

A long-exposure photograph of a multi-lane highway at night. The image shows vibrant light trails from vehicles, with blue and white trails on the left side and red, orange, and yellow trails on the right side. The road curves into the distance under a dark sky.

# *How close are we to self-driving?*

State of the Art 2020

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# 4 years to highly automated driving, still...

in 2016

*"highly automated driving in 2020,  
nearly fully automated driving in 2025" [1]*



later



GM: Cruise CEO Daniel Ammann, *"When you're working on the large-scale deployment of mission critical safety systems, the mindset of 'move fast and break things certainly doesn't cut it.'" [2]*

Ford CEO Jim Hackett *"We overestimated the arrival of autonomous vehicles." [3]*

Gill Pratt (CEO Toyota Research Institute) : *"none of us in the automobile or IT industries are close to achieving true Level 5 autonomy." [4]*

[1] „The Self-Driving Car Timeline – Predictions from the Top 11 Global Automakers“, <https://emerj.com/ai-adoption-timelines/self-driving-car-timeline-themselves-top-11-automakers/>

[2] e.g. <https://www.asiaone.com/digital/its-almost-2020-where-are-all-driverless-cars?page=1>

[3] e.g. <https://www.engadget.com/2019/04/10/ford-ceo-says-the-company-overestimated-self-driving-cars/>

[4] e.g. <https://www.cargroup.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/Eustice.pdf>

“We are not as close as we thought we are...”

So where are we now in 2020?



AD Levels revisited / consolidated:

*practically* only SAE-L2 & SAE-L4 are of interest

**SAE international's levels of driving automation for on-road vehicles**



	Steering and acceleration/ deceleration	Monitoring of driving environment	Fallback when automation fails	Automated system is in control
<del>0</del> NO AUTOMATION				N/A
<del>1</del> DRIVER ASSISTANCE				SOME DRIVING MODES
<del>2</del> CONDITIONAL AUTOMATION				SOME DRIVING MODES
<del>3</del> FULL AUTOMATION				

not interesting (done)

e.g. TESLA Autopilot  
Sensor setup: **Cam, Usonics, Radar, IMU, GPS**  
*on the market, personally owned car*

e.g. AUDI A8, but skipped by many OEMs, difficulties in handover

practically not feasible

e.g. WAYMO, Uber  
Sensor setup: **LIDAR and HD Maps**  
Cam, Usonics, Radars, IMU, GPS  
*in research & in public transport*

Source: SAE International

Intermediate conclusion:

*"L2 is there,  
L4 in development"*

"So, we are close! are we?"



*"Not really,*



*since the last step to L4  
is the most difficult one."*

*"Why don't we have  
self-driving cars yet?"*

*(SAE L4 to buy)*

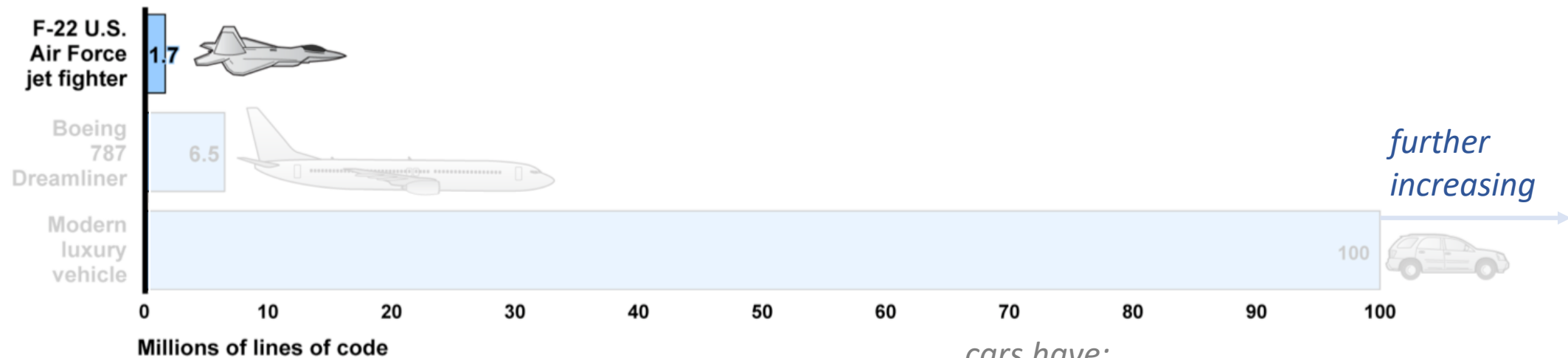
Future

95%

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# Software is always late... ...and we have a lot of software

Figure 2: Average Lines of Software Code in Modern Luxury Vehicle Compared to Types of Aircraft



Source: Battelle. | GAO-16-350

*cars have:*

- less educated users*
- more variants*
- shorter dev. cycle*
- shorter prod. lifetime*

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Source: Vehicle Cybersecurity: DOT and Industry Have Efforts Under Way, but DOT Needs to Define Its Role in Responding to a Real-world Attack, General Accounting Office ([www.gao.gov](http://www.gao.gov)); at <https://www.gao.gov/assets/680/676064.pdf>

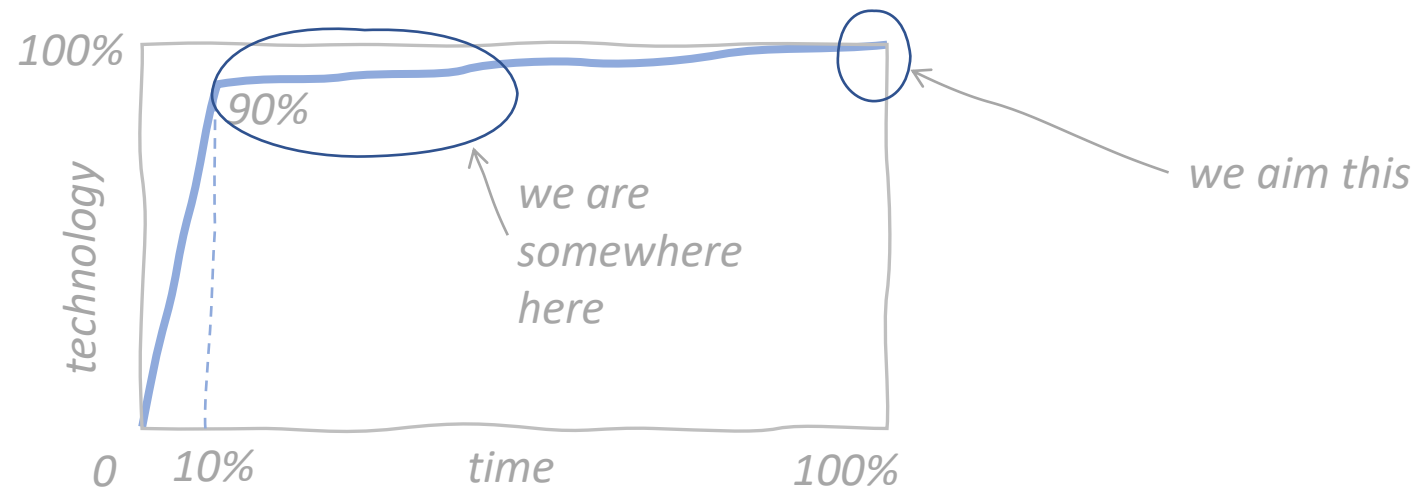
# Why SW is late? ...the 90-90 rule

**“When you’re 90% done\*, you still have 90% to go\*\*,”**

Mr. S. Arnoud (Waymo Director of Engineering) during a MIT lecture recently

\* technology  
\*\* time

**The first “90% of the technology takes 10% of the time.”**






*What do we aim for ?  
100% or is 98% enough?*

*"We aim to be better than average human drivers."*


*This is a fatality rate less than  
fatalities per 100 million miles*


$$f = 1.09$$

this is a reliability  
of 99.9999989%

$$R[\%] = (1 - 1.09E-8) * 100$$





*“So L4 to buy will need time,  
What comes next ?  
and When?”*



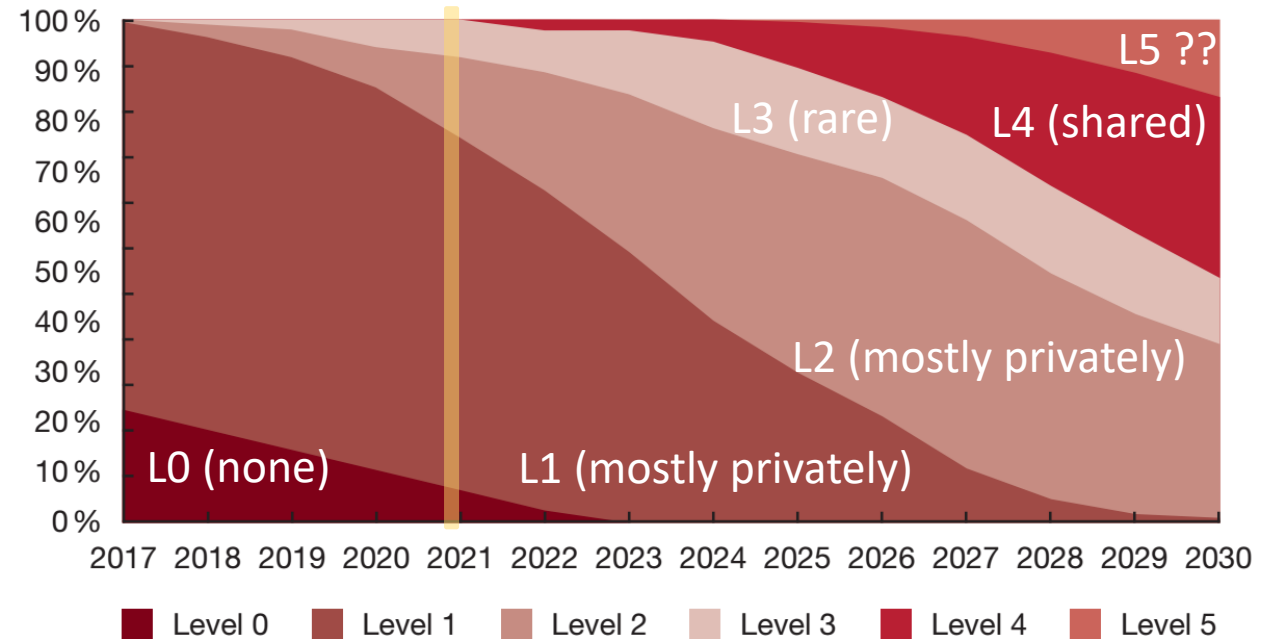
# AD Prognosis from Consultants

*"Will so many people buy L1 & L2?"*

*...Chances are high that everyone does...*

*...because it will be mandatory and nearly for free...*

**Fig. 26 Europe: Development of automation levels (2017–2030)**



Source: Felix Kuhnert, Christoph Stürmer and Alex Koster, "Five trends transforming the Automotive Industry", PricewaterhouseCoopers GmbH Wirtschaftsprüfungsgesellschaft, 2018, [www.pwc.com/auto](http://www.pwc.com/auto)

# Future implementation plans (EU)



**Table 5: List of mandatory safety measures in PO3**

Measure	Description	Applicable vehicle categories			
		Passenger cars	Light commercial vehicles	Buses	Trucks and trailers
		M <sub>1</sub>	N <sub>1</sub>	M <sub>2</sub> & M <sub>3</sub>	N <sub>2</sub> & N <sub>3</sub>
AEB-VEH	Autonomous emergency braking for driving and still-standing vehicles ahead	9/2021	9/2021		
AEB-PCD	Autonomous emergency braking for pedestrians and cyclists	9/2023	9/2023		
ALC	Alcohol interlock installation facilitation	9/2021	9/2021	9/2021	9/2021
DDR-DAD	Drowsiness and attention detection	9/2021	9/2021	9/2021	9/2021
DDR-ADR	Distraction recognition	9/2023	9/2023	9/2023	9/2023
EDR	Event (accident) data recorder	9/2021	9/2021		
ESS	Emergency stop signal	9/2021	9/2021	9/2021	9/2021
FFW-137	Full-width frontal occupant protection crash test	9/2021	9/2021		
FFW-THO	Full-width frontal occupant protection crash test with advanced measuring dummy and lower appropriate injury criteria thresholds to encourage adaptive restraints	9/2021	9/2021		
HED-MGI	Head impact zone enlargement for pedestrian and cyclist protection (to include the windscreen area)	9/2023	9/2023		
ISA-VOL	Intelligent speed assistance (through non-intrusive haptic feedback)	9/2021	9/2021	9/2021	9/2021
LKA-ELK	Lane keeping assist (emergency lane keeping system that intervenes only in case of an imminent threat such as leaving the road, or leaving the lane with oncoming traffic)	9/2021	9/2021		
PSI	Pole side impact occupant protection	9/2021	9/2021		
REV	Reversing camera or detection system	9/2021	9/2021	9/2021	9/2021
TPM	Tyre pressure monitoring system		9/2021	9/2021	9/2021
VIS-DET	Vulnerable road user detection and warning on front and side of vehicle			9/2021	9/2021
VIS-DIV	Vulnerable road user improved direct vision from driver's position			9/2025	9/2025
	<b>Benefit-to-cost ratio</b>	1.39	0.53	2.11	1.03
	<b>Total cost per vehicle</b>	€ 516	€ 521	€ 970	€ 1,013
	<b>Fatalities prevented</b>	21 337	1 283	227	1 947
	<b>Severe injuries prevented</b>	126 390	6 917	2 410	5 023
	<b>Slight injuries prevented</b>	470 747	23 486	8 174	13 274

Shift from **voluntary** (NCAP) to **mandatory** features (homologation)

Safety (will come) first (and **soon**)!

Source <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=SWD:2018:0190:FIN:EN:PDF>

*“What comes next ?”*

***Some answers:***

*Soon:                      Mandatory Active Safety Functions*  
*next 1-2 year(s)*

*Mid-term:            some L3 features for attention*  
*next 2-4 years*

*Long-term:    L4 features w. extending ODDs*  
*next 3+ years 😊*



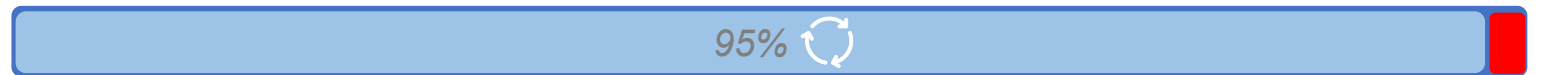
# Thank you!

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## The Future of Automated Vehicles is



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