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# Self-Driving Vehicles: The Path Forward with LIDAR and V2x Technologies

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# Background

**VLSI**



B.Eng.

**IBM**

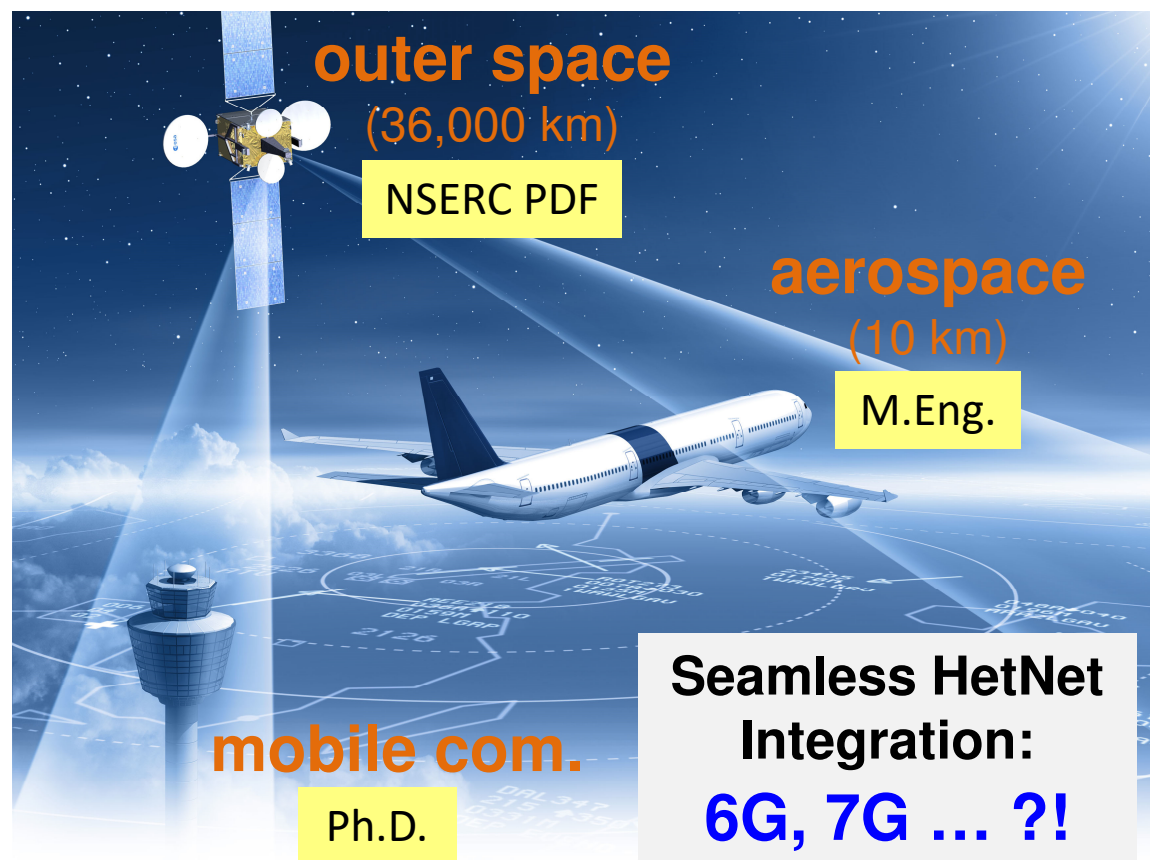


industry

**vehicular**



Marie-Curie Fellowship



# Sweden



“Sverige” or “Sweden”



- Population = 10M
- 3 major cities (Stockholm, Göteborg, Malmö)
- Europe's most innovative country!



## The Telegraph

How Sweden became the startup capital of Europe

Stockholm is the second most prolific tech hub in the world on a per capita basis, behind Silicon Valley. How did that happen and where does it go from here?



By Lauren Davidson, in Stockholm

10:26PM BST 28 Jun 2015



4,104 followers



# Chalmers



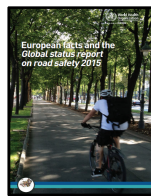
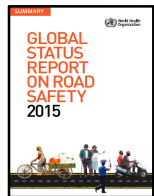
## “Göteborg” or “Gothenburg”

- 2<sup>nd</sup> largest city (like MTL!)
- Population = 500,000
- HQ of Volvo (founded in 1927)
- 2 Universities



- Chalmers (since 1829)
- “Sustainability”
- 17 Dept. (Signals & Systems)
- ComSys (largest group in Sweden)
- Research Focus (Vehicular, Cellular, PA, Optical, Coding, IT)

# Motivation



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## Road Traffic Fatalities (per capita)



~ 3,400 / day



~ 230 / day

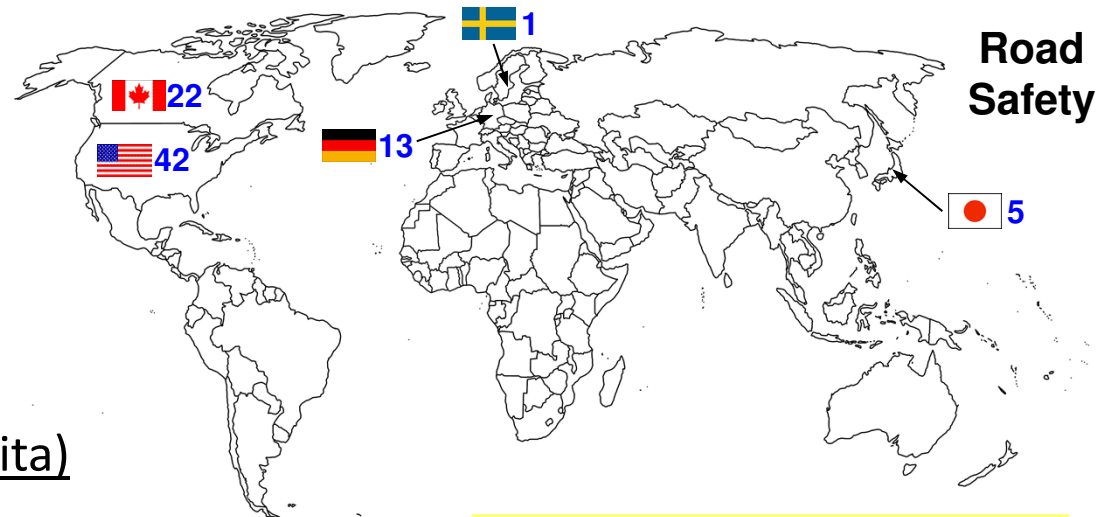


~ 0.7 / day

### Causes?

- careless driving
- speeding
- DUI (driving under the influence)

infrastructure, regulations  
and R&D



### Europe:

- safest roads w.r.t. world
- target: ↓50% (2020)



# Driverless Vehicles

- **Definition:** *vehicle that can by itself*

- Accelerate
- Break
- Steer.

- **Synonyms:**

- Self-Driving Car
- Automated Car
- Autonomous Vehicle
- Robotic Vehicle
- Robo Car
- Etc.

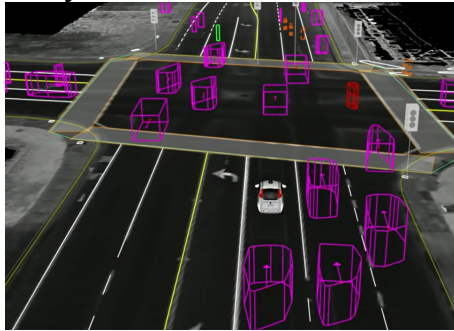
*Geometric awareness  
of the surrounding*



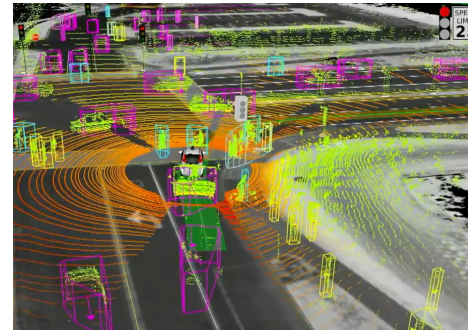
# Driverless is Complicated

- **Map/Sensors:**

- Only vehicles



- Pedestrians, Cyclist, Objects



- Unexpected Mobility
- Machine Learning
- Prediction Capability
- Complicated Computing
- Big Data (~ 1GB data/s)



# Type of Driverless Capability

- **Driver Assisted Vehicle:** (i.e. hands “**always**” on the wheel)
  - Offer support to a driver (augmented capability).
  - Keep a safe distance to nearby vehicles.
  - Keep car in the lane.
  - It’s legal to use!
  - e.g. **Volvo XC-90: “Pilot Assist”**



Incremental  
Deployment



Technological  
Leap



## **Semi-Autonomous Vehicle:** (i.e. hands “**sometimes**” on the wheel)

- When activated, the car drives itself.
- Driver is not responsible during “autonomous mode”.
- No legal framework yet! (special permit for testing: Gothenburg, CA, AZ,...)
- e.g. **Volvo Drive Me XC-90: “IntelliSafe Autopilot”**



## **Full-Autonomous Vehicle:** (i.e. there are “**no wheel/pedals**”)

- e.g. **Waymo** (a.k.a. “Google Car”)

# Volvo's “*Drive Me*” Project

- Biggest ever large-scale public trial of autonomous driving (alongside traditional vehicles).

- **Ecosystem – Partnership with 5 Key Organizations:**

- **Swedish Transportation Agency:**

- **Laws**



- **Swedish Transport Administration:**

- **Road Infrastructures**



- **City of Gothenburg:**

- **Sustainable Transportation**



- **Lindholmen Science Park:**

- **Vehicular R&D**



- **Autoliv (software):**

- **Advanced Driver Assistance Systems (ADAS)**
    - **Active Safety System**



Volvo (50%) & Autoliv (50%) merger for “autonomous driving” called “Zenuity” (Jan.2017)

# Volvo's “*Drive Me*” Project ...

- ~ 100 Self-driving Volvos in Gothenburg in 2017!



Video Link: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=asKvI8ybJ5U](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=asKvI8ybJ5U)

~ 70 km/hr

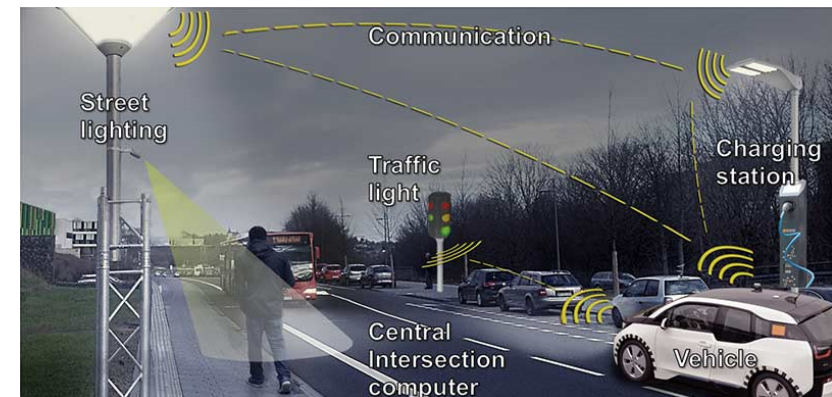
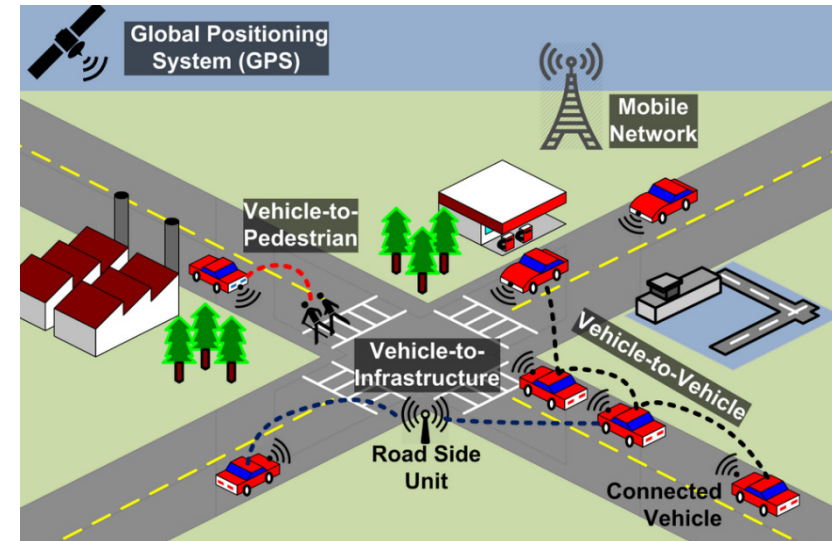


## System Features:

- 7 short/long range radars (60, 150m)
- 5 cameras
- frontal LIDAR (150m)
- 12 ultrasonic sensors
- network of powerful computers (brain!)
- high performance GPS
- 3D digital map (V2I: traffic authorities digital center)
- multiple system redundancies

# What about V2x?

- LIDAR & V2x enhances:
  - Road-Safety
  - Traffic Efficiency
  - Energy Consumption
- Sharing critical information among:
  - Network & Road-side units (V2I)
  - Vehicles (V2V)
  - Pedestrians



# V2x Enablers

- **Standard:** (interoperability = common language!)



Volvo  



Google car 



Ligier EZ-10 

- **IEEE 802.11p** (DSRC: Direct Short Range Com.) **Ready!**
- **4G/LTE-A** (rel.14: D2D+)
- **5G** (~ 2023)



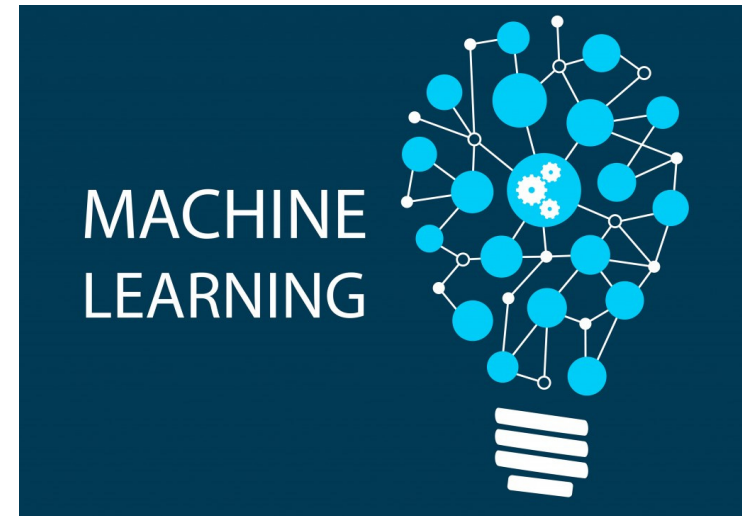
**5.9GHz**  
(unlicensed)



# My 2-cents

- **Short-term (2020-2030):**
  - 802.11p (**local**)
- **Long-term (2030-2050):**
  - 5G+ (**regional**)
    - Network
    - Base Station
    - Cloud
    - Internet

Slow, but it represents  
the future!!



Share the knowledge to all  
the kids in the region



# 5G Reliability Vision

| Metrics                 | 4G                      | 5G                          | Change?                  |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>Data-Rate</b> (peak) | up to 100 Mbps          | up to 10 Gbps               | <b>X100 fold</b>         |
| <b>Densification</b>    | 1,000 / km <sup>2</sup> | 1 Million / km <sup>2</sup> | <b>X1000 fold</b>        |
| <b>Power</b>            | P <sub>0</sub>          | P <sub>0</sub> /10          | <b>↓90%</b> (from 2010)  |
| <b>Latency</b>          | ~25 ms                  | ~5-10 ms                    | <b>↓60~80%</b>           |
| <b>Reliability</b>      | 10 <sup>-4</sup>        | 10 <sup>-5</sup>            | <b>X10 more reliable</b> |

≤ 1/10,000

≤ 1/100,000  
(semi-autonomous)

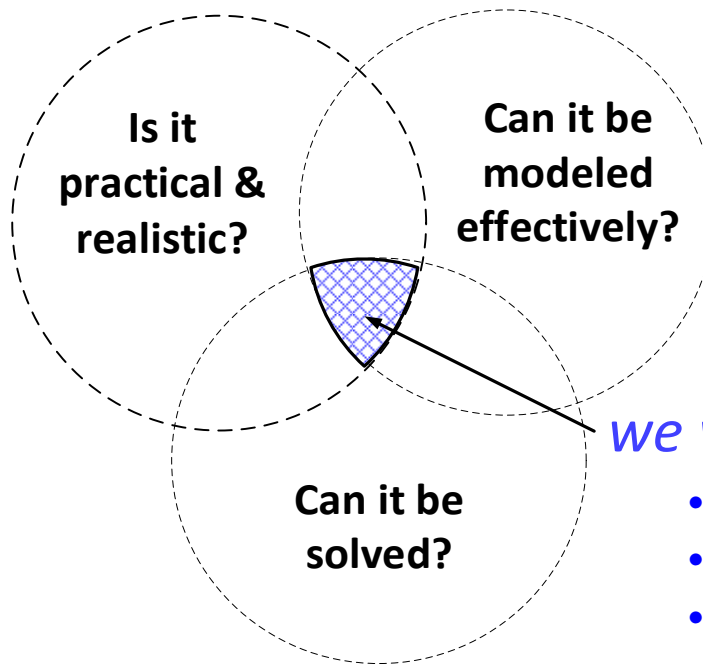
≤ 10<sup>-9</sup>  
(full-autonomous)



PHY/MAC  $p_{out} \leq 10^{-x} \quad x < 5$  **Not Easy!** → **Design!** → **Modeling!**

# Effective Modeling

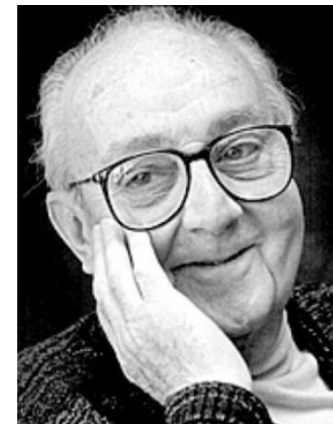
*"Essentially, all models are wrong, but some are useful."*  
– Prof. George E.P. Box (statistics, 1919-2013)



*we want this*

- *practical*
- *modelable*
- *solvable*

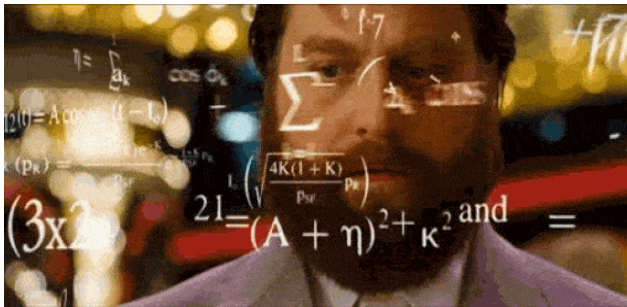
**Complicated!!**



# Effective Modeling ...

## Analysis:

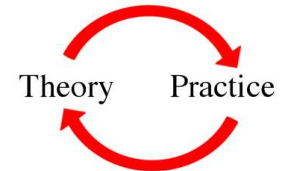
*Offer understanding of the basic fundamentals (all the nitty-gritty).*



**"affordable"**

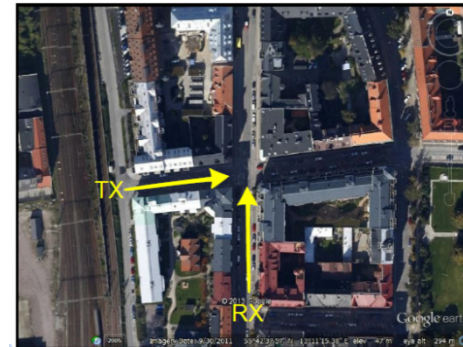
**"design"**

**"iterative"**



## Measurements:

*Give a sense of realism to the research (data collection, etc).*



**"time-consuming"**

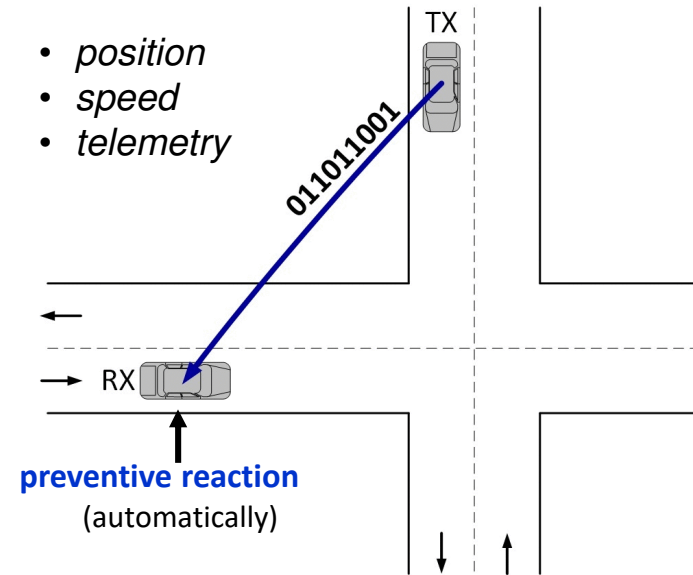
**"compatibility"**

# Intersection Problem



~ 6,000,000 crashes/yr  
~ **40%** at the intersection!

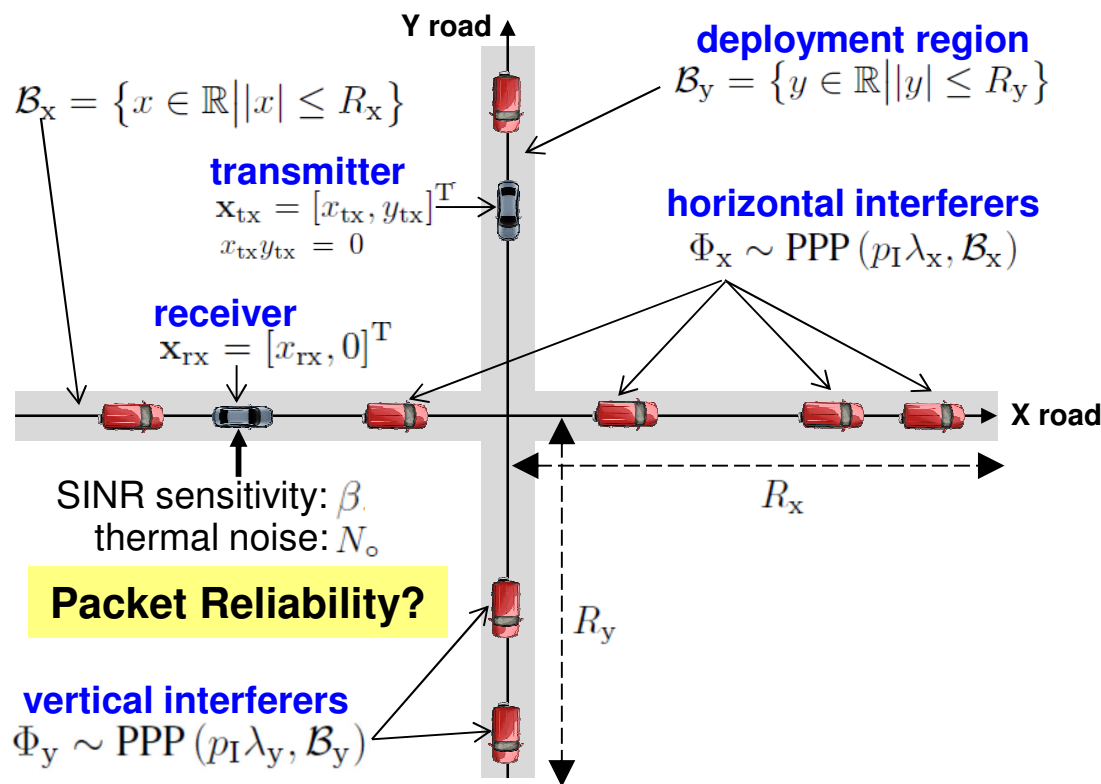
- position
- speed
- telemetry



**“Packet Reliability”**

↓  
**Road Safety**

# Network Model



**transmit power**  
 $P_o$

**Aloha transmit probability:**  
 $p_I$



$$\Phi = \{\mathbf{x}_i\}_{i=1,2,\dots,n} \sim \text{PPP}(\lambda, \mathcal{B})$$

## Poisson Point Process (PPP)

- (1) region:  $\mathcal{B} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^d$
- (2) intensity:  $\lambda \text{ [\#/m}^d\text{]}$
- (3) no. points:  $n \sim \text{Pois}(\bar{n})$ ;  $\bar{n} = \lambda |\mathcal{B}|$
- (4) positions:  $\mathbf{x}_i \sim \mathcal{U}(\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{B})$

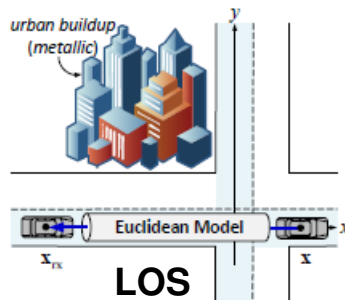
# Channel Model

## Link Budget:

$$P_{\text{rx}}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}_{\text{rx}}) = P_o \overset{\text{channel losses}}{L_{\text{ch}}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}_{\text{rx}})} \simeq P_o \overset{\text{path loss}}{\ell(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}_{\text{rx}})} \overset{\text{fast fading (Rayleigh)}}{L_f(\mathbf{x}) \sim \text{Exp}(1)}$$

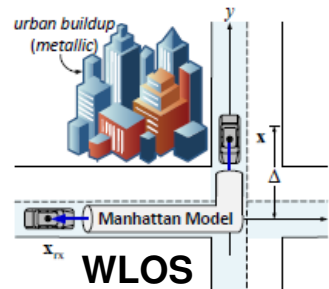
$\uparrow$  power received       $\uparrow$  power transmitted       $\uparrow$  path loss

## Path Loss for Urban Intersection:



$$\ell(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}_{\text{rx}}) = A_o \|\mathbf{x}_{\text{rx}} - \mathbf{x}\|^{-\alpha}$$

inverse power law model

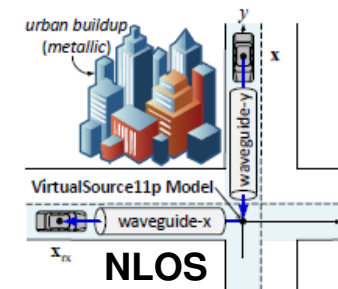


$$\ell(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}_{\text{rx}}) = A_o (\|\mathbf{x}\| + \|\mathbf{x}_{\text{rx}}\|)^{-\alpha}$$

$$\min(\|\mathbf{x}\|, \|\mathbf{x}_{\text{rx}}\|) \leq \Delta$$

$$\Delta = 10 \sim 15\text{m}$$

Manhattan model



$$\ell(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}_{\text{rx}}) = A'_o (\|\mathbf{x}\| \|\mathbf{x}_{\text{rx}}\|)^{-\alpha}$$

$$\min(\|\mathbf{x}\|, \|\mathbf{x}_{\text{rx}}\|) > \Delta$$

$$A'_o < A_o (\Delta/2)^\alpha$$

VirtualSource11p model

measurement campaigns:  
5.9 GHz



Accurate model!

# Success Probability (SP)

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{P}_c(\beta, \mathbf{x}_{\text{TX}}, \mathbf{x}_{\text{RX}}) &= \Pr(\overset{\text{observed at RX}}{\text{SINR}} \geq \overset{\text{threshold}}{\beta}) \\
 \text{SINR} &= \frac{\overset{\text{wanted link}}{L_f \ell(\mathbf{x}_{\text{TX}}, \mathbf{x}_{\text{RX}})}}{\underset{\text{aggregate interference}}{I} + \underset{\text{normalized noise}}{N_o/P_o}} \\
 \mathcal{P}_c(\beta, \mathbf{x}_{\text{TX}}, \mathbf{x}_{\text{RX}}) &= \mathbb{E}_I \{ \Pr(\overset{\text{isolate for fading from TX}}{L_f} \geq \beta(\gamma_o + I) / \ell(\mathbf{x}_{\text{TX}}, \mathbf{x}_{\text{RX}})) \} \\
 &= \mathbb{E}_I \{ \exp(-\beta(\gamma_o + I) / \ell(\mathbf{x}_{\text{TX}}, \mathbf{x}_{\text{RX}})) \} \\
 &\quad \text{averaged over all PPP realizations} \\
 &= \exp(-\beta\gamma_o / \ell(\mathbf{x}_{\text{TX}}, \mathbf{x}_{\text{RX}})) \mathbb{E}_I \{ \exp(-\beta' I) \} \\
 &\quad \text{CCDF of Rayleigh fading: "Exp(1)"} \quad \text{cap on SP} \quad \text{degradation to SP} \\
 &\quad \mathcal{P}_{\text{noint}} \quad \text{deterministic (no interference)} \quad \text{random (interference)} \\
 &\quad \text{PPPs} \\
 &\quad I = I_x + I_y = \sum_{\mathbf{x} \in \Phi_x \cup \Phi_y} L_f(\mathbf{x}) \ell(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}_{\text{RX}})
 \end{aligned}$$

# Interference from other Vehicles

$$\mathcal{P}_c(\beta, \mathbf{x}_{\text{tx}}, \mathbf{x}_{\text{rx}}) = \mathcal{P}_{\text{noint}} \underbrace{\mathcal{P}_x \mathcal{P}_y}_{\text{interference}}$$

## Horizontal Interferers:

$$\mathcal{P}_x = \exp(-p_I \lambda_x \zeta \mathcal{X}(R_x))$$

$$\mathcal{X}(R_x) = g_o\left(\alpha, \frac{(R_x + \|\mathbf{x}_{\text{rx}}\|)}{\zeta}\right) + g_o\left(\alpha, \frac{(R_x - \|\mathbf{x}_{\text{rx}}\|)}{\zeta}\right) \mathbf{1}_{\|\mathbf{x}_{\text{rx}}\| \leq R_x} - g_o\left(\alpha, \frac{-(R_x - \|\mathbf{x}_{\text{rx}}\|)}{\zeta}\right) \mathbf{1}_{\|\mathbf{x}_{\text{rx}}\| > R_x}$$

↑  
road segment

$$g_o(\alpha, \vartheta) \triangleq \vartheta {}_2F_1\left(1, \frac{1}{\alpha}; \left(1 + \frac{1}{\alpha}\right); -\vartheta^\alpha\right)$$

path loss exponent

Gauss's hypergeometric

$$g_o(2, \vartheta) = \arctan(\vartheta)$$

e.g.

urban intersection

$$1 < \alpha < 2$$

## Vertical Interferers:

$$\mathcal{P}_y = \exp(-2p_I \lambda_y \zeta \mathcal{Y}(R_y))$$

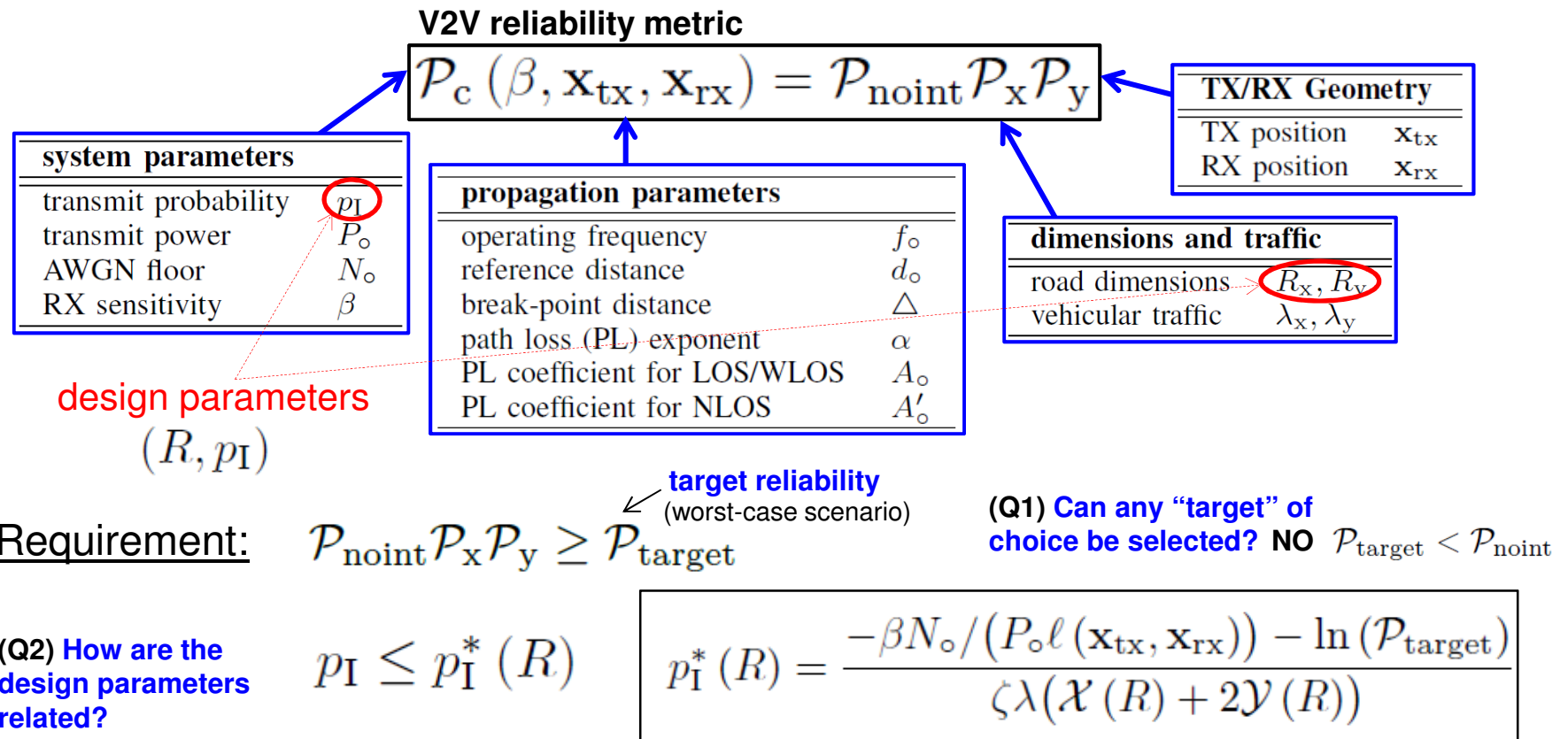
$$\mathcal{Y}(R_y) = -g_o\left(\alpha, \frac{\|\mathbf{x}_{\text{rx}}\|}{\zeta}\right) + g_o\left(\alpha, \frac{(R_y + \|\mathbf{x}_{\text{rx}}\|)}{\zeta}\right) \mathbf{1}_{\|\mathbf{x}_{\text{rx}}\| \leq \Delta} + g_o\left(\alpha, \frac{(\Delta + \|\mathbf{x}_{\text{rx}}\|)}{\zeta}\right) \mathbf{1}_{\|\mathbf{x}_{\text{rx}}\| > \Delta} + \frac{1}{\kappa} \left( g_o\left(\alpha, \frac{\kappa R_y}{\zeta}\right) - g_o\left(\alpha, \frac{\kappa \Delta}{\zeta}\right) \right) \mathbf{1}_{\|\mathbf{x}_{\text{rx}}\| > \Delta}$$

↑  
road segment

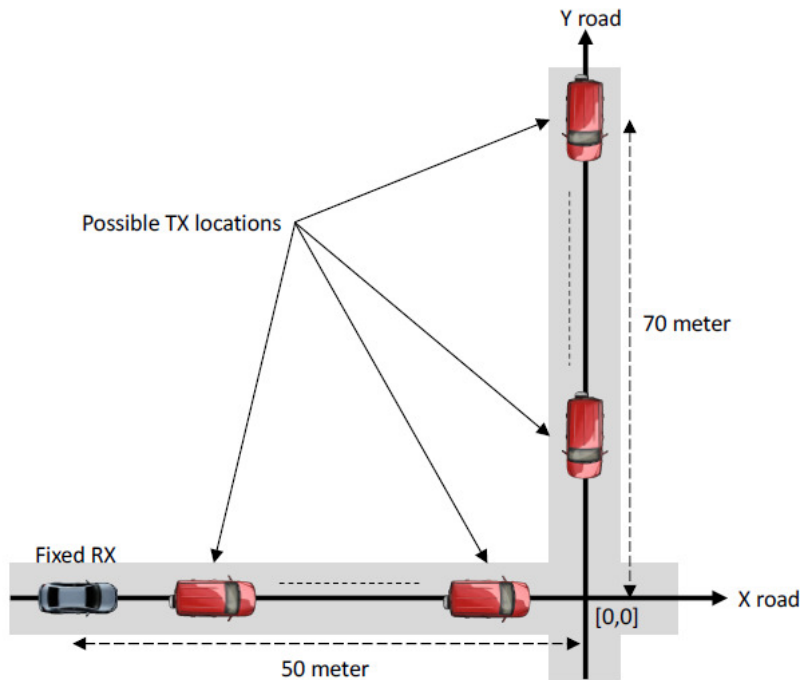
$$\zeta = (A_o \beta / \ell(\mathbf{x}_{\text{tx}}, \mathbf{x}_{\text{rx}}))^{1/\alpha}$$

$$\kappa = (A_o / A'_o)^{1/\alpha} \|\mathbf{x}_{\text{rx}}\|$$

# Design & Analysis



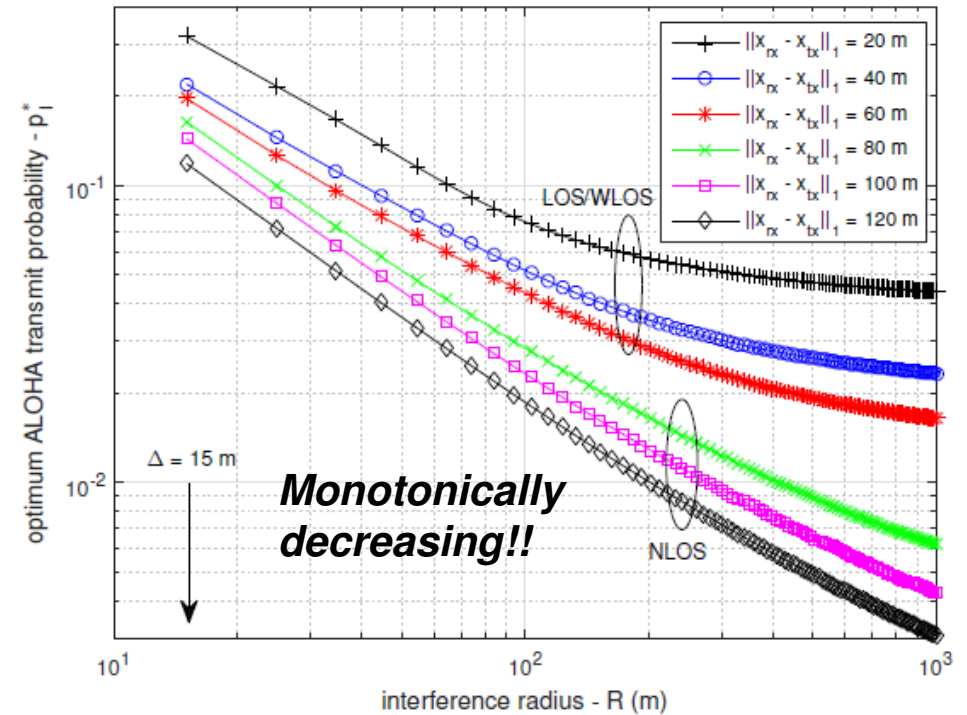
# Numerical Evaluation



RX: Fixed

TX: Movable

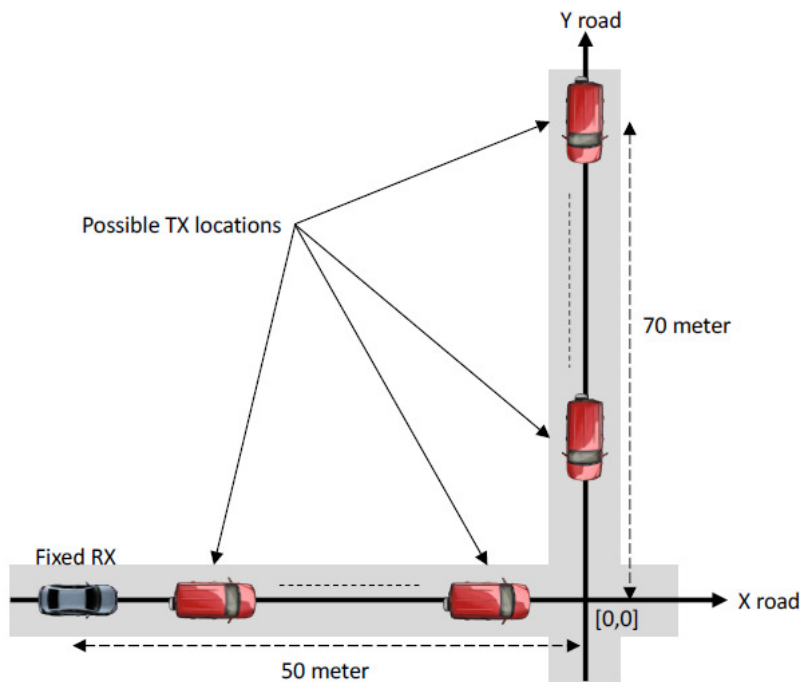
Interference Radius:  $R \in [\Delta, R_{\max}]$



$$\mathcal{P}_{\text{target}} < \mathcal{P}_{\text{noint}} = 0.966$$

$$\mathcal{P}_{\text{target}} = 0.9$$

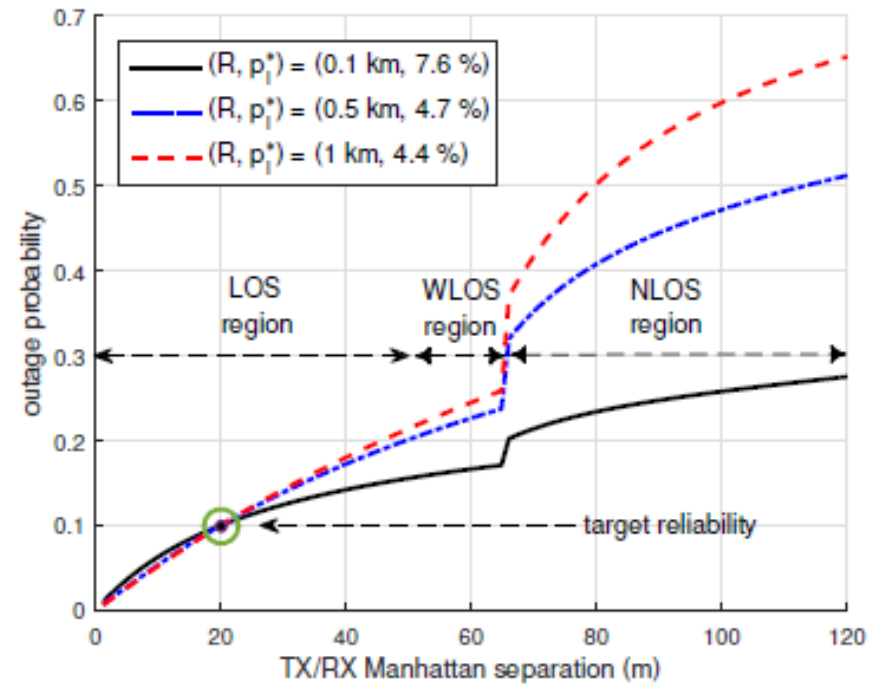
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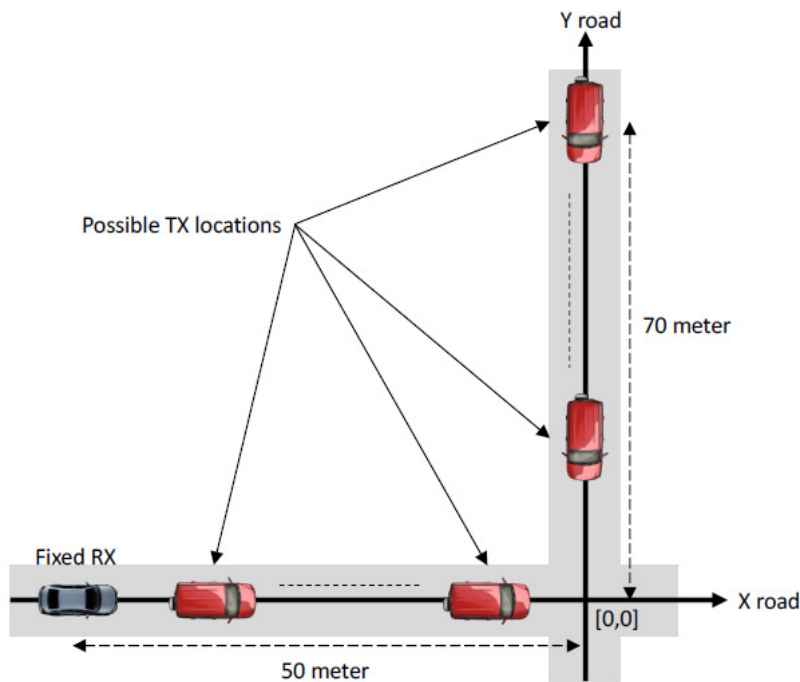
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**Meet the target for: LOS**

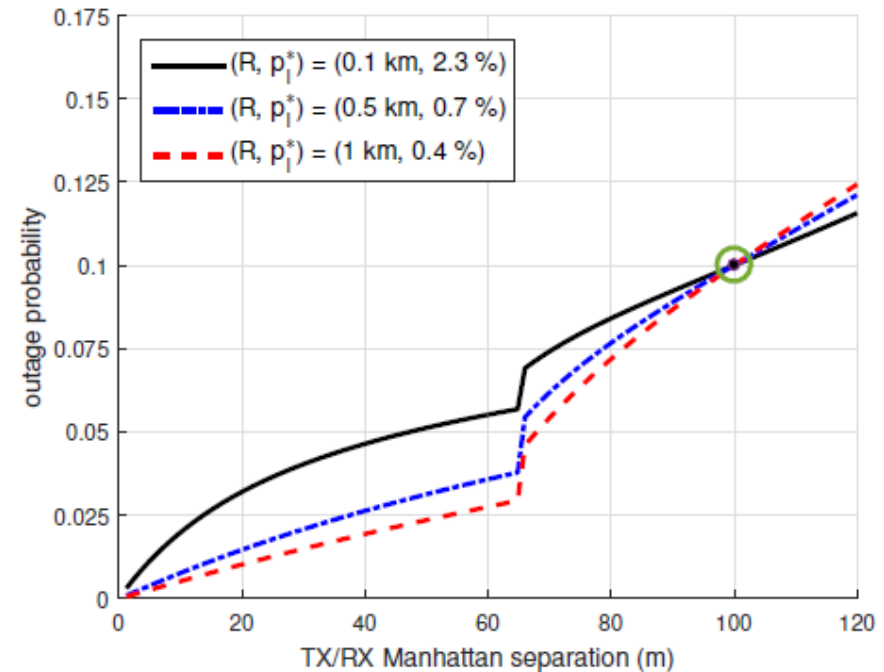
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**RX:** Fixed

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(e)  $p_I^* (R)$  designed for  $\|\mathbf{x}_{\text{rx}} - \tilde{\mathbf{x}}_{\text{tx}}\|_1 \leq 100$

**Meet the target for: LOS, WLOS, NLOS**

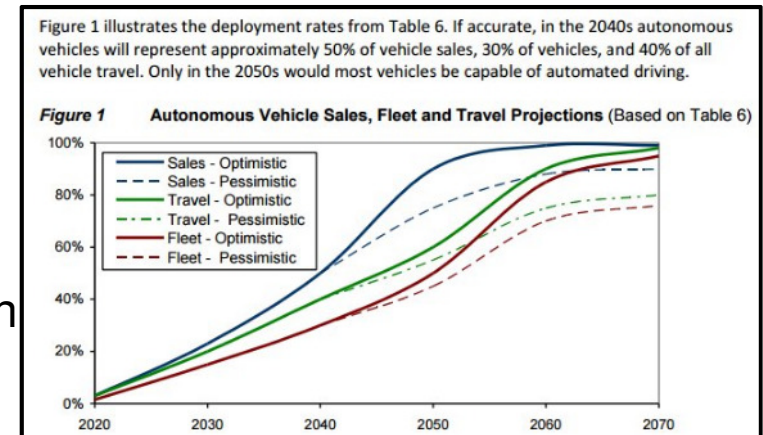
# Observation

- Beneficial to limit interference to a **small spatial region**; while allowing **more simultaneous transmitters**.
- We also evaluated the SP over different:
  - Environments: Suburban vs. Urban
  - Interference: Finite vs. Infinite interferes.
  - Traffic: Random vs. Deterministic (predictable, for driverless!)

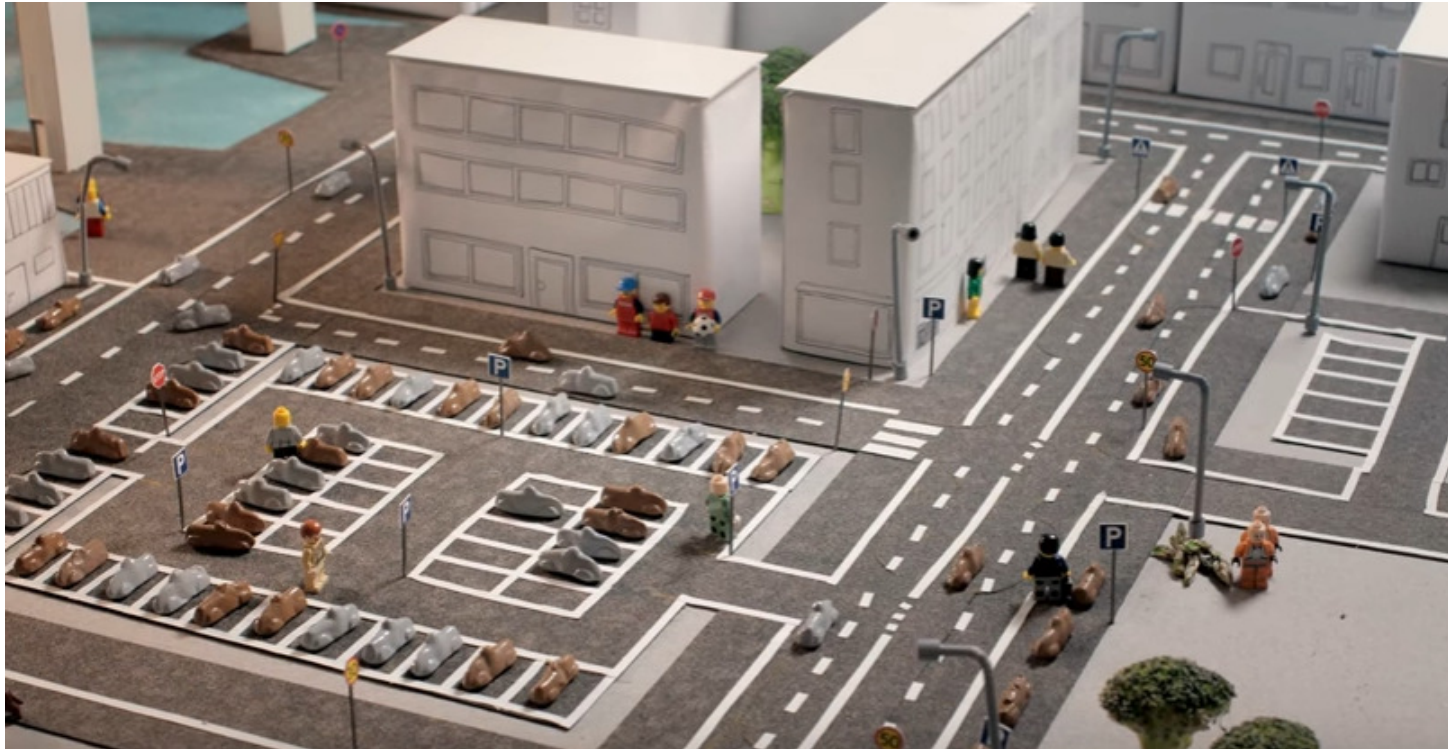
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# Conclusion

- Humans are terrible drivers.
- Driverless vehicle is the future.
- Full autonomy by all vehicles requires both
  - Sensors/LIDAR (ready!)
  - V2x communications (in the making!)
- 5G-V2x standard/deployment/business model is yet to be realized.
- A lot of research work is ought to be done: traffic/control, proof-of-concept, analysis, simulators, channel models, measurements campaigns, ...
- High performance & low latency is Critical:
  - Spatial Diversity (multi-antenna)
  - Smart Resource Allocation (controller, combinatorial optimization techniques)
  - Low-latency HARQ retransmission ( $\leq 3$  retransmissions)
  - High Performance MAC Protocol



# Captivate the Imagination: Full Autonomy



Video Link: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=WmYsWYDQxul](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WmYsWYDQxul)