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# The Future of Freight

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The End of Traffic and the  
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# The End of Traffic & the Future of Transport

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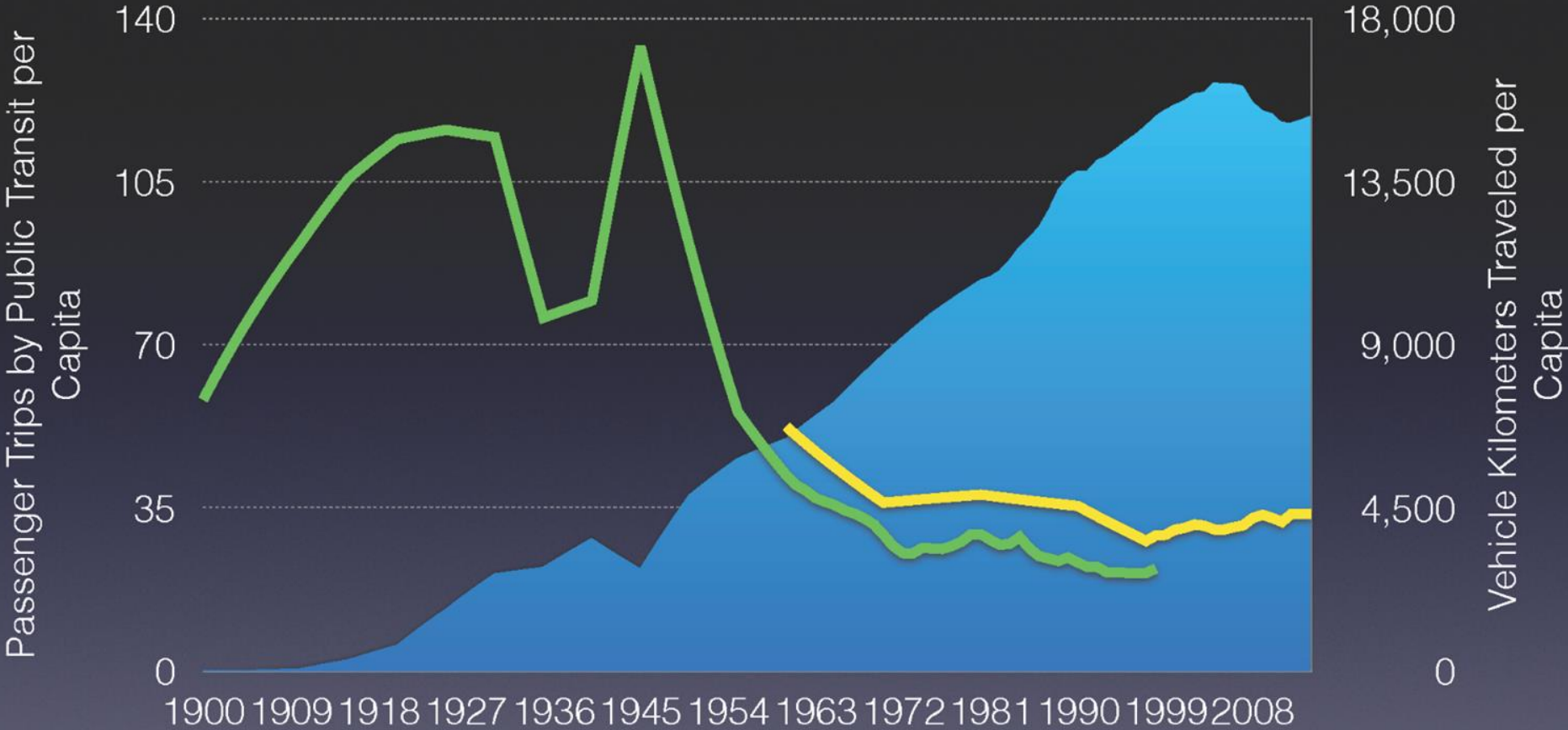




# Climbing Mount Auto

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Figure 1.1: Climbing Mount Auto

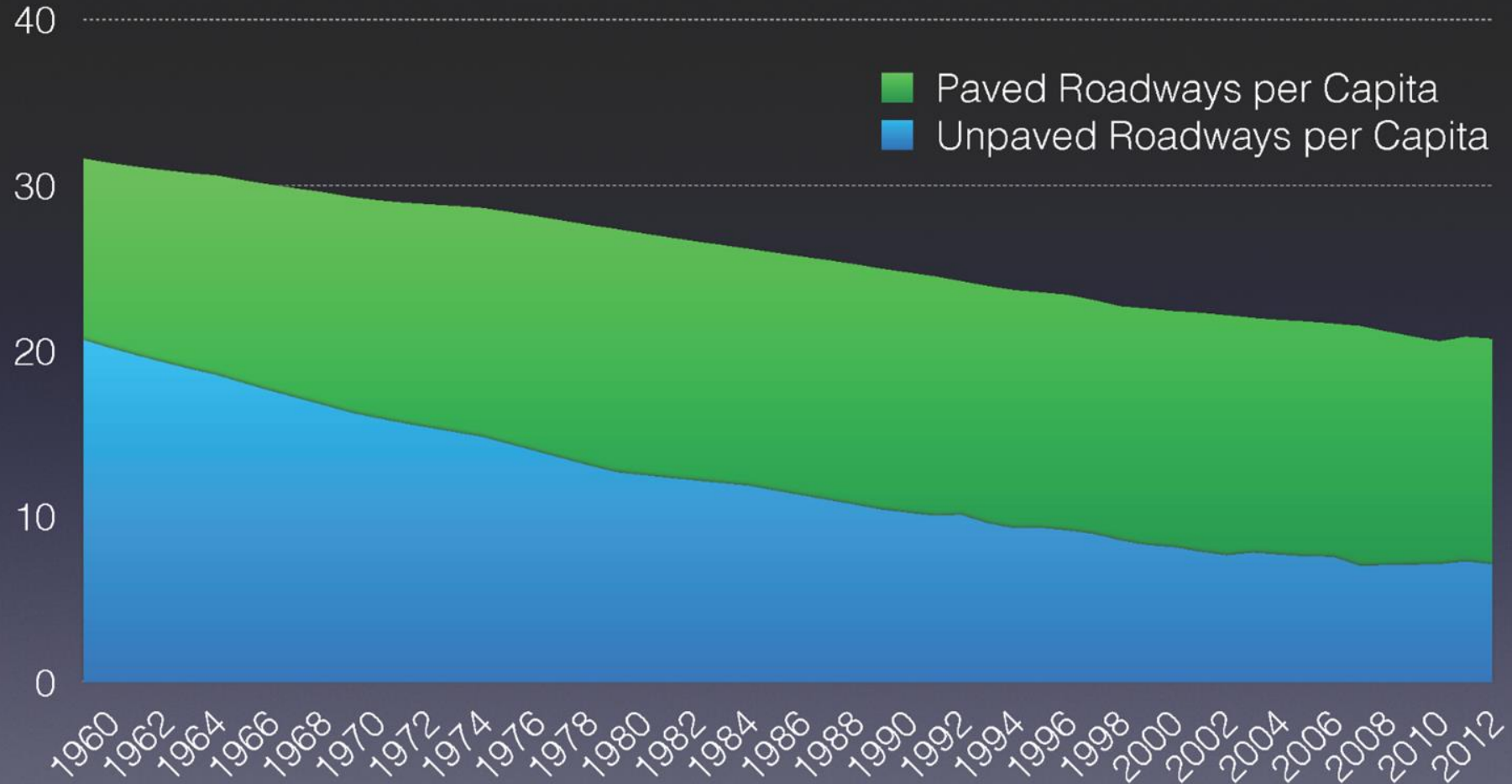


- Vehicle Kilometers of Travel Per Capita
- Passenger Journeys by Public Transport Per Capita
- Unlinked Passenger Journeys by Public Transport Per Capita

Note: The graph shows both linked and unlinked transit trips, as the way transit trips are counted has changed, and there is no continuous series of both over the entire period.  
Source US Census Statistical Abstract <http://www.census.gov/prod/2/gen/96statab/app4.pdf> and US Federal Highway Administration: Highway Statistics <http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/policyinformation/statistics/2012/vmt422c.cfm>

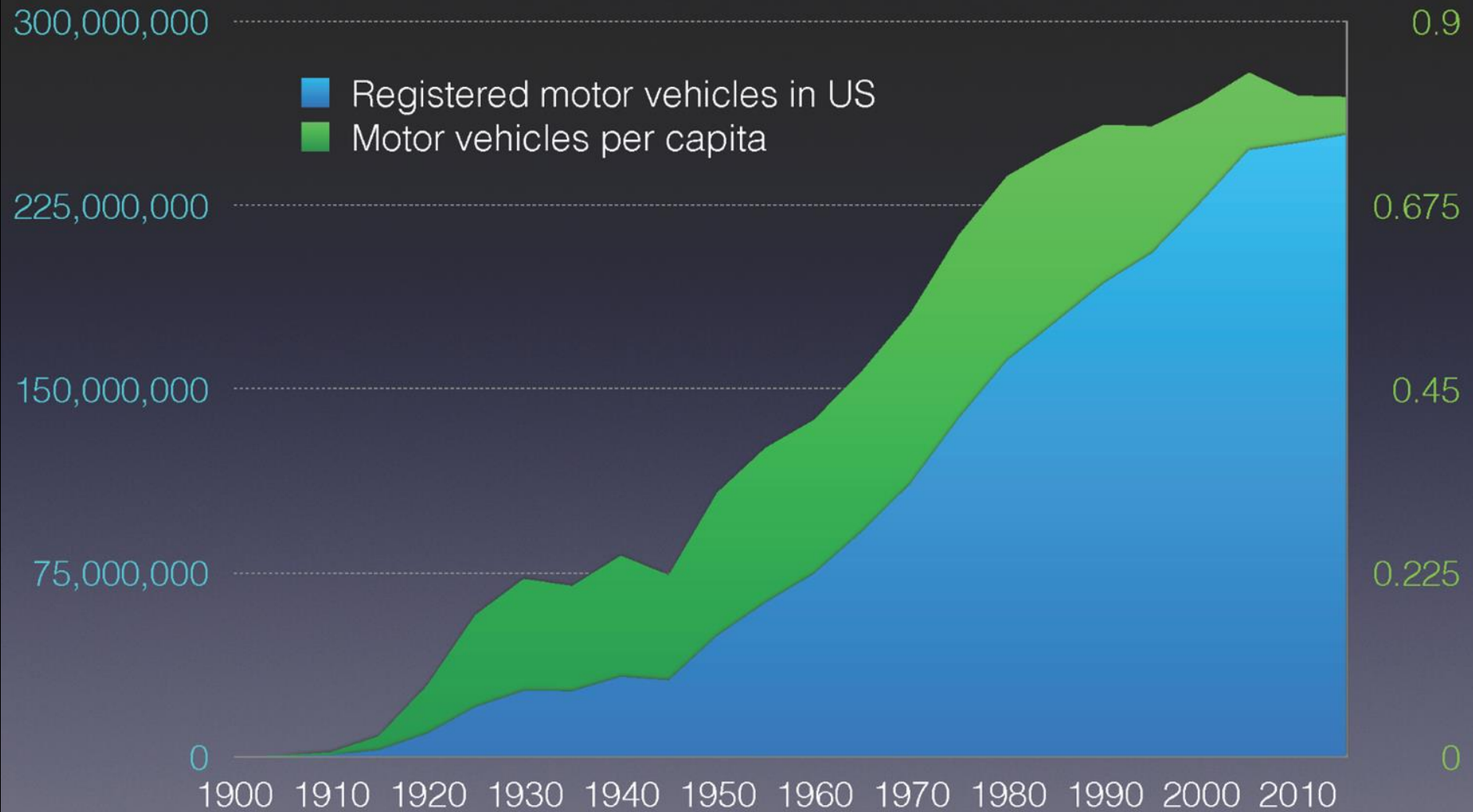


Figure 1.2 Roadways per Capita in US (m)



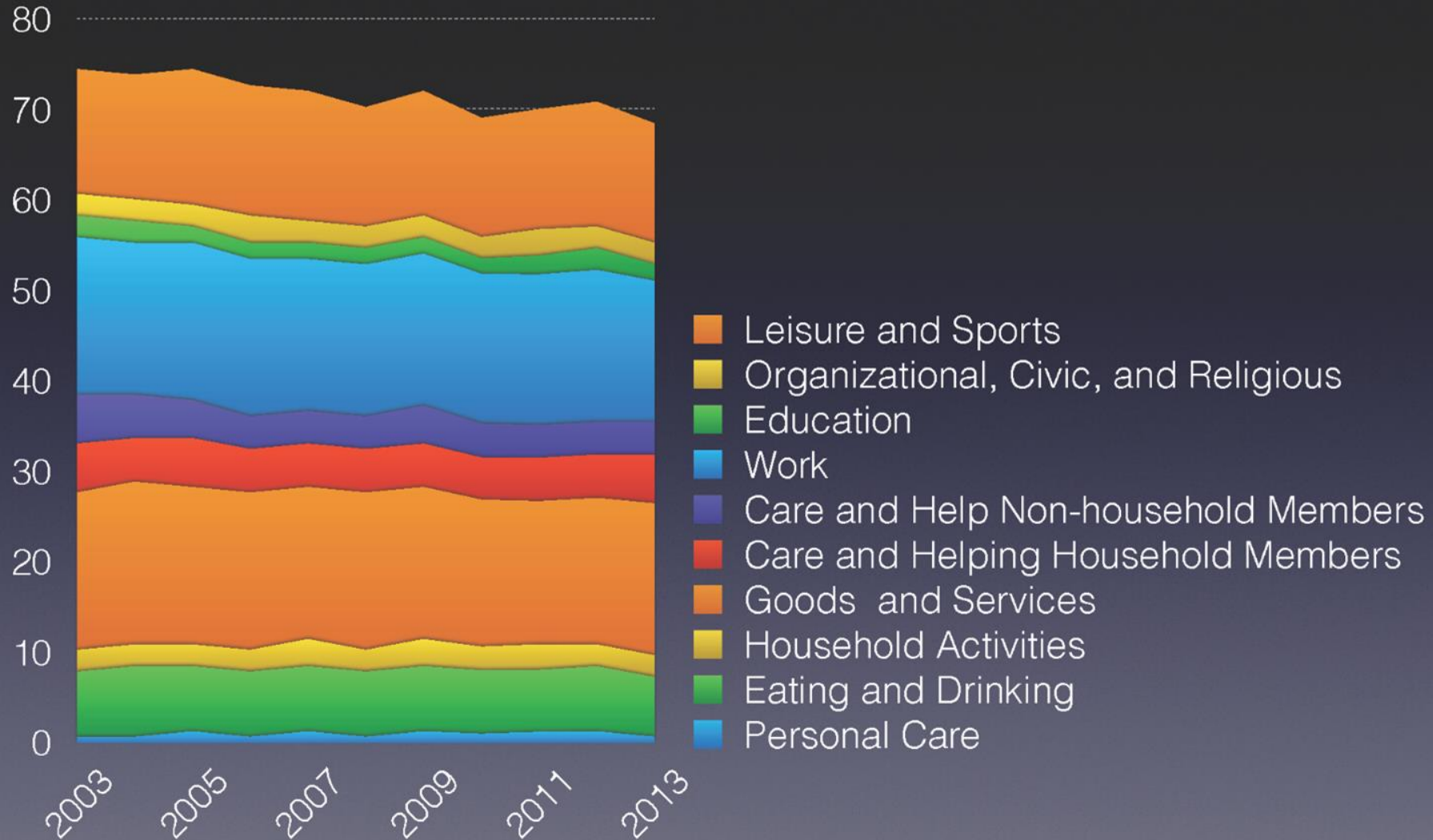
Source: Based on Bureau of Transportation Statistics (2015) National Transportation Statistics  
Table 1-4: Public Road and Street Mileage in the United States by Type of Surface(a) (Thousands of miles). [http://www.rita.dot.gov/bts/sites/rita.dot.gov/bts/files/publications/national\\_transportation\\_statistics/html/table\\_01\\_04.html](http://www.rita.dot.gov/bts/sites/rita.dot.gov/bts/files/publications/national_transportation_statistics/html/table_01_04.html)

Figure 1.3 Registered motor vehicles in US



Source: US Census Bureau, Statistical Abstract of the United States and Historical Statistical Abstract of the United States [http://www.census.gov/compendia/statab/past\\_years.html](http://www.census.gov/compendia/statab/past_years.html)

Figure 1.4 Total Time Spent Traveling per capita (minutes)

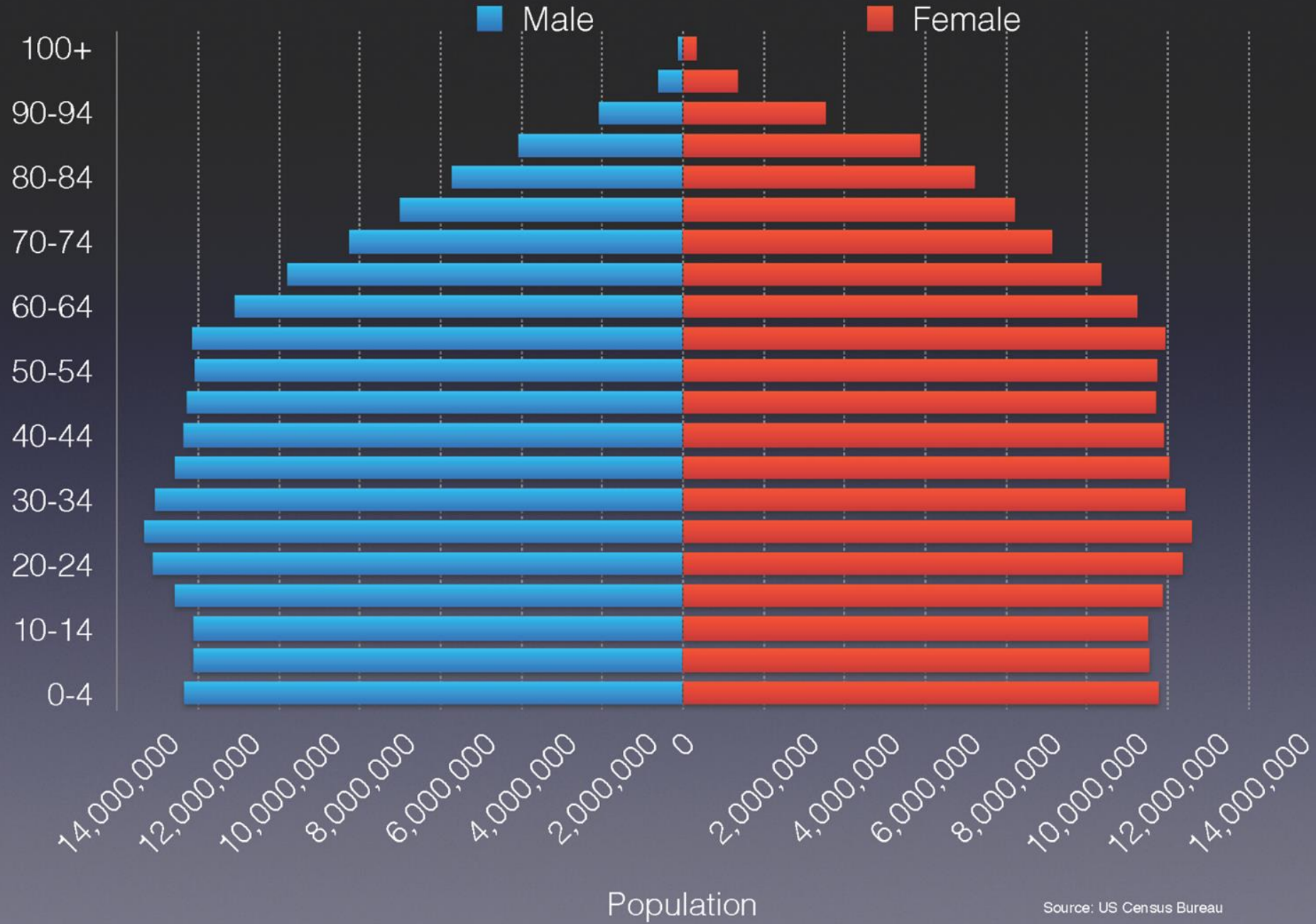




# What Killed America's Traffic?

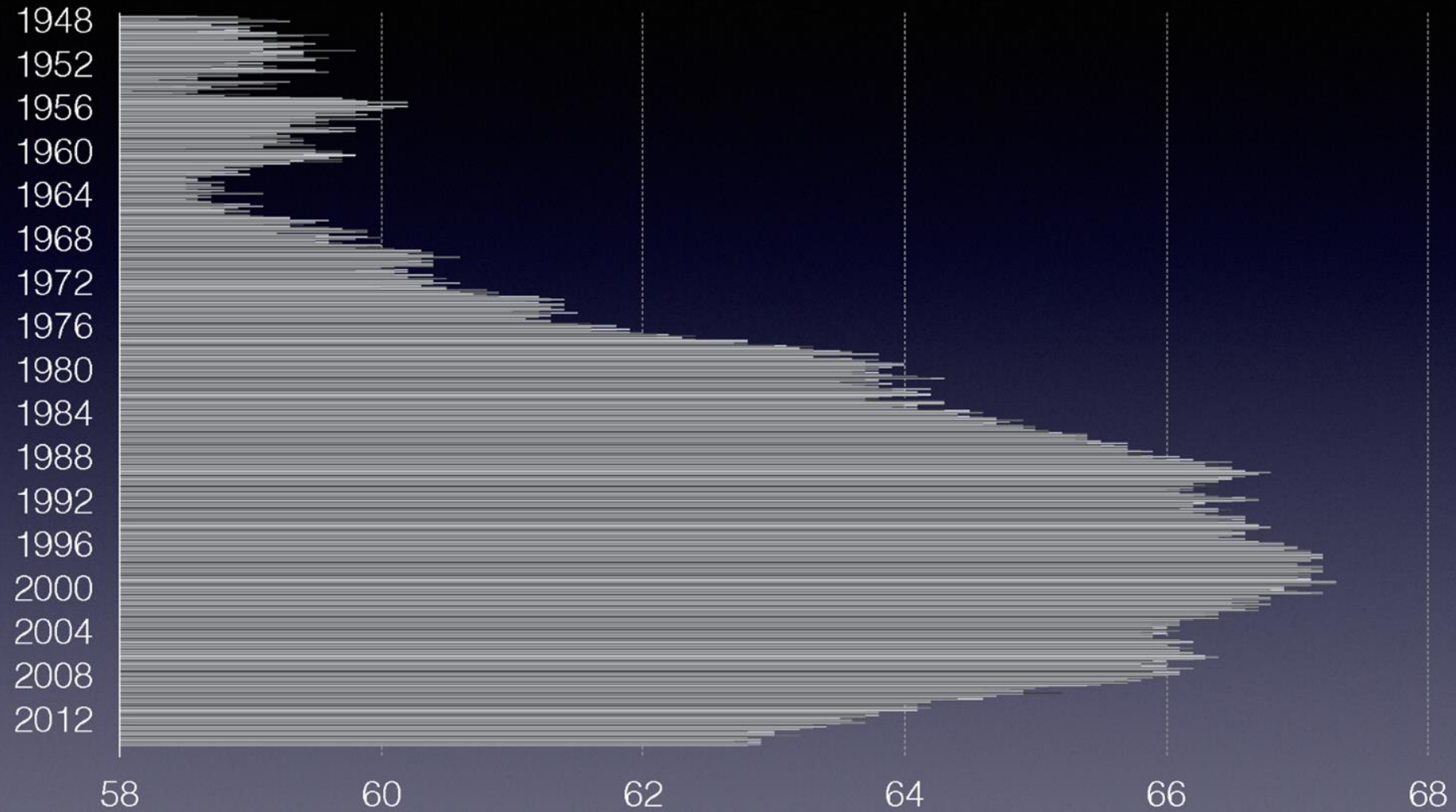
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Figure 3.1 Age Groups in US 2014



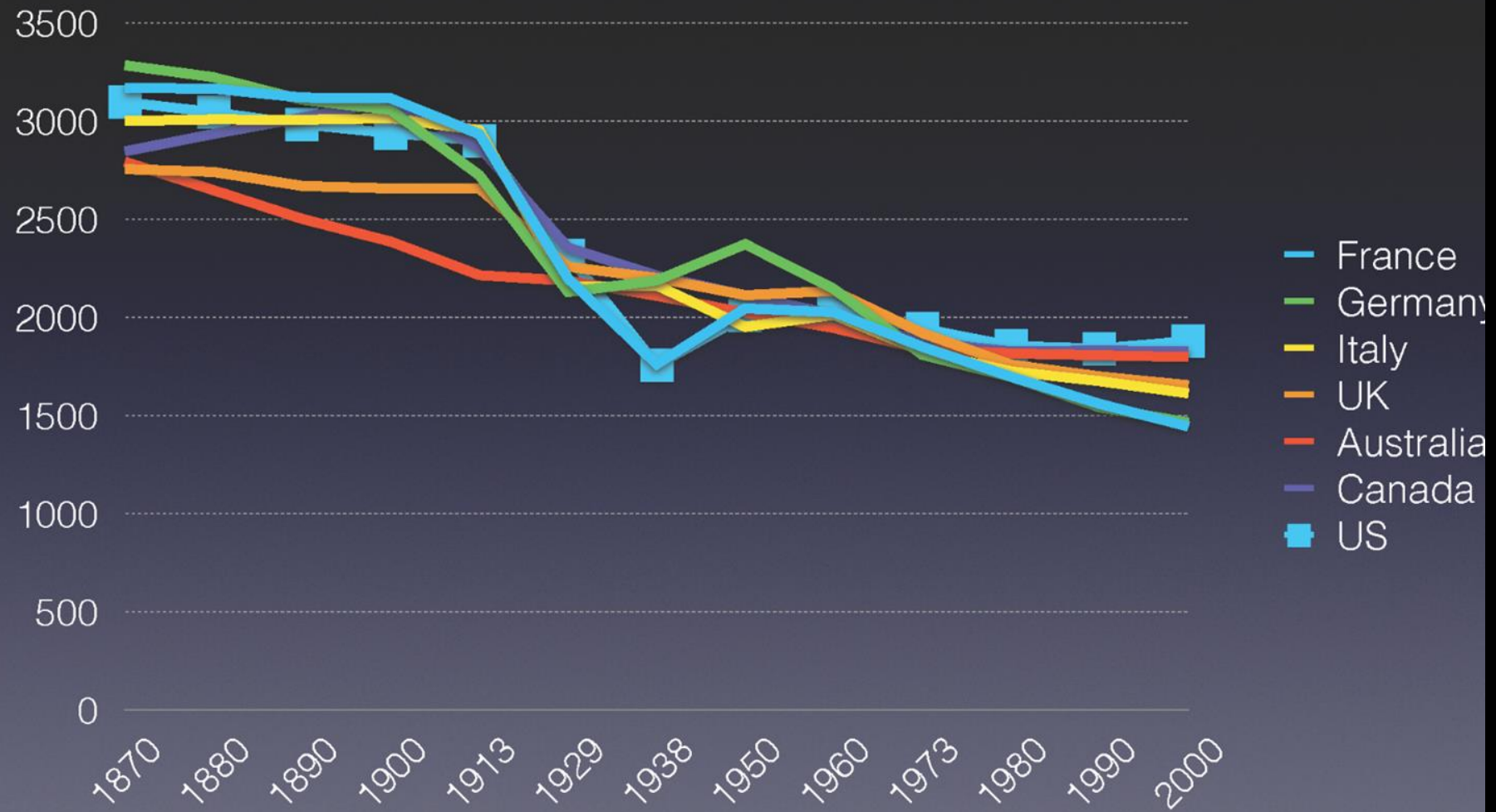
Source: US Census Bureau

Figure 3.2 US Labor Force Participation Rate: 1948-2015



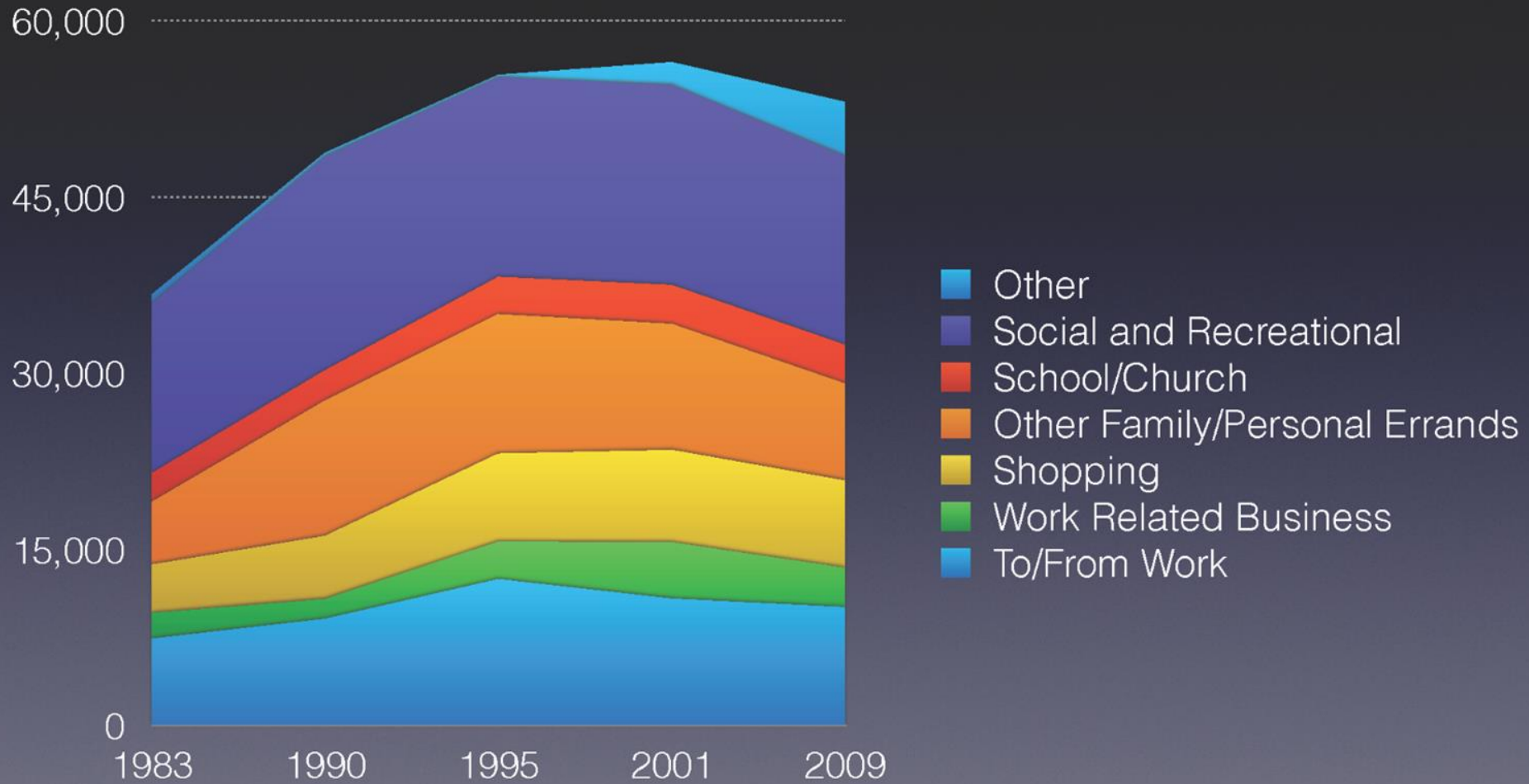
Source: US Department of Labor - Bureau of Labor Statistics (2015)  
Labor Force Statistics from the Current Population Survey [http://  
data.bls.gov/timeseries/LNS11300000](http://data.bls.gov/timeseries/LNS11300000)

Figure 3.3 Annual Hours of Work: 1870-2000



Source: Huberman & Minns (2007) – The times they are not changin': Days and hours of work in Old and New Worlds, 1870–2000. Explorations in Economic History, 44(4):538–567. via Max Roser Our World in Data <http://ourworldindata.org/data/economic-development->

Figure 3.7 Travel by Purpose per capita (km)



Source: Table 5: Summary of Travel Trends, 2009 National Household Travel Survey) <http://nhts.oml.gov/2009/pub/sit.pdf>



Figure 3.8 Proportion of Population with a Driver's License by Age and and Year of Birth Cohort

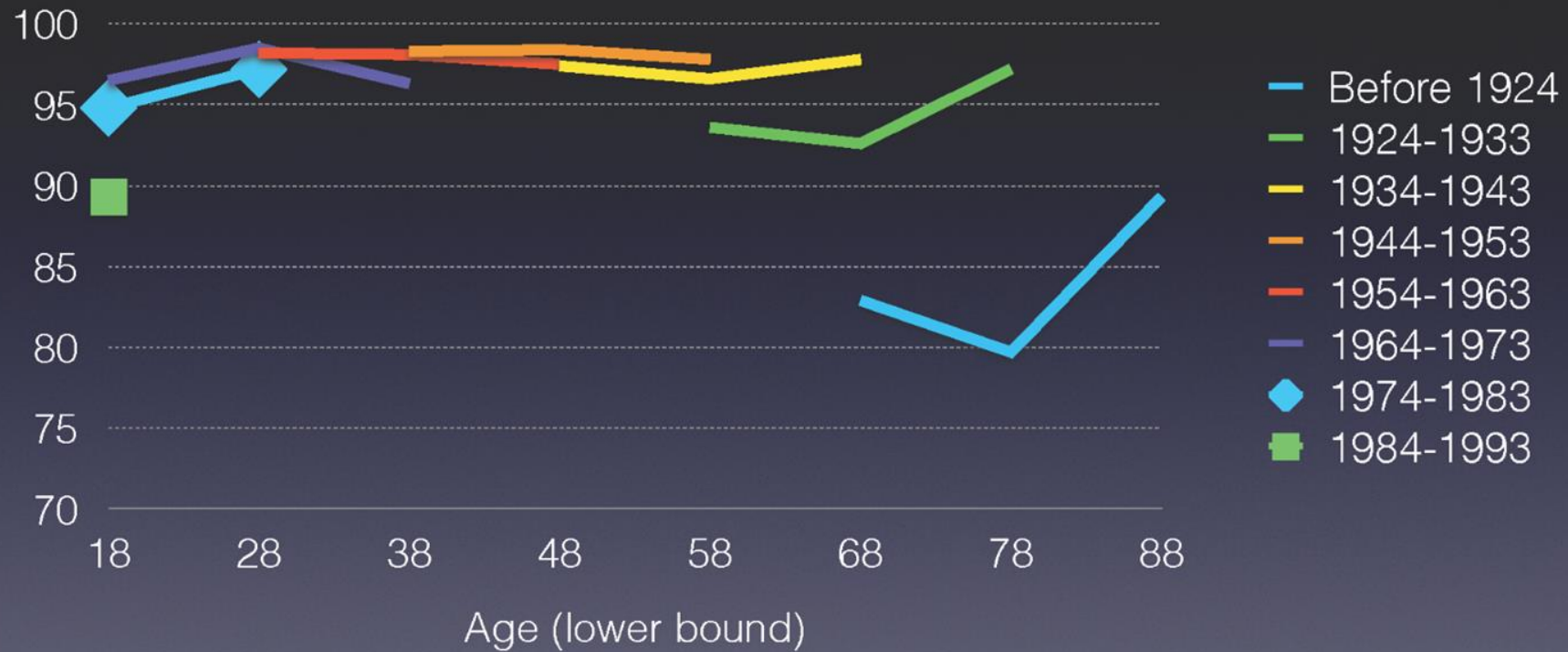
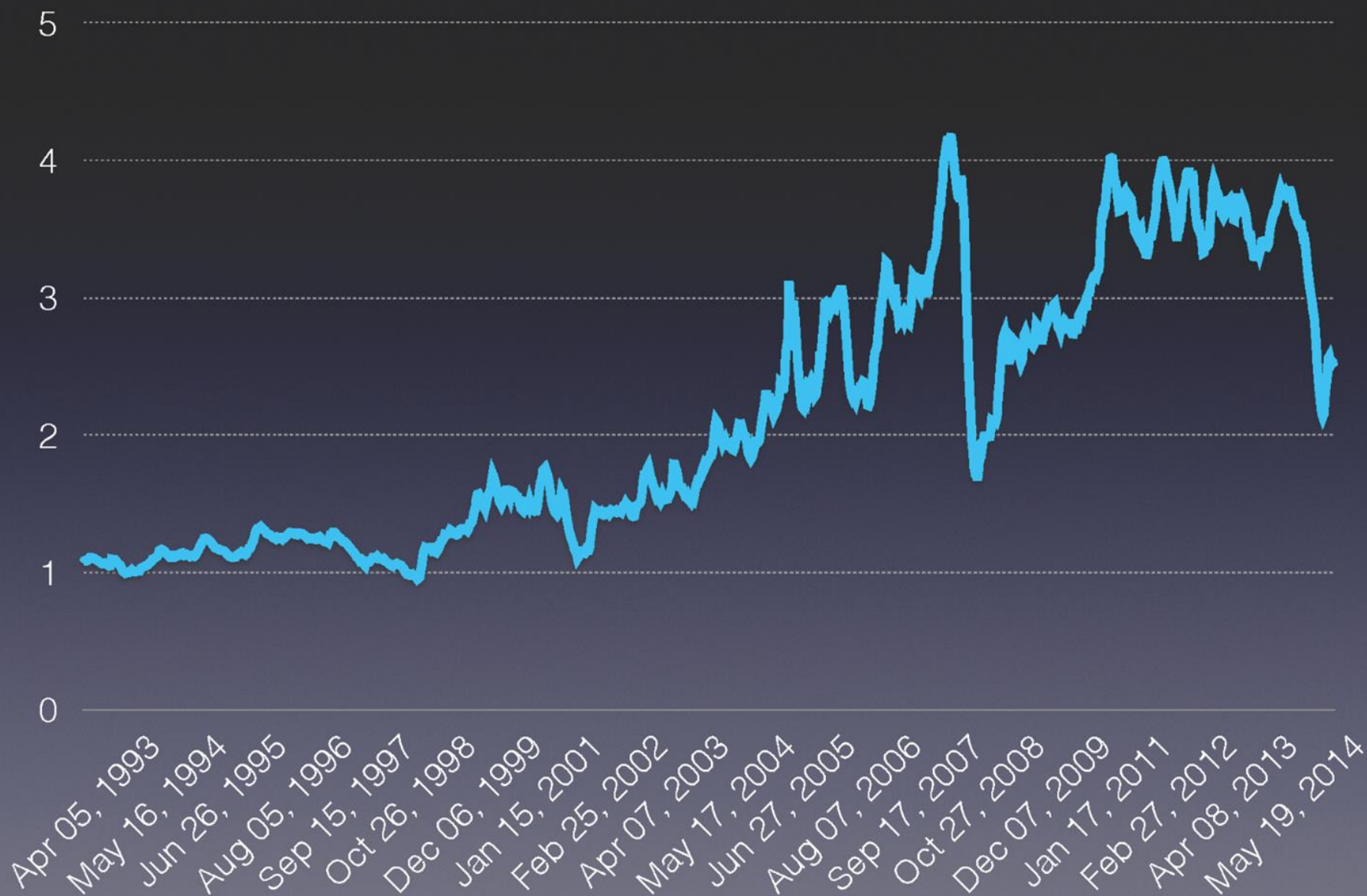


Figure 3.9 US Retail Gasoline Price (Dollars per Gallon)



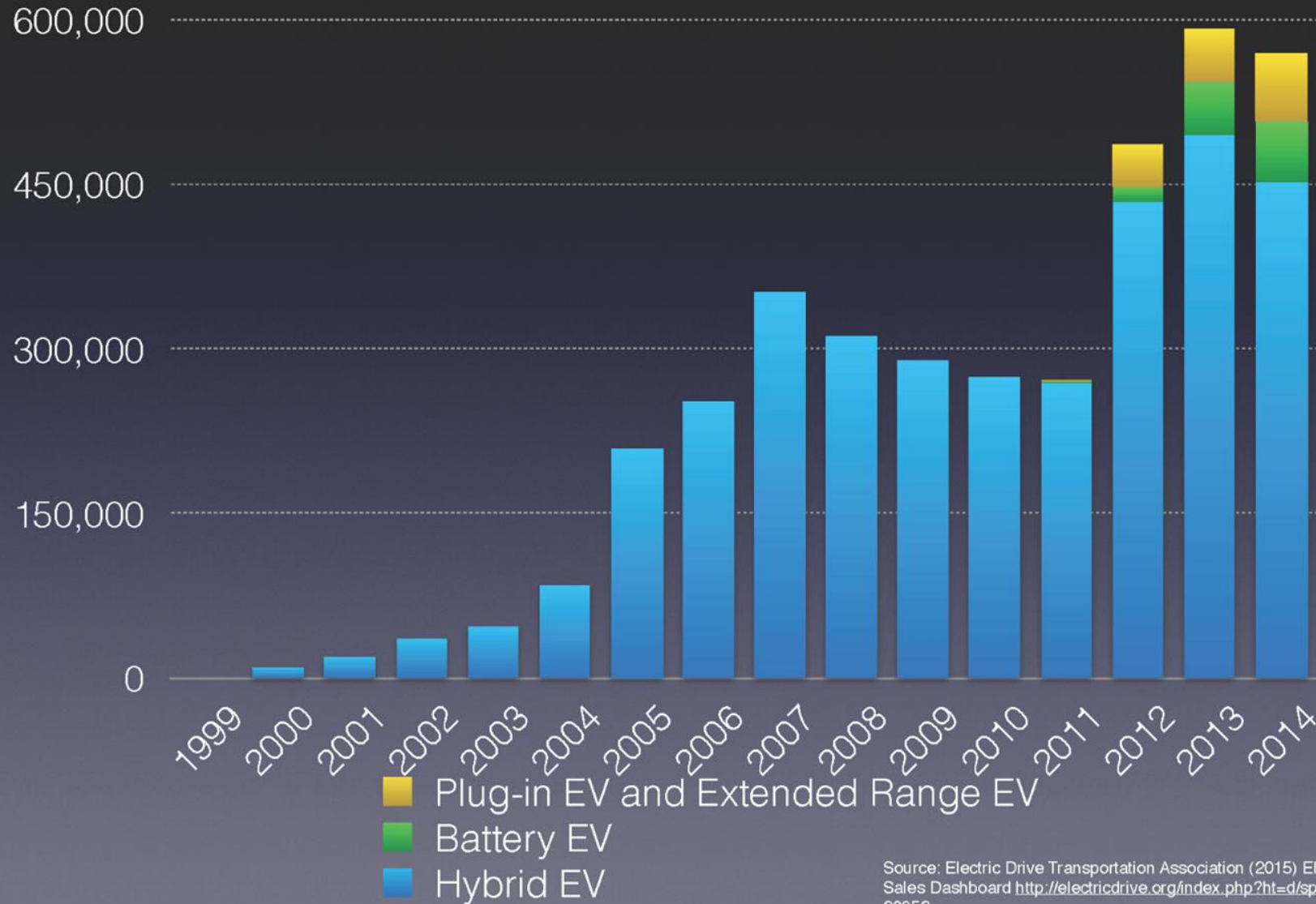
Source: US Energy Information Administration <http://www.eia.gov/petroleum/gasdiesel/>



# The Transition to Electric Vehicles

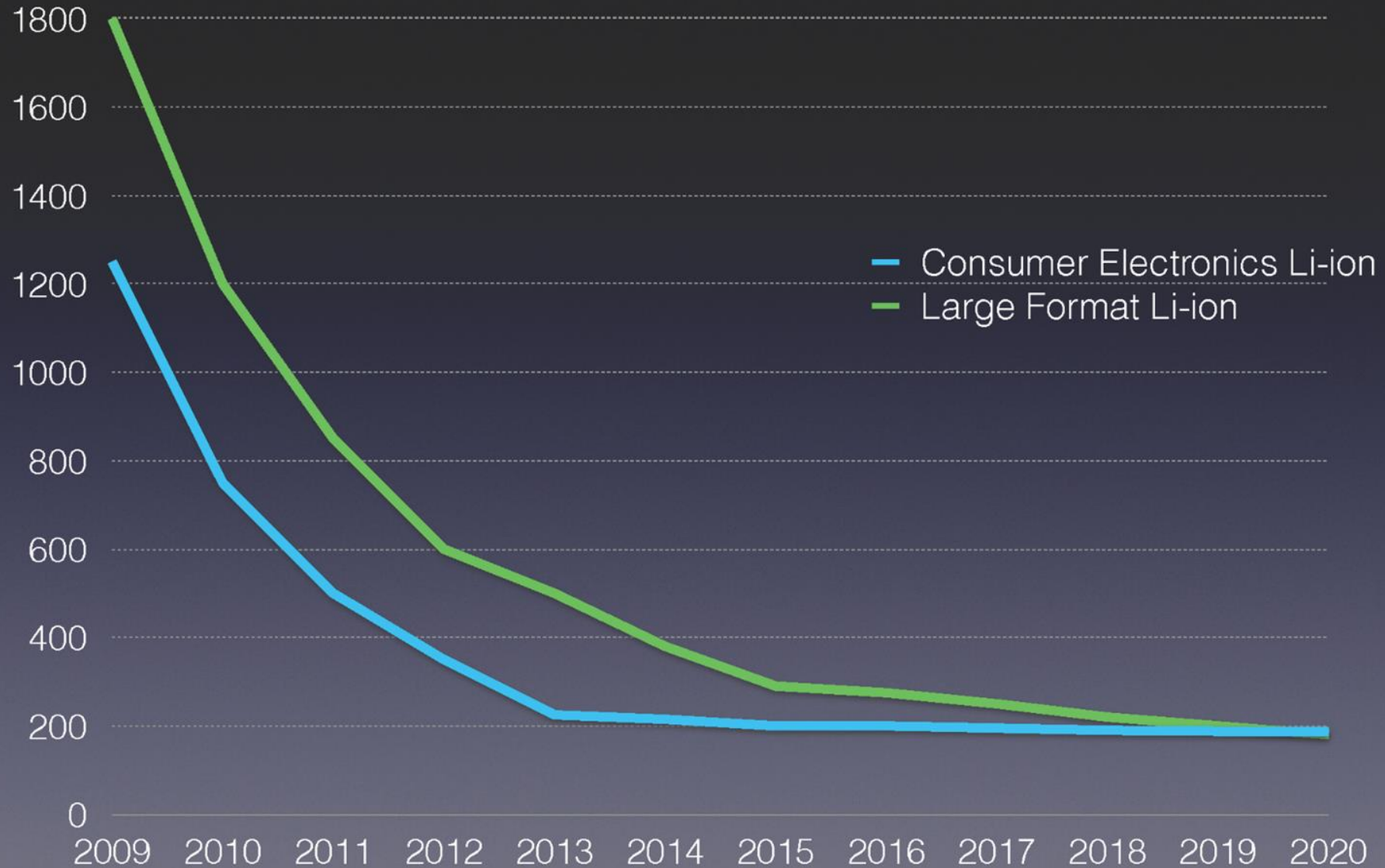
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Figure 5.1 US Sales of Electric Vehicles



Source: Electric Drive Transportation Association (2015) Electric Drive Sales Dashboard <http://electricdrive.org/index.php?ht=d/sp/1/20952/pid/20952>

Figure 5.2 Lithium Ion Battery Pricing by Cell Type (2009-2020) (\$/kWh)

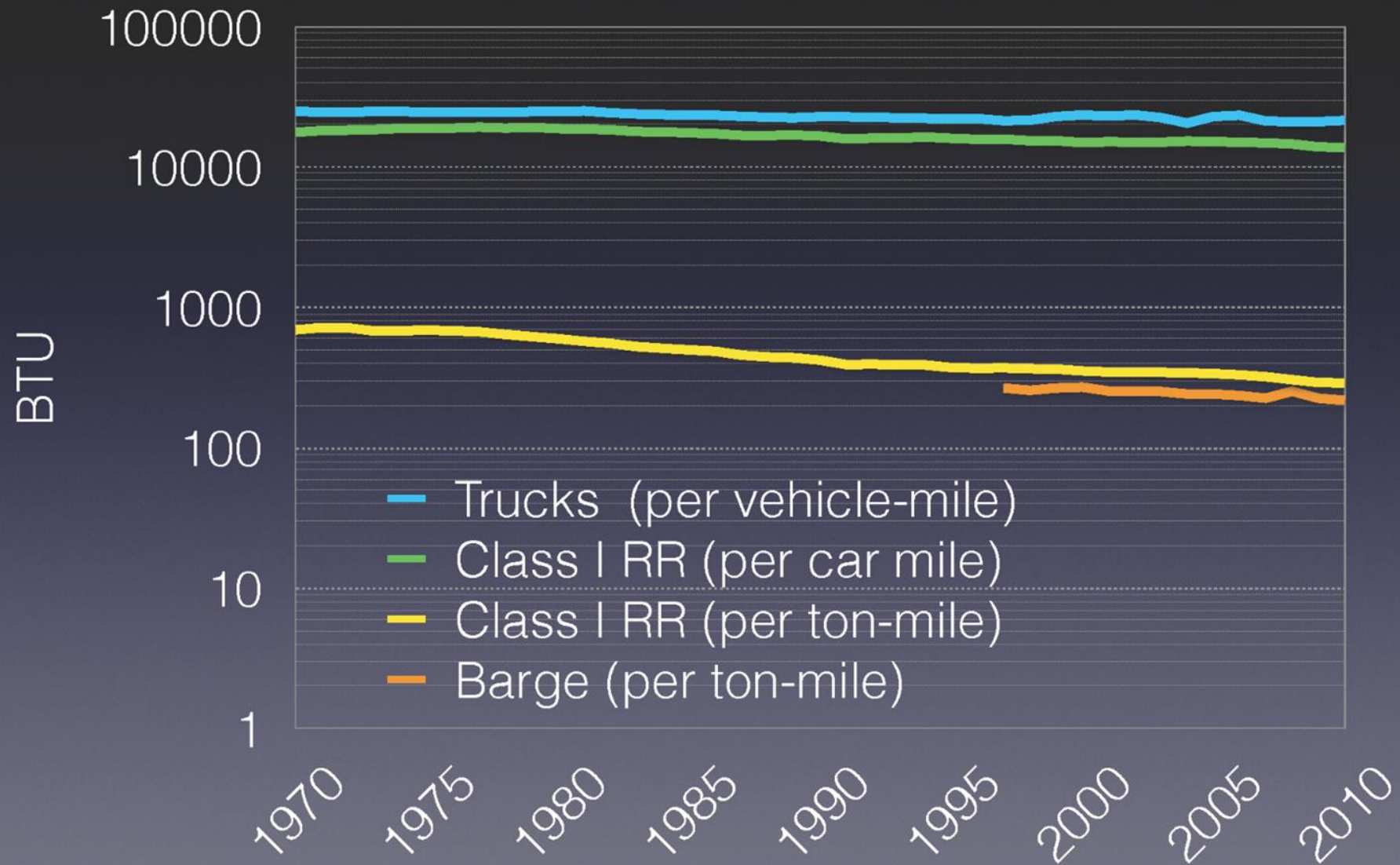


Source: Navigate Research: Jaffe, Sam (2014-01-28) "The Lithium Ion Battery Market Supply and Demand". ARPA E RANGE Conference [http://www.arpa-e.energy.gov/sites/default/files/documents/files/jaffe\\_RANGE\\_Kickoff\\_2014.pdf](http://www.arpa-e.energy.gov/sites/default/files/documents/files/jaffe_RANGE_Kickoff_2014.pdf)



Figure 5.3: Car2Go carsharing vehicles are Smart Fortwos, the smallest car sold on the US Market. While generally Car2Go is allowed to park on-street on City of Minneapolis roads, this poor car received a ticket as it was parked on a road maintained by the press Department, a separate unit of government. A distinction without a difference for most Minneapolitans. Photo by David Levinson

# Energy intensity of freight



# Innovation

- ~10x improvement on some relevant dimension to justify switching energy platform
- Relevant dimensions: Cost, Speed, Size, Pollution, Comfort, Range



# Methanol

- Methanol from drilling etc. doesn't fully address CO<sub>2</sub>.
- Biofuels are expensive
- Petroleum is abundant and infrastructure exists
- Electricity/batteries/fuel cells are getting steadily better
- Cars are getting more efficient
- Travel demand in US is dropping

# Implications

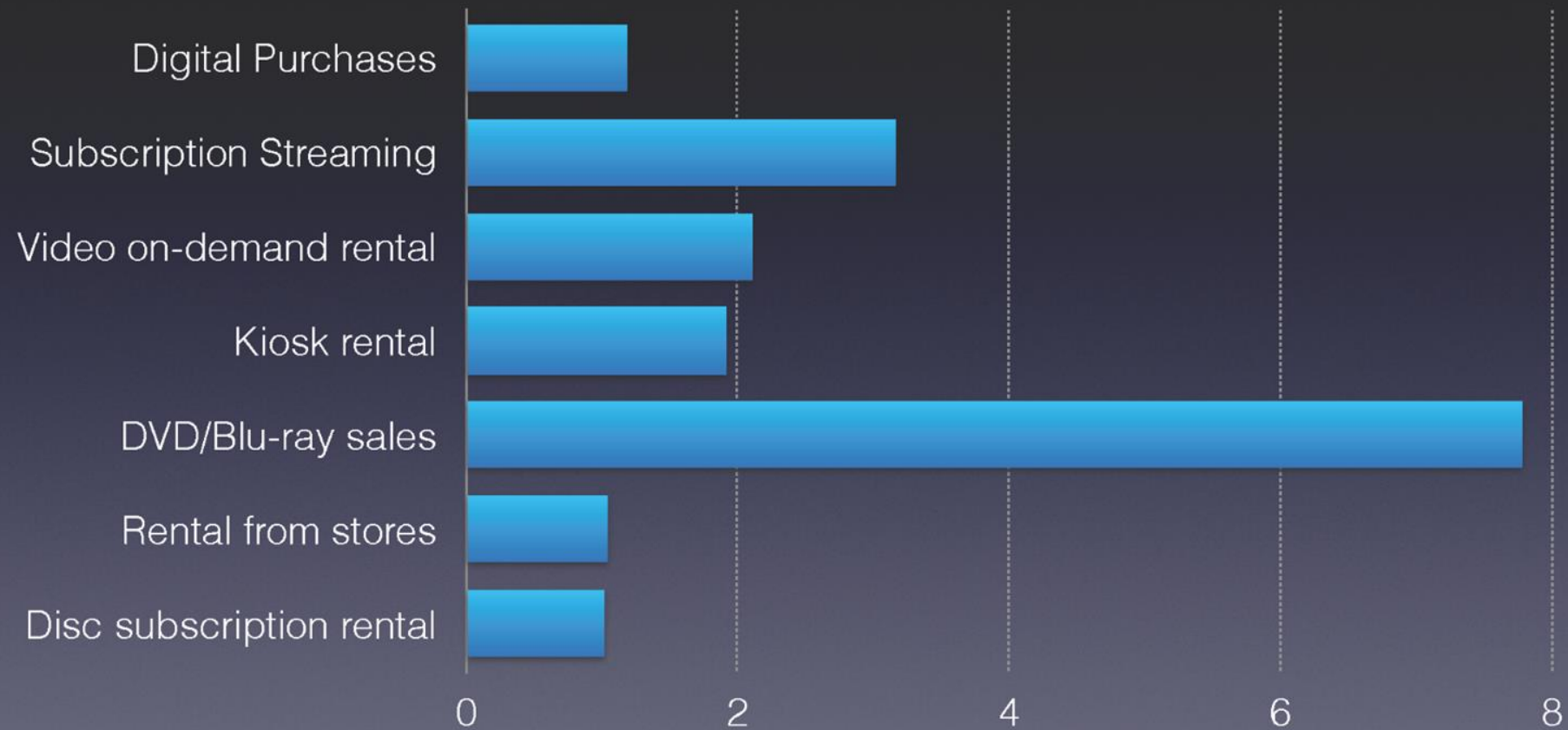
- Fewer Fuel Trucks
- Electric Trucks? (Later than Cars for widespread adoption)
- Alternative Fuels (CNG, etc.)



# Atoms into Bits

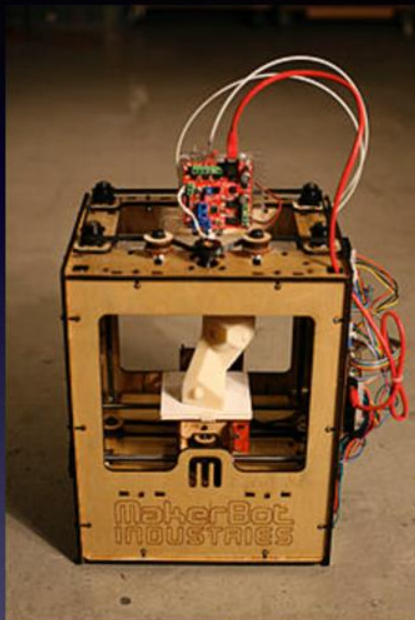
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Figure 6.1 US Home Entertainment Revenue (2013  
\$B)



Source: Wall Street Journal and Digital Entertainment Group Fritz, Ben (2014) Sales of Digital Movies Surge. Wall Street Journal. 2014-01-07 <http://www.wsj.com/news/articles/SB10001424052702304887104579306440621142958>

# 3-D Printing

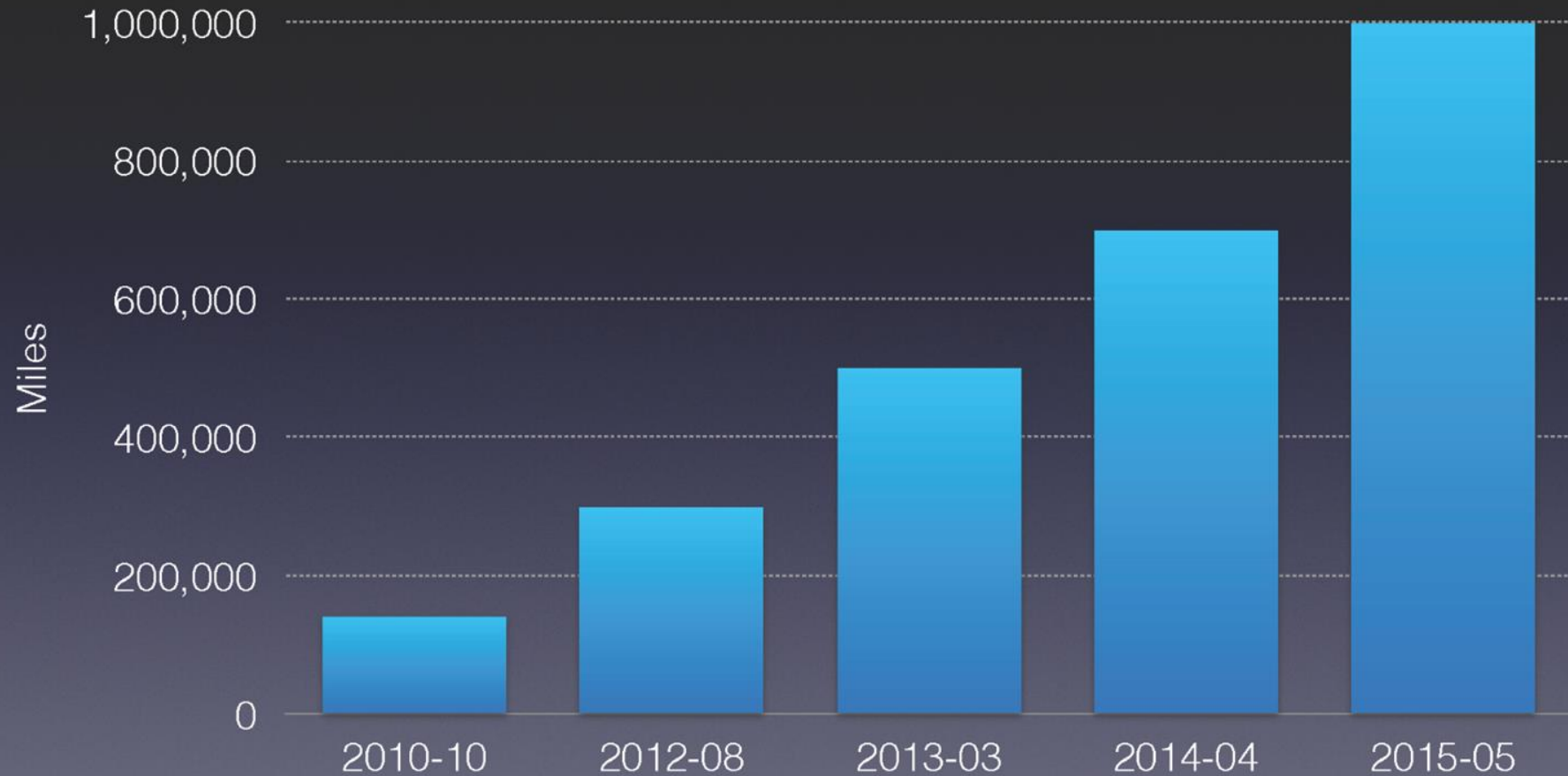




# Automation

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Figure 7.1 Cumulative miles traveled by Google Autonomous Vehicles



Source: Data on Google Cars from  
140,000 - <http://googleblog.blogspot.com/2010/10/what-were-driving-at.html>  
300,000 <http://googleblog.blogspot.com/2012/08/the-self-driving-car-logs-more-miles-on.html>  
500,000 <http://www.businessinsider.com/google-self-driving-car-problems-2013-3?op=1>  
700,000 <http://googleblog.blogspot.co.uk/2014/04/the-latest-chapter-for-self-driving-car.html>  
Nearly a million <http://googleblog.blogspot.com/2015/05/self-driving-vehicle-prototypes-on-road.html>

# Autonomous trucks

- One driver (in a control center) remotely “drives” (supervises) many drone trucks on set routes.
- He intervenes if something goes wrong.
- He is bored.





# Maximum Homerdrive

- The Simpson's  
Episode 220  
(1999)



Exclusive Lane



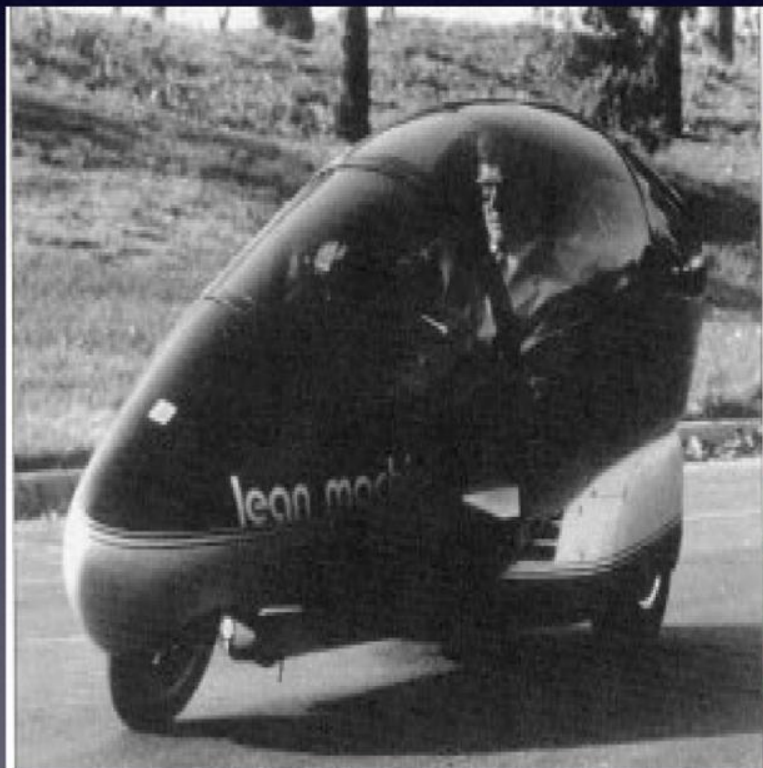
Shared  
(Two-to-One) Lane



Shared  
(One-to-One) Lane



## Alternative Vehicles, Alternative Highways

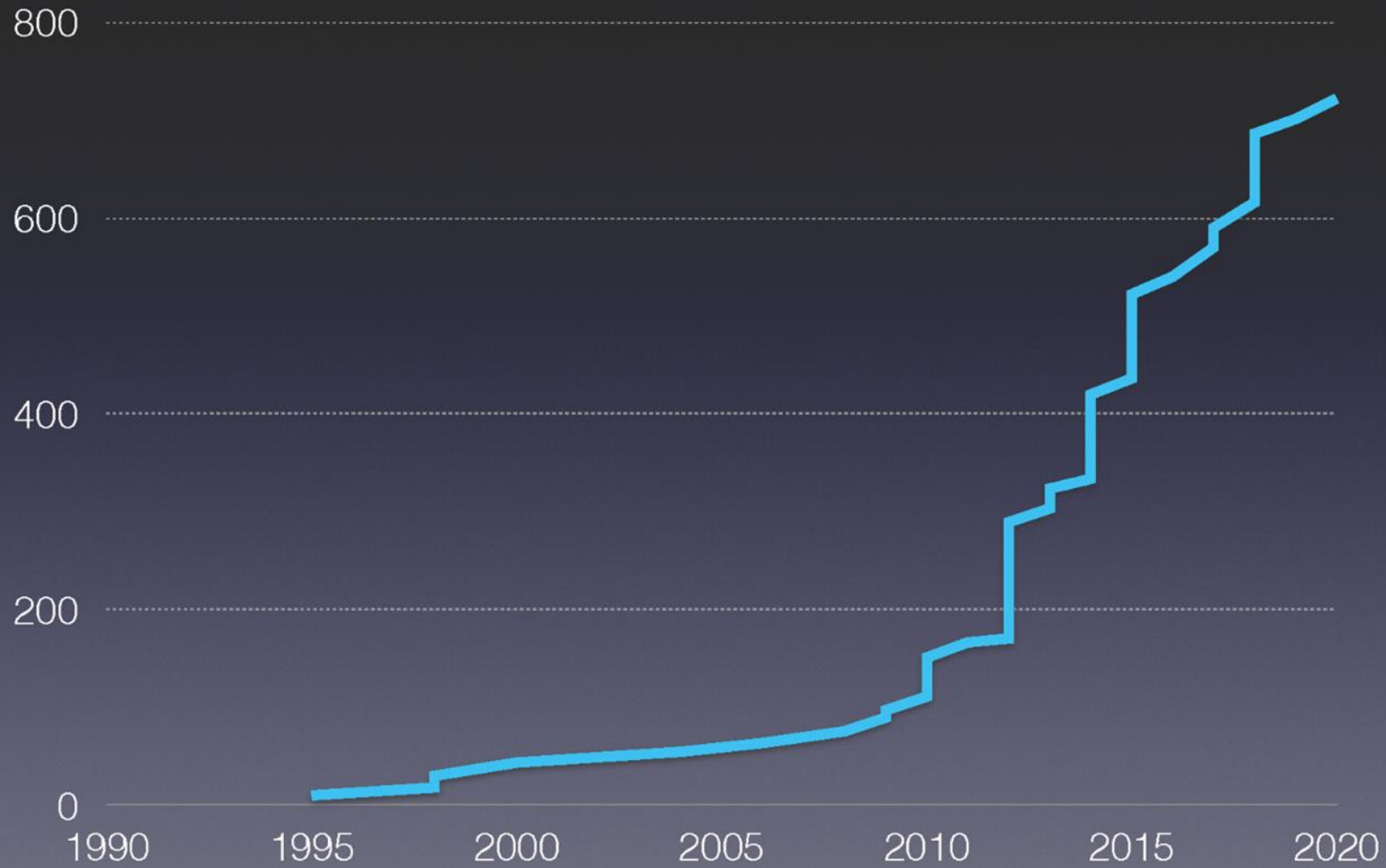




# Pricing

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Figure 13.1 Cumulative Mileage of HOT Lanes in United States



Sources various. Special thanks to David Ungemah and Mark Burris.

# Public Strategies

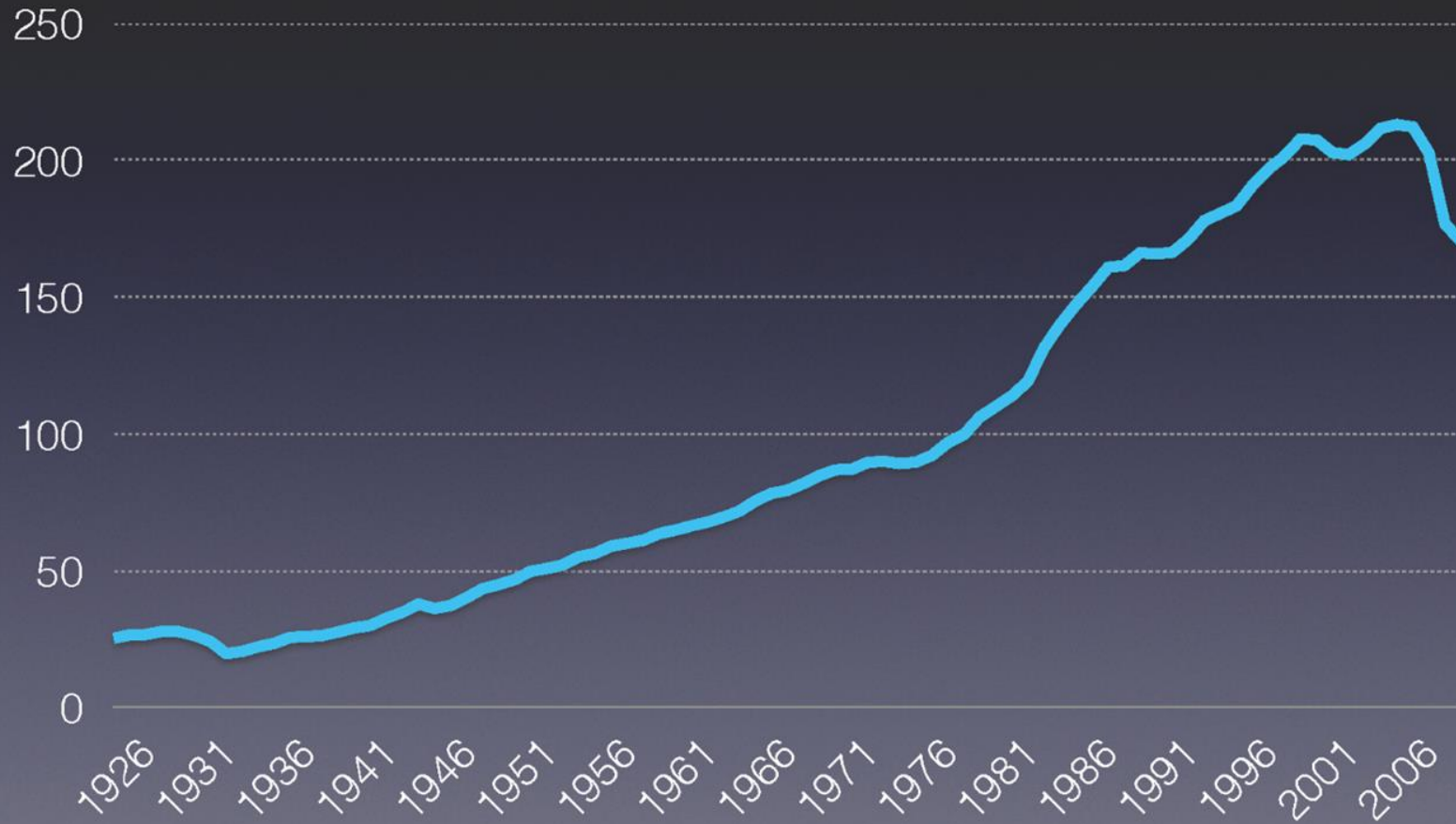
- Gas Tax
- EV -> Vehicle Mileage Tax
- Vary Tax by Time and Place (price out some trips, reduce congestion)
- Networks of HOT Lanes
- Networks of Truck only Toll Lanes ???



# Freight

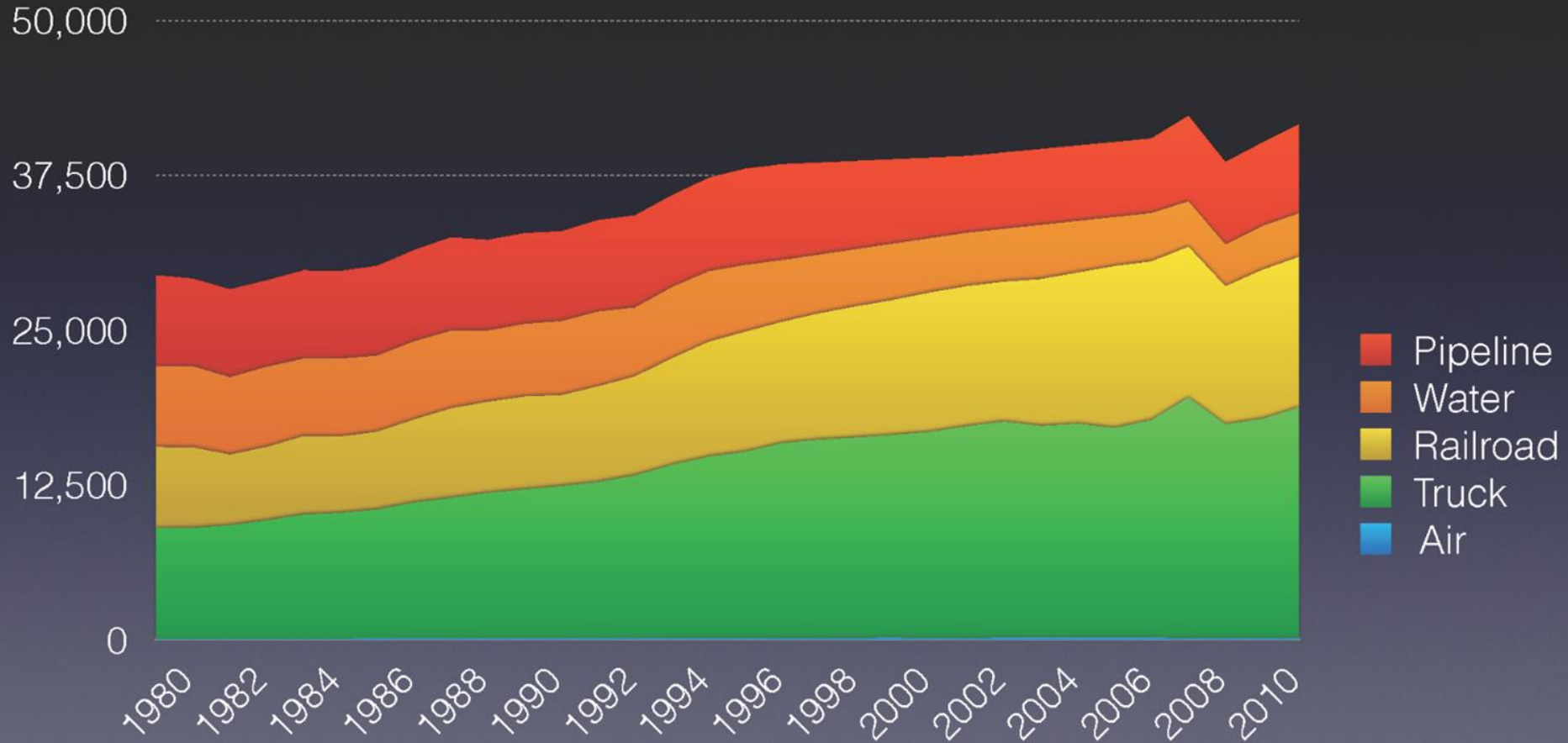
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Figure 3.11 Billions of Pieces of Mail Handled Per Year: US Post (1926-2009)



Source: US Postal Service (nd) Pieces of Mail Handled, Number of Post Offices, Income, and Expenses Since 1789.  
<https://about.usps.com/who-we-are/postal-history/pieces-of-mail-since-1789.htm>

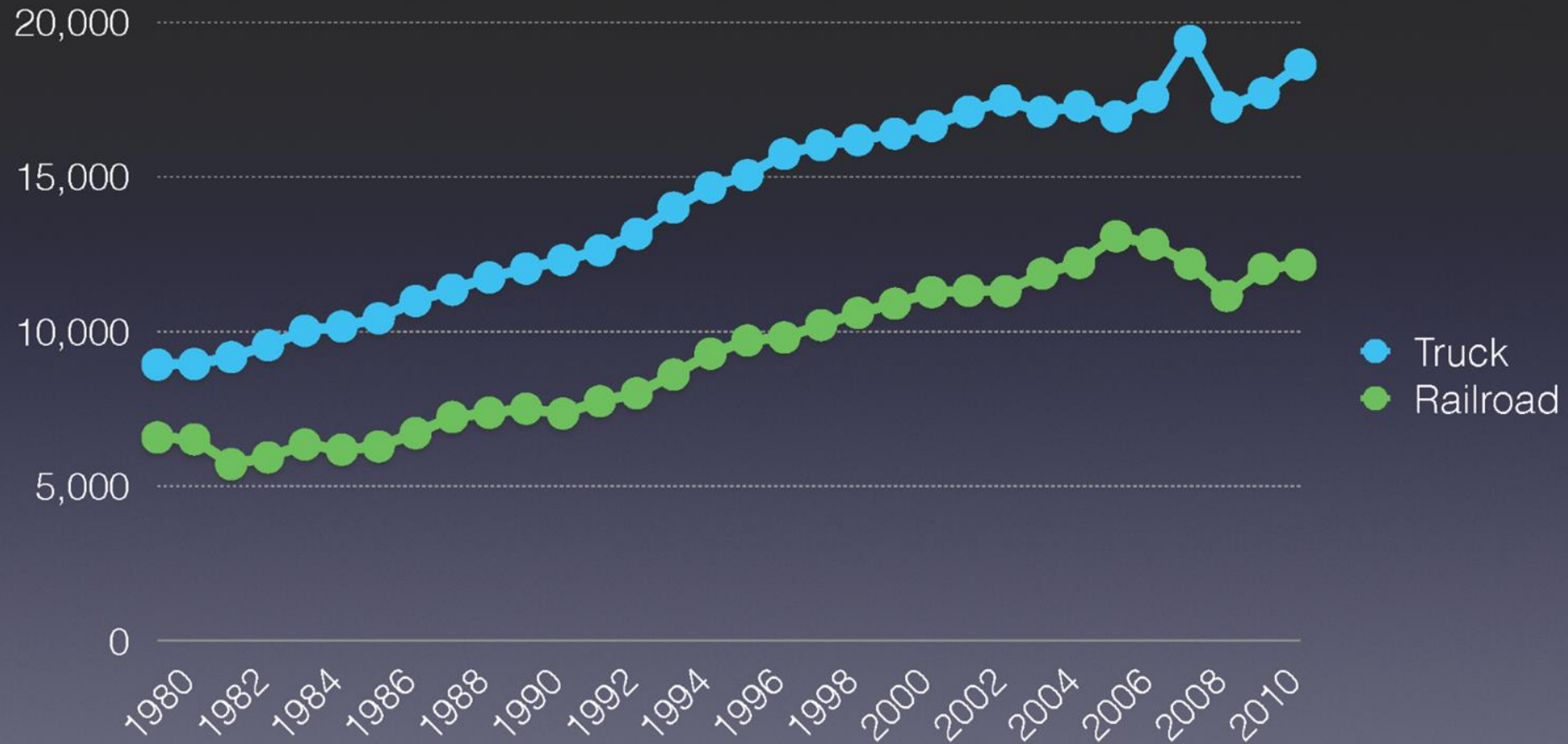
Figure 3.6 US Ton-km of Domestic Freight by Mode (Per Capita)



Source: US Bureau of Transportation Statistics National Transportation Statistics Table 1-50: U.S. Ton-Miles of Freight (BTS Special Tabulation) (Millions) [http://www.rita.dot.gov/bts/sites/rita.dot.gov/bts/files/publications/national\\_transportation\\_statistics/html/table\\_01\\_50.html](http://www.rita.dot.gov/bts/sites/rita.dot.gov/bts/files/publications/national_transportation_statistics/html/table_01_50.html)



Figure 3.6 US Ton-km of Domestic Freight: Rail vs. Truck  
(Per Capita)



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# Expectations

- Rail will drop in the future as coal is phased out
- Truck may grow with population (< 1%), and for last mile with substitution of delivery for shopping, not much faster due to dematerialization and shrinking size of goods.

# Upcoming Directions

- Supply Chain Network Pooling
- Physical Internet
- B2B: Near Real-Time (Same Day, Same Hour Delivery)
- B2C: Near Real-Time
- Peer-to-Peer Delivery
- Consolidated Home Delivery

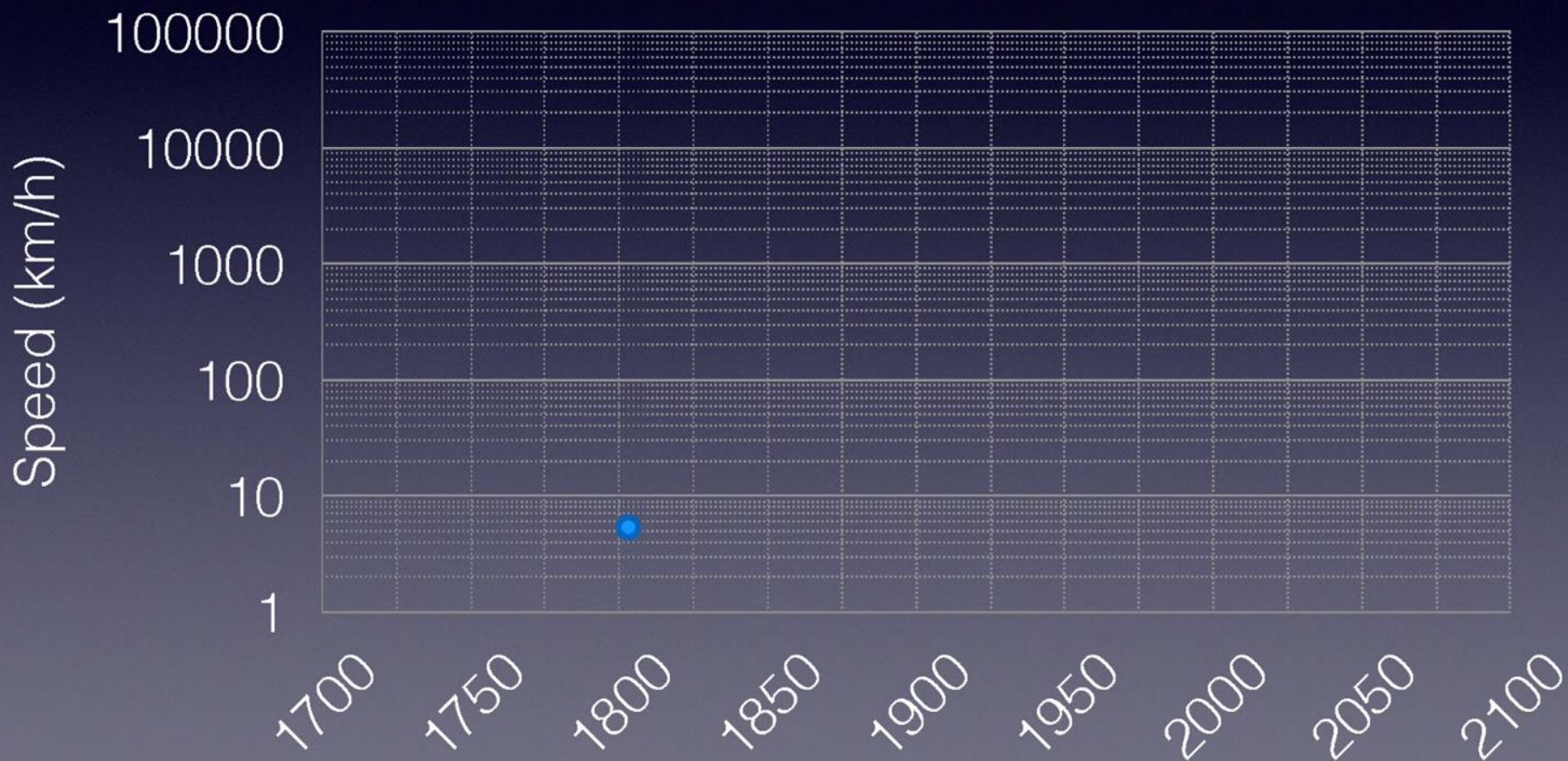


Speed

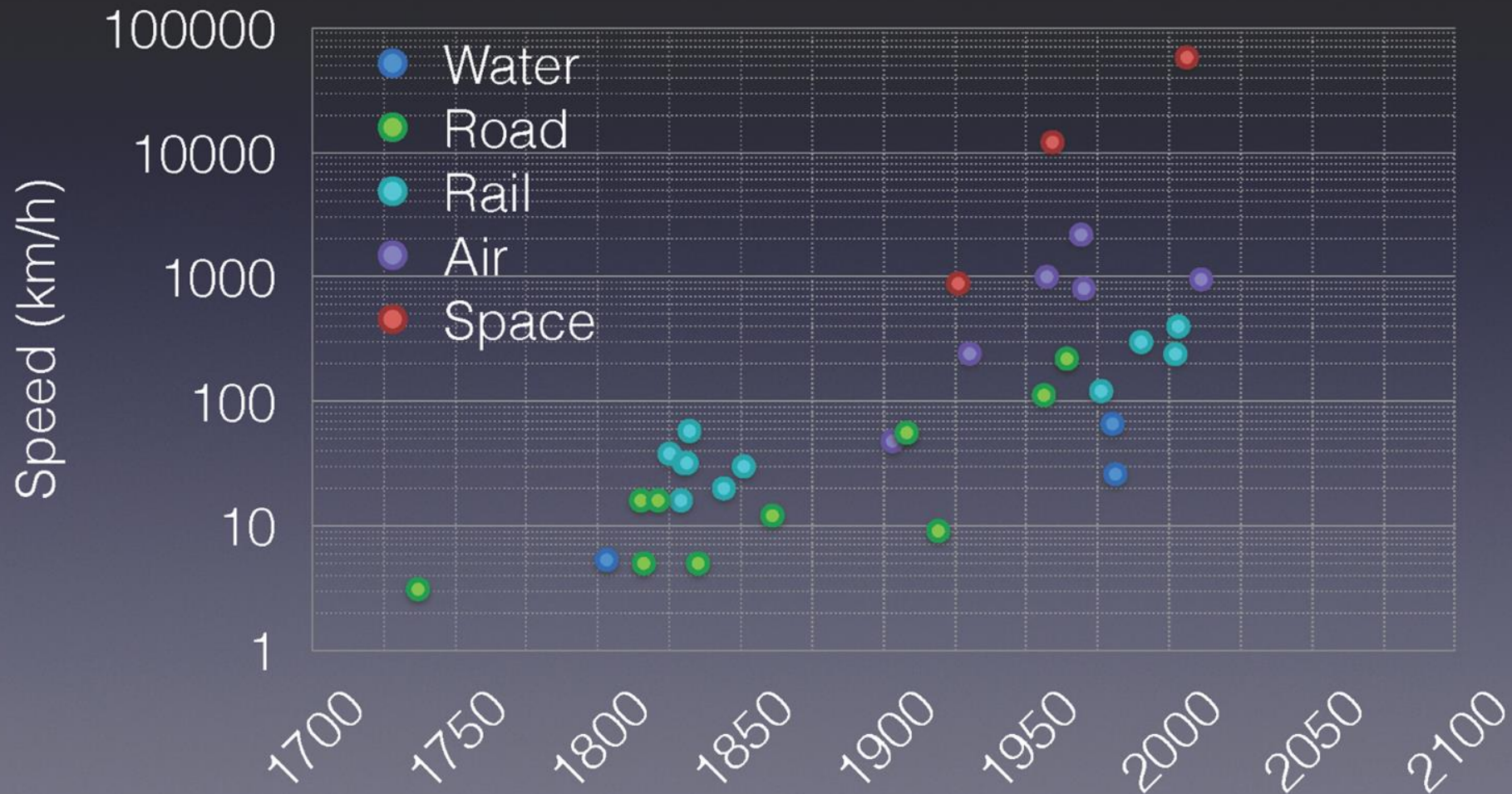
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# Speed vs. Time (movie)

● Water ● Road ● Rail ● Air ● Space  
Charlotte Dundas



# Speed vs. Time



Thank you

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# Burning Questions



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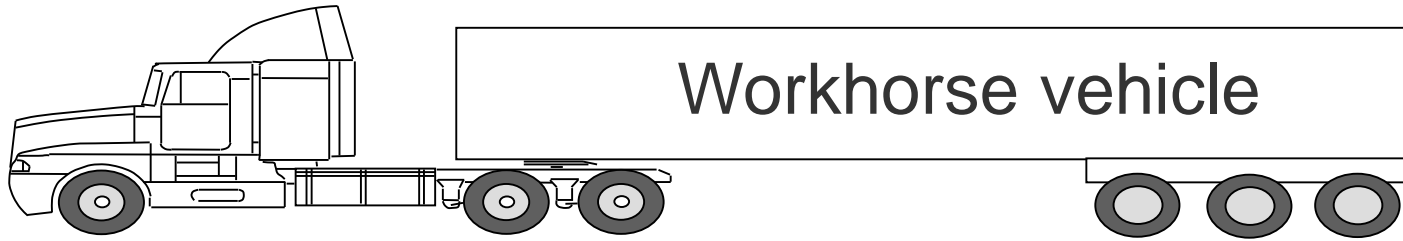
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# How Modes Have Evolved

- Container ships have doubled in capacity in 13 years
- Rail axle weights have increased from 263,000 lbs in 1991 to 315,000 lbs today
- 70% of Rail intermodal containers are double stacked
- Federal truck size and weight have been frozen for over 30 years
- Other countries have evolved their policies

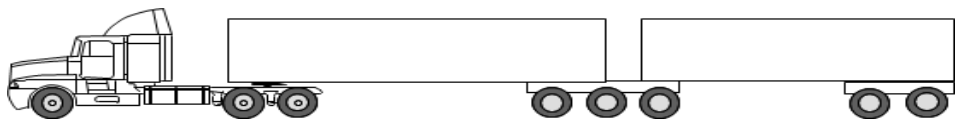
# International Comparison

Canada	European Union
6-axle tractor semi-trailer 102,500 lb 8-axle B-train double 137,800 lb	6-axle tractor semi-trailer Typical 97,000 lb 105,800 lb (Denmark)
United States	Australia
<i>(Interstate and NHS limits)</i> 5-axle tractor semi-trailer 80,000 lb 7-axle tractor twin-trailer 80,000 lb	6-axle tractor semi-trailer 101,400 lb B-train doubles 151,000 lb (approved routes)
Mexico	New Zealand
6-axle tractor semi-trailer 105,800 lb 8-axle B-train double 138,000 lb	6-axle tractor semi-trailer 86,000 lb B-train doubles 97,000 lb or 110,200 lb Up to 136,700 lb specific routes for High productivity motor vehicles (HPMV)

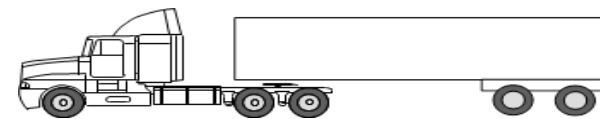


Country	Steer	Drive	Tridem	GVW	Productivity advantage Relative to USA
	(lb)	(lb)	(lb)	(lb)	
South Africa	17,000	39,700	52,900	109,600	59%
<i>Mexico</i>	<i>14,300</i>	<i>43,000</i>	<i>49,600</i>	<i>106,900</i>	53%
Denmark	17,600	35,300	52,900	105,800	51%
<i>Canada</i>	<i>12,100</i>	<i>37,500</i>	<i>52,900</i>	<i>102,500</i>	44%
Australia	14,300	37,500	49,600	101,400	41%
UK	13,900	35,300	47,400	96,600	32%
USA	12,000	34,000	34,000*	80,000	----
Assumed empty weight 36,400 lb for 6-axle * 34,000 lb for US 5-axle vehicle					Woodrooffe

# Productivity Comparison



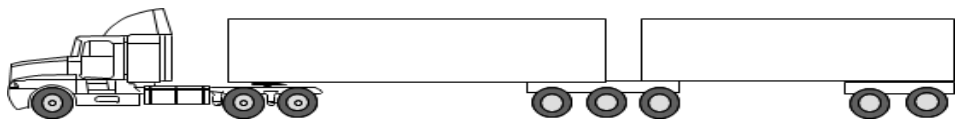
**Canadian B-train**



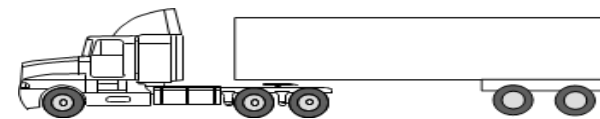
**US Tractor semitrailer**

Country & Vehicle	GVW	Number of axles	Payload	Productivity Advantage
Canada 8-axle B-Train	137,800 lbs	8	93,000 lbs	Factor of 2
US Tractor semi	80,000 lbs	5	46,100 lbs	-

# Fuel & GHG Comparison Unrestricted Access Vehicles



**Canadian B-train**



**US Tractor semitrailer**

Country & Vehicle	Cargo unit Fuel (liter/tonne-km)	Cargo unit CO <sub>2</sub> (g CO <sub>2</sub> /tonne-km)	Fuel and GHG Advantage per unit cargo
Canada B-Train	0.037	98.79	68%
US Tractor semi	0.063	165.9	-

# 10% Reduction in Truck VMT

Benefit study variable	Injury severity	Reductions assuming 10% reduction in exposure	Estimated annual benefits (\$US Billion)
Estimated safety benefits attributed to a 10% reduction in truck travel distance	no apparent injury	21562	0.20
	possible injury	2,929	0.44
	evident injury	2,724	0.68
	disabling injury	1,453	0.87
	Killed	330	2.54
	Total safety cost saving attributed to 10% reduction in exposure		
Estimated fuel and emissions benefits attributed to a 10% reduction in truck travel distance	Category	Quantity saved	Annual cost saving (\$US Billion)
	Diesel fuel reduction	10.6 billion liters	10.60
	CO2 reduction	28.3 Million metric tons CO2	0.680
Combined benefits	<b>Total estimated annual savings</b>		<b>16.01</b>



# Comparing Estimated Annual Safety Benefits

Assumes 100% ESC and F-Cam Fleet Penetration

Assumes 10% Reduction in VMT from Size and Weight Reform

Crash Avoidance Option	Annual Fatality Reduction	Annual Injury Reduction
ESC	126	5,909
F-CAM (2 <sup>nd</sup> gen)	99	3,590
Size & Weight Regulation reform	330	7,106

*Size and Weight Reform as a Safety Strategy*

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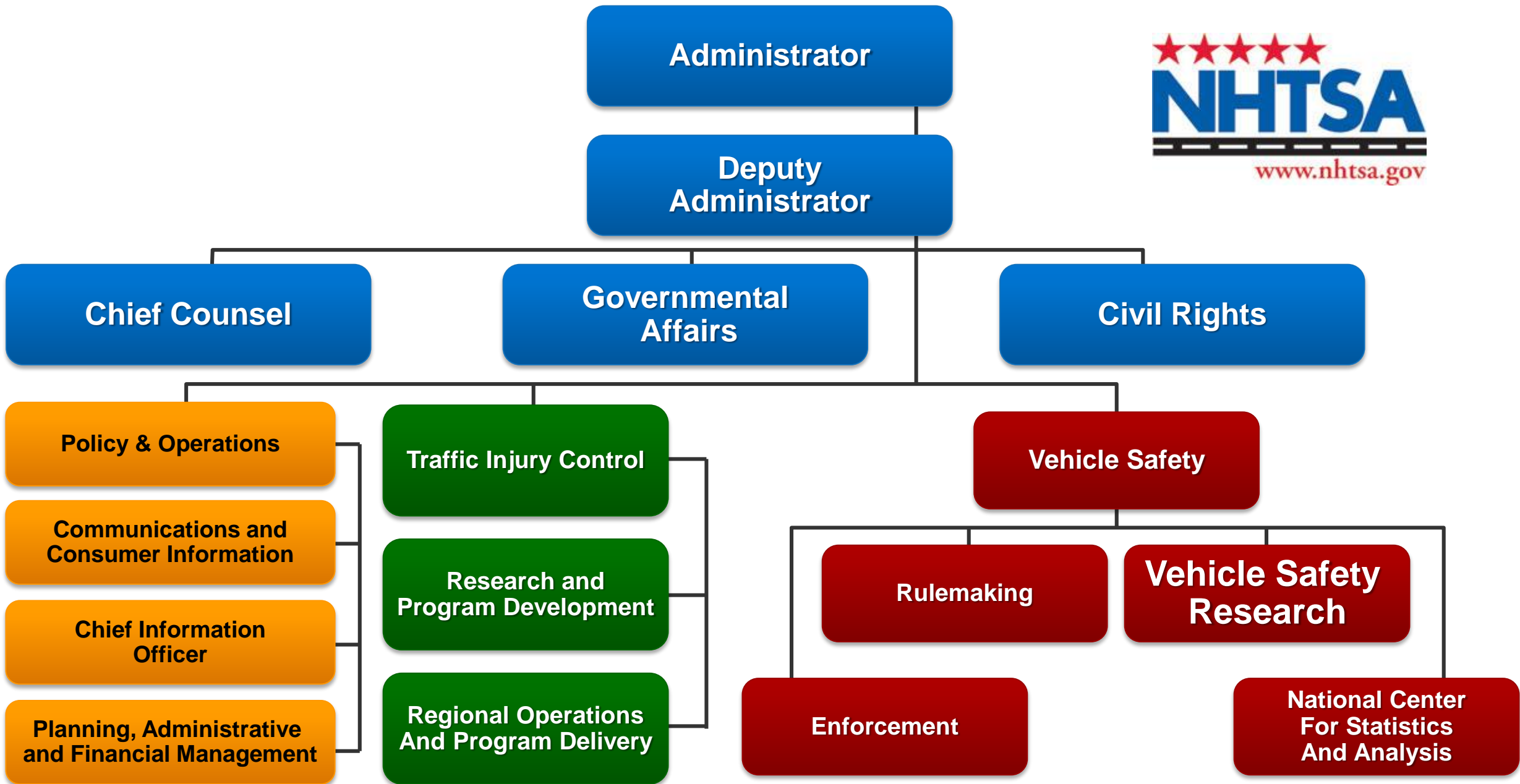
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# Office of Crash Avoidance & Electronic Controls

- Connected Vehicles
- Crash Avoidance Systems
- Automated Vehicles
- Vehicle Cyber-security
- Electronic Systems Reliability
- Human Factors

# NHTSA Heavy Vehicle Crash Avoidance Research

- Electronic Stability Control
- Forward Collision Warning and Automatic Emergency Braking
- Lane Departure Warning
- Collision Warning Interfaces
- Vehicle to Vehicle Communications
- Heavy Vehicle Cybersecurity Vulnerability Profile
- Heavy Vehicle Functional Safety Assessment Profile  
(application of ISO 26262 to heavy vehicles)

# Crash Worthiness Research

- Tractor Cab Crashworthiness
  - (Report to Congress in May)
- Underride Guards for trailers
  - Regulatory proposal announced for 2015
- Single Unit Truck Conspicuity: ANPRM in July 2015

# Other Heavy Vehicle Regulatory Activity

- Speed Limiters
- Truck Tires
- Motorcoach

# Overview of the Safety Challenge

- Annual Average crashes involving heavy vehicles....about 350,000
- 1/3 are single vehicle crashes; 2/3 involve multiple vehicles

Single Vehicle Crashes (32% of HT Crashes)		
Vehicle Failure	4,828	4%
Control Loss	21,315	17%
Road Departure	68,293	55%
Road Departure/Backing	7,517	6%
Pedestrian/Cyclist/Animal	8,683	7%
Rollover/Non-Collision	12,812	10%
<b>Total</b>	<b>123,448</b>	<b>100%</b>

Multi-Vehicle Crashes (68% of HT Crashes)		
Rear-End	69,349	26%
Changing Lanes/Drifting	70,704	27%
Turning/Same Direction	27,922	11%
Turn @ Intersection (lateral Direction)	7,353	3%
Left Turn Across Path / Opposite Direction	10,686	4%
Straight Crossing Paths @ Intersection	33,296	13%
Opposite Direction	14,329	5%
Backing Into Vehicle	18,367	7%
Parking/Same Direction	3,244	1%
Other	7,287	3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>262,538</b>	<b>100%</b>



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