# Are we addicted to cars?



#### The framing question

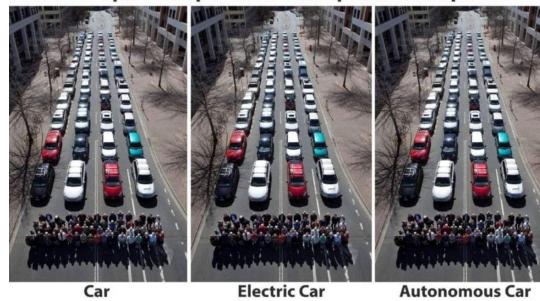
If EVs are the answer, what is the question?

Who is technology for?

What is technology for?

*Is technology ethically neutral?* 

#### **Space Required to Transport 48 People**



Source: Cycling Promotion Fund



## The concept of motornormativity

Shared bias

Design paradigms

Induced demand

Competition between modes based on speed

Cost benefit vs road safety of VRUs

Car bloat



#### The impact of motornormativity on public health

Sedentary lifestyles

Air pollution

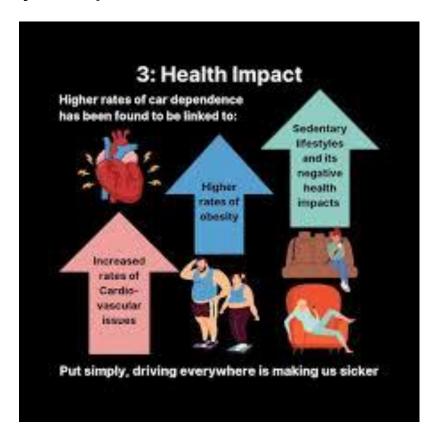
Loss of independence and freedom

Severance

Social isolation and loneliness

**Environment and climate** 

Planning and dispersed settlement patterns



#### Policies to address car addiction

The public realm - reallocation of road space

Advertising and greenwashing

Prioritising public transport and active travel

Shared mobility

Carbon budgets

OECD report

Environmental justice



#### Rethinking the place of cars in our world

Systems thinking

**Garret Hardin** 

Technology is the means, not the end

Sufficiency and efficiency

Targets and mindsets

Advertising

**Planning** 

Work and leisure



### **Implications**

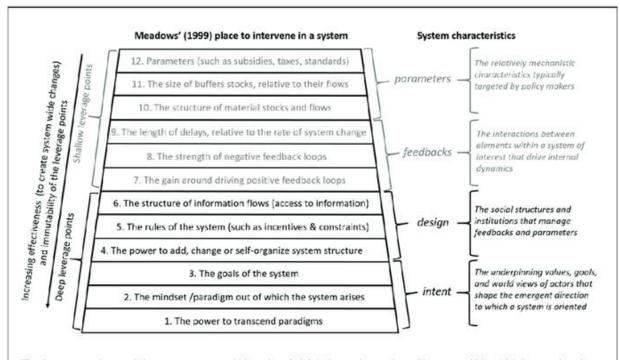
Change the paradigm!

Who has the power to change the paradigm?

Rethink the goals of the transport system and the technology that is powering it

What kind of information do we need and how will it be collected?

How do we shift our motornormative culture?



The four system characteristics represent a nested hierarchy of, tightly interacting, realms of leverage within which interventions in a given system of interest may be made. Deeper system characteristics constrain the types of interventions possible at shallower realms of leverage

# Thank you

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