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Most cars now do a pretty good job of protecting you in a crash… but now, let’s imagine that cars could instantly communicate with you when they sense danger:

Batmobile C

Vehicles that can settle disputes among themselves. After this from Charlie:

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Ann Arbor – home of the University of Michigan – will become a real-world transportation laboratory. And if all goes well -- a driving paradise. A world without road rage. Because researchers working for the University and the Department of Transportation are equipping about 2800 cars, trucks and buses with wireless crash avoidance systems.

The test vehicles to actually send signals to each other, so that, for example – your car could signal you that the car ahead was slowing down… even before its brake lights come on. At intersections, your car could gauge the speed of other cars and warn you that someone was about to come barreling through without stopping.

Peter Sweatman, SWETT-man is director of the University of Michigan’s Transportation Research Institute:

TAPE “Operate traffic signals more safely”

Your car could just order ahead for a green light so you don’t have to stop for no reason.

Even though driving continues to get safer, last year more than 32,000 people died in car crashes. And Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood says 80 percent of accidents that don’t involve drugs or alcohol could be prevented –

TAPE… altogether.”

Of course for this to be effective, all cars would have to have to use the new system, and while the Government has the authority to issue the order, LaHood says there’s a lot of studying to do first. And this is not going to replace your seat belt:

“Robin you haven’t fastened your safety bat belt”

But within ten years crash avoidance technology could be as common as cup holders.

And when that day comes, even if our drivers can’t get along, at least our cars will.

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