

Embedding IoT Chip Security Using eBeam Solutions



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Are Cyberattacks Real Dangers?



What's IoT Got to Do with It?

“CyberWar Threat”*



“Imagine a world with 50 Billion microprocessors attached to the internet, that’s 50 Billion points of attack”



“Instead of bullets and bombs, you use bits and bytes”



“All you would need to do is take out about 9 substations, in an attack that could result in a blackout for the majority of the U.S. that could last for weeks or months”

*Excerpts from “CyberWar Threat,” Aired October 14, 2015 on PBS NOVA.
<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/nova/military/cyberwar-threat.html>

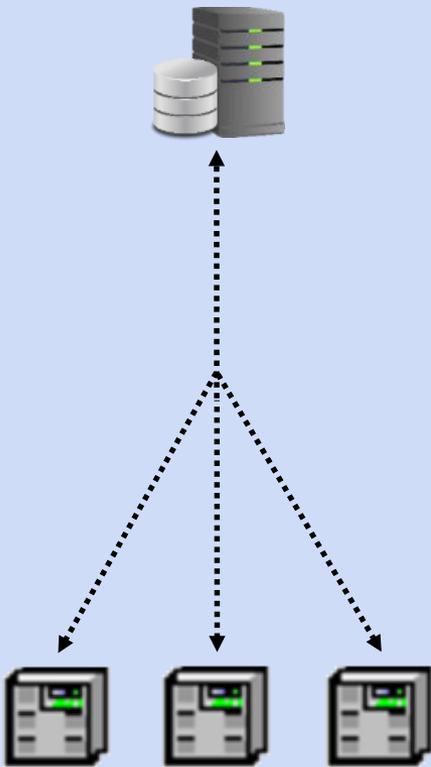
What's in an IoT Device?

- Simple microcontroller; limited resources, memory
- Sensor/actuator, Internet connection
- Doing simple tasks

What's **Not** in an IoT Device?

- No defense against hacking

Industrial Control System (ICS)



SCADA

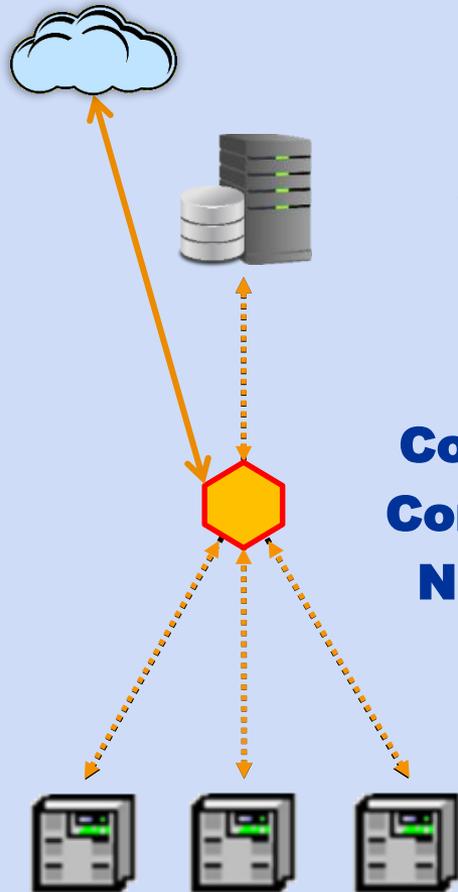
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Obscurity is Security

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Company Computer Network

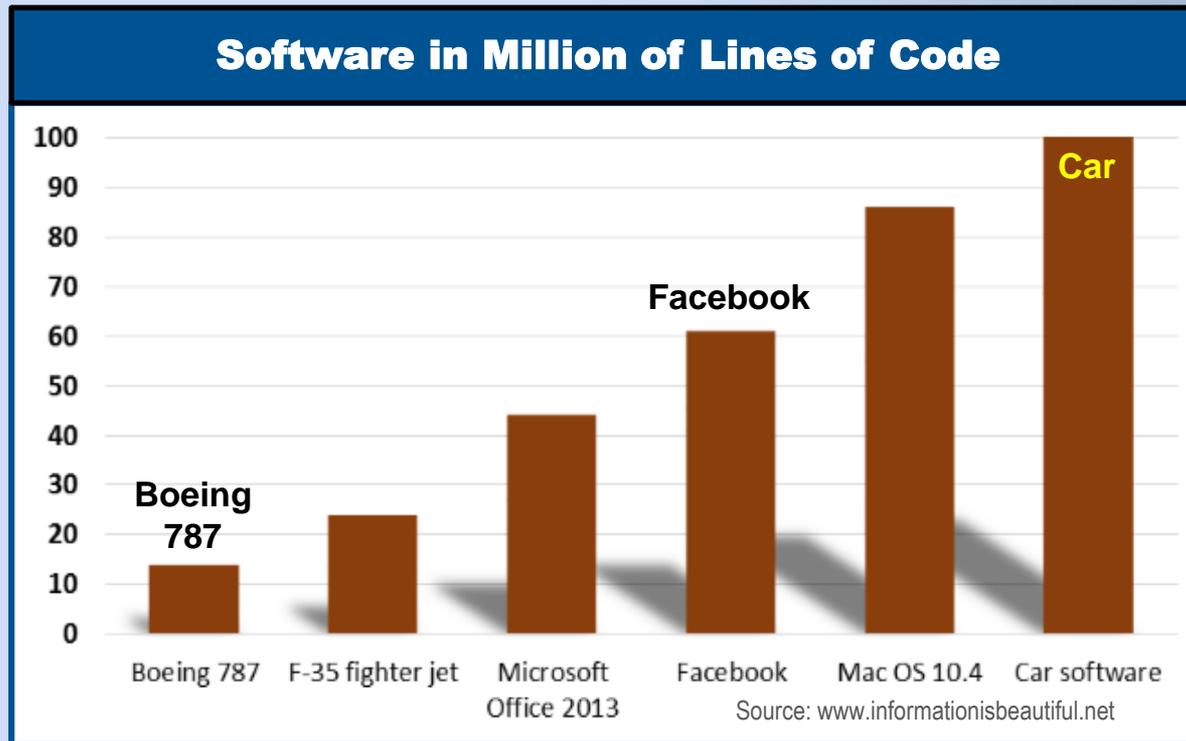
- SCADA patched into company computer network
- SCADA internet-accessible – not intended originally
- Infrastructure vulnerable to hacking

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Connected Cars Have Arrived

Can Software Alone Assure Auto Security?



“Motor vehicles increasingly vulnerable to remote exploits.”

– FBI warning, *March 17, 2016*

- **Hackers exploit defects to breach software defenses**
- **“Defect-free software does not exist.”**

– *Wietse Venema, Google*

Are Connected Homes Secure?



BBC News

July 27, 2016

Osram Lightify light bulbs 'vulnerable to hack'

Forbes

February 17, 2016

Samsung Fails To Secure Thousands Of SmartThings Homes From Thieves

Critically, anyone relying on SmartThings devices for home security is vulnerable.

THE WALL STREET JOURNAL

August 26, 2016

Mobile Bank Heist: Hackers Target Your Phone

Connectivity Is Vulnerability?

- 50 billion connected devices enlarge attack surface
- “A successful breach of one subsystem becomes the staging point for attacks on other subsystems.”

– Mike Borza, *CTO Security, Synopsys*

IoT Devices Need Both Hardware & Software Security

- IoTs need software updates to patch vulnerabilities
- IoTs need hardware security to authenticate software
- **IC-embedded** security is **foundation** of a secure system

On-Chip Hardware Solutions Today

Fuse programmable IC

- Security info fused at outermost layer at device test
- Data may be exposed to 3rd party and compromised
- Fused data not embedded, could be accessed/changed

“Non-volatile” memory

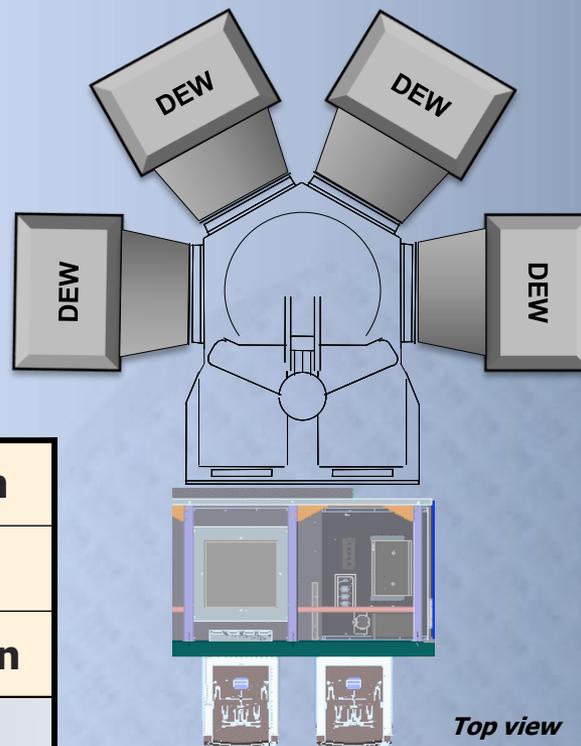
- Security info programmed in Flash after IC is made
- Flash designed to be accessible, updatable in the field
- Retention 5-10 years, much less than infrastructure life

Direct Electron Writing (DEW)

Personalizing ICs with Unique Info

- Chip ID, MAC address
- Private key encryption
- Other security info / features

Security Data



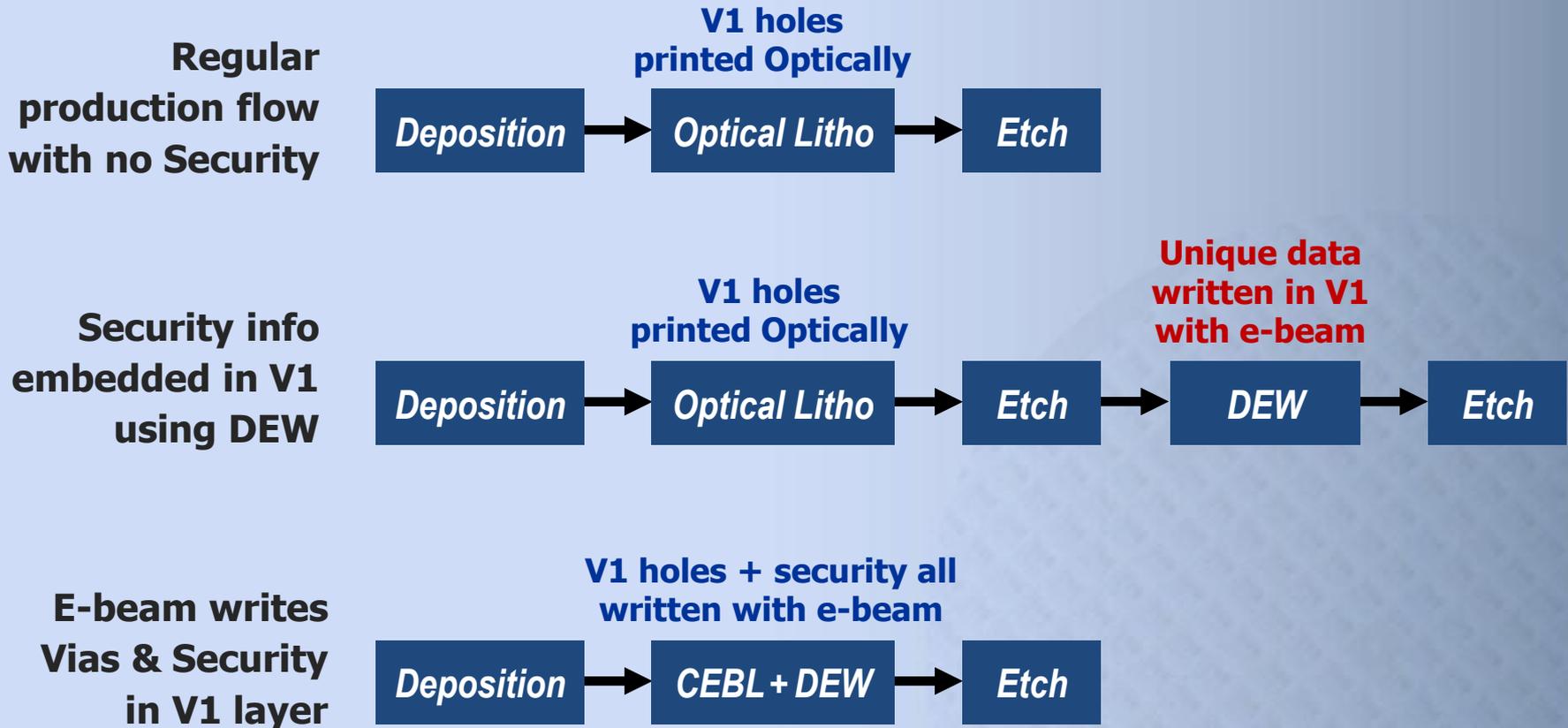
Top view

DEW Writer

MAC address	ID for Internet communication
Chip ID	Anti-counterfeit, anti-tamper
Private key	Secure software authentication
IDs readable but not alterable	
Private key not accessible from outside IC	

What DEW Does In Wafer Fab

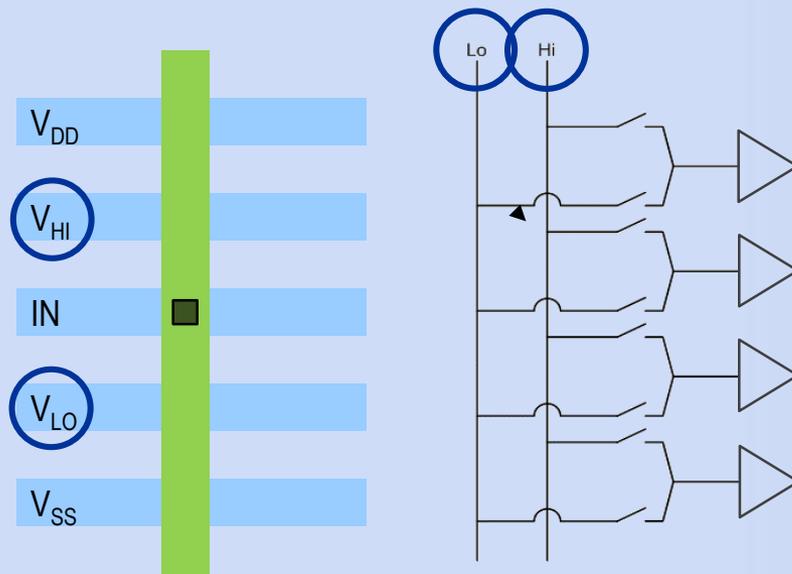
Example: Via-1 Layer Simplified



How DEW Embeds Security

Example: Embedding Encryption Key

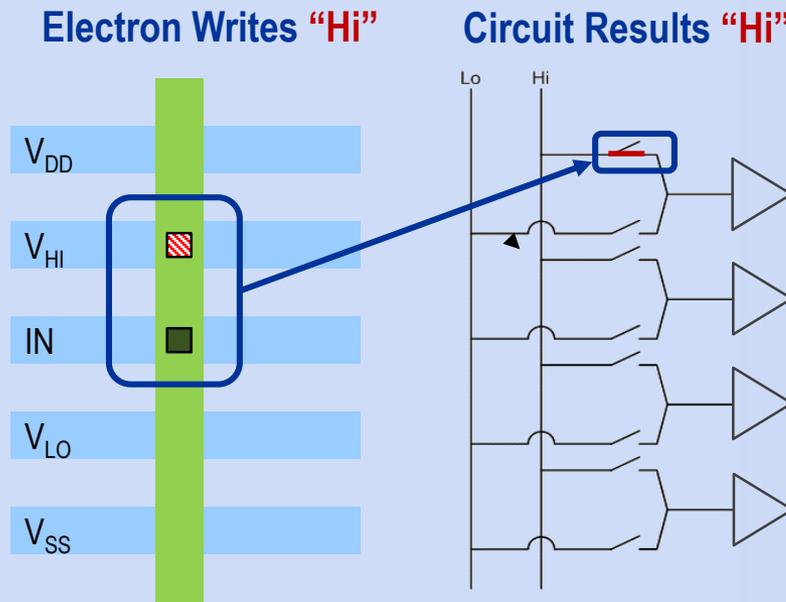
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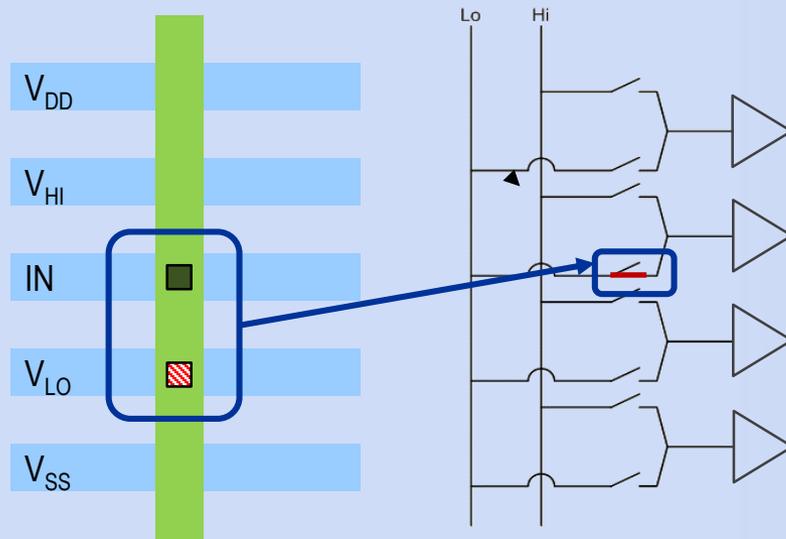
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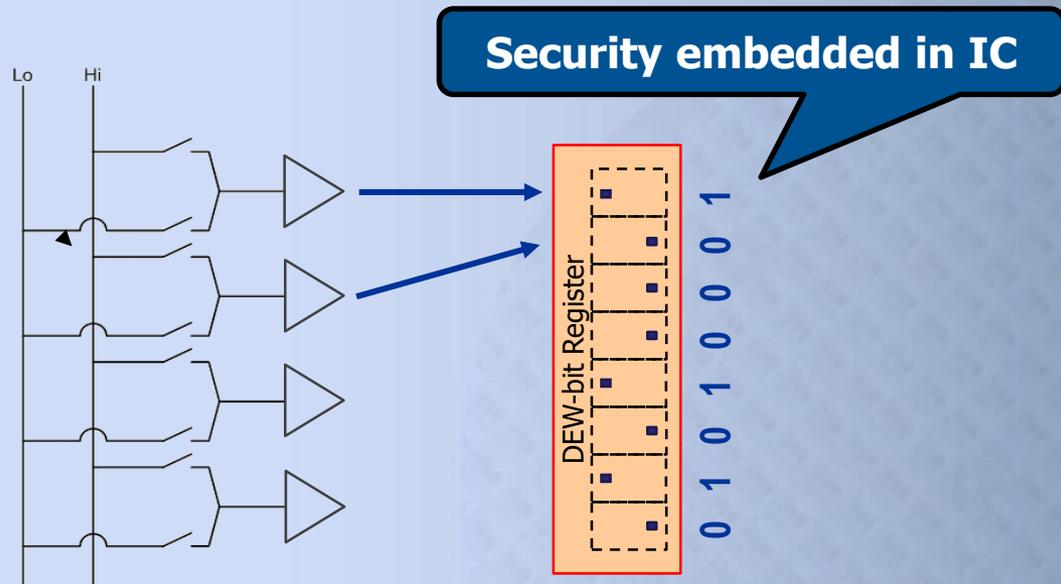
Electron Writes "Lo"

Circuit Results "Lo"

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- After wafer is processed, encryption key is embedded



Q: Can the Connected World be more secure?

A: Yes, but we need a new approach.

- **Security is designed in, not an afterthought**
- **Security is written into every IoT chip such as with DEW**
- **Chip-embedded security complements software security to bolster cyber-defense**