



Auto Futures  
**Operating an Electric  
Vehicle Microfactory**

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# Changing needs

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**Electrification is the main growth driver of the market and it is re-shaping the industry with New Players, New Businesses and New Service-based Models**

## **MARKET REQUESTS**

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- Safety first
- Small EVs: Four/three/two wheels
- Affordable prices and low Total Cost of Ownership
- High connectivity level with high security level
- Personalization



## **MANUFACTURING NEEDS**

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- Low investments
- Flexibility and multipurpose platforms
- Blockchain certified “Made in Turkey, Italy, Poland...”
- High convergence with renewable energies: V2H, V2G, V2X



# Urban Mobility Opportunities

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## Vehicles

- e-Bikes are the most widespread: **+50 Millions year** with a further CAGR of 5-7% for the next 5 years
- The highest CAGR is registered for small three (India **>800,000 e-rickshaws in 2017**) and small four wheel vehicles (China **2.1 Million Low Speed EVs produced in 2018**). Including **ASIAN** a 50% to 70% CAGR in the next 5 years is likely,
- **Japan** has been the first country experiencing urban concentration and that is the reason why today about 50% of vehicles in the roads are Kei-cars

## Operators

- GM's \$500 million invested in Lyft and owns Cruise Automation
- BMW's ride-sharing service, ReachNow
- VW's \$300 million investment in Gett
- Tesla is going to have its own ride-sharing platform
- Toyota Motor Corp. has backed Uber for an undisclosed amount
- Daimler owns Hailo, MyTaxi, Taxibeat, and Ridescout
- Ford acquired shuttle service Chariot and then bought a majority stake in Argo.AI for \$1 billion

# Mobility-as-a-Service

## USERS

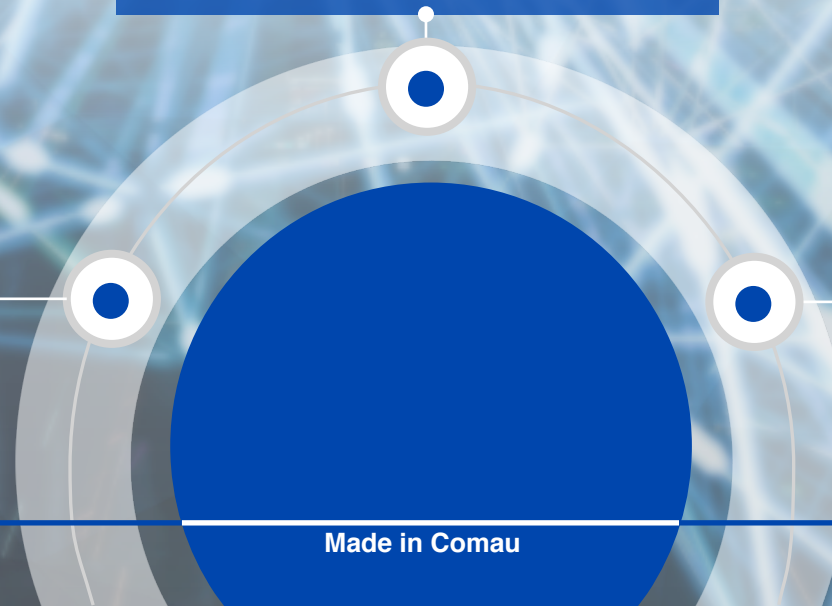
- MaaS dramatically lower costs compared with car ownership
- Successful peer experience will drive more widespread usage of the service
- MaaS requires no investment or lock-in.

## PROVIDER

- All technology evolutions are converging toward a dramatic increase of platforms
- No experience to manufacture vehicles and usually purchase from OEMs
- Contribute to save energy and reduce emissions

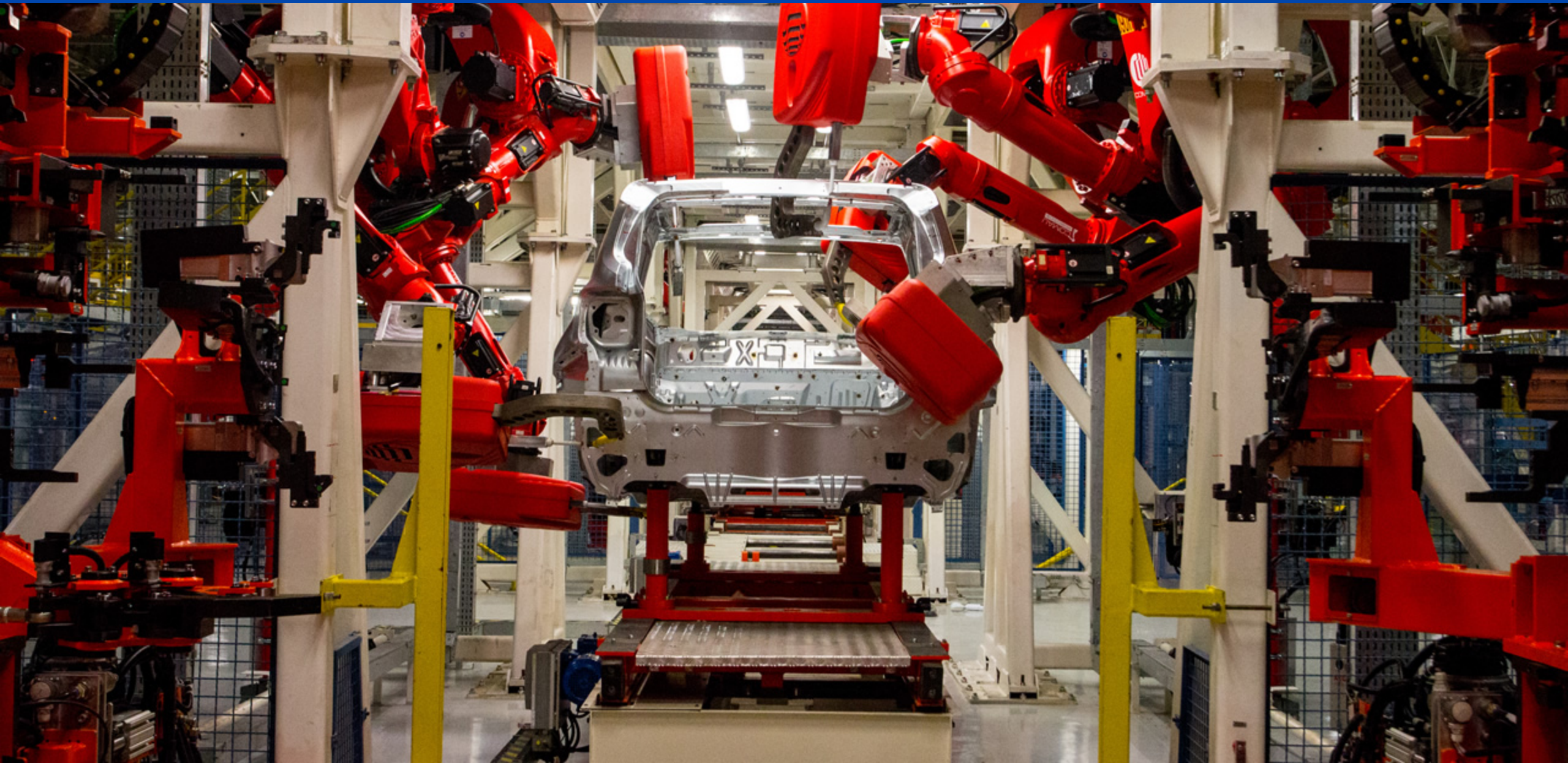
## OEMs

- Higher vehicles utilization impacts manufacturing
- Tend to incorporate MaaS providers
- Make low profits on small EVs and do everything possible to defend their positions.





# Complexity of current manufacturing

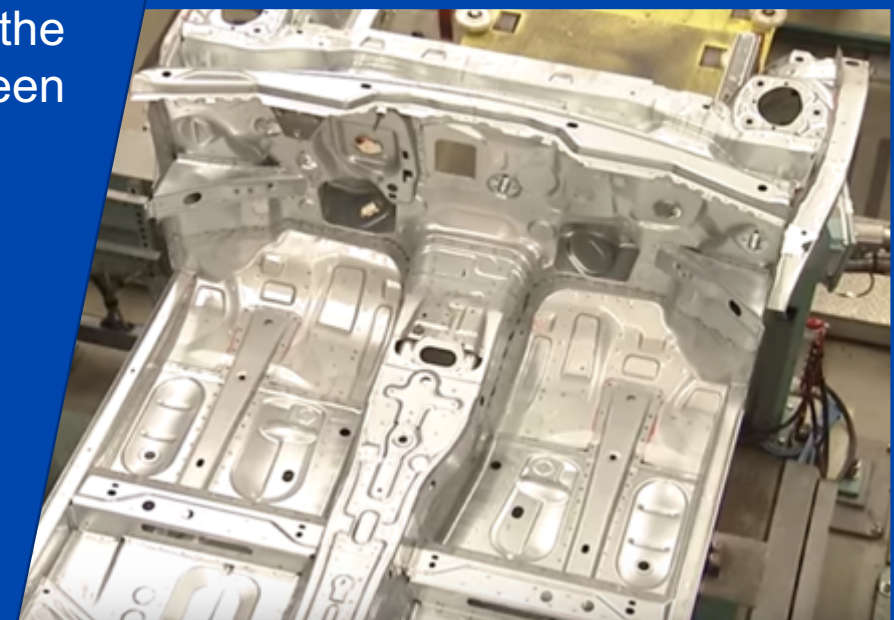




# Complexity of current manufacturing



- Complexity of moulds to shape metal sheets in a 3D geometry
- Complexity of tooling to assemble/weld the moulded components
- Lack of flexibility to reconfigure the structure: great difference between chassis with one and two doors
- A large scale mfg line costs >100 M€
- **Large production volumes necessary for acceptable ROIs.**



# The Challenge

**Develop a production environment capable of:**

- **Flexible manufacturing implementing Industry 4.0 technologies**
- **Low cost investment**
- **Automotive grade suppliers**
- **Best in class vehicles for safety and performance**
- **Best in class vehicles and plant for implemented level of security**

**Microfactory co-developed with Comau**

# The vehicle architecture

Minimal changes in the chassis to manufacture in a flexible and agile way a variety of vehicles.  
Designs worldwide patented.





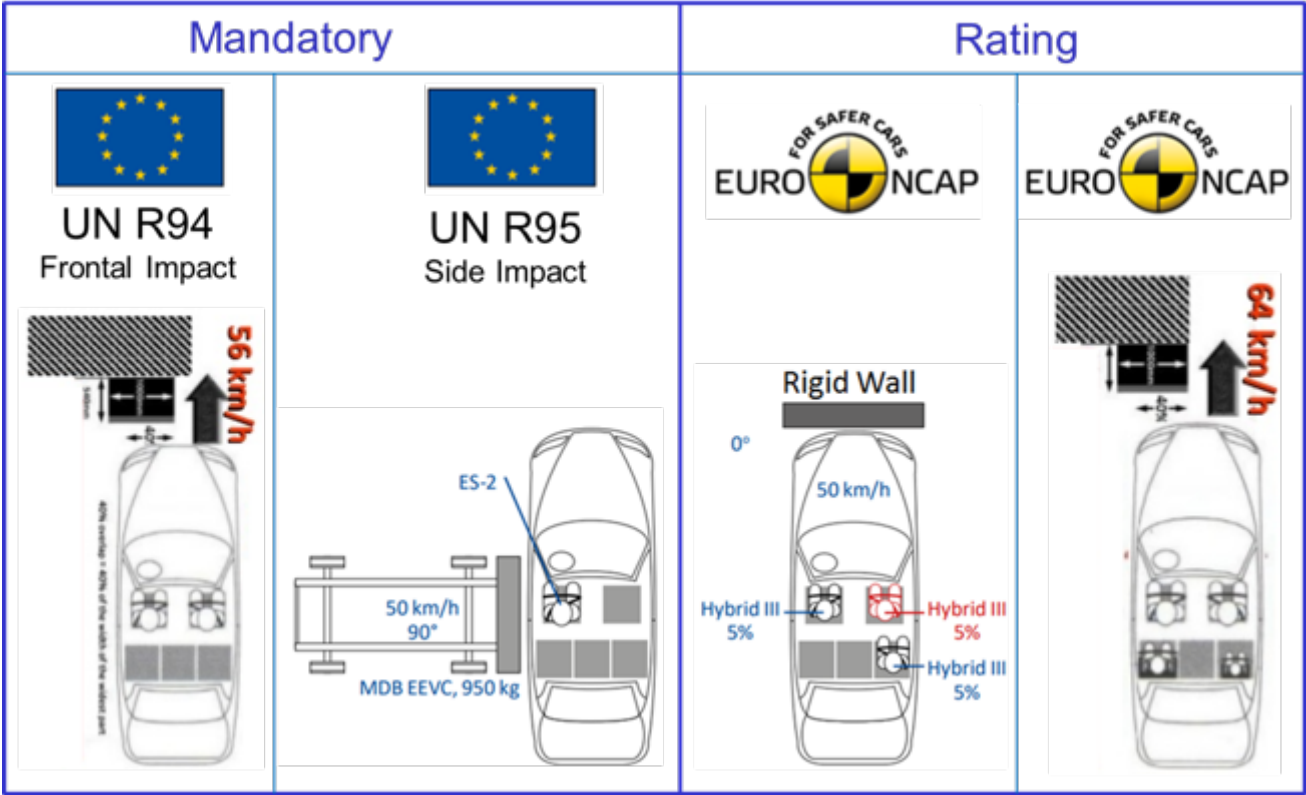
# The vehicle family

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# Crash Tests

## Safety tests performed for all vehicle architectures



Código Cliente: E16-1844  
Código Externo: E16-1844  
Código Interno: E16-1844

### 2 RESULTADOS DEL ENSAYO TEST RESULTS

Los resultados de este documento únicamente se refieren al objeto sometido a ensayo.  
The results shown in this document only concern the sample tested.

#### 2.1 Resultados Biomecánicos Biomechanical Results

Analysis start time: 0.000 s; Analysis end time: 0.160 s

##### NORMA DE COMPORTAMIENTO DE LA CABEZA HEAD PERFORMANCE CRITERION

	CONDUCTOR DRIVER	LÍMITE LIMIT
HPC Head Performance Criterion	543.2	1000 (si hay contacto de cabeza)

##### NORMAS DE COMPORTAMIENTO DE TÓRAX THORAX PERFORMANCE CRITERION

	CONDUCTOR DRIVER	LÍMITE LIMIT
Valor de compresión de costilla superior [mm] Upper Rib Deflection [mm]	2.5 mm	42.0 mm
Valor de compresión de costilla media [mm] Middle Rib Deflection [mm]	9.0 mm	42.0 mm
Valor de compresión de costilla inferior [mm] Lower Rib Deflection [mm]	12.5 mm	42.0 mm
Norma de viscosidadde costilla superior Upper Rib Soft Tissue Criterion (VC)	0.00 m/s	1.0 m/s
Norma de viscosidadde costilla media Middle Rib Soft Tissue Criterion (VC)	0.03 m/s	1.0 m/s
Norma de viscosidadde costilla inferior Lower Rib Soft Tissue Criterion (VC)	0.06 m/s	1.0 m/s

##### NORMA DE COMPORTAMIENTO DE PÉLVIS PELVIC PERFORMANCE CRITERION

	CONDUCTOR DRIVER	LÍMITE LIMIT
Fuerza Máxima en Sinfisis Púlica (PSPF) [kN] Pubis Symphysis Peak Force (PSPF) [kN]	0.87 kN	6.0 kN

##### NORMA DE COMPORTAMIENTO DE ABDOMEN ABDOMINAL PERFORMANCE CRITERION

	CONDUCTOR DRIVER	LÍMITE LIMIT
Fuerza Máxima Resultante en Abdomen (APF) [kN] Abdominal Peak Force (APF) [kN]	0.53 kN	2.5 kN

# Flexible Production Plant for IFEVS



## Scope:

- Micro-factory for multi-model portfolio
- Entire plant co-development
- Design for manufacturability
- Standard solution for easy replication



## Technologies and Innovations:

- ✓ Welding, fastening, vision systems
- ✓ In-line testing and quality gates
- ✓ Industry 4.0 architecture



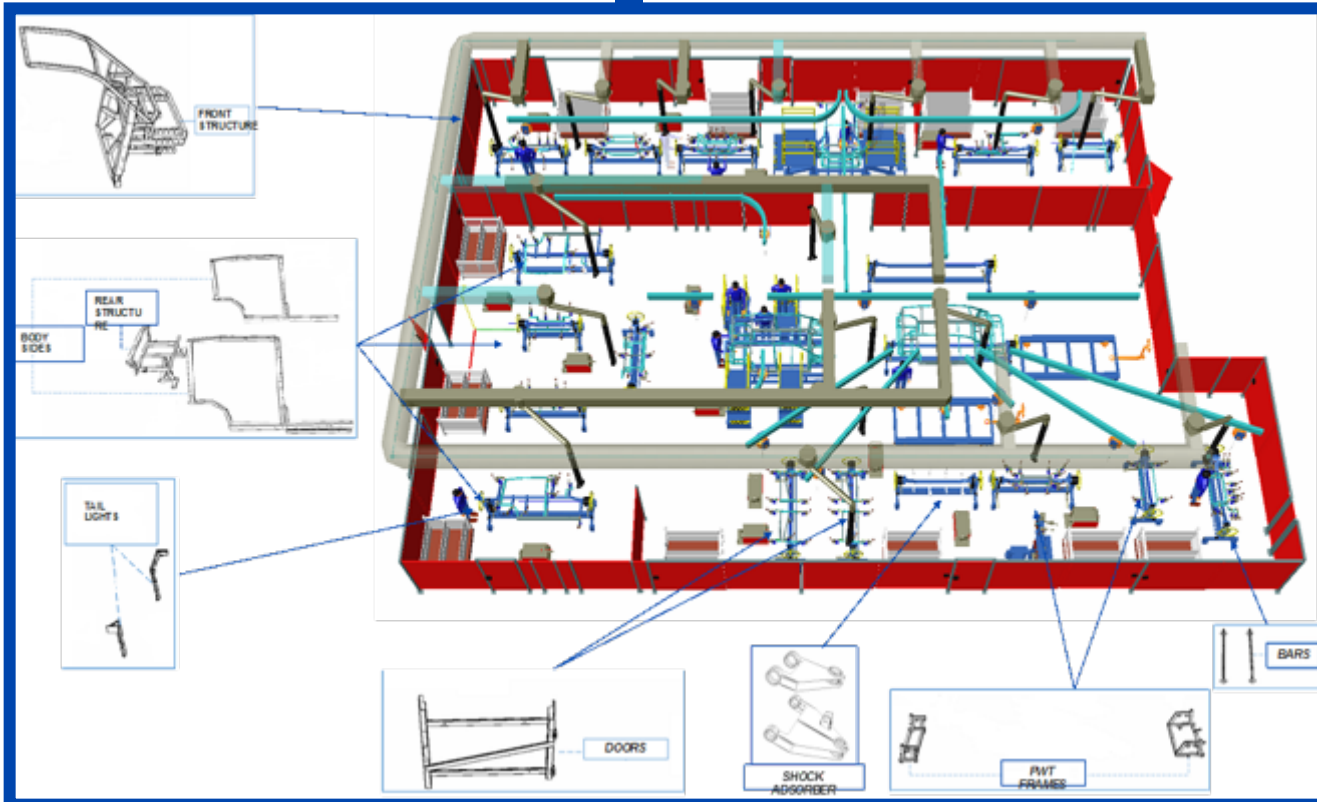
## Benefits:

- ✓ Partnering from concept product design to vehicle production launch
- ✓ Scalability: from manual to fully automatized solutions
- ✓ Station Modularity and easy re-configurability

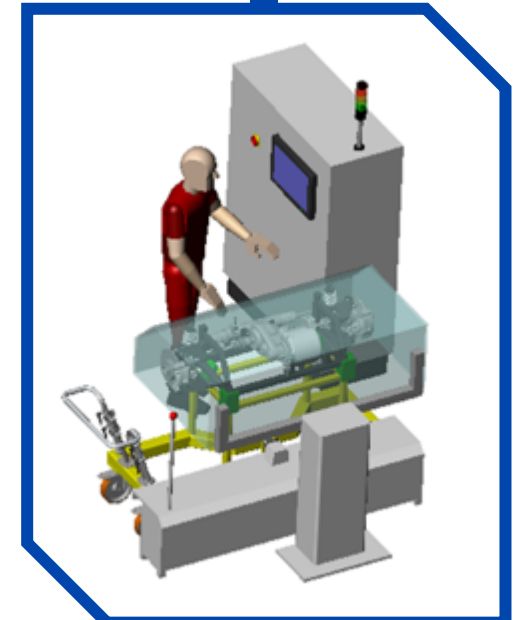
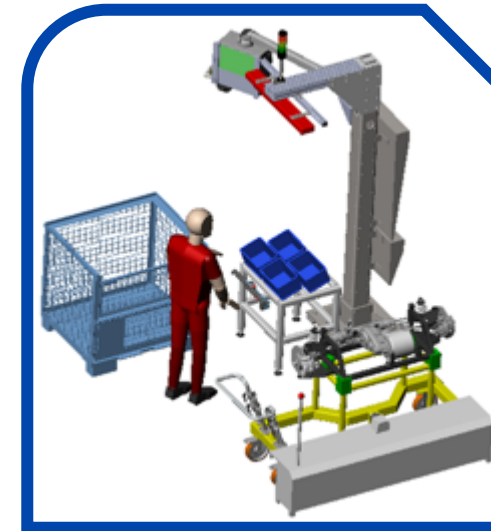


# Manufacturing lines

## Chassis assembly and welding



## Powertrain assembly





# Comau Overview

**A €1.5 Bn company\***  
2017 Turnover per area (%)

A Brand of  
**FCA**  
FIAT CHRYSLER AUTOMOBILES



**31**

Locations



**15**

Countries



**5**

Innovation  
centers



**9,000**

Employees



**14**

Manufacturing  
plants

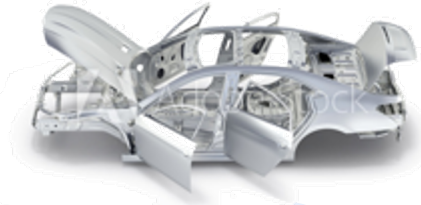
*\*Average annual revenue 2015 - 2017*

# Comau solutions for E-Mobility from Body to Power Systems

Assembly systems for **Sub-Process** as well as the entire **e-Drive-Line**



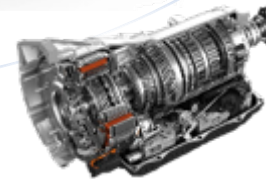
Production Systems for **Body Assembly**



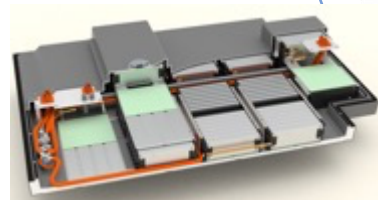
Production Systems for **ICE machining and assembly**



Production Systems for **manual and automatic transmissions** machining and assembly



Assembly systems for **Battery Modules** and **Battery Pack**



# Battery Assembly

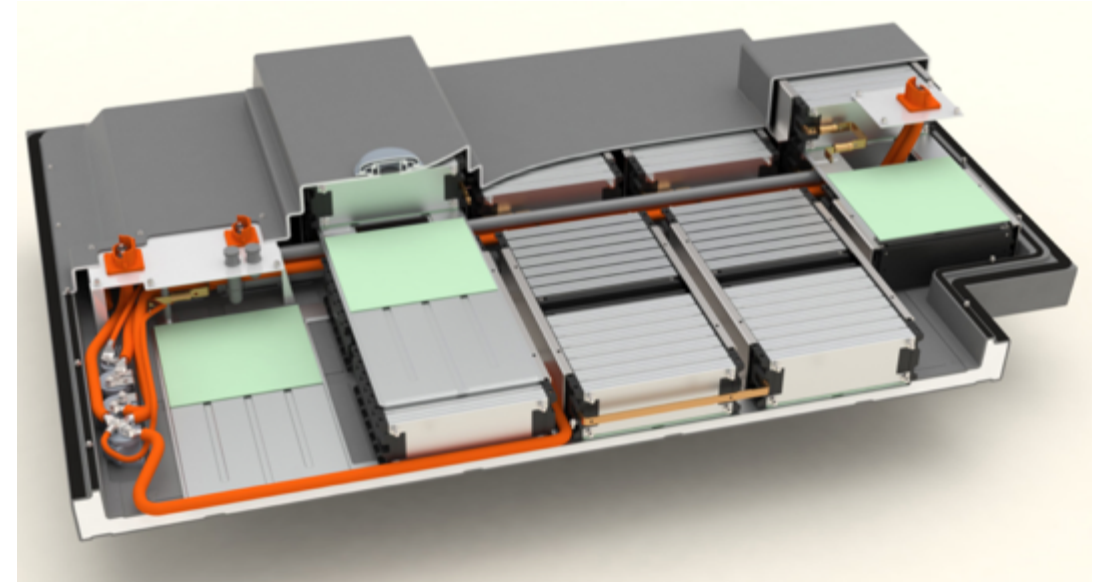
Early manufacturing process validation and prototyping for industrialization

## Sector:

Automotive OEM – Luxury Sport Car Brand in Italy

## Scope:

Assembly line for Module and Battery Packs for two different models



## ! Technologies and Innovations:

- ✓ Laser Welding (**Comau Lhyte**)
- ✓ Thermography for welding check
- ✓ Thermal paste application
- ✓ Pouch Cell tab cutting and bending
- ✓ Bi-Adhesive film application

## + Benefits:

- ✓ Short time to market
- ✓ Support Customer in process development of a product still in evolution
- ✓ Comau internal Laser Welding Laboratory for process validation and prototype production
- ✓ Assembly line – Modularity and easy re-configurability

# E-Motor Assembly

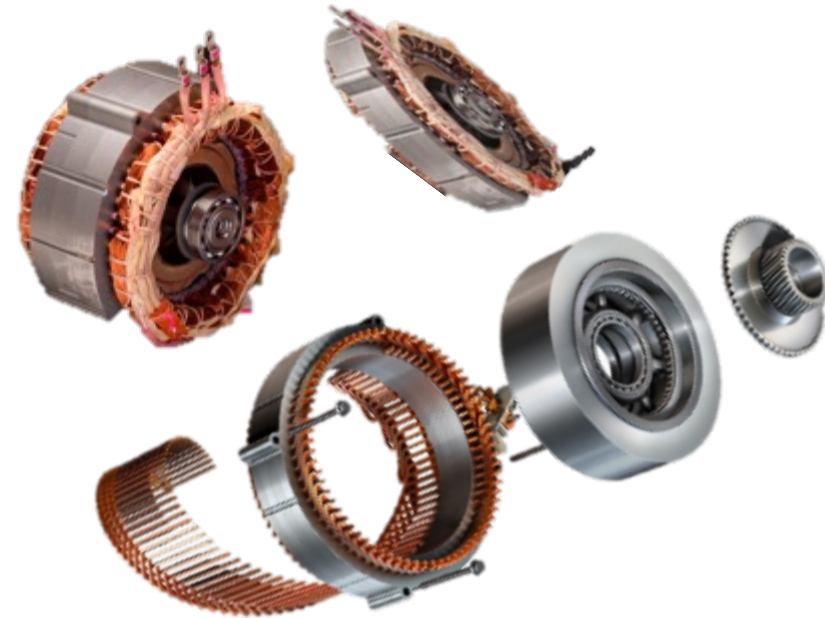
Fully Readiness for E-motor solutions  
process development

## Sector:

Automotive OEM – Mass Market  
Brand in Europe

## Scope:

- #1 Assembly line for Rotor (120k pcs/year)
- #1 Assembly line for Stator (120k pcs/year)



## ! Technologies and Innovations:

- ✓ Coil winding
- ✓ Impregnation
- ✓ Balancing

## + Benefits:

- ✓ Integration capability for program involving several technology suppliers
- ✓ Program Management capability
- ✓ Time to market



# Body Assembly

Partnered the 1<sup>st</sup> Customer  
anticipating the E-Mobility challenge

## Sector:

Automotive OEM – Disruptive New  
Comer Brand for Electrical Vehicle in  
North America

## Scope:

- #1 Complete Body Assembly  
Production System
- #1 Underbody Assembly  
Production System



## ! Technologies and Innovations:

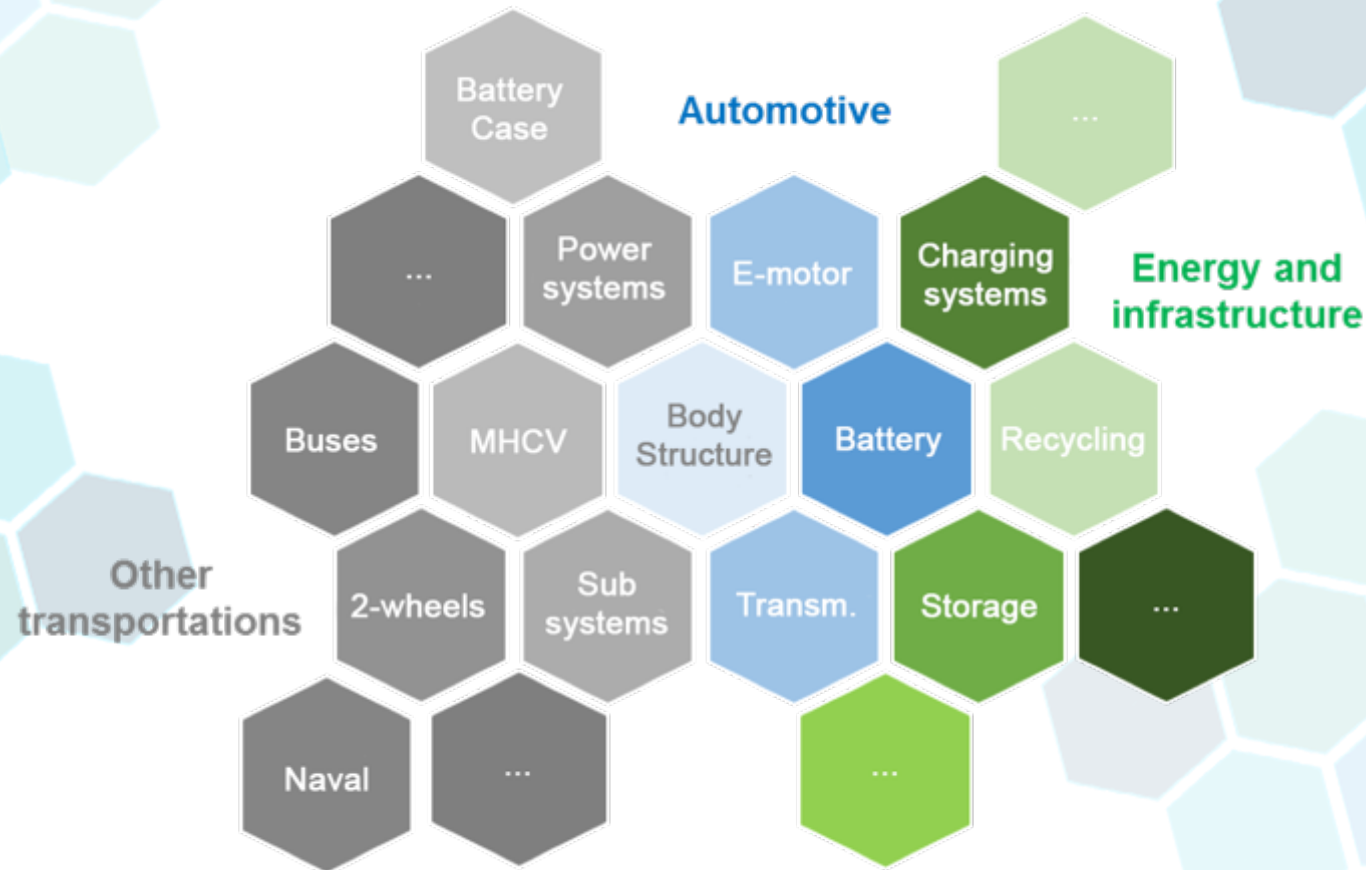
- ✓ Comau Flex
- ✓ Joining technologies for several  
kind of materials

## + Benefits:

- ✓ Supporting short time to market vehicle  
launch for three different models
- ✓ Reduced footprint with high robot density for  
high automatization
- ✓ Standard Modular e Flexible production  
system

# ... Comau outlook to a larger E-Mobility Ecosystems

There is a large business ecosystem leveraging on energy and transportation merging driven by electrification





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