

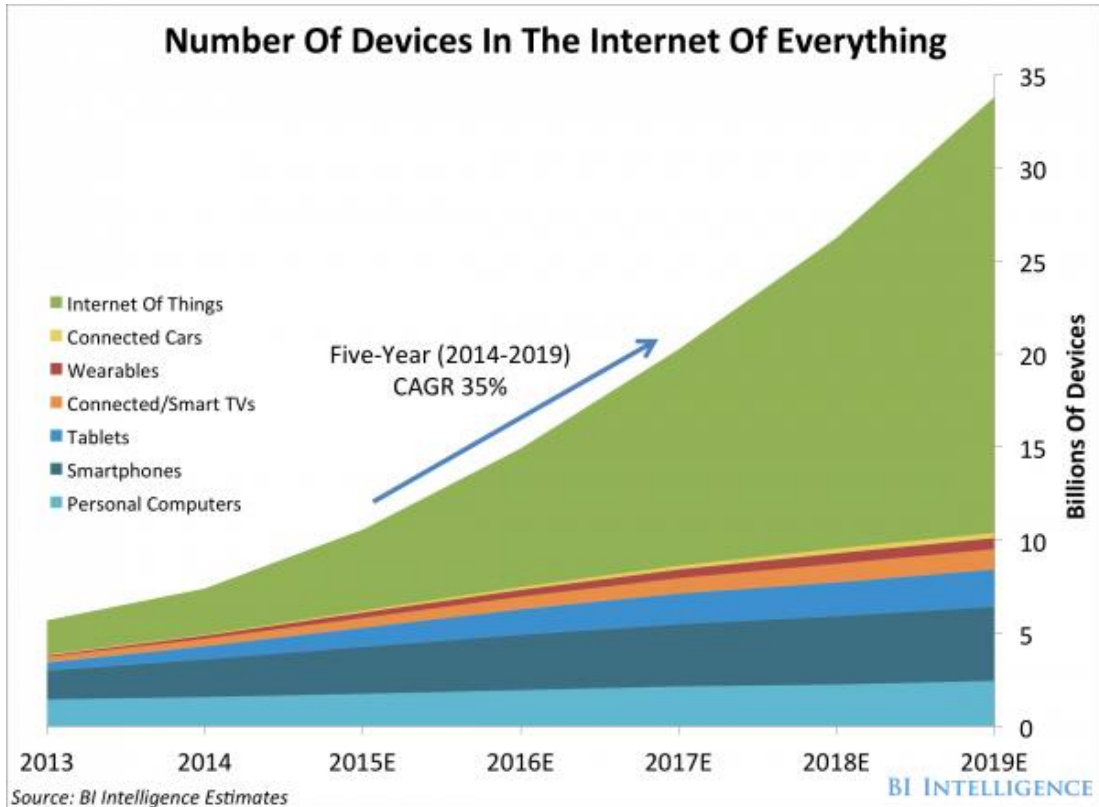
Wireless IoT Security

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❖ Internet of Everything



❖ Challenges for IoT Devices

- **Sensing a complex environment** -Innovative ways to sense and deliver information from the physical world to the cloud
- **Connectivity-** Variety of wired and wireless networks needed
- **Security is vital** - Detecting and blocking malicious activity
- **IoT is complex** IoT application development needs to be easy for all developers, not just to experts
- **Cloud is important** - IoT will require significant increase in data storage
- **Power is critical**



❖ Securing and Programming IoT Devices

- Traditional software-based security check as well as software analysis methods will not work
 - Not enough storage space for anti-virus software
 - No interface for getting security results out
- **Idea:** Use RF emanations from IoT to monitor security, analyze code performance and find bugs – **FROM OUTSIDE OF THE DEVICE**
 - IoT device and its software is unchanged
 - One attack cannot take over device and its security at the same time because they are two separate hardware entities
 - We are not looking for a particular intrusion signature



❖ EM Emanations From Computer Systems

- EM emanations from modern systems (laptops, desktops, cellphones, IoT) exist
 - Can they leak any “interesting” information? (yes)
 - From how far away can they be received? (several meters)

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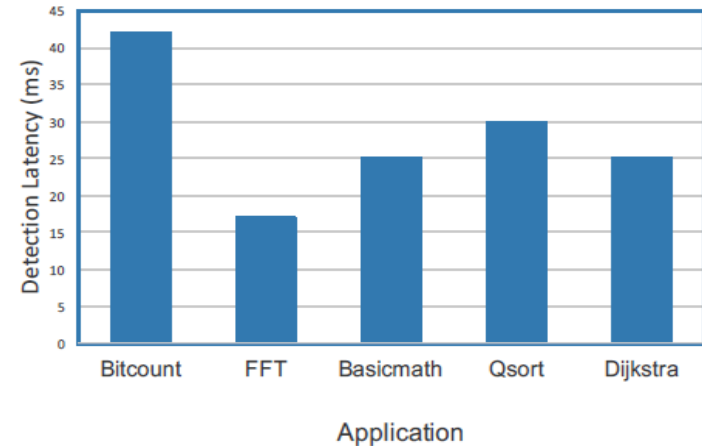
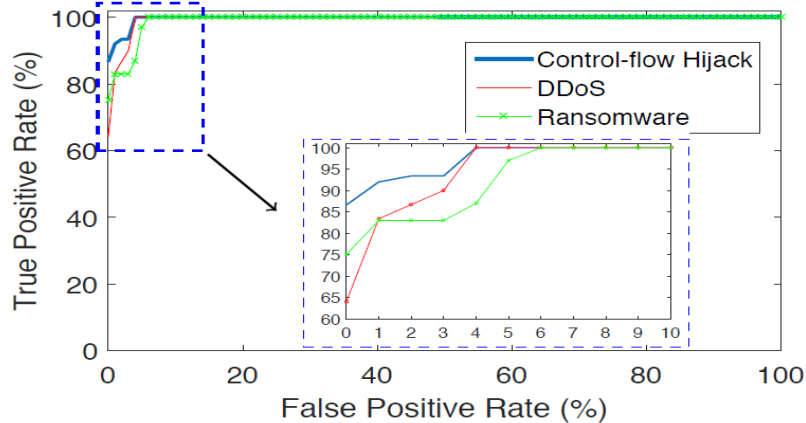
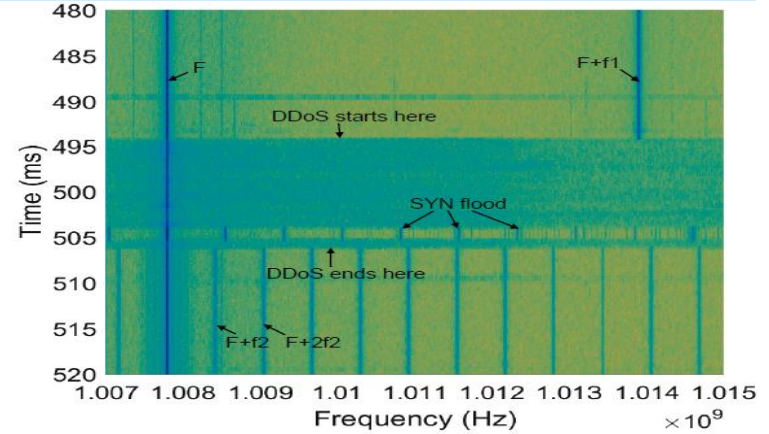
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❖ IoT Security via Side-Channels



❖ Other Possible Applications

- Supply chain verification
- Industrial control systems verification and security
- Software debugging

- Research Funding:



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- Commercialization
 - Patented technology
 - Camelia Technology, LLC

