

Role of Wide area and Narrow area Communication Systems in CASE age

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1. Introduction

CASE (Connected, Autonomous, Shared & Services, Electric) is the keyword of automobile industry.

All the four components of **CASE** is related to communication and information processing. Here “Connected” and “Autonomous” are focused and impacts and influences to traffic flow will be pointed out and further, the role of communication systems will be discussed.

2. ODD (Operational Design Domain) and traffic flow

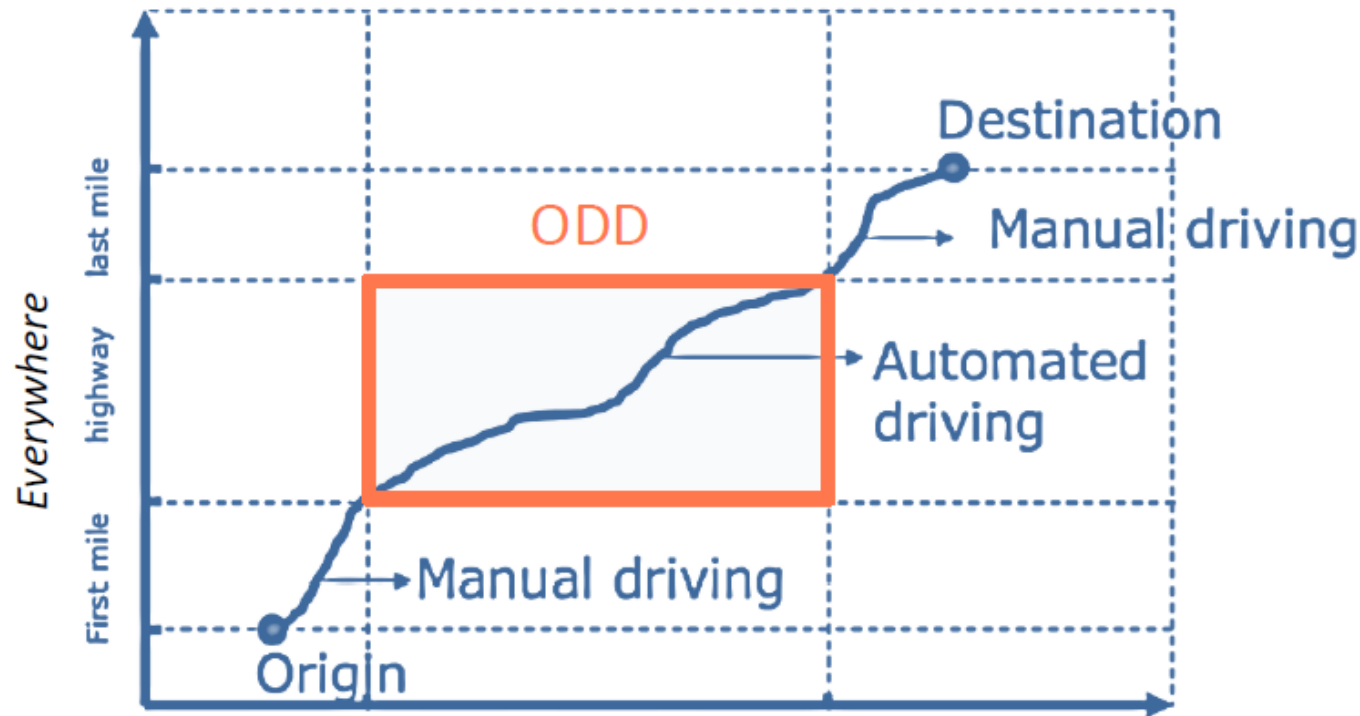
Netherland first announced that their traffic management will be based on ODD for Automated Vehicles by changing ODD according to the road and traffic environment.

ODD was first announced by SAE and the definition of ODD related to road administration is not clear and many discussions are emerging.

[Current definition by Dr. Jaap Vreeswijk;
ODD = (Vehicle Capabilities) X (Geographical Condition) X
(Traffic & Situational environment)]

Level	Name	Narrative definition	DDT		DDT fallback	ODD
			Sustained lateral and longitudinal vehicle motion control	OEDR		
Driver performs part or all of the DDT						
0	No Driving Automation	The performance by the <i>driver</i> of the entire <i>DDT</i> , even when enhanced by <i>active safety systems</i> .	Driver	Driver	Driver	n/a
1	Driver Assistance	The <i>sustained</i> and <i>ODD</i> -specific execution by a <i>driving automation system</i> of either the <i>lateral</i> or the <i>longitudinal vehicle motion control</i> subtask of the <i>DDT</i> (but not both simultaneously) with the expectation that the <i>driver</i> performs the remainder of the <i>DDT</i> .	Driver and System	Driver	Driver	Limited
2	Partial Driving Automation	The <i>sustained</i> and <i>ODD</i> -specific execution by a <i>driving automation system</i> of both the <i>lateral</i> and <i>longitudinal vehicle motion control</i> subtasks of the <i>DDT</i> with the expectation that the <i>driver</i> completes the <i>OEDR</i> subtask and <i>supervises</i> the <i>driving automation system</i> .	System	Driver	Driver	Limited
ADS (“System”) performs the entire DDT (while engaged)			System	System	Fallback-ready user (becomes the driver during fallback)	Limited
3	Conditional Driving Automation	The <i>sustained</i> and <i>ODD</i> -specific performance by an <i>ADS</i> of the entire <i>DDT</i> with the expectation that the <i>DDT fallback-ready user</i> is <i>receptive</i> to <i>ADS</i> -issued requests to <i>intervene</i> , as well as to <i>DDT performance-relevant system failures</i> in other <i>vehicle systems</i> , and will respond appropriately.				
4	High Driving Automation	The <i>sustained</i> and <i>ODD</i> -specific performance by an <i>ADS</i> of the entire <i>DDT</i> and <i>DDT fallback</i> without any expectation that a <i>user</i> will respond to a <i>request to intervene</i> .				
5	Full Driving Automation	The <i>sustained</i> and unconditional (i.e., not <i>ODD</i> -specific) performance by an <i>ADS</i> of the entire <i>DDT</i> and <i>DDT fallback</i> without any expectation that a <i>user</i> will respond to a <i>request to intervene</i> .	System	System	System	Unlimited

Operational Design Domain (ODD)

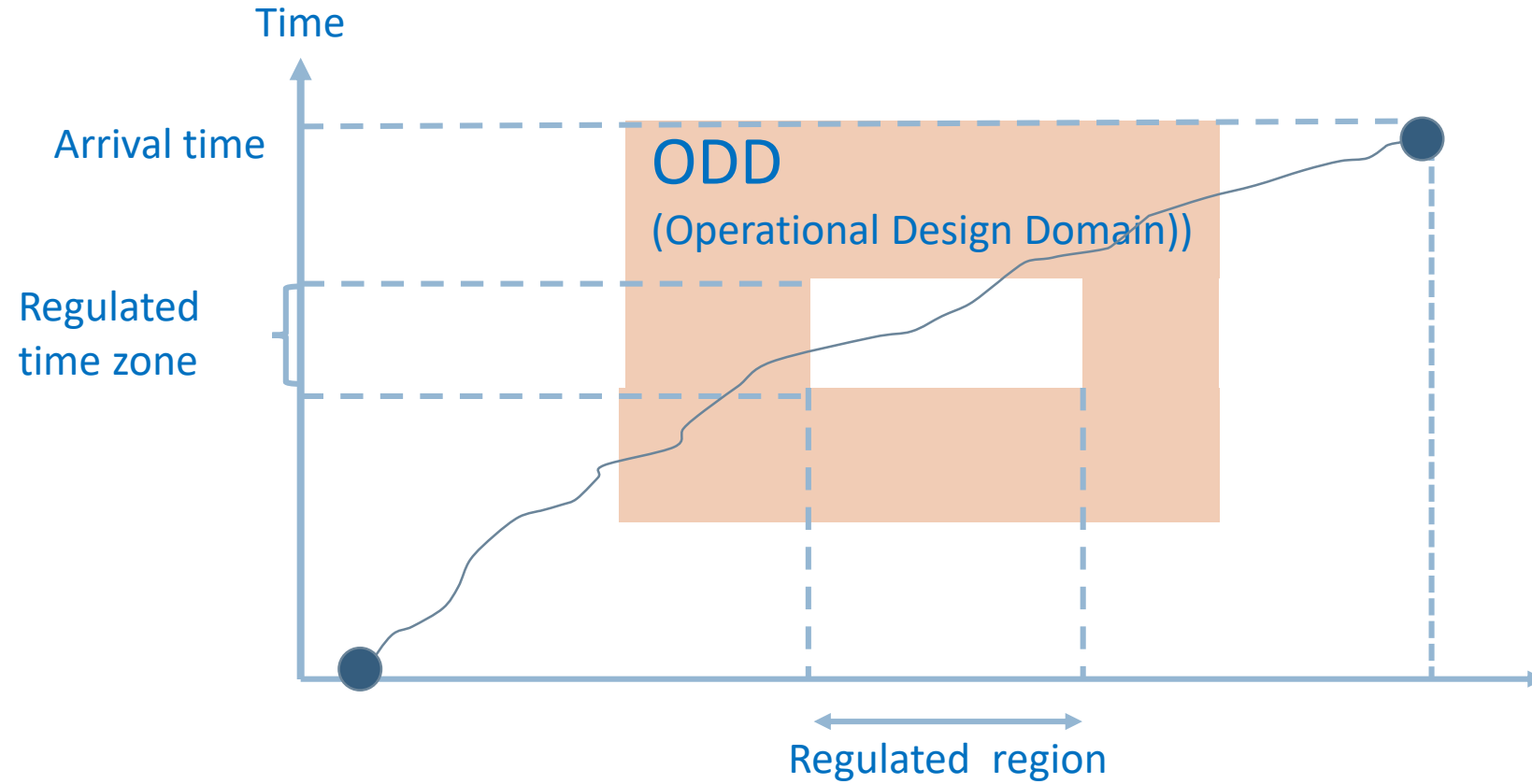


$$\begin{array}{l} \text{Vehicle capabilities} \\ \times \\ \text{Geographical domain} \\ \times \\ \text{Traffic \& situational} \\ \text{environment} \\ = \\ \text{ODD} \end{array}$$

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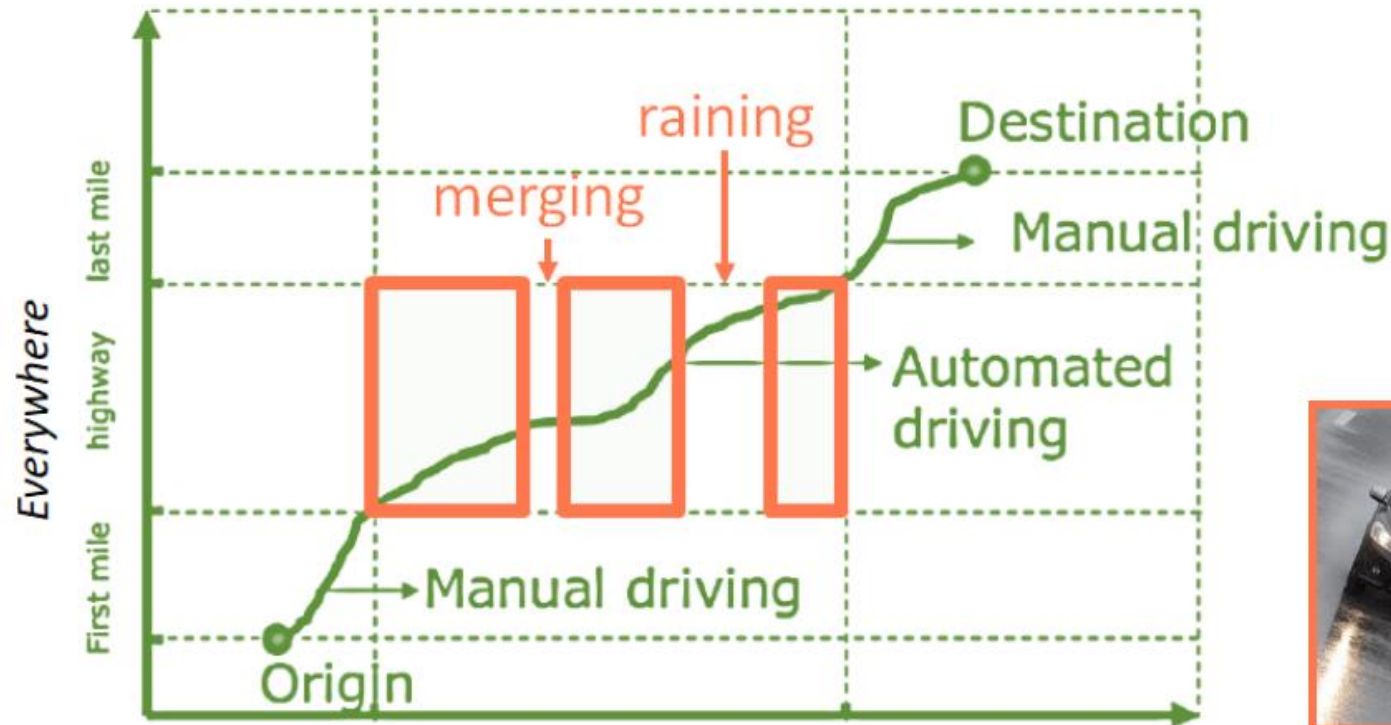
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An example of ODD in Japan



Source; Keio University, Mobility Culture Research Center, 2018

INTERRUPTIONS = TRANSITIONS

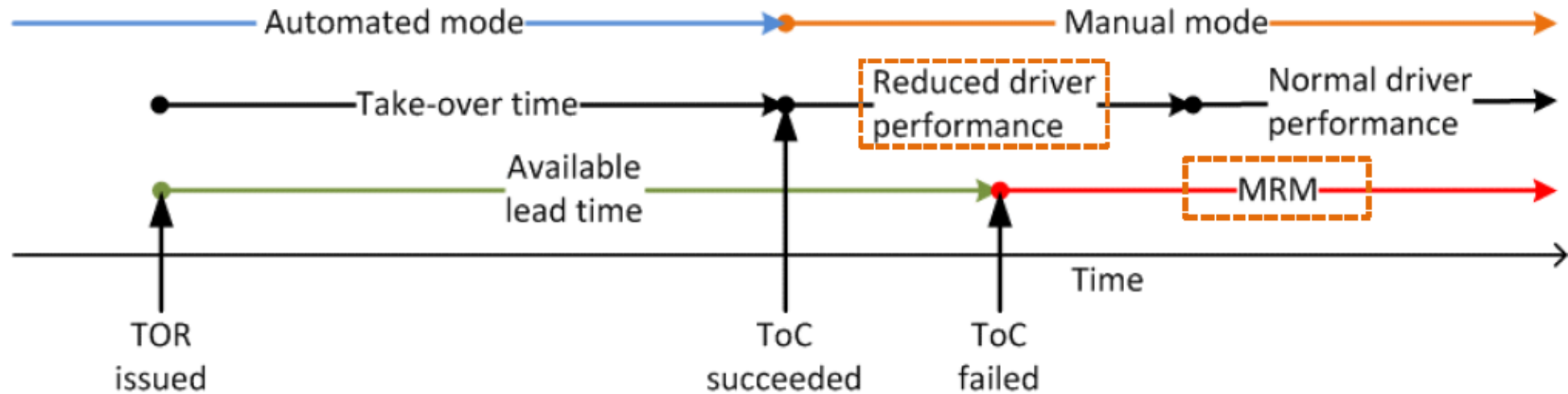


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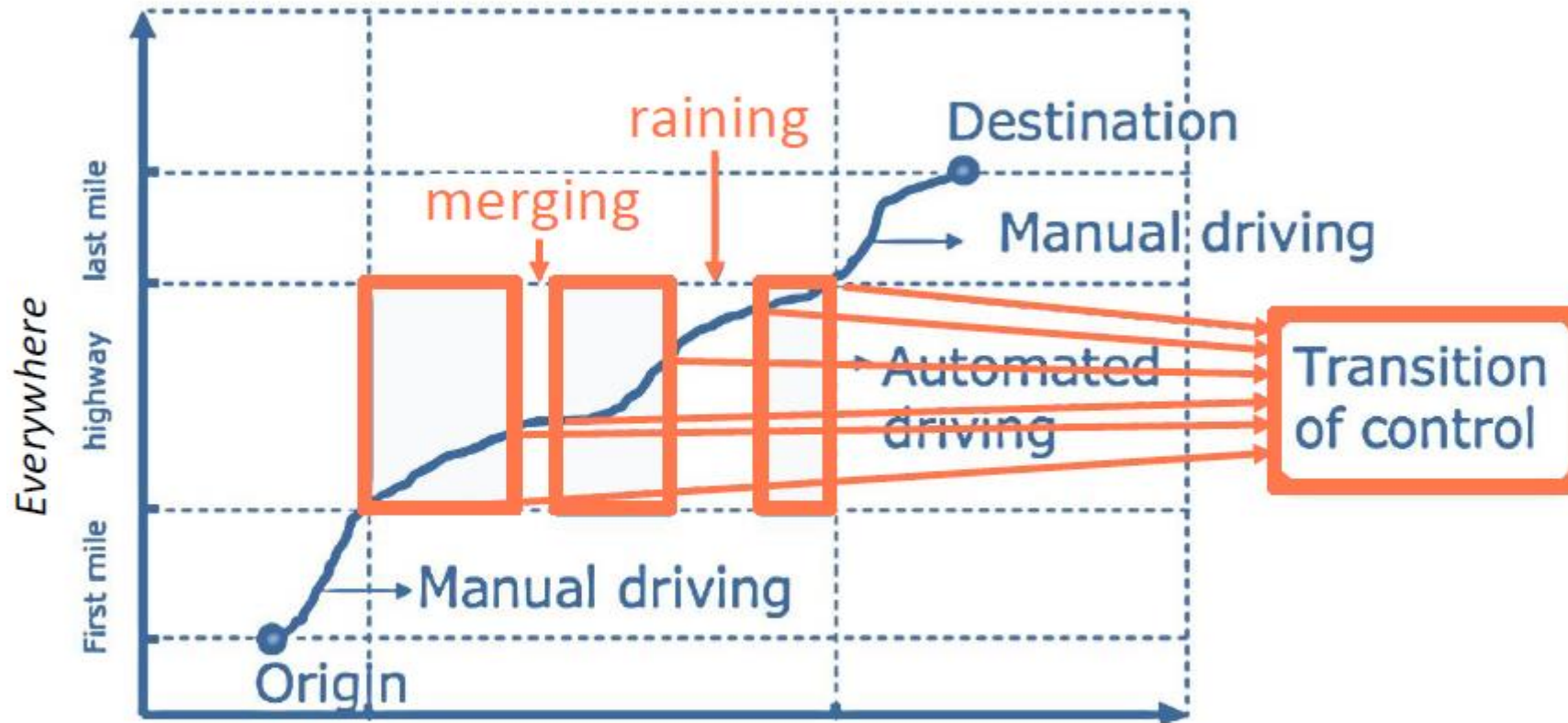
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ToC and MRM process (deactivations)

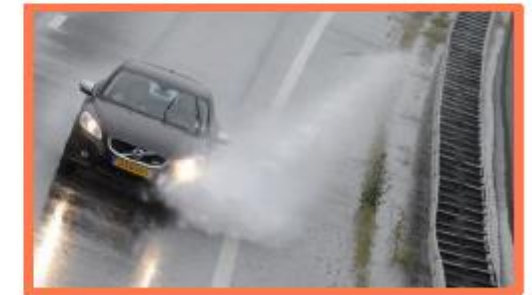


MRM minimum risk condition = stop or park safely

ODD >> ToC / MRM >> Transition areas (TAs)



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Examples of European activities related to ODD

- The INFRAMIX project organized a workshop titled “Preparing road infrastructure for the introduction of Automated Driving”
- The EU EIP (European ITS Platform) project will organize a workshop on ODD on the first of October in Turin.
- INFRAMIX and the Trans AID project agreed to co-organize a workshop on the 8th of October in Graz. ODD, infrastructure classification, traffic management strategies and mixed traffic will be addressed.

3. ODD and back born communication systems

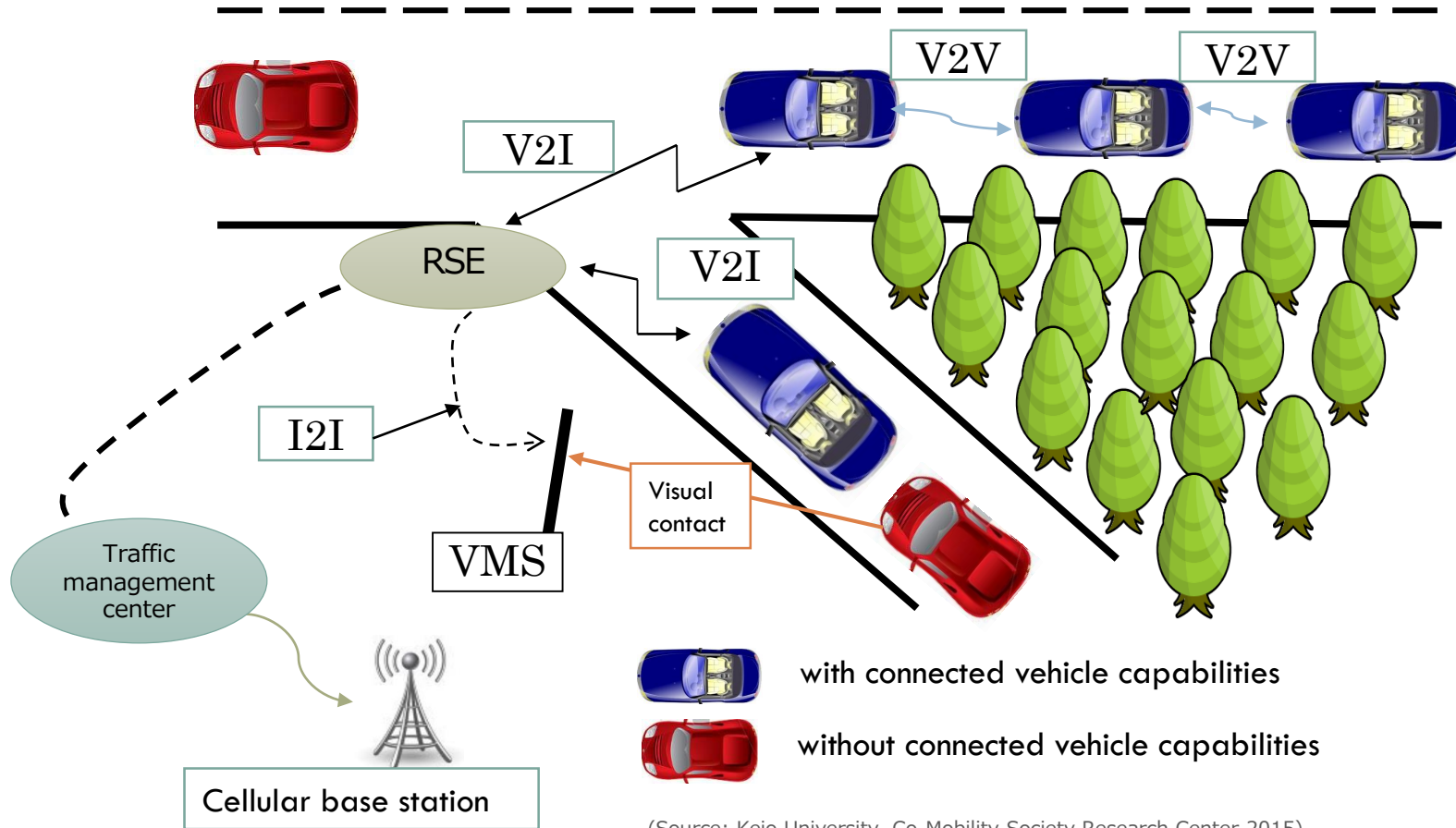
3.1 Merging section

At current stage, merging sections in expressways, for example are excluded from ODD. However, these sections are the places where drivers need help.

Some kind of orchestration of related vehicles at the merging section is needed but the problem is who and how can we orchestrate the movement of vehicles to keep smooth traffic flow.

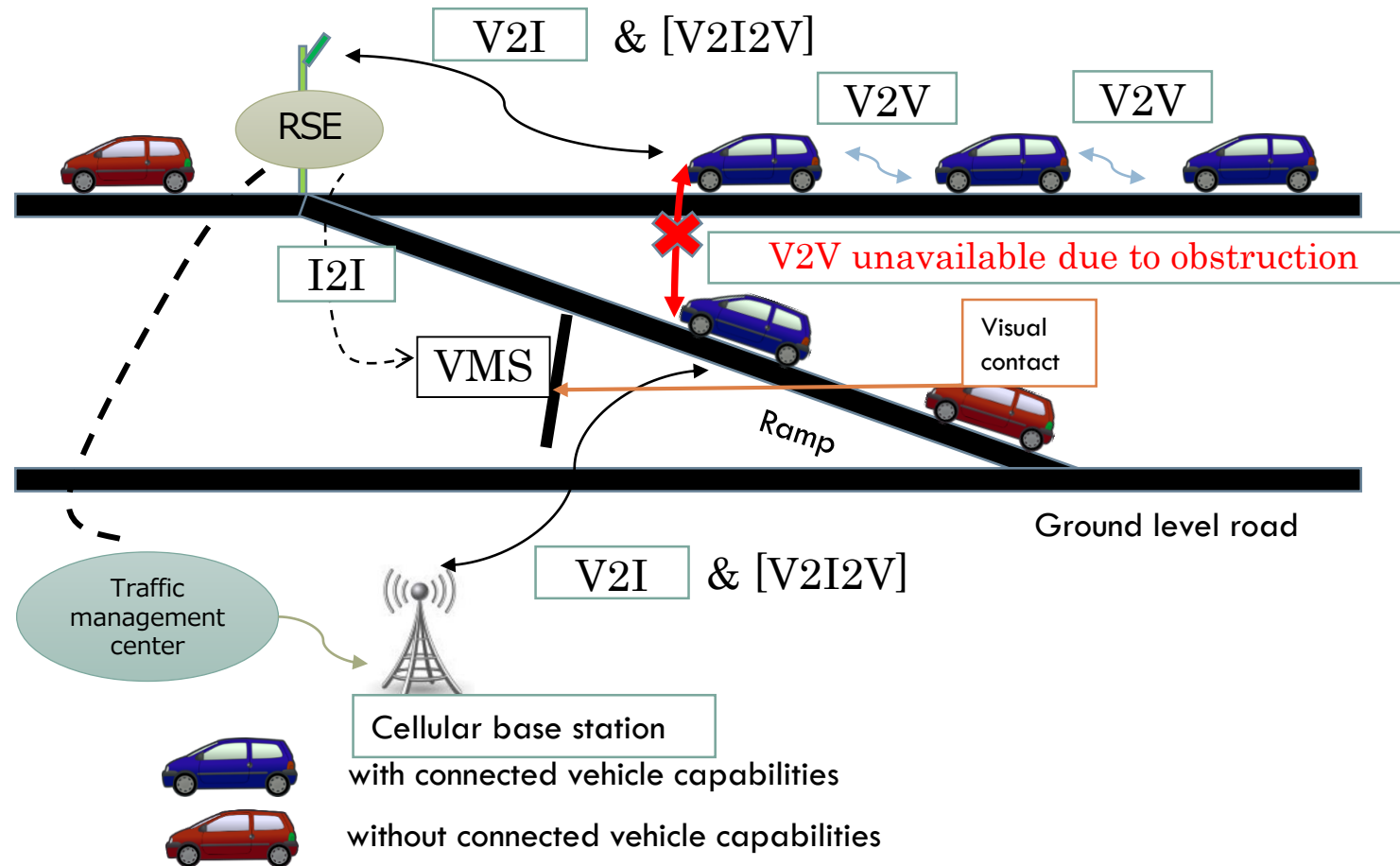
For this purpose, precious location tracking of related vehicles is necessary. Although the orchestration will be operated at very limited section the location data generated by automated vehicles will need to comply with data protection rules as far as personal data processing is concerned.

ICT for Microscopic Management at flat lane rampway



(Source: Keio University, Co-Mobility Society Research Center 2015)

ICT for Microscopic Management at a rampway with elevated lane



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3.2 Difference between current I2V and future I2V

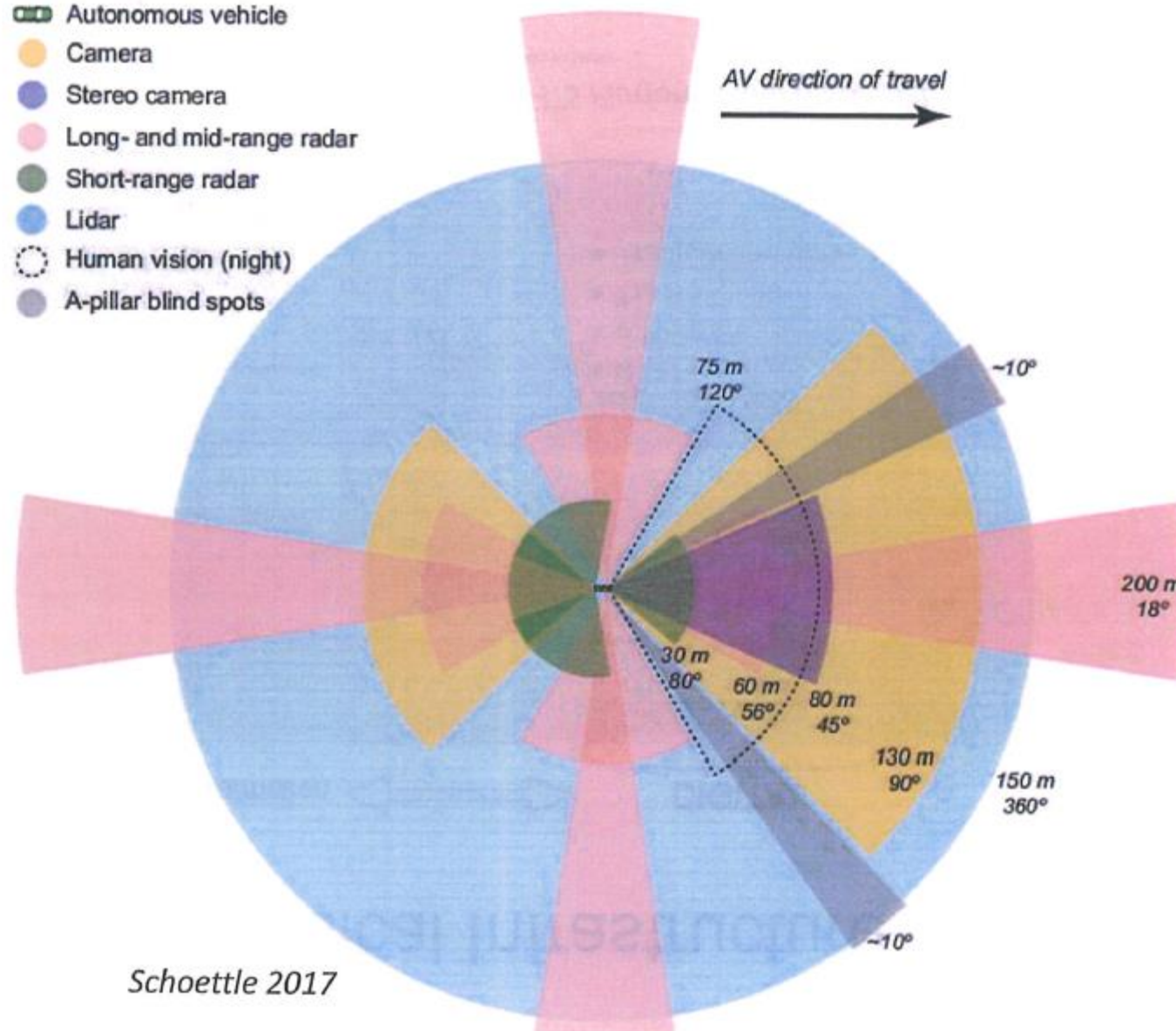
- Vehicle sensors can detect very limited area and when weather condition is bad the sensing area will be 1/3 or less.
- I2V is necessary at long curves and bad visibility sections of the roadway.
- Future I2V will become M2M communication but road authorities are not ready to prepare for this innovation.



Need for electronic horizon & digital infra: Sensor "sight" distances

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- Autonomous vehicle
- Camera
- Stereo camera
- Long- and mid-range radar
- Short-range radar
- Lidar
- Human vision (night)
- A-pillar blind spots

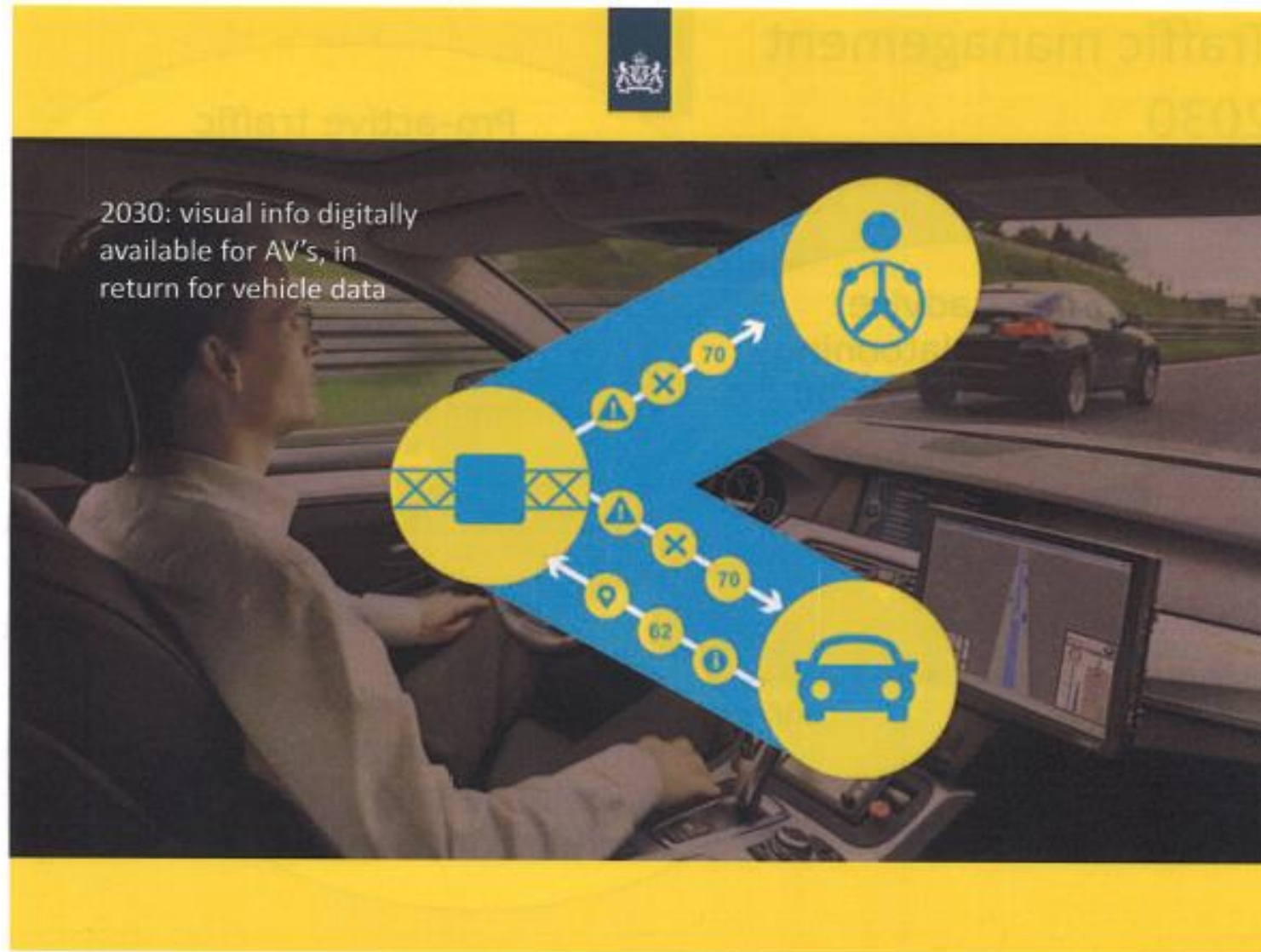


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Current I2V (Source; Rijkswaterstaat)

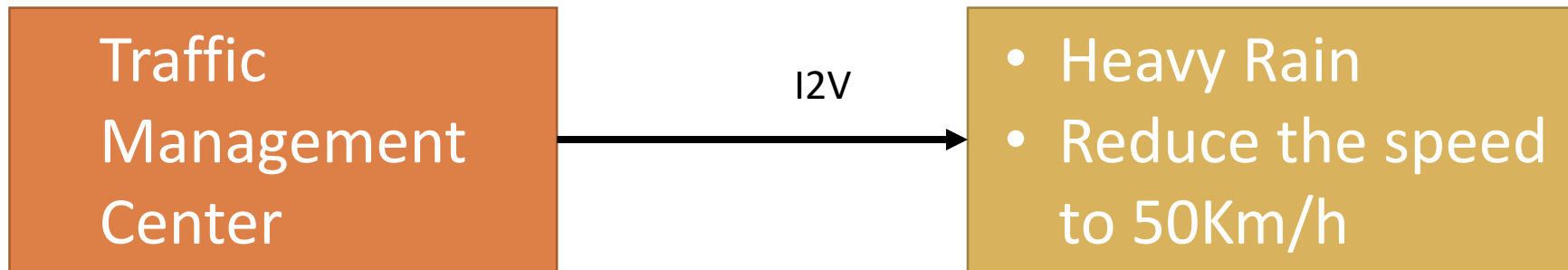


Future I2V & V2I (Source; Rijkswaterstaat)



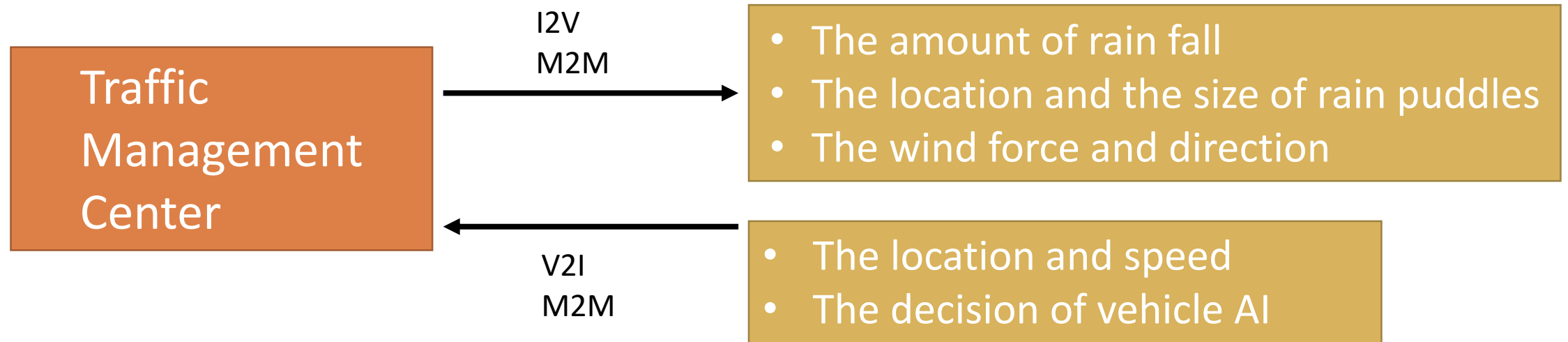
Examples of current I2V and Future I2V & V2I

Current I2V



Basic assumptions that the driver will see the message from TMC by navigation system or smart phone etc., and then driver decides the next action

Future I2V & V2I with M2M capability



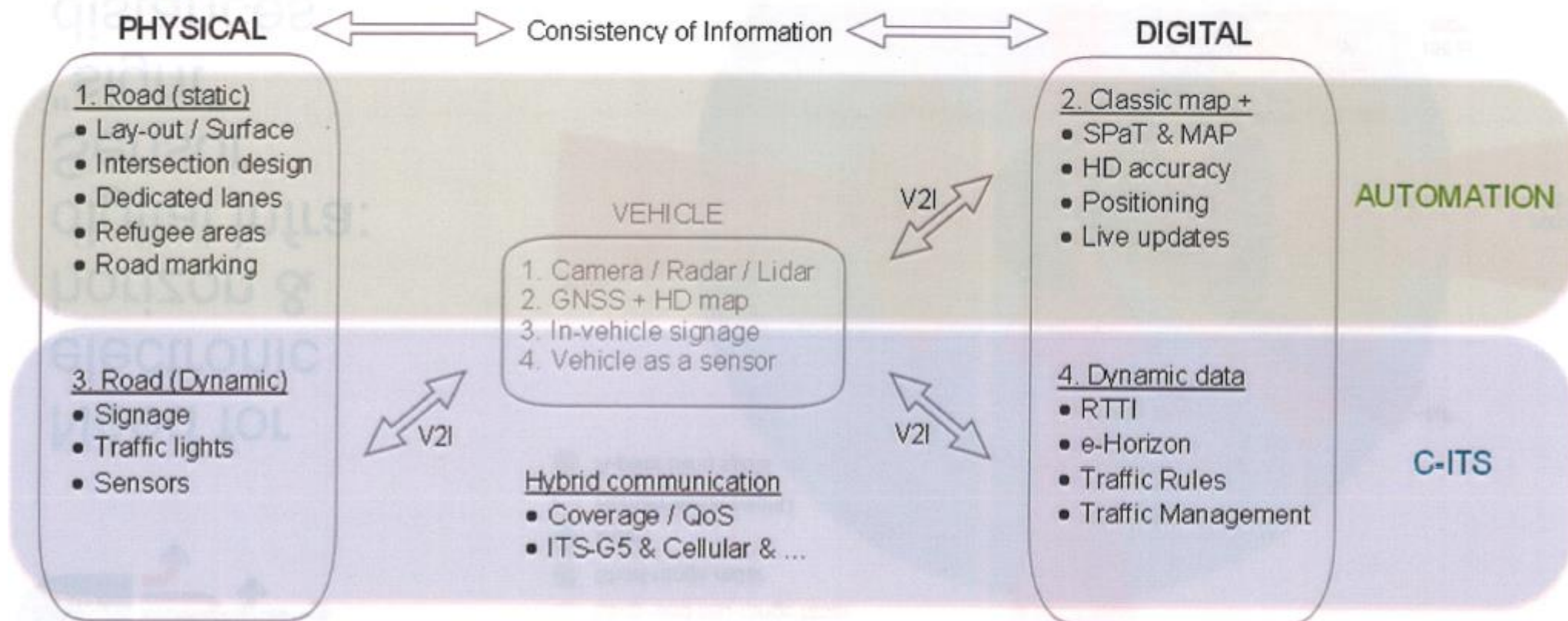
TMC can send location data of the rain puddles etc., but the driver can not use these data for their action. On the other hand, TMC can receive the actual reaction of vehicle by V2I such as the decision parameter of the vehicle at certain rain puddle. However, most of the road authorities are not ready to prepare for constructing data base to assist Automated Vehicles.

4. Concluding remarks

- There are already various proposals about wide area and narrow area communication systems including the combination of these two.
- The next diagram is an image of rough design of wide area and narrow area communication systems for expressway traffic management.
- The important thing is that for everyday operation of traffic management the personal data is not needed. Only aggregated (mean value, maximum, minimum etc.) data for certain time period at certain section are needed.
- OD (Origin and Destination) data is used for determining road planning and fare policy of toll roads and private sectors are interested for their marketing. But this should be considered by additional mechanisms.



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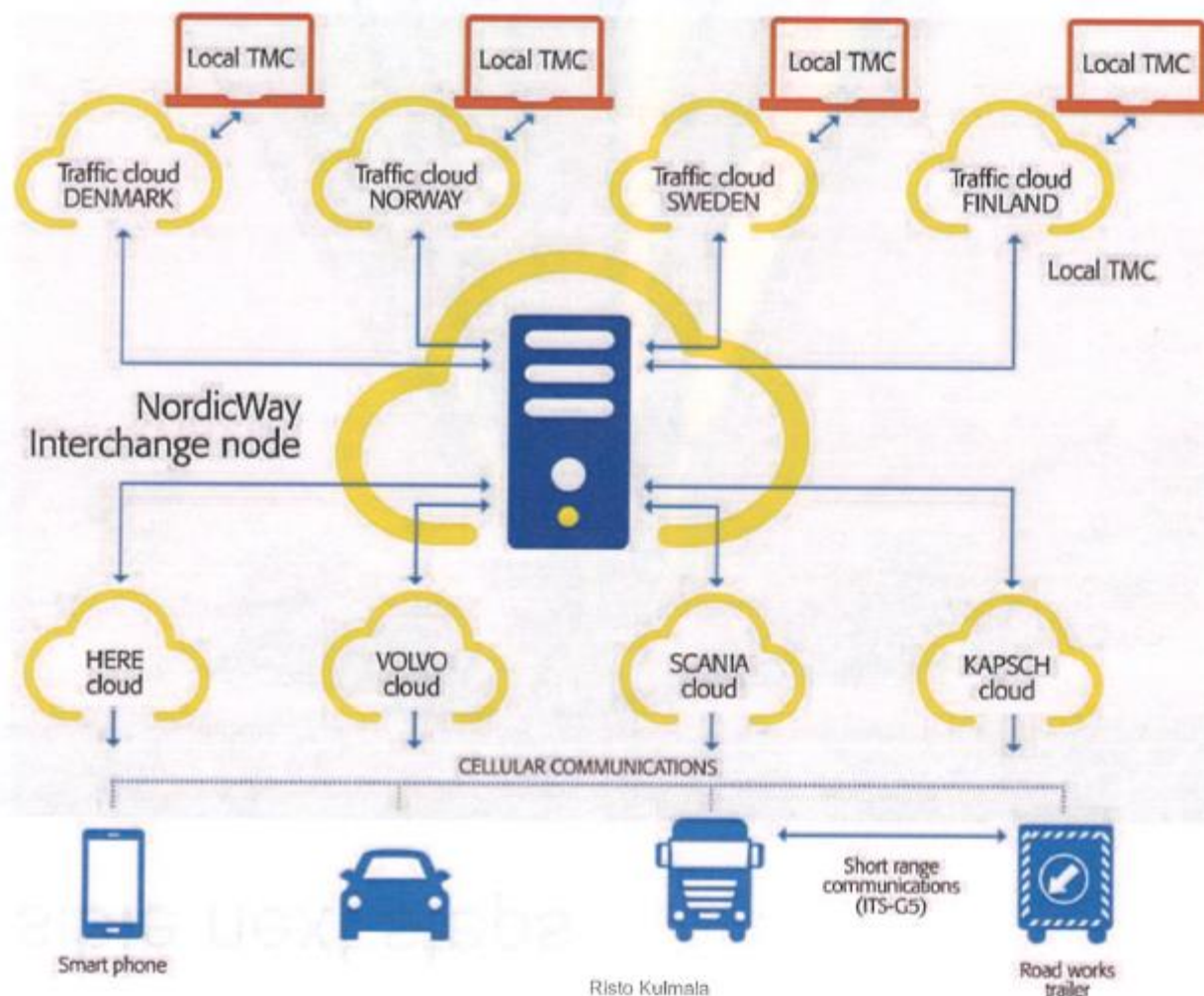


Data sharing: NordicWay interchange node

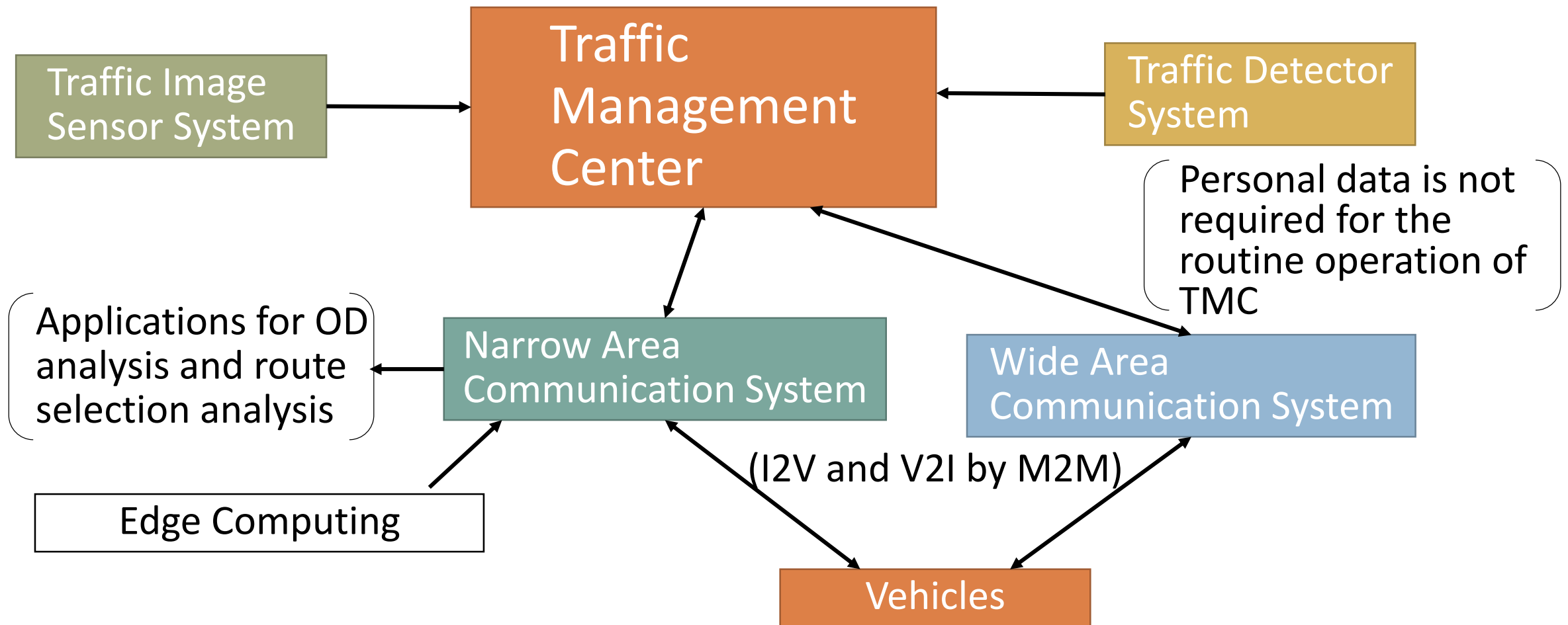
Real-time sharing of safety related data via cellular networks by incorporating a "neutral server"



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Wide and Narrow area communication systems for the Expressway ODD Management



Future activities and related topics

- Road authorities, automobile manufacturers and telecommunication companies do not know each other. For example, road authorities do not know the requirements of automobile manufacturers because they do not have standardize requirements to road authorities. Therefore, road authorities do not know their potential data to help automated vehicles and how the related data base should be developed by future investments.
- ITU seems to have good position to start discussion with automobile manufacturers and road authorities although there will be multiple realization of back born communication systems for ITS and Automated Vehicle but in any case it will be the combination of wide area and narrow area communication which is the home ground of ITU.

Future activities and related topics

- Dr. Moon of KOTI and Keio University are planning Ad-hoc meeting of the Plenary Meeting ISO/TC204 (ITS) in Singapore, October this year, about the same topic. I hope this will be another start among WGs of ISO.
- PIARC (World Road Association has announced short reports on Automated Driving. Examples are;
 - Fully Automated Driving
 - Vision of Automated Highways
 - Vision of Smart Network Operations
 - Data Ownership and Sharing
- Standardization of ITS is published by JSAE every year in Japanese and English.