

Vehicular Ad Hoc Networks

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- Vehicular networks are a very active research/development area
 - Recent advances in location (GPS/Galileo) and communication techniques made them technically feasible
 - Burst of interest
 - From authorities to reduce accidents and enhance infrastructure usage
 - From car factories to improve safety and increase vehicles appeal
 - Possibility of Master theses
 - In Trento
 - With Erasmus Exchange in Karlsruhe (Hartenstein)
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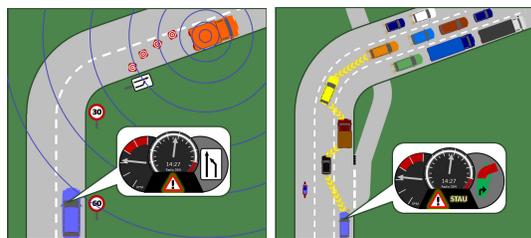
Scope

- **Networking-centric view to Vehicular Ad Hoc Networks**
- Focus is on wireless local area networking techniques for communication between vehicles and between vehicles and roadside units
 - Not on Inter-Vehicle Communications (IVC) based on wide area cellular networks
- We do not look at location techniques
- We do not look at services nor at transmission techniques and details

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Active safety



[Graphics by S. Labitzke]

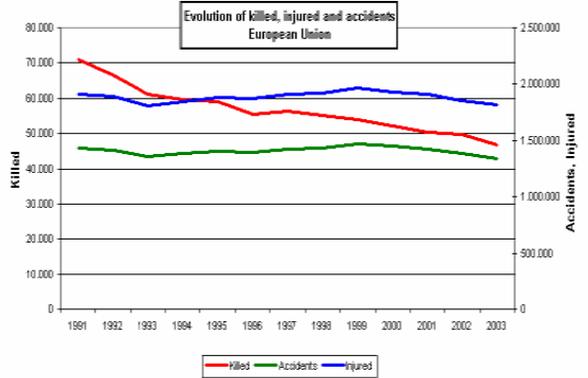
A digression on Fatalities (EU 2005)

- **Main Causes and driving errors:**
 - 95% of all road accidents involve some human error
 - In 76% of the cases the human is solely to blame
 - Misjudging, driving dynamics, weather (50%)
 - Distraction (38%)
 - **39% of passengers vehicles and 26% of trucks do not activate brakes before a collision**
 - Some 40% more do not brake effectively

- **Underlying Causes:**
 - Alcohol
 - Inexperience
 - Tiredness

- **Road Accidents**
 - 41.600 fatalities
 - 1.4 million accidents involving injury
 - 2.0 million injuries

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Cooperative-Driving or Info-Tainment

- The main "official" push for Vanets is safety/efficiency
- Industry (automotive) needs a revenue "golden fleece" to invest
- Industry (other) see a possible huge market for generic applications, from local info/ads to entertainment
- Technicians/scientists need to put it all together

Infrastructure and Equipment

- The average car life is 8-10 years ... with many lasting 20 or more
- Cooperative driving requires a very high penetration, say > 50%
- ... so what ...
- The chosen technology will peak in about 20 years and be still there after 40
- This is a different "pace" wrt the communication marketplace

Retrofitting & starting from the superfluous

- Communications can be put on any car as an add-on feature
 - Just like GPS navigation, most of the installed systems are not "embedded"
- Building cooperative driving on top of add-on is not feasible, but safety is much more than CoDri and InfoTainment can be appealing
 - Accidents warnings can be given to the driver, not to the breaks
 - Dangerously small distances can trigger alarms (beware of too many false alarms!)
 - ...

Working together and ... the missing leg

- We're missing the road management from the picture
- Starting from a simple information delivery systems (cheap and incremental) can convince users of the utility of retro-fitting
 - Add a communication AP every time a mobile message system is added/maintained
- When the penetration is enough increment services with the safety goal
- Cooperative Driving ... will come by itself when times are mature

VSC ranking of safety-related applications

1. Traffic Signal Violation Warning
2. Curve Speed Warning
3. Emergency Electronic Brake Lights
4. Pre-Crash Warning
5. Cooperative Forward Collision Warning
6. Left Turn Assistant
7. Lane Change Warning
8. Stop Sign Movement Assistance

Communication requirements:

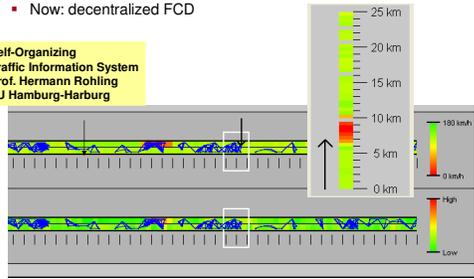
Periodic
10Hz
100ms latency
150m range

Vehicle Safety Communications
Project – Final Report,
DOT HS 810 591,
April 2006

Traffic information system

- Floating Car Data (FCD): traffic information based on measurements of driving vehicles
 - Now: decentralized FCD

Self-Organizing
Traffic Information System
Prof. Hermann Rohling
TU Hamburg-Harburg



Roadside (commercial) services

- Electronic payments
- Drive-by info-fueling
 - DaimlerChrysler
- Drive-thru internet
 - Work by Ott und Kutscher
- Point of interest notifications
 - Location-based services
- ...



[Source: Network on Wheels project]

Overview

Wide variety of telematics services could benefit from VANETs:

- Fleet management (asset management)
- Vehicle remote diagnostics
- Entertainment
- Tolling
- Routing and information systems
- Safety
- ...

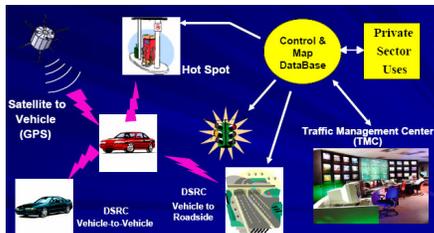


Safety versus efficiency

- Target could be efficiency, still it might be highly safety-critical
- Convention on Road Traffic
 - Vienna, Nov. 8, 1968
 - By Economic Commission for Europe
 - "Every moving vehicle ... should have a driver." (Article 8 (1))
 - "Every driver shall at all times be able to control his vehicle ..." (Article 8 (5))
- Our focus: driver assistance

Vehicle Infrastructure Integration

- Goals: reduce societal costs of crashes and traffic congestion
- Deployment decision by the end of 2008



Source: http://www.sigmobile.org/workshops/vanet2006/slides/Cops_VANET06.pdf

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Vehicular traffic flow modeling

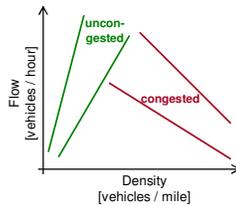
- More than 50 years of research
- Disciplines involved: civil engineering, physics
- Recommended overview paper (and reference used):

State-of-the-art of vehicular traffic flow modelling,
S. P. Hoogendoorn, P. H. L. Bovy,
Journal of Systems and Control Engineering, 215(4):283-304,
August 2001,
Special Issue on Road Traffic Modelling and Control

- Level-of-detail classification:
 - (Sub-) Microscopic models
 - Mesoscopic models
 - Macroscopic models

Fundamental terms in traffic flow theory

- Traffic density
 - Number of vehicles per km
- Traffic flow
 - Number of vehicles per hour passing a specific cross-section
- Average velocity
- Time headway
 - Distance in time of two successive vehicles



Flow-density relation
'Fundamental diagram'

Characterization of traffic flow models

- Macroscopic models:
 - Do not look to individual entities
 - Feature of the aggregation
 - Typical features: flow-rate, density, average velocity
- Mesoscopic models:
 - Specify behavior on an individual level
 - But do not trace individual vehicles
 - Example: time-headway distribution
- Microscopic models:
 - Space-time behavior of vehicles and drivers
 - Their interactions
 - On individual level
 - Examples: car-following models, cellular automaton approaches



[Source: Hoogendorn, Bovy 2001, see previous slides]

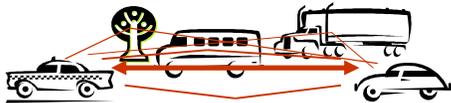
Needed: accurate models of cities and freeways

- Need for models, simulation tool is not enough
 - Topological data
 - Vehicular traffic flow data
 - Example: city scenario
 - Origin-destination pairs for vehicles, travel demand models
- Topological data
 - Example: TIGER database (Topologically Integrated Geographic Encoding and Referencing)
- Validation, calibration takes time
- We need more calibrated models of cities etc. for public use ...

Modeling mobility for vehicular ad hoc networks,
A. K. Saha, D. B. Johnson,
Proc. ACM VANET, 2004, p. 91-92

Radio channel characterization

- 'Classical' experimental set-up:
 - Two cars in the desert
 - Results look great
- In reality:
 - Strong environmental influence
 - Typically, strong radio fluctuations



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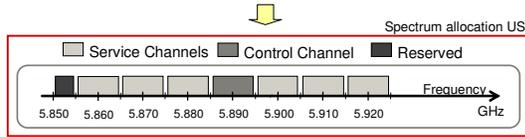
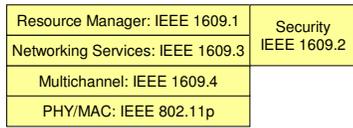
- 3. Communication technology and strategies incl. modeling and simulation**
 - 1. IEEE 802.11p MAC basics**
 - 2. One-hop broadcasts ('beacons')**
 1. Performance analysis of 802.11p
 2. Power control
 3. Repetition strategies
 - 3. Multi-hop communication**
 1. Unicast position-based forwarding (PBF)
 2. Unicast contention-based forwarding (CBF)
 3. Information dissemination
 - 4. Multi-channel operation**

Standards

- Frequency allocation (specific for IVS) is now agreed upon in the 5.8-5.9 GHz band
 - Definitely short range (< 1000m range)
 - Licenced to avoid too much interference
 - Easy to make directional systems
- PHY is derived from OFDM WLANs
- MAC is mixed random/guaranteed access with priorities

The current IEEE WAVE standards landscape

- WAVE: 'Wireless Access in Vehicular Environments'



IEEE P1609

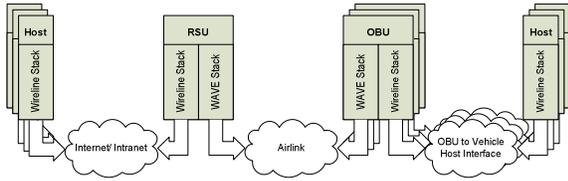
- Wireless Access in Vehicular Environments (WAVE)
 - IEEE P1609.1 - Resource Manager**
 - services and interfaces for resource management
 - Describes key components
 - Defines data flows and resources
 - Defines command message formats and data storage formats
 - Specifies the types of devices that may be supported by the On Board Unit (OBU)
 - IEEE P1609.2 - Security Services for Applications and Management Messages**
 - Defines secure message formats and processing
 - Defines the circumstances and purposes/contents for using secure message exchanges
 - Specify mandatory processing based for specific exchanges

IEEE P1609

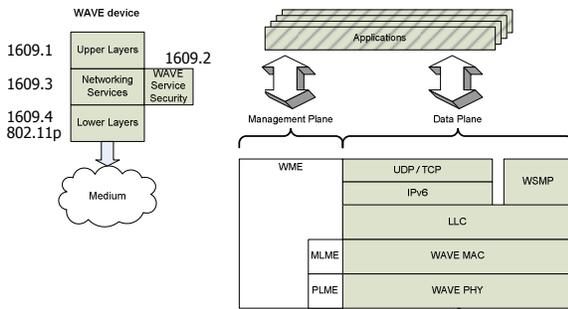
- IEEE P1609.3 - Networking Services**
 - Network and transport layer services, including addressing and routing
 - Defines Wave Short Messages (WAVE-specific alternative to IPv6)
 - Defines the Management Information Base (MIB) for the WAVE protocol stack
- IEEE P1609.4 - Multi-Channel Operations**
 - Enhancements to the IEEE 802.11 MAC to support WAVE operations

1609: system architecture

- Encompasses both CtC and ItC/I communications
- Defines also a subnet on the vehicle for info distribution and management



1609: protocol architecture



IEEE 802.11p

- Define 802.11 modes for
 - Rapidly changing PHY
 - Very short-duration communications exchanges
- Provide the minimum set of specifications to ensure interoperability
- Support transactions shorter (in time) than the minimum possible with infrastructure or ad hoc 802.11 networks
- Defines WAVE signaling and interface controlled by the MAC
- Describes functions and services required by WAVE-conformant stations

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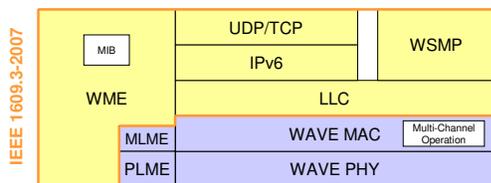
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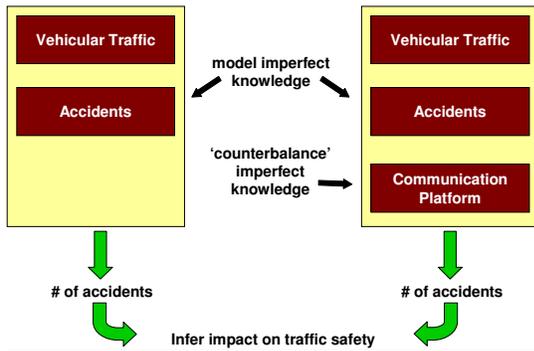
1. System architecture
2. Middleware
3. Application centric performance evaluation
4. Decision and control aspects

WAVE protocol stack



- WAVE: Wireless Access in Vehicular Environments
- WSMP: Wave Short Message Protocol
- WME: Wave Management Entity

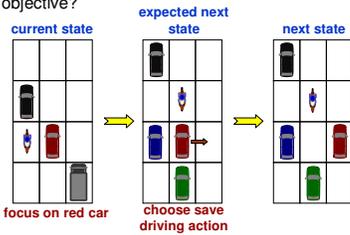
How to show the impact of VANETs on safety?



4 Architectural & application-specific issues
 4.4 Decision and control aspects
 Hannes Hartenstein and Ken Laberteaux, 52
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Decision and control

- Given the current road situation (car positions, velocities), what is the best maneuver (control action) from point of view of safety and driving objective?



Efficient Linear Approximations to Stochastic Vehicular Collision-Avoidance Problems, D. Dolgov, K. Laberteaux, ICINCO, 2005

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Why Security and Privacy

- Security to guarantee
 - **Integrity** (of messages)
 - **Identification** (of users or devices)
 - **Non-repudiation** (of messages)
- Privacy to enforce
 - **Users' protection** (violations notification)
 - **Anti-tracking** (avoid positioning cars an track movements)

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Where are we today?

- Dream of direct radio communication between vehicles has existed for decades
- Since the end of the 90's the ingredients (WLAN, GPS at 'reasonable' costs) are there
 - Triggered research in VANETs in the last 7 to 10 years
- What have we (as community) achieved so far?
 - Feasibility of VANETs has been shown
 - Basic building blocks (something to use, improve, extend, or replace) are available:
 - PHY/MAC
 - Communication strategies (beaconing, event-driven messages, info dissemination) based on repetitions, power control etc.
 - System architecture and middleware
 - Simulation methodology

... which grand challenges are waiting for us?

Links and Resources (some of them)

- Intelligent Transportation Society of America

<http://www.itsa.org/>

- CALM: Communications Architecture for Land Mobile environment

<http://www.tc204wg16.de/>

- Car 2 Car Communication Consortium

<http://www.car-to-car.org/>

VANET research in Europe: strategy and coordination

- White Paper submitted by the Commission on 12 September 2001: "European transport policy for 2010: time to decide"
 - [COM\(2001\) 370](#)
- **eSafety**: propose a strategy for accelerating the research, development, deployment and use of ICT-based intelligent active safety systems for improving road safety in Europe
 - Since 2002
 - http://ec.europa.eu/information_society/activities/esafety/index_en.htm
- **i2010 Intelligent Car Initiative**: policy framework to guide stakeholder efforts
 - Since 2006
 - "Save lives, save money, make cities and landscape more beautiful"
 - Three pillars: eSafety Forum, research and development activities, awareness raising actions
 - http://ec.europa.eu/information_society/activities/esafety/intelligent_car/index_en.htm
