

The Volocopter flies!

And is Ready to Take the Next Step to Urban Mobility

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- » **Introduction to the Volocopter and its potential**
- » Exemplary Use Case
- » Acoustic Measurements

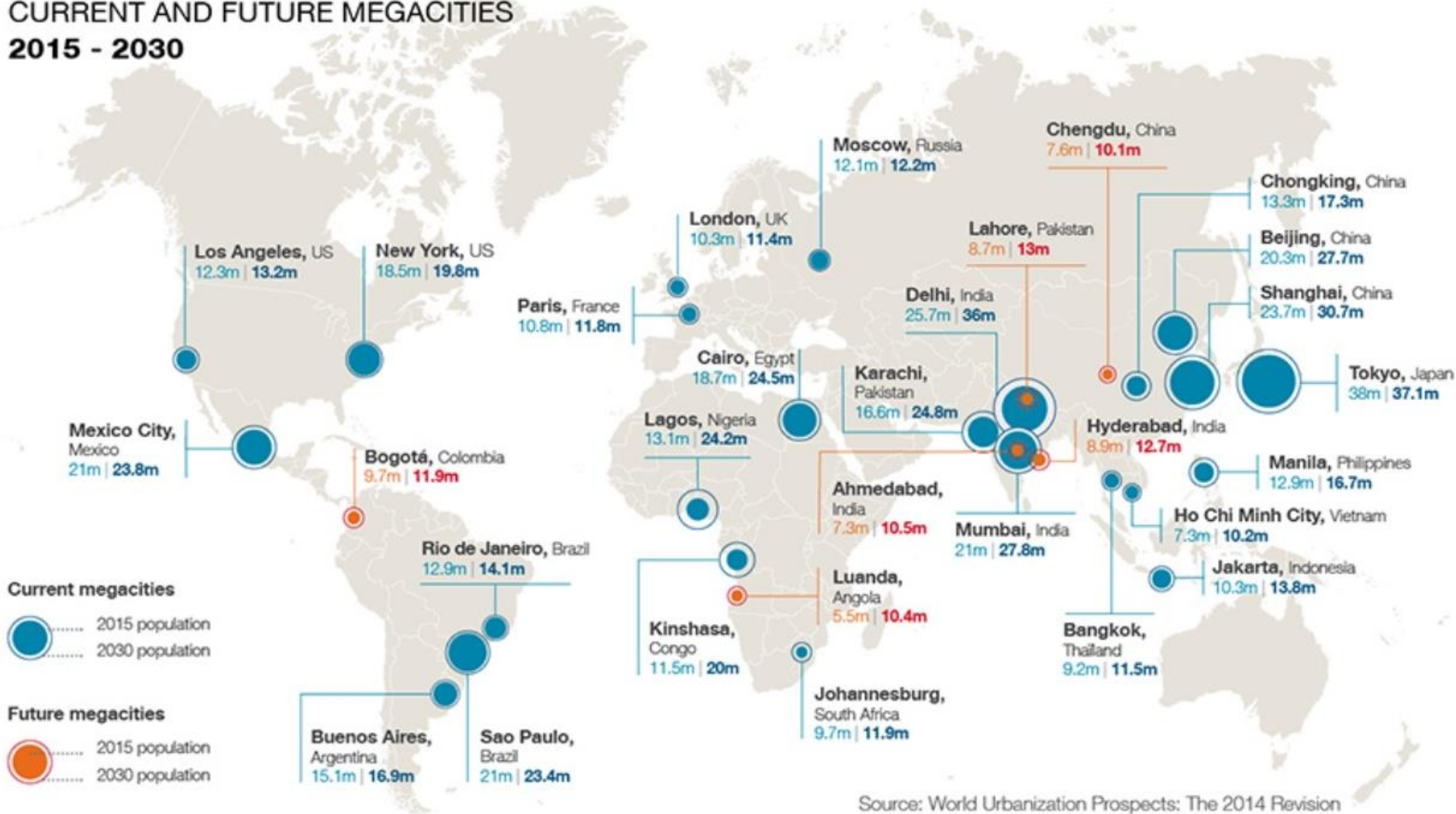
The world urgently needs innovation in urban mobility



Urban mobility needs are growing worldwide



CURRENT AND FUTURE MEGACITIES 2015 - 2030



Source: World Urbanization Prospects: The 2014 Revision

The Volocopter offers revolutionary simplicity in piloting, unprecedented safety, low noise, and the absence of emission



Cost effective

» Superior operating costs



Simple

- » Automatic flight stabilization
- » Operation of VTOL¹ via single joystick
- » Significantly reduced piloting skills required

Safe

- » Multiple redundancy in all critical components and networks
- » Significant reduction of human errors
- » Full aircraft emergency parachute

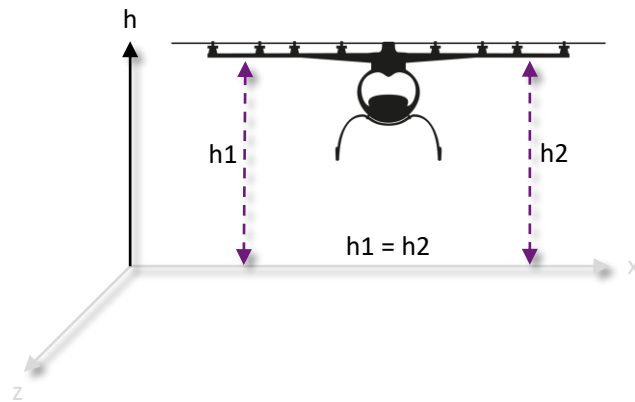
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- » Purely electric
- » Significantly reduced acoustic signature

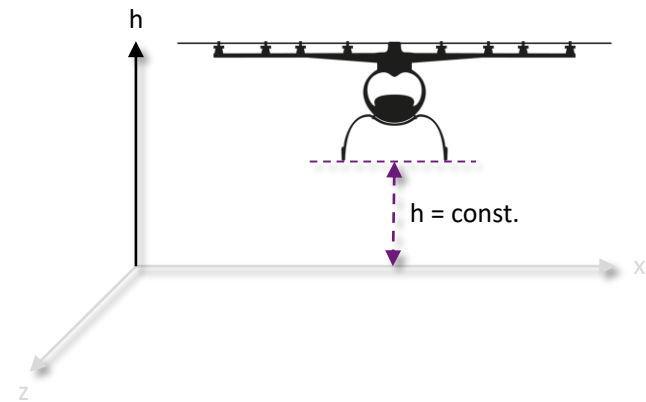
The Volocopter already masters revolutionary fully automated maneuvers



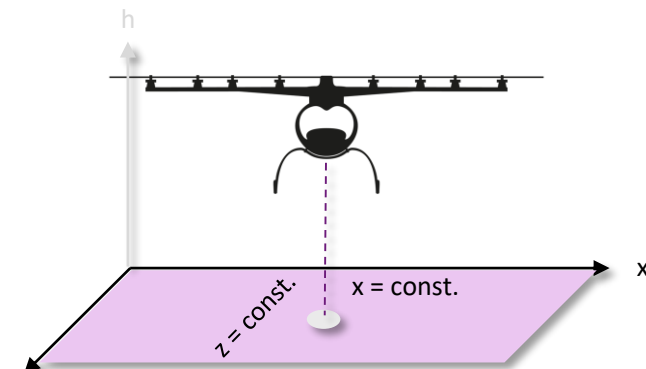
Automatic Attitude Control



Automatic Altitude Control

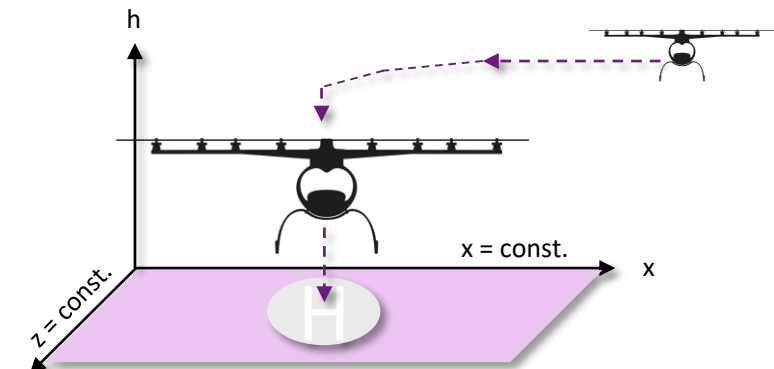


Automatic Position Hold



» Crosswinds and turbulence automatically compensated

Automatic Landing



» Gentle touchdown upon pilot command

The propulsion system of the Volocopter is mechanically far simpler than in a conventional helicopter



Volocopter vs. Helicopter



- » Direct drive
- » Brushless motors

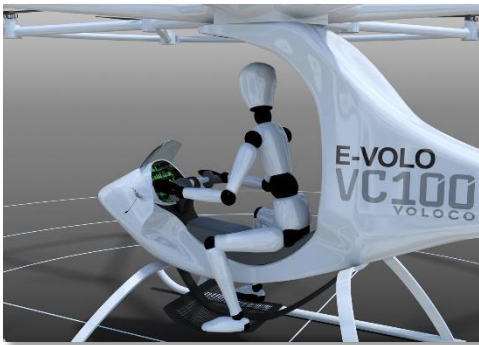
- » Swashplate
- » Pitch control
- » Gear-box
- » Rudders
- » Push rods
- » Tail rotor

**Simple mechanics:
Less failures, less maintenance,
lower operational costs**

The Volocopter platform can be extended into a range of innovative aerial vehicles, both manned and unmanned



VC100



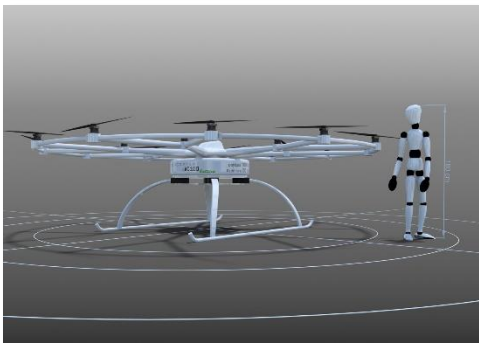
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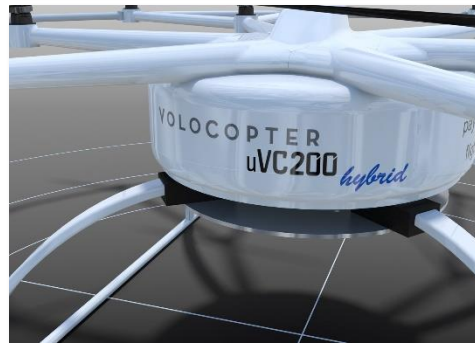
VC400



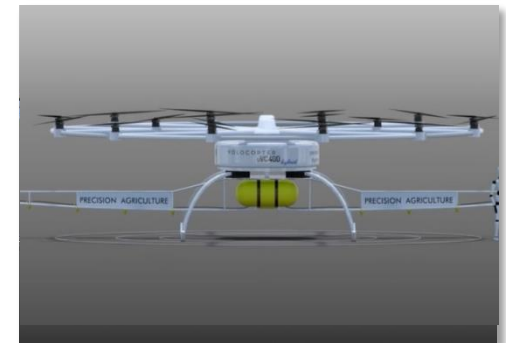
uVC100



uVC200



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All vehicles can be equipped with a purely electric or hybrid propulsion system

The Volocopter enables revolutionary use cases in urban mobility

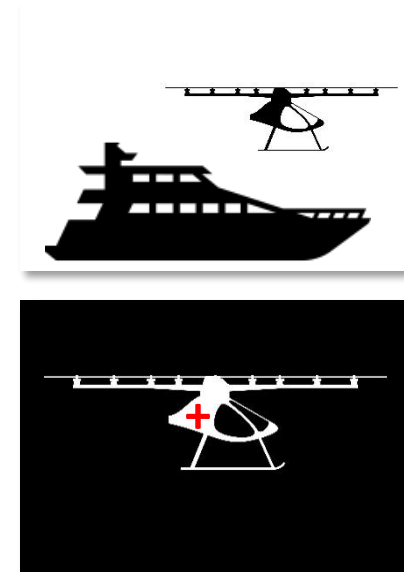


e-volo will lead to create these markets with a deliberate 3-step approach towards fully autonomous aircraft



Existing Aircraft (private and govt.)

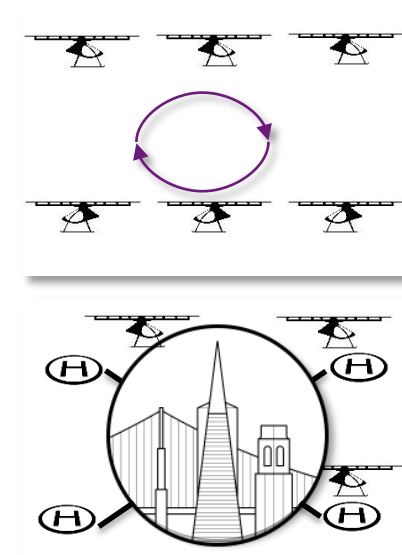
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- » **Expand** existing markets for gyrocopters and helicopters
- » Existing regulation
- » Served by Volocopter starting in 2018

Urban Aircraft (incl. commercial)

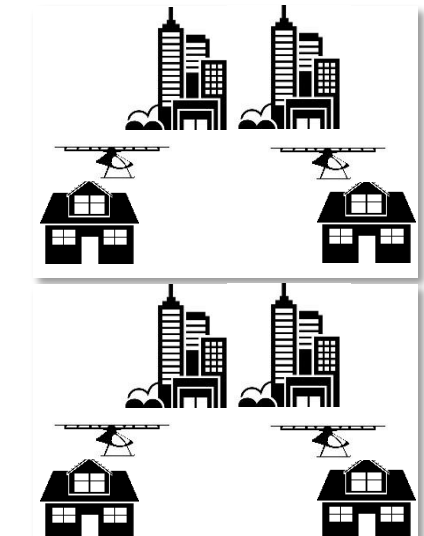
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- » Lead emerging markets for personal flight in urban areas
- » Modifications to regulation
- » Served by Volocopter starting in 2020

Personal Aircraft/ Autonomous Aircraft

3



- » Lead emerging markets for autonomous flight
- » New regulation required
- » Served by Volocopter starting in 2022(?)

1 Personal Air Transportation System; cp. to EU project MyCopter by Max Planck, ETH, KIT, DLR et al.



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- » **Exemplary Use Case London**
- » Acoustic Measurements

In order to successfully implement an aerial shuttle service in an urban setting, several prerequisites need to be met



Prerequisites for operating in urban centers

Safety



Noise/Emissions



Cost/Benefit



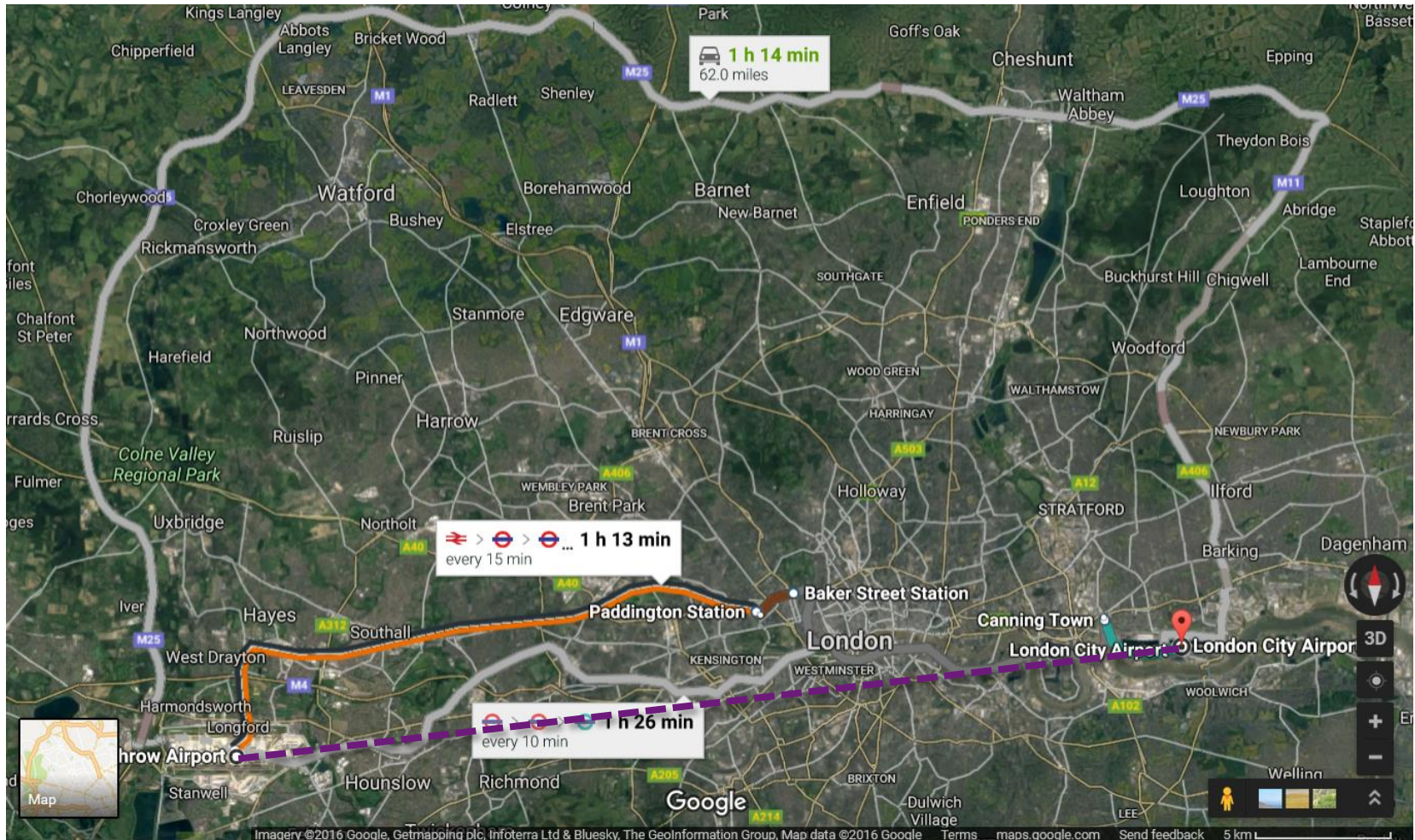
Feasibility



An exemplary case study for London illustrates the value of a Volocopter shuttle service



Shuttle from Heathrow to London City Airport, Distance to cover: ~ 20 miles



Source: Google Maps

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A Volocopter service can offer the service at 1/3 of the time required by ground transport



Comparison of transportation modes

Passenger car

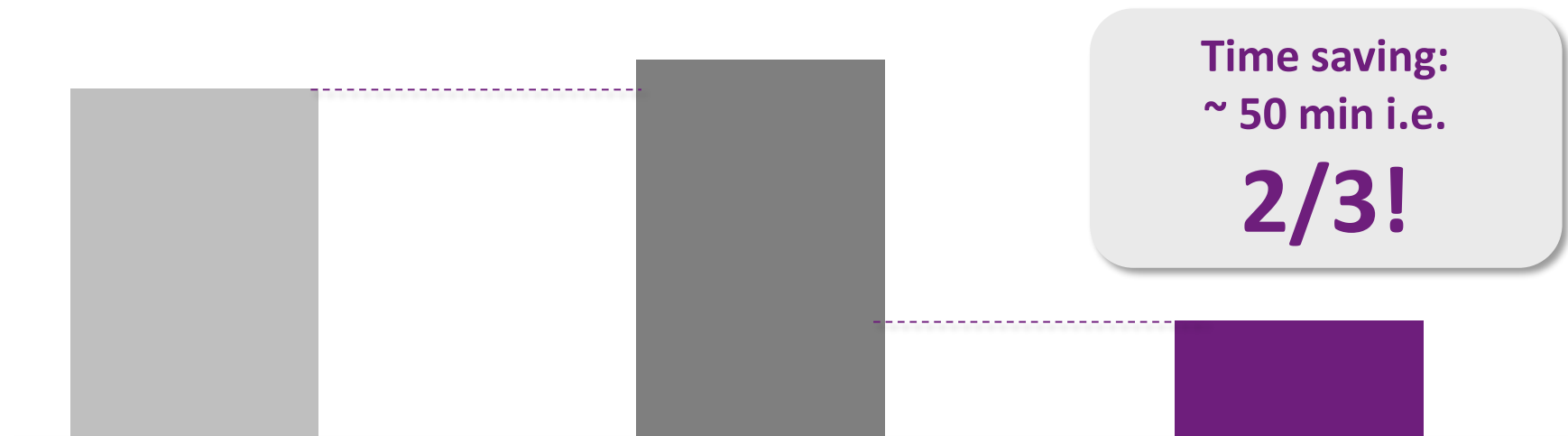
- » Distance: 62 miles
- » Trip time: 1:14 hrs

Public transport

- » Trip time: 1:13 hrs
– every 15 min

Volocopter service

- » Distance: 20 miles
- » Trip time: 25 min





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A brief acoustic test flight program indicated significant noise advantages of the Volocopter over a conventional helicopter



VS.



- » Capacity: 2 passengers
- » MTOM: 450 kg
- » Diameter of rotor circle: 7,60 m
- » 18 fixed pitch blades
- » 18 battery-powered electric motors

- » Capacity: 2 passengers
- » MTOM: 650 kg
- » Rotor diameter: 7,70 m
- » 1 main rotor and 1 tail rotor (pitch variable)
- » Single piston-engine

Acoustic test

Vertical climb from ground level
to 75 meters above ground level

The VC200 proved to be half as loud on takeoff and about one-third as loud at altitude versus the R22



VS.



A-weighted sound pressure measurements:

- » $L(AS_{max}) = 80$ dB during climb
- » $L(AS_{max}) = 65$ dB at 75 m distance

- » Series of tones clustered around a tight frequency band
- » Near complete absence of blade-vortex interaction noise (BVI.)

A-weighted sound pressure measurements:

- » $L(AS_{max}) = 90$ dB during climb
- » $L(AS_{max}) = 82$ dB at 75 m distance

- » 3 sound sources with distinct frequencies
 - » Main rotor at 17 Hz
 - » Tail rotor at 113 Hz
 - » Engine at 180 Hz

The Volocopter represents a breakthrough in the design of novel, quieter VTOL aircraft



Preliminary conclusion

18 Volocopter rotors are only 2 x as loud as a single one

A VC200 takeoff at 75 m is about as loud as an R22 at 225 m

Overflight of a VC200 at 75 m is roughly as loud as an R22 at 500 m

Using PNL measurements the differences between the VC200 and a helicopter with a turbine engine would be even greater!

We aim to conduct first pilot cases in 2018

