

# **The Internet of Things and insurance**

Discussion document

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# Key messages

- The IoT offers huge opportunities for insurers to develop new business models
- Four new opportunities stand out in our view
- In the short to medium term, these opportunities appear high-value but niche
- They require new approaches from incumbents, e.g. more collaboration with other sectors
- The winners are likely to be incumbents who change fastest and develop first-mover advantages in data and capabilities

# Research methodology

We conducted three primary research projects, spanning 30+ markets



## Students

To better understand young people's attitudes toward careers in general, and insurance careers in particular, Deloitte UK and Universum surveyed 211,000 business students in 30 markets in 2014/15



## Subject matter experts

To better understand IoT applications in insurance, Deloitte US and Wikistrat interviewed 13 doctorate holders, 24 cyber and tech experts, 20 finance experts and 6 entrepreneurs from 20 countries in 2015



## Customers

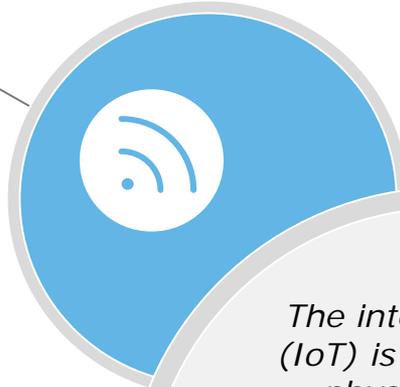
To better understand which new and emerging digital technologies could have high take up among insurance customers in the UK, Deloitte UK and YouGov surveyed 1,424 motor, 877 home and 654 health UK insurance customers in 2015

# What is the Internet of Things? Why does it matter?

## Increasing connectivity is reshaping the global economy

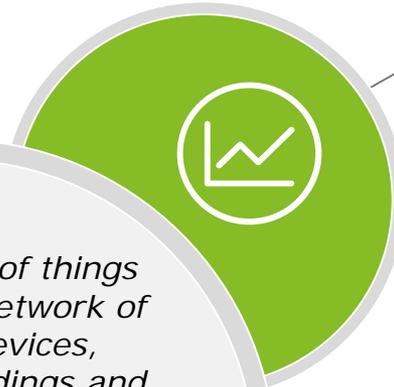
### Data

For the first time, machines are now creating and/or capturing more data than people (2)



### Adoption

Gartner predicts IoT to include nearly 26 billion devices by 2020 (3)



*The internet of things (IoT) is the network of physical devices, vehicles, buildings and other items – embedded with electronics, software, sensors and network connectivity - that enables these objects to collect and exchange data (1)*

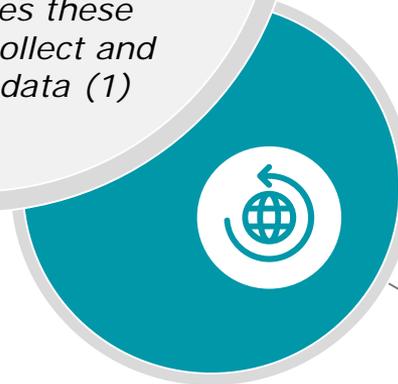
### Impact

Three-quarters of executives say their companies are exploring or adopting some form of IoT solution (2)



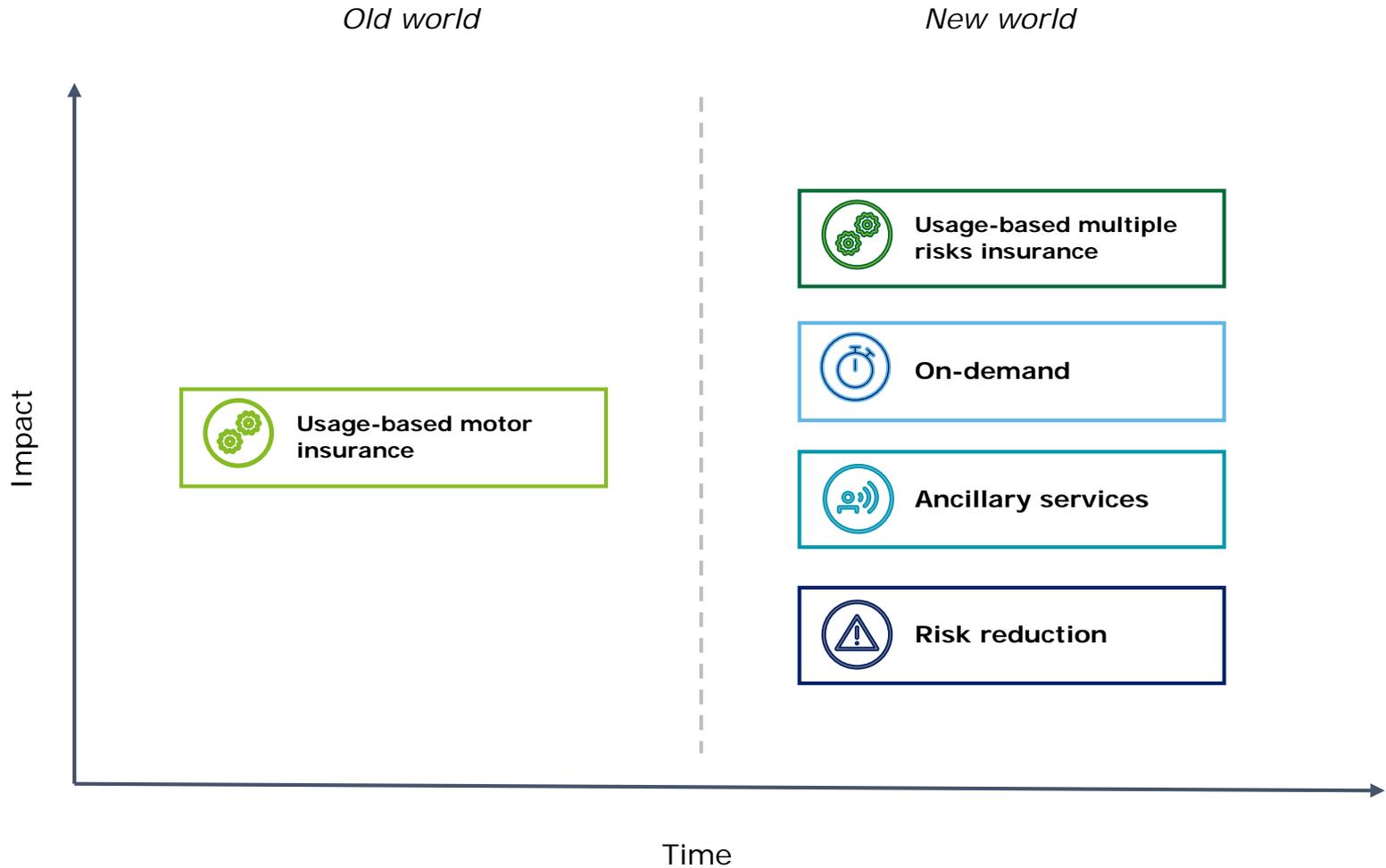
### Value

Gartner predicts IoT to generate global economic value add of \$1.9 trillion by 2020 (3)



# Key insurance opportunities overview

IoT opens up major, new opportunities in insurance

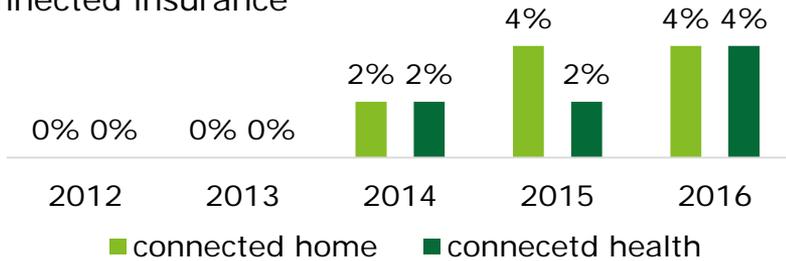




# What is the potential for usage-based insurance to spread beyond motor?

## Insurers are increasingly offering “connected” home and health insurance...

Proportion of top 50 European insurers offering connected insurance



Source: insurers' websites

## ...is there a big opportunity to offer usage-based insurance beyond motor?

Up to **70%**

of losses due to water leaks could be reduced, or prevented, by using smart home technology

Source: BCG; Morgan Stanley

**33%**

of UK GI customers switch insurer for a cheaper premium each year

Source: YouGov; Deloitte

## ...typically these models offer discounts, not usage-based pricing, unlike in motor...



- State Farm partners with home security companies (ADT, Canary)
- Policyholders get a discount on home monitoring equipment, e.g. 10% off installation and monitoring fees
- Policyholders with smart security alarm systems get up to 10% off their home insurance premium
- Pricing is NOT usage-based, i.e. based on data from home monitoring equipment

Source: State Farm

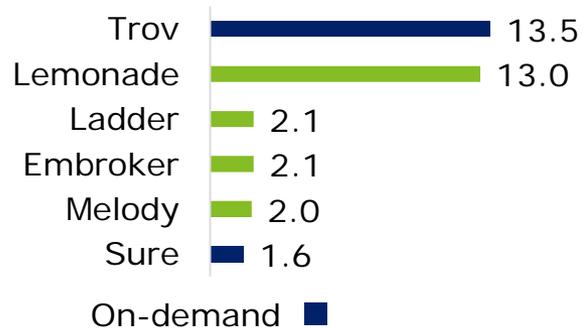
## Industry implications

- Large first movers most likely to win because large data volumes required for pricing accuracy
- Insurers who collaborate with other sectors likely to win because other sectors have lower costs to install, and more expertise in, smart technology
- Could shrink market by lowering premiums overall (and reducing fraud?)
- Could reduce cross-subsidization by lowering premiums from good risks

# ⌚ Could new on-demand insurance models help insurers reach large, under-served markets, such as in the sharing economy?

## On-demand insurance is attracting funding...

Sample of insurtech funding, January 2016, \$USm



Source: CB Insights

## ...is this the way to reach large, under-served markets?

There are **40,000**

Airbnb listings in London alone. Many of the landlords of these properties may need on-demand landlord cover. There are gaps between traditional home insurance and the protection provided by Airbnb's guarantee scheme.

Source: Inside Airbnb

## ...with start-ups giving customers the ability to switch cover on at the point of need...



- Customers use Trov to add items they want insured to an online inventory and activate/deactivate cover via smartphone
- They can insure items against accidental damage, loss or theft
- They manage claims via smartphone
- Trov, which launched in Australia, is a broker not an insurer

Source: CB Insights

## Industry implications

- Digital, customer-facing capabilities would be key to success
- Unlike other IoT opportunities, e.g. usage-based pricing and risk reduction services, on-demand could grow the market
- Start-ups could be better placed than incumbents to offer on-demand because it requires new business models and approaches?
- Brokers could play a key role because much of the addressable market can be accessed via sharing economy platforms, i.e. intermediaries



# Is there a way for insurers to monetise IoT data by providing valuable information and insights to customers?

## Insurers have the opportunity to use IoT to offer customers insights...

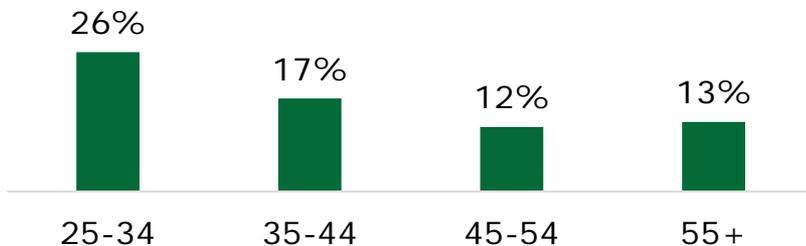
Potential connected car services



Source: Deloitte US

## ...but will this lead to new, advice-based revenue streams?

Proportion of UK home insurance customers who want a tech service that helps them work out which risks they face by age



Source: YouGov; Deloitte

## ...and they are taking steps in this direction by providing free information services...



- Aviva Canada has launched a free mobile app (Plan & Protect) with the Institute of Catastrophic Loss Reduction
- Customers get location-based information to help guard against extreme weather, e.g. floods, wildfires
- The service provides personalised risk reports, alerts and notifications, as well as home/auto policy details

Source: Aviva

## Industry implications

- Could bring new revenue streams uncorrelated with underwriting and investment returns
- Incumbents better placed than new entrants to act as adviser to customers due to their more trusted brands?
- Incumbents working with affinity providers best placed as they have access to special interest customer groups?
- Largest players best placed due to advantage in having more data to mine for insights
- Major regulatory risks and barriers around using customers' data?

# ⚠️ The IoT offers huge potential for insurers to help customers reduce losses, but will this ever be a mainstream service?

## The IoT has huge potential to reduce losses...

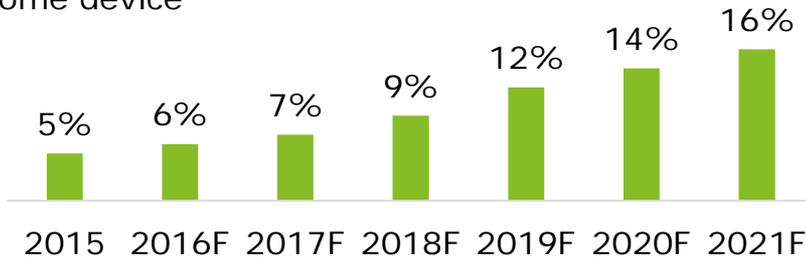
Non-Deloitte estimates of risk reduction using smart devices

Cause of loss	Smart device	Risk reduction potential (%)
Water leak	Connected meters	20-30
	Leak sensors	70
Fire	Smoke detector	70
Theft	Alarm system	10-80

Source: BCG; Morgan Stanley

## ...is this destined to be a niche opportunity for insurers, unless customers' attitudes change?

Forecast proportion of US households with a smart home device



Source: Forrester

## ...with start-ups and incumbents giving customers the ability to reduce losses/claims...



- Neos, a UK-based start-up, provides smart devices to customers, e.g. security camera, motion sensor, leak detector, smoke alarm, door/window detector
- Monitors home 24/7 and provides emergency assistance
- Reduces claims and associated costs of underlying insurance
- Neos is an appointed representative/broker not an insurer

Source: Neos

## Industry implications

- In the long term, could shrink the market by lowering losses (frauds?) and premiums
- In the medium term, connected devices could introduce new risks, e.g. hacking, failures?
- In the long term, could make risk more homogenous by reducing many risks substantially
- Partnership with experts in assistance and smart technology from other sectors key

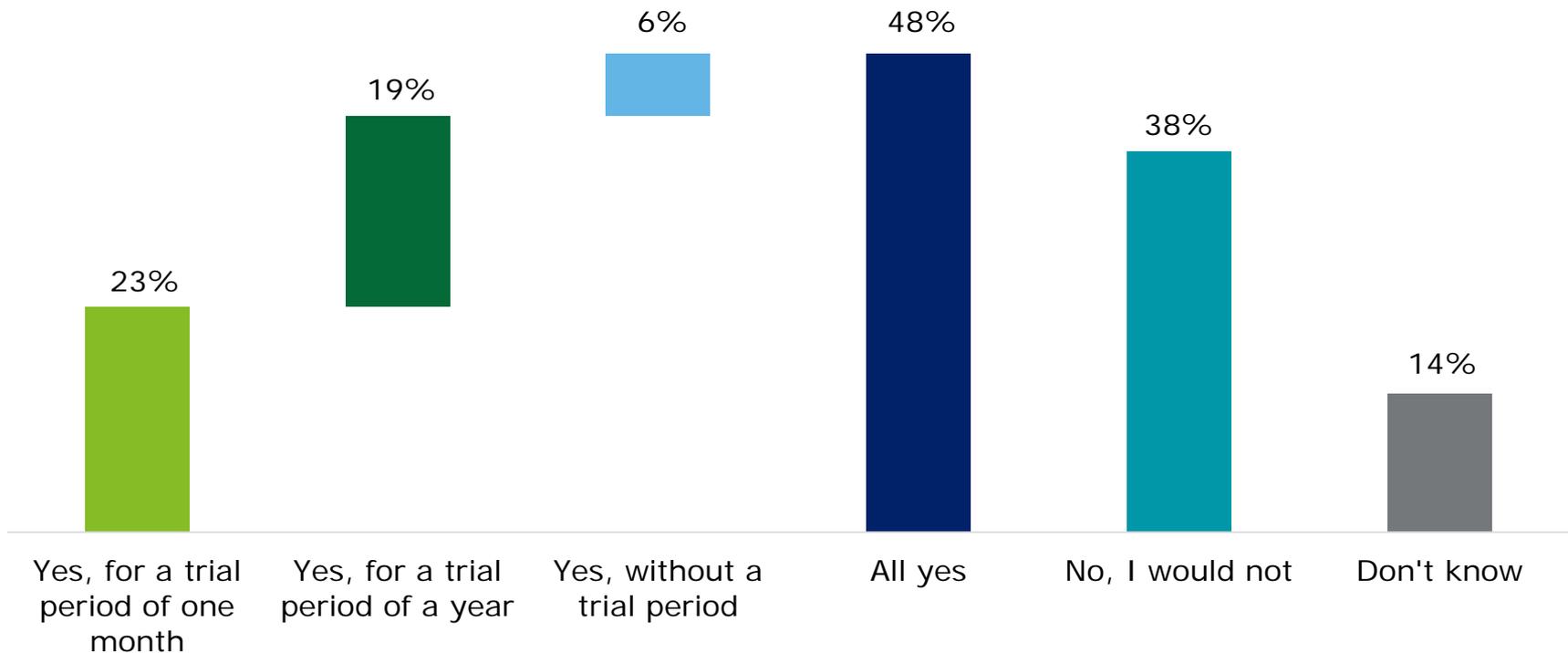
# Eight key challenges impede insurers' adoption of IoT



■ Explored in more detail on the following pages

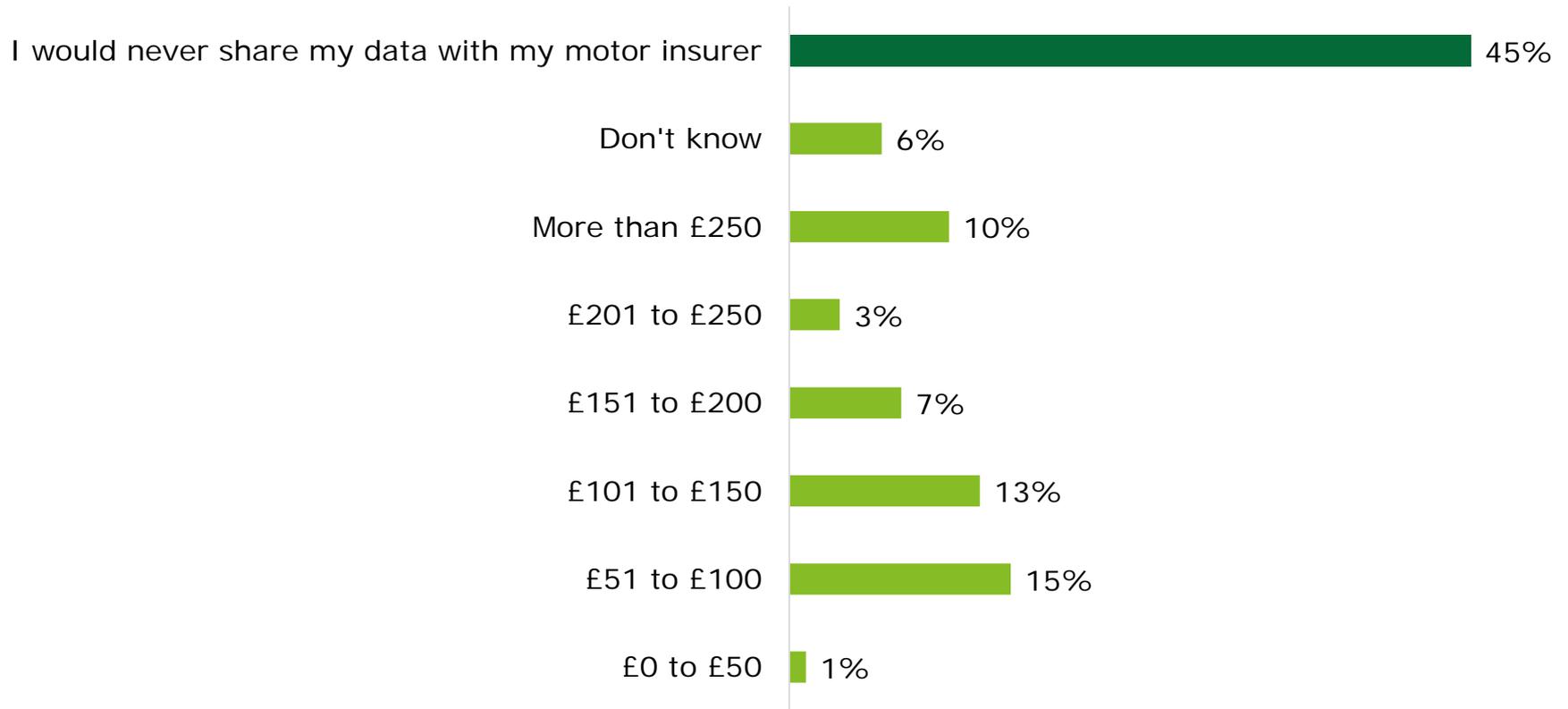
## More than a third unwilling to share data...

Proportion of UK motor insurance customers who would track their driving and share data on it with an insurer



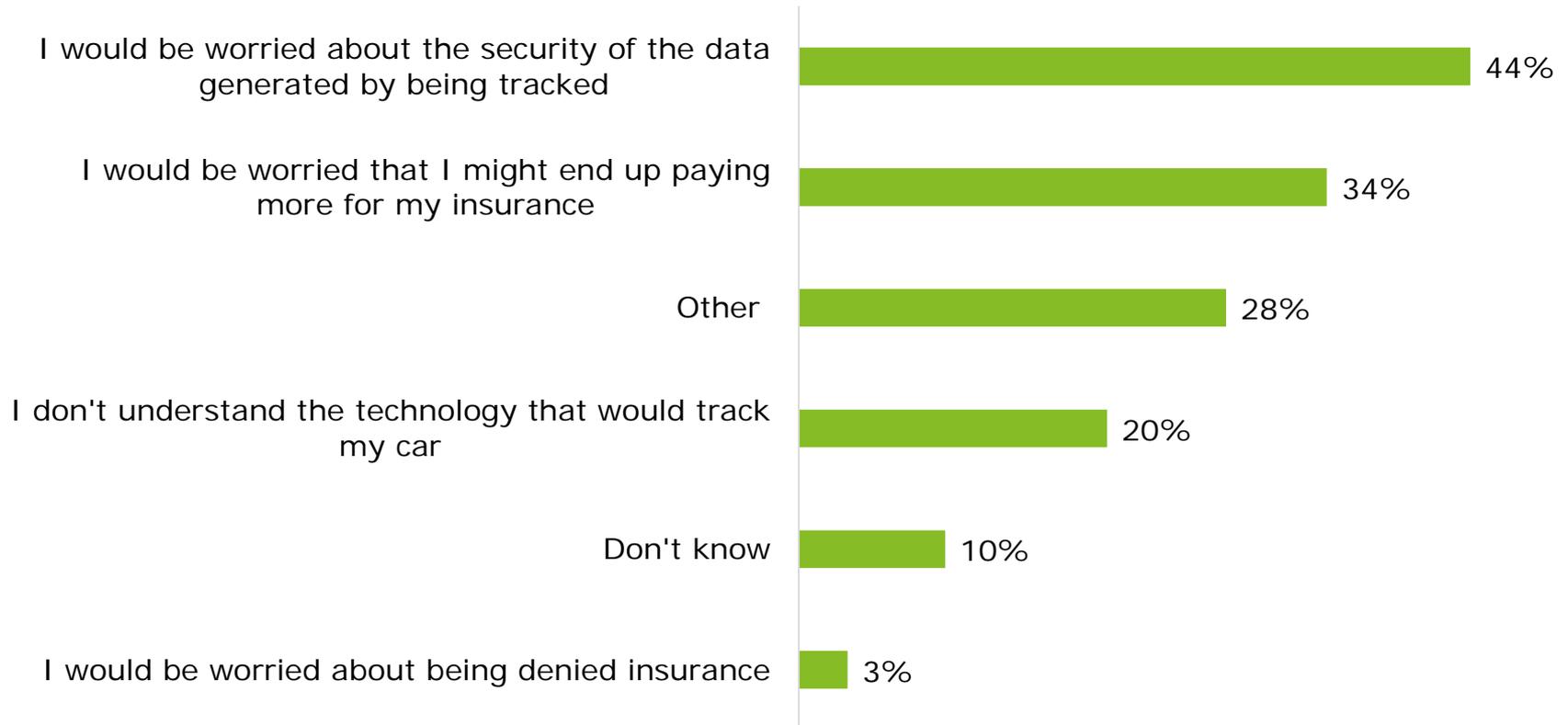
...with many refusing to change their minds, regardless of the potential discount

Discount required to persuade UK motor insurance customers who would not track and share driving data with an insurer to change their minds



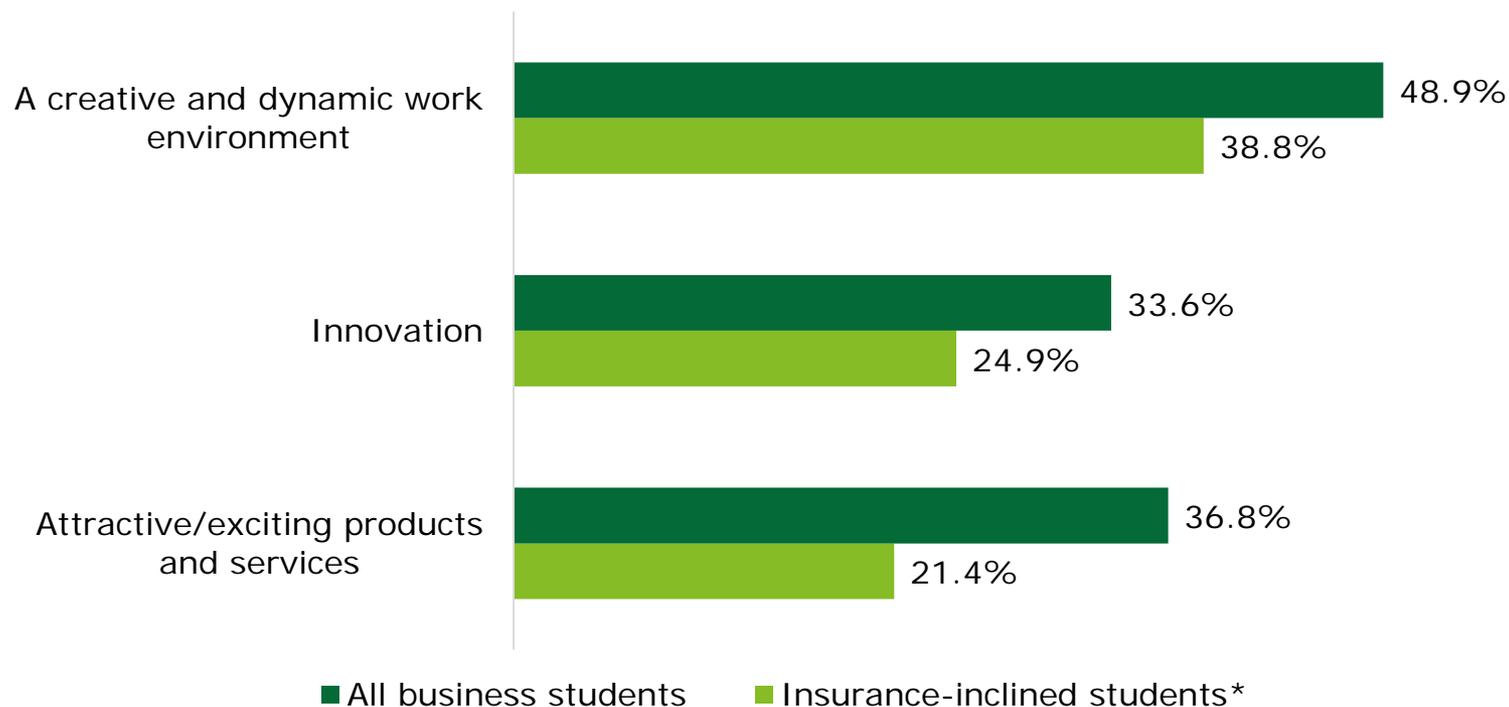
# Data security is the biggest concern for customers

Reasons UK motor insurance customers would not track and share driving data with an insurer



# People who want to work in insurance aspire to innovation less than do their peers heading to other sectors

Proportion of business students who aspire to innovation-related qualities in a future employer, UK, 2015



\* Business students are students studying business-related subjects such as economics. Insurance-inclined students are business students who put at least one insurer in their top five 'ideal employers', when offered a list of potential employers to choose from.

# High-level next steps

- Confront barriers associated with conflicting data standards, e.g. make in-house legacy systems more modernized and flexible
- Give corporate culture a facelift to overcome longstanding conventions on how information is managed and consumed across the organization
- Strategise on how to convince or incentivise customers to opt into data sharing
- Consider how an interconnected world might shift products from focusing on paying claims to preventing or reducing losses
- Understand potential roles of partners in deploying smart technology, including players from other sectors, start-ups and brokers
- Identify and mitigate against data privacy and security issues, e.g. access, storage and anonymization
- Test IoT applications using pilots and conceptual frameworks



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