

# TALGO IN AMERICA: THE BEST IS YET TO COME



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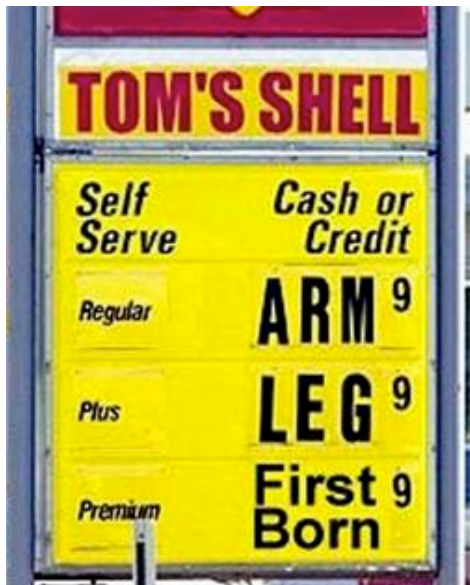
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# Why rail is needed more than ever?

- Safety
- Oil consumption
- Environment
- Security and energy independence
- Congestion
- Efficient



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# Safety

- 6 million (2006 data) annual highway wrecks
- Injure 2.5 million people
- And kill 42,600 (about 117 people per day)



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# How does rail compare?

**SAFE**

Fatality rate per billion passenger miles traveled

Car (most dangerous) 7.2

Airplane 2.3

Bus 2.0

Train (safest) 0.5

<http://airfare.michaelbluejay.com/modes.html#pm>

Transportation Accidents <sup>a</sup> by Mode	
	1999
<b>Air</b>	
U.S. air carrier <sup>b</sup>	52
Commuter carrier <sup>c</sup>	13
On-demand air taxi <sup>d</sup>	76
General aviation <sup>e</sup>	1,909
<b>Highway</b>	
Passenger car	4,916,000
Motorcycle	57,000
Truck <sup>f</sup>	3,425,000
Bus	63,000
<b>Total highway crashes<sup>a</sup></b>	<b>6,279,000</b>
<b>Rail</b>	
Highway-rail grade crossing <sup>g,h</sup>	3,489
Railroad <sup>g,i</sup>	2,768
<b>Transit<sup>j</sup></b>	<b>23,416</b>
<b>Waterborne</b>	
Vessel-related	3,654
Recreational boating	7,935
<b>Pipeline</b>	
Hazardous liquid pipeline	165
Gas pipeline	174
<b>TOTAL accidents</b>	<b>6,330,000</b>

[http://www.bts.gov/publications/national\\_transportation\\_statistics/2000/html/2-3.htm](http://www.bts.gov/publications/national_transportation_statistics/2000/html/2-3.htm)



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# What does it take to move one person one mile?

Rail is 17% more efficient than domestic airline travel

Rail is 21% more efficient than automobile travel



All measures are in British Thermal Units of energy per passenger mile

All data as of 2005; U.S. DoE, "Transportation Energy Data Book," 26<sup>th</sup> Edition

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The reason for the efficiency is



Bob Holman

Traffic  
Thomas White, Reiner Decher  
VTD Rail Publishing 2009

**Steel wheel on steel rail.  
Contact area the size of a dime.**

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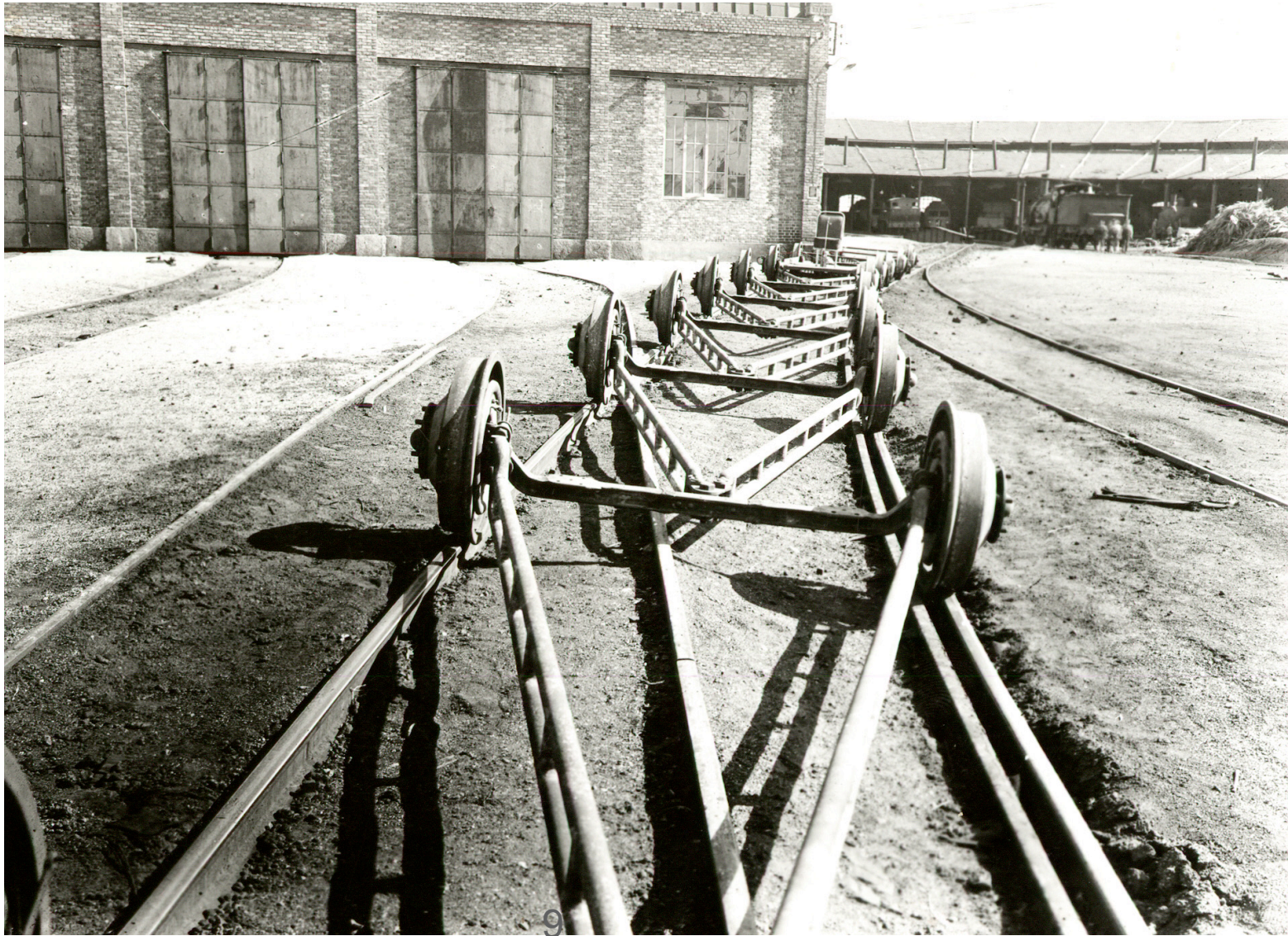


# Less land dedicated to transportation





# IT ALL STARTED...



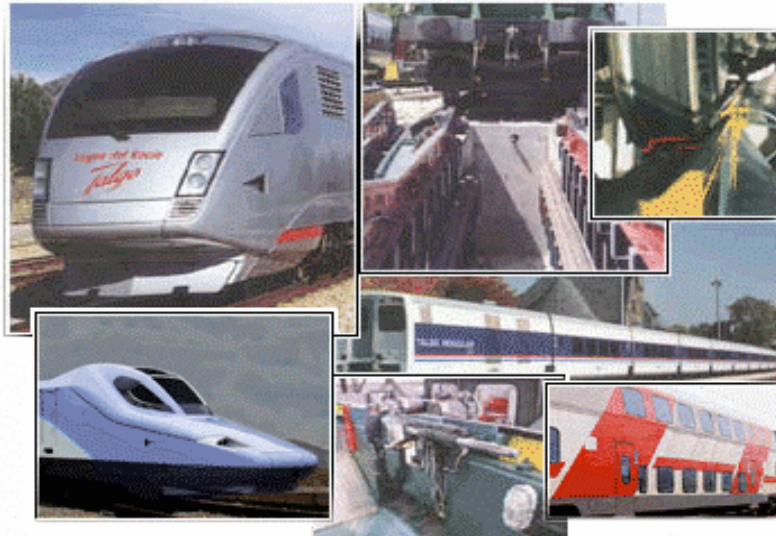
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# TALGO COMPANY

## Profile

Year established:	1942
Employees in 2007:	1,120
Revenues 2007	\$ 394.5 (million)



## Core Business

Design, Manufacture , Maintenance of

- Passenger Trains
- Maintenance Equipment
- Automatic Dual Gauge System

## History

- Over 60 years in business
- Over 3,000 vehicles built
- High speed applications
- Built in the U.S. in 1950's
- Continuous service in the U.S. since 1994
- Safety record (accidents demonstrated crashworthiness; minimal injuries/deaths)

# TALGO WORLDWIDE





# Products

Talgo's main products consist of a variety of High Speed and Intercity trains

## Main Products



**Talgo  
AVE 330**

Commissioning year:	2004
Maximum speed:	330 Km/h
No. of cars per train:	12
No. of cars in circulation:	180
Market segment:	High Speed



**Talgo  
S7  
Intercity**

Commissioning year:	1998
Maximum speed:	250 Km/h
No. of cars per train:	11
No. of cars in circulation:	333
Market segment:	Intercity



**Talgo 200  
S6**

Commissioning year:	1990
Maximum speed:	200 Km/h
No. of cars per train:	variable
No. of cars in circulation:	388
Market segment:	Intercity



**Talgo  
S3 - S5**

Commissioning year:	1964 - 1981
Maximum speed:	160 - 180 Km/h
No. of cars per train:	variable
No. of cars in circulation:	443
Market segment:	Intercity

## Main Products



**Double  
Decker  
Intercity**

Commissioning year:	1998
Maximum speed:	200 Km/h
No. of cars per train:	variable
No. of cars in circulation:	92
Market segment:	Intercity

## Prototypes



**Talgo 22**

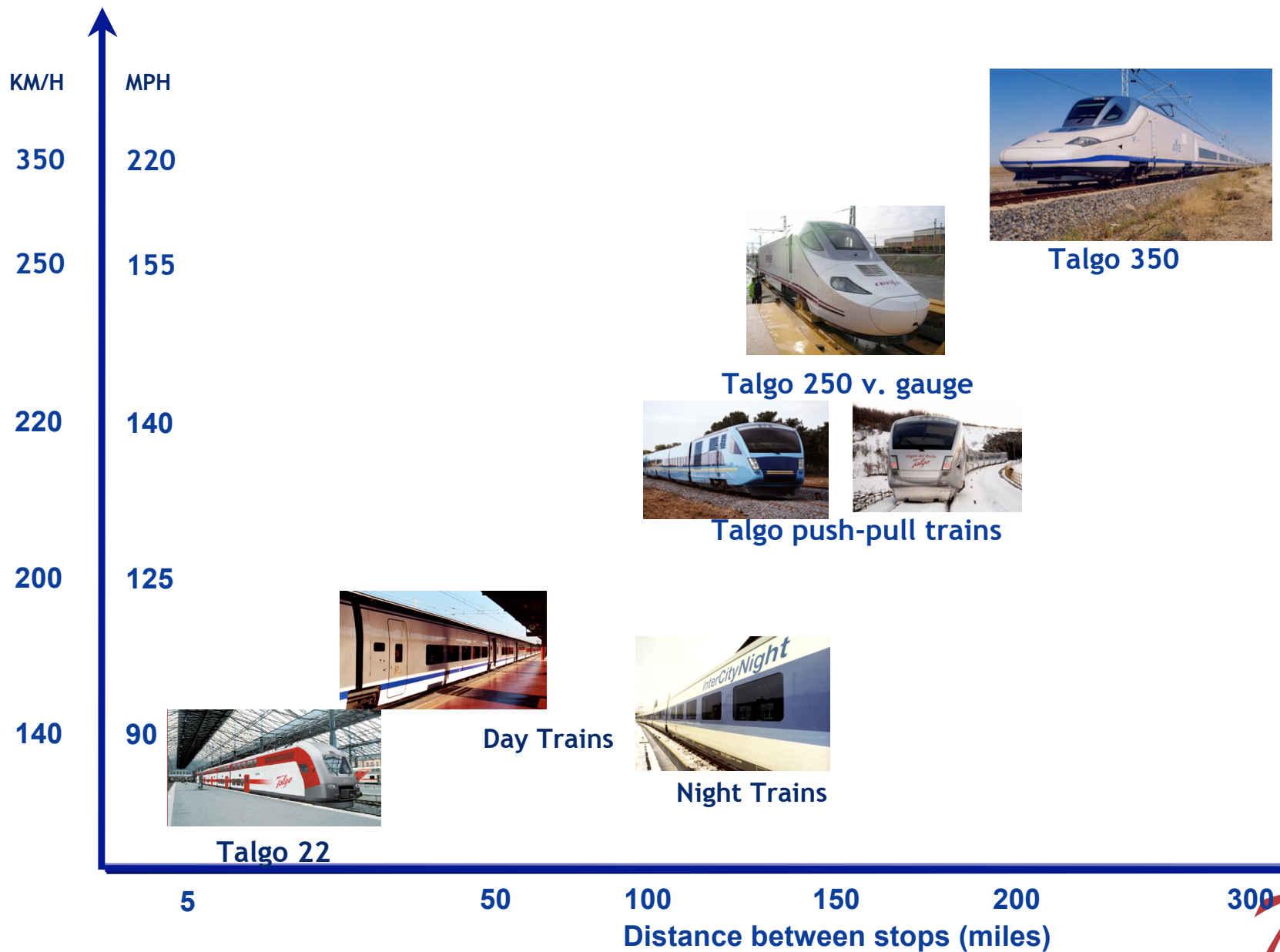
Commissioning year:	In progress
Maximum speed:	160 Km/h
No. of cars per train:	variable
No. of cars in circulation:	-
Market segment:	Regional



**TRAVCA  
Loco**

- AV Locomotive with track width change
- Jointly developed with TEAM
- Testing stage (€6 million R&D)
- Possibility to export to countries with different track width change

# TALGO PRODUCTS



# Talgo 350



- max speed= 220 mph
- seats = 348-500
- weight = 290-320 t
- length = 660-1310 ft
- aluminum body shell
- articulated train

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# BISTRO AND RESTAURANT SERVICE

## Cafeteria Car



- Galley in Club Class
- Galley in Business Class
- Galley in Coach Class

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# INFORMATION AND ENTERTAINMENT

## Passenger information system:

- Exterior panels
- Interior panels
- Information screens
- Selective public address system



- 4 stereo music channels individually selectable at seat (plus the audio of the video system)
- 3 video channels (DVD) with LCD screens

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# SEATS



Rotating and reclining seats in all classes



## Seat pitch:

- Business Class: 39.50 in
- Coach Class: 39.50 in
- Club Class: 40.07 in

# Interior Design



Passenger cars



# INTERIOR



Lavatory module



Bistro

# In Search of a Market with Potential: Talgo identified USA

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Developed country

Rail development abandoned  
in the 50's

Population growing

Demanding public

No infrastructure for High  
Speed Rail

Certain States with Rail Plans

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No HSR technology

No High speed trains

Rail development abandoned  
in the 50's

No funds for Rail

No brand recognition of HSR



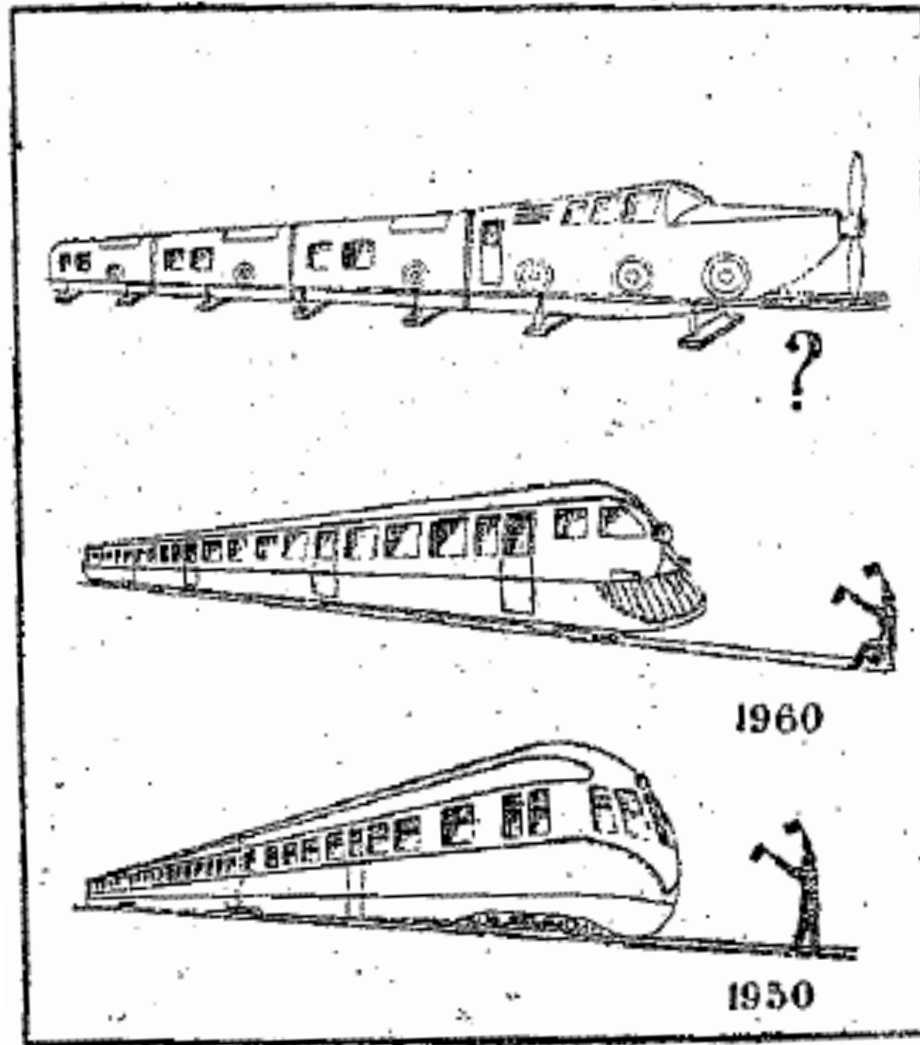
# Why Washington State / Why Talgo

- 1991 legislation directed Washington State Department of Transportation to study the feasibility of a high speed ground transportation system.
- In 1992 Washington State became one of the original five federally designated high speed rail corridors.
- By 1993, Washington State had been exploring high speed rail for ten years.
- The corridor planning activity developed a performance specification for the type of trains that would be necessary to successfully implement an economical high speed rail plan.
- Talgo had the product that matched the specification.



# Why Talgo?

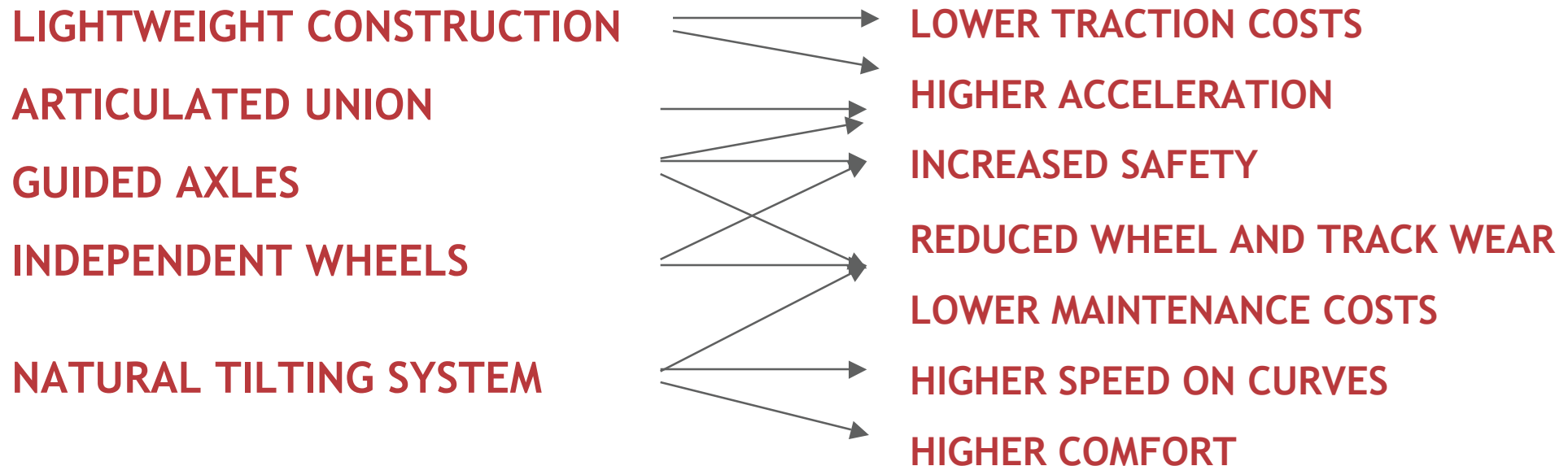
## The Vision





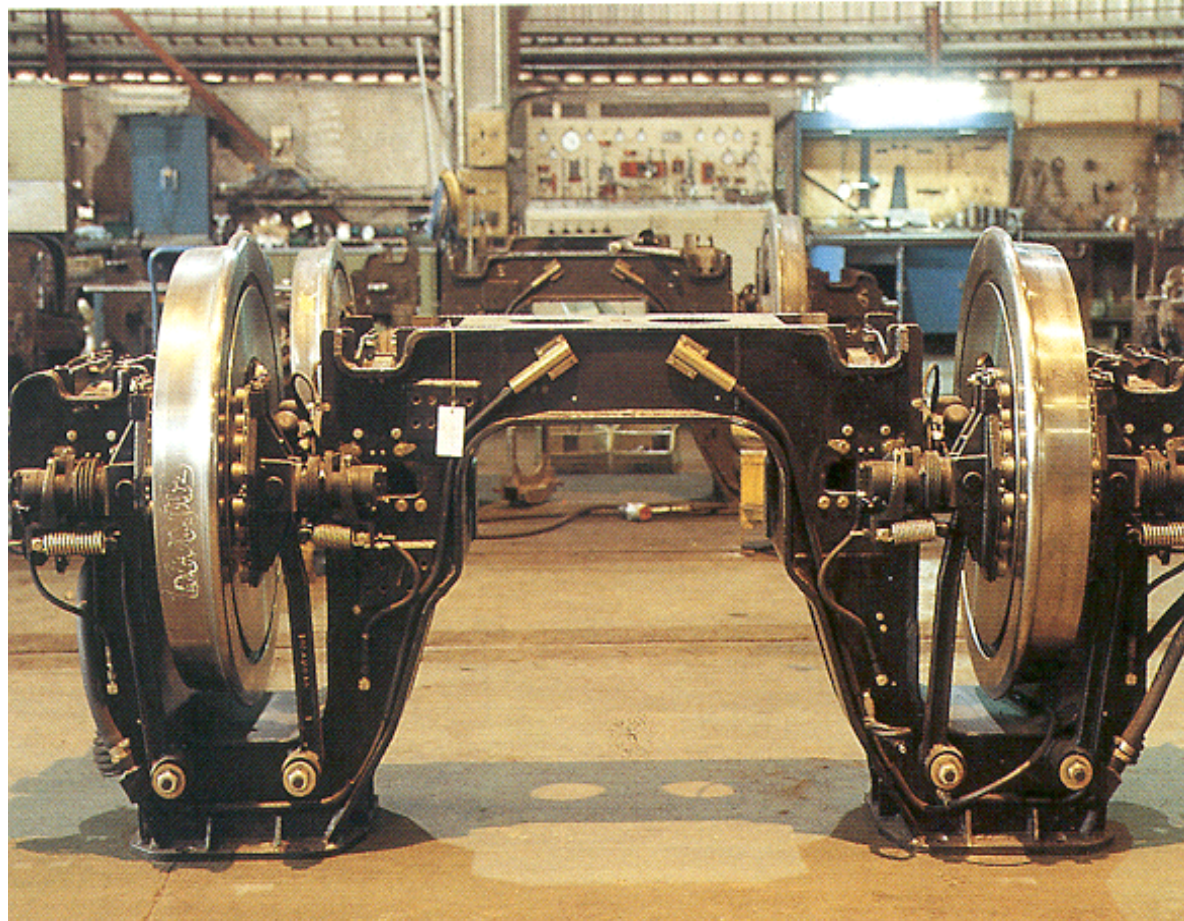
# TECHNOLOGICAL PRINCIPLES OF THE TALGO TRAINS

## Advantages of the Talgo trains



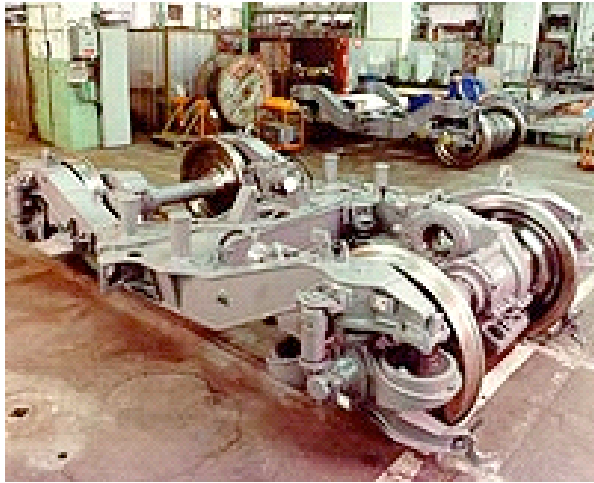
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## Independent and guided wheels (I)

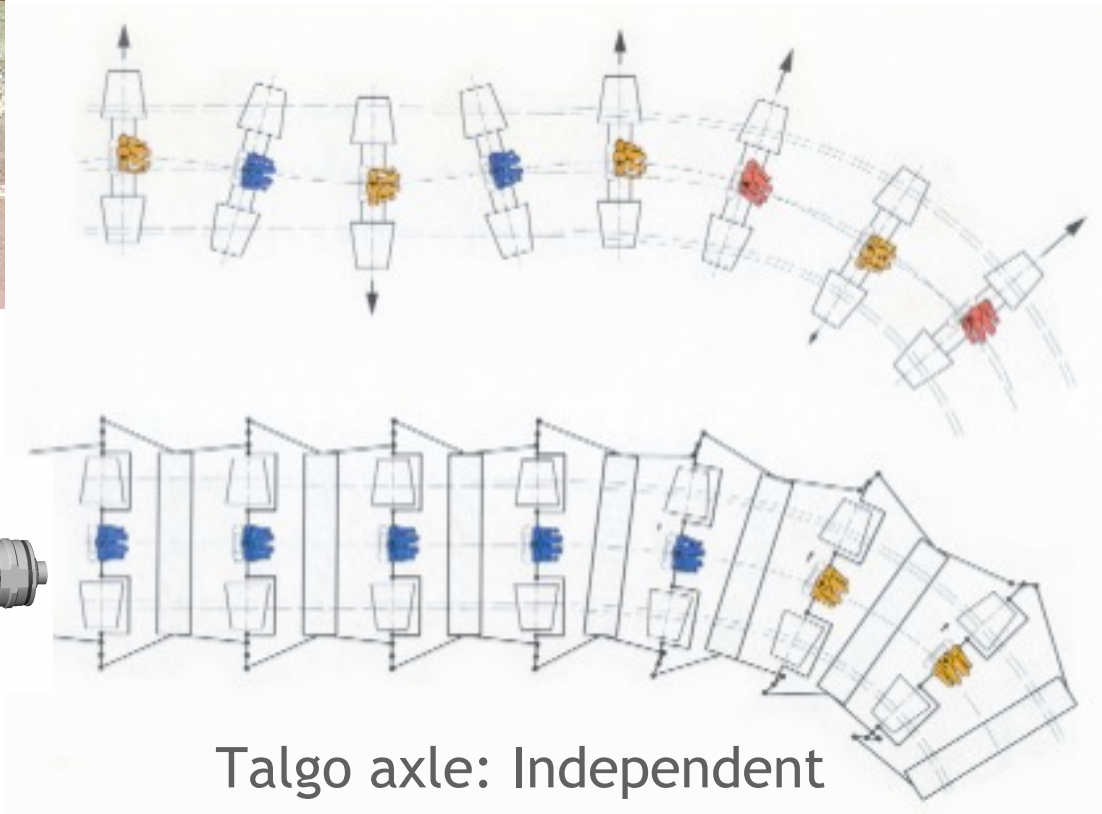


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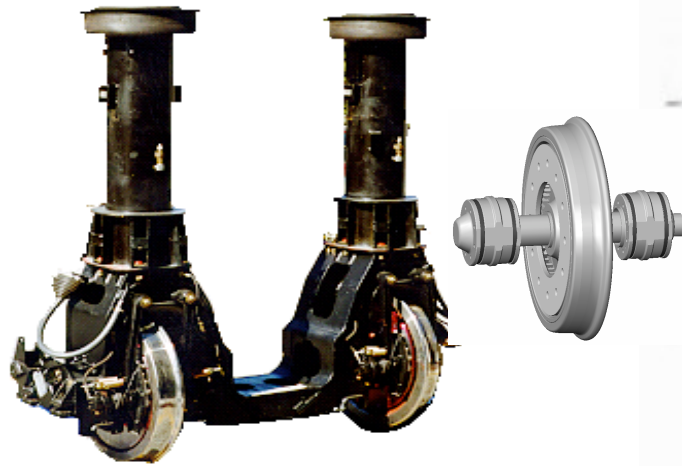
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Conventional axles:  
Yaw movement



Talgo axle: Independent  
and guided wheels

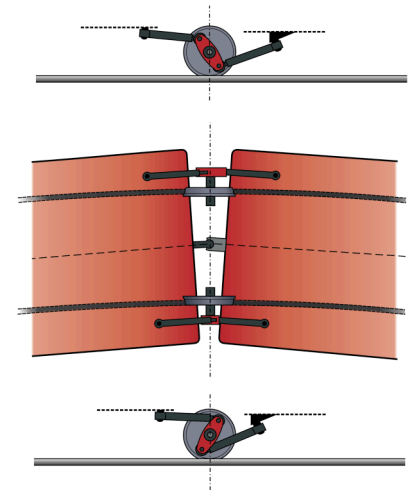
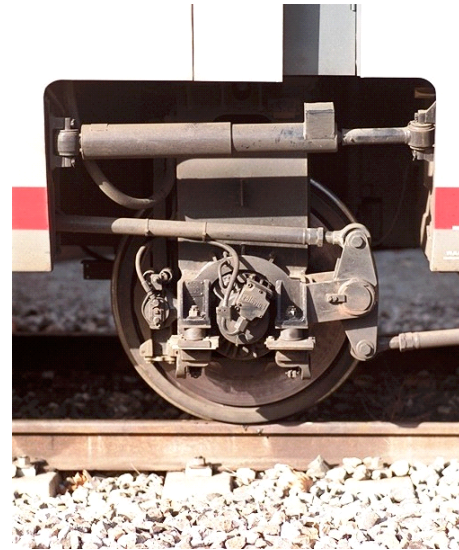




# TECHNOLOGY

## Independent and guided wheels (III)

Talgo wheelset = Perfect wheel-track alignment



### Main advantages:

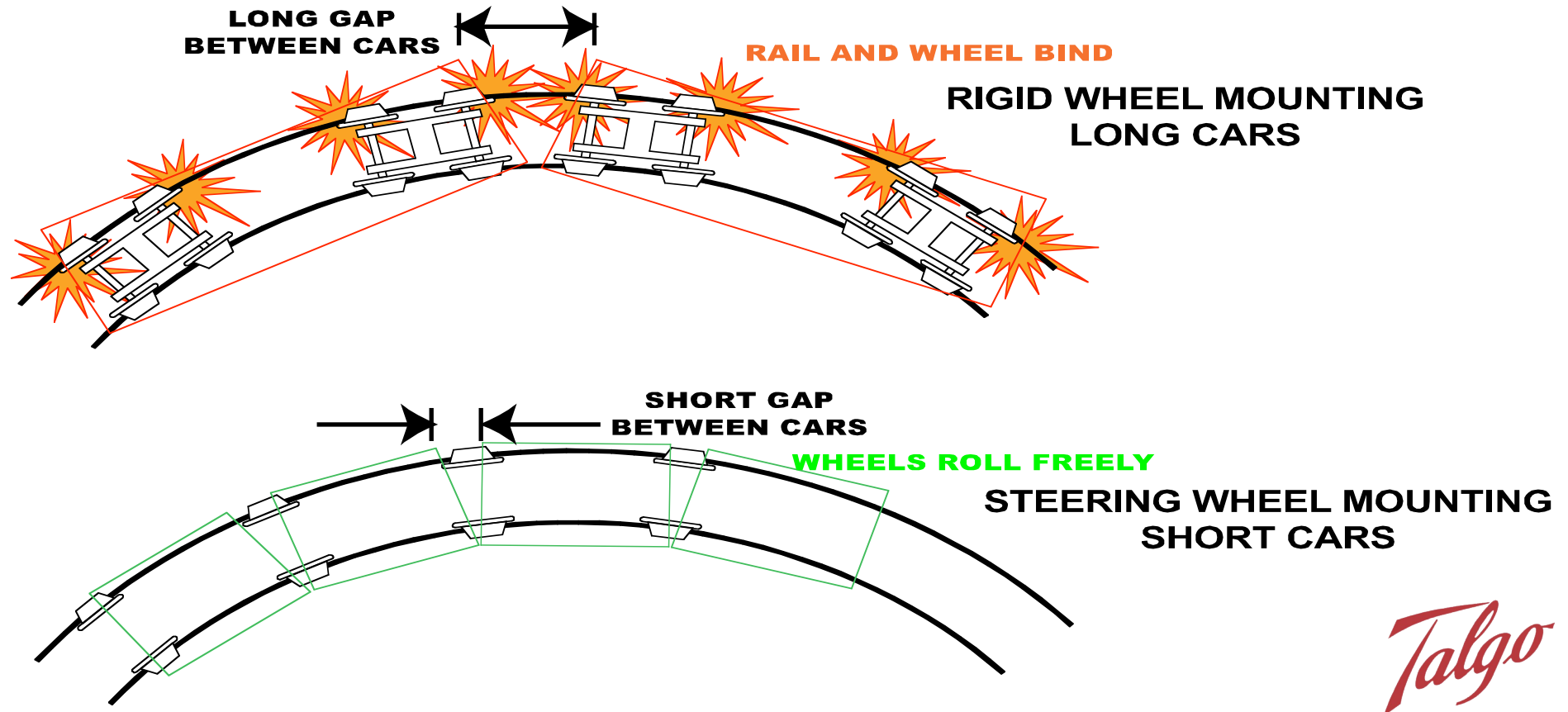
- High running comfort
- Lower wheel and track wear (lower maintenance costs)
- No yaw movement
- Security against derailling



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# More advantages for today and tomorrow

- Talgo's unique guiding system allows the wheels to remain parallel with the rail through curves, reducing wear on the rail and wheels and reducing friction that must be overcome by fuel consumption.



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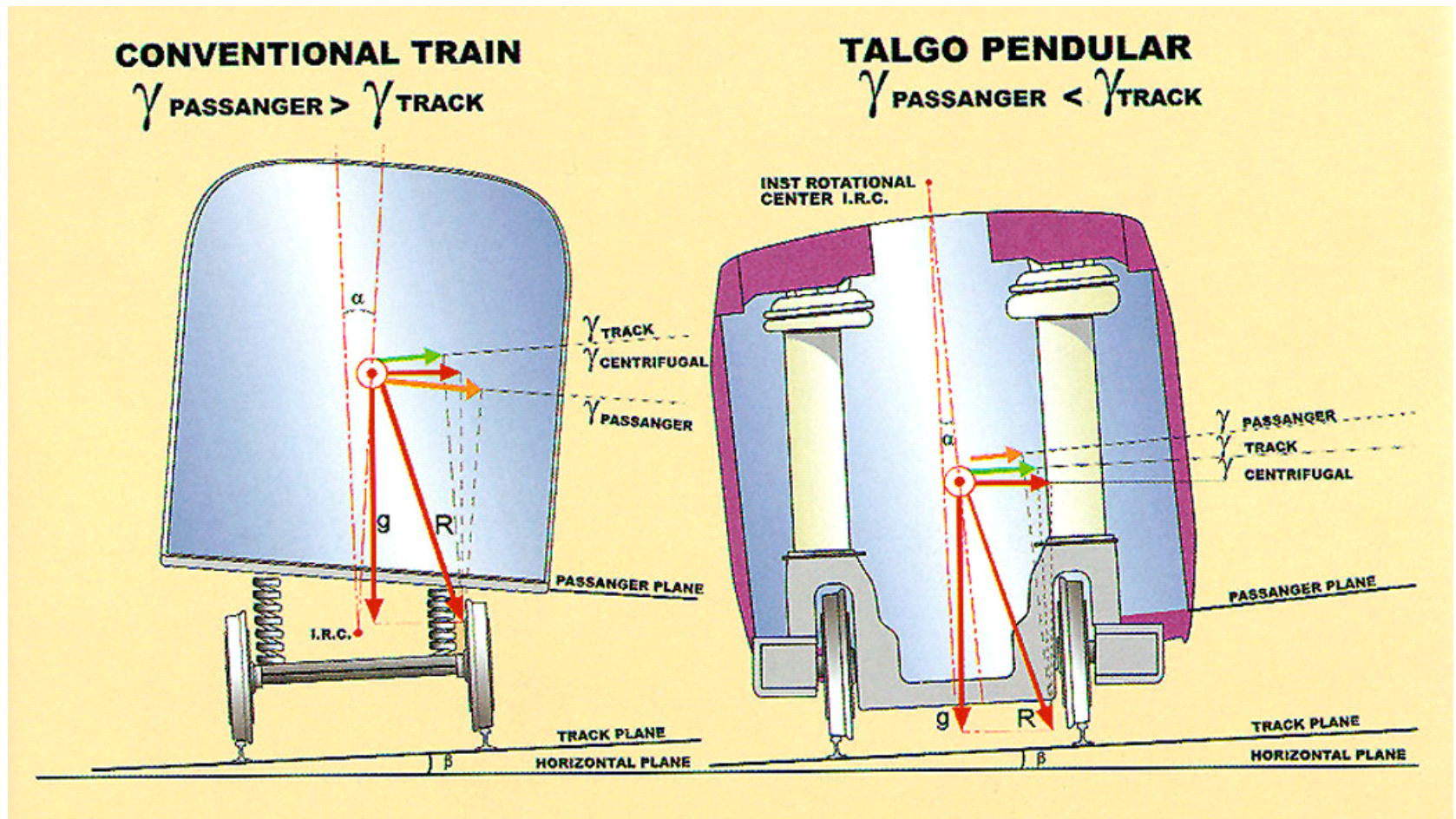
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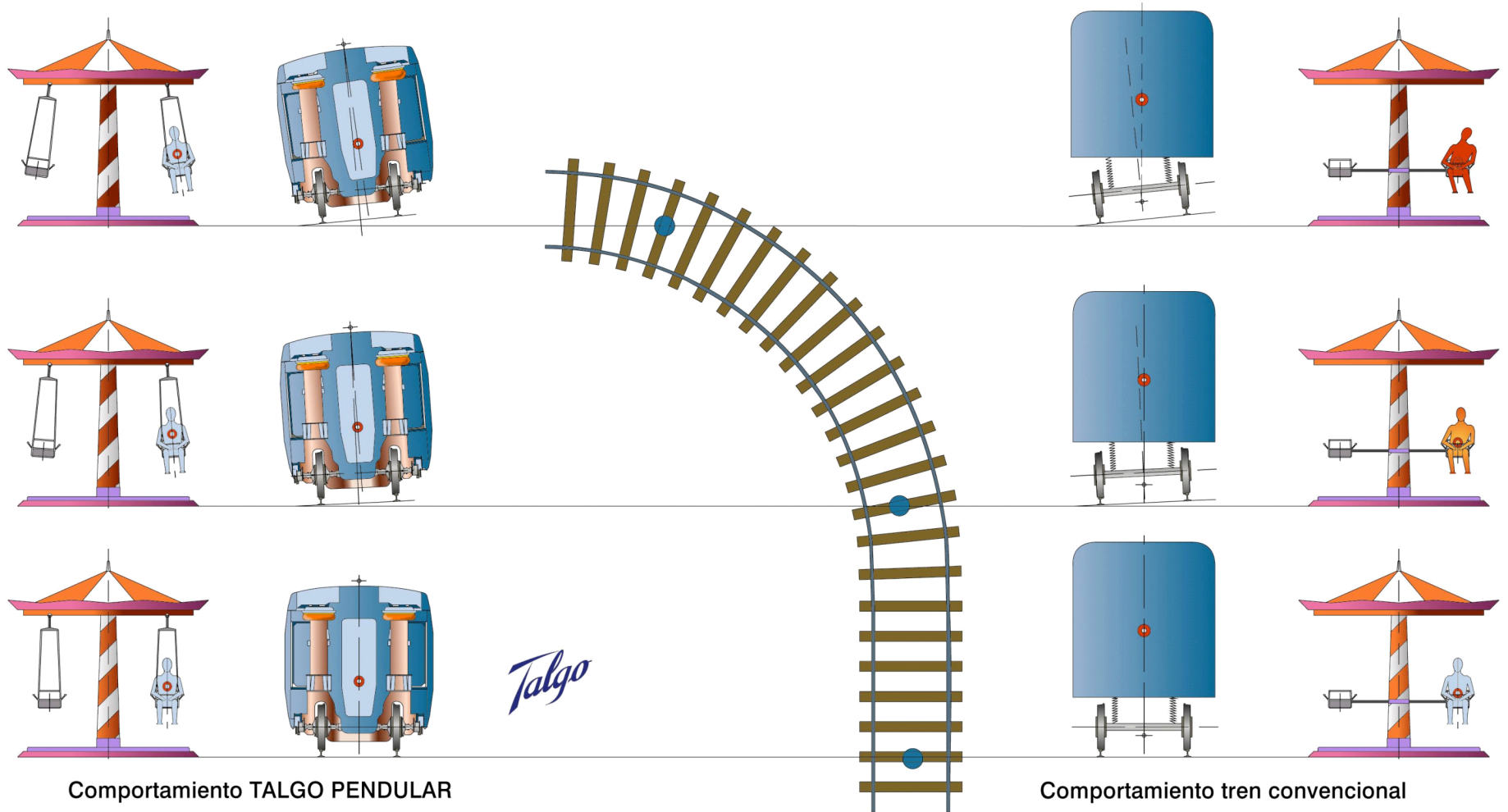
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## Natural tilting system (II)



# TECHNOLOGY

## Natural tilting system (III)





How does Talgo technology affect the Amtrak Cascades service now?



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## ...through a combination of tilting and light weight

- Tilting allows faster speed through curves. 25% of the track between Vancouver BC and Portland is curved track that will limit the speed of conventional trains.
- The longest stretch of tangent track on the corridor is 9.2 miles.
- 32% of the corridor is segments of tangent track that are 2.3 miles in length or less, an insufficient length for useful acceleration of a conventional train.
- Between Seattle and Portland, about half of the travel time reduction is due to tilting and half is due to the ability to accelerate between restricted curves.
- The combination of tilting and light weight allows maximum utilization of existing infrastructure.

The Talgo logo is written in a stylized, italicized script font, with the letters 'T', 'a', 'l', 'g', and 'o' connected in a fluid, cursive manner.

- At high speeds, friction between the air and the sides of the train is an important resistance that must be overcome by power. The most effective high speed train design has closely coupled cars with minimum space between them for the air to catch, and a minimum surface area.



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# Why Incremental?

- Three reports completed in 1992 examined the alternatives for new high speed rail lines using the most advanced technologies, improving existing service incrementally, and improving existing service incrementally with a goal of speeds up to 125 mph.
- Reports by the US General Accounting Office and the Federal Railroad Administration confirmed the WSDOT finding that an entirely new alignment for latest-technology high speed rail would cost **ten to twenty times the cost** of 110 mph to 125 mph incremental improvement.

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# Why 110 mph?

- 1993 legislation directed WSDOT to develop a high speed ground transportation program that had goals including top speeds of over 150 mph, incremental improvement, and an immediate objective of two hours thirty minutes between Seattle and Portland.
- Intermediate stations in the corridor are important and present significant ridership potential.
- Further study determined that there was a limited distance between station stops at which trains could operate at over 110 mph. A maximum speed of 125 mph would cost at least an additional **\$500 MILLION** in capital and a substantial increase in operating cost for a schedule reduction of **TWO MINUTES** from a 110 mph schedule unless intermediate stations were eliminated.

The Solution, The Strategy

# THE INCREMENTAL APPROACH

# WSDOT LONG RANGE PLAN

## Amtrak Cascades Daily Roundtrip Trains

Total Trains	1994	2003	Mid-point	2023
Portland, OR to Seattle, WA	1	3	8	13*
Seattle, WA to Vancouver, BC	0	2**	3	4

\*Includes three trains which travel north, beyond Seattle, to Vancouver, BC.

\*\*Amtrak Cascades #513/516 travels between Seattle and Bellingham.

## Amtrak Cascades Travel Times

Destination	1994	2003	Mid-point	2023
Portland, OR to Seattle, WA	3:55	3:30	3:00	2:30
Seattle, WA to Vancouver, BC	N/A	3:55*	3:25	2:37
Vancouver, BC to Seattle, WA to Portland, OR	N/A	N/A	6:40	5:22

\*Travel time for train #510/517.

Source for Exhibits 3-1 & 3-2: Amtrak Cascades Timetable Effective October 27, 2003, and Amtrak Cascades Operating and Infrastructure Plan Technical Report, 2004.

## Passive-Tilt Trainsets for Amtrak Cascades Service between Portland, OR, Seattle, and Vancouver, BC

Service Year or Timetable	Required Number of Trainsets
2003	4
A	5
B	6
Mid-Point (C)	7*
D	9*
E	11**
2023 (F)	13***
Spare Sets (See Notes)	2

Notes: \*includes one spare set

\*\*includes two spare sets

\*\*\*includes three spare sets

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# CHRONOLOGY OF SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS

**1949** First Talgo trains built in the U.S.

**1988** Test runs in the Northeast Corridor

**1994** WSDOT leases one Talgo trainset

**1996** WSDOT and Amtrak buy four trainsets

**1998** Amtrak Cascades service launch

**1999** Structural static testing done in Pueblo, CO

**1999** 20-Year maintenance contract signed

**2003** WSDOT buys fifth Talgo trainset

# Talgo running in Pacific Northwest Corridor



# Route map



4 Round trips Seattle-Portland, 2 of them extending to Eugene  
 2 Round trips to Bellingham, 1 of them extending to Vancouver (BC)



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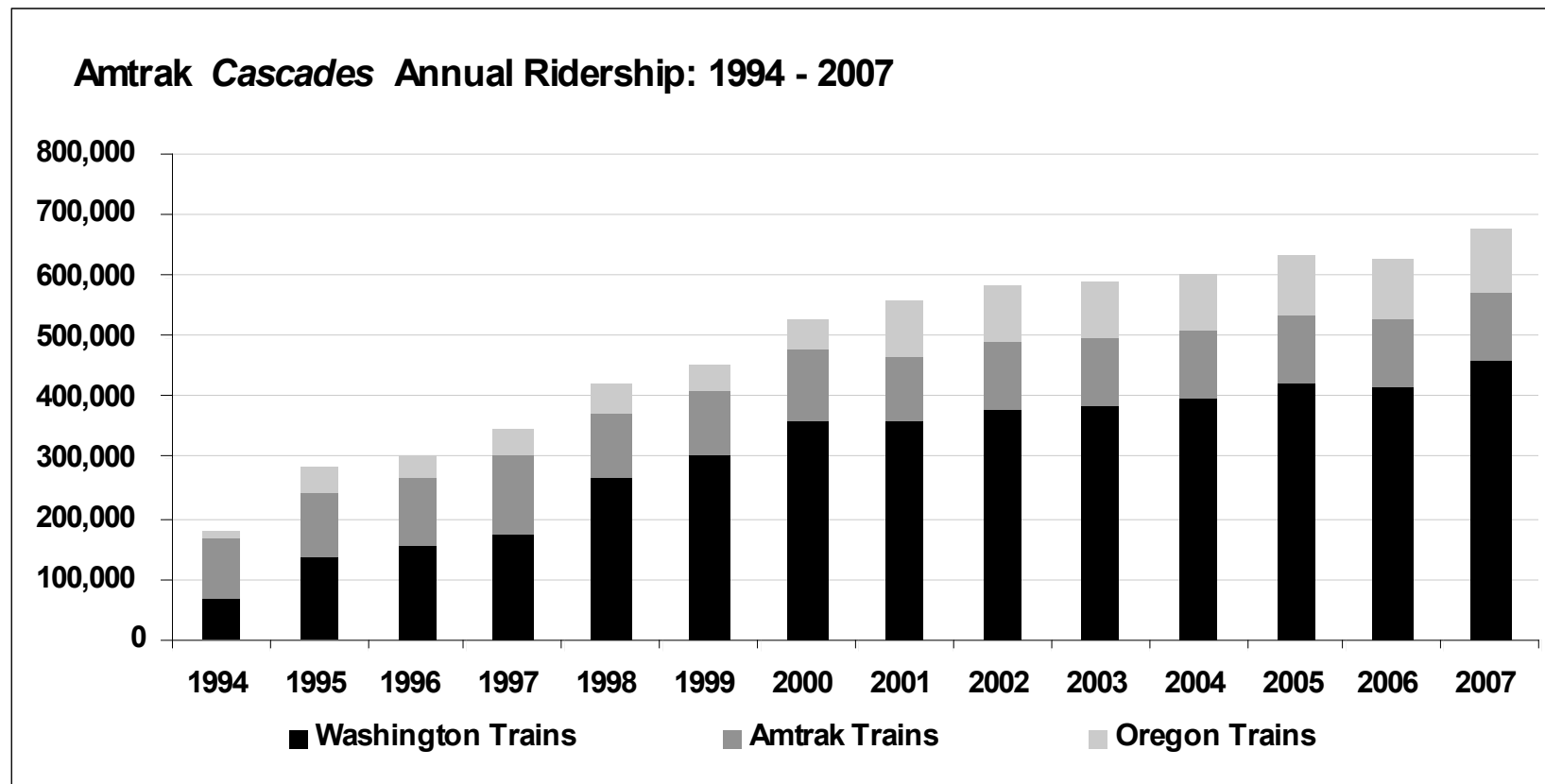
# TALGO in the PNW Corridor

- 5 High speed trains, 64 cars + 3 spares
- Design speed 120 mph; Operational speed 79 mph
- 20 year full service contract
- 99.9% availability
- Reliability 100,000+ Mean Miles Between Failures
- Partnership Amtrak-WSDOT-BNSF-Talgo
- Cascades Ridership increase 1994-2007: 375%



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# Amtrak Cascades Annual Ridership: 1994 - 2007



# Keys to Success in the PNW Model

- Rail Plan
- Legislature Support: Funding
- Proven Technology
- Reliable Equipment
- Talgo provided maintenance
- Strong Partnerships: Amtrak-WSDOT-BNSF-UP-Talgo



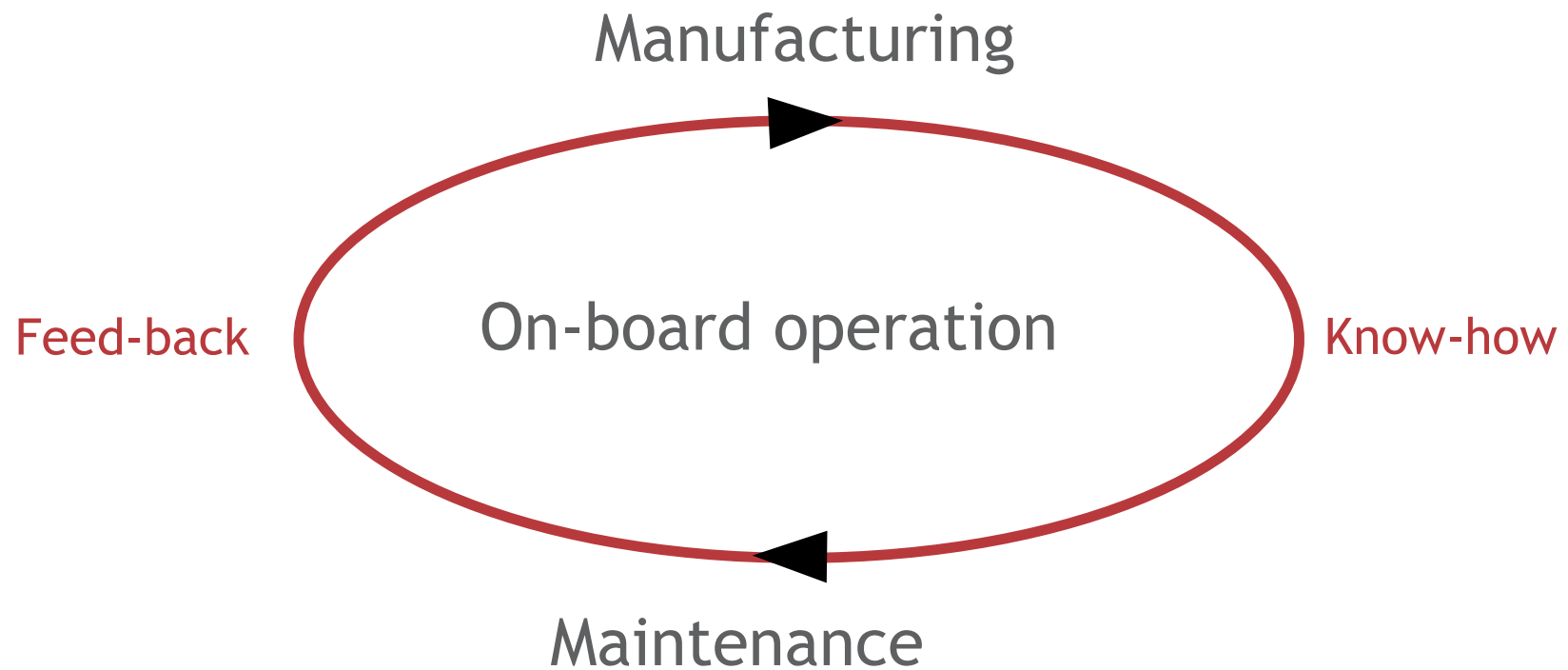
# Mid-Range Plan

	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4
Round trips - Sea-Pdx - Sea-Van	4 1	4 2	6 2	8 8
Trainsets	5	5	7 +more capacity	9 + more capacity + HS locomotives
Investment	\$0	\$141.2	\$578.3	\$816.8

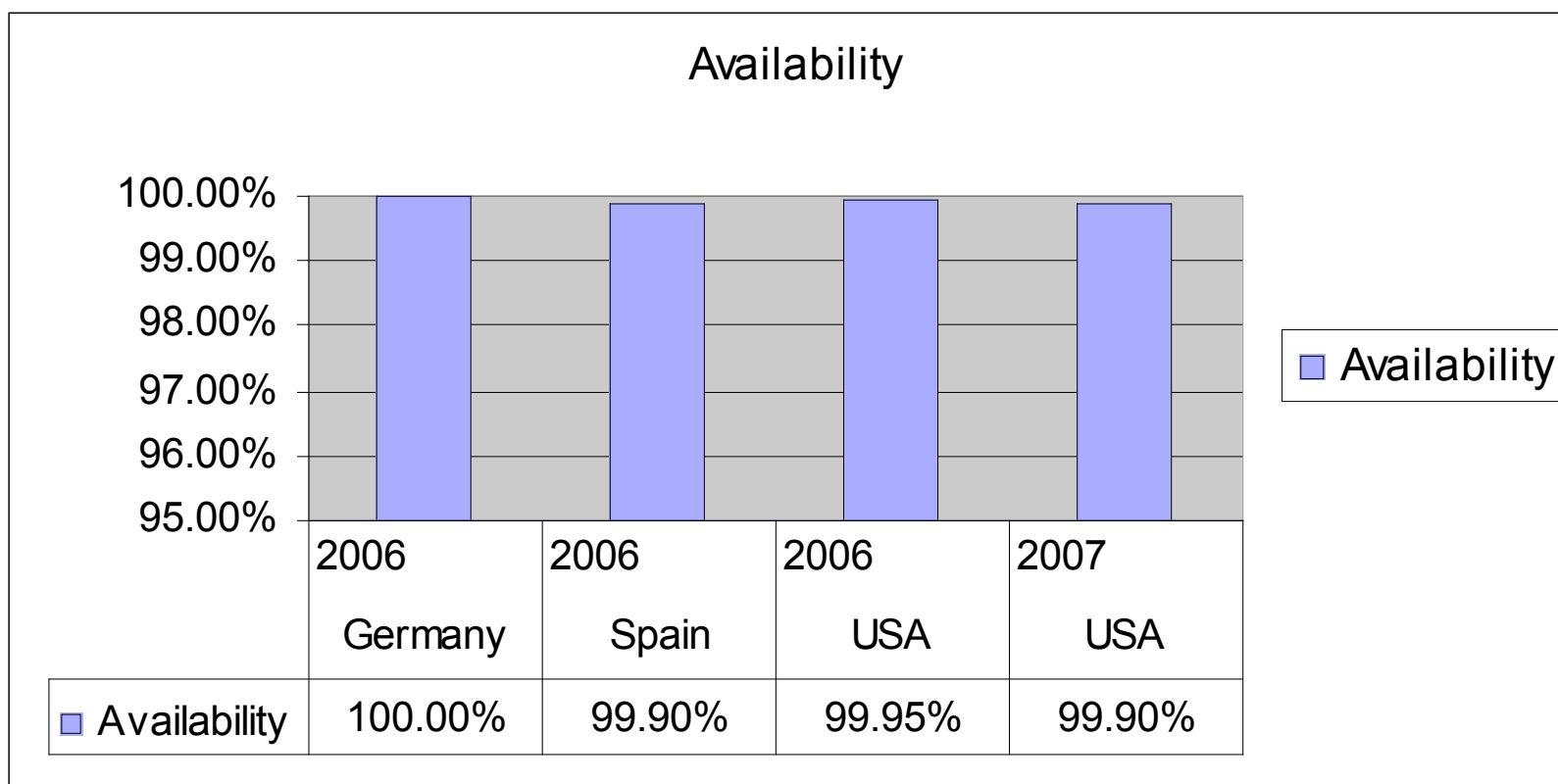
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# TALGO SERVICES

## Train maintenance

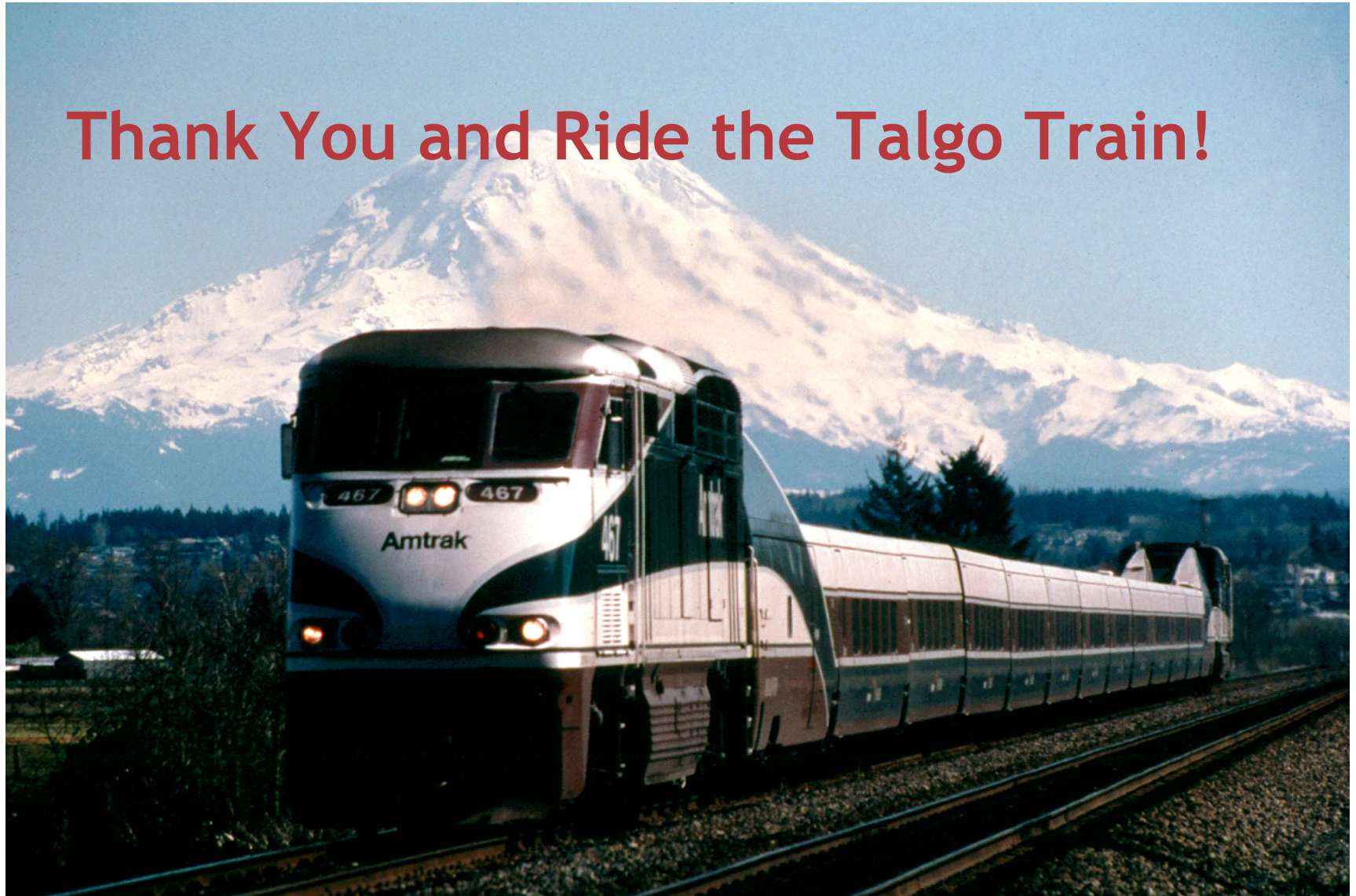


# TALGO SERVICES





Thank You and Ride the Talgo Train!



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BREAK TO NEXT SECTION

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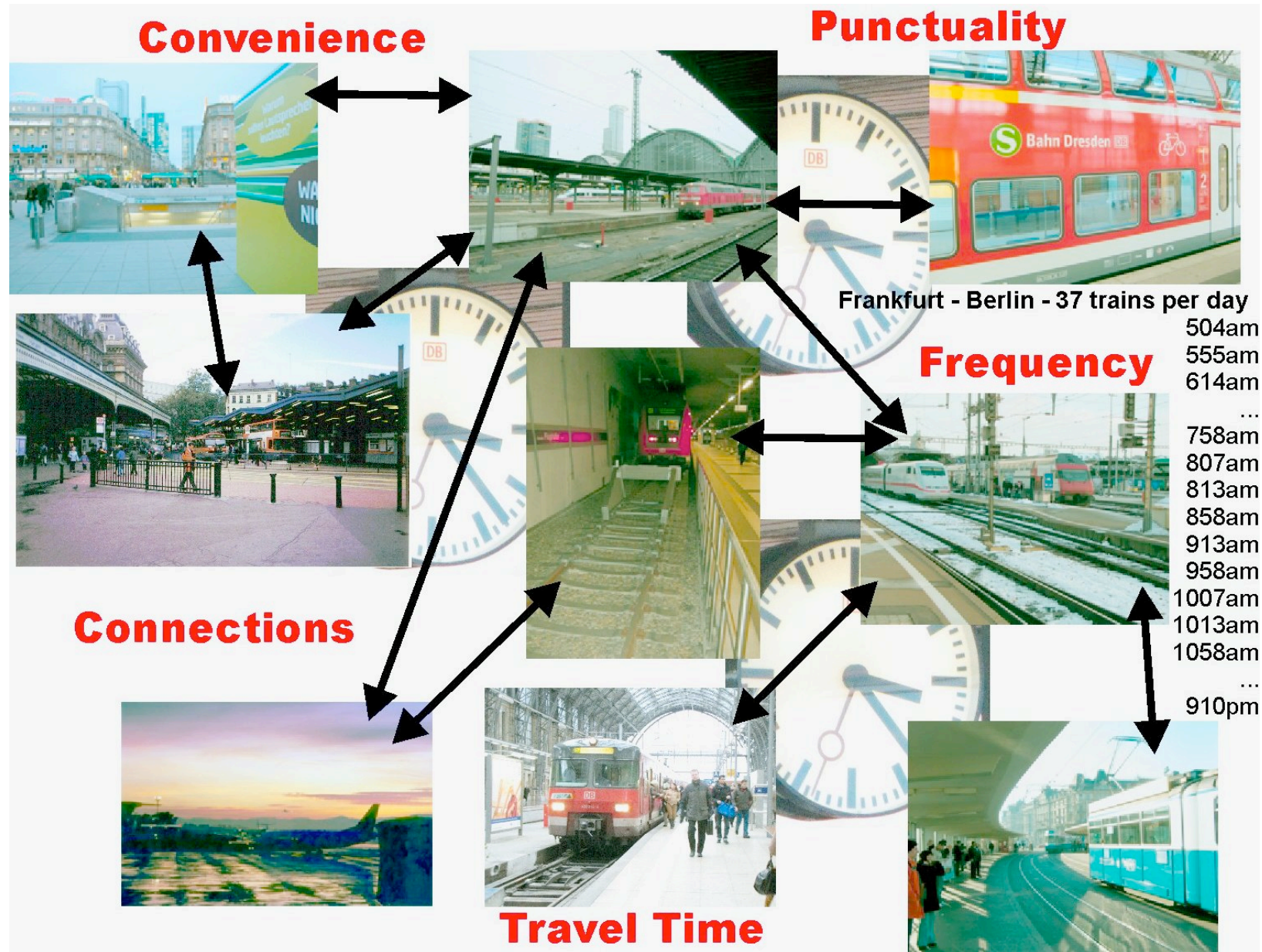
# Lessons we can learn from High Speed Rail Development in Europe



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# Success depends on five essential elements



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## Lessons from Spanish High Speed Rail Development

## Spain

DEMOGRAPHIC DATA	SPAIN
SURFACE AREA (Square Km)	505,645
POPULATION (Millions)	45.20
POPULATION DENSITY (People per square Km)	89.6
GDP per capita (Dollars)	36.451

TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE:	SPAIN
GENERAL RAILWAY NETWORK (Km)	13,338
HIGH SPEED RAILWAY NETWORK (Km)	1,563
ROADS (Km)	165,646
HIGHWAYS (Km)	13,156





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**PEIT: Strategic Infrastructure and  
Transportation Plan 2005-2020  
(A National Plan)**

## *PEIT- Spanish Strategic Infrastructure and Transport Plan 2005-2020*

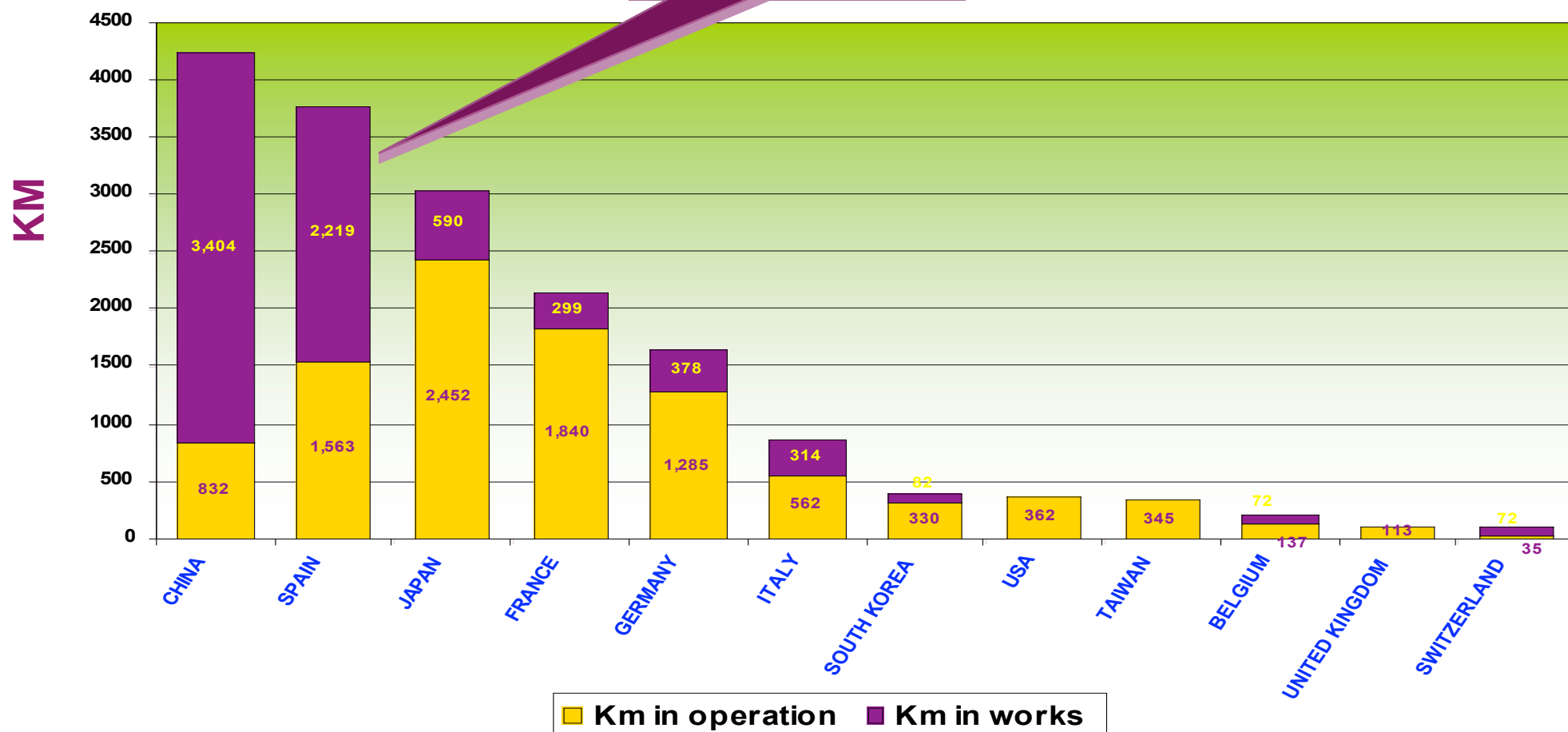
- **Main figures**

- High Speed Railway Infrastructure

- **Today: 1,563 Km of High Speed Tracks.**
    - **In 2010: 2,230 Km of High Speed Tracks:**
      - **First country in the world:**
        - **Japan: 2,090 Km**
        - **France: 1,893 Km**
    - **In 2020: 10,000 Km of High Speed or High Performance Tracks**
      - **50% of the population will have a High Speed Railway Station in their city.**
      - **90% of the population will have a High Speed Railway Station within 50 km**

## Length of High Speed Lines in the world In Operation + In Construction

**SPAIN, SECOND  
IN THE WORLD**





## *Sources of PEIT Investment Financing*

TYPE OF INVESTMENT	% OF TOTAL INVESTMENT	SOURCE OF FINANCING	
		PUBLIC FUNDS	OTHER SOURCES
Roads	26.87%	75.0%	25.0%
Rail	48.70%	81.4%	18.6%
Airports	6.31%	2.2%	97.8%
Ports	9.92%	9.7%	90.3%
Others	8.20%	27.7%	72.3%
TOTAL	100%	59.5%	40.5%



## High Speed Services

## Chronology

- The High Speed Business Unit is **created in 1990**.
- New approach: clear **customer orientation**.
- Founded as an **integrated system**.
- **Commercial operations begin on 21 April, 1992**.
- AVE infrastructure and traffic are separated at the end of 1993.
- The **punctuality commitment** was implemented on 12 September, 1994.
- In 1997, one year before the forecast, it obtains **profits** for the first time: 391 million pesetas (2.4 million euros).
- In October 1998 AVE obtains the **European Quality Prize** awarded by the EFQM.



## The High Speed Services in Spain SUMMARY

HIGH SPEED SERVICE:	FLEET		TRAINS / DAY	SEATS / DAY (*)
	IN OPERATION	MANUFACTURING		
LONG DISTANCE	66	30	139	52,074
MEDIUM DISTANCE	20	42	96	22,752
DOUBLE GAUGE	32	41	51	14,630
<b>Total:</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>286</b>	<b>89,456</b>

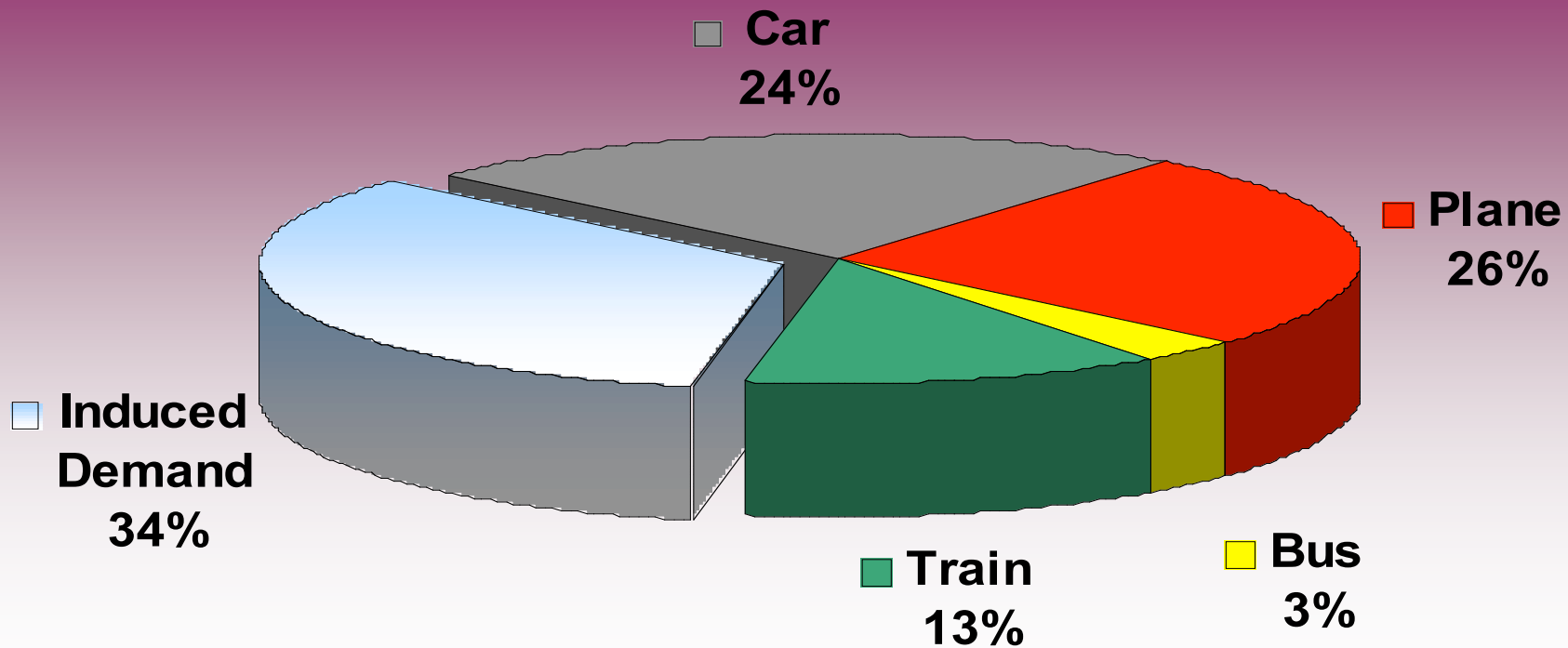
(\*) Average



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## Main Figures about the Demand of High Speed Services in Spain

## Source of Demand Madrid – Sevilla (First year results)

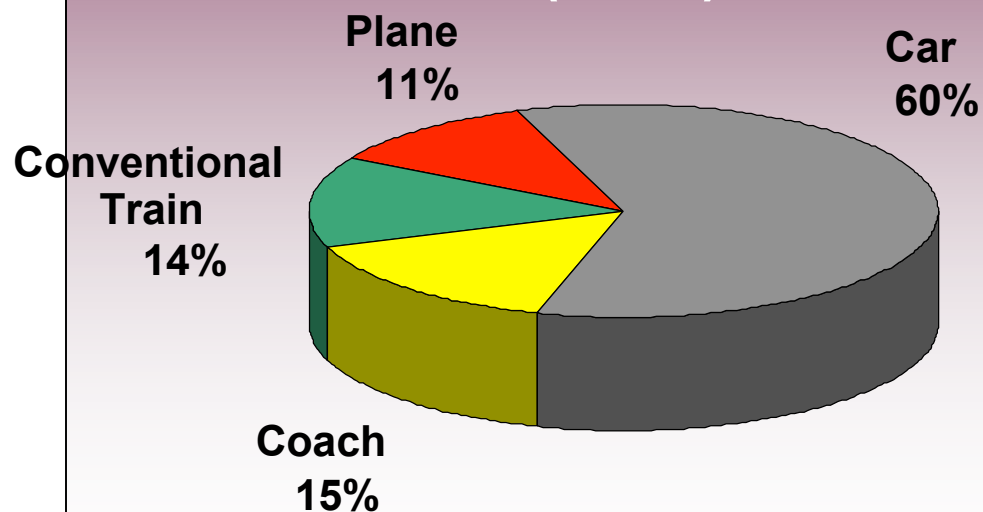




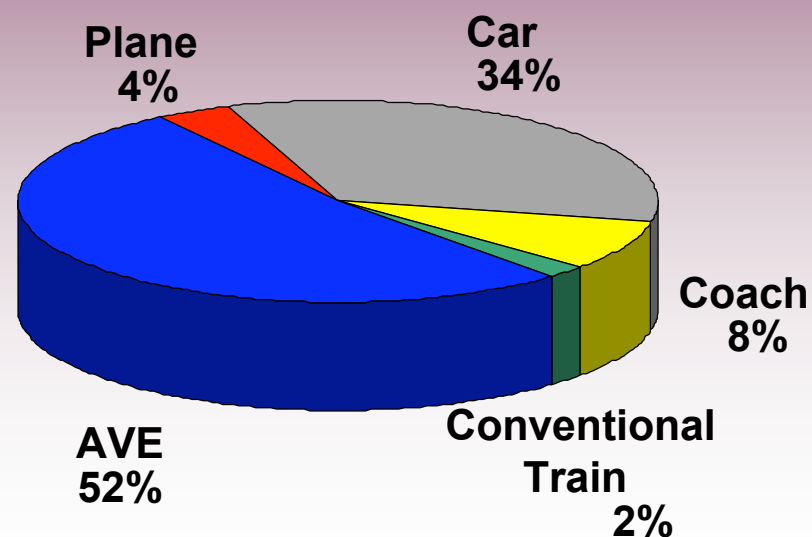
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**APRIL 1992 New high speed service (AVE)**

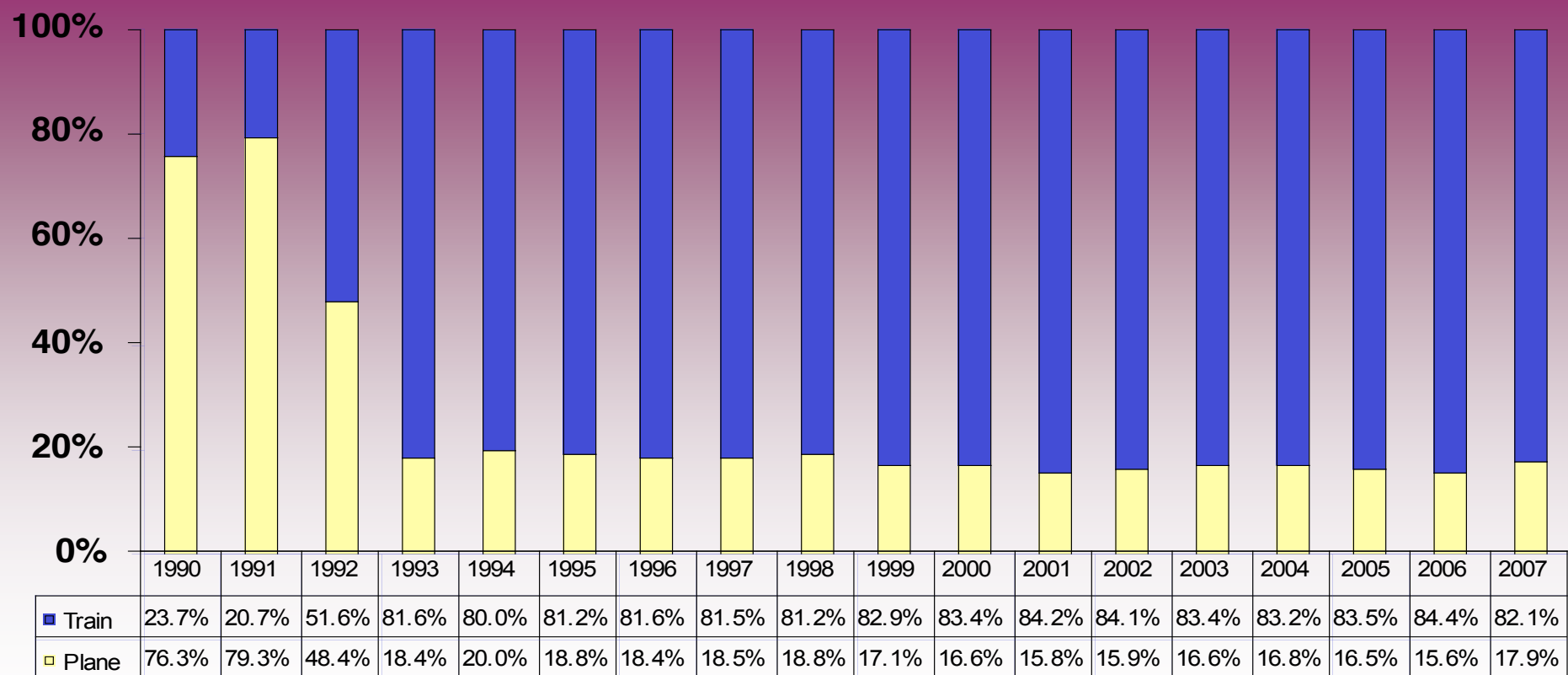
**Before AVE  
(1991)**



**After AVE  
(1993)**

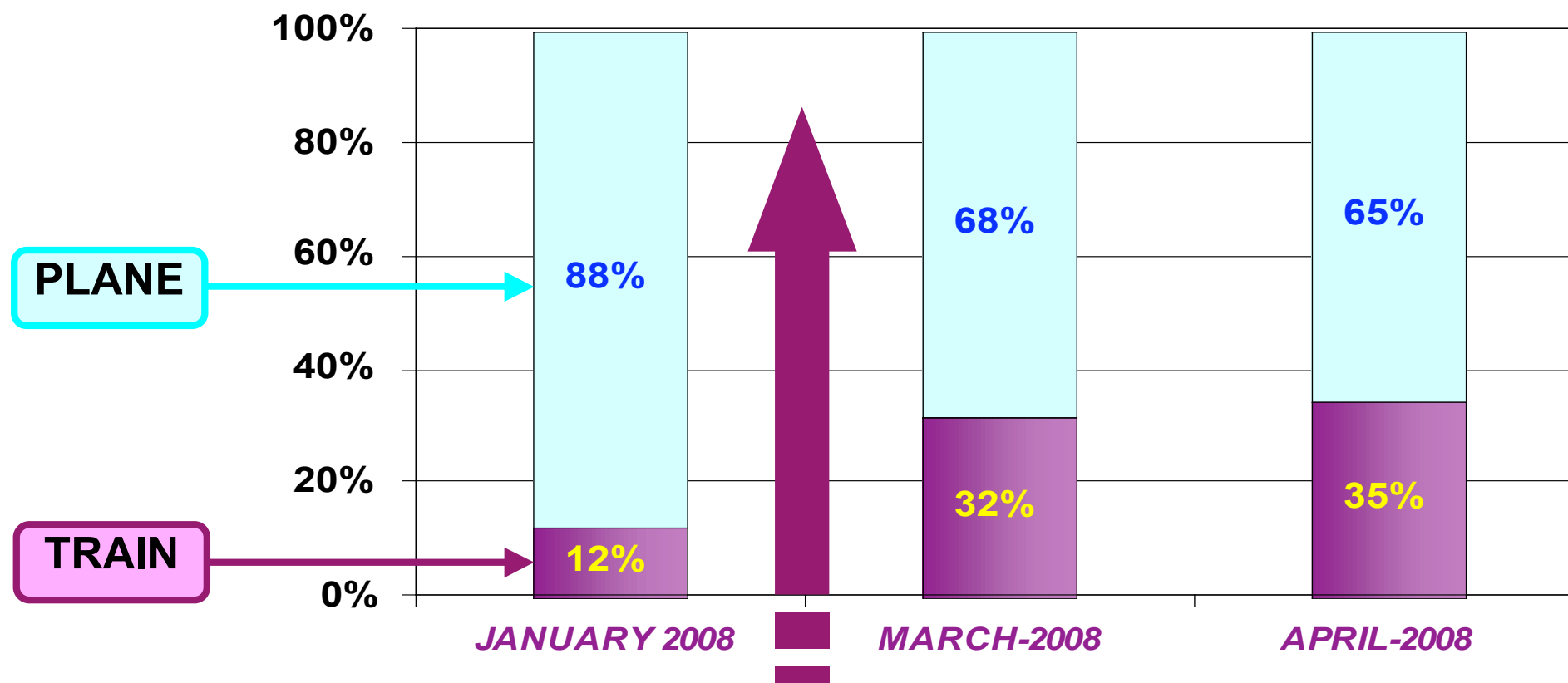


## Market Share: Madrid-Sevilla High Speed



## THE MARKET SHARE EVOLUTION

Madrid-Barcelona, point to point



FEBRUARY-20

THE NEW HIGH SPEED SERVICE ARRIVES TO BARCELONA





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## Quality Commitments RENFE-Operadora

**Quality Commitments → SPAIN, 1<sup>ST</sup> IN DE WORLD**

**1<sup>st</sup> Stage**

High Speed Punctuality Commitments



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**2<sup>nd</sup> Stage**

High Speed on-board services

**New Quality Commitment**



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Extend on-time commitment to all services: Long & Medium Distance

**Future**

Commercial Strategy will allow new stages



*Increase  
Services  
commitments*

Employees & Suppliers alignment



Commitment-fulfilment

## 1<sup>st</sup> Stage: High Speed Punctuality

### Punctuality Commitment:



### *World Pioneers*

- **Date:** September 11, 1994
- **Product:** High Speed Trains

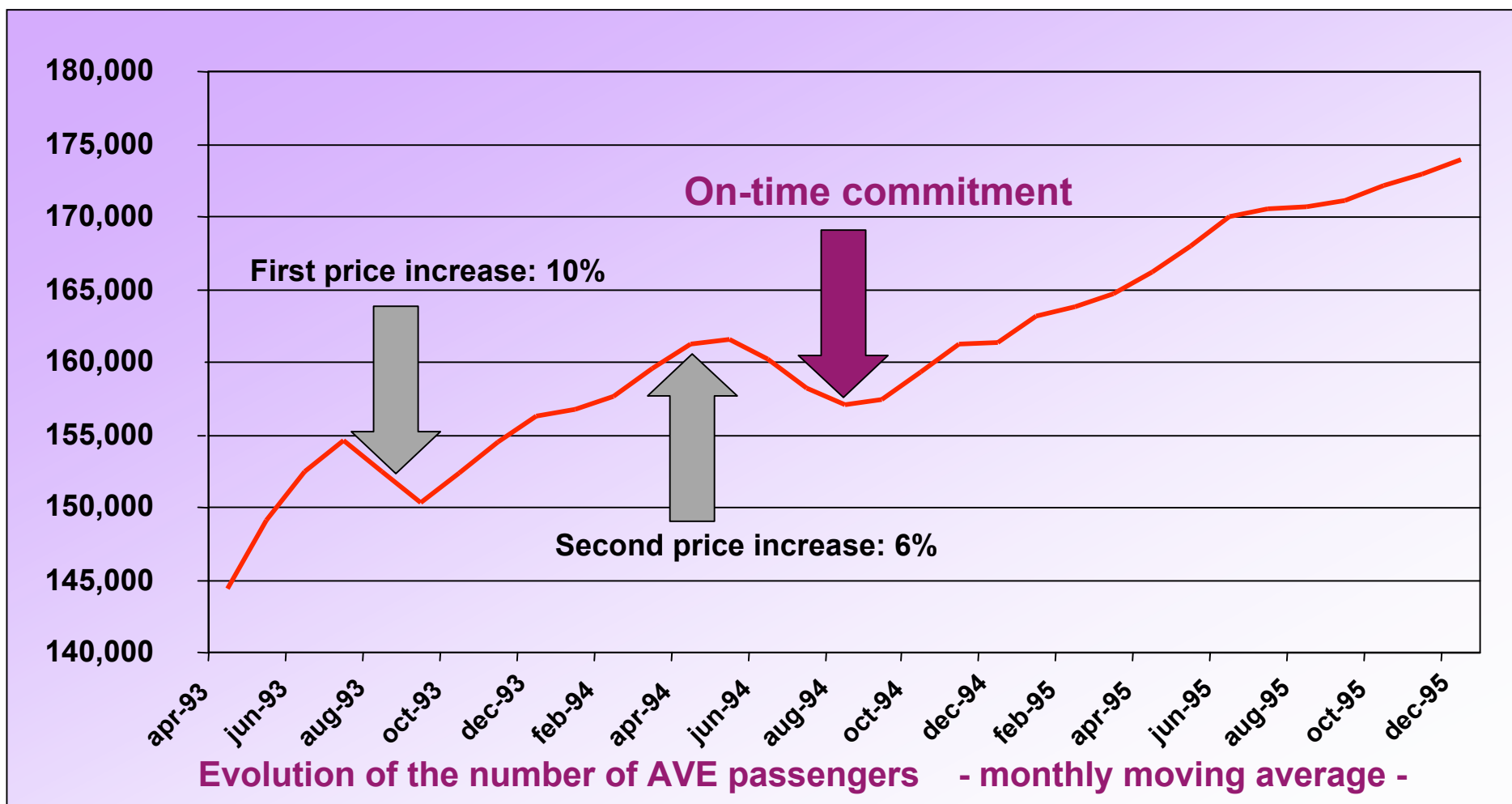


- **Commitment:**

Total ticket price refunded if a train arrives at its destination more than five minutes late

The price is refunded in cash, from the day after the delay

## High Speed On Time Commitment Increased Demand Tendency





## High Speed Punctuality Commitment Financially Acceptable

### Number of trains:

Total:	234,850
Delayed:	875



0.37%

### Number of Passengers:

Total:	58,677,312
Delayed:	188,130



0.32%

### Income (Mill. Euros):

Total:	2,122.6
Refunds:	7.3



0.34%

Punctuality commitment on AVE trains from 12 September 1994 to 31 December 2007

# What can we learn from the Spanish Experience?

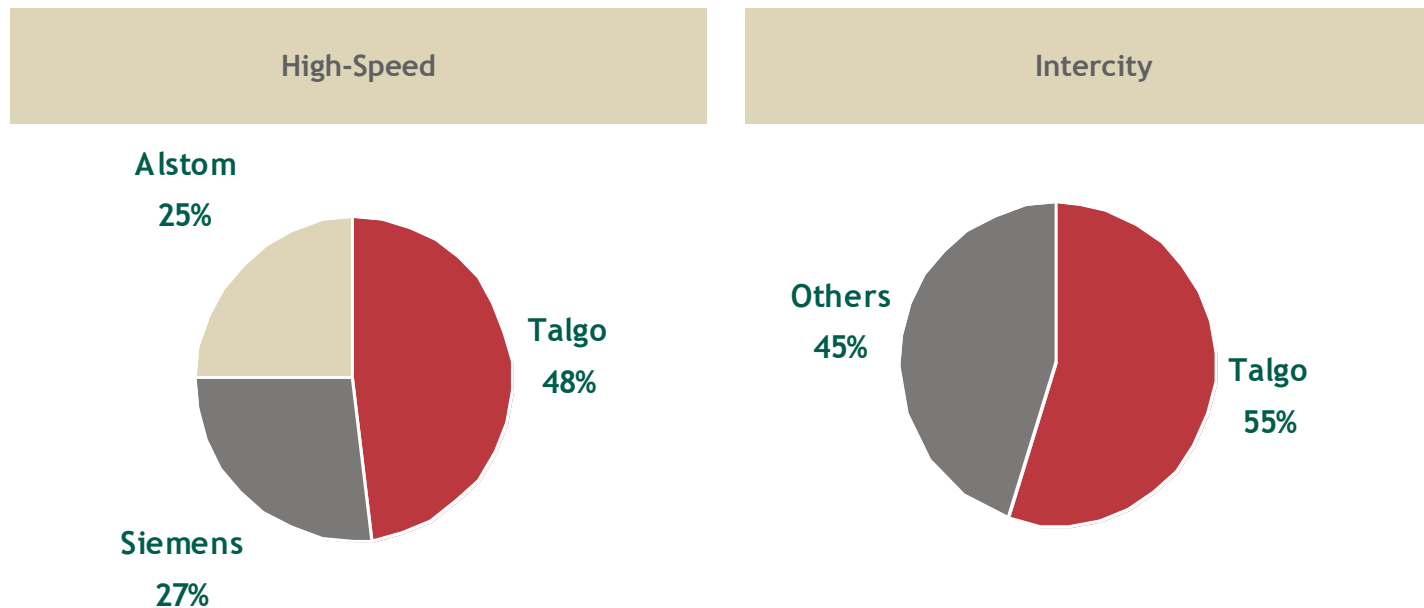
- **Political will** required to establish a National Public Policy that integrates rail with other transportation modes
- The US needs a **Federally funded National Plan** for Rail Development
- **Infrastructure** for High Speed (HS) services must be paid by public funds
- The operation can be **profitable**
- Provide a reliable, safe and quality oriented **service** and ridership will come
- **Regulations** for dedicated HS must be developed
- Welcome **new technologies** and learn from other countries
- **Performance based specifications** are preferable
- **Partnerships** with key suppliers, like Talgo, made it happen



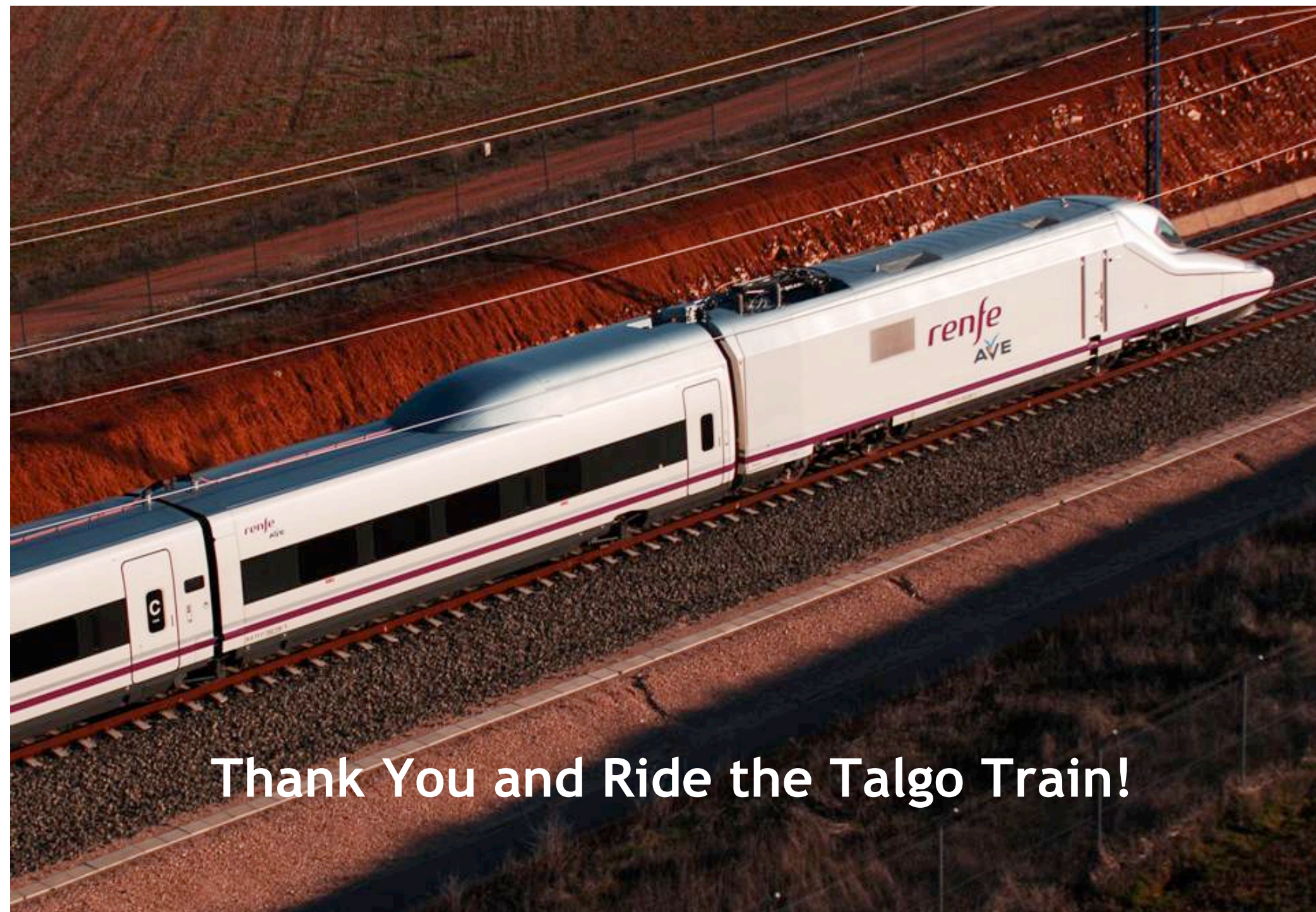
# Talgo's Role in the Spanish HS Development

## Leading Market Position in Spain

- Leading market position
  - 50% share in high-speed & 55% in intercity
  - Lead supplier to RENFE (c. 40% of contracts between 2001 and 2007)
  - Sole Spanish player focused on high value-added, high-speed trains
  - Strong valuable brand with high recognition
- Focused on developing high-speed infrastructures with high speed railways expected to growth from 1,031km in 2005 to 10,000km in 2020







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