



# Automatized vehicle @ Toulouse from “PROMETHEUS to EasyMile”

A storytelling by Jean- Luc MATE

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# Chapter 1

## Genesis

The world before LAAS

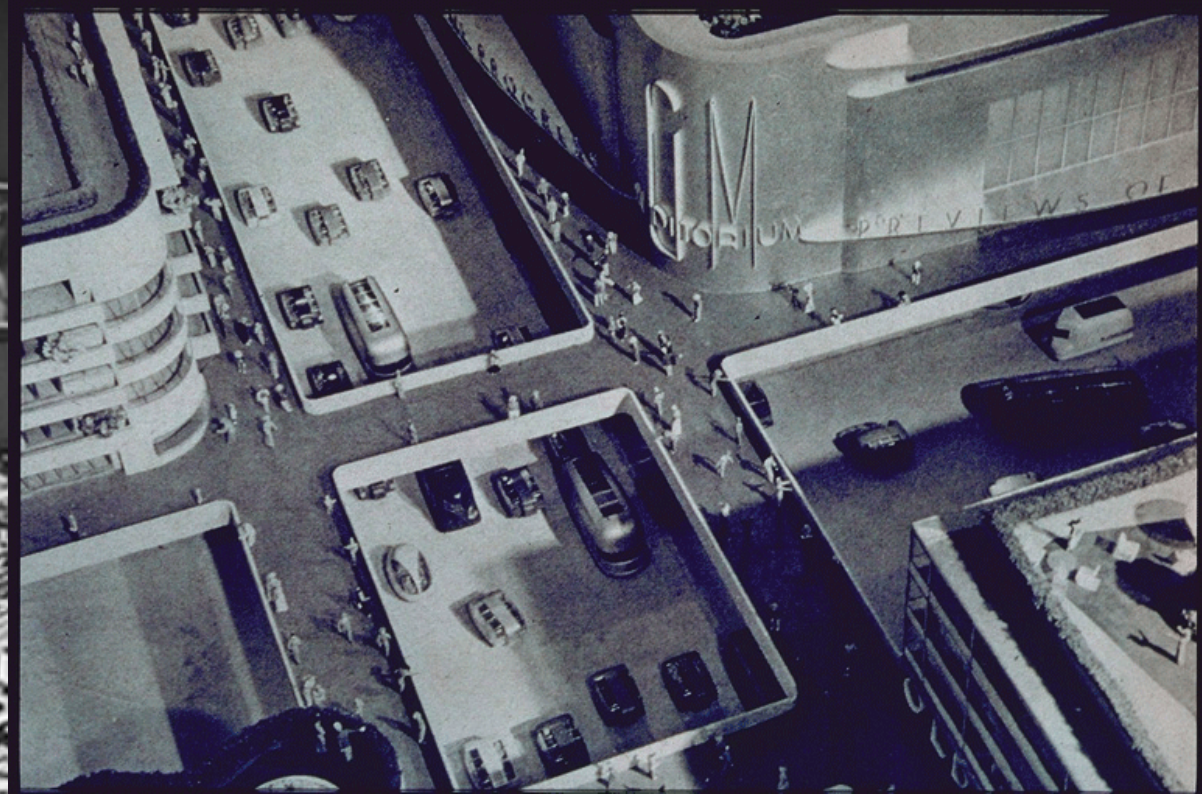
# 1925 Houdina remote Radio controlled car



# 1939 New York FUTURAMA Exhibition

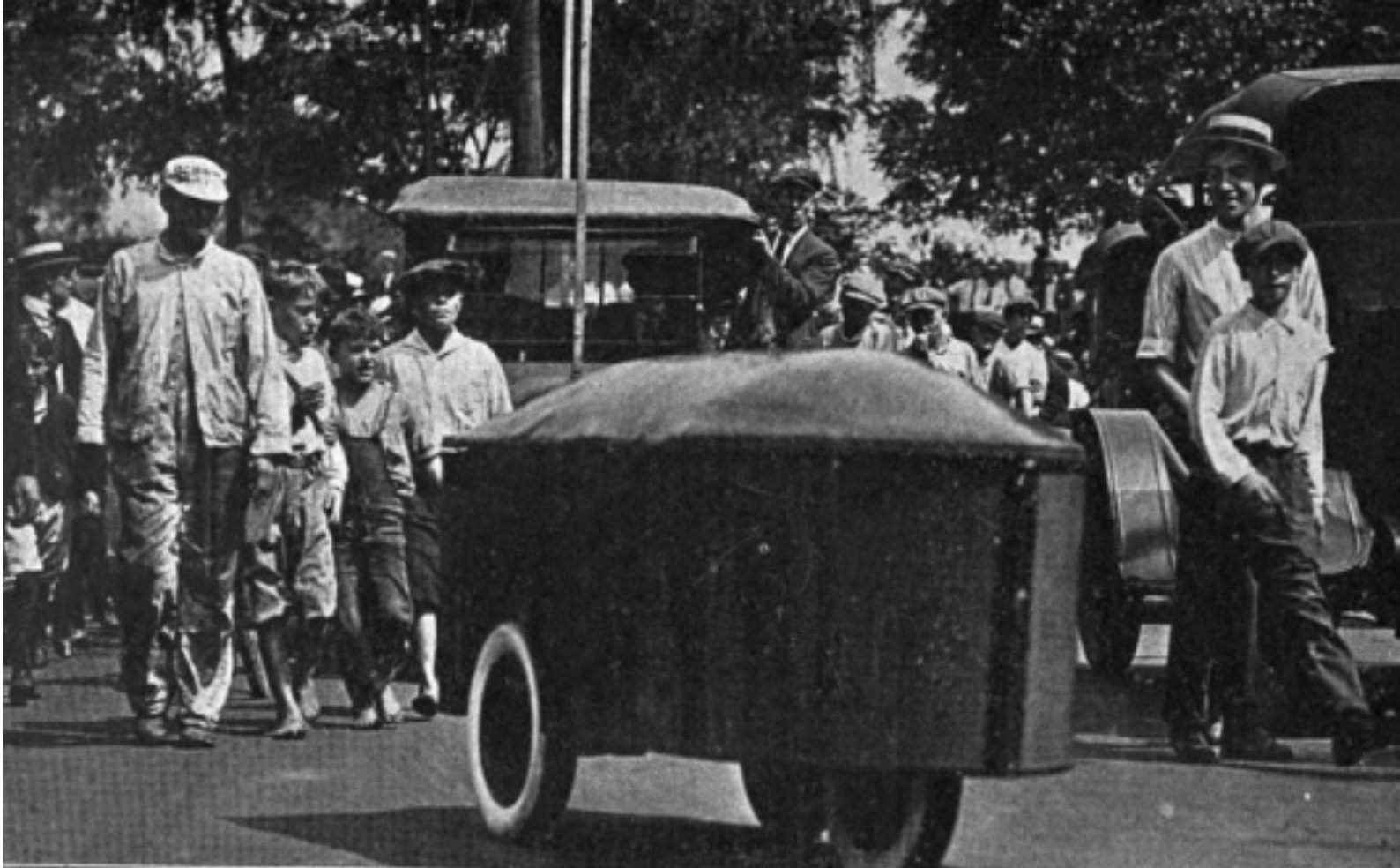
- An early representation of the autonomous car was Norman Bel Geddes 's Futurama exhibit sponsored by **General Motors** at the **1939** World's fair, which depicted :
- **electric cars powered by circuits embedded in the roadway and controlled by radio.**

# 1939 New York FUTURAMA Exhibition





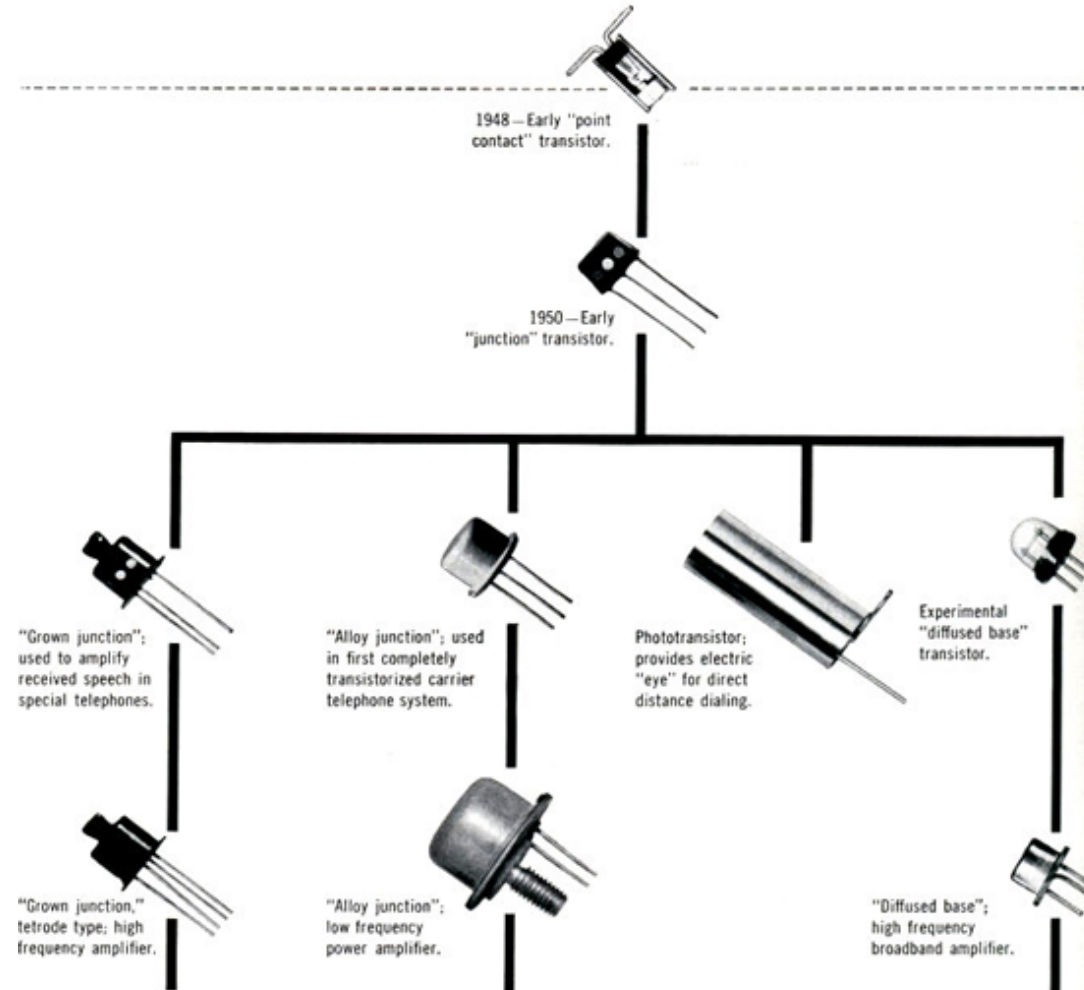
# 1950 RCA LAB'S Radio controlled car



The RCA radio-controlled car. *(Credit: Wikimedia Commons)*

# 1950 First Radio Transistor

## TRANSISTORS—first family of electronics

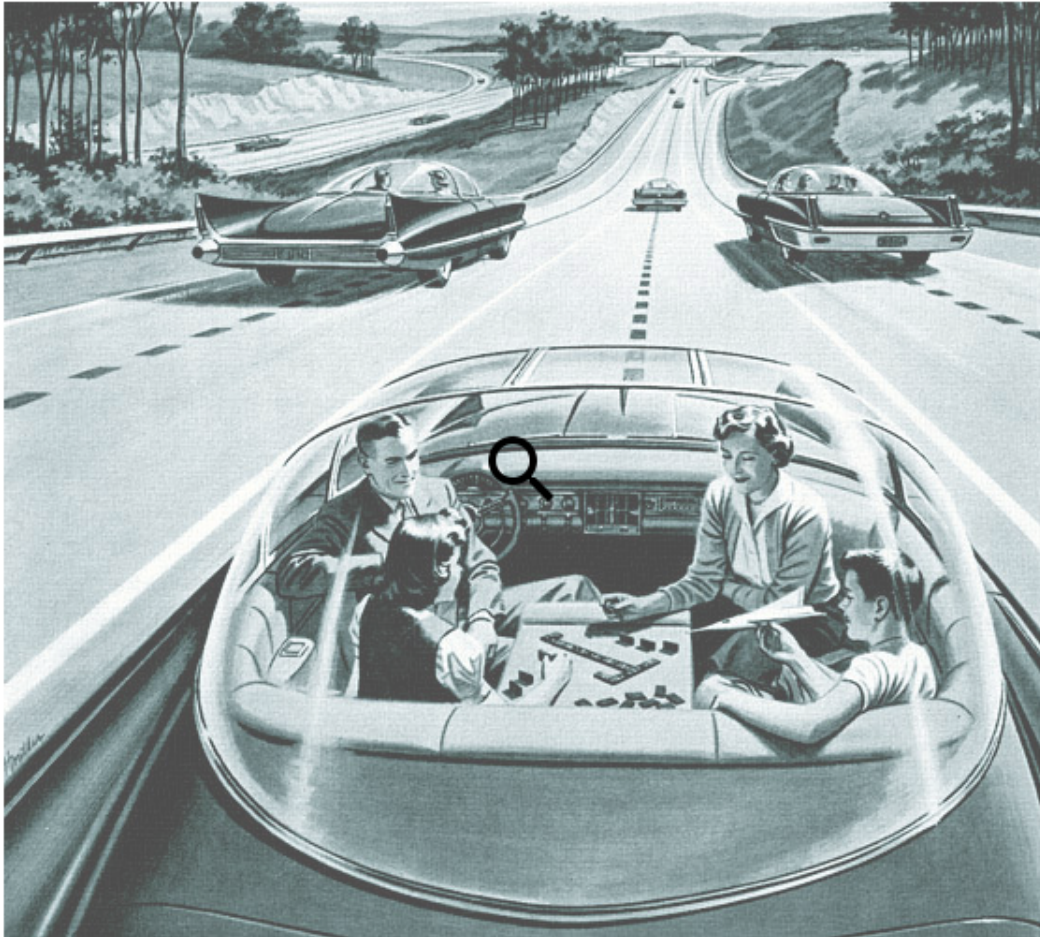




# 1956 the American autonomous car dream

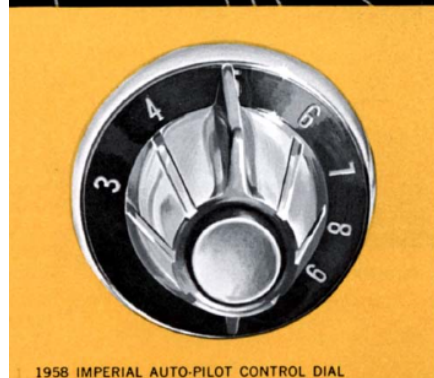
## 1958 GM firebird II

A sophisticated guidance system intended for use with "the highway of the future," where an electrical wire embedded in the roadway would send signals that would help guide future cars and avoid accidents.

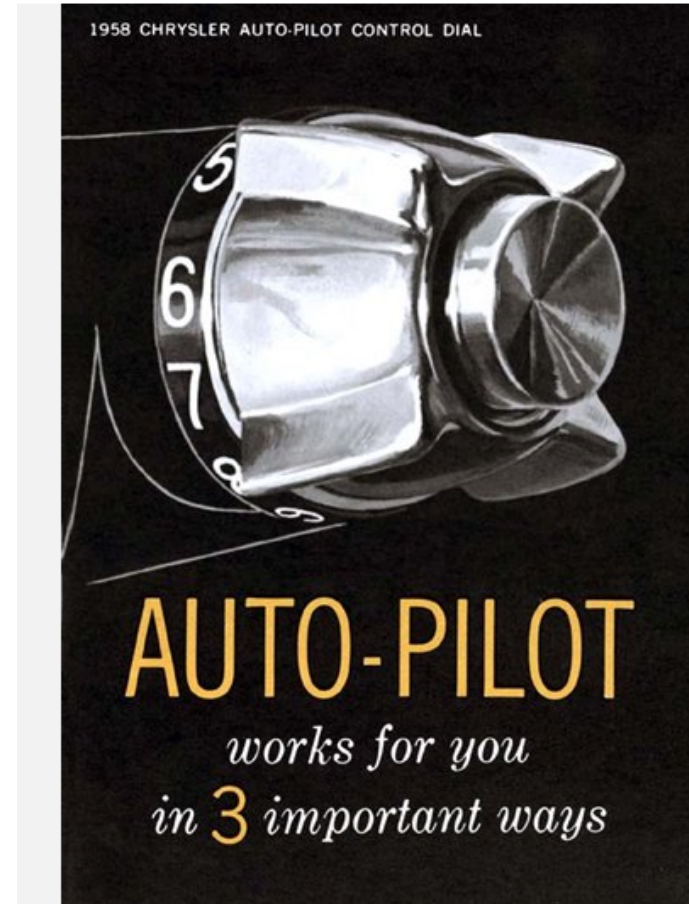


*America's Power Companies' advertisement from 1956 depicting a future with autonomous cars.*

# 1958 the first cruise control on Chrysler Imperial



*... an amazing new device that helps you maintain a constant speed and warns you of excessive speed ... available only on 1958 CHRYSLERS and IMPERIALS*



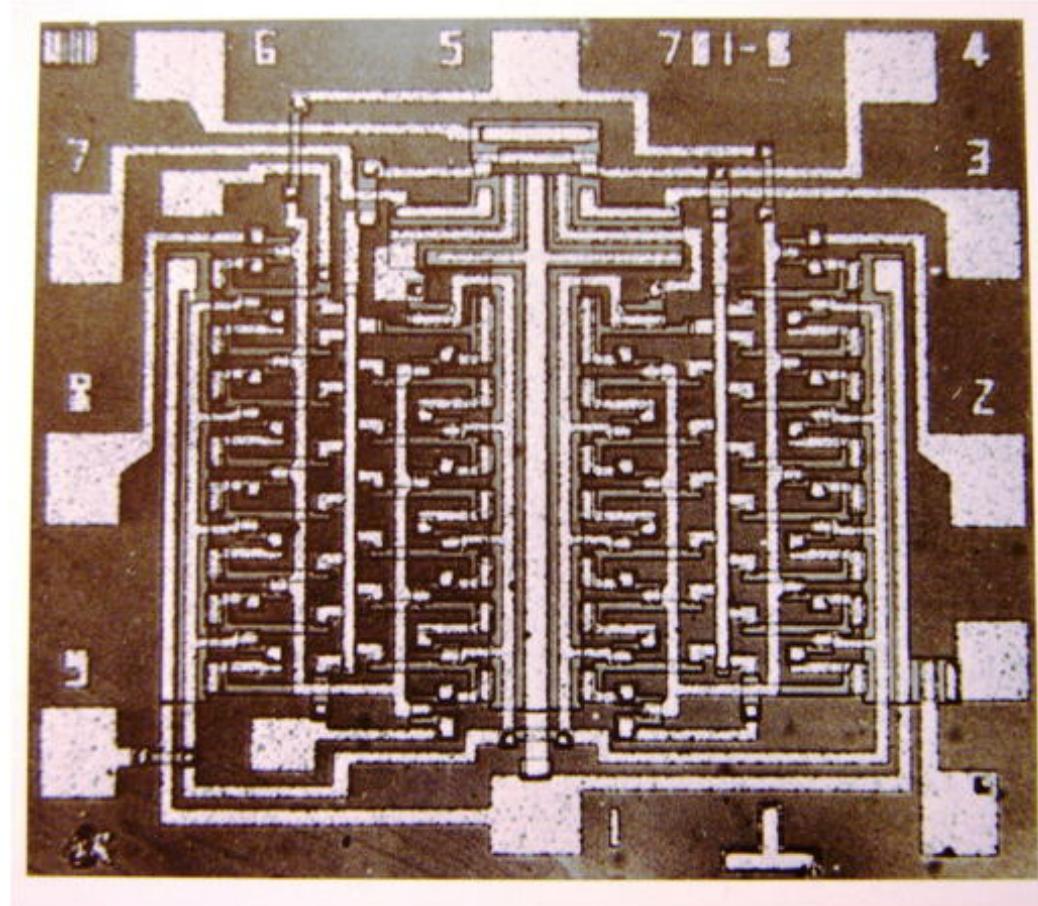
**1** AUTO-PILOT automatically warns you of exceeding the speed you dial!

**2** AUTO-PILOT holds y



**TO MAINTAIN SPEED**  
It's simple. Just turn the Auto-Pilot dial to the speed you want to hold.

# 1960 first integrated circuit



## Chapter 2 :

### The world with LAAS in Toulouse

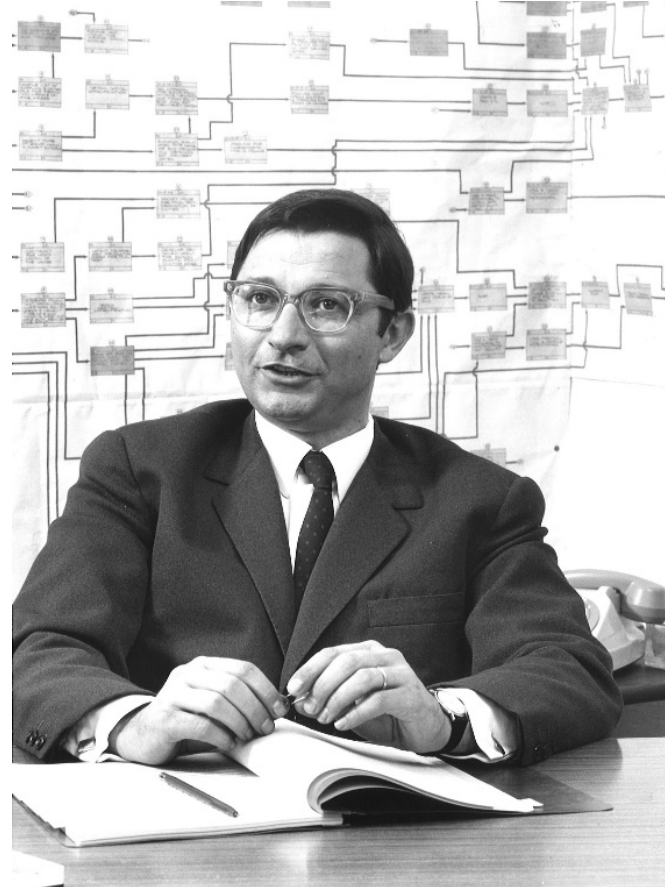
Charismatic electronic engineer with teaching talent and strong entrepreneur profile



Jean  
LAGASSE

1963	Création de l'INSA de Toulouse
1963	Construction du bâtiment de Génie Electrique
1963	Jean Lagasse 1er directeur du DGE
1965	Réception du bâtiment de Génie Electrique
1968	Création du laboratoire LAAS/CNRS
1968	Jean Lagasse 1er directeur du LAAS/CNRS

# 1967 Jean Lagasse contribute to attract Motorola



C'était, raconte Jean-Etienne Cassignol en 1966 à Toulouse. Motorola, le leader mondial dans les semi-conducteurs, cherchait à s'implanter en Europe. Une délégation conduite par le grand patron avait entrepris un tour de France pour choisir le site du nouveau centre de fabrication destiné aux besoins européens.

Nous étions avec Jean à Toulouse, très intéressés par cette implantation. C'était mon premier contact avec Lester Hogan, le grand patron des semi-conducteurs chez Motorola, qui allait faire basculer toute ma carrière.

# 1968 :The LAAS Founder .... again a builder



MAY 1968 Another anniversary in PARIS



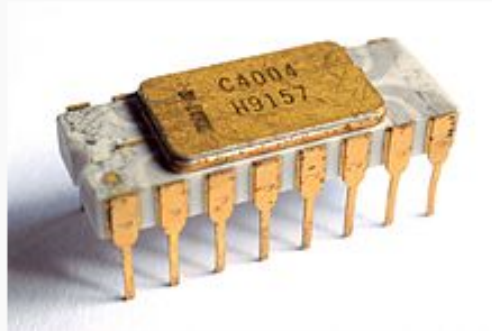
1968 :The LAAS Founder ..... select his deputy





# 1971 we can start on computing miniaturization

## Intel 4004



La version céramique C4004 avec traces grises

## Caractéristiques

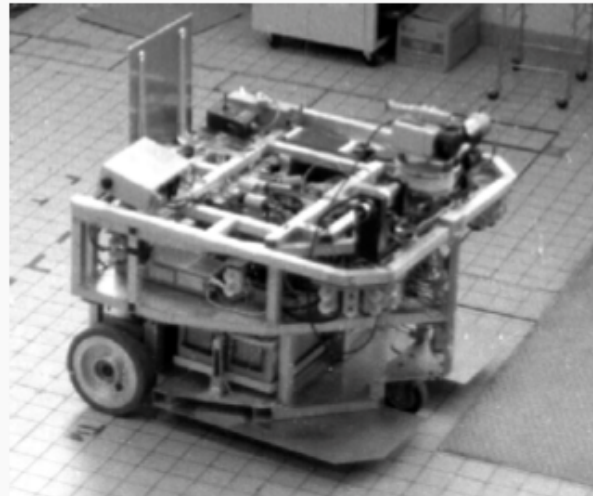
Production	De 15 novembre 1971 à 1981
Fabricant	Intel
Fréquence	740 kHz
Finesse de gravure	10 $\mu\text{m}$
Architecture	4 bits

# Georges Giralt French pionner in Mobile Robotics



**1977-1992**    **The Hilare Family**  
**LAAS - France**

**1977 - Hilare I**



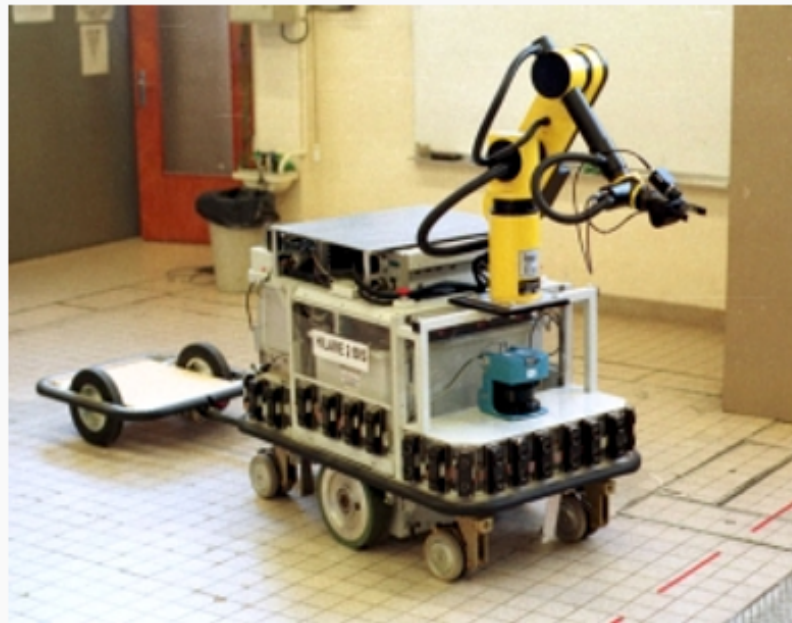
Wheels: 2 driving wheels and a free wheel  
Batteries: 24V  
Bus: Multibus  
Processors: 4 x Intel 80286  
Operating system: none  
Communication: serial radio modem (9600 bauds)  
Sensors: Odometer,  
16 US sensors,  
a Laser Range Finder  
Dimensions (LxWxH): 80cm x 80cm x 60 cm  
Weight: 400kg

# Robotics and Artificial intelligence RIA french foundation

1990 - Hilare II



1992 - Hilare IIbis



Wheels:

2 driving wheels + 4 free wheels

Batteries:

48V

Bus:

1 VME Rack

Processors:

4 x Motorola 68040 + 1 Motorola PPC 604

Operating system:

VxWorks 5.3.1

Communication:

Ethernet radio modem (3 Mbit/s)

Sensors:

odometry,  
32 Sonar range sensors,  
2D Laser Range Finder,  
1B&W camera

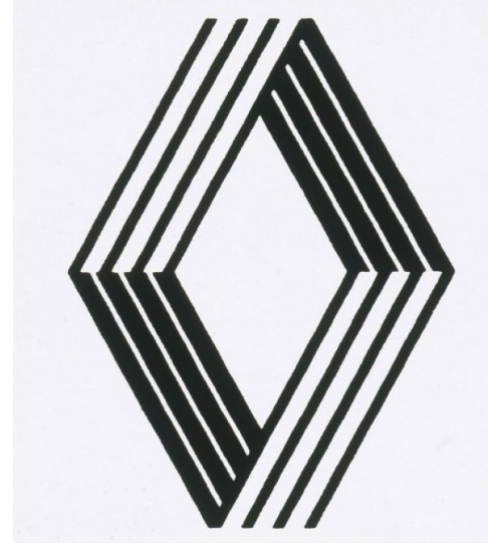
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130cm x 80cm x 80cm

Weight:

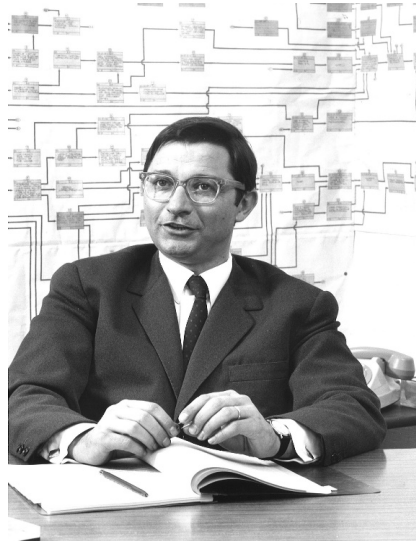
400kg

1977 - 87 Jean Lagasse enter the industry !



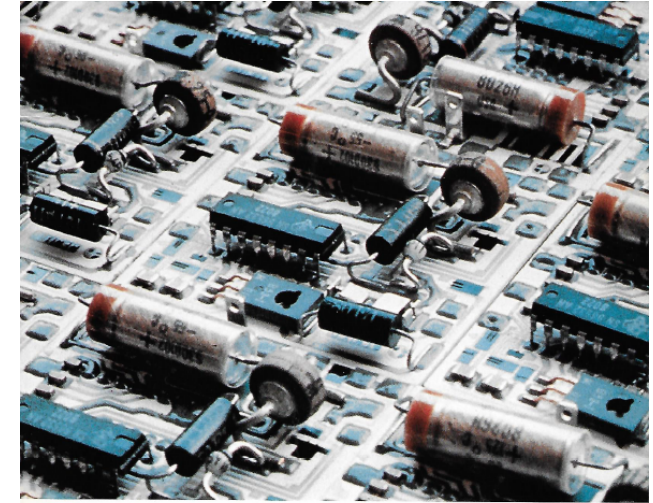
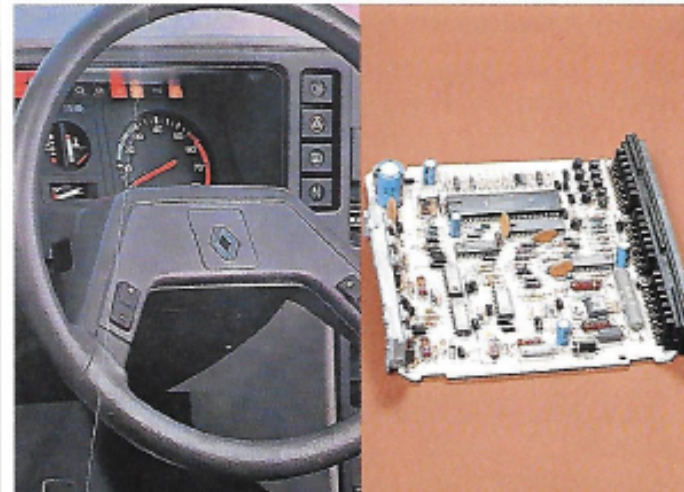
After having been director of scientific and technical affairs ( DRAST ) at Renault, he was promoted director of research and president of REGIENOV ( Renault innovation)

# 1978 : Jean Lagasse brings to Toulouse the French Automotive Electronics foundation



• et en MAI pour le RÉGULATEUR DE VITESSE "NORMALUR", qui équipe en série la Renault 30 TX, et équipera prochainement, en option, certains autres modèles de RENAULT.

Régulateur de vitesse "Normalur".



# 80's German car makers are leading Automated Driving

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I39sxwYKIEE>



# Chapter 3 :

## French German EUREKA Initiative

### Prometheus : the largest R&D program for the vehicle of the future





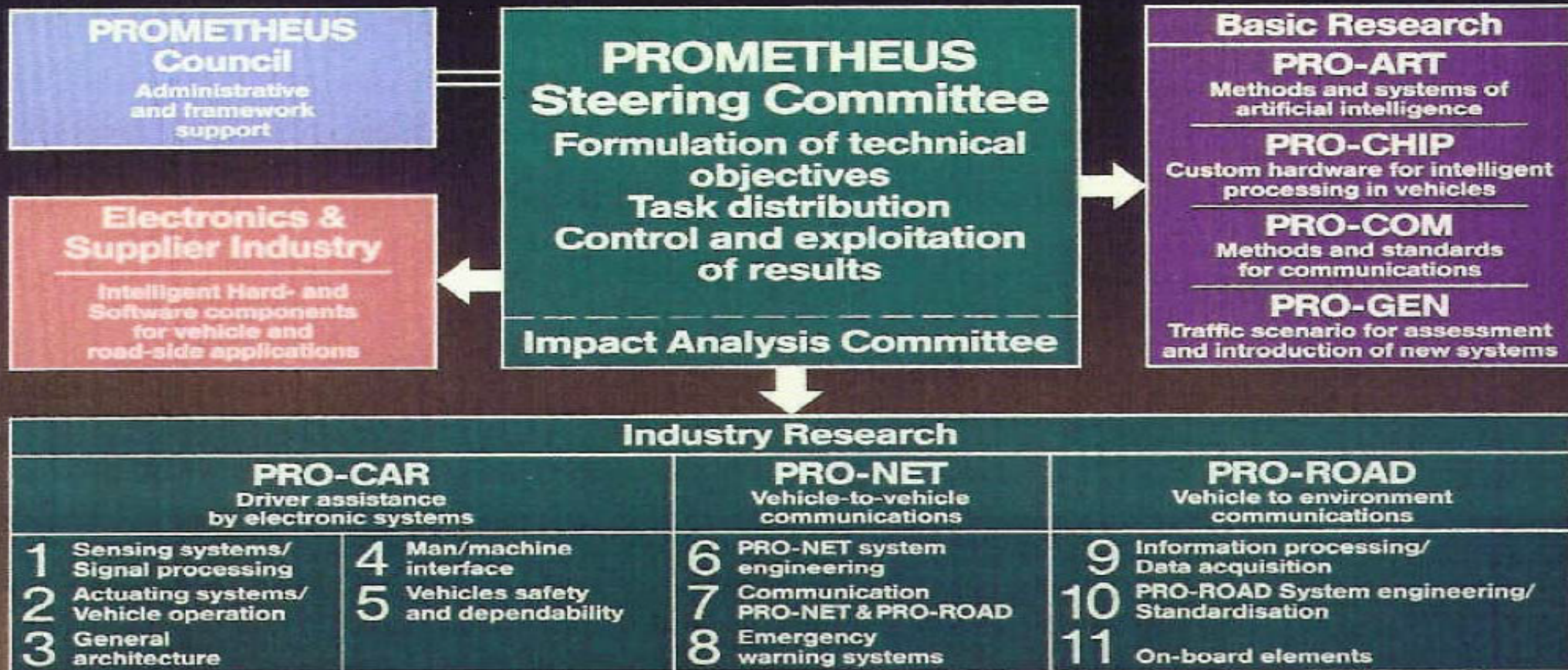
***PRO*gramme for a *European Traffic of Highest Efficiency and Unprecedented Safety*, 1987-1995 - 749M€**

Defined the state of the art of [“autonomous”](#) vehicles.

- CED 1 : Vision Enhancement
- CED 2-1 : Friction Monitoring and Vehicle Dynamics
- CED 2-2 : Lane Keeping Support
- CED 2-3 : Visibility Range Monitoring
- CED 2-4 : Driver Status Monitoring
- CED 3 : Collision Avoidance
- CED 4 : Cooperative Driving
- CED 5 : Autonomous Intelligent Cruise Control
- CED 6 : Automatic Emergency Call
- CED 7 : Fleet Management
- CED 9 : Dual Mode Route Guidance
- CED 10: Travel and Traffic Information Systems



# Prometheus – Structure and Research Tasks



**Strategic Approach: From the product “Vehicle” to the product “traffic”.**  
 Considering the high complexity of the program, it had been started and planned carefully and installed a new form of cooperation between industry, basic research entities and governments in order to integrate all relevant partner just from the beginning.

# The Key people @ Renault - PSA & LAAS



**D. Augello**

- Directeur de la Recherche RENAULT S.A. • Chef de Projet PROMETHEUS,
- Représentant RENAULT au Steering Committee du Programme.

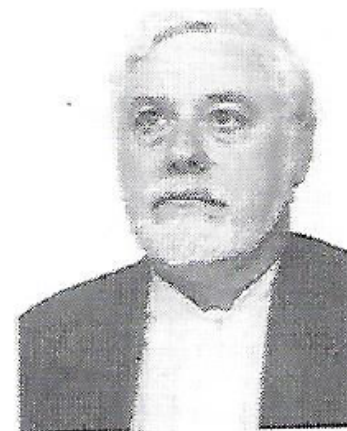
(Avant propos).  
(R.N.U.R.  
9/11, Avenue du 18 Juin 1940  
92500 Rueil Malmaison)



**A. Rault**

- Direction des Recherches et Affaires Scientifiques.
- Représentant PSA à PROMETHEUS.

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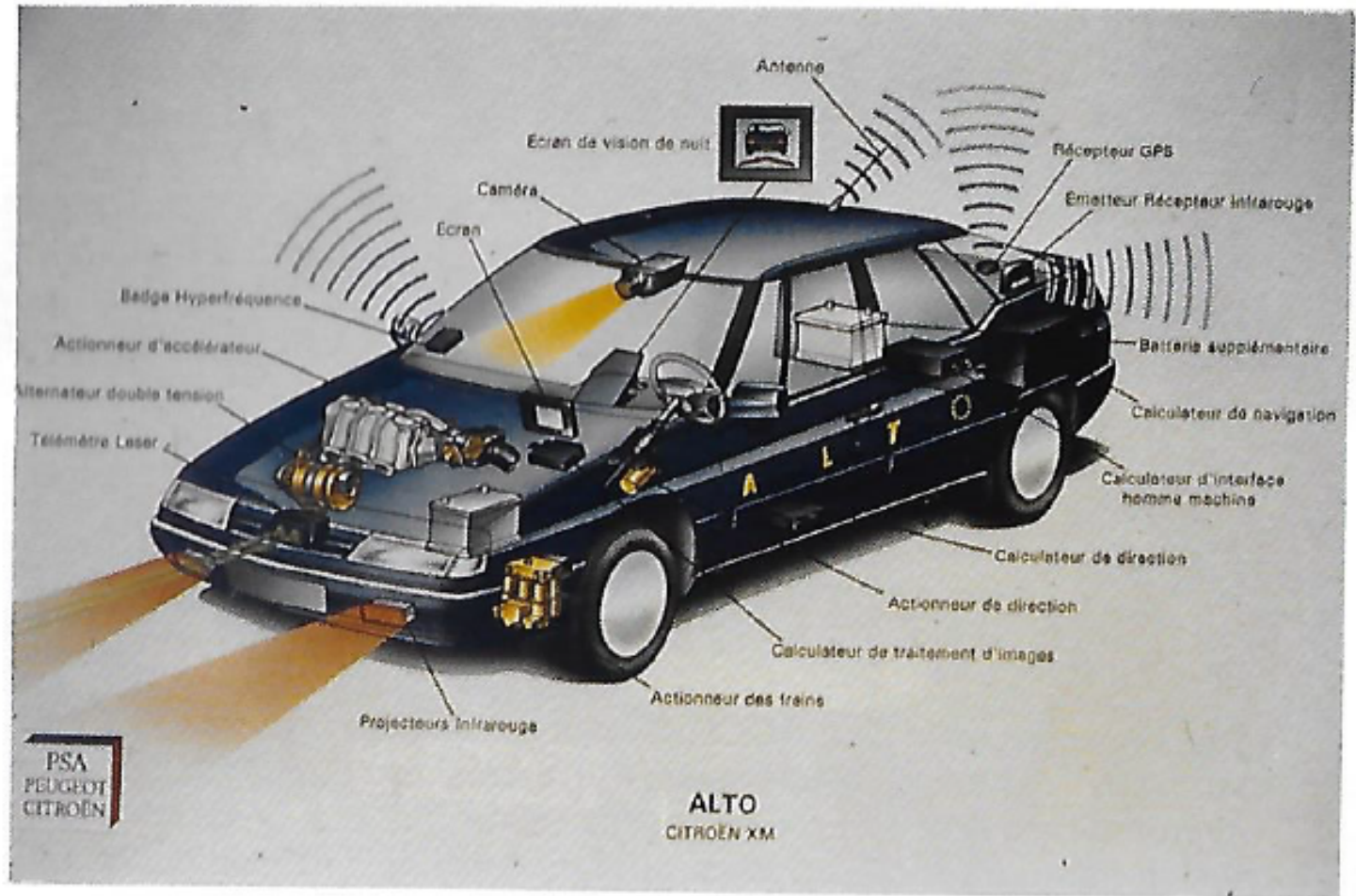
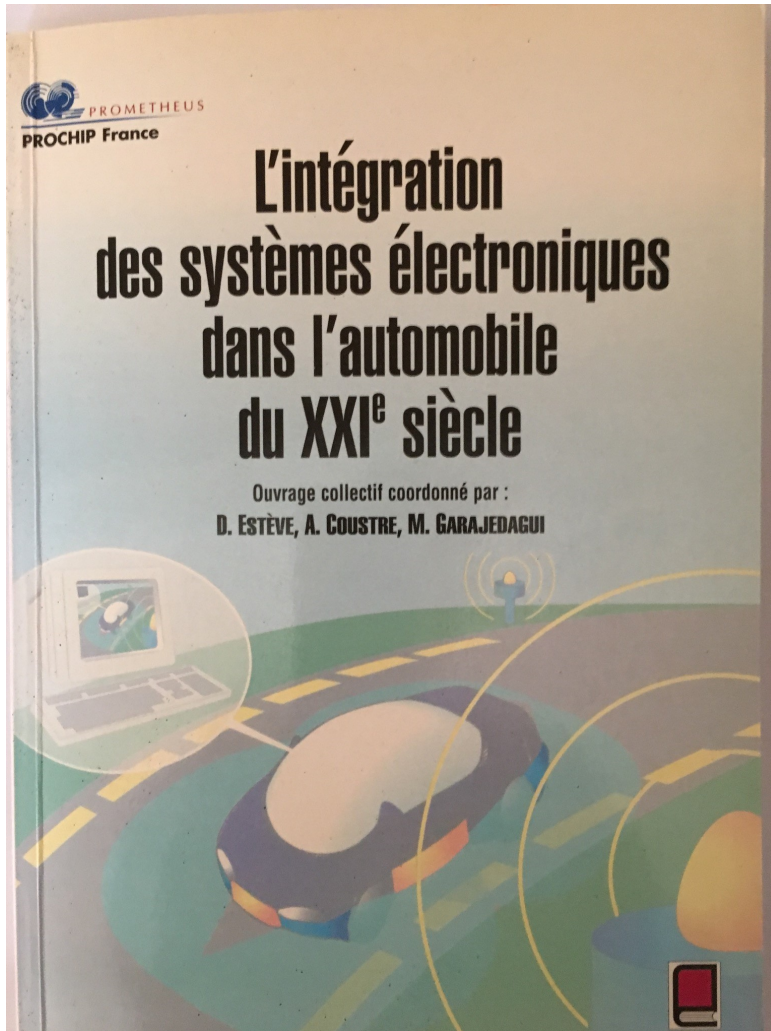
**D. Estève**

- Directeur de Recherche au LAAS/CNRS.
- Responsable Scientifique du Programme PROCHIPFRANCE

Spécialiste des questions d'intégration de systèmes et microsystèmes (Introduction générale Chap. 1. Parag. 1 et 2).  
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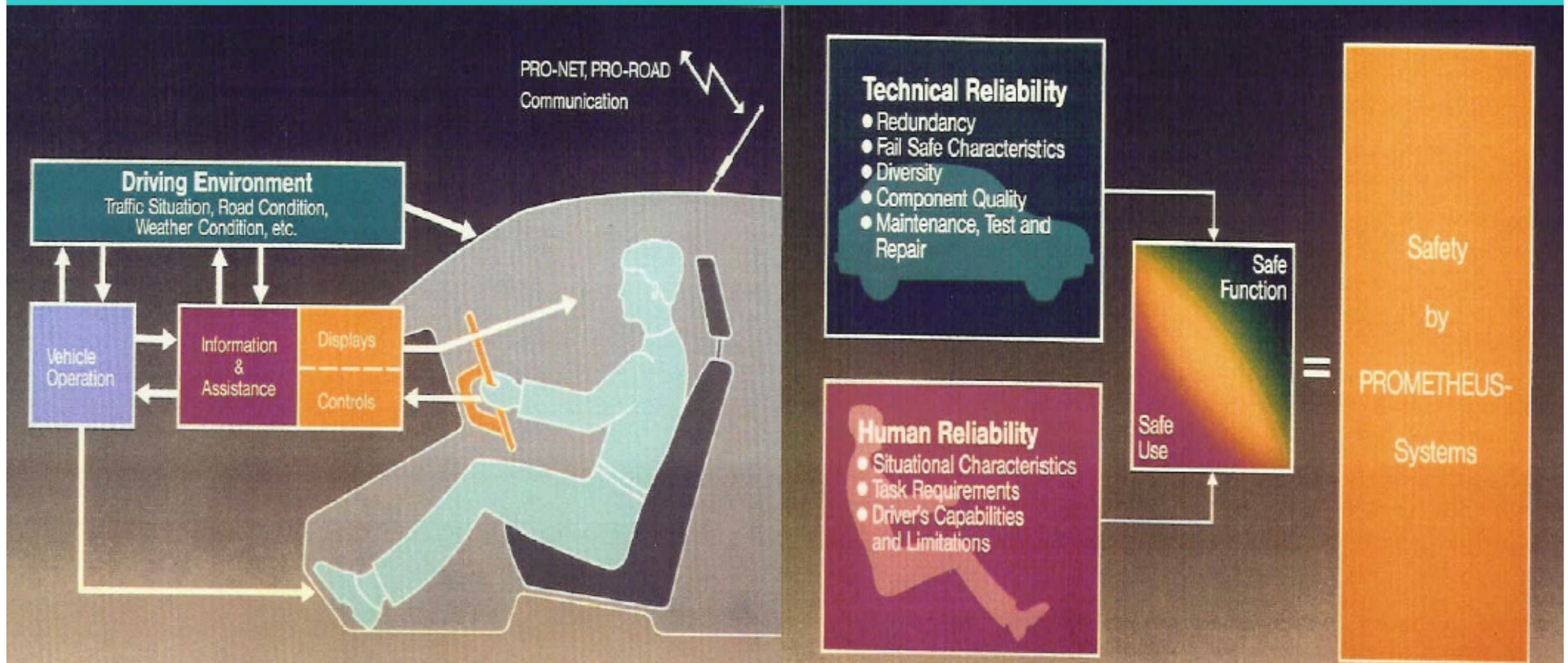
**Pro-Chip: Development of the integrated microelectronics required for a Prometheus vehicle with advanced on-board automotive electronics**

**Pro- Art: Methodological investigations of applications of Artificial Intelligence for signal processing and decision making processes.**



**XM Alto : véhicule de synthèse de PSA Peugeot Citroën**

# Prometheus – MMI and Safety concepts in Pro-Car



## Pro- Car: Development of

- Computer-assisted systems in vehicles to assist and relieve the driver
- MMI- concepts to support safe interactions between driver and computer-assisted systems.
- Reliable, safe and high quality Hard- and Software and concepts for diagnosis, service and maintenance.

## 1990 - 1994 First French common research – Industry Laboratory



LABORATOIRE DE RECHERCHE SUR LES SYSTEMES AUTOMOBILES  
COMMUN A  
SIEMENS, CNRS, INPT, REGION MIDI - PYRENEES.

Automotive systems focused  
**Siemens Automotive**  
4 laboratories CNRS/INPT :  
**LAAS**, LEEI, LEN7, IMFT  
Midi-Pyrénées region funding

**10 industry/research projects**



# Fuzzy and neuro control for semi-active and active suspension

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**Abstract**— After a short introduction about suspension systems, the first part of this paper presents the design of a fuzzy controller for active and semi-active suspension. The second part is dedicated to the optimization of this fuzzy controller, based on conventional methods like gradient descent methods. To complete this study, this fuzzy controller is copied by a neuro-controller, whose adaptiveness and robustness are studied.

This studies are illustrated by simulations and experiments on a test bench.

**Keywords:** Fuzzy control, neuro control, active suspension, optimization techniques

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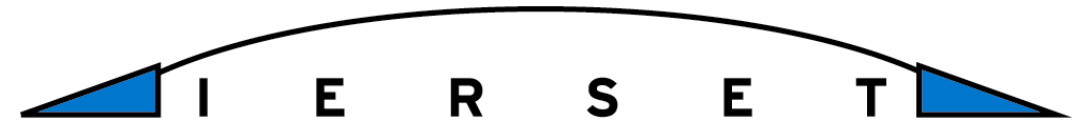
## AUTOMOBILE

### L'automatisme s'adapte au style de conduite

**La nouvelle boîte de vitesses automatique DPO développée en commun par [Renault](#) et [PSA](#) fait appel à la logique floue pour calquer son comportement sur celui d'une transmission mécanique classique.**

réagit comme une boîte mécanique. Cela grâce à son système de gestion électronique par logique floue, développé avec [Siemens](#). Ainsi, la DPO intègre neuf lois de passage auto-adaptatives, alors que la plupart de ses concurrentes n'en possèdent que deux. Le calculateur 8

## 1996 - 2005 Institute for Embedded Systems for transportation



Institut Européen de Recherche  
sur les Systèmes Embarqués  
et leurs Technologies



**Strong focus in Automotive driven by visionary managers and Toulouse city**

**25 funded projects with active participation of Renault and PSA (PREDIT)**





# IERSET in the top of ADAS R&D projects



# DRIVER VIGILANCE MONITORING - NEW DEVELOPMENTS

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Abstract: Driver drowsiness is a major cause of traffic crashes all over the world. The real time detection and assessment of driver impairment through non-intrusive driver drowsiness detection system is a real challenge. Within this paper a quick overview of former development related with driver monitoring system is given. Then latest developments and results concerning sensing capabilities and diagnostic are presented. Finally some promising results are presented. *Copyright © 2002*

*IFAC*

Keywords: ADAS, Driver vigilance, diagnostic, image processing

# PREDIT Research in Terrestrial transportation



New Active safety functions : ADAS



Drowsiness driver Monitoring



French Research ministry award

## Chapter 4

2010 's The IT world is changing the Automobile to more Connected & Automatized

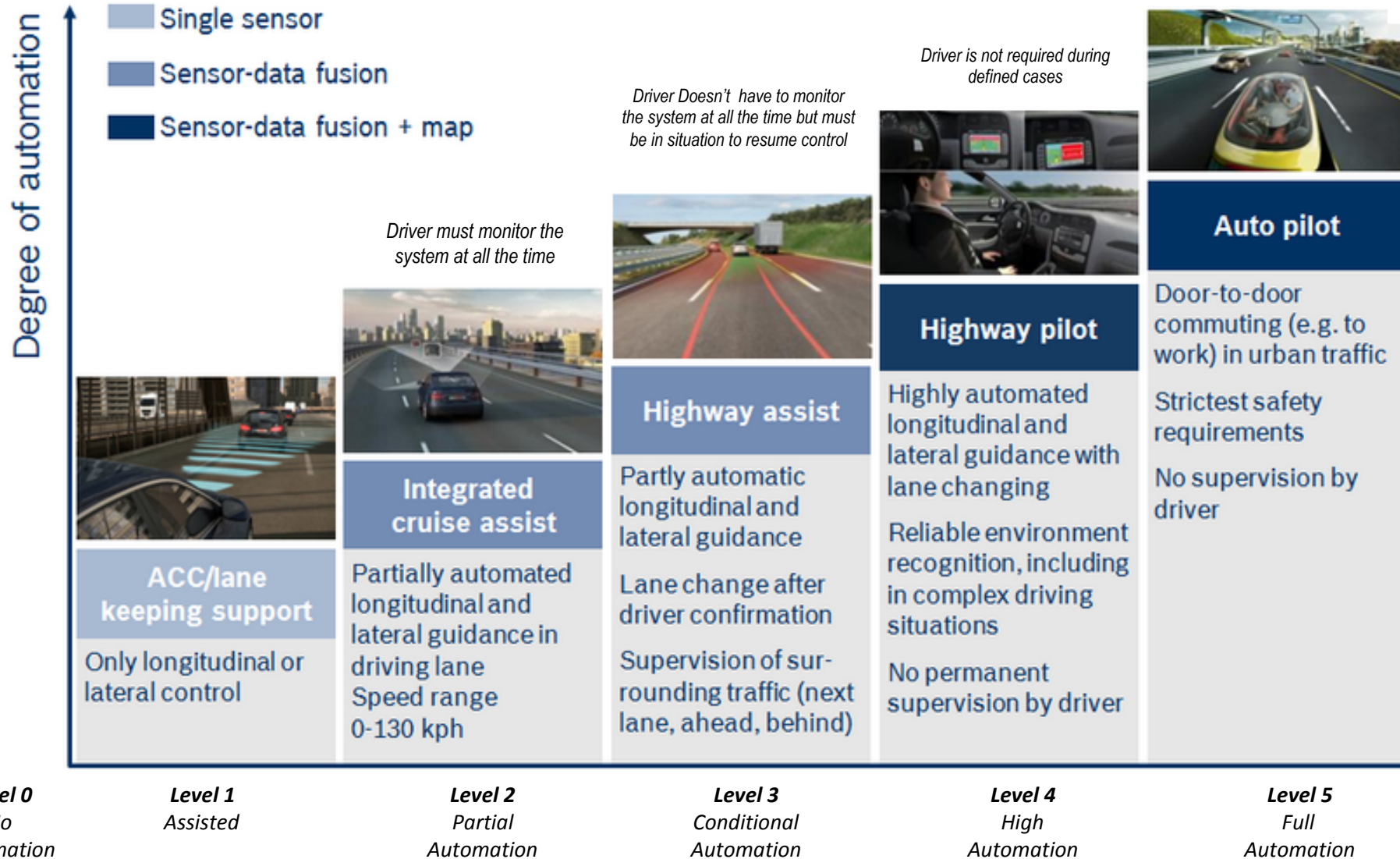


# The Internet Industry is Interested in the Connected Car



**Internet consumer hours double with the car.**

# From manual driving to full automation

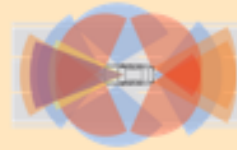


# Highly Automated Driving Functional Architecture

Driver  
Monitoring



Environment &  
Vehicle Sensing



Connectivity &  
Backend



Modeling



Driver  
Model



Vehicle  
Model



Environment  
Model

HAD Functions



Traffic Jam



Parking



City



Highway

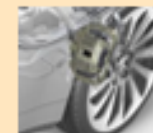
HMI



Action  
(Motion Control)



Steering



Brakes

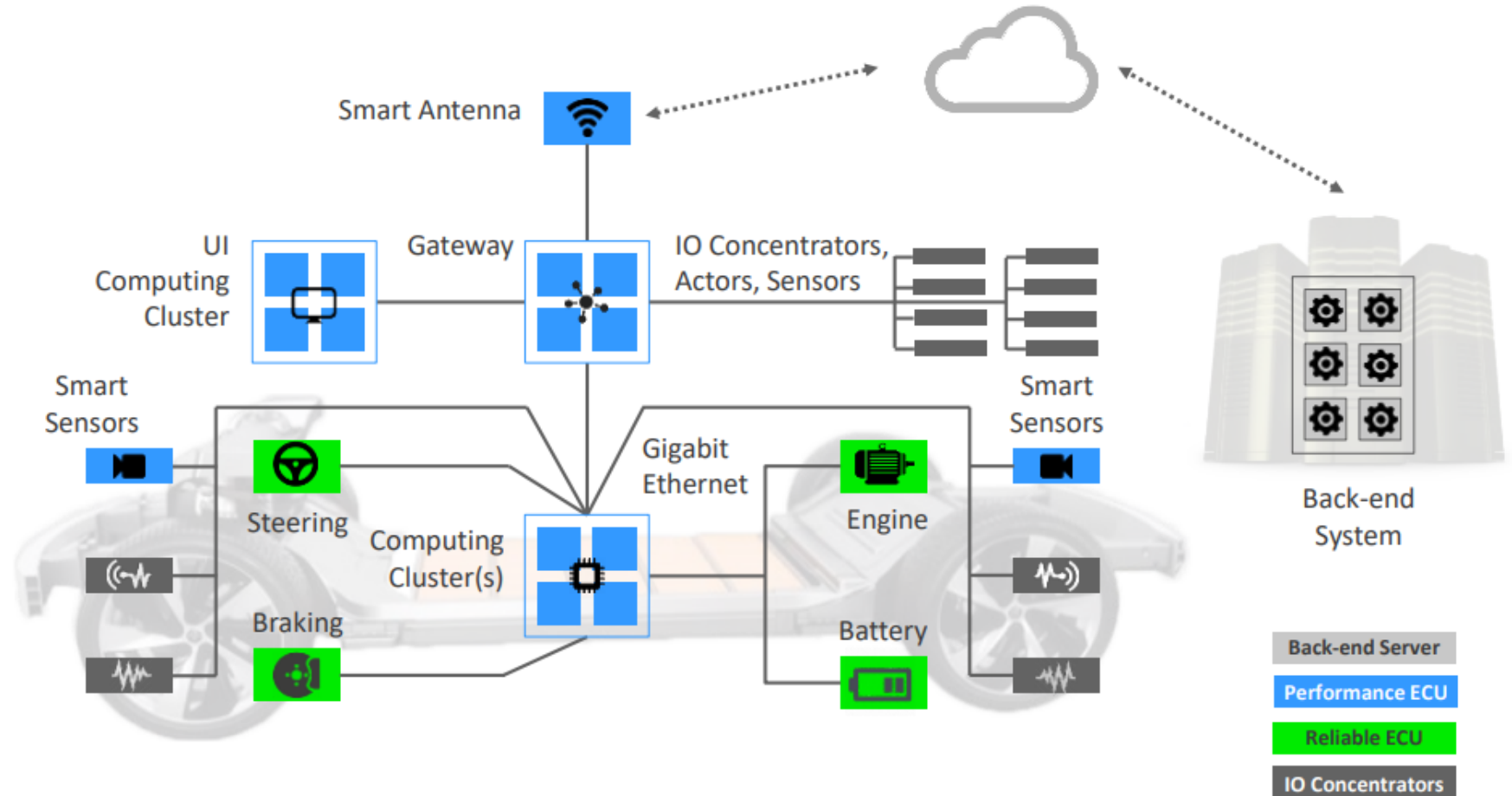


Engine



Gearbox

# Consolidated vehicle infrastructure architecture





# Back to USA Open road in Nevada



To drive or not to drive...that is the question!

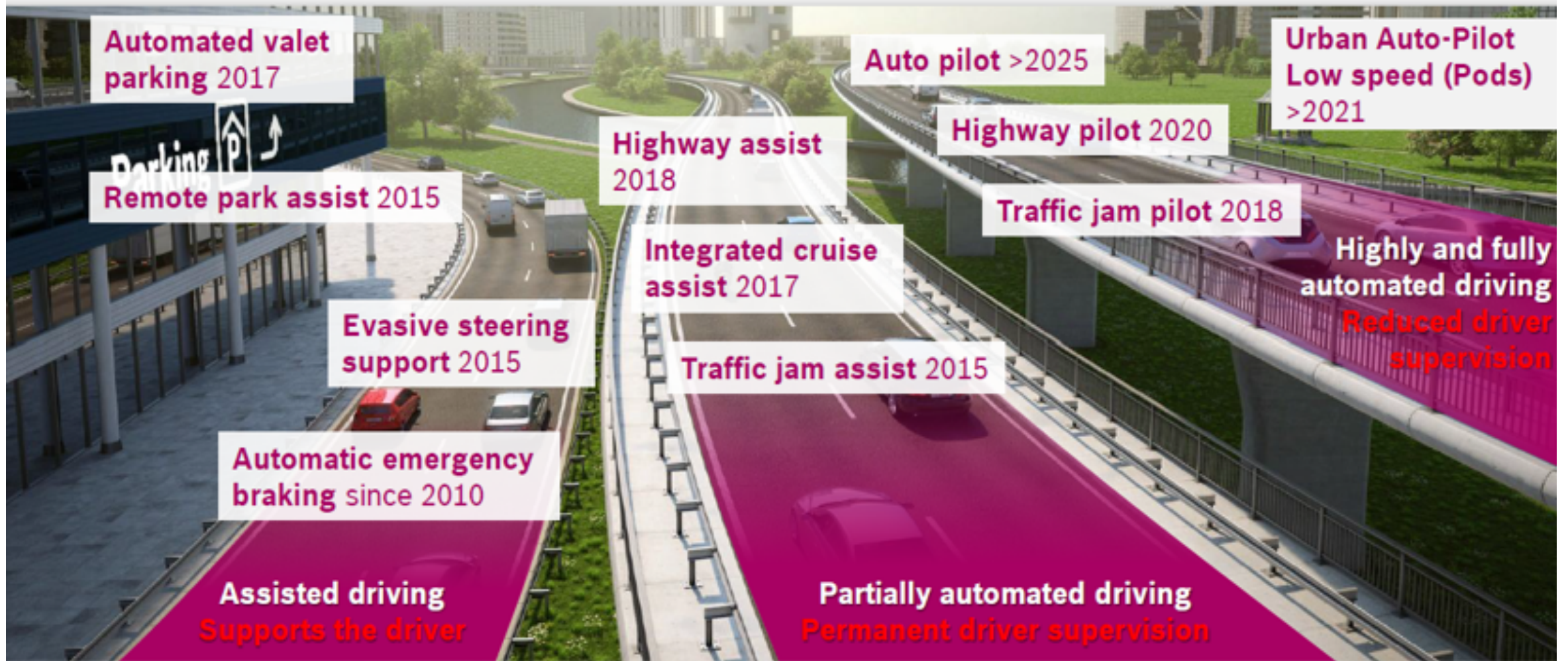


Continental is the first automotive supplier to be licensed to test Autonomous vehicles in the state of Nevada

**Continental** 

# Self-Driving Vehicles, from Science-fiction to Reality

## Automated Driving Roadmap



# Challenges to Highly Automated Driving - Level 3 to 4

- Environment models world wide !
- Vehicle E/E Architecture with robust OTA reprogramming & cybersecurity
- Functional Safety
- AI & Deep learning smart integration
- Driver monitoring : valid for all types of drivers world wide !
- Integration of third party information: connected & cooperative driving
- Legal aspects
- Add on cost in a given platform
- **Safety , Security and Intuitive use for customer acceptance.**

## Chapter 5

**2017** The Toulouse Automotive EcoSystem  
is booming

# GUIDE

## SCIC SA – Innovation in GNSS metrology



### Stakeholders



**Business** Geolocation testing laboratory

**Mission** Assess and validate the performances of geolocation critical functions, especially dedicated to **autonomous vehicles** and trains.

**President** Marc POLLINA : CEO M3 Systems

**Workforce** Full time engineers supported by the founding members and CNES (French Space Agency).

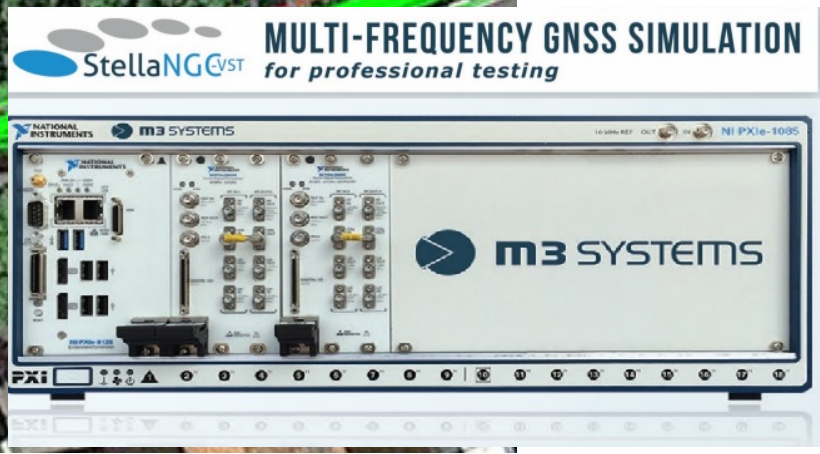
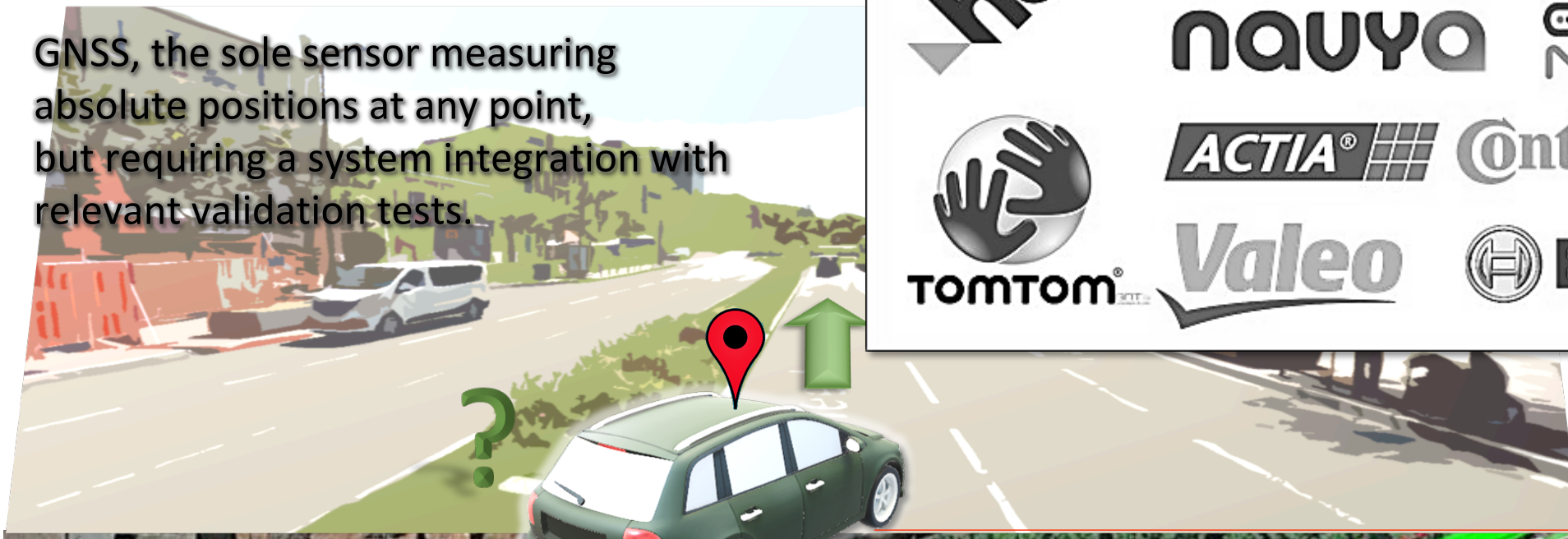
**Key-Projects** ECOTAXE, PPP, JUPITER, GUEST, GPSTART, GEOFER, HISTB2,

**Know how** Simulation tests based on GNSS signals and sensor measurements, previously collected in the field.

# Geolocation performances

*Accuracy – Integrity – Availability*

GNSS, the sole sensor measuring absolute positions at any point, but requiring a system integration with relevant validation tests.



# Visionary manager with strong link with top company challenges can change the world



ALEXANDRE CORJON  
ALLIANCE GLOBAL VICE PRESIDENT  
RENAULT-NISSAN, FRANCE

Renault reinforces its development in connected vehicles, with the acquisition of Intel's French embedded software R&D activity : Renault Software Labs

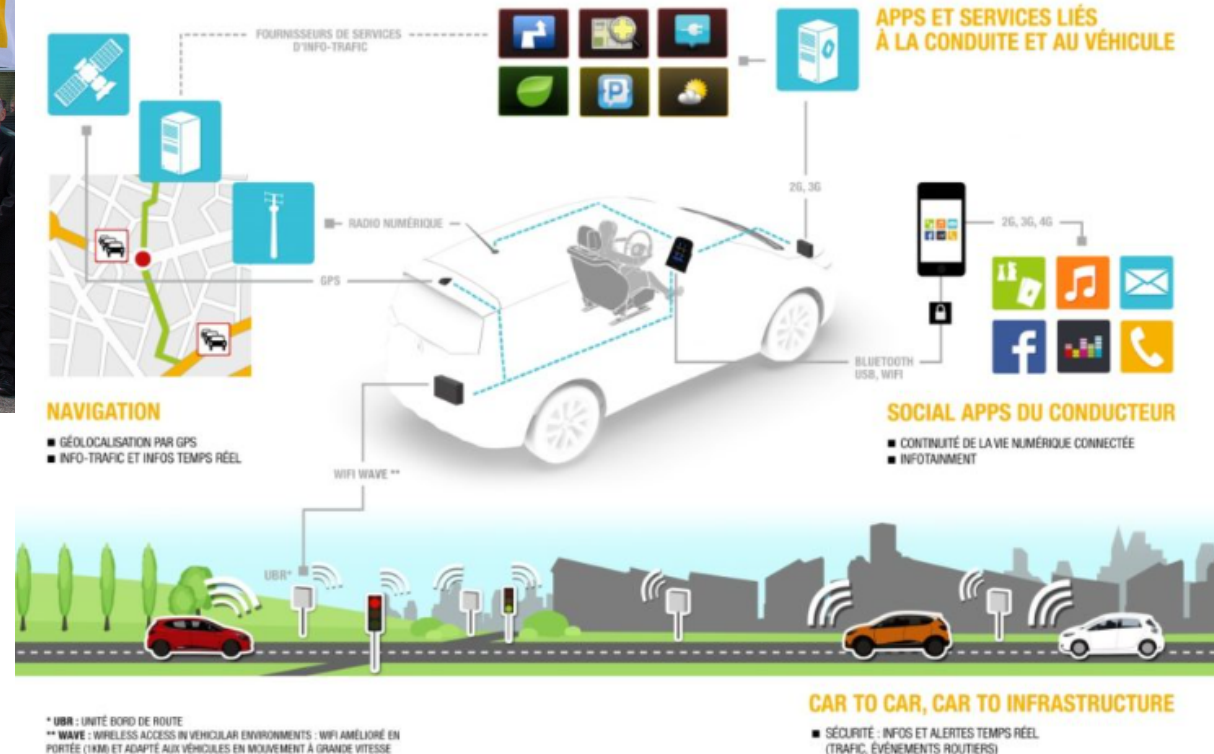
*“This acquisition is right in line with Groupe Renault’s strategy of offering new connected services and improving the experience of its customers. The Intel employees joining Renault hold highly relevant skills in what is a strong competitive technical field, where the Alliance is one of the world leaders. Groupe Renault thereby continues to support French innovation and economic development in France,”* said Carlos Ghosn, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Renault.



# 260 pasionated SW designers ready to build in house innovations for Connected cars in Toulouse



## LE VÉHICULE CONNECTÉ





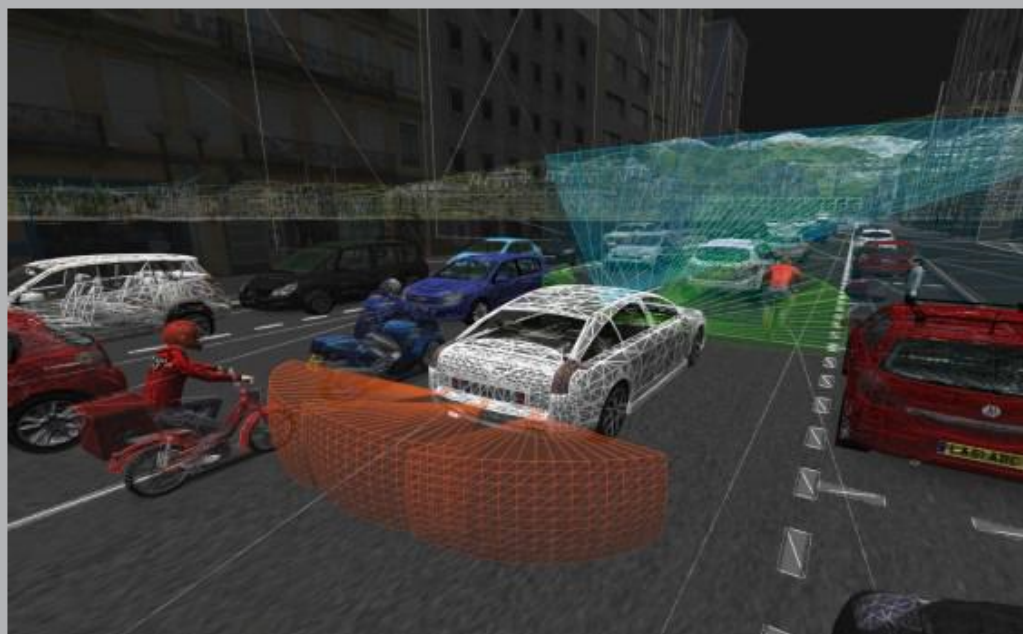


**RENAULT**

# Joint venture AVS SAS on driving simulators



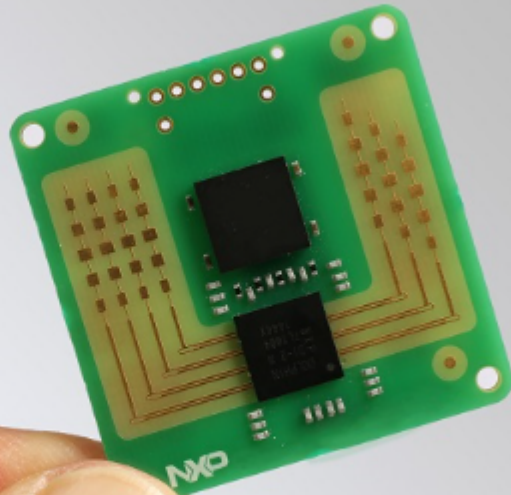
Visit OKTAL at Booth 7000 at Autonomous Vehicle Technology World Expo Stuttgart 2017, 21th – 22th June at Stuttgart



Les simulateurs jouent un rôle déterminant dans le développement de nouveaux véhicules.



## TEF810X Fully-Integrated 77 GHz Radar Transceiver TEF8102



Toulouse AUTOMOTIVE IC design and application center support ADAS & automatized Driving

- Microwave radar Chip set  
11 years experience  
3rd Monolithic generation ready for market
- ADAS Application center
- V TO X Connectivity
- Ethernet in Automotive
- Vehicle control computing platform:
- MEMS Smart sensor

# Continental engineering services provide an open door to the group

## Highlight Topics



### **AUTOMATED DRIVING**

Our strong system competence allows us to develop comprehensive technical concepts, which have our single systems ideally interact and accompany you on the way to automated driving...

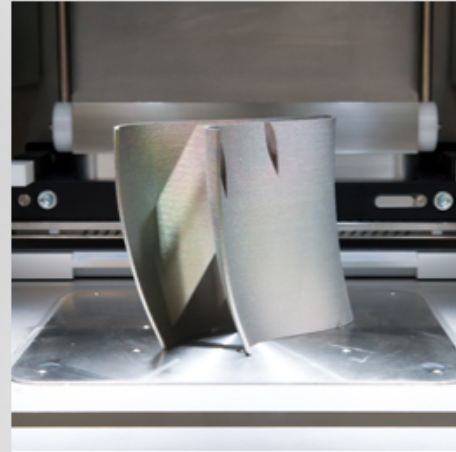
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### **ELECTRIC DRIVING**

We realize effective solutions and high-performance powertrain systems...

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### **TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER**

With our automotive experience we offer you technological solutions in any of your industries...

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### **BIG DATA**

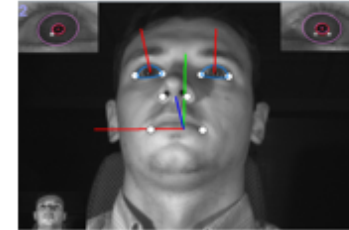
Due to increasingly networked vehicles, more and more data is generated. When appropriately used, a variety of new functions and applications follow.

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# Dr Boverie : ADAS engineering competence center in Toulouse

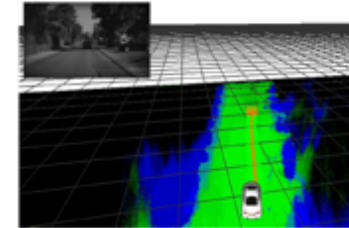
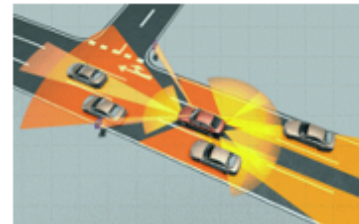
## Driver Monitoring

- Image Processing
- Driver Modelling
- Human Machine Cooperation



## Environment Modelling

- Radar, Lidar, Camera
- eHorizon
- Sensor fusion



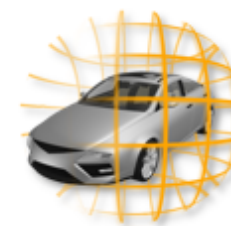
## Vehicle Control

- Vehicle Modelling
- ADAS Functions
- Brake & Steering Control

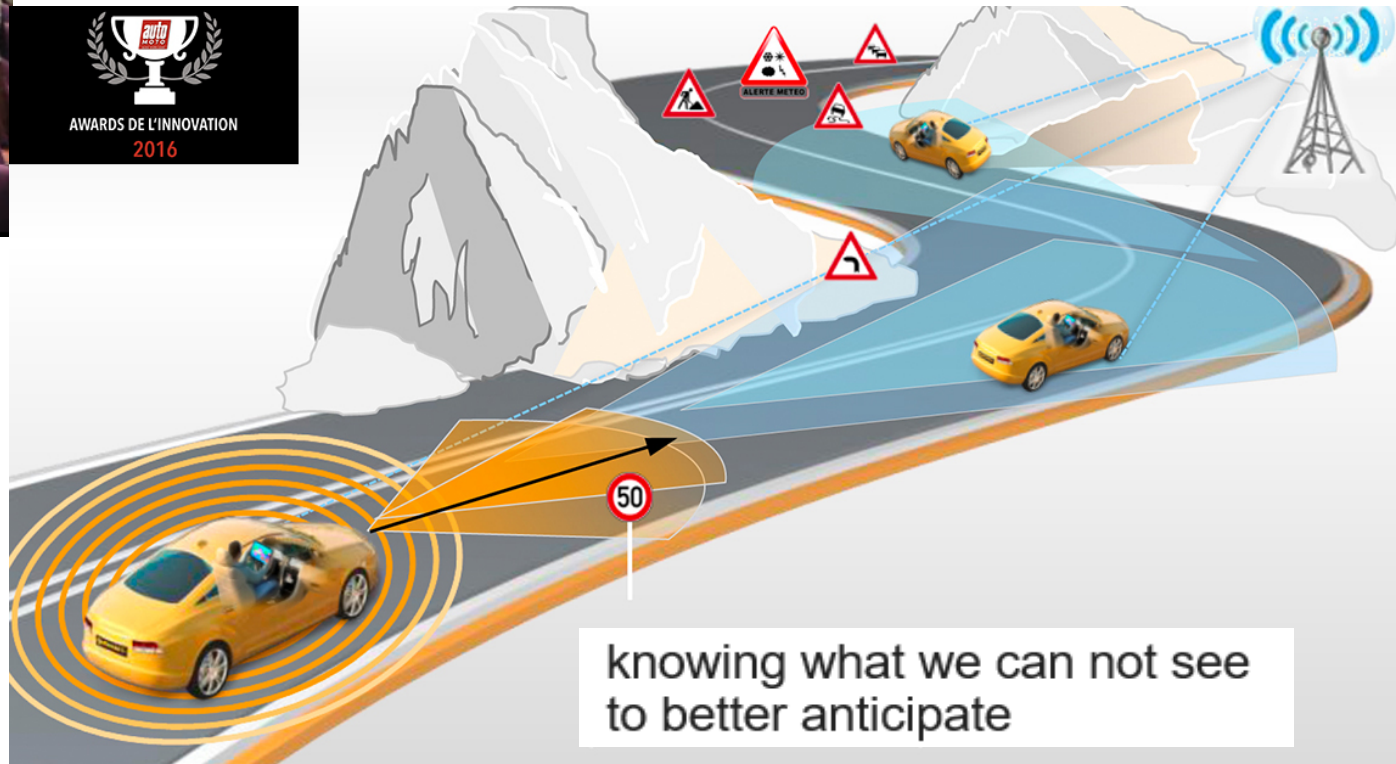


## System Engineering

- System Architecture
- Safety Concept
- Tests & Validation



# 150 Passionated designers connecting cars with the Cloud @ Continental Digital Services Toulouse





## Robotique autonome

### Le guidage des navettes autonomes



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EASYMILE : Autonomous Shuttle as Toulouse lighthouse



# R&D workforce with LAAS inside

Pierre Guglielminotti	Internship	2017
Olivier Lefebvre	PhD	2003-2006
Quentin Gaudel	PhD	2013-2016
Laurent Denarie	PhD	2013-2017
Arnaud Degroote	PhD	2007-2013
Pierrick Koch	PhD	2012-2016
Cyril Roussillon	PhD	2008-2013
Bruno Celariès	Internship	2013
Alexandre Hamez	Post-doc	2010-2011
Olivier Roussel	PhD	2012-2015
Alexandre Ravet	PhD	2012-2015
Gabriel Bustamante	PhD	2013-2017
Julien Cornier	Internship	2011/2012



Happy birthday to all LAAS colleagues





bring more opportunities and synergies

**IVECO**



**AUTONOMOUS TECHNOLOGY BROUGHT TO BUS BY EASYMILE**

**16**  
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**TLD AND EASYMILE ANNOUNCED A PARTNERSHIP TO DEVELOP TRACTEASY, THE FIRST AUTONOMOUS BAGGAGE TRACTOR**





Off-road leader and founder of



RobAgri

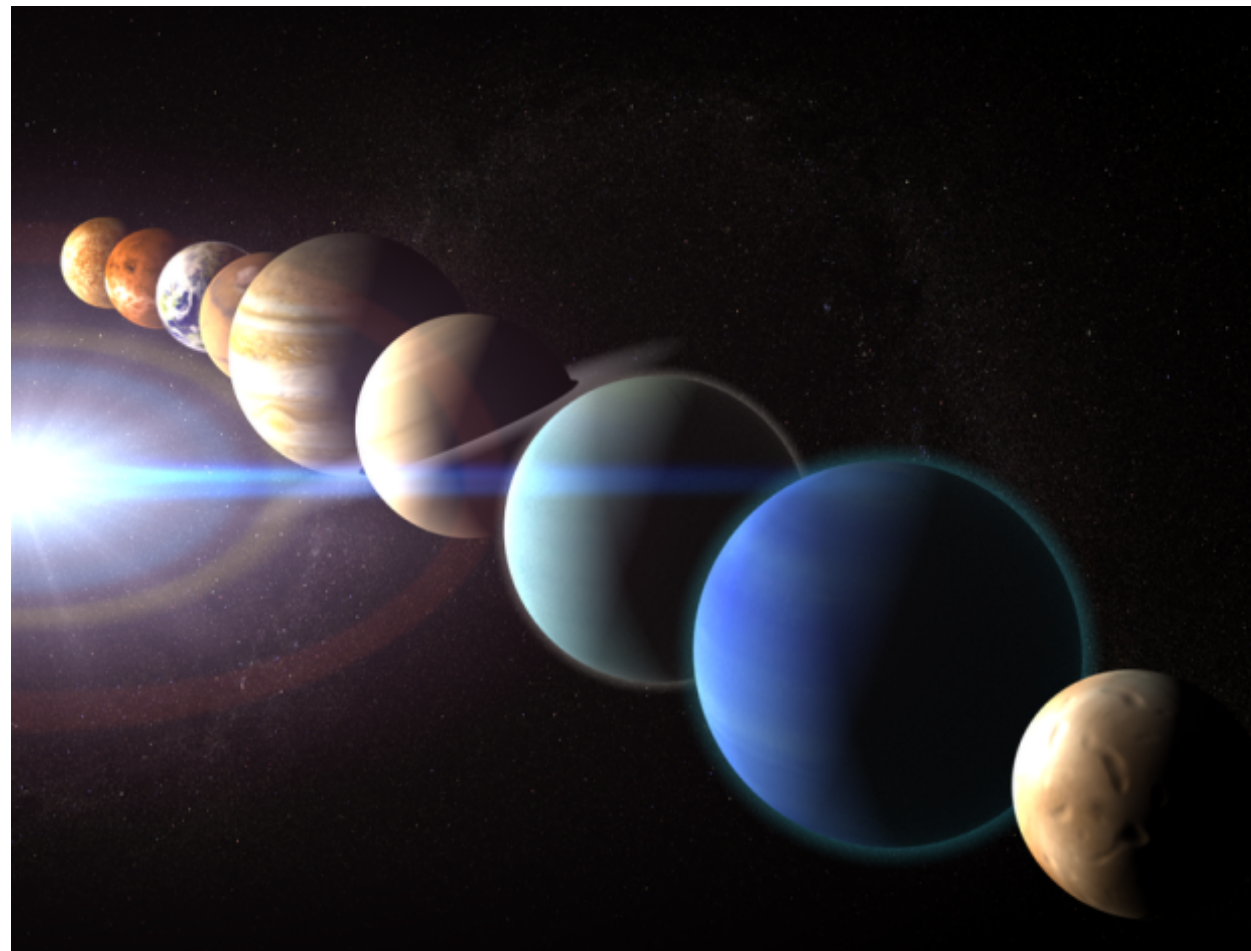


The voice of **Ethics** is well received ww from Toulouse TSE



- Jean-François Bonnefon (Ph.D., cognitive psychology) is a Research Director at the French [Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique](#). He works at the [Toulouse School of Economics](#), His work deals with decision-making, reasoning, and moral preferences.
- **He is currently interested in the kind of ethics people want for [self-driving cars](#) and other machines.**

The planets are aligned



# Régional Automotive cluster : intelligent transportation systems architect



# Francazal : Robotic Village and R&D integration & test center for Autonomous Transport of the future





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**A New Living lab for Autonomous and Connected vehicles with 36 000 potential users in Toulouse university campus.**

Bouderyless innovation center for academia, industry, high schools and citizens end users.

Interdisciplinary Know how capitalization

Multimodal transport interfaces

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# Toulouse is ready for more Automotive Attractiveness



•**the power of irresistible attraction**  
allure, animal magnetism, appeal,  
captivation, charisma, charm, enchantment,  
fascination, force field, glamour , magic,  
magnetism, oomph, pizzazz ,  
seductiveness, witchery

Thank you for your attention & to Marise for inviting  
to « COME TOGETHER »



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vous souhaitez une bonne année 2018  
*wishes you a happy new year*

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2018 50 ans de défis scientifiques et humains

The graphic features a dark blue header with three hexagonal icons: a hand, a car, and a hand holding a tool. Below the header is a large, stylized '50 ANS' logo with 'LAAS CNRS' written in a circular path around it. At the bottom, the text '1968 2018 50 ans de défis scientifiques et humains' is displayed.



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