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eHighway

Designing and demonstrating an electric road system for
efficient and sustainable road freight

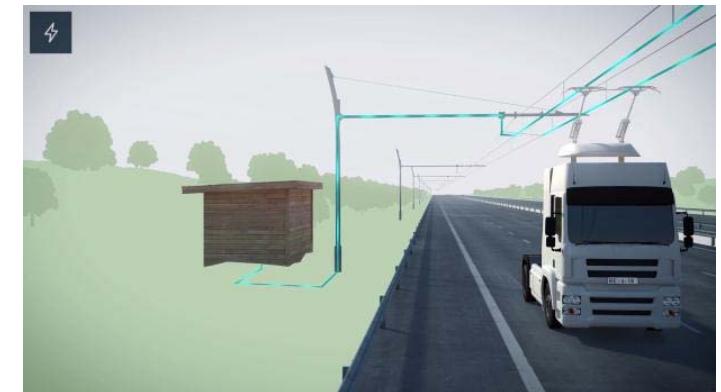
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How the eHighway system works



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zV2yZkRFBK0>

The potential of the eHighway technology ranges from closed shuttle applications to open highways solutions

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eHighway application cases



Shuttle transport

- Solution for high frequency shuttle transport over short and medium distances (<50km), i.e. in ports or industrial areas
- Lower fuel consumption and longer lifetime
- Reduction of air and noise pollution

Electrified mine transport

- Connection of pits and mines to storage or transit locations
- Minimization of harmful emissions
- Sustainable, clean and economical mine operation

Electrified long-haul traffic

- Economical and sustainable alternative for road freight transport
- Significant reduction of CO₂ emissions
- Substantial cost savings for freight carriers

The development path of road electrification can echo that of rail electrification a century ago

Funded research projects supplement the currently executed projects on public roads in Los Angeles and Sweden

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Research Projects

➤ ENUBA (Germany)

- First research project with BMUB
- Duration: 05/2010 – 09/2011

➤ ENUBA 2 (Germany)

- Second research project with BMUB
- Duration: 05/2012 – 12/2015

➤ ELANO (Germany)

- Third research project with BMUB
- Duration: 01/2016 – 09/2019



Projects on Public Roads

➤ Los Angeles – Port Application



- One mile demonstration as connection to near-dock rail terminals for cargo vehicles for 6 months
- Primary goal is to promote the implementation of zero emission goods movement technologies
- Cooperation with Volvo trucks and local truck converter

➤ Sweden – Highway Application



- Two kilometer demonstration on a public road between industrial area and port for 3 years
- Overall aim is to evaluate Electric Road System options prior to introduction on road network
- Cooperation with Scania trucks

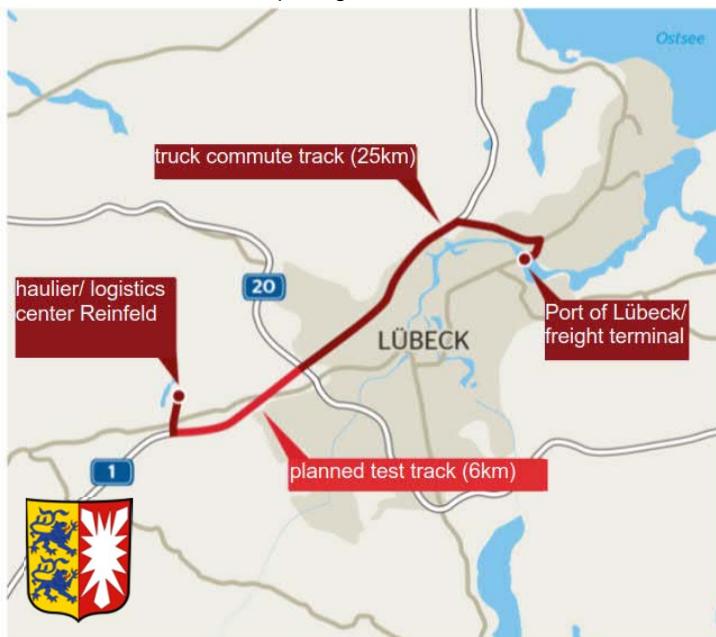
Field Trials in Germany are a necessary next step for the development of the system

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Information and routing

Federal State of Schleswig Holstein

Project awarded to Siemens and SPL Powerlines
Track length / Amount of trucks: 5-6km / 5
Start of Construction 10.2018
Opening: 05.2019



Federal State of Hessen

Project awarded to Siemens
Track length / Amount of trucks: 5km / 5
Start of Construction: 03.2018
Opening: 12/2018



Federal State of Baden-Wuerttemberg

Tender published Nov.2018
Track length / Amount of trucks: 5-6km / 5
Start of Construction: 2019



How it works in Reality

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ICCT* sees electrification with contact lines as crucial for reaching deep decarbonization of HDVs

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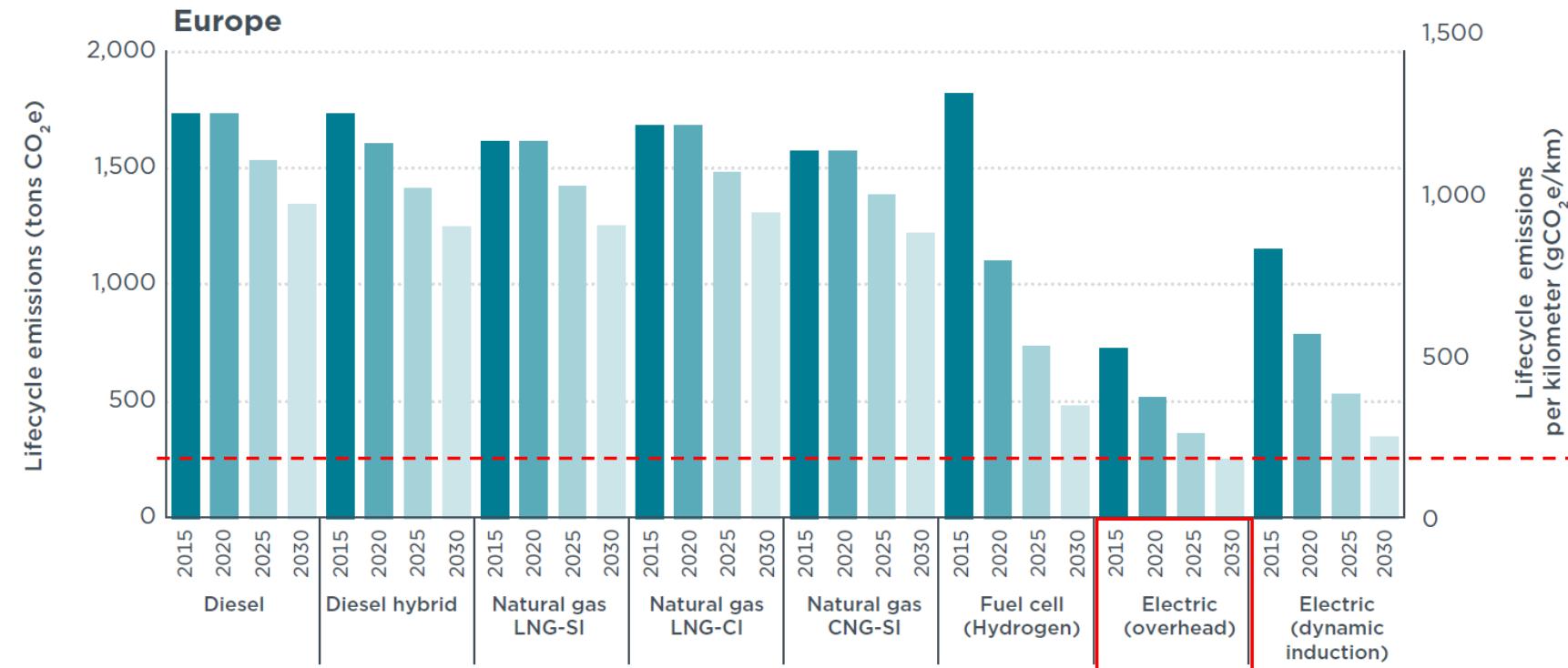


Figure 6. China, Europe, and U.S. lifecycle CO₂ emissions over vehicle lifetime (left axis) and per kilometer (right axis) by vehicle technology type.

Source: ICCT - [Transitioning to zero-emission heavy-duty freight vehicles](#) (2017) page 26

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* ICCT = International Council of Clean Transportation

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German industry association (BDI) recommends 4.000 to 8.000 km of overhead catenary lines as a cost-effective climate action for HDVs

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Background

- BDI commissioned an independent BCG and Prognos report looking at **all sectors of the economy**
- Investigated the most **cost effective ways** to reach German climate goals: **-80% and -95% GHG**
- Involved 68 BDI-member associations and companies, 200 industry experts and 40 workshops

Major findings

- Reaching **the 80% reduction is possible** by pushing existing technologies to the max. Has **economically positive effects, even if Germany acts alone**.
- Reaching the **95% reduction goal** touches the limit of what can be expected from technology and citizens. **Only in joint action with G20 economies** would this be economically manageable

Transport highlights

- Shift to rail leads to an **increase by 88% of ton-km of freight activity** on rail by 2050
- **No additional biofuels for transport** (other sectors will need biomass more and out-bid transport)
- **PtX only in 95% scenario** (due to high expected costs of fuel)

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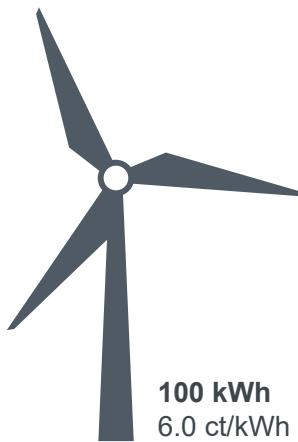
- Building **overhead catenary is the cheapest solution** for HDVs, despite high infrastructure costs.
- Recommends building **4.000 km** overhead contact line in the 80% scenario and **8.000 km** in 95%
- Based on DE perspective. **EU solution** brings **large synergies** and is even more cost-effective
- Investment decision needs to be made by 2025, leading to first 400 km in operation by 2028.



Source: <https://bdi.eu/publikation/news/klimapfade-fuer-deutschland/>

Zero emission trucks are possible with renewable energy, but efficiency varies greatly

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Pathway	Range Cost per km	Efficiency WTW	Example vehicle
Electric Road Systems	60 km 19 ct/km	77%	
Battery	48 km 20 ct/km	62%	
Hydrogen	24 km 55 ct/km	29%	
Power-to-Gas	17 km 70 ct/km	20%	

1) Including storage

Source: German Ministry of Environment

Pilot projects proving that zero-emission heavy road freight is both economical and practical is the next step

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CEO of Scania, CTO Volvo Group & Johan Rockström



Argued in an Op-Ed in Sweden's main business daily that **Sweden should conduct pilot projects where whole fleets of trucks can show how the transition to sustainable road transport can happen.** They also gave five examples of possible projects, with the **first one on the list being a scaling up of the existing eHighway demonstration project in Gävle.**

Source: <https://www.di.se/debatt/volvo-scania-mfl-sverige-ska-bli-en-fossilfri-varldsutstallning/> (April 2018)

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A Comparison of Zero-Emission Highway Trucking Technologies
A Research Report from the University of California Institute of Transportation Studies

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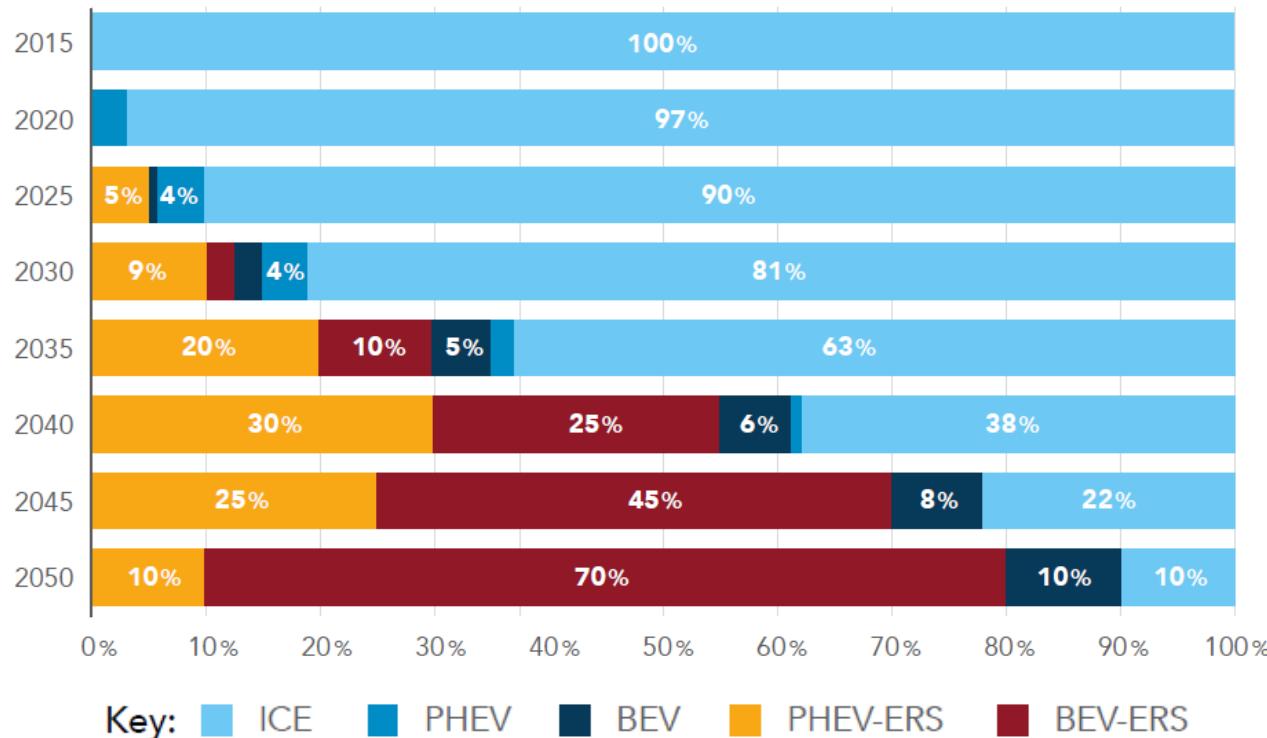
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Source: [A Comparison of Zero-Emission Highway Trucking Technologies](#) (Oct 2018)

Hybrids make fast and broad infrastructure roll out possible, which in turn accelerates the uptake of zero-emission vehicles

New vehicles sales by technology type in an Electric Road Systems scenario



Source: European Climate Foundation – [Trucking into a Greener Future \(2018\)](#) page 9

ERS is a back-bone that enables economical emission reductions with known technology

ERS can accelerate the uptake of zero-emission solutions (e.g. would enable full-electric trucks with much less batteries, proven charging concept and no time-cost)

Infrastructure on heavily use roads addresses significant part of heavy duty vehicle (HDV) emissions

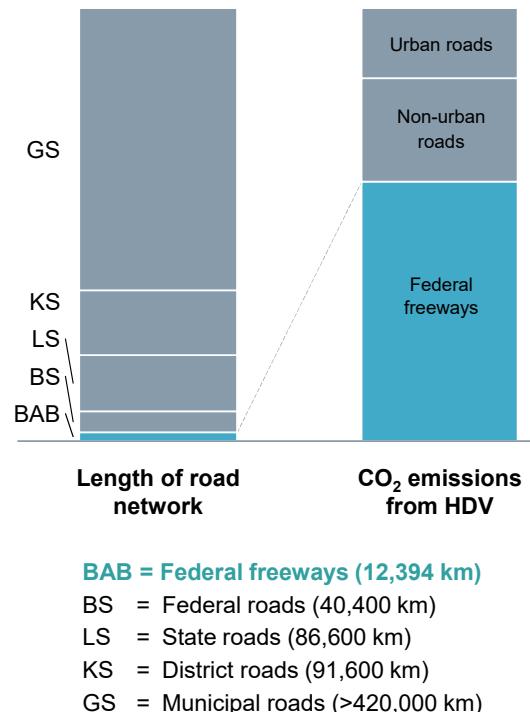
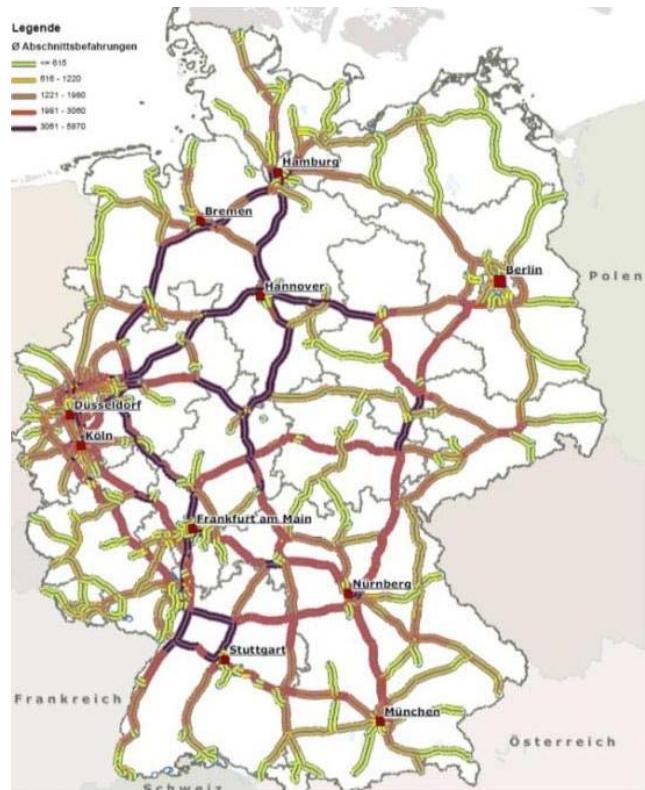


Image: HDV density on BAB-network ; Source: Verkehr in Zahlen 2012; TREMOD 2012

The analysis of the German road network leads to the following key messages:

1
60% of the HDV emissions occur on 2% of the road network (BAB = 12,394 km)

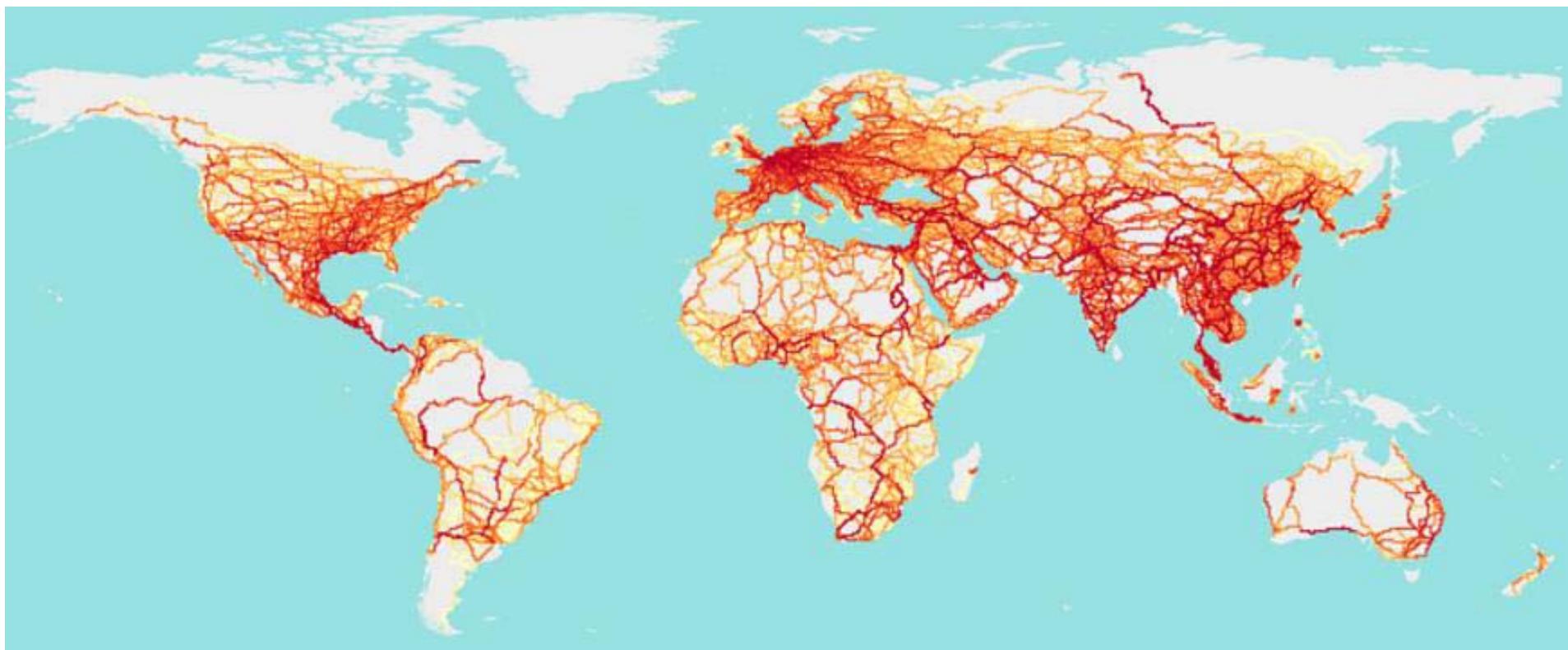
2
The most intensely used 3,966 km handle 60% of all ton-km on the BAB

Focusing first on the main freight transport routes, a significant decarbonization step can be achieved.

This approach can be applied all over the world.

Surface freight density: 2010, 2030 and 2050

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Source: ITF - Transport Infrastructure Needs for Future Trade Growth (2016)

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Operations started on Germany's first eHighway field trial - Motorway A5 near Frankfurt Airport

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