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# TRANSRAPID

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We have a heated debate here in Munich about the [Transrapid](#), a magnetic monorail system that could connect Munich central station & Munich airport. It is being announced as a technical innovation reducing travel time from ~30 min down to ~5 min, however, as I would have to change trains, it wouldn't save me anything. Instead of using it as a technical showcase - the estimated budget is ~1.8 billion € - I would certainly vote for our tax money go directly into science. German science funding agency DFG has an annual budget of € 1.3 billion only, yea, yea.

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