# **AV Use-Cases & Regulation**

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- What are leading Autonomous Vehicle use cases?
- How do AV regulation impact AV use-cases?
- How could deployment of AV use cases evolve?

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### **Autonomous Trucks & Goods AVs**

| AV Use-Cases  | Key Players  |
|---|--|
| Autonomous trucks: L4<br>Getting increasing attention<br>and investments due to<br>simplicity of hub-to-hub<br>trucking & pandemic.<br>Mostly in U.S. and China | <ul> <li>TuSimple: US &amp; China</li> <li>Waymo Via</li> <li>Aurora Innovation</li> <li>Plus: US &amp; China</li> <li>Embark &amp; Kodiak</li> <li>Einride: EU</li> </ul> |
| Goods delivery AVs: L4<br>Desirable due to pandemic,<br>growth of e-commerce,<br>meal & grocery delivery  | <ul> <li>Delivery companies</li> <li>Logistics companies</li> <li>Retailers</li> <li>Restaurants</li> </ul>  |
| Sidewalk goods AVs: L4<br>Small, walking speed  | <ul> <li>Starship Technologies</li> <li>Amazon</li> </ul>  |
| Road goods-only AVs: L4<br>Purpose built for goods  | <ul> <li>Nuro</li> <li>Neolix: China</li> </ul>  |
| Road goods AVs: L4<br>Vans, small trucks  | <ul> <li>Argo, Aurora, Waymo</li> <li>Udelv</li> </ul>   |



Source: TuSimple

Source: Starship



Source: Waymo



Source: Amazon



Source: Nuro

Source: Udelv

### **Robotaxis & Fixed Route AVs**

| AV Use-Cases   | Key Players  |
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| Robotaxis: L4<br>AVs for ride-hailing.<br>Get most attention due to the<br>vast market potential.<br>Some pandemic delays.<br>Mostly in U.S. and China | <ul> <li>Waymo One: Phoenix</li> <li>Motional: Las Vegas</li> <li>Cruise, Mobileye, Zoox</li> <li>Lyft, Uber &amp; Didi</li> <li>AutoX, Baidu &amp; Pony.ai</li> <li>Momenta &amp; WeRide</li> </ul> |
| Fixed route AVs: L4<br>Shared rides for people<br>transport as part of smart<br>cities & closed venues.<br>Negative pandemic impact                    | <ul> <li>EasyMile: France</li> <li>Local Motors</li> <li>May Mobility</li> <li>Navya: France</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Personal AVs: L4</b><br>Not likely until 2025+<br>Robotaxi-like deployment  | <ul> <li>Mobileye-Intel</li> <li>Robotaxi AV software<br/>platform players</li> </ul>  |



Source: Waymo; Driverless operation



Source: Zoox; No driver controls





Source: Cruise; BEV



Source: Cruise; No driver controls



Source: Local Motors; Ollie 3D printed

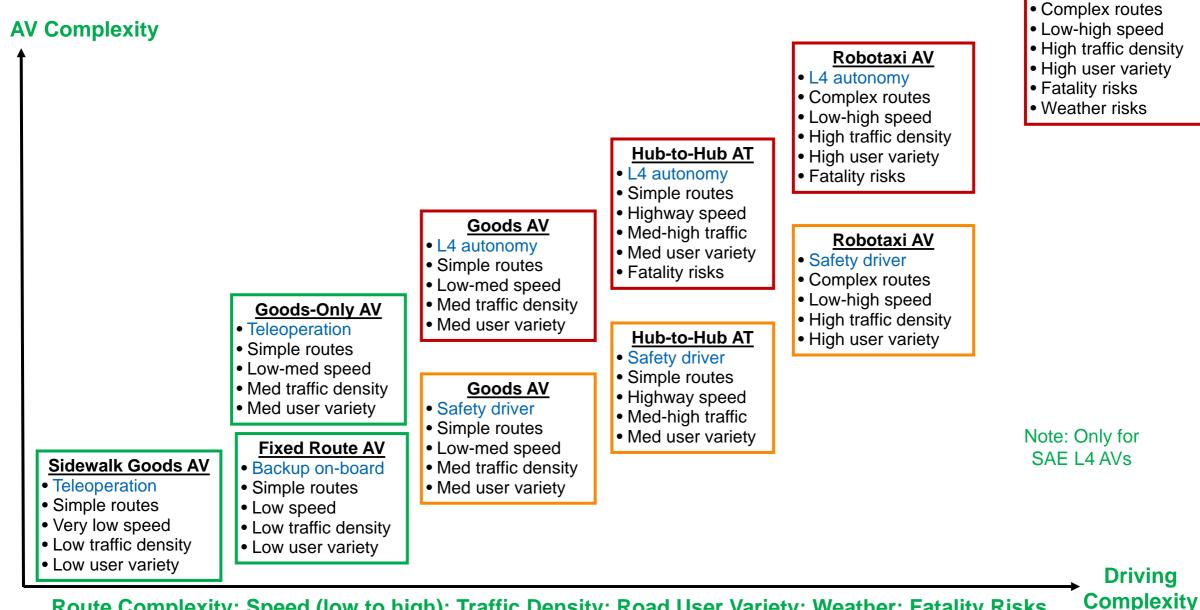
## Safety: Human Driver vs. AV Software Driver 1 of 2

| Issues  | Human Driver  | AV Software Driver   |
|---|---|--|
| Driver's license                              | <ul> <li>Test to prove traffic rules proficiency</li> <li>Driving test to prove driving skills</li> <li>Difficulty varies by state &amp; country</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>Traffic rules built into software</li> <li>AV software driver's license? When? How?</li> <li>AV software testing permit variations</li> </ul> |
| Driving skills & experience                   | <ul> <li>Months-years-decades of experience</li> <li>Few hundred miles to 1M+ miles</li> <li>Driving skill has bell shaped curve</li> </ul>                 | <ul> <li>Road driving: Waymo; 25M+ miles</li> <li>Virtual driving: Waymo; 25B+ miles</li> <li>Driving skill has penetration growth shape</li> </ul>    |
| Distraction: Visual,<br>manual &<br>cognitive | <ul> <li>Variety: kids, eating, daydreaming etc.</li> <li>Growing smartphone distraction</li> <li>Cause about 18% of all U.S. crashes</li> </ul>            | <ul> <li>No software distraction</li> <li>Sensors are possible visual issues</li> <li>Very small factor in AV crashes</li> </ul>                       |
| Speeding                                      | <ul> <li>Common problem for many drivers</li> <li>Cause about 20% of all U.S. crashes</li> </ul>  | <ul> <li>Never; not allowed in software</li> <li>Should not be a factor in AV crashes</li> </ul>   |
| DUI: Driving<br>Under Influence               | <ul> <li>Alcohol impaired driving is common</li> <li>Drug impaired driving is growing</li> <li>A factor in about 20% of all U.S. crashes</li> </ul>         | <ul> <li>Not applicable</li> <li>Could cybersecurity attacks be an issue?</li> <li>Should not be a factor in AV crashes</li> </ul>                     |
| Reaction Time                                 | <ul> <li>Experience &amp; individual factors</li> <li>Drivers' distraction level</li> </ul>   | <ul> <li>Faster reaction than human drivers</li> <li>More sensors and 360-degree view</li> </ul>   |
| Drowsy or tired                               | Common problem  | ► Never  |

## Safety: Human Driver vs. AV Software Driver 2 of 2

| Issues   | Human Driver  | AV Software Driver  |
|--|---|---|
| Weather impact & weather judgement   | <ul> <li>Better than AV, but often over-confident</li> <li>Common problem: drive too fast in fog</li> <li>Driving on flooded roads, etc.</li> </ul>                 | <ul> <li>Mostly testing fair weather driving</li> <li>Better weather performance expected</li> <li>Judgement: Clear go/no-go in software</li> </ul>                   |
| Edge cases   | <ul> <li>Advantage! Drivers can handle edge cases</li> <li>Better communication with road users</li> <li>Humans are good at fault mitigation</li> </ul>             | <ul> <li>Main current disadvantage</li> <li>Hard to predict pedestrian actions</li> <li>Key to match human driver skills</li> </ul>                                   |
| Crash avoidance & system failure   | <ul> <li>Human driving skill level is key</li> <li>Driver must minimize distractions</li> <li>Driver must not speed</li> <li>Driver must not be impaired</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>AV software driving skill &amp; experience</li> <li>Fail-soft software architecture</li> <li>Hardware redundancy</li> <li>Teleoperation as backup</li> </ul> |
| Future questions &<br>Unintended ADAS<br>consequences  | <ul> <li>Will L1-L2-L3 autos have less crashes?</li> <li>Will L1-L2-L3 autos dull driving skills?</li> <li>Safety impact of senior driver growth</li> </ul>         | <ul> <li>How to communicate with road actors?</li> <li>How quickly will edge cases be learned</li> <li>How long are safety drivers needed?</li> </ul>                 |
| Summary  | <ul> <li>3 issues account for 58% of U.S. crashes:</li> <li>Distraction, speeding &amp; DUI</li> <li>Edge cases are rarely a problem</li> </ul>                     | <ul> <li>These 3 issues have no impact on<br/>crashes by AV software driver</li> <li>Edge case improvements are needed</li> </ul>                                     |
| Edge case: New driving situation or new variations, which is unknown to the AV driver software |   |   |

# **AV Use Cases vs. Complexity**



Route Complexity; Speed (low to high); Traffic Density; Road User Variety; Weather; Fatality Risks

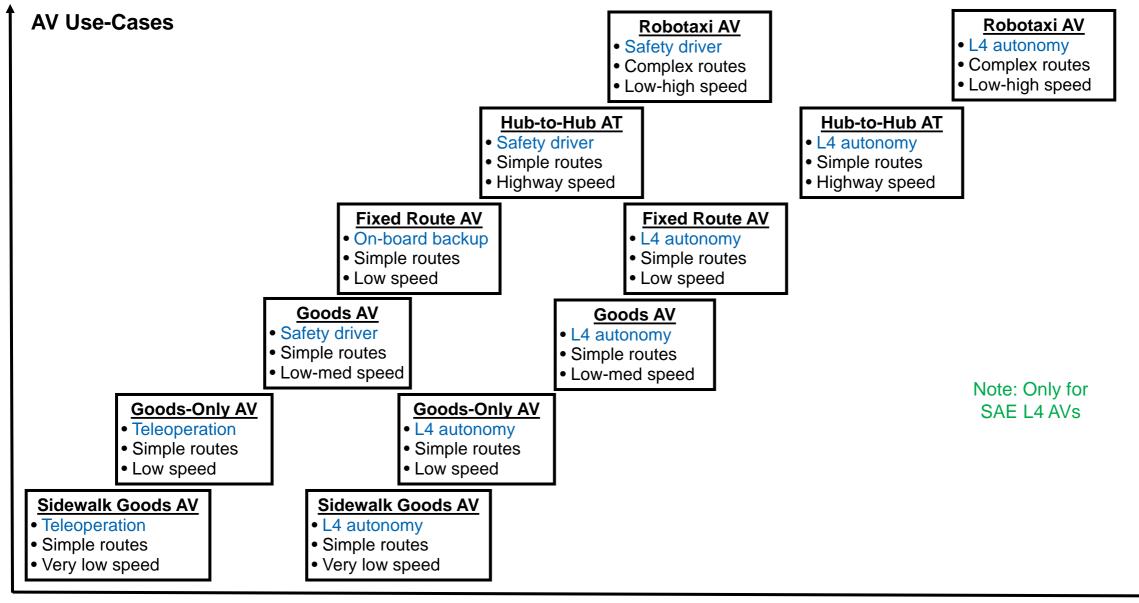
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**Personal AV** 

L4 autonomy

### AV vs. Autonomy Degree



**Limited Autonomy** 

**High Autonomy** 

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### **Autonomous Vehicle Regulation Overview**

|  | Key Information  | Other Information   |
|--|--|---|
| ISO 22737<br>Low-speed<br>autonomous<br>driving (LSAD) | <ul> <li>Low-speed autonomous driving for pre-defined routes</li> <li>Within specific L4 operational design domains (ODD)</li> <li>Use-cases: Goods delivery &amp; fixed route AVs</li> <li>Specifies performance, system &amp; test requirements</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>Many last mile applications</li> <li>Likely to have interactions with ITS</li> <li>Bus routes likely to be popular use-cases</li> <li>No specification of sensor technology</li> </ul> |
| German AV<br>regulation                                | <ul> <li>Legal framework for AV deployment</li> <li>L4 use-cases with focus on MaaS</li> <li>AV operation expected in 2022</li> <li>Type Approval required before legal use</li> </ul>   | <ul> <li>Focused only on simplest AV use-cases</li> <li>Personal AVs are not included yet</li> <li>Teleoperation is included in AV regulation</li> <li>Extensive testing required</li> </ul>    |
| France AV regulation                                   | <ul> <li>Highway Code &amp; Transport Code allows AVs</li> <li>Legalized complete framework for AV usage</li> <li>Use-cases are pre-defined routes and zones</li> </ul>  | <ul> <li>Expected to start in September 2022</li> <li>Type Approval (homologation) required before use</li> <li>Similar to ISO 22737 regulation</li> </ul>                                      |
| U.S. AV<br>regulation                                  | <ul> <li>NHTSA ADAS L2 &amp; ADS crash data reporting</li> <li>NHTSA AV proposal released Dec 3, 2020</li> <li>"Framework for Automated Driving System Safety"</li> </ul>  | <ul> <li>Started June 29, 2021; lasts 3 years</li> <li>Written comments ended April 1, 2021</li> <li>AV regulation not expected until 2022 or 2023</li> </ul>                                   |
| China AV<br>regulation                                 | <ul> <li>March 24, 2021-MPS: Road Traffic Safety Act for AVs</li> <li>April 7, 2021-MITT: Draft regulation for L3 and L4</li> <li>May 2021: AV legislation introduced in Shenzhen</li> <li>Aug 2021: AV trials for passengers &amp; goods</li> </ul>         | <ul> <li>AV road testing &amp; AV liability included</li> <li>L5 is not included</li> <li>Other China regions may follow</li> <li>For qualified companies; with safety driver</li> </ul>        |
| Russia   | <ul> <li>Allowed AV testing from November 2018</li> <li>Release plans for updated AV testing in May 2021</li> <li>Yandex is AV leader: robotaxis, sidewalk AVs</li> </ul>  | <ul> <li>Including driverless AVs</li> <li>No public data available yet</li> <li>Over 7M AV test miles as of May 2021</li> </ul>  |
| Japan  | <ul> <li>New RTVA &amp; RTA regulation allows L3</li> <li>L4 testing is permitted under RTA</li> </ul>   | <ul> <li>Took effect on April 1, 2020</li> <li>Japan likely to use ISO 22737 LSAD</li> </ul>  |

# **Standards & Regulation Impacting AVs**

### **Standard/ Regulation/Other**

- ISO 26262Functional safety standardASIL ratings: A, B, C, D
- UNECE WP.29 Cybersecurity & OTA requirements
  - Hardware-protected security
- - GRVA/2019/2 cybersecurity
  - Mitigating AV risk due to system failure
  - Decision making for SAE L3-L4-L5
  - Interoperability Format, Safety Analysis
  - Automated-driving—software standard
  - Safety check list for AV designs
  - Automated Vehicle Safety Consortium
  - Safety First for Automated Driving

### Focus

- Safety-critical embedded systems: ADAS
- Becoming a standard for processor chips too
- Regulation, including type-approval rules
- ► For propulsion, braking, steering, security, safety
- Supported by 26 OEMs & 20 T-1s; Feb 2020 draft
- Formal UN standard; may take effect Sep 2020
- Safety of the intended functionality (SOTIF)
- Rule-based mathematical models for AV decisions
- Safety Verification of IP, SoC & Mixed Signal ICs
- Limited to safety aspects of AV software
- Build the safety case for an AV design: L4-L5
- Safety principles for SAE Level 4 and 5
- OEM/Tier-1 consortium; White paper on AVs

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SAE J3101

**UN WP.29** 

ISO 21448

**IEEE P2846** 

**IEEE P2851** 

**IEEE P1228** 

SAE & OEMs

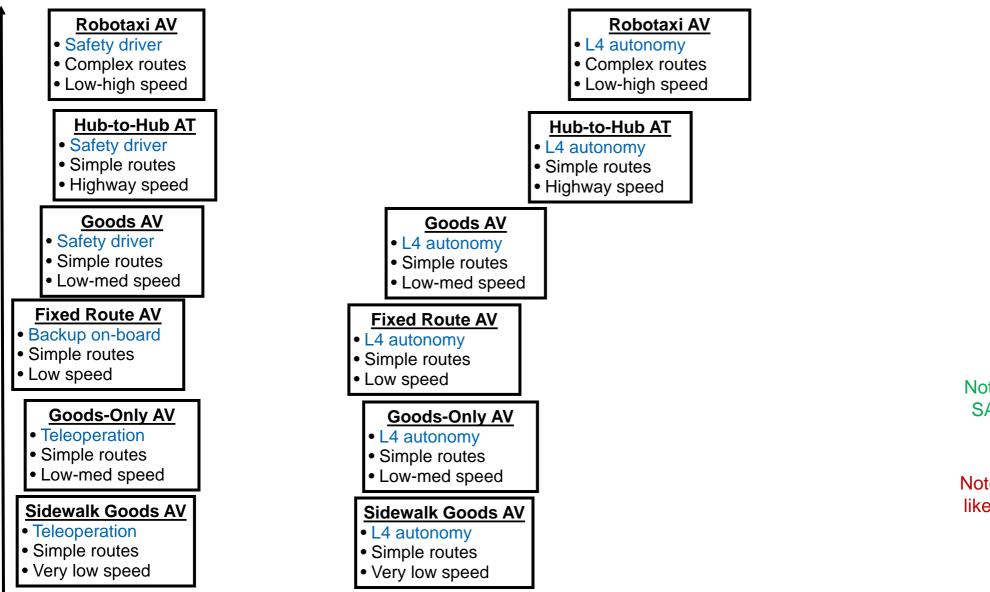
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SaFAD

SOTIF=Safety of the Intended Functionality; UL=Underwriters' Lab; UN=United Nations

#### **AV Complexity**

### **AV Use Cases: Deployment**



<u>Personal AV</u>
L4 autonomy
Complex routes
Low-high speed

Note: Only for SAE L4 AVs

Note: Teleoperation is likely in all regulation

#### 2021-22

#### 2023-24 Source: Egil Juliussen; September 2021

### **2025-26**

2027-28



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### Questions

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