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Breaking the Blockchain: Real-World Use Cases, Opportunities and Challenges

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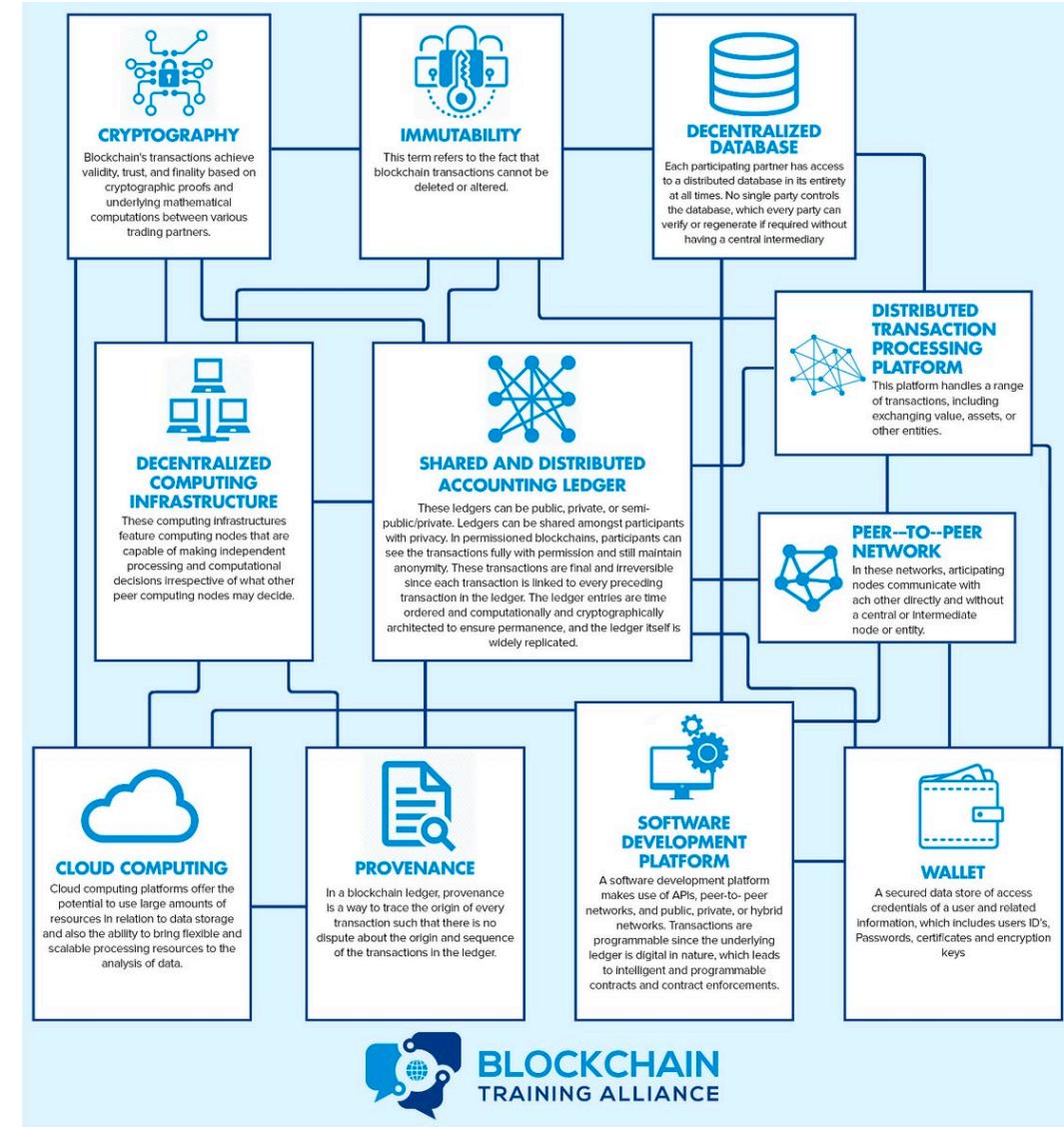


Blockchain Definitions & Use Cases Vary Greatly and Are Rapidly Evolving



Blockchain - A distributed data base or digital ledger that records transactions of value using a cryptographic signature that is inherently resistant to modification

“Blockchain “Smart Contract” represent a digital protocol that automatically executes predefined processes of a transaction without requiring the involvement of a third party



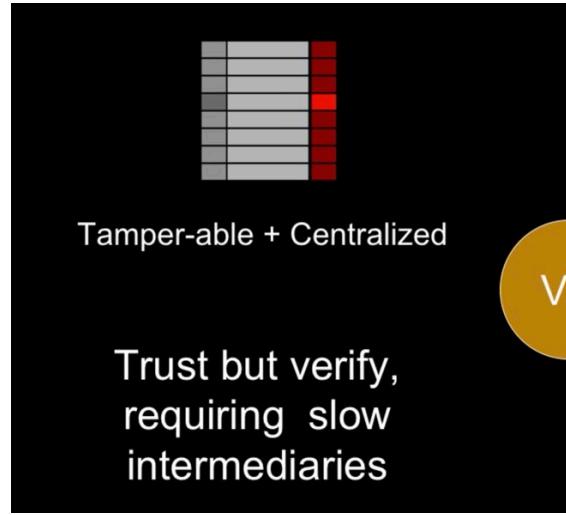
Blockchain Use Cases and Goals

Various project partners, board members and advisors from industry, academia and government



- Examine when, where and how to apply blockchain to solve complex cyber security challenges for critical energy infrastructure
- Develop blockchain smart contract for energy producers and consumers to transact more autonomously and securely and to regulate both supply and payment
- Increase the speed, scale and security of complex peer-to-peer transactions to accelerate decarbonization and decentralization
- More autonomous detection of data anomalies to maintain integrity of critical systems
- Secure ledger for an array of vulnerable things
- Improving asset management management and supply chain security

Blockchain Changes How We Trust



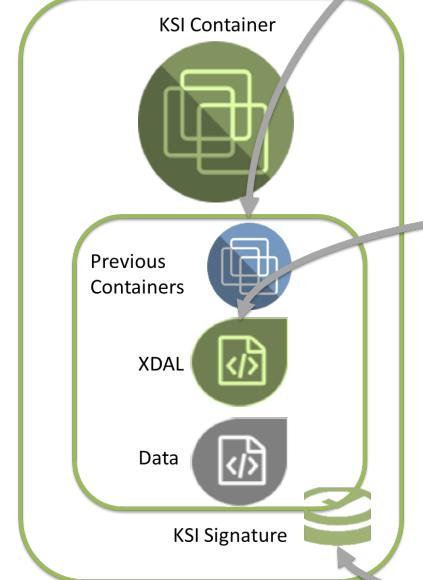
Immutable + Distributed

Trusted, immediately recorded and easily available

Blockchain is constantly in a self-reinforcing Nash Equilibrium state to keep the network Byzantine Fault Tolerant and maintain a stable state



Blockchain Provides Data Provenance and Attribution



Data Provenance

- Event Correlation
- Immutable Event History
- Data Accountability
- Data Flow Visibility
- Rollback / Remediation Inputs

Data Attribution

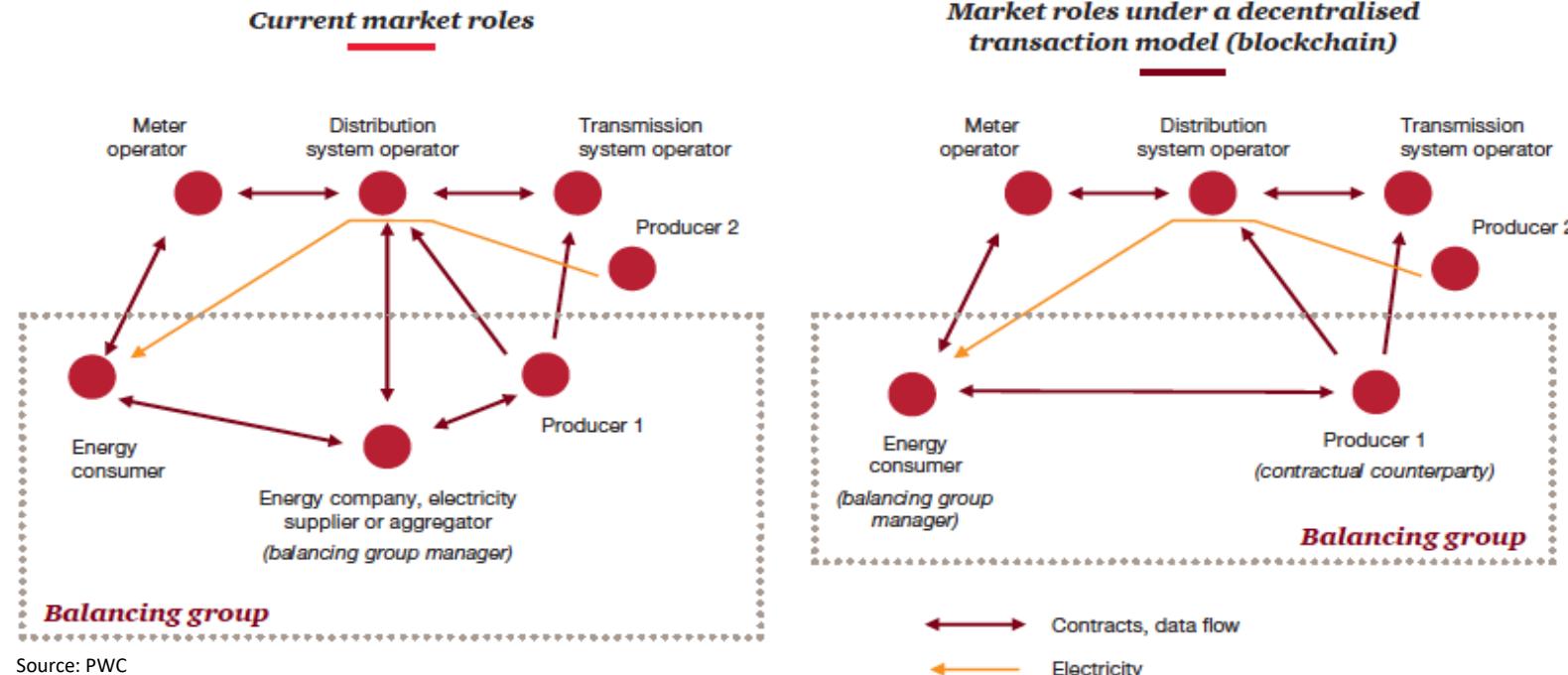
- Geolocation
- Time to Live
- Data Addition Info
- Data Sharing Info
- Data Indexing and Search Tags
- Analytical Attributes

KSI Signature

- Signing Entity
- Immutable Time
- Immutable Container Authenticity
- Independent Verification

Changing How We Trust Will Disrupt Many Sectors

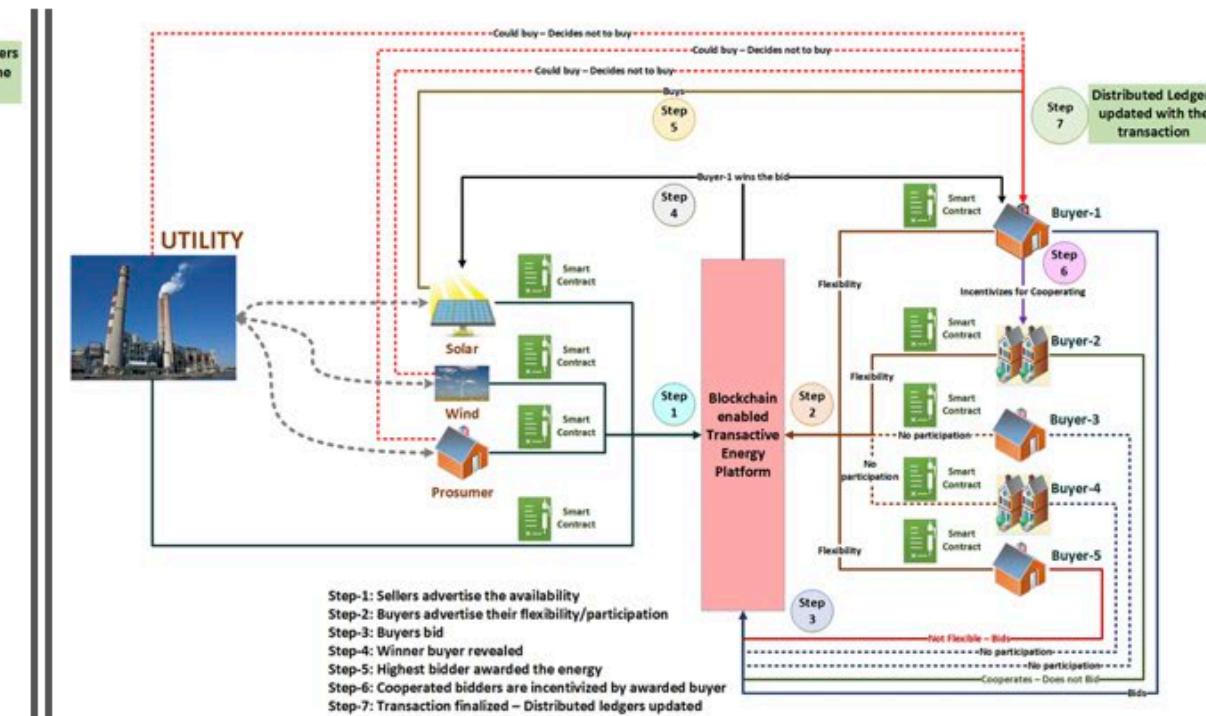
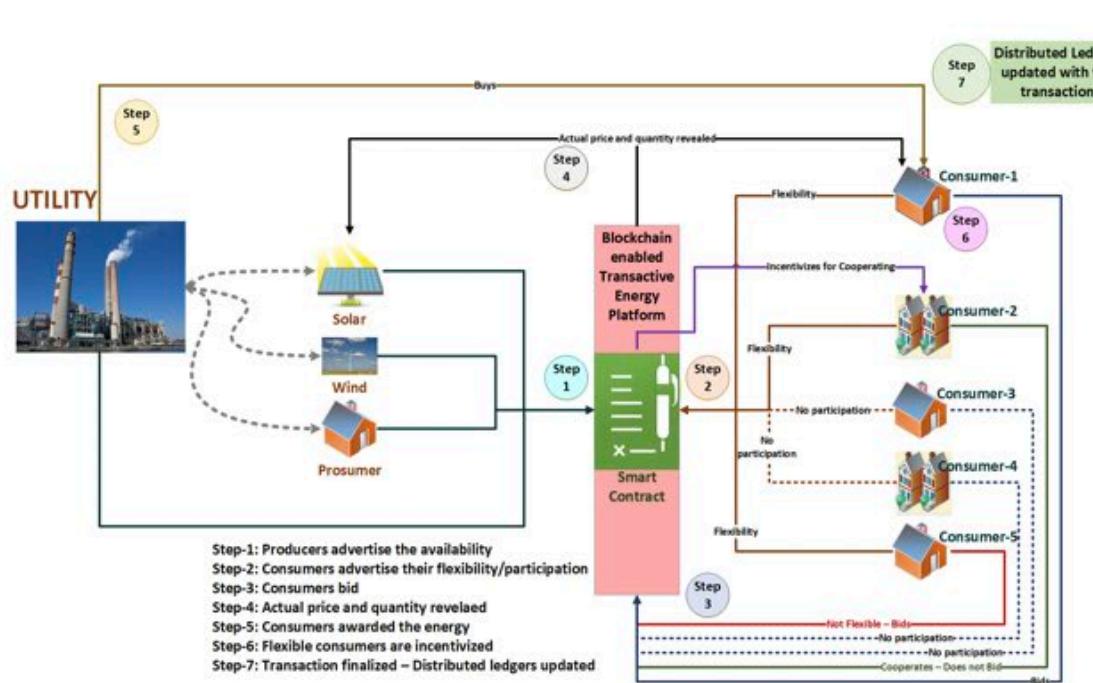
Application to Energy Sector – A More Secure Decentralized Energy Transaction and Supply System



Potential radically simplify today's multi-tiered system, in which power producers, transmission system operators, distribution system operators and suppliers transact on various levels, by directly linking producers with consumers

Blockchain Transactions – Cryptographic Proof Replaces Third-Party Intermediary

- Blockchain enables peer-to-peer transactions conducted without the assistance of a third party intermediary.
- The public key can be used to view the transaction history of a user but it cannot be used to make a transaction unless the private key is also known.





Applying Blockchain Technology to Solve Complex Cybersecurity Challenges with Operational Technology

Blockchain Shows Potential to Increase Trustworthiness of an Array of Vulnerable Things



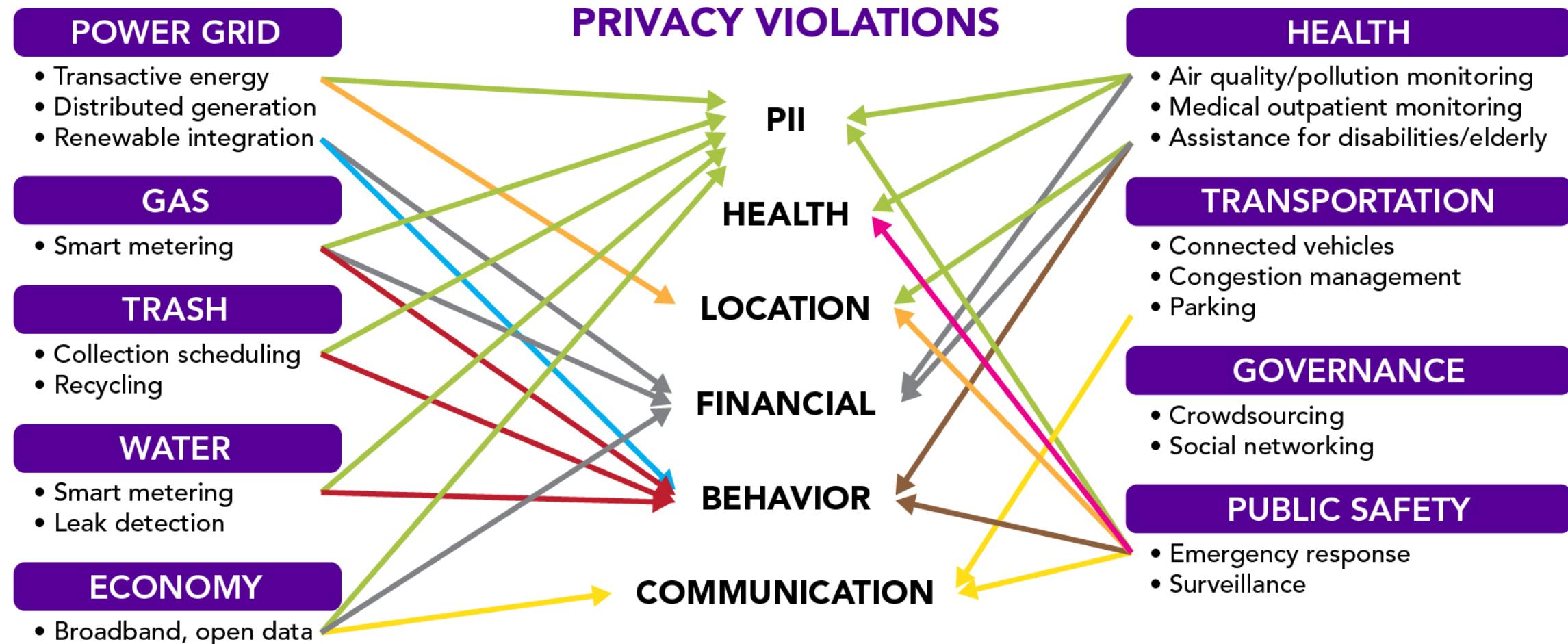
Current Cybersecurity Defenses are Not Keeping Up With Threat



Blockchain
can provide a
secure ledger
for an Array of
Vulnerable
Internet of
Things (IoT)

- 20.8 billion connected IoT devices by 2020 (*Gartner Inc.*)
- Spectre and Meltdown - Nearly every computer chip manufactured in the last 20 years contains fundamental security flaw
- By 2019 there will be 2 million cyber security positions that go unfilled.
- Cyber crime damage costs to hit \$6 trillion annually by 2021.
- Cybersecurity spending to exceed \$1 trillion from 2017 to 2021.
- Human attack surface to reach 6 billion people by 2022.
- Global ransomware damage costs are predicted to exceed \$5 billion in 2017 — a 15X increase in two years and expected to worsen

Blockchain for Data Privacy & Security



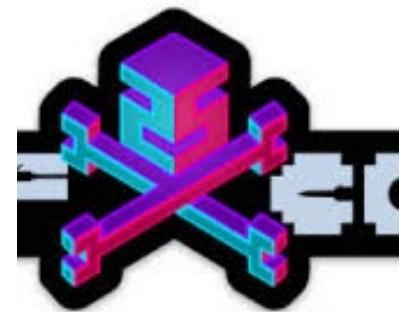


What have we learned from real world use cases?

Use Cases & Lessons Learned

Lessons Learned & Recommendations

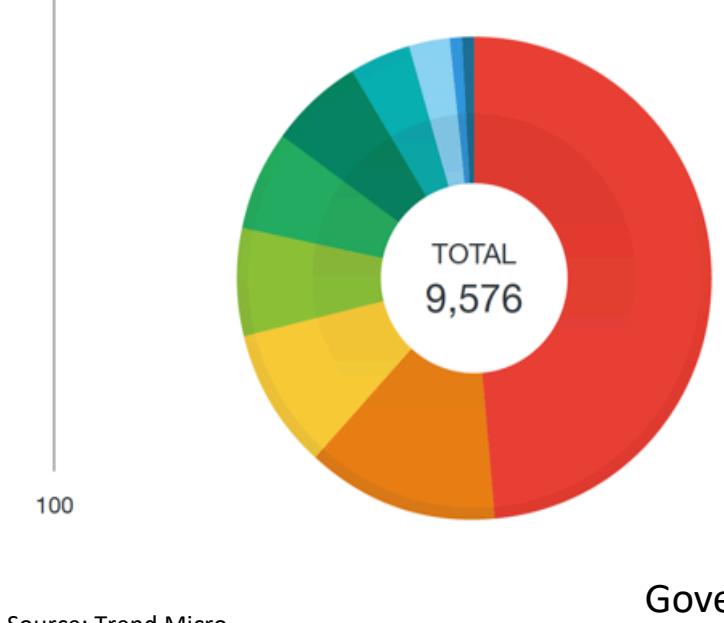
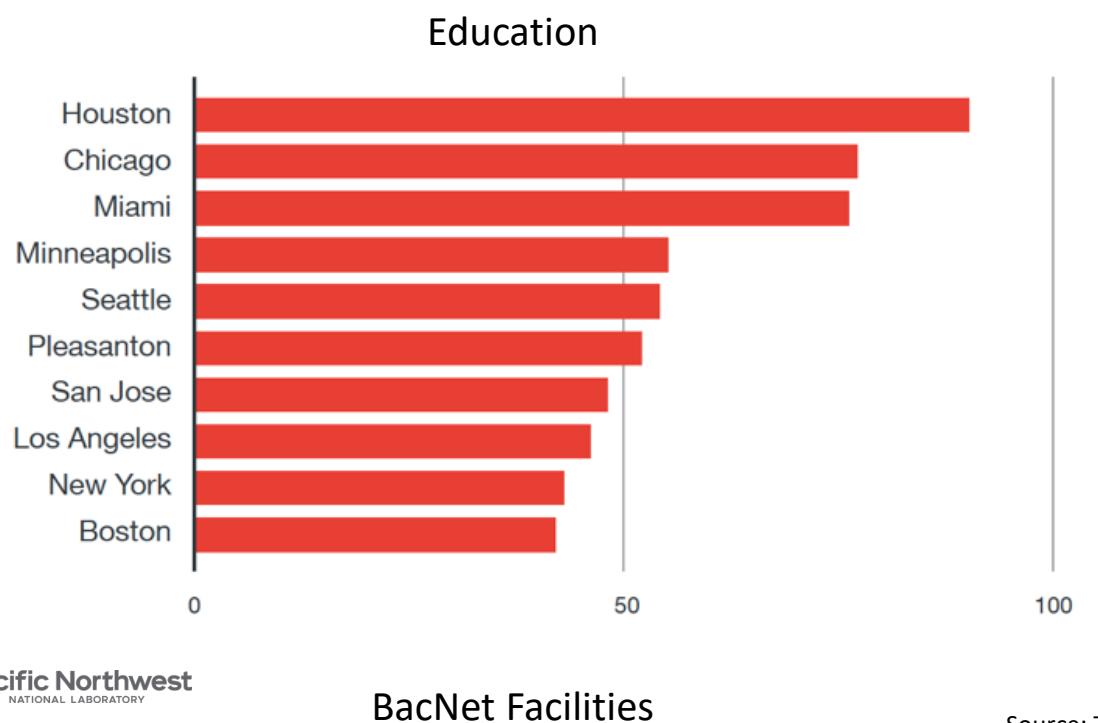
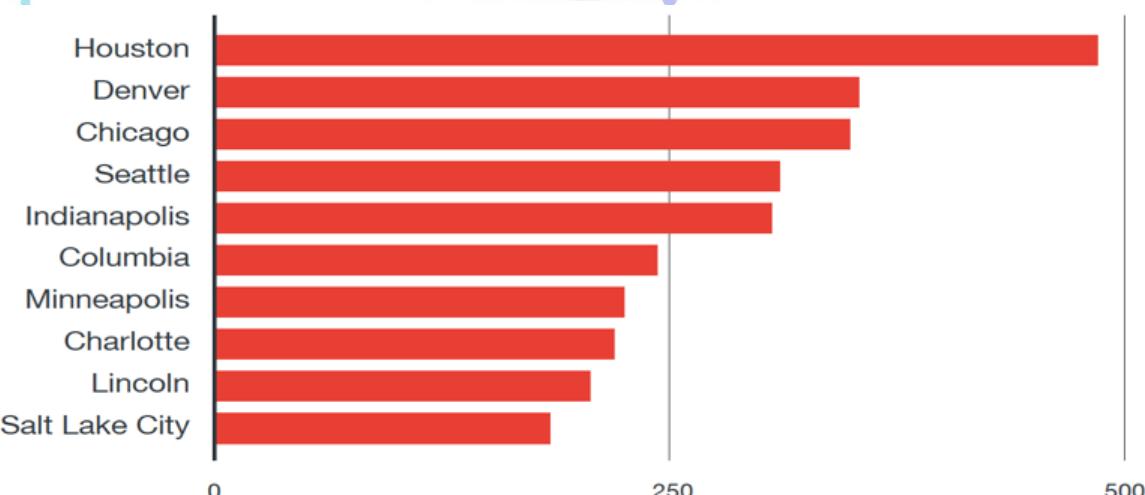
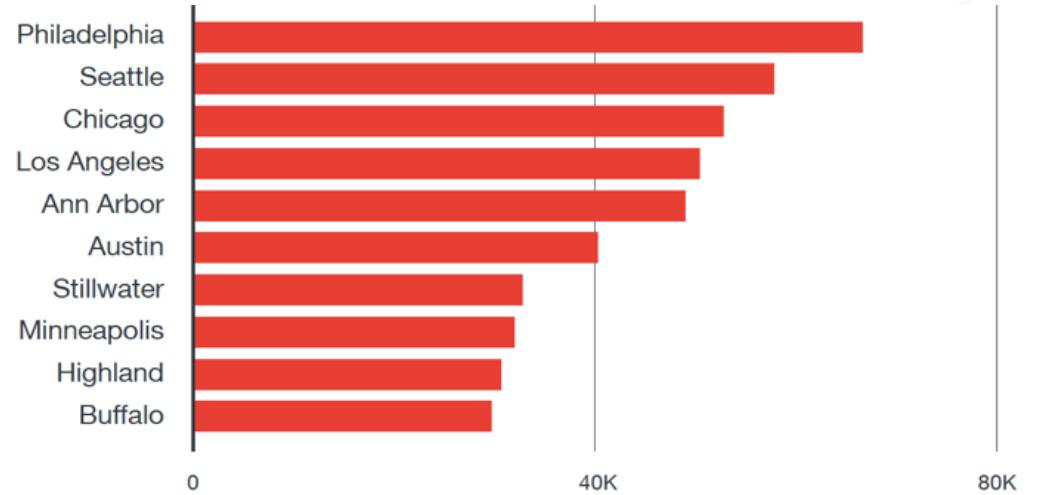
- Know Your Critical Cyber Assets
- Monitor Your Critical Cyber Assets
- Test & Understand Risk Associated with Critical Cyber Assets
- Legacy facility related control systems are not “Smart,” safe or efficient
- A lot “Smart” industrial controls systems are NOT Cyber smart



HOW HACKED WATER HEATERS COULD TRIGGER MASS BLACKOUTS



Publicly Exposed Systems

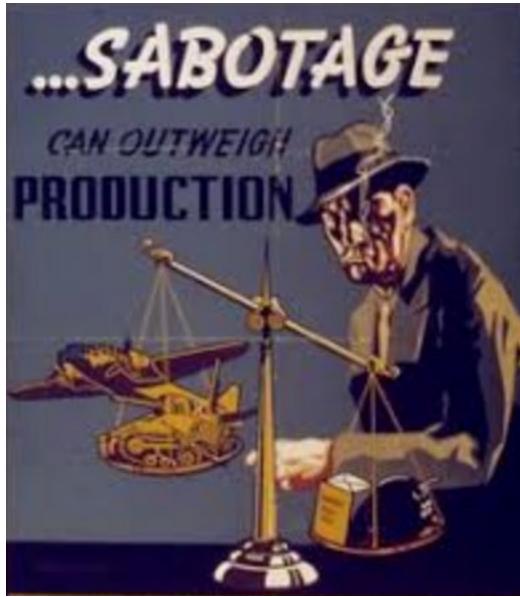


Source: Trend Micro

FAREWELL DOSSIER – Supply Chain Attack

Use Cases & Lessons Learned

- Global supply chains are becoming increasingly challenging to secure
- Cyber-physical foot print growing.
- A number of precedents where cyber/digital attack caused physical damage

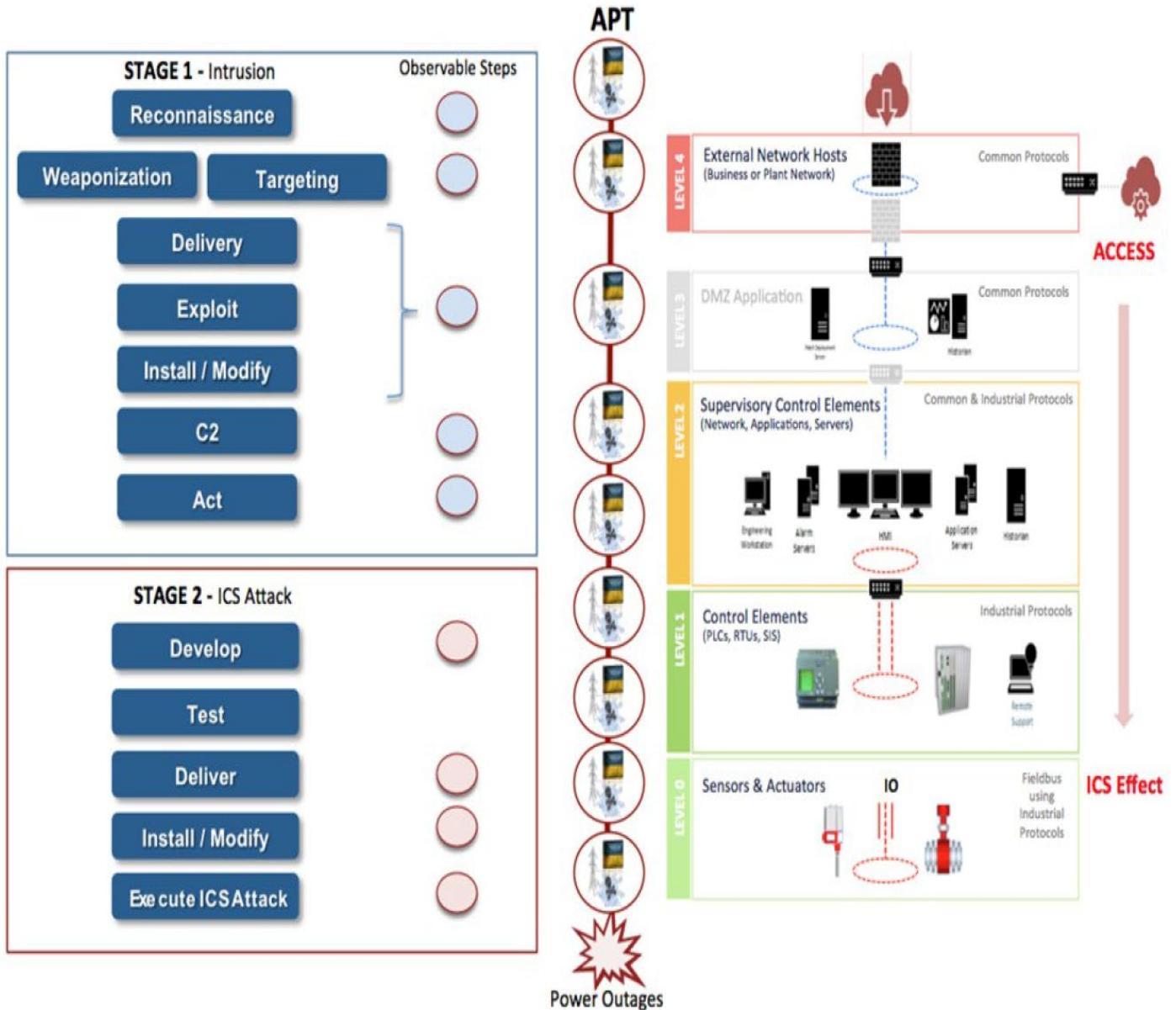


"The pipeline software that was to run the pumps, turbines and valves was programmed to go haywire, to reset pump speeds and valve settings to produce pressures far beyond those acceptable to the pipeline joints and welds. The result was the most monumental non-nuclear explosion and fire ever seen from space."

Use Cases & Lessons Learned

Lessons Learned & Recommendations

- Know and Monitor Your Critical Cyber Assets
- Do Not Run A Flat Network - Segregate & Secure Critical IT & OT Networks
- Cyber Policies Should Help Protect Us From Ourselves
- Hackers Often Use Very Basic Tactics to Hack Very Vulnerable Systems
- Implement Password Management Controls, Firewalls, Encryption & Configuration Policies



Use Cases & Lessons Learned

Lessons Learned & Recommendations



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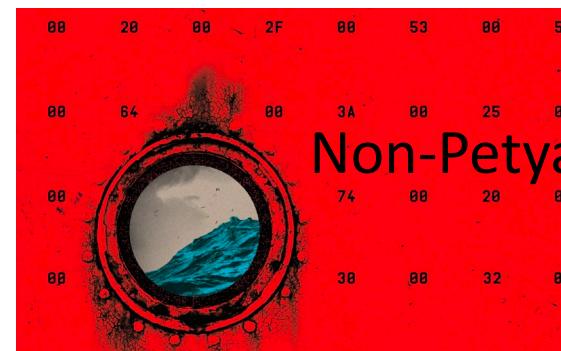
Wanna Cry



Devil's Ivy

Hack Brief: 'Devil's Ivy' Vulnerability Could Afflict Millions of IoT ...
apple.news

**HACK BRIEF: 'DEVIL'S IVY'
VULNERABILITY COULD
AFFECT MILLIONS OF IO**



- Cyber threats are evolving faster than control system defenses
- Cyber security starts with smart supply chain security, smart procurement and provisioning of devices
- Though it is easy to find vulnerabilities, you can make it tough to exploit them
- Patch early, Patch often, Patch Smart
- Security is a continuous process that requires active management of cyber risk

Use Cases & Lessons Learned

Lessons Learned & Recommendations

- Get the basics right:** Critical facilities lack basic cybersecurity risk management
- Inventory:** If don't know your critical cyber assets you can't protect them
- Trust the process:** Cybersecurity is a continuous process, not an end state.
- Culture:** A holistic response is required to mitigate a complex, evolving and non-linear threat.

Critical Asset Clusters

- Smart Security Alarms (fire alarms, etc.)
- Energy Management & BAS
- Security, Monitoring, & Access
- Smart Environment Control (lighting, etc.)
- Mobility & Information Communication
- HVAC

Vulnerabilities

- Lack of inventory and identification of Critical Cyber Assets (CCA)
- Lack of IT & OT security roles and responsibilities
- Lack of patch management
- Lack of separation between IT and OT networks
- Lack of physical and cyber access control
- Lack of authentication and encryption of CCA
- Lack of periodic threat vulnerability assessments, penetration tests & mitigation
- Lack of cybersecurity training and security audits
- Lack of redundancy
- Poor password management policies
- Default software and network configurations
- Lack of data and configuration backups
- Lack of response and recovery plans
- Lack of secure communication protocols
- Lack of a risk management strategy





Technical Specification Requirements to Use Blockchain

Blockchain – Securing Critical Complex Systems of Systems with a Changing Risk Profile



Next Gen – Actural Services Autonomous Dynamic Supply Chain Security

Configuration Management Security
for Complex Systems

Avoiding The Vulnerabilities of Centralized Single Points of Failure for Critical Defense and Weapons Systems

Defending Critical Weapons Systems

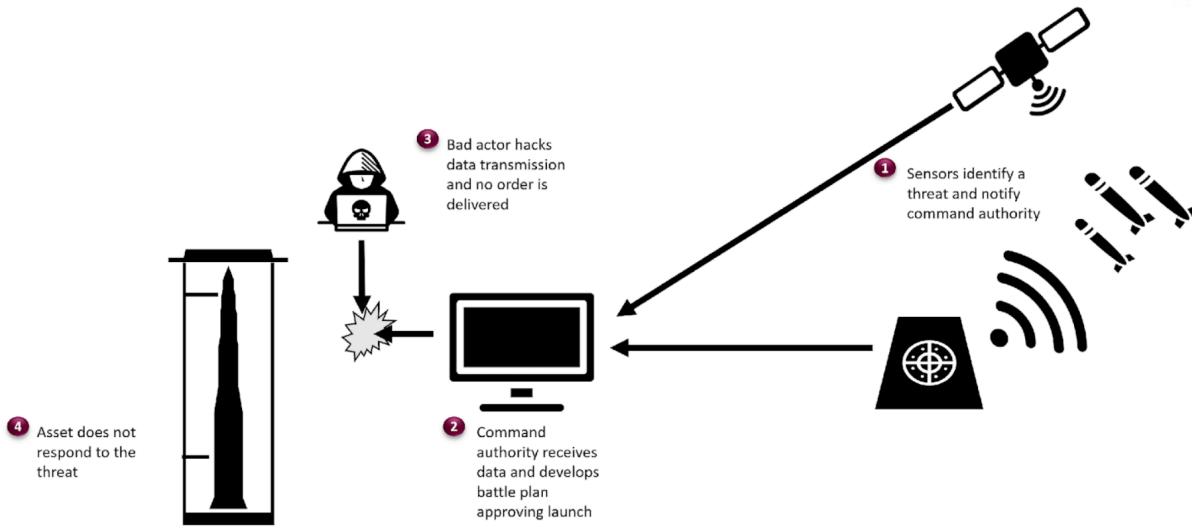


Figure 1: Current Centralized Control of Critical Weapons System

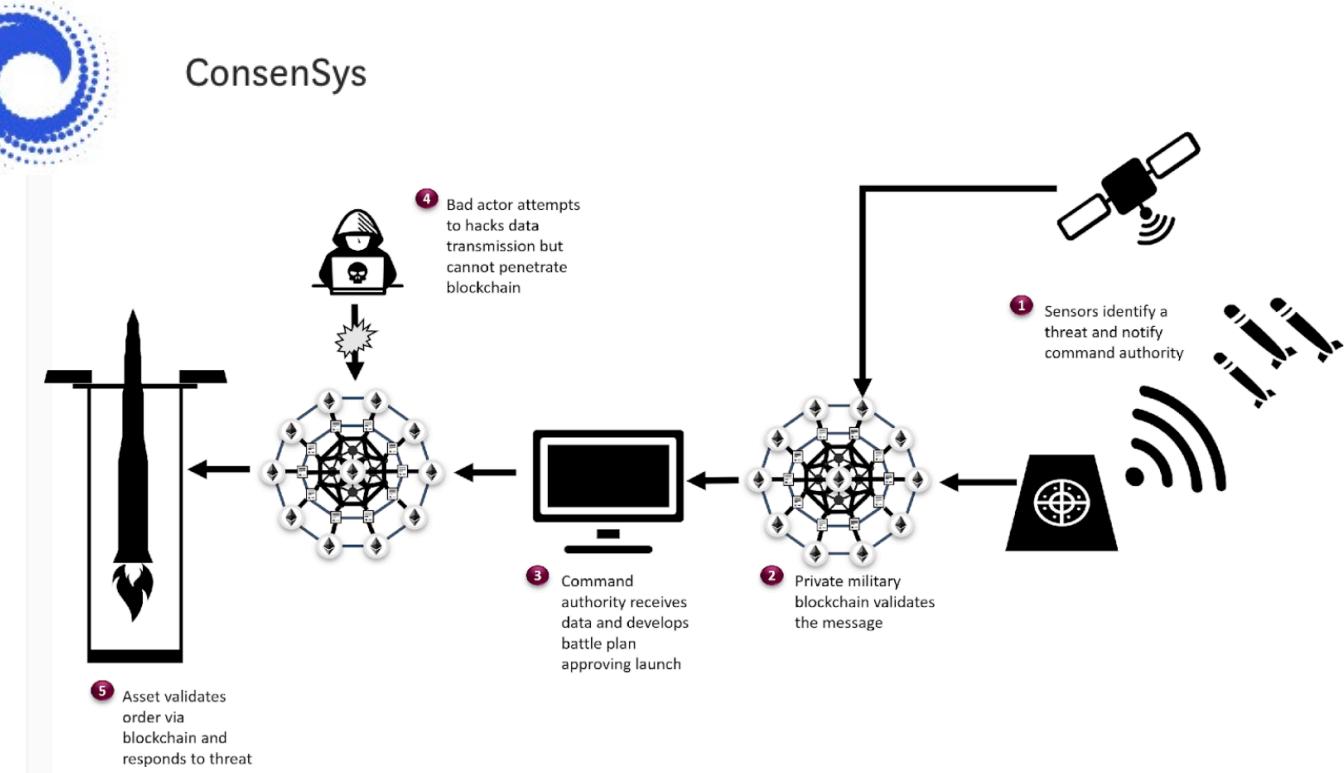


Figure 2: Blockchain-Based Decentralized Control of Critical Weapons System

Estonia's Use of Blockchain

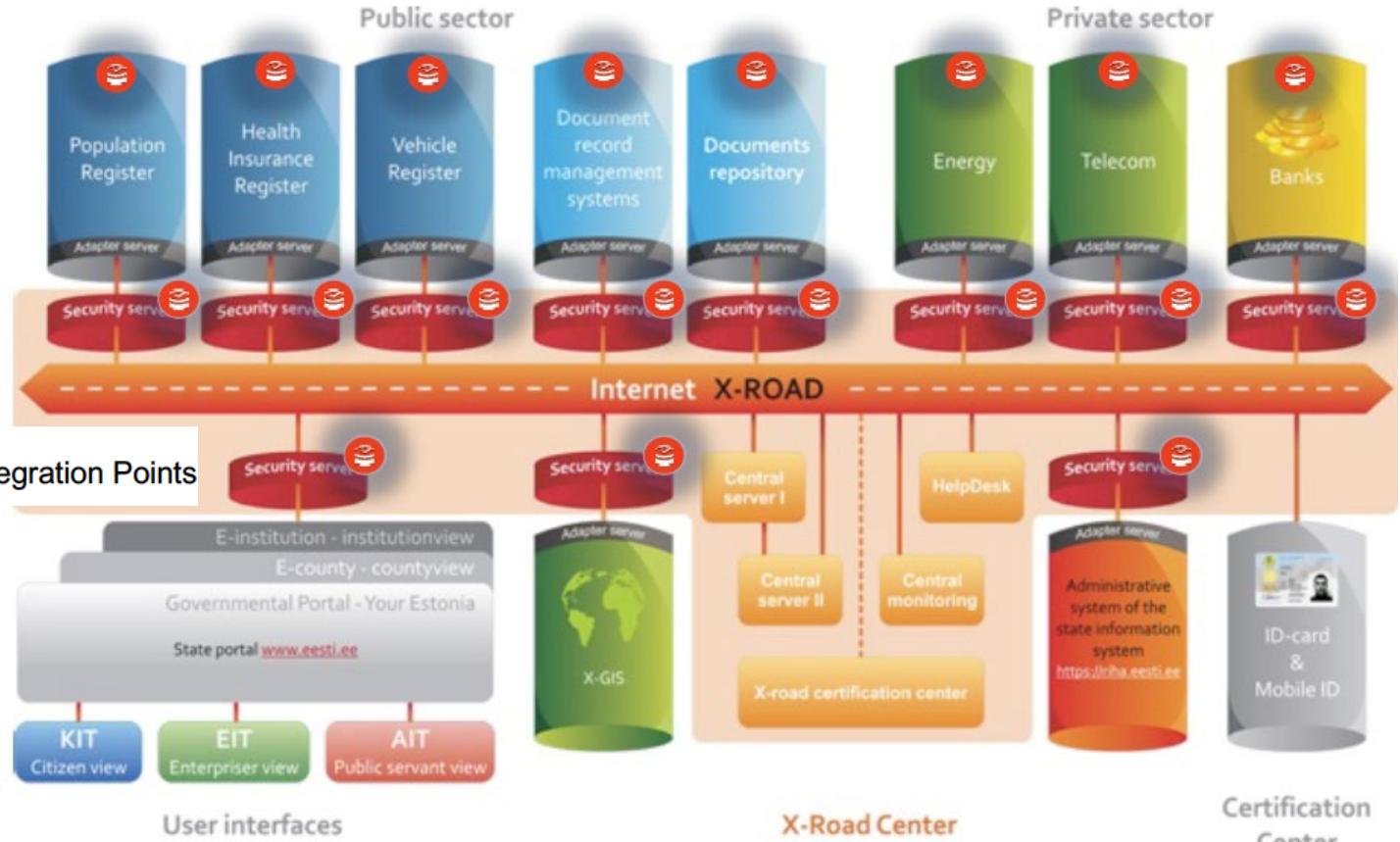
Guardtime's KSI Blockchain is implemented as an integrity layer throughout Estonian Government Networks.

There is complete transparency and accountability between citizens and government.



Blockchain Integration Points

- Proves when the “Something” was submitted
- Wide distribution and publication – anyone can do the calculations
- One-second rounds ensure fast response for proof of participation



guardtime

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Technical Specification Requirements to Use Blockchain

Lessons Learned



“Apply” Lessons Learned: When Should your Organization Consider Using Blockchain Technology?

QUESTIONS		YES
PARTICIPANTS	Does the solution require a database?	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Will there be multiple writers inputting/updating information?	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Is there a lack of trust among participants?	<input type="checkbox"/> *
RULES	Is there a lack of trusted intermediary?	<input type="checkbox"/> *
	Can a consistent set of rules help achieve the outcome?	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Will the governing rules be consistent over time?	<input type="checkbox"/> *
DATA	Is transparency of the transactions an important feature?	<input type="checkbox"/> **
	Is an immutable, auditable record of transactions important?	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Are transactions dependent or interrelated?	<input type="checkbox"/>
Can a distributed infrastructure reduce the risk of censorship or attack?		<input type="checkbox"/>
LESS LIKELY		MORE LIKELY
0/10		10/10

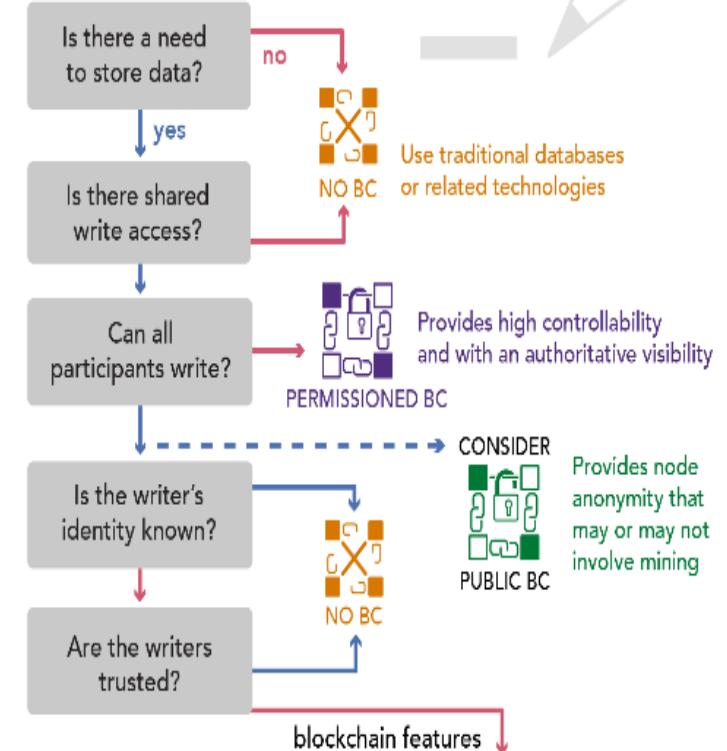
* Consider a permissions blockchain

** Consider a public ledger

Source: CARA LAPOLINTE AND LARA FISHBANE The Blockchain Ethical Design Framework, Georgetown University

1 READING & WRITING

Fundamentally, different blockchain (BC) technologies offer different “read and write” features. Although readability and writability features come with blockchains, they are also available with typical database technologies. The need to share, the writer’s identity, and trust are the key elements in this area to determine the need of a blockchain.



Source: Mylrea & Gourisetti, 2019

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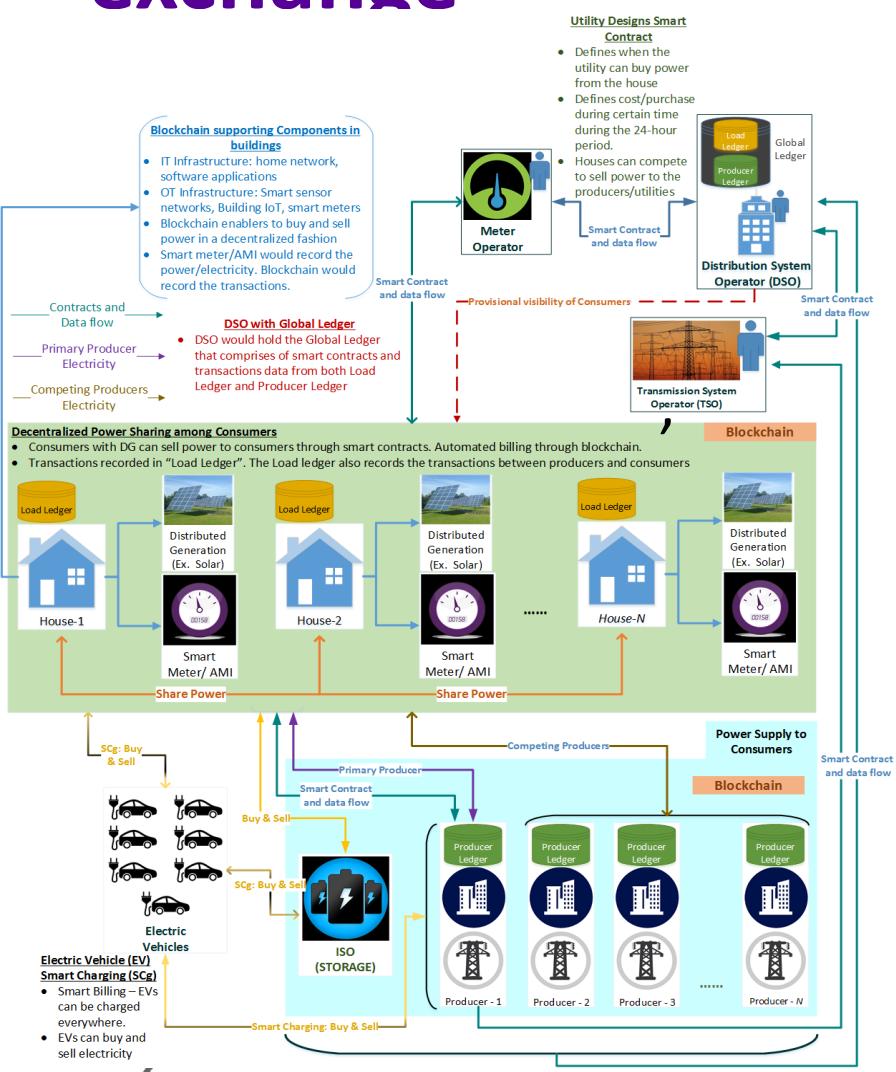
Real World Blockchain Use Cases

Lessons Learned



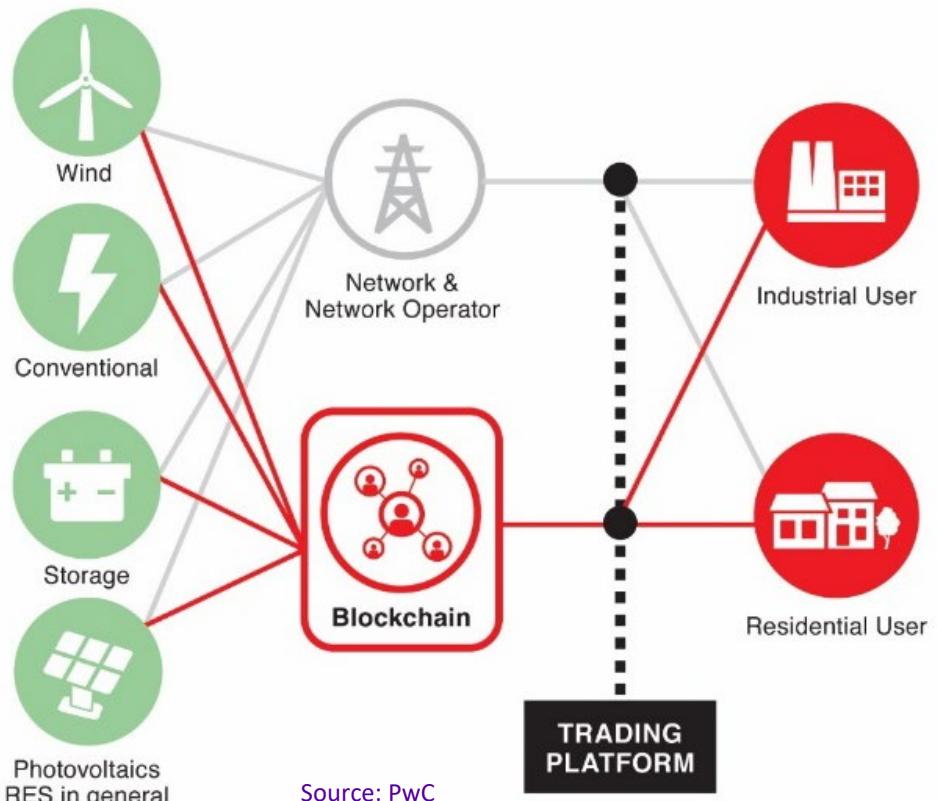
Secure Ledger of Things for Internet of Things: blockchain peer-to-peer (P2P) distributed ledger for secure energy exchange

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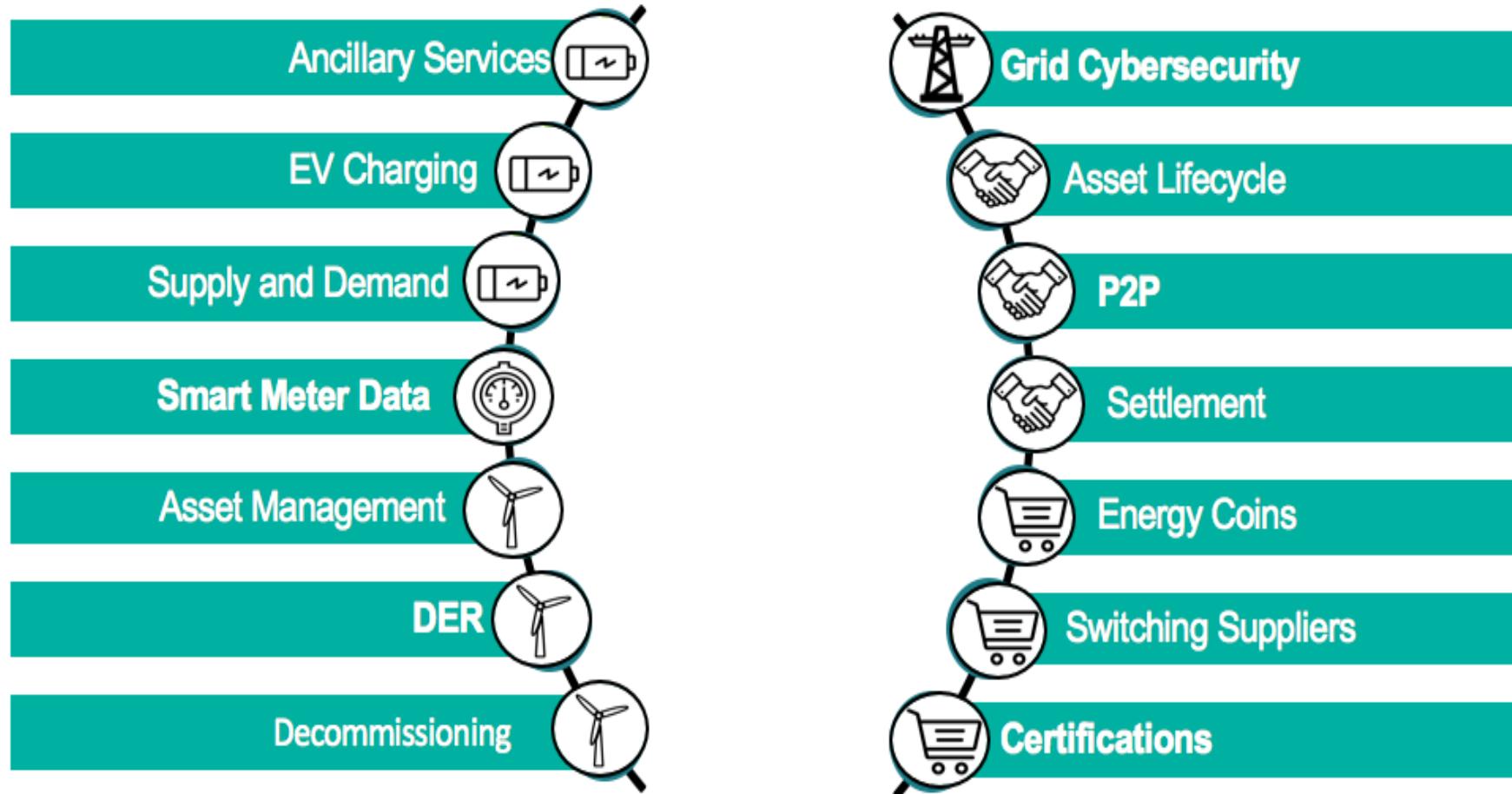


Increase trustworthiness and integrity of data, while accelerating grid modernization and energy decarbonization, decentralization and digitization

PROCESSES IN A BLOCKCHAIN-BASED SYSTEM



Blockchain Enables Multiple Use Cases Across the Energy Environment and Utilities Value Chain

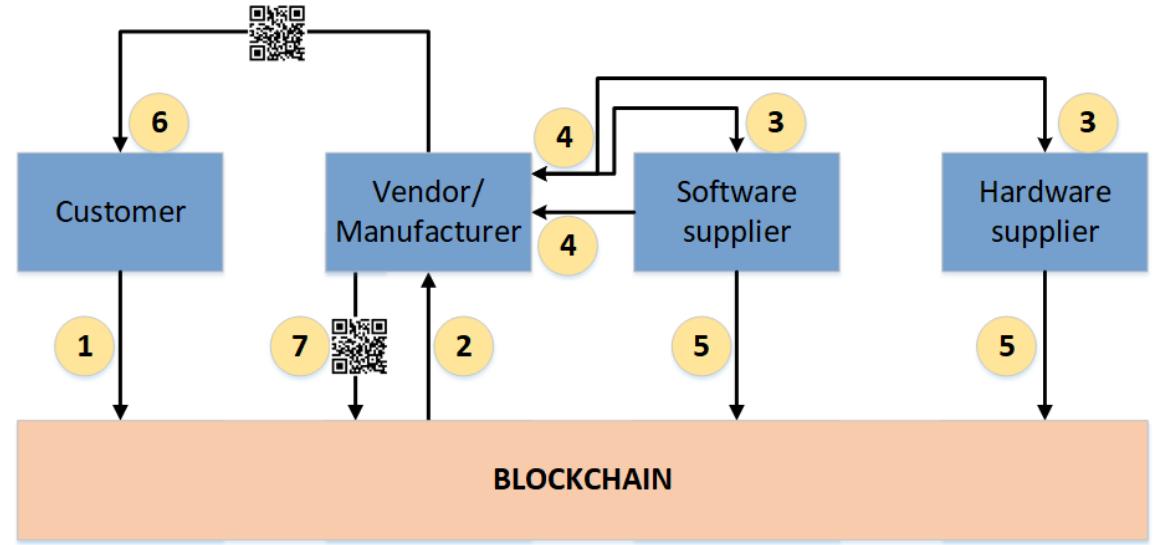
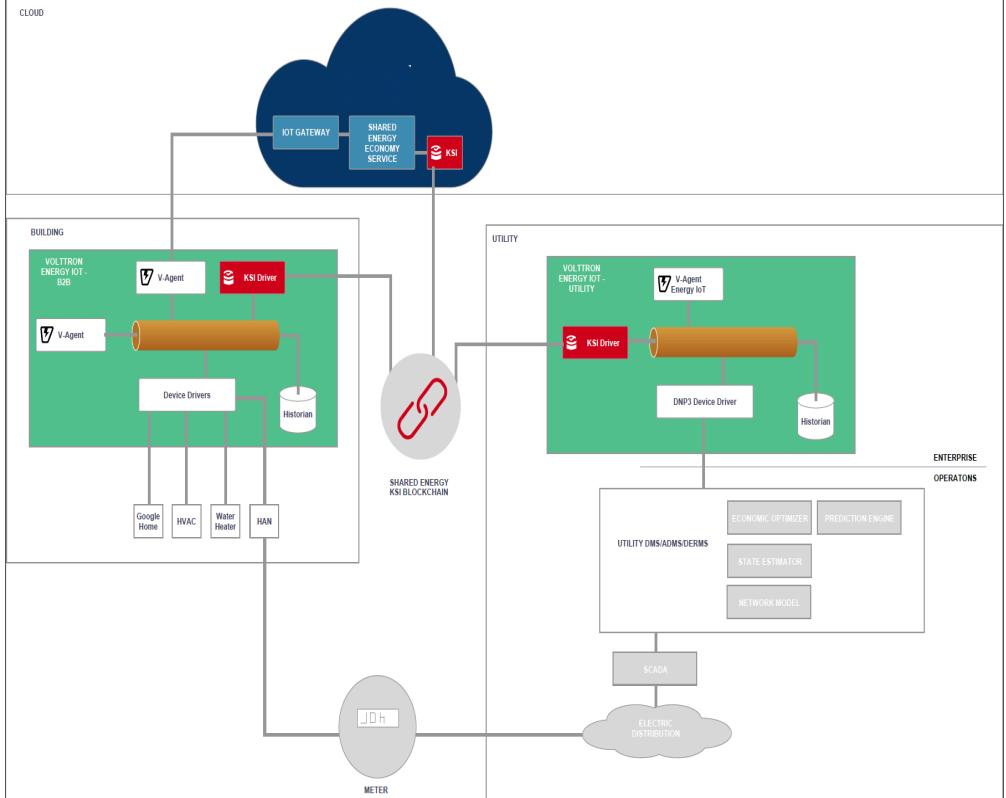


Source: Neil Gerber, IBM Hyperledger

Blockchain Cybersecurity Use Cases

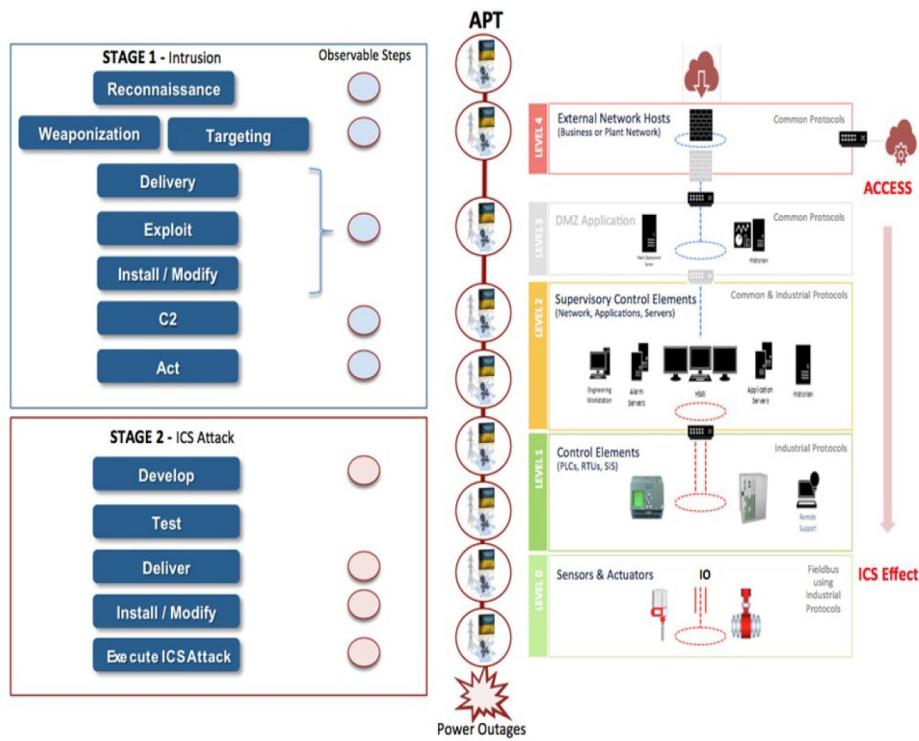
Physical Supply Chain	Secure Records Management	IoT Management and Control	Cloud Management and Control	Digital Lifecycle Management
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cross Organizational Track and Trace • Distributed Anti-Counterfeit • Enhanced Visibility, Traceability, and Accountability • Distributed Single Point of Truth • Feedback Loop and Customer Empowerment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cross Organizational Workflow Execution • Federated Records Processing • Portable Record Version and Processing History • Distributed Single Point of Truth • Cross Boundary Event Accountability <p>Guardtime</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Streamlined Version Control • Configuration and Update Control • Decentralized Onboarding and Device Identity Management • Cryptographic Data Capture and Provenance • Dynamic D2D Communities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “In-Cloud” Composite Event Capture and Distribution • Streamlined Event Correlation and Baseline Comparison • Decentralized Control and Alerting Capabilities • Streamlined and Portable Remediation, Evidence and Proof • Composite Insider Threat Awareness 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cross Organizational Application Vetting and Reuse • Secure Version Control • Cryptographic Regression Proof • Linked Test, Results, and Configuration Proofs • Accountable and Verifiable SDLC

Use Case 1: Supply Chain Security



1. Order placement: Customer pushes “must haves”, system requirements to blockchain
2. Vendor picks up the order
3. Vendor approaches suppliers (software, hardware, etc.) for principle components
4. Suppliers provide the required principle components
5. Supplier pushes the principle component information to the blockchain
6. Vendor dispatches the system with QR code to customer. Scanning the code would list all information about principle components, risks, vulnerabilities and other data
7. Vendor pushes system information (risks, vulnerabilities, and other data) to blockchain

Use Case 2: Integration of Blockchain to Prevent Configuration & Identity Management Cyber Vulnerabilities



'Crash Override': The Malware that Took Down a Power Grid



How Hacked Water Heaters Could Trigger Mass Blackouts

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Blockchain Challenges

Lessons Learned

Breaking the Blockchain to Build it Back Stronger



Etherreum RPC Enabled
Search for [Ethereum RPC enabled](#) returned 2,047 results on 09-04-2018

Top Countries

1. United States	847
2. China	260
3. Netherlands	158
4. Singapore	114
5. Germany	110
6. Ireland	82
7. France	59
8. Japan	56
9. United Kingdom	49
10. Canada	48

Top Operating Systems

Operating System	Count
Linux 3.x	4.8
Linux-amd64	2.0

Top Organizations

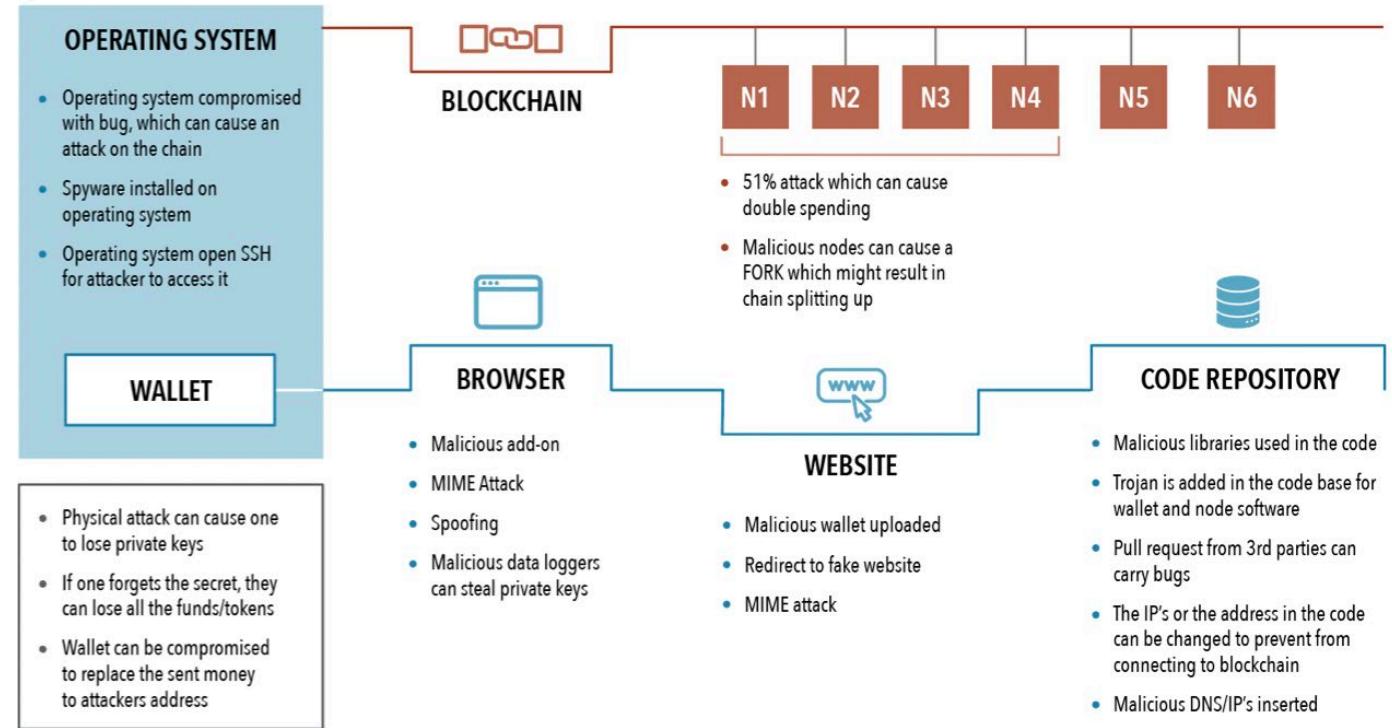
Organization	Count
Microsoft Azure	461
Amazon.com	280
Hangzhou Alibaba Advertising Co.,Ltd.	140
Digital Ocean	80
Cheops, LLC	60
Alibaba	50
Google Cloud	40
Linode	30
Microsoft Corporation	20
Aliya Computing Co.	15

Top Products

Product	Count
Geth	1,528
EthereumJS	300
TestRPC	100
eth	10
vm	5
Harmony	5
ethermint	5
JMC	5
EthereumJ	5
gMan	5
gith	5
Gexp	5
GUC	5
pyethapp	5
odash	5
gwian	5

Blockchain Challenges

- Lack of policy and procedures and agreed upon definitions
- Resistance to change, culture, leadership
- Lack of legal, regulatory, standards
- Workforce development & education
- Interoperability & scalability
- Making changes in immutable ledgers is tough!
- Server location
- Transaction speed and latency, legacy systems, flat it – ot networks
- Cyber security
- Human error – how do we protect us from ourselves?
- Length of blockchain
- Complex systems of systems – remain complex systems





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