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CELLCENTRIC | EXTERNAL AFFAIRS AND H2 TECHNOLOGY

Synchronizing Fuel Cells, Industrialization, and Infrastructure for Heavy-Duty Long-Haul Applications

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At a glance

cellcentric

A Daimler Truck & Volvo Group Company

cellcentric's ambition is to become a leading global manufacturer of fuel-cells and thus help the world take a major step towards climate-neutral and sustainable transportation.

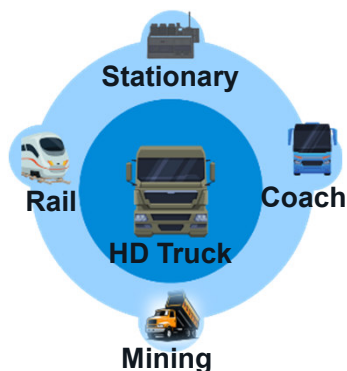
MISSION & VISION

Our Purpose - Why do we exist?
We power sustainable life
Our Vision - What are our goals?
Be the first choice for superior fuel cell solutions

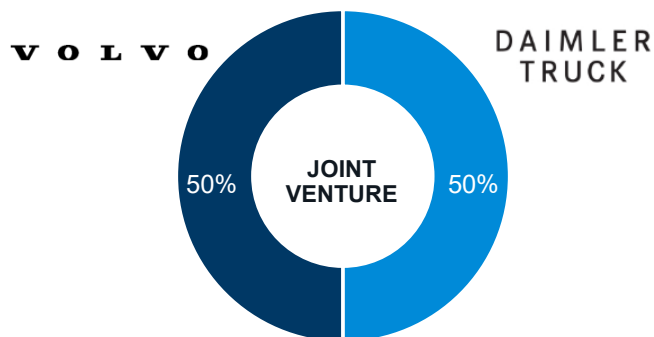
EMPLOYEES

560+

MARKET PENETRATION STRATEGY

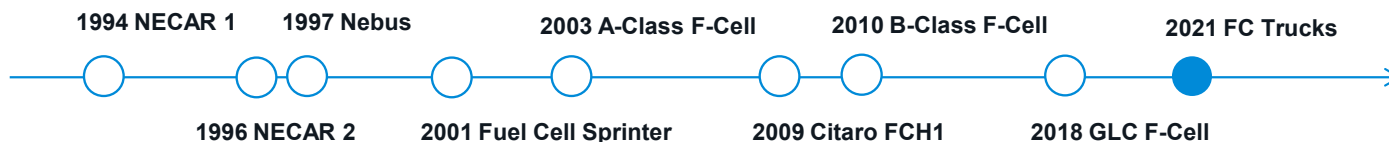


PARTNERSHIP OF COMPETITORS



Daimler Truck and Volvo as the two main customers in heavy duty vehicle application

OVER 30 YEARS OF FUEL CELL EXPERTISE

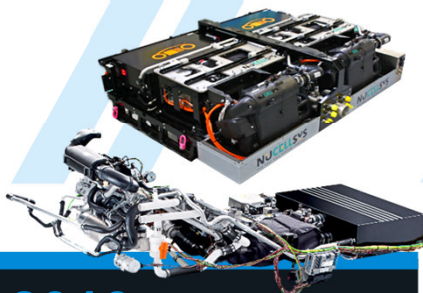


LOCATIONS

4



Significant improvements in power density and cost reduction



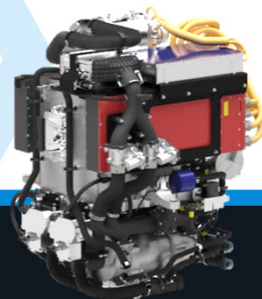
2010 CITARO F-CELL

- Citaro Bus reached lifetime of >19.000 h



2018 GLC F-CELL

- Power density +100 %
- Platinum content -90 %



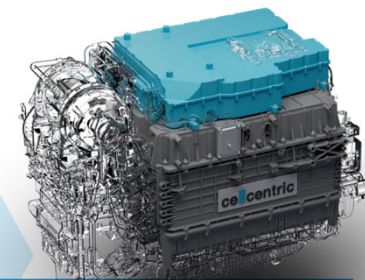
2022 BZA100+

- Power output from 70 to 100+ kW
- New stack technology
- Production process for medium volumes



2025 BZA150

- Power output from 100+ to ~143 kW
- Production process for high volumes
- Expected lifetime target 25.000 hours¹⁾ / up to 10 years (long haul truck)



202X NextGen

- Up to 375 kW continuous net power
- 20% less fuel*
- 40% waste heat reduction*
- 40% more power density & 40% less complexity*

*Comparison over BZA150

MORE THAN 30 YEARS

Extensive company and product history

Commercial vehicles



1994
NECAR 1



1997
Nebus



2001
Fuel Cell Sprinter



2009
Citaro FuelCELL-Hybrid



2021
Fuel Cell Trucks

1996-2001
Necar 3 | 4 | 5



1996
Necar 2

2003-2009
Fuel Cell Citaro |
Fuel Cell Sprinter

2009-2010
Fuel Cell Sprinter

2003-09
F600 | A-Class F-Cell
Advanced



2003
A-Class F-Cell



2010
B-Class F-Cell



2018
GLC F-Cell

Passenger cars

CO₂-neutral and sustainable transport by 2050



Daimler Truck

All new vehicles in the Triad* to be CO₂-neutral by 2039

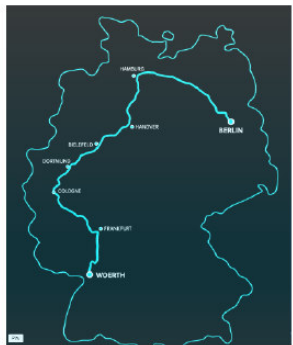


Volvo Group

Ambition of 100% fossil fuel free Volvo Group vehicles from 2040

Daimler Truck #HydrogenRecordRun: Truck exceeds 1.000-kilometer (2023) Next step: real-world testing with customer fleet in 2024, #100 starting in 2026+

2023 Record Run



1.047 km with one fill



Fully loaded: 40 tons*

2024 Customer Trial



AIR
PRODUCTS



Transport von Flaschengasen
Transport of cylinder gases



amazon



Paketlogistik
Parcel logistics



HÖLZIM



Baustofflogistik
Building materials logistics



INEOS



PVC- und Vinyltransport
PVC and vinyl transportation



WIEDMANN & WINZ
POWER LOGISTICS



Seecontainer
Sea containers

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Beyond Fuel Cells: What it takes to succeed - H2 ecosystem

Heavy-duty technology: fuel cells are tailor made for long-haul trucking

- Distribution trucks (low payload and range needs) tend towards BEV due to high energy efficiency
 - Vocational trucks (cost sensitive, low range needs) tend towards H2 ICE if BEV does not fulfill mission
 - **Long-haul trucks are the ideal case to benefit from the strengths of fuel cell technology**
 - ✓ Benchmark fuel consumption due to very high **efficiency** in hydrogen usage
 - ✓ Long driving **range** due to high efficiency (>1.000 km with today's level of technology)
 - ✓ **Flexibility** in use profile due to long range, short refueling times and relative ease of H2 infrastructure build-up
- Heavy-duty fuel cells best-fit decarb solution for long-haul trucks

Main TCO drivers by truck application

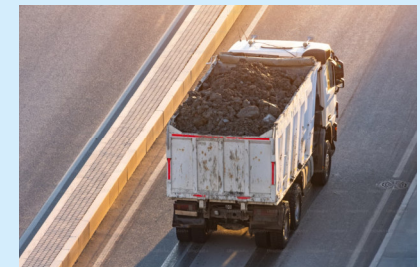
Distribution

- Purchase price
- Depreciation & resale
- Maintenance & repair



Vocational

- Purchase price
- Maintenance & repair
- Downtime

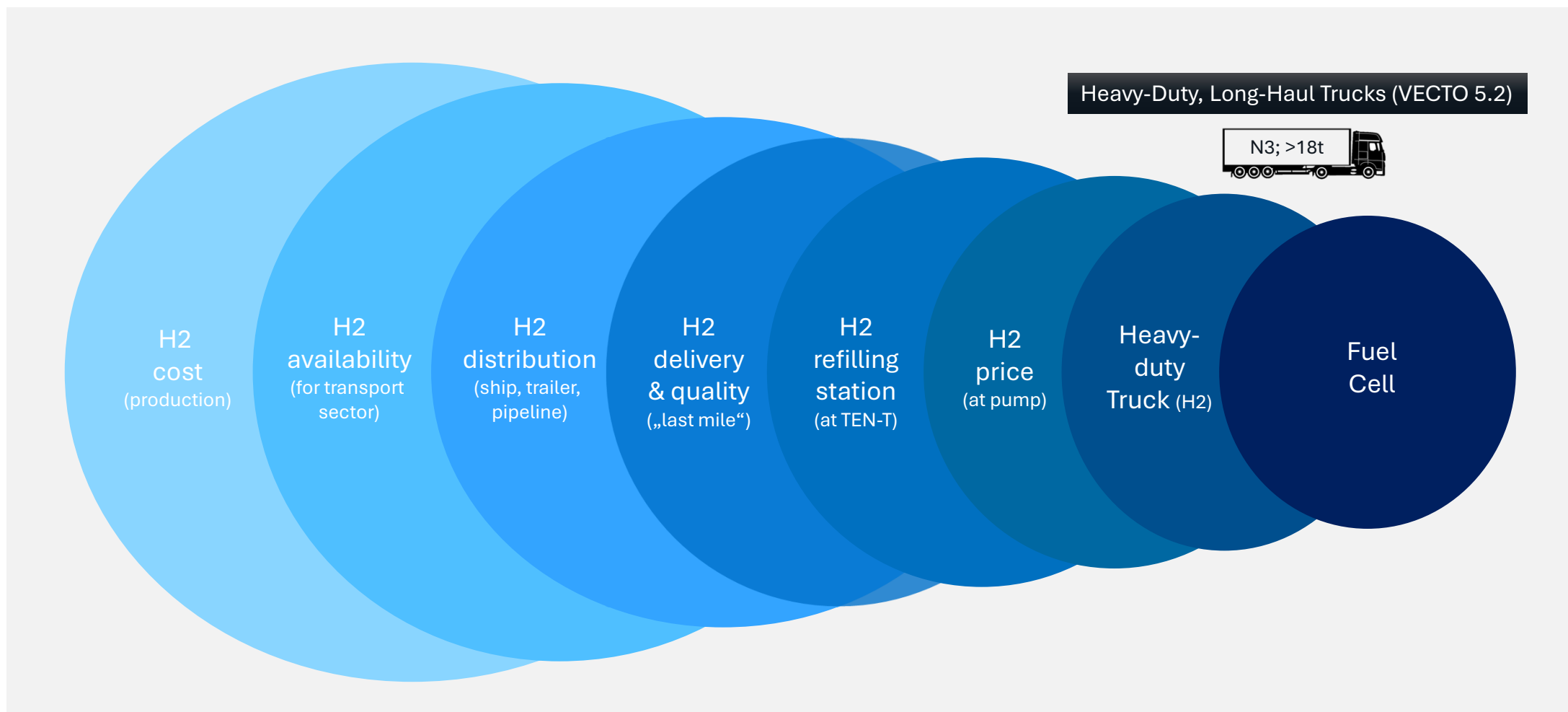


Long-haul

- **Fuel consumption!**
- Downtime
- Maintenance & repair



H2 ecosystem dependencies for heavy-duty trucking (Zero-Emission Vehicle)



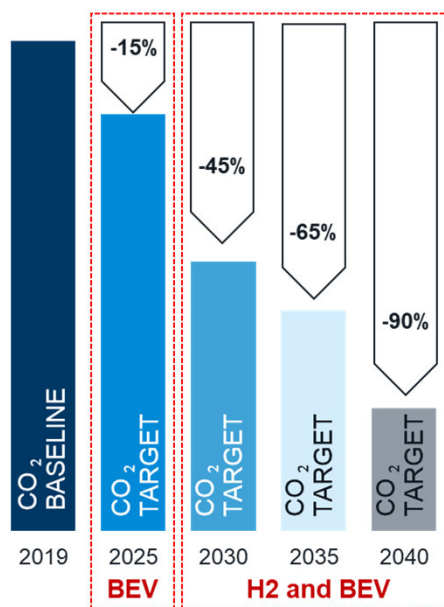
European Green Deal set some of the most challenging CO₂ regulations for HDVs worldwide: -45% by 2030 & -90% by 2040

REDUCTION TARGETS BY VECTO CLASS*

Reduction targets relative to baseline	2025
5t-7.4t	0%
7.4t-16t	0%
4x2 and 6x2 trucks	15%
>16t	15%
6x4 and 8x4 trucks	0%
All weights	0%
>8 seats	0%
>3.5t	0%
>3.5t	0%

CO₂ TARGETS FOR TRUCKS

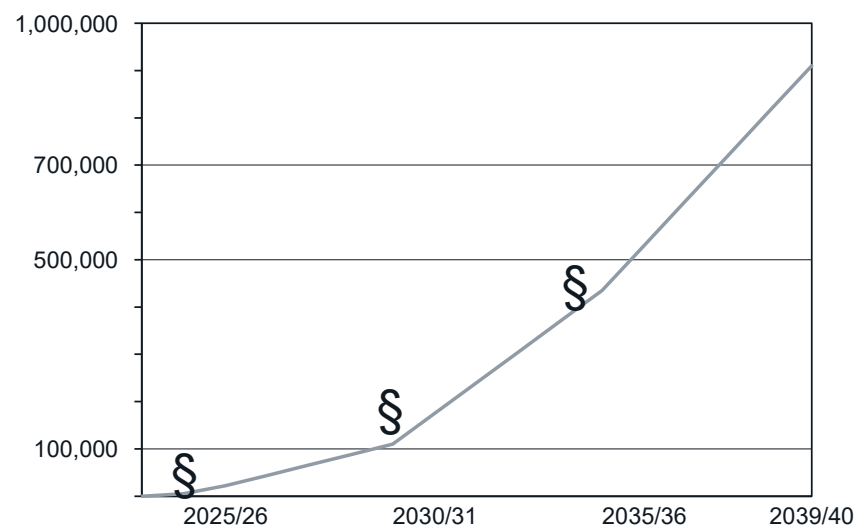
PENDING



Legislative triggered ZEV 4x2 long-haul trucks* in EU

Vecto class 5.2 (LH) only, others not considered

HD trucks (#)



~200.000 trucks

~500.000 trucks

Vecto class 5-LH ZE trucks only in EU: from 2025 ~ 22k p.a., from 2030 65k p.a, from 2035 ~95k p.a.

Upcoming years 2025+: First BEV in addition to Diesel

Range: ~500 km



Volvo FH Electric

Battery electric



eActros600



Energy consumption (40t) =
~110 kWh/100 km

Ideal minimum theoretical propulsion* = 100 – 110 kWh/100 km

Range: >2.000 km



Diesel



Fuel Consumption (40t) =
31,9 l/100 km

Energy consumption (40t) =
313 kWh/100 km

Heizwert Diesel = 9,8 kWh/l

Next step: Hydrogen and Fuel Cell = efficiency, range, flexibility → long-haul

Daimler Truck #HydrogenRecordRun:
Mercedes-Benz GenH2 Truck cracks 1,000 kilometer mark with one fill of liquid hydrogen (27th September 2023)

Fuel Cell



1,047 km

1.047 km between Woerth and Berlin
Fully loaded @40 tons

TÜVRheinland CERTIFIED

Source: Daimler Truck Media

H2 Fuel consumption (40 t):
80 kg/1047 km
= 7,6 kg/100 km

Heizwert H2 = 33,3 kWh/kg

Fuel Consumption (40t) =
7,6 kg/100 km

Energy consumption (40t) =
254 kWh/100 km

Range: 600 km

H2-ICE



<https://press.mantruckandbus.com/corporate/de/man-erweitert-zero-emission-portfolio/>

MAN H2-ICE Truck
56 kg of H2
600 km
(proposed driving range)

Heizwert H2 = 33,3 kWh/kg

Fuel Consumption =
9,3 kg/100 km

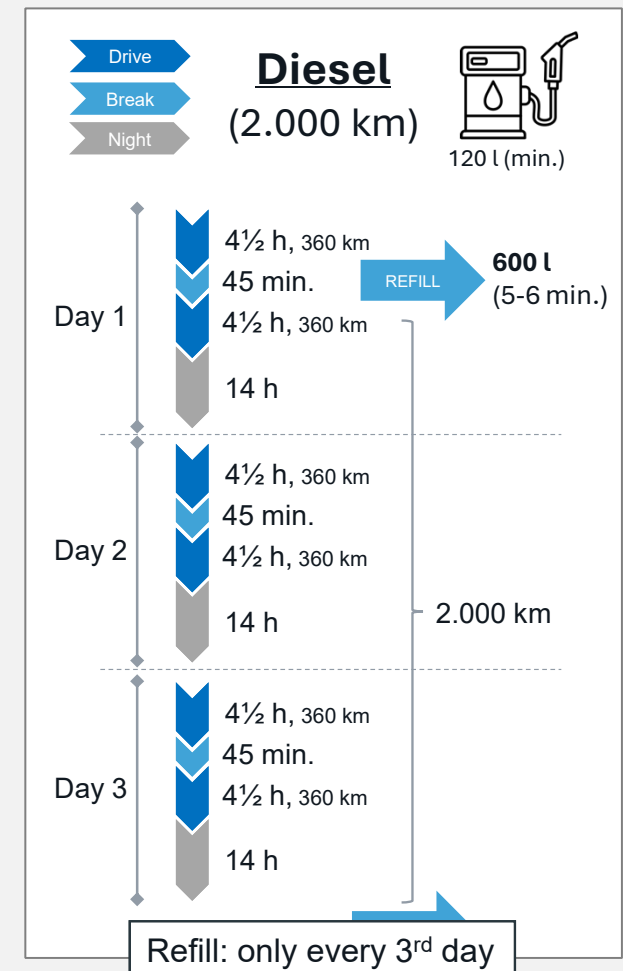
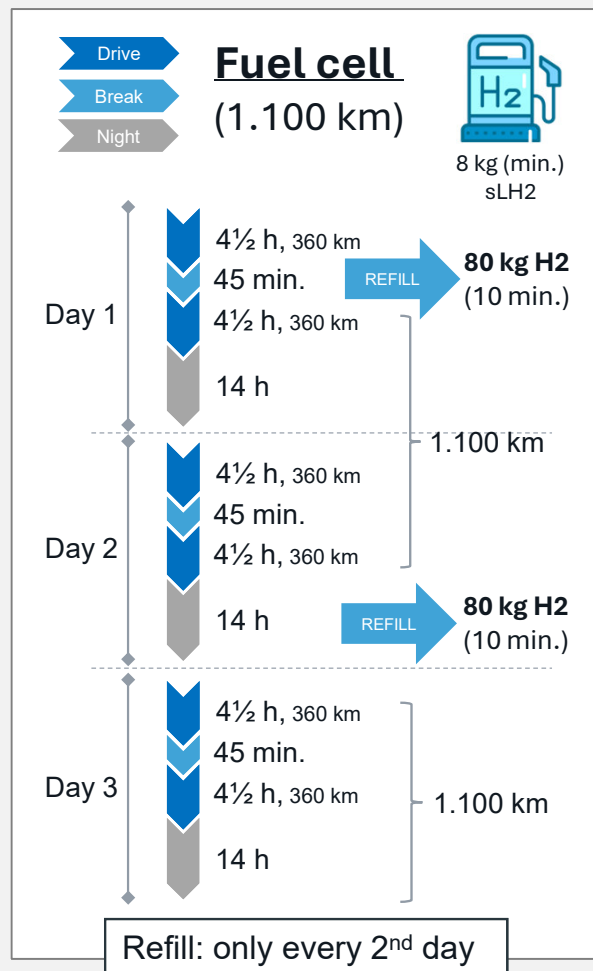
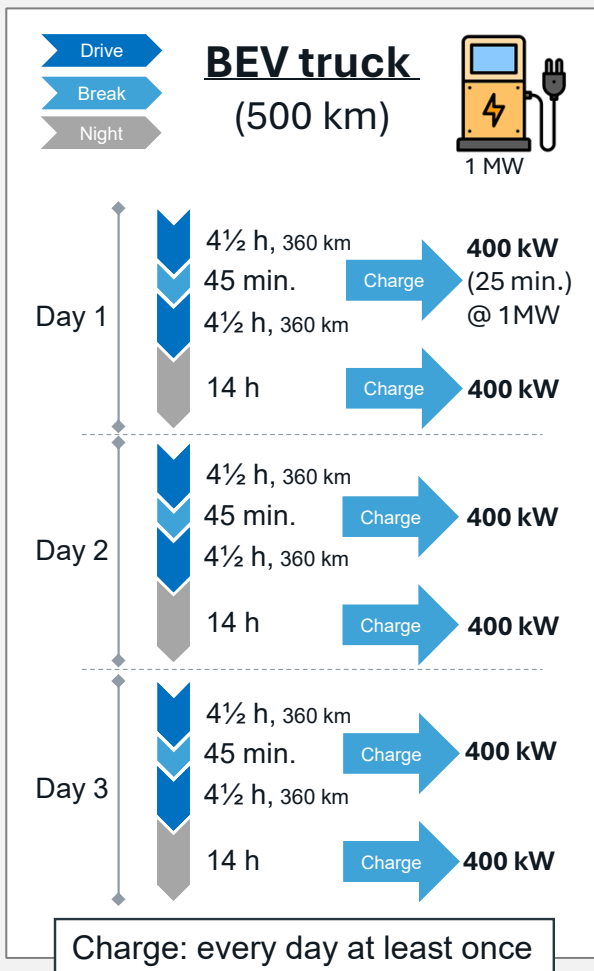
Energy consumption =
311 kWh/100 km

CURRENT SITUATION OF MOTORWAY SERVICE STATIONS

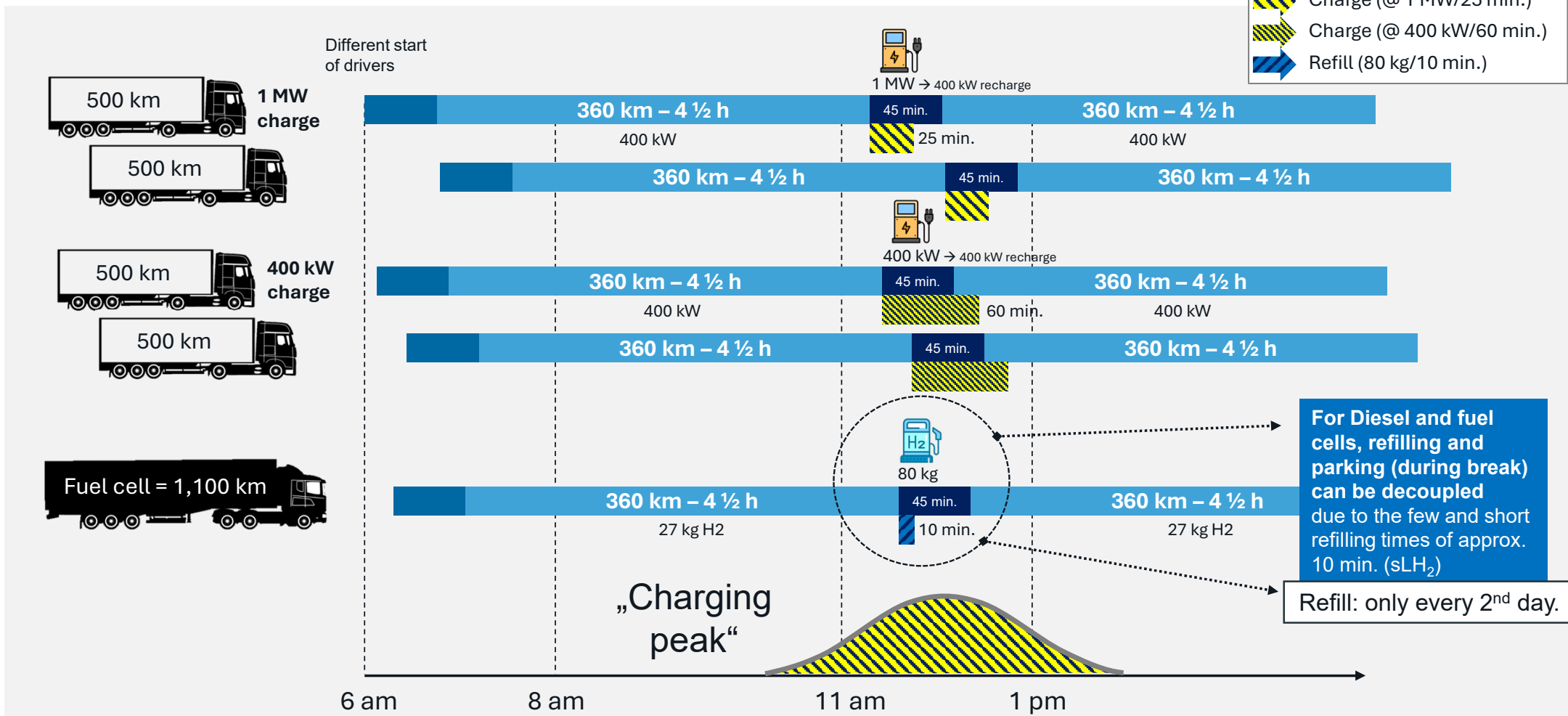
Denkendorf service station @ A8 motorway near Stuttgart, Germany



HDT daily routing: H2 and Diesel enable short & decoupled refilling cycles



Daily logistics long-haul drive scenario: refilling and charging as bottleneck at peak times and highly frequented service stations.



Location bottleneck

Long-haul heavy duty trucks will drive along the TEN-T corridors, using key infrastructure along these routes.

This leads to more „popular“ service station locations („attractiveness“).

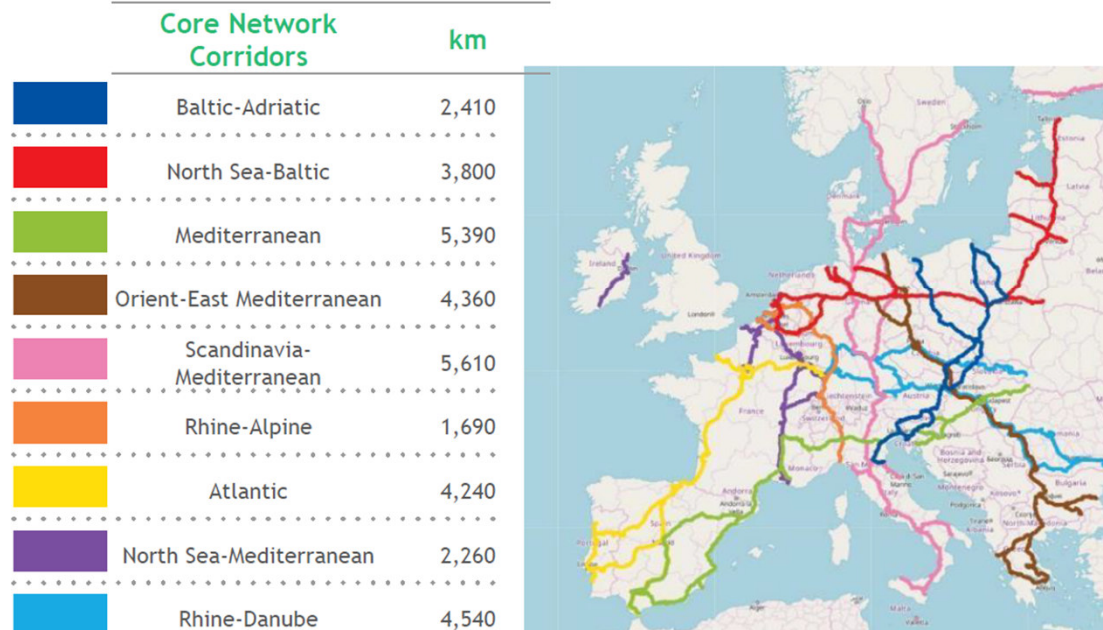


Figure 5: Attractiveness evaluation of potential truck parking areas in Germany

The attractiveness of $p = 1648$ potential truck parking areas for future BET charging infrastructure in Germany in %.



BET Charging Infrastructure Attractiveness in %

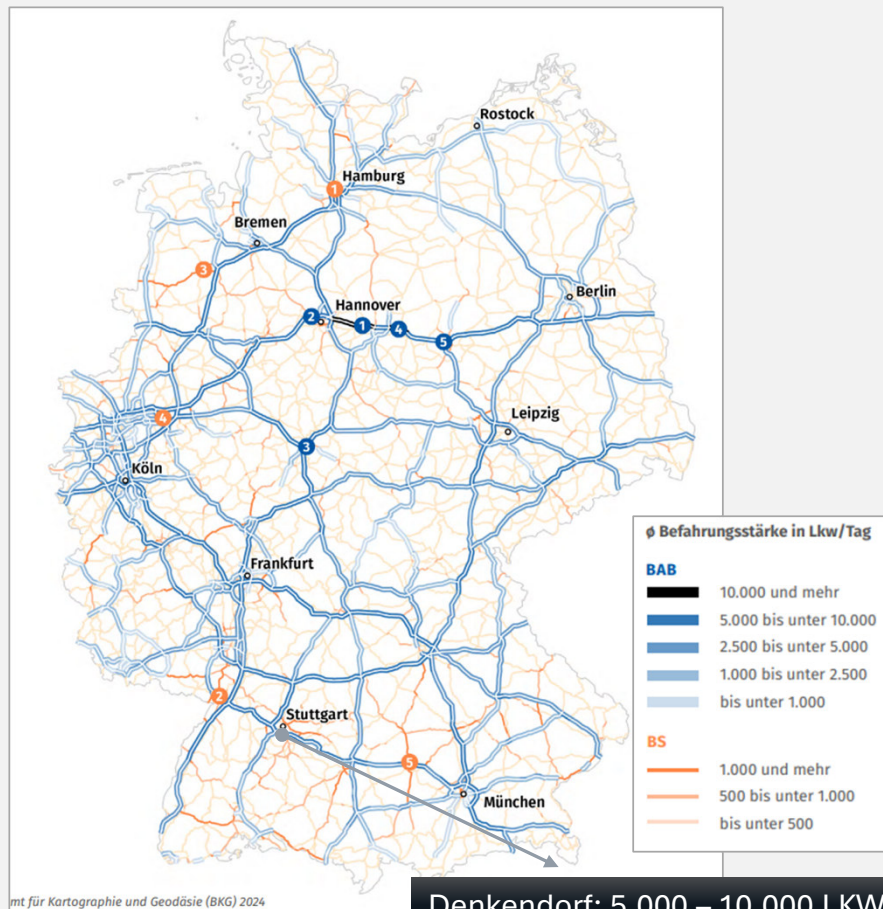
0.0 16.7 33.3 50.0 66.7 83.3 100.0

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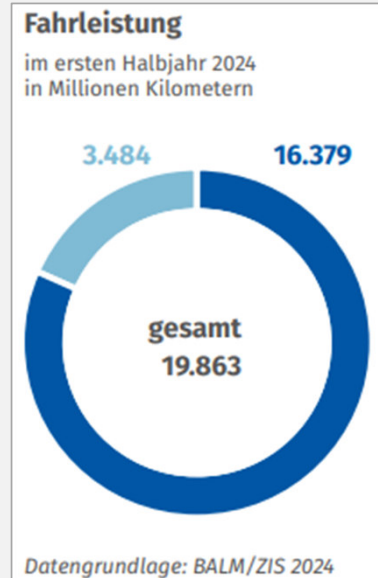
**Two Infrastructures are better
than one...**

(Electric AND Hydrogen)

Befahrungsstärke durch mautpflichtigen Schwerververkehr (DEU; 2024)



Denkendorf: 5.000 – 10.000 LKW/Tag



Fast 20 Milliarden Kilometer Fahrleistung

Im ersten Halbjahr 2024 betrug die Gesamtfahrleistung auf mautpflichtigen Bundesfernstraßen circa 19,9 Milliarden Kilometer. Sie wurde von rund 1,377 Millionen unterschiedlicher mautpflichtiger Lkw erbracht. Durchschnittlich sind das mehr als 14.427 Kilometer pro Fahrzeug im Halbjahr, also mehr als 79 Kilometer je Mautfahrzeug pro Kalendertag.

Autobahnen tragen 82 Prozent der Gesamtfahrleistung. Im Berichtszeitraum von Januar bis Juni 2024 sind das rund 16,4 Milliarden Autobahnkilometer (Abbildung 3).

Erstes Halbjahr 2024:

- 19,9 Milliarden km
- 1,38 Millionen LKW (>7,5t)
- 82% Anteil Autobahn

Three Infrastructure bottlenecks for long-haul transport – Electric only?

Frequency

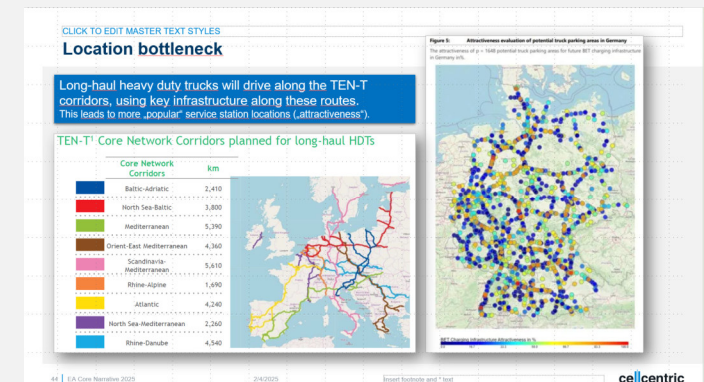
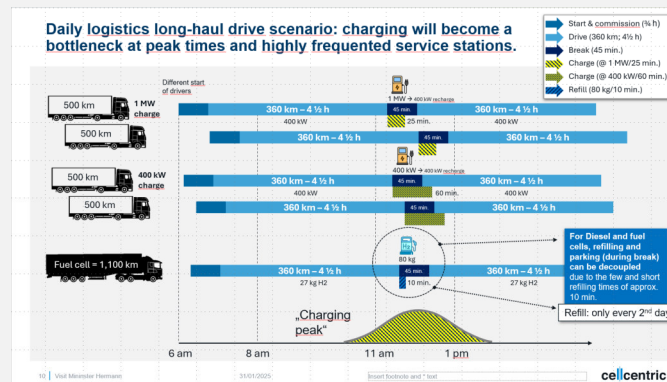
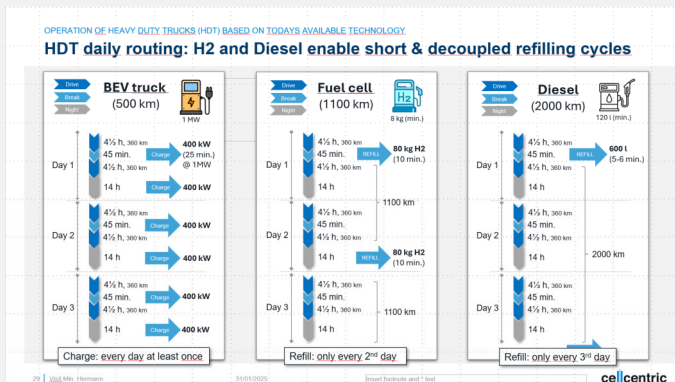
(„every single break“)
at lunchtime every day and at night

Peak

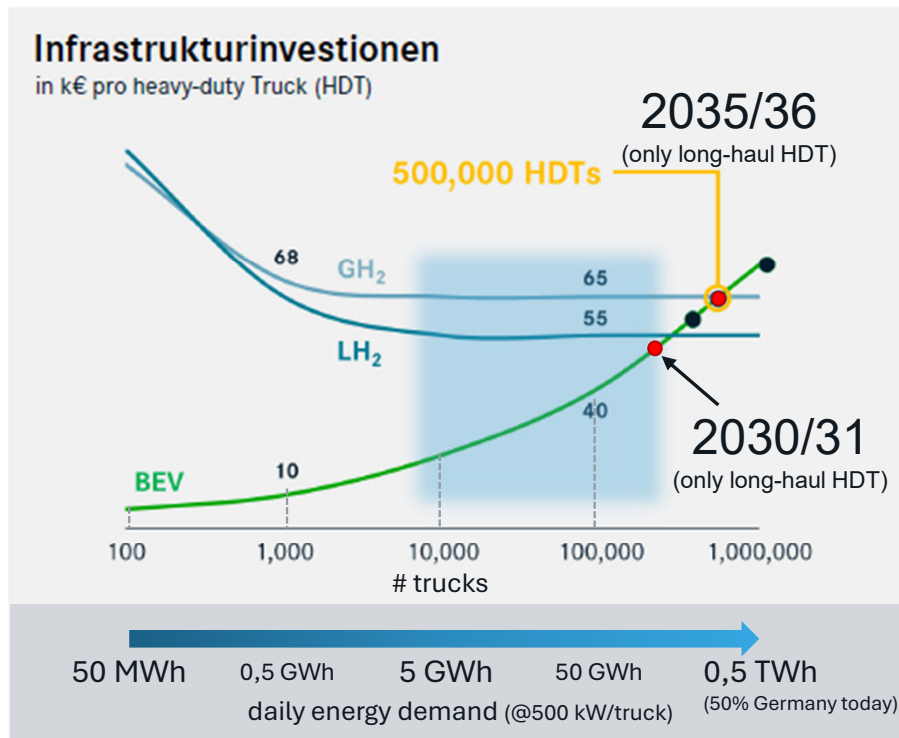
(„all at a time“)
at lunchtime

Location

(„all at the same place“)
along TEN-T corridors



Counter-intuitive: Establishing two infrastructures for Zero emission trucks is faster and less capital intensive at scale, needed for 2030+



Batterie-Ladeinfrastruktur

- Geringe Initialkosten, vor allem für die Installation zusätzlicher Ladepunkte
- Aber: Erforderlicher Netzausbau erfordert Zeit und erhebliche Investitionen



Wasserstofftankstellen

- Hohe Initialkosten
- Aber: Bei steigender Auslastung hohe Skaleneffekte und geringer Flächenbedarf



Source: Daimler Truck AG

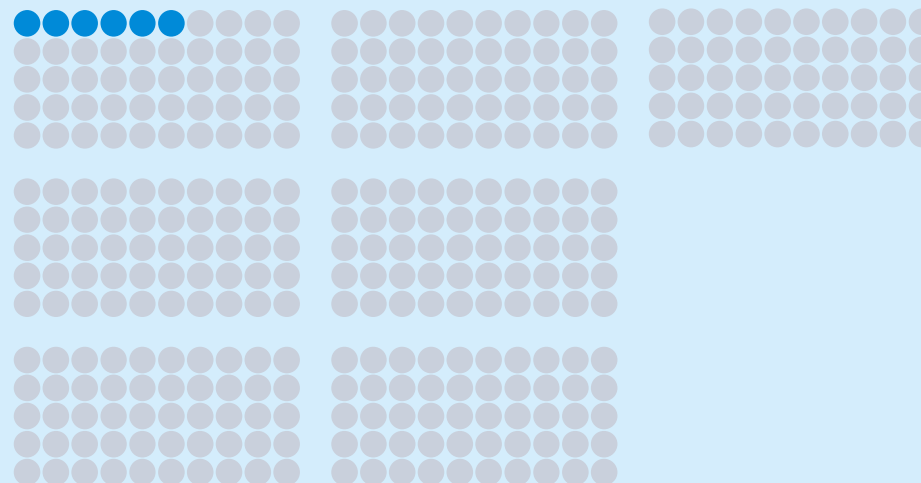
H2 for CVs reduces limitations by infrastructure in decarbonization

- En-route charging for BEV trucks will reach limitations in volume scale-up
 - Locally and time-wise condensed charging at hubs with a high energy need for big batteries
 - Large number of chargers required for relatively long parallel charging of several vehicles
 - Potential grid uprating for energy provision
- Increasing marginal cost for infrastructure
- En-route refueling for H2 trucks will compensate
 - Energy logistics comparable to existing solutions
 - A single refueling station can cater for large number of vehicles due to short refueling time
 - Scale effects due to demand and utilization
- Decreasing marginal cost for infrastructure

→ Two infrastructures are cheaper than one

Required infrastructure to match European truck CO2 targets for both technologies – heavy-duty truck BEV and H2

Megawatt charger (MCS) >800kW (**as is** vs need 2030 = ~35,000 units)*



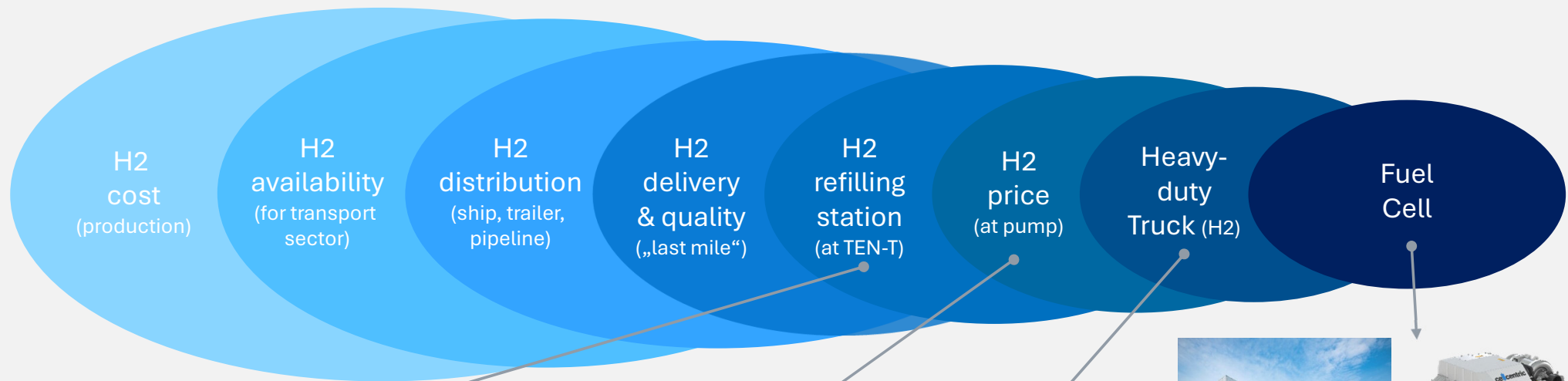
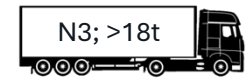
H2 refuelling stations (**as is** vs need 2030 = ~2,000 units)*



* Per dot = 100 units

Source: ACEA, [Fact-sheet-CO2 standards for heavy duty vehicles.pdf](#)

H2 ecosystem dependencies for heavy-duty trucking



TEN-T corridors



Hydrogen refilling stations for HDT
(700bar/sLH; > 50 kg H₂/single fill)



< 6€ / kg H₂



DAIMLER TRUCK



VOLVO



Pilot plant Pliensauvorstadt (PSV)



Land acquisition Weilheim

An aerial photograph showing a vibrant blue lake on the left, a two-lane asphalt road with yellow center and white edge lines running vertically in the center, and a dense green forest on the right. A dark grey rectangular box is overlaid on the left side of the image, containing the text 'THANK YOU' in white.

THANK YOU

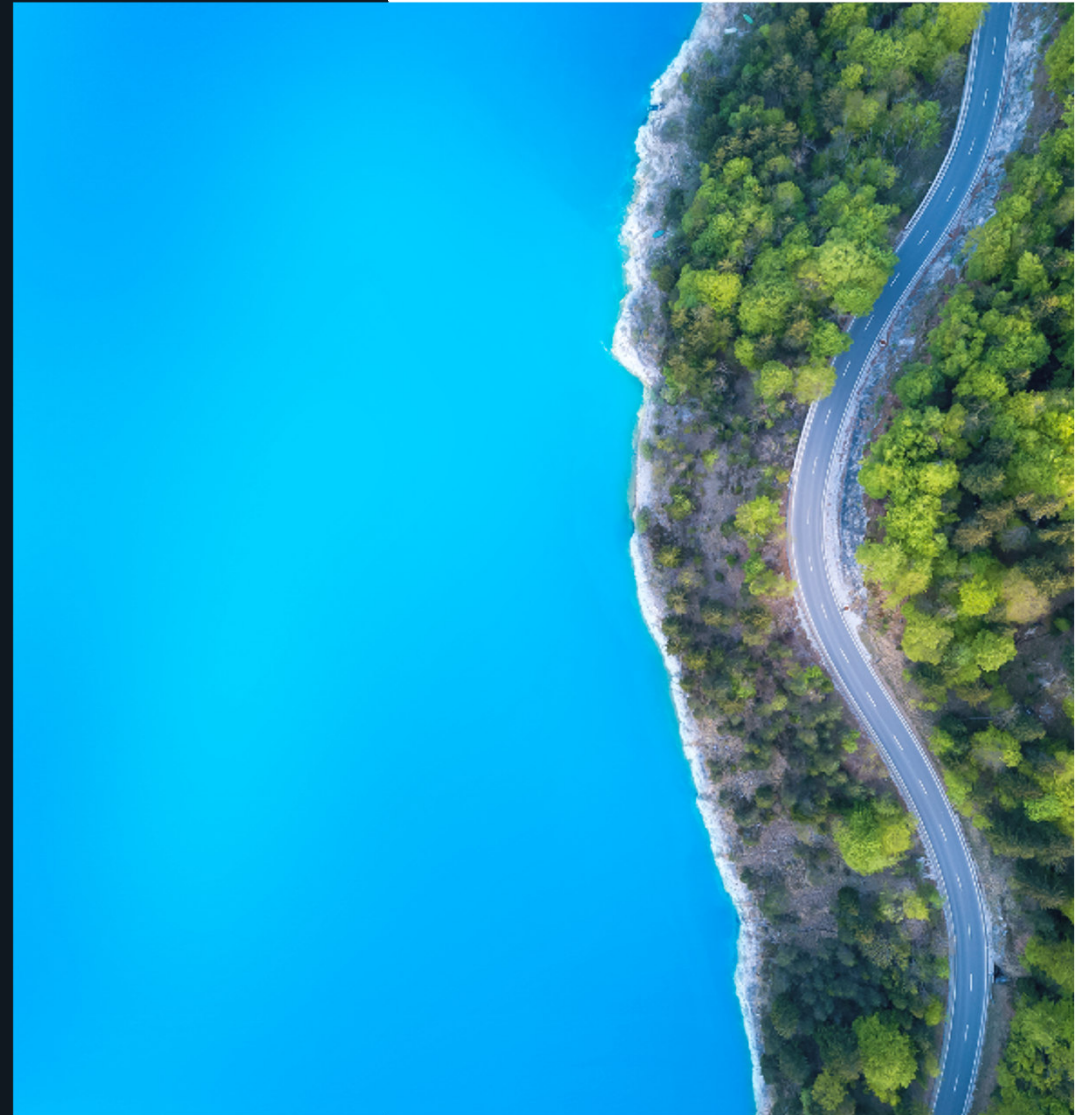
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