



Homeland Security Opportunities and Threats

Connected and Self-Driving Vehicles -- A National Perspective Panel



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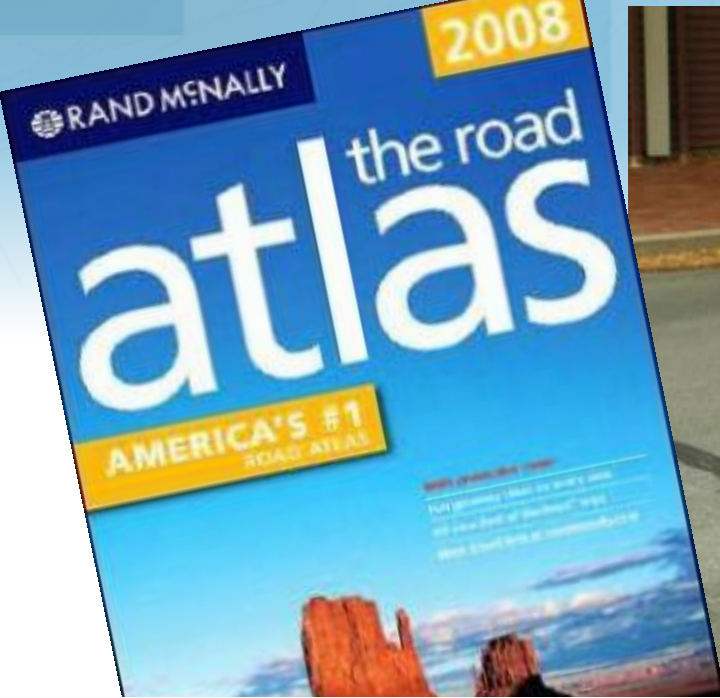
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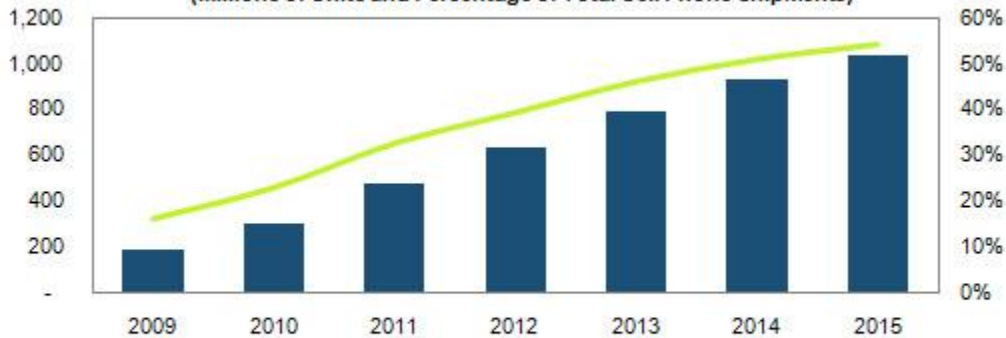


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**Worldwide Forecast of Smart Phone Shipments
(Millions of Units and Percentage of Total Cell Phone Shipments)**



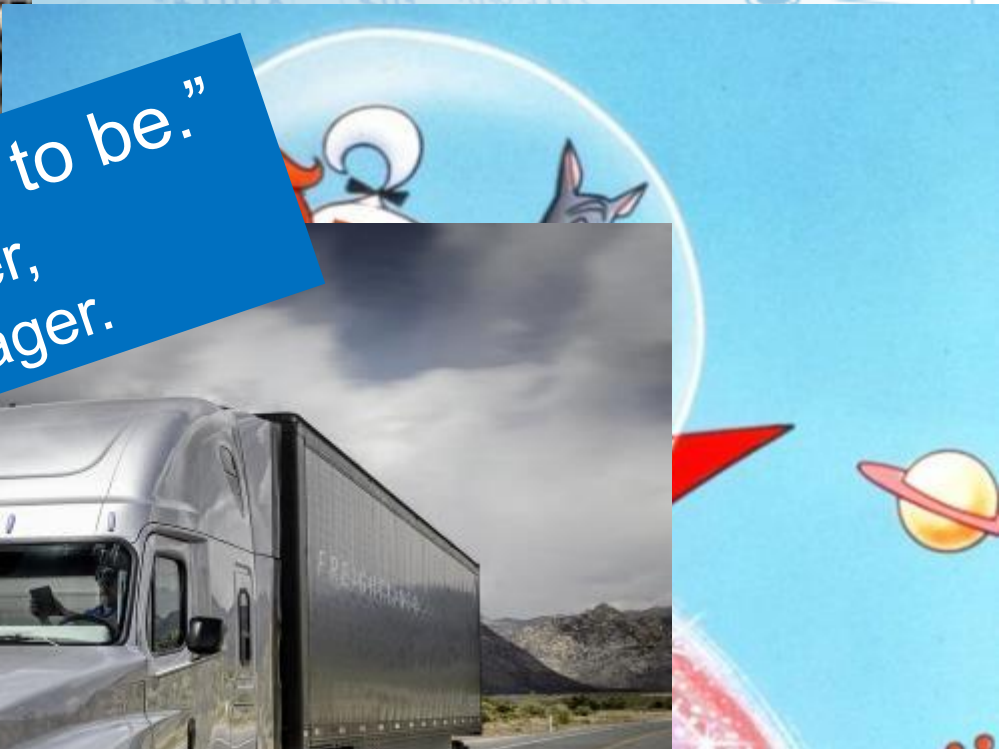
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Source: IHS iSuppli August 2011





“The future ain’t what it used to be.”
Yogi Berra, American philosopher,
baseball player, and team manager.



European Truck Platooning Challenge



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TECHNOLOGY IS ROCKETING FORWARD !



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IMPLICATIONS FOR HOMELAND SECURITY?



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- Faster/safer response because V2V moves traffic out of the way.



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