Muti-Hypervisor Virtual Machines

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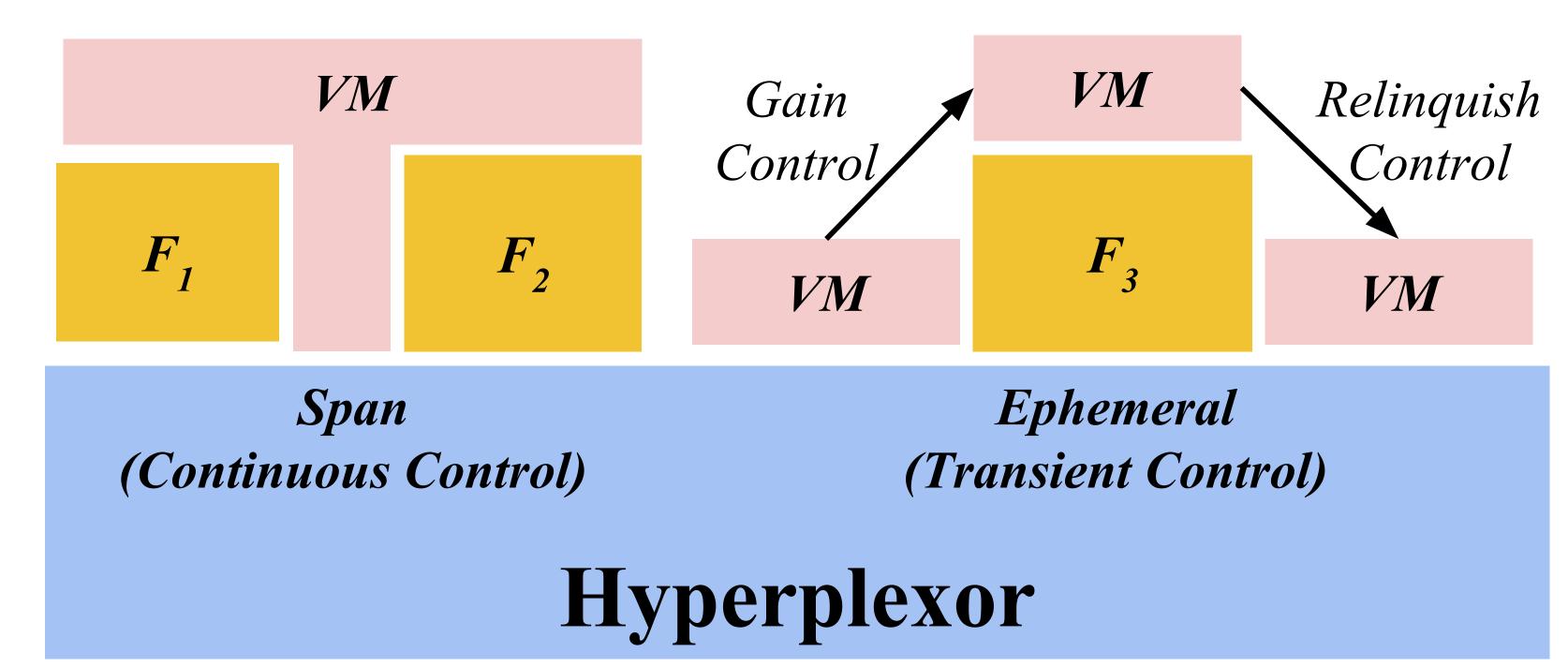
Hypervisors are Getting Too Big

Problem: Too many services.

- VM Introspection
- Intrusion Detection
- High Availability
- Live Migration
- Live Patching
- File systems etc.

VM VM VM (L_1) Standard Nested $Hypervisor (L_0)$

Solution: Break Them Up

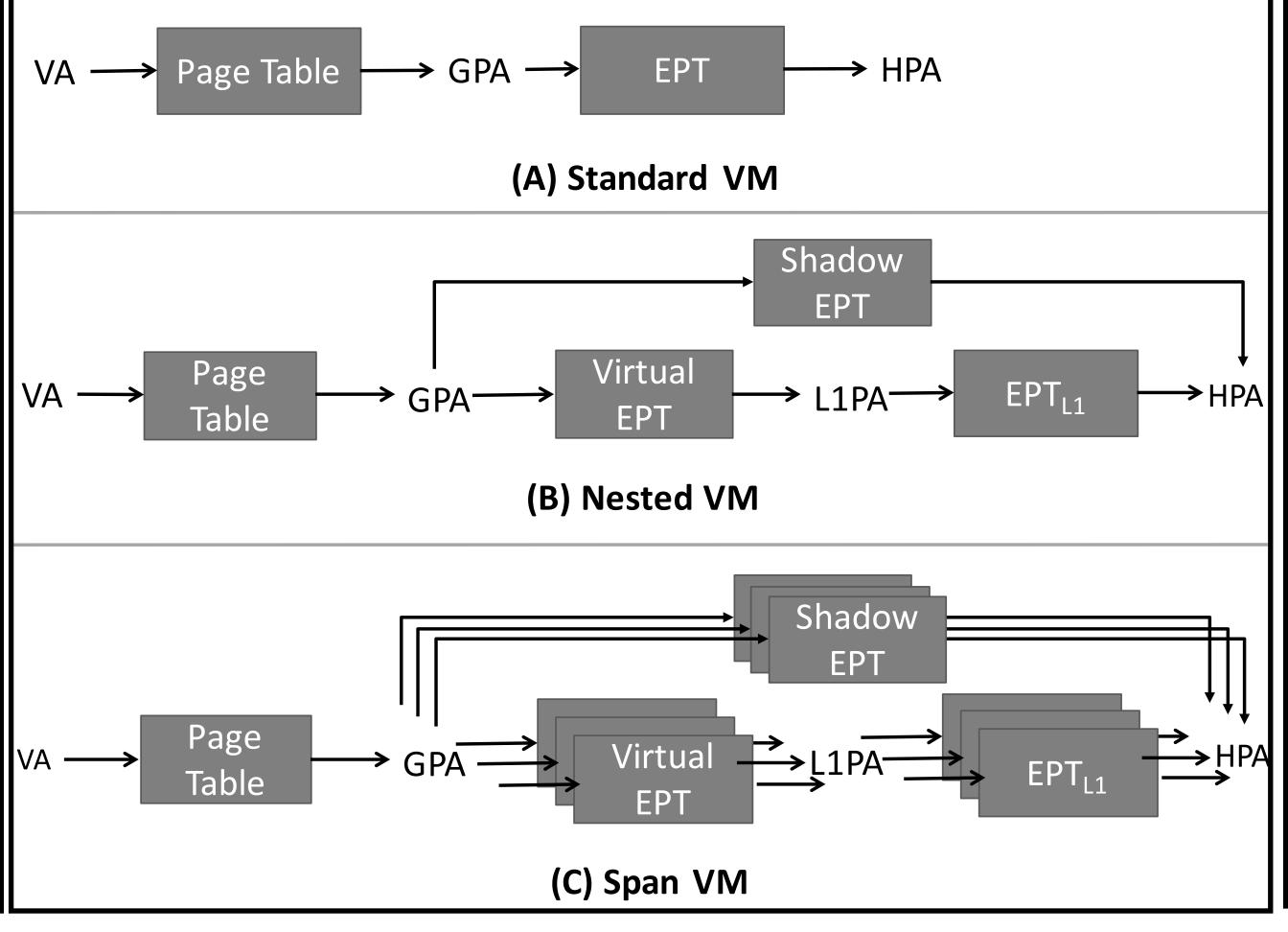


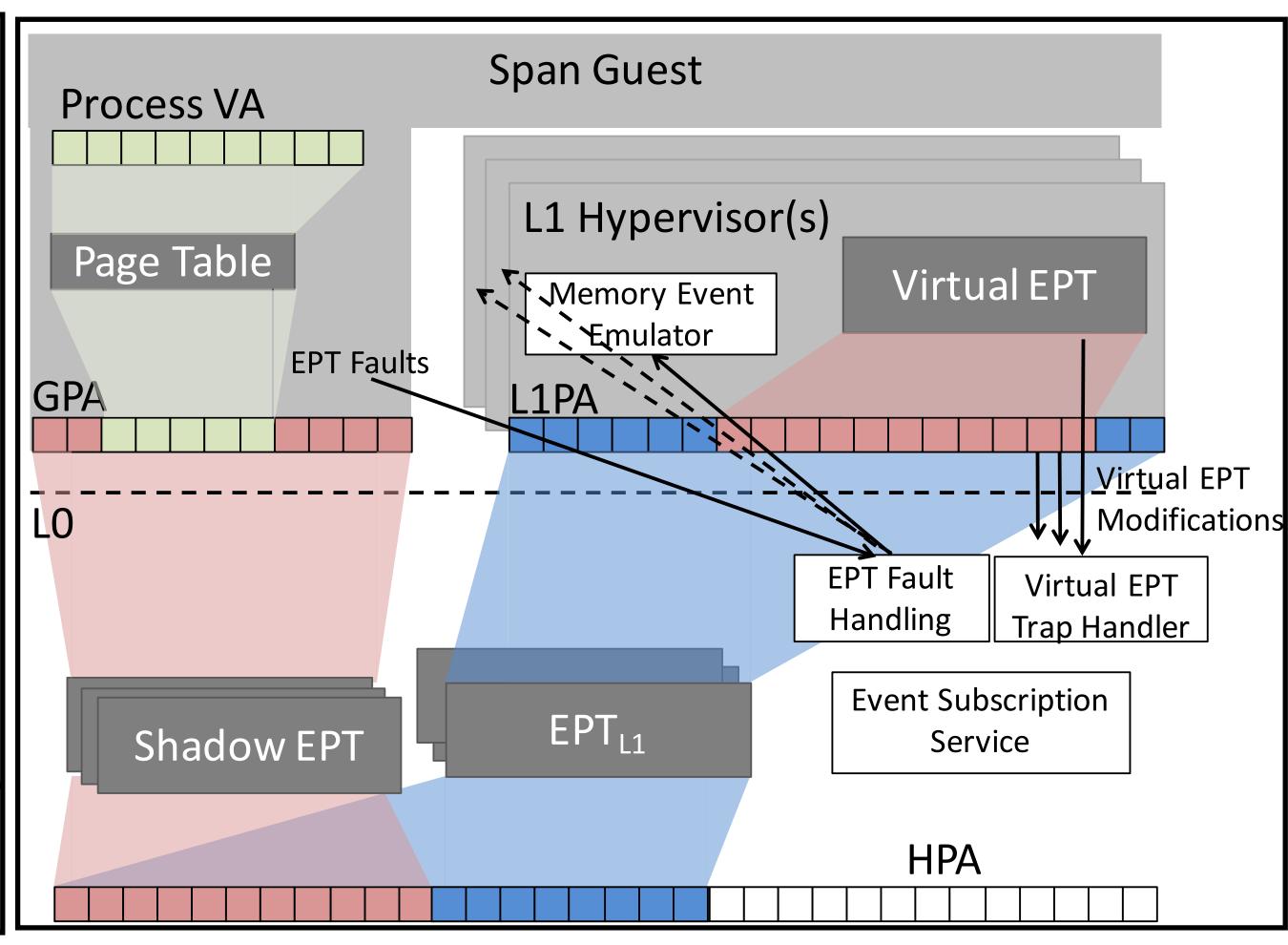
Featurevisors (F): L1 "Hypervisors" that provide add-on services.

Hyperplexor: L0 hypervisor that multiplexes hardware for L1 guests.

Challenge: Transparent Control of Guest By Multiple Hypervisors

- **Guest Memory**
- Shared
- Virtual I/ODevices
- Distributed.
- VCPUs
 - One hypervisor.





Demonstration

nested@spanvm-lla\$ sudo tcpdump -q -i br0 -n src 10.128.24.1 tcpdump: verbose output suppressed, use -v or -vv for full protocol decode listening on br0, link-type EN10MB (Ethernet), capture size 96 bytes 17:29:31.716554 ARP, Request who-has 10.128.0.1 tell 10.128.24.1, length 28 17:29:43.824093 IP 10.128.24.1.22 > 10.128.0.9.48050: tcp 0 17:29:43.829140 IP 10.128.24.1.22 > 10.128.0.9.48050: tcp 0 17:29:43.846370 IP 10.128.24.1.22 > 10.128.0.9.48050: tcp 32 17:29:43.848073 IP 10.128.24.1.22 > 10.128.0.9.48050: tcp 0 17:29:43.849475 IP 10.128.24.1.22 > 10.128.0.9.48050: tcp 952 L1a: Network Monitoring 17:29:43.867730 IP 10.128.24.1.22 > 10.128.0.9.48050: tcp 280 17:29:44.013728 IP 10.128.24.1.22 > 10.128.0.9.48050: tcp 0 17:29:44.014700 IP 10.128.24.1.22 > 10.128.0.9.48050: tcp 0 17:29:44.015604 IP 10.128.24.1.22 > 10.128.0.9.48050: tcp 56 l2g@l2g:~\$ cat evil.c nested@spanvm-l1b\$ nested@spanvm-l1b\$ python vol.py -f /mnt/l2dump --profile=LinuxUbu main(void) ntu1204x64 plugin name linux psaux | tac | grep evil Guest infected Volatility Foundation Volatility Framework 2.4 while(1)sleep(1000); with KBeast 1000 1000 nested@spanvm-l1b\$ l2g@l2g:~\$./evil & nested@spanvm-l1b\$ [1] 883 L1b: Volatility nested@spanvm-l1b\$ l2g@l2g:~\$ ps -e | grep evil nested@spanvm-l1b\$ l2g@l2g:~\$ nested@spanvm-l1b\$ nested@spanvm-l1b\$ nested@spanvm-l1b\$

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Performance

- On modified KVM/QEMU platform
- Common benchmarks
 - Kernbench, iperf, Quicksort
 - 0–15% overhead vs. standard VMs
- Ephemeral Virtualization
 - 80ms average switching times.
- Page-fault servicing: 3.6—4.2μs
- Interrupt redirection: 13—41µs



