

## Comparable Exits & Acquisition Landscape

**BleedIO Tech — IoT / SaaS / Industrial Connectivity** *Prepared: March 2026*

### Purpose

This document maps recent M&A transactions in the IoT, industrial connectivity, and edge SaaS sectors to frame BleedIO Tech's potential exit value. All data is sourced from verified public records, SEC filings, and reputable industry outlets.

### 1. Verified Comparable Acquisitions

Company	Acquirer	Year	Deal Value	Revenue at Acquisition	Implied Multiple	Relevance to BleedIO
<b>Cradlepoint</b>	Ericsson	2020	\$1.1B	~\$130M (2019)	~8.5x revenue	Wireless WAN edge for enterprise; connectivity-first, SaaS-recurring model
<b>Sierra Wireless</b>	Semtech	2023	\$1.2B	~\$600M (declining)	~2x revenue	IoT cloud services + connectivity modules; \$100M recurring cloud revenue
<b>Splunk</b> (IoT/data analytics)	Cisco	2024	\$28B	~\$3.7B	~7.6x revenue	Data collection, machine analytics, Industrial IoT monitoring — validates data-layer value
<b>Nozomi</b>	Mitsubishi	202	~\$1B	Undisclose	Est. 8-	OT/IoT

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<b>Networks</b>	Electric	5		d (33% CAGR, >70% gross margin)	12x revenue	security for critical infrastructure ; largest OT acquisition ever
<b>Edge Impulse</b>	Qualcomm	2025	Undisclosed (raised \$54M at \$234M valuation)	Pre-revenue scale	Strategic premium	Edge AI for IoT devices; 170K+ developers; capability acquisition
<b>Particle</b>	Digital International	2026	\$50M	~\$20M ARR	~2.5x ARR	IoT edge-to-cloud platform; device management + connectivity SaaS
<b>Ericsson IoT Business</b>	Aeris	2023	Undisclosed (\$2B+ invested by Ericsson)	Undisclosed	Asset transfer	IoT connectivity platform + connected vehicle cloud

### Key Observations from Verified Deals

- Connectivity + SaaS commands premium multiples.** Cradlepoint (8.5x) and Nozomi (~8-12x) show that companies solving mission-critical connectivity with recurring revenue achieve top-quartile valuations.
- Pure hardware/module companies trade lower.** Sierra Wireless at ~2x reflects declining hardware margins and commodity pressure. BleedIO's software-first, vendor-agnostic approach avoids this trap.
- Strategic acquirers pay more for infrastructure-level technology.** Cisco paid 7.6x for Splunk's data layer; Ericsson paid 8.5x for Cradlepoint's wireless edge — both were “foundational infrastructure” acquisitions, directly analogous to BleedIO's positioning.
- Industrial IoT security and reliability are premium categories.** Nozomi's ~\$1B exit (largest OT acquisition ever) validates that acquirers will pay significant premiums for solutions that protect mission-critical industrial operations.

## 2. Market Valuation Benchmarks (2024-2025)

Metric	Median	Top Quartile	Source
Public SaaS EV/Revenue	3.8x	7-12x	Aventis Advisors, 2025
SaaS EV/EBITDA	22.4x	Up to 46.5x	ClearlyAcquired, 2025
Industrial IoT (private) EV/EBITDA	—	Up to 17.1x	ClearlyAcquired, 2025
Net retention >120% premium	11.7x revenue	—	Flippa/FE International, 2024
Gross margin >80% premium	7.6x revenue	—	Eqvista SaaS Index, 2024

**Key takeaway:** SaaS companies with high gross margins (>80%), strong net retention, and mission-critical positioning consistently achieve multiples 2-3x above the median.

## 3. BleedIO Tech Exit Positioning

### Why BleedIO Commands a Premium Multiple

Factor	BleedIO Advantage	Comparable Precedent
<b>Mission-critical uptime</b>	100% uptime architecture, self-healing mesh	Nozomi (\$1B — critical infrastructure)
<b>Software-first, vendor-agnostic</b>	No proprietary hardware lock-in; high gross margins	Cradlepoint (\$1.1B — edge software + services)
<b>Foundational infrastructure</b>	Network layer that other applications depend on	Splunk (\$28B — foundational data layer)
<b>Recurring SaaS revenue</b>	\$3-5/device/month, multi-year contracts	Particle (\$50M at 2.5x ARR)
<b>Enterprise validation</b>	Chevron, Snap-on, Lufthansa, Oracle Red Bull Racing	De-risks acquirer due diligence
<b>Edge + data collection</b>	AI-ready data pipeline from industrial sensors	Edge Impulse (strategic acquisition by Qualcomm)

### Applicable Multiple Range

Based on verified comparables and BleedIO's characteristics:

- **Conservative (infrastructure SaaS median):** 4-6x ARR
- **Base case (mission-critical connectivity):** 6-8x ARR
- **Upside (strategic premium with IP + enterprise contracts):** 8-12x ARR

The base case aligns with Cradlepoint (8.5x) and Nozomi (~8-12x), both of which share BleedIO's core value proposition: always-on, mission-critical connectivity for industrial environments.

## Likely Strategic Acquirers

Acquirer Profile	Examples	Strategic Rationale
Industrial conglomerates	Siemens, Honeywell, ABB, Mitsubishi Electric	Fill connectivity gap in Industry 4.0 portfolios
Telecom/networking	Ericsson, Cisco, Nokia	Extend edge/enterprise IoT offerings
Cloud platforms	AWS, Azure, Google Cloud	On-prem mesh complements cloud IoT services
Energy/O&G technology	Emerson, Schneider Electric	Solve refinery/plant connectivity (Chevron proof point)

## 4. Market Tailwinds

- **IoT M&A rebounding:** SaaS deal volume up 41% in 2024 vs. 2023; IoT investment exceeded \$1.45B in connectivity platforms alone (2024-2025).
- **68% of venture-backed exits under \$50M are now strategic acquisitions**, not IPOs — favoring companies with clear acquirer fit.
- **AI is driving data infrastructure demand:** Acquirers increasingly value the data collection layer (sensors, edge, connectivity) that feeds AI/ML models.
- **Global enterprise IoT market:** \$671B in 2024, growing steadily. BleedIO operates in the foundational connectivity layer that enables this market.

## Sources

All acquisitions verified through primary sources:

- [Ericsson completes Cradlepoint acquisition](#) — Ericsson Press Release
- [Semtech completes Sierra Wireless acquisition](#) — Semtech Press Release
- [Cisco completes Splunk acquisition](#) — Cisco Investor Relations
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