# Single and Multi-Metric Trust Management Frameworks for use in Underwater Autonomous Networks

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Recent Advances of Trust, Security and Privacy in Computing Communications (RATSP)

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- ► How do these Single and Multi-Metric Frameworks perform in the challenging marine communications environment?
- What metrics are suitable for use underwater?

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- Need to detect, identify, & mitigate threats in a distributed fashion.

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Most can be generalised as single-value estimations of PLR/Successful Routes, with the incorporation of some *meta*-observations e.g. Topology

- ► Hermes³ Bayesian estimation based on PLR
- ► OTMF<sup>4</sup> Collaborative Bayesian Trust
- ► TSR<sup>5</sup> HMM route assessment, Session Loss Rate.
- ► CONFIDANT<sup>6</sup> Probabilistic PLR assessment, includes topology and reputation weighting.
- Fuzzy Trust-Based Filtering<sup>7</sup> Fuzzy classification of packet delivery

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Opportunities for malicious actors to undermine the operation of a network.

► Not an issue in networks where Comms. is the primary operating concern, but is significant in resource constrained environments

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Operates favourably in 802.11 against OTMF and Hermes, accurately detecting, identifying, & characterising misbehaviours.<sup>1</sup>

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$$\theta_{k,j}^{t} = \frac{\min_{k} |a_{k,j}^{t} - g_{j}^{t}| + \rho \max_{k} |a_{k,j}^{t} - g_{j}^{t}|}{|a_{k,i}^{t} - g_{i}^{t}| + \rho \max_{k} |a_{k,i}^{t} - g_{i}^{t}|}$$
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$$[\theta_k^t, \phi_k^t] = \left[ \sum_{j=0}^M h_j \theta_{k,j}^t, \sum_{j=0}^M h_j \phi_{k,j}^t \right]$$
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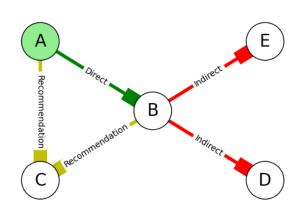
$$T_k^t = (1 + (\phi_k^t)^2 / (\theta_k^t)^2)^{-1}$$
 (4)

Where  $a_{k,j}^t$  is the value of an observed metric  $x_j$  for a given node k at time t, g and b are respectively the "good" and "bad" reference metric sequences from  $\{a_{k,j}^t k = 1, 2 \dots K\}$ ,  $H = [h_0 \dots h_M]$  is a metric weighting vector such that  $\sum h_j = 1$ 

# Multi-Metric TMF - Topological Relationships

Includes shared assessments from other nodes weighted based on their relative topology to provide a final value<sup>1</sup>

# $T_{i,j}^{MTFM}$



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Key Characteristics of the Marine Acoustic Channel: 8,9,10,11

- ▶ Slow propagation (  $1400 ms^{-1}$ ) incurring long delays
- Inter-symbol interference
- Doppler Spreading
- ▶ Non-Linear propagation due to refraction
- Fast & Slow fades from environmental factors (flora/fauna/surface and seabed conditions)
- ► Freq. dependant attenuation
- ► Significant destructive multipath effects

The attenuation that occurs in an underwater acoustic channel over distance d about frequency f is given as  $A_{aco}(d, f) = A_0 d^k a(f)^d$  or

$$10 \log A_{aco}(d, f)/A_0 = k \cdot 10 \log d + d \cdot 10 \log a(f)$$
 (5)

where  $A_0$  is a normalising constant, k is a spreading factor, and a(f) is the absorption coefficient; <sup>11</sup>

$$10\log a(f) = \frac{0.11 \cdot f^2}{1 + f^2} + \frac{44 \cdot f^2}{4100 + f^2} + 2.75 \times 10^{-4} f^2 + 0.003$$
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Compared to RF Free space PL:  $(A_{\mathsf{RF}}(d,f) pprox \left( rac{4\pi df}{c} 
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- **Exponential** in d:  $A_{\sf aco} \propto f^d$  vs  $A_{\sf RF} \propto (df)^2$
- f factor four orders higher in  $f \propto A_{\sf aco}$  vs  $f \propto A_{\sf RF}$

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- Fleets of up to 16 collaborating
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   Vehicles(AUVs)
- Constrained in Power, Mobility, Processing, Storage Capacity
- ► Tasked to perform ongoing survey of an area



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Communications Efficiency is not the only factor at risk from malicious exploitation



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- ► Two misbehaviours investigated:
  - Malicious Power Control(MPC) attacker aims to make a node appear selfish by increasing power to all nodes except to/from it
  - Selfish Target Selection(STS) node preferentially communicates with nodes close to it, to conserve its own power.
- Neither misbehaviour directly affects PLR, while impacting network fairness,
- Default Behaviour: random walk with "Fair" communications
- Three Scenarios:
  - All nodes are Fair
  - One node is Malicious (MPC)
  - One node is Selfish (STS)

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# Scaling Considerations

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- ► E2E Delay

- Transmitted Power
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- Packet Loss Rate

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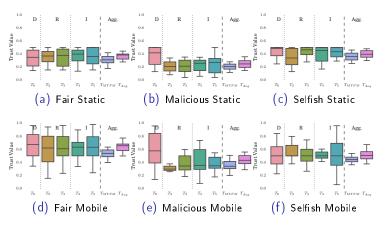


Fig. 2: Observations of  $n_1$  ( $T_{1,X}$ ), showing Direct, Recommender and Indirect relationships and  $T_{MTFM}$  and  $T_{AVG}Y$  Closeup

- ▶ Mobility greatly increases variation in observed trust
- $ightharpoonup T_{MTFM}$  remains more stable in both mobility cases when compared to either single-node assessments or  $T_{Avg}$
- Raw  $T_{MTFM}$  isn't perfect; results demonstrate huge variability in Direct assessment  $(T_{1,0})$  that isn't reflected in  $T_{MTFM}$ .
- ► Larger variability in "Fair" case compared to MPC/STS

Considering the mobility results and stated context, we continue with mobile-only scenarios.

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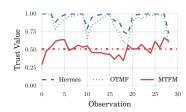
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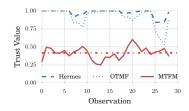
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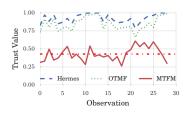
# Blind Comparison of Single/Multi-metric TMFs



(a) Fair Scenario



(c) Selfish Target Selection Scenario



(b) Malicious Power Control Scenario

 $T_{1,0}$  for Hermes, OTMF and MTFM assessment values for fair and malicious behaviours in the fully mobile scenario (mean of MTFM also shown)

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BUT! MTFM allows exploration of the metric space.

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From (3), metric emphasise can be adjusted

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## Malicious Power Control - Weighted Emphasis

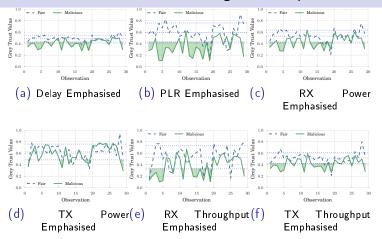


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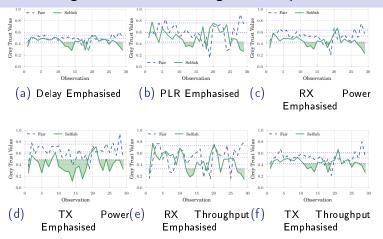


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## Key Observations:

- ► In MPC case:
  - ightharpoonup Consistently outside  $\pm \sigma$  in most
  - ► Particularly PLR
  - Less so in Delay,  $P_{RX}$  and  $T_{TX}$
- ► In STS case:
  - ► Less overall impact
  - $\triangleright$  Stronger impact of  $P_{TX}$

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Aim: Establish which metrics are important in discriminating behaviours

- ► Distributed Random Forest Regression<sup>14</sup>
- ▶ 729 Metric Weight Vectors (H), 512 random trees
- ▶ 16 Random starts of each of the 3 scenarios for 6 nodes for 6 hour "missions"
- ▶ Targeting area of  $\pm \sigma$  deviation  $\int abs(T_m \overline{T}_f) \sigma_{T_f}$
- Regression identifies the significance of metrics in classifying between the three possible behaviours

# Metric Significance

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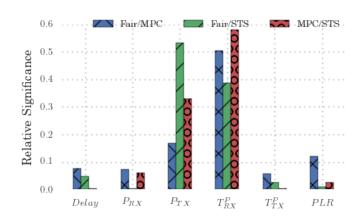


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Correlation	Delay	$P_{RX}$	$P_{TX}$	$T_{RX}^{P}$	$T_{TX}^P$	PLR
Fair / MPC Fair / STS MPC / STS	0.199	0.159	-0.416	0.708	-0.238	-0.401
Fair / STS	0.179	-0.009	0.724	-0.697	-0.145	-0.052
MPC / STS	0.058	-0.134	0.146	-0.768	0.052	0.146

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- Identifying this classification "comb" is computationally intensive and grows exponentially with number of metrics involved for brute force regression

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- Outlook
  - Extending to include Physical Metrics
  - Developing runtime heuristics to improve complexity
  - Perform untrained classification performance on real data
  - Perform / Initiate practical trials in collaborations with NATO CMRE



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$$T_{i,j}^{MTFM} = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \max_{s} \{f_{s}(T_{i,j})\} T_{i,j}$$

$$+ \frac{1}{2} \frac{2|N_{R}|}{2|N_{R}| + |N_{I}|} \sum_{n \in N_{R}} \max_{s} \{f_{s}(T_{i,n})\} T_{i,n}$$

$$+ \frac{1}{2} \frac{|N_{I}|}{2|N_{R}| + |N_{I}|} \sum_{n \in N_{I}} \max_{s} \{f_{s}(T_{i,n})\} T_{i,n}$$
(9)

Where  $T_{i,n}$  is the subjective trust assessment of  $n_i$  by  $n_n$ , and  $f_s = [f_1, f_2, f_3]$  given as...

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$$f_1(x) = -x + 1$$

$$f_2(x) = \begin{cases} 2x & \text{if } x \le 0.5 \\ -2x + 2 & \text{if } x > 0.5 \end{cases}$$

$$f_3(x) = x$$
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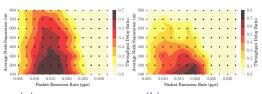
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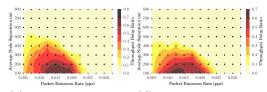
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(a) All Nodes Static

(b) n<sub>1</sub> Random Walk



(c) All nodes but Random Walk  $p_{f 1}({ t d})$  All nodes Random Walk





# Table 1: Comparison of system model constraints as applied between Terrestrial and Marine communications

Parameter	Unit	Terrestrial	Marine
Simulated Duration	s	300	18000
Trust Sampling Period	S	1	600
Simulated Area	$km^2$	0.7	0.7-4
Transmission Range	km	0.25	1.5
Physical Layer		RF(802.11)	Acoustic
Propagation Speed	m/s	$3 \times 10^8$	1490
Center Frequency	Hz	$2.6  imes 10^9$	$2 \times 10^4$
Bandwidth	Hz	$22 \times 10^6$	$1  imes 10^4$
MAC Type		CSMA/DCF	CSMA/CA
Routing Protocol		DSDV	FBR
Max Speed	${\it ms}^{-1}$	5	1.5
Max Data Rate	bps	$5  imes 10^6$	$\approx 240$
Packet Size	bits	4096	9600
Single Transmission Duration	S	10	32
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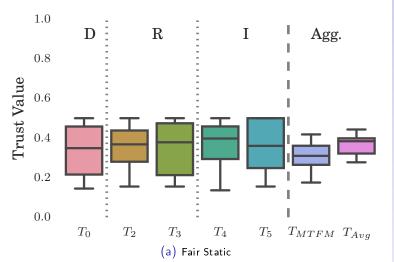


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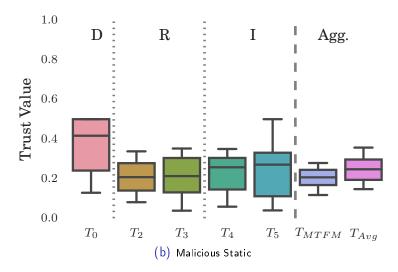


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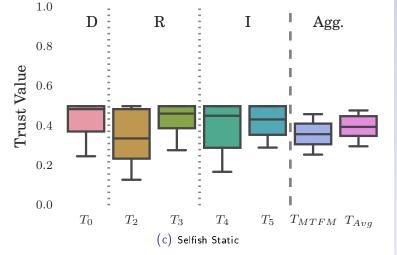
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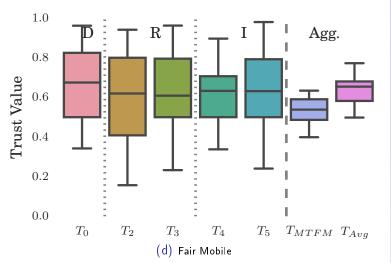
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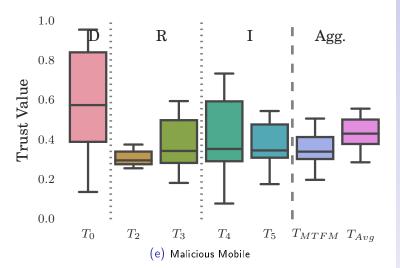
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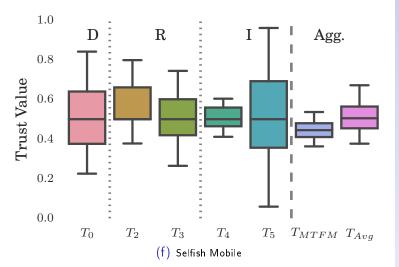
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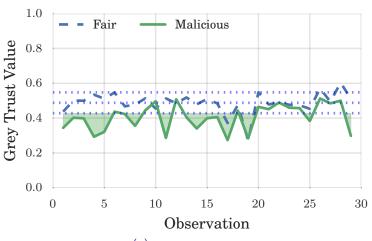
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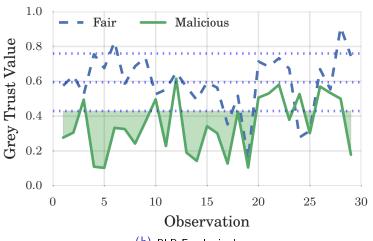


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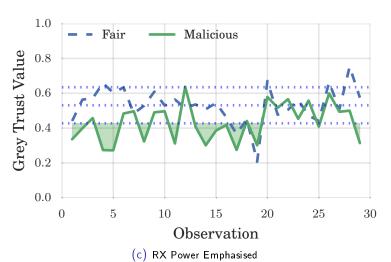


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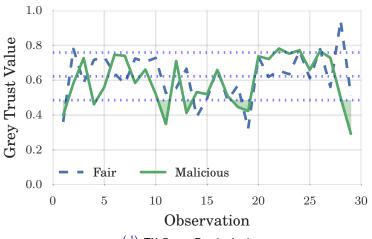
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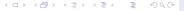
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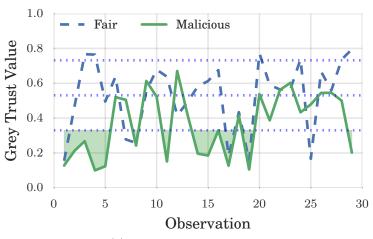
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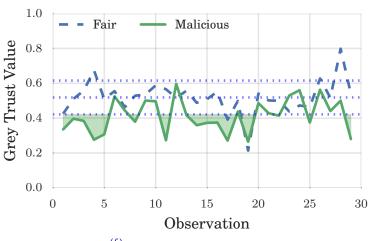
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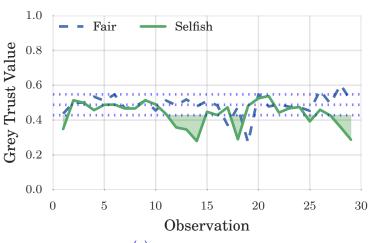
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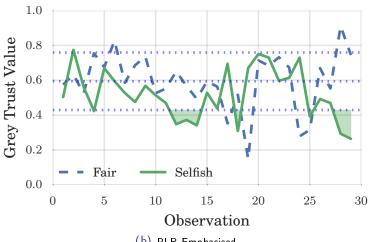
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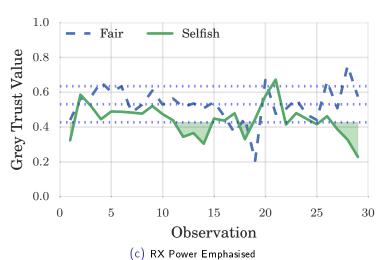


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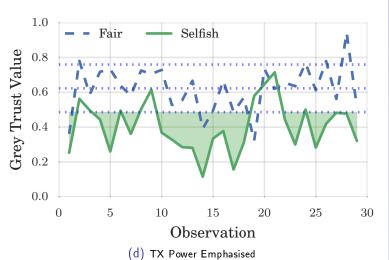


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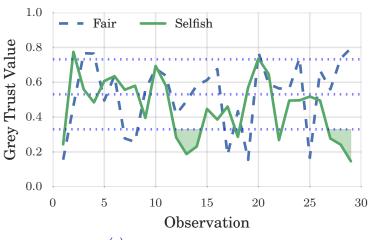
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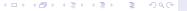
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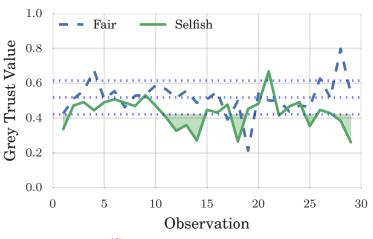
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