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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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- ▶ Centralised methods unsuitable for dynamic networks in terms of efficiency and robustness.²
- ▶ Need to detect, identify, & mitigate threats in a distributed fashion.

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

- ▶ *Hermes*³ - Bayesian estimation based on PLR
- ▶ *OTMF*⁴ - Collaborative Bayesian Trust
- ▶ *TSR*⁵ - HMM route assessment, Session Loss Rate.
- ▶ *CONFIDANT*⁶ - Probabilistic PLR assessment, includes topology and reputation weighting.
- ▶ *Fuzzy Trust-Based Filtering*⁷ - 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

Multi-metric Trust For MANETS (MTFM)¹

- ▶ Additional metrics as well as PLR,
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Operates favourably in 802.11 against OTMF and Hermes, accurately detecting, identifying, & characterising misbehaviours.¹

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$$\theta_{k,j}^t = \frac{\min_k |a_{k,j}^t - g_j^t| + \rho \max_k |a_{k,j}^t - g_j^t|}{|a_{k,j}^t - g_j^t| + \rho \max_k |a_{k,j}^t - g_j^t|} \quad (1)$$

$$\phi_{k,j}^t = \frac{\min_k |a_{k,j}^t - b_j^t| + \rho \max_k |a_{k,j}^t - b_j^t|}{|a_{k,j}^t - b_j^t| + \rho \max_k |a_{k,j}^t - b_j^t|} \quad (2)$$

$$[\theta_k^t, \phi_k^t] = \left[\sum_{j=0}^M h_j \theta_{k,j}^t, \sum_{j=0}^M h_j \phi_{k,j}^t \right] \quad (3)$$

$$\mathcal{T}_k^t = (1 + (\phi_k^t)^2 / (\theta_k^t)^2)^{-1} \quad (4)$$

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 $\sum h_j = 1$

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

- ▶ Slow propagation ($1400ms^{-1}$) 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

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The attenuation that occurs in an underwater acoustic channel over distance d about frequency f is given as

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

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

$$10 \log a(f) = \frac{0.11 \cdot f^2}{1 + f^2} + \frac{44 \cdot f^2}{4100 + f^2} + 2.75 \times 10^{-4} f^2 + 0.003 \quad (6)$$

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Compared to RF Free space PL: $(A_{\text{RF}}(d, f) \approx (\frac{4\pi df}{c})^2)$

- ▶ **Exponential** in d : $A_{\text{aco}} \propto f^d$ vs $A_{\text{RF}} \propto (df)^2$
- ▶ f factor **four orders higher** in $f \propto A_{\text{aco}}$ vs $f \propto A_{\text{RF}}$

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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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| ▶ Received Power | ▶ Transmitted Power |
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| ▶ E2E Delay | ▶ Packet Loss Rate |

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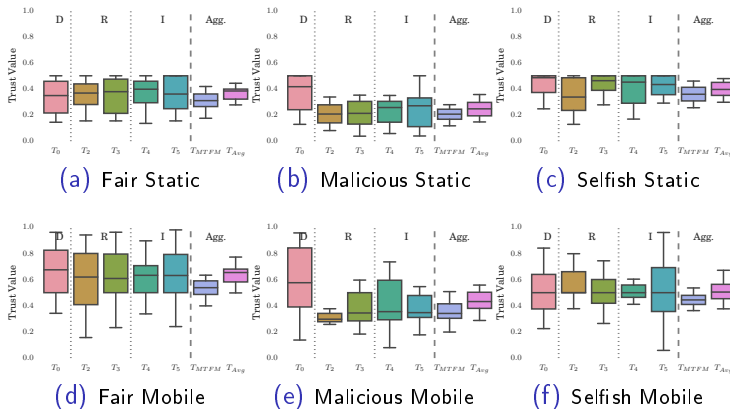


Fig. 2: Observations of n_1 ($T_{1,X}$), showing Direct, Recommender and Indirect relationships and T_{MTFM} and T_{AVG} Y [Closeup](#)

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Key Observations:

- ▶ Mobility greatly increases variation in observed trust
- ▶ 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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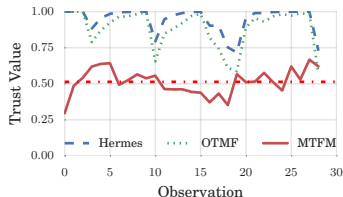
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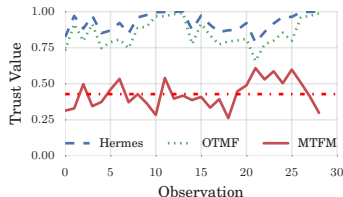
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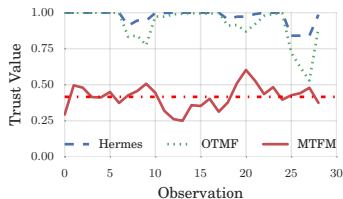
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(a) Fair Scenario



(b) Malicious Power Control Scenario



(c) Selfish Target Selection 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!

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BUT! MTFM allows exploration of the metric space.

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From (3), metric emphasise can be adjusted

$$[\theta_k^t, \phi_k^t] = \left[\sum_{j=0}^M h_j \theta_{k,j}^t, \sum_{j=0}^M h_j \phi_{k,j}^t \right] \quad (7)$$

$$\tau_k^t = (1 + (\phi_k^t)^2 / (\theta_k^t)^2)^{-1} \quad (8)$$

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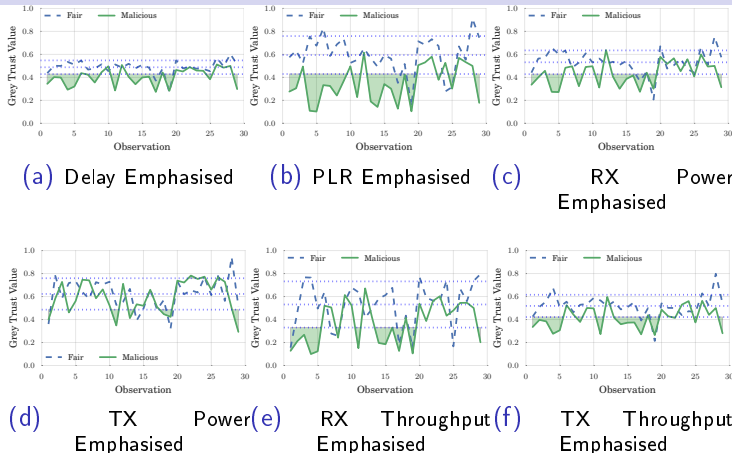
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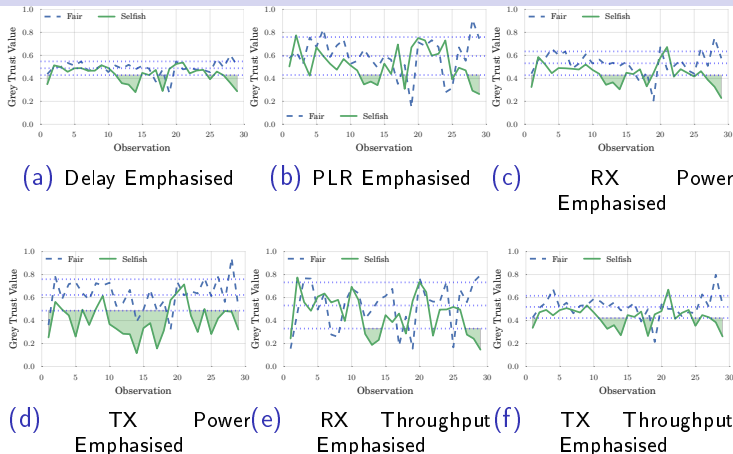
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Fig. 3: $T_{1,MTFM}$ in the All Mobile case for the Malicious Power Control behaviour, including dashed $\pm\sigma$ envelope about the fair scenario [Closeup](#)

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Fig. 4: $T_{1,MTFM}$ in the All Mobile case for the Selfish Target Selection behaviour, including dashed $\pm\sigma$ envelope about the fair scenario [Closeup](#)

Key Observations:

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

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Aim: Establish which metrics are important in discriminating behaviours

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Aim: Establish which metrics are important in discriminating behaviours

- ▶ Distributed Random Forest Regression¹⁴
- ▶ 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

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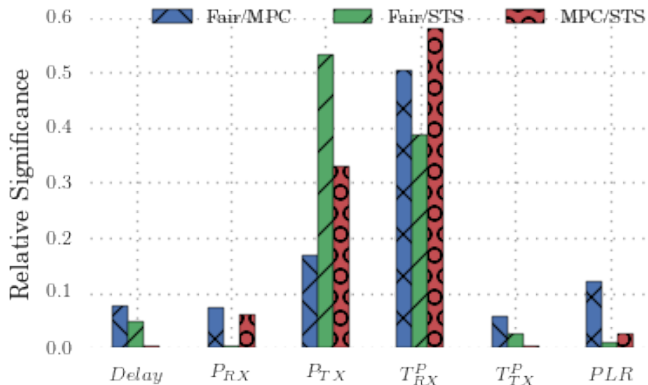
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Correlation	Delay	P_{RX}	P_{TX}	T_{RX}^P	T_{TX}^P	PLR
Fair / MPC	0.199	0.159	-0.416	0.708	-0.238	-0.401
Fair / STS	0.179	-0.009	0.724	-0.697	-0.145	-0.052
MPC / STS	0.058	-0.134	0.146	-0.768	0.052	0.146

- ▶ PLR not necessarily the most important metric in **discriminating** behaviours

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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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- ▶ Trust Underwater is **Hard**, but it's mostly the environments' fault
- ▶ Single-Metric Trust is **unstable** in such an environment
- ▶ Multi-Metric Trust works and can **discriminate between behaviours**
- ▶ **Not all metrics** are equally useful

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- ▶ Trust Underwater is **Hard**, but it's mostly the environments' fault
- ▶ Single-Metric Trust is **unstable** in such an environment
- ▶ Multi-Metric Trust works and can **discriminate between behaviours**
- ▶ **Not all metrics** are equally useful
- ▶ 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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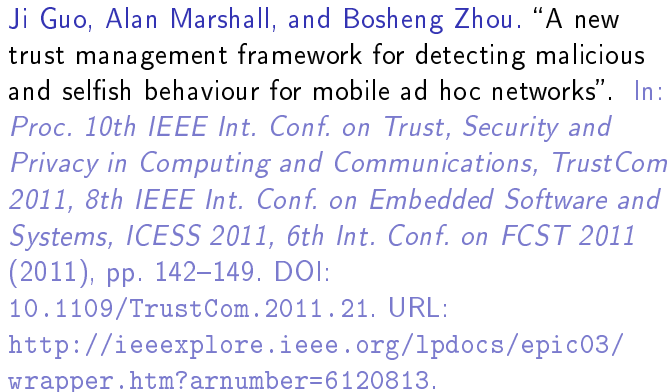
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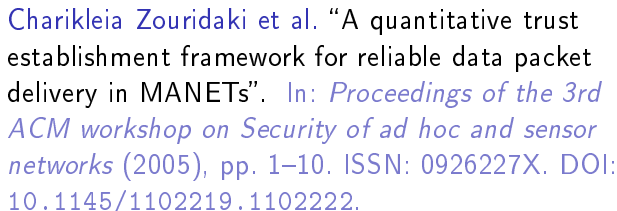
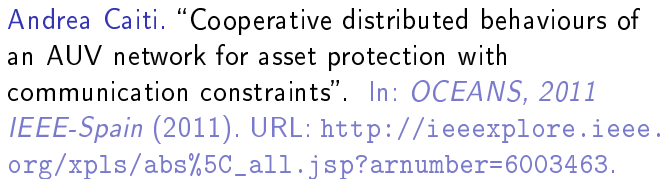
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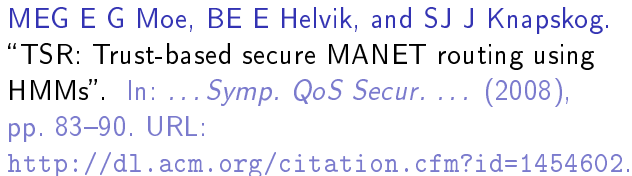
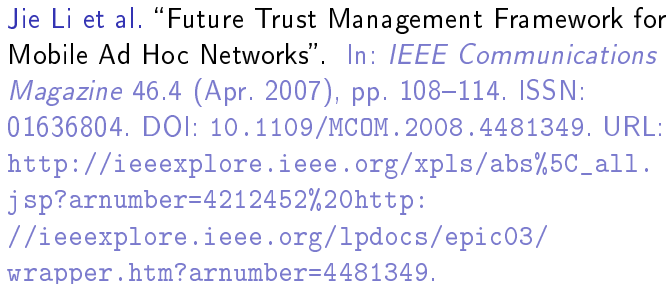
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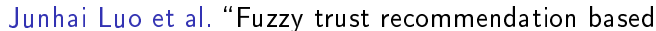
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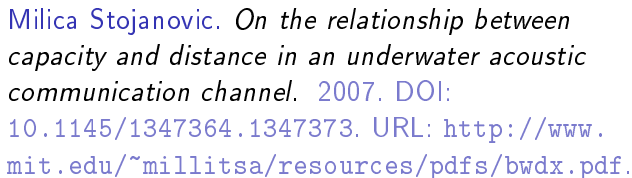
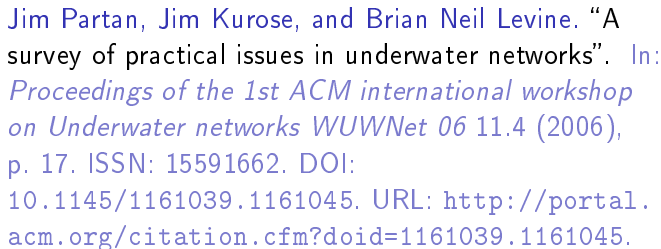
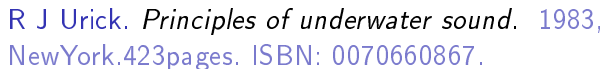
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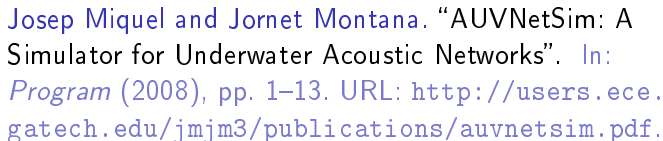
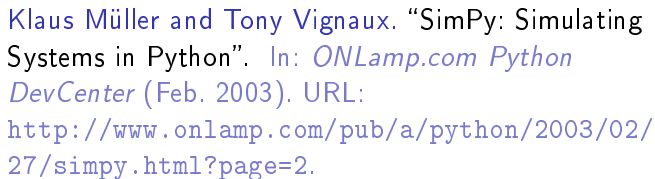
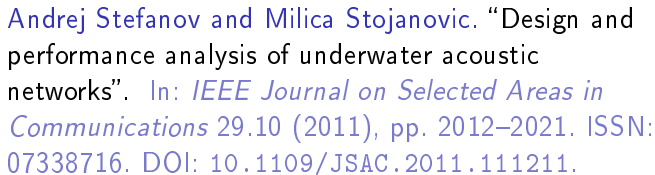
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$$\begin{aligned}
 T_{i,j}^{MTFM} = & \frac{1}{2} \cdot \max_s \{f_s(T_{i,j})\} T_{i,j} \\
 & + \frac{1}{2} \frac{2|N_R|}{2|N_R| + |N_I|} \sum_{n \in N_R} \max_s \{f_s(T_{i,n})\} T_{i,n} \\
 & + \frac{1}{2} \frac{|N_I|}{2|N_R| + |N_I|} \sum_{n \in N_I} \max_s \{f_s(T_{i,n})\} T_{i,n}
 \end{aligned} \tag{9}$$

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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$$\begin{aligned}f_1(x) &= -x + 1 \\f_2(x) &= \begin{cases} 2x & \text{if } x \leq 0.5 \\ -2x + 2 & \text{if } x > 0.5 \end{cases} \\f_3(x) &= x\end{aligned}\tag{10}$$

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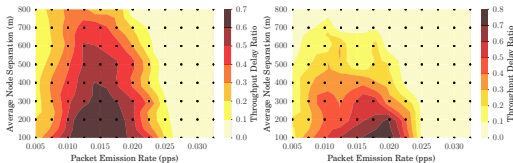
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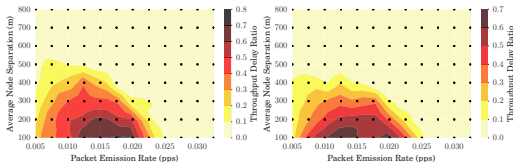
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(a) All Nodes Static

(b) n_1 Random Walk



(c) All nodes but
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(d) All nodes Random
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Table 1: Comparison of system model constraints as applied between Terrestrial and Marine communications [▶ Back](#)

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	3×10^8	1490
Center Frequency	Hz	2.6×10^9	2×10^4
Bandwidth	Hz	22×10^6	1×10^4
MAC Type		CSMA/DCF	CSMA/CA
Routing Protocol		DSDV	FBR
Max Speed	ms^{-1}	5	1.5
Max Data Rate	bps	5×10^6	≈ 240
Packet Size	bits	4096	9600
Single Transmission Duration	s	10	32
Single Transmission Size	bits	10^7	9600

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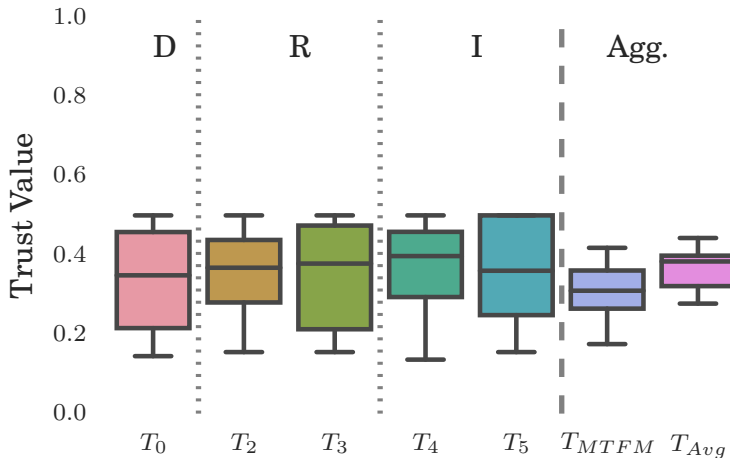
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(a) Fair Static

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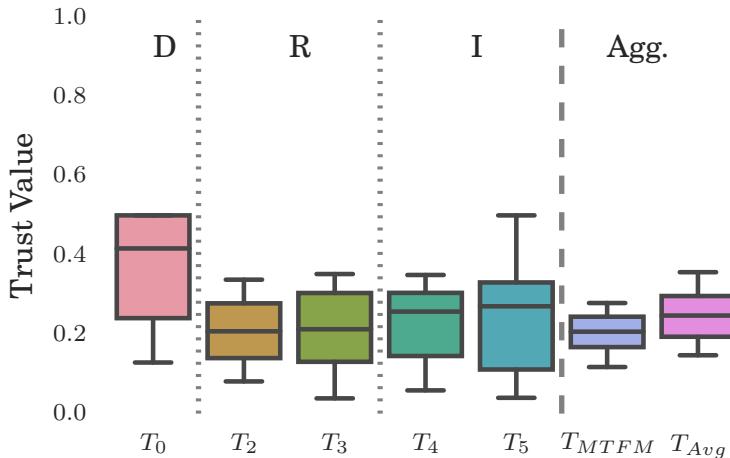
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(b) Malicious Static

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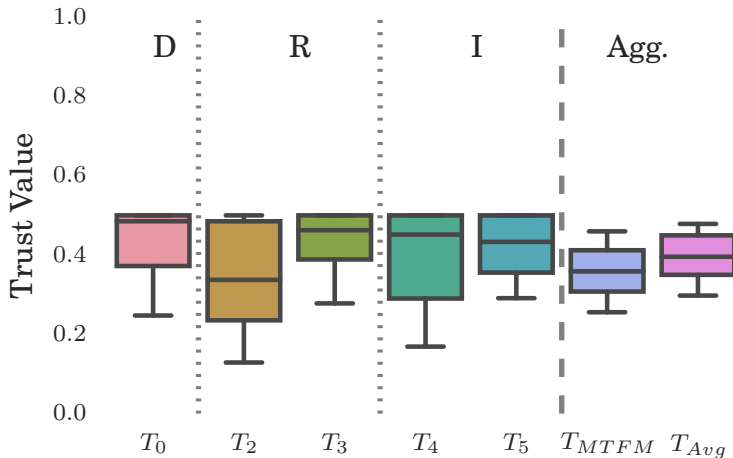
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(c) Selfish Static

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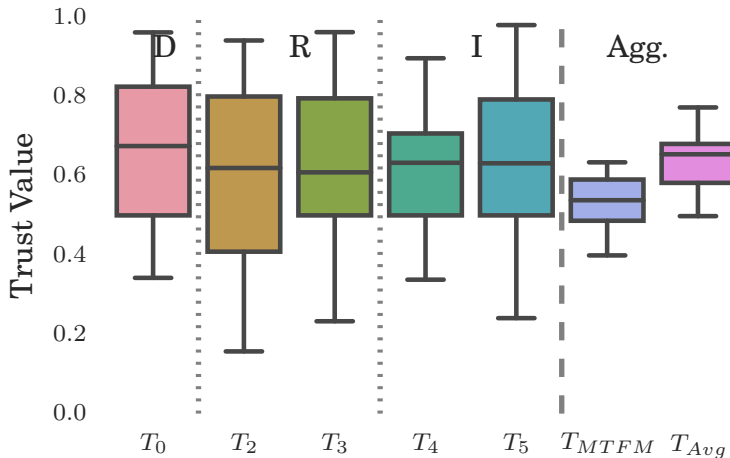
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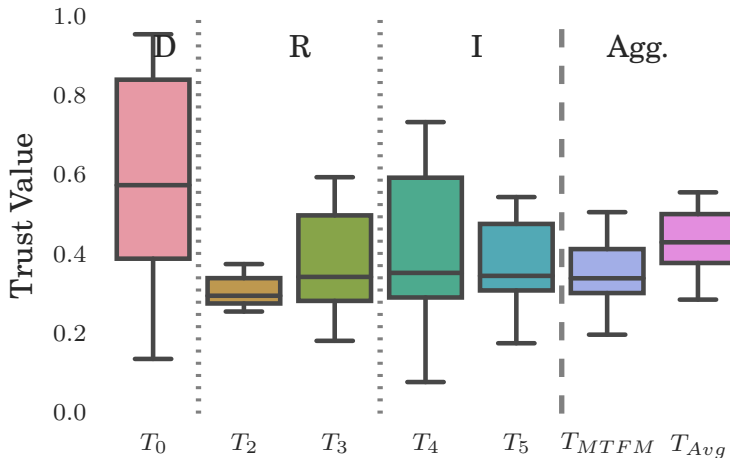
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(e) Malicious Mobile

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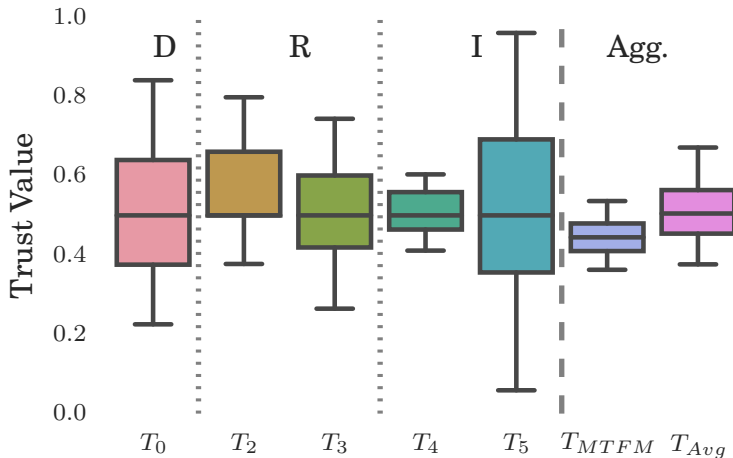
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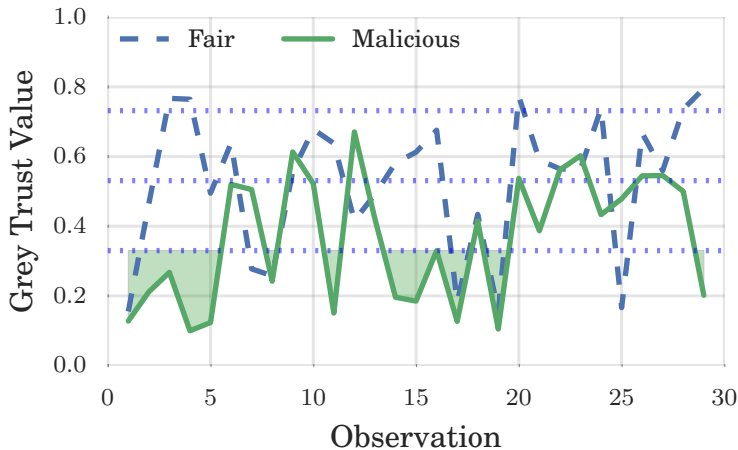
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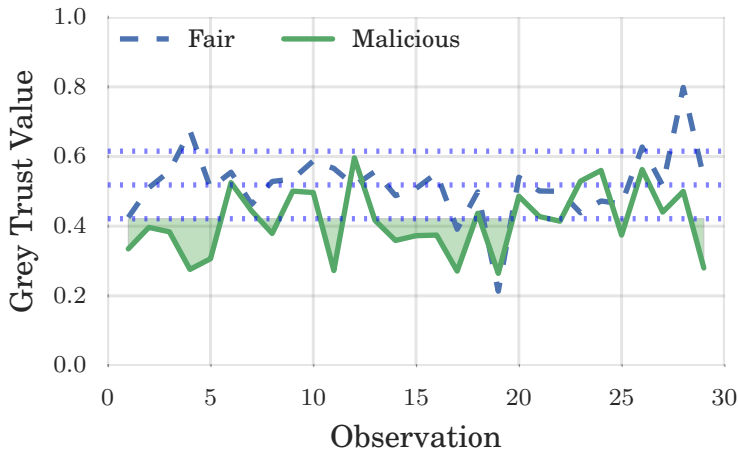
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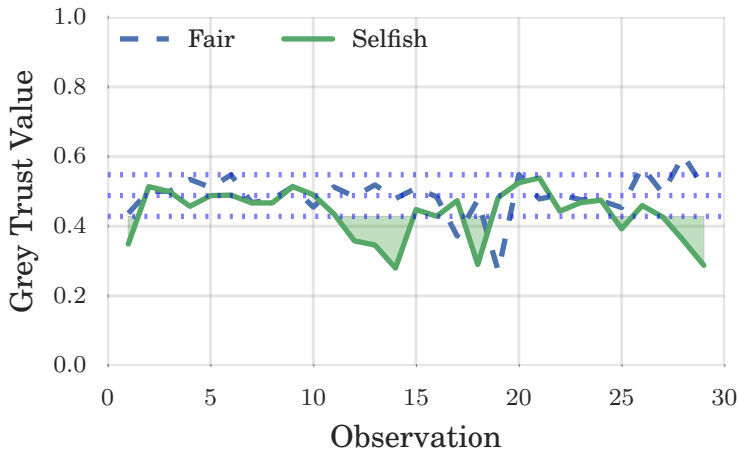
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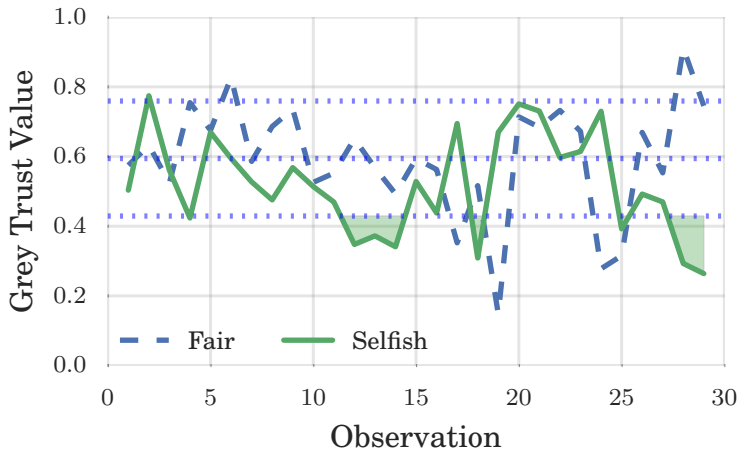
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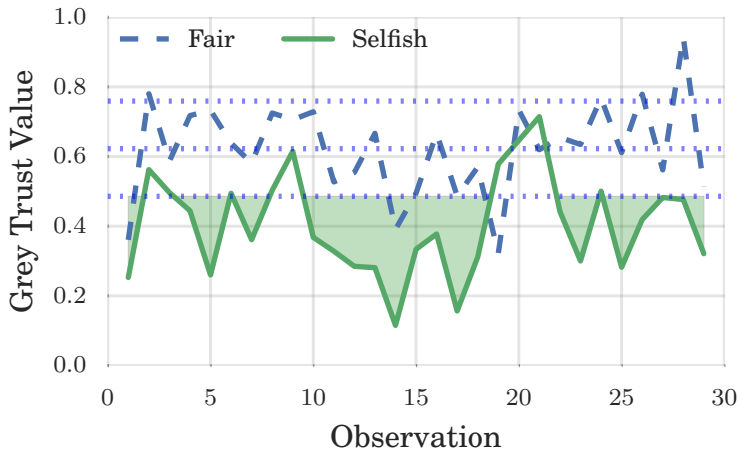
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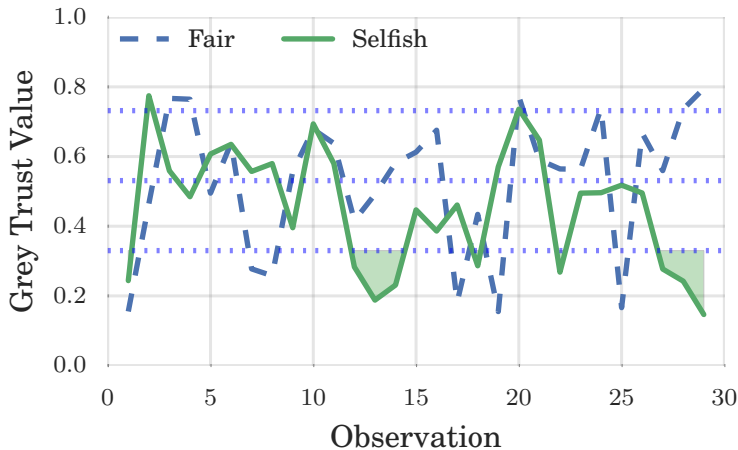
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