# **Technology of Autonomous Vehicles** – basic concepts, types, operational characteristics

developments:

- vehicle technology
- infocommunication
- energetics

smart and connected vehicle (V2X)

V2I: traffic sign, emergency situation, etc.V2V: location sharing, emergency situation, etc.

alternative fuels - electromobility







#### Automated functions

- programmed rules
- predetermined, step-by-step, clearly described
- manage known situations

#### **Autonomous functions**

- data collection: perception/from other sources
- cognitive capabilities, individual decision making
- manage not known situations



#### cognitive capability:

recognition and persistent learning capability create new, reliable, value-added information use experience, knowledge, secondary information sources

# **Automated vehicles**

### Autonomous vehicles

unseparated track in the traffic



separated track, closed from the traffic



#### Automation levels – vehicle control

SAE | Society of Automotive (USA)

BASt | Bundesanstalt für Straßenwesen (Germany)

NHTSA | National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (USA)

	SAE levels	BASt levels	NHTSA levels	execution of steering and acceleration/ deceleration	monitoring of driving environment	fallback performace of dynamic driving task	system capability (driving modes)
0	no automation	driver only	0	human driver	human driver	human driver	-
1	driver assistance	assisted	1	human driver and system	human driver	human driver	some drivng modes
2	partial automation	partially automated	2	system	human driver	human driver	some drivng modes
3	conditional automation	highly automated	3	system	system	human driver	some driving modes
4	high automation	fully automated	2/4	system	system	system	some drivng modes
5	full automation	-	3/4	system	system	system	all driving modes

source: SAE International

#### available new vehicles today: SAE 1-2

developments in test phases:

- Tesla autopilot system (SAE 2)
- driverless pods, Google/Waymo, UBER (SAE 4)

#### Available driver assistance functions

• warning

e.g. lane keeping assistance, blind spot detection, distance warning system,

- emergency assistance
  e.g. ASR Anti Slip Regulation, ESP Electronic
  Stability Program, adaptive brake assistance,
- improving capacity and efficiency e.g. tempomat, traffic light assistance,
- improving comfort
  e.g. parking assistance











#### **Devices for self-driving**

#### Hardware devices:

- GPS localization (+network map!)
- LIDAR distance measure -> point cloud (3D)
- camera traffic sign, traffic light, lane recognition
- radar distance keeping
- sensor environment detection e.g. LGPR

#### Software devices – decision making:

automated image recognition, artificial intelligence - persistent learning

LIDAR can be replaced: cameras (360° angel of view, monocamera + AI)

## Autonomous vehicle is a rolling IT device







#### Intelligent road infrastructure

#### where is the intelligence? – vehicle vs. infrastructure

- sensors (e.g. weather, road condition, traffic situation)
- V2I: messages between vehicle and infrastructure
- V2V: messages between vehicles without road signs/markers BUT! road signs/markers are necessary for soft mobility modes



#### **International practice**

sub-system development vs. entirely vehicle development vehicle conversion vs. new vehicle test environment: closed test track vs. existing (urban/motorway area)

developers:

conventional vehicle manufacture/ supplying industry/IT company/start-up Who do you trust better?

development goal:

service oriented (UBER)/product oriented (Tesla) What will be the transportation in the future?

**TEST PHASE** – accompanying staff (wheels/pedals and emergency stop button)

goal: experience collection – machine learning passenger reaction analyzing









types of development:

- car: Tesla, BMW, Audi, UBER, Google/Waymo's
- small bus pod: Easymile, Navya Arma, Local Motors
- bus: Mercedes
- *truck*: Volvo (Otto)

#### pod-like services in test:

- Berlin: university campus (DB)
- Berlin: hospital buildings (BVG)
- Vienna: smart city quarter (WienerLinien)
- Wageningen–Ede, Netherland: between cities in public roads
- Civaux, France: nuclear power station
- Citymobile2 EU project (Trikala, Vantaa, La Rochelle)
- isolated areas
- fix timetable or route







#### Hungary:

- university researches
- RECAR research center
- education Autonomous Vehicle Control Engineer MSc (BME-ELTE) expected launch: 2018 autumn
- ZalaZone Zalaegerszeg Autóipari Próbapálya Zala Kft. closed test track
- Budapest, Szépvölgyi út test environment in public roads Almotive Kft.







#### System architecture



#### the (passenger) transportation transfer into a special information system

#### System components

- 1. Passenger with smart device
- 2. Smart stop
- 3. Charging station and Depot
- 4. Autonomous vehicle
- 5. Integrated mobility management centre
  - A. Mobility service management centre
  - B. Traffic control centre
- 6. Operators
  - a. Transportation network
  - b. Road network
  - c. Charging infrastructure
  - d. Fleet





#### autonomy is a relative concept

#### Integrated mobility management centre

#### Mobility management centre

- planning
- organizing
- control of mobility process

#### Traffic control centre

- control and prediction of traffic parameters
- provision of real-time traffic information
- data exchange with road network operators
- statistical analysis of traffic parameters supplying data for the decision-making

#### Smart stop

- equipped with devices → improve physical and mental comfort
- automated/autonomous functions
- mobility related and not-mobility related services
- renewable energy sources
- high comfort level
- intermodal facilities







#### **Operational model**



system dynamism - management of real-time data

#### **Current automated (autonomous) transportaiton modes**

(aviation - robotpilot)

underground

people mover

GRT (Group Rapid Transit) PRT (Personal Rapid Transit)

ride-sourcing (ride-hailing) - taxi

- UBER, Grab, Google/Waymo
- test phase









#### Alteration in transportation modes



#### service-oriented approach instead of vehicle-oriented approach

#### **STA service types**

- small-capacity
- demand driven (demand-responsive)
- door-to-door/feeder
- advance ordering
- customized
- mobil application based

transportation is more personalized but planned in advance



	S <sub>1</sub>	S <sub>2</sub>	S <sub>3</sub>	S <sub>4</sub>
	taxi	shared taxi	feeder pod	fix route pod
Vehicle type	Car	Car	Pod	Pod
Sharing	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Modality	Door-to-door	Door-to-door	Feeder	Feeder
Capacity Demand-drive		Demand-driven	Rather demand-driven	Demand-responsive
Scheduling	heduling Flexible Flexible		Semi-fix (guaranteed transfer)	Fix (additional departures)
<b>Boarding point</b>	Flexible	Flexible	Semi-fix (only in the zone)	Fix stop
Alighting point	Flexible	Flexible	Fix stop	Fix stop
Route	Flexible	Flexible	Semi-fix (fix arrival stop)	Fix
Access walking	No	No	No	Yes
Egress walking No		No	Yes	Yes

#### **Categorization of motorized urban transportation means**



#### Future categories of passenger transportation:

- Individual transportation
  - non-motorized: walking, biking
  - motorized: individual AV use (motorcycle use),
- Public transportation
  - o small capacity
    - non-motorized: bike-sharing,
    - motorized: STA,
  - high capacity (mass transit) based on AVs (e.g. bus, tram)
    or highly automated vehicle (e.g. underground).

#### Future public transportation:

Accessible by anyone who is willing to pay a fare; the vehicle is operated by any type of companies (or private person); however, the services are regulated, managed (and controlled) by the mobility management centre.

#### Mobility-as-a-Service (MaaS) with autonomous vehicles

- vehicles managed by mobility management centres
- concept of MaaS more efficient

	Conventional MaaS	MaaS based on AVs
Drivers	Necessary in most	Elimination
	transportation modes	
Involved services	Public/semi-public/ private	Public service
	services	
Passenger handling	Human-based and based-	Automated, based-on
	on application	only application
Task coordination	Complicated	More reliable, efficient
	(several operators)	coordination
Dispatching	Drivers need to respond	Automatic

Comparison of conventional and AV-based MaaS

#### Delivery

last mile collection/distribution (and long distance delivery)

- safety/security?
- parcel handling? (un)loading, receipt (identification, payment)
- on ground/in the air (e.g. drone)

delivery-sourcing: e.g. UBEReats, Pickitapp

#### **Combined ride-sourcing**

order vehicle for traveling or sending package/purchase a product and home delivery

