# 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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► Trust Methods in the MANET space applied to other arenas (e.g. underwater acoustics).

- Trust Management Frameworks (TMFs) require reassessment to work in the harsh marine communications environment.
- Most rely on one type of observation (metric)
- Recent work<sup>1</sup> introduces the use of multiple types of continuous metrics for assessment.
- ► 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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► TMFs provide information to assist the estimation of future states and actions of nodes within networks.

- Centralised methods (CA/TTP/PKI) unsuitable for dynamic networks in terms of efficiency and robustness.<sup>2</sup>
- Need to detect, identify, & mitigate threats in a distributed fashion.

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- Hermes<sup>3</sup> 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

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

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- ► Single Metric TMFs present 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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# Multi-metric Trust For MANETS (MTFM)<sup>1</sup>

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Guo et al. demonstrated that MTFM operates favourably in 802.11 based terrestrial MANETs against OTMF and Hermes, and can accurately detect, identify, & characterise misbehaviours

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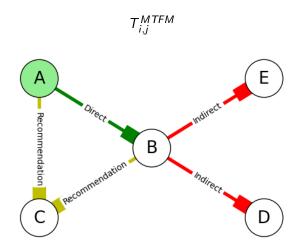
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# Multi-Metric TMF - Topological Relationships

This Grey Trust value is then combined with the shared assessments from other actors in the network weighted based on their relative topology to provide a final value;



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Key Characteristics of the Marine Acoustic Channel: Urick1983, 8,9,10

- ▶ 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

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Attenuation in the Marine Acoustic Channel

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where  $A_0$  is a normalising constant, k is a spreading factor, and a(f) is the absorption coefficient; <sup>10</sup>

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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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Fig. 1: REMUS 100 AUV as deployed at NATO CMRE La Spezia

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Communications Efficiency is not the only operational asset at risk from malicious exploitation



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# Two misbehaviours developed:

- ▶ Malicious Power Control(MPC) attacker  $n_1$  aims to make  $n_0$  appear selfish by increasing power to all nodes except to/from  $n_0$
- Selfish Target Selection(STS) n<sub>1</sub> preferentially communicates with nodes close to it, to conserve its own power.

Simulations based on SimPy, 11 Network stack using

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- ► Six per-link communications metrics
- Received Power
- Received Throughput
- ► E2E Delay

- Transmitted Power
- Transmitted Throughput
- ► Packet Loss Rate

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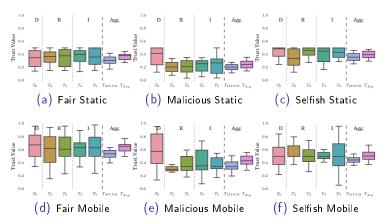


Fig. 2: Observations of  $n_1$  ( $T_{1,X}$ ), showing Direct, Recommender and Indirect relationships and  $T_{MTFM}$  and  $T_{AVG}$  Closeup

- Mobility greatly increases variation in instantaneously observed trust
- $ightharpoonup T_{MTFM}$  remains more stable in both mobility cases when compared to either single-node assessments or  $T_{Avg}$
- Raw T<sub>MTGM</sub> isn't perfect; in Fig 5e demonstrates huge variability in Direct assessment (T<sub>1,0</sub>) that isn't reflected in T<sub>MTFM</sub>. Partially expected in this directed attack.
- ► Larger general variability in observations in "Fair" case compared to misbehaviours

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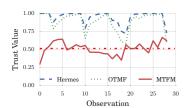
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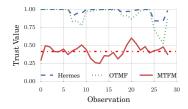
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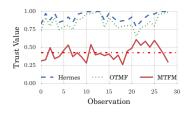
# Blind Comparison of Single/Multi-metric TMFs I



(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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- ► Neither misbehaviour, while impacting network fairness, directly affects PLR
- ► MTFM's Cohort Comparison means in the fair case, 0.5 is expected
- ▶ In OTMF/Hermes, T 1 is expected
- ► Neither OTMF, Hermes or Blind MTFM are particularly effective
- ► MTFM indicates 10% selectivity between Fair and Either Misbehaviour

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From 3, metric emphasise can be adjusted, highlighting misbehaviour in particular metric areas

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# Malicious Power Control - Weighted Emphasis

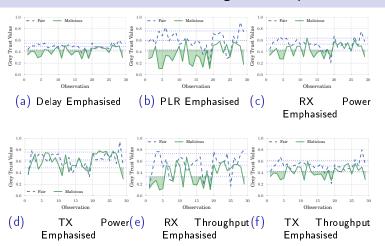


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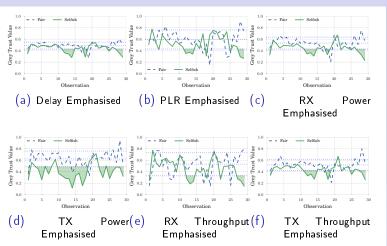


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### Key Observations:

- ► In MPC case:
  - Consistently outside  $\pm \sigma$  in all but  $P_{TX}$ , particularly PLR
  - ▶ Less so in Delay,  $P_{RX}$  and  $T_{TX}$
- ► In STS case:
  - Less overall impact, except when P<sub>TX</sub>
- In General:
  - Qualatatively similar to similar experiments performed in<sup>1</sup> in RF Terrestrial MANET
  - Lower differences between misbehaviour/fair cases
  - Less consistent deviations
  - ▶ More useful than OTMF/Hermes but still not perfect

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Distributed Random Forest Regression<sup>13</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

# Regression of Metric Significance II



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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

- ▶ PLR not necessarily the most important metric
- Combination of Significance and Correlations demonstrate selectivity opportunity
- MTFM has capability to finely discriminate between similar misbehaviours
- PLR impact is minimal in STS, would not be detected by OTMF/Hermes even in less sparse/harsh environment
- Identifying this classification "comb" is computationally intensive and grows exponentially with number of metrics involved for brute force regression

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Include Physical Observations in Metric Set

- Assess benefits / drawbacks of domain separation / joining
- Assess complexity vs selectivity of derived classifications
- Perform / Initiate practical trials in collaborations with NATO CMRE

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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



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

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

$$+ \frac{1}{2} \frac{|N_{I}|}{2|N_{R}| + |N_{I}|} \sum_{n \in N_{R}} \max_{s} \{f_{s}(T_{i,n})\} T_{i,n}$$
(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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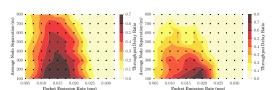
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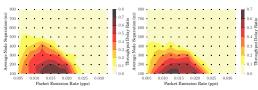
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- (a) All Nodes Static
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(c) All nodes but  $n_1(d)$  All nodes Random Random Walk Walk

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

Parameter	Unit	Terrestrial	Marine
Simulated Duration	5	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	$22 \times 10^6$	$1 \times 10^4$
MAC Type		CSMA/DCF	CSMA/CA
Routing Protocol		DSDV	FBR
Max Speed	$ms^{-1}$	5	1.5
Max Data Rate	bps	$5  imes 10^6$	$\approx 240$
Packet Size	bits	4096	9600
Single Transmission Duration	s	10	32
Single Transmission Size	bits	10 <sup>7</sup>	9600
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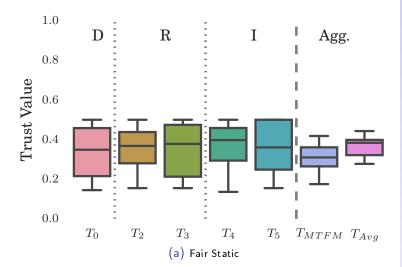


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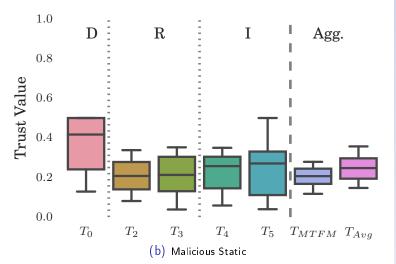
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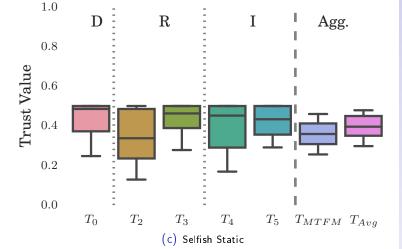
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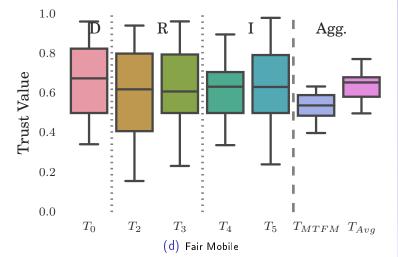
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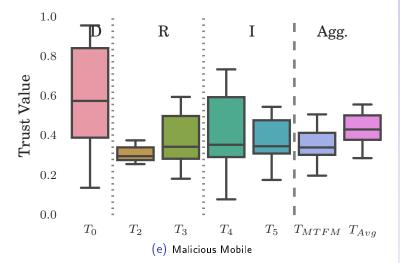
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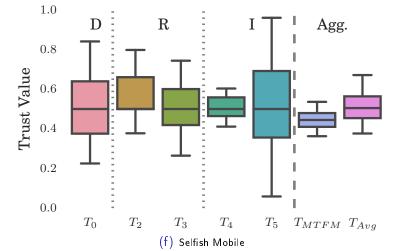
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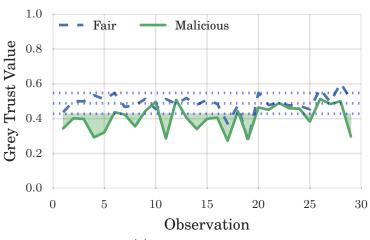
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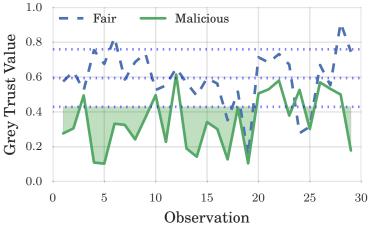
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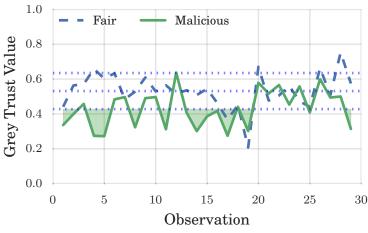
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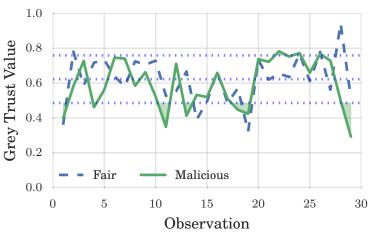
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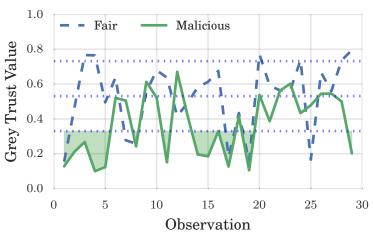
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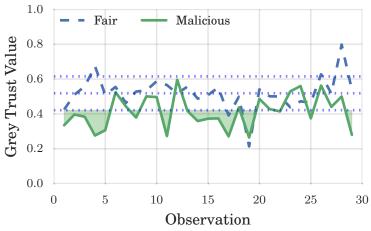
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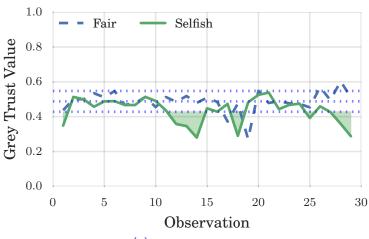
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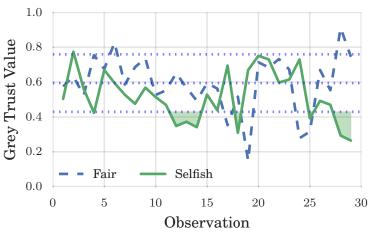
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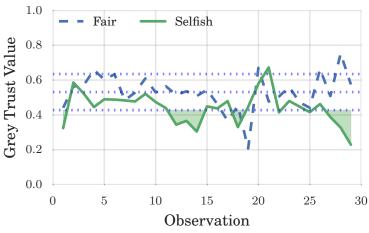
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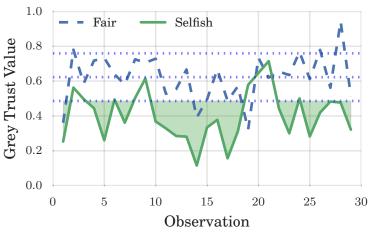
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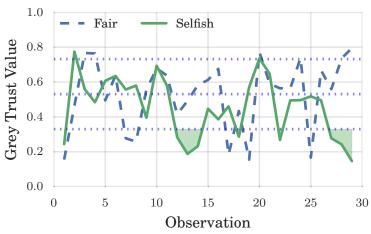
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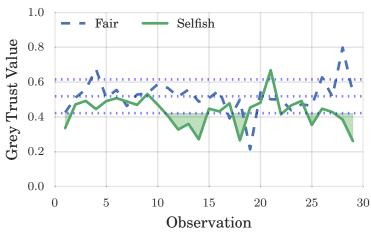
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