Development of an Operational Safety Assessment Methodology for Automated Vehicles

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About the Talk
The automotive industry is in flux, with four trends dramatically altering the landscape: (1) electrification, (2) automation, (3) connectivity, and (4) mobility as a service. Automation is the trend with likely the largest overall impact, but assuring the public that automated driving system (ADS)-equipped vehicles (AVs) are safe for deployment on public roads is a critical, and outstanding, task. There are many challenges associated with building the so-called safety assurance case, and various entities are taking on these challenges with varying approaches. This presentation will provide the context for the unique challenges presented by AVs, as well as describing the work being done by the Institute of Automated Mobility (IAM) and the Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) Verification and Validation (V&V) Task Force under the On-Road Automated Driving (ORAD) Committee in building elements of the safety assurance case.

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