Session 1: Dependability challenges for autonomous cars

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Aspects and Challenges on the Way to upcoming Automated Cars - Stefan Poledna, TTTech

Challenges in Dependability and Verification for Self-Driving Cars - Jonas Nilsson, Volvo Cars

Self-driving cars: what for?

- Reduce road accidents and fatalities
- Economic reasons (safe time, money, reduce infrastructure cost, ...)
- New business models for road transportations

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Stefan Poledna Current state: NTSH classification

- Level 0: The driver completely controls the vehicle at all times.
- Level 1: Individual vehicle controls are automated, such as electronic stability control or automatic braking.
- Level 2: At least two controls can be automated in unison, such asadaptive cruise control in combination with lane keeping.
- Level 3: The driver can fully cede control of all safety-critical functions in certain conditions. The car senses when conditions require the driver to retake control and provides a "sufficiently comfortable transition time" for the driver to do so.
- Level 4: The vehicle performs all safety-critical functions for the entire trip, with the driver not expected to control the vehicle at any time. As this vehicle would control all functions from start to stop, including all parking functions, it could include unoccupied cars

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- Challenges
- A Time-Triggered Platform Approach

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Further challenges and discussion

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Some constraints:

- Limit the scope: only some roads
- Only in some weather conditions
- No level crossing in these roads
- Almost no pedestrians
- Speed limitations
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Some constraints

- Challenges
- Impact of challenges on architecture, sensors, etc.
- Discussion
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Challenges

- Safety
- Security
- Fail-operational
- Driver interaction
- Software reuse and integration
- System complexity
- Cost... redundancy everywhere
- Consumer defined semiconductor
- Accelerated development, automotive industry practices, standardization

Validation in complex systems: how to show completeness and correctness?

Further challenges

- Challenges in the environment sensing
 - Object classification and sensor fusion for safety
 - Standardization of semantic interfaces for sensor fusion
- Legal (liability issues and many more)
- Further challenges outside (road, maps,...)
- Further challenges inside car (deal with flat tire, engine malfunctions, ...)

How to achieve the goals without bankrupt the car makers and car component makers?