# Towards Programmable Zero-Trust Security for 5G and Beyond

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#### Traditional Perimeter-based Security



#### Things are more complicated in NextG (5G & Beyond)



## Programmable Zero-Trust for NextG?

- Key differences from existing solutions
  - System-level visibility shared at NextG infrastructure scale
    - Finer-grained as close as possible to system resources
  - Programmable security
    - Security problems from the dynamics
    - $\rightarrow$  through programmable security applications

#### Some Challenges

- How to abstract system & network activities and model unified programmability in a generalized way?
- How to provide **flexible**, **global visibility** in order to achieve **contextaware** Zero Trust control?
- How to enable a **high-level security programmability** in NextG infrastructure scale?
- How to achieve **minor** performance overhead on a host system?

# Our Ongoing Research



- Cloud level
  - SDN/P4 Security
- Edge-Cloud level

• Programmable RAN

# Example of Ongoing Work: Sysflow



## Example of Ongoing Project: NextSec



#### Q&A



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