

The Truth About AI for Research and Education Institutions

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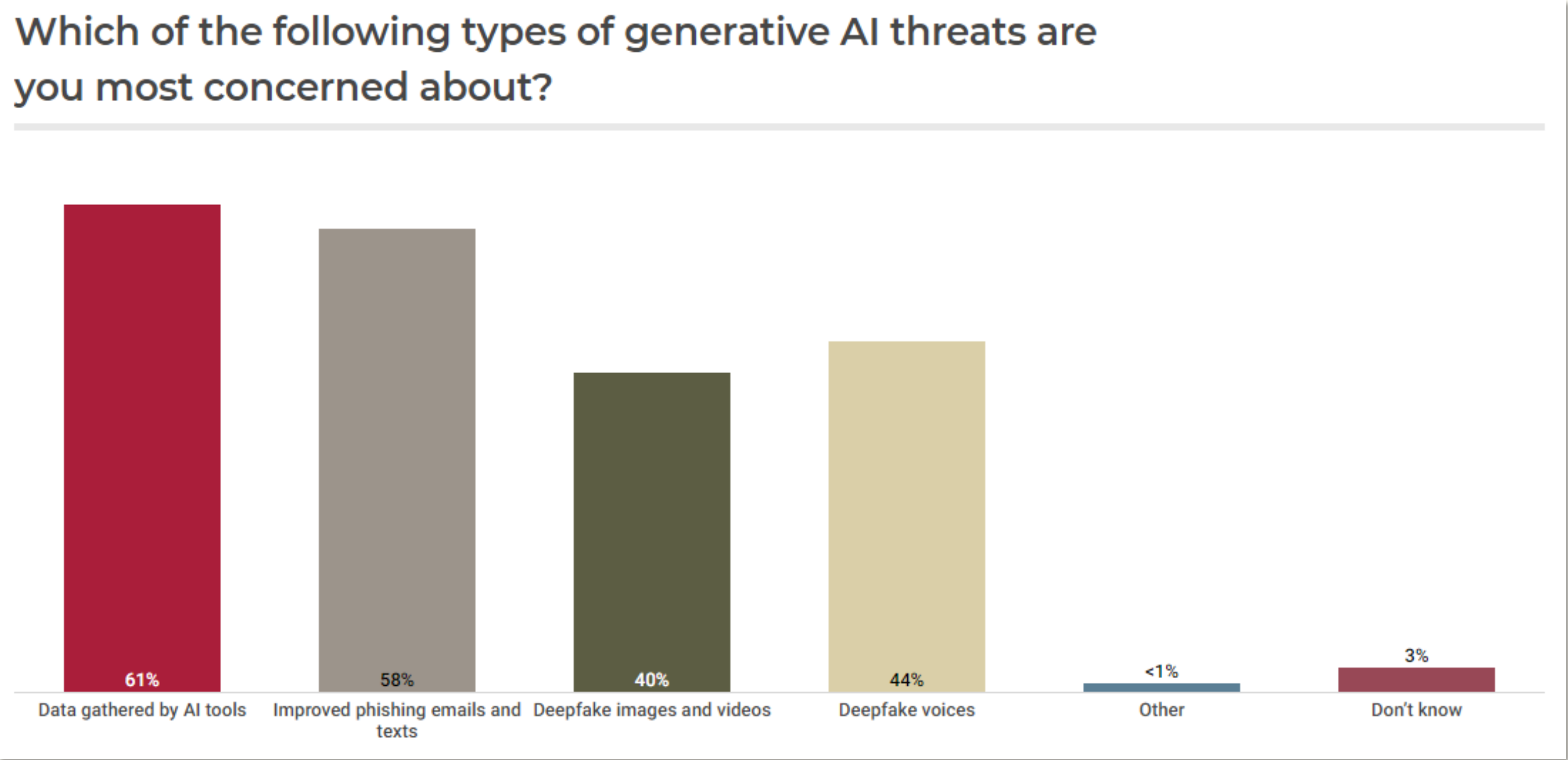
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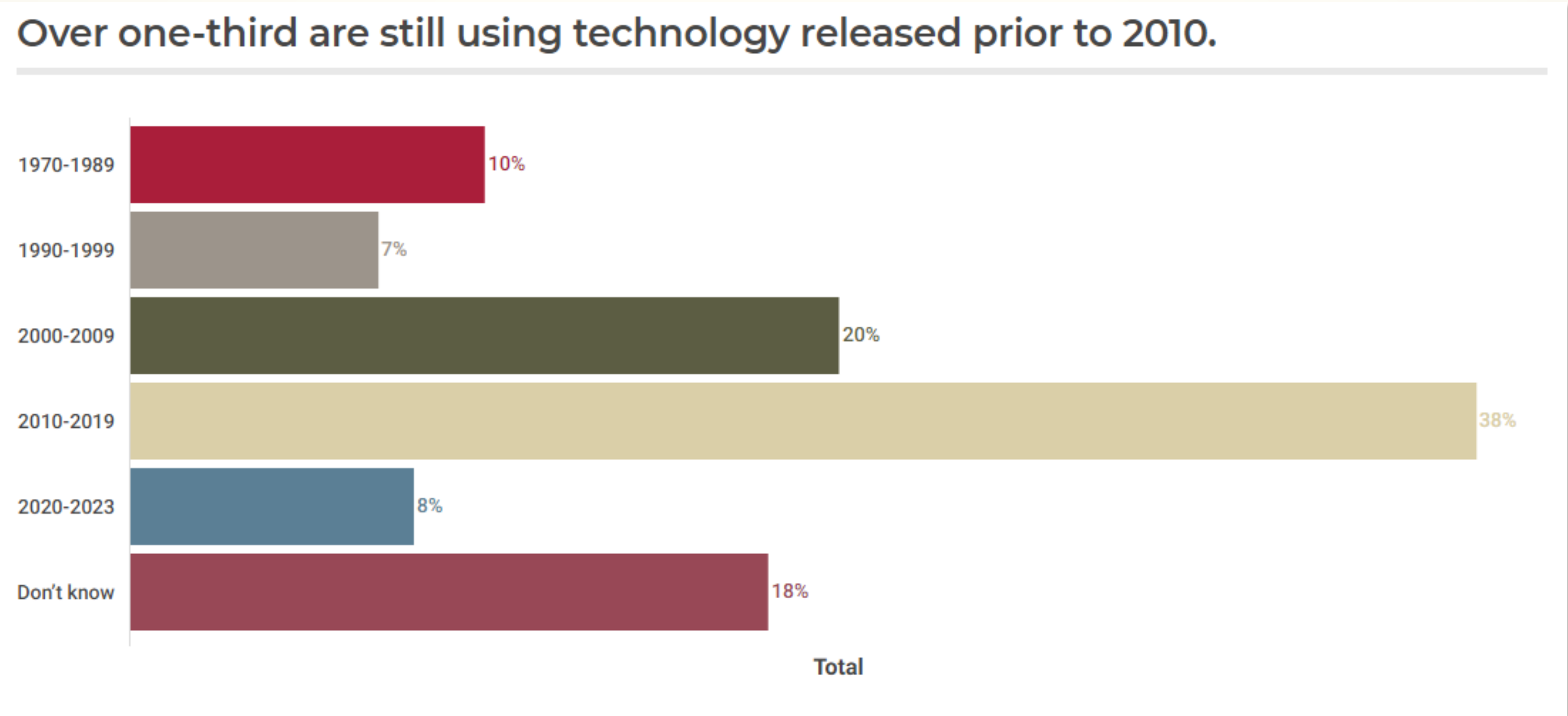
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- Among organizations affected by a ransomware attack, **70% indicated that they paid the ransom demands.** Out of those that paid the ransom, nearly one quarter (22 per cent) paid between \$50K – \$100K.
- **40% experienced a data breach last year** employee and/or customer (an 11 per cent increase from 2022).
- Nearly 30 per cent of organizations experienced a loss of revenue as a result of a cyber attack (up from 17 per cent in 2022), and **24% experienced damage to their reputation.**
- Organizations face cyber risks by relying on outdated technology, with **37% of firms using technology released prior to 2010.**

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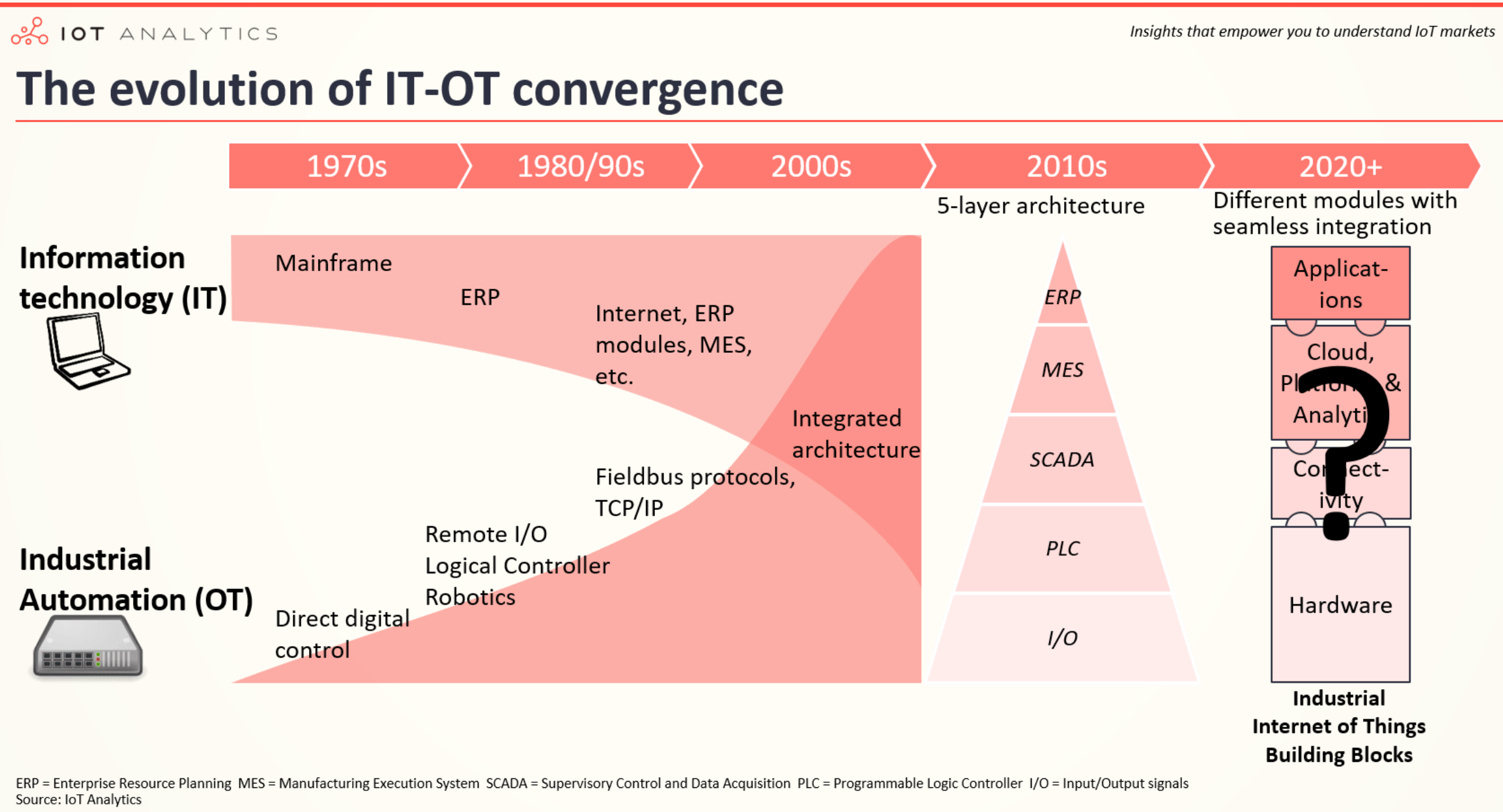
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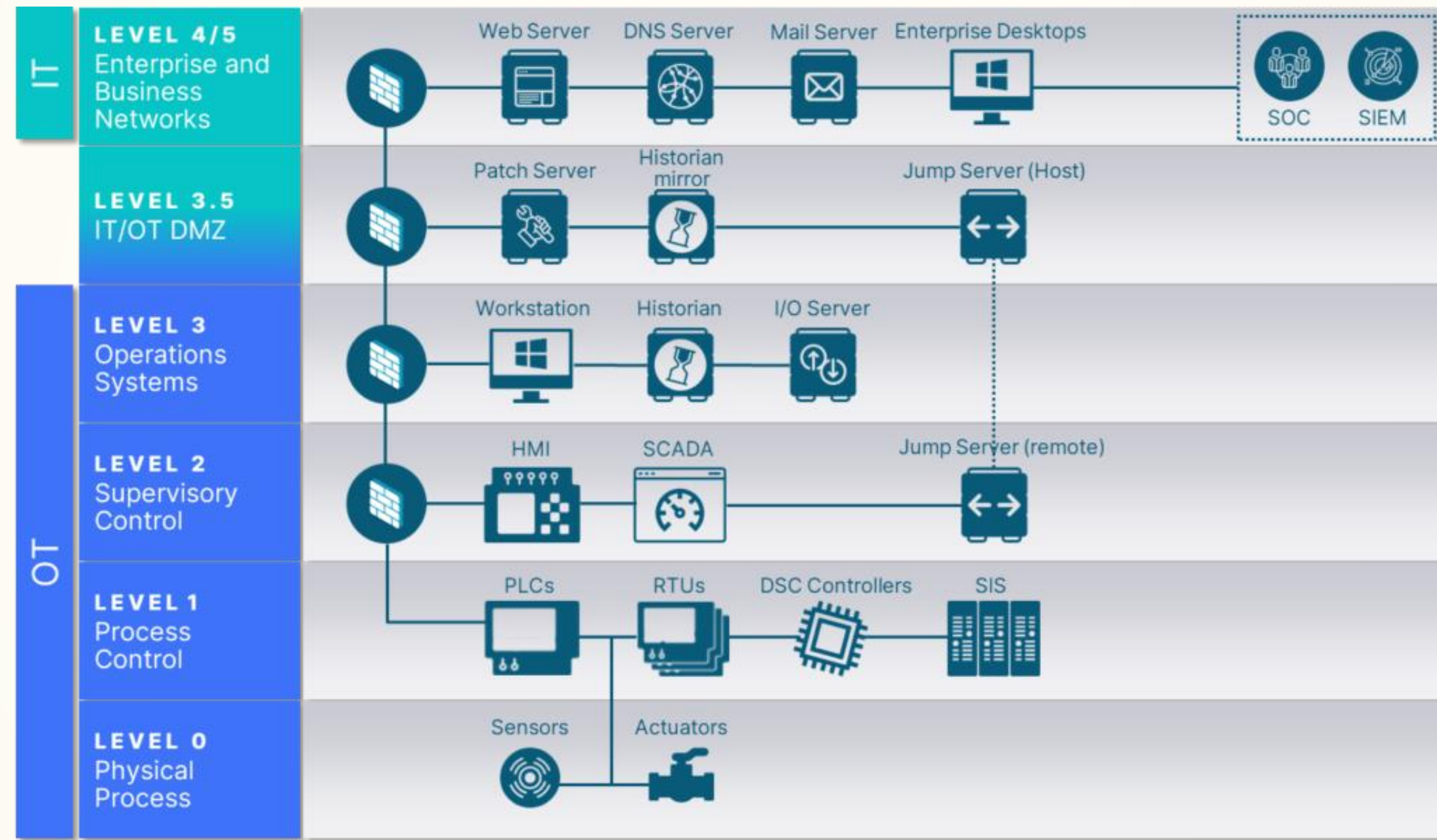
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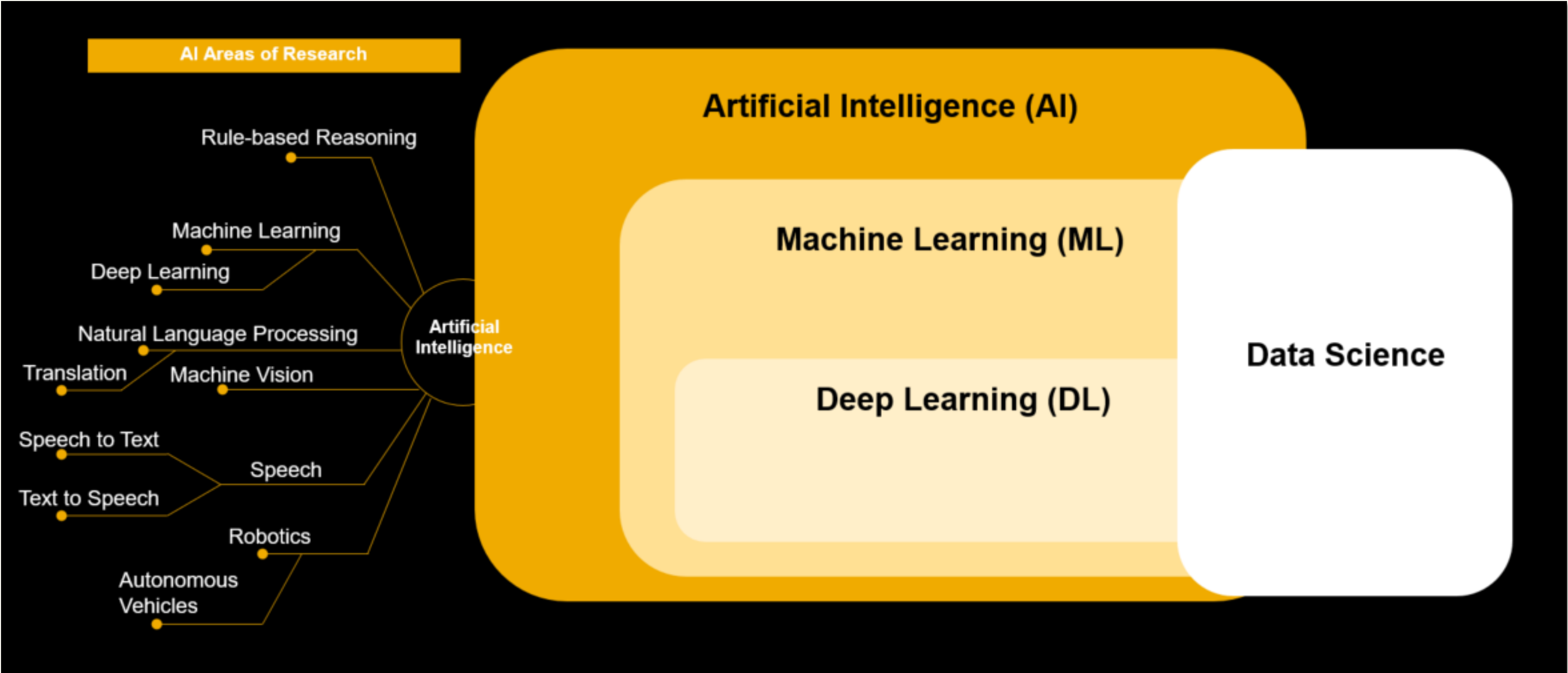
Cyber-Physical Security – Purdue Model



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AI vs. ML vs. DL



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An Already Long History

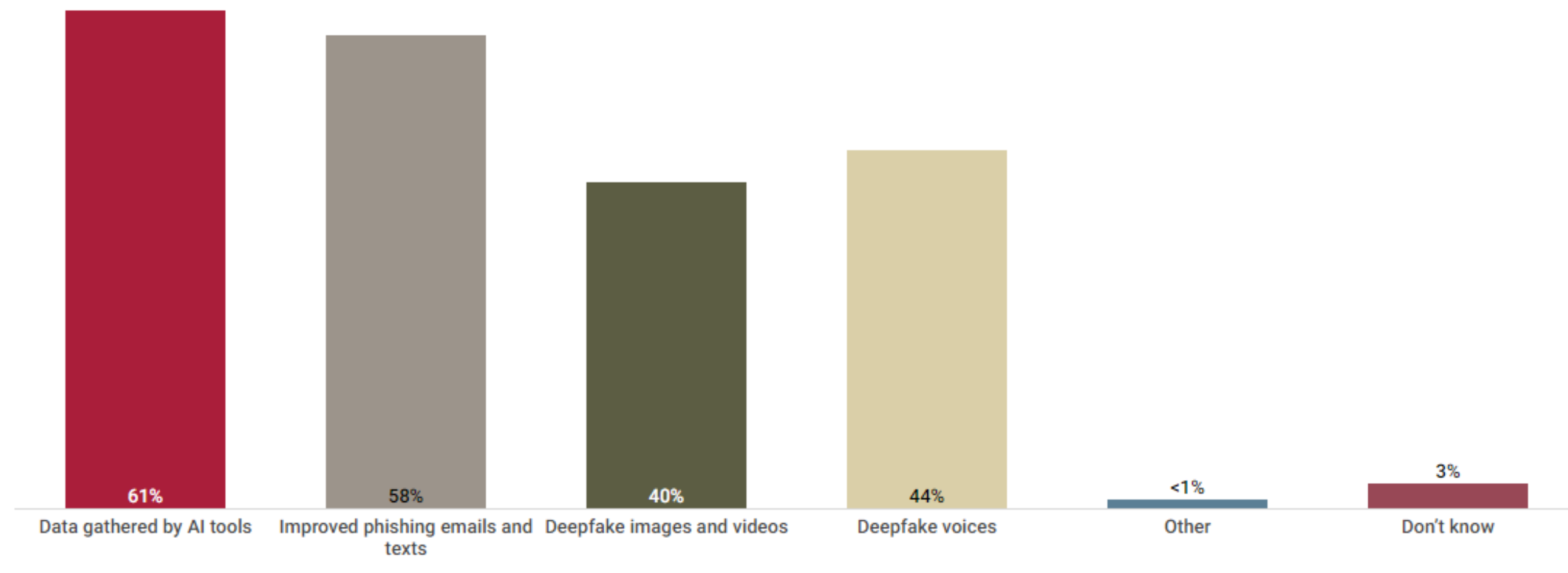
Existing Benefits

- Handle billions and trillions of events (Big Data)
- Identify patterns and antipatterns / anomalies
- Automate & orchestration response

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Which of the following types of generative AI threats are you most concerned about?



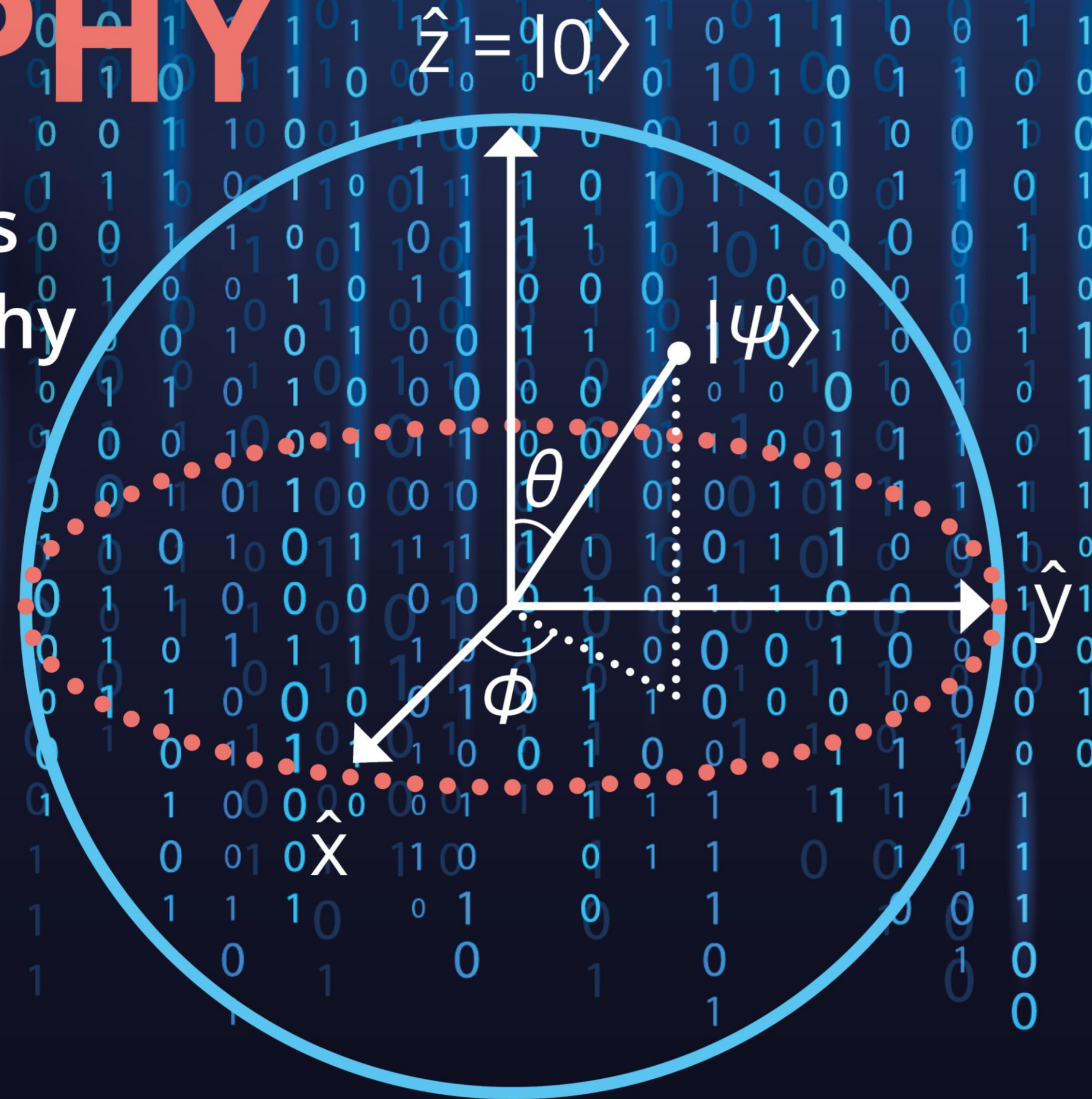
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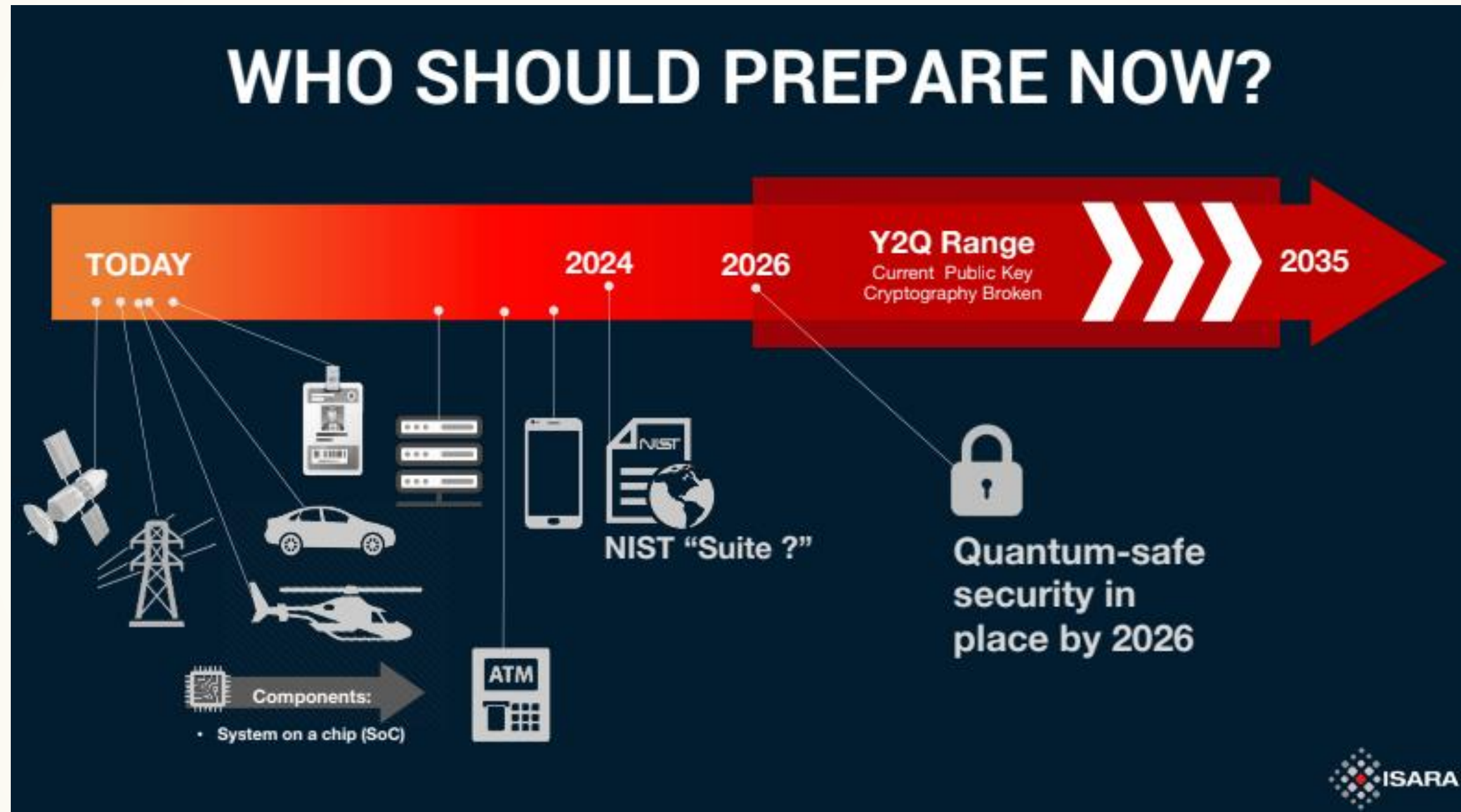
UNDERSTANDING CRYPTOGRAPHY

ENISA Reports on Crypto Assets
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Y2Q

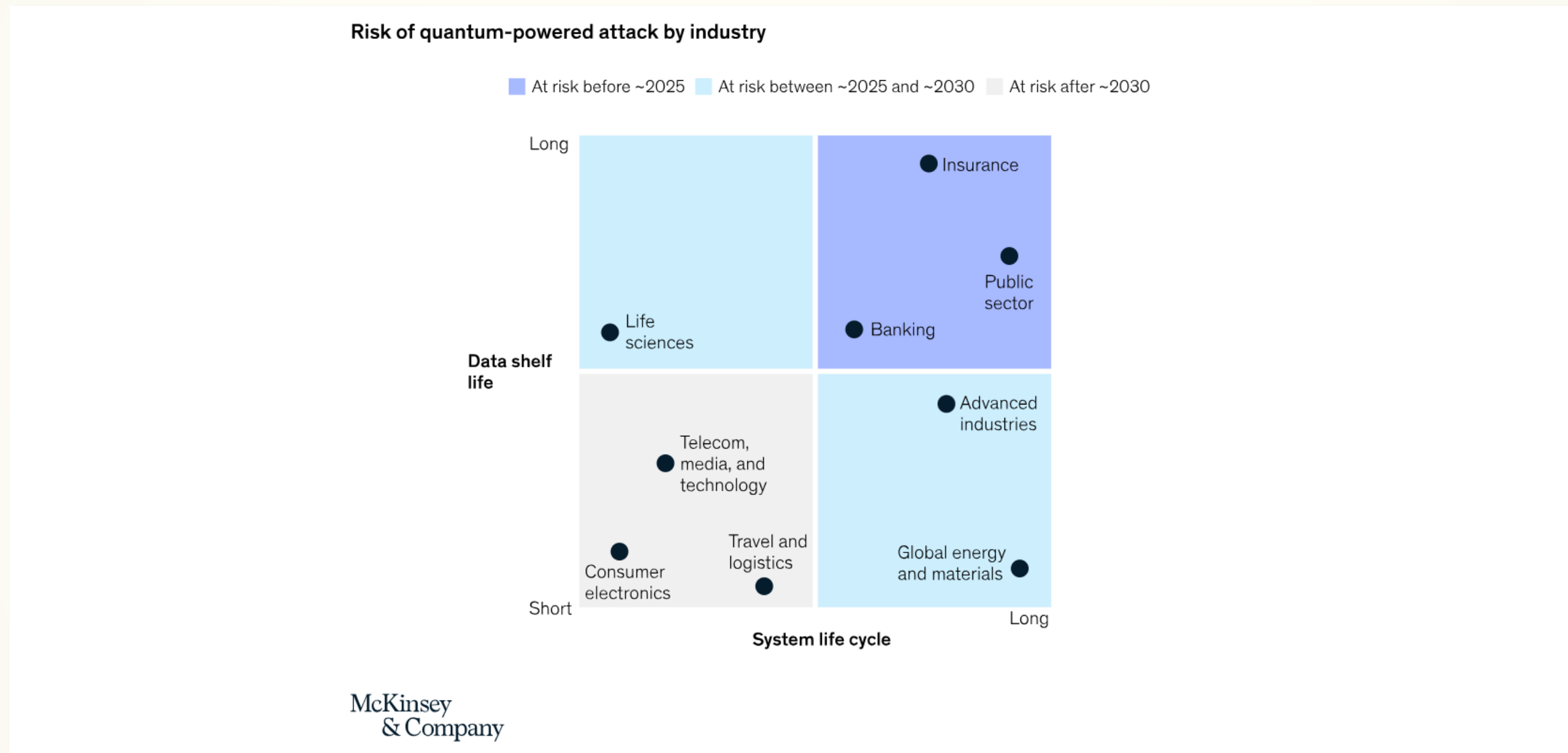


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Y2Q Timeline

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LAWS, REGULATIONS, AND FRAMEWORKS

The Difference

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LAWS, REGULATIONS, AND FRAMEWORKS

CMMC + CPCSC

CMMC (Cyber Security Maturity Model Certification)

- US DoD framework aligned with NIST, etc.
- CMMC 2.0 now out
 - (5 levels -> 3 levels)

CPCSC (Canadian Program for Cyber Security Certification)

- Aligned with CMMC
- Mandatory for defence contracts as early as winter 2024

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ICS Matrix

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Below are the tactics and techniques representing the MITRE ATT&CK® Matrix for ICS.

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Exploitation of Remote Services	Execution through API	Module Firmware		Indicator Removal on Host	Remote System Discovery	Hardcoded Credentials	Data from Information Repositories	Standard Application Layer Protocol	Block Command Message	Module Firmware	Denial of View
External Remote Services	Graphical User Interface	Project File Infection		Masquerading	Remote System Information Discovery	Lateral Tool Transfer	Data from Local System		Block Reporting Message	Spoof Reporting Message	Loss of Availability
Internet Accessible Device	Hooking	System Firmware		Rootkit	Wireless Sniffing	Program Download	Detect Operating Mode		Block Serial COM	Unauthorized Command Message	Loss of Control
Remote Services	Modify Controller Tasking	Valid Accounts		Spoof Reporting Message		Remote Services	I/O Image		Change Credential		Loss of Productivity and Revenue
Replication Through Removable Media	Native API					Valid Accounts	Monitor Process State		Data Destruction		Loss of Protection
Rogue Master	Scripting						Point & Tag Identification		Denial of Service		Loss of Safety
Spearphishing Attachment	User Execution						Program Upload		Device Restart/Shutdown		Loss of View
Supply Chain Compromise							Screen Capture		Manipulate I/O Image		Manipulation of Control
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- ICS ^
- Initial Access ▾
- Execution ▾
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- Evasion ▾
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- Lateral Movement ^
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- Impact ▾

ICS Techniques

Techniques represent 'how' an adversary achieves a tactical goal by performing an action. For example, an adversary may dump credentials to achieve credential access. Techniques: 81
Sub-techniques: 0

ID	Name	Description
T0800	Activate Firmware Update Mode	Adversaries may activate firmware update mode on devices to prevent a reaction to an emergency or process malfunction. For example, devices may have a mode designed for firmware installation. This mode may halt process memory and prevent firmware to be loaded. A device left in update mode may be placed in an emergency mode. By entering and leaving a device in this mode, the adversary may deactivate the mode.
T0830	Adversary-in-the-Middle	Adversaries with privileged network access may seek to modify network traffic (AiTM) attacks. This type of attack allows the adversary to intercept traffic. If a AiTM attack is established, then the adversary has the ability to intercept and modify communication stream. There are several ways to accomplish this attack including ARP poisoning and the use of a proxy.
T0878	Alarm Suppression	Adversaries may target protection function alarms to prevent them from being received. Messages may be a part of an overall reporting system and of particular importance if the system does not imply the disruption of the reporting system as a whole.
T0802	Automated Collection	Adversaries may automate collection of industrial environment information. Collection may leverage native control protocols and tools available in the environment. The OPC protocol may be used to enumerate and gather information. Active Directory protocols may allow collection and enumeration of other attached, connected, or accessible devices.
T0803	Block Command Message	Adversaries may block a command message from reaching its intended destination. Command messages are sent to provide instructions to control devices. Blocking a command message can inhibit response functions from correcting a disruption or prevent a device from performing a function.
T0804	Block Reporting Message	Adversaries may block or prevent a reporting message from reaching its intended destination. Reporting messages contain telemetry data (e.g., I/O values) pertaining to the current process. By blocking these reporting messages, an adversary can potentially prevent a device from reporting data to a central system.

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ICS tactics

Tactics represent the "why" of an ATT&CK technique or sub-technique. It is the adversary's tactical goal: the reason for performing an action. For example, an adversary may want to achieve credential access. ICS Tactics: 12

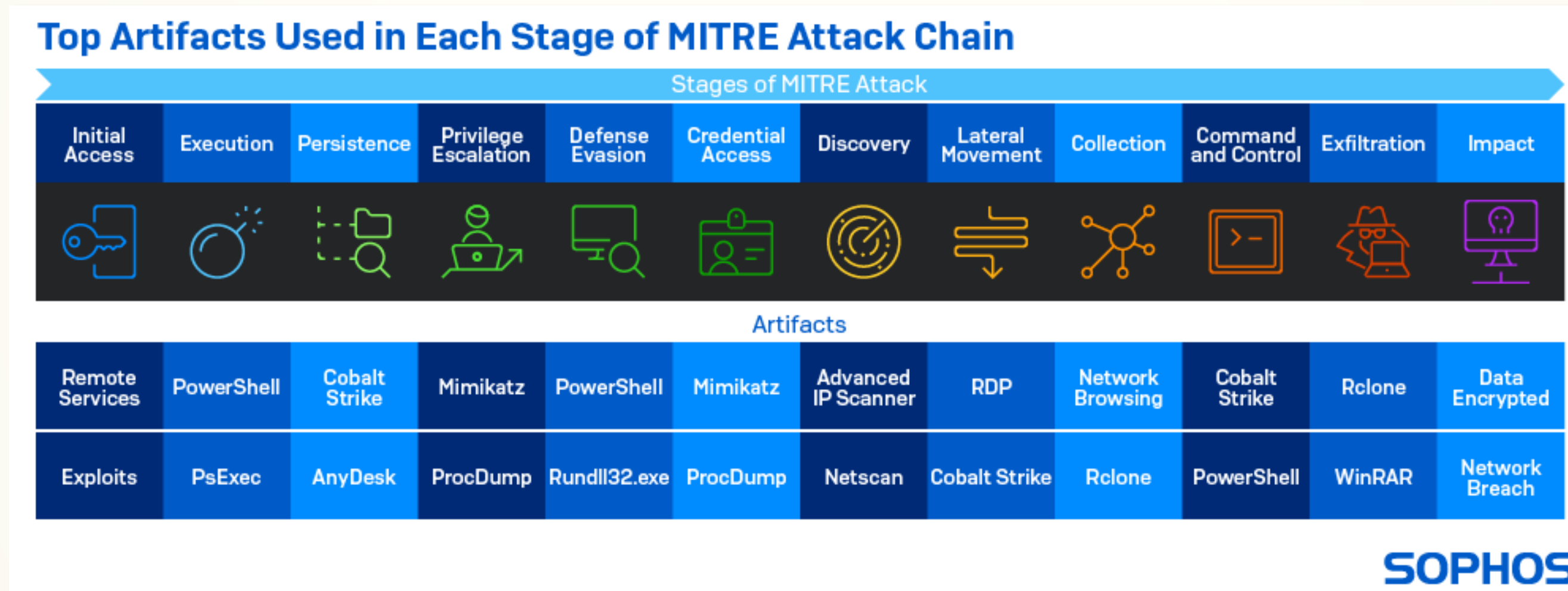
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TA0108	Initial Access	The adversary is trying to get into your ICS environment.
TA0104	Execution	The adversary is trying to run code or manipulate system functions, parameters, and data in an unauthorized way.
TA0110	Persistence	The adversary is trying to maintain their foothold in your ICS environment.
TA0111	Privilege Escalation	The adversary is trying to gain higher-level permissions.
TA0103	Evasion	The adversary is trying to avoid security defenses.
TA0102	Discovery	The adversary is locating information to assess and identify their targets in your environment.
TA0109	Lateral Movement	The adversary is trying to move through your ICS environment.
TA0100	Collection	The adversary is trying to gather data of interest and domain knowledge on your ICS environment to inform their goal.
TA0101	Command and Control	The adversary is trying to communicate with and control compromised systems, controllers, and platforms with access to your ICS environment.
TA0107	Inhibit Response Function	The adversary is trying to prevent your safety, protection, quality assurance, and operator intervention functions from responding to a failure, hazard, or unsafe state.
TA0106	Impair Process Control	The adversary is trying to manipulate, disable, or damage physical control processes.



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CONCLUSION

Don't Panic – Do Act Now

Key Takeaways

- Non-technical impacts (IP, regulatory, and confidentiality) are equally major AI concerns.
- The impact of AI and quantum computing on cybersecurity (beyond Y2Q) gets hard to predict.
- This is the worst AI will ever be...

Q&A



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