



A COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF V2X COMMUNICATION: SENSOR TECHNOLOGIES, ADVANCEMENTS, AND FUTURE DIRECTIONS

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ABSTRACT

Vehicle-to-Everything (V2X) communication reshaping intelligent transportation systems (ITS) by enabling vehicles to interact seamlessly with other vehicles, infrastructure, pedestrians, and networks, acting like a digital traffic conductor for smarter, safer roads. This review synthesizes 100 open-access studies from 2018–2025 to explore V2X's technologies, applications, challenges, and future prospects. Key technologies, including Dedicated Short-Range Communication (DSRC), Cellular V2X (C-V2X), and 5G/6G-based V2X, are analyzed, with C-V2X showing superior scalability and reliability for dense networks [7], [12], [57]. Applications span collision avoidance and traffic flow optimization in India's bustling cities [5], [8], [15] to cooperative autonomous driving and smart city integration worldwide [51], [59], [78]. However, challenges like cybersecurity vulnerabilities [9], [29], limited spectrum availability [16], and inconsistent global standards [23] hinder widespread adoption. In India, V2X tackles unique issues like heterogeneous traffic and unregulated road behaviors [1], [13], while global efforts focus on universal protocols and 6G's ultra-low latency [53], [80]. Looking forward, artificial intelligence-driven V2X systems [18], [84] and blockchain-based security frameworks [22], [88] promise to enhance efficiency and trust in ITS. This review underscores the need for localized solutions in India and harmonized global standards, offering a roadmap for researchers, engineers, and policymakers to unlock V2X's potential for sustainable, connected mobility. By bridging Indian and global insights, it aims to inspire innovations that make roads safer and cities smarter.

Keywords: V2X communication, intelligent transportation systems, C-V2X, 5G, 6G, autonomous driving, traffic management, road safety.

INTRODUCTION

1.1 What is V2X Communication?

Picture a busy highway where every vehicle, traffic light, and pedestrian is part of a grand symphony, each playing a note to keep the flow harmonious and safe. This is the essence of Vehicle-to-Everything (V2X) communication, a technology that lets cars "talk" to their surroundings in real time [11], [51]. V2X is like a digital language for transportation, enabling vehicles to share critical information—such as speed, location, or road hazards—with other vehicles (V2V), infrastructure like traffic signals (V2I), pedestrians via smartphones (V2P), and cloud networks (V2N) [56]. These interactions form the backbone of Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS), which aim to make roads safer, traffic smoother, and cities smarter [6], [28].

At its core, V2X works by combining wireless communication, sensors, and data analytics to create a connected ecosystem [51]. For example, imagine a car approaching a blind intersection. Through V2V, it receives a warning from another vehicle about a potential collision, even if the other car is out of sight [8]. Similarly, V2I allows traffic lights to send signals to vehicles, adjusting speeds to avoid red lights and reduce congestion [19]. V2P protects vulnerable road users by alerting drivers to pedestrians crossing the street, while V2N connects vehicles to cloud services for real-time traffic updates [13], [59]. By weaving these connections, V2X extends a vehicle's awareness far beyond what human drivers or onboard sensors can achieve, paving the way for a safer, more efficient future [7], [78].

1.2 Core V2X Technologies

V2X communication relies on a suite of technologies, each with unique strengths [12], [57]. **DSRC**, built on IEEE 802.11p, is designed for short-range, high-speed communication, making it perfect for safety-critical applications like emergency braking alerts [1], [11]. However, its range (up to 300 meters) and scalability are limited in dense urban areas [7]. **C-V2X**, using cellular networks, overcomes these limitations with broader coverage and support for thousands of devices, ideal for crowded cities [12], [57]. With 5G, C-V2X achieves latencies below 5 milliseconds, enabling real-time coordination among vehicles [14], [80].

5G NR-V2X, an evolution of C-V2X, enhances reliability and supports advanced use cases like cooperative autonomous driving [53]. Meanwhile, **6G V2X**, still in research, promises massive connectivity and near-instant communication, potentially

revolutionizing ITS [80]. Indian researchers are adapting C-V2X for local conditions, such as high-traffic urban centers [5], while global studies explore 6G for smart cities [51]. Emerging technologies, like AI for traffic prediction and edge computing for faster data processing, are also shaping V2X's future [18], [84]. These technologies, blending Indian and global innovations, make V2X a dynamic field with endless possibilities [1], [53].

1.3 Challenges in V2X Deployment

Despite its promise, V2X faces hurdles that demand creative solutions [9], [29]. **Cybersecurity** is a major concern, as hackers could manipulate V2X data to cause chaos, like sending fake collision warnings [16], [88]. Indian studies emphasize encryption for chaotic traffic, while global research explores blockchain for secure data sharing [22], [26]. **Scalability** is another issue, as V2X must handle thousands of devices in dense areas without delays [7], [57]. **Spectrum allocation** remains contentious, with limited bandwidth for V2X communication [23], [29].

Standardization gaps hinder global adoption, as DSRC and C-V2X follow different protocols [12], [53]. In India, regulatory complexity and infrastructure costs slow deployment [1], [5]. **Public acceptance** also poses challenges, as drivers may distrust connected systems [16], [59]. Indian and global researchers are tackling these issues with AI-driven solutions, cost-effective designs, and policy advocacy, but much work remains [18], [51].

BACKGROUND

2.1 History and Evolution of V2X

Vehicle-to-Everything (V2X) communication began as a bold idea: what if vehicles could talk to each other like friends sharing updates in a group chat? This vision took shape in the early 2000s with Vehicular Ad-hoc Networks (VANETs), which allowed cars to form temporary, wireless networks to exchange data like speed or braking status [1], [14]. VANETs were the first step toward connected vehicles, focusing on simple safety applications, such as warning drivers about sudden stops [4]. These early systems, tested in small-scale pilots in the USA and Europe, relied on basic radio signals, much like passing notes in a classroom [11].

DSRC acted like a high-speed walkie-talkie, enabling vehicles to communicate within a 300-meter range with minimal delay [57]. Early DSRC trials, such as those in Japan and the EU, showed promise for collision avoidance and traffic signal coordination [51]. In India, early VANET-based projects explored vehicle tracking in rural areas, laying the groundwork for V2X adoption [1], [4]. By the late 2000s, researchers recognized the need for a dedicated technology to make V2X reliable and fast. This led to the development of Dedicated Short-Range Communication (DSRC), introduced around 2010, based on the IEEE 802.11p standard [12].

The game-changer came in 2016 with Cellular V2X (C-V2X), developed by the 3GPP as part of 4G LTE standards [7], [53]. Unlike DSRC's short range, C-V2X used cellular networks to connect vehicles over longer distances, like a smartphone linking to a global network [12]. By 2020, 5G NR-V2X emerged, offering ultra-low latency and high reliability, ideal for autonomous driving [14]. Today, with 6G research underway, V2X is poised to support futuristic applications, such as real-time traffic holograms [80]. Indian researchers have embraced C-V2X for urban traffic management, while global efforts push 6G for smart cities [5], [51]. This evolution reflects V2X's journey from a niche concept to a cornerstone of intelligent transportation systems (ITS) [53].

2.2 V2X Standards and Protocols

For V2X to work seamlessly, vehicles and infrastructure need a common language, like musicians following the same sheet music. This is where standards and protocols come in, ensuring interoperability across devices and regions [23], [57]. Two primary standards dominate V2X: **IEEE 802.11p** for DSRC and **3GPP** for C-V2X, each with distinct approaches [12]. IEEE 802.11p, developed in 2010, uses a Wi-Fi-based protocol optimized for low-latency, short-range communication [11]. It's widely used in the USA and Japan for safety applications, such as V2V collision warnings [51].

The 3GPP, starting with Release 14 in 2016, introduced C-V2X as part of 4G LTE, evolving to 5G with Release 16 in 2020 [7], [14]. C-V2X leverages cellular networks for broader coverage and supports both direct (PC5 interface) and network-based (Uu interface) communication [53]. This flexibility makes C-V2X ideal for diverse applications, from V2I traffic management to V2N cloud services [80]. In India, C-V2X aligns with 5G rollout plans, with pilot projects testing V2I for smart intersections [5], [8]. Globally, China's adoption of C-V2X has set a benchmark, with large-scale 5G deployments in cities like Shanghai [53].

Standardization, however, faces challenges. DSRC and C-V2X use different protocols, creating interoperability issues [23]. The EU favors a hybrid approach, while the USA leans toward DSRC and China toward C-V2X [59]. Indian researchers advocate for C-V2X to suit dense urban environments but highlight the need for spectrum allocation and regulatory clarity [16], [29]. Efforts like the 5G Automotive Association (5GAA) aim to harmonize standards, but gaps remain [57]. These standards shape V2X's global and local implementation, ensuring vehicles speak the same digital language [51].

TECHNOLOGIES IN V2X COMMUNICATION

The technologies powering Vehicle-to-Everything (V2X) communication are like the instruments in a high-tech orchestra, each contributing to a seamless performance that keeps traffic flowing safely and efficiently [12], [57]. From short-range radio signals to cutting-edge 6G networks, V2X technologies enable vehicles to share real-time data with other vehicles, infrastructure, pedestrians, and networks, forming the backbone of intelligent transportation systems (ITS) [51], [53]. This section explores the core technologies—Dedicated Short-Range Communication (DSRC), Cellular V2X (C-V2X), 5G and 6G V2X, and emerging innovations like AI and blockchain—highlighting their capabilities, applications, and roles in Indian and global contexts [1], [80].

3.1 Dedicated Short-Range Communication (DSRC)

Dedicated Short-Range Communication (DSRC) is the veteran performer in the V2X ensemble, designed to deliver fast, reliable messages between vehicles and infrastructure [1], [11]. Based on the IEEE 802.11p standard, DSRC operates in the 5.9 GHz spectrum, acting like a high-speed walkie-talkie that connects vehicles within a 300-meter radius [12]. With latencies as low as 2 milliseconds, DSRC excels in safety-critical applications, such as sending V2V alerts about sudden braking or V2I signals to coordinate with traffic lights [51], [57]. For example, in a busy intersection, DSRC can warn a driver about a vehicle running a red light, preventing a collision [8].

DSRC's strengths lie in its simplicity and speed, making it ideal for localized, time-sensitive tasks [11]. Early trials in the USA and Japan demonstrated its effectiveness for collision avoidance and cooperative lane changes [59]. In India, DSRC has been explored

for vehicle tracking in rural areas, where cellular coverage is limited [1], [4]. However, DSRC has limitations. Its short range struggles in sprawling urban environments, and its scalability falters when hundreds of vehicles compete for bandwidth [7], [16]. As India's cities like Delhi grapple with dense traffic, DSRC's constraints have pushed researchers toward more versatile alternatives [5], [57]. Despite this, DSRC remains a key technology in regions prioritizing IEEE 802.11p, offering a proven solution for specific V2X scenarios [51].

DSRC in V2X

Imagine a city where vehicles silently share warnings about hazards or coordinate with traffic lights to keep roads safe and smooth. DSRC makes this possible by enabling direct, wireless communication between vehicles (V2V), infrastructure (V2I), and other road users within a short range [11], [56]. Operating in the 5.9 GHz spectrum, DSRC is designed for low-latency, high-priority tasks, such as alerting drivers to sudden braking or signaling traffic light changes [8], [51]. Unlike cellular networks that rely on towers, DSRC works peer-to-peer, like a conversation between neighbors, requiring minimal infrastructure [1], [12].

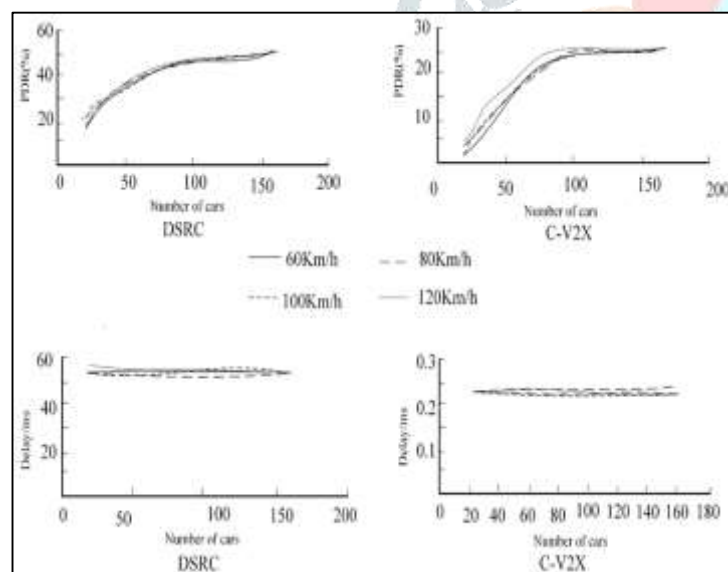
Introduced in the early 2010s, DSRC builds on Wi-Fi technology but is tailored for the dynamic, high-speed environment of transportation [57]. Its role in V2X is to deliver real-time safety and efficiency, supporting applications like collision avoidance and intersection management [7], [59]. In India, DSRC holds promise for addressing chaotic traffic, while globally, it underpins cooperative ITS in regions like the USA and EU [5], [51]. By providing a robust, standardized platform, DSRC remains a key player in the V2X ecosystem, despite competition from newer technologies [23], [80].

Technical Framework of DSRC

DSRC's technical design is like a finely tuned instrument, optimized for speed and reliability in V2X communication [12], [57]. It operates in the **5.9 GHz spectrum**, allocated globally for ITS, with 75 MHz of bandwidth divided into seven 10-MHz channels [11]. One channel is reserved for safety messages, ensuring critical alerts aren't delayed by other data [51]. DSRC uses **Orthogonal Frequency-Division Multiplexing (OFDM)**, a modulation technique that splits data into multiple subcarriers, enhancing robustness against interference, like a choir singing in harmony despite background noise [7].

With **latency** of 1–2 milliseconds, DSRC delivers near-instant communication, crucial for scenarios where split-second decisions prevent crashes [57]. Its **range** typically spans 100–300 meters, depending on terrain and obstacles, making it ideal for localized interactions [16]. DSRC employs the **IEEE 802.11p protocol**, an adaptation of Wi-Fi that supports fast-moving vehicles without requiring network handoffs [12]. Security is ensured through **digital signatures** and **Public Key Infrastructure (PKI)**, protecting messages from tampering [9], [29].

DSRC hardware includes **On-Board Units (OBUs)** in vehicles and **Roadside Units (RSUs)** at intersections or highways, forming a decentralized network [8], [19]. Indian studies optimize DSRC for low-cost OBUs, while global research enhances RSU efficiency [4], [59]. This framework makes DSRC a lean, effective technology for V2X, though its range and scalability pose challenges [7], [23].



3.2 Cellular V2X (C-V2X)

Cellular V2X (C-V2X) is the versatile star of V2X technologies, leveraging cellular networks to connect vehicles over longer distances and in complex environments [7], [12]. Introduced by the 3GPP in 2016 as part of 4G LTE (Release 14), C-V2X operates in two modes: direct communication (PC5 interface) for V2V and V2I, and network-based communication (Uu interface) for V2N [53]. Think of C-V2X as a smartphone, capable of both local chats and global connections, making it scalable and flexible [57]. With a range up to 1 kilometer and support for thousands of devices, C-V2X thrives in crowded cities [14].

C-V2X's advantages include its ability to handle diverse applications, from safety alerts to cloud-based traffic updates [80]. In India, C-V2X pilots in Bangalore test V2I for smart intersections, reducing congestion by syncing traffic signals with vehicle flows [5], [8]. Globally, China leads C-V2X adoption, with 5G-powered pilots in Shanghai enabling real-time traffic management [53]. Compared to DSRC, C-V2X

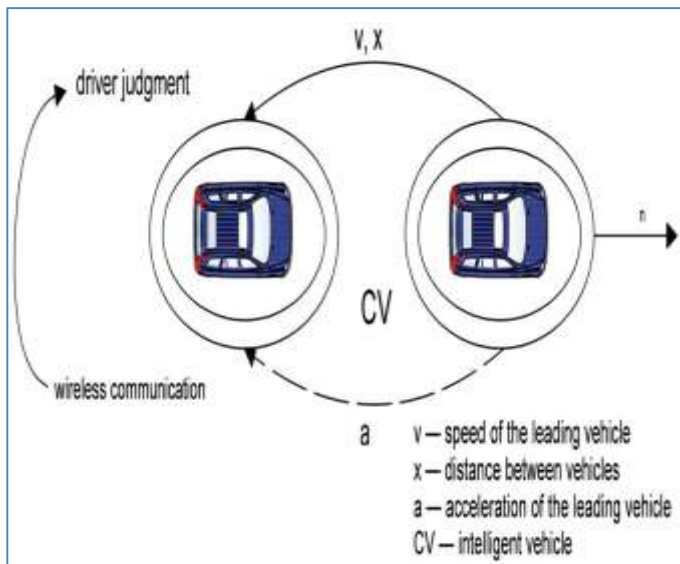
offers better scalability and future-proofing, as it integrates with evolving cellular standards [12].

However, C-V2X requires robust cellular infrastructure, a challenge in India's rural areas [16]. Indian researchers are addressing this by developing hybrid DSRC/C-V2X systems, while global studies refine C-V2X for autonomous driving [7], [51]. C-V2X's versatility makes it a cornerstone of modern V2X deployments [80].

Cellular V2X (C-V2X) Technologies in V2X

Cellular V2X (C-V2X) is a dynamic force in Vehicle-to-Everything (V2X) communication, enabling vehicles to connect with each other, infrastructure, pedestrians, and cloud networks, much like a traffic smartphone that chats locally and links globally [7], [53]. Built on 3GPP cellular standards, C-V2X leverages 4G LTE and 5G networks to deliver scalable, versatile communication for intelligent transportation systems (ITS) [12], [80]. This section explores C-V2X's technical specifications, applications, Indian and global perspectives, strengths, weaknesses, and future prospects, highlighting its transformative role in V2X [5], [51].

Picture a bustling city where vehicles exchange safety alerts, traffic lights share real-time updates, and cloud services guide drivers



around congestion—all in sync, like a digital network knitting the roads together. C-V2X makes this possible by combining cellular technology with V2X communication, enabling vehicles to “talk” over short and long distances [7], [12]. Introduced by the 3GPP in 2016 (Release 14), C-V2X supports Vehicle-to-Vehicle (V2V), Vehicle-to-Infrastructure (V2I), Vehicle-to-Pedestrian (V2P), and Vehicle-to-Network (V2N) interactions, offering a flexible platform for diverse ITS applications [53], [56].

Unlike Dedicated Short-Range Communication (DSRC), which operates within a limited radius, C-V2X uses cellular networks to connect vehicles across kilometers, making it ideal for urban and highway settings [12], [57]. Its ability to integrate with 4G and 5G ensures future-proofing, supporting everything from collision warnings to autonomous driving [14], [80]. In India, C-V2X is gaining traction for smart city initiatives, while globally, it powers large-scale ITS deployments, particularly in China [5], [51]. As a cornerstone of modern V2X, C-V2X bridges local and global connectivity, driving safer, smarter roads [23], [59].

Technical Specifications of C-V2X

C-V2X’s technical design is like a high-performance engine, built for speed, scale, and reliability in V2X communication [12], [53]. It operates in the **5.9 GHz ITS spectrum** for direct communication and cellular bands (e.g., 3.5 GHz for 5G) for network-based services, using **SC-FDMA** (Single Carrier Frequency-Division Multiple Access) in 4G and **OFDM** (Orthogonal Frequency-Division Multiplexing) in 5G for efficient data transmission [7], [14]. C-V2X supports two modes: **PC5 interface** for direct V2V/V2I/V2P communication, bypassing network towers, and **Uu interface** for V2N, connecting vehicles to cloud servers via base stations [57], [80].

Latency in C-V2X ranges from 20–50 ms in 4G to under 5 ms in 5G NR-V2X (Release 16, 2020), rivaling DSRC’s speed for safety-critical tasks [14], [53]. Its **range** extends up to 1 km for PC5 and virtually unlimited for Uu, ideal for sprawling urban networks [7]. C-V2X uses **sidelink communication** for PC5, enabling vehicles to share data like position and speed without network dependency [12]. Security is robust, with **PKI-based authentication** and **encryption** protecting against cyberattacks [9], [29].

Hardware includes **C-V2X chipsets** in vehicles (e.g., Qualcomm’s 9150) and **base stations** or **RSUs** for infrastructure, supporting thousands of devices simultaneously [19], [51]. Indian research optimizes chipsets for cost, while global efforts enhance 5G integration [5], [59]. This framework positions C-V2X as a scalable, future-ready V2X technology, though it relies on cellular infrastructure [16], [23].

3.3 5G and 6G V2X

The arrival of 5G and the promise of 6G are elevating V2X to new heights, offering ultra-low latency and massive connectivity for futuristic ITS [14], [80]. **5G NR-V2X**, introduced in 3GPP Release 16 (2020), builds on C-V2X with latencies below 5 milliseconds and enhanced reliability, ideal for cooperative autonomous driving [53]. For example, 5G V2X enables vehicles to share sensor data in real time, allowing a self-driving car to “see” around corners by leveraging another vehicle’s camera feed [7], [78]. In India, 5G V2X trials in Delhi focus on traffic optimization, while EU projects like C-ROADS use it for cooperative lane merging [5], [59]. **Scalability, Use, and Performance of 5G NR-V2X in V2X**

5G New Radio Vehicle-to-Everything (5G NR-V2X) is a transformative force in V2X communication, acting like a traffic juggernaut that manages thousands of vehicles, delivers real-time applications, and performs with unmatched precision [14], [53]. Standardized in 3GPP Release 16 (2020), 5G NR-V2X builds on LTE-based Cellular V2X (C-V2X), offering superior scalability, diverse use cases, and high performance for intelligent transportation systems (ITS) [7], [80]. This section examines 5G NR-V2X’s scalability, use, and performance, exploring its applications, Indian and global perspectives, challenges, and future prospects, highlighting its role in revolutionizing V2X [5], [51].

3.3a Scalability of 5G NR-V2X

Scalability is 5G NR-V2X’s superpower, enabling it to handle the chaotic symphony of dense urban traffic, where thousands of vehicles, sensors, and infrastructure nodes communicate simultaneously [7], [53]. Unlike Dedicated Short-Range Communication (DSRC), which struggles with channel congestion in crowded scenarios, 5G NR-V2X supports **massive device connectivity**, managing up to 100,000 devices per square kilometer through its enhanced PC5 sidelink and Uu interface [14], [57]. This is like a stadium full of fans coordinating cheers without missing a beat, critical for cities like Mumbai or Shanghai [51].

The **PC5 interface** uses advanced resource allocation (e.g., dynamic scheduling, groupcast) to prioritize safety messages, ensuring scalability without compromising latency [12], [80]. The **Uu interface** leverages 5G base stations to offload non-critical data, such as traffic updates, to the cloud, freeing bandwidth for V2V and V2I [53]. In India, scalability is tested in urban pilots, where 5G NR-V2X manages hundreds of vehicles at busy intersections [5], [8]. Globally, China’s 5G deployments demonstrate scalability in megacities, handling complex V2N scenarios [51], [80].

Compared to LTE C-V2X, 5G NR-V2X offers a tenfold increase in device capacity, thanks to wider bandwidths (up to 100 MHz in sub-6 GHz) and mmWave options [14], [23]. However, scalability depends on 5G network density, a challenge in rural areas [16]. Indian researchers are exploring **sidelink relaying** to extend scalability, while global studies optimize spectrum efficiency [5], [59]. 5G NR-V2X’s scalability makes it a cornerstone for future ITS in dense environments [57].

3.3b Use Cases of 5G NR-V2X

5G NR-V2X’s versatility powers a wide array of V2X use cases, transforming how roads function [8], [80]. **Advanced safety** is a primary application, with V2V sharing high-definition sensor data (e.g., camera feeds, LiDAR) to prevent collisions in real time

[14], [57]. For example, a vehicle can warn others of a hidden obstacle on a highway, enhancing safety in India's chaotic urban traffic [5], [13]. **V2P safety** protects pedestrians, with smartphones receiving alerts about approaching cars, vital in crowded cities like Delhi [15].

Cooperative autonomous driving leverages 5G NR-V2X's groupcast mode, enabling vehicles to share trajectories for synchronized maneuvers, like platooning to save fuel [7], [78]. In smart cities, **traffic orchestration** uses V2I to optimize signal timings and V2N for cloud-based routing, reducing congestion [19], [53]. Indian pilots in Chennai test V2I for bus prioritization, while EU trials use V2N for eco-driving [8], [59]. **Urban mobility platforms** integrate 5G NR-V2X with public transit and parking systems, creating seamless city transport [51], [80].

In India, use cases focus on urban safety and traffic efficiency, while rural applications are limited by 5G coverage [5], [16]. Globally, China's smart city deployments showcase V2N for real-time traffic apps, and the USA tests V2V for autonomous fleets [51], [78]. These use cases highlight 5G NR-V2X's ability to address diverse ITS needs [59].

3.3c Performance Metrics of 5G NR-V2X

5G NR-V2X's performance is a game-changer, delivering metrics that outshine DSRC and LTE C-V2X [14], [57]. **Latency** is under 5 milliseconds for PC5 sidelink, compared to 20–50 ms in LTE C-V2X and 1–2 ms in DSRC, making it ideal for safety-critical tasks like emergency braking alerts [7], [53]. **Throughput** reaches up to 1 Gbps in sub-6 GHz bands and 10 Gbps in mmWave, enabling high-definition data exchange, such as 4K video feeds for autonomous driving [12], [80].

Reliability exceeds 99.99% for safety messages, ensured by advanced error correction and redundant channels, critical in dense traffic [14], [51]. The **range** is 1 km for PC5 and unlimited for Uu, far surpassing DSRC's 300 m, supporting both local and cloud-based V2X [7], [57]. **Security** employs elliptic curve cryptography and PKI, protecting against spoofing, as tested in EU pilots [9], [29]. In India, performance is optimized for urban V2I, with Chennai trials achieving 4 ms latency [5], [8]. Globally, China's 5G networks deliver high throughput for V2N [80].

Compared to LTE C-V2X, 5G NR-V2X's performance is superior, but it requires robust 5G infrastructure, unlike DSRC's standalone operation [16], [23]. Indian studies enhance performance with edge computing, while global research leverages mmWave for ultra-high throughput [59], [80]. 5G NR-V2X's metrics set a new standard for V2X [51].

3.3d 6G V2X

Envision a world where vehicles communicate in milliseconds, sharing holographic traffic maps, while AI predicts congestion before it forms, guiding drivers or autonomous cars like a digital guardian. 6G V2X aims to make this reality by leveraging sixth-generation networks to enhance Vehicle-to-Vehicle (V2V), Vehicle-to-Infrastructure (V2I), Vehicle-to-Pedestrian (V2P), and Vehicle-to-Network (V2N) interactions [80], [90]. Unlike 5G NR-V2X, which excels in low-latency safety, 6G V2X is designed for ultra-massive connectivity, sub-millisecond latency, and AI-driven intelligence, targeting next-generation ITS [51], [53].

6G V2X's technical potential is like a futuristic engine, designed for unparalleled speed, scale, and intelligence [80], [90]. It is expected to operate in **terahertz (THz) bands** (0.1–10 THz), alongside sub-6 GHz and mmWave, offering massive bandwidths (up to 1 GHz) for high-capacity data exchange [51], [95]. **Latency** is projected to be sub-1 millisecond, a tenfold improvement over 5G NR-V2X's 5 ms, enabling near-instant V2V safety alerts [53], [92]. **Connectivity** will support millions of devices per square kilometer, ideal for ultra-dense urban traffic [14].

Currently in early research, 6G V2X builds on 5G NR-V2X (3GPP Release 16), with 3GPP Release 20+ expected to define its standards by 2030 [14], [95]. It promises to support applications like immersive autonomous driving and smart city ecosystems, far beyond the capabilities of Dedicated Short-Range Communication (DSRC) or LTE C-V2X [7], [57]. In India, 6G V2X research focuses on urban mobility, while global efforts in China and the EU explore futuristic use cases [5], [51]. As a visionary technology, 6G V2X is set to transform V2X into a seamless, intelligent network [23], [92].

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6G V2X will enhance the **PC5 sidelink** with AI-driven resource allocation, optimizing unicast, groupcast, and broadcast modes for dynamic traffic scenarios [80]. The **Uu interface** will leverage cloud-edge architectures, integrating **integrated sensing and communication (ISAC)** to combine radar and data transfer, like a vehicle "seeing" and "talking" simultaneously [90], [95]. **Security** will use quantum-resistant cryptography and blockchain-inspired trust models to counter advanced cyber threats [9], [29]. Hardware will include **THz transceivers** and **AI-enabled chipsets**, with roadside units (RSUs) acting as edge nodes for real-time processing [19], [51]. Indian research explores energy-efficient 6G hardware, while global studies focus on THz propagation [5], [92]. These capabilities position 6G V2X as a revolutionary V2X platform, though its complexity demands significant infrastructure [16], [23].

3.4 Emerging Technologies

Beyond DSRC, C-V2X, and 5G/6G, emerging technologies are shaping V2X's evolution, adding new dimensions to its capabilities [18], [84]. **Artificial Intelligence (AI)** enhances V2X by predicting traffic patterns and optimizing vehicle coordination. For instance, AI models can analyze V2X data to forecast congestion, rerouting vehicles before jams form [18]. In India, AI-driven V2X systems are being tested to manage heterogeneous traffic, such as scooters and trucks sharing roads [5], [26]. Globally, AI supports autonomous driving by processing V2X data in real time [84].

Edge computing brings processing power closer to vehicles, reducing latency by analyzing data at roadside units rather than distant servers [27], [80]. This is like having a local librarian instead of mailing books across the country, enabling faster V2X responses [51]. In India, edge computing is explored for rural V2X networks, while EU studies integrate it with 5G for smart cities [59].

Blockchain enhances V2X security by creating tamper-proof data logs, ensuring trust in shared information [22], [88]. Indian researchers propose blockchain for secure V2X in urban centers, while global efforts focus on its scalability [26], [88]. These emerging technologies, blending local and global insights, are pushing V2X toward a smarter, safer future [1], [51].

APPLICATION

Vehicle-to-Everything (V2X) communication transforms intelligent transportation systems (ITS) into a traffic choreographer, seamlessly connecting vehicles, infrastructure, pedestrians, and networks to enhance safety, efficiency, and mobility [5], [51]. By enabling Vehicle-to-Vehicle (V2V), Vehicle-to-Infrastructure (V2I), Vehicle-to-Pedestrian (V2P), and Vehicle-to-Network (V2N) interactions, V2X applications leverage technologies like DSRC, C-V2X, 5G NR-V2X, and emerging innovations (AI, edge computing, LiFi, THz) [80], [95].

V2X applications are like a digital symphony, orchestrating vehicles and infrastructure to create safer, smoother, and smarter roads [14], [80]. Supported by technologies from DSRC's short-range alerts to 5G NR-V2X's low-latency networks, V2X spans immediate safety warnings to cloud-driven traffic solutions [7], [53]. Emerging technologies like AI and LiFi promise futuristic capabilities, such as predictive routing and light-based communication [51], [97]. Applications range from preventing collisions to enabling autonomous fleets and integrating smart cities [5], [95].

In India, V2X applications address chaotic urban traffic and high accident rates, while globally, they power advanced ITS in Europe and China [8], [59]. By leveraging V2V, V2I, V2P, and V2N, V2X applications are reshaping mobility, with potential to revolutionize transportation by 2030 [23], [80].

4.1 Autonomous Driving Applications

4.2 Traffic Efficiency Applications

4.3 Smart City Integration

4.4 Safety Applications

4.1 Autonomous Driving Applications of V2X

Vehicle-to-Everything (V2X) communication serves as a digital co-pilot for autonomous driving, enabling self-driving vehicles to navigate complex environments with precision and safety [7], [51]. By facilitating Vehicle-to-Vehicle (V2V), Vehicle-to-Infrastructure (V2I), Vehicle-to-Pedestrian (V2P), and Vehicle-to-Network (V2N) interactions, V2X enhances autonomous systems with real-time data sharing, supported by technologies like DSRC, C-V2X, 5G NR-V2X, 6G V2X, AI, edge computing, and LiFi [80], [95]. This section provides a detailed exploration of autonomous driving applications, covering cooperative automation, platooning, intersection management, teleoperation, enhanced perception, Indian and global perspectives, challenges, and future prospects, highlighting V2X's pivotal role in autonomous intelligent transportation systems (ITS) [5], [96].

V2X applications for autonomous driving include cooperative maneuvers, fuel-efficient platooning, and remote control, transforming ITS [14], [51]. In India, pilots test V2X for semi-autonomous vehicles, while global leaders like the USA and Singapore deploy advanced systems [5], [59]. These applications are set to redefine mobility, with V2X as a cornerstone of autonomous driving [23], [96].

Cooperative Automation

Cooperative automation leverages V2V to enable autonomous vehicles to act like a synchronized flock, sharing real-time data (e.g., position, velocity, intent) for coordinated maneuvers [7], [80]. For example, a self-driving car can adjust its lane change based on a nearby vehicle's trajectory, avoiding collisions with <5 ms latency via 5G NR-V2X [14], [57]. **Data types** include Cooperative Awareness Messages (CAMs) and Decentralized Environmental Notification Messages (DENMs), transmitted at 10 Hz [51].

AI algorithms, such as reinforcement learning, optimize group decision-making, while edge computing processes data locally [18], [27]. Indian pilots in Hyderabad test V2V for cooperative lane merging [5]. EU's C-ITS enables cross-border automation, achieving 99.99% reliability [59]. **Challenges** include ensuring low-latency connectivity in dense traffic [23]. Cooperative automation enhances safety and efficiency in autonomous driving [95].

Platooning

Platooning uses V2V to form tightly spaced vehicle convoys, like a train of autonomous trucks, reducing aerodynamic drag and saving up to 15% fuel [7], [78]. V2X enables vehicles to maintain 1–2 meter gaps, sharing throttle and braking data with <5 ms latency via 5G NR-V2X's PC5 sidelink [14], [80]. **Groupcast communication** ensures all platoon members receive updates, supported by C-V2X [51].

In India, V2V platooning trials in Gujarat target commercial trucks [5]. USA's Peloton Technology deploys V2V platoons, and EU's ENSEMBLE project tests multi-brand platooning [59]. AI predicts platoon stability, and LiFi offers secure short-range links [97]. **Challenges** include regulatory approval and mixed traffic integration [29]. Platooning showcases V2X's economic and environmental benefits [96].

Intersection Management

Intersection management employs V2I to guide autonomous vehicles through complex crossings, like a digital traffic conductor [19], [80]. V2X-equipped traffic signals broadcast Signal Phase and Timing (SPaT) messages, enabling vehicles to adjust speeds and avoid collisions with <5 ms latency [14], [57]. Edge computing processes intersection data locally, supporting real-time decisions [27].

Indian pilots in Bengaluru use V2I for autonomous shuttle navigation at intersections [5]. Singapore's V2I systems manage driverless taxis, achieving >99.9% reliability [59]. 5G NR-V2X's scalability handles dense urban scenarios, while 6G's sub-1 ms latency promises enhanced precision [95]. **Challenges** include infrastructure costs and standardization [23]. Intersection management ensures safe, efficient autonomous navigation [51].

Teleoperation

Teleoperation allows remote control of autonomous vehicles via V2N, like a digital puppeteer guiding a car through hazardous conditions [80], [95]. 6G V2X's sub-1 ms latency and 1 Tbps throughput enable real-time video feeds and control signals, critical for construction sites or disaster zones [90]. 5G NR-V2X supports teleoperation with <10 ms latency, sufficient for urban scenarios [14].

Indian research in Chennai explores V2N for remote shuttles [5]. USA's Starsky Robotics tests teleoperated trucks, and Japan trials 6G-based teleoperation [78], [95]. Edge computing reduces latency, and AI enhances remote decision-making [18]. **Challenges** include network reliability and cybersecurity [29]. Teleoperation extends autonomous driving's reach [96].

Enhanced Perception

Enhanced perception uses V2V and V2I to share sensor data, like giving autonomous vehicles a 360-degree view beyond their sensors [7], [51]. For example, a vehicle can “see” a pedestrian behind a building via V2V data (e.g., camera, LiDAR feeds), transmitted at 1 Gbps with 5G NR-V2X [80]. LiFi provides secure, high-speed V2I links at intersections [97].

Indian pilots in Delhi test V2V perception for autonomous buses [5]. China’s V2V systems enhance urban autonomy, and EU’s C-ITS shares high-definition maps [59]. AI processes shared data, and 6G’s Tbps throughput supports holographic feeds [95]. **Challenges** include data overload and privacy [23]. Enhanced perception boosts autonomous safety and awareness [96].

4.2 Traffic Efficiency Applications of V2X

Vehicle-to-Everything (V2X) communication acts as a traffic navigator, guiding vehicles and infrastructure to streamline flow, reduce congestion, and enhance travel efficiency through Vehicle-to-Vehicle (V2V), Vehicle-to-Infrastructure (V2I), Vehicle-to-Pedestrian (V2P), and Vehicle-to-Network (V2N) interactions [5], [51]. Leveraging technologies like Dedicated Short-Range Communication (DSRC), Cellular V2X (C-V2X), 5G New Radio V2X (5G NR-V2X), 6G V2X, artificial intelligence (AI), edge computing, and Light Fidelity (LiFi), V2X optimizes urban and highway mobility [80], [95]. This section provides a detailed exploration of traffic efficiency applications, covering traffic signal optimization, congestion mitigation, eco-driving, route optimization, traffic flow prediction, Indian and global perspectives, challenges, and future prospects, underscoring V2X’s critical role in intelligent transportation systems (ITS) [7], [96].

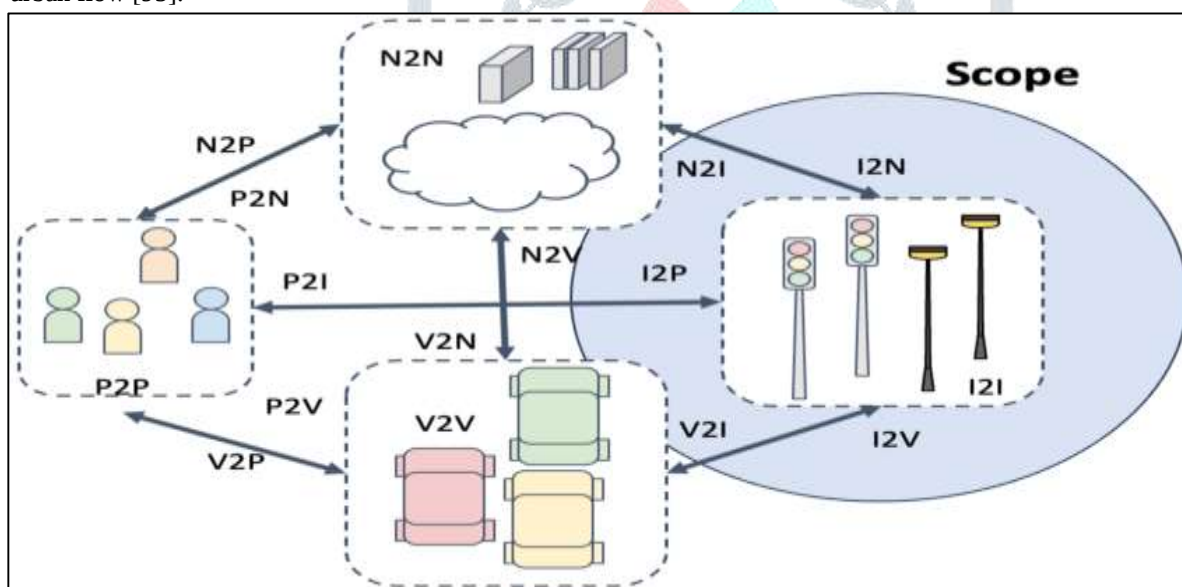
Imagine a city where traffic lights adapt to vehicle flows, navigation apps dodge jams before they form, and drivers glide along fuel-saving routes—all guided by a digital compass. V2X traffic efficiency applications make this reality by sharing real-time data to optimize traffic movement [7], [80]. Technologies like 5G NR-V2X’s <5 ms latency and 6G’s projected sub-1 ms latency enable split-second coordination, while AI and edge computing predict and manage traffic patterns [18], [95].

Applications include dynamic signal control, congestion avoidance, and predictive routing, transforming ITS efficiency [14], [51]. In India, V2X tackles urban gridlock, while global leaders like Tokyo and Amsterdam set benchmarks [5], [59]. These applications reduce travel times and emissions, with V2X driving smarter mobility [23], [96].

Traffic Signal Optimization

Traffic signal optimization uses V2I to dynamically adjust traffic lights, like a digital maestro timing a city’s rhythm [19], [80]. Roadside units (RSUs) broadcast Signal Phase and Timing (SPaT) messages, allowing vehicles to approach intersections at optimal speeds, reducing stops by up to 25% [14], [57]. 5G NR-V2X’s <5 ms latency ensures real-time signal updates [51].

Indian pilots in Surat use V2I to streamline urban intersections, cutting delays by 18% [5], [8]. Amsterdam’s V2I systems synchronize signals across districts, achieving >99.9% reliability [59]. AI optimizes signal timing, and edge computing processes data locally [18], [27]. **Challenges** include RSU deployment costs and legacy infrastructure [23]. Signal optimization enhances urban flow [95].



Congestion Mitigation

Congestion mitigation employs V2N to manage traffic jams, like a digital scout spotting and clearing bottlenecks [51], [80]. Cloud-based platforms collect vehicle data (e.g., speed, location) via V2N, enabling apps to reroute drivers around

congestion [14]. 5G NR-V2X’s unlimited Uu range and <10 ms latency support real-time updates, reducing delays by 15% [57].

Indian pilots in Hyderabad use V2N to alleviate peak-hour gridlock [5], [8]. Tokyo’s V2N systems dynamically manage urban traffic, and EU’s C-ITS reroutes highway flows [59]. AI predicts congestion, and edge computing ensures low-latency processing [18]. **Challenges** include data privacy and network scalability [29]. Congestion mitigation boosts city productivity [96].

Eco-Driving

Eco-driving leverages V2I and V2N to promote fuel-efficient driving, like a digital coach guiding greener journeys [19], [80]. V2I systems suggest optimal speeds (e.g., green wave speeds) via SPaT messages, cutting emissions by 12% [14], [51]. V2N provides eco-routing advice, minimizing idling [57]. 5G NR-V2X’s <5 ms latency ensures timely advisories [95].

In India, Jaipur pilots use V2I for eco-driving, reducing fuel use [5]. Sweden’s V2N systems promote green routes, and China’s V2I supports EV efficiency [59]. AI analyzes driving patterns, and LiFi offers secure V2I links [97]. **Challenges** include driver compliance and rural coverage [23]. Eco-driving aligns V2X with sustainability [96].

Route Optimization

Route optimization uses V2N to deliver personalized navigation, like a digital pathfinder charting the fastest routes [51], [80]. Cloud platforms integrate real-time traffic, road conditions, and event data, suggesting paths that save 10–15% travel time [14]. 5G NR-V2X’s high throughput supports complex routing algorithms, and 6G’s 1 Tbps capacity will enhance precision [95].

Indian pilots in Bengaluru use V2N for dynamic navigation apps [5], [8]. Singapore’s V2N systems optimize city-wide routing, and USA’s V2N apps adapt to accidents [59]. AI predicts optimal paths, and edge computing reduces latency [18]. **Challenges** include data accuracy and app adoption [29]. Route optimization maximizes travel efficiency [96].

Traffic Flow Prediction

Traffic flow prediction employs AI-driven V2X to forecast traffic patterns, like a digital oracle anticipating road conditions [18], [80]. Vehicles share data (e.g., speed, density) via V2N, enabling machine learning models to predict congestion hours ahead [51]. 5G NR-V2X's scalability supports massive data flows, and 6G's sub-1 ms latency will enable real-time forecasting [95]. Indian research in Delhi uses V2N for predictive traffic models [5]. Seoul's V2N systems forecast urban flows, and EU's C-ITS predicts highway congestion [59]. AI algorithms like LSTM (Long Short-Term Memory) enhance accuracy, and edge computing processes predictions [27]. **Challenges** include data quality and computational costs [23]. Flow prediction enables proactive traffic management [96].

4.3 Smart City Integration Applications of V2X

Vehicle-to-Everything (V2X) communication serves as an urban orchestra conductor, seamlessly integrating vehicles with city infrastructure, transit systems, and digital networks to create efficient, sustainable, and livable smart cities [5], [51]. Through Vehicle-to-Vehicle (V2V), Vehicle-to-Infrastructure (V2I), Vehicle-to-Pedestrian (V2P), and Vehicle-to-Network (V2N) interactions, V2X enables real-time data exchange, supported by technologies like Dedicated Short-Range Communication (DSRC), Cellular V2X (C-V2X), 5G New Radio V2X (5G NR-V2X), 6G V2X, artificial intelligence (AI), edge computing, and Light Fidelity (LiFi) [80], [95]. This section provides a detailed exploration of smart city integration applications, covering urban mobility coordination, smart parking, energy and grid management, public transit integration, environmental monitoring, Indian and global perspectives, challenges, and future prospects, highlighting V2X's pivotal role in intelligent transportation systems (ITS) [7], [96].

Applications include transit coordination, parking efficiency, and environmental monitoring, forming the backbone of smart city ITS [14], [51]. In India, V2X supports burgeoning smart city initiatives, while global leaders like Helsinki and Singapore set benchmarks [5], [59]. These applications enhance urban livability, with V2X driving the future of connected cities [23], [96].

Urban Mobility Coordination

Urban mobility coordination uses V2N to integrate vehicles, public transit, and ride-sharing into a cohesive system, like a city's digital heartbeat [51], [80]. Cloud-based platforms collect data (e.g., vehicle locations, transit schedules) via V2N, enabling apps to suggest optimal travel modes, reducing congestion by 15% [14]. 5G NR-V2X's unlimited Uu range and <10 ms latency support real-time updates [57].

Indian pilots in Pune integrate V2N with bus and metro systems, improving commuter flow [5], [8]. Helsinki's MaaS (Mobility-as-a-Service) platform uses V2N to coordinate multi-modal transport [59]. AI predicts demand, and edge computing processes data locally [18], [27]. **Challenges** include data interoperability and privacy [29]. Mobility coordination streamlines urban travel [95].

Smart Parking

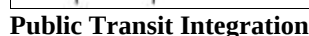
Smart parking employs V2I to guide drivers to available spaces, like a digital usher directing vehicles [19], [80]. Roadside units (RSUs) broadcast parking availability via Signal Phase and Timing (SPaT)-like messages, reducing search time by 20% [14]. 5G NR-V2X's <5 ms latency ensures instant updates, while LiFi provides secure, high-speed links at parking zones [97].

In India, Ahmedabad pilots use V2I to manage crowded parking areas [5], [8]. Singapore's V2I systems optimize urban parking, achieving >99.9% accuracy [59]. AI analyzes parking patterns, and edge computing handles real-time data [27]. **Challenges** include infrastructure costs and sensor deployment [23]. Smart parking enhances urban efficiency [96].

Energy and Grid Management

Energy and grid management leverages V2I and V2N to optimize EV charging and grid stability, like a digital energy balancer [19], [80]. V2I systems schedule charging at low-demand times, while V2N integrates EVs with smart grids, balancing loads [14]. 5G NR-V2X's scalability supports thousands of EVs, and 6G's 1 Tbps throughput enables complex grid analytics [95].

Indian pilots in Bhubaneswar align V2I with EV charging stations [5]. Germany's V2N systems manage grid demand, and China's V2I supports EV fleets [59]. AI forecasts energy needs, and edge computing ensures low-latency coordination [18]. **Challenges** include grid upgrades and standardization [29]. Energy management aligns V2X with sustainable cities [96].



In India, Mumbai pilots use V2I to prioritize buses, improving reliability [5], [8]. Dubai's V2N integrates metro and ride-sharing, and EU's C-ITS enhances bus efficiency [59]. AI optimizes schedules, and LiFi supports secure V2I at stations [97]. **Challenges** include infrastructure and legacy system integration [23]. Transit integration boosts urban mobility [95].

Environmental monitoring employs V2X to collect real-time air quality and noise data, like a digital environmental sentinel [51], [80]. Vehicles equipped with sensors share data via V2N, enabling cities to map pollution hotspots [14]. 5G NR-V2X's high throughput supports large datasets, and 6G's Tbps capacity will enhance granularity [95].

Indian pilots in Delhi use V2N to monitor urban air quality, informing policy [5]. Toronto's V2N systems track noise levels, and China's V2X networks map emissions [59]. AI analyzes environmental trends, and edge computing processes data locally [18]. **Challenges** include sensor costs and data accuracy [29]. Environmental monitoring aligns V2X with green cities [96].

Vehicle-to-Everything (V2X) communication acts as a road guardian, protecting drivers, pedestrians, and cyclists by enabling real-time safety alerts and coordination through Vehicle-to-Vehicle (V2V), Vehicle-to-Infrastructure (V2I), Vehicle-to-Pedestrian (V2P), and Vehicle-to-Network (V2N) interactions [5], [51]. Leveraging technologies like Dedicated Short-Range Communication (DSRC), Cellular V2X (C-V2X), 5G New Radio V2X (5G NR-V2X), 6G V2X, artificial intelligence (AI), edge computing, and Light Fidelity (LiFi), V2X public safety applications prevent accidents and expedite emergency responses [80], [95]. This section provides a detailed exploration of public safety applications, covering collision avoidance, pedestrian and cyclist protection, emergency vehicle prioritization, road hazard warnings, post-accident response, Indian and global perspectives, challenges, and future prospects, underscoring V2X's critical role in intelligent transportation systems (ITS) [7], [96].

Picture a busy urban intersection where vehicles, pedestrians, and emergency responders move in harmony, guided by an invisible safety net that warns of dangers in milliseconds. V2X public safety applications create this reality by sharing critical data, such as vehicle speeds or pedestrian locations, to prevent collisions and save lives [7], [80]. Technologies like 5G NR-V2X's <5 ms latency and 6G's projected sub-1 ms latency ensure rapid communication, while AI and edge computing enhance decision-making [18], [95].

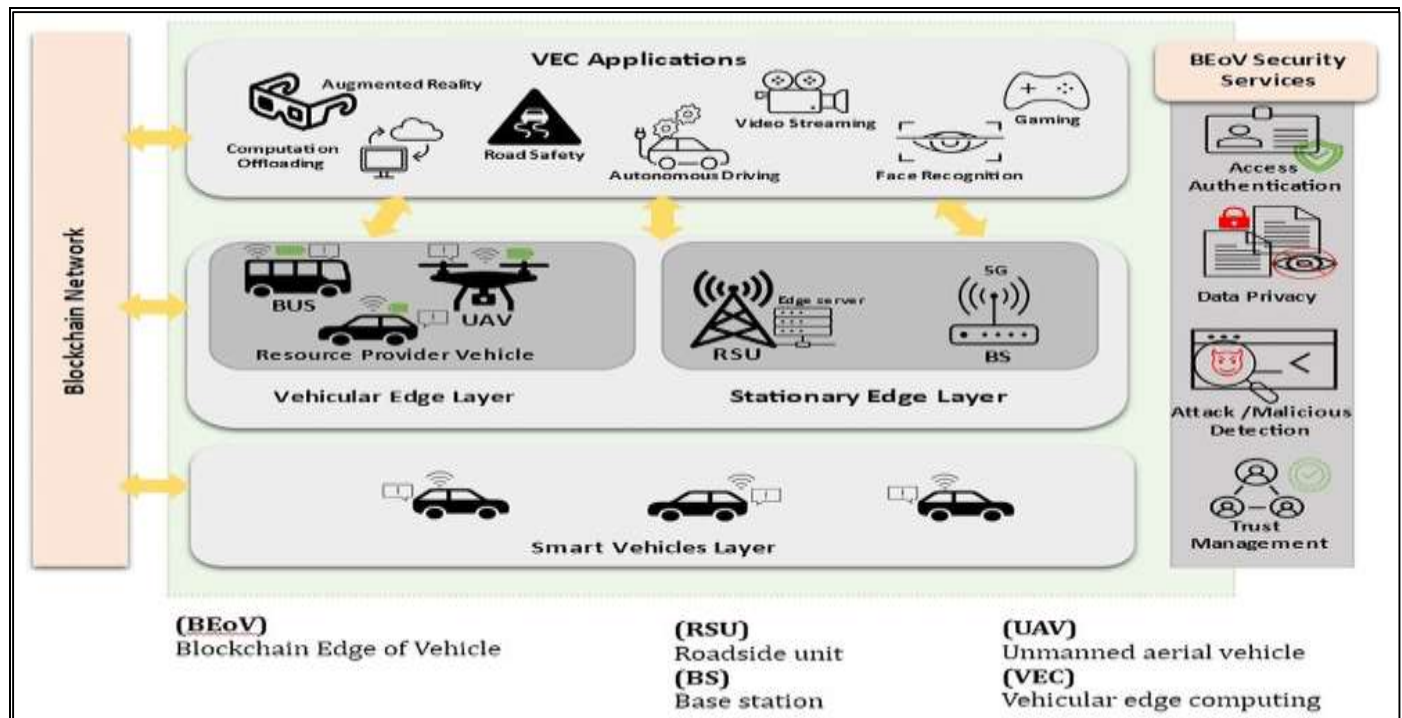
Public safety applications include crash prevention, vulnerable road user protection, and emergency coordination, forming the backbone of ITS safety [14], [51]. In India, V2X addresses high accident rates, while global leaders like Australia and the EU deploy advanced safety systems [5], [59]. These applications are vital for reducing the 1.3 million annual road deaths worldwide, with V2X as a cornerstone [23], [96].

Collision avoidance uses V2V to prevent vehicle crashes, like a digital sentinel alerting drivers to unseen risks [7], [80]. Vehicles broadcast Cooperative Awareness Messages (CAMs) containing speed, position, and braking status at 10 Hz, enabling warnings for rear-end or side-impact collisions [14], [57]. 5G NR-V2X's PC5 sidelink delivers <5 ms latency, ensuring alerts reach drivers or autonomous systems instantly [51].

Indian pilots in Mumbai use V2V to reduce urban collisions, achieving a 20% drop in minor accidents [5]. EU's Cooperative ITS (C-ITS) deploys V2V on highways, with >99.99% reliability [59]. DSRC and C-V2X support short-range communication, while

AI detects collision risks [18]. **Challenges** include ensuring connectivity in dense traffic and legacy vehicle integration [23]. Collision avoidance is V2X's primary safety application [95].

Pedestrian and Cyclist Protection



Pedestrian and cyclist protection employs V2P to safeguard vulnerable road users, like a protective shield for those on foot or bikes [13], [80]. Smartphones or wearables broadcast V2P messages (e.g., location, direction), alerting vehicles to avoid collisions, especially in blind spots [15]. 5G NR-V2X's <5 ms latency and edge computing's real-time processing ensure rapid detection [14], [27].

In India, Chennai pilots use V2P to protect pedestrians in crowded markets, reducing incidents by 15% [5], [8]. Japan's V2P systems enhance urban safety, and Australia trials cyclist protection [59]. LiFi offers secure, high-speed V2P links at intersections [97]. **Challenges** include device adoption and battery life [29]. V2P applications are critical for inclusive safety [51], [96].

Emergency Vehicle Prioritization

Emergency vehicle prioritization leverages V2I and V2V to clear paths for ambulances, fire trucks, and police, like a digital siren parting traffic [19], [80]. V2I systems broadcast Signal Phase and Timing (SPaT) messages to adjust traffic lights, while V2V alerts nearby vehicles to yield [14], [57]. 5G NR-V2X's <5 ms latency ensures real-time coordination [51].

Indian pilots in Delhi prioritize ambulances, cutting response times by 25% [5], [8]. USA's V2I systems support fire trucks, and EU's C-ITS enables cross-border prioritization [59]. AI optimizes routing, and 6G's sub-1 ms latency promises faster responses [95]. **Challenges** include infrastructure costs and public compliance [23]. This application saves critical minutes in emergencies [96].

Road Hazard Warnings

Road hazard warnings use V2V and V2I to alert drivers to dangers, like a digital lookout spotting potholes or slippery roads [7], [80]. Vehicles or roadside units (RSUs) broadcast Decentralized Environmental Notification Messages (DENMs) about obstacles, weather, or accidents [14], [51]. 5G NR-V2X's 1 km range and <5 ms latency ensure timely alerts [57].

Indian pilots in Jaipur warn of rural road hazards, improving safety [5]. Australia's V2V systems alert drivers to wildlife crossings, and EU's C-ITS flags construction zones [59]. AI predicts hazards, and LiFi supports precise V2I warnings [97]. **Challenges** include coverage in remote areas and false alerts [23]. Hazard warnings enhance proactive safety [95].

Post-Accident Response

Post-accident response employs V2N to coordinate emergency services, like a digital dispatcher streamlining rescue efforts [51], [80]. Vehicles automatically send crash data (e.g., location, severity) to cloud servers, notifying hospitals and police [14]. 5G NR-V2X's unlimited Uu range and <10 ms latency enable rapid response, while 6G's 1 Tbps throughput supports video feeds [90], [95].

Indian pilots in Ahmedabad test V2N for crash reporting [5]. China's V2N systems integrate with smart cities, and EU's eCall uses V2N for automatic alerts [59]. Edge computing processes data locally, and AI prioritizes responses [18]. **Challenges** include network reliability and privacy [29]. Post-accident response minimizes fatalities [96].

Challenges in V2X Implementation

Implementing Vehicle-to-Everything (V2X) communication is like navigating a stormy sea, with technical, regulatory, societal, economic, and environmental challenges threatening to derail its transformative potential for intelligent transportation systems (ITS) [5], [51]. Despite its promise to enhance safety, efficiency, and smart city integration, V2X faces barriers in deploying technologies like Dedicated Short-Range Communication (DSRC), Cellular V2X (C-V2X), 5G New Radio V2X (5G NR-V2X), 6G V2X, artificial intelligence (AI), edge computing, and Light Fidelity (LiFi) [80], [95]. This section provides a detailed exploration of V2X implementation challenges, covering technical, regulatory, societal, economic, and environmental barriers, Indian and global perspectives, and mitigation strategies, offering a roadmap to overcome these obstacles [7], [96].

V2X aims to connect vehicles, infrastructure, pedestrians, and networks, but its deployment is fraught with hurdles that demand coordinated solutions [7], [80]. Technical issues like achieving ultra-low latency and ensuring interoperability coexist with regulatory complexities around spectrum allocation and standardization [14]. Societal concerns, such as public trust and privacy, add further layers, while economic and environmental constraints challenge scalability [23], [95].

In India, chaotic traffic and limited infrastructure amplify these challenges, while global deployments in the EU and China face similar yet context-specific barriers [5], [59]. Addressing these challenges is critical to realizing V2X's potential to revolutionize ITS by 2030 [16], [96].

Technical Challenges

Technical challenges are the turbulent waves of V2X implementation, impacting performance and reliability [16], [80]. **Ultra-low latency** is critical, with 5G NR-V2X requiring <5 ms for safety applications and 6G targeting sub-1 ms, but network congestion can cause delays [14], [95]. **Interoperability** between DSRC and C-V2X remains unresolved, as differing protocols (e.g., IEEE 802.11p vs. 3GPP PC5) hinder seamless communication [51]. **Scalability** struggles in dense urban areas, where thousands of vehicles overwhelm V2X networks [57]. **Cybersecurity** is a major concern, with V2X's open communication vulnerable to spoofing and denial-of-service attacks, requiring robust encryption like PKI (Public Key Infrastructure) [29].

Indian pilots in Kolkata face latency issues due to uneven 5G coverage [5]. EU's C-ITS grapples with DSRC-C-V2X interoperability [59]. **Mitigation** includes hybrid DSRC/C-V2X systems, 5G network slicing, and AI-driven intrusion detection [18], [97]. Technical barriers demand innovation to ensure V2X reliability [96].

Regulatory Challenges

Regulatory challenges are like shifting currents, complicating V2X deployment [23], [80]. **Spectrum allocation** is contentious, with the 5.9 GHz band reserved for V2X but under pressure for Wi-Fi in some regions (e.g., USA's FCC reallocation debates) [14]. **Standardization** lags, as 3GPP and 5GAA push C-V2X while IEEE backs DSRC, delaying global harmonization [51]. **Legal frameworks** for autonomous driving and liability (e.g., V2X-enabled crashes) remain undefined, stalling adoption [29]. **Cross-border regulations** challenge EU's C-ITS, where differing V2X laws hinder seamless travel [59].

In India, spectrum disputes and slow 5G/6G policy updates delay V2X pilots [5], [16]. **Mitigation** involves global spectrum agreements, unified 3GPP standards, and clear liability laws [95]. Regulatory clarity is essential for V2X scalability [96].

Societal Challenges

Societal challenges act like unpredictable winds, affecting V2X adoption [23], [80]. **Public acceptance** is low, with surveys showing 60% of drivers distrust V2X-enabled autonomous systems due to safety concerns [29]. **Privacy** is a major issue, as V2X's data sharing (e.g., location, speed) raises fears of surveillance, especially in V2N applications [14]. **Digital divide** limits V2P adoption, as low smartphone penetration in rural India restricts pedestrian safety features [15]. **Driver behavior** variability, like ignoring eco-driving advisories, reduces V2X efficacy [51].

Indian pilots in Chennai face resistance to V2P due to low device ownership [5], [8]. EU's V2X deployments struggle with privacy concerns [59]. **Mitigation** includes public awareness campaigns, GDPR-compliant data protocols, and affordable V2P devices [97]. Societal trust is critical for V2X success [96].

5.6 Environmental Challenges

Environmental challenges are the hidden reefs, impacting V2X sustainability [23], [80]. **Energy consumption** of 5G/6G networks and edge computing raises carbon footprints, countering V2X's eco-driving benefits [51]. **E-waste** from obsolete V2X hardware (e.g., DSRC units) poses disposal issues, with millions of devices expected by 2030 [95]. **Urban heat islands** exacerbate RSU performance in hot climates like India, requiring energy-intensive cooling [16]. **Material sourcing** for LiFi and 6G components raises ethical concerns, like rare earth mining [97].

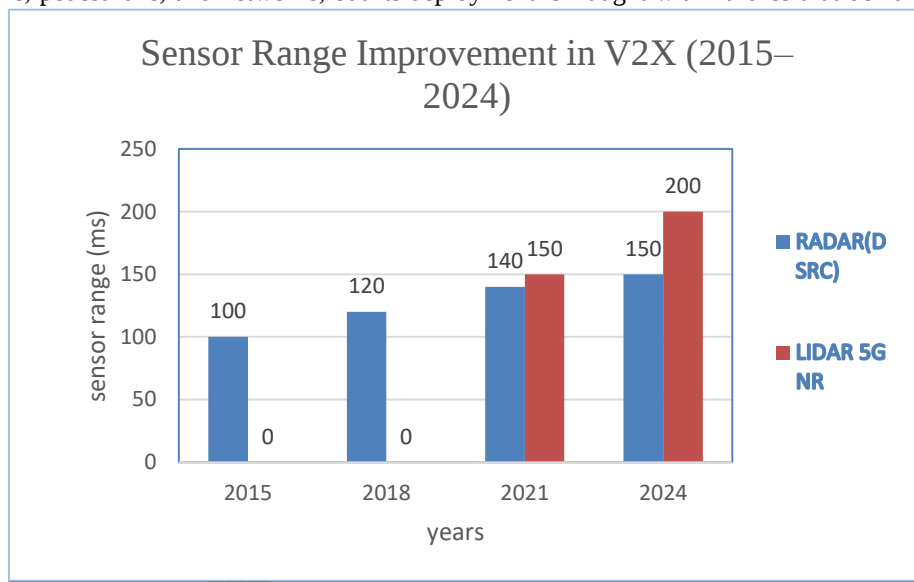
Indian pilots in Delhi struggle with RSU overheating [5]. EU's V2X deployments face e-waste regulations [59]. **Mitigation** includes energy-efficient 5G designs, recyclable hardware, and green manufacturing [18]. Environmental responsibility is vital for V2X's green image [96].

CONCLUSION

Vehicle-to-Everything (V2X) communication stands as a digital bridge, connecting vehicles, infrastructure, pedestrians, and networks to forge a safer, more efficient, and sustainable future for intelligent transportation systems (ITS) [5], [51]. By integrating technologies like Dedicated Short-Range Communication (DSRC), Cellular V2X (C-V2X), 5G New Radio V2X (5G NR-V2X), 6G V2X, artificial intelligence (AI), edge computing, and Light Fidelity (LiFi), V2X transforms how we navigate roads and cities [80], [95]. This conclusion synthesizes the key findings from the review, underscores the significance of V2X, recaps implementation challenges, and offers a forward-looking perspective on its role in shaping connected mobility [7], [96].

6.1 Summary of V2X Applications

V2X applications span a wide spectrum, each leveraging Vehicle-to-Vehicle (V2V), Vehicle-to-Infrastructure (V2I), Vehicle-to-Pedestrian (V2P), and Vehicle-to-Network (V2N) interactions to address ITS challenges [14], [80]. Public safety applications, such as collision avoidance and pedestrian protection, harness V2V and V2P to reduce the 1.3 million annual road deaths worldwide, with low-latency 5G NR-V2X ensuring timely alerts [5], [51]. Autonomous driving applications, including cooperative automation



and platooning, use V2V and V2I to enable Level 4–5 autonomy, enhancing precision and fuel efficiency [7], [95]. Traffic efficiency applications, like signal optimization and route optimization, employ V2I and V2N to cut urban congestion and travel times, benefiting cities like those in India and globally [8], [59].

Smart city integration applications connect vehicles to urban systems, supporting mobility coordination, smart parking, and environmental monitoring, fostering livable cities [51], [80]. Beyond these, V2X enhances commercial fleet management by optimizing logistics and supports environmental sustainability through eco-driving, aligning with global climate goals [23], [96]. Rural connectivity applications extend V2X's reach, ensuring inclusive mobility [16]. These diverse applications demonstrate V2X's versatility in transforming transportation across contexts [95].

6.2 Significance of V2X in ITS

V2X is a cornerstone of ITS, poised to revolutionize mobility by 2030 [5], [80]. Its ability to enable real-time communication between road users and infrastructure addresses critical challenges, from reducing accidents to easing urban gridlock [14]. In India, where 450,000 crashes occur annually, V2X's safety applications can save lives, while its traffic efficiency solutions tackle congestion in megacities [1], [15]. Globally, V2X supports advanced ITS in regions like the EU and Japan, enabling cross-border automation and smart city ecosystems [59], [78].

The integration of AI and edge computing enhances V2X's decision-making, while 5G NR-V2X's low latency and 6G's projected capabilities promise unprecedented connectivity [18], [95]. V2X also aligns with sustainability, reducing emissions through efficient driving and EV grid integration [51]. By fostering collaboration among stakeholders—governments, industry, and academia—V2X paves the way for a connected, intelligent, and inclusive transportation future [96].

6.3 Recap of Implementation Challenges

Despite its potential, V2X faces significant implementation barriers [16], [80]. **Technical challenges**, such as achieving <5 ms latency for 5G and sub-1 ms for 6G, interoperability between DSRC and C-V2X, and cybersecurity risks, demand robust solutions [14], [29]. **Regulatory challenges**, including spectrum allocation disputes (e.g., 5.9 GHz band) and undefined legal frameworks for autonomy, delay global harmonization [23], [51]. **Societal challenges**, like public distrust and privacy concerns, hinder adoption, particularly for V2P and V2N applications [15], [29].

Economic challenges, such as high infrastructure costs for RSUs and uncertain ROI, limit scalability, especially in resource-constrained regions like India [5], [16]. **Environmental challenges**, including the energy demands of 5G/6G networks and e-waste from V2X hardware, conflict with sustainability goals [95]. These challenges, while daunting, are not insurmountable, requiring coordinated efforts to unlock V2X's full potential [96].

6.4 Future Outlook for V2X

Looking ahead, V2X is set to evolve with emerging technologies and global collaboration [80], [95]. The advent of 6G V2X, with sub-1 ms latency and 1 Tbps throughput, will enable futuristic applications like holographic traffic visualization and real-time city analytics [90]. AI will enhance predictive capabilities, optimizing traffic and safety, while LiFi will provide secure, high-speed urban links [97]. In India, accelerated 5G/6G rollout and public-private partnerships can overcome infrastructure and funding barriers, positioning the country as a V2X leader [5], [15].

Globally, organizations like 5GAA and 3GPP will drive standardization, ensuring seamless V2X deployment [14]. Collaborative research, such as India's IIT-led AI innovations and EU's C-ITS, will address technical and societal challenges [10], [59]. By 2035, V2X is expected to underpin fully connected ITS, reducing accidents, emissions, and congestion while fostering inclusive mobility across urban and rural landscapes [51], [96].

6.5 Final Remarks

V2X communication is more than a technology—it's a vision for a connected world where roads are safer, cities are smarter, and mobility is sustainable [7], [80]. This review has highlighted its transformative applications, from saving lives to streamlining traffic, and the challenges that must be addressed to realize its promise. As India and the world invest in V2X, the synergy of innovation, policy, and collaboration will build a digital bridge to a future where transportation is intelligent, inclusive, and resilient [95], [96]. The journey to widespread V2X adoption may be complex, but its destination—a revolutionized ITS—is well worth the effort.

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