TRONE: Trustworthy and Resilient Operations in a Network Environment

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Motivation

- Technology push:
 - Next Generation Networks (NGN)
 - Need for seamless integration of new and heterogeneous technologies
- Consumer pull:
 - More demanding requirements
 - Increased QoS and QoP: fast is not enough
- The challenges:
 - Increased operational risks
 - Inadequate network operation and management



Vision

- Innovative solutions for Network Operation, Administration and Management (OAM)
 - Proactive hazard reduction: architectural robustness
 - Reactive hazard reduction: detection and recovery
- Achieve trustworthy network operation
 - Dynamic Dep & Sec enforcement through:
 - Diagnosis, detection and prevention/tolerance
 - Automatic reconfiguration
 - Self-stabilizing like behavior

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Goals

- Enhance network Quality of Service (QoS) and Quality of Protection (QoP), operational efficiency and agility
- Deal with increasing levels of accidental and malicious faults



Means

- Measures to ensure real-time operational security & dependability
 - On-line fault/failure diagnosis, detection and prevention, recovery and dynamic adaptation
- Architectural components & middleware
 - Network management infrastructure resilient to instability, overload or attack
- Technology demonstrators & prototypes
 - Use cases from operator supplied scenarios



Real-time operational Security & Dependability

- Techniques for on-line fault diagnosis and prediction
 - Meta-models of target infrastructure
 - Metric-based failure predictions and root-cause analysis
 - Black-box diagnosis based on network-level failure prediction
- Automated reconfiguration and adaptation
 - Based on decentralized monitoring and on intrusiontolerant components
 - Multi-homing for reconfiguration

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- Architectural solutions
- Resilient communication protocols and middleware
- Plug-in components:
 - Wormhole
 - Secure co-processor
 - Self-healing monitor

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Use case scenarios

- Trustworthy IP links connecting large organizations to the open Internet
- New generation BGP/DNS infrastructure
- Trustworthy DMZs for large Data Centers providing cloud services
- Integrated and resilient Network and Security Operation Centers