Talking cars may avoid crashes

Vehicles to communicate over wireless networks for improved safety

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WASHINGTON — As a safety demonstration, it was a heartstopper: A Ford was seconds away from cruising through an intersection when suddenly a row of red lights pulsed on the lower windshield and a glowing blared that another car was approaching fast on the cross street. The driver slammed on the brakes, and the vehicle stopped before the vehicle directly in front stalled. A car behind that was speeding up...