

Behind the Wheel: Public Health and Safety of Autonomous Cars

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Transportation: Everywhere, Everyone

School

Work

Commerce

Social

Family

Food

Health

Athletics

Housing

Religion

Community

Fun



NHTSA's Lifesaving Mission



Reduce deaths, injuries and economic losses
resulting from motor vehicle crashes





On US Roadways in 2014 . . .

- 32,675 lives lost*
- 2.3 million injuries
- 6.1 million crashes

*95% of all transportation fatalities

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On US Roadways in 2014 . . .

94% related to human error/choice



On US Roadways in 2015 . . .

Fatalities: 9.3 % estimated increase



Need for Innovation . . .

- 25% decrease in fatalities over 10 years:

Continue effective strategies!

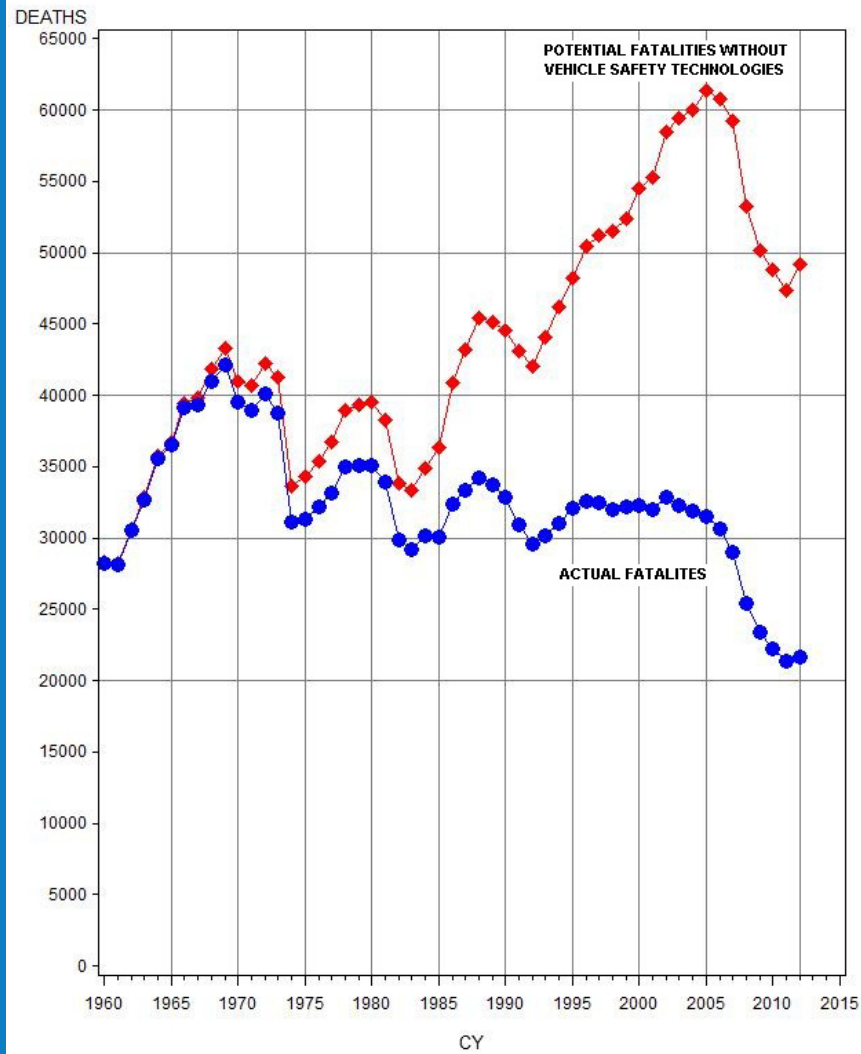
- 2015 estimated increase:

Need new tools!!



Technology Saves Lives

FIGURE 2-2: ACTUAL VERSUS POTENTIAL CAR/LTV OCCUPANT FATALITIES, 1960-2012





Technology Saves Lives

613,501

(1960-2012)

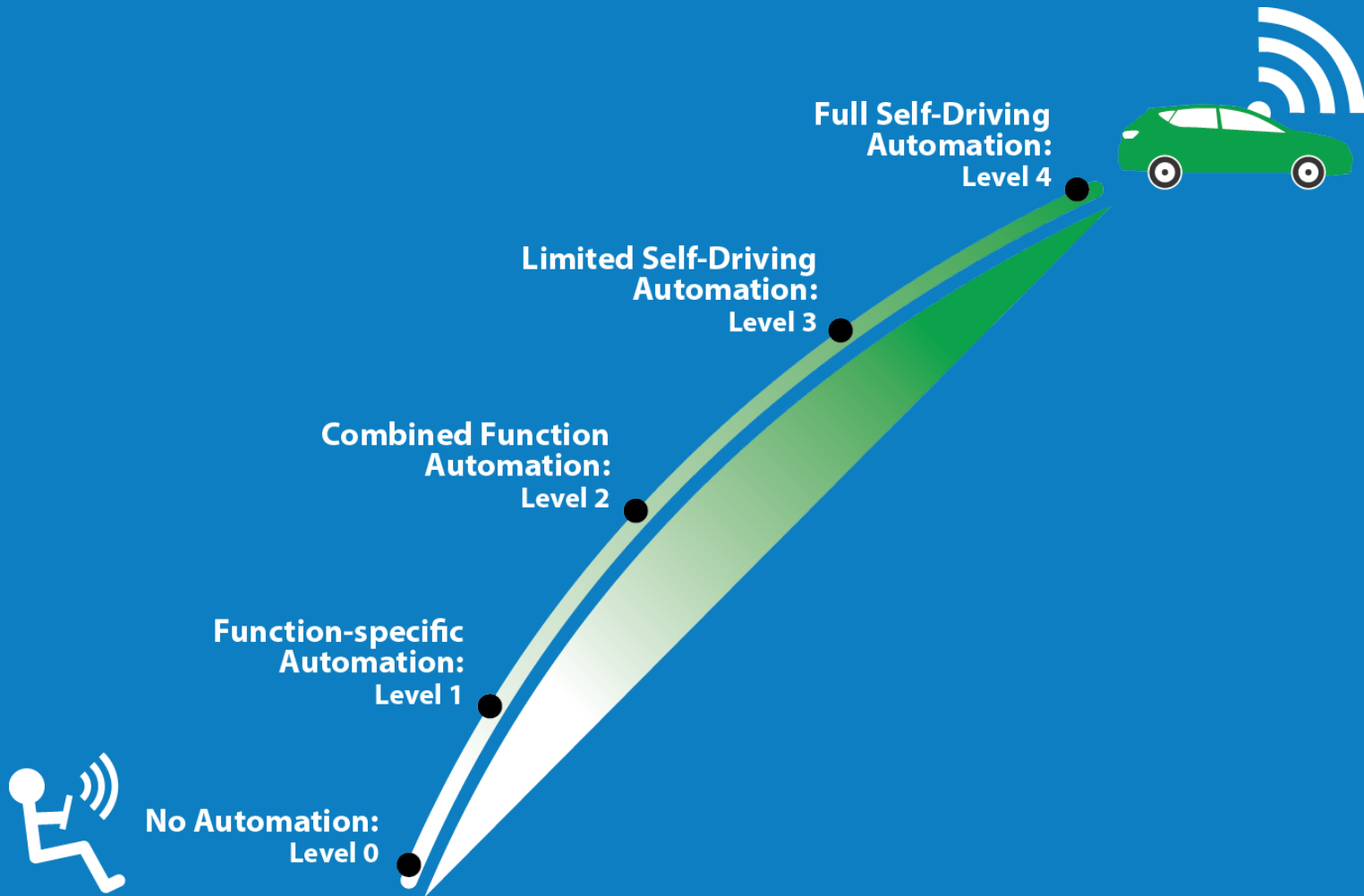
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Two Opportunities . . .

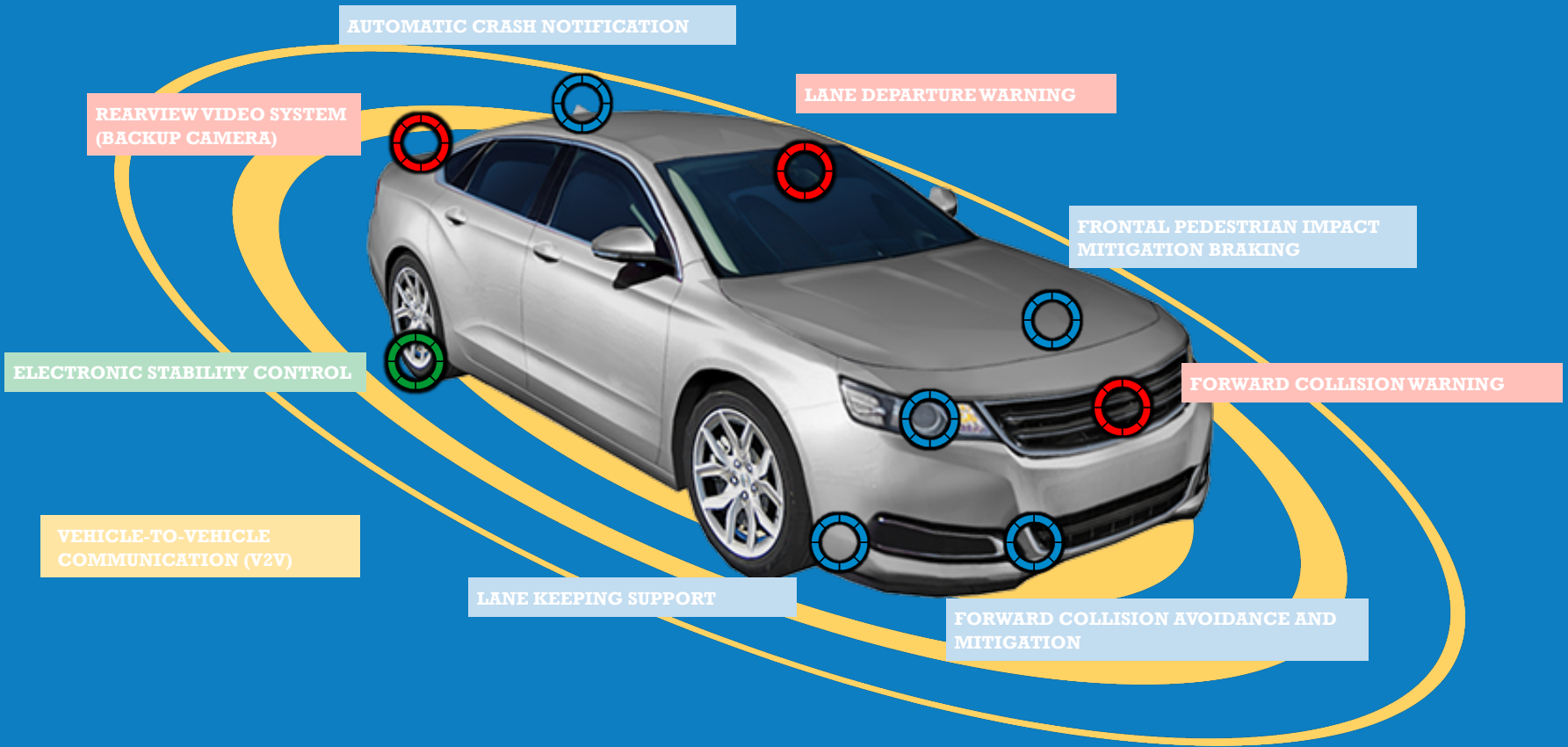
- Automated Safety Technology
 - Human Choices

Foundation: education/laws/enforcement





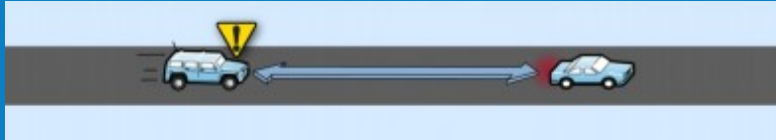
Safety Technologies





Vehicle to Vehicle (V2V): Connected Automation

Forward Collision



Do Not Pass



Lane Change/Blind Spot



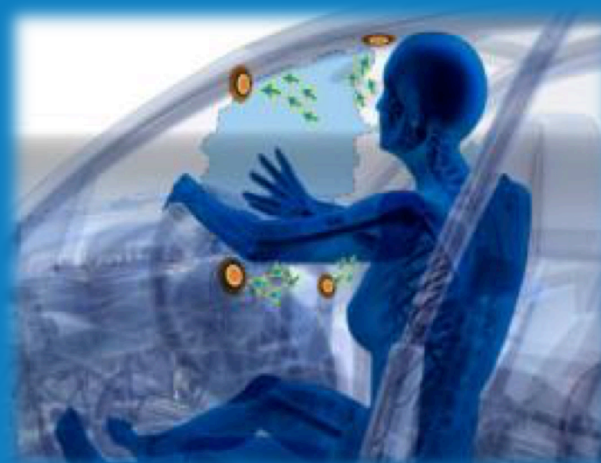
Intersection



Driver Alcohol Detection System for Safety

Objective

A non-invasive, seamless technology to measure driver BAC and reduce the incidence of drunk driving





DOT/NHTSA Efforts: In Six Months . . .

- Develop deployment guidance
- Create model state policy
- Identify new tools
- Structure current tools

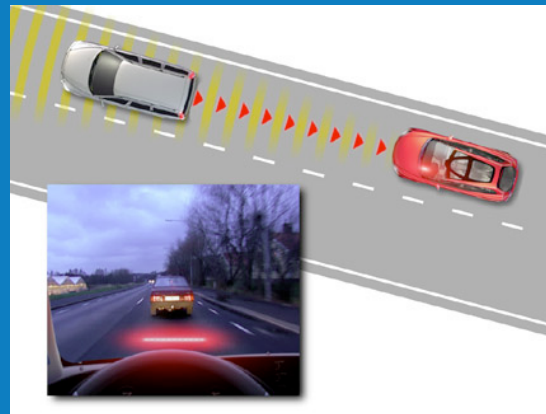


Evolution: Transformative Technology

- Historically: reduce severity/mitigate injury/medical attention



- Proactive safety: avoid the crash



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