

# Headwinds on the Road to Zero: ADAS, crashworthiness and macro effects

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- ▶ IIHS and HLDI rely on aggressive research and communications to empower people and policymakers with objective information
- ▶ Priority 1 – objective research on policy options to reduce injuries and property damage from motor vehicle crashes
- ▶ Priority 2 – effective communications to make research information attractive to news media
  - News releases (TV, print, Internet)
  - Films
  - Testimony at state and federal legislative and regulatory hearings
  - Briefings of other stakeholders, including vehicle manufacturers

# Haddon matrix

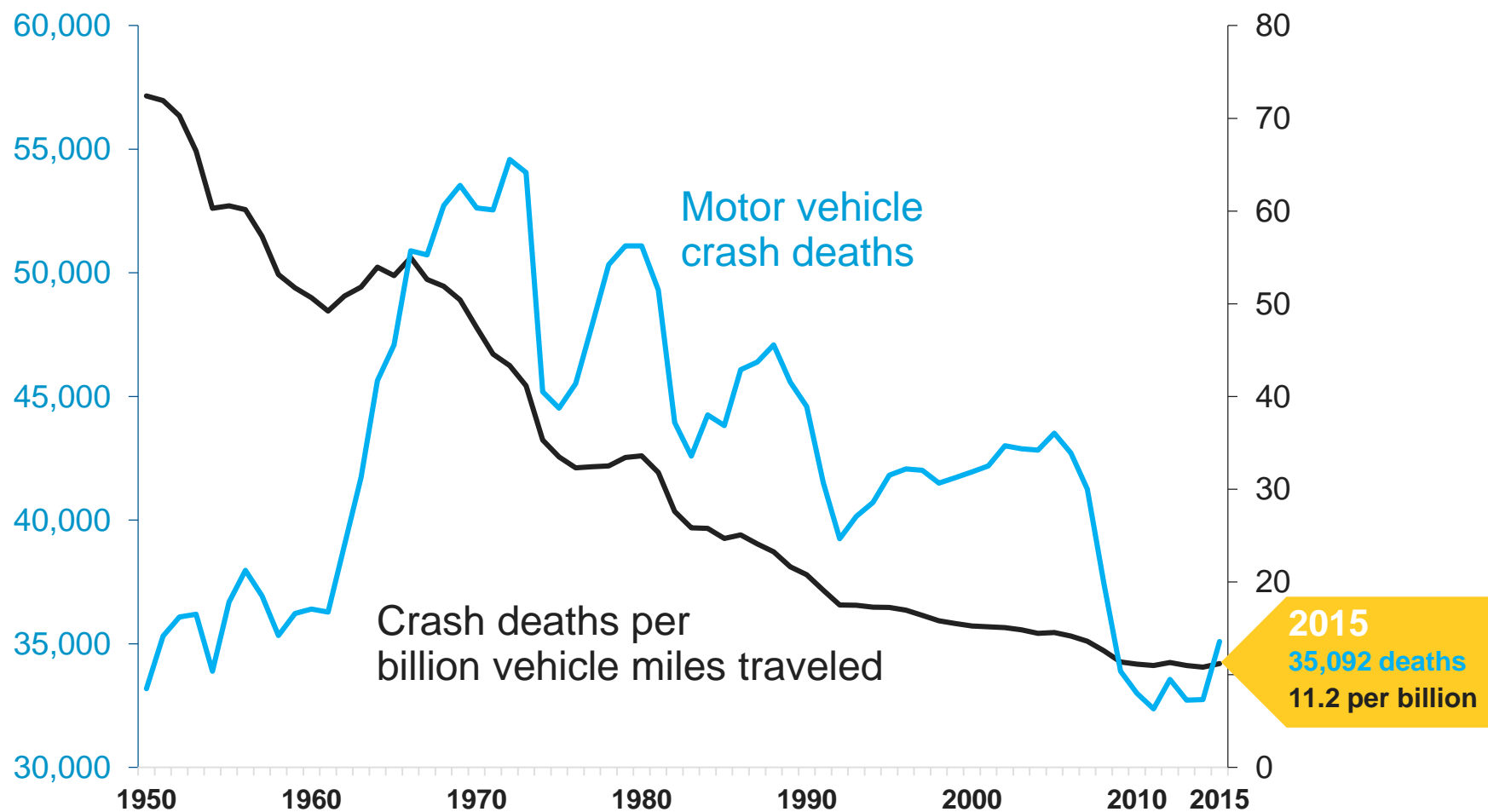
Recognizing opportunities to make a difference

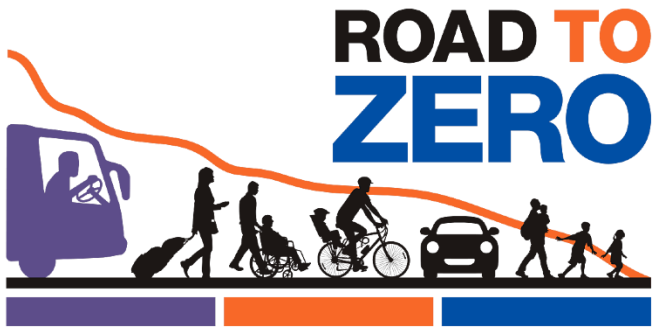
changes in...	crash phase			losses
	before	during	after	
people	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•licensing (GDL, elderly)</li> <li>•impaired driving laws</li> <li>•camera enforcement</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•restraints (use)</li> <li>•helmets</li> <li>•speed cameras</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•alcohol</li> <li>•medical bracelet</li> <li>•general health</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•injuries</li> <li>•deaths</li> <li>•income</li> <li>•hospital costs</li> </ul>
vehicles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•driver assistance</li> <li>•daytime running lights</li> <li>•electronic stability control</li> <li>•advanced headlights</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•restraints (effect)</li> <li>•vehicle structure</li> <li>•bumpers</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•automatic crash notification</li> <li>•fuel systems</li> <li>•repairability</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•damage</li> <li>•insurance costs</li> </ul>
environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•intersection design</li> <li>•trouble-spot treatment</li> <li>•rumble strips</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•roundabouts</li> <li>•breakaway poles</li> <li>•crash cushions</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•emergency medicine</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•economic</li> <li>•fuel usage (CAFE)</li> <li>•congestion</li> </ul>

Motor vehicle  
crash deaths have  
**declined significantly**  
in the U.S. during  
the past 50+ years.

## U.S. motor vehicle crash deaths and deaths per billion vehicle miles traveled

1950-2015





Established October 2016

450 members





# Headwinds on the Road to Zero



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Wednesday, February 15, 2017

## Motor Vehicle Deaths in 2016 Estimated to be Highest in Nine Years

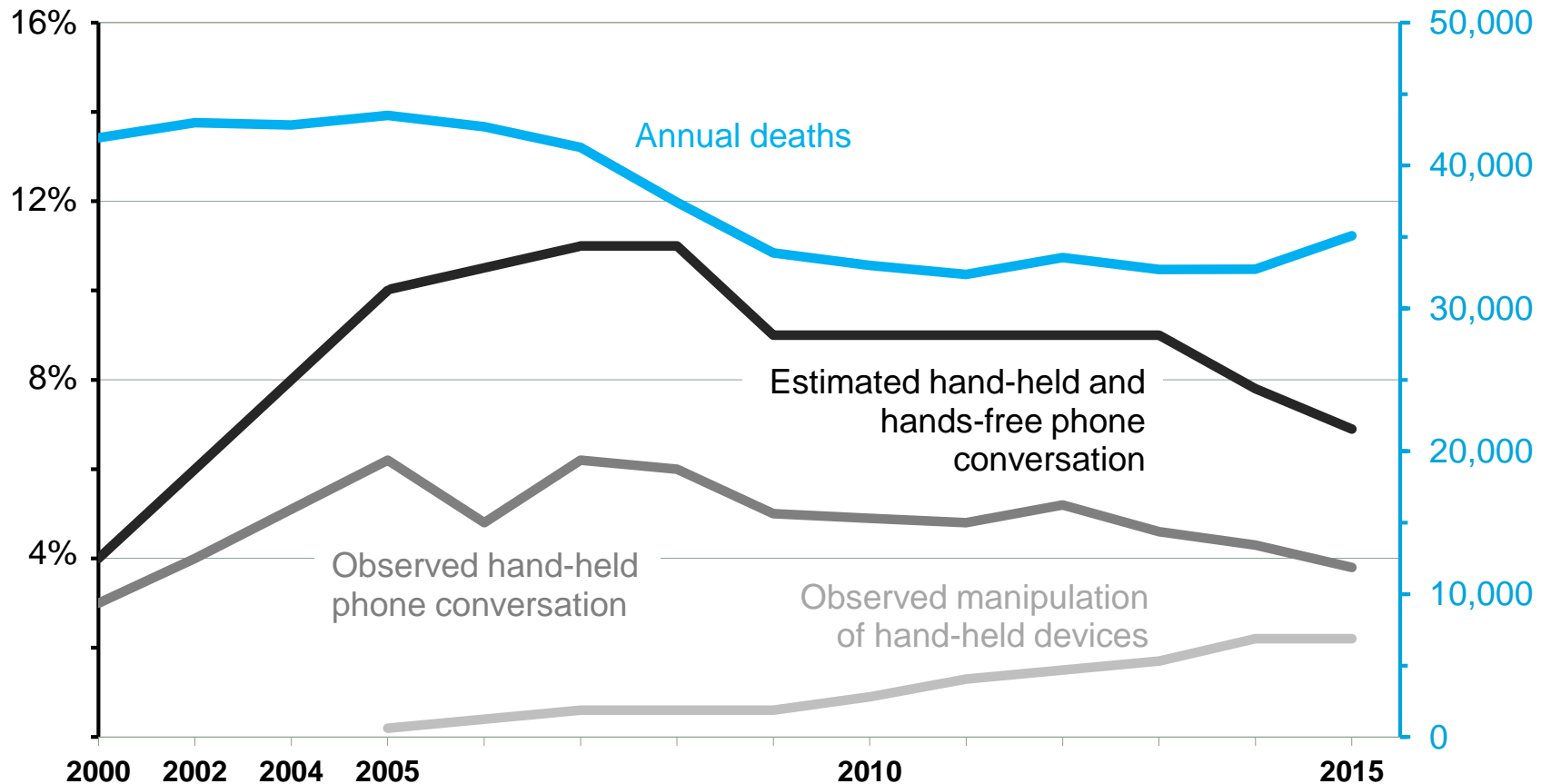
*NSC offers insight into what drivers are doing and calls for immediate implementation of proven, life-saving measures.*

Itasca, IL – For the first time in nearly a decade, preliminary 2016 data from the National Safety Council estimates that **as many as 40,000 people died in motor vehicle crashes last year.** That marks a 6% increase over 2015, and a 14% increase over 2014 – the most dramatic two-year escalation since 1964 – 53 years. The preliminary estimate means 2016 may have been the deadliest year on the nation's roads since 2007. An estimated 4.6 million roadway users were injured seriously enough to require medical attention in 2016, and estimated cost to society was \$432 billion.



# Percent U.S. drivers using cellphones at any given daylight time and motor vehicle crash deaths

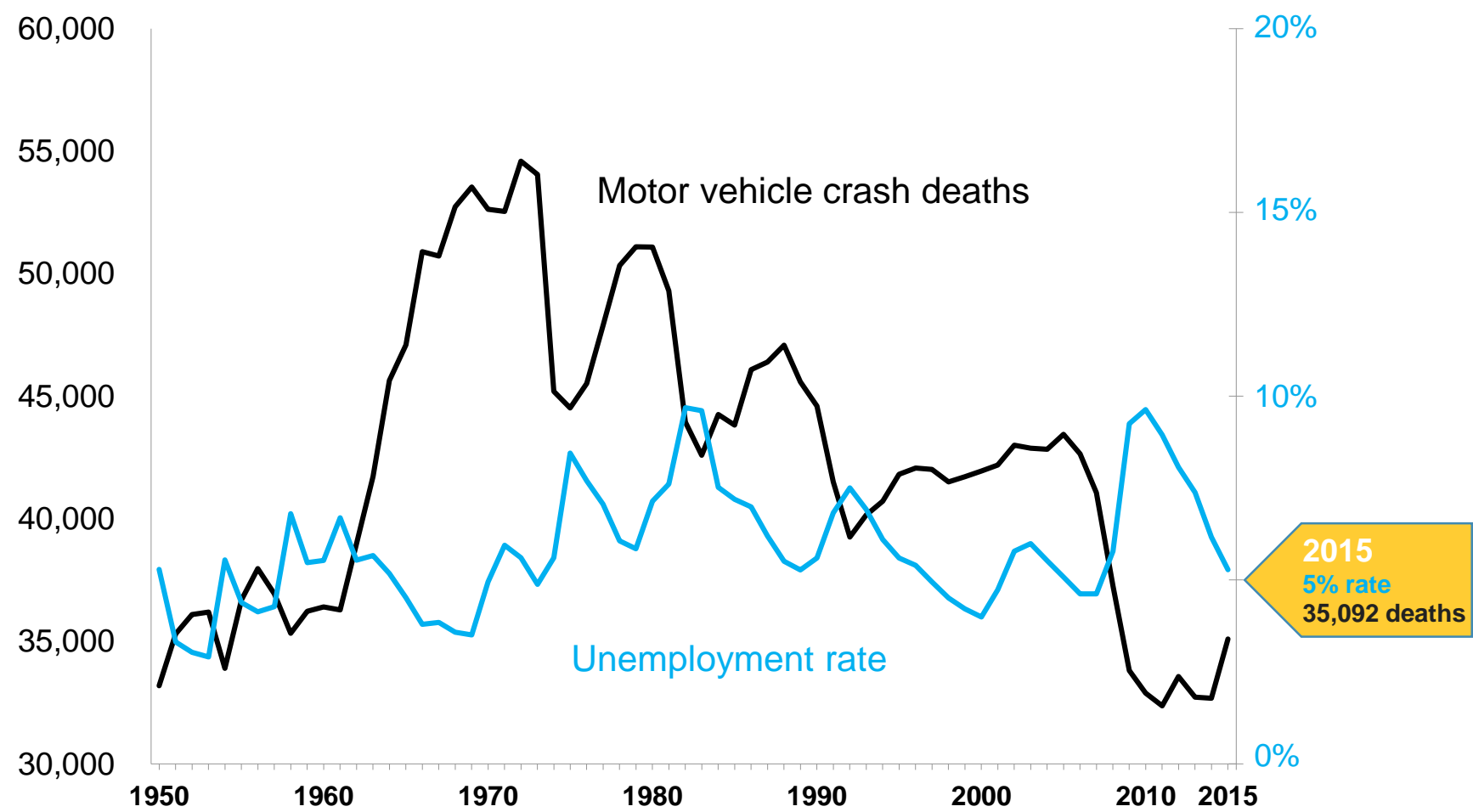
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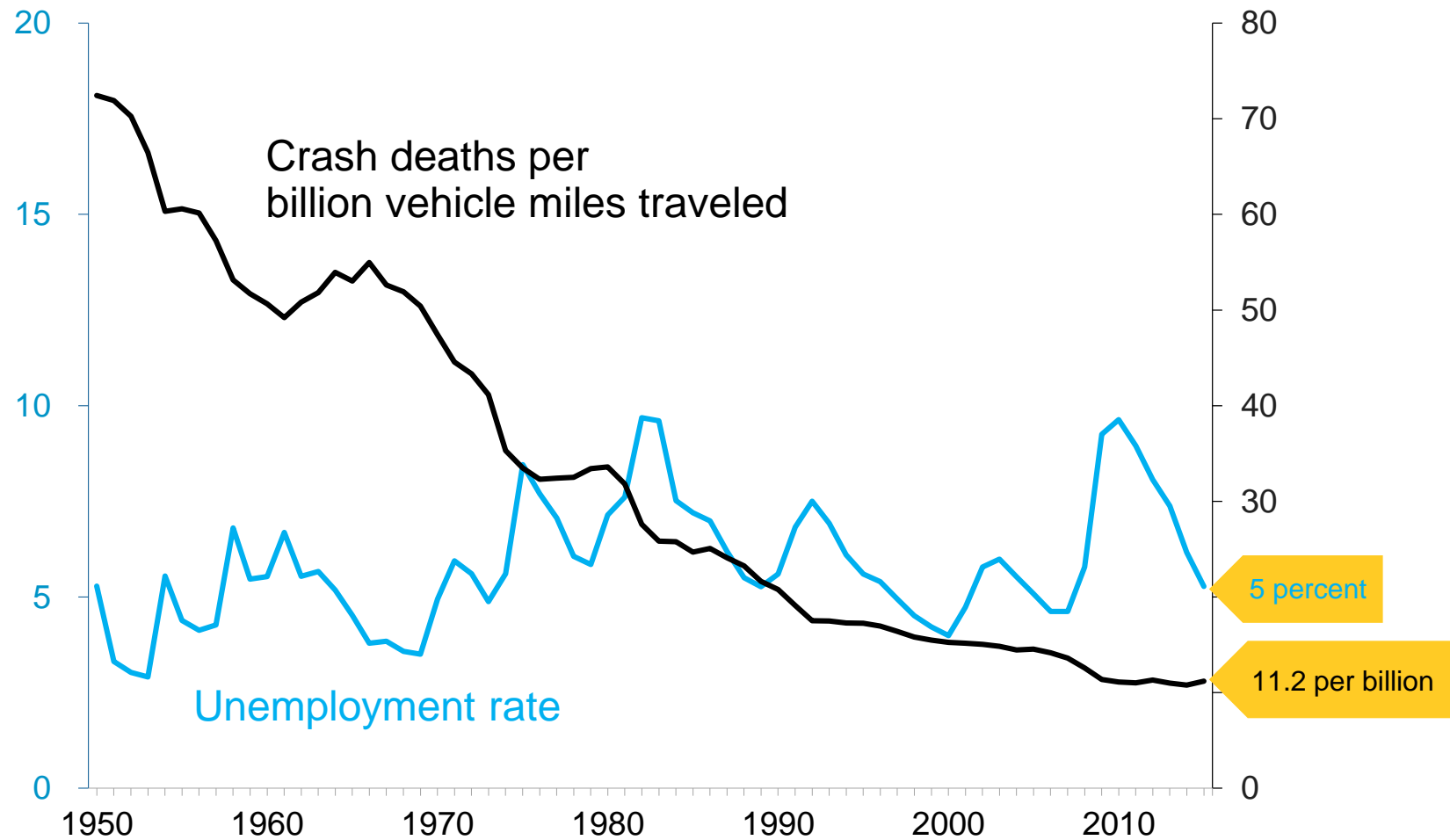
**Crash deaths and their rate  
are highly correlated with  
economic conditions.**

# U.S. motor vehicle crash deaths and unemployment rate

1950-2015

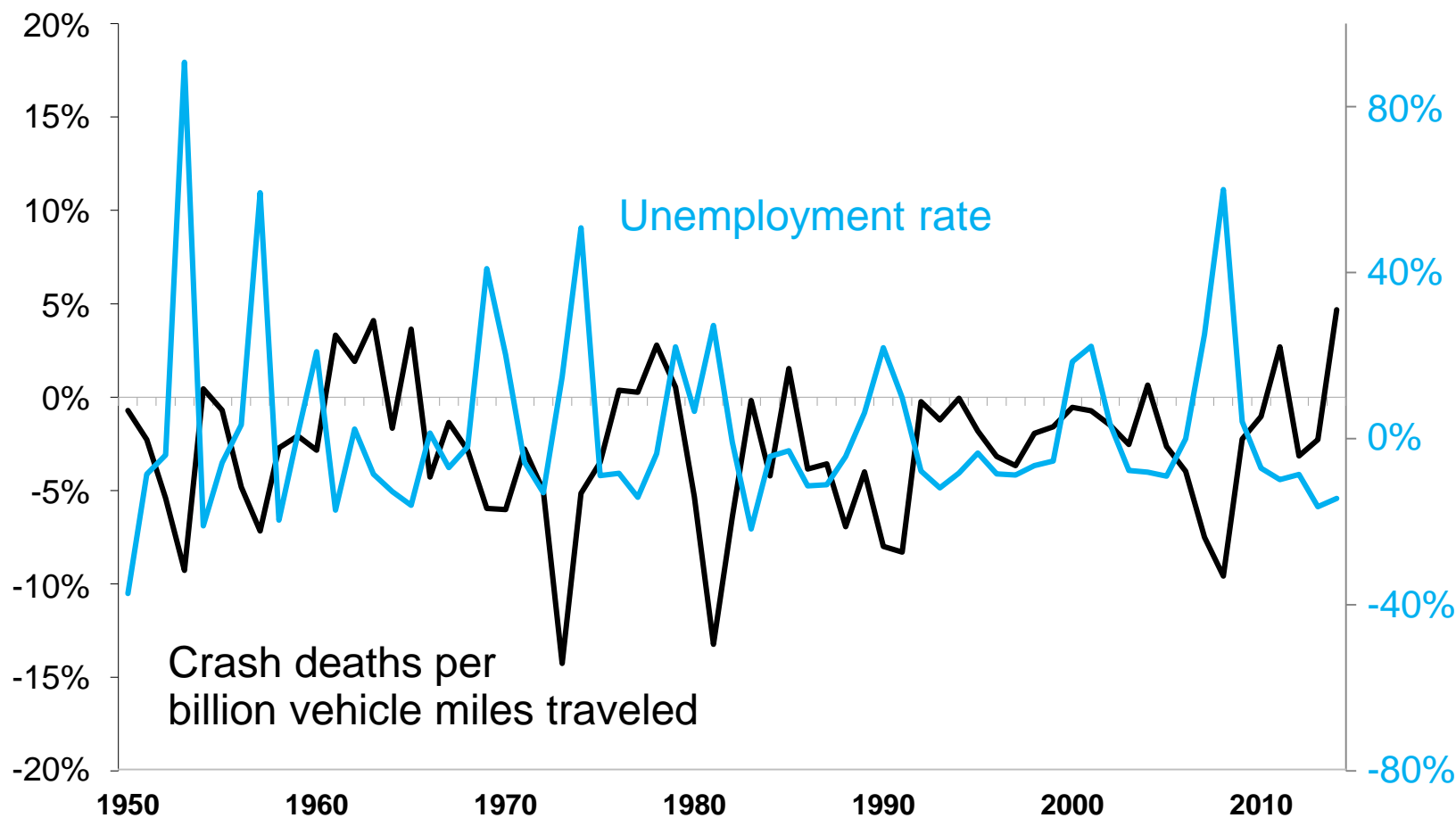


# U.S. motor vehicle crash deaths per billion vehicle miles traveled and unemployment rate 1950-2015



# Change in U.S. motor vehicle crash deaths per billion miles traveled and unemployment rate

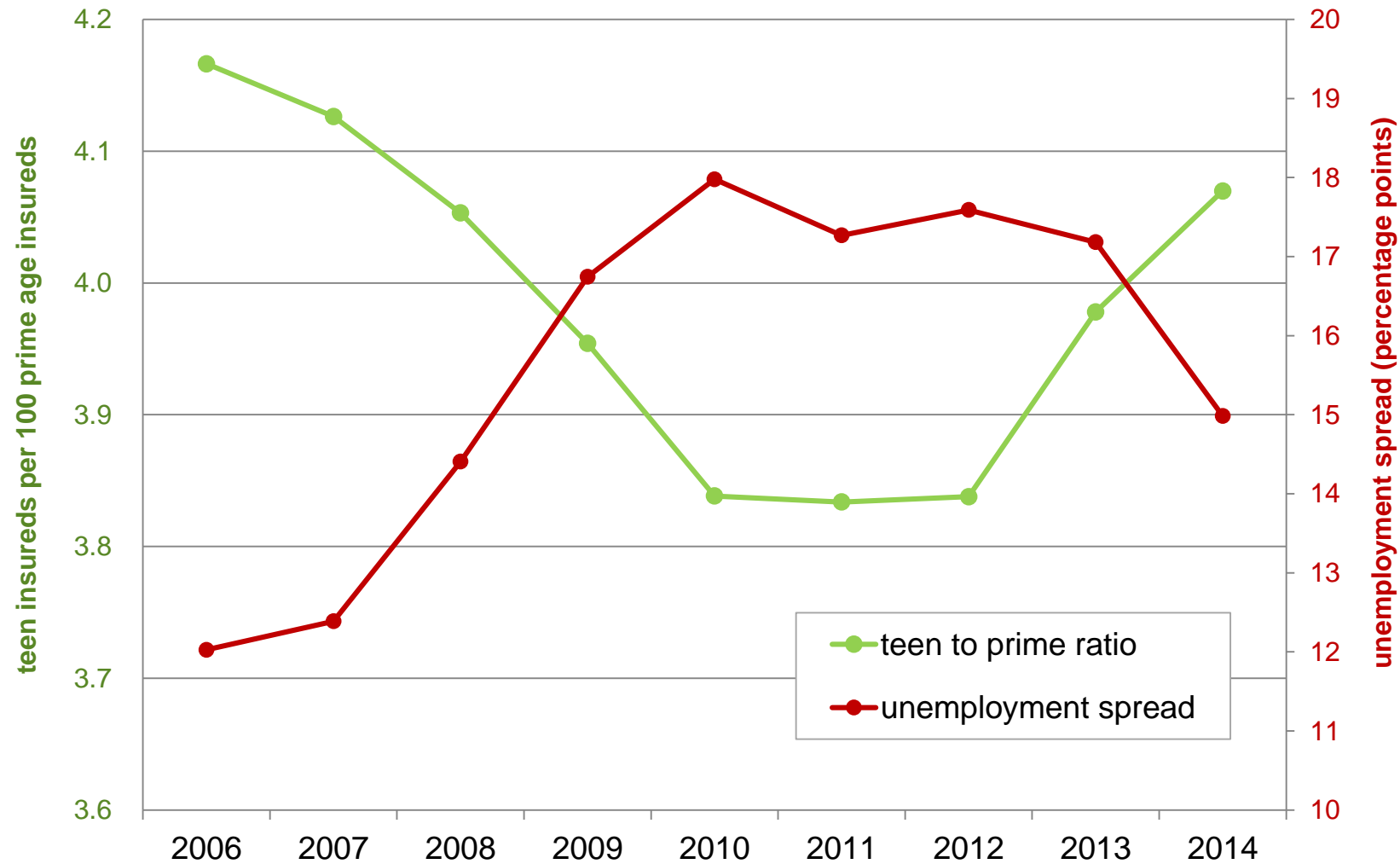
1950-2015





# Youth are returning to cars after recession

Insurance exposure and unemployment 2006-14



# Effects of economy on miles traveled and crash deaths

1990-2015

## ▶ Miles traveled

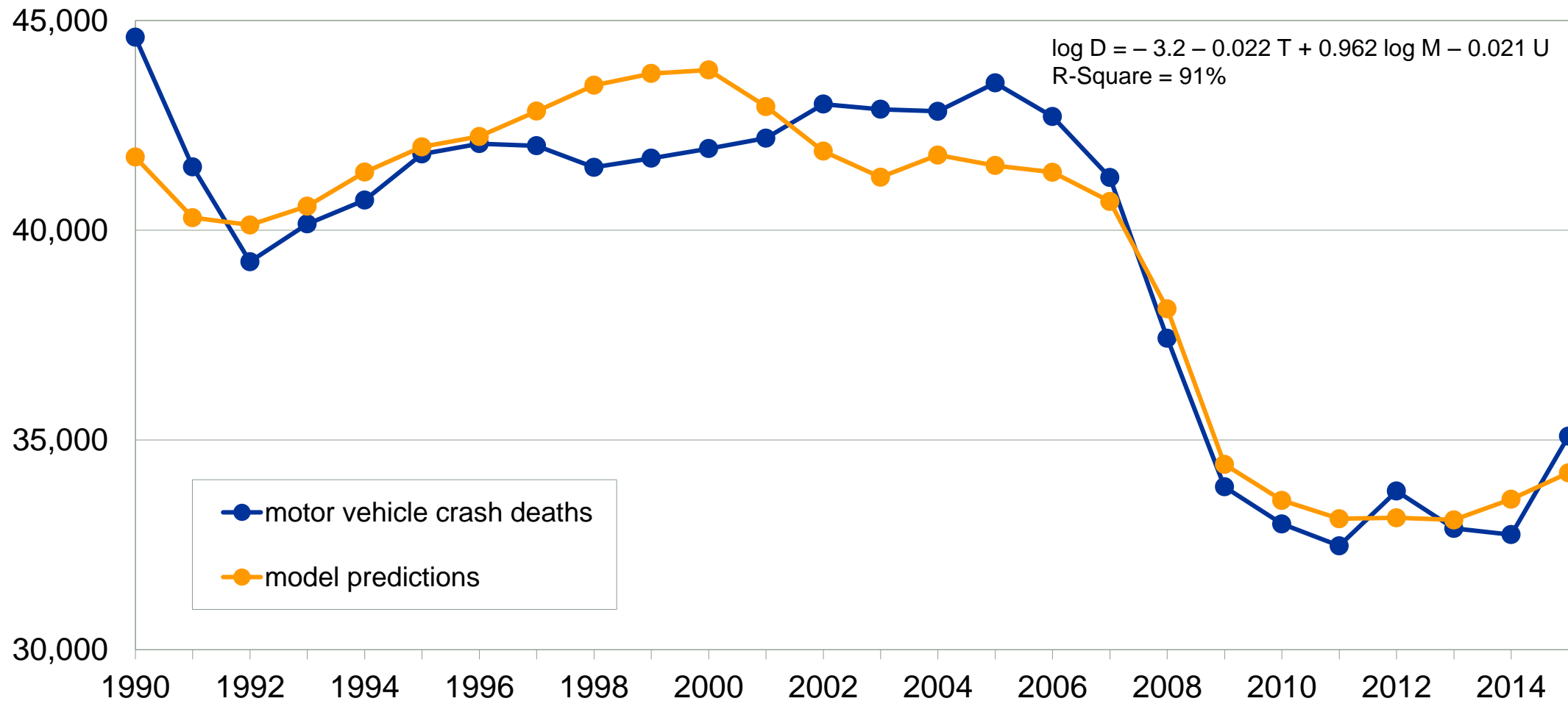
- Increase by 1.5% each year, on average
- Increase by another 1.8% for each 1 percentage point decline in unemployment

## ▶ Crash deaths

- Decrease by 2% each year, on average
  - Increase by 1% for each 1% rise in miles
  - Increase by another 2% for each 1 percentage point decline in unemployment
- ▶ Combined with the effect on miles traveled, each 1 percentage point decline in unemployment is associated with about a 4% increase in crash deaths

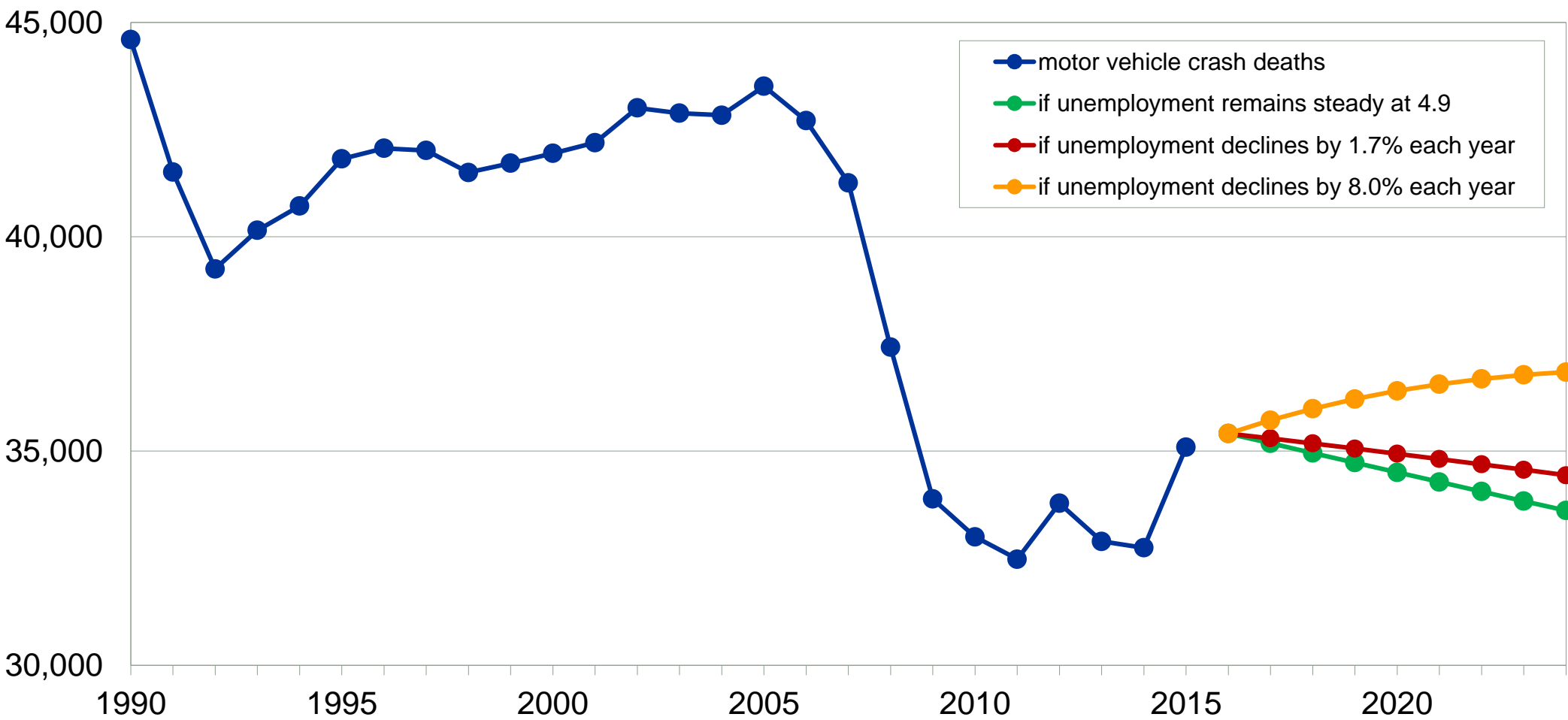
# Motor vehicle crash deaths, 1990-2015

Actual vs. model containing time trend, miles traveled and unemployment



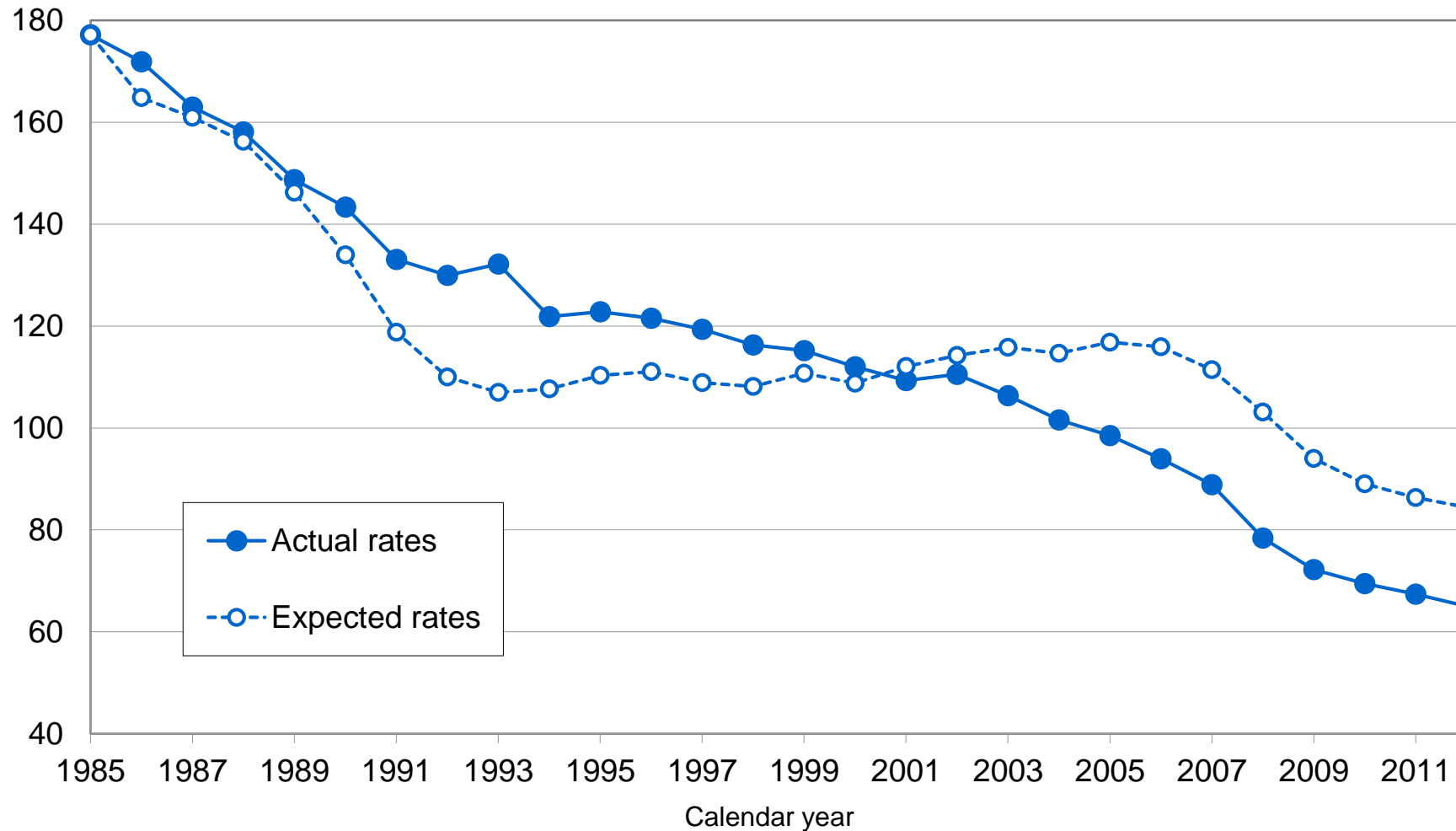
# Motor vehicle crash deaths, 1990-2015

With projections for 2016-24



# Vehicle and non-vehicle factors and highway safety

Passenger vehicle driver deaths per million vehicles, actual vs. expected for 1985 fleet



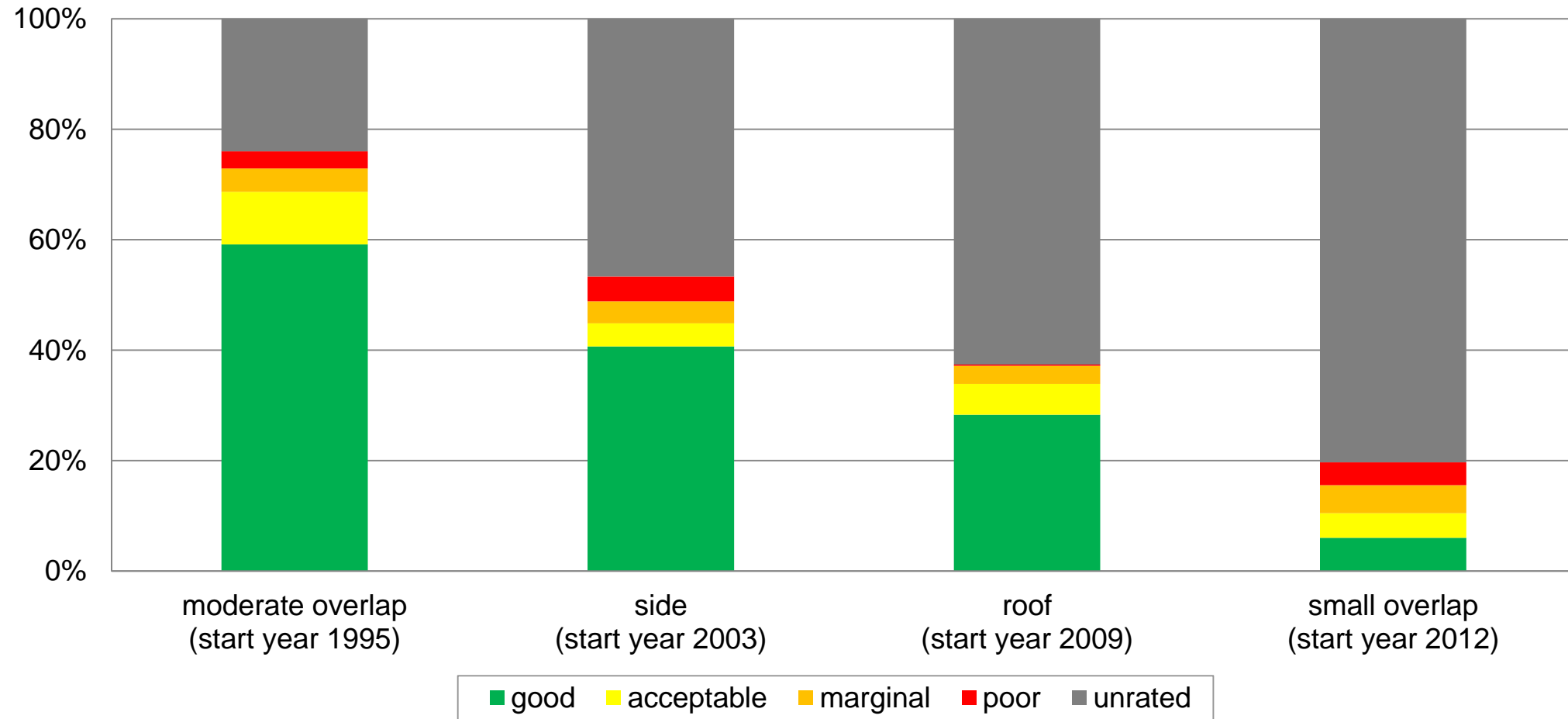


# Crashworthiness in 1959 and 2009



# 2016 ratings for registered vehicles

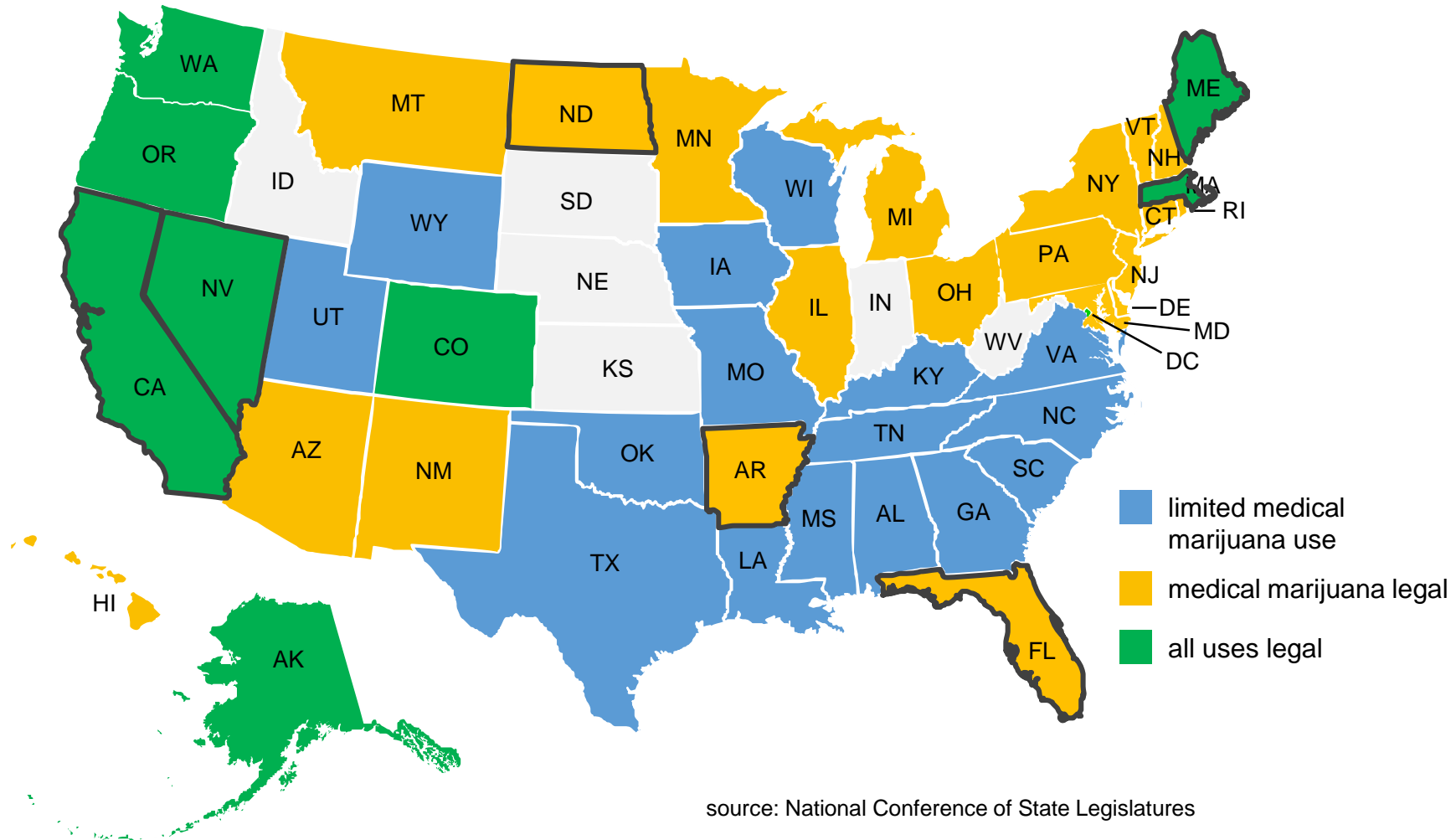
All registered vehicles



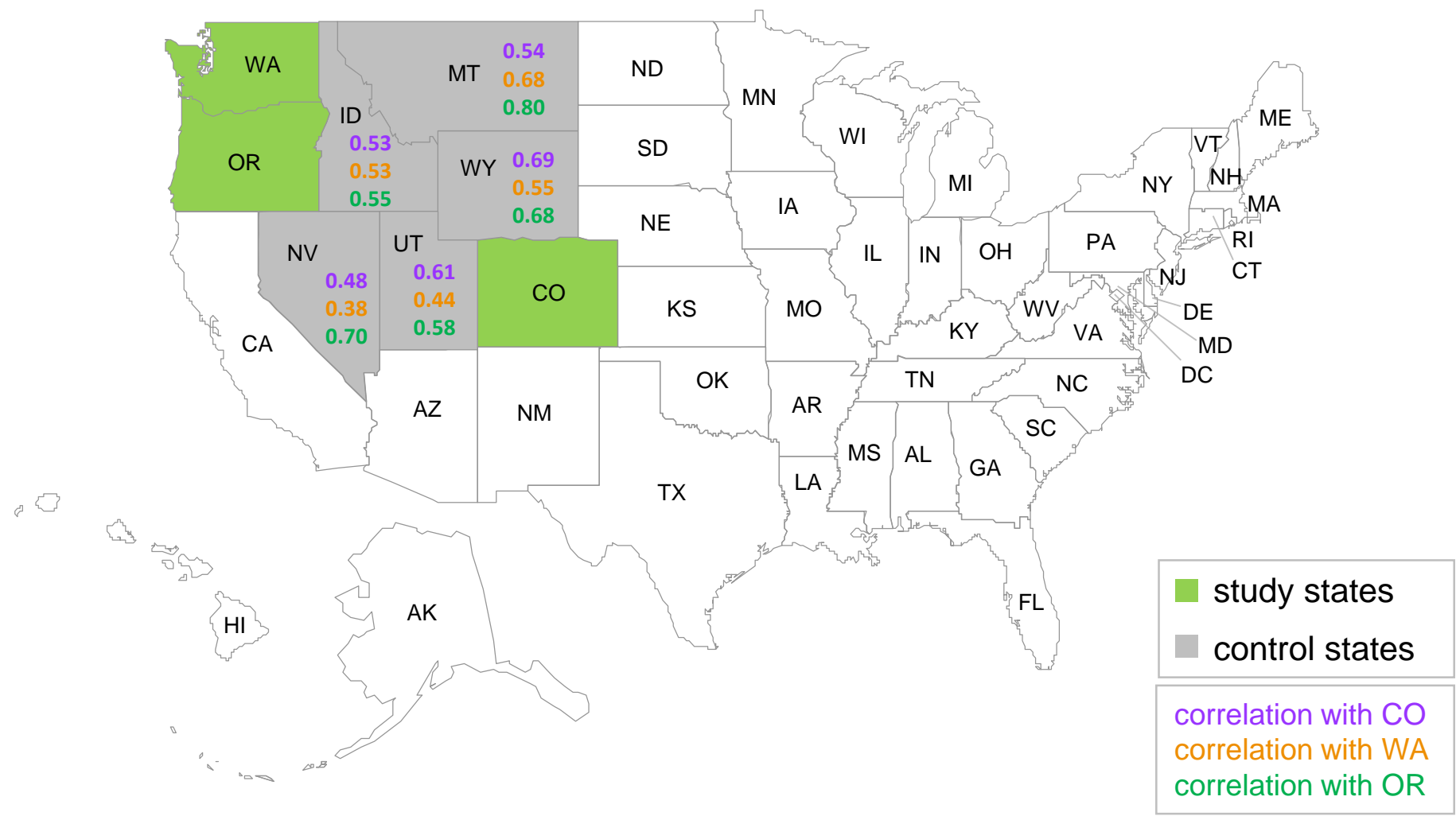
# Legalizing recreational use of marijuana

# Laws legalizing some uses of marijuana

After 2016 general election



# Combined evaluation of legal recreational-use states





# Collision claims after legalization of recreational marijuana use

Combined analysis of Colorado, Oregon, and Washington – HLDI 2017

study states	Colorado, Washington, Oregon
additional control states	Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Utah, Wyoming
calendar years	January 2012-October 2016
exposure	49,225,462 vehicle years for vehicles up to 33 years of age
total number claims	2,494,668
outcome measure	changes in collision claims per insured vehicle year
result	2.7% increase in collision claims (statistically significant)

## **Two U.S. studies differ over effects of marijuana on drivers**

U.S. News & World Report, June 22, 2017

## **Studies offer conflicting conclusions on marijuana legalization's role in car crashes, fatalities**

The Cannabist, June 23, 2017

## **After-legalization traffic studies draw conflicting conclusions**

Ganjapreneur, June 26, 2017

## **Studies differ over impact of legalized pot on highway crash numbers**

Portland Press Herald, June 26, 2017

## **The jury is still out on legalizing marijuana impacting road collision rates**

Auto Evolution, June 28, 2017

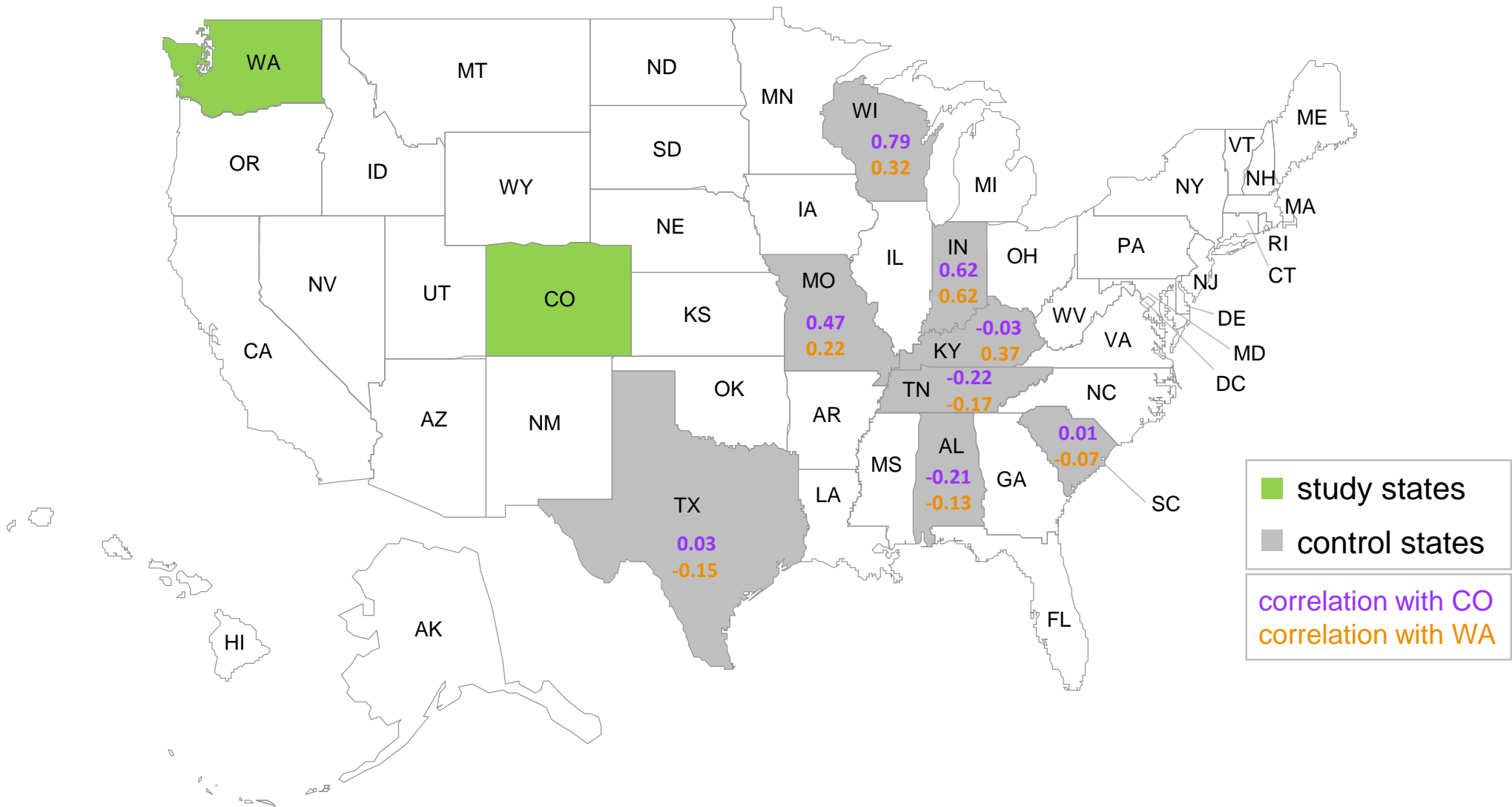
## **Two studies about driving and marijuana have very different results**

Emerald Report, June 29, 2017

## **Competing studies leave haze of uncertainty connecting marijuana to traffic accidents**

Colorado Politics, July 3, 2017

# Pre-period correlations of collision claim rates between study states and control states used by Aydelotte et al. 2017, *AJPH*



# Crash deaths after legalization of recreational marijuana use

Colorado and Washington – Aydelotte et al. 2017, *AJPH*

study states	Colorado and Washington
control states	Alabama, Indiana, Kentucky, Missouri, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Wisconsin
calendar years	January 2009-December 2015
outcome measure	changes in annual motor vehicle crash fatality rates per billion miles traveled
result	2.7% increase in fatalities (not statistically significant)

# Rising speed limits

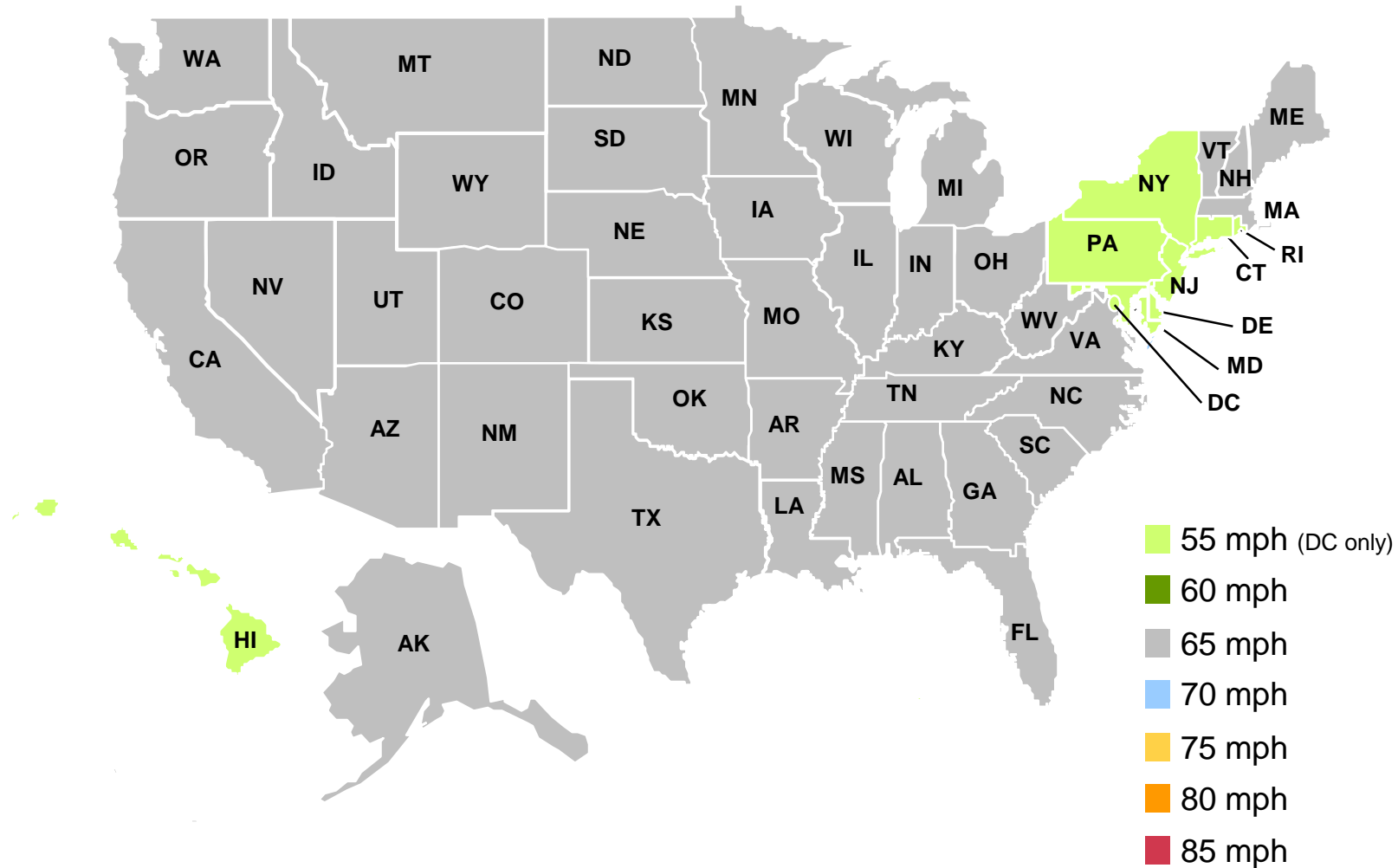


# Effects of National Maximum Speed Limit

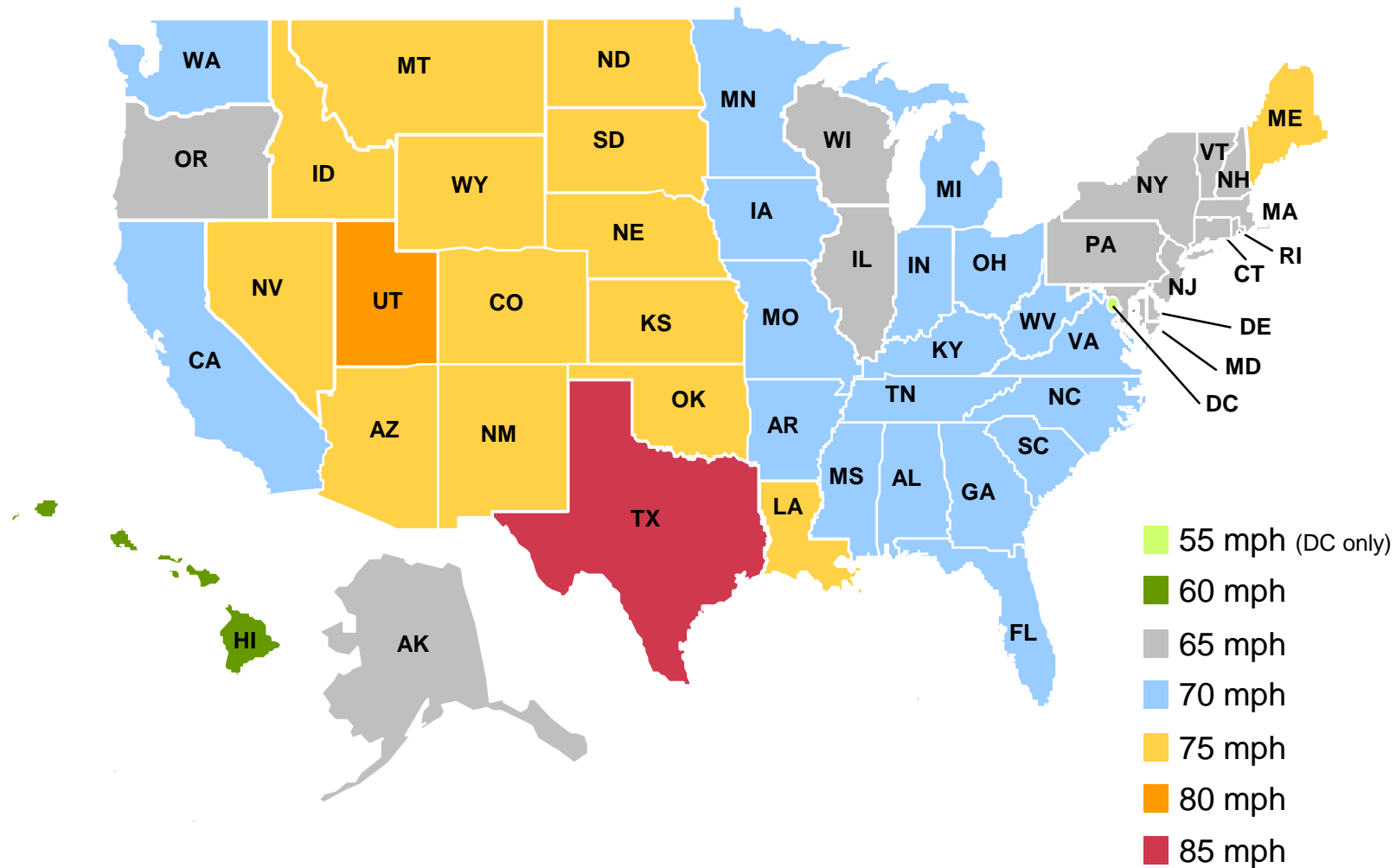
- ▶ 55 mph NMSL
  - 3,000-5,000 fewer deaths in 1974
  - 2,000-4,000 fewer deaths in 1983
- ▶ Partial repeal
  - 19 percent increase in deaths on rural interstates
  - 2,000 more deaths during 1987-90
- ▶ Full repeal
  - 17 percent increase in fatality rates on interstates
  - 1,000 more deaths during 1996-97
  - 12,545 more deaths during 1995-2005

# Maximum speed limits

January 1993

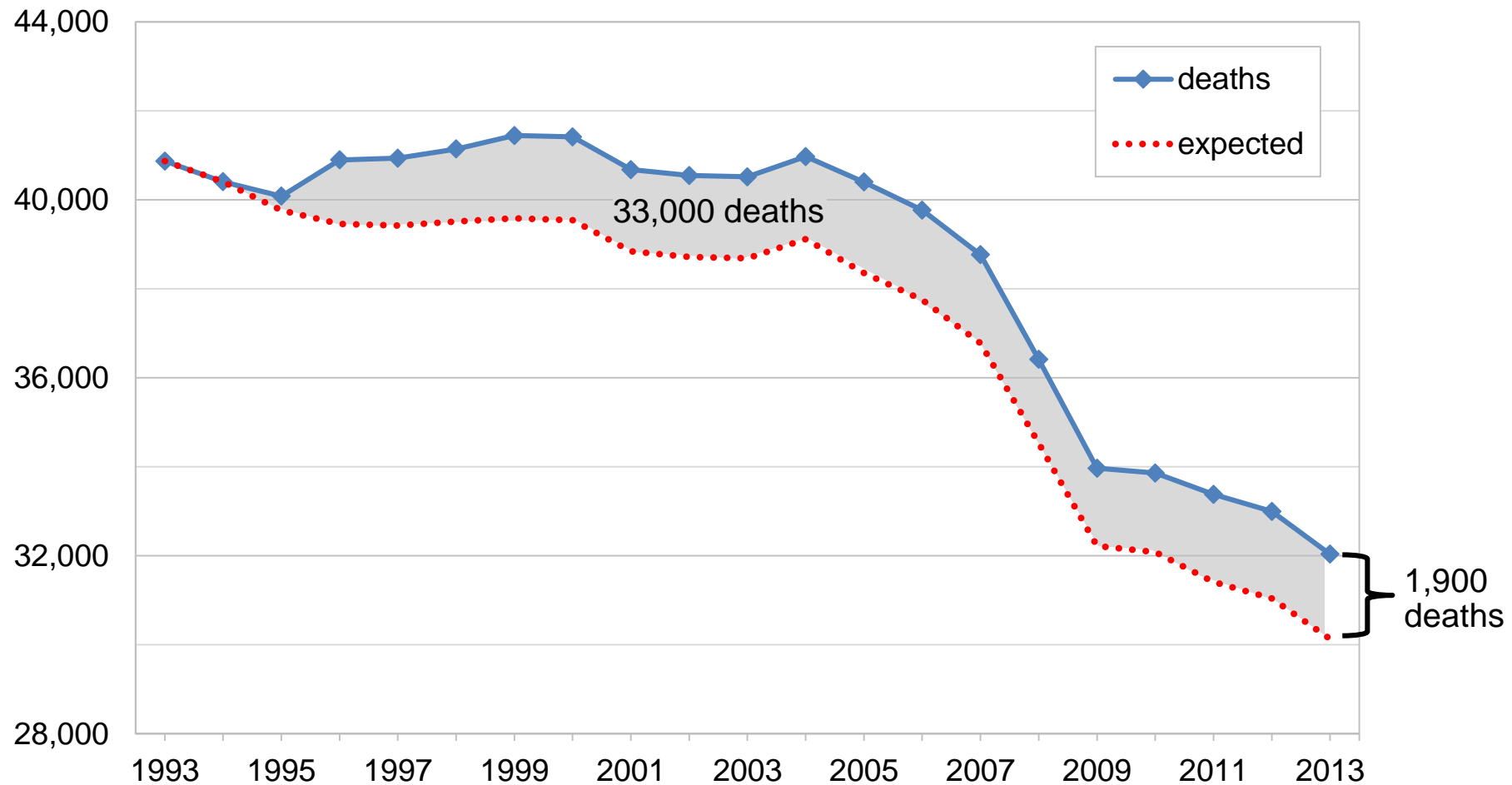


# January 2013



# Deaths and expected deaths if maximum speed limits had not increased

1993-2013

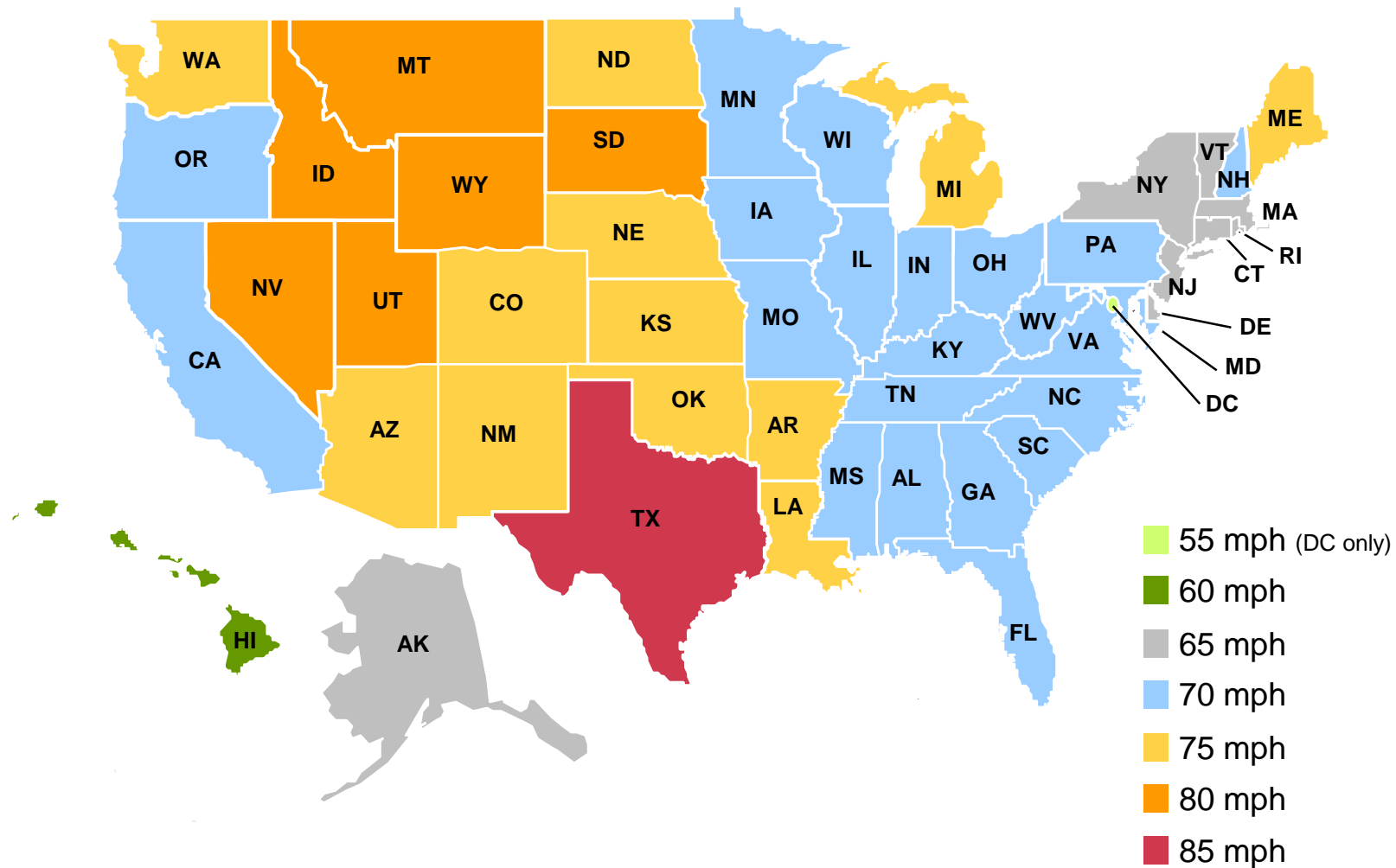


# Summary

- ▶ Speed limits continue to go up
- ▶ 8 percent increase in traffic fatality rate on interstates and freeways for every 5 mph increase in maximum speed limits
  - 500 additional deaths in 2013
- ▶ 4 percent increase on other types of roads
  - 1,400 additional deaths in 2013
- ▶ Approximately 33,000 lives lost due to post-NMSL speed limit increases
  - Three quarters of the 43,000 lives saved by frontal airbags

# Maximum speed limits

September 2017



# **An unlikely headwind: automated vehicles and unrealistic expectations**



# Front crash prevention systems are reducing police-reported rear-end strikes

Compared with vehicles without any front crash prevention...

...vehicles with **forward collision warning only** are  
**27% less likely** to rear-end another vehicle.

...vehicles with **forward collision warning AND autobrake** are  
**50% less likely** to rear-end another vehicle.

If every vehicle on the road had forward collision warning with  
autobrake in 2014, there would have been an estimated



**1,000,000 fewer** police-reported crashes

**400,000 fewer** police-reported injuries

# 20 automakers have committed to make AEB a standard feature by September 2022



HONDA



HYUNDAI



JAGUAR



MASERATI



PORSCHE



SUBARU



TESLA



99+% of U.S. market



# **Two auto suppliers join for self-driving cars by 2019**

-USA Today, August 23, 2016

# **BMW Group, Intel and Mobileye team up to bring fully autonomous driving to streets by 2021**

-Reuters, July 1, 2016

# **Lyft predicts mostly self-driving cars by 2021**

-New York Post, September 19, 2016

# **Kia plans fully driverless cars by 2030**

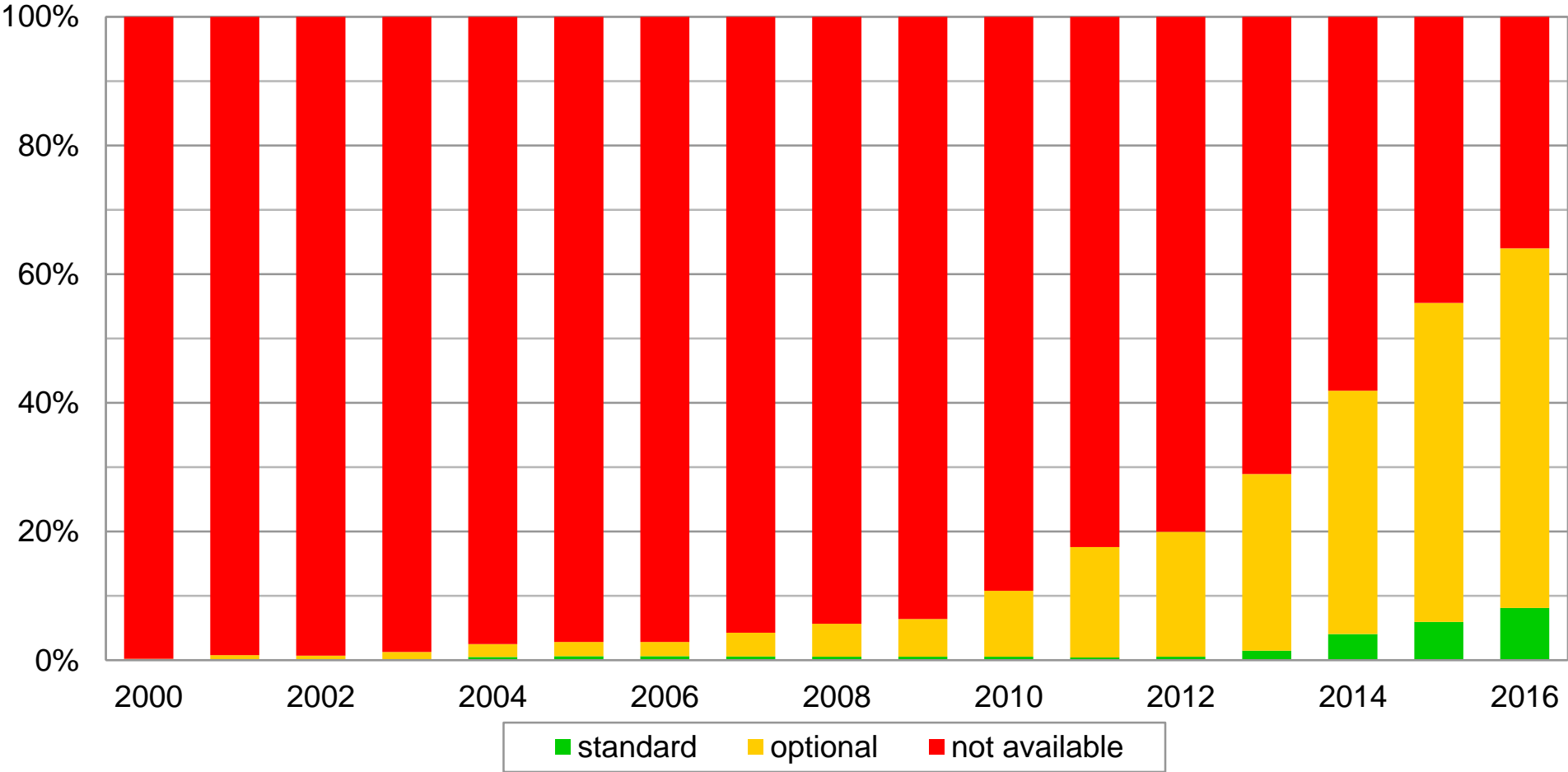
-The Detroit News, January 4, 2016

# **Ford targets fully autonomous vehicle for ride sharing in 2021; invests in new tech companies, doubles Silicon Valley team**

-Ford media center, August 16, 2016

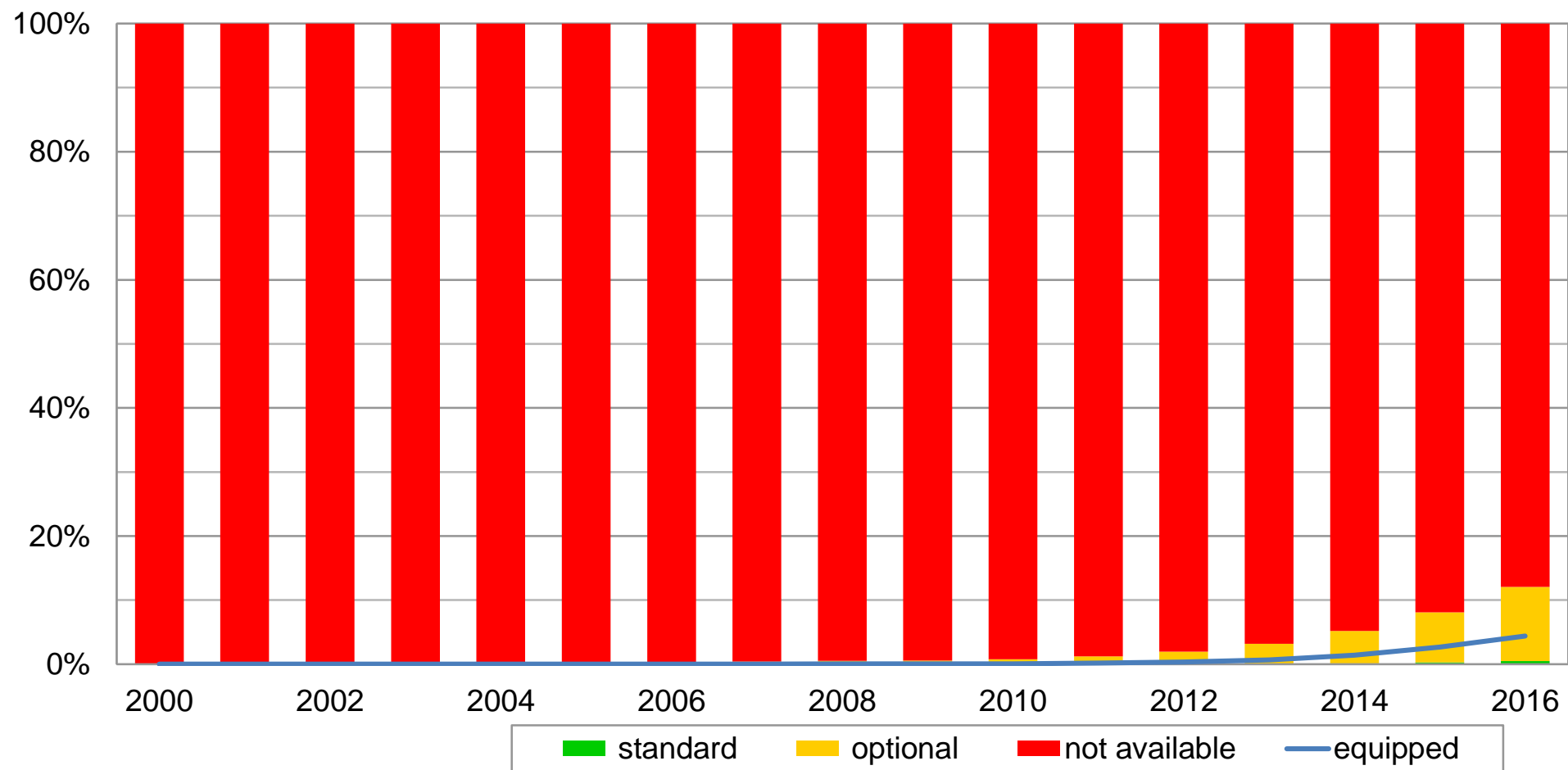
# New vehicle series with forward collision warning

By model year



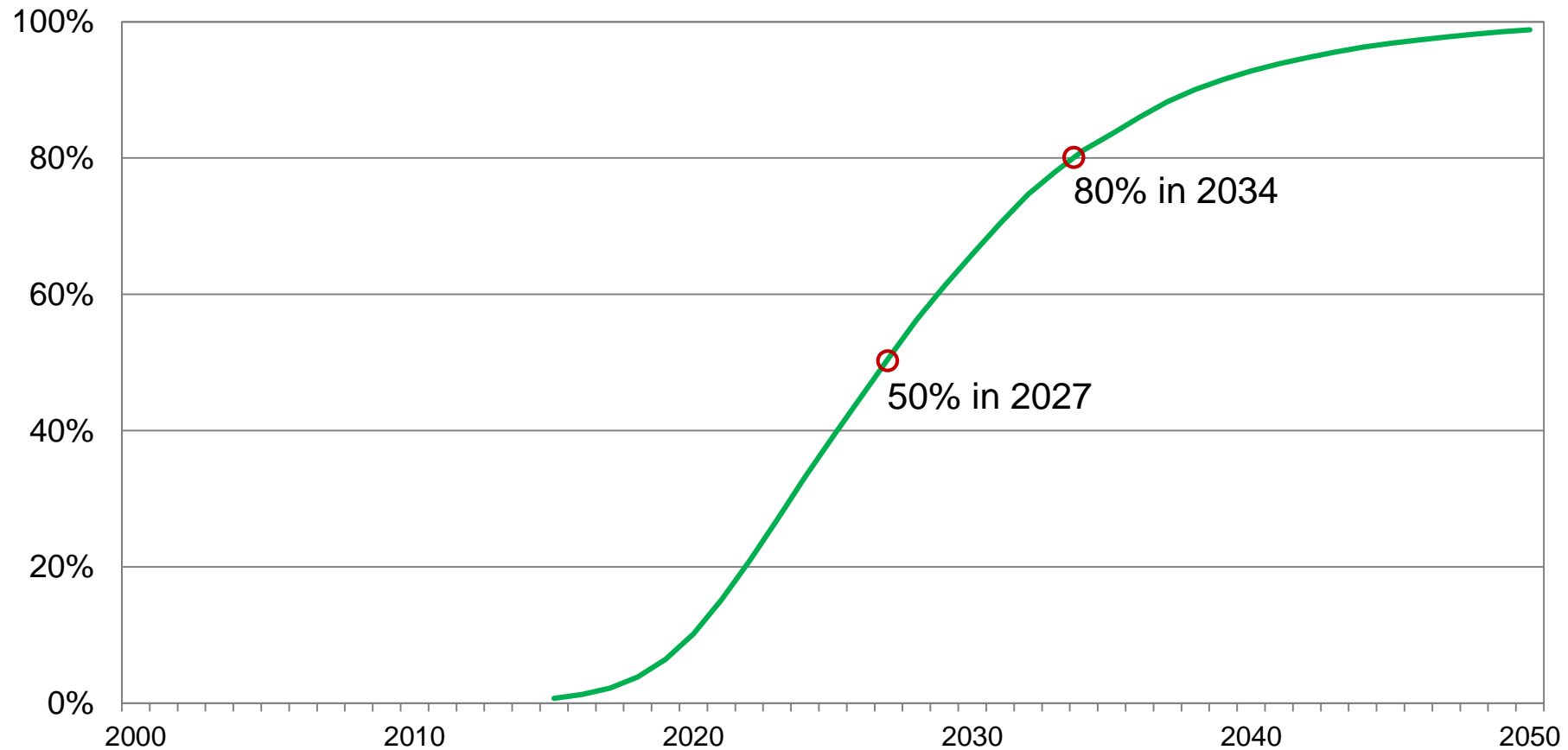
# Registered vehicles with forward collision warning

By calendar year



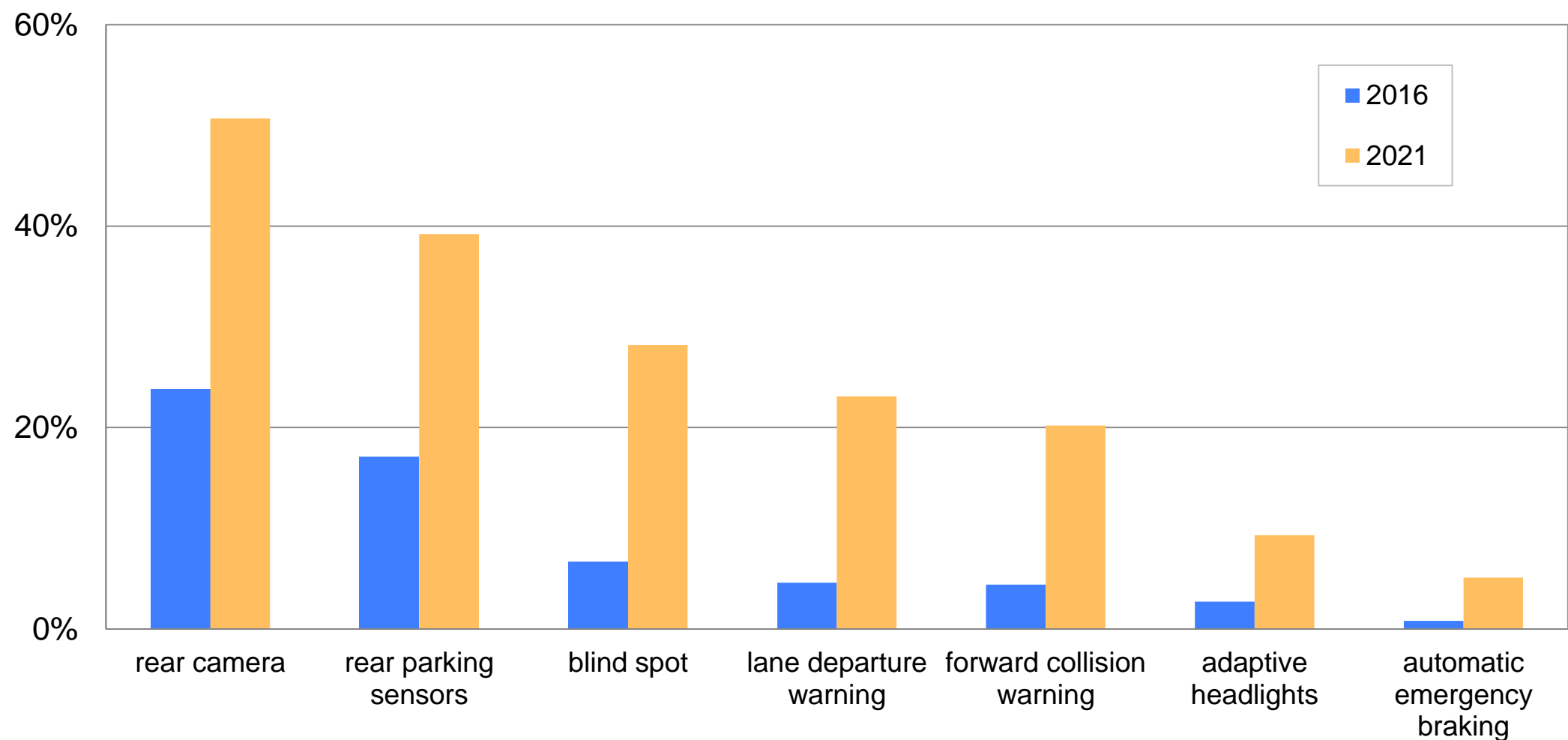
# Predicted counts of registered vehicles equipped with front crash prevention

With 2022 voluntary commitment



# Estimated registered vehicles by feature

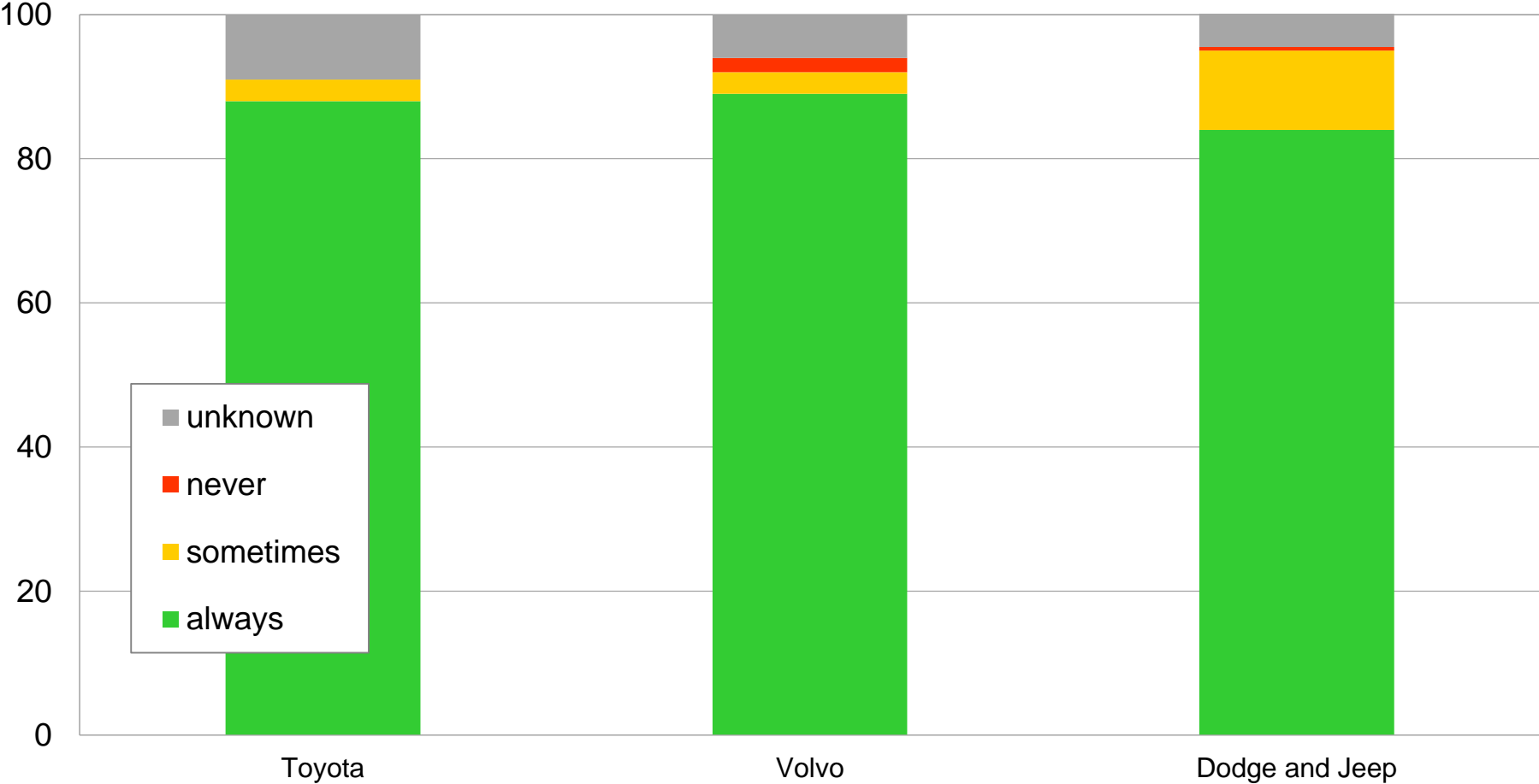
Calendar years 2016 and 2021





# Driver acceptance and safe use of automated systems

# Percent of vehicle owners who reported driving with forward collision warning turned on

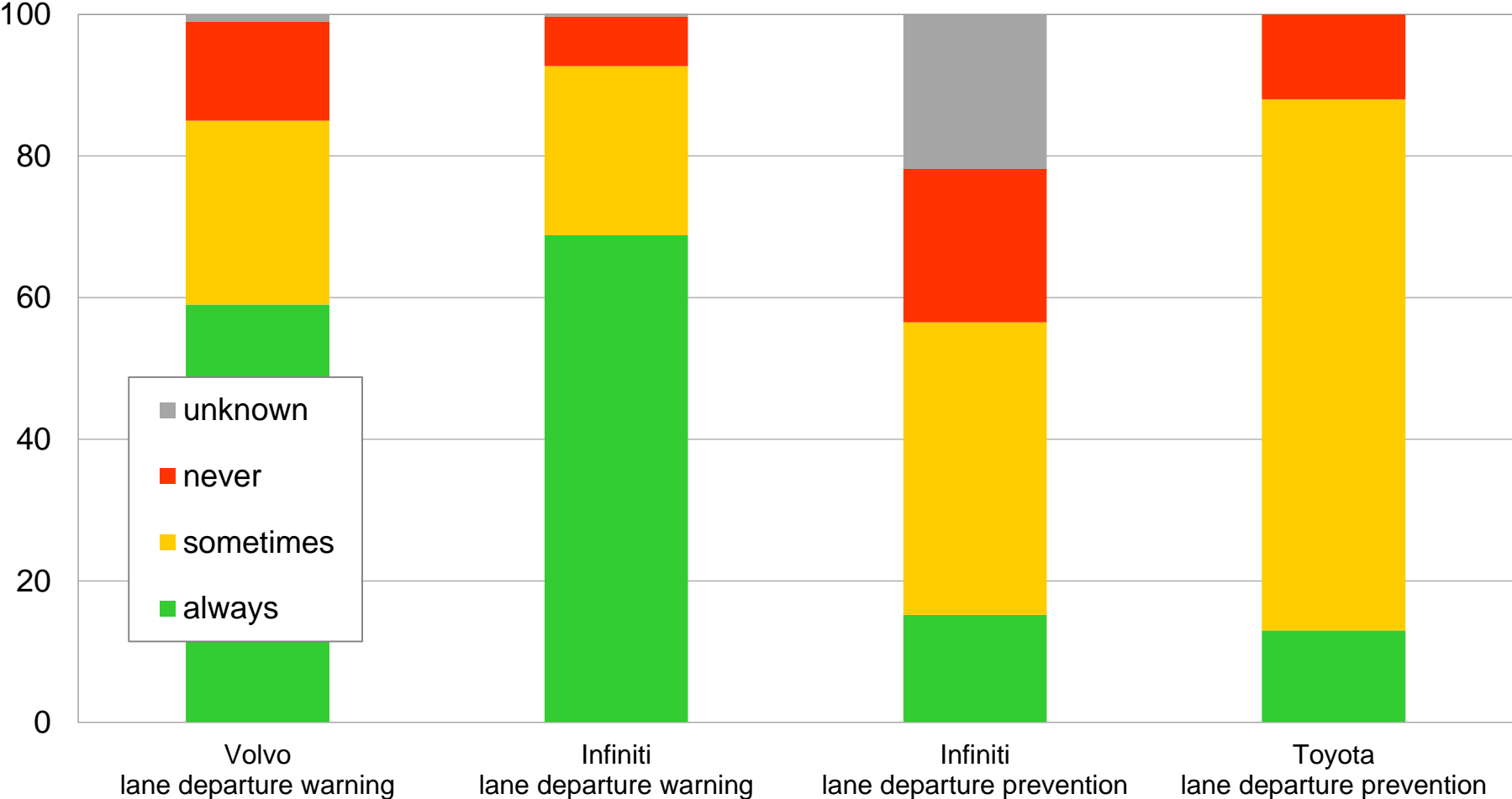


# On-off status of front crash prevention systems

By manufacturer

	percent with system on	number observed
Cadillac	92	206
Chevrolet	87	142
Honda	98	239
Lexus	50	8
Mazda	95	20
Volvo	94	52
total	93	667

# Percent of vehicle owners who reported driving with lane-maintenance systems turned on



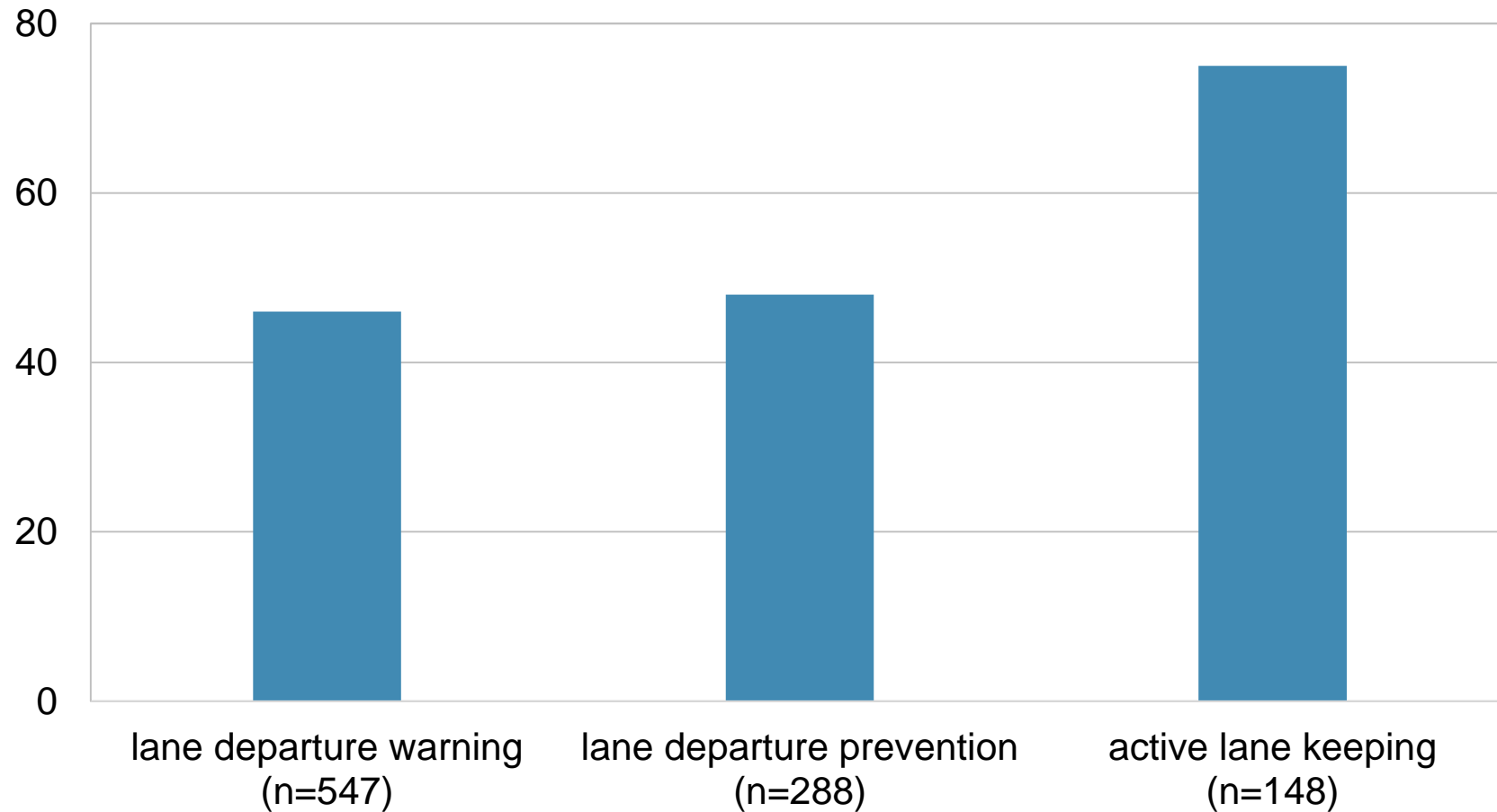
# On-off status of lane-maintenance systems

By manufacturer

	percent with system on	number observed
Cadillac	57	207
Chevrolet	50	147
Ford/Lincoln	21	115
Honda	36	239
Lexus/Toyota	68	147
Mazda	77	26
Volvo	75	105
total	51	986

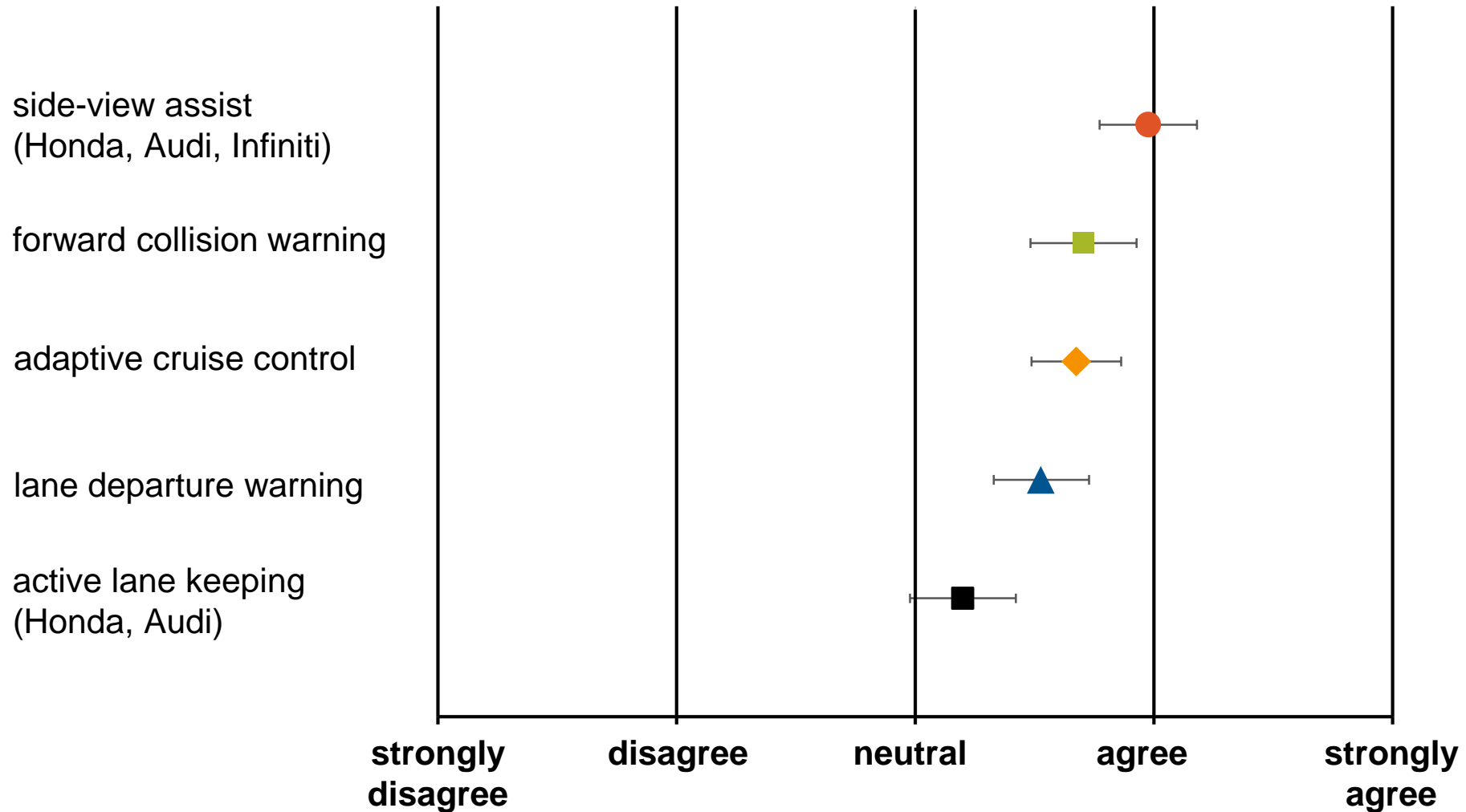
# On-off status by maximum observable lane-maintenance intervention level

Percent with system on



# Active lane keeping ranked least in trust

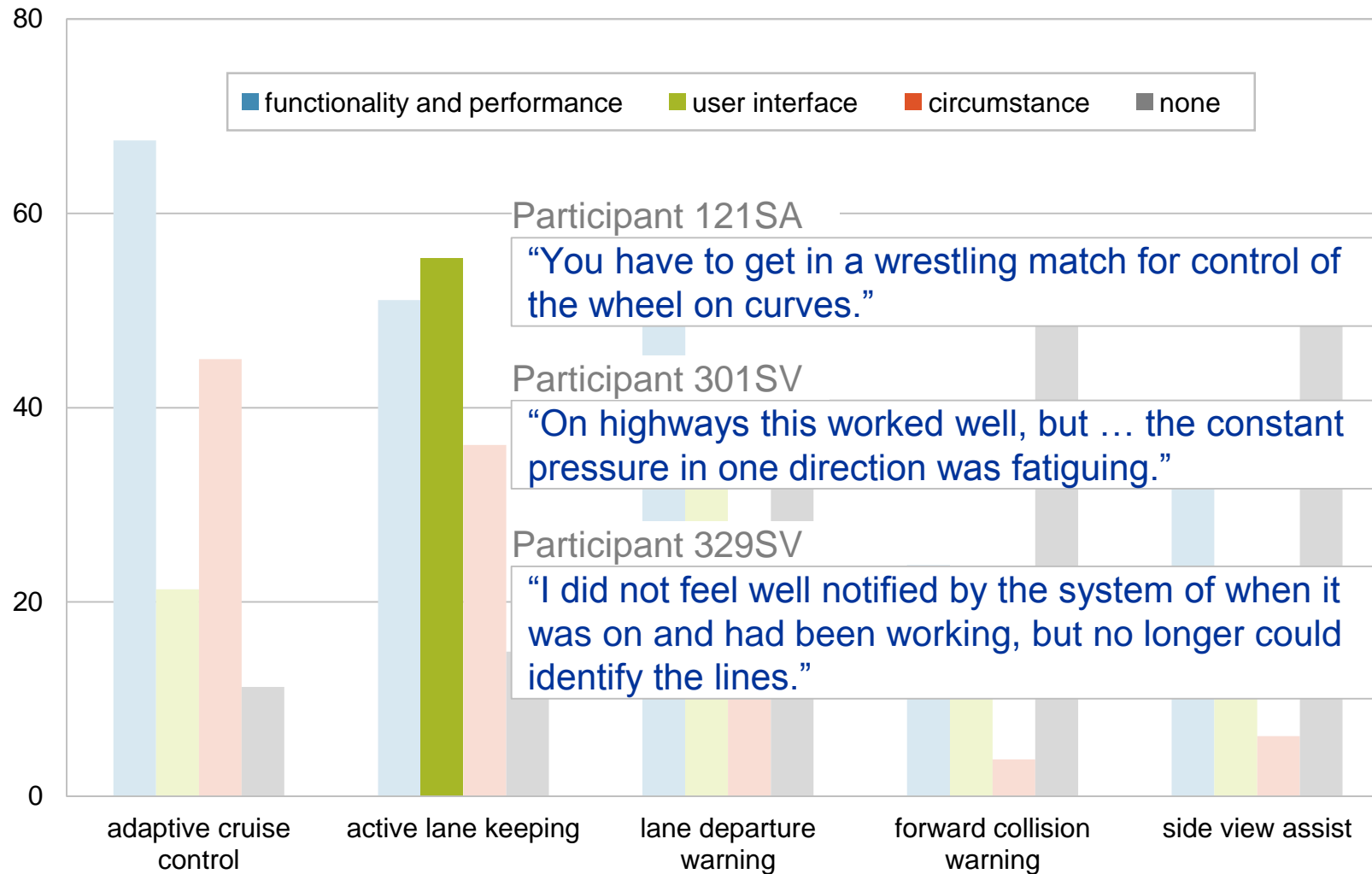
Average rating and 95% confidence interval by system





# Technologies had different problem areas

Percentage of drivers by complaint type



# **Level 2 automated driving experience - issues**

# Lost lane lines

On-road testing of Tesla "Autopilot" 7.1 (hardware version 1)





# Stopped lead vehicle

On-road testing – 2017 Mercedes-Benz E-Class

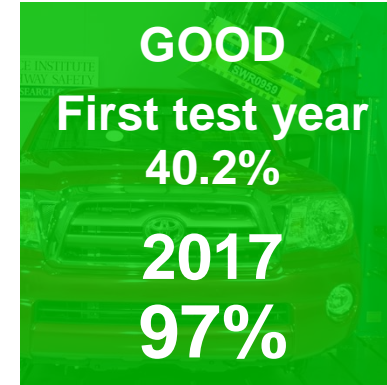


**Much of the improved highway  
safety picture in the USA in  
recent decades is due to  
improved crashworthiness**

# IIHS testing programs



Side impact  
2003



Roof strength  
2009

1995  
Front moderate  
overlap



2004  
Rear  
(whiplash mitigation)



2012  
Front small  
overlap





# Passenger-side small overlap tests

# Small overlap countermeasures are not always applied to the passenger-side

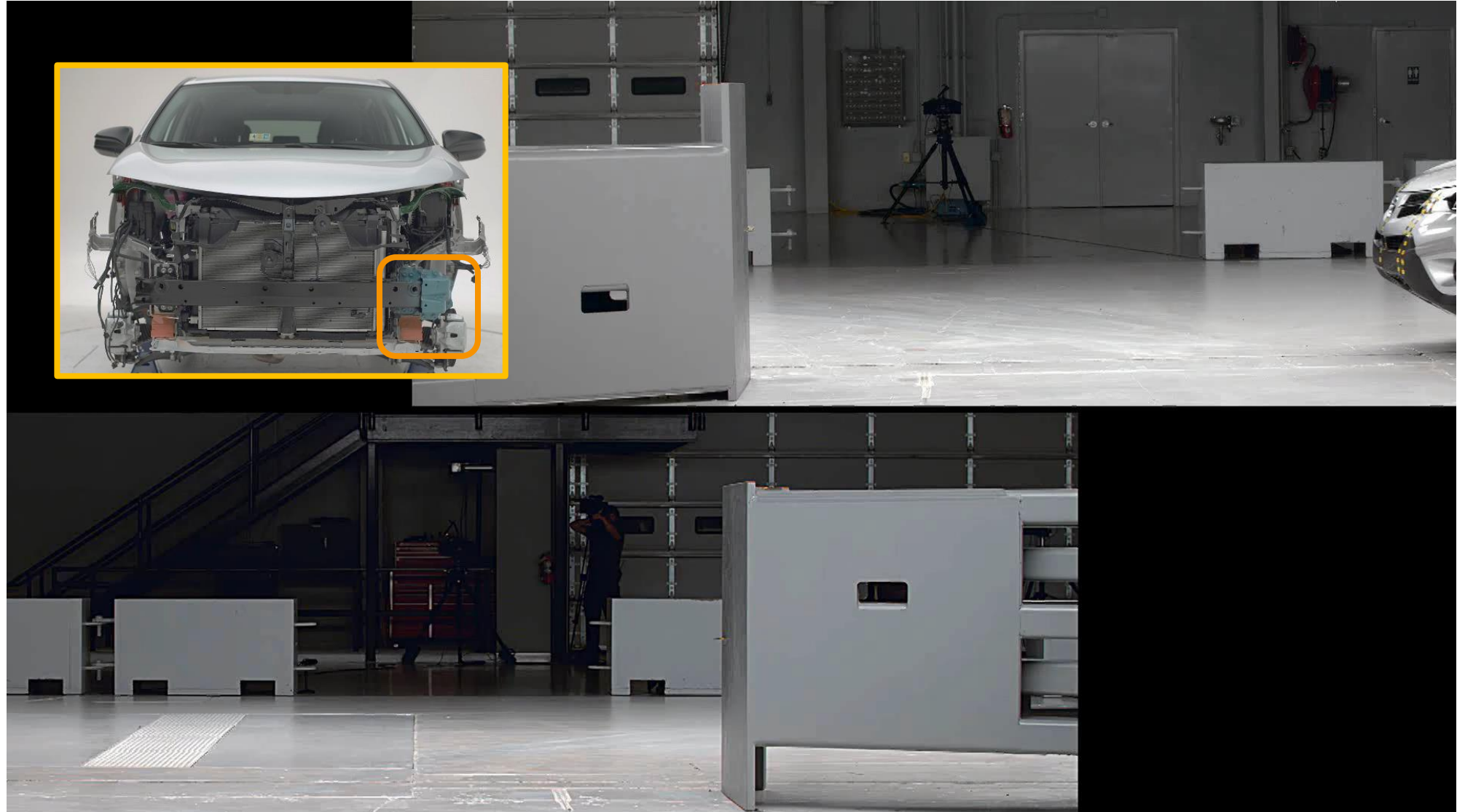


Passenger-side moderate overlap tests of two vehicles

- ▶ Moderate overlap tests indicate good protection for the passenger and performance is not affected by small overlap countermeasures
- ▶ Many vehicles sold and tested as right-hand drive in other markets



# Toyota RAV-4 has driver-side only countermeasures



# Driver/passenger small overlap crash ratings

	driver-side impact	passenger-side impact	visible design application
2016 Hyundai Tucson	<b>G</b>	<b>G</b>	symmetric
2015 Buick Encore	<b>G</b>	<b>A</b>	symmetric
2015 Honda CRV	<b>G</b>	<b>A</b>	symmetric
2015 Mazda CX-5	<b>G</b>	<b>A</b>	symmetric
2014 Subaru Forester	<b>G</b>	<b>M</b>	symmetric
2015 Nissan Rogue	<b>G</b>	<b>M</b>	driver-side
2015 Toyota RAV4	<b>G</b>	<b>P</b>	driver-side



	driver-side impact	passenger-side impact
2016 Hyundai Tucson	G	G
2015 Buick Encore	G	A
2015 Honda CRV	G	A
2015 Mazda CX-5	G	A
2014 Subaru Forester	G	M
2015 Nissan Rogue	G	M
2015 Toyota RAV4	G	P



# 2017 first official ratings test series: midsize cars



# Driver- and passenger-side small overlap ratings

Midsized cars

	driver-side impact	passenger-side impact
2018 Subaru Outback/Legacy	G	G
2017 Ford Fusion	G	G
2017 Honda Accord	G	G
2017 Nissan Altima	G	G
2017 Hyundai Sonata/Kia Optima	G	G
2018 Toyota Camry	G	G
2017 Nissan Maxima	G	G
2017 Mazda 6	G	G
2017 Volkswagen Jetta	G	A
2017 Volkswagen Passat	G	M
2017 Chevrolet Malibu	G	M

# Range of structural performance

**GOOD**

2017 Ford Fusion



**ACCEPTABLE**

2017 Mazda 6





# Dummy observations

2017 midsize cars



- ▶ All driver dummies indicated low risk of injury
- ▶ Range of injury protection for passenger dummies
  - Insufficient airbag protection for passengers
    - In 3 vehicles, passenger dummy's head contacted dash and sensors measured high risk of injury
    - In 2 vehicles, dummy's head moved into a gap in airbag protection
  - 2 dummies measured high risk of leg injury from contact with the lower dash/glove box

# Range of passenger restraint system performance

**GOOD**

2017 Nissan Maxima



**MARGINAL**

2017 Chevrolet Malibu



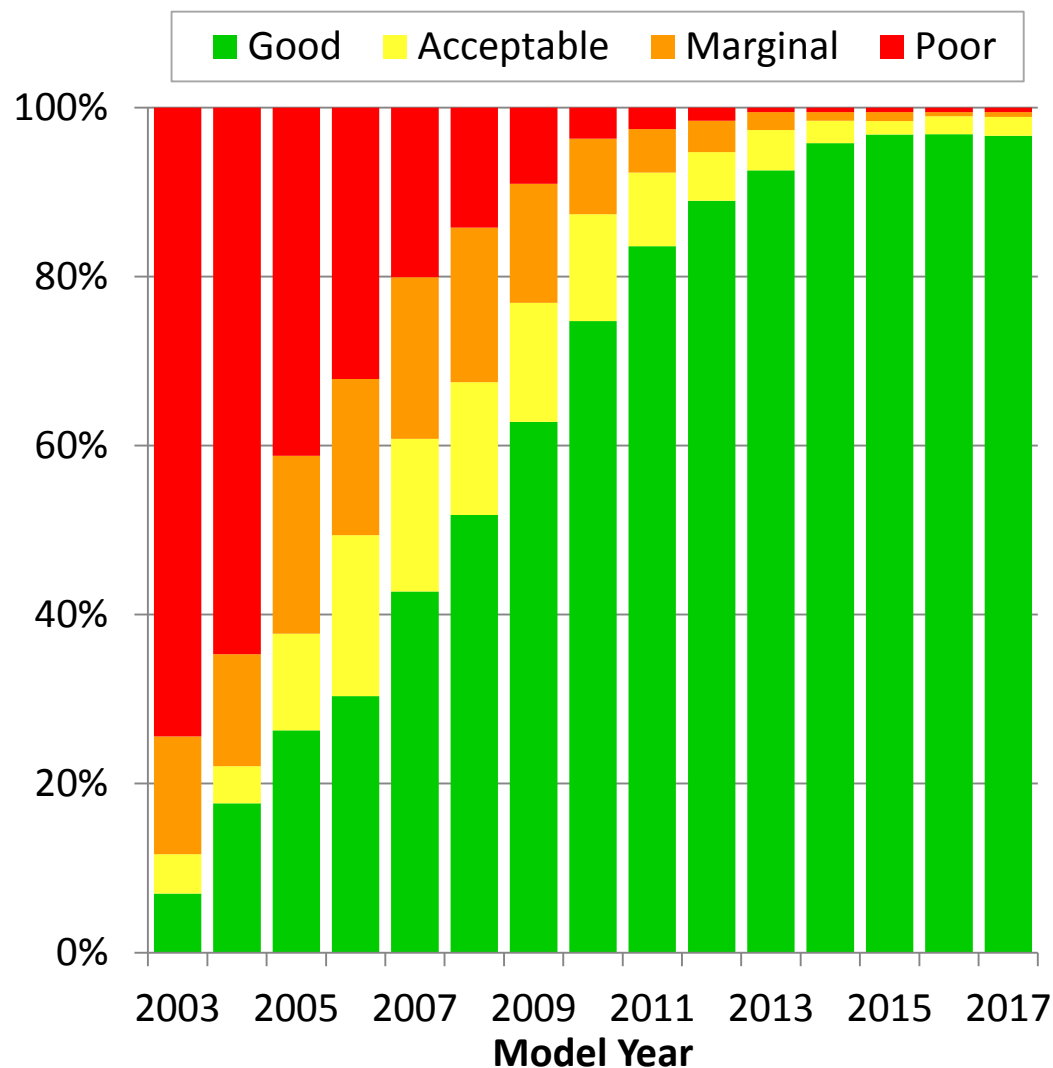


# Summary of passenger-side small overlap testing

- ▶ More vehicles integrating small overlap countermeasures to both driver and passenger sides
  - Countermeasures are improving structural performance
    - In 2015 small SUV series, 3 vehicles received poor structural ratings
    - In current midsize car series, the worst structural rating was acceptable
  - Remaining deficiencies related to restraint system performance
    - 5 models demonstrated insufficient head protection from the frontal airbag
- ▶ Results will be published in October 2017
- ▶ Good or acceptable passenger-side small overlap performance a requirement for 2018 *TOP SAFETY PICK+*

# Side crashworthiness research

# Side impact crashworthiness: what's next?



- ▶ Driver side impact fatality rates in 1-3 year old vehicles:
  - 2005: 22 per million RVY
  - 2015: 5 per million RVY
- ▶ 5,593 passenger vehicle occupant side-impact fatalities in 2015
  - Most not rated by IIHS
  - When rated, 49% were Good



# Relevance

109 seriously injured

CIREN

case occupants affected

70%  
60%  
50%  
40%  
30%  
20%  
10%  
0%



73 year old passenger sustained fatal chest injuries



Passenger sustained fatal chest injuries; ~7" more crush than test



forward impact location



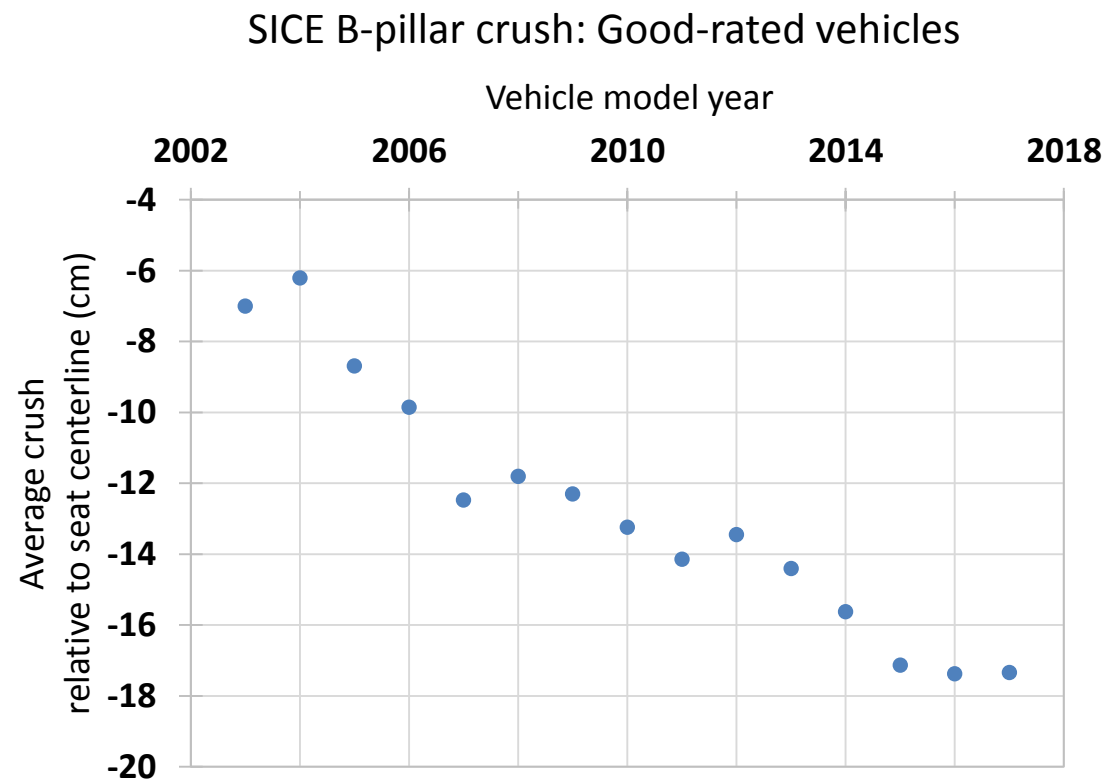
-side y

increase severity and forward impact location

increase severity and include far-side dummy

# Research questions

- ▶ Can modified laboratory test configurations predict real-world injuries that the current IIHS SICE test does not?
  - Forward impacts
  - Higher severity
- ▶ If so, do newer Good-rated vehicles already perform better than older Good-rated vehicles?
  - Less than 10% of the NASS/CIREN case vehicles were 2010+ models



# Test matrix

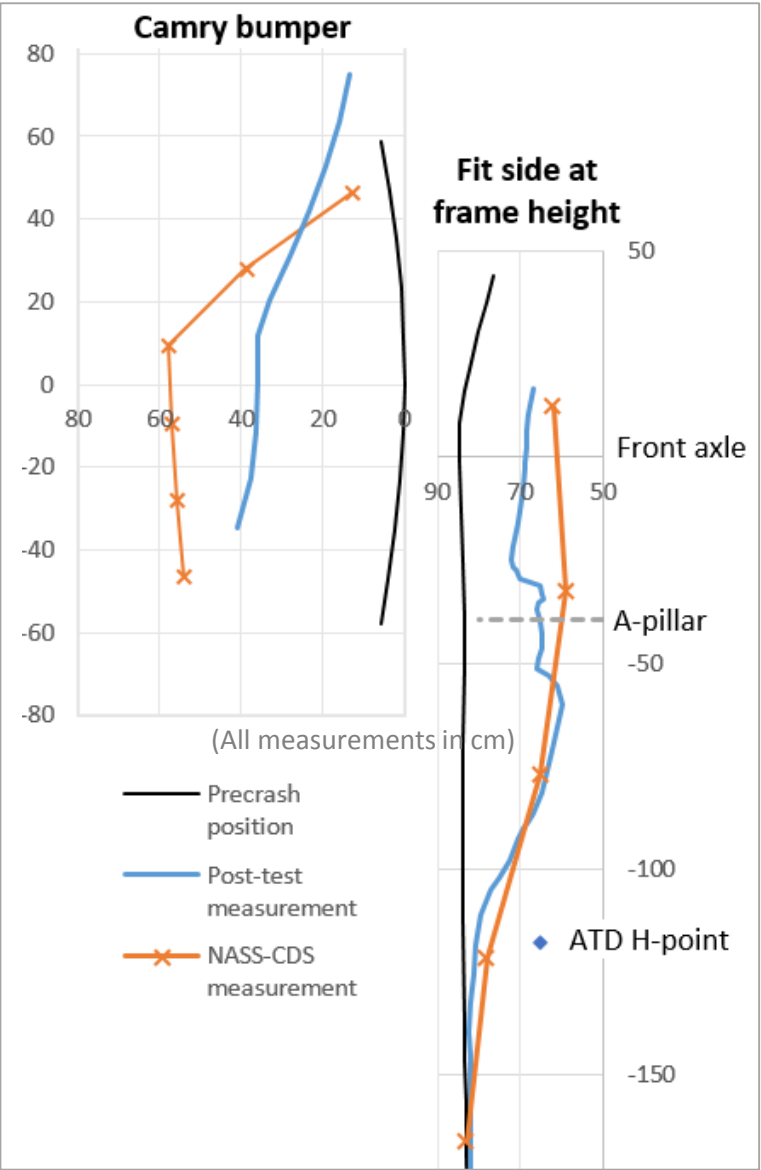
Struck Honda Fit model year	Configuration		
	Fit moving 33 km/h; striking 1999 Camry @ 88 km/h, 19 cm forward of front axle	Standard SICE (MDB @ 50 km/h)	MDB @ 60 km/h
2007	A	B	
2015	C	D	E

- ▶ Camry vs. 2007 Fit chosen to replicate NASS-CDS case
- ▶ WorldSID 50-M with RibEye deflection measurement system used in all tests
  - Better representation than SID-IIs of case occupant anthropometry
  - Ribeye allowed comparison of oblique thoracic loading

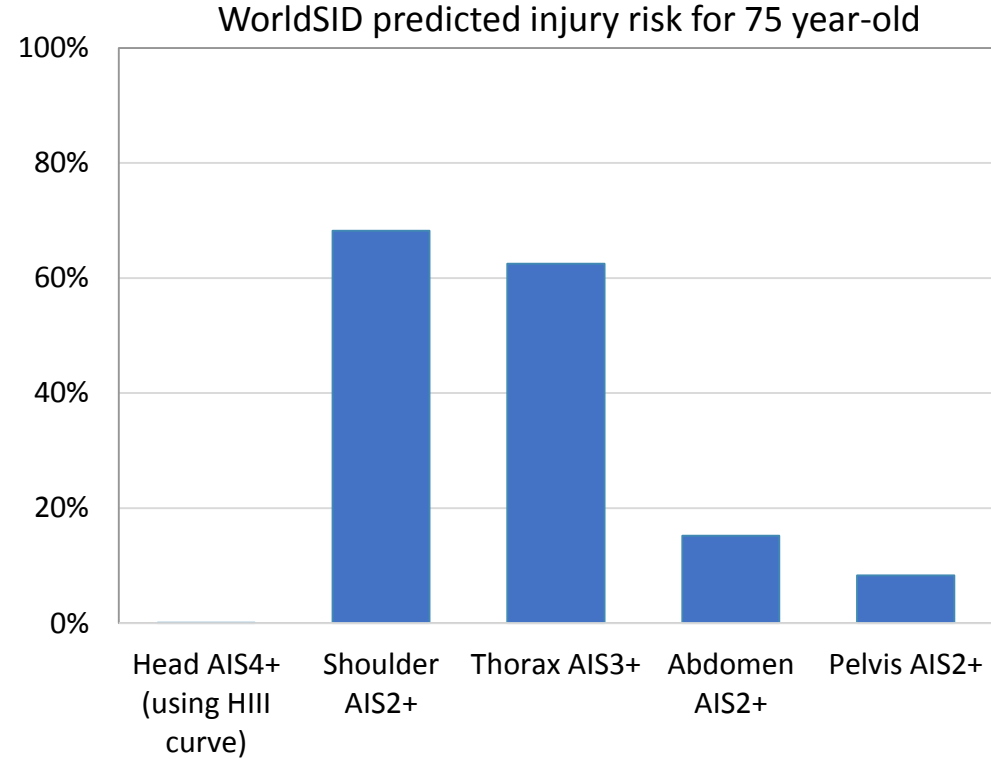


Impact configuration for tests A & C

# Results: real-world case vs. reconstruction test



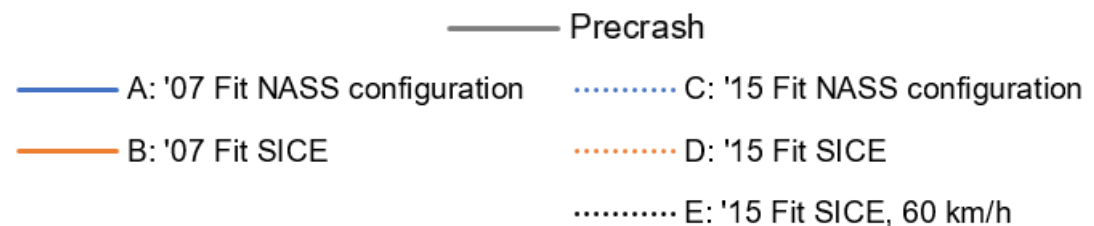
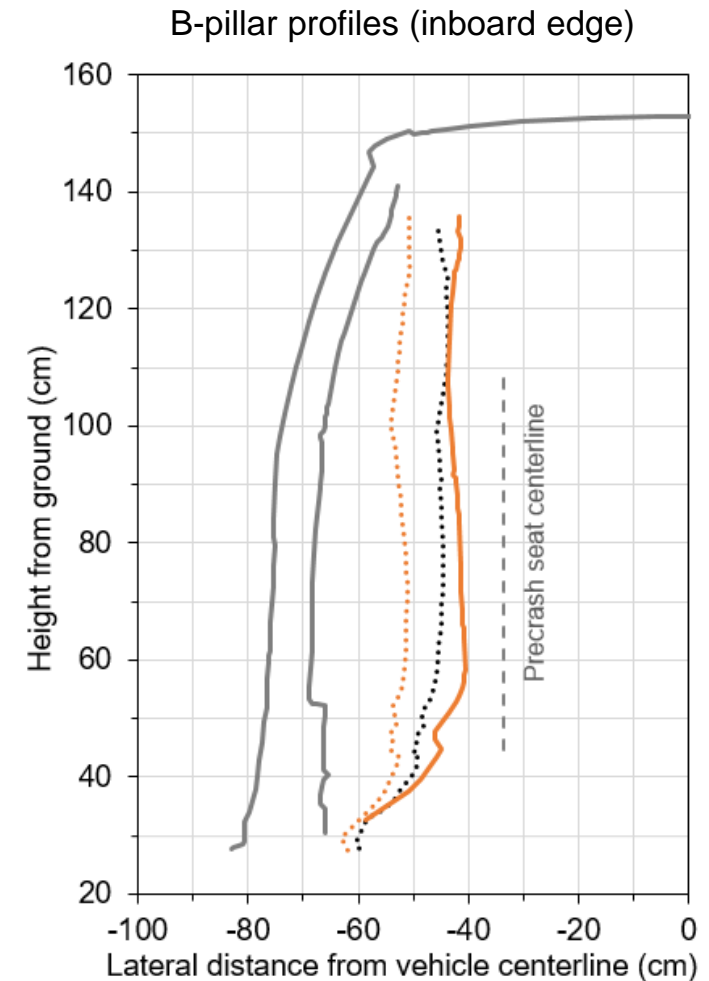
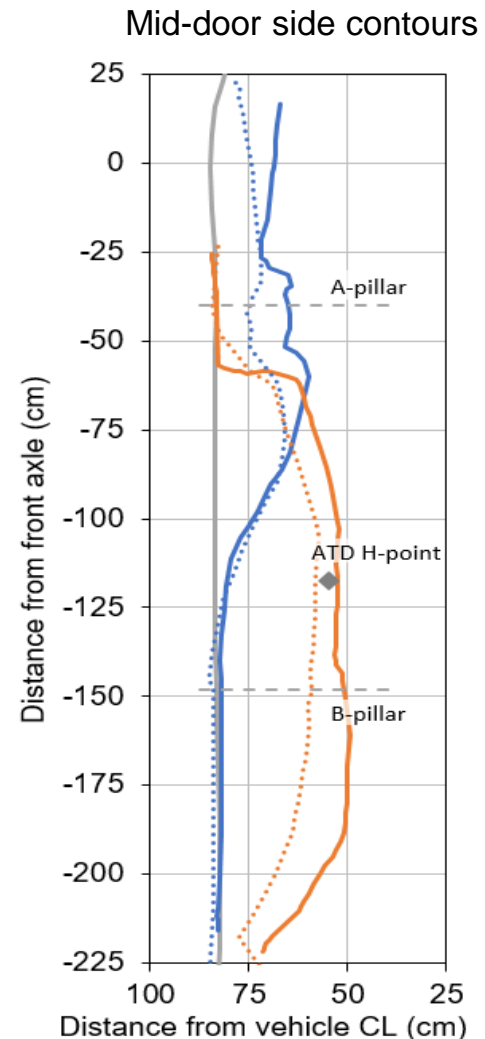
<b>NASS-CDS case occupant</b>	75-year-old male, 185 cm, 104 kg, belted, fatally injured
<b>AIS <math>\geq 2</math> injuries</b>	AIS 5 Bilateral flail chest AIS 4 Trachea perforation AIS 3 Pulmonary artery laceration AIS 3 Left lung contusion, laceration, hemothorax AIS 2 Spleen laceration





# Results: test comparison (structure)

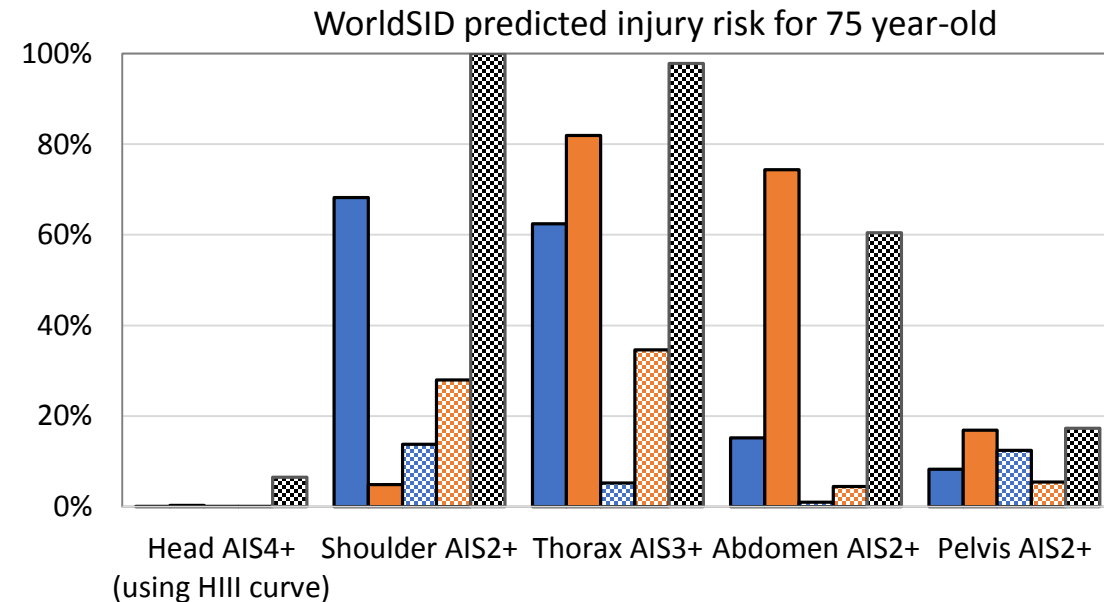
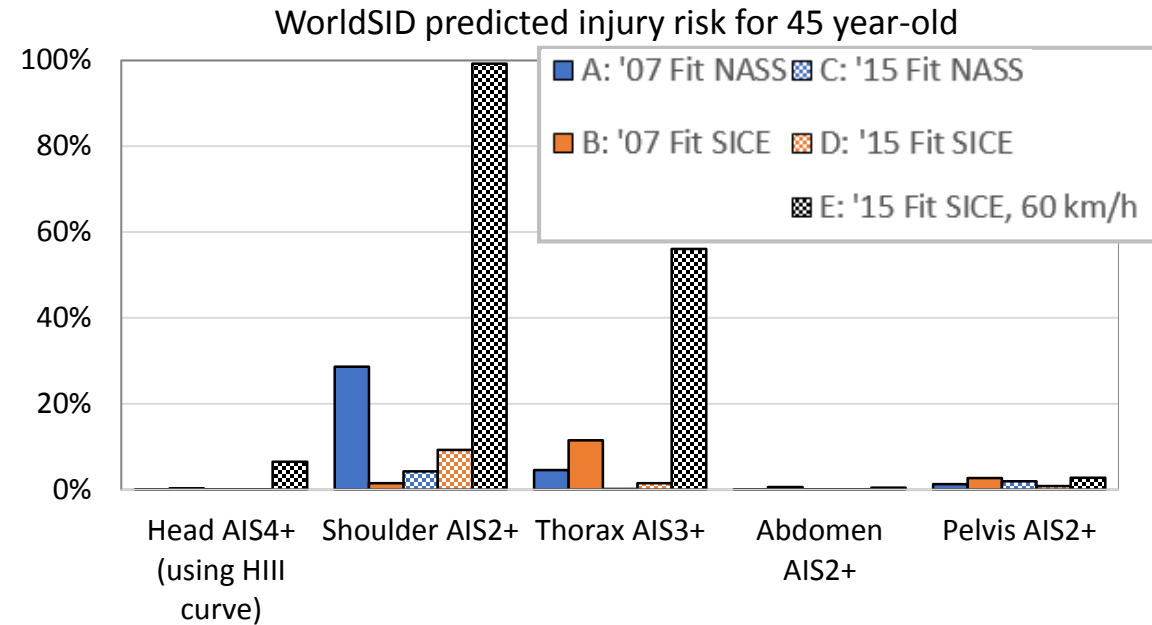
- ▶ NASS configuration
  - Most intrusion forward of H-point
  - No B-pillar intrusion
  - 2015 less intrusion than 2007
- ▶ SICE tests
  - Peak intrusion centered near H-point and B-pillar
  - 2015 less intrusion than 2007
  - 2015 less B-pillar intrusion at 60 km/h than 2007 at 50 km/h
  - 2015: 5-10 cm more intrusion at 60 km/h than at 50 km/h





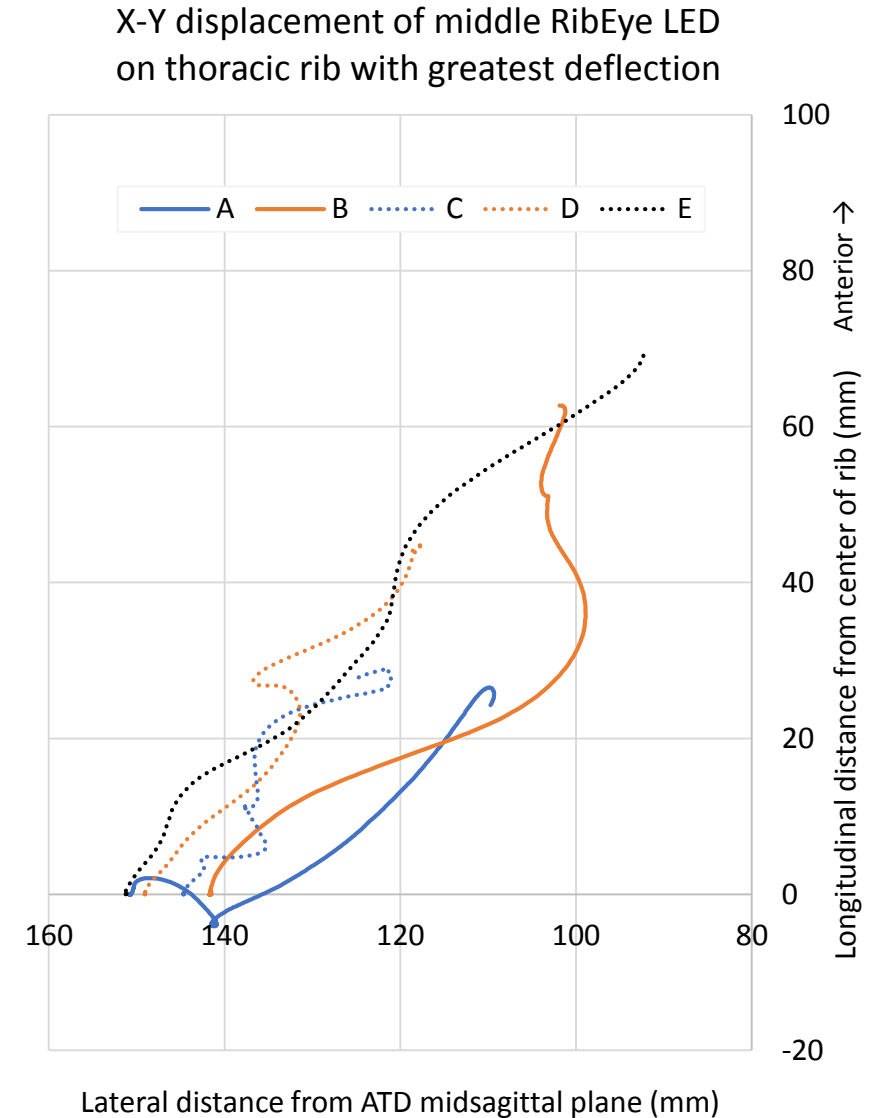
# Results: test comparison (injury)

- ▶ 60 km/h SICE test produced highest injury risks, except for abdomen
- ▶ 50 km/h SICE test produced higher injury risk than NASS configuration, except:
  - '07 Fit shoulder
  - '15 Fit pelvis
- ▶ '15 Fit produced lower injury risk than '07 Fit, except:
  - SICE shoulder
  - NASS configuration pelvis



# Results: RibEye data

- ▶ All tests produced overall rib displacement in oblique posterior-to-anterior direction
- ▶ NASS configuration tests A & C showed only slight initial displacement in the anterior-to-posterior direction
- ▶ Unknown whether loading direction controlled by ATD design or rotation around pre-tensioned belt
- ▶ Regardless of cause, ATD did not identify unique injury mechanism in NASS configuration



# Conclusions

- ▶ While NASS reconstruction showed general agreement with real-world case, the injury risk for most body regions was lower than in the current SICE test
- ▶ These tests do not justify an evaluation program with a more forward impact location
  - The higher impact speed would produce greater injury risks at the current impact location
- ▶ Vehicle designs continue to improve beyond requirements for Good SICE rating; the distribution of injury-producing crash configurations likely is different for current vehicle designs
- ▶ A higher SICE impact speed would likely drive more restraint system changes than structural changes; potential tradeoffs would need to be considered



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