

Monitoring and Securing New Functions Deployed in a Virtualized Networking Environment

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Context and Problem statement



- Deploying new network equipment is costly
- Deployment only if secure and manageable
- Cost Reduction, Hardware Mutualisation, Energy Consumption
 - Network Function Virtualization
 - Software Defined Networking
- New networking architecture & solutions for better data delivery and optimal use of network resources
 - NDN : Named Data Networking
- Deployment of new network functions and protocols in a virtualized networking environment (NDN Use case)

Outline



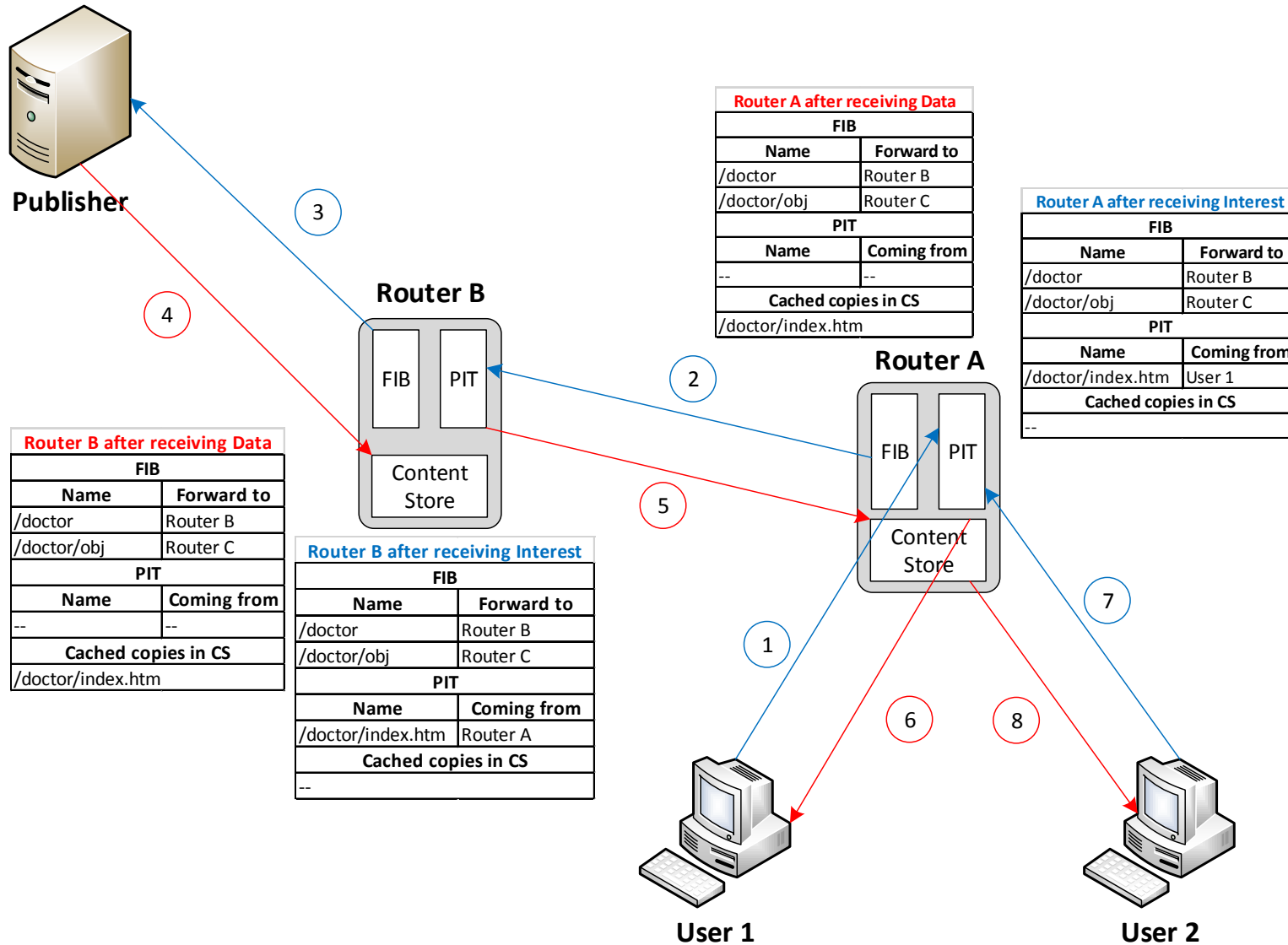
- Introduction to NDN
- Network architecture
- Monitoring solution
- Proactive and Reactive Security Mechanisms
- Conclusion and Next steps

Named Data Networking



- Novel networking protocol
 - Information-Centric Networking architecture
 - Names are hierarchical
- Two types of NDN packets:
 - Interest
 - Data
- Designed for
 - Caching
 - Multicasting
 - Mobility
 - Multipath
 - Data integrity and authentication...

NDN Network exchange example

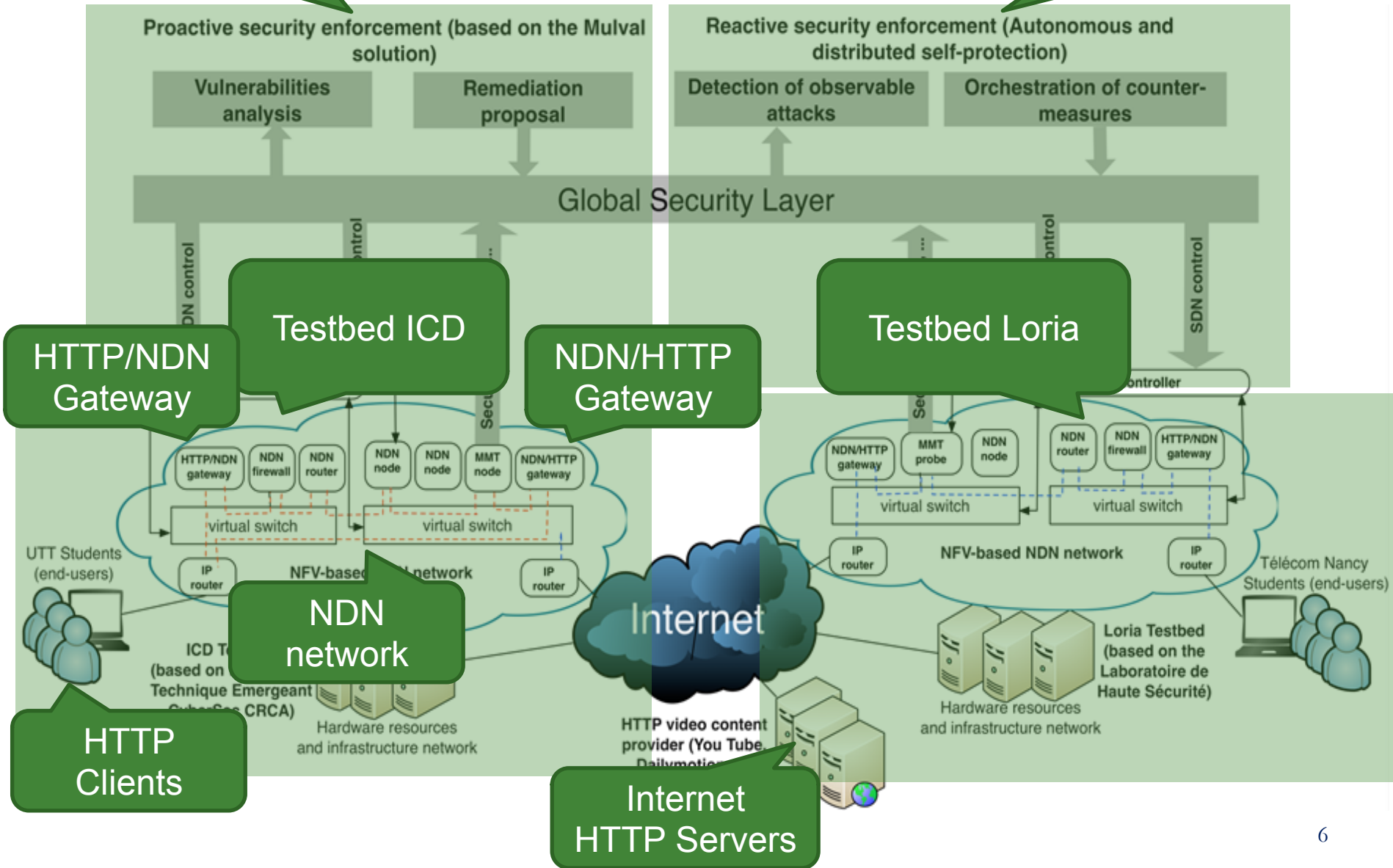


Network Architecture



Proactive security

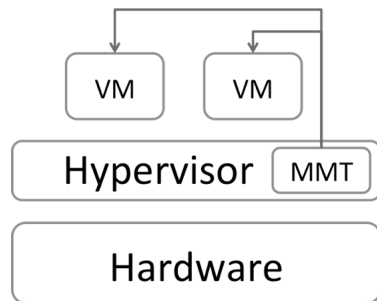
Reactive security



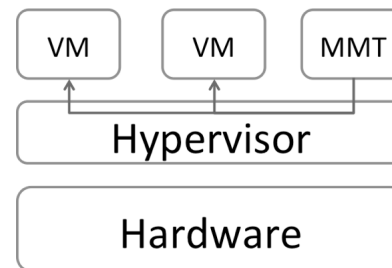
Monitoring solution



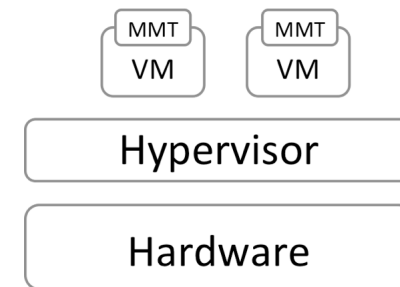
- MMT : Montimage Monitoring Tool
 - Network capture probe for traffic analysis
- 3 possibilities



Network-based



Virtual Machine introspection



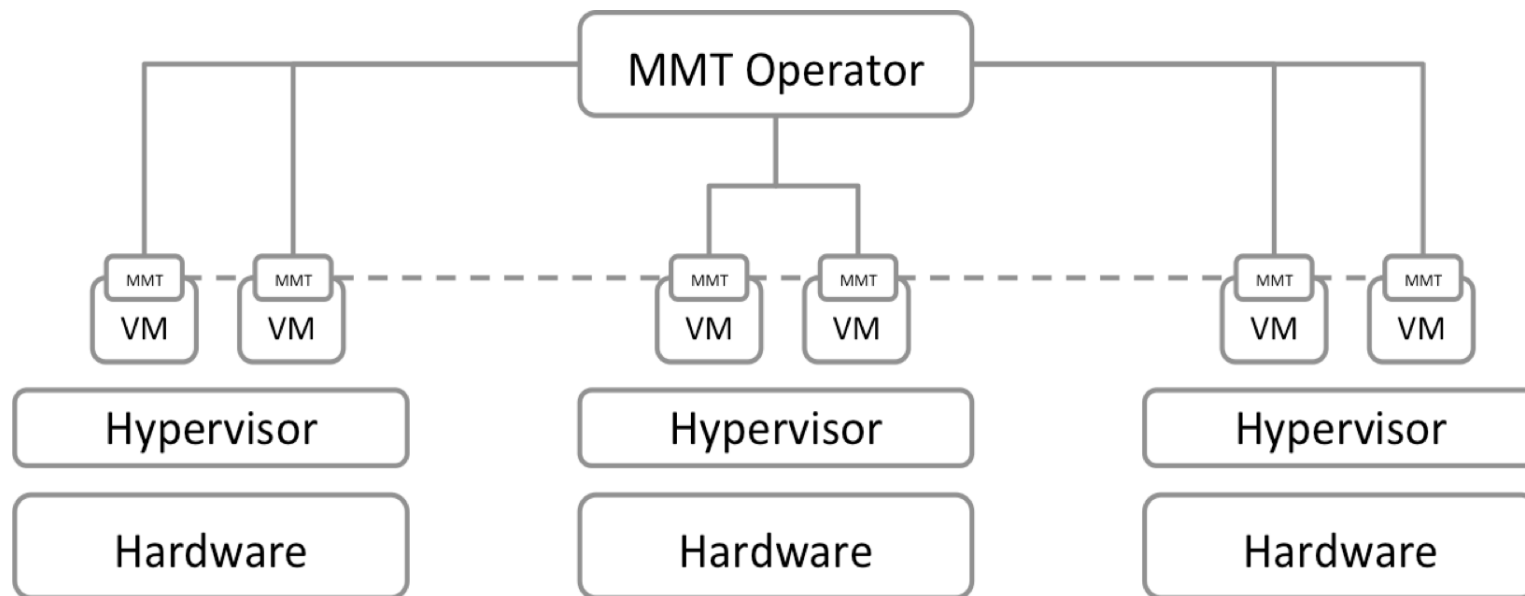
Host-based

- Host-based protection on each Virtualized Network Function
 - Better detections than network-based
 - Better performances than Virtual Machine introspection
 - Distribution of the power and memory requirements
 - Can be configured to monitor exactly what is needed for the VNF

Monitoring distributed architecture

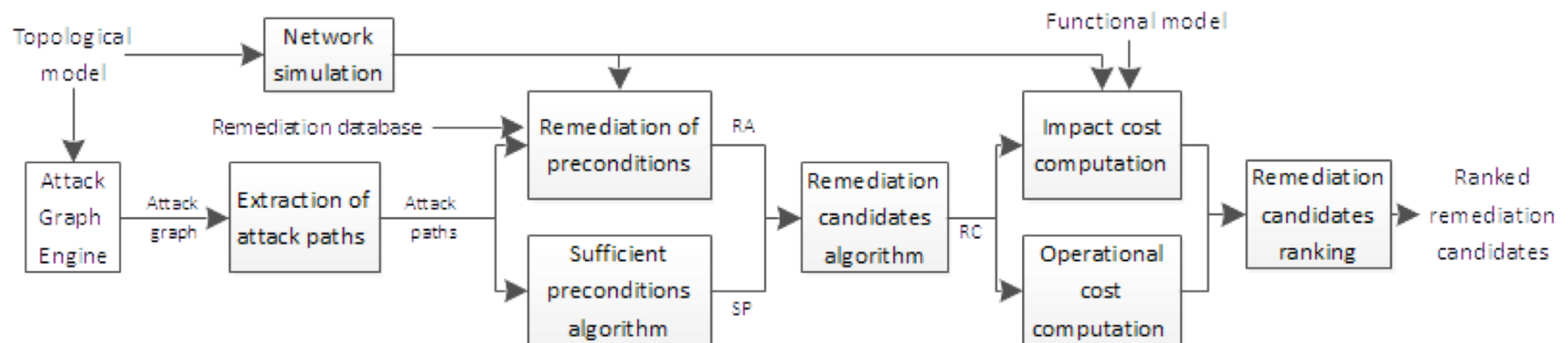


- Managed via Software Defined Networking
 - Creation of a monitoring application
 - Distributed collection of information
 - Centralized decision point (controller)
- Communication of probes via P2P for local decisions



Proactive Security Mechanisms

- Risk analysis based on attack graphs
 - Benefits from the SDN to get up-to-date topological information
 - Integration of the attacks specific to NDN (ex: cache poisoning, interest flooding attack...)
 - Describes how a localized attack can propagate in the network
- Remediation strategy



Reactive Security Mechanisms



- **Generation of attack patterns from attack paths**
 - To deduce the characteristics of traffic, caches or forwarding tables
 - Allow to configure the monitoring probes
- **Integration of MMT with attack graphs**
 - Dynamic risk assessment
 - Detections with prior-knowledge
- **Countermeasures on the virtualized infrastructure**
 - To stop or mitigate the currently happening attacks
 - Eg. Configure/deploy a virtualized firewall, or Intrusion Detection System

Conclusion and Next steps



- Modular monitoring architecture for virtualized infrastructure.
- Makes possible secure deployment of new protocols.
- Can be applied for migration from IP to NDN.
- Current/Future steps:
 - Implementation of the two testbeds.
 - Virtualized network functions of NDN.
 - Integration of the MMT probe into containers.
 - Evaluation on testbeds of this monitoring solution.

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