



# P5-25: Networked and Secure Systems



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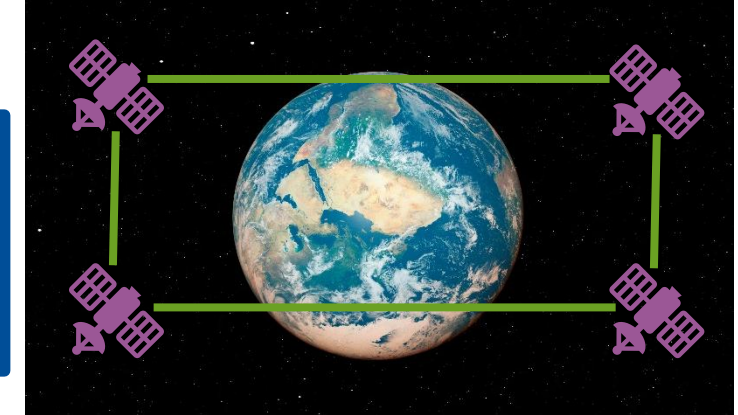
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Number of requested memberships  $\geq 2$

# Goals, Motivations, & Challenges

## Goals

- Develop **trust** assessment framework for constellations
- Leverage predictable topology for **routing** packets through network
- Create **secure** routing algorithm for constellations by integrating trust into routing

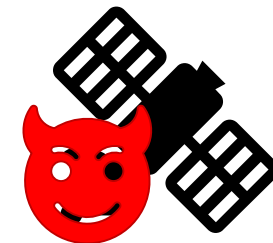


## Motivations

- **Dependence** on space-based systems for critical applications
- Constellations are growing in **size** and **complexity**
- Increasing connectivity leads to increasing **attack surface**
- Lower **computational overhead** and **latency** for satellite networks

## Challenges

- Computational complexity of simulating **large-scale** satellite constellations
- Satellites must be **resilient** to many different types of attacks
- **Distributed** trust systems have access to limited amounts of information



# Proposed Tasks for 2025

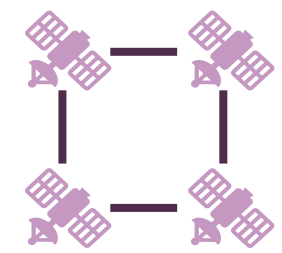
## T1 Trust Assessment

- Enhance our trust algorithm to accurately detect complex attack patterns
- Extend our trust algorithm to consider other factors in trust



## T2 Constellation Routing

- Improve network modelling fidelity for analyzing network performance
- Develop trust-based routing algorithms for satellite networks



# Task 1: Trust Assessment

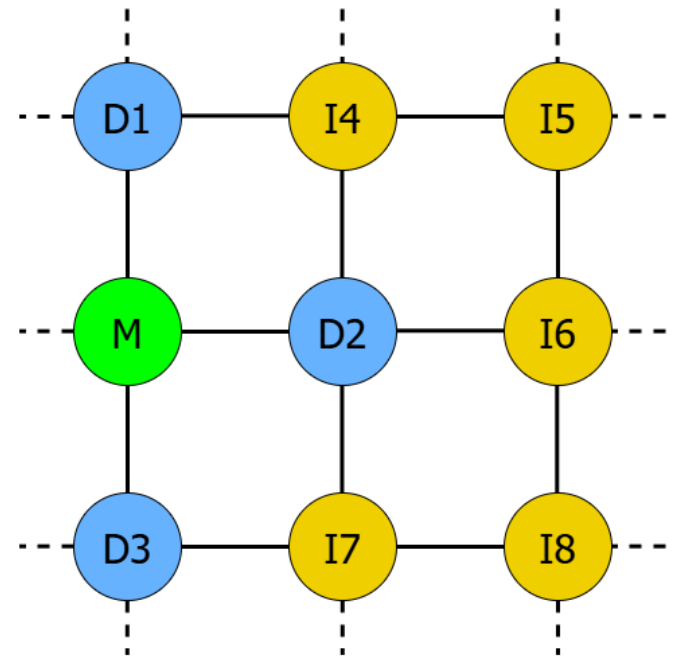
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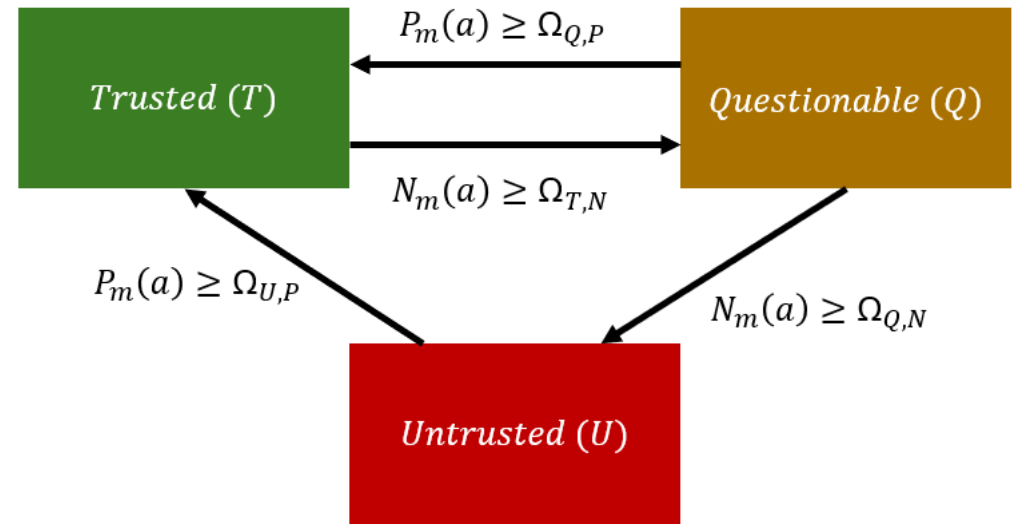
## Trust Assessment

- **Direct** trust, **Indirect** trust, **Aggregate** trust



## TAU Trust Algorithm

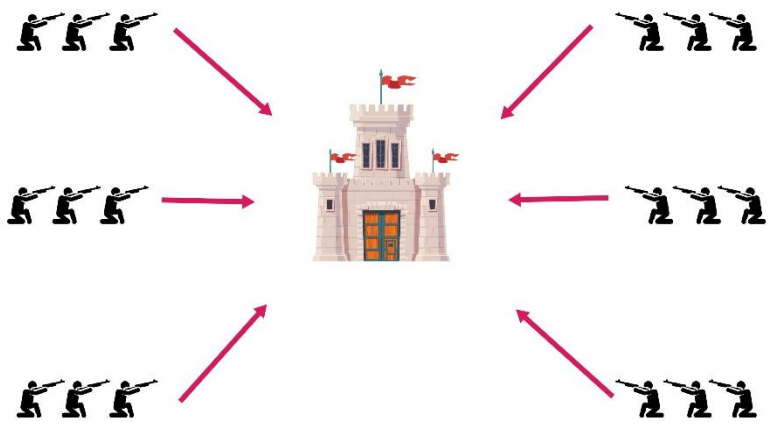
- Novel decentralized trust algorithm based on **FSMs**
- **Asynchronous communication** reduces resource overhead



# T1: Next Steps

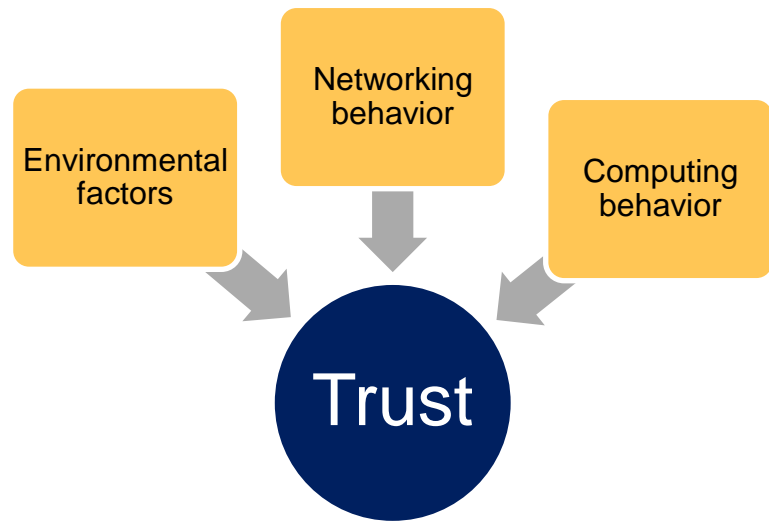
## Modeling Attacks

- Account for more **complex attacks** such as bad mouthing and the Byzantine problem
- Improve our algorithm's precision by **reducing false positive** rate



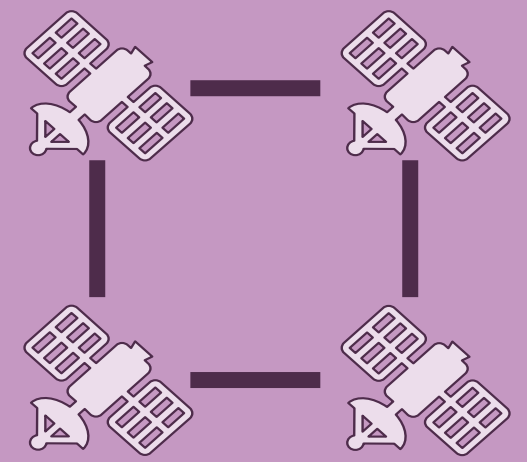
## Extending Our Algorithm

- Extend our algorithm to consider more aspects of node behavior
- Incorporate impacts of **extreme radiation** environments



# Task 2: Constellation Routing

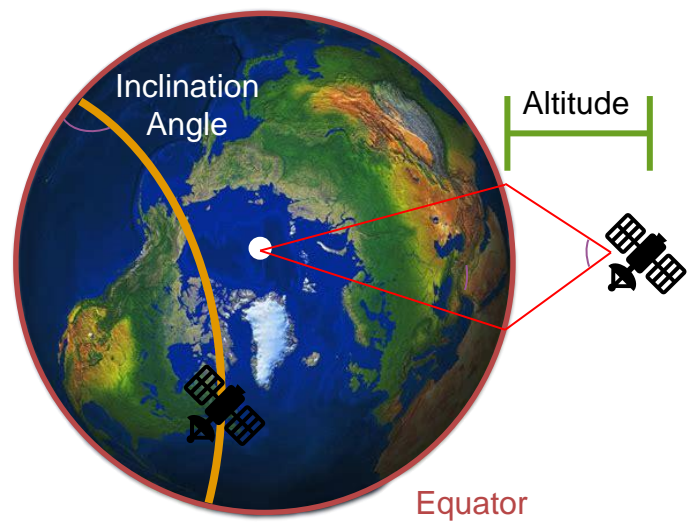
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# T2: Satellite Constellation Routing

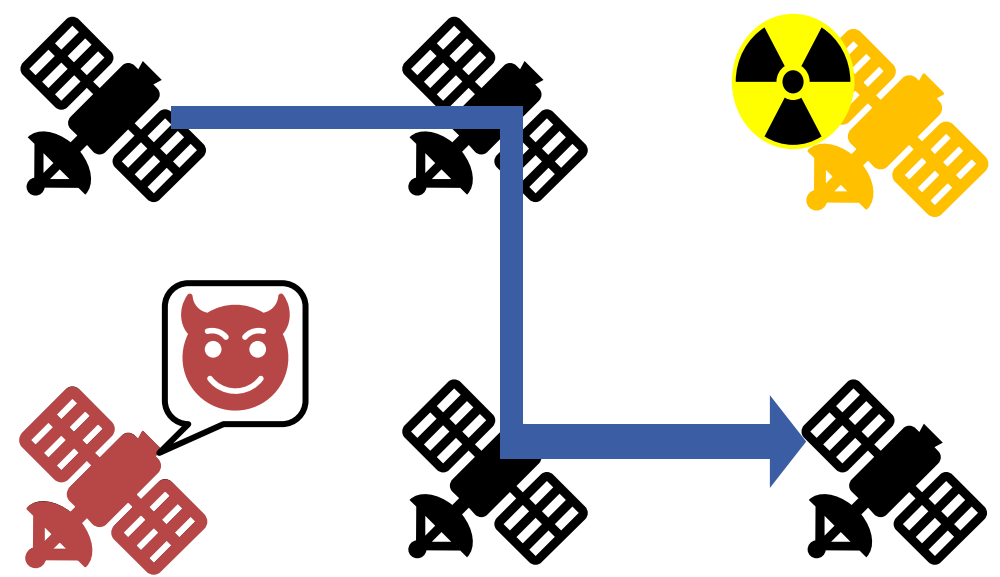
## Routing Algorithms

- Utilize **predictable** topology to improve routing
- Measure effects of constellation **configuration** on routing



## Trust-Based Routing

- Utilize **trust assessment** as input to routing algorithm
- Route through **trusted** links

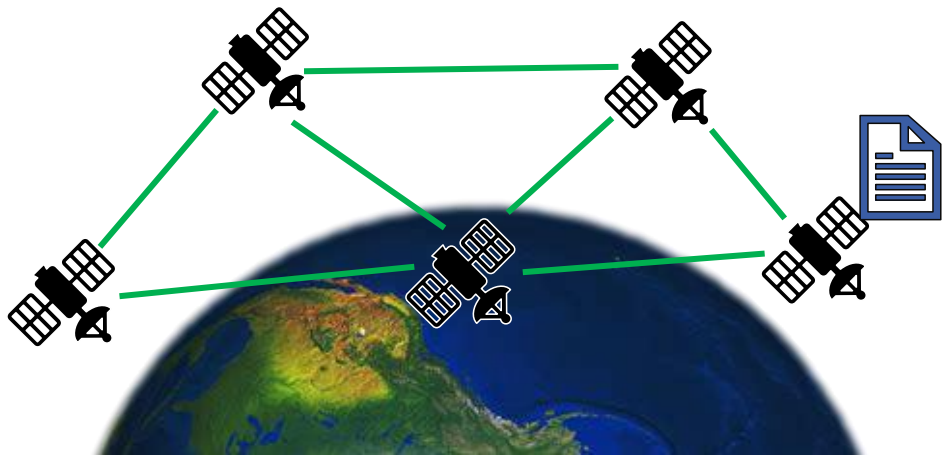




# T2: Next Steps – Routing Algorithms

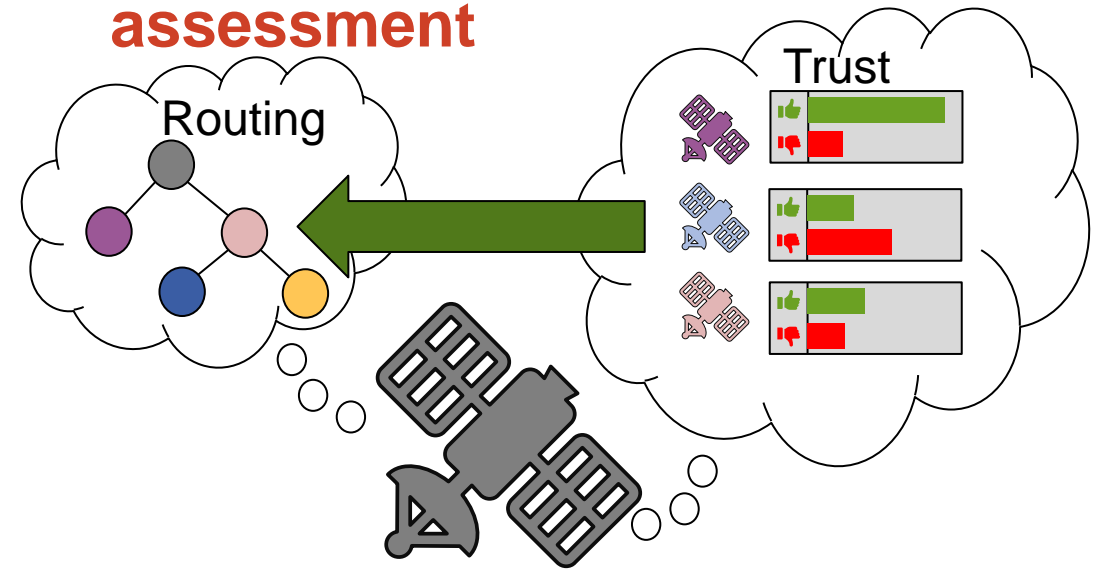
## Offline Algorithm

- Develop offline **shortest path** routing algorithm
- Minimized online computations with **low latency**



## Trust Based Routing

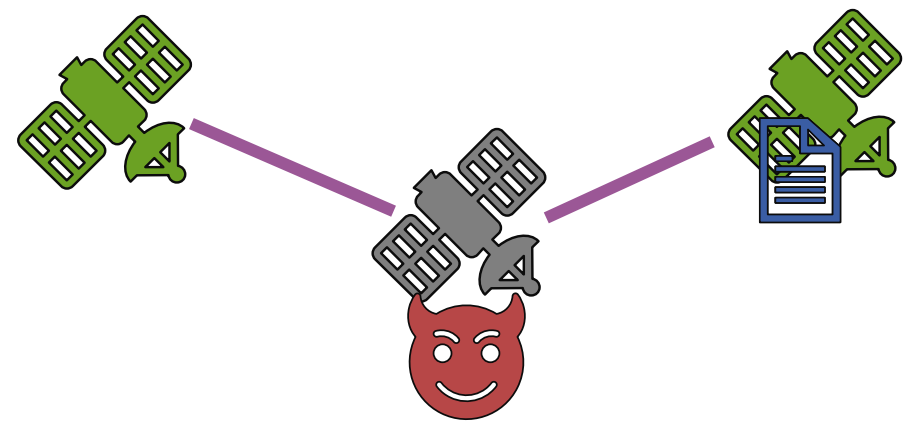
- Continue development of satellite network **simulator**
- Add support for **trust assessment**



# T2: Next Steps – Constellation Simulation

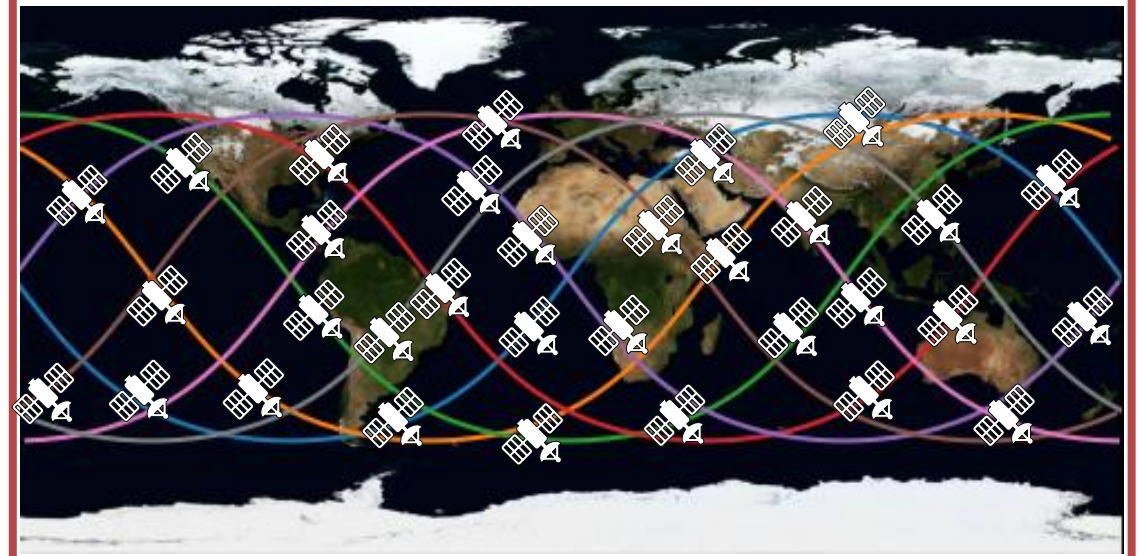
## Network Simulation

- Collaborate with UF (Dr. McNair), develop **comprehensive** satellite network simulator
- Add support for **cyber-attacks** and **trust assessment**



## Simulator Scalability

- Support **large** constellations
- Assess **queuing delay** and **link contention** in satellite networks

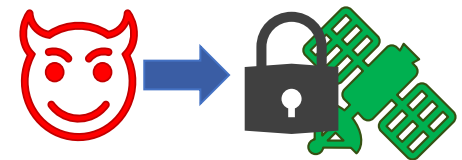


# Milestones, Deliverables, Budget

## MILESTONES

SMW25 (06/25): Showcase preliminary results on all project tasks

SAW25-26 (01/26): Completion of all project tasks



## DELIVERABLES

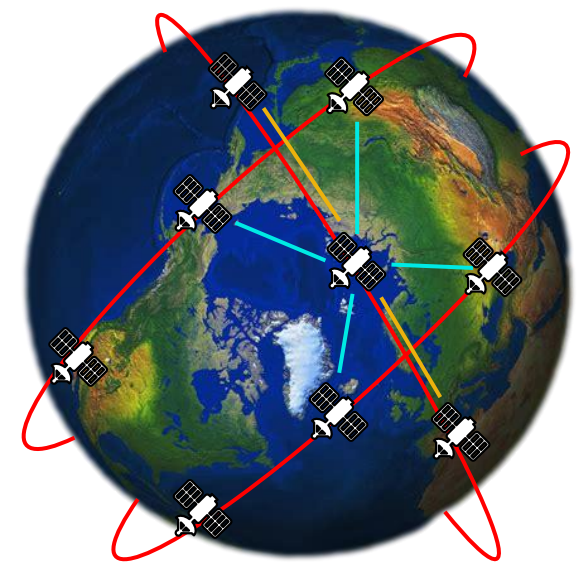
Monthly progress reports from all projects

Midyear and end-of-year full reports from all projects

3 conference and/or journal publications

## BUDGET

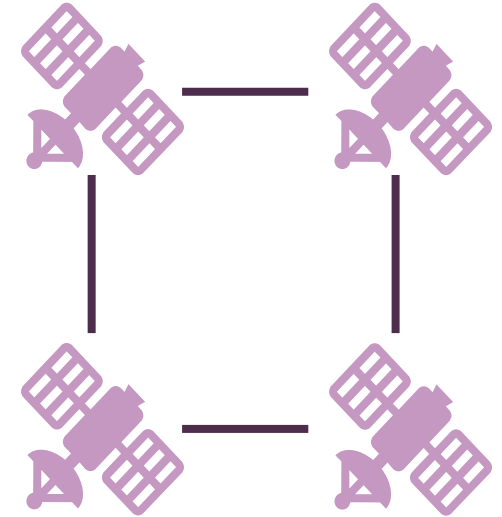
Minimum recommended: Three (3) memberships (150 Votes)



# Conclusions & Member Benefits

## Conclusions

- Extend the TAU algorithm to account for additional behavioral and environmental indicators to perform trust assessment
- Further optimize the parameters of the TAU algorithm in order to reduce the false alarms and respond to more complex attacks
- Create trust-based routing algorithm utilizing stored routing tables
- Continue to develop network simulator for varying traffic conditions and constellation parameters and configurations



## Member Benefits

- Direct influence over processors and frameworks studied
- Direct influence over apps and datasets studied
- Direct benefit from new methods, data, code, models, and insights from metrics, benchmarks, and emulations