

Drink driving in France



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- dimension of the problem
- perception by the population
- classical policies
- new policies
- Interest of interlock programs

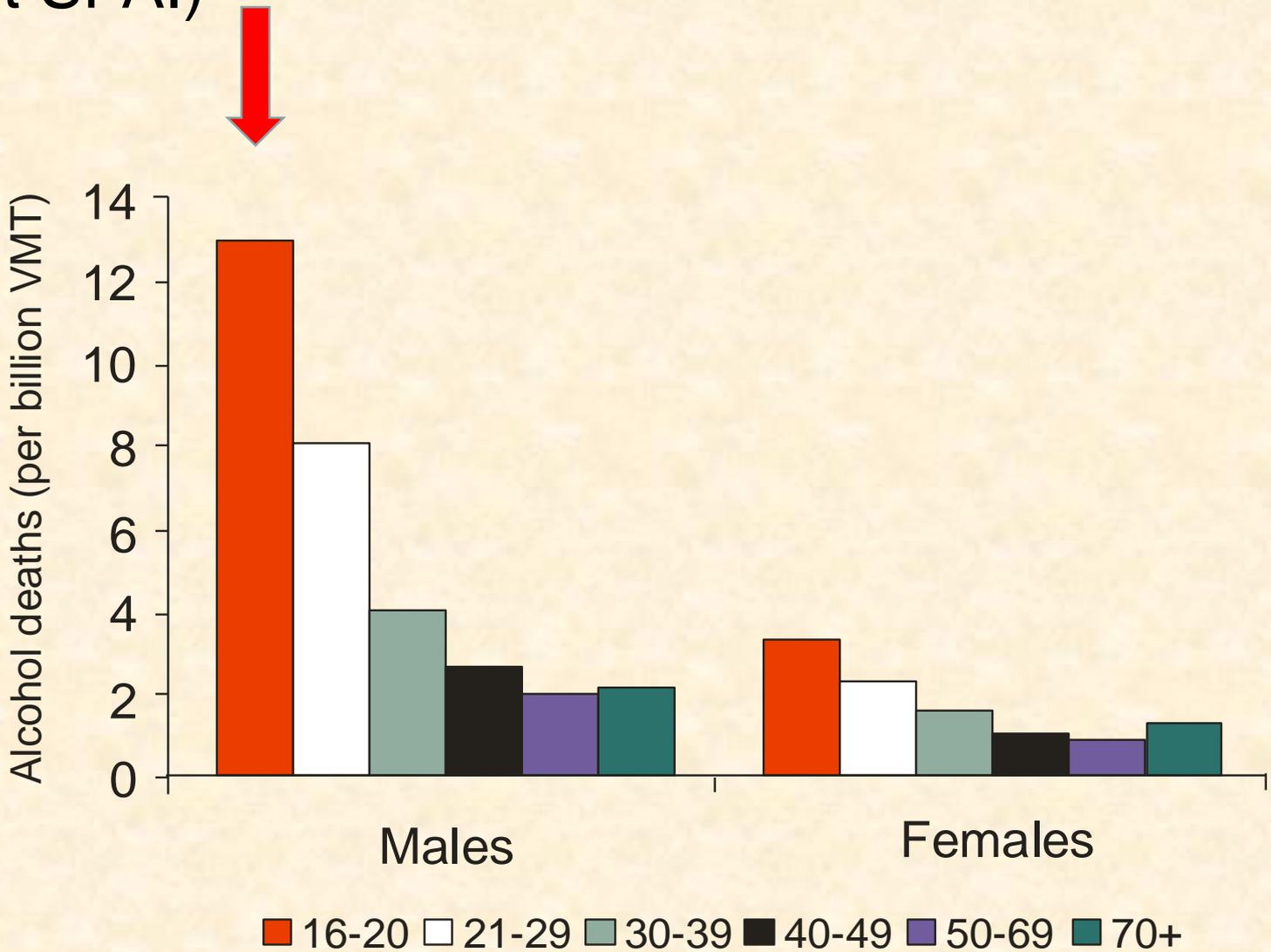


Source: Association Prévention Routière

- 18% of drivers involved in fatal road accidents in France have a BAC $\geq 0,5$ g/l.
- 63% of accidents during night of weekend or non working days
- 1/4 are between 18 and 24
- 2/3 are between 25 and 64
- 92% are men

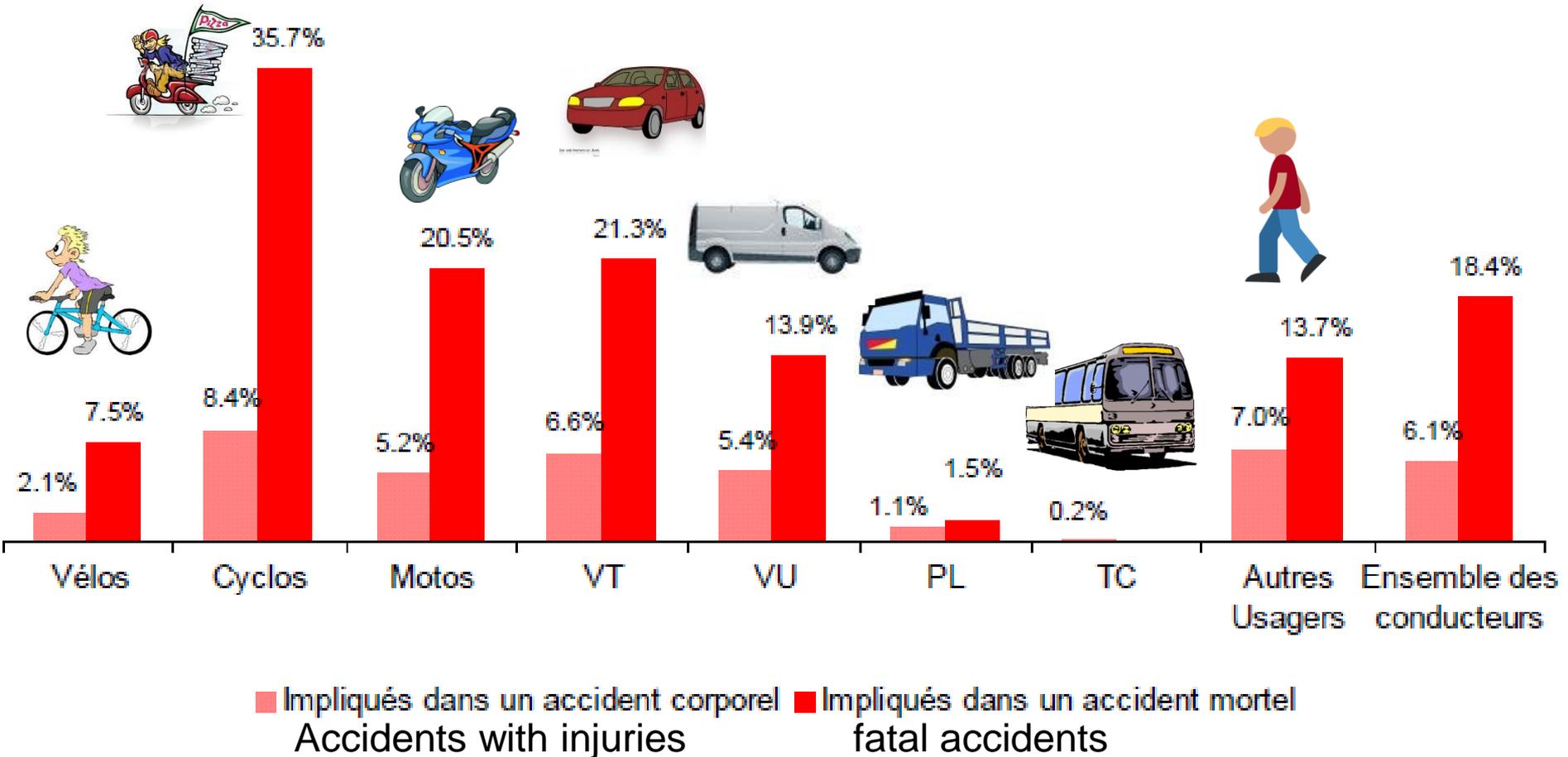


Fatalities rate in drunk drivers and age in USA (K Stewart SPAI)



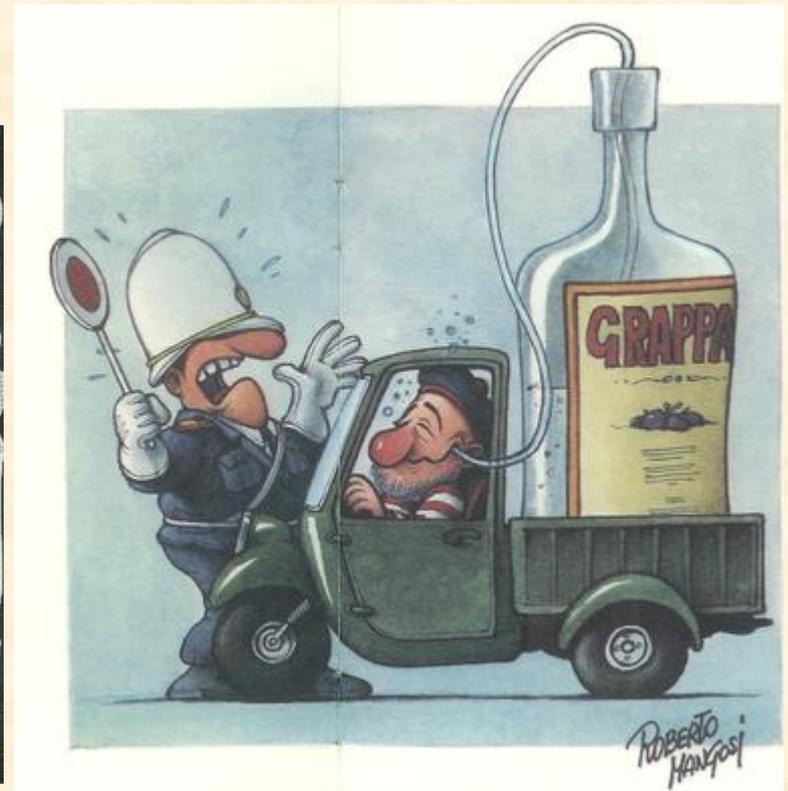
Rate of positive BAC among categories of drivers

Part des conducteurs alcoolisés au sein de chaque catégorie d'usagers



Perception by population: Still a large tolerance about alcohol consumption

più beviamo più guidiamo dritti



Why are they drinking and driving

- Lack of social control
- Lack of knowledge about alcohol effects and kinetic
- Overestimation of fitness to drive
- Underestimation of risk



Why do we face a hardcore of drink driving offenders?

- Addiction of certain drivers makes uncertain the voluntary control of their alcohol consumption
- Euphoria and de inhibition of alcohol disturbs self evaluation

which targets ? which tools ? Which goal ?

- Control of drink driving
- Or control of alcohol consumption...
- Enforcement and pressure on each individual to bring him to find alone his own way to “redemption”.
- Or support from the Society to give help to an individual guilty to bring him a sustainable change of his risk behaviour

Legal BAC in Europe

State	Standard BAC	BAC commercial drivers	BAC novice drivers
Austria	0,5	0,1	0,1
Belgium	0,5	0,2	0,5
Bulgaria	0,5	0,5	0,5
Croatia	0,5	0	0
Cyprus	0,5	0,2	0,2
Czech Republic	0	0	0
Denmark	0,5	0,5	0,5
Estonia	0,2	0,2	0,2
Finland	0,5	0,5	0,5
France	0,5	0,5	0,2
Germany	0,5	0	0
Greece	0,5	0,2	0,2
Hungary	0	0	0
Ireland	0,5	0,2	0,2

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Italy	0,5	0	0
Latvia	0,5	0,5	0,2
Lithuania	0,4	0	0
Luxembourg	0,5	0,2	0,2
Malta	0,8	0,8	0,8
Netherlands	0,5	0,5	0,2
Poland	0,2	0,2	0,2
Portugal	0,5	0,2	0,2
Romania	0	0	0
Slovakia	0	0	0
Slovenia	0,5	0	0
Spain	0,5	0,3	0,3
Sweden	0,2	0,2	0,2
United Kingdom*	0,8	0,8	0,8

0,2 for bus drivers



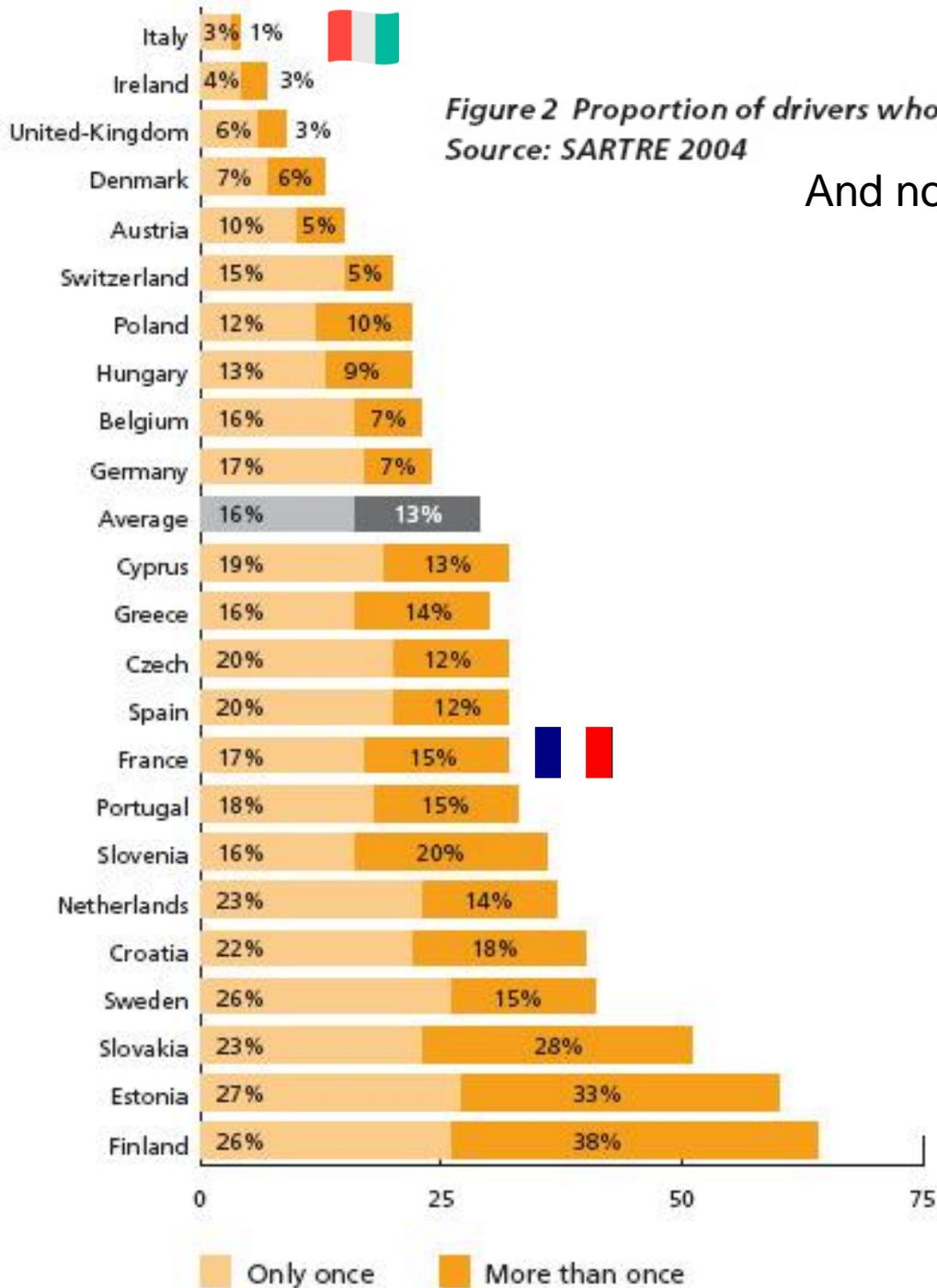


Figure 2 Proportion of drivers who have been checked for alcohol over the last three years.
Source: SARTRE 2004

And now in 2019 ?



Alcol e guida

[Legge n.120 del 29 Luglio 2010](#)
"Disposizioni in materia di sicurezza stradale", dal 13 agosto 2010.

Introduce sanzioni più restrittive per chi guida in stato di ebbrezza e contiene una serie di novità relative alla somministrazione e vendita di bevande alcoliche.

Source

Penal sanctions for drink driving in France

- **Mains sanctions :**

- Fine 4500€,
- Jail 2 ans



- **Additional sanctions :**

- Suspension of the driving licence maxi 3 years
- Cancellation of the driving licence
- Prohibition of use of any vehicle
- General interest work (hospitals etc..)
- Day fine (choice between a fine per day and a number of days in jail)
- Rehabilitation courses
- **Alcohol ignition interlock**
- Confiscation of the vehicle



The limits of the current model of sanctions against drink driving

- Model based on behaviour similar to the system for speed sanctions : frequency of controls and strong sanctions, to induce a change in driver's behaviour.
- **This model is not so efficient for drink driving :**
- Addiction of some (or many) drivers makes aleatoire the voluntary control of their alcohol consumption.
- Desinhibition and euphoriant effect of alcohol disturbs self evaluation and bring the drunk driver to underestimate the impairment of his decision making process and his ability to drive.
- Notion of hard core drivers reluctant or resistant to those policies

NEW POLICIES with interlocks

- Support for alcohol interlocks in commercial vehicles (saving taxes)
- Mandatory alcohol interlocks for recidivists and first-time offenders if novice drivers (including after cancellation)
- Support lower insurance premium if installed



The content of an alcohol ignition interlock program

- A legal frame
- A device
- Installation centre certified and trained
- Procedures
- A data recording and management
- A program manager
- A reporting process to the authority
- A monitoring process
- An evaluation process

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