

Prospects for Electric Vehicles and Autonomous Driving

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Abstract - Currently, the transport sector creates some of the major problems for society: increasing GHG emissions and local pollutions, as well as accidents. There are expectations that electric vehicles can solve some of the environmental problems. However, accidents due to individual human behavior still pose a significant threat. The core objective of this paper is to analyze possible joint solutions linking E-mobility with autonomous driving. The success of these alternative and innovative solutions are very dependent on their costs, environmental aspects, as well as their reliability and safety. Although, a combination of electric vehicles and autonomous driving could solve some of the problems in the transport sector, there is a still lack of knowledge, experience and broad acceptance posing some of the major barriers.

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