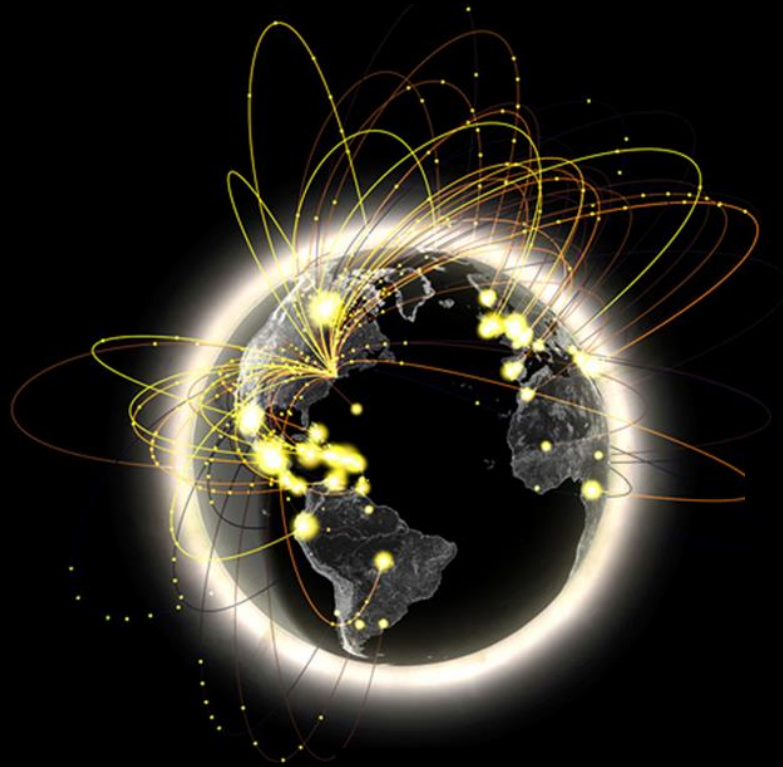




# Automated Cars and the Future of Transport

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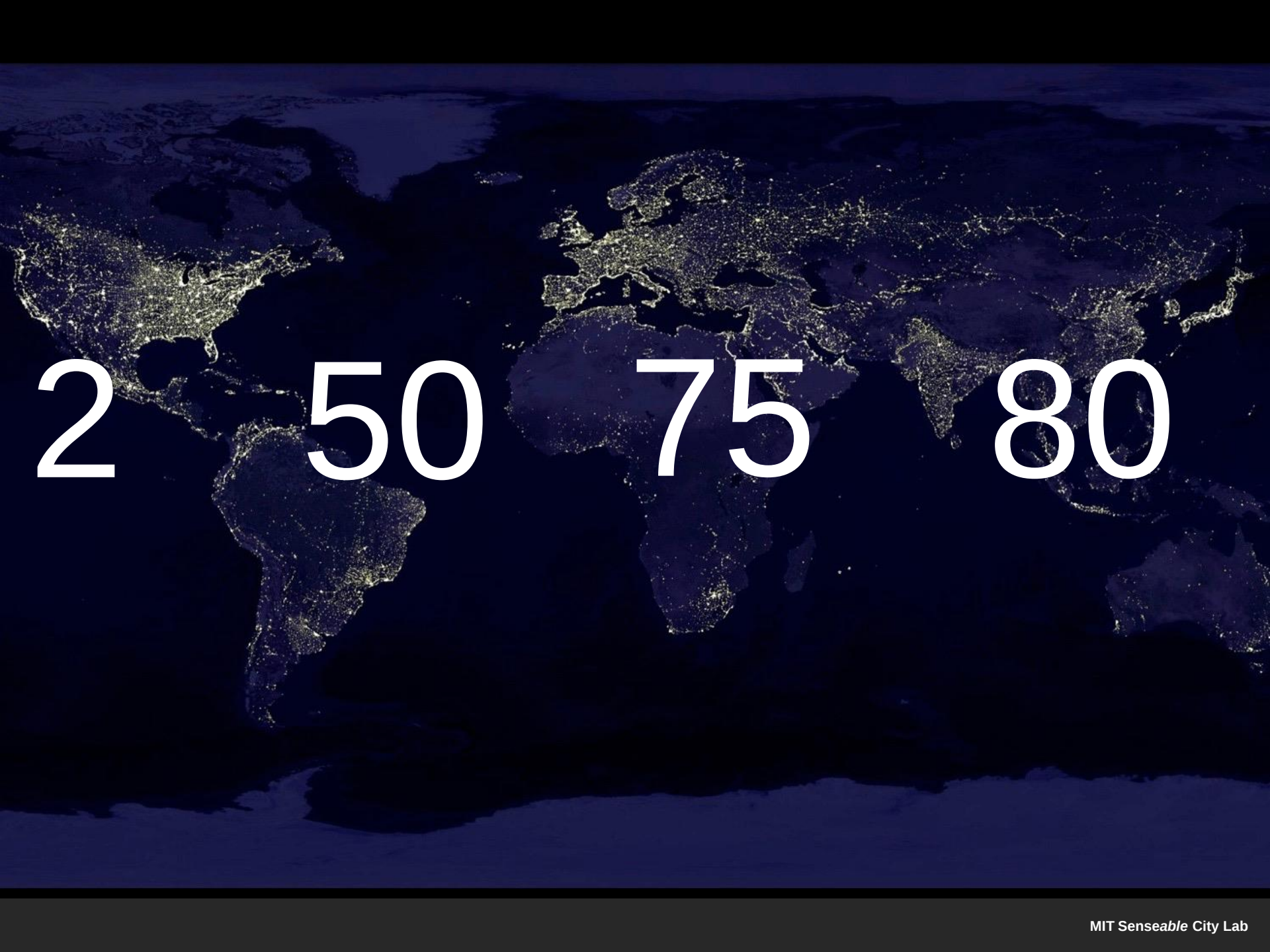
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big data = everything that can't fit on an  
Excel spreadsheet



5 000 000 000 GB

36 hours



# Mobility is inefficient

Mobility resources are heavily under-utilized



Most private cars  
are used less than  
10% of the time,  
and typically by  
only by the driver  
(Mitchell et al 2010)



The average number of  
passengers on NY Taxis is 1.32  
(NY Taxi Limousine Commission 2014)

# HUBCAB

Taxi-sharing in New York City: A network-based approach





13500 cabs  
150 million trips ~400.000 per day

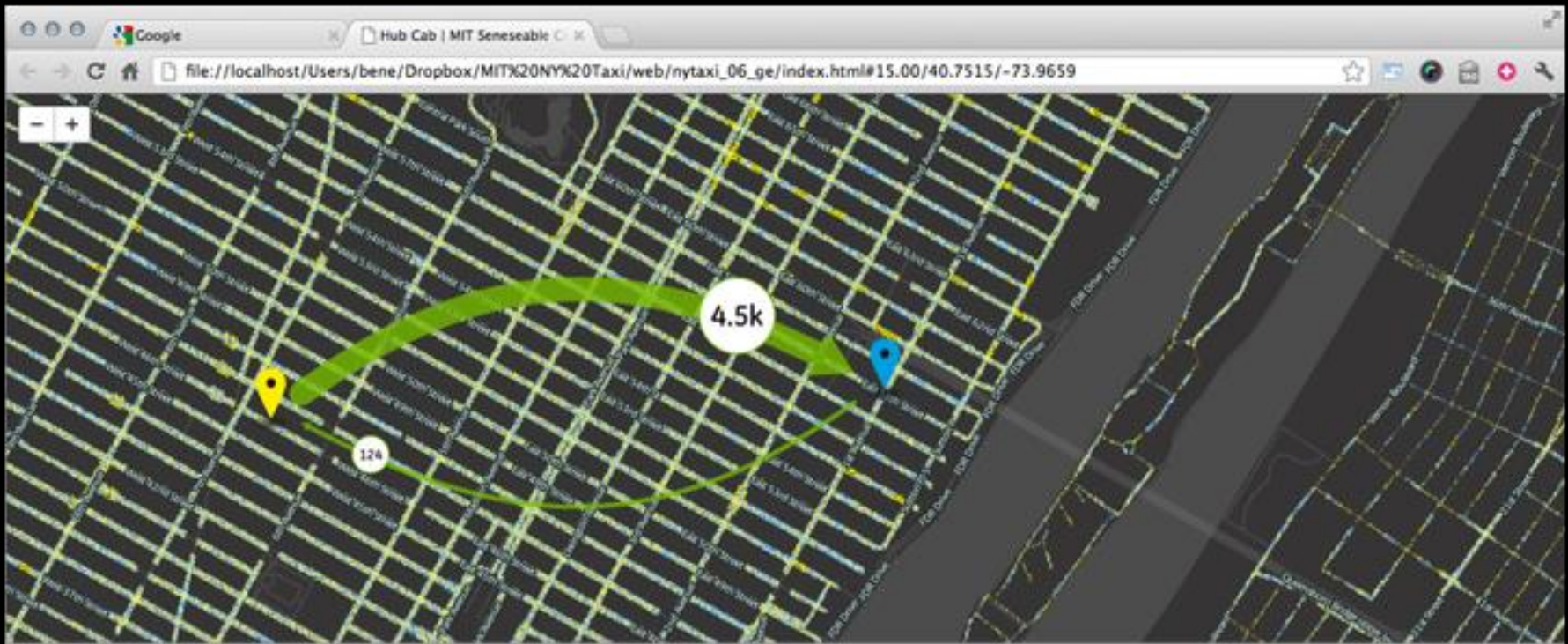


Pickups



Dropoffs

# HUBCAB



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the address bar displaying a local file path. The main content area features a map of New York City with a grid of streets. A green line represents a taxi trail, starting from a yellow pin on the left and ending at a blue pin on the right. A white circle with the text "4.5k" is placed along the green line. A smaller white circle with the text "124" is also visible on the map. Below the map, the "hubcab" logo is displayed in blue. To the right of the logo is a button labeled "Get started" with an upward arrow. Below the logo, the text "Exploring New York taxi trails and sharing our way to a more sustainable urban future" is written. To the right of this text, it says "A project by" followed by the "MIT senseable city lab" logo. Below the "MIT senseable city lab" logo is the "GE" logo.

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file:///localhost/Users/bene/Dropbox/MIT%20NY%20Taxi/web/nytaxi\_06\_ge/index.html#15.00/40.7515/-73.9659

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Get started ↑

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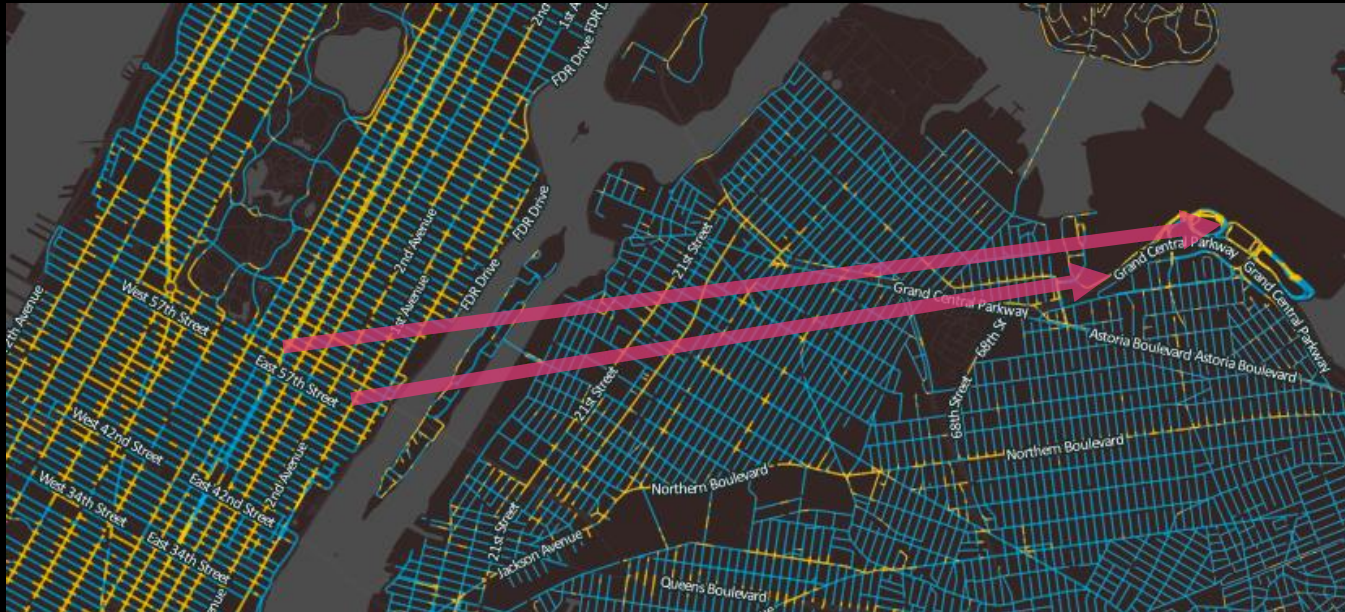
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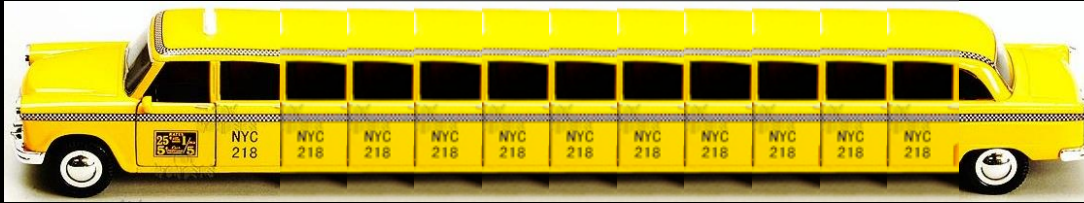
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Combine 2 trips

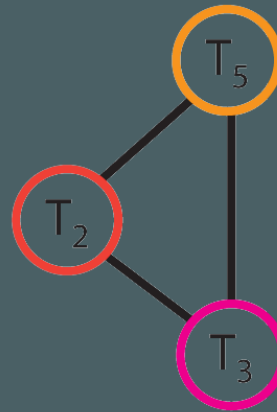
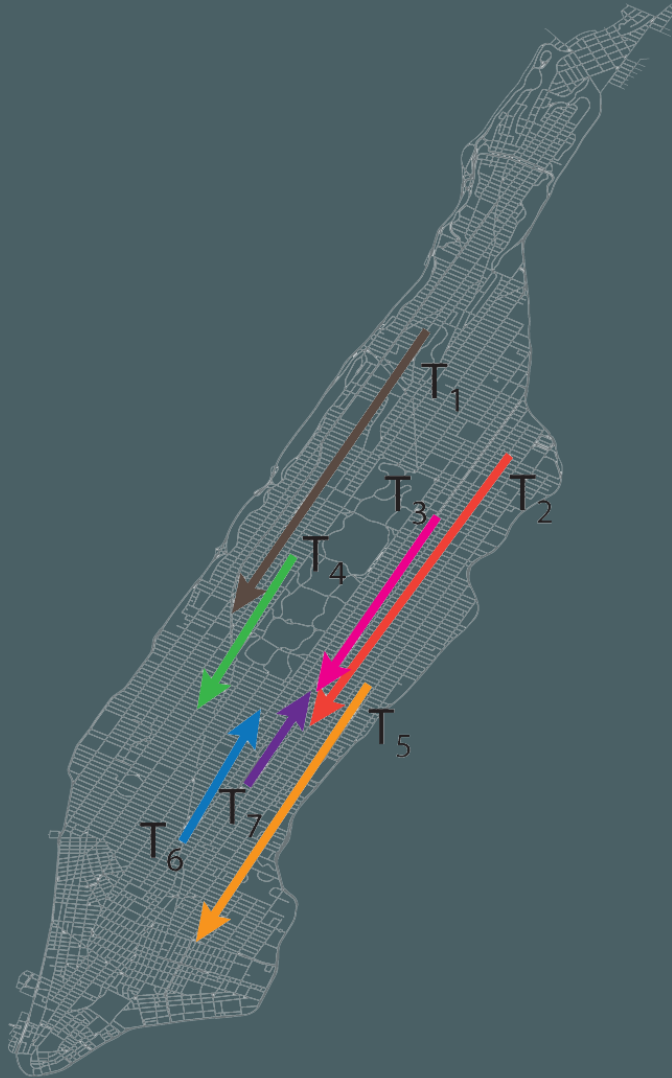


..and even more trips!

## Combine $k$ trips



# Shareability networks



# Shareability condition



4 possible routes



Shareable  
delay constraint  $\Delta$   
satisfied for at least  
one route

# Maximum matching

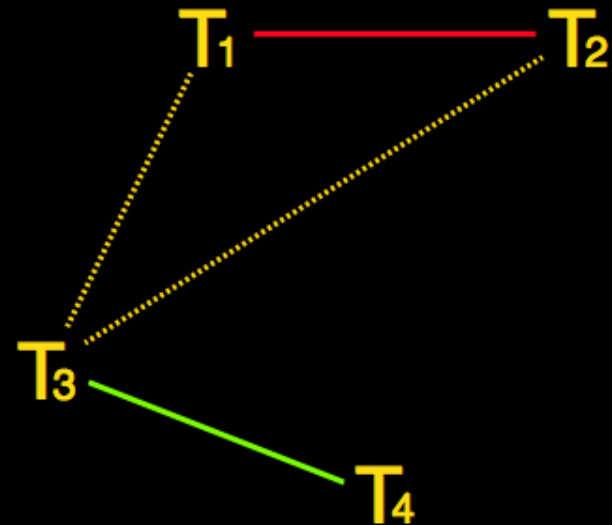


# of rides  
 $k = 2$

.....➤

Maximum matching

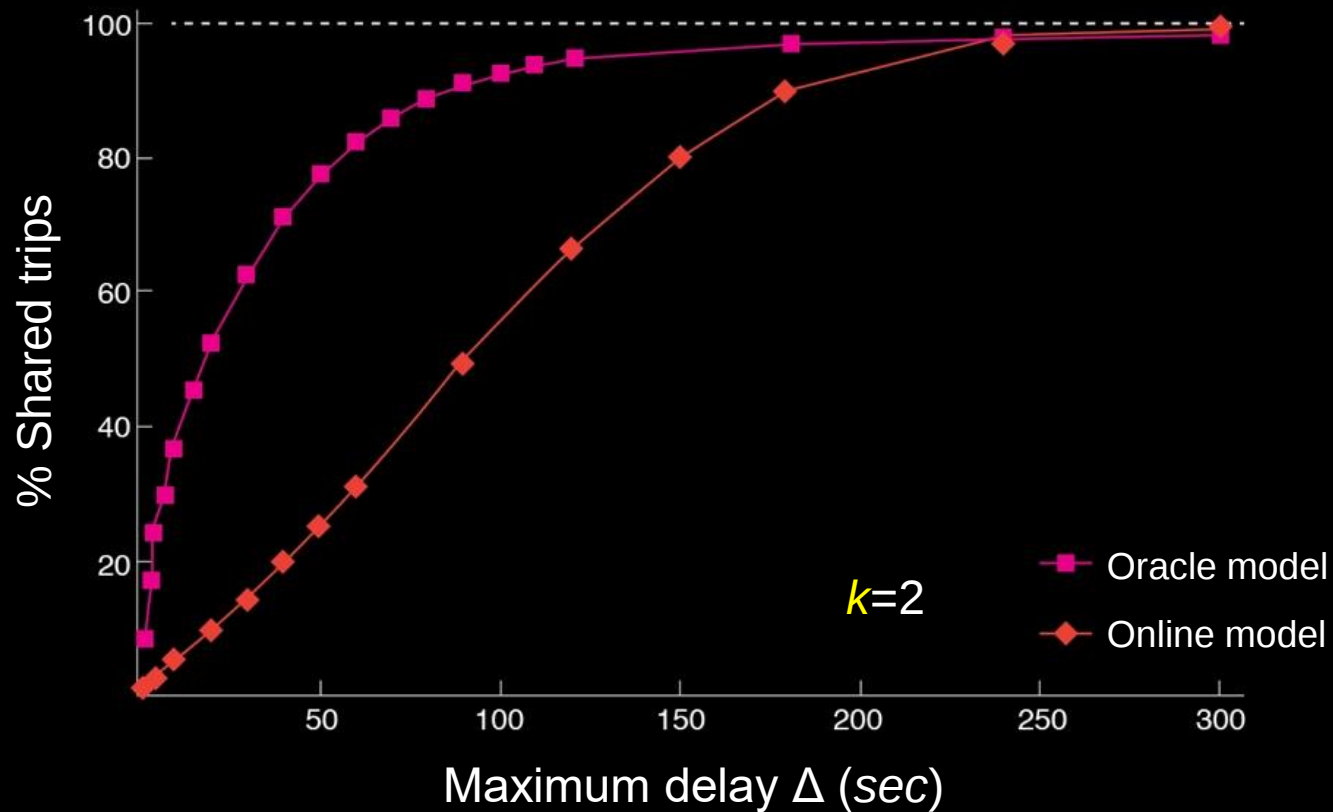
Generalizable to  $k > 2$   
but unfeasible for  $k > 3$



Chandra and Halldorsson, J Alg 39 (2001)

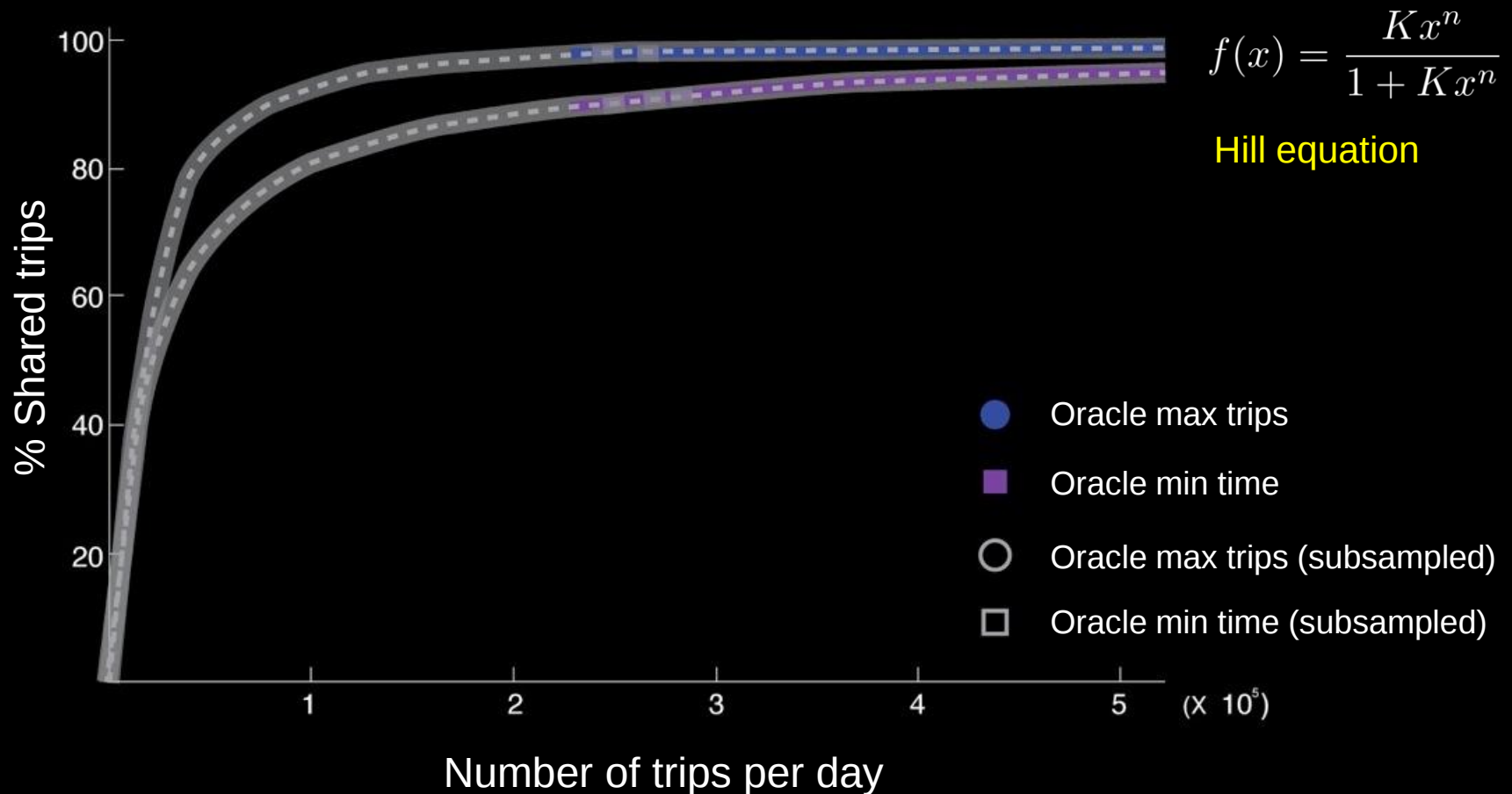
# The majority of trips are shareable!

The majority of trips is shareable with minimal passenger inconvenience



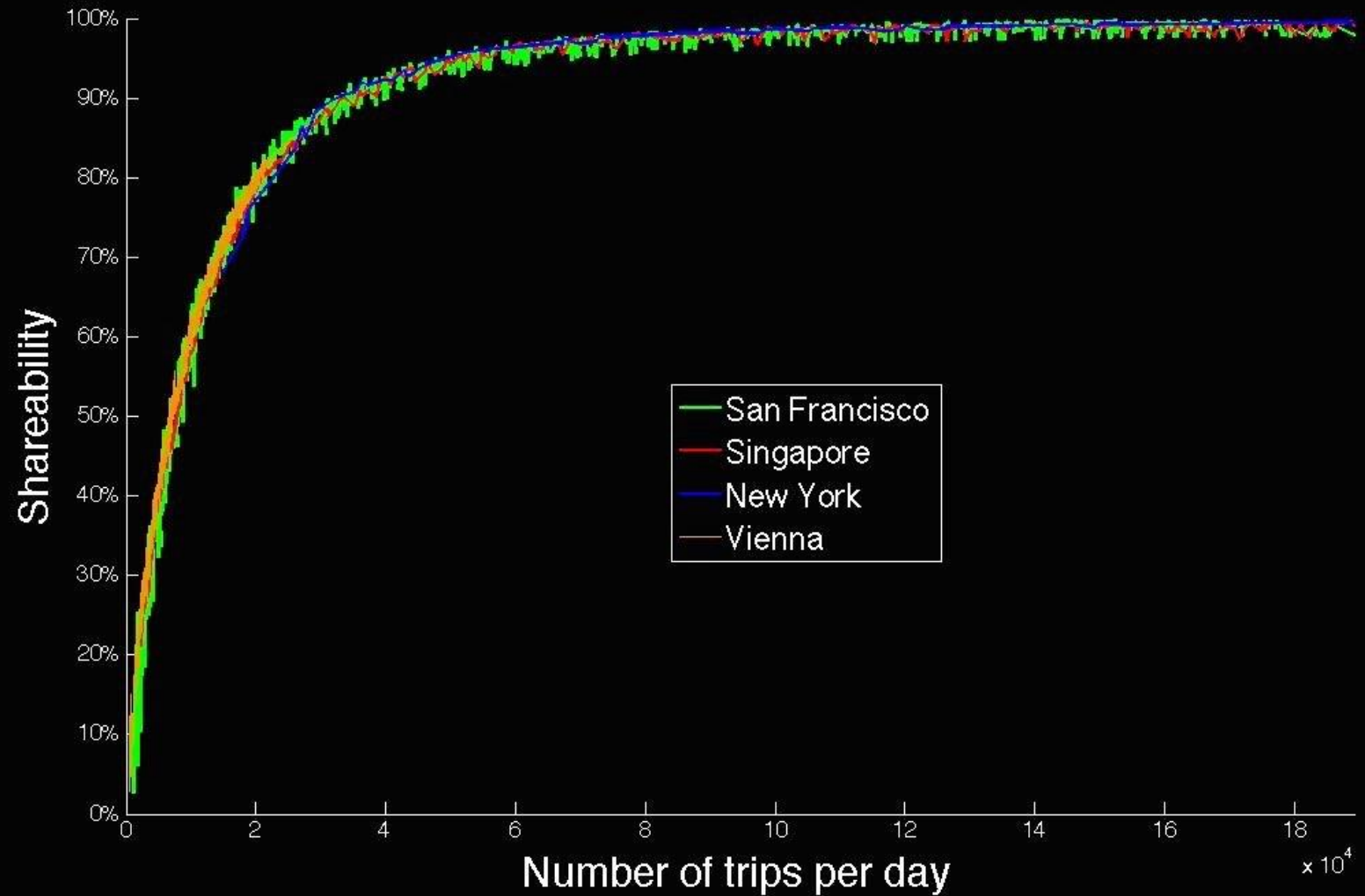
# HubCab in less dense cities

Results can be generalized to less dense cities or to low market penetration



Hill, J Physiol 40 (1910)

## Shareability in other cities



# Can we model shareability?

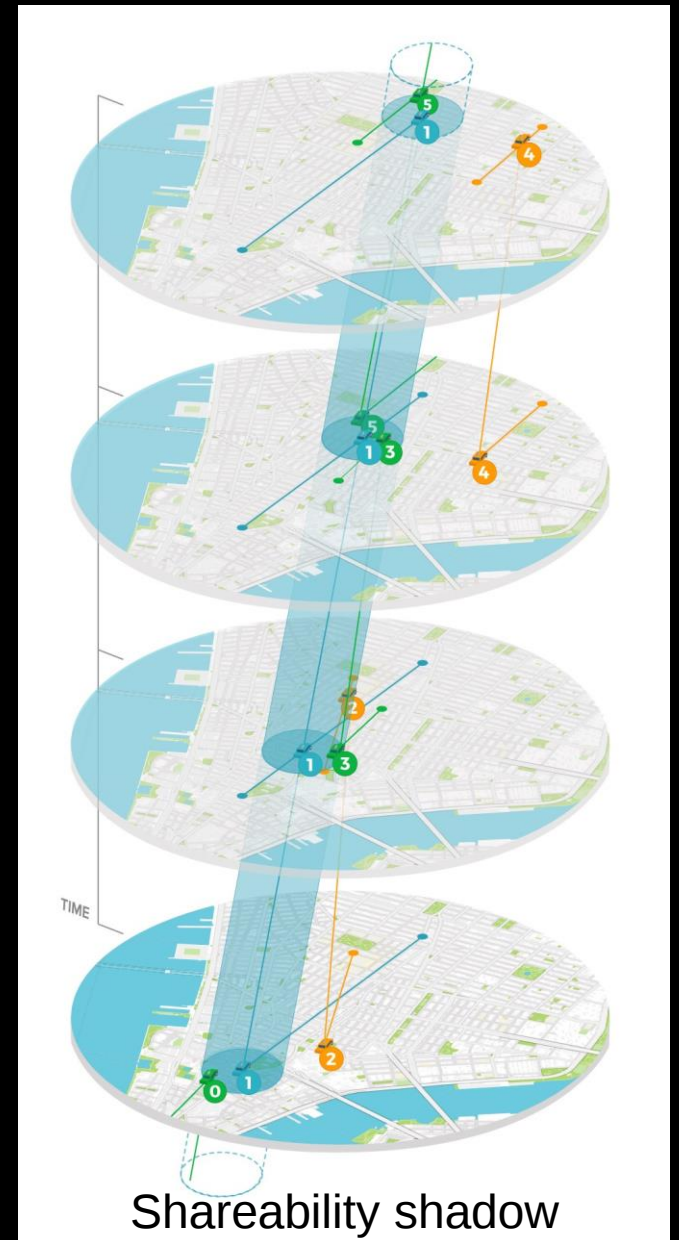
Input:

- trip generation rate  $\lambda$
- Average car speed  $v$
- Delay tolerance  $\Delta$
- City area  $A$

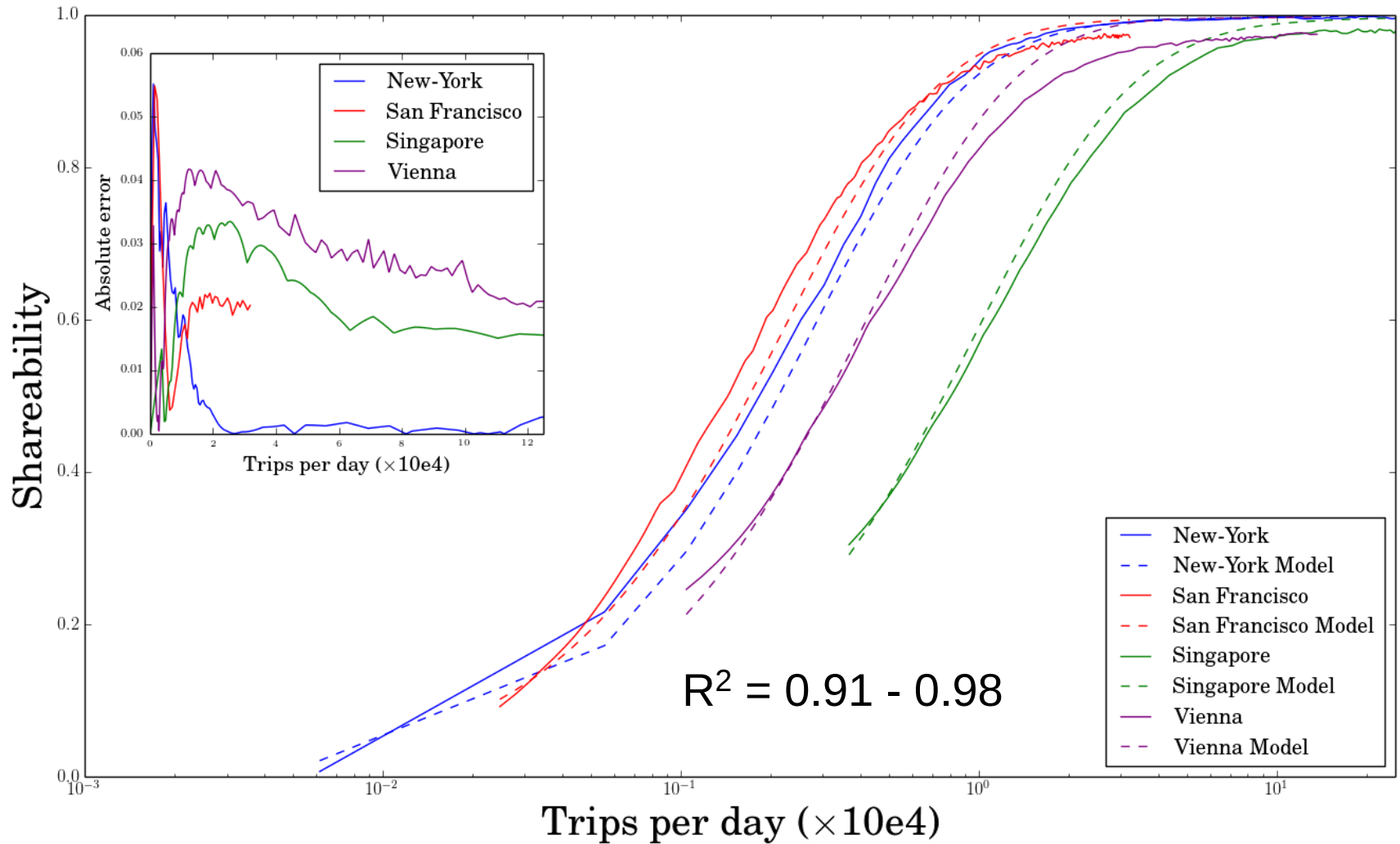
Output:

- percentage  $S$  of shareable trips

$$S \propto \frac{\lambda \cdot \Delta^3 \cdot v^2}{A}$$



# Shareability model accuracy



# *Light* Traffic

Improving traffic efficiency through slot-based intersections

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*light*TRAFFIC Autonomous Intersection



# DriverlessCities: prediction

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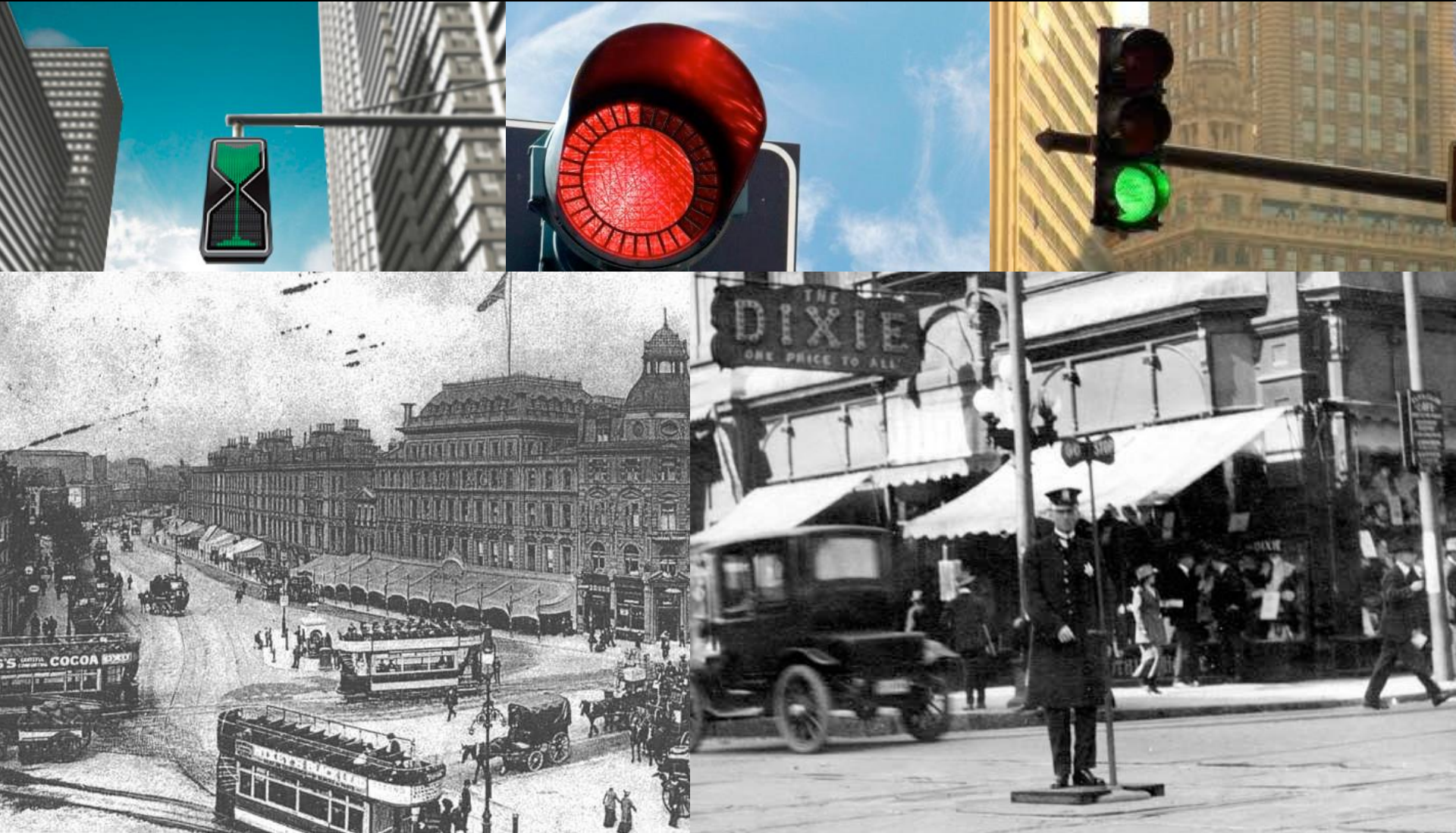


Most vehicles will be self-driving by year 2035

[2013 IHS Automotive report]

# Traffic lights

Traffic lights are 150 years old technology, conceived for horses

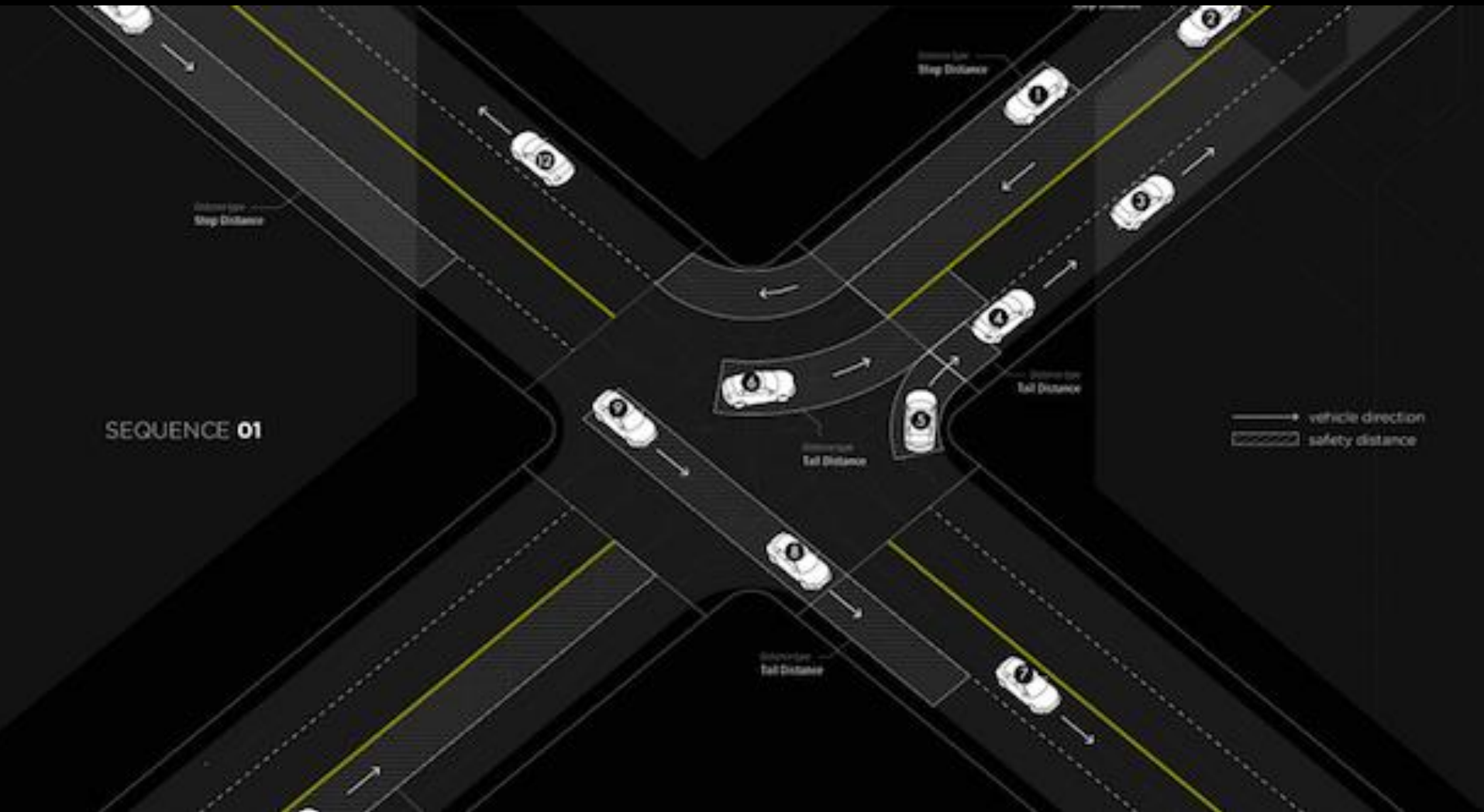


# The death of traffic lights?

Driverless vehicles will just optimize traffic light operation (modern horses), or can we do something better?

# Slot-based intersection

## From flow-based to vehicle-based intersection management

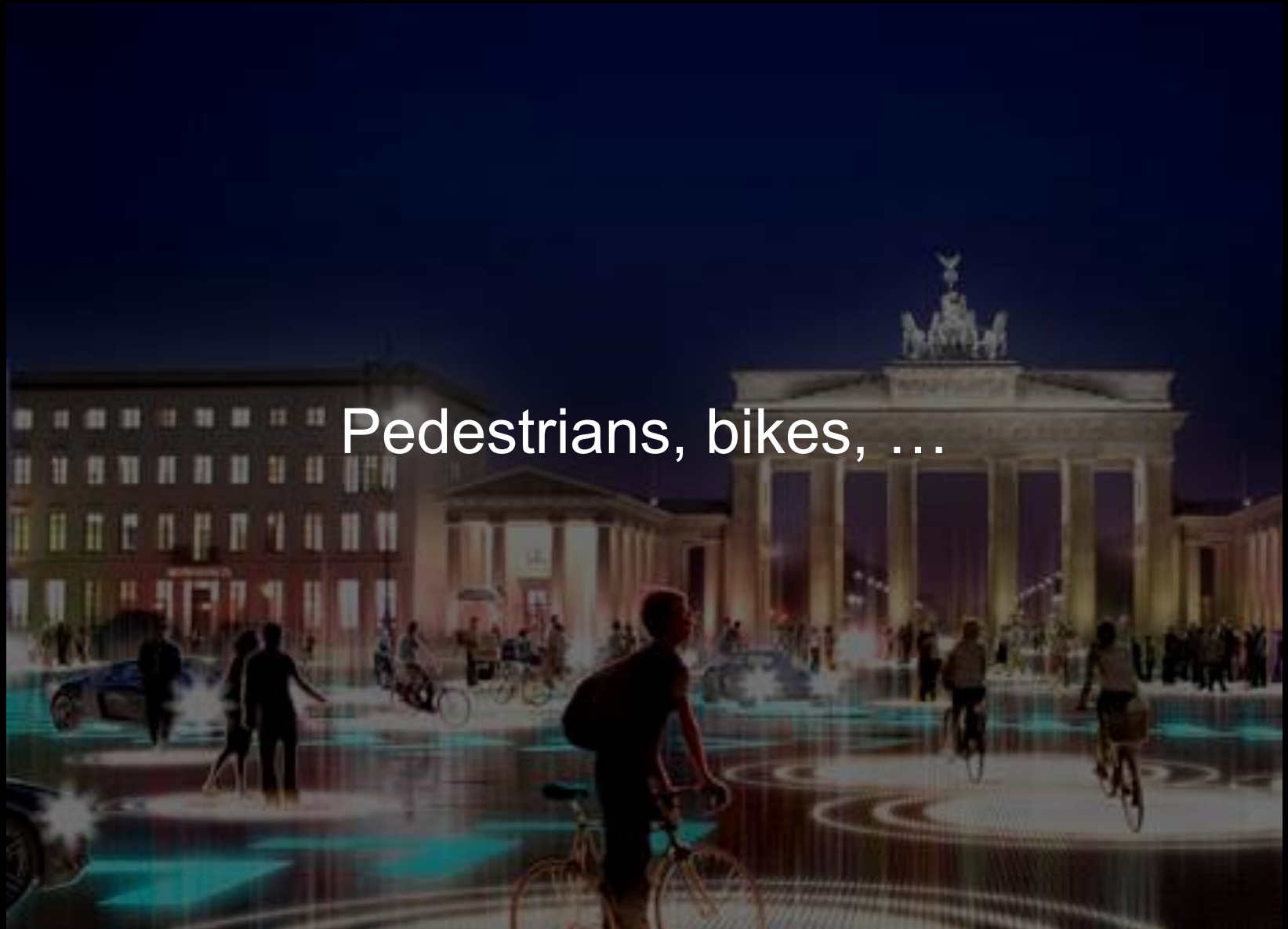


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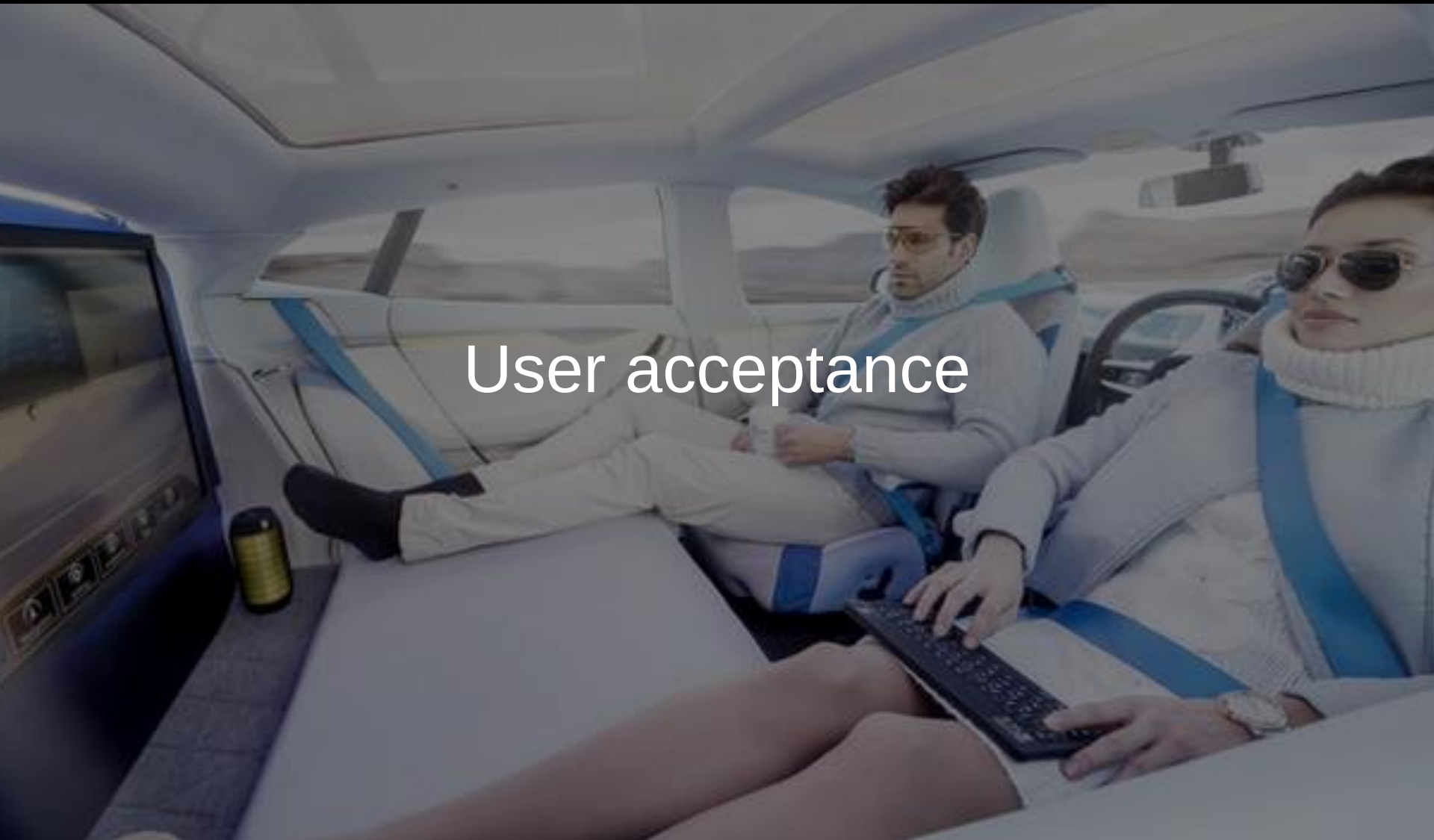
## *Light* Traffic

Double intersection capacity vs. traffic light: with current traffic, queues would disappear

# Challenges



# Challenges

A photograph of the interior of a futuristic vehicle, possibly a concept car or a simulator. Two people are seated in the front. The person on the left is a man with dark hair and glasses, wearing a light blue sweater and white pants, sitting with his legs extended. The person on the right is a woman with dark hair, wearing sunglasses, a light blue turtleneck, and a blue seatbelt, holding a black remote control. The car has a large screen on the left side of the dashboard and a steering wheel. The text "User acceptance" is overlaid in the center of the image.

User acceptance

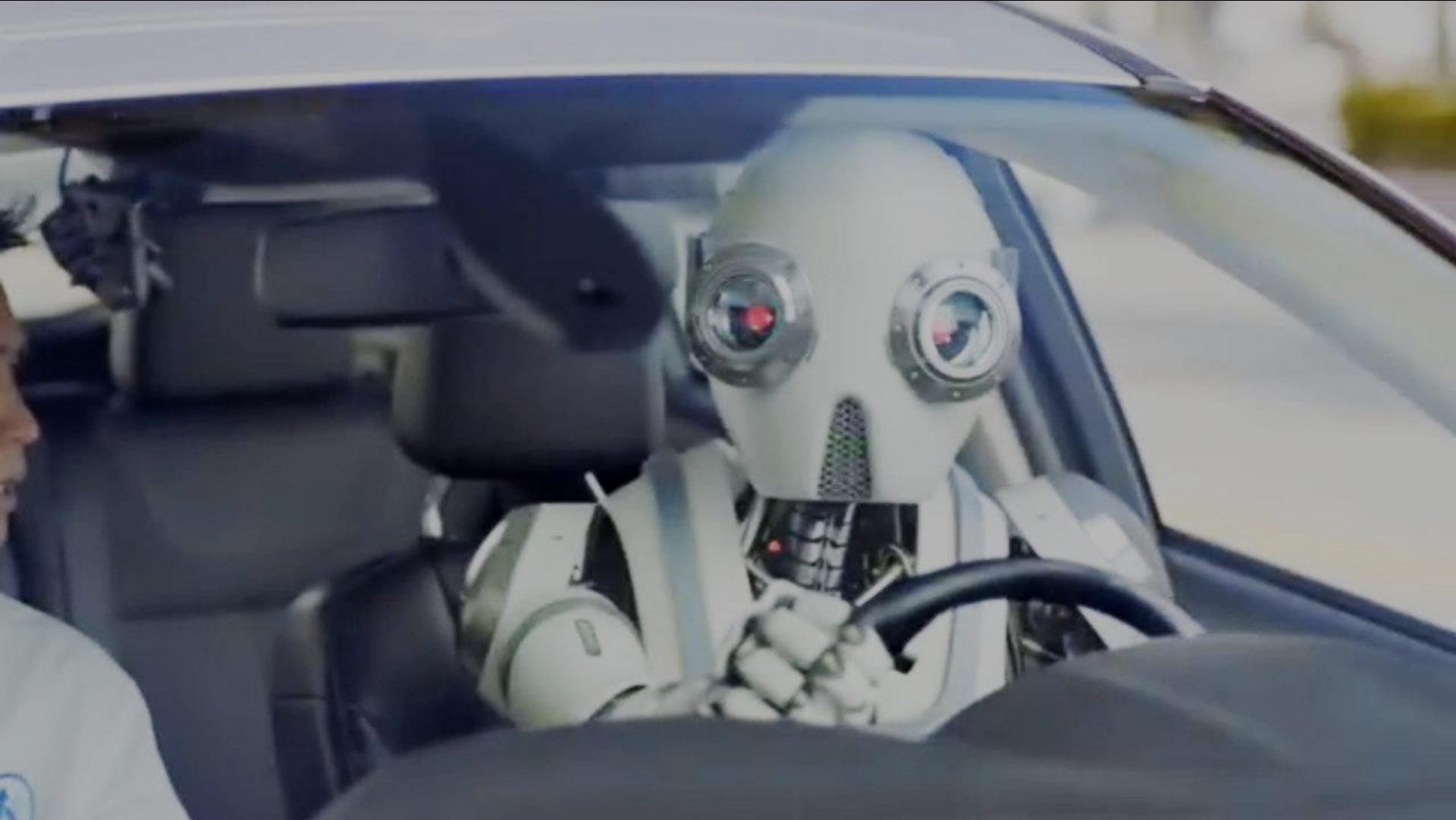
# Challenges

Ownership model: family car, urban fleet, corporate fleet,...



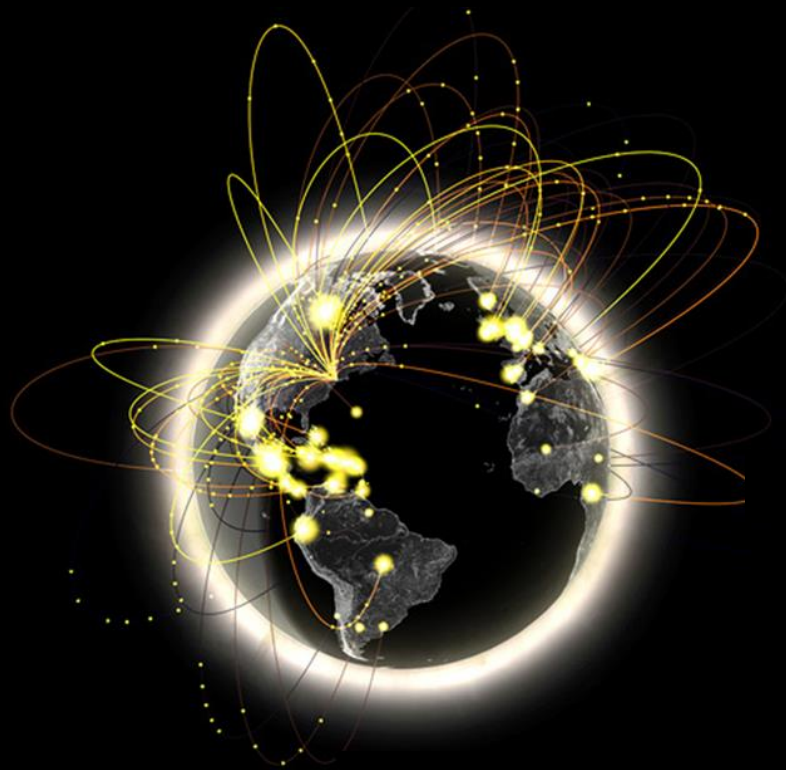
# Challenges

Liability: who is responsible for (hopefully less likely!) accidents?



# Automated warehouse?





# Thank you!

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