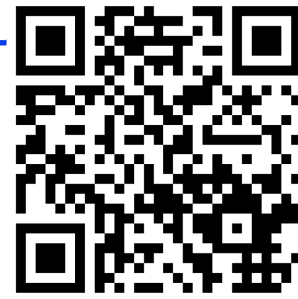
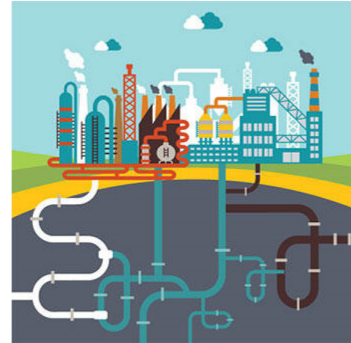
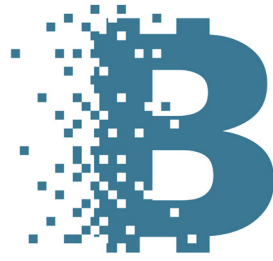


# Our Research on AI, Blockchains and Cybersecurity



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## 1. Trends in:

- AI
- Blockchain
- Cybersecurity

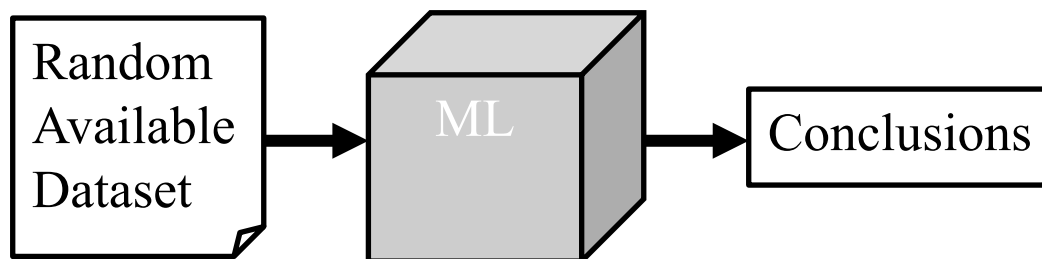
## 2. Our Research Projects in these areas

## 3. Key distinction of our research

# Machine Learning Challenges



- ❑ Machine learning is currently a black box
- ❑ ML algorithms are developed/used without domain expertise
- ❑ Data cleanliness, labeling, feature extractions, all require domain knowledge, e.g.,  
What is the distance between Port 80, Port 81, and Port 8080?
- ❑ Synthetic data is used  $\Rightarrow$  Garbage-In, Garbage-Out
- ❑ Results are stated without model validation.



# AI for Security: Imbalance



- ❑ AI started with image analysis but needs to be extended for security
- ❑ Security data is very different from image data
  - Most security datasets are not representative of real world.
  - In most papers, 10-15% of the packets are attack packets
- ❑ In real-world, 1 in a billion packets is an attack packet
  - Mis-classify the attack packet  $\Rightarrow$  99.9999% accuracy
  - Current metrics and methods not suitable for highly imbalanced data
- ❑ **Data imbalance** is a key issue in AI for security

1% attack =



# Trend: AI to Explainable AI



## □ Explainability issue

⇒ No idea of why the results are what they are  
Can't discover bugs in ML model implementations



*Machine Learning is what only machines can do,  
but human cannot do and cannot explain*

## □ Federated AI: For large AI problems such as in global security

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# Blockchains



1. Satoshi Nakamoto invented Bitcoin
2. He used blockchains to make it decentralized
3. Since then blockchains have found numerous other applications
4. Blockchains are distributed, decentralized (no single point of control), trustless (no need to trust other parties), secure (Elliptic Curve Cryptography) with non-repudiation guarantee (all transactions are signed)



# Trend: Centralized → Decentralized



- ❑ **Banks:** Allow money transfer between two accounts
- ❑ **City Records:** Wedding registers, Property ownership
- ❑ **Networks:** Certificate Authorities, DNS
- ❑ In all cases:
  - There is a central third party to be trusted
  - Central party maintains a large database ⇒ Attracts Hackers
  - Central party may be hacked ⇒ Affects millions
  - Central party is a single point of failure.  
Can malfunction or be bribed



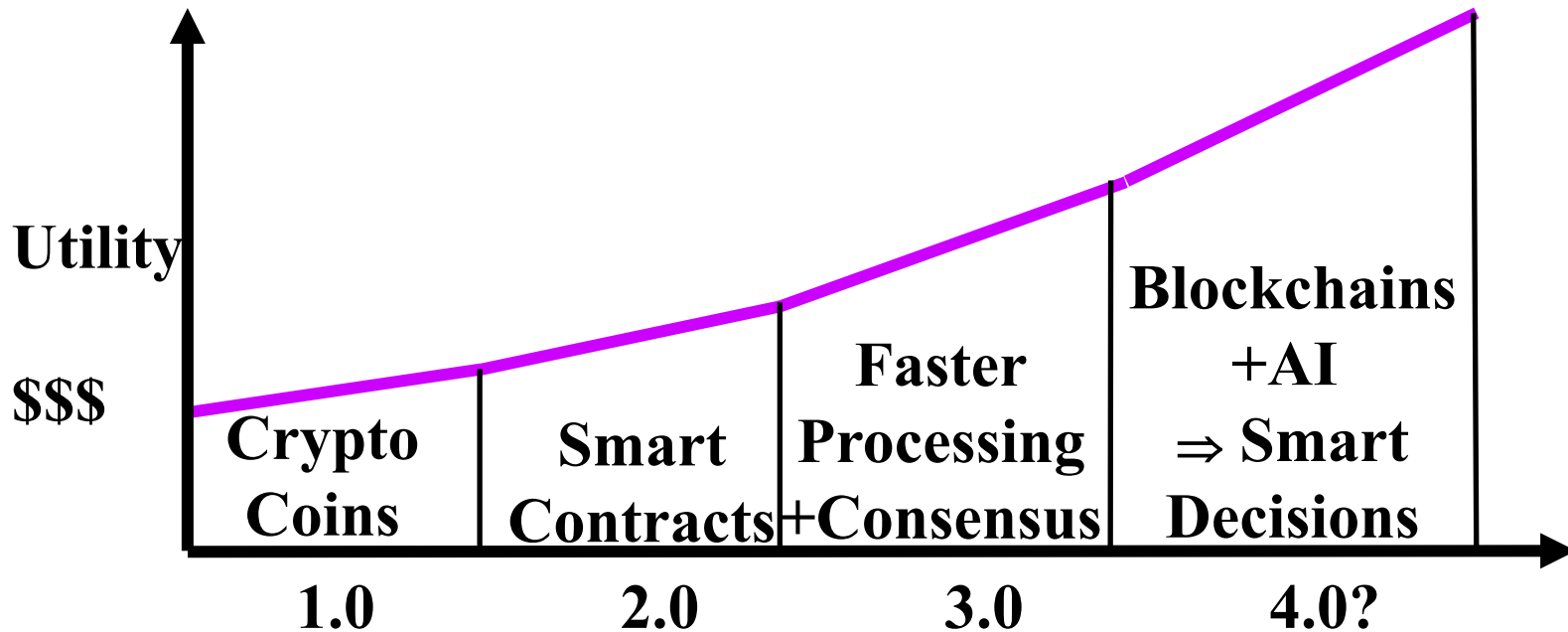
# Our Goal



- ❑ Moving the chain from deterministic to **probabilistic**
  - ❑ Moving the chain from storage to **computation**
  - ❑ Moving the chain from data to **knowledge**
  - ❑ Moving the chain from information to **decision making**
- ⇒ A blockchain that provides knowledge
- A **knowledge chain** would be more useful



# Blockchain Generations



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# Trend: Intelligent and Secure IoT/CPS



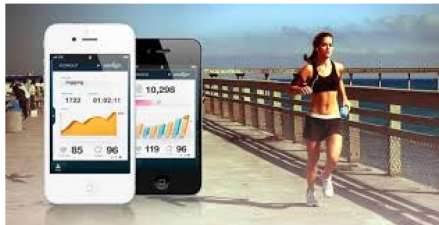
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Smart TV



Smart Kegs



Smart Health



Smart Home



Smart Car



Smart Space



Smart Industries



Smart Cities

# Our Research Projects



1. Industrial IoT Security
2. Medical IoT Security
3. Fault and Security of Datacenters using Deep Learning
4. Blockchains with AI for Security
5. AI Institute

3 Funded  
Research  
Projects

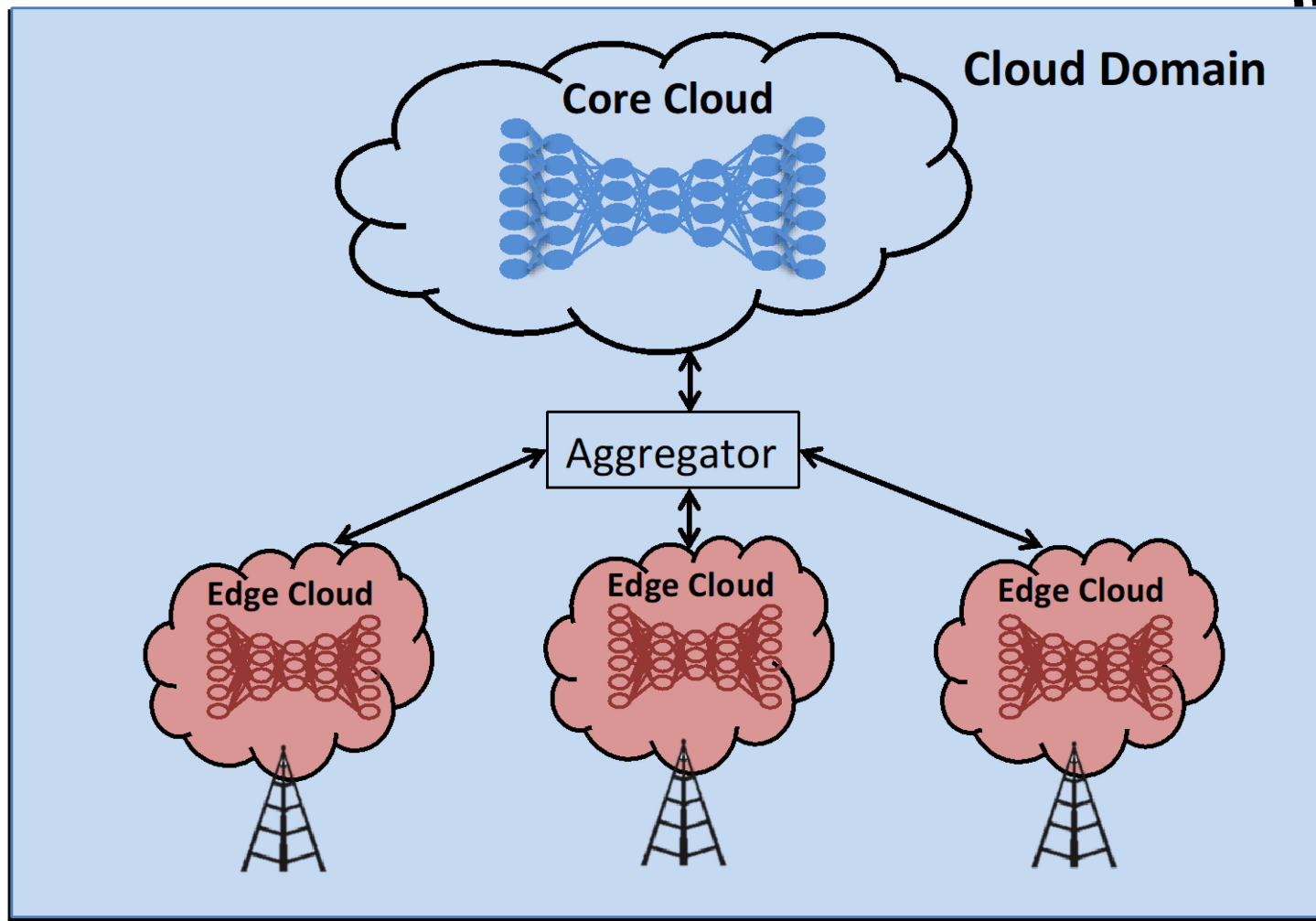
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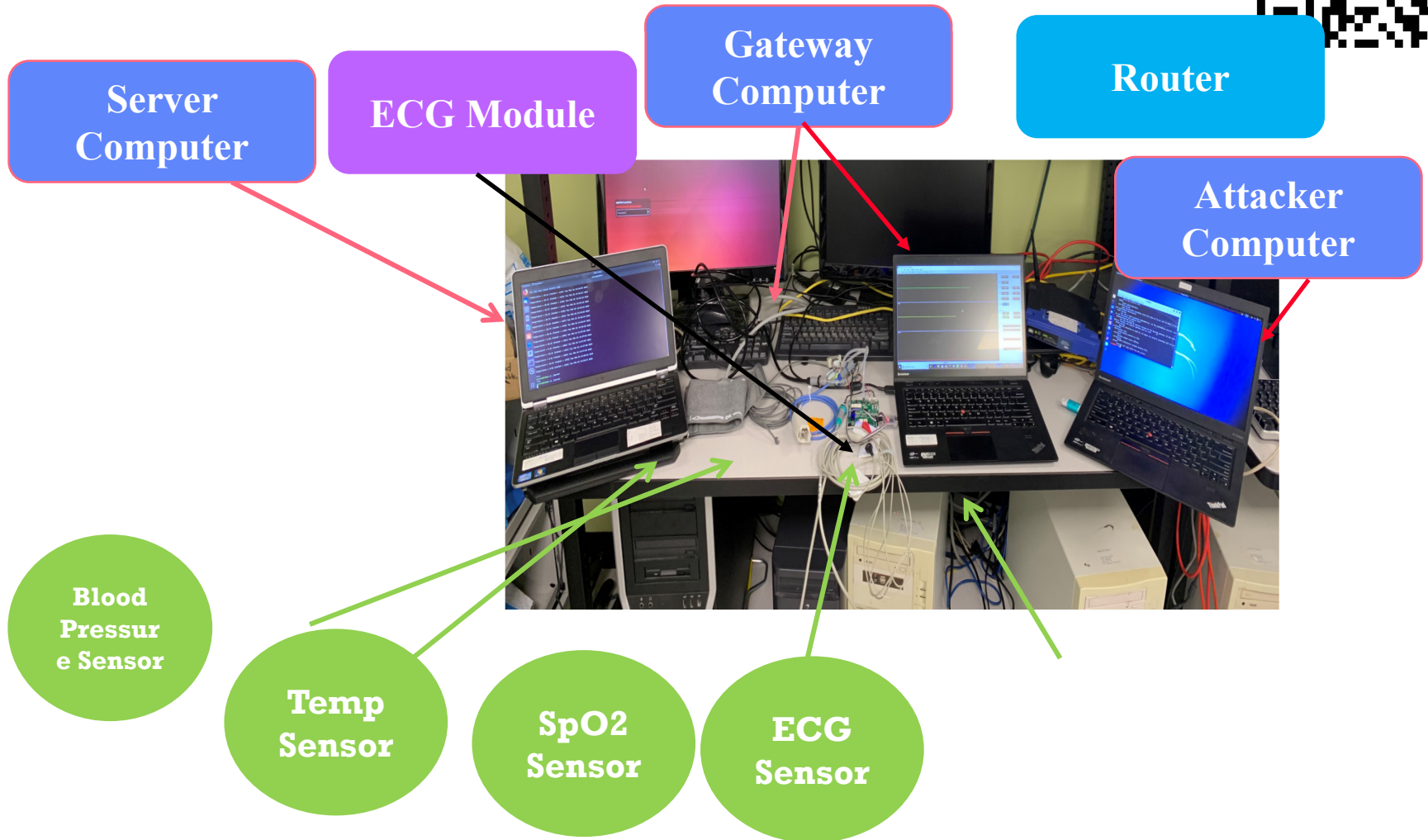
## Techniques:

1. Explainable and Federated AI
2. Blockchains with AI
3. Security using Blockchains and AI

# Innovations in Multi-Cloud Hierarchical AI Model with Layer Reuse



# Hospital on a Desk Testbed



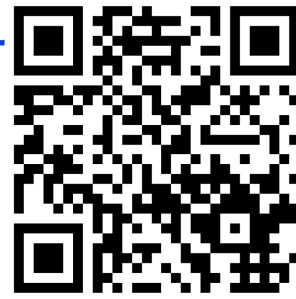
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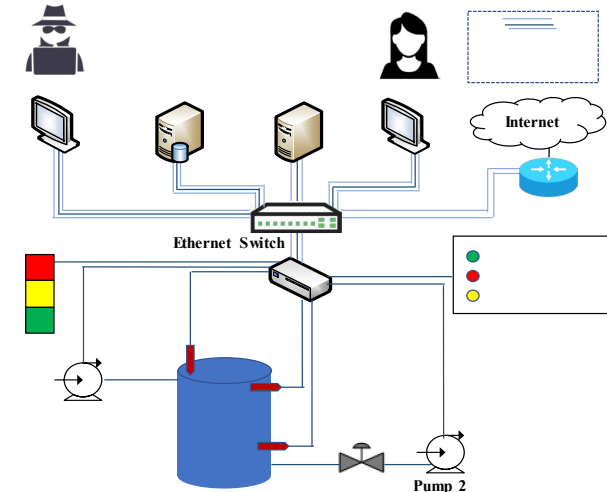
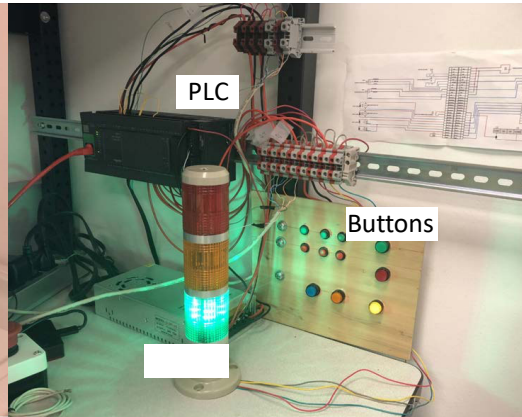
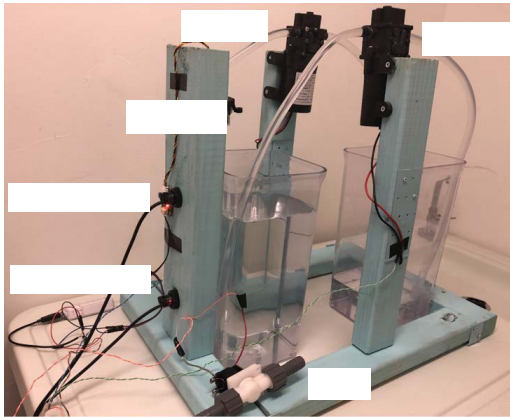
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# Industrial Control Systems Security



- ❑ Extremely critical infrastructure
- ❑ Nation state level attacks
- ❑ Any weakness in the lifetime management, installation, or upgrades, may lead to attacks



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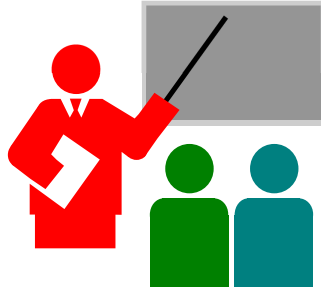


- ❑ Goal: Impact to the real-world  
DECbit congestion indication in almost all networking architectures since its invention
- ❑ Funded by industry partners:  
Intel, Cisco, Broadcom, Boeing, ...
- ❑ Impact real-world by participating in standards organizations and industry forums:  
ATM Forum, IEEE Standards, American National Standards Institute (ANSI), Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF), WiMAX Forum
- ❑ Work on long term as well as short term research





# Summary



1. AI → Explainable AI → Federated AI
2. Blockchains  
→ Blockchains with AI = Knowledge Chains
3. IoT Intelligent IoT Secure and Intelligent IoT
  - Industrial systems
  - Medical systems
  - Agriculture Systems
4. Research for Impact



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# Acronyms



- ❑ 3GPP Third Generation Partnership Project
- ❑ AI Artificial Intelligence
- ❑ ANSI American National Standards Institute
- ❑ AT&T American Telephone and Telegraph
- ❑ BSS Business Support Services
- ❑ CA California
- ❑ CGNAT Carrier Grade Network Address Translator
- ❑ CSE Computer Science and Engineering
- ❑ DECbit Digital Equipment Corporation Bit
- ❑ IEEE Institution of Electrical and Electronic Engineering
- ❑ IoT Internet of Things
- ❑ ML Machine Learning
- ❑ MO Missouri
- ❑ MS Master of Science
- ❑ NFV Network Function Virtualization
- ❑ NTT Nippon Telephone and Telegraph



# Acronyms (Cont)

- ❑ OpenADN      Open Application Delivery Networking
- ❑ OSS            Operations Support Services
- ❑ SON            Self-Organizing Networks
- ❑ TV              Television
- ❑ UK              United Kingdom
- ❑ US              United States
- ❑ VC              Venture Capital
- ❑ WAN            Wide Area Network
- ❑ WiMAX        Worldwide Interoperability for Microwave Access
- ❑ WUSTL        Washington University in St. Louis

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