Breakout Session [ADS Standards Hot Topics: Operational Design Domain (ODD) & Operating Envelope Specification (OES)]

Session Topic Summary

- Provided deep dive into standards activities surrounding ODD and OES from organizations including SAE, ISO, ASAM, and NIST
- Described usage of ODD across the ADS community, highlighting regulatory and OEM perspectives
- Discussed ODD specification gaps and issues to be addressed in future standards activities

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Key Findings and Lessons Learned

- Lack of common standard and conventions to define ODDs is felt by the community
- Standards for ODD taxonomy/attributes (e.g., ISO 34503) and ODD definition format/language (e.g., ASAM OpenODD) could complement each other to provide an overall ODD definition
- The NIST OES concept has built on ODD to provide a structured description of the operating environment for driving to support testing and certification applications
- Establishing a minimum level of detail for specifying ODD is critical, and countries such as the UK are working these efforts

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Outcomes & Research Needs Statements

- Identified need to develop standardized minimum ODD definition at an appropriate level of detail
- Discussed how an ADS would handle exiting its ODD and need for outlining clear exit processes, including how to "fuzz" ODD boundary accordingly
- Conveyed benefits of harmonizing ODD standardization approaches
- Expressed that ODD definition should focus on the performance of the ADS, not on technology