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Environmentally Friendly Navigation Techniques

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PATENT STATUS



Link-level fuel consumption modedling methodology

BRIEF DESCRIPTION

Background:

Current navigation systems offer "shortest-distance" or "shortest-time" functions to help avoid traffic congestion but neither of them determine the most fuel efficient route. With rising gas prices and vehicle emissions, a more advanced navigation system with additional functions, such as an environmentally-friendly feature, is needed. This accomplishment can make a huge improvement on increasing fuel costs and air pollution. The in-vehicle navigation system is also expected to competitively penetrate the US market in the next couple years with annual sales quadrupling to \$13M.

Brief Description:

UCR researchers have developed an innovative vehicle navigation system (VNS) that will allow users to choose a route that is the most gas efficient and emanates less emissions. The energy- and emissions-minimization function is incorporated on top of distance- and time-minimizing functions that currently exists in

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the traditional VNS. This new intelligent transportation system utilizes a state-of-the-art modal emissions

model (CMEM) that encompasses real-world vehicle activity patterns, and can calculate the fuel consumption

and emission values of each vehicle trajectory.

ADVANTAGES

- ▶ Calculate fuel consumption and emissions for a travel route
- ▶ Conserve fuel & make travel more cost-efficient and eco-friendly

APPLICATIONS

> System can be employed as an on-board VNS, portable navigation system or installed into cellular

phones

Partnerships with original equipment manufacturer (OEM) companies

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