Physical Carrier Sense in Vehicular Ad-hoc Networks

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□ Safety Communication in Vehicular Networks

Particularities of the VANET Control Channel

□ The Importance of the Carrier Sense Range

Adaptive Carrier Sense Threshold

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VANET objective: Building an accurate image of the exterior world



Cooperative Awareness Message (CAM)

Decentralised Environmental Notification (DEN)



Safety Applications

□ Intersection Collision Warning

Emergency Electronic Brake Lights

Approaching Emergency Vehicle

Lane Change Assistant

Left-Turn Collision Warning

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USA Spectrum Allocation

CH172	CH174	CH176	CH178	CH180	CH182	CH184
5.860	5.870	5.880	5.890	5.900	5.910	5.920
G5SC4	G5SC3	G5SC1	G5SC2	G5CC		
Europe Spectrum Allocation						

□ Service channels (SCH) – non-safety (usually IP-based) applications

□ <u>Control channel (CCH) – safety applications</u>



Safety beaconing

A beacon expires if the next CAM is produced

□ No exposed terminals

□ Practically no internal contention on the CCH

□ MAC delay automatically considered in the expiration probability

□ Metric of interest: reception probability





Reduce Beaconing Frequency



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Increase Data Rate



- **Reduce Beaconing Frequency**
- Increase Data Rate
- **Control Transmission Power**



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- Modify Back-off Mechanism
- Adapt Carrier Sensing



Carrier Sense in IEEE 802.11

□ MAC Layer – Network Allocation Vector

- based on the RTS/CTS handshake
- unusable on the broadcast CCH

PLCP Layer – Clear Channel Assignment

- header detection
- energy detection

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Carrier Sense Range						
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Transmission Power Control



Carrier Sense Threshold Control



Carrier Sense vs. Transmission Power



Why Not Use the Minimum Carrier Sense Threshold?



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Vehicular Density

- □ More neighbours longer back-off
- □ More neighbours more expired beacons
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Adaptive Carrier Sense Threshold

Low CSt value under low density

□ High CSt value under high density

D Beacon-based density estimation – λ

 \Box CSt= f(λ)



Simulation Study

□ JiST/SWANS framework

□ Street Random Waypoint mobility model

□ Three different real maps from TIGER database

□ Medium and high vehicular density

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Beaconing Reception Probability for different Densities and CS Thresholds



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Impact of the Carrier Sense Range



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Adaptive vs. Best Fixed CSt



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Vehicular Density	Adaptive Mechanism	CSt= -95 dBm	CSt= -85 dBm	CSt= -75 dBm
25 veh/lane/km	91.02%	86.42%	89.88%	88.64%
35 veh/lane/km	86.12%	78.38%	84.27%	81.81%
45 veh/lane/km	81.41%	69.76%	76.32%	80.20%

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Distribution of CSt for the Adaptive Mechanism



Conclusion

□ The properties of the CCH need to be taken into account when studying V2V communication

□ The carrier sense mechanism represents the basis for CSMA/CA channel access techniques and should receive more attention

□ Carrier sense threshold control is more powerful than transmission power control on the VANET CCH

□ A simple adaptive mechanism can bring important performance improvement in IEEE 802.11p networks

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