

SDN/NFV-based Smart Industrial Enterprise Use Case: Remote Asset Monitoring

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Introduction



- Industry 4.0 enterprise applications will support the smart factory:
 - Data analysis
 - Autonomic decision making
- Monitoring, analysis, and management functions at different levels of the enterprise
- Remote asset monitoring is required when the administrators manage different distant locations:
 - Safety
 - Energy management
 - Utilization
 - Security

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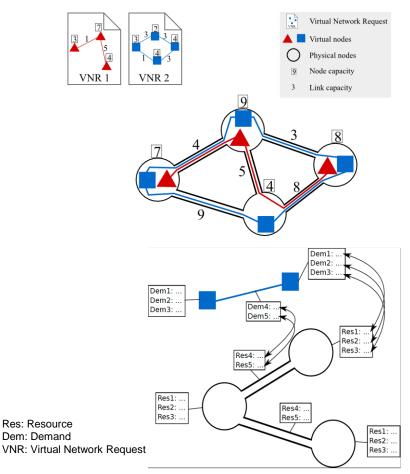
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- IoT enables remote asset monitoring:
 - Installing wireless sensors throughout the factory
 - Integrating them via an Internet gateway
 - Deployment of data acquisition and analysis functions at the edge and central data centers, respectively
- Challenges:
 - Defining event patterns: sensing areas, thresholds
 - Application traffic characteristics and requirements
 - Autonomic, flexible, and location-aware function deployment

Background: VNE



- Virtual Network Embedding: Deploying multiple Virtual Networks (VNs) on a single substrate network
- NP-hard problem efficiency requires heuristics
- Most VNE algorithms are performance oriented and optimize for cost and admission ratio
- Model: Resource-Demand pairs
 - Virtual nodes or links pose demands for certain matched resources
 - Used for performance-oriented algorithms
 - Can be extended to model node capabilities and location-awareness



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Res: Resource

Dem: Demand

Background: Future Mobile Network

- Future mobile networks based on SDN/NFV
- Network functions pose qualitative constraints to the construction of a composite service
- Coordinated SDN/NFV enables 5G
- Industry as an application domain of 5G (in particular remote management)

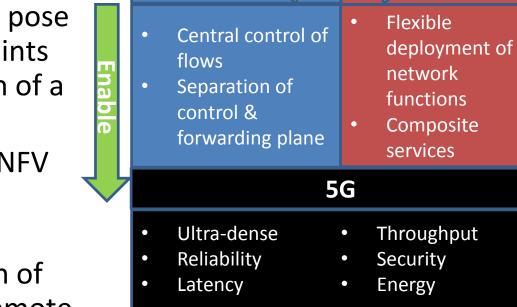
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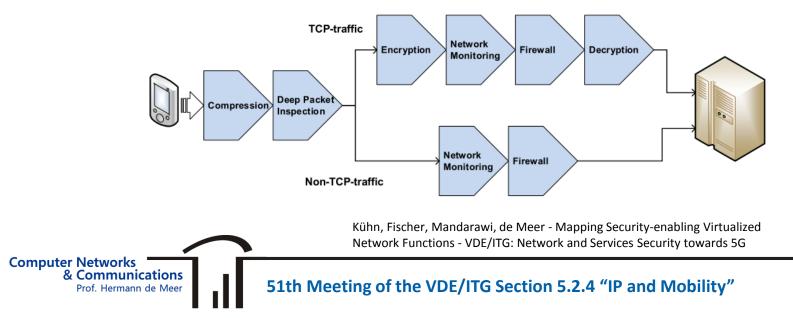
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Background: NFV Mapping Problem



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- The combination of network functions imposes a topology
- This topology is not fixed
 - Several variations might be possible
 - E.g., encryption before or after compression?
- This has effects on resource usage some variations may be easier on resources than others
- Problem is somewhat similar to VNE



Solution Approach



- Combine VNE, NFV and SDN to:
 - Efficiently deploy industrial enterprise applications
 - Satisfy their requirements
 - Reconfigure the application in response to network events
- Steps:

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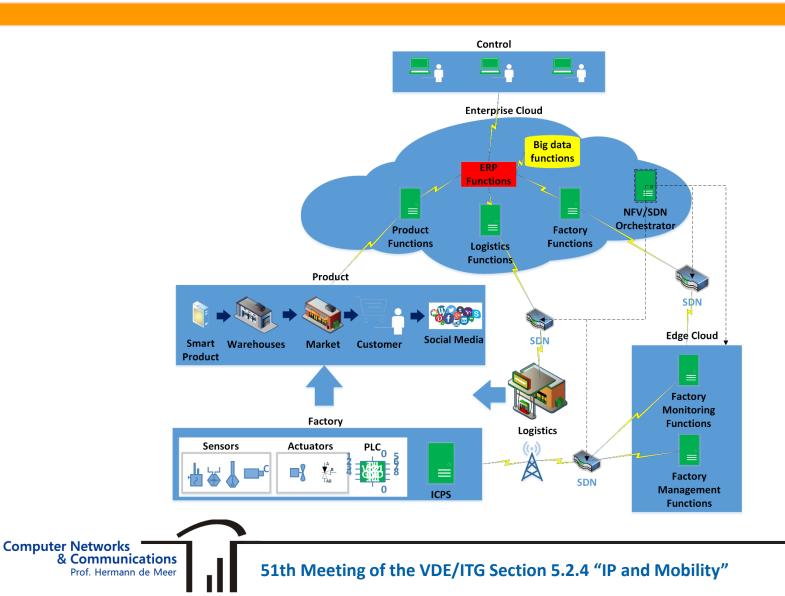
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- Application model:
 - End nodes and locations
 - Requirements: throughput, latency, resilience
- Wide-area industrial network model
- Mapping algorithms for application and chain embedding:
 - Chain composition (function capacities and forwarding graphs), chain placement, communication flows (SDN)
- Resilience algorithms (e.g. redundancy in chains)

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Virtual Smart Enterprise -Overview

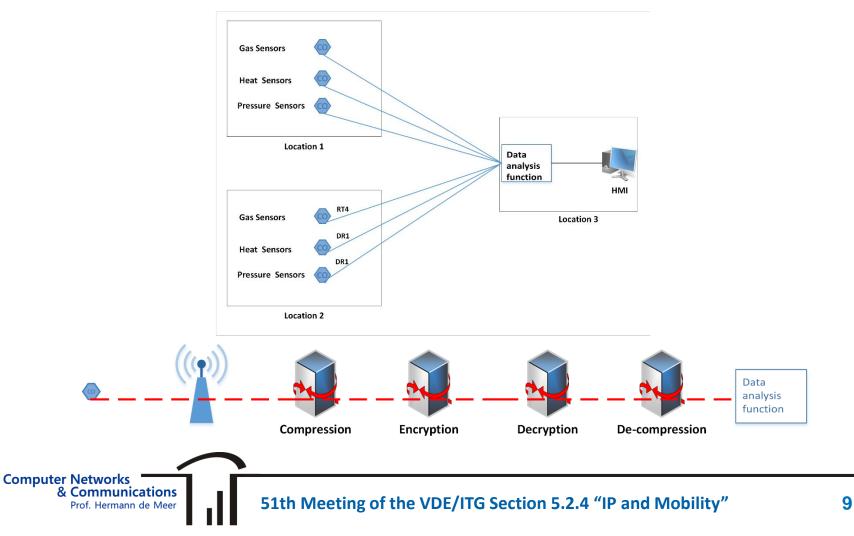




Use Case – Remote Monitoring

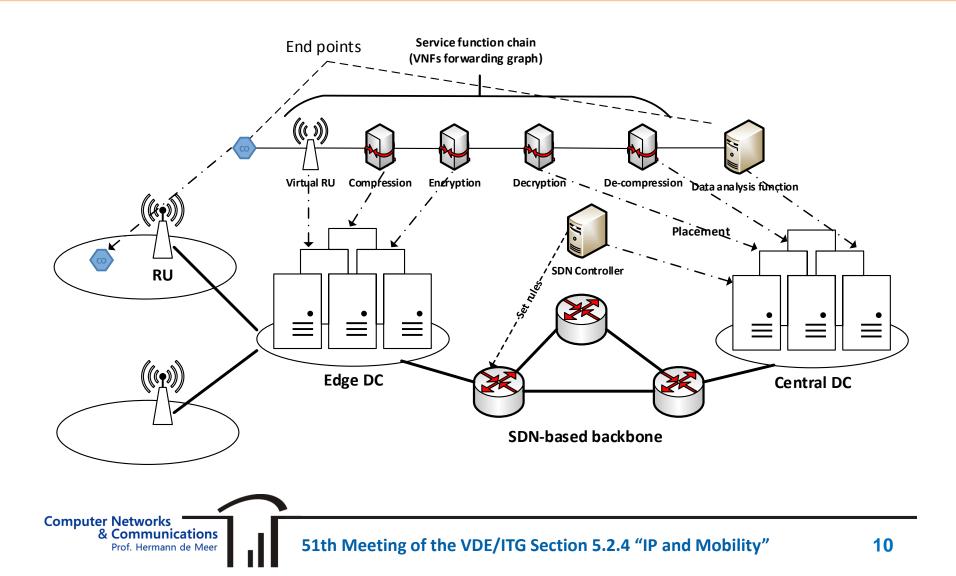


Application Profile and a Composed Chain



Use Case – Deployment over 5G





Use Case - Requirements



- Monitoring traffic specifications (cycle time, load)
- Application resilience requirements
- Safety deadlines
- Chain end-to-end delay demand
- Chain throughput
- Handling security threats such as..
 - Discloser of production data
 - Manipulation of monitoring data and decisions
 - etc..

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through appropriate security functions in the chains, e.g., forcing encryption between edge and central DC?

Use Case - Benefits & Risks



Benefits:

- Flexible and centralized remote monitoring of a large industrial enterprise
- Early notification and reaction to safety problems
- Guaranteed deadline for detecting problems
- Flexible deployment and configuration of monitoring functions
- Risks: safety problems due to performance degradation in the cloud





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- IoT & 5G enable remote management in future industries
- Performance and security challenges when cellular and WANs are involved
- NFV/SDN support flexible function deployment
- Orchestrated SDN/NFV required for large systems
- VNE for flexible composition, mapping, reconfiguration of the function chains
- Must consider the main requirements: throughput, delay, resilience, security
- A main challenge: complexity of the embedding problem







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