

# The Airplug Software Suite

## for studying vehicular networks (and other dynamic networks)

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## Intelligent Transport Systems

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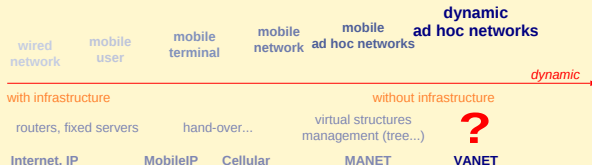
- Motivations
  - Improving transportation in terms of safety, mobility, productivity, environmental impact...
  - **main goals** : road fatalities, infrastructure management, new on-board services
- ITS applications
  - Infrastructure oriented applications  
for optimizing the infrastructure management  
(transit, freeway, freight, emergency organization...)
  - Vehicle oriented applications  
for increasing the road safety  
(crash prevention, alerts, visibility distance...)
  - Driver oriented applications  
for improving the road usage  
(traffic jam, road work information, payment...)
  - Passenger oriented applications  
for offering new services on board  
(Internet access, distributed games, tourist info...)



# Scientific issues

## Highly dynamic ad hoc networks

- Next step in networking and distributed alg.



- Impact of the dynamic
  - impact on **network** layers  
link (2), network (3), transport (4)
  - impact on **distributed algorithms**  
fault tolerance, data sharing...
  - impact on **trustful and security**  
who believe? what information is reliable?
  - algorithms necessary embedded  
optimizations depending on the context...



- Point of view : **dynamic networks are different !**  
re-thinking networking and distributed algorithms  
should be addressed simultaneously
- Work done and in progress
  - IEEE 802.11 study fairness, network capability
  - Messages forwarding conditional transmissions
  - Data flow transport transport protocols, V2I arch.
  - Distributed algorithms  
best-effort paradigm, self-stabilization...  
group-membership, data gathering...
  - Trust in distributed data
  - Security in dynamic ad hoc networks
  - Context aware optimizations
  - Airplug software suite and test-bed
- **Validation : theory ↔ practice**  
Modeling & proofs  
Simulation & analysis  
Prototyping & road test-beds



- Université de Technologie de Compiègne  
4200 students, master degree (engineer diploma)  
Research master (Intelligent Transport Systems), PhD  
<http://www.utc.fr>



- Heudiasyc Lab. from the UTC & CNRS  
Automatic, Computer Science, Networking, Knowledge...  
<http://www.hds.utc.fr>

- Vehicular networks team
- Intelligent vehicles team

several equipped cars



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- **Road anticipating**  
Regional grant DIVA, Heudiasyc - CREA 2004-2007
- **Network services for com. between mobiles objects**  
Industrial grant FTR&D 2004-2008
- **Co-operative Systems for Road Safety**  
"Smart Vehicles on Smart Roads"  
IP SafeSPOT, 6th PCRD / IST / eSafety 2006-2010
- **Distributed applications for dynamic networks**  
Regional grant Heudiasyc - LaRIA 2007-2010
- **Distributed system for vehicle dynamic evaluation**  
Regional grant Heudiasyc - MIS 2008-2011
- **Inter-vehicles cooperative perception for road safety**  
National project ANR JC, (Heudiasyc) 2008-2011
- **Data gathering from VANET to infrastructure**  
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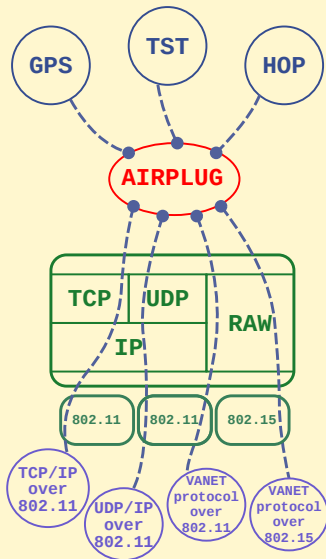
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## Process-based architecture



- Posix OS
- **core program**
  - user-space process
  - networking
- **applications**
  - user-space process
  - read on stdin
  - write on stdout
  - API close to IEEE WSMP
- ensure tasks and OS independence for robustness
- open to any programming language

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## Facilities for developing new protocols

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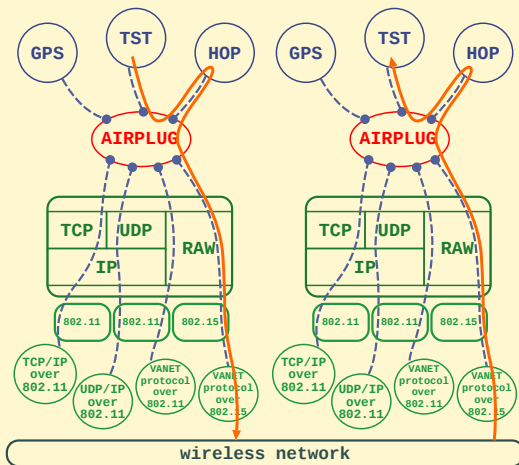
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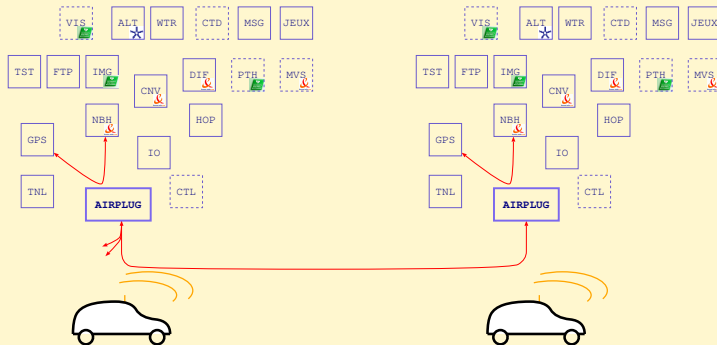
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- New protocols developed in user space processes
  - open to new networking solutions
  - cross-layer solutions facilitated



## • Airplug software suite

Applications for infrastructure, vehicles, drivers, passengers...



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|-----|----------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------|
| ALT | transmission d'alerte            | Y. Khaled                 | opérationnel |
| APG | Airplug + libapgtk               | B. Ducourthial            | opérationnel |
| BAS | application répartie de base     | A. Buisset                | opérationnel |
| BTP | Basic Transport Protocol         | F. El Ali                 | en cours     |
| BTH | Com. avec un téléphone Bluetooth | T. Lehmann et F. Birot    | à finaliser  |
| CHV | Discussions vocales              | groupe d'étudiants        | opérationnel |
| CNV | détection de convoi              | Y. Khaled                 | opérationnel |
| COL | collecte répartie                | A. Buisset                | en test      |
| DDS | diffusion optimisée              | B. Ducourthial            | opérationnel |
| DFF | diffusion fiable                 | A. Buisset, F. El Ali     | en cours     |
| EMU | émulateur de réseaux             | A. Buisset                | opérationnel |
| FTP | transfert de fichiers simple     | Y. Khaled                 | à finaliser  |
| GPS | lecture/génération GPS           | B. Ducourthial            | opérationnel |
| GRP | groupe dynamique                 | A. Buisset, S. Khalfallah | opérationnel |
| GTW | passerelle vers l'infrastructure | F. El Ali                 | opérationnel |
| HOP | transmission conditionnelle      | Y. Khaled                 | opérationnel |
| IMG | transfert d'images               | R. Kassab                 | à finaliser  |

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| IO  | <i>input/output</i>                     | B. Ducourthial           | opérationnel |
| LRD | calcul du meilleur chemin               | groupe d'étudiants       | opérationnel |
| MVS | message virtuellement stationnaire      | M. Bouassida             | à tester     |
| NET | application de contrôle                 | A. Buisset               | opérationnel |
| NBH | détection de voisinage                  | N. Eude                  | opérationnel |
| PRV | prévisibilité de route                  | Y. Khaled et A. Potelle  | opérationnel |
| PTH | maintien de chemin                      | F. El Ali                | en cours     |
| MAP | cartographie                            | A. Buisset               | opérationnel |
| MSG | messagerie instantanée                  | S. Khalfallah            | opérationnel |
| SCT | passerelle Scoot'R                      | F. El Ali                | opérationnel |
| SYB | détection de faux nœuds                 | V. Duong                 | en cours     |
| SER | service d'entraide réparti              | groupe d'étudiants       | opérationnel |
| RMT | accès distant via tunnel                | B. Ducourthial           | opérationnel |
| TAB | tableau blanc partagé                   | groupe d'étudiants       | opérationnel |
| TOF | téléchargement opportuniste de fichiers | groupe d'étudiants       | à tester     |
| TST | mesure de perf.                         | B. Ducourthial           | opérationnel |
| UNI | unison                                  | S. Pomportes et F. Petit | opérationnel |
| VID | transfert de vidéo                      | G. Delbary               | à finaliser  |
| WFM | <i>wave for manet</i> (collecte)        | A. Buisset               | opérationnel |
| WTR | alertes météo                           | Y. Khaled                | opérationnel |

- On the road : **airplug-road** [VTC 2009]
  - in Compiègne
- 2005 • in Michelin circuit near Clermont-Ferrand
- 2007 • test-bed with 6 cars with France Telecom R&D
- 2009 • test-bed with 7 cars with France Telecom R&D



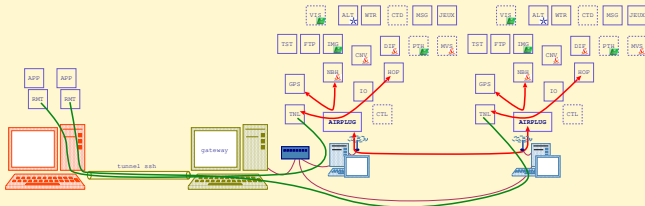
- On the road : **airplug-road** [VTC 2009]
- In the laboratory : **airplug-lab**
  - GPS position replaying
  - new trajectories derived  $\rightsquigarrow$  convoys
  - out of range messages filtered (soon)



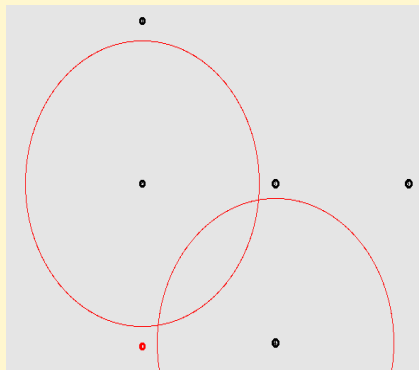
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  - using shell facilities
  - emulation of vehicular networks



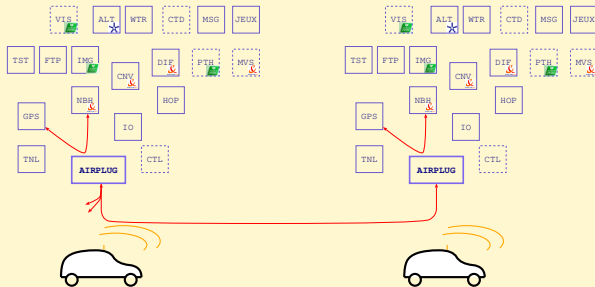
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  - **RMT** : an application for controlled remote access to the applications
  - portability of the applications  
transparent use either stand-alone, remotely or locally
  - heterogeneous vehicular networks emulation



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- **In all these usages, the same codes are used**



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## Application Programming Interface

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- **Addressing for dynamic networks** [WINITS 2007]
  - **area** : LCH, AIR, ALL
  - **applications** :
    - a given application
    - all those that subscribed to the sender app
  - Note : similarities with
    - IEEE WAVE Short Messages Protocol
    - messages-oriented frameworks (eg. JMS)
- Three **types of communication**
  - to simplify the development
  - *what, whatwho, whatwhowhere*
  - automatic guessing or safemode
- Libraries for **easy developments**  
eg. message formating
- Hierarchical makefile for **easy installation**



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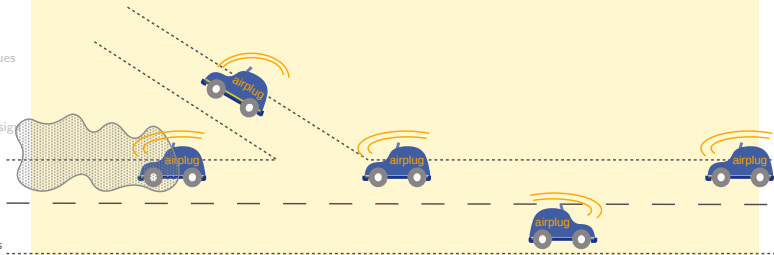
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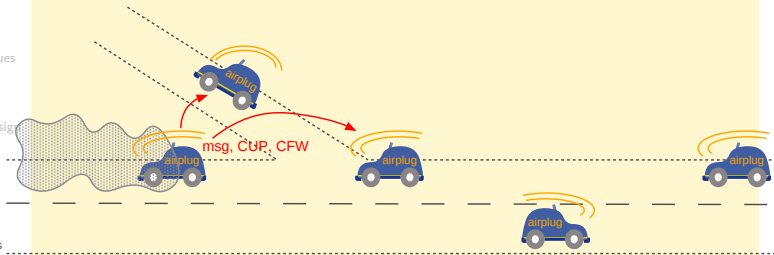




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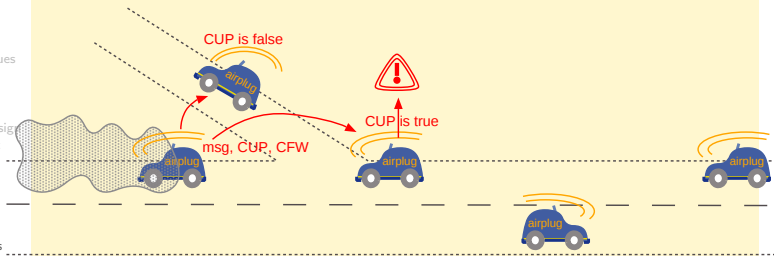
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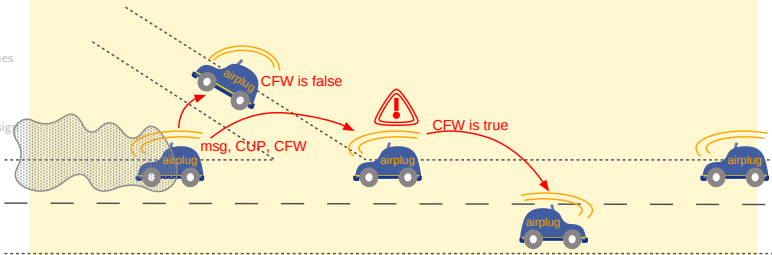
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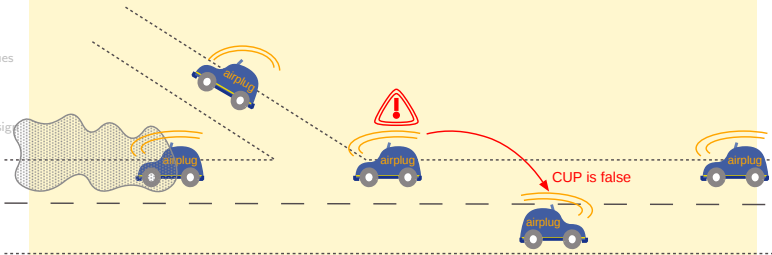
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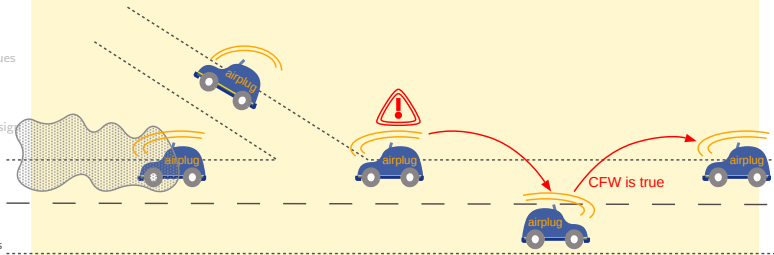
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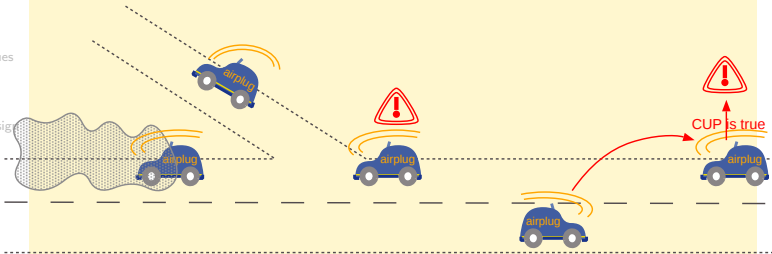
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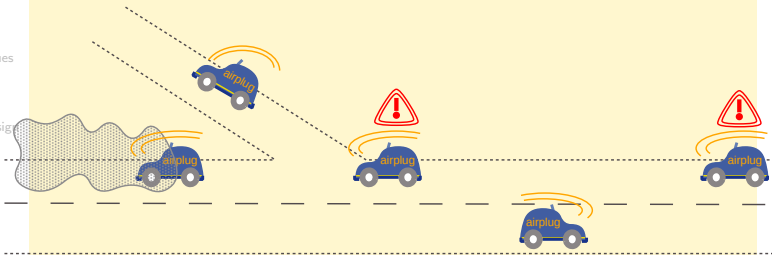
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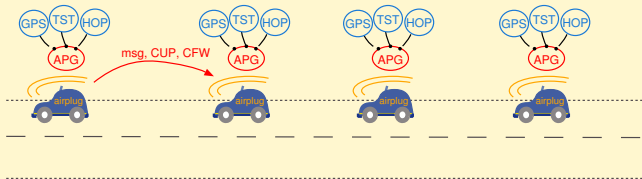
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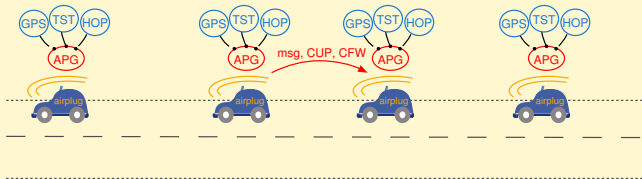


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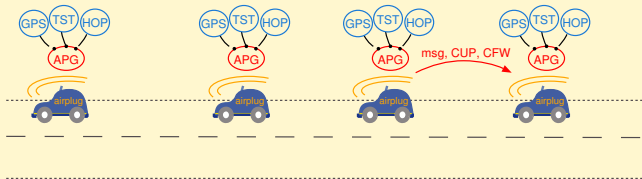




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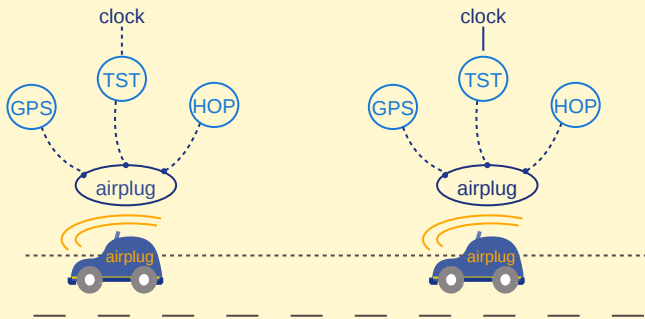
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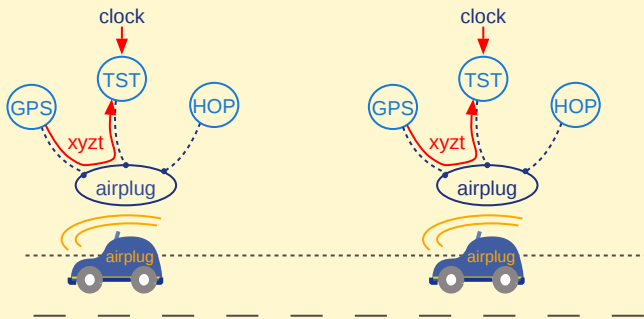
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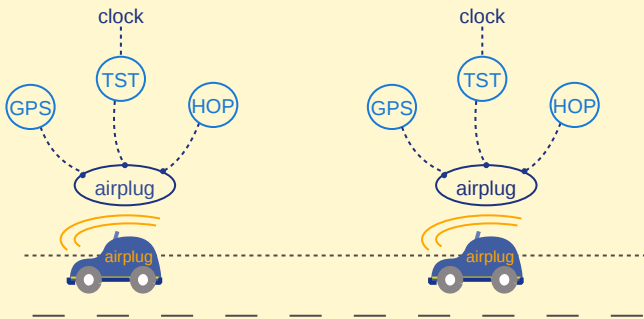
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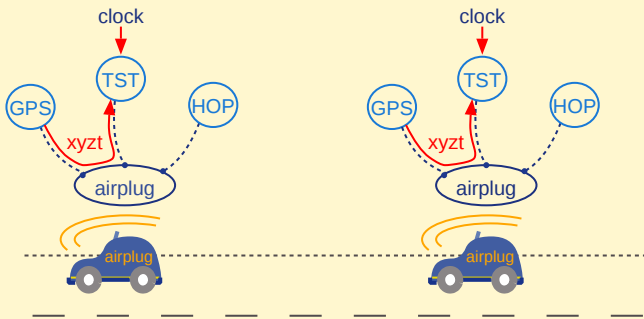
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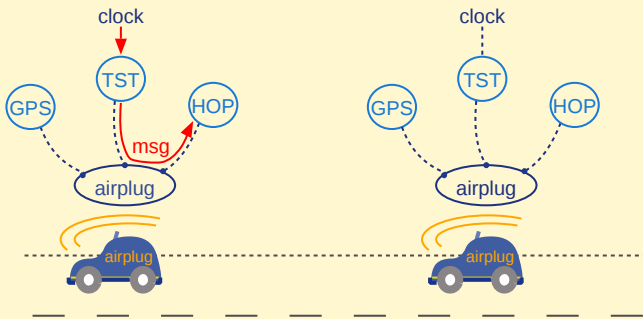
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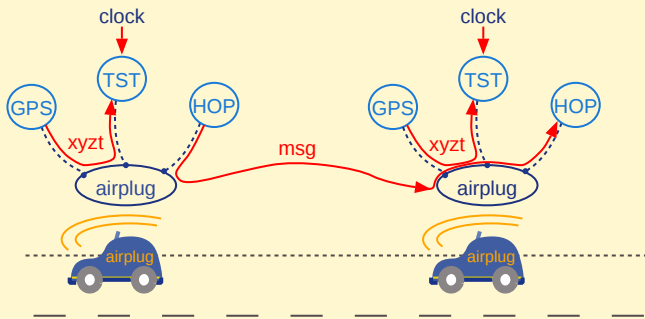
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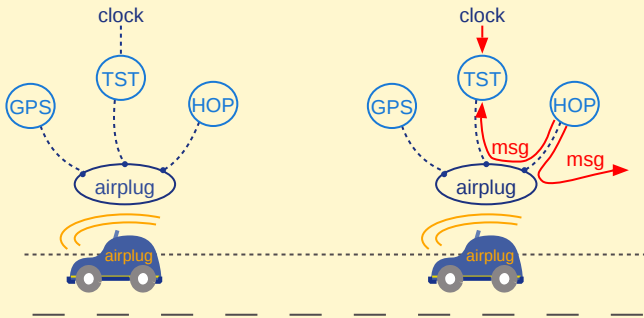
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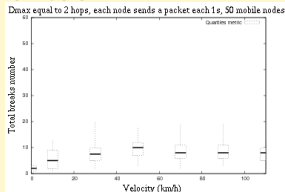
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- Specific groups based applications
  - some services are based on collaboration driving, diagnostic, perception, infotainment...
  - collaboration  $\leadsto$  group  
 $\leadsto$  to be maintain as long as possible
  - no collaboration with far vehicles  
either useless (driving, diagnostic, perception...) or inefficient (chat, games...)  
 $\leadsto$  constraint on the diameter
- **GRP** : best-effort group service [SPAA 2010]  
Movies screenshots with EMU :  
<http://www.hds.utc.fr/~ducourth/airplug/doku.php>
- Performance evaluation under ns-2  
BN : break numbers



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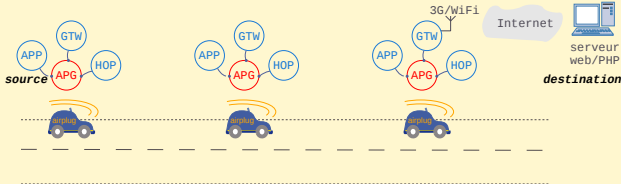
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- Sending data from the vehicles to a web server

## GTW

[CFIP 2009]

- V2V : conditional transmission
- V2I : IPv4, IPv6, WiFi hot-spot, 3G



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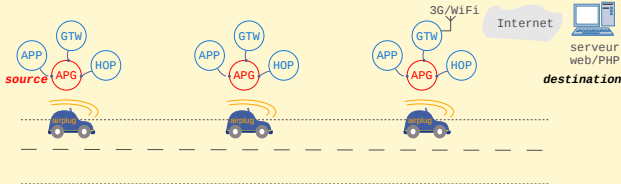
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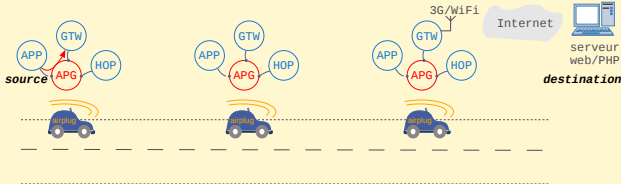
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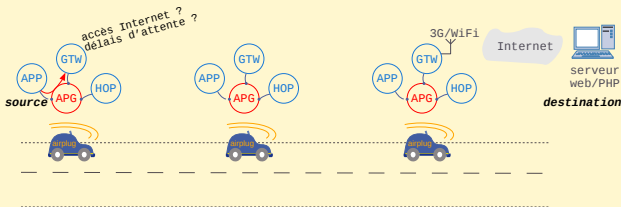
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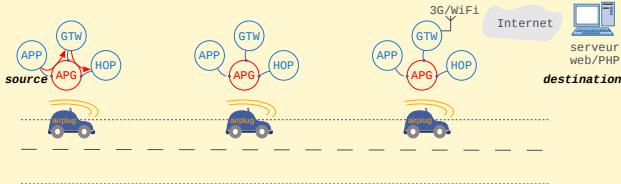
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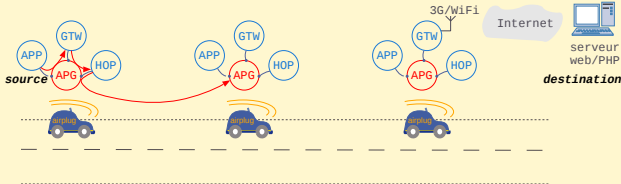
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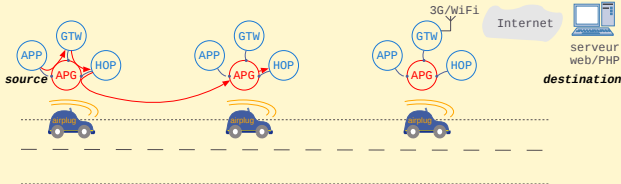
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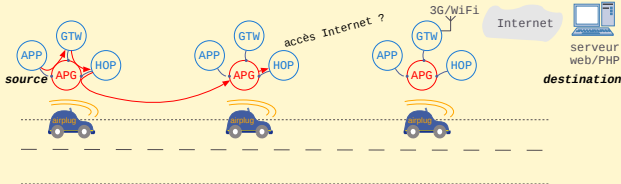
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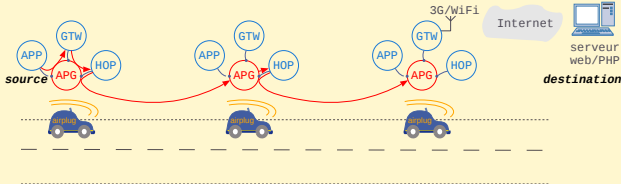
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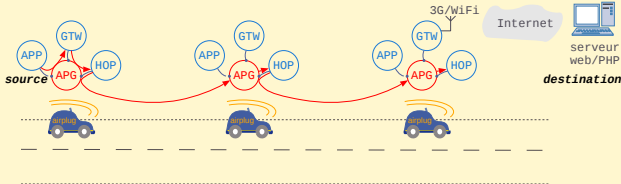
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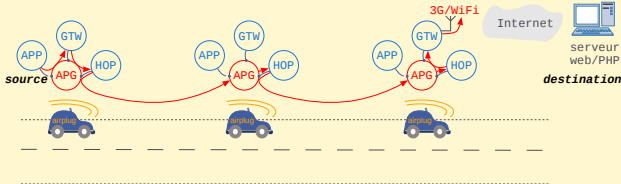
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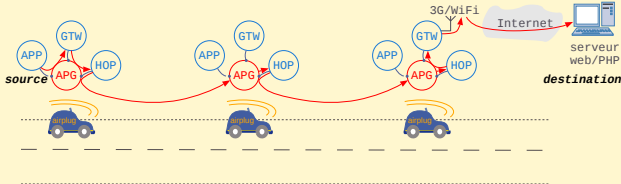
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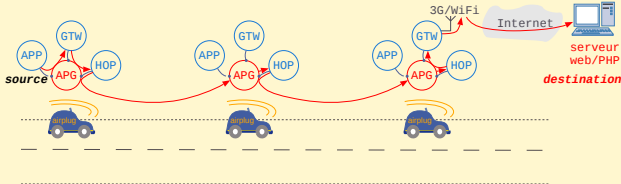
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Nb : Tcl/Tk recommended if compatibility with ns-2 required
- Available on demand
- [http ://www.hds.utc.fr/~ducourth/airplug](http://www.hds.utc.fr/~ducourth/airplug)

