



Reaching goals in time

The potential of dynamic charging of HDVs on motorways

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Electrified trucking on roads with Dynamic Charging (DYC)

Proven in daily trucking operations on German motorways

Motorway owner's experience of field trial



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gAUff-fz_MM&t=0s

Experiences of a truck driver

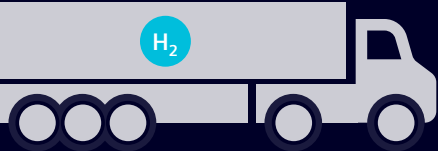
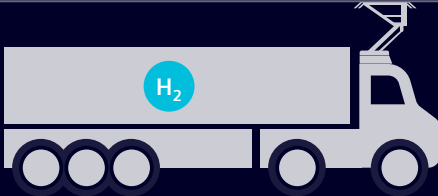
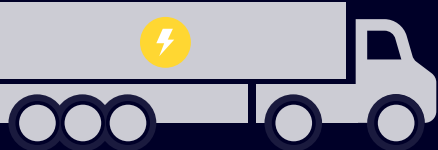
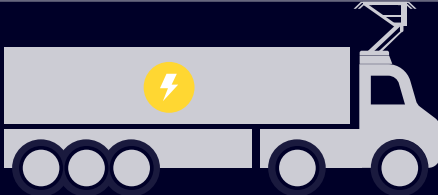




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**Sustainable road freight solution based on overhead contact lines (OCL)
– available today for deployment on long and busy corridors**

A system compatible with and complementary to other alternative technologies

Decarbonization of heavy-duty trucks is accelerated by dynamic charging

Technology options	Key characteristics	Technology options w/ OCL	Key characteristics
 <p>Hydrogen fuel cell power</p>	<div> <div>+</div> <div>High range to mass ratio</div> </div> <div> <div>-</div> <div>High operational cost (e.g., scarce green H₂, efficiency)</div> </div>		<div> <div>+</div> <div>High range to mass ratio</div> </div> <div> <div>+</div> <div>Reduced operational cost when using dynamic charging</div> </div>
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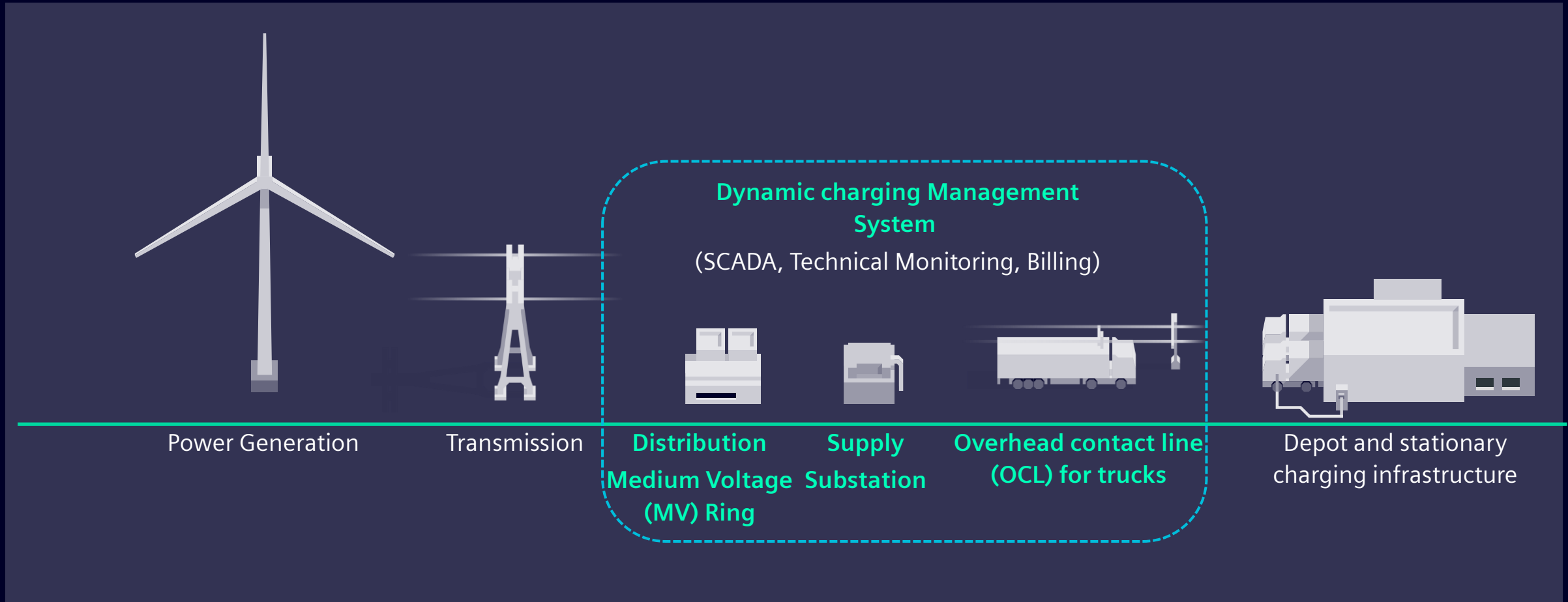


All three drive technologies and their business cases can be **boosted** by dynamic charging.

Modular approach enables optimized truck config. for each use case.

The building blocks of the dynamic charging solution

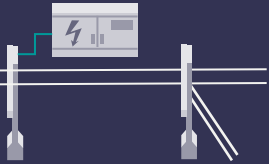
Based on extensive experience in rail electrification and years of operation



Dynamic charging (DYC) is used in real trucking operations on busy highways

Autobahn GmbH: "Proven in daily operations....OCL technology is ready for roll-out!"

DYC Infrastructure



Pantograph (current collector)



Electrified truck



Start (2010)

Mature and well-known technology from rail.
Can it be built and operated on busy highways?

Rail and trolley-bus experience.
Need new solution:

- That fits on tractor truck
- Provide at least 200kW
- Connect/disconnect at speed

- Some hybrids available
- Battery-electric trucks pretty much unheard of

Today (2023)

- 7 years experience on EU highways
- 30 km OCL on very busy roads
- 96%-99.6% availability

- Fits on tractor truck
- Max. power: >500 kW
- Works at up to 100 km/h

Conti cooperation for industrialization

22 trucks (PHEV tractors & BEV rigs) have driven >2,000,000 km in **real trucking operations**



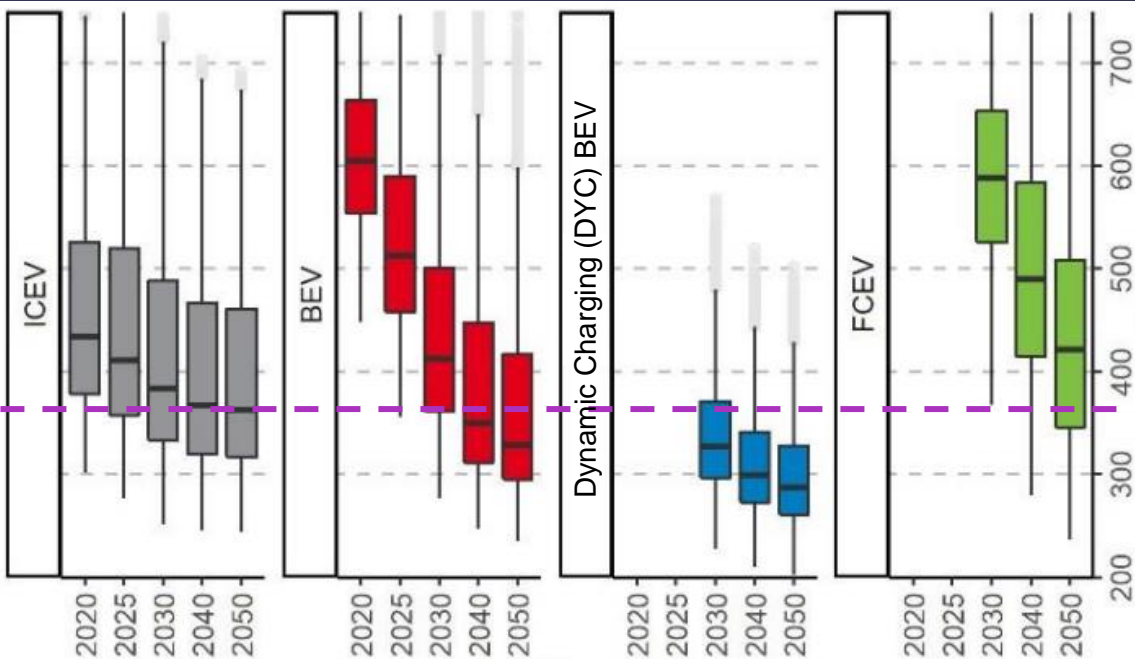
More information on field trials available: <https://www.ifeu.de/publikation/current-technical-findings-on-the-ehighway-system-from-field-tests-and-accompanying-research-in-germany/>
https://www.verkehr.tu-darmstadt.de/media/verkehr/fgvv/veroeffentlichungen_2/20230320_Evidenzbasierte_Forschungsergebnisse_ELISA.pdf
Autobahn company FAQ on OCL field trials: [Link](#)

The electrified future of trucks and their infrastructure

Offering lowest Total-Cost-of-Ownership & CO₂-emissions

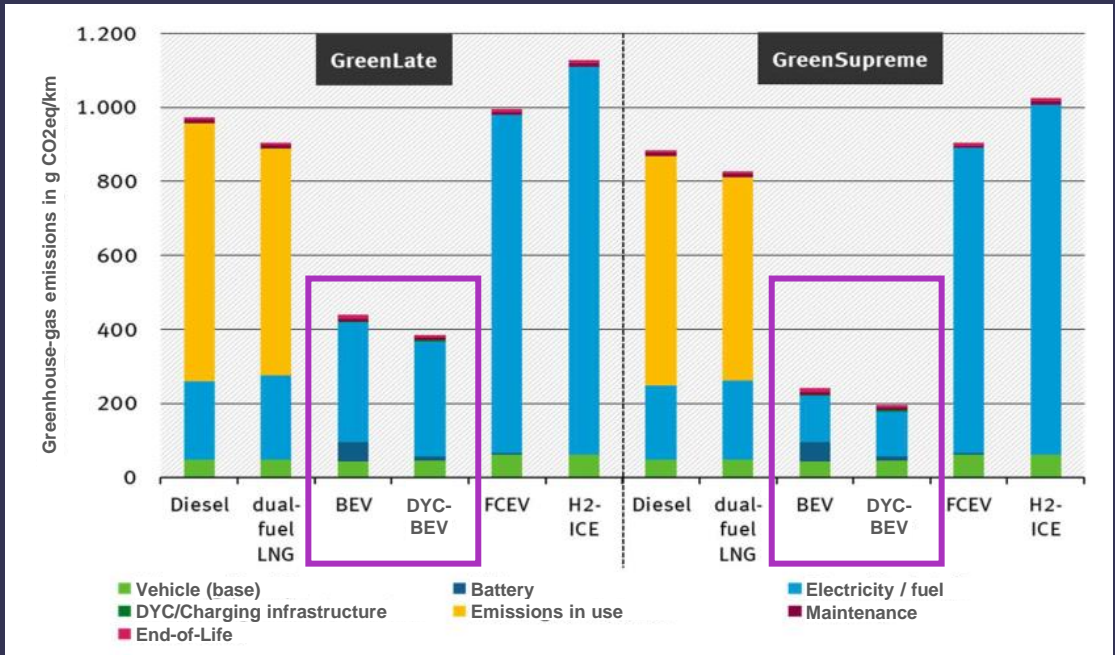
Lowest cost and uncertainty¹

Total Cost of Ownership (TCO) in k EUR, for vehicle group 5 (4x2 tractors)



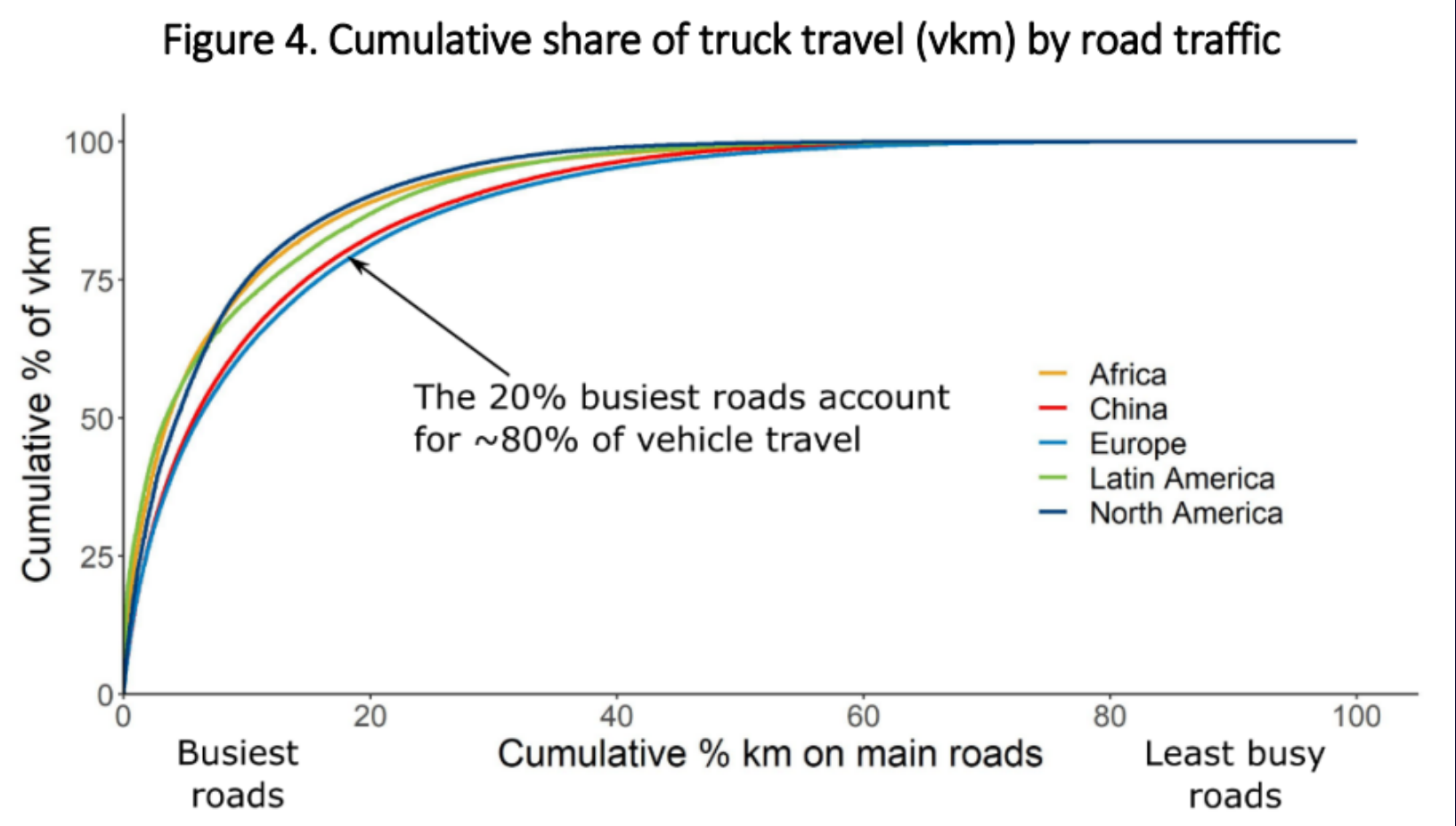
Strong CO₂ reductions already in this decade²

GHG-Emissions in g CO₂-eq./km for tractors in 2030 (medium payload of 11 t)



1. <https://www.itf-oecd.org/decarbonising-europes-trucks-minimise-cost-uncertainty> Nota bene: ITF uses the term ERSV (electric road system vehicle) for DYC BEV
2. ifeu: Vorläufige Projektergebnisse „Umweltbilanz von Fahrzeugen mit alternativen Antrieben oder Kraftstoffen“; FKZ 3720 57 1010.

Road freight traffic is highly concentrated across the world



Source: <https://www.itf-oecd.org/cleaner-vehicles-achieving-resilient-technology-transition>

Truck range need off-highway is limited

Germany: 89% of trips are <50 km

In einem Vergleich der Summenlinien (Abbildung 30) kann man erkennen, dass 89 % der Lkw-Fahrten weniger als 50 Kilometer im nachgeordneten Netz abwickeln.

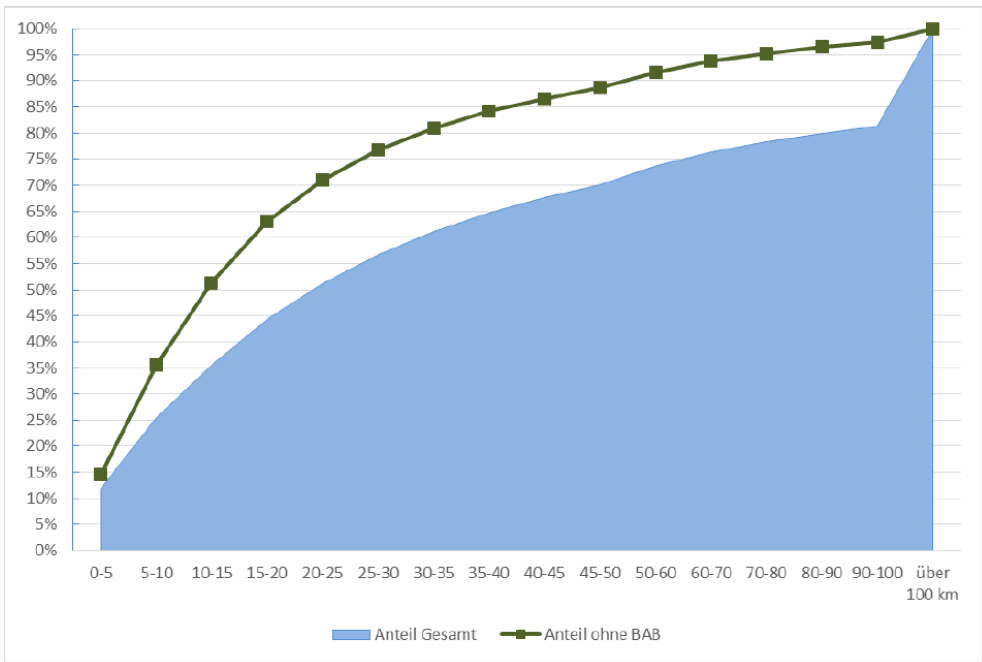
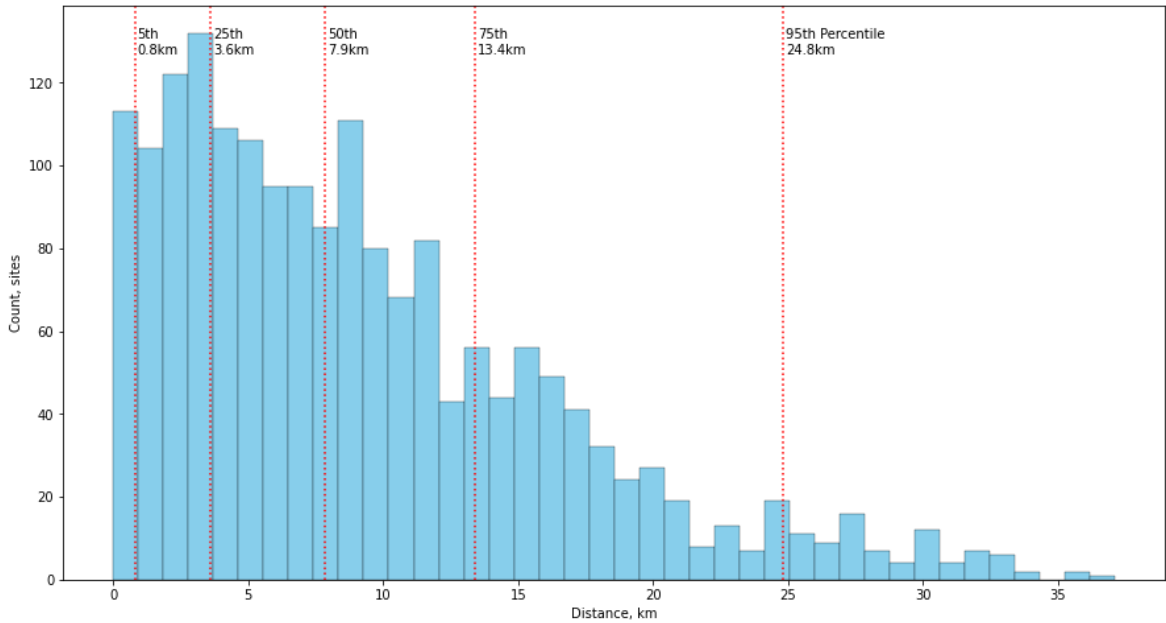


Abbildung 30: Summenlinie der Distanzklassenanteile mit und ohne BAB-Anteil

Flanders (Belgium): 95% of trips are <25 km

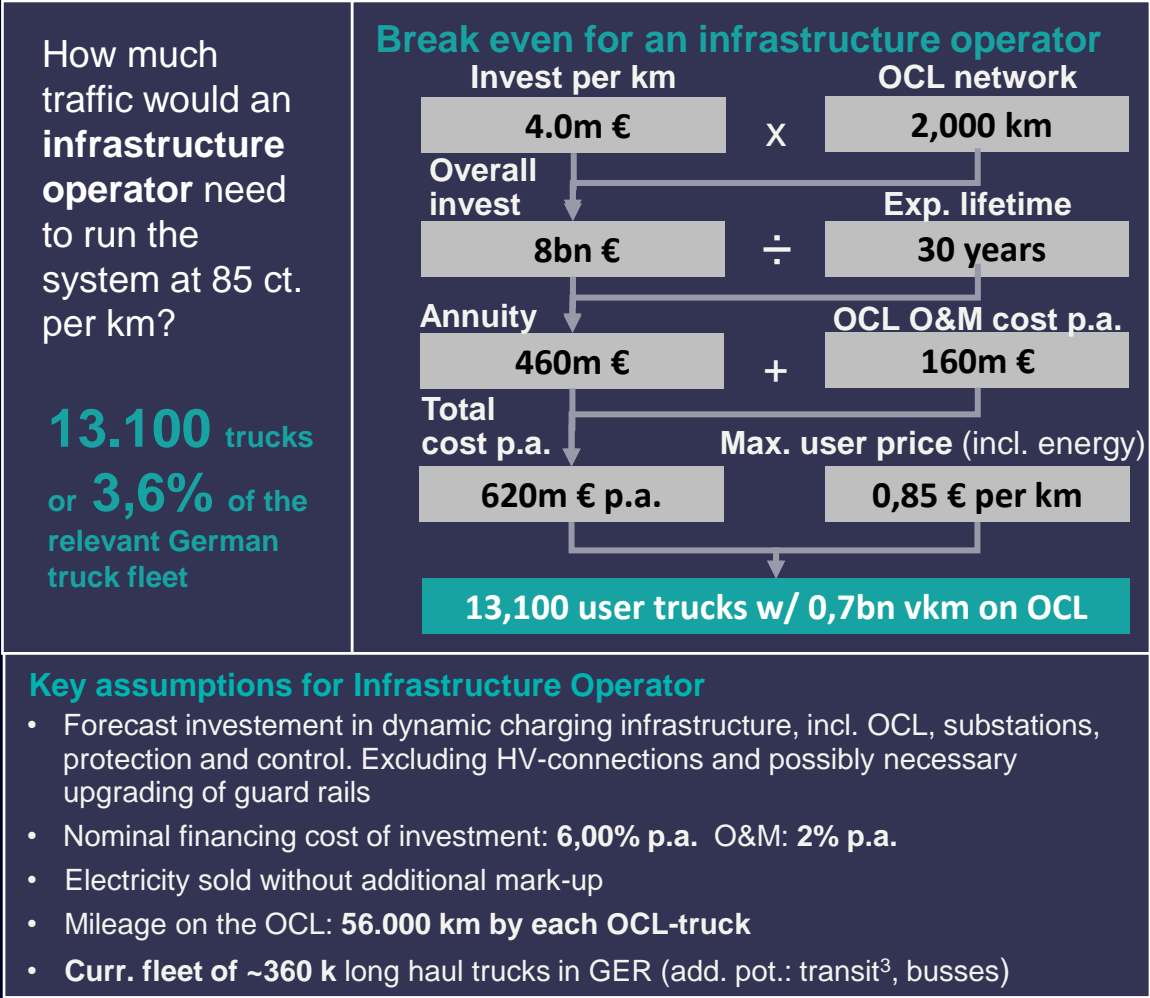
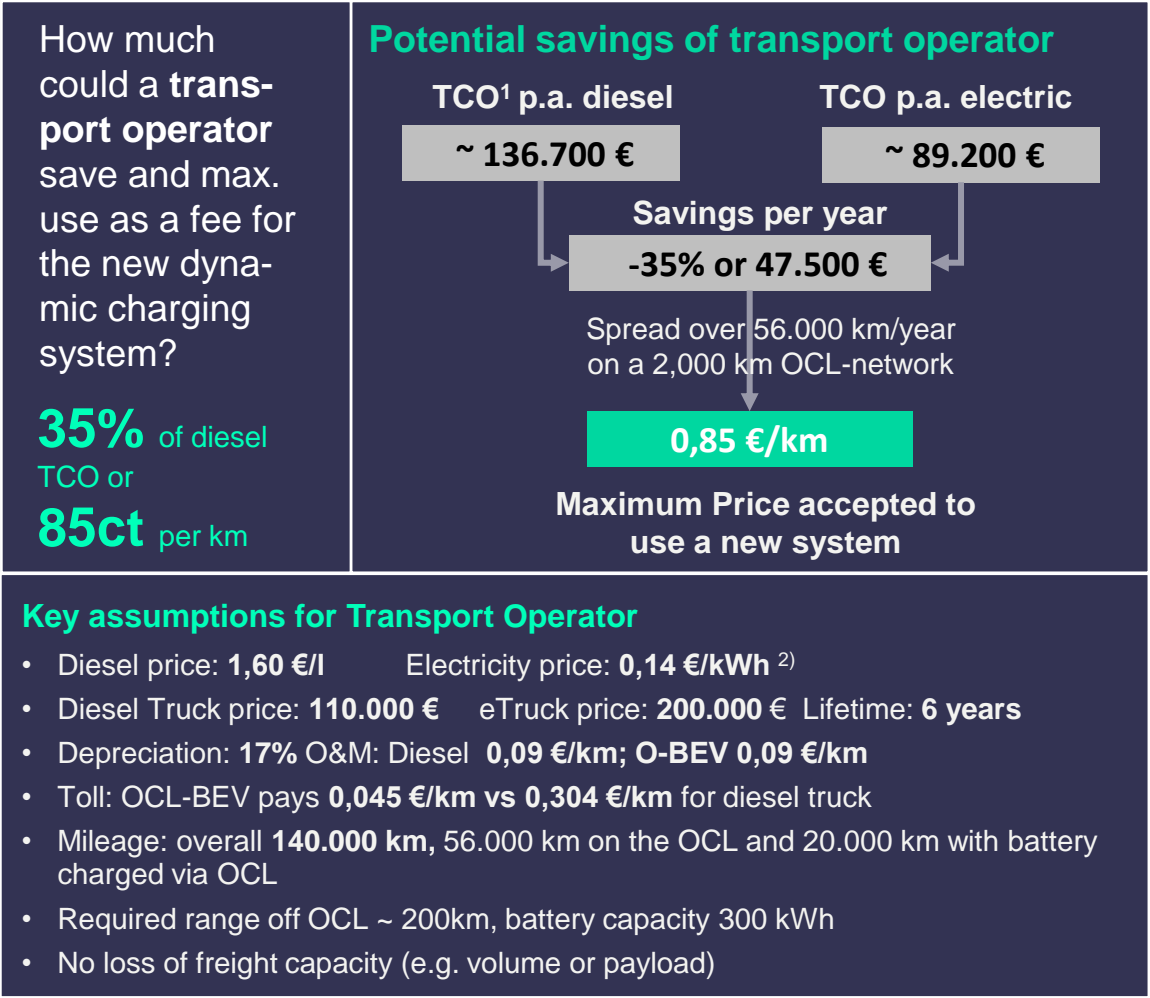
Figure 7 – Driving distance of industrial sites to nearest motorway, Flanders



Source: [Fraunhofer Study](#) on behalf of the German Transport Ministry, page 118

Source: University of Antwerp study [Logibat project](#)

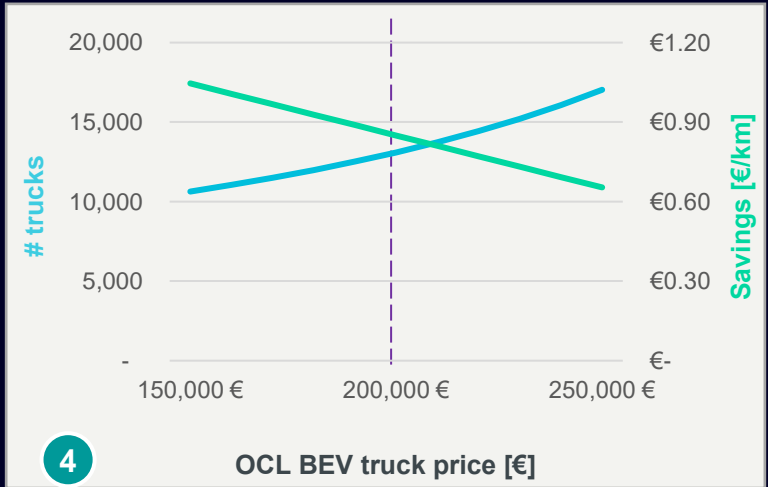
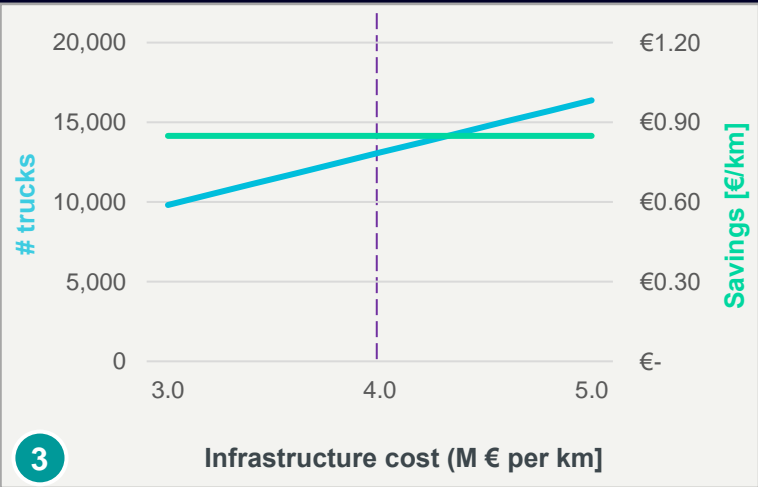
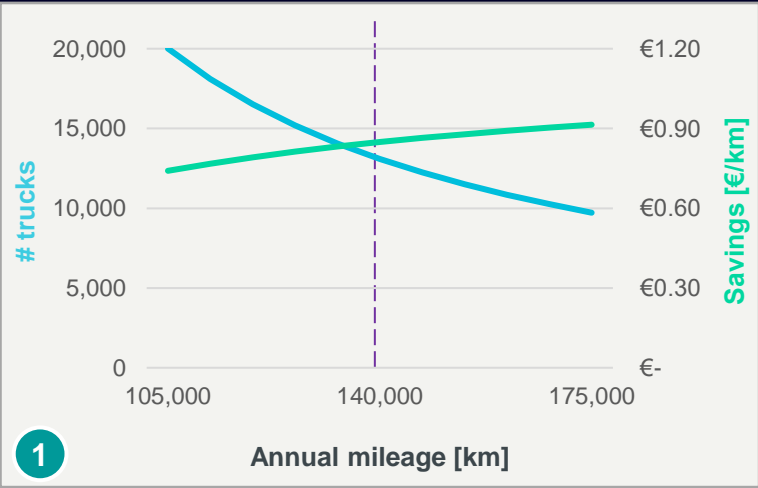
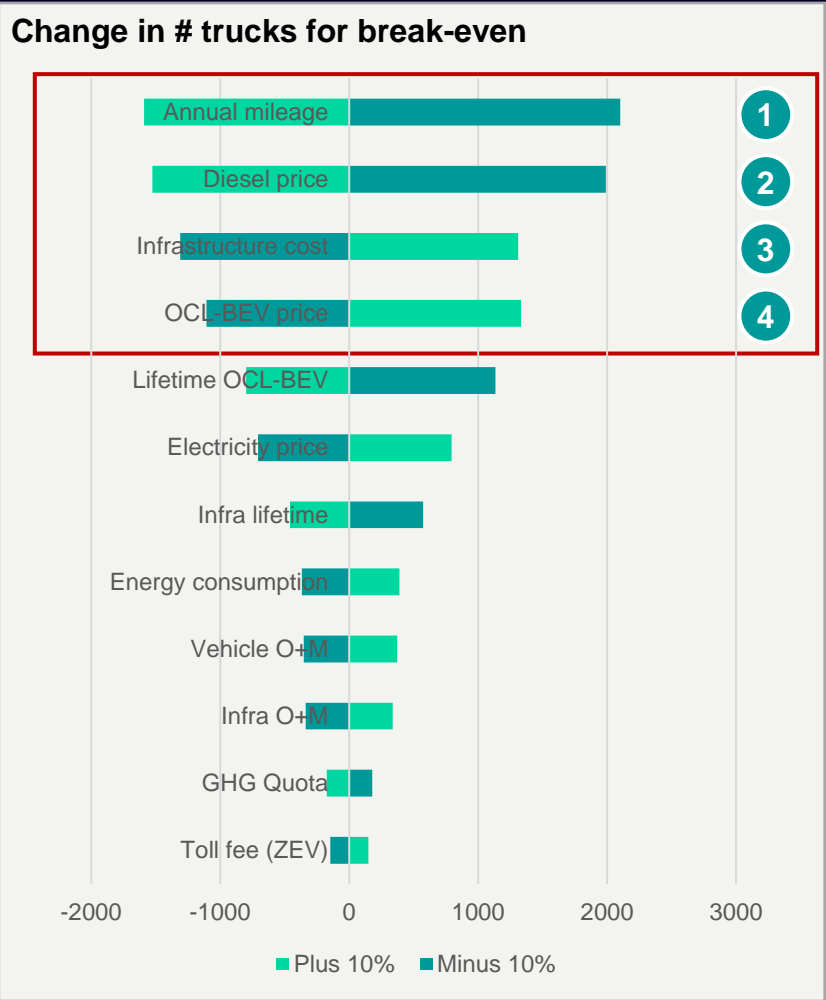
2.000 km-scenario of Dynamic Charging in Germany – Break-even point for the system can be achieved with OCL-BEV trucks in the single-digit share of fleet



1) Total Cost of Ownership per truck 2) Incl. 0,03 €/kWh grid connection fee 3) 47% of freight traffic in GER

Sensitivity analysis shows robustness of the case

Even with Diesel near 1.20 €/l the break-even No. of truck would be only 5% of relevant fleet



Interest in DYC for long-haul trucks is growing in Europe and beyond

Enabling zero emission trucking on core motorways

Projects and plans in EU

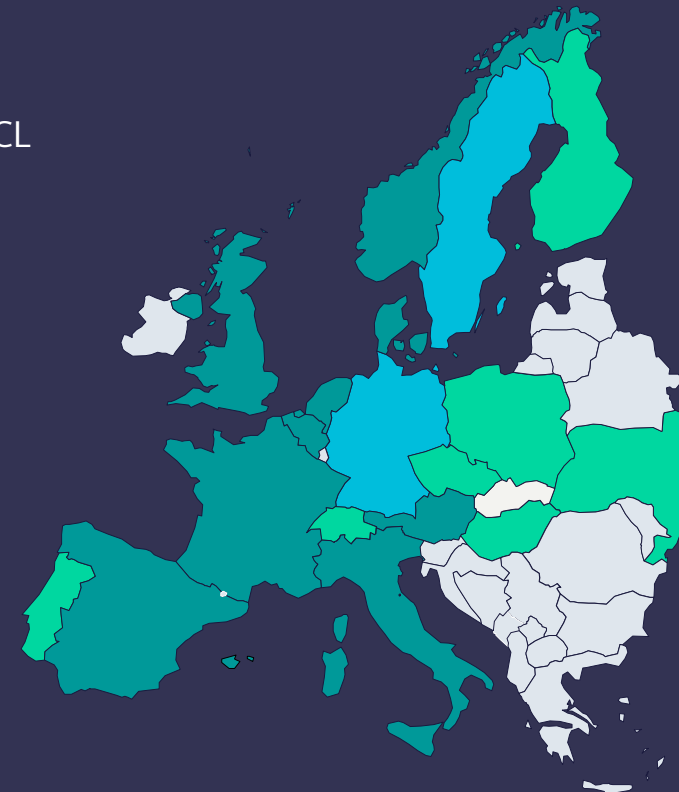
- DE: Climate law (2023) confirms intention for innovation clusters with OCL DYC
- SE: Tendering 20km DYC on highway (in 2024). Earlier DYC highway demo used OCL
- NL: 50m EUR allocated for DYC pilot for HDVs on highway
- FR: DYC demo projects (1-2 km) announced for highways (usage type unclear)

Studies and reports in EU

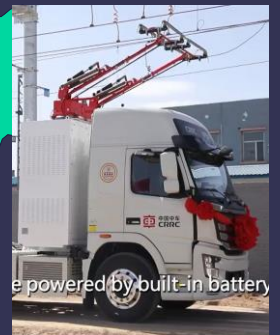
- IT: [Ministry strategy](#) for trucks focus on electrification, incl. use of OCL
- AT: Study "[Energy Roads](#)" completed seeing benefits with OCL DYC
- BE: [Study](#) finds each 1 EUR investing in OCL saves 8 EUR over next 20 years
- HU: Part of E-CORE, a multi-national corridor study, so far also with NL, DE & AT

Interest and activities beyond EU

- UK: [Study](#) finds OCL "cost-effective solution", see also [podcast](#).
- China: Companies CRRC and SANY developed first DYC pilot using OCL
- India investigating 1,300 km long overhead contact line "e-corridor", see [link](#)
- North America: Studies in [USA](#) and Canada also find DYC highly economical.



[Link](#)



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- Catenary solution: Demo/field trial realized or in preparation
- Study involving catenary solution for HDV exists or under preparation
- Interest in catenary solution exists

DYC eases possible bottle-necks regarding batteries and stationary chargers

Thereby strengthening the case for a stronger policy focus on electrification

Acceptability - By all stakeholders

- Economical and ecological benefits
- Cut critical raw material dependency¹
- Minimizes impact on electricity grid²

Scalability - In time and across geographies

- Reduced land claims³
- Fewer stakeholders & approvals⁴
- Based on int. know-how and strong supply chain⁵

Usability - Seamless integration in logistics

- No time lost during charging
- Improved charging experience
- Compatible with higher payloads and automation



Video source: <https://ehighway-sh.de/forschungsfahrten/>

1) <https://www.sae.org/publications/technical-papers/content/epr2022007/> 2) [Energienetz - Klimafreundliche Nutzfahrzeuge \(klimafreundliche-nutzfahrzeuge.de\)](https://www.energienetz.de/klimafreundliche-nutzfahrzeuge/) 3) <https://trans.info/de/lkw-parkplatz-app-294955>
4) <https://ivv.fh-erfurt.de/aktuelle-forschungsprojekte/esob-rki> 5) <https://www.railwaypro.com/wp/worldwide-rail-electrification-remains-at-high-volume/>



The [DYC] technology seems very compatible with BEVs and stationary charging - it is not an either or.

Tobias Meyer, CEO DHL Group

Source: https://www.linkedin.com/feed/update/urn:li:activity:6993873117844512768?utm_source=share&utm_medium=member_desktop

We need to use technologies that are available now!

Volker Ratzmann, Executive Vice President Corporate Public Affairs at Deutsche Post DHL Group

Source: LinkedIn on Nov 22, 2023 <https://www.linkedin.com/feed/update/urn:li:activity:7133098584672985088/>



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Back-ups

Small dictionary:

Acronyms, vocabulary and explanations

DYC (Dynamic charging):

The **charging solution** an electrified truck gets from an ERS

ERS (Electric Road System):

The **infrastructure** built along a motorway that enables DYC

OCL (Overhead contact line):

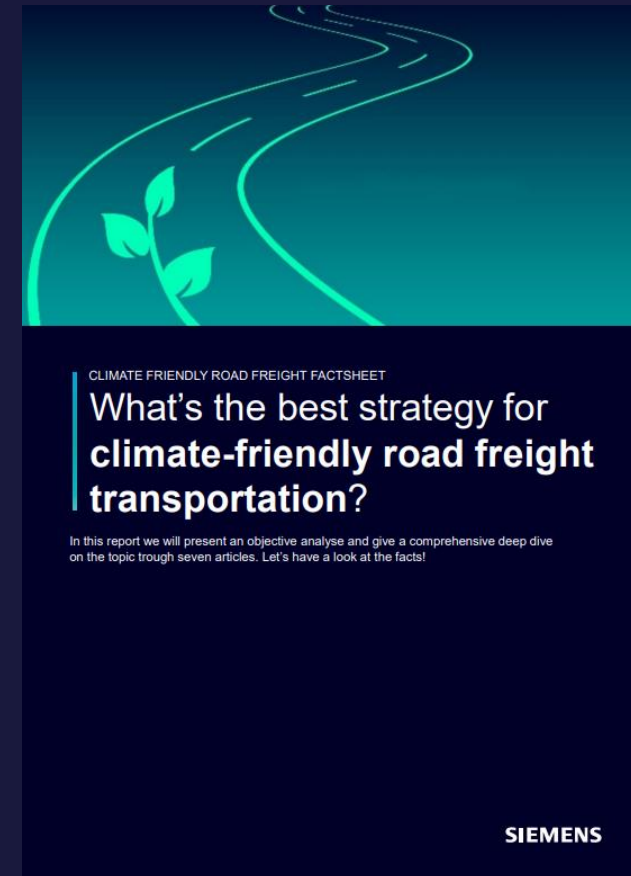
A more than 100 years old technology, that for 7 years (and counting) is the only ERS proven

- on a highway

and/or

- to provide at least 200kW DYC to tractor trucks in regular, full-speed operations

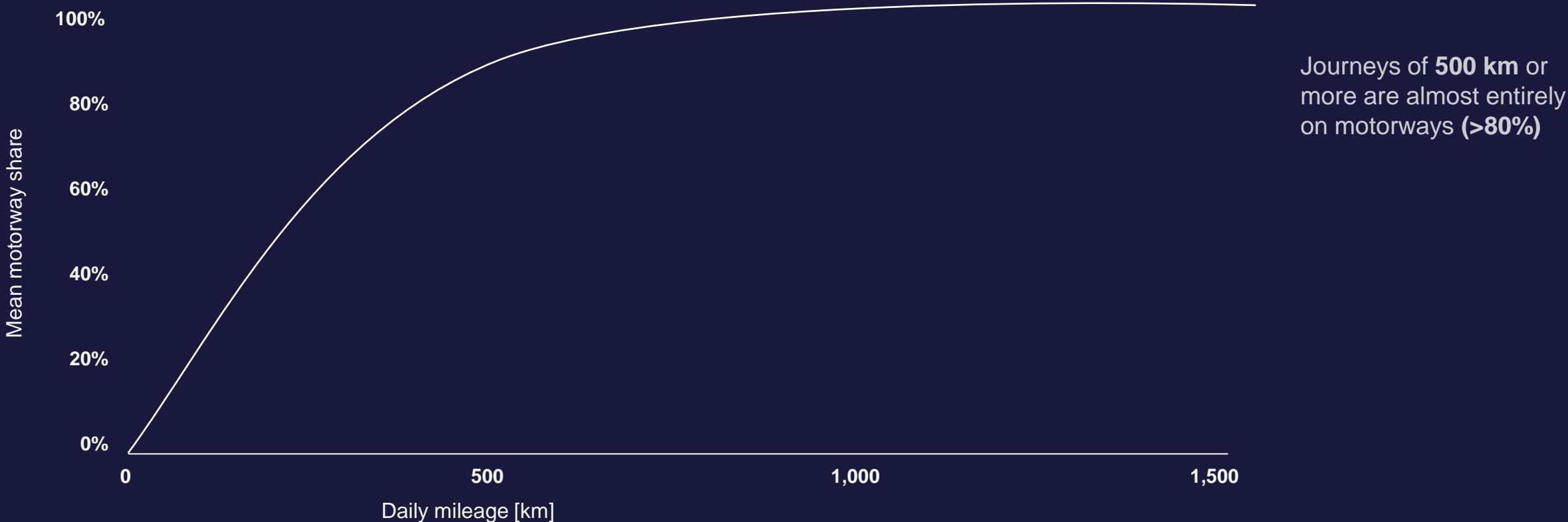
Factsheet for climate-friendly road freight



Available [online](#)

Range is especially important for long-haul operations

Long range happens almost exclusively on highways

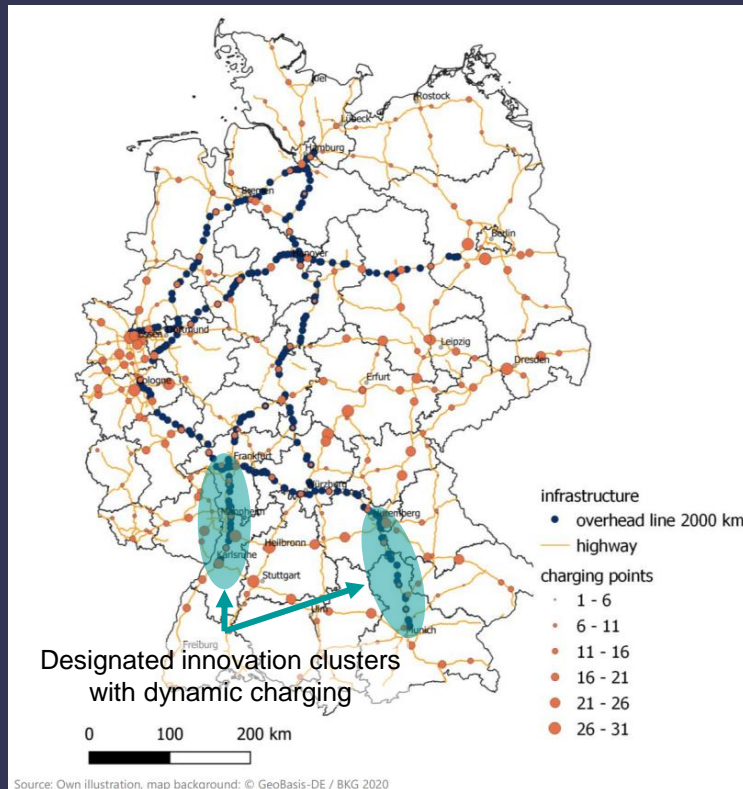


BEV: Battery electric vehicle | FCEV: Fuel cell electric vehicles | RF: Renewable fuel (for combustion engine)
Source: [Fraunhofer feasibility study](#) of catenary trucking, on behalf of the German Transport Ministry, page 131

German build out scenarios:

Initial corridors that grow into a national and international network

Combined stationary & dyn. charging network



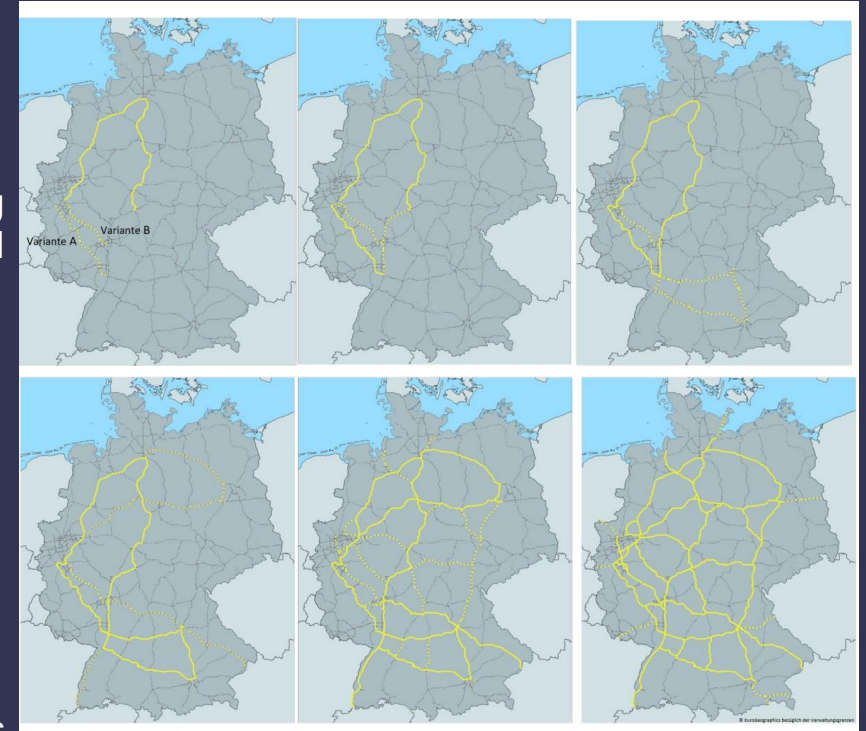
Start-up target:

- Define sufficient charging opportunities for a fast ramp-up
- Start includes a **2.000km** dynamic charging network and complementary stationary charging opportunities
- Network might be **adapted for early movers** (e.g. DHL)

Network growth:

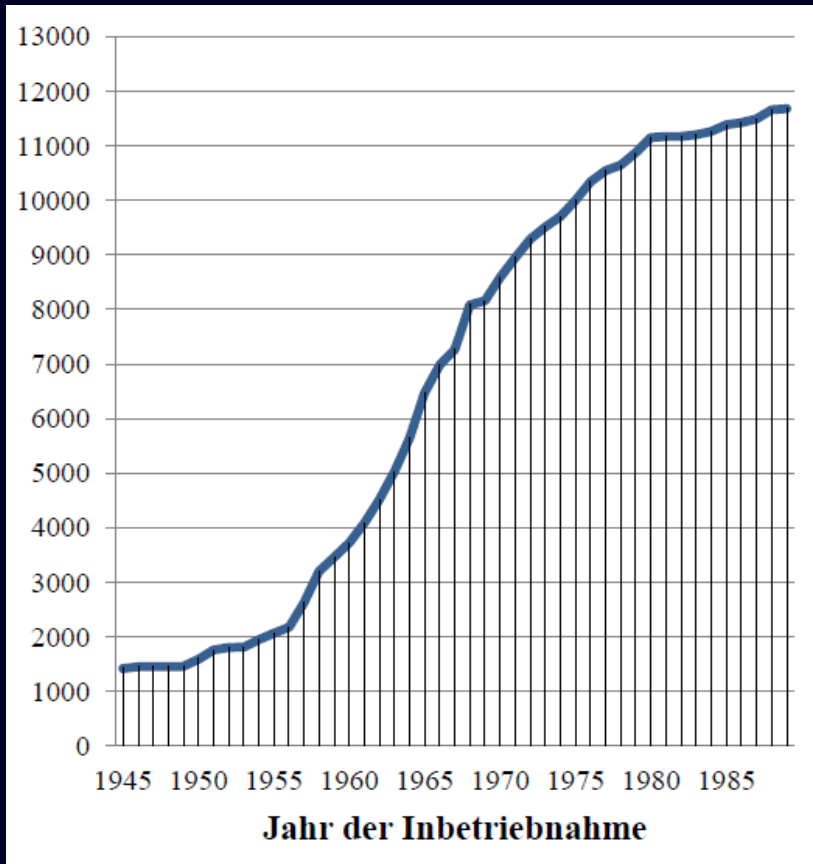
- Reasonable growth to **4.000km** dynamic charging network expected to cover up to 90% of trips on German highways
- Important realization of **connections to other European countries** to connect long-distance corridors

Possible growth of dyn. charging network



Build-out speed: Germany has already showed itself capable of building 5,000 km of overhead contact lines in just 10 years

Electrified rail km



Enabling framework

- Systemic planning – not case by case solutions
- Legislation to accelerate approval process, while maintaining due process

Industry confirmation

- Major installation actor confirms that similar build-out rates (ca. 400 double-track km per year) is realistic

International example

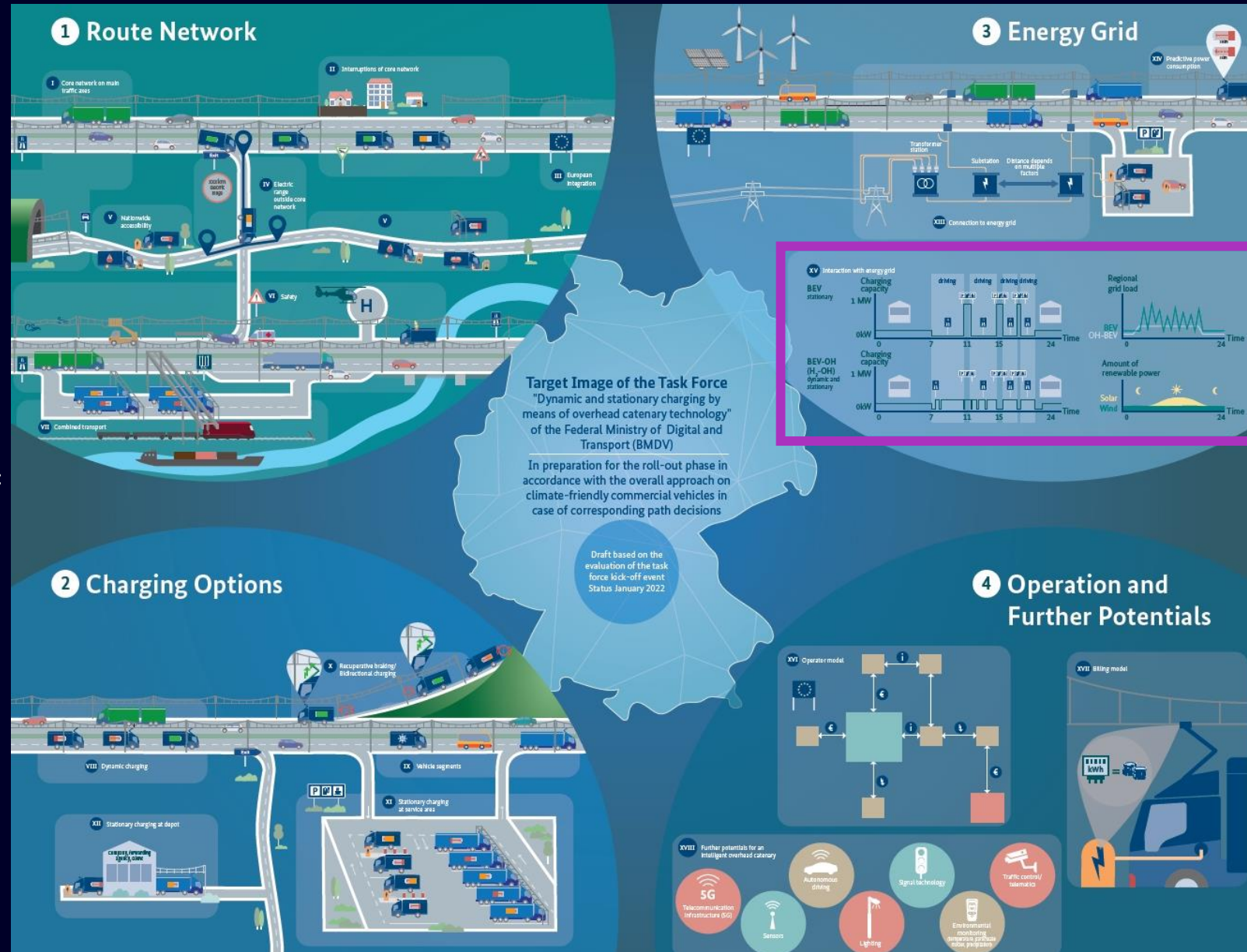
- India has electrified 26,000 km of railways in the past 5 years
 - Supply-chains available for the necessary materials
 - Know-how of OCL is spread across the globe

Ministry task force on dynamic charging

Available [online](#)

Including links to many supporting studies for each of the four fields:

- [Route network](#)
- [Charging options](#)
- [Energy grid](#)
- [Operation and further potentials](#)



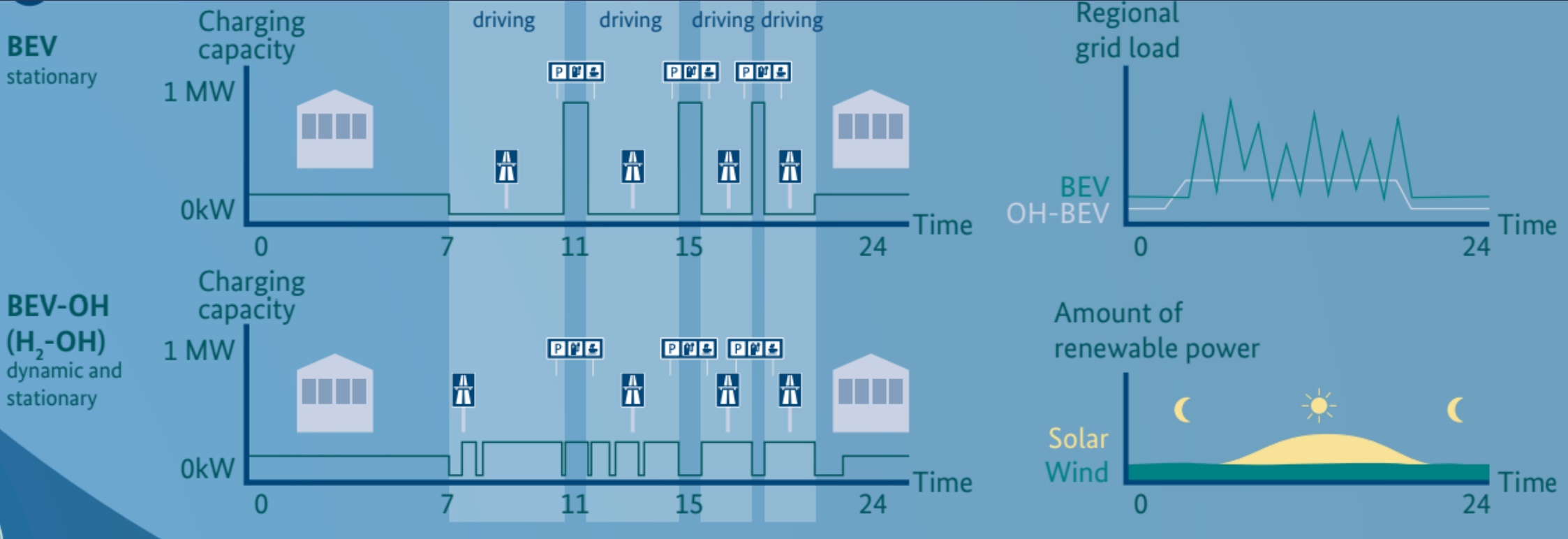
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Dynamic charging

Beneficial interaction with the energy grid

Reduces demand charges

Matches Time-of-Use (TOU) rates



- Study showing significant influence of demand charges on cost of electricity: [US DOE \(2017\)](#) pages 70-83
- Study showing why policy makers should encourage daytime charging: <https://www.nature.com/articles/s41560-022-01105-7>
- Study showing the challenge power demand from large truck stops: <https://www.nationalgrid.com/us/EVhighway>

Dynamic charging is an essential solution for climate protection in heavy road freight transport – **Overhead catenary line advantages**

