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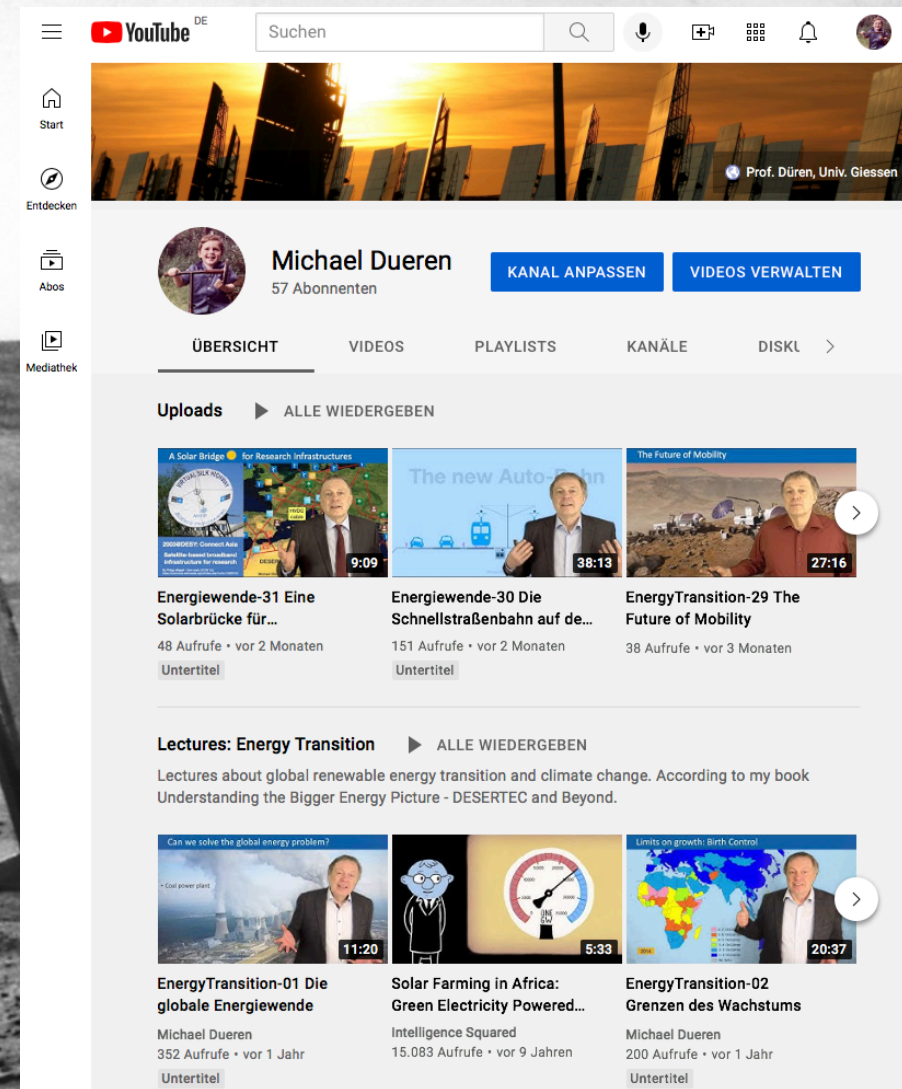
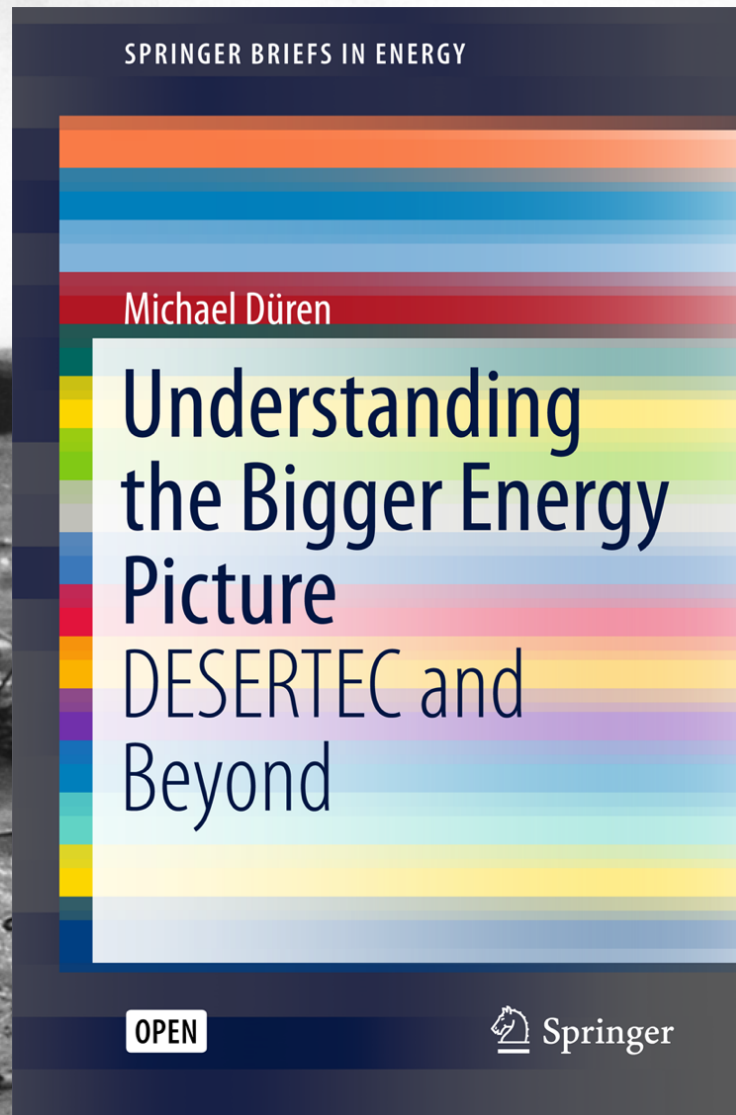
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A Sustainable Future Model of Energy and Mobility



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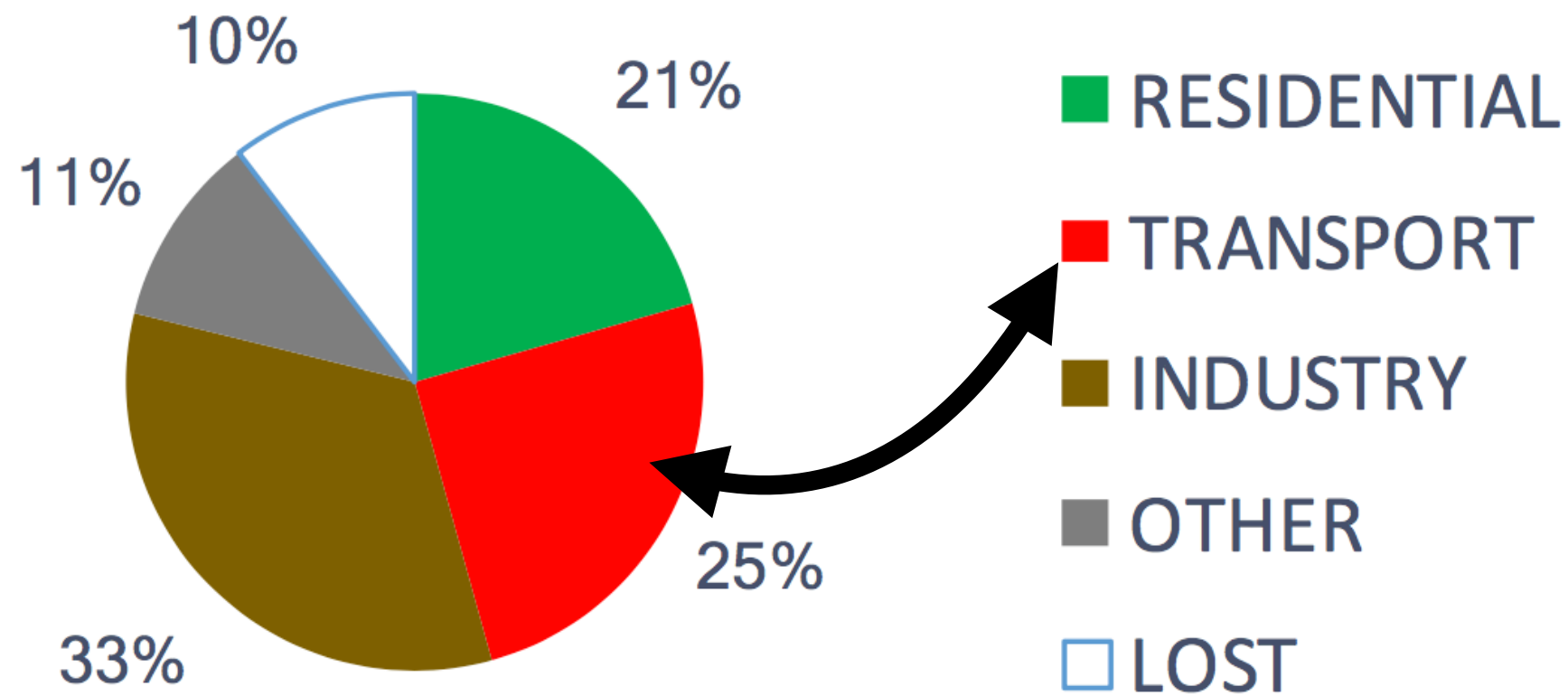
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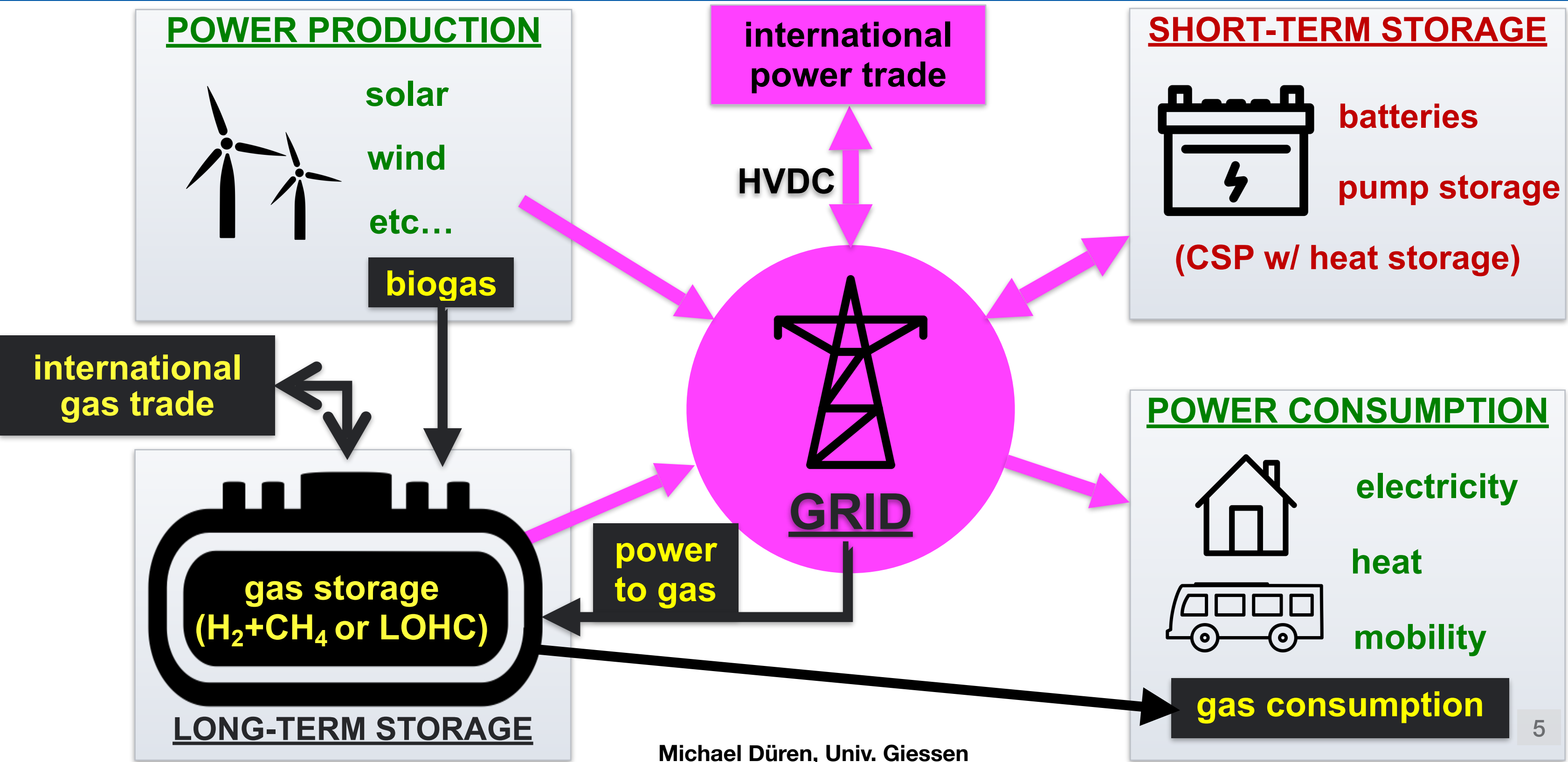


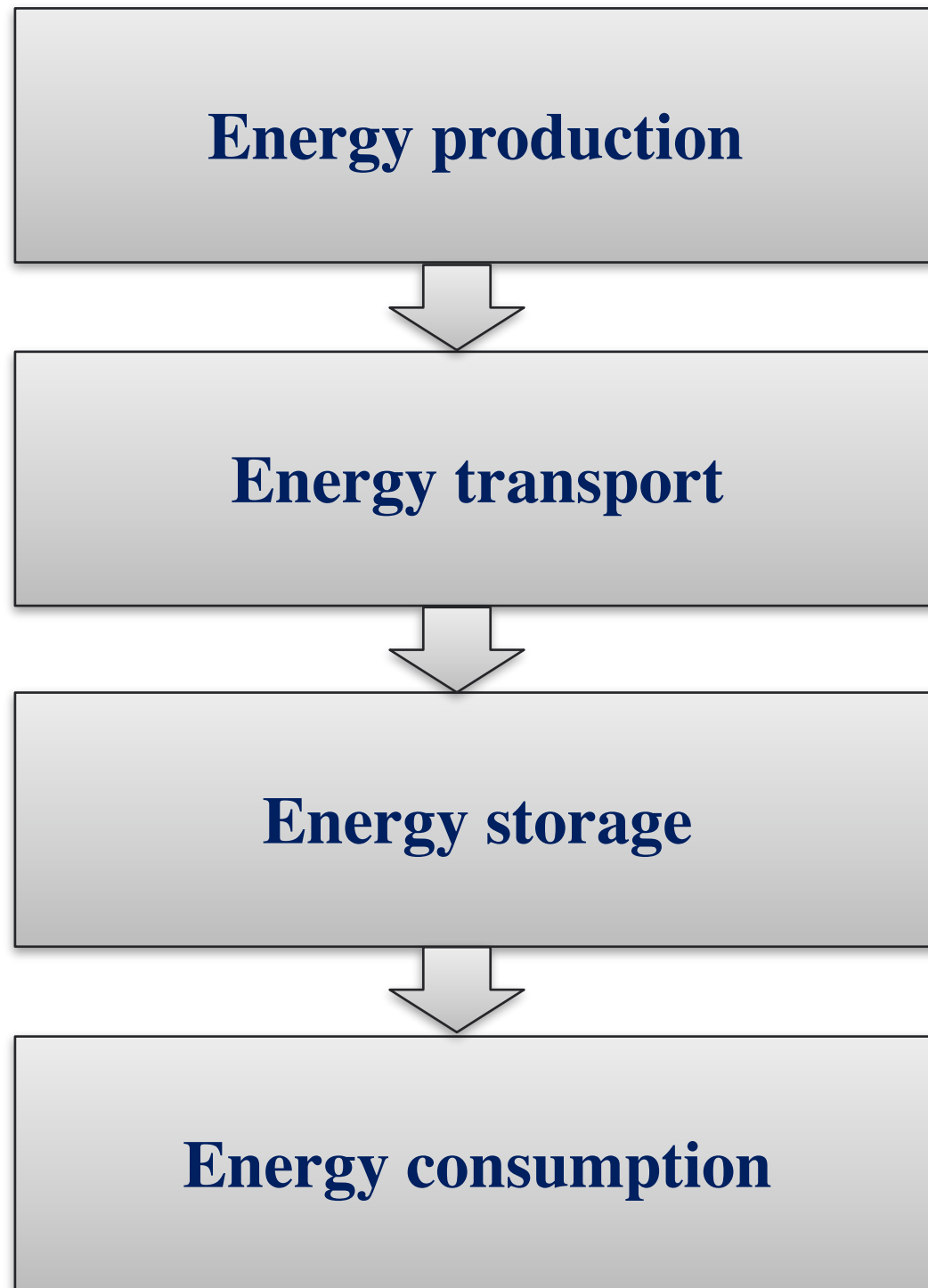
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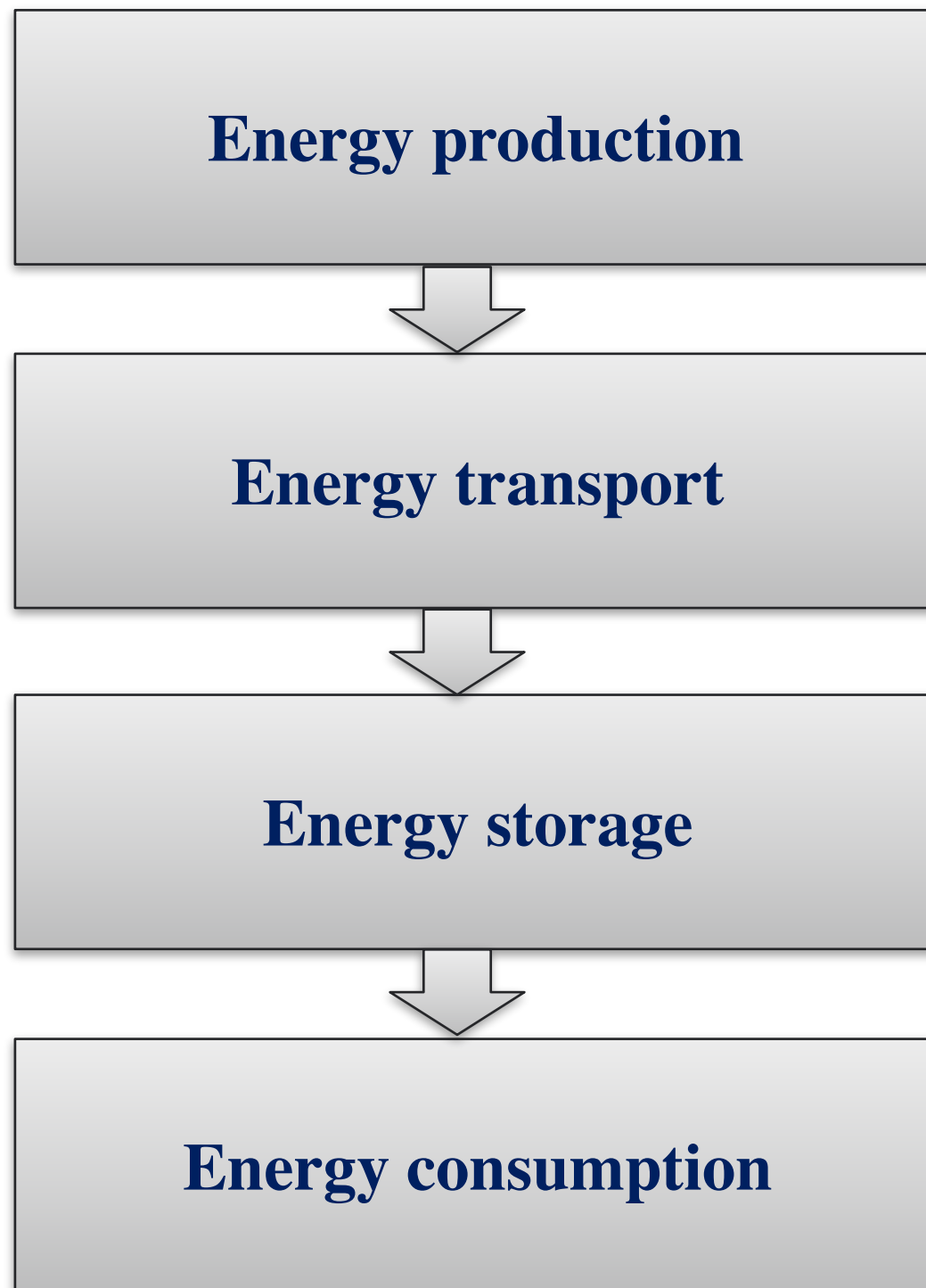
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# The Future Energy System

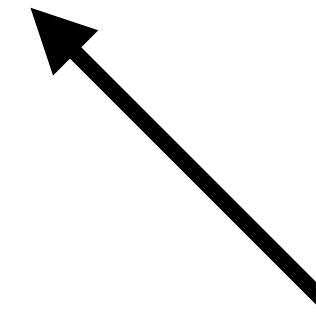






**DESERTEC**

**Eurosolar**



**International trade and import of energy is more sustainable:**  
**same installation gives 2-3 times more energy**

# DESERTEC Concept:

Produce renewables where the production is most cost effective

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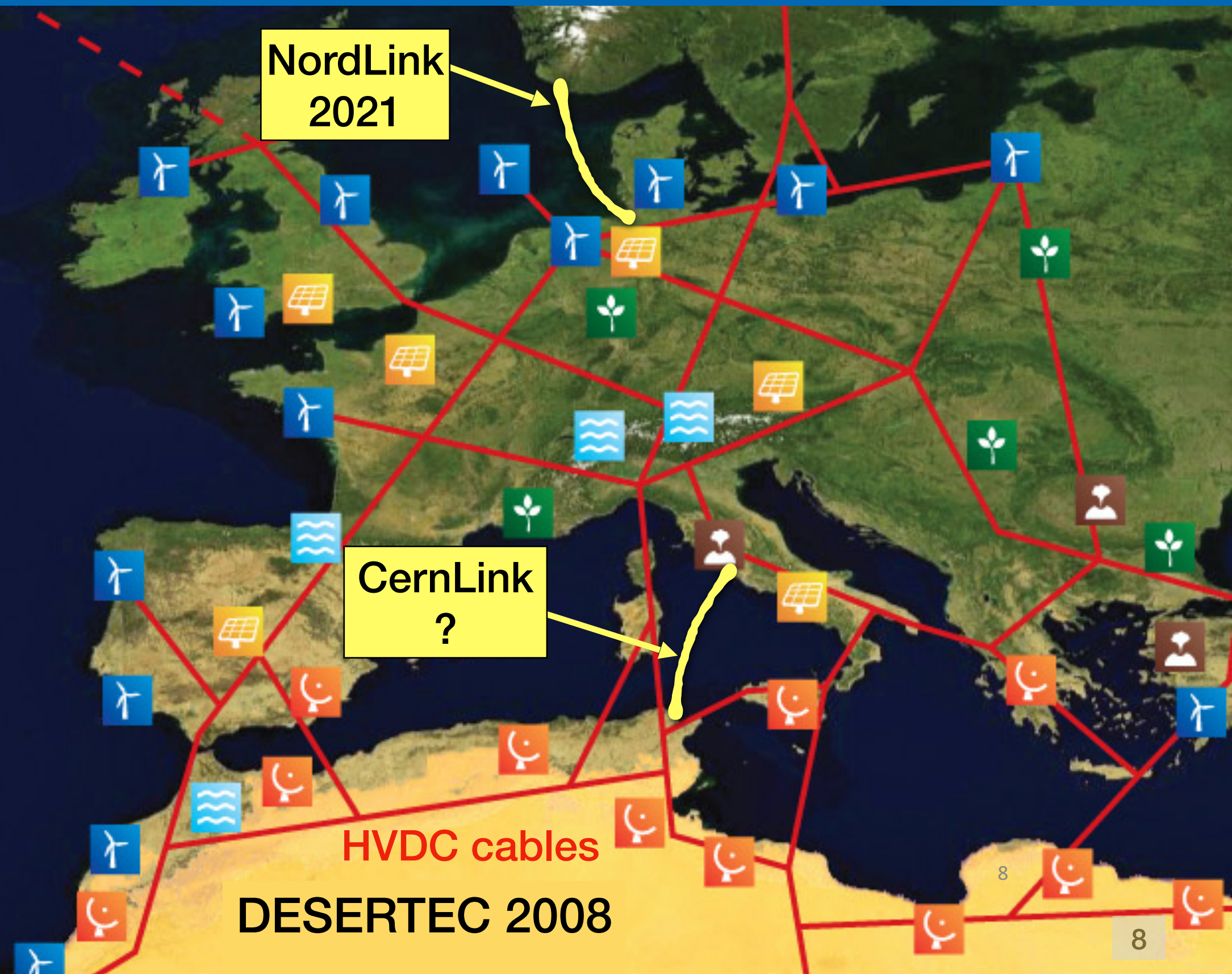
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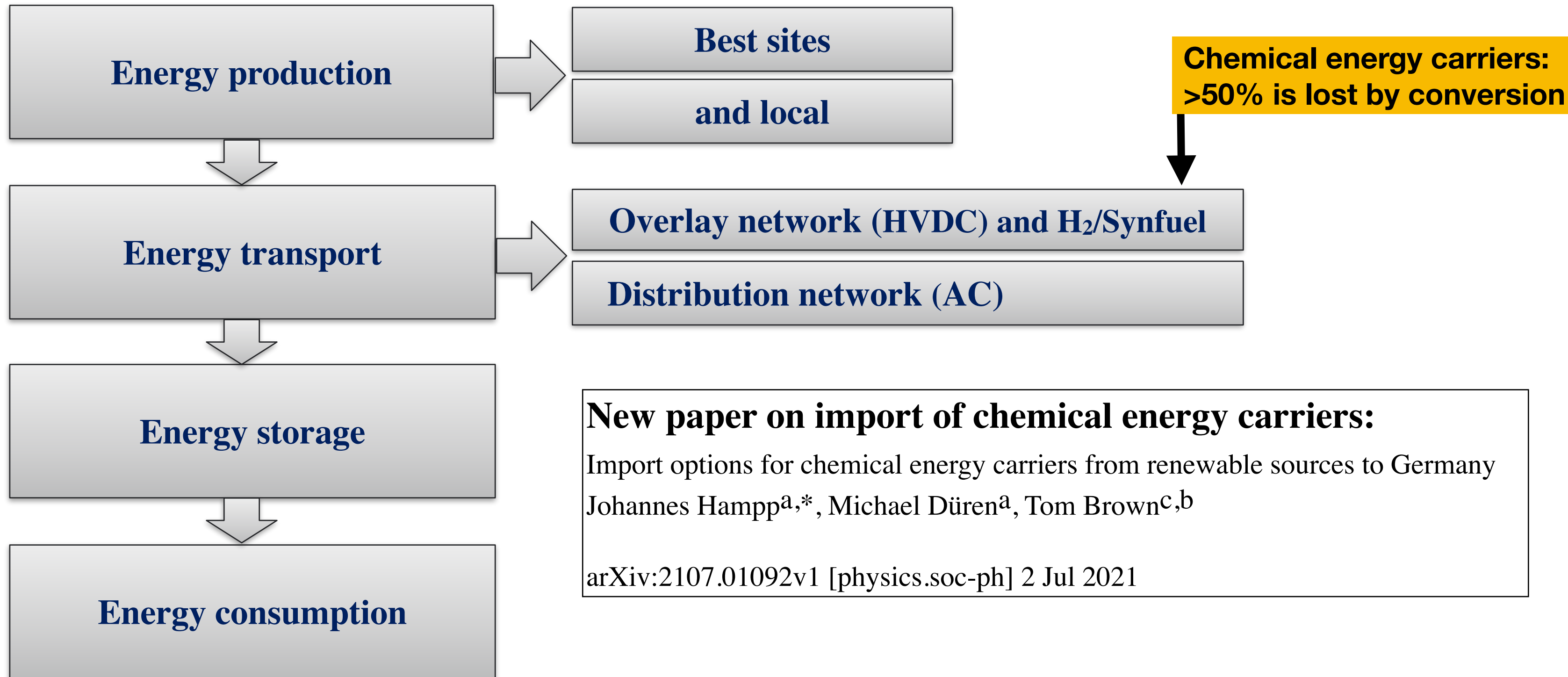
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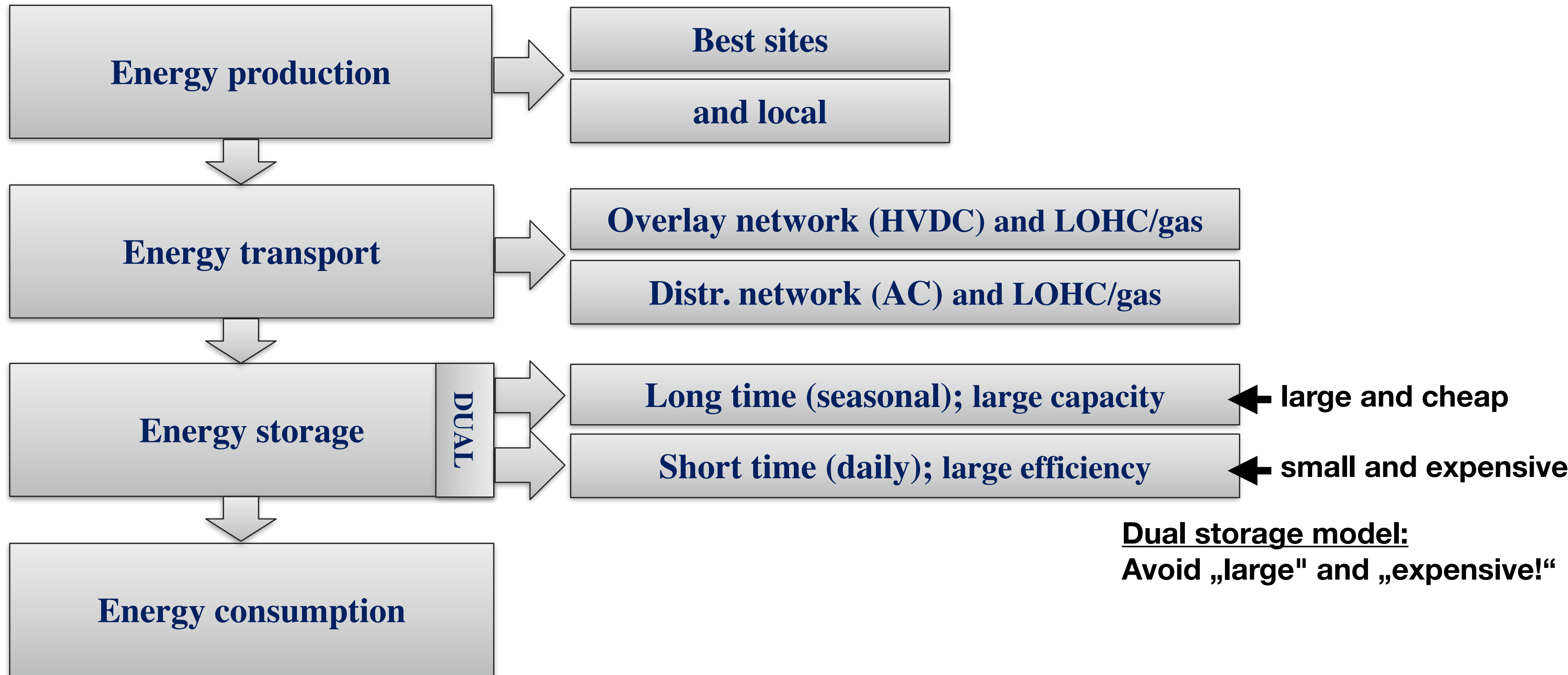
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# A renewable energy system

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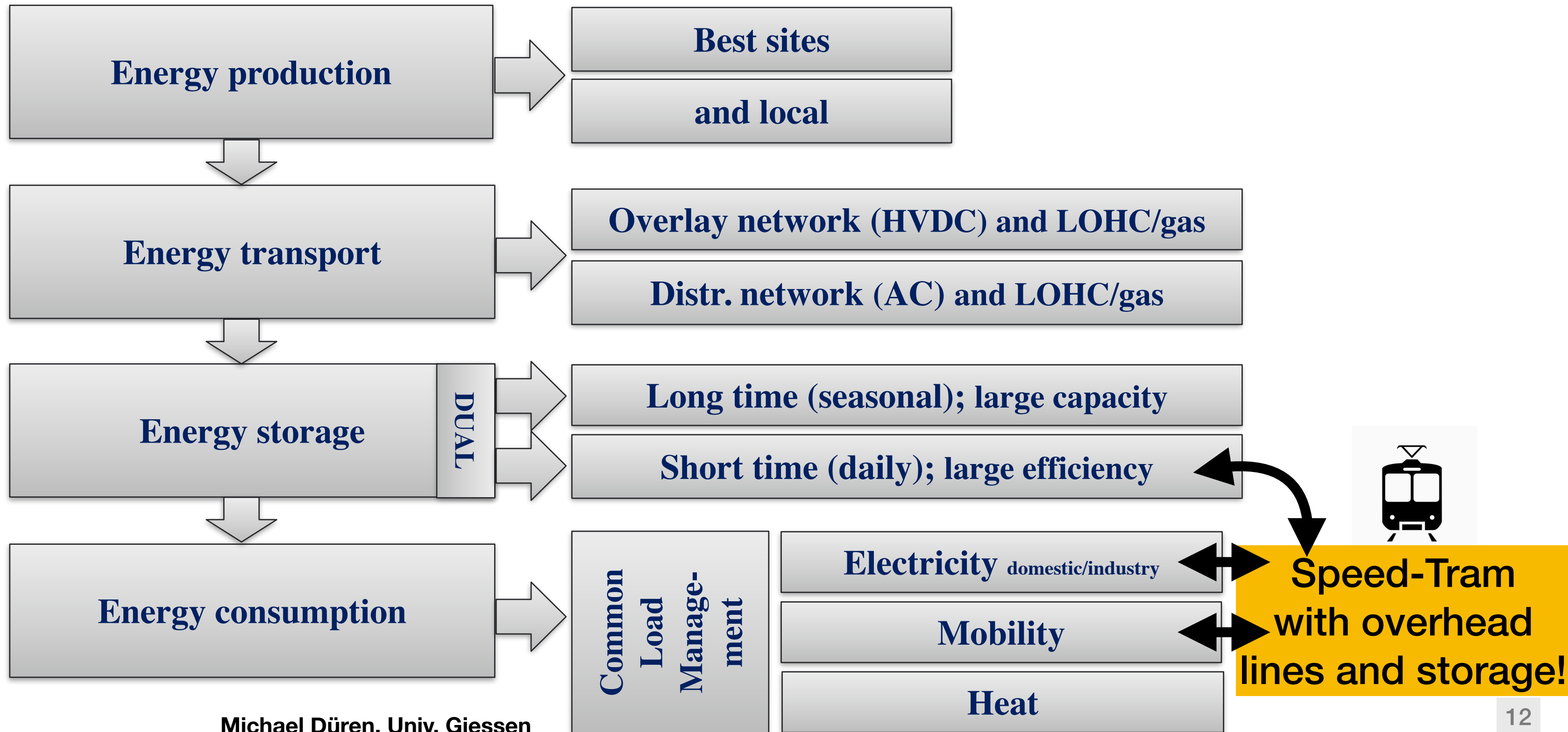


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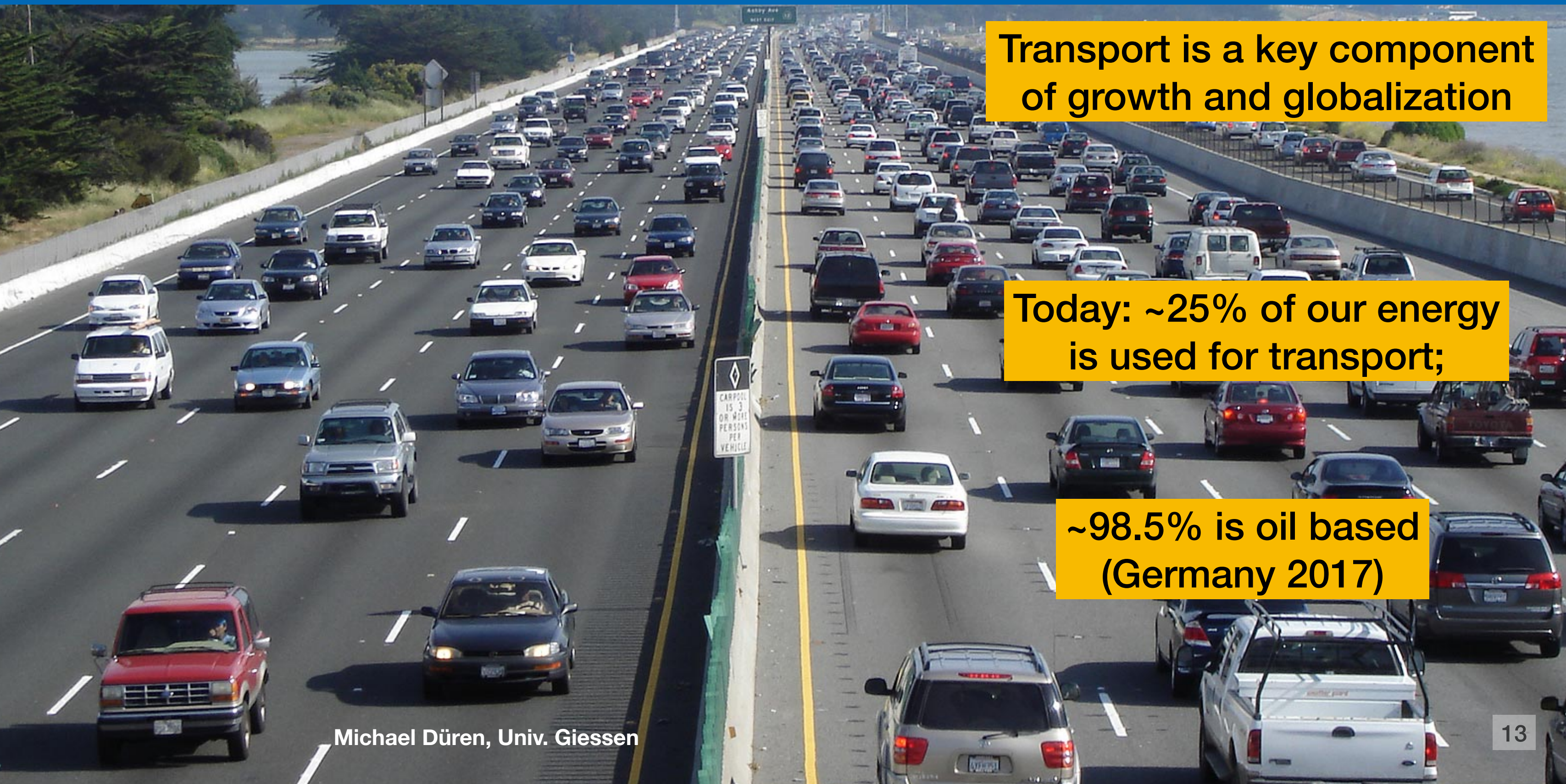


**Dual storage model:**  
Avoid „large" and „expensive!"

# A renewable energy system



# Energy and Mobility



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of people  
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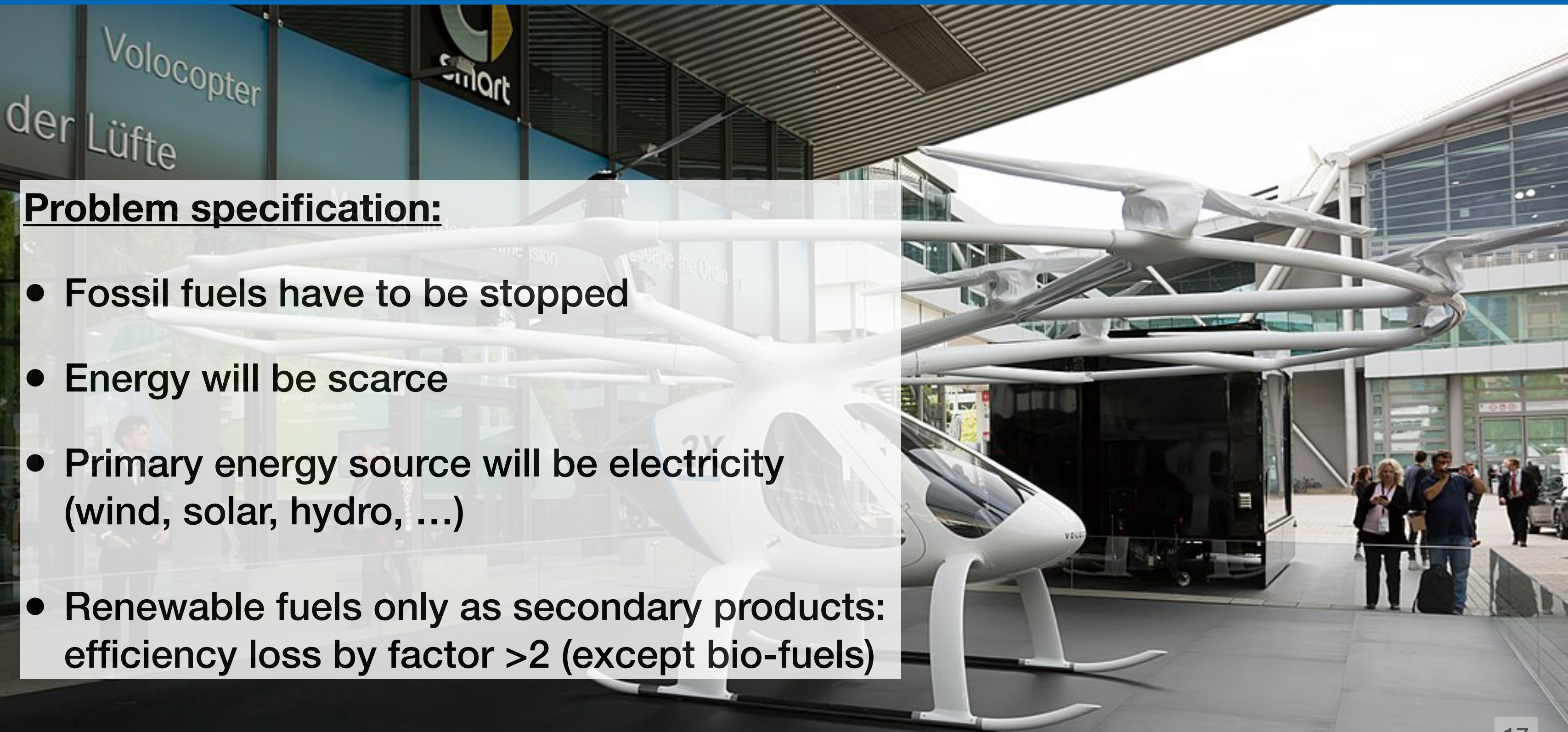
## Paris Agreement



(Railway: 0.5% in EU28)



# The Future of Mobility



## Problem specification:

- Fossil fuels have to be stopped
- Energy will be scarce
- Primary energy source will be electricity (wind, solar, hydro, ...)
- Renewable fuels only as secondary products: efficiency loss by factor  $>2$  (except bio-fuels)

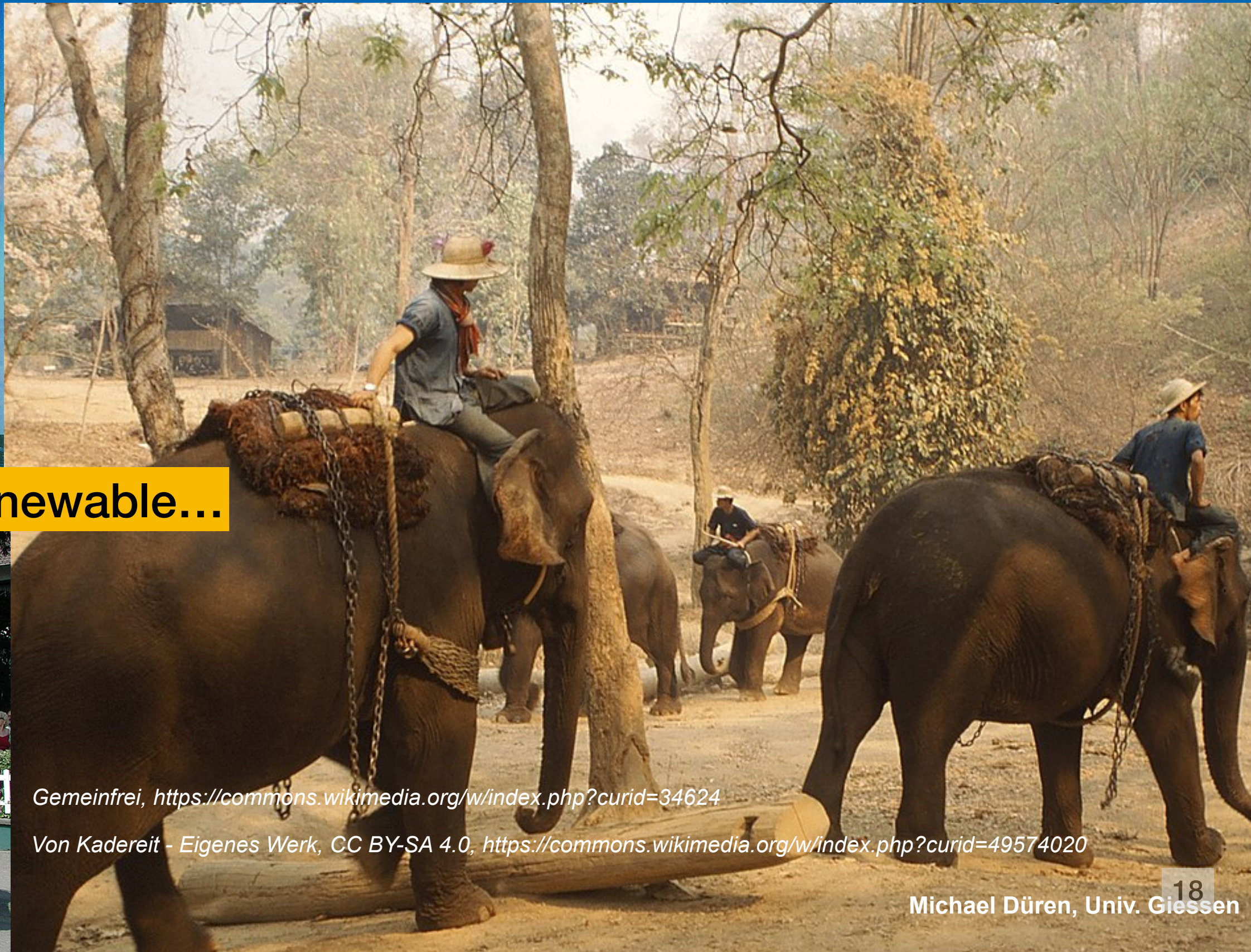
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Historically everything was renewable...



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**Step 1: Reduce transport of goods**

**Step 2: Reduce transport of people**

**Step 3: Short distances by walking + light vehicles**

**Step 4: Subways in big cities**

**Step 5: Speed Tram on the Auto-Bahn**

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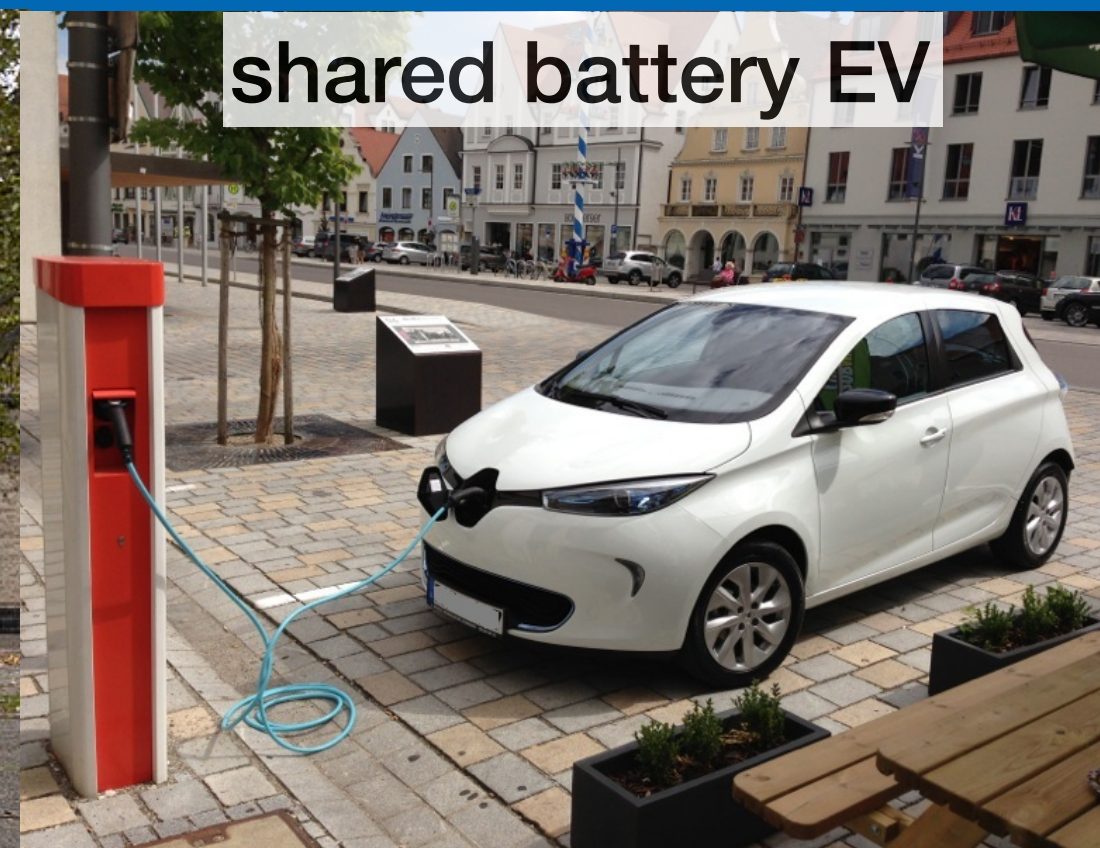
e-bike



e-scooter



shared battery EV



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e-wheelchair

transport e-bike

battery e-transporter

# Step 4: Subways in big cities

- efficient system if train size and frequency is matched
- connection to suburbs needed
- „last kilometer“ by shared e-scooter, e-bike, e-shuttle bus



# Step 5: ? The main problem: no efficient system for the rest...

- Mobility in rural areas / small towns / suburbs
- Mobility for long distance travel (vacations)
- Transport of goods for medium/long distance

**Result:**  
People want their own car

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# Step 5: Speed-Tram on all major roads



**Result:**  
People do not need an own car



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# Individual mobility is not the first choice for long distance

## Dream of automotive industry:

- SUVs and trucks with hydrogen or synthetic fuels

## Show Stopper:

- primary energy consumption too large  
(fuel production + efficiency + friction)
- we can do better by a factor of 10!

**We have  
to do better!**





# 5 Minutes of physics...

Does transport really need energy?

No, but...

there is friction on earth



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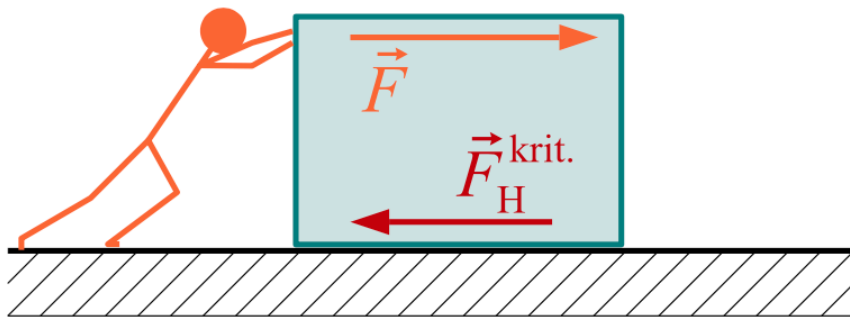


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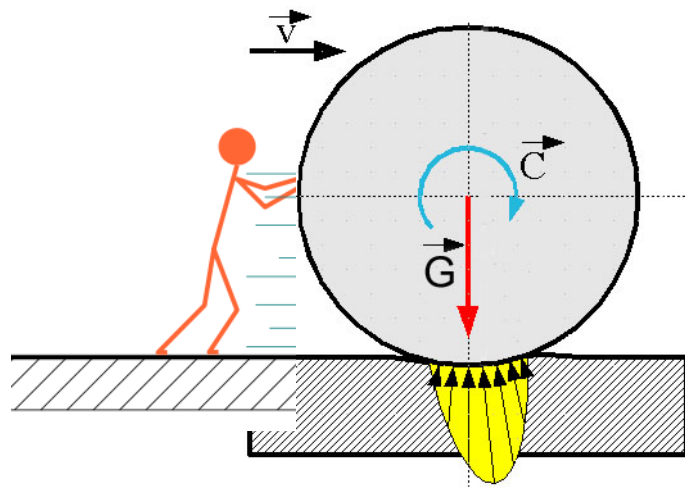
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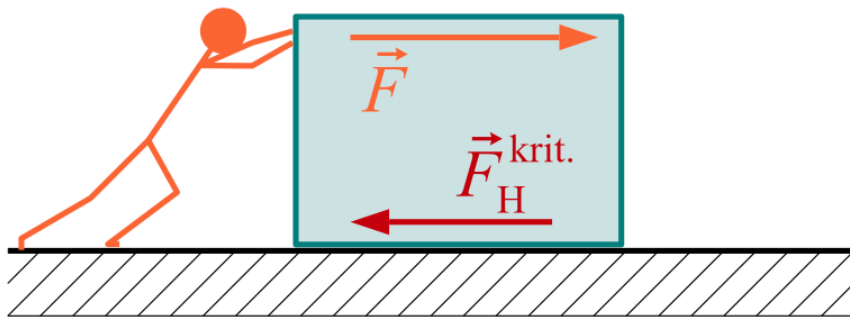


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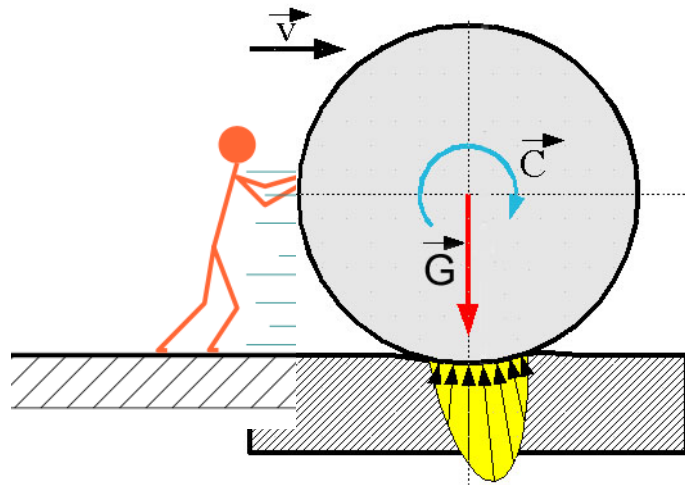
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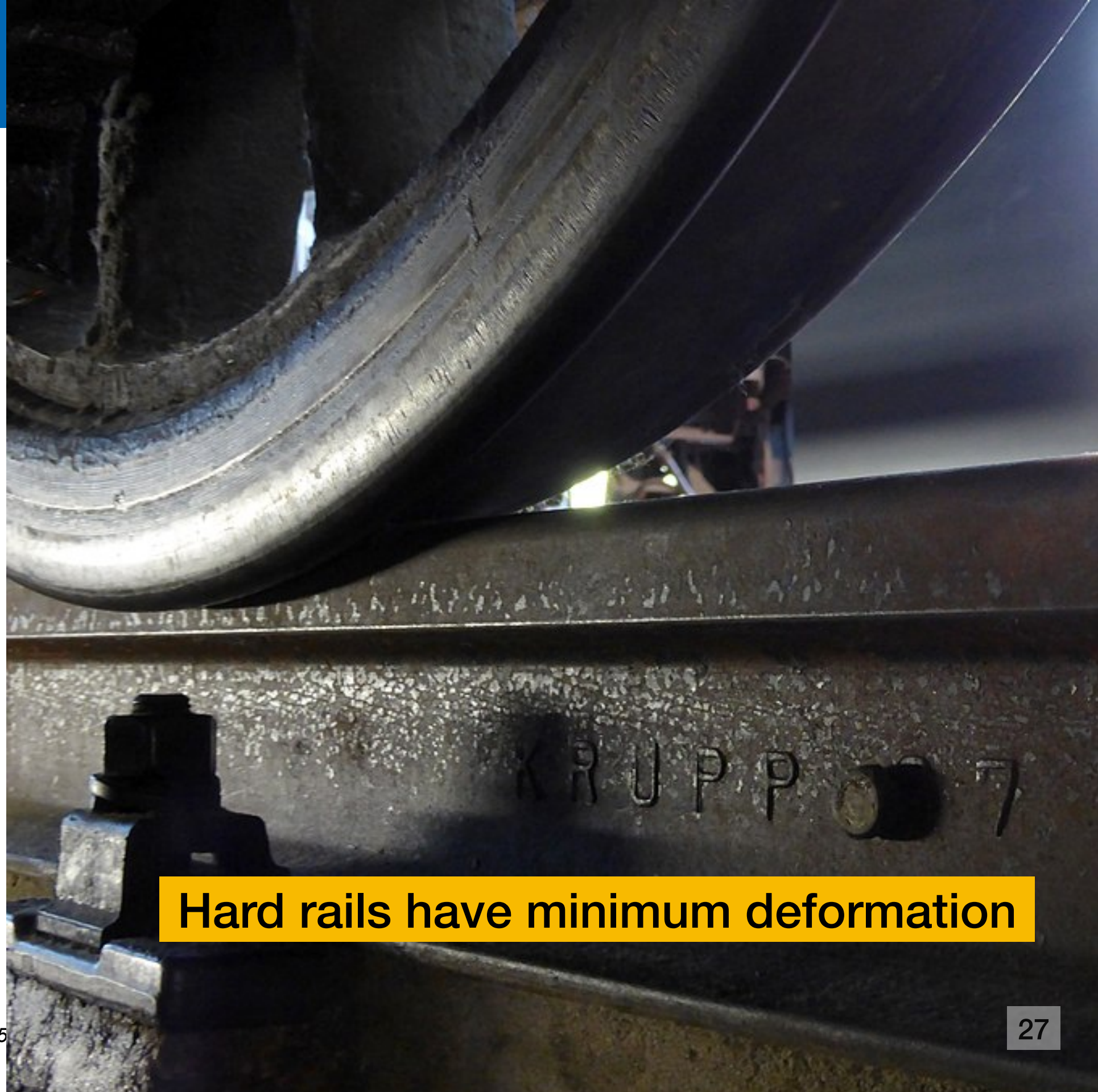


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Hard rails have minimum deformation

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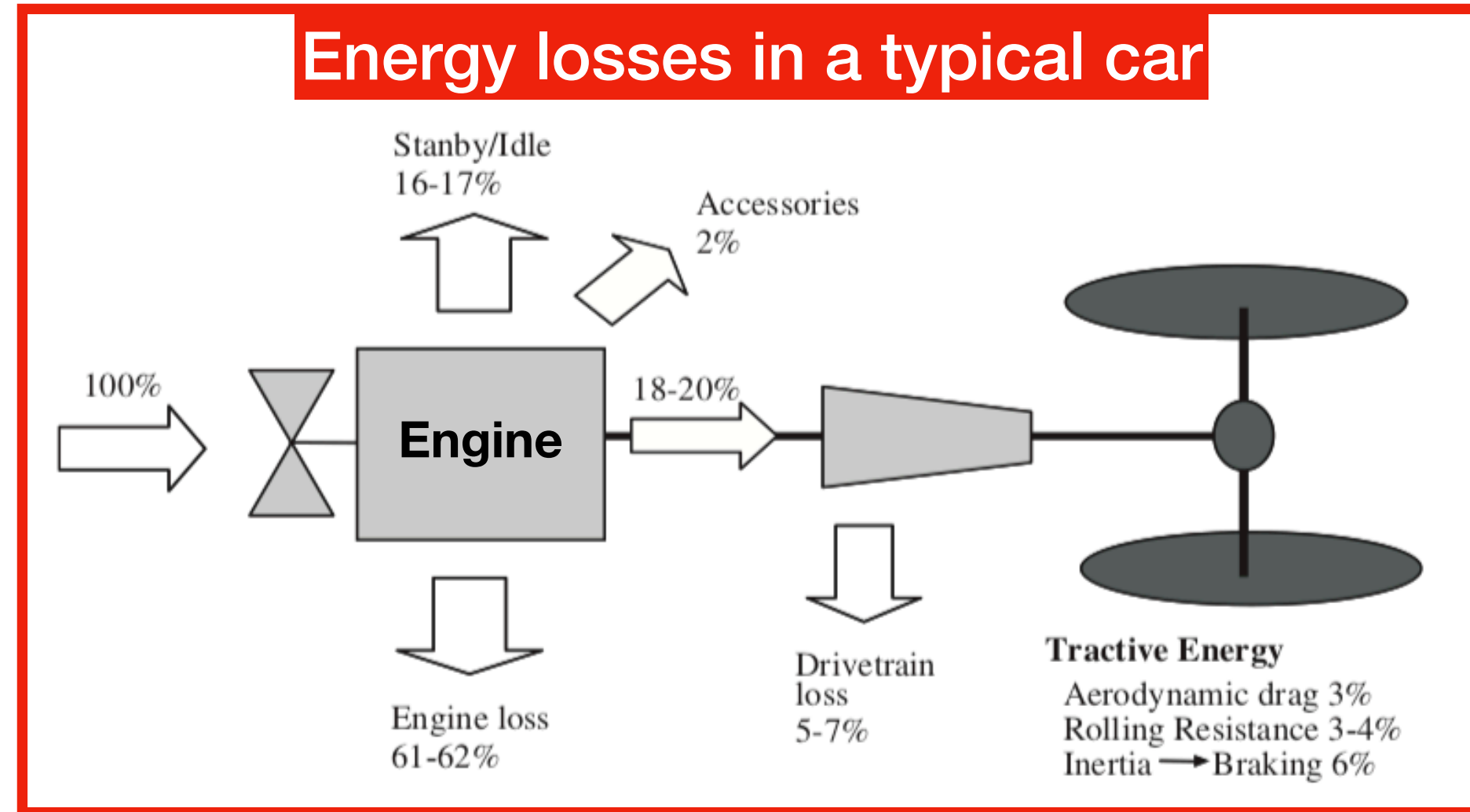


Figure 9.31 | Energy use in a typical gasoline passenger vehicle (mid-size, urban driving mode). Source: based on Kobayashi et al., 2009.

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## Energy efficient transport:

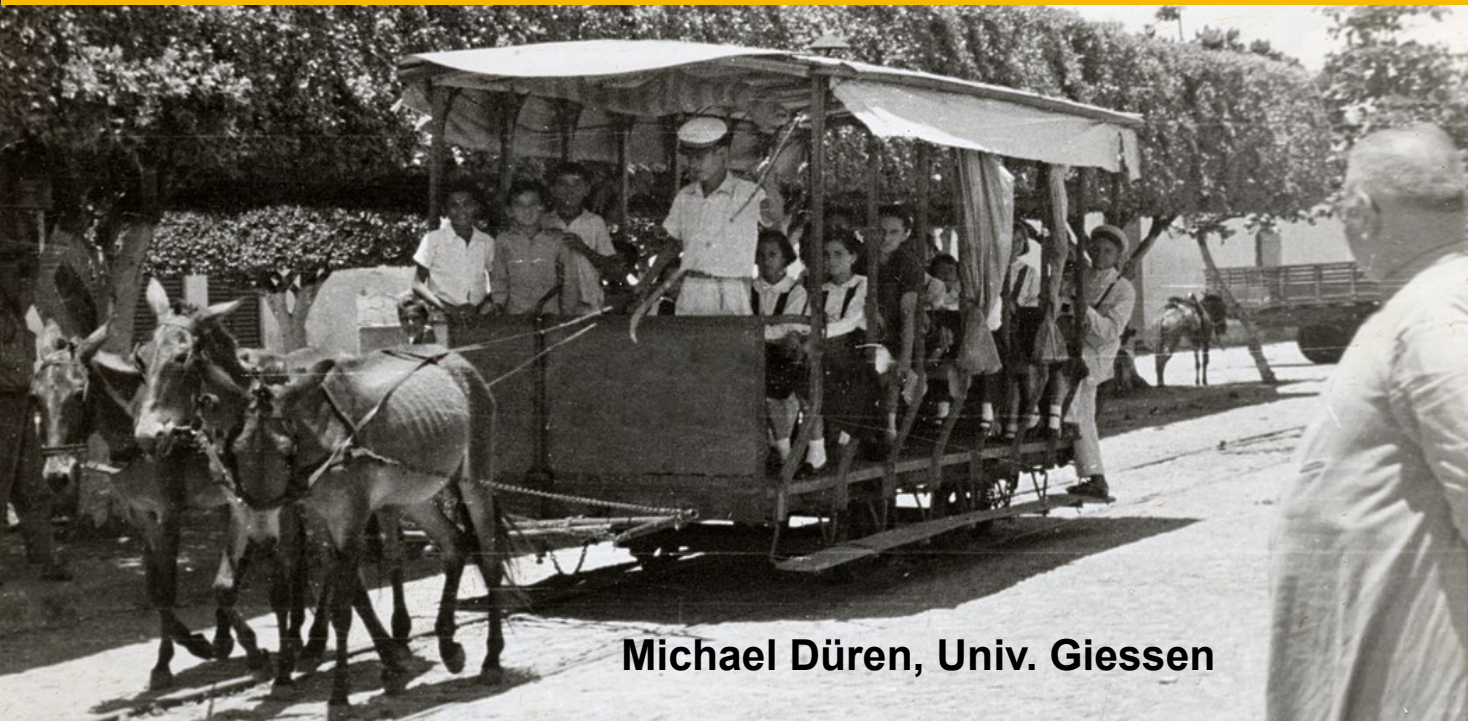
- trains on rails
- not too heavy
- not too fast
- limited cross section (or large length)
- electric engines
- overhead lines, with recuperation to the grid
- high occupancy (many people, many goods)  
(not sending around empty trains all day)

**Factor of 10 saved easily!**

# Energy and Mobility



**Rails turned out to be very useful for transport!**



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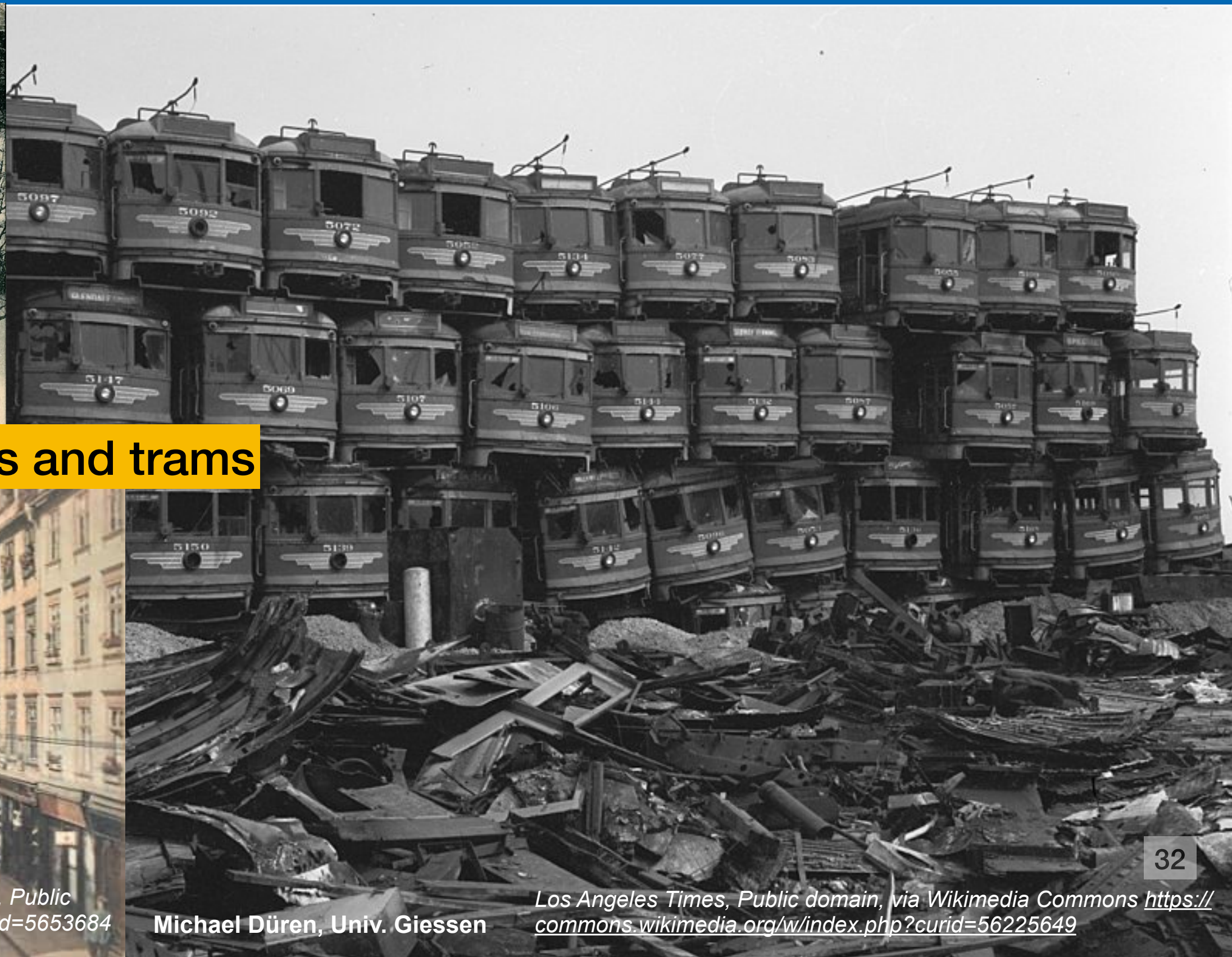
# Energy and Mobility

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## Rise and Fall of trains and trams

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# Speed-Tram for passengers

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# Speed-Tram for cargo

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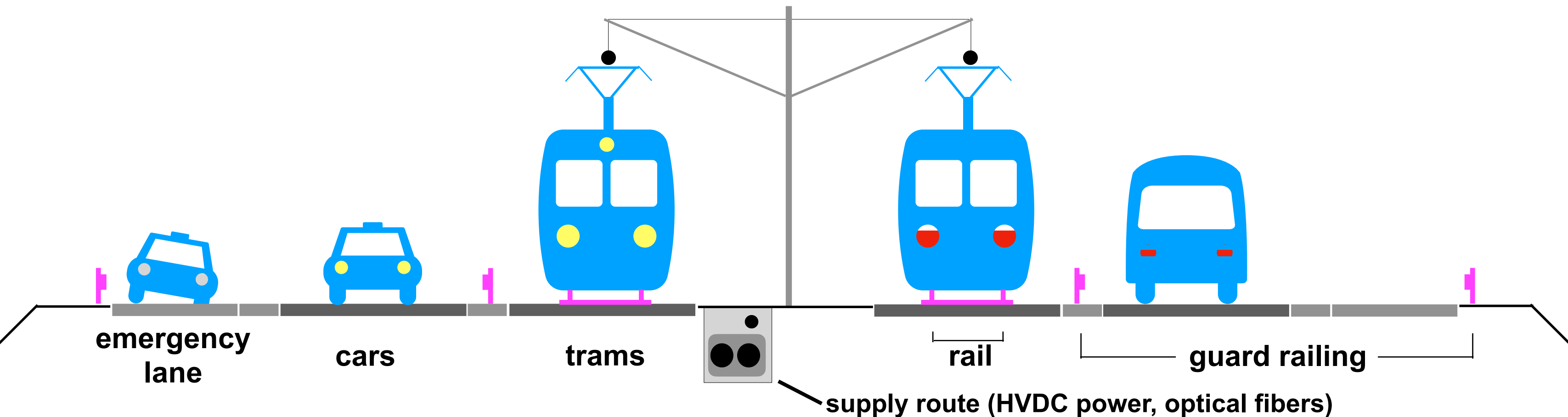
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## The new Auto-Bahn



# Speed-Tram

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*Factor 10 saved!*



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## Landuse (biodiversity):

- use existing roads and highways

**reuse automobile infrastructure for railways and power lines**



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# Imagine a future world with Speed-Trams...

## Infrastructure:

Rails on all major roads

Overhead lines (most of the way)

Speed-Tram has batteries  
for historic town centers, crossings,  
low-ceilinged tunnels or underbridges



No additional land use for infrastructure;  
Use automotive infrastructure (roads, highways)  
**Auto-Bahn**

# Imagine a future world with Speed-Trams...

“Phase transition“ from individual to public transport needed

## The secret of speed:

direct connections from all A's to all B's possible

- A typical highway frequency is ~100 000 cars and lorries/day!
- Speed-Trams every 1-2 minutes needed (for 100 000 passengers/day/highway)
- no long waiting time for next train
- combination of
  - scheduled and „on demand“ trains
  - short and long trains
  - cargo and passenger trains





# Imagine a future world with Speed-Trams...

## Comfort choice:

- direct train „on demand“ from home to home (nearest tram stop)

## Budget choice:

- scheduled train with change at several stations

## Extras:

sleeper cabin, quiet office table, meeting room, small cabin for extensive (video) phone calls, indoor playground for children, gym, massage, pub-atmosphere: “drink and ride“, after-work parties,...

dining room, breakfast, food orders, ...

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## Operation:

- remote control & remote driver / autonomous
- on-demand

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„Big Data“ Challenge!  
„UBER“-like

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Funktioniert erst dann effektiv,  
wenn sehr viele Leute  
das System nutzen

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**Hessen**

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## Frankfurt startet Rufbusservice „Knut“

E-Fahrzeuge sind künftig auf Abruf in den nördlichen Stadtteilen unterwegs

VON FLORIAN LECLERC

Der Start des Rufbusservices „Knut“ im Frankfurter Norden ist gebührend gefeiert worden. Auf dem Markplatz im Stadtteil Bonames gab es Cappuccino und Brötchen mit Wurst. Zwei Rufbusse wurden von den Passantinnen und Passanten betrachtet. Oberbürgermeister Peter Feldmann (SPD) lobte das Projekt, bei dem



denen wohl Knut Ringat beteiligt war, stieg Frankfurt doch mit ein. Wie hätte es auch ausgesehen, wenn die Pendlerhauptstadt im Rhein-Main-Gebiet bei einem On-Demand-Projekt im Rhein-Main-Gebiet nicht mitgemacht hätte?

Der Bund gab 27 Millionen Euro Fördermittel für das Projekt, die sich zehn Städte und Landkreise teilten. „Das Geld ist nun aber weg“, sagte Verkehrsdezernent Stefan Majer (Grüne). Die Stadt gebe bis Ende 2024 rund 600.000 Euro für die drei „Knut“-Busse dazu – wenn die Stadt mehr Busse haben wolle, müsse sie sie selbst komplett bezahlen. Hoffnungen, dass das geschehen wird, machte er nicht.

Weitere Hoffnungen an die drei E-Vitos von Mercedes, die von morgens fünf Uhr bis ein Uhr nachts fahren, blieben unerfüllt. Nur einer der drei Busse kann Menschen im Rollstuhl befördern, was die Frankfurter Behinderten-Arbeitsgemeinschaft beklagt. Die Rufbusse bleiben innerhalb der Stadtgrenze und lassen außen vor.

**Wer den Service bucht, kann an etwa 600 virtuellen Haltestellen in den vier Stadtteilen Bonames, Harheim, Nieder-Erlenbach und Nieder-Eschbach ein- und aussteigen – also praktisch vor der Haustür. „Wir werden welche weiter...**

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## Marburg O-Bus



Marburg

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Bund unterstützt Planungen mit 1,5 Millionen Euro / Bergauf, bergab werden Batterien geladen



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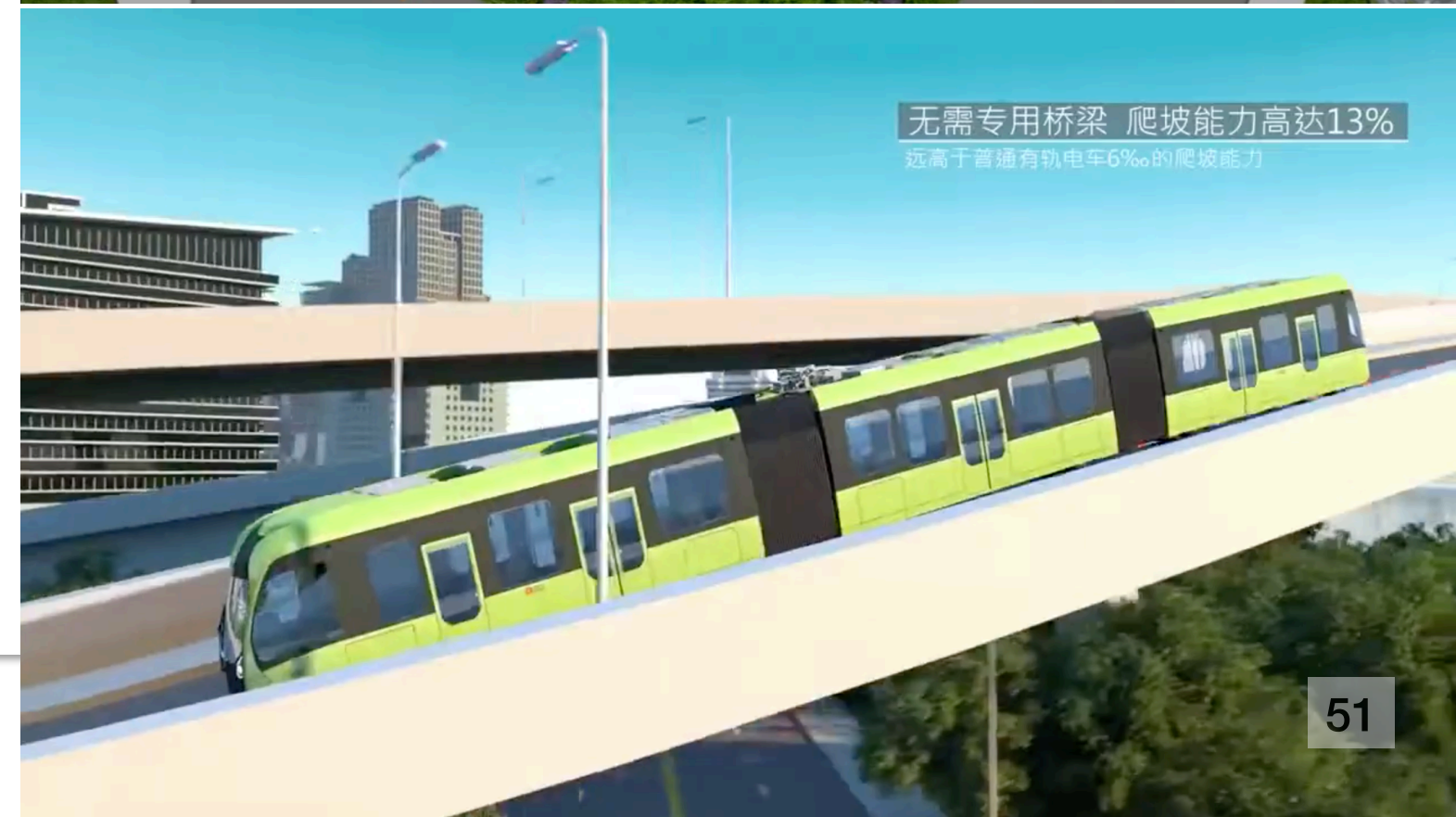
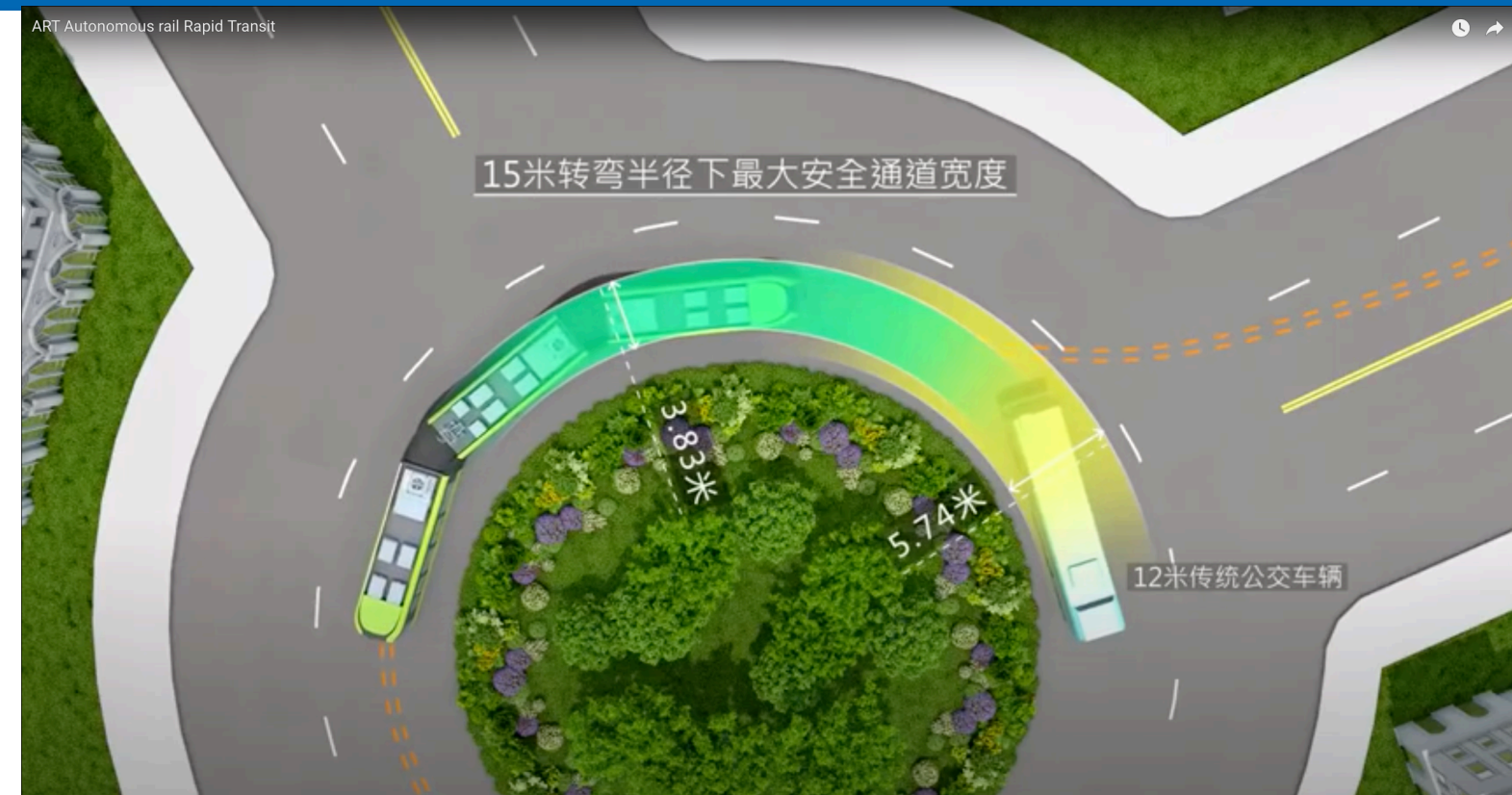


**Example:**

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**Schritt zur Speed-Tram: Oberleitung + Schienen  
+ Cargo + Comfort + on Demand**

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**World's first unmanned smart electric bus trials in S. China**

# 4 Steps to a future world with Speed-Trams...

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3. Autonomous Rail Rapid Transit (ART):  
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Speed-Tram =  
ART + rails + overhead line  
+ cargo + operation „on Demand“

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