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# Overview of IoT Technologies:

## Concepts and Applications





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# OUTLINE

Introduction

History and Definition

How it works and Why

Applications

Benefits and Challenges



# INTRODUCTION

What is Internet of Things (IoT)? - a giant network of connected things. (Ben, 2003, HIR 2020)

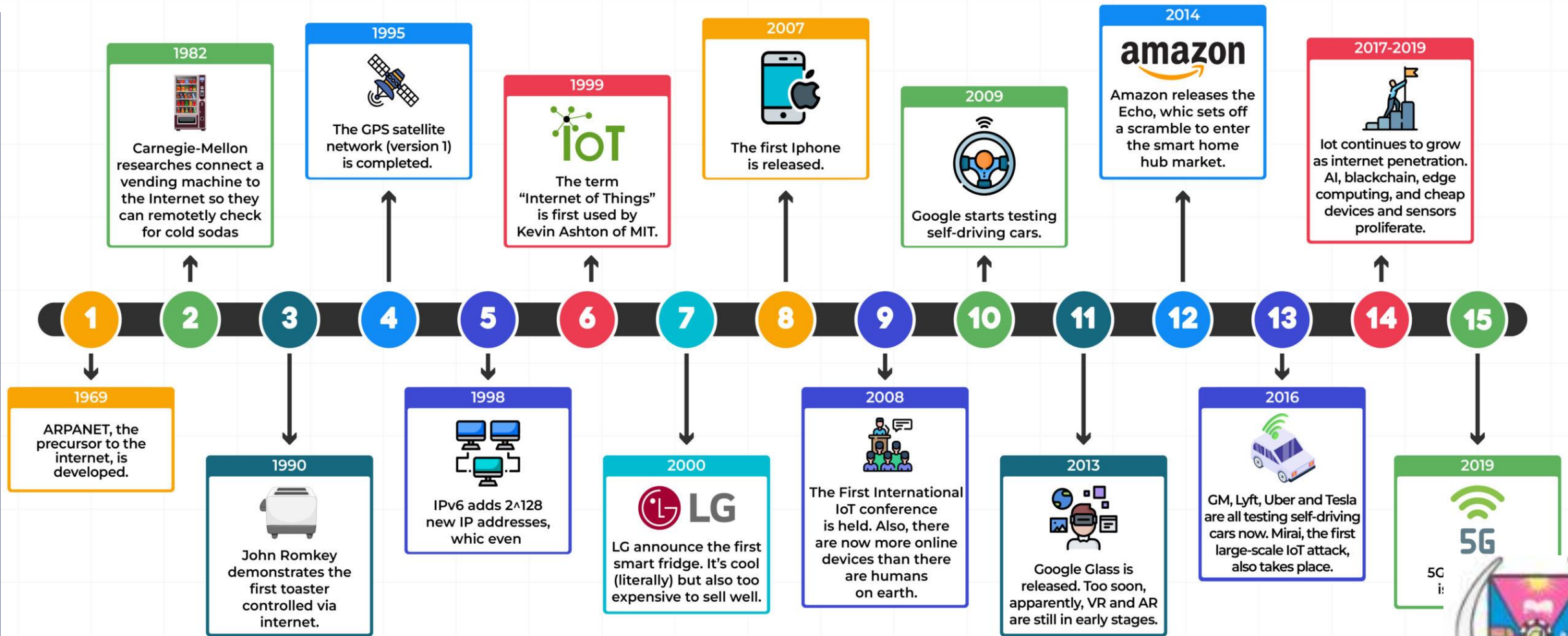
Key Components:

- Sensors and Actuators

- Connectivity ( Wi-Fi, Bluetooth, Cellular e.t.c)
- Data processing ( Edge or Cloud Computing)
- User Interface (Apps, Dashboards)



# A BRIEF HISTORY OF IoT





# WHY IoT?

- ✓ **Data deluged**
- ✓ **Decrease in energy required to operate intelligent devices**
- ✓ **Miniaturization of devices**
- ✓ **Autonomic management**
- ✓ **IPv6 as an integration layer**



# WORKABILITY OF IOT

1

A group of physical devices is wired or wirelessly linked to each other and/or a central area.

2

The devices collect data from the external world using some kind of sensor.

3

That data is stored somewhere (cloud, an intermediary network location, the device itself)

4

The data is processed (machine learning and artificial intelligence)

5

The processed data is used by the physical device to perform some action.

6

The interconnectedness of physical devices allows for the collection and sharing of data from a vast network of devices



# ENABLERS OF IOT

Sensors (Temp, Motion, image, gyro, obstacle, IR, RF, Ultrasonic Distance, Gas etc.)

Actuators (Adding lighting, heat, sound, etc. Controlling motors to move objects, Displaying messages etc)

Connectivity technologies:

Cloud computing:

Big data analytics:

Security and privacy technologies:

RFIDs:

Nanotechnology:

Smart networks: (ex: mesh topology).



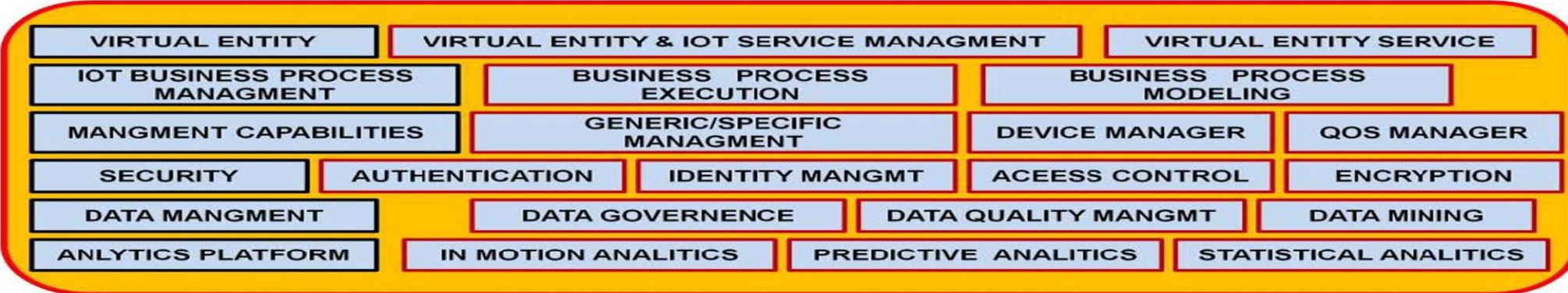
# IOT ARCHITECTURE



**APPLICATION LAYER**



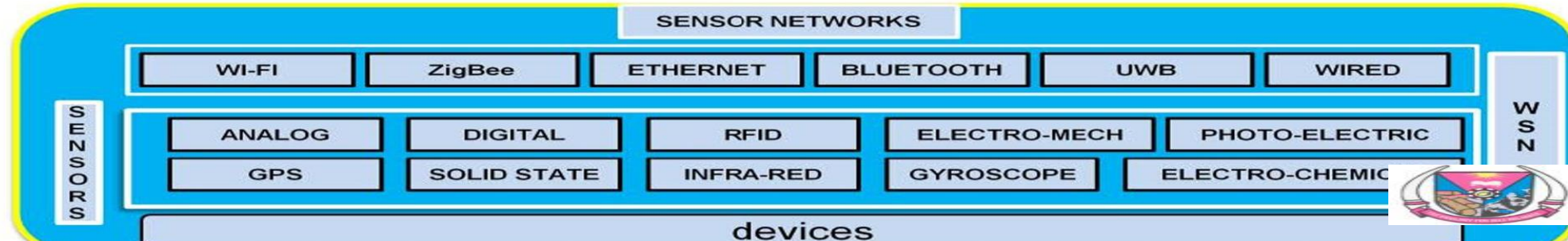
**SERVICE SUPPORT & APPLICATION SUPPORT LAYER**



**NETWORK / COMMUNICATION LAYER**

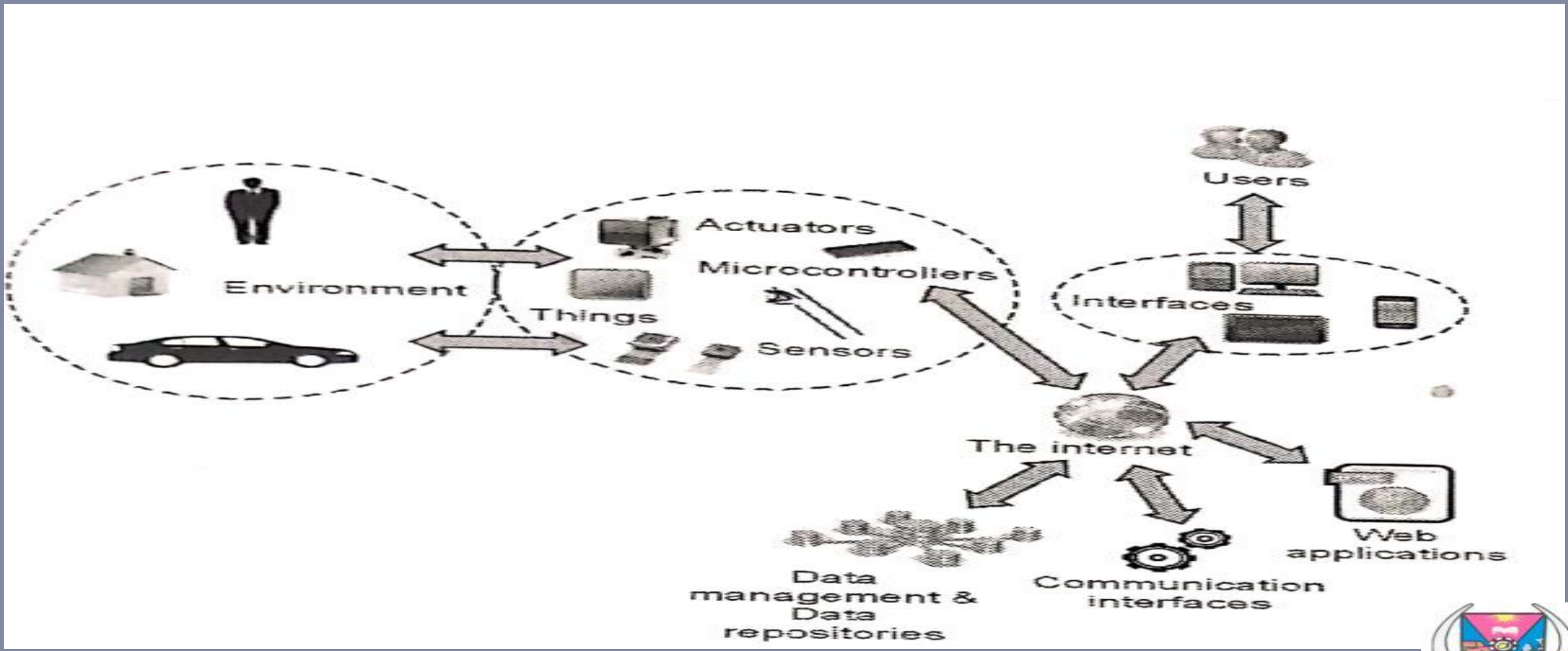


**SMART DEVICE / SENSOR LAYER**





# WORKINGS WITH IoT



# CHARACTERISTICS OF IoT

Interconnectivity.

Heterogeneity

Dynamic in Nature

Self-adapting and self configuring technology

Intelligence

Scalability

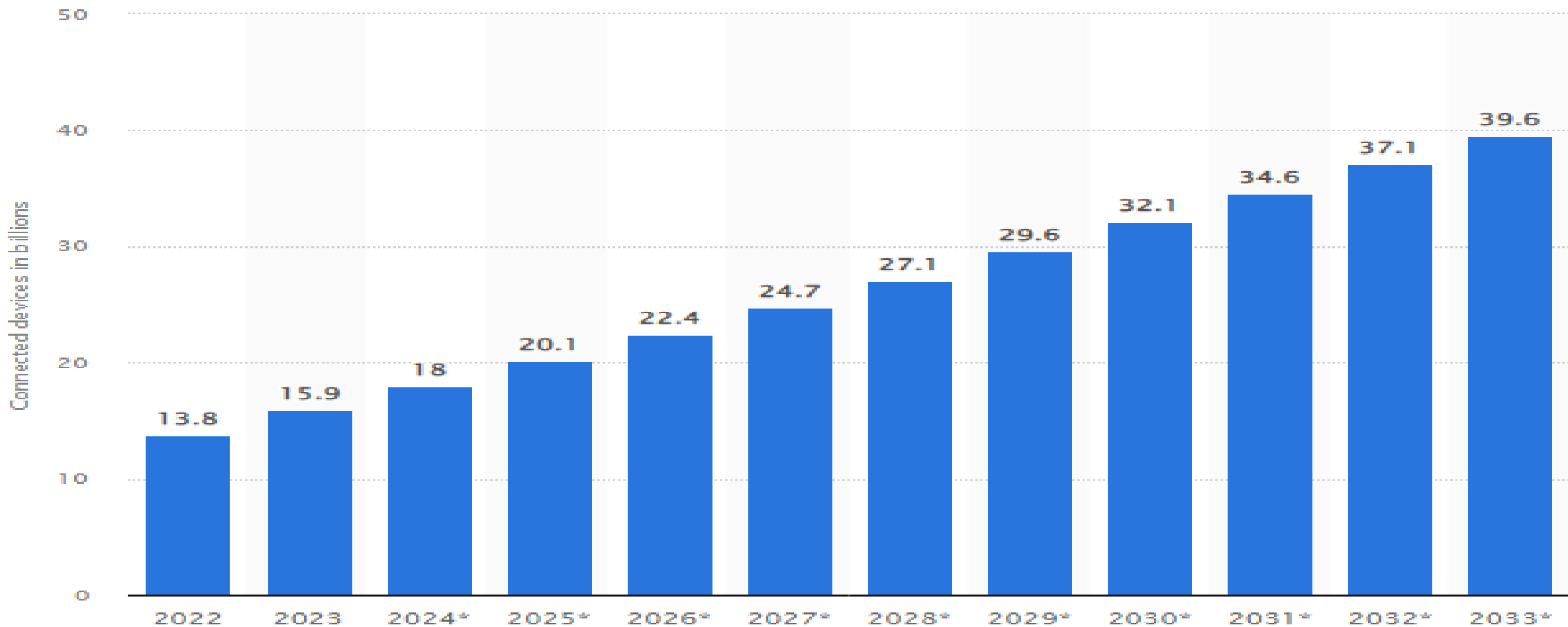
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Safety

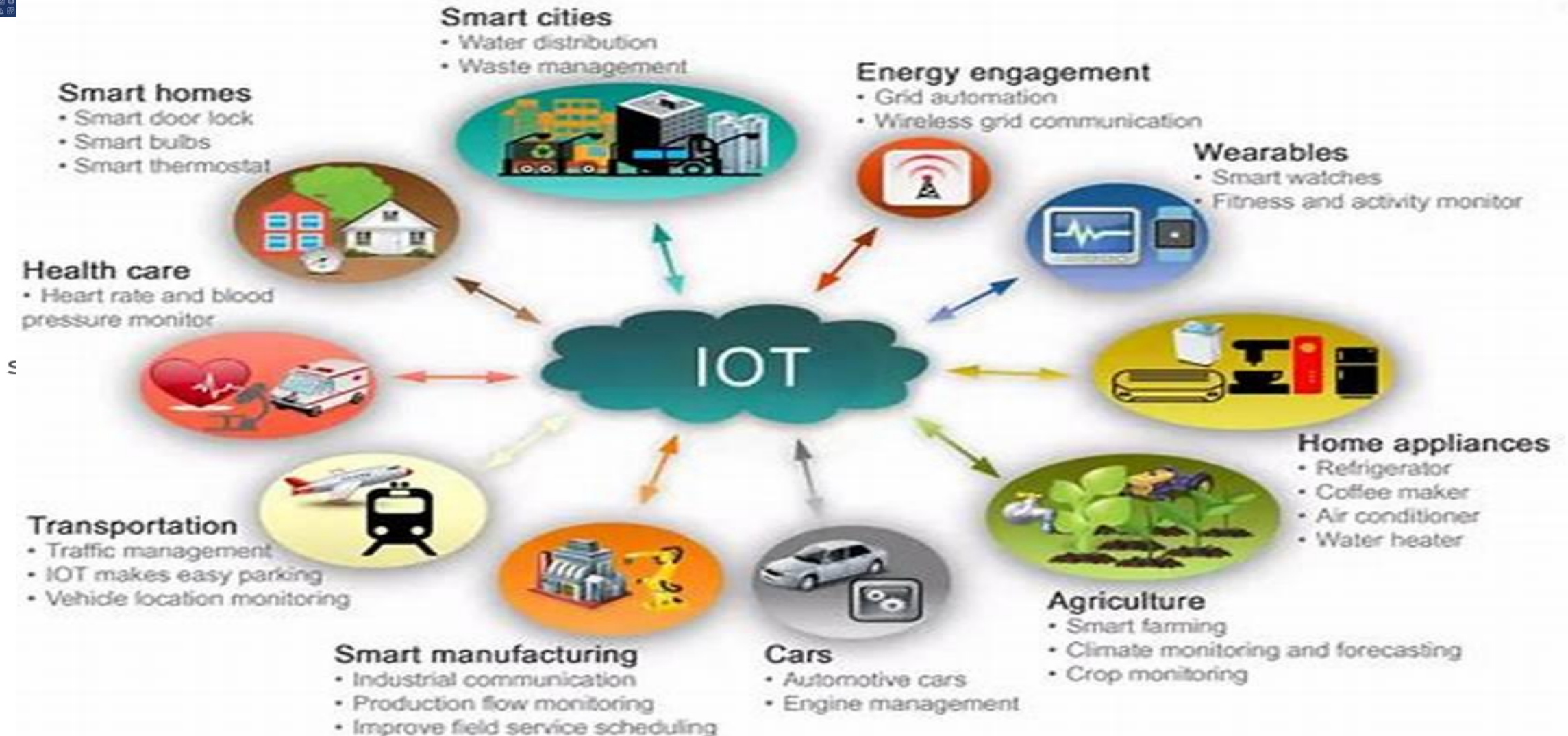
Architecture



# IOT GROWTH CHART



# APPLICATION DOMAINS



# IoT VS EMBEDDED SYSTEM

Embedded systems refer to the combination of hardware and software designed to perform specific tasks within a larger system.

On the other hand, IoT refers to the network of interconnected devices that communicate and share data with each other.



# KEY DIFFERENCES

1

Scope and Connectivity

2

Data Processing and Analysis

3

Flexibility and Expandability

4

User Interaction and Interface

5

Network Requirements



# ADVANTAGES OF IoT

Data-driven Decision Making

Automation and Efficiency

Enhanced User Experience

Scalability and Customization





# IoT APPLICATION TO WEATHER FORECAST

- ✓ Traditional weather reporting methods suffer from delays in data collection and transfer. IoT, in turn, gathers data from sensors in real time.
- ✓ IoT predict the weather accurately and quickly for different geographic locations.
- ✓ IoT-based weather monitoring systems seamlessly integrate data from a multitude of sources.
- ✓ IoT brings precision to weather insights.





# SECTORS THAT BENEFITS FROM IoT-BASED WEATHER FORECAST SYSTEM

1 Manufacturing 

2 Aviation 

3 Agriculture 

4 Automotive 

5 Warehouse Management 

6 Laboratories 



# BENEFITS OF IoT FOR WEATHER FORECAST

Real-time data collection.

Higher accuracy.

Wider coverage.

Predictive analytics.

Reduced response time.

Cost-effectiveness.

Increased safety.





**Internet of things**

# CHALLENGES

- ✓ Security and Privacy
- ✓ Interoperability.
- ✓ Data Management and Analytics
- ✓ Reliability and Availability





# FUTURE OF IoT AND WEATHER FORECASTING

- Integration with AI and Machine Learning:
  - Advanced AI models can analyze IoT data for even more accurate predictions.
  - Example: AI-driven models that can predict climate change impacts on a local level.
- Expansion of IoT Networks:
  - Broader deployment of IoT devices across urban and rural areas.
  - Example: Nationwide IoT networks for comprehensive weather monitoring





# FUTURE OF IoT AND WEATHER FORECASTING

- **Enhanced Predictive Capabilities:**
  - Combining IoT data with historical weather patterns for improved long-term forecasts.
  - Example: Predictive models that forecast seasonal weather trends.
- **Collaboration across sectors**
  - Partnership between governments, private companies, and research institutions to expand IoT weather forecasting capabilities.
  - Example: Public-private partnership to deploy IoT weather stations in disaster prone areas



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