

Keynote at Gulf Traffic 2016 CTO Søren O. Ekelund





### IN SHORT

#### Søren O. Ekelund

Founder & CTO

- NeRVe company invested in by billionaire Ross Jackson
- The Society Think Tank non-profit NGO

First company at age 16

Optimization software and service since 1998

3 years of psychology studies at university

First production electric vehicle in 2009

Mechanical Engineer at DTU

Self-taught IT developer

Dev. of autonomous vehicles since 2001

Dev. of electric vehicles since 2008



### WHO WE ARE



Søren O. Ekelund CTO



Pouline Middleton CEO



Erica Baluci Regional Manager, UAE



Jesper B. Rasmussen Klaus Nissen Vehicle Business Dev.



Senior Vehicle Dev.



Kalle Nordbo Senior Designer



Nicolai C. Rotne Senior Vehicle Dev.



Linda L. Clausen Psychology Specialist



Nikolaj S. Olsen Animator



Allan S. Madsen Vehicle Designer



Naomi Hagelberg **Behavior Specialist** 



Nils Dullum Infrastructure Specialist

Small company – brilliant experienced staff – very different backgrounds:

Greater and faster integration of know-how and perspectives



### WHY WE SHARE?

Being open and cooperative allows us to work as an easy bridging point to customers' contractors, competitors and authorities, while protecting everybody's IP – making us leading in total society system integration.



Rebuild, trade and service public sector transport



Technology that most of the world has never seen



Range of World Records and wins over many OEMs



### WHY WE DARE?

Proven track record - developments others called impossible.

We are called in when OEMs, fleet owners and infrastructure companies have greater challenges than they can handle alone.



'Impossible' vehicles



System Integrations



World Electric Tour



SO, WHAT DOES SOCIETY NEED?

People – a place where people want to live

**Transport** – move from A to B fast, easy and reliably

**Energy** – with reliable power - progress happens

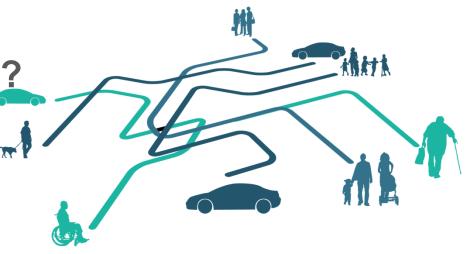
**Economy** – vehicles need to provide society monetary value

**Environment** – noise and pollution troubles everybody

Safety – you need not be scared of the traffic and its risks

Trust – for interaction there must be trust

Social mobility – all lives should improve





# PEOPLE DIFFERENT NEEDS – DIFFERENT MEANS

People have all sorts of transport needs

Current cars - not really suited

- Not all family members can drive a car
- You have to hold the steering wheel
- The interior is not flexible enough
- Requires parking space, cleaning, maintenance
- Stands vacant most of time, depreciating and maybe even get stolen















## TRANSPORT GOING NOW AND GOING FAR?

- How to access it when it is far away?
- Use somebody else's car?



A trend we will see much more of:

### **Privately owned public transport**



- Providing shared public transport big market in near future!
- Draw current car owners into vehicles with qualities they cannot personally pay for



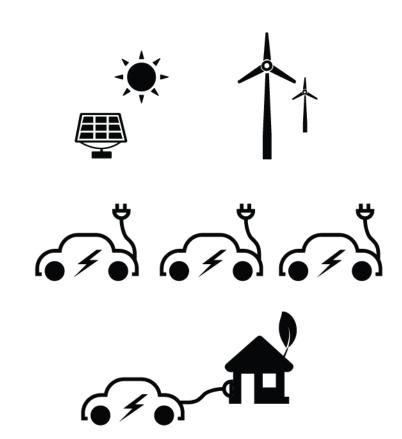
## ENERGY UPS AND DOWNS....

#### **BACKGROUND**

- Society without energy is nothing
- Unstable energy grids too much or too little.
- A battery alone is not reliable enough
  - e.g. outages or blocked fast-chargers

#### **SOLUTION**

- Vehicle hybrid systems with big capacities
  - working as "virtual power plants"
- Balancing loads for electricity grids
  - valuable services to energy brokers
- Reliability of range through fuel cells and biodiesel
- Battery buffer helps fast-chargers where grid is too little





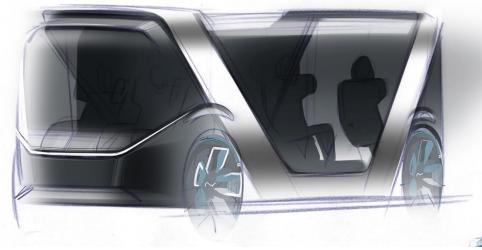
## **ECONOMY**PAYING YOUR DUES

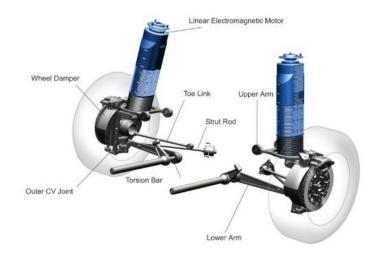
#### **BACKGROUND**

- Vehicles require expensive infrastructure
- Hard driving damages and destroys the infrastructure
- Infrastructure costs are paid by society and/or drivers

#### SOLUTION

- Algorithms understand traffic, drive softly and avoid accidents
- Intelligent active suspension = less road wear, comfy ride
- Greatly reduced costs per kilometer of transport

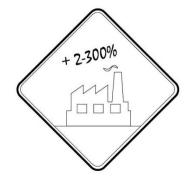






## **ENVIRONMENT DON'T STRESS IT**

- Electric drives reduce noise and pollution depending on source = reducing climate change
- Increasing the capacity of vehicles reducing their numbers = more room for humans and nature



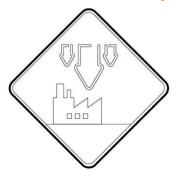
ICE drives – high pollution Non-ICE drives – **bound pollution** 



Many cars – **congestion** Few cars – **enjoyment** 



Few cars – little water









## SAFETY DO NOT FEAR A THING



#### **FACT**

Autonomous vehicles have **less statistical risk** of accidents – **much safer** for BOTH occupants AND the world around the vehicle

- All-cabin airbags completely shield vehicle occupants
- Extended collision zones also directly protect the surroundings
- Overview, agility and power to take extremely calculated actions
   avoid hitting anything at all where human drivers would collide



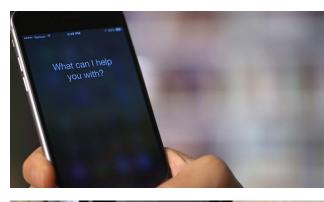
## TRUST INTERACTING WITH THE WORLD

- App's are everyday life
- What if a self-driving car is in your way?
- Can the car respond to requests from others and how?

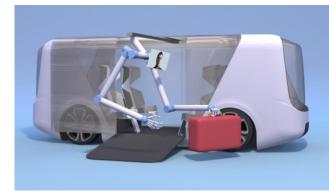
Siri and Cortana - simple communication

#### We can do much more!

- Trust in interacting with a human operator
- Self-driving cars soon getting a "human face"
- Some applications with arms to service you
- Been tested since before 2012









## SOCIAL MOBILITY MOVING EVERYBODY UP!

#### BACKGROUND

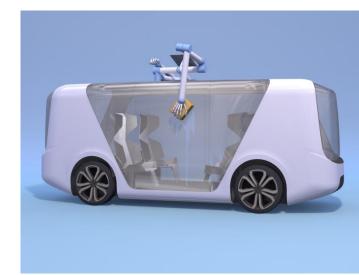
- Good cars are often expensive
- Transitions occur to initially more expensive electric vehicles
- Hurts the poor, reducing geographic and social mobility

#### **BENEFITS**

#### Autonomous electric cars provides:

- Cheap efficient transportation
- The comforts of having a private chauffeur;
- More mobility, productive time, safety and fun.
   Access to mobility can increase business
- Increase Livelihood of the poor
- Reducing costs in society poverty payments, the immense costs of riots and revolutions

"A developed country is not a place where the poor have cars, it's where the rich use public transportation" ~ Mayor of Bogotá





## WHAT DOES ALL THIS RESULT IN

- Today's cars and vehicles are far behind
- Automotive industry is in a transition
- Change in capability accelerated much further

## NeRVe provides a'blueprint project'; an example vehicle called 'Smart Cruiser'

- Built with current but little known technologies
- Taken to market by regional producers and OEMs
- Cooperation with governments shape local vehicles





- Technology demonstrated by 5 unique super-motorcycles
- Record holding and with near-impossible self-driving technology
- Showcases cooperative integration and safety by design



### NERVE STREET RACER

Pure enjoyment ...and safety!

#### What can it do

- Drive like a pro without need for motorcycle skills
- Learn in safe mode "how to drive a pro racing machine"
- Make it do amazing stunts without a driver
- Can be called to you, and park itself far from you

- Mostly-confidential technology
- Price tag for the very few
- Completely customized vehicles
- For individual owners on special agreement

See it at our booth.

#### Super high performance

Electric motorcycle

Fully autonomous

0-100 km/h - less than 1.5 sec

Top speed 300 km/h





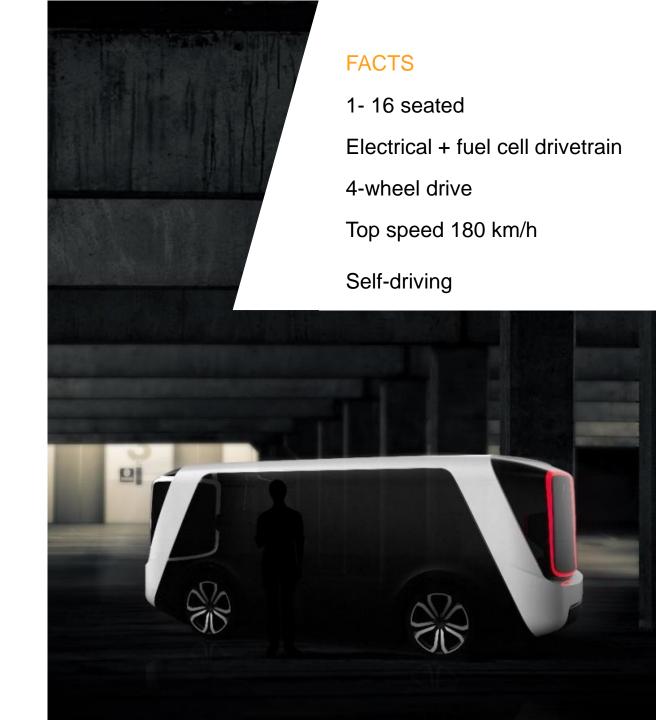




## NERVE SMART CRUISER

'NeRVe Cruiser' is a fully society integrated system

- Autonomous bus / VIP transport
- Off-road capabilities
- High Speed High safety
- A "virtual power plant" for renewable sources
- Emergency power backup in case of blackouts
- Human stewards at control center
- Touch sensitive robotic hands help you
- + goods carrier, street cleaning vehicle, etc.

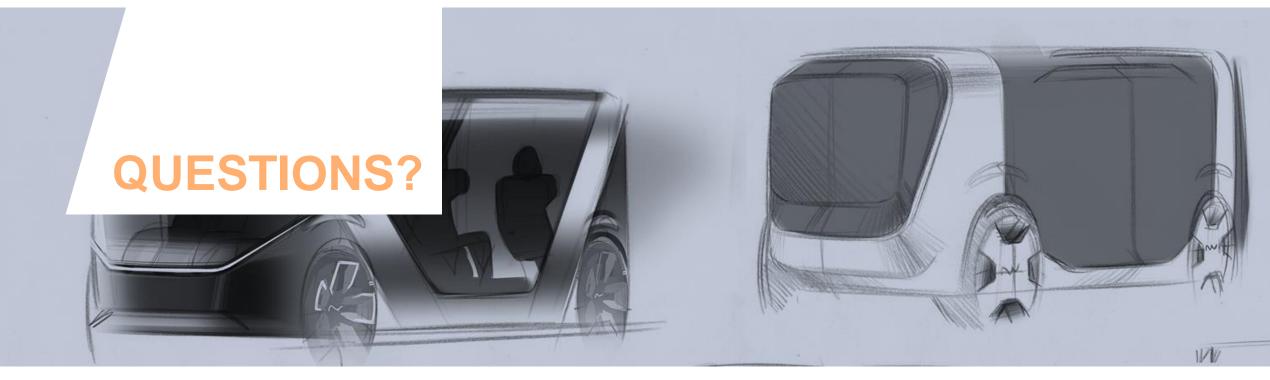


## 2011 – Moto Mundo Electric World Tour – current record! 2018 – NERVE Smart Cruiser World Tour – new record!



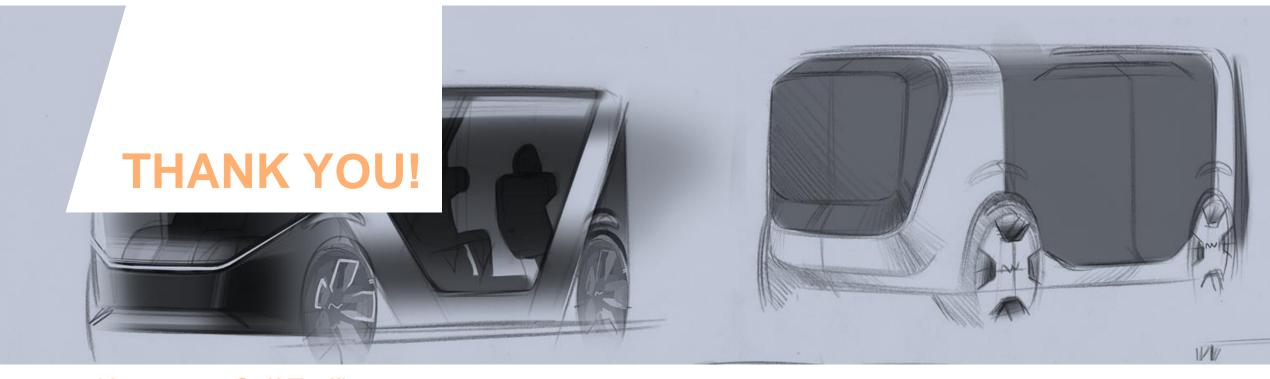






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