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The prospects for inter-urban travel demand

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Interurban travel demand: 3 key words

- Coupling

- Saturation

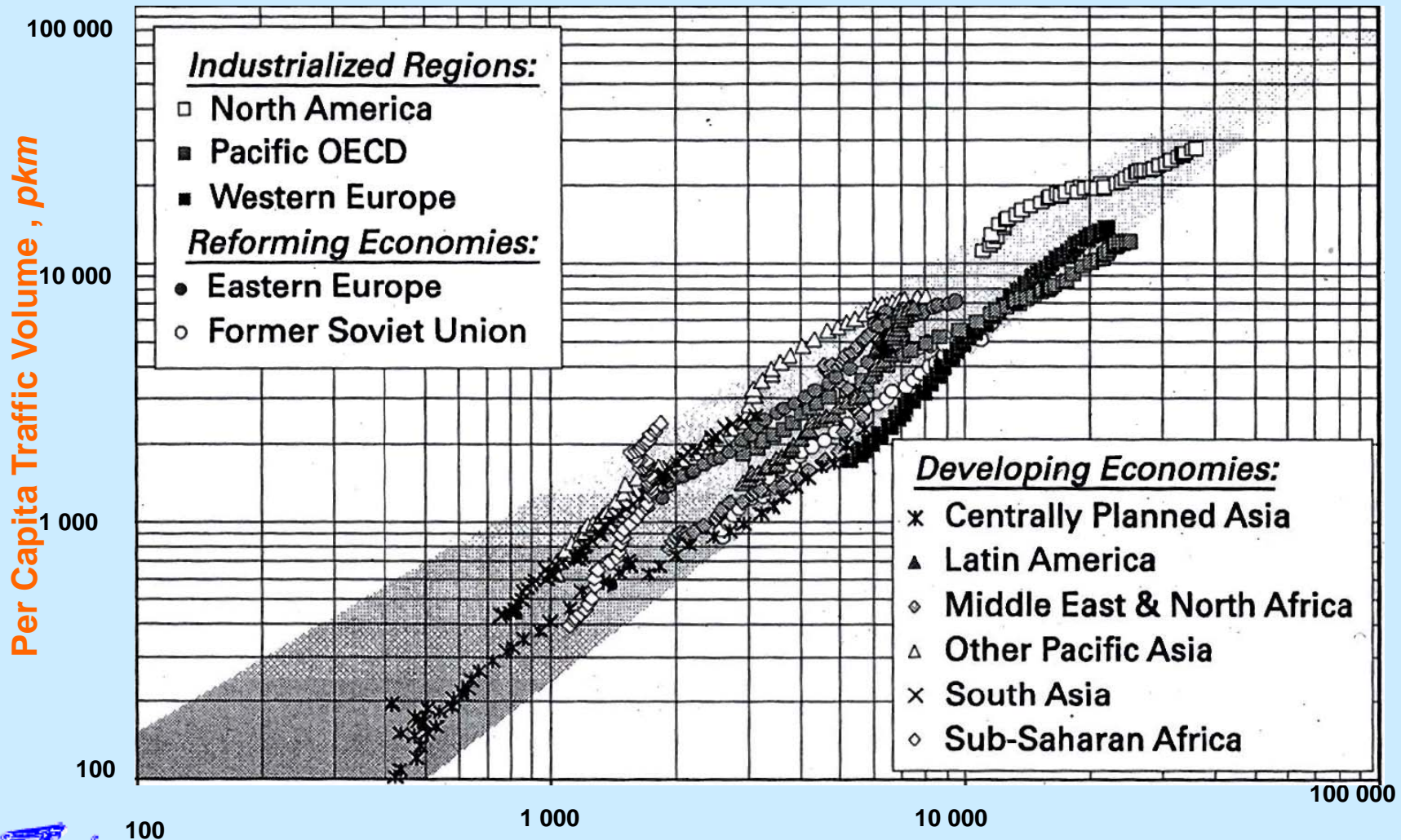
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Global mobility

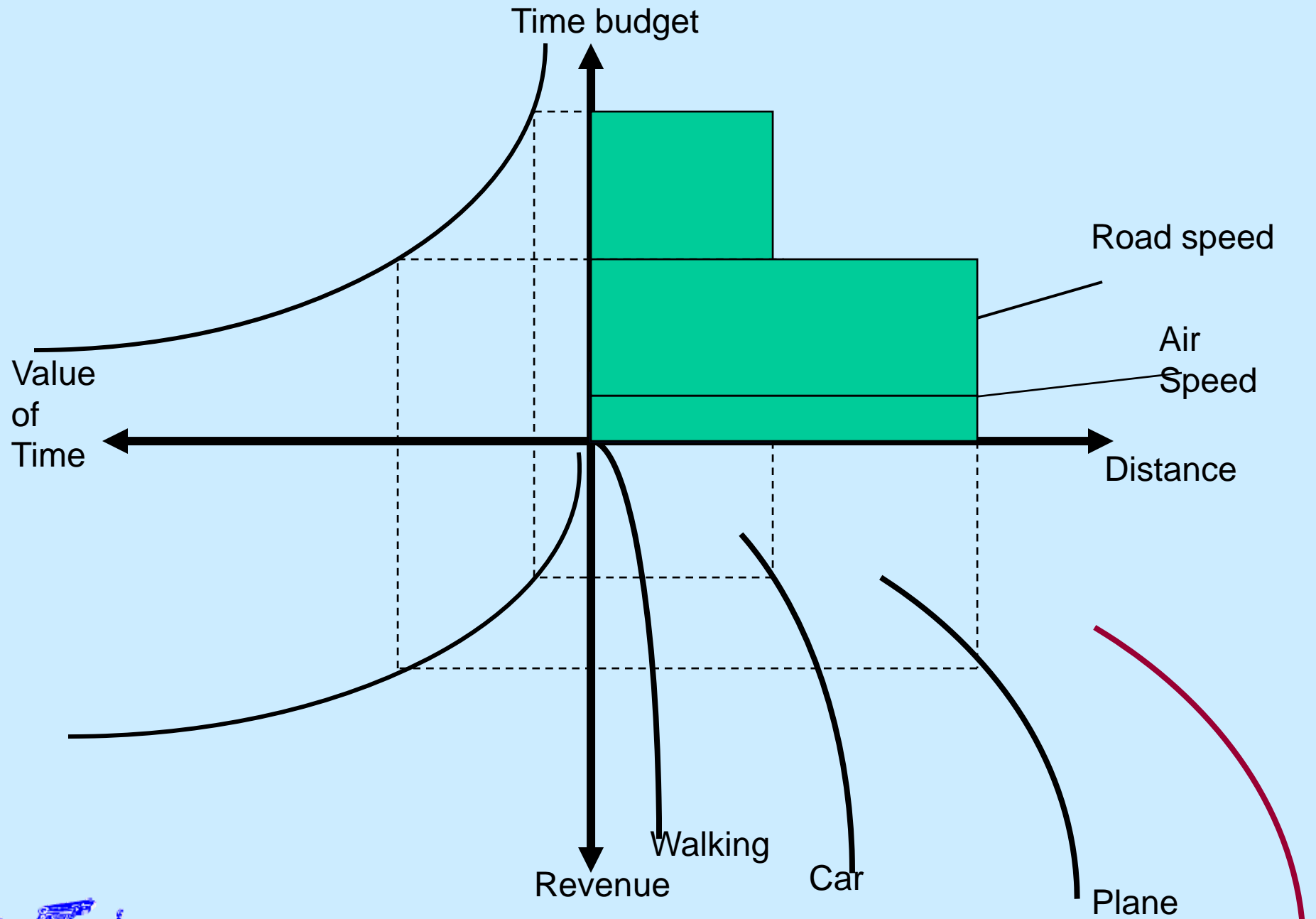
(data points : 1960-2000)

Target point
 $289,000\text{km/year} = 791/\text{day}$



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GDP / cap, US\$ (2000)

Source : Schafer and Victor (2000) :
 economic growth rates based on IP CC IS9 2a/e scenario

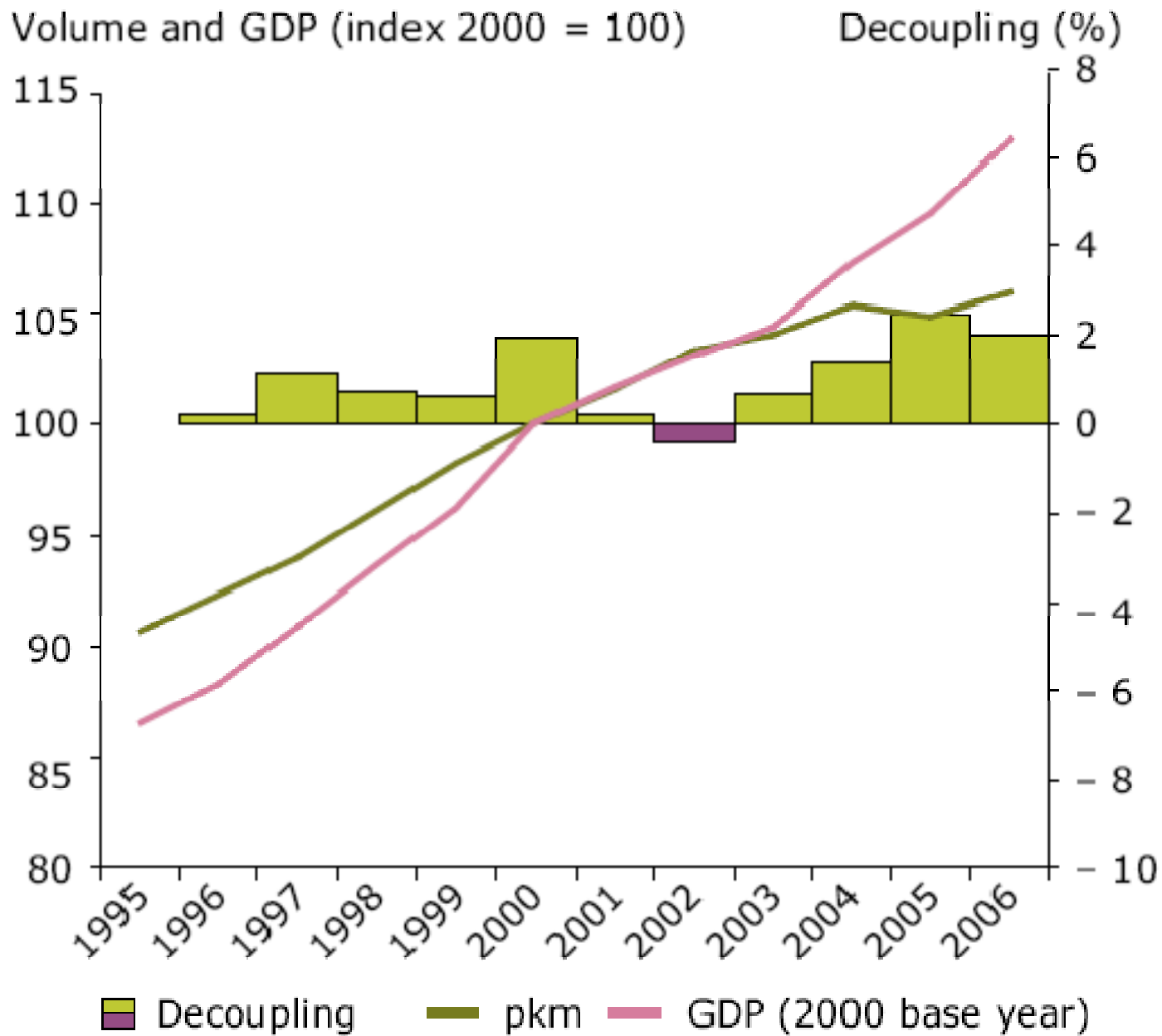


Some lessons about coupling

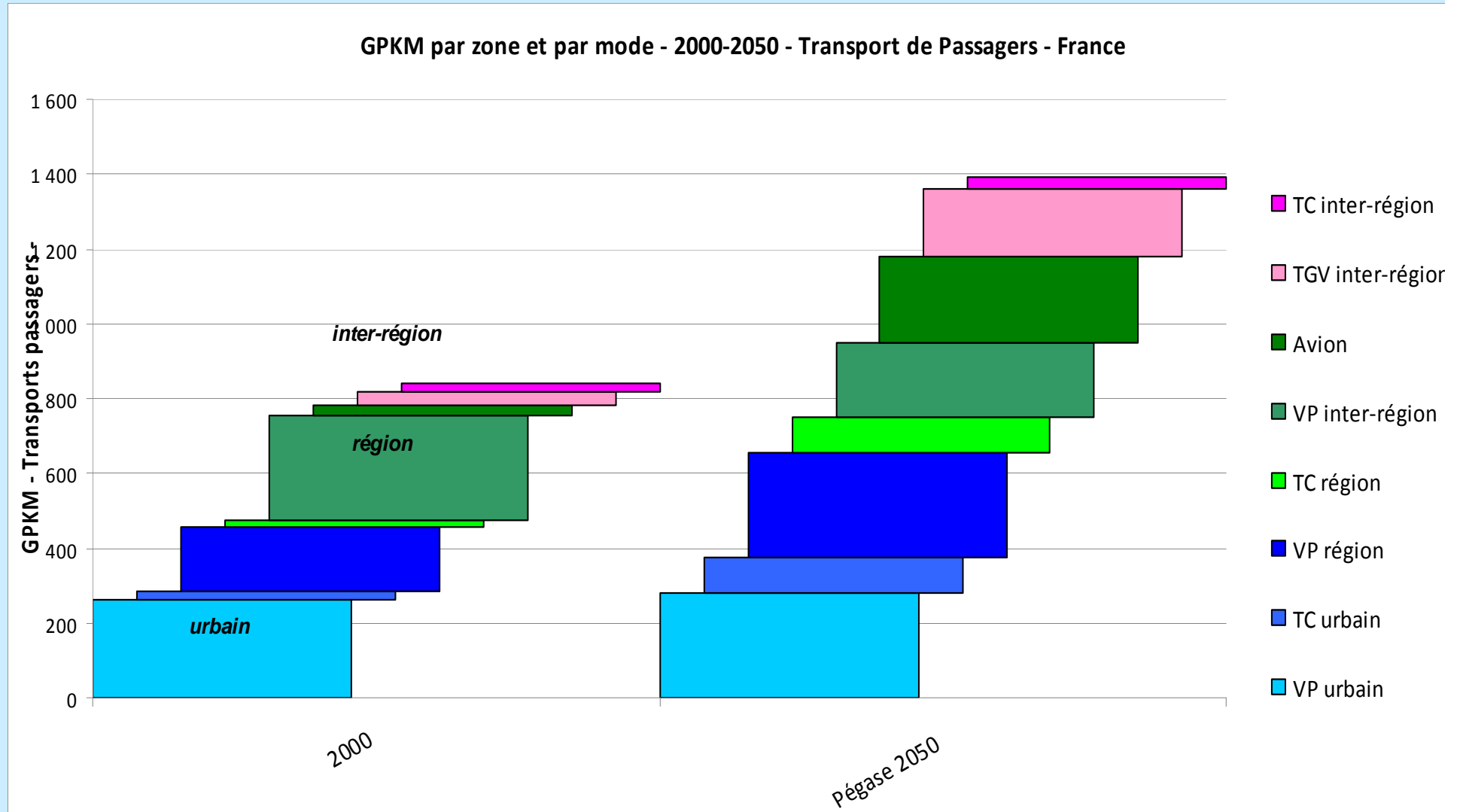
- The microeconomic « iron law » of coupling is related to microeconomic optimisation
- A higher revenue leads us to look for « variety » and then to seize the opportunity of a higher and cheaper speed to increase our average distance of travel
- Farer, faster and more often for a shorter stay !



Road traffic saturation in Europe ?



Saturation of car mobility ?



Mitigation : towards a climate Tyranny?

