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### VLC Connected Cooperative Driving

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- > He was director of the traffic department of the City Hall of Lisbon for more than twenty five years. In this context he has been involved in several national and international projects, namely:
- Control between urban traffic control (GERTRUDE) and public transport vehicle location (SAEIP) systems.
- > Admission Regulation of Traffic to Improve Public Transport in Urban Areas
- > Requirements and options in the field of Integrated Road Safety, Information and Navigation System- IRIS.
- > Microwave communications for traffic monitoring and pricing "PAMELA.
  - Mobile wireless communication networks have been experiencing enormous advances throughout its successive generations. So, at the moment its research activities are related mainly to the communication between vehicles (V2V), vehicles and infrastructures (V2I) and road infrastructure and the vehicles (I2V) using visible light (VLC).







### **Motivation and Objectives**

I2V, V2V, V2I, I2V optoelectronic WDM cooperative vehicular system enables direct communication between vehicles, roadside infrastructure, traffic lights control and vulnerable road users (pedestrians, bicyclist, or wheelchair users)



**THE ORIGINAL IDEA:** "Bidirectional communication"

VLC transmitter that modulates the light produced by LEDs and

Amorphous Si/SiC transducers, allow the recovery of specific wavelengths for the transmission over WDM networks, in the visible spectrum, that could compete with conventional detection electronic devices in optical communications industry

### <u>Outline</u>

### State of Art: VLC transmitter and Si/SiC transducers

- Connected vehicles model Transmitters and Receivers
- I2V, V2V, V2I and I2(V, P, B) communications
- Cooperative VLC System Evaluation and proof of concept.
- Conclusions and future trends.

### VLC I2V2V2I System



#### Frame structure representation.

The message begins with 5 synchronization bits The rest of the frame consists of 6 ID's bits, data bits and stop bit

heterostructure produced by **PECVD** with light filtering properties.

## <u>Lighting plan</u>



# Four modulated LEDs (RGBV) located at the corners of a **square grid**.

footprint regions	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6	#7	#8	#9
Overlap	RGBV	RGB	RB	RBV	BV	GBV	GV	RGV	RG

#### **GENERATED JOINT FOOTPRINTS**

Data collected from connected vehicles provides a much more complete picture of the traffic states near an intersection

TRAJECTORY REDESIGN NEW CONCEPT OF REQUEST/RESPONSE In a two-way-to-way traffic light controlled crossroad

Promising benefits expected from safety and mobility improvements at the road network



### **MUX/DEMUX techniques**



The output presents  $2^4$  ordered levels each one related with *RGBV* bit sequences

## **Connected Vehicles Model**

#### **Generic model**

 cooperative vehicular and vulnerable road users communications



#### Illustration of the proposed I2V2V2I2(V,vru´s) communication scenario:

 Connected vehicles communication in a crossroad.



#### Until recently...

- (V2V) communication was limited to brake lights, turn signals;
- (V2I) was restricted to point detection (loop detectors).

## **Cooperative VLC System Evaluation**

### Generalized view of the architecture



### **Operational procedure:**

- Each vehicle receives two different messages: I2V and V2V coming from the streetlight and from the follow vehicle;
- Compare them and infers the drive distance and the relative speed.
- Send the information to a next car (V2V2V) or to an infrastructure (V2V2I).
- Connected vehicles receive response messages (I2V).

In order to verify the system operability and efficiency we have conducted an extensive set of measurements



### Scenario 1: I2V2I

Vehicle "a" send the request message to the infrastructure (V2I) and inform the signal controller that this vehicle desires service (often called "demand" for service).





### Phasing of traffic flows





### Scenario 2: I2V2I2V

Vehicles "b" send the request message to the infrastructure (V2I) and inform the signal controller that this vehicle desires service





### Responding permission (I2V) to vehicle "a" to cross the intersection



Phasing of traffic flows



## Scenario 3:

Request times: Position of the vehicles "a", *"c"* from the W flow Vehicle "a" at t<sub>a</sub>  $#2(R_{3,2}G_{3,1}B_{2,2})$ Vehicle "c" at t<sub>c</sub> 



### Phasing of traffic flows

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Vehicle "c" sends the request message to the infrastructure (V2I) and informs the signal controller that this vehicle demand for service.



## <u>Scenario 4</u>:

#### **Request times:**



Vehicle "e" S #2  $(R_{5,4} G_{5,3} B_{4,4})$   $t_a$ Vehicle "a" W #2  $(R_{3,2} G_{3,1} B_{2,2})$ 

#### Response times







Responding permission to vehicle "b" and "c" to cross the intersection

## Scenario 5:



 $t_a < t_c < t_d$ 

Vehicles "d" send the request message to the infrastructure (V2I) and "demands" for service.

From a capacity point of view is more efficient, if vehicle "d" is given access before vehicle "e", slotting and maintaining a safe distance from one another

# Responding permission to cross the intersection vehicle "d"



#### Phasing of traffic flows



### <u>Scenario 6</u>:

### Request ta to/Response times ta to





Vehicle "a": W #2 ( $R_{3,2}$ ,  $G_{3,1}$  and  $B_{2,2}$ ) Vehicle "e": S #2 ( $R_{5,4}$ ,  $G_{5,3}$  and  $B_{4,4}$ )



Responding permission to cross the intersection vehicles "e" and "f"







## Scenario 7:





#### **Exclusive Pedestrian Phasing**

When vehicles will be stopped on all approaches to an intersection while pedestrians are given a WALK indication

I2V2V2I2vru's communication allows direct monitoring: >Vulnerable road user crossing requests

Controller message to nomadic road user's devices



### <u>Conclusions</u>

Light-activated pi'n/pin a-SiC:H devices combines the demultiplexing operation with the simultaneous photodetection and self amplification.

Connected vehicles information from the network (I2V), vehicular interaction (V2V) and infrastructure (V2I) and (I2V) is analyzed.

A generic model of cooperative transmissions for vehicular communications services is established.

The experimental results, confirmed that the proposed cooperative VLC architecture is **appropriate** for the **control and management of a traffic** light controlled **two-way-two-way** crossroad network.

**Two-level optimization**: "Redesign phasing" and duration.

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## Virtual road network:

