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Behavior personalized Adaptive Cruise Control using Probability-Weighted ARX model

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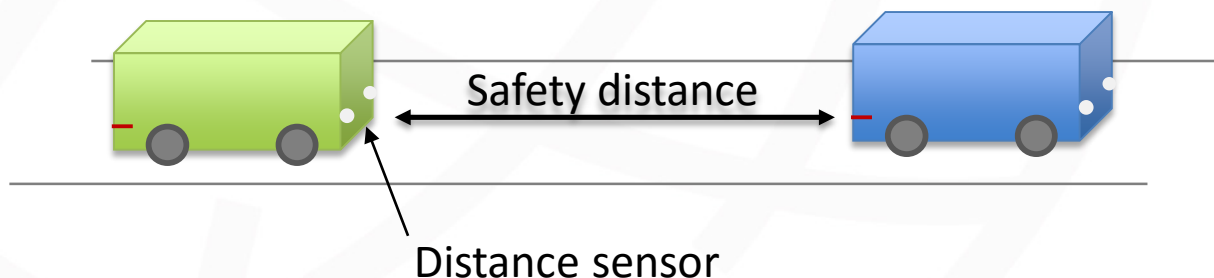
Introduction

Goal of the adaptive cruise control:

- Adjust the vehicle velocity to maintain a safety distance with the lead vehicle. Relieve the driver.

How adjust the velocity:

- By sensing the lead vehicle (with a Radar or Lidar), and correcting the vehicle velocity.



Different approaches exist to evaluate the safety distance

Introduction

Most adaptive cruise controls algorithms are derivated from two different microscopic traffic flow model types:

- Collision avoidance models (Gipps model ...)

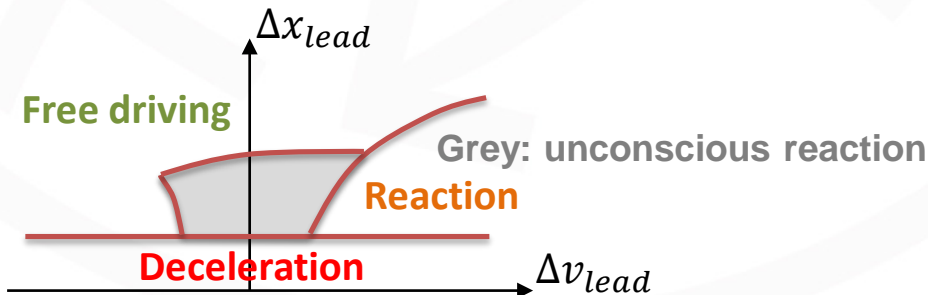
The model applies the lowest of two possible accelerations:

- Free driving acceleration $\gamma(\Delta v_0)$
- Safe braking acceleration $\gamma(\Delta x_{lead} \& v)$
with Δv_0 the relative velocity to a fixed velocity
and Δx_{lead} the relative distance to the leading vehicle

- Psycho-physical models (Wiedemann model ...)

The acceleration of the vehicle is based on different possible formula.

The selection of the formula depends on perception thresholds:



**Not designed for
simple user personalization**

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personalized adaptive cruise control**

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1. Vehicle following models

Microscopic flow model

- Linear models /
Stimulus-response
Output proportional to inputs
e.g. GHR model, Helly models
- Collision avoidance /
Safety distance
Minimize a risk factor
e.g. Gipps model, IDM
- Psycho-physical /
Action point
Human identified thresholds based
model (decisions)
e.g. Wiedemann model

Machine learning models

- Linear control theory
Linear operation on the inputs
e.g. PID, ARX *Too basic*
- Nonlinear / Stochastic
Neural networks
Hidden Markov models *Too complex*
- **Hybrid systems**
Different driving modes (decision)
Linear modes
PWARX, **PrARX** (soft modes transitions)

**Simplicity of linear control theory,
enhanced by multiple modes
reproducing the driver mental states**

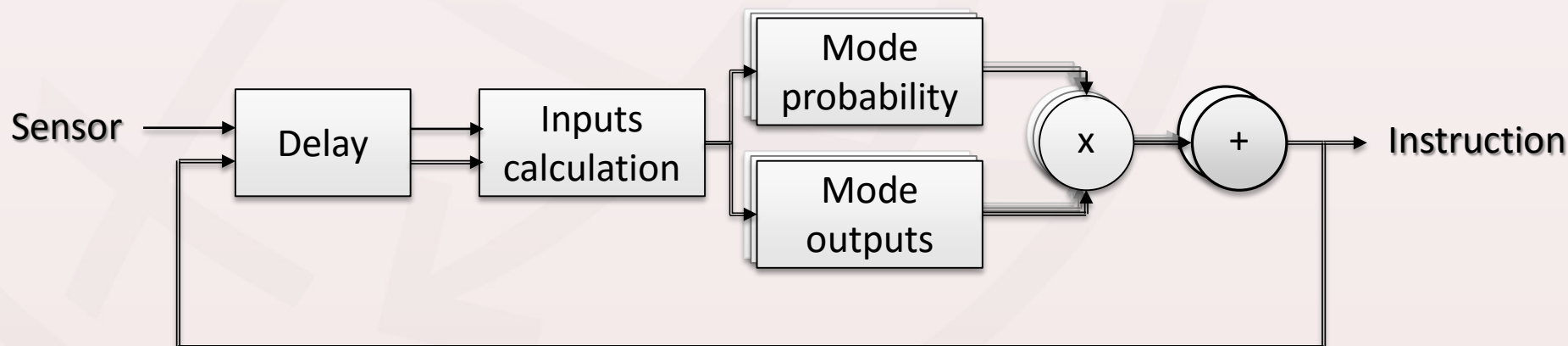
1. Vehicle following models

PrARX: ARX based model, probability weighted mode transition

Modeling the (*Vehicle + Driver*) behavior

Supervised mode clustering [Acceleration ; Constant velocity ; Deceleration]

- Simple understanding of the modes parameters
- Sophisticated dynamics reproduction



Visualization of a 3 modes PrARX model

1. Vehicle following models

PrARX. Modeling the (*Vehicle + Driver*) personalized behavior

Driver model inputs at $(t - \tau)$:

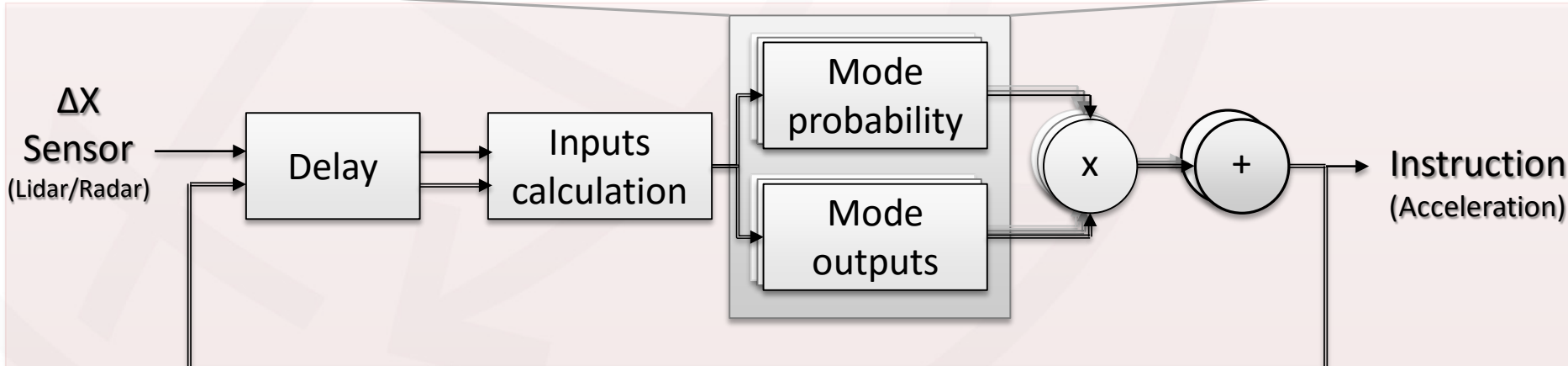
- **Vehicle acceleration**
- **Range** (Relative distance)
- **Range-rate** (Relative velocity)
- **Headway time**

Vehicle following
model "PrARX"

Driver model output at t :

- **Vehicle acceleration**

τ expresses the driver reaction time



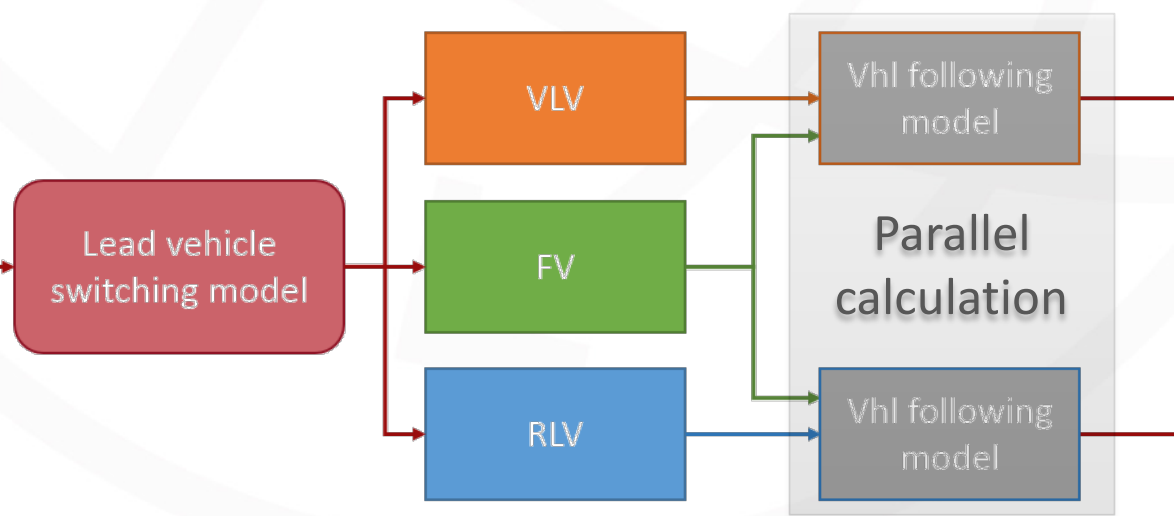
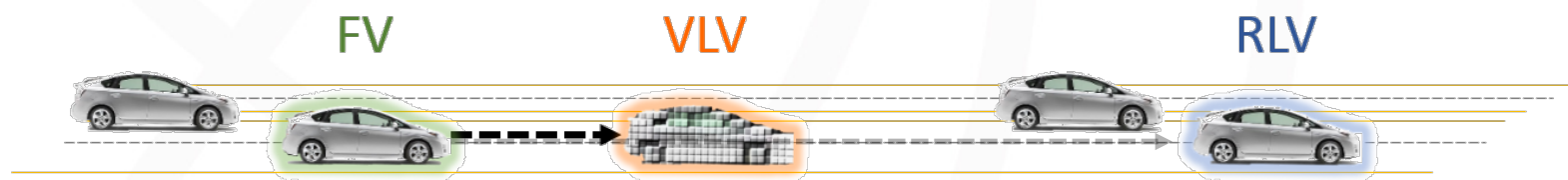
Visualization of a 3 modes PrARX model

2. Application to A.C.C.

Application to Adaptive Cruise control: Vlv-ACC

Problem: What input when there is no leading vehicle?

➤ Introduction of the **Virtual Leading Vehicle (VLV)** concept



FV: Following vehicle
(driven vehicle)

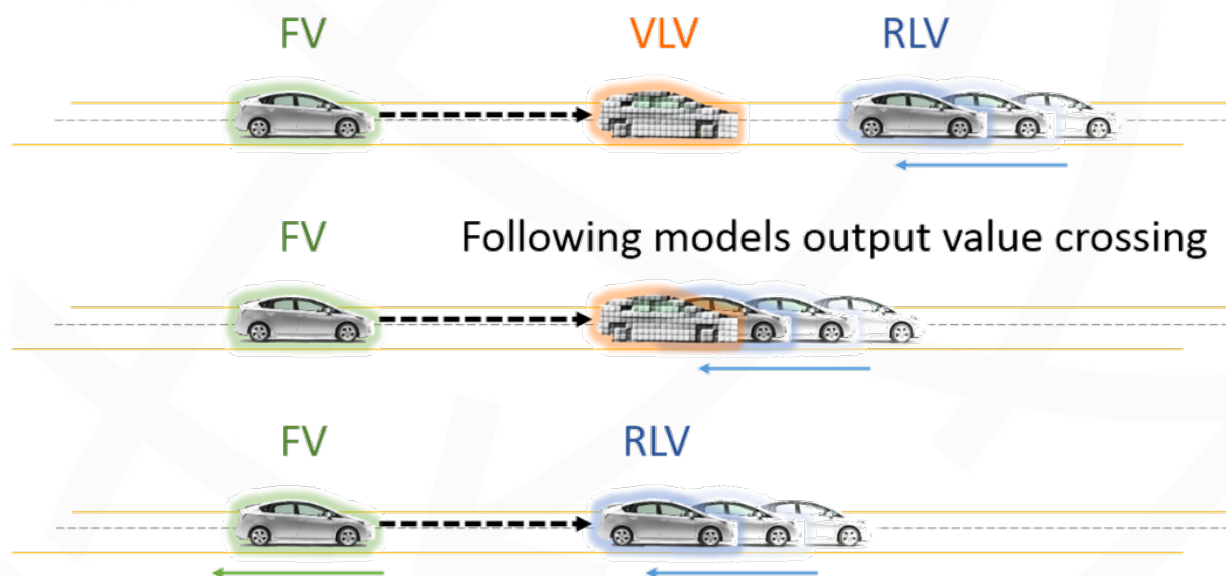
VLV: Virtual leading vehicle

RLV: Real leading vehicle

2. Application to A.C.C.

Vlv-ACC: Switching cases

1/4 “Soft RLV in”



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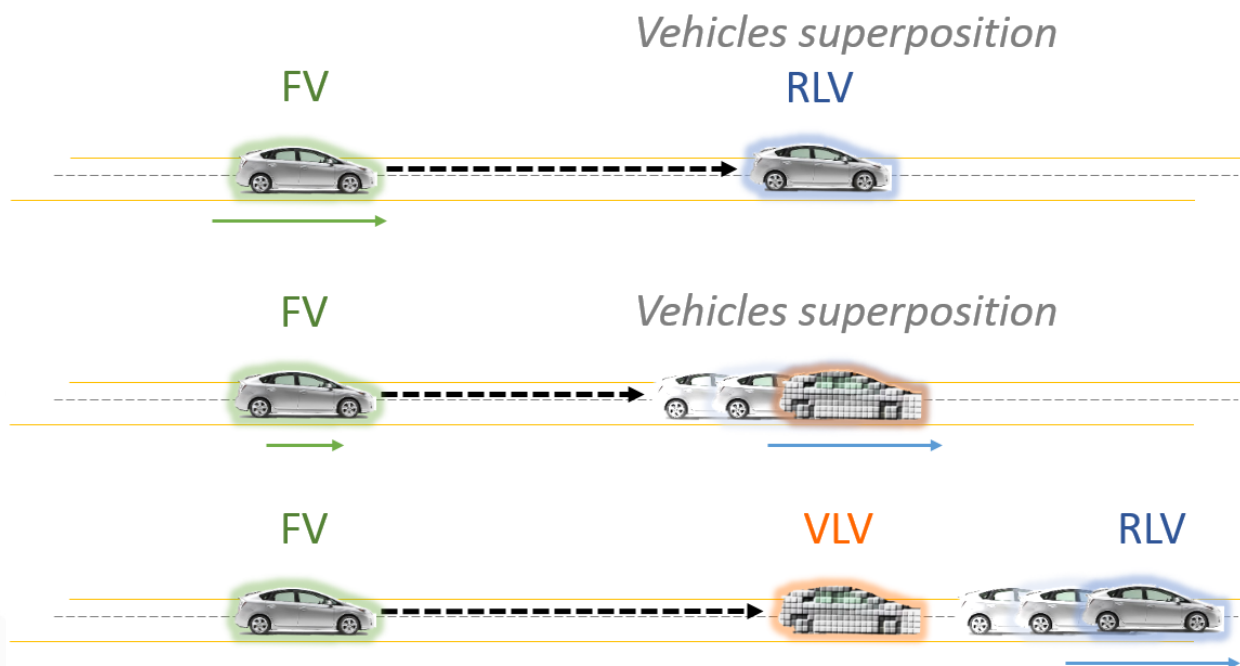
RLV: Real leading vehicle

Following models outputs (acceleration)	
VLV	RLV
0	Positive
0	0
---	Negative

2. Application to A.C.C.

VLv-ACC: Switching cases

2/4 “Soft RLV out”



FV: Following vehicle (driven vehicle)

VLV: Virtual leading vehicle

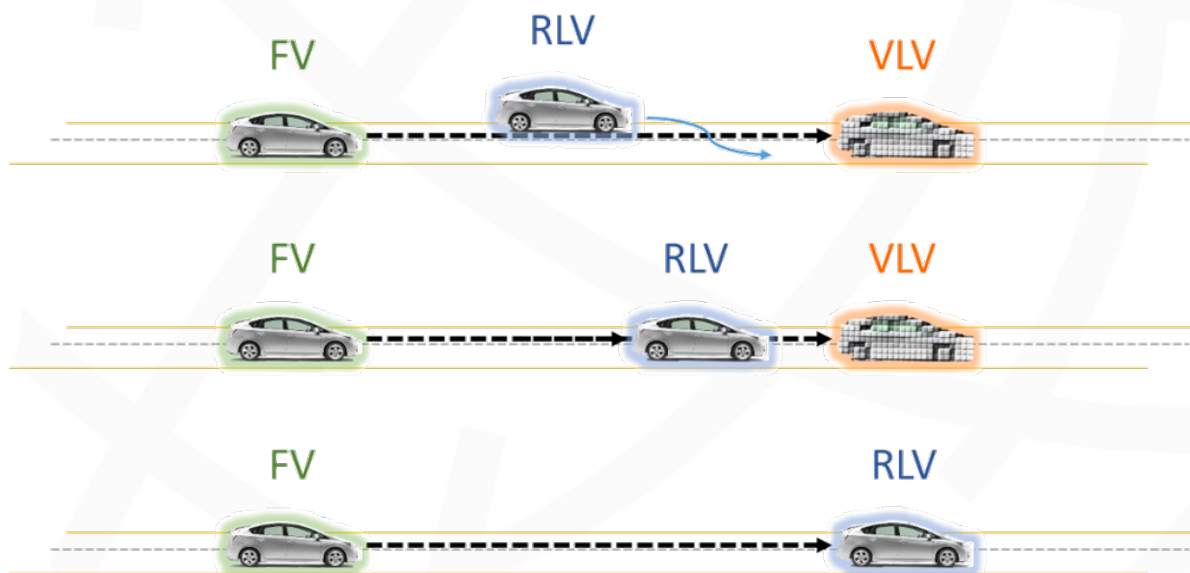
RLV: Real leading vehicle

Leading vehicle velocity	
VLV	RLV
Same as RLV	Lower than ACC defined
ACC defined velocity	ACC defined velocity
ACC defined velocity	Higher than ACC defined

2. Application to A.C.C.

VLv-ACC: Switching cases

3/4 “Lane cut RLV”



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Following models outputs

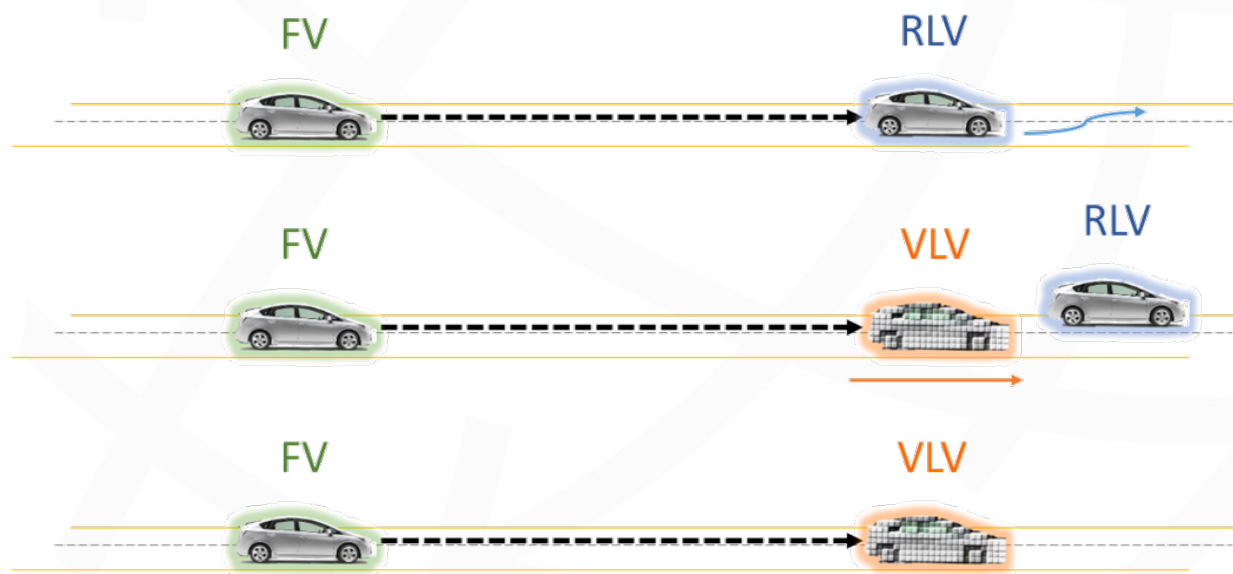
T	VLV	RLV	FV
$T < T_0$	a_x	---	a_x
$T_0 < T < T_0 + \tau$	$a_x(T_0)$	a_y	$t \cdot a_x(T_0) + (t - \tau) \cdot a_y$
$T_0 + \tau < T$	---	a_y	a_y

Timer based switching: τ

2. Application to A.C.C.

VLv-ACC: Switching cases

4/4 “Lane exit RLV”



Vehicles accelerations		
Conditions	VLV	RLV
---	---	a_{RLV}
$V_{VLV} < V_{ACC}$	$a_{defined}$	---
$V_{VLV} = V_{ACC}$	0	---

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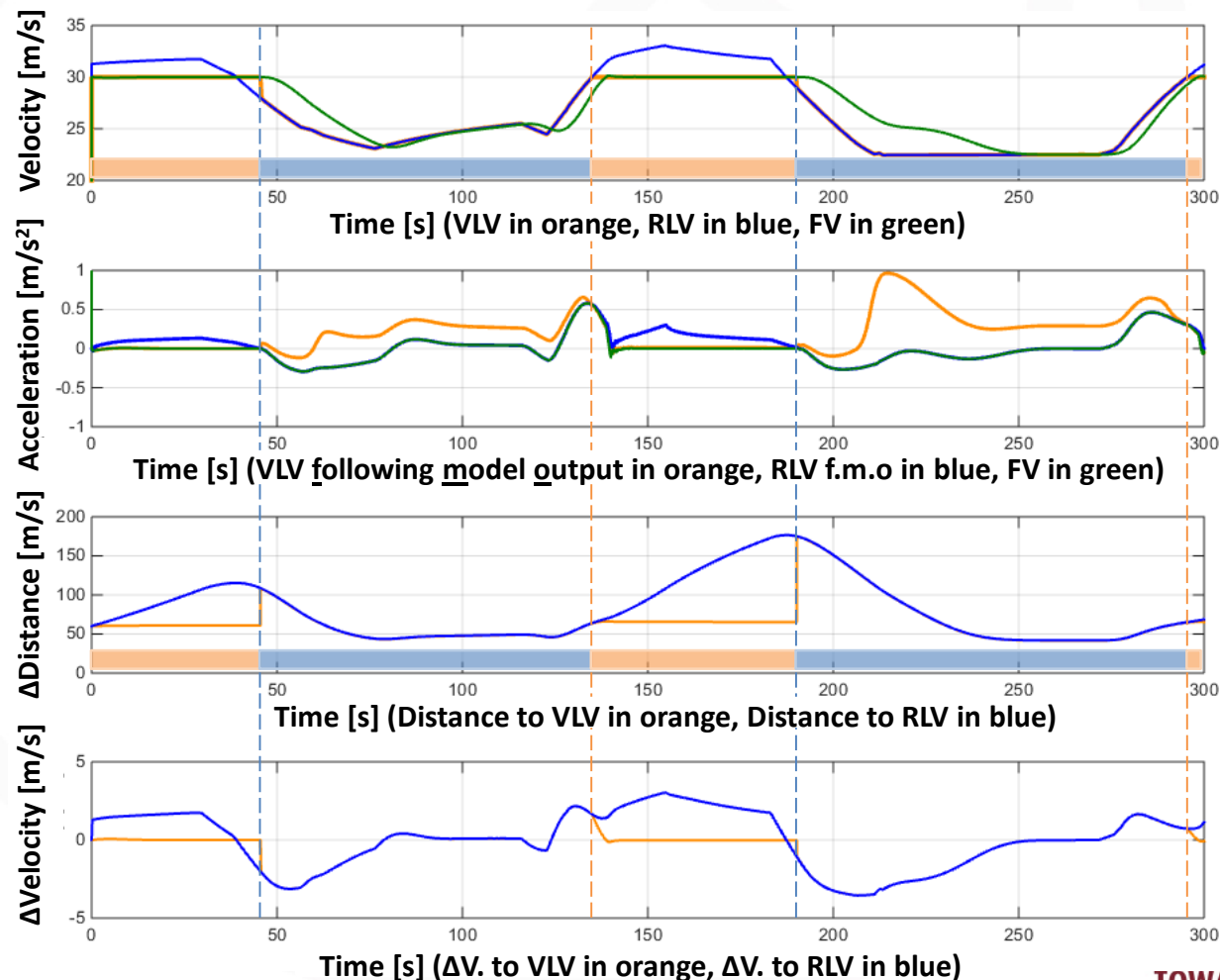
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Defined acceleration based switching

3. Results and comparison

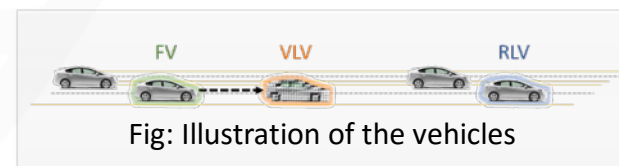
Results: Vlv-ACC with PrARX model. Soft transitions



Target velocity: 30m/s

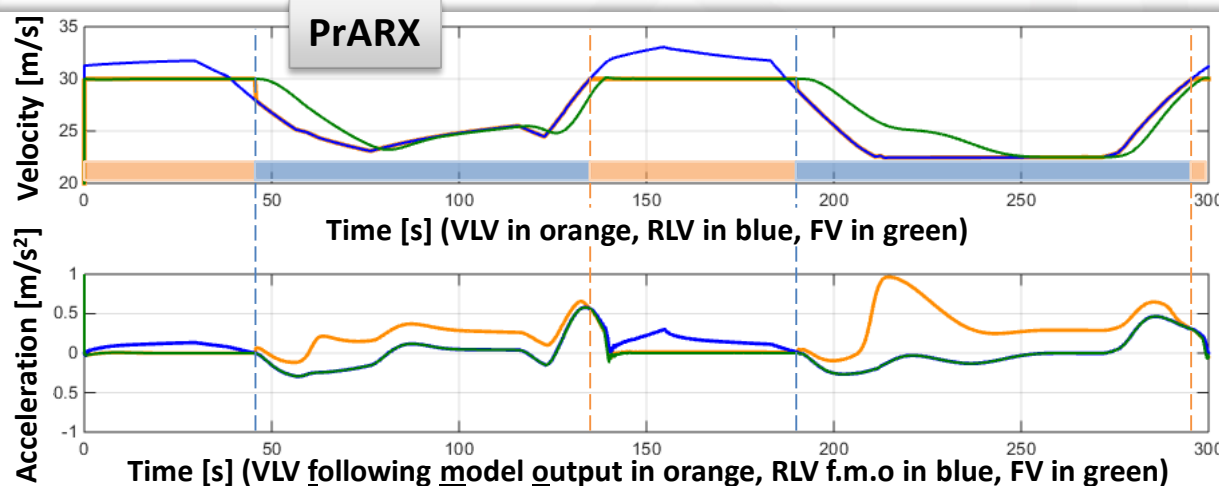
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Following the
Real leading vehicle



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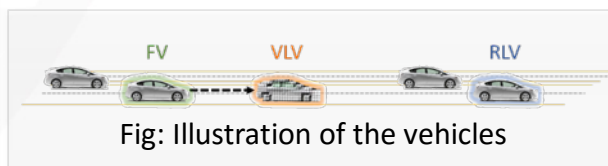
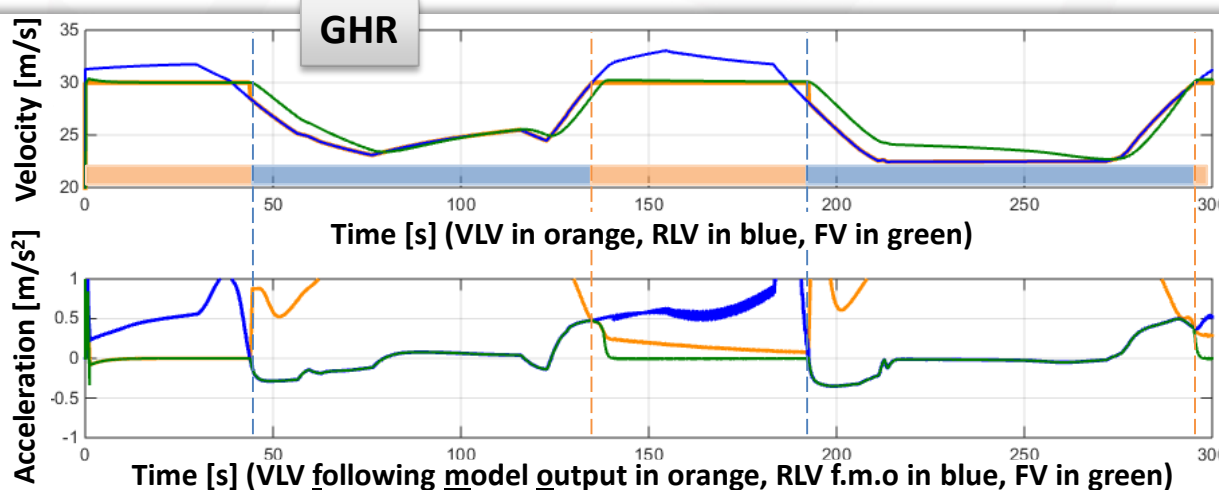
Comparison: Vlv-ACC PrARX & Vlv-ACC GHR



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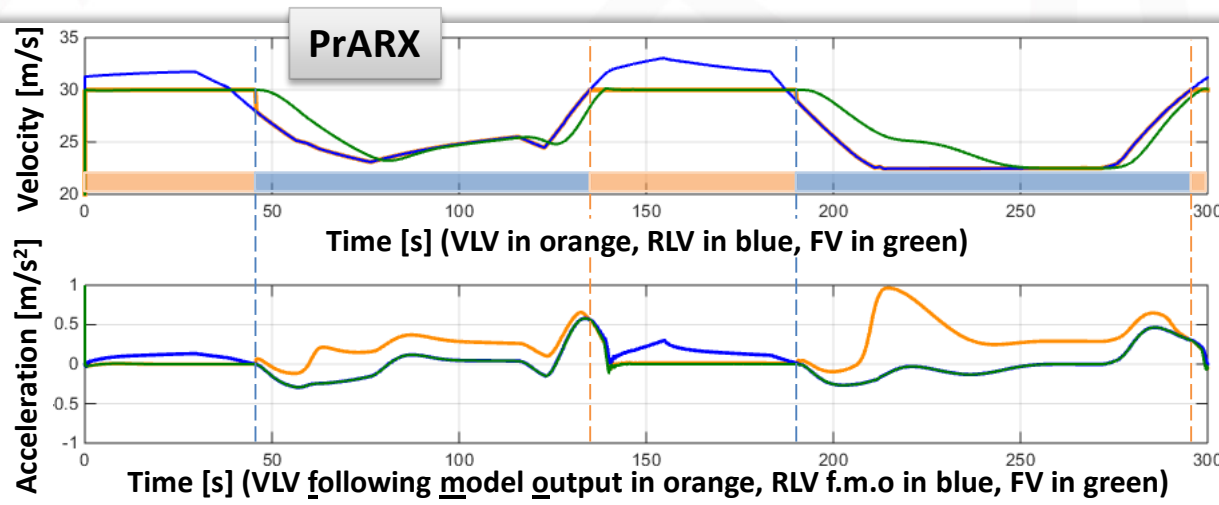
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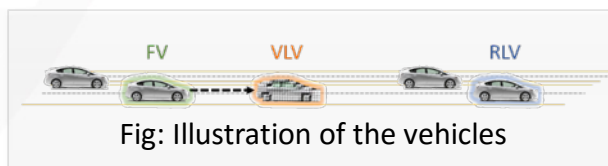
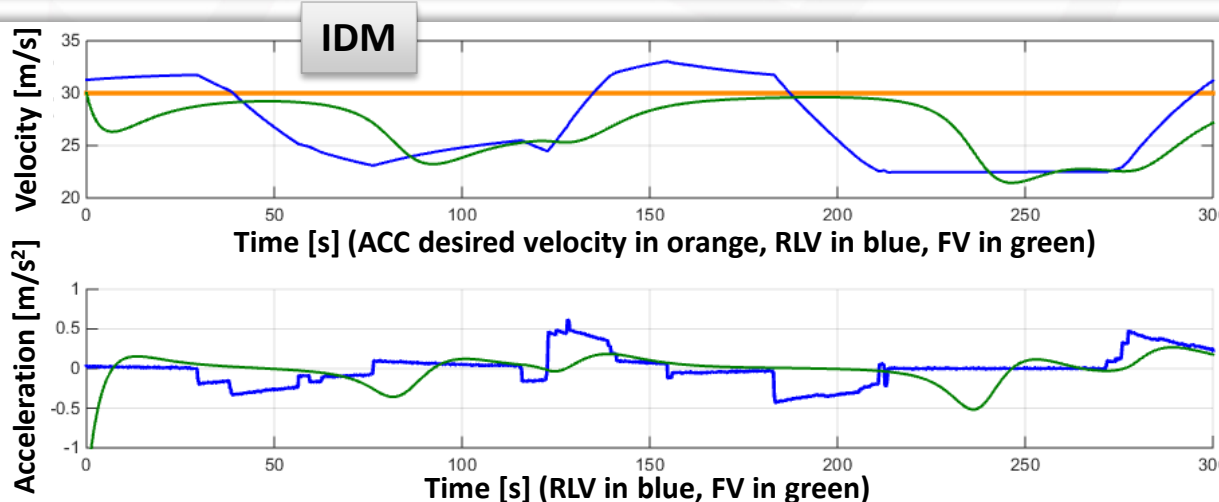
Comparison: Vlv-ACC PrARX & IDM



Target velocity: 30m/s

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Conclusion

We introduced:

- The PrARX machine learning vehicle following model
- The Vlv-ACC system, enabling to use vehicle following models to act as adaptive cruise control systems

We exposed:

- The inputs/outputs of the PrARX model
- The details of the Vlv-ACC functioning
- The comparison with different driver and ACC models

Future work will be:

- Implement the Vlv-ACC in a traffic flow simulation environment
- Test the system in a real vehicle



Thank you for listening

Do you have questions?

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