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# IoT2 – A Security Benchmark for the Internet of Things

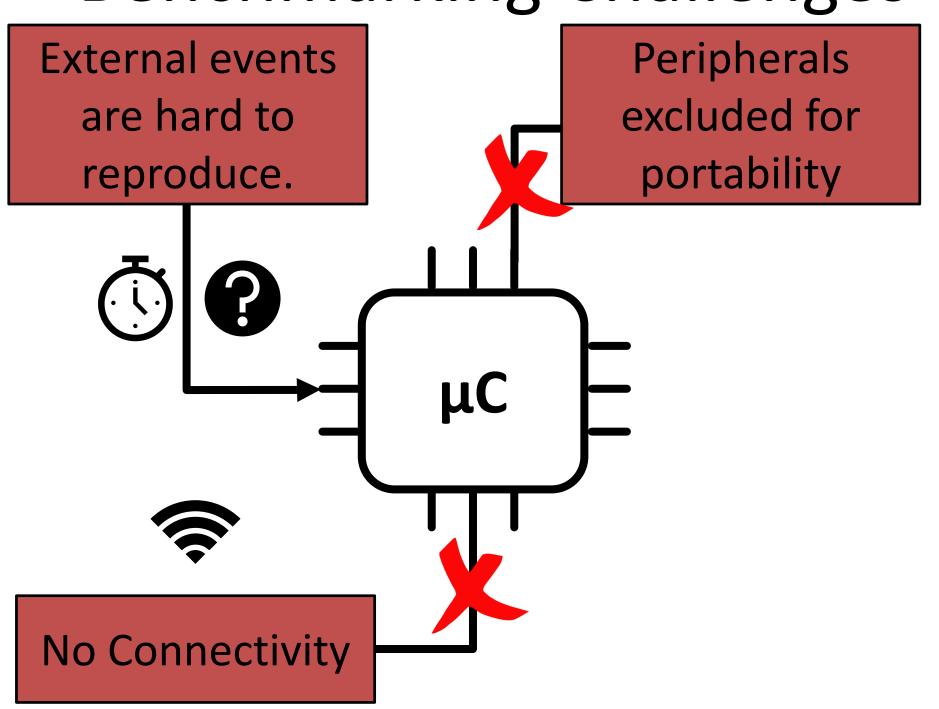
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# Microcontroller-based IoT systems (IoT-μCs)

A significant portion of the IoT.

- Examples:
  - Wifi SoC.
  - Amazon Dash Button.
- Traditionally an isolated system with no network connectivity.
- Suffers from poor security practices.
- Increasingly under attack with the rise of IoT.

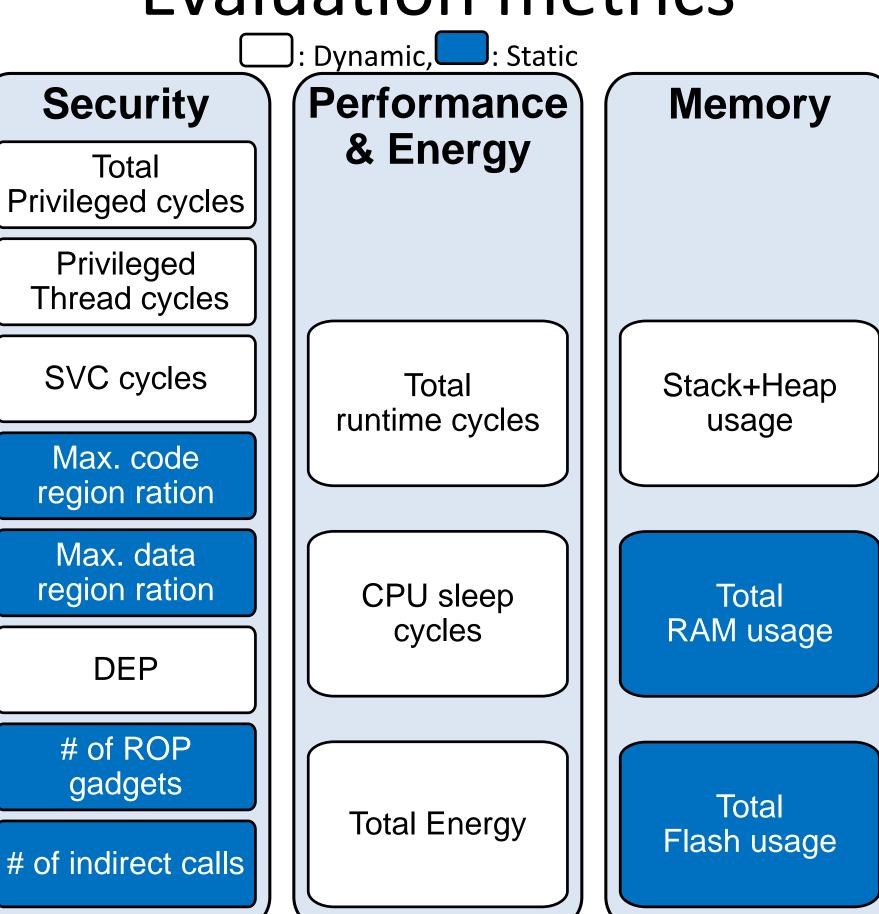
## Benchmarking Challenges



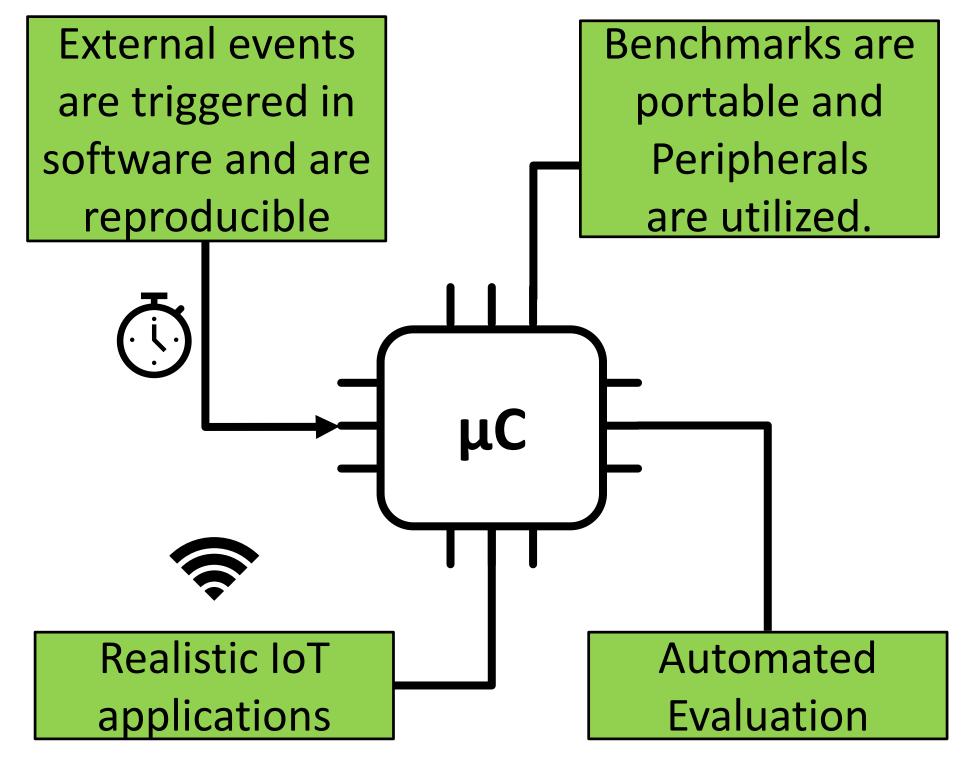
### **Evaluation Challenges**

- IoT-μCs are constrained systems with limited Flash, RAM, and Energy.
- Evaluation is limited, manual, and tedious.
- Evaluation often depend on additional hardware.
- Security evaluation became ad-hoc as a result.

#### **Evaluation metrics**



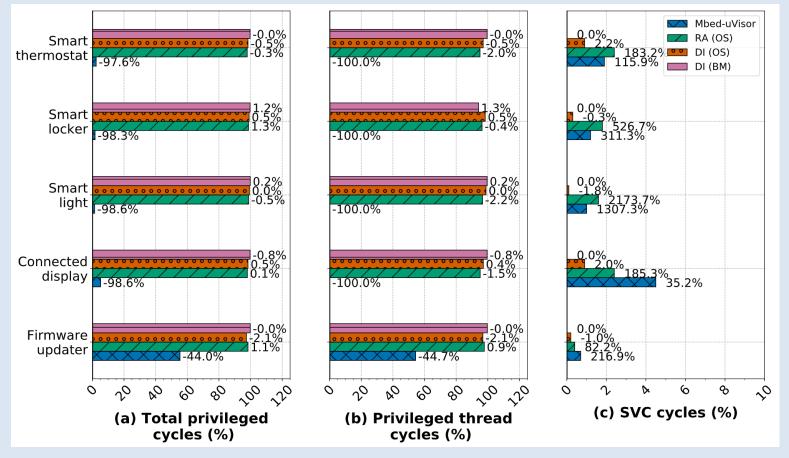
### Our Solution: IoT2



#### Benchmarks

| Dan alama anla       | Task Type |              |          |   |
|----------------------|-----------|--------------|----------|---|
| Benchmark            | Sense     | Compute      | Actuate  | Peripheral  |
| Smart Light          | ✓         | ✓            | ✓        | Low-power Timer,<br>GPIO,<br>Real-time clock                |
| Smart<br>Thermostat  | ✓         | ✓            | ✓        | ADC, Display, GPIO,<br>uSD card                             |
| Smart-locker         |           | ✓            | ✓        | Serial<br>(UART),Display,<br>uSD Card , Real-<br>time clock |
| Firmware<br>Updater  |           | ✓            | ✓        | Flash in-<br>application<br>programming                     |
| Connected<br>Display |           | $\checkmark$ | <b>√</b> | Display, uSD Card   |

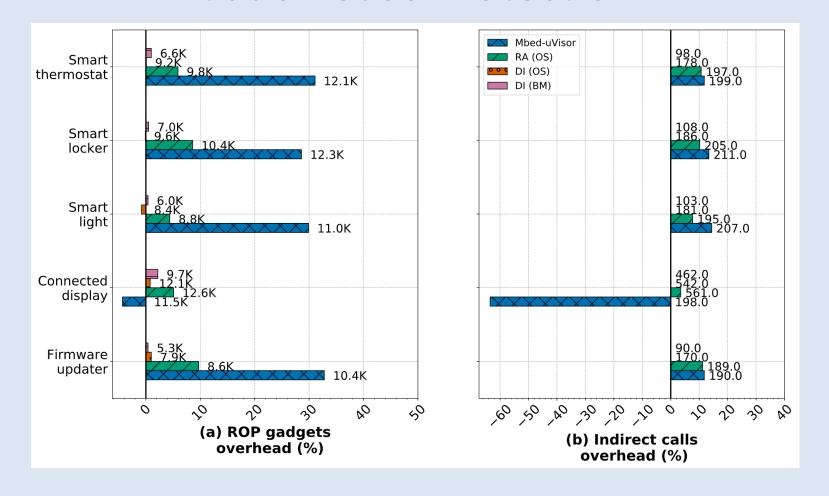
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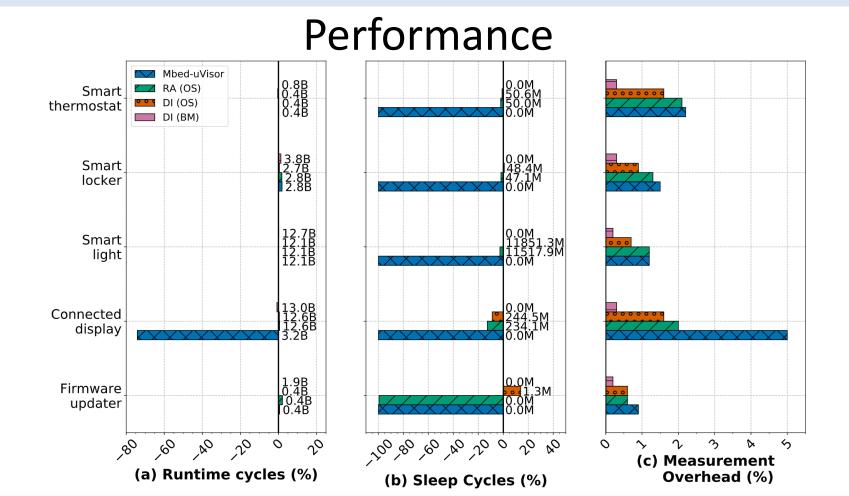


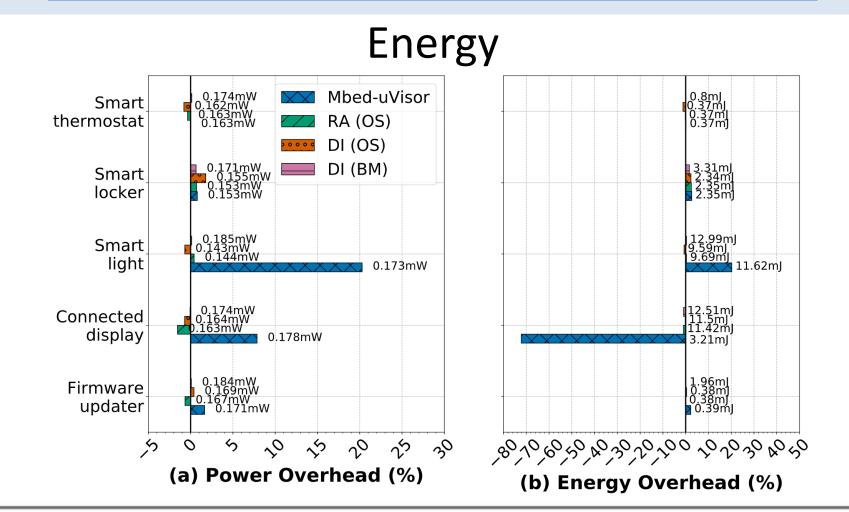
#### **Security Evaluation**

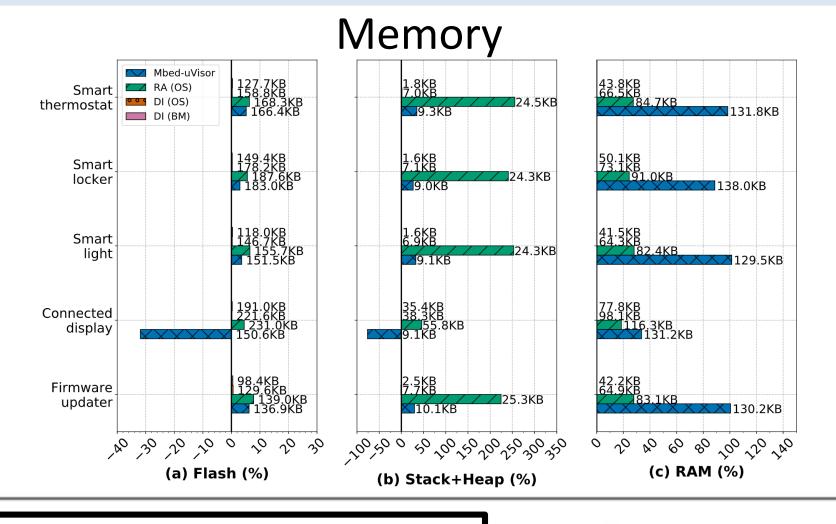
| Defense                        | Memory Isolation and Code injection Metrics |                        |     |  |
|--------------------------------|---|------------------------|-----|--|
| Defense                        | Max code<br>Reg. ratio                      | Max data<br>Reg. ratio | DEP |  |
| Mbed-uVisor                    | 1.0   | 1.0                    | *   |  |
| Remote Attestation (OS)        | 0.99  | 1.0                    | ✓   |  |
| Data Integrity (OS)            | 1.0   | 0.99                   | ×   |  |
| Data Integrity<br>(Bare-metal) | 1.0   | 0.99                   | ×   |  |

#### **Code Reuse Protection**









# Discovery Park











