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Vehicular communications using V L C: Future trends and applications

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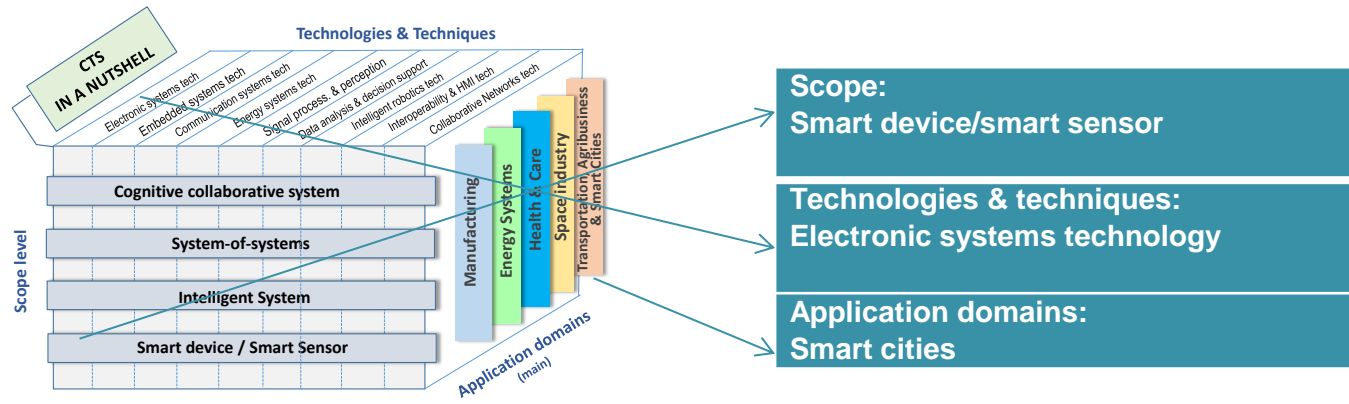


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- **Other scientific activities:**

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- Supervision and co-supervision of Master and PhD students
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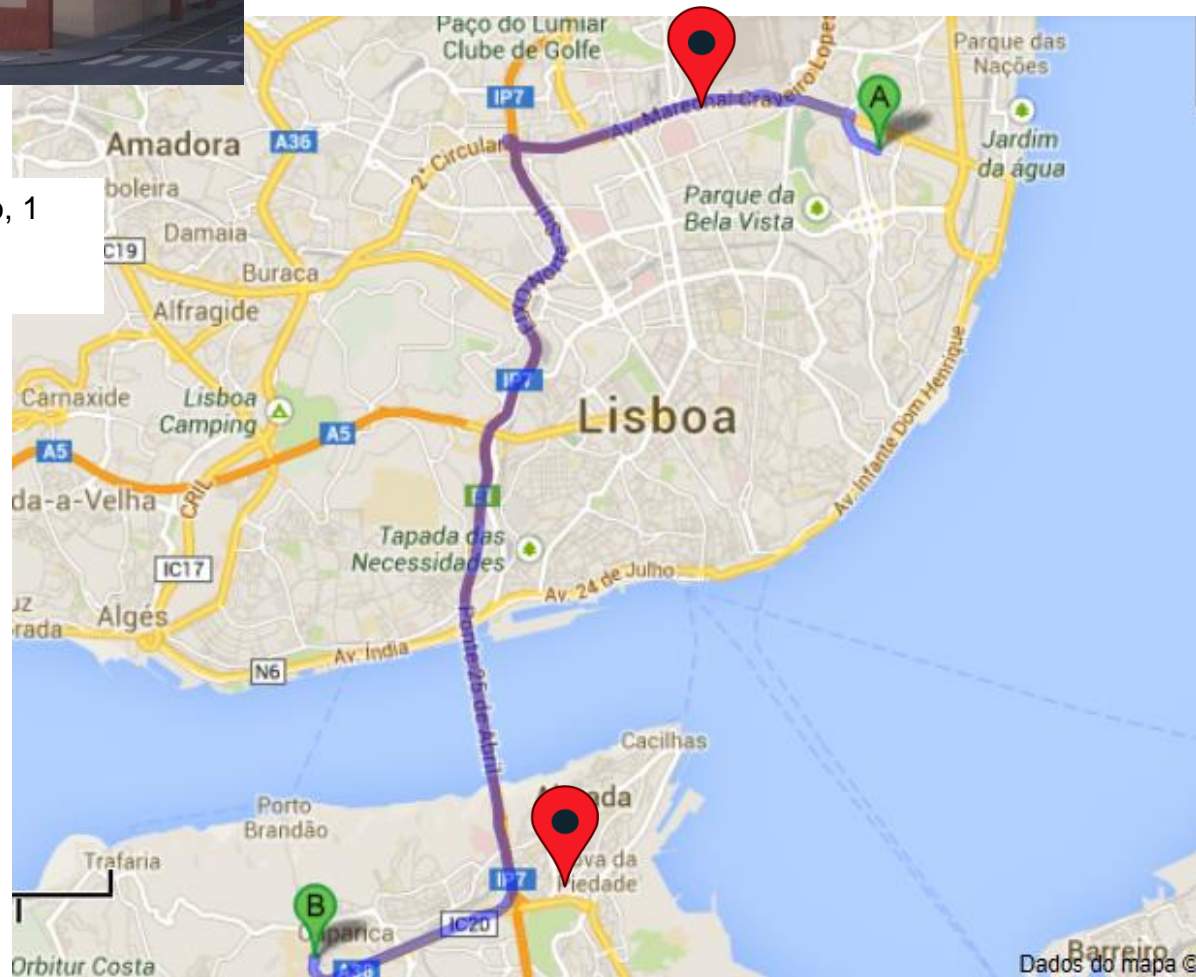
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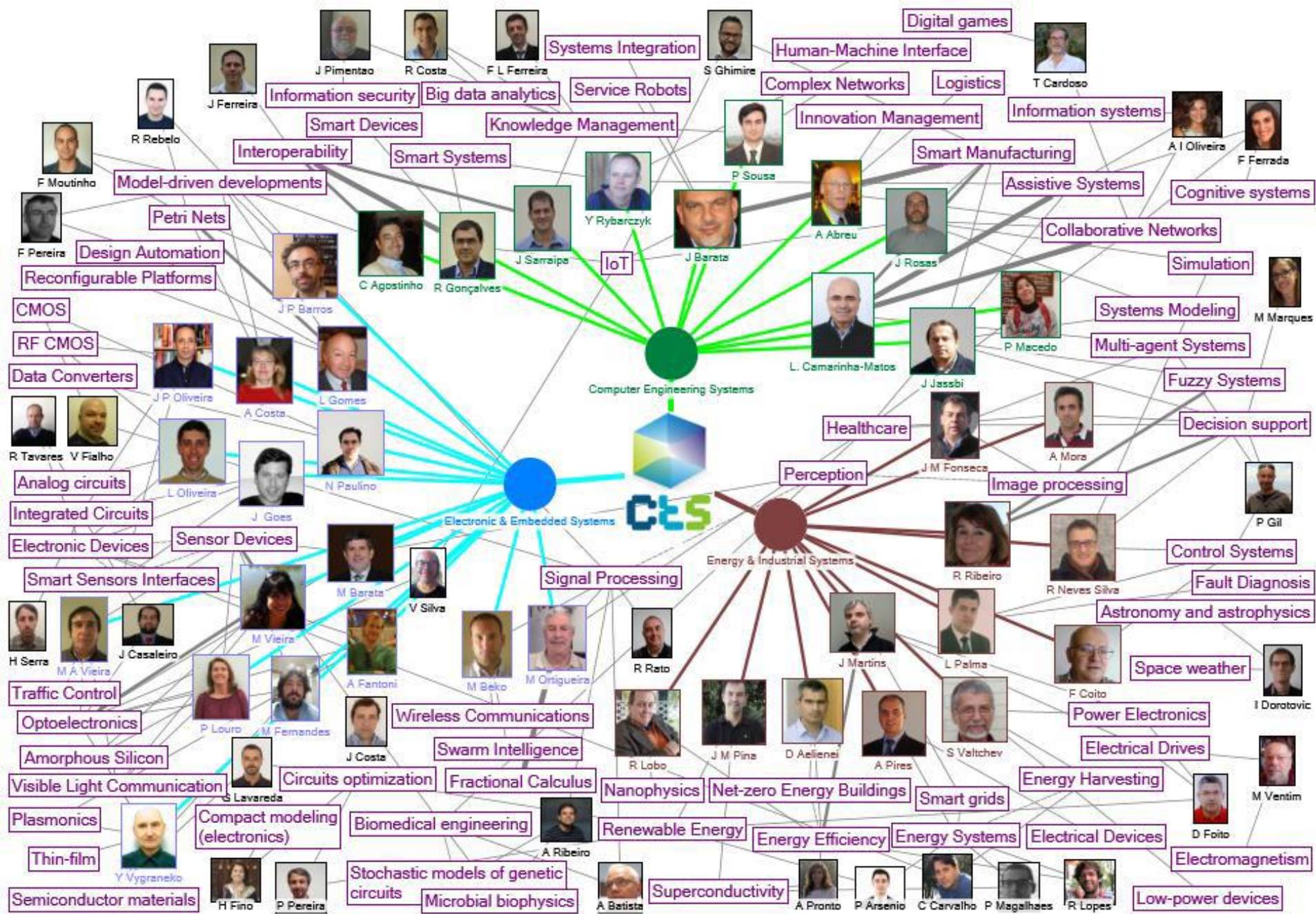
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• Photos using Barata using a-SiC:
based materials - Visible Light
Communication Systems





- Development, optimization and application of semiconductor based devices: image and color sensors, optoelectronic devices, solar cells, optical amplifiers, biosensors, nanostructures and UV and IV detectors, VLC devices.
- Design and modeling of optical devices.
- Electrical and numerical simulation of optical devices.
- Integration of different technologies, namely optical sensors, wavelength-division multiplexing, X-ray detectors and full digital medical imaging.



- Applications of semiconductor devices

- Wavelength Division Multiplexing (WDM)

- Optical biosensors



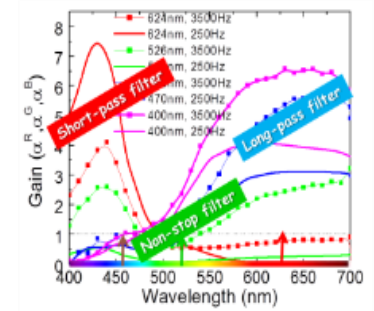
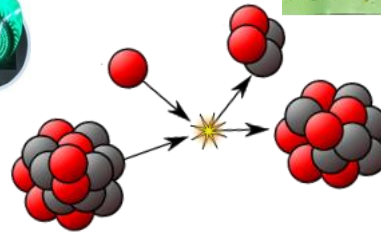
- X-ray flat panel



- OLEDs



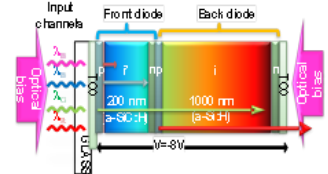
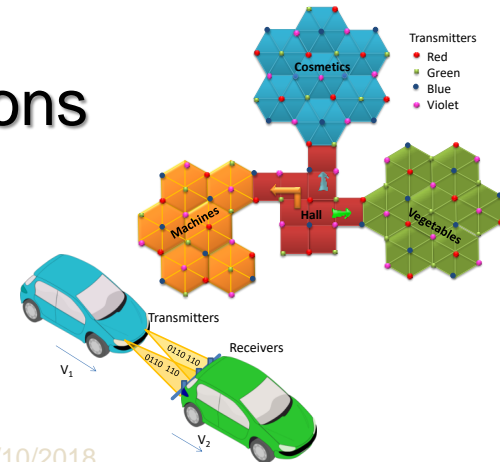
- Nanodevices



- Visible Light Communications

- Indoor positioning systems

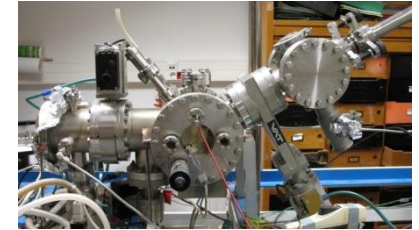
- Vehicular Communications





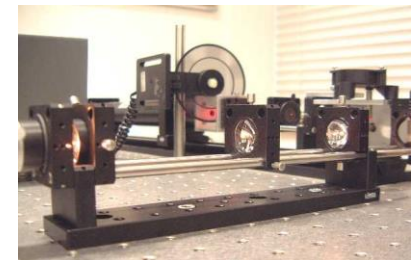
- **Deposition facilities:**

- Laboratories for support of Semiconductor Thin Film Development using the PECVD (Plasma Enhanced Chemical Decomposition) techniques.
- Laboratories for support of Electronic, Optoelectronic and Microelectronic Device Processing.



- **Characterization facilities:**

- UV-VIS-NIR and IR Spectrophotometers (Shimadzu),
- dark/photo conductivity as a function of temperature;
- spectral response;
- Flying Spot Technique-FST;
- Photothermal Deflection Spectroscopy-PDS;
- Space Charge Limited Current-SCLC;
- C(T)/C(V) measurements,
- Coatings uniformity test-bench,
- Characterization systems for devices (IV characteristics; annealing test chambers; degradation tests; interface characterization; Electroluminescence) and Solar simulator for small areas.
- Spectrometers (UV, VIR, NIR, IR) and
- Optical Characterization Systems (I-V, C-V),
- Electric Characterization Systems,
- Material Testing Bench.





PUBLICATIONS



Abbreviated Journal Title

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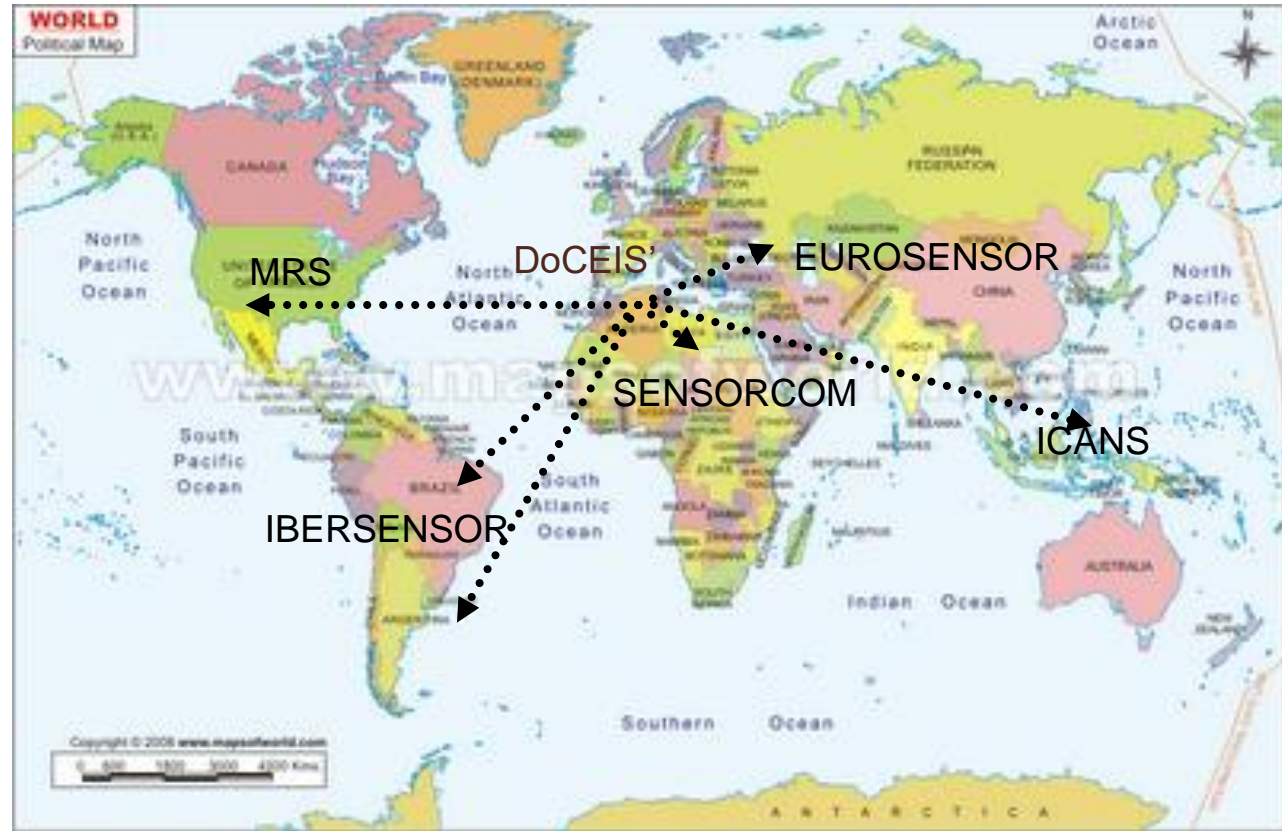
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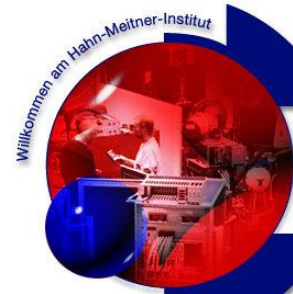
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- ✓ Production of semiconductor devices,
- ✓ Characterization of materials and devices,
- ✓ Joint publications.



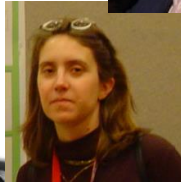
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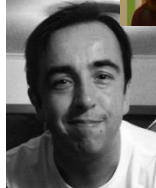
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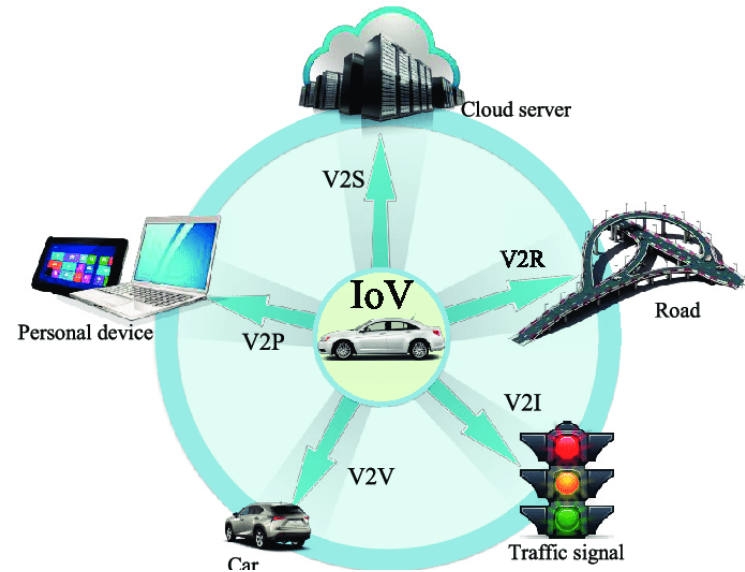
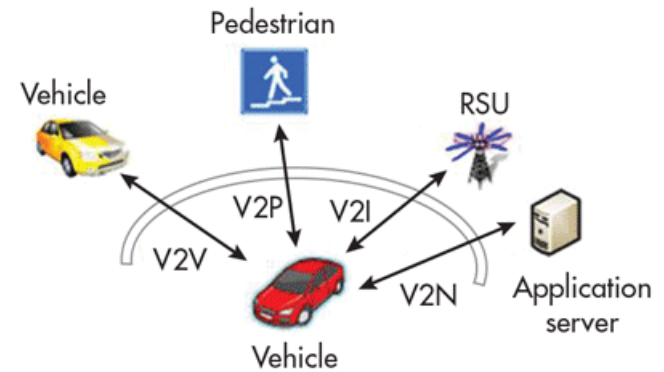
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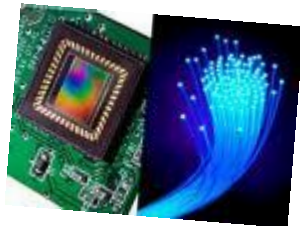


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NOBEL in Physics 2009

TWO
REVOLUTIONARY
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Charles K. Kao



Willard S. Boyle



George E. Smith

"The Nobel Prize in Physics 2009 honors three scientists, who have played important roles in shaping the modern information technology, with one half to **Charles K. Kao** and with **Willard S. Boyle** and **George E. Smith** sharing the other half."

GLOBAL INTERNET GROWTH AND TRENDS



By 2021

Wi-Fi will begin to become limited

More Internet Users



3.3 Billion

4.6 Billion

More Devices & Connections



17.1 Billion

27.1 Billion

Faster Broadband Speeds



27.5 Mbps

53.0 Mbps

More Video Viewing



73% of Traffic

82% of Traffic

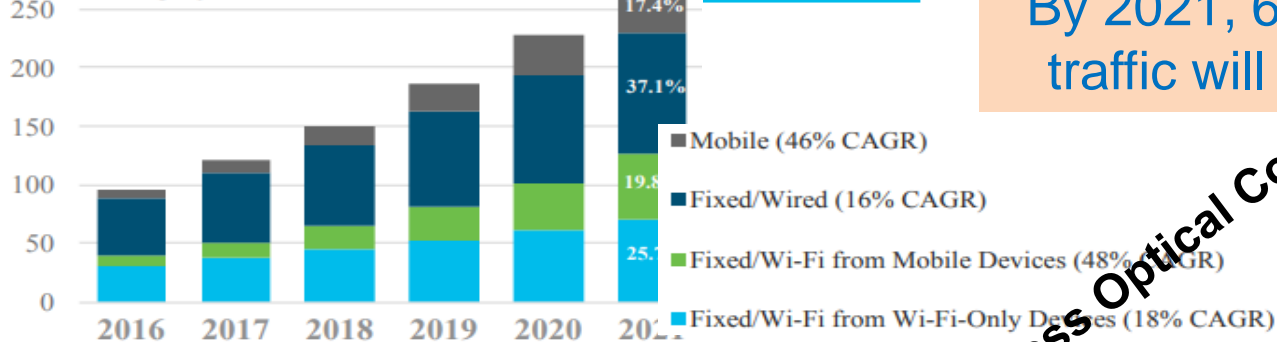
Data traffic



CAGR - Compound annual growth rate

Source: Cisco VNI Global IP Traffic Forecast, 2016-2021

300 Exabytes per Month

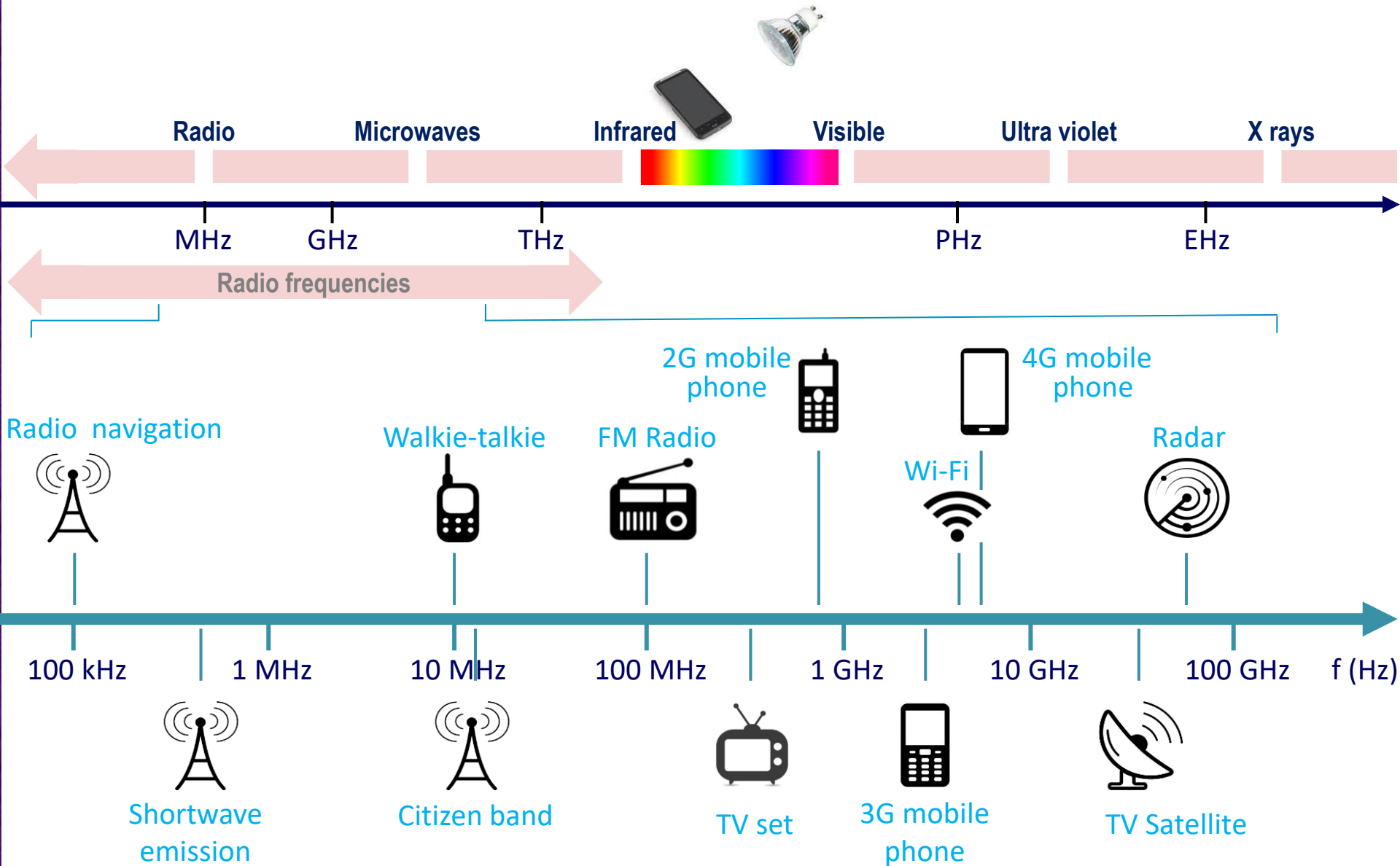


By 2021, 63% of total IP traffic will be wireless*

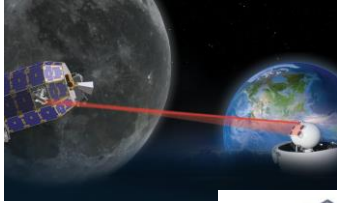
Wireless Optical Communications

* Wireless traffic includes Wi-Fi and mobile

COMMUNICATION SPECTRUM



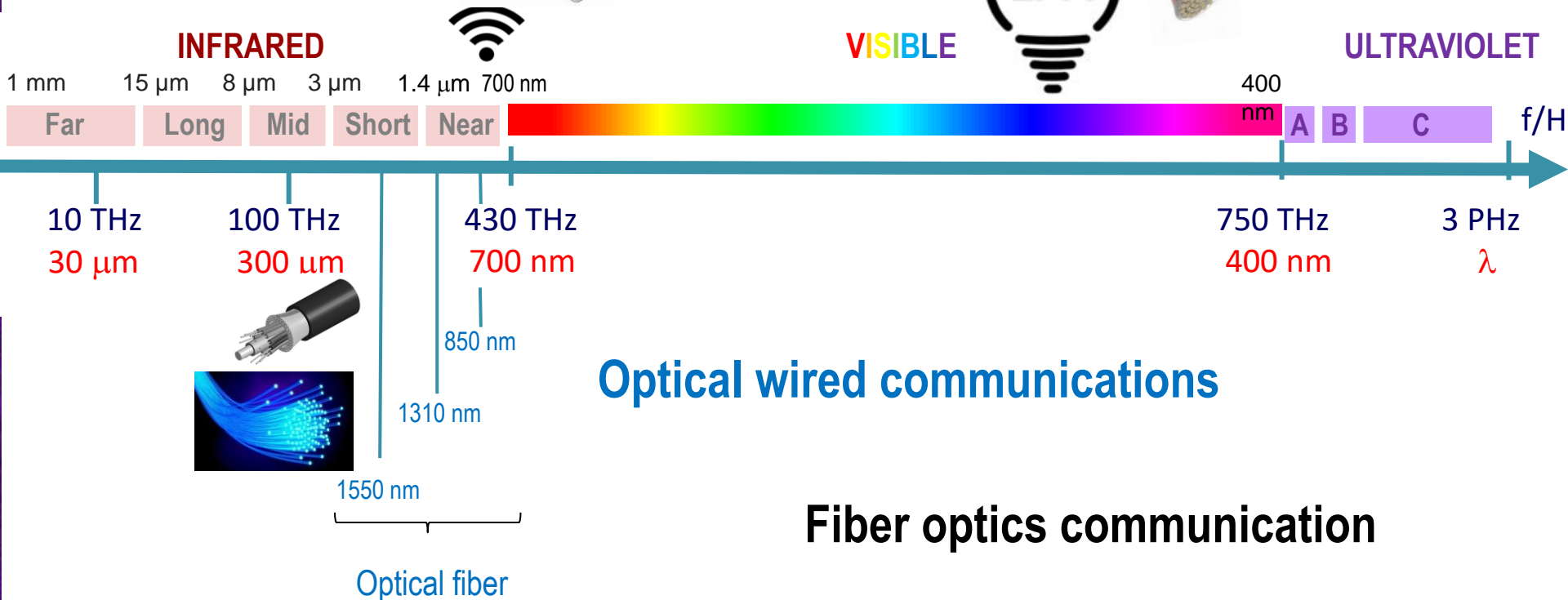
OWC Optical Wireless Communications



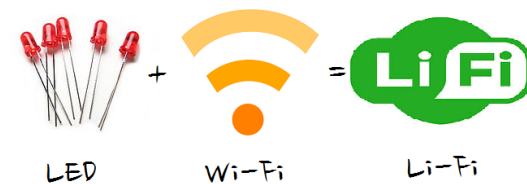
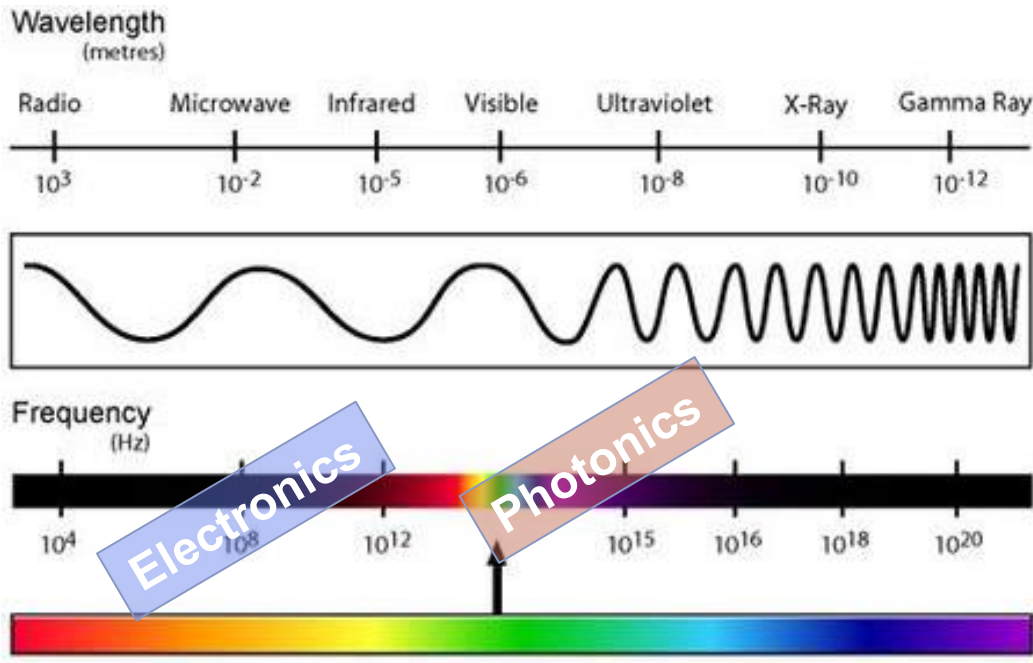
FSO Free Space Optical Communications



VLC Visible Light communication



VLC – Visible Light Communication

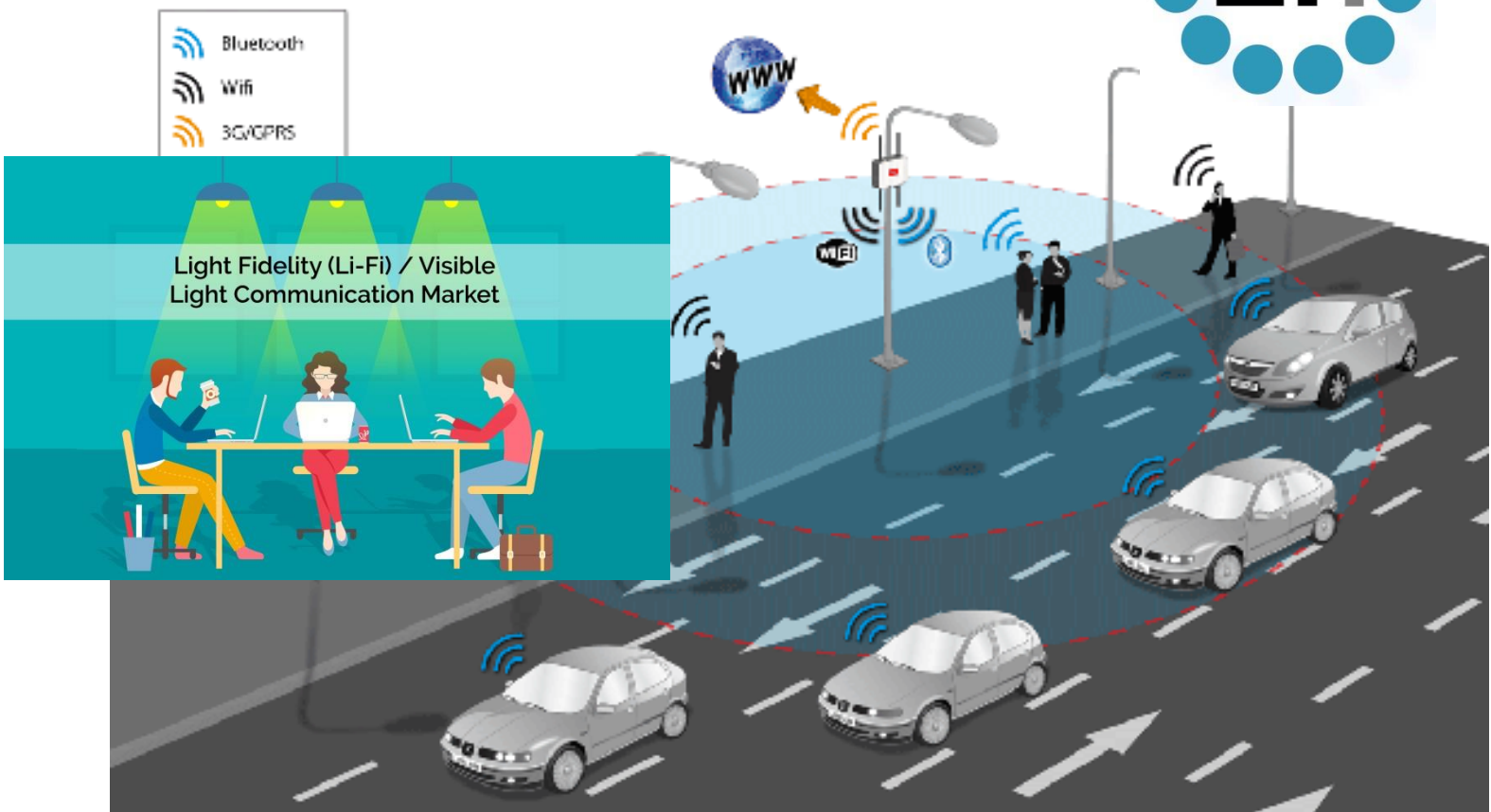


- increased bandwidth
- free and non-regulated spectrum
- line of sight technology (1 – 100 m)
- negligible power
- inexpensive (use of already existing lighting infra-structures)

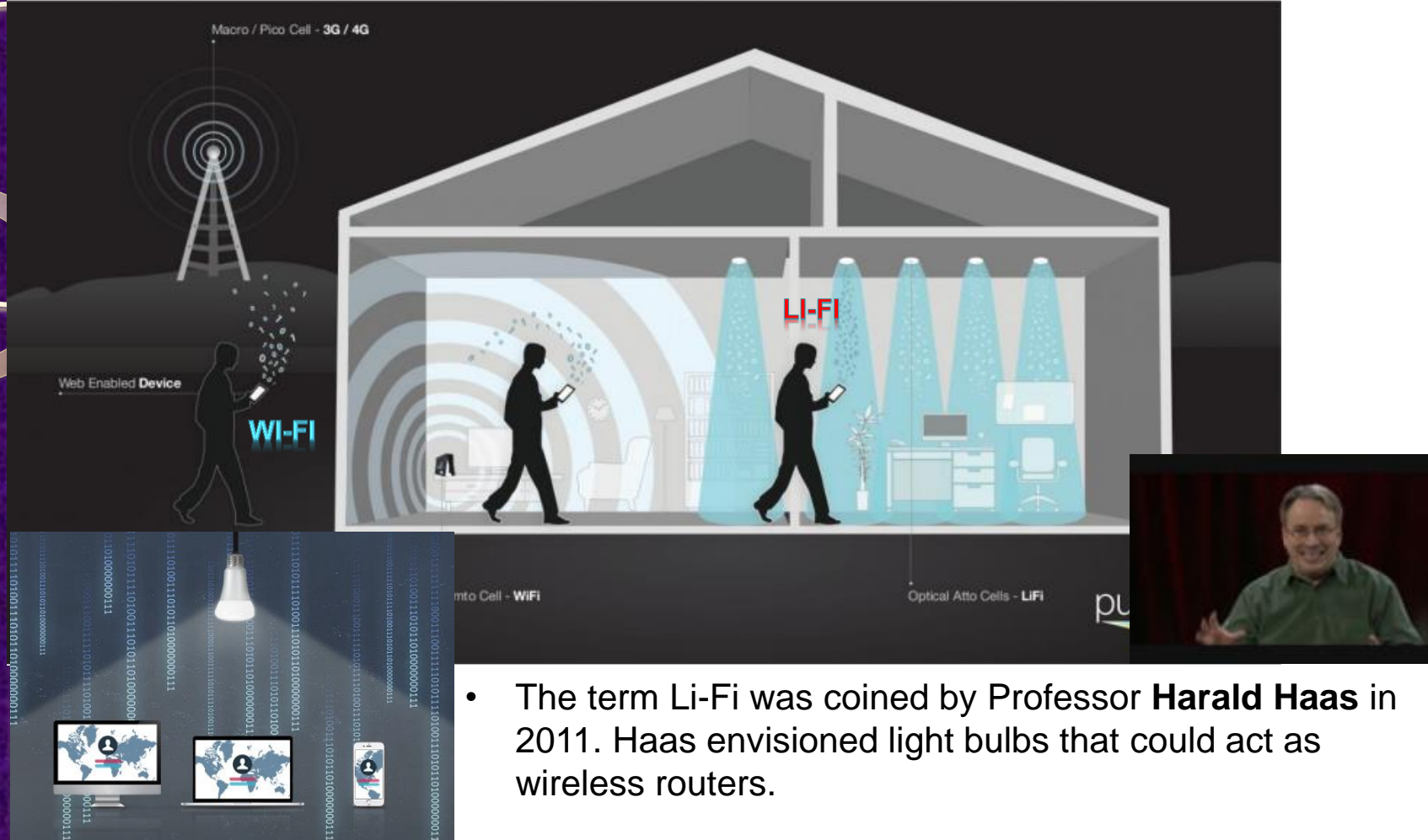


Visible Light Communication

Li-Fi is a Visible Light Communications (VLC) system



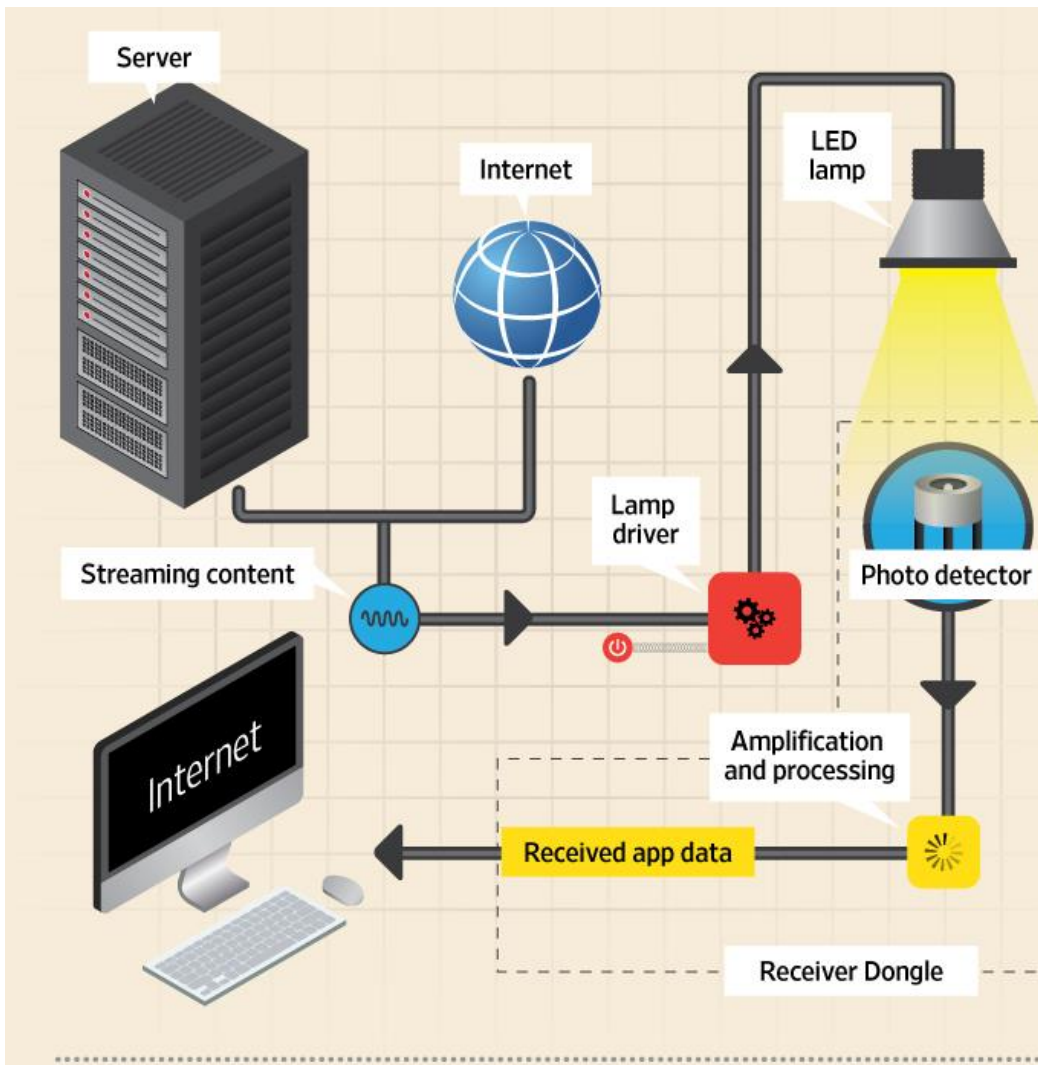
Li-Fi and Wi-Fi are quite similar as both transmit data electromagnetically



- The term Li-Fi was coined by Professor **Harald Haas** in 2011. Haas envisioned light bulbs that could act as wireless routers.

Li-Fi signals cannot pass through walls, so in order to enjoy full connectivity, capable LED bulbs will need to be placed throughout the home.

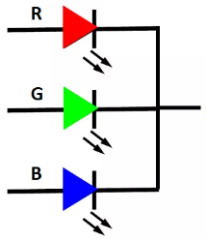
Li-Fi and Wi-Fi are quite similar as both transmit data electromagnetically. However, Wi-Fi uses radio waves, while Li-Fi runs on visible light waves.



- Data is fed into an LED light bulb (with signal processing technology), it then sends data (embedded in its beam) at rapid speeds to the photo-detector (photodiode).
- The tiny changes in the rapid dimming of LED bulbs is then converted by the 'receiver' into electrical signal.



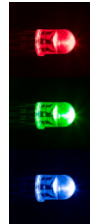
Indoor scenario of infrastructure-to-device communication.



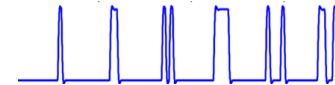
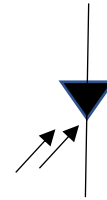
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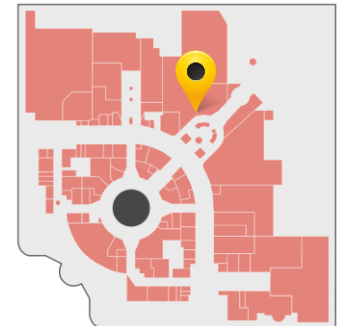
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- room illumination
- position/navigation
- data transmission



ADVANTAGES/ DISADVANTAGES



OF ITS POTENTIAL BENEFITS ARE



Freeing up spectrum: Audio, video, live-streaming makes heavy demand on radio spectrum. If that traffic is diverted to Li-Fi (wherever available), already clogged cellular networks will be relieved of their burden.



Smart lighting: Street lamps can be used to provide Li-Fi hotspots.



Mobile connectivity: Electronic devices such as laptops, smartphones, tablets and others mobile devices can interconnect directly using Li-Fi.



Hospitals: Li-Fi does not result in any electromagnetic interference and will not interfere with medical equipment.



Transportation: Headlights and tail lights in vehicles are moving to LED and so are street lights. Li-Fi can be used for vehicle-to-vehicle and vehicle-to-roadside communications for road safety and traffic management.

DISADVANTAGES



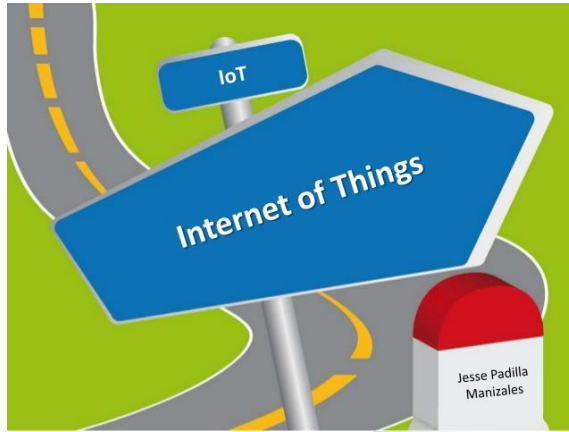
Light cannot pass through walls so mobility is an issue.



Li-Fi cannot be achieved without a light source.



The Internet of Things



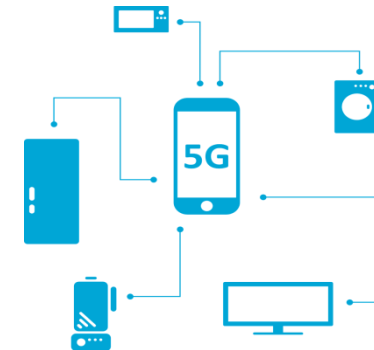
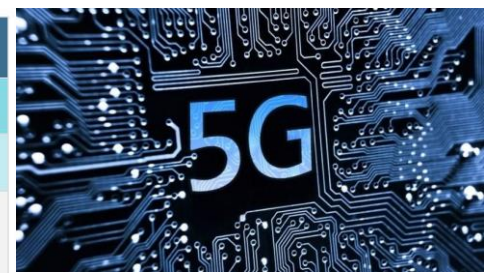
connecting any device with an on and off switch to the Internet (and/or to each other)

The integration of IoT devices and Li-Fi will provide a wealth of opportunities. For example, shop owners could transmit data to multiple customers' phones quickly, securely and remotely.



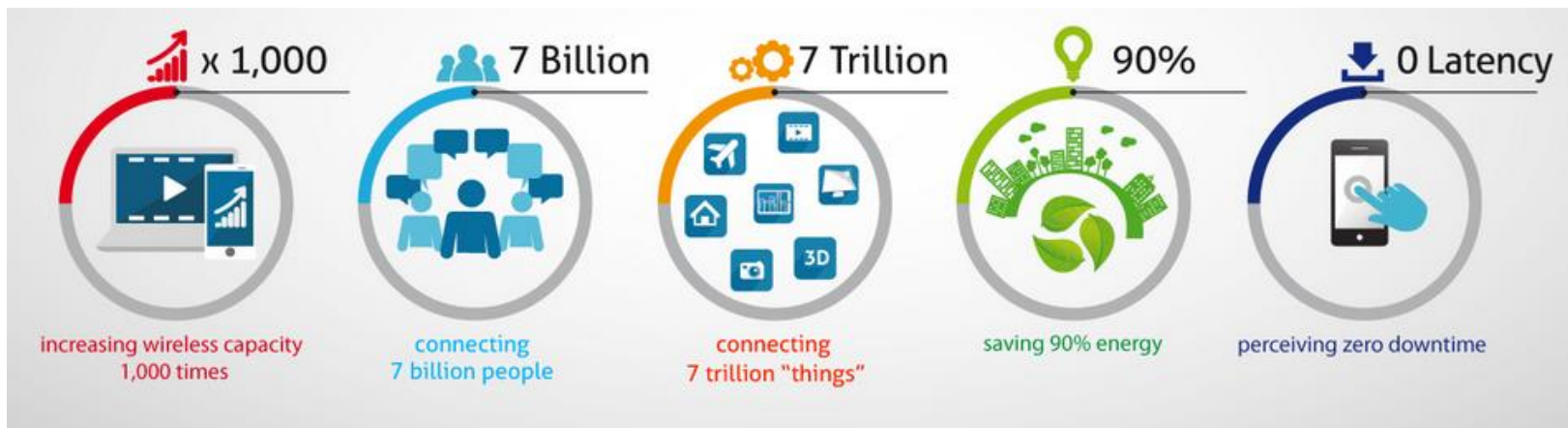
Speed
Latency
Capacity

1G	2G	3G	4G	5G
1981	1992	2001	2010	2020(?)
2 Kbps	64 Kbps	2 Mbps	100 Mbps	10 Gbps
Basic voice service using analog protocols	Designed primarily for voice using the digital standards (GSM/CDMA)	First mobile broadband utilizing IP protocols (WCDMA / CDMA2000)	True mobile broadband on a unified standard (LTE)	'Tactile Internet' with service-aware devices and fiber-like speeds
				

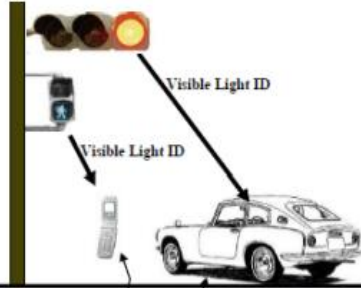
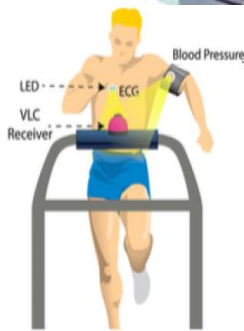


5G will drive the future networked society

5G is expected to use various technologies such as LTE (Long Term Evolution), WiFi, Ultra Wide Band (UWB) and VLC to ensure permanent coverage of the communication network without any interruption of service.



VLC – Visible Light Communication



Indoors environments

- Light atmospheric absorption
- shadows
- light dispersion
- influence of other light sources

- Internet service distribution
- Navigation techniques

3 Gbps

Visible Light Communication Technology for Fine-grained Indoor Localization

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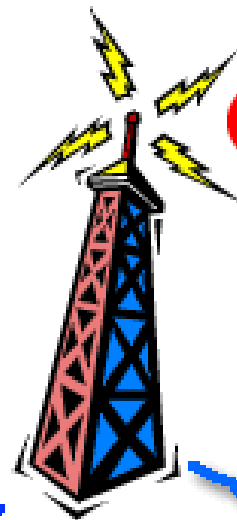
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GPS

How it works????



1 Wireless phone receives signals from GPS satellites and calculates the phone's location

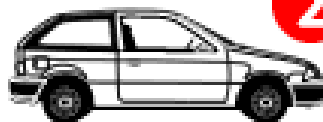


3 The voice call and location data are received at the antenna, and forwarded to the carrier's switch

4 The carrier forwards the voice and location information to the PSAP



2 handset or vehicle places 911 call, transmitting both a voice signal and the location data



VLC: Visible Light Communication



- Dual operation: light + comm
 - Infrastructure advantage
 - Increased bandwidth
 - Free and non-regulated spectrum
 - Negligible power
 - Inexpensive
 - Security
 - Harmless to human health
 - No **EM** interference
- Line of sight technology (LoS)
 - Distance: 1 – 100 m
 - Obstructions
 - Atmospheric absorption
 - Shadows
 - Light dispersion
 - Influence of other light sources

INDOOR USE

✓ MOTIVATION

- VLC – Transmission of data using light
- Multilayered a-SiC:H heterostructures as optical filters



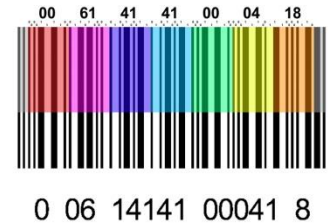
✓ SYSTEM DESIGN

- The cellular topologies
- The emitters
- The OOK modulation scheme
- The VLC receiver



✓ RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

- Coding/decoding techniques
- Cellular VLC System evaluation



✓ APPLICATION

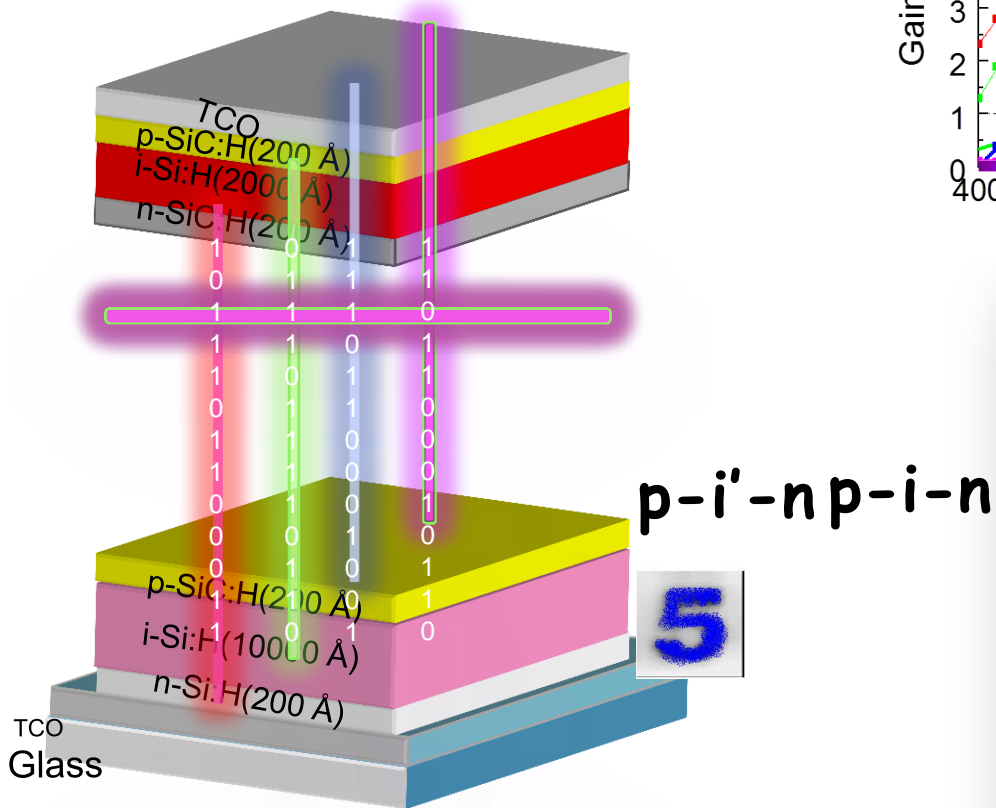
- Navigation data bits
- I2V Vehicular communication



✓ CONCLUSIONS/FUTURE WORK

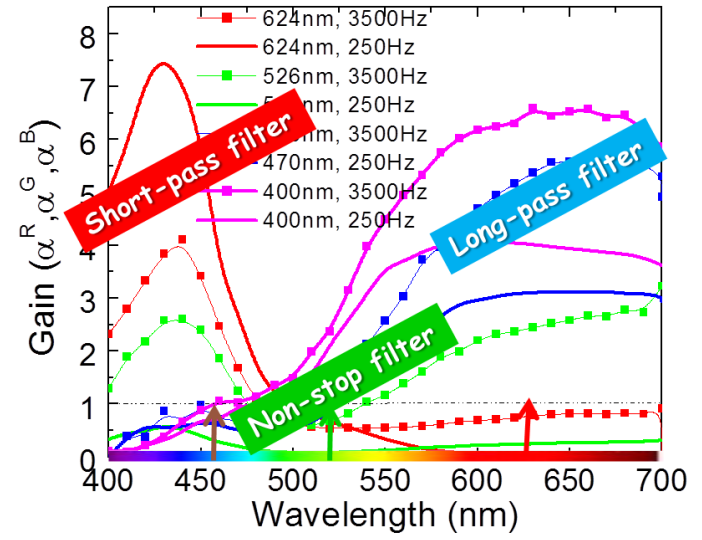


- **Coder/decoder device**
 I_R /**R/G/B/V/UV** channels;
30kbps



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Glass

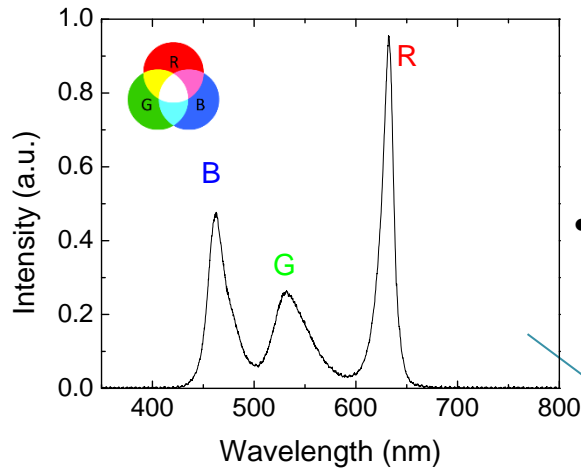
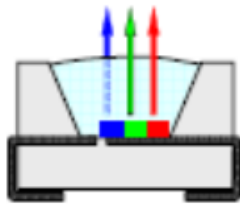
VLC receiver



- Light-to-dark sensitivity depends on the carbon concentration
- Color recognition depends on the applied bias
- Light filtering depends on the bias wavelength and side
- WDM device R/G/B channels; 6000bps

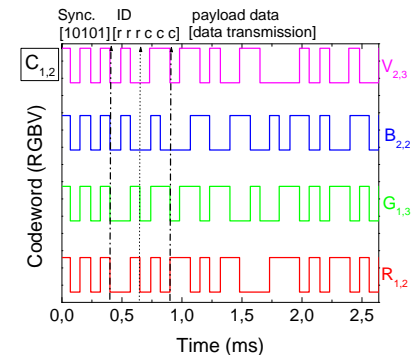
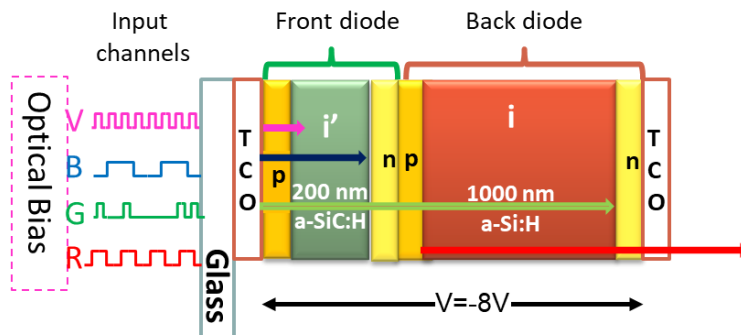
- The system is a self-positioning system in which the measuring unit is mobile.
- This unit receives the signals from several transmitters in known locations, and has the capability to compute its location based on the measured signals.

Transmitter



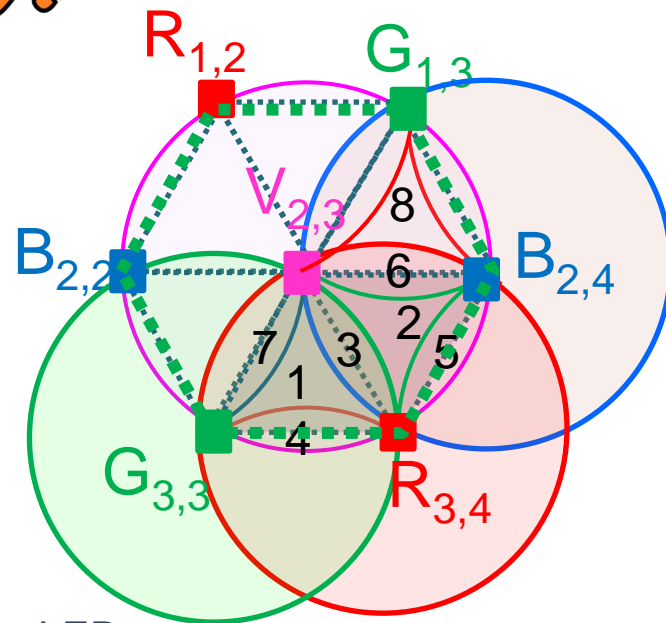
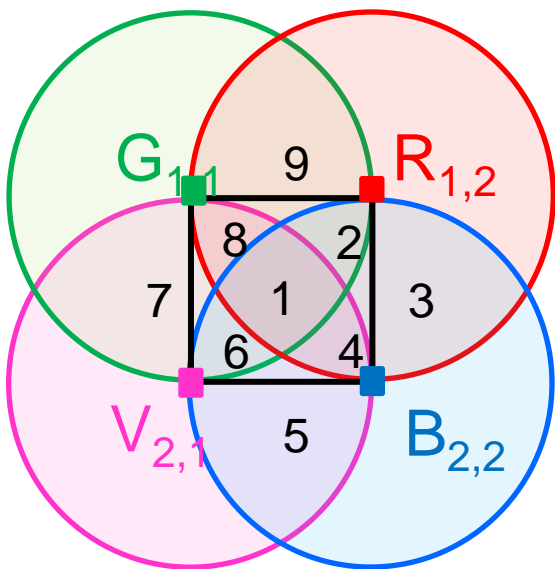
- Red, Green and Blue white LED

Receiver



- p-i'(a-SiC:H)-n/p-i(a-Si:H)-n heterostructure produced by PECVD.

Footprint regions



Four-code assignment for the LEDs

Square

- Four modulated LEDs (RGBV) located at the corners of a square grid.

Diamond

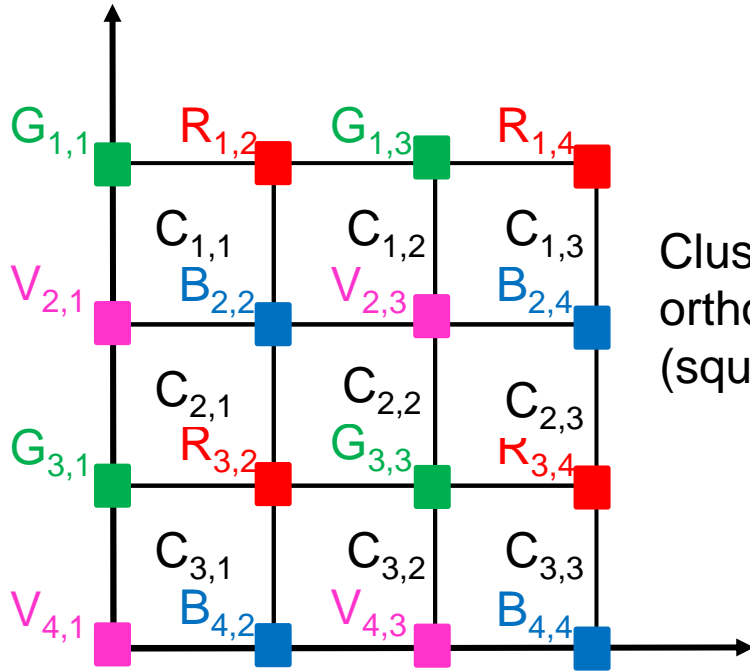
- Four modulated LEDs (RGBV) located at the corners of a diamond grid.

Unit cell fine-grained lighting topology .

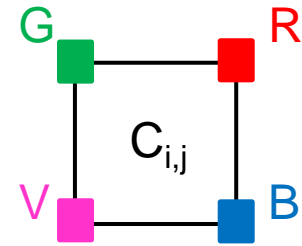
Footprint regions	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Square topology	RGBV	RGB	RB	RBV	BV	GBV	GV	RGV	RG
Diamond topology	RGV	RBV	RGBV	RGBV	RGBV	RGBV	RGBV	GBV	-



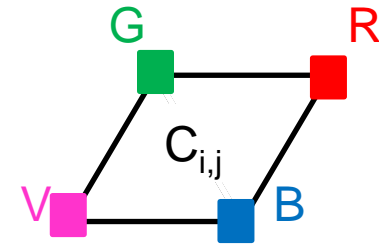
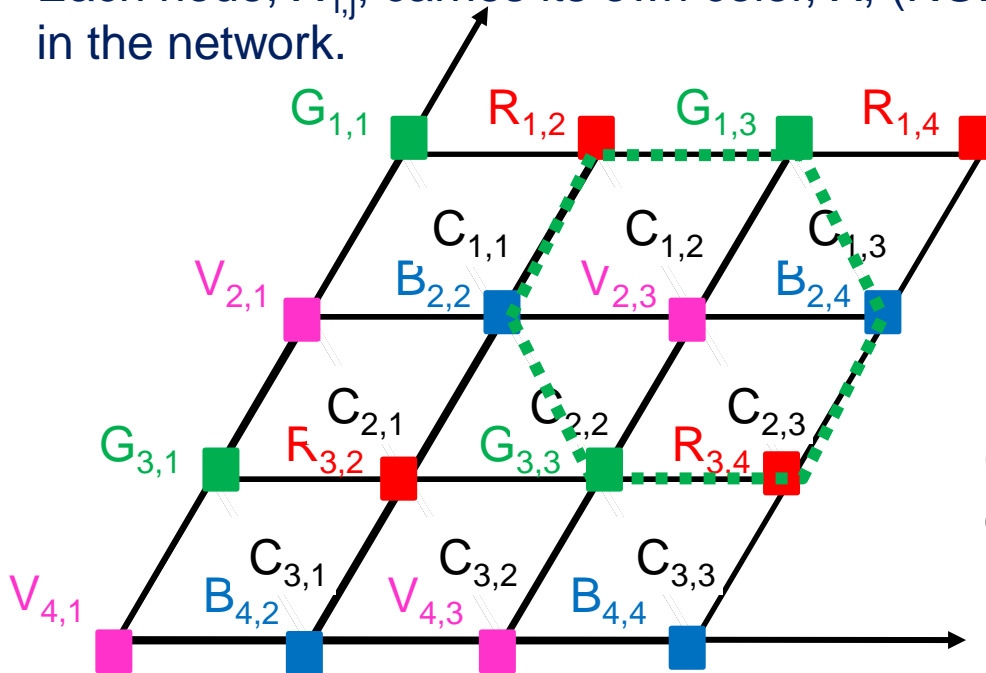
CELLULAR TOPOLOGY



Clusters of cell in an orthogonal topology (square).

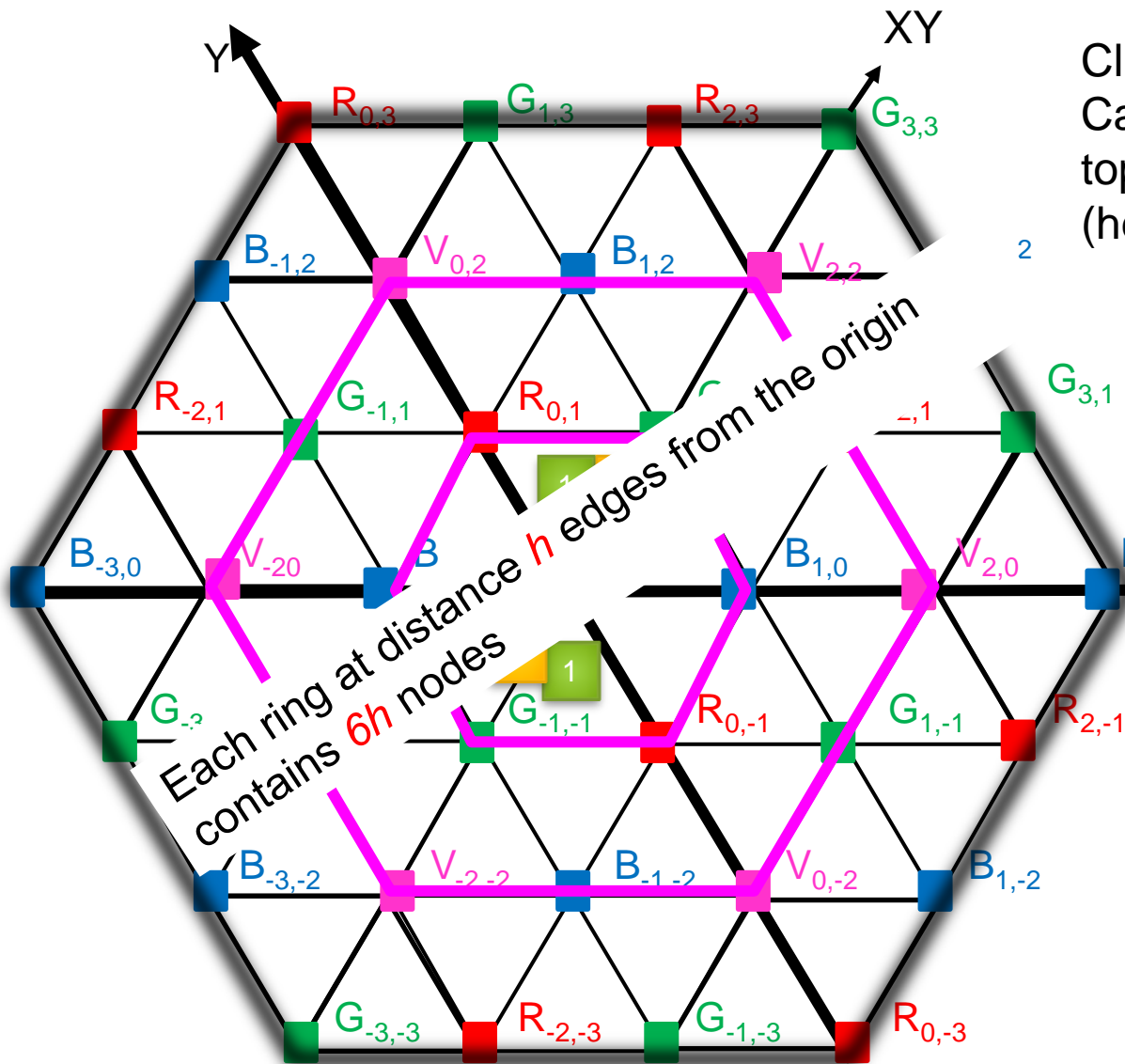


- Each node, $X_{i,j}$, carries its own color, X , (RGBV) as well as its ID position in the network.

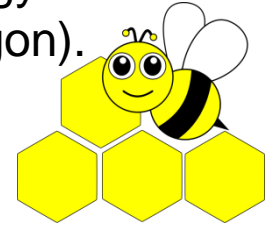


Cluster of cells in non-orthogonal topology (diamond).

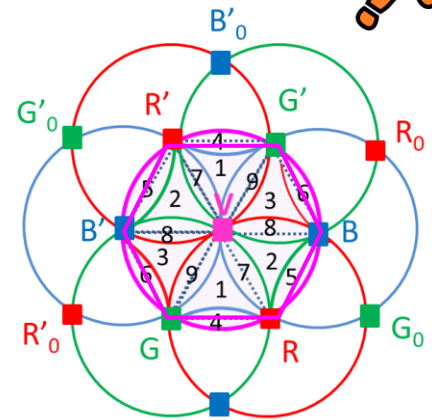
HEXAGONAL TOPOLOGY



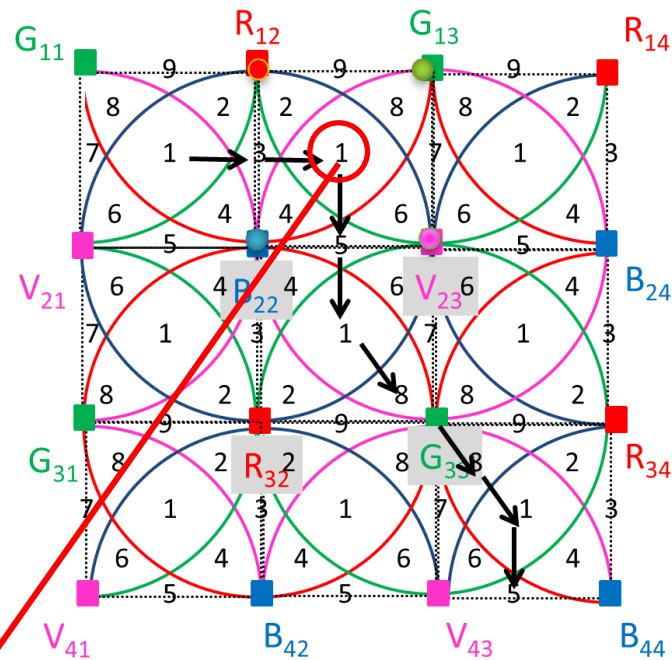
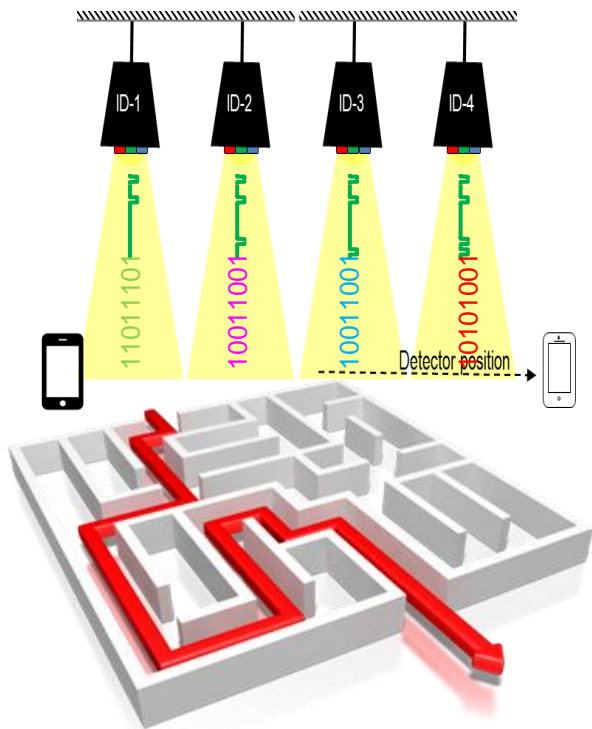
Cluster of cells in 60° Cartesian coordinates topology (hexagon).



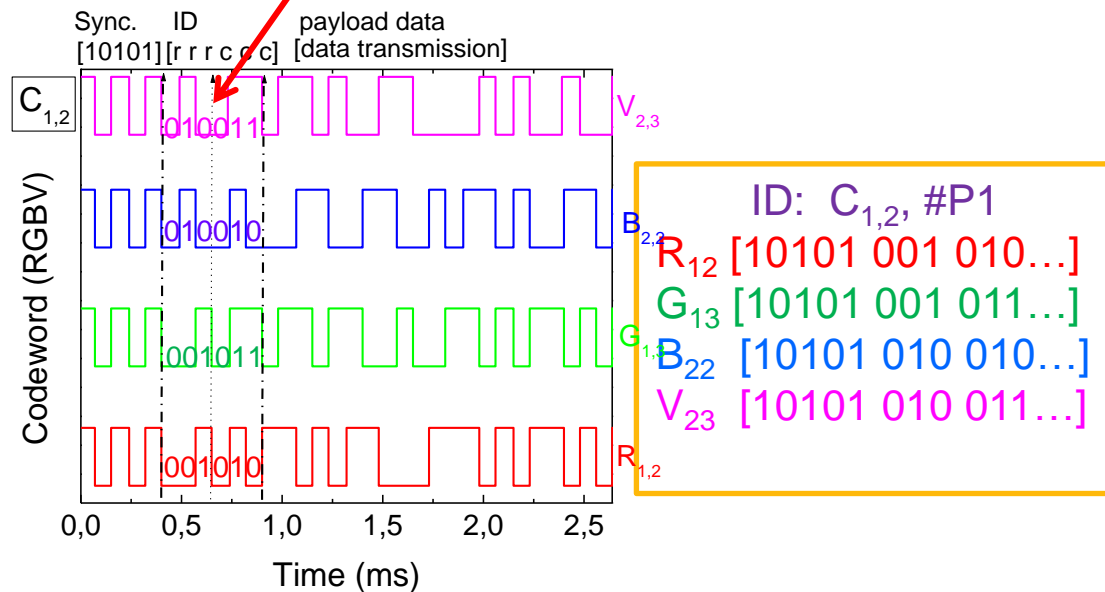
Footprint regions

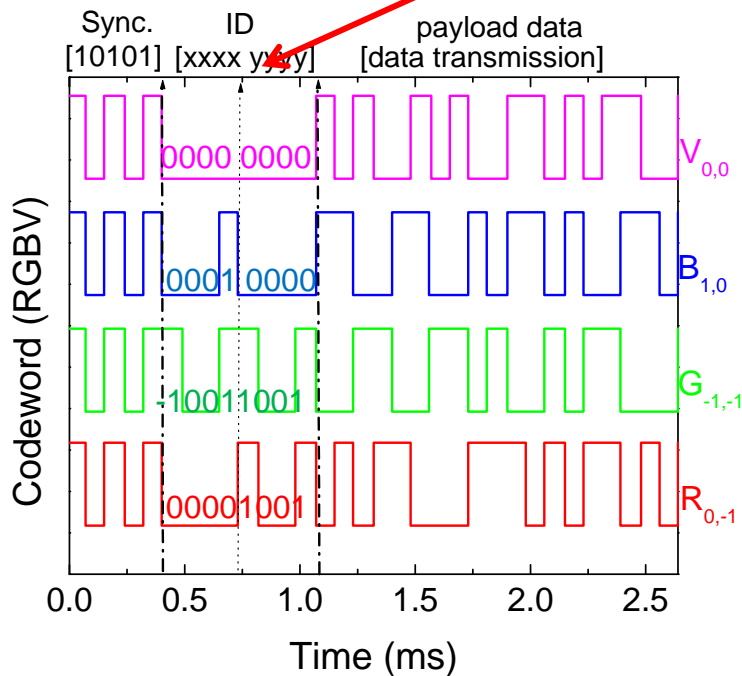
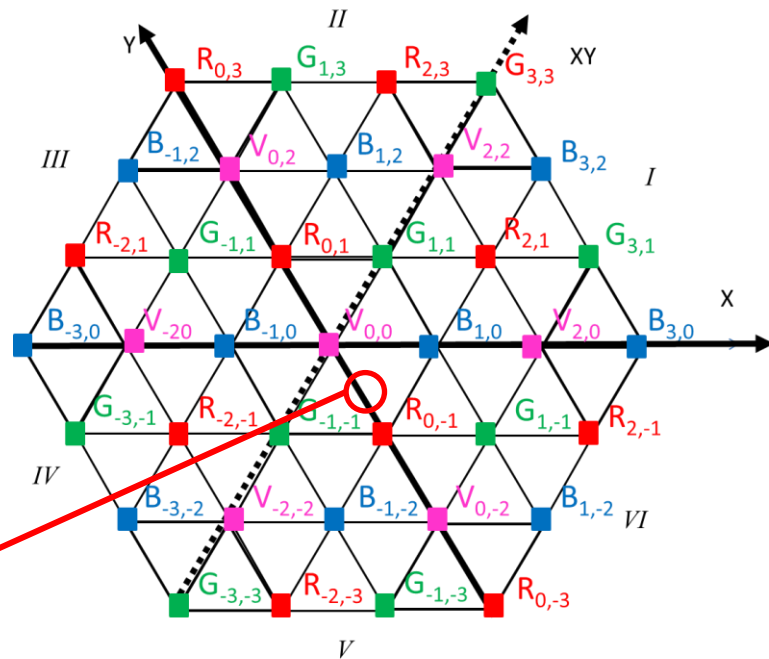
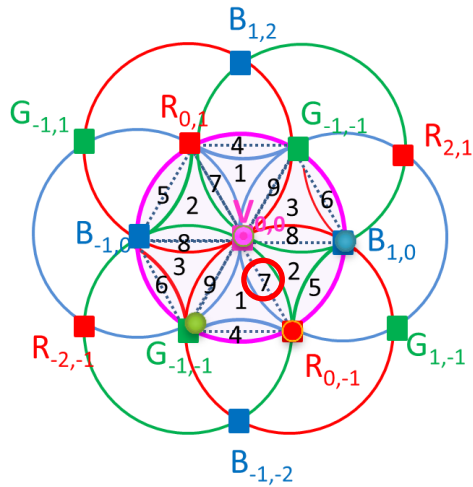


Footprint regions	P#1	P#2	P#3	P#4	P#5	P#6	P#7	P#8	P#9
Hexagon topology	RGV R'G'V	RBV R'B'V	G'BV GB'V	RGB ₀ V R'G'B' ₀ V	RG ₀ BV R'G' ₀ B'V	R ₀ G'BV R' ₀ G'B'V	RGBV R'G'B'V	RG'BV R'GB'V	RGB'V RGB'V



- The input of the aided navigation system is the MUX signal, and the output is the system state estimated at each time step (Δt).





$R_{0,-1}$	[10101 0000 1001...]
$G_{-1,-1}$	[10101 1001 1001...]
$B_{1,0,2}$	[10101 0001 0000...]
$V_{0,0}$	[10101 0000 0000...]

Sign and magnitude representation:
 4 BITS
 1st BIT : **0** for *positive* and **1** for *negative*
 Next 3 BITS : magnitude

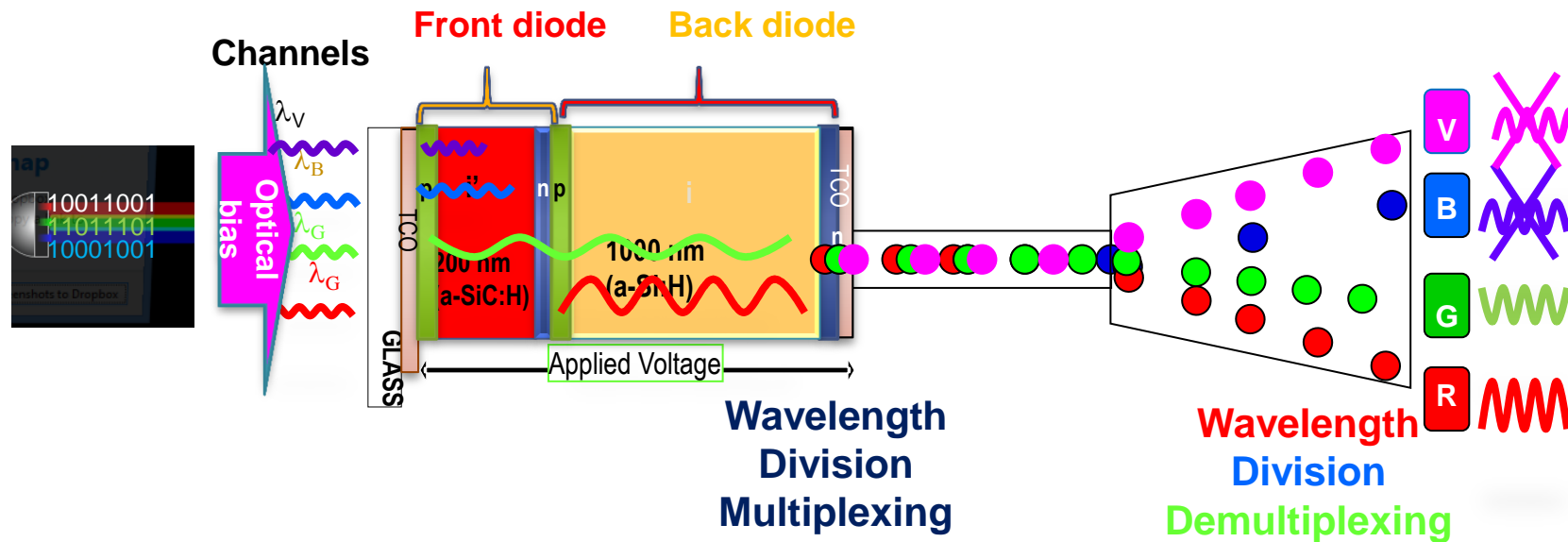
Transmitter / Receiver of VLC

LED

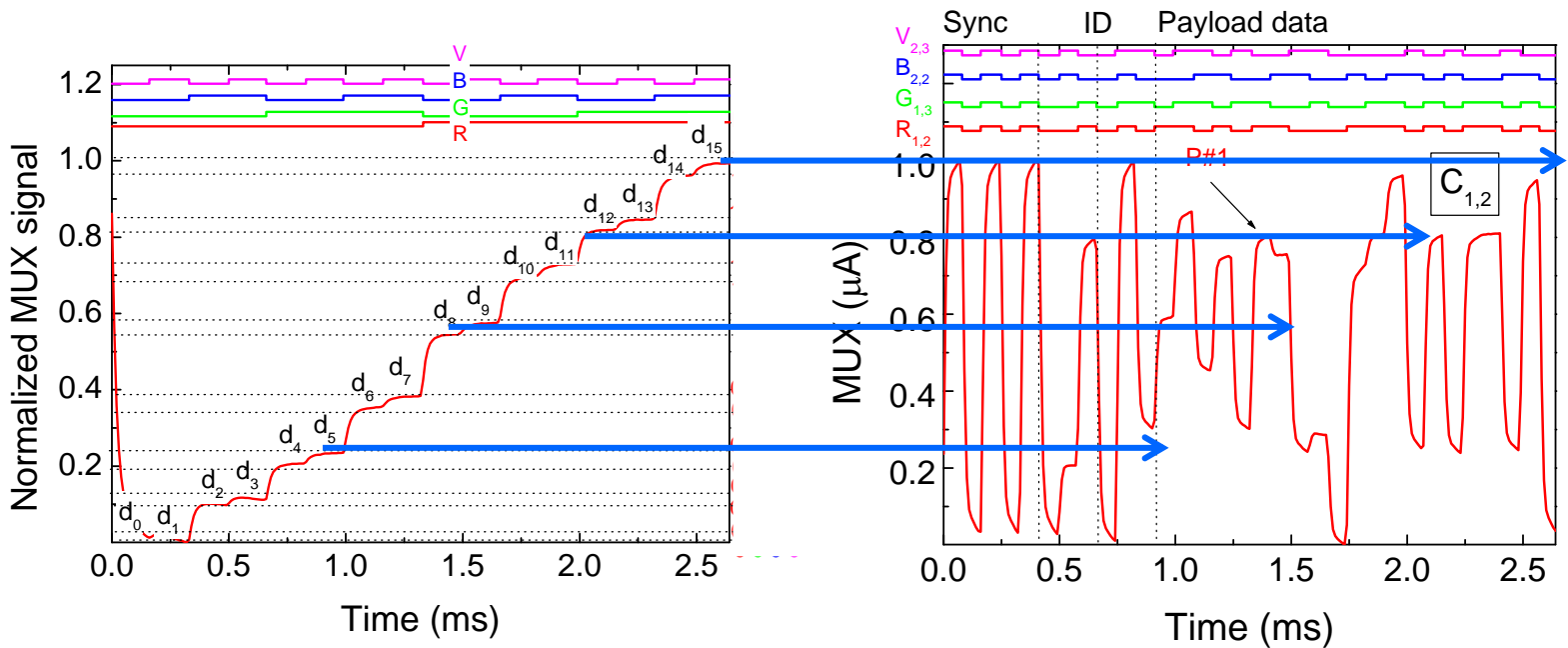
ID data transmit with fast blinking

Coder/decoder device

Bit decode

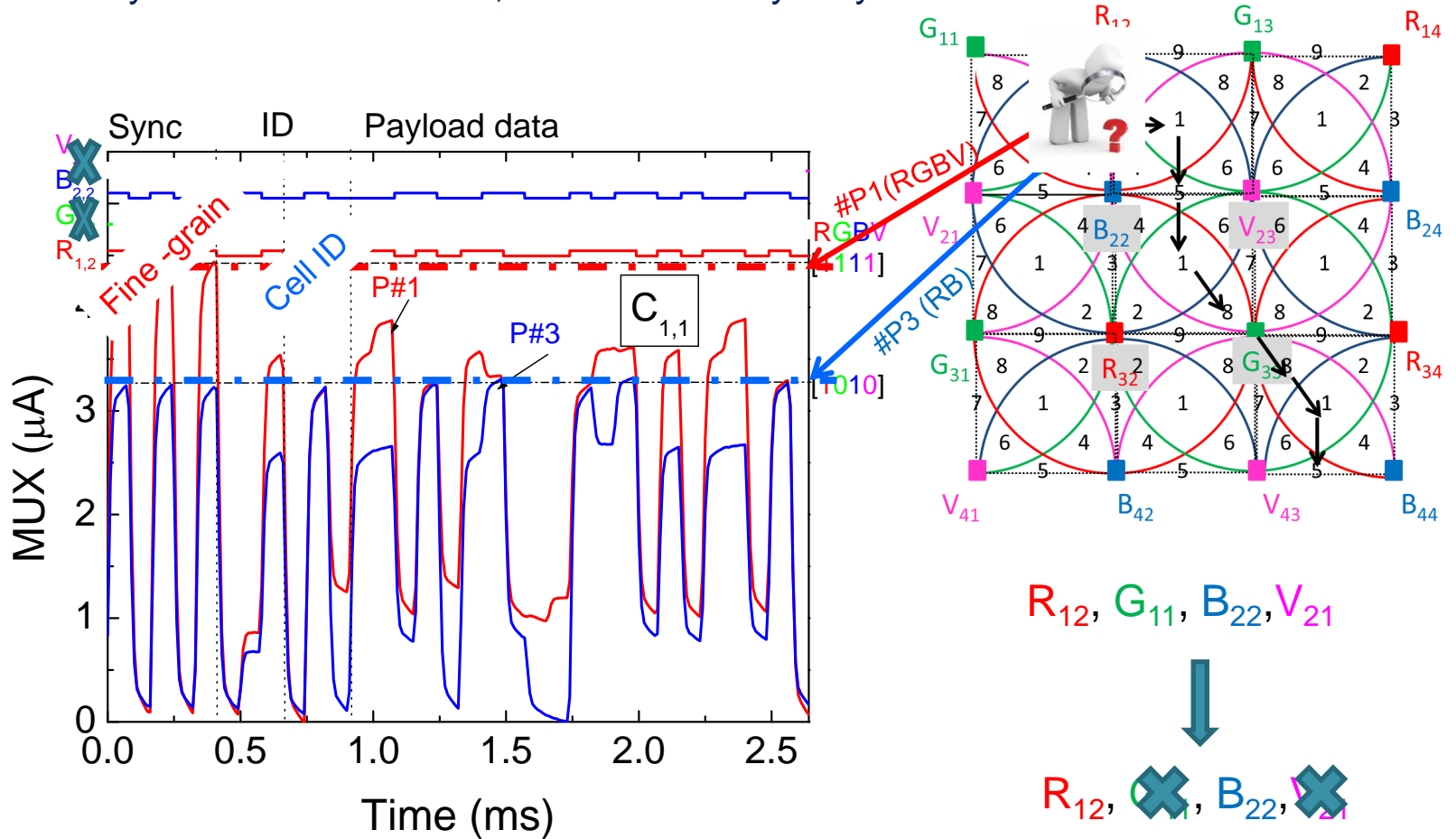


- The device acts as an active filter, under irradiation.
- The gain is higher than the unity for wavelengths above 500 nm and lower for wavelengths below, resulting in an amplification of the **green** and **red** spectral ranges and quenching of the **violet/blue** ones.
- As the wavelength increases, the signal strongly increases. This nonlinearity is the main idea for the decoding of the MUX signal at the receiver.



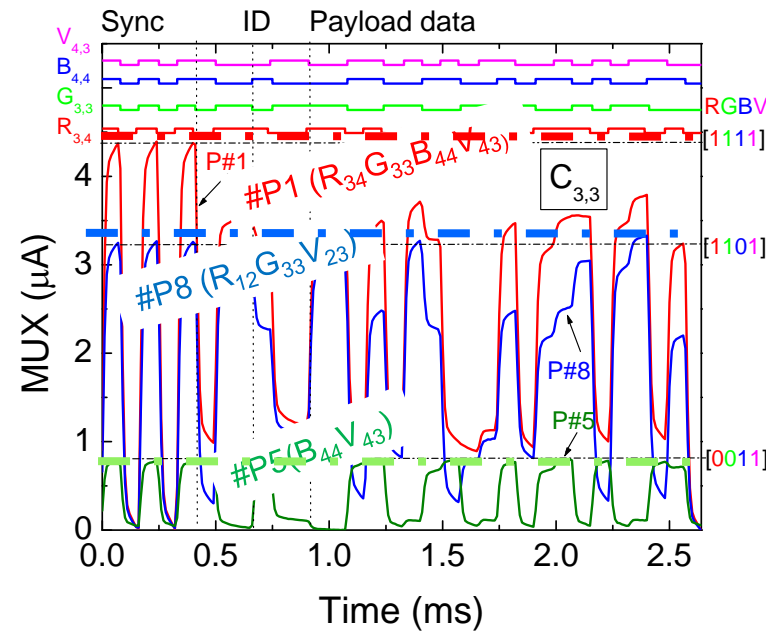
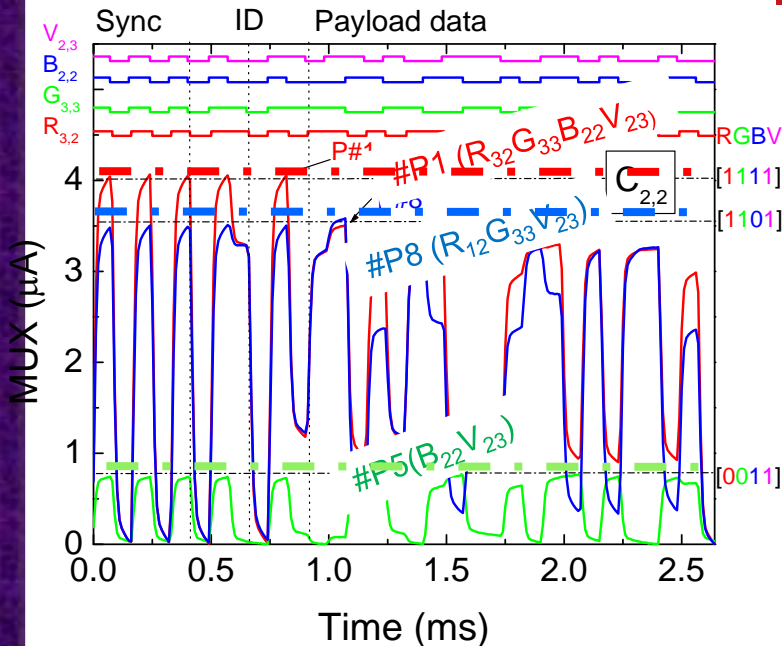
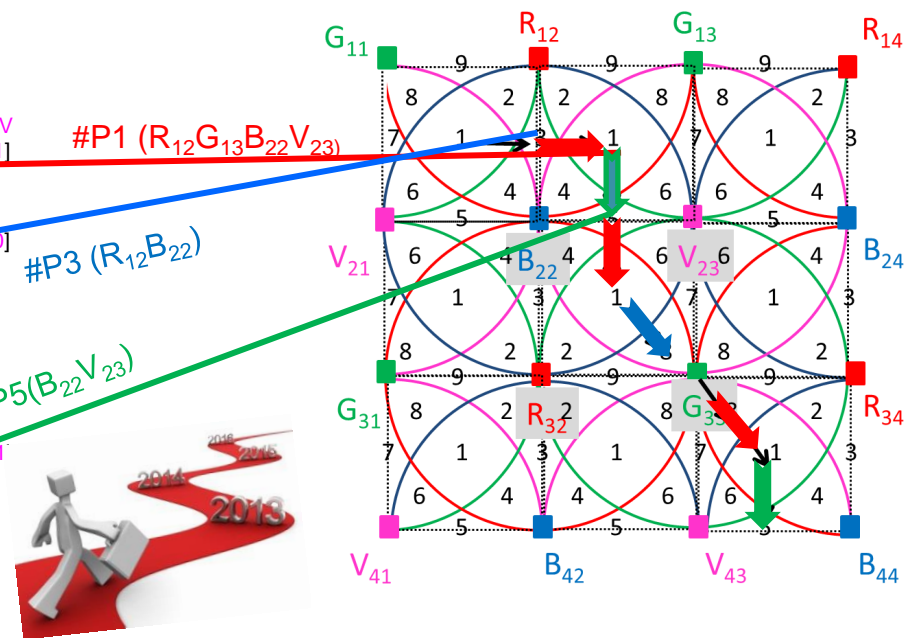
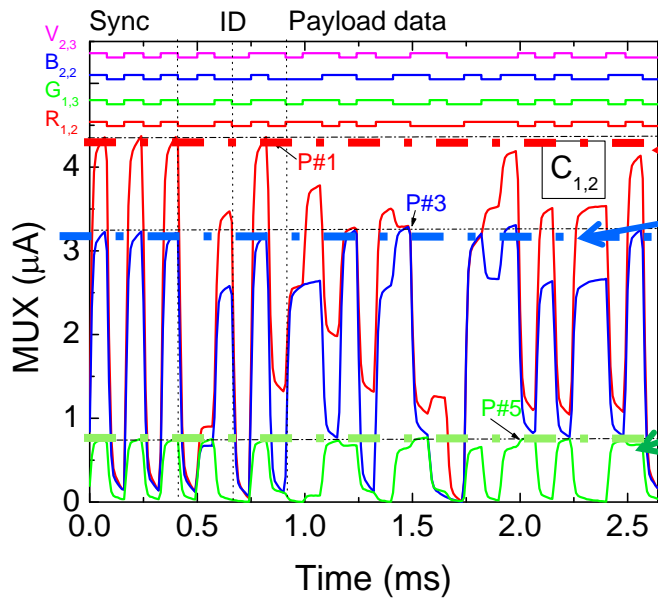
- 2^4 ordered levels pondered by their optical gains are detected and correspond to all the possible combinations of the *on/off* states.
- By assigning each output level to a 4-digit binary code (weighted by the optical gain of the each channel), $[X_R, X_G, X_B, X_V]$, with $X=1$ if the channel is *on* and $X=0$ if it is *off*, the signal can be decoded.
- Comparing the calibrated levels with the different generation levels in the same frame of time, a simple algorithm was used to perform 1-to-32 demultiplexer function and to decode the multiplex signals.

- For each transition between an initial location and a final one, two code words are generated, the initial (i) and the final (f). If the receiver stays under the same region they should be the same, if it moves away they are different.



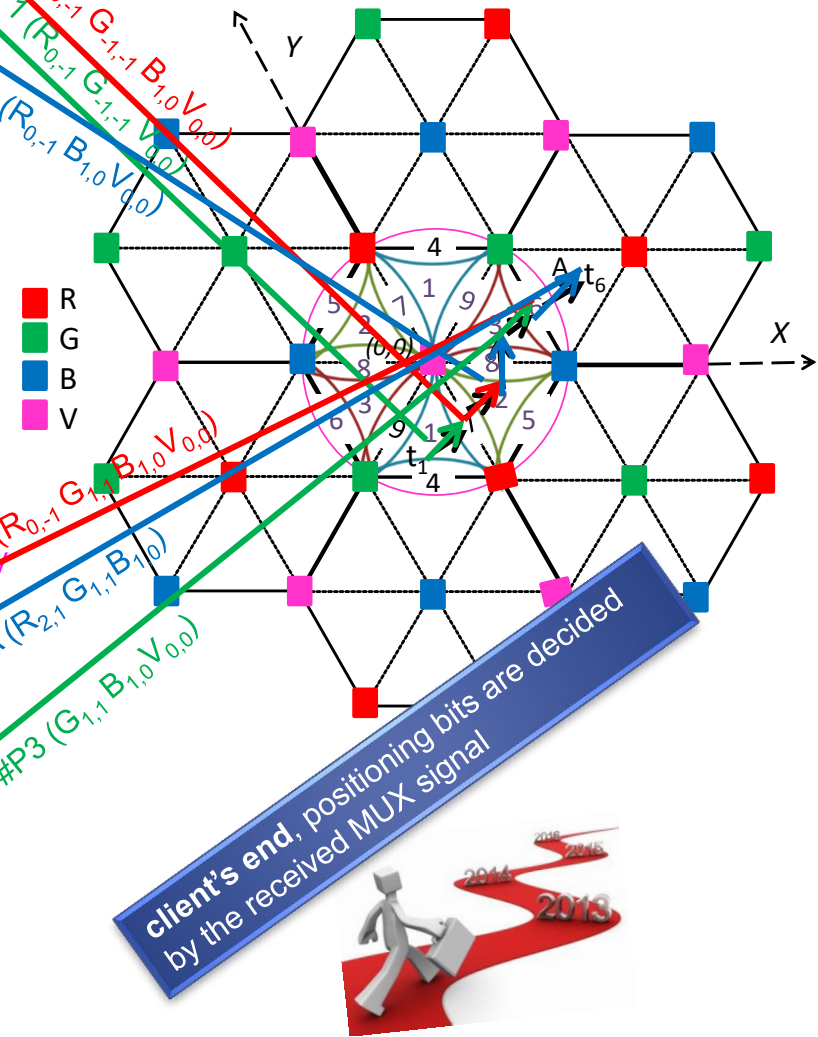
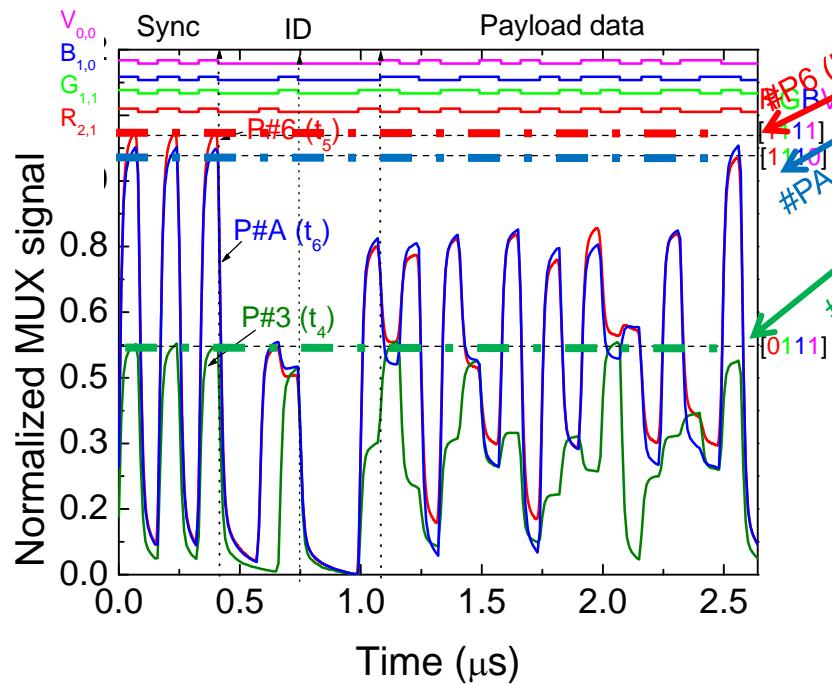
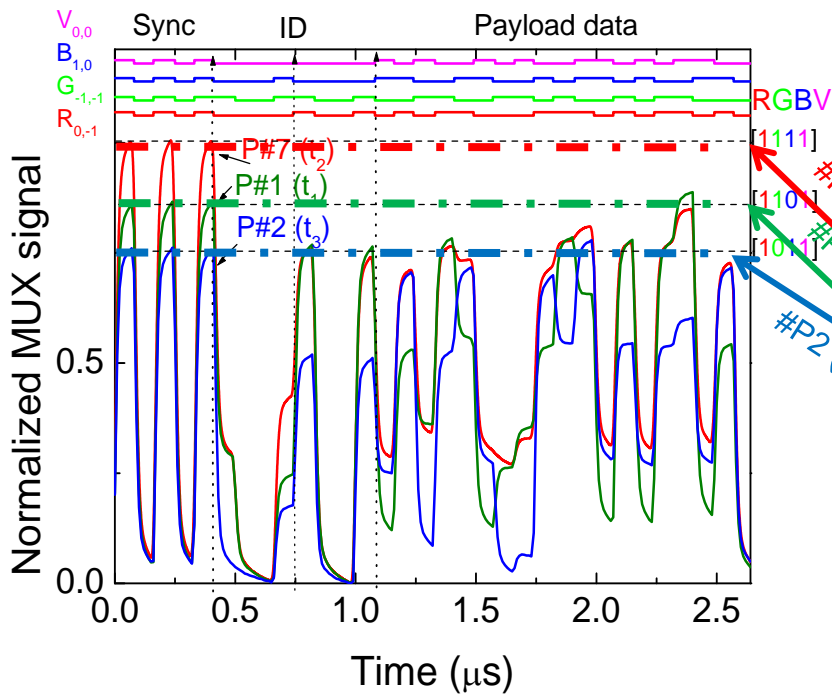
- The device's position (ID position) during the receiving process will be given by the highest detected level, the level where all the n ($n=1, 2, 3, 4$) channels are simultaneously on.

NAVIGATION DATA BITS



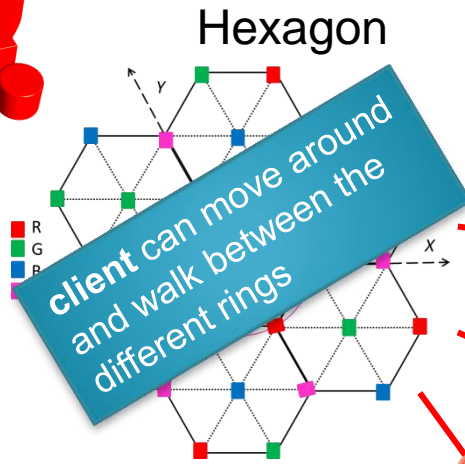
- As the receiver moves between generated point regions, the received information pattern changes. The transition actions are correlated by calculating the ID position codes in successive instants.

LED-BASED NAVIGATION SYSTEM

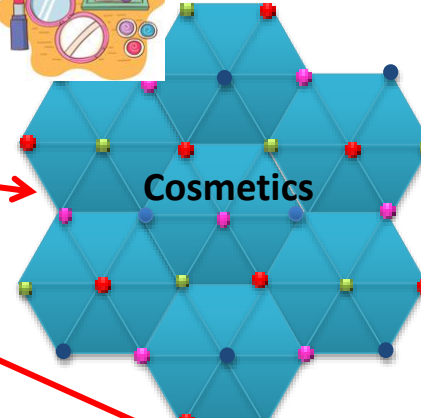


INDOOR LOCALIZATION

Topology

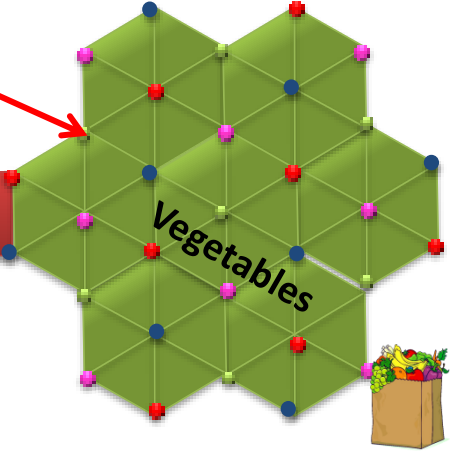
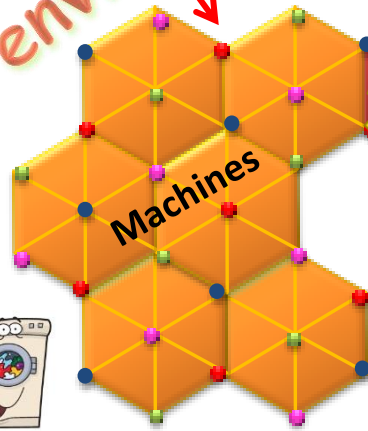


Layout environment



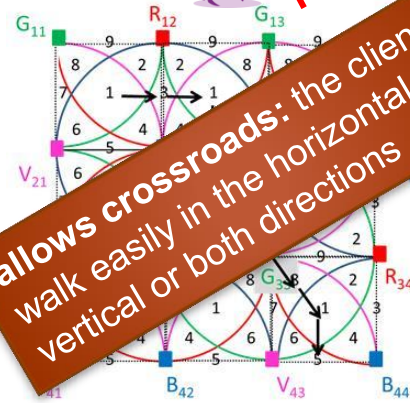
Transmitters

- Red
- Green
- Blue
- Violet

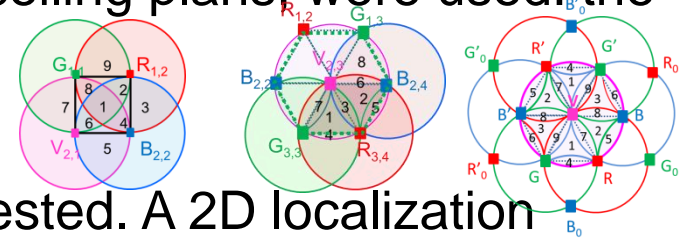


Square

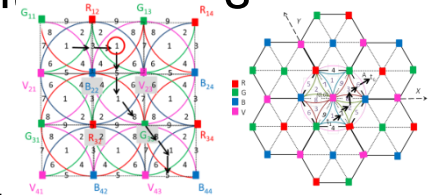
allows crossroads: the client walk easily in the horizontal, vertical or both directions



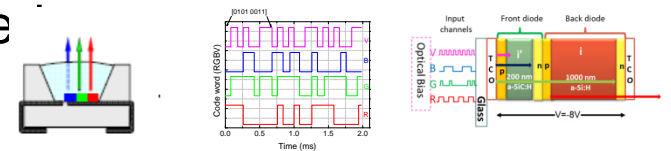
- A coupled data transmission and indoor positioning was presented. To transmit the data, an On-Off Keying code was used. Two cellular topologies, for the ceiling plans, were used: the square and the hexagon.



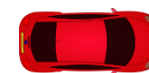
- Fine-grained indoor localization was tested. A 2D localization design, demonstrated by a prototype implementation was developed.



- A detailed analysis of the characteristics of various components within the VLC system were discussed

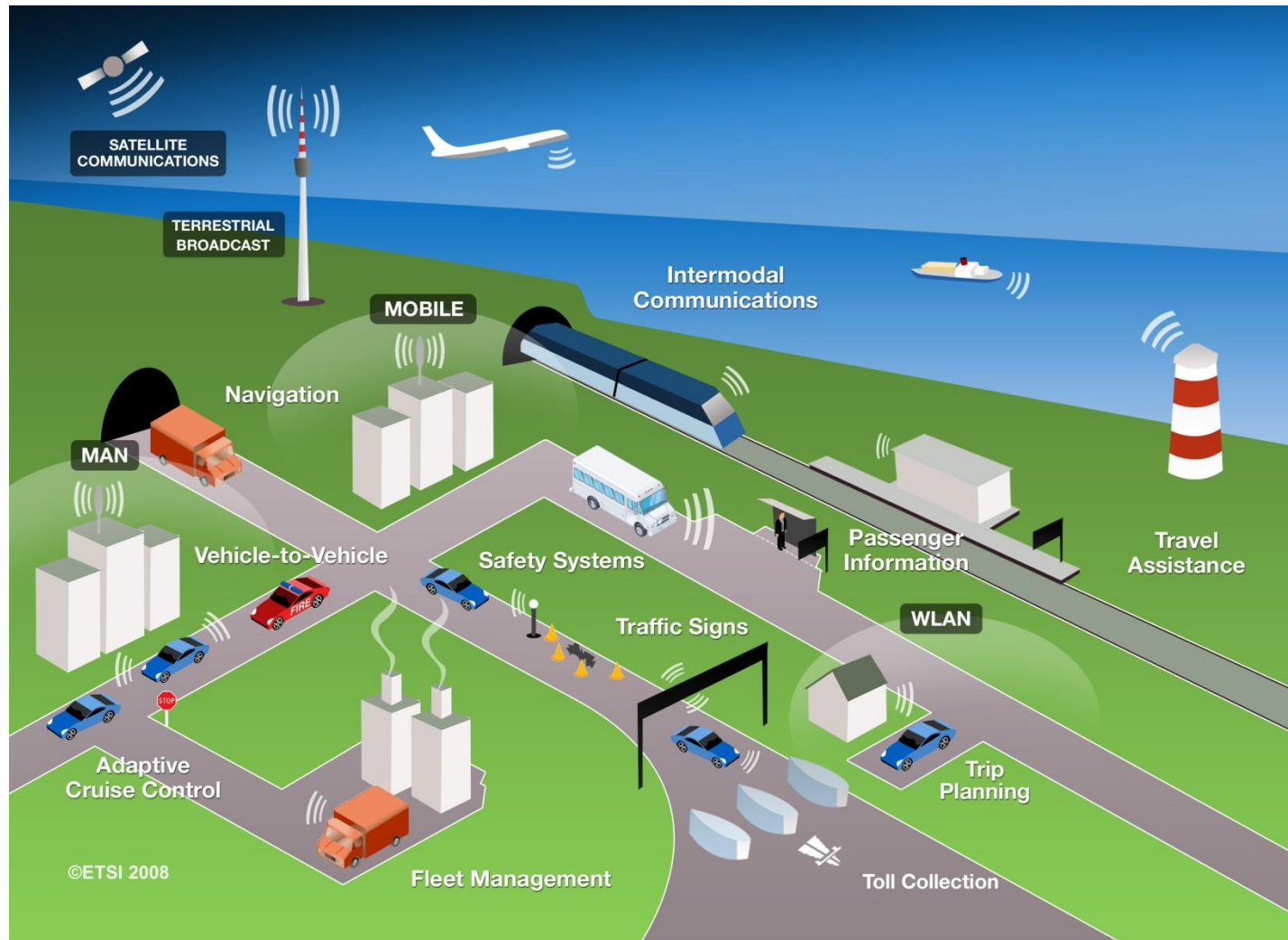


- Results showed that it is possible not only to determine the position of a mobile target inside the unit cell but also in the network and concomitantly to infer the travel direction along the time.

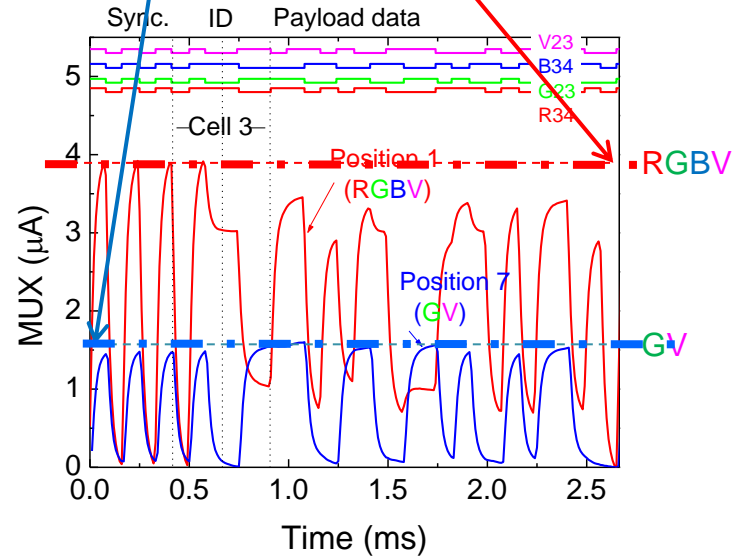
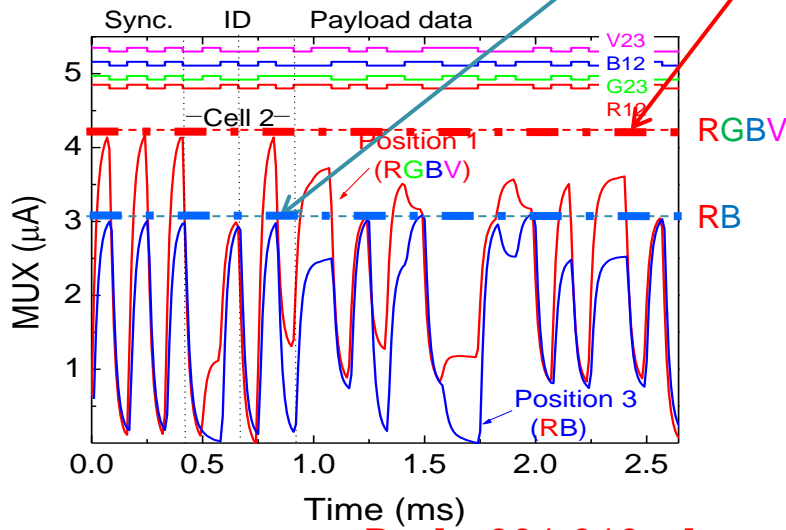
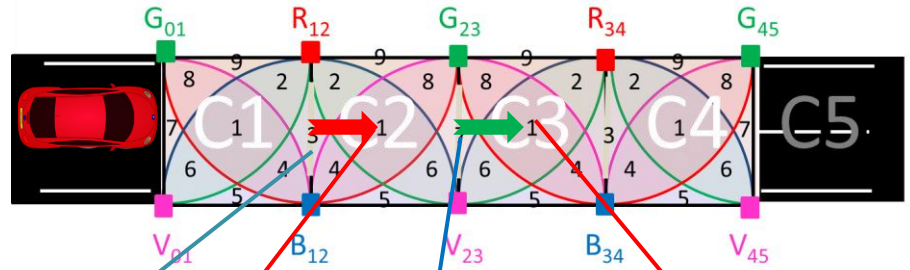
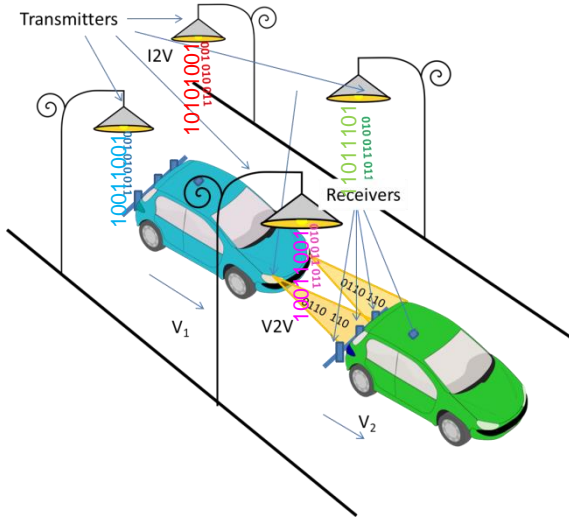


- For future work, by using multiple emitters and receivers, the transmission data rate through parallelized spatial multiplexing can be improved.

VEHICULAR VLC: ROAD-TO-VEHICLE



I2V COMMUNICATION



$R_{12} [\dots 001\ 010\dots]$
 $B_{12} [\dots 001\ 010\dots]$
 $V_{23} [\dots 010\ 011\dots]$

$R_{34} [\dots 011\ 100\dots]$
 $G_{23} [\dots 010\ 011\dots]$
 $V_{23} [\dots 010\ 011\dots]$

- Each decoded message carries the node address of the transmitter

Generic model for cooperative vehicular communications

Until recently...

- (V2V) communication limited to brake lights, signals;
- (V2I) was restricted to detection (loop detection)

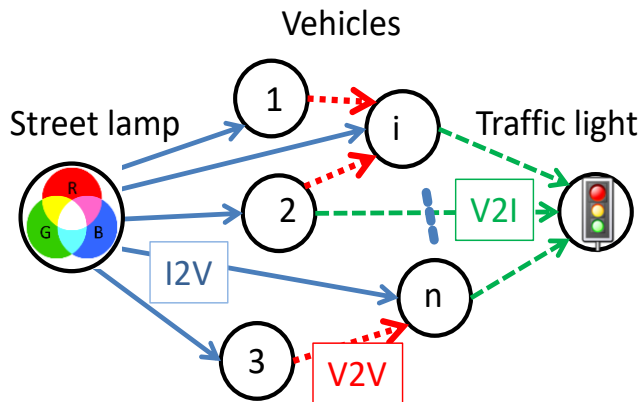
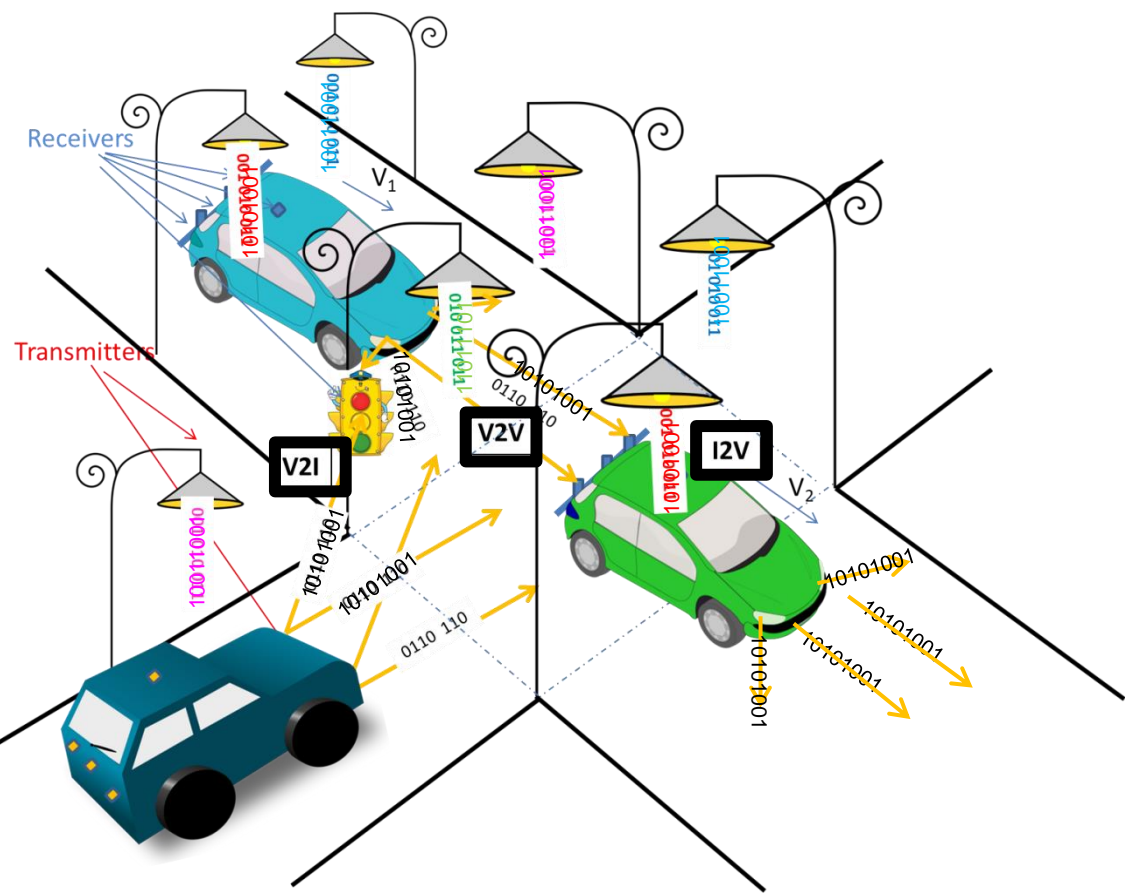
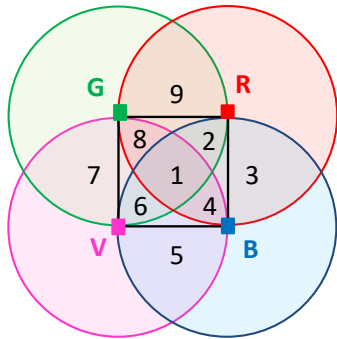


Illustration of the proposed I2V2V2I communication scenario:
Connected vehicles communication in a crossroad.

- Four modulated LEDs (RGBV) located at the corners of a **square grid**.

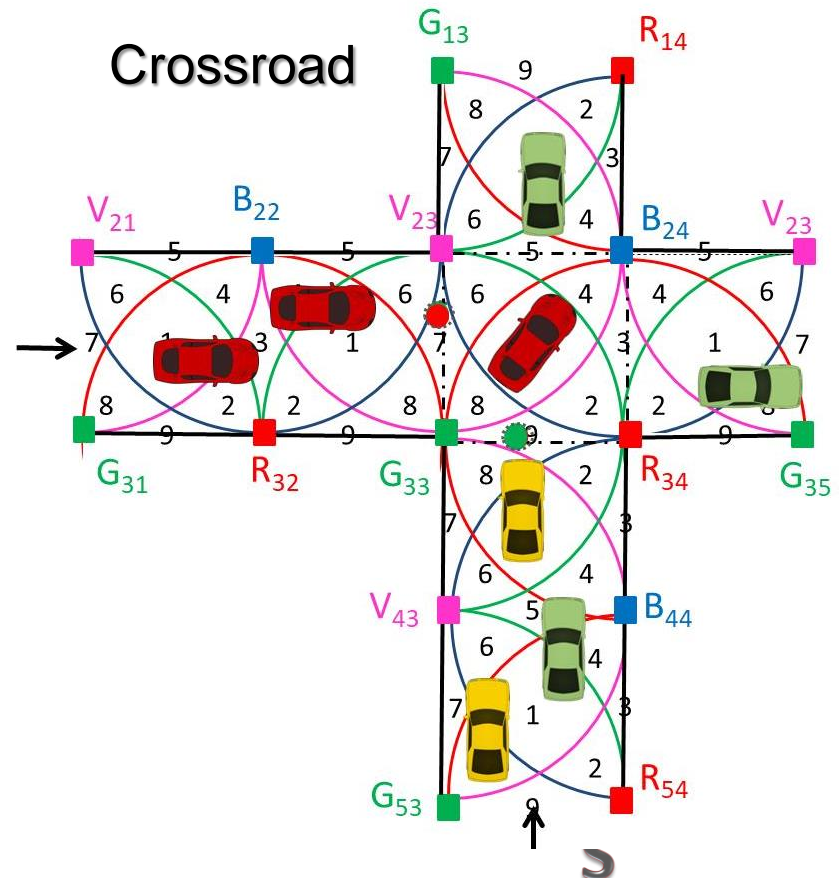
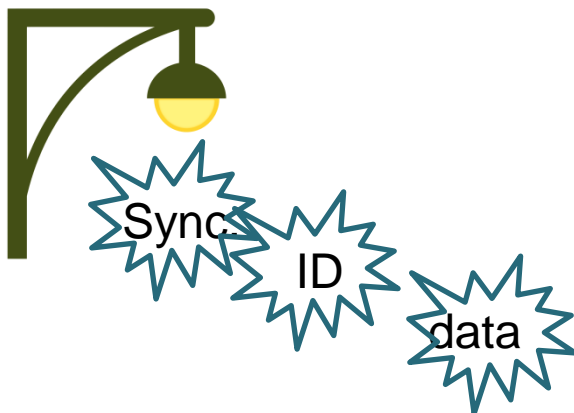


Unit cell

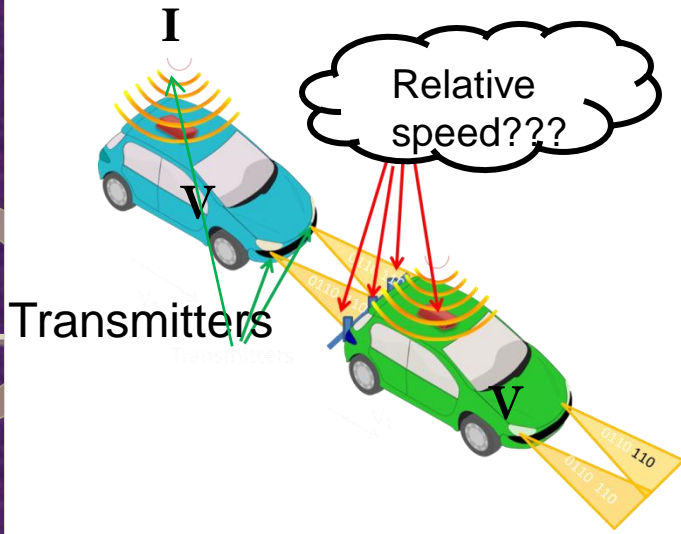
Generated joint footprints

footprint regions	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6	#7	#8	#9
Overlap	RGBV	RGB	RB	RBV	BV	GBV	GV	RGV	RG

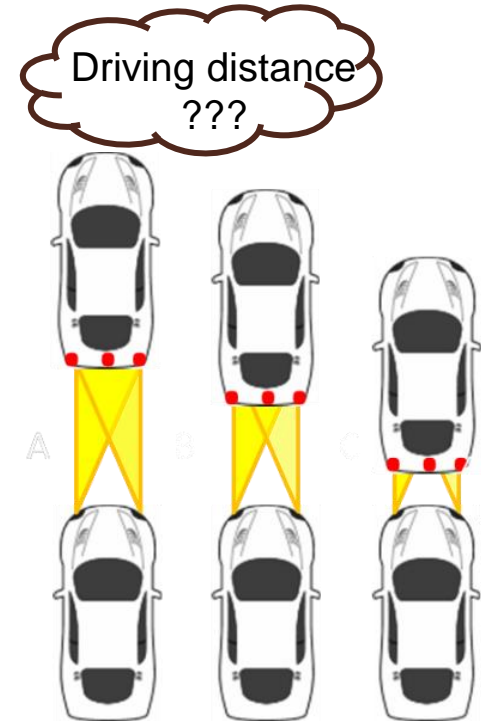
- ✓ **Promising benefits expected from safety and mobility improvements at the road network**



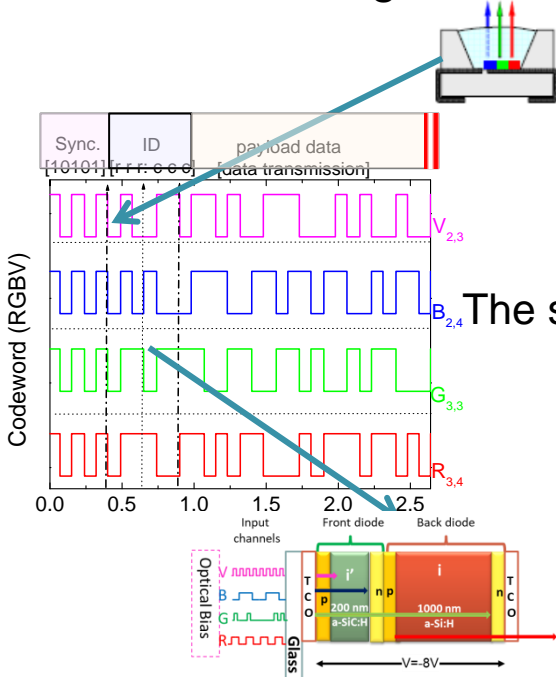
I2V2V system design



I2V: the street lamp (transmitter) sends a message to the SiC receiver, located at the rooftop.



V2V: the information is resent to a leader vehicle, using the headlights as transmitters

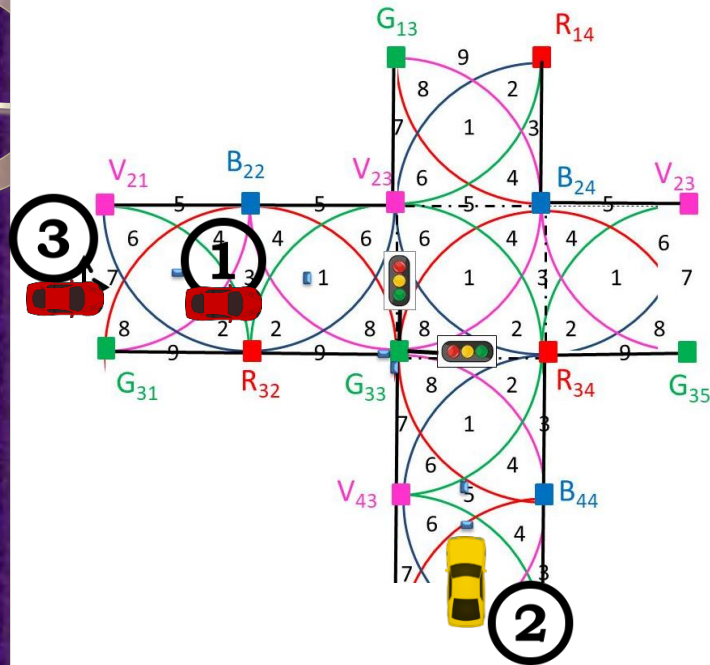


The structure of the frame is a classical one

The message begins with 5 synchronization bits

The rest of the frame consists of 6 ID's bits, The payload data bits and a stop bit.

Generalized view of the architecture



Three different scenarios:

Scenario 1 I 2 V 2 V 2 I

Scenario 2 I 2 V 2 I

Scenario 3 I 2 V 2 V 2 I

Operational procedure:

Each vehicle receives two different messages:

I2V and **V2V** coming from the streetlight and from the follow vehicle;

Compare them and infers the **drive distance** and the **relative speed**.

Send the information to a next car (**V2V2V**) or to an infrastructure (**V2V2I**).

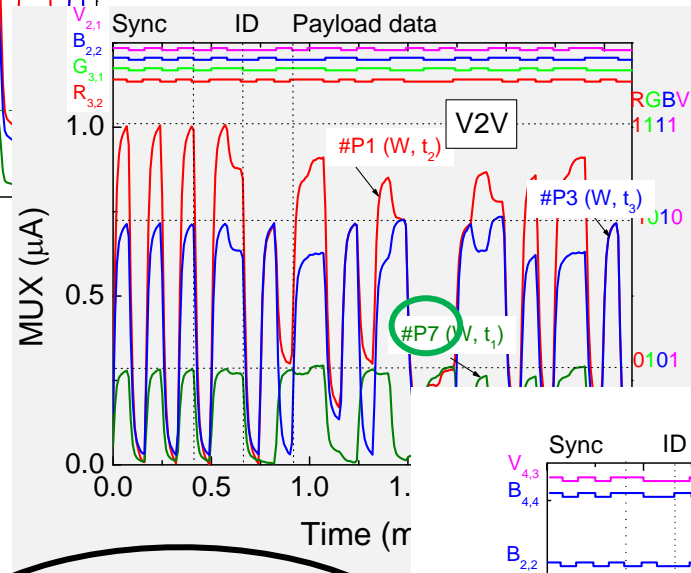
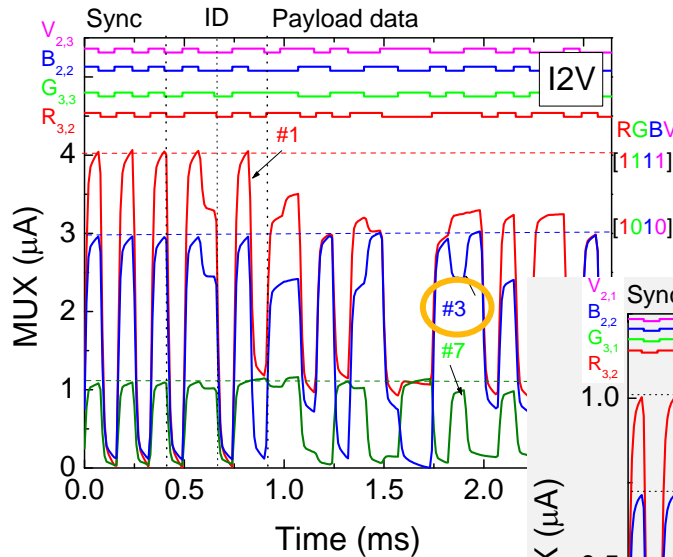


Vehicle to Infrastructure

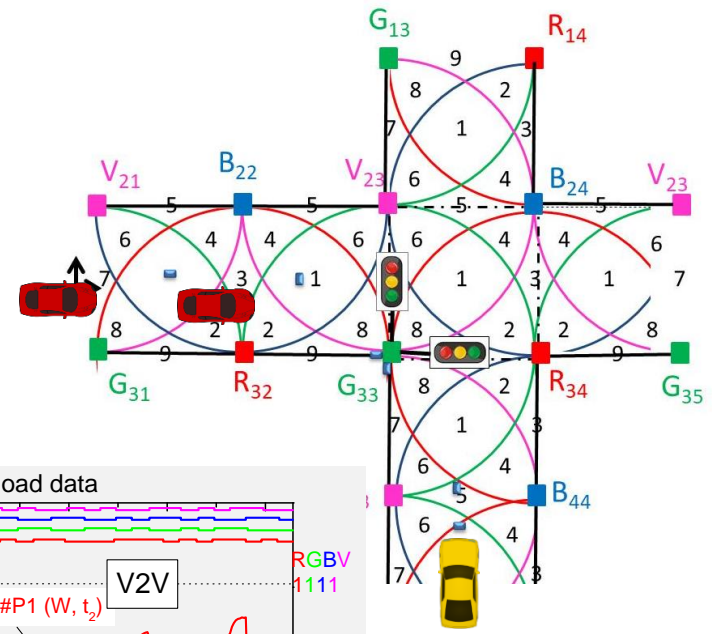
In order to verify the system operability and efficiency we have conducted an extensive set of measurements

Scenario 1: I2V2V2I

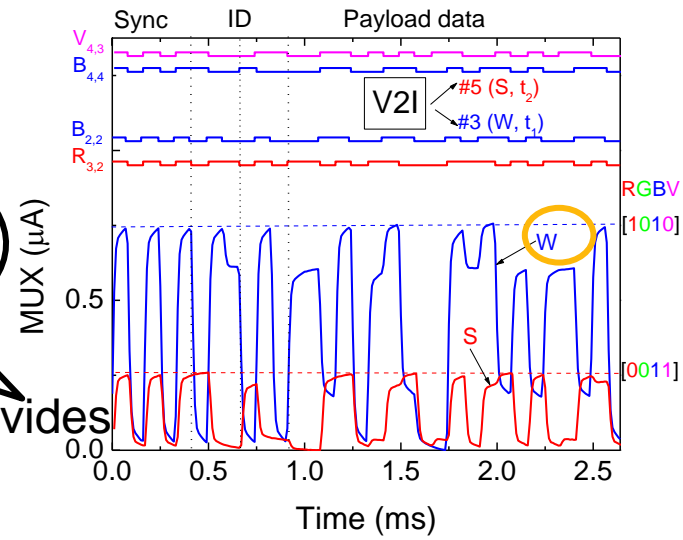
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Request time: t_1
 $\Delta t = \dots$
 $\Delta V = \dots$



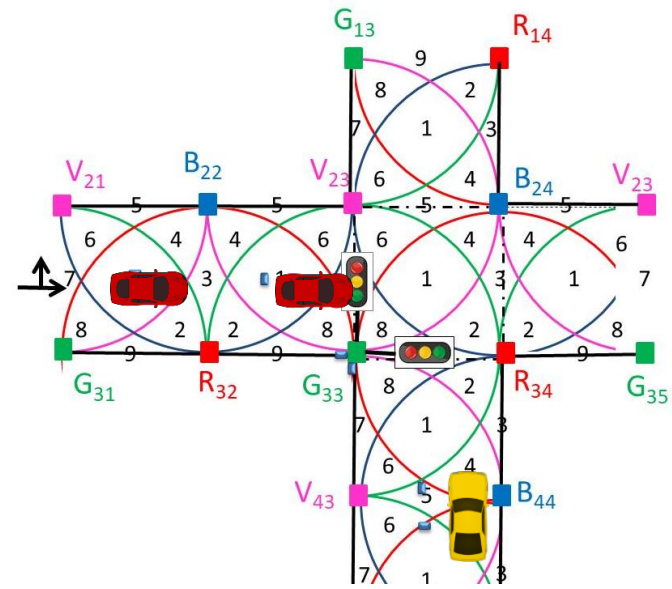
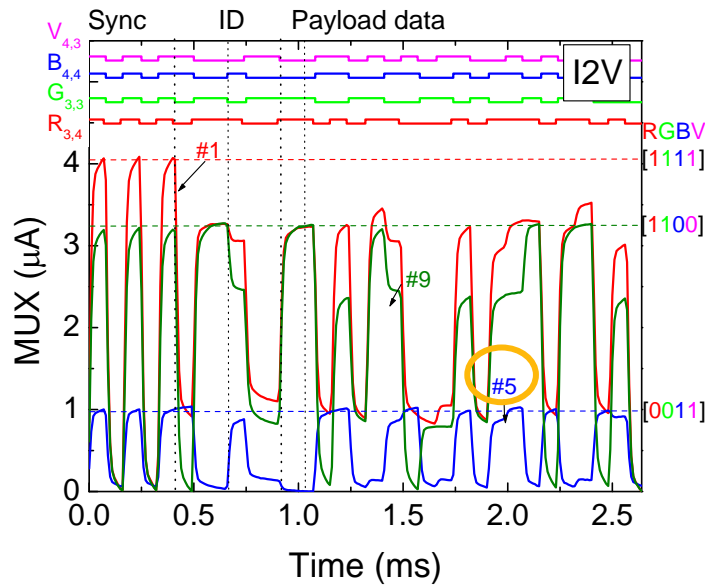
- Vehicle 1 sends the request message to the infrastructure (V2I) and informs the signal controller that this vehicle desires service (often called “demand” for service).



- Data collected from connected vehicles provides a much more complete picture of the traffic states near an intersection

Scenario 2: I2V2I

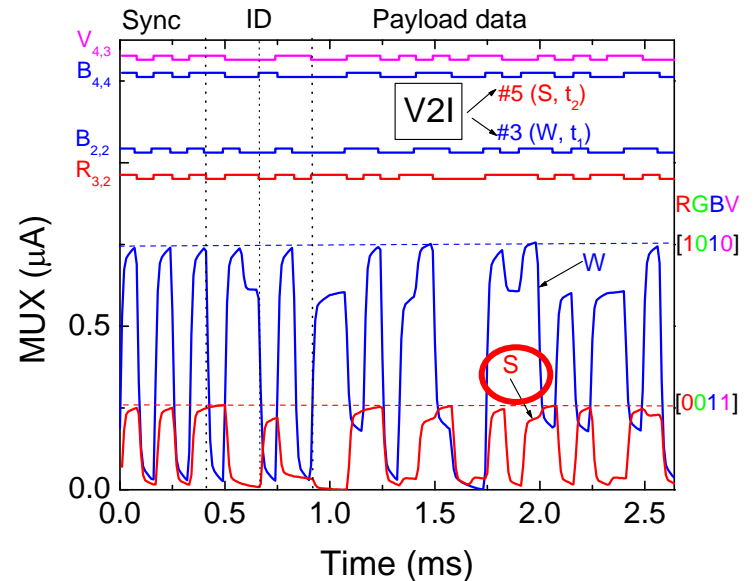
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•I2V MUX signal received by a rooftop receiver moving in the S direction when the vehicle 2 is located #5

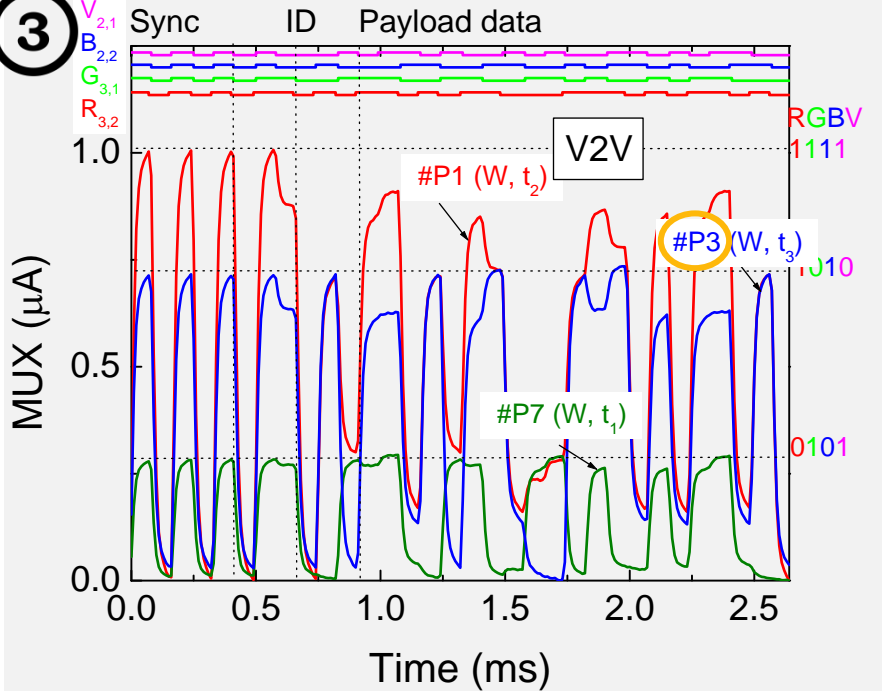
Request time: t_2
 $\Delta t = \dots$
 $\Delta V = \dots$

- Vehicle 2 sends the request message to the infrastructure (V2I) and informs the signal controller that this vehicle desires service.



•V2I communication from vehicle 2 to the infrastructure

Scenario 3: I2V2V2I

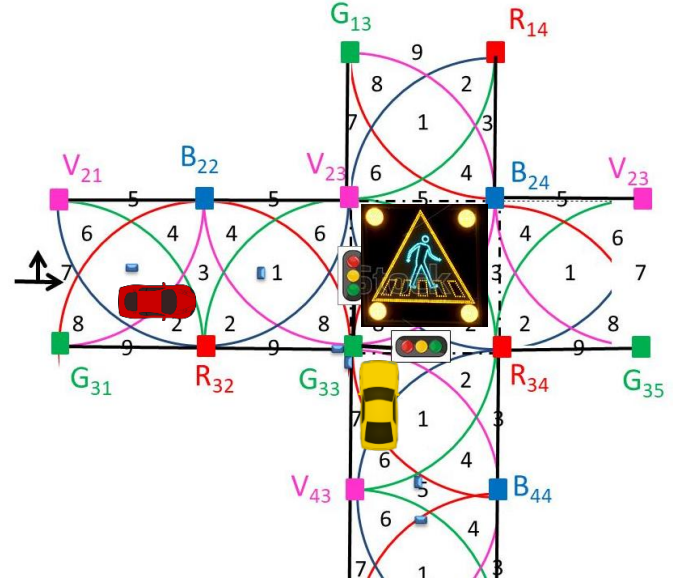


- Vehicle 3 sends the request message to the infrastructure (V2I) and to the leader (V2V)

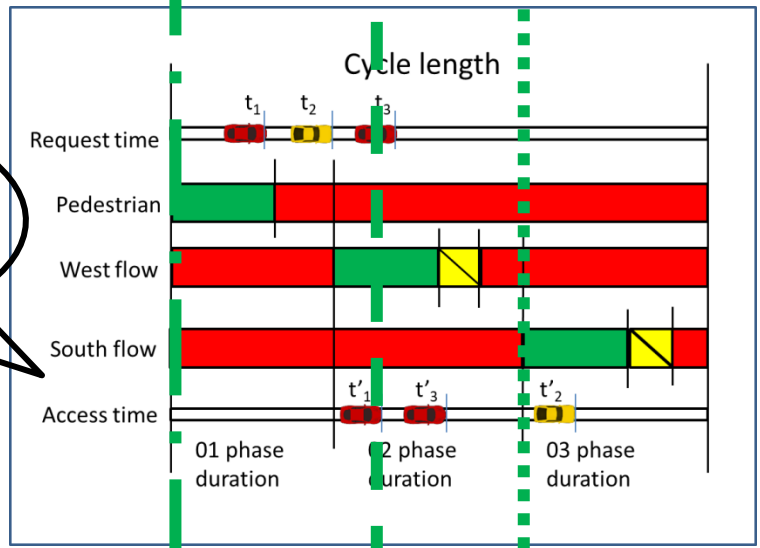


Request time: t_3
 $\Delta t = \dots \Delta v = \dots$

From a capacity point of view is more efficient, if Vehicle 3 is given access before Vehicle 2



Pedestrian-only stage (01 phase) two single-lane road phases



Phasing of traffic flows

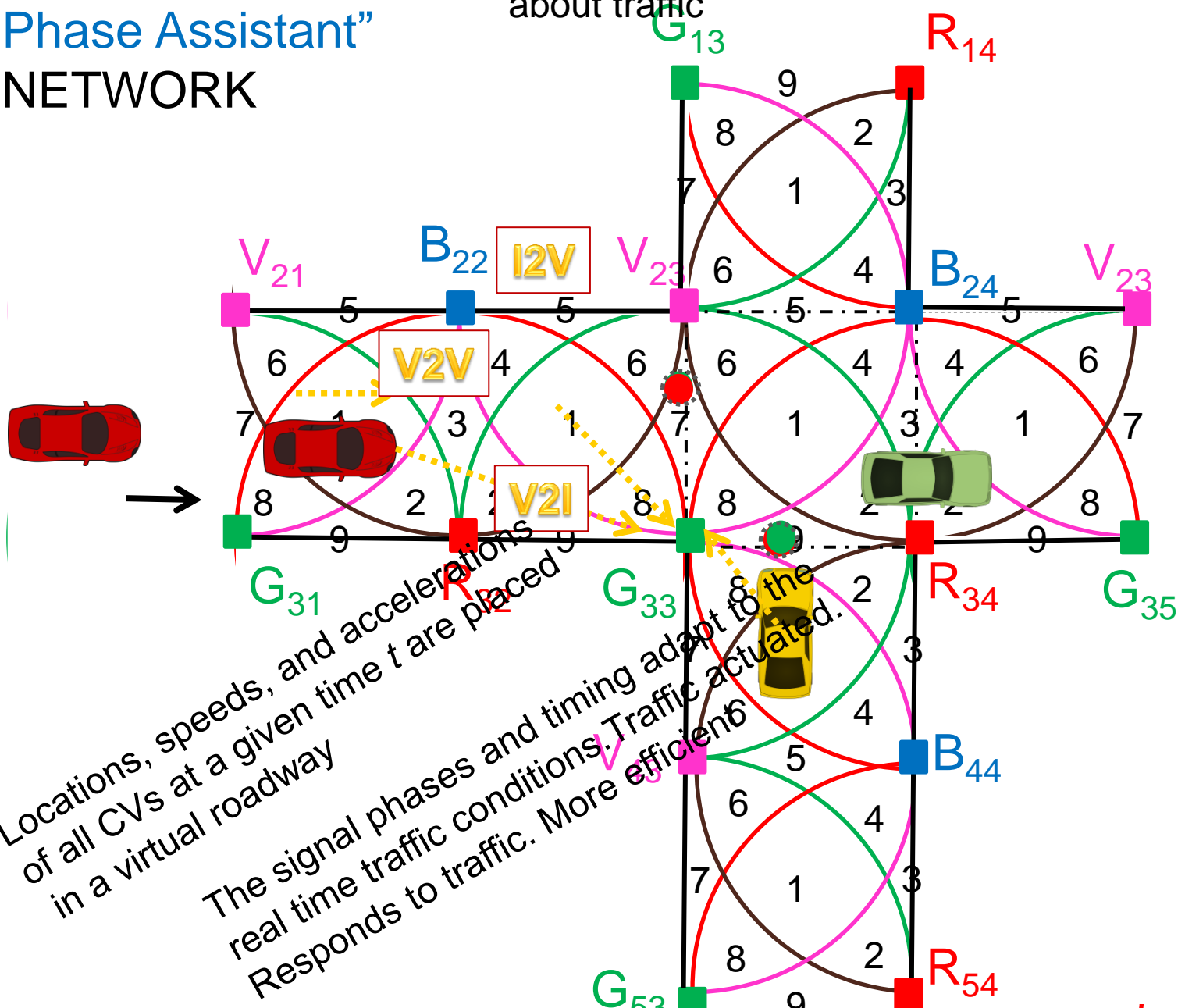
Vehicle's intersection access time is defined as the time at which the head of the vehicle enters the intersection area

Virtual road network:

I2V2V2

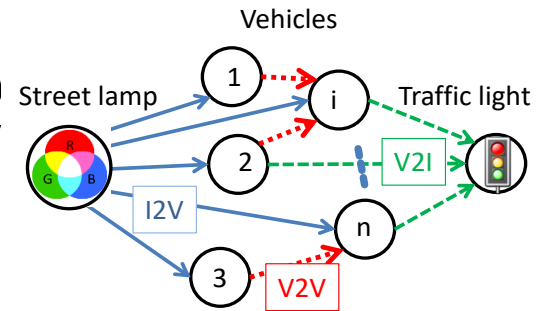
Traffic Light Phase Assistant NETWORK

Information flow towards the traffic light:
Improvement of control by precise information about traffic



Light-activated pi'n/pin a-SiC:H devices combines the demultiplexing operation with the simultaneous photodetection and self amplification.

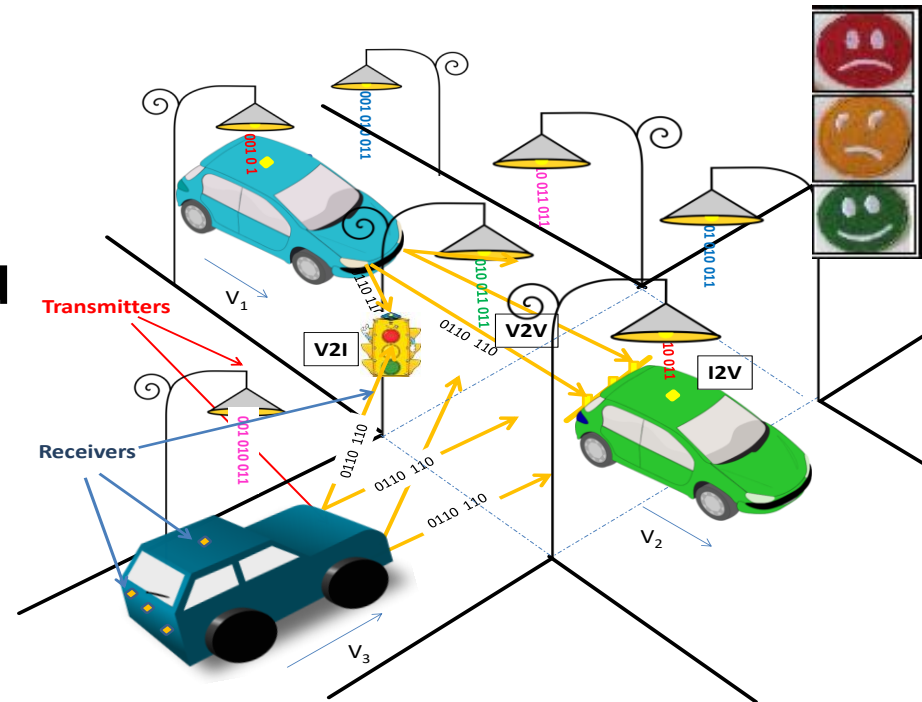
Connected vehicles information from the network vehicular interaction (V2V) and infrastructure (V2I) analyzed.



A generic model of cooperative transmissions for vehicular communications services is established.

The experimental results, confirmed that the proposed cooperative VLC architecture is **appropriate** for the **control and management of a traffic light** controlled crossroad network.

Two-level optimization: phase sequence and duration.



Thanks for your attention



A group of experienced and young researchers covering the areas of materials and devices processing; materials and devices characterization and optimization, well supported by the physics modelling of the devices and the corresponding software for information extraction



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