

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 work¹ 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.²
- ▶ Need to detect, identify, & mitigate threats in a distributed fashion.

- ▶ *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

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

Possibly cut the breakdown

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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

Multi-metric Trust For MANETS (MTFM)¹

- ▶ Additional metrics as well as PLR,
- ▶ Topological relationship,
- ▶ Allows classification of behaviours through dynamic metric weighting.
- ▶ Grey Relational Grading provides dynamic runtime normalisation, assessing *comparative* trust within a cohort of actors.

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

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

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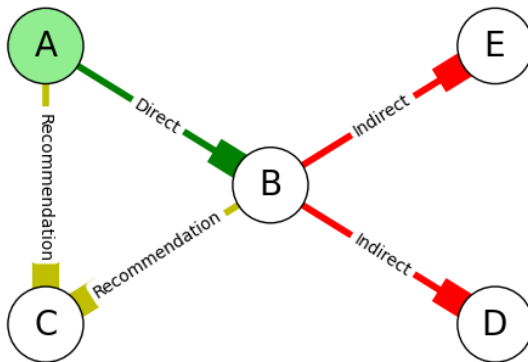
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Multi-Metric TMF - Topological Relationships

This Grey Trust value is then combined¹ with the shared assessments from other actors in the network weighted based on their relative topology to provide a final value;

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



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

- ▶ 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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$A_{\text{aco}}(d, f) = A_0 d^k a(f)^d$ or

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

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

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

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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 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_1 preferentially communicates with nodes close to it, to conserve its own power.

- ▶ Simulations based on SimPy,¹¹ Network stack using AUVNetSim¹² and channel constraints based on Stojaovic and Stefanov^{9,10} [▶ Details](#)

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- ▶ Six per-link communications metrics
 - ▶ Received Power
 - ▶ Transmitted Power
 - ▶ Received Throughput
 - ▶ Transmitted Throughput
 - ▶ E2E Delay
 - ▶ Packet Loss Rate

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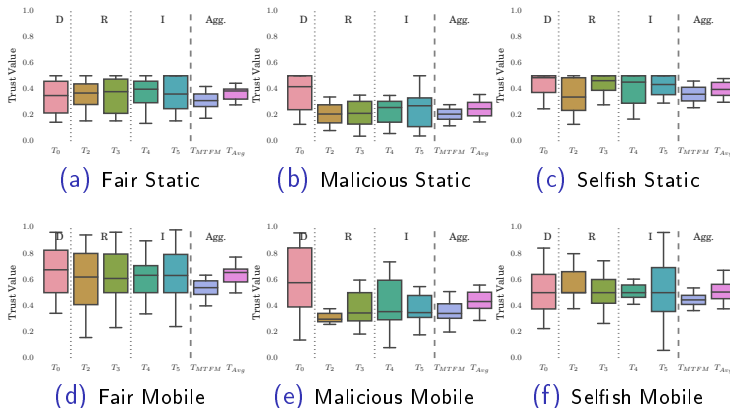


Fig. 2: Observations of n_1 ($T_{1,X}$), showing Direct, Recommender and Indirect relationships and T_{MTFM} and T_{AVG} [Closeup](#)

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Key Observations:

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

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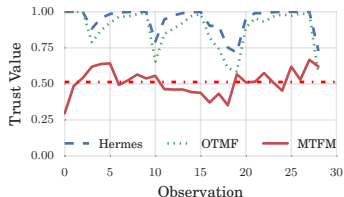
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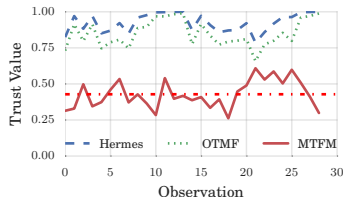
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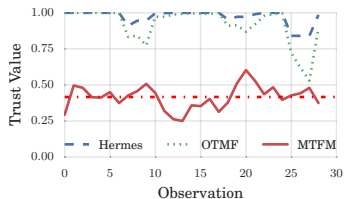
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(a) Fair Scenario



(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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Key Observations:

- ▶ 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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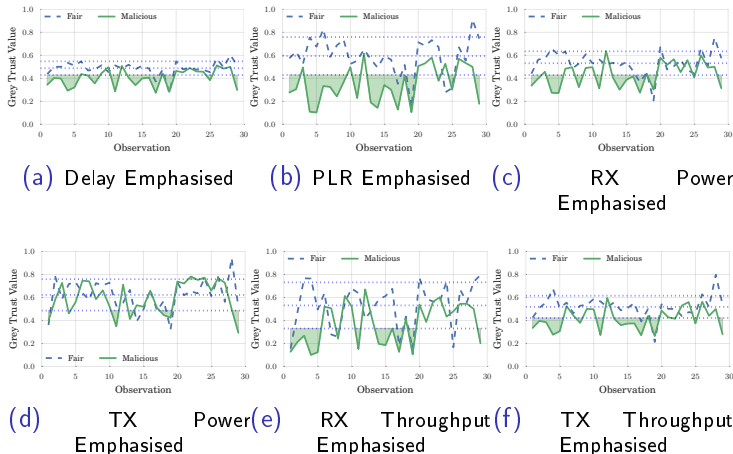


Fig. 3: $T_{1,MTFM}$ in the All Mobile case for the Malicious Power Control behaviour, including dashed $\pm\sigma$ envelope about the fair scenario [Closeup](#)

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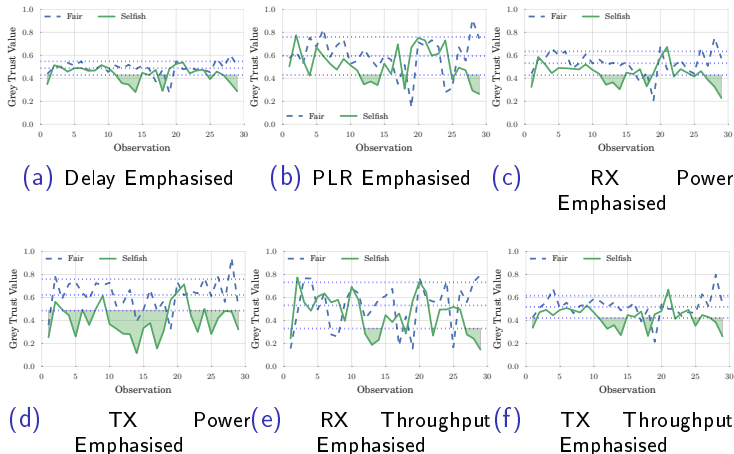


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Key Observations:

- ▶ 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_{TX}
- ▶ In General:
 - ▶ Qualatatively similar to similar experiments performed in¹ 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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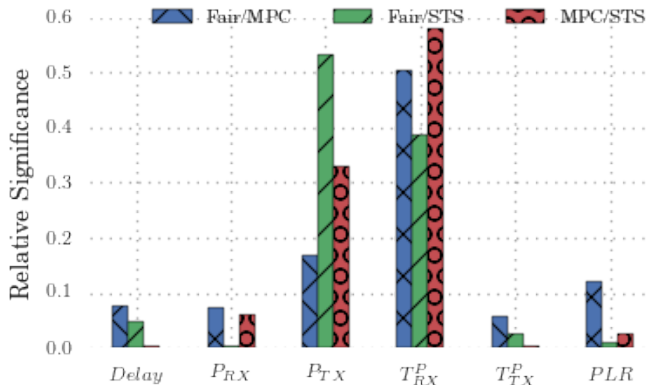
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- ▶ Distributed Random Forest Regression¹³
- ▶ 729 Metric Weight Vectors (H), 512 random trees
- ▶ 16 Random starts of each of the 3 scenarios for 6 nodes for 6 hour “missions”
- ▶ Targeting area of $\pm\sigma$ deviation $\int abs(T_m - \overline{T}_f) - \sigma_{T_f}$
- ▶ Regression identifies the significance of metrics in classifying between the three possible behaviours

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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

Key Observations:

- ▶ 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

- ▶ 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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- ▶ Outlook
 - ▶ Extending to include Physical Metrics
 - ▶ Developing runtime heuristics to improve complexity
 - ▶ Perform untrained classification performance on real data



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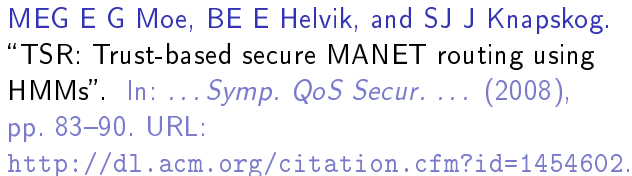
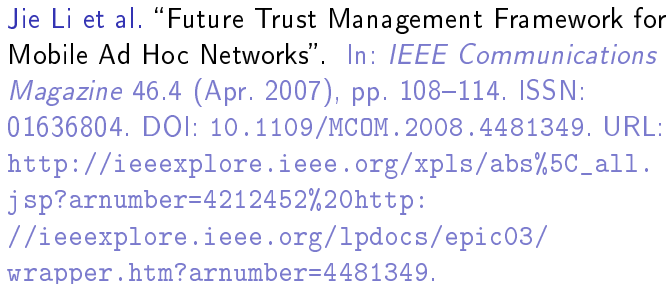
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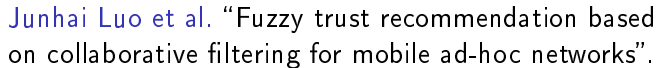
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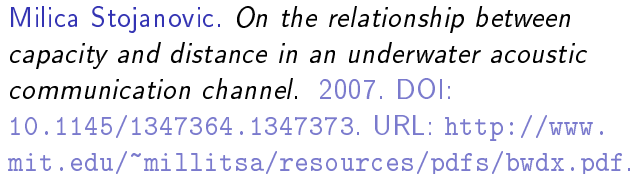
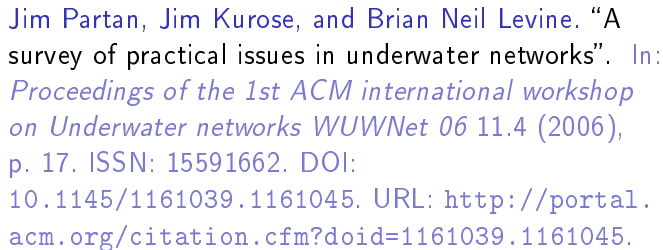
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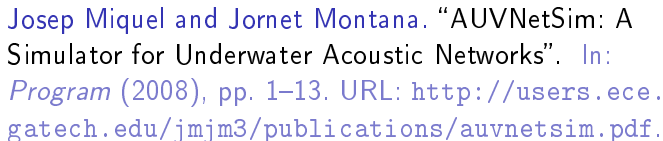
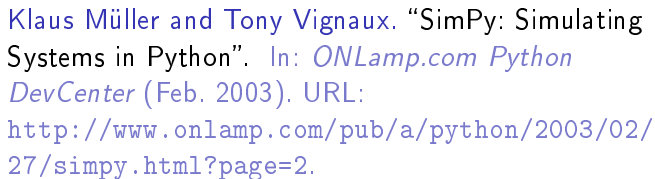
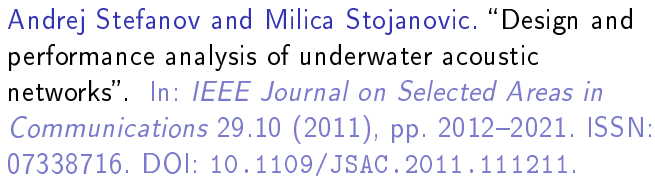
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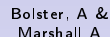
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$$\begin{aligned} T_{i,j}^{MTFM} = & \frac{1}{2} \cdot \max_s \{f_s(T_{i,j})\} T_{i,j} \\ & + \frac{1}{2} \frac{2|N_R|}{2|N_R| + |N_I|} \sum_{n \in N_R} \max_s \{f_s(T_{i,n})\} T_{i,n} \\ & + \frac{1}{2} \frac{|N_I|}{2|N_R| + |N_I|} \sum_{n \in N_I} \max_s \{f_s(T_{i,n})\} T_{i,n} \end{aligned} \quad (9)$$

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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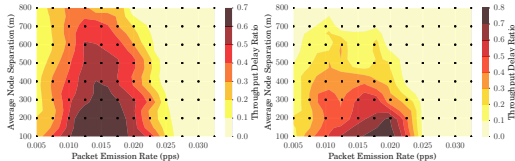
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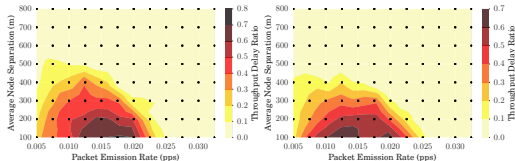
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(a) All Nodes Static

(b) n_1 Random Walk



(c) All nodes but n_1 Random Walk

(d) All nodes Random Walk

System Model Constraints

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

Parameter	Unit	Terrestrial	Marine
Simulated Duration	<i>s</i>	300	18000
Trust Sampling Period	<i>s</i>	1	600
Simulated Area	<i>km</i> ²	0.7	0.7-4
Transmission Range	<i>km</i>	0.25	1.5
Physical Layer		RF(802.11)	Acoustic
Propagation Speed	<i>m/s</i>	3×10^8	1490
Center Frequency	<i>Hz</i>	2.6×10^9	2×10^4
Bandwidth	<i>Hz</i>	22×10^6	1×10^4
MAC Type		CSMA/DCF	CSMA/CA
Routing Protocol		DSDV	FBR
Max Speed	<i>ms</i> ⁻¹	5	1.5
Max Data Rate	<i>bps</i>	5×10^6	≈ 240
Packet Size	bits	4096	9600
Single Transmission Duration	<i>s</i>	10	32
Single Transmission Size	bits	10^7	9600

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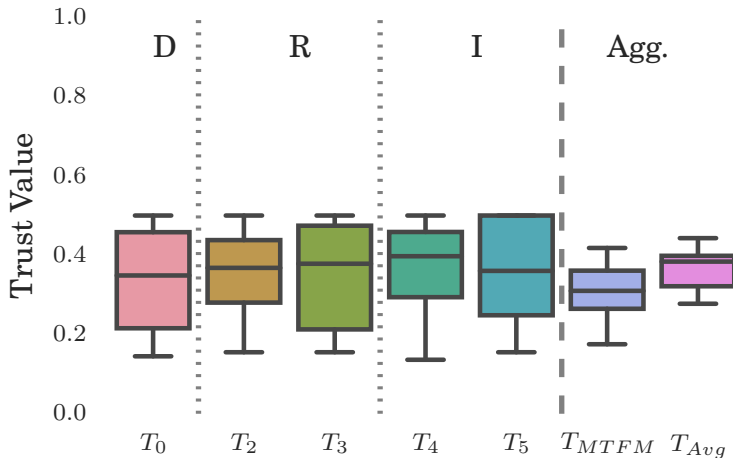
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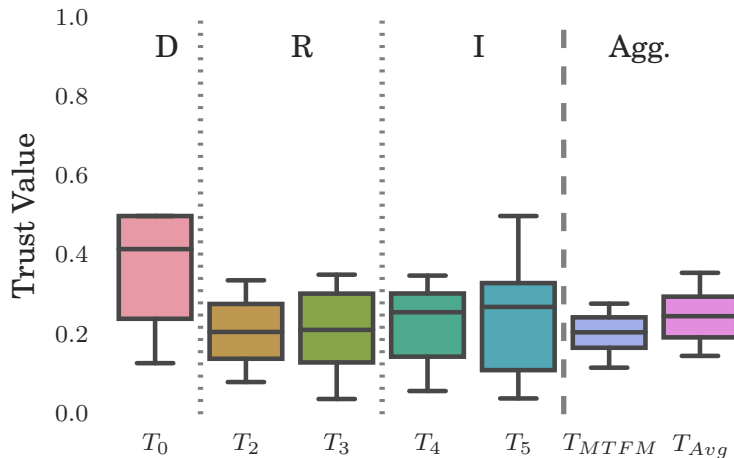
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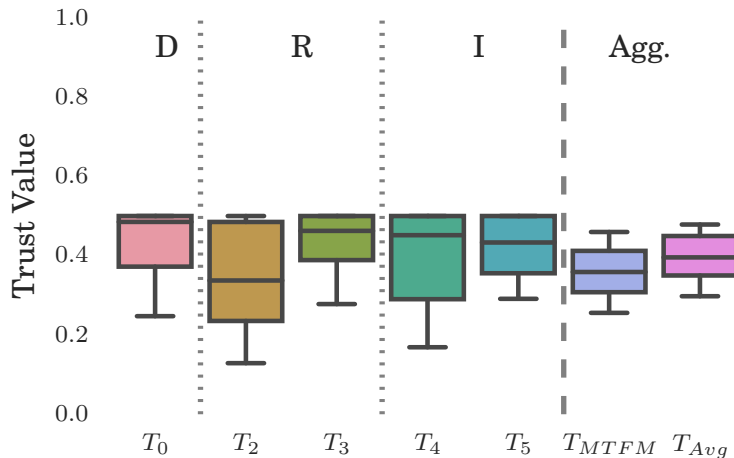
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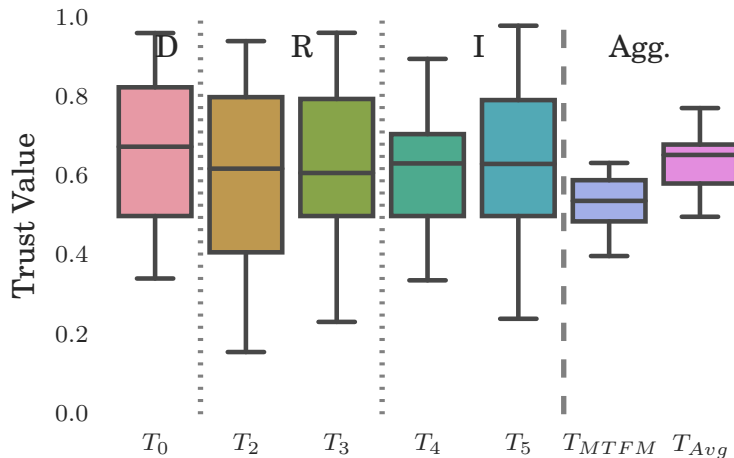
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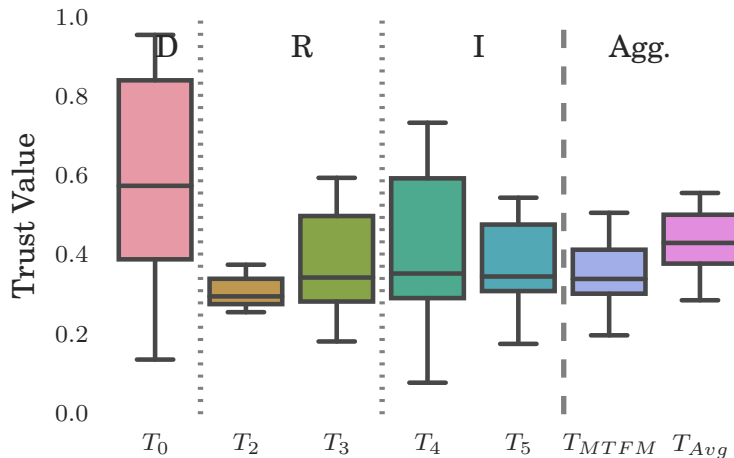
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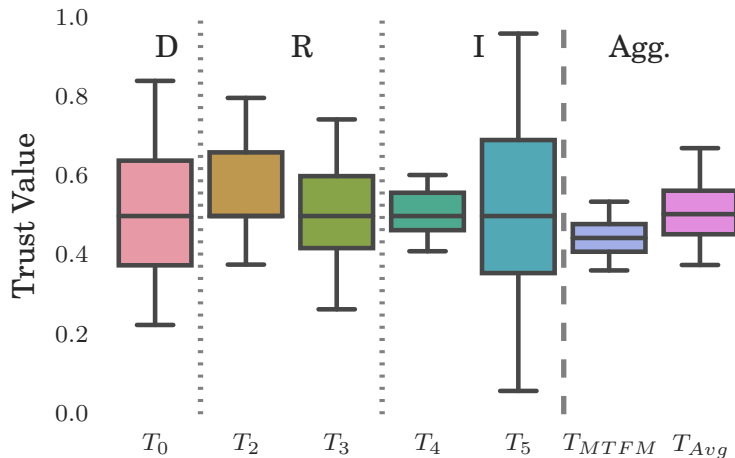
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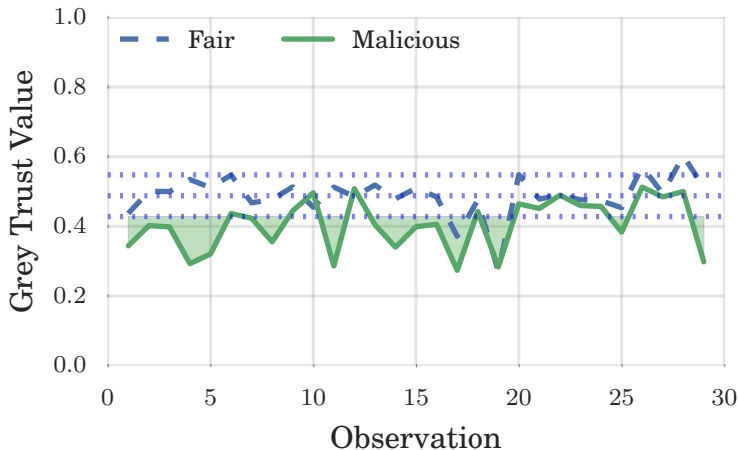
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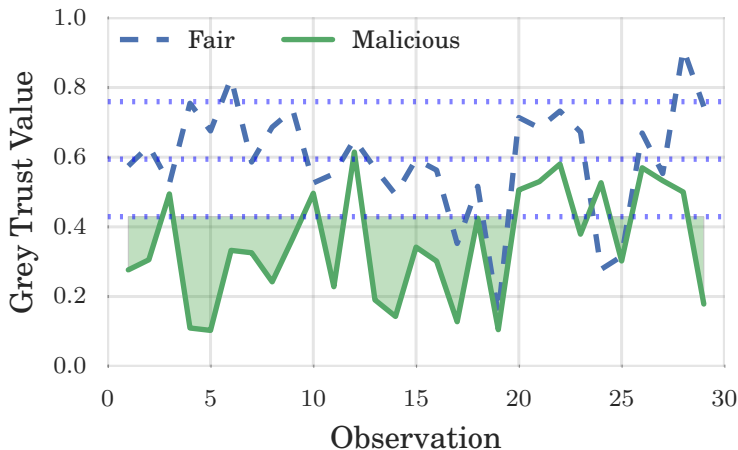
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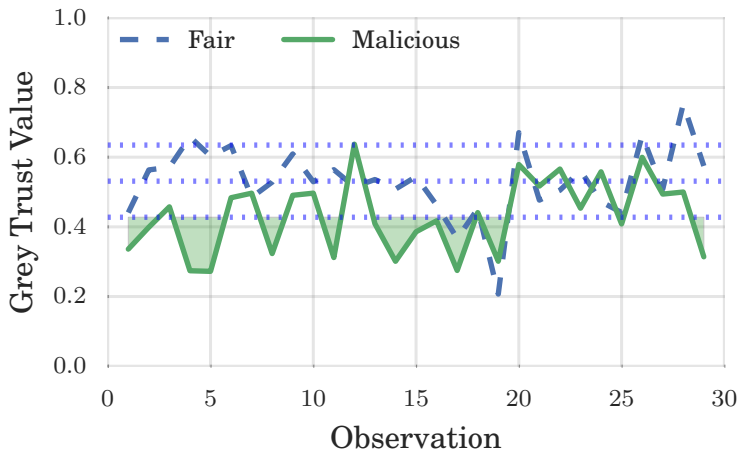
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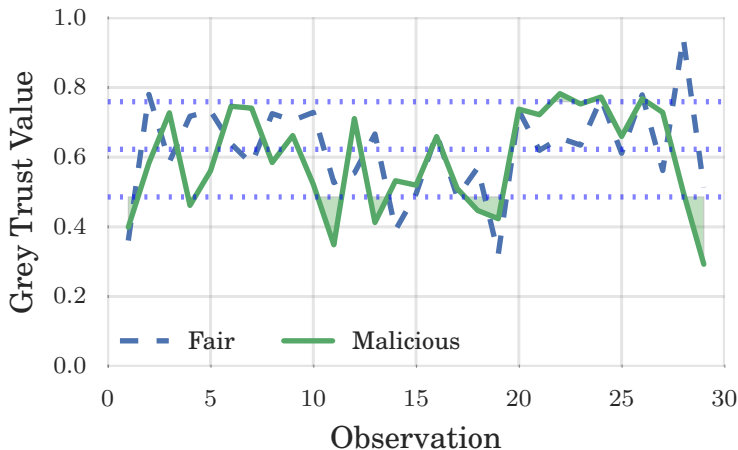
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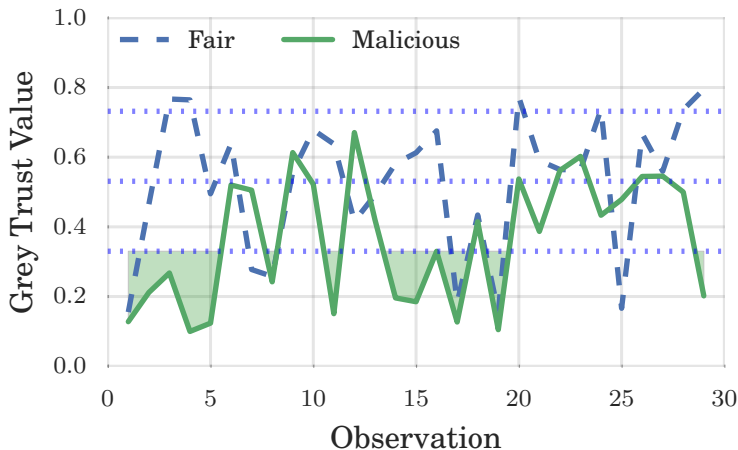
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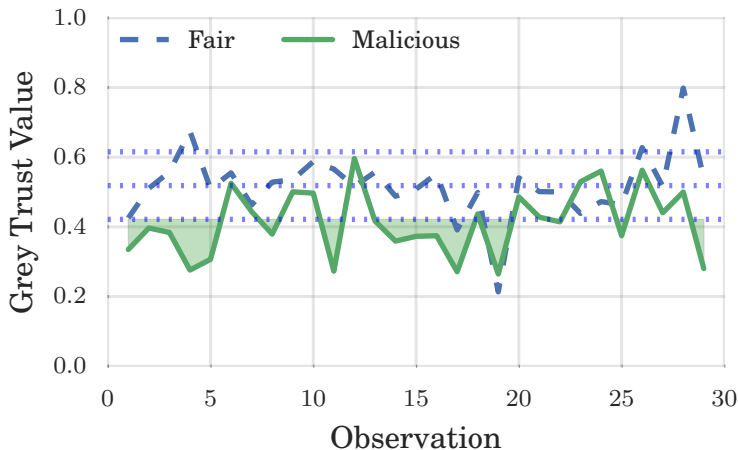
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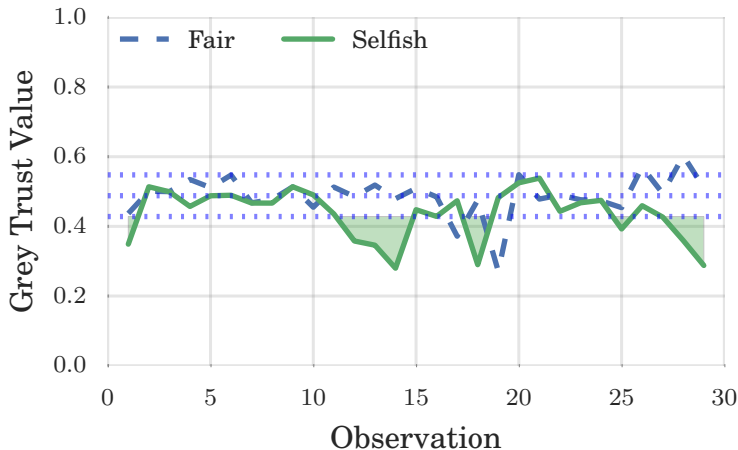
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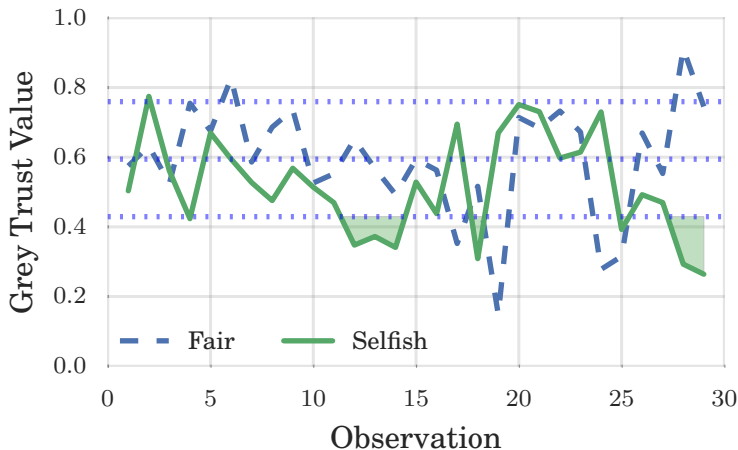
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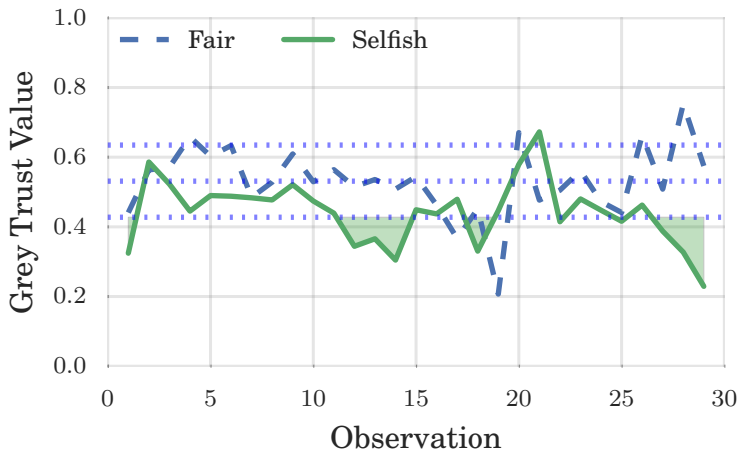
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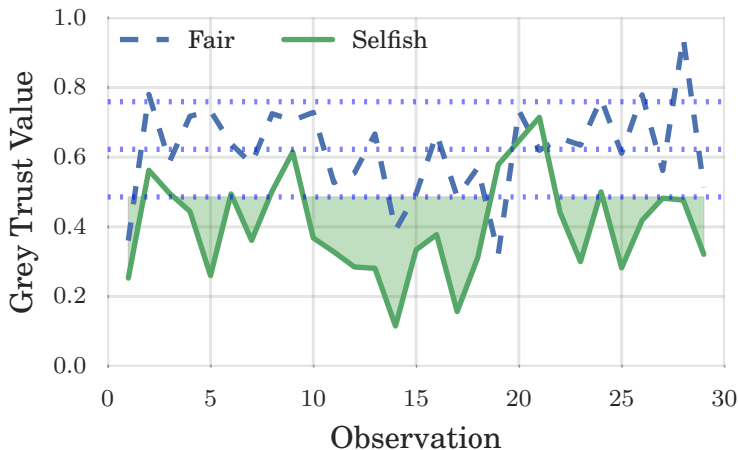
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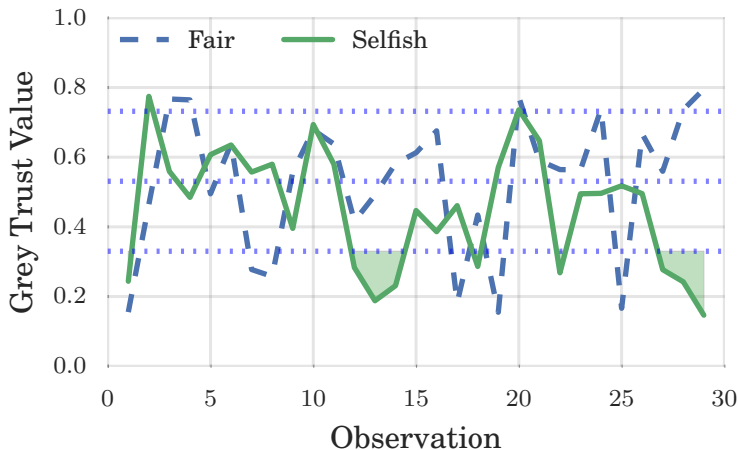
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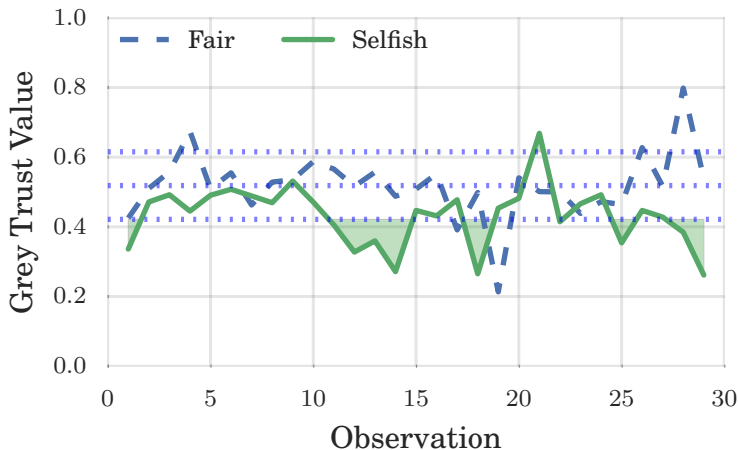
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