



# **ROBUST HARDWARE SECURITY IN IOT NETWORKS**

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## **USING DEEP LEARNING AND MACHINE LEARNING**

### **FOR THREAT DETECTION**



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# RESEARCH QUESTION

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- How can machine learning enhance hardware security for IoT devices against cyber threats?
- What role does deep learning play in detecting hardware-level anomalies in IoT networks?

- How effective is real-time anomaly detection in preventing hardware-based attacks on IoT devices?
- How does combining hardware security with ML/DL detection improve IoT network resilience?

- What are the most effective ML algorithms for identifying hardware tampering in IoT networks?
- How can anomaly detection models be trained to differentiate between normal and malicious IoT device behavior?



# Introduction

## IoT Growth:

- The Internet of Things (IoT) is rapidly expanding across fields like healthcare, transportation, and manufacturing, improving efficiency and enabling automation.

## Rising Security Risks:

- With this growth, hardware vulnerabilities in IoT devices present serious security risks, making devices susceptible to unauthorized access and data breaches.

## Need for Robust Hardware Security:

- Traditional security mainly focuses on software, often leaving hardware exposed to attacks. Stronger hardware protections are essential.

## Role of ML and DL:

- Machine Learning (ML) and Deep Learning (DL) enhance IoT security by providing real-time analysis and detecting unusual patterns that indicate potential threats.

## Comprehensive Protection:

- Combining ML and DL for hardware and software security ensures a more resilient and secure IoT network against evolving cyber threats.

# Problem Statement

## Growing Threat to IoT Devices:

- As IoT devices become more integrated into daily life, they increasingly attract cyber attacks targeting their hardware.

## Hardware Vulnerabilities:

- Unlike software, hardware is difficult to secure and can be exploited through tampering, side-channel attacks, or by planting malicious components (hardware Trojans).

## Limitations of Traditional Security:

- Most security measures focus on software, leaving IoT hardware exposed to threats that can bypass standard protections.

## Research Objective:

- This project aims to address these hardware security gaps by using Machine Learning (ML) and Deep Learning (DL) to detect threats in real time.

## Goal:

- Develop a system that can quickly identify abnormal hardware behavior and prevent attacks, ensuring the integrity and security of IoT networks.

# Purpose of Research

## GOAL

**Develop methods to detect and prevent hardware-based security threats in IoT networks using machine learning (ML) and deep learning (DL).**

## Focus on Hardware Security

**Addressing the often-overlooked vulnerabilities in IoT hardware that traditional software-focused security misses.**

## Strengthening IoT Network Reliability

**By improving hardware security, this research aims to make IoT networks more resilient to cyberattacks, ensuring safer data handling and device functionality.**



# THE IMPACT AND ROLE OF DEEP LEARNING & MACHINE LEARNING

## Real-Time Threat Detection

ML and DL analyze large data streams to detect unusual patterns that indicate security threats in real time.

## Predictive Capabilities

These technologies can identify potential risks before they escalate, allowing proactive responses to hardware vulnerabilities.

## Enhanced IoT Security

ML and DL strengthen IoT hardware security by continuously adapting to new attack methods, improving overall network resilience.



# Case Study- SILEX Malware Attack (2019)

## Overview:

- The SILEX malware targeted IoT devices with weak or default passwords, such as security cameras and smart home systems.
- It spread quickly, disabling over 4,000 devices in a single day by deleting files and network settings, making them unusable.

## Attack Method:

- Exploited open or unsecured ports in device hardware

## Lessons Learned:

- Importance of strong, unique passwords and regular firmware updates.
- Critical to close unused access points (e.g., debugging ports) to prevent unauthorized access.

## Significance:

- Highlights the need for robust hardware security in IoT networks.
- Demonstrates the potential impact of poor security on device functionality and data protection.

# Federated Learning for

## Decentralized Security

### Local Threat Detection:

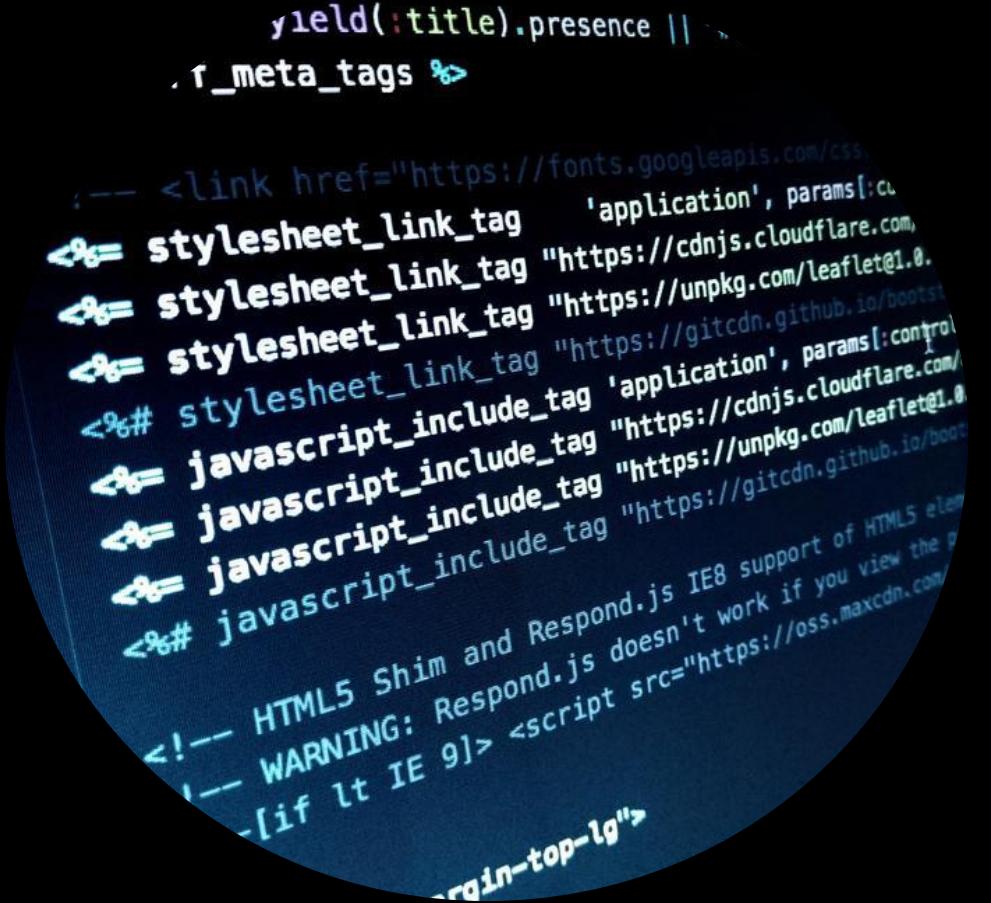
- **Federated learning lets each IoT device learn and detect threats on its own, making security specific to each device's hardware and needs.**

### Improved Privacy and Security:

- **By keeping data on the device, federated learning reduces risks from data sharing, boosting hardware security.**

### Stronger IoT Networks:

- **Useful for settings like smart homes and factories, where local, ML-driven monitoring helps keep hardware safe from new types of attacks.**



# Apple T2 Security Chip for Robust IoT Hardware Security

## Dedicated Hardware Security:

- Manages secure boot, encryption, and isolates critical functions for enhanced hardware protection.

## ML and Deep Learning for Threat Detection:

- Uses machine learning and deep learning to monitor device activity, detecting unusual patterns like unauthorized firmware changes in real time.

## Stronger IoT Defense:

- Combines hardware security with ML and DL-based detection to safeguard IoT devices from tampering, unauthorized access, and other threats.



# Microsoft Azure Sphere For Robust Hardware Security In

IoT



## Hardware Security:

- Azure Sphere uses a secure microcontroller to manage key security functions, like secure boot and device authentication, protecting the hardware directly.

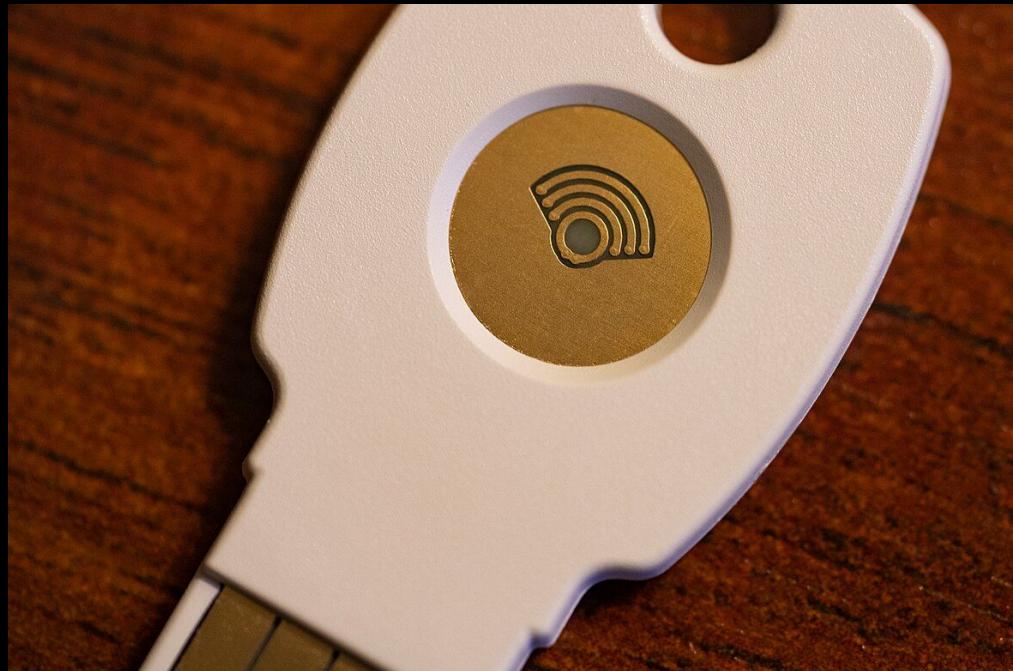
## ML-Based Threat Detection:

- With cloud-based machine learning, Azure Sphere monitors devices for unusual activity, spotting threats in real time.

## Stronger IoT Defense:

- By combining hardware protection with ML monitoring, Azure Sphere builds a strong, reliable defense for IoT devices against advanced cyber threats.

# Google Titan M Security Chip



## Dedicated Hardware Security:

- Titan M chip provides secure boot, encryption management, and firmware protection, isolating critical functions to prevent tampering and unauthorized access.

## ML and Deep Learning Detection:

- Integrated ML and DL algorithms monitor device activity, identifying unusual patterns like unauthorized access

## Stronger IoT Defense:

- Titan M's combination of hardware security with ML/DL detection secures sensitive tasks like payments and app integrity, making it ideal for both consumer and enterprise IoT, enhancing Google's overall IoT security framework.

# ARM TrustZone Technology For IoT

## Hardware-Level Isolation:

- ARM TrustZone divides the processor into secure and non-secure regions, isolating critical tasks like cryptographic operations from general processes.

## ML and Deep Learning Monitoring:

- Integrates ML/DL to monitor secure and non-secure regions, identifying unauthorized access attempts or unusual activity in real time.

## Strengthened IoT Security:

- Widely used in IoT applications like smart homes and industrial systems, TrustZone's lightweight design enhances data integrity and protects sensitive operations.

## Robust Defense for IoT Networks:

- By combining hardware isolation with ML/DL detection, ARM TrustZone strengthens device-level security, making IoT networks more resilient against advanced threats.





# CONCLUSION

**Essential Hardware Security:** Protects IoT devices from unauthorized access and data breaches.

**Power of ML and DL:** Enables real-time threat detection by identifying unusual patterns.

**Stronger IoT Defense:** Combining hardware security with ML/DL boosts network resilience.

**Future Outlook:** Advancements in ML/DL will lead to safer, more reliable IoT networks.

**Key Takeaway:** Prioritizing hardware security is crucial for a secure IoT environment.

# Tensorflow-Based Long Short Term Memory for Anomaly Detection in IoT Device Security

## Purpose:

- Uses Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) networks with TensorFlow to monitor IoT device data for unusual patterns that signal security threats.

## Deep Learning for Real-Time Detection:

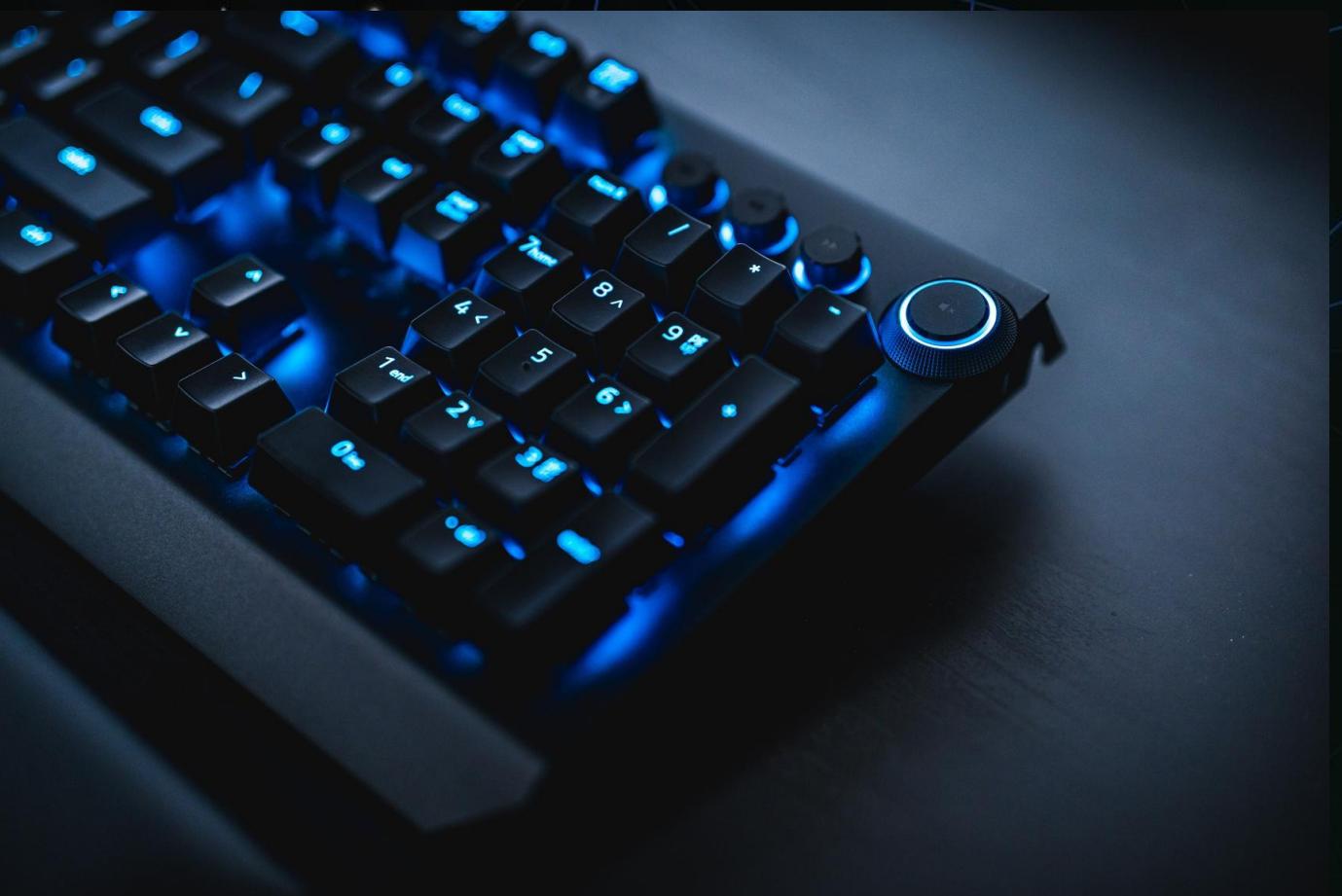
- LSTM networks are effective for analyzing time-series data, learning normal patterns in device behavior and detecting anomalies in real time.

## Enhanced IoT Security:

- TensorFlow-based LSTM models provide continuous monitoring, making them ideal for high-stakes IoT settings like industrial and healthcare environments, where early detection of hardware issues is critical.

## Robust Defense:

- Combines the power of deep learning with TensorFlow to add a proactive layer of security, improving device reliability and resilience against evolving threats in IoT networks.



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