Source Address Validation in Intra-domain Networks (Intra-domain SAVNET) Gap Analysis, Problem Statement, and Requirements

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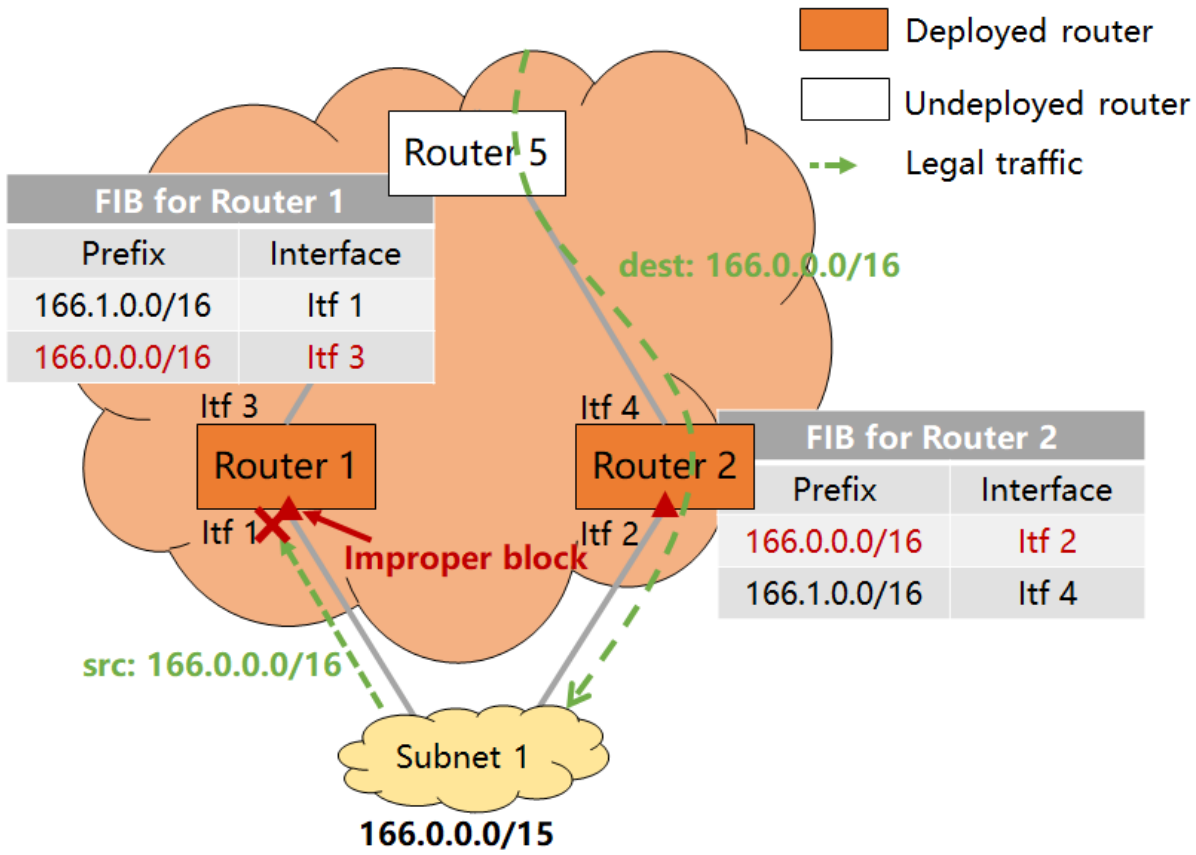
Background

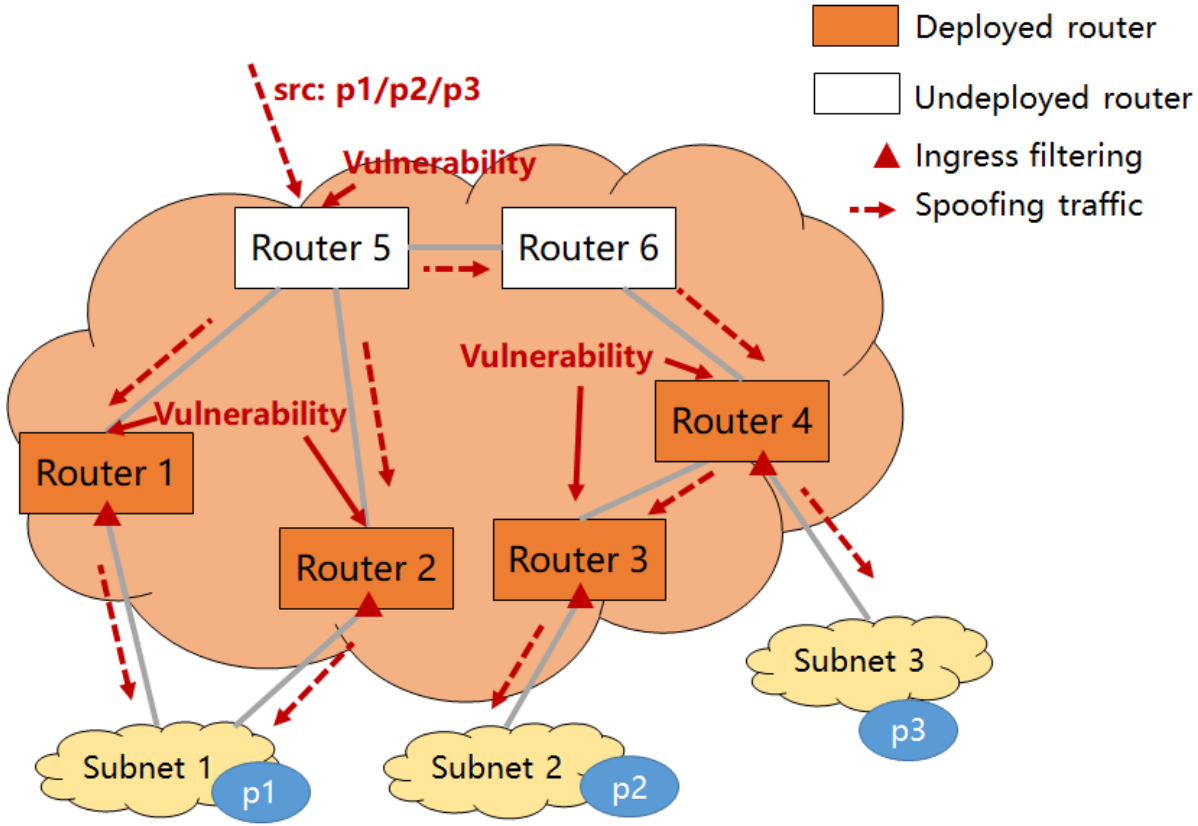
- Goals
  - Provide the gap analysis of existing intra-domain SAV mechanisms
  - Summarize the fundamental problems of existing intra-domain SAV mechanisms
  - Define the requirements for the new intra-domain SAV mechanism
- Versions
  - draft-li-savnet-intra-domain-problem-statement-00, IETF 114 SAVNET WG
  - draft-li-savnet-intra-domain-problem-statement-01, Sep 25, 2022
  - draft-li-savnet-intra-domain-problem-statement-02, Oct 22, 2022
  - draft-li-savnet-intra-domain-problem-statement-03, IETF 115 SAVNET WG

Gap Analysis in Version-00

Scenario #1: Multi-homed Subnet

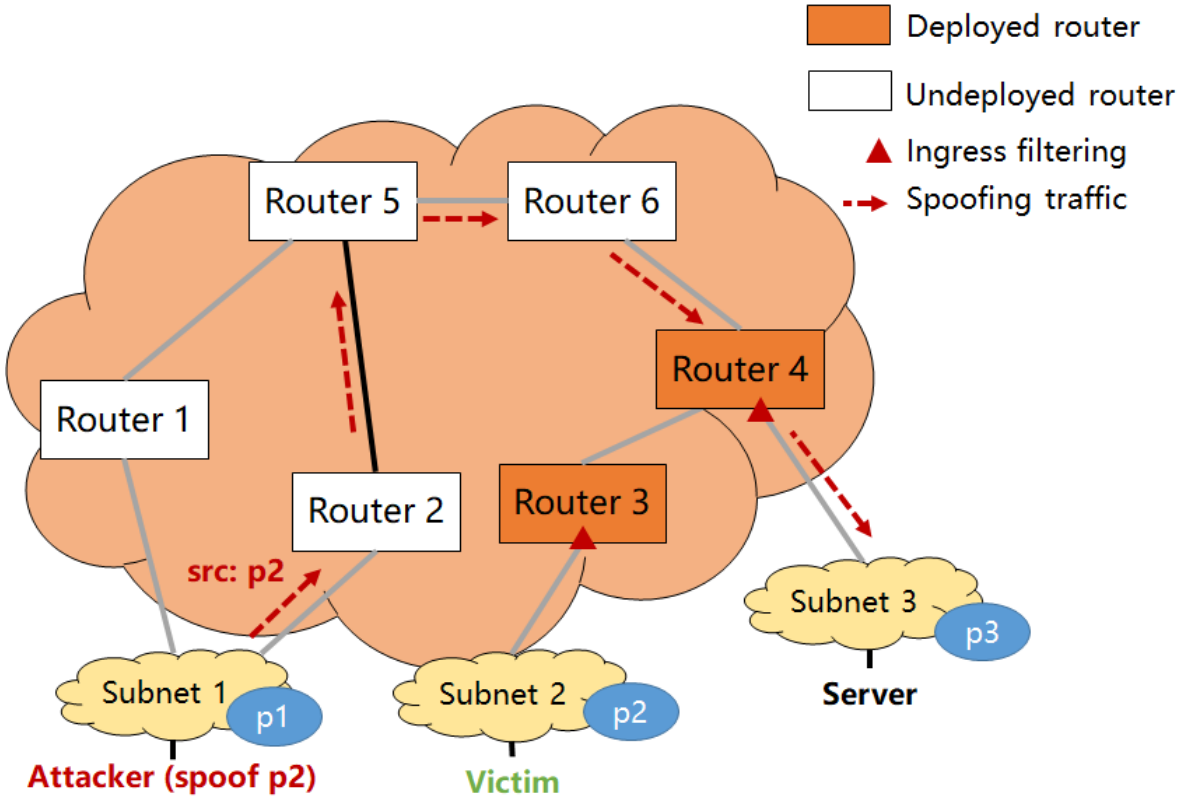


Scenario #2: Spoofing from inbound direction

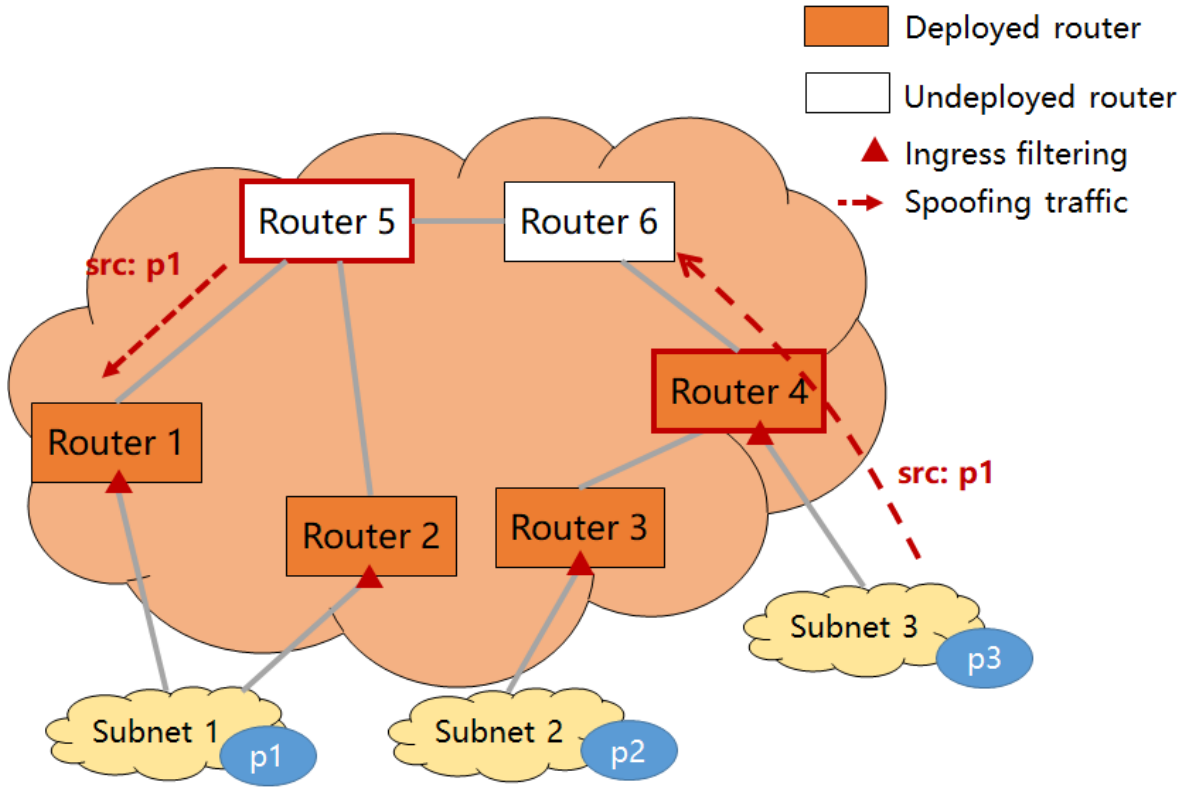


Gap Analysis in Version-00

Scenario #3: Partial deployment



Scenario #4: Misbehaved router



Comments on Version-00

Version-00

- Why could not you deploy SAV at all routers in the intra-domain network?
- Defining network elements are trusted vs untrusted is hard
- Misaligned incentive means “the costs of deploying SAV are paid by an operator itself while its benefits are only experienced by other operators”, but an intra-domain network is rarely managed by multiple operators
- Are we talking about non-IP packets as well?
- ……

Main Updates Compared to Version-00

- Updates in gap analysis
  - Explain the reasons for partial deployment
  - Remove the scenario of “misbehaved router”
- Updates in problem statement
- Updates in requirements
- Two new sections

Reasons for Partial Deployment

- There are two main reasons for partial deployment
  - Technical limitations make it hard to deploy SAV on all routers
    - ACL-based SAV requires manual configuration in dynamic networks
    - Strict uRPF ingress filtering blocks legal traffic in the scenario of asymmetric routing
  - Some routers cannot support SAV due to router capabilities, versions, and vendors
- Behavior gap in the scenario of partial deployment
  - When ingress filtering is partially deployed, spoofing traffic from undeployed edge routers cannot be blocked by other routers

Main Updates Compared to Version-00

- Updates in gap analysis
- Updates in problem statement
  - ◆Remove the problem of “ misaligned incentive ”
  - ◆Add the problem of “ high operational overhead”
  - ◆Revise the description of other problems
- Updates in requirements
- Two new sections

Problem Statement

- Problem #1: Inaccurate validation
  - Behavior gap: improper block under asymmetric routing
  - Reason: conducting SAV based on local FIB which may not match the real data-plane forwarding path from the source
- Problem #2: Limited protection
  - Behavior gap: failing to block spoofing traffic from outside AS and undeployed edge router
  - Reason: only working for traffic from directly connected subnets
- Problem #3: High operational overhead
  - Behavior gap: manual update when routing state changes
  - Reason: failing to adapt to dynamic or asymmetric routing scenarios

Main Updates Compared to Version-00

- Updates in gap analysis
- Updates in problem statement
- Updates in requirements
  - ◆Remove the requirement of “ direct incentive ”
  - ◆Add the requirement of “ acceptable overhead ”
  - ◆Revise the description of other requirements
- Two new sections

Requirements for New Intra-domain SAV Mechanism

- Requirement #1: The mechanism MUST ensure accurate SAV
  - Match real data-plane forwarding path
  - Avoid improper block under asymmetric routing
- Requirement #2: The mechanism MUST work for all kinds of intra-domain spoofing traffic
  - Validate traffic from all directions
  - Block spoofing traffic (from outside AS and undeployed edge router) as close to the source as possible
- Requirement #3: The mechanism MUST not induce much overhead
  - Minimize manual update
  - Avoid data-plane packet modification
  - Limit the number of control-plane protocol messages

Main Updates Compared to Version-00

- Updates in gap analysis
- Updates in problem statement
- Updates in requirements
- Two new sections
  - ◆Intra-domain SAVNET work scope
  - ◆Security considerations

Two new sections

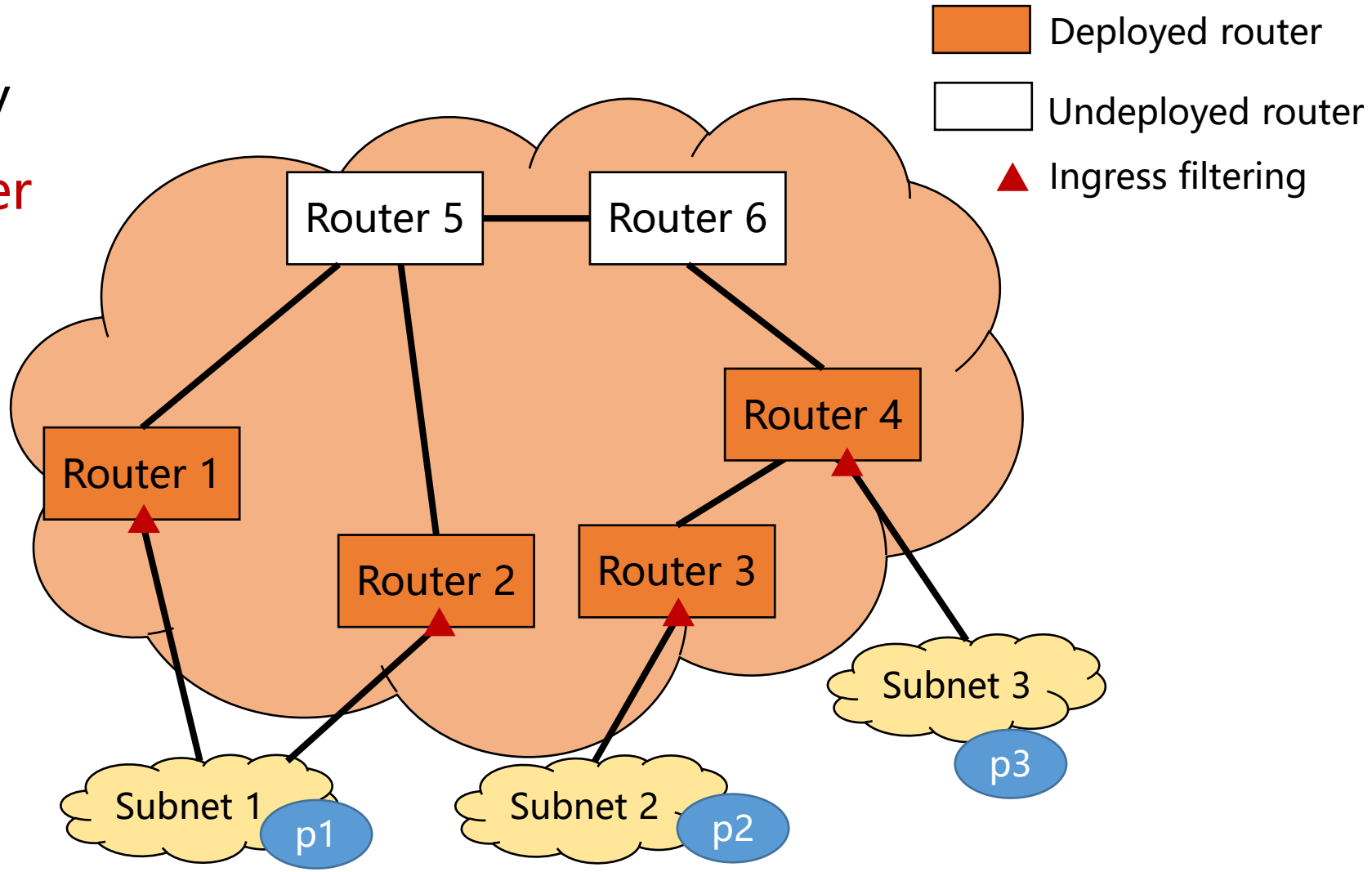
- Intra-domain SAVNET work scope
  - All IP-encapsulated scenarios are in scope
    - including both IPv4 and IPv6 addresses
  - Non-IP packets are out of scope
- Security considerations
  - SAVNET focuses on routing protocol-based mechanisms, so the security scope of intra-domain SAVNET should be similar to that of intra-domain routing protocols
    - Ensure integrity and authentication of control-plane protocol messages
    - Does not provide protection against compromised routers that poison existing control-plane protocols

Thanks!

Backup slides

Typical Adoption of Ingress filtering

- Ingress filtering is typically deployed at the edge router connecting a subnet
  - Blocks spoofing traffic from directly connected subnet



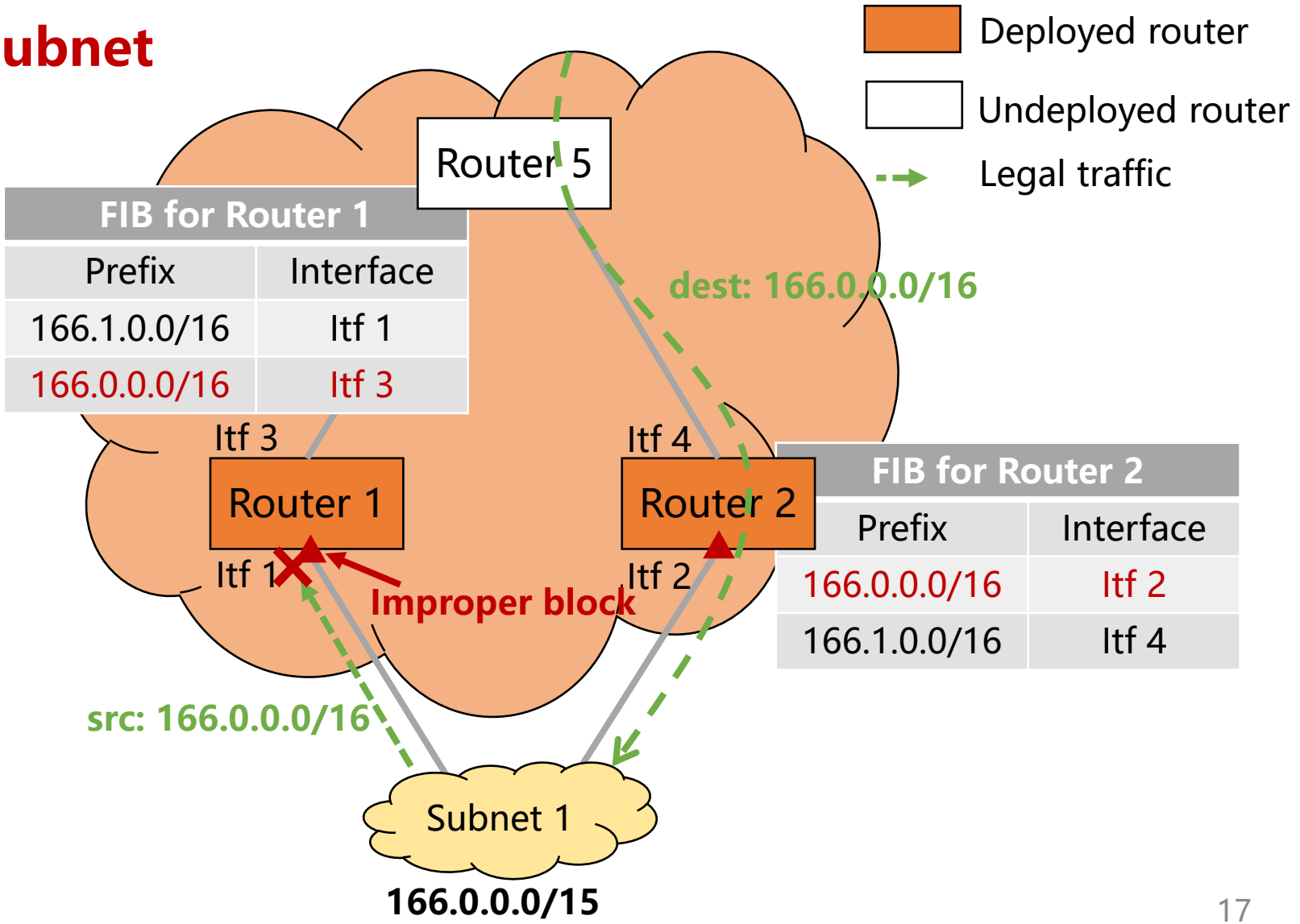
Gap #1: Improper Block

Scenario 1: Multi-homed Subnet

- Router 1 only advertises 166.1.0.0/16 in IGP
- Router 2 only advertises 166.0.0.0/16 in IGP

Behavior

- If applying strict uRPF
  - Improper block
- If applying ACL-based SAV
  - Manual update given prefix or topology update in Subnet 1



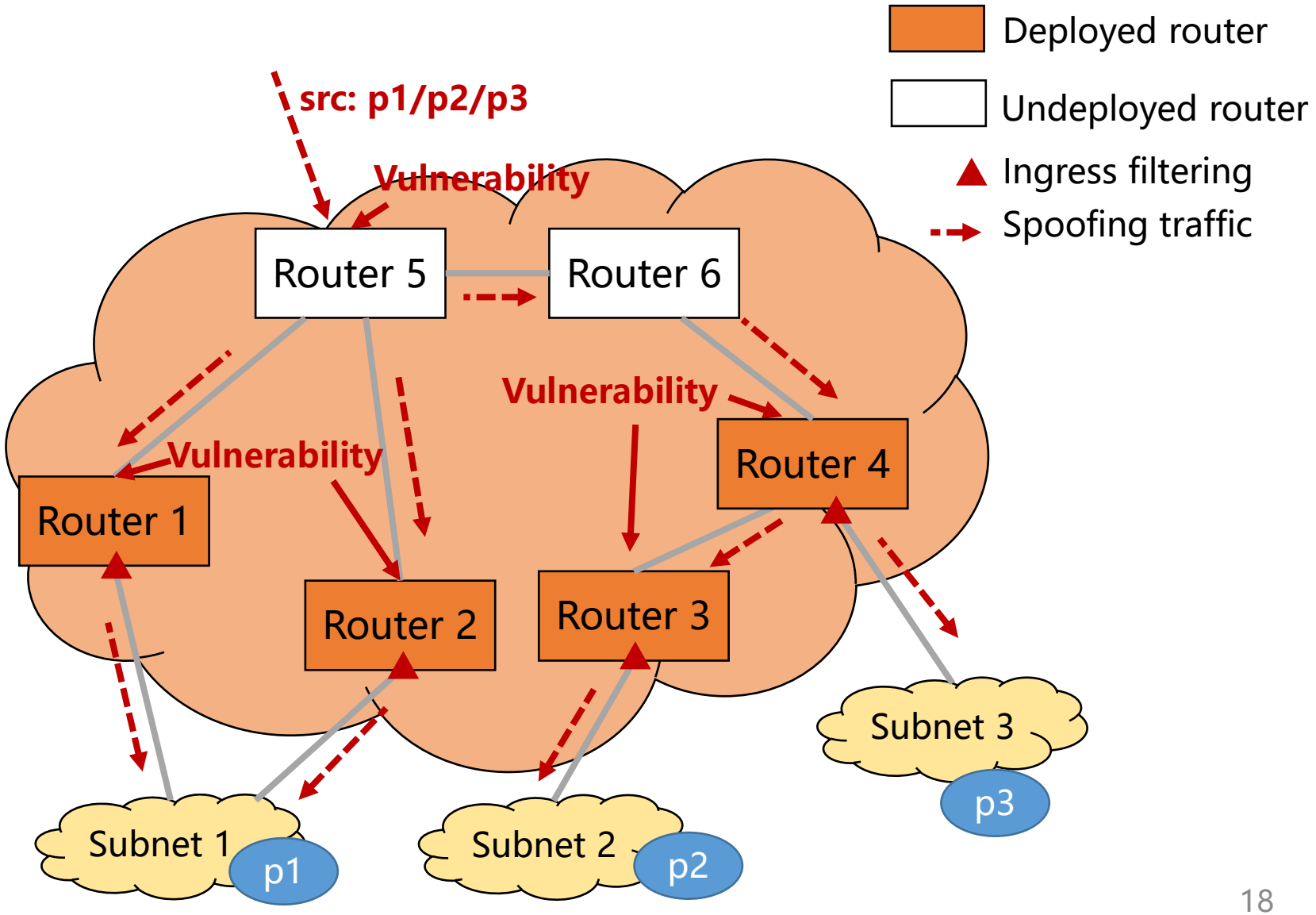
Gap #2: Vulnerability in Inbound Direction

☐ Scenario 2: Spoofing from Inbound Direction

Behavior

☐ Ingress filtering does not work for inbound traffic

- ◆Spoofing traffic (with intra-domain source addresses) can easily enter from inbound direction



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Scenario 3: Reflection attack

- Attacker: Subnet 1
- Victim: Subnet 2
- Reflective server: Subnet 3

Behavior

When **partially deployed**:

- Deployed subnet cannot forge source addresses
- Undeployed subnet can forge source addresses of deployed subnet to conduct reflection attack