### USA Perspective: Automated Goods Movement

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## Highly Automated Driving: Fleets First!

### Fleets First! Robo-delivery, Robo-taxis, Robo-trucks.

- Operations area selected for best fit with tech capability.
- Cost pressure much less than retail model: all about ROI!
- Hands-on, skilled staff: software upgrades, system safety certification, maintenance, etc.

#### Use Cases: Goods Movement



Controlled Environments

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**Resource Roads** 

Highway



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(Goods movement are less affected by COVID-19.)



# Controlled Environments

- Low speeds; dirty, dusty
- Specialized, high user need
- Small market

# Outrider.ai: Distribution Yards



- Distribution yard ideal for automation:
  - well-defined environments
  - complexity constrained
  - discrete repetitive tasks
- Automates all aspects of the yard including connecting and disconnecting the brake lines to the trailers.
- Pilots underway with Georgia-Pacific and others





### Street

- Complex environment
- Low speed
- Customer-facing
- Strong market, growing

### Use Cases for Goods: Parcel Delivery



#### Waymo Via

 Phoenix: shuttling packages from UPS Stores to local sorting facility, using Waymo's Chrysler Pacifica minivans



## Resource Roads

- Unpaved roads
- Remote areas
- Medium speed
- Modest market

## Forest Product Innovations

**FP**Innovations

- Driver shortage is a key pain point!
  Automated Follower platooning of interest.
- Targeting to launch a C\$10 million fiveyear project later this year to accelerate development for rural public-roads.
- Project will address challenges to facilitate deployment
  - all-weather conditions (dust, snow)
  - complex truck configurations



# Highway

- Well ordered environment
- High speed
- Huge market
- Platooning L1 / L4
- Stand-alone L4 driverless

# Truck Platooning Basics



- "Close Drafting" done safely, reducing fuel use
  - 4% for leader, 10% for follower at 60 ft at 60 mph
- Close following via "connected braking" between trucks, using low-latency vehicle-to-vehicle communications (DSRC)
- Operating only on multi-lane, divided, limited access highways
- Properly handling **cut-in's** a key part of safety case.
- Level 1 Platooning (1<sup>st</sup> generation)
  - front driver drives normally (crash avoidance support)
  - rear driver(s) steer, monitor the road, respond to traffic
- Level 4 Following (2<sup>nd</sup> generation)
  - front driver drives normally (crash avoidance support)
  - no driver in follower truck(s)

#### **Current Active Truck Platooning Players**



# **DAIMLER**TRUCKS





GROUF

**VOLVO TRUCKS** 

### May 2020 U.S. State Allowance for Truck Platooning

**Commercial deployment now widely allowed** 



- Level 1 Commercial Deployment now allowed in 27 States
- Approved States now Encompass over 80% of Annual US Freight Truck Traffic
- AutoFollow allowed in Arizona, Texas, Utah thus far

# U.S. Army Developing "Leader-Follower" Kits





- Different functional specification
  - short to long gaps
  - Level 1 and Level 4
- 100 systems being evaluated at an Army base.
- Production runs of significant volume expected in near future.

#### Level 4 "Solo Driverless"

### Ramp-to-Ramp



### Dock-to-Dock



#### **Current Active Truck ADS Players**



# Solo Driverless Trucking

- Truck ADS startups are operating L4-intent systems on public roads, backed up by safety drivers, supporting system development and testing.
- Einride
  - Unique design: Autonomous Electric Transport "pod" with no driver compartment
  - already deployed on public road in Sweden running at low speed (remote operations)
- Plus
  - Intelligent trucks powered by Plus.ai's self-driving system and jointly developed with China's largest truck maker coming to production in 2021.
- TuSimple
  - 2021: first driver-out operations via retrofit
  - 2024: factory built Level 4 trucks
- OEMs
  - Daimler and Volvo have initiated internal large programs.
  - Navistar and Traton are partnering with TuSimple.
- Several developers note **significant fuel savings** from automated driving.



**Einride Pod** 

## A Harbinger of Things to Come: Plus.ai "Butter Run"



- Land O'Lakes partnered with Plus.ai to complete a hub-to-hub trip from Tulare, CA to Quakertown, PA -- 2,800 miles -in less than three days.
- First cross-country automated freight run with refrigerated cargo.



## Deployment Geography

# Deployment Geography – Future Collaboration











# **Thank You**

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