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Interest Flooding Detection in NDN using Hypothesis Testing

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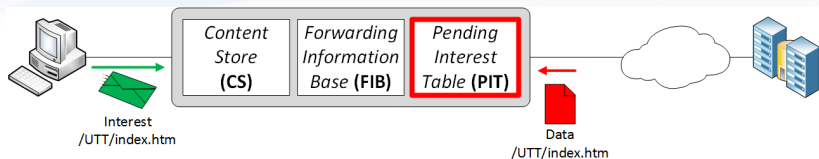
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- Internet usage keeps growing tremendously
- Recent efforts aiming to a clean-slate network for the future
- NDN: promising future Internet

NDN key concepts

- Naming content object instead of using IP address
- In-network caches
- Ensure content integrity, authenticity
- Natively solve part of problems: multicast, mobility support, IP address shortage ...

- Communications by *Interest* and *Data* packets



Attack principle

Overload **PIT** with a large amount of Interests for **non-existent content names**, prevent router from processing Interests from legitimate user

- Highly risk
 - Easily created
 - Potentially affect on large scale

- Proposed solutions usually include a detection phase followed by a mitigation step ¹²

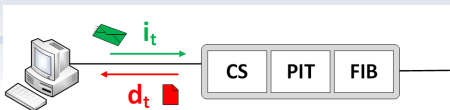
Previous detection method's drawbacks

- Unclear threshold selection, usually based on experiences
 - ⇒ **Rigid performance, only valid in evaluated cases**
 - ⇒ **Costly to address different conditions**
- No expected theoretical performance
 - ⇒ **Achieved results under-optimal**
- Evaluate with easily detected cases
 - ⇒ **Unreliable and weak performance against challenge cases**

¹ A. Afanasyev et al. "Interest flooding attack and countermeasures in Named Data Networking." IFIP Networking Conference, 2013

² A. Compagno et al. "Poseidon: Mitigating interest flooding DDoS attacks in named data networking." IEEE Local Computer Networks (LCN), 2013.

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Assumptions

- p_t : loss rate of a legitimate Interest
- $d_t \sim \mathcal{B}(i_t; 1 - p_t)$
- $\ell_t = 1 - d_t/i_t$: measured packet-loss rate

The two statistical hypotheses

- \mathcal{H}_0 : no Interest flooding

$$\mathcal{H}_0 : d_t \sim \mathcal{B}(i_t, 1 - p_t)$$

- \mathcal{H}_1 : an Interest flooding is occurring

$$\mathcal{H}_1 : d_t \sim \mathcal{B}(i_t - N_t, 1 - p_t) , N_t > 0$$

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- The case of **known loss rate** p_t already addressed
⇒ upper bound for the detection performance

For the case of unknown loss rate

- Values of p_t changes slightly and smoothly
⇒ Possible to model with a polynomial
- Consider N measurements $\ell = (\ell_{T-N+1}, \dots, \ell_T)$
- Least-square estimator of packet-loss rate

$$\tilde{\mathbf{p}} = \mathbf{H}\tilde{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{H}(\mathbf{H}^T\mathbf{H})^{-1}\mathbf{H}^T\ell$$

- $\ell_t = 1 - d_t/i_t$ and i_t usually large enough

Using Central Limit Theorem

$$\begin{cases} \mathcal{H}_0 : \ell \rightsquigarrow \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{H}\tilde{\mathbf{x}}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_0), \\ \mathcal{H}_1 : \ell \rightsquigarrow \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{H}\tilde{\mathbf{x}} - \mathbf{a}\mathbf{v}_a, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_0 - \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_a) \end{cases}$$

where \mathbf{a} represents the attack payload and \mathbf{v}_a characterizes for the number of samples corrupted by the attack, e.g.

$$\mathbf{v}_a = (0, 0, \dots, 0, 1)^T$$

Estimated residual

$$\mathbf{H}^\perp = \mathbf{I} - \mathbf{H}(\mathbf{H}^T\mathbf{H})^{-1}\mathbf{H}^T$$

$$\tilde{\mathbf{r}} = \ell - \tilde{\mathbf{p}} = \mathbf{H}^\perp \ell \sim \begin{cases} \mathcal{H}_0 : \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{H}^\perp \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_0 \mathbf{H}^{\perp T}), \\ \mathcal{H}_1 : \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{a}\tilde{\mathbf{v}}_a, \mathbf{H}^\perp \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_0 \mathbf{H}^{\perp T} - \mathbf{H}^\perp \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_a \mathbf{H}^{\perp T}) \end{cases}$$

Generalized Likelihood Ratio Test (proposed GLRT)

$$\tilde{\delta}(\tilde{\mathbf{r}}) = \begin{cases} \mathcal{H}_0 & \text{if } \tilde{\mathbf{v}}_a^T \tilde{\mathbf{r}} \leq \tilde{\tau}, \\ \mathcal{H}_1 & \text{if } \tilde{\mathbf{v}}_a^T \tilde{\mathbf{r}} > \tilde{\tau}. \end{cases}$$

with: $\tilde{\mathbf{v}}_a^T \tilde{\mathbf{r}} \rightsquigarrow \begin{cases} \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, s_0^2) & \text{under } \mathcal{H}_0, \\ \mathcal{N}(a \|\tilde{\mathbf{v}}_a\|_2^2, s_0^2 - s_a^2) & \text{under } \mathcal{H}_1. \end{cases}$

and: $s_0^2 = \tilde{\mathbf{v}}_a^T \mathbf{H}^\perp \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_0 \mathbf{H}^{\perp T} \tilde{\mathbf{v}}_a$, $s_a^2 = \tilde{\mathbf{v}}_a^T \mathbf{H}^\perp \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_a \mathbf{H}^{\perp T} \tilde{\mathbf{v}}_a$.

Threshold & expected detection power

Threshold: $\tilde{\tau} = \Phi^{-1}(1 - \alpha_0) s_0$

Detection power: $\beta(a) = 1 - \Phi\left(\frac{s_0 \Phi^{-1}(1 - \alpha_0) - a \|\tilde{\mathbf{v}}_a\|_2^2}{\sqrt{s_0^2 - s_a^2}}\right)$

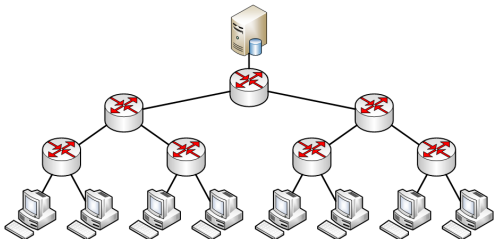
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Test configuration

- $N = 50$ and $q - 1 = 4$
- $\mathbf{v}_a = (0, 0, \dots, 0, 1)^T$

Experiment setup

- Using data generated in ndnSIM
- $i_t \sim \Pi\{\lambda\}$ and $N_t \sim \Pi(a)$, with $\lambda, a \sim \text{unif}$
- Links' and content providers' capacity is sufficient
- Actual packet-loss rate follows an auto-regressive model:
 $p_t = p_{t-1} + u$ with $u \sim \text{unif}$



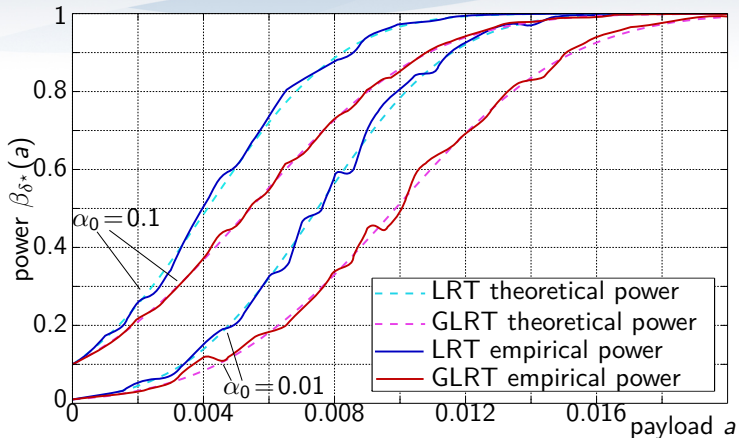


Figure: Comparison of theoretical and empirical performance of LRT and proposed GLRT, as a function of anomaly strength $a \in [0, 0.02]$.

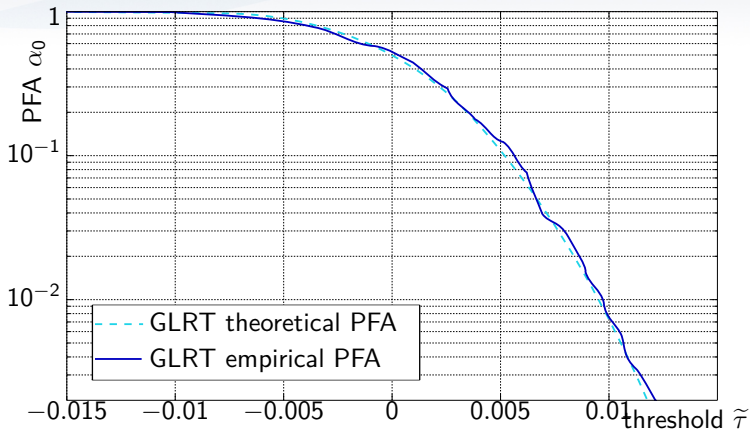


Figure: Comparison between empirical and theoretical PFA for the proposed GLRT, as the function of decision threshold $\tilde{\tau}$.

Trade-off between detection latency and power

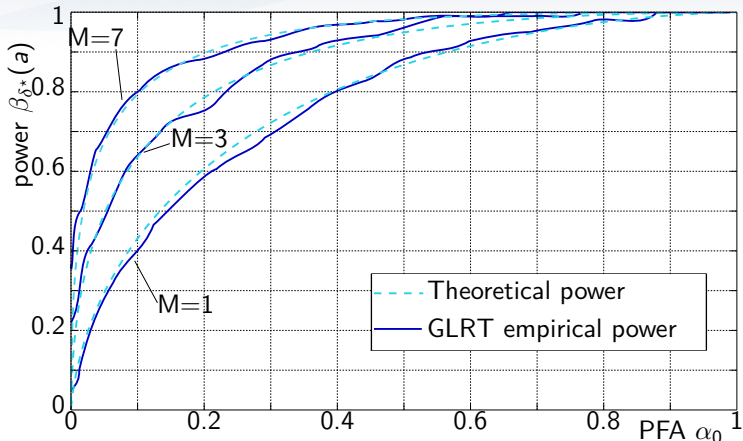


Figure: Receiver Operational Characteristic (ROC) curves for the proposed GLRT with different number of samples corrupted.

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The proposed detector

- Has a clearly-defined threshold which can guarantee a prescribed α_0
- Threshold independent of users' behavior or attack payload
- Provide a reliable theoretical performance, hence allow evaluating the loss in detection power due to estimation
- Master the trade-off between accuracy and detection delay

Future work

- Address other important attack strategies
- Develop a following mitigation strategy