Local Density Estimation for Contention Window Adaptation in Vehicular Networks

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□ Safety Communications in Vehicular Networks

Minimum Contention Window on the VANET Control Channel

Solutions for Local Density Estimation

Comparative Results for Adaptive CW Mechanisms

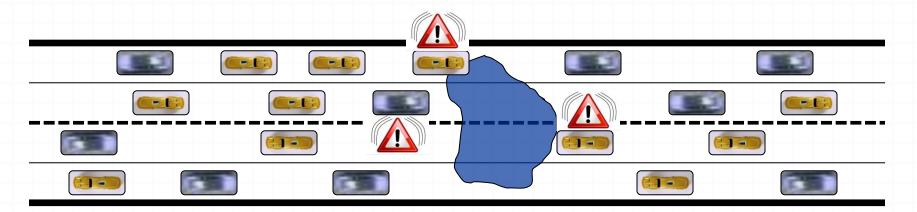
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VANET objective: Building an accurate image of the exterior world



Cooperative Awareness Message (CAM)

Decentralised Environmental Notification (DEN)



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

Control channel (CCH) – safety applications

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IEEE 802.11p on the CCH

- □ 100% broadcast communication
- □ No RTS/CTS handshake
- **No ACK message**
- **Collisions can not be detected**
- BEB mechanism deactivated
- □ Always use the minimum value for CW

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Contention Window in unicast IEEE 802.11

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□ If channel busy – back off for n idle slots

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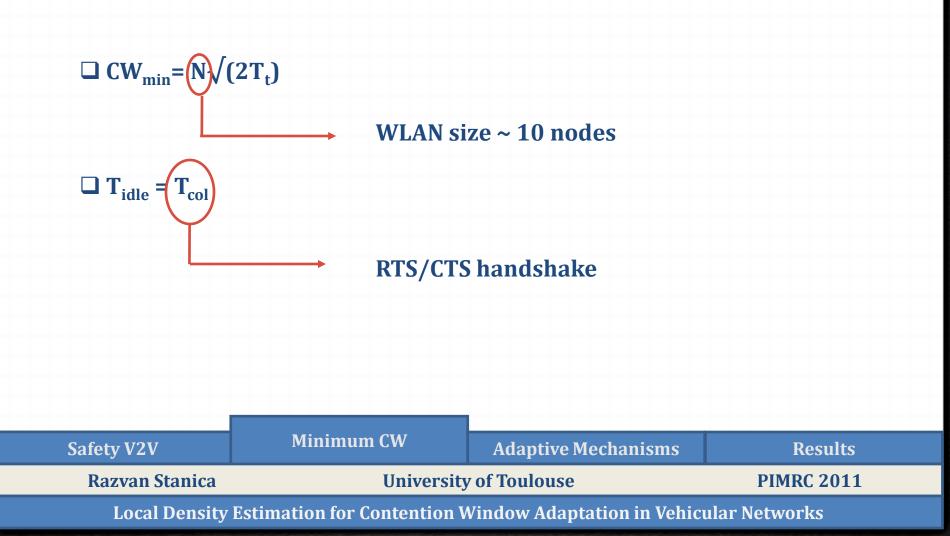
Bianchi et al. (1996):

$$\Box CW_{min} = N\sqrt{(2T_t)}$$



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Bianchi et al. (1996): Saturated complete networks







Uses received beacons to estimate density

 \Box CW= λ N

Lost beacons can impact the result





Uses sequence numbers to estimate PER

□ If PER < PER_{min} – increase CW

□ If PER > PER_{max} - decrease CW

Compatibility problem with privacy framework based on pseudonyms



Idle Time

Estimate T_{col} using the number of lost messages

- \Box If $T_{col} > \alpha T_{idle}$ increase CW
- $\Box \text{ If } T_{\text{idle}} > \alpha T_{\text{col}} \text{decrease CW}$

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Stop Time

Based on relationships from traffic flow theory

□ Measure the time a vehicle is stopped

 $\Box CW = (T_{stop} / T_{update})(CW_{max} - CW_{min}) + CW_{min}$

A vehicle could stop for other reasons, unrelated to the traffic state



Speed Based

Using speed information can be useful in intermediate states

□ Measure vehicular jerk (the derivative of the acceleration)

□ CW= (|jerk| /speed/D_{max})(CW_{max}-CW_{min})+ CW_{min}

□ Jerk is not currently measured by vehicles



Simulation Study

□ JiST/SWANS framework

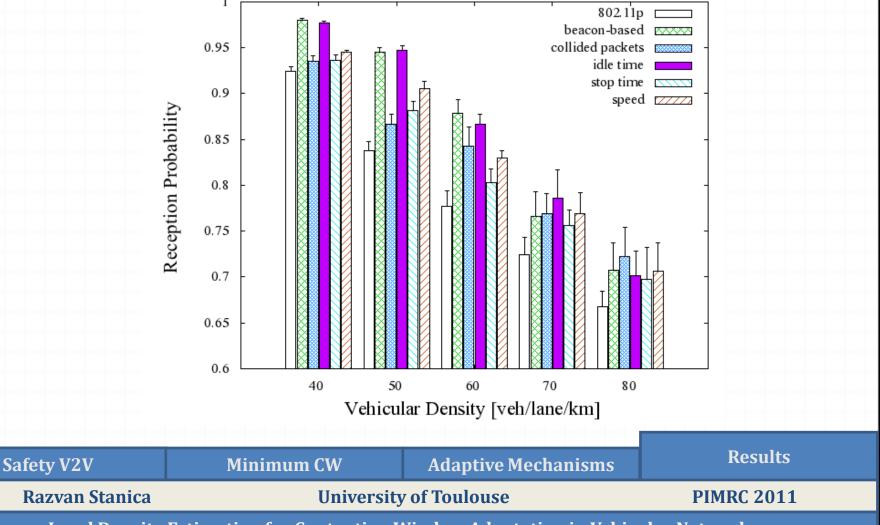
□ Street Random Waypoint mobility model

□ Three different real maps from TIGER database

□ Medium and high vehicular density

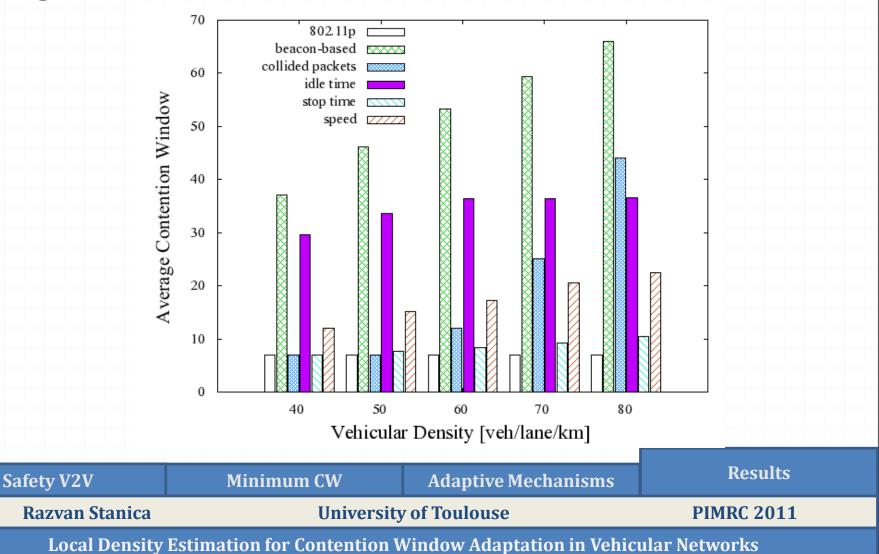
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Beaconing Reception Probability at less than 200m from the Sender



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Average Contention Window for the different Mechanisms



Observations

□ All the mechanism show an important improvement over the current version of the standard

□ The same results can be obtained using different strategies

□ Solutions based on traffic flow theory are efficient when the vehicular density increases

□ These heuristics are quite simple and they could be straightforwardly integrated in the standard

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Conclusion

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

□ The contention window of the back-off mechanism is a very important parameter for MAC layer congestion control

□ This work compares the performance of five adaptive mechanisms specially conceived for VANETs

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Why VANET Beaconing is More than Simple Broadcast

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