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DDoS Clearing House for Europe

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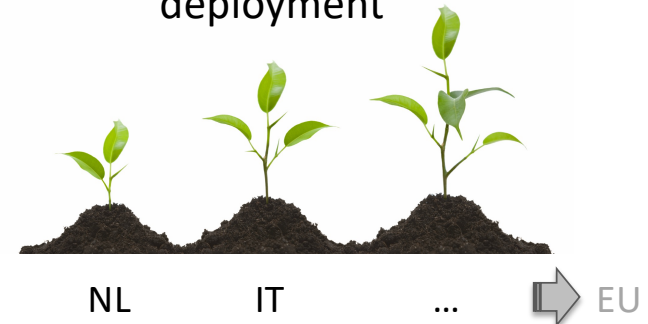


Objective DDoS Research

- Enable European critical infrastructure to proactively and collaboratively protect themselves against DDoS attacks
- Approach: pilot a Clearing House for **exchanging DDoS metadata** with European industry for Europe
- Key outputs: pilots in the Netherlands and Italy, DDoS clearing house blueprint



Key challenge: increase to
TRL 5-7 and grow
deployment





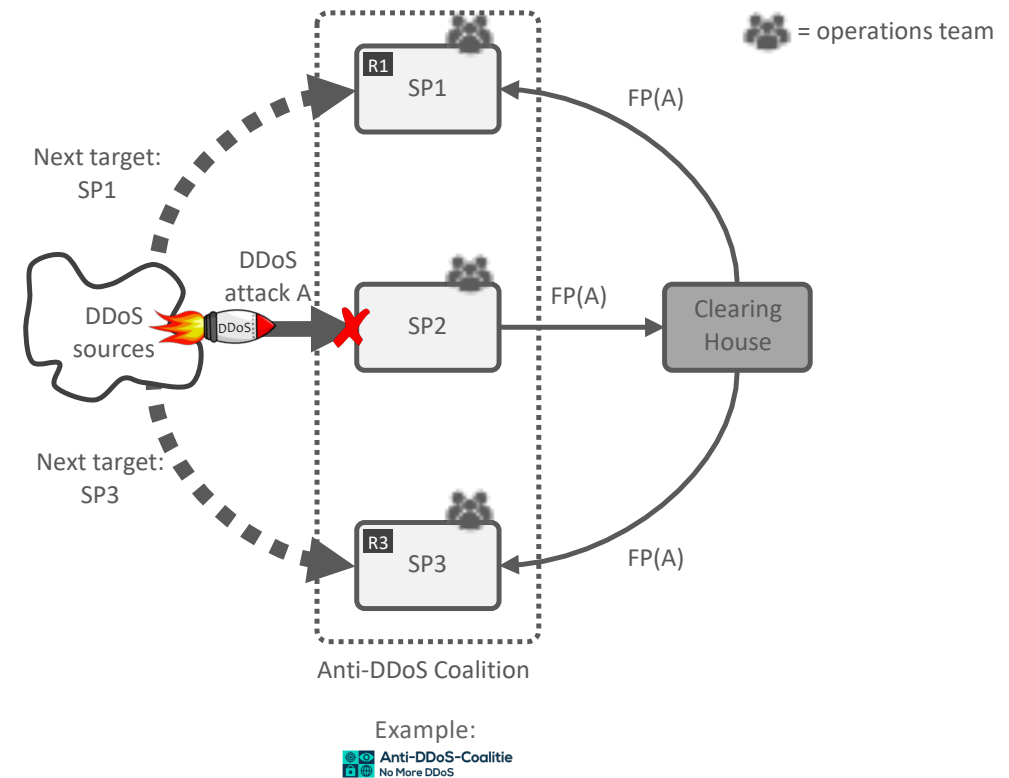
Key innovations

- Bridge **multidisciplinary gap** to deployment, more than tech!
- **Opensource design** that we make available through a “cookbook”
 - Technology, legal, organizational, experiences, lessons learned
 - Enable federations of organizations to set up their own DDoS clearing house
 - Main use case is the Dutch Anti-DDoS Coalition (NL-ADC)
- Can operate across **heterogeneous networks**



DDoS Clearing House Concept

- Continuous and automatic sharing of **DDoS fingerprints**, buys providers time (proactive)
- **Extends DDoS protection services** that service providers use and does not replace them
- Generic concept: across sectors, Member States, business units, etc.



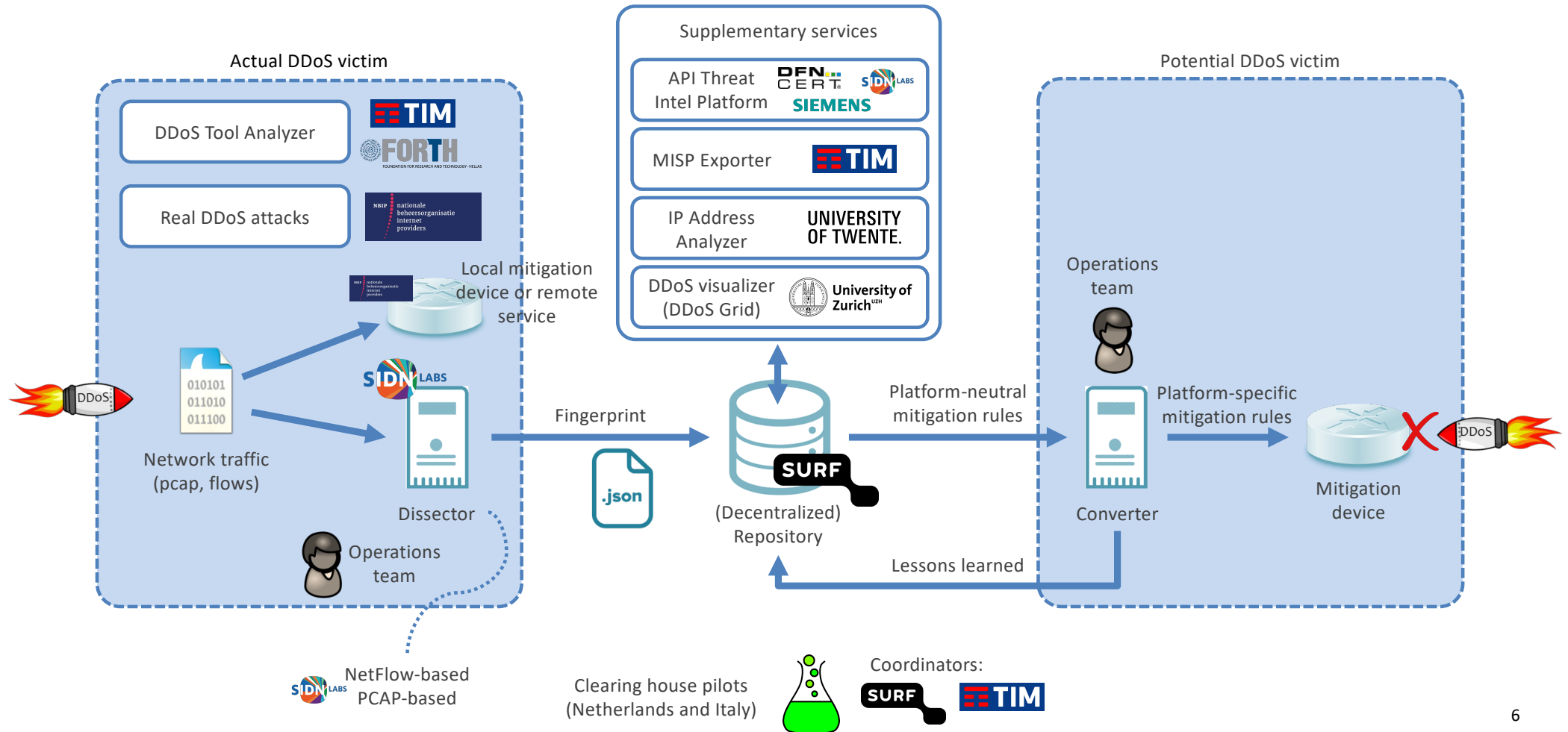


DDoS Fingerprint Example

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{
  "attack_vector": [
    {
      "src_ips": [
        "omitted";
      ],
      "attack_vector_key": "66f2e83fde0e6351d3f5ad967c6230aa3b60dbc498ad13b074296cb5f84c7734",
      "one_line_fingerprint": "{ 'dns_qry_type': 1, 'ip_proto': 'UDP',
      'highest_protocol': 'DNS', 'dns_qry_name': 'a.packetdevil.com',
      'frame_len': 1514, 'udp_length': 4103, 'srcport': 53,
      'fragmentation': True, 'src_ips': 'omitted' }"
    }
  ],
  "start_time": "2013-08-14 23:04:00",
  "duration_sec": 0.16,
  "total_dst_ports": 4649,
  "avg_bps": 143426993,
  "total_packets": 16471,
  "ddos_attack_key": "44518107642b9ac7098174a16cbf220395c862bf26389c734e0b109b318e9291",
  "key": "44518107642b9ac",
  "total_ips": 2065,
  "tags": [
    "AMPLIFICATION",
    "DNS",
    "FRAGMENTATION",
    "UDP_SUSPECT_LENGTH",
    "DNS_QUERY",
    "SINGLE_VECTOR_ATTACK"
  ]
}
```



Main Components and Data Flows





Component Maturity Indication

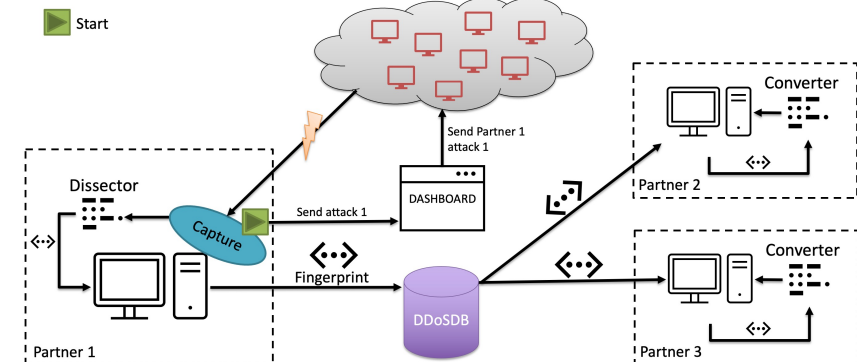
Name	Function	Maturity
Dissector	Generate DDoS fingerprints using PCAP files or flow data	High
DDoSDB	Insert, update, search, and retrieve DDoS fingerprints	High
Converter	Generate mitigation rules based on DDoS fingerprints	Medium
DDoS Grid	Dashboard for the visualization of DDoS fingerprints	High
IP Address Analyzer	Enriches fingerprints with details about IP addresses involved in an attack, based on measurements	Low
DDoS Tool Analyzer	Generate DDoS fingerprints of tools used to launch DDoS attacks	Low
MISP Exporter	Generate MISP events based on DDoS fingerprints	Medium



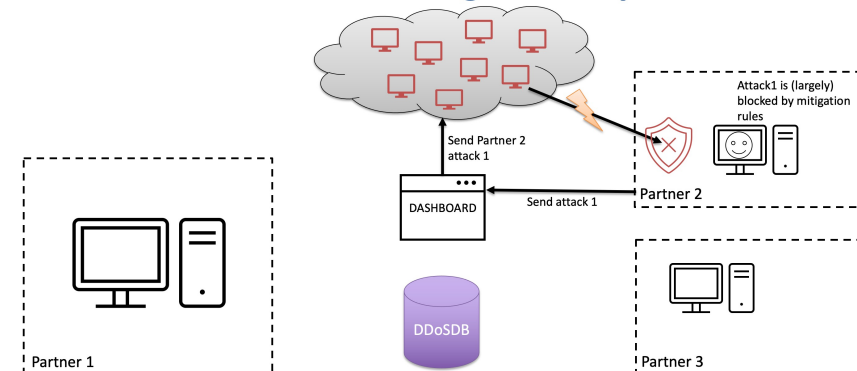
New Concept: Distributed CH Simulator

- The “DDoS target” manually initiates a stream of **test traffic** to itself through distributed cloud VMs
- Target’s Dissector creates fingerprint and sends it to the other partners through DDoS-DB, **without PII**
- Receivers locally construct filtering rules and manually initiate the same stream to **test the rules**

Simulation Diagram: step 1



Simulation Diagram: step 2





DDoS clearing house in the Netherlands



Anti-DDoS-Coalitie
No More DDoS

- DDoS clearing house R&D
- DDoS clearing house cookbook
- Technical evaluation through pilots in the Netherlands and Italy
- Sharing of operational experience
- Large-scale multi-party DDoS drills
- **DDoS clearing house operations**
- Operational ADC organization



Dutch Anti-DDoS Coalition (NL-ADC)



CONCORDIA partner



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Belastingdienst





DDoS Clearing House Planning @NL-ADC

Phase		Q1-2021	Q2-2021	Q3-2021	Q4-2021	Q1-2022	Q2-2022
-1	Distributed simulation 						
0	Pilot						
1	Basic production						
2	Full production						

Dev: CONCORDIA team
Ops: SIDN Labs + CONCORDIA team

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NBIP plays a key role in the DDoS-CH

- Highly aligned mission
 - Robust Internet for NaWas members and society
 - Ambition to grow to EU-level
 - Collaboration is in NBIP's DNA
 - Open and not-for-profit
- Great people
 - Widely acknowledged DDoS experts
 - Data for collaborative DDoS research
 - Vocal on importance of collaborative DDoS mitigation





Further reading

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Dutch Anti-DDoS Coalition:
<https://www.nomoreddos.org/en/>

Clearing house on GitHub:
<https://github.com/ddos-clearing-house/>

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