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TRANSRAPID

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We have a heated debate here in Munich about the <u>Transrapid</u>, a magnetic monorail system that could connect Munich central station & Munich airport. It is being announced as a technical innvation reducing travel time form ~ 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 \in – I would certainly vote for our tax money go directly into science. German science funding agency DFG has an annual budget of \in 1.3 billion only, yea, yea.

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