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# Autonomous vehicles and non-autonomous urban planning

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# Introduction and sources

➤ **The elements presented here are some learnings from numerous researches made in the LaSUR and in MoHo**

↳ A large literature review

↳ Creativity workshops

↳ Some interviews made with a large range of experts (in urban planning, urban development, numeric issues, transport and mobility issues, etc.)

# Autonomy levels

SOCIETY OF AUTOMOTIVE ENGINEERS (SAE) AUTOMATION LEVELS

Full Automation



0

**No  
Automation**

Zero autonomy; the driver performs all driving tasks.

1

**Driver  
Assistance**

Vehicle is controlled by the driver, but some driving assist features may be included in the vehicle design.

2

**Partial  
Automation**

Vehicle has combined automated functions, like acceleration and steering, but the driver must remain engaged with the driving task and monitor the environment at all times.

3

**Conditional  
Automation**

Driver is a necessity, but is not required to monitor the environment. The driver must be ready to take control of the vehicle at all times with notice.

4

**High  
Automation**

The vehicle is capable of performing all driving functions under certain conditions. The driver may have the option to control the vehicle.

5

**Full  
Automation**

The vehicle is capable of performing all driving functions under all conditions. The driver may have the option to control the vehicle.

# Autonomous driving in Public Transports

- More flexibility and reactivity in operational processes
- Increase in the frequencies
- Limiting emergency brakes
- For passengers, it doesn't change a lot



(1)

- **Autonomy in public transport vehicles can help developing an alternative offer of mobility to the car. And a strong public transport service is necessary for TOD.**

- ↳ To complete the public transport offer
- ↳ Last-mile service
- ↳ For people with disabilities and reduced mobility



(2)

- **Something interesting on specific segments of the offer. But be very careful not to replace walking trips...**



- **Public transport autonomous vehicles with or against conventional public transport?**
  - ↳ A need to articulate the new offer with the classic public transport offer
  - ↳ The need for public authorities to equip infrastructures before welcoming such autonomous vehicles provides an opportunity not to do that everywhere and without conditions
  - ↳ Autonomous vehicles will develop before autonomous cars because level 4 is sufficient for the first ones

# Shared autonomous cars

- ↳ Shared services are developing, sometimes quickly
- ↳ Autonomous cars in shared fleet allow to better organize the vehicle fleet
- ↳ For each vehicles, time on the roads will be more important and time parked less important
- ↳ But what link with the actual offer of Public Transport ?  
Which form of car-sharing ?  
Free-floating or station-based systems ?



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# Non-shared autonomous cars

- ↳ What price ? What use ?
- ↳ Car manufacturers know how to sell cars. Do they know how to sell mobility services ?
- ↳ Non-shared autonomous cars would sweep parking policies
- ↳ Why not a car occupancy rate below 1 person per vehicle ?
- ↳ From Zahavi to Zahavi 2.0



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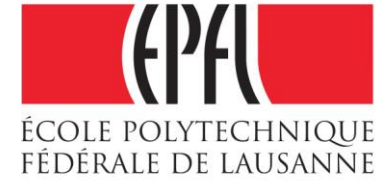
# Let's plan ! Let's regulate !

➤ **If autonomous cars will circulate on an autonomous way, planning won't appear on an autonomous way**

↳ In urban city centers, the situation is probably easier to regulate

↳ But in rural areas ?

↳ I haven't the miracle solution, but I have a belief, a frame to follow :  
Mass collective transport services



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**Thank you for your attention !**

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