

The MuCCA Project: Cooperative Collision Avoidance using Desired Versus Planned Trajectory Concept, Implemented on IDAPT Real-Time CAV Platform

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Multi-Car Collision Avoidance: Theory and Practice

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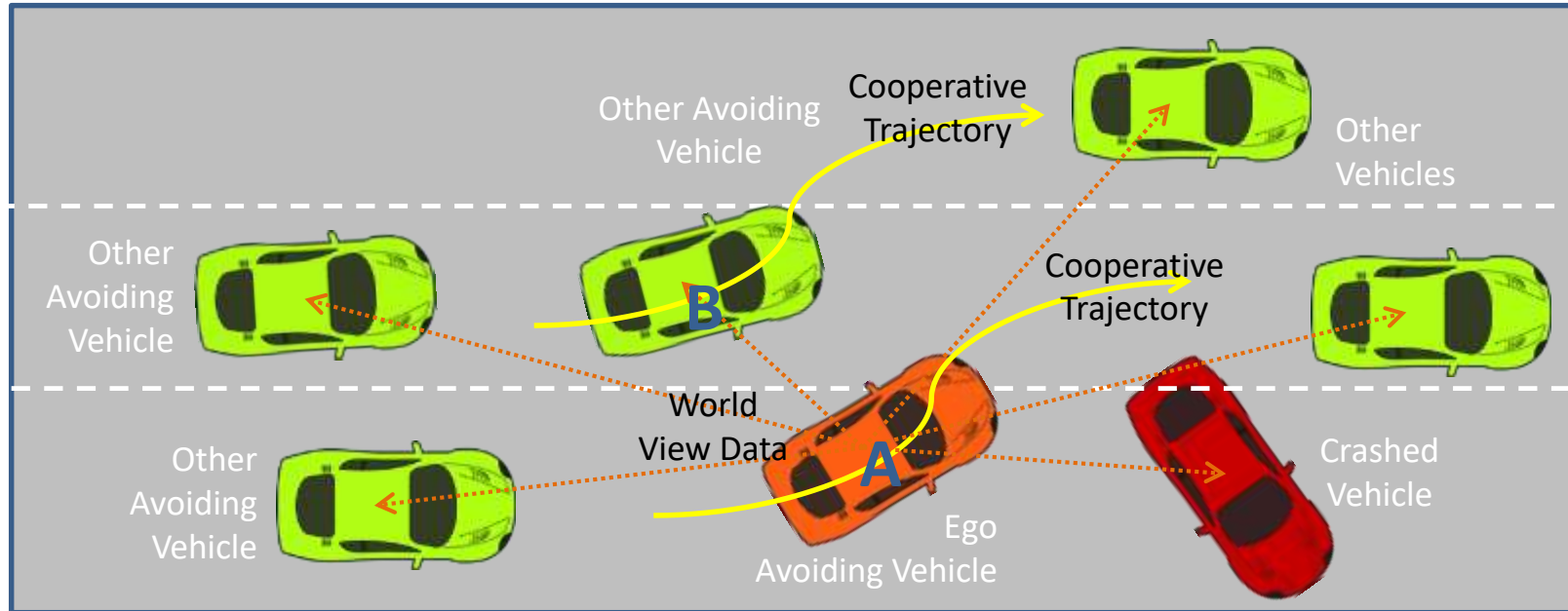


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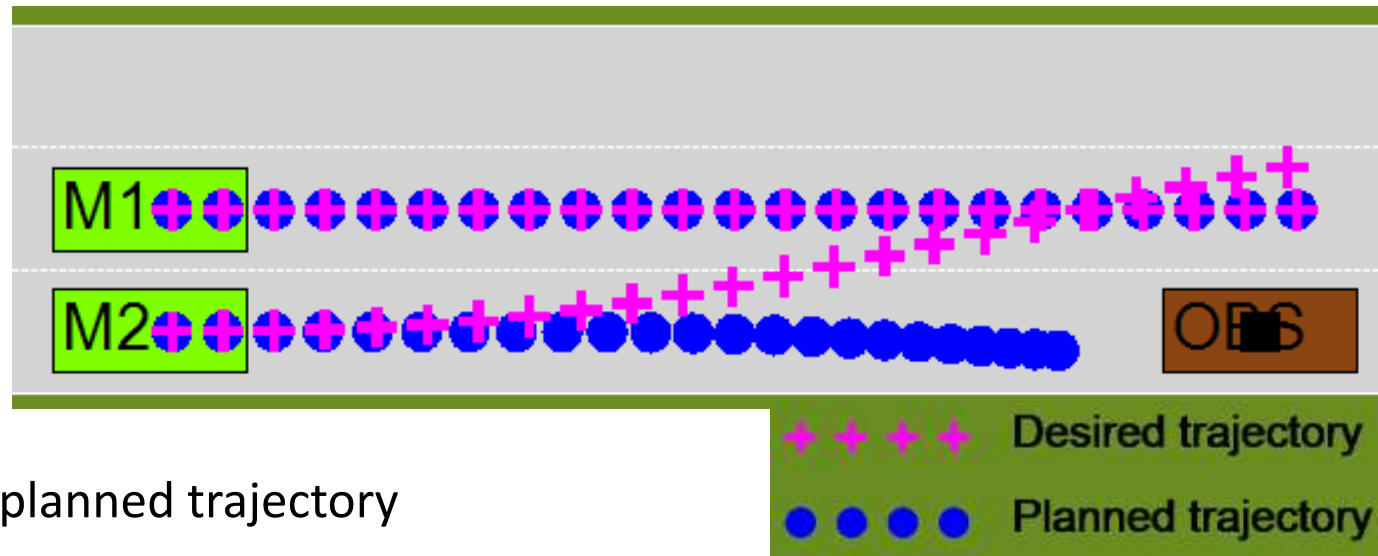
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- Real-time V2V data sharing and avoidance coordinated between MuCCA vehicles:
 - “world view” (local dynamic map) enhanced with objects not visible to each car’s own sensors
 - Trajectory plans shared between vehicles; each one knows where the others intend to go
 - Co-operative trajectory planning
 - e.g. vehicle B pre-emptively swerves out to give space to vehicle A to swerve past obstacle



- Human driver model
 - Non-MuCCA vehicles likely to be involved too
 - MuCCA vehicles run human behaviour model to estimate likely trajectories
 - Even a single MuCCA vehicle has superlative collision avoidance (by anticipating other vehicle paths)



- Video on next slide shows this working
- No leader, each vehicle follows safest immediate planned trajectory
- Each vehicle calculates and V2V-broadcasts planned AND desired trajectories
- Cost function solved using most recent D&P trajectories from all cooperating vehicles
- Other-vehicle desired trajectories avoided if safe to do so
- No predefined reference trajectory; weakly prefers to stay in whichever lane it finds itself
- Cooperative behaviour emerges from these basic rules, as desired trajectories influence other vehicles

• DVP approach (e.g. for cooperative lane changes) from TransAID project, also: B. Lehmann, H. J. Günther and L. Wolf, "A Generic Approach towards Maneuver Coordination for Automated Vehicles," *Proc. IEEE 21st International Conference on Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITSC)*, Maui, Hawaii, USA, 2018, pp. 3333-3339.

++++ Desired trajectory

●●●● Planned trajectory

A

M1

HDV

B

M2

C

7

6

5

4

3

2

Paper Colours

Autotune: 7.0 sec

Loop (ms): 168 Elapsed s: 0.00

Use case: Cooperative

Lane width (m): 2.5

Num lanes: 3

Road length (m): 50

After parameter pass:
 reuse current scenario
 next use case
 random scenario

Use?:

MEV?:

Label: HDV M1 M2 M3 M4 M5

Init X (m): 30 10 10 10 10 10

Init V (m/s): 3 15 15 15 0 0

Init lane: 1 1 2 3 1 1

a (m/s²), V (m/s): 0.00, 3.0 0.00, 15.0 0.00, 15.0 0.00, 0.0 0.00, 0.0 0.00, 0.0

Name	Value	Optimise?	Tweak
WEIGHT_HDM_TRAJ_OVERLAP	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	0.1
WEIGHT_MEV_PLAN_TRAJ_OVERLAP	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	0.1
WEIGHT_MEV_DES_TRAJ_OVERLAP	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	0.1
WEIGHT_HDV_COLLISION	1	<input type="checkbox"/>	0.1
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- Demonstration scope:
 - Straight motorway, no junctions, good weather, daytime, no non-car actors
 - Operational safety measures (trained drivers intervene if necessary)
 - Human drives into scenario before making manual transition to auto driving
 - Only aiming to solve cooperative collision avoidance – that is hard enough!
- Vehicles: 2x Kia Niro with CAN control of actuators, dead man's handle, touchscreen, spoken audio warnings
- Main controller: our own IDIADA IDAPT with:
 - NVIDIA Jetson TX2, safety micro, differential GNSS
 - IMU, cellular modem, 802.11p V2X radio, real I/O
 - Fits in spare wheel well
 - R&D CAV with room for luggage!
- Sensing:
 - Single Cosworth PDR camera working now
 - 4-camera rig + LiDAR augmentation in progress
- Software:
 - C++ application implementing DVP over V2V



- Initially, virtual (preprogrammed) obstacles at certain GPS coordinates, marked by cones
- Fake GPS offset: allows "side by side" testing when vehicles safely separated
- Lanes pre-mapped so not depending on camera detection of lines
- Robot control geofenced to marked road area



Marking "obstacle" location with cones



Checking preplotted lane lines against real end of track

First MuCCA Track Tests

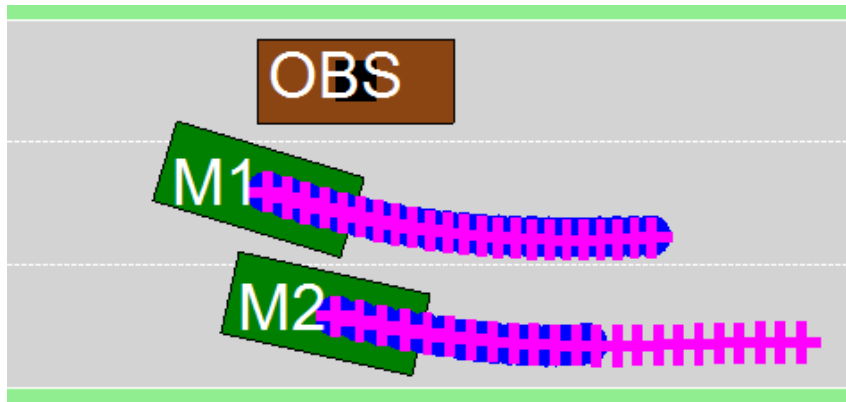
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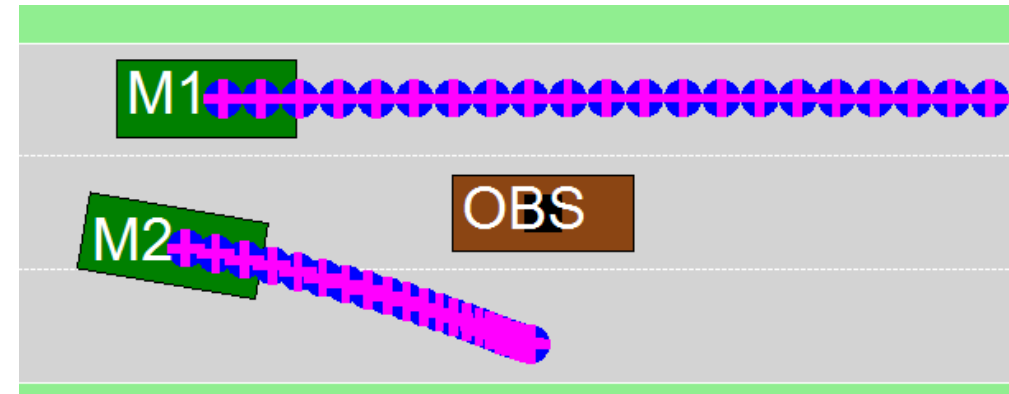


- Single car swerved round or braked for obstacle, depending on cost function weights
- Live fully automated cooperative behaviour demonstrated using DVP protocol and V2V communications
 - Scenario 1: pre-emptive cooperative swerve
 - Scenario 2: swerve avoiding both obstacle and other vehicle
- Both using fake GPS offset, so both cars "think" right hand one starts in lane 2, actually in lane 3:

Scenario 1



Scenario 2



- Distributed, leaderless Desired Versus Planned algorithm flexible, simple and robust for 'n' vehicles cooperating over V2V
- First (?) real-time automatic cooperative collision avoidance seen in full-sized robot cars in early track tests
- Much work remains for quantitative reproducible results
- Author: charlie.wartnaby@idiada.com
- Desired versus planned concept/simulation paper: <https://arxiv.org/abs/1904.07053>
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