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Towards a self-driving future

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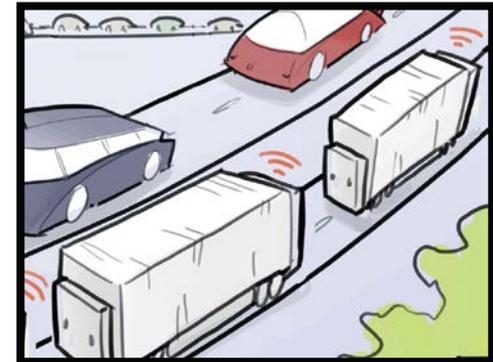
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Research program

1. *'Driver at the wheel?'*: scenarios for a future traffic and transport system with automated vehicles
 - Uncertainties, vision and interactions
 - Broad societal consequences
 - No specific time horizon: four final stages
2. **Transition paths (fore- and backcasting)**
 - challenges over time
3. Perspective on policy options (in progress)



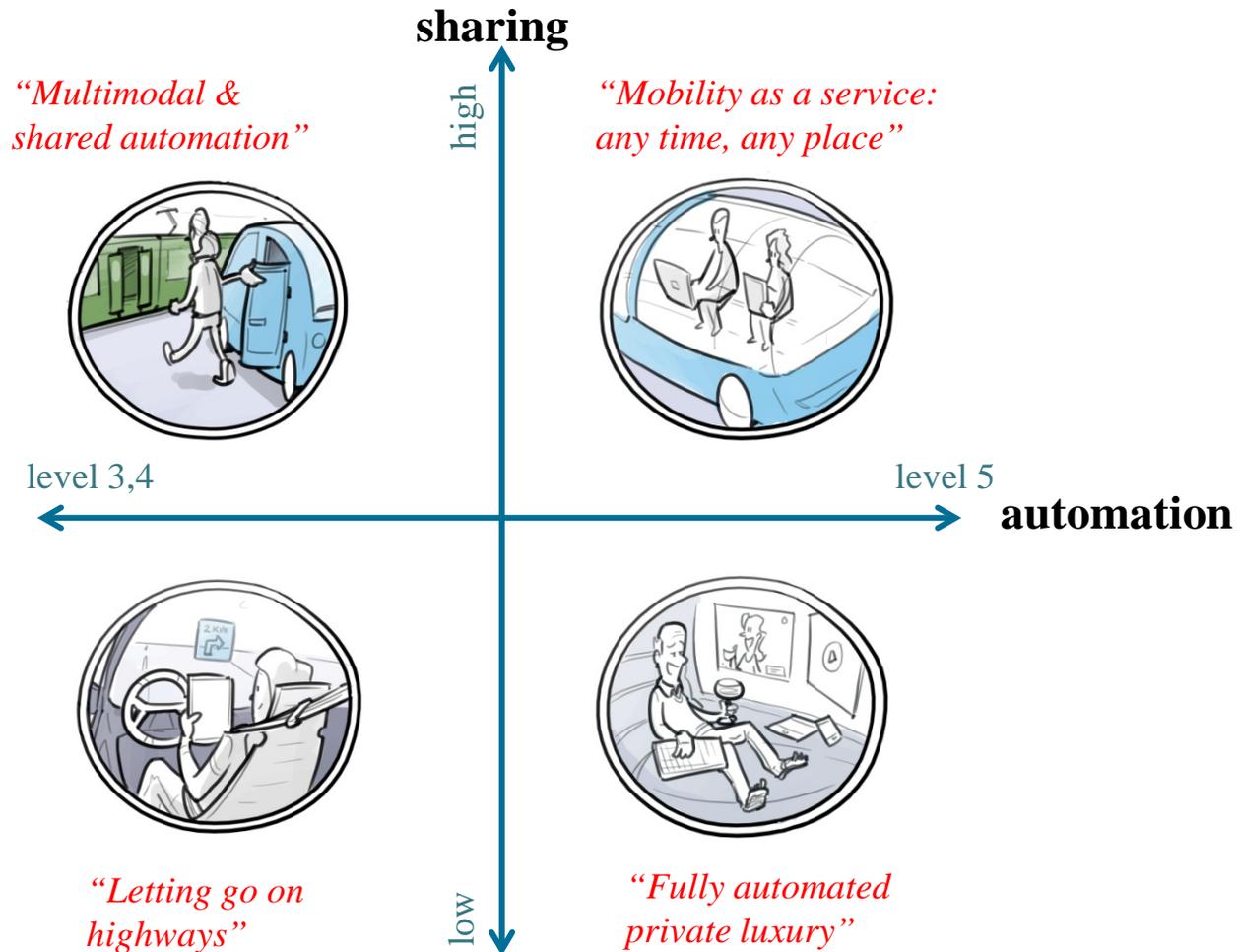


Definition: SAE-levels of automation

Level	Name	Example
<i>Human driver monitors the driving environment</i>		
0	No automation	Lane Departure Warning
1	Driver assistance	Adaptive Cruise Control
2	Partial automation	Parking Assistance
<i>Automated driving system monitors the driving environment</i>		
3	Conditional automation	Highway Chauffeur
4	High automation	Parking Garage Pilot
5	Full automation	Robot Taxi



Driver at the wheel? Uncertainties and scenarios

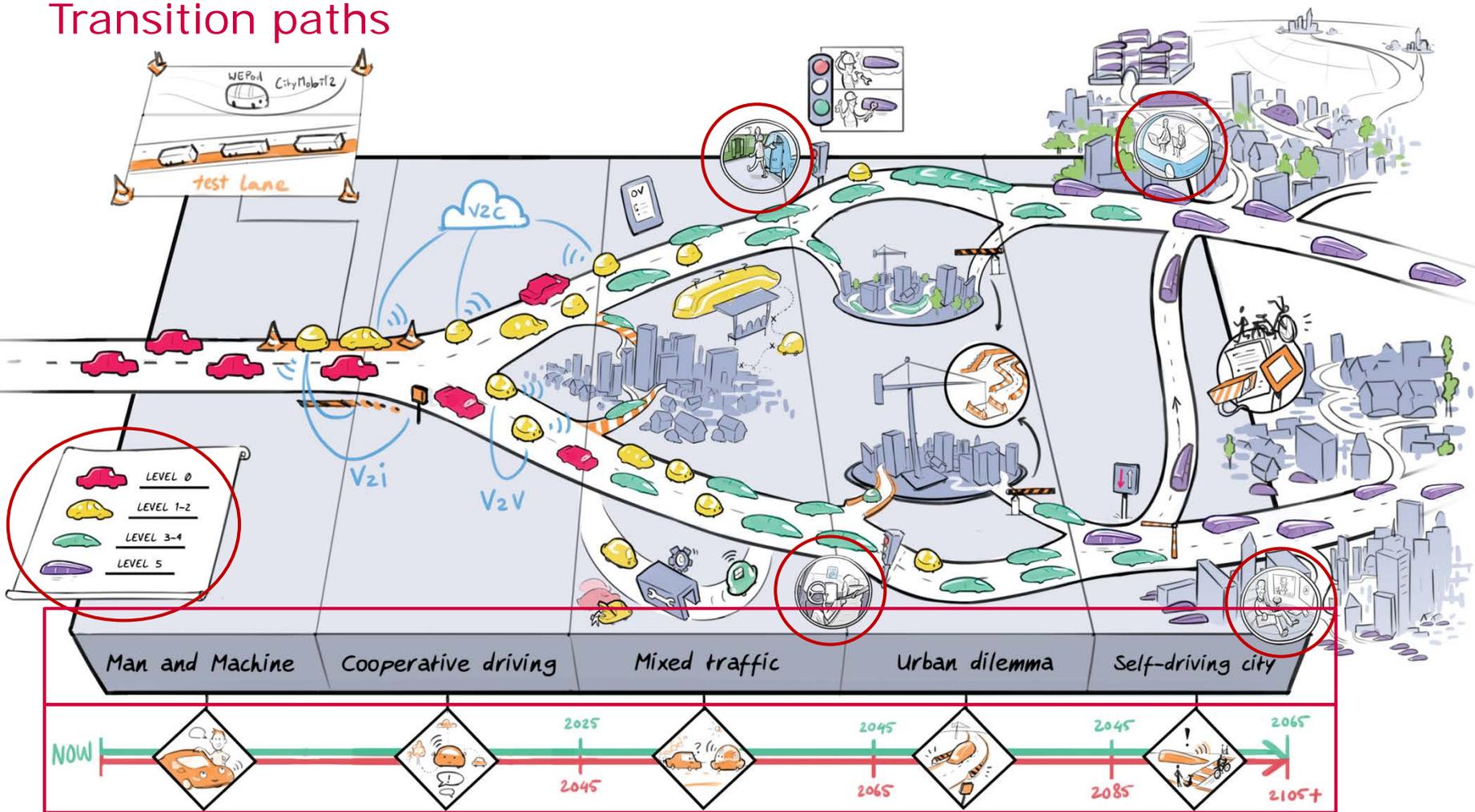




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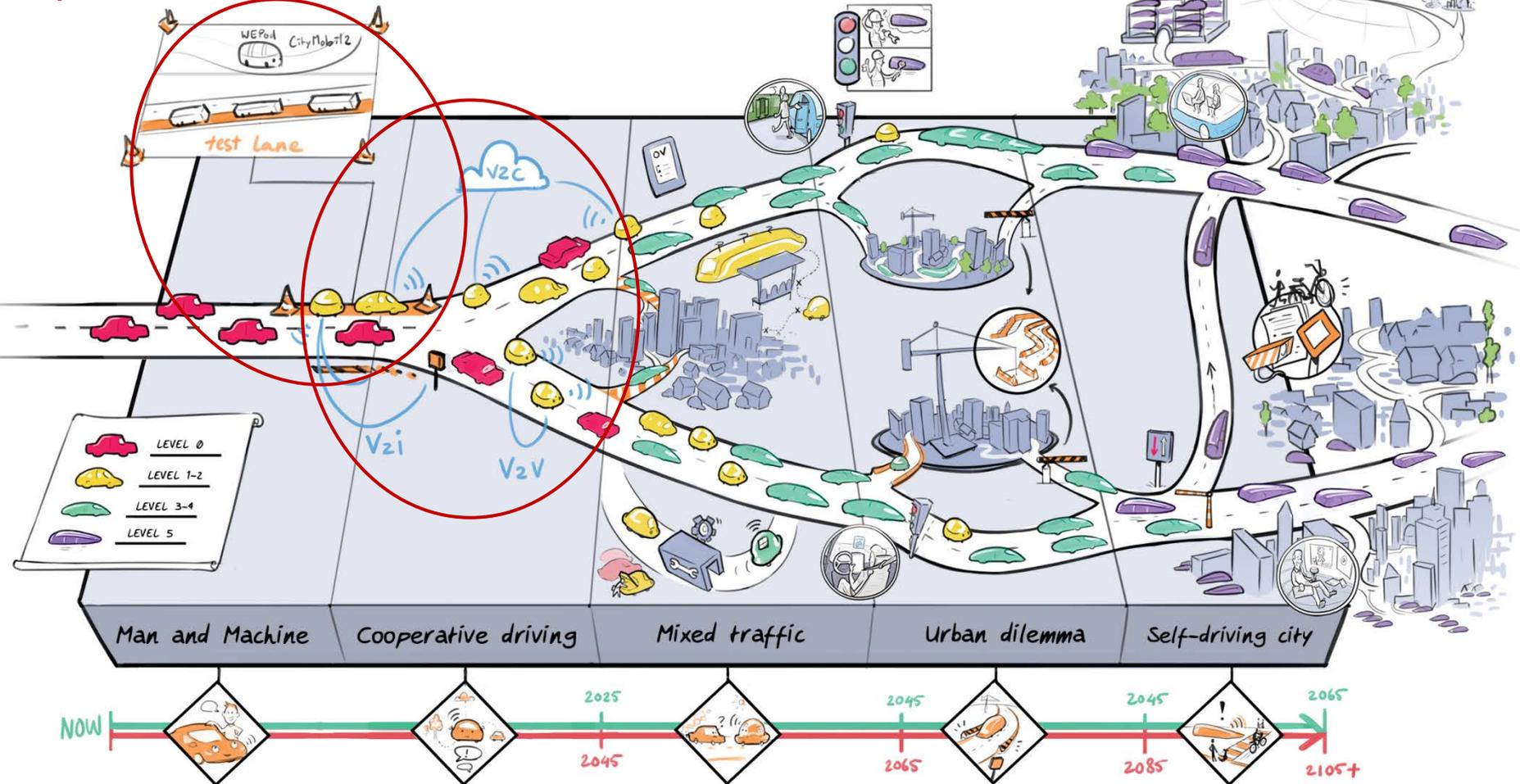


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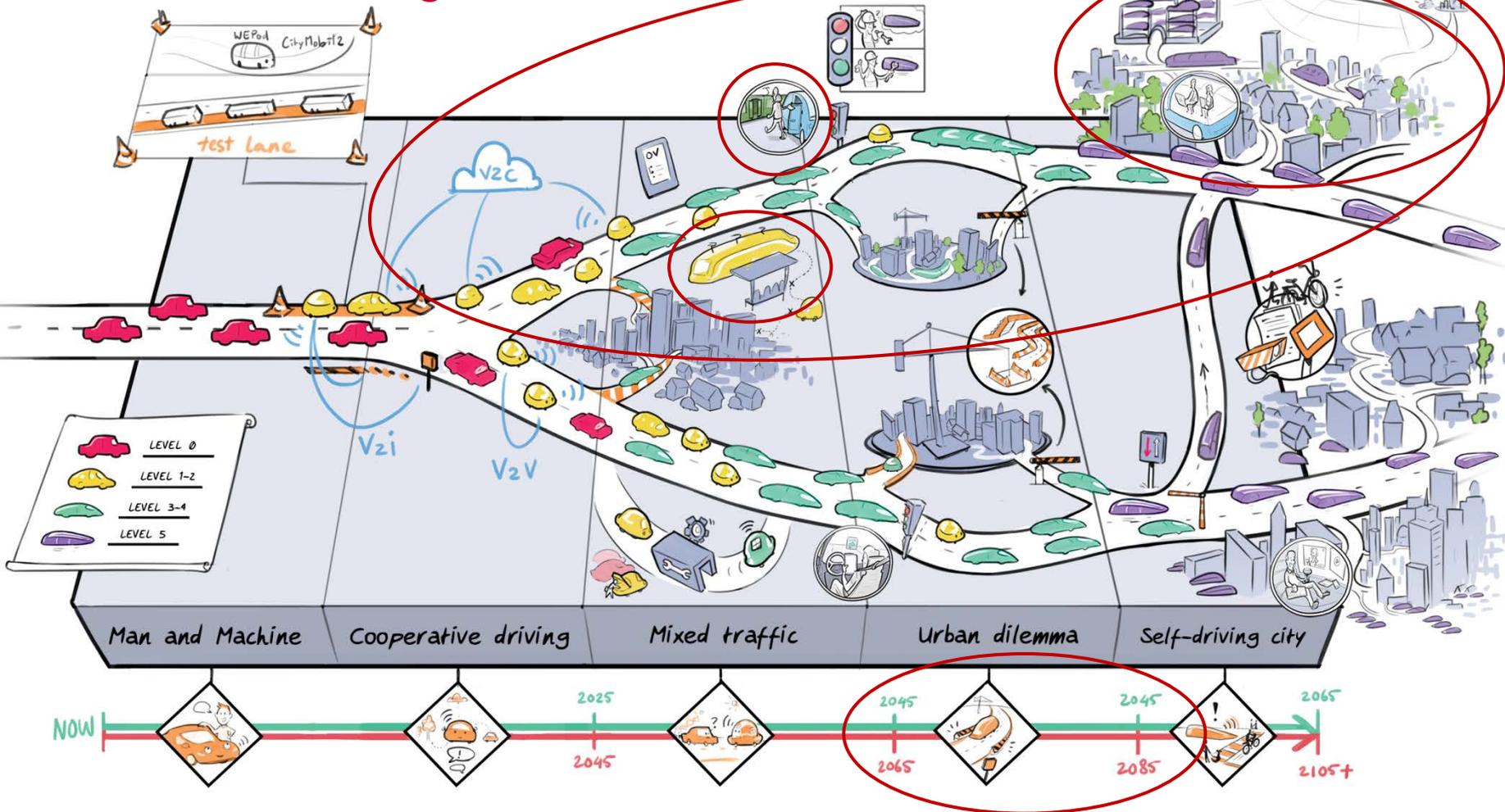


Experimentation Communication



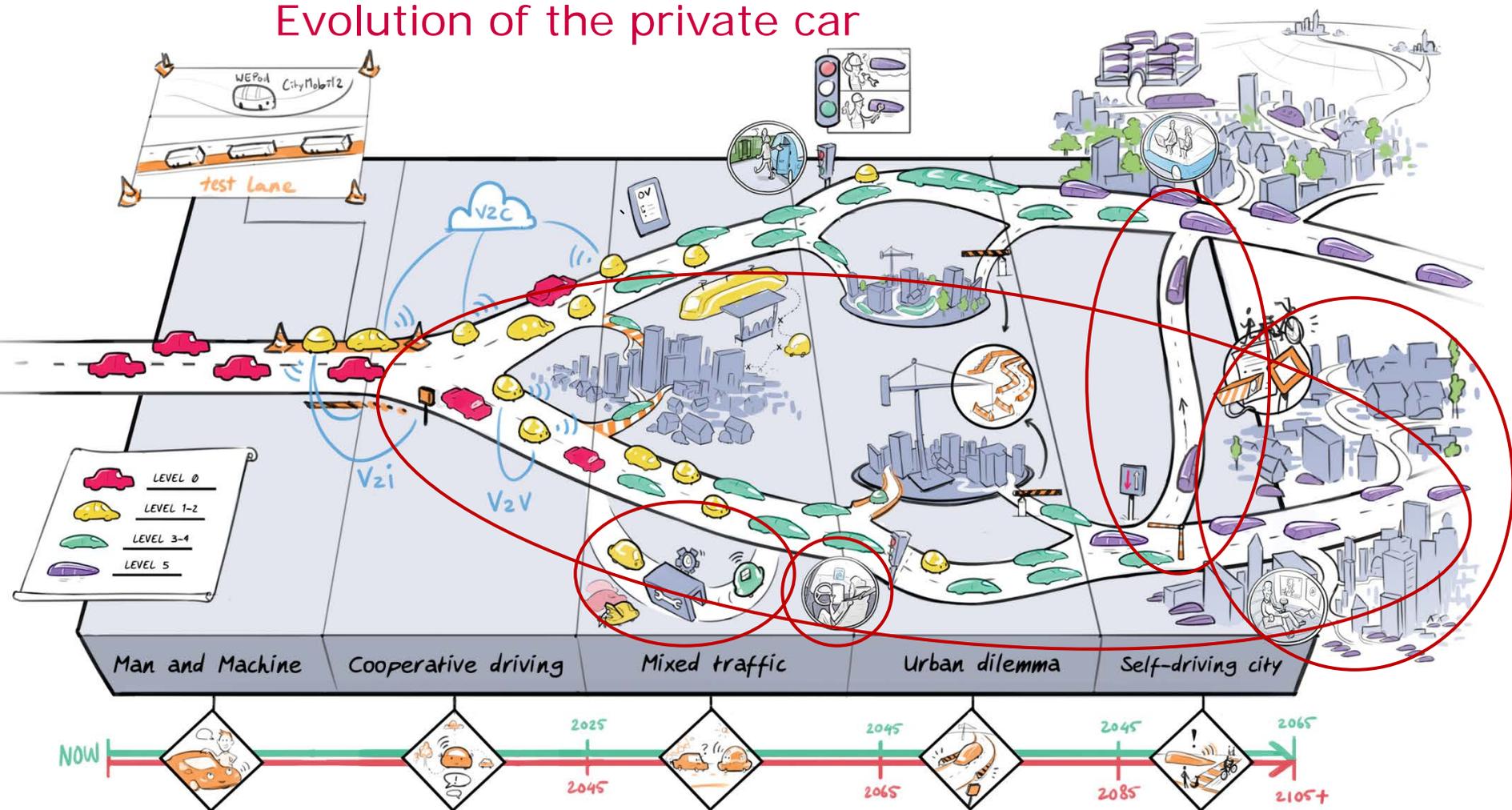


Sharing flourishes





Evolution of the private car

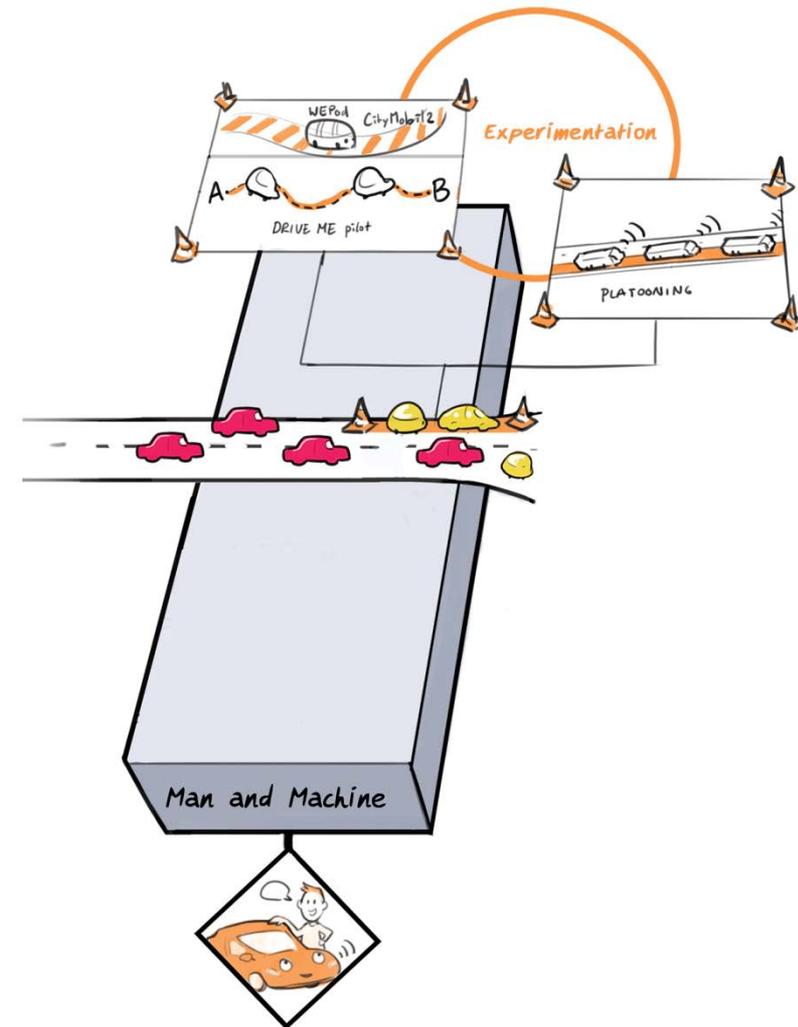




Transition challenges

Man and machine (I 1/2)

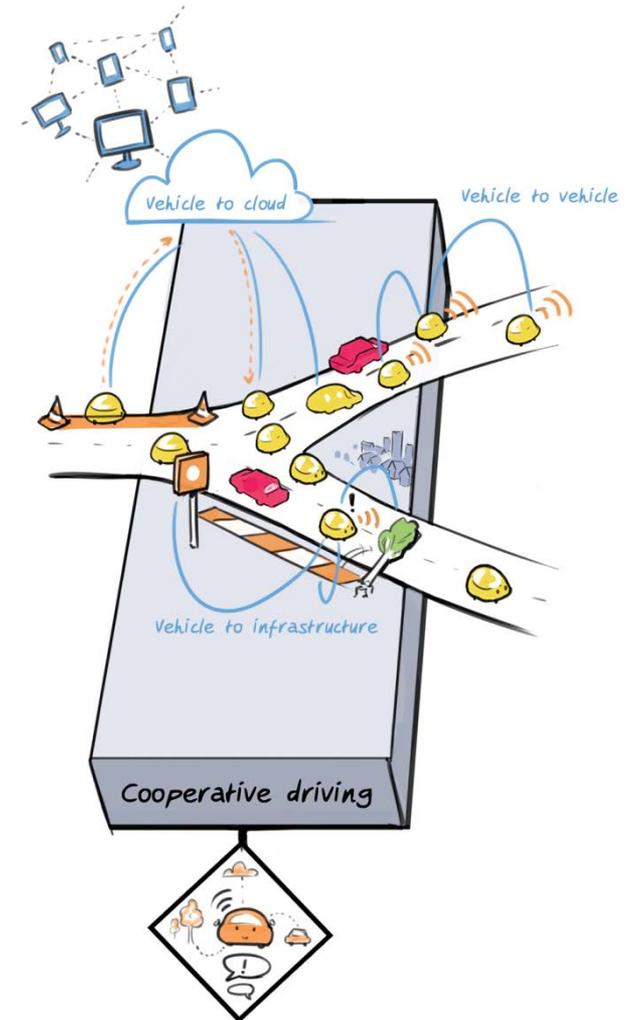
- Best of two worlds?
 - human beings excel in complex unexpected circumstances
 - technology supports driver
 - higher traffic safety
 - improved traffic flow
- Or not?
 - driver loses attention: accidents
 - trust in technology undermined





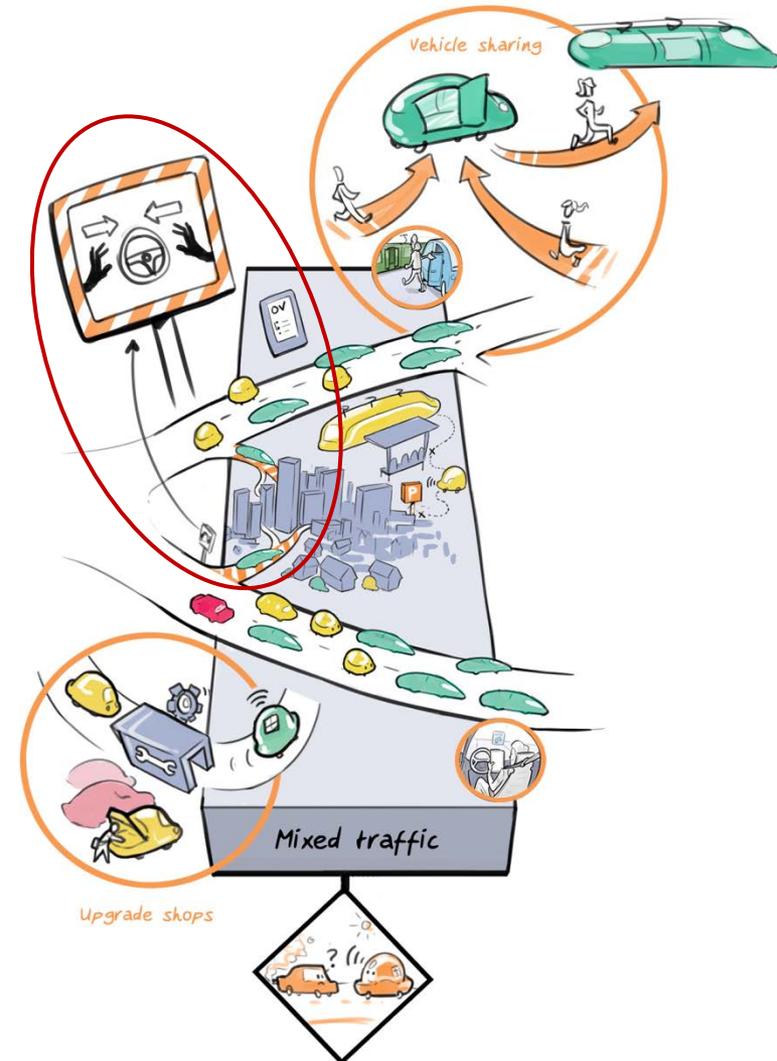
Cooperative driving (I 1/2)

- Holy grail?
 - Efficient road use
 - Higher traffic safety
 - Less congestion
 - Less CO₂
- Or bridge too far?
 - Sensor and software reliability
 - Cyber security: hacks, privacy



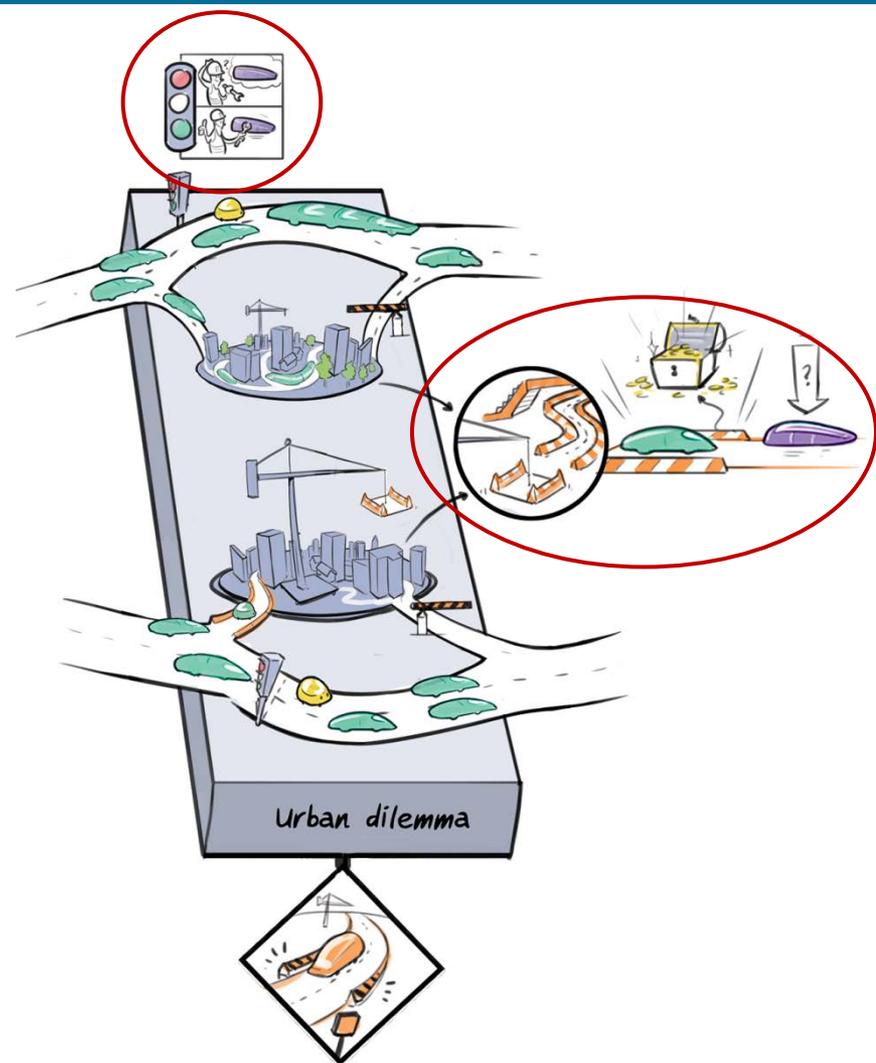
Mixed traffic (I 3/4)

- Solves itself?
 - consumers appreciate safer traffic and efficient road use
 - investments in transition zones between highway and city
- Or showstopper?
 - consumer prefers to be in control
 - dangerous interaction



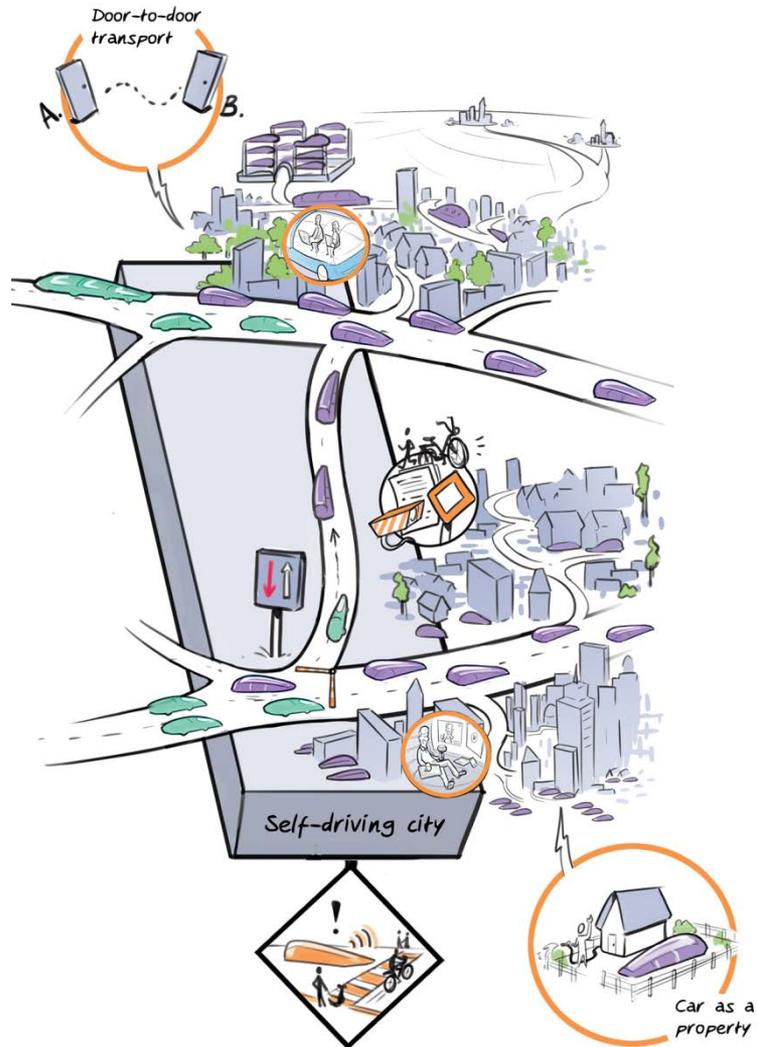
Urban dilemma (I 3/4)

- Separate modes?
 - IS technology far away
 - Adjust city infrastructure
 - I 3/4 lanes
- Or driver in control?
 - IS technology nearby
 - Separate modes too costly



Self driving city (I 5)

- Contested space?
 - bikers and pedestrians take the road
 - car traffic comes to a standstill
- Or flexible interaction?
 - physical separation
 - technology
 - 'pushy' automated vehicle
 - culture





Transition highlights

- Full transition will take quite some time: 2060 - 2100
 - technology, consumers, government, stock of cars, infrastructure
- Path towards a future of sharing cars and rides
 - requires major shift on short and medium term
 - probable on long term

Level	Subject	Major transition challenges
1/2	man and machine	best of both worlds or not?
1/2	cooperative driving	holy grail or bridge too far?
3/4	mixed traffic on highway	solves itself or showstopper?
3/4	city infrastructure	separate modes or driver in control?
5	self-driving city	contested space or flexible interaction?



Thank you for your attention

Scenario study *Driver at the wheel?*:
english.kimnet.nl/publications/reports/2015/10/14/driver-at-the-wheel

Or google: 'Driver at the wheel? KiM'