

# DROWNING IN TECH?

IMPLICATIONS FOR DEALERS OF THE TECHNOLOGICAL WAVES SWEEPING  
OVER THE AUTOMOTIVE INDUSTRY

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## Purpose of this talk

**“Hey Glenn, could you discuss:**

- Connected cars,**
- Driverless cars,**
- Ridesharing services,**
- ... and any other technologies we should be worried about**
- ... with implications for dealers.**

**You’ve got 45 minutes.”**

**No problem!**

## Speaker credentials

- Consulting: two decades at McKinsey & Co. (automotive)
- Public equities: Alliance Bernstein retainer
- Private equities: Greenbriar, KKR, Sterling, others
- Venture capital: Kleiner Perkins, others
- Academia: Director, IMVP\*; member, GERPISA, others
- Automotive Products: Director at Stackpole, Grakon, &tc.
- Automotive Services: AB Ricardo Consulting (former)
- Journalism: *Supplier Business*, *Auto Retail Network*, &tc.
- ***Owns a car***

\* International Motor Vehicle Program

Forecasting issues: people tend to over-predict change.



This is despite a history of failed predictions, including about cars.



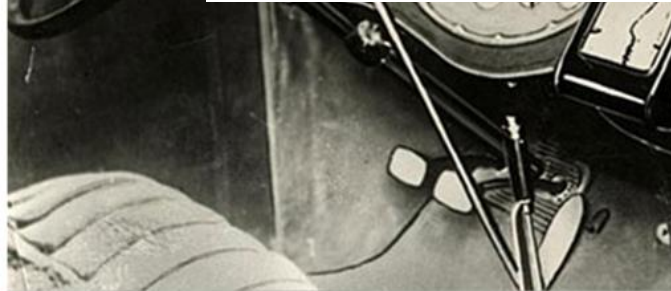
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1926,

**"Like it or not, the robots are slowly**

**OM AUTO'  
TOUR CITY**

"In an effort to limit traffic congestion, the government banned vehicular traffic in Rome's city center, from 6 AM to 4 PM."

By order of Julius Caesar, in 45 BC.



**- Popular Science, 1958**

to clutch, twist its foot its horn, and it" the policeman at

mind" that will guide it prowls in and out He will be a radio set

Commanding waves second machine will receiving set in the

ghost car.

The tour, conducted by the Achen Motor company, will start at 11:30 a. m. from the company's rooms at Onelda and Jackson streets, will go west on Onelda to Broadway, north to Martin, west to Eighth, south to Grand, west to viaduct, where it will "bout face" and return on Grand to Eighth, south to Sycamore, then east to Broadway and back to the sales rooms. Tomorrow the car will visit Milwaukee-Downer and the Normal school.

Cream City Laundry. Hello Bdw. 330.

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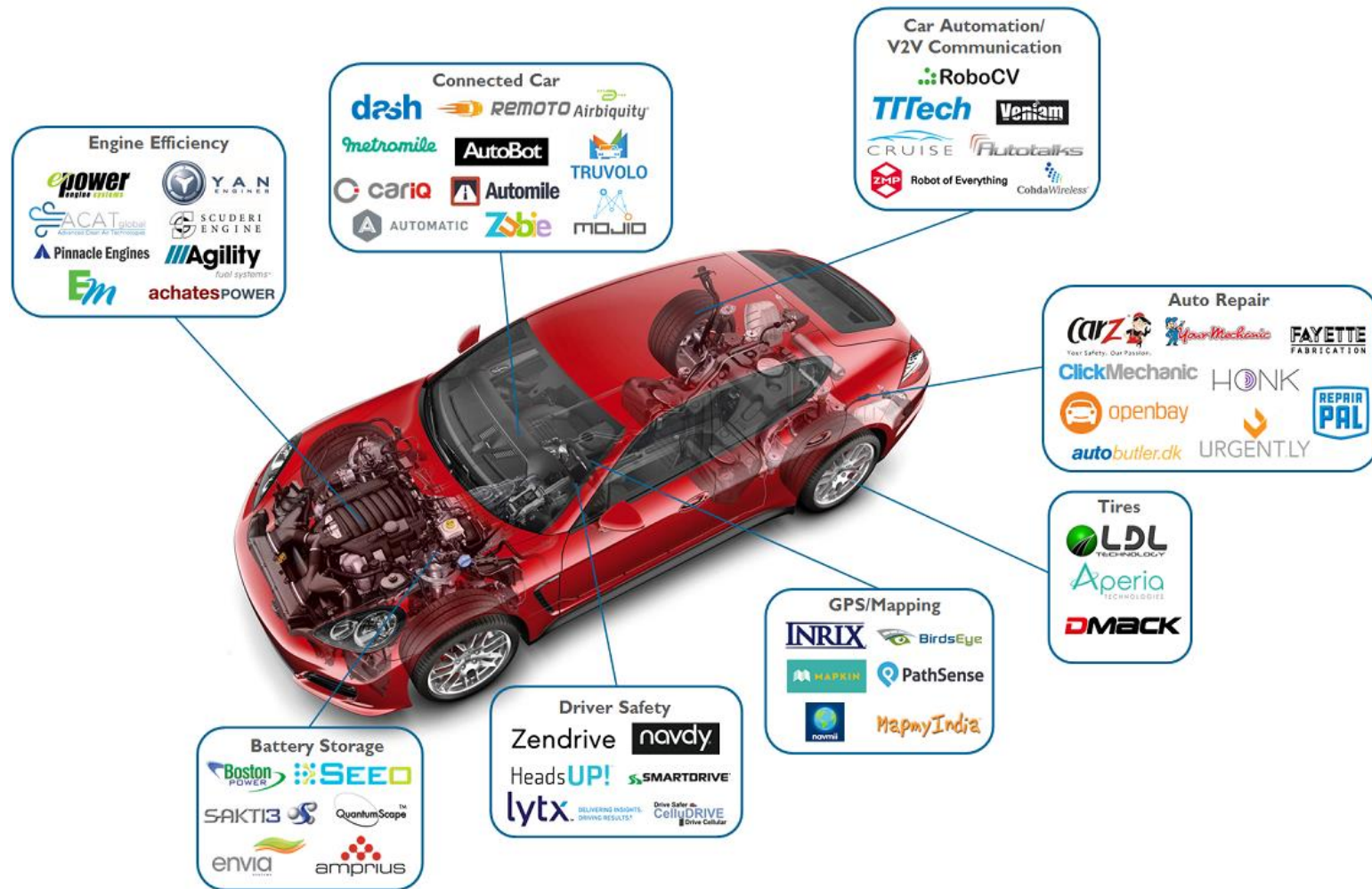
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# Drivers of change: Silicon Valley rediscovers the car...



... and Detroit discovers Silicon Valley.



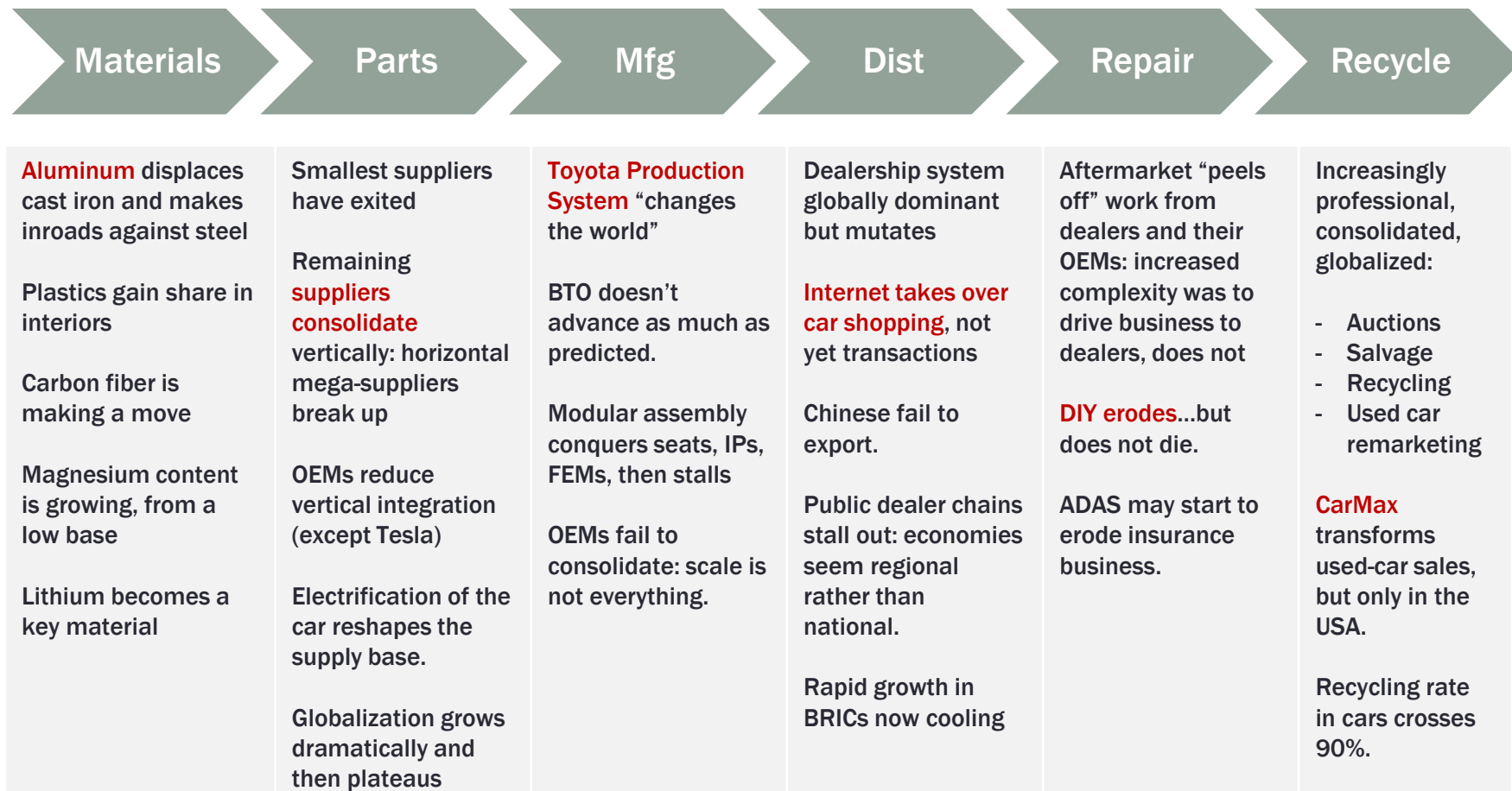
## This is because in some ways software is “eating the car”\*

- ❖ The cost of electronics and software in autos was <20% of the total cost a decade ago. Today it is as much as 35%.
- ❖ “More importantly, electronics systems now contribute more than 90% of innovations and new features.” (Broy)
- ❖ Lines of code in Hubble Telescope: 2 million; Chrome 9; Android 12; LHC 50; typical new car 100 mm (McCandless)
- ❖ New cars use 30-80 ECUs with more than 150 mm object code instructions, for well over 1 gigabyte of software in a premium car. “Value creation in cars today is primarily determined by embedded software” (Ebert)

\* With apologies to Mark Andreessen

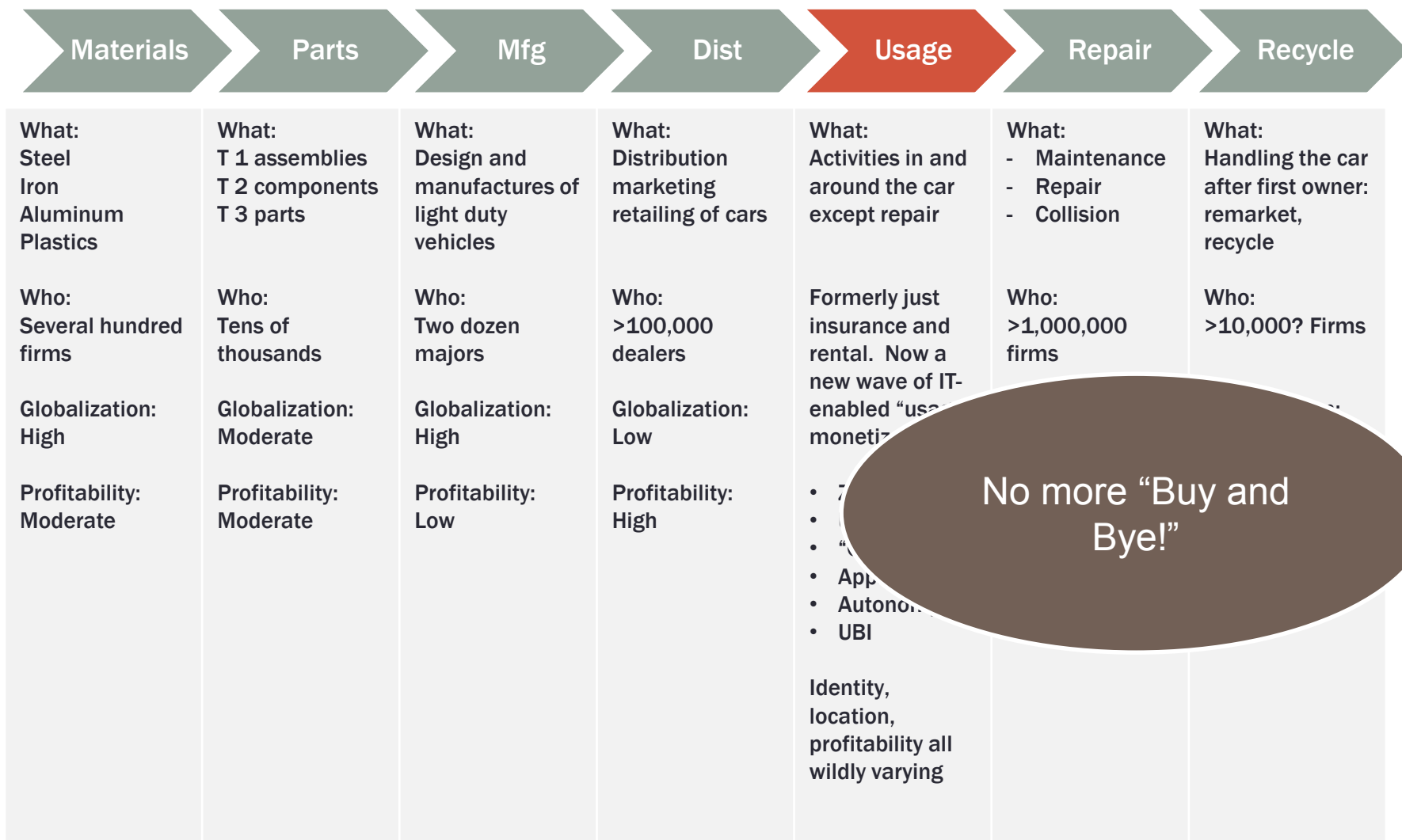
Sources: Manfred Broy (TU Munich), David McCandless (UK journalist), Christof Ebert (Vector Consulting); Ford

## And while we are used to change in the automotive industry...



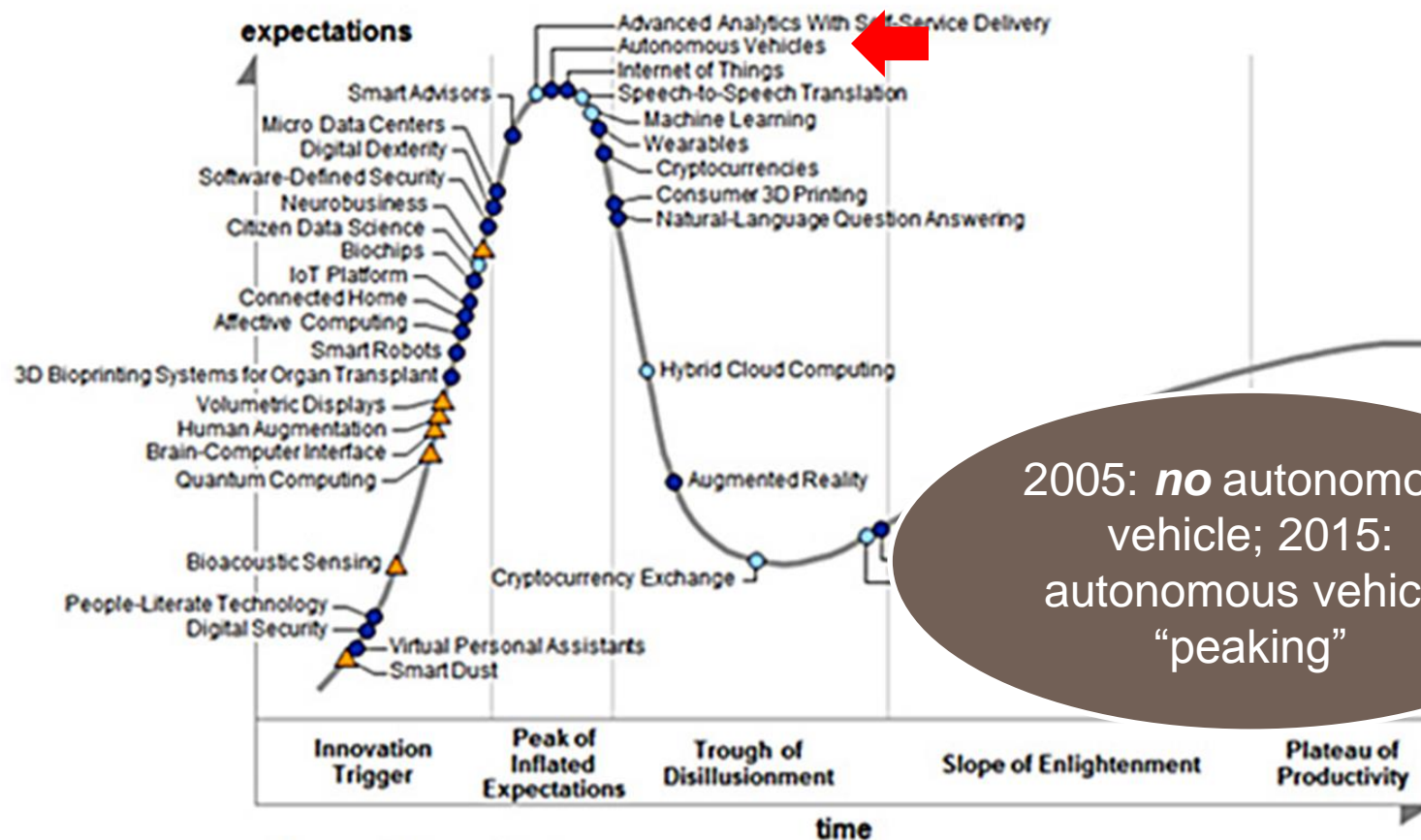


## ... today change acts on the (overlooked) USAGE link in the chain



Worse, it has seemingly come “out of nowhere”

## GARTNER TECHNOLOGY HYPE CYCLE



2005: *no* autonomous vehicle; 2015: autonomous vehicle “peaking”

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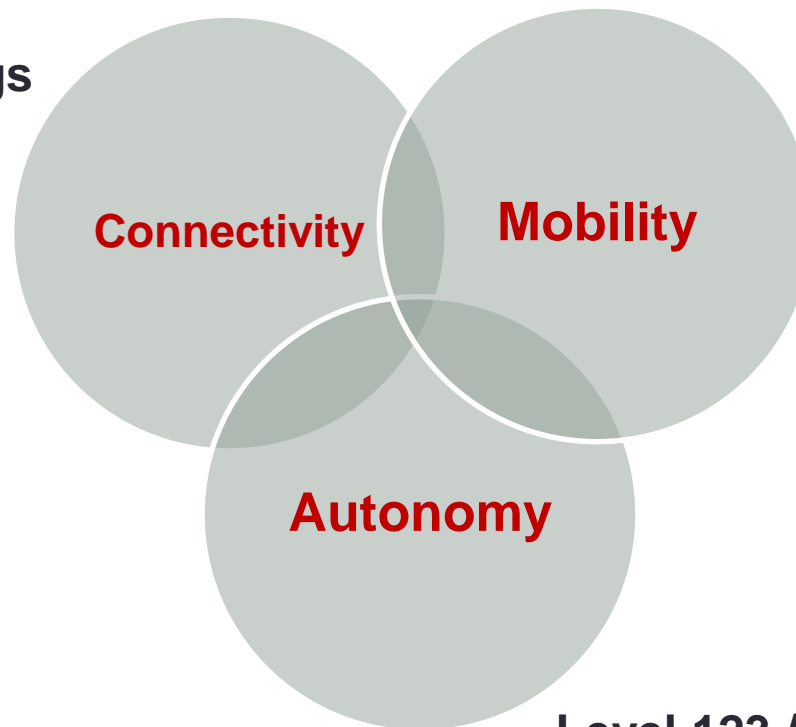
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## Framework: boil it all down to connectivity, mobility, autonomy

### NEW AUTOMOTIVE TECH “GRAND UNIFIED THEORY”

Apple CarPlay  
Android Auto  
OTA Updates  
Internet of Things  
V2V V2I etc.  
Music  
UBI  
Phone & text  
Wifi hotspot.....

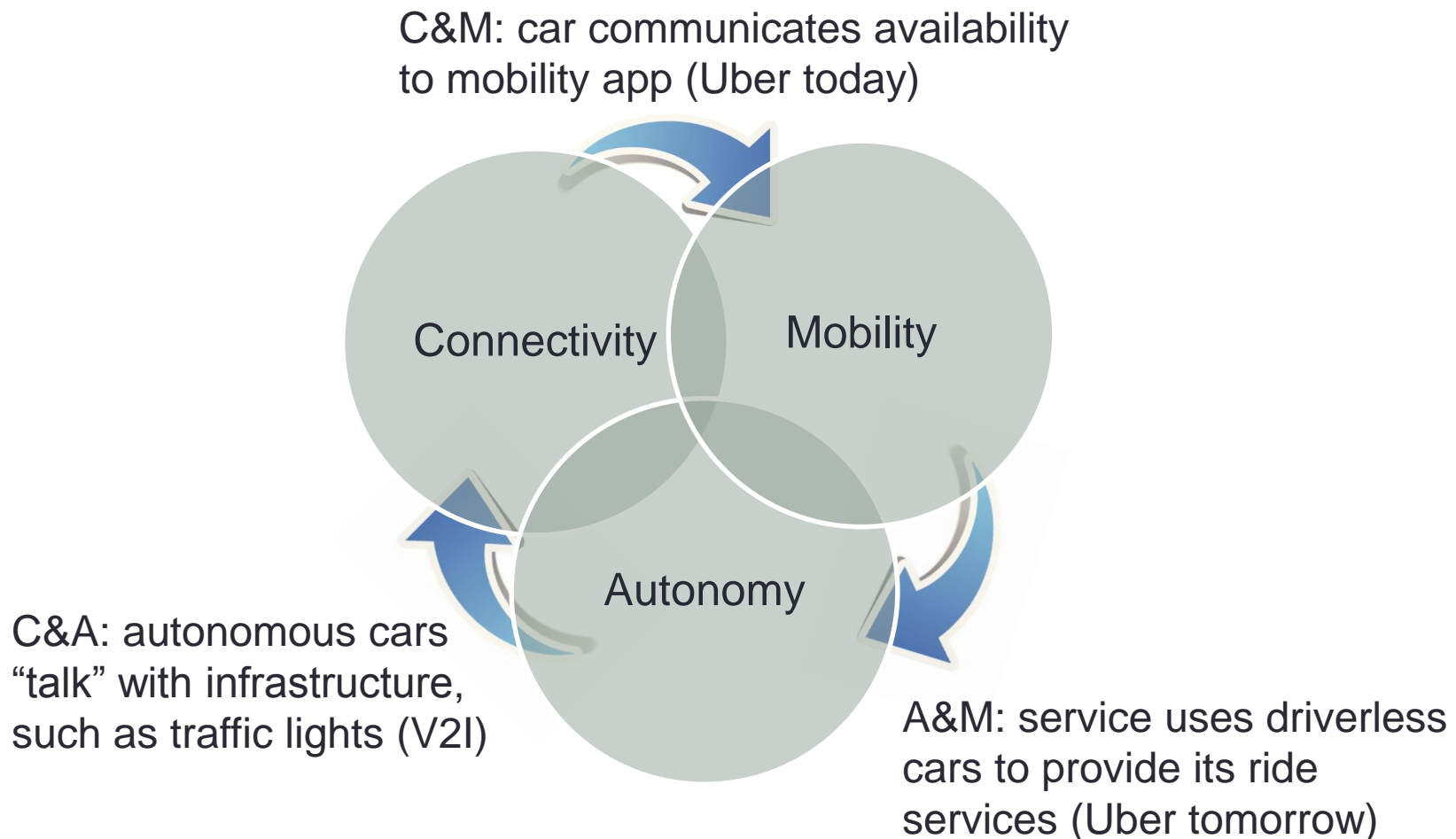


Carshare (ZipCar)  
TNC (Uber, Lyft)  
Pooling (UberPool)  
Taxi apps  
Delivery (Instacart,  
Doordash, Postmates)

Level 123 / ADAS  
Level 45 partial/full autonomy  
Driverless cars



## The three fields potentially reinforce each other.



# Connectivity – the theme is *complexity*: what to connect?

## INVENTORY OF CONNECTED-CAR APPLICATIONS

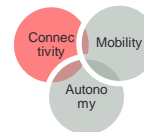


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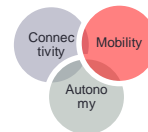
<b>Traffic Management Market Sector</b> — ITS examples: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Freeway &amp; Arterial management systems</li> <li>2. Active Traffic Management Systems</li> <li>3. Traffic Decision Support &amp; Demand Management Systems</li> <li>4. Traffic Management Roadside Hardware / Software</li> <li>5. Traffic Incident Management Equipment / Systems</li> <li>6. Roadway Weather Information Systems (RWIS)</li> <li>7. Traffic Detectors / Surveillance Equipment</li> <li>8. Traffic Probes</li> <li>9. Signaling and Control Devices</li> <li>10. Intersection Cabinet Safety Devices / Components</li> <li>11. Battery Backup / Uninterruptible Power Supply systems</li> <li>12. Roadway Closure Equipment / Systems</li> <li>13. Dynamic Message Signs (DMS)</li> <li>14. Electronic Toll Collection Equipment / Systems</li> <li>15. Electrical Lighting &amp; Management Systems</li> <li>16. Drawbridge Management Systems</li> <li>17. Emissions Monitoring Systems</li> <li>18. Speed Monitoring Systems</li> <li>19. Variable Speed Limit Systems</li> <li>20. HOV Lane Management Systems</li> <li>21. Mainline Traffic Management Systems</li> <li>22. Reversible Lane Management Systems</li> <li>23. Metering Systems</li> <li>24. Regional Traffic Management Systems</li> <li>25. Parking Management Systems</li> <li>26. Asset Management Systems</li> </ol>	<b>Public Transportation Market Sector</b> — ITS examples: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. ITS Archived Data / Business Intelligence Systems</li> <li>2. Voice / Data Communications Systems</li> <li>3. Computer-Assisted Dispatch (CAD) Systems</li> <li>4. Automatic Vehicle Location (AVL) System for Buses</li> <li>5. Automated Train Location System (ATLS) for Rail Transit</li> <li>6. Transit Signal Priority (TSP) Systems</li> <li>7. Connection Protection / Notification Systems</li> <li>8. Positive Train Control</li> <li>9. Automated Vehicle Monitoring (AVM)</li> <li>10. Automatic Passenger Counting (APC) System</li> <li>11. Transit Travel Information (TTI) Systems</li> <li>12. Transit Vehicle Management Systems</li> </ol>	<b>Emergency Management Market Sector</b> — ITS examples: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Early Warning System Alert &amp; Advisory Systems</li> <li>2. Emergency Call-Taking &amp; Dispatch Services</li> <li>3. Emergency Routing Equipment Systems</li> <li>4. Emergency Signal Preemption</li> <li>5. Transportation Infrastructure Protection Systems</li> <li>6. Roadway Service Patrols</li> <li>7. Mayday &amp; Alarms Support Systems/Equipment</li> <li>8. Wide-Area Alert Systems</li> <li>9. Disaster Response &amp; Recovery Equipment / Systems</li> <li>10. Disaster Traveler Information Systems / Software</li> <li>11. Evacuation &amp; Reentry Management Systems / Software</li> <li>12. Disaster Medicine Applications / Systems</li> </ol>
<b>Cross-Cutting &amp; Other</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Communications</li> <li>2. Systems Integration</li> <li>3. Systems Engineering</li> </ol>		<b>Management</b> — ITS examples: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Dynamic Route Guidance</li> <li>2. Dynamic Route Guidance</li> <li>3. Dynamic Route Guidance</li> <li>4. Dynamic Route Guidance</li> <li>5. Dynamic Route Guidance</li> <li>6. Dynamic Route Guidance</li> <li>7. Dynamic Route Guidance</li> <li>8. Dynamic Route Guidance</li> <li>9. Dynamic In-Vehicle Signing</li> <li>10. Static In-Vehicle Signing</li> <li>11. Yellow Pages and Reservations Services</li> </ol>
<b>Archived Data Management Sector</b> — ITS examples: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. ITS Data Collection &amp; Management</li> <li>2. ITS Data Warehouses</li> </ol>		

### Observations:

1. It's a crowded field, hard to see a "killer app"
  2. Many of these are "answers looking for questions" (check the fridge from your VW van?)
- OEMs need to focus, not just invest in all.**

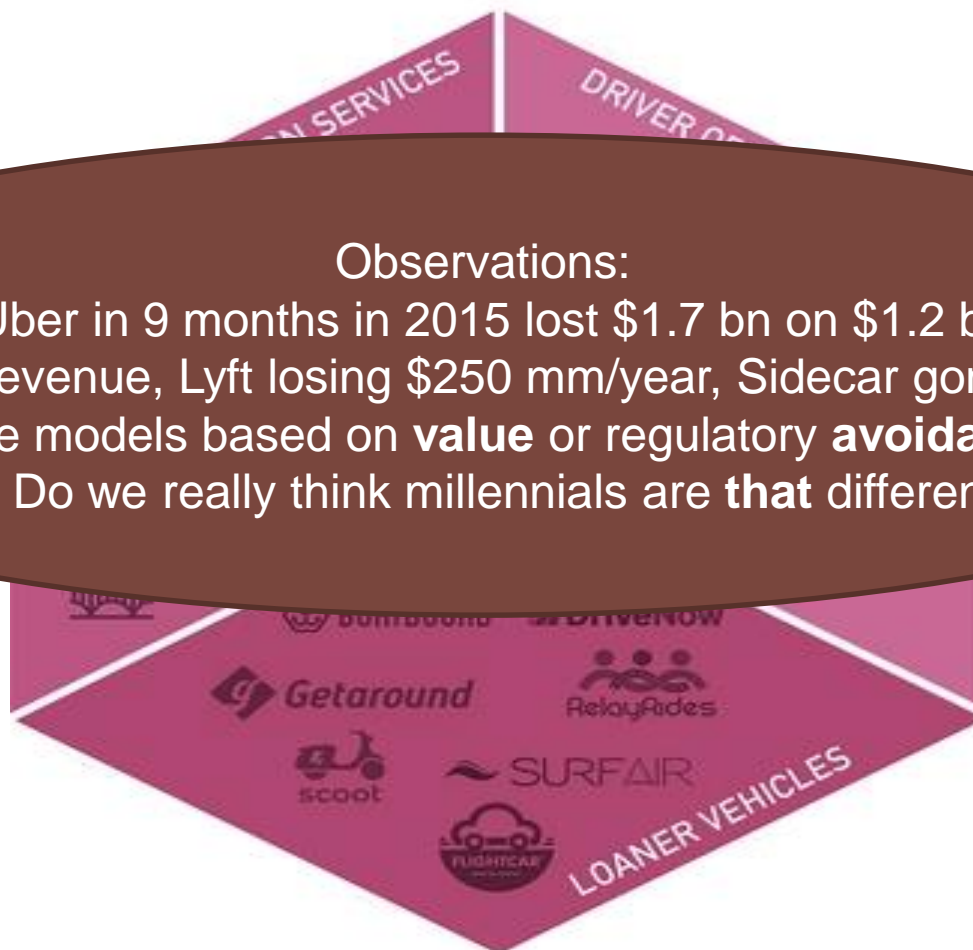
# Mobility – the theme is *value*: how much is this worth?

## INVENTORY OF MOBILITY APPLICATIONS



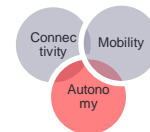
### Observations:

1. Uber in 9 months in 2015 lost \$1.7 bn on \$1.2 bn in revenue, Lyft losing \$250 mm/year, Sidecar gone...
2. Are models based on **value** or regulatory **avoidance**?
3. Do we really think millennials are **that** different?



# Full autonomy – the theme is *risk*: what can go wrong?

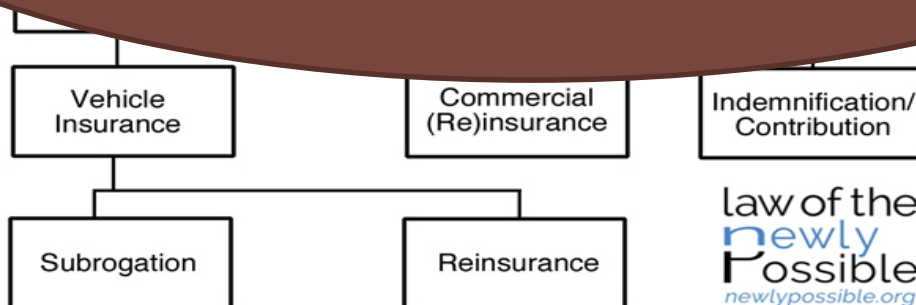
## INVENTORY OF VEHICLE RESPONSIBILITIES



“D... ..”

### Observations:

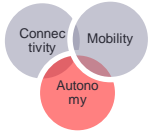
1. Will benefits (safety, convenience, mobility) exceed costs? Floor mats cost Toyota \$3 bn...
2. What happens when risk moves from driver (cheap insurance) to OEM (costly lawsuits)?



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[newlypossible.org](http://newlypossible.org)

# Risks of fully-autonomous (L45) vehicles

## THE RISK OF A “HINDENBURG MOMENT”



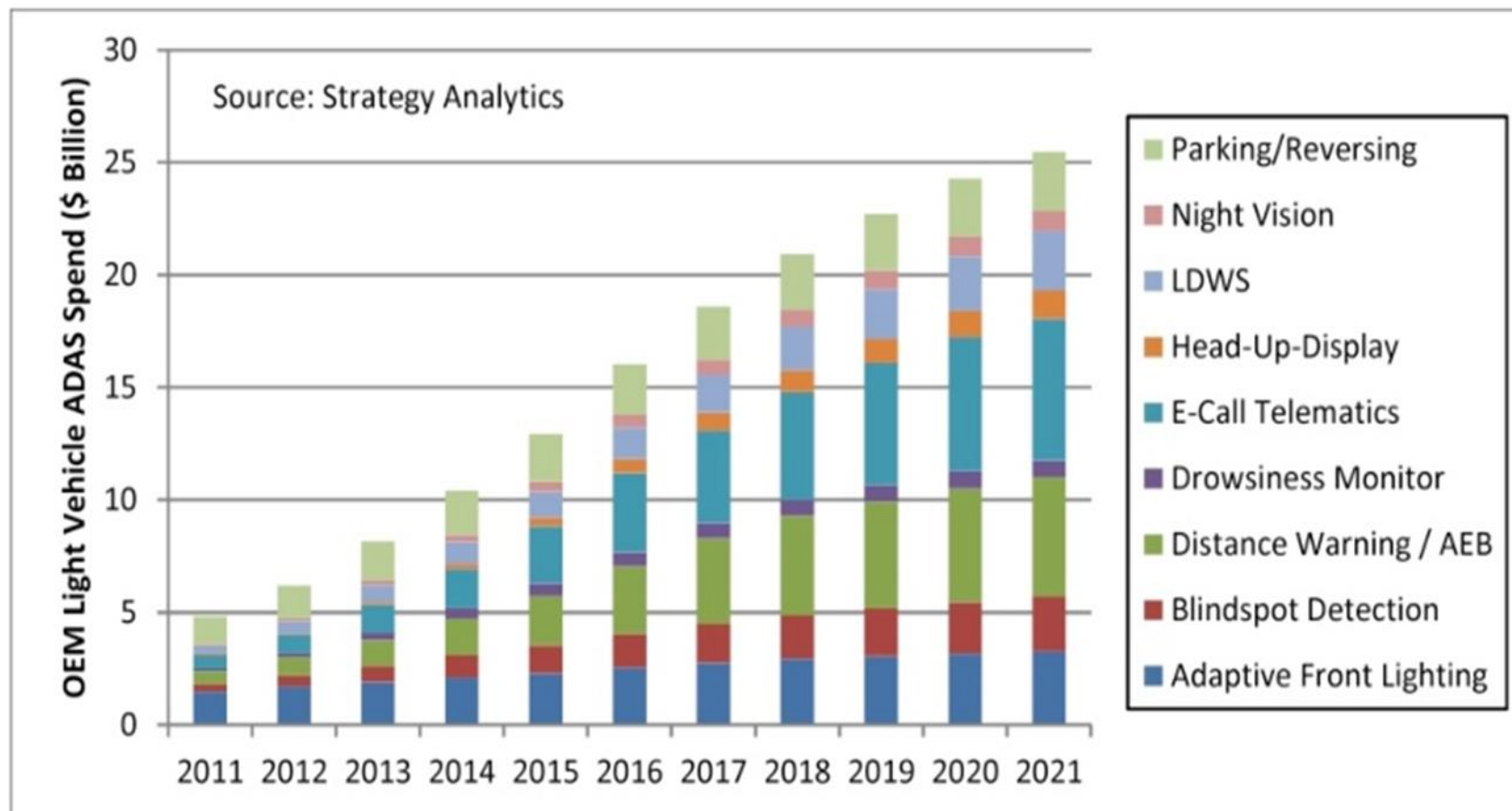
### ISIS rigs remote-control car bombs to beat detection systems

Heat-Emitting Mannequins Could Fool Infrared Cameras



## However, in *partial* (L123) autonomy, the growth is clear

### ADAS SPEND FORECAST



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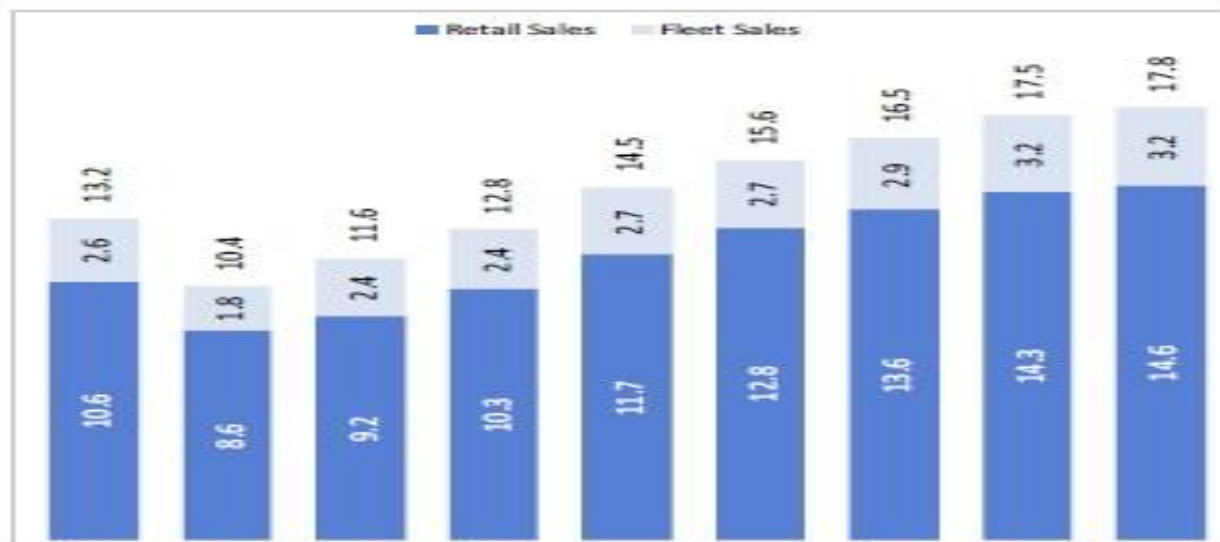
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## Impact to date: no effect on USA sales yet

### USA ANNUAL SALES 2008-2015, 2016 FORECAST



SAAR (MM)	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015 F'cst	2016 F'cst
Total	13.21	10.42	11.57	12.76	14.47	15.57	16.49	17.46	17.77
Retail	10.60	8.63	9.18	10.32	11.73	12.84	13.56	14.29	14.57
Sales (MM)									
Total Sales	13.21	10.42	11.57	12.76	14.47	15.57	16.49	17.46	17.77



## And other “disrupted” fields seem relatively unscathed

- ❖ Despite AirBnB, American hotel occupancy rate (65%) is the highest it has been since records started being kept (27 years)
- ❖ Despite Uber, taxi license applications in San Francisco have been rising steadily
- ❖ Despite Amazon, the number of independent bookstores in the USA is up 25% since 2009

## Uber versus taxis: meeting in the middle?

ABOUT PRESS FAQ DRIVERS

### Get going in a tax

With Flywheel, you pay for it with your smart

Available on the App Store

In San Francisco: 80% of taxi fleets have signed up with Flywheel “hailing app;” 50% of taxi license applicants are former Uber/Lyft drivers; regulations are starting to converge

Source: press reports

But perhaps the impact is not revenue *lost*, but revenue *never had*  
AUTO INDUSTRY HAS LOST THE LAST THREE ROUNDS OF CONSUMER TECHNOLOGY “WARS”



In-car communication: lost to  
phones



Were OEMs so aggressive at  
CES just to show that *this*  
*time* they will not lose again?

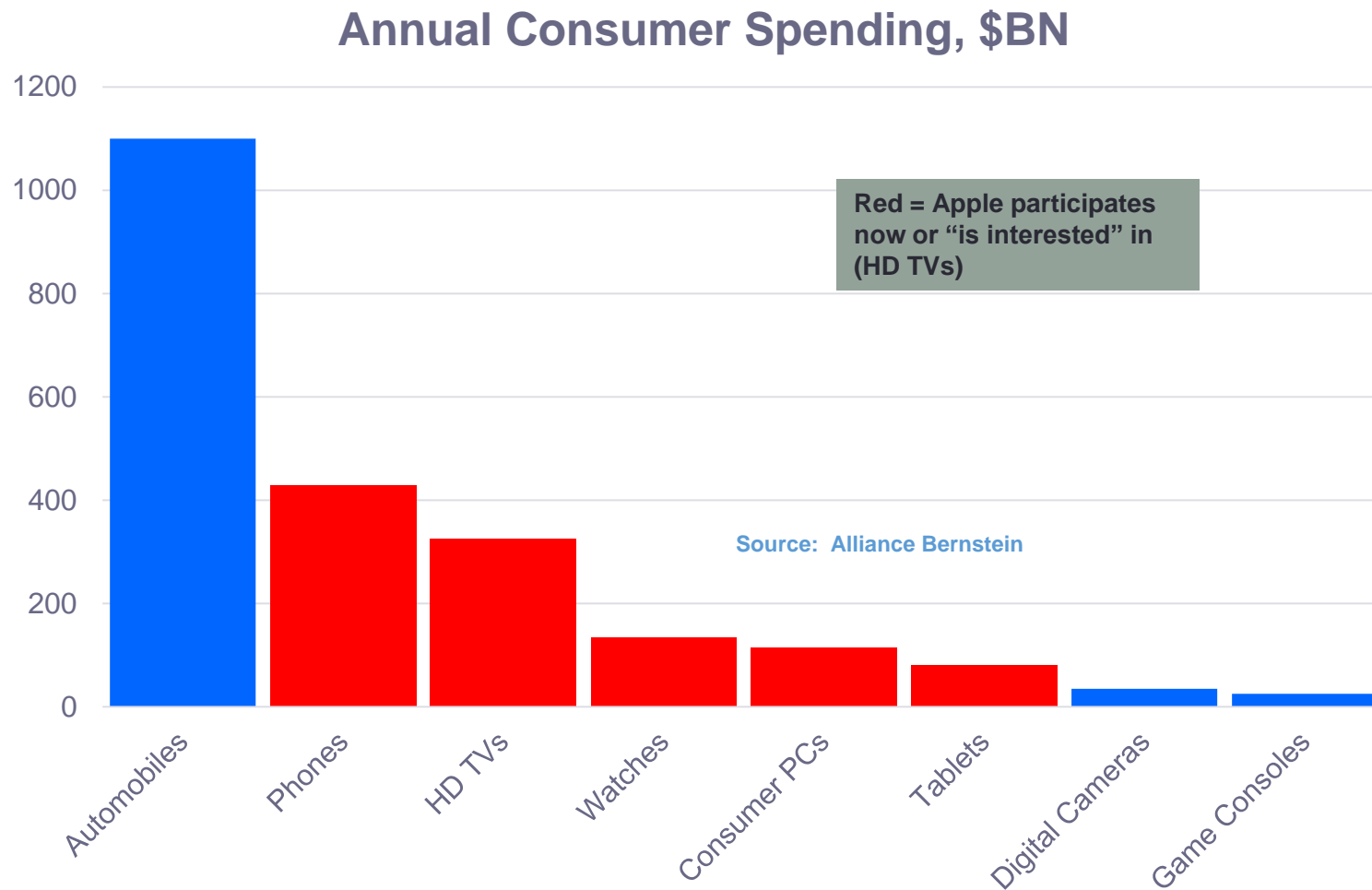


lost to phones

Total market size: unknown billion\$

While outside players may develop supply and *create* demand...

EXAMPLE OF APPLE: ONLY CARS COULD “MOVE THE NEEDLE” FOR THEM?



... and they have the money to fund their efforts.

## Apple's 'Project Titan' at crossroads, team in hiring freeze, source says

By Sam Oliver

Monday, January 25, 2016, 09:06 am PT (12:06 pm ET)

Apple has placed a hiring freeze on the team responsible for the company's nascent automotive ambitions after executives became unhappy with the project's direction and progress, AppleInsider has learned.



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## Implications for Dealers: General

1. You've got time... plan, but don't panic
2. Don't confuse "can" and "will" ... press releases  $\neq$  action
3. Turn this to your advantage ... as you always have

# Plan, but don't panic

## EXAMPLE: AUTONOMOUS VEHICLE PENETRATION

If we assume:

1. By 2020 there are sold 1 million fully-autonomous (Level 45) vehicles annually (far beyond any forecast)...
2. Every year after 2020 that number goes up by 1 million (beyond any non-speculative forecast)...
3. Every year after 2020 that number goes up by 1 million cars...
4. Level 45 vehicles will not be needed until after 2030.

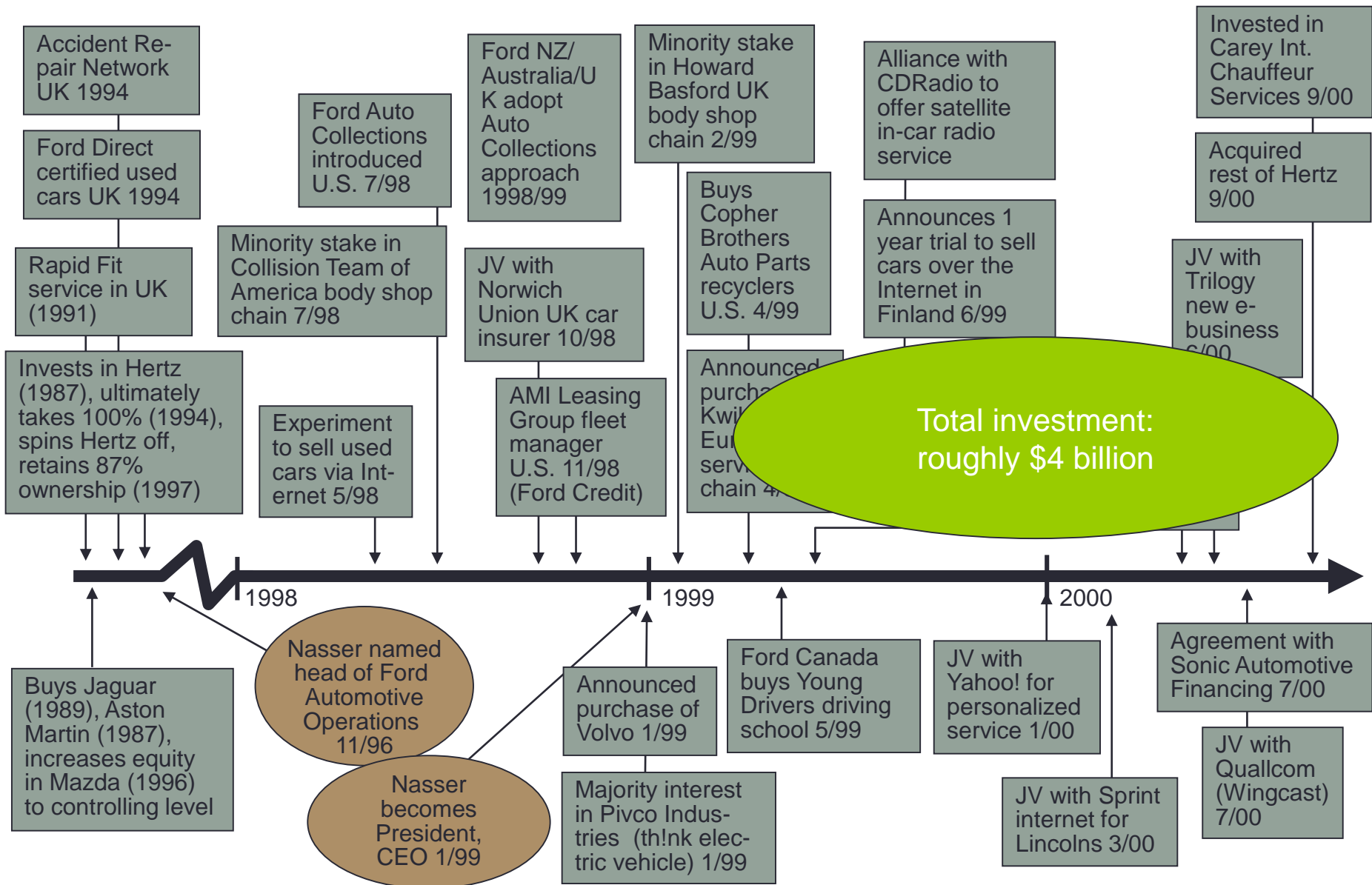
But remember today there are more written reports on L5 Avs, than there are L5 Avs

And *this* assumes that regulators approve, the legal system adapts, customers pay, and technology works.

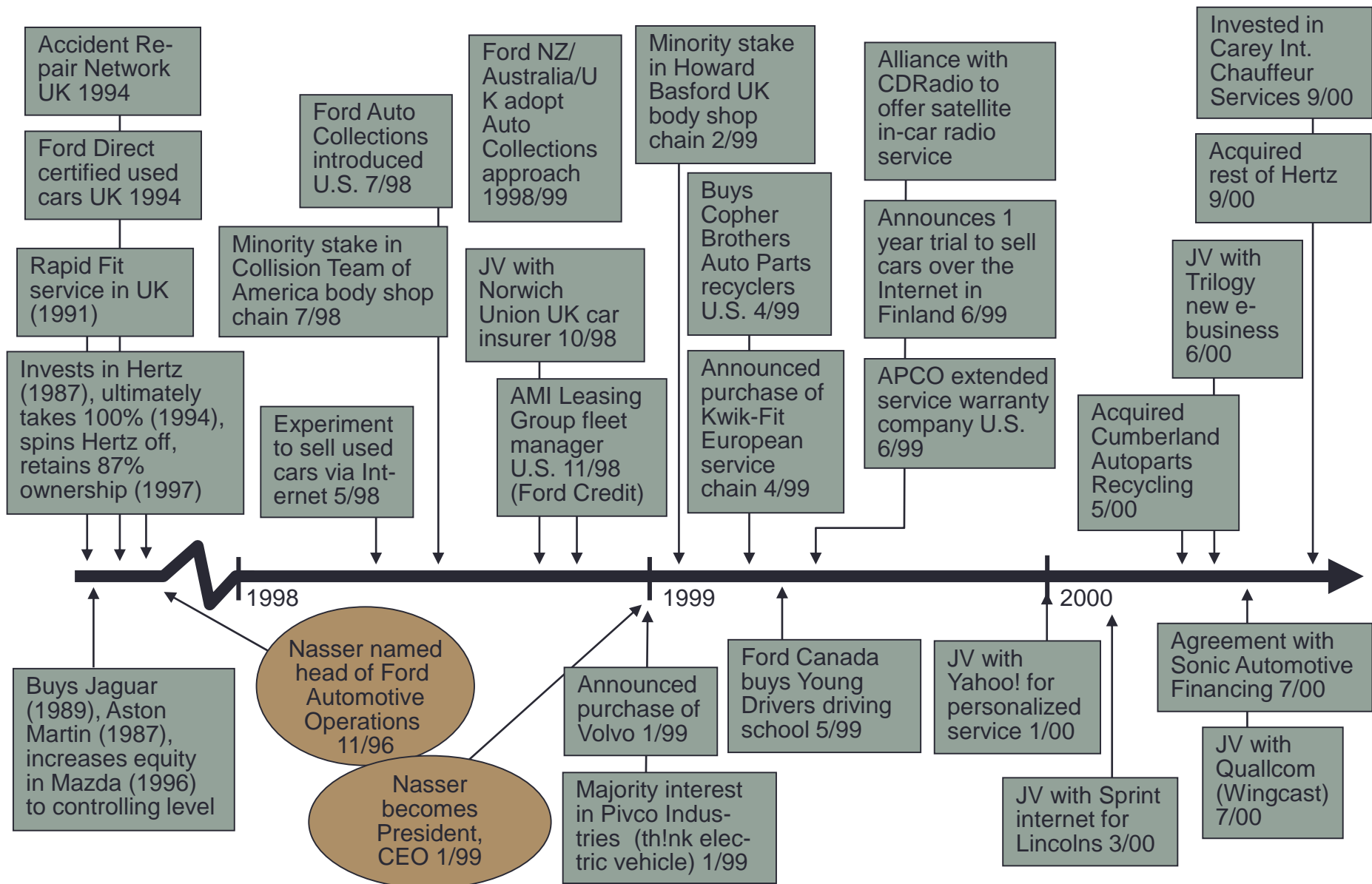


# Do not confuse can and will, *activity for achievement!*

## CASE EXAMPLE: THE FORD 1990'S MOVE DOWNSTREAM



## Which did Ford keep? Projects can be ended as well as started.



## Turn this to your advantage, as you always have: 3 examples

- **Past threat #1: “Attack of the public chains” – Huizenga-era AutoNation, with end-to-end integration (e.g. rental fleets as in-house supply of used cars). Unable to improve on traditional dealer model, all six revert to it. Dealers adapt best practices (e.g. F&I menu selling). Combined market share of the Public 6 in 2004: 8.1%; in 2014: 8.6%.**
- **Past threat #2: “Rise of the disintermediators” – Original AutoByTel, CarsDirect, et al. Becomes clear the model is flawed, costly. ABTL IPOs at over \$200 in 1999, currently trading at \$18. Dealers learn to use the internet themselves, these firms become service providers.**
- **Past threat #3: “Invasion of the OEMs” – FRN and GMRH. Ford Retail Network gone by 2001, and GMRH cancels before it launches. Dealers simply out-compete company stores.**

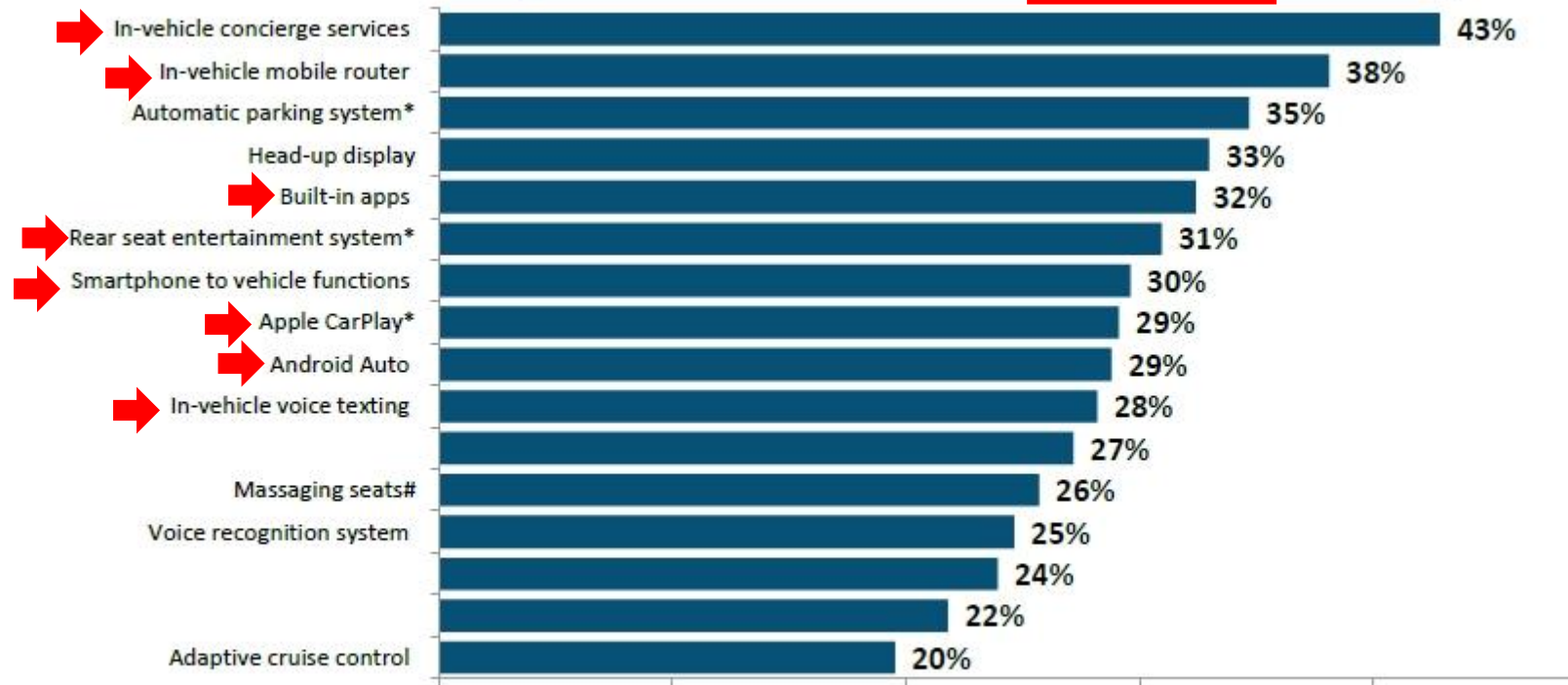
## Implications for dealers: specific

- **Connectivity:**
  - PRO: more options and features to sell, telematics in theory will boost service retention, connected cars may bring in younger customers...
  - CON: value often unclear, more training required, more time to devote to customer education, potential blowback when things don't work
- **Mobility:**
  - PRO: not much... maybe higher per-car service as cars are run harder
  - CON: individual retail sales shift to fleet sales (to Uber, Maven) ... If cars become commoditized "pods" mix is diluted
- **Autonomy:**
  - ADAS PRO: more options, safety benefits may pull demand ahead
  - ADAS CON: more training, more OEM liability (passed to dealers?)
  - FULL AUTONOMY: years away but will raise prices (+/-), will raise demand (vs. mass transit, *and from the elderly*), will drive up VMT and service load

## CONNECTIVITY: Many of these features are just lost on customers

JD POWER CUSTOMER VALUE IN AUTO TECHNOLOGY SURVEY, 2015

### Technologies Consumers State Are Never Used - Industry



Note: \* indicates small sample size (  $29 < n < 100$  )

# indicates insufficient sample size (  $n < 30$  )

## **CONNECTIVITY: And many dealers can't afford the time to explain them**

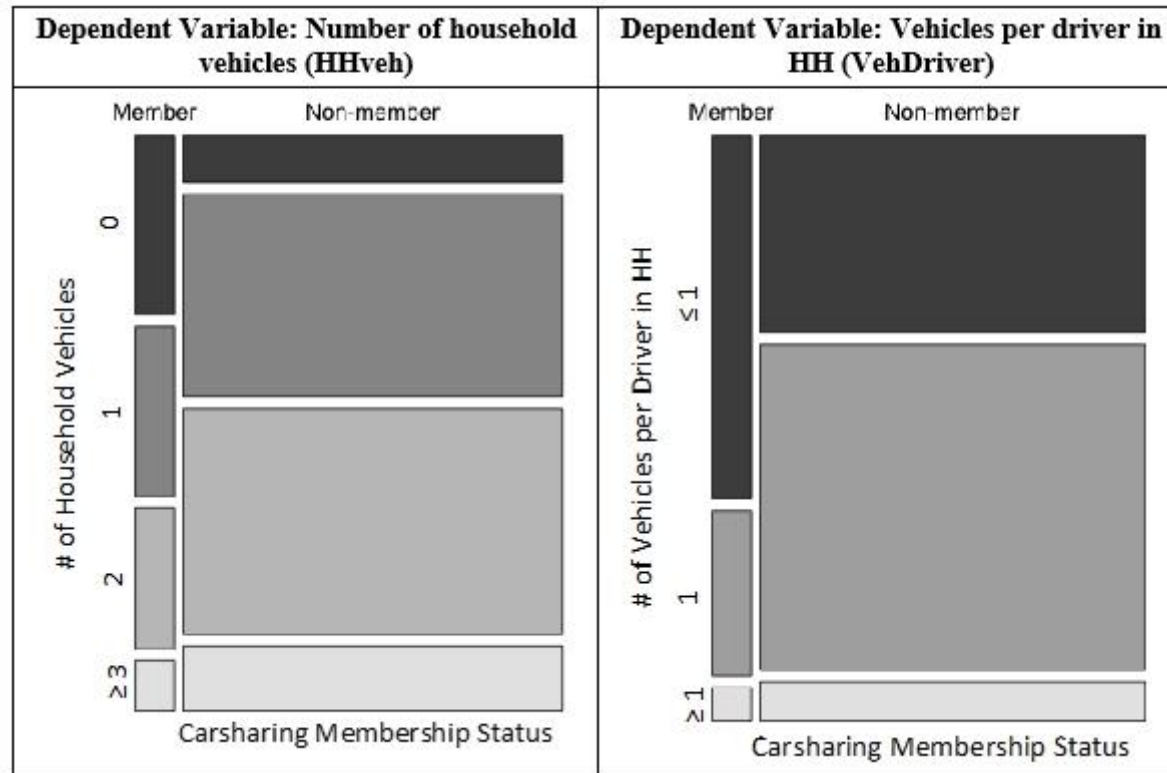
### **OLIVER WYMAN CAR TECHNOLOGY STUDY 2015**

**“The dealer remains a primary information source in the sales process. Our report found out that some dealers take 12 minutes to explain innovations... while others ignore them entirely. The average was 5 minutes. Among luxury brands, Mercedes-Benz dealers spent the least time on innovations, Lexus dealers the most. There was little connection between the emphasis that the OEM brand put on innovation and the time that the dealer spent explaining or offering innovations.”**

**► BUT, if the salesperson should spend more time on this, who will pay for her or his time doing so?**

# MOBILITY: It is clear that rideshare depresses vehicle ownership....

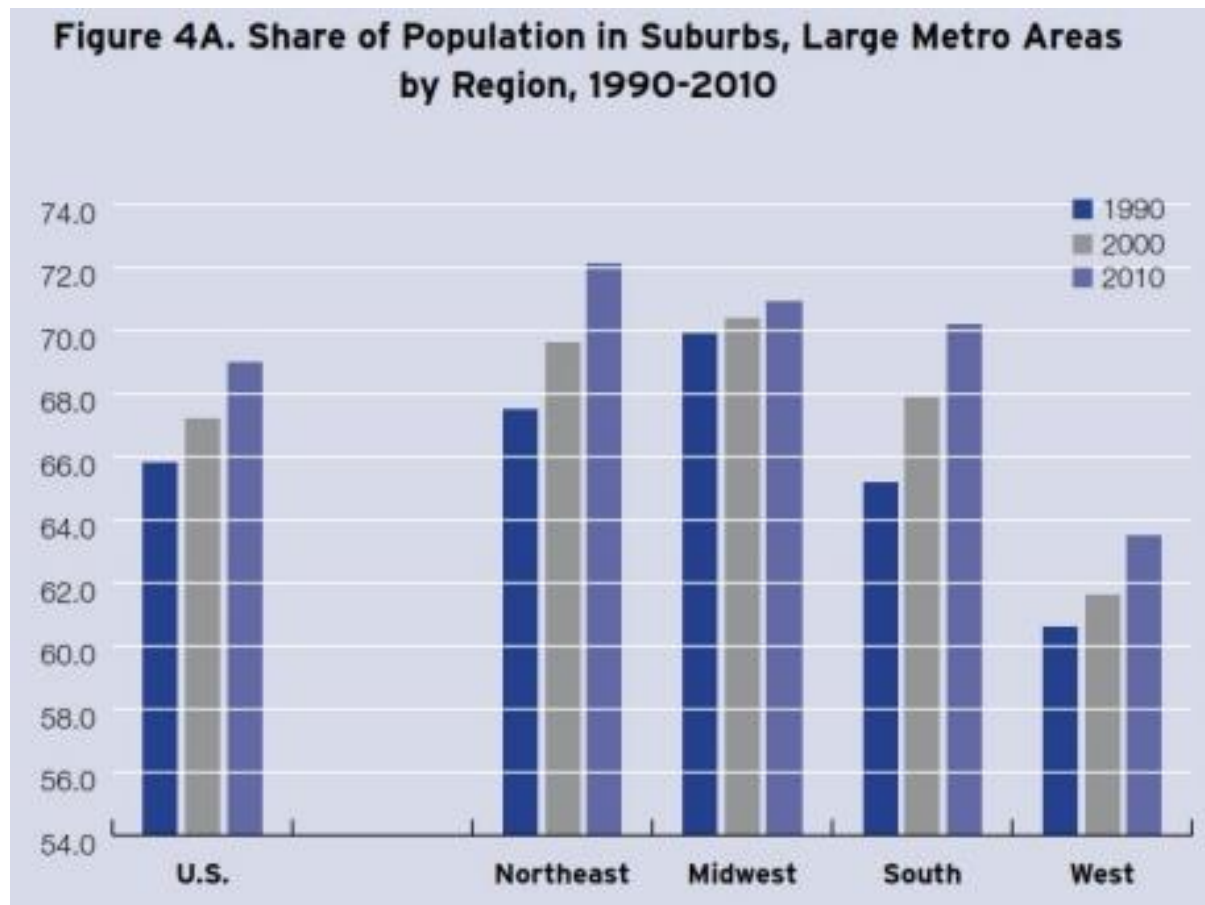
## CARSHARE IMPACT ON CAR OWNERSHIP STUDY



Source: "The effect of carsharing on vehicle holdings and travel behavior: A propensity score and causal mediation analysis of the San Francisco Bay Area,"  
G S Mishra, R R Clewlow, P L Mokhtarian, K F Widaman (2015)

## MOBILITY: ...but how far will rideshare spread?

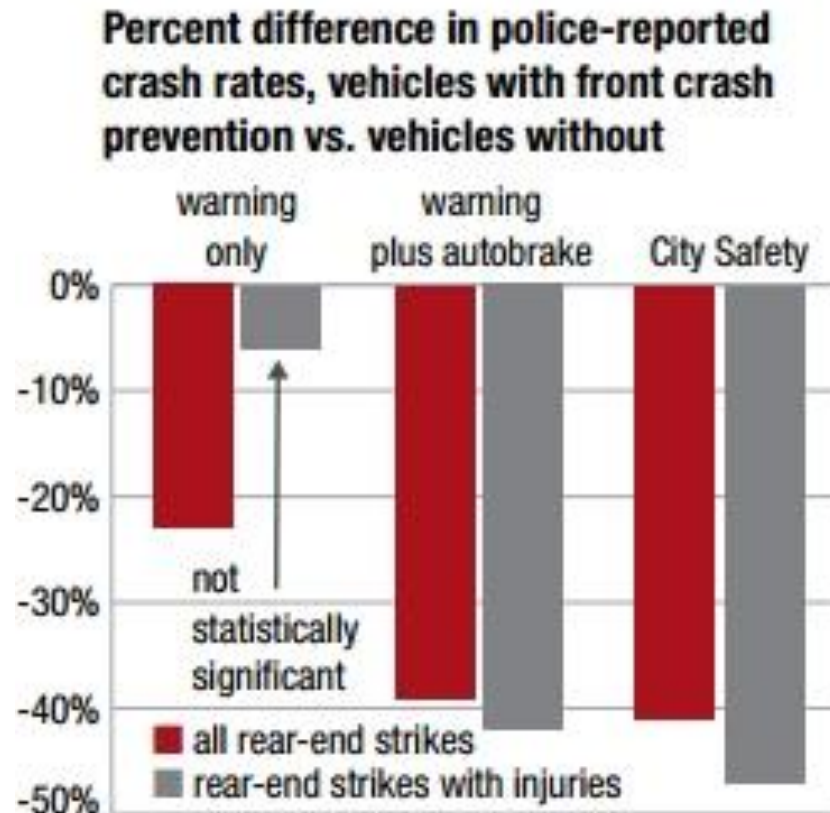
SUBURBS'S SHARE OF USA POPULATION HAS GROWN STEADILY FOR THE LAST 20 YEARS



Source: W Frey, Brookings , 2012]



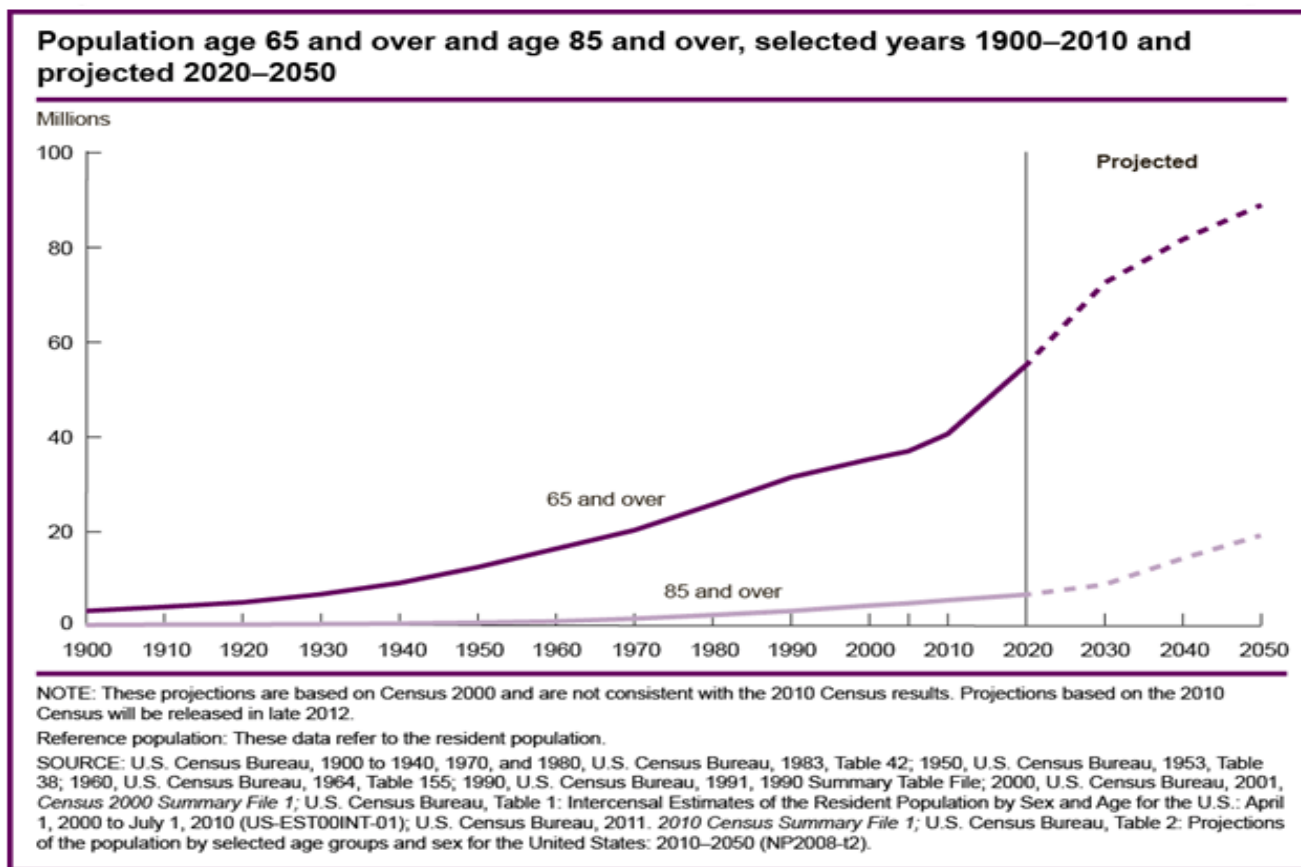
## AUTONOMY: ADAS may pull demand forward, due to safety benefits.... ADAS IS STARTING TO HAVE REAL IMPACT ON COLLISIONS



Source: IIHS January 2016; City Safety is Volvo's system

## AUTONOMY: The “killer app” may be mobility for the elderly.

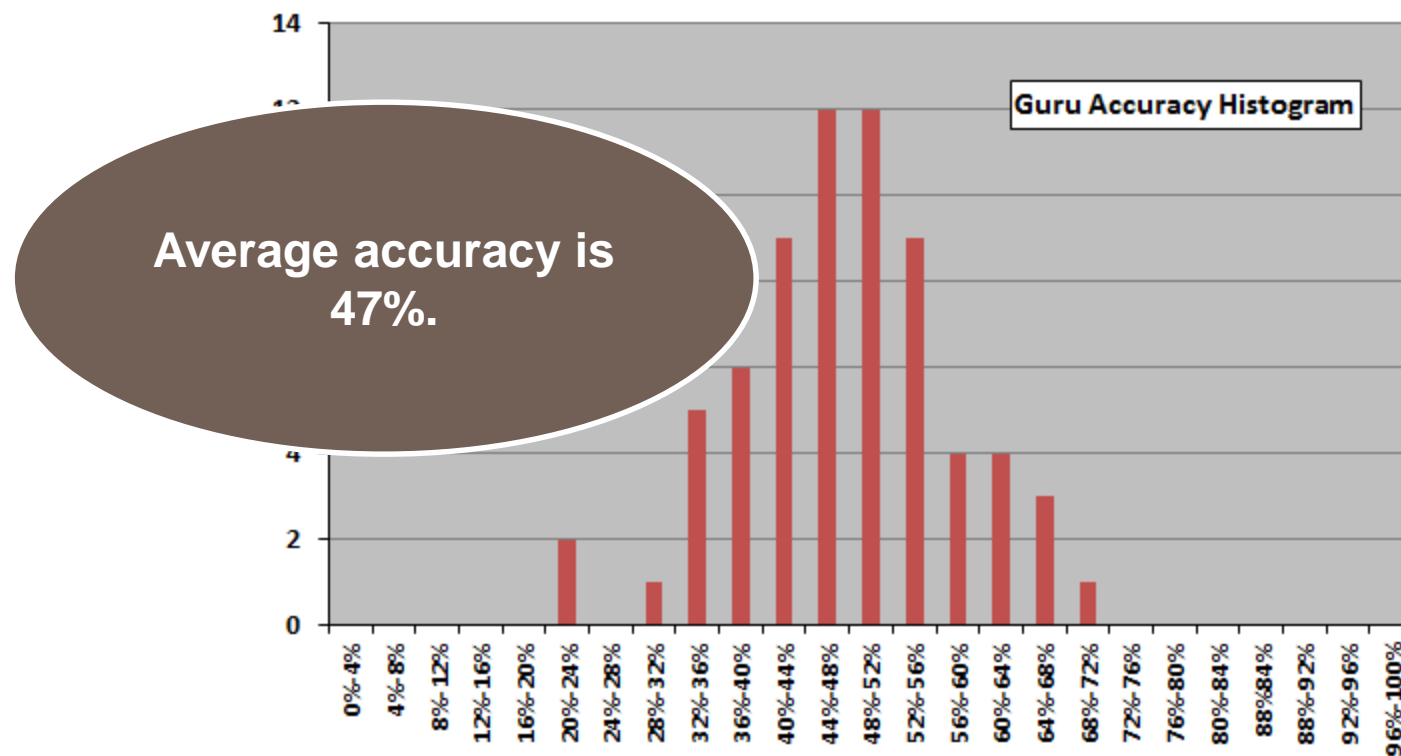
### L45 (QUASI) FULL AUTONOMY COULD BE A BOON FOR THE DISABLED OR ELDERLY



Source: IHHS, Federal Interagency Forum on Aging-Related Statistics

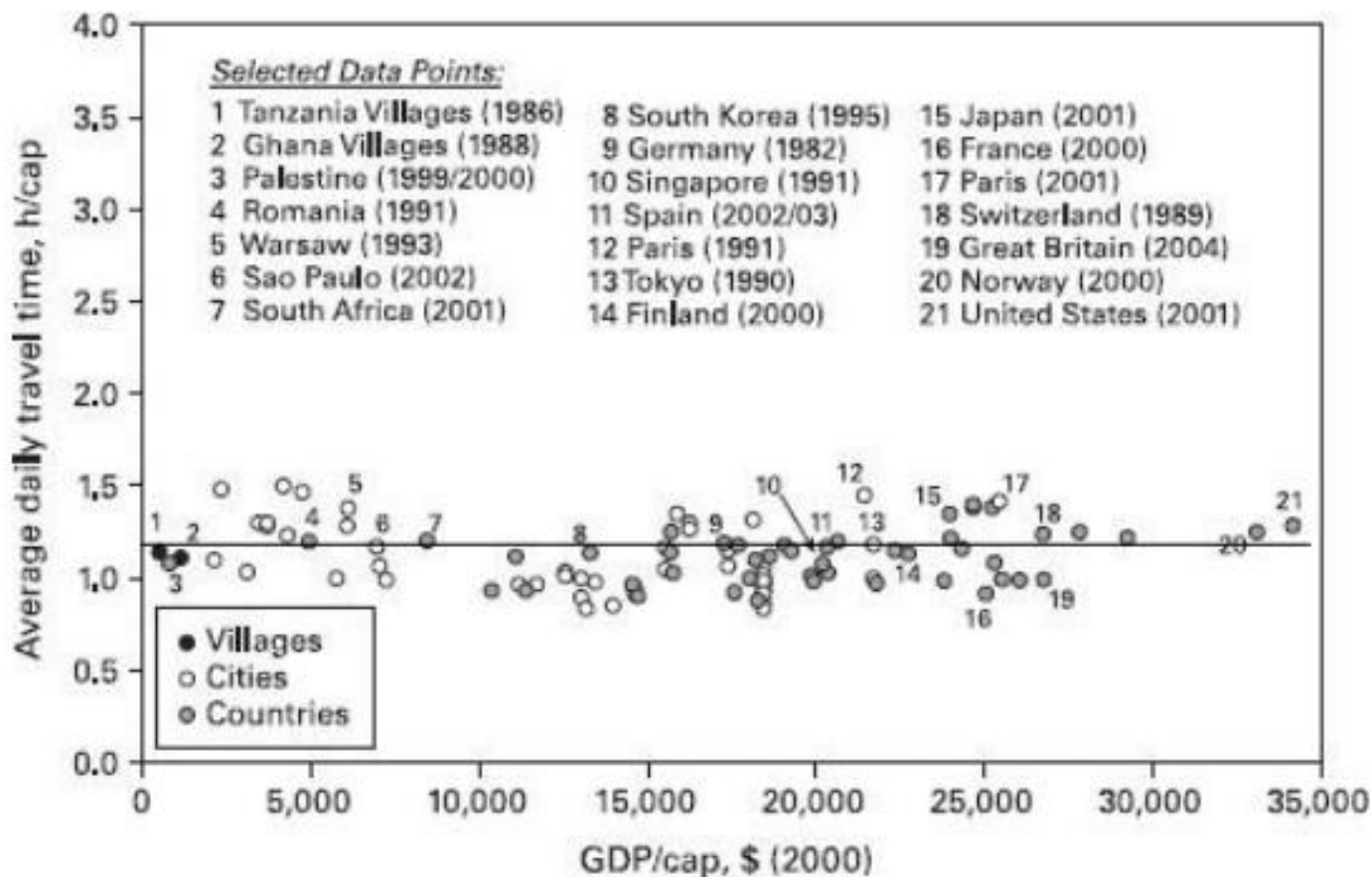
## CLOSING COMMENT 1: BEWARE EXPERTS (SUCH AS ME)

6,582 FORECASTS FOR THE US STOCKMARKET 2005-2012, AS OFFERED BY 68 EXPERTS, WITH ACCURACY PEGGED TO THE S&P 500



Source: CXO Advisory

## CLOSING COMMENT 2: THE ETERNAL URGE TO MOVE



Average daily travel time in hours per person as a function of GDP per capita. Source: updated dataset of Schäfer, A., D.G. Victor, 2000. The Future Mobility of the World Population, *Transportation Research A*, 34(3): 171-205.

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