

Proportional security to meet the business needs of IoT

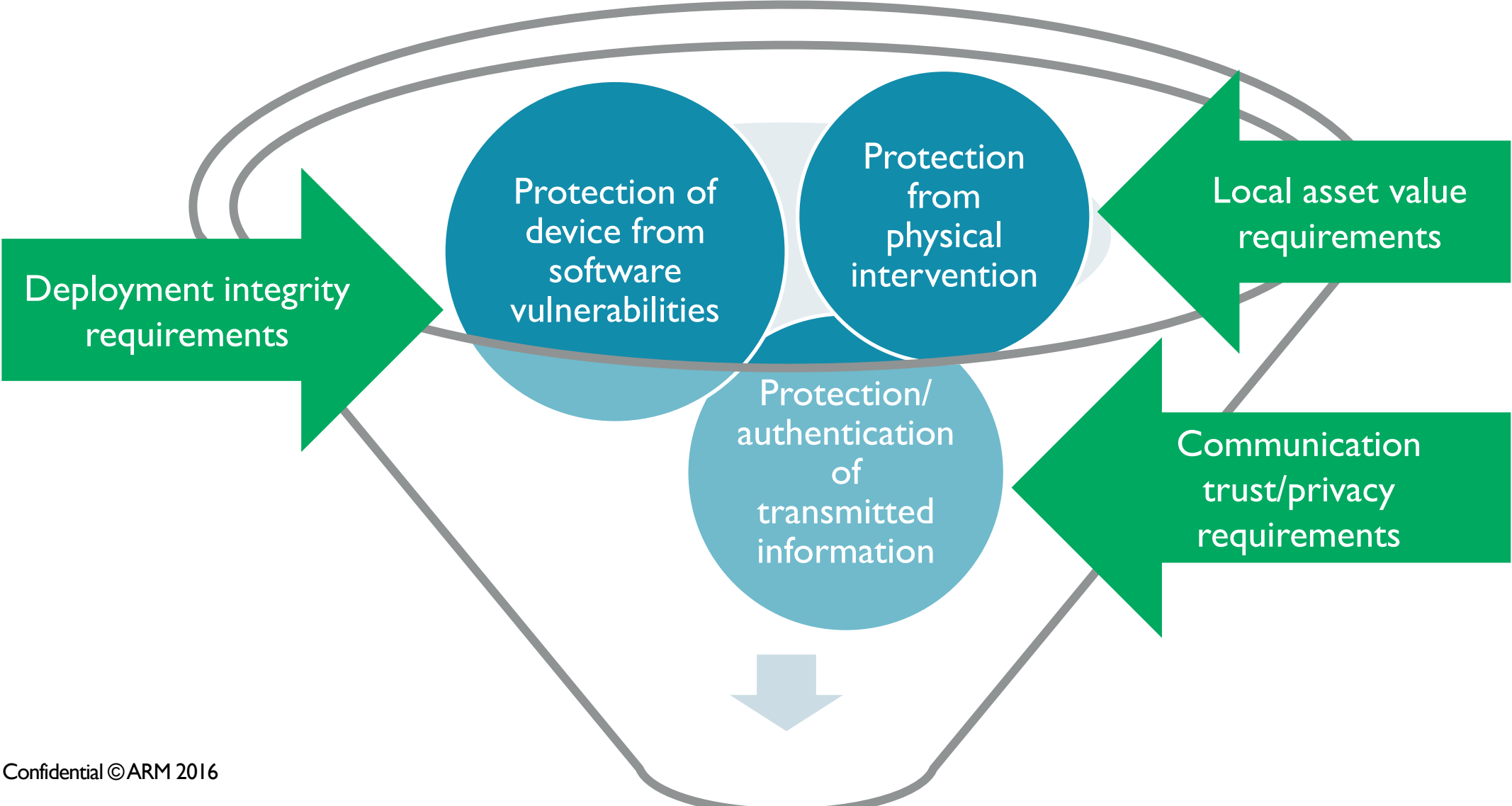
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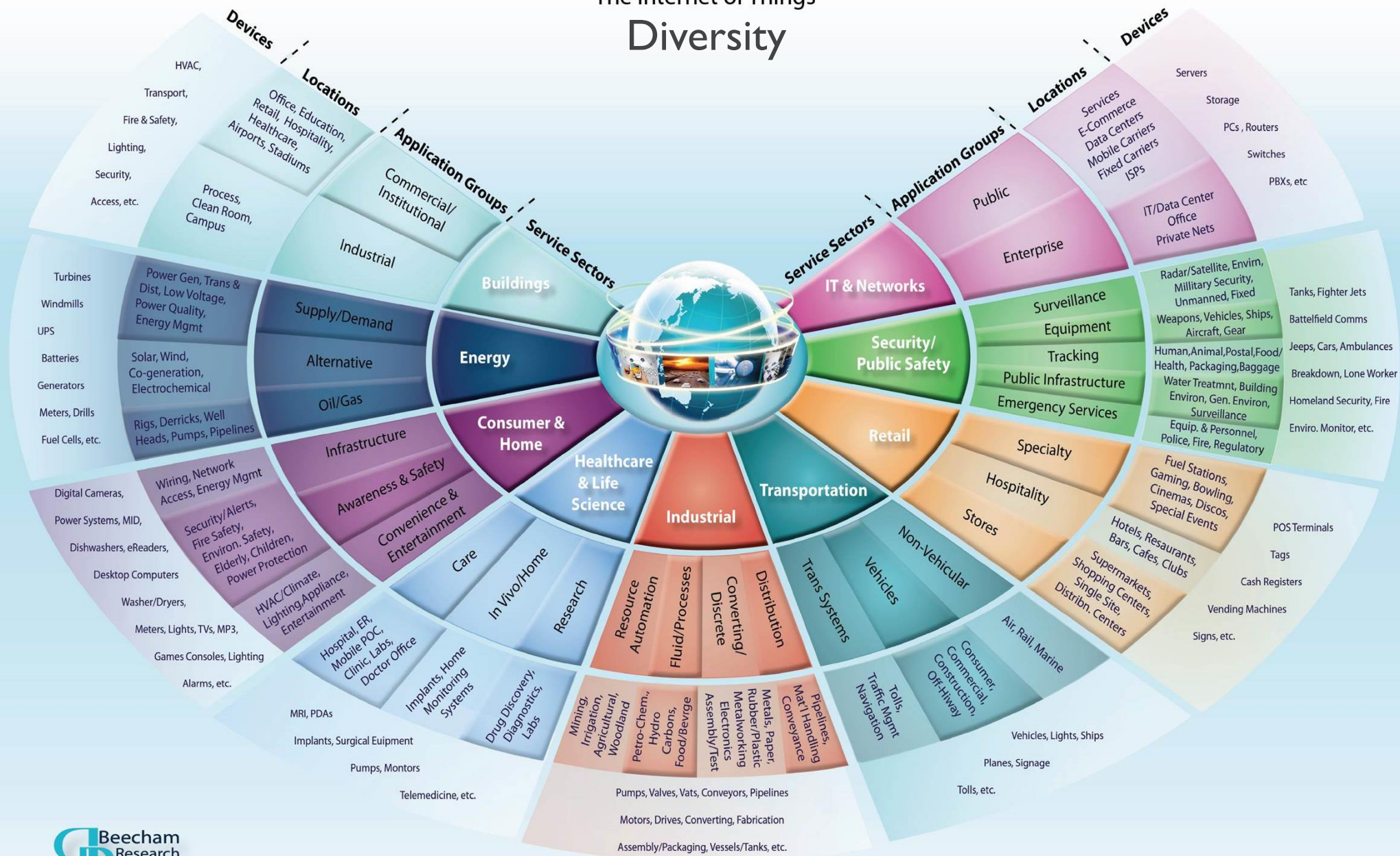
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Invest in IoT security according to business needs



The Internet of Things Diversity



Learn from internet security best practices

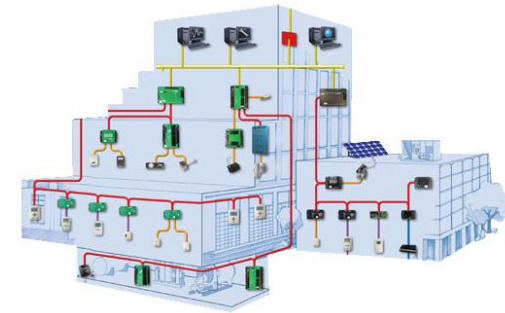


- Internet security evolving for decades
 - Leverage this heritage for IoT end nodes
- Low cost, long battery life nodes are capable
 - Think about agility post deployment – security is not a fixed thing
- Security is about the weakest link
 - Look for flaws in protocol and security architecture
 - Avoid deployment mistakes and mismanagement
- Learning applicable to both IP and non-IP IoT communication
 - Find ways to work with existing deployments/technology
 - Drive the future direction of relevant standards

IoT use cases

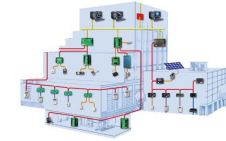


Bluetooth headset linked to cloud service via Smartphone App



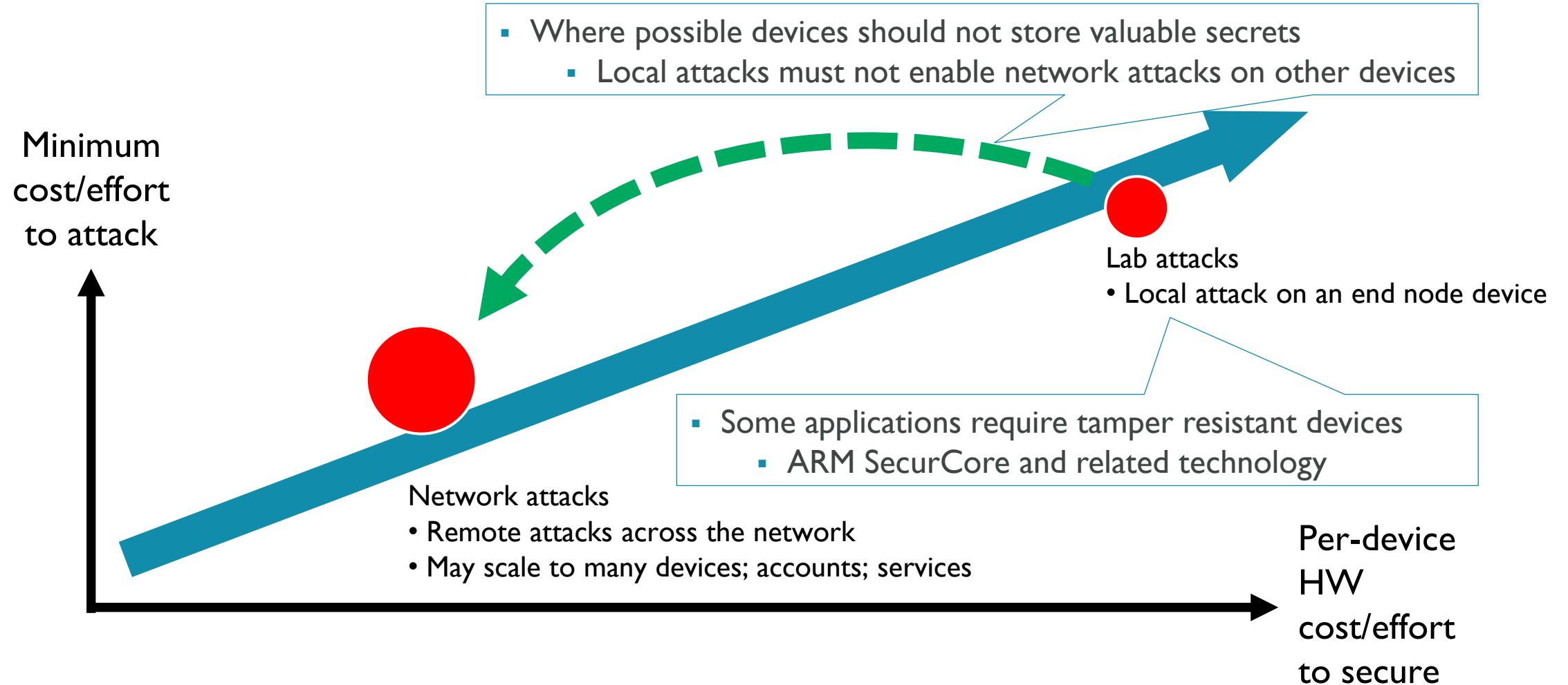
Building Automation System OEM covers many client buildings using a diverse set of device types with live connectivity to a cloud service

A few security technology choices



- **Protection/authentication of transmitted information**
 - Use standard BLE relationship between Smartphone and headset to pair devices and setup link security
 - Treat network as untrusted and use DTLS to establish secure connections based on certified device identities
- **Protection of device from software vulnerabilities**
 - Device is not directly addressable on the internet
 - Direct attack unlikely if paired device runs trusted SW
 - Strong security to establish/authenticate DTLS sessions (ECC) limits device access
 - Additional device partitioning can vastly reduce local SW attack surface
- **Protection from (local) physical intervention**
 - Limited local threats
 - Limited device asset value
 - Device identity and (device unique) service keys must be protected
 - Need security in supply chain to prevent installation of cloned devices

Security profiles



Proportional security

- Threat-models should be informed by business requirements
- Technology applied and cost expended varies according to application needs

- For example

- Risk environment of application
- Value of assets to be protected
- Trust and control over firmware
- Supply chain structure
- Lifetime of the device

Application	Security
Short life node	mbed TLS + Connect
Long life node	+ uVisor + Provision + Update
High value asset protection	+ Anti-tamper hardware (ARM SecurCore)

Ultra-constrained



BBC micro:bit
BT Smart beacon

Constrained



Rich BT Smart
Thread node

Mainstream IOT



Low BW WiFi node
Border router

Unconstrained



High BW WiFi node
Gateway

Device HW resources

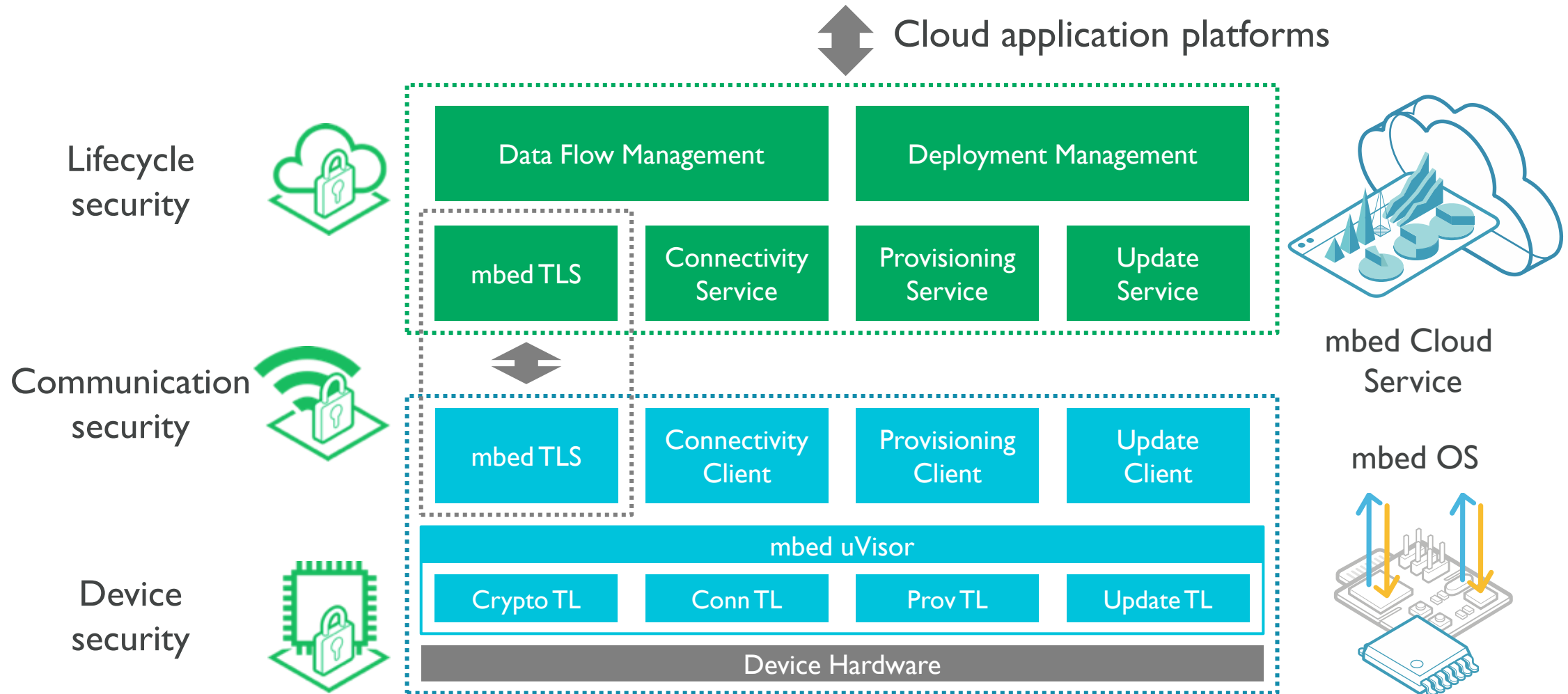
Architecture	ARMv6-M ARMv8-M Baseline	ARMv8-M Mainline or ARMv7-M with MPU	A-Class
Acceleration		TRNG + Crypto	TRNG + Crypto + GPU + VPU

Device SW capabilities

BT Smart	IP + TLS uVisor Lifecycle Security	IP + TLS uVisor Lifecycle Security Firmware over-the-air	IP + TLS OP-TEE Lifecycle Security Firmware over-the-air Rich UI/Multimedia
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mbed security architecture



Call to action: Better security value proposition

- Avoid selling via FUD
 - Generally unquantifiable: What is value of security investment? What is the ROI?
- Enable reasoning: What security is for, the value it brings
 - Understand threats to business and what key assets are?
 - Measure complete deployment lifecycle value not just BOM cost
- Do not treat Security Technology as a “One Size Fits All”
 - Deploy technology according to business needs
 - Proportional security response according to defined threats/value
 - Factor in agility to cope with evolving security context
- Deliver scalable security choices for IoT driven by clear need/value

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