





Project RUBICON Future Autonomous Mobility

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 Design of a powertrain for an autonomous passenger carrying vehicle that has very high utilisation and runs for ~1 million miles (or greater)

The Hypothesis

Energy Infrastructure

Transport

- Personal transport within a given city is provided as a service by small, autonomous electric vehicles that have high utilisation and acquire high mileages (~1m miles)
- The combination of no driver, high vehicle mileage and high utilisation makes the total cost of ownership and operation attractive, both economically and environmentally
- This means that it is a viable business and operational model which will compete with and displace conventional urban modes of transport













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Is it viable?

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Project RUBICON Workflow







Meet the Team







- Durability assessment
- Component design
- Software development
- Specialist support on motor design

- Operational demands
- Business case
- Environmental case

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PROJECT RUBICON – FUTURE AUTONOMOUS MOBILITY



Format of the Day

| Duration | Торіс | Lead |
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| 10 mins | Welcome and scene setting | Steve Carroll, Head of Transport, Cenex |
| 15 mins | Engineering the case for ultra-durable CAVs | Barry James, Head of Research and Innovation, System Dynamics, Hexagon |
| 15 mins | City demand for CAVs | Luis Ramos, Transport Planning Consultant, Cenex |
| 15 mins | Business and Environmental Case | Victor Lejona, Modelling and Analysis Team Leader, Cenex |
| 5 mins | Q&A & Close | All |



Engineering challenges of ultra-durable powertrains for CAV applications

Barry James Head of Research & Innovation Global leader in **sensor**, **software**, and **autonomous** solutions committed to

empowering an autonomous future



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Applied Solutions

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Systems

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- m verification Including Virtual wins



Engineering a sustainable and ethical ePowertrain

Whole Lifecycle Analysis, Environmental impact reduction

At the *vehicle level*, it is clear that there are three key factors which influence the ability to improve/reduce lifecycle (LCA):

- 1. Vehicle size and mass
- 2. Vehicle range / Size of battery (assuming BEV)
- 3. Vehicle Lifetime impact/efficiency (relative to production impact)

"Right sizing"

Reduce (higher reliability), reuse (modularity), recycle (material selection)

Interestingly, at the <u>vehicle level</u>, these factors are tightly coupled with total lifecycle costs (TCO). Therefore, reducing LCA also helps reduce the TCO.

The opportunity to influence the vehicle level factors ("right sizing") requires a detailed understanding of how vehicles are used compared to industry trends

→ Vehicle Use-case Analysis...



Vehicle Use-case Analysis

Transport-as-a-Service/Connected and Autonomous Vehicle demand and cost modelling summary

- Based on UK Gov data
 Department
 for Transport
- Around 62% of all car journeys only have 1 occupant (the driver) : this is dominated by commuting & business trips
- Around 88% of all car journeys only have up to 2 occupants or less

| 98% of comm | 8% of commuting iournevs have a maximum of 2 occupants | | | | | | | | | |
|---------------|--|-------------|-----------|----------|----------------------|---------|-----------------------|-------------|--|--|
| No of | | | | Journe | ey type | | | | | |
| Occupan ts | Commuti | ng Business | Education | Shopping | Personal business | Leisure | Holiday / day trip | All purpose | | |
| 1 | 85% | 80% | 36% | 52% | 69% | 56% | 42% | 62% | | |
| 2 | 9% | 11% | 38% | 36% | 25% | 26% | 32% | 20% | | |
| 3 | 1% | 2% | 15% | 7% | 4% | 11% | 15% | 7% | | |
| 4 | 1% | 1% | 11% | 5% | 3% | 7% | 11% | 5% | | |



A brief look at BEV Archetypes...

| Туре | 1 Small Pod / Microcar | 2 Small Pod / A- segment | 3 Medium Pod / B-Segment | 4 Medium Car / C-Segment | 5 Large Pod |
|--|---------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------|
| Seats | 2 | 4 | 5 | 5 | 6 |
| Range | ~ 90 km | ~ 160 km | ~400 km | ~ 270 km | ~ 400 km |
| Top speed | ~ 45 - 80 km/h | ~ 130 km/h | ~ 135 km/h | ~ 158 km/h | ~ 160 km/h |
| Example vehicles in class ROM Cost | Renault Twizy, | Dacia Spring, | Renault Zoe | Nissan Leaf | VW Sedric (MEB |
| Courte Citroë | esy Courtesy n Renault | Courtesy Dacia | Courtesy Renault | Courtesy Nissan | Courtesy VW |

Overall Car Size: Energy Use

Renault Twizv

Range: 56 miles 6.1kwh battery Energy Use \rightarrow 0.11 kwh/mile Mass: 450 kg

Tesla Model 3

- Range: 254 miles
- 54kWh battery ٠
- Energy Use \rightarrow 0.21kWh/mile •
- Mass: 1645kg



Nissan Leaf

- Range: 168 miles ٠
- 40kWh battery
- Energy Use → 0.24 kwh/mile ٠

Yutong E10 (50 Seats)

- Energy Use \rightarrow 2.8 kWh/mile
- Mass: 13200 kg ٠
- With 25 passengers its equivalent to 25 single ٠ passenger Renault Twizy trips.

Rivian R1T

- Energy Use → 0.46 kWh/mile •
- Mass: 2600 kg ٠





Cake Kalk (with passenger) \rightarrow 0.03 kWh/mile Xiaomi Pro (with passenger) \rightarrow 0.016 kWh/mile

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Conclusion:

EV powertrains are already quite efficient (+85%). We need to look at decreasing vehicle energy usage.

Every 1000kg of vehicle requires ~ 0.17 kWh/mile of energy use.

We want to use more energy carrying passengers, not carrying vehicles.







- 31kWh battery

LEVC LX

Energy Use → 0.38kWh/mile

Range: 80.6 miles

- Mass: 2000kg



Derived CAV/TaaS platform

| Туре | 1 Small Pod / Microcar | Derived TaaS Platform | 2 Small Pod / A-segment | 3 Medium Pod / B- Segment | 4 Medium Car / C-Segment | 5 Large Pod |
|---|---------------------------|-------------------------------|--|---------------------------------|--|-------------|
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| Examples ROM Cost Courtesy Citroën | Courtesy Renault | LICZON Courtesy Renault | Dacia Spring Life 20 Courtesy Dacia | Courtesy Renault | Niccan Loaf The second | Courtesy VW |

Cardinal TaaS Platform Requirements

- Archetype 1 Small Pod
 - Loosely based on the physical size of the Citroën Ami
 - Occupancy: 2 people occupancy + luggage
 - Mass: 485 kg kerb weight, 705kg gross vehicle weight
 - Duty cycle derived from real-world data (on Nissan Leaf platform) – derived top speed and acceleration requirements
 - Top speed: 80 km/h (50 mph)
 - Acceleration: 0 80 km/h in 12 s
 - Range: 60 miles / 100 km
 - 23/24 hours availability (charge time ~ 1 hour)
 - 1,600,000 km durability (up from typical 300,000 km)



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E-Machine Reliability Improvement Opportunities_{Manufacturing QA & tolerances}



Summary: E-Machine Failures are predominantly induced by their external environment/system or poor manufacturing.

Total quality assurance is achieved via the system-level (application of systems engineering).

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Investigating the benefits of motor over-sizing

• An 'oversized' motor flies in the face of conventional motor design, however when view with respect to the life cycle of an ultradurable vehicle.....

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- Increase motor size → lower flux density → lower current → lower resistive losses → higher efficiency (confirmed through simulation)
- Lower resistive losses → less heat generation → lower operating temperatures → lower winding degradation → improved durability









Designing a gearbox for ultra-durability

Stress

- Baseline TaaS gearbox designed according to ISO 6336 and benchmarked against gearboxes of existing vehicles in production and use
- · A 4x increase in durability was targeted and the quantified increase in size was based on ISO 6336
- Bearings were corresponding re-sized to ٠ give a 'like-for-like' level of reliability, indicating the penalty in the Bill-of-Materials for achieving ultra-durability



Log (cycles)



Power Electronics Reliability Improvement Opportunities

Simplified!

Component Selection/sizing and Technology: IGBT vs SiC vs GaN

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|---|-------|---------|--------|--------|--------------|----------------------|-------|--------|------------------------|-----------------|-------|
| | Power | rwodule | | Coolin | y system | DC-Link | РСВ | | Parameter | IGBT | SiC |
| | 2 | 20% | | 5 | 0% | 15% | 15% | | Chip Area | 100% | 20% |
| | | | | | | | | | Conduction Losses | 100% | ~100% |
| | | | | | | | | | Switching Losses | 100% | ~25% |
| | 6% | 20% | 15% | 10% | 120 Space | IOV SiC e savings | | | Total losses | 100% | ~52% |
| | | | | _ | | _ <u>C</u> ourt | esy Ş | T_ | Junction Temperature | 100% | ~98% |
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Component Packaging : Thermal Management : Inc direct Immersion cooling



- Switching Frequency Optimisation: Multi-parameter sweeps
- Single point failure mitigation: Switching Devices Multilevel Topologies cf Lower V/I devices
- Controller platform: microarchitecture, feature size, transistor tech, voting logic, diagnostics/prognostics implem

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· Packaging / PEMS vs Hybrid,, Sn-rich solders and component mitigations inc Conformal coating

- Inverter:
 - 40% mass (approx.)
 - + 450% material cost (approx.)
 - Avg + 3% efficiency improvement
- System:

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 Savings afforded by increased efficiency and therefore potential battery reduction





ePowertrain Architectural Development

Attributes we can influence at the ePowertrain level



- Single vs Multispeed
- Ratio
- Stages
- Gears
- Lubrication
- Materials
- Power stage topology
- Power stage packaging/cooling
- Switching technology/component selection
- Switching frequency
- Motor Control Unit platform
- Diagnostics platform
- Software architecture

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1D-4D integrated multibody dynamic modelling : Including Formal Equivalency Checking Cradle tmi fmi Ad Ac Actran HEXAGON hexagonmi.com/romax 24

MBSE : Virtual Verification and Validation (V&V)

Bill-of-Materials derived by component and material for both versions

| | Mass (Ultra-durable) | Mass (Standard) | % change |
|---|----------------------|-----------------|----------|
| Gearbox & Motor Weight Include Housings | 20.621 | 19.232 | 7.224 |
| Gearbox Weight Include Housings | 14.139 | 13.465 | |
| Gearbox Weight Exclude Housings | 6.518 | 5.994 | |



Inverter Materials List

| Material | Weigth | Unit |
|-----------------------------------|--------|------|
| Aluminium oxide | 12.60 | g |
| Aluminum | 0.36 | g |
| Brass | 1.43 | g |
| Copper | 552.39 | g |
| Diantimony trioxide | 3.70 | g |
| Doped silicon | 0.97 | g |
| Epoxy resin | 29.00 | g |
| Glassfiber | 57.00 | g |
| Gold (coating) | 0.05 | g |
| Low-alloy carbon steel | 106.20 | g |
| Nickel (coating) | 4.35 | g |
| Nylon | 2.00 | g |
| Polycarbonate | 3.21 | g |
| Polyethylene therephtalate (PET) | 76.35 | g |
| Polyphenylene sulfide (PPS) | 62.00 | g |
| Polypropylene | 104.24 | g |
| Polyurethane resin | 53.21 | g |
| Silicone adhesive | 0.10 | g |
| Silicone gel | 34.85 | g |
| Solder (95.5Sn/3.8Ag/0.7Cu) | 14.60 | g |
| Tin | 13.21 | g |
| Zinc (coating) | 2.25 | g |
| Zinc oxide | 1.35 | g |
| Other mixed composites (%Brass, S | 166 | g |

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Gearbox Component List

| UK-000703-AS-200 | Housings | 7.621 | 7.471 |
|--------------------|---------------------------------------|-------|-------|
| UK-000703-HG-106 | GEARBOX HOUSING | 1.346 | 1.291 |
| UK-000703-HG-105 | eMOTOR HOUSING | 4.975 | 4.935 |
| UK-000703-HG-202 | eMOTOR COVER | 0.288 | 0.25 |
| UK-000703-HG-212 | INVERTER COVER | 0.255 | 0.255 |
| UK-000703-HG-201 | WATER JACKET | 0.757 | 0.74 |
| UK-000703-AS-203 | Gear & Shaft Assemblies | 2.382 | 2.339 |
| UK-000703-GS-211 | Intermediate Shaft with Output Pinion | 0.320 | 0.315 |
| UK-000703-GS-213 | Gear, Input Wheel | 0.268 | 0.259 |
| UK-000703-BR-002 | Idler Bearings | 0.288 | 0.288 |
| UK-000703-GS-210 | Gear, Output Wheel | 0.543 | 0.516 |
| UK-000703-GS-209 | Input Shaft with Input Pinion | 0.707 | 0.705 |
| UK-000703-BR-004 | Input Bearings | 0.254 | 0.254 |
| 7015-CC-214 | Retaining Ring | 0.002 | 0.002 |
| | | | |
| UK-000703-AS-201 | Differential Asembly | 3.840 | 3.359 |
| UK-000703-GS-202 | Differential Housing | 2.271 | 1.980 |
| UK-000703-BR-003 | Differential Bearings | 0.706 | 0.615 |
| UK-000703-GS-203 | DIFFERENTIAL AXLE | 0.129 | 0.112 |
| UK-000703-GS-206 | FOIL, DIFFERENTIAL PROTECTIVE CASE | 0.011 | 0.010 |
| UK-000703-GS-204 | DIFFERENTIAL SIDE SHAFT BEVEL GEAR | 0.458 | 0.399 |
| UK-000703-GS-205 | DIFFERENTIAL SPIDER BEVEL GEAR | 0.178 | 0.155 |
| UK-000703-SC-207 | SPLIT DOWEL | 0.003 | 0.003 |
| 7015-SC-236 | BOLTS | 0.084 | 0.084 |
| LIK-000703-65-202 | PARK LOCK ASSEMBLY | 0.296 | 0.296 |
| 011 000705 765 202 | SPRING PLUNGER | 0.011 | 0.011 |
| | SPRING LEAF | 0.004 | 0.004 |
| | SCREW | 0.033 | 0.033 |
| | ACTUATION ARM | 0.011 | 0.031 |
| | PIN PAWL PIVOT | 0.001 | 0.001 |
| | SPRINT, PARK PAWI | 0.110 | 0.110 |
| | PARK PAWI | 0.028 | 0.028 |
| | PLATE, ACTUATION FRAME | 0.028 | 0.028 |
| | PLUNGER | 0.044 | 0.044 |
| | PLUNGER ASRM | 0.022 | 0.022 |
| | BOLL PIN | 0.002 | 0.002 |
| | | 0.002 | 0.001 |
| | WASHER | 0.001 | 0.001 |

Motor Component and Materials List

| Parts Components | | Material | Weight | Unit |
|------------------|-------------------|----------|--------|------|
| | Stator Lamination | M235-35A | 2.627 | kg |
| Stator | Windings | Copper | 1.439 | kg |
| | Slot wedge | / | 0.002 | kg |
| Deter | Rotor Lamination | M235-35A | 1.641 | kg |
| Rotor | Magnet | N42UH | 0.288 | kg |
| Total weight | Active Materials | / | 5.997 | kg |

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Why modelling?

TCO and LCA analyses in the project require inputs extracted from a real-world operation of the fleet. These are:

- Optimal fleet size for different utilisation targets
- Annual travel distance
- Average trip distance
- Share of total distance driven "in service"
- Average speed 'in service'
- Energy consumed per vehicle
- Maximum number of vehicles recharging simultaneously





Model requirements

- The modelling platform to be employed in the study must be able to analyse each vehicle in the fleet individually throughout a typical day of operation, extracting duty cycles and operation data, in short time intervals.
- The base model, of Greater London, must be validated to observed congestion data.
- Immense Fleet was selected as the most suitable platform, as it meets all requirements.





Model Extents and Duration

- Five areas in Greater London: Central, North, East, South and West.
- All models were run for 24 hours.
- A typical weekday base model (Wednesday) was used.







Trip Demand

- Demand from mobile phone data.
- Contains origin-destination coordinates and time of the day.
- Data from DfT on passenger per trip was incorporated.







Methodology

- To mitigate the uncertainty over future scenarios, a sensitivity testing approach was employed.
- Three variables were identified as the most relevant to the study.
- All permutations of these variables were tested, resulting in 60 scenarios per zone (300 total).

| Variable | Value | | |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------|--|--|
| | Public | | |
| Infrastructure | Depot | | |
| | Public (reduced availability) | | |
| | 100% 2-seaters, 0% 5-seaters | | |
| Split botwoon 2 contors | 75% 2-seaters, 25% 5-seaters | | |
| Split between 2-seaters | 50% 2-seaters, 50% 5-seaters | | |
| and 5-seaters | 25% 2-seaters, 75% 5-seaters | | |
| | 0% 2-seaters, 100% 5-seaters | | |
| | 0% | | |
| Willingness to ride- | 10% | | |
| share (% of all trips) | 20% | | |
| | 30% | | |

Heatmap of pickups

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Vehicle movements by state

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Vehicle movements by occupancy



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Energy supplied



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Outputs

Model outputs provide a range of values under different operational environments, as well as trends to understand how sensitive each output magnitude is to the input variables.



Annualised Travel Distance





Outputs: Utilisation

Optimal fleet sizes for several utilisation targets were estimated.

High utilisations (90-95%) require small fleets in most zones due to low overnight demand. Optimal fleet sizes are much higher when utilisation targets are reduced to 80%.

| | Utilisation target | | | | | | |
|---------|--------------------|-----|-----|-----|--|--|--|
| | 95% | 90% | 85% | 80% | | | |
| Central | 30 | 92 | 216 | 495 | | | |
| East | 1 | 3 | 12 | 30 | | | |
| South | 4 | 12 | 27 | 80 | | | |
| West | 10 | 29 | 79 | 207 | | | |
| North | 5 | 20 | 57 | 165 | | | |





Outputs: Utilisation

With large fleets over the OFS (e.g. 1000 veh), utilisation drops as there is not enough overnight demand. Breakdown of vehicle states (24h, fleet of 1000 veh)



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Outputs: Utilisation

- In all zones and model scenarios (charge and ridesharing), the highest optimal fleet sizes for any utilisation target are seen in scenarios where there is a combination of 2-seaters and 5-seaters.
- Without 5-seaters in the fleet, some trips cannot be serviced and customer demand is effectively lower.

OFS for 80% Utilisation - Central – Public Charging







Outputs: Travel Distance

- Average annual travel distance per vehicle are high in zones of high demand (utilisation): Central, West and North.
- They are significantly lower in areas of modest customer demand: South and East.

| | Average Annual |
|---------|-------------------|
| | Distance (km/veh) |
| Central | 120,488 |
| East | 32,009 |
| South | 90,028 |
| West | 157,736 |
| North | 137,462 |





Outputs: Chargepoint Requirements

- The maximum number of vehicles simultaneously charging at depot was estimated.
- Peak in the afternoon to be efficiently managed.

| | Number of vehicles (Fleet size optimised | |
|---------|--|--|
| | for 80% utilisation) | |
| Central | 44 | |
| West | 15 | |
| North | 12 | |









Outputs: Energy Requirements

Energy requirements are dependent on traffic conditions of each zone, utilisation and fleet composition (share of 5-seaters).

| | Average Daily Energy |
|---------|------------------------|
| | Requirements (kWh/veh) |
| Central | 57 |
| East | 15 |
| South | 43 |
| West | 75 |
| North | 65 |





Outputs: Conclusions

- It is feasible to achieve high annual mileages. It is important to right-size the fleet to demand levels to maximise utilisation.
- If only passenger services are to be provided, high utilisation levels can only be achieved with very small fleets. Explore alternative overnight applications (parcel deliveries?)
- For a utilisation target of 80%, fleets can be in excess of 100 vehicles in several zones (over 400-500 in Central London).
- Some (<25%) 5-seaters are needed in the fleet to service trips of 3 or more passengers. Having more 5-seaters does not yield significant benefits and increases energy requirements.





Thank you for listening

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RUBICON Vehicle in the CO2 vs Cost Graph



Costs (vehicle, fuel and maintenance \$/km)

- Carbon counter tool* by MIT places vehicles by their LCA GHG emissions and their costs
- Aim: to place our vehicle in this graph **as close to the origin as possible**
- RUBICON vehicle: 2seater autonomous car with ultra-durable components
- We 'copied' the assumptions in this tool to enable like-for-like comparison





LCA Results from RUBICON Vehicle

LCA results – Ultra-durable powertrain



LCA considered production and use phases using bill of materials from Hexagon & Empel, and literature data for non-powertrain components

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- High utilisation, mileage and charging patterns used as per Immense transport model
- Increased durability of powertrain yields 8% reduction in production GWP and 4% in total GWP





LCA Sensitivity



- Production phase handles: component durability & battery capacity
- Reference: powertrain 1m miles, battery 200k miles & 30 kWh
- Use phase handles: vehicle energy use, grid carbon intensity
- Reference: 90 Wh/km and 194 gCO2e/kWh





LCA Sensitivity – Production Phase



- Increasing powertrain & battery **durability** and reducing its size has large impact
- Increasing glider lifetime important but more difficult to make ultra durable due to tear and wear (ideal scenario)





LCA Sensitivity – Vehicle Use Phase

LCA results - Use phase scenarios



- Biggest impact from grid carbon intensity, e.g. onsite renewable generation for fleets
- Biggest factor where manufacturers influence is reducing **vehicle energy use**
- Way to go: highly efficient and durable powertrains powered by small & durable batteries charged by low carbon grid = **72% reduction**





RUBICON Vehicle in the CO2 vs Cost Graph



Costs (vehicle, fuel and maintenance \$/km)

- Below BEVs, even small-sized vehicles
- Now to determine location in horizontal axis: vehicle costs

Cost from the perspective of a user: how much fleets charge customers in \$/km to be profitable, and how does that compare to private car ownership





Cost and Revenue Breakdown



- High utilisation, mileage and charging pattern used as per Immense transport model
- Driver costs = £12/hour as average London taxi driver salary (1)
- Taxi fare revenue = £0.61/km as prediction of robotaxi fare in London (2)
- Human driven taxis present negative profit because current London fares are higher (£4 to £5/km)

(2) UBS, How disruptive will a mass adoption of robotaxis be?





Business Case Sensitivity in Central Zone

- Key technical and economic independent variables chosen
- The 'axis' of the tornado shows the profit per vehicle after 10 years when all variables have the medium value ('core scenario')
- We then vary one variable at a time from low to high, while keeping the rest of the variables in their medium values: each of the tornado extremes are also the 10-year profit

Profit Sensitivity per 2-seater Ultra-durable CAV (10 years, Central Zone)







Business Case per CAV Zone





- East zone excluded because it only allows for very small fleets with high utilisation
- 5-seaters are less profitable due to higher capital cost and higher energy use
- Even though Central zone allows for biggest fleet size, profit/vehicle is higher in West zone
- Central zone still has highest overall profit, followed by West





RUBICON Vehicle in the CO2 vs Cost Graph



Costs (vehicle, fuel and maintenance \$/km)

- Sensitivity analysis on most profitable zone per vehicle (West)
- For a fleet's initial investment to pay back in 3 to 5 years, they would need to charge customers \$0.42-0.71/km

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In line with private car ownership prices, but with increased convenience and at a lower carbon footprint





Conclusions



- New mobility as a service models encourage highly utilised vehicles, which call for ultra-durable vehicle designs
- Making all components ultra-durable provides 42% reduction in GWP
- Adding on top highly efficient vehicles coupled with low carbon grid we can achieve 72% reduction in GWP



- Business case highly impacted by trip fares, staff salary and fleet size
- Cost for robotaxi customer is similar to private car ownership prices, but with increased convenience and at a lower carbon footprint
- Fleet of robotaxis is only profitable in high vehicle utilisation scenarios and zones, because of overheads (not just vehicles and energy, also staff, app, marketing, land, etc.)





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