Fleet-Level Affective State Aggregation for Traffic Management

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Individual autonomous vehicles maintain affective state fields that reflect their operational experience. When these states are aggregated across a fleet, they produce a system-level picture of traffic conditions that goes beyond sensor data. A cluster of vehicles with elevated stress indicates a challenging road segment. Fleet-wide frustration from congestion signals routing optimization opportunities. Affective aggregation transforms individual vehicle emotions into traffic management intelligence.

What It Is

Fleet-level affective aggregation collects and analyzes affective state data from individual vehicles across a fleet. Each vehicle's affective state, including stress, frustration, caution, and confidence, is reported as privacy-preserving aggregated data. The aggregation reveals patterns that no individual vehicle

can detect: fleet-wide stress concentrations, confidence degradation corridors, and affective anomalies that indicate emerging hazards.

Why It Matters

Traditional traffic management relies on sensor data: speed, density, and flow measurements. Affective aggregation adds a qualitative dimension: not just what vehicles are doing but how they are experiencing driving conditions. A road segment where vehicles consistently report elevated stress may be safe by sensor measurements but subjectively challenging, warranting attention.

How It Works

Vehicles periodically report aggregated affective state snapshots to the fleet management system. The aggregation preserves privacy by reporting statistical distributions rather than individual vehicle states. Spatial and temporal clustering identifies affective hotspots: locations and times where affective states consistently deviate from baseline.

The fleet management system uses these hotspots to inform routing recommendations, infrastructure maintenance prioritization, and traffic signal optimization.

What It Enables

Fleet affective aggregation enables traffic management that accounts for driving quality, not just traffic flow. It enables early detection of road conditions that sensors miss but drivers experience. It provides a continuous feedback mechanism between fleet experience and infrastructure management. The result is traffic systems that optimize for the quality of the driving experience, not just the quantity of vehicles processed.

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Same primitives. Different domains. One architecture.

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