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# Self Adaptation for Security Monitoring in laaS clouds

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Context: laaS cloud environments.

Frequent infrastructure-related changes:

- VM creation, migration, destruction
- Service addition or removal

**Problem:** Frequent changes make traditional security monitoring fail

**Related work:** Projects that partially address tenant driven customization and scalability issues <sup>[1][2]</sup> but fail to adapt to frequent changes. [3] addresses self-adaptation but not multitenancy, tenant-driven customization or cost-effectiveness.

[1] S. Roschke et al. Intrusion Detection in the Cloud. In Proc. DASC 2009

- [2] C. Mazzariello et al. Integrating a network IDS into an open source Cloud Computing environment. In Proc. IAS 2010
- [3] A. Wailly et al. VESPA: multi-layered self-protection for cloud resources. In Proc. ICAC 2012

Objectives

SAIDS Features Self adaptability:
react to changes in
virtual and physical
infrastructures

Adaptation probes:
detect a change and
reconfigure the
components involved

Customization: allow tenants to request detection of specific types of attacks

Customized rules:
include IDS rules
targeting a tenant's
deployed services

Scalability: adapt to traffic load and changes in the size of the infrastructure

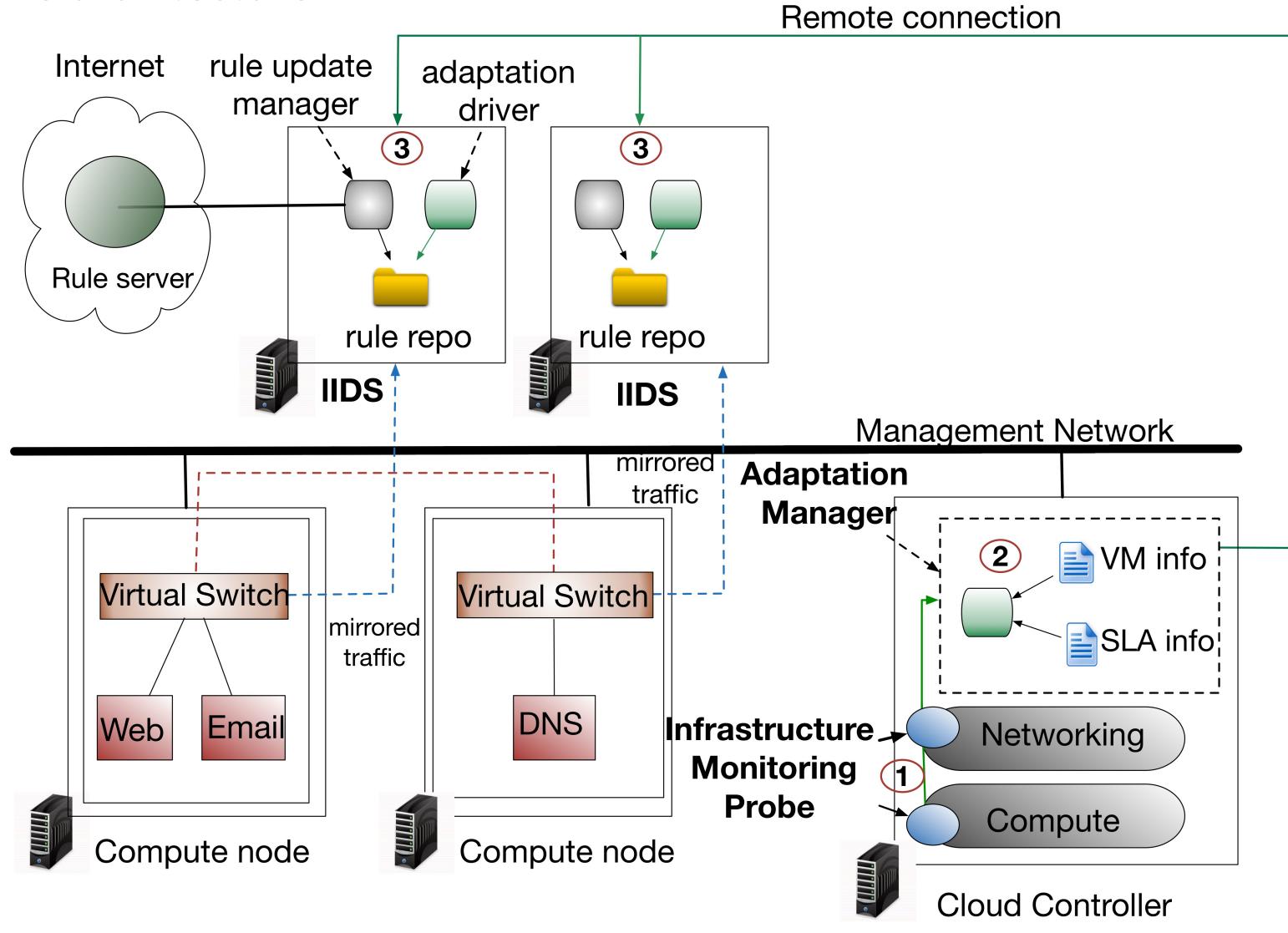
New sensor
deployment: rebalance
traffic analysis when a
local intrusion detection
sensor is overloaded

**Results** 

**Cost minimization:** for tenants and the provider

Component sharing: tenants may share local IDS sensors

# SAIDS architecture



- 1. Infrastructure monitoring probes notify the adaptation manager that a topology change occurs and relate the necessary information: VM id, VM IP, hostname of physical host
- 2. Adaptation manager decides which additional rules have to be activated in the local IDS (IIDS) responsible for the new host of the VM.

  Decision based on:
  - Deployed services (VM info)
  - Specific requests from tenants (SLA info)
- 3. The adaptation manager adapts the IIDS through remote execution of the adaptation driver

# Early evaluation

### Goals

Evaluating the reconfiguration overhead & quality of detection

### **Technologies**

- Cloud deployed with Openstack
- Inter VM communication through GRE tunnels on Open vSwitch

### Scenario

- Load balanced setup representative of a production env.
- 3 interconnected VMs: web, mail, DNS services
- 2 IIDSs: one per virtual switch

## **Future Work**

- Combine monitoring for provider and tenants
- Add other devices: collectors, aggregators
- Offer tenants partial control of the framework

# Snort reconfiguration Actual Migration Secs 4 Without With adaptation adaptation Options Short reconfiguration Actual Migration Options