

# We are in midst of a major Technological Revolution

## One of the most dramatic developments is self-driving cars



Source: USDOT

# Street scene, San Francisco, 1906



# Objectives for Session

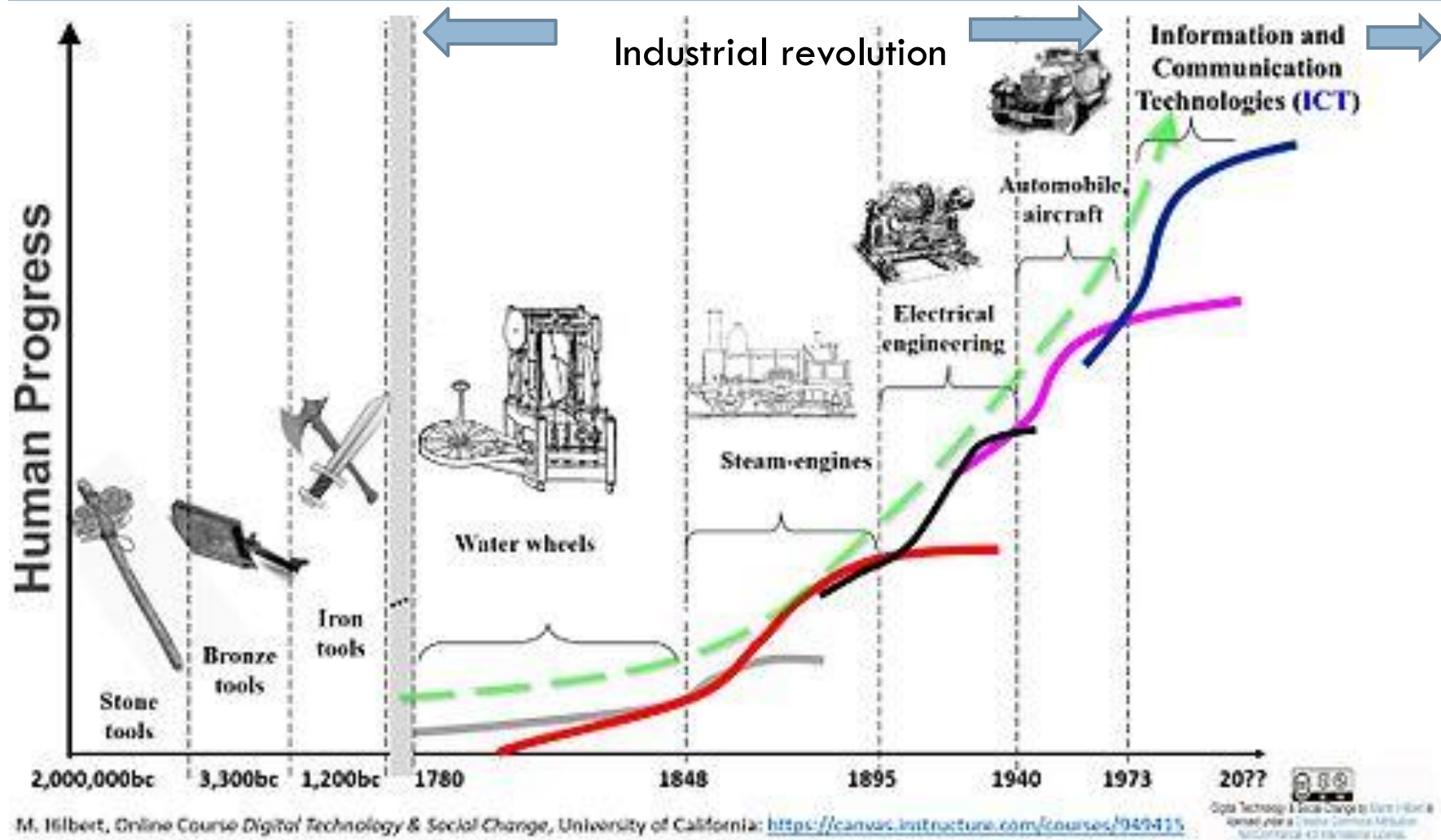


1. **Technological Revolution** (emphasis on transportation and logistics)
2. **Self-Driving Technology Experience to Date**
3. **Likely Next Steps and Societal Implications?**

# The Technological Revolution

- We are in a second big economic revolution; this time its technological/digital (Second Machine Age, MIT Press)
- Many benefits to society of technology like global connectivity, mobility, productivity, knowledge dispersal, medical advancements.....
- But--Jobs are being 'destroyed' and new ones are slow to emerge for many. Oxford Univ. study says nearly half of all jobs are susceptible to at least partial automation.
- Causing economic inequality as well as social and political upheaval and likely to go on for decades.

# Technological revolution timeline?





# How technology has linked us in the early years of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century

- The Internet linked:
  - ▣ 1 billion people by 2005
  - ▣ 2 billion people by 2010
  - ▣ 3 billion people by 2015
  - ▣ Nearing 4 billion now
- Wireless Technology
  - ▣ Smartphones--nearly 2.5 billion users
- What is in store for the remainder of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century?



# Robotics reducing need for labor



# Robotics in automobile assembly line





# Artificial Intelligence(AI): AI with super computers beating human minds

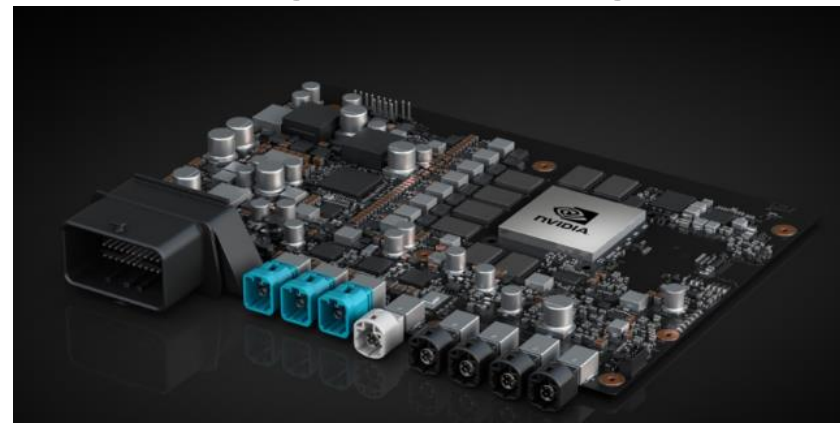
## Google's Go Computer beats top ranked human in 2016



Go player Ke Jie competes against Google's artificial intelligence program AlphaGo during their second match at the Future of Go Summit in China.

## Super Computers and Artificial Intelligence

- **IBM Watson in medicine:**  
A doctor reads about a half dozen medical research papers in a month; Watson can read a half million in about 15 seconds and quickly suggest diagnoses and promising course of treatment.
- **AI enabling self-driving cars:**



# 3-D printing: e.g. remote printing of replacement parts



Could have big impact on transportation logistics.



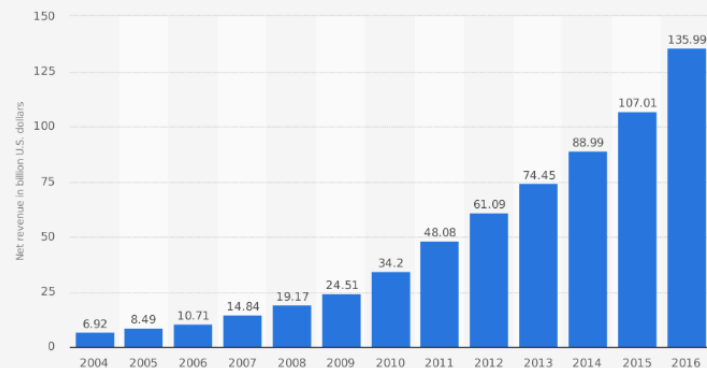
# The Amazon technological revolution

“Amazon is shredding the competition, and the competition just doesn’t know what to do about it”.

- Amazon built around the internet vs. brick and mortar shopping malls
- Amazon grasped the importance of speedy shipping
- Dramatic sales growth
- Over 100 automated warehouses and diverse fleet of vehicles for delivery—Now testing self-driving delivery vehicles and drones.



Net sales revenue of Amazon from 2004 to 2016 (in billion U.S. dollars)





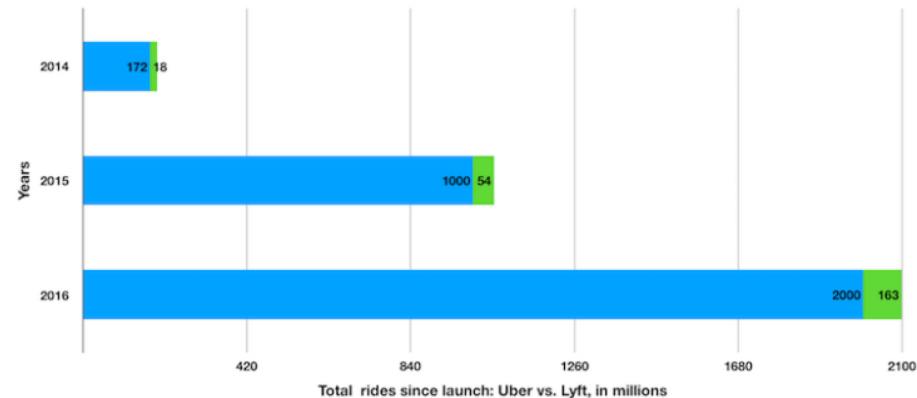
# Technology spurs Ride-Hailing:

## Uber Case

- ❑ Uber Founded in 2009, providing technology enabled transportation service on demand 24/7
- ❑ Dramatic market growth; challenging conventional transport systems
- ❑ Uber operates in nearly 80 countries (dominates in U.S.)
- ❑ Four billion rides provided in 2017
- ❑ Recent Uber challenges; but ride-hailing industry robust worldwide
- ❑ Many other ride-hailing providers: e.g. Lyft, Didi, Grab, Taxify...
- ❑ Uber testing self-driving cars in multiple cities



Number of rides Uber vs Lyft, in millions



Source: [Forbes](#)





## Topic 2: Self-Driving Cars (Autonomous)

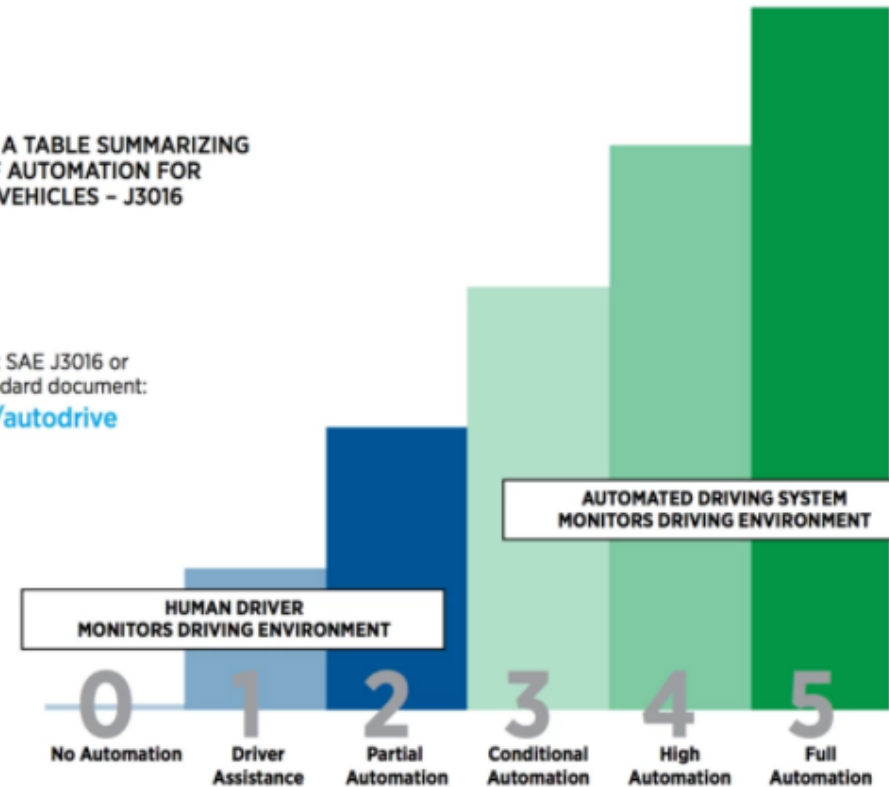
# Stages of Automation

International Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) in 2014

- **Level 1** some steering, braking, or acceleration tasks are performed by the car but everything else is fully under human control
- **Level 2 Partial automation** like autopilot systems on some Tesla vehicles, the vehicle can perform basic driving functions but driver needs to stay alert at the wheel at all times
- **Level 3 Conditional automation** still requires a human driver in seat, but complete hands off under certain traffic conditions
- **Level 4 High automation** car can drive itself most all the time without human input (ex. conditions like severe weather)
- **Level 5 Full automation** in all conditions

▶ OVER FOR A TABLE SUMMARIZING  
LEVELS OF AUTOMATION FOR  
ON-ROAD VEHICLES – J3016

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# Evolution of assisted driving to truly autonomous driving

## Levels 2-3 Partial automation

2



3



## Level 4 and 5 near or full autonomous

4



### GM CRUISE AV

You won't find a steering wheel or pedals in the GM's self-driving ride for the 2019 model year.

GM



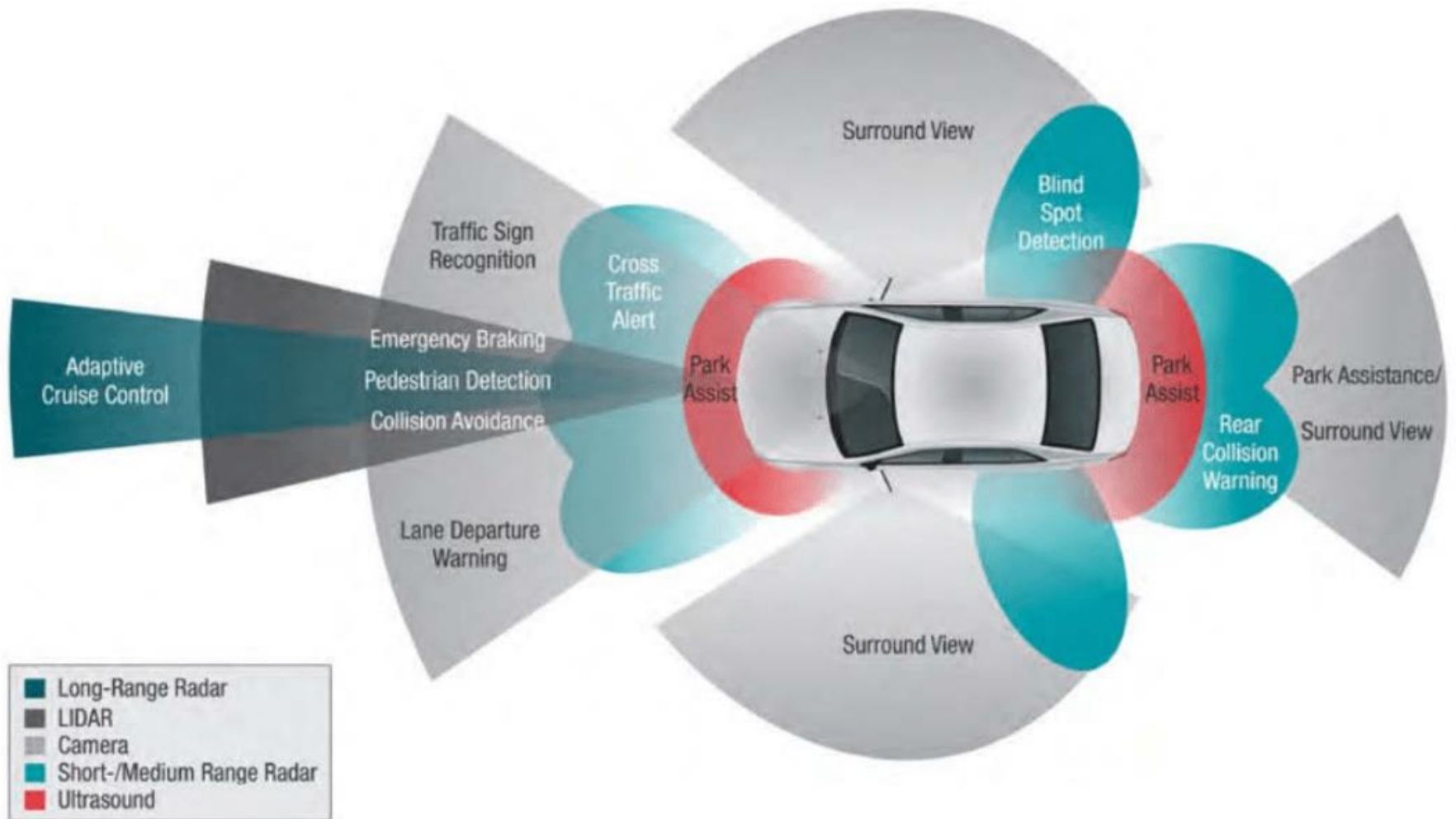
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# Automated Driving: Enabling Technologies

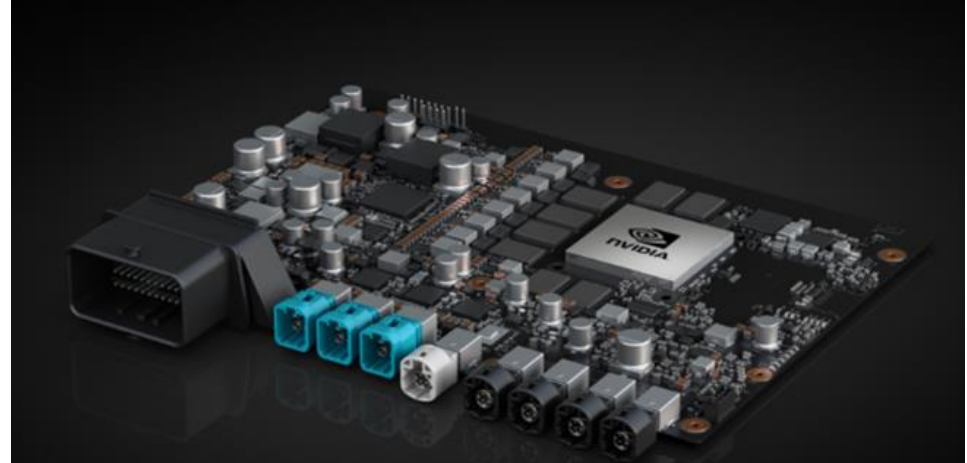


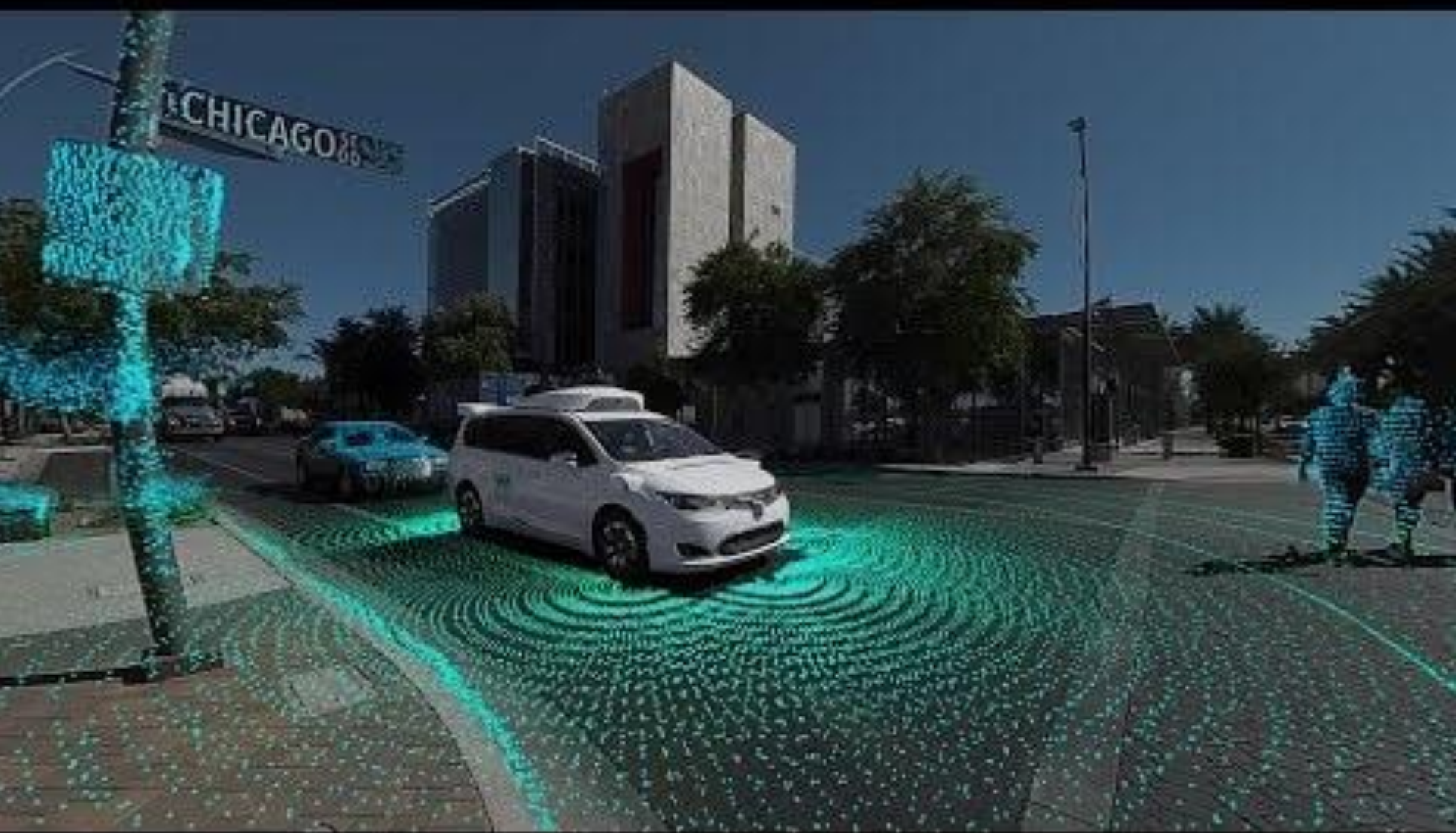
Source: Texas Instruments ADAS Solutions Guide



# AI key to fully self-driving cars

- **Data is fused from multiple cameras as well as Lidar, radar and ultrasonic sensors** allowing algorithms to accurately understand the full 360-degree environment around the car and respond appropriately.
- **The Nvidia AI computer can compute 300+ trillion operations per second.**









# Who is in the game? Who is leading?

50+ Companies registered in California for testing; Google (WAYMO) out front on road testing (some 5 million miles) and first self-driving service in AZ





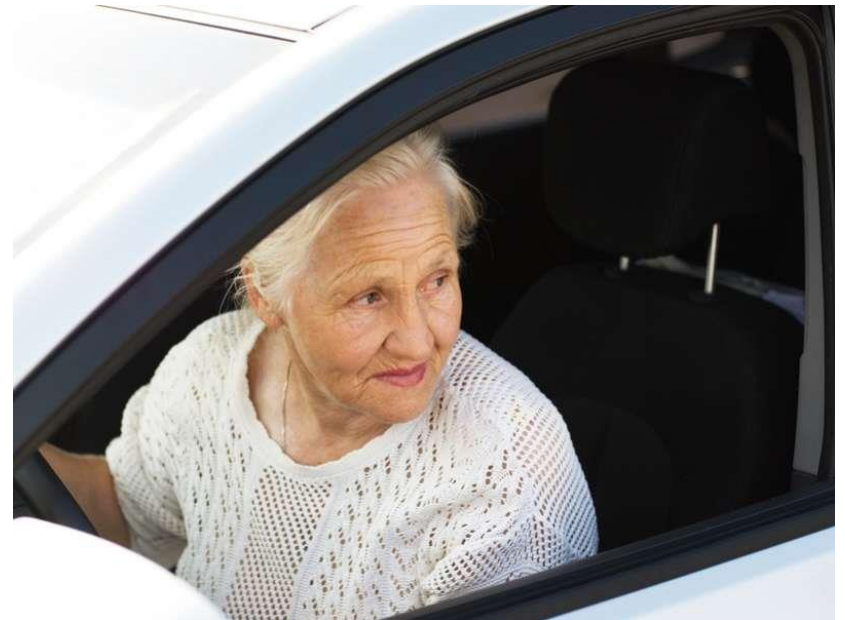
# Benefits of Self Driving Vehicles

## Safety

- Nearly 40,000 highway deaths yearly
- Over 90 percent due to human error



## Mobility for all ages

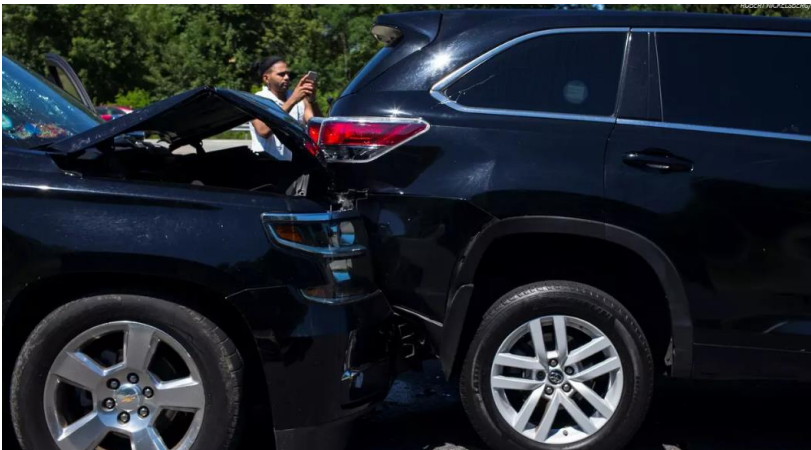


# Safety experience to date

- Since 2014, there have been 65 reported minor crashes involving self-driving cars on California roads, and 1 fatal crash (Tesla).
- Most happened when a human-driven car rear-ended a self-driving car stopped at signal or driving at low speed.

- **Tesla's 2 Driver Fatalities**

- **1<sup>st</sup> driver fatality in Florida**- National Transp. Safety Board (NTSB) said largely driver fault, failed to respond to multiple warnings; **2<sup>nd</sup> in California** under investigation.
  - NTSB says **Tesla crashes have declined** since introduction of 'autopilot'.
- **Uber- pedestrian fatality** in Arizona, preliminary report NTSB.
- **NTSB warns** manufacturers not to over promise on driverless technology
- **Transparency** important to build public trust.



# Tesla Crashes

**Florida fatality**-Radar did not pick up white truck; Tesla driver however faulted by NTSB for not heeding multiple warnings to take control of car

## Tesla Fatality in Florida 2016



## Tesla Fatality in California 2018 plus crash into police cruiser and firetruck!



# Uber self-driving car pedestrian fatality

## **Warning**

Some viewers may find the following footage distressing

**The  
Guardian**



# Federal/State Regulators

## Federal oversight

- NTSB crash investigations
- USDOT working on 3<sup>rd</sup> generation of rulemaking
  - ▣ Flexible policy allowing wide testing on public roads
  - ▣ AI can be considered driver under Federal law!
  - ▣ Prepared model state legislation
- Congress now considering legislation, “Self-Drive Act”

## State activity (normally Motor Vehicle Administrations issue rules)

- California has been in forefront allowing testing by over 50 entities
- Arizona very active
- 20 other states have authorized self-driving car testing
- Michigan has large test track



### Topic 3: Likely Next Steps and Societal Implications

# 2018 commercial availability status

- **Level 1-** extensive road experience across all auto manufacturers last decade
- **Level 2-** Certain *Tesla; BMW, Cadillac, Volvo, Audi, Mercedes*



## **Level 3** imminent

- **Audi A8 Traffic Jam Pilot (TJP)**
  - TJP uses a central driver-assistance controller with AI software to totally oversee steering, throttle and braking functions below 35 mph.





# Deployment in next few years:

## Focused on Level 4; primarily 'ride-hailing'

- **Google (Waymo) out front-** level 4 **now** in early testing in Phoenix geofenced suburban area. Waymo announced purchase of 20,000 electric self-driving vehicles from Jaguar for their planned ride-hailing service. Ordered upwards of 60,000 autonomous cars from **Fiat/Chrysler**.
- **GM-** level 4 autonomous ride-hailing in multiple geofenced urban environments in **2019 and beyond**; new \$2.2B investment from SoftBank
- **Uber-** announced purchase of 25,000 autonomous Volvo vehicles between **2019-2021**, level 4 following current ride-hailing model
- **Ford-** Level 4 deployment for urban ride-hailing (w/ Lyft) by **2020**.
- **Tesla-** anticipates Level 4 autonomous personal vehicle in **coming year(s)**
- **Renault-Nissan** (with Microsoft) – **2020+** for Level 4 personal autonomous cars in urban conditions, **2025** for Level 5
- **Volvo** – announced **2021** (Level 4) and first to assume full liability!
- **BMW-** **2021** level 4+

# Timeline to fully autonomous vehicles

**Level 4-** Autonomous ride-hailing services piloted and becoming operational in major cities by multiple vendors over next 5 years; personal owned autonomous (level 4) vehicles gradually after 2020

**Level 5-** Fully autonomous testing 2020+; early adapters 2025



# Other applications

**Automated shuttles, e.g. senior communities, business parks**



**Delivery trucks- testing underway**





# Truck self driving platoons being tested



# Vehicle To Vehicle And Vehicle to Roadway Communications





# Societal Implications of Self-Driving Cars





# Potential implications of self-driving vehicles

- Life long mobility for aging population
- Non-drivers will have the same mobility opportunities as drivers
- Safety: Many fewer fatalities and injuries
- Time saving: leisure time, conduct business, etc. while in-transit
- Fewer people owning vehicles; vehicles on demand (ride-hailing) cheaper than owning
- Ride-hailing fleets will increasingly be electric; potential environmental benefits
- Transportation logistics innovations; e.g. home delivery
- City transportation systems and lifestyles could be transformed
- Upwards of 5 million commercial vehicle operators and warehousing logistics jobs; many could face job losses?

# Questions

- How many have used 'ride hailing' services like Uber and Lyft?
- Will you likely use these services more in the future?  
If they are predominantly self driving vehicles, how will that affect your decision to use?
- Will you likely buy latest self-driving technology with your next car purchase or lease?
- How comfortable will you be with allowing your car to take over most or all driving functions?

# Other Comments and Questions?

## Readings on Technological Revolution and job destruction

- ***“The Second Machine Age: Work, Progress and Prosperity in a Time of Brilliant Technologies”***; Brynjolfsson and McAfee, MIT
- ***“The Wealth of Humans: Work, Power and Status in 21<sup>st</sup> Century”***, Ryan Avent (at The Economist)
- **Oxford University study-** *“The Future of Employment: How Susceptible Are Jobs To Computerisation”*

## Sources on self-driving vehicles

- You Tube- ***How Self-Driving Cars will transform our cities and lives***
- YouTube- ***“How Self-Driving Cars Work”***
- **Popular Science- Jan 18, 2018:** *“Here’s where your new car lands on the self-driving scale”*
- Forbes article- ***What I Learned About Self-Driving Cars At CES*** (Psst ... They’re -- Almost -- Here) Jan. 2018

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