Preparing for Automated Vehicles: Traffic Safety Issues for States

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- AV status and projections
- AV safety issues
- Recommendations for states



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What's an AV?

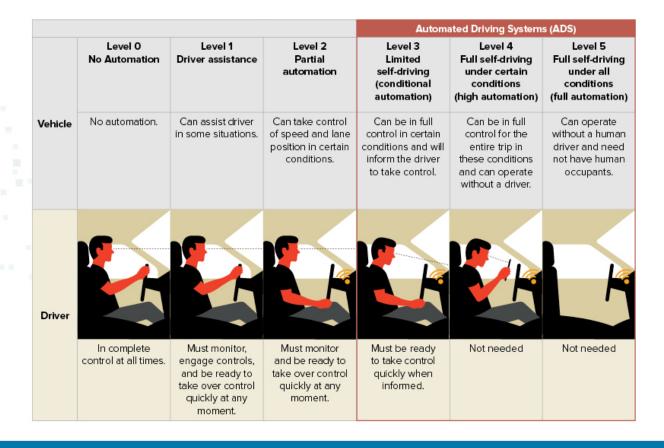
- Level 0: no automation, driver in complete control
- Level 1: driver assistance
 - Cruise control or lane position, driver monitors at all times
- Level 2: occasional self-driving
 - Control both speed and lane position in limited situations, like Interstates;
 driver monitors at all times

- Level 3: limited self-driving in some situations, like Interstates
 - Vehicle in full control, informs when driver must take control
- Level 4: full self-driving under certain conditions
 - Vehicle in full control for entire trip, such as urban ride-sharing
- Level 5: full self-driving at all times



What's an AV?

Automated Vehicle Terminology and Levels







AV status 2018

Level 1 available for many years

Adaptive cruise control, lane-keeping assistance

Level 2 available now

BMW, GM, Mercedes, Tesla, VW, ...

Levels 3-5 coming soon

- Waymo (Google) test fleet: 7 million miles as of June 2018
- 54 companies with AV testing permits in CA as of June 2018
- By 2020: available (perhaps) from Audi, BMW, Ford, GM, Mercedes, Tesla, Toyota, Volvo, VW; Delphi, FCA, JLR, Lyft, NuTonomy, Uber, Waymo, ...



AV projections

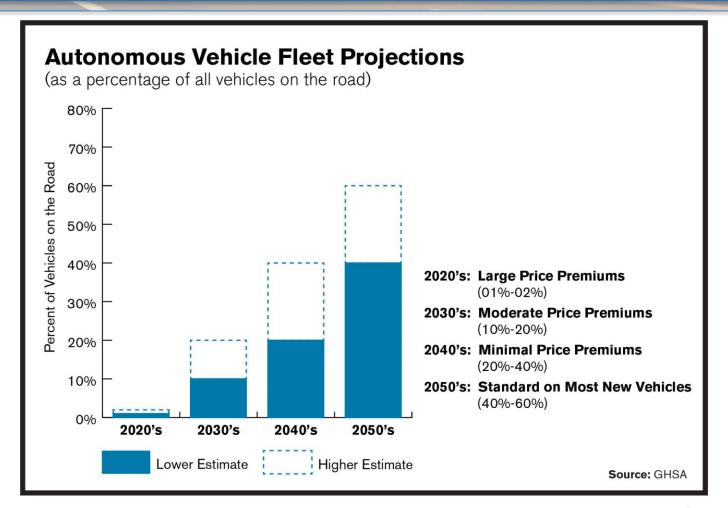
FIGURE 5: PREDICTIONS OF SALES, VEHICLES ON THE ROAD, AND TRAVEL FOR LEVEL 4 AND 5 VEHICLES

Stage	Decade	Vehicle Sales	Vehicle Fleet	Vehicle Travel
Large price premium	2020s	2-5%	1-2%	1-4%
Moderate price ■ premium	2030s	20-40%	10-20%	10-30%
Minimal price premium	2040s	40-60%	20-40%	30-50%
Standard feature on most new vehicles	2050s	80-100%	40-60%	50-80%
Saturation (everybody who wants it has it)	2060s	?	?	?
Required for all vehicles on road	???	100%	100%	100%

Source: Littman (2018)



AV projections





The big takeaway

 AVs and DVs (driver-controlled vehicles) will share the road for a long time – perhaps forever



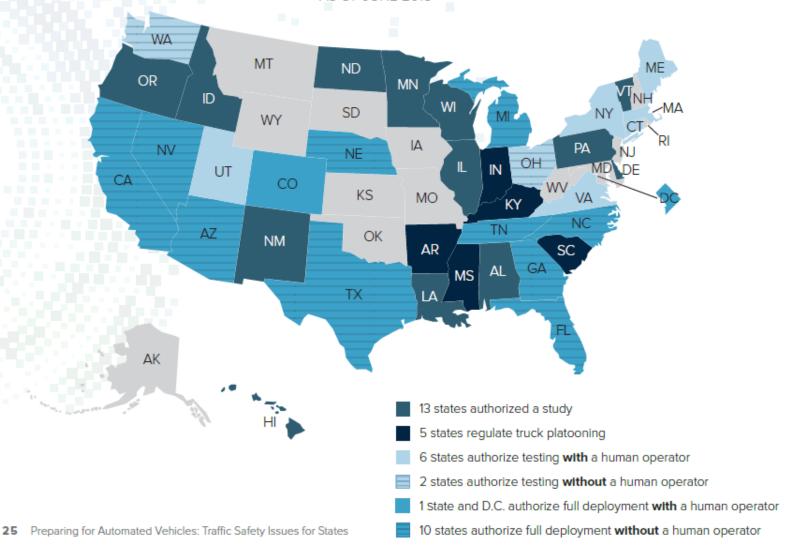


State AV activities

- February 2018 survey of SHSOs; 35 responses
- AV development and testing
 - 17 actively encouraging; 10 with testing underway
 - 6 observing
 - 12 no involvement
- 21 with an AV task force
 - 13 with SHSO involvement
- 11 with law enforcement involvement in testing or task force



Laws and Legislation relating to AVs AS OF JUNE 2018







AV safety issues

AV operational issues

- Compliance with traffic laws
- Local customs
- Decision rules

AV driver issues

- Level 2
- Level 3
- Level 4
- AV drivers switching to manual operation

Other road user issues

- Understanding AV operations
- Communicating with AVs



AV safety issues

Law enforcement issues

- Identifying AVs
- Communicating with AVs
- Crash response

Data issues

- Identifying AVs in vehicle title, registration, crash data systems
- Access and use of data produced by AVs

Crash liability issues

Who's responsible: occupant, owner, vehicle manufacturer, software developer, all of the above?



AV recommendations for states

Management

- Lead agency
- AV task force
- AV testing and deployment plan

Traffic laws to consider

- Authorize driverless Level 4 and 5 AVs.
- Distracted driving for Level 3 AV drivers
- Following too closely



AV recommendations for states

AV testing

- Requirements for organizations conducing AV testing
- Traffic law changes or exemptions
- Law enforcement coordination
- Information for public and media
- Oversight and reporting

AV deployment

- Licensing and registration procedures
- Education for AV owners and other road users
- State data systems
- Access to data produced by AVs
- AV vehicle insurance
- Law enforcement policies and procedures



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