



Lighter and Safer : a challenge



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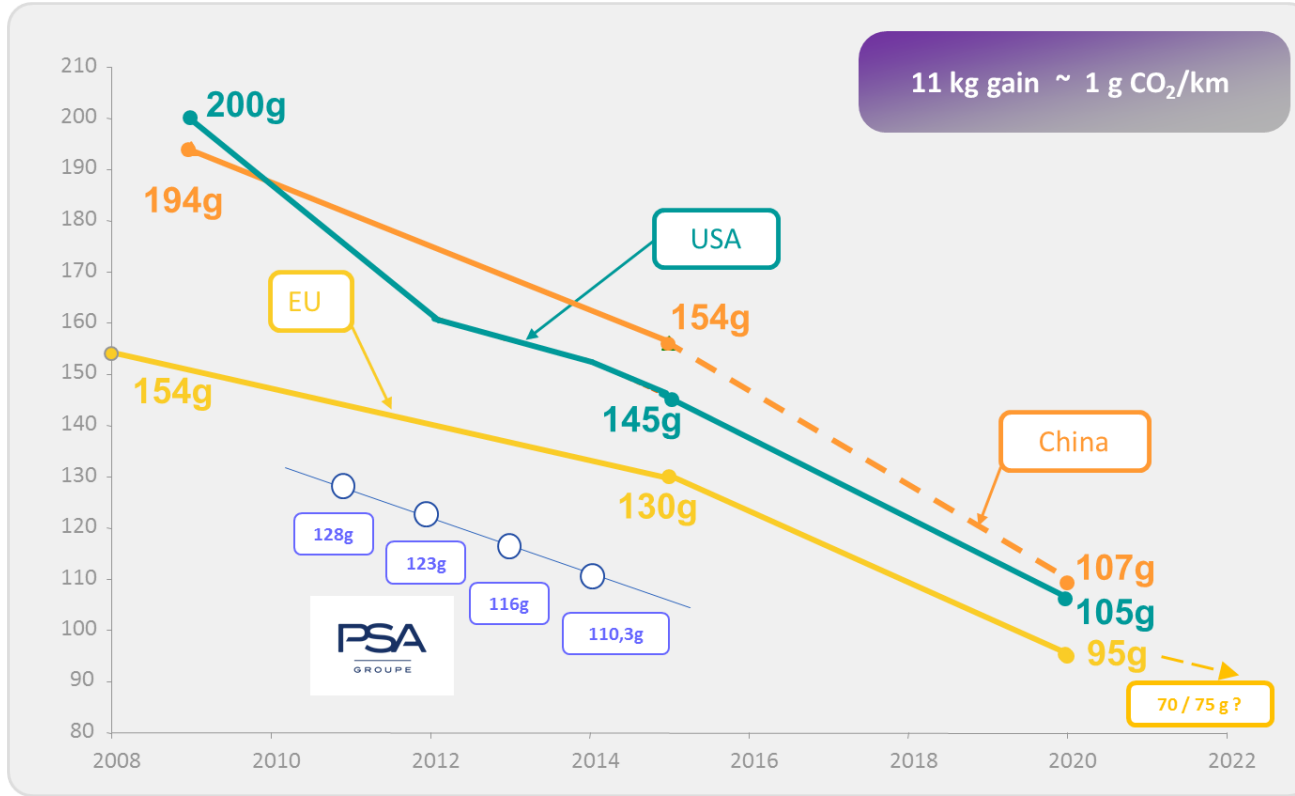
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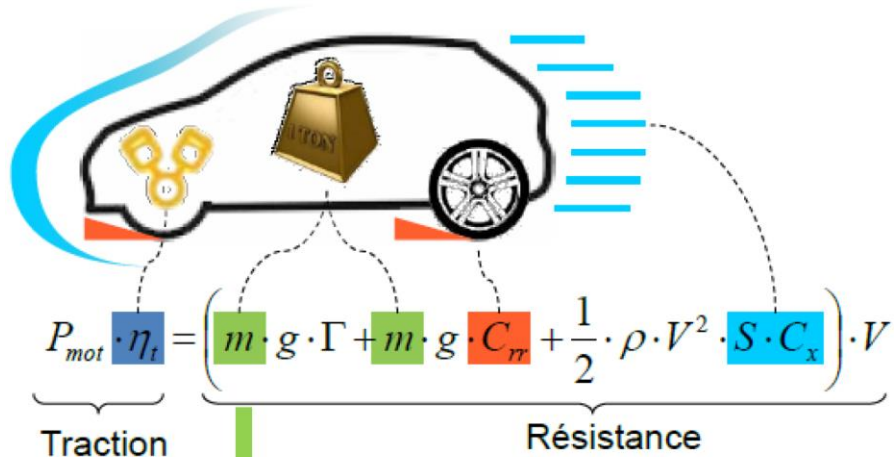
01 Lighter ... why?



Worldwide convergence of CO₂ objectives



Main paths for automotive CO₂ reduction



More efficient power train
10% fuel consumption
→ - ~13g CO₂

EE management
Energy recovery,
kinetic and thermal

Vehicle weight
-110kg (1 IC)
→ saving ~10g CO₂

Aerodynamics
SCx \searrow 5dm²
→ saving ~2g CO₂

Road resistance
- 10%
→ saving ~2g CO₂

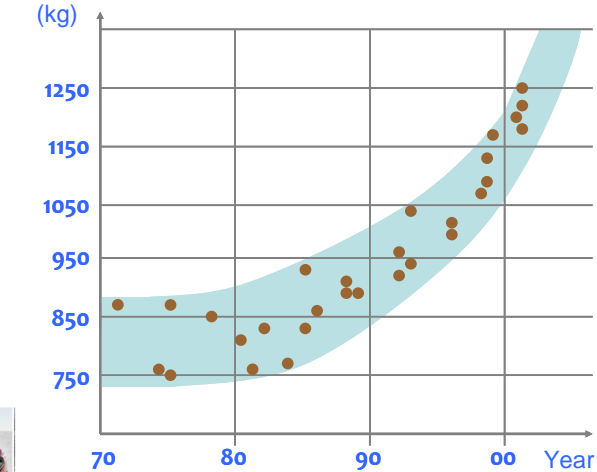
02 Safer



Towards light weight vehicles

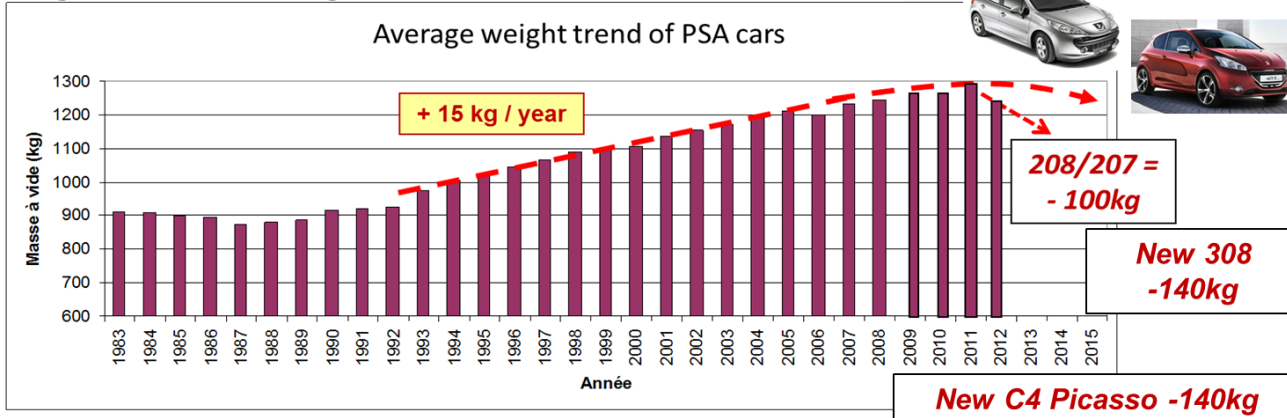
- **Security: crash test and increasing passive safety**
- Ride confort
- Convenience, increased car size
- Increasing vehicle size
- Increasing wheels size
- Mix powertrain : Gasoline / Diesel
- More equipments (radio, ABS-ESP, air conditioning syst, elec. seats..)
- Acoustic performance/ NVH & noise insulation

European vehicule mass evolution



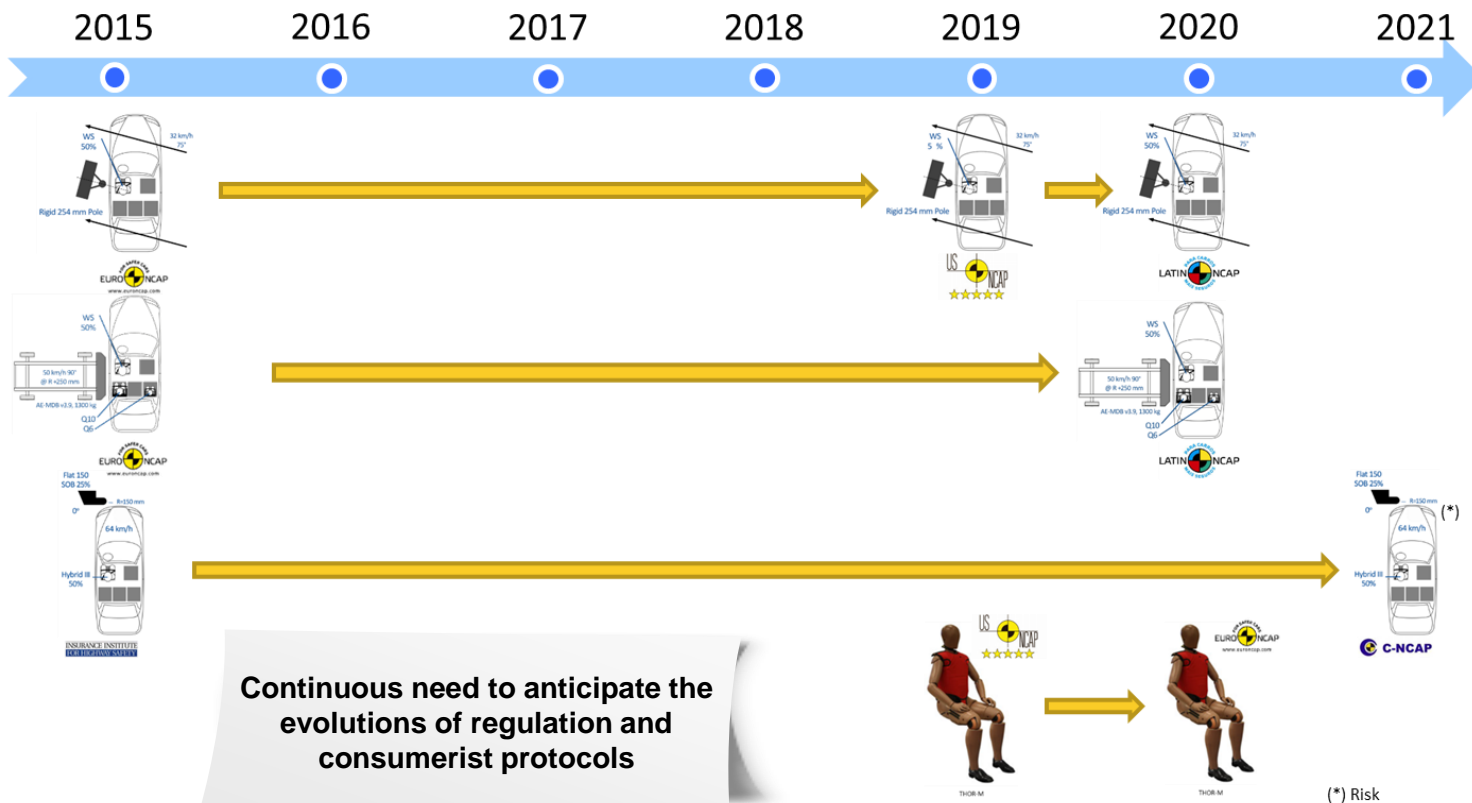
Weight increase of Peugeot and Citroën cars

Average weight trend of PSA cars



Tougher standards, aligned on the most severe one

Examples:



The Challenge



Reduce CO₂ emissions
→ reduce weight



Increase passive safety
→ tends to increase weight

Where is the optimal solution ?

HIGH and VERY HIGH STRENGTH COMPLEXE STEELS

Weight saving potential :

~ 50/70 kg

material cost = reference = less than 1€/kg

Use all the potential
of steel technology

ALUMINUM ALLOYS

Weight saving potential :

~ 150 kg

Material cost increased
+ Investment impact

Use more
aluminum, specially on BIW
(powertrain is already in
aluminium)

POLYMERS / COMPOSITES

Weight saving potential :

~ 200 kg

Material cost = x 2 to 10 /ref
+ Investment impact

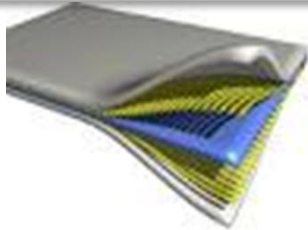
Study like alternative
to aluminum and start to use
composites for structural
parts

03 The challenge of numerical simulation



Virtual engineering tools for material and process simulation

Material & process choice

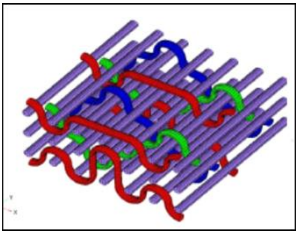
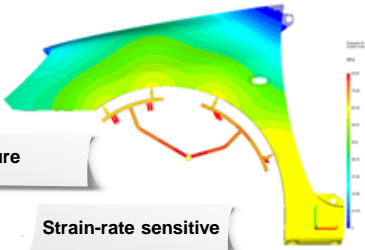


Anisotropy

Failure

Strain-rate sensitive

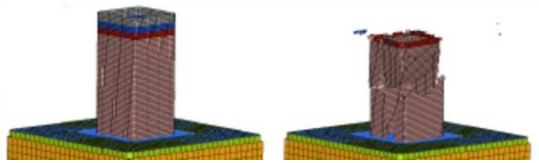
Non linear



/!\ Testing

Process modelling

Physical behaviour



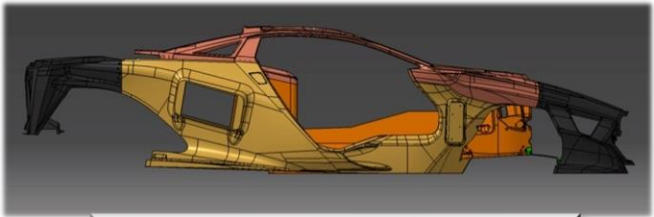
Modelling of NVH, crash, fatigue/damage tolerance

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Adapted CAD tools

Developping cooperations and partnerships

Car manufacturers

Share the same
questions

Academics

Help to find
innovative solutions

Software companies

Help to democratize
innovative digital techniques

Suppliers

Help to bring
new solutions to life



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