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(54) **USING AN END-TO-END POLICY  
CONTROLLER TO AUTOMATICALLY  
DISCOVER AND INVENTORY  
ENFORCEMENT POINTS IN A NETWORK**

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(57) **ABSTRACT**

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Techniques for using an end-to-end policy controller to automatically discover and inventory enforcement points in a network. A network controller may leverage data associated with network devices in a network to identify paths between source endpoints and destination endpoints to establish an inventory of enforcement points along the paths. For example, the controller may consume telemetry data indicative of network events (e.g., firewall events, IPS event logs, netflow events, etc.) to figure out where enforcement points are provisioned with respect to traffic being observed. Additionally, the SDN controller may dynamically build a network topology providing indications of roles and/or locations of enforcement points.

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