

# The Internet of Things

## What's Stopping You?

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# AGENDA

## First third:

- What is IOT – practically
- IOT broken down:  
high and low bandwidth,  
9 Layers of the IOT stack

## Second third:

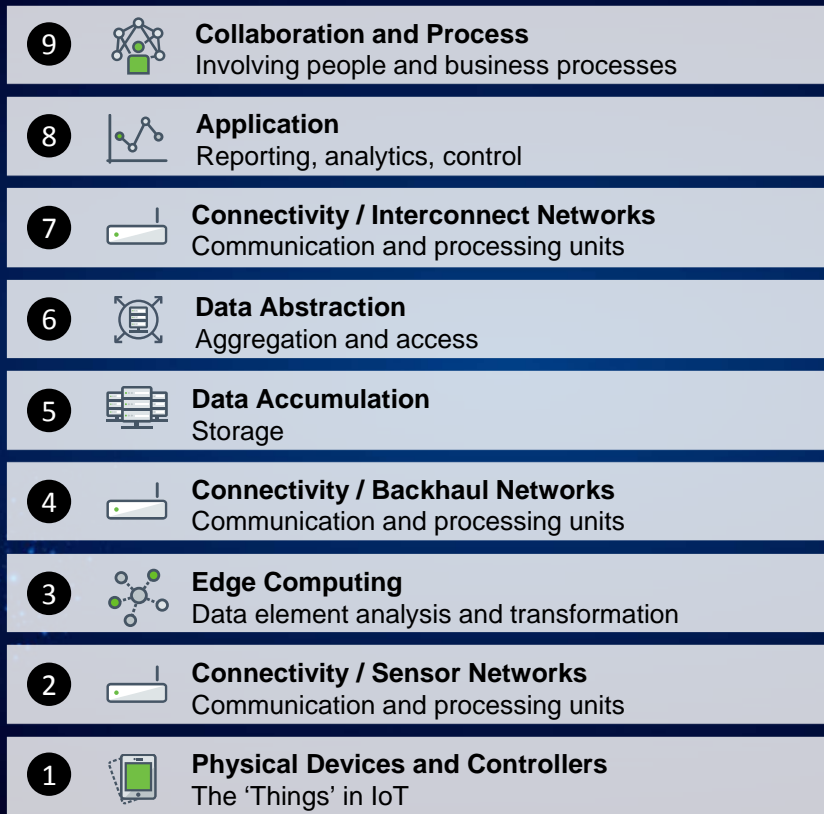
- Key inhibitors to IOT uptake
- The major players in SA:  
pros and cons of their tech,  
risk mitigation, future proof

## Last third:

- Use cases for IOT in  
network operations
- Opportunities for network  
operators in the IOT space



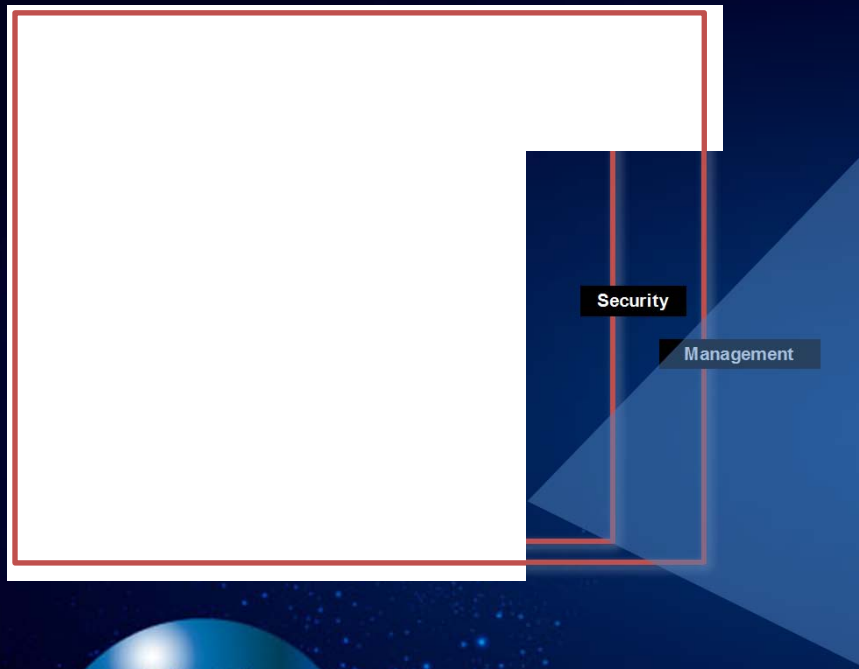
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Security

Management

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**Simple Sensors**



**Complex Sensors**



**Embedded O/S**



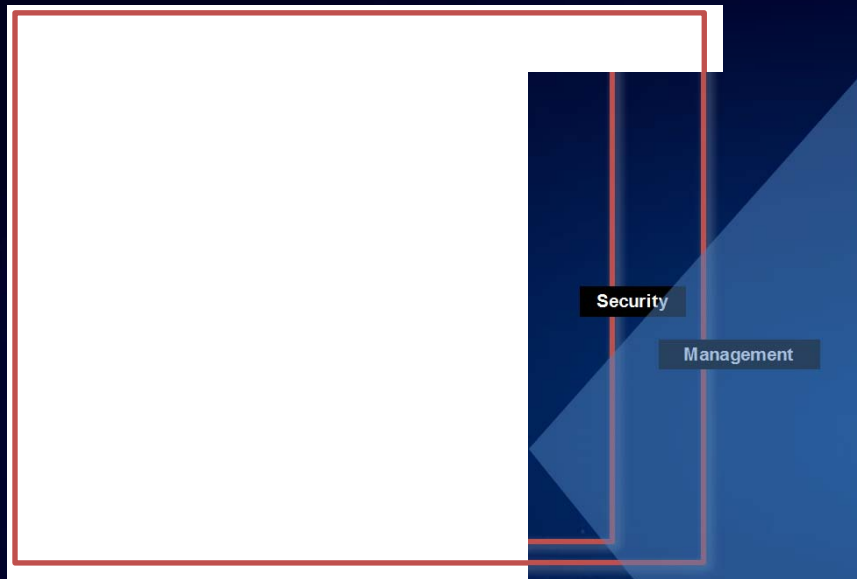
**Wearables**



**Phone**



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WiFi



Ethernet



Low Power WAN



Cellular



Bluetooth



Radio Frequency

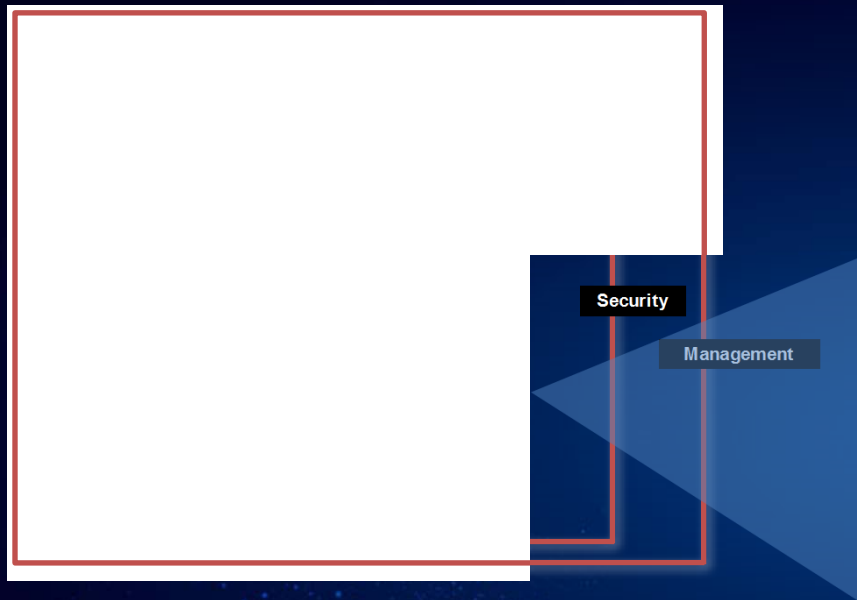


Serial



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**Simple Gateway**



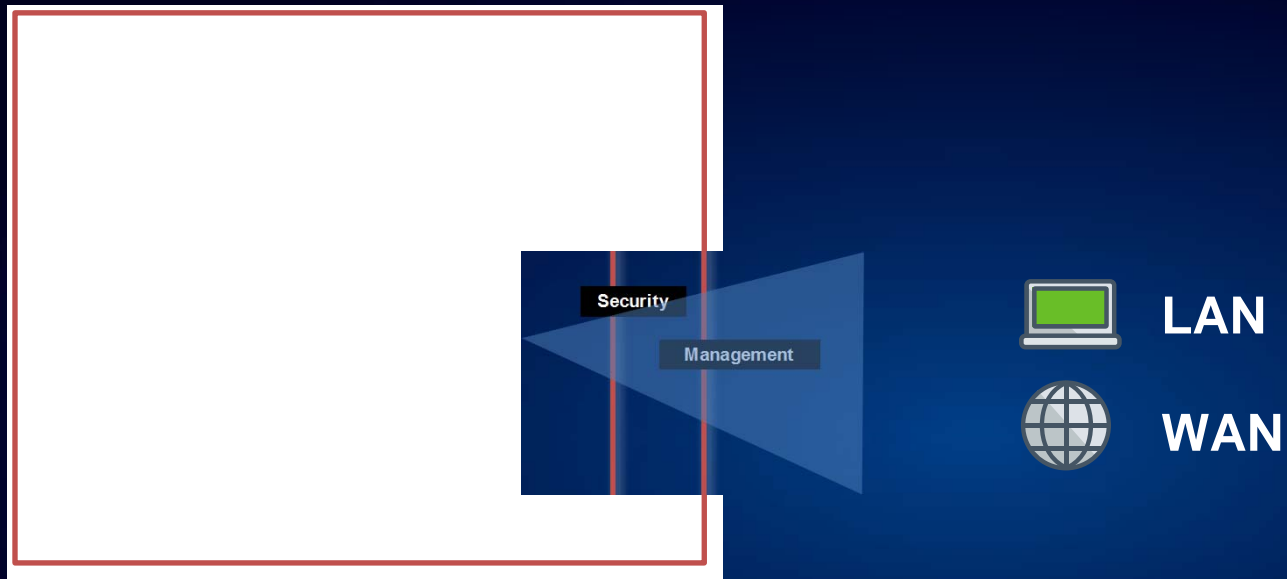
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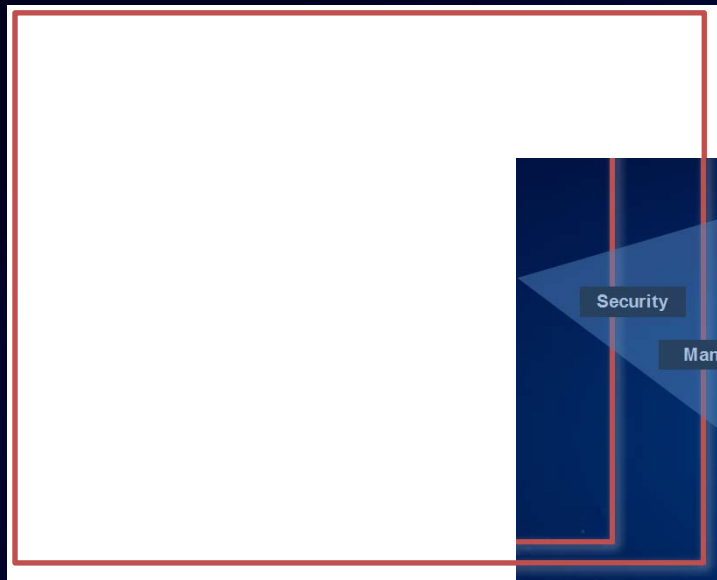
**Operating System**



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**Data Centre Networking**



**Compute**



**Storage**

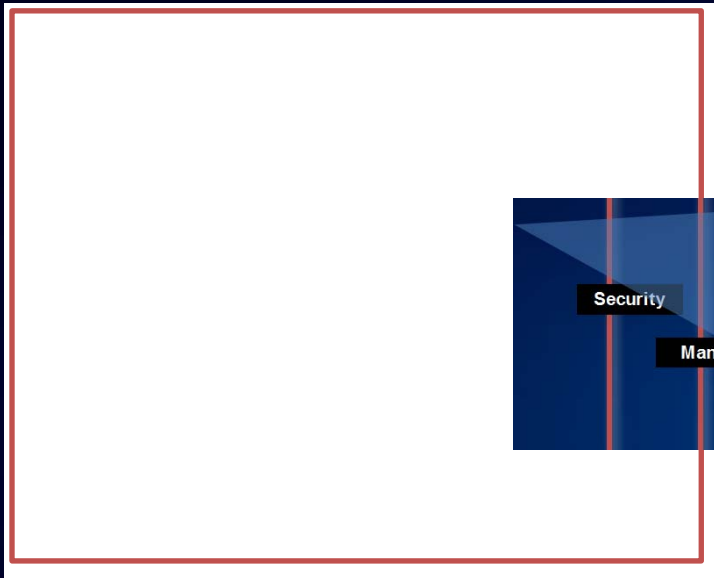


**Data Base**





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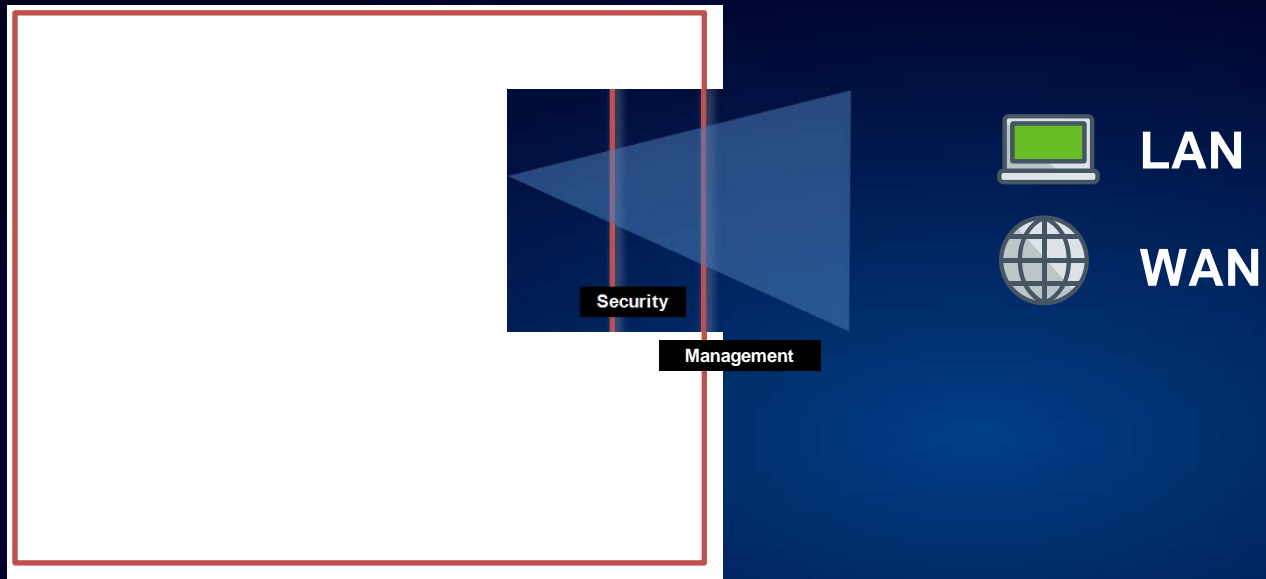
Application Enablement Platform



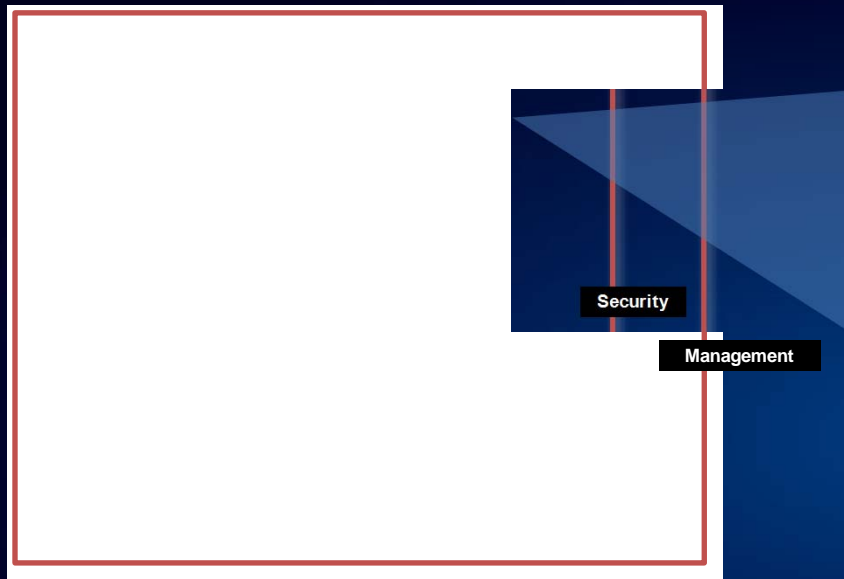
Data Presentation /  
Application Programming Interface



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**Analytics**



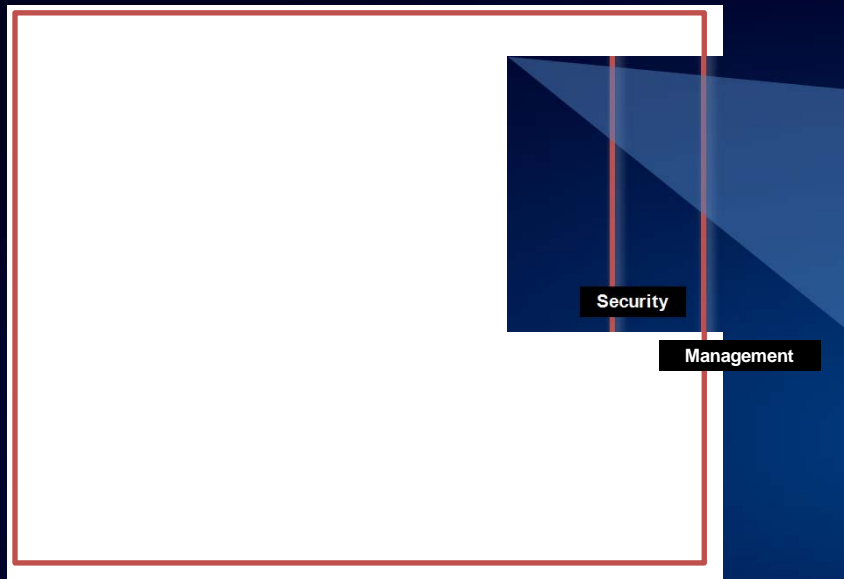
**Visualisation**



**Consumption**



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**Accessing the Outcome**



**Business Process**



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Management



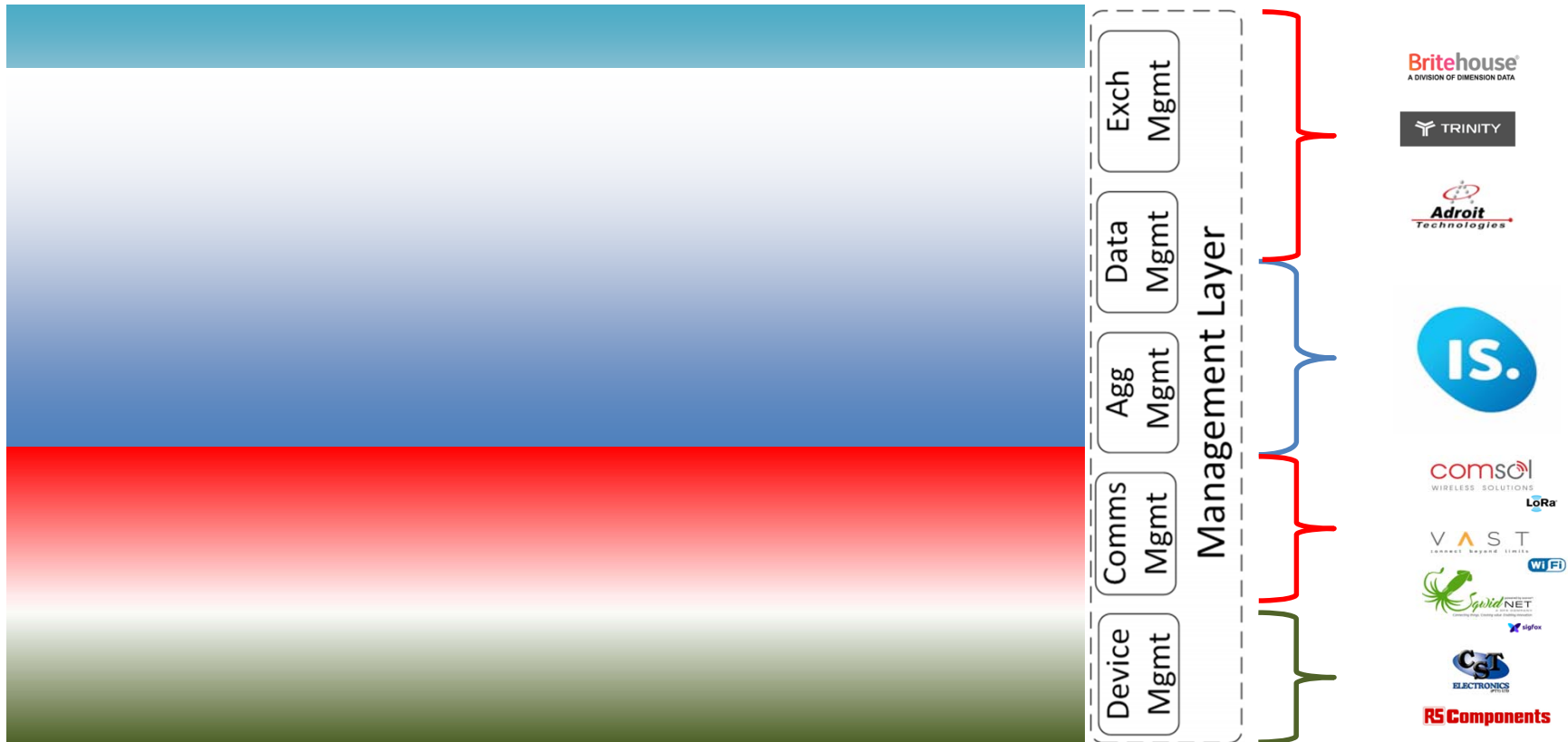
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# Layering of the IoT industry



# An ecosystem game

## End-to-End IOT Solution

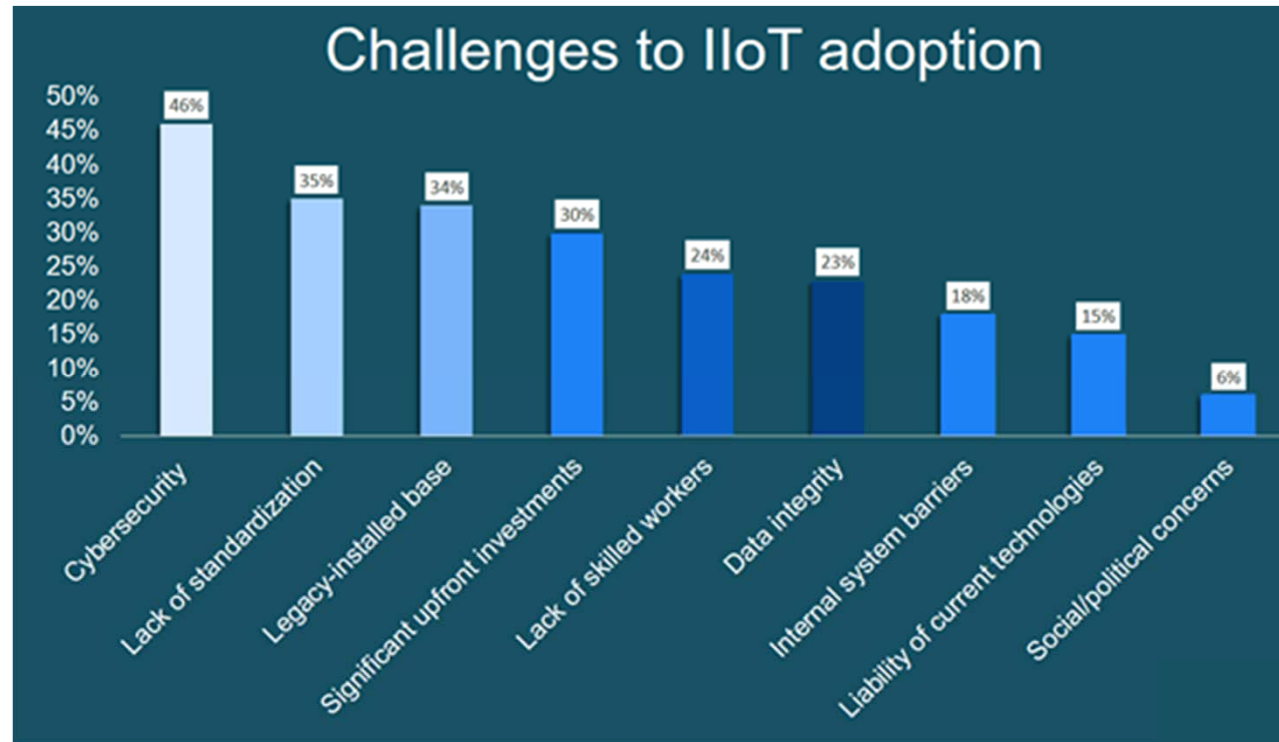


Industry specialists with domain knowledge and credibility





# Why some are hesitating



Source: Morgan Stanley: Automation World Industrial Automation Survey, AlphaWise 2016





# Two Main Use Cases for “True” IoT Technology

## Massive number of devices connected at ultra-low cost

For tracking, managing, monitoring large numbers of devices where cost of network provisioning and installing physical devices is the main decision factor

## Devices installed, activated and not messed with for ten years

Ultra-low power consumption and ultra-compact hardware allows intelligent, battery-powered devices can be put in the field and not touched for 5-10 years

# Enabling Technology

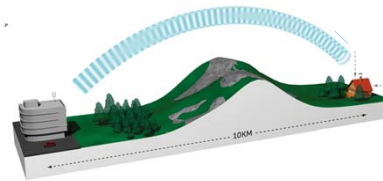
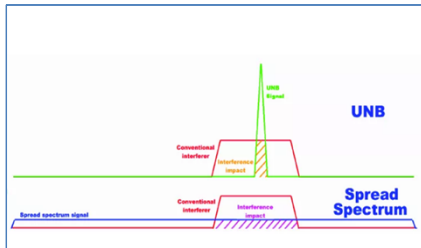
To allow for these use cases, the IoT network is:

Narrowband radio – low power consumption, interference resistant

No SIM or hardware-based identity module to dramatically cut operating costs

Sub-GHz radio for extreme propagation/penetration and low power consumption

Licence-exempt ISM bands to reduce deployment and op-ex costs

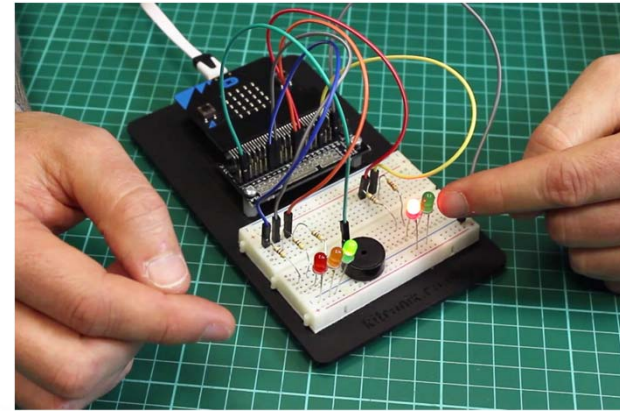




# Easy to trial, or adopt on a large scale

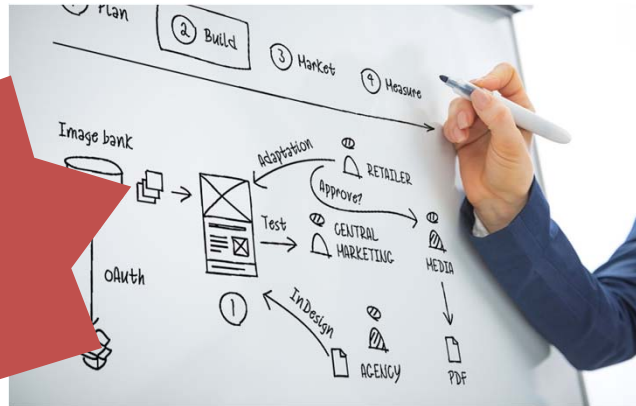
## Experiment:

buy a handful of devices, turn them on and see sensor data pop out on an Internet site seconds later.



Cost?

- R1,600 for 3 devices
- R15,000 for an electronics hacker
- R100 for connectivity



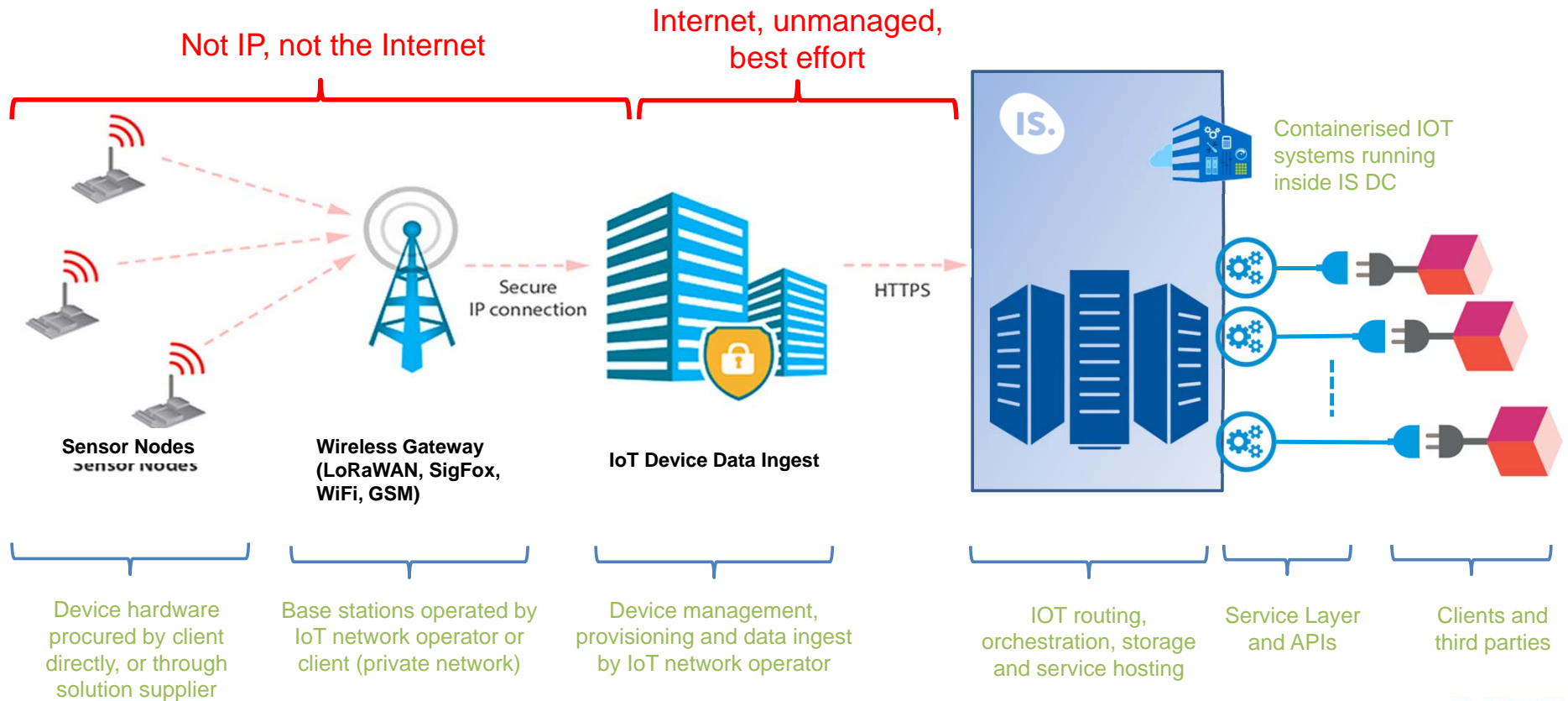
Cost?

- R12,000 for 30 devices
- R35,000 for an electronics hacker
- R1000 for connectivity
- R1000 for IOT platform

## Complete proof of concept implementation:

buy a box of sensors, hook them up, point their data at favourite BI tool.

# The LPWAN Network Chain



# Existing and New Players



GPRS and 3G based solutions, focus on connectivity. "M2M" = single country billing.



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- FastNet
- Vula Telematics



# Existing and New Players



Startup in platform/application enablement space, heritage in connecting legacy devices via a smart box



Decades in M2M using GSM networks, adopting LP-WAN. Strong domain skills with analytics, visualisation tech



Massive scale in PaaS offerings, with rapidly evolving IoT capability (IoT Hub, Stream Analytics)



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Major provider of IOT platforms to manage devices, perform analytics, etc



New player in the Application Enablement space





# IOT in the Network Operator Space

**Now:** “How do we get IOT into our systems?”

**Future:** “Our systems have sensors that need to be connected so the data can be used”





# IOT in the Network Operator Space

IOT ->> Big Data ->> Analytics

IOT ->> Small Data ->> Real-time Business  
Management





**Big Data**

Predict, cost  
and observe

Prepare, avoid  
and learn

**IOT**

Record,  
monitor, and  
govern

Action limit  
and mitigate



# Your Big Question

Slow, expensive, but  
transformative

Digital Transformation to  
Re-engineer Enterprise

Problem looking  
for a solution

Device-Led Solution to  
Solve One Problem

Fast, cheap...  
but tactical

Solution looking  
for a problem



# Integrating into NetOps

## Managed Service Stack

- Device
- IOT Network
- Data Store
- Data Communications
- Data Processing
- Applications management
- Process assurance



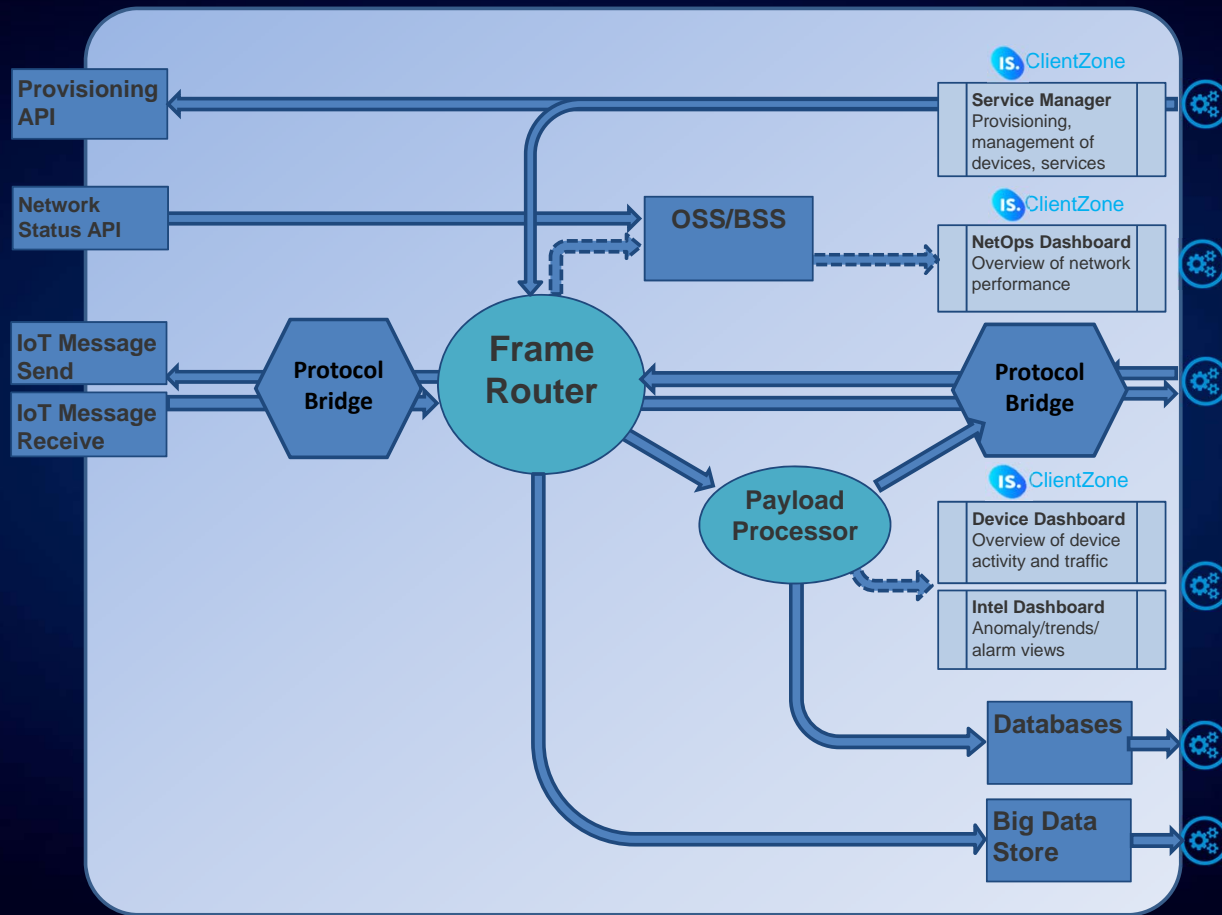
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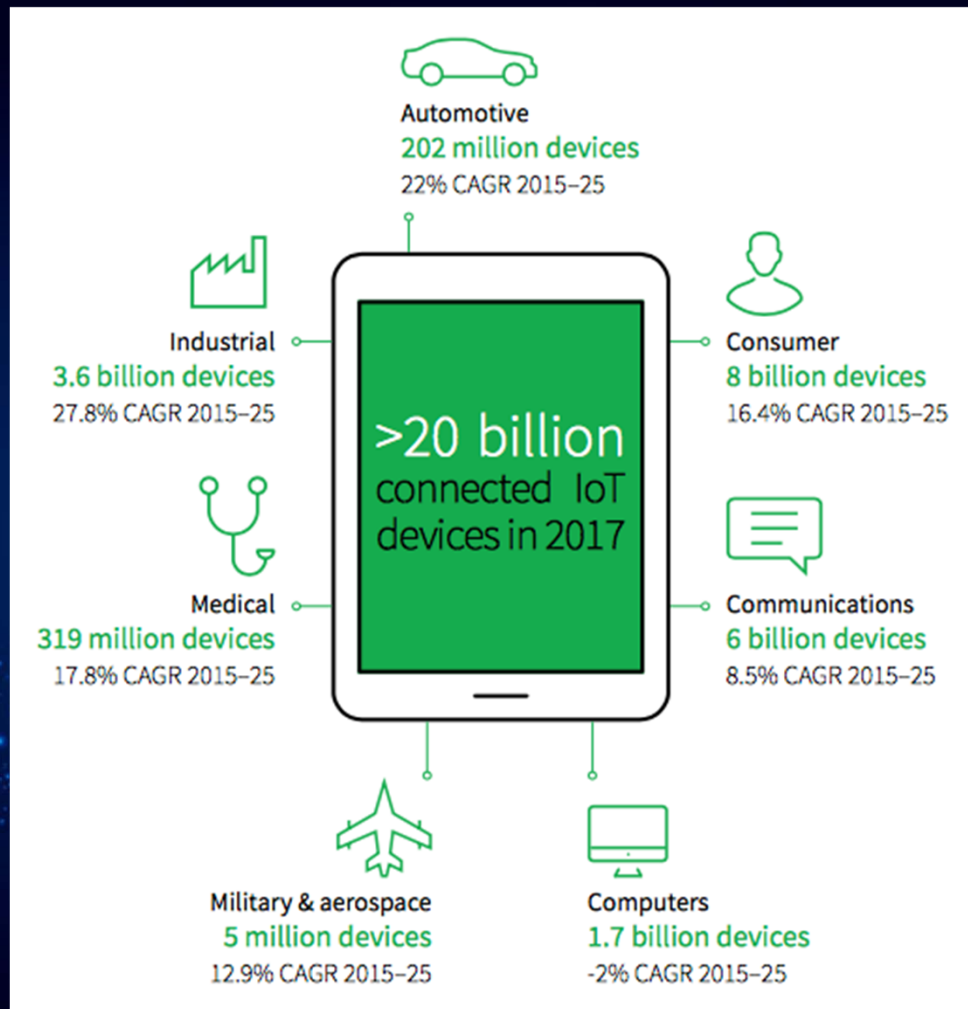
1. Application layers: value add and support for disruptive tech
2. Legacy systems integration
3. Governance and responsibility realignment
4. Compliance and privacy
5. Stack maintenance and data stewardship
6. Network and communications (Cloud/business systems interconnect)
7. Big Data and Small Data
8. Things and Transmission hardware  
(including private network > IP, routing, communications services)



One of each API set per network operator

# IoT Platform Functional Diagram

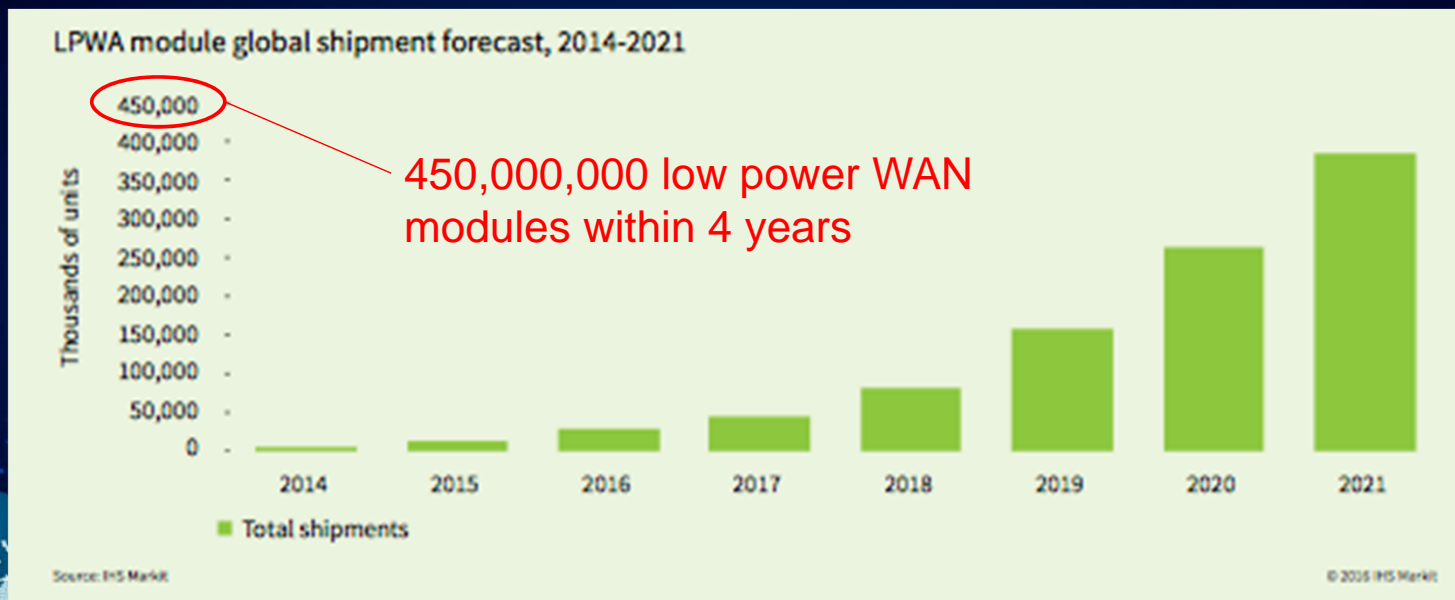




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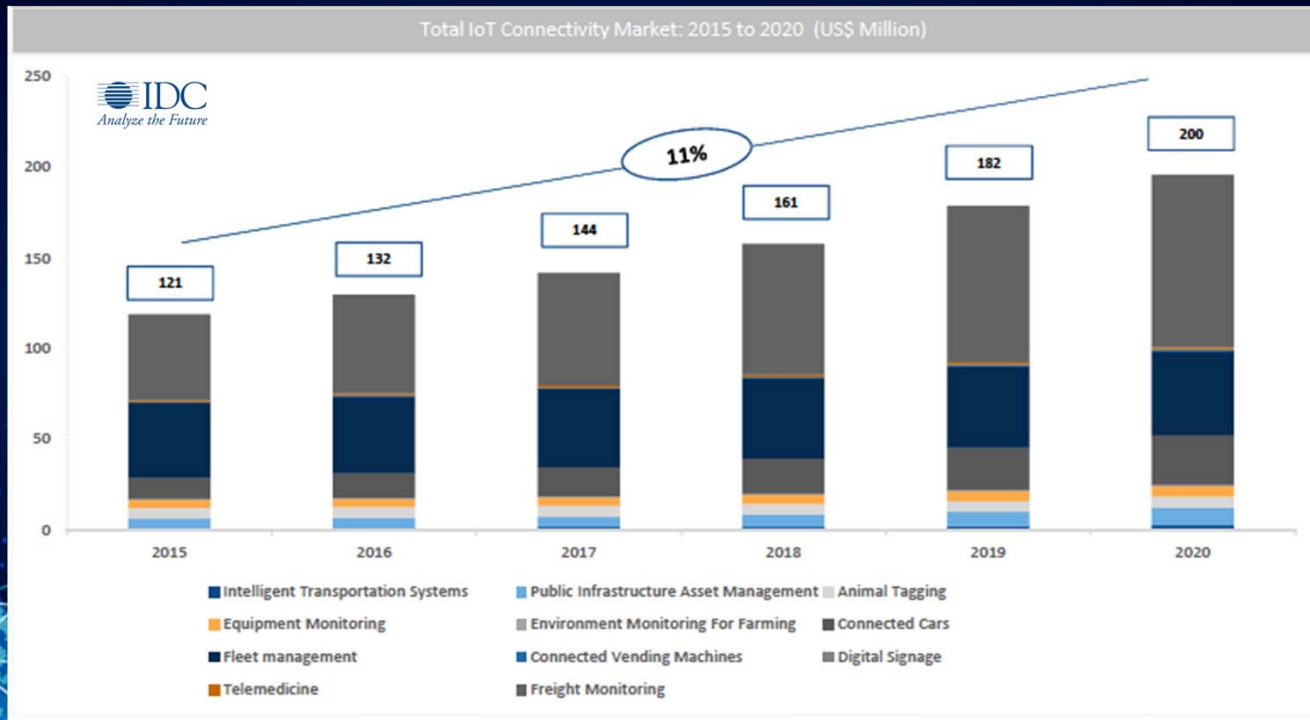
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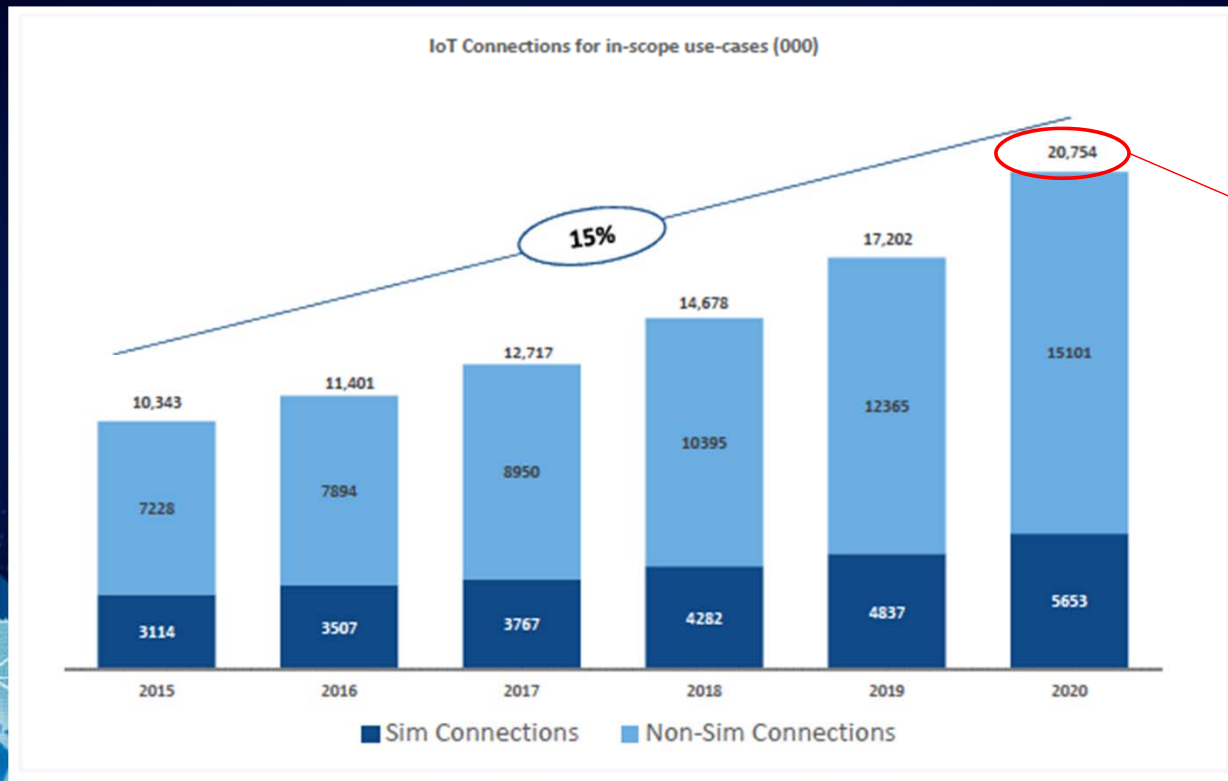
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