

# IoT Security for the *new* Multi- Access Edge

Invisible Threats. **Visible Protection**

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# Background

- Certified Information Security Professional (CISSP)
- Certified Wireless Security and Network Professional (CWNA/CWSP)
- Business owner and entrepreneur specializing in B2B technology
- Silicon Valley Startup of the Year in 2015  
Silicon Valley Company of the Year in 2016  
In 2017 Most innovative CEO of the Year
- I hold 5 patents for IoT security
- June 2021 - Gartner Cool Vendor for Edge Computing



# The Internet of Things (IoT) has created the world's largest attack surface



- Everything now connects to something, or someone
- 80% of IoT is wireless, wireless is now the new network and new attack surface

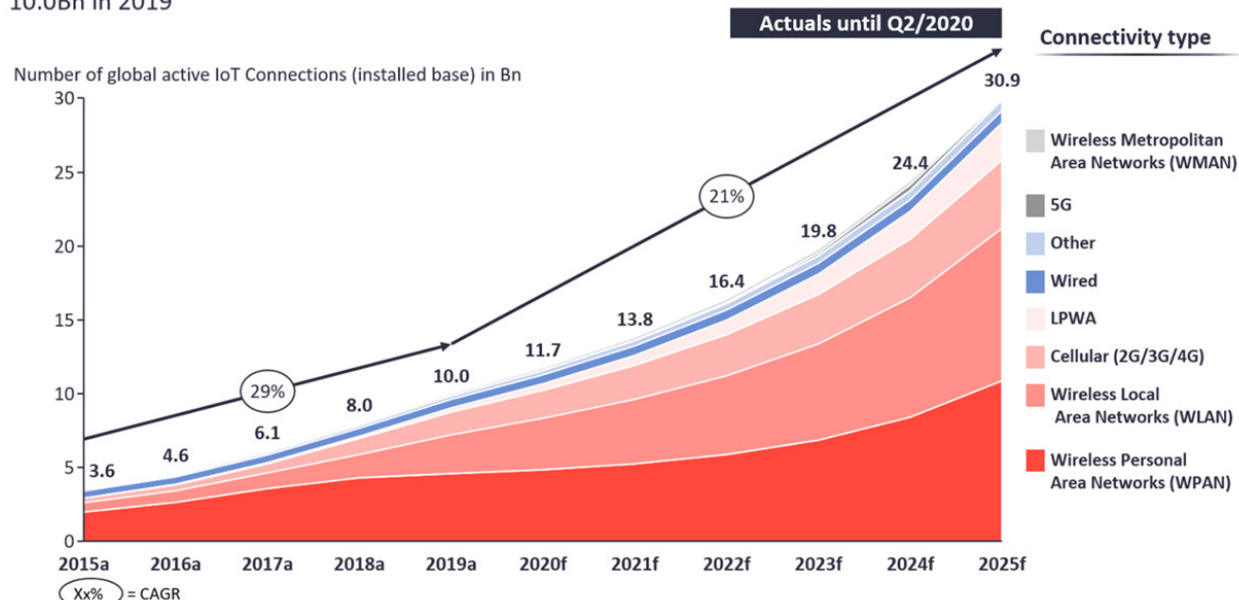
# Connected IoT Devices



Insights that empower you to understand IoT markets

## Global Number of Connected IoT Devices

10.0Bn in 2019



Note: IoT Connections do not include any computers, laptops, fixed phones, cellphones or tablets. Counted are active nodes/devices or gateways that concentrate the end-sensors, not every sensor/actuator. Simple one-directional communications technology not considered (e.g., RFID, NFC). Wired includes Ethernet and Fieldbuses (e.g., connected industrial PLCs or I/O modules); Cellular includes 2G, 3G, 4G; LPWAN includes unlicensed and licensed low-power networks; WPAN includes Bluetooth, Zigbee, Z-Wave or similar; WLAN includes Wi-Fi and related protocols; WMAN includes non-short range mesh, such as Wi-SUN; Other includes satellite and unclassified proprietary networks with any range.

Source(s): IoT Analytics - Cellular IoT & LPWA Connectivity Market Tracker 2010-25

# Wireless Is The New Attack Surface

## Lack of visibility

50+ Billion Devices by 2025



## Lack of assessment tools

Plethora of new OS's and new software packages

ARMmbed



Green Hills  
SOFTWARE

TIZEN™

NUCLEUS

## Attack surface is increasing

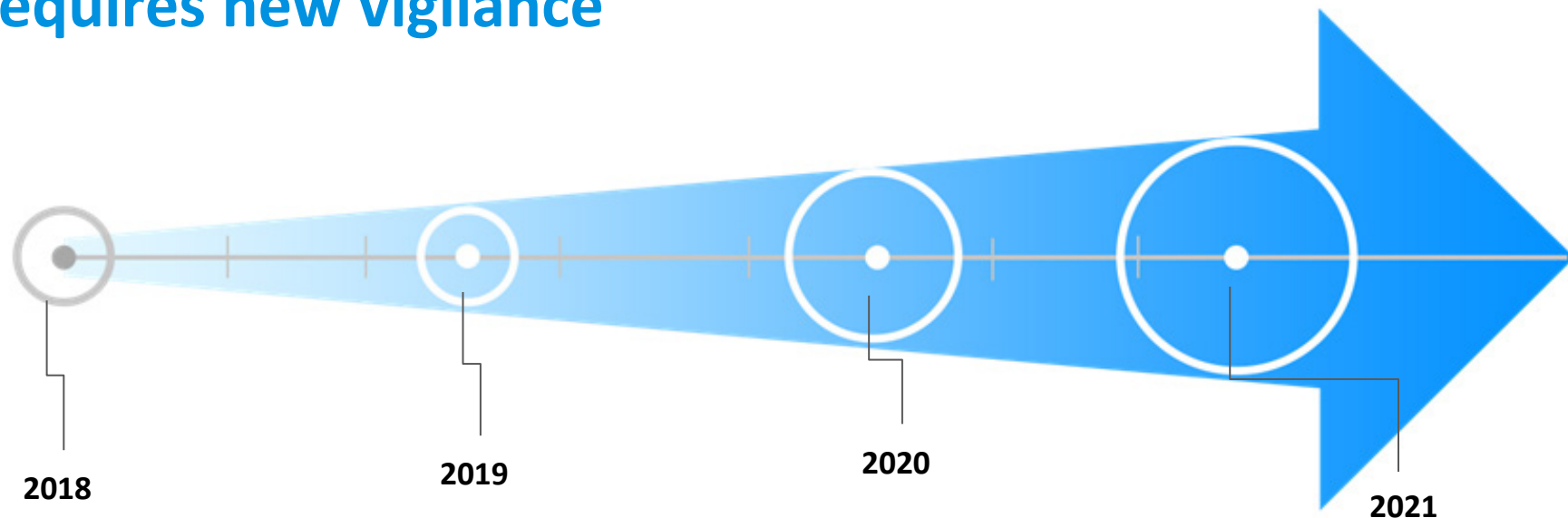
Exploding number of protocols and frequencies



# 75%

By 2023, 75% of organizations will be forced to restructure risk and security governance to address the convergence of IT and IoT security needs.

# The speed at which IoT is being exploited requires new vigilance



- 83% of IoT run on unsupported operating systems

- 25 Billion IoT online
- 57% of IoT is vulnerable to high impact attacks that can lead to data exfiltration

- 50 Billion IoT online
- IoT attacks every 1 min
- Cost of Breach \$2.7M

- IoT attacks every 3 secs
- Cost of Breach \$5.8M
- More attacks in 1H/21 than in all of 2020
- 98% of IoT traffic is unencrypted



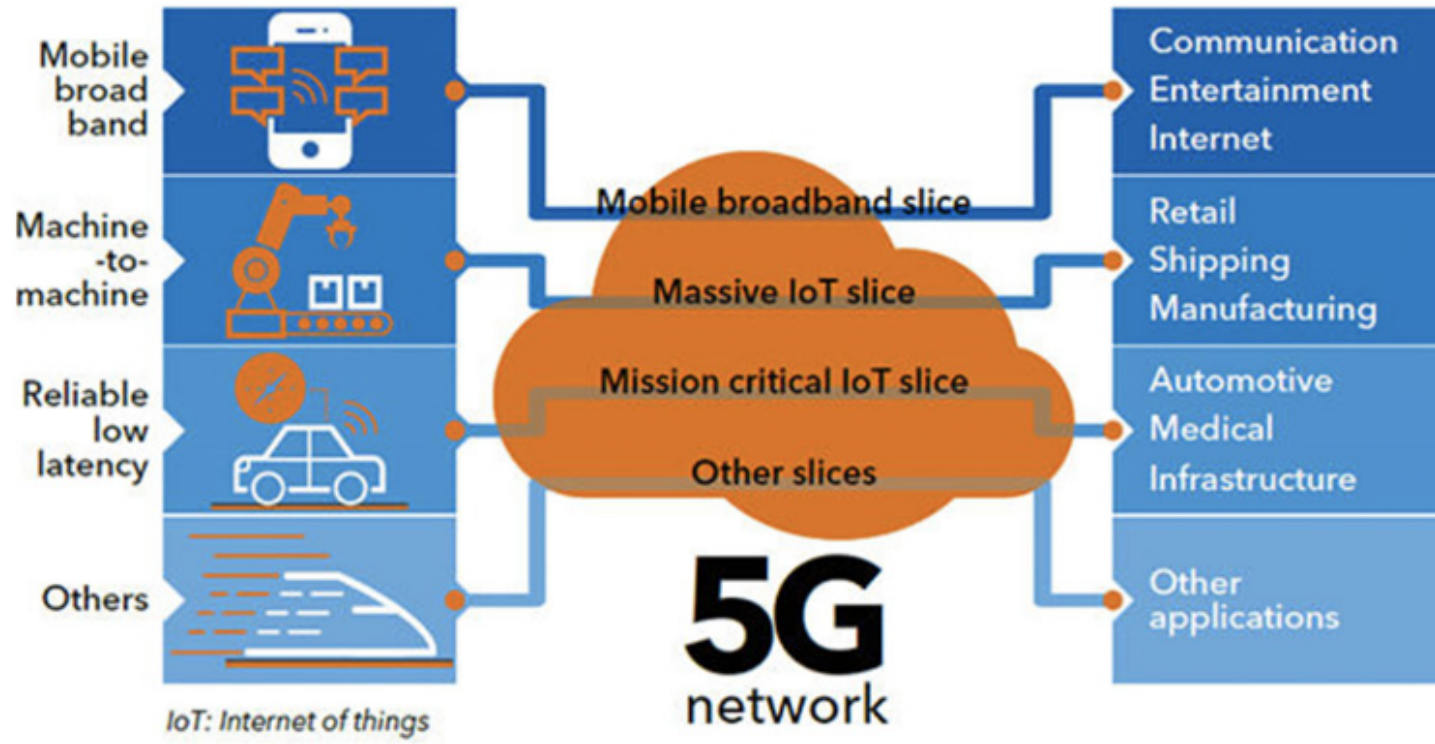
# The Promise of 5G?

- Low Latency - allows for the enablement of new edge applications (microservices)
- Higher Bandwidth = faster download speeds
- Ubiquitous Internet Access - indoor and outdoor (Hybrid plans combine WiFi & Cellular)
- Better Security - PKI
- Competitive Advantage -lower cost





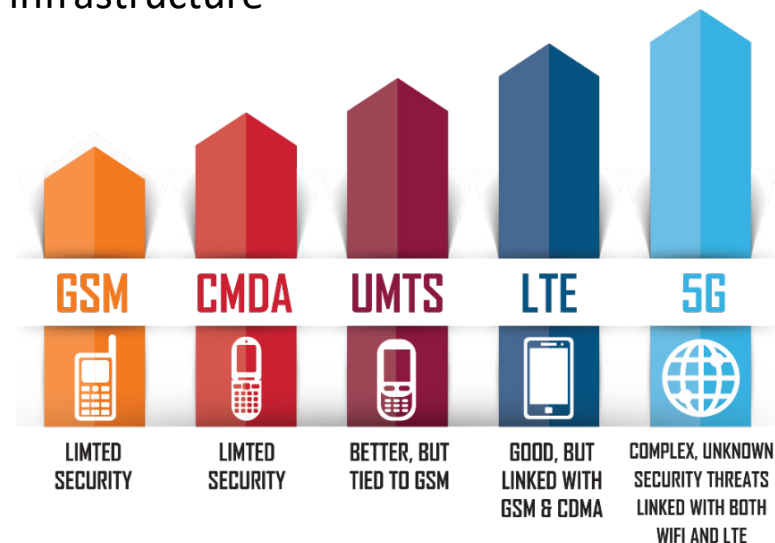
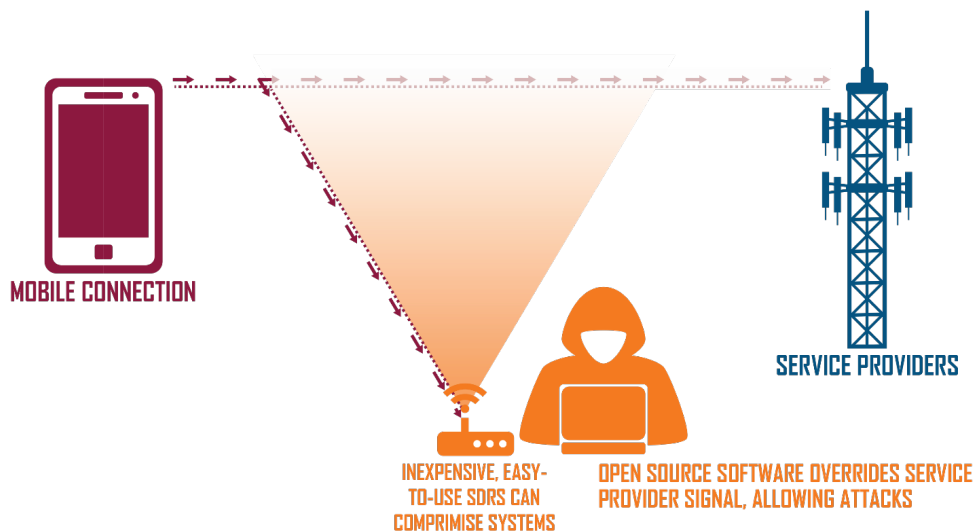
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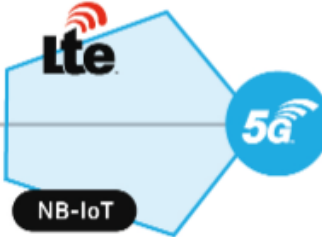


# A New Architecture = New Security Issues

## Identifying and Preventing Cellular Attacks

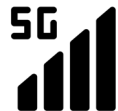
- Cellular denial-of-service (DOS)
- Insertion of malware/virus/ransomware into cellular devices
- Exploiting smartphones as a bridge to sensitive corp infrastructure
- Malicious location tracking



# Is 6Ghz Wi-Fi (802.11ax) the new 5G?

	 <b>Wearables</b>	 <b>Home</b>	 <b>Phone</b>
Range (typical)	<10m/30ft	<100m/300ft	Outdoor (Km/miles)
Content	 <b>Bluetooth</b>		
Sense & control	 <b>Bluetooth</b> <small>SMART</small>		
Typical applications	Personal appliances (wristband, smart watch, step counter, keyboard, mouse, pointer, etc.)	Indoor networks (Internet, email, phone, security, energy management, home monitoring, etc.)	Outdoor networks (phone, chat, Internet, smart city, industry 4.0, agriculture, smart logistics, etc.)

# The Problem



# Wireless Attacks



**PREVENT CELLULAR ACCESS** - As wireless devices may have cellular access, an attacker may want to ensure cellular access is unavailable while performing WiFi attacks — in doing so they create fake cell towers and deny authentication to the network.



**DOWNGRADE CELLULAR NETWORK** - Attacks against weaker cellular networks require disabling more secure networks allowing for man in the middle attacks to take place, installing Trojans.



**EVIL TWIN AP** - Attacker creates an Access Point and draws devices towards it through a higher signal power and/or existing network using deauthentication. Connected devices may expose credentials or be directed to malicious services, compromising the system.



**WEAK AUTHORIZATION** - An at-home network used by remote office staff may have WiFi Protected Setup (WPS) enabled. The access codes to many devices are well known or easily brute force allowing the attacker access to the network



**WEAK ENCRYPTION** — wireless networks may not follow strong and required network security practices by using common/easily recovered WPA/WPA2 passphrases, unencrypted or known weak-ciphered networks



**ROGUE DEVICES** - A rogue device, such as a spy camera, wireless-enabled USB drive, or an open printer may put the network at risk

# Cellular Attacks



## UE/Device Threats

Malware, Firmware Hacks, Sensor Compromises, IoT, TFTP MitM Attacks, Bots DDos, Device Tampering



## Air Interface Attacks

MitM Attacks, Rogue communication lead to data exfiltration, Jamming



## SIM Port Hijack / SIM Swapping

Loss of control over your SIM connectivity



## DOWNGRADE CELLULAR NETWORK

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## RAN Threats

MEC Server Vulnerabilities, Rogue Nodes, Malware, DDos and BOTNETs



## Rogue Cell Tower Detection

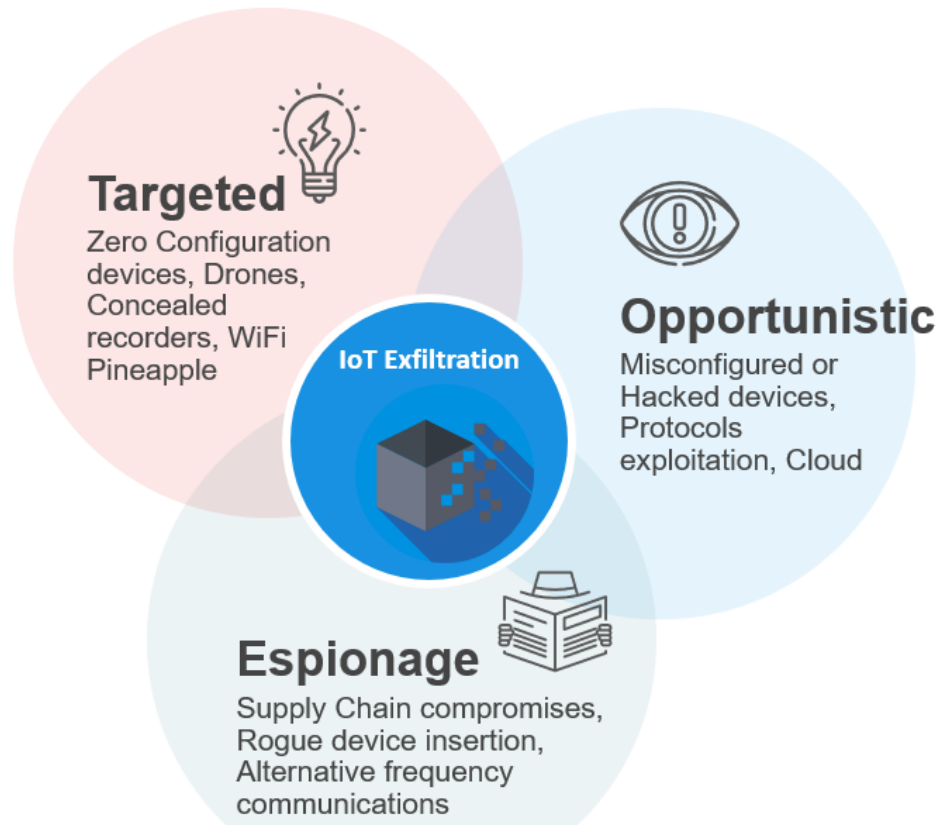
SIM devices connecting to an evil-twin cell tower. Steal credentials and data



## Roaming

Increases data usage and excessive billing costs. Enforce no unauthorized roaming

# IoT Exfiltration Methods



## Zero Configuration

Are obscured from normal network operations – can operate autonomously outside the scope of the enterprise network.

## Supply Chain Integrity

Data is back channeled or close proximity listening stations.

Communications is obfuscated by the cloud or use of alternate protocols and frequencies.

## Protocol Limitations

Many IoT protocols lack even basic authentication, integrity and privacy considerations.



# Zero Trust Framework

## DETECT



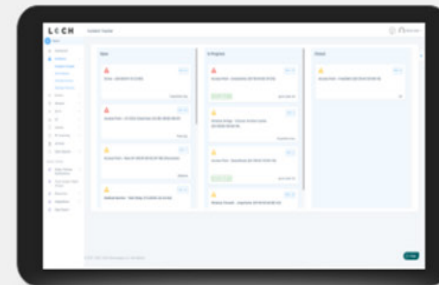
- Detect, identify & classify all broad spectrum RF emitting devices in range
- Device and network pairing communication map analysis and correlation
- Risk assessment threat ranking for zero trust network access control
- Mobile App for hunting rogues even if mobile

## TRACK



- Wireless deep packet inspection
- Behavioral baselining, analysis and anomaly detection/alerts
- DVR-like capabilities for forensics, including geo-positioning
- Carrier integration with cellular devices for anomaly detection, fraud/theft and cost management

## REMEDiate



- List & map devices on dashboard or directly into SIEMs.
- Interact with MDM & EMM assets for correlation & feedback on exceptions
- Rectify network segmentation via interactions with SOAR, FW and/or NAC systems
- Automate response & closure via collaboration with ITSM/ITSL & CMDBs



# API Integrations

## LOGGING / ALERT



## ASSET MANAGEMENT



Additional integrations available

# Wireless Machine Vision - See Everything



# Resources

The Evolution of Security in 5G - [https://www.5gamericas.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/5G-Security-White-Paper\\_8.15.pdf](https://www.5gamericas.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/5G-Security-White-Paper_8.15.pdf)

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