

## Densité de Trafic Emergente pour des Véhicules Intelligents Communicants Guidés par Heuristique

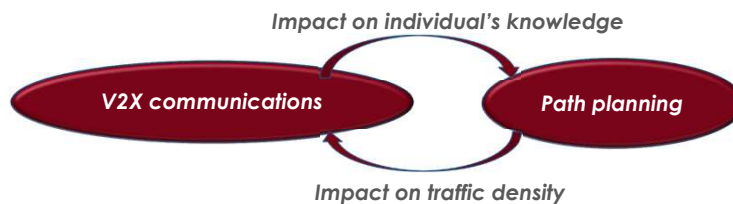
*Density of Emergent Traffic of Heuristically-Driven Intelligent and Communicating Vehicles*

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### Research motivation

--- Path planning of Intelligent vehicles in urban roads ---

- V2X communication
  - Research on the domain of wireless communications
  - Limited study about the impact of communication on the traffic behavior
- Path planning
  - Research on the domains of AI, robotics
  - Assumption of perfect communication



### Research Objective

Studying the collective behavior of vehicles, which individually plan their path based on V2V information exchange.

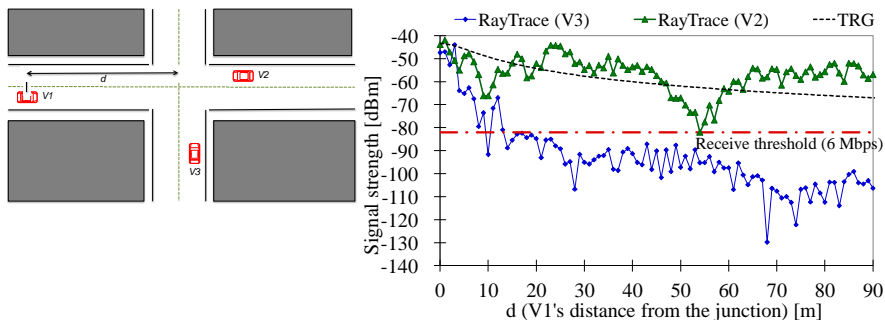
## Intelligent vehicle: Finite state automaton

1. Initial state:  
Randomly assigned position and goal (destination)
2. If the vehicle is on a straight road  
accelerate (**speed limit**) or decelerate (**collision avoidance, or red traffic light**).
3. If the vehicle reaches an intersection  
choose the exit (N/E/S/W) of the intersection based on information obtained from the **V2V communication** and the **path-planning heuristics**.
4. If the vehicle reaches its goal location, randomly assign a new goal.

## V2V Communications -- Channel model--

- Two-ray ground ground reflection model (TRG)

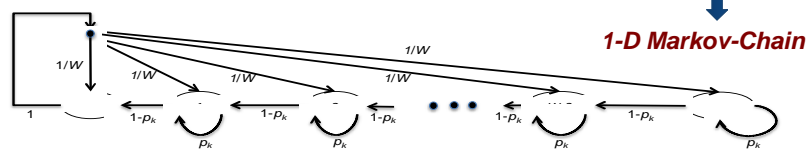
$$L_{trg}[\text{dB}] = \begin{cases} Lfs = 20 \log_{10} \left( 4\pi \frac{d}{\lambda} \right), & d \leq d \\ Lfs = 20 \log_{10} \left( 4\pi \frac{d^2}{h_t h_r} \right), & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$



- TRG can be used for signal estimation for vehicles on the same road
- It is difficult to expect communications between vehicles on crossing roads

## V2V Communications – MAC Model --

- IEEE 802.11p MAC: same as IEEE 802.11e
  - Prioritized channel access for different access categories
- Transmission of CAMs
  - A single AC
  - Broadcast: no retransmission



Channel access probability  
(saturated channel)

$$\tau_s = b(0) = \left[ 1 + \frac{W-1}{2(1-p_k)} \right]^{-1}$$

Channel access probability

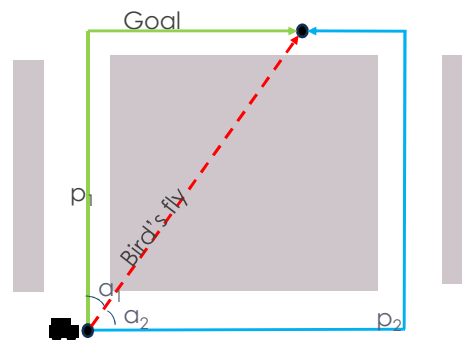
$$\tau = (1 - \exp(-\lambda Y_s)) \times \tau_s$$

Comm. success probability

$$P_s = (1 - \tau)^{N-1}$$

## Path-planning heuristics

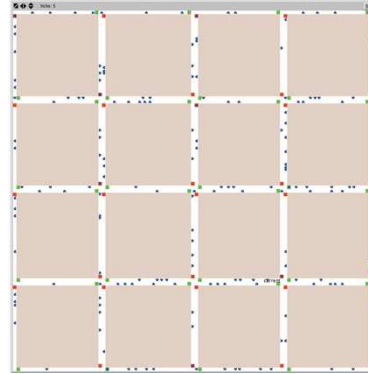
- Compass: Take the **shortest path** to the goal without considering vehicle density
- Ant: Take the **more popular road**, which leads to the goal.
- No-ant: Take the **less congested road**, which leads to the goal.



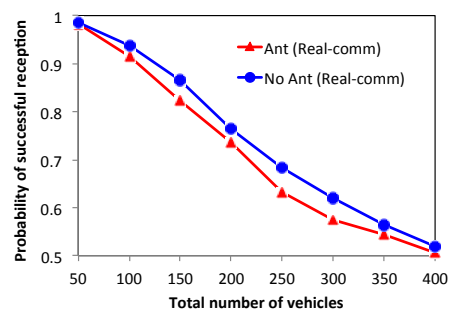
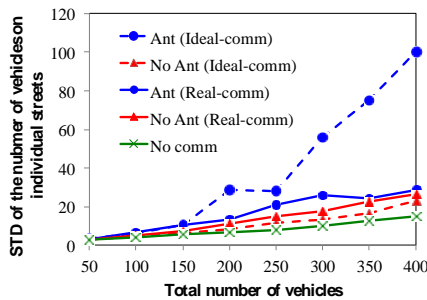
$$a_1 < a_2 \begin{cases} \text{Compass} : a_1 & (p_1 \text{ is always chosen}) \\ \text{Ant} : \max(\#Cars(a_1), \#Cars(a_2)) & (p_1 \text{ or } p_2) \\ \text{No-Ant} : \min(\#Cars(a_1), \#Cars(a_2)) & (p_1 \text{ or } p_2) \end{cases}$$

## Experiments: NetLogo multi-agent simulator

- Scenario: Manhattan streets, traffic lights, traffic regulations, up to 400 vehicles
- Communications:
  - **No communications.**
  - **Ideal communications:** no communications error
  - **Realistic communications:** message delivery probability for a given transmitted CAM is calculated based on propagation/MAC models
- Path planning
  - **Compass:** No communications
  - **Ant:** with/without communication
  - **No-Ant:** with/without communications



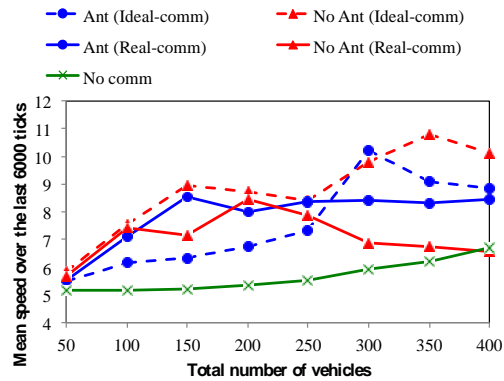
## Communications impact



## Conclusion

- Ant/No-ant strategies show their expected behavior when comm. is ideal
- Ant/no-ant strategies fail to show their expected behavior when comm. is realistic.
- Communications failure → Strategy failure

## Emergent behaviors



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- Communications has a great impact on the collective behavior
- Ideal communications: No-ant behavior provides faster velocity (better to have an information)
- Realistic communications: the difference between ant and no-ant behaviors is small

Thank you!

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## Path-planning for Intelligent Vehicles

- Grid-based with a search algorithm (e.g., A\*):
  - The finer the grid, the longer the search.
- Potential fields : attracted to goal, repulsed from obstacles.
  - Might be trapped in local minima.
- Paving-based search, Generate 2 sub-pavings such that  $X^- \subset C_{\text{free}} \subset X^+$
- Sampling algorithms : sample N configurations and retain those in  $C_{\text{free}}$ . If there is a path between 2 samples, retain it ; otherwise, re-sample.
  - Works well for high dimensional problems.