AVs must be EVs

Joe MacDougald
A Story of Three Cars
Some News....
Self-Driving-Car Research Has Cost $16 Billion. What Do We Have to Show for It?

“The point is that it's very expensive to make self-driving a reality, and when it does happen, these companies are going to spend years trying to pay off the research and development that's needed for a robot to chauffeur you around town. If you look at Uber and Lyft right now, their ride-share business plans don't actually produce a profit. Robo-taxis could reduce the cost of each ride in the future.”
A House panel will hold a hearing Tuesday on autonomous vehicles as lawmakers try to hammer out legislation to advance self-driving cars.

An Energy and Commerce subcommittee overseeing automotive issues will hear from officials of trade groups representing automakers and tech companies, as well as safety advocates and a San Francisco transit official.
U.S. Lawmakers Hear Arguments for New Safeguards for Self-Driving Cars

By Reuters

Feb. 11, 2020

WASHINGTON — A U.S. House panel on Tuesday heard from advocates of imposing stricter safeguards for self-driving cars as part of any effort to speed the adoption of the vehicles on U.S. roads.

At the same subcommittee hearing, groups representing automakers and tech companies touted benefits of autonomous vehicles and warned the United States risks falling behind China and other countries without new legal backing.

U.S. lawmakers have been divided for years over what consumer and legal protections should be added to any self-driving legislation. Significant divisions emerged at Tuesday's hearing and officials say the effort faces tough odds to win approval before the end of 2020, even as aides plan to release additional discussion drafts of self-driving legislative proposals.
A Race....

• ““The U.S. has fallen behind, and we will continue to fall behind if we fail to act,” [Representative Cathy McMorris] Rodgers said. “If we fail, this transformative technology will go abroad.”

…And Caution

• “‘Troubling safety incidents, regulatory black holes, and lax oversight threaten to disrupt this critical balance and the future of this technology itself,’ [Rep. Frank Pallone, chairman of the House Energy and Commerce Committee], said. “Regulators must have the expertise to understand self-driving technology and not just rely on the assurances of technology companies.”

U.S. lets autonomous vehicle bypass human-driver safety rules

• “For the first time, the U.S. government’s highway safety agency has approved a company’s request to deploy a self-driving vehicle that doesn’t meet federal safety standards that apply to cars and trucks driven by humans”.

BUT NO EV REQUIREMENT?

• The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration granted temporary approval for Silicon Valley robotics company Nuro to run low-speed autonomous delivery vehicles that were designed so they can’t carry humans.

• Nuro’s vehicles won’t be required to have side and rear-view mirrors and other safety provisions. Also not on the safety feature list; windshield wipers, steering wheels or brake pedals.
Issues of our Research

• 1. State Structures
• 2. Legal Liability
• 3. Insurance Issues
• 4. Broader Policy Issues
1. State Structures
AV Laws

- Each year, the number of states considering legislation related to autonomous vehicles has gradually increased.
- In 2018, 15 states enacted 18 AV related bills.
- In 2017, 33 states have introduced legislation. In 2016, 20 states introduced legislation.
- Sixteen states introduced legislation in 2015, up from 12 states in 2014, nine states and D.C. in 2013, and six states in 2012.
AV Laws

• Since 2012, at least 41 states and D.C. have considered legislation related to autonomous vehicles.

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State Authorization

• No Federal Response of note – yet!
• 30 States have some regulations or executive orders.
Connecticut

• Connecticut, for instance, has a law calling for a study committee on AVs.
Arizona

• Positive Law encouraging Avs.
Other States

- Prohibit towns or cities from passing laws interfering with AVs.
Michigan

- Senate Bill 995 – Avs are allowed on the roads!
- Other states, allowing in specific area.
Liability
Can You Sue a Robocar?

A pedestrian killed by a self-driving Uber in Tempe shows that the legal implications of autonomous cars are as important, if not more so, than the technology.

IAN BOGOST  MARCH 20, 2018
Municipal Liability

• Municipalities will gain a lot from autonomous vehicles in terms of new planning options. But what are their liabilities?
Simple Question
What if the lines are mis-painted?
Other assumptions

• New forms of vehicles as electrification spreads?
• Bikes – Motorcycles – Electrified bikes – New Truck Designs
Justice Issues

• Who will be driving the non-autonomous, less safe cars?
• Who will be in the cars around you?
• Eventually, people of reduced means.
Traffic Pattern Innovation

• Connected Vehicles – No Stoplights?
• Faster speeds in town.
• Self-parking – Land Use Issue?
3. Insurance Issues
Insurance

• A recent meeting w/insurance executives confirmed an industry report – insurance premium drop due to autonomous vehicles:

80%!
Tesla is building up in-house insurance as Model S tops list of most expensive cars to insure

Fred Lambert - May. 29th 2018 8:37 am ET  @FredericLambert
Tesla = iPhone?

- Tesla and Volvo have separately discussed providing insurance as part of the “service” of owning the car. Absorbing all liability.
- Does this create disparity in an accident?
- Will connected cars always have a clearer picture of the accident?
Tesla Insurance

Tesla Insurance is a competitively priced insurance offering designed to provide Tesla vehicle owners with up to 20% lower rates, and in some cases, as much as 30%. Tesla Insurance offers comprehensive coverage and claims management to support Tesla owners in California and will expand to additional U.S. states in the future. Tesla Insurance offers a convenient monthly payment with no hidden fees or charges. Customers may cancel or change their Tesla Insurance policy at any time via the call center at 1-844-34-TESLA.

If you are a Tesla vehicle owner in California, you can now purchase a policy in as little as one minute.

If you are purchasing a new vehicle in California, request a quote before delivery once an assigned VIN is available in your Tesla Account.
Roundtable

• NAIC Roundtable.
• Issues of Education.
• Municipal Education.
4. Broader Policy Issues
Other Group: Policy

- Traffic Policy
- Geography
- Psychology
- Law
- Insurance
How to Think of Policies?

• **Inside the car**: Expectations between the driver and the manufacturer.

• **Around the Car**: Expectations between the car and the world around.

• **Away from the Car**: Policies driven to work through liability and management.
Inside the Car

Hold Steering Wheel
• The Car “Assumes a world”.

• It models, but those models are based on assumptions as to what it “sees”. 
Who is in charge?

- The NHTSA is doing individualized investigations of Tesla autopilot accidents.
- Who is responsible for the accident?
- What is your responsibility for running autopilot.
Open issues

1. Training. Personal experience, minimal despite manual having limitations.
2. Operation on non-divided highways.
3. More per-clearance of the road?
Psychological Factors

• Some studies seem to imply that there is a fixed time limit for humans to react from dis-engaged to engaged mode. Studies are from manufacturing floor supervision. Perhaps as long as 6 seconds – assuming attention.
Finally

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But What About Charging Networks?
Charge Point – Same Area! (Slower)
Ex. Chargepoint.com

- Aggregating Private Networks – encouraged by groups like Chargepoint.
- 21 States have some form of state program.
State Incentives: Charging Stations (SliChargepoint)

- California: Alameda Municipal Power:
  - up to $500 for a ChargePoint Home.
  - $15/month utility bill rebate for agreeing to charge overnight only.
Texas

- **Austin Energy**: rebate of 50% of the purchase and installation cost of a ChargePoint Home station. The maximum rebate amount is $1,200 for Wi-Fi-enabled charging stations.
One Federal Program Exists

• It is a 2.8 Billion dollar program to expand the charging networks.
What are the issues surrounding these new form of vehicles?
Questions
First Car : EV 1
In the USA, cars have two sources of emissions regulation. The Federal Government and California.
State Regs can Move Industry

- California created a Zero Emissions Vehicle Standard.
- GM makes EV1
- 1996-1999
- ZEV Change
- Revived?!
Today

• Car incentives for electric vehicles continue - $7,500 up to 200,000 vehicles.
• State incentives continue.
• Note: From Tesla! Companies very savvy.

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History of Defeat Devices

• 1974: VW !! (Settled – WSJ)
• 1998: Diesel industry.
• Now - VW
How European emissions testing works

Test temperature: Typically 25 degrees Celsius (can be between 20-30 degs)

- **Fan** provides air flow to match vehicle speed
- **Rollers**
- **Tyre pressures and fluids** must be the same as on the road
- **Air con and lights** switched off
- **Exhaust** connected to analytical computer
Real World Testing
Not New! California in 1960s
(www.kcet.org)
Defeat Device Cars
40 CFR 89.107

• § 89.107 Defeat devices.
• (a) An engine may not be equipped with a defeat device.
• (b) For purposes of this section, “defeat device” means any device, system, or element of design which senses operation outside normal emission test conditions and reduces emission control effectiveness……
VW Settlement

- Includes $2 Billion for an electric vehicle charger to the Federal Government.
- $800 million for work in California.
- They have formed a company Electrify America, just for this purpose.
Electrify America

“Over a ten year period ending in 2027, Electrify America will invest $2 billion in Zero Emission Vehicle (ZEV) infrastructure and education programs in the United States.”
Electrify America

“Of this $2 billion, $1.2 billion will be invested nationwide (in states other than California), while $800 million will be invested in California, the largest single ZEV market in the world.”