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JESSE'S PICKS

I want one!

Have you seen reports about the sleek F 015 Luxury in Motion autonomous research vehicle from Mercedes-Benz? It's a luxury sedan with total connectivity between vehicle, passengers and the outside world -- they call it a preview of how the self-driving car of the future could evolve into a platform for communication and interaction. It's pretty incredible.

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4.23: Smart City Startups -- Miami

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