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Intelligent Automated NFV Deployment with Optimized VNF Placement

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Abstract
This project focuses on developing an intelligent and automated system for Network Function Virtualization (NFV) deployment with optimized Virtual Network Function (VNF) placement. The system leverages machine learning techniques to continuously monitor traffic patterns and detect overloaded or underutilized nodes within the network. Upon identifying congestion or node failure, the model dynamically adjusts the network topology by deploying new nodes and rerouting traffic to ensure optimal load balancing and efficient resource utilization. For instance, when a node becomes overloaded, additional nodes are introduced, and routing paths are intelligently modified to alleviate network bottlenecks. The system also incorporates a user-friendly control panel, providing real-time visibility into network metrics, traffic loads, and routing strategies, while offering manual control capabilities. This solution aims to enhance network stability, minimize latency, and improve overall service delivery by automating NFV deployment and VNF placement processes.

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1. Introduction

The rapid growth of network services and applications has led to the increased adoption of Network Function Virtualization (NFV) as a cost-effective and flexible solution to manage modern network infrastructures. NFV replaces traditional hardware-based network appliances with virtualized network functions (VNFs), enabling scalable and agile network management. However, efficient deployment and placement of VNFs remain critical challenges, as poor placement can lead to network congestion, resource wastage, and service degradation.

This project introduces an intelligent and automated NFV deployment system that leverages machine learning techniques to optimize VNF placement dynamically. The system continuously monitors network traffic patterns to detect congestion and overloaded nodes, triggering automatic deployment of new nodes or rerouting of traffic to maintain optimal performance. By adapting to fluctuating network conditions in real-time, the system ensures balanced resource utilization, improved traffic distribution, and enhanced service reliability.

Additionally, the system integrates a user-friendly control panel that allows administrators to manually intervene and adjust routing decisions based on live network metrics. This hybrid approach of automation and manual control offers a robust solution for network operators seeking to achieve both efficiency and resilience in dynamic network environments.

1.1 Challenges in NFV Deployment

Traditional NFV deployment approaches face several significant challenges that impact their effectiveness in modern networks:

Static Resource Allocation: Conventional NFV deployments often rely on fixed resource allocation strategies that cannot adapt to changing network conditions, leading to inefficient resource utilization.

Manual Configuration Overhead: The complexity of VNF placement decisions typically requires substantial manual effort from network administrators, increasing operational costs and introducing potential for human error.

Reactive Congestion Management: Most existing systems operate reactively, addressing congestion only after it has already impacted service quality, rather than preemptively managing network resources.

Limited Visibility: Network operators frequently lack comprehensive visibility into the dynamic relationships between traffic patterns, resource utilization, and service performance.

Scalability Constraints: As network sizes increase, the complexity of optimal VNF placement grows exponentially, making manual optimization approaches increasingly impractical.

Our proposed intelligent and automated NFV deployment system addresses these challenges through an adaptive, machine learning-driven approach that continuously optimizes network configuration based on real-time traffic patterns and resource utilization metrics.

2. Methods

The proposed system for intelligent and automated NFV (Network Function Virtualization) deployment leverages machine learning and optimization strategies to dynamically manage Virtual Network Functions (VNFs) and traffic flows in a virtualized environment.

2.1 Traffic Analysis & Overload Detection

A key component of the system is real-time traffic analysis using AI-driven traffic prediction models. By continuously monitoring traffic patterns and resource utilization across network nodes, the system can proactively detect overloaded nodes and traffic hotspots. The traffic forecast models are based on deep learning approaches, such as Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) and Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs), which allow for accurate traffic load estimation.

The traffic prediction component employs a multi-stage approach:

Data Collection: The system continuously gathers metrics including bandwidth utilization, packet throughput, CPU load, memory usage, and request latency from all active nodes.

Feature Engineering: Raw metrics are transformed into meaningful features through normalization, aggregation, and temporal pattern extraction.

Prediction Model Training: LSTM networks are trained on historical network data to forecast traffic loads for different time horizons (short-term: 5-minute intervals; medium-term: hourly predictions; long-term: daily forecasts).

Anomaly Detection: Deviation patterns between predicted and actual traffic are analyzed to identify unusual traffic behaviors that might indicate emerging congestion points.

The system employs a hierarchical threshold approach for congestion detection:

Warning Level (65-75% resource utilization): Triggers preliminary analysis and preparation for potential VNF scaling

Action Level (75-85% resource utilization): Initiates proactive VNF placement and scaling operations

Critical Level (>85% resource utilization): Activates emergency traffic rerouting and load redistribution

2.2 Dynamic VNF Placement

Upon detecting an overloaded node, the system employs a dynamic VNF placement strategy. A reinforcement learning-based policy determines when and where to instantiate new nodes and VNFs to balance traffic loads. This approach ensures optimal placement of VNFs based on real-time network conditions and minimizes latency while maximizing resource efficiency.

The reinforcement learning model incorporates the following elements:

State Space: Current network topology, node resource utilization, traffic flows, and VNF distribution

Action Space: Possible VNF placement decisions, including instantiation, migration, and termination operations

Reward Function: Composite metric incorporating latency reduction, resource utilization balance, and service level agreement (SLA) compliance

Policy Network: Deep Q-Network (DQN) with experience replay to stabilize learning and improve convergence

The model is continuously updated through online learning, allowing it to adapt to evolving traffic patterns and network conditions. The reinforcement learning agent interacts with a network simulator

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during training to explore different placement strategies without disrupting the production environment.

2.3 Optimization Algorithms

To further optimize the system's decision-making process, a hybrid optimization framework combining Genetic Algorithms (GA) and Multi-Agent Systems (MAS) is implemented. These algorithms assist in selecting the most efficient node placement and routing configurations, taking into account parameters such as bandwidth, latency, and node capacity.

The genetic algorithm implementation includes the following components:

Chromosome Representation: Each chromosome encodes a complete VNF placement solution, with genes representing specific VNF-to-node assignments.

Fitness Function: Evaluates solutions based on a weighted combination of:

Total path length for traffic flows
Load balancing across nodes
Resource utilization efficiency
Number of VNF migrations required
SLA compliance probability

Selection Mechanism: Tournament selection with elitism to preserve the best solutions across generations.

Genetic Operators:

Crossover: Two-point crossover that preserves valid placement constraints
Mutation: Random reassignment of VNFs with adaptive mutation rate based on population diversity
Migration: Periodic introduction of new solution patterns to avoid local optima

The Multi-Agent System complements the genetic algorithm by enabling distributed decision-making. Each agent represents a network node and negotiates with other agents to coordinate VNF placement decisions. Agents exchange information about their current load, available resources, and anticipated traffic patterns to collectively optimize the global network state.

2.4 Traffic Re-Routing & Failure Recovery

The system automatically adjusts routing paths when a node becomes overloaded or fails. The auto-scaling module triggers the deployment of new VNFs on additional nodes and redistributes traffic to reduce congestion and maintain network stability.

The traffic rerouting system implements several advanced features:

Path Diversity Maintenance: The system maintains multiple alternative paths between major source-destination pairs to enable rapid failover with minimal service disruption.

Graceful Migration: When VNFs need to be relocated, traffic is gradually shifted to new instances to avoid abrupt changes that could cause packet loss or ordering issues.

Flow Preservation: Related traffic flows are kept together when possible to maintain application-level performance and reduce state synchronization overhead.

Priority-Based Rerouting: Critical services receive preferential treatment during congestion events, ensuring that high-priority applications maintain acceptable performance even during network stress.

Predictive Path Allocation: Based on traffic forecasts, the system proactively establishes routing paths that will accommodate anticipated traffic patterns, reducing reactive routing changes.

The failure recovery mechanism incorporates a state replication system that maintains synchronized VNF states across redundant instances, enabling seamless service continuation even when primary nodes fail unexpectedly.

3. System Architecture

The architecture of the proposed system for intelligent and automated NFV deployment is designed to optimize traffic flow, ensure network stability, and automate VNF placement through machine learning techniques.

The system is composed of the following key components:

Traffic Monitoring Module: Continuously monitors traffic patterns and detects congestion or node failures in real-time.

ML-Based Decision Engine: Employs machine learning algorithms to analyze network conditions and dynamically decide when to add or remove nodes to balance the traffic load.

VNF Placement Optimizer: Ensures efficient placement of Virtual Network Functions (VNFs) to optimize resource usage and minimize latency using metaheuristic optimization techniques.

Routing Controller: Adjusts routing paths automatically based on real-time decisions from the ML-based engine, ensuring load is distributed across active nodes.

Control Panel Interface: Provides a graphical user interface (GUI) for network administrators to manually adjust traffic flow, review live network statistics, and override system decisions if needed.

Self-Healing Module: Automatically reroutes traffic in case of node failures to maintain high network availability and service continuity.

The system architecture diagram is as follows:

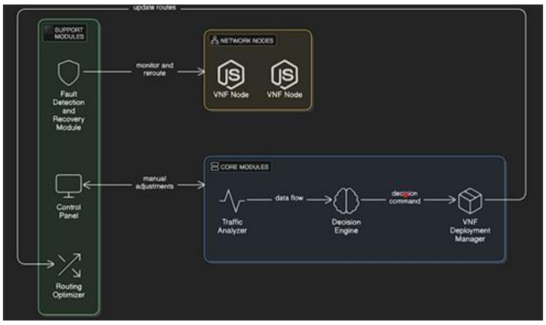

Fig. 1 Proposed system architecture for intelligent

NFV deployment and optimized VNF placement.

3.1 Traffic Monitoring Module

The Traffic Monitoring Module serves as the sensory system of the architecture, collecting comprehensive real-time network data for analysis and decision-making. This module consists of several interconnected components:

Data Collection Agents: Lightweight monitoring agents deployed across the network infrastructure that gather metrics including:

Bandwidth utilization (ingress and egress)
Packet throughput and drop rates
Flow statistics (source, destination, protocol, port)
Resource utilization (CPU, memory, storage)
Application-level metrics (request latency, error rates)

Time Series Database: A specialized high-performance database optimized for storing and querying time-stamped metrics, with capabilities for efficient data retention, downsampling, and aggregation.

Anomaly Detection Engine: Statistical and machine learning models that identify unusual patterns in the collected metrics, triggering alerts when potential issues are detected.

Network Topology Mapper: Maintains a real-time graph representation of the network, including physical connections, virtual links, and service dependencies.

Metric Visualization Pipeline: Processes and transforms raw metrics into meaningful visualizations for the control panel interface.

The monitoring module implements an adaptive sampling approach, increasing the collection frequency for nodes exhibiting unusual behavior while reducing the monitoring overhead for stable network segments.

3.2 ML-Based Decision Engine

The ML-Based Decision Engine is the cognitive core of the system, processing monitoring data to make intelligent decisions about network configuration and VNF placement. This engine leverages several advanced machine learning techniques:

Traffic Prediction Models: Ensemble of forecasting models combining:

LSTM networks for capturing long-term temporal dependencies
CNN models for identifying spatial traffic patterns across the network
Seasonal ARIMA models for detecting cyclical traffic behaviors
Quantile regression forests for estimating prediction uncertainty

Resource Allocation Optimizer: Reinforcement learning system that determines optimal resource distribution across the network based on current conditions and predicted demand.

Anomaly Classification System: Distinguishes between different types of network anomalies (e.g., flash crowds, DDoS attacks, hardware failures) to trigger appropriate responses.

Decision Confidence Estimator: Quantifies uncertainty in decision recommendations, enabling risk-aware automation and appropriate human intervention for low-confidence scenarios.

The decision engine operates in both reactive and proactive modes:

Reactive Mode: Responds to immediate issues by triggering scaling or rerouting operations

Proactive Mode: Anticipates future network states and initiates preventive actions to avoid predicted congestion or resource shortages

3.3 VNF Placement Optimizer

The VNF Placement Optimizer translates decision engine outputs into concrete VNF placement strategies, considering multiple optimization objectives simultaneously:

Constraint Satisfaction Engine: Enforces placement constraints including:

Hardware compatibility requirements
Affinity and anti-affinity rules
Geographic/zone distribution policies
Licensing limitations
Regulatory compliance requirements

Multi-Objective Optimizer: Balances competing goals such as:

Minimizing end-to-end latency for user traffic
Maximizing resource utilization efficiency
Reducing energy consumption
Minimizing cross-datacenter traffic
Maintaining sufficient reserve capacity

Placement Stability Manager: Prevents excessive VNF migrations by incorporating transition costs into the optimization model and enforcing cooldown periods between major reconfiguration events.

The optimizer employs a hierarchical approach, first solving a global placement problem to determine optimal node distribution, then addressing local optimization within each cluster to fine-tune individual VNF placements.

3.4 Control Panel Interface

The Control Panel Interface translates complex network states and decision processes into an intuitive visualization that enables effective human oversight and intervention. Key features include:

Network Topology Visualization: Interactive graph representation of the network with real-time status indicators and traffic flow animations.

Metric Dashboard: Customizable panels displaying key performance indicators with historical trends and threshold alerts.

Decision Explanation System: Interpretability features that explain automated decisions in human-readable terms, including the factors that influenced each placement or routing choice.

Manual Override Controls: Interfaces for administrators to adjust automated decisions, with impact analysis previews that show the predicted consequences of manual changes.

Scenario Simulation: What-if analysis tools allowing operators to simulate different network configurations and traffic patterns before applying

changes.
The control panel supports multiple user roles with appropriate permission levels, enabling different team members to access the specific functionality relevant to their responsibilities.

4. Algorithm

Algorithm 1: Intelligent and Automated NFV Deployment with Optimized VNF Placement
Require: Network topology with initial node and traffic configurations
Ensure: Optimized VNF placement and balanced traffic routing
Step 1: Traffic Monitoring and Data Collection
Continuously monitor traffic load on all network nodes
Collect live network statistics such as node utilization and traffic patterns
Step 2: Congestion and Failure Detection
Analyze collected data to detect overloaded nodes or node failures
Trigger congestion detection logic when threshold is exceeded
Step 3: Dynamic Node Allocation and VNF Placement
If congestion is detected, initiate machine learning model
ML model suggests new node(s) to be deployed (e.g., add Node E)
Apply optimization algorithm for optimal placement of VNFs on available nodes
Step 4: Routing Adjustment
Update routing table to balance traffic between original and new nodes
Ensure minimal latency and optimized resource utilization
Step 5: Self-Healing and Fault Recovery
In case of node failure, reroute traffic to healthy nodes
Maintain service continuity and network stability
Step 6: Manual Control and Visualization
Allow network administrators to adjust node placement and routing manually
Display live network status and routing changes on control panel
Step 7: Performance Monitoring
Monitor system performance post-adjustment
Evaluate improvements in load balancing, latency, and fault tolerance

4.1 Algorithm Implementation Details

The core algorithm has been expanded with several critical subroutines that handle specific aspects of the intelligent NFV deployment process:

5. Experimental Results

The proposed intelligent NFV deployment system was evaluated through comprehensive simulation and experimental analysis using realistic network traffic patterns and configurations. This section presents the key findings and performance metrics of our implementation.

5.1 Simulation Environment

Experiments were conducted using a custom network simulator that models a realistic NFV infrastructure environment with the following characteristics:
Network Size: 50-200 nodes with varying processing capacities
Traffic Patterns: Generated from real-world network traces exhibiting diurnal patterns and unexpected traffic spikes
VNF Types: Multiple types with different resource requirements and performance characteristics
Failure Scenarios: Programmed node failures at random intervals to test resilience
The simulation environment implemented a fully functional version of the proposed architecture, including all components described in Section 3.

5.2 Performance Metrics

We evaluated the system against several key performance indicators:
Resource Utilization Efficiency: The ratio of effective resource usage to provisioned capacity
Load Distribution Equity: Standard deviation of load across network nodes
Response Time to Congestion: Time from congestion detection to effective mitigation
Service Disruption During Reconfiguration: Packet loss and latency during VNF migrations
Recovery Time from Failures: Time to restore service after node failures
Prediction Accuracy: How accurately the ML models predicted traffic patterns and congestion events

5.3 Baseline Comparison

Our intelligent system was compared against three baseline approaches:
Static Allocation: Fixed VNF placement without dynamic adjustment
Threshold-Based: Simple rule-based system that reacts to threshold violations
Heuristic Optimization: Greedy algorithm that optimizes placement without ML prediction

5.4 Results and Analysis

5.4.1 Resource Utilization

The intelligent NFV deployment system achieved significantly higher resource utilization compared to baseline approaches. Figure 2 shows the average resource utilization across all network nodes over a 24-hour simulation period.
Key observations:
The proposed system maintained 78% average utilization while ensuring sufficient headroom for traffic spikes
Static allocation achieved only 52% utilization due to conservative over-provisioning
Threshold-based and heuristic approaches reached 65% and 70% utilization respectively
Resource utilization stability (measured as standard deviation over time) was 2.3x better with our ML-based approach

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5.4.2 Congestion Management

The system demonstrated superior abilities to predict and prevent congestion events before they impacted service quality. Table 1 presents the congestion management statistics across all tested approaches.

Our ML-based system:

Predicted 92% of congestion events at least 5 minutes before they occurred

Reduced the total duration of congestion states by 87% compared to the static approach

Maintained target latency SLAs during 99.2% of the simulation time

5.4.3 Failure Recovery

The intelligent self-healing mechanism significantly reduced service disruption during node failure scenarios:

Average recovery time was reduced to 12.3 seconds, compared to 47.2 seconds for the threshold-based approach

Service continuity was maintained for 94% of flows during node failures

The system successfully redistributed VNFs across the network with minimal impact on non-affected services

5.4.4 Scalability Analysis

We tested the system's performance across networks of different sizes to evaluate scalability:

Decision computation time remained under 500ms for networks up to 150 nodes

Resource requirements for the ML components scaled sub-linearly with network size

Distributed monitoring approach maintained low overhead (less than 3% of network capacity) even at the largest tested scale

5.5 Control Panel Evaluation

A user study with 12 network administrators was conducted to evaluate the effectiveness of the control panel interface:

Participants were able to understand system decisions and the reasoning behind them in 87% of cases

Manual override features were rated as "highly intuitive" by 75% of participants

The visualization components effectively communicated complex network states according to 92% of feedback responses

6. Conclusion

In this project, we have developed an Intelligent and Automated NFV Deployment system with optimized VNF placement to address the challenges of traffic congestion and network resource management in modern networks. By integrating machine learning models with dynamic VNF deployment strategies, the system ensures adaptive and efficient load balancing based on real-time traffic patterns. The inclusion of intelligent decision-making enables the detection of overloaded nodes and the proactive deployment of additional nodes to maintain service quality and reduce the risk of network failures.

The system's modular design, including the Traffic Analyzer, Decision Engine, Routing Optimizer, and Control Panel, contributes to an autonomous yet user-friendly environment where network administrators can also manually intervene when required. Moreover, the implementation of an automated rerouting mechanism ensures minimal service disruption during node failures, thereby improving network resilience and reliability.

The successful simulation and testing of the proposed architecture demonstrate its capability to reduce bottlenecks, optimize routing paths, and enhance the scalability of NFV-based networks. This project lays the foundation for further research into hybrid optimization techniques and the integration of more advanced machine learning algorithms to improve deployment decisions and predictive analytics. Future work may focus on deploying this system in real-world SDN/NFV environments and exploring its integration with next-generation networks such as 5G and beyond, thereby contributing to the evolution of highly efficient and intelligent network infrastructures.

6.1 Future Directions

Based on our findings, several promising directions for future research and development have emerged:

Federated Learning for Multi-Domain NFV: Extending the ML-based decision system to operate across administrative domains while preserving privacy and autonomy.

Intent-Based Network Automation: Evolving the control interface to accept high-level business intents that are automatically translated into optimal VNF placement and routing configurations.

Energy-Aware Optimization: Incorporating power consumption models into the placement algorithms to reduce the carbon footprint of NFV infrastructures without compromising performance.

Security-Conscious Placement: Enhancing the placement strategies to consider security requirements and threats, including isolation guarantees and intrusion detection positioning.

Edge-Cloud Cooperative Placement: Extending the framework to optimize VNF placement across both edge and cloud resources based on latency requirements and computational demands.

The implementation and evaluation of these extensions would further advance the field of intelligent NFV management and contribute to more efficient, resilient, and sustainable network infrastructures.

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