

# Clearing the Validation Hurdle for Connected and Autonomous Vehicles

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# SO HOW MANY MILES TO VALIDATE AN AV?

Waymo >20M total self-driving miles,  
74,000 driverless miles (2019)

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# A SOBERING TREND IN TRAFFIC DEATHS

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# SOLVING THE LONG-TAIL PROBLEM IN AUTONOMOUS DRIVING

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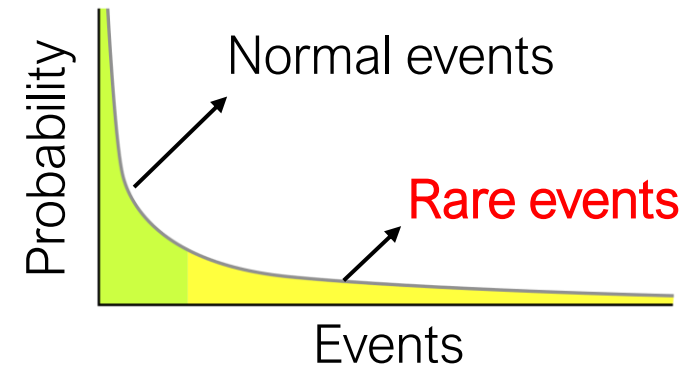
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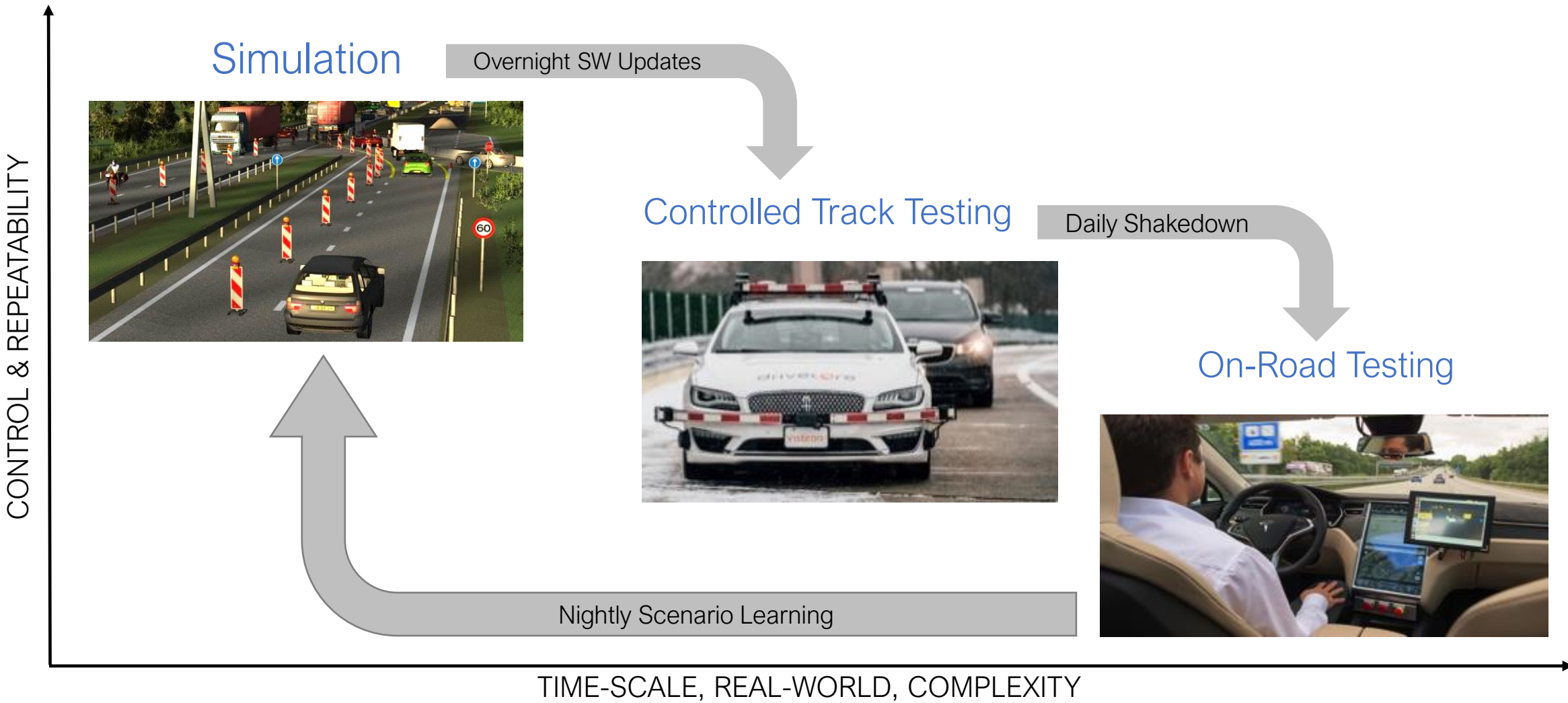
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## Long Tail of Events



Identifying and validating to edge cases is essential to widespread AV deployment

# EXISTING TESTING METHODS

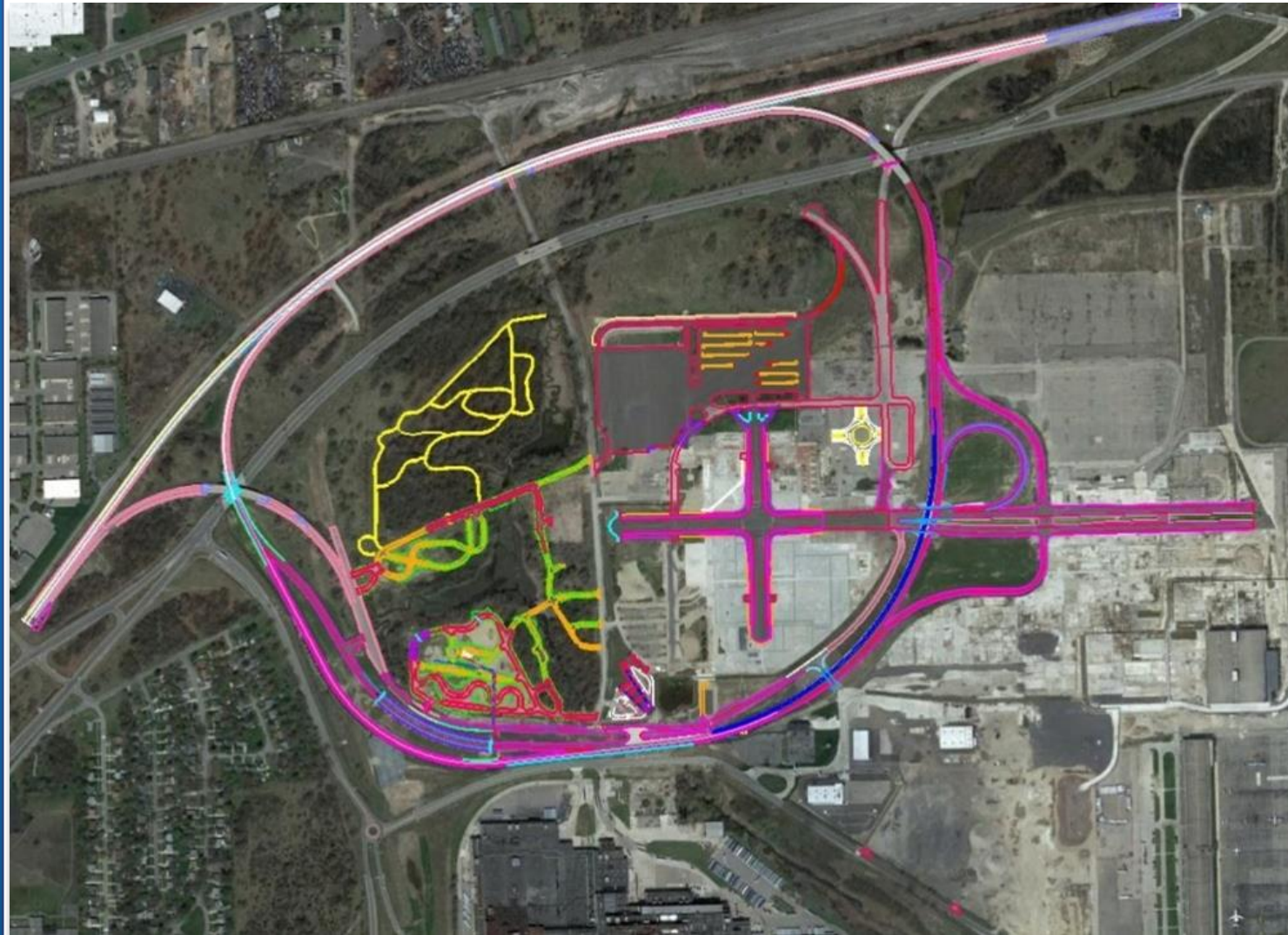




# SMART MOBILITY TEST CENTER

Testing & Validation of Advanced  
Mobility Technologies




Connected and Autonomous Vehicles  
Advanced Driver Assistance Systems  
Electrification (XFC, V2G, Cyber)  
Ecosystem for Future Mobility

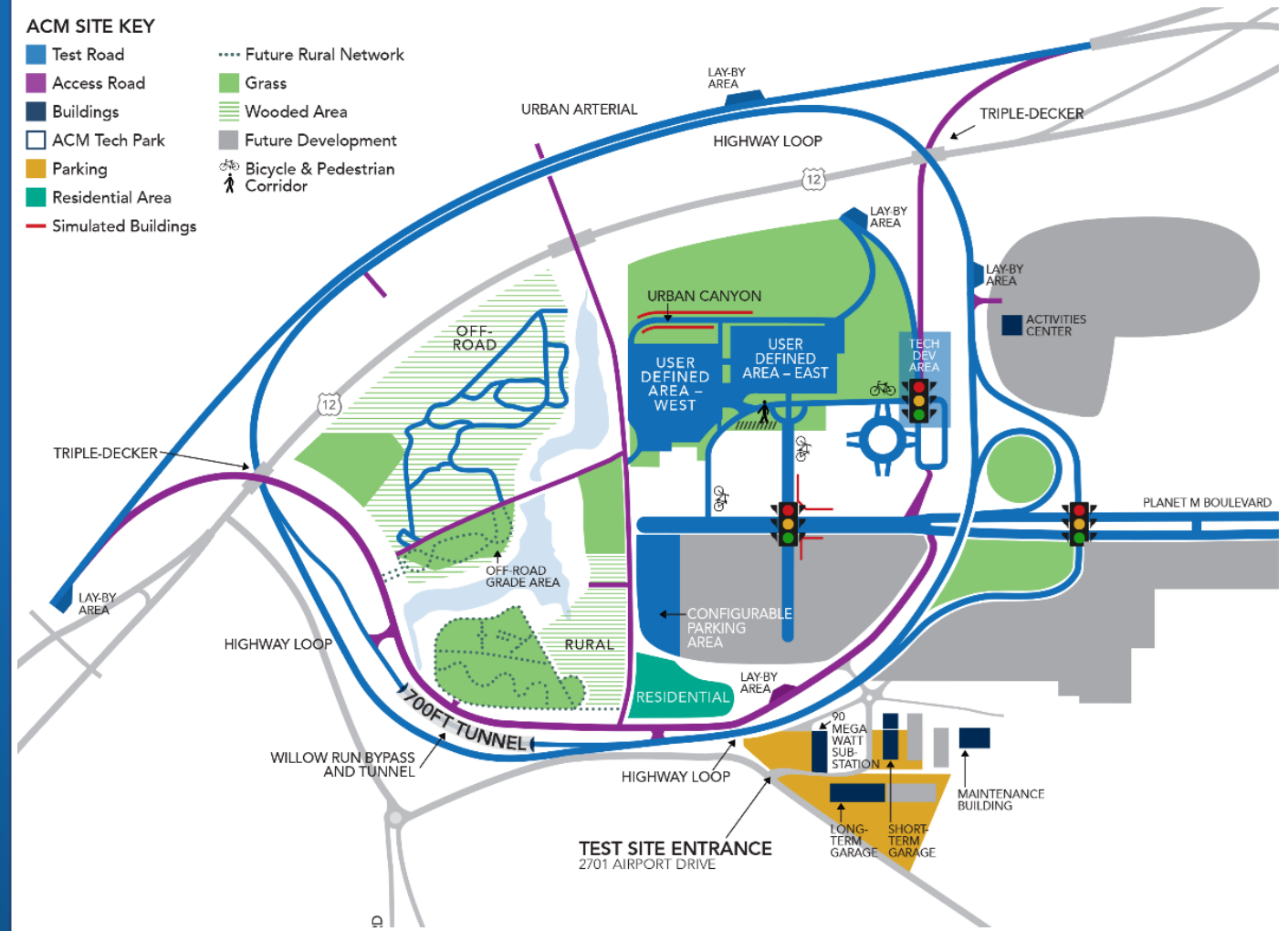


# COMPREHENSIVE REAL-ROAD TEST ENVIRONMENT

1. Real road systems
2. ITS Network Infrastructure
3. Specialized Test Equipment
4. Virtual/Digital Tool Chain

## ACM SITE KEY

 Test Road	 Future Rural Network
 Access Road	 Grass
 Buildings	 Wooded Area
 ACM Tech Park	 Future Development
 Parking	 Bicycle & Pedestrian Corridor
 Residential Area	 Simulated Buildings



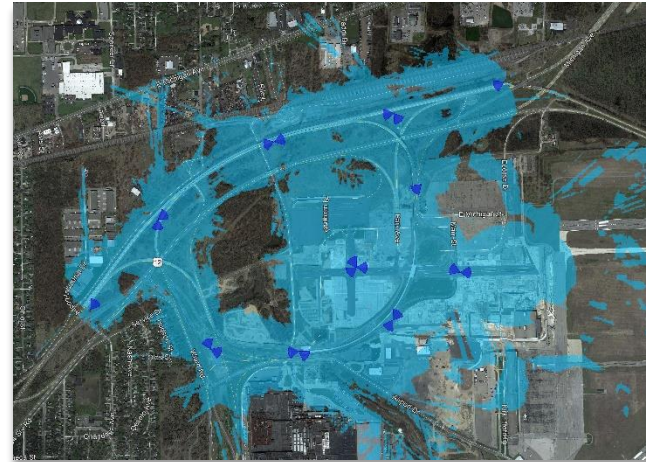
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# NETWORK INFRASTRUCTURE



PRIVATE 4G LTE & 5G SUB-6 CELLULAR



OPTIMIZED CELL COVERAGE



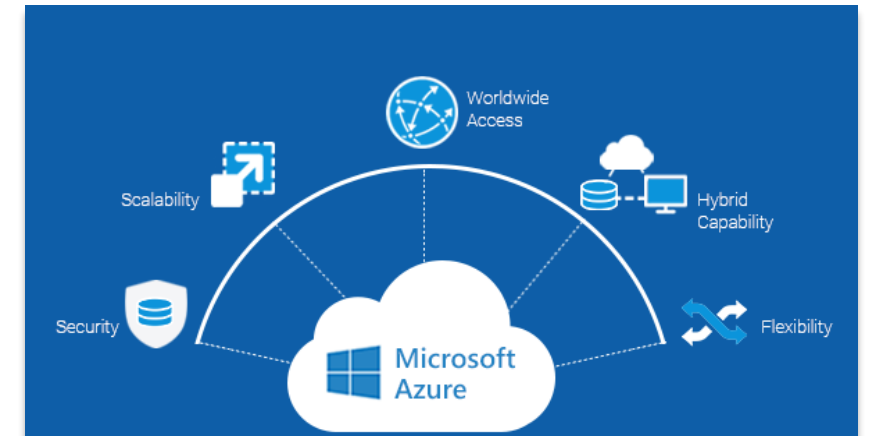
FIBER OPTIC CABLE BACKBONE



DSRC (15 RSUS)  
Upgrading to C-V2X



UP TO 100 GBPS DATA TRANSFER



CLOUD - DATA MANAGEMENT &  
ANALYTICS PLATFORM



# TEST EQUIPMENT: ROBOTIC SOLUTIONS, WEATHER, TARGETS



RAIN AND GRIME TRAILER TRUCK



PEDESTRIAN SOFT TARGETS



SR60 TORUS  
STEERING ROBOT



CBAR600 – COMBINED BRAKE AND  
ACCELERATOR ROBOT



GST – GUIDED SOFT TARGET

# Autonomous Cloud Introduction

- Managed Service supporting critical data, analytics and development capabilities
- Eliminates upfront, multi-million \$ investment and frees talent to focus on mission-critical activities
- Client-specific MVP release is delivered in approx. 12 weeks.

## Data & Analytics

Data Management &  
Analytics Platform (DMAP)  
+  
Cloud Services

## Mapping

3D Point Cloud Maps  
+  
Public Roads

## Modeling & Simulation

Cloud Based  
Simulation Tools  
+  
Edge Case Solutions

## Augmented Reality

Mixed Reality Simulation  
+  
Naturalistic Adversarial  
Driving Environment (NADE)

# DEMONSTRATION AT ACM: CRASH BV CUT-IN AV

**Crash: BV cut-in AV**



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# DEMONSTRATION AT ACM: HIGHWAY MERGING

## Highway Merging



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Values of SAFE-TEST:  
1 ACM Mile = 5000+ Road Miles  
Cost 50 – 100x Less

1. Reduce development costs
2. Compress development cycle



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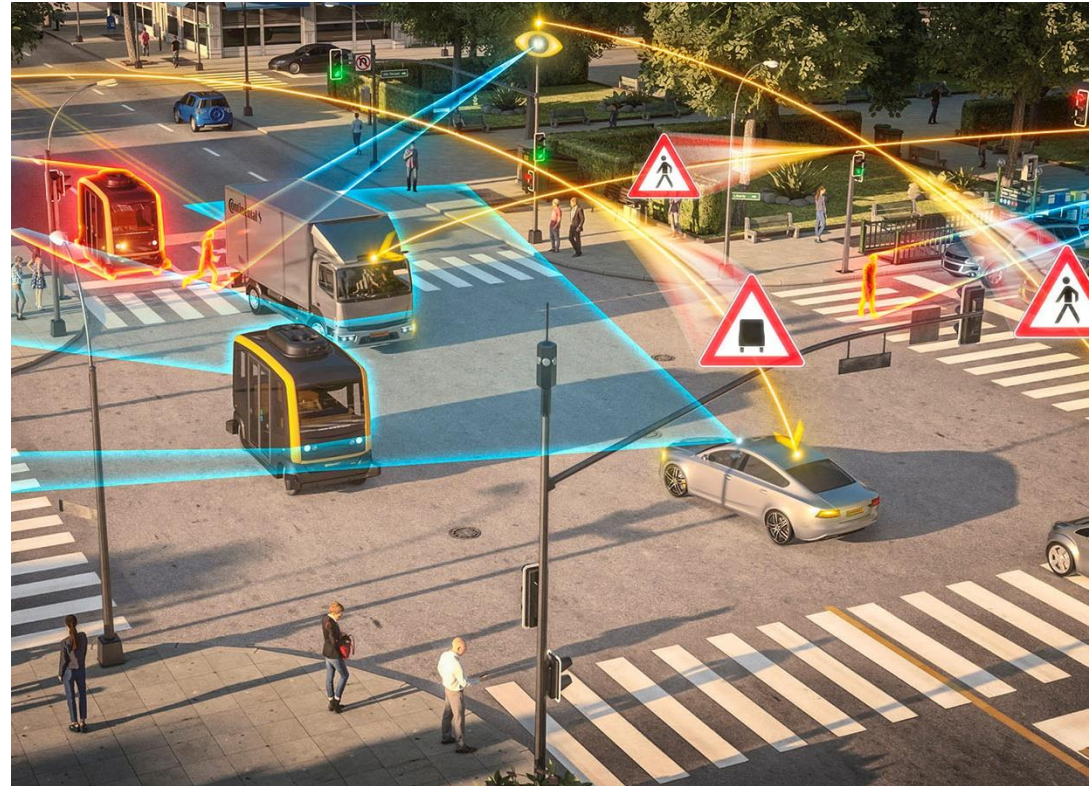


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# CAV TESTING NEEDS

Replicating Real World Scenarios:

- Sensors & perception
- Connectivity
- Interoperability
- Vehicle Interactions:
  - Real-world roads
  - Other vehicles
  - Other types of road use



Bringing together roads, sensors, ITS, tool chain and AV specific testing strategies to accelerate validation





# CLEARING THE AV VALIDATION HURDLE

More advanced validation tools and resources are required to help reduce the amount of public road testing to validate AV's for deployments

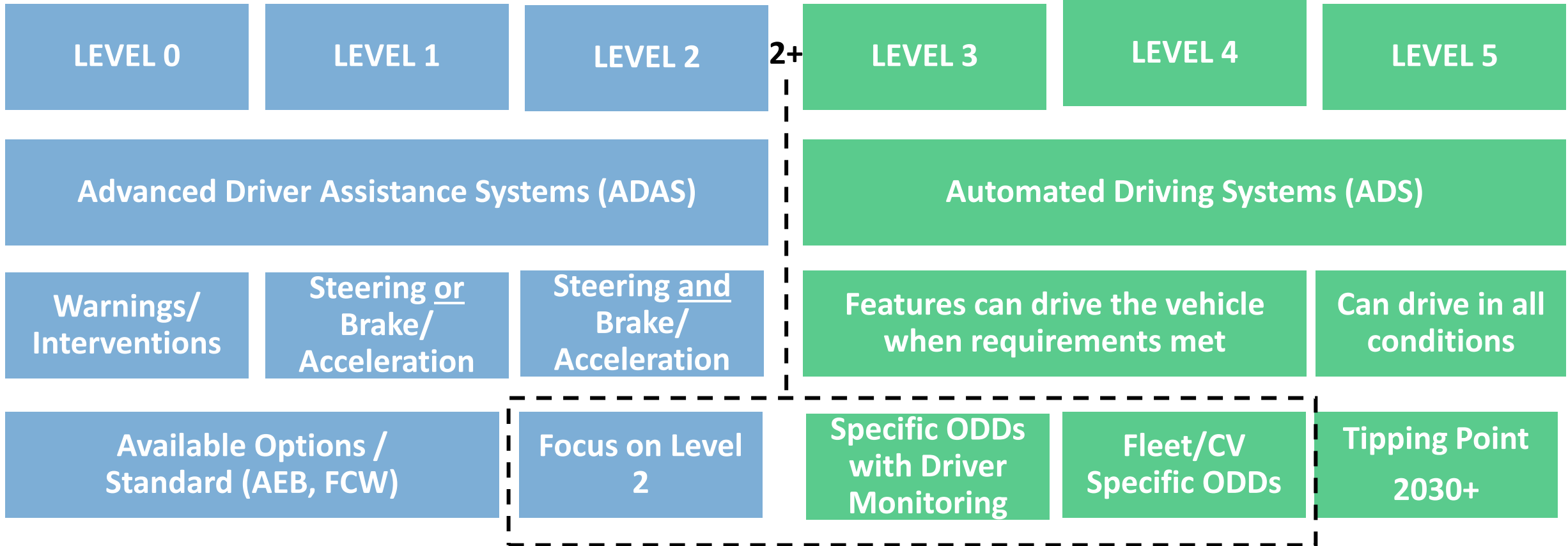
- Public road testing is necessary but insufficient
- Integrated approach simulation, track, road
- More advanced tools
  - Augment Reality, Scenario Generation
- Affordable cloud-based tools
  - Data Management & Analytics
  - Simulation & Compute
- Interoperability (still yet to come)
- Standards (Industry, Federal, State)

# Perspectives on Market Commercialization





# CURRENT INDUSTRY FOCUS ON AUTOMATION



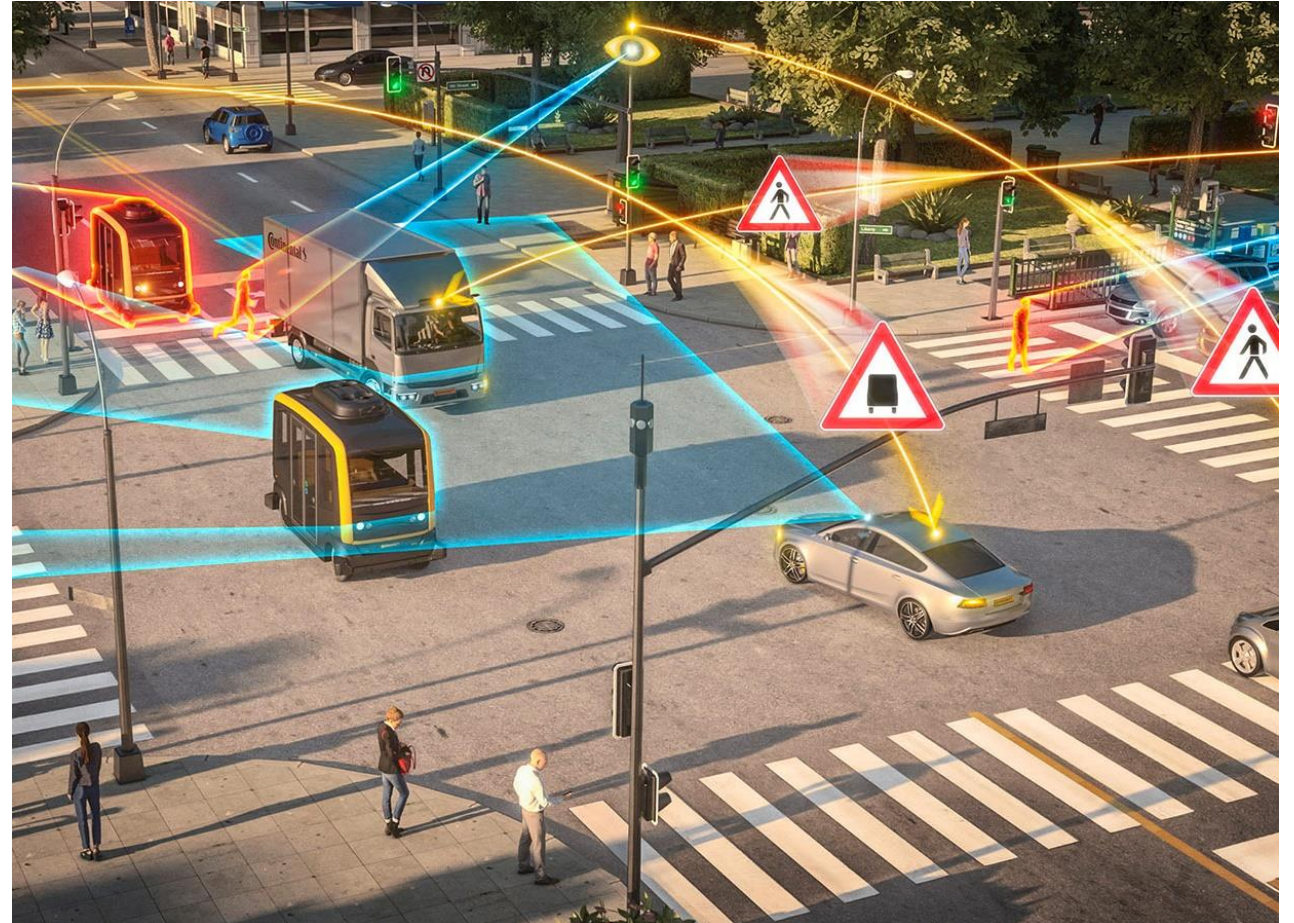
- Level 2+ is not industry standard definition
- Implies Level 3 capabilities but with driver fully engaged

# CONNECTIVITY

Cooperative Driving Automation (CDA) required for full transportation safety, efficiency and mobility benefits

- V2X (DSCR) – phasing out
- C-V2X / 5G – phasing in
- Assumes FCC ruling stands

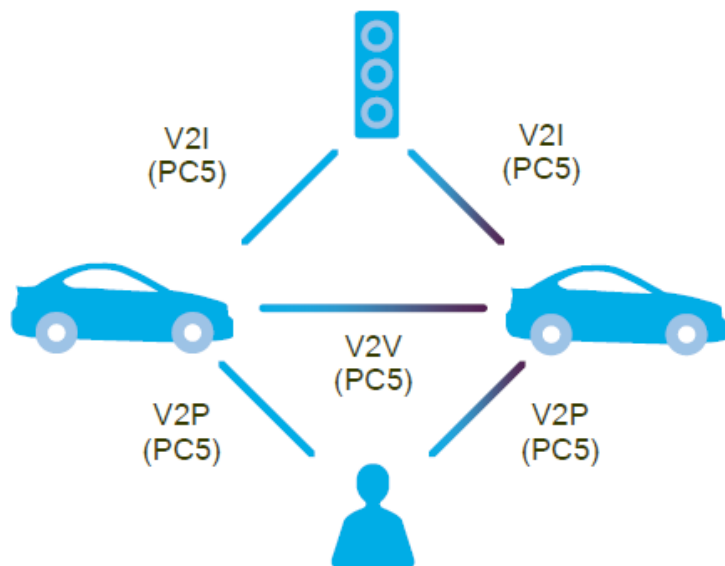
AV's will be deployed in parallel with increasing levels of connectivity



# CELLULAR VEHICLE TO EVERYTHING (C-V2X) (TWO COMPLEMENTARY MODES)

## Direct

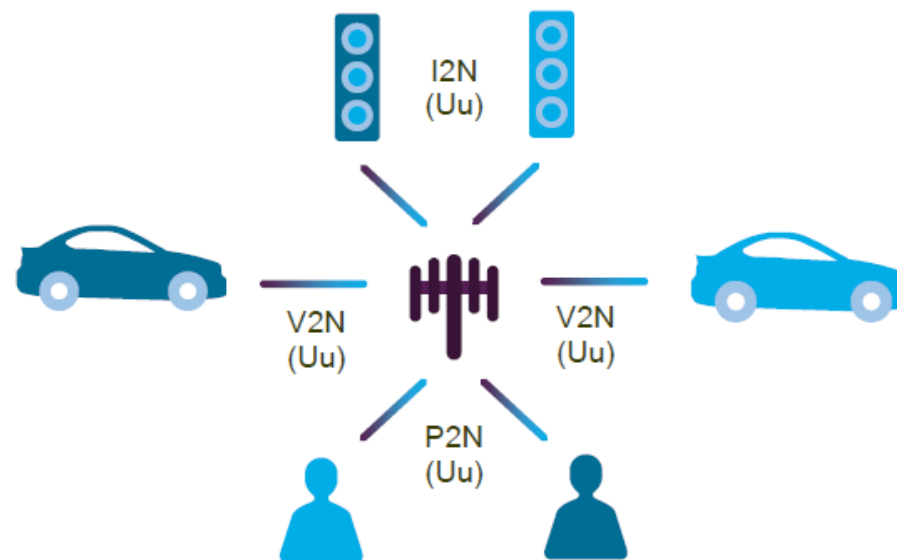
V2V, V2I, and V2P operating in ITS bands (e.g. ITS 5.9 GHz) independent of cellular network



**Short range** (<1 kilometer), location, speed ...  
Implemented over “PC5 interface”

## Network

V2N operates in traditional mobile broadband licensed spectrum



**Long range** (>1 kilometers). e.g. accident ahead  
Implemented over “Uu interface”

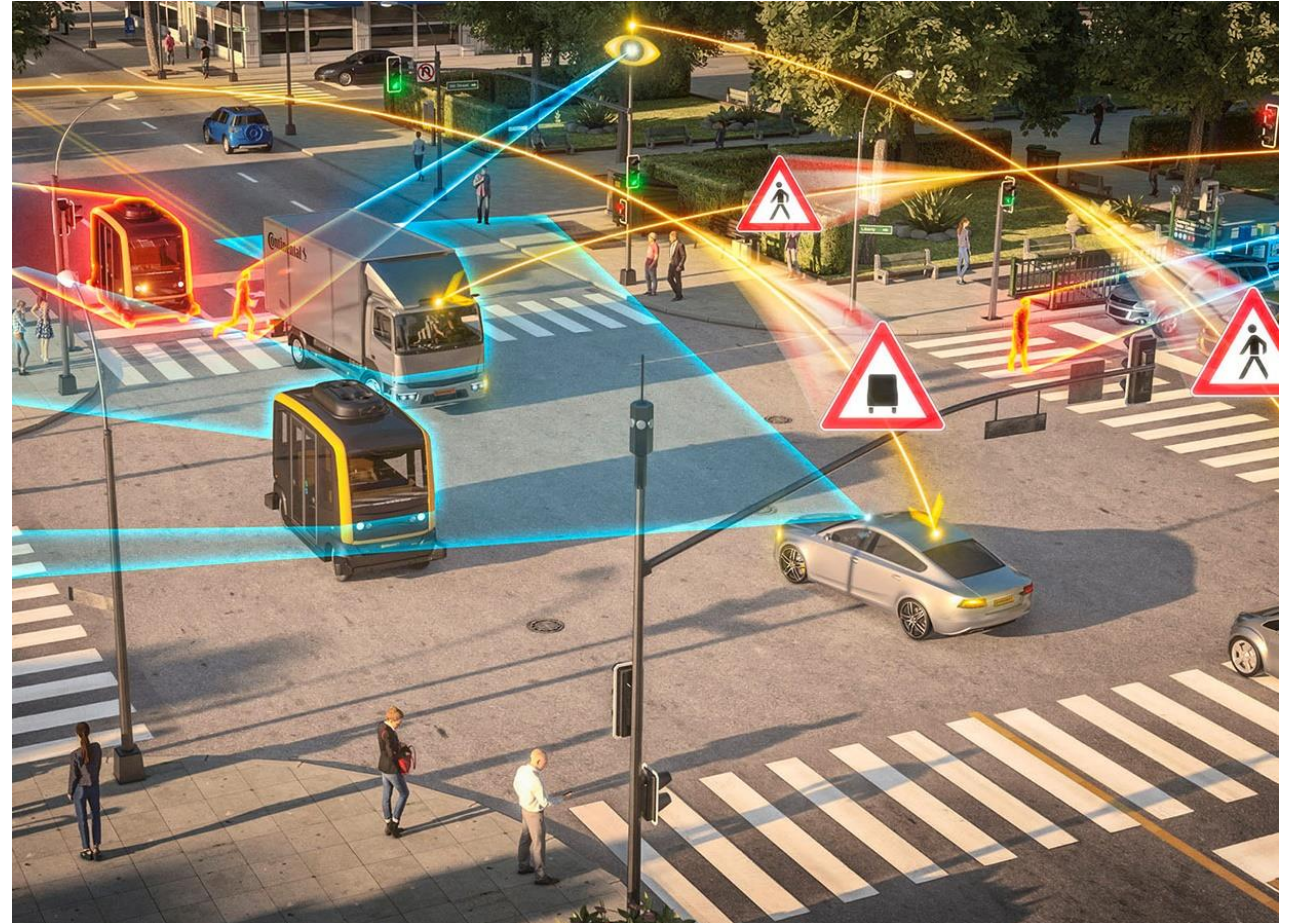
5GAA The C-V2X Proposition:

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# STATUS OF 5G

- Still early stages of roll out
- Not all 5G is the same
  - Low, Mid, mm-wave
  - Coverage vs. Bandwidth
- Mid-Band is said to be sweet spot
- Advances mm-wave Antenna Systems
- Demonstration of V2N use cases
- Limited commercial private network deployment for transportation



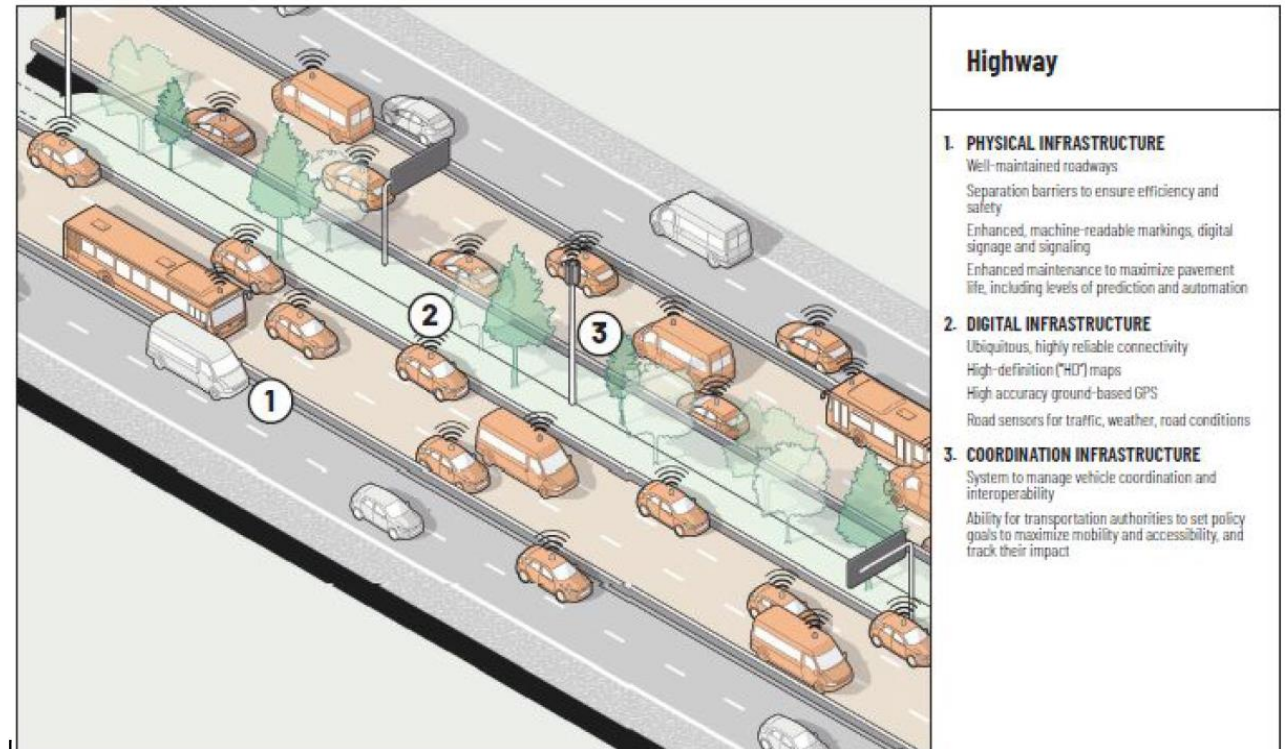


# CONNECTED AND AUTOMATED VEHICLES CORRIDOR

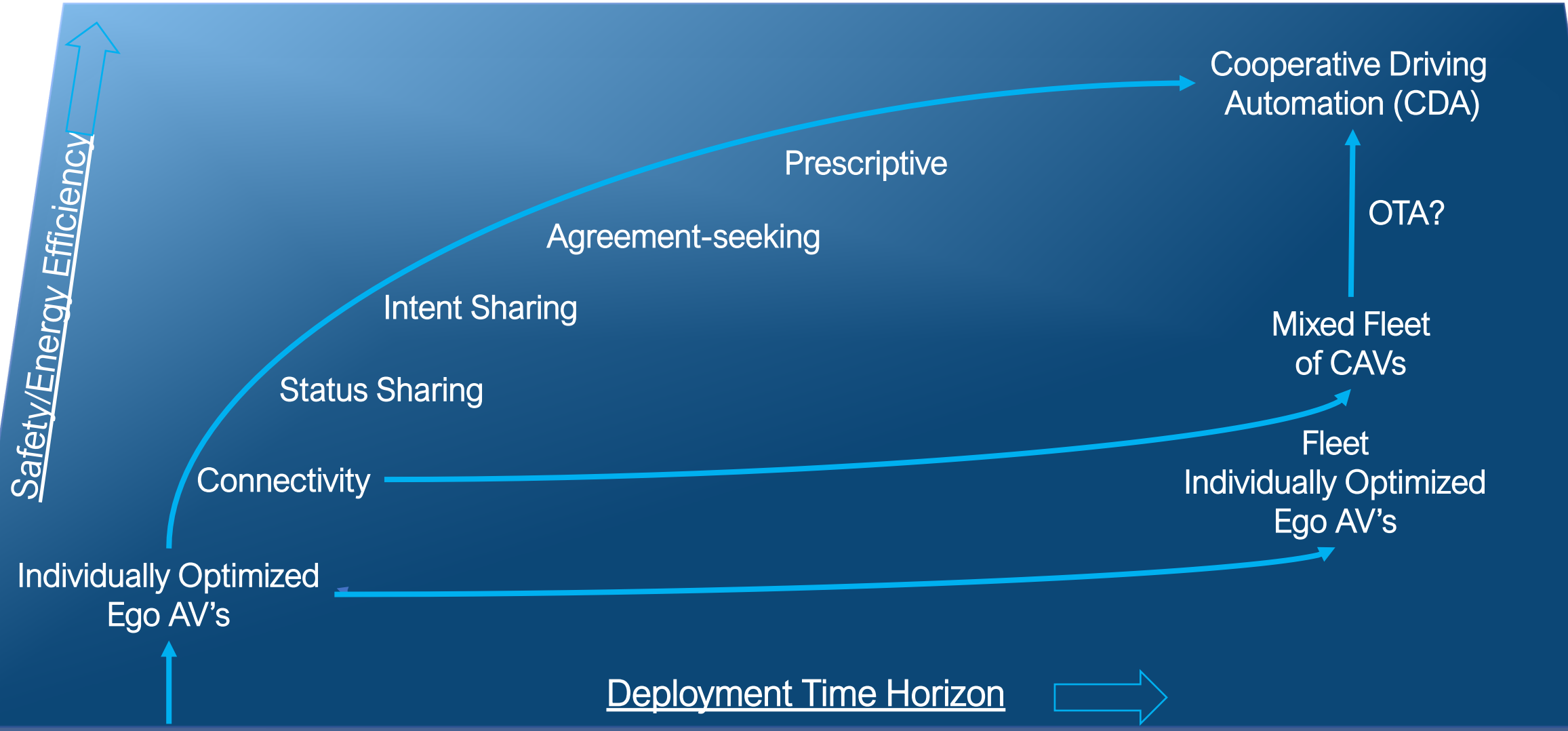
- MDOT working with Cavnue
- 40-mile CAV corridor between Ann Arbor and Detroit
- Managed lane for CAVs with connectivity to infrastructure
- Infrastructure financing model
- “Automated Vehicle Roadway” Proposed MI legislation SB 706

## Example Components of Integrated Infrastructure Technology Framework for CAV Corridors

Source: Cavnue



# PATHWAYS TO COOPERATIVE DRIVING AUTOMATION





# COMMERCIALIZATION PERSPECTIVES

- **Technology** - Not the limiting the factor. Building blocks are available.
- **Design** - Many possible vehicle-infrastructure configurations. Which meet use case requirements?
- **Validation** - Use cases and with proper edge cases is a long pole in the tent
- **Build, Operate, and Maintenance of Infrastructure**
  - Municipalities want to see more vehicles before they invest in infrastructure
  - OEMs reluctant to burden vehicles with chip sets until they see more infrastructure
- **Finance** - Who pays for the benefits (public service, fee for service) is key?
- **Regulatory** – Both safety an energy efficiency policy considerations
  - NHTSA (FMVSS), States for Licensing & Operation
  - New Fuel economy test cycles, EPA window stickers (mpg, EV range), and innovative policy design
- **Market Acceptance** – Will adoption be market-driven by consumers?

# Ways for API to Engage Going Beyond CAV Testing





## GROWING A DIVERSE MOBILITY ECOSYSTEM

ACM's targeted efforts and customer base extends across a variety of industries that comprise the mobility ecosystem.



# ACM AREAS OF FOCUS



**R&D**  
**Test & Validation**  
**Service Partner**  
**Infrastructure Partner**

**TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT**



**B2B**  
**Technology Demonstration**  
**Product Showcase & Launch**  
**Enhancement Sponsor**

**MARKETING**



**Standardization**  
**Committees & Taskforces**  
**Networking & Events**  
**Roundtables**

**CONVENING**



**Training & Professional Development**  
**STEM, K-12, Higher Ed**  
**Challenges & Competitions**  
**Consumer Awareness**

**EDUCATION & WORKFORCE**



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