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# Secure Distributed System inspired by Ant Colonies for Road Traffic Management in Emergency Situations

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## Road Traffic Management

### Supported by TICs

- Cameras
- Sensors
- Screens and displays





## VANET

Vehicular Ad hoc NETwork

Physical level  
IEEE 802.11p:

- WiMax
- GPRS
- WAVE



## Elements

- OBU (On Board Unit)
- RSU (Road Side Unit)

Communication:

- V2V
- V2I
- I2V



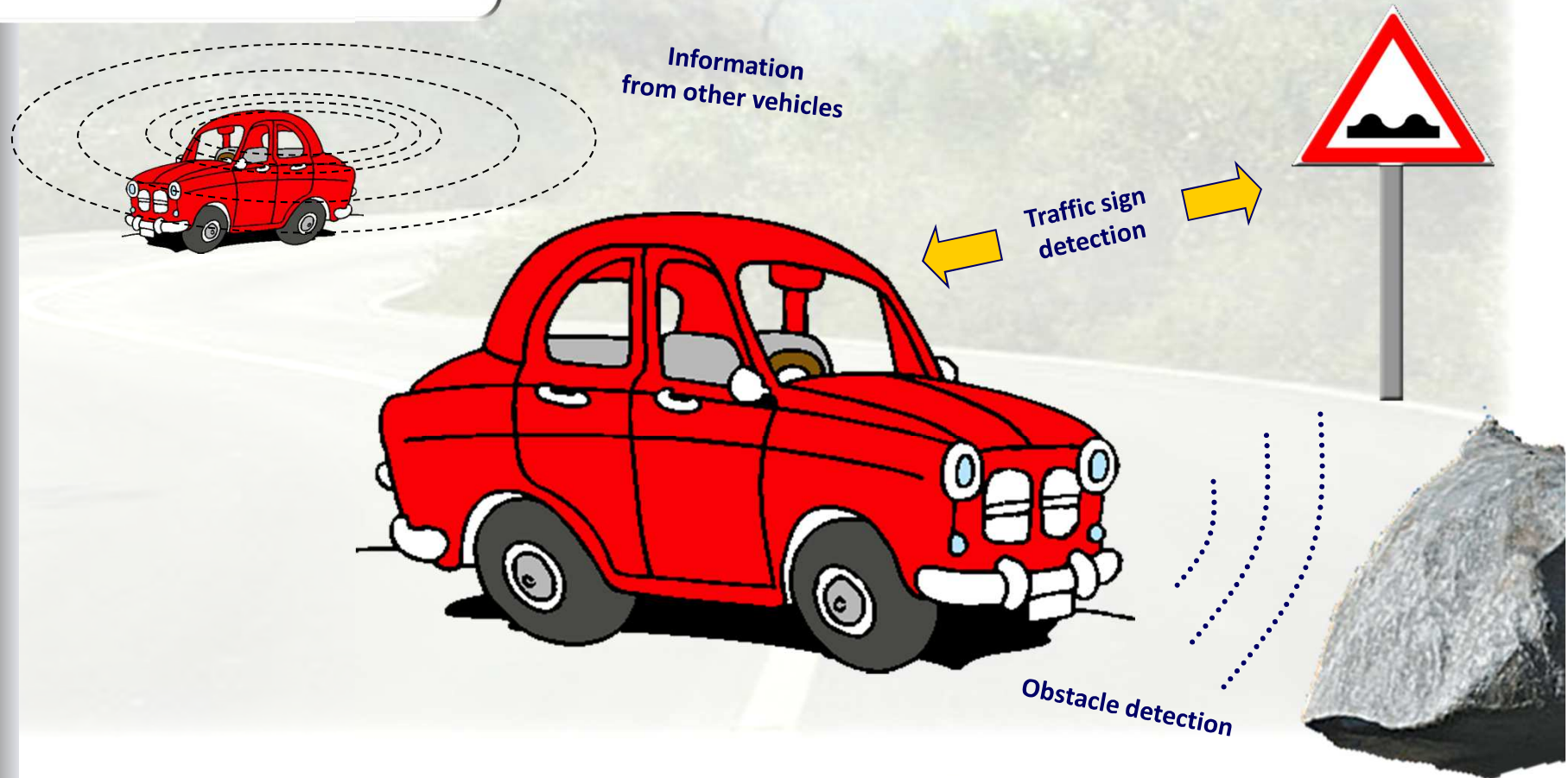


## VANET

Vehicular Ad hoc NETwork

### VANET applications

- Road Traffic Security
- Added-value and Comfort





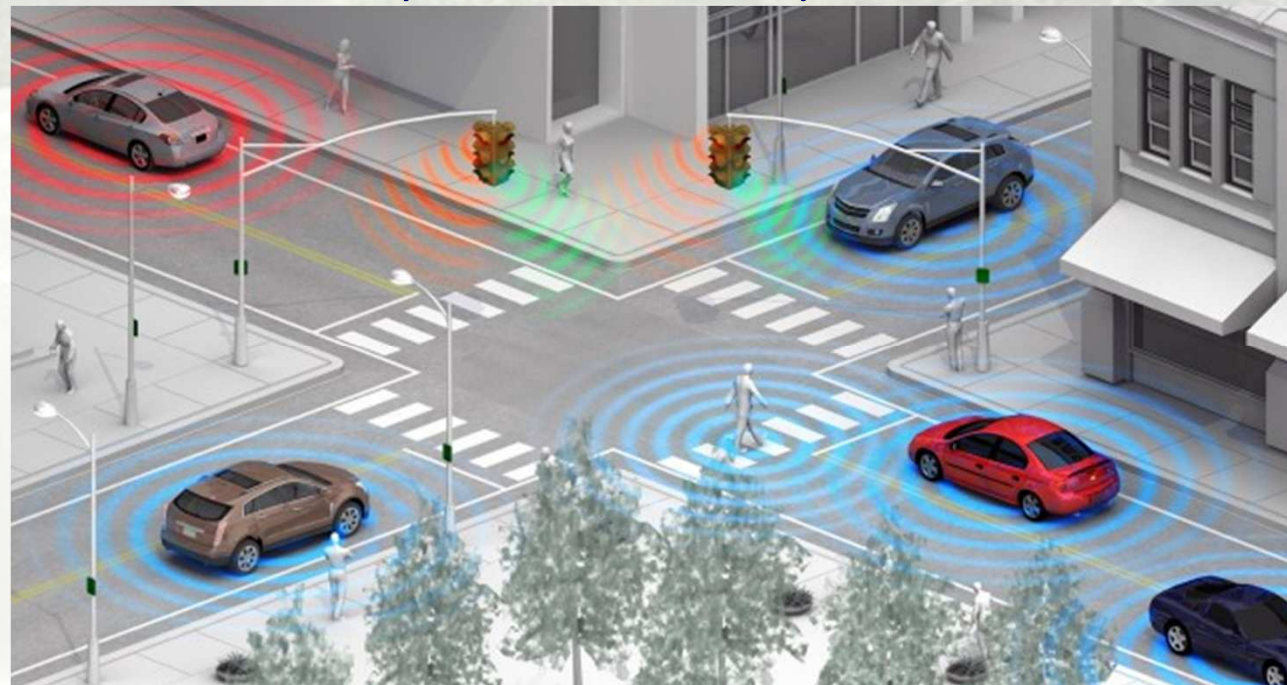
## **VANET**

**Vehicular Ad hoc NETwork**

**Road Traffic Management**

**V2I / I2V** : Input to/Output from Central system

**V2V** : helps to propagate the signals – serves mainly for traffic security





## **VANET**

**Vehicular Ad hoc NETwork**

**Road Traffic Management**

**Emergency Situation**

**V2I / I2V** : Dependence of energy supply

**V2V** : Usually relies on GPS, and provides mainly information for traffic security

### **Road Traffic Management system for Emergencies :**

- Based completely on V2V communications
- Independent from central energy supply





## Road Traffic Management

### Designed System:

Distributed systems without infrastructure



**COST-EFFECTIVE**

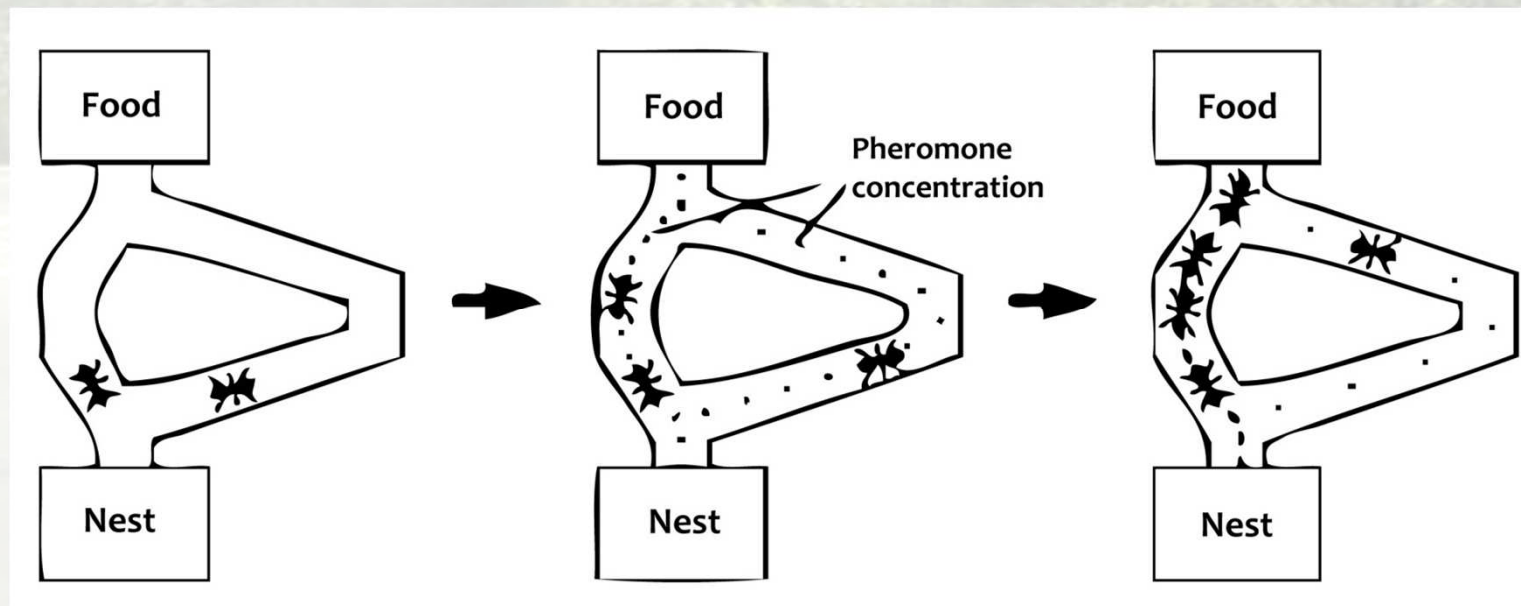


**Emergency Situations**



## Model inspired by Ant colonies

### Ant Colonies





## Model inspired by Ant colonies

### Algorithm inspired on Ants Colonies

(Modifications applied to the Ant algorithm)

#### **-ROUTE SELECTION**

Vehicles takes the route with the lowest level of pheromones

#### **-TRAIL GENERATION**

Pheromones are produced in a discrete way

#### **-PHEROMONES STORAGE**

Pheromones are not stored in the road, but in the vehicles  
(distributed storage)



## System proposed

### **-LOCATION SYSTEM**

RFID

### **-CONTROL PLACES**

The most significant nodes of the road.

$ID_{loc}$ : Identification of the control place

### **-PHEROMONES GENERATION**

Broadcast message:  $ID_{SVeh}$  and  $ID_{loc}$

### **-DISAPPEARING EFFECT**

The vehicles are not synchronized between them.

Local clock is used to reduce the level

### **-ROUTE SELECTION**

Route is selected based on internal variables

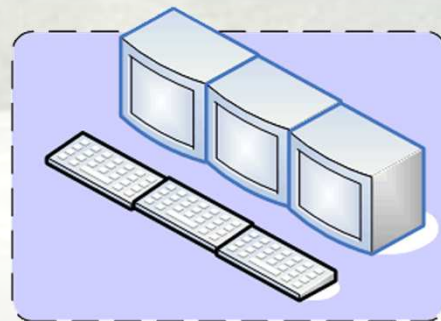




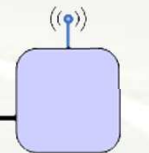
## Location system

### RFID Radio Frequency ID

## System proposed



Sistema de apoyo



Lector RFID



UHF Pasive tags



HF Pasive tags



LF Pasive tags

### General Features

Low cost

Low storage  
capacity

Low  
computational  
capacity



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**Location system**

**RFID**

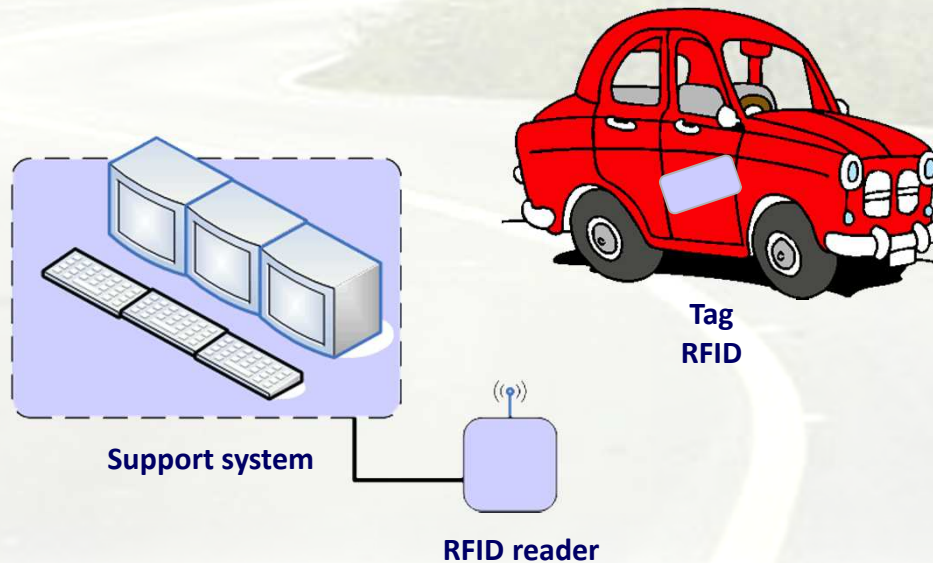
Radio Frequency ID

**VANET**

Vehicular Ad hoc NETwork

**Architecture**  
Tag onboard  
Reader on the road

**V2I**





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**Location system**

**RFID**

Radio Frequency ID

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Vehicular Ad hoc NETwork

**Architecture**  
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**I2V**

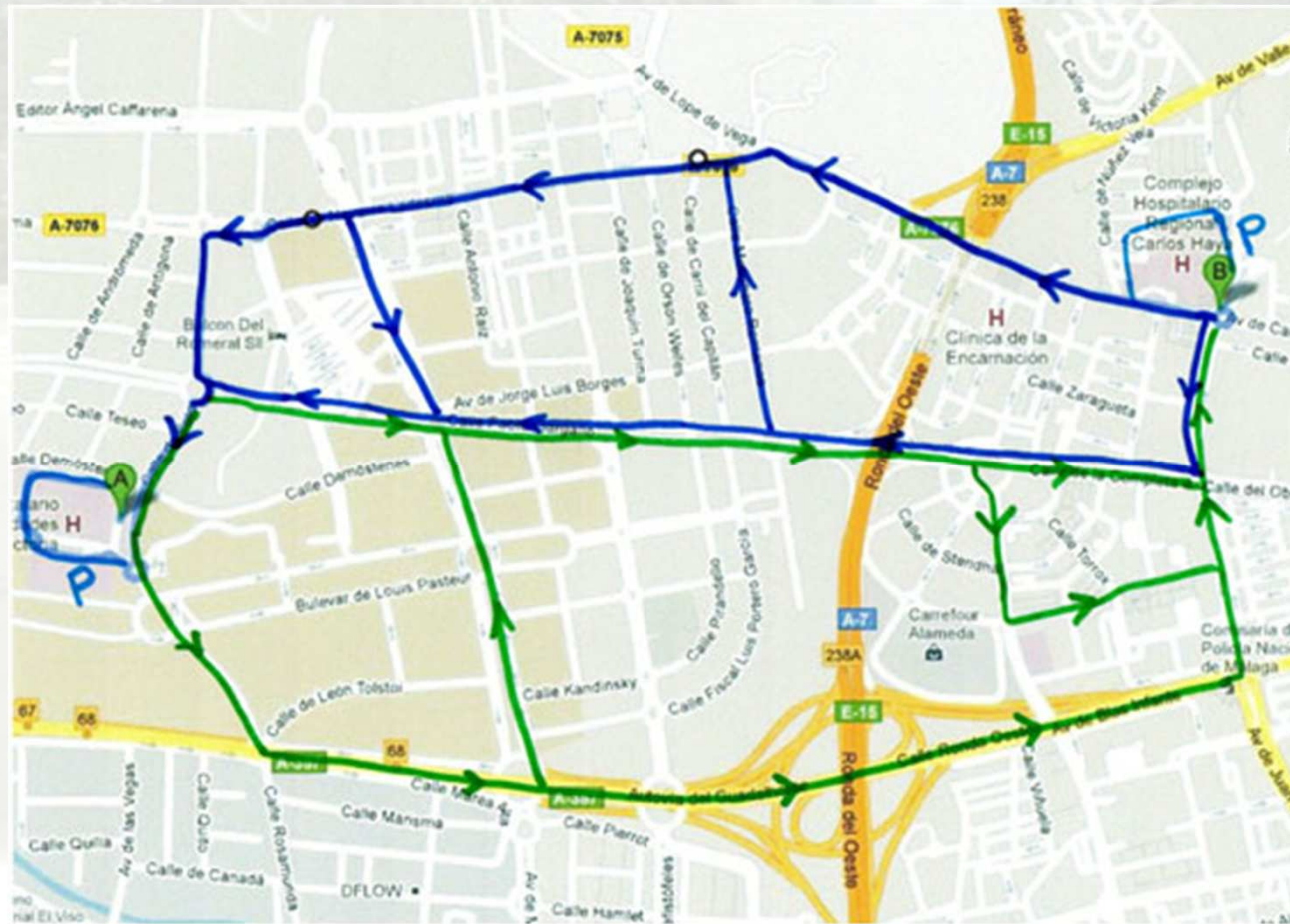


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## Control places

## Main crossroads are identified





## Control places

**Significant crossroads (nodes) are selected and pointed out by a RFID tag:**

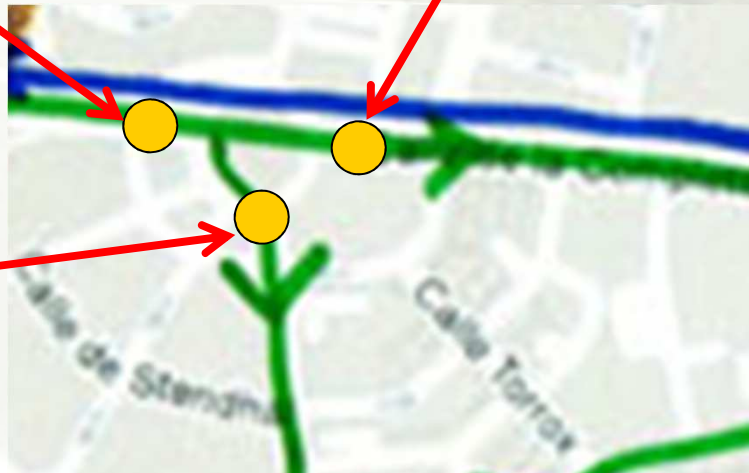
**Information points,  $ID_{loc}$ :** is assigned to points after the node.

**Decision points:** before the node.

**RFID tag (decision point)**

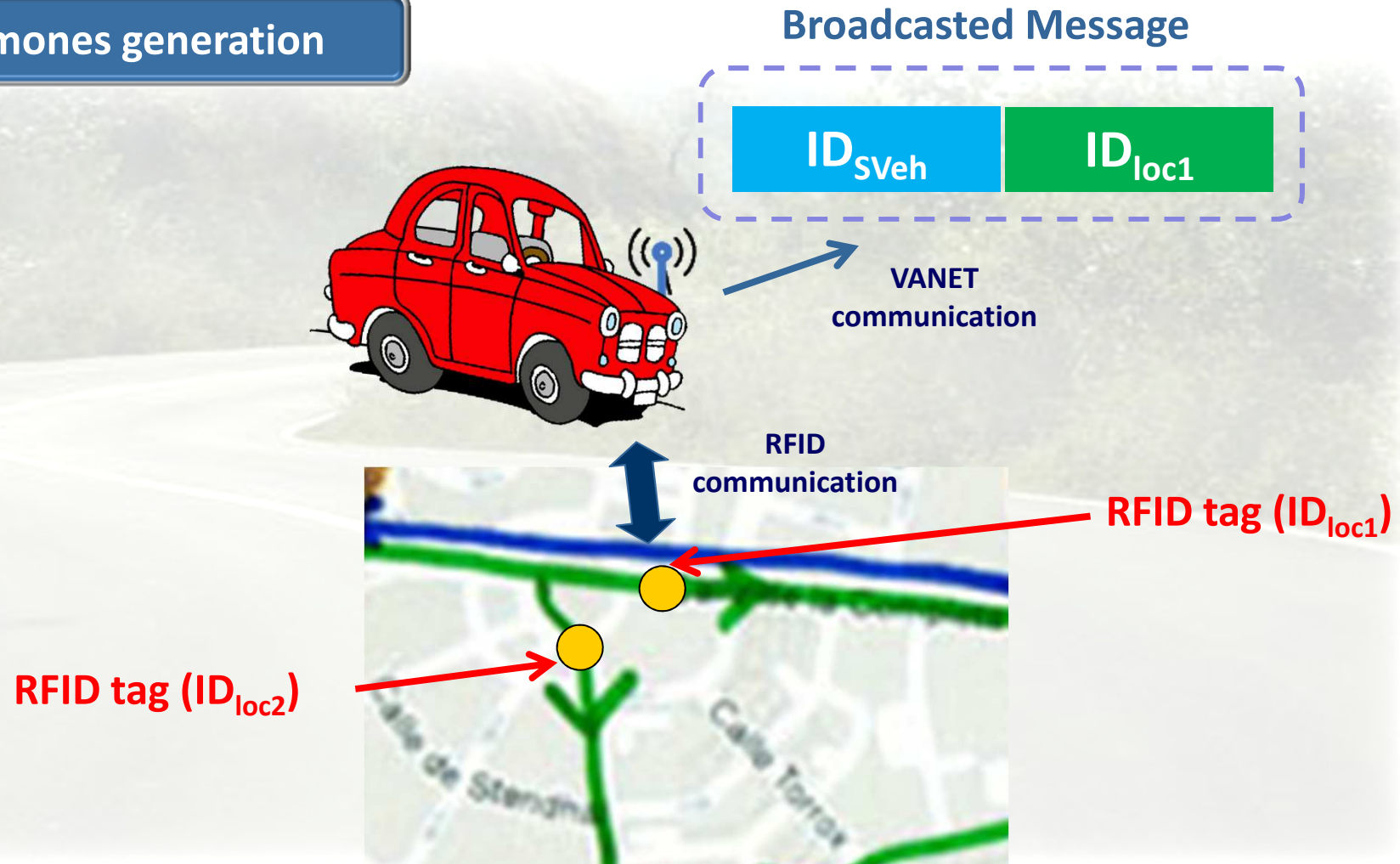
**RFID tag ( $ID_{loc1}$ )**

**RFID tag ( $ID_{loc2}$ )**





## Pheromones generation





## Route Selection

Vehicle reads its internal variables

...	...
$ID_{loc1}$	80
$ID_{loc2}$	65
...	...



RFID  
communication



RFID tag ( $ID_{loc1}$ )

RFID tag ( $ID_{loc2}$ )



## Disappearing Effect

Vehicles decrease the content of the internal variables proportionally to the time elapsed

Vehicle are not synchronized between them.  
They do not use global clock, but internal time reference

Location	Pherom.	Message arrival time
...	...	...
ID <sub>loc1</sub>	80	12:31:45
ID <sub>loc2</sub>	65	13:23:07
...	...	...

**Current  
internal time**  
  
**13:35:02**

$\Delta t$  : Current time – Arrival time  
 $\gamma$  : Decreasing coefficient

$$\text{New Pher. Level} = \text{Pher. Level} - \Delta t \cdot \gamma$$

# Prototype

## Real scenario:

## Routes between two main hospitals in Málaga

- “Carlos Haya” University Regional Hospital
- “Virgen de la Victoria” University Clinical Hospital







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● Control places

Prototype

Simplified scenario





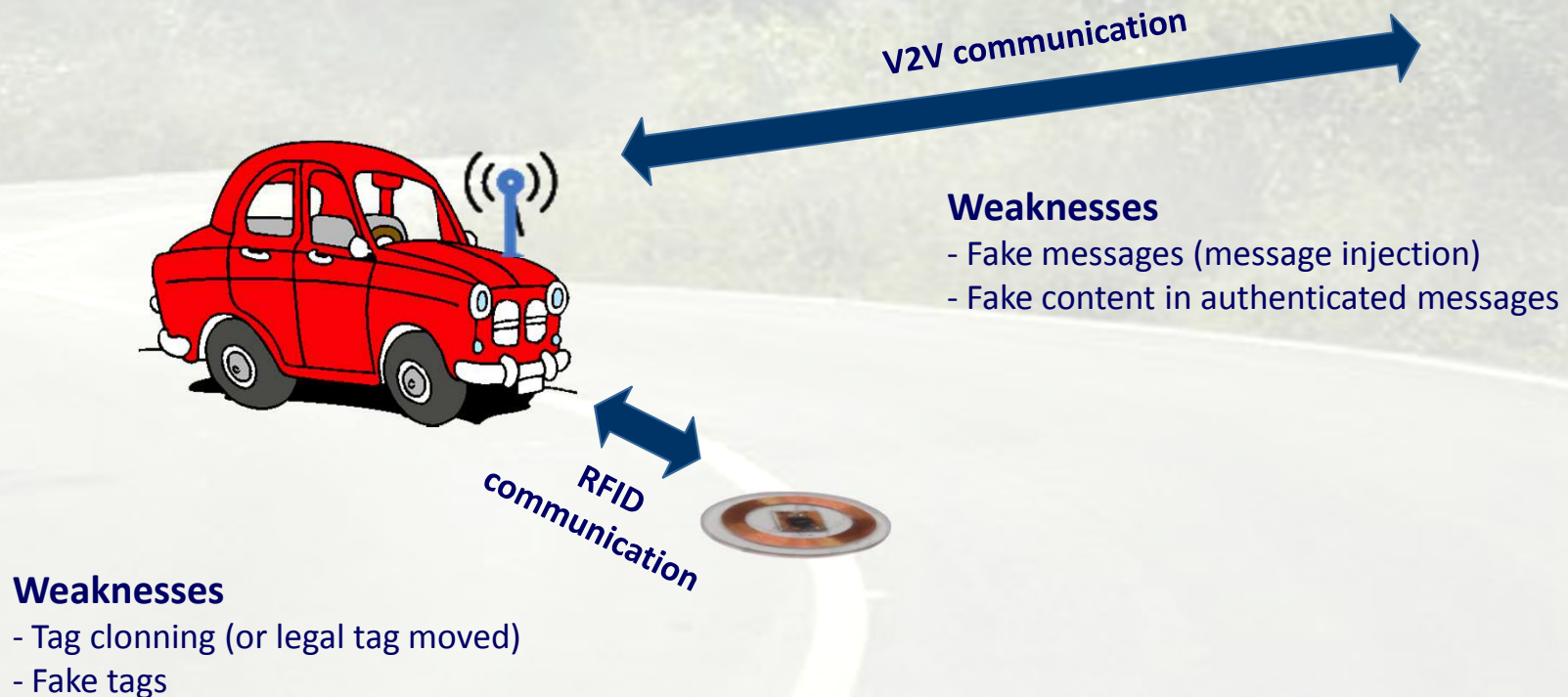
## Prototype

- RFID tag – Decision places
- RFID tag – Pheromones Generation places
- RFID tag – Internal uses





## Security Issues







## Security Issues

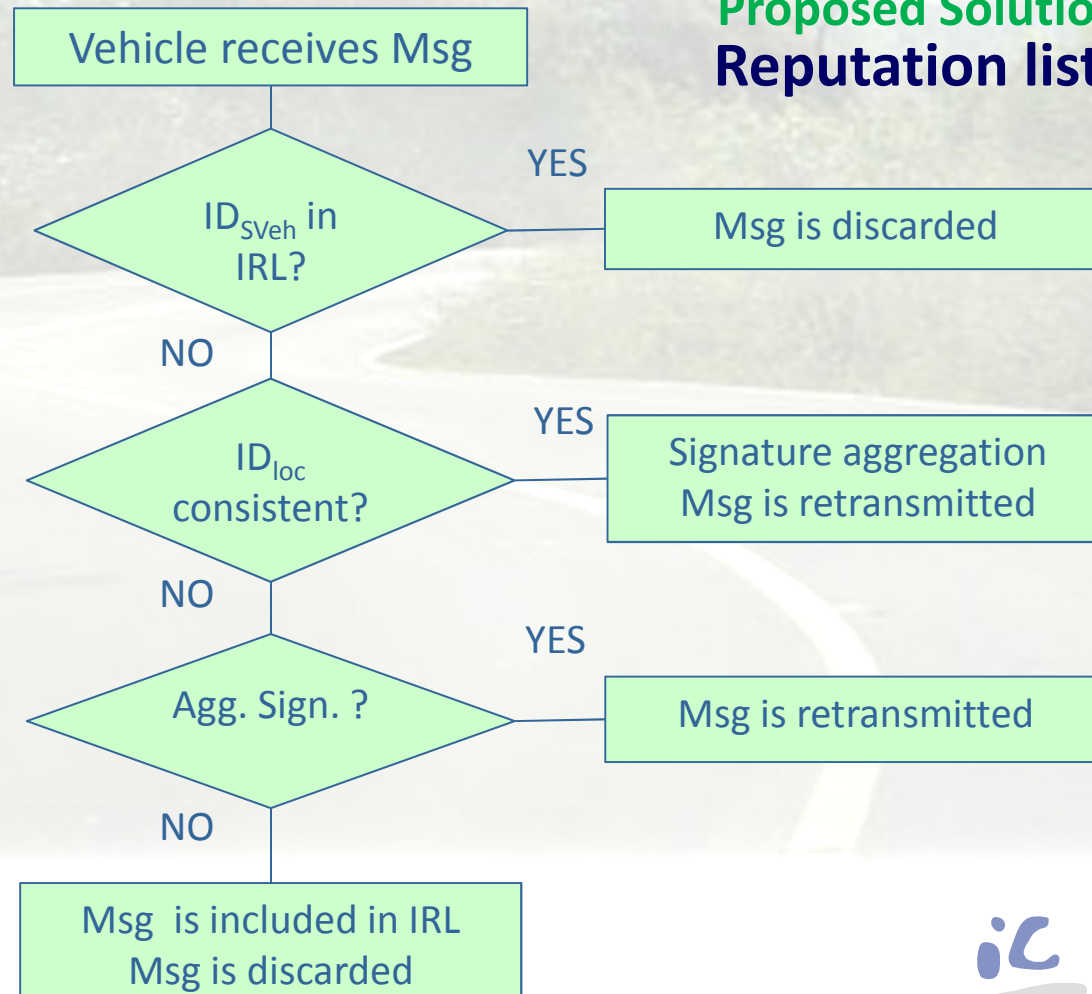
### General Considerations

- Authentication is the main security mechanism
- Confidentiality is not necessary
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## Security Issues



## Main threat

### Fraudulent messages:

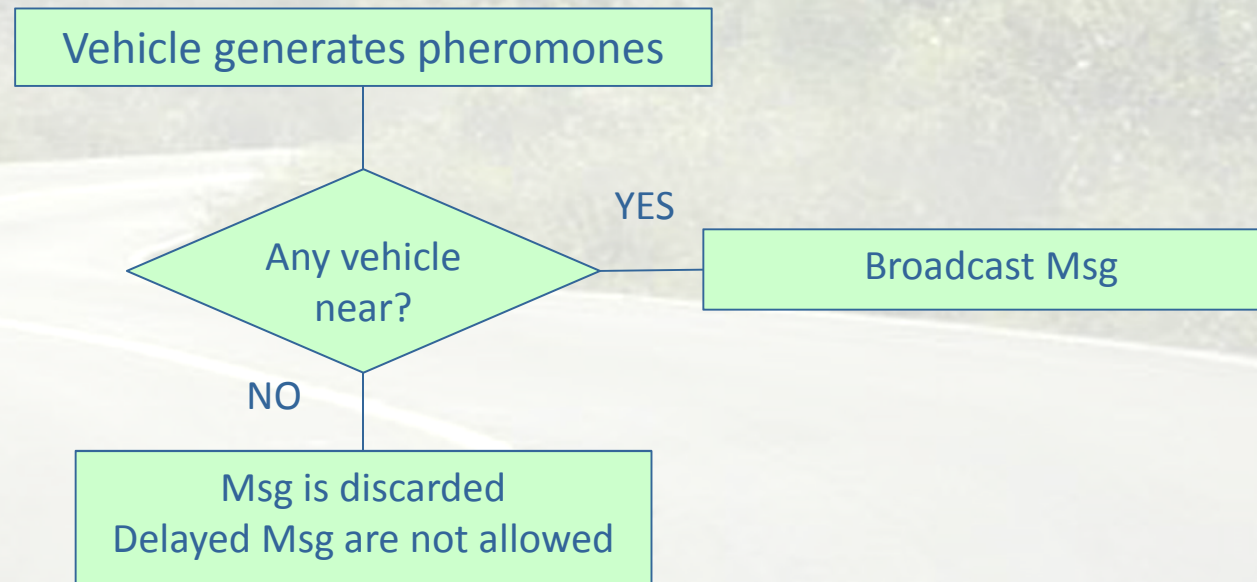
Authenticated messages with false content

## Proposed Solution

### Reputation lists and Data Aggregation



## Security Issues







## Security Issues

## Analysis of potential attacks

### 1.- False messages

Detected by means of usual auth mech. In VANETS

### 2.- False content (fraudulent messages)

Detected by IRL+Agg Sig

IMPLICIT SECURITY: The effect of one faked Msg is negligible

### 3.- False content flooding

Detected by IRL+Agg Sig. and the repetition frequency

IMPLICIT SECURITY: The attacker must decrease the frequency of messages to avoid detection. Hence the effect is negligible



## Security Issues

## Analysis of potential attacks

### 4.- Conspiracy

Detected by IRL+Agg Sig.

IMPLICIT SECURITY: Many attackers are necessary. Hence the attack is not effective

### 5.- Discarding aggregated messages

IMPLICIT SECURITY:

If traffic density is low, the attack is not effective since the nodes are not saturated.

If traffic density is high, the attack is not effective since others vehicles will retransmit the same Msg.



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