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# ALTERNATIVE FUELS

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# Workshop timeline

<b>09:30</b>	Introduction	UIC
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# Introduction

## Decarbonising rail

- **Electrification**
- **Partial electrification**
  - Hybridisation pantograph / combustion engine
  - Hybridisation pantograph / energy storage system (battery)
- **Alternatives to fossil fuels (for combustion engines)**
  - Renewable fuels

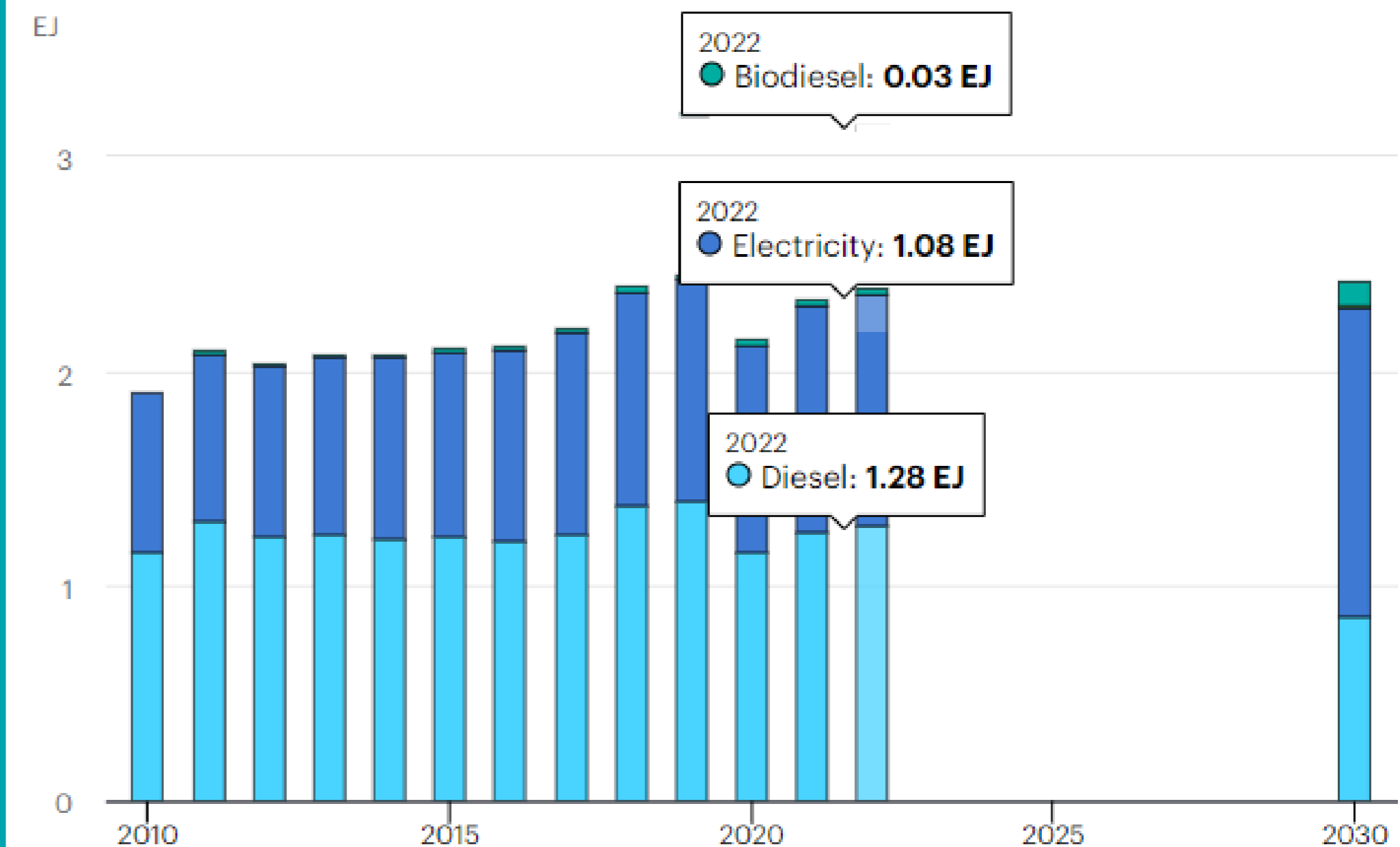
# Introduction

*Why is this important since in the EU, most of operations are ran on electrified tracks?*

In 2007, the EU only accounted for 15 % of the industrialised countries' use of diesel on the railways, whereas the consumption was dominated by the US (70 %) and growing. In the EU and in Canada liquid fuel consumption was decreasing (UIC 2007).

The IEA reports that in 2022, diesel still represent more than 50% of the energy consumption of rail worldwide (and biodiesel only a very small share).

Energy consumption for rail by fuel in the Net Zero Scenario, 2010-2030



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• Diesel Electricity Hydrogen Biodiesel

# Introduction

## Alternative fuels, what do we mean?

Alternatives to fossil diesel (and other fossil fuels).

These are **renewable fuels**:

- **Biofuels** (from biomass)
  - Pure biomass oil
  - Fatty acid methyl/ethyl ester (FAME / FAEE)
  - Processed biomass oil
    - Hydrotreated vegetable oil (HVO)
  - Biogas
- **Renewable fuels from non-biological origin (RFNBO)**
  - E-fuels
    - Hydrogen from electrolysis powered by renewable energy
      - Hydrogen for combustion
      - Hydrogen for fuel cells
    - E-ethanol, e-methane, e-ammonia, etc. from hydrotreatment
- **Recycled carbon fuels (RCF)**

They are considered renewable either:

- because they are produced from renewable energy and do not produce greenhouse gas when used (hydrogen, e-fuels),
- because their production implies carbon capture, making their use virtually “carbon neutral” (biomass/e-fuels/recycled)

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Pure vegetable oil (oil produced from oil plants through pressing, extraction or comparable procedures, crude or refined but chemically unmodified)	37	34
Biodiesel – fatty acid methyl ester (methyl-ester produced from oil of biomass origin)	37	33
Biodiesel – fatty acid ethyl ester (ethyl-ester produced from oil of biomass origin)	38	34
Biogas that can be purified to natural gas quality	50	—
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Existing use cases as replacement to fossil diesel

# Introduction

## Power and biomass-to-liquids (PBtL)

*Fuels obtained from the combination of renewable hydrogen (from electrolysis) and biogenic feedstocks, derived from biomass and containing both carbon and hydrogen.*

They come with the advantage to significantly improve the fuel yield from biogenic carbon.

To avoid the use of freshwater and minimise the impacts, biomass can be sourced **from waste and by-products** (see *Research for TRAN committee*).

These can then be used straight in **existing combustion engine rolling stock (without heavy modification)**



Beneficial aspects	Adverse aspects
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reduce gaseous (except nitrogen oxides) and particulate emissions</li> <li>• Minimal sulphur content</li> <li>• Higher cetane number and flash point</li> <li>• Higher density/viscosity</li> <li>• Improved lubricity</li> <li>• Biodegradable and low toxicity</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reduced energy content (by approx. 8-10%)</li> <li>• Increased fuel consumption</li> <li>• Increased nitrogen oxide</li> <li>• Poor low temperature starting &amp; operation</li> <li>• Poor oxidation stability and water absorption characteristics</li> <li>• Incompatibility with certain elastomers and natural rubbers</li> <li>• More rapid lubricating oil degradation</li> <li>• Degradation during long-term storage</li> </ul>



# Introduction

It was already identified benefits and disadvantages of using FAME in comparison to diesel:

Today comes in more knowledge and best practices from trials, pilot projects and adoption of FAME or HVO in rail,

Let's dig into it!

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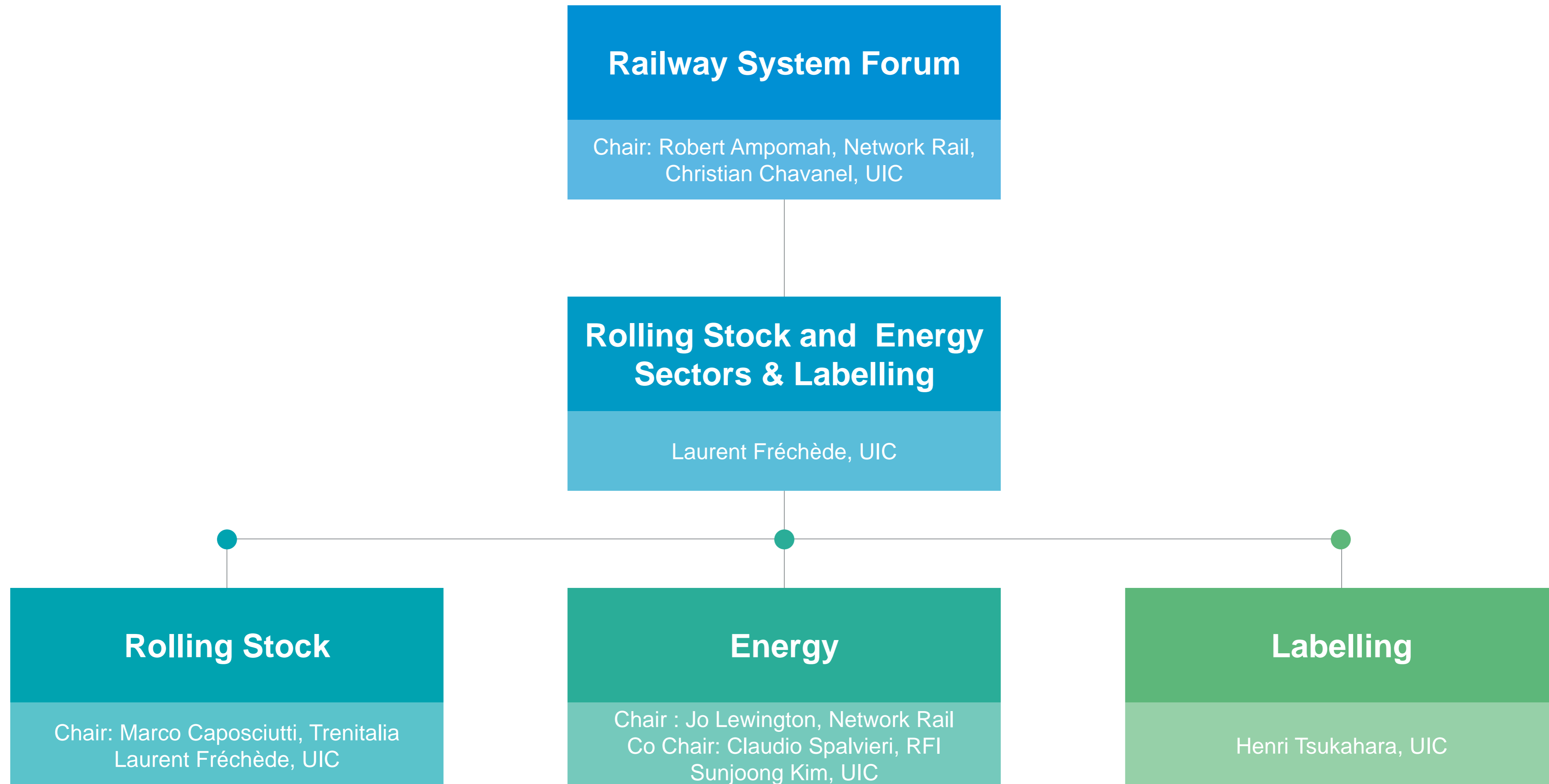
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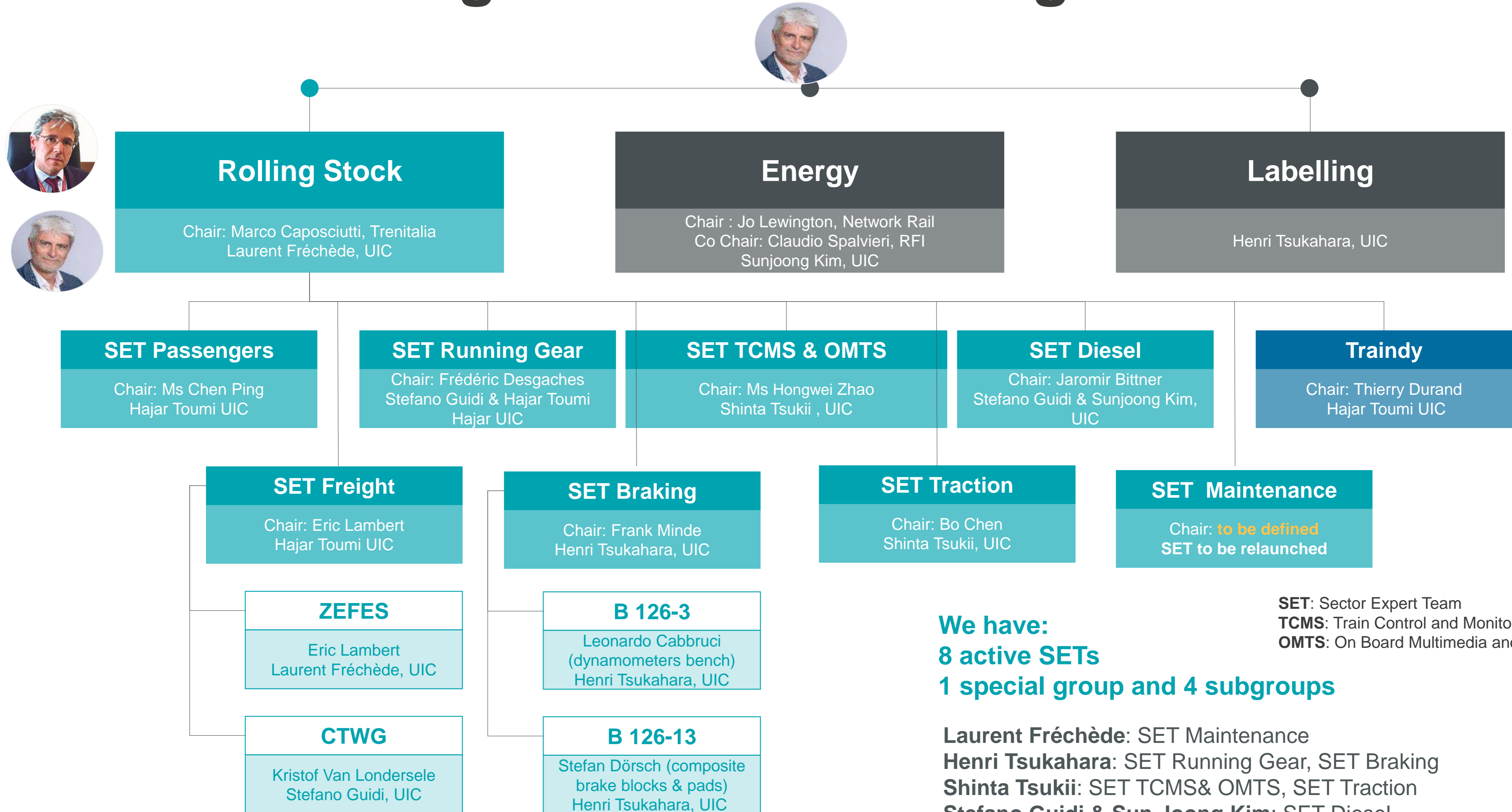
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# General organisation of Rolling Stock & Energy Sectors



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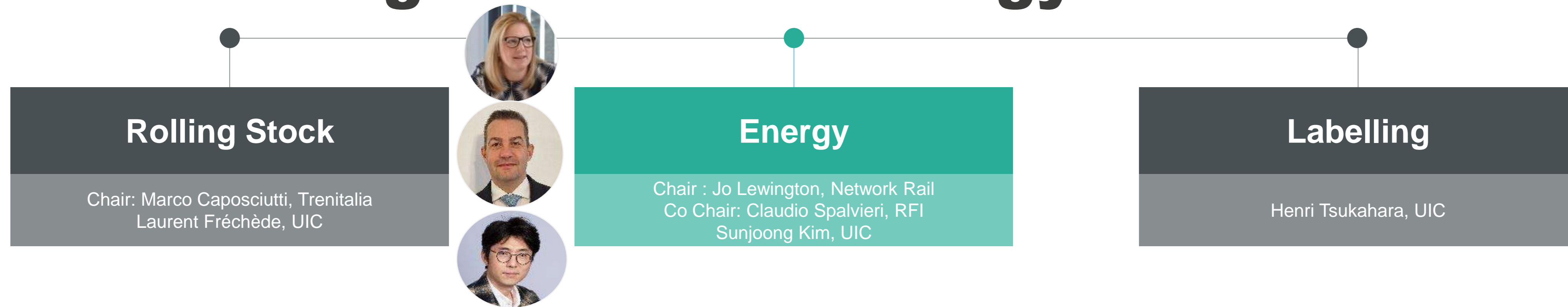


**We have:**  
**8 active SETs**  
**1 special group and 4 subgroups**

**SET:** Sector Expert Team  
**TCMS:** Train Control and Monitoring System  
**OMTS:** On Board Multimedia and Telematic Services

**Laurent Fréchède:** SET Maintenance  
**Henri Tsukahara:** SET Running Gear, SET Braking  
**Shinta Tsukii:** SET TCMS& OMTS, SET Traction  
**Stefano Guidi & Sun Joong Kim:** SET Diesel  
**Stefano Guidi & Toumi Hajar:** SET Running Gear  
**Hajar Toumi:** SET Passengers, SET Freight, Traindy

# General organisation of Energy Sector



This sector is more and more dynamic as Energy is very sensitive

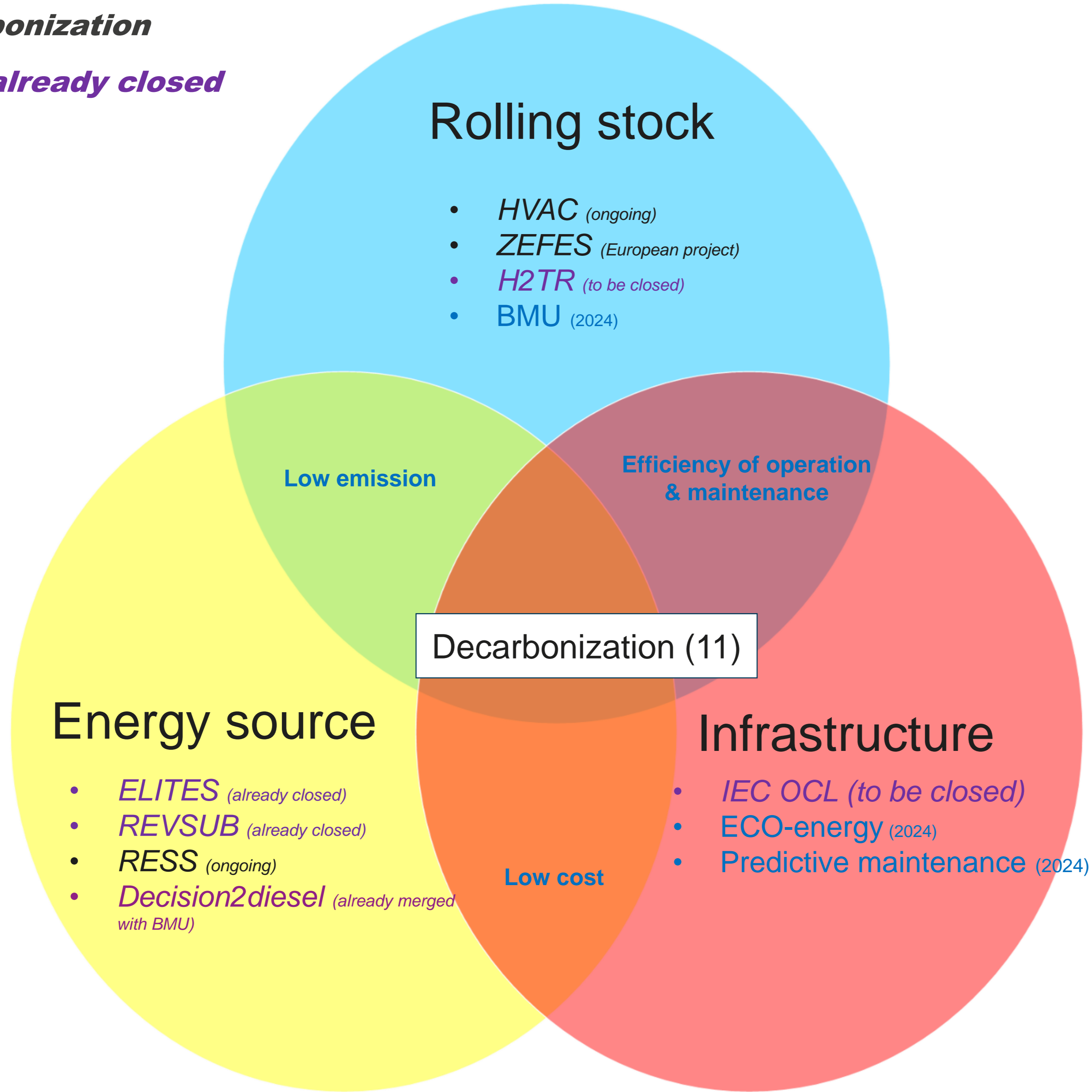
- Its cost increases and is randomized
- There is an urgent need for decarbonization
- New alternatives to diesel trains, from pure electric, to battery trains
- H<sub>2</sub> trains need their own supply stations

There are plenty of rail electrification projects all over the world, “transport greening”

- Battery
- Hydrogen
- Energy Storage
- Decision to Diesel

**Sector Expert Team (SET)**  
Sun Joong Kim: Energy & SET Diesel

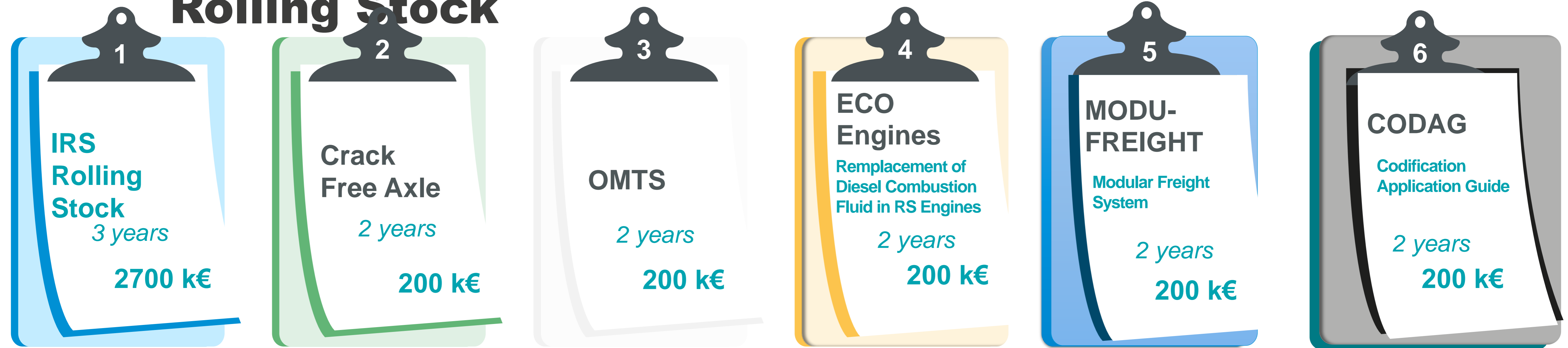
**11 OPTINs for decarbonization**  
**=> 3 ongoing OPTINs**  
**=> 5 to be closed or already closed**  
**=> 3 to be launched**



- In blue, the ones we plan to launch.
- In black, the existing ones
- In purple, those in the completion phase or already closed

# 1. REFOCUSING TECHNICAL PROJECTS (to be launched in 2025?)

## Rolling Stock



## Developed in collaboration with other UIC Platforms

Collaboration with:

- **RSF (Infrastructure)**: projects 1, 2, 4, 5, 6
- **Safety** Platform: projects 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
- **Security** Platform: project 1
- **Sustainability** Platform: projects 1, 4, 5, 6
- **Passenger**: projects 1, 2, 3, 4
- **Freight**: projects 1, 4, 5, 6

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# **UIC WORK PROGRAMME 2025**

**ECO ENGINES  
Rolling Stock Sector  
RSF/ 2025/ 897**

Shinta Tsukii, Senior Advisor

Project Management Workshop – 15th May 2024





# Project Summary

## Railway System/ Rolling Stock Sector

### Scope

- Many DMUs that are less than half their estimated lifetime in operation. Converting them for operation with natural gas or biogas will allow them to remain in operation during the second phase of their life.
- UIC could provide a methodology that can be used to reduce the emissions of diesel engines while other solutions involving the replacement of the thermal engine become mature.

### Duration & Cost

- From 01/2025 to 12/2026 - **2** years
- Per year : 100k € - Total 200k €



# Objectives, Drivers & Benefits

## Objectives

- Identifying best practices, good KPIs and a decision-making tool on solutions of replacement fluid for diesel combustion fuels

## Drivers

- Greenhouse gas emission reduction targets

## Benefits

- A methodology that can be used to reduce the emissions of diesel engines while other solutions involving the replacement of the thermal engine become mature (see specific situation of the diesel locomotives)
- This can be used in EUROPE and other Regions



# Key Points

## Key Point 1

- Solutions to be applied to existing rolling stock while awaiting alternative solutions for all use cases (see locomotives for freight or heavy passenger trains)

## Key Point 2

- 20% of the kilometres worked by multiple units are done by DMUs
- 44% of the lines in Europe are not electrified

## Key Point 3

- Hydrogen cells and traction batteries produce a limited power not sufficient for freight locomotives for instance



# Deliverables, Dependencies & Support

## Deliverables

- State of the art [deadline on 30/06/2025]
- Methodology for choice making [deadline on 31/03/2026]
- IRS + software [deadline on 31/12/2026]

## Dependencies

## Support

- Sector Expert Team on Diesel(SET12), Traction(SET11) and Data Communication & Driver's Cab(SET08)
- UIC Sustainability Unit
- Manufacturers, Risk Assessment Bodies or Research centers

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# Alternative fuels workshop

Alternatives to fossil fuels in rail



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**RVO**

*Netherlands' Enterprise (Gov.) Agency*

**Renewable Energy Directive, HVO & biofuels**

**Paul Sinnige**

*Strategic advisor sustainable fuels and feedstock*



Rijksdienst voor Ondernemend  
Nederland

# EU Renewable fuel for transport policy (RED) HVO & other biofuels

UIC Alternative Fuels workshop  
Paris, June 11 2024

Paul Sinnige  
RVO, Netherlands Energy Agency

>> *Duurzaam, Agrarisch, Innovatief  
en Internationaal ondernemen*

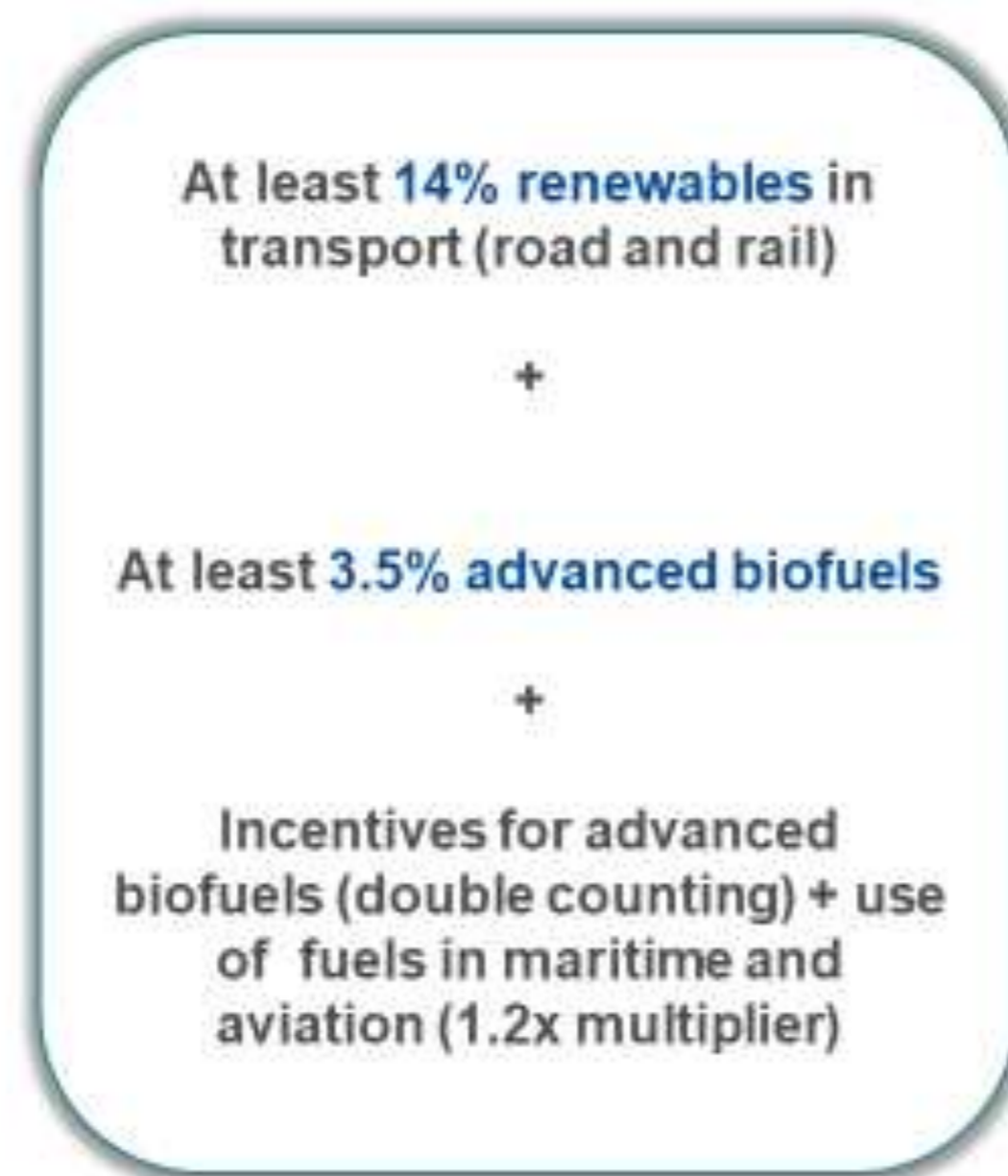




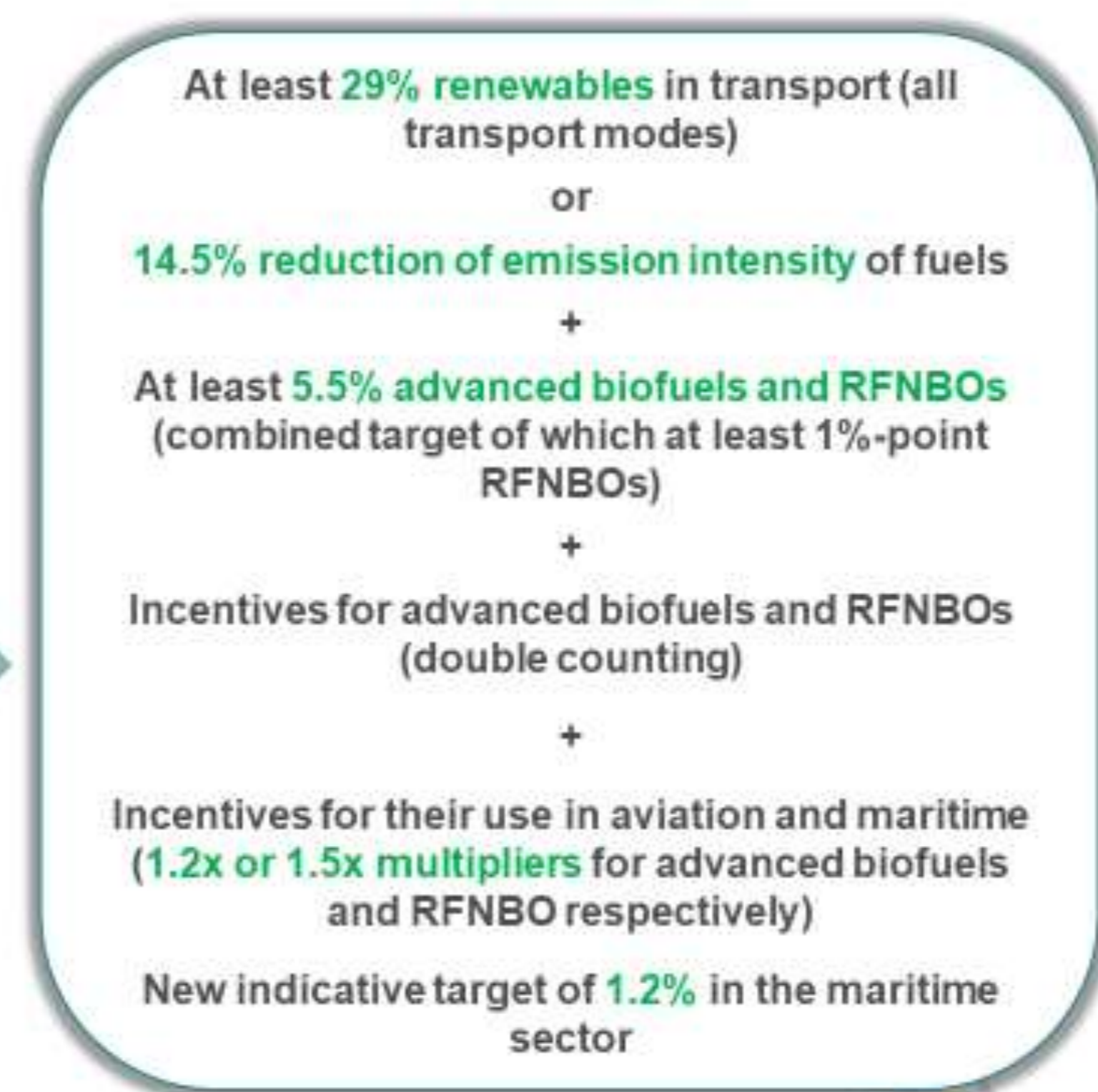
# Main changes RED II to III for transport

## Transport targets

### REDII



### Revised RED



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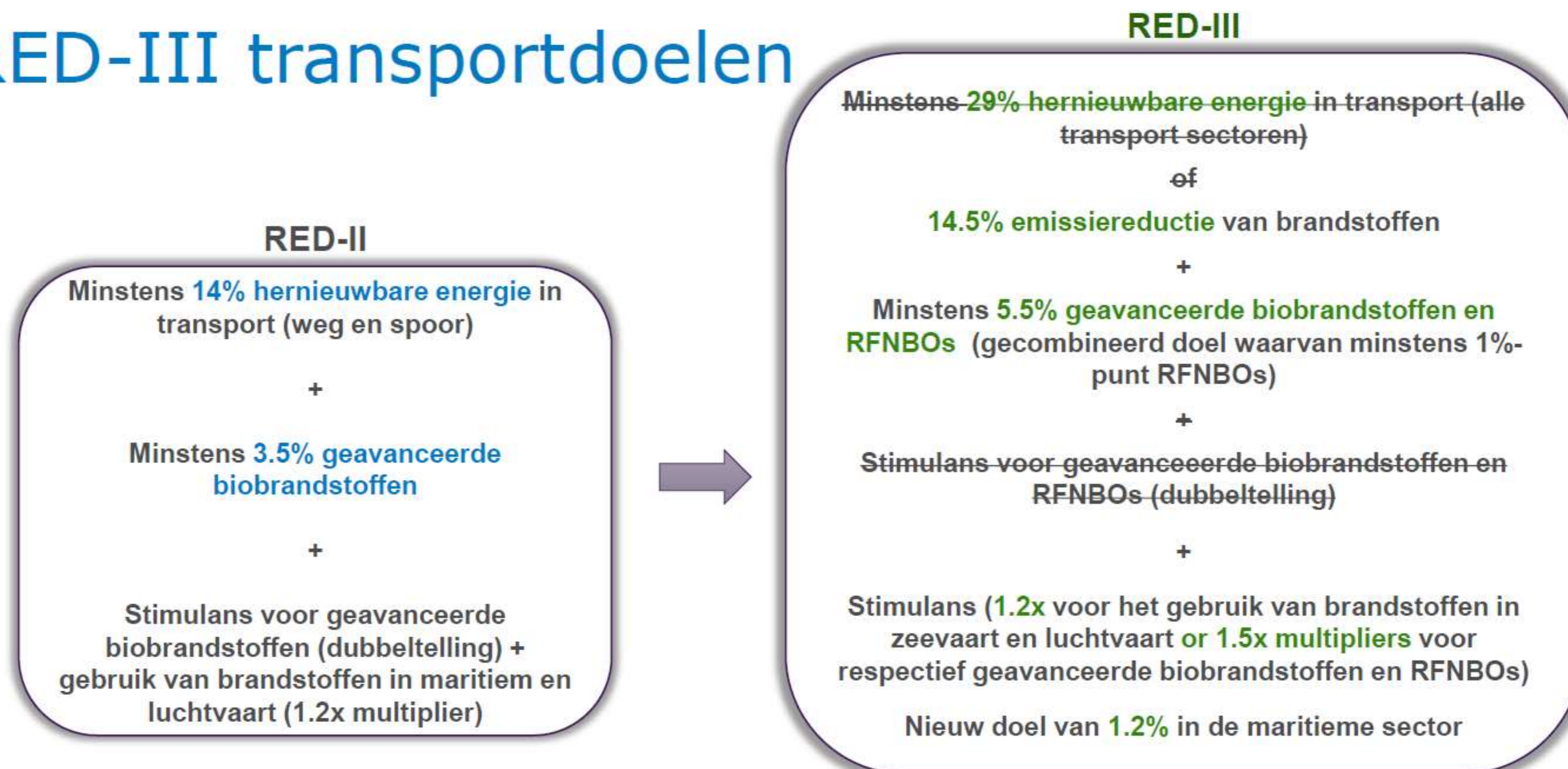


European Commission



# Implementation in the Netherlands

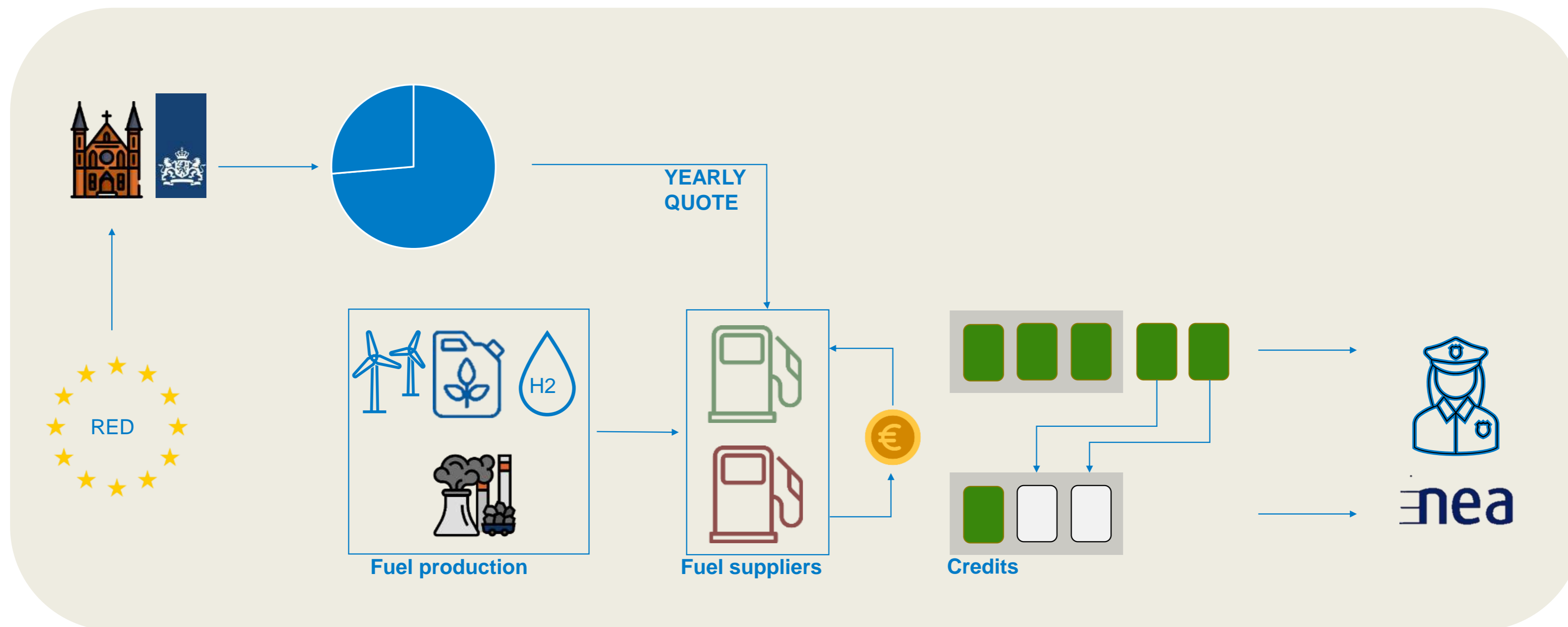
## RED-III transportdoelen



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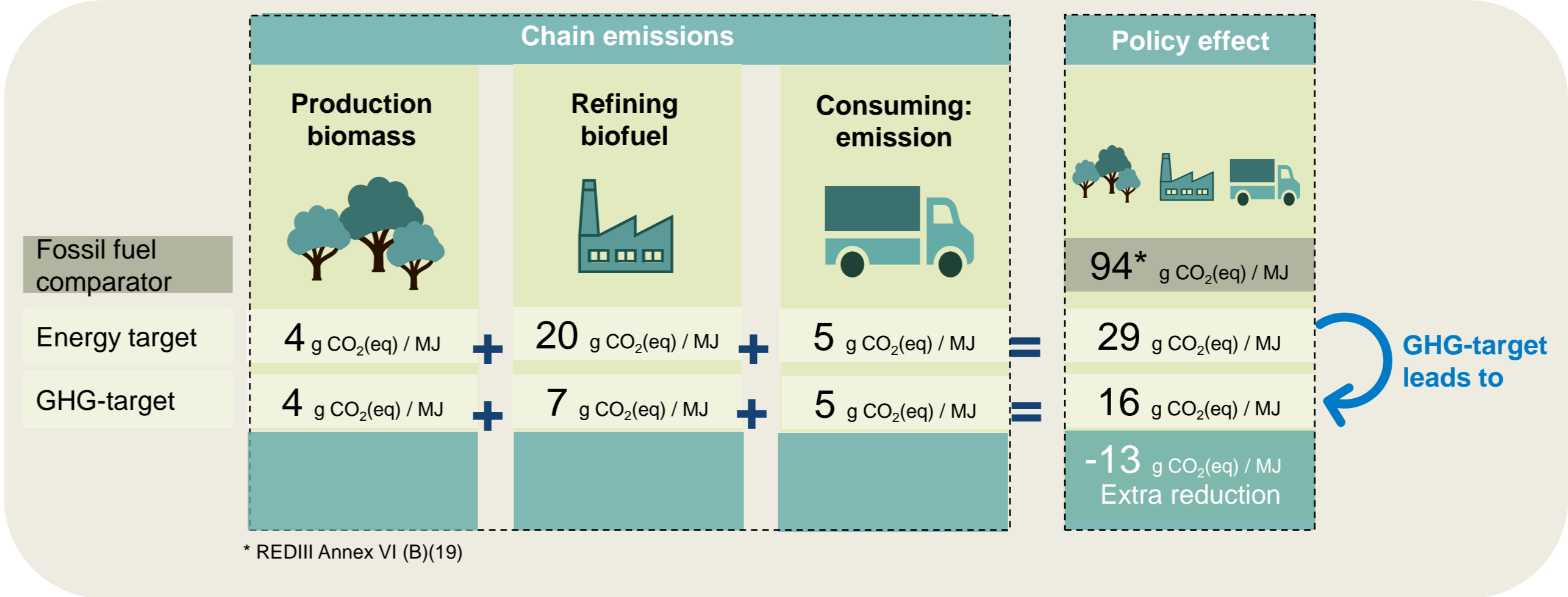
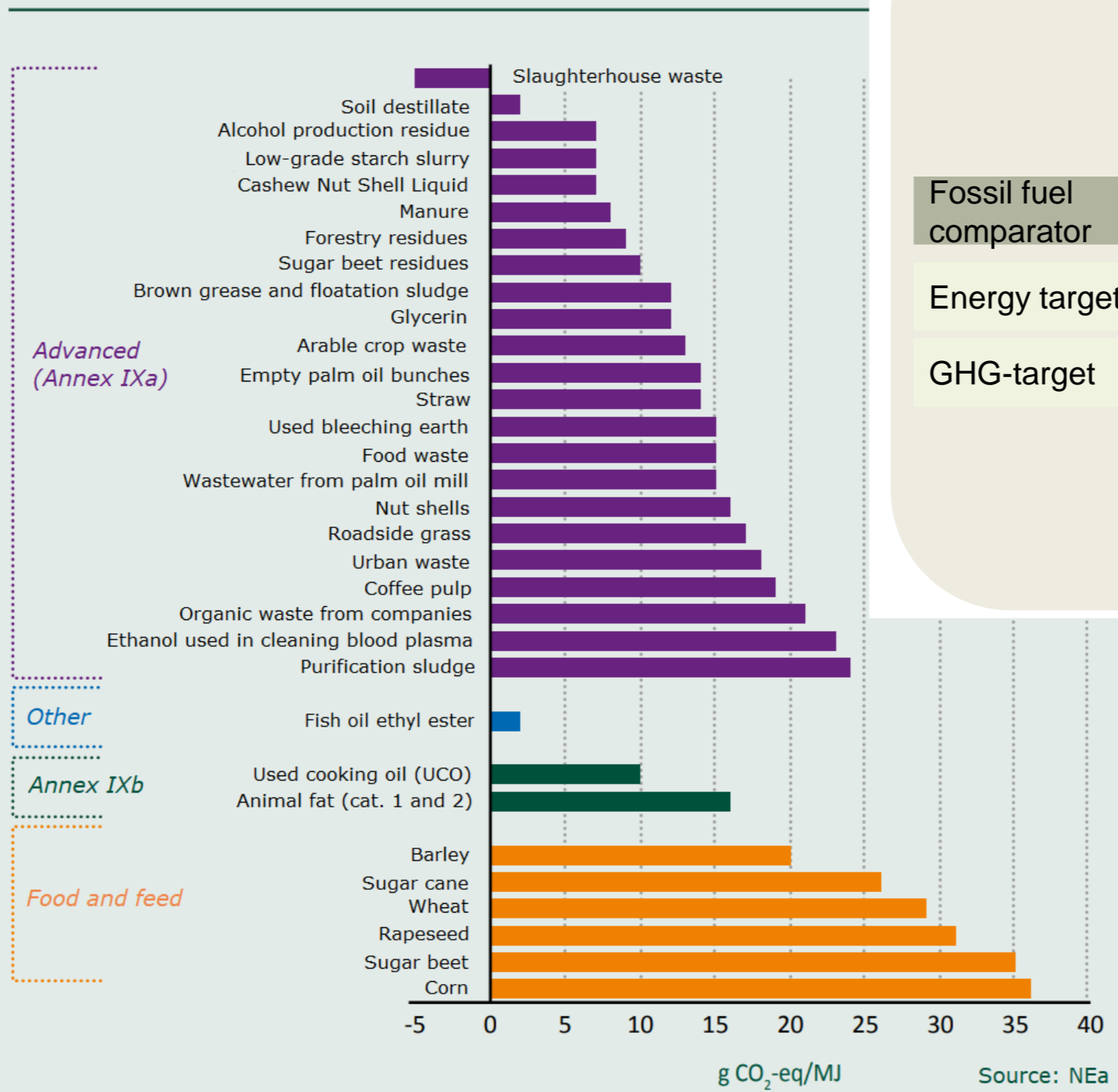
# Dutch System Renewable Energy in transport





# Netherlands will pivot to GHG-target

Weighted averages emission factors per raw material in 2022



WHY?

Straight to our goal

Incentivise best performance

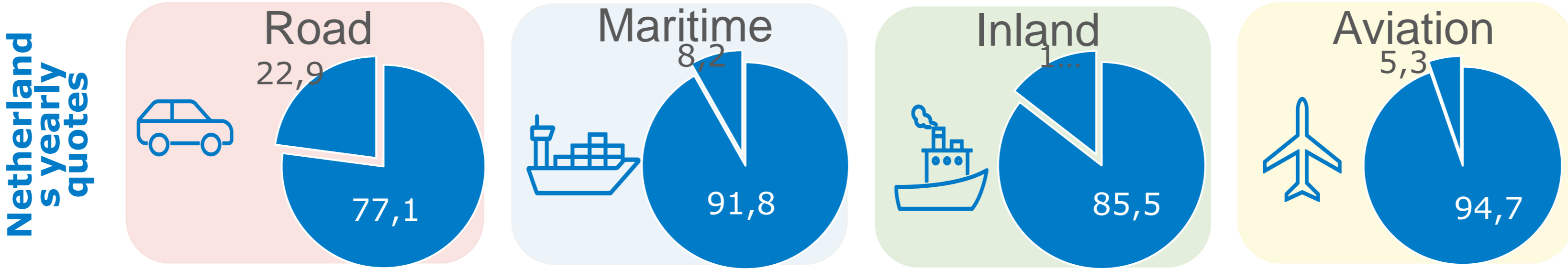
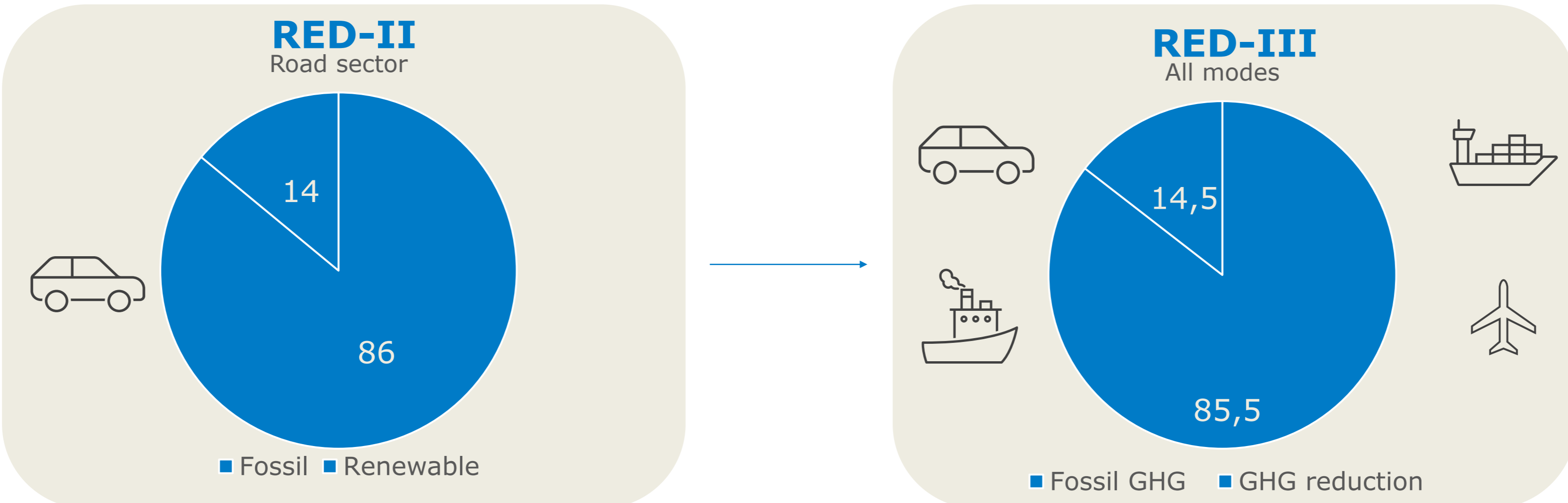
No double counting

Challenge

Increasing reliance on PoS and UDB



# Netherlands to set mode specific targets





# Advanced Biofuels

- Based on feedstock listed in Annex IX REDII (EU) 2018/2001
- Double counted towards the obligation and/or subject to subtarget
- Amended March 2024

Part A. Feedstocks for the production of biogas for transport and advanced biofuels, the contribution of which towards the minimum shares referred to in the first and fourth subparagraphs of Article 25(1) may be considered to be twice their energy content:

- Algae if cultivated on land in ponds or photobioreactors;
- Biomass fraction of mixed municipal waste, but not separated household waste subject to recycling targets under point (a) of Article 11(2) of Directive 2008/98/EC;
- Biowaste as defined in point (4) of Article 3 of Directive 2008/98/EC from private households subject to separate collection as defined in point (11) of Article 3 of that Directive;
- Biomass fraction of industrial waste not fit for use in the food or feed chain, including material from retail and wholesale and the agro-food and fish and aquaculture industry, and excluding feedstocks listed in part B of this Annex;
- Straw;
- Animal manure and sewage sludge;
- Palm oil mill effluent and empty palm fruit bunches;
- Tall oil pitch;
- Crude glycerine;
- Bagasse;
- Grape marcs and wine lees;
- Nut shells;
- Husks;
- Cobs cleaned of kernels of corn;
- Biomass fraction of wastes and residues from forestry and forest-based industries, namely, bark, branches, pre-commercial thinnings, leaves, needles, tree tops, saw dust, cutter shavings, black liquor, brown liquor, fibre sludge, lignin and tall oil;
- Other non-food cellulosic material;
- Other ligno-cellulosic material except saw logs and veneer logs.

Part B. Feedstocks for the production of biofuels and biogas for transport, the contribution of which towards the minimum share established in the first subparagraph of Article 25(1) shall be limited and may be considered to be twice their energy content:

- Used cooking oil;
- Animal fats classified as categories 1 and 2 in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1069/2009.



# Annex IX RED II amended (1)

Feedstocks added in Part A:

- (r) Fusel oils from alcoholic distillation;
- (s) Raw methanol from kraft pulping stemming from the production of wood pulp;
- (t) Intermediate crops, such as catch crops and cover crops that are grown in areas where due to a short vegetation period the production of food and feed crops is limited to one harvest and provided their use does not trigger demand for additional land, and provided the soil organic matter content is maintained, where used for the production of biofuel for the aviation sector;
- (u) Crops grown on severely degraded land, except food and feed crops, where used for the production of biofuel for the aviation sector;
- (v) Cyanobacteria.”; (c) Damaged crops that are not fit for use in the food or feed chain, excluding substances that have been intentionally modified or contaminated in order to meet this definition;
- (d) Municipal wastewater and derivatives other than sewage sludge;
- (e) Crops grown on severely degraded land excluding food and feed crops and feedstocks listed in Part A of this Annex, where not used for the production of biofuel for the aviation sector;
- (f) Intermediate crops, such as catch crops and cover crops, and excluding feedstocks listed in Part A of this Annex, that are grown in areas where due to a short vegetation period the production of food and feed crops is limited to one harvest and provided their use does not trigger demand for additional land and provided the soil organic matter content is maintained, where not used for the production of biofuel for the aviation sector.



## Annex IX RED II amended (2)

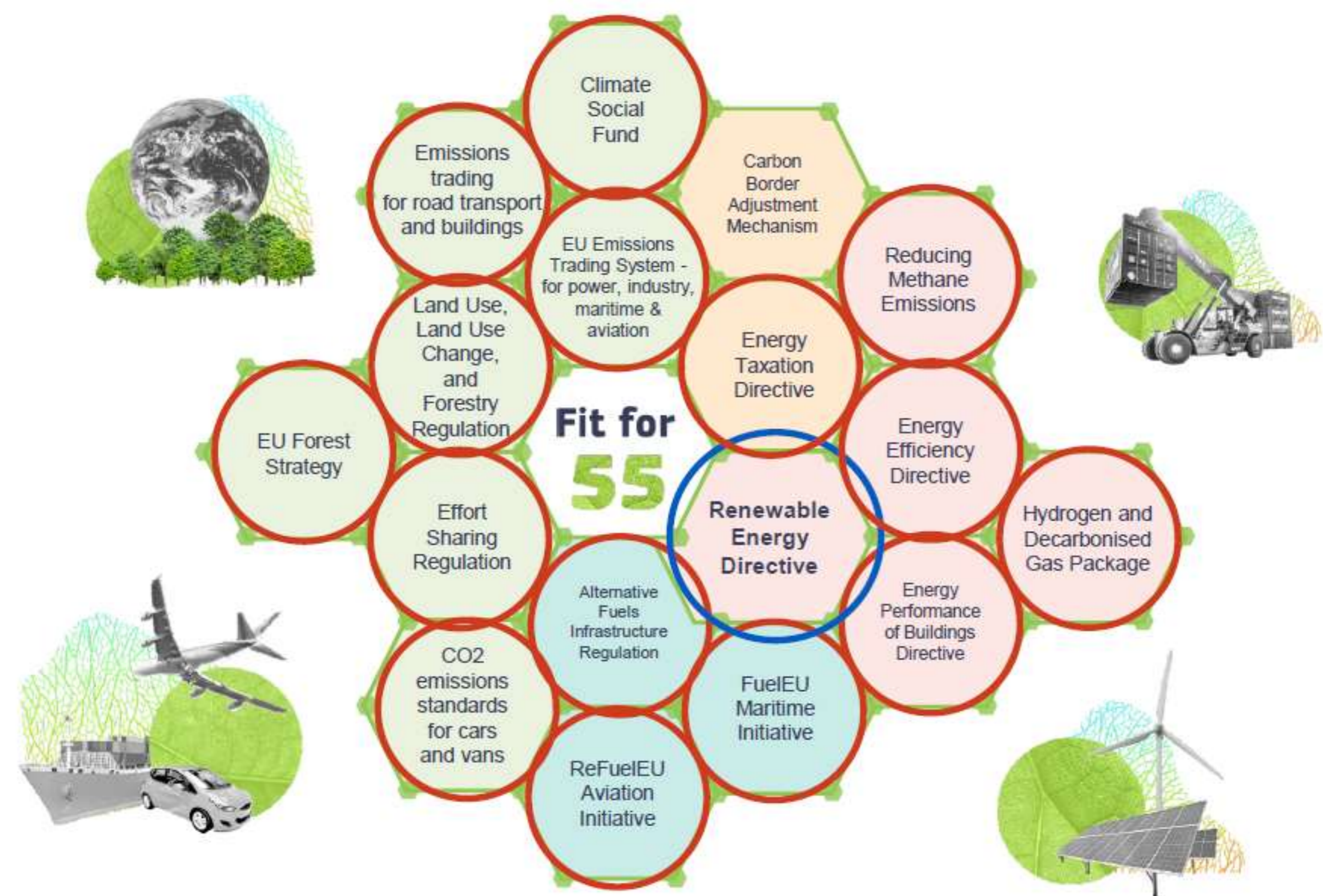
Feedstocks added in Part B:

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# Transport provisions as part of Fit for 55





# Types of steering mechanisms in FF55

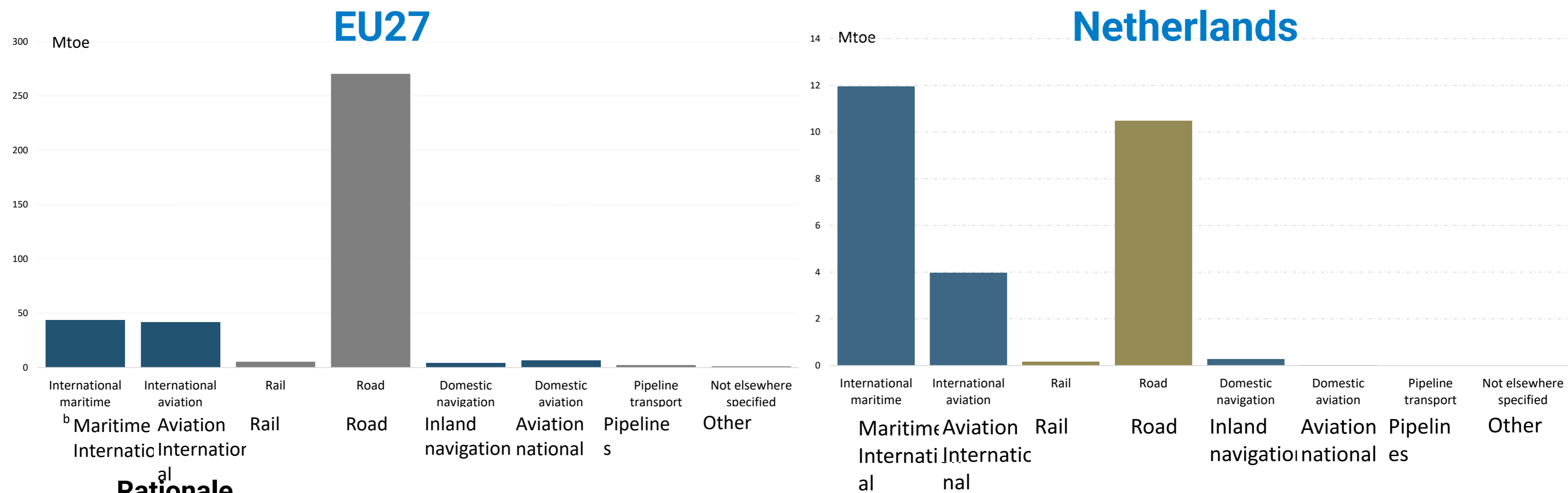
Mandated share of renewables	GHG intensity reduction
<p>RED II</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>e.g. minimum 14% renewable energy in fuel mix by 2030</li></ul>	<p>RED III</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>e.g. -14.5% GHG emission intensity by 2030</li></ul>
<p>ReFuelEU Aviation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>e.g. minimum 5% of SAF in fuel mix by 2030</li></ul>	<p>FuelEU Maritime</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>e.g. -6% GHG emission intensity by 2030</li></ul>
	<p>Energy Taxation Directive (ETD)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>e.g. minimum tax tariff categories dependent on GHG emission intensity</li></ul>

Effective GHG emission reduction
<p>ETS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>e.g. -61% overall GHG emissions in these sectors compared to 2005</li></ul>
<p>ETS II</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>e.g. -43% overall GHG emissions in these sectors compared to 2005</li></ul>
<p>Effort Sharing Regulation (ESR)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>e.g. -48% GHG emissions in these sectors in the Netherlands compared to 2005</li></ul>



# Energy consumption in the transport sector in 2019 EU 27 and Netherlands compared



## Rationale

- Maritime has large role in fuel consumption in the Netherlands
- International Maritime Organisation (IMO) emission reduction targets will soon also require renewable fuels (currently, emission reductions via renewable fuels/energy carriers are not yet included in IMO-regulation)
- Proposed FuelEU Maritime aims at decreasing the carbon intensity of fuels used; this supports the use of renewable fuels in this sector

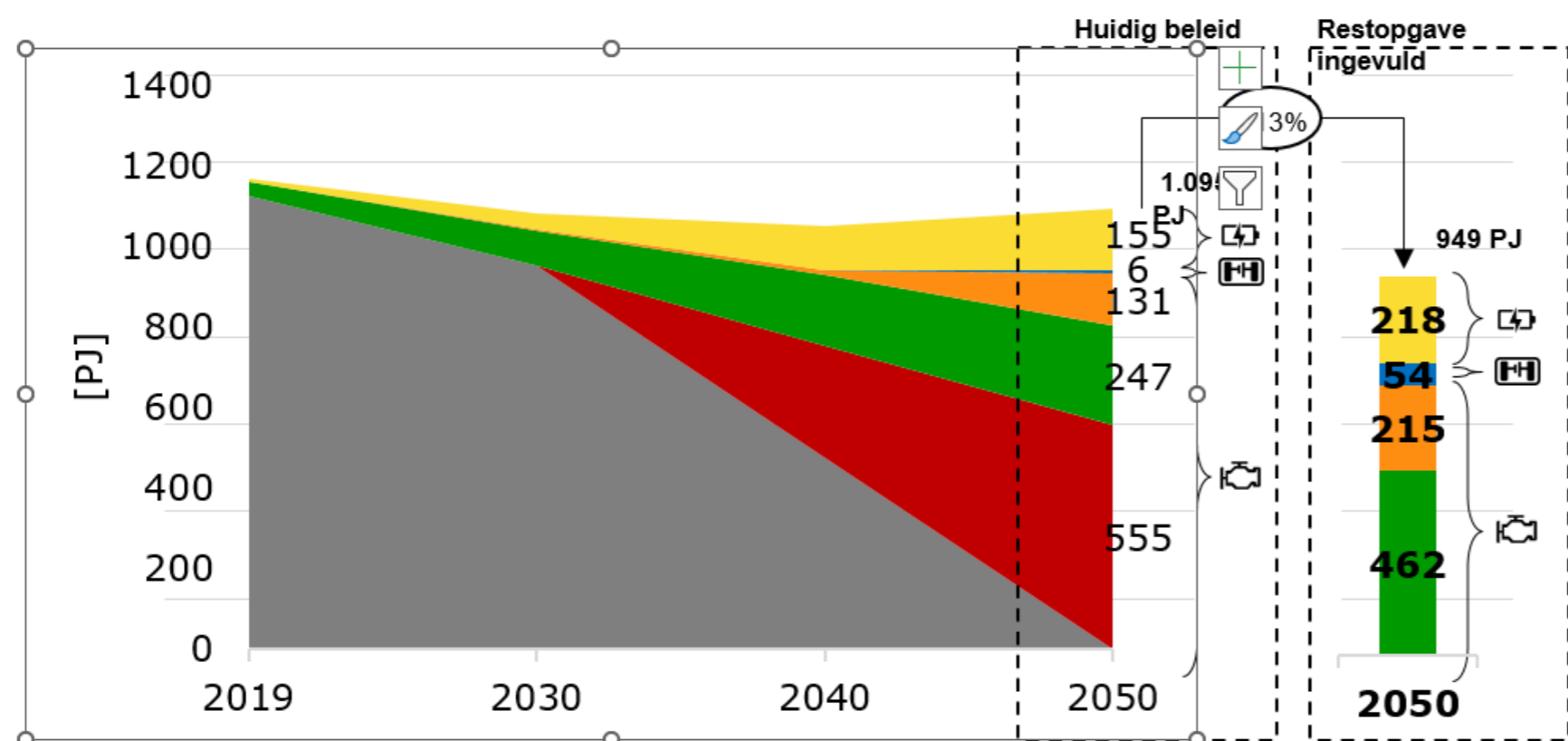
Based on Eurostat data, complete energy balances [NRG\_BAL\_C]



# NL National Plan Energy systems 2050

NPE-doorrekening alle modaliteiten op basis van vastgesteld en voorgenomen beleid tot 2050 (PJ) met separaat een beargumenteerd eindbeeld 2050 waarbij de restopgave is ingevuld

■ Fossiel ■ Restopgave ■ Biobrandstoffen ■ Waterstof ■ Elektriciteit ■ E-fuels



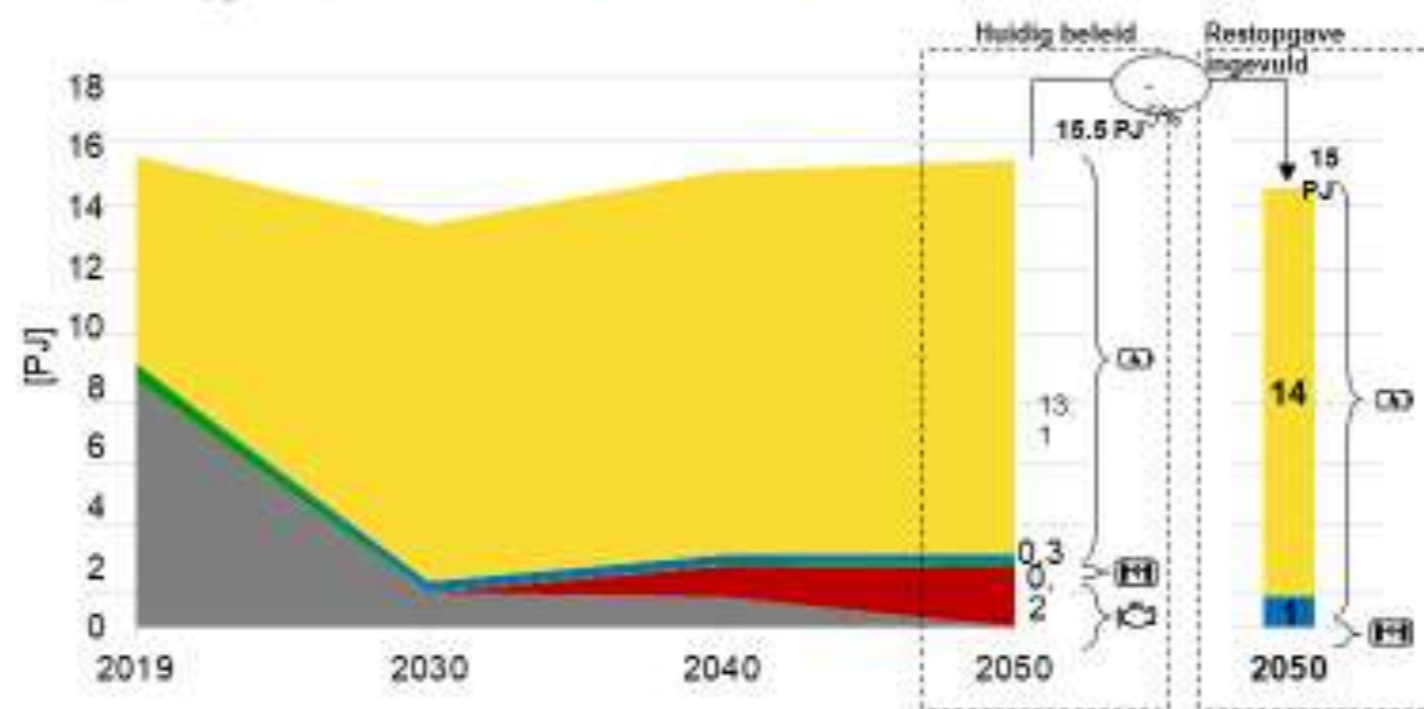
Huidig beleid laat een restopgave over van 555 PJ, die in de praktijk waarschijnlijk nog ingevuld wordt door verbrandingsmotoren met fossiele brandstoffen

Hogere mate van elektrificatie + gebruik van brandstofcellen leidt tot een vermindering van de totale energievraag d.m.v. een hogere efficiëntie

## All transport modes

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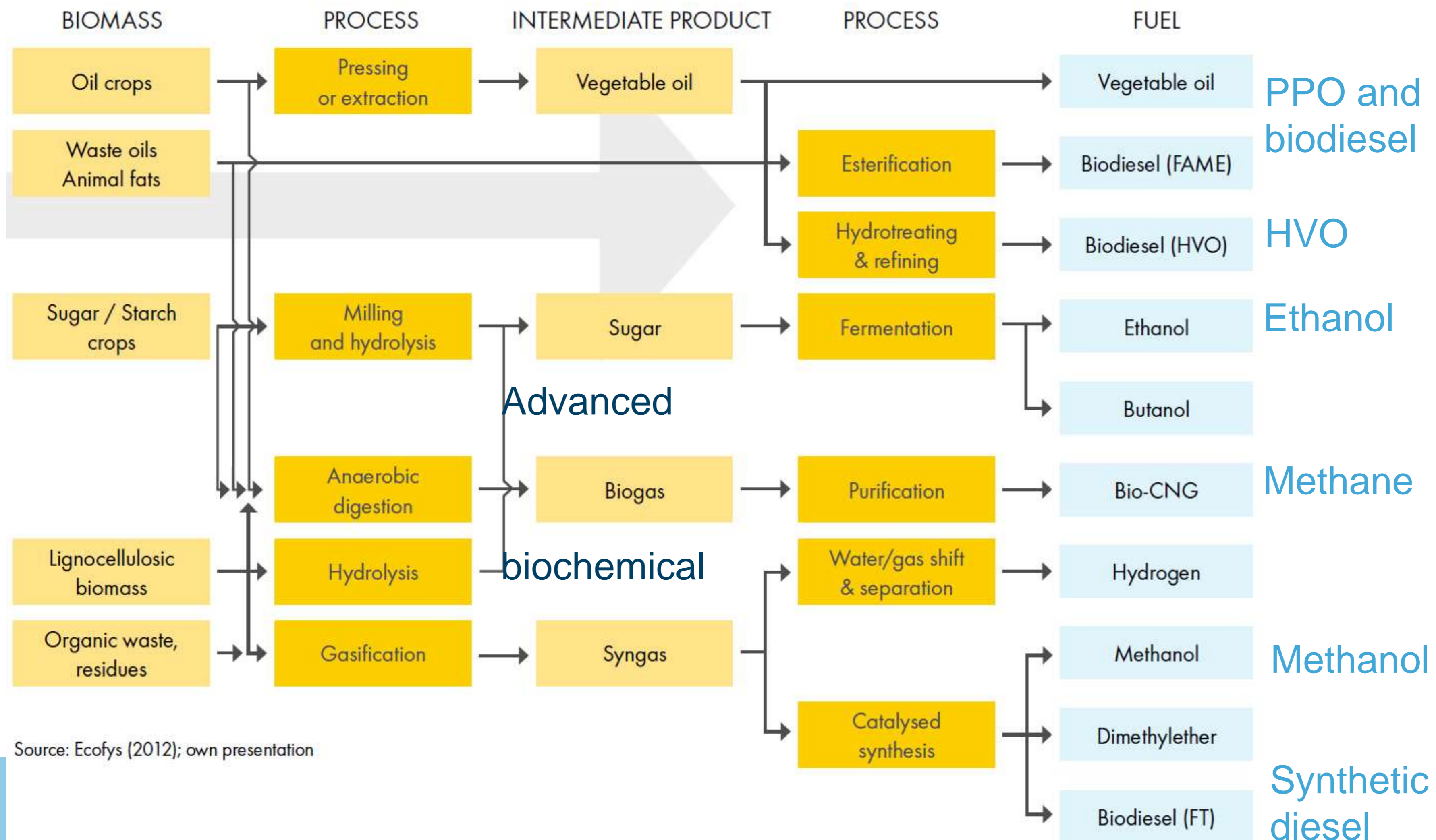
Huidig beleid laat een restopgave over van 2 PJ, die in de praktijk waarschijnlijk nog ingevuld wordt door verbrandingsmotoren met fossiele brandstoffen

Hogere mate van elektrificatie + gebruik van brandstofcellen leidt tot een vermindering van de totale energievraag d.m.v. een hogere efficiëntie

## Public transport



# Biofuel production routes

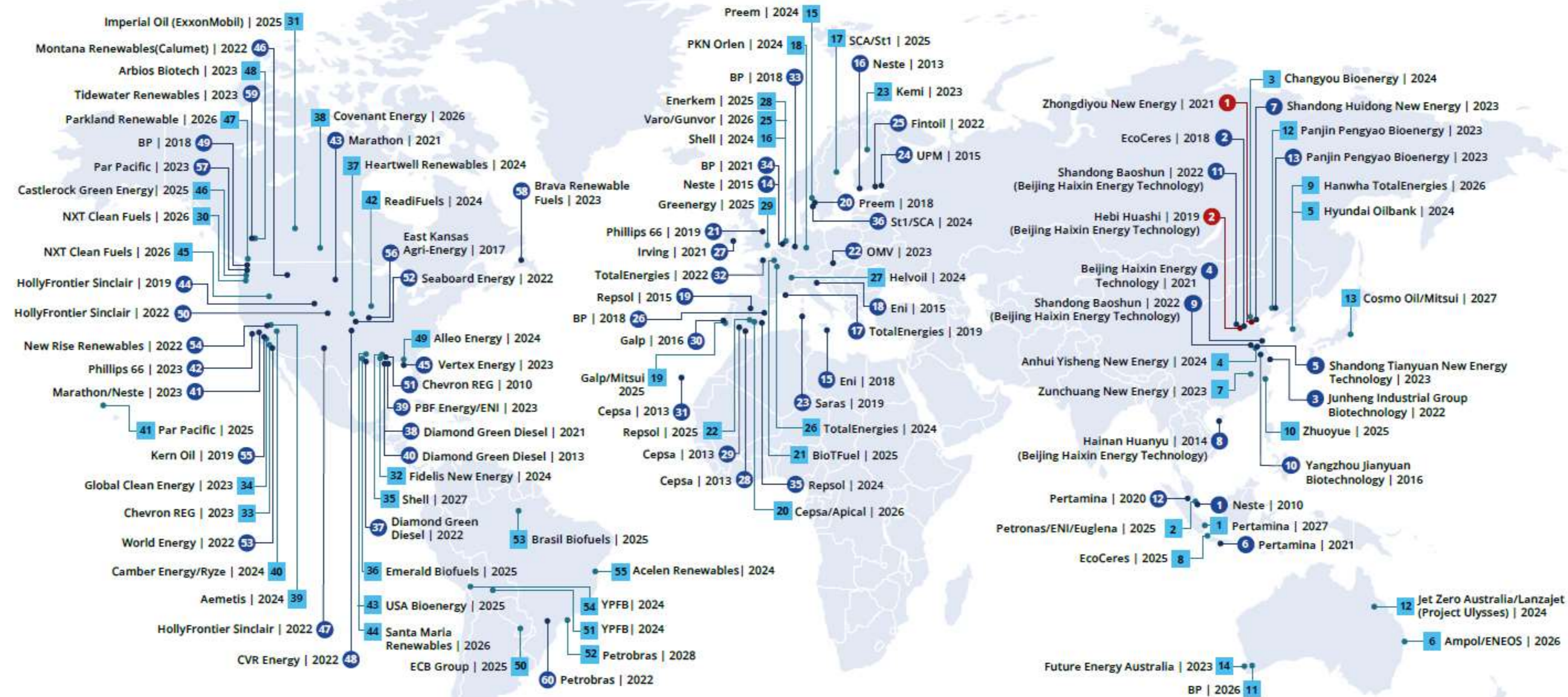


Source: Ecofys (2012); own presentation

# HVO/Renewable Diesel Capacity Map

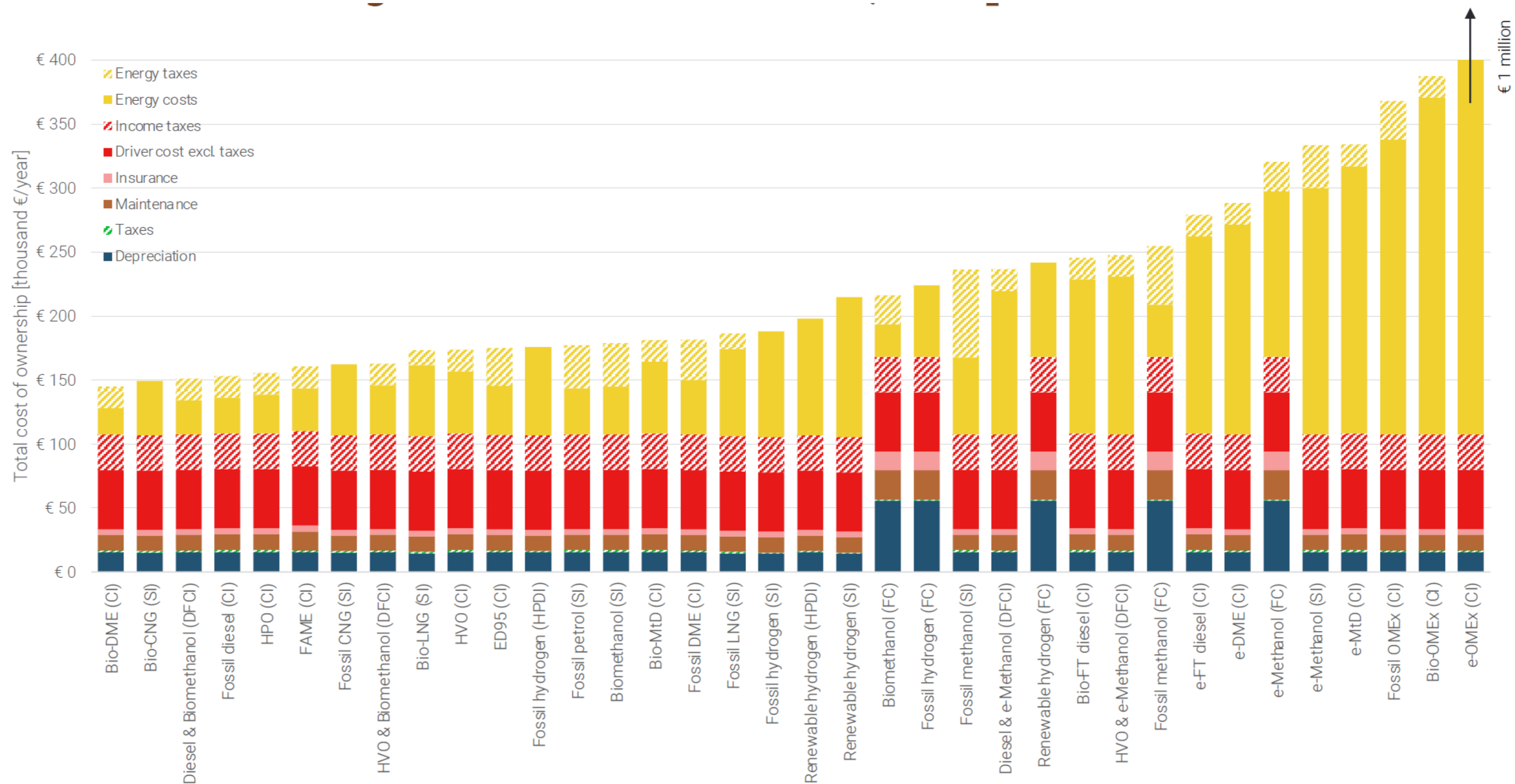
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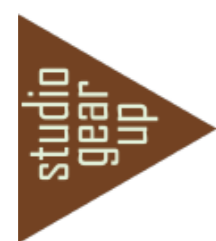
# Comparing total cost of ownership (HD)



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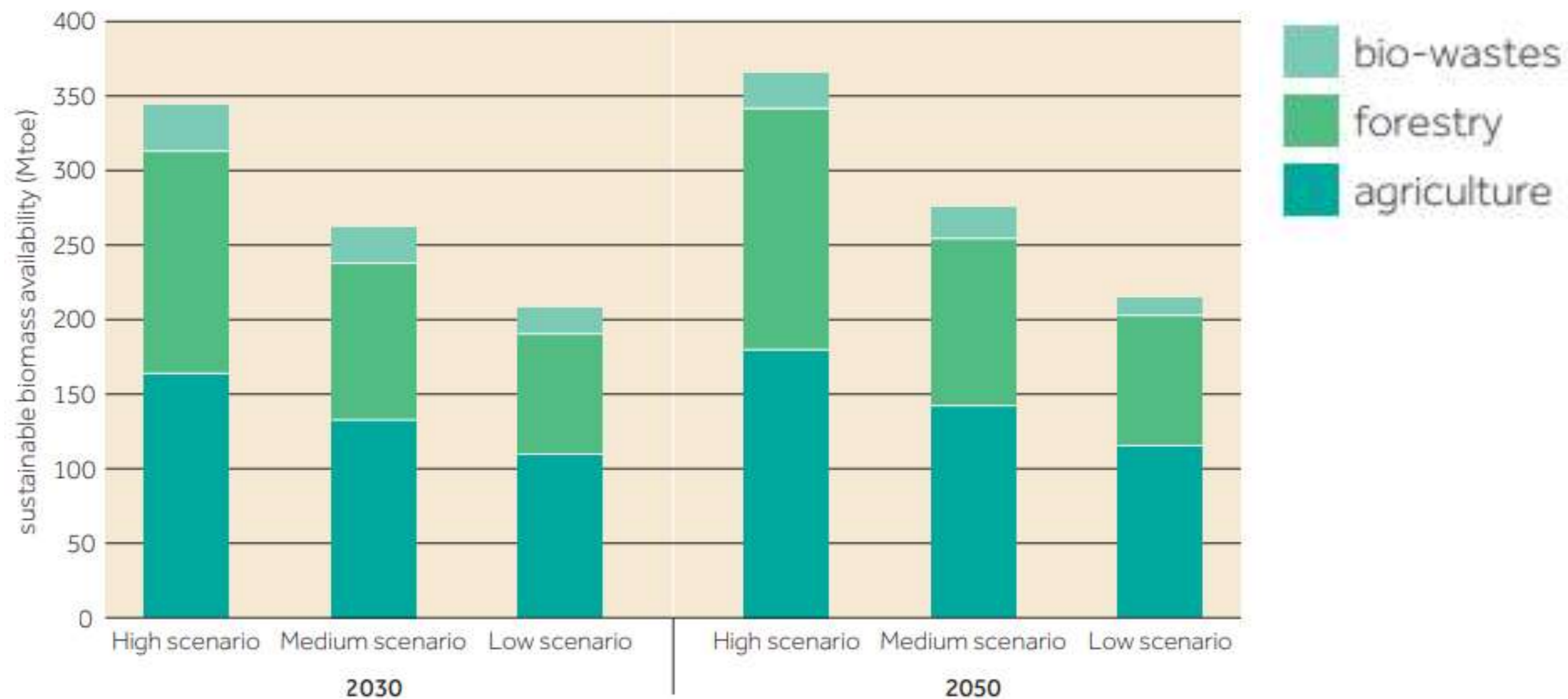
\* Note that all renewable fuels in the study are subject to energy content compensation for excise duties (Handboek Accijns 4.7.2)





# Sustainable biomass availability in EU

Figure 6: Sustainable biomass availability (feedstocks included in RED II Annex IX, Parts A and B) for bioenergy in 2030 and 2050 as estimated in the Imperial College study







# Feedstock types agricultural production

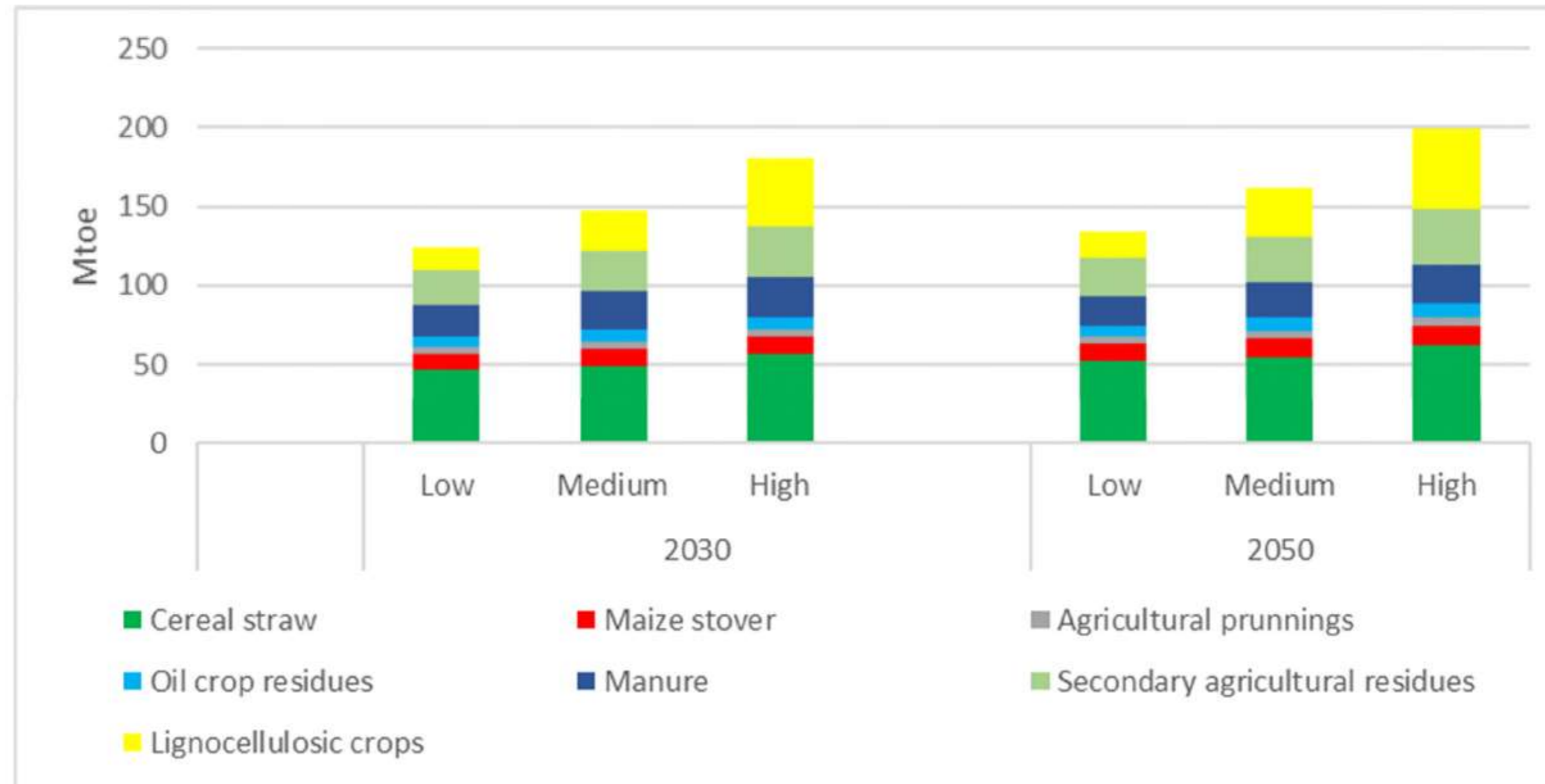


Figure 4 Estimated sustainable biomass potentials for all markets per feedstock type for 2030 and 2050 in Mtoe

Source: Sustainable biomass availability in the EU, to 2050, Imperial Collage London



# EU distribution agricultural biomass

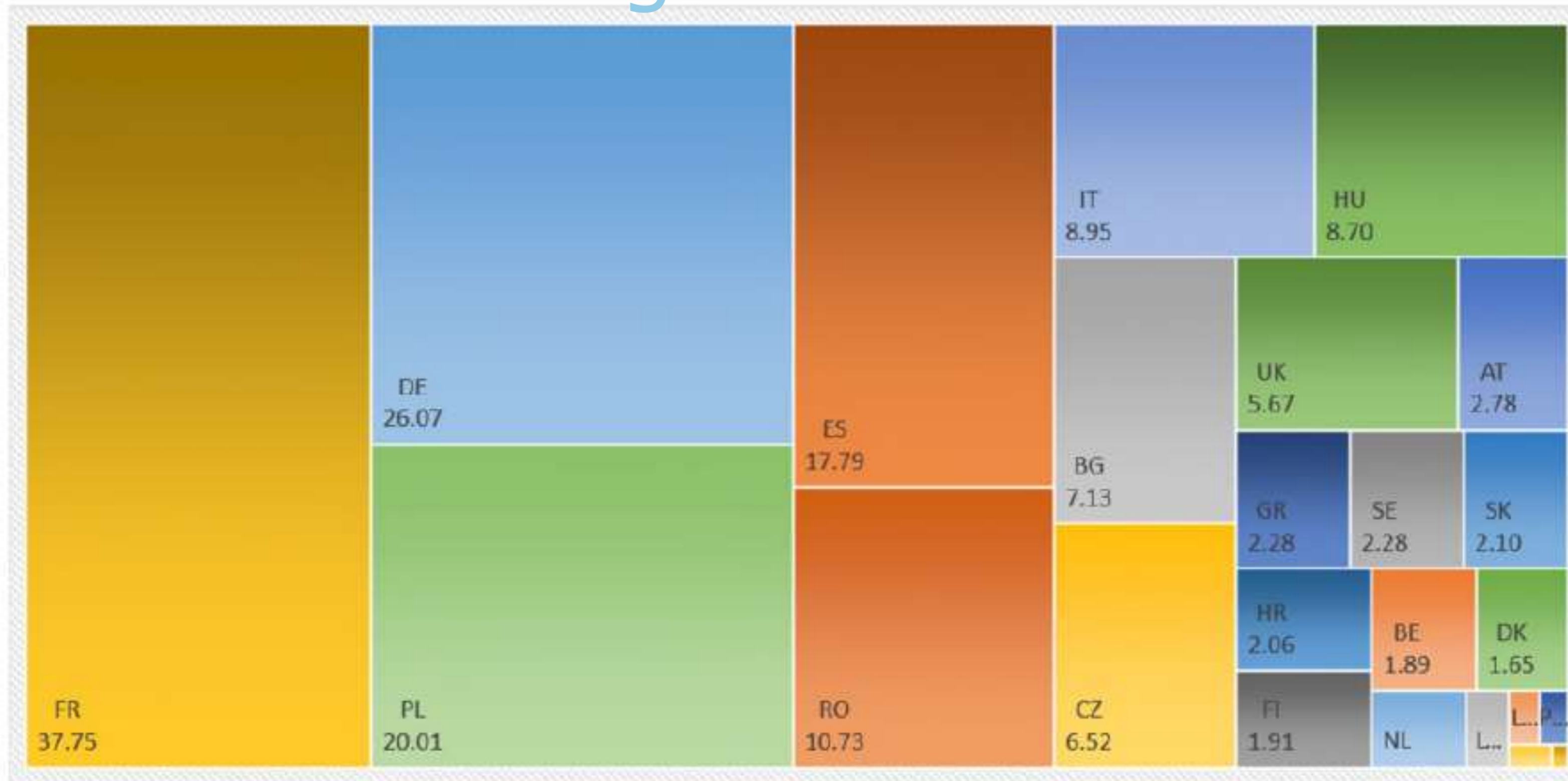


Figure 5 Geographic distribution of agricultural biomass from cereal straw, maize stover, oilseed crop field residues and agricultural prunnings in EU27 & UK (in million dry tonnes for 2030- Low mobilisation scenario). (See Annex X for country names)



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# Thank You!

Questions?

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# AERRL

*Association of European Rail Rolling Stock Lessors*

**Study on alternatives to fossil diesel in rail – next  
step**

**Carole Coune**

*Secretary General*



## **AERRL STUDY ON ALTERNATIVES TO FOSSIL DIESEL USE IN RAILWAYS – next step**

**A common roadmap towards a zero net fleet by  
2050 ?**

Carole Coune, Secretary General

## Who we are ?

The Association of European Rail  
Rolling Stock Lessors

### INPA

Immatriculated on 25th of May 2021

Brussels, Square de Meeûs 37

### Effective members

Companies with main leasing activities in railway sector

With main activities and office in EU

### Our governance

Fabien Rochefort, Chair

Torsten Lehnert & Bart Lam, Vice-Chair

Volker Simmering & Carmen Garcia Cristobal, Directors

Carole Coune, Secretary General

## Our main purpose

Promote interoperable and safe European rail rolling stock, by addressing operational, legal, economic, technical and scientific matters and issues relating directly or indirectly, to locomotives, passenger trains (multiple units and coaches) operated in the EU and Switzerland.

## Our members

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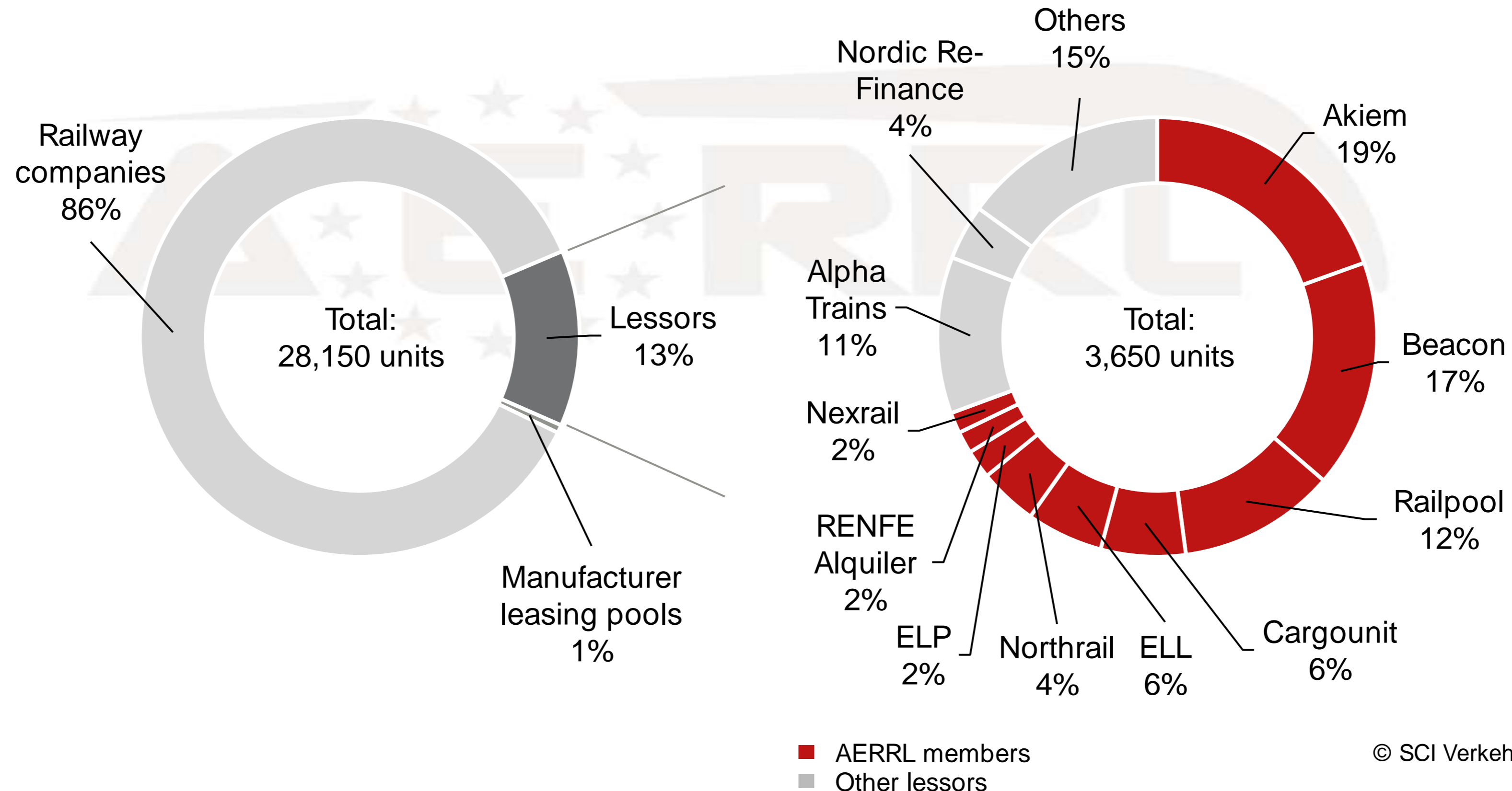
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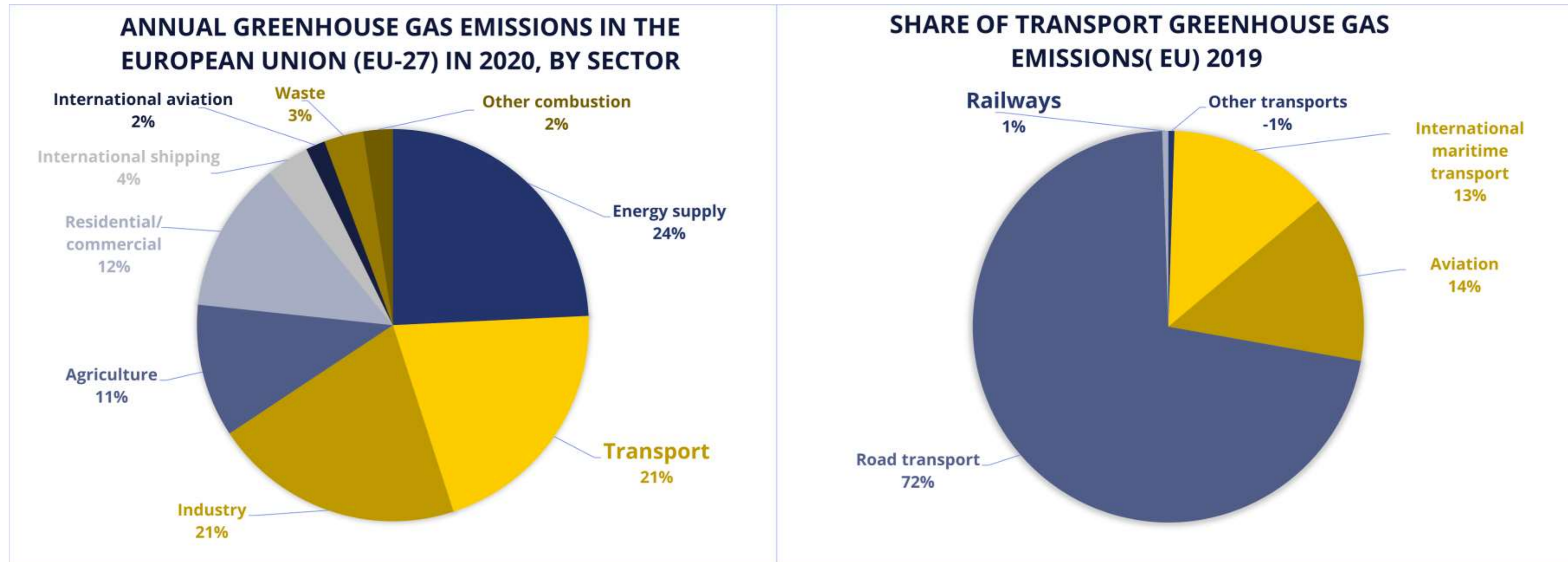
**AERRL (as of 2023), 61 % of the lessors' fleet is electric traction.**

**Locomotive fleet by owner type (28,150 units) and fleet of leasing locomotives by lessor (3,650 units) in the EU + CH/NO as of 2023**





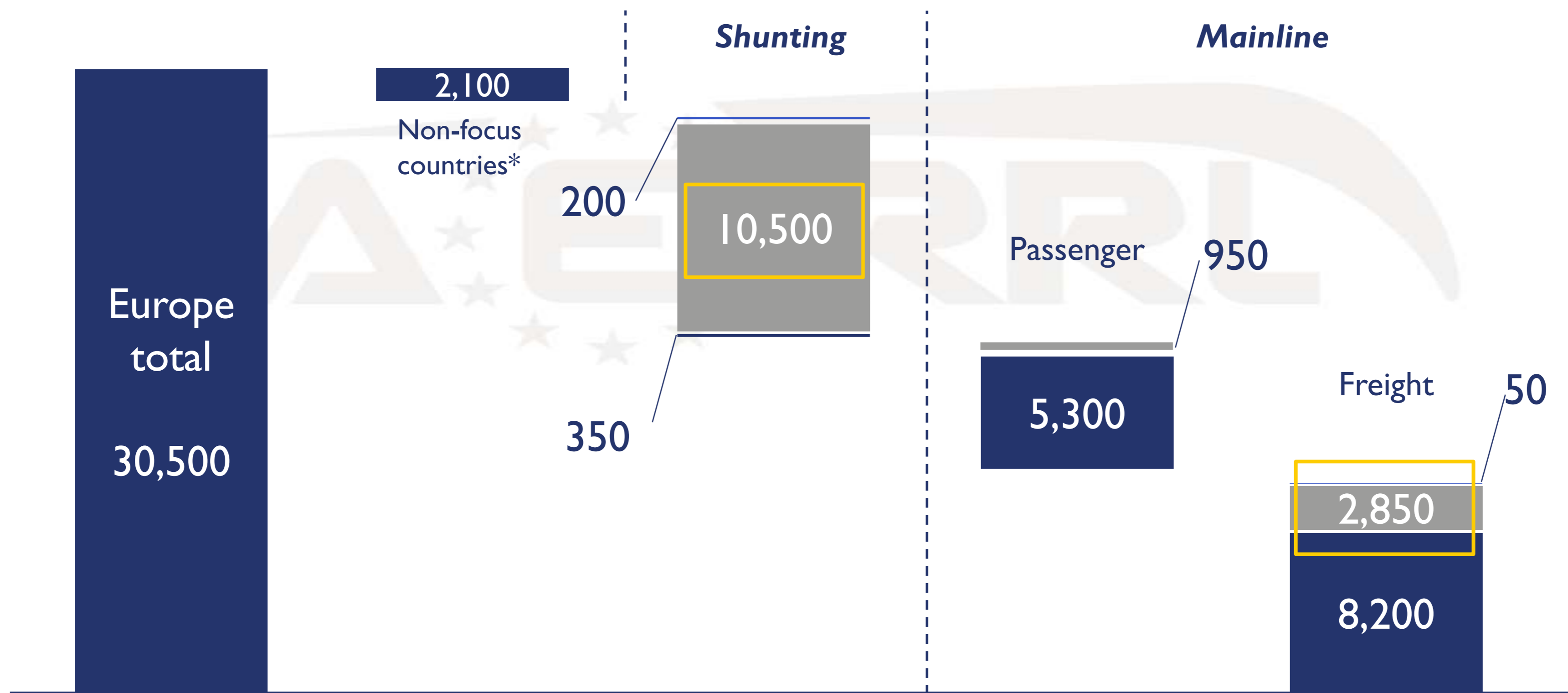
## CO2 EMISSIONS FROM RAIL = LESS THAN 1%, A DROP IN THE OCEAN



Sources: AERRL study on alternatives to fossil diesel use in railways, eolos (December 2022), Statista, European Environmental Agency (2019)

## 14.300 DIESEL LOCOMOTIVES IN EU = MORE THAN 50 % OF LOCO RUNNING IN EU AND OPERATED BY EU RAILWAY COMPANIES

Locomotives in Europe in 2020 (30,500 units)  
of which operating in EU member states + CH/NO (28,400 units)



\*non-EU member states, excluding CH/NO

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## TOWARDS A FREIGHT TRANSPORT SYSTEM FOR EFFICIENCY



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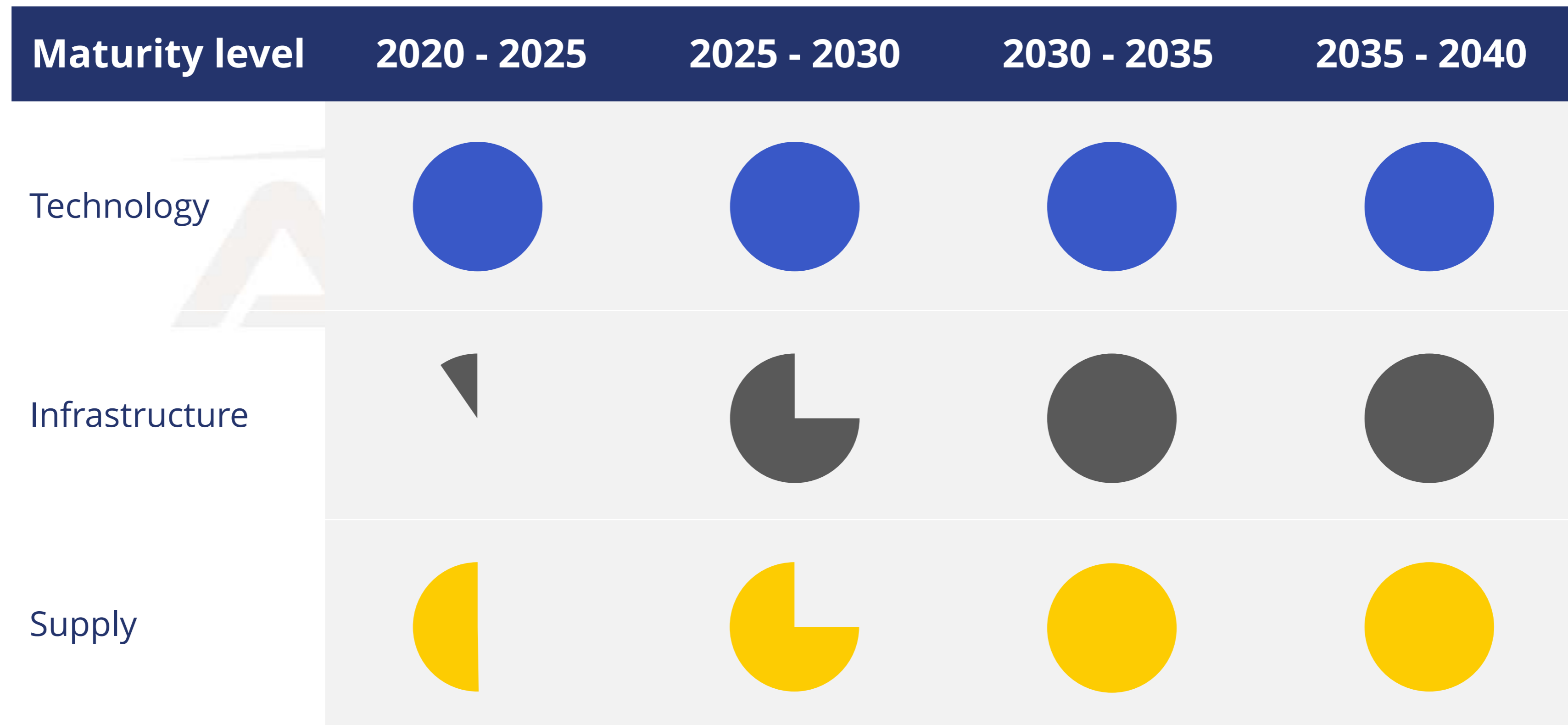


# HVO

**Hydrotreated Vegetable Oil**

**85/90 % less CO2 emissions**

## TECHNOLOGY, INFRASTRUCTURE AND SUPPLY AVAILABILITY READINESS FOR HVO





## SECOND-GENERATION BIOFUEL

### USES WASTE FROM FOOD INDUSTRY

- Unlike first generations using crops
- 85/90 % less CO<sub>2</sub> emissions
- Ca. 30 % more expensive

## AERRL PROPOSAL TO **PROMOTE HVO** USE AT **EU LEVEL**



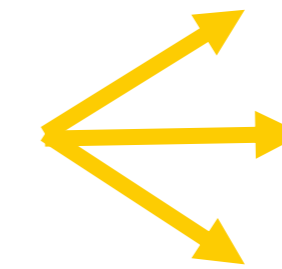
### **PRICE**

- Lower taxes (ETD Directive)
- Review EU Taxonomy



### **SUPPLY**

- Increased by Horizon programme subsidies



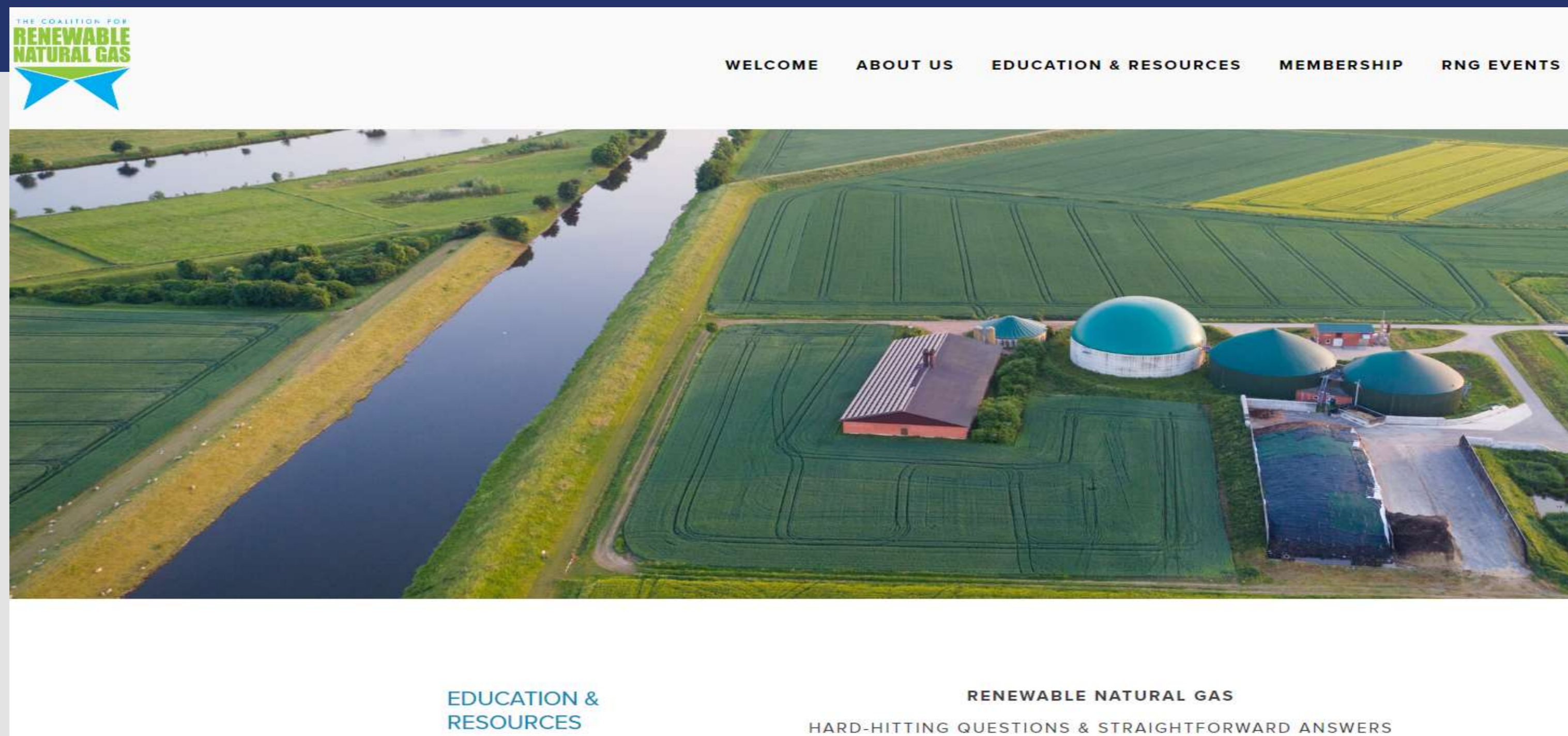
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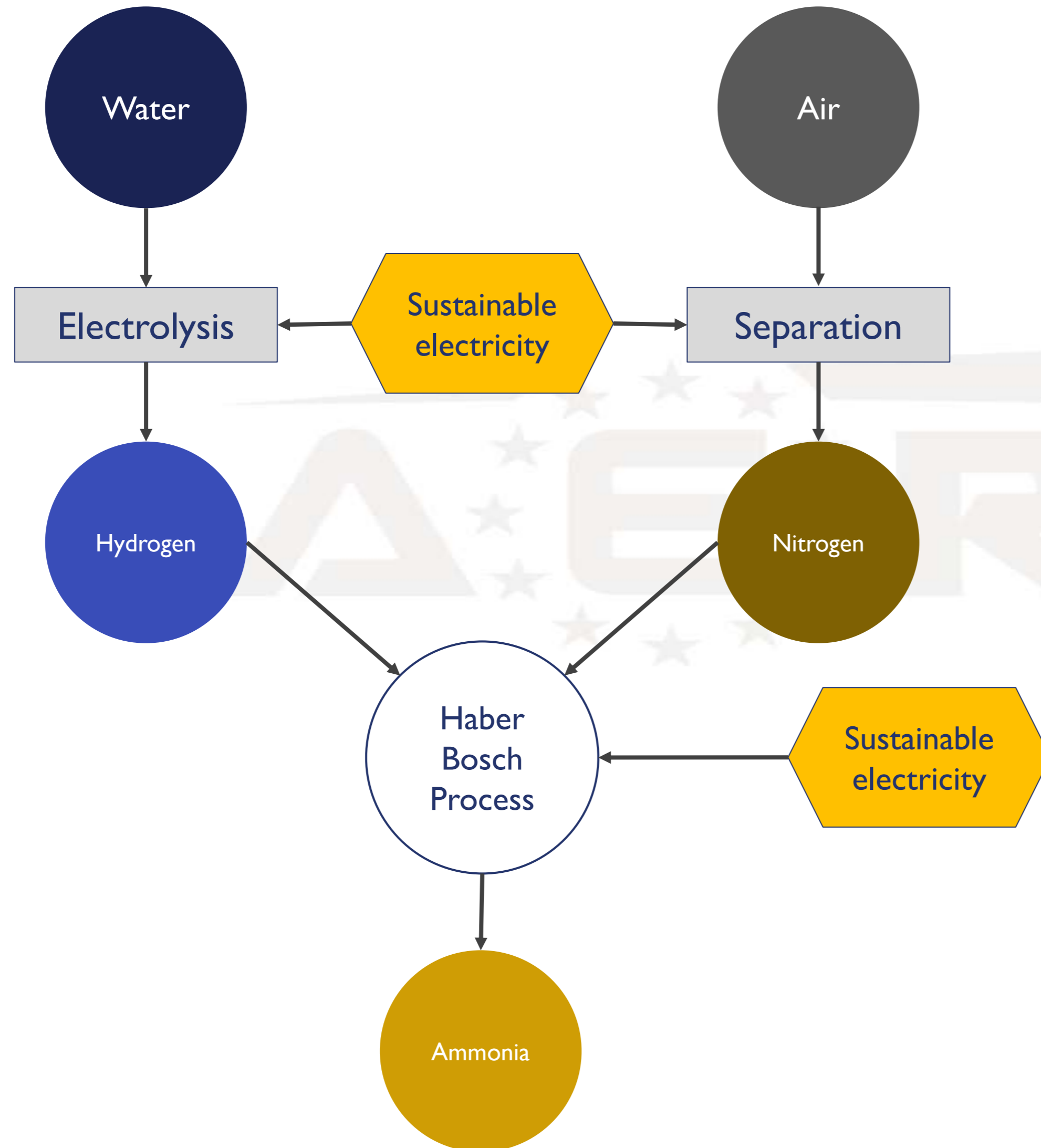
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# RENEWABLE NATURAL GAS (RNG) : BIOMETHANE PRODUCED BY GASIFICATION AND METHANATION PROCESSES OF BIOMASS

**70 % less CO<sub>2</sub> emissions**





Green ammonia production and use,  
the Royal society, February 2020



Hydrogen-derived product – zero  
emission fuel

But **HEAVY CONSTRAINTS**



### EXISTING USES

- Fertilizers
- Refrigeration
- Explosives
- Textiles and pharmaceuticals

### EXPANDED USES

#### Energy store to electricity generation

(after cracking)  
in PEM fuel Cell

Using alkaline fuel  
cell

Direct combustion  
engine/turbine

#### Transport fuel

Direct combustion  
engine/turbine

Directly in solid  
oxide fuel cell

(after cracking) in  
PEM fuel cell

#### Heat transfer

Phase change/absorption  
Bulk thermal storage

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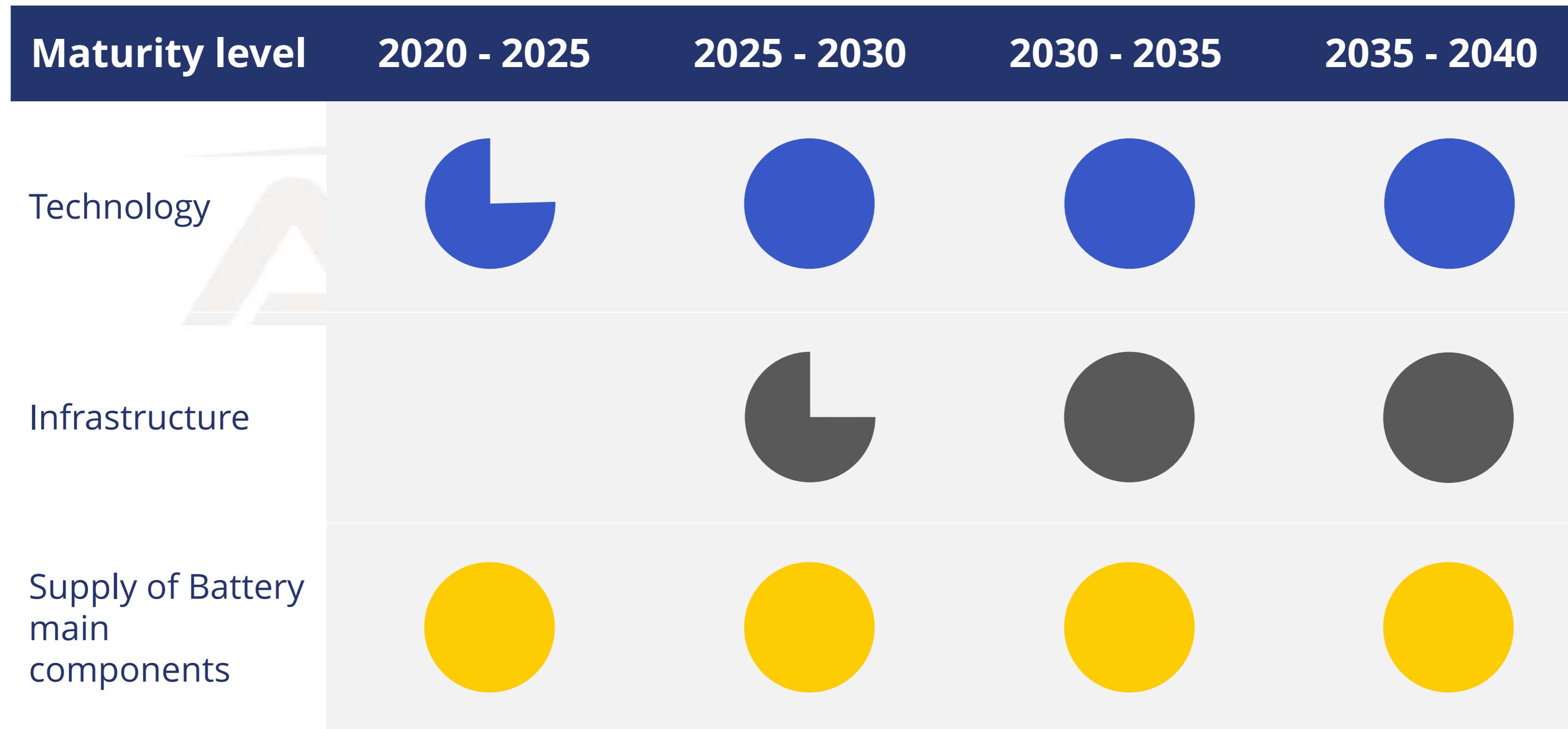
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## CONSTRAINTS LINKED TO AMMONIA AND RNG USE

RNG	AMMONIA
Upgrading locomotives required	Extensive retrofit needed
New refueling stations - SAFETY	Proper handling and storage procedures
Availability unpredictable, as main destination is for heating of households	Used to fuel an Internal Combustion Engine requires carrying 3 times the volume of diesel to cover the same distance

## TECHNOLOGY, INFRASTRUCTURE AND SUPPLY AVAILABILITY READINESS FOR BATTERY



## SIEMENS, MIREO PLUS B



## HYBRID BATTERY/ELECTRIC



**Solution for 85 % of diesel locomotives**

## BATTERY/ELECTRIC TECHNOLOGY, THE GAME-CHANGER IF 3 CONSTRAINTS ARE OVERCOME

CONSTRAINTS	SOLUTIONS
Cannot be applied to heavy freight (15%)	Another alternative such as hydrogen fuel cells for this type of traffic
Range of applications and limitations not yet known	Further studies linked to specific infrastructures
Scarcity of materials (ex: lithium)	new battery technologies will emerge driven by the industrial and automotive sectors to move away from lithium, cobalt... dependence

Opportunity: EU subsidises the development of the battery recycling infrastructure



“This study recommends supporting primarily the use of **Dual-Mode Battery/Electric trains** combined with **partial electrification for the long-term future**.

Removing diesel-only traction from modern operations and accelerating the rate of rail electrification is crucial to enabling a greener and cleaner transport network fit for our carbon-neutral ambitions.”

**ÖBB: electrification needs limited to 26 % of the railway track considered, in their study**

## AERRL PROPOSALS TO PROMOTE **BATTERY/ELECTRIC SOLUTION**

### **PRIORITY SUBSIDISATION FOR PROJECTS**

To promote partial electrification **combined** with the use of battery-powered rolling stock

### **UPGRADE CURRENT LOCOMOTIVES**

To promote and subsidize the upgrade of current locomotives into dual-mode battery-electric (decom > 2050)

### **SUBSIDISE ELECTRIFICATION**

To continue to subsidize the electrification

## LET'S GO FOR **BATTERY/ELECTRIC** ASSOCIATED WITH **PARTIAL ELECTRIFICATION** BECAUSE ...

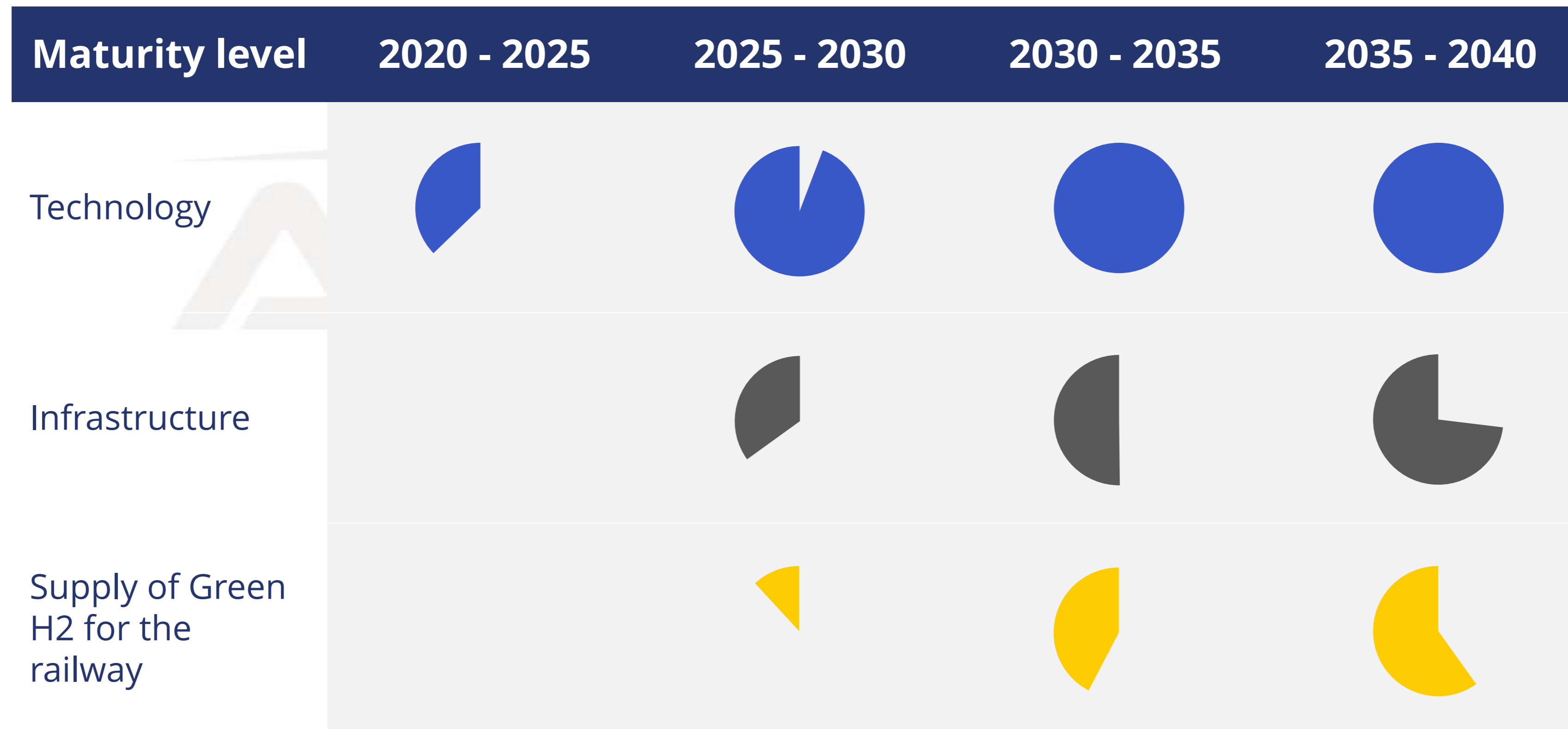
- Winning duo
- Fully aligned with the EU Taxonomy
- High level of technological readiness
- Several challenges addressed, from a holistic point of view

**Leading to lower electrification cost**

## FOR HEAVY FREIGHT AND LONG NON-ELECTRIFIED ROUTES HYDROGEN, HAVING HIGH ENERGY DENSITY



## TECHNOLOGY, INFRASTRUCTURE AND SUPPLY AVAILABILITY READINESS FOR GREEN H2



## OVERVIEW OF LOW-COST GREEN H2 PRODUCTION CAPABILITIES IN THE WORLD



## MAIN CONSTRAINTS TO OVERCOME TO USE HYDROGEN FOR RAIL TRANSPORT AT LARGE SCALE

CONSTRAINTS	SOLUTIONS
Safety in tunnels	Studies – tests -regulations
Price and availability of green H2	Probably solved after 2050
Distribution Infrastructure	Heavy investments - probably solved after 2050
Low global efficiency WTW	





## **Next step towards a sectorial roadmap to a zero net fleet by 2050**

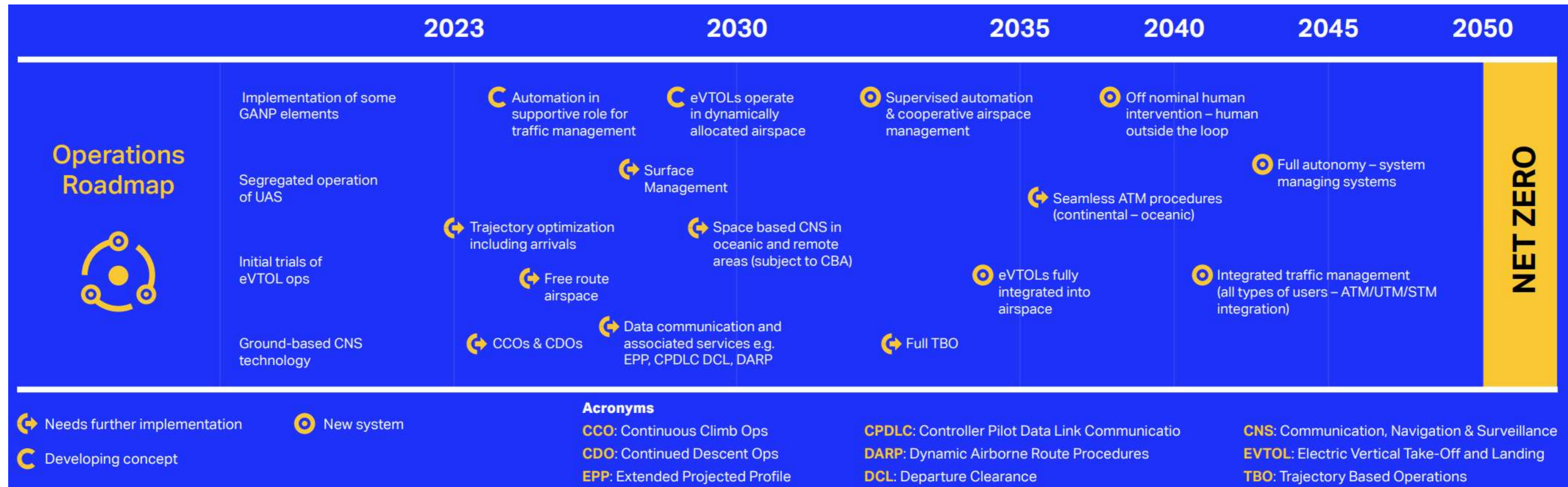
### **1. Anticipating battery/electric technology as the prevailing technology**

- ❖ **A relevant use case (to be generalized, with mainline/port/industrial line- a CORR ?)**
- ❖ **To clarify needs on infra and rolling stock side**
  - **On technological side =>technology – performances)**
  - **On financial side =>CBA, including environmental aspects (new or retrofitted RS)**
  - **On public support side : how to accelerate with public support (subsidies, decrease of infra fee, regulatory context...)**

**=> New report : confirming or amending the initial roadmap, with recommendation to the public authorities**

### **2. Include H2, even if will be deployed in a later stage ?**

# Aviation Decarbonization Roadmap



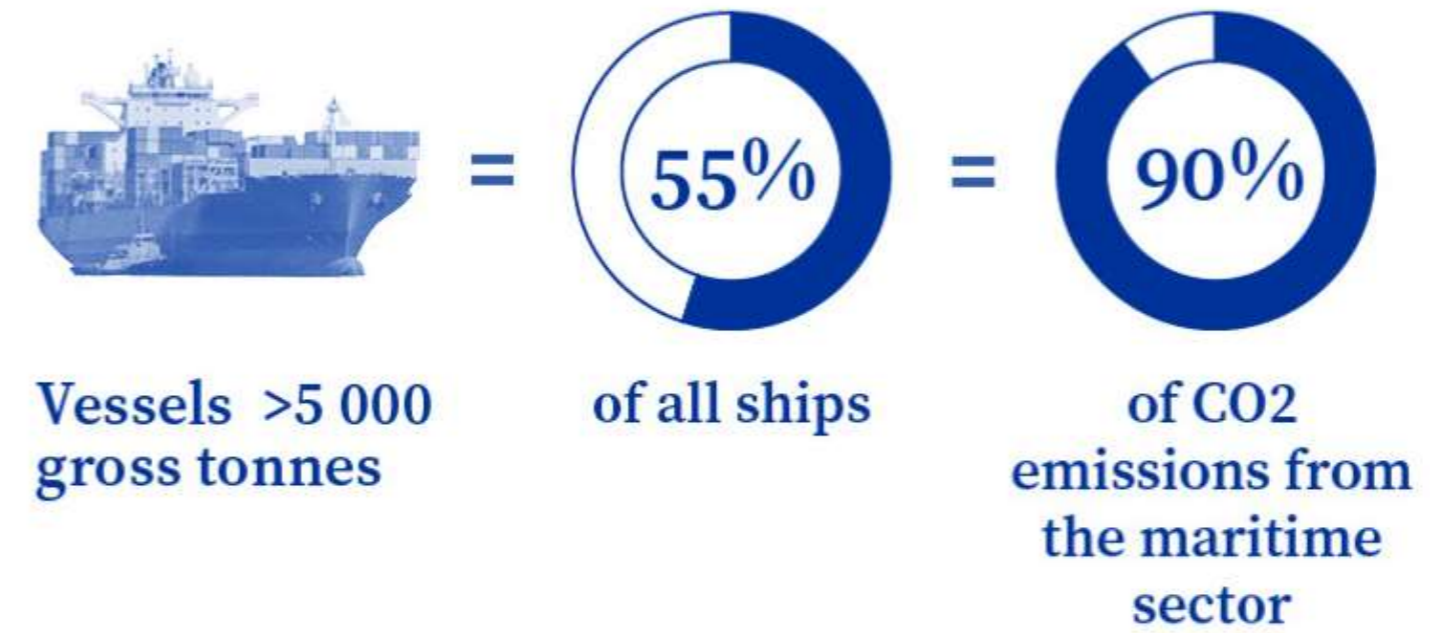
Source: IATA - <https://www.iata.org/contentassets/8d19e716636a47c184e7221c77563c93/operations-net-zero-roadmap.pdf>

## Maritime Road Decarbonization Roadmap

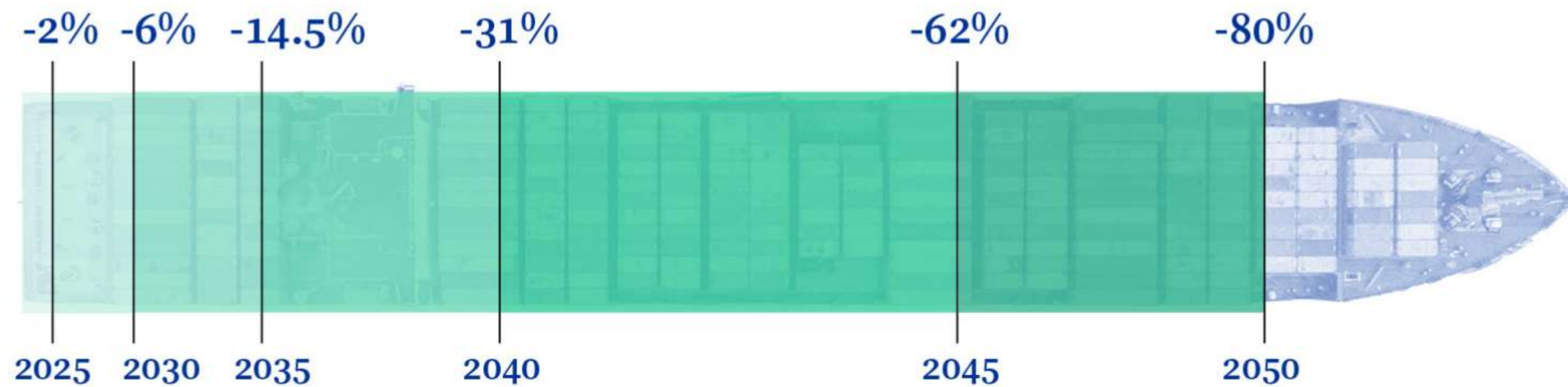


**The FuelEU maritime regulation will oblige vessels above 5 000 gross tonnes calling at European ports**  
(with exceptions such as fishing ships):

→ to **reduce the greenhouse gas intensity** of the energy used on board as follows

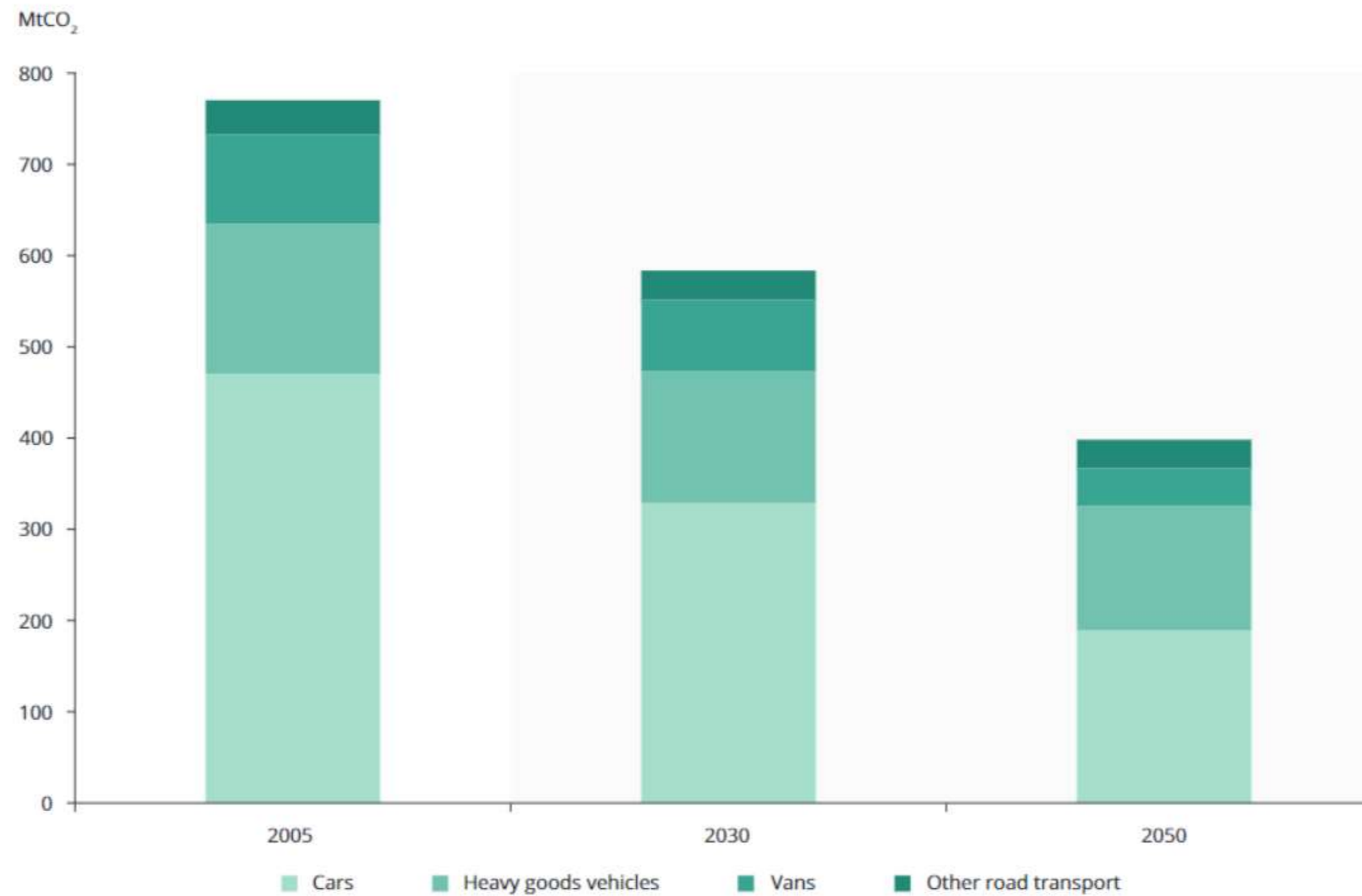


*Annual average carbon intensity reduction compared to the average in 2020*



## Road Decarbonization Roadmap

Figure 2.4 CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from road transport in the *EU Reference Scenario 2020* in the EU-27 (MtCO<sub>2</sub>)



**Note:** The *EU Reference Scenario 2020* includes Member State and EU policies adopted up to the end of 2019.

**Source:** EC (2021e).

LET'S DO IT  
TOGETHER



Thank you for your attention.

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*Norwegian Railway Directorate*

Decarbonising rail: relevance of biofuels for rail in  
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**Stephen Oommen**

*Head of Project*

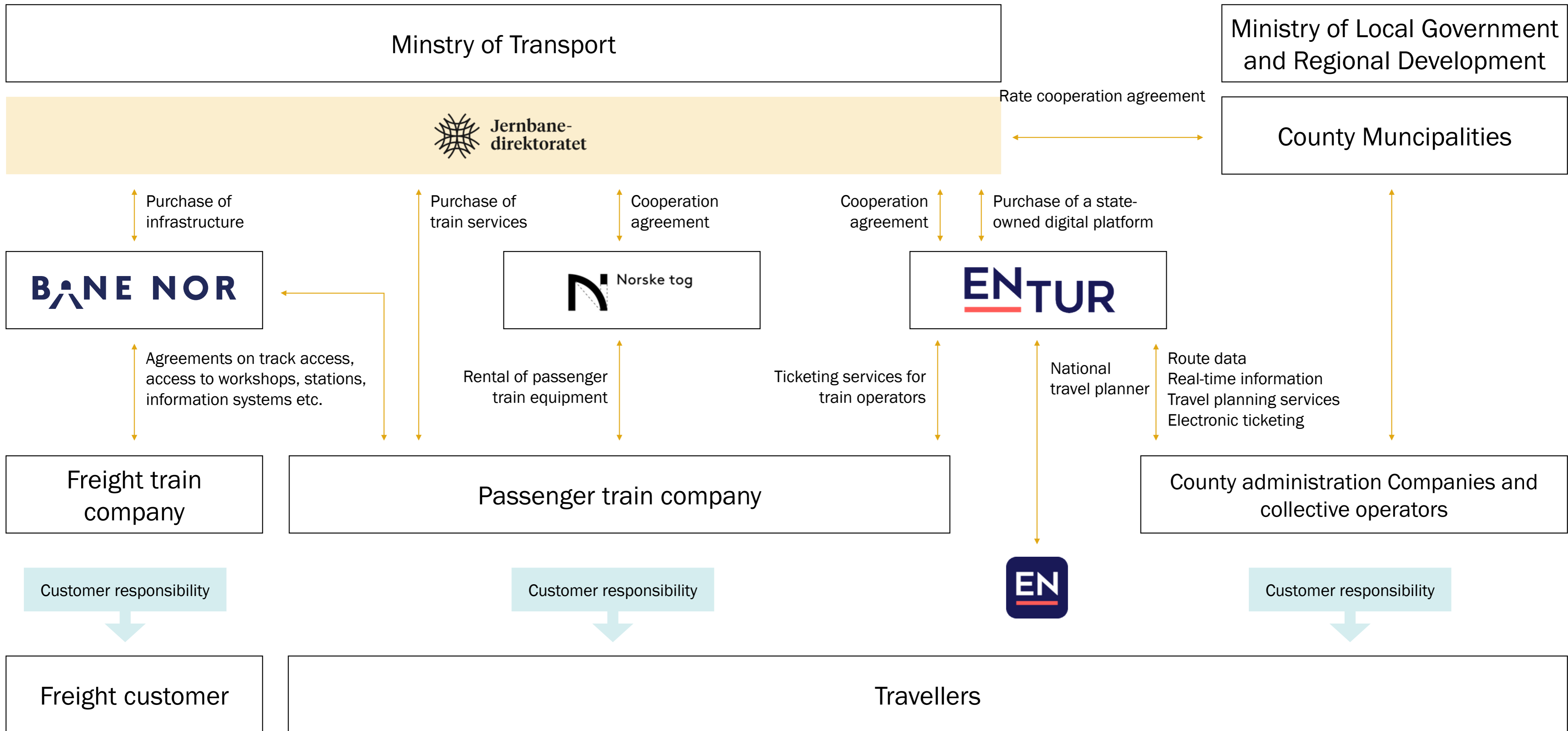
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Stephen Oommen,  
Head of Project,  
The Norwegian Railway Directorate

UIC Alternative fuels workshop, 11th June 2024



«The Norwegian Railway Directorate shall ensure that the railway sector is operated as efficiently, safely and as environment friendly as possible for the good of passengers, freight transport and society in general»



# The Norwegian Rail Network

- 4200 km
- 2500 km is electrified
- 740 tunnels
- Mostly single track

Lines	Length	Bridges	Tunnels	Height	Max incline
Nordland line	729 km	361	156	680 masl	19 ‰
Røros line	384 km	223	6	670 masl	15 ‰
Solør line	94 km	31	1	183 masl	8 ‰
Rauma line	115 km	103	5	660 masl	20 ‰



# Conceptual Appraisal

- Consider alternatives that reduce emissions from railway
- Investigate the need for:
  - Assessment of infrastructure requirements
  - Replacement or retrofitting of rolling stock, maintenance machinery and shunting locomotives.
- Comprehensive analysis of the pros and cons of various alternatives:
  - Socio- economic analysis
  - Energy efficiency
  - Emissions contributing to the Norwegian GHG inventory
  - Assess the sequence of measures based on cost per ton of CO<sub>2</sub>

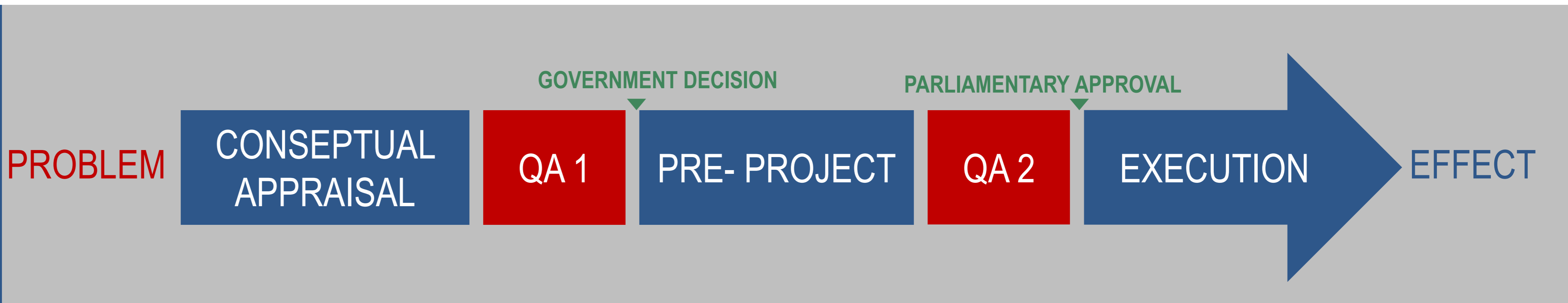


# Why a Conceptual appraisal?

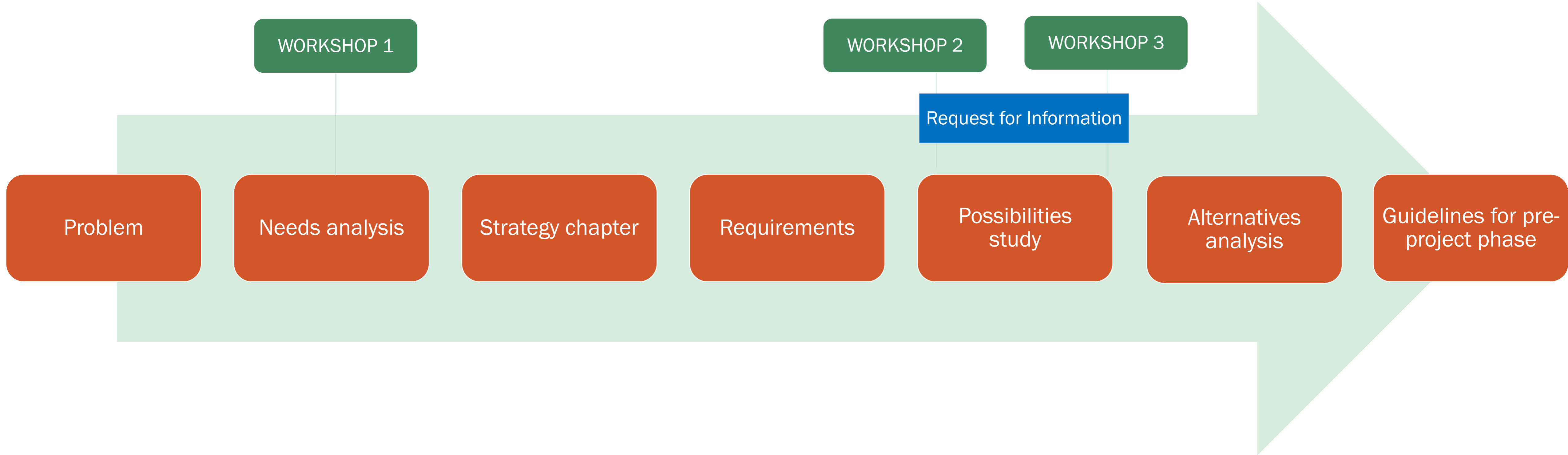


- Mandatory requirement for all public investment projects budgets anticipated to exceed NOK 1 billion. (=100 M€)
- Alignment with National and international commitments.

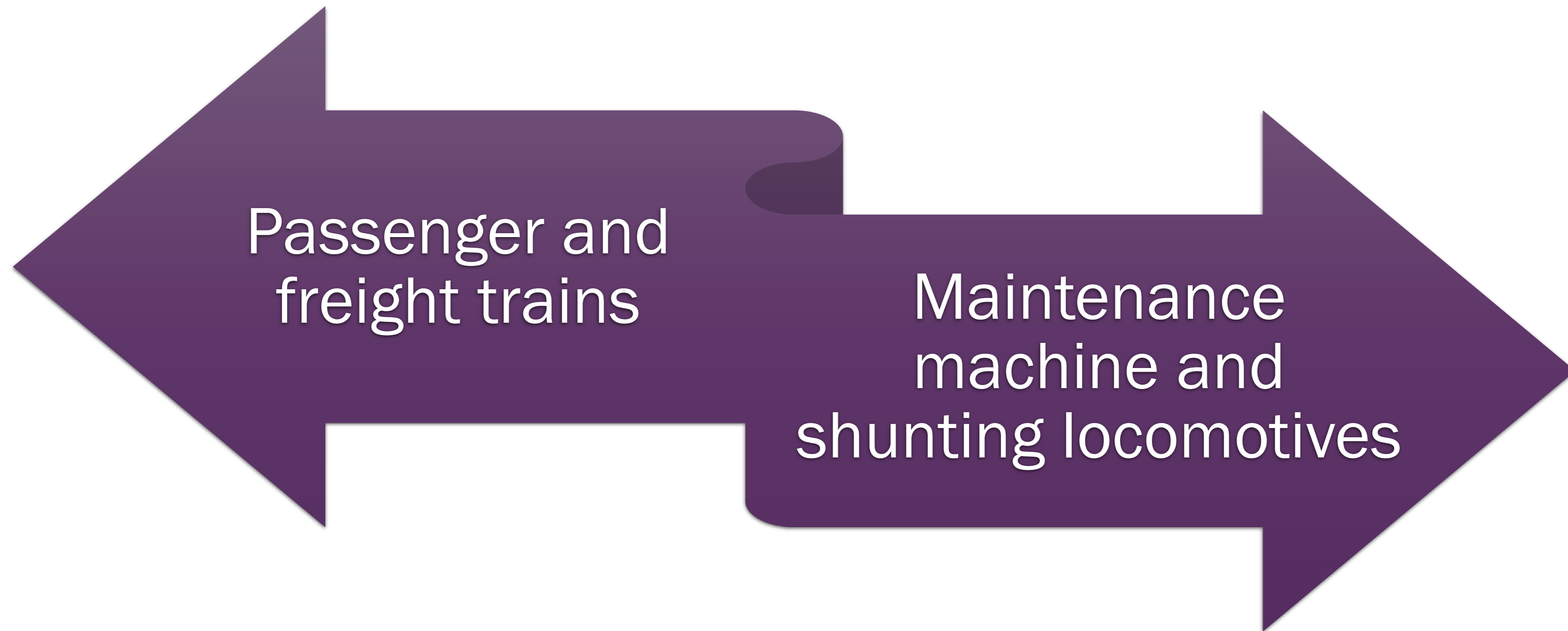
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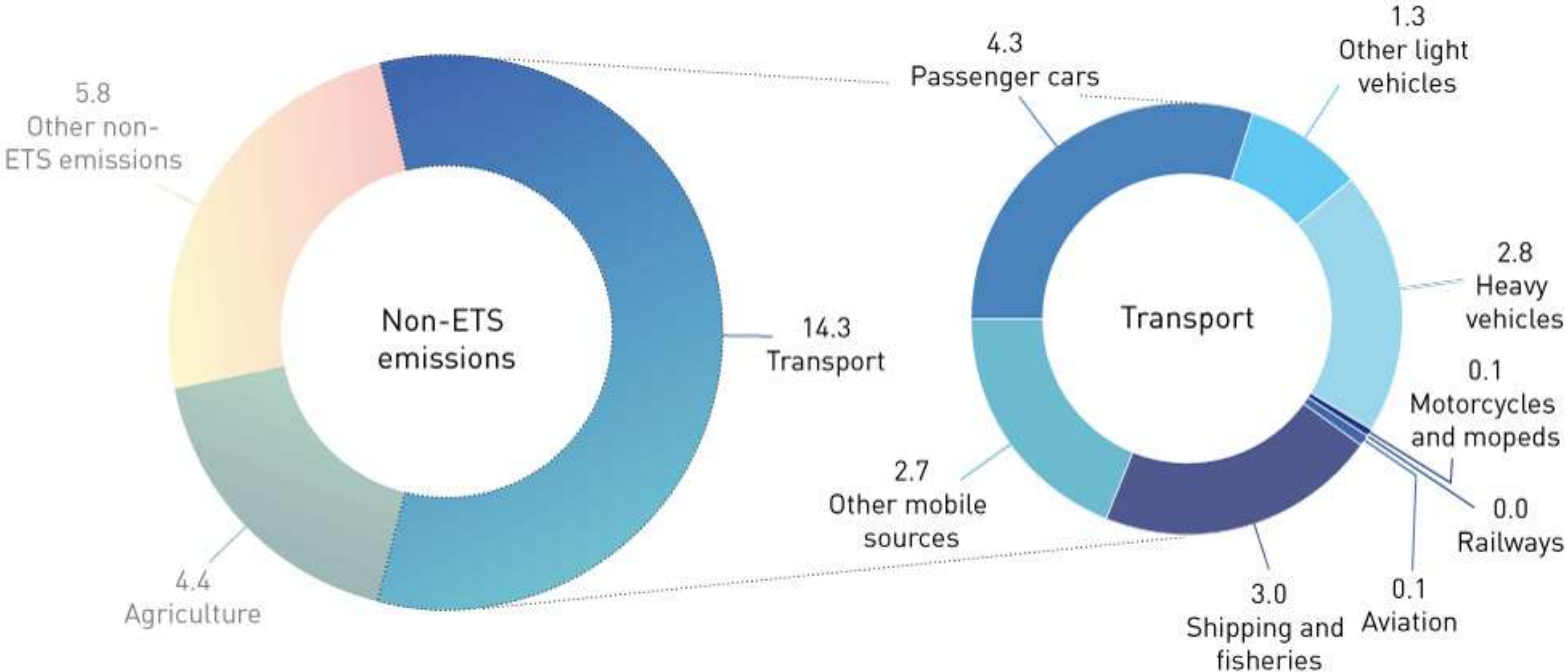
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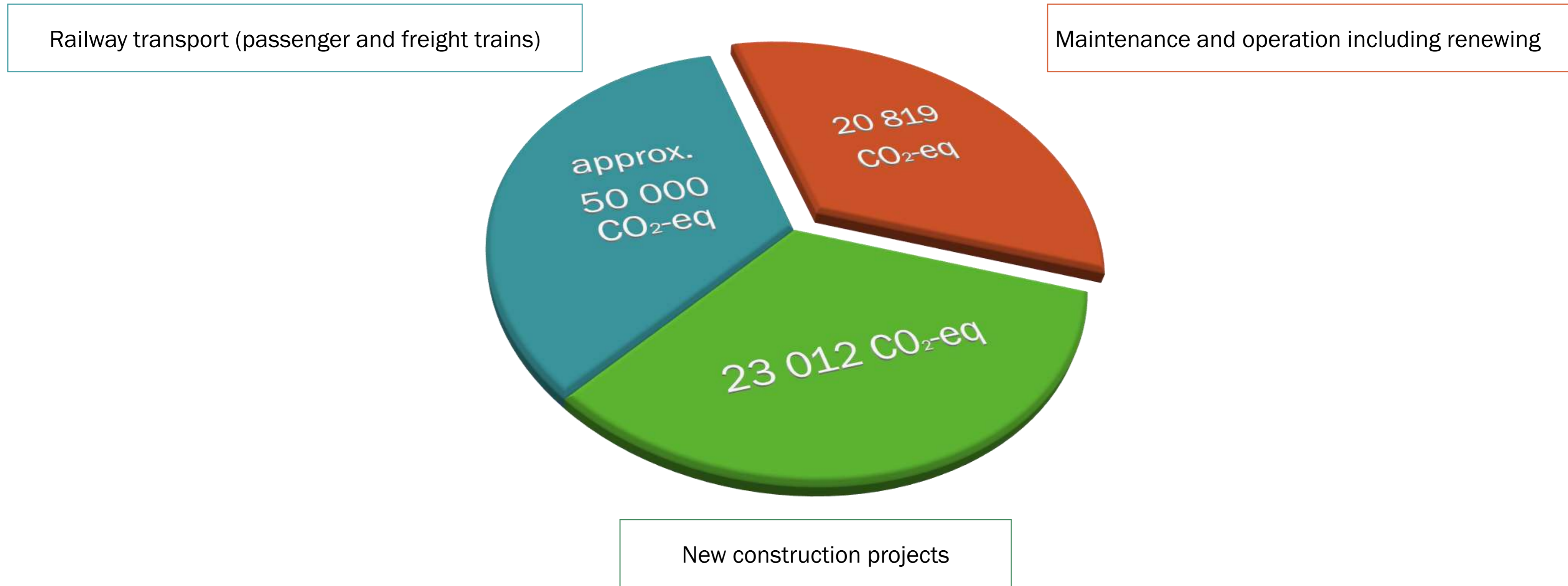


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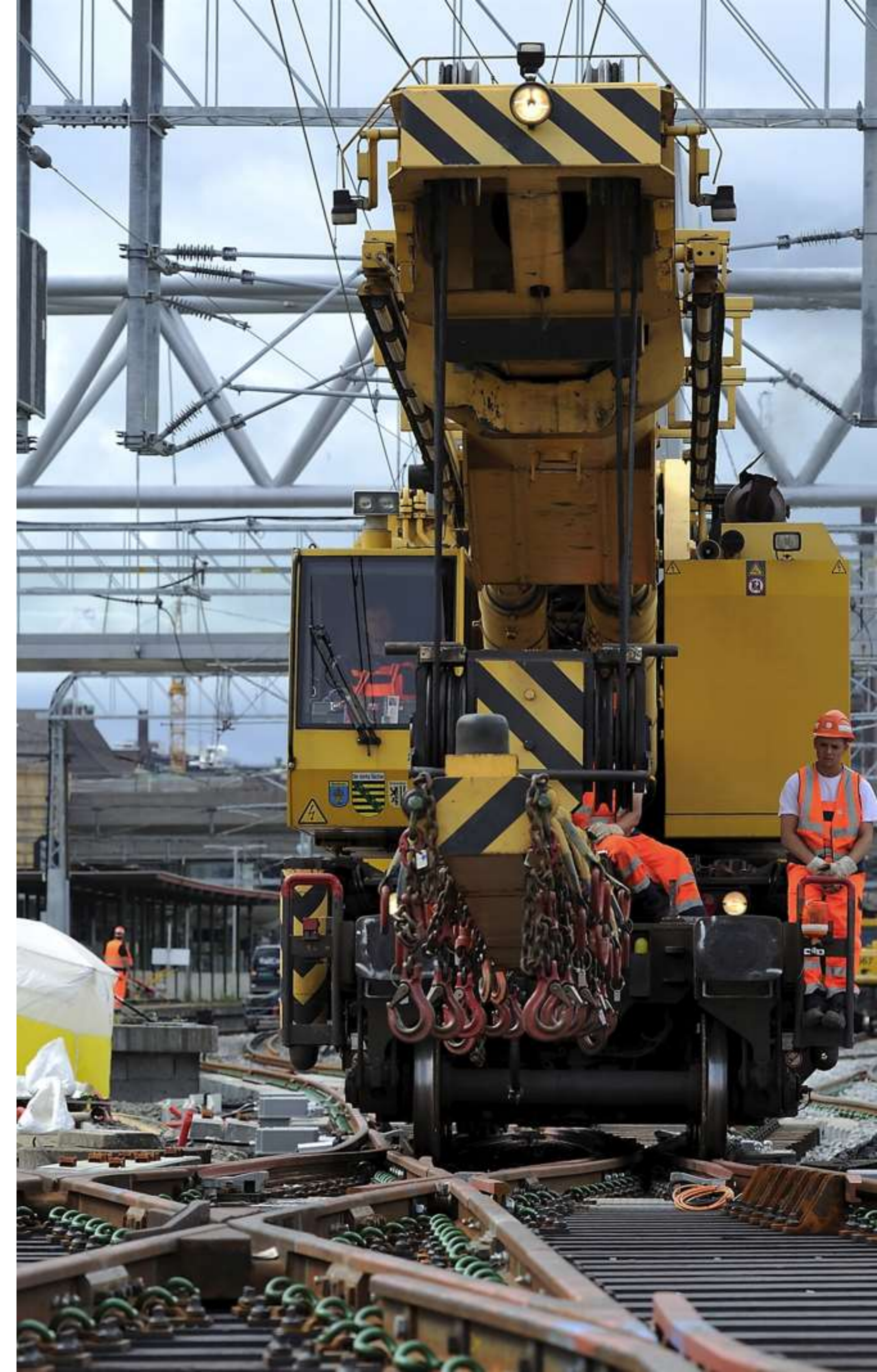


# GHG on the railway



# Current fleet

- 200 registered maintenance machines, in addition special machines from other parts of Europe are contracted when needed.
- Maintenance machines - mainly from 1970-1990, but there are also a few newer types in use.
- Norwegian rail will adapt ERTMS from 2034.
  - Increased cost for vehicle owners - on-board equipment
  - Fleet approaching end of life will demand in replacement of existing fleet
- 80% of CO2 emissions occur on electrified tracks.



# Assessed energy carriers on the railway and possible combinations

- Diesel
- HVO
- Hybrid: Catenary with biofuel
- Hybrid: Catenary with battery
- Tribrid: Catenary, battery and biofuel
- Biogas
- Hydrogen
- e-fuels
- Battery (only)

# Request For Information (RFI)

- Product range in near future
- Development of On-track maintenance machines in Europe concerning various energy storage solutions.
- Other feasible methods/solutions to reduce CO2 emissions
- Comparison of differences in investment costs
- Maintenance costs
- Energy consumption
- Total cost of ownership
- Noise levels
- Machine operating capacity
- Maximum operating range/driving distance

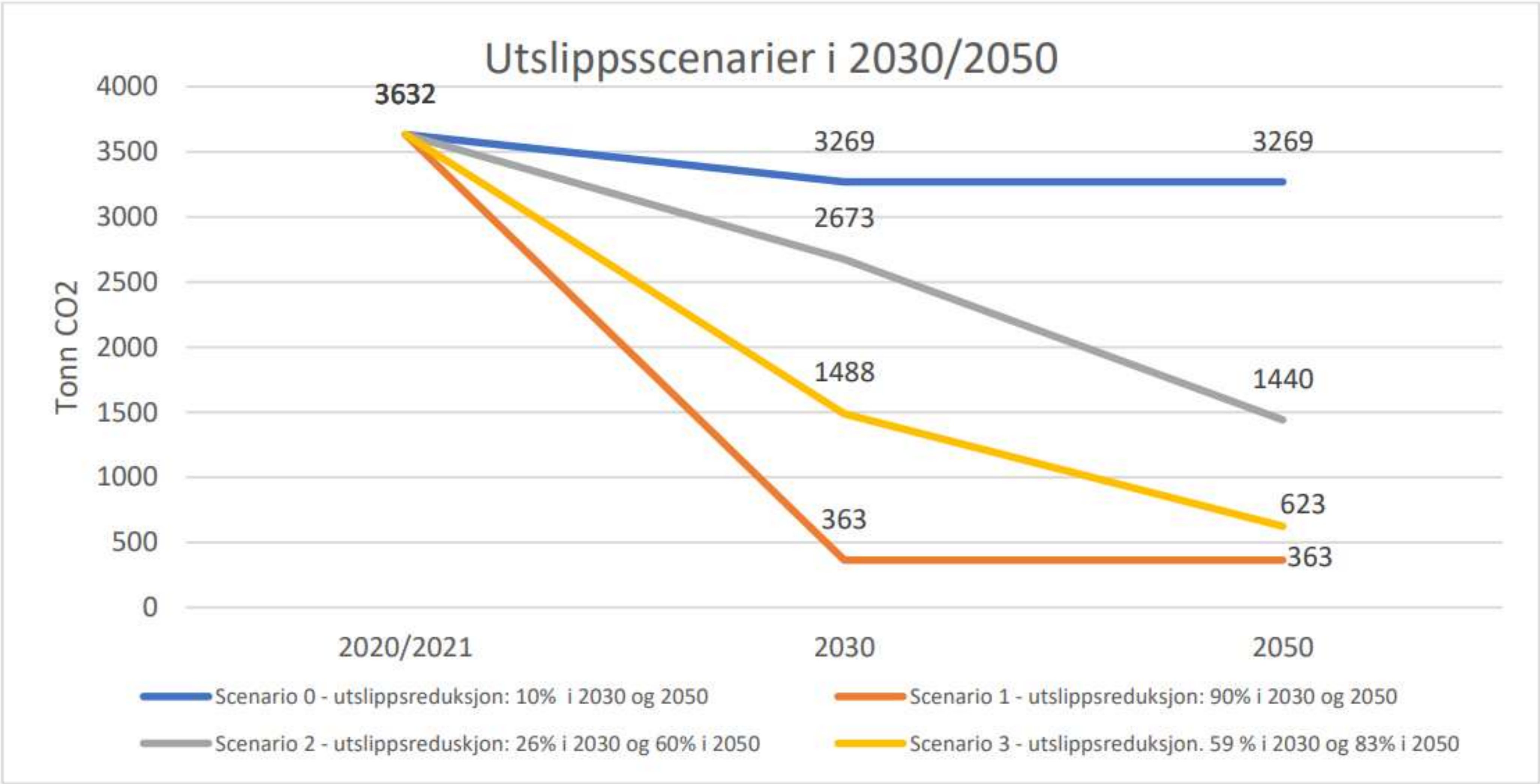
# Request For Information (RFI)

- Expected for the various energy carriers (2023, 2027, 2030, 2045 & 2050)
  - **Minimum engine power below 300 kW**
    - variants hybrid (catenary/battery) and hydrogen are ranked equally
  - **Medium engine power from 300-600 kW**
    - Best rating is for hydrogen, but also believe in hybrid (catenary/battery) and battery
  - **Large engine power greater than 600kW**
    - Hydrogen gets the best rating, followed by hybrid (catenary/battery). No one recommends battery as a solution.

# Investment costs for maintenance machines

Comparison of differences in investment costs	2023	2027	2030	2045	2050
Diesel	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %
HVO	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %
Hybrid: Catenary/ diesel	152 %	152 %	146 %	140 %	136 %
Hybrid: Catenary/ battery	140 %	135 %	135 %	129 %	122 %
Hybrid: Diesel/ battery	127 %	125 %	123 %	117 %	112 %
Tribrid: Catenary/battery/diesel	143 %	140 %	136 %	132 %	127 %
Biogas	-	-	-	-	-
Hydrogen gas	145 %	140 %	130 %	125 %	115 %
Battery (only)	165 %	160 %	154 %	135 %	130 %
Electrofuels (e-fuels)	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %

# Biodiesel as a transitional solution?



Bane NOR (2022) : Feasibility study to achieve emission reduction from work machines in the periods until 2030 and 2050.

# Norwegian requirements for biofuels

- The main requirement means that those who sell fuel (resellers) must ensure that 19 % by volume of the fuel they sell for road traffic in 2024 is biofuel. In addition, there is a partial requirement that 12.5 % must be advanced biofuel.
- Advanced biofuel beyond the partial requirement of 12.5 % counts twice in the turnover requirement for road traffic. Double counting means that one liter of advanced biofuel counts as two liters of conventional biofuel.
- This double counting means that the physical proportion of biofuel required to meet the turnover requirement is between 15.75% & 19 %.



# Recommendations from NEA

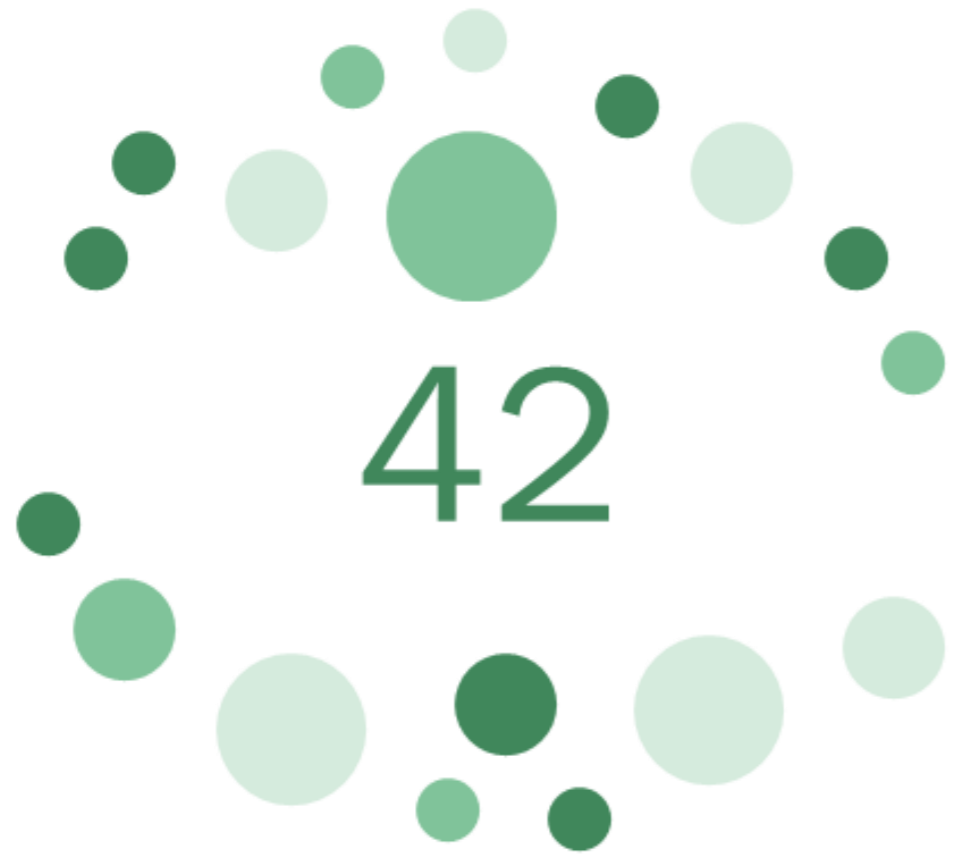
- Biodiesel for railways basically provides no reduction in national emissions
  - Because it is legally required to sell biodiesel through turnover requirements. Biodiesel to railways will be included in this requirement.
  - If biodiesel for railways is to exceed the statutory turnover requirements, it must be so. In this case, there is a requirement that it be kept "outside" of the turnover requirement. It may require considerable resources to make this type of demand and to follow up on these be observed.
- Biodiesel has sustainability challenges and can provide increased emissions globally. Some types of biofuel are much worse than that others
- Biodiesel is expensive!
  - Advanced biodiesel is approx. 6 500 NOK/tonn (= 567€/tonn)
  - Biodiesel from frying oil/animal fat is approx. 4 500 NOK/tonn (= 393€/tonn)
  - Conventional biodiesel is approx. 2000 NOK/tonn (= 175€/tonn)

# Recommendations NRD

- There is a variation in type of machinery, flexibility requirements, owner/user structure.
- For shunting locomotives: assume hybrid battery vehicles, or hydrogen vehicles by 2030.
- On-track maintenance machines: TRL in early stages. For Track motor cars for electrified lines and catenary maintenance vehicles could be replaced with low emission machines. It is assumed that hybrid battery-catenary or battery only will be preferred as solution for these machines
- Bane NOR will be responsible for establishing a central system for data collection related to the diesel consumption from infrastructure vehicles and shunting locomotives.
- Bane NOR will be responsible for follow up optimization solutions.
- Bane NOR sets requirements for suppliers of operations and maintenance services regarding GHG.



# Scoping and Identified Alternatives



Framework conditions



Performance goals

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Identified possibilities

Concepts

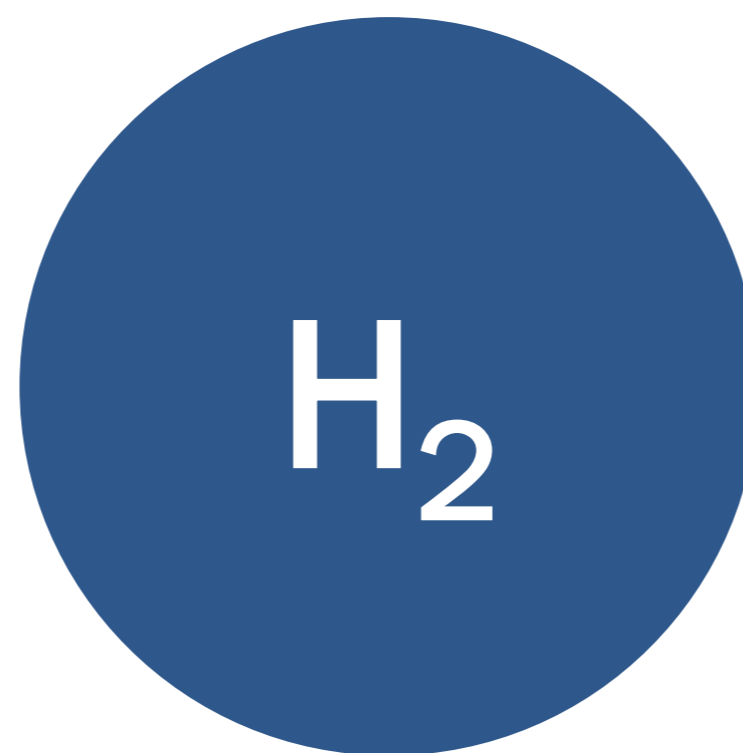
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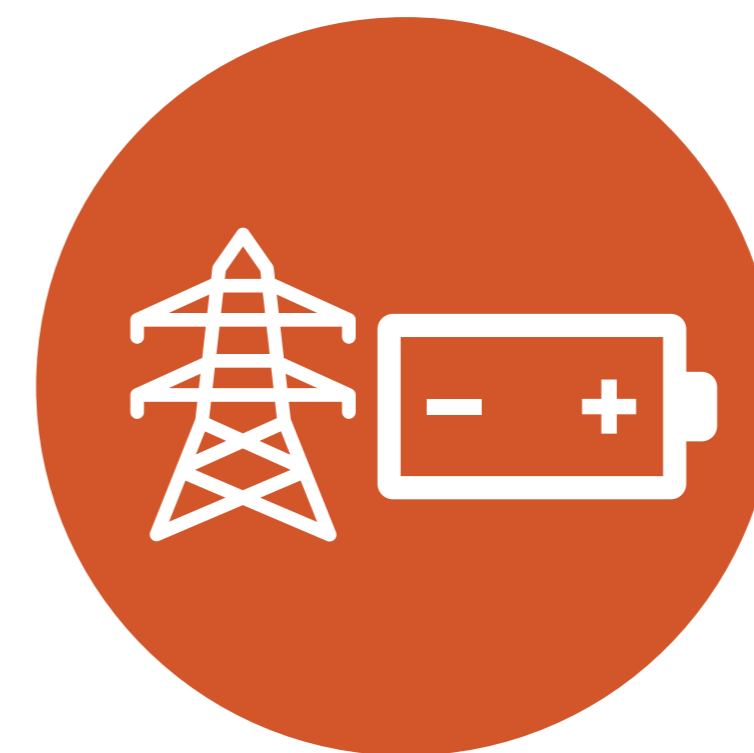
**1a** Biodiesel



**2a** Hydrogen



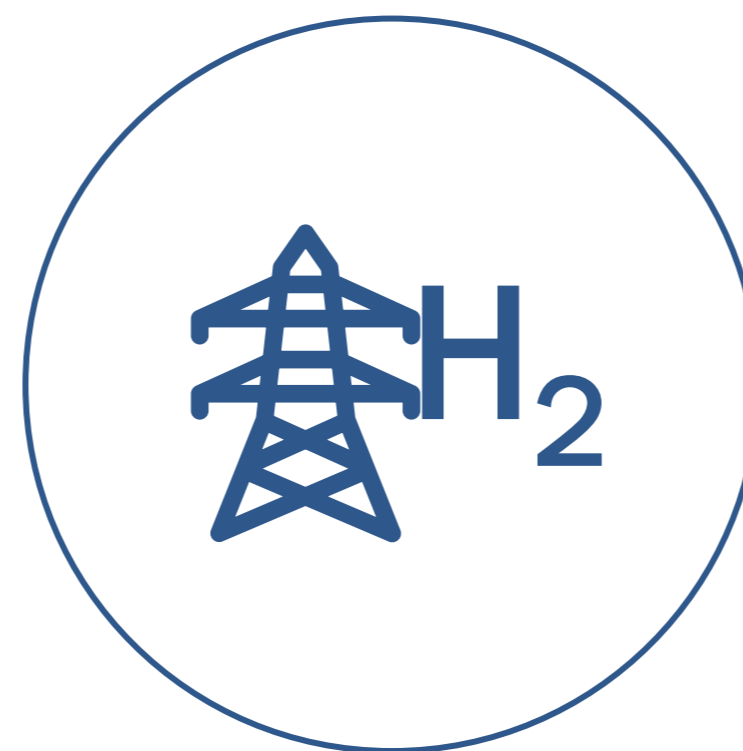
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**4** Electrification



**1b** Biodiesel with partial electrification

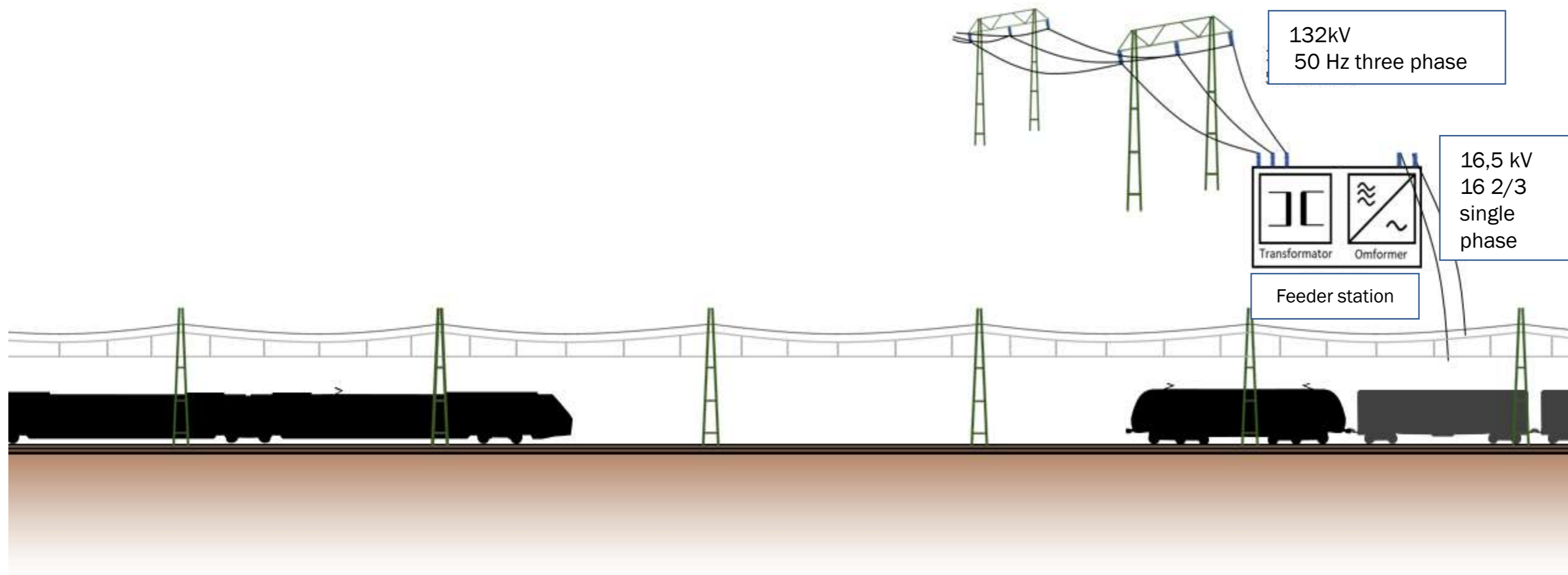


**2b** Hydrogen with partial electrification

# Concept



## 4 Elektrifisering



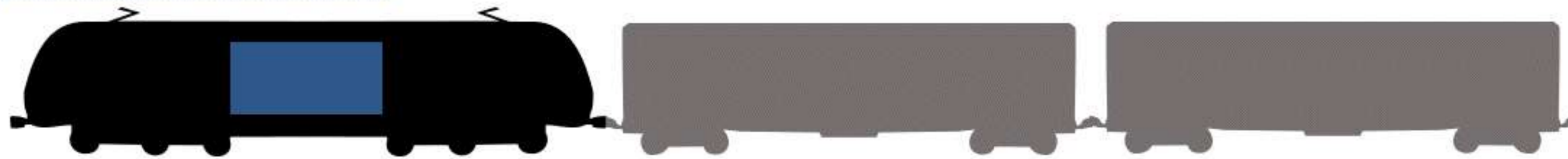
# Concept



## 3

### Battery with partial electrification

Battery locomotive



Battery wagon as freight wagon



Battery wagon with driver unit



Battery

Battery, possible additions



**Battery with partial electrification**

- Battery section- remains unelectrified.
- Charging section- new electrification
- Charging section- existing electrification
- ▲ Existing frequency converter
- ▲ New frequency converter

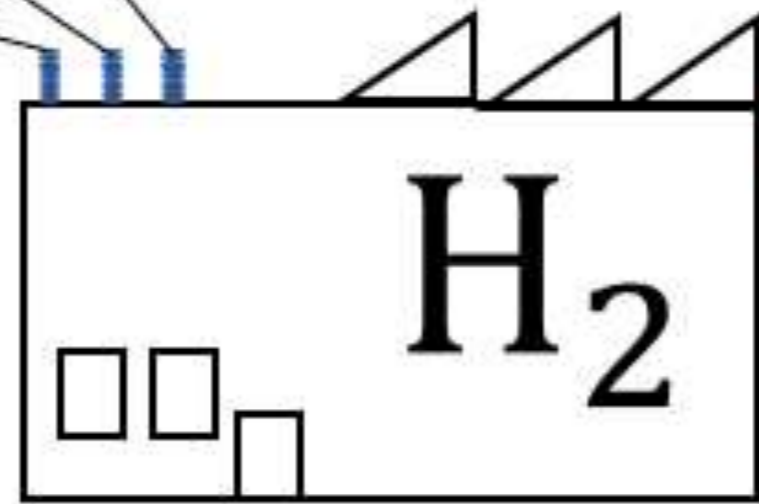
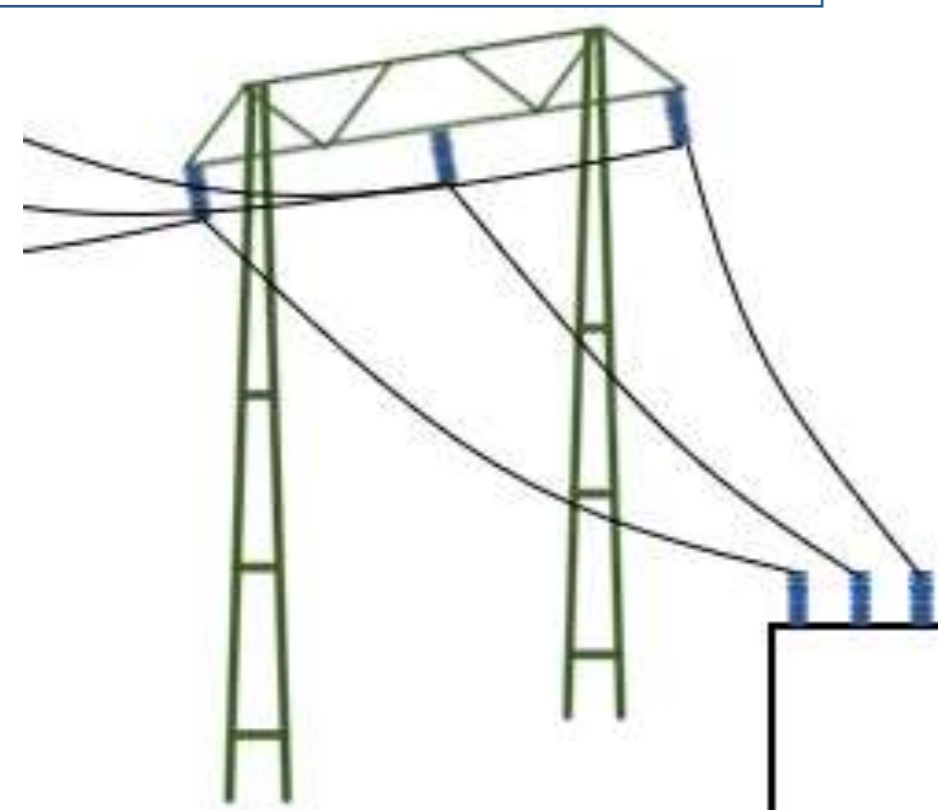
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H<sub>2</sub>

2<sub>a</sub> Hydrogen

Energy from the overhead power grid

Energy from production at electrolysis plants



Electrolysis

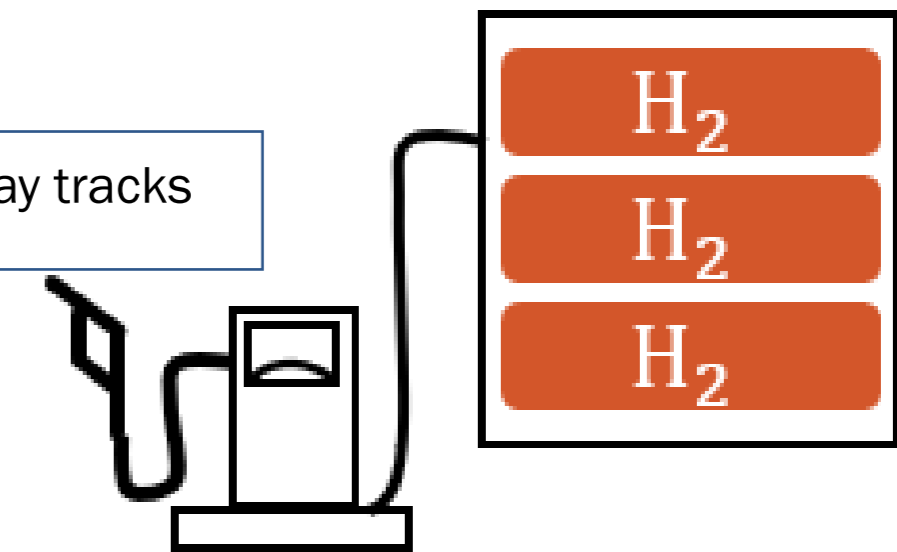
Transport by truck



Filling up the gas station from a truck



Refuelling on railway tracks



Hydrogen locomotive



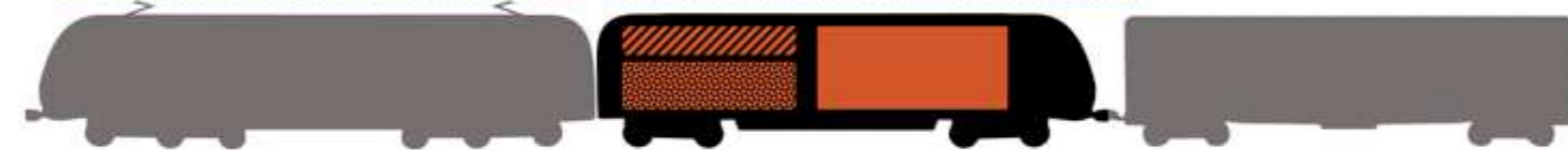
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Energy wagon as freight wagon



Electric locomotive

Electric wagon with driver unit



Hydrogen tanks

Fuel cell

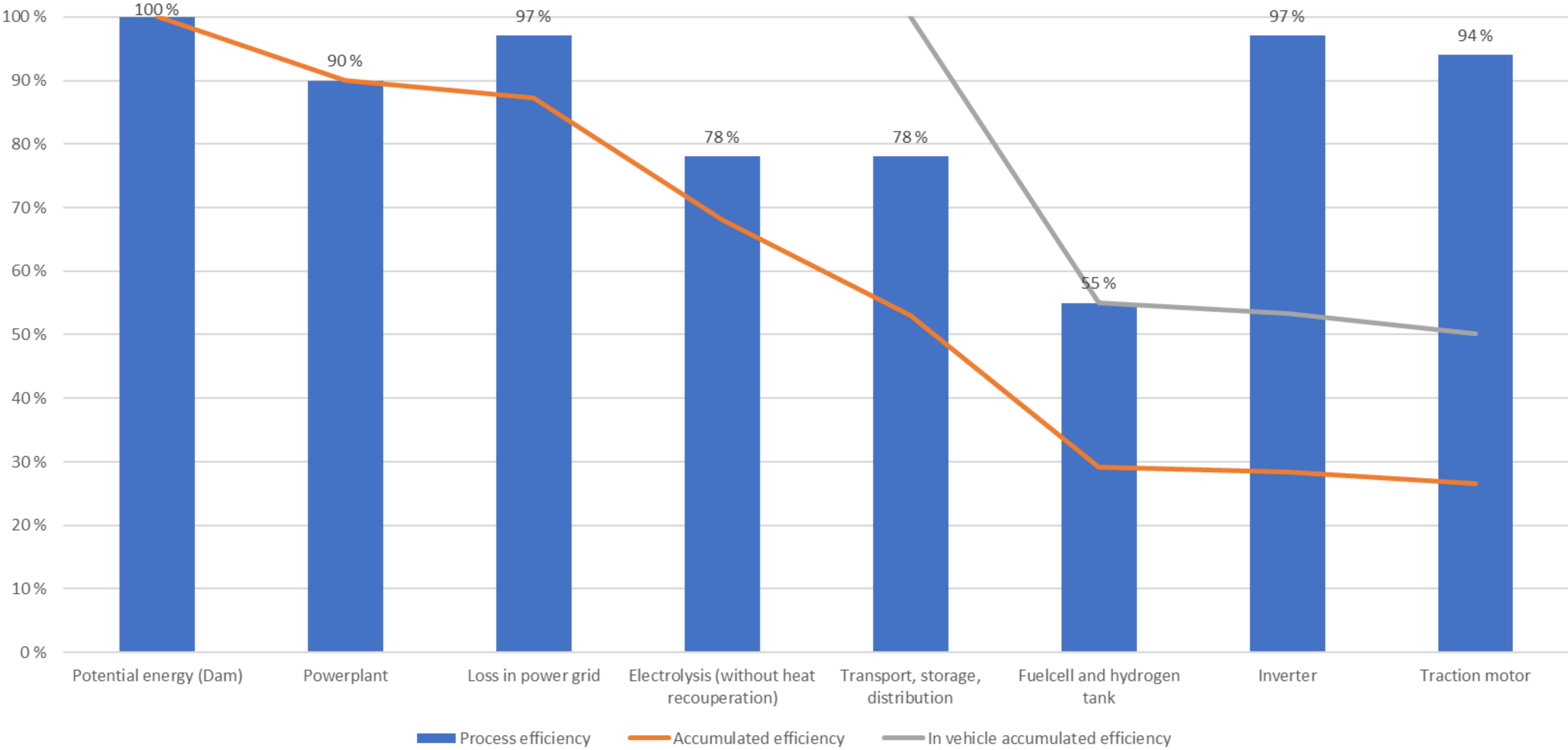
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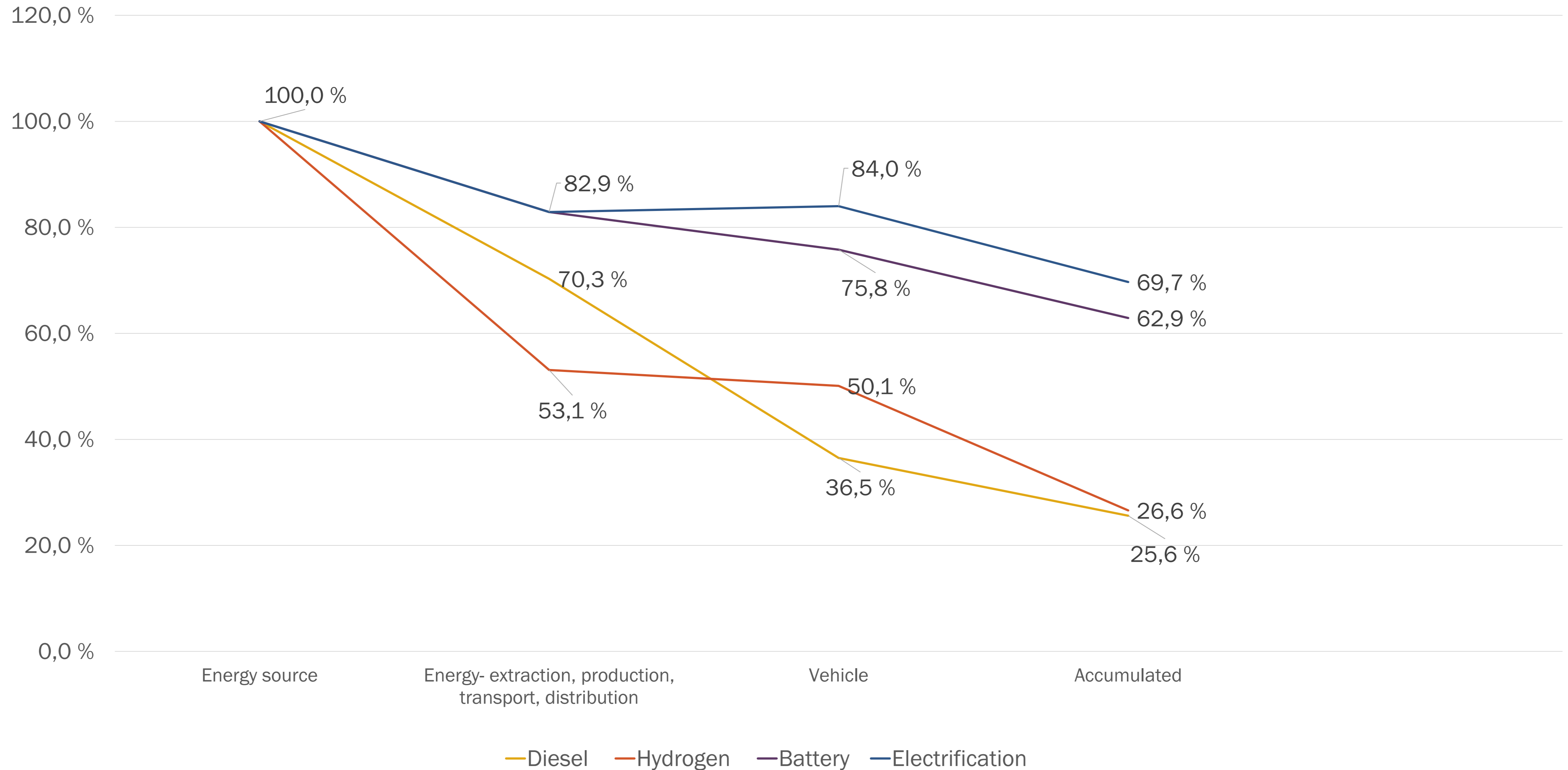
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2a Hydrogen

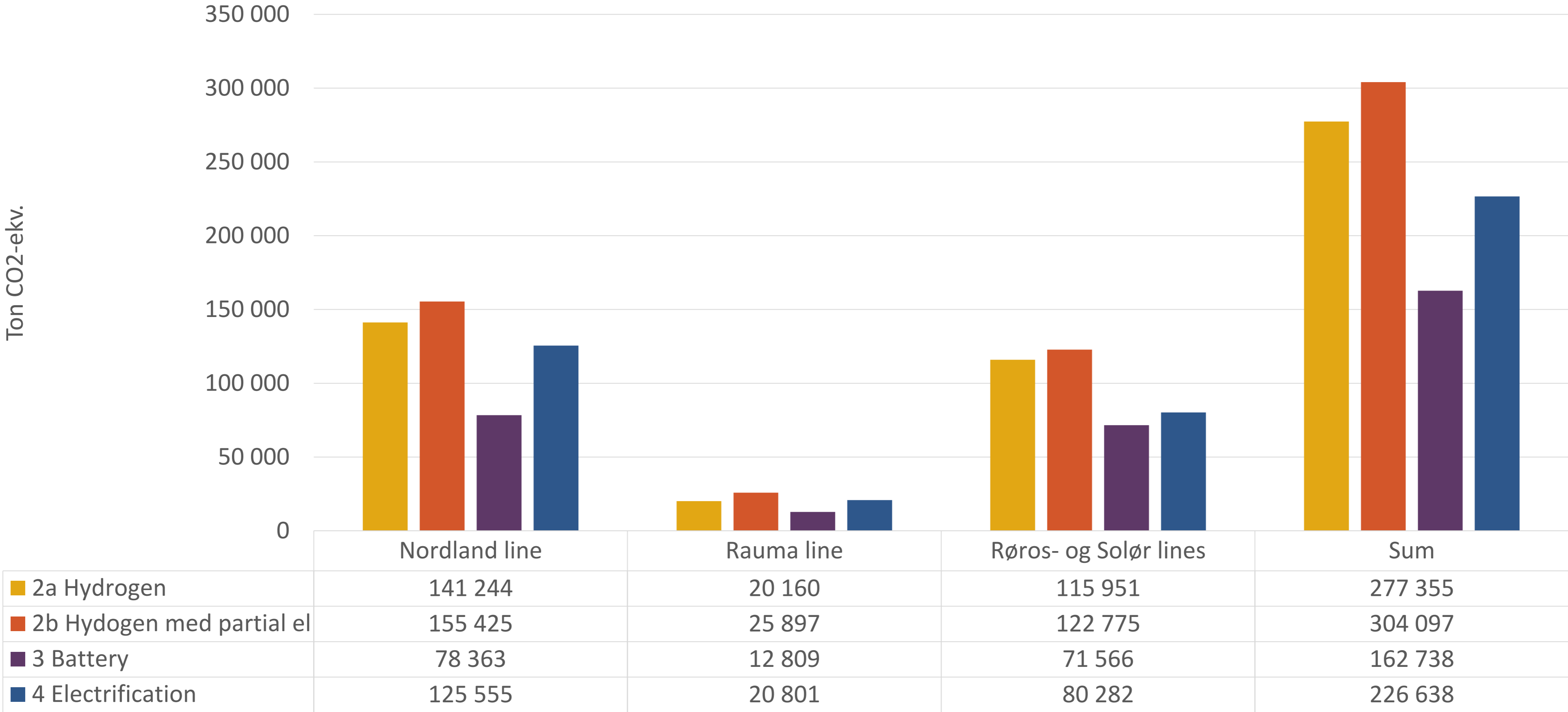


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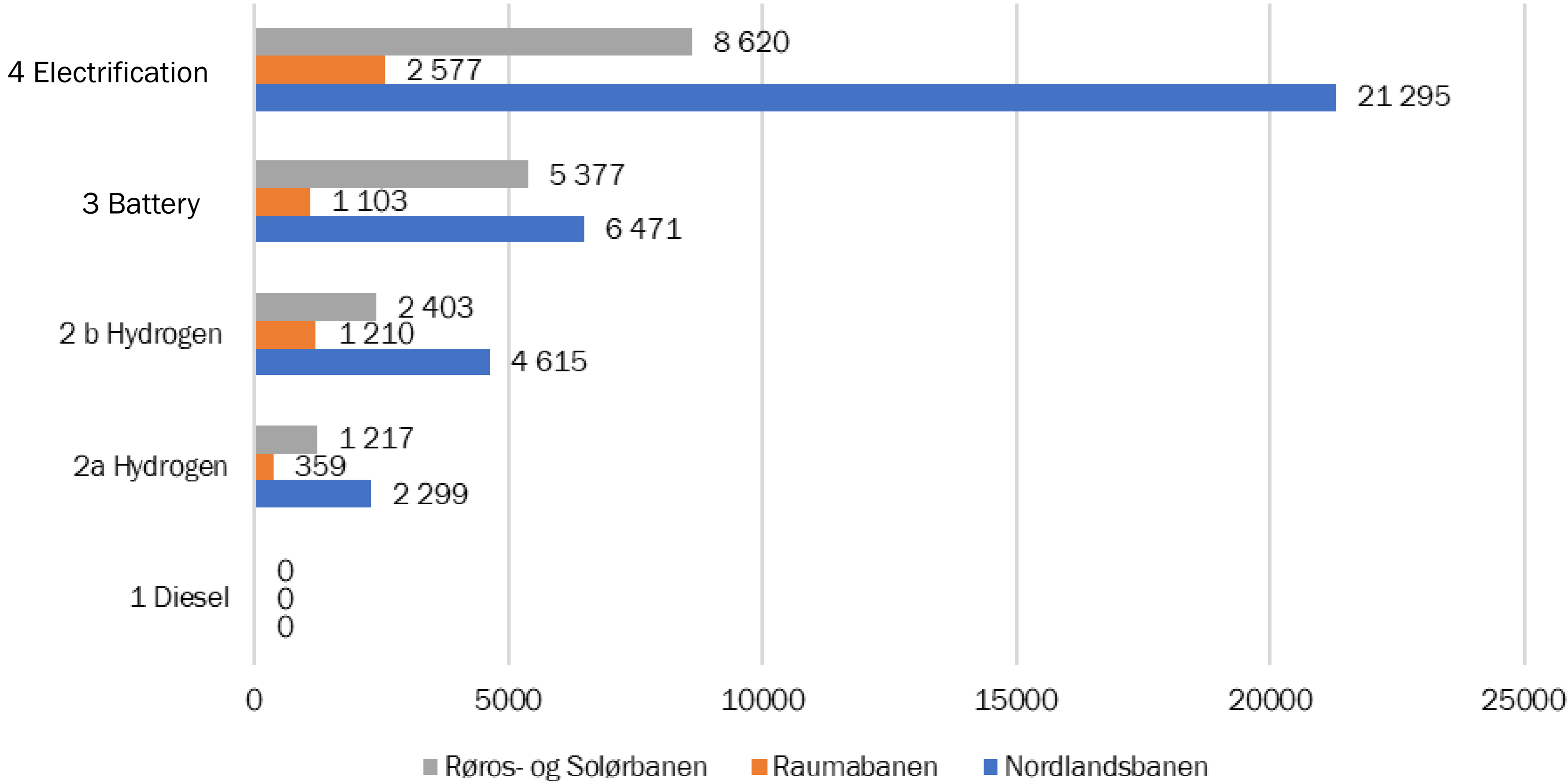


# GHG over 75-year analysis period

The total greenhouse gas emissions (tons of CO2 equivalent) from the alternatives over the 75-year analysis period

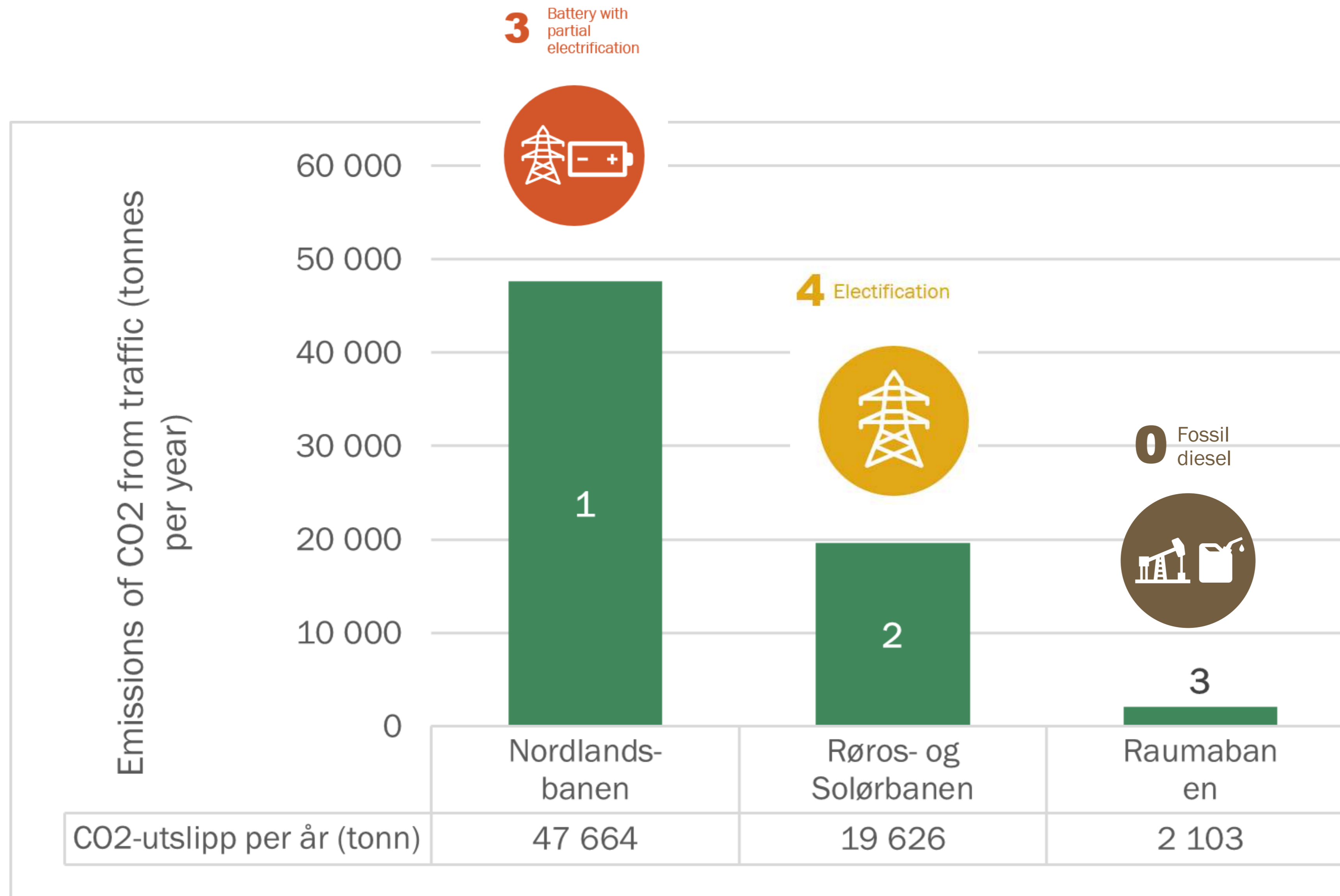


# Costs of introducing a new form of energy



Total investment costs for the infrastructure (MNOK)

# Recommendations



# National Transport Plan



## Meld. St. 14

(2023–2024)

Melding til Stortinget

Nasjonal transportplan 2025–2036

All the recommendations from the project are taken into consideration the next Transport Plan 2025-2036.



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*If it works in here, it works  
everywhere!*

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# Workshop timeline

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# Ricardo

## Study on greenhouse gas and Nitrogen oxides from biofuels

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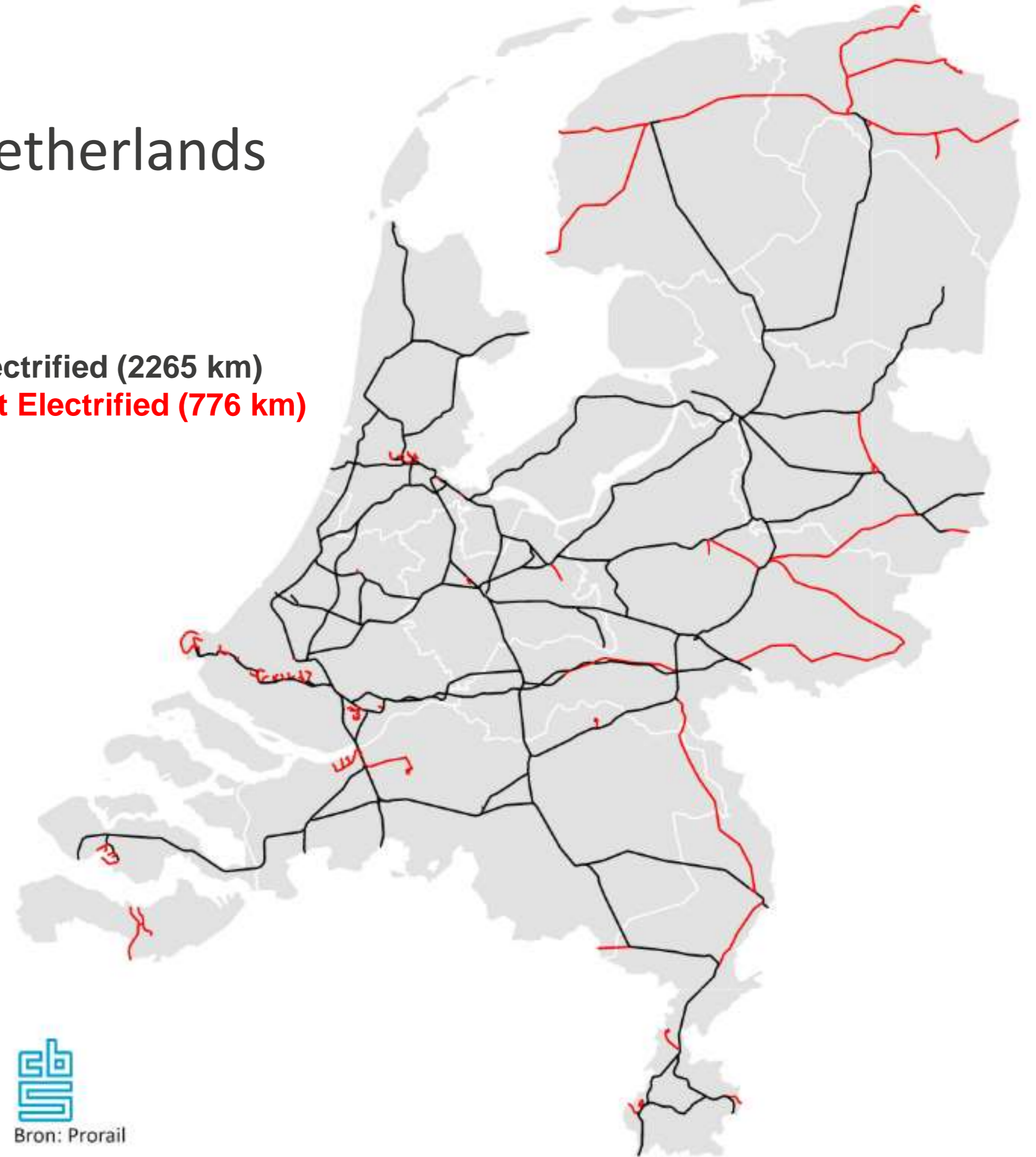
CO<sub>2</sub>- and NO<sub>x</sub>-emissions of Dutch Diesel Trains Including the Impact of Biofuels

# INTRODUCTION PRORAIL

Responsible for the railway infrastructure in The Netherlands

776 km (~25%) is not electrified

— Electrified (2265 km)  
— Not Electrified (776 km)



**ProRail**

  
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# CO<sub>2</sub>- AND NO<sub>x</sub>-EMISSIONS OF DUTCH DIESEL TRAINS INCLUDING THE IMPACT OF BIOFUELS

## and Zero-Emission Solutions



Martijn Wolf



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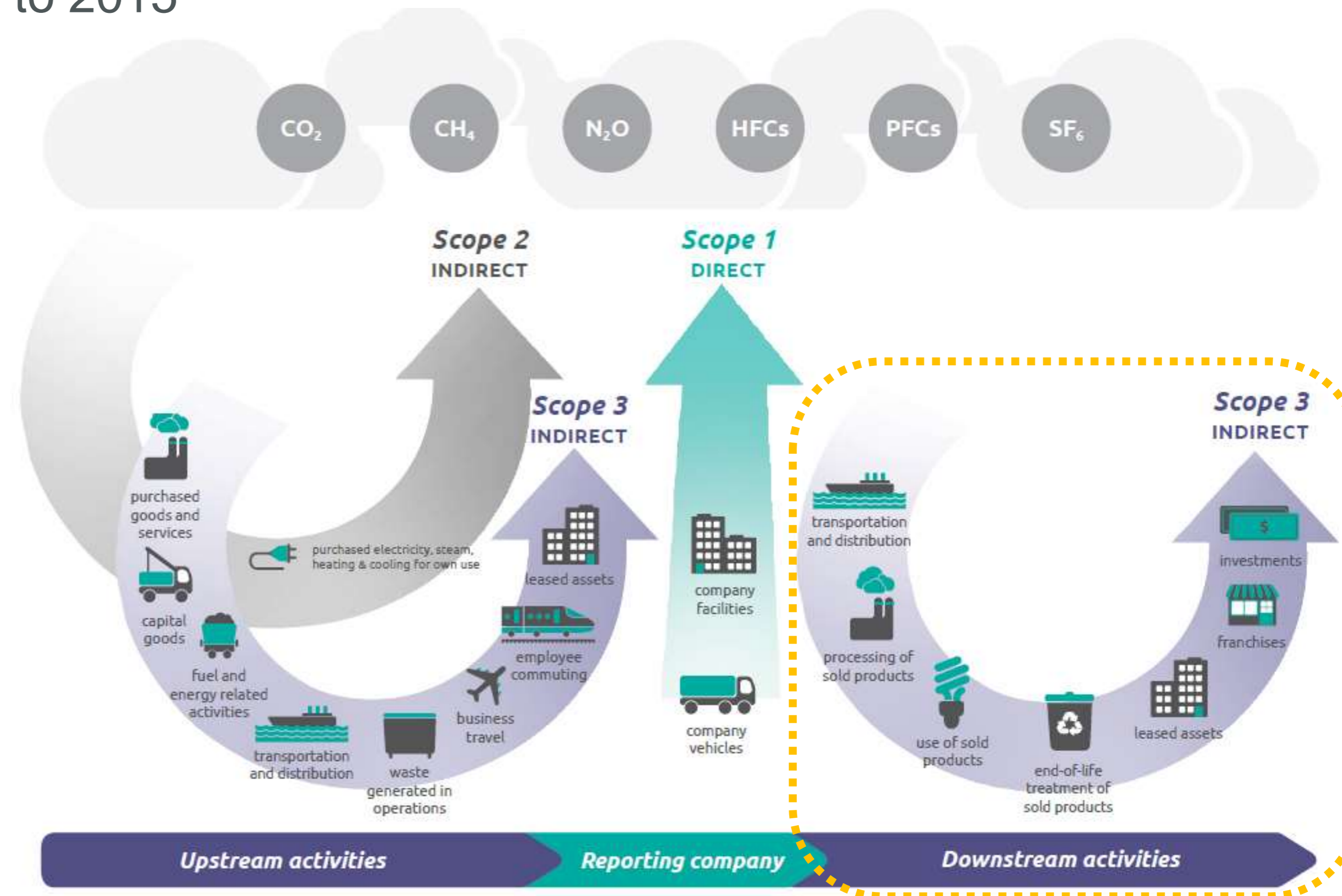
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CO<sub>2</sub>- and NO<sub>x</sub>-emissions of Dutch Diesel Trains Including the Impact of Biofuels

# CO<sub>2</sub> objectives ProRail

ProRails' objectives for their scope 1, 2 and 3 emissions:

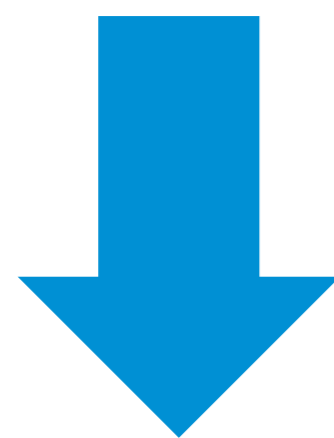
- 2030: reduction of minimal 55% with reference to 2015
- 2050: completely CO<sub>2</sub>-neutral



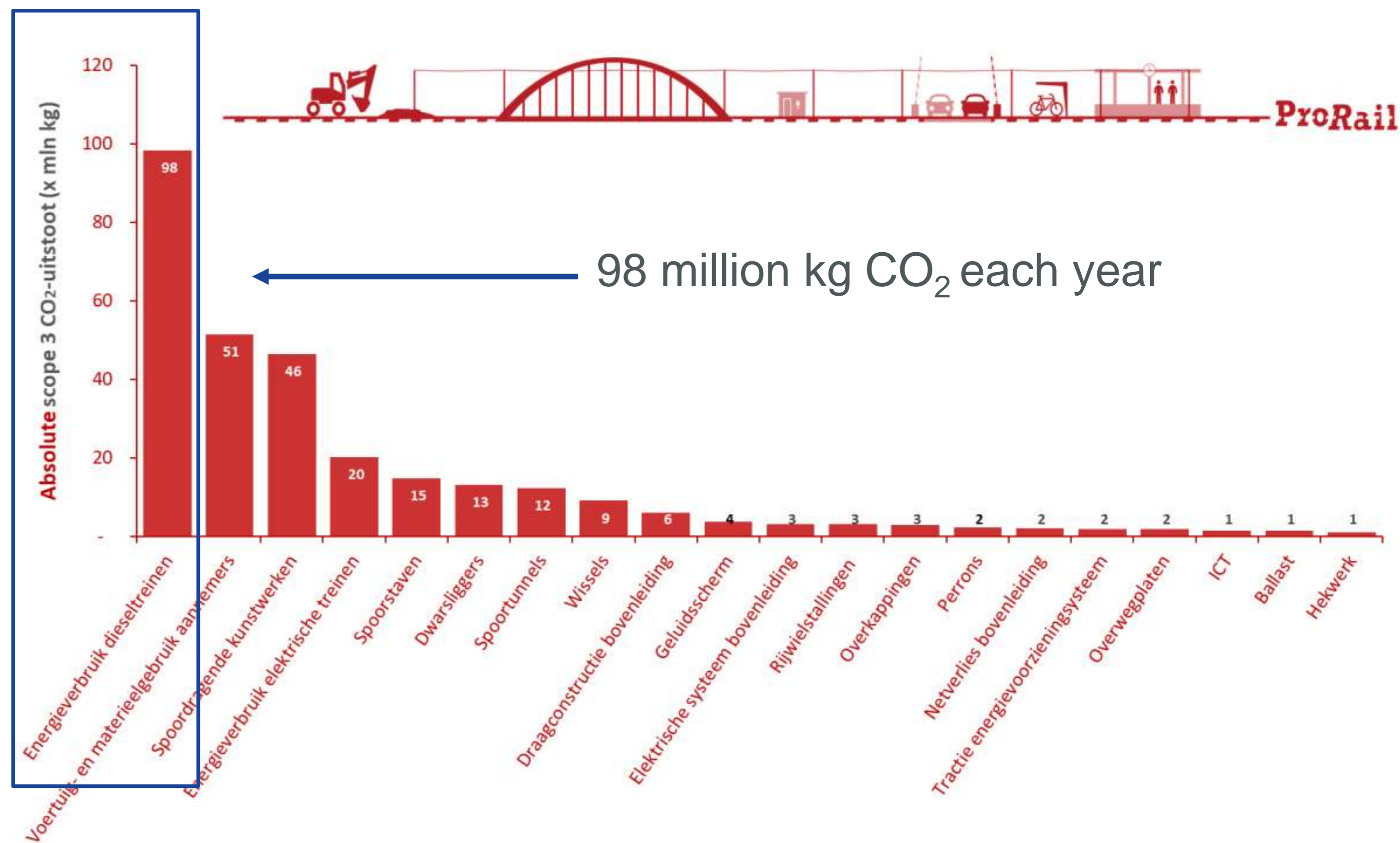
# Description and goal of the project

Scope 3: emissions over which a company has indirect influence

Step 1: Obtain insight into the magnitude and distribution of diesel consumption of rail users and the associated CO<sub>2</sub> and NO<sub>x</sub> emissions.

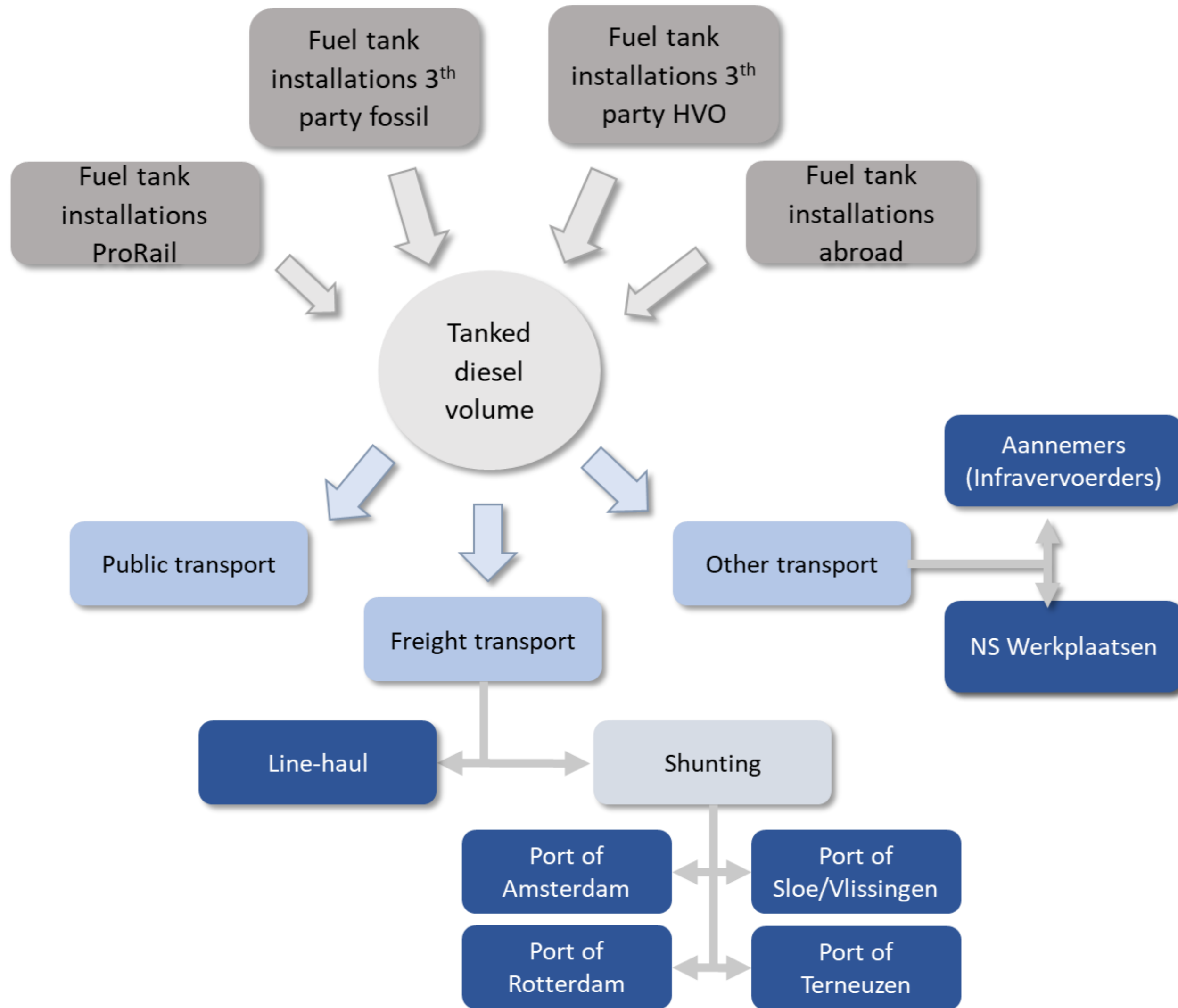


Step 2: Potential zero-emission solutions to achieve decarbonization objectives.



Source: [Dominantieanalyse ProRail 2021](#)

# Diesel Usage for Rail Customers



Public transport



Freight transport



Other transport





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## **CO<sub>2</sub> and NO<sub>x</sub> emission factors: diesel trains**

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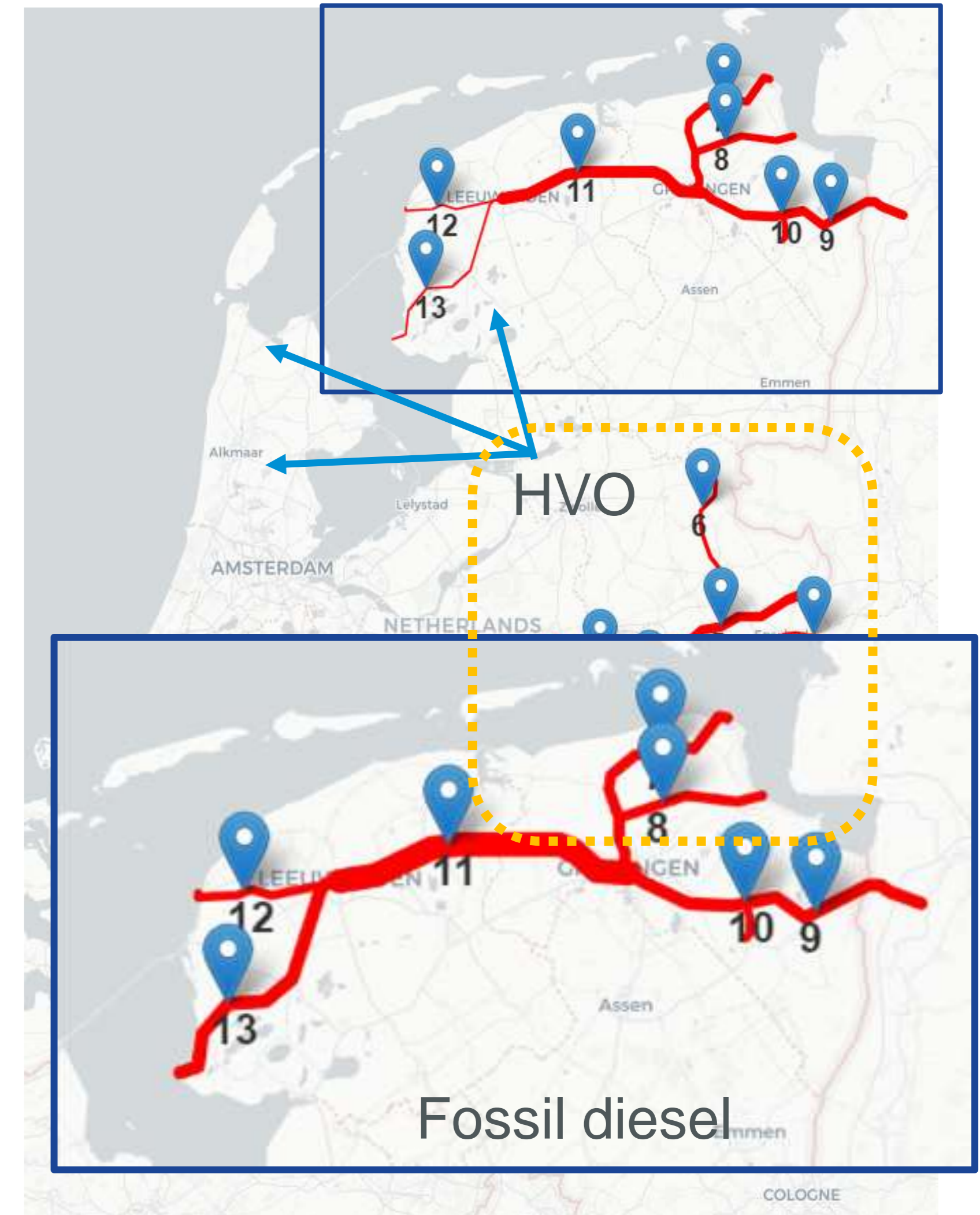
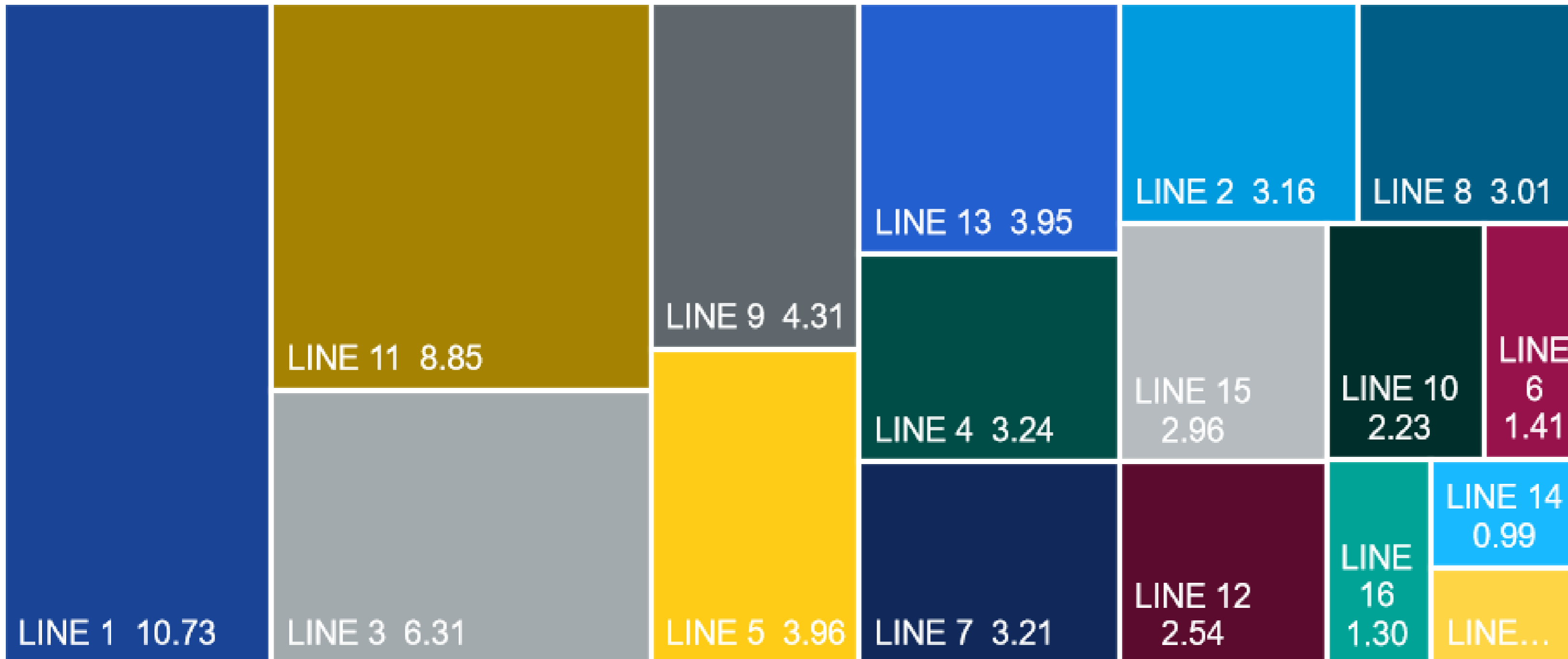
	<b>CO<sub>2</sub> emission factor (well-to-wheel) [kg CO<sub>2</sub>/L]</b>
	<b>Public transport trains and Freight trains</b>
<b>Fossil diesel</b>	3.529
<b>HVO</b>	0.357

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# Public transport

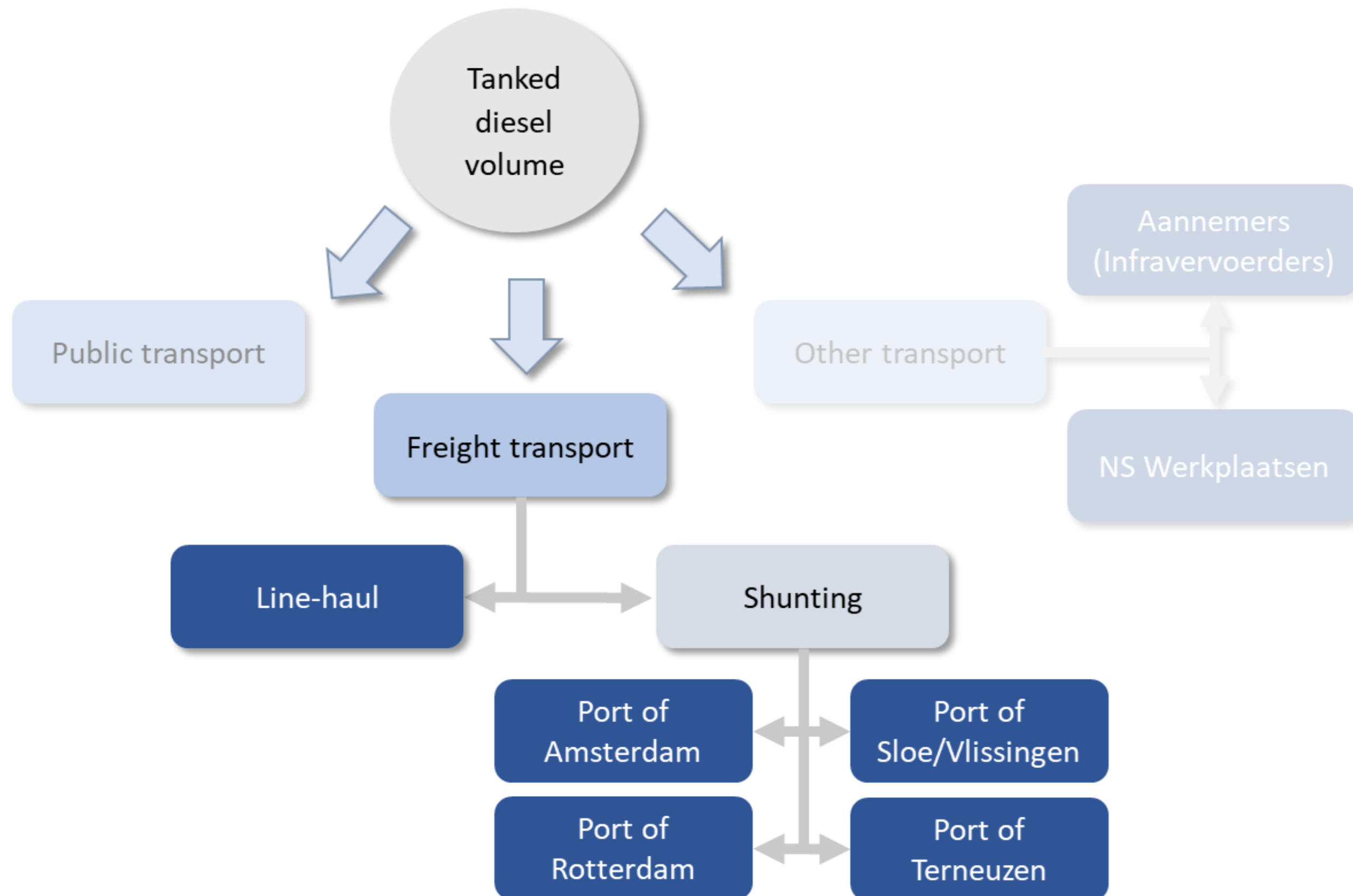
- 4 different public transport companies → 17 unique lines
- Thickness of the line is the relative CO<sub>2</sub>-emission
- Total: 53.6 million kg CO<sub>2</sub>/year

CO<sub>2</sub>-emission public transport per line [million kg CO<sub>2</sub>/year]



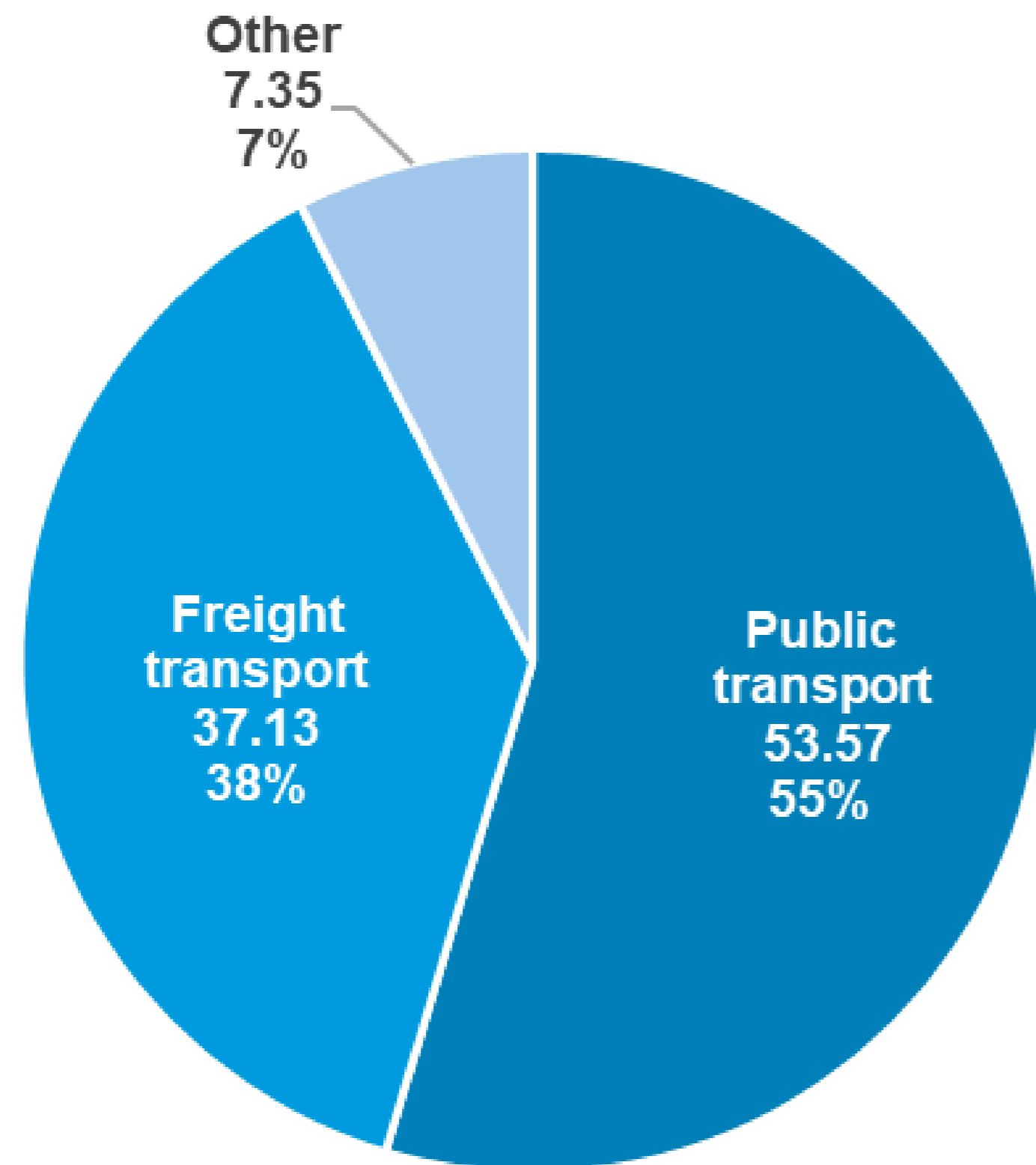
# Freight transport

- Subdivision between line-haul and shunting (port areas)
- Thickness of the line indicates the relative CO<sub>2</sub> emissions



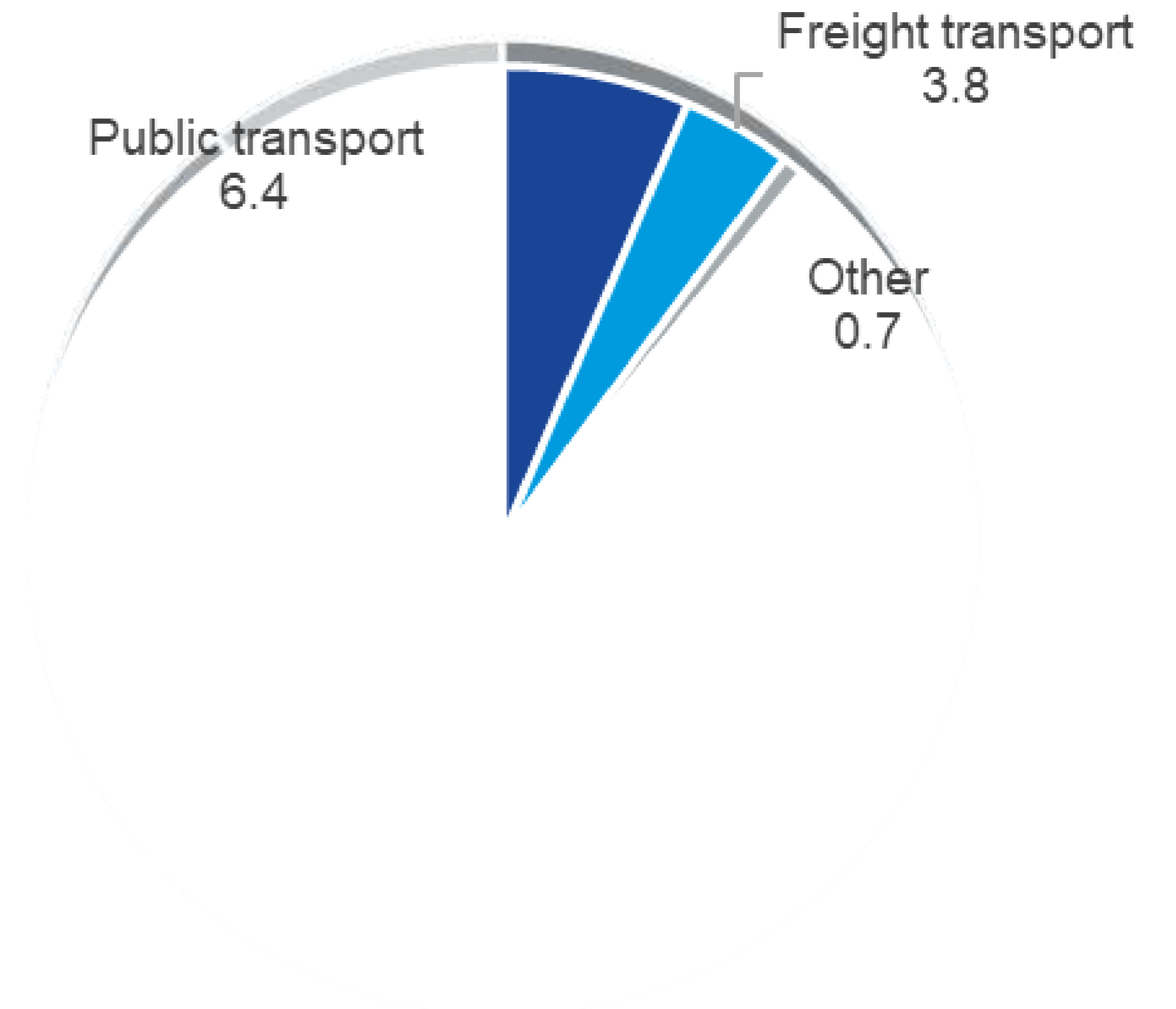
# Summary

CO<sub>2</sub>-emission [million kg CO<sub>2</sub>/year]



Public transport has the biggest share

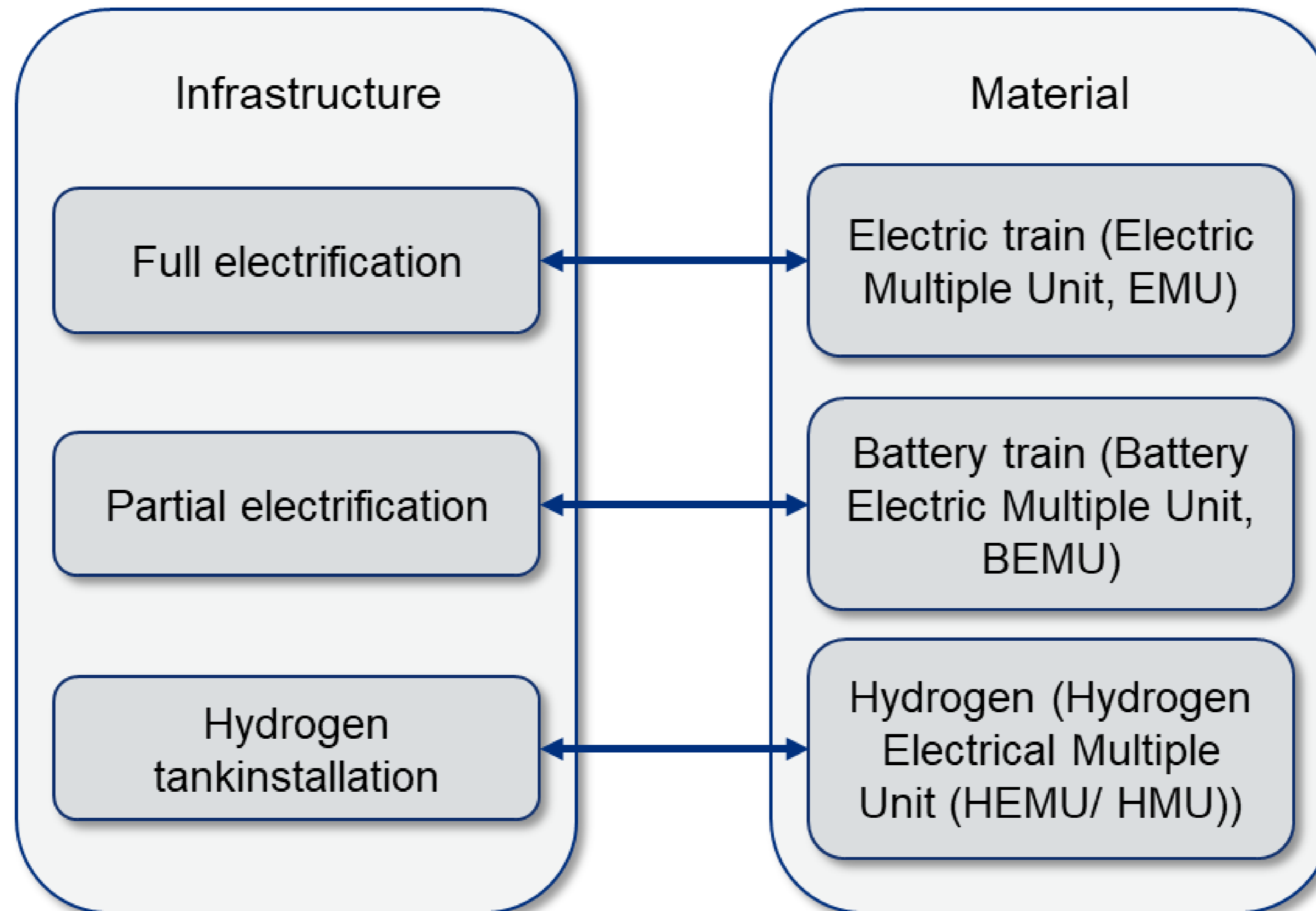
CO<sub>2</sub>-emission HVO scenario  
NO<sub>x</sub>-emission [million kg CO<sub>2</sub>/year]



Freight transport has the biggest share

# Zero-emission solutions

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# Thank you for your attention



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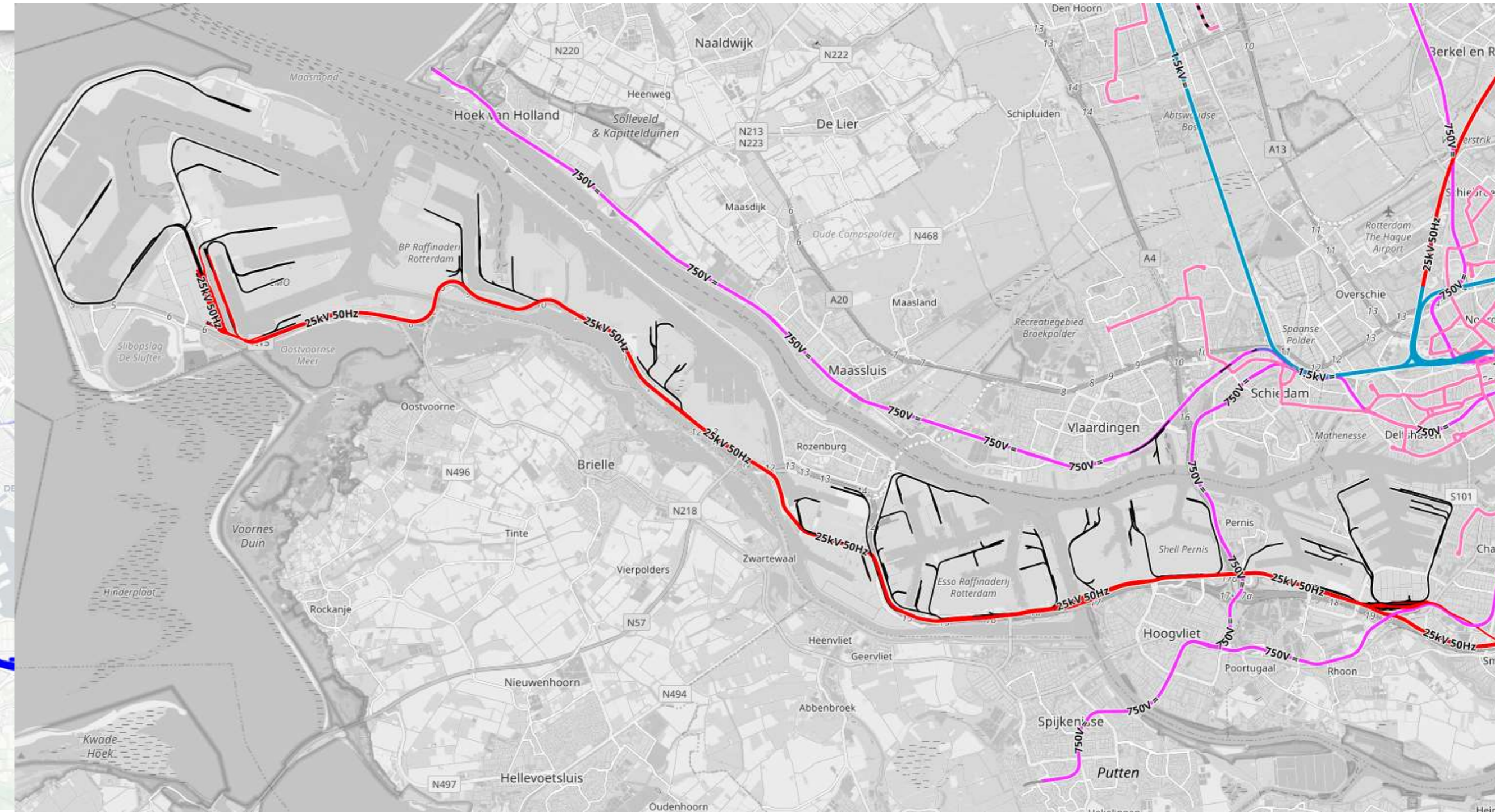


# Example: freight transport in The Port of Rotterdam

Driven fossil diesel kilometers



Electrification in The Port of Rotterdam (red = 25 kV AC)



# Break time



**Until 11h55**



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# Network Rail

Ammonia: An Infrastructure Manager's perspective

**Rory Dickerson**

*Senior Engineer*

***Alternative Traction:  
Ammonia: An Infrastructure  
Manager's Perspective***



***Rory Dickerson  
Senior Traction & Rolling Stock Engineer***

# Brief

A discussion on some of the hazards and benefits of Ammonia in comparison to Hydrogen as a fuel

(assuming eDiesel and HVO are not desired)



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# Director's Request

“The shipping industry is looking at ammonia as an alternative to oil, why isn't rail?”

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### The foul-smelling fuel that could power big ships

6 November 2020

## *University of Birmingham research project*

Considered ammonia as a fuel

Cracked onboard into hydrogen

- PEM Fuel Cell
- Solid Oxide Fuel Cell
- Ammonia direct
  - Solid Oxide Fuel Cell
  - Internal Combustion Engine
- Single freight journey simulated



# University of Birmingham research project

## Conclusions

- Positive within scope researched
- SOFC
  - Most efficient
  - Lowest TRL → most expensive
- Internal Combustion Engine
  - Slightly reduced efficiency vs diesel
  - Highest TRL
  - Affordable with Blue Ammonia



## What next?

Network Rail is an Infrastructure Manager

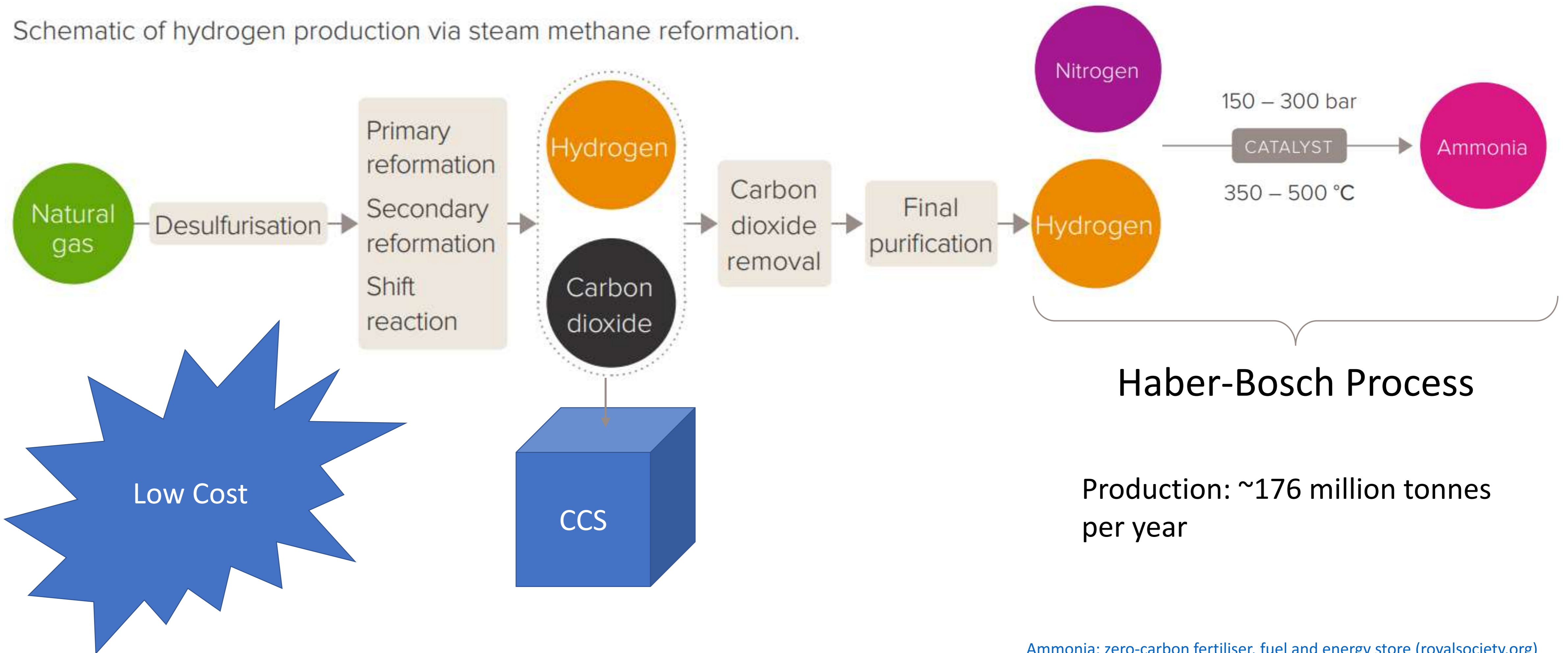
- Locomotives services are hired
- Freight is privatised
- Is NR best placed to be funding engine development?
- HyTunnel highlighted hazards associated with hydrogen releases in confined spaces
- Trains operate under RU SMS, IMs should understand the risks of alternative fuels





# Ammonia production

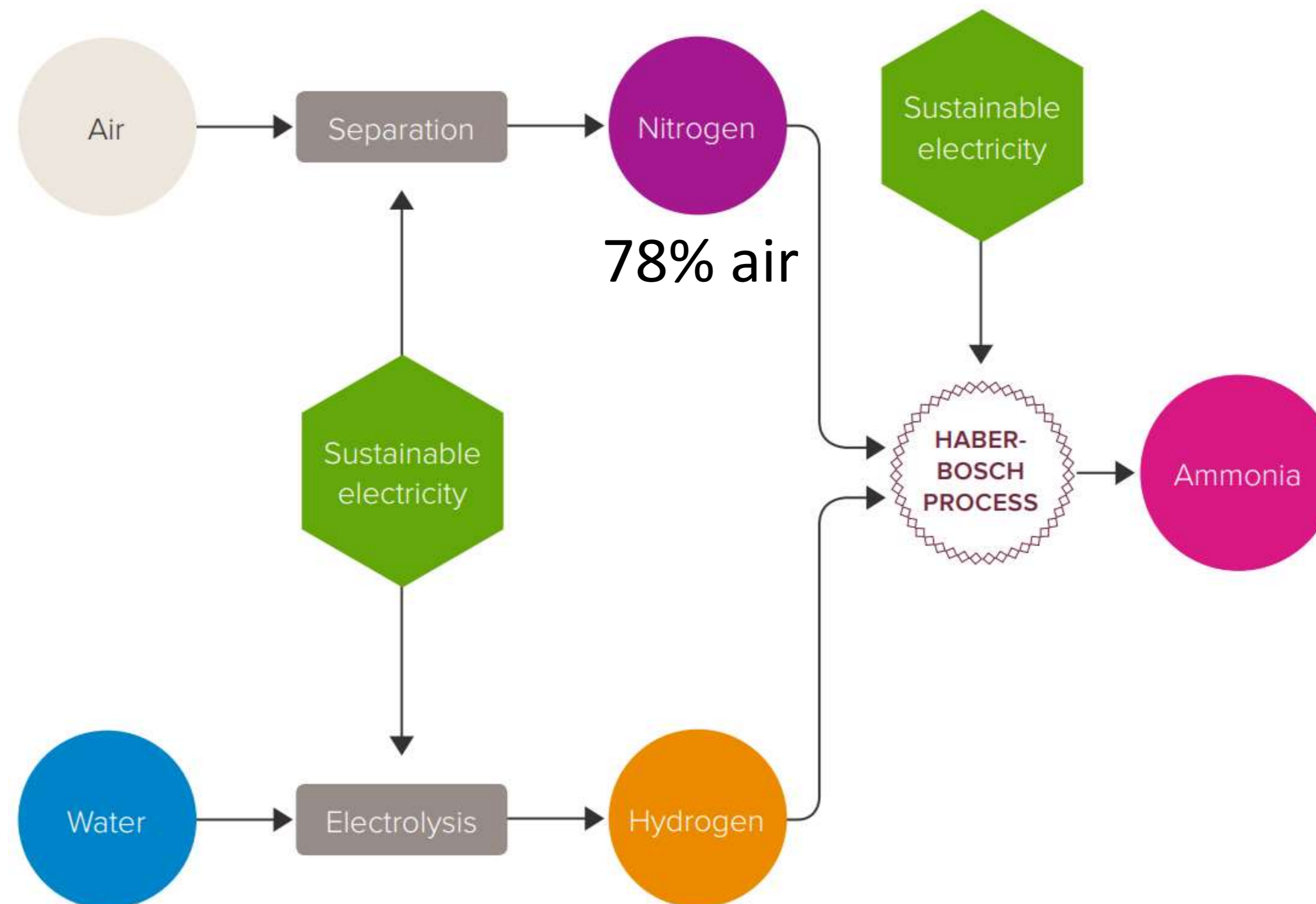
Schematic of hydrogen production via steam methane reformation.



Production: ~176 million tonnes per year

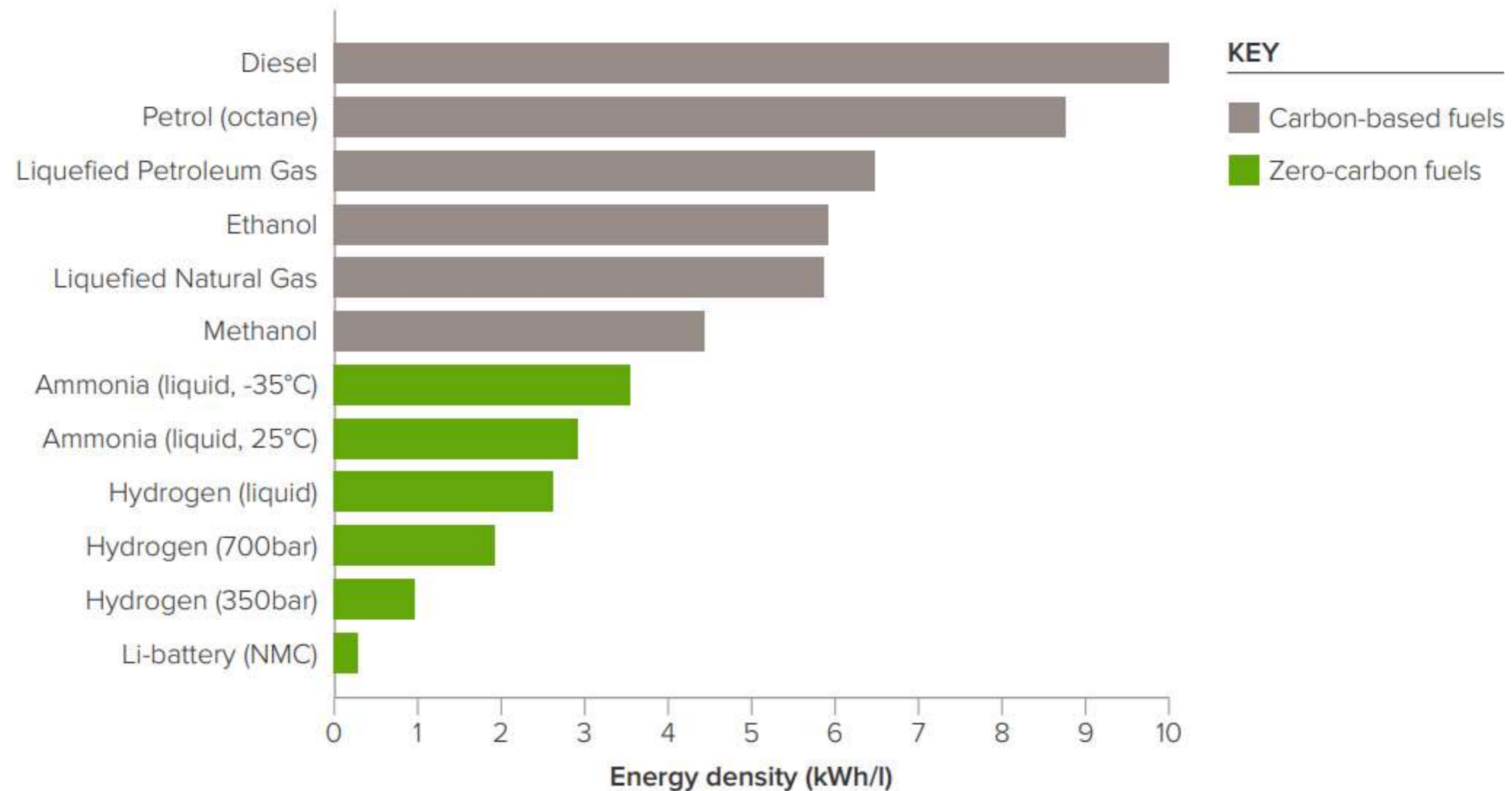
# Ammonia production

Schematic of green ammonia production based upon hydrogen production from water electrolysis and the full decarbonisation of the Haber-Bosch process.



# Ammonia

The volumetric energy density of a range of fuel options.

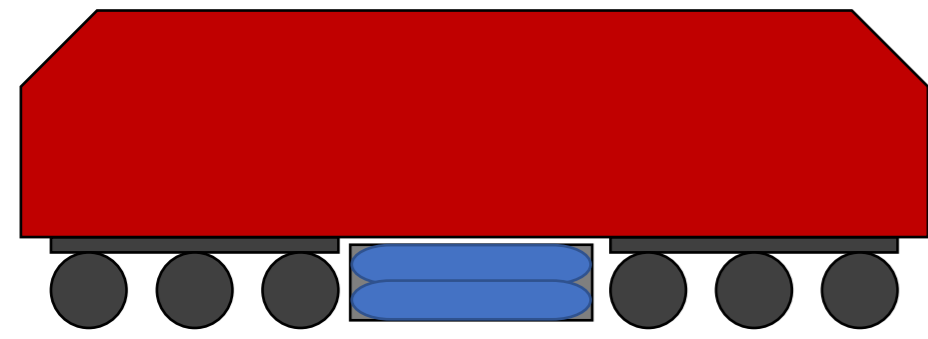


# Ammonia

Property	Diesel	Hydrogen	Ammonia
Storage	Steel tank	350 bar compressed (gas) or Liquid at -253°C	15-16 bar compressed (liquid, room temp.) or -33°C
Specific Energy (MJ/kg)	45.6	120	18.6
<b>Specific Energy (contained approx.)</b>	<b>40</b> <small>(guess)</small>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
Energy Density (MJ/l)	38.6	2.9	11.5
<b>Energy Density (contained approx.)</b>	<b>38</b> <small>(guess)</small>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>9</b>
Flammability in air (% vol)	-	4-74	16-27 (Methane 4-15)
H-phrase		H220 (Extremely Flammable)	H221 (Flammable)

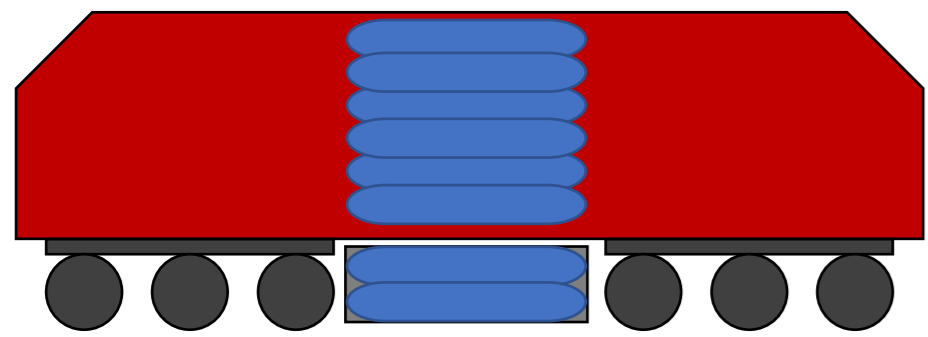
- Storage volume: 4 times better than hydrogen, 4 times worse than diesel
- Storage mass: comparable to hydrogen, 4 times worse than diesel
- Flammability: safer than hydrogen and methane

## Volumetric Compromise (Locomotive)



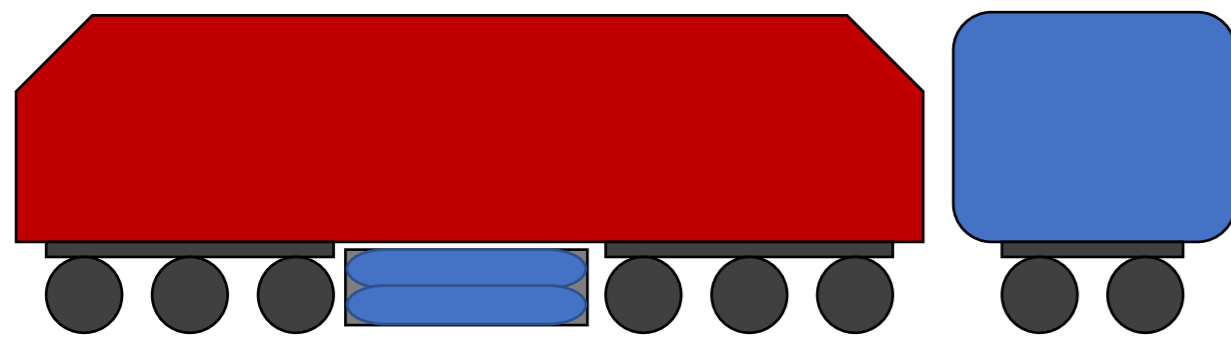
Reduced range

- More frequent refuelling (& infrastructure)
- Assumes ICE changed are accommodated



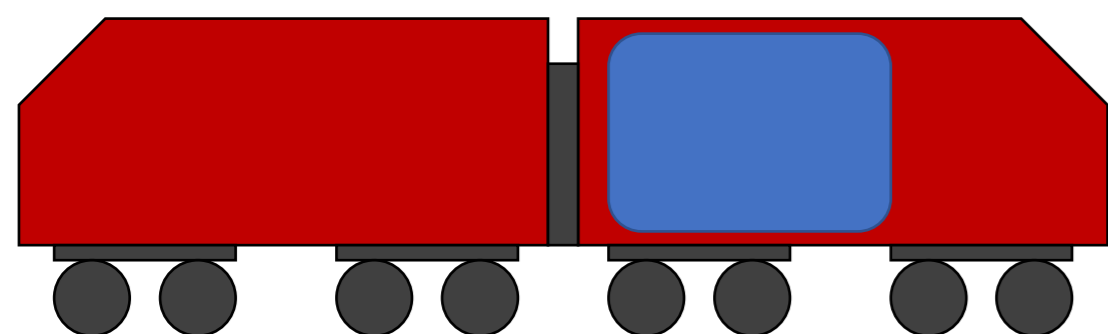
Re-engineer or  
New design

- Range may still be compromised due to space
- Big job



Fuel tender

- ICE, exhaust treatment still need adapting
- Single direction, reduces payload capacity
- 2<sup>nd</sup> loco or loop required to reverse

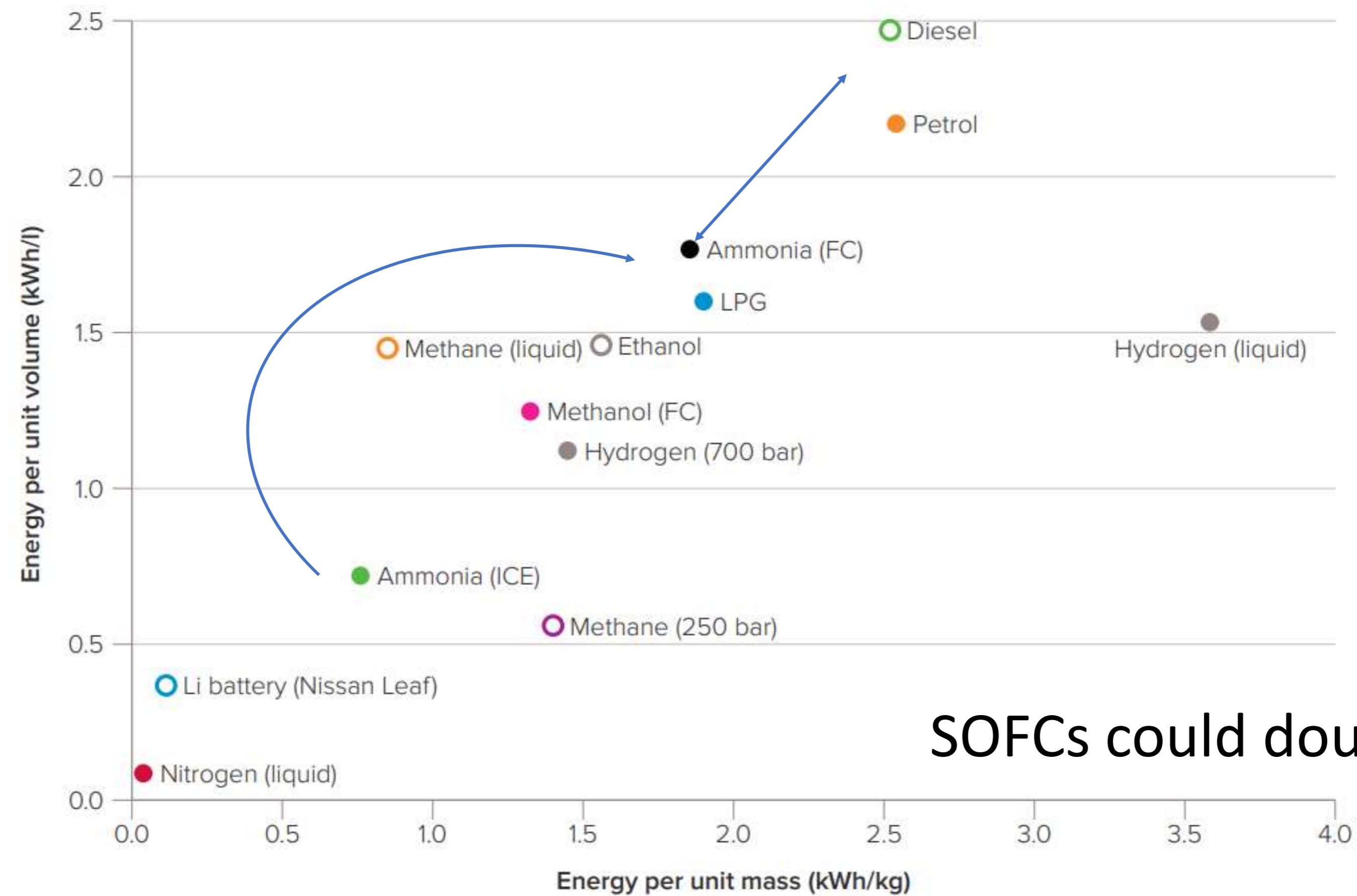


New two-part  
design

- Big loco – 1 wagon less payload?
- Increased cost vs. single body loco

# Ammonia

Specific energy and energy density of a range of energy stores for mobile applications accounting for typical container properties and energy conversion technology efficiencies.



**SOFCs could double the efficiency**

## *Ammonia exposure from use*

- Industrial Refrigeration
- Fertiliser Production
- Freight (transportation): safer than road, lineside exposure limited, train driver is separated. Wagons are simple
- Rail Fuel:
  - More complicated pipework
  - Vibration
  - Ammonia carried on vehicle at the front of the train
  - Train driver within a few metres of Ammonia whist working

These increase the risk of exposure

# Ammonia – toxicity

## Petrol

Table 2: Summary of the human inhalation toxicity of petrol vapour. \*Refers to estimated concentrations based on post-incident measurements: See also Annex II.

Study type	Concentration (ppm)	Duration	Temperature	Effect(s)	Ref
Human volunteer studies	140 – 270	8 h	23 °C	Mild irritation (coughing, sore throat), conjunctival hyperaemia.	[30]
	200	0.5 h		Threshold level for eye irritation.	[35]
	900	8 h	22 °C	Mild CNS effects (dizziness). Tolerable.	[30]
	2,600	1 h	n/s	Onset of neuromuscular effects (incoordination)	[30]
	> 10,700	< 5 min	n/s	Rapid onset of dizziness and 'drunkenness' (ataxia, confusion). Threshold level for onset of anaesthetic effects.	[30]
Case studies	8,000 – 35,000*	Minutes	'hot'	Death occurred sometime within 45 minutes of initial exposure.	[12]
	5,000 – 16,000*	Minutes	n/s	Death occurred sometime within five minutes of exposure.	[31]

## Ammonia

Table 1: Summary of toxic effects following acute exposure to ammonia by inhalation

Exposure		Signs and symptoms
mg/m <sup>3</sup>	ppm	
35	50	Irritation to eyes, nose and throat (2 hours' exposure)
70	100	Rapid eye and respiratory tract irritation
174	250	Tolerable by most people (30–60 minutes' exposure)
488	700	Immediately irritating to eyes and throat
>1,045	>1,500	Pulmonary oedema, coughing, laryngospasm
1,740–3,134	2,500–4,500	Fatal (30 minutes' exposure)
3,480–6,965	5,000–10,000	Rapidly fatal due to airway obstruction, may also cause skin damage

Values in mg/m<sup>3</sup> are approximate calculations from ppm, where mg/m<sup>3</sup> = ppm x gram molecular weight/24.45 (molar volume of air at standard temperature and pressure)

**References**  
[2, 14]

- Fertilizers Europe assessed 38 rail-related ammonia accidents from 4 databases.
  - No fatalities from release of ammonia



## *Ammonia vs Hydrogen leak scenarios*

Hydrogen (350 bar):

- Detection: sound, detectors
- Hazard: cold gas, fire, deflagration, explosion if confined
- Action: evacuate, automatic/remote shutdown, ventilate, wait

Ammonia (16 bar):

- Detection: sound, detectors, smell
- Hazard: cold gas, toxic gas, fire/explosion in specific circumstances
- Action: evacuate, automatic/remote shutdown, ventilate, **approach with PPE, local shutdown, cover, re-capture, repair (more options – faster resolution)**

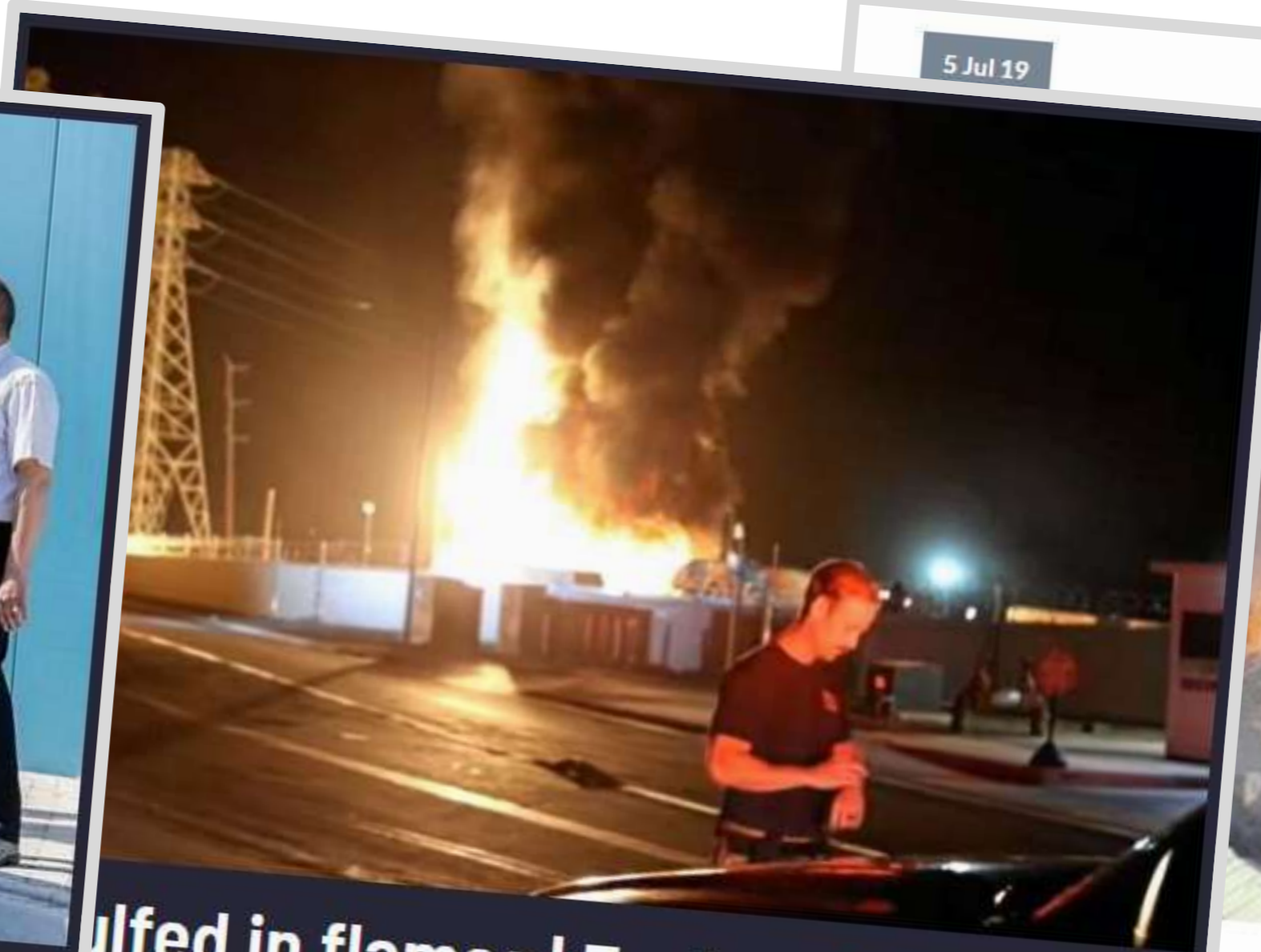
# Hydrogen events



## Shell hydrogen filling station in the Netherlands evacuated after H2 leak discovered

Emergency services alerted when hissing sound was heard at bus depot site in Groningen

21 July 2023 14:39 GMT UPDATED 21 July 2023 14:47 GMT  
By Leigh Collins



## Bus engulfed in flames | Fuel cell bus in California destroyed after explosion during refuelling

CEO 'reluctant to speculate' on cause of fire, says bus

31 July 2023 10:16 GMT UPDATED 31 July 2023 10:49 GMT

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## Hydrogen explosion: mystery solved

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Safety



When filling station exploded in Norway, the cause has been found: a faulty valve.

which caught fire when it came into contact with the air. Reportedly, the issue is related only to the bus, because safety standards weren't respected during installation. It is likely that quality control checks will be made more stringent following this incident.

Hydrogen a safe fuel for your fleet?

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## *Most significant hazard from a leak?*

### **Hydrogen**

#### Fire and explosion

- Applies to buildings and people
- PPE to protect from explosion?
  
- After evacuation, fire/explosion risk to assets remains until leak stops or burns out

### **Ammonia**

#### Toxicity

- Applies to people only
- PPE available
- Easy to detect
  
- After evacuation, toxicity risk is nullified
- Fire / explosion risks not zero (but far less than hydrogen)

## Some regulations

Regulations also suggest Ammonia may be less hazardous in the round:

Regulation	Hydrogen	Ammonia
The Planning (Hazardous Substances) Regulations 2015	2 tonnes	50 tonnes (8.5 tonnes of Hydrogen)
COMAH Regulations 2015 Lower Tier (Seveso III Directive (2012/18/EU))	5 tonnes	50 tonnes
COMAH Regulations 2015 Upper Tier (Seveso III Directive (2012/18/EU))	50 tonnes	200 tonnes
	H220 (Extremely Flammable)	H221 (Flammable) H280 (Contains gas under pressure; may explode if heated) H314 (Causes severe skin burns and eye damage) H331 (Toxic if inhaled) H400 (Very toxic to aquatic life) H411 (Toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects)

## *Other uses*

- Ammonia could be suitable for maintenance machines
- Less dense fuel more tolerable
- Less flammable fuel particularly advantageous with rail grinding etc.
- Equipping workers with additional or different PPE not too complicated (dust and fume hazards may already exist)



## *Ammonia – reducing the risk*

- Segregation – Protect storage vessels from impact
- Double barriers – reduce hazards from leaks (such as direct exposure)
- Detection
- Automatic Shut-off
- PPE – Respirators for staff
- Pressure relief valves (or methods) – safest possible vent location
- Ammonia (Rail Vehicle Fuel) handling manual
- Engines must have sufficiently minimised ammonia emissions (slip) and NO<sub>x</sub> (Exhaust treatment should be easier with reduced PM)

## *Ammonia – good and bad*

- Good practices are established
- Energy density around  $\frac{1}{4}$  diesel (better than hydrogen)
- Storable as a liquid at room temperature at 15-16 bar (vs 350 bar for hydrogen)
- Can be renewably generated (€?)
- If generated from methane, Carbon can be captured at source -> low cost
- Not especially flammable (much better than hydrogen)
- Quick to refuel (faster & simpler than hydrogen)
- Strong odour
- Not good with some metals, quite corrosive etc.
- Toxic above some concentrations...

## References

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# Plasser & Theurer

Biofuels for track maintenance

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# Biofuels for Track Maintenance

Markus Buchner | Paris | 11 June 2024





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# Alternative Drive Concepts

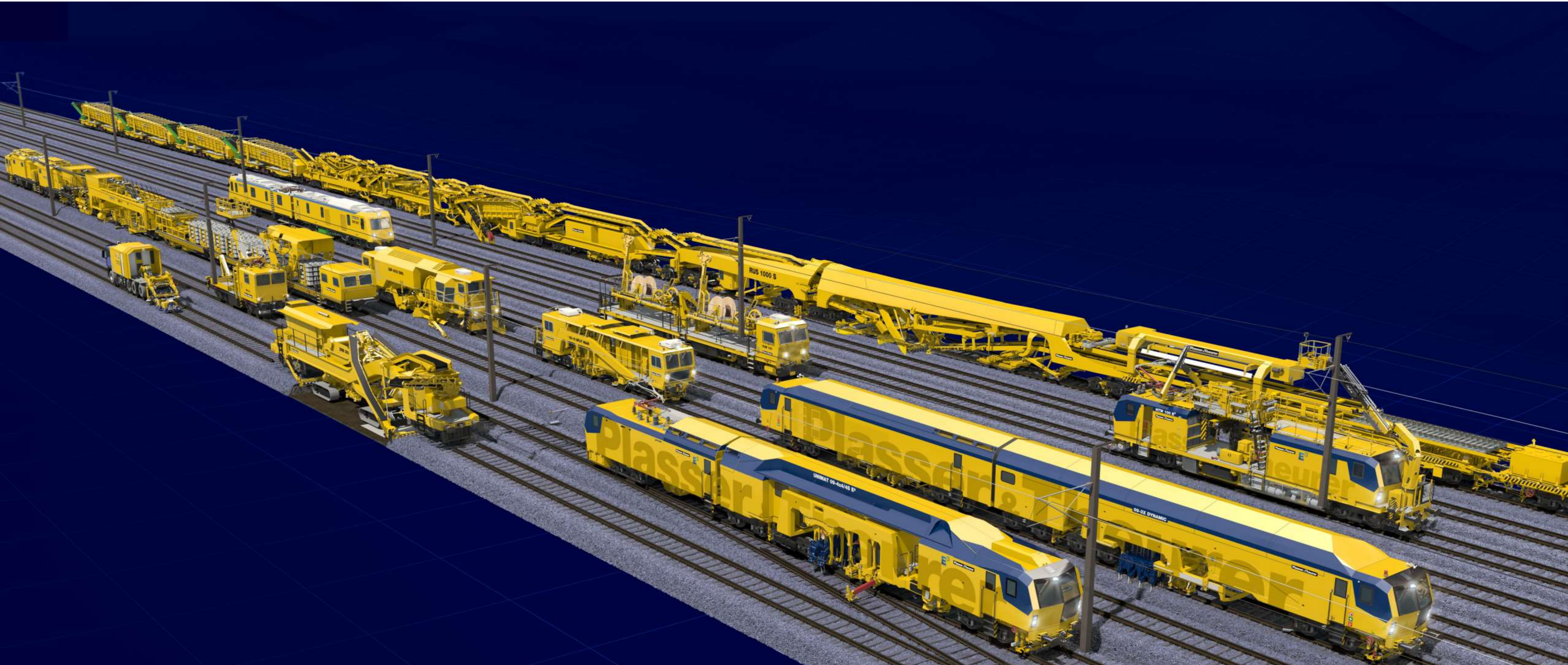
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# Portfolio overview

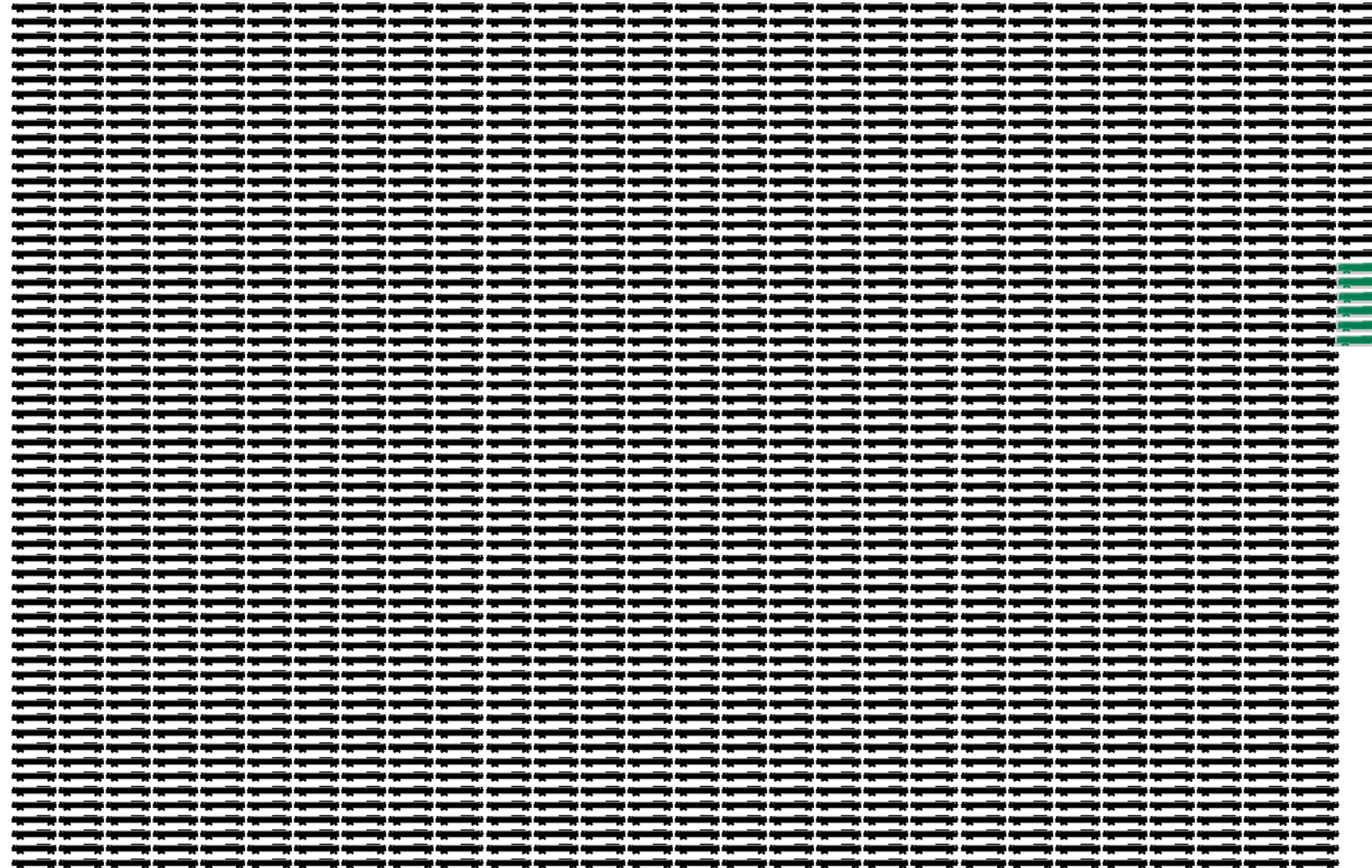
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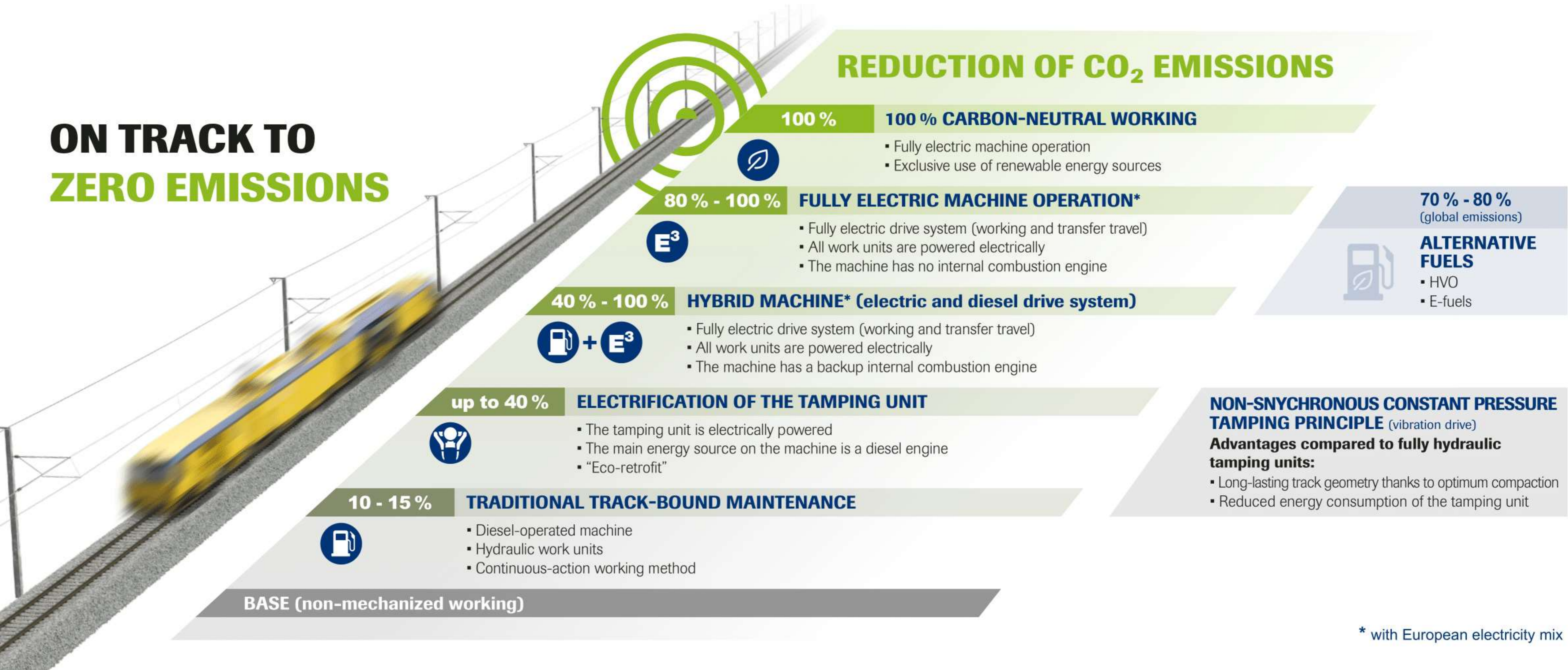
# Plasser & Theurer Fleet

17000 Machines since 1953



# ON TRACK TO ZERO EMISSIONS

## REDUCTION OF CO<sub>2</sub> EMISSIONS



100 %

**100 % CARBON-NEUTRAL WORKING**

- Fully electric machine operation
- Exclusive use of renewable energy sources

80 % - 100 %

**FULLY ELECTRIC MACHINE OPERATION\***

- Fully electric drive system (working and transfer travel)
- All work units are powered electrically
- The machine has no internal combustion engine

40 % - 100 %

**HYBRID MACHINE\* (electric and diesel drive system)**

- Fully electric drive system (working and transfer travel)
- All work units are powered electrically
- The machine has a backup internal combustion engine

up to 40 %

**ELECTRIFICATION OF THE TAMPING UNIT**

- The tamping unit is electrically powered
- The main energy source on the machine is a diesel engine
- "Eco-retrofit"

10 - 15 %

**TRADITIONAL TRACK-BOUND MAINTENANCE**

- Diesel-operated machine
- Hydraulic work units
- Continuous-action working method

**BASE (non-mechanized working)**

70 % - 80 %  
(global emissions)

**ALTERNATIVE FUELS**

- HVO
- E-fuels

**NON-SYNCHRONOUS CONSTANT PRESSURE TAMPING PRINCIPLE** (vibration drive)

**Advantages compared to fully hydraulic tamping units:**

- Long-lasting track geometry thanks to optimum compaction
- Reduced energy consumption of the tamping unit

\* with European electricity mix







All newly manufactured **Plasser & Theurer machines** can be delivered so they are **compatible** for synthetic fuels.

- **Fuel switching** can also be considered for older vehicle series.
- However, a **case-by-case assessment** is always assumed to be necessary here.



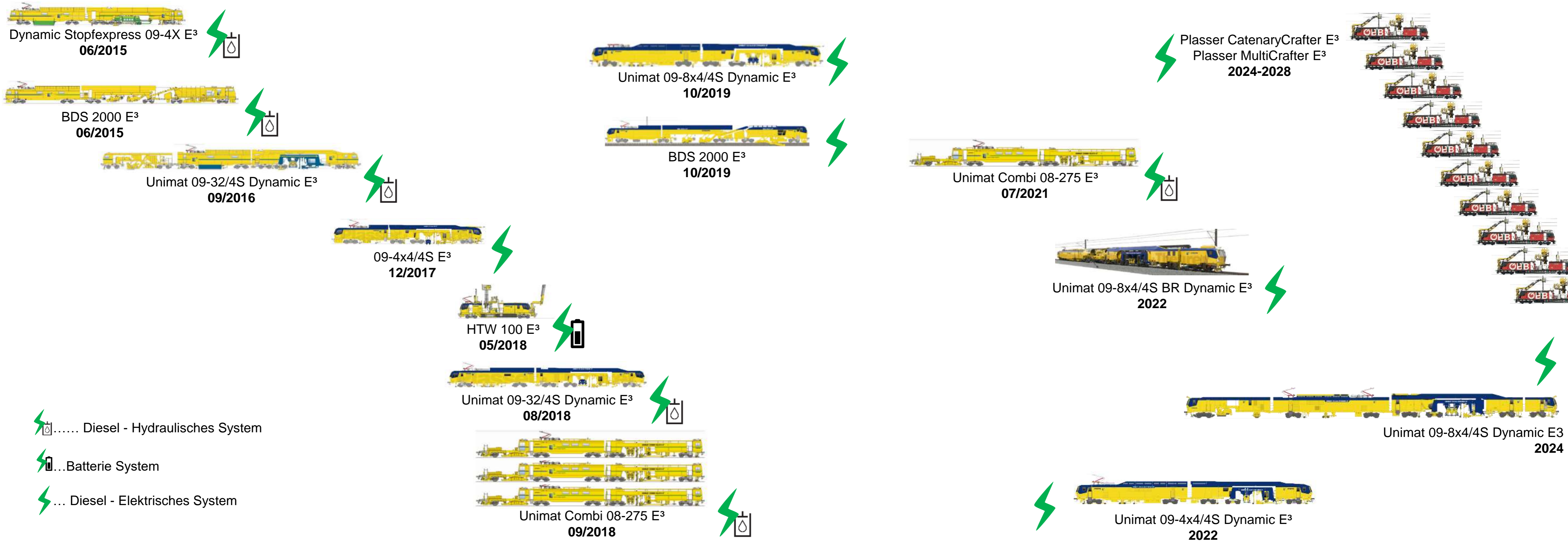
Synfuels include all fuels that are synthetically produced from non-fossil origin:

- i**
  - hydrogenated vegetable oils,
  - HVO (hydrotreated vegetable oil),
  - e-fuels, and x-to-liquid fuels

**HVO** is a second-generation biofuel and is already used in freight transport. DB Cargo will save around 30,000 t of CO<sub>2</sub> in Germany this year by replacing 10 million litres of diesel fuel with HVO.

# Alternative Drive Concepts

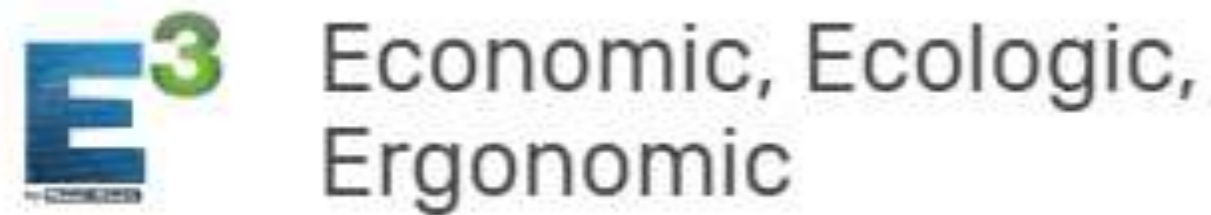
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## Evolution at Plasser & Theurer



Since 2015

- **75** Orders for E<sup>3</sup> Machines
- **14** delivered
- **61** in production / engineering

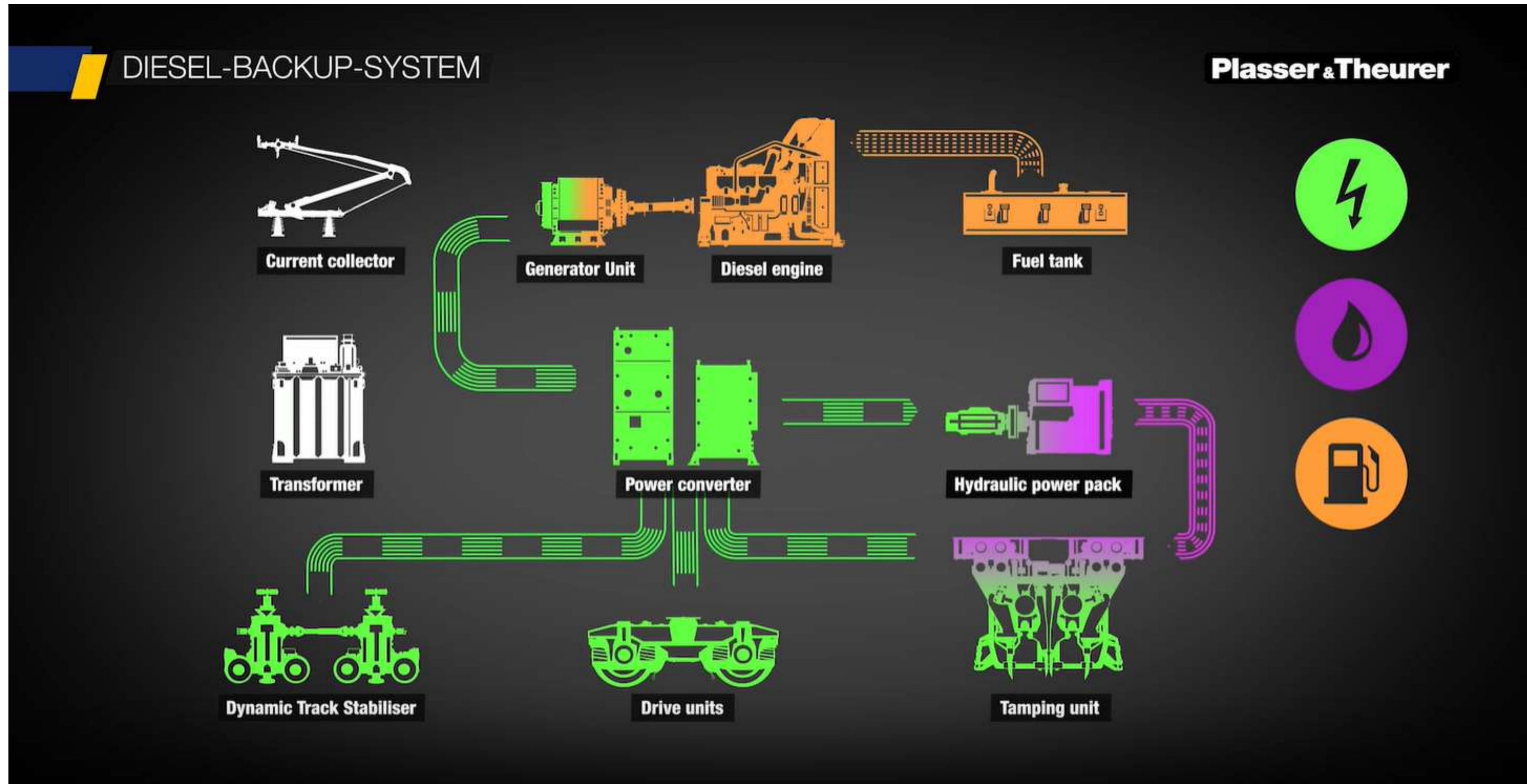
We are currently working on **various opportunities** for machines with alternative drive concepts.

Auslieferung	Kunde	Maschinentyp	Bautyp / Technologie	Ko.Nr.	Stromsystem	Notes	
06/2015	Franz Plasser Vermietung	Dynamic Stopfexpress 09-4X E <sup>3</sup>	EH	6277	15kV/16.7Hz		
06/2015	Franz Plasser Vermietung	BDS 2000 E <sup>3</sup>	EH	6278	15kV/16.7Hz		
09/2016	Krebs Gleisbau AG	Unimat 09-32/4S Dynamic E <sup>3</sup>	EH	6475/6235	15kV/16.7Hz	DB Zulassung in 2020	
12/2017	Franz Plasser Vermietung	09-4x4/4S E <sup>3</sup> (Vollelektrisch)	VE	6557/6558	15kV/16.7Hz		
2017		HTW 100 E <sup>3</sup>	Batterie	6609	-		
08/2018	Ventura Francesco	Unimat 09-32/4S Dynamic E <sup>3</sup>	EH	6775/6777	25kV/50Hz & 3kV		
09/2018	RFI Rom	Unimat Combi 08-275 E <sup>3</sup>	EH	6764/6765	25kV/50Hz & 3kV		
10/2019	Rhomberg Sersa Vermietung GmbH	Unimat 09-8x4/4S Dynamic E <sup>3</sup>	VE	6924			
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# E<sup>3</sup> Alternative Drive Concept

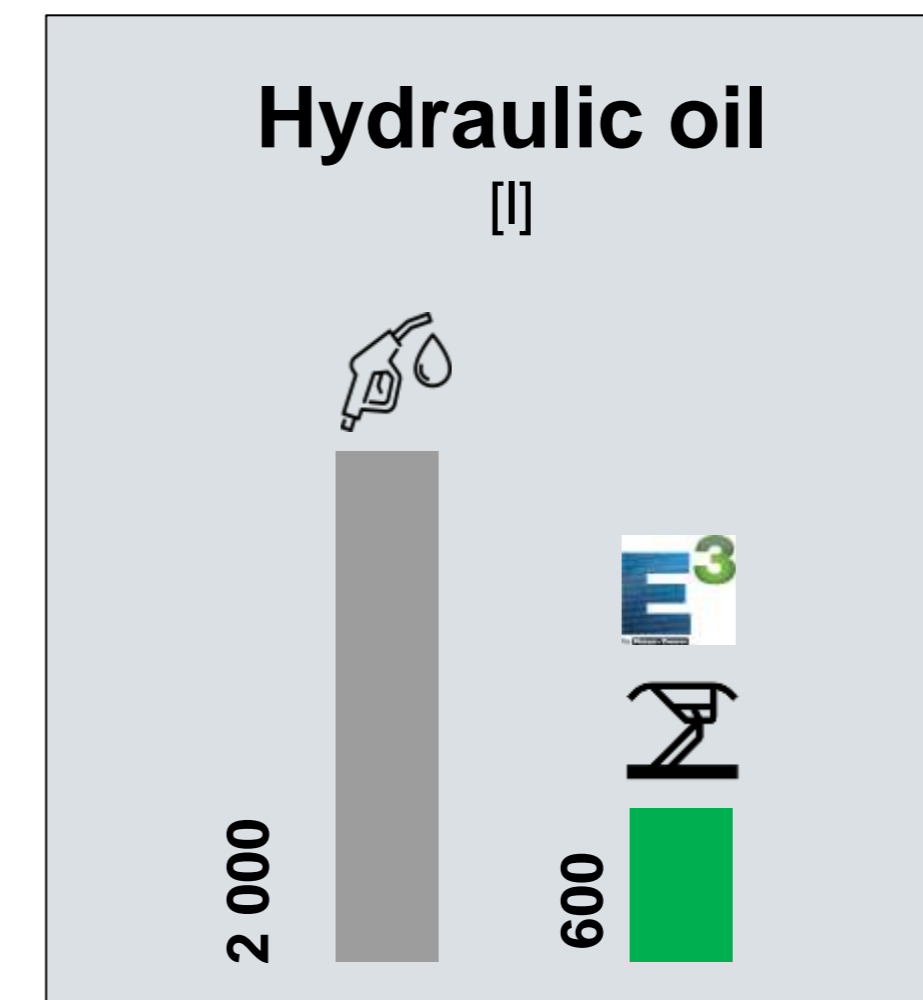
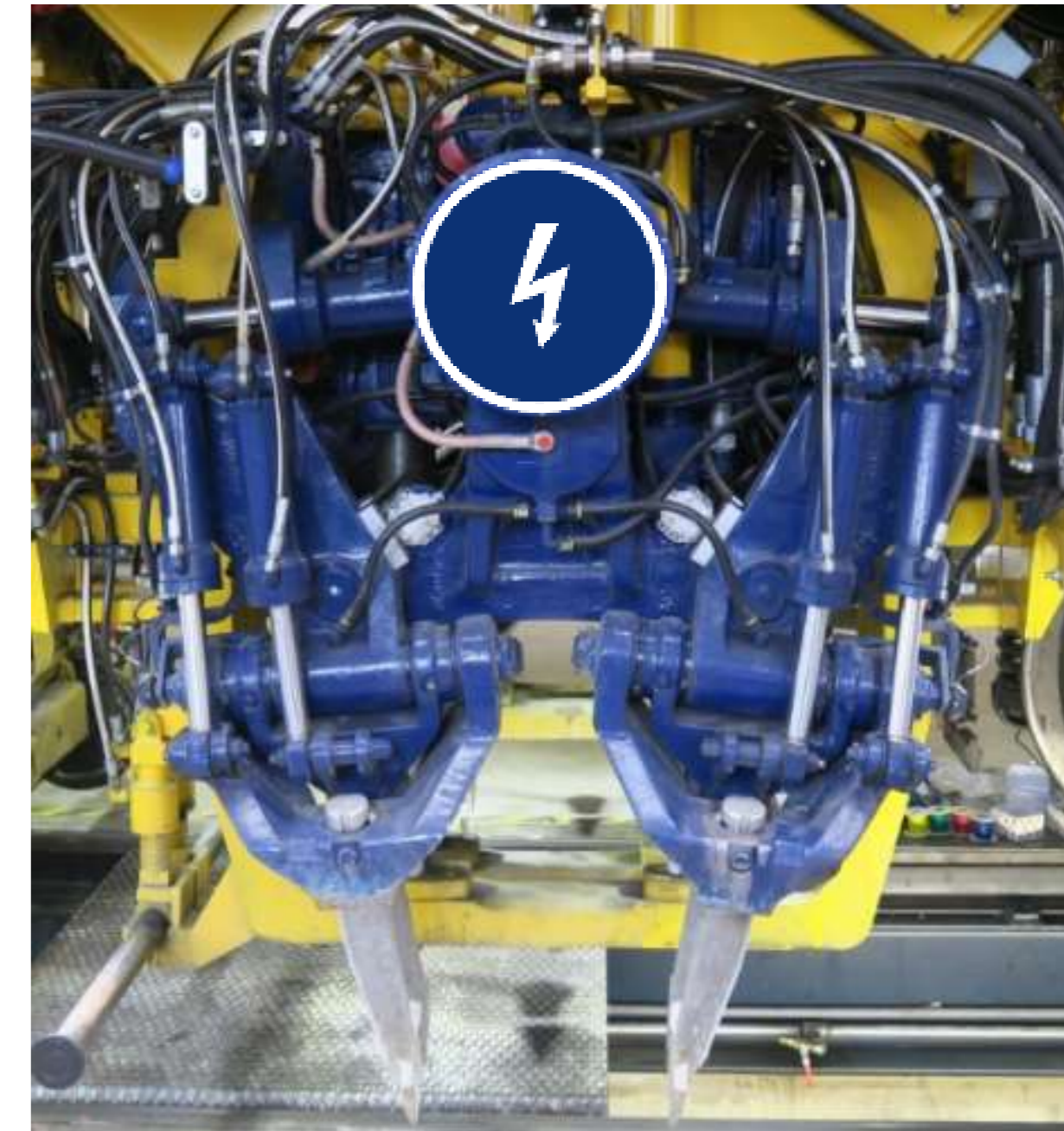
## High Level Architecture



## Advantages

### Advantages of the electric tamping unit

- Reduces **CO<sub>2</sub>** emissions
- Significantly reduces **operating noise**
- Faster **response characteristic** of the tamping unit
- Potentially **minimises life cycle costs** of the tamping unit
- **Hydraulic oil tank** can be **reduced in size**
- High stability of frequency and amplitude of the work units
  - **Better results**
  - **Improved working speed**
  - **Reduced costs**



## Plasser & Theurer Portfolio

Product Line	E <sup>3</sup> Potential	
	E <sup>3</sup> Fleet	3-5 Year Potential
Track Tamping Machine	✓	✓
Universal Tamping Machine	✓	✓
Stabiliser / Consolidating Machine	✗ ✓	✓
Ballast Distributing and Profiling Machine	✓	✓
Track Motor Vehicle	✓	✓
Rail Rectification Machine	✗	✓
Catenary Renewal and Installation Machine	✓	✓
Track Inspection Vehicle	✗	✓
Track Renewal / Laying Machine	✗	Dependent on development of Battery / Synfuel / H <sub>2</sub> Technology Development
Ballast Cleaning Machine	✗	
Formation Rehabilitation Machine	✗	
Material Conveyor and Hopper Unit - Logistics	✗	





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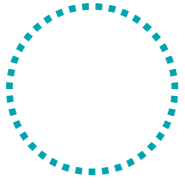
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## Questions and answers



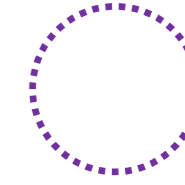
  
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*Until 14h00*

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# DB Cargo

## Hydrotreated Vegetable Oil (HVO) use

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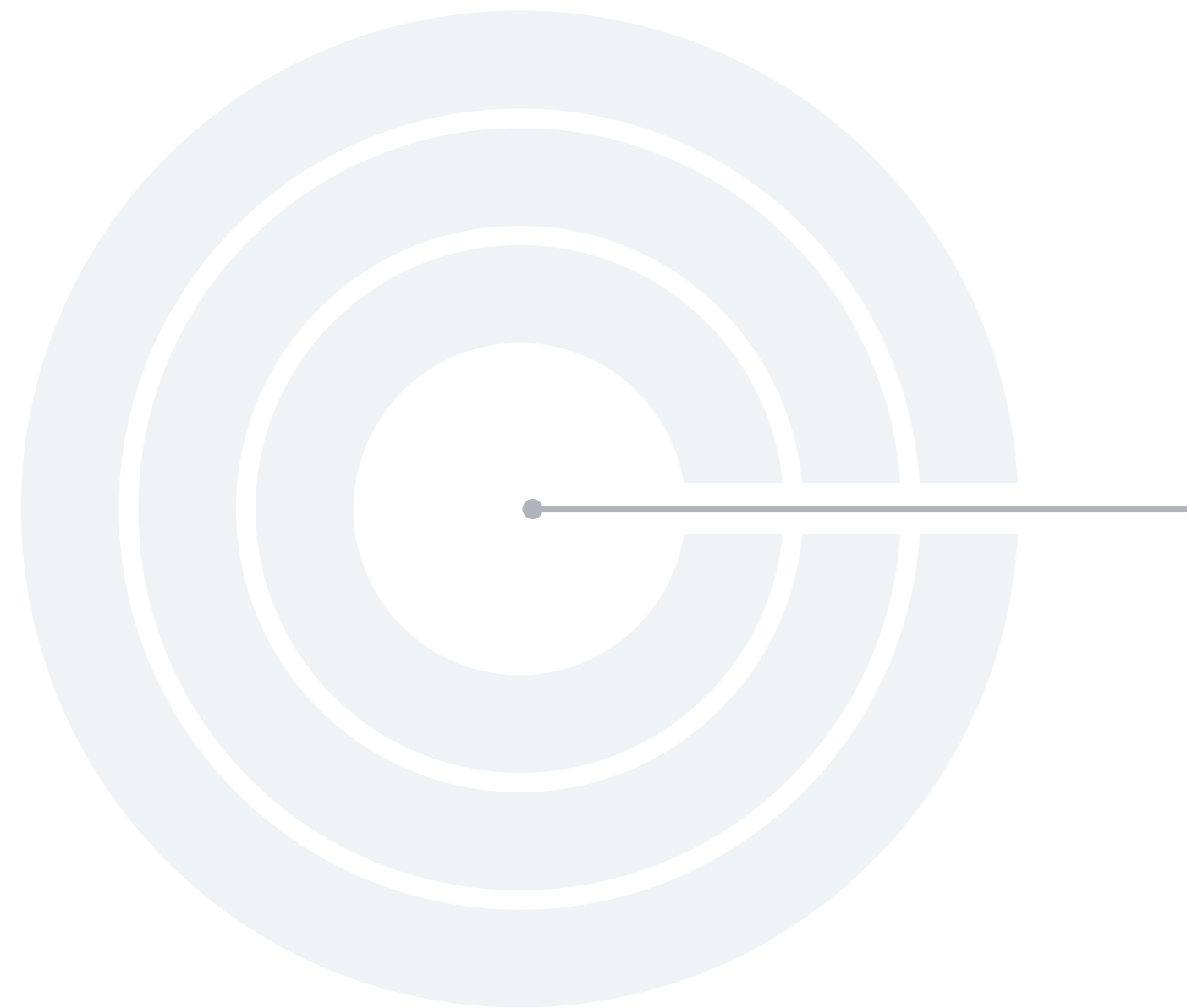
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# Use of renewable fuels at DB Cargo

Experiences and perspectives

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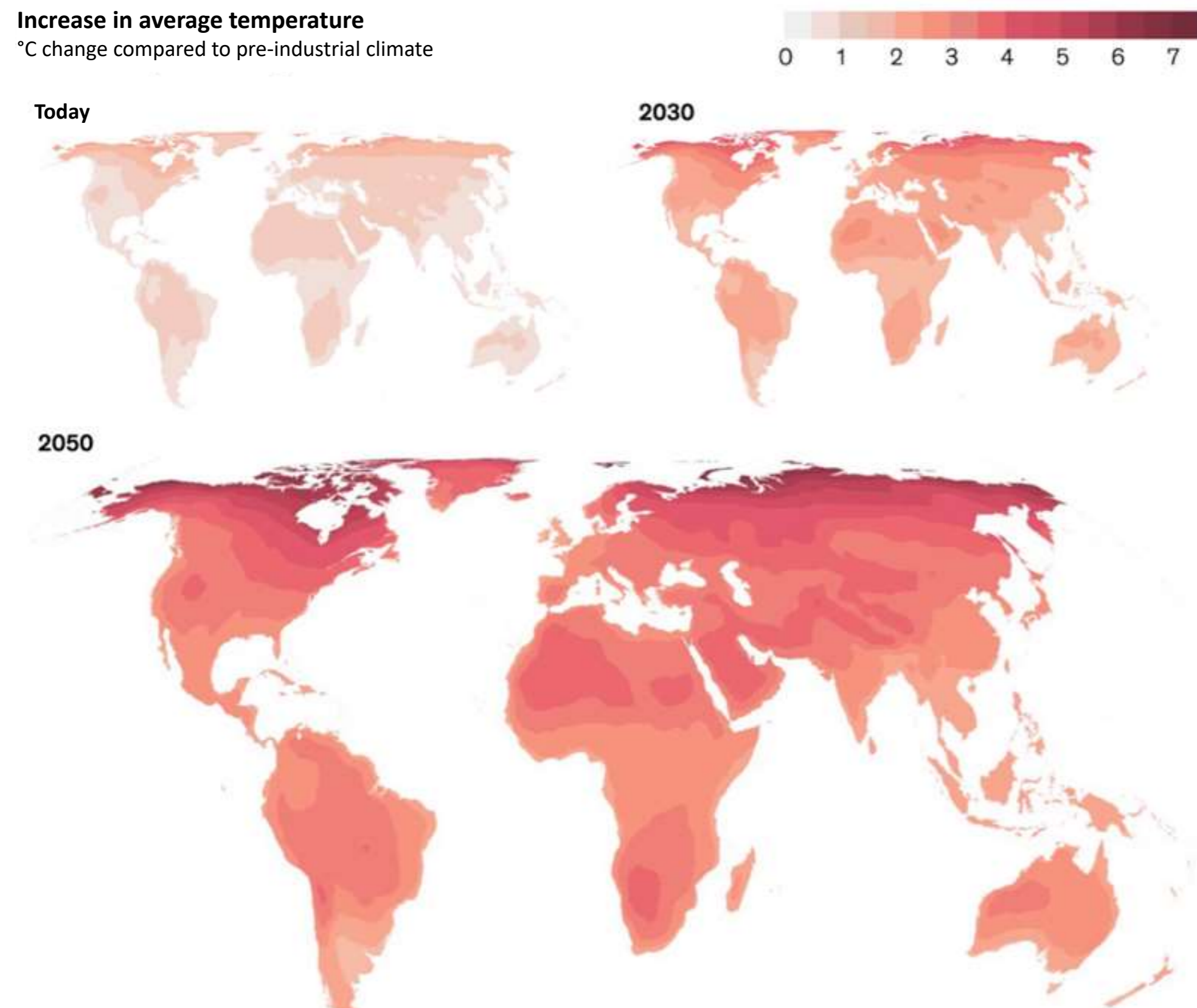
CO<sub>2</sub> emissions lead to global temperature rise and climate change – Therefore Sustainability is part of Deutsche Bahn strategy “Strong Rail”

To contribute towards climate neutrality at DB in 2040 we have three main fields of activities – One of them is the Transition from fossil diesel to climate-neutral operation

HVO saves up to 90% CO<sub>2</sub> compared to fossil diesel - All results on Engine bench tests and operational testing with HVO were consistently positive

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If we do not change anything, we will destroy our livelihood

## Climate change through CO<sub>2</sub> emissions



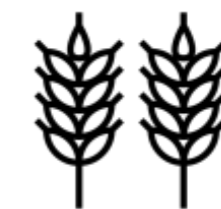
## ...and the consequences for our lives

Heat



In 50 years: 1/3 of people could live in regions with **extreme** travel risk rating

Drought



**Existential threat** for up to **143 million people** by 2050

Glacier melt



**Coastal** areas and cities become **uninhabitable**, e.g. Antwerp, Hamburg, Shanghai

Health

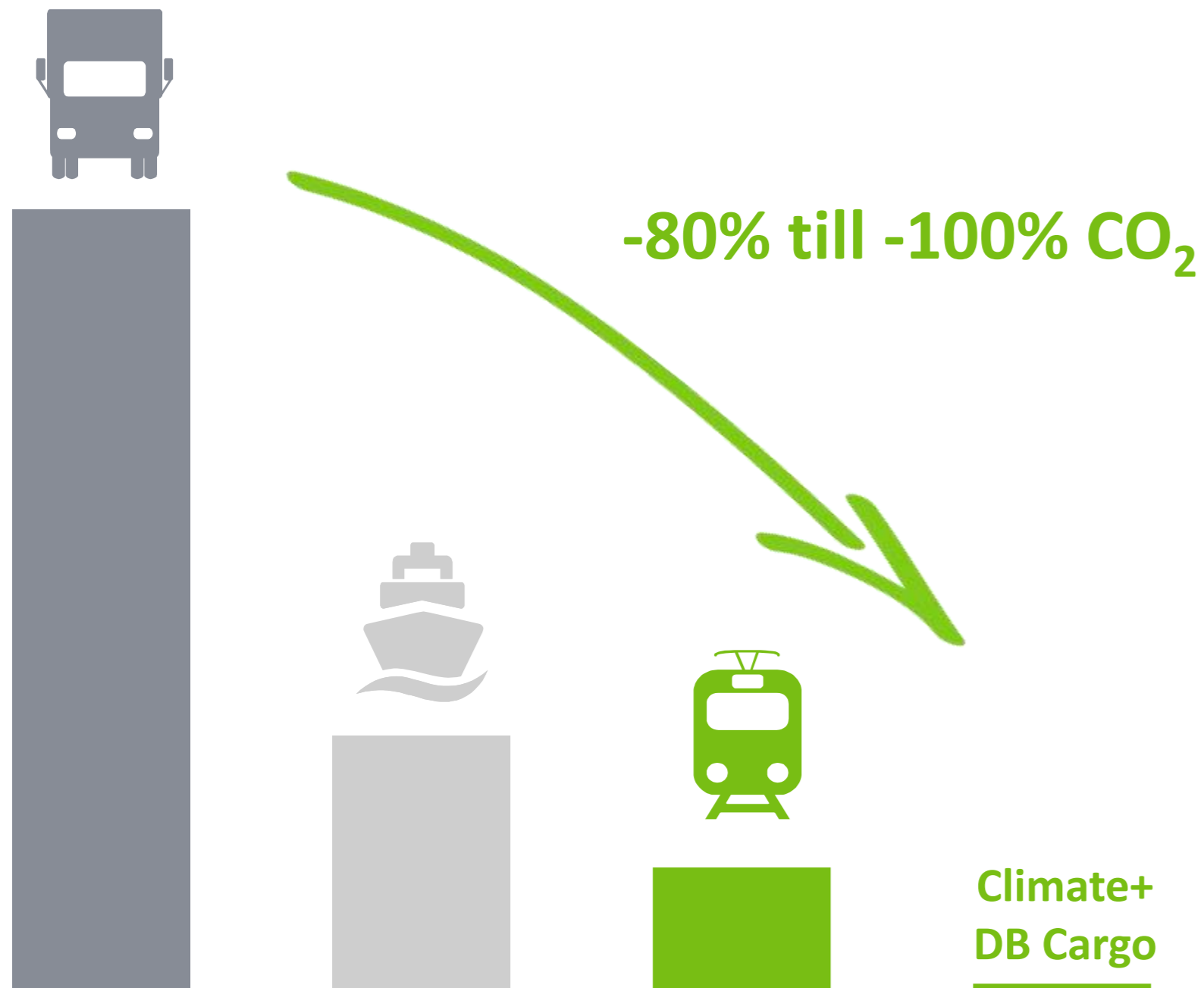


**Health costs** of **2-4 billion USD** annually until 2030

# Rail is the only way to achieve the climate protection targets

## Rail is the most environment-friendly transport mode

emissions in g CO<sub>2</sub>/tkm



- The transport sector must halve its emissions by 2030 (-78 million tons compared to 2019)
- Rail produces 80 to 100 percent less CO<sub>2</sub> than trucks
- Shifting traffic to rail is a key lever for achieving climate targets

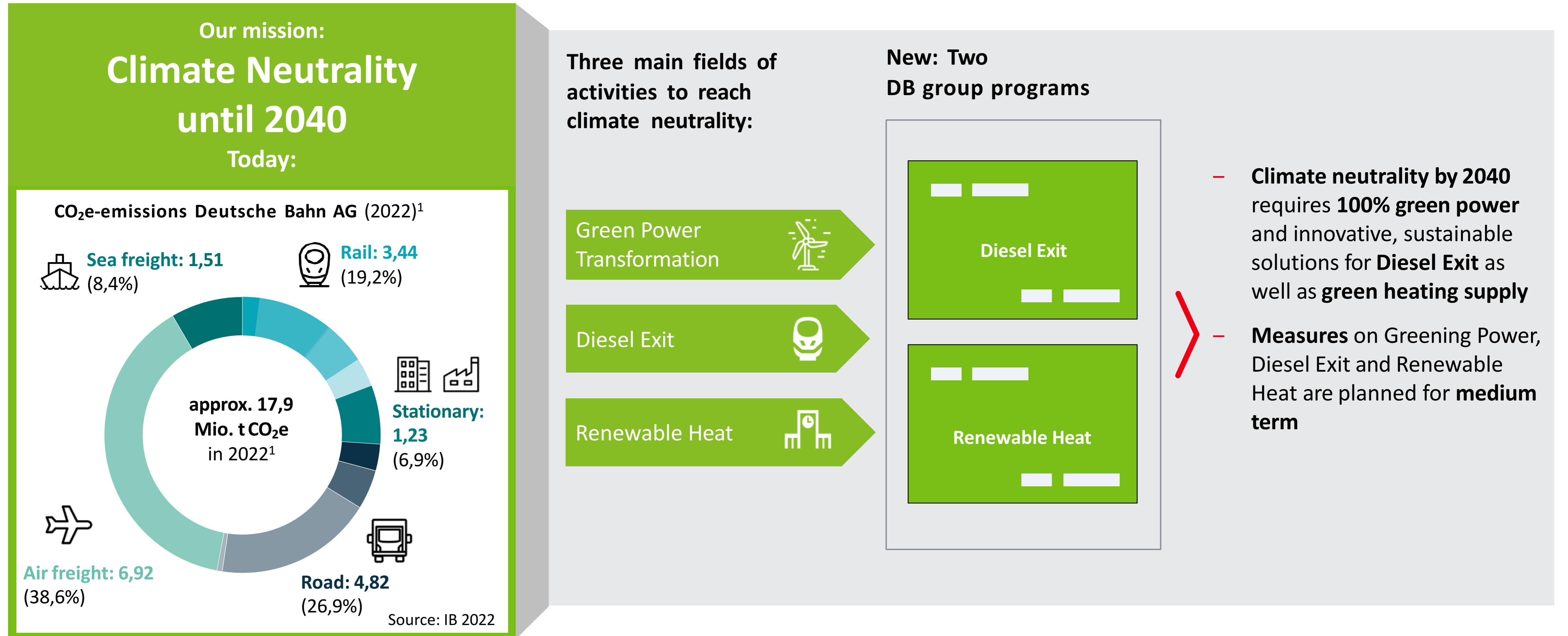


## Green transformation

*We take responsibility for our planet, greening not only our products and services, but also the way we work.*



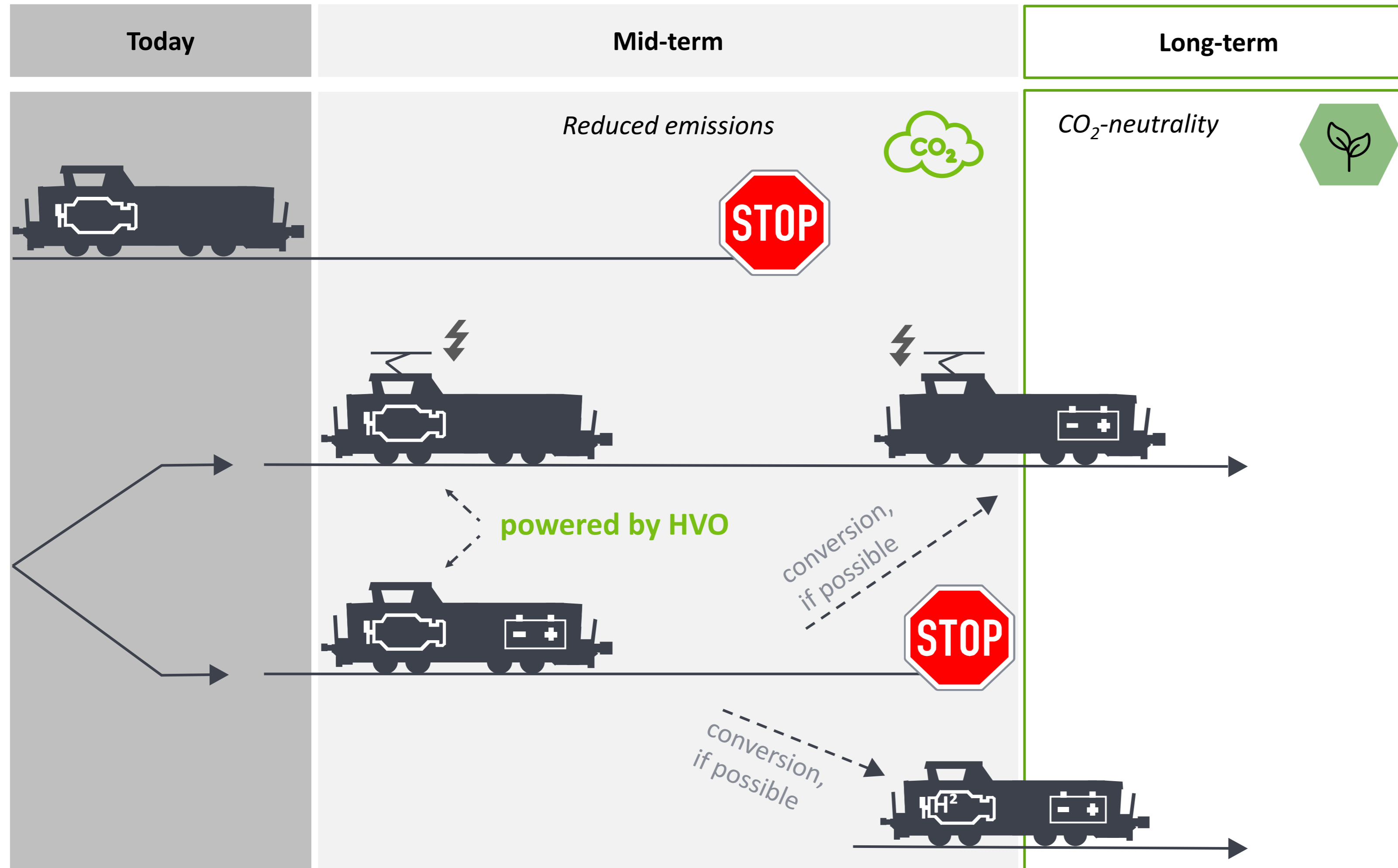
# Three main fields of activities and two packages of measures contribute towards climate neutrality at DB in 2040



(1) 2021: 18,5 Mio. t CO<sub>2</sub>, 2020: 16 Mio. t CO<sub>2</sub> due to the CoVid-Pandemic, 2019: 20 Mio. t CO<sub>2</sub>

# Against the backdrop of the climate targets, the decarbonisation of the diesel fleet is coming into focus

## Transition from fossil diesel to climate-neutral operation



### Technical Requirements:

- Enough traction capacity (power) for short-range services
- Energy storage with **recharging via catenary** (Battery, Supercaps, etc.) > 500 kWh
- Energy storage with **stationary refueling** (Diesel, HVO, H<sup>2</sup>, etc.) > 1.200 kWh

### Operational requirements:

- No long standstill for recharging/refueling energy storage
  - No losses in (operational) efficiency
  - Reduction of emissions down to an absolute minimum
- Target: CO<sub>2</sub>-neutrality**

# The use of Hydrotreated vegetable oils (HVO) saves up to 90% CO<sub>2</sub> compared to fossil diesel

## Main advantages and properties of HVO



### Production

- Only **biological residues and waste materials** are used as raw materials
- HVO is furthermore **palm oil-free**



### Compatibility

- **"Drop-In" fuel** - Engine compatibility proven through several tests
- Several engine **manufacturers approved** the use of HVO



### Costs

- Approx. **+30 ct/l additional costs** compared to fossil diesel
- Migration of refueling **infrastructure** comparatively **simple and inexpensive**



### Availability

- **Short-/middle-term switch** from fossil diesel to HVO possible
- **Short-term Availability** of several million liters/year

# All results on Engine bench tests and operational testing with HVO were consistently positive

## Engine Bench tests



- Extensive engine test bench trials carried out in 2021-23 on over **15 DB Cargo engines**
- **Certified comparative measurements** (including performance behavior, fuel consumption and greenhouse gas emissions) between HVO fuel and fossil diesel
- **All engines** analyzed work **smoothly** with the **HVO fuel**



## Operational Testing



- **Extensive operational testing** carried out on various diesel-powered DB Cargo series
- **Diesel locomotives** are HVO-compatible **without restriction**. Release of DB Cargo's entire diesel locomotive fleet (>1,300 locomotives)
- Rededication of **nine filling stations** with a volume of **over 10 million liters** per year

# Climate+ | For even more sustainability on the railway we extended our portfolio with HVO for our customers

## Travel by rail with 100% renewable power

- Use of **100% renewable power**
- For rail freight in GE, AT, NL and PL
- TÜV-certified



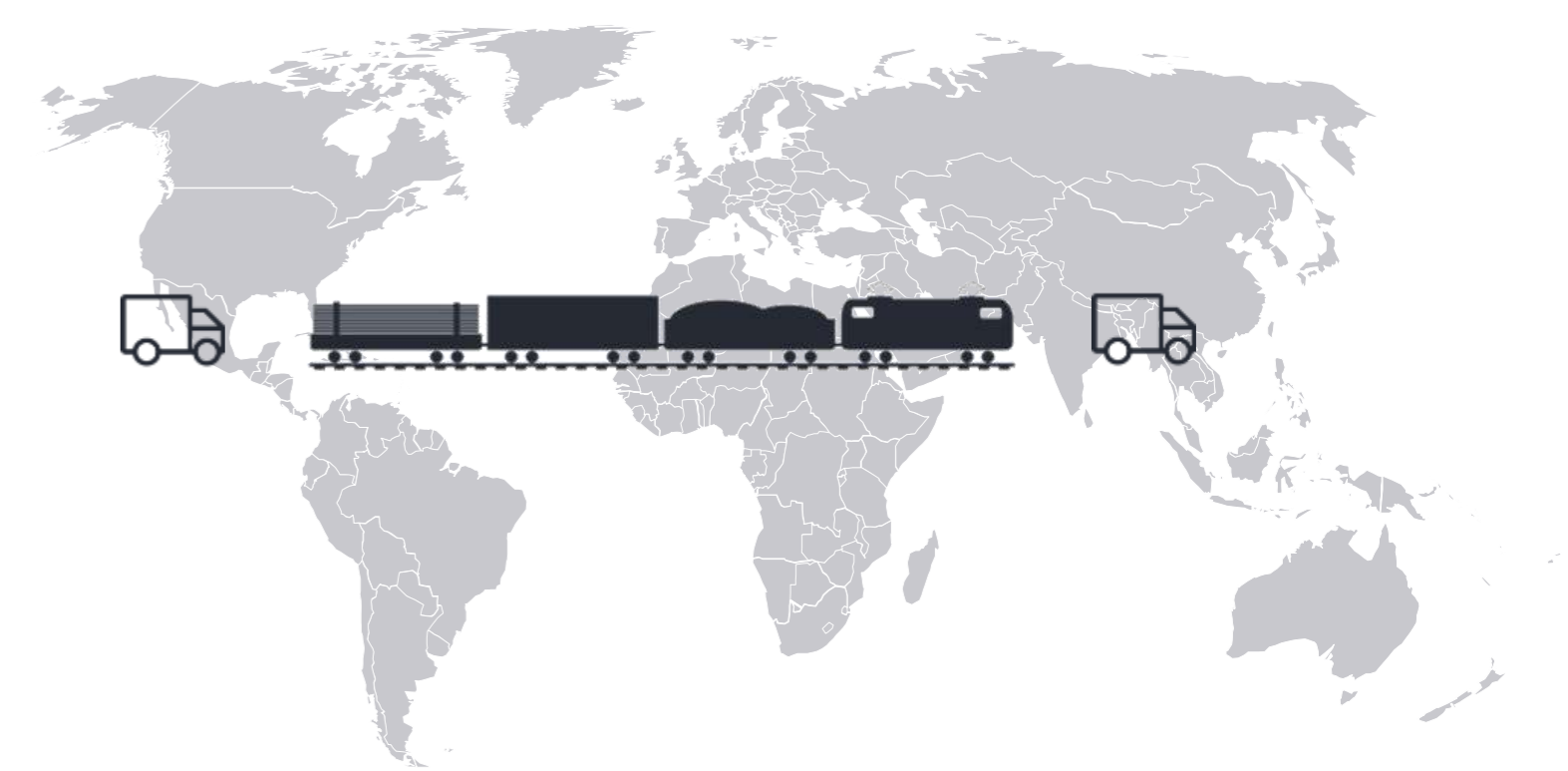
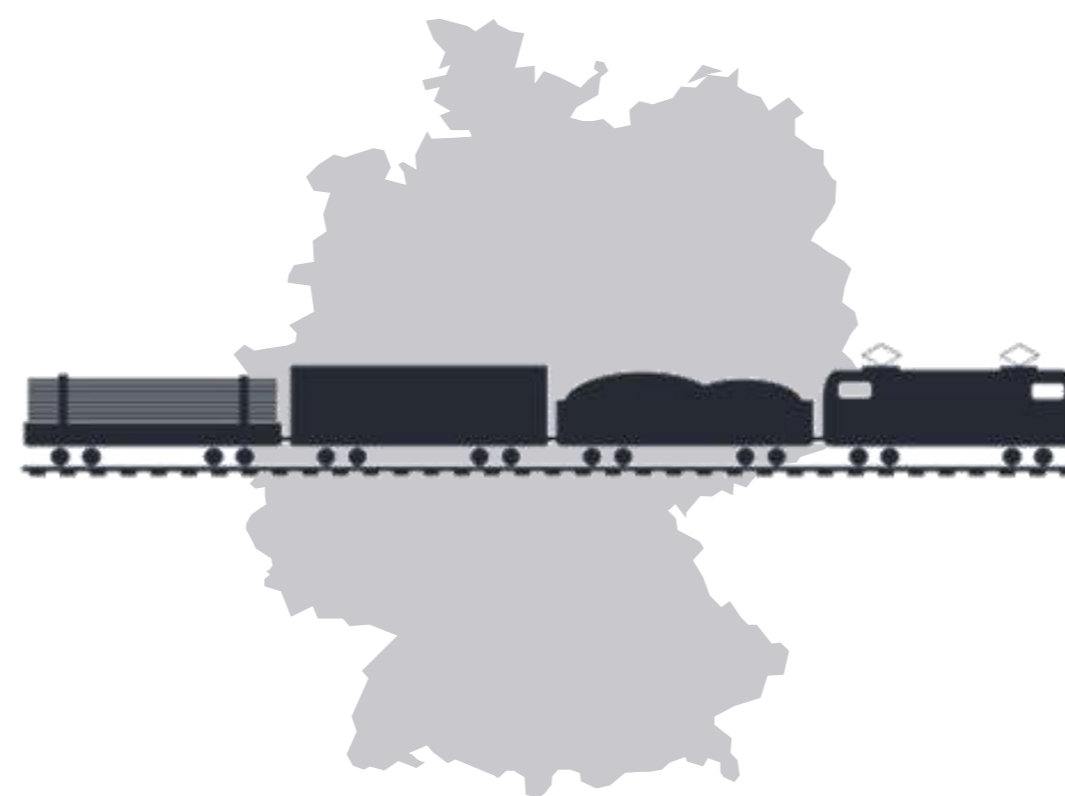
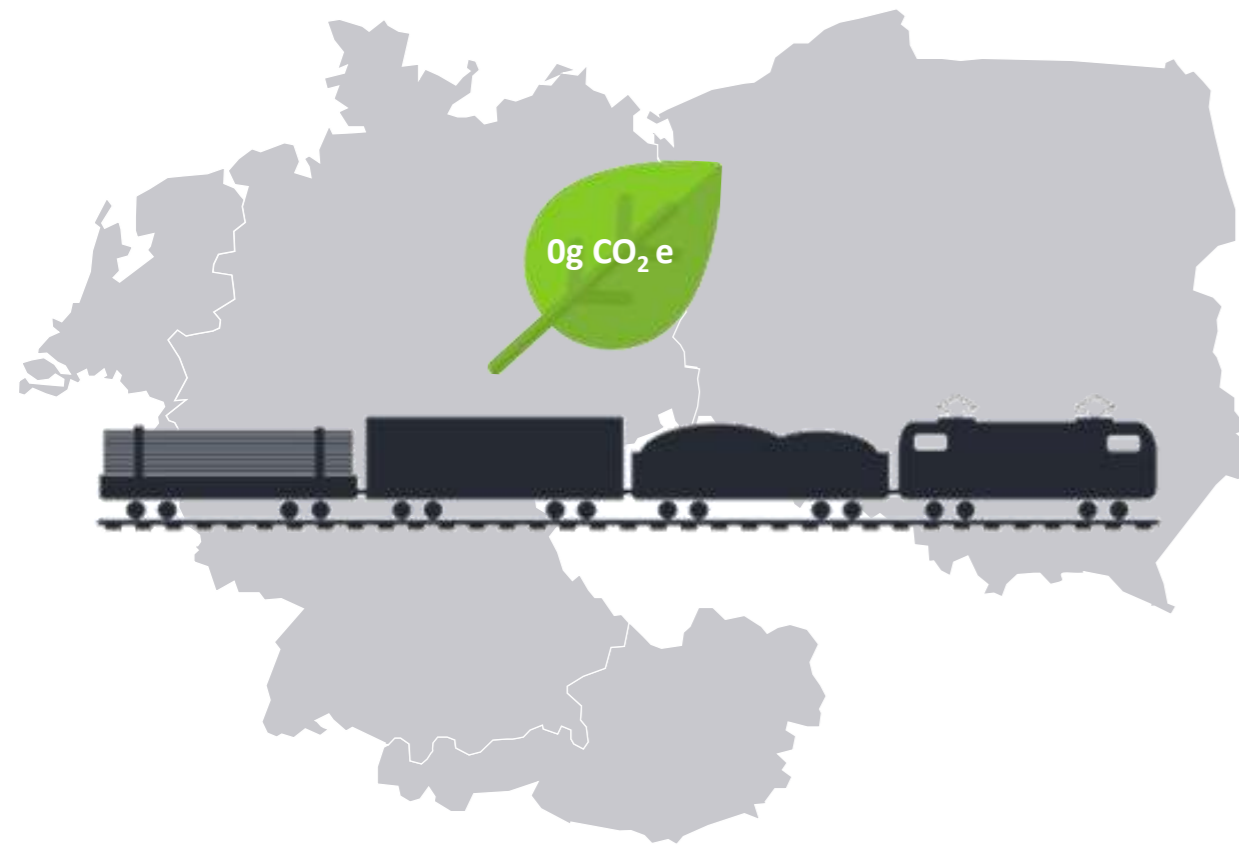
## Save emissions on non-electrified routes

- **Avoidance** of approx. **90% CO<sub>2</sub>** by use of HVO
- For rail transport in GE



## Compensate for non-avoidable emissions

- **Compensation of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions**
- Available worldwide and also on non-electrified routes
- Pre- & post-carriage on the road



# HVO is a success story for DB Cargo!

## Highlights HVO 2023



### Testing

Emission measurements  
Stationary tests



### Operations

Netherlands  
Italia



### Press events

München  
Bremen  
Newspapers



### Media campaign

White Paper  
Webinar  
Ad campaign  
Neste Testimonial



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**SBB**

**Hydrotreated Vegetable Oil (HVO) use**

**Roland Aeschbacher**

*Project Manager Energy efficiency*

# Introduction of HVO at SBB.

Roland Aeschbacher / SBB energy efficiency team  
11.06.2024 UIC Paris – Alternative Fuels



### Launch.

What does SBB need diesel for?  
SBB's climate targets



### HVO in our strategy.

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Mix-up  
Background  
Compatibility



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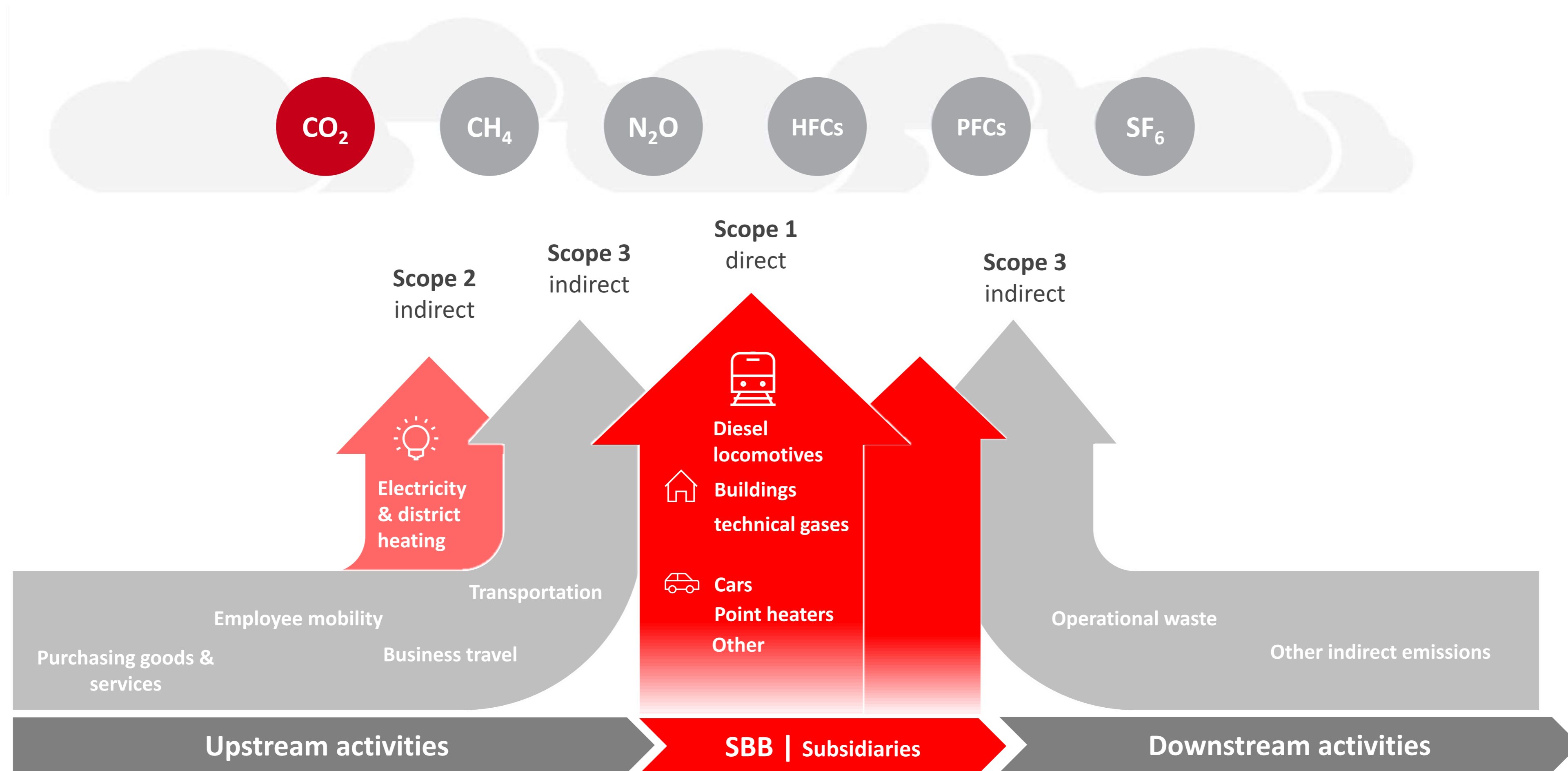
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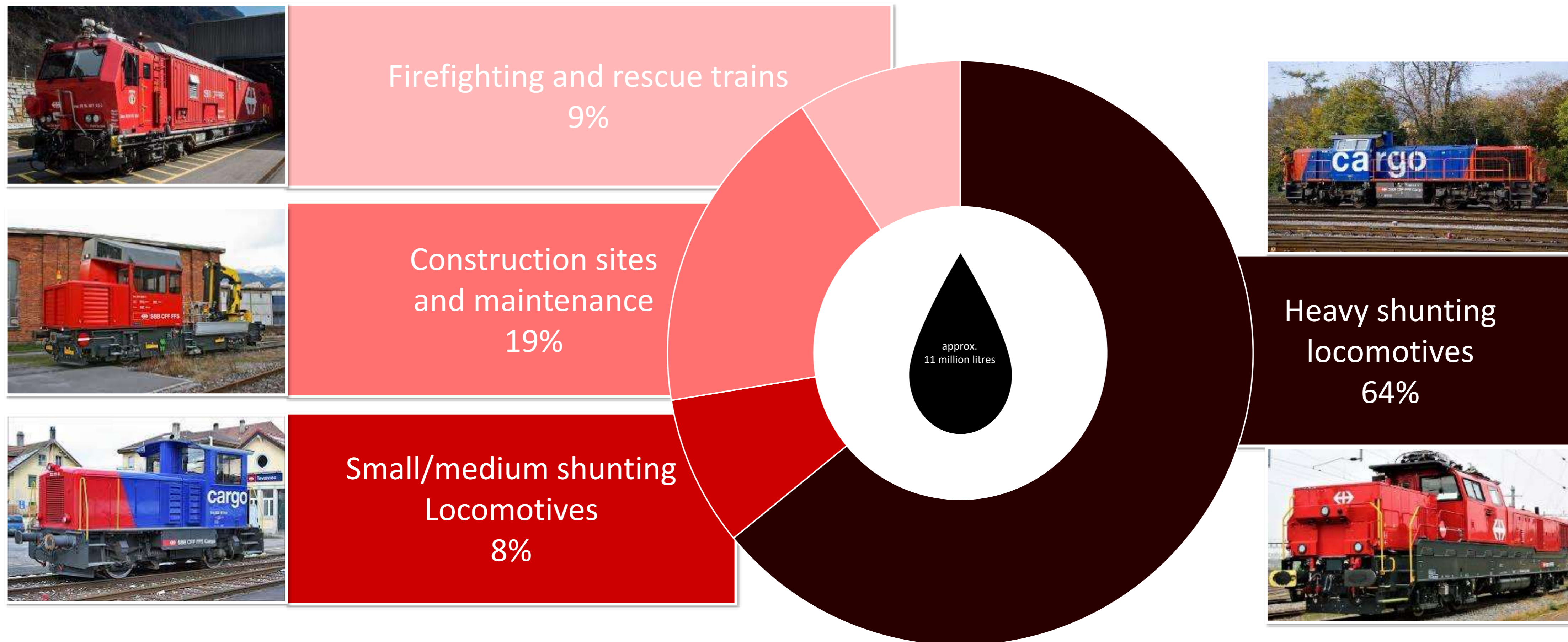
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# What do we still need diesel fuels for?





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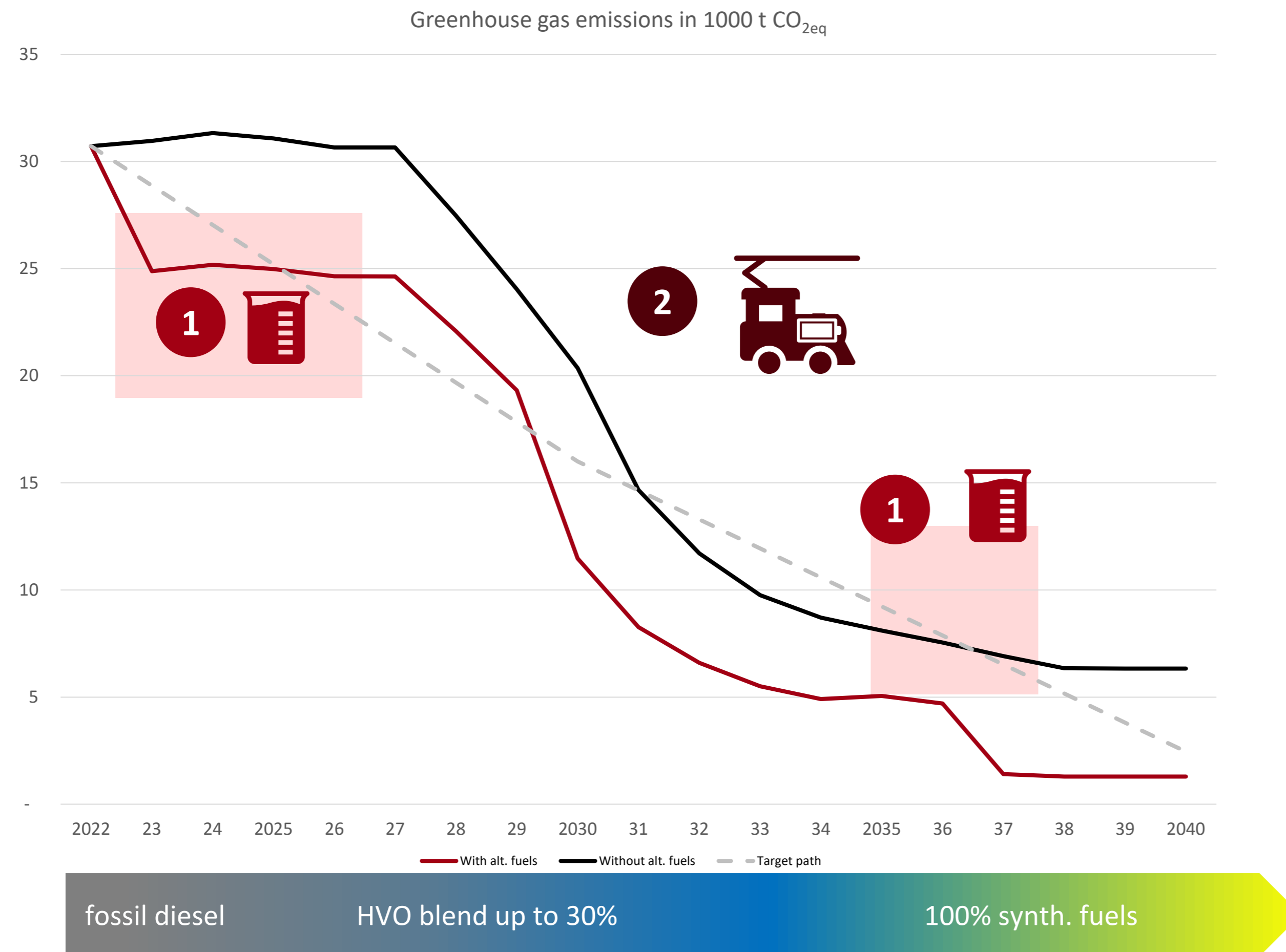


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# Transition phase and electrification of diesel-powered rail vehicles.



## Quantity structure today:

- Around 11 million litres of diesel per year for around 1'000 SBB diesel-powered rail vehicles (infrastructure, cargo, passenger transport)
- Responsible for around 30'000 t CO<sub>2eq</sub>/a, which corresponds to 35-40% of SBB's CO<sub>2</sub> emissions.

## Decarbonisation in two steps:

- 1 Alternative diesel fuels as a transitional solution
- 2 Electrification of the essential fleets through replacement procurement with battery-electric drive systems

# The advantages of HVO are recognisable.



- 20% particulate emissions  
- 80-90% CO<sub>2eq</sub> emissions  
No sulphur and aromatics

- HVO belongs to the paraffinic diesels (like SynFuels and e-Fuels) and is a pure hydrocarbon compound.
- HVO is a so-called **drop-in fuel**: it can be **used as an admixture (blend)** and **pure**
  - The **blend with up to 30% admixture to conventional diesel** meets the previous standards (EN 590) and can be used in all diesel engines.
  - **100% HVO complies with the EN 15940 fuel standard**, and many diesel engines - including a majority at SBB - have already been approved for it.

## **HVO (hydrogenated vegetable oils)**

Paraffinic diesel from residual and waste materials EN15940

## **Petroleum diesel**

Standard crude-oil based diesel (B0, 10 ppm sulphur content) EN590



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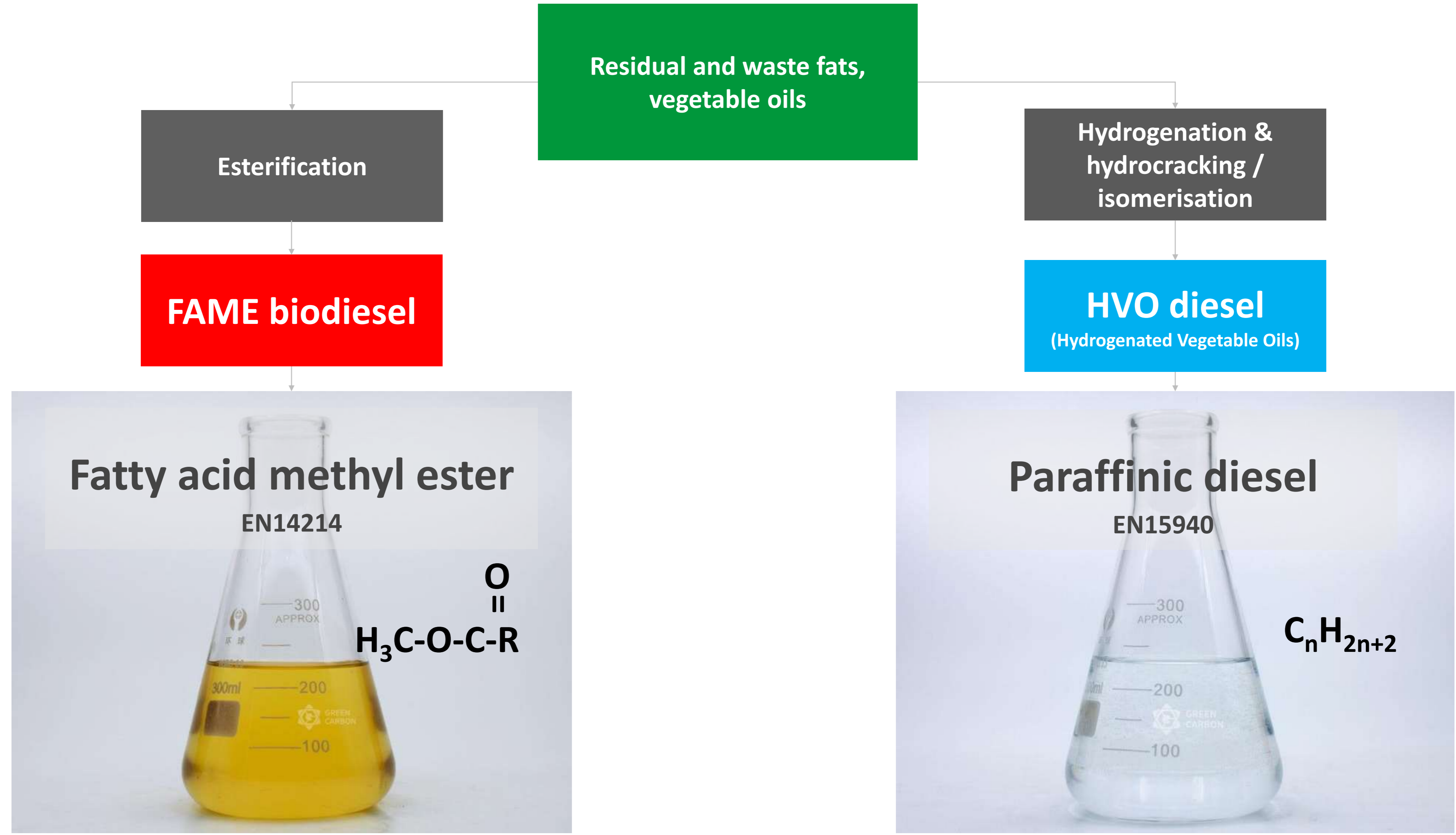
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# HVO is often mistaken for conventional biodiesel.



# Initial situation at SBB.



Own **filling station network** for the supply of rail vehicles with 64 locations:

- Single fuel strategy (one product per pillar)
- No refund of mineral oil tax.

A **variety of diesel engines**, some with long product life cycles:

- Vehicle service life 25-50 years
- Over 15 manufacturers and 65 types.

**Diesel demand** tends to **fall** due to electrical replacements:

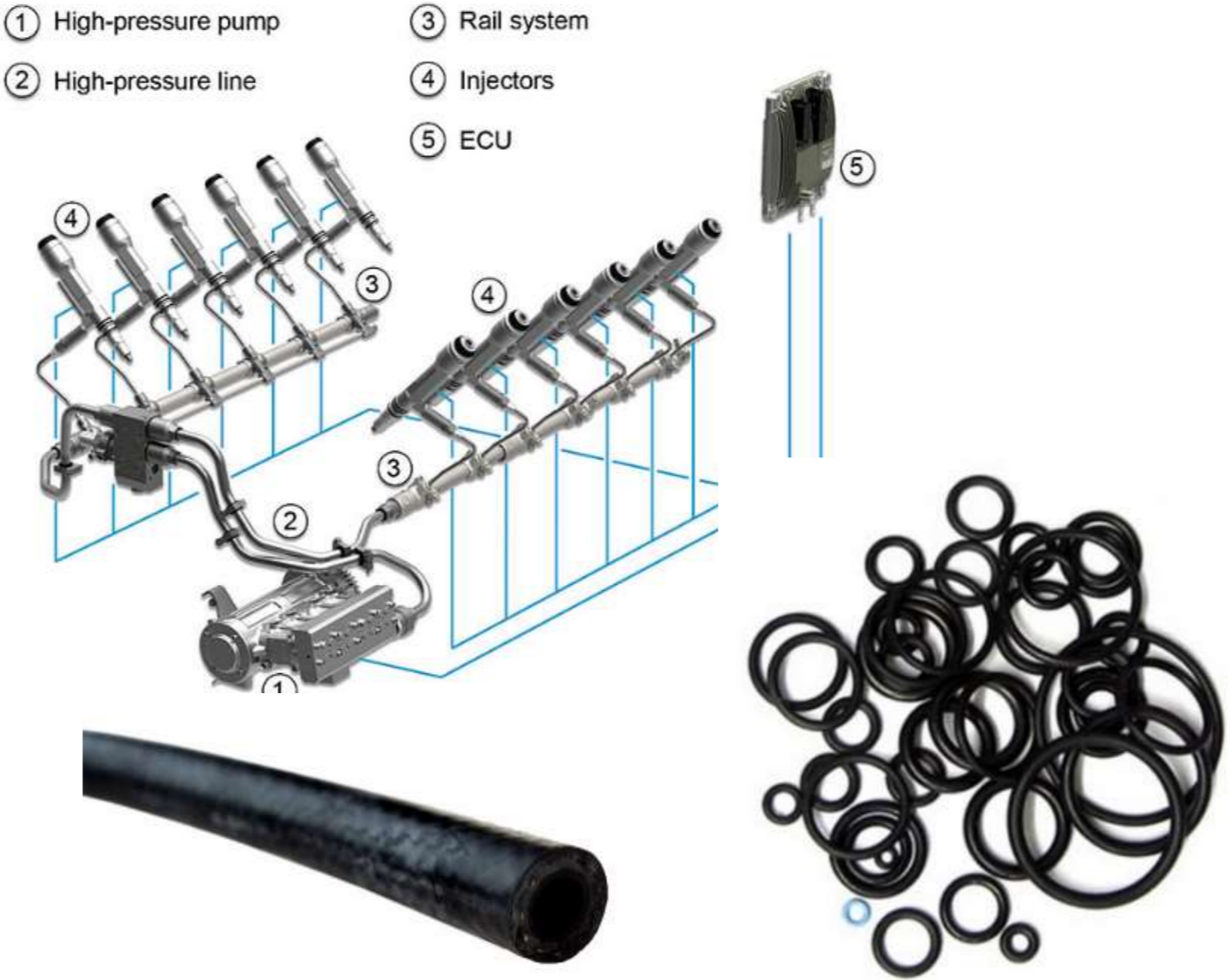
- A relatively low diesel requirement compared to other market participants.
- No FAME biodiesel content permitted for reasons of shelf life.

# Technology: Compatibility of the existing fleet with HVO.

### Alternative Fuel Conformity

DEUTZ paraffinic Diesel (HVO, GtL) & B30 (EU) / B20 (US) approval

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B100	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
B20 (US)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
HVO / GtL	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
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B20 (US)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
HVO / GtL	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
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HVO / GtL	✓	✓	✓	✓***	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓***	✓***



### Goal: Official fuel approvals.

- Analysis of the engine fleet and discussions with manufacturers and service partners.
- Not only engines, but also auxiliary units are affected (e.g. auxiliary heaters)

### Reason: Material compatibility & performance.

- Injection systems have to cope with the lower density and possibly lower lubricity of HVO.
- Elastomers that come into contact with HVO must not swell/shrink.

### Action: Engine tests for Legacy engines.

- Older engines no longer receive subsequent approval from the manufacturer. Own tests are sometimes necessary.
- SBB has already carried out such tests on important series.



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# Procurement: Sustainability.

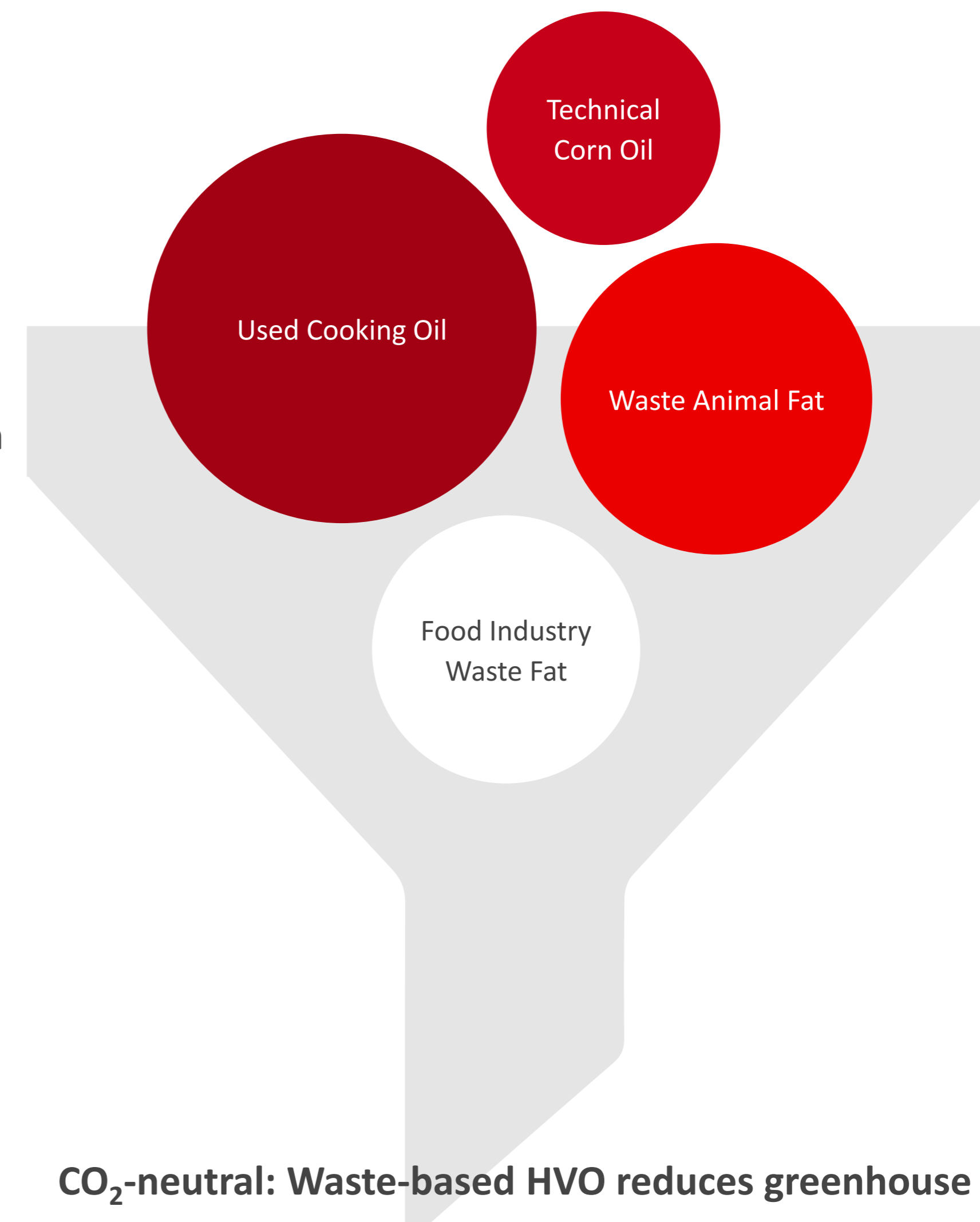
The choice of raw materials to produce HVO is crucial. Around 70% of the raw materials for waste-based HVO come from outside Europe (source: INFRAS, 2021).

The regulations in Switzerland differ significantly from those in the EU (mass balancing vs. segregation). The certification standard is BTCert.

**The product must be exempt from mineral oil tax (MinÖSt) by the Federal Office for Customs and Border Security (BAZG).**

Biofuels that are exempt from the MinÖSt are generally regarded beyond doubt from an ecological and social perspective. Their origin is transparently documented and verifiable. The MinÖSt exemption regulation is limited in time and is expected to be valid until 2030.

Comparable is the fulfilment of the **criteria of "advanced biofuels" according to EU RED** which do not cause indirect land use change (e.g. palm oil derivatives such as PFAD). This certificate is not recognised in Switzerland.

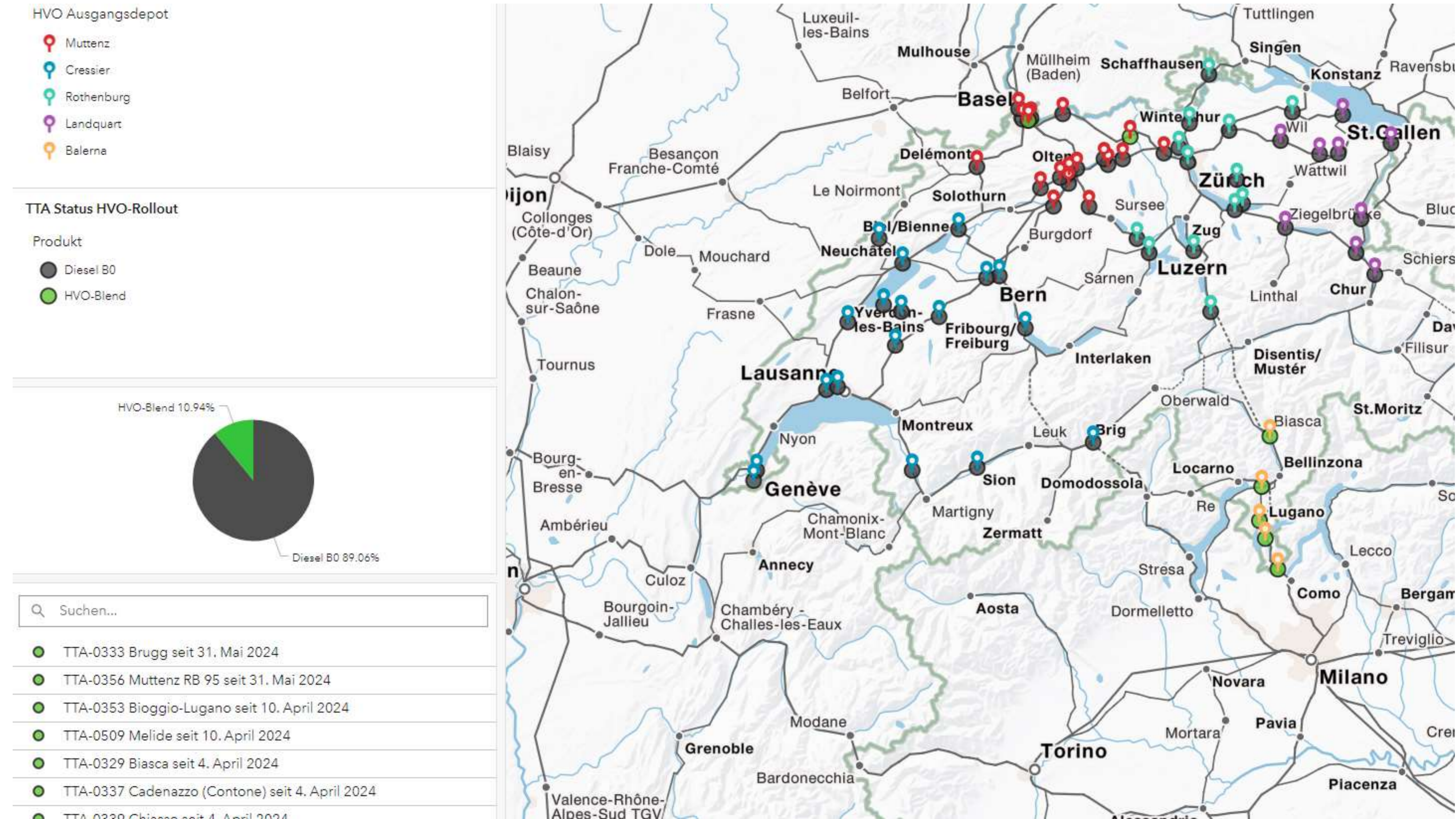


**CO<sub>2</sub>-neutral: Waste-based HVO reduces greenhouse gas emissions by around 85% compared to fossil diesel.**

(typical values according to EU RED 2, Annex V, Table A).



# Status of HVO-Rollout at SBB.





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# Summary of the introduction of HVO blend.



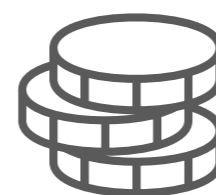
**- 7500 tonnes CO<sub>2</sub>eq**  
reduction per year.  
≈ 2.5 - 3 million litres of  
diesel



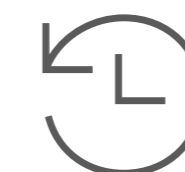
**- 20 %**  
Particle reduction in the  
exhaust gases - protects  
the particle filter.



**6 people**  
in the core team  
CFT fuels.



**Additional costs**  
Permitted additional  
costs compared to fossil  
diesel approx. 10%.



**4 years**  
Lead time from idea to  
rollout



**04.04.2024**  
First filling station  
supplied with HVO  
blend.



**100% HVO**  
We are working on this.  
This is the next step.

# What the future may bring: from HVO blend to SynFuels.





# Kontakte.

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Thank you, danke, merci  
& grazie.

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# SNCF

## Use of biofuels & Biodiesel (B100)

**Alexandre Lehoux**

*National (bio)fuel technical manager*



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## Alternatives Fuels



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# 01.

## SNCF COMMITMENTS & CARBON ISSUE



# SNCF COMMITMENTS

Diesel engines are keys components of railways fleet. For Freight, Infrastructure, and Regional Traffic, powerpack or diesel hydraulic traction are widely used. Taking into account of these rolling stock, SNCF engagements to achieve environmental goals are described below



GHG  
**30 %**

By 2030, reduce the Group's Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions by 30% in the transportation sector, compared to 2015



Energy

**Reduce diesel fuel** for rail with the development of alternative energies (biofuel, battery, hydrogen)

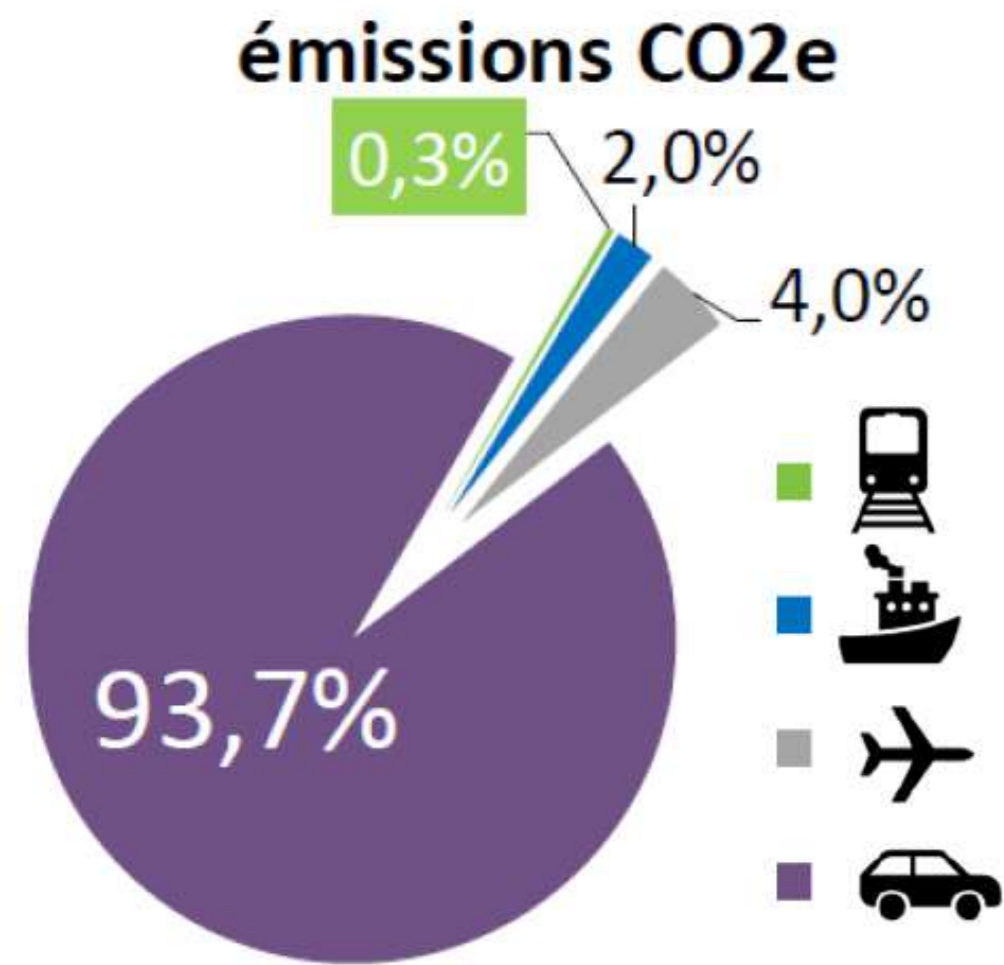


**2050**

Achieving **carbon neutrality** by 2050

# FRENCH REGIONAL TRAFFIC FOCUS

French railways emit only 0,3% of all the modes' emissions in France. Emissions are mainly due to regional traffic



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Trains (combustion engine & bimode) are used for French Regional Traffic fleet

40%

Of « train.km » are made in Diesel (Regional traffics)

61%

Of Regional Traffics GHG emissions from diesel traction



# 02.

## SUSTAINABLE FUELS OVERVIEW



# SUSTAINABLE FUELS: ONE OF THE TRANSITION SOLUTION

The emergence of sustainable fuels on the EU markets

## Fatty Acid Methyl Esters (FAME)



- FAME is produced from vegetable oils, animal fats or waste cooking by transesterification
- Rapeseed is only raw material selected by SNCF
- Modifications (seals, piping) are required for use at 100% pure (B100)
- Several production sites in France

## Hydrotreated Vegetable Oil (HVO)



- Produced by hydrotreating vegetable oils, animal fats or waste cooking with hydrogen and catalysts at high temperature and pressure
- Requires no engine adaptation because fuel properties similar to fossil fuel
- Around 2 producers in Europe

## Power-To-Liquid (PTL)



- PTL is a synthetically liquid hydrocarbon
- Produced by splitting water (H<sub>2</sub>O) into hydrogen (H<sub>2</sub>) and oxygen (O<sub>2</sub>) using electricity and a chemical process
- PTL ambition is to be completely CO<sub>2</sub> neutral if electricity used for electrolysis comes from renewable energy sources
- No product available on industrial scale

# 03.

## FIELDS TESTS & FEEDBACKS



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FAME has been tested in France since 2019 and HVO in summer 2023

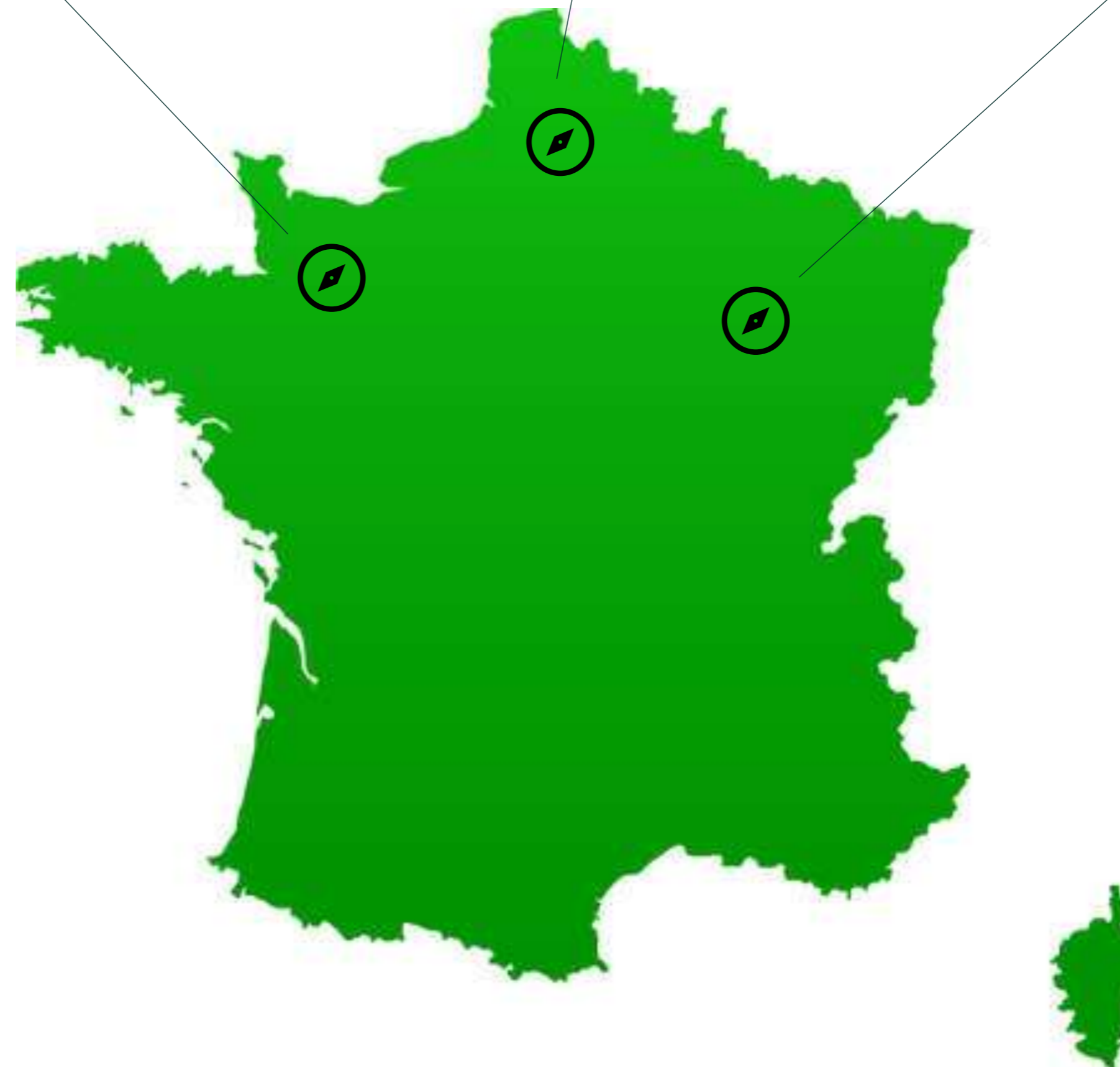


**15 REGIOLIS** – Passenger train bimode

From 04/05/2021 to 12/31/2023

More than **6,2 MKms**

More than **21 000 Tonnes CO2 Economy**



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EXPÉRIMENTATION



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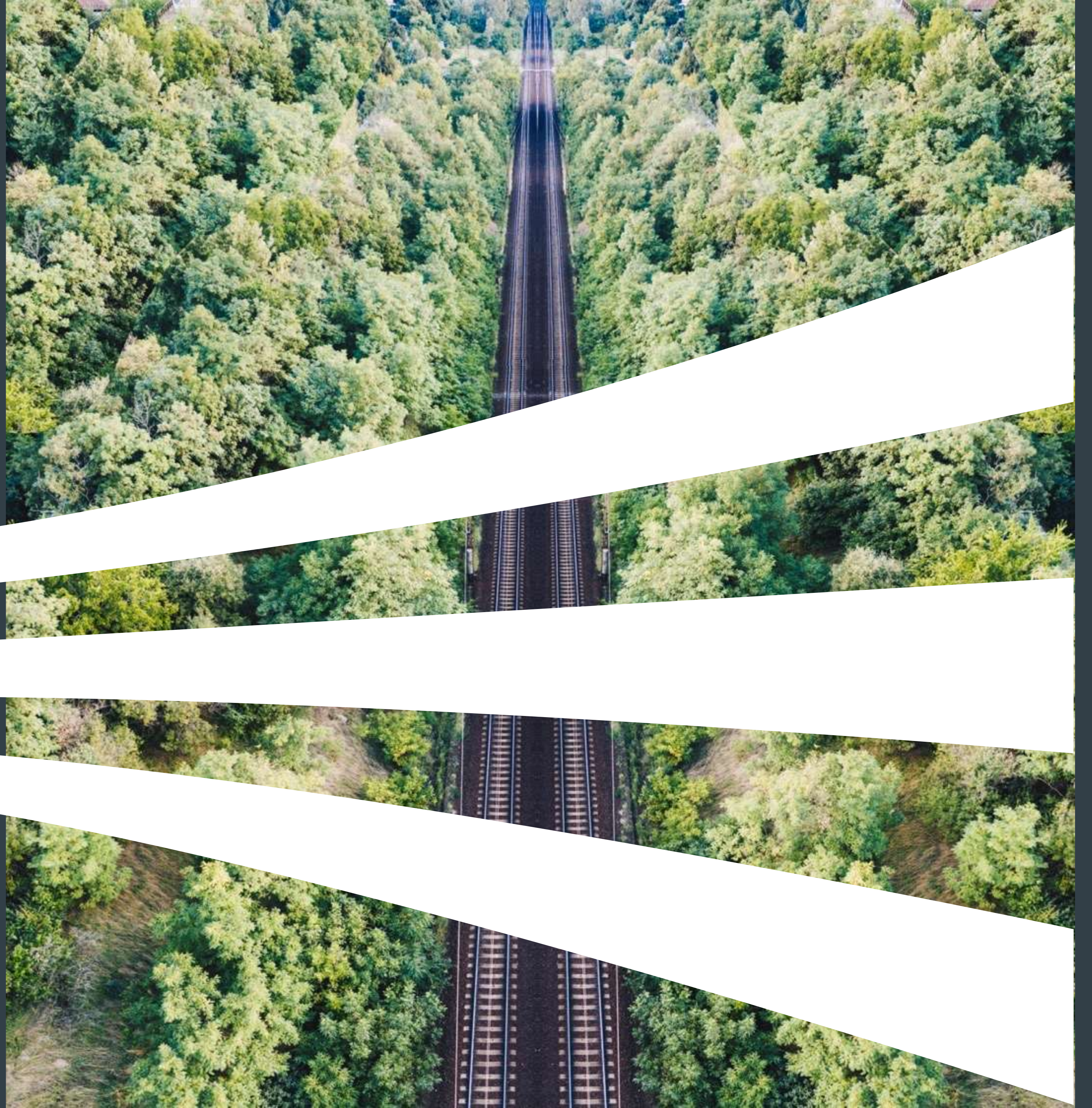
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*Locomotive Planning Manager*

# BIOFUELS TESTING IN T77 LOCOMOTIVES



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# WE DECARBONIZE YOUR SUPPLY CHAIN



**37,500**  
TRUCK  
REDUCTION  
PER YEAR

**1,3 MIO**  
TON  
CO<sub>2</sub> SAVED  
PER YEAR



# LINEAS, THE BIGGEST PRIVATE RAIL FREIGHT OPERATOR IN EUROPE

- Our **mission**: we decarbonize the supply chain of our customers, being a key enabler for their growing ESG objectives
- Belgium headquartered company, but **truly multi-national**
- Operating in **Western/Central Europe** with all capabilities to deliver internationally
- Very strong ties with **major North Sea Ports**: Antwerp, Ghent, Zeebrugge, Rotterdam
- **Rail undertaking + intermodal** and **conventional** operator
- **Digitalizing** the supply chain
- 1750 employees with **passion** for rail
- Pool of +/- 500 national and international **drivers**
- Diversified **rolling asset base** (250 locomotives, 6700 wagons)





# A strong ambition in CO<sub>2</sub> reduction and ESG



SCIENCE  
BASED  
TARGETS

## Our CO<sub>2</sub> reduction commitments by 2030:

- Reduce scope 1 and 2 GHG emissions by **42%**
- Reduce scope 3 GHG emissions by **25%**
- Increase renewable electricity from 16% to **75%**



## Ambition to become Ecovadis gold by 2027:

- Building sustainable value chain
- Valuing human capital
- Reach “best employer” status by 2027

## First results:

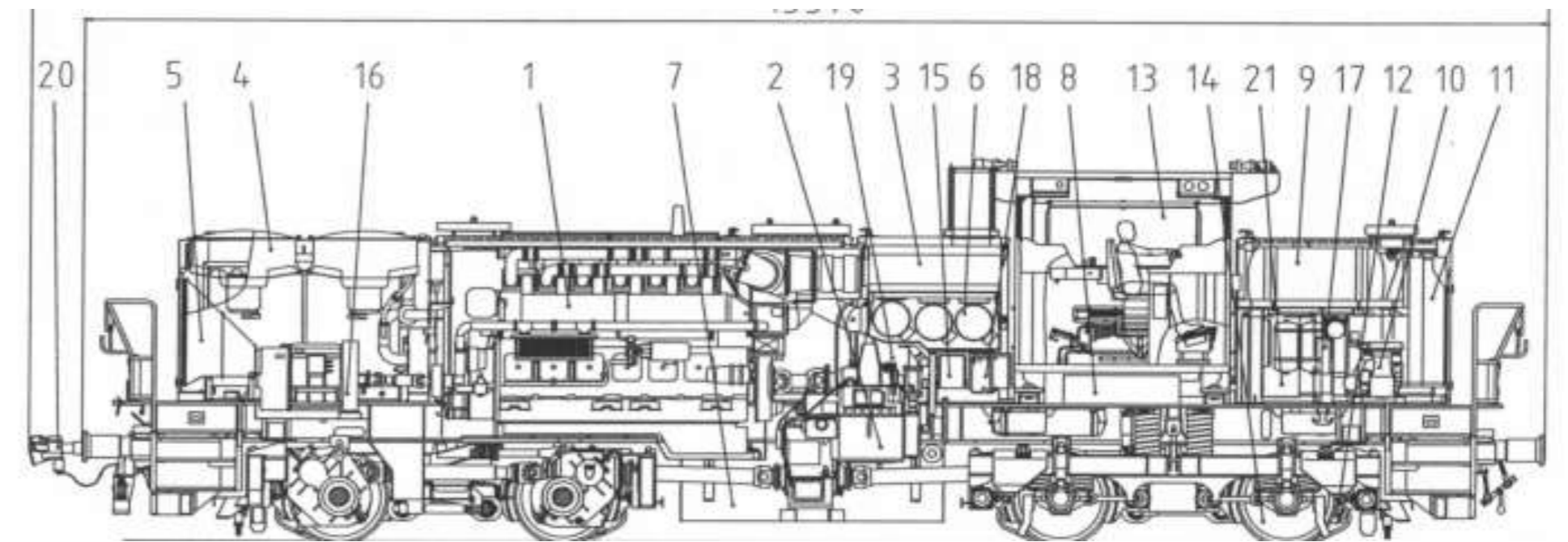
- Ecodriving is reducing consumption from 14 to 12 Wh/tonkm
- Tests with sustainable fuels:
  - Genk: tests are completed with HVO (Hydrogenated Vegetable Oils)
  - Gent: tests are ongoing with 2<sup>nd</sup> generation FAME (Fatty Acid Methyl Ester)

# BIOFUELS TESTING IN LINEAS

## T77 LOCOMOTIVES – TECHNICAL DETAILS

### ABC Engine 6 DXZ :

Cycle :	4 stroke	Nominal power :	1326	Kw
Cylinder:	6 inline	Nominal Speed :	1000	Rpm
Bore :	256 mm	Piston speed :	10.3	m/s
Stroke :	310 mm	Displacement :	95.7	liter
Compression :	12.1/1	Turbo & Intercooler :	yes	



Provider  
Siemens

Siemens  
Hvac,  
Convertissor

Engine  
Abc

Hydraulic  
Transmission  
Voith

Frame Vossloh



Year of construction of locomotives 1999 to 2005

- Owner is Beacon Rail
- ECM is Lineas

# We test 2 types of biofuels

HVO (Hydrotreated Vegetable Oil)  
= Renewable diesel

Producer: Neste  
Standard: EN 15940  
HVO100  
Test place: Genk & Antwerp  
Delivery by Truck

**NESTE**

FAME (Fatty Acid Methyl Ester)  
= Biodiesel

Producer: Cargill  
Standard: EN 12414  
B100  
Test place: Ghent, tanking in Seatank Terminal  
Delivery by truck  
UCOME (used cooking oil)

**Cargill**<sup>®</sup>

- Both products offer up to 75-90% less emissions compared to regular diesel
- HVO: 1 year test had been completed without any technical problem (verified by a revision where whole engine is opened in the workshop)
- FAME: Tests ongoing, no issue captured at the moment, tests are to be finalized by the end of 2024 latest

# BIOFUELS TESTING IN LINEAS

## HVO

- 2 Locomotives tested
  - 2023/01 – 2023/05 : 1500 hours
  - 2023/01 – 2023/09 : 2000 hours
- No modification is done on the loc
- Followed up following items during the tests
  - Engine oil samples taken to check particles, presence of water and fuel in the oil
  - Fuel sample to check for formation of algae
  - Checks on vibrations, smoking, visual controls of the engine itself
  - Checking injection pumps and injectors after 2000 h
    - Minor pollution of the injectors noticed but no big issue (lower than Fame)



Conclusion: HVO can be used without any modifications on the engine/maintenance plan. Pumps and injectors needs to be followed up against clogging.

# BIOFUELS TESTING IN LINEAS

## FAME

- 2 locomotives are tested (7853 as of June 2023, 7855 as of December 2024)
- No modifications are done on the locs
- FAME used: Initially regular UCOME,
  - winter version is used during the colder months (includes additive)



# BIOFUELS TESTING IN LINEAS

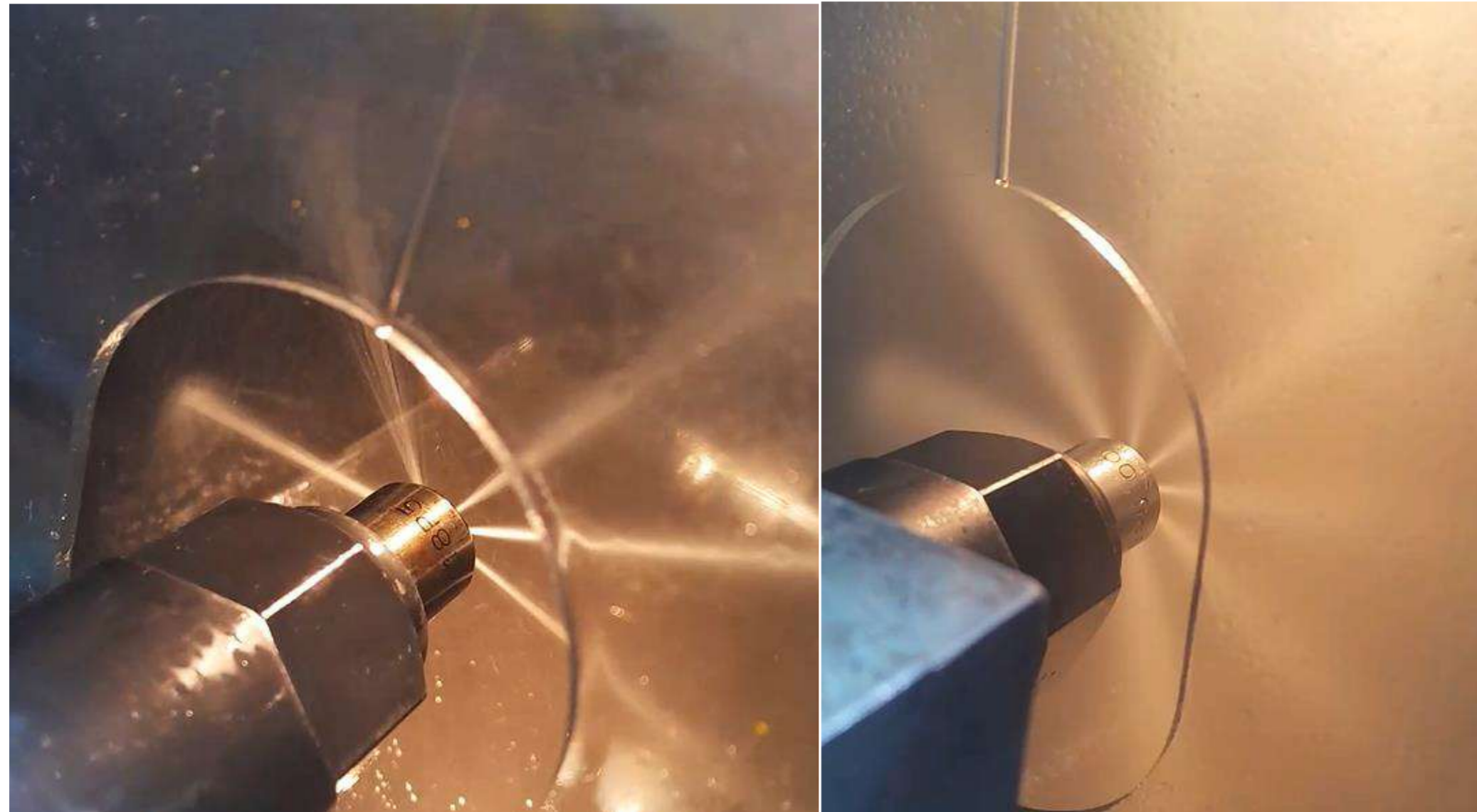
## FAME

- First reflection on the test:
  - Smell in loc cabin noticed by some drivers
  - Cold start due to increase of viscosity in cold weather → additive by Cargill added
  - Fuel pump failed 2 times and in the last inspection report it showed pumps are dirtier compared to regular diesel
  - Injectors are clogged easier: Picture in next slide
  - Testbench carried out on the engine to measure and certify the real impact of using Fame fuel versus B7 diesel (gas emissions, energy content of the fuel)
    - SNCB/NMBS hires an external company to realize the measures. Results will be presented per emission components according to ISO 8178-4 norm.
      - CO, Nox, HC (g/kWh)
      - PM (g/kWh)
      - PN (#/kWh)

# BIOFUELS TESTING IN LINEAS

## FAME

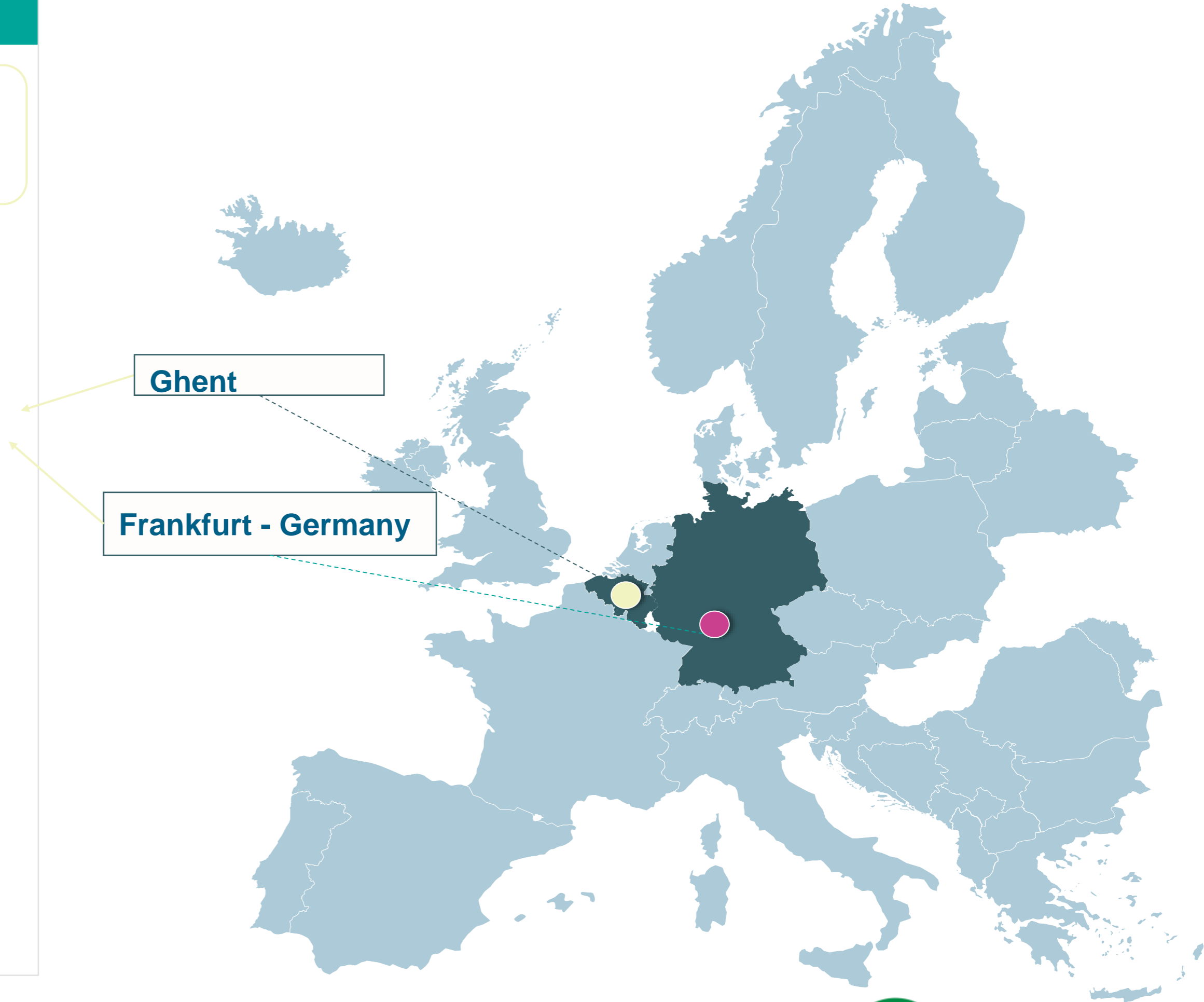
- Injectors: impact of injector clogging
  - spray quality is lower
  - combustion is less efficient
  - In certain cases, going to extremes, the injection holes can become blocked.



- Next steps
  - 7853 to go into revision in July with more than 3000 operating hours, 7855 will run with FAME till the end of 2024

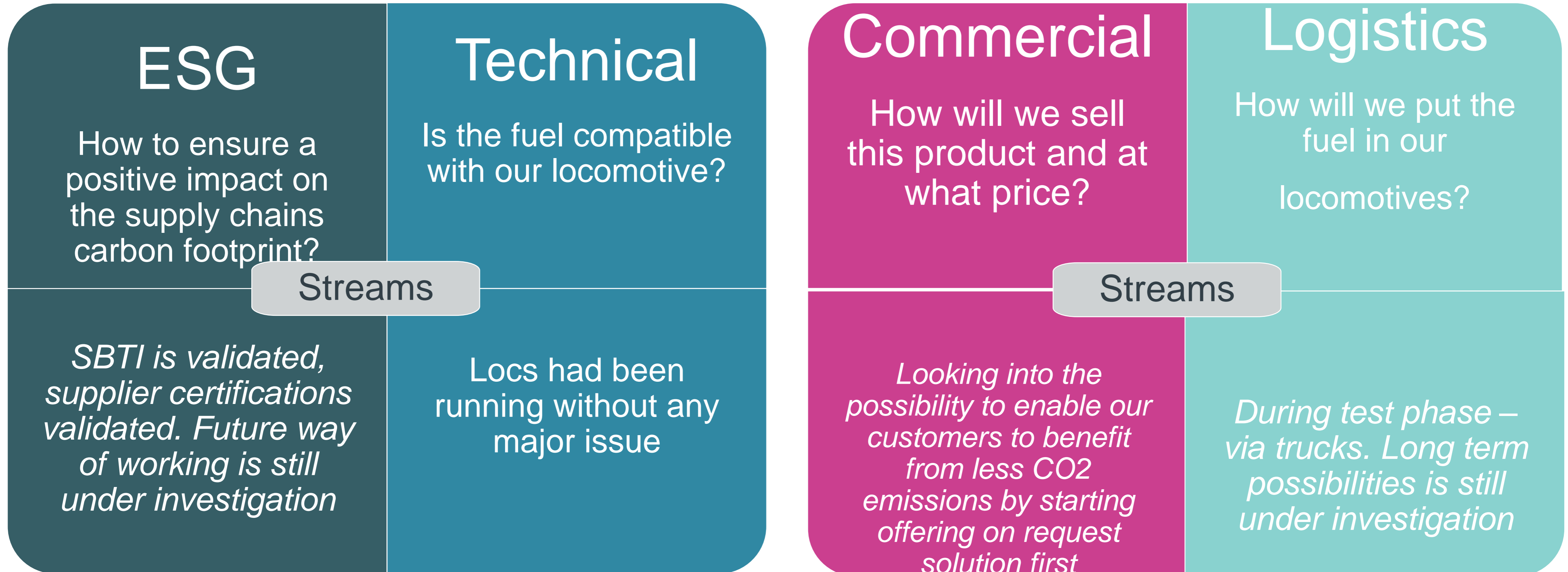
# Cargills Biodiesel offers a superior quality compared to other biodiesel in the market

	Standard EN 14214 Quality	Cargill Biodiesel
CFFP April-Oct/ Nov-Mar	-10 °C / -10 °C	-10 °C / -20 °C
Ester Content	> 96.5%	> 97.5%
Sulphur (UVF)	< 10 mg/kg	< 5 mg/kg
Water Content	< 500 mg/kg	< 200 mg/kg
Monoglyceride content	< 0.7 mg/kg	< 0.3 mg/kg
Metals Group I (Na + K)	< 5 mg/kg	< 1 mg/kg
Metals Group II (Ca + Mg)	< 5 mg/kg	< 1 mg/kg
Phosphorus Content	< 4 mg/kg	< 1 mg/kg
Total Contamination	< 24 mg/kg	< 10 mg/kg
Cloud Point	- 3 °C	- 5 °C
Oxidation Stability 110 °C	> 8 hrs	> 10 hrs
Filter Plugging Tendency	-	< 1.5 °C
Saturated Esters	-	10%
Sterol Glucosides	-	< 5 ppm





# BIOFUELS IN T77 LOCOMOTIVES



THANK YOU!



**As a conclusion:**  
*Tests of Biofuels are promising, next step is to find logistical solutions and looking into the possibility to enable our customers to benefit from less CO2 emissions*



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## Questions and answers






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**SBB**



**SNCF**



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# Thank you for your attention



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