

HEAT - Hamburg Electric Autonomous Transportation

The future is self-driving – the HOCHBAHN research project HEAT



Our project partners from industry, research institutes and the city of Hamburg



The focus is on integrated research



Technically realistic and safe

Can driverless vehicles (minibuses) be operated safely on regular public transport services?

Is the technology needed for that already available:

- with a permitted top speed of 25 km/h?

- on a defined route on the public roads?

Acceptance

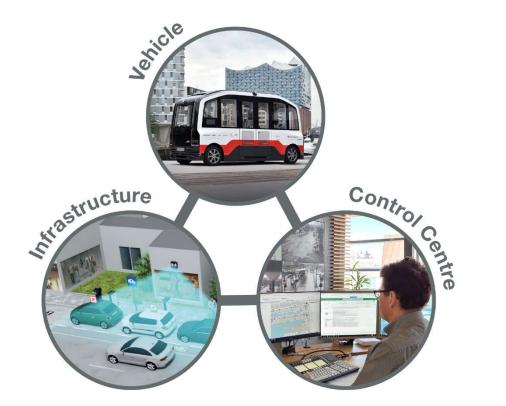
How do users of public transport and other road users react to this new service offer? And what are the main adjustments needed?

New business and operator models

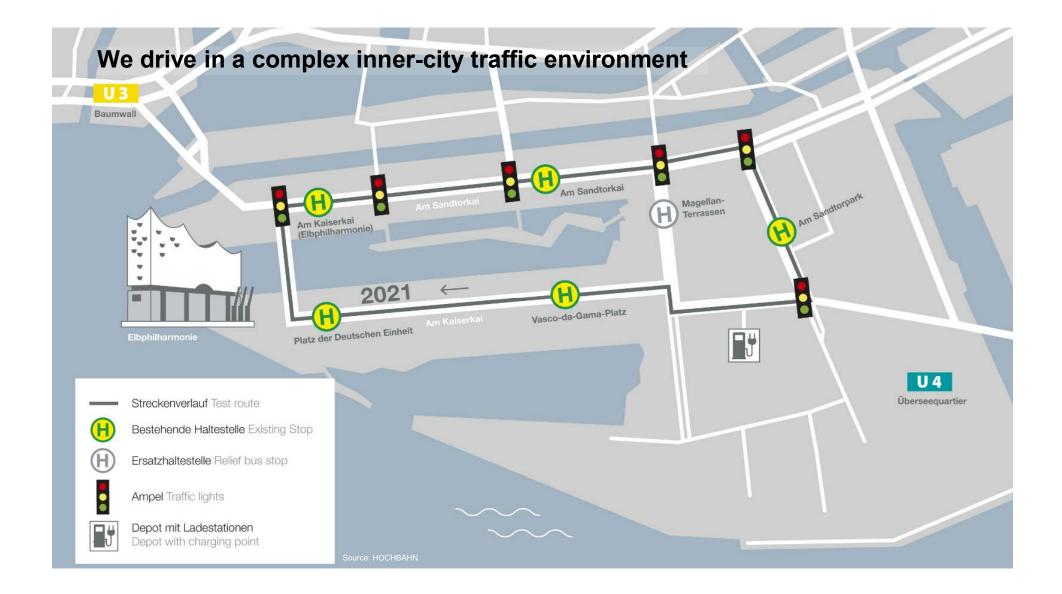
How can new operator models and new service options for the sustainable deployment of automated self-drive vehicles for passengers be created as part of a public transport network?



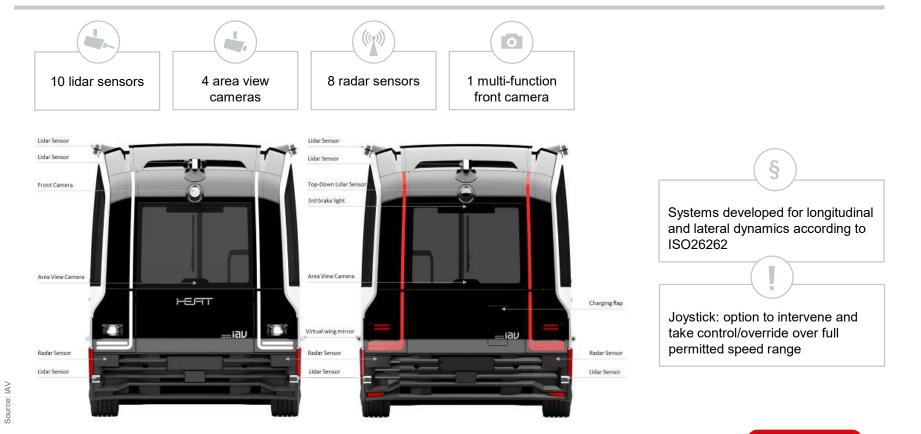
A systemic approach for greater safety and better performance



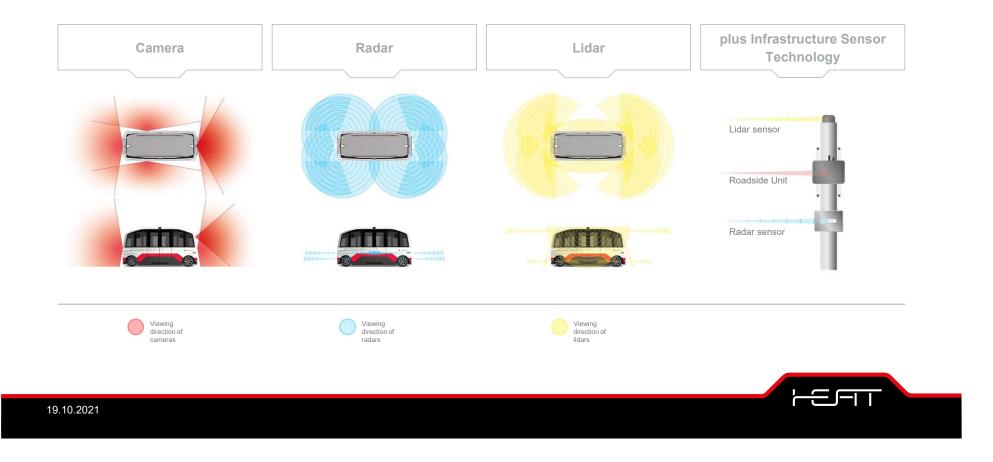




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The control centre keeps its eye on the entire system





Independent overtaking of stationary vehicles





Positive passenger feedback



	Results	 Positive user experience (e.g. safety, usefulness, fun) Requests for improvement (e.g. driving performance, comfort, accessibility) Passengers show understanding for problems in the development process, but also expect
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Our lessons learned so far

Our project goals were very ambitious.	It is not enough to prove that a solution works. It must be continuously successful.	Passenger acceptance of this new technology is high.
The links between the subsystems are complex.		The automation of special traffic situations, such as passing a wrong-way parker, is a demanding task.
The development of a HEAT app for passengers was necessary and is very useful for the customers.	Automated driving requires a systemic approach considering all components.	Even the best risk management will not protect you from a pandemic.



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