

# The Internet of Things

Digital meets the analog - the real -world

**A risk to the real life ?**



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A new device was found.  
Device: Airbus A310  
Shall Auto-Configuration  
be started ?

Source:  
CT 1/2003  
Ritsch-Renn.com

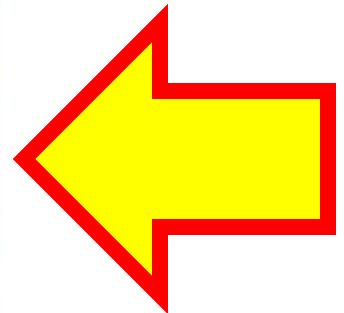
"The public conversation about surveillance in the digital age would be a good deal more intelligent if we all read Bruce Schneier first."

—MALCOLM GLADWELL

# DATA AND GOLIATH

The Hidden Battles to Collect  
Your Data and **Control Your World**

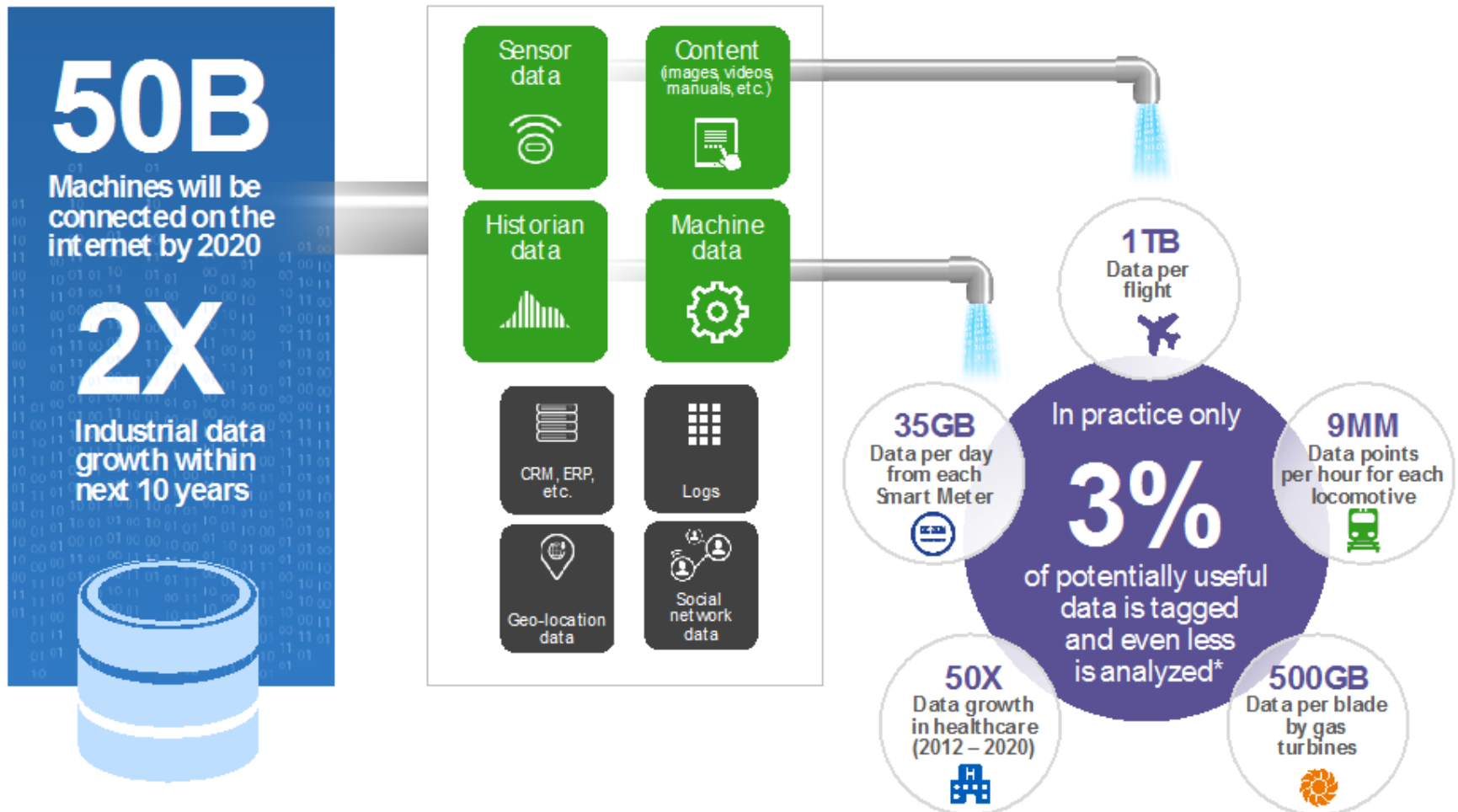
BRUCE SCHNEIER



# Public perception of threats

- The public takes threats serious when they become “physical” and align with personal experience
  - In the 90ies – terrorism was “exotic” – not perceived as a major threat by the public. But the experts in the fields saw it coming
  - 9/11 was a turning point  
and terrorism was all of a sudden perceived as a big threat
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- The threats resulting from the IoT has not yet reached wide public perception.
  - We as security professional must look ahead and see the early indicators
  - Stuxnet was such an indicator – resulted in physical damage
  - TV5 Monde got lots of media coverage – Example of hybrid warfare
  - **More incidents will happen – more physical damage will happen  
That is when the public will perceive the IoT as a major threat  
..... and over-react**

# Common perception of IoT: „just collects“ data (confidentiality concerns)



# Confidentiality - Integrity - Availability

The public perception is focused on „confidentiality“

For the Internet of Things

„Integrity“ and „availability“

will become the predominant factors

**„Integrity“ and „availability“ of the real world !**

# Who can open your car ?

German automaker BMW says it has fixed a security flaw that made 2.2 million of its vehicles vulnerable to break-ins.

German automobile club ADAC, which discovered the flaw last summer, says hackers could have used a fake cellphone base station to intercept network traffic from the car and lower the windows or open the doors.

There are no reports such a break-in ever took place.

<http://phys.org/news/2015-01-bmw-flaw-exposed-22m-cars.html>



Dieses Steuergerät von BMW enthält ein Mobilfunkmodem, über das es sich mit dem Internet verbindet. Lange Zeit hat es sicherheitsrelevante Daten an den BMW-Server übertragen, ohne die Verbindung mit HTTPS abzusichern.

Bild: ADAC

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Great writeup in CT #9

Just a car



# HACKERS REMOTELY KILL A JEEP ON THE HIGHWAY—WITH ME IN IT

<http://www.wired.com/2015/07/hackers-remotely-kill-jeep-highway/>



**ANDY GREENBERG**  
SENIOR WRITER, WIRED

# Who controls the traffic lights ?

Cesar Cerrudo CTO, IOActive Labs

I found some interesting devices used by traffic control systems on important cities such as Washington DC, Seattle, New York, San Francisco, Los Angeles, etc. and I could hack them :)

I also found that these devices are also used in cities from UK, France, Australia, China, etc. making them even more interesting.

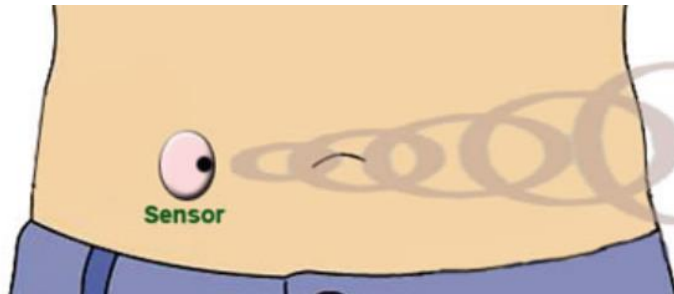
Oh, I almost forgot, after this presentation anyone will be able to hack these devices and mess traffic control systems since there is no patch available.

<https://defcon.org/html/defcon-22/dc-22-speakers.html#Cerrudo>

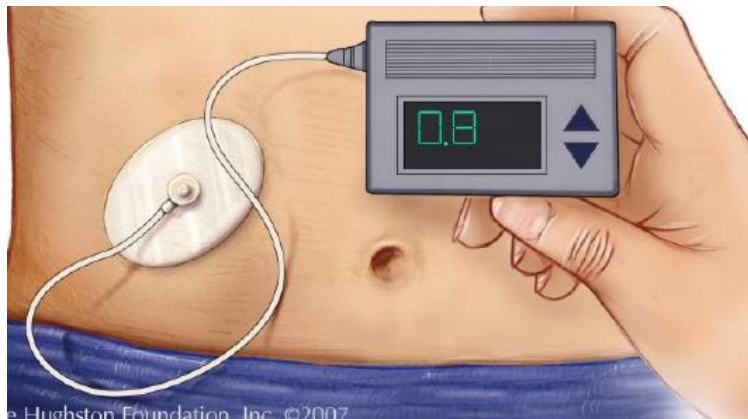
<http://de.slideshare.net/cisoplatfrom7/defcon-22cesarcerrudohackingtrafficcontrolsystems>

# Breaking the Human SCADA System

presented at BlackHat 2011 by Jerome Radcliffe



Continuous glucose meter



[https://media.blackhat.com/bh-us-11/Radcliffe/BH\\_US\\_11\\_Radcliffe\\_Hacking\\_Medical\\_Devices\\_Slides.pdf](https://media.blackhat.com/bh-us-11/Radcliffe/BH_US_11_Radcliffe_Hacking_Medical_Devices_Slides.pdf)

**Just a life !!!**

# Turn off power & water ?

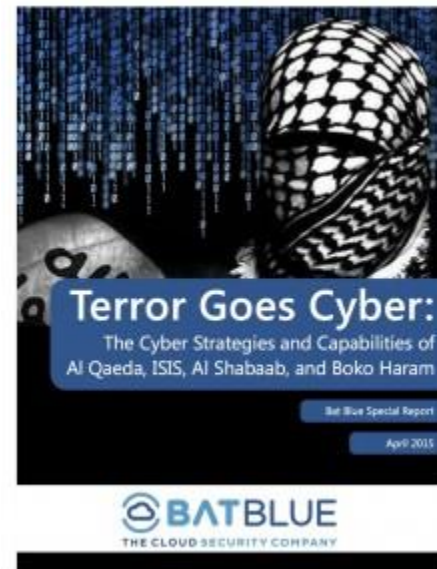
On 3 July 2014, DHS, responding to a Freedom of Information Act(FOIA) request on Operation Aurora, a malware attack on Google, instead released more than 800 pages of documents related to the Aurora Project, a 2007 research effort led by Idaho National Laboratory to show the cyber vulnerabilities of U.S. power and water systems, including electrical generators and water pumps.

The research project found that once these infrastructure systems are infiltrated, a cyberattack can remotely control key circuit breakers, thereby throwing a machine's rotating parts out of synchronization and causing parts of the system to break down.

<http://www.homelandsecuritynewswire.com/dr20150107-dhs-releases-the-wrong-foiarequested-documents-exposing-infrastructure-vulnerabilities>

# Stuxnet

- Designed to destroy nuclear centrifuges in Iran
- A weapon made entirely of code
- The source code is online
- It is an OpenSource Weapon
- The world was asking: „who did it“
- The more interesting question is: „**who will do it again**“
- **And what will they attack next ?**



# Bruce Schneier on the Sony Hack:

- "Your reaction to the massive hacking of such a prominent company will depend on whether you're fluent in information-technology security.
- If you're not, you're probably wondering how in the world this could happen.
- **If you are, you're aware that this could happen to any company."**

Hackers have accessed the personal records of some 80 million Anthem Health customers and others.

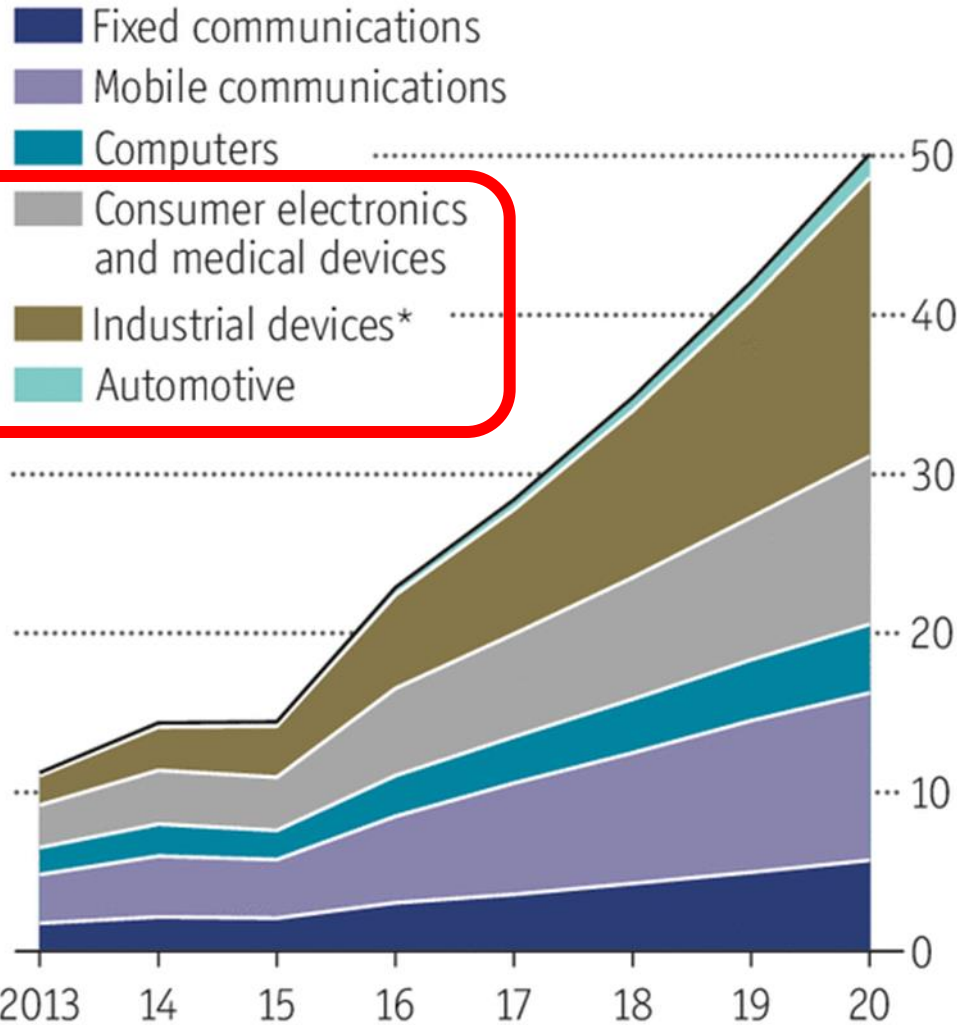
Last year, it was

- Home Depot
- JP Morgan
- Sony
- and many others

**Do YOU think the security of YOUR IoT products is better than any of these companies?**

# The 50 billion question

Worldwide number of internet-connected devices, forecast, bn



Source: Cisco

\*Includes military and aerospace

# Security of mass produced “things”

We have developed mechanisms to patch security vulnerabilities on PC's that work “ok”

Patching on Smartphones already a problem once vendor no longer supports the model – typically after 2 years

→ growing # of insecure devices

Cars can be recalled – Chrysler just did that for 1.2 million cars to fix the “hacked Jeep”.

**What about mass produced items ?**

- Stoves, Refrigerators, Laundry machines, Lightbulbs

Do we bring them back to the OBI store for patching ?

Or do we have to throw these “things” away once a security vulnerability was detected ?

**Obsolescence due to a missing security patch ?**



The computer industry learned its lessons over a decade ago.

Before then they ignored security vulnerabilities, threatened researchers, and generally behaved very badly.

**I expect the same things to happen with Internet-of-Things companies.**

Bruce Schneier

Schneier Cryptogram August 2015

# Conclusion

- Attacks against ANY “thing on the internet” will happen
- Many will be successful – we must be prepared
- CISO’s must understand the effects of successful attacks  
What damage will it do ?
- „Prevent - Detect – React“ is still our job  
But must take more efforts on „React“
- **Resilience is the key – containment & recovery**  
CISOs must understand the „things“ their IT controls  
CISOs must work closely with the engineers of the „things“  
  
CISOs must have a holistic view – not just IT

Thank You