THE WAY TOWARDS AUTONOMOUS DRIVING

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MOTIVATION TO DEVELOP AUTOMATED FUNCTIONS I



Mega Cities

Global Growth





From 1 billions cars today to 2-4 billion cars in our lifetime

The need for smarter vehicles which are • Safer • More efficient



MOTIVATION TO DEVELOP AUTOMATED FUNCTIONS II

- Driver is the weak point
- Fatalities:
 - 38% caused by mental factors (sleep, drowsiness, medical)
 - 46% caused by misjudgement (safety distance, speed, weather, lane keeping, stationary objects)





Source: Auto Motor Sport 19, May 2010

FORD FOCUS AVAILABLE DRIVER ASSISTANCE SYSTEMS





SENSING DEVICES

Vehicle state sensors (e.g. wheel speeds, yaw rate)

Driver input sensors (e.g. steering wheel angle, brake & accelerator pedal, switches)





AUTOMATED DRIVING DEVELOPMENT – CRUISE CONTROL

Cruise Control	
Keep vehicle speed constant	
 ACC (Adaptive Cruise Control) Maintains constant distance to vehicles in front ACC stop & go / full speed ACC Stops until stand still Automatically starts driving again 	possible today
 Traffic Jam Assist Automated steering control to stay in the current lane (until 50 km/h) The driver permanently monitors the system Automated high-way driving 	in future



AUTOMATED FUNCTIONS: FORD TRAFFIC JAM ASSIST

Ford Traffic Jam Assist





AUTOMATED DRIVING DEVELOPMENT – PARKING

Ultra-sonic parking sensors

Warns the driver for obstacles

Semi-automatic parallel parking Semi-automatic perpendicular parking

- Steering control
- The driver controls the speed of the car via accelerator and brake pedals

Automatic parallel parking

Steering, brake and throttle control

Smart phone parking

Driver monitors vehicle from the outside during the parking manoeuvre

Automatic valet parking

- Driver does not monitor the vehicle during the parking manoeuvre
- Separated parking deck without pedestrians required





AUTOMATED FUNCTIONS: FORD SELF-PARKING PROTOTYPE CAR





AUTOMATED FUNCTIONS – OBSTACLE AVOIDANCE





Building Block

 Involves working with our current production suppliers to enhance and combine the existing sensors and algorithms to create new, more capable automated driving features

Top-Down

 Involves creating a state-of-the-art Automated Driving platform to do leading edge research on what is possible in the absence of near-term production constraints









VEHICLE AUTOMATISATION CLASSIFICATION



Source: German Federal Highway Research Institute (BASt - Bundesanstalt für Straßenwesen)



DARPA URBAN CHALLENGE - AREA A

Ford was one of only 6 teams to have reached successive Finals of the event





Stopping, merging, and yielding across densely moving traffic





FUSION HYBRID AUTOMATED RESEARCH VEHICLE





- Active Safety & Driver Assistance systems will significantly reduce the number of traffic accidents, injuries and fatalities
- Ford strategy is to make this systems available through our complete vehicle line-up and all geographical regions
- The next generation systems will have increased automated driving capability and take over some of the driving tasks under controlled condition
- Full vehicle automation is still in the research phase and the speed at which solutions take hold will be determined largely by customer acceptance of new technologies and how quickly cities develop enabling systems and infrastructure





