

# Secure smart metering with u-blox R5

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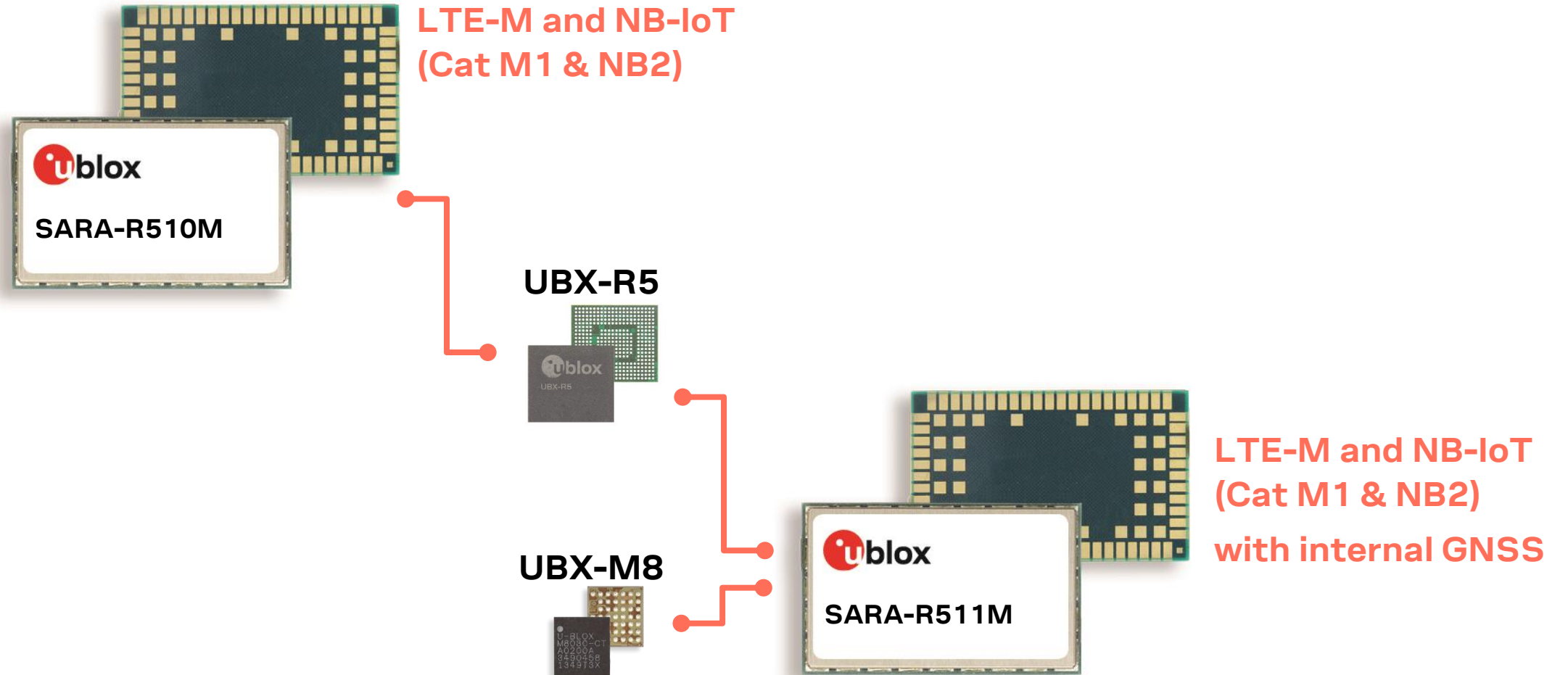


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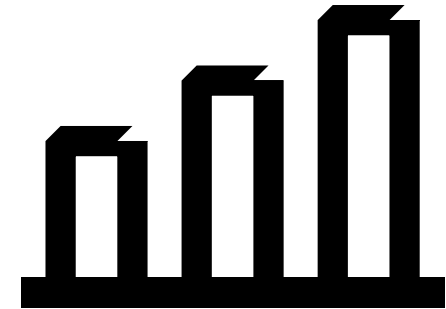
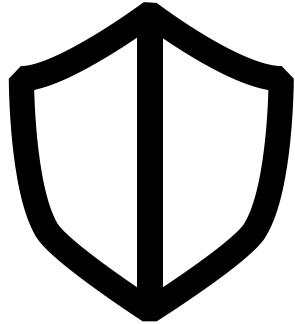
# SARA-R5 series

LTE-M and NB-IoT module built on u-blox chipsets



# We add security

IoT security has quickly become an industry priority



More than **80% of senior executives** across industries, on average, say **IoT is critical** to some or all lines of their **business** in 2018.

(Source: Statista)

IoT security market is forecast to **grow at CAGR of 36%** between 2016 and 2021.

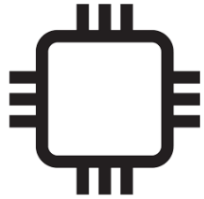
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By 2020, **20% of annual security budgets** will be devoted to **IoT solutions** (up from 1% in 2015).

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# IoT security from the ground up

How we create trust to secure functions



## Provision trust: Insert Root of Trust at production

An immutable chip ID and hardware-based Root of Trust provide foundational security and a unique device identity. The only product in the market.



## Leverage trust: Derive trusted keys

Secure libraries allow generation of hardware-backed crypto functions and keys that securely connect to the cloud.



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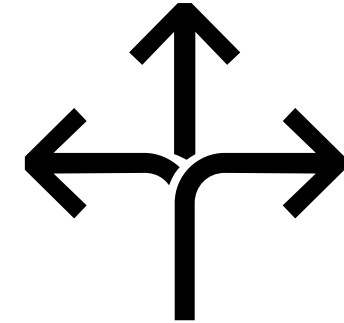
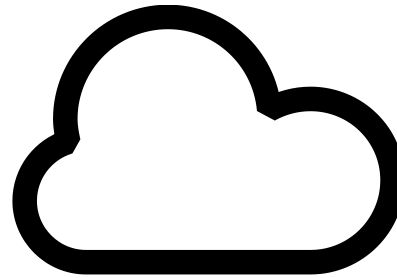
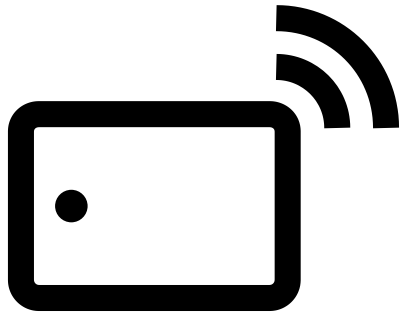
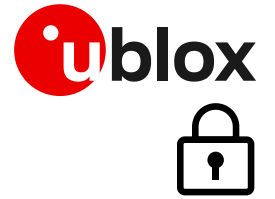
## Guarantee trust: Use keys to secure any function

Ensures authenticity, integrity, and confidentiality to maintain control of device and data.

Security solutions developed in partnership with **Kudelski**, a world leader in securing digital content.

# Securing the IoT from end-to-end

u-blox protects your business at different levels



## Device Security

Your devices are protected from attack. You trust and control them

- Identity
- Authenticity
- Firmware protection

## Data Security

The privacy of your data is protected from your devices to the cloud

- Confidentiality
- Integrity
- Authenticity

## Access Management

Control who has access to your data and products

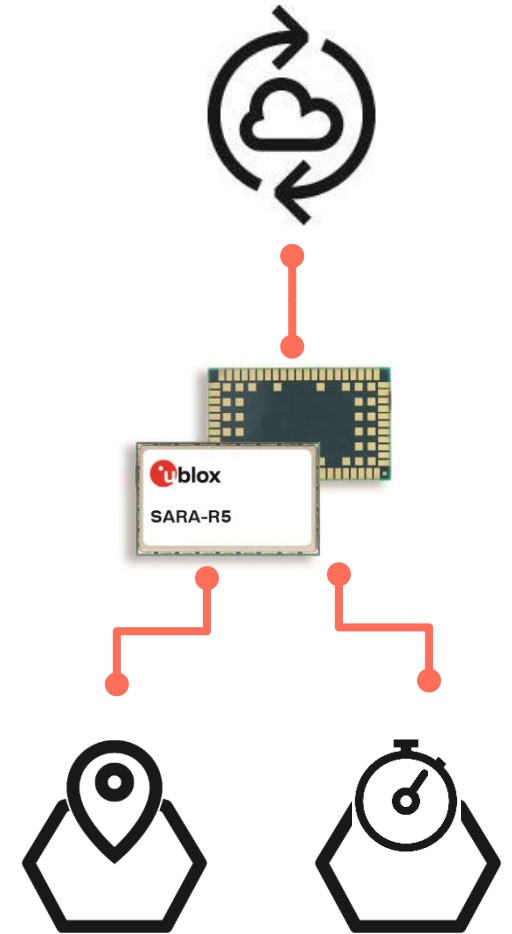
- Device policies
- Data policies
- Feature authorization

# Services @ the core

## Adding value



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  - Low-level on-chip data sources are utilized to provide reliable and highly secure services to the customer
  - This includes events occurring deeply in the hardware or in the low layers of the communication stack
- **Localization** – reliable position outdoors and indoors with **CellLocate**<sup>®</sup>
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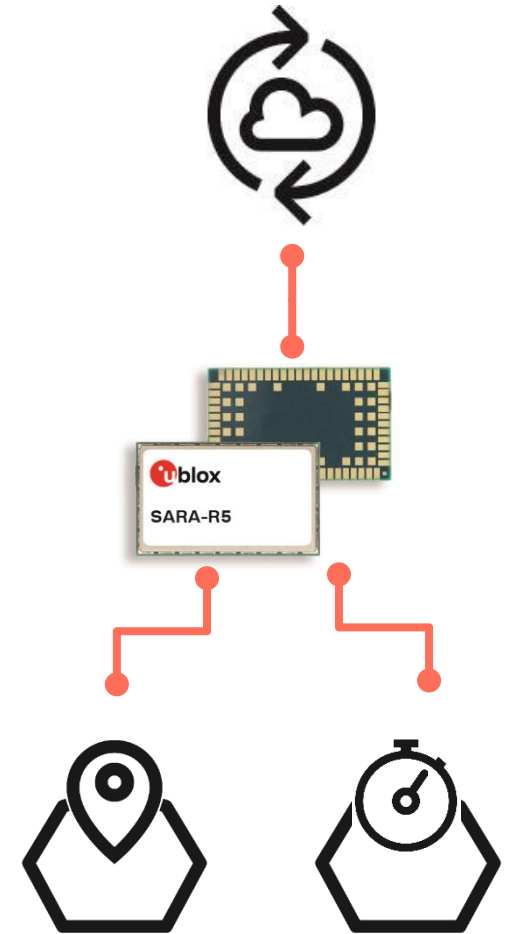



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**Real-world use case**

- Leakage detection in water distribution system
- 1us synchronicity for measurements required to detect leak → **CellTime® Service**



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## Edge computing in smart metering



- Process data directly on LTE-M / NB-IoT module
  - Analyze data locally, close to where it is created
  - Save cost of external MCU
- React faster to events
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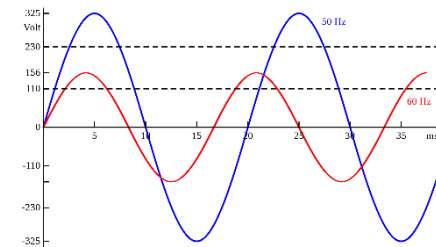


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- Smart power meter
- Low-complexity Phasor measurement unit (PMU)
- PMU SoC connected to R5 module via I2C
- Local anomaly detection on modem

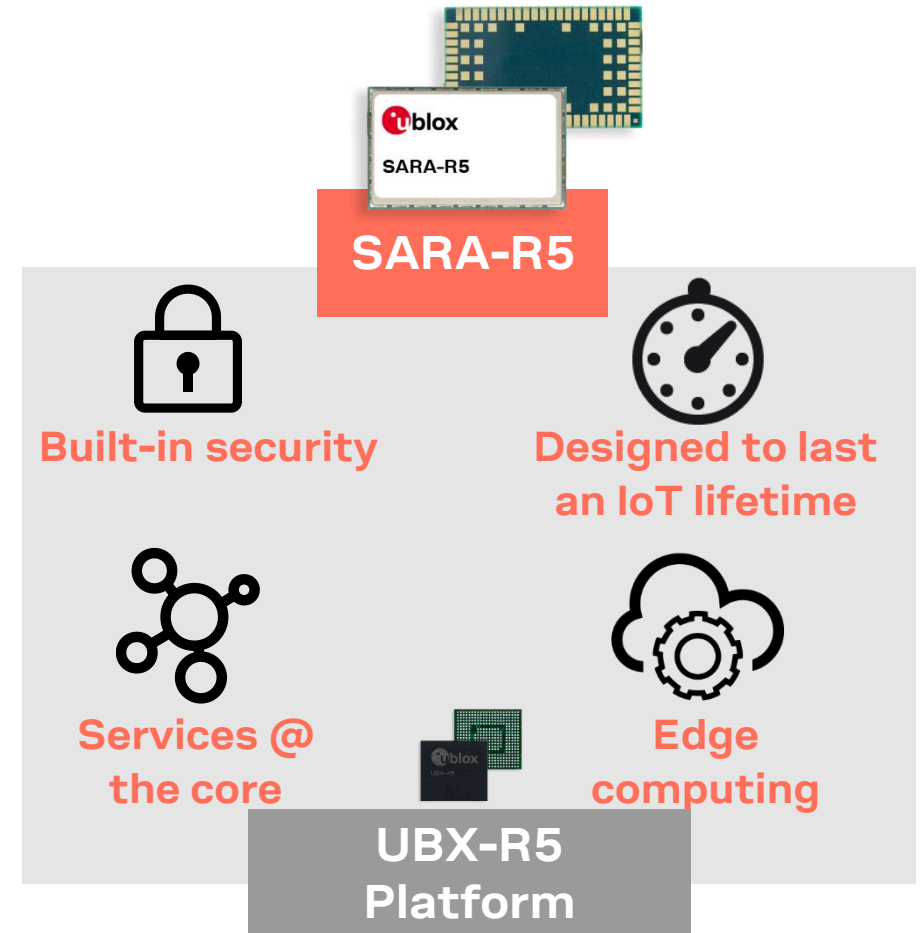


# Summary

Smart metering demands secure end-to-end solutions



- Hardware based security
  - Root-of-trust at chipset level is required to provide secure services
- Secure services
  - Fundamental to serve applications with trusted and reliable data (time, position...)
- Edge computing
  - Use cases are emerging in various domains, benefits for cloud and device side



**Thank you for your  
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