



Human and Mobility Impacts of Autonomous Vehicles

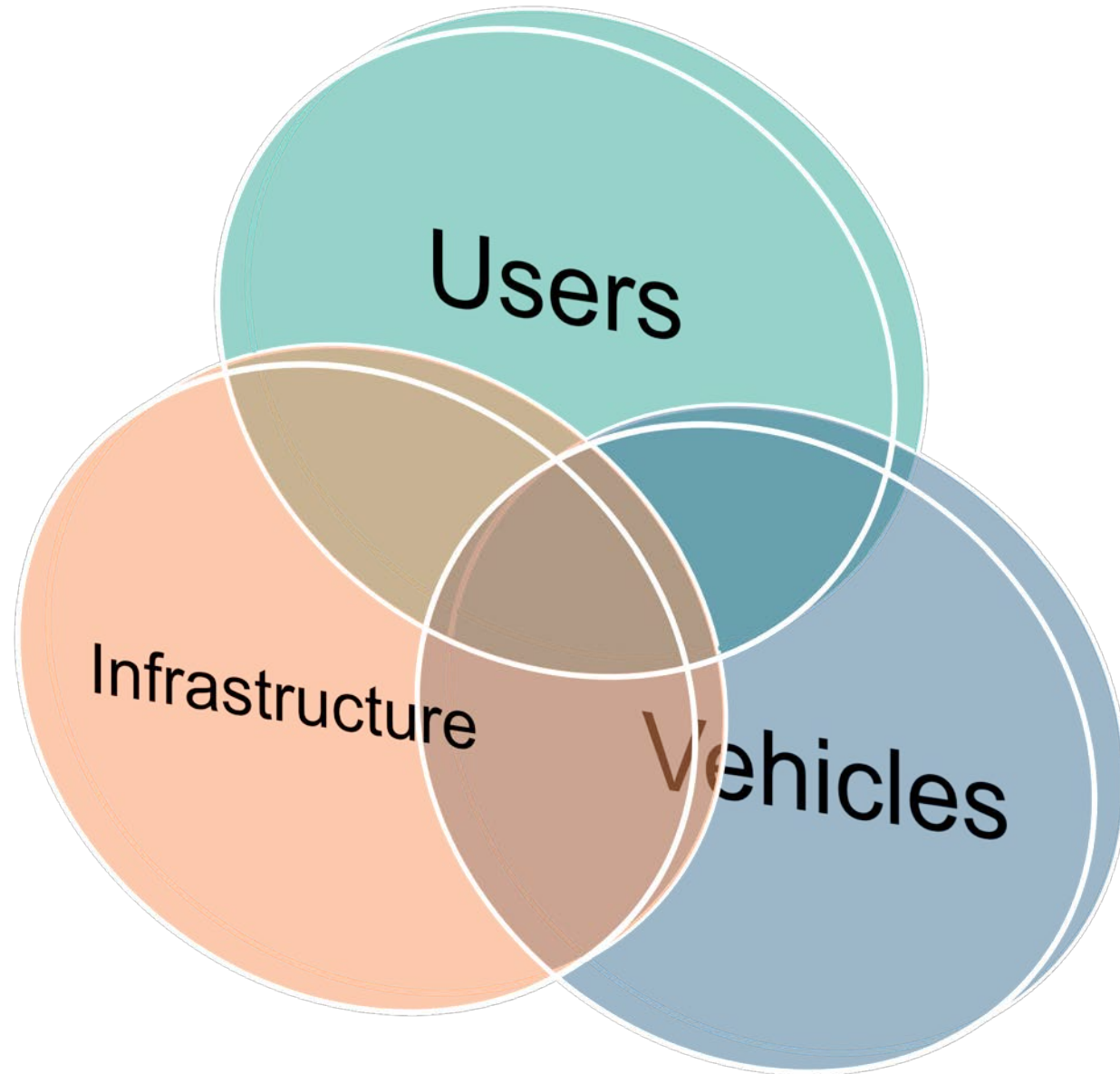
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Technology Takes the Wheel
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Harmonize Components of Transportation System



Research Focus Areas




Emerging
Technologies

The image shows a green-tinted photograph of industrial robotic arms in a factory setting.



Vulnerable
Road Users

The image shows a blue-tinted photograph of two people sitting in the front seats of a car, looking out the window.



*Saving lives
through
research and
education*

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Driver
Behavior &
Performance

The image shows a red-tinted photograph of a motorcycle that has been involved in a crash, lying on its side on a road.



Roadway
Systems &
Drivers

The image shows an orange-tinted photograph of a multi-lane highway with many cars in traffic.

EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES

Research Topics

User Expectation

User Acceptance

User Experience

Safety Benefits

Technical Documents



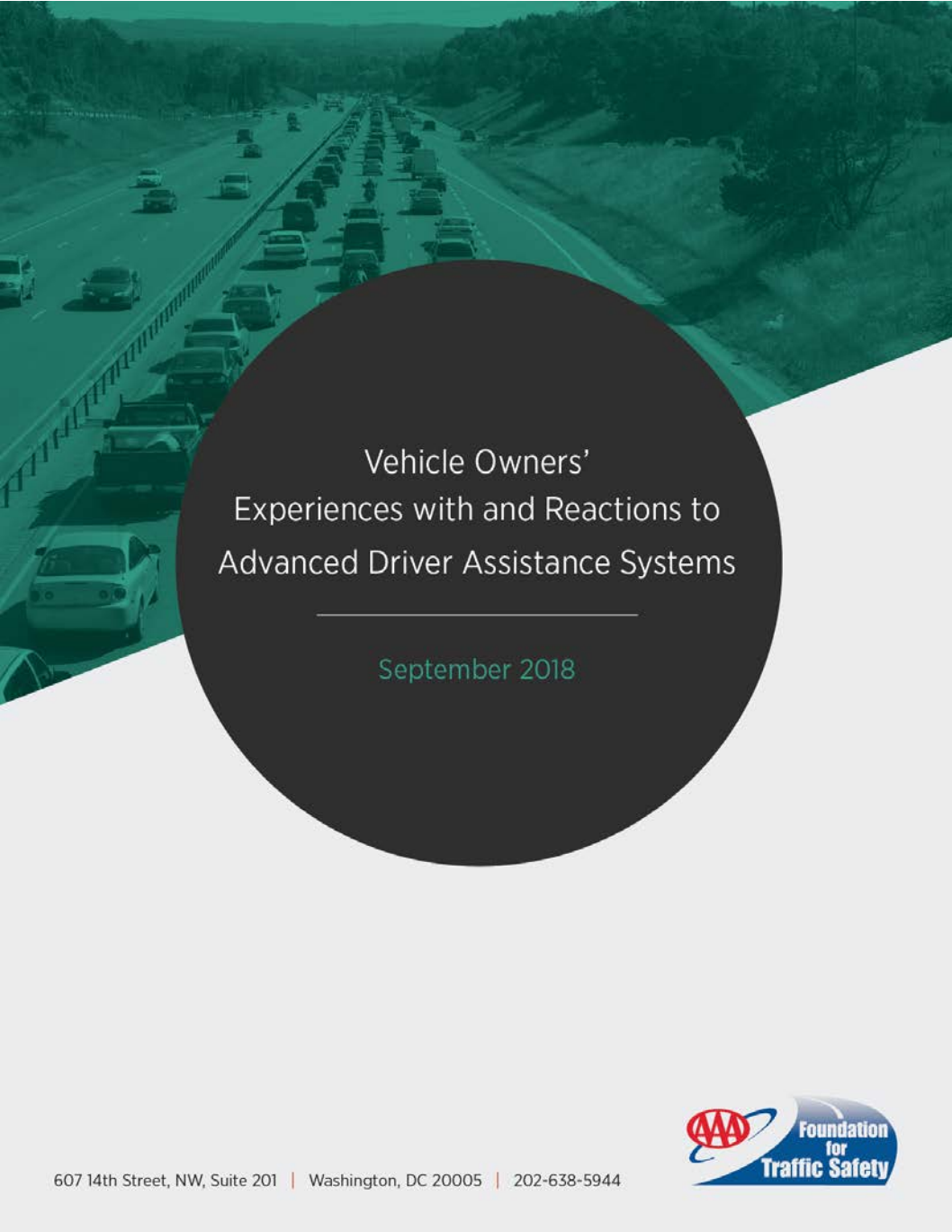
Collaboration



Cultivating Connection



Assessing innovation beyond the dashboard



Vehicle Owners'
Experiences with and Reactions to
Advanced Driver Assistance Systems

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- Examined knowledge, attitudes, experiences of drivers who owned vehicles with ADAS
- Performed by University of Iowa for AAA Foundation



Methodology

- Catalogued technologies for vehicles comprising 99% of total market share (2016-2017)
- Purchased list of 10,000 names & addresses of registered owners of vehicles with 3+ systems standard
 - Distribution of vehicles roughly proportional to market share
 - List from IHS Automotive (formerly RL Polk & Co.)
 - Included data from most states in U.S.



Adaptive Cruise Control

ACC



FCW



AEB



LDW



Lane Keeping Assist

LKA



Blind Spot Monitor

BSM



Rear Cross Traffic Alert

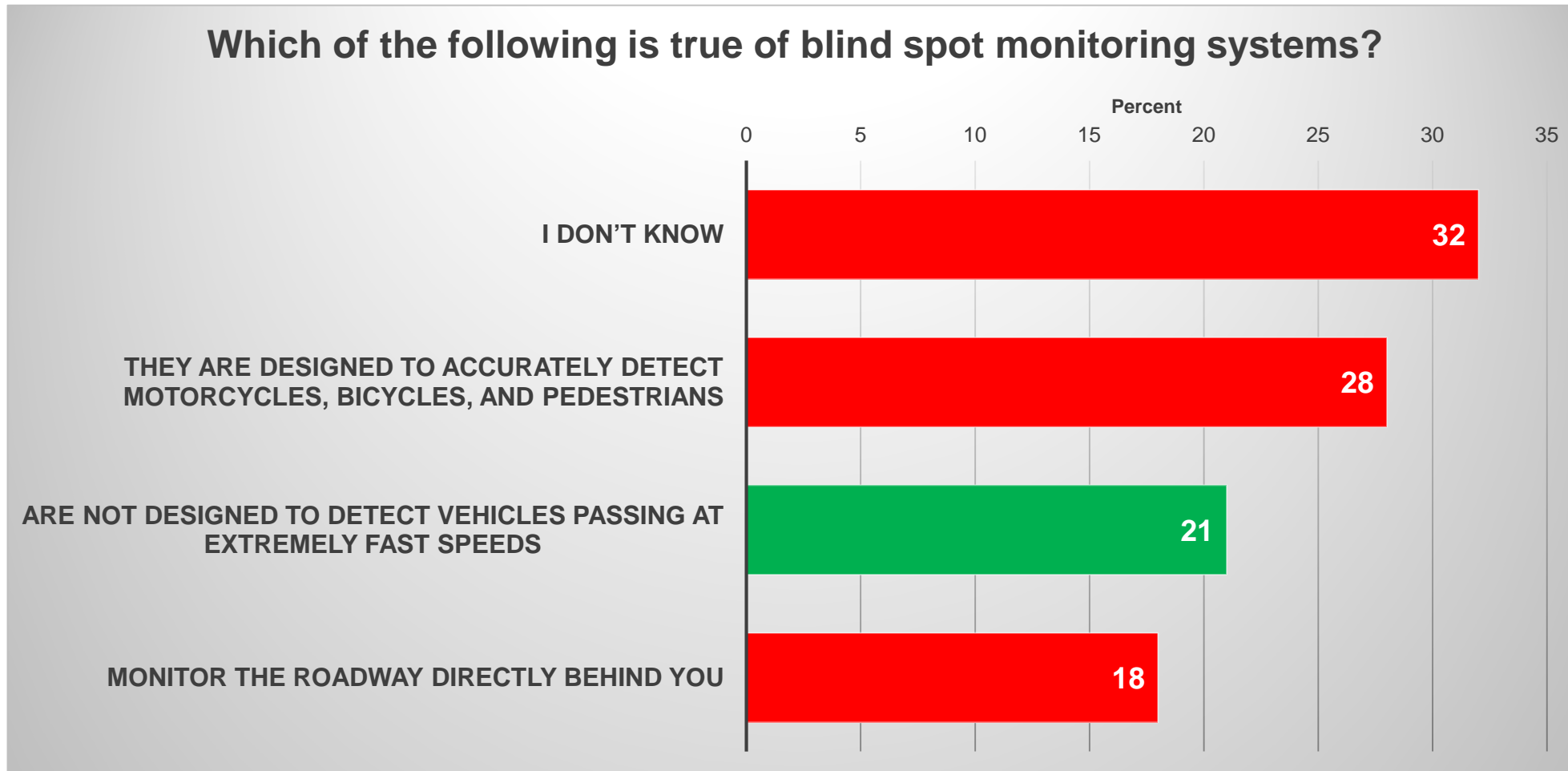
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Findings

- Generally favorable opinions about technologies examined
- Main sources of information on ADAS – owner’s manual, dealer, trial and error
- Nearly 1:3 owners of vehicles with ACC reported feeling comfortable at least occasionally engaging in other tasks while driving because of ACC
- Nearly 1:3 owners with BSM reported sometimes changing lanes without manually checking blind spot

Example: Understanding of BSM

(509 owners of vehicles with BSM)



Traffic Safety Culture Index & Emerging Transportation Technologies (TSCI-ETT)

2018 survey included additional items pertaining to automated vehicles (AVs) such as:

- Understanding of AVs
- Perceived benefits of AVs
- Perceived risks/concerns of AVs



<https://www.cnet.com/roadshow/news/self-driving-car-guide-autonomous-explanation/>

TSCI-ETT (continued)

Purpose of extension

- Understand role of emerging technologies in today's traffic safety culture & future
- Characterize users' expectations & acceptance of emerging technologies in relation to other factors
- Explore relationship between traditional traffic safety and emerging technologies-related beliefs & perception
- Examine possible determinants of user acceptance

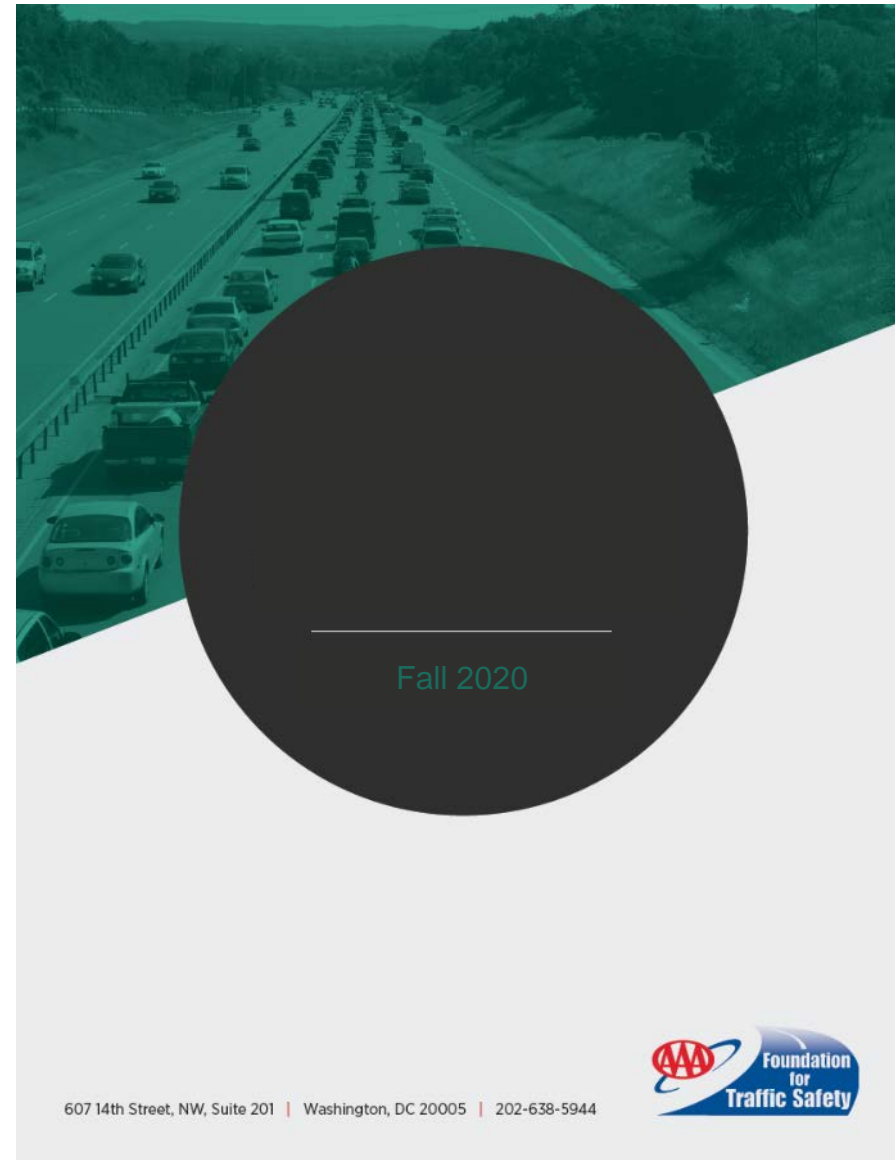
Understanding the Impact of Technology: Can Advanced Driver Assistance and Semi-Automated Vehicle Systems Lead to Improper Driving Behavior?

- An increased prevalence of secondary task engagement because of greater perceived workload capacity or reduced perceived responsibility for driving safety?

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Impact of Drivers' Mental Models of Advanced Vehicle Technologies on Safety and Performance

- Examine how errors in drivers' understanding (mental models) of automated systems impact their in-vehicle behaviors, safety & performance



Study Approach

- Review & development of error taxonomy
 - Literature & technology review
 - Task analysis for ADS and ADAS errors
- Driving simulator study
 - Measure and differentiate drivers with good, moderate and poor mental models
 - Examine driver performance and safety in critical “edge case” scenarios
 - 108 drivers (ages 40-65) in a high fidelity driving simulator



Impact of Information Sources on Consumer Understanding of Automated Driving Systems

- Many drivers do not understand limitations of advanced vehicle technologies
- Names not standardized, may contribute to confusion
- Consumer information vs. understanding & behavior

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Impact of Vehicle Technologies & Automation Forums



2017 Forum on the
Impact of Vehicle Technologies
and Automation on Users:
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Technologies have great potential to improve safety by influencing behaviors of users

Good designs will encourage correct & safe behaviors

Proper use & application of technologies will lead to safety improvements



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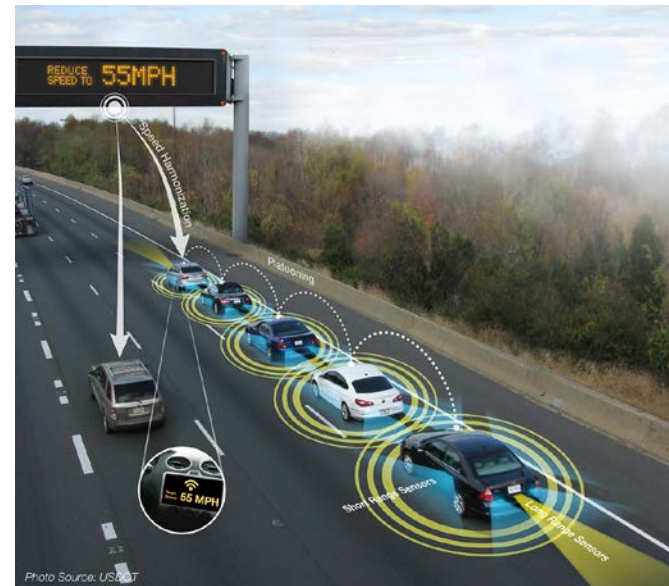


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