

# Security of Energy Storage Systems



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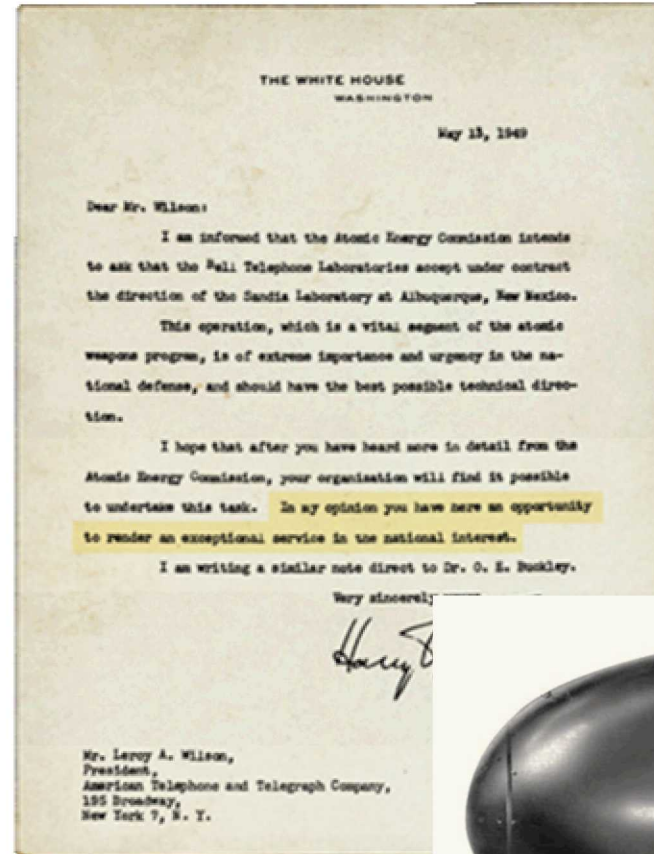
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# SANDIA'S HISTORY IS TRACED TO THE MANHATTAN PROJECT

*...In my opinion you have here an opportunity to render an exceptional service in the national interest.*

- July 1945  
Los Alamos creates Z Division
- Nonnuclear component engineering
- November 1, 1949  
Sandia Laboratory established
- AT&T: 1949–1993
- Martin Marietta 1993–1995
- Lockheed Martin: 1995–2017
- Honeywell: 2017–present





# SANDIA HAS FACILITIES ACROSS THE NATION

## Activity locations

- Kauai, Hawaii
- Waste Isolation Pilot Plant, Carlsbad, New Mexico
- Pantex Plant, Amarillo, Texas
- Tonopah, Nevada

## Main sites

- Albuquerque, New Mexico
- Livermore, California





# SANDIA HAS FIVE MAJOR PROGRAM PORTFOLIES



## SANDIA'S WORKFORCE IS GROWING

Staff has grown by over 5,000 since 2009 to meet all mission needs





## 7 Energy Storage Systems Program

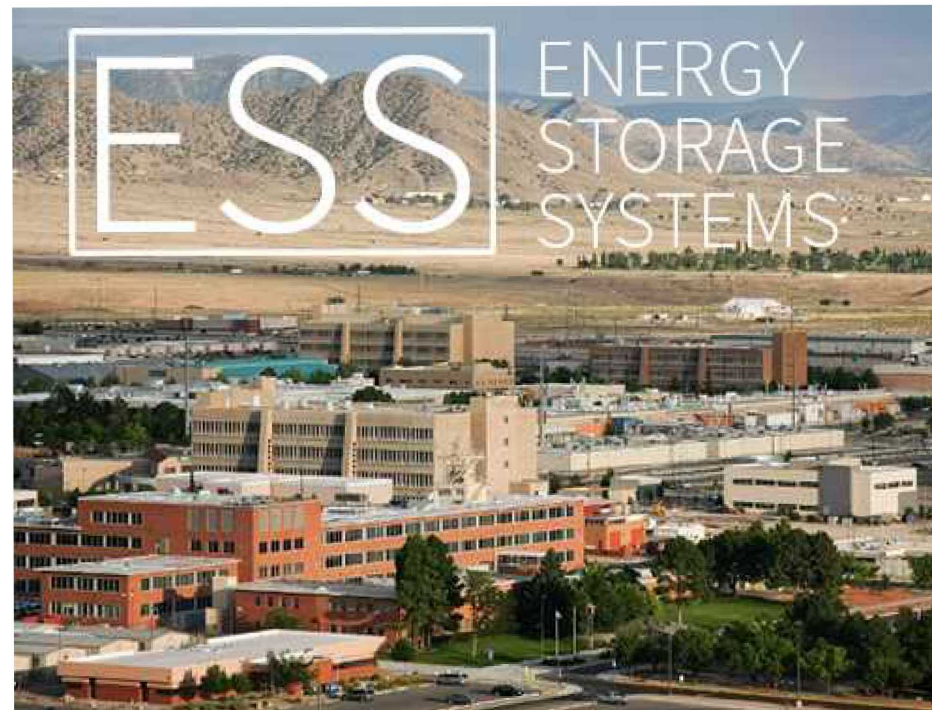
Started in 1950's

- Develop power sources for Nation's nuclear stockpile

From 1970s on, focus moved to electric power

- Develop advanced energy storage technologies and systems
- Increase the reliability, performance, and competitiveness of electricity generation and transmission
- Electric grid
- Standalone systems

For more information: <https://www.sandia.gov/ess-ssl/>



# Introduction

Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESSs) have many similarities with other DERs

- Similar scale
- Power Conversion Systems (PCS)
- Controllable

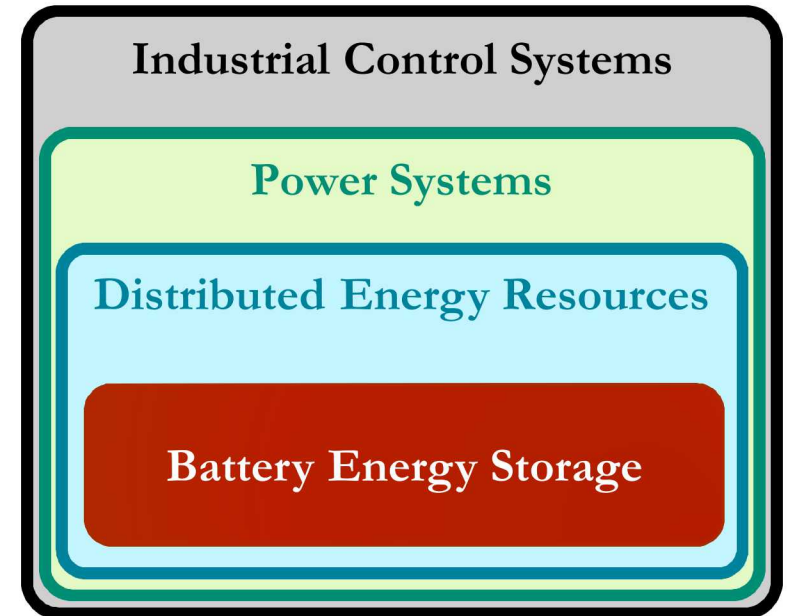
Other Energy storage systems (ESS) share the similar characteristics

But some particularities

- Inherent risks of stored energy
- Dedicated management of energy for each technology
- Need for specific equipment to perform those functions
  - Battery Management Systems
  - Fire Suppression
  - Networks
  - Permanent damage
- Need to communicate with PCS and energy management systems

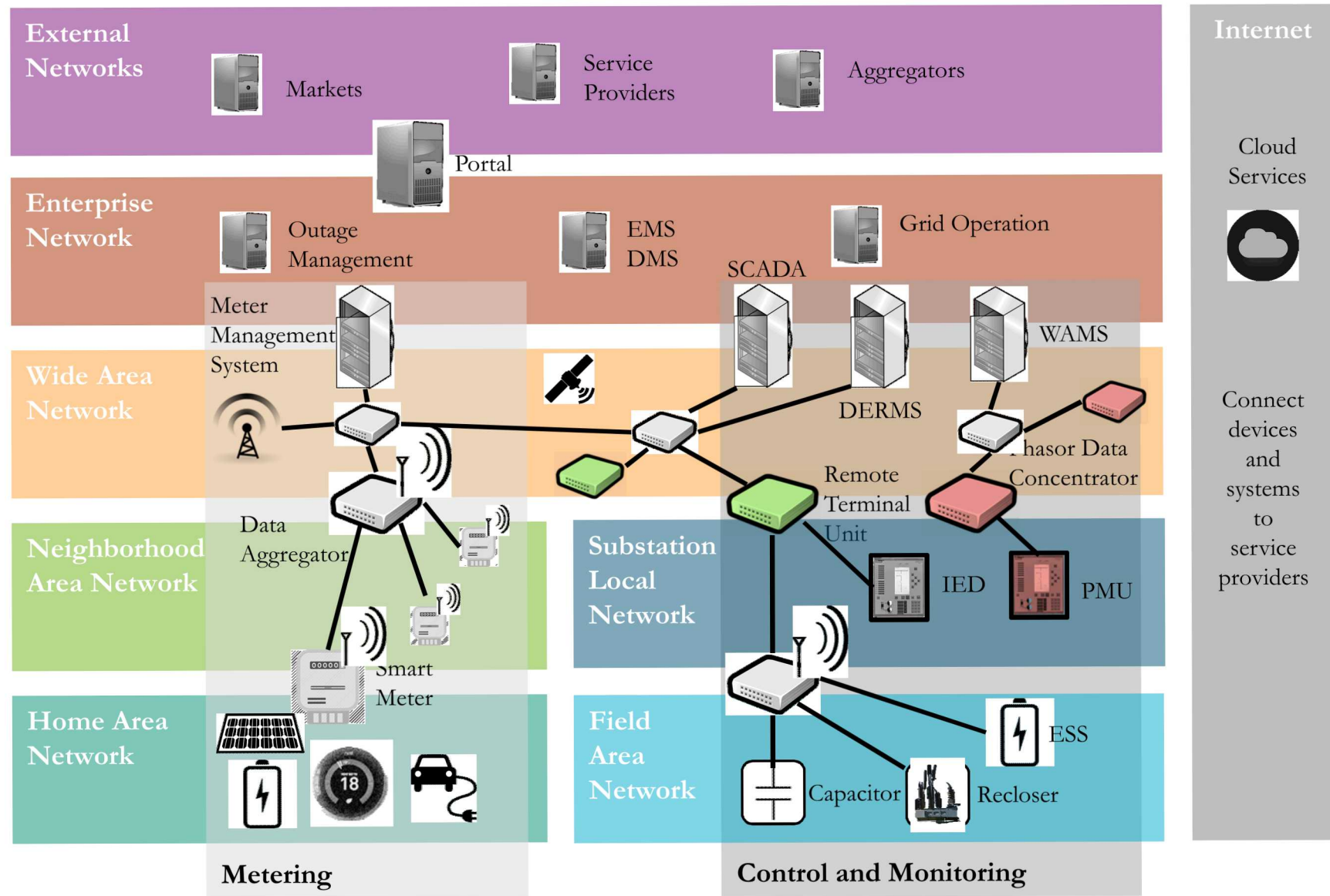
BESS and DER are new technologies

- Context of power systems and Industrial Control Systems

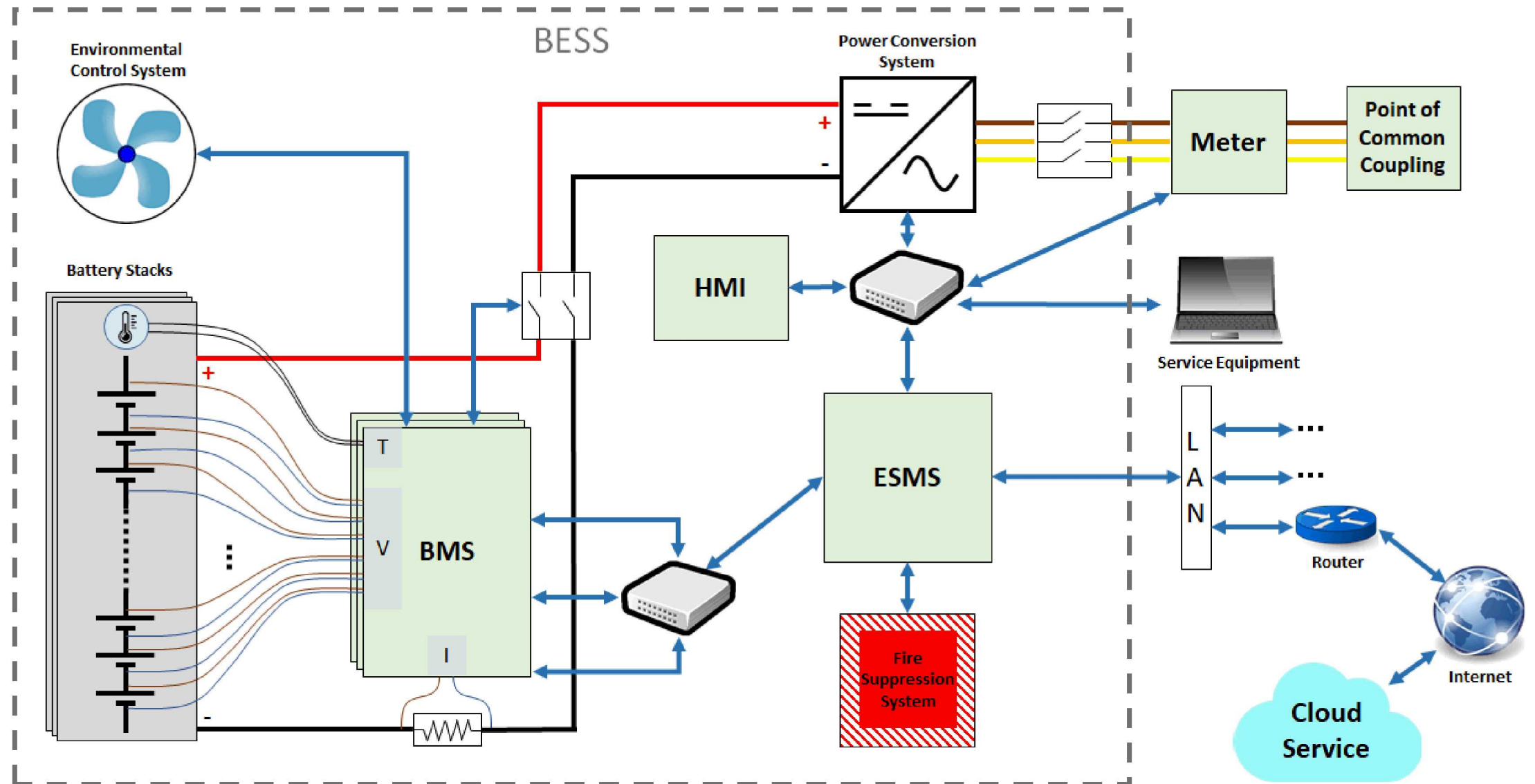




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Rely on external communications for control and monitoring

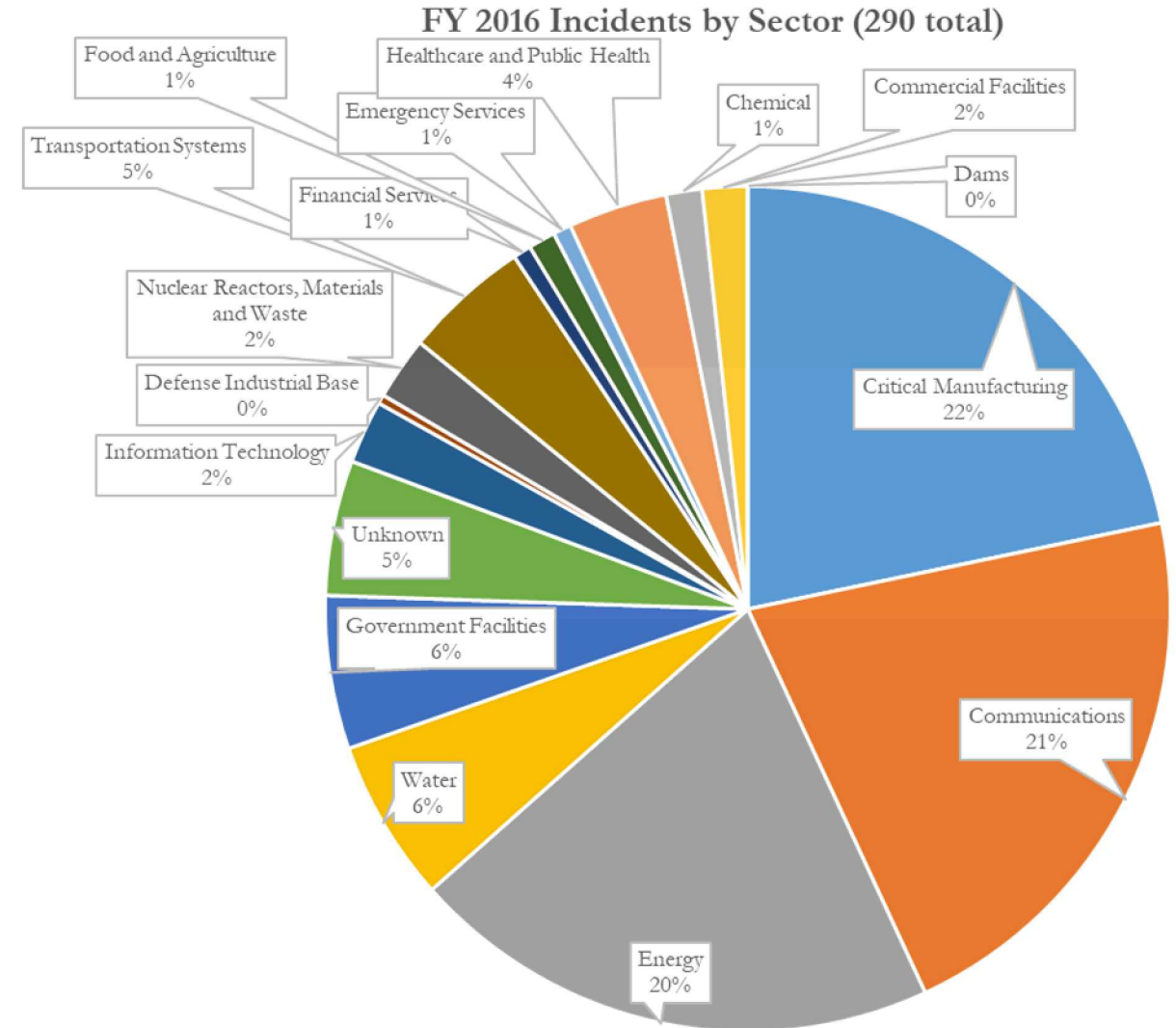
Many outward facing systems

- Portals
- Cloud services
- Human Machine Interfaces (HMIs)

Critical infrastructure

Cybersecurity-related standards?

- NIST
- NERC
- IEEE
- ISA
- IEC
- ...



Source: ICS-CERT Year in Review 2016 Incident Response Pie Charts

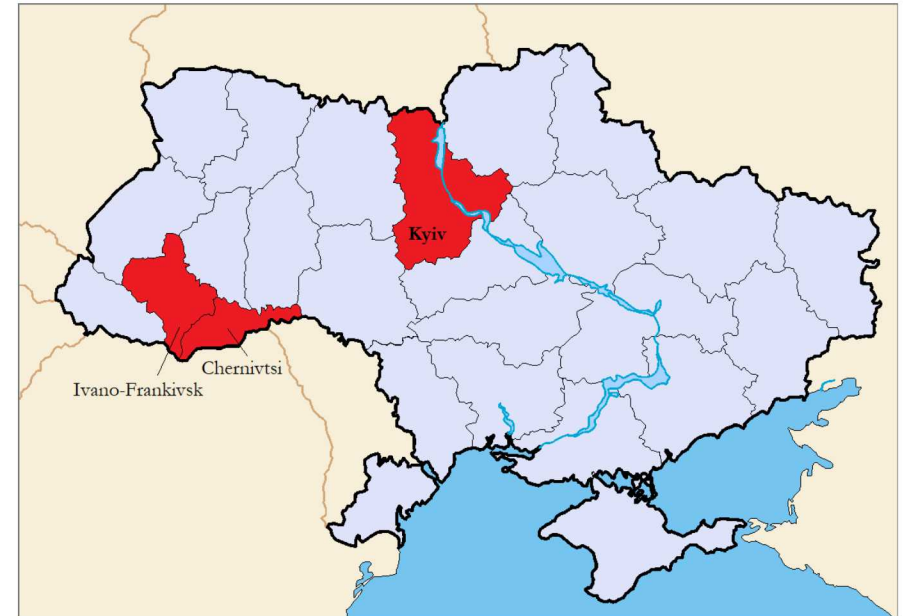
# Notable Cyberattacks

## 2010 – Natanz Uranium Enrichment Plant, Iran

- Stuxnet
  - Infection through USB drives and Windows vulnerabilities
  - Targeted Programmable Logic Controllers (PLCs)
- Attacked centrifuges used for Uranium enrichment

## 2015 – Ukraine

- Access through spear-phishing emails and malware in MS Office files
- Use of Black Energy 3 Malware
- Threat actors performed reconnaissance over several months
- 3 regional power distribution utilities
- Remotely disconnected 7 110kV and 23 35kV substations
- 1 to 6-hour outages affecting 225,000 customers
- Denial-of-service



Ukrainian *oblasts* affected during the 2015 cyberattack.



# Notable Cyberattacks

## 2016 – Ukraine

- Industroyer/Crashoverride malware framework
  - More sophisticated than 2015 attack but less successful
- Attack on transmission station led to 1-hour outage in Kiev region
- Goal was to permanently damage grid equipment following switch to manual

## 2018 – Intrusion in control rooms of US power utilities

- Believed to be part of a reconnaissance operation

## 2019 – First Cyberattack on Wind and Solar in the US

- Denial-of-service
- Unpatched firewall vulnerability

## 2019 – Ransomware attack on Natural Gas Pipeline in US

- Halted operations of a natural gas compression facility for 2 days
- Spear-phishing attack
- Attacker accessed Operational Technology network following Information Technology intrusion

## Physical security:

- Facilities are often unmanned with minimal physical security
- Outsider threat actors will have time to carry out their action

## Safety

- Stored energy has inherent risks
- Batteries – gassing, fire, toxic chemicals
- Dams, compressed air, flywheels...

## Cybersecurity

- Disable protection mechanisms
- Cause damage or malfunction of ESS
- Induce power grid instability – (Centralized or DER)
- Modify readings to harm awareness



Diesel generator set damage during 2007 Aurora Generator Test.



# NIST Cybersecurity Framework

Cybersecurity Enhancement Act of 2014

Starting point for organizations

Voluntary

An organized approach

- Functions
- Categories
- Subcategories
- Informative references

Implementation tiers

Framework profile

Other relevant frameworks

- ISO 27001
- ISA-95
- ISA/IEC 63443 (ISA-99)

FRAMEWORK FUNCTIONS	IDENTIFY ID	CATEGORIES	SUBCATEGORIES	INFORMATIVE REFERENCES
	PROTECT PR	CATEGORIES	SUBCATEGORIES	INFORMATIVE REFERENCES
	DETECT DE	CATEGORIES	SUBCATEGORIES	INFORMATIVE REFERENCES
	RESPOND RS	CATEGORIES	SUBCATEGORIES	INFORMATIVE REFERENCES
	RECOVER RC	CATEGORIES	SUBCATEGORIES	INFORMATIVE REFERENCES

# NERC CIP

## North American Energy Reliability Corporation Critical Infrastructure Protection

NERC works with the industry to develop standards

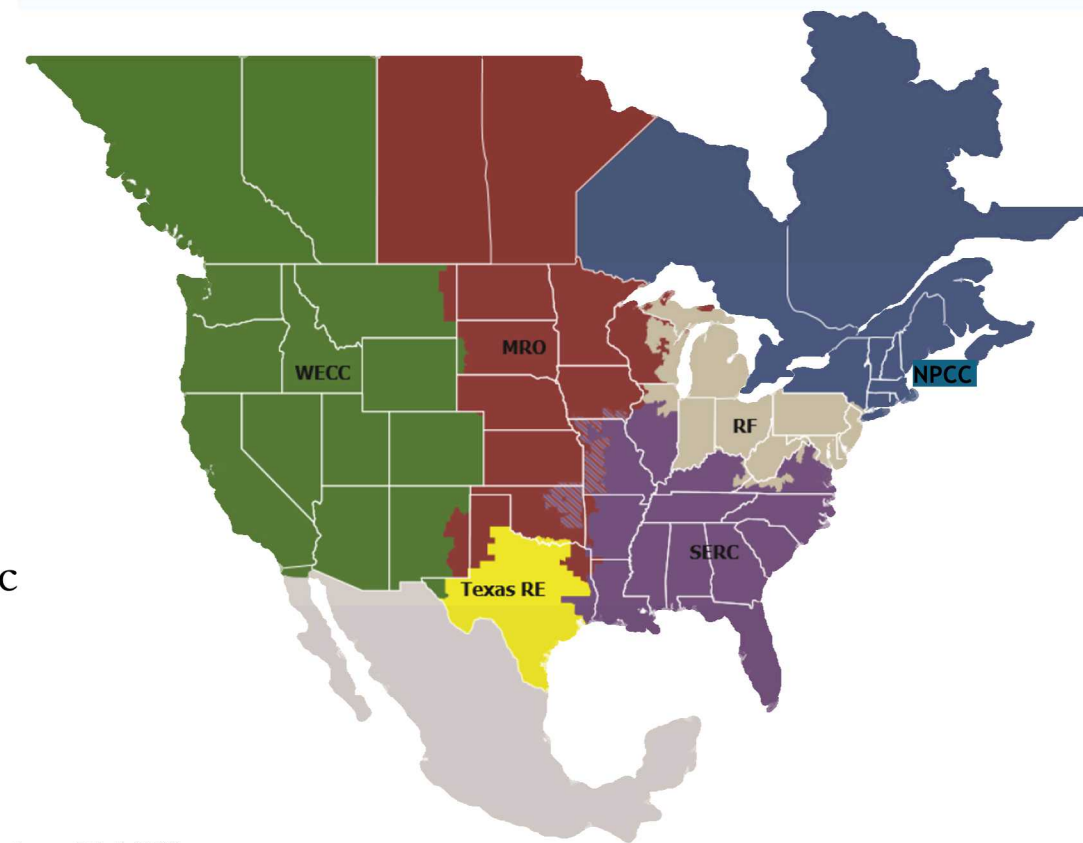
FERC approves the standards

- Penalty Structure
- Audit Cycles

Energy Storage is an inverter-based resource

Identify and protect cyber assets used to operate the Bulk Electric System (BES) critical infrastructure

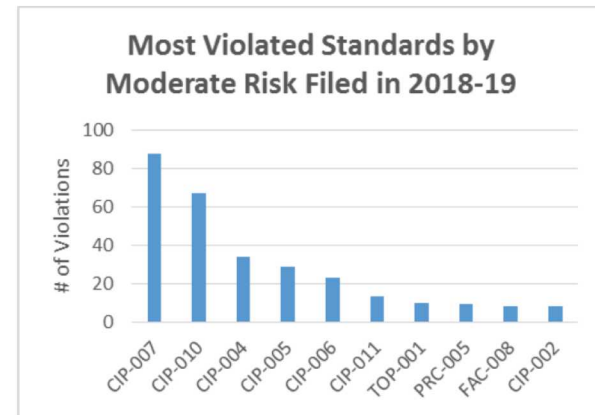
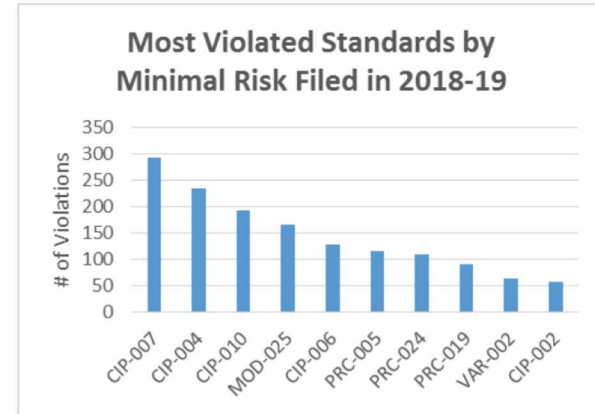
- Might apply to ESS, since it applies to:
- “[...] Transmission Elements operated at 100 kV or higher [...]”
- Generating resources
  - gross individual nameplate greater than 20 MVA OR gross aggregate nameplate greater than 75 MVA
- Dispersed power producing resources
  - Aggregate capacity greater than 75 MVA





## Standards Subject to Enforcement

CIP-002-5.1a	Cyber Security — BES Cyber System Categorization
CIP-003-8	Cyber Security — Security Management Controls
CIP-004-6	Cyber Security - Personnel & Training
CIP-005-5	Cyber Security - Electronic Security Perimeter(s)
CIP-006-6	Cyber Security - Physical Security of BES Cyber Systems
<b>CIP-007-6</b>	<b>Cyber Security - System Security Management</b>
CIP-008-5	Cyber Security - Incident Reporting and Response Planning
CIP-009-6	Cyber Security - Recovery Plans for BES Cyber Systems
CIP-010-2	Cyber Security - Configuration Change Management and Vulnerability Assessments
CIP-011-2	Cyber Security - Information Protection
CIP-014-2	Physical Security



## Standards Subject to Future Enforcement

CIP-005-6	Cyber Security — Electronic Security Perimeter(s)
CIP-008-6	Cyber Security — Incident Reporting and Response Planning
CIP-010-3	Cyber Security — Configuration Change Management and Vulnerability Assessments
CIP-012-1	Cyber Security – Communications between Control Centers
CIP-013-1	Cyber Security - Supply Chain Risk Management



## IEEE Guide for Smart Grid Interoperability of Energy Technology and Information Technology Operation with the Electric Power System (EPS), End-Use Applications, and Loads

### Smart grid interoperability reference model (SGIRM)

- Power Systems
- Communications
- Information technology

### Interoperability Architectural Perspective (AIP)

### Entities and Descriptions

### Data flows

### Subclause 4.5 on Security and Privacy overview

- Mention to ISO/IEC 27000 series
- NISTIR 7628, “Guidelines for Smart Grid Cyber Security”

# IEEE 2030.2-2015

## 2030.2-2015 - IEEE Guide for the Interoperability of Energy Storage Systems Integrated with the Electric Power Infrastructure

- Discusses how discrete and hybrid energy storage systems can be integrated with electric power infrastructure

### Clause 8 on Security and Privacy

- More specific than 2030-2011
- Still high level

Compilation of security issues, standards, security requirements, risk management, security design...

### Examples of storage applications

- SGIRM interfaces
- SGIRM dataflows



## IEEE Standard for Interconnection and Interoperability of Distributed Energy Resources with Associated Electric Power Systems Interfaces

- Not a cybersecurity standard, but contains some elements of cybersecurity
- Mandates at least one of the following protocols
  - IEEE 2030.5 (SEP2)
  - IEEE 1815 (DNP3)
  - Sunspec Modbus

## Annex D.4 of IEEE 1547-2018 presents list of cybersecurity requirements

- Focus on Local DER communication interface security
- Some guidelines on system architecture and interfaces

## IEEE Guide for Monitoring, Information Exchange, and Control of Distributed Resources Interconnected with Electric Power Systems

- Clause 9 Security Guidelines for DR implementations
- Discuss security issues
- Lists options for securing communications

## New version of 1547.3 Guide for Cybersecurity of Distributed Energy Resources Interconnected with Electric Power Systems

- More detailed requirements for cybersecurity
- Broadened scope
  - Cybersecurity is an organization-wide effort

# Best Practices

There are several resources that provide good guidance

- NIST 800-82, Guide to Industrial Control Systems (ICS) Security
- NIST 800-53, Security and Privacy Controls for Information Systems and Organizations
- DHS NCCIC and ICS-CERT, Recommended Practice: Improving Industrial Control System Cybersecurity with Defense-in-Depth Strategies
- CIS Critical Security Controls

Cybersecurity Self-Evaluations and Audits

- DHS US-CERT Cyber Security Evaluation Tool (CSET)
- Electricity Subsector Cybersecurity Capability Maturity Model (ES-C2M2)
- Information Design Assurance Red Team (IDART™)
- Risk management frameworks
  - NIST 800-37, Guide for Applying the Risk Management Framework to Federal Information Systems: A Security Life Cycle Approach



# Best Practices

## Patching

- Common for IT network
- For OT devices, it is more tricky

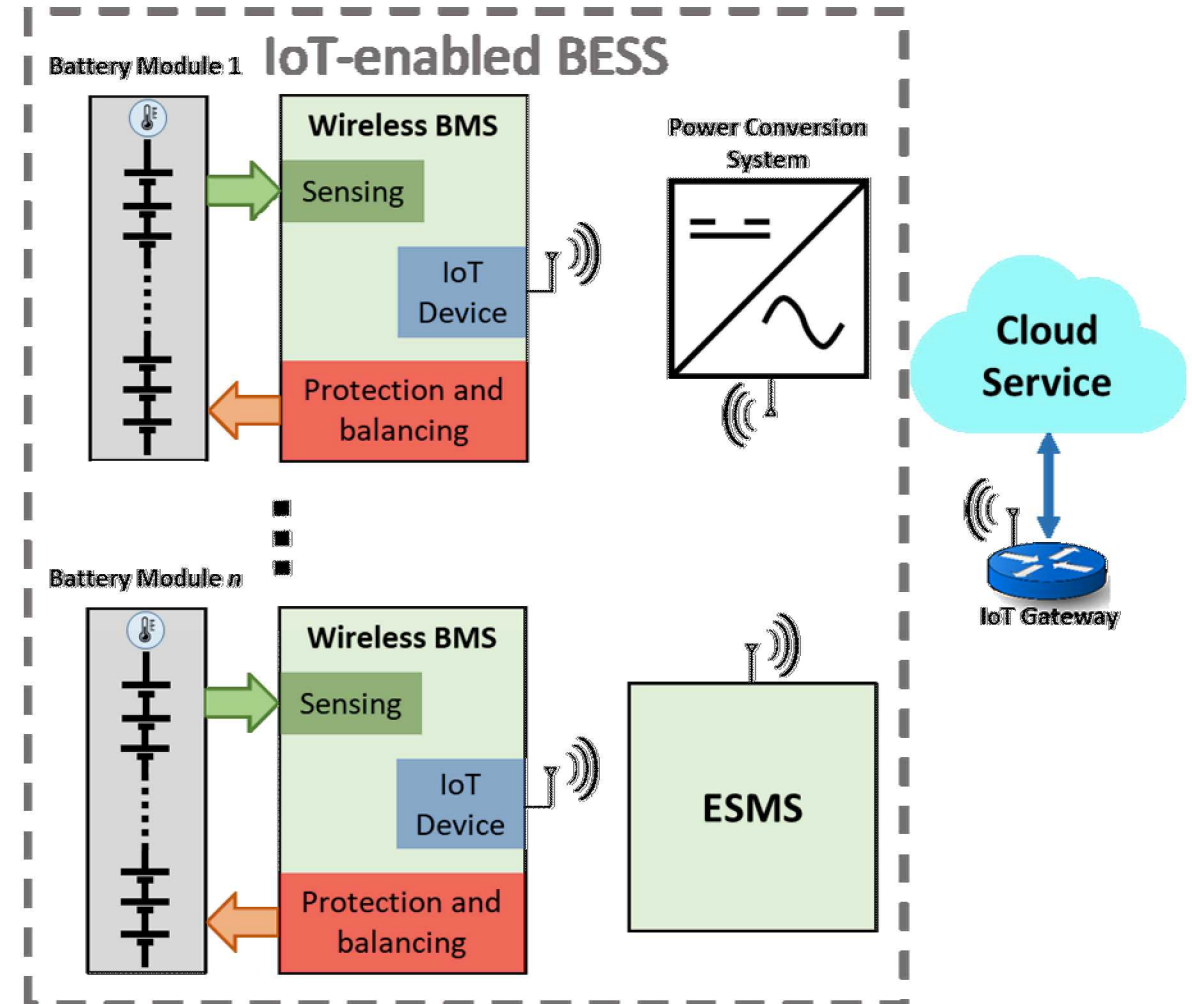
## Supply Chain Risk Management

- D. Shackleford, Combatting Cyber Risks in the Supply Chain, SANS Institute Report, Sept 2015
- SAE International, Standard ARP9134A, “Supply Chain Risk Management Guideline”
- NEMA, CPSP 1-2015, Supply Chain Best Practices, Document ID: 100742
- SAE International, Standard AS5553A, “Fraudulent/Counterfeit Electronic Parts; Avoidance, Detection, Mitigation, and Disposition Verification Criteria”
- SAE International, Standard AS5553B, “Counterfeit Electrical, Electronic, and Electromechanical (EEE) Parts; Avoidance, Detection, Mitigation, and Disposition”

# Research

## Internet-of-Things

- Devices controllable/readable over the internet
- Already exists for many consumer electronics
  - Thermostats
- Embedded systems can benefit from computational power of cloud servers
- Scalability
- Security concerns

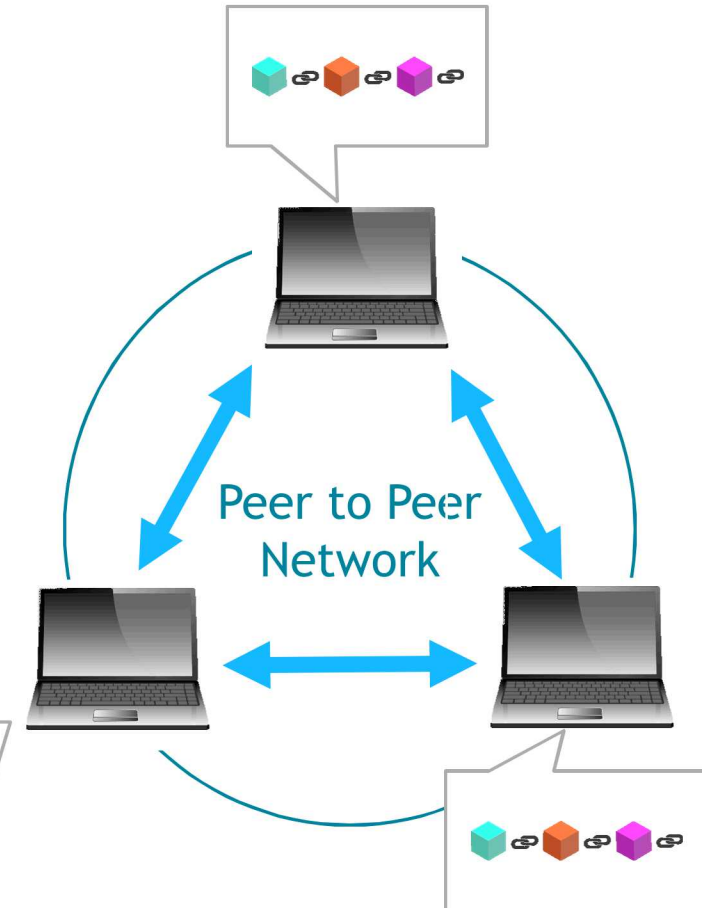
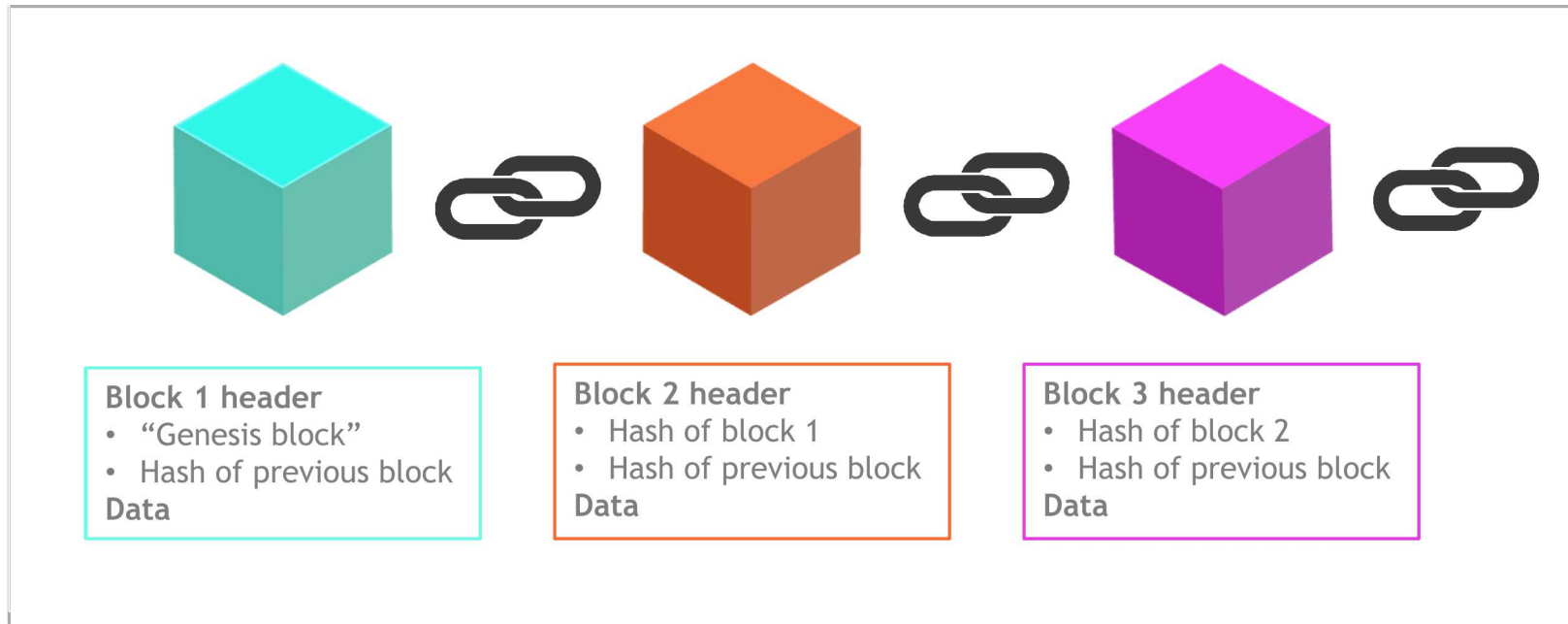


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# Research

## Blockchain

- ID and asymmetric key, allowing packet encryption
- data integrity and privacy even if insecure communication protocols are used
- Integrity of stored data
  - Distributed ledger





# Research

## Smart contract

- access control can be leveraged to guarantee data privacy
- contracts can also be used to assess the integrity of firmware

## Blockchain technology for supply chain management

- Identify and trace system components
  - electronics,
  - batteries and
  - E.g. TrustChain and POMS

Blockchain protocols are usually computationally intensive

# Conclusion

Cybersecurity codes and standards provide a roadmap

Organize and understand interoperability

Cybersecurity must be effort of the entire organization

New standards have become more specific

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