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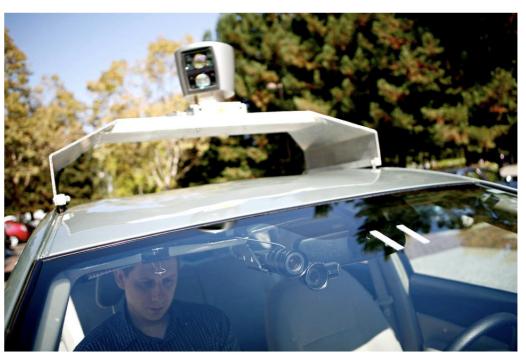
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Google Cars Drive Themselves, in Traffic

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MOUNTAIN VIEW, Calif. —
Anyone driving the twists of
Highway 1 between San Francisco
and Los Angeles recently may
have glimpsed a Toyota Prius with
a curious funnel-like cylinder on
the roof. Harder to notice was that
the person at the wheel was not
actually driving.

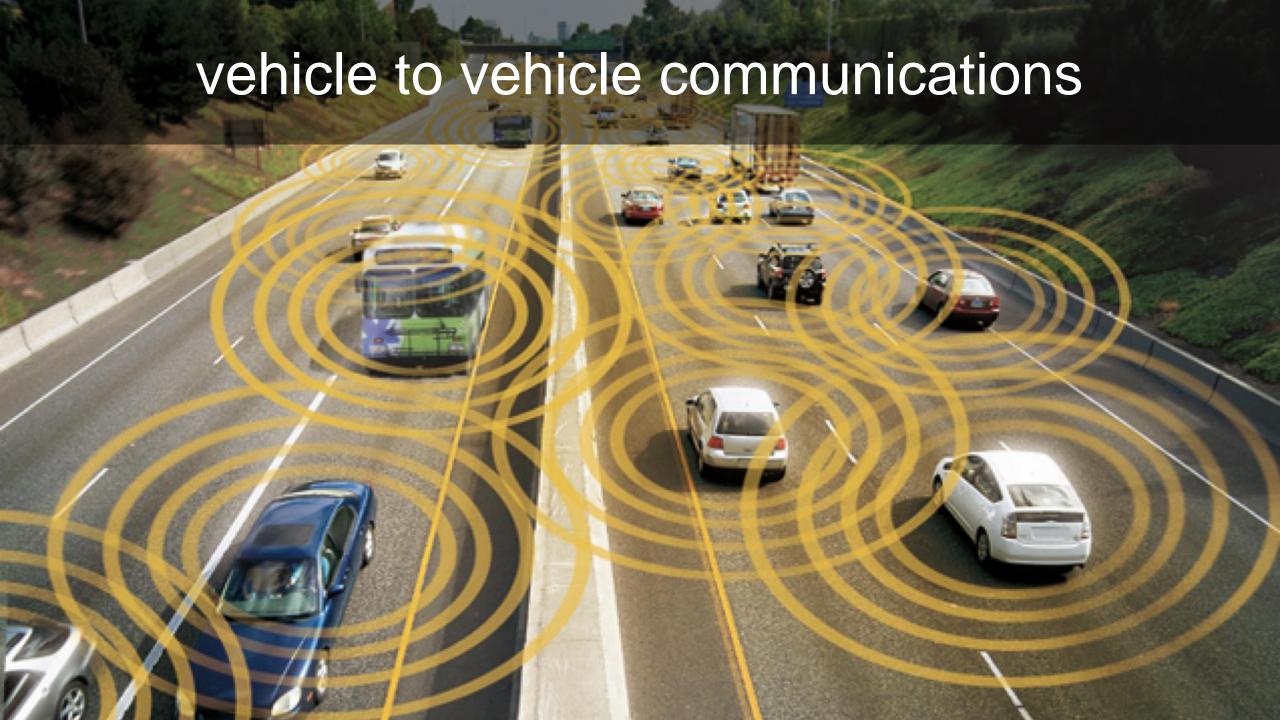
The car is a project of Google, which has been working in secret but in plain view on vehicles that can drive themselves, using artificial-intelligence software that can sense anything near the car



Dmitri Dolgov, a Google engineer, in a self-driving car parked in Silicon Valley after a road test. RAMIN RAHIMIAN FOR THE NEW YORK TIMES

and mimic the decisions made by a human driver.

With someone behind the wheel to take control if something goes awry and a technician in the passenger seat to monitor the navigation system, seven test cars have driven 1,000 miles without human intervention and more than





5%

vehicles are parked 95% of the time

looking for parking = 25-30% of congestion





ride-sharing











