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Managing Security Concerns in Smart Sustainable Cities

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cyber-security work

ITU-T FG-SSC:

- technical report on Cyber-security, data protection and cyber-resilience in smart sustainable cities

ITU-T SG17

- leading group, coordinates security-related work across all ITU-T Study Groups



Challenges

- SSC highly dependent on ICT, including IoT, RFID, M2M.
- hyper-connectivity for smart and sustainable city components and services, introduces higher levels of complexity, higher volumes of data to the extent of Big Data, opens new doors for malicious cyber-attacks
- relate to governance and policy-- need attention to ICT systems and critical infrastructure, and citizens of essential services, including smart grid, water management, healthcare, emergency services, public safety etc.

hyper-complexity + hyper-connectivity + hyper-volumes of data
= Hyper-vulnerability



The SSC cyber-equation

- “Smart and Sustainable Cities” have ICT as key enabler
- This implies:
 - Highly complexity of the ICT systems
 - Highly interconnected components
 - High volume of data generated



Hyper-connectivity +
Hyper-complexity +
Hyper-volume of data

= HIGH VULNERABILITY



A resilient Smart and Sustainable City...

...needs to be designed, from inception, with...

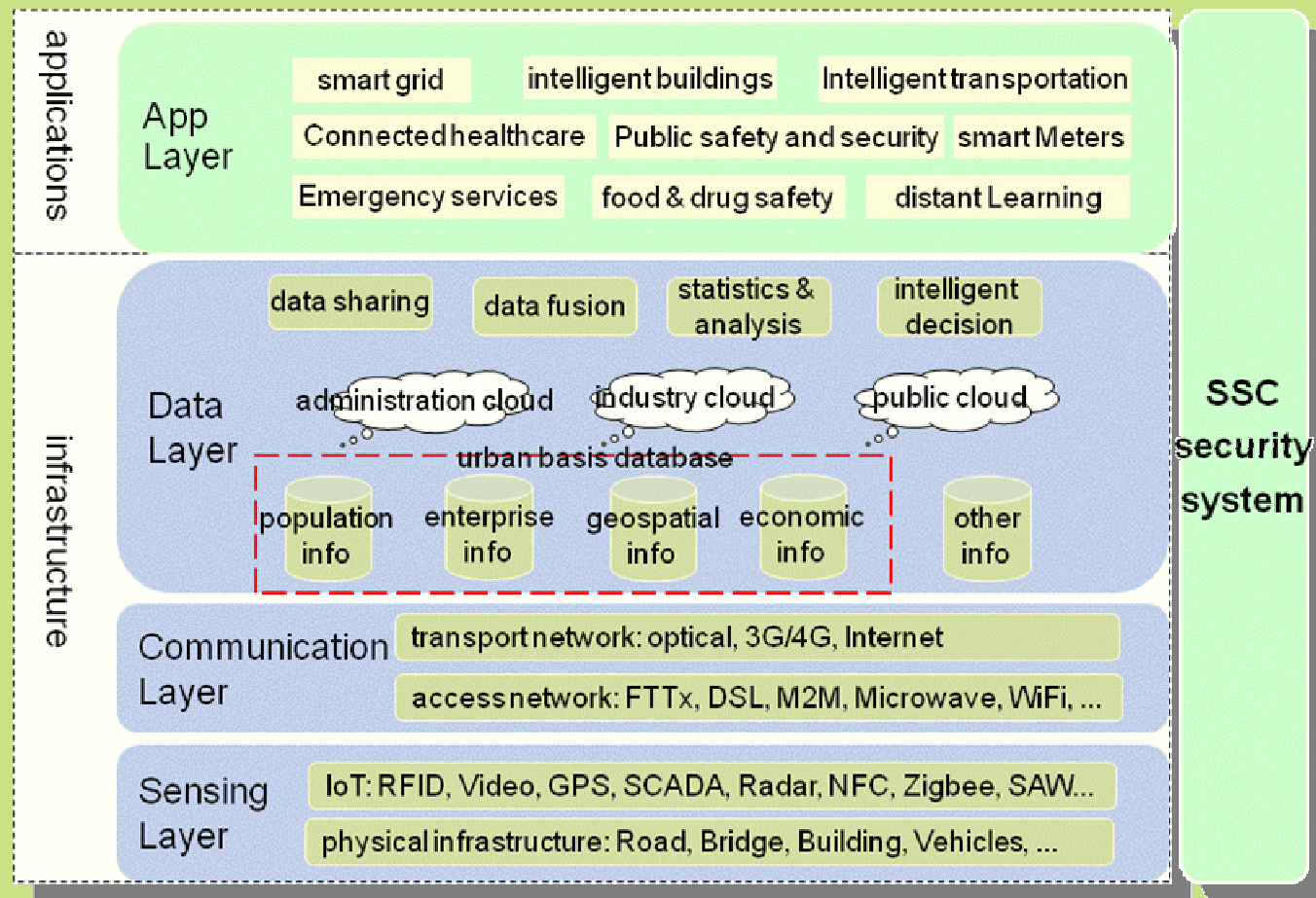
- Cyber security
- Privacy
- Integrity
- Compliance
- Reliability
- Resilience

...in mind.



HIGH VULNERABILITY

Layered view, and architecture...



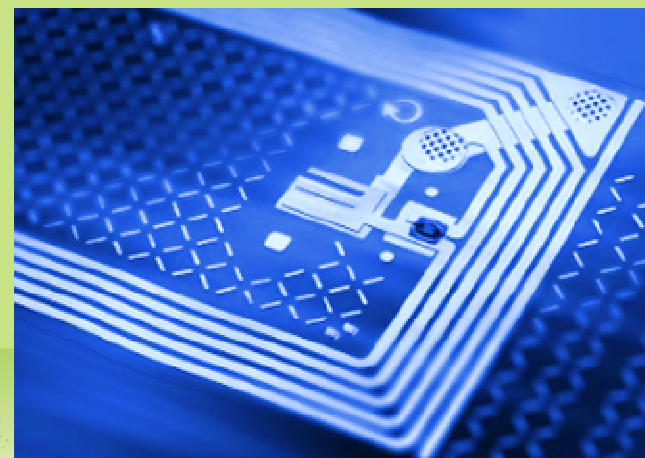
Smart grids and energy efficiency

- Cities consume between 60 and 80% of world's energy
- Smart Grid, smart metering with IP address and sensors allow monitoring and adjust generation and delivery based on consumption models
- Reduce cost and environmental impact



Intelligent transportation: keeping the city moving

- Real-time traffic flow information
- Telco, Global Positioning Systems (GPS)
- M2M communication, Wi-Fi and RFID technologies
- Data analytics and prediction techniques



Connected Healthcare

- Secure collaborative access for authorised medical services, to Electronic Patient Records, in a way, at any time, from anywhere, from any accredited device
- Telemedicine solutions for remote areas or in case of natural disaster
- Ageing population: assisted living and monitoring service for independence at home
- All require privacy, identification and cyber security



Public safety and security

- Protecting against crime, natural disasters, accidents or terrorism.
- Tele-surveillance systems to help emergency services
- First respondents to benefit from secure connectivity
- Secure data access and sharing



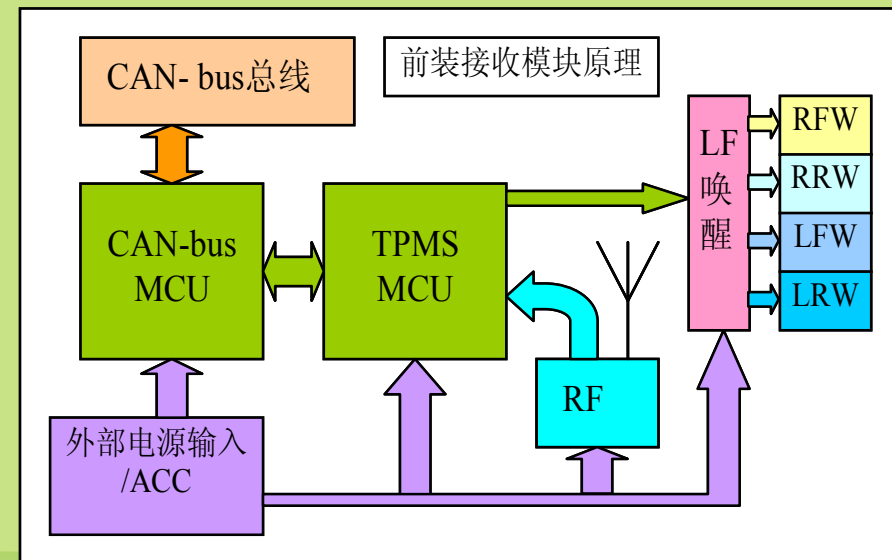
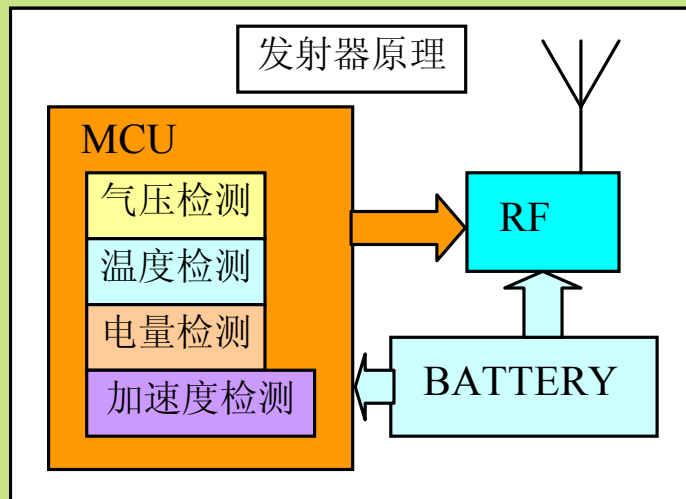
Wireless communications & hotspots

- Increasingly popular service, with increasing vulnerability
- Unsecure access to sensitive and personal data (online banking, social network, etc.)
- Younger population particularly exposed
- Cyber-crime increasingly active in these environments



a case study: vulnerability of tire pressure detection system (TPDS)

- Transmitter collect data of tire pressure and temperature, then transport it to the receiver through the wireless communication
- receiver get the data, then determine whether it exceeds the normal value.
- When there is failure to make a sound and light alarm



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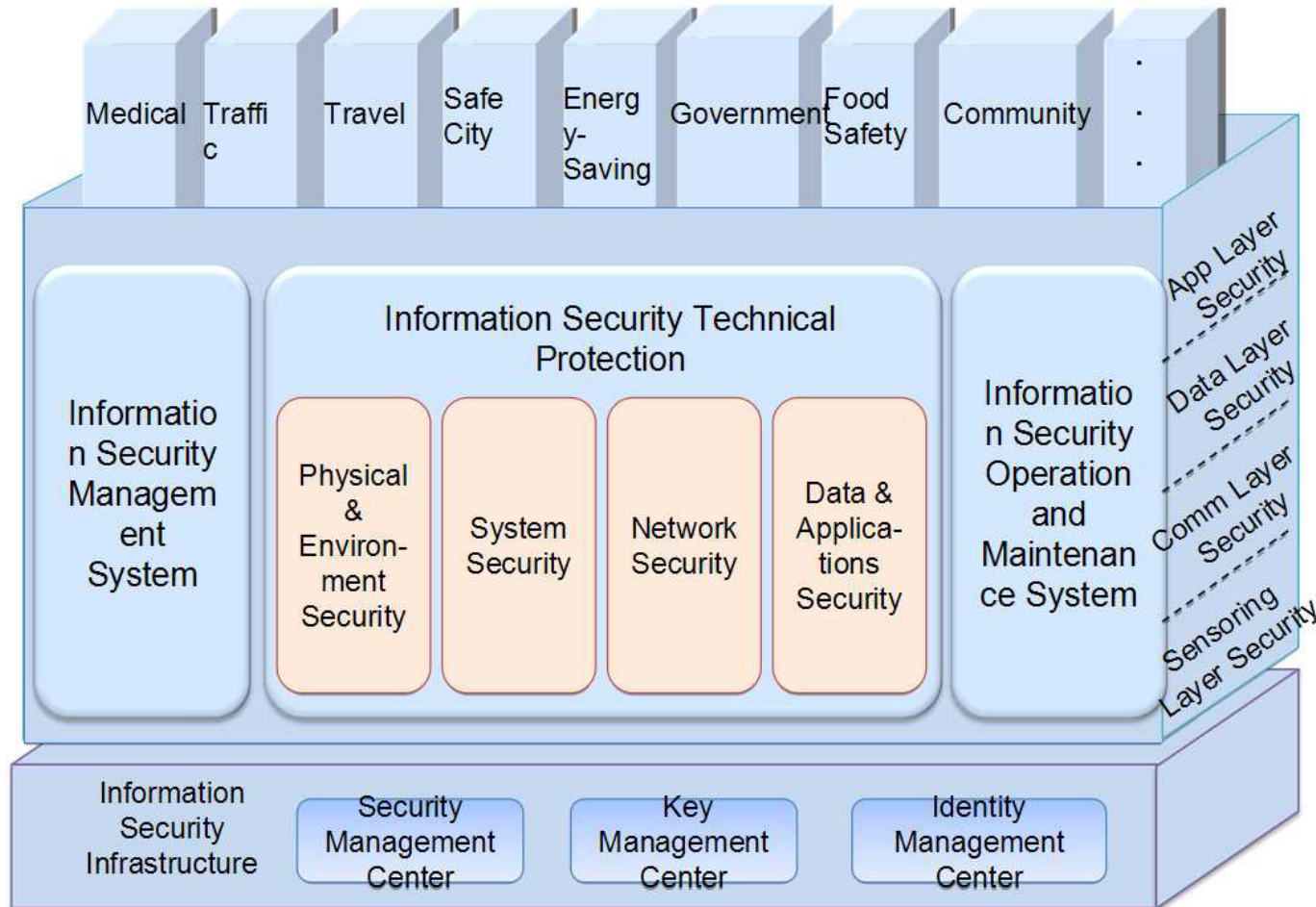
- Each sensor reports its unique identification number, each tire has a specific identification number

- ID can be decrypted at 40 meters. ie
- In the range of 40 meters any car can be tracked, each tire becomes automatic tracking devices

- intrude TPDS
 - attack Car PC
- now:
- track car
 - record the conversation within the car
 - start a locked car
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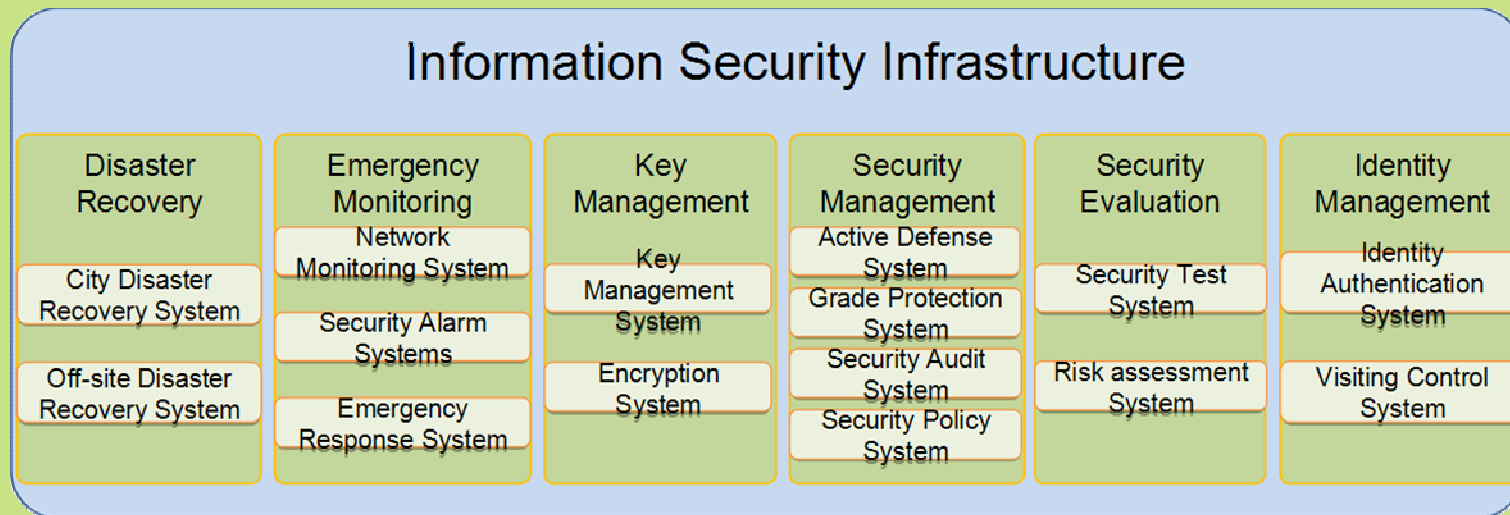


Security Architecture of a SSC



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- SSC Information Security Infrastructure
- SSC Information Security Technical Protection
- SSC Information Security Management System



Ensuring continuity of critical services

- City governance to ensure that ICT strategies are strongly interwoven into the fabric of the wider city evolution strategy
- Technology to enable policy
- City CIOs increasingly part of strategic policy discussions
- Systems/IoT, need to be standardised, interoperable and open, but also secure
- Cyber-security and resilience to be embedded from inception
- Cyber-security + backup and recovery systems for mission-critical administration data (& Big Data)



Recommendations (1)

- **Establish Governance** - Identify and organise key stakeholders
- **Governance, Risk and Compliance (GRC)** - Fulfil through policies and processes, enabled by *ad hoc* IT suites: stay compliant and mitigate risks
- **Service continuity** - Solutions and methodologies on Cyber-security, backup, data loss prevention, archiving and disaster recovery.
- **Protect information proactively**
 - Information-centric approach
 - Embed security within data
 - Utilise encryption
- **Authenticate users** with Strong Authentication
 - This also prevents from accidental disclosing of credentials and from attaching unauthorised devices to the infrastructure.



Recommendations (2)

- **Threat intelligence** - In order to understand the major trends in terms of potential attackers, through analysing trends on malware, security threats, and vulnerabilities
- **Managed security services** - Outsourcing security services to providers. The ICT leadership can in that way focus on their functional duties of running the city systems
- Rely on their national Computer Emergency Response Teams (CERT), in order to be aligned with national coordination on cyber-incidents and security, and benefit from the international visibility this provides these entities provide.
- **Protect the infrastructure** by securing endpoints, messaging and web environments.
- **Ensure 24x7 availability of the critical infrastructure**
- **Develop an information management strategy**



Links & Additional Information

- ITU-T and Climate Change
itu.int/ITU-T/climatechange
- ITU Focus Group on Smart Sustainable Cities
itu.int/en/ITU-T/focusgroups/ssc/
- ITU Symposia & Events on ICTs and Climate Change
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