Towards an era of smart life-cycle connected cyber-physical systems – SE implications or ...

... When is an automated vehicle (AV) ready to go?

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Zooming in \rightarrow Mechatronics and trends





When is an automated vehicle (AV) ready to go?



Technically? Socio-technically? What about upgrades and emergence?



Physical vs. Software vs. Data systems

	Physical systems	Software	Data
Phenomena and effects	Multiple coupled physical phenomena, "slow transfer"	State space; bugs; connectivity; variability "fast transfer"	Super-human performance; Brittleness
Abstractions, synthesis, and platforms	Approximations, analog, no single "platform technology"	Digital / discretization "platform" foundations; Abstracted physical props!	Learning based models
Extra- functional properties	Established cost models	Dependencies all-over, hard to estimate life-cycle cost	SW under the hood Data quality, availability; and accessibility

Combined ... and in systems at different levels -> CPS capabilities

Cyber-physical systems have far-reaching implications. Hipeac Vision 2021. https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.4710500



Cyber-physical systems



Public perception Regulations, standards Societal effects





Autonomy: Basic functions





New ground: Unprecedented complexity



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Human intelligence as a reference for automated CPS? Breaking new grounds

ADI – Autonomous Driving Intelligence



Illustration: Harry Campbell, IEEE Spectrum http://spectrum.ieee.org/cars-that-think/transportation/ self-driving/nxps-bluebox-bids-to-be-the-brains-of-your-car



Automated vehicle modeling & simulation tools





Challenges in building, operating and maintaining (collaborative) CPS

The world of software and bugs

- Industry average code ~ 15– 50 errors /KLOC
- Safety critical systems may reach 0.1 error/KLOC at very high cost

Deep learning: breakthroughs but brittleness

• Prediction machines with domain specific super-human capability but without explainability and contextualization beyond training data

Cyber-security threats and attacks

- Dynamic threat landscape; imbalance
- Complexity
 - Billions of transistors, LOC's and 100's of billions of (DL) parameters
- Automation surprises and pitfalls

Societal reliance on CPS







Human-centered Cyber-physical systems?



Arthur C. Clarke:

Any sufficiently advanced technology is indistinguishable from magic









Needs and tools when going into the "complex domain"



Cynefin model (Snowden, 1999)

- Learning and developing new methodologies and architectures
 - Sharing of data, incidents, failures, ...
 - Testbeds and controlled experiments!
- New sociotechnical frameworks, legislation, and agreeing on risks
- New innovation eco-systems
- Forums for debate!

Tech-driven vs. Societal involvement Cautionary vs. Innovation principles



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Zooming out again



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Implications for (systems) engineering?

- Know your domain Cynevin, and apply appropriate tools
- Apply systems thinking and SE principles but strengthening
 - Human-CPS interactions and concerns (all stakeholders)
 - Embrace but balance complexity
 - Key properties: Transparency, resilience, monitoring, human oversight, multiple aspects of trustworthiness and their trade-offs
 - Reconcile/integrate and balance perspectives on SW/Data as part of CPS
 - Architect to prepare for upgrading and circularity
- Need to address educational renewal and life-long learning
- Competence networks



So, when is an automated vehicle (AV) ready to go?



Positive risk balance (requires understanding residual risk) or the ALARP principle

Enablers

- Run-time risk monitoring (vehicle, edge, cloud)
- Complexity reduction, control and management
- Operational safety and performance
- New methodologies

Open question how to assess "the common sense" for higher levels of automation

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