

Advanced Air Mobility and Unmanned Traffic Management @ IETF

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In summary

Advancements in AI

Intelligent Transportation Systems

New industry and solutions: unexplored vertical

But... how to implement it?

delivery
& pick-up



other
applications



airspace traffic
control



decentralized
control & book
keeping (DCB)



geofencing



safety



drone
navigation

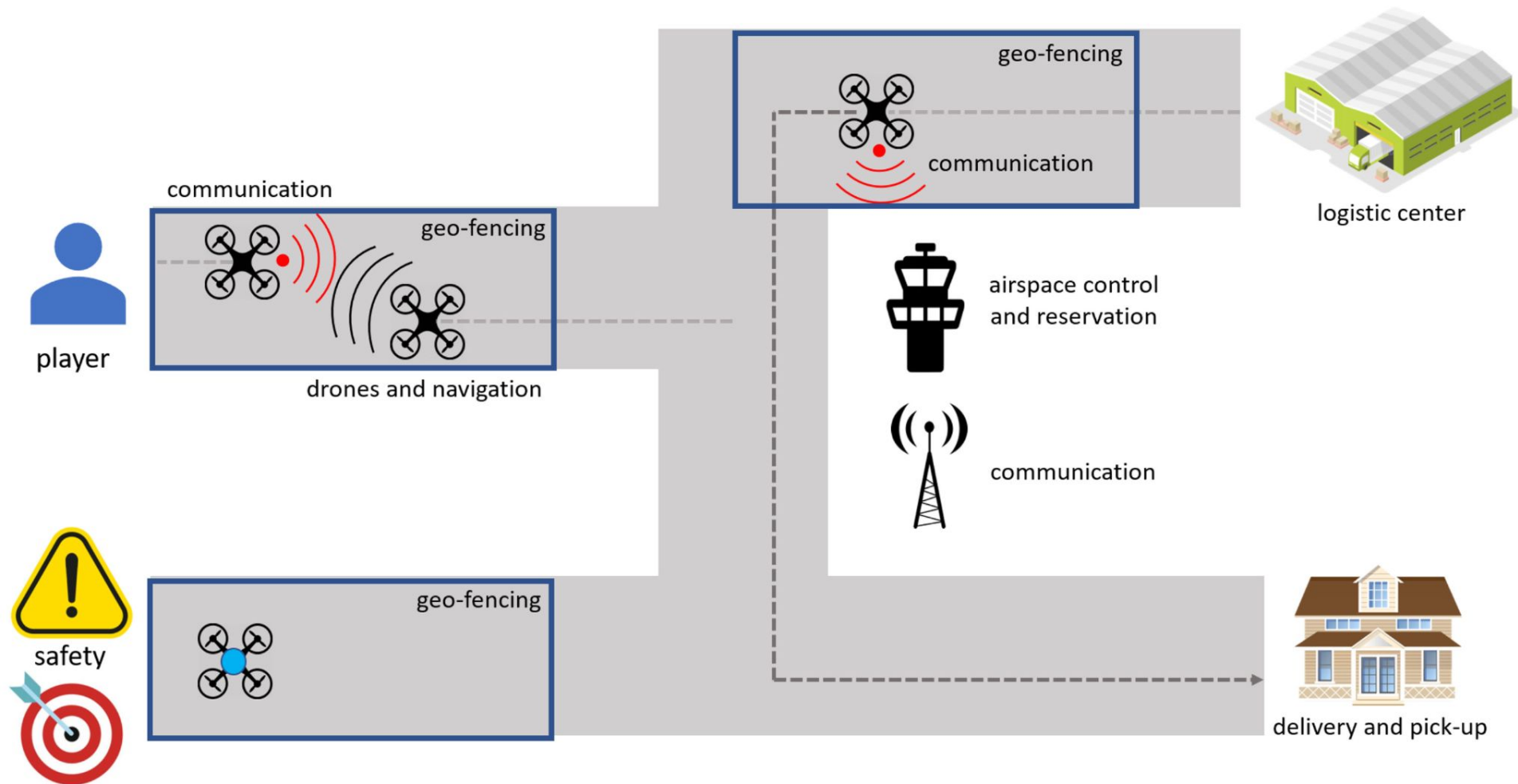


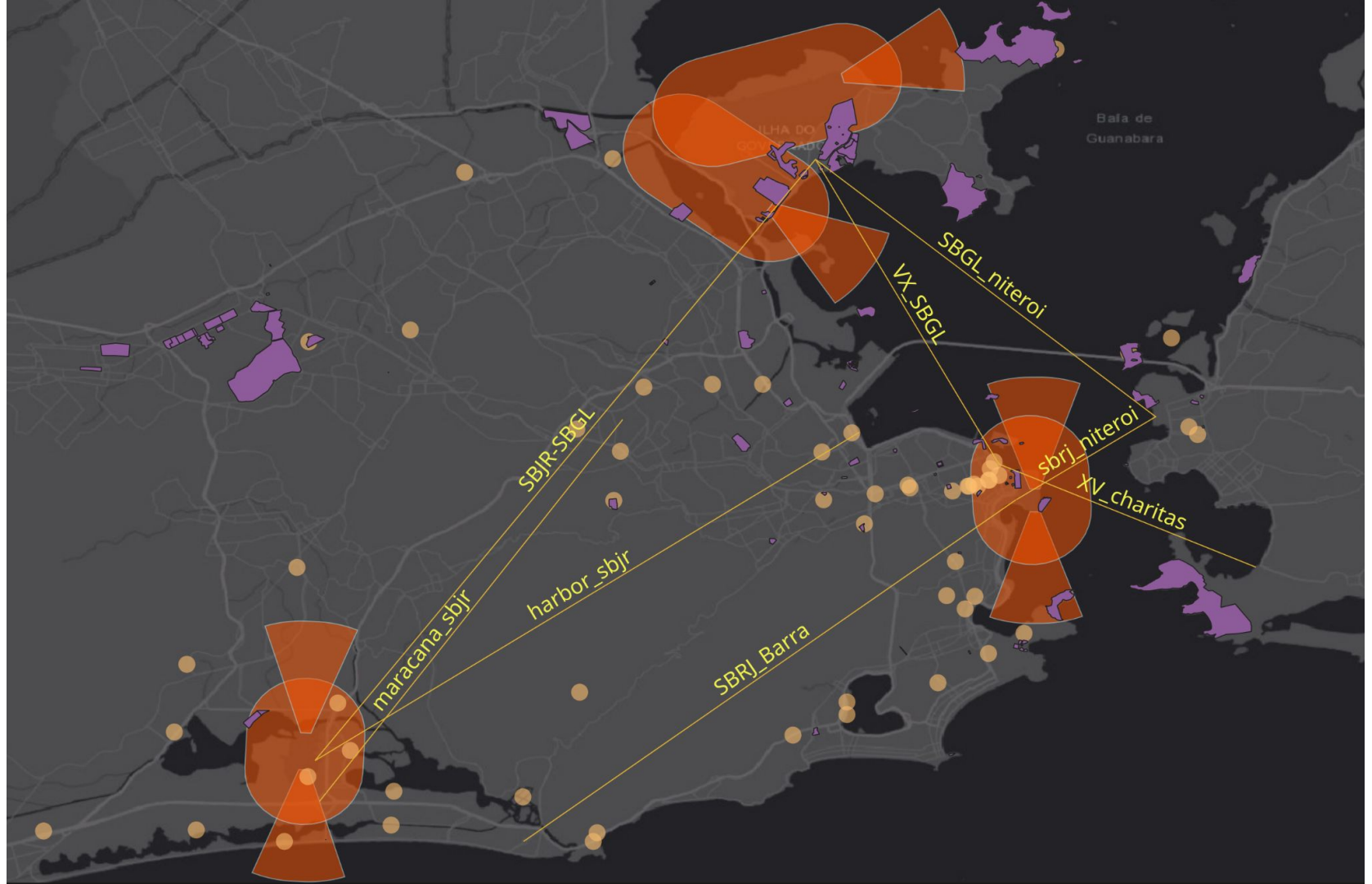
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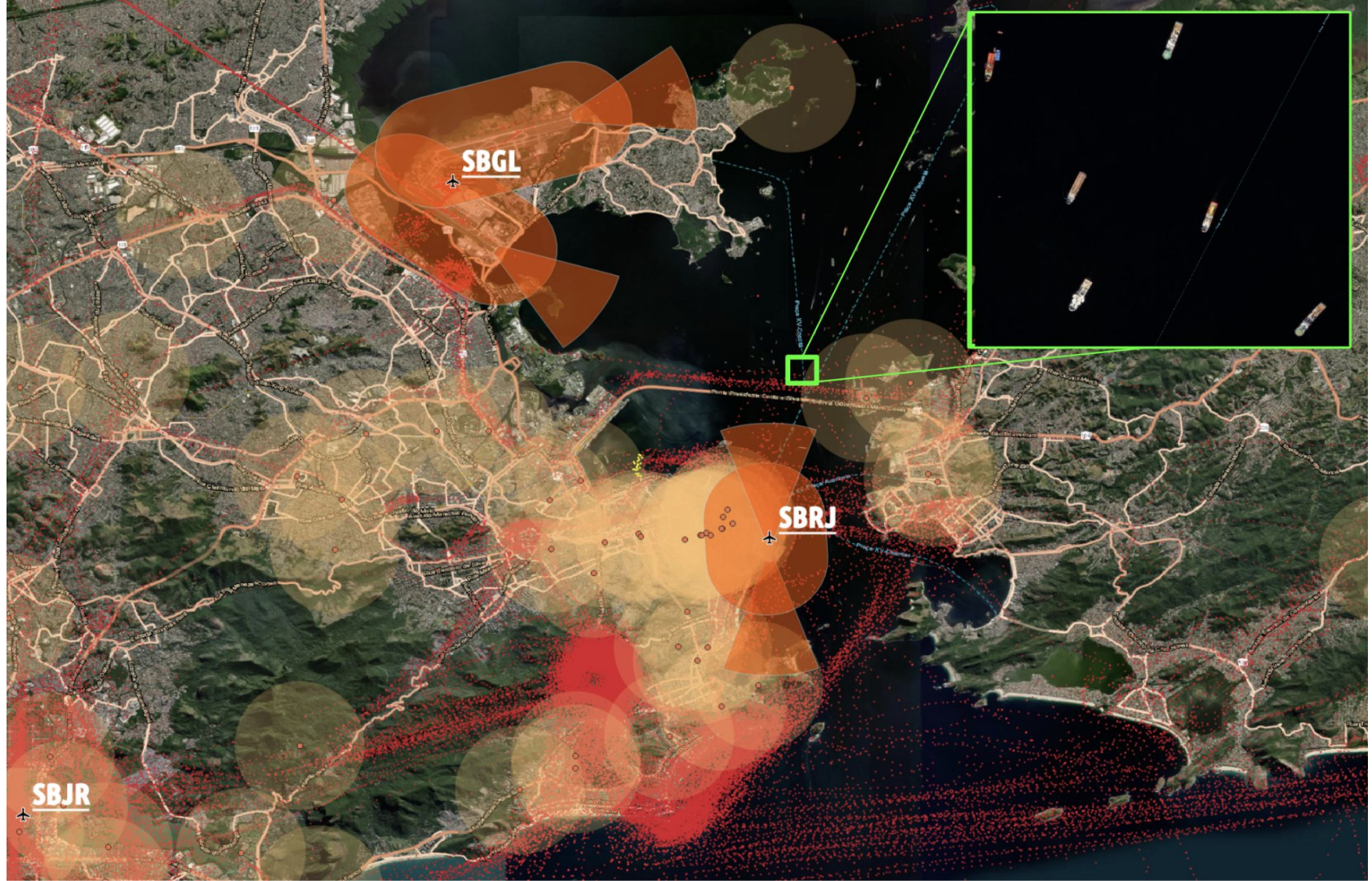
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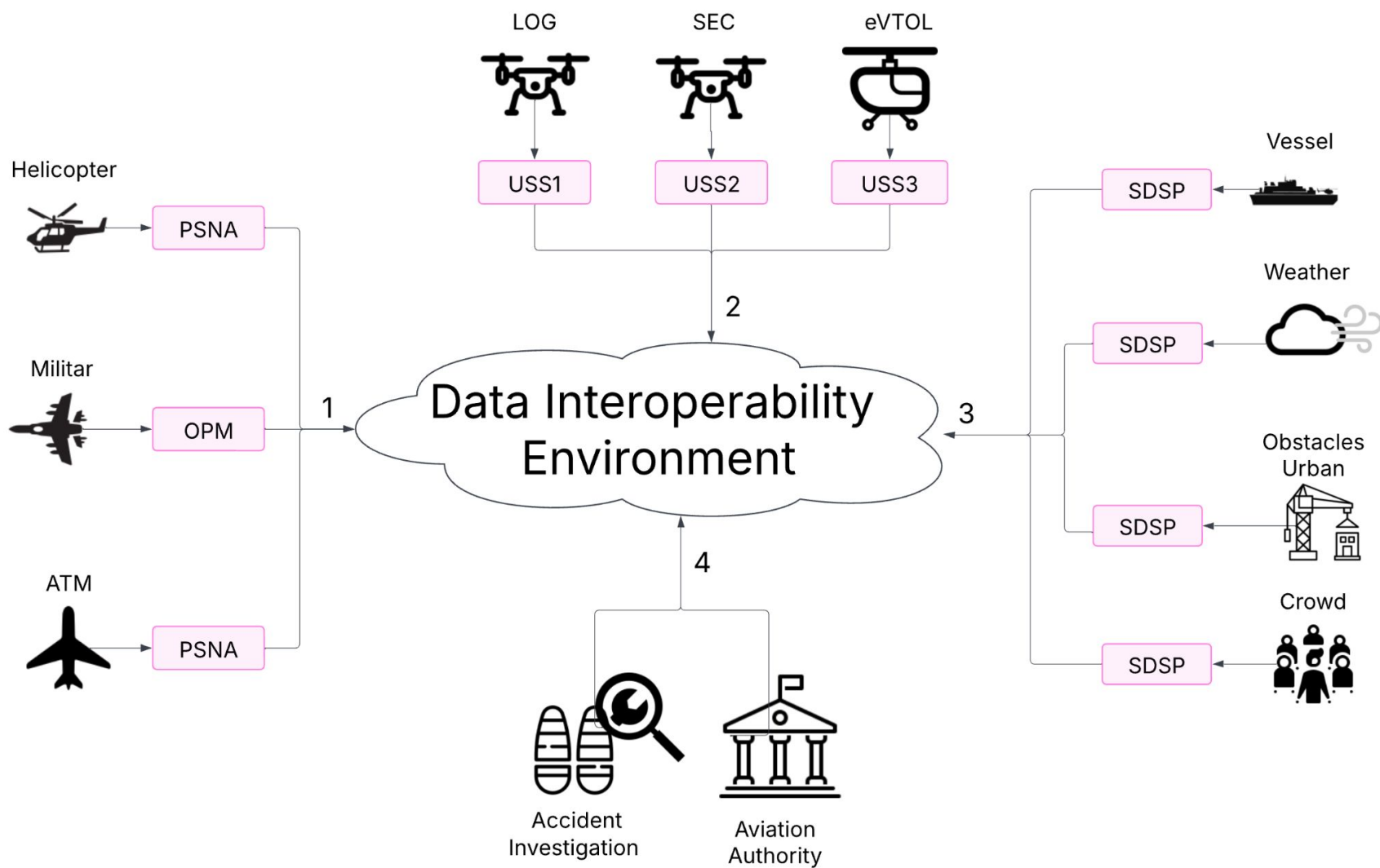


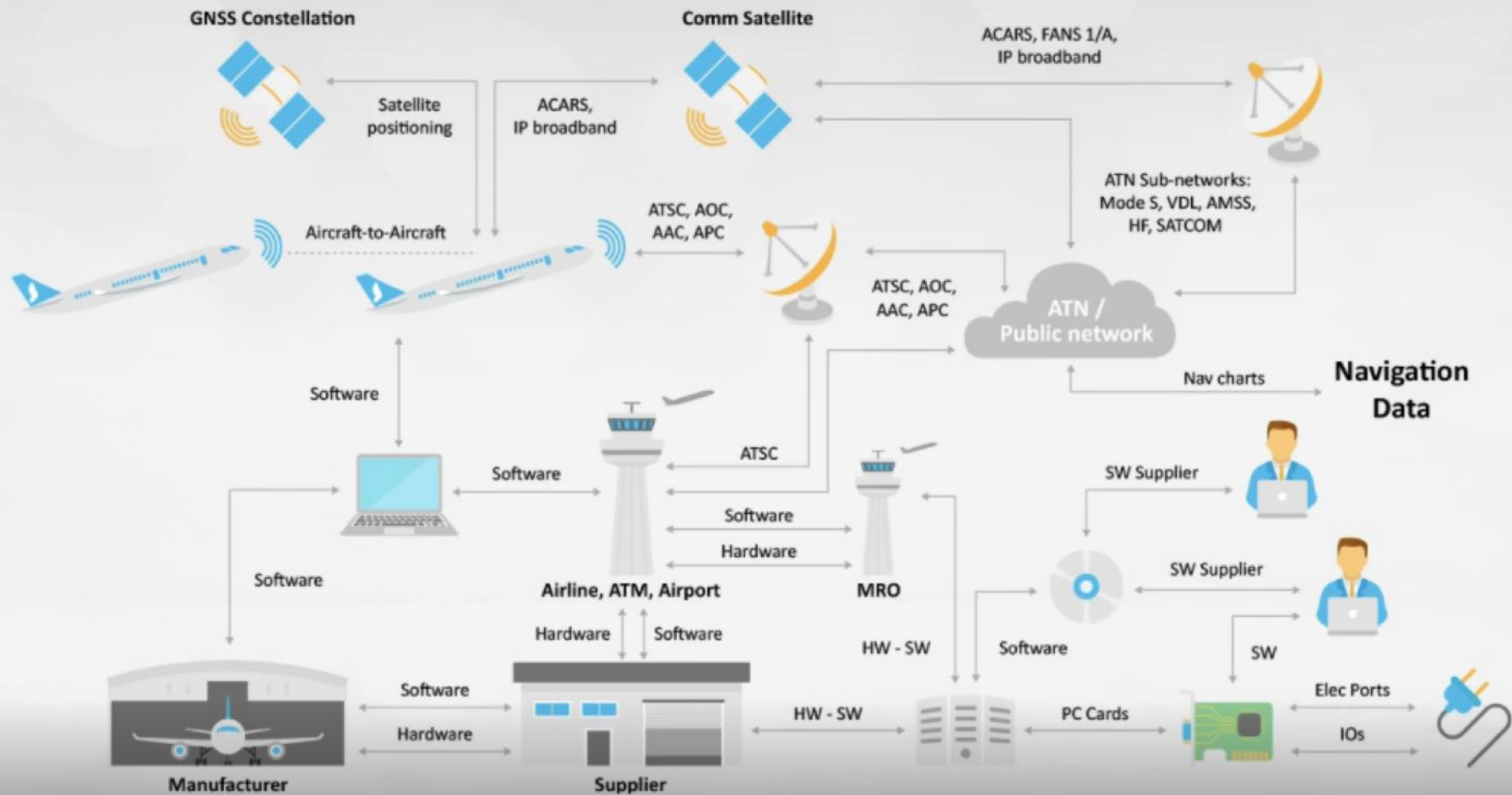
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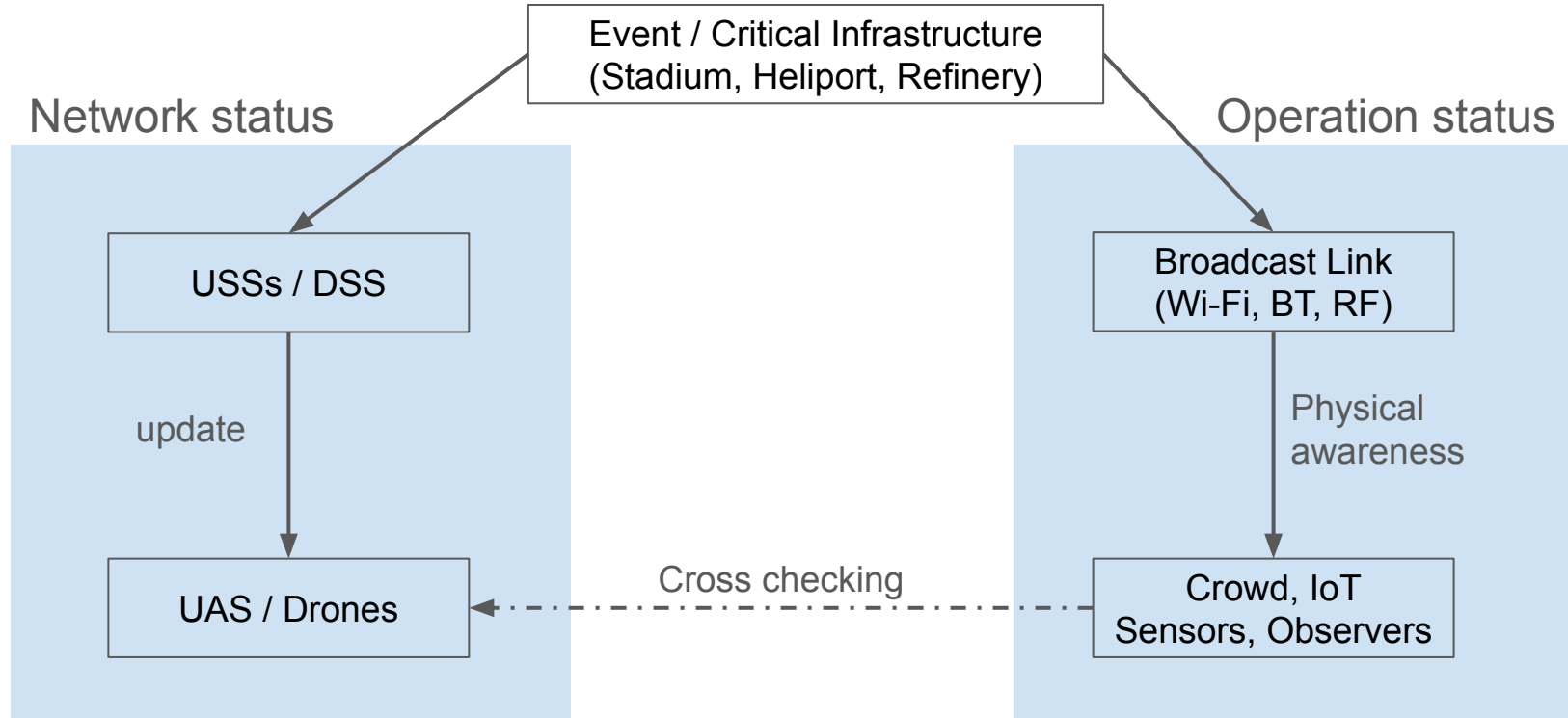






What is the current state at IETF?

Remote Identification - RemotelD



DRIP: Drone Remote Identification Protocol

Security over RemoteID: <https://datatracker.ietf.org/group/drip/about/>

- Entity TAG (DET) - Authentication
- DRIP DET Public Key Infrastructure - DKI
- DNSSEC - decentralized metadata source

Our proposal

1. Infrastructure for sensing and digital twin

Integration layer for monitoring and status update

2. Advanced Airspace Availability Protocol (A3P)

Large-scale operations of smart cities and Intelligent Transportation Systems

3. Ad-hoc operations for specific campaigns

Firefighters, disasters, and other civilian needs

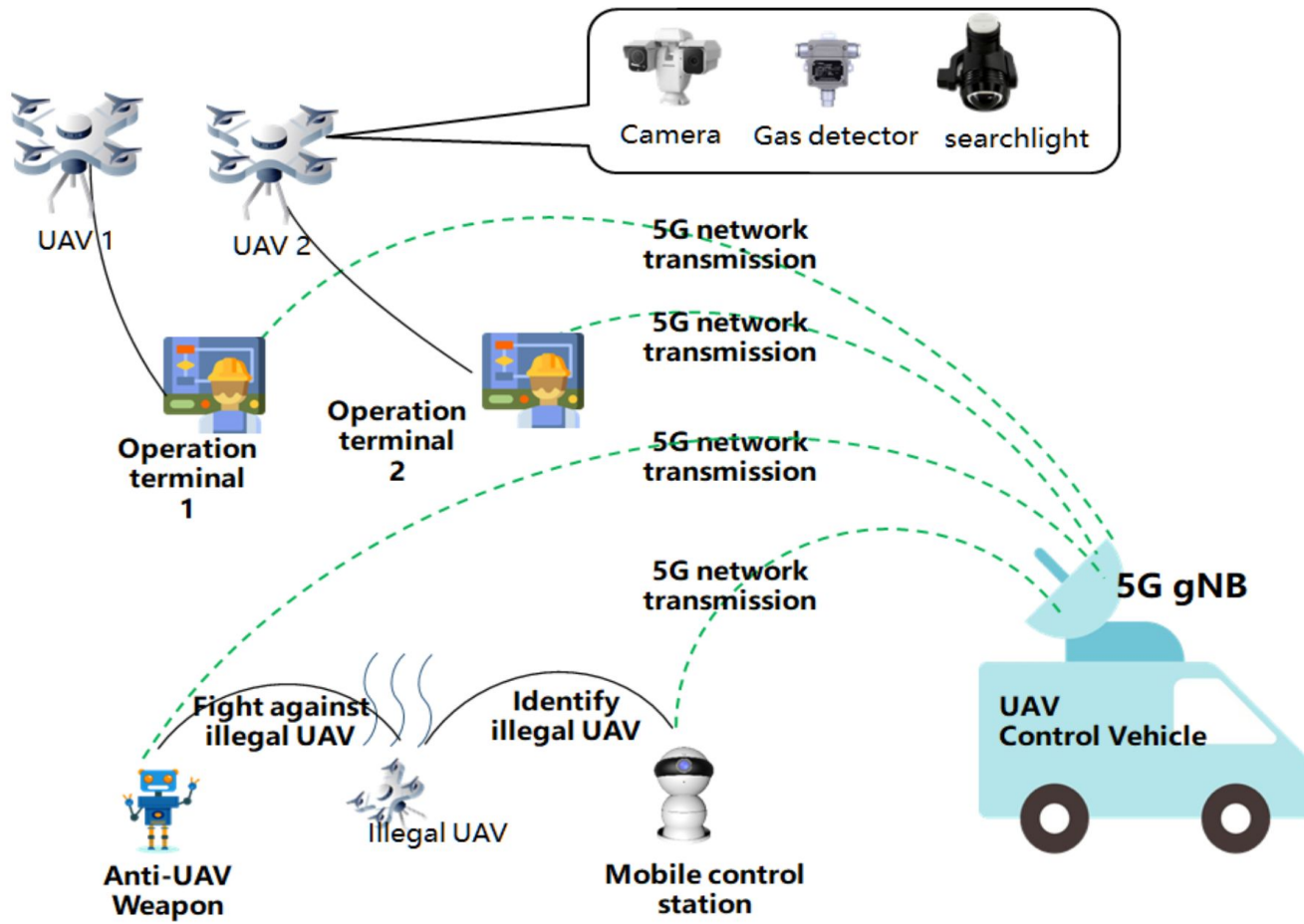


Figure 4.3.1-1: UAV control vehicle application scenario



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Proof of Presence

Problem statement

Lack of interoperable proximity evidence

E.g.: under a credit card transaction, physical attestation of the holder

Relay/replay threat: physical fingerprinting of the entity presence

We saw local/proprietary solutions in the wild

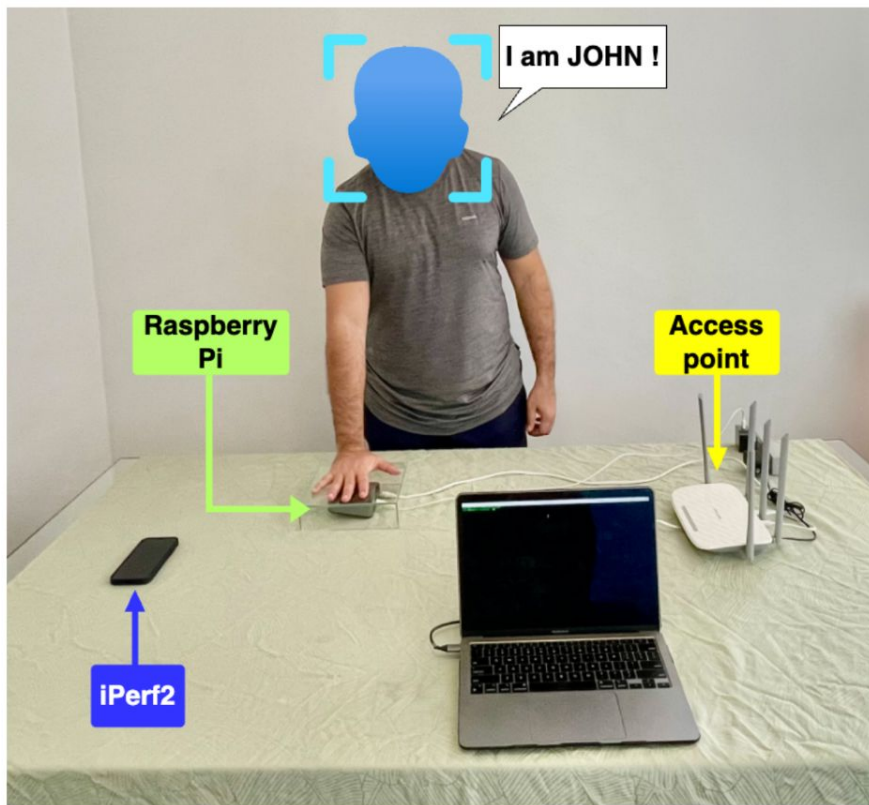
Alongside we can observe ...

→ Wi-Fi is everywhere

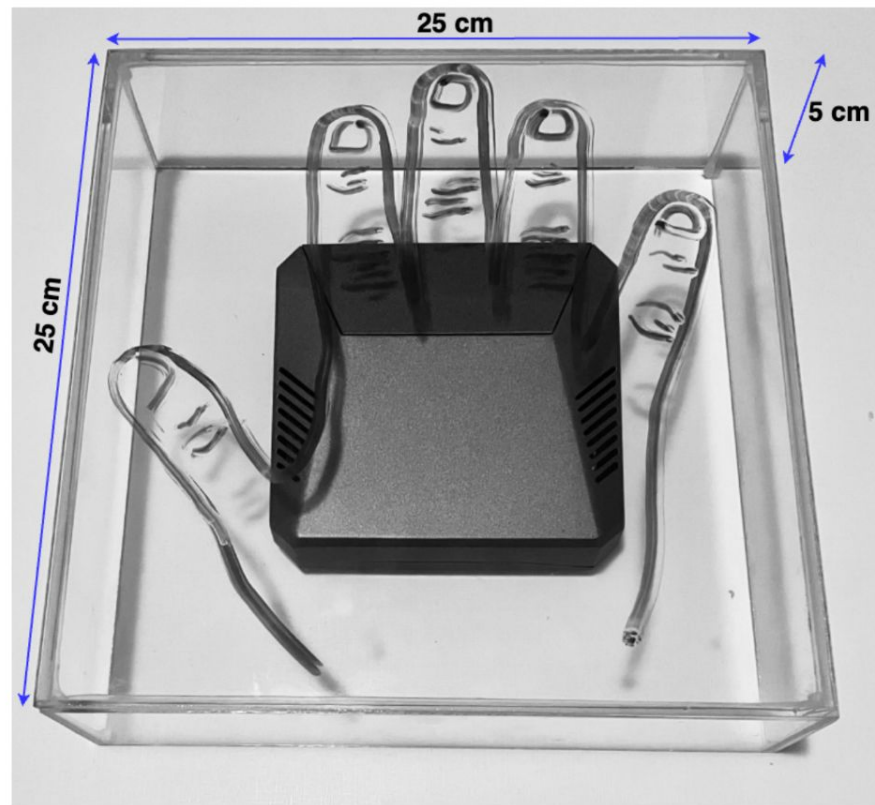
→ Wi-Fi Sensing (802.11bf) is out there

In other words: future minimal
instrumentation or even none

What HandPass is?

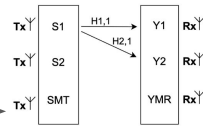


(a) User's hand features capture.

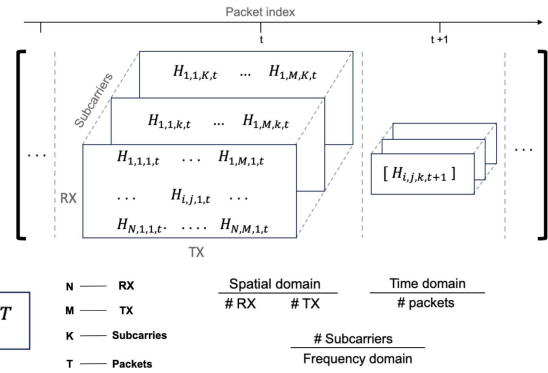


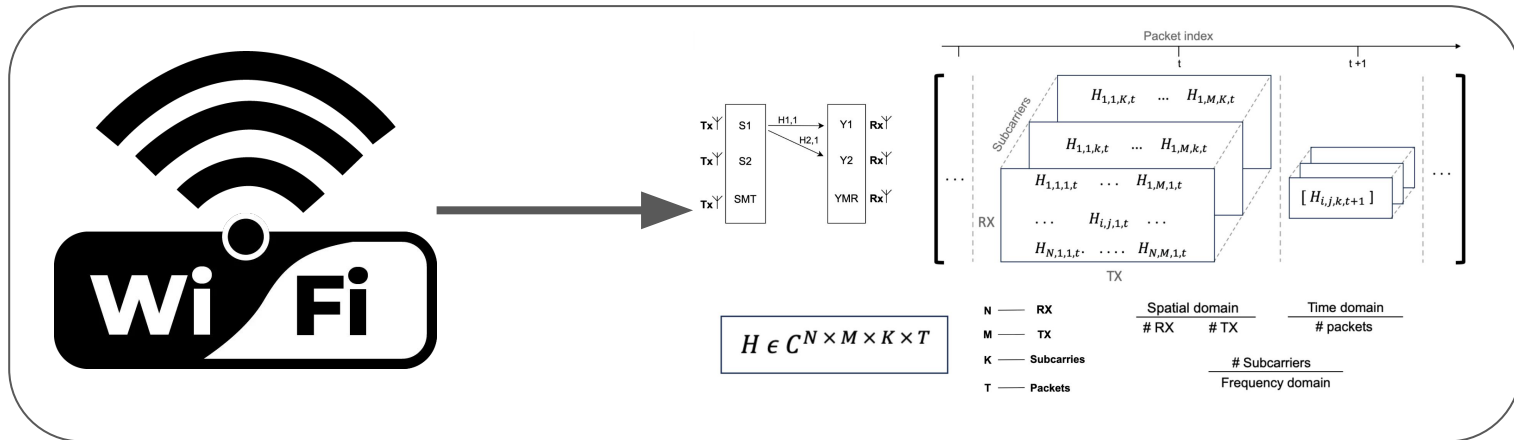
(b) Acrylic Box with Raspberry Pi.

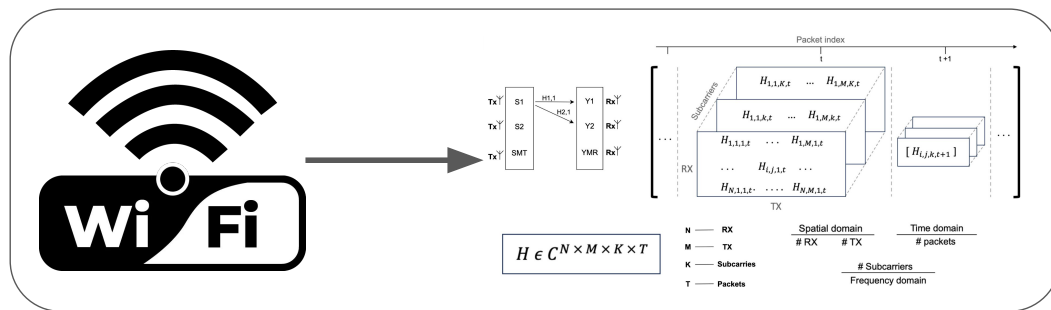




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Problem Space: gap on physical presence

No IETF specification defines physical proximity as attestation evidence

Existing mechanisms prove key possession, not presence

- OAuth 2 DPoP: Demonstrating Proof of Possession
- FIDO: Fast Identity Online
- Trusted Platform Modules

IEEE 802.11bf defines how to sense, but not how to attest

Absence of a sensor-agnostic, privacy-aware claim to express
"this entity is physically here"

Contribution thoughts: Entity Attestation Token Proximity

Draft a new EAT Profile for Proximity Evidence: new EAT Profile Draft
(Informational RFC / BoF Candidate)

Define minimal, interoperable claims: confidence, freshness, provenance, and privacy metadata

Keep sensor-agnostic: applicable to Wi-Fi CSI, UWB, BLE, or acoustic sensing

Bridge IEEE sensing → IETF attestation and identity frameworks

Why it matters

Enables standardized proximity attestation for authentication, IoT, and access systems

AFAIK: no duplications as it complements RATS, OAuth, and FIDO ecosystems

Opens discussion for an eventual BoF or Informational RFC on "Proximity-Aware Attestation"

Supplementary

SoK: Security Evaluation of Wi-Fi CSI Biometrics: Attacks, Metrics, and Open Challenges (<https://doi.org/10.48550/arXiv.2511.11381>)

HandPass: A Wi-Fi CSI Palm Authentication Approach for Access Control (<https://doi.org/10.48550/arXiv.2510.22133>)

Final thoughts

IETF/IRTF is open for contributions

Pragmatic view: "We believe in running code"

Huge amount of RFCs and requires an integration first

Strong community and good receptivity

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