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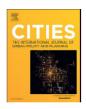
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ABSTRACT

The growing recognition of the societal implications stemming from technological advancements highlights the need for innovative governance approaches, particularly in urban environments. Focused on connected and autonomous vehicles (CAVs), this study proposes an integrated analytical framework for a dedicated open data platform (ODP). By integrating thematic analysis with process landscape and stakeholder analysis methods, we present a holistic CAV-ODP model positioned to optimize benefits across industries, public sectors, and society as a whole. We argue that multiple stakeholders can enhance both supply and demand aspects of the CAV-ODP, catalyzing activities such as data access, management, transformation, incubation, coordination, education, and application. Importantly, it advocates for government-led integration of interests spanning private and public domains, fostering a collaborative social network for data application and innovation. This inquiry not only reveals the social benefits generated by open CAV data but also underlines the significance of the CAV-ODP platform as an innovative governance arrangement, serving as a catalyst for a culture of sharing, bolstering collaborative governance, and preserving public value amid disruptive technological changes. Overall, the concept of government leadership is universally applicable, with the tangible power dynamics among the government, private sectors, and society influencing the expeditious materialization of the proposed framework.

Key concepts

- connected and autonomous vehicles (CAVs)
- CAV open data
- open data platform (ODP)

connected and autonomous vehicles - CAVs

CAVs refer to intelligent vehicles that are both connected and autonomous.

An *autonomous vehicle (AV)* is a vehicle capable of driving itself. Automation levels range from 0 (lowest) to 5 (highest) (SAE International, 2019), with fully autonomous vehicles belonging to level 5.

A *connected vehicle (CV)* is a vehicle with technology that enables it to communicate and exchange information wirelessly with other vehicles, infrastructure, devices, and external networks (Scharring, Nash, & Wong, 2017).

emerging driving technology + infrastructure network (physical and soft)

CAV open data

the idea that some vehicle and mobility data generated by CAVs should be freely available for everyone to use

Appendix C: CAV-related open datasets.

Table C1. CAV-related open data resources at present around the world (Source: Authors. Based on all the websites mentioned in the table.)

Dataset	Intellectual Property	Description	Websites
Waymo Open Dataset	Waymo	The data set isn't for commercial use, but its definition of "research" is fairly broad, and includes researchers at other companies as well as academics.	https://waymo.com/open/
Lyft dataset	Lyft	A dataset of level 5 autonomous vehicles. All data are collected by a fleet of Ford Fusion vehicles.	https://level5.lyft.com/dataset/# explore
Oxford <u>Robotcar</u> Dataset	Oxford Robotics Institute	The Oxford RobotCar Dataset contains over 100 repetitions of a consistent route through Oxford, UK, captured over a period of over a year. The dataset captures many different combinations of weather, traffic and pedestrians, along with longer term changes such as construction and roadworks.	https://robotcar- dataset.robots.ox.ac.uk/
The H3D Dataset	Honda Research Institute USA, Inc.	The H3D is a large scale full-surround 3D multi-object detection and tracking dataset. It is gathered from HDD dataset, a large-scale naturalistic driving dataset collected in San Francisco Bay Area.	https://usa.honda-ri.com/h3d
The <u>nuScenes</u> Dataset	nuScenes	The <u>nuScenes</u> dataset is a large-scale autonomous driving dataset. Two diverse cities: Boston and Singapore Free to use for non-commercial use	https://www.nuscenes.org/
ApolloCar3D	Apollo	The first large-scale database suitable for 3D car instance understanding.	ApolloCar3D: A Large 3D Car Instance Understanding Benchmark for Autonomous Driving arXiv:1811.12222 [cs.CV]
KITTI Vision Benchmark Suite	Andreas Geiger	Our datasets are captured by driving around the mid-size city of Karlsruhe, in rural areas and on highways. Our goal is to reduce this bias and complement existing benchmarks by providing real-world benchmarks with novel difficulties to the community.	http://www.cvlibs.net/datasets/k itti/raw_data.php
The Cityscapes Dataset	Cityscapes Team	The Cityscapes Dataset focuses on semantic understanding of urban street scenes. In the following, we give an overview on the design choices that were made to target the dataset's focus.	https://www.cityscapes- dataset.com/dataset-overview/
<u>Mapillary</u> Vistas Dataset	Mapillary AB	A diverse street-level imagery dataset with pixel-accurate and instance-specific human annotations for understanding street scenes around the world.	https://www.mapillary.com/data set/vistas?pKey=xyW6a0ZmrJtj Lw2iJ71Oqg⪫=20&lng=0&z =1.5

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Lidar

- Two roof-mounted VLP-32C lidar sensors (64 beams total)
- Overlapping 40° vertical field of view
- Range of 200 m
- On average, our lidar sensors produce a point cloud with ~ 107,000 points at 10 Hz

Cameras

- Seven high-resolution ring cameras (2048 width x 1550 height) recording at 20 Hz with a combined 360° field of view. Unlike Argoverse 1, the camera and lidar are synchronized. The camera images are captured as one of the two lidars sweep past its field of view. The front center camera is portrait aspect ratio (1550 width x 2048 height) to improve the vertical field of view.
- Two front-view facing stereo cameras (2048 x 1550) sampled at 20 Hz

Localization

We use a city-specific coordinate system for vehicle localization. We include 6-DOF localization for each timestamp, from a combination of GPS-based and sensor-based localization methods.

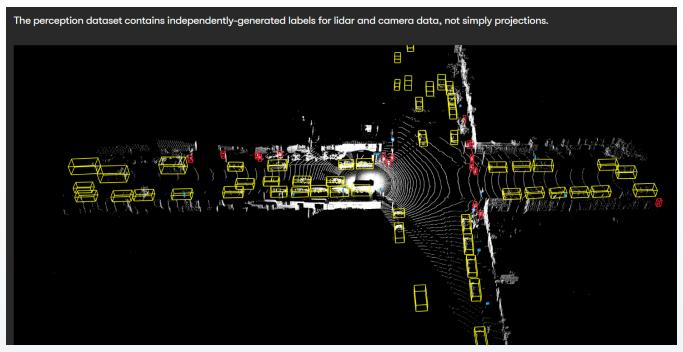
Calibration

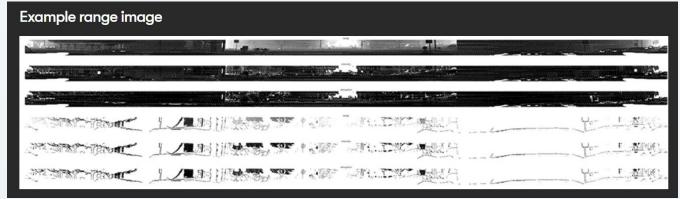
Sensor measurements for each driving session are stored in "scenarios." For each scenario, we provide intrinsic and extrinsic calibration data for the lidar and all nine cameras.



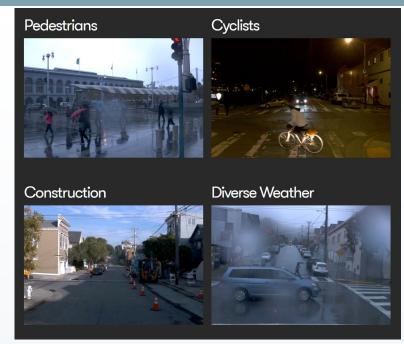
https://www.argoverse.org/av2.html

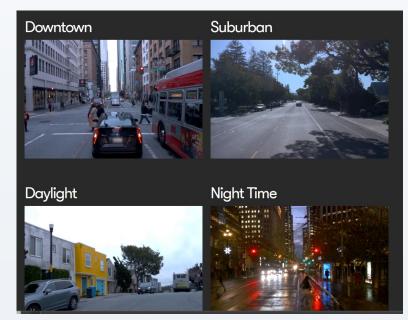
Examples of CAV open datasets





https://waymo.com/open





Classifications of CAV data

NOT All data should be open

Potential use, intellectual property, and data protection of data	Non-brand differentiated data Brand differentiated data	Data not differentiated by vehicle manufacturers and not considered IP-sensitive Data differentiated by vehicle manufacturers and considered IP-sensitive
	Personal data	Data that supports services requiring user or vehicle identification, very sensitive from a privacy perspective

(Source: Taeihagh & Lim, 2019; Yin & Berger, 2018; Somers & Austroads, 2018; Scharring et al., 2017; Darwish, Bakar, Kaiwartya, & Lloret, 2020; also see Table C1 in the Appendix for additional examples.)

Table 2
Classifications of CAV generated data.

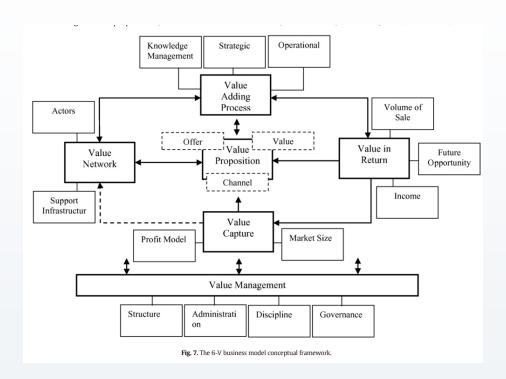
Classification Criteria	Subclassification	Examples/Definition
Machines to collect and store data	Collected data	Data generated by radar, lidar, sonar, GPS, odometry
	Storage data	Data generated by inertial measurement units, central computer, vehicle users, third- party apps
Content of data	Technical data	Data related to vehicle operations and driving process, including speed, acceleration, fill and consumption levels, battery status, lane change, brake activation, as well as the decision-making process of the vehicle
	Geolocation data	Location and route of a certain vehicle
	Environment data	Weather conditions, temperature, sunlight, etc.
	Urban society data	Road system, city infrastructure, traffic accidents, number of pedestrians and vehicles, human interventions,

open data platform (ODP)

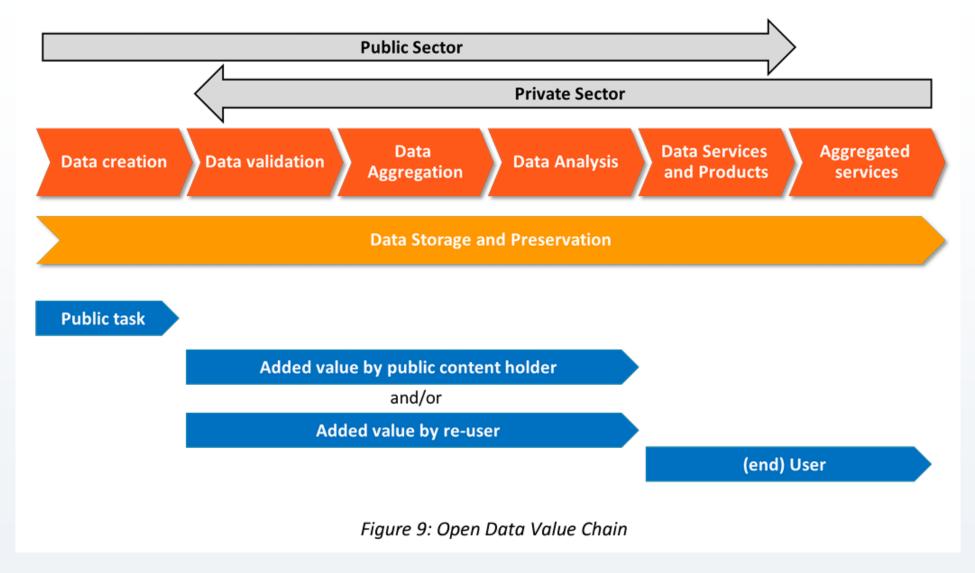
A specific arrangement of using open data

existing ODPs mainly deal with open government data (OGD)

Business models of ODP: value generation



(Zeleti et al., 2016)



Berends J., Carrara W., Engbers W., Vollers H. (2020).

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Table 1 Examples of open data platforms/projects in the transportation domain worldwide.

Open data platform	Country/ Area	Platform owner	Data description	Primary roles
The Intelligent Mobility Data Hub	UK	Catapult Transport Systems (company)	Detailed mapping grids, vehicle emissions, national roadworks data, mobile network data, traffic movement patterns, haulage journeys.	Store, analyze and process large volumes of transport-related data, and provide transport solutions.
Transport for London's portal	UK	Transport for London (government)	Air quality, tube, bus, coach and river, cycling, walking, planning.	Provide transport datasets for potential service developers.
Open transport data on the European Data Portal	Europe	European Commission (government)	Over 7600 datasets related to transport (e.g., bicycle hiring systems in Switzerland and Italy, road work in Belgium, the winter traffic conditions for cars in France, and datasets about road construction in Sweden)	Publish or harvest the data from different institutions within their countries and support open data use cases, such as Saemes and Moovit.
Digital Government Strategy	USA	U.S. Department of Transportation (government)	Over 2000 datasets regarding transportation.	Publish a list of publicly available data sets, and enrich, expand, and open the data inventory.
Brazilian Open Data Portal	Brazil	The Secretariat of Information Technology, Ministry of Planning, Development and Management (government)	Publish data by government agencies regarding various topics of public administration.	Promote dialogue between actors in society and with the government to think about the best use of data, promoting positive impacts from the social and economic points of view.
UAE official Open Data Portal	UAE	UAE Federal Competitiveness and Statistics Authority (government)	Data sets in economy, education, society, technology, transportation, environment, government, health and infrastructure.	Provide enhanced open data systems for public use and enhance sustainable communities based on participation and transparency.
Transport Open Data Portal	China	Ministry of Transport of China (government)	Datasets about public transportation routes, stations, flights, and road work.	Publish and provide open datasets.
Transport Open Data Hub	Australia	Transport for New South Wales (state government)		Act as a showcase for innovation from the use of transport data and provide information about data, APIs and a community forum for app developers.
Egypt Data Portal	Egypt	Egypt Government (government)	Datasets in agriculture, education, health, transport, investment, population, etc., including census data and geolocation data.	Publish datasets in various domains and support sustainable development.

(Sources: https://ts.catapult.org.uk/innovation-centre/imdh/; https://blog.tfl.gov.uk/category/open-data/; https://www.europeandataportal.eu/en/highlights/open-transport-data-european-data-portal; www.transportation.gov/data; https://dados.gov.br/; http://data.bayanat.ae/en_GB/group; http://www.mot.gov.cn/sjkf/; http://data.nsw.gov.au/data/organization/transport-for-nsw; https://egypt.opendataforafrica.org/.)

Examples of open government data platforms





https://opendata.sz.gov.cn/ https://data.gov.hk https://www.data.gov.uk/



Business and economy

Search data.gov.uk

Small businesses, industry, imports, exports and trade

Crime and justice

Courts, police, prison, offenders, borders and immigration

Defence

Armed forces, health and safety, search and rescue

Education

Students, training, qualifications and the National Curriculum

Environment

Weather, flooding, rivers, air quality, geology and agriculture

Government

Staff numbers and pay, local councillors and department business plans

Government spending

Includes all payments by government departments over £25.000

Health

Includes smoking, drugs, alcohol, medicine performance and hospitals

Mapping

Addresses, boundaries, land ownership, aerial photographs, seabed and land terrain

Society

Employment, benefits, household finances, poverty and population

Towns and cities

Includes housing, urban planning, leisure, waste and energy, consumption

Transport

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Airports, roads, freight, electric vehicles, parking, buses and footpaths

Digital service performance

Cost, usage, completion rate, digital take-up, satisfaction

Government reference data

Trusted data that is referenced and shared across government departments

Can we make a ODP for CAV open data? (Conceptualization)

Intuitive concerns

Which data can be made open?

A key premise

How to persuade the data 'owners' to open the data? (Who are the 'owners'?)

- Identifying stakeholders
- A cost-benefit view

Who owns the platform?

A critical discussion

Research questions

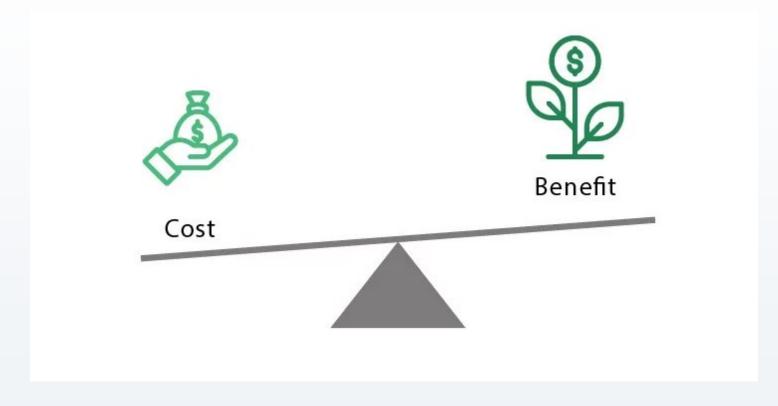
Who are the (potential) stakeholders of a CAV-ODP, delineating their purposes, interests, and roles?

What are the key processes of establishing and operating of a government-owned CAV-ODP?

What specific roles should be undertaken by the government in a CAV-ODP?

Benefits and challenges of making some CAV data open

all steps of establishing the platform...



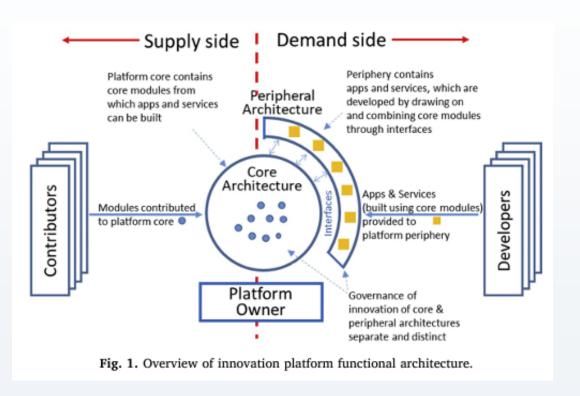
economic, social, ecological...

Different stakeholders (including the public)

Conceptualization

innovation platform functional architecture (Bonina and Eaton, 2020)

A combined view of stakeholders and operational steps



(Bonina and Eaton, 2020)

CAV-ODPs: an effort to connect CAV open data and ODPs

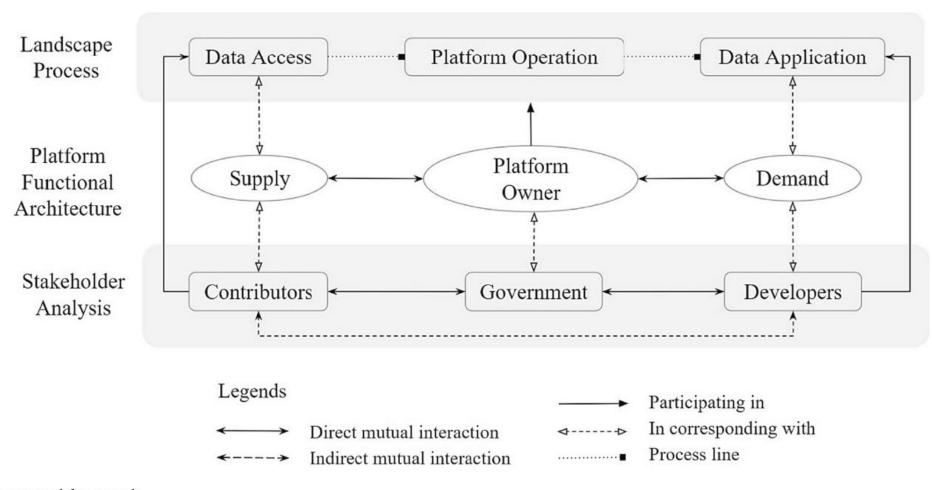


Fig. 2. Conceptual framework.

(Source: Authors. Based on Bonina & Eaton, 2020.)

Data collection

Primary and secondary data sources

Interviewee	Topic	Summary of the interviewee's idea
a. Director and co-leader of an investment bank	CAV open data platform investment	The question of investing in an open data platform is to find a very niche area in which people can make profits. We have been hearing about how useful or beneficial an open data can be, but few companies can really create profit from it. An example of a government-led open data platform is the project of Copenhagen. After constructing an open data platform, 5 apps have been developed, for different uses all relating to transport, for buses, for taxis, for trains, for hirring bikes, for car renting on weekends. Despite bringing some benefits, the users' experience was not good. Users have to download all 5 apps in order to meet different needs, which brings inconvenience. And once there is a failure of one app, people will lose trust in them all. That might be a problem when start-ups come into being using transport open data.
b. Business Manager of a self- driving company	Advantages of CAVs and their datasets	What makes an autonomous car called autonomous rather than automated is that it can make a decision based on what it sees. For example, an automated call will approach an obstacle, and stops. An autonomous car will see it, and think about what obstacle that is and whether it is safe to continue or not. There are loads of data sets on autonomous vehicles. The vehicles generate many types of data, including visual data, telemetry data, lidar data, and location data. It's the implementation of the data that makes a difference. It is what you use them for and how you think that might be useful for your vehicle that matters. We leave that up to our end users. We develop our products using our own data sets.
c. A Researcher at a transportation laboratory	Research value of CAV data	During the process of experimenting, huge amounts of data could be generated, such as experiment documents and outcome. the public have the access to these experiment data." There are not any databases, however, but they are free, open to anyone, able to be found
d. A professor on transportation policies	Potential challenges of government-led CAV-ODPs	on the Internet. Apart from scientific researches, commercial companies can make use of these data if they want, although there have not been so many commercial applications, indeed. I'm not convinced national governments are really committed to open data. I don't think they want to really put so much pressure on companies. However, I think there is more penitence and emphasis on this at the local level. For example, Oxford is very keen on having open data from the companies willing to share. All the agreements between local government and companies are voluntary, meaning to say that if the companies don't comply, there is very little what the government can do. I think that's a very problematic

Supplementary data online

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Data collection

Table A1. Data sources of the process landscape and stakeholder analysis	
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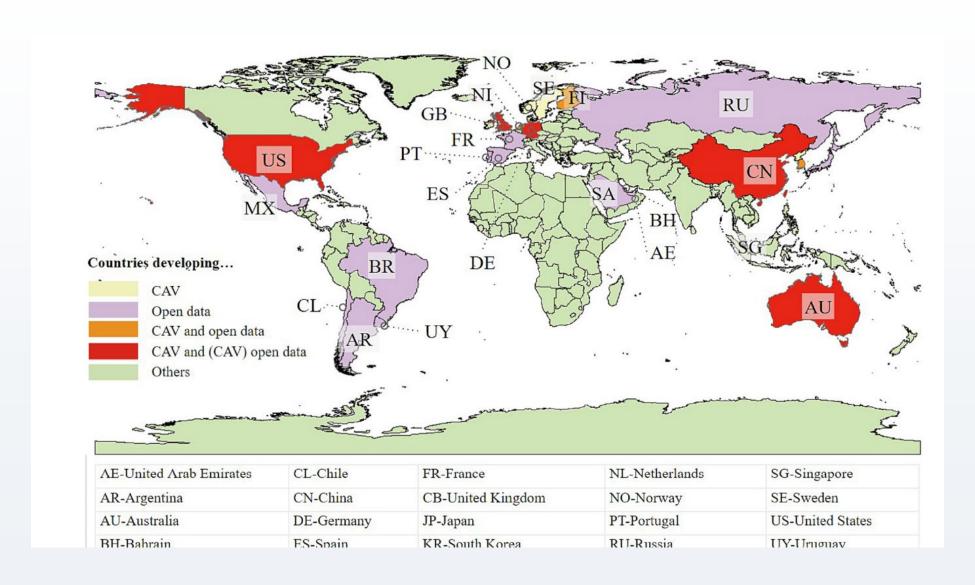
Source	Type of data	Interviewee/Title/URL/Source	Content
		Director and co-leader of an investment bank	CAV open data platform investment
Interview	CAV open data	Business Manager of a self-driving company	Advantages of CAVs and their datasets
(First-	applications and	A researcher at a transportation laboratory	Research value of CAV data
handed)	challenges	A professor of transportation policies	Potential challenges of the government-led CAV-ODP
	CAV application	Identifying and prioritizing the benefits and concerns of connected and autonomous vehicles: A comparison of individual and expert perceptions	
		Connected and Automated Transport: Research and Innovation Capacity in Europe	CAV application
		Recent advances in connected and automated vehicles	CAV development
		Reflections and recommendations on policies related to automated maps	Applications of CAV open data in enhancing safety
		Governing autonomous vehicles: emerging responses for safety, liability, privacy, cybersecurity, and industry risks	Applications of CAV and CAV data
	CAV data application	A discussion of the need for market-based applications of motor vehicle and driver data	Applications of vehicle data
		The value of intelligent driving big data based on trusted computing in the insurance sector	CAV open data application in insurance
		Connected automated vehicles and insurance: Analyzing future market structure from a business ecosystem perspective	CAV open data application in insurance
Literature		A data-driven approach to characterize the impact of connected and autonomous vehicles on traffic flow Future urban transport technology development and innovation	Applications of CAV open data in transportation domains CAV open data application in urban
		Identification and optimization of Xi'an city center system based on open data	infrastructure management CAV open data application in urban planning
		MapX: An open geospatial platform to manage, analyze and visualize	CAV open data application in natural
		data on natural resources and the environment	resources management
		Impact of intelligent transport on urban space	Positive effect of CAV open data on sharing spirits and working efficiency
		Research on key technologies of data platform for automated driving	Steps involved in CAV data platform establishment
	Open data platform	Research on value-added services for government open data platforms based on top-level design	Government open data platform design
		The impacts of open data initiatives on smart cities: A framework for evaluation and monitoring	Open data application in smart cities
		Cultivating open government data platform ecosystems through governance: Lessons from Buenos Aires, Mexico City and Montevideo	Open data platform design & governance

Source	Type of data	Interviewee/Title/URL/Source	Content	Country
		Connected and Autonomous Vehicles in Europe: The Challenges with Using the Data They Generate	Challenges of CAV data application	Europe
		Industry characteristics and value chain analysis of open data	Establishing a open data application	China
		exploitation	platform	
		Blockchain-Based Data Sharing and Trading Model for the Connected Car	CAV open data design adopting blockchain	UK, China
		TRADING: Traffic Aware Data Offloading for Big Data Enabled Intelligent Transportation System	Transportation open data application	USA
		Freeway Traffic Speed Estimation of Mixed Traffic Using Data from Connected and Autonomous Vehicles with a Low Penetration Rate	Applications of CAV open data in transportation domains	China
		Internet of Vehicles in Big Data Era	Relationship between vehicles and data	China
		Open data for democracy: Developing a theoretical framework for open data use	Positive effect of open data on democratic processes	Netherlands
		How to Ensure the Economic Viability of an Open Data Platform	Open data platform design & governance	France
		Open data platforms: Discussing alternative knowledge epistemologies		USA, Singapore, Spain, Russia, Bahrain, Saudi Arabia and United Arab Emirates, Chile, Sweden, Finland, China, German, Brazil. South Korea
		Connecting societal issues, users and data. Scenario-based design of open data platforms	Open data platform design under different circumstances	Netherlands
		Towards European Open Science Commons: The EGI Open Data Platform and The EGI DataHub	An open data platform case	Europe
		Connected and Automated Vehicles (CAV): Open Data Recommendations (Austroads, 2018)	Applications of CAV open data	Australia
Government	CAV open data	Research and innovation in smart mobility and services in Europe: An assessment based on the Transport Research and Innovation Monitoring and Information System (TRIMIS)	Applications of CAV open data in transportation domains	Europe
reports	applications	Use of Data from Connected and Automated Vehicles for Travel Demand Modeling	Applications of CAV open data in transportation domains	USA
		Connected and Autonomous Vehicles: Transport for London, 2019	Development plans regarding CAV	UK
		Planning for Connected and Automated Vehicles Report	CAV's impact	USA
		ITE Statement on Connected and Automated Vehicles	CAV application	USA
		Open data: Unlocking innovation and performance with liquid information	Open data application in general	Global (McKinsey)
		Smart Mobility and Open Data: A Global and Personal Perspective	Business cases using CAV open data	UK, USA
Industry reports	(CAV) Open data application	World Bank Support for Open Data (2012-2017)	Positive effect of open data on public service efficiency	Global developing countries (World Bank)
		Waymo Open Dataset available for autonomous vehicle researchers	Classifications of CAV data by hardware	USA
		SMMT: Connected and Autonomous Vehicles: Position Paper	Applications of CAV and CAV data	UK, USA

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Data collection



Results

Steps to build a CAV-ODP

- 1. CAV data access
- 2. Platform operation
- 3. CAV open data application

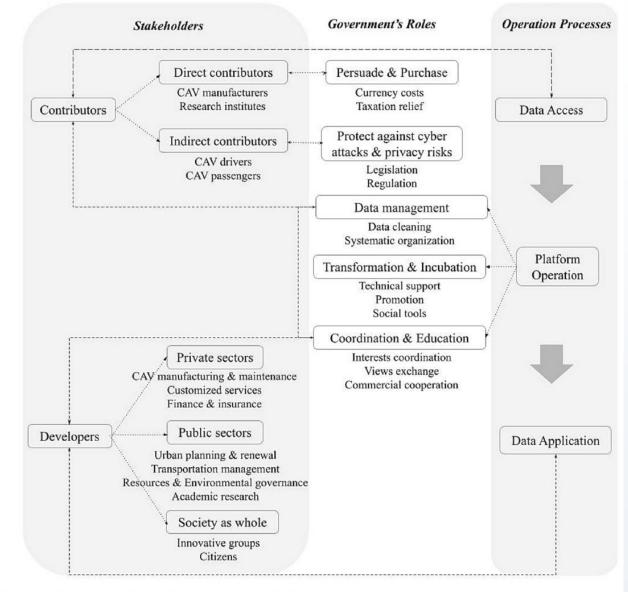


Fig. 3. Stakeholders, operation processes, and governments' roles in a CAV-ODP. (Source: Authors.)

1. CAV data access: a view of different contributors

Direct contributors: research institutes and companies

- 'persuade and purchase' strategy
- tax cut, subsidy
- benefits of data sharing

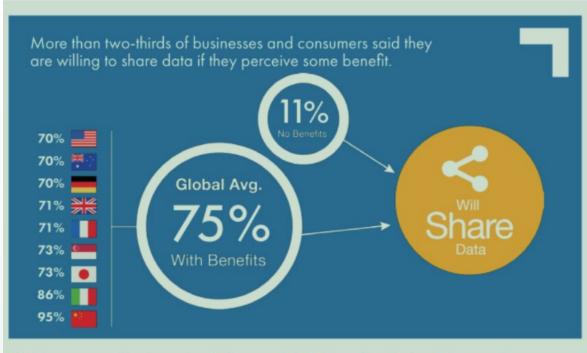
Indirect contributors: individual

- cyber-attacks and privacy leaks
- accountability

Table 3
Sources of CAV-related open data around the world.

Type of Institute	Number	Examples
Research institutes	20	NCLT Dataset: The University of Michigan North
Self-driving companies	7	Waymo Open Dataset
Government departments	0	_

(Source: Authors. Based on information in Appendix C.)



This large group of swing voters (75 percent) include early adopters (11 percent), willing to share data regardless of benefits. While there is some variance by country, the overwhelming majority of respondents in all countries surveyed would green-light data sharing if it benefits them.

Global Identity and Fraud Report (Experian, 2019)



Guidelines 1/2020 on processing personal data in the context of connected vehicles and mobility related applications

Version 1.0

https://www.edpb.europa.eu/sites/default/files/consultation/edpb_guidelines_202001_connectedvehicles.pdf

2. From access to application: platform operation

CAV data management

data cleaning, reclassification, and integration storage, mining, and analytics

large volume, variety, speed formats, languages, consistency, geographical barriers... Transformation and incubation

Technical: programming interface (API), graphical user interface (GUI), web portals, Cloud sites

Social: events, hackathons, exhibitions, competitions, incubators

Outcomes: new products and services

Coordination and education

Coordinating data contributors and developers

Arousing public awareness

technical communication, commercial cooperation, interest coordination, and views exchange

2. From access to application: platform operation

Hu et al., 2022

CAV data management

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Processing, assessing, and enhancing the Waymo autonomous vehicle open dataset for driving behavior research

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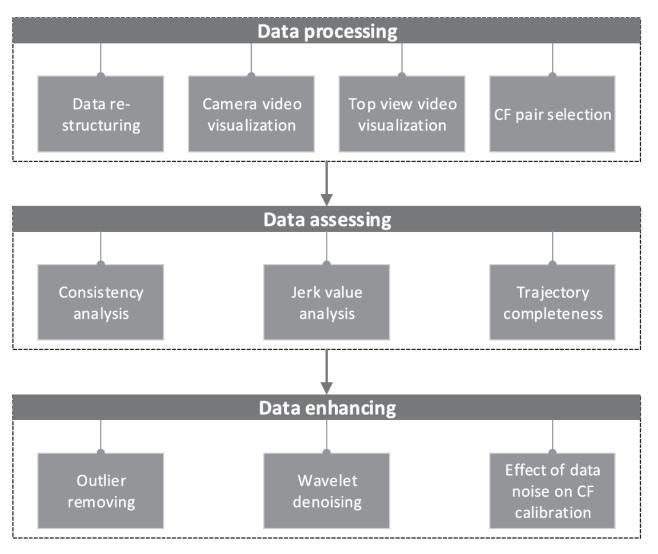


Fig. 1. Flow chart of the data processing, assessing and enhancing procedure; CF: car following.

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2. From access to application: platform operation

Transformation and incubation

Coordination and education

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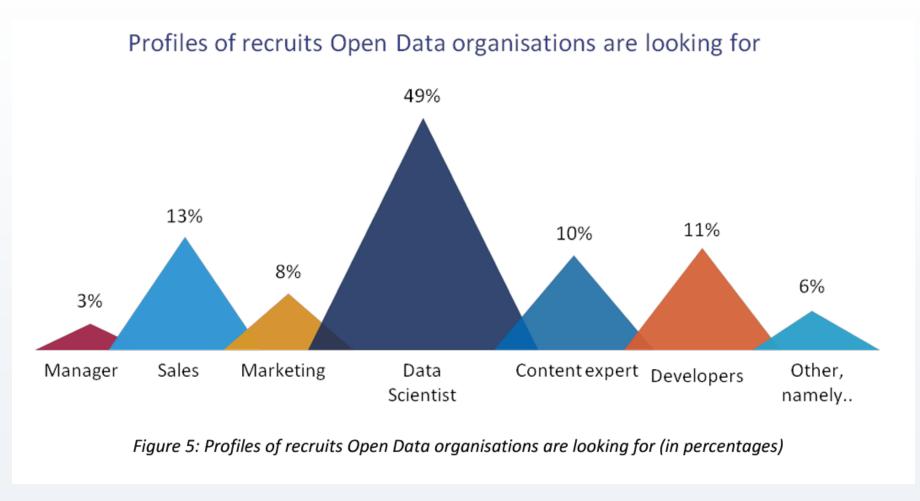
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- 3.1 The private sector
- 3.2 The public sector
- 3.3 Society as a whole

3.1 The private sector

CAV manufacturers

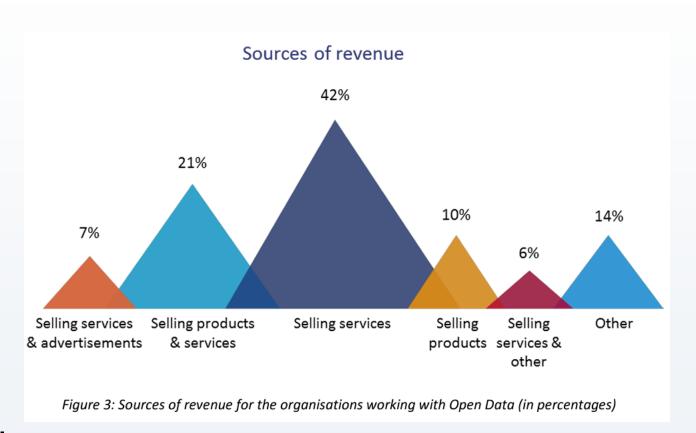
Customized services/products

Consulting

Finance

insurance model estimation

Small and young enterprises can benefit more (Berends et al., 2020).



Berends J., Carrara W., Engbers W., Vollers H. (2020)

3.1 The private sector

CAV manufacturers

Policy paper

Finding the way forward: Location data to enable connected and automated mobility

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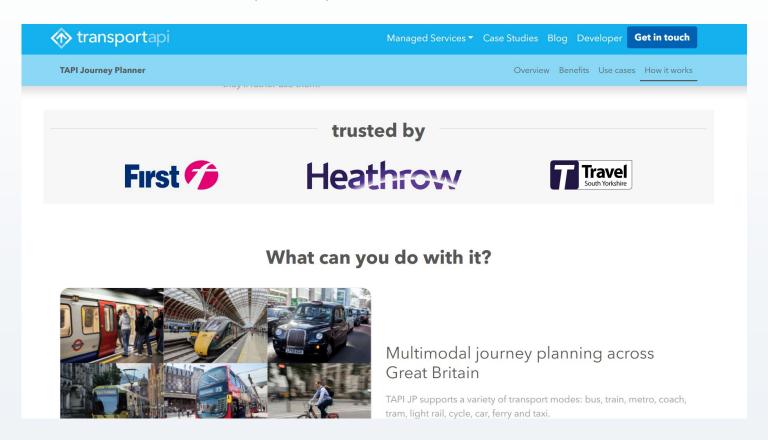
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Executive summary

Connected and automated vehicles (CAVs) are no longer within the realm of science fiction. Connected and automated functionality is becoming more widespread in our daily lives, from <u>robot food and grocery delivery in Greater Manchester</u> to <u>driverless taxis in San Francisco</u>. Connected and automated mobility (CAM) is part of the future of transport and could reduce congestion, improve accessibility and make our journeys safer and more efficient. The impact of CAM will be felt on the road, in the air and at sea.

This report highlights the role location data and location technologies will have in the safe deployment of CAM at scale on the UK's roads. https://www.gov.uk/government/publications

Data-as-a-service (DaaS)



TransportAPI, a *Data-as-a-Service* portal offered by Placr Ltd., provides a comprehensive UK transport data catalogue (https://www.transportapi.com)

3.2 The public sector

CAVs offer real-time vehicle, road, and environmental data for decision-making.

The ODP fuses data from multiple sources to form a complete regional picture.

Urban and transport planning policymaking

Identifying dilapidated construction
Route planning
Car parking

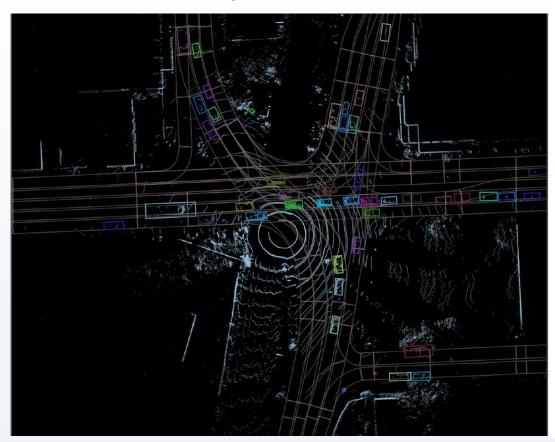
Mapping natural resources and monitoring environmental risks

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Large Car-following Data Based on Lyft level-5 Open Dataset: Following Autonomous Vehicles vs. Human-driven Vehicles

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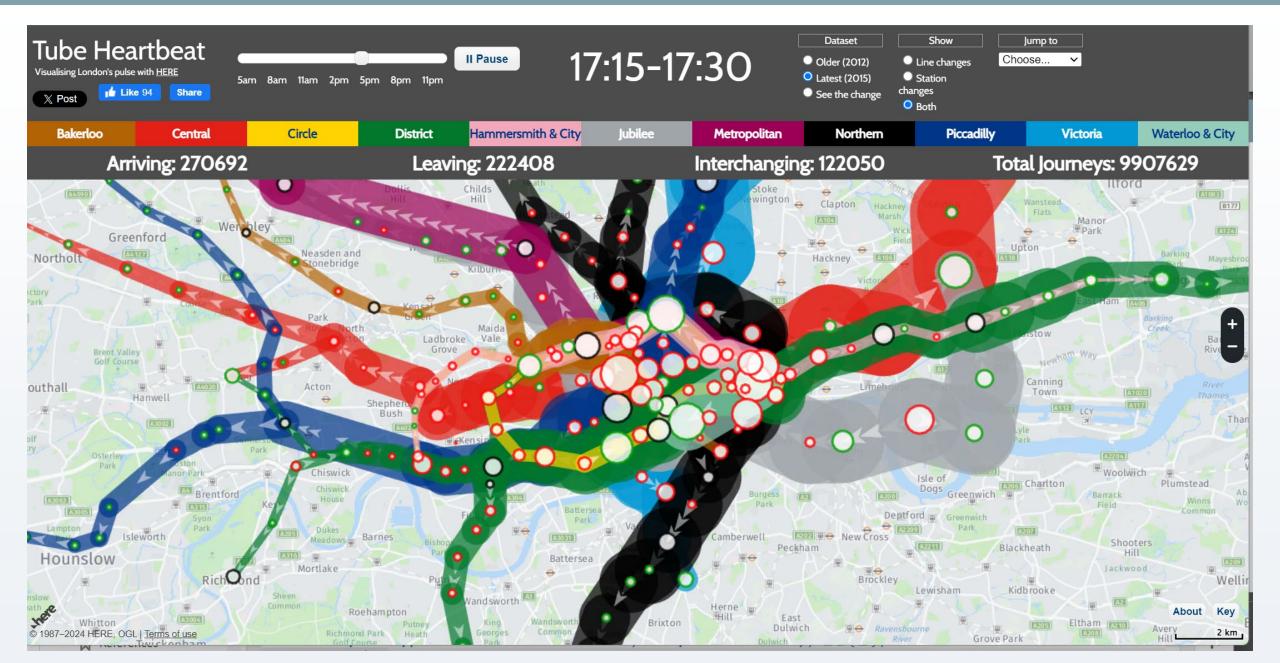
Abstract—Car-Following (CF), as a fundamental driving behaviour, has significant influences on the safety and efficiency of traffic flow. Investigating how human drivers react differently when following autonomous vs. human-driven vehicles (HV) is thus critical for mixed traffic flow. Research in this field can be expedited with trajectory datasets collected by Autonomous Vehicles (AVs). However, trajectories collected by AVs are noisy and not readily applicable for studying CF behaviour. This paper extracts and enhances two categories of CF data, HV-following-AV (H-A) and HV-following-HV (H-H), from the open Lyft level-5 dataset. First, CF pairs are selected based on specific rules. Next, the quality of raw data is assessed by anomaly analysis. Then, the raw CF data is corrected and enhanced via motion planning, Kalman filtering, and wavelet denoising. As a result, 29k+ H-A and 42k+ H-H car-following segments are obtained, with a total driving distance of 150k+ km. A diversity assessment shows that the processed data cover complete CF regimes for calibrating CF models. This open and ready-to-use dataset provides the opportunity to investigate the CF behaviours of following AVs vs. HVs from real-world data. It can further facilitate studies on exploring the impact of AVs on mixed urban traffic.

Index Terms—Car-following, trajectory dataset, autonomous vehicle, driving behaviour

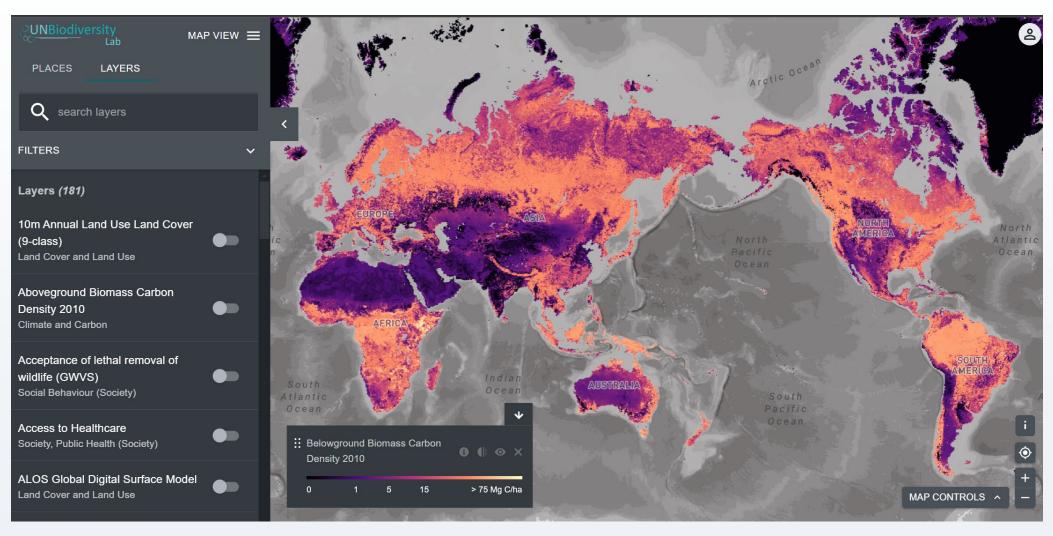
or seemingly-real AV in different scenarios [8–10]. Similar experiments can also be carried out in a virtual environment by using driving simulators [11]. Field tests and simulations are controllable so researchers can focus on specific points of interest. However, due to cost limitations, these two approaches cannot provide comprehensive and large data covering diverse scenarios.

Recently, the release of autonomous driving datasets, such as Waymo [12], nuScenes [13], and Lyft5 [14], has enabled researchers to study AVs' impacts on traffic with real-world data. Hu et al. [15] offer the first attempt to process a CF dataset from the Waymo dataset. However, because AVs are not marked in the entire dataset of Waymo, only 274 HV-following-AV (H-A) pairs and 1032 HV-following-HV (H-H) pairs are extracted. The limited amount of samples leads to contradictory findings. For example, Wen et al. [16] conclude that, compared with H-H, H-A has lower driving volatility, smaller time headways, and higher Time-to-Collision (TTC); while Hu et al. [17] found no significant difference between H-H and H-A, except for smaller spacing during congestion. To reduce the biases when using small datasets, a larger and

https://www.forbes.com/sites/samabuelsamid/2019/06/19/argo-ai-and-waymo-release-automated-driving-data-sets/?sh=59f294a81d00



Natural resources



UN-biodiversity MapX

3.3 Society as a whole

An individual's role is not only a consumer but also an engaged *citizen* (Milakis & Müller, 2021)

Enhancing public service efficiency and transparence.

Boosting sharing, innovation, and start-up urbanism.

CAV-ODP as an educational platform of emerging technologies: from acceptance to proactive participation.

Critical reflections

Why government?

A cost-benefit view

- Externalities of CAV data application
- Internalising costs
- Maximising and sharing indirect benefits
- Overcoming the 'anti-common tragedy'

from a technology-centric view of CAVs to a holistic approach to governance

Bringing platform capitalism and smart urbanism in dialogue

The private sector participation in datagenerating platforms

- tech-giants fear?
- 'black box' of decision making
- lacking accountability
- disconnects platforms from placebased responsibilities
- a rising 'platform logic' (capital + tech)

The public sector in smart cities

- social monitoring and control?
- top-down oversight of urban systems
- 'smart cities' ending up as real estate construction

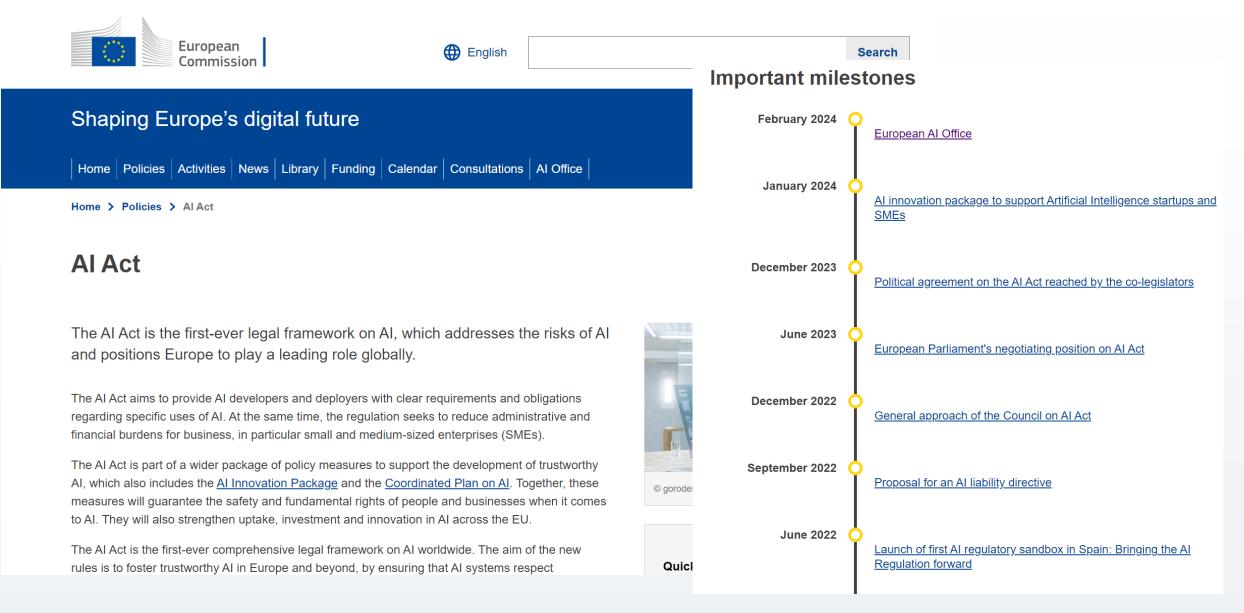
Emerging technology and data may change power dynamics. Be careful.

Challenges

Privacy and security

Unexpected new categories of data generated

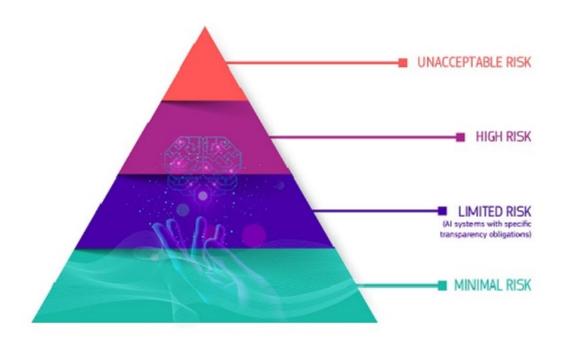
Cross-jurisdictional social impacts and inequalities (Caprotti et al., 2022): uneven global development and latecomers



https://digital-strategy.ec.europa.eu/en/policies/european-approach-artificial-intelligence

A risk-based approach

The Regulatory Framework defines 4 levels of risk for Al systems:



All Al systems considered a clear threat to the safety, livelihoods and rights of people will be banned, from social scoring by governments to toys using voice assistance that encourages dangerous behaviour.

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