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Multi-brand specifications and communication protocol

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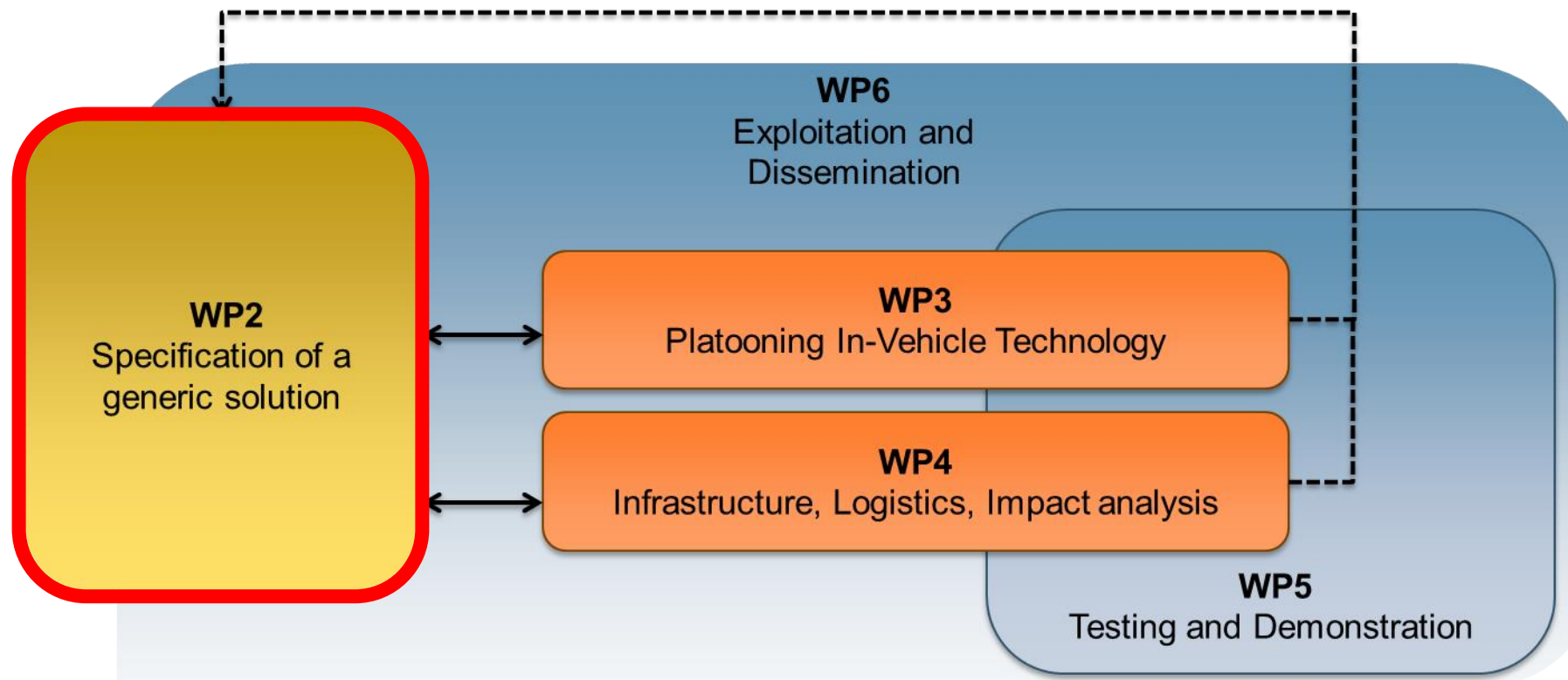


Introduction – Designing a safe platoon



WP2 – Specification of a generic solution

In charge of defining the specification for the whole multi- brand truck platooning concept



WP2 Define Platooning Levels, use cases and req/spec



WP3 use WP2 inputs for implementation

WP4 use WP2 inputs for impact analysis etc.

WP5 use WP2 inputs to draft test cases

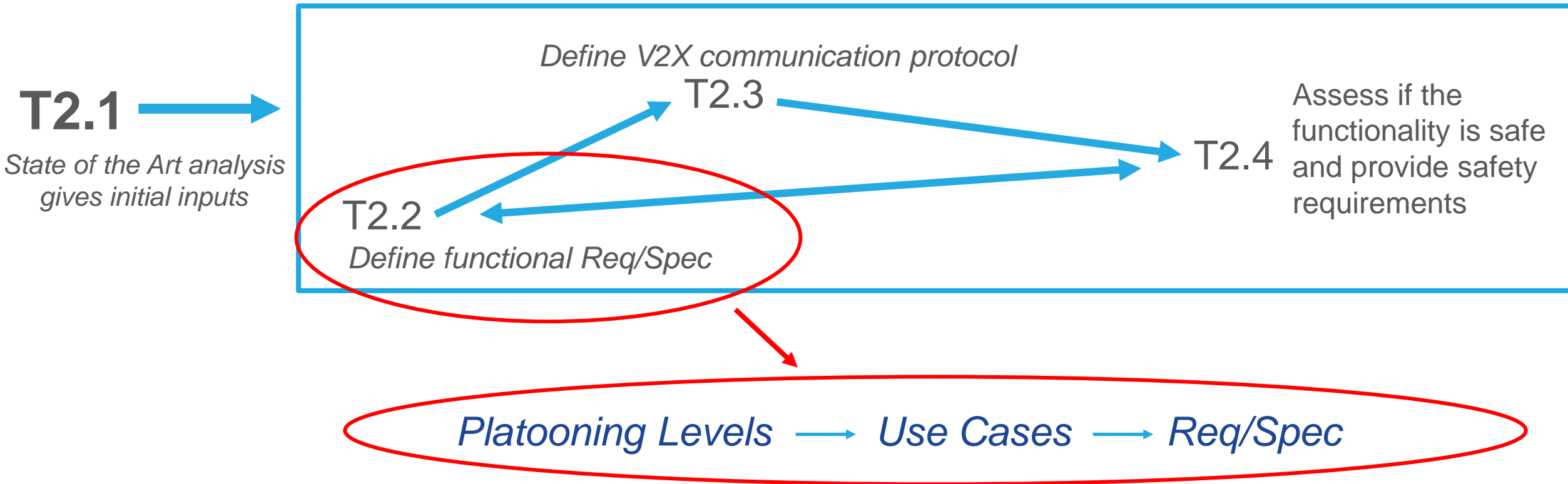


WP2 receive inputs from WP3/WP4/WP5 to update spec/req

Definition of Levels, Use Cases, Requirements and V2X Communication protocols



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Platooning Levels – Use Cases – Specifications and Requirements



Platooning Levels



1. Platooning Support Function (implemented – demonstrated)

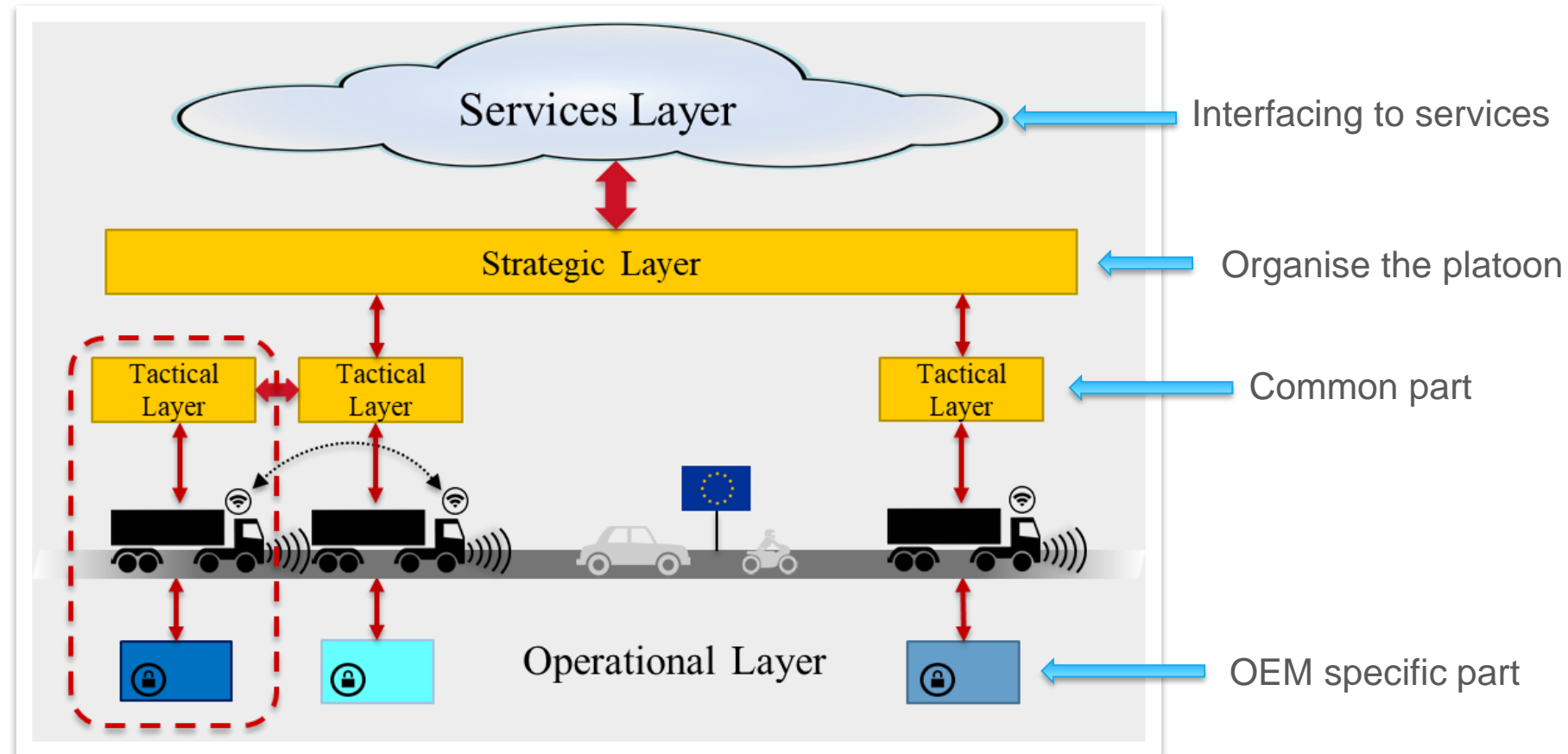
- Driver fully responsible of the Dynamic Driving Task
- Support Functions like Platooning Longitudinal Control and Platooning FCW (Forward Collision Warning)
- Time Gaps between 1,4s and 1,6s (OEM decision)
- Improvement from V2X Communication

2. Platooning Autonomous Function (specifications and requirements only)

- First truck driven by human
- Following trucks with driver out of the loop (manned or unmanned)
- Hub-to-Hub functionality with requirements for intelligent infrastructure
- Time Gap between 0,3s and 1,2s (dependent on braking performance of ego truck)

Platooning Layers

- Basis concept of ENSEMBLE
- Common to both platooning levels
- Ensures multi-brand platooning



Introduction – P. Support Function



Platooning Levels → Use Cases → Req/Spec

- **Starting point is ACC (that has not been changed to still comply with regulations):**
 - *SAE Level 1 automation (support only), (ISO 15622, 22179)*
 - *Speed/distance regulation with minimum gap size setting between 1.4s and 1.6s (driver can anyway set different, larger, distances if preferred)*
 - *Limited decelerations (ACC cannot brake more than -3.5 m/s^2)*
 - *Lane keeping is optional (SAE Level 2) depending on specific OEM implementation*
 - *Follow to stop is mandatory*
 - *Automated start from standstill is optional*
- **The driver is therefore responsible for:**
 - *Entire Dynamic Driving Task (DDT)*
 - *Respecting traffic rules*

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Platooning Levels → Use Cases → Req/Spec

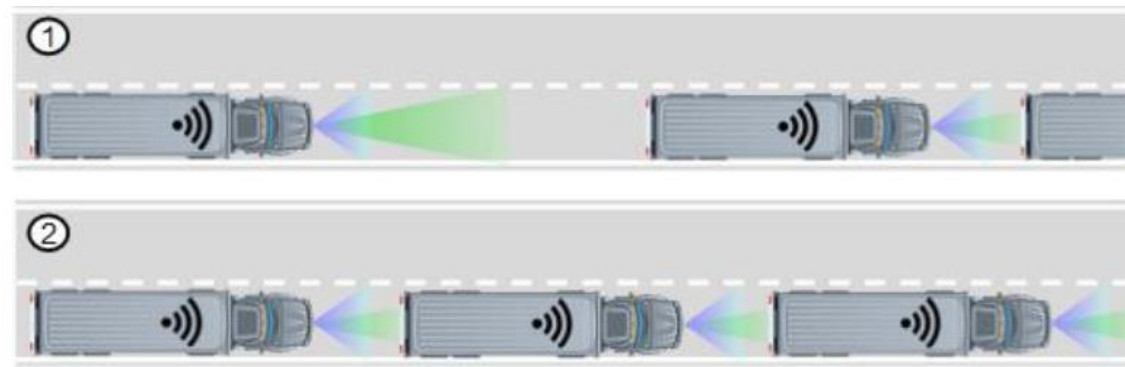
- **ENSEMBLE added the V2X communication part:**
 - *Earlier notification of emergency braking, due to V2V communication being faster than an onboard sensor (e.g. radar)*
 - *Platoon coordination: cohesion control, limited speed differences, better shockwave damping ('string stability'), roadside information (I2V)*
 - *More comfort and less stress for the driver (who is anyway still responsible)*
 - *Technology for communication is ITS-G5 but the protocol is technology neutral*
 - *This is different from a C-ACC (Cooperative Adaptive Cruise Control) and we have a set of messages designed for the specific platooning functionality*

Use Cases – Platooning Support Function 1

Platooning Levels → Use Cases → Req/Spec

Engaging to platoon:

- *Two different situations to join from behind:*
 - *Join as a single vehicle*
 - *Join as a platoon*
- *Merge in-between as a single vehicle also possible*
- *This is the stage where the V2V communication is established, including cyber-security features*



Use Cases – Platooning Support Function 2

Platooning Levels → *Use Cases* → *Req/Spec*

Platooning:

- *The behaviour of the platoon is described*
- *Specific situations considered*
 - *Follow to stop*
 - *Emergency Braking*
 - *Gap adaptation*
 - *Cut-In*
 - *Cohesion Request*
 - *Warning for system issue*

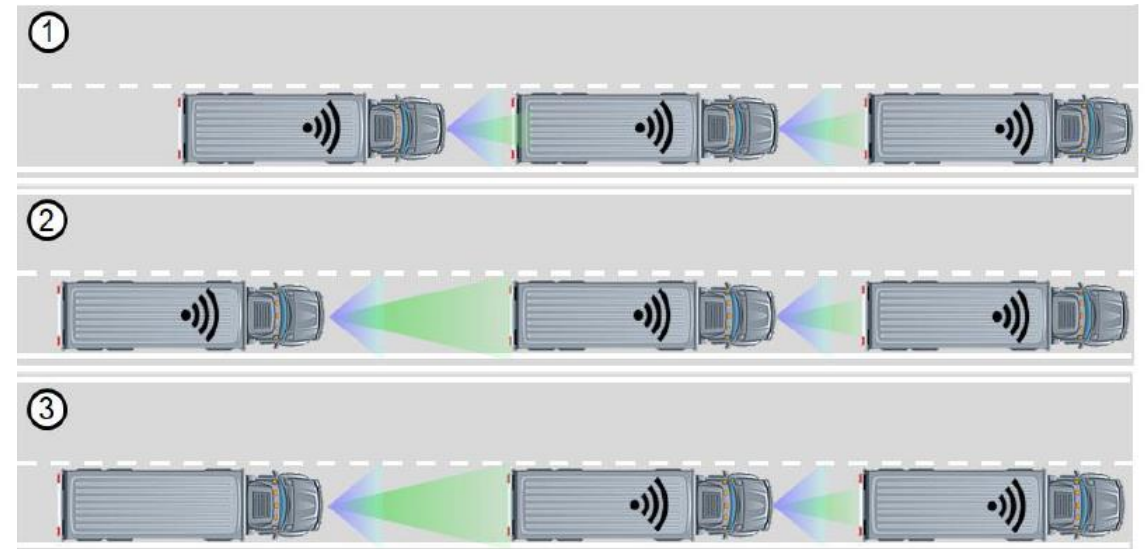


Use Cases – Platooning Support Function 3

Platooning Levels → *Use Cases* → *Req/Spec*

Disengage Platoon:

- *Specific situations described depending on the role of the truck that is leaving:*
 - *Trailing Truck – Last one*
 - *Following Truck – In the middle of the platoon*
 - *Leading Truck – First truck*
- *Leave can be done by:*
 - *Activating a button*
 - *Pressing the brake pedal*
 - *Steering out from the platoon*
 - *Other issues (e.g. connection lost)*
- *The split of the platoon is also considered*
 - *Final condition with 2 smaller platoons*





Platooning Levels → *Use Cases* → ***Req/Spec***

Definition of functional Specifications/Requirements on:

- *Tactical Layer (Platoon Formation/Cohesion/Leaving)*
- *Longitudinal Support / Actuators (Speed/Gap adaptation/Emergency Braking)*
- *Sensing Technologies (Measuring distances, accelerations, positions...)*
- *V2V*
- *I2V*
- *HMI (Human Machine Interface)*

e.g. Long_Control_001: The driver shall be able to select a time gap to the preceding vehicle.

Functional Safety

Automotive Safety Integrity Level (ASIL):

Probability of
Exposure



Severity of
harm



Controllability
(by the people)



ASIL



Higher degrees of risk result in more rigorous engineering requirements to ensure appropriate risk mitigation.

Platooning Support Function with deceleration limited to - 3.5 m/s² has been declared as ASIL B.

Next Step - Platooning Autonomous Function



Outlook on a future function with autonomous following trucks:

- From a support function to an autonomous function:
 - First truck driven by human
 - Following trucks with driver out of the loop (manned or unmanned)
- The strategic layer will support the platoon organisation
- V2X connectivity as an enabler for a “follow me” functionality
- Hub-to-Hub with requirements for intelligent infrastructure
 - Split of the platoon needs to be avoided
- Time Gap between 0,3s and 1,2s
 - The Braking Performance Estimation functionality will support the selection of the correct Time Gap for safe platooning
 - Potential fuel saving thanks to short time gaps when possible

To be discovered in the final event

Communication Protocol



Communication protocol



Key enabler for the platooning use cases:

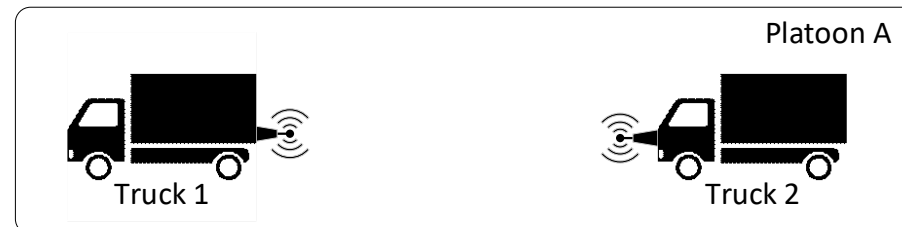
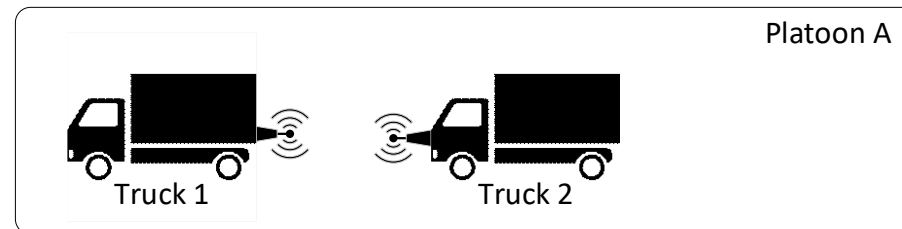
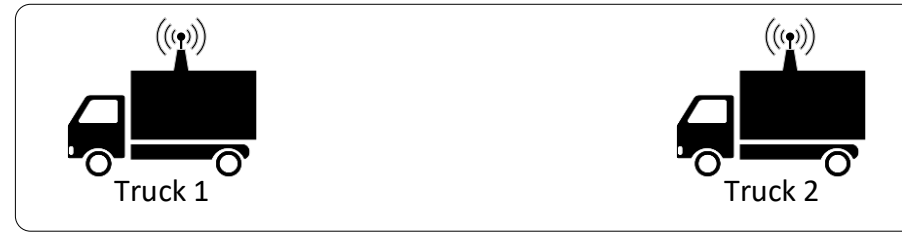
- Discovery of platooning capable trucks.
- Join trucks into a platoon.
- Drive stable at platooning distance.
- Orchestrate braking.

Platooning phases



Platooning phases

- Standalone trucks
- Platoon join
- Platooning trucks
- Platoon split/leave

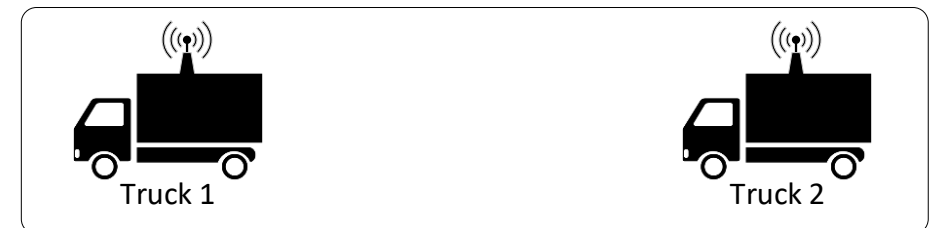


Communication



Standalone trucks:

- Truck is controlled by driver.
- Find another truck to platoon with.
- Each truck publishes its platooning capabilities.
- Use of ETSI CAM message.
 - Extended with PlatooningContainer. Through this container the platooning capability can be published.



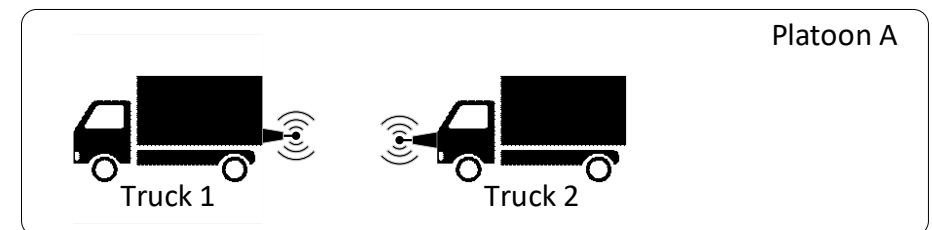
Platoon join:

- Establish a relation between two trucks, to either create a platoon or join an existing platoon.
- The joining truck sends a request. The truck to be joined sends a response to either accept or reject the join.
- Use of new PlatoonManagement messages (PMM):
 - PMM JoinRequest.
 - PMM JoinResponse.



Platooning trucks:

- Keep platoon intact while driving at platoon distance.
- Each truck broadcasts control information. This information is used by the neighboring trucks.
- Use of new PlatoonControl messages (PCM). This message contains information on position, configuration, control parameters, shared status.



Platoon split/leave:

- Keep platoon intact while increasing distance.
- At safe distance control is given to the driver.
- Continued use of PCM messages until safe distance is reached.



Security







Protocol security goals:

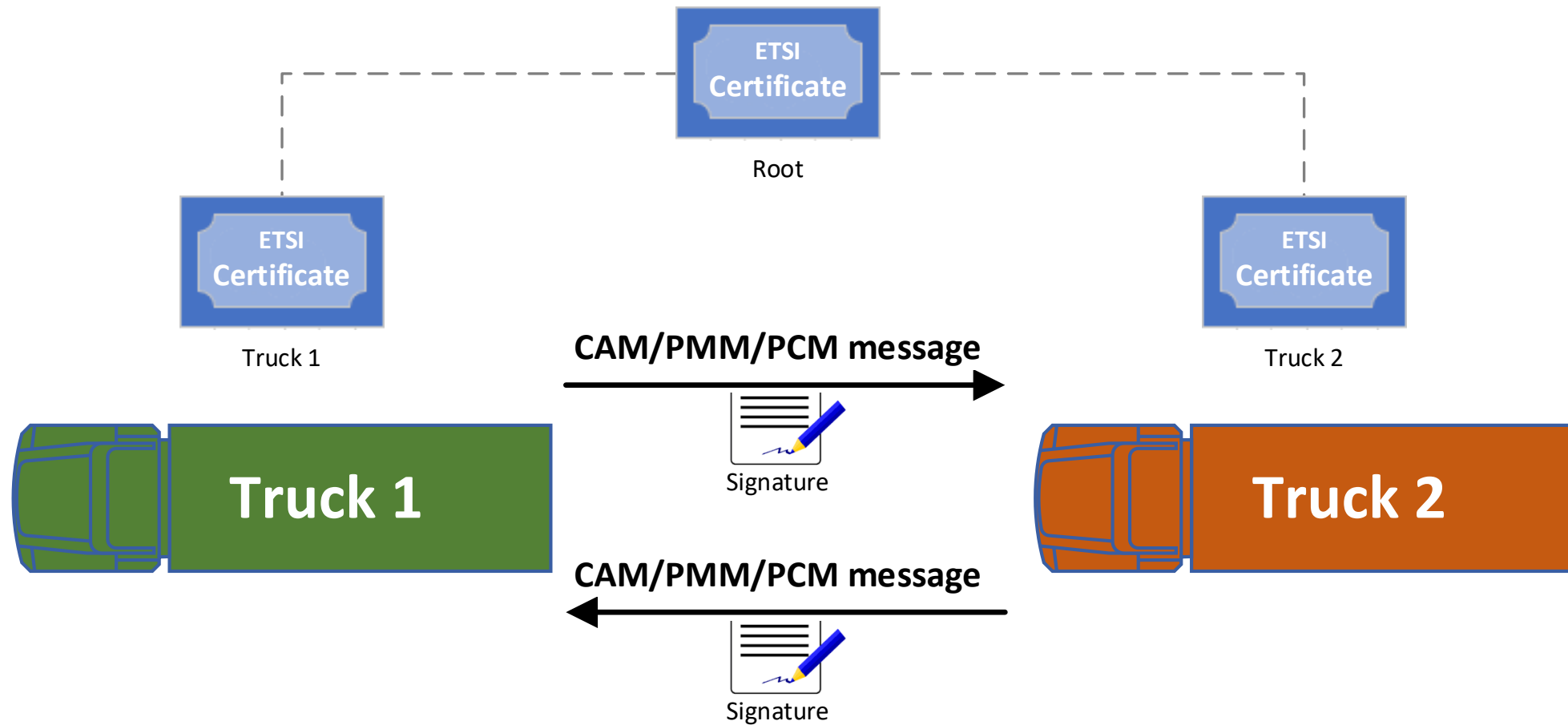
- Well established security mechanisms:
 - Messages are not be changed.
 - Messages are sent by a trusted vehicle.
 - Contents of messages remain secret.

Protocol security aspects:

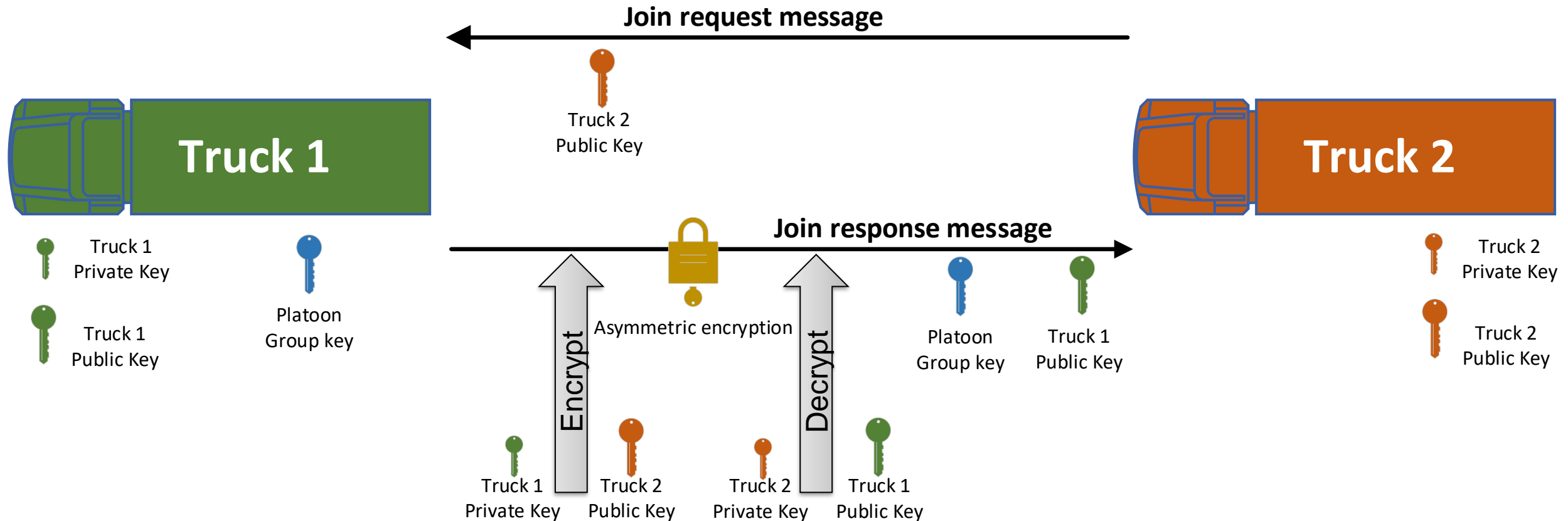
- Message signing. Common in ETSI messages.
 - Message authentication: Message is not changed and coming from a trusted vehicle.
- Message encryption. New in platooning.
 - Asymmetric encryption: Used when joining a platoon.
 - Symmetric encryption: Used when a platoon is active.

Asymmetric encryption	Symmetric encryption
 No shared key required	 Fast
 Slow	 Shared key required

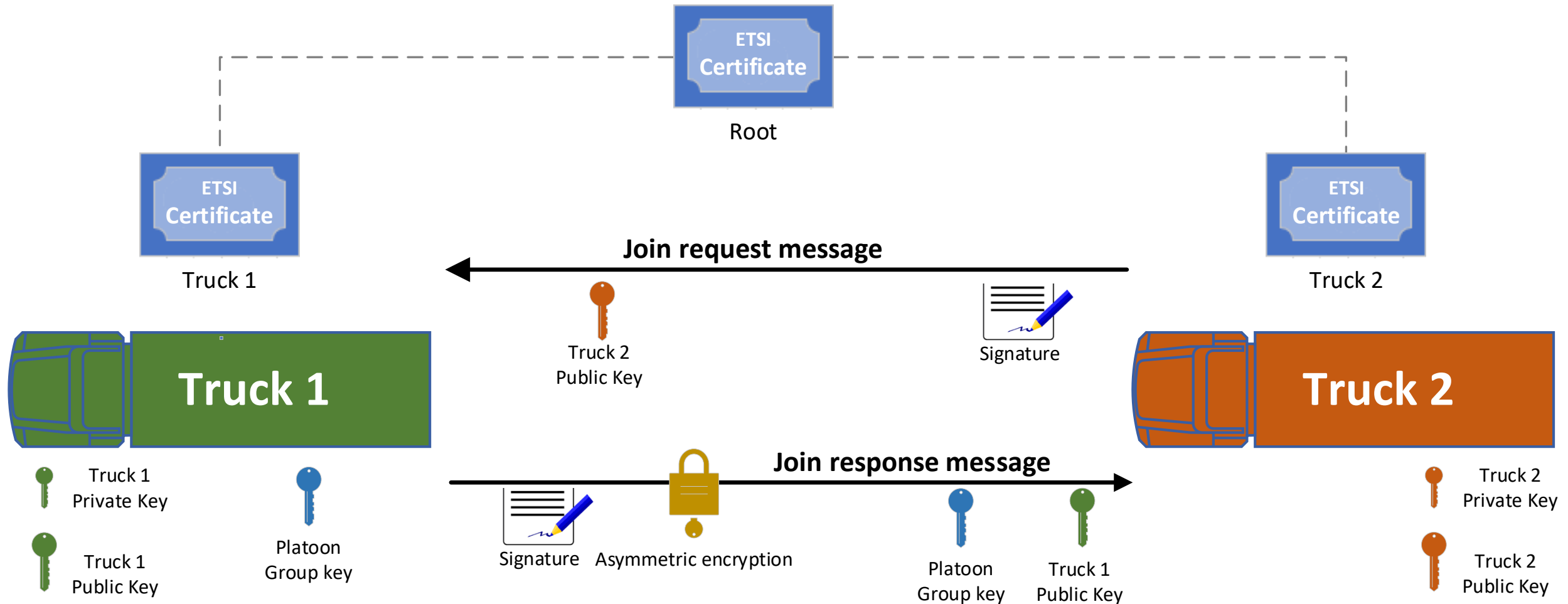
Signing: All messages



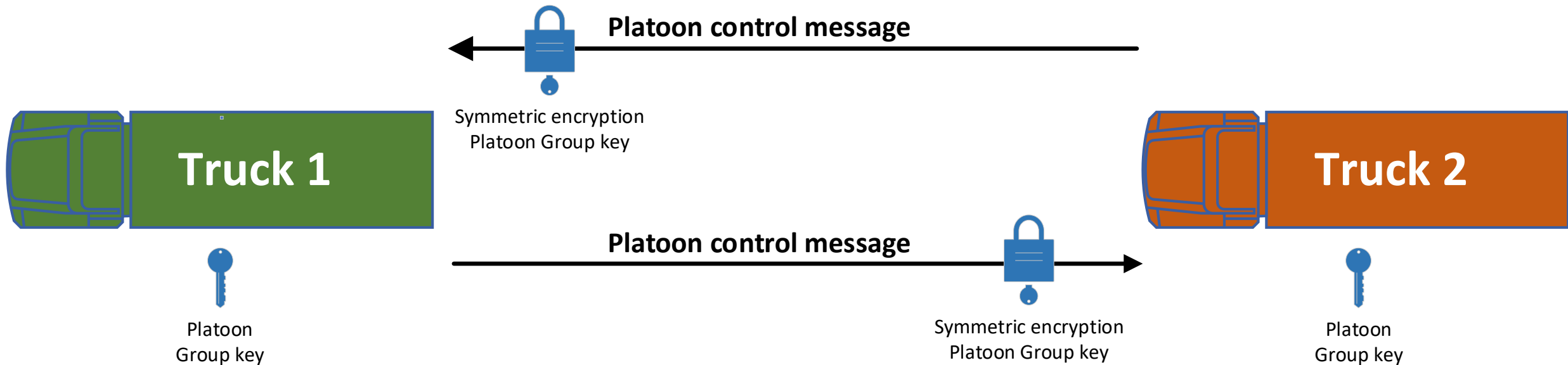
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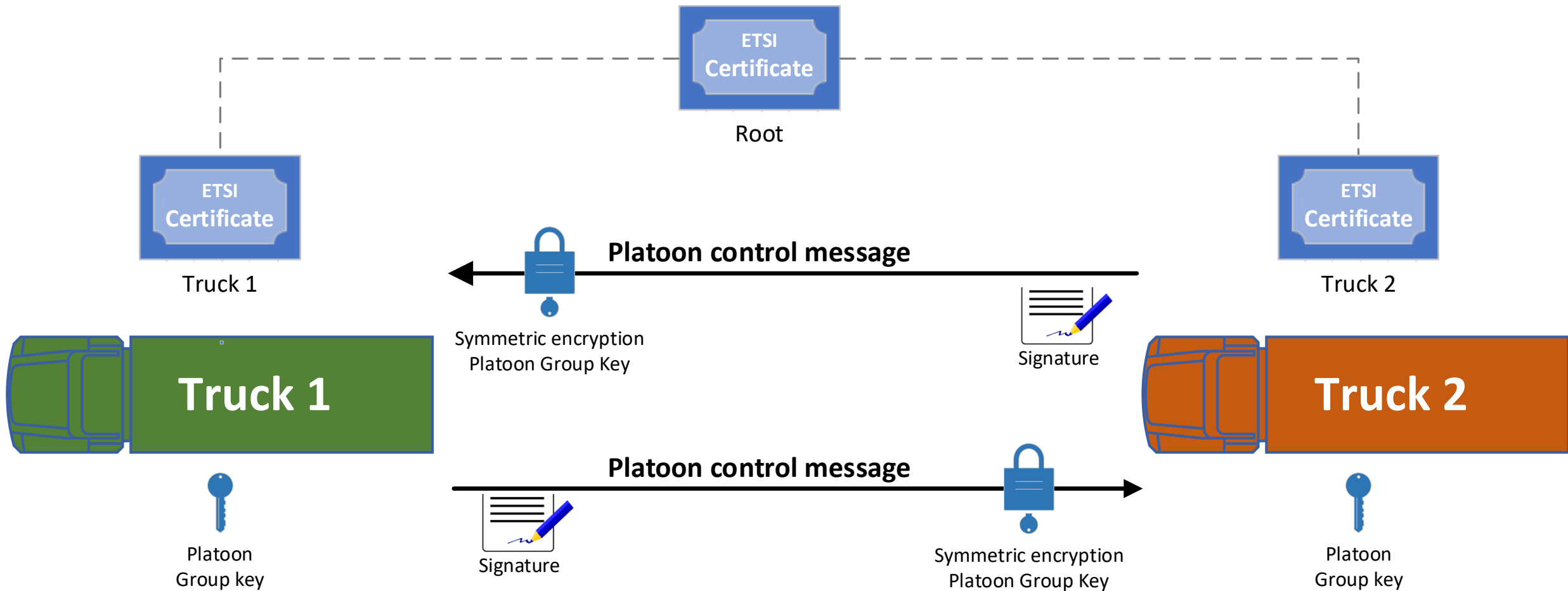
Encryption, asymmetric: Platoon join



Encryption, symmetric: Platoon active



Encryption, symmetric: Platoon active



Platooning phases summary:

- Standalone trucks: Signing.
- Platoon join: Asymmetric encryption + signing.
 - The platooning key is distributed in the encrypted message.
- Platooning trucks: Symmetric encryption + signing.
 - The platooning key is refreshed every minute.
- Platooning split/leave: Symmetric encryption + signing.
 - The platooning key is refreshed every minute, using the new KeyUpdate mechanism.

Conclusions



- Multi-Brand Platooning has been made possible:
 - Specifications and Requirements agreed by 7 different OEMs
 - Iterative process into the project to ensure safety
 - A broad set of Use Cases has been taken into account
- A dedicated platooning communication protocol has been created:
 - Including cybersecurity features
 - Input for standardization bodies
- Next Step – Platooning Autonomous Function

Thank you for your attention



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