

# Electrification of the road transport sector

- The prime option to cope with climate targets?

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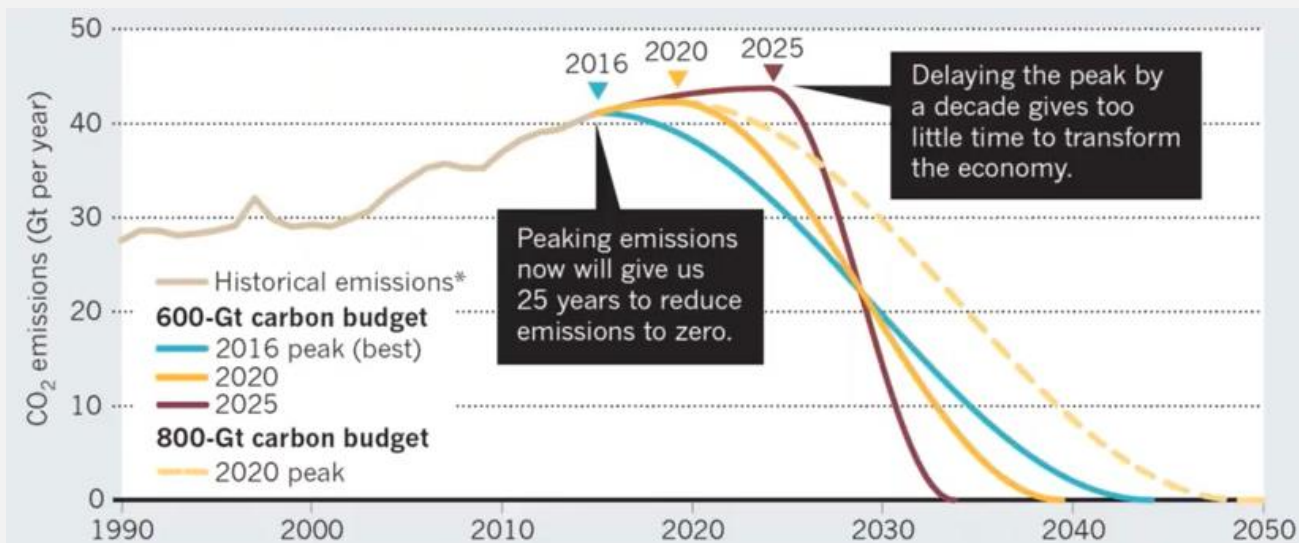
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# 1 Introduction

## „Electrification of the transport sector: The prime option to cope with climate targets?“

### Development of carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) emissions and the time to act



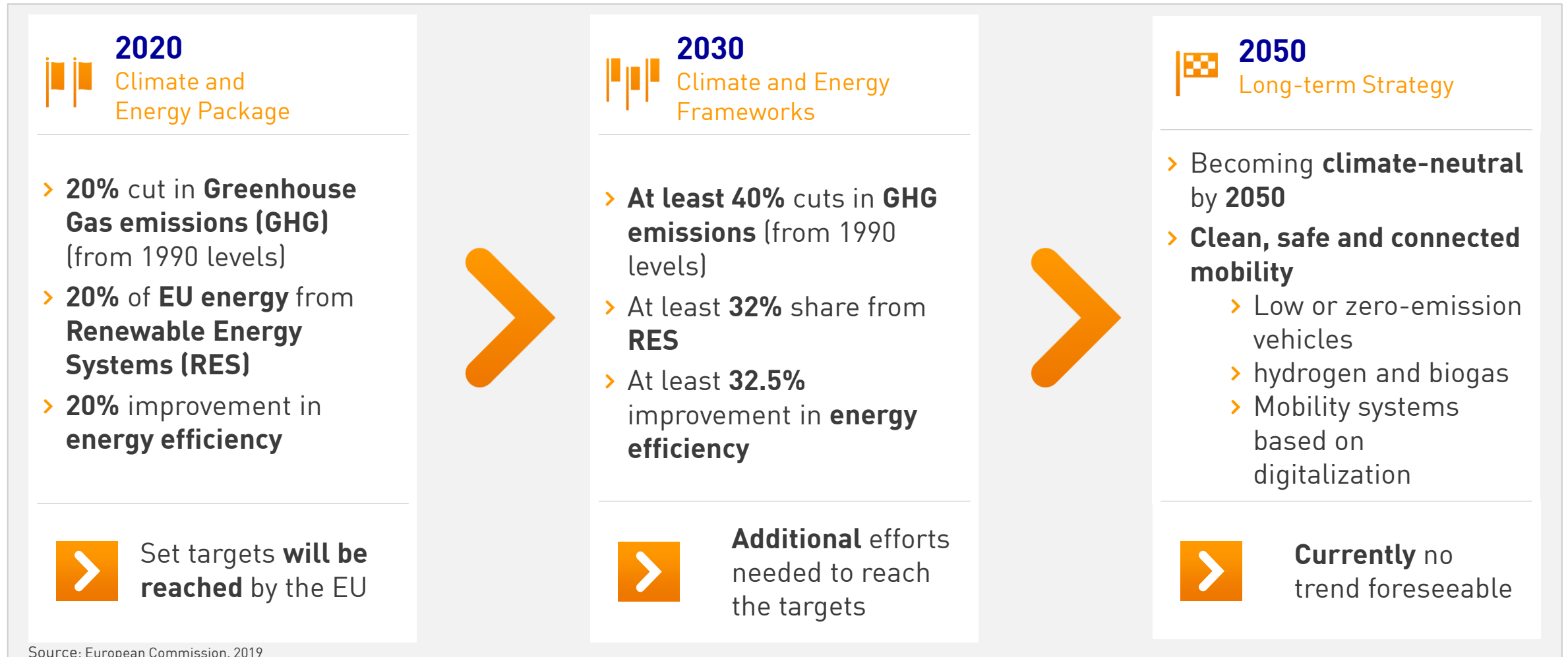
### Putting the emissions, including those from, road- freight

- › on path towards zero,
- › with minimum total emissions getting there.

- › Action on climate change **urgently needs to be performed** in order to prevent disruptive developments
- › **Electrified mobility** has been given the main priority in countries worldwide
- › The transformation from conventional to more/full electric mobility contains **structural questions**
- › Current roadmaps are portraying **different decarbonization approaches** and different ways of technology applications
- › Electrification of the transport sector requires a **direct involvement of the energy sector**

# 1.1 A general take on European climate targets and their fulfillment

## European Climate Strategies for 2020/2030/2050

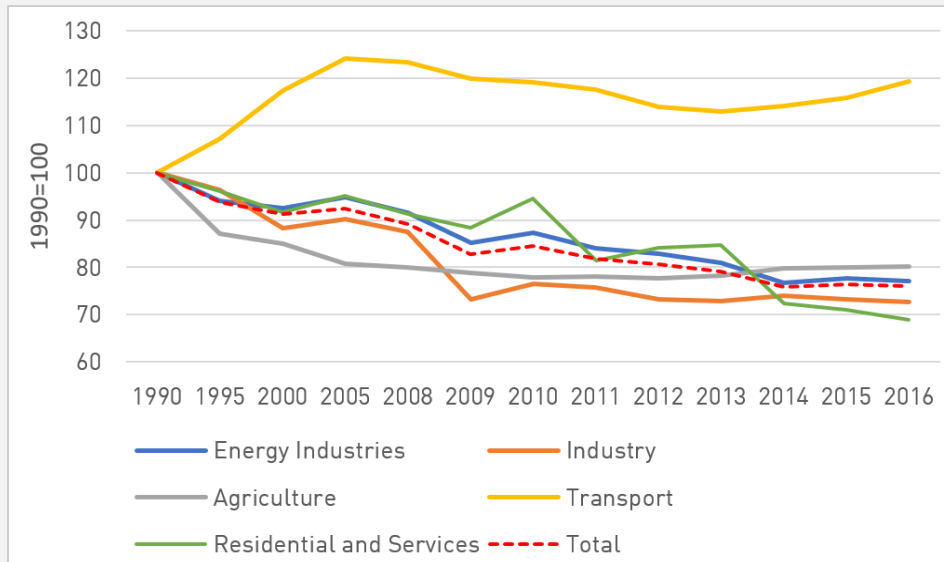


Source: European Commission, 2019

# 1.2 The transport sector and its impacts on the environment

## Emissions by sector (EU) and forecasts for sectorial decarbonization

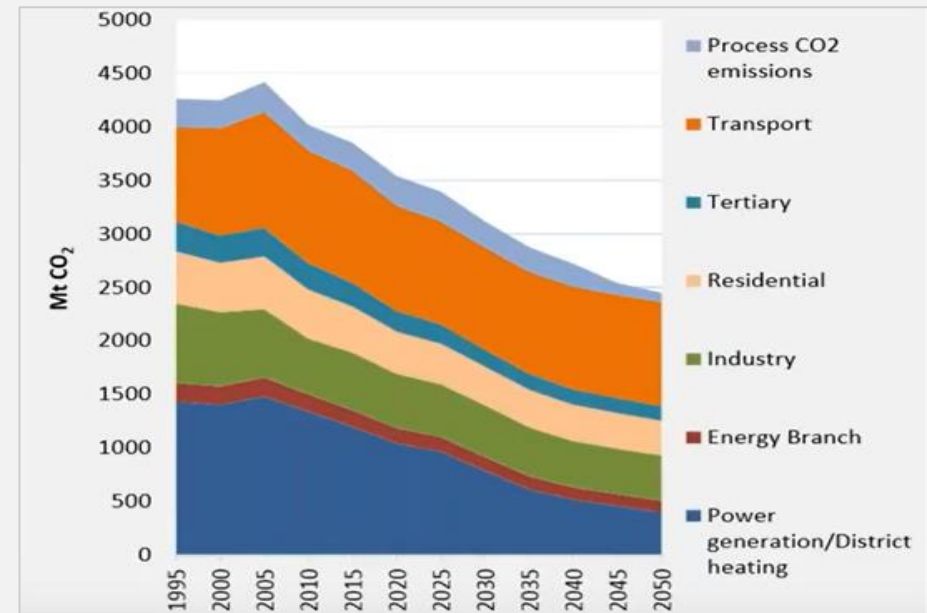
Development of sectorial GHG emissions (EU) in % (1990-2016)



Source: own visualization, based on European Commission, 2018; EEA, 2019

- › GHG emissions related to transport have been **increased by around 20%** (compared to 1990)
- › **Road transport** is accounting for **more than 22%** of the anthropogenic **carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>)-emissions**

Forecast on the total emissions of the European Union (EU)



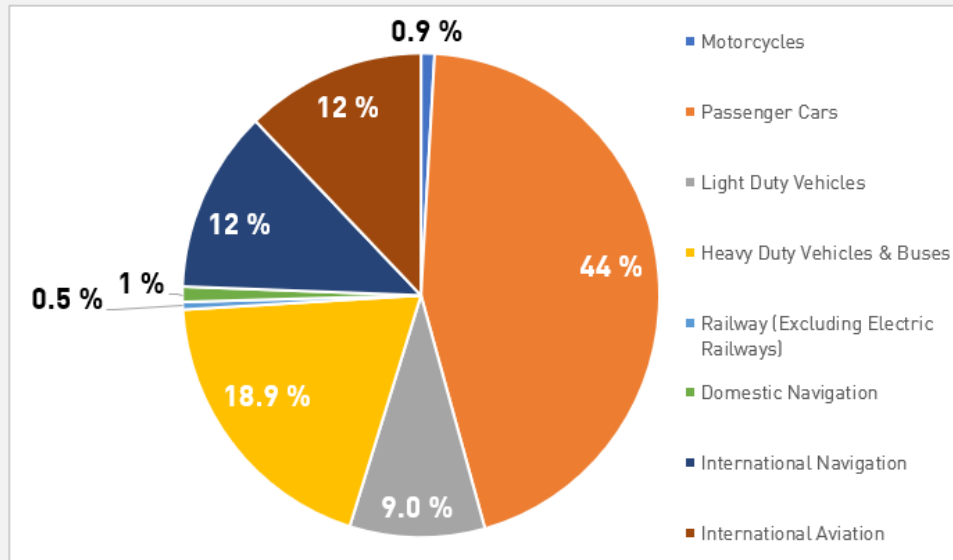
Source: Siemens AG, 2018

- › The **energy sector** is set to be **transformed by 2050**
- › **Transport sector** is posing the **biggest challenge** with regards to decarbonization, with long-distance hauling being specifically **important for climate protection**

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## GHG emissions by transport type (EU) and global emission tendencies

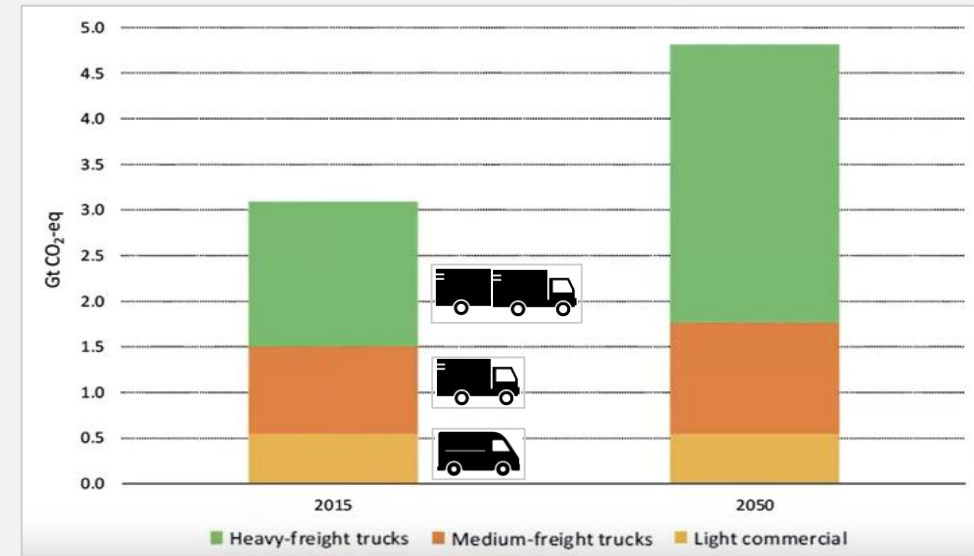
GHG emissions by transport type (2016)



Source: own visualization, based on European Environment Agency, 2019

- > More than **73% of GHG emissions** related to the transport sector can be **allocated to road transport**
- > **Passenger cars** are contributing over **44%** to transport sector emissions, **heavy-duty vehicles for ca. 19%**

Development of emissions (in CO<sub>2</sub>-eq) in 2015 and 2050 (globally)



Source: Siemens AG, 2018, but with own modifications

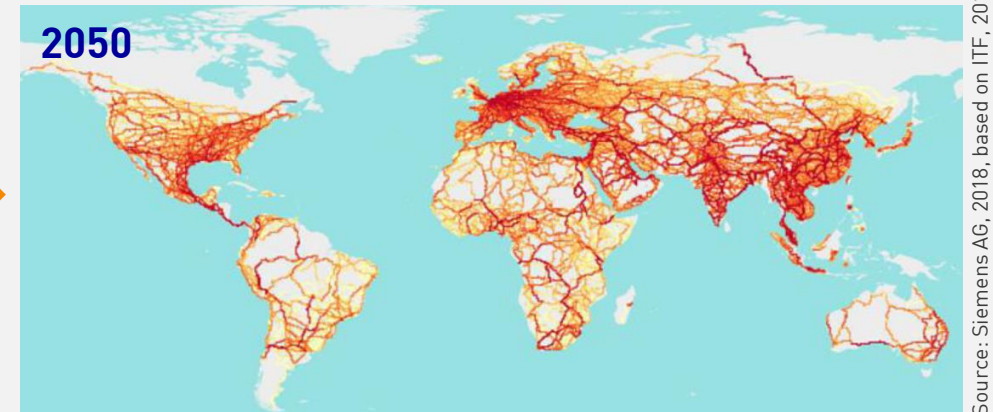
- > **Current trend** for road-freight emissions highlight the urgency for decarbonizing solutions
- > Global heavy road-freight is expected to emit **3 Gt of CO<sub>2</sub>-eq\* by 2050**

\*Gigatonnes of CO<sub>2</sub>-equivalent

## 2 Status Quo of road transport electrification

### General overview on current developments

- **Transport in its core will continue to rely on roads** (despite the increasing use of other methods e.g. rail and maritime)











- **This implicates the need for alternative powertrains**
  - Advanced **Internal Combustion Engines (ICE)** and disruptive thermal propulsion systems and fuels (Power to liquids or gas),
  - Novel hybrid systems with next generation lightweight ICE and simplified powertrain components
- **Electric Road Systems (ERS), using catenary trucks might offer additional potential to decarbonize the transport sector**
  - The necessary equipment is currently under development and has been tested in a small number of sites in Sweden, Germany, and the USA



## 2.1 State of current technology development

### Potential for energy efficiency in the transport sector by transport type

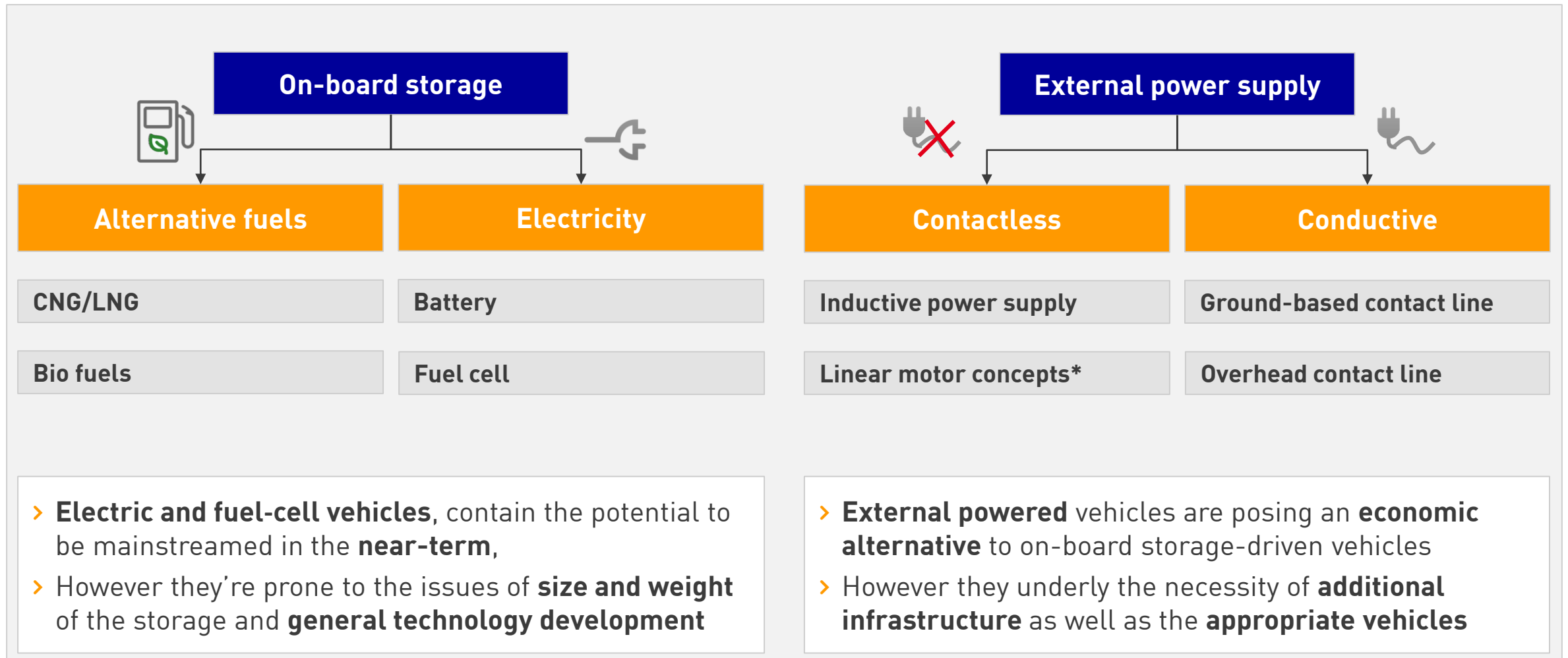
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- > There is a high emphasis on **general “electrification”, “alternative fuels”,** as well as **“batteries”** as the main methods of energy supply
- > **Comprehensive policies** are required to resolve issues that technology **cannot solve**



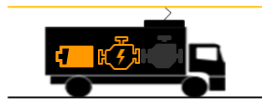
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### Alternative concepts for climate-friendly transport



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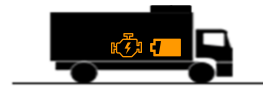
### Areas of application of alternative drive concepts within heavy-freight transport



#### Overhead Hybrid Truck (O-HEV)



- › When **high shares of utilization** are covered on **electric stretches**
- › **Point-to-Point commuting** with short up- and downstream runs
- › Easing of **local emissions** is required



#### Battery Electric Truck (BEV)



- › Suited for **urban and regional distribution**
- › Locations which require **less emissions**
- › Areas where **charging-infrastructure is well established**






#### Fuel Cell Electric Vehicle (F-CEV)



- › Utilization within **long-distance traffic**
- › Within corridors where **appropriate charging-infrastructure** is established
- › **Complementary option to BEV**

## 2.2 Limitations and potential barriers for wide-scale implementation

### Current barriers (near-term) for electrification by sector (Light/Heavy Road, Rail)

Subsector	Cost barriers	Infrastructure barriers	Other barriers
 Light Road	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; <b>Total cost of ownership nearing parity</b> (depending on pricing of conventional fuels)</li> <li>&gt; <b>Battery cost</b> (depending on ICE)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; <b>Development of charging infrastructure</b>, particularly within dense urban environments</li> <li>&gt; <b>Fast-charging</b> to support high-utilization</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; <b>Range limitations</b> due to (current) technological restrictions</li> </ul>
 Heavy Road	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; <b>Total cost of ownership nearing parity</b> (short-haul, high utilization fleets), relative to conventional fuels</li> <li>&gt; <b>High capital costs</b> highly relative to conventional fuel options</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; <b>Fast-charging</b> needed to support high-utilization fleets</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; <b>Range limited by weight, size and cost of the battery</b> (heavy vehicles)</li> <li>&gt; <b>Interventions into the environment</b> (Catenaries)</li> </ul>
 Rail	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; <b>Limitation of electric rail infrastructure</b> to specific regions (high population density, high modal share and energy density) parity (short-haul, high utilization fleets, conventional fuels)</li> <li>&gt; <b>Lack of investments</b> to expand mode share (electric trains, overhead lines as well as other connected infrastructures)</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; <b>Modal shift</b> depending on the utilization of <b>other transport methods</b></li> </ul>

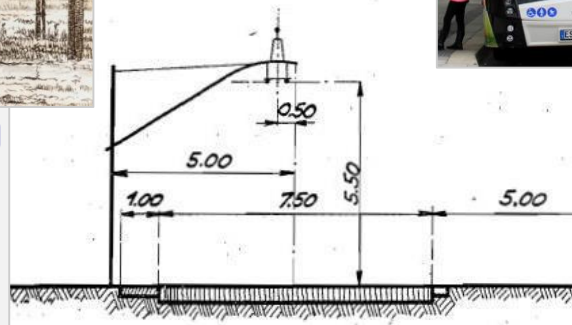
# 3 Electrification of road transport systems

## Developments and tendencies in the technological application of Electric Road Systems (ERS)



Siemens Elektromote (1882)

German Highway Concept (1936)



Trolleybus in German (2019)



eHighway in Germany (2018)



Electric mining truck

- > Electric road applications date back to more than **135 years**
- > **Over 300 trolleybus systems** are operating worldwide
- > Road applications demand **early standardization** (for vehicles)

- > Electric traction system can be **successfully implemented** on **highways** as well
- > Applicable to **long-distance trucks/busses**
- > **DC-charging** through catenary type contact lines

# 3.1 ERS-Technology development and its utilization

## ERS technologies within the heavy-freight transport with external power supply



### Overhead Contact Line



- > **Most economical** variant
- > Comparatively **low losses**
- > **Dynamic loading** possible
- > **Low maintenance**

**Video-eHighway**



### Conductor Line



- > Implementation possible within **road construction work**
- > **Dynamic loading** possible
- > **Preservation** of the landscape



### Inductive System



- > **Least economical** variant (as of now), excessive changes needed (road)
- > **Non-visible** (preservation of the landscape)
- > Comparatively **high losses**



## 3.1 ERS-Technology development and its utilization

### Areas of application of ERS concepts within freight transport

#### Shuttle transport



- › Solution for **short or medium distances** (<50km) which require a high frequency
- › Benefits of **lower fuel consumption** and **longer lifetime**
- › **Reduction of local emission**, e.g. air and noise pollution

#### Electrified mine transport



- › **Interconnection of areas** e.g. mines and storages to enhance the transportation capabilities
- › **Improvement of operational aspects**, like sustainability and economic factors

#### Electrified Long-Haul traffic



- › **Economical feasible** alternative to conventional road-freight transport
- › **Reduction of CO2 emissions** to cope with climate targets
- › **Synergy effects** with existing railway systems

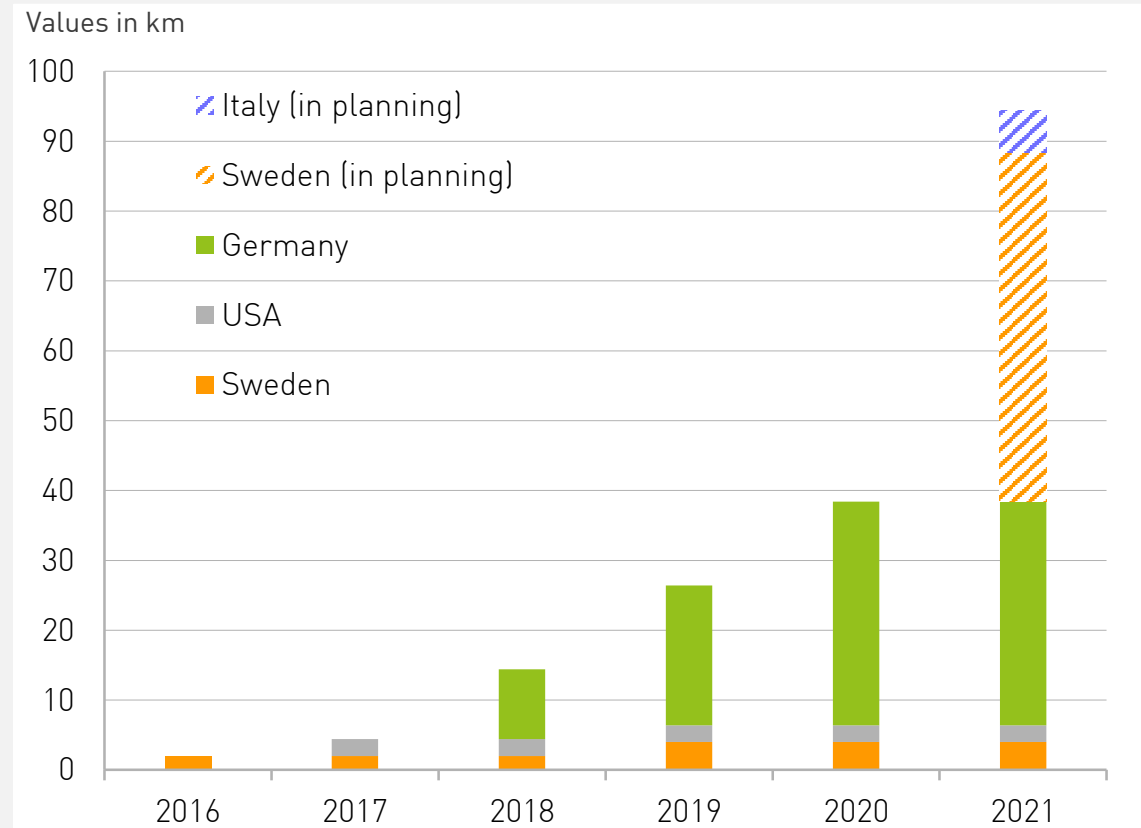
## 3.1 ERS-Technology development and its utilization

### Projects and initiatives (current developments)

**Since 2016, at least one new project has been added every year**

- **2010-2016:** Research Projects in Germany (ENUBA I/II, ELANO)
- **2016:** First electrified road section in Sweden
- **2017:** Commissioning of a test track (shuttle between port and rail connection) in California
- **2018:** Completion of the first electrified motorway section in Hesse, Germany (A5)
- **2019/2020:** Planned commissioning of two more test tracks in Germany (Schleswig-Holstein and Baden-Württemberg)
- **2021:** Planned start-up of a first electrified motorway section in Italy as well as other electrified long-distance sections in Sweden

### Test tracks with overhead contact line on public highways worldwide



Source: Öko-Institut, 2018



# 3.1 ERS-Technology development and its utilization

## Project „eWayBW“ – Objectives, Characteristics and unique features (1/2)



Source: Scania AG, 2018

### The main objective

- › Open investigation of the overhead line infrastructure,
- › Utilization of **catenary trucks in shuttle mode** between the paper mill and a warehouse

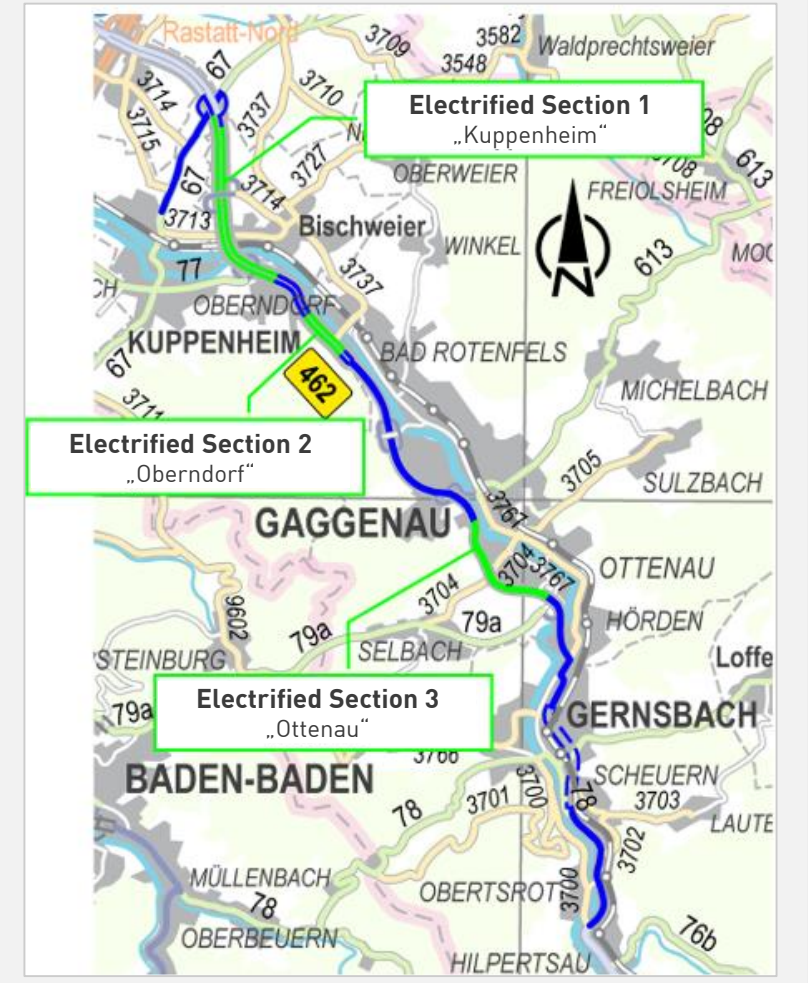
### Characteristics of the route

- › **Public test track of 18.3 km** with
- › Electrification areas of **6 km** (in both directions),
- › annual mileage of **< 140,000 km**

- › Track with the **highest capacity utilization** with focus on the energy industry
- › **Complementary** to pilot projects in **Hessen** and **Schleswig-Holstein**

### (unique) features

- › Volume of transport: **> 500.000 t/a**
- › **64 circulations every day**
- › Yearly performance/Truck **> 140.000 km**
- › Contact wire performance **> 250.000 km**
- › Parallel railway line (synergy effects)



## 3.1 ERS-Technology development and its utilization

### Project „eWayBW“ – Targets, Characteristics and unique features (2/2)

#### Focus points of the “eWayBW”-project:

› **Energy sector** with focus on the **energy and transport system transition** (“Energie- und Verkehrswende”)

› Project pursues the aim to be **completely CO2-neutral**

› Integration of renewable energy systems



› **Impact of “moveable” and “variable loads”** within the energy system

› Stability of the system with high traffic/transport volumes

› Implications of feeding energy regained through **recuperation** to the grid (Vehicle-2-Grid)

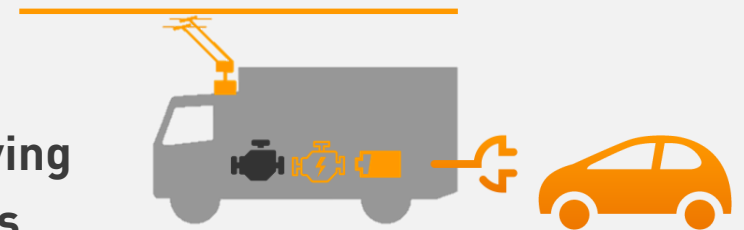
› Testing of the **feasibility**, as well as the **implications of Vehicle-2-Vehicle charging**

› Option to charge passenger vehicles via catenary trucks

› Testing the environment **for partial and complete autonomous driving**

› Prospective for the **development for alternative drive-technologies**

› **Governmental Cooperation** between **Hungary and Baden-Württemberg** (Ministries, University of Óbuda)



## 3.2 Status of current implementation rates

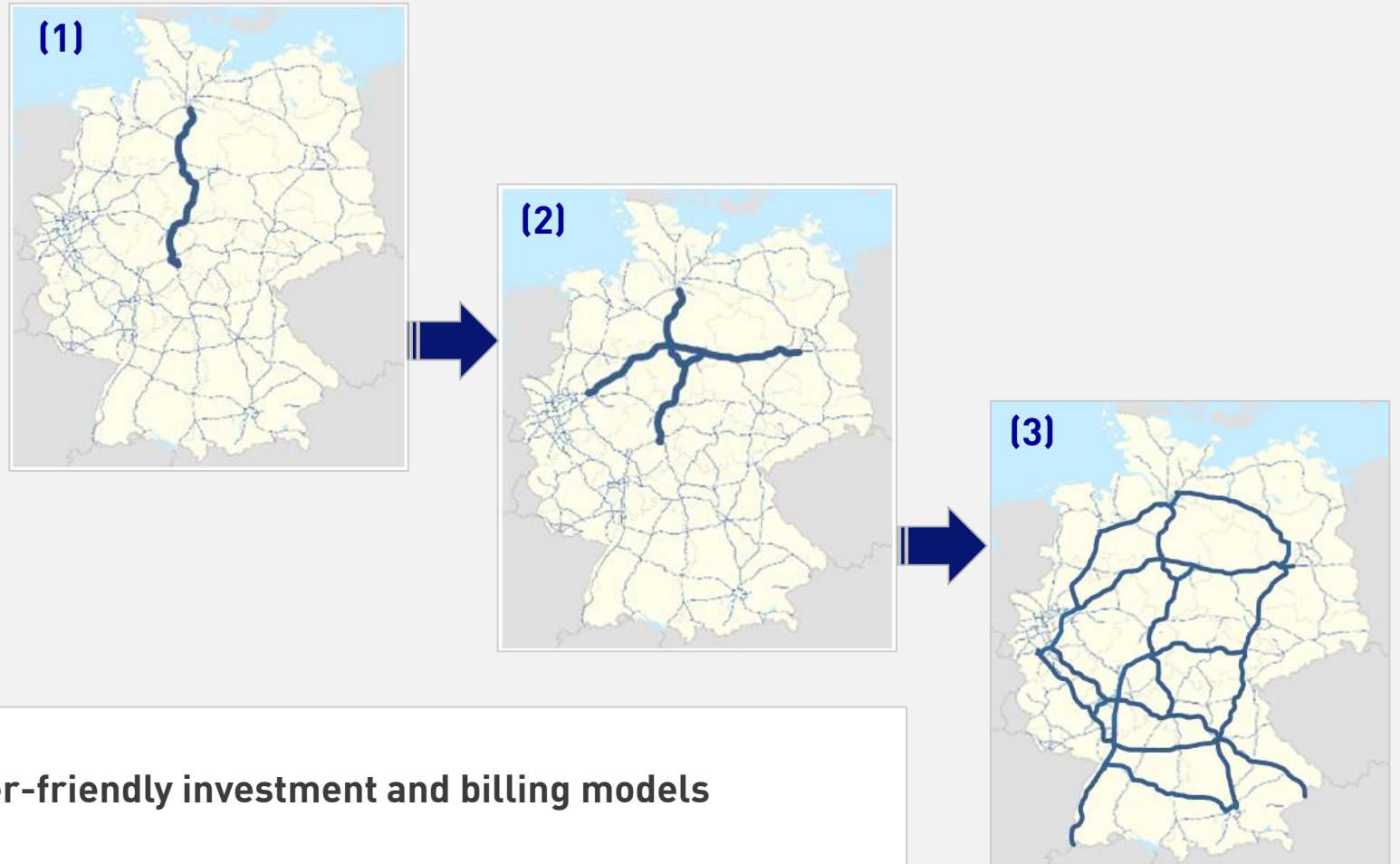
### Potential roadmap for the implementation of ERS (Germany)

**Step (1): Electrification of first corridors** between major transshipment points, for example, route Hamburg – Kassel – (by 2025?)

**Step (2): Extension** of first corridors to longer axes or regional networks  
For example: network around Hannover or extension of an axe (A7) – (by 2030?)

**Step (3):** Successive extension of the infrastructure to the **core motorway network** of approximately 4,300 km – (by 2050?) – **20 billion EUR investment**

› Need for the **development of user-friendly investment and billing models**



Source: StratON, 2018 (middle, left, right)

## 4 The energy sector and the interplay with electric vehicles

### General impacts of electric vehicles on the grid operation

- **Up to 2030** additional overall demand for electric vehicles is **estimated to be limited in Europe** and therefore will **not significantly** influence the electricity system
  - But in the **long-term**, when electric vehicles reach **greater market shares**,
  - the required electricity will **significantly impact power systems** in Europe



- **Electricity systems** and the combination of conventional and renewable generation plants **differ greatly within Europe**
- **Impact of electric vehicles** depends strongly on the degree of individual **electric mobility** in Europe



## 4.1 General impacts of electric vehicle charging for the grid operation

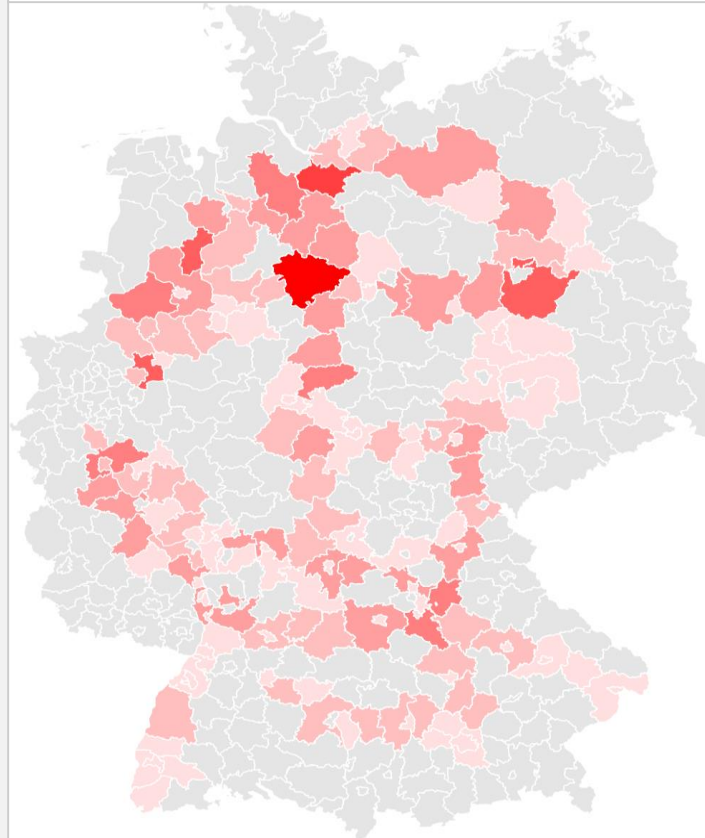
### Different procedures in charging of electric vehicles and their effects



#### Network-oriented charging

- **Reducing the stress** on the local distribution grids
    - Less equal-charging processes
  - **Smoothing** of load patterns
  - **Shifting** load-cycles to **night-times**
  - Crucial for the **higher penetration of EVs**
- 
- **Positive effects** depending on individual the **energy mix**

#### Regional distribution of electricity demand by catenary trucks (GER)



Source: Öko-Institut, 2019



#### RES\*-oriented charging

- Charging during **high RES-production**
  - **Increased** utilization of **decentralized RES-infrastructure** (workplaces, etc.)
  - Shifting charging-times **from night to day**
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- Important cornerstone to avoid **non-utilized RES-capacities**

\* Renewable Energy Systems

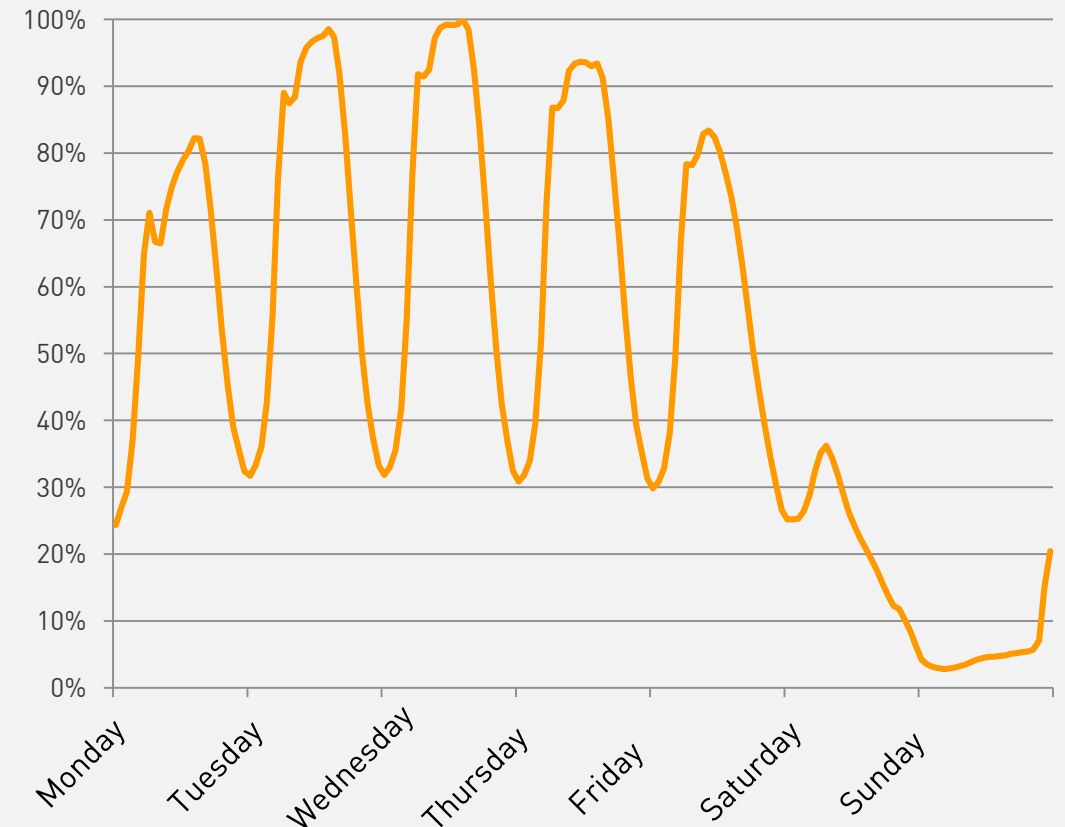
## 4.2 Implications of dynamic vehicle charging within road-freight transport

### Load distribution during the week

- › The extra load of catenary trucks is the **highest during the day** and is **reduced** by around **30% at night**
- › **On weekdays** between **7am** and **6pm** most trucks and semitrailers are operating. **In this period**, electricity demand from catenary trucks would be at a **high level**
- › **In the night hours** between **10pm** and **5am** the traffic volume of trucks and semi-trailers is typically **reduced to 30-40%** of the maximum demand.
- › **On weekends** the demand is significantly **below average**

- › **Catenary hybrid trucks** have a **high daily load distribution** with the **lowest demand on the weekend.**

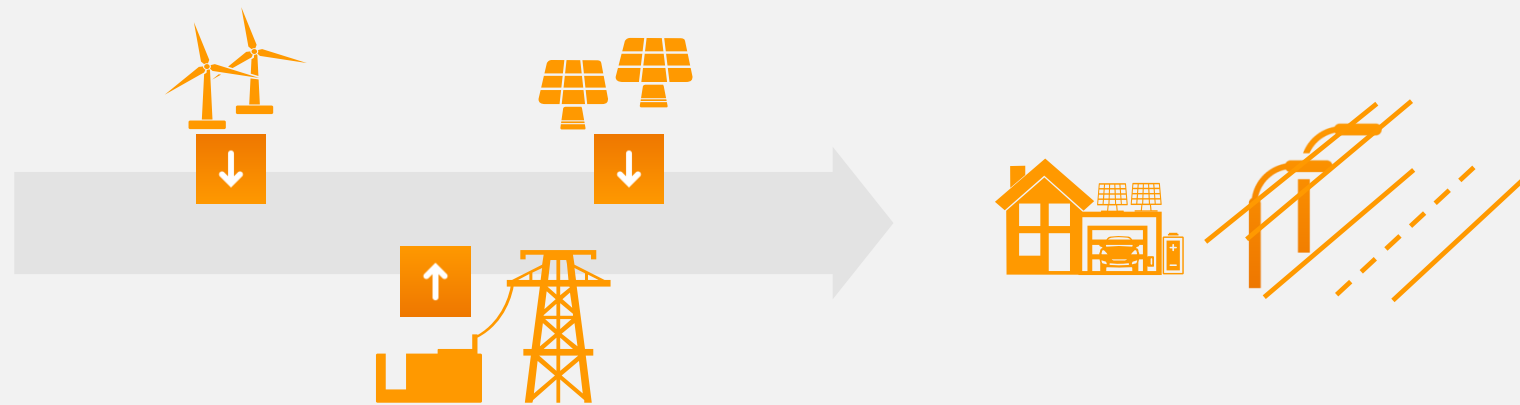
### Typical traffic of trucks and semitrailers on motorways during the week



Source: Öko-Institut, 2018

## 4.3 How the additional electricity demand can be covered

- **Additional electricity demand** needs to be met by **additional power generation**
  - Requirements for the **smart charging** of vehicles
  - **Integration of RES** into the existing grid infrastructure





- At the **national level**, the demand for charging power accounts for **only a small proportion of the total electricity demand**,
- at the **regional level**, the impact of catenary trucks on the **accumulated demand may be significantly greater**
- **Spatial distribution of residual loads** strongly depends on the individual RES expansion strategy



# 5 Summary & Discussion – challenges and potential developments (1/2)


## General challenges and developments in terms of road transport electrification

### > Transforming the transport sector is key to fulfill climate-related obligations


-  > Electrification of passenger cars **alone is not sufficient**
-  > Possible scenarios containing **different combinations of BEV, O-BEV, O-HEV\***

*\*BEV: Battery Electric Vehicle, O-BEV: Overheadline Battery Electric Vehicle, O-HEV: Overheadline Hybrid Electric Vehicle*

### > Electrification of the road transport underlies different and variable factors

- > **Technological, structural and regulative** aspects heavily influence the electrification process
-  > **Social acceptance** and the **associated effects** on consumer goods
- > Requirement towards **comprehensive policies** and **national transport strategies**

### > Economic competitiveness of electrifying concepts are **currently not given**

- > Transport sector is still **heavily reliant on conventional fuels**
- > **Optimal degree of electrification** (cost efficiency vs. security of supply)
-  > **High capital costs** and **development of charging infrastructure** are identified as the key barriers for electrification
- > Need for the **development of user-friendly billing models**
- > Separation between upstream and downstream infrastructure (**regulated and non-regulated area**)



## 5 Summary & Discussion – challenges and potential developments (2/2)

### Challenges related to the electrification of freight-transport through catenary trucks

- › **No alternative drive option** has yet been able to assert itself within **road-freight transport**
  - › Battery electric trucks in **regional/distribution** traffic with **advantages**
  - › In **long-distance transport**, given the higher requirements, **no clear technology preference**
- › **Catenary trucks represent a cornerstone**, but lack the potential to solve issues alone
  - › **Electrifying the transport** sector should be seen as **complementary** to the **existing rail transport system**



Source: Siemens AG.  
2015: BMVI, 2019

- › The **short-term CO2 reduction** contribution of catenary trucks is **relatively low**, but can be much higher in the long-term
- › With the increasing **decarbonization of electricity generation**, electric trucks will already reach a significant **climate advantage by 2030**
  - › Currently still **low CO2 advantage** compared to **diesel trucks**, but **by 2030** already **40% lower total emissions**

We are looking forward to welcoming you!



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