Federated detection and defense for IT and OT

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- Exchange with partners* for insights
- Existing works and infrastructures in the chair (CNI testbed, datasets...)

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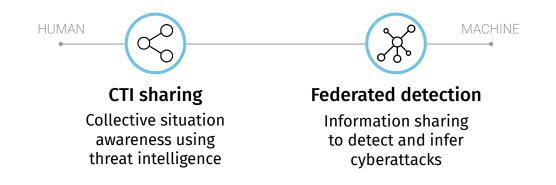
- > Mirai (2016) ⇒ Uses TCP probing, and bruteforces logins
- > WannaCry & NotPetya (2017) ⇒ Exploit MS17-010
- > AZORult (2018) ⇒ Uses known C2s
- > Ryuk (2018) ⇒ Uses Emotet / Trickbot

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Thesis objective

Four observations*:

*From 71 reviewed papers, including 15 surveys

(a) Lack of collective knowledge

There is a lack of collective knowledge in cybersecurity, and more particularly in the OT. [2]

(b) Lack of incentives

Trust and privacy are major hurdle for stakeholders to share data. [2]

(c) Insufficient resiliency

Centralized systems represent a Single Point of Failure and can induce a communication overhead. [3]

(d) Architectural isolation

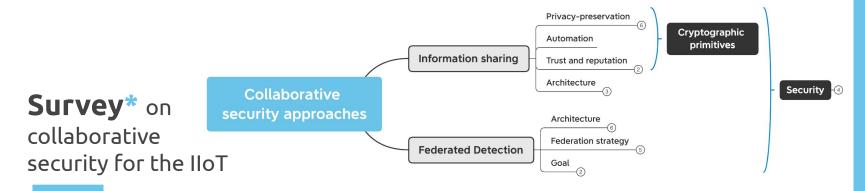
The siloed architecture of detection systems is an obstacle to their effectiveness. [4]

R.Q: How to federate knowledge and defense between non-trusting parties?

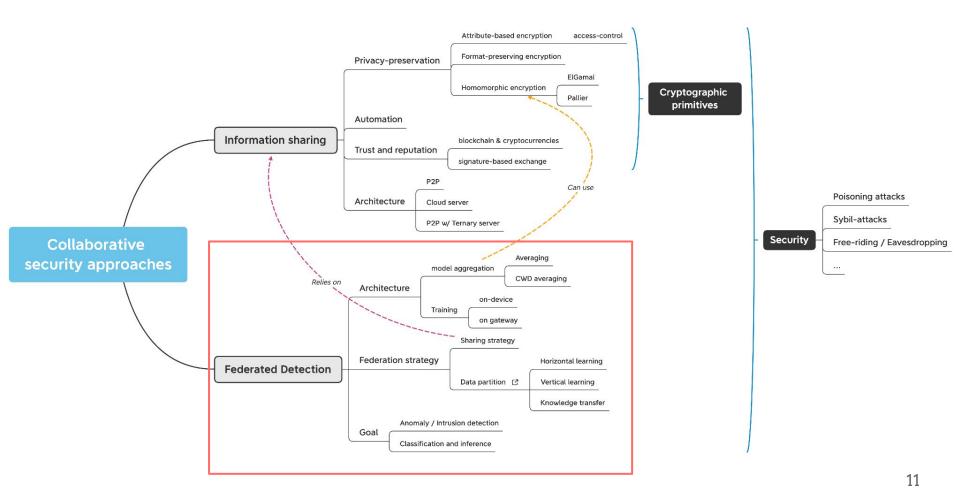
- What to collect?
- What to share?
- How to share it?

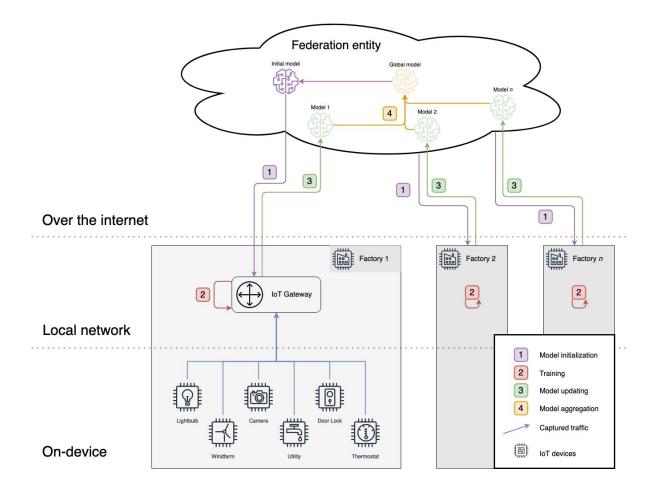
2. Current state

Writing a survey on automated collaborative security

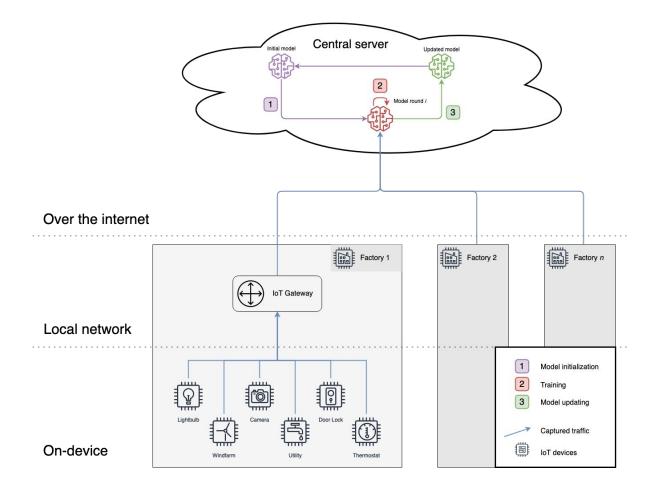


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- Horizontal FL: aggregation of homogeneous models
- Note: collection of additional data could be performed using a *Honeypot Factory*



- Centralized collection and analysis of data
- Better accuracy and general performance
- Privacy issues, bandwidth overhead

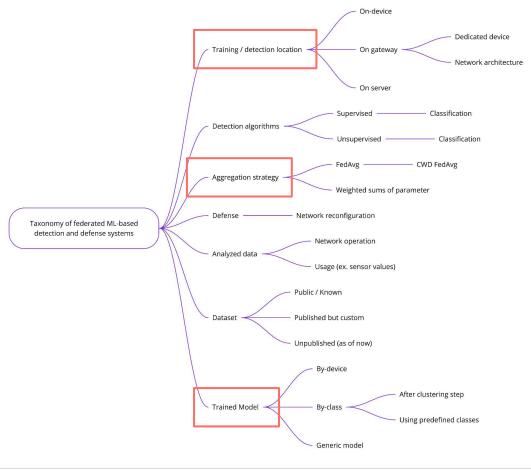


Fig. 2. Taxonomy of federated ML-based detection and defense systems (provisional)

State-of-the-Art

- 1. Classification of devices (either automatically, or with predefined classes)
- 2. Train per-class behavior models using network features / sensor values to obtain a "normal traffic" fingerprint
 - Multiple layer memory-based NN (LSTM, GRU)
 - Softmax (to classify the output in either 'normal' or 'attack', or different classes of attacks)

3. Next steps

Building experiments on the best use-cases

Reproducibility

Implement FL of the selected works:

- → Nguyen *et al.* 2019 [6]
- → Rathore *et al.* 2019 [3]
- → Li *et al.* 2020 [7]
- → Schneble *et al.* 2019 [8]
- → Chen *et al.* 2020 [9]
- → Pahl and Aubet 2018 [10]
- → Zhang *et al.* 2020 [11]



Experiment-driven research



IT networks

Detecting threats in typical IT networks with high traffic volume.



Smart factory

Detection of distributed attacks in the context of CPSs & IIoTs.

Smart building

Detecting anomalies in heterogeneous and partitioned environments.

Test beds

IT networks

Smart building

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Fig. 4. Airbus CyberRange



Fig. 3. Industrial testbed (Chaire CyberCNI)

Smart factory



Fig. 4. Cencyble (IMT Atlantique)



Fig. 5. S2O spaces (TUM)

Conclusion

Federated architectures for knowledge & defense between non-trusting parties

- Ongoing survey: identify the possibilities from the literature
- Next steps:
 - a. reproduce and compare the state-of-the-art
 - b. build the testbeds to host the experiments