

# Cooperative Driving for Road Goods Transportation: Optimization and Control



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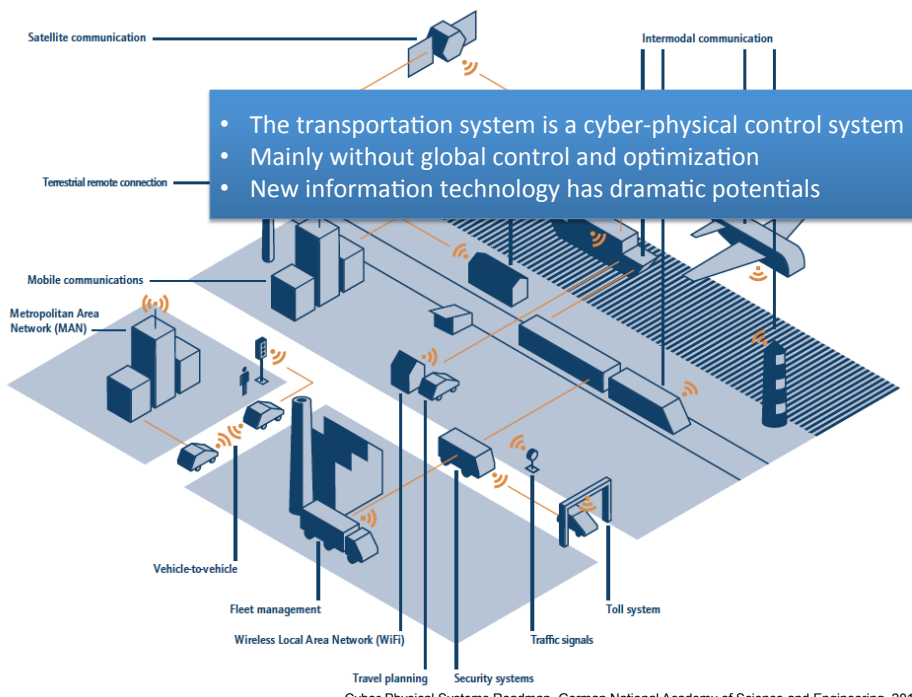


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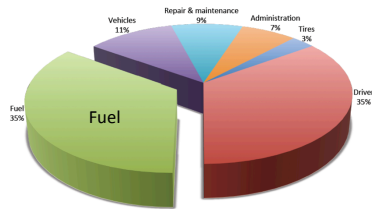


# Demands from Goods Road Transportation

- Transport sector consumes 1/3 of EU energy
- 45% of all freight transport is on roads
- Road transport accounts for 20% of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions
- Emissions increased by 21% for 1990-2009

*Eurostat (2011), EU Transport (2013)*

## Life cycle cost for European heavy-duty vehicle



Total fuel cost 80 k€/year/vehicle

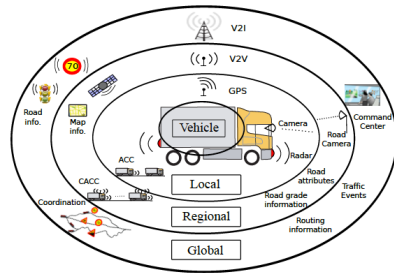
*Schittler, 2003; Scania, 2012*

- 24% of long haulage trucks run empty
- 57% average load capacity

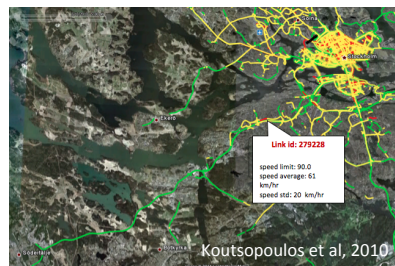
*Dr. H. Ludanek, CTO, Scania*

# Technology Push

## Sensor and communication technology



## Real-time traffic information



## Vehicle platooning and semi-autonomous driving



# Control of Vehicle Platoons

IEEE TRANSACTIONS ON AUTOMATIC CONTROL, VOL. AC-11, NO. 3, JULY, 1966  
**On the Optimal Error Regulation of a String of Moving Vehicles**

W. S. LEVINE, STUDENT MEMBER, IEEE, AND M. ATHANS, MEMBER, IEEE

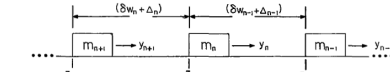
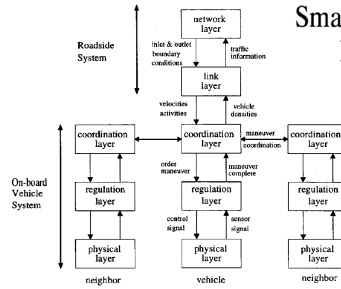


Fig. 1. Vehicles moving in a string.



PATH platoon demo San Diego 1997



IEEE TRANSACTIONS ON AUTOMATIC CONTROL, VOL. 38, NO. 2, FEBRUARY 1993

## Smart Cars on Smart Roads: Problems of Control

Pravin Varaiya, Fellow, IEEE

# Heavy-Duty Vehicle Platooning

Report on vehicle platooning developed by KTH and Scania (Oct, 2011)



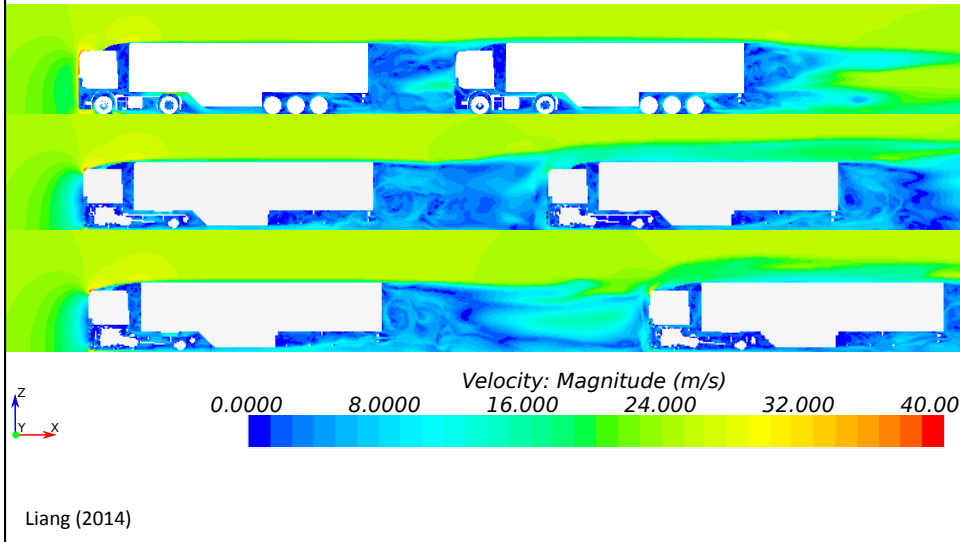
VIDEO

PhD student Assad Alam on Discovery Channel (Jan, 2012)



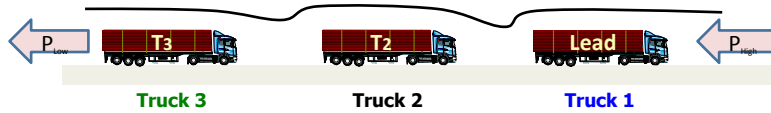
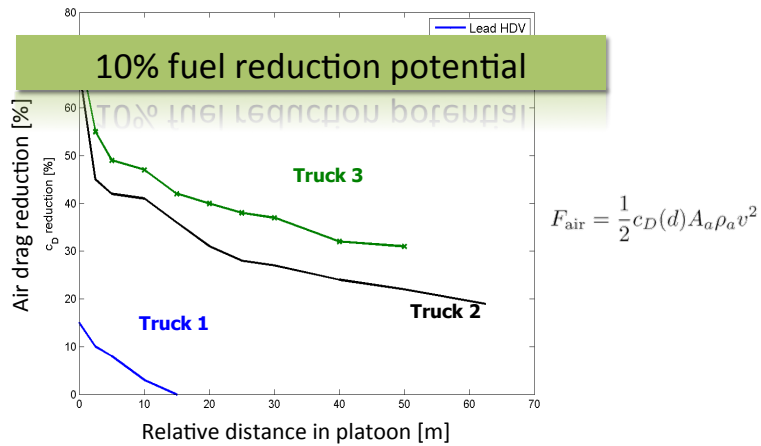


# The Physics



KTH Electrical Engineering

## Air Drag Reduction in Truck Platooning



Wolf-Heinrich & Ahmed (1998), Bonnet & Fritz (2000), Scania CV AB (2011)

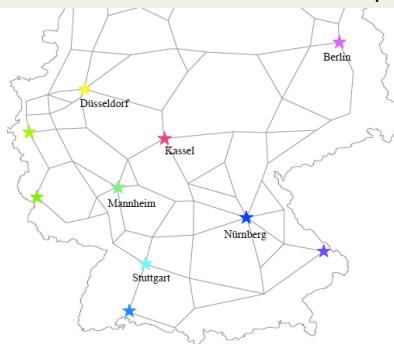
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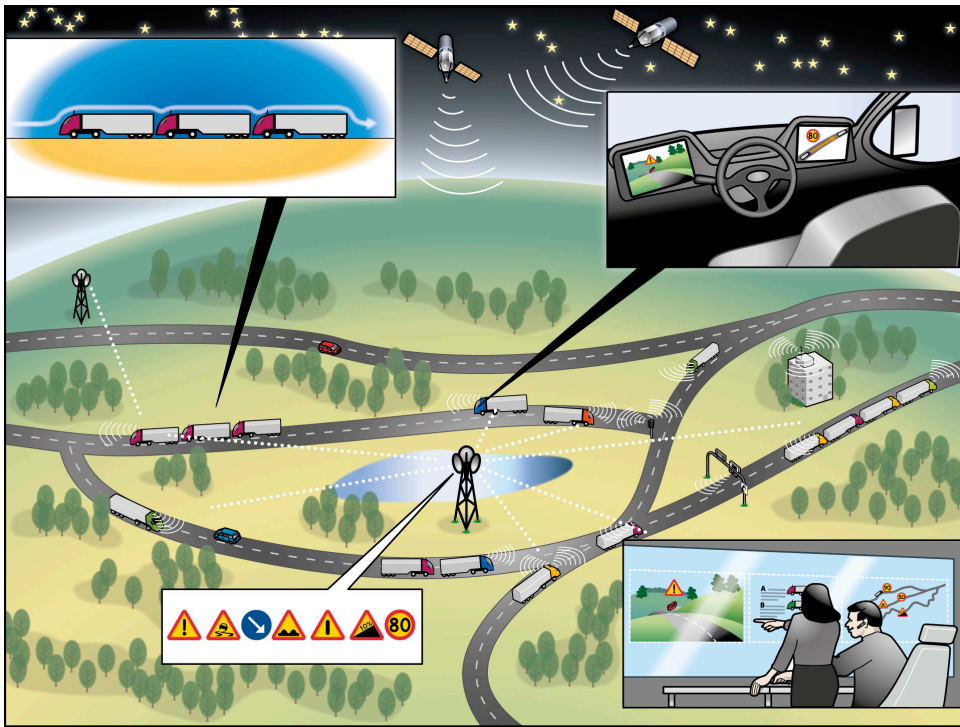
## Fuel-Optimized Goods Transport

- Goods transported between cities over highway network
- 2 000 000 heavy trucks in European Union (400 000 in Germany)
- 19 000 000 light+medium+heavy trucks in China
- Large distributed control systems with no real-time coordination today

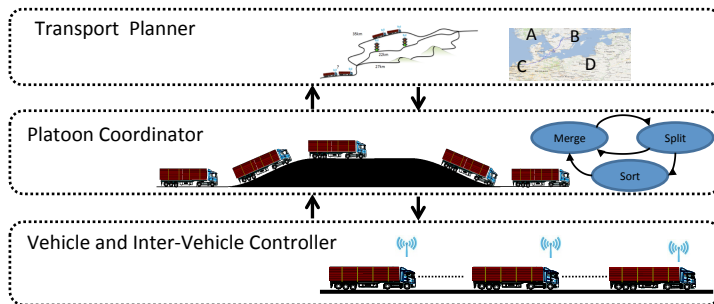
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Larson et al., 2013

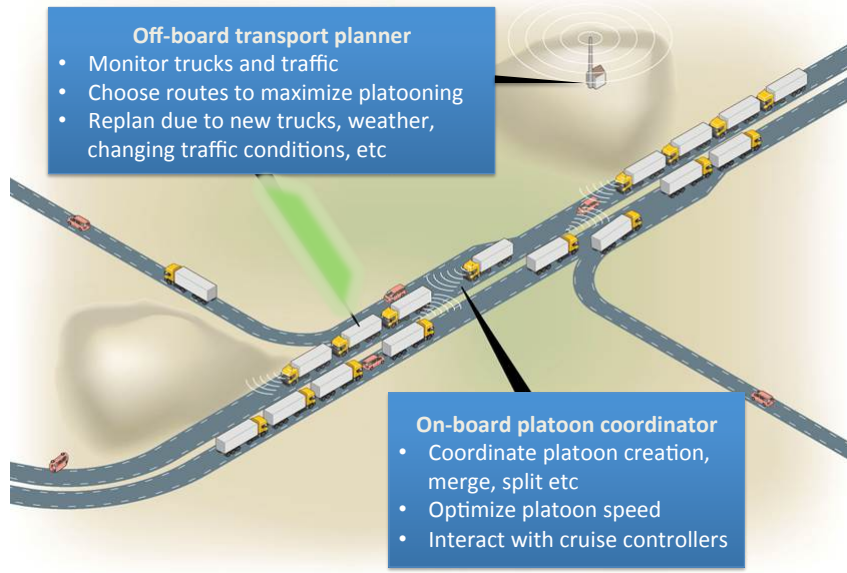


## Functional Architecture for Goods Transport



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## Off- and On-board Computing

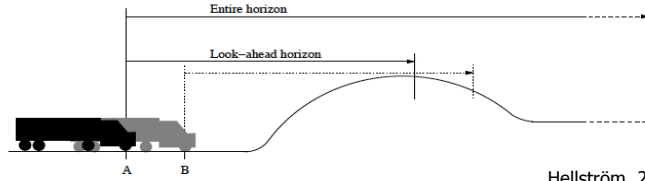


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## Receding Horizon Cruise Control for Single Vehicle



Hellström, 2007

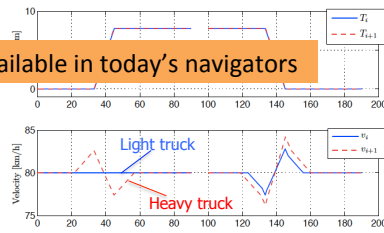
Adjust driving force to **minimize fuel consumption based on road topology** info:

The total fuel consumption over time  $T$  is:

$$f_f = \int_0^T \delta(t) \left( \frac{1}{v(t)} + \frac{1}{2} \rho_a A_a C_D v^2(t) + m g c_r \cos \alpha + m g \sin \alpha \right) dt \quad (3)$$

Require knowledge of road grade  $\alpha$ , not available in today's navigators

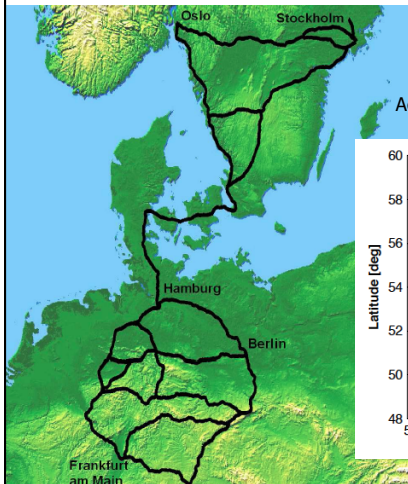
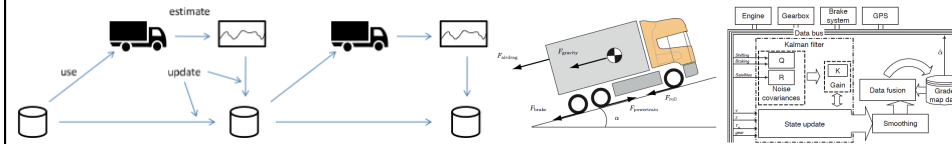
$$\begin{aligned} m_t \frac{dv}{dt} &= F_{eng} - F_b - F_{ad}(v, d) - F_r(\alpha) - F_g(\alpha) \\ &= F_{eng} - F_b - \frac{1}{2} \rho_a A_a C_D v^2 \phi(d) \\ &\quad - m g c_r \cos \alpha - m g \sin \alpha \end{aligned}$$



Implemented as velocity reference change in adaptive cruise controller

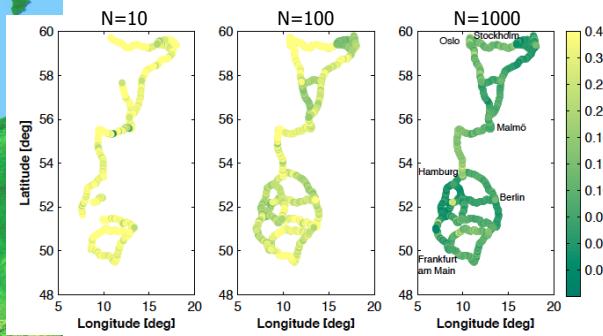
Alam et al., 2011

## Distributed Road Grade Estimation

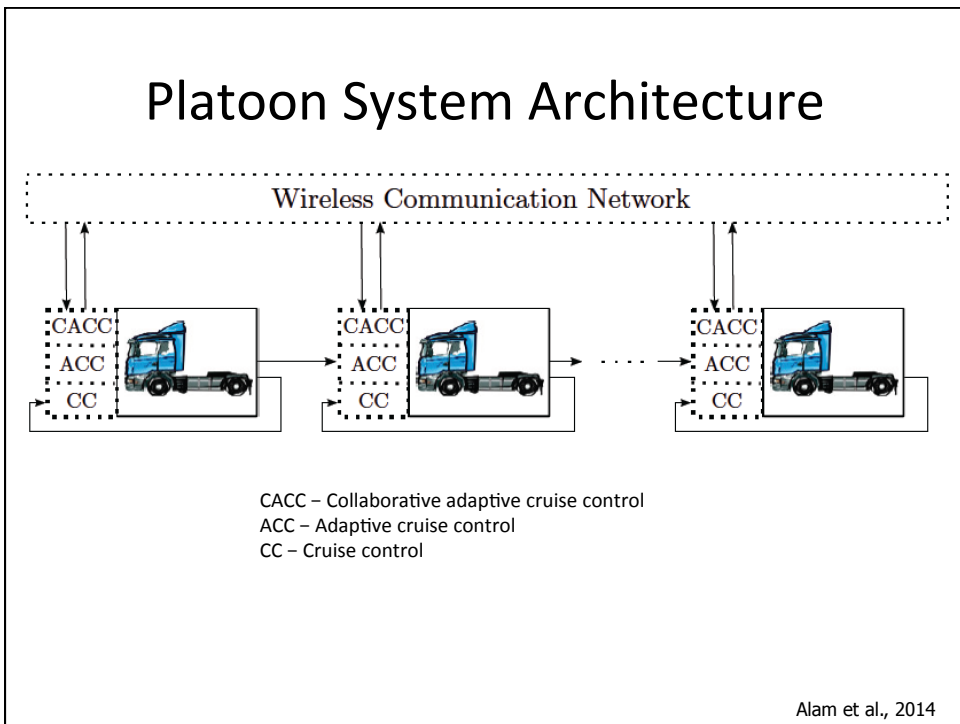
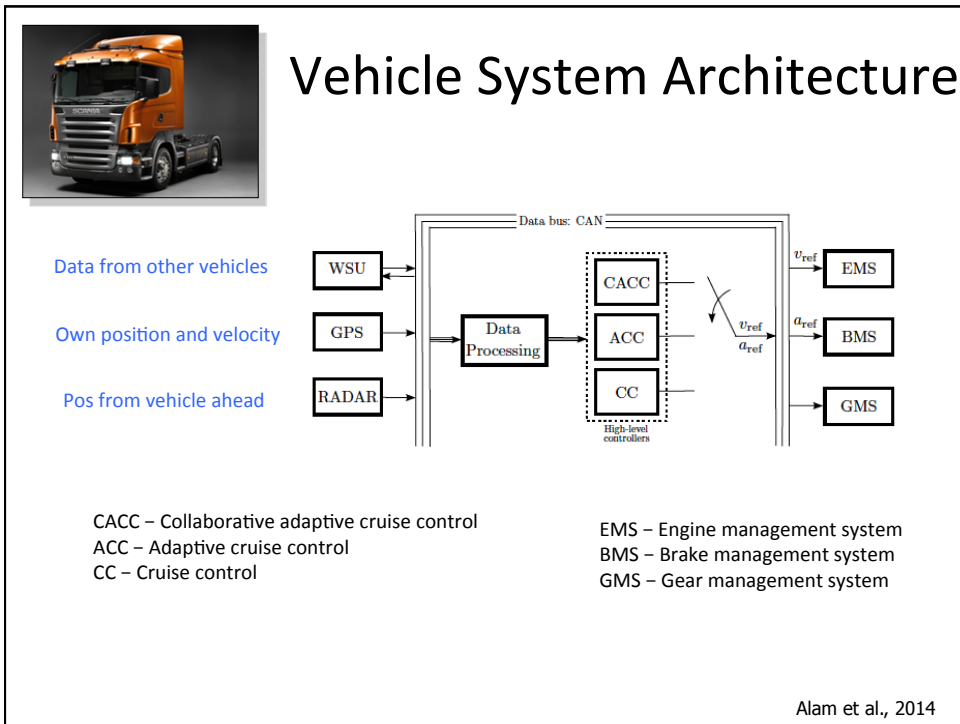


### RMS Road Grade Error

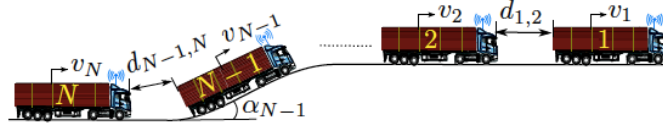
Aggregated N=10, 100, 1000 profiles of lengths 50 to 500 km



Sahlholm, 2011



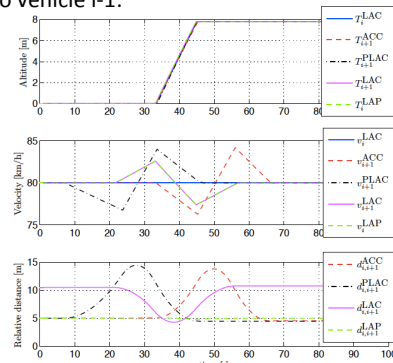
# Collaborative Adaptive Cruise Control



- How to jointly minimize fuel consumption for a platoon of vehicles?
  - Keep small relative distances or close to individual optimal trajectories?
  - Uphill and downhill segments; heavy and light vehicles

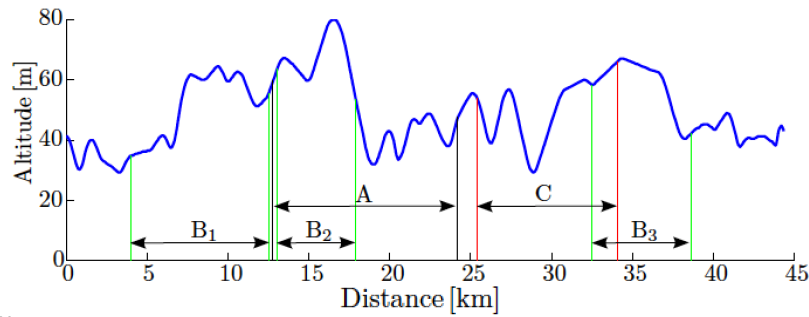
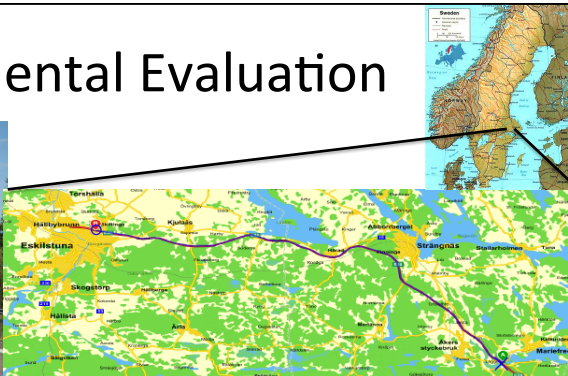
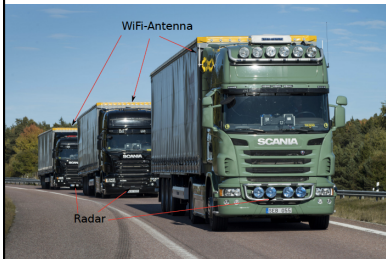
Dynamics of vehicle  $i$  depend on distance  $d_{i-1,i}$  to vehicle  $i-1$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dd_{i-1,i}}{dt} &= v_{i-1} - v_i \\ m_i \frac{dv_i}{dt} &= F_{\text{engine}}(\delta_i, \omega_{e_i}) - F_{\text{brake}} - F_{\text{air drag}}(v_i, d_{i-1,i}) \\ &\quad - F_{\text{roll}}(\alpha_i) - F_{\text{gravity}}(\alpha_i) \\ &= k_i^e T_e(\delta_i, \omega_{e_i}) - F_{\text{brake}} - k_i^d v_i^2 (d_{i-1,i}) \\ &\quad - k_i^{\text{fr}} \cos \alpha_i - k_i^g \sin \alpha_i \end{aligned}$$

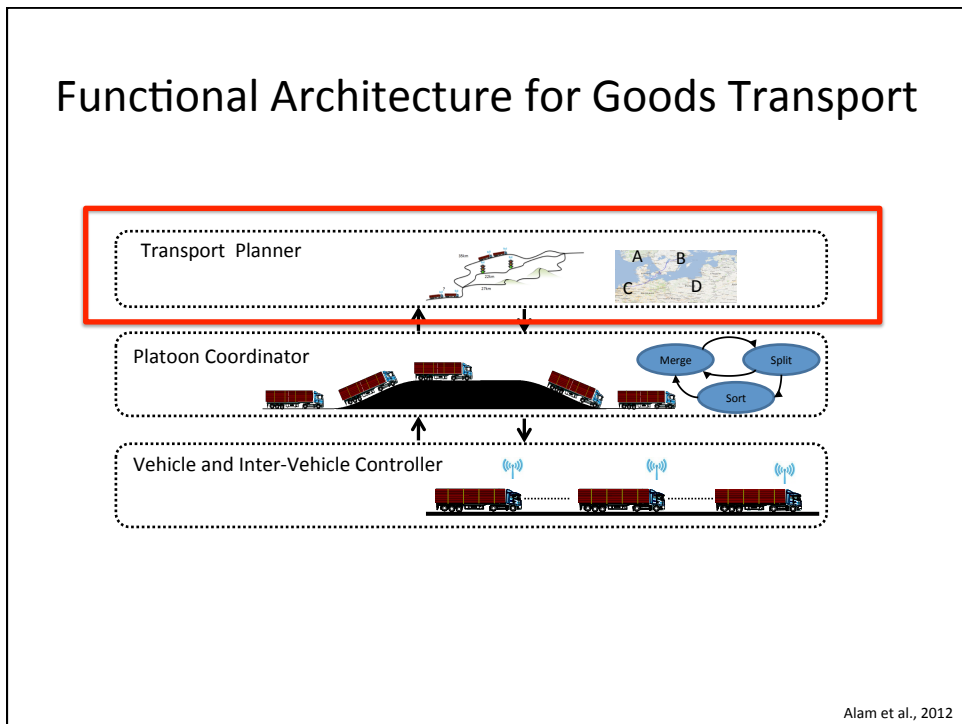
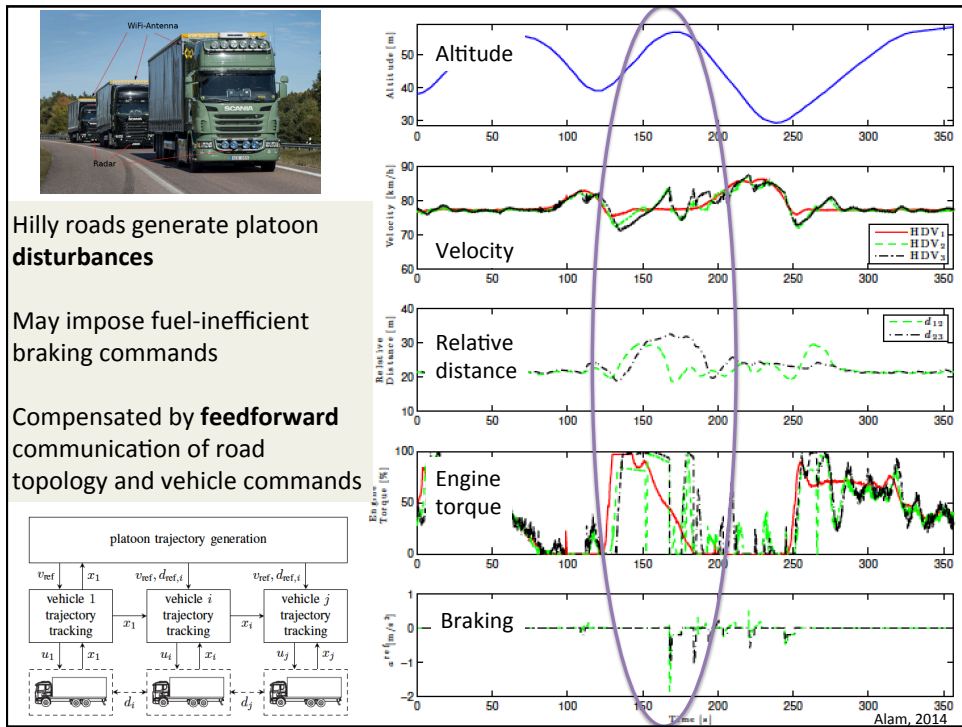


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# Experimental Evaluation



Alam, 2014



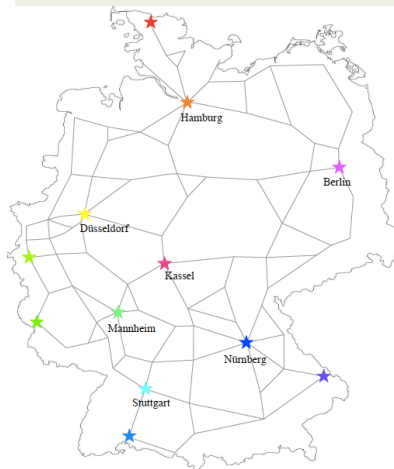


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## When and where to create platoons?

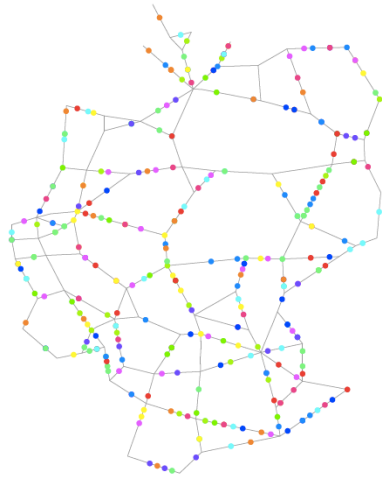
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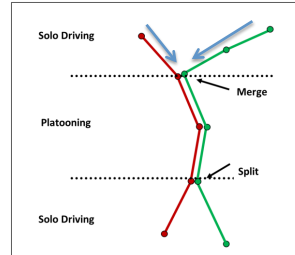
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# Platoon merge and split

Heavy-duty vehicle traffic without platooning



Merge and split platoons at highway intersections

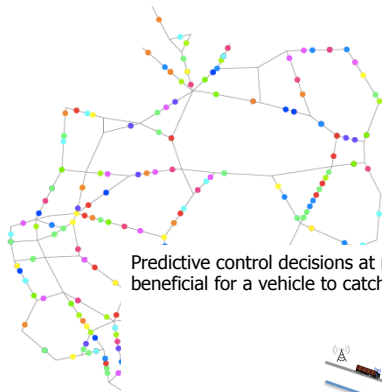


Only vehicles that are relatively close in space and time platoon

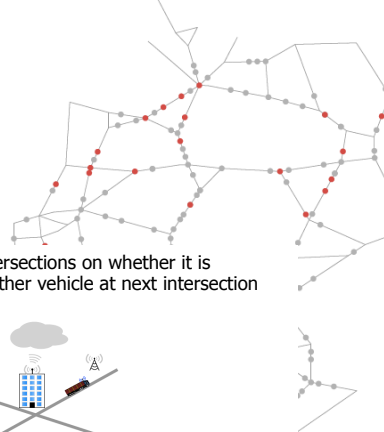
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# Distributed optimization of platooning

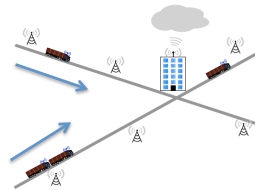
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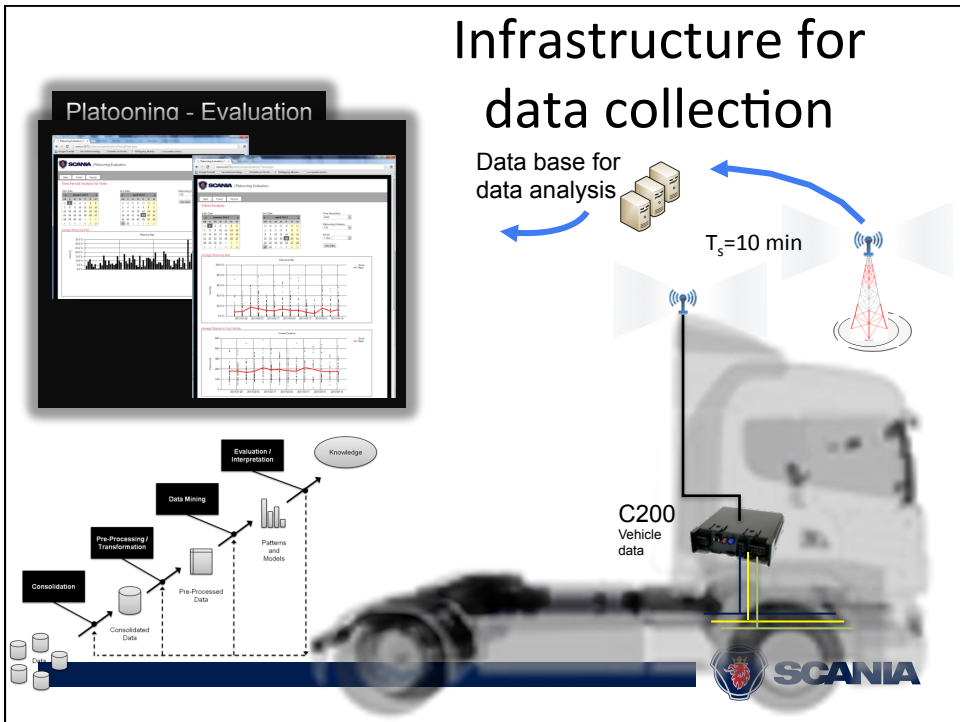
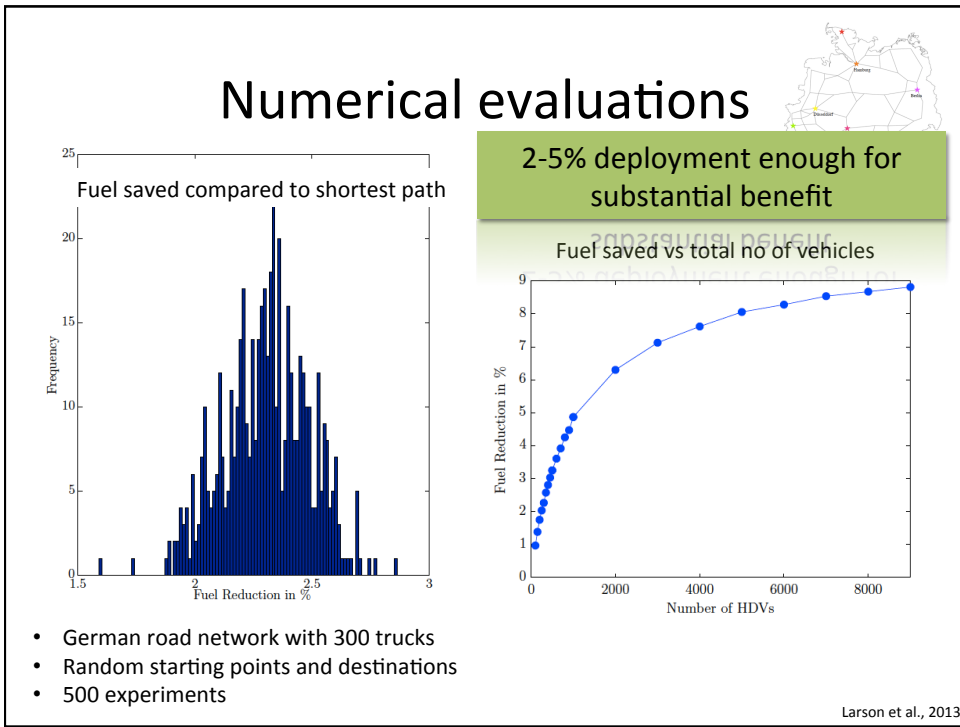
With platooning



Predictive control decisions at road intersections on whether it is beneficial for a vehicle to catch up another vehicle at next intersection



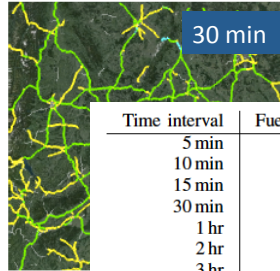
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## Spontaneous vs **Coordinated** Platooning

Adjust truck departure times

Individual trucks  
 Platoons of 2-5 trucks  
 Platoons of 6-10 trucks  
 Platoons of 11-25 trucks  
 Platoons of >25 trucks



Time interval	Fuel saved*	Platooning rate
5 min	0.68%	13.22%
10 min	1.19%	22.41%
15 min	1.64%	30.26%
30 min	2.74%	47.58%
1 hr	4.31%	68.07%
2 hr	5.94%	83.23%
3 hr	6.87%	89.93%
6 hr	8.06%	95.67%
12 hr	8.85%	98.38%
24 hr	9.37%	99.38%

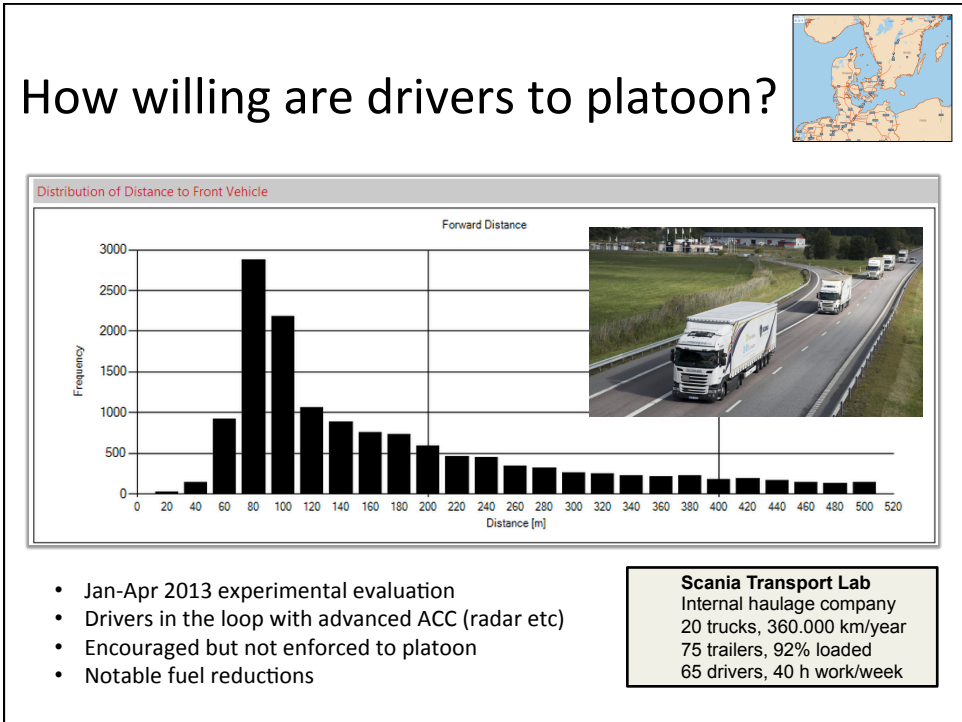
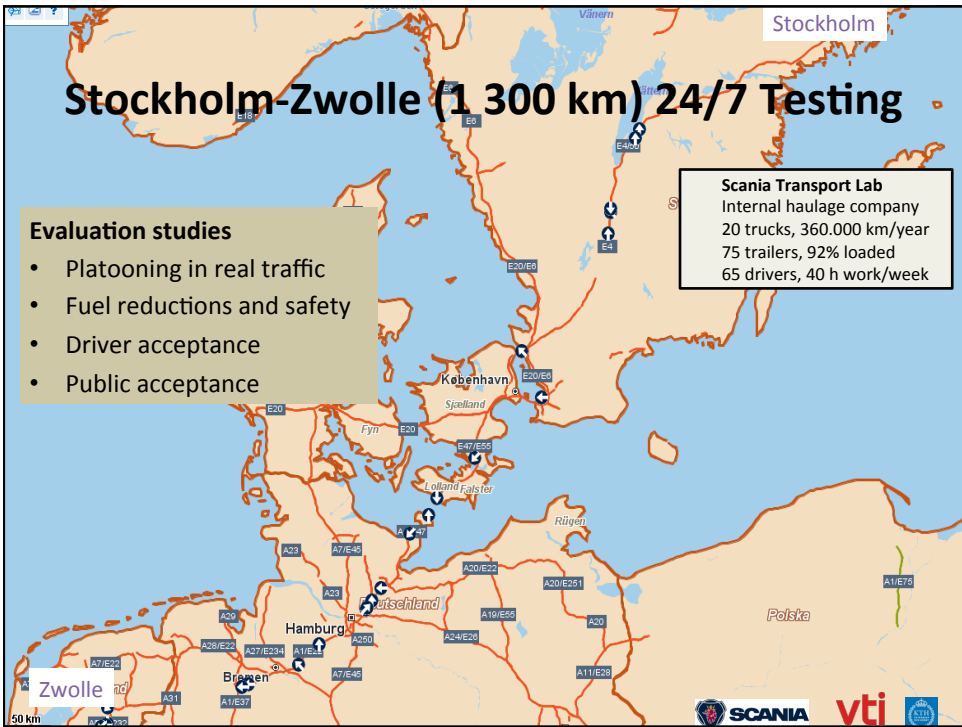
Coordinated departure times enable much more platooning

Liang et al., 2014

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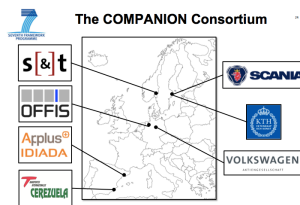
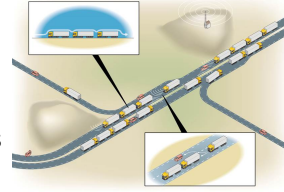
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# Conclusions

- **Architecture for goods transportation**
  - High-level optimization and scheduling of transport
  - Low-level control and coordination of truck platoons
- **Open problems**
  - Global vs local objectives: Who owns the performance metric?
  - Local computing vs communication: When do it in the Cloud?
  - Safety-critical systems: How guarantee real-time?
- **Large-scale testing and evaluations**



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