

# Secure IoT Platform



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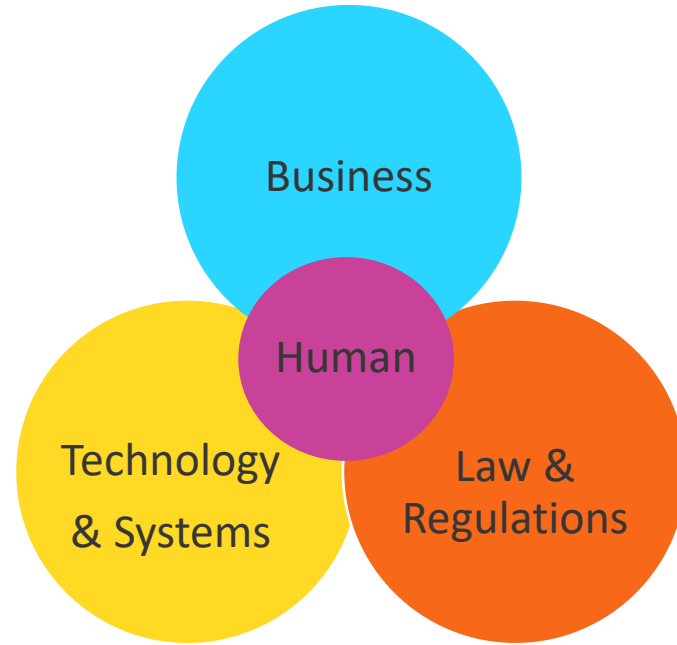
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45 Cyber Security Researchers from 4 Faculties (Arts & Education, Business & Law, Health and Science, Engineering and Built Environment) representing a truly **multidisciplinary approach** to cyber security challenges.

~40 PhD students

6 Core Research Themes

**Projects include:** Development of new honeypot technologies, DDOS protection for social media systems, IoT, Blockchain, cyber security for critical infrastructure, information warfare and message propagation, human decision making in a cyber security context, cyber security capability and maturity etc.....



**Solving the Cyber Security challenges of tomorrow for Australian Industry and Government in innovative and collaborative ways today.**

# My Research

## Research Areas

- Secure protocol design & formal verification of security correctness
- Secure IoT/M2M/V2V Communications
- Applied Cryptography (Zero Knowledge proofs)
- Applied ML for Cyber Security

## Research Partners

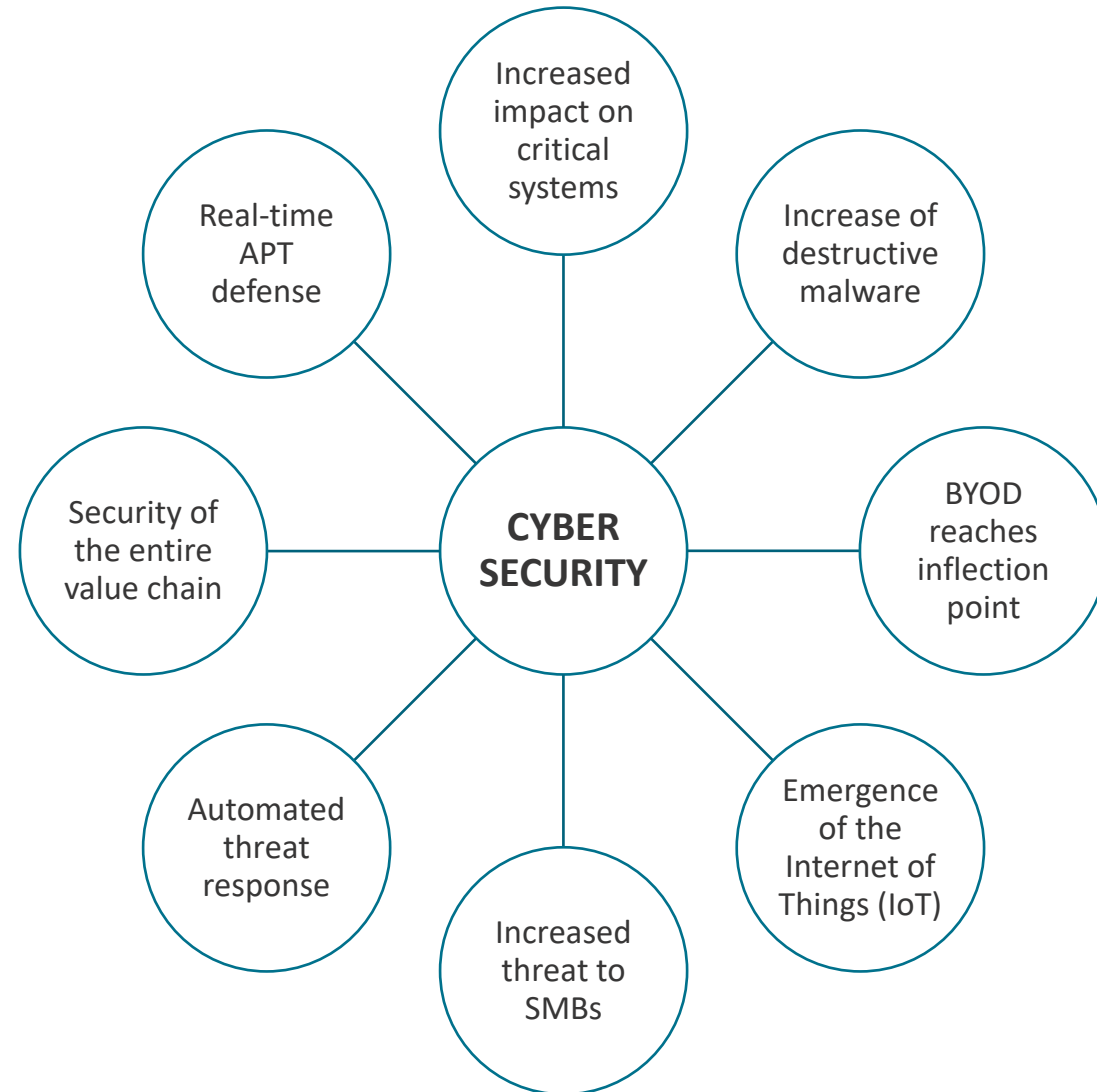
- Defense Signals Directorate (DSD)
- Defense Science and Technology Group (DSTG)
- IBM Research, Zürich Research Lab (Visiting Scientist)
- Department of Industry, Innovation and Science (DIIS)
- Bosch Australia
- Department of Prime Minister & Cabinet (PMC)

## Research Outcomes

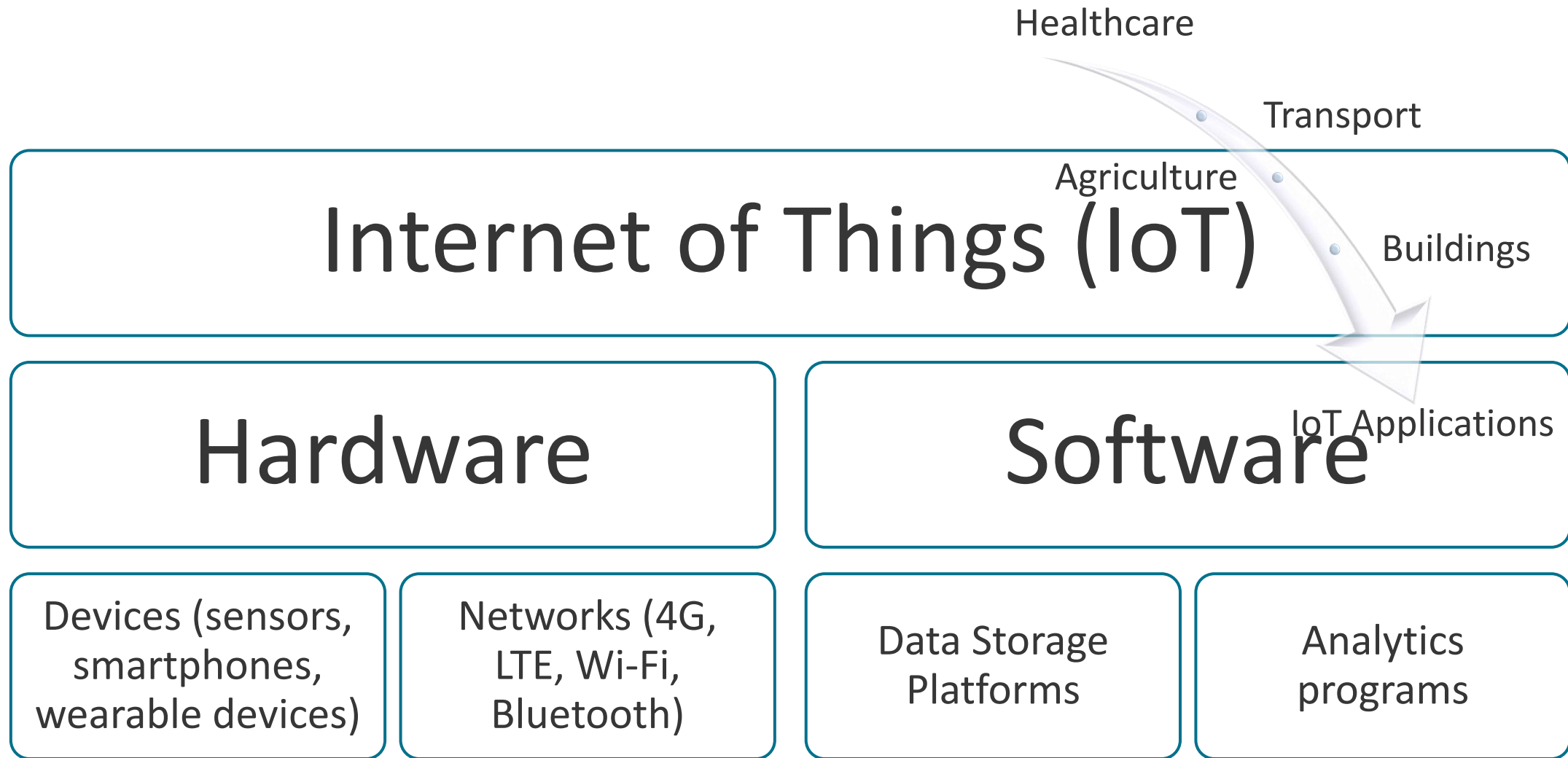
- Successful bids for the establishment of CSRI (2015) and the CSCRC (2017)
- Over \$2.5M in external research income
- 100+ research publications including high impact journals such as IEEE Transactions



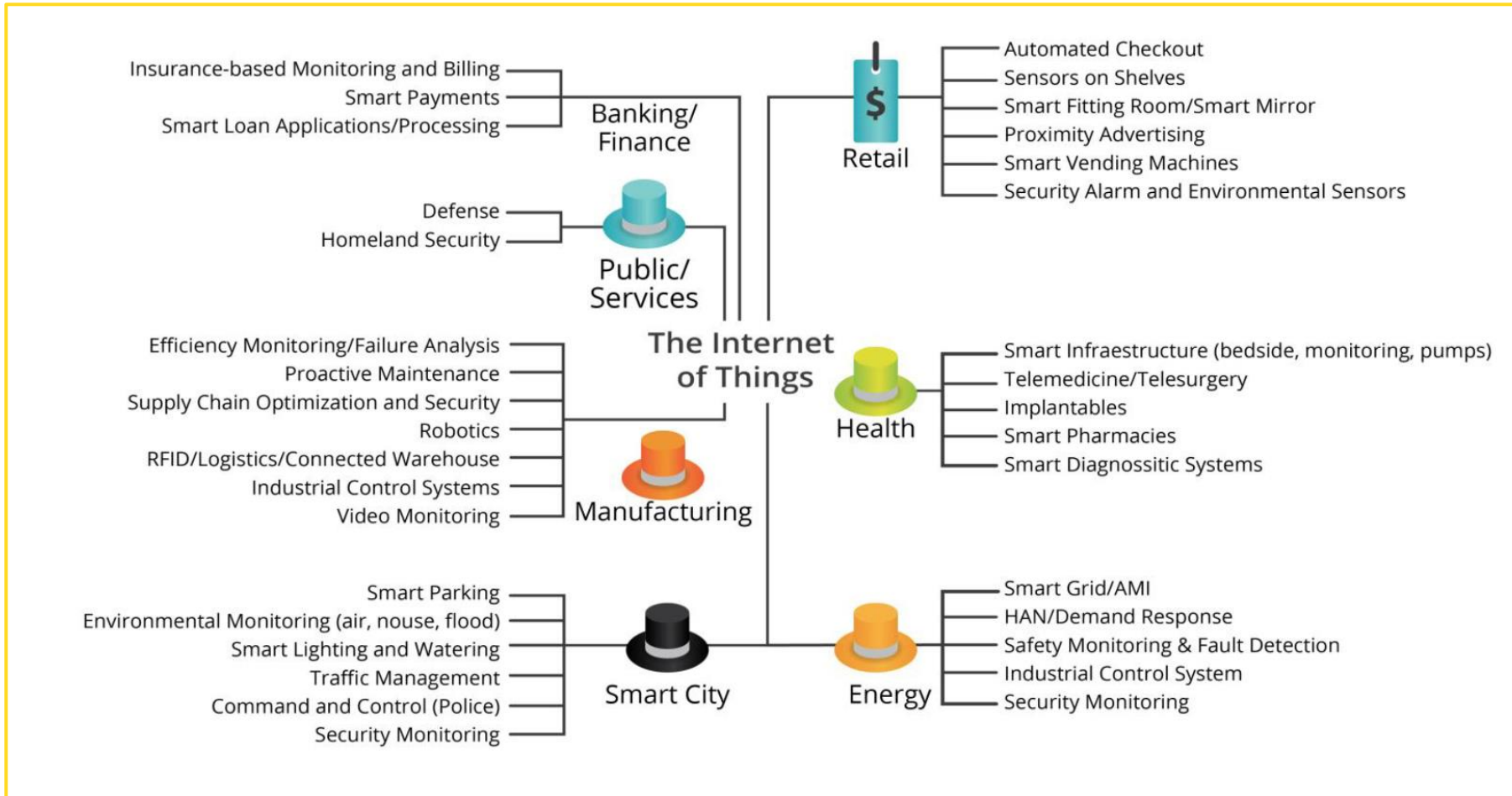
# The changing cyber security landscape



# What is the IoT?



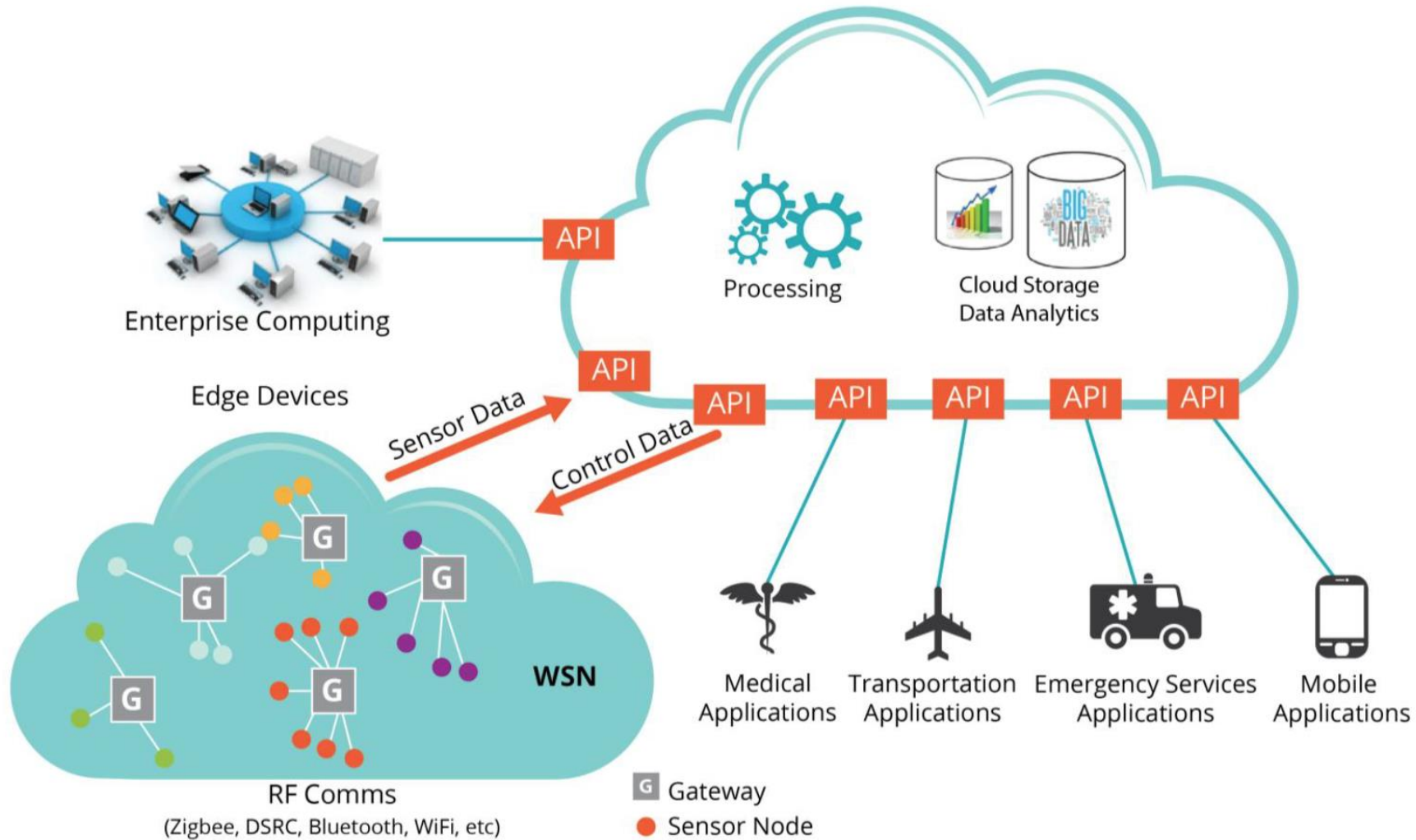
# Security and Privacy Critical for IoT Application Domains



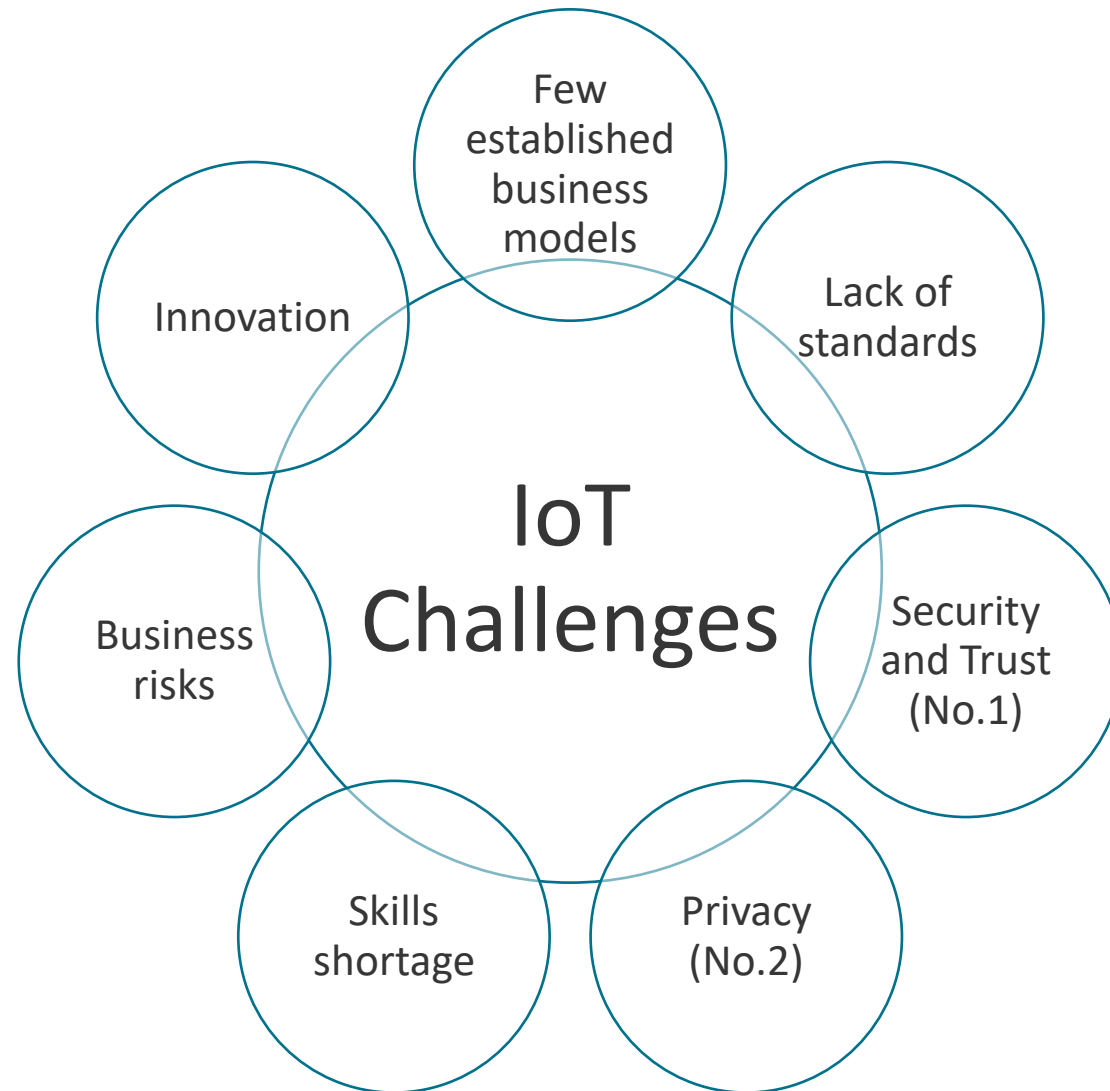
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# The IoT System View

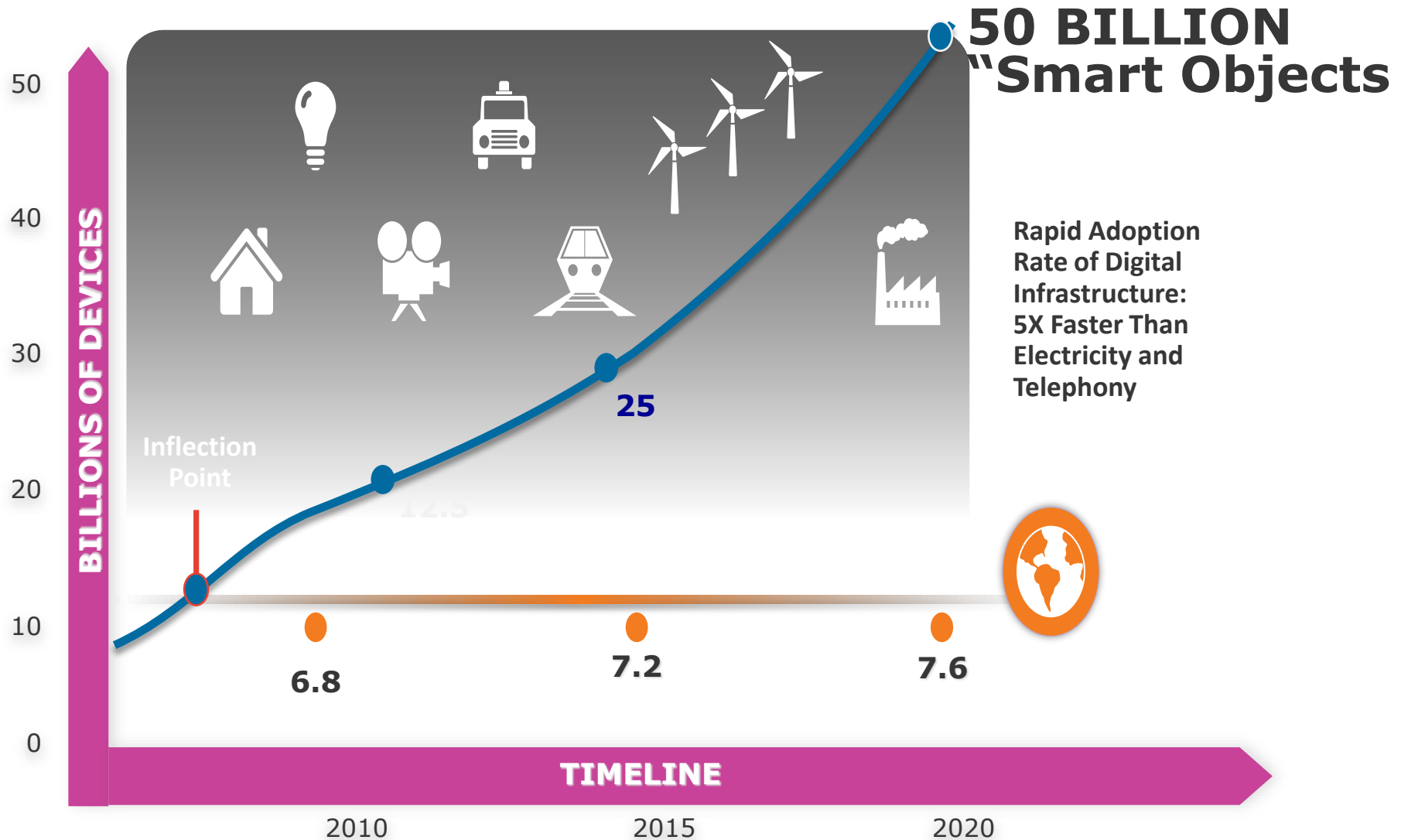


# IoT Challenges





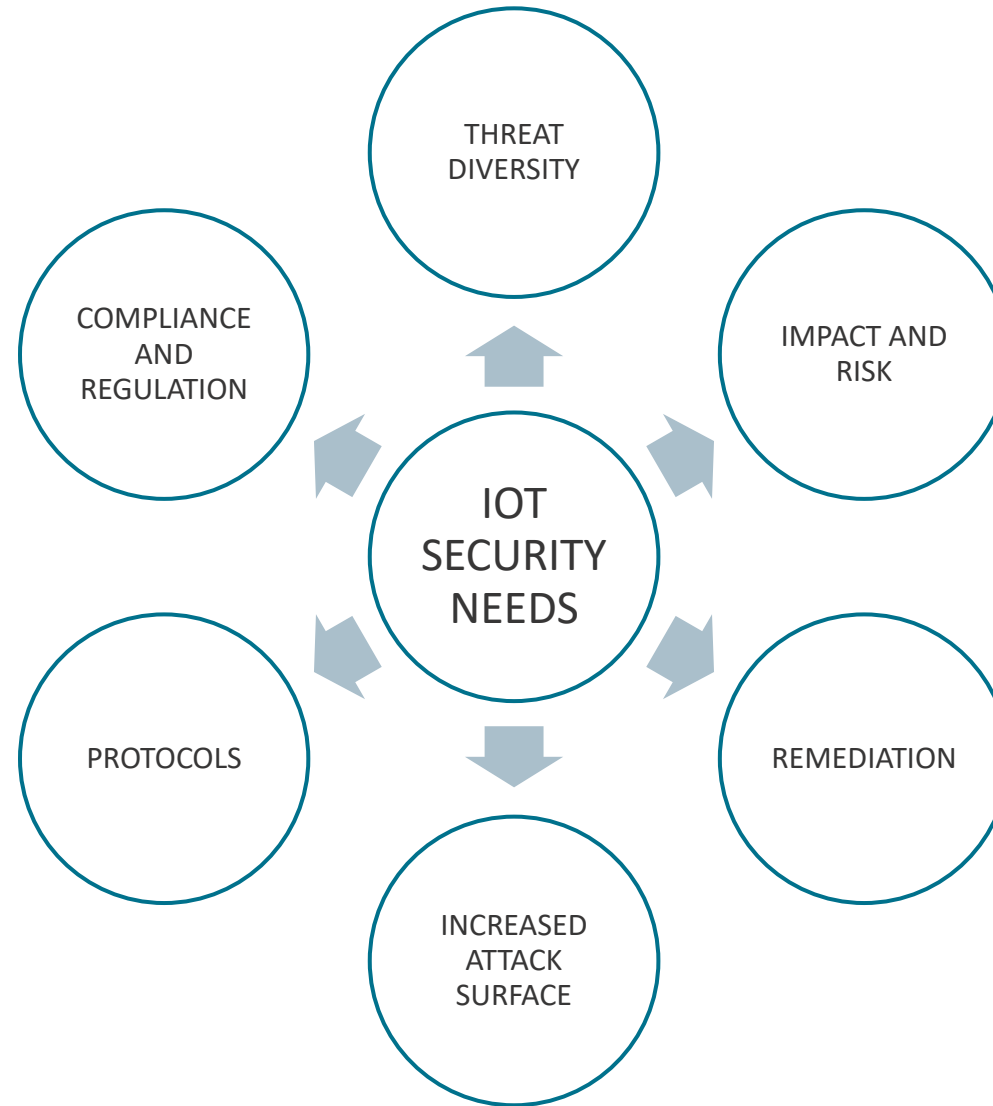
# IoT is Growing Rapidly



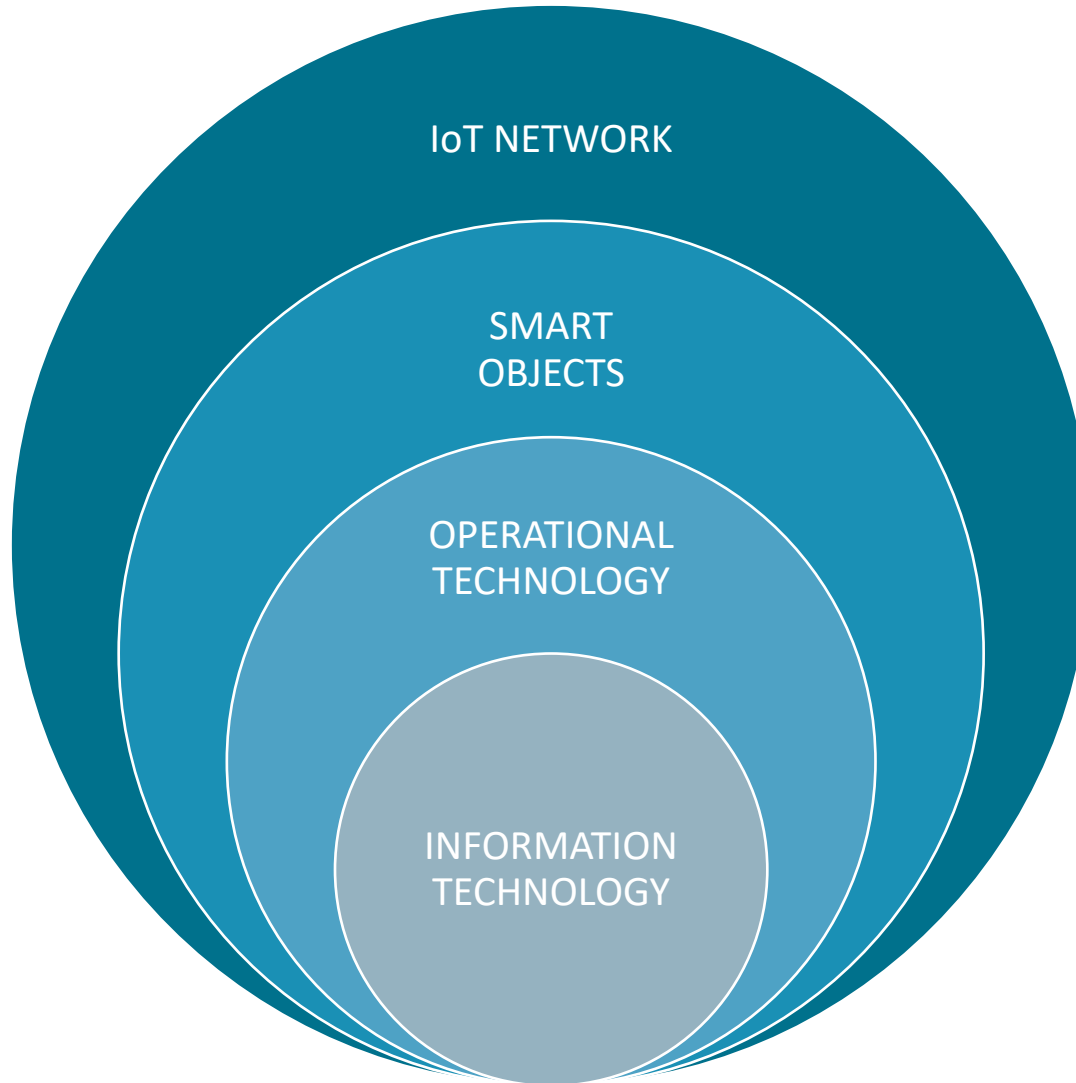
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# IoT Expands Security Needs



# IoT network – more that just “IT”



# OWASP Top 10 IOT SECURITY RISKS

## Insecure web Interface

- Exploitability : EASY
- Prevalence: COMMON
- Impact: SEVERE

## Insufficient Authn/z

- Exploitability : AVERAGE
- Prevalence: COMMON
- Impact: SEVERE

## Insecure Network Services

- Exploitability : AVERAGE
- Prevalence: UNCOMMON
- Impact: MODERATE

## Lack of Transport Encryption

- Exploitability : AVERAGE
- Prevalence: COMMON
- Impact: SEVERE

## Privacy Concerns

- Exploitability : AVERAGE
- Prevalence: COMMON
- Impact: SEVERE



# OWASP Top 10 IOT SECURITY RISKS

## Insecure Cloud Interface

- Exploitability : AVERAGE
- Prevalence: COMMON
- Impact: SEVERE

## Insecure Mobile Interface

- Exploitability : AVERAGE
- Prevalence: COMMON
- Impact: SEVERE

## Insufficient Security Configurability

- Exploitability : AVERAGE
- Prevalence: COMMON
- Impact: MODERATE

## Insecure Software/Firmware

- Exploitability : DIFFICULT
- Prevalence: COMMON
- Impact: SEVERE

## Poor Physical Security

- Exploitability : AVERAGE
- Prevalence: COMMON
- Impact: SEVERE



# IoT Threat Types

## Spoofting Identity

- Authentication protocols, Device/identity bootstrapping, Unique identities

## Tampering with Data

- Identify and implement configuration restrictions, Implement principle of least privilege

## Repudiation

- Health checks on data and device functionality, Design in methods to restrict the replay of messages (e.g., sequence numbers / timestamps).

## Information Disclosure

- Implement cryptography carefully (data at rest, key zeroization, TLS/DTLS)

## Denial of Service

- Implement rate-limiting on APIs as needed.

## Elevation of Privilege

- Design based on principle of least privilege for all user and service roles.

## Bypassing Physical Security

- Debug ports should be password protected and disabled. Techniques such as tamper detection and response are advisable for IoT products designed to support critical infrastructure use cases.



# Implement Authn/z and AC Features

- As a developer of IoT products you will likely hear that today's identity management, authentication and authorization protocols and systems are not optimized for IoT solutions.
- When considering authentication, authorization and access control features, you must understand how your IoT products are used and managed.
- The power of the IoT is that devices can communicate with each other, preferably in an automated manner. This means that to enable a value-added IoT ecosystem (within a home environment or a business environment), IoT devices must be able to establish trust relationships with other IoT devices.
- This device-to-device communication must be established securely or you run the risk of a bad actor taking advantage of an entry point into the network.



# Recommended security controls for early adopters

- Analyze privacy impacts to stakeholder and adopt a privacy-by-design approach to IoT development and deployment
- Apply a secure systems engineering approach to architecting and deploying new IoT systems
- Implement layered security to defend IoT assets
- Implement data protection best-practices to protect sensitive information
- Define lifecycle controls for IoT devices
- Define and implement an authentication/authorization framework for IoT deployments
- Define and implement a logging/audit framework for IoT ecosystem





# Thank You

