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Applications for the Environment: Real-Time Information Synthesis (AERIS) - Overview

Broad Agency Announcement (BAA) Foundational Research

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Overview

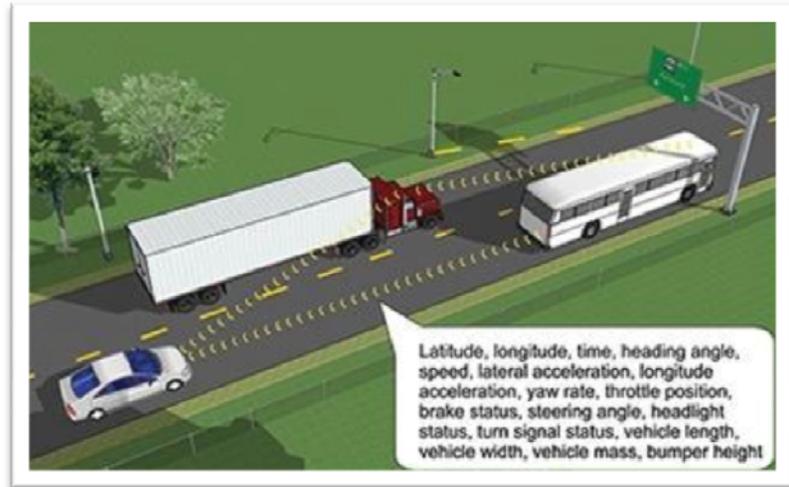
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What is Connected Vehicle Research?

Connected vehicle research is a suite of technologies and applications that use wireless communications to provide connectivity:

- Among vehicles of all types
- Among vehicles and roadway infrastructure
- Among vehicles, infrastructure, and wireless consumer devices



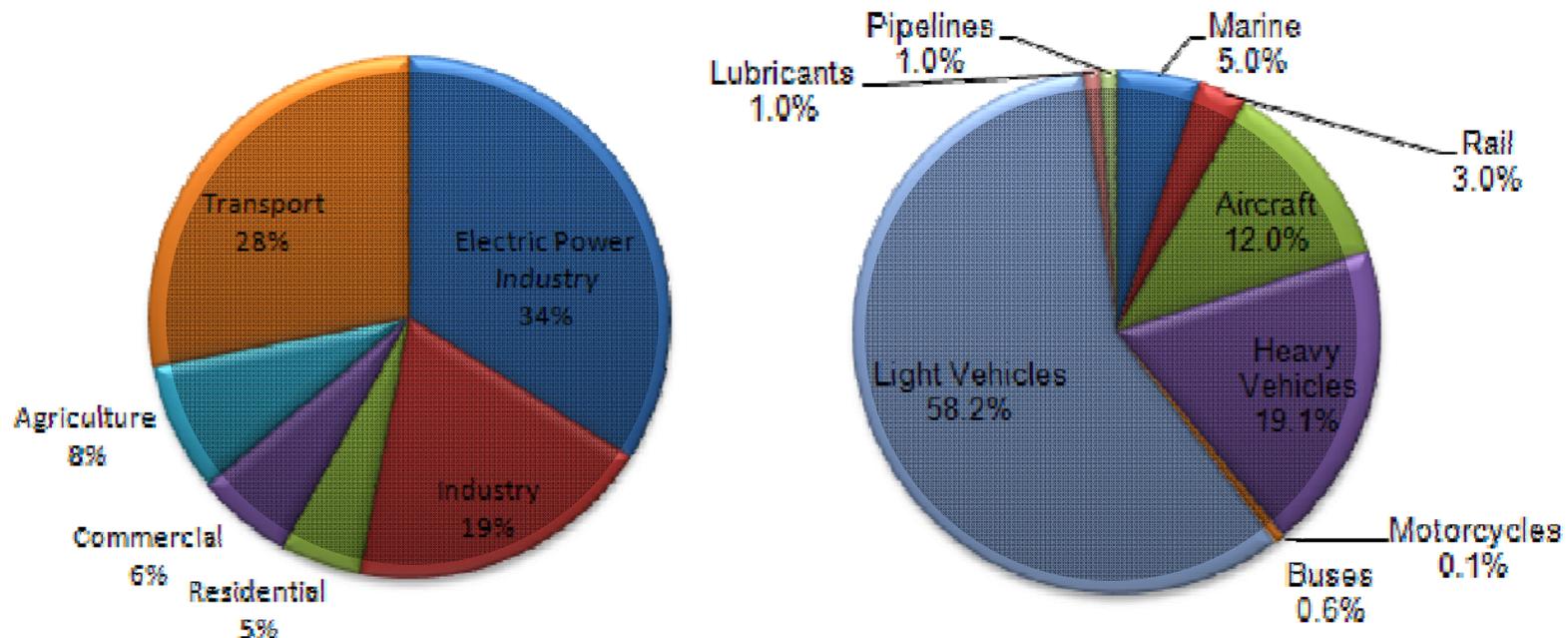
Why Is Connected Vehicle Research Needed?

- USDOT connected vehicle research aims to tackle some of the biggest challenges in the surface transportation industry in the areas of safety, mobility, and environment
 - **Safety** | In 2009, there were 5.5 million crashes, resulting in 33,808 fatalities and 2.2 million injuries. Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death for people ages 3 through 34.
 - **Mobility** | U.S. highway users waste 4.8 billion hours a year stuck in traffic – nearly one full work week (or vacation week) for every traveler. The overall cost (based on wasted fuel and lost productivity) reached \$115 billion in 2009 – more than \$808 for every U.S. traveler. Delays in truck operations alone resulted in \$33 billion in wasted fuel and lost productivity.
 - **Environment** | The total amount of wasted fuel topped 1.9 billion gallons in 2010 according to the Texas Transportation Institute's Urban Mobility Report.

Transportation and the Environment

Surface transportation has a significant impact on the environment:

- 1.9 billion gallons of wasted fuel each year
- Transport sector accounts for 28% of GHG emissions in the US
- Vehicles represent almost 80% of the transport sector GHG



Source: EPA. *Inventory of U.S. Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Sinks, 1990 to 2006*. 2008.

AERIS Research Objectives

- **Vision** | Cleaner Air through Smarter Transportation
- **Objectives** | Investigate whether it is possible and feasible to:
 - Generate/capture environmentally-relevant real-time transportation data (from vehicles and the system)
 - Use this environmental data to create actionable information that can be used by system users and operators to facilitate “green” transportation choices for all modes
 - Assess whether doing these things yields good enough environmental benefits to justify further investment by the USDOT

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The AERIS Program



- Five Years, Six “Tracks”
- Multimodal Approach
- Working with Data Capture and Management Program and Dynamic Mobility Applications Program

Track 1: Foundation

Establish the foundation by reviewing the state of the practice

Track 2: Identification

Identify initial candidate strategies, scenarios and applications that appear to improve decisions by public agencies and travelers

Track 3: Analysis

Analyze and evaluate candidate strategies, scenarios and applications that make sense for further development and evaluation

Track 4: Recommend

Recommend strategies, scenarios and applications

Track 5: Policy

Develop the facts and evidence needed to inform and respond to possible future policy and regulatory issues/needs

Track 6: Stakeholders

Engage stakeholders and foster technology transfer



Track 1: Establish the Foundation

Broad Agency Announcement (BAA) Research Projects

- **Purpose of Issuing the BAA:**
 - To expand knowledge of and experience with implementation of ITS applications to improve environmental performance by leveraging partners' research results and investments

- **Objectives of BAA Research:**
 - Foster innovative research on ITS applications that improve environmental performance, and possibly develop new applications
 - Promote capture and management of real-time data that are relevant to environmental applications development and performance measurement
 - Support development and enhancement of evaluation techniques, performance measurement, and technologies to capture environmentally-relevant data

BAA Research Initiatives

1. An Evaluation of Likely Environmental Benefits of Lowest Fuel Consumption Route Guidance in the Buffalo-Niagara Metropolitan Area | [University at Buffalo](#)
2. Preliminary System Development Plan for an AERIS Data Capture and Management System | [Mixon Hill](#)
3. Eco-ITS | [University of California – Riverside \(UCR\)](#)
4. Assessment, Fusion, and Modeling of Commercial Vehicle Engine Control Unit Data | [Calmar Telematics and UCR](#)
5. Engaging the International Community | [University of California Partners for Advanced Transit and Highways \(PATH\) Program](#)
6. **Developing and Evaluating Intelligent an Eco-Drive Application | [Virginia Tech](#)**
7. **Developing Eco-Adaptive Signalized Intersection Algorithms | [Virginia Tech](#)**



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