

Motivation

Autonomous Driving Vehicles (ADV)

- low penetration at early market introduction stage...
- Interaction with conventional cars, use same road infrastructure
- Need to consider different reaction capabilities from conventional cars

Current ACC/C-ACC can help avoid collisions but not useful if

- it creates collision with following vehicle downstream
- leads to collisions onto itself (rear end collisions)

Aim: Coordinated maneuvering for rear end and front end collision avoidance

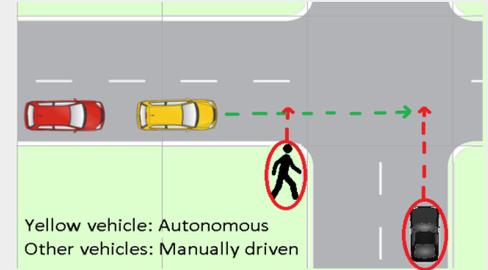


Fig. 1 A mix of conventional and autonomous vehicles

Methodology

Scenario:

- Mixed autonomous (A) and conventional (B) vehicles
- ADV leader, conventional vehicle follower
- Sudden road hazard:
 - Blind intersection collision
 - Blind pedestrian crossing

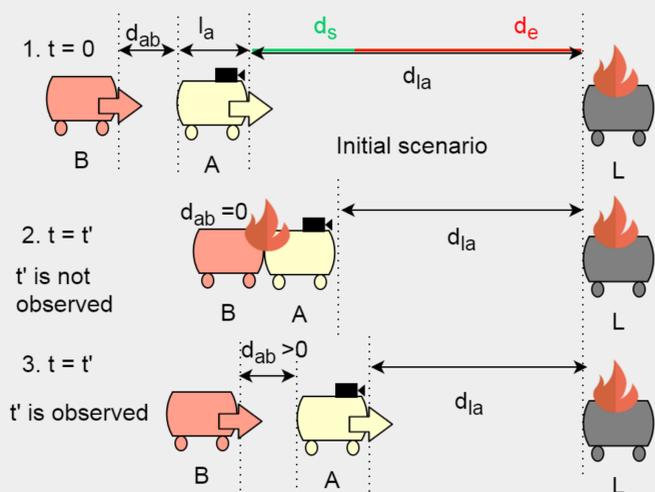


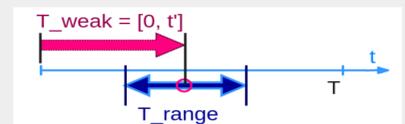
Fig. 3 Possible Scenarios

Challenges:

- Danger Detection Issues by ADV:
 - Short range - sensors (10-20m)
 - Mid-range - V2X communication (50-100m)
 - Long-range - no detection due to V2X communication fading
- Maneuvering Issues by ADV:
 - ADV only detect hazard at short range
 - ADV has no reaction time
 - ADV hard break - collision with preceding vehicle
 - ADV low break - collision with obstacle

Dynamic Deceleration Profile:

- T : total braking
- T_weak: weak braking
- t' - T : maximum braking
- T_range: range of t' for no collision



$$dece_A = \begin{cases} dece_{max} * t & \dots t \leq t' \\ dece_{max} & \dots t > t' \end{cases} \quad dece_B = \begin{cases} 0 & \dots t \leq t_{prt} \\ dece_{max} & \dots t > t_{prt} \end{cases}$$

Challenge: Optimal t' and breaking strength

Results

Determining t' from T_range

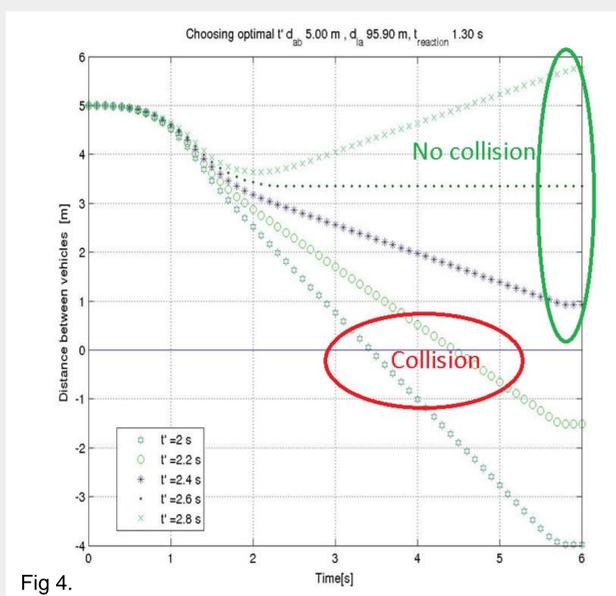


Fig 4.

- intersection with x-axis: A,B collide: t' too small
- all values of a sub-plot > 0: A, B do not collide: t' appropriate

Rear end and front end collisions based on t'

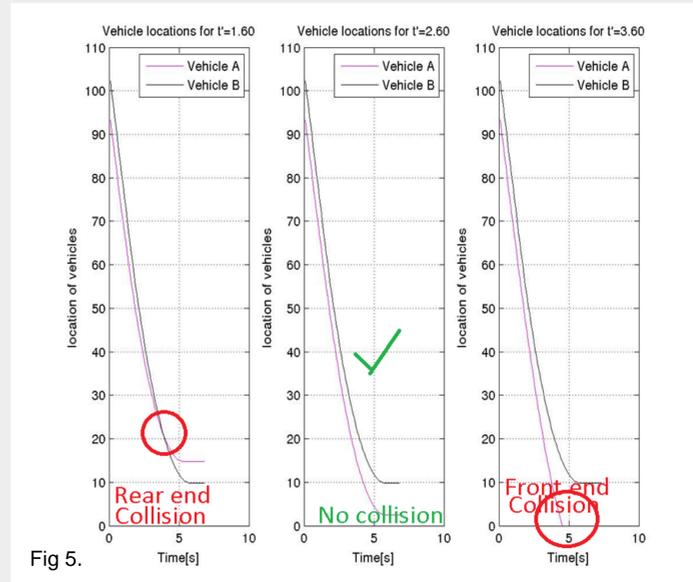


Fig 5.

- t' < T_range: rear end collision
- t' ∈ T_range: No collisions
- t' > T_range: Front end collision

Summary

- Consideration of influence of conventional vehicles onto autonomous vehicles and vice a versa: must for safe maneuvering
- Dynamic adaptation and cooperation with neighboring vehicles: possible with autonomous vehicles
- Future work: Feasibility of application on mixed platoons with multiple followers

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