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AUTONOMOUS DRIVING

HOW TO OVERCOME THE 5 MAIN TECHNOLOGY CHALLENGES

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$60bn

Is the Autonomous car market size forecast in 2030 vs $5.7bn in 2018 with a CAGR 21.7%

$17.5bn

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18% CAGR

Expected growth of the global autonomous/driverless car market, during the period 2020 - 2025

220mn

Total number of connected vehicles by 2020 (vs 48mn in 2016)

INTRODUCTION

Autonomous vehicles – whether for personal transport or freight delivery – could offer a potentially enormous disruption to life, business and society. The possible benefits - reductions in accidents arising from human error, reduced cost & environmental impact of transport, liberation of time currently committed to driving, and accessibility to a wider range of users - are all theoretically addressable.

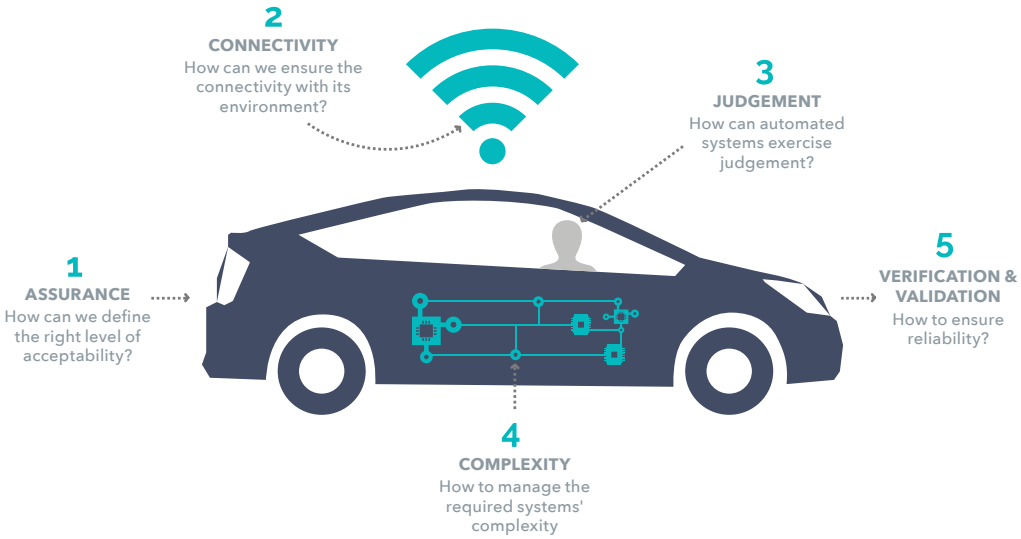
Based on this context, key challenges must be overcome to achieve this:

- **Assurance of systems and software**: How can we define and demonstrate the right level of acceptability?
- **Sensing and Connectivity:** How can we ensure the right relationship between a vehicle and its environment?
- **Judgement:** How can automated systems exercise judgement?
- **Architectures for managing complexity:** How can we manage the resulting system complexity?
- **Verification & validation:** How much testing do we need, and how can we achieve it?

On this market context and this analysis, a number of implications and approaches to overcome these challenges can be considered:

- **The ultimate acceptability of autonomous vehicles** will be a societal and political decision; consequently those involved have a duty to be transparent about their choices and the rationales for them. Assurance in the sense used by other regulated industries will in any case be difficult to obtain.
- **The complexity of the driving environment** will demand both new sensors and new communications channels, and also increasingly sophisticated approaches to capture and interpret the information.
- **The implementation of decision making processes** must consider:
  - An appropriate division of responsibility between operators, manufacturers and other parties, based on clear technical requirements instead of abstract goals
  - The ability to correct and update decision making policies over time
  - The role of human-machine interactions, will require user-centered design approaches to be adopted
- **Autonomous systems** will tend to high complexity, and architectural methods will be needed to keep costs manageable, and to make safety assurance plausible.

- **Whatever assurance targets are set**, the complexity of vehicle's and their environment will make testing challenging, so:
  - Test approaches capable of supporting massive and well characterised test programmes are needed.
  - Evidence gathered from a wide range of assurance methods (not only dynamic testing) will need to be used.
- **In addition, this technological domain is changing rapidly;** companies – and governments – will need to invest to track emerging technology trends.



Motivation for move to autonomous vehicle

Looking at next generation of cars, we notice a wide range of motivations for a move to autonomous vehicles, and a potentially enormous disruption to life, business and society. Possible benefits are all theoretically addressable, and initial demonstrations and experiments (from traditional OEMs and from technology companies) are encouraging.

A reduction in road traffic casualties

According to World Health Organization, a specialized agency of the United Nations, the number of road traffic deaths worldwide hit 1.35 million every year not including injured or disabled people. Latest studies show human error to account more than 90% to road fatalities leaving high improvement opportunities for autonomous driving technologies. In particular, more than half road fatalities occur among pedestrians, cyclists and motorcyclists. Controlling for variables such as fatalities caused by car accidents could further show the potential of autonomous driving features. Although there is a lack of consistent global estimates, the WHO estimates that the cost of injuries is approximately 3% of a typical country's gross national product. [1]

Reduction in social & environmental costs of driving

With as many as 9 billion people are predicted to live in urban areas within the next 25 years, automakers are under pressure to reduce the environmental and social impact of driving. The adoption of autonomous features in cars will lead to environmental benefits: autonomous technologies have the potential to easing traffic flow by allowing optimized acceleration and deceleration, thus reducing fuel consumption and emissions, and to allow better arbitration of roads & parking to reduce their impact [2]. Changes in vehicle use may also bring benefit: autonomy can facilitate vehicle sharing, and for each car-sharing vehicle on the

streets more than 20 vehicle sales are forecast to be deferred. For higher-speed journeys, benefit could ultimately be derived from technologies allow vehicles to follow each other closely (platooning), reducing aerodynamic drag by 20-60%.

Economic benefits of making travel time productive

In its blue paper about Autonomous cars Morgan Stanley states driverless car could contribute $1.3 trillion in annual savings to the US economy alone and $5.6 trillion in global advantages. Focusing on productivity, the paper further suggests gains would come to $507 billion annually in the US. Such benefits accrue to consumers who experience a transformation in the ease at which they can travel, which in turn generates wider economic benefits. [3]

Potential improvements of access to mobility

While driverless technologies are being implemented first in luxury segments, once fully autonomous cars are available, significant improvements will be held in access to mobility. Such technologies will in fact act as key enablers for people with physical limitations, the young, and the (increasingly numerous) elderly. A UK study shows that about 1,45 million people are facing mobility issues and that is only taking into account over 65 years old and in England alone [4].

But what challenges must be overcome to achieve this vision? Is our technology, and the industries which support it, able to achieve these benefits?

[1] www.who.int/violence_injury_prevention/road_safety_status/2015/en/
[2] www.trafficsafetystore.com/blog/autonomous-cars-environmental-impact/, www.rand.org/content/dam/rand/pubs/research_briefs/RB9700/RB9755/RAND_RB9755.pdf, www.inrix.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/08/Whitepaper_Cebr-Cost-of-Congestion.pdf
[3] www.morganstanley.com/articles/autonomous-cars-the-future-is-now, www.forbes.com/sites/modeledbehavior/2014/11/08/the-massive-economic-benefits-of-self-driving-cars/#1d2e263968d9
[4] www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/road-and-rail-transport/11684562/How-driverless-cars-could-revolutionise-old-age.html

CHALLENGE 1
ASSURANCE OF SYSTEMS AND SOFTWARE

How can we define and demonstrate the right level of acceptability?

Assurance (n): a positive declaration intended to give confidence

oxforddictionaries.com

In order to product or operate an autonomous vehicle, we must provide a range of stakeholders with assurance that the vehicle will operate safely. This is no different from the principles which apply to manually-controlled vehicles or to any other system we deploy. But, can we construct and maintain systems (across a potentially large vehicle population) that give us necessary confidence in their operation? What criteria will determine the acceptability of autonomous operation? How can confidence be maintained in the face of malicious activity?

Safety

The process of providing this confidence shares many factors with existing systems and vehicles:

The difficulty of bounding responsibility

Safety applies to a road system, not a car; safety cannot be measured directly, only judged from examination of dynamic interactions between components and effects outside the system boundary.

The difficulty of characterising the environment

There are features of day-to-day driving which will be difficult to characterise for development or to replicate for testing: temporary infringement of traffic laws, snow on road markings, hand signals from police officers at an accident and other everyday "black swan" situations.

But there are also factors specific to autonomous road vehicles:

Automotive transport is much less regulated (and quantitatively less safe) than other environments such as rail or aviation; the road system is also already prone to single-point failures (that is, misbehaviour of a single vehicle or pedestrian).

- Autonomous vehicles will make mistakes that are different from those that humans make because they sense the environment differently – this has implications both for the vehicle itself (as the design must not simply seek to replicate human behaviour) and for other road users (whose safety may be jeopardised by the presence of entities that don't respond as expected).
- Functions that replace the driver in certain situations, but which must be replaced by the driver in situations they cannot handle, raise the question of why the (uninvolved) driver will be effective once the automation becomes ineffective. Automation will reduce driver attention to hazards. (Control cannot be returned to the driver instantaneously, unless there is "look-ahead" prediction that detects a difficult situation and can alert the supervising human in good time, without triggering a panic (over)reaction).

The current regulatory framework for road vehicles, exemplified by the UNECE Transport Regulations and ISO 26262:2011, is not intended to address such issues and is likely to need substantial evolution in order to do so. There is a risk that shifts of some responsibility from the driver of a manually driven vehicle to the manufacturer of an autonomous vehicle – which may well need legal and administrative changes – will trigger an over-reaction, resulting in setting impossibly high standards compared to human drivers.

Security

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A set of principles we have found useful elsewhere [5] is:

- Know Your Enemies
Understand the security risks posed by a system and form a comprehensive policy to deal with them.

- Take Security to the Edge
Address security from end devices to central services, and from initialisation to disposal.

- Know What You're Talking To
Understand the identities, roles and authorisations of people and equipment. Address the provisioning of new identities, maintenance, change of ownership, and withdrawal of trust.

- Create A Strong Network
Ensure communications are resilient and resistant to attack.

- Don't Trust It, Watch It
Monitor behaviour for signs of attack, don't rely on fixed defences. Use SIEM (Security Information and Event Management) techniques including advanced analytics.

- Build It Right
Minimise the vulnerabilities exposed to an attacker. Use security-oriented architecture, separation of security domains, highly-assured software and hardware components, and generate assurance evidence during development.

- Base On Firm Foundations
Use trustworthy services for communications, computation, storage and management.

[5] Seven principles for achieving security and privacy in a world of Machine-Driven Big Data, Altran White Paper 2016, www.altran.com/fileadmin/medias/1.altran.com/files/PDF/Altran_Position_paper_WEB_V2PDF.pdf

CHALLENGE 2
SENSING AND CONNECTIVITY

How can we ensure the right relationship between a vehicle and its environment?

How can autonomous vehicles gain sufficient information on their environment to operate efficiently and safely under all circumstances? What sensors, and what analytics applied to sensor data, will be required? What communications channels – vehicle to infrastructure (V2I) and vehicle to vehicle (V2V) – will be used? How can external data be used? How do we manage transient connectivity?

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The role of communication

Direct sensing represents the simplest, but not the only, means for a vehicle to build a model of its environment, it may also directly receive environmental information via (wireless) communications channels. These channels may be established between vehicles (vehicle to vehicle, v2v) or between a vehicle and fixed infrastructure (vehicle-to-infrastructure, v2i). Possible applications include:

- Signalling of presence and planned behaviour between vehicles (radio brake lights)
- Sharing of environmental information among local users via v2v communication (eg stationary traffic or icing warnings)
- Warning and control information distributed by v2i channels (radio traffic lights, road signs)

The major challenge regarding such systems is the level of dependence which can be placed on communications systems in implementing safety-related functions. Although v2x technology has been developed and standard promulgated, there are limits to the assurance that can be established for radio communications, particularly with (or between) rapidly moving vehicles, limiting their applicability for safety-critical functionality. Nevertheless, if the travel efficiency benefits of autonomous vehicles (or even of advanced driver information systems) are to be realised, a level of information must be shared in real-time, although whether this is through automotive-specific v2v or v2i technologies, or simply over standard mobile (3/4/5G) networks is open to question.

The role of analytics

Successful designs will make the greatest possible use of the data available from their sensor suites; signal processing and analytics in support of sensor interpretation will be key technologies.

Examples include:

- Sensor fusion to take advantage of multiple input sources
- Vision processing for the extraction of road features and signage
- Object recognition, and even intent recognition [6], to facilitate accident avoidance and to improve trajectory and maneuver planning and execution.

The techniques – such as machine learning – used to achieve these results are computationally intensive and difficult to verify by traditional means. To bring such systems into mass production will require advances in both implementation and verification.

[6] See www.mrt.kit.edu/mitarbeiter_3269.php

CHALLENGE 3
JUDGMENT

How can automated systems exercise judgement?

How can autonomous vehicles be constructed to manage the (often conflicting) expectations placed on them? Can algorithms make the subjective and ethical decisions required of human drivers? How can externally defined policies be communicated, validated, and updated? How will humans (inside and outside a vehicle) interact with it? How must user experiences change to adapt to autonomy?

Decision-making

A significant amount of discussion [7] has been published about the apparent need for autonomous vehicles to make "ethical" judgements about the consequences of particular actions, even extending to surveys [8] of public attitudes.

Autonomous function certainly changes some aspects of responsibility and liability compared to manual driving – actions such as choosing an appropriate speed for prevailing conditions, which are the sole responsibility of a human driver in a manually driven vehicle become behaviours of a product which has a manufacturer, a designer, and a vendor as well as an operator. The legal and commercial aspects of this change are beyond the scope of this paper, but the expectations raised about decision-making functionality cannot be ignored.

We can argue that this discussion is of little practical relevance because the decisions taken during the design of autonomous vehicles are not expressed at a level where human interpretations are possible. Many other products with potentially lethal consequences are regularly used without such concerns being raised, nor are questions of moral philosophy often included in driving tests.

[7] For example, www.people.virginia.edu/~njg2q/ethics.pdf and www.driverless-future.com/?page_id=774#ethical-judgements.
[8] The social dilemma of autonomous vehicles, Jean-François Bonnefon, Azim Shariff, Iyad Rahwan3, Science 24 Jun 2016: Vol. 352, Issue 6293, pp. 1573-1576

The challenge of defining and quantifying autonomous vehicle behaviour may stem from the variability and complexity of the situations in which decision making will be required and the numerous and frequent exposure of people to the consequences of those decisions that will arise if autonomous vehicles are widely deployed. (Tesla already (May 2016) report 780m miles driven in vehicles equipped with their autopilot hardware, and 100m miles driven with autopilot active [9].)

In complex and ill-characterised road environments, both the algorithms adopted and the measures used to assess them will be statistical, rather than entirely absolute, in nature. This contrasts with other domains, where, for example, railway control systems may be protected by interlocking systems with binary (on/off) specifications and implementations, or aviation, where substantial effort is spent in verifying control systems against precise abstract specifications, and the operational environment is rigorously controlled by highly-trained and monitored staff (both pilots and air traffic controllers). The implications of the consequential growth in both test demands and available test data are considered further below.

Implementation technologies for autonomous vehicles are focussed more on empirical observation of driving environments and decisions using techniques such as machine learning, where machine states and actions are characterised and models are trained by assigning rewards or costs for the system being in certain states.

While individual parts of such systems can be expressed and validated in absolute terms – we can specify and test that a vehicle never drives through an obstacle that is adequately represented in its situational model – absolute tests of overall system behaviour that tie to real-world observations are unlikely to be feasible. Overall system behaviour is more likely to be able to be validated statistically, with tools such as confusion matrices or ROC curves. [10]

[9] www.electrek.co/2016/05/24/tesla-autopilot-miles-data/
[10] Receiver operating characteristic

Data and change

Because they operate in a rich and changing environment, autonomous vehicles are likely to need configuration and reference data which is liable to change. The quality and maintenance of quality, of such data is crucial, as autonomous vehicles will be much more dependent on available data than manually-driven ones. Some data (for example, traffic management policies in specific jurisdictions, or system configuration data) may be relatively limited in volume and be amenable to rigorous change control and regression test processes. Others, such as map and 'electronic horizon' data (if used) will be of such volume and complexity that comprehensive testing will be difficult, and will be captured by processes that lack the stringent independent checks that are used for data preparation in other industries.

A defence-in-depth strategy, with mechanisms in place to detect potential errors in data by cross checking with observation, would seem sensible.

Human interaction

Autonomous systems will radically change human interactions with vehicles, both for their users and potentially for third parties. Much of the interface functionality may be relatively standard (setting objectives, querying status and progress) but a crucial new interaction will arise when the autonomous system needs to pass control back to a human operator: the question of whether this can be done at all, in an acceptably safe manner, is still controversial.

Particular concerns include:

- The time delay necessary to alert the driver from an 'eyes-off' condition, and whether autonomous function can maintain vehicle safety for such a period.
- How control can be transferred in a way which avoids sudden over-reaction or panic on the part of the driver.

A user-centred approach will be necessary to address such issues.

CHALLENGE 4
ARCHITECTURE FOR MANAGING COMPLEXITY

How can we manage the resulting system complexity?

Numerous interacting functions controlled by distinct stakeholders must come together to achieve autonomous driving. Can the architectures of our systems manage the consequential level of complexity? How will the industry adapt to the era of the Software Defined Vehicle?

The autonomous control of a vehicle implies a large number of cooperating functions. At a high level these functions include:

1. An interface to an end-user who needs to provide goals to the vehicle including destination, preferred route characteristics, intermediate stops and possibly a target arrival time
2. A navigation system capable of planning the appropriate route, determining position (against a map), developing machine executable instructions to follow the route based on current position in real-time
3. An environmental perception system which determines the external situation and in particular threats and safety related constraints (other vehicles, objects, pedestrians etc.)
4. A vehicle context system which maintains a model of the vehicle state including speed, fuel levels or health status
5. Active safety system capable of using the available data from the environment and the vehicle context to plan manoeuvres and ensure safe actions by the vehicle
6. A vehicle control system which can take instructions from the navigation system (run left/right etc…), the vehicle and environment context and, with the permission of the active safety system, issue control commands to the vehicle actuators
7. Actuators which perform actions on the physical driving components (steering, powertrain, braking, etc…)
8. Sensors which provide the data to the various systems

The entity which results from the integration of these functions will exhibit high levels of function intelligence, a large number of interaction paths and a very large potential state space and will operate in a dynamic and evolving environment.

In taking the above in consideration it should be evident that creating such a system presents a major challenge of dynamic complexity. Such complexity leads to several serious issues, notably the cost and time of integration, the challenges of testing, assurance and data quality (discussed elsewhere) and the difficulties of ensuring adequate performance and confidence throughout the life of a product which must be maintained and adapted over many years.

Traditional automotive architectures are based on considerations of functional domain, supply chain structure and historical networking heritage. In reflecting this, a current vehicle is structured as a collection of Electronic Control Units (ECUs) wired together by CAN. Each ECU generally covers a unique domain and comes from one supplier. Interactions between the ECUs are through the CAN telegram protocols. This approach is struggling with the rise in complexity represented by the move towards advanced ADAS and autonomy.

The fundamental driver in this evolution is increase in software volume (>100M LOC and increasing) and the complexity involved in ensuring (and proving) that such a volume of software provides its functionality with appropriate performance and in the presence of constraints on power, BOM, supply chain and timescales.

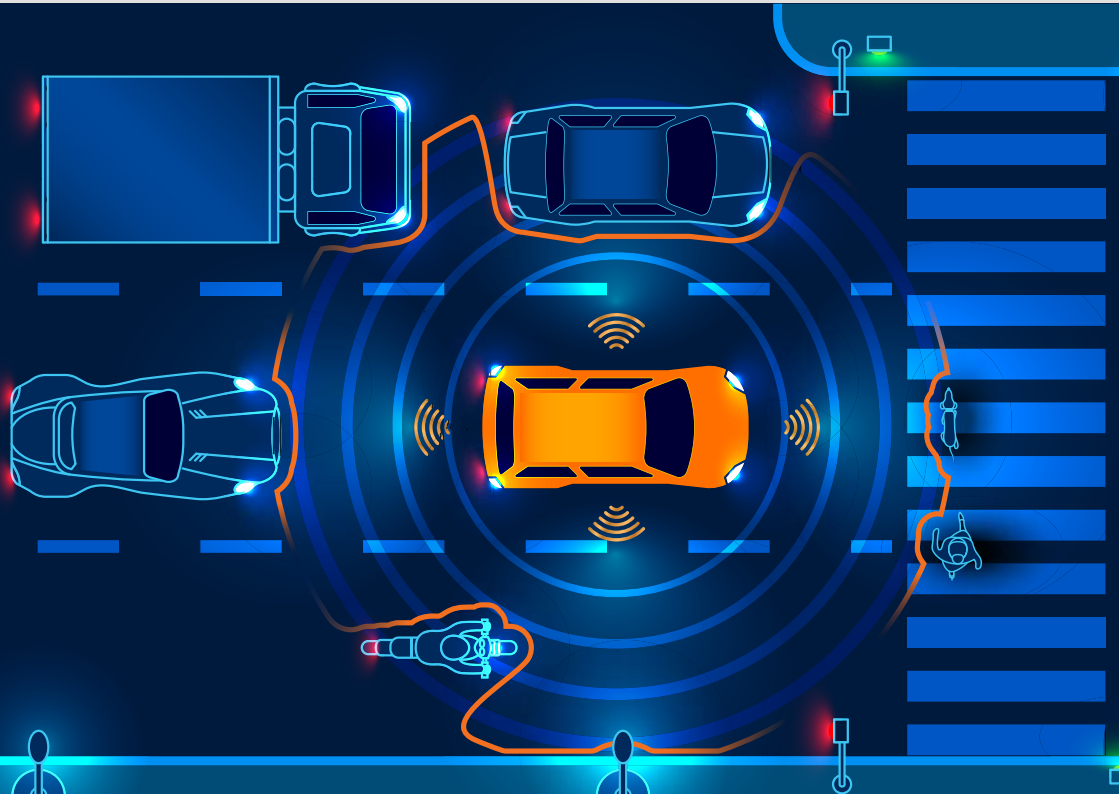
In the face of these issues the traditional architecture suffers from the following shortcomings:

- Ad Hoc and diverse approaches to such things as lifecycle, error management, thread priority management and communications
- BOM inefficient approaches to peak CPU requirements
- Ad Hoc and divergent data and software interaction semantics
- Low bandwidth networking
- Timing divergence
- Supplier lock-in and lack of modularity at a software level
- Inflexibility and extreme brittleness in system re-configuration and re-engineering

Addressing these problems requires a new architectural approach with the goal of satisfying the traditional needs of performance and BOM control with the direct attack on the problems raised by complexity.

Future architectures are likely to be based on a number of key strategies:

- **A rethink of the HW structure towards a more centralised compute resource** with more power available to be managed for peaks across functions. This approach also offers a significant reduction in weight and cabling complexity in the vehicle. The Domain Controller approach is an example of such a strategy.
- **The introduction of mainstream IP based networking**, albeit with some specific extensions for determinacy where required. This will serve to support mainstream development styles as well as adding bandwidth.
- **The introduction of a flat data plane for all data access**, including for Video and Audio. This will enable data to be acquired by software in a near arbitrary manner and with less configuration issues.
- **A stricter definition of citizenship for software elements.** This will imply that certain aspects of software behaviour will be uniquely defined at



syntax and semantics for all software. One example would be software lifecycle where a specific and unique API would be enforced for all software elements.

- **A support enforcement of location transparency in all software transactions.** This means that all software will interface to an underlying and transparent communication layer. This implies that software will not need to know the system topology for communication.
- **Direct architecture support for security structures and technology.** This will allow security to be managed as a configuration activity during system integration and based on standard system elements.
- **Direct architecture support for Safety measures.** This will allow safety critical aspects of the system to be isolated and monitored in a standardised manner.

The global change this represents for the architecture is that the vehicle hardware and the base software will present a unified feature platform or the whole vehicle and not just for an individual ECU. This change will support a more disciplined approach to system engineering while providing key approaches to tackling the complexities of the system.

CHALLENGE 5
VERIFICATION & VALIDATION

How much testing do we need, and how can we achieve it?

How can autonomous systems be tested to the levels of confidence required? What data sources, and what reference cases, will be required? How much testing will be needed? How can we validate systems incorporating learning?

Achieving acceptable levels of safety and assurance for an autonomous vehicle will clearly demand substantial verification and validation activities – and while there is clearly advantage to be gained from static or mathematical methods such as modelling and simulation, a large element of dynamic testing will inevitably be required.

This will take place at several levels and at several points of the lifecycle:

- **Concepts and algorithms** will be validated by testing models or simulations in representative environments,
- **Software units** (or model elements) will be tested in isolation via software-in-the-loop or model-in-the-loop testing,
- **Physical components** (and their associated software) will be tested as a unit via hardware-in-the-loop testing,
- **Integrated systems** (up to and including whole vehicles) will be tested in laboratory environments, on test tracks, or in the field.

The extent of testing necessary is subject to much debate. Software-based systems are inherently difficult to test due to the enormous number of different states they can adopt and their discontinuous nature which means that behaviour can vary widely even between closely-related states. This leads the system engineering community to be cautious about the value of enormous test campaigns, particularly if they focus on typical conditions – scenarios that deliberately target adverse conditions may provide more evidence in support of assurance. Quantitative attempts to estimate the distance that needs to be covered in order to establish the safe operation have yielded targets in excess of 200m km without fatal accident for a fully-autonomous system. [11]

[11] Winner, H. Hakuli, S. Lotz, F. Singer, C.: Handbuch Fahrerassistenzsysteme. Wiesbaden: Springer Vieweg, 2015

The complexity of the environment that ADAS and autonomous systems operate in also challenges verification and validation technology – the systems are using complex high-bandwidth sensors such as cameras, LiDAR and radar, and are deriving information which needs to be checked against independent, high-quality, reference data. Data volumes can reach 15-30Tb per test day, and perhaps 10-20 petabytes (Pb, 1015 bytes) for a complete vehicle test campaign. (Using Cisco estimates for late 2016, this latter number represents 5-10 minutes of all the Internet Protocol traffic in the world. [12])

Simply storing such data is a challenge, but interpreting and managing it takes us further:

- In order to manage testing, we need to identify scenarios of interest, and to ensure all such scenarios are covered – identifying such scenarios (eg 'left turn from a high-speed road in the USA in wet weather') from raw data is not trivial.
- The desired behaviour (the 'right' outcome from a test, or ground truth) is also difficult to recognise – existing practice depends on manual labelling of scenes and objects, but this is clearly a slow and expensive process, and impracticable for data volumes in the 1m km range. Any technological solution, however, would risk having defects itself which may mask faults in the system under test – at very least an argument that the system under test and the test 'oracle' used to check the results are independent.

The presence of many interacting features and demands within a sophisticated ADAS or autonomous vehicle system also brings direct consequences for testing:

- Sensor fusion and centralised logic will increasingly be used to establish a view of the driving environment – the fusion algorithms themselves must be tested and verified against known scenarios
- Vehicle in the loop tests will gain importance as to test and verify complete functions in an "augmented" reality for the vehicle.

Finally, but importantly the verification and validation approach must match the processes increasingly being adopted to meet the time-to-market and agility required of the automotive industry – model-based system and software engineering, and increasingly virtual engineering, require the ability to switch effortlessly between physical and synthetic worlds, and to apply consistent test conditions and test results analysis in either case.

[12] www.cisco.com/c/en/us/solutions/collateral/service-provider/visual-networking-index-vni/vni-hyperconnectivity-wp.html

APPROACHES TO OVERCOMING THESE CHALLENGES

Each of these challenges brings implications for the actions required to achieve autonomous vehicle adoption.

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- Assurance of systems and software

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- Sensing and Connectivity

The complexity of the driving environment and of the information required by autonomous driving will demand new sensors, new communications channels, and increasingly sophisticated mathematical approaches to capture and interpret the information required.

- Judgement

Implementing decision making processes mechanically is never easy, and autonomy in vehicles is no different from other cases in this respect. Development must consider:

- An appropriate division of responsibility between operators, manufacturers and other parties, which will ultimately require clear technical requirements to be placed on each, instead of abstract goals.
- The ability to correct and update decision making policies over time, requiring mechanisms to validate, deploy, and assure the integrity of new functionality and new data sets in service.
- The role of human-machine interactions, which will be crucial to the efficiency and acceptability of autonomous vehicles, and will require user-centered design approaches.

- Complexity

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In addition, this technological domain is changing rapidly; companies – and governments – will need to invest to track emerging technology trends e.g. in sensing, machine learning, and test data management (a summary of some research initiatives is given in the Appendix).

THE RESEARCH AGENDA

Because of the potential public policy impacts of autonomous vehicles, significant effort is being committed to research by a variety of bodies.

Typical topics include:

- National test areas for driving (both a legal framework, and necessary infrastructure)
- Areas for security testing of AVs
- Validation of complex systems
- H/M interaction

In particular, the EU Horizon 2020 programme includes a number of topics under the heading of "Automated Road Transport".

The 2016-17 call includes:

- ART-01-2017: ICT infrastructure to enable the transition towards road transport automation
- ART-02-2016: Automation pilots for passenger cars
- ART-03-2017: Multi-Brand platooning in real traffic conditions
- ART-04-2016: Safety and end-user acceptance aspects of road automation in the transition period
- ART-05-2016: Road infrastructure to support the transition to automation and the coexistence of conventional and automated vehicles on the same network
- ART-06-2016: Coordination of activities in support of road automation
- ART-07-2017: Full-scale demonstration of urban road transport automation

Representative of a typical national programme is that in the UK, which includes [13]:

- Publishing a code of practice for testing driverless cars (www.gov.uk/government/publications/automated-vehicle-technologies-testing-code-of-practice)
- Launching the collaborative R&D activities & feasibility studies
- Establishing the Centre for Connected and Autonomous Vehicles (CCAV) to coordinate policy in this area.

Similar policies and programmes exist at national level around the world, and in collaborative frameworks such as the EU ECSEL partnership.

[13] Further details are available from enquiries@ccav.gov.uk

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The automotive world faces many changes: the emergence of new players, powertrain electrification, autonomous driving and increasingly draconian environmental and safety regulation.

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- Increased efficiency in the management of features delivery to Start of Production, including system & functional architecture, requirements specification, test specification, functional safety & security and HMI design, and supply chain management exploiting our established knowledge of Tier 1 product lines.

In particular, Altran has co-developed, with Jaguar Land Rover, an innovative open software solution, CoherenSE®, for enabling and accelerating advanced software-intensive features such as autonomous driving. CoherenSE® enables future vehicles to be updated and customized like smartphones today, but with automotive grade quality, safety and cyber security built in.

Altran WCC Advanced Networks

It designs, integrates and manages the introduction of new network technologies and addresses the entire network lifecycle, i.e. from design to deployment & optimization, along with dedicated support for the transition to mature operations in three main offering streams: **network consolidation and modernization**, **virtualization and software-defined networkin**g and **transition to 5G.**

In “Transition to 5G” stream, Altran WCC Advanced Networks is complementing the traditional value proposition to support Telecom Operators in entering the IoT cross-industry context with new methodologies, tools and technologies aligned to envision 5G reality. In particular, for 5G network design, planning and optimization (NPO), iNP&O is a dedicated offering to effectively introduce 5G radio coverage complementing the legacy radio engineering practice with parametrization / configuration to finally target the specific use case.

On the road to 5G, Altran will actively enable the communication and translation between Telecom Operators and Industry, leveraging its expertise in the multiple (Connectable / Connectivity-demanding) Industries and sectors such as transportation, utilities or health. Combined with its R&D efforts in crucial 5G technologies such as SDN/NFV, MEC, LPWAN RATs or SON, Altran is well positioned to aid its clients journeying into unknown fields and contexts, from definition to validation of new use cases and services.

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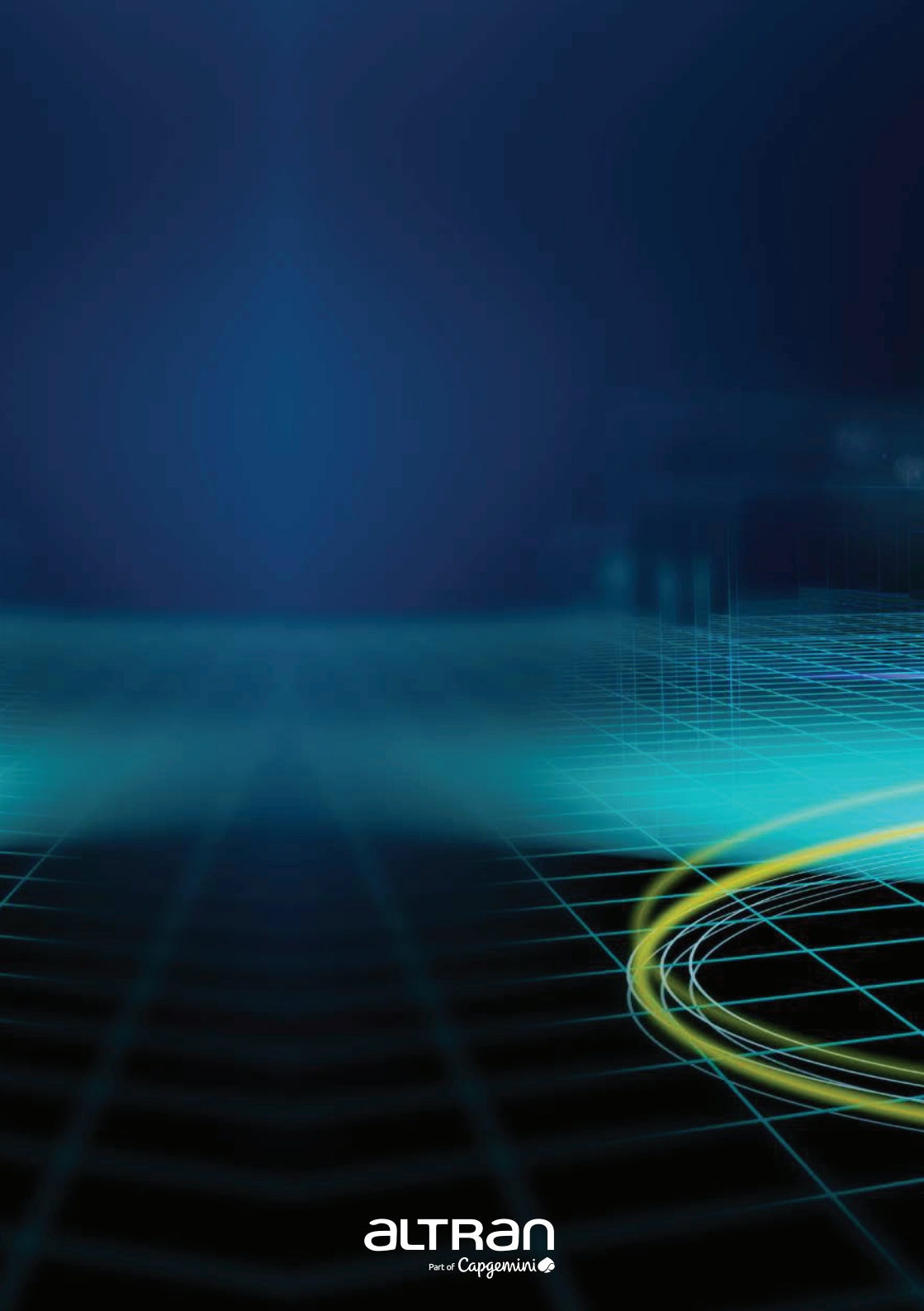
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