

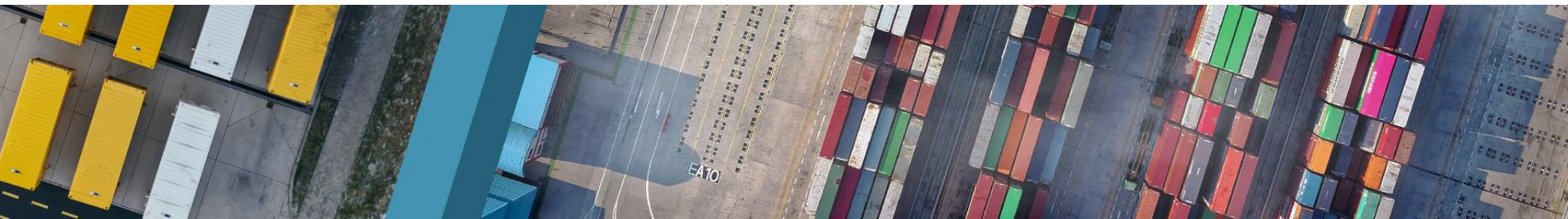


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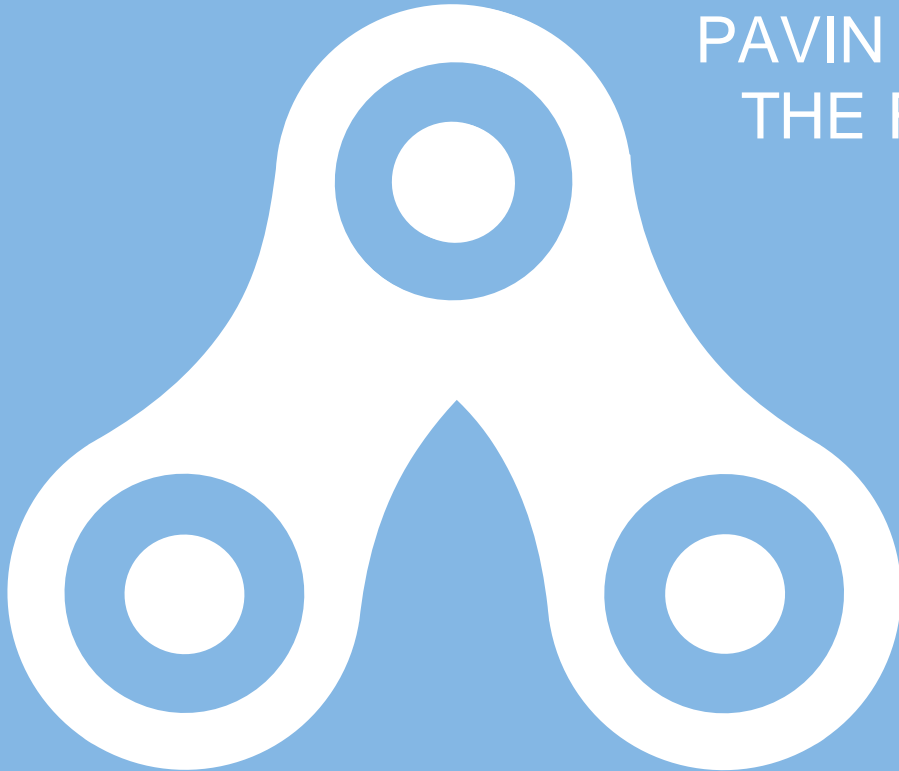
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Scaling autonomous logistics



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# Introduction and context

- A world with autonomous vehicles?
  - Science-fiction to near future
- Regulation was proposed for level 3 automated driving systems
- Advanced scenarios but rarely in adverse weather
- Importance of tests in controlled environment
- Different levels of integration and realism
  - Numerical modeling
  - Virtual reality simulation
- Test bench are essential because numerical simulators:
  - must be validated under real controlled conditions
  - In order to operate, require data that is difficult to collect



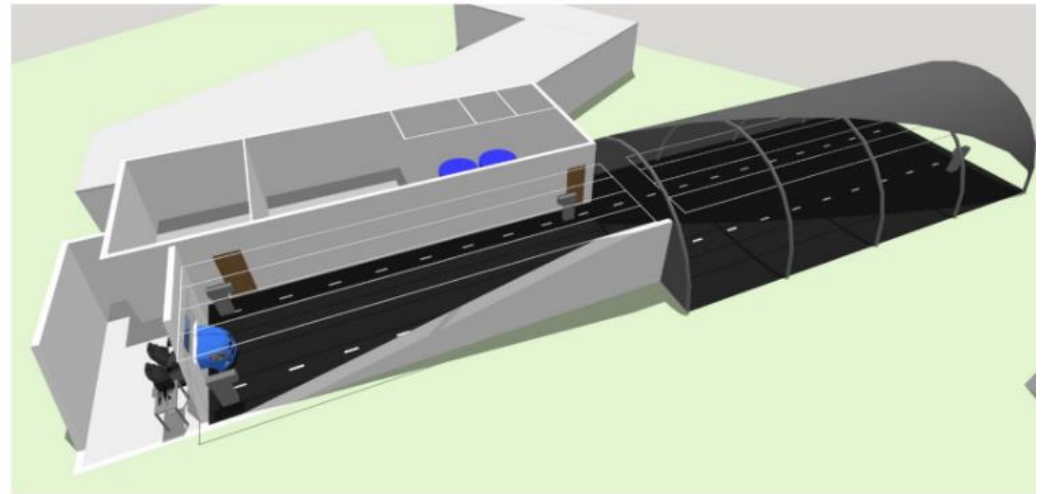
# Summary

- The PAVIN Fog and Rain platform : capabilities and applications
- AWARD European project: an example of application
- The future of the platform



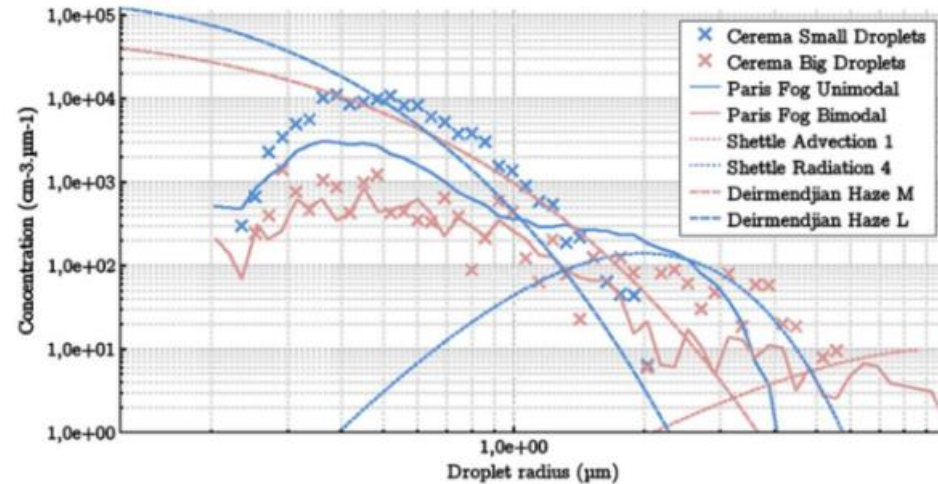
# Introduction and context

- What is Cerema?
  - French Public Agency
- What is the PAVIN fog & rain platform
  - Tech bench for ADAS or AV



# Fog and rain features

- Fog generation with controlled density
  - Regulation between 10m to 100m (+/- 10%)
- Rain generation with controlled intensity
  - 16 mm/h to 165 mm/h
- Realistic Droplet Size Distribution
  - Rain
  - Two kinds of fog (continental or maritime)



# Main applications of the PAVIN platform

- From 2010: Research on computer vision became predominant
  - Rise of ITS and the AV development)

## 3 main areas of use of the PAVIN platform

Measurement of weather conditions by camera (AI)	Numerical simulation of meteorological phenomena	Measurement of the impact of adverse weather conditions on vehicle perception systems
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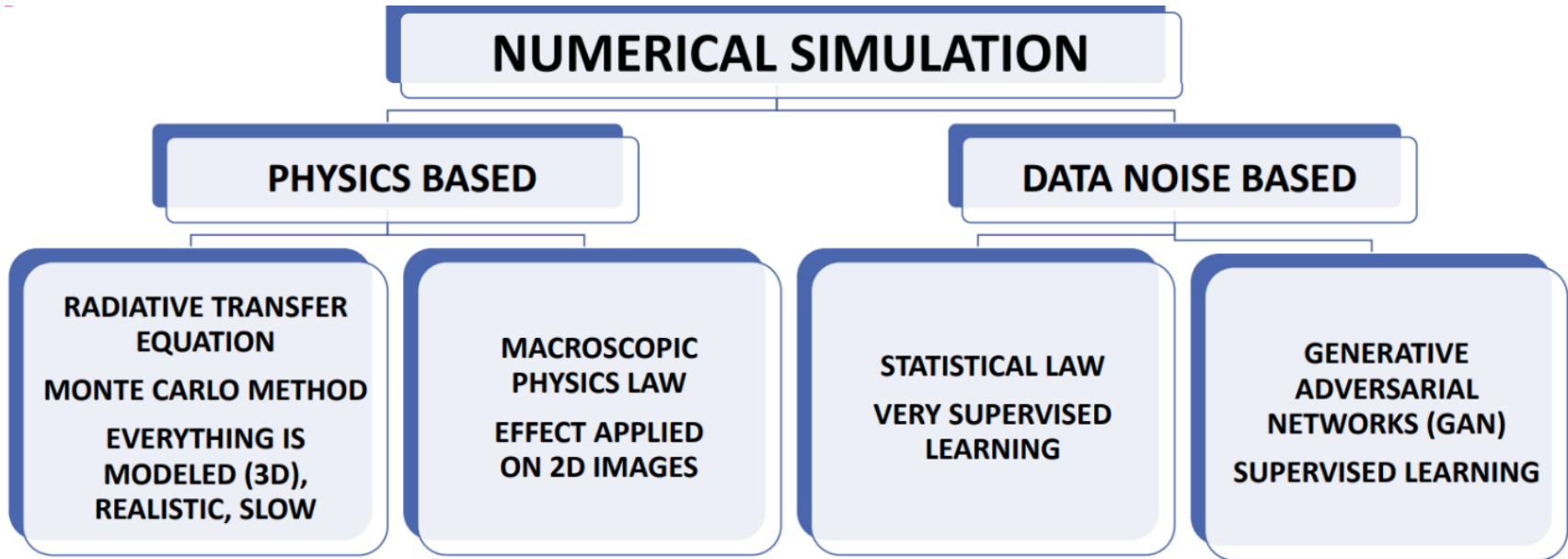


# Measurement of weather conditions by camera (AI)

- First: Impact on image features
  - Rainfall intensity has proportional effect on common image features
- Then: use of Deep Convolutional Neural Networks (DCNN)
  - Single view, 90% success with WeatherEye solution
- No possible generalization if the point of view is changed
- Now: generalization possible with multi sites
  - First learning in artificial physical conditions within the PAVIN platform
  - Transfer and fine-tuning on images that are acquired on a different real site



# Numerical simulation of adverse weather



**Cerema research team is working on these topics which are complementary**

**All the model has to be validated with physical data, natural or simulated**



# Impact of adverse weather on vehicle perception systems

- Examples in the european project AWARD (2021-2024)
  - Easymile: Comparison of different Lidar technologies
    - Spinning, Risley prisms, micro-motion and MEMS
- Foresight Automotive: Test of its Quadsight vision system
  - 3D object detection (pedestrians and vehicles)
- Adasky: Test of thermal cameras
  - Performance of thermal cameras



# AWARD project

- This work is part of the AWARD\* project:
  - 3-year innovation action.
  - Consortium of 29 partners.
  - Scaling the autonomous logistics operation.
  - Safety consideration.
  - 24/7 availability, including harsh weather conditions.
  - 4 use cases.



Warehouse



Port



Airport



Hub to hub



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# Zoom on Foresight Automotive work

- Objective : To test the Foresight's QuadSight vision system in foggy and rainy conditions, using the PAVIN platform.
- The novelty of this work is to present results of 3D object detection:
  - on a commercialized system,
  - using visible light and thermal wavelengths,
  - in controlled fog and rain conditions.



# Quadsight® Vision System

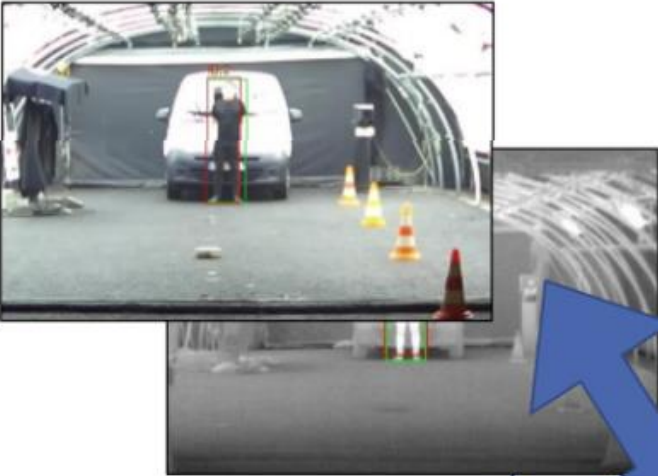


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- Automotive-grade, cost-effective solution.
- 2 pairs of stereoscopic vision channels: a visible light stereo channel in conjunction with a thermal stereo channel.
- 3D video analysis and advanced image processing algorithms.

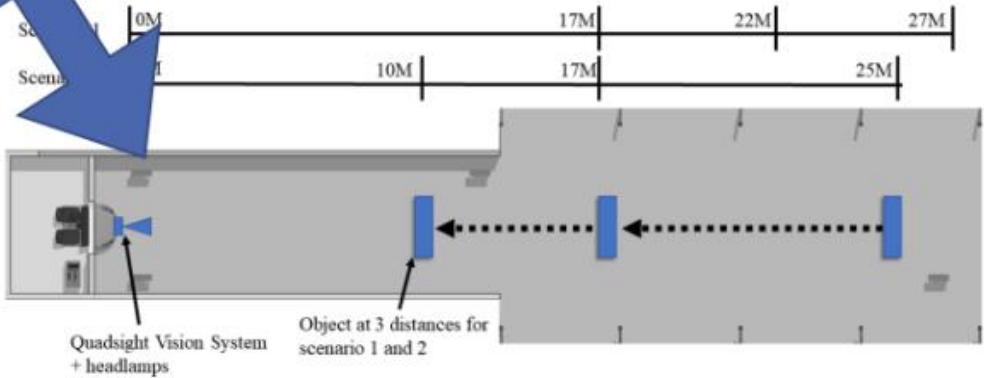
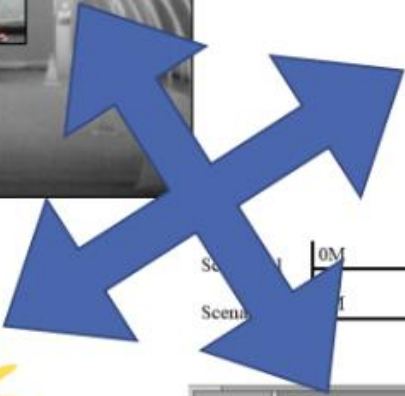


# Protocol



## Precision and Recall measurement

$$P = \frac{TP}{TP + FP} \quad R = \frac{TP}{TP + FN}$$



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# Object detection results summary: Car

		Visible	Infrared
Day	Clear	+++	+++
	Fog	++	++
	Rain	+++	+++
Night	Clear	+++	+++
	Fog	+	++
	Rain	+++	+++





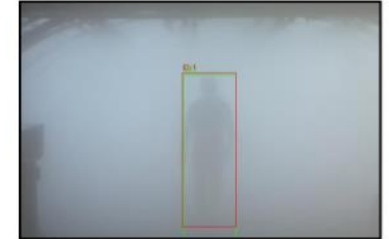
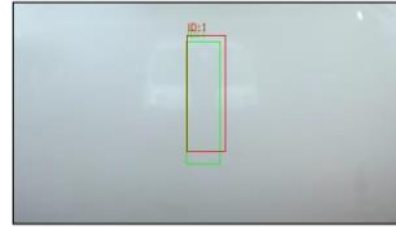
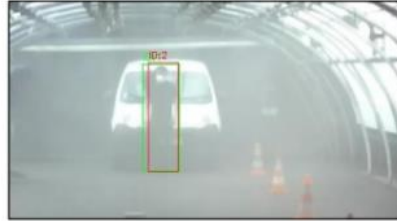
# Object detection results summary : Pedestrian

		Visible	Infrared
Day	Clear	+++	+++
	Fog	++	+++
	Rain	+++	+++
Night	Clear	+++	+++
	Fog	+	+++
	Rain	+++	+++

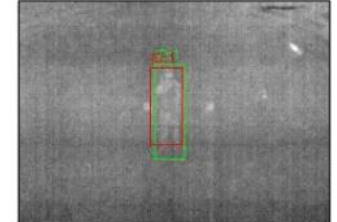
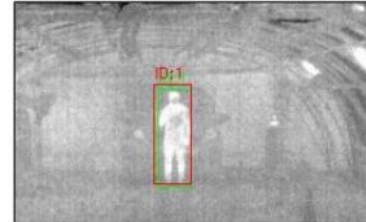
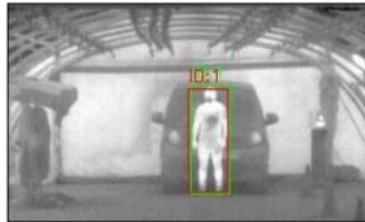
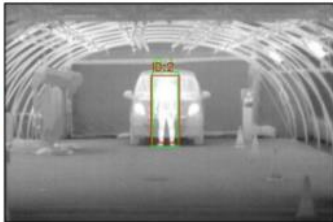


# Some example of images

Visible



Infrared



Clear

Fog 50m

Fog 20m

Fog 10m



# A brand-new platform...

## 4 main evolutions

- Dimensions

- 50 meters length
- 7 meters width
- 6 meters high



- Temperature stability

- In space and time
- Isolation and ventilation



- Illumination conditions

- Great homogeneity
- Artificial and natural



- Environmental exemplarity

- Water reuse
- Biobased materials
- Few energy consumption

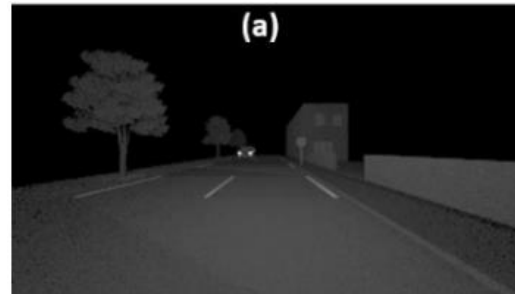
**...coming up in 2024**



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# New capabilities

- Dynamic tests
  - Slow speed, up to 50km/h
- Numerical twin
  - In the continuity of adverse weather simulation work
  - Calibrated numerical model of the platform

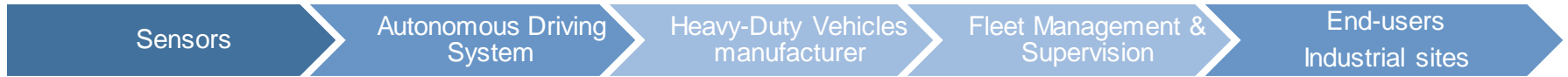


# Conclusions

- The Cerema PAVIN fog & rain platform
  - 40 years of evolution
  - Controlled conditions of adverse weather
- Involved in many major research and development projects
  - Impact on vehicle perception systems
  - Weather measurement by camera
  - Numerical simulations
- Worldwide presence
  - About 50 different sensors
  - About 15 countries in the world
- New upcoming possibilities
  - New platform
  - Digital twin



# Complementary-skilled Consortium



**Sensors**

**Autonomous Driving System**

**Heavy-Duty Vehicles manufacturer**

**Fleet Management & Supervision**

**End-users Industrial sites**

## Certification and proving grounds

## Impact assessment, business modelling and regulatory frameworks

# From multiple horizons

**Norway**



APPLIED AUTONOMY AVINOR  
ITS Norway

**Finland**



VTT

**Denmark**



DFDS

**United Kingdom**



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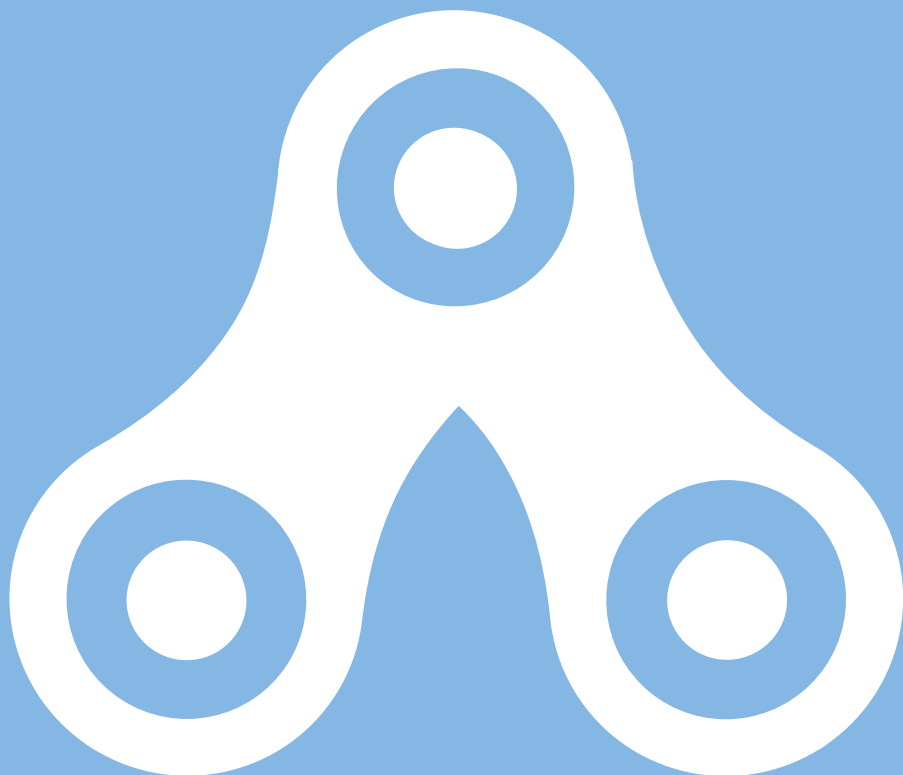
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# Participate to our Acceptance Factors survey!

## AWARD Acceptance Factors Survey

(All Weather Autonomous Real logistics operations and Demonstrations)

Welcome to the AWARD Acceptance Factors Survey exploring potential benefits, concerns, and other considerations regarding connected and automated logistics systems!

The EU-2020 AWARD project (<https://award-h2020.eu/>) aims to develop systems for "All Weather Autonomous Real logistics operations and Demonstrations". The goal of this survey is to understand and gain detailed insights into the different factors that determine the acceptance of such systems. We are interested in the needs and concerns of all affected stakeholders (people interacting directly or indirectly with an automated vehicle, people involved in related processes, and other, more general stakeholder groups). Please take 10-15 min to support the development of well designed future automated logistics systems!

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AWARD faces four automated logistics use cases at different sites including diverse stakeholders and users. Subsequently, the four use cases are sketched. See the next page for a detailed description.

### Hub-to-Hub automation

Highly automated Hub-to-Hub shuttle service from warehouse/production site to a logistics hubs.

### Airport automation

Highly automated airside baggage transportation

### Forklift automation


Highly automated loading and transportation with automated forklift.

### Port automation

Highly automated trailer transfer operations and boat loading

This survey is conducted by AIT Austrian Institute of Technology GmbH. If you have any questions please contact [peter.froehlich@ait.ac.at](mailto:peter.froehlich@ait.ac.at).

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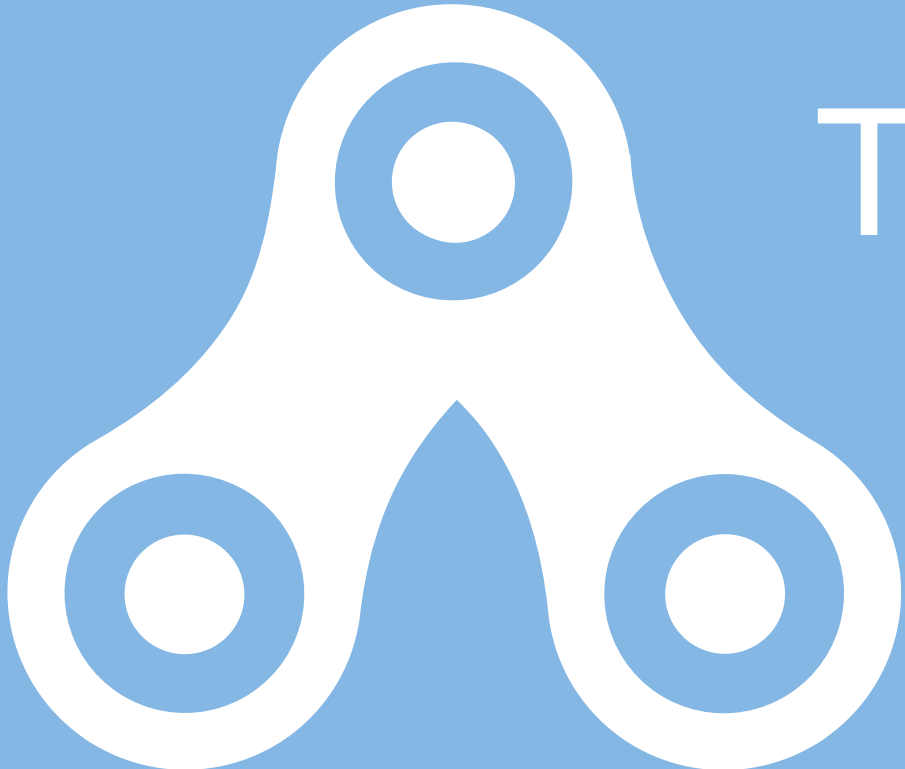
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