

Vehicle maneuver-based long-term trajectory prediction at intersection crossings

Identifying the trajectory of a vehicle during 4-leg intersection approaching, given its kinematics, map position & short-term maneuvering intention.

Highlights of the approach

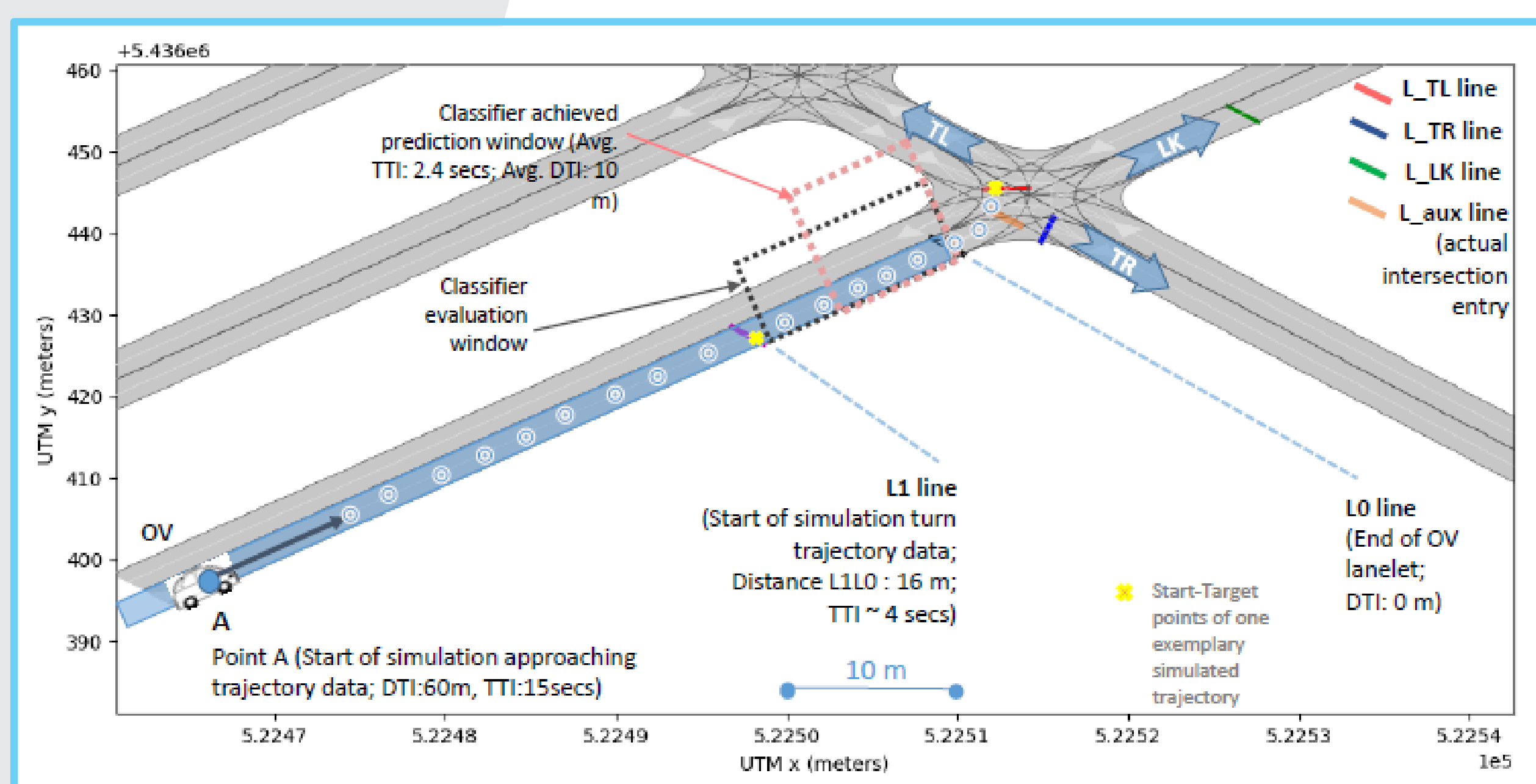


Fig. 1. Simulation experiment's points of interest for an observed vehicle (OV) crossing a 4-leg intersection by either driving straight ahead (LK), turning right (TR) or left (TL).

- **Trajectory fusion for long-term trajectory generation:** A classical kinematic-based vehicle trajectory, accurate only in short-term and map-agnostic, is fused with a long-term map-aware trajectory derived based on the vehicle's maneuver classification and the associated target lane.
- **Experimental setup and results:** Quantitative experiments on simulation datasets of crossing tracks on a 4-leg intersection. Effective and robust extension of the trajectory prediction horizon:
 - Turn prediction horizon longer than 3 secs (average classification time at 3.67 for turning left and 3.07 seconds for turning right)
 - Trajectory prediction horizon considerably extended (over 5 secs ahead) based on the associated target lane information.

Methodology

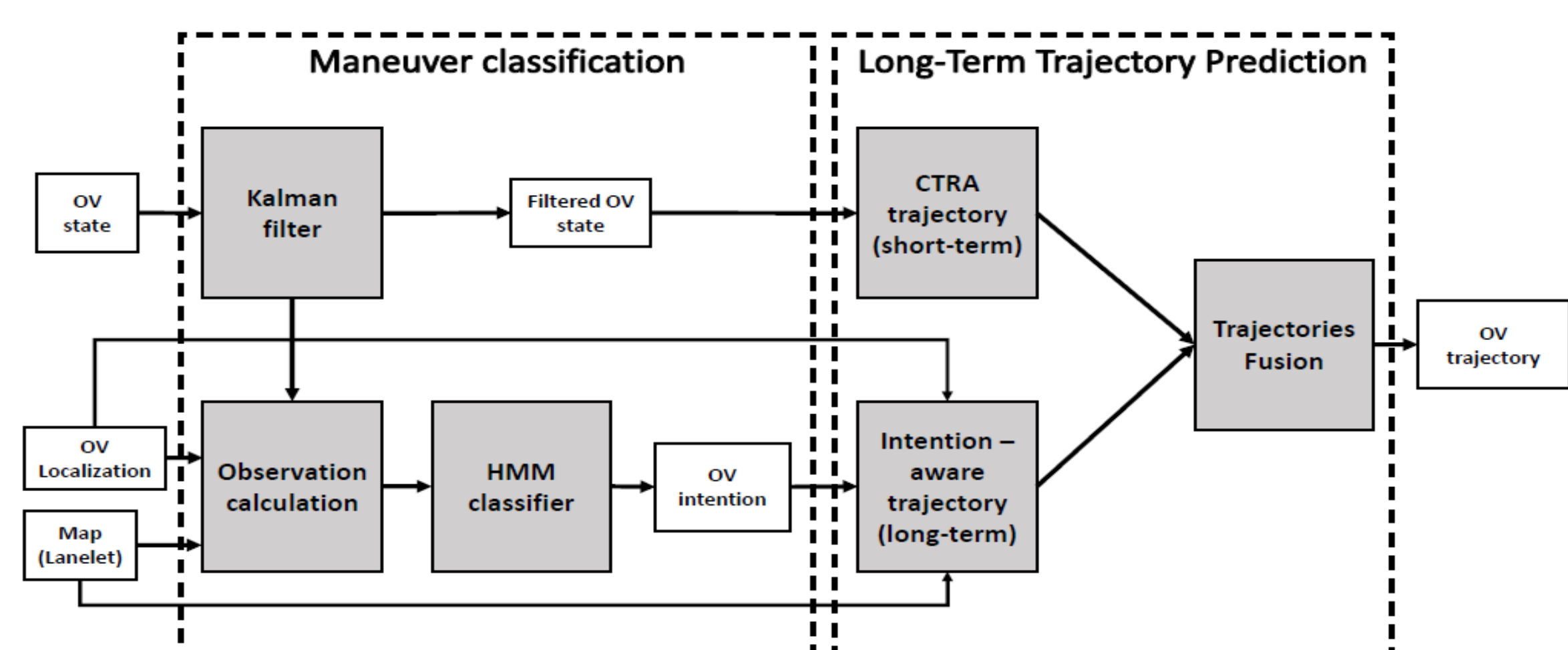


Fig. 2. Proposed System Architecture

- The system is divided into two main parts: the maneuver classification and the trajectory prediction (Fig. 2).

- HMM classifier that incorporates lane-level map information with past position and kinematics of the vehicle (Fig. 3).
- Derivation of smooth long-term trajectory, given the targeted map lanelet. Final predicted trajectory as a combination of the motion-based and long-term trajectories.

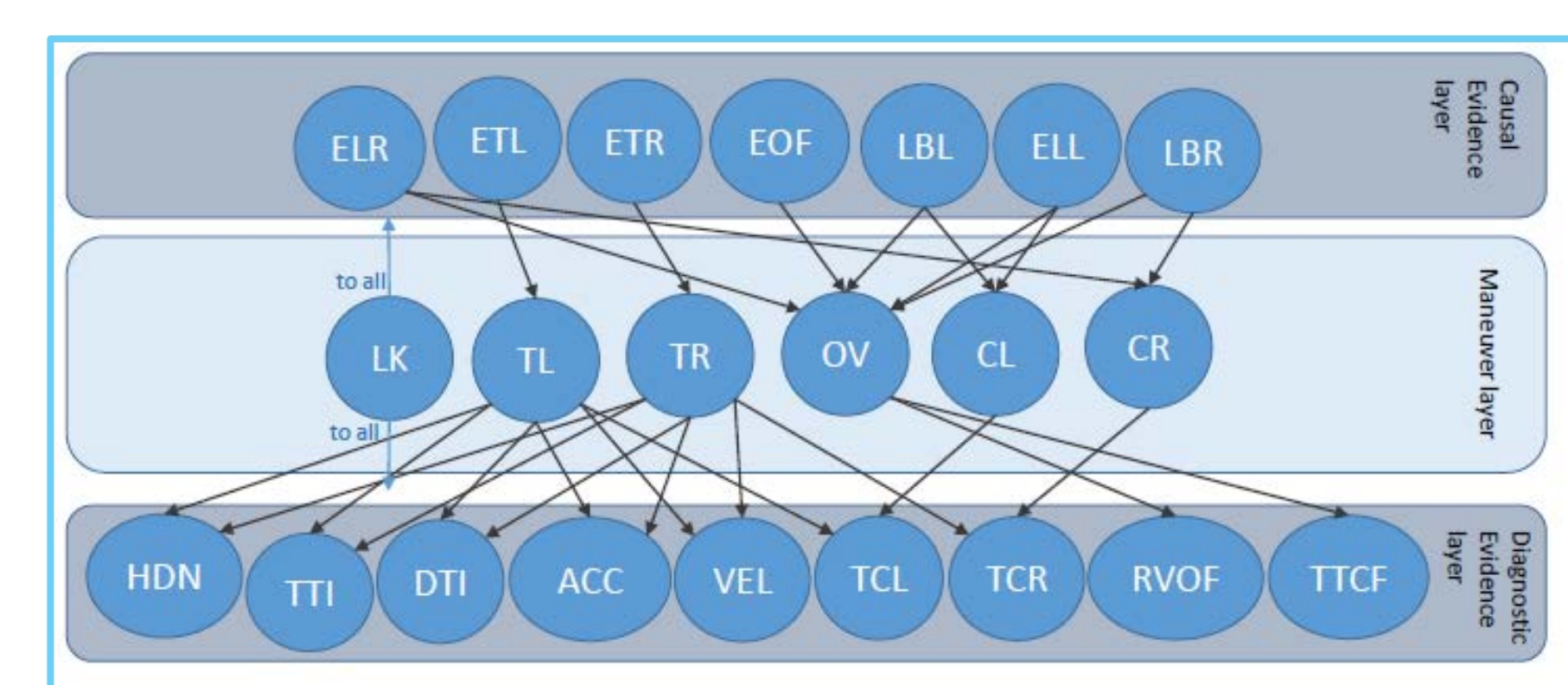


Fig. 3. HMM layers

Results

- Maneuver classification evaluation window (Fig. 1) consists of the road area between lines L1 and L0.
- Evaluation of HMM classifier's performance by the prediction horizon length and the classifier's precision/recall rates.
- Turning detection consistency & qualitative performance against TTI (Fig. 4).

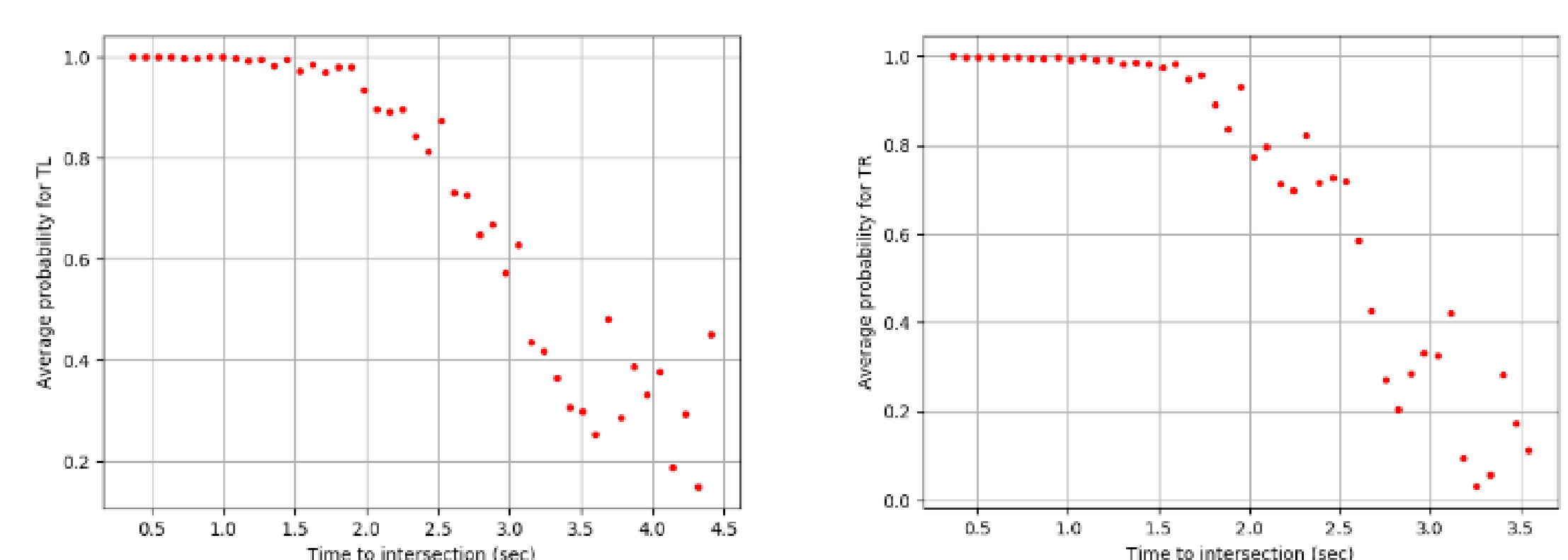


Fig. 4. Average probability of left-turn (on the left) and of right-turn (on the right) intention as the OV crosses the HMM evaluation window (L1-L0 area depicted in Fig. 1)

- Trajectory prediction quantitative comparison using RMSE between the baseline and the CTRA/Fused trajectories.
- Short and a long-term evaluation (Fig. 5).

Type of Trajectory and prediction evaluation window	TL	LK	TR
Short-range CTRA (3 points)	1.10	0.54	1.01
Short-range Fused (3 points)	0.51	0.32	0.53
Long-range CTRA (8 points)	1.86	1.18	2.54
Long-range Fused (8 points)	0.38	0.39	0.38

Fig. 5. Trajectory RMSE comparison