

### **Ten Trends in Surface Mobility: 2023**

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### Trend #1 Geopolitical Bifurcation: Shifting Global Value Chains



### **Context / Description:**

- Chinese automotive OEMs have shifted from imitator to innovator, leading in critical technologies such as EV batteries and advancing in automation
- China exerts influence / control over critical battery minerals: cobalt, nickel, graphite and lithium
- US (Trump-imposed, Biden-continued 25% tariff, IRA EV tax credit restriction) and Europe (EC investigation) react

### **Headlines:**

- How China Is Quietly Dominating the Global Car Market (Bloomberg, Jan. 26, 2023)
- EU to investigate 'flood' of Chinese electric cars, weigh tariffs (Reuters, Sept. 13, 2023)
- Ford halts work on \$3.5B EV battery factory with China's CATL (Tech Crunch, Sept. 27, 2023)



"Global markets are now flooded with cheaper Chinese electric cars. And their price is kept artificially low by huge state subsidies. This is distorting our market.

So I can announce today that the Commission is launching an anti-subsidy investigation into electric vehicles coming from China.

Europe is open for competition. Not for a race to the bottom."

- Ursula von der Leyen, President, European Commission, September 2023

Source: <a href="https://techcrunch.com/2023/09/25/ford-halts-work-on-3-5b-ev-battery-factory-with-chinas-catl/">https://www.reuters.com/world/europe/eu-launches-anti-subsidy-investigation-into-chinese-electric-vehicles-2023-09-13/#:~:text=%22Global%20markets%20are%20now%20flooded,appointment%20for%20a%20second%20term.</a>. <a href="https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2023-01-26/how-china-is-quietly-dominating-the-global-car-market?embedded-checkout=true">https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2023-01-26/how-china-is-quietly-dominating-the-global-car-market?embedded-checkout=true</a>

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### Trend #2 Autonomous Backlash: AVs Drive into Headwinds

### Context / Description:

- Automated mobility has passed through the Gartner hype cycle
- A serious public dialogue has emerged as to why we want this technology and how it should be deployed ٠
- Shift to "driverless" (no test operator) in cities across the US and China raises the stakes on safety and liability

### **Headlines:**

- Baidu, Pony.ai Start Driverless Robotaxi Tests in • Beijing (Reuters, Dec. 30, 2022)
- Protesters, Armed with Traffic Cones, Are • Immobilizing Driverless Cars (NPR, August 28 2023)
- Citing Safety Concerns, DMV Suspends ٠ Cruise's AV License (SF Inquirer, Oct. 24, 2023)

### AV Public Companies Performance are Plummeting, and the industry is going through consolidation

Company	Valuation at IPO	Valuation Today	% Change
Aurora	\$14,000M	\$4,900M	-65%
TuSimple	\$8,500M	\$310M	-96%
Luminar	\$7,000M	\$2,080M	-70%
Embank Technology	\$5,160M	\$70M	-98%
Velodyne Lidar	\$4,000M	\$377M	-90%
Aeva	\$2,100M	\$206M	-90%
AEye	\$2,000M	\$44M	-97%
Ouster	\$1,900M	\$148M	-92%
Innoviz	\$1,400M	\$655M	-53%
Cepton	\$1,400M	\$370M	-74%
Otonomo	\$1,400M	\$40M	-97%
Quanergy Systems	\$1,100M	\$16M	-99%
Arbe	\$722M	\$361M	-50%
CYNGN	\$198M	\$32M	-84%
Total	\$50,880M	\$9,609M	-83%







### Trend #3 Automotive Architecture: The Rise of Software Defined Vehicles



- The personal car emerges as another connected personal device (with the phone, tablet, laptop ...)
- Vehicle architecture has shifted from mechanical-led platform to software-forward design
- Automotive OEMs are challenged to take on the role of lead software architect
- Just like batteries, SoC (System on a Chip) is increasingly viewed as "core business" for auto OEMs

### **Headlines:**

- How OTA Updates Will Change Your Life for Better and Worse (Motor Trend, March 9, 2023)
- Why Your Car Will Become Even More Like an iPhone (Wall Street Journal, Nov 4, 2021)
- Your Car Is Spying on You: How to See What Data It's Collecting and Delete It (USA Today, May 21, 2023)





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### Trend #4 Urban Micromobility: Two Steps Forward, One Step Back



### **Context / Description:**

- Micromobility (bikes and scooters) hold tremendous opportunity to decarbonize urban mobility
- Shared micromobility has evolved from "competition in the market" to "competition for the market"
- Infrastructure needs to adapt to maintain safety: protected lanes, speed segregation, etc.
- Once the "darlings of venture capital", micromobility companies have seen valuations plummet

### **Headlines:**

- Paris Becomes the First European Capital to Ban Rented Electric Scooters (New York Times, Sept. 1, 2023)
- Scooter Company Bird Delisted from NYSE After Stock Collapse (CNBC, Sept. 23, 2021)

### The New York Times

### Paris Becomes the First European Capital to Ban Rented Electric Scooters

But the city is adding bike lanes, and scooter companies are shifting their focus to electric bikes. E-scooters were involved in accidents resulting in the deaths of three people in Paris last year.



### Trend #5 Capturing Externalities: Progress Toward Dynamic Pricing



### **Context / Description:**

- Our mobility system often fails to capture the full economic cost of mobility consumption e.g. supersized singleoccupancy SUVs consuming precious street space during downtown rush hour
- Dynamic pricing based on the current (actual) level of demand can be used to drive mode shift (decarbonization), congestion management and revenue collection
- Congestion pricing, the Godmother of dynamic pricing, has been implemented in Singapore, Stockholm, London and many other cities

### Headlines:

- Officials Mark Full Opening of I-66 Express Lanes (Nov 30, 2022)
- Congestion Pricing Plan in New York City Clears Final Federal Approval (New York Times, June 26, 2023)





Source: https://www.princewilliamtimes.com/news/officials-mark-full-opening-of-the-i-66-express-lanes/article\_9e1302b2-70bc-11ed-a42f-5bb23fa27ccc.html https://www.nytimes.com/2023/09/08/nyregion/congestion-pricing-.html

### Trend #6 Mobility Demand Patterns: Hybrid Is Here to Stay

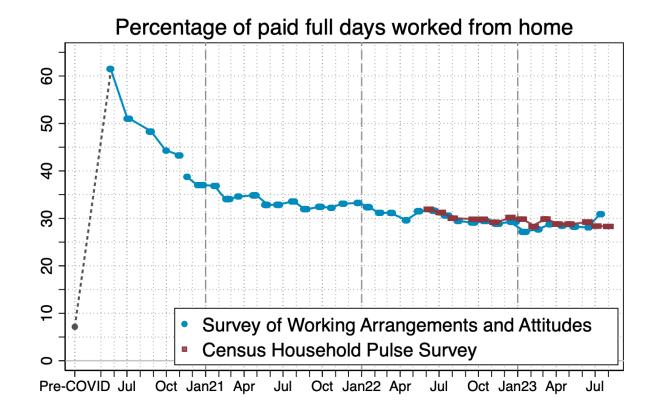
### **Context / Description:**

 Levels of Working For Home (WFH) and Working From a 3<sup>rd</sup> Place (WF3P), such as a café or friend's house, stabilized in 2023

### **Headlines:**

- Hybrid Working Schedule 'Here to Stay,' Littler Survey Shows (Bloomberg, May 10, 2023)
- Global Air Traffic Rebounds to 95.6% of Pre-Pandemic Levels (The National News, Sept. 7, 2023)





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Source: <u>https://wfhresearch.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/WFHResearch\_updates\_September2023.pdf</u> <u>https://news.bloomberglaw.com/daily-labor-report/hybrid-working-schedule-here-to-stay-littler-survey-shows</u> <u>https://www.thenationalnews.com/business/aviation/2023/09/07/global-air-passenger-traffic-rebounds-to-956-of-pre-pandemic-levels/</u>

### Trend #7 EV Hesitation: Charging, Battery Supply, Cost



### **Context / Description:**

- Securing the supply of battery materials continues to challenge global OEMs and drive cost
- Battery production capacity is being added but it takes time to build and ramp gigafactories
- Public charging reliability continues to be a challenge but with some interesting developments

### Headlines:

- The US Needs Minerals for Electric Cars. Everyone Else Wants Them Too (New York Times, May 23 2023)
- US EV Market Struggles with Price Cuts and Rising Inventories (Reuters, July 11, 2023)
- Hyundai Follows Volvo, Ford, Honda to Adopt Tesla's EV Charging Ports (Forbes, Oct. 5, 2023)





### Trend #8 Rising US Infrastructure Costs: Finding Bang for the Buck



### **Context / Description:**

- By many measures, infrastructure delivery in the United States costs more than comparable advanced nations (e.g., Germany, Japan, South Korea, United Kingdom)
- As the United States makes a massive \$1 trillion investment in infrastructure, how can we ensure maximum "bang for the buck"?

### Headlines:

- Why Public Transportation Is Especially Expensive to Build in the US (NPR, July 21, 2023)
- Why Is US Infrastructure So Expensive And What Can We Do About It? (Wall Street Journal, July 24, 2022)





### Trend #9 The End of the Froth: Capital Sloshes Out of Mobility Tech



### **Context / Description:**

- Unprecedented levels of capital were invested in mobility technology (eVTOLs, EVs, LIDAR, battery tech, etc.) during the "SPAC wave" of 2020-2021
- Raising capital in mobility ventures is now more challenging

### Headlines:

- Flying Car, Anyone? Inside the Perilous Quest to Get Battery-Powered Aircraft Off the Ground (FT, Jan. 12, 2023)
- The Collapse of the EV SPACs: Another One Goes Bankrupt, Others on the Verge (Wolf Street, August 23 2023)
- VC Investment in Mobility, Still Down from Last Year, Appears To Be Leveling Off (Automotive News, Sept 22, 2023)





Source: Pitchbook data, <u>https://www.autonews.com/mobility-report/venture-capital-investment-mobility-continues-decline</u> <u>https://www.ft.com/content/87b1ee8b-e856-40a5-aa57-62340ff3d8c8</u> <u>https://wolfstreet.com/2023/08/09/the-collapse-of-the-ev-spacs-another-one-goes-bankrupt-others-on-the-verge/</u>

### Trend #10 Future of Work: Rethinking the Social Contract



### **Context / Description:**

- Global transportation system from services to manufacturing is still highly labor intensive, and many industries
  are struggling to hire, re-train, and retain workers at multiple skill levels
- Automotive companies struggle to reskill their engineering talent from mechanical focus to software focus
- US public transit, long-haul trucking, and other transport sectors struggle to find workers

### **Headlines:**

- Software is Now as Important as Hardware in Cars (The Economist, April 14, 2023)
- MBTA Contract Calls for 18% Pay Hike Over Four Years (Boston Globe, August 2, 2023)
- UAW Strikes at Automakers Highlights Skyrocketing US CEO Pay (Reuters, Sept. 20, 2023)



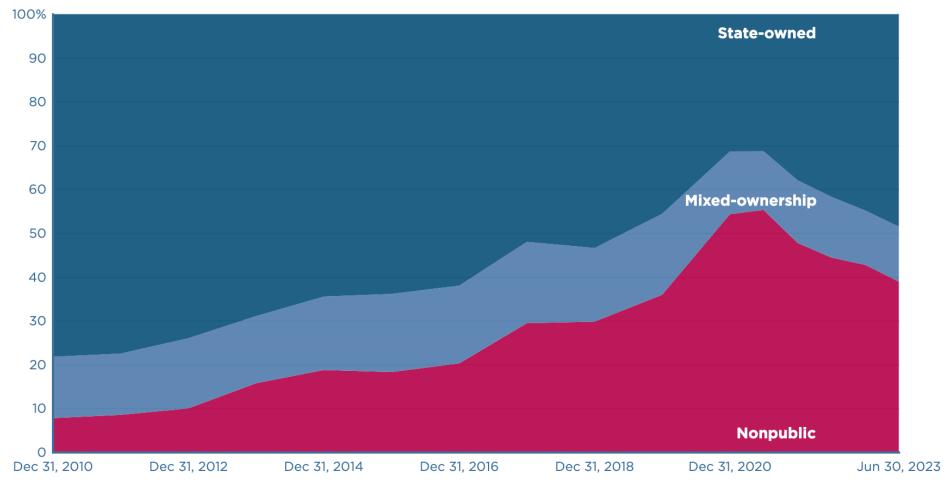


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### China's Top 100 Firms: By Ownership Share

### China's state vs. private company tracker: Which sector dominates?





Source: Peterson Institute for International Economics <a href="https://www.piie.com/research/piie-charts/chinas-state-vs-private-company-tracker-which-sector-dominates">https://www.piie.com/research/piie-charts/chinas-state-vs-private-company-tracker-which-sector-dominates</a>



## We have progressed so far...



Ever since the first hominids left Africa, human beings have been on the move. The canoe was invented in 8,000 B.C. and the first form of public transportation was a stagecoach operated in Paris in 1662. Fast for- ward to today's self-driving car prototype, and it's clear just how far we've come.

Source: The Atlantic, https://www.theatlantic.com/video/index/397865/animated-history-transportation/?utm\_source=fbb

Morning traffic on the Southeast Expressway in Dorches



er. (David L. Ryan/Globe Staff)



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# We are confused



## AV debate:

# How safe is safe enough?

who took responsibility?

# When 42,915 people died on the road in 2021,

# Q1: What is success?



# **Technology Themes in Mobility**

## **Mobility Decarbonization**

To reduce carbon emission by transitioning from fossil fuel to sustainable alternatives :

- Electric vehicles
- EV charging
- Battery technology
- Fuel Cells
- Hydrogen

## Connected Vehicle and Infrastructure

To enable real-time data exchange with other vehicles, infrastructure, and external systems.



## Autonomous Driving

To enable vehicles to operate without or with minimal human intervention, aiming to replace or assist human drivers, including:
Sensors & processors
Localization & Mapping
Perception software
Full-stack players

## Next-Gen Aviation & Space Tech

Sustainable aviation fuel; autonomous flights; eVTOL; hydrogen aircraft;

SpaceX, BlueOrigin; launch, satellite, manufacturing, in-space services

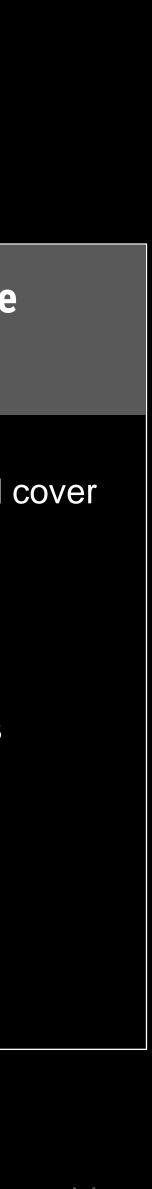
## MIT Mobility Venture Fall 2023

For each theme, we will cover the following content:

- The Opportunity
- **Investment Activities**
- Trends

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- Market Landscape
- Highlight Startups



# Different framings of transportation

- As a congestion problem
- As a sustainability problem
- As a social justice problem
- As a personal identity problem
- As an urban creativity problem
  - As a public health problem

# Q2: What defines the future of mobility?

# **Behavior + Computation**

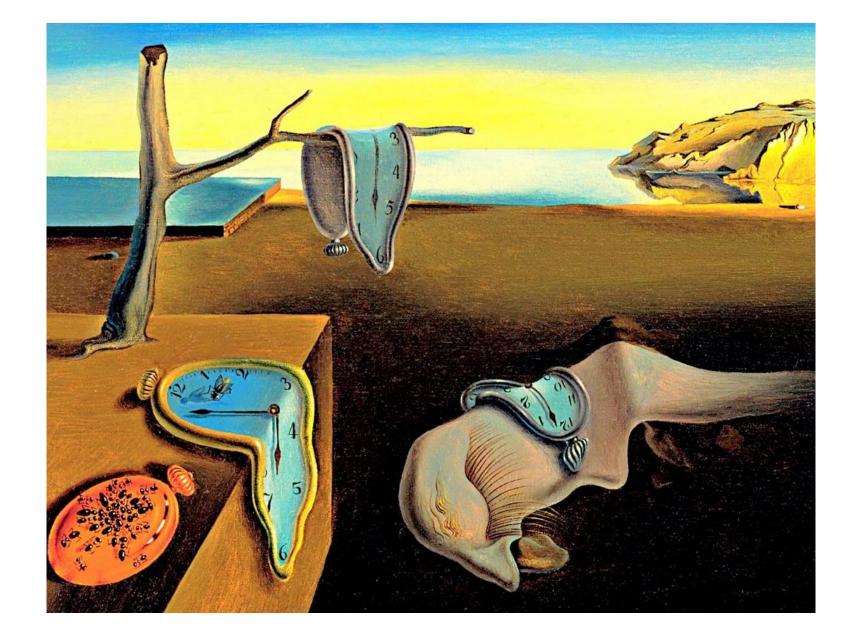
# Behavioral thinking

## is travel social? is travel emotional?





## is time absolute?



## **Business Decision**

- EV range anxiety
- Ridesharing Pricing
- AV adoption
- Congestion charge
- Ownership vs access
- Car profit margin

## **Behavioral Thinking**

- Emotional—> rational
- Preference of sharing
- Risk preference
- Price salience
- Option value
- Car pride

# Behavioral Thinking

- Emotional
- Social
- Perceptional

# Computational Foundation

- Representation
- Explanation

# Transportation Technology

- Electrification
- Automation
- Connectivity
- Sharing

- Prediction
- Control
- Creation

# Q3: How can MIT contribute?

## **Transportation Faculty and Researchers (Sample)**



Jim Aloisi ecturer of Transportation Policy and Planning

**Research Interests:** Urban Transportation, Equity, Public Realm Design, Public ransportation Funding and ervice Delivery



Robert N. Noyce Career Development Associate Professor and the Environment

Research Interests: Control of Infrastructure Networks, Security of Cyber-Physical Systems, Applied Game Theory and Information Economics



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John Attanucci Lecturer, Research Associate and Manager of the MIT Transit Research Program

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Jinhua Zhao

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Urban Transportation, Travel

Behavior, Shared and Automated

Mobility Planning, Public Transit





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Bill Aulet ofessor, Sloan School; lanaging Director, Martin Trust Center, MIT

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Dimitris Bertsimas Professor of Management and Operations Research, Associate Dean of Business Analytics

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Networking, Data Management,

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Overlay and P2P Networks

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# Mobility Initiative



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Fred Salvucci Senior Lecturer and Senior Research Associate

**Research Interests:** Infrastructure, Urban Transportation, Public Transportation, Institutional Development in Decision-Making.



Matthias Winkenbach Director of the MIT Megacity Logistics Lab; Director of the MIT CAVE Lab

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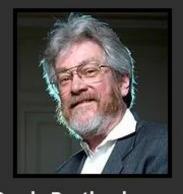
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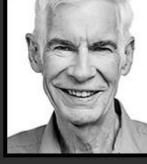
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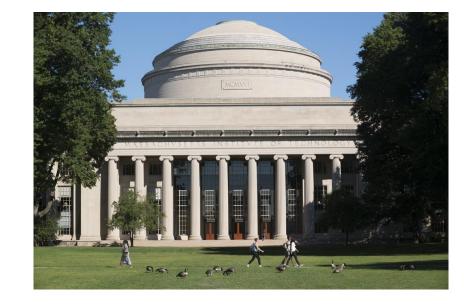




## **Our Mission**

The MIT Mobility Initiative (MMI) is a global platform to accelerate a safe, clean and inclusive mobility system through research, education, entrepreneurship and engagement





## Research

Catalyze cross-disciplinary research that provides insight to strategic challenges for industry and society

## Education

Manage and enhance MIT's transportation degree programs and expand the executive education offering





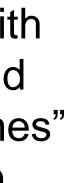
## Entrepreneurship

Leverage MIT's innovation ecosystem to spin off mobility tech startups and support existing startups



## Engagement

Foster direct interaction with leaders from business and government on the "front lines" of the mobility revolution



# How is MIT contributing?

Solve short-term technical problems Develop medium-term platforms and capacity

- Catalyze strategic, institutional, and social changes

# MIT serving the public

Q1: What is success?

# Q2: What defines the future of mobility? Q3: How can MIT Mobility Initiative contribute?

