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# Autonomous driving: the hidden enabling technology for a sustainable mobility model

Rome, 14/11/2023 – Keynote speech

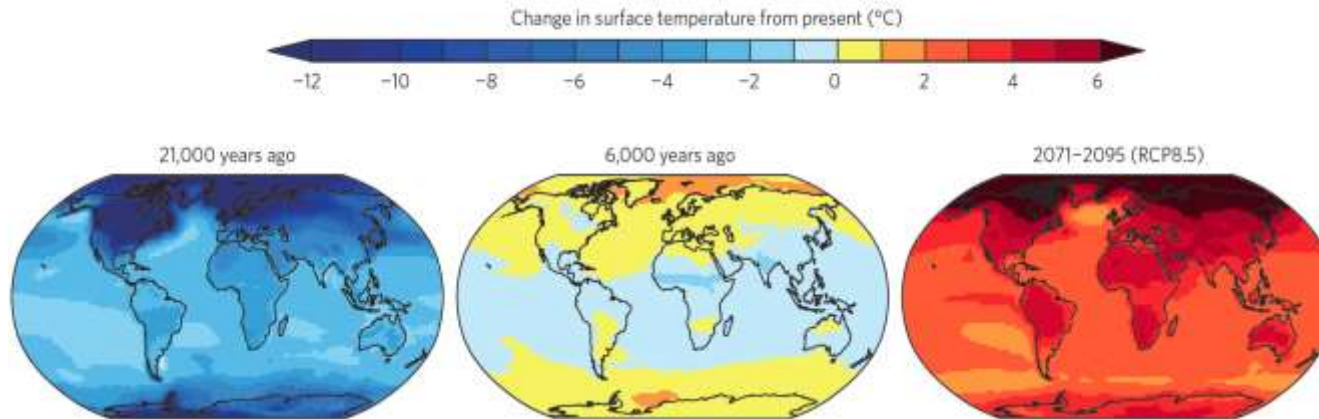
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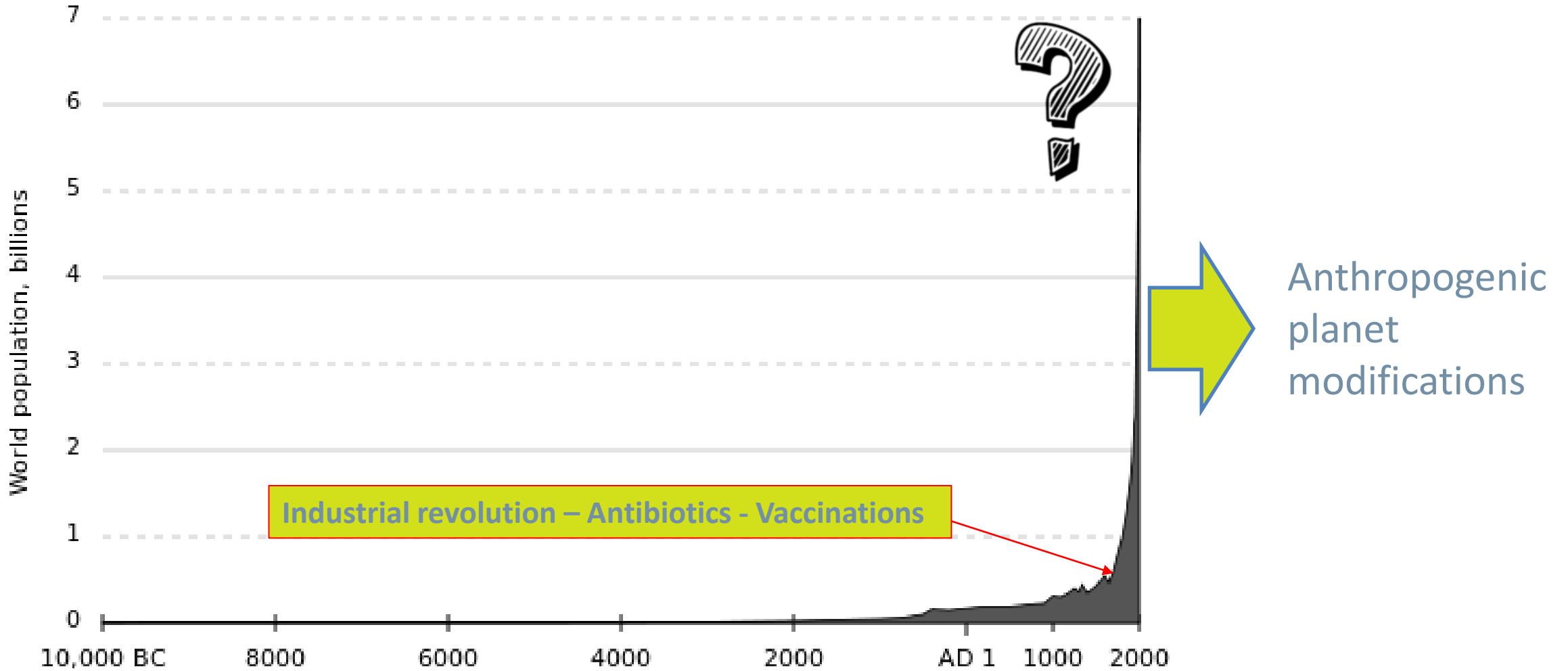
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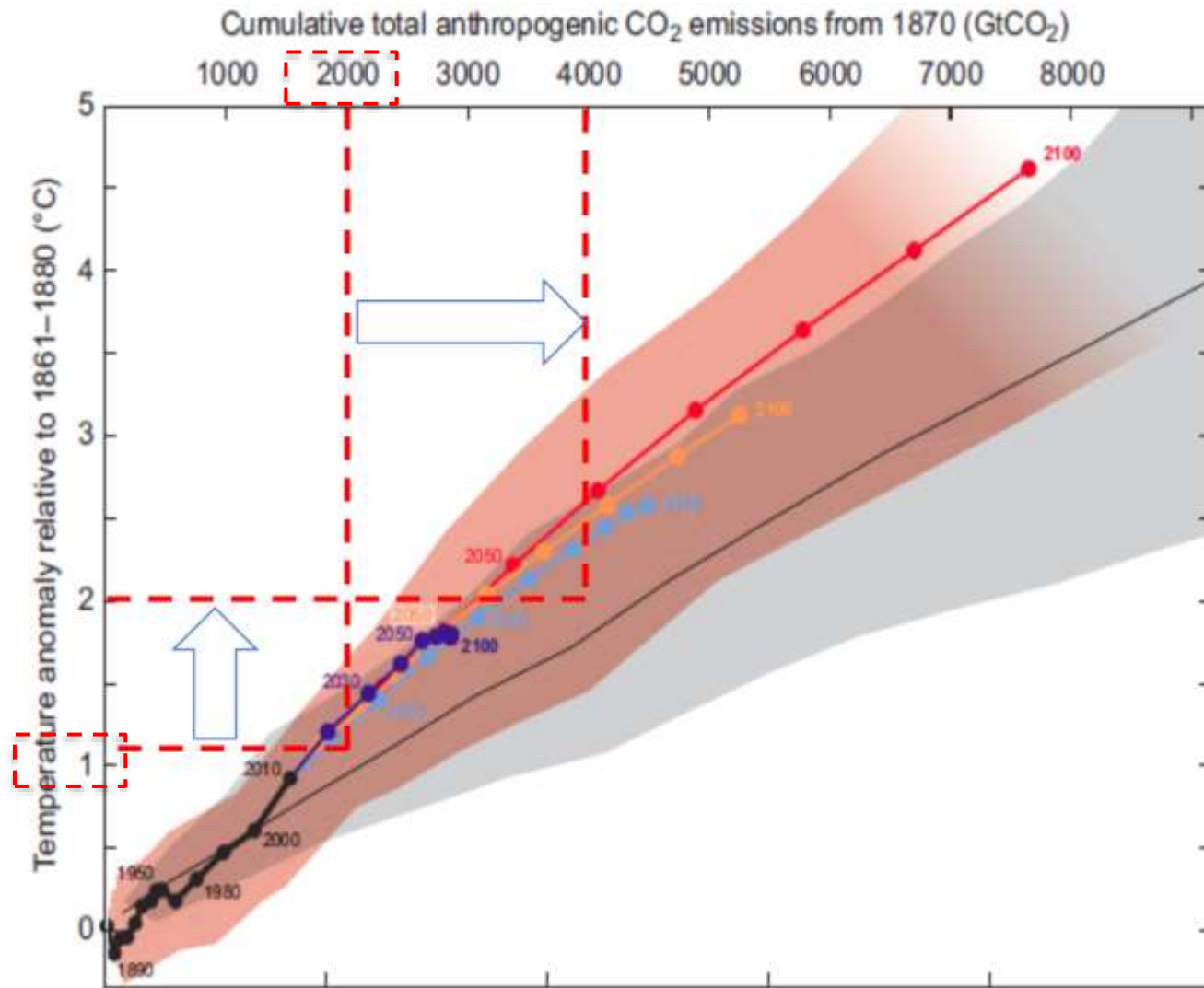
# We have a problem...



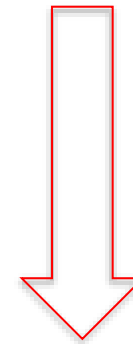
# Demographic growth



# CO2 «Residual budget» and burnable oil



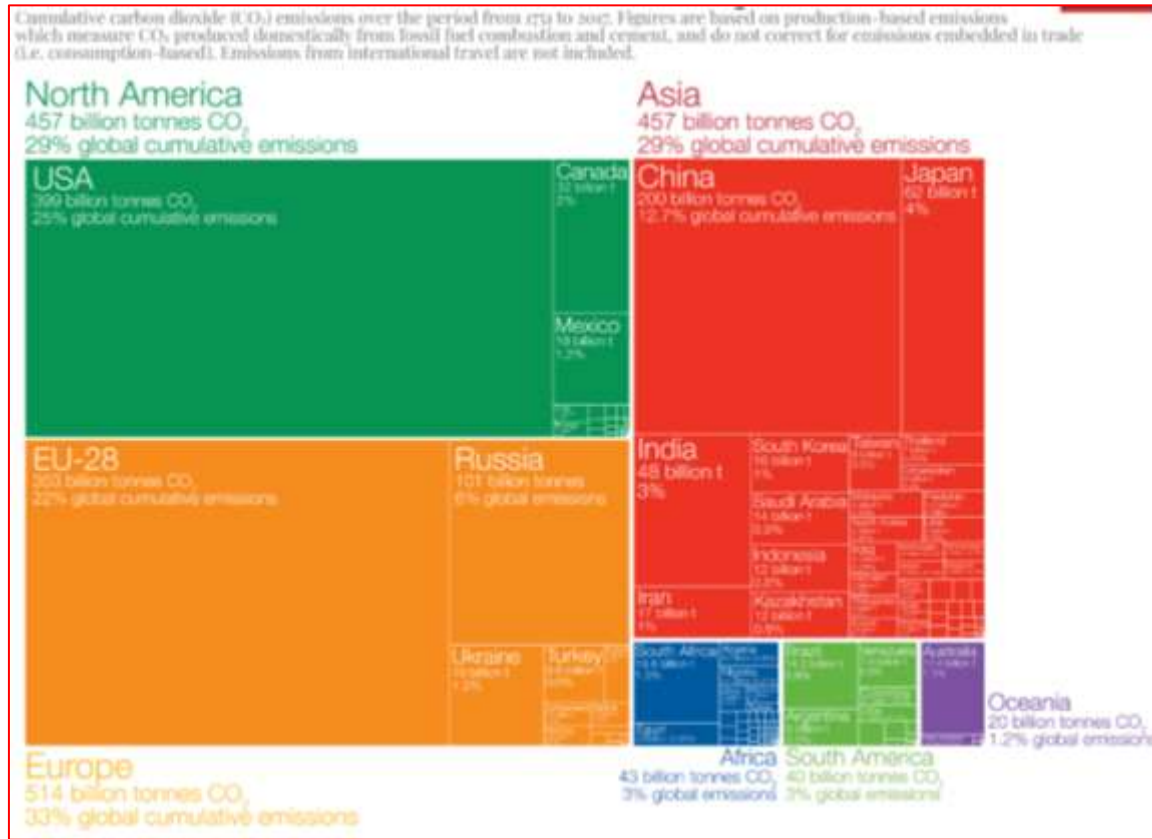
Residual budget : 2000 GtCO<sub>2</sub> (to stay below +2°)



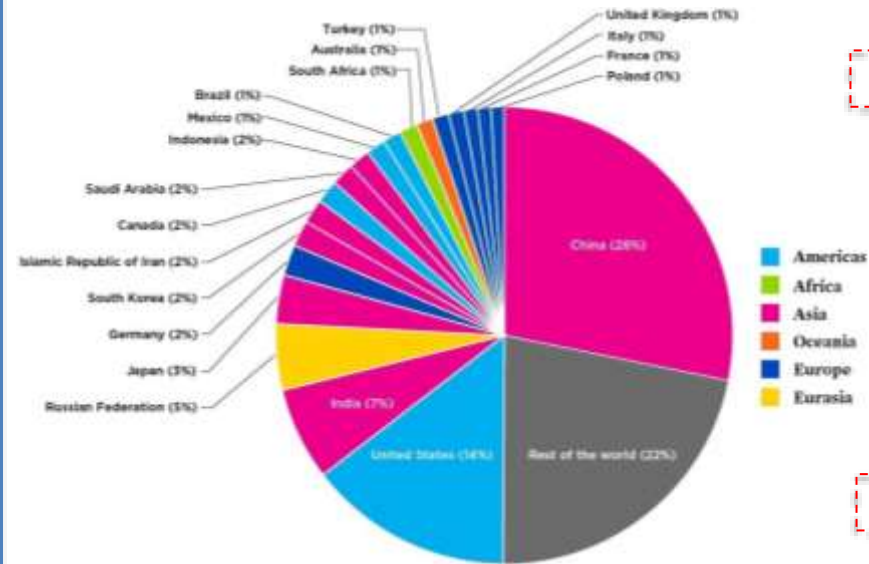
It is **less than 5%** of CO<sub>2</sub>-equivalent of fossil fuel still available

# CO2 emissions share

## Cumulative



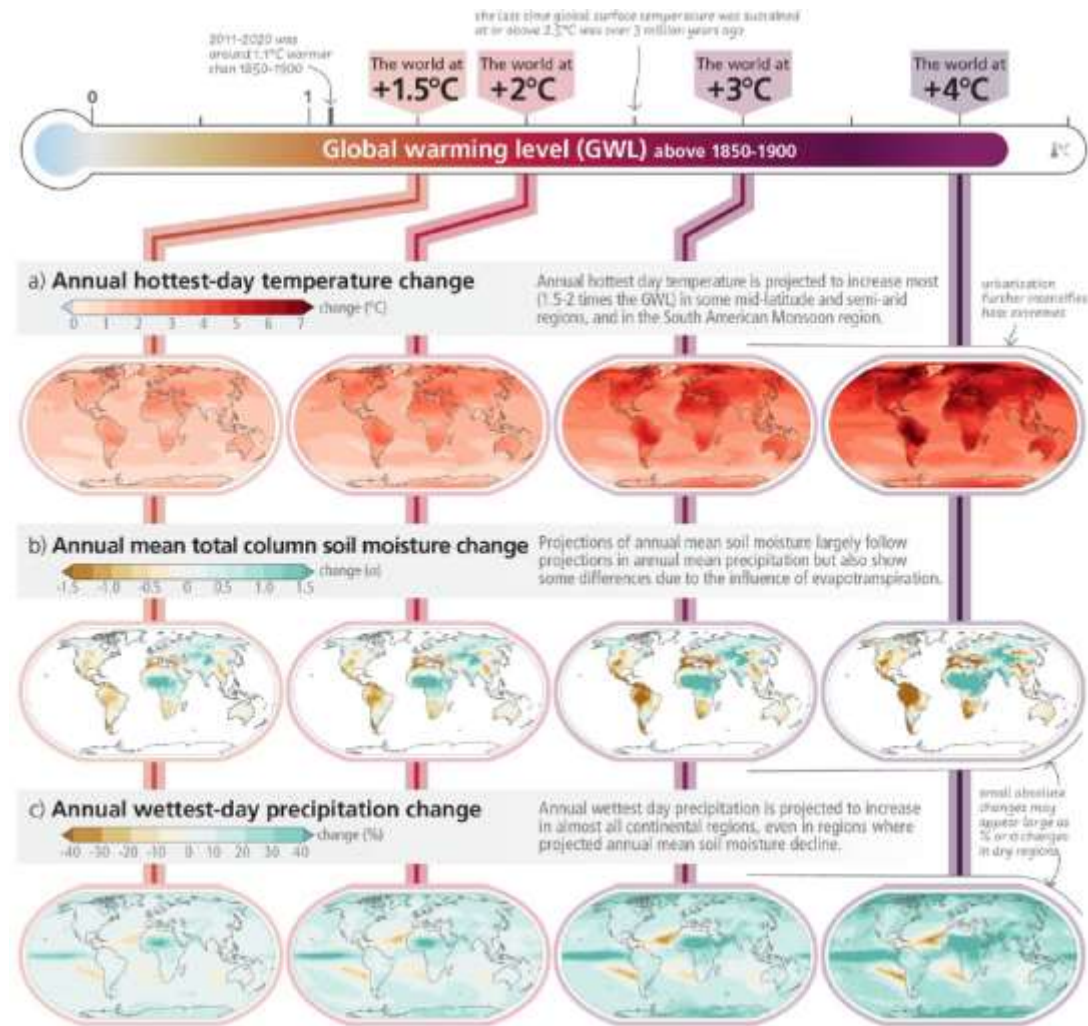
## Today



## 2016 rankings by per capita emissions

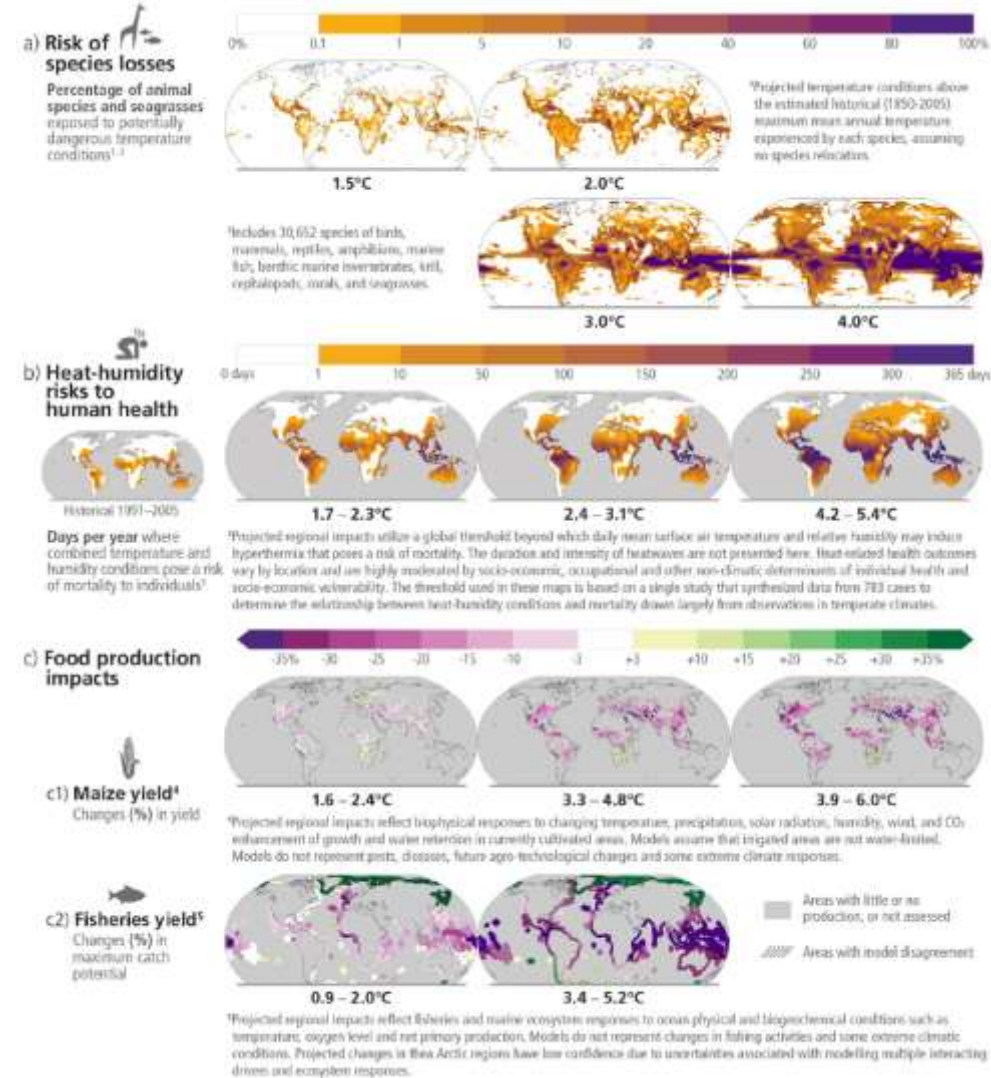
Rank	Country	CO <sub>2</sub> emissions (per capita)
1	Saudi Arabia	16.3T
2	Australia	16.2T
3	United States	15.0T
4	Canada	14.9T
5	South Korea	11.6T
6	Russian Federation	9.9T
7	Japan	9.0T
8	Germany	8.9T
9	Poland	7.7T
10	South Africa	7.4T
11	Islamic Republic of Iran	7.1T
12	China	6.4T
13	United Kingdom	5.6T
14	Italy	5.4T
15	France	4.5T
16	Turkey	4.2T
17	Mexico	3.6T
18	Brazil	2.0T
19	Indonesia	1.7T
20	India	1.6T

# From +1° to +4°...?



**Stop at +2°?  
(stick on the budget)**

**Adaptation  
& Resilience?  
(overshoot the budget)**



# 28% of UK GHGs were from Transport in 2018



## Car-based personal mobility model

the mistake #1 (in retrospect, after 1B cars) = personal ownership





# Megatrends: CONGESTION / car density

Country	cars per 1000 inhabitants	total number of cars
United States	831	275.913.237,00
Canada	790	30.754.600,00
Australia	782	20.335.000,00
Poland	771	29.369.800,00
Italy	755	45.487.900,00
France	668	45.297.000,00
Germany	628	52.275.833,00
Spain	627	29.707.581,00
Japan	624	78.461.953,00
United Kingdom	600	40.800.000,00
Netherlands	588	10.248.388,00
Malaysia	542	17.728.482,00
South Korea	485	25.167.409,00
Russia	395	58.116.046,00
Mexico	391	50.400.000,00
Argentina	373	17.000.000,00
Colombia	324	16.500.000,00
Thailand	280	19.576.630,00
Turkey	254	21.763.186,00
Ukraine	245	10.500.000,00
South Africa	232	13.570.330,00
China	226	319.000.000,00
Brazil	215	46.200.000,00
Iran	175	14.500.000,00
Indonesia	82	22.587.923,00
Nigeria	61	13.000.000,00
India	59	80.888.051,00

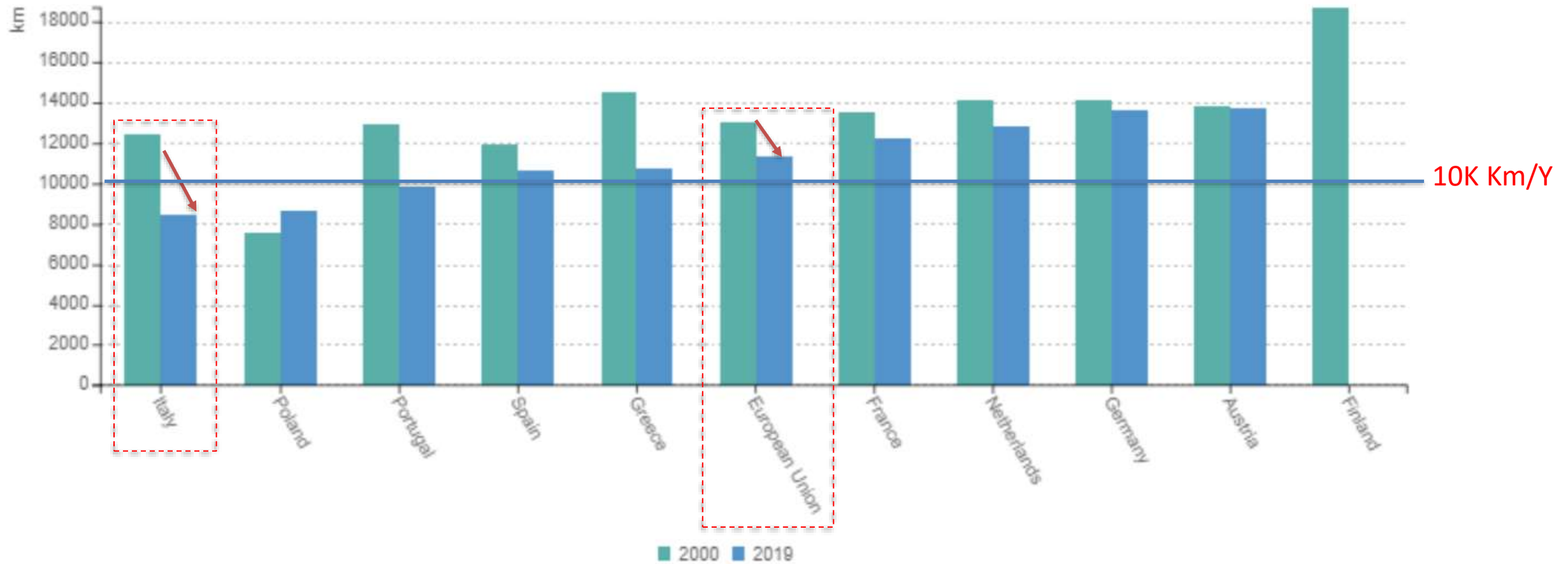


List of countries with more than 10M cars sorted by car density



# Megatrends: CONGESTION / travelled distance (EU)

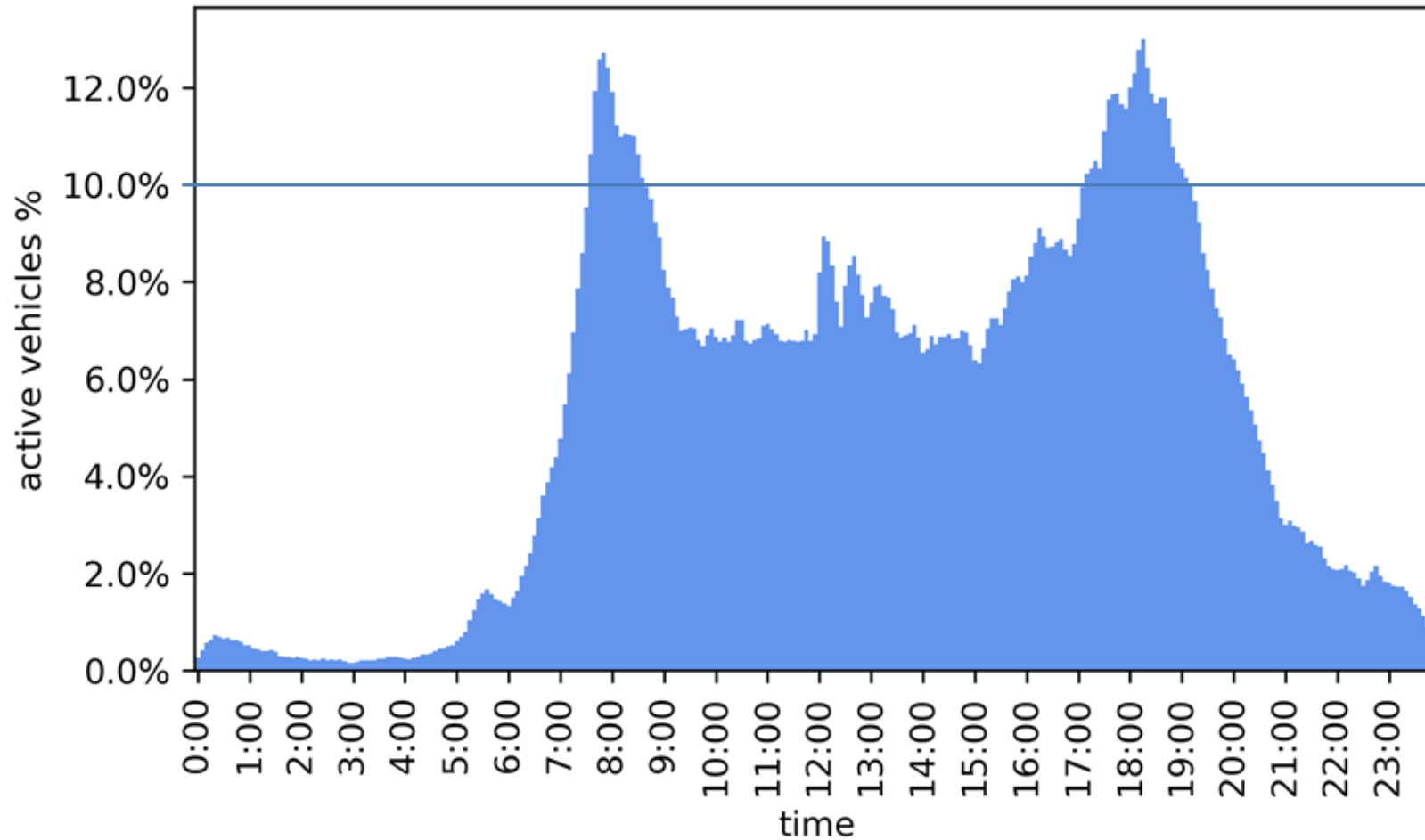
Change in distance travelled by car for selected countries



<https://www.odyssee-mure.eu/publications/efficiency-by-sector/transport/transport-eu.pdf>

## Remark: simultaneously-used cars

### Active vehicles during a weekday (07/03/2018)



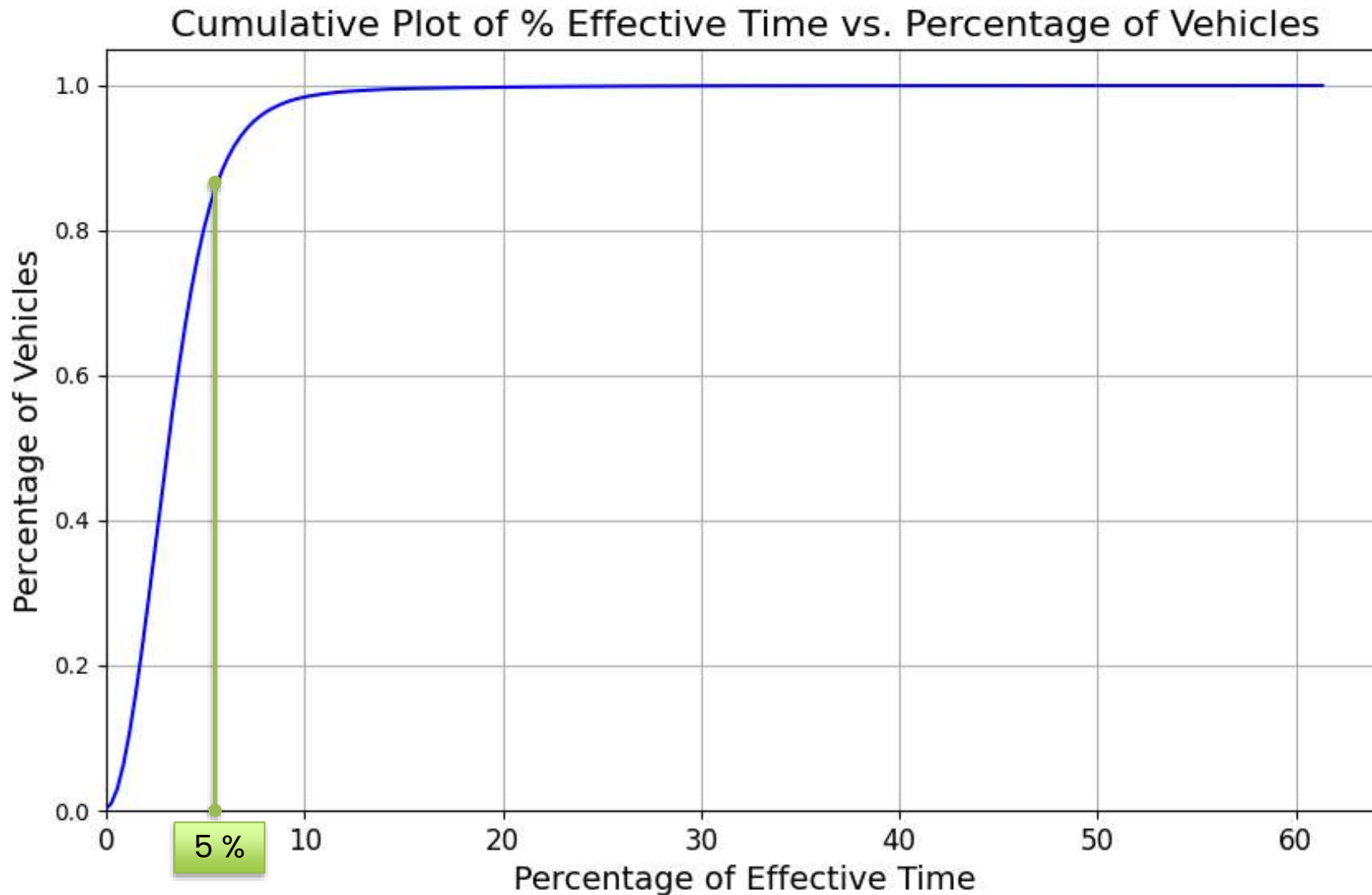
Analysis  
from a dataset of  
billions of trips,  
taken from 4M of  
insurance telematic  
boxes

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## Remark: car usage (Italy, 2022)

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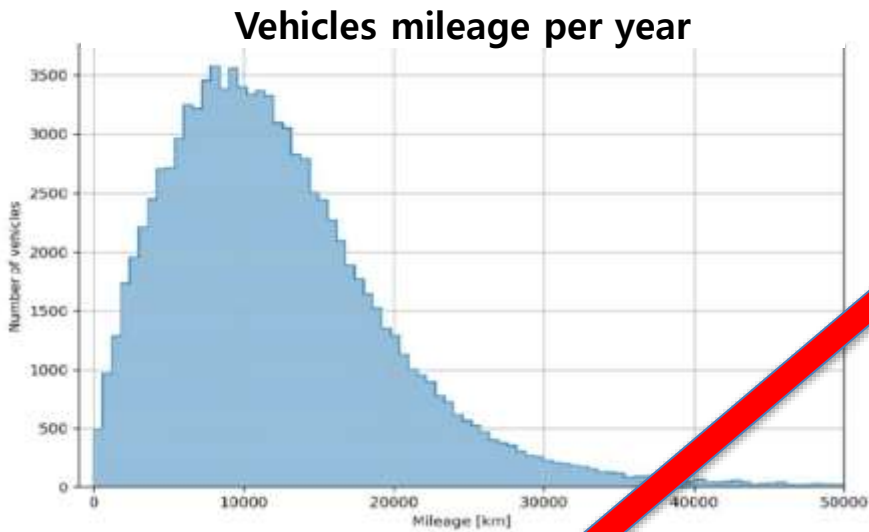
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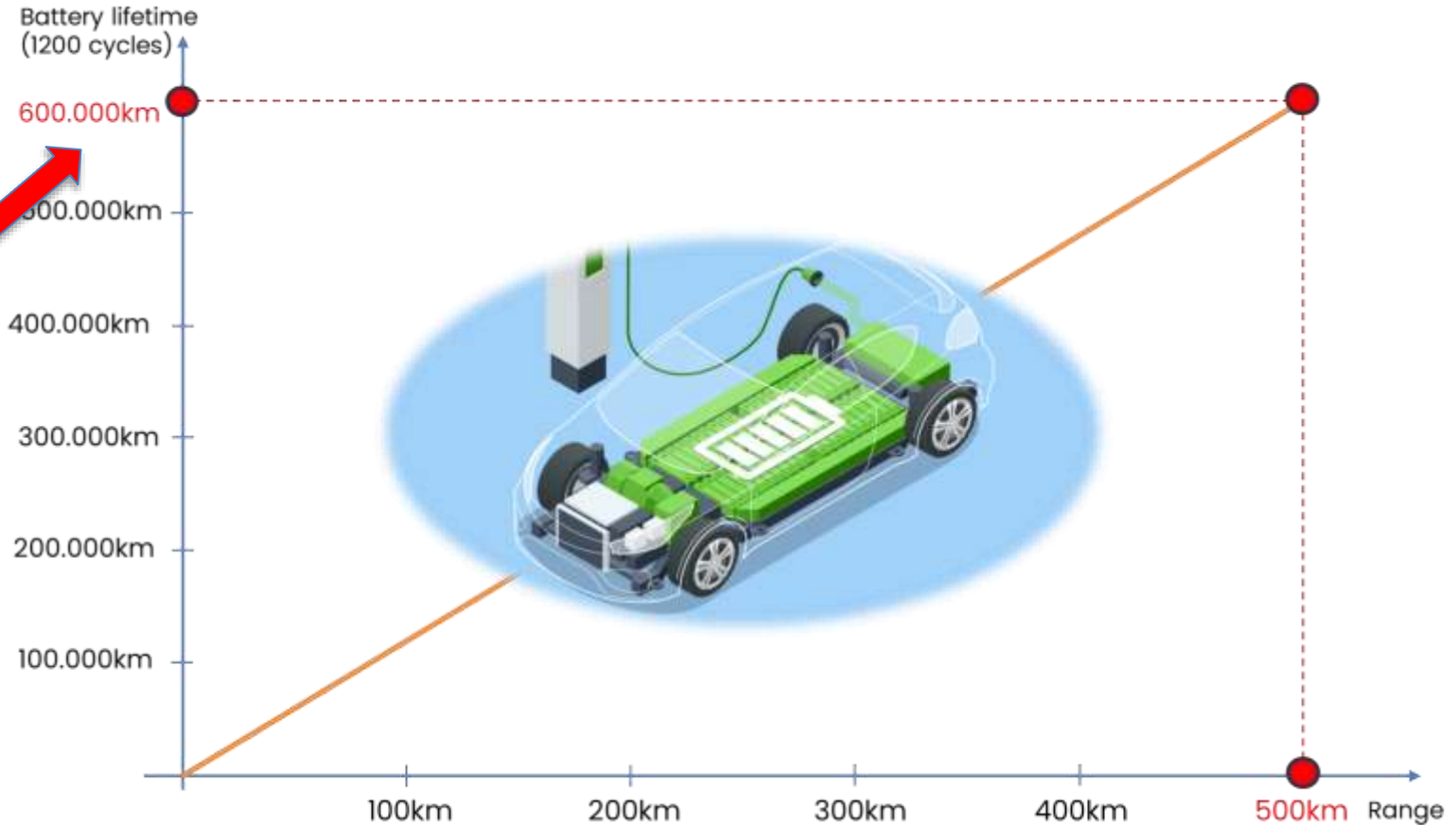
**85% of the cars in Italy (2022) are used less than 5 % of time**

# Electric car and personal ownership: a mismatch

The longer the range, the longer the lifetime: For a 1200 cycles battery : **500Km range = 600.000+Km lifetime**



Average mileage:  
**10.000km/year**

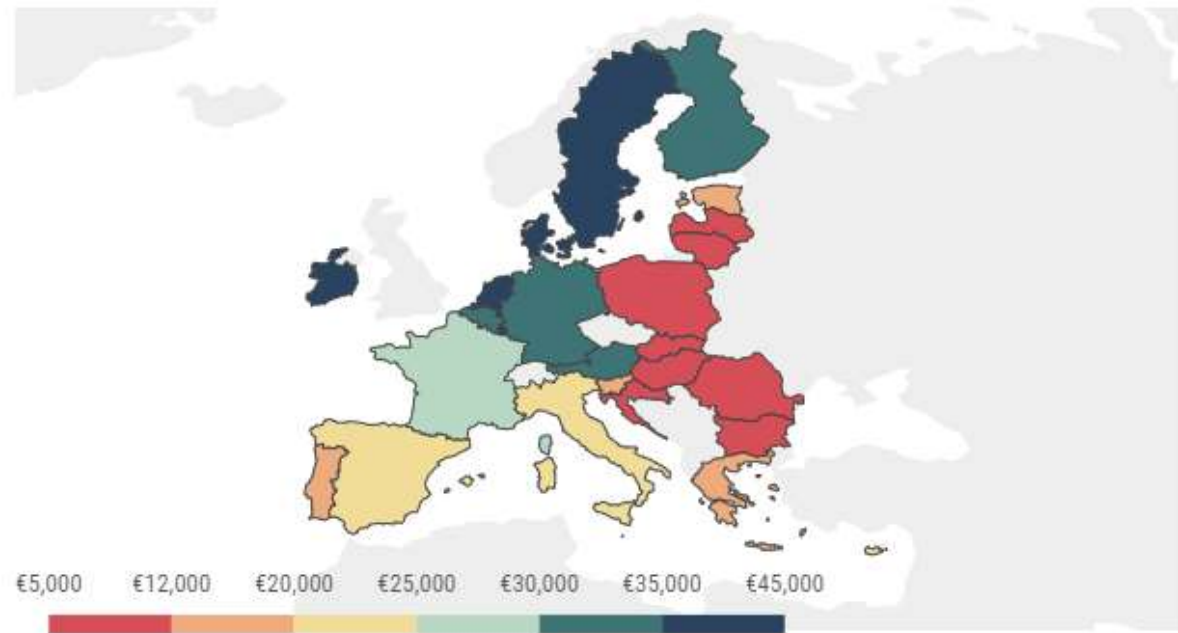


# "Affordability" of BEV (subsidy...)

EU

## Annual net income in the EU

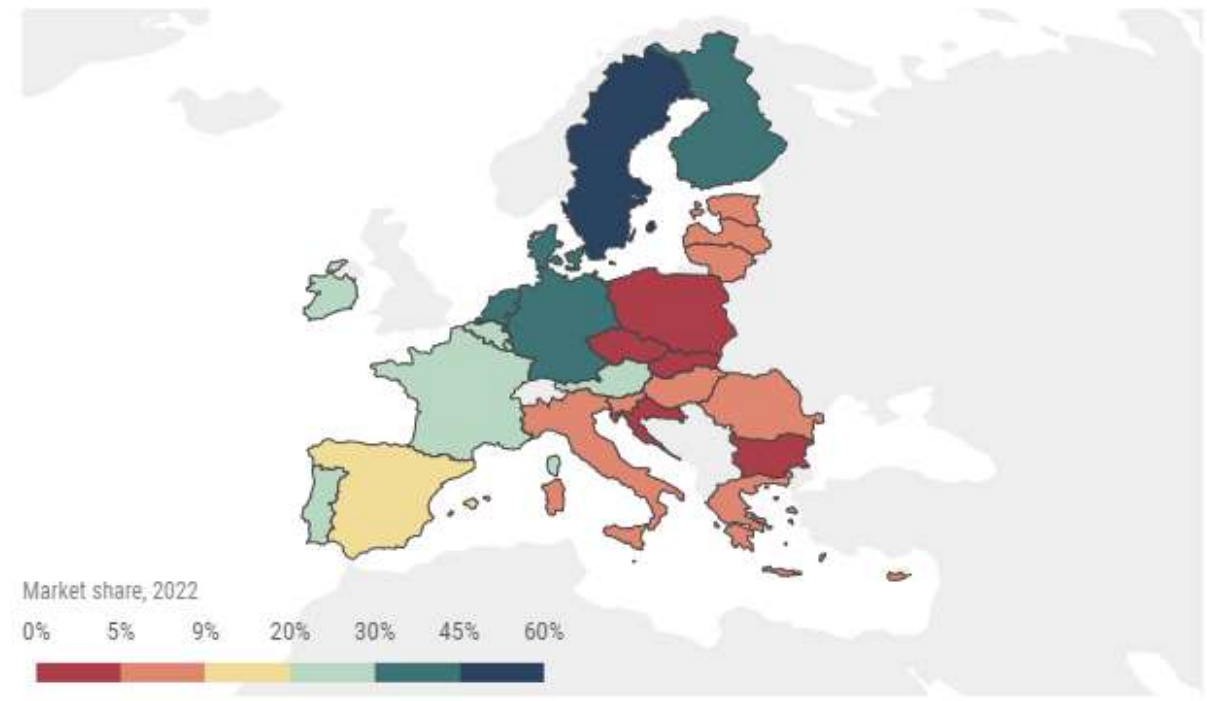
By country, 2021



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Source: annual net earnings of an average single worker without children, EUROSTAT

## Market share of electrically chargeable cars



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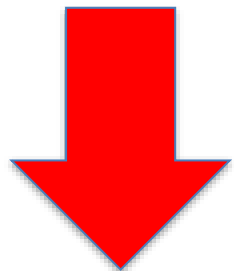
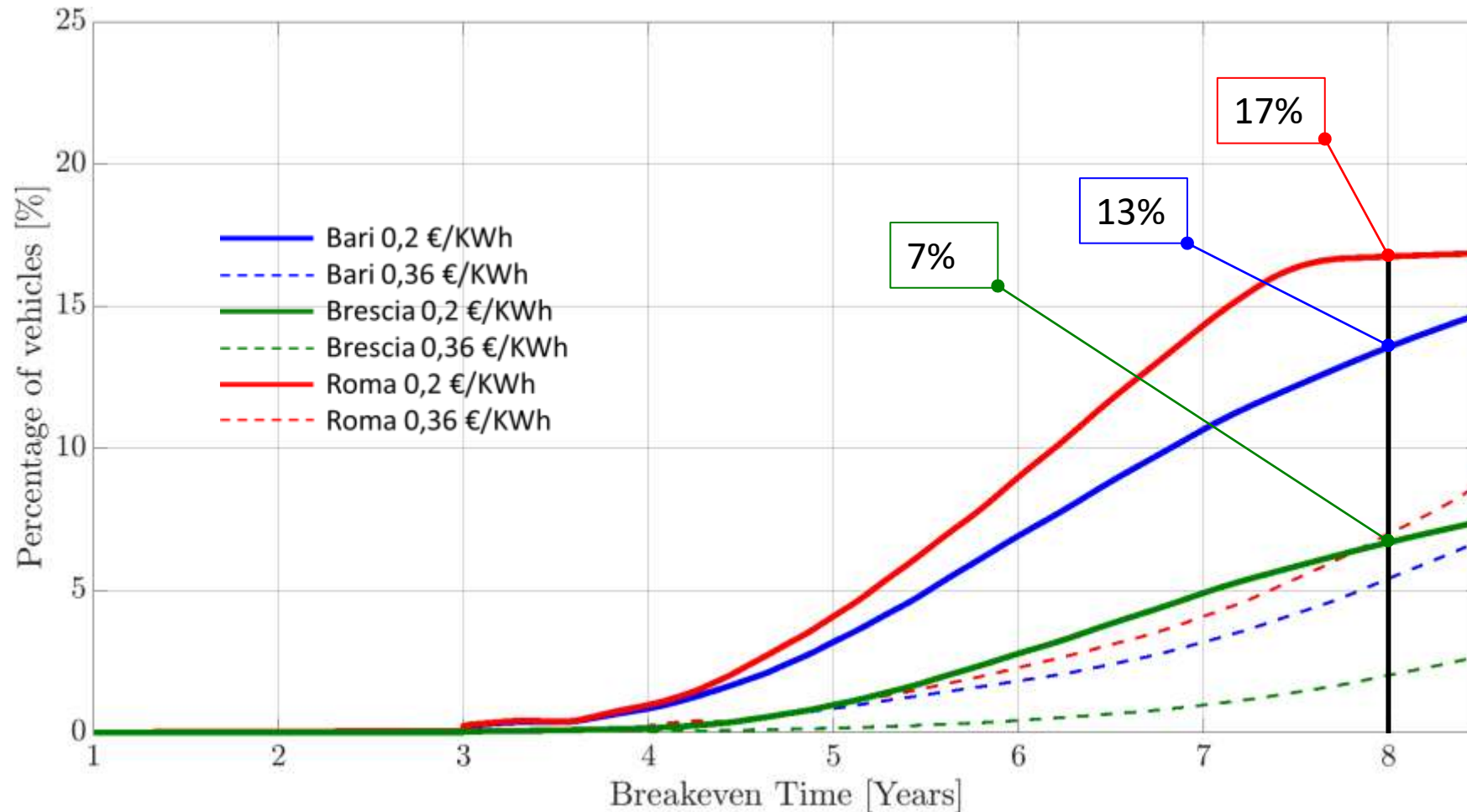
Source: ACEA

# Case study using real data: E-Private Mobility Index

Italy (Rome, Bari, Brescia)- functional feasibility for hub-to-hub mileage AND economic breakeven

Data source:

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**Private  
electrification  
seems  
reasonable up  
to (max) 20%**

# The Mobility As A Service (MAAS) and Mobility On Demand (MOD) («car sharing»)





# Cross-links...



Fossil fuels



Electric

«mismatch»



«perfect fit»



- large mileage
- globally-optimized recharge
- (shorter trips)
- (smaller vehicles)

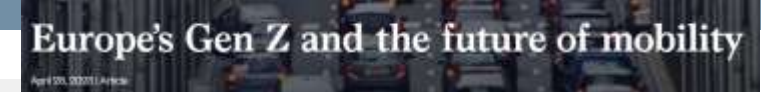


Personal



Shared

# Mass-market Mobility-As-A-Service: is there a cultural barrier?...NO



<https://www.smartcitiesdive.com/ex/sustainablecitiescollective/new-study-millennials-prefer-car-access-over-ownership/32723/>

## New Study: Millennials Prefer Car 'Access Over Ownership'

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Low-carbon, affordable and convenient, Zipcar and other car-sharing programs are gaining popularity with Millennials. Photo by tedoytan.

The "Millennial" generation is quickly adopting car sharing as a mainstream transportation solution, according to results from Zipcar's second annual study of the personal transportation and car ownership behavior of 18- to 34-year-old Millennials. The study found that Millennials are more likely to use car-sharing services than any other generation, with a 10 percent rise from 2010. "Millennials are more open to car-sharing over ownership," Zipcar CEO said. "This is especially true since vehicle ownership has declined for many Americans."



Nanyang Business School - News & Events - News

## Millennials, Gen Z drive car-sharing boom

Car-sharing and car-leasing services in Singapore are reporting a boom in demand, fuelled by millennial and Gen Z users who are more open to using a car for hours or days instead of owning one.

Mr. Yuh Ting Feng, chief executive and co-founder of GetGo Technologies, expects demand for its car-sharing services "to grow more than 50 per cent from 2022 to 2023".

This growth is driven only partly by higher certificate of entitlement (COE) prices, he says.

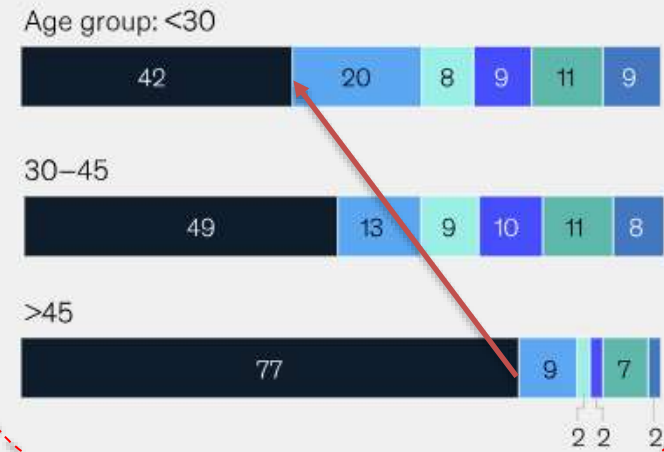
"Other factors driving the growth of our service include a shift in mindset away from ownership among the younger generations, a growing interest in sustainability, and the continued enhancement of our platform and service," he adds.

<https://www.ntu.edu.sg/business/news-events/news/story-detail/millennials-gen-z-drive-car-sharing-boom>

## Younger consumers are less likely to use private cars now and plan to increase their use of public transit and micromobility.

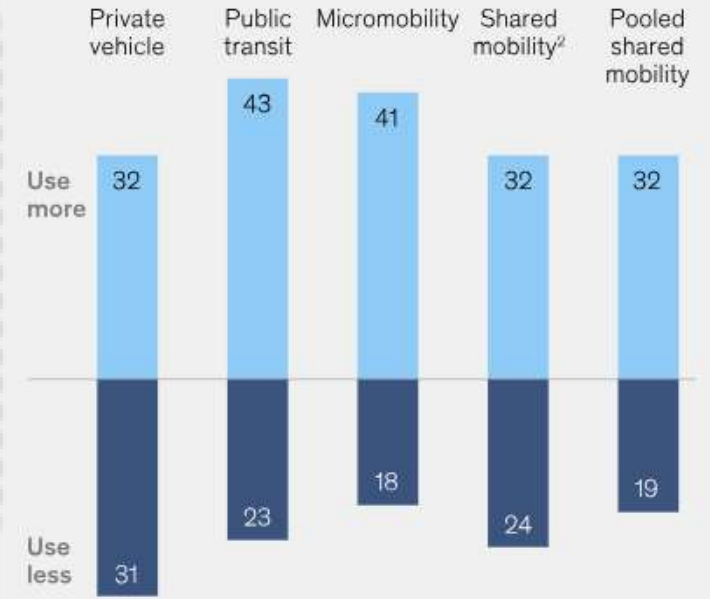
### Share of respondents by age group, %

#### Currently use a particular mode of travel<sup>1</sup>



Note: Figures may not sum to 100%, because of rounding.  
<sup>1</sup>More than 4 times per week.  
<sup>2</sup>Taxi/ride hailing/car sharing.  
 Source: McKinsey Mobility Consumer Pulse Survey

#### Planned use by mode of travel in the future, Gen Z



<https://www.mckinsey.com/industries/automotive-and-assembly/our-insights/europes-gen-z-and-the-future-of-mobility>



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# Car-sharing, today (limited effectiveness – «niche»)

High (attractive) level of services



(too) many cars



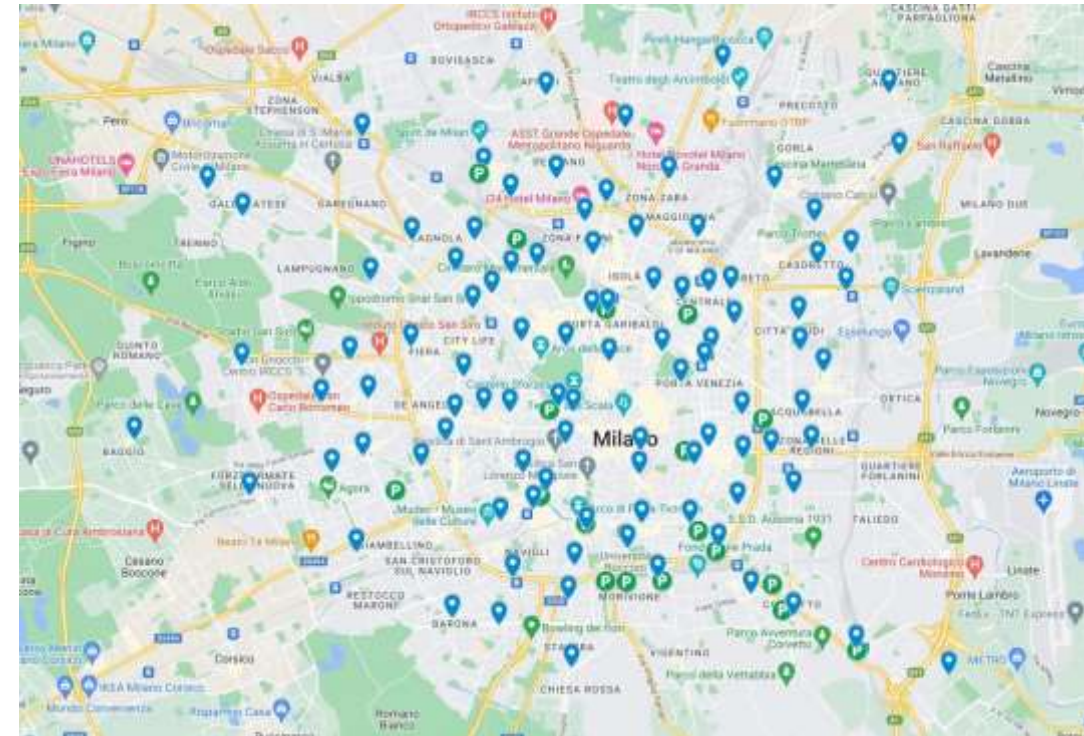
Low mileage-per-car



High cost (user) or non-profits (provider)



«deadlock»



# Enabling technology for mass-market Mobility As A Service: Autonomous Car

**High (attractive) level of services**



**Few cars**



**High mileage-per-car**



**Low cost (user) and profits (provider)**

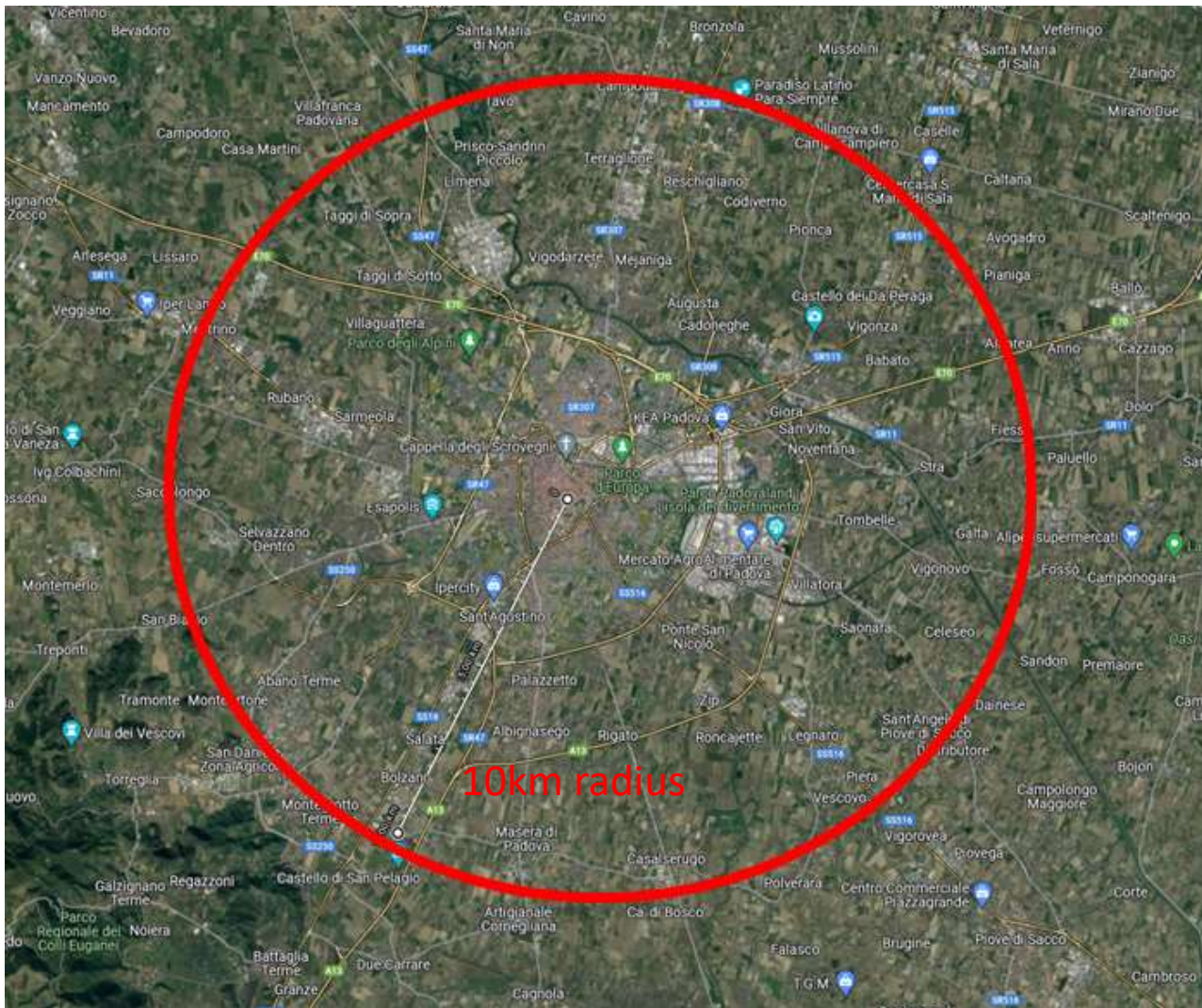


L4- (un-manned, low-speed)



L5 (robotaxi)

# Case study: Autonomous MAAS in Padua



Replacement target: cars with 90% trips «in-in»

Data source:  
**UnipolTech**  
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Optimal Vehicles Number	4300
Users per car (efficiency)	8.0
Replaced private cars	34.500 (30%)
Average Mileage	44.000 km/y
Average Wait Time	2min 40s

Simulation (using real data) of a **robo-taxi service with autonomous driving**



# New mobility model



Fossil fuels



Electric & H2



Personal



Shared

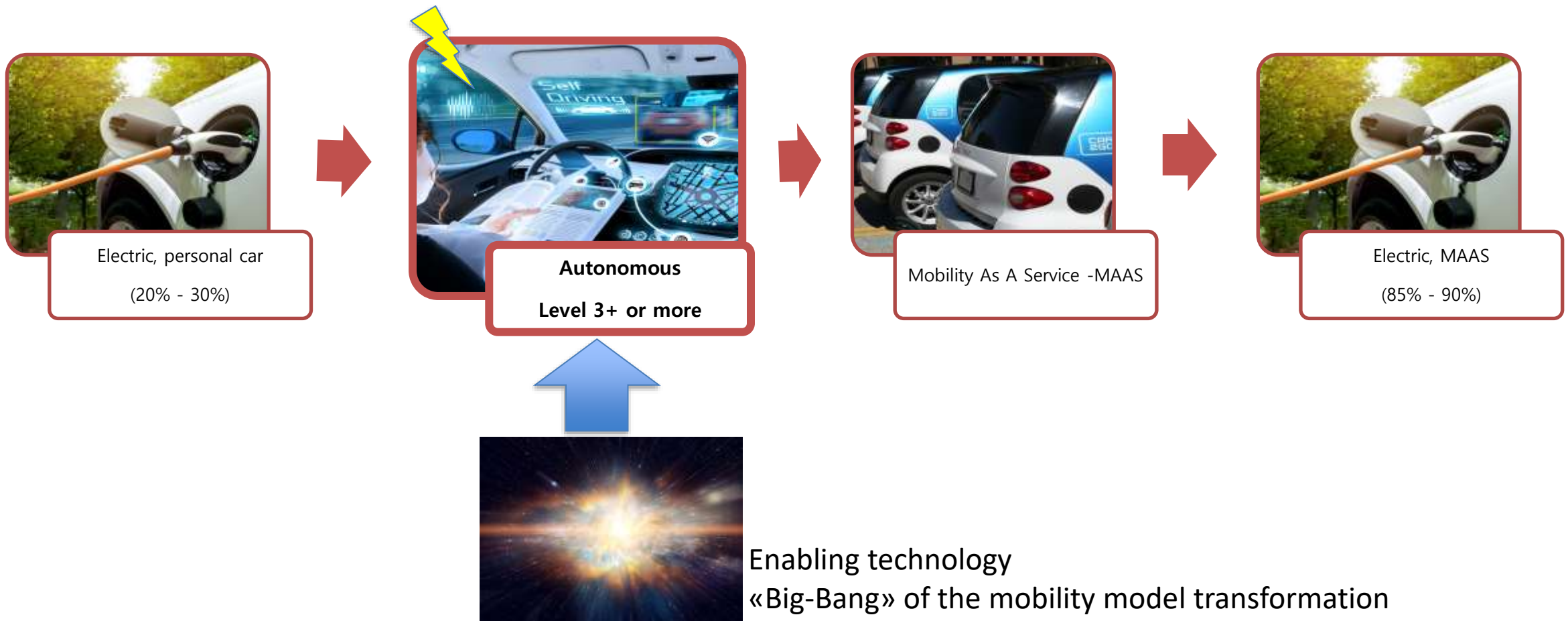


Human-driven



Autonomous

# Consecutio – the “right” sequence of the events



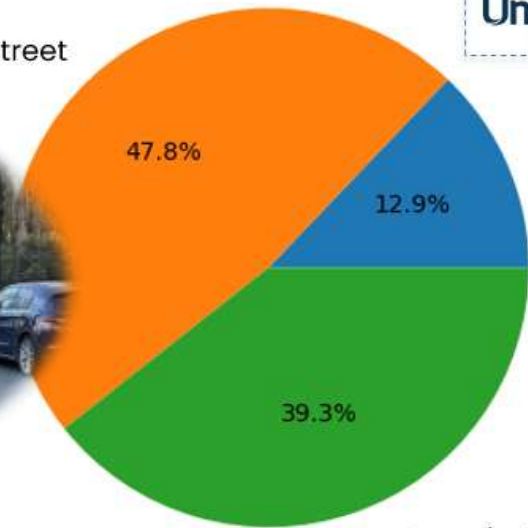
# OBJECTION#1: Vehicle-2-Grid | private car as an accumulator for distributed generation?

**A 100KWh personal car battery can be used as a local battery accumulator for micro-generated renewable energy**

- Why using a sophisticated battery technology designed for mobile application for local storage?
- Carrying around a big battery decreases the efficiency of the car in (5% of time) mobility
- How many households can apply this concept (in vertical cities)?
- Same concept can be applied for MAAS/MOD cars...



Street

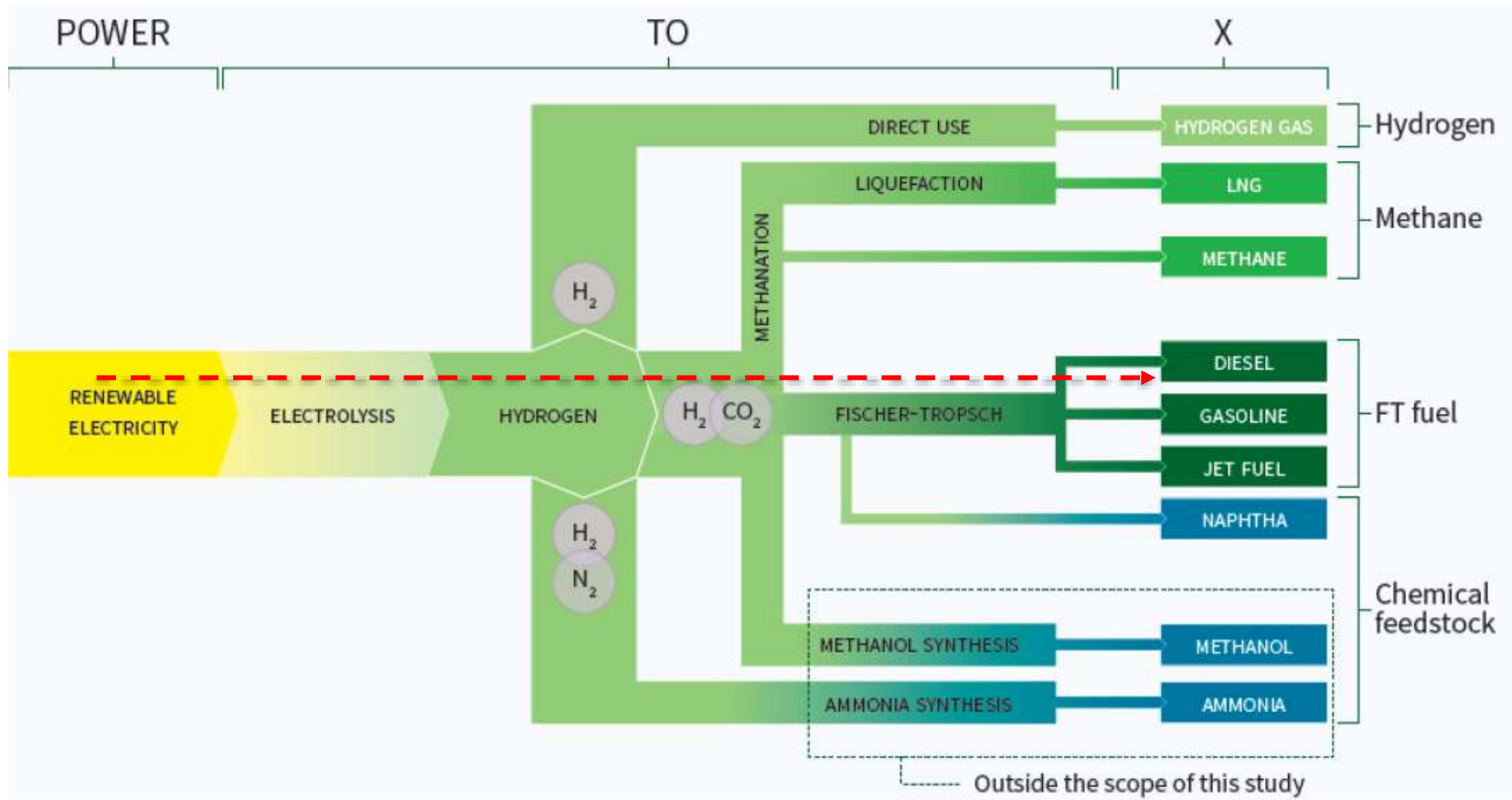


Parking lot

Others (private, box, etc.)



# OBJECTION: Power- to H2 – to X ? (the «E-FUEL» path)



➤ Energy transition reaching zero CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by mid-century is feasible

➤ Direct electrification is most efficient and least cost

Christian Breyer  
 Professor for Solar Economy  
 IFAC Symposium on  
 Control of Power and Energy Systems  
 online, June 23, 2022



Electric-Energy – TO – Wheel efficiency is extremely low (<<10%)

source: SolarPowerEurope/ LUT, 2020. 100% Renewable Europe

# Autonomous Vehicles Technology: roadmap

Level	L0	L1	L2	L3	L4	L5
Driver	Driver only	Assisted	Partial Automation	Conditional automation	High automation	Full automation
Automation <sup>(1)</sup>	Driver continuously in control of speed and direction	Driver continuously performs the longitudinal or lateral dynamic driving task	Driver must monitor the dynamic driving task and the driving environment at all times	Driver does not need to monitor the dynamic driving task nor the driving environment at all times; must always be in a position to resume control	Driver is not required during defined use case	System performs the lateral and longitudinal dynamic driving task in all situations encountered during the entire journey. No driver required.
			System performs longitudinal and lateral driving task in a defined use case.	System performs longitudinal and lateral driving task in a defined use case. Recognises its performance limits and requests driver to resume the dynamic driving task with sufficient time margin	System performs the lateral and longitudinal dynamic driving task in all situations in a defined use case	
	No intervening vehicle system active	The other driving task is performed by the system	System performs longitudinal and lateral driving task in a defined use case.			
Example	N/A	Park Assist	Traffic Jam Assist	Highway Patrol	Urban Automated Driving	Full end-to-end journey



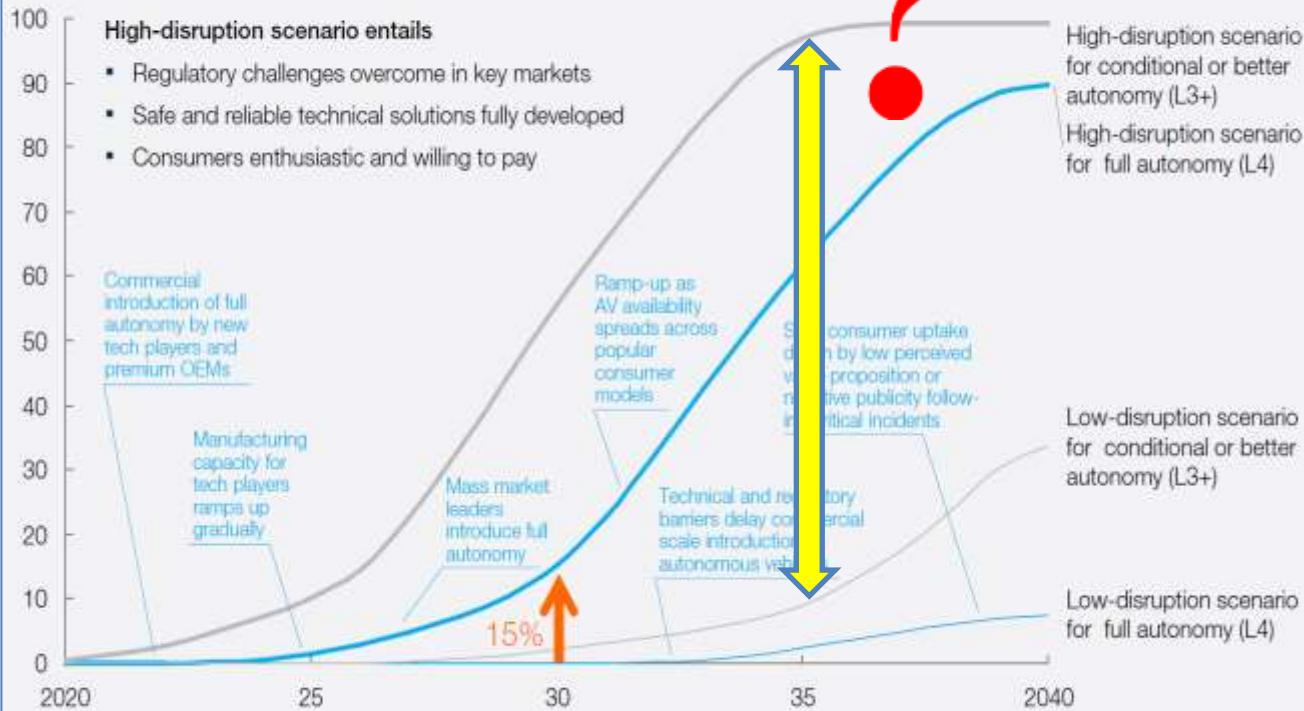
Autonomous robo-driver: a massive technical problem, still to be fully solved (in mixed human-AI traffic)

# Roadmap to Autonomous Vehicles: timing?

Subject to progress on the technical, infrastructure, and regulatory challenges, up to 15% of all new vehicles sold in 2030 could be fully autonomous

## New vehicle market share of fully autonomous vehicles

Percent

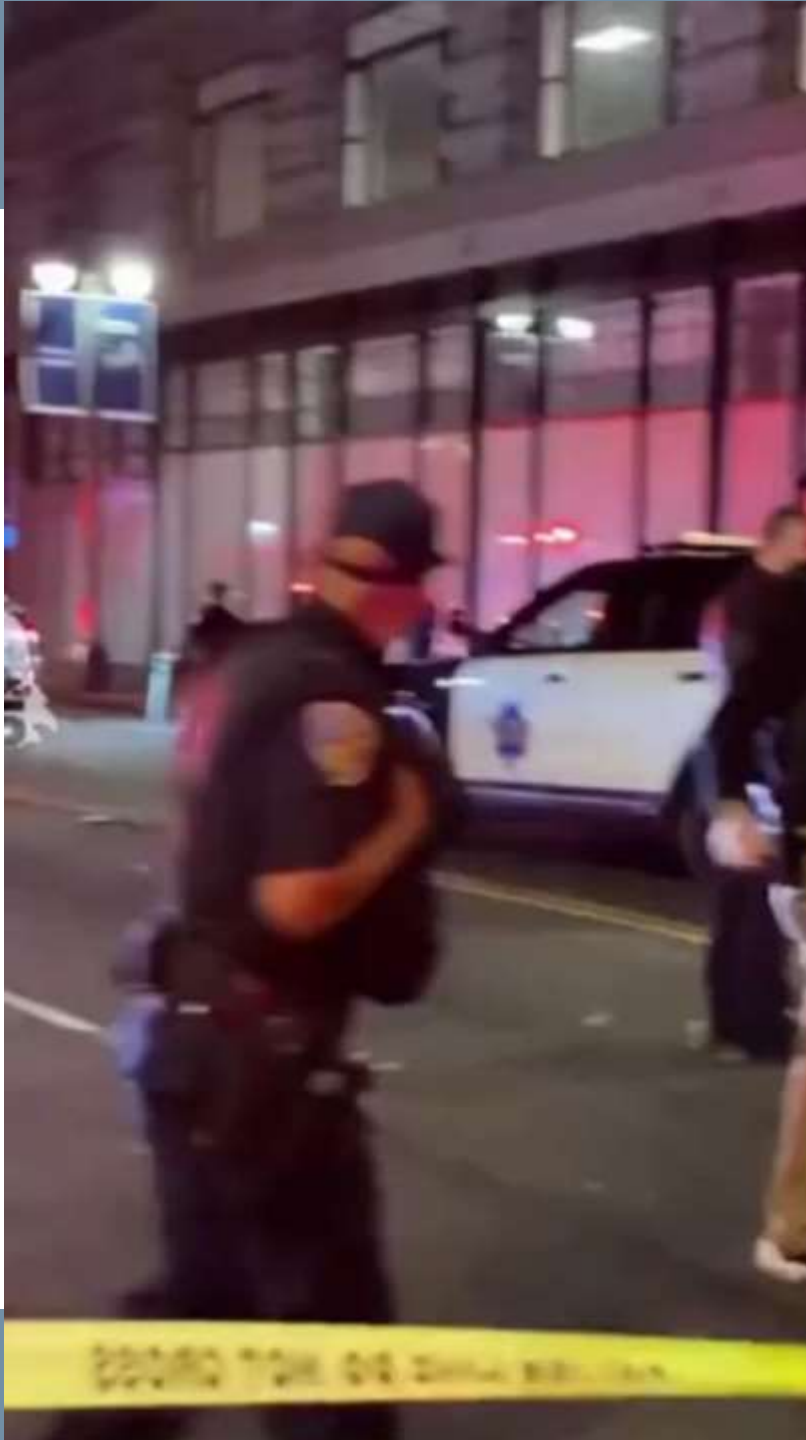


SOURCE: McKinsey

L3, 2035 prediction:  
10%-95% range...



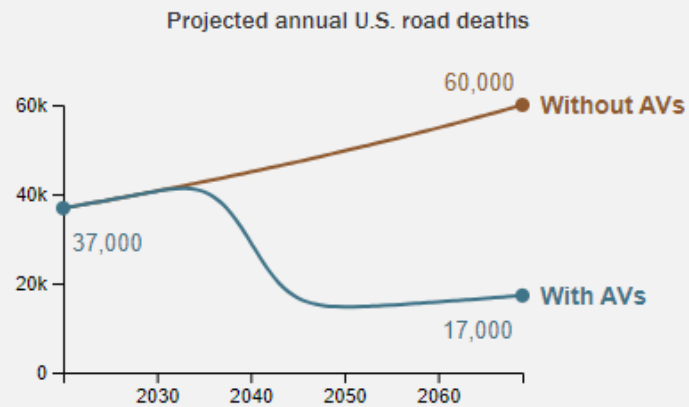
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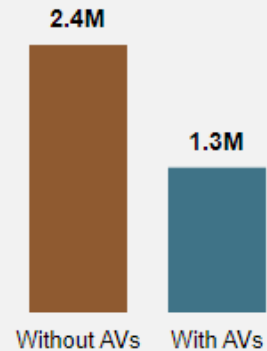
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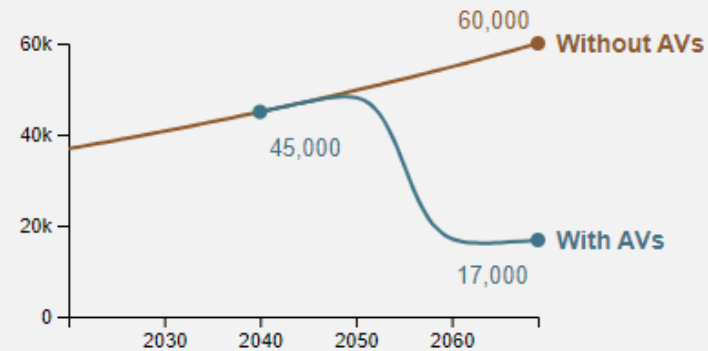


Projected total U.S. road deaths over 50 years

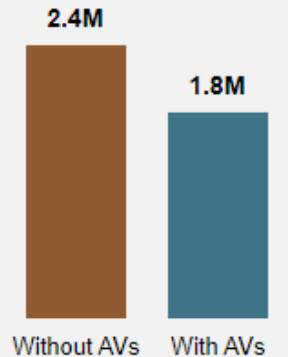


**1,100,000 lives saved** in a future with autonomous vehicles.

Projected annual U.S. road deaths



Projected total U.S. road deaths over 50 years



**580,000 lives saved** in a future with autonomous vehicles.

Scenario 1: Introduce when slightly safer (10%) than humans

Scenario 2: Delay AV introduction until nearly perfect

The «good for the individual» is playing against the «good for all»?

Are we ready to accept the errors of technology?

Who'll be the winner in AV technology?

<https://www.rand.org/blog/articles/2017/11/why-waiting-for-perfect-autonomous-vehicles-may-cost-lives.html>

# Virtual mobility = AMAZON-ization of mobility? (people-moving or goods-moving?)

## Uber



**Uber-ization:** mobility as a service

## amazon



**Amazon-ization:** goods-mobility

# The YAPE (Your Autonomous Pony Express) spinoff project



# Scenario#1: robotaxi + soft mobility+smart logistics





# Scenario#2: ...a full-digital world...? (threat for physical mobility)



## car-based personal mobility model

the mistake #2 (in retrospect, after 1B cars) = mixing function&fun



# Bifurcation | landing point

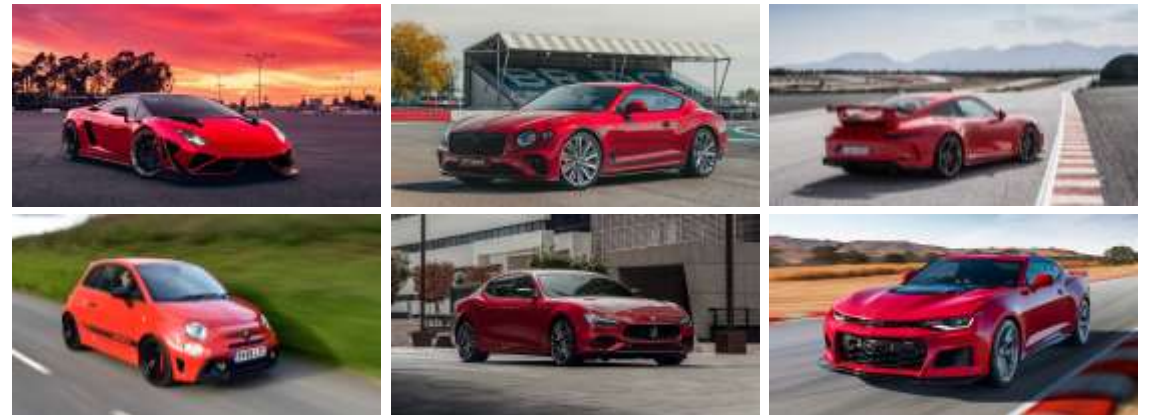
Today: function & fun (40M)



"robo-taxi" MAAS = public transport (<10M)



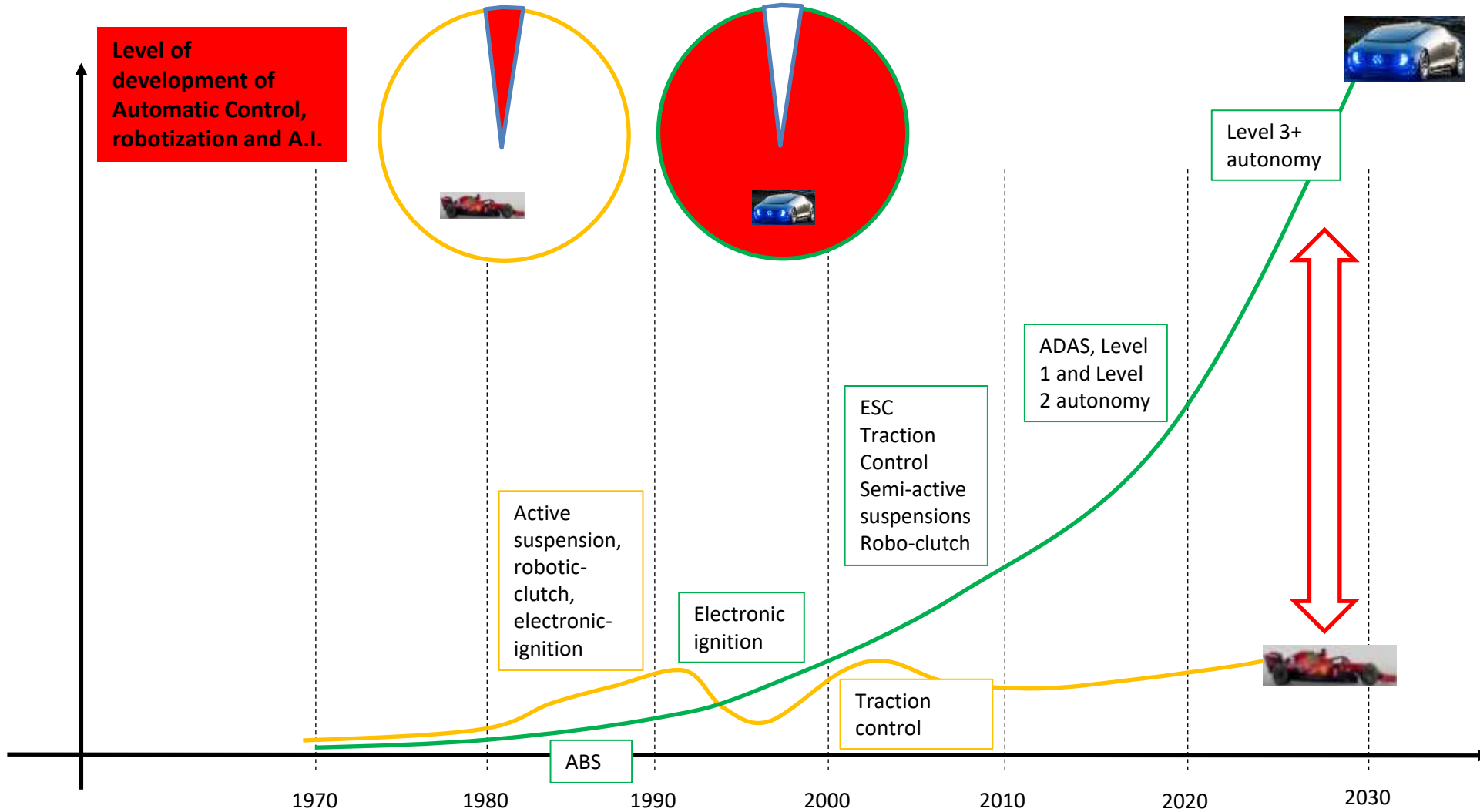
Emotional ("red") vehicles (private owner or "service")



# The birth of Autonomous Motorsport



# Artificial Intelligence in motorsport: the Automatic Control gap



**Automatic control & A.I.** are clearly the next big leap in automotive

**The gap with motorsport cars is growing and becoming constantly more significant**

# Indy Autonomous Challenge (1<sup>st</sup> example of full-scale autonomous motorsport)



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AI RACING TECH (ART) - UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII



AUTONOMOUS TIGER RACING (ATR) - AUBURN UNIVERSITY



BLACK & GOLD AUTONOMOUS RACING - PURDUE UNIVERSITY AND THE UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY (WEST POINT)



CAVALIER AUTONOMOUS RACING (CAR) - UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA



EURORACING - UNIVERSITY OF MODENA AND REGGIO EMILIA, UNIVERSITY OF PISA, ETH ZÜRICH, POLISH ACADEMY OF SCIENCES



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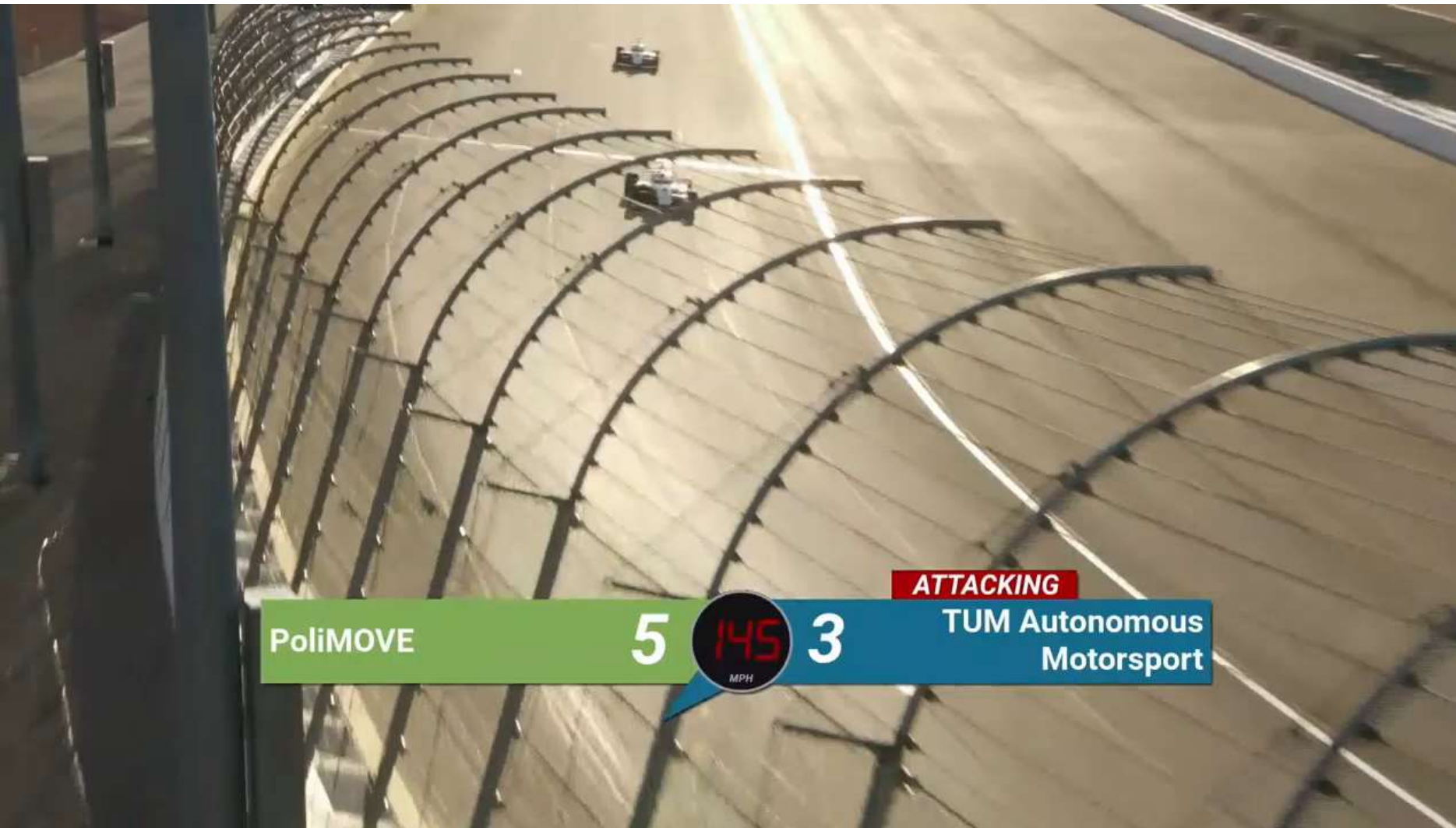
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TUM AUTONOMOUS MOTORSPORT - TECHNISCHE UNIVERSITÄT MÜNCHEN



# Autonomous Challenge @ CES (Las Vegas) 1/7/22: the birth of Autonomous racing



First ever competition:

- **fully autonomous**
- **multi-agent** (head-to-head)
- **high-speed** (up to 280kmh)



Winning team: Polimove,  
Politecnico di Milano



# Dallas, Las Vegas, Monza...



**Indy Autonomous Challenge**  
 Monza, 16-17-18.06.2023  
 Final Classification 16-17-18.06.2023  
**Official Classification**

No	Driver	Nat	Team	Class	Time
1	2		PoliMOVE		2:05.873
2	3		TUM Autonomous Motorsport		2:08.662
3	6		TII Unimore Racing		2:11.242
4	4		KAIST		2:44.239
5	8		MIT-PITT-RW		3:07.738 1

**Autonomous Challenge @ Monza 18/6/2023**  
 (winners: 2:05:87) [current speed record on an autonomous car on a road course circuit: 273.4 KPH / 169.8 MPH]



**Autonomous Challenge @ Texas Motor speedway on 11/11/2022 (winners)**



**Autonomous Challenge @ CES (Las Vegas) 7/1/2023 (winners)**  
 [current speed record on an autonomous car on an oval circuit: 290.0 KPH / 180.2 MPH]



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# World record- (27/4/2022) - Space Florida launch&landing facility, at NASA Kennedy Space Center in Cape Canaveral, FL



New world record holder for a fully-autonomous car: **309.3kph=192.2mph** (two-ways average, average over 1Km); 310.4kph=192.8mph (two-ways average, average over 100m); 311.9kph=193.8mph (top speed). The previous record was held by Roborace since 2019 (282,4kph=175,5mph, two-ways average, average over 100m).

# Possible interactions: autonomous motorsport future formats

## Car Driver



Human



A.I.(autonomous)




Real car (on-track)



Simulated Car

## CAR

Car 1	×		×	
Car 2	×		×	
Car 1	×			×
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Classic Motorsport



Classic Gaming



«Sim-Race» of A.I. Drivers (first step of Indy Autonomous Challenge)



Indy Autonomous Challenge



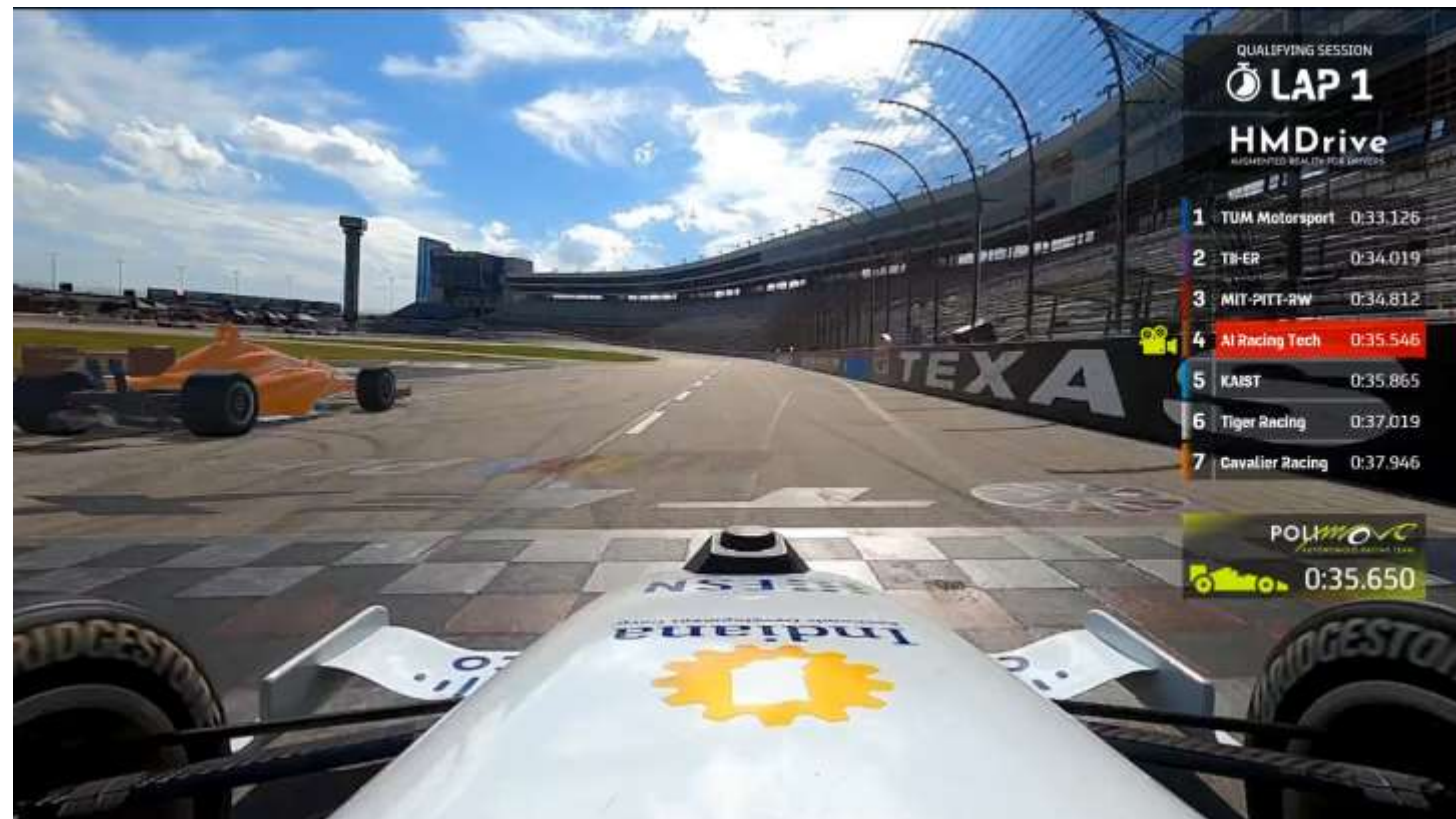
Human vs. A.I. but 1 real car and 1 Holo-car on track



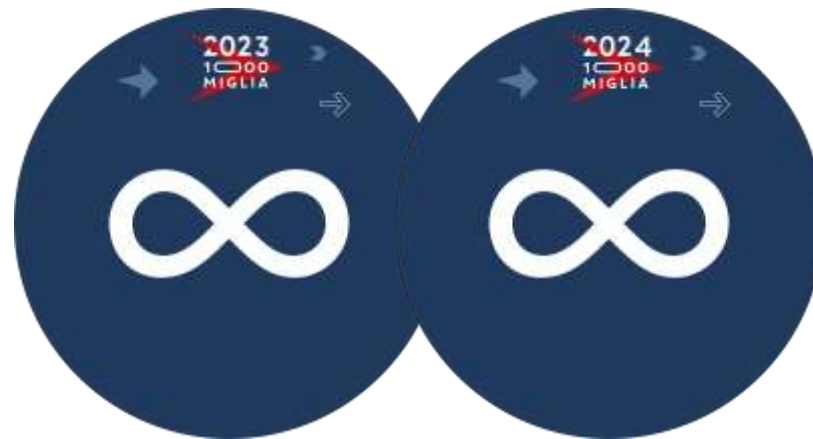
Human vs A.I. on real cars  
**(ultimate goal, higher complexity)**



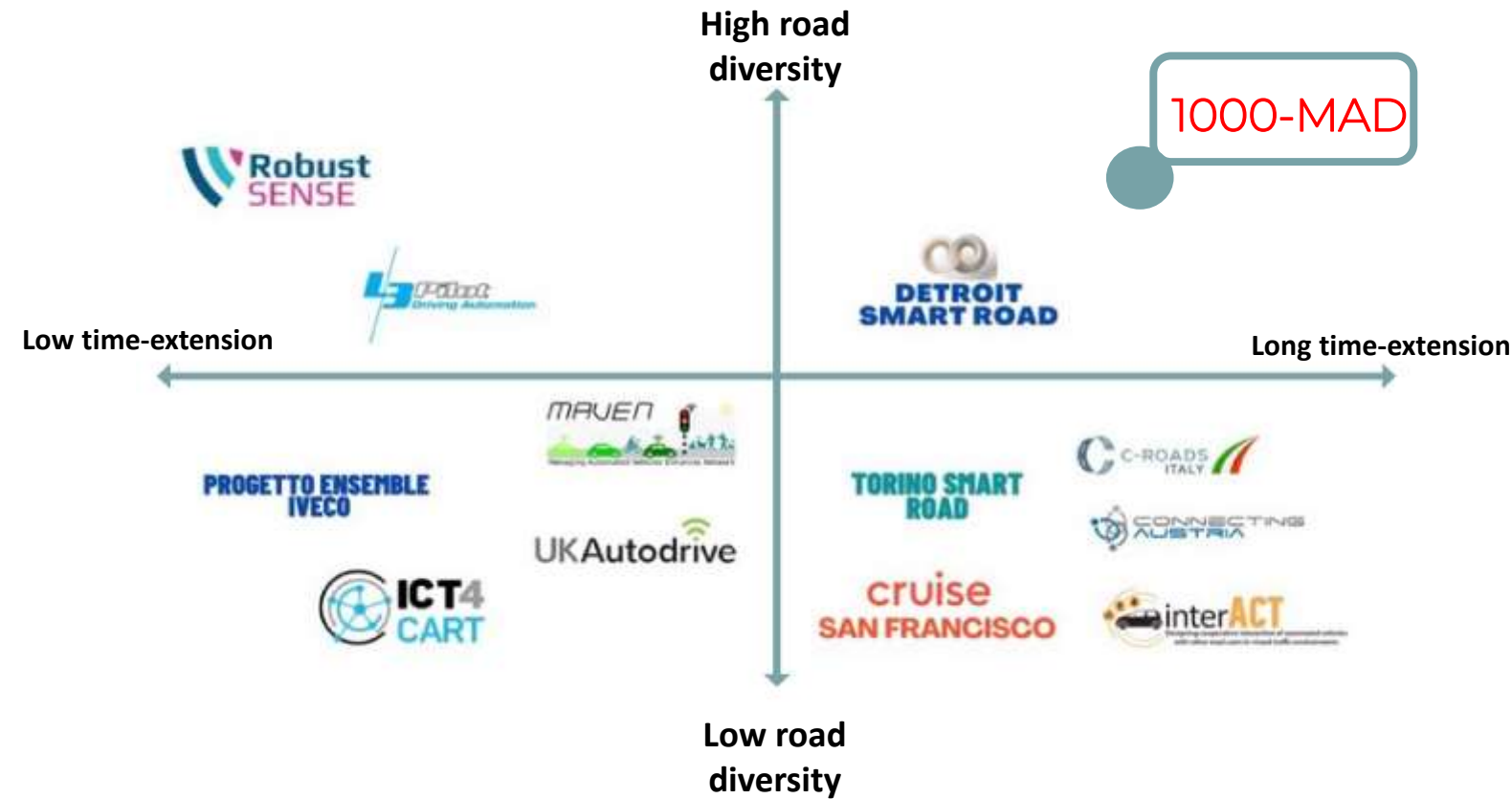
# AR-Glasses: an enabling technology for hybrid-racing



# 1000 Miglia Autonomous Drive (1000-MAD)



# The challenge: high road diversity and public engagement



**1000  
MIGLIA** ➔

Mille Miglia: “the most wonderful race in the world” [Enzo Ferrari]



# Authorization 2023 (D.M.70 «smart road»): more than 200km!!!

## Full-crossings of:

- BRESCIA
- FERRARA
- MODENA
- PARMA
- MILANO
- BERGAMO

+  
100km of A26 (ASPI)



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DIVISIONE 3

DECRETO DIRIGENZIALE

"Autorizzazione alla Sperimentazione di veicoli a guida automatica ai sensi dell'art. 9 del Decreto del Ministro delle infrastrutture e dei trasporti del 28 febbraio 2018 n. 70"

Il Direttore Generale della Direzione Generale per la motorizzazione e per i servizi ai cittadini e alle imprese in materia di trasporti e navigazione

VISTO il decreto legislativo 30 aprile 1992, n. 285 e successive modifiche ed integrazioni, istitutivo del Codice della Strada;  
VISTA la legge 27 dicembre 2017, n. 205, e in particolare l'art. 1, comma 72, che autorizza la Sperimentazione su strada delle soluzioni di Smart Road e di guida connessa e automatica;  
VISTO il decreto del Ministro delle infrastrutture e dei trasporti del 28 febbraio 2018 n. 70 recante le modalità attuative e strumenti operativi della sperimentazione su strada delle soluzioni di Smart Road e di guida connessa ed automatica;

2nd permission (6/6/23) grant in the 5-years history of DM70 – by far with the largest mileage

# Converted Maserati MC20...and MC20 "CIELO"



# 1000 Miglia 2023

"Unveil" (Brescia, 11/6/2023)





# 1000 Miglia 2023

Siena, 15/6/2023



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Milano 16/6/2023



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# Conclusions

Autonomous car will revolutionize the mobility model

Autonomous car will be the enabler of massive electrification

Technology still immature for large-scale deployment

Pushing the limit of this technology will speed up the development and acceptance process

