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# High Speed Rail and Low Cost Air Intermodality

**EUI workshop**

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# **The UIC**

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# What's the UIC?

The UIC is a professional organisation serving the needs of rail transport through international cooperation at the global level



Since 1922

240 members on all continents

Members are:

Railways

Rail operators

Infrastructure managers

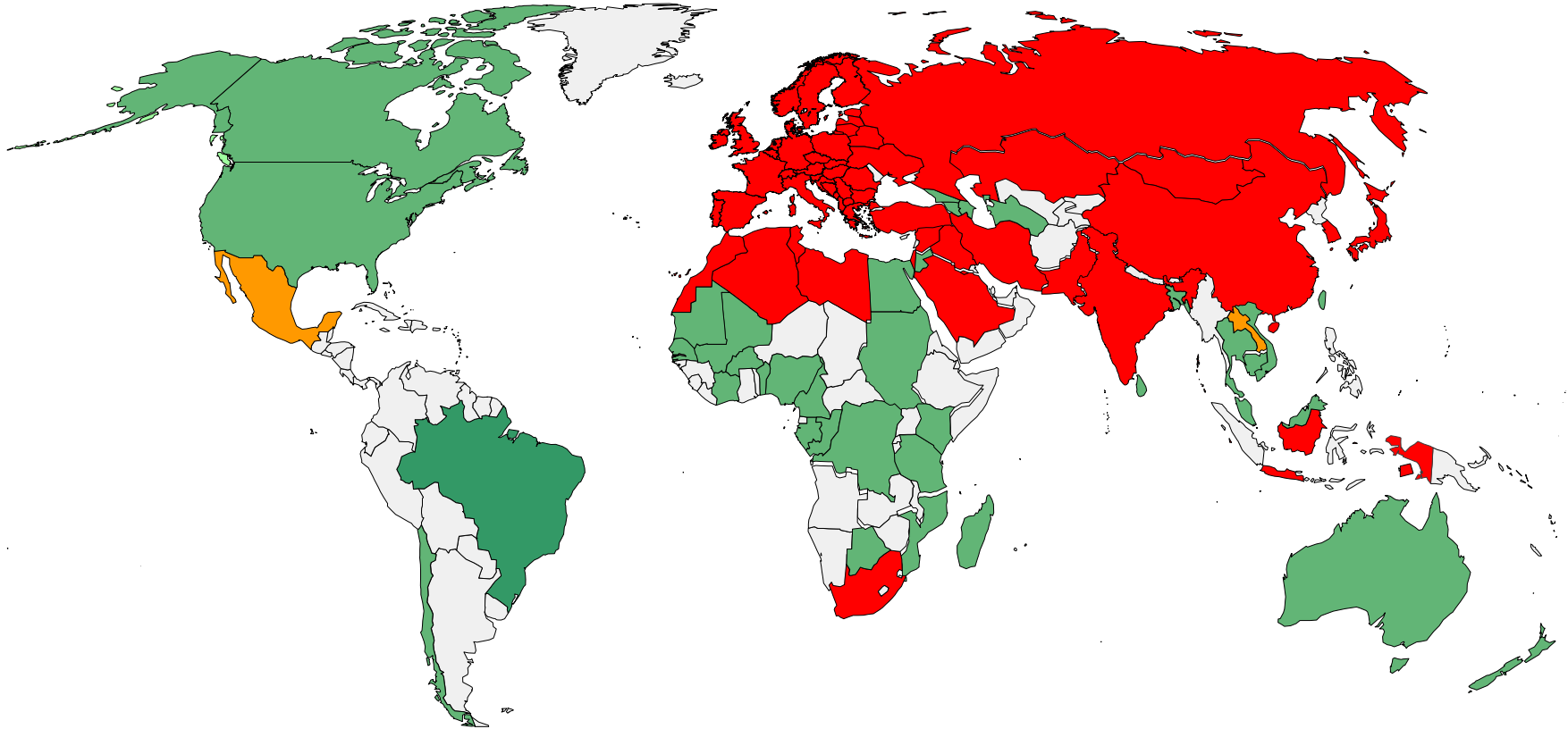
Railway service providers

Public transport companies

# UIC Mission

**Promoting the development of rail transport  
at world level,  
in order to meet challenges  
of mobility and sustainable development**

# UIC in 2014



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# UIC – Intercity & High Speed

Working group in activity since 1995

Studies on strategic issues

[www.uic.org/highspeed](http://www.uic.org/highspeed)

## Activities:

- Benchmarking & data bases
- System analyses & researches
- Technical workshops
- Training programs
- World Congress on High Speed

## High Speed:

- Systems in operation
- Future developments





# UIC – Intercity & High Speed

## High speed reports. Recent examples:

- High speed and the City (I & II)
- High speed handbook
- High speed contribution to sustainable mobility
- Optimal speed on high speed systems
- Infrastructure cost for Intercity & HS services
- Etc.



Full Library of studies & reports available online: [www.uic.org/highspeed](http://www.uic.org/highspeed)

## Tourist OPportunities on Rail Transport (TOPRAIL)

New activity to explore and promote the potential of traffic on rail for leisure: High Speed, seasonal, charter, safety on vintage trains, cruise trains,... New chairmanship (Catalonian Railways)

# Training on High Speed Systems

## THSS Basic

**10<sup>th</sup> edition - June 2014, Paris**

One week (5 days) Training Seminar, in which all the elements involved in a high speed system are analysed.



## THSS Advanced

**2<sup>nd</sup> edition - March 2014, Spain**

One week (5 days) Training Seminar, focused on strategic aspects in a high speed system: traffic forecasting, station policy, environment, financing, etc.

Practical cases discussion.

Technical visits

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# World Congress on HS Rail WCHS



**TOKYO 2015**  
**HIGHSPEED**  
*9th World Congress on High Speed Rail*



July 2015 in Tokyo, Japan  
Organized by the UIC & East Japan Rail



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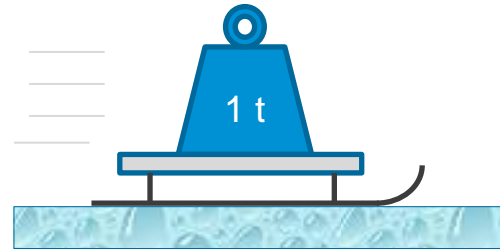
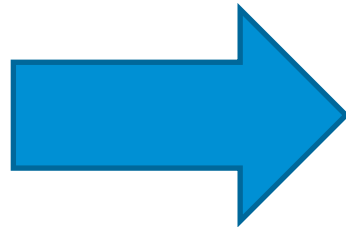
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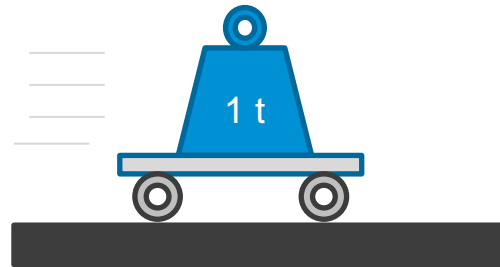
# Basic principles of Railways

- Self-guided  
("Surprising")
- Low deformation and  
low friction between wheel and rail  
("300 - 15 - 3")

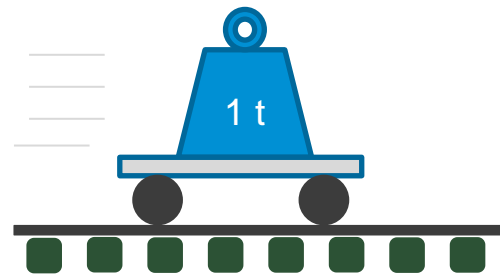
300 kg



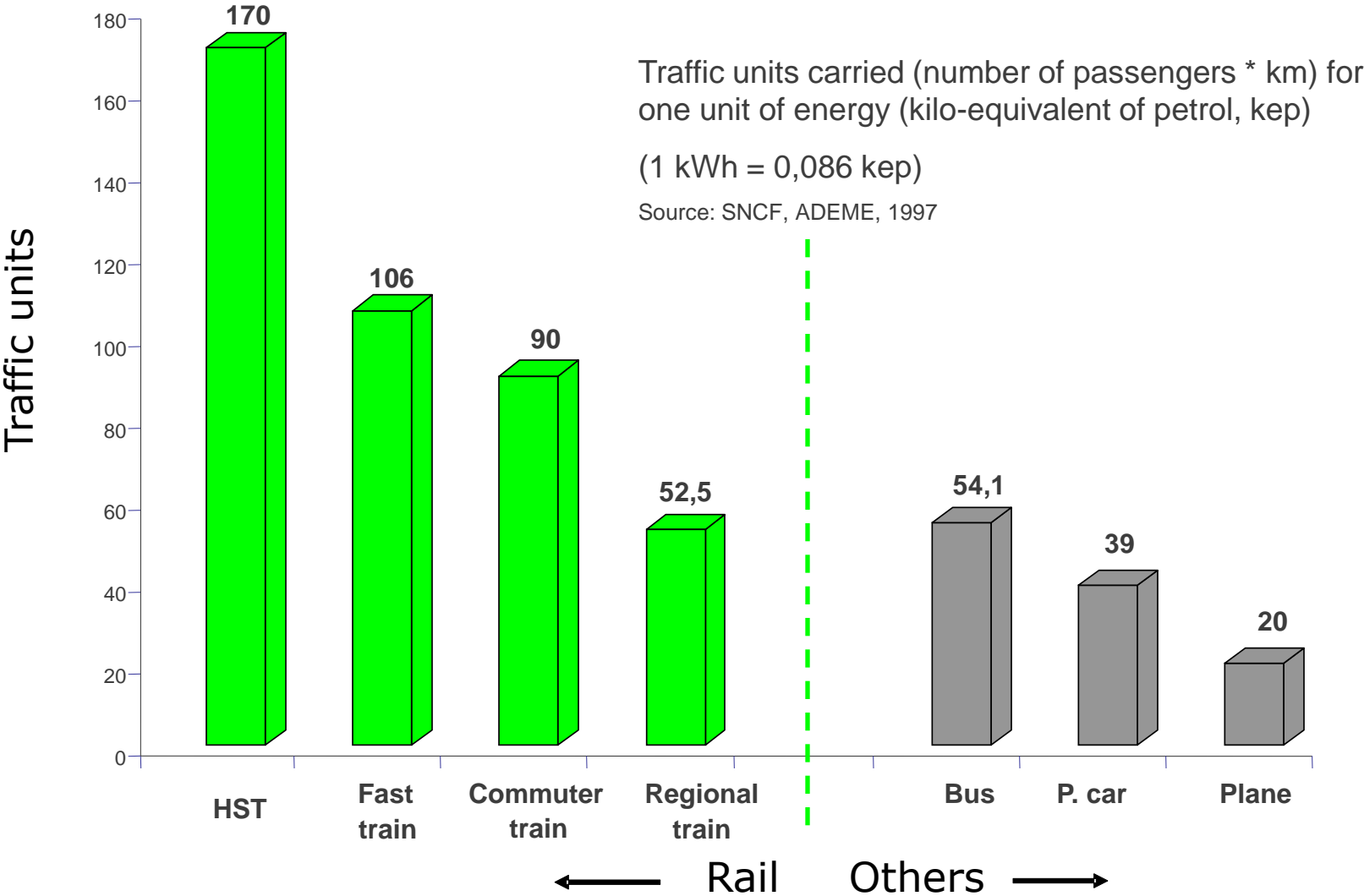
15 kg



3 kg



# Energy efficiency comparison





# Advantages and disadvantages

## > Advantages:

High Capacity of transport

Power (few energy, origin)

Respect for the environment

Easy automation. Safety

## > Disadvantages:

Limits in layout: gradients

Traction and breaking: capacity and distances

One degree of liberty: few alternatives

# Advantages and disadvantages

Capacity

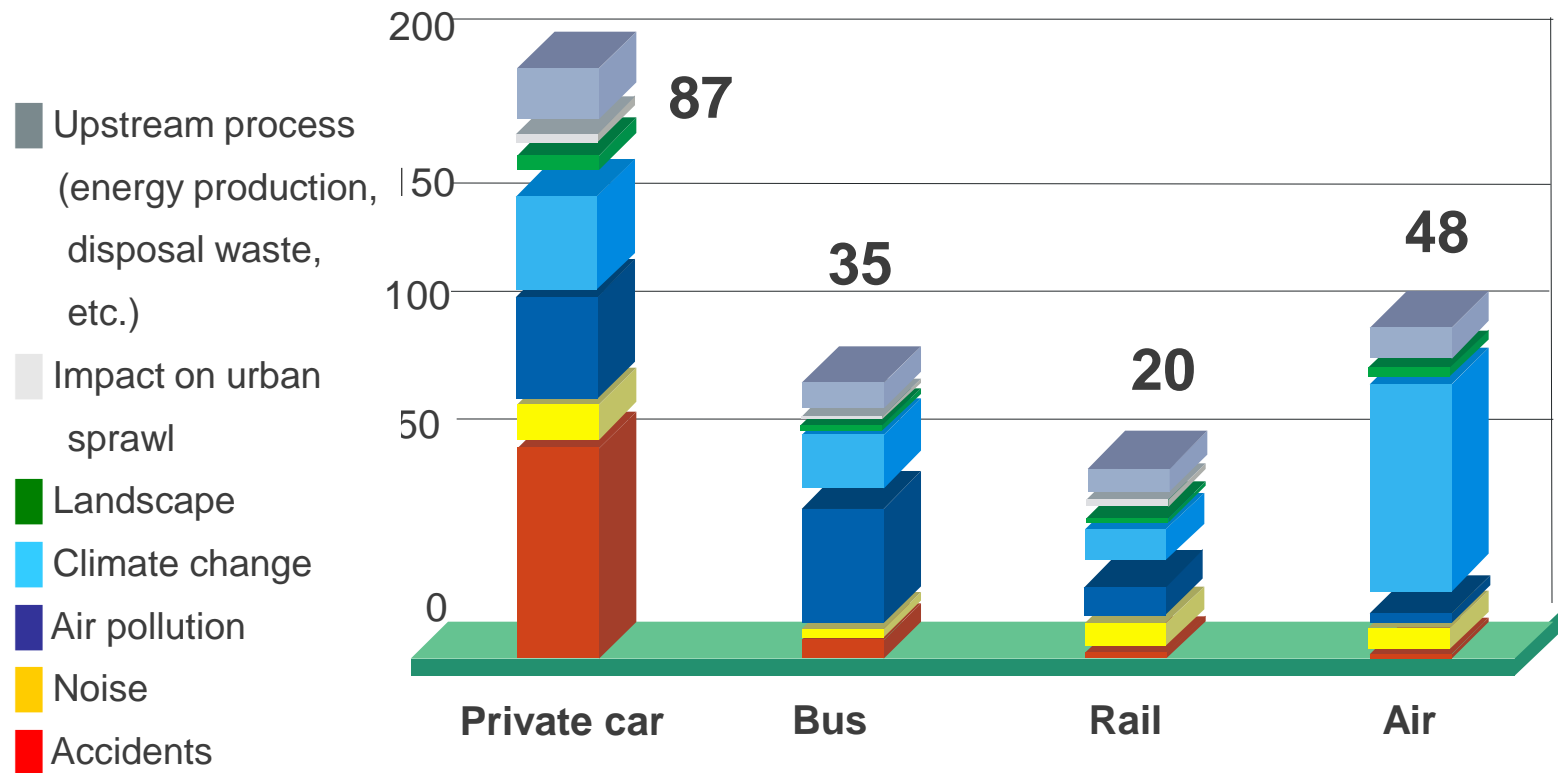
Respect for the environment

Safety

Railways = CAPACITY + sustainability

# External costs (average)

External costs = Part of the ticket paid by society



Magnitude of external costs in a medium-distance corridor, non-rush hour and without considering congestion (€ per 1000 passenger km)

# Understanding high speed rail 1

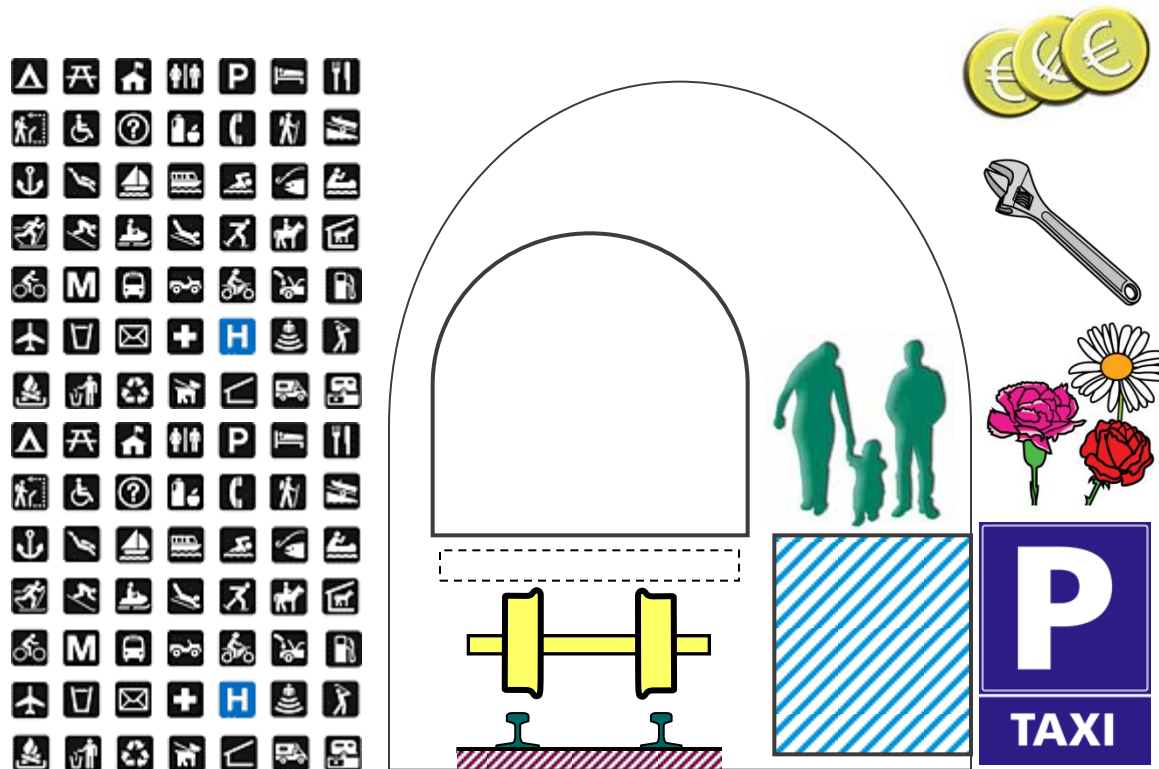
## High speed is a system

A very complex system, comprised by the state of the art of:

- Infrastructure
- Rolling stock
- Signalling systems
- Maintenance systems
- Management
- ...
- Station emplacement
- Operations rules
- Marketing
- Financing
- Legal issues

Considering all of them is fundamental

# High Speed is a system



# Understanding high speed rail 2

## High speed is not unique

- Many different commercial concepts of high speed (including services to customers, marketing, etc.)
- Many different types of operations (maximum speed, stops, etc.)
- Different ways to operate classic trains (in particular, the impact on freight traffic)
- Capacity and cost vary in each case

# High speed world network

World network ( $V \geq 250$  km):

21 472 km of lines in operation

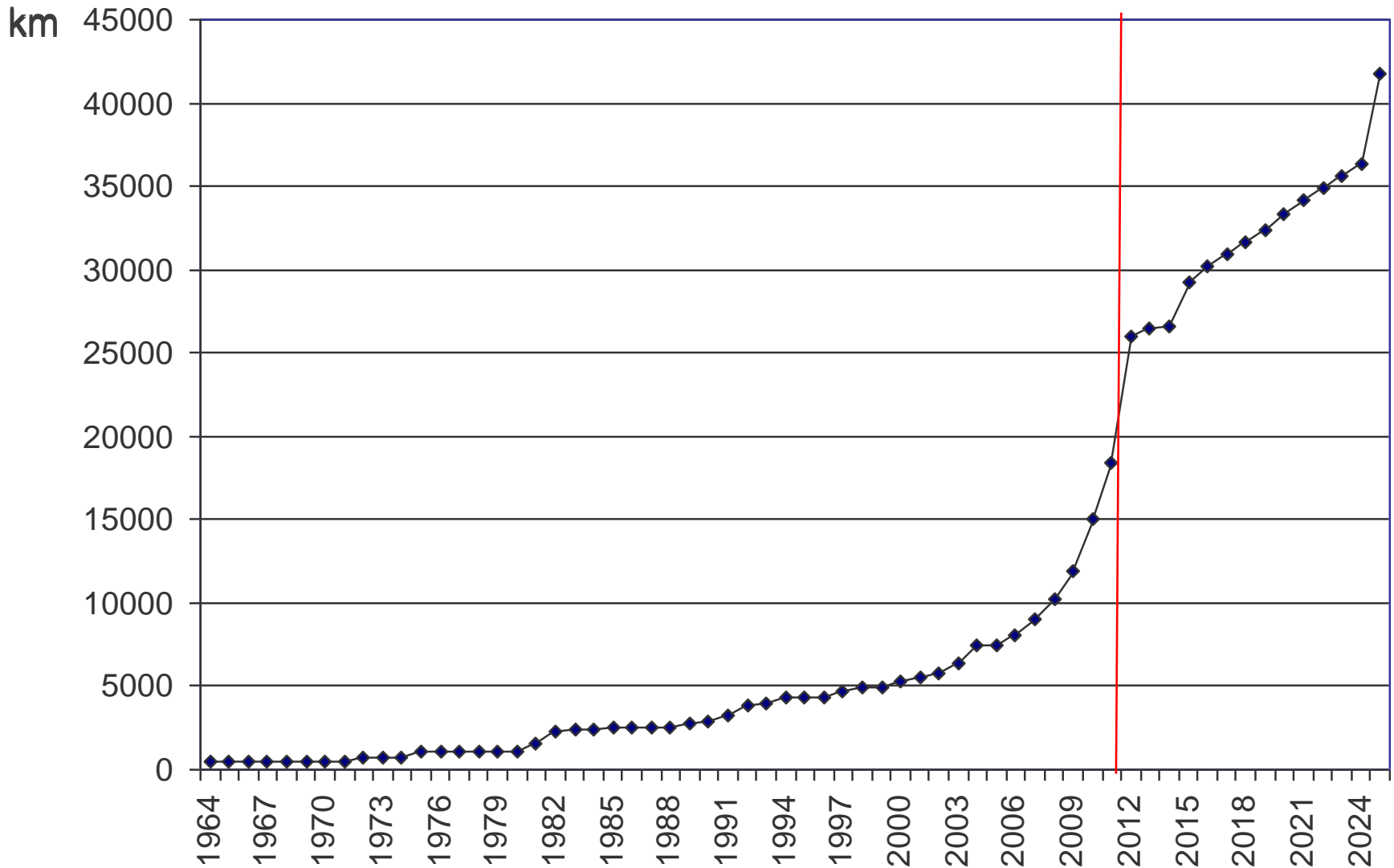
13 964 km of lines under construction

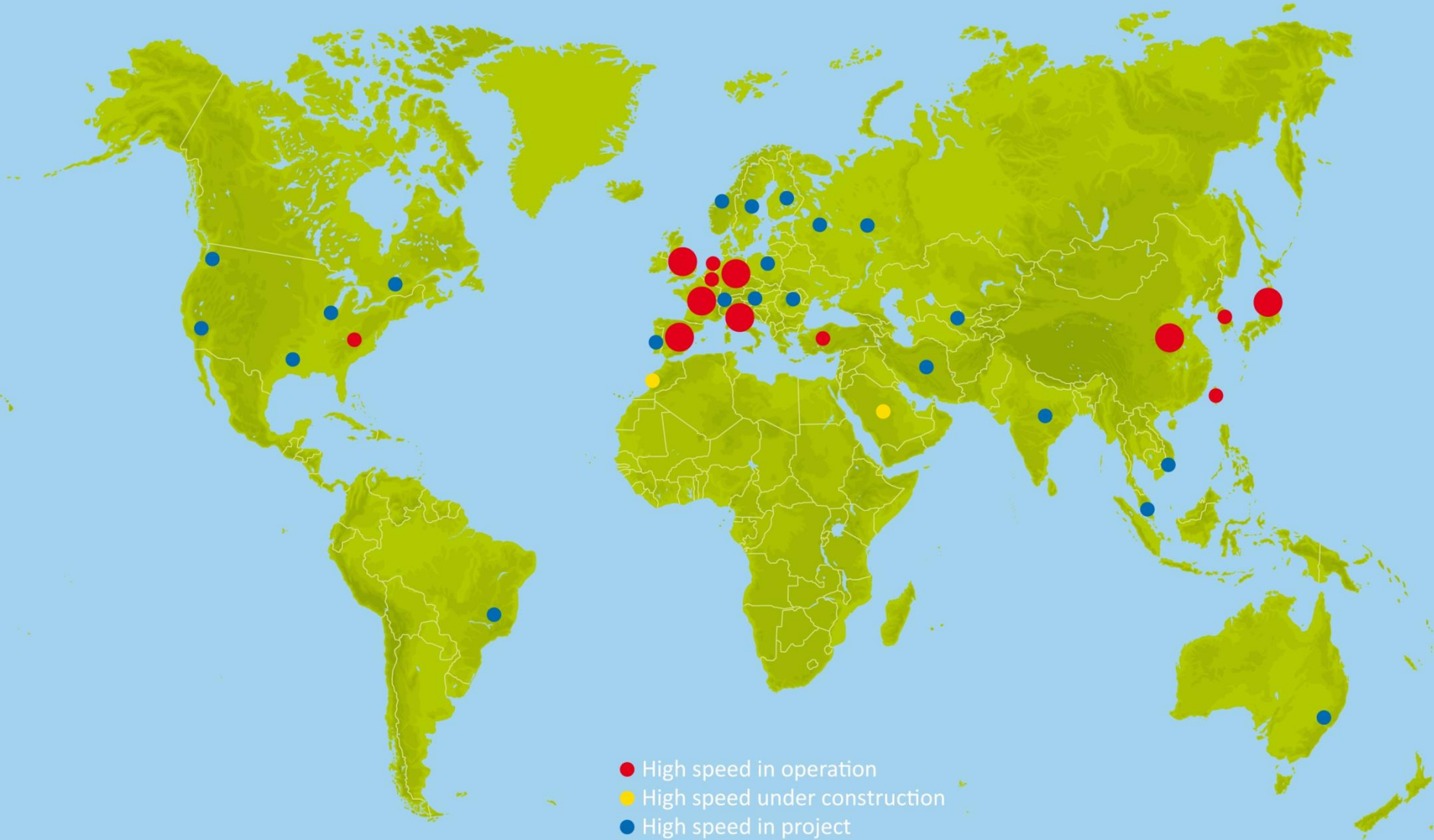
16 347 km of lines planned

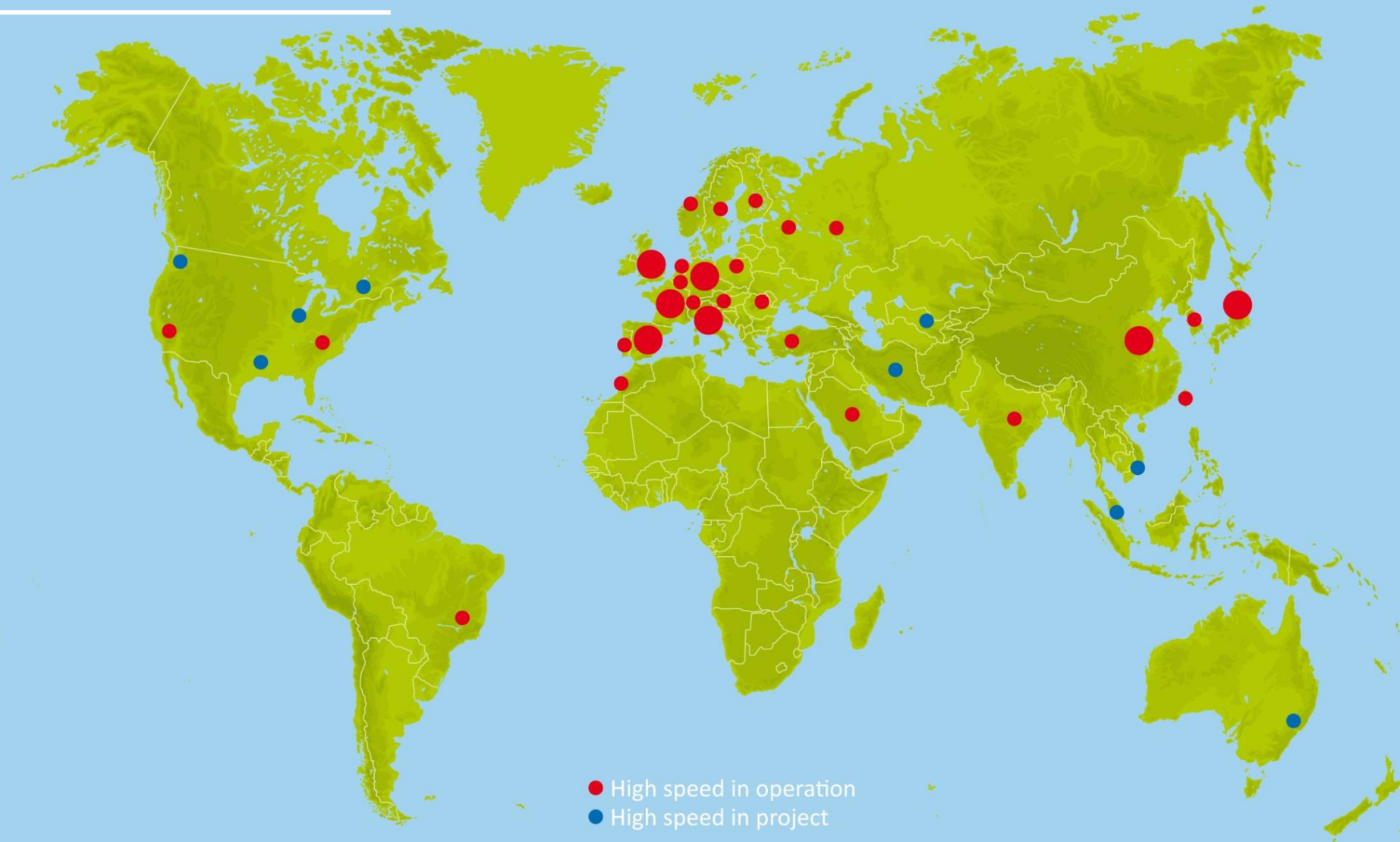
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# Evolution of the world HS network







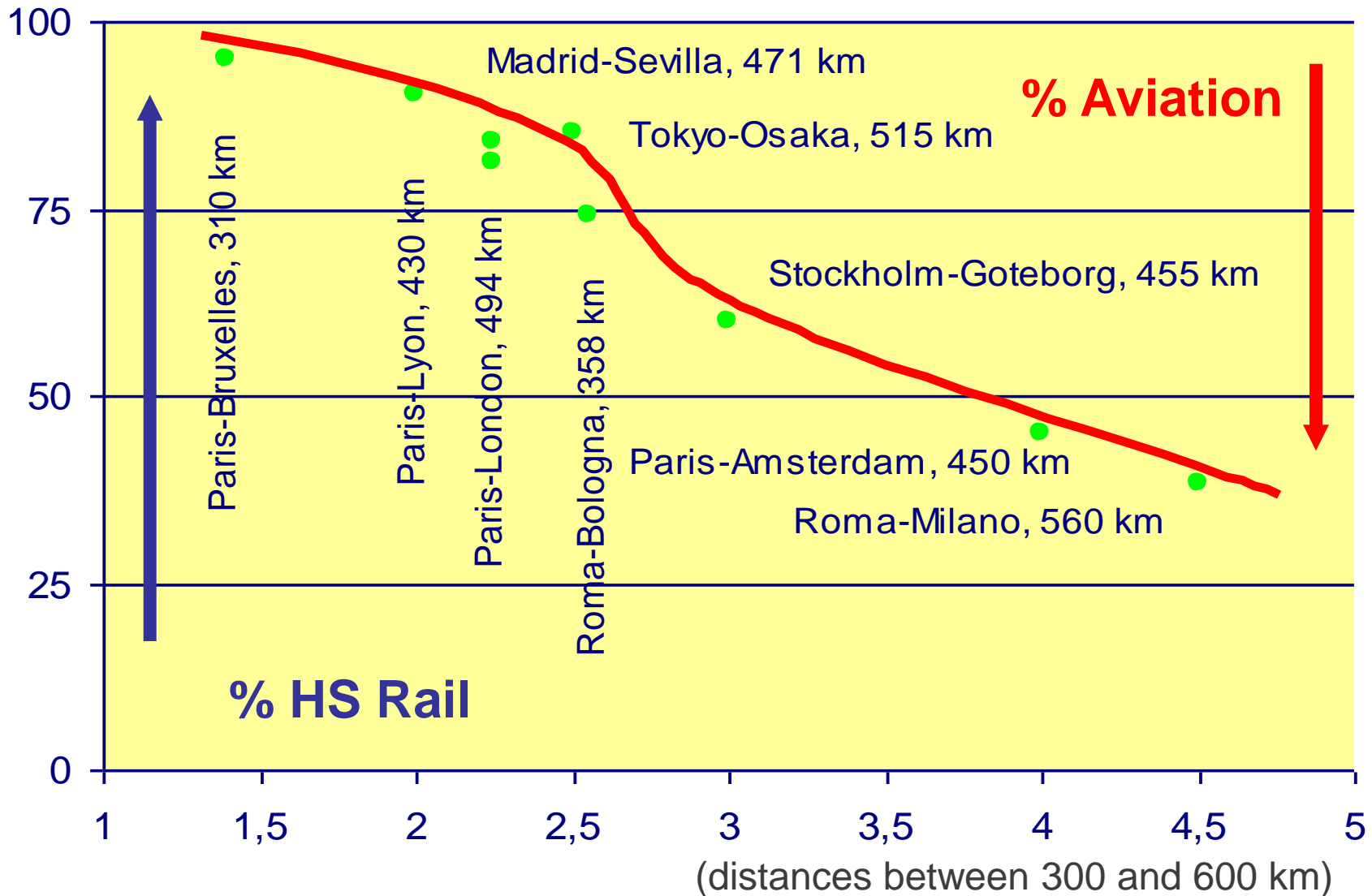
# High Speed traffic volume

- 1.28 Billion passengers per year in HS trains
  - 600 Million in China
  - 300 Million in Japan
  - 130 Million in France
  - 250 Million in the rest of the world
  
- 15 Billion passengers have already travelled in HS trains

Twice the population of the Earth



# Modal split HS train vs Aviation



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# Generalities on Railways – Resume

(High Speed) Railways = CAPACITY

High Speed (Railways) are systems

All (HS) Railways are equal but different



# Most adequate domains for railways

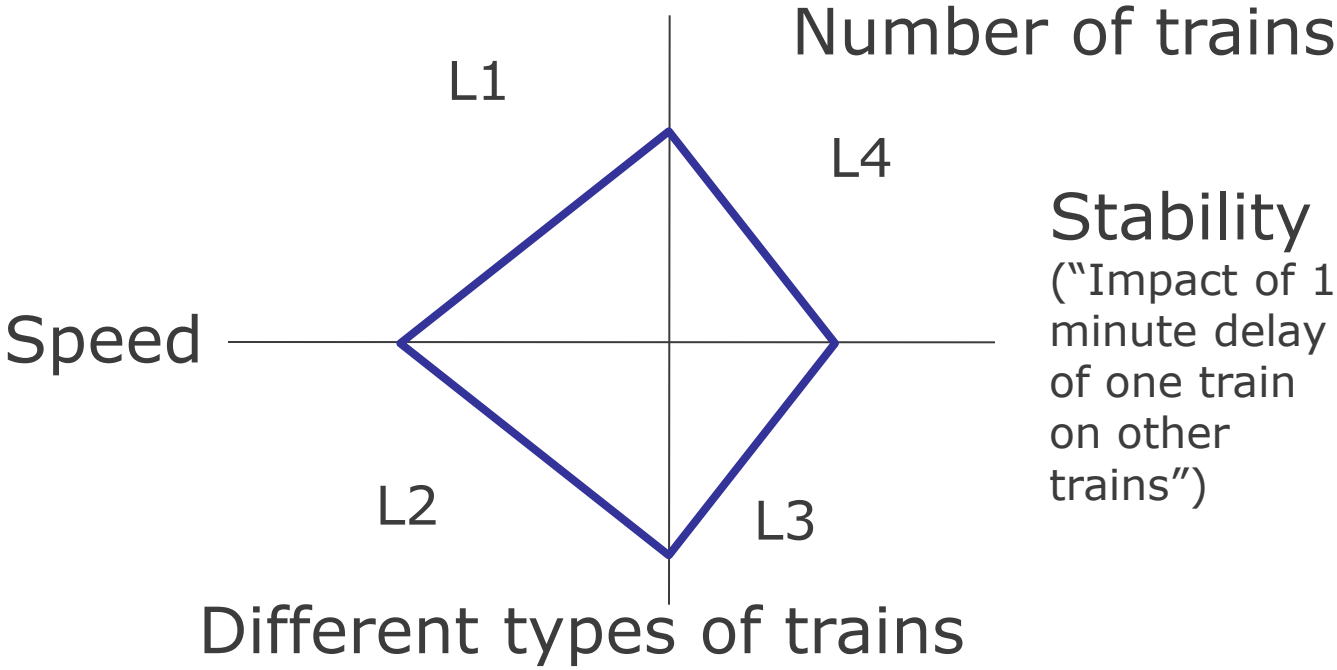
Big passengers transportation  
(urban and suburban trains)

Big cargo transports on long distances

High speed

Monorails, magnetic trains, pneumatic trains:  
cannot compete

# Balancing capacity



$$L1 + L2 + L3 + L4 = \text{Constant}$$

UIC Leaflet 406



# Capacity

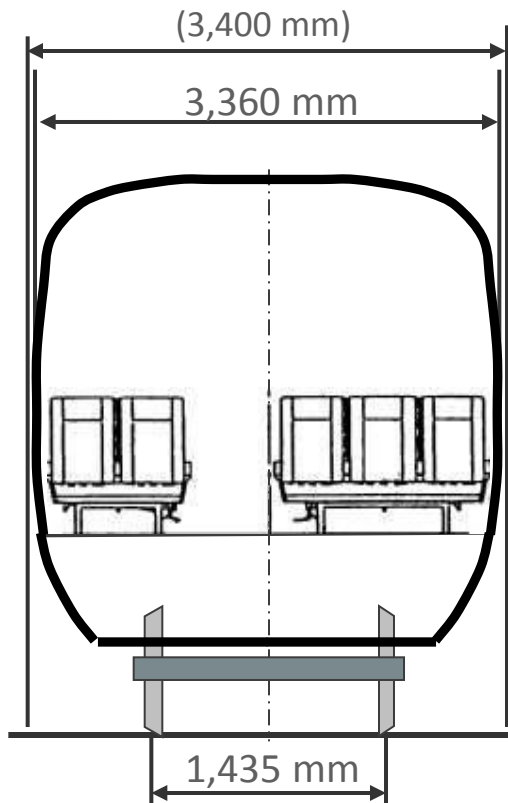
## Shinkansen

## European HST

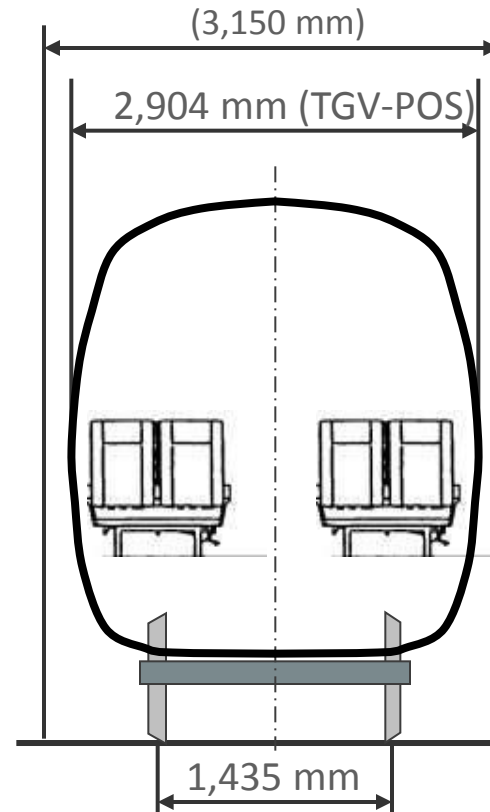


# Capacity

## Shinkansen loading gauge



## European loading gauge



# Evolution of sizes

The railway is the only transportation mode that has not grown in size in recent 50 years:

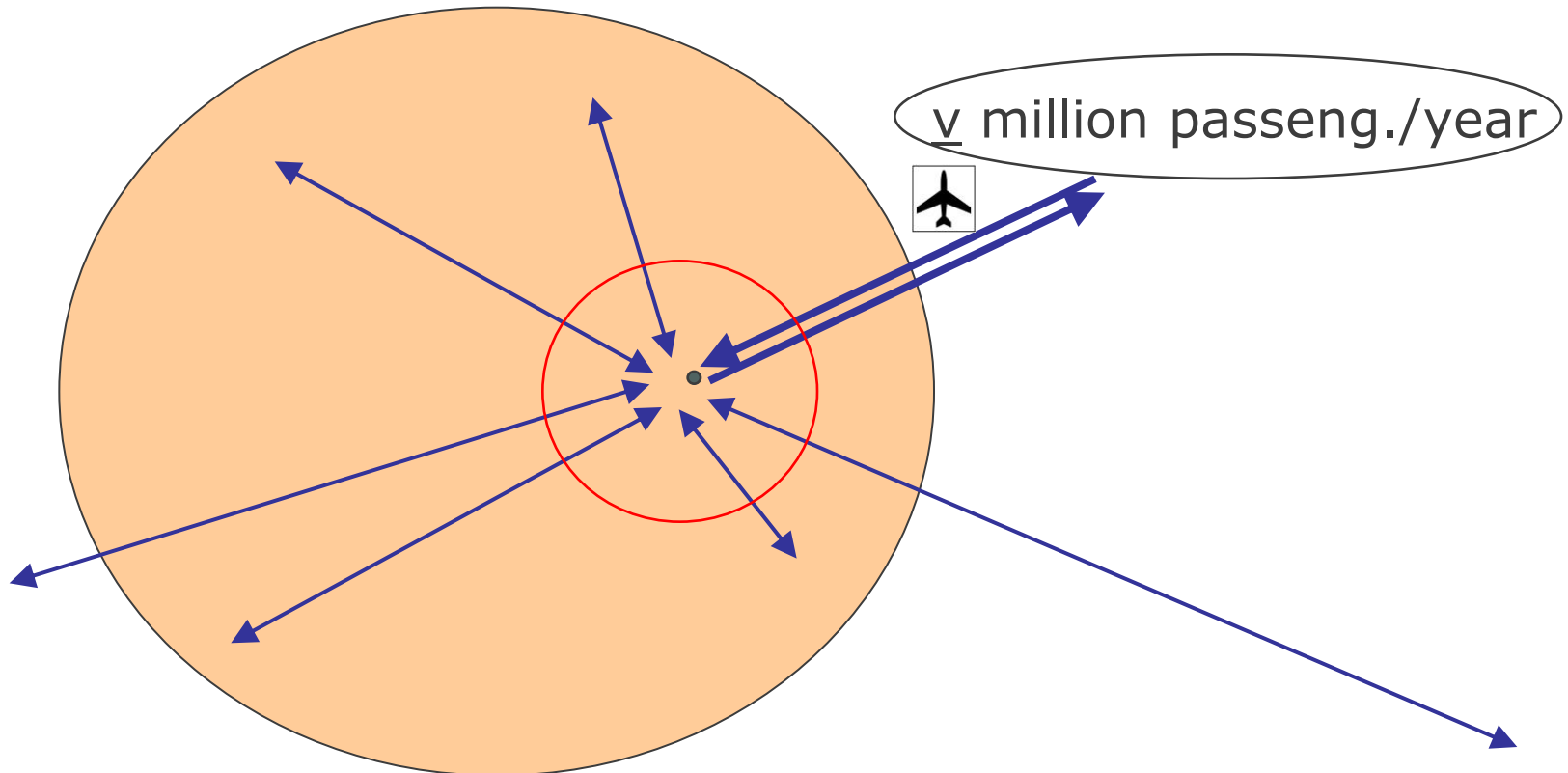


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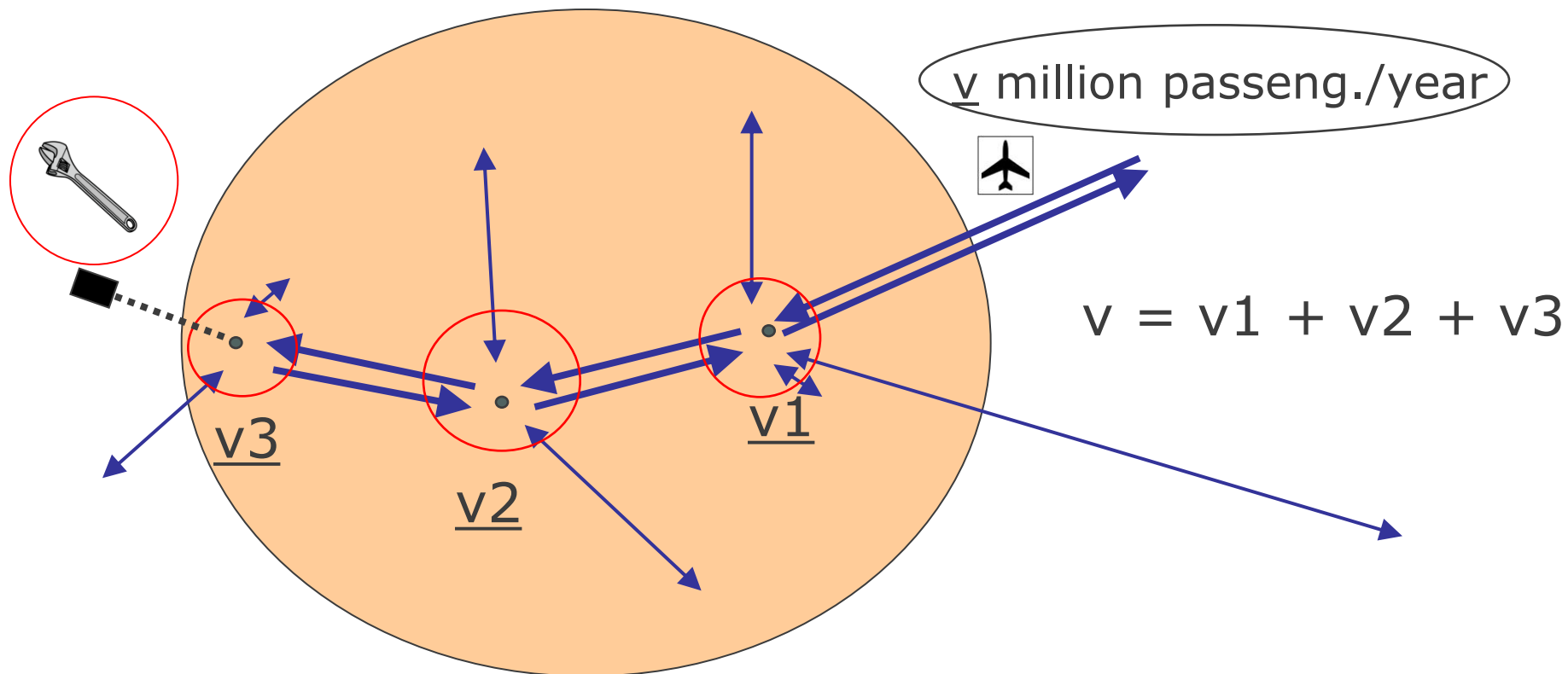
City C (h million inhabitants)





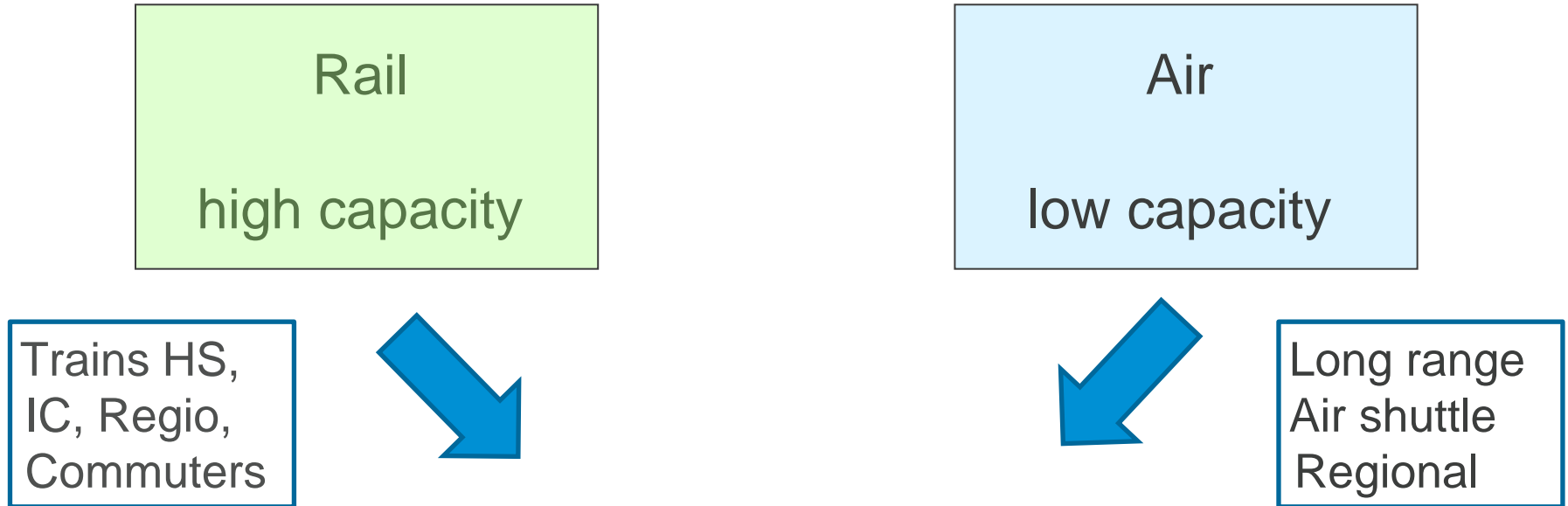
# High speed railways in the city

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# Intermodality rail / air – main challenges

## Traffic volume



Balance between traffic volumes

Frequencies and seasonality

Balance between types of traffic by rail:

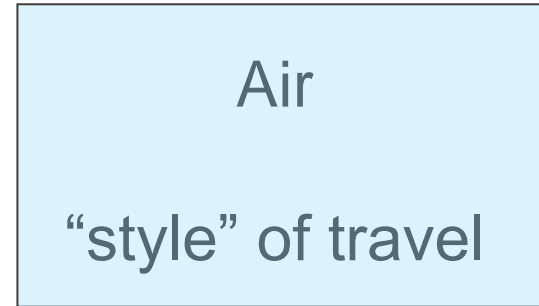
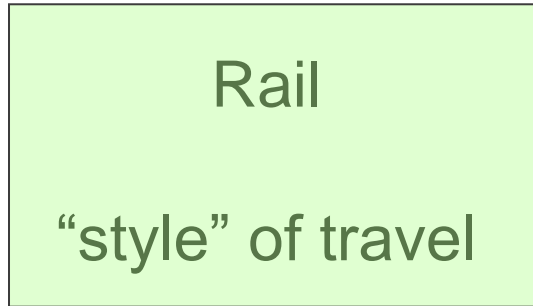
Passengers: going to to city or hub

Staff

Other

# Intermodality rail / air – main challenges

## Commercial



Fare policy

Ticketing, reservation, boarding pass

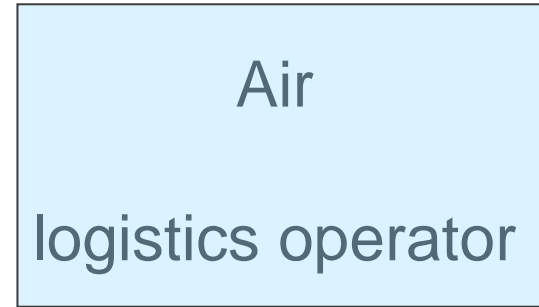
Companies/Alliances: transfer conditions

Security conditions

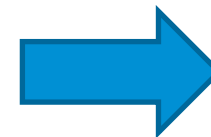
Baggage: type, sizes, operation

# Intermodality rail / air – main challenges

## Operations



- Boarding gates / platforms
- Distance to walk and times
- Boarding procedures
- Accessibility conditions
- Regularity (expected & actual)



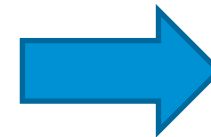
Conditions  
for connexion  
(Train to plane)  
(Plane to train)

# Intermodality rail / air – main challenges

## Conception



- Design
- Functionality
- Business opportunities
- Accessibility
- Other intermodalities



**Governance**

# Airports connected to long distance rail

## Europe

Paris CDG

Lyon Sat.

Frankfurt

Cologne

Zurich

Geneva

Amsterdam

Brussels

Copenhagen

Stockholm Arlanda

Oslo Gardermoen

Birmingham

## Other Regions

Newark NJ

Baltimore (BWI)

Shanghai Hongqiao

Shanghai Pudong (Maglev)

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# Conclusion

- Railways are **highly beneficial transport system for society**
- Railways provides **capacity and sustainability**
- Railways are **complex system**
- Transport conception is **not unique** and it must be adapted to each case
- Capabilities of each transport mode must be **optimised**
- All different transport modes should **not necessarily compete but should be complementary**



# Complement and not compete



■ ■ ■ Thank you for your kind attention

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