

Sustainable Energies and Powertrains for Road Transport

Towards Electrification and other Renewable Energy Carriers

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Introduction: who?





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Introduction: why a new, combined roadmap?

- Present an up-to-date perspective on all renewable energies & powertrains options for road transport
 - Provide R&D recommendations for Horizon Europe
 - Input to 2Zero Partnership
- Develop further content based on & beyond existing roadmaps
 - Energy Carriers (2014); ICE Powertrains (2016); Electrification (2017)
 - Taking into account
 - Well-to-Wheels assessment
 - Life Cycle Assessment when available
 - Reaching carbon neutrality by 2050 (net zero CO₂ emissions)
 - Pollutant emissions control for air quality



Introduction: how?

- Aiming at understanding
 - The status of the technologies
 - The projections for the penetration of alternative energy carriers & powertrain technologies in the next decades
 - The associated infrastructure developments
 - Identifying main R&D needs for road transport
 Including a consideration of different use cases



Introduction: what?

- Main chapters:
 - 1 Introduction
 - 2 Renewable Energy Carriers
 - 3 Powertrain Options
 - 4 Infrastructures
 - 5 A Systemic View
 - 6 Research Recommendations





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Energy carriers: Definition

- Definition
 - Not energy sources in themselves ("primary energies")
 - But intermediates that "carry" energy from the primary energies to their final use road transport in this instance
 - Three universal steps

Feedstock (or primary energy) → Process → Energy carrier

Availability, cost, carbon intensity, intermittency, water consumption, impact on biodiversity etc. Technical maturity, cost, yield, water consumption, land use, raw materials needs, pollutants emissions, wastes toxicity etc.

Suitability, storage and transportation, energy density, safety, pollutants emissions, cost, customer acceptance etc.

Energy carriers: Definition

No identified single energy carrier has the best-in-class properties in each of the three steps

- Relative pros and cons, depending on the specific transport needs
- "No silver bullet"

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Energy carriers: Electricity – main messages

- 1.5 TECH: from 23% of final energy consumed (2017) to > 50% in 2050
 Installed capacity multiplied by ~3
- 1.5 TECH scenario from "A Clean Planet For All"
 - Net negative CO₂ emissions ("WtT")
 - Renewable Energy Sources (RES) power generation capacity: from 31% (2017) to 83% in 2050
 - Wind Energy (onshore/offshore) + Photovoltaic 69%
 - Continuously increasing load factor
 - Biomass with CCS 10%
 - Hydropower 4%
 - Nuclear power plants 12%
 - Natural gas with CCS 4%

Figure 24: Power generation capacity



• Alternative Energy mix considered: 100% RES



Energy carriers: Electricity – main messages

- Change of paradigm
 - From electricity production meeting electricity demand on real-time basis...
 - ... to grid balancing with
 - Digitalization to promote efficient cooperation between system operators
 - Increase of grid interconnections
 - Development of storage capacity
 - From pumped storage only to a variety of solutions Figure 15: Overview of different electricity storage technologies







Source: European Commission (2017), Energy storage – the role of electricity¹⁷⁸.

Source: PRIMES.

Energy carriers: Liquid fuels – main messages

Dotential primary uses of hisfuels

- Description of the nature and production pathways of biofuels
 - 'Food & Feed'/'First generation'/'State of the art' biofuels
 - Ethanol, biodiesel (FAME), HVO
 - Advanced biofuels
 - Biomass to Liquid, Sugar to Diesel, Advanced ethanol and other alcohols, Algae to liquid, Bio-technological fuel production, tailor-made fuels from biomass
 - Biomethanol
 - MTBE, DME, OME

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| | Biofuels | Passenger | Heavy | Maritime | Aviation | | |
| C | | | Duty | VV | | | |
| Gas | Biomethane | X | ~~~ | XX | | | |
| | | | | | | | |
| Liquids | FAME | XXX | XXX | | | | |
| | HVO / HEFA | XXX | XXX | Х | XXX | | |
| | Ethanol / alcohols | XXX | Х | Х | | | |
| | Synthetic Fuel (Gasification + FT, pyrolysis, HTL, etc) | XXX | XXX | XXX | XXX | | |



Overview of the biofuel supply (by type) in Europe in 2017



Energy carriers: Liquid fuels – main messages

- Description of the nature & production paths of e-fuels
 - Hydrogen
 - CO₂ capture
 - E-fuels related technologies
 - Methanol and its derivatives: DME, OME, Methanol to Gasoline, Kerosene or Diesel
 - Fischer-Tropsch products
 - Olefins to Alcohols









^{23/09/2021} Source: Concawe Review, 2019

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Energy carriers: Gaseous fuels – main messages

- Description of the nature and production pathways of Biomethane
 - Anaerobic digestion
 - Simultaneous production of biogas and fertiliser
 - Thermal Gasification
- Description of the production pathways of Power to Gas
- Hydrogen
 - From Renewable electricity ('green)
 - From Steam Methane Reforming + Carbon Capture & Storage ('blue
 - From Nuclear power plants ('pink')
 - From other renewable energy sources (e.g. biogas)
 - Its role as a masterpiece in the future energy system
 - Grid balancing and seasonal storage
 - Energy carrier in itself (e.g. for FCEV)
 - Unavoidable step for e-fuels production
 - Economics: importance of
 - The market critical size as capital costs are high
 - The price of renewable electricity



2015 2020 2025 2030 2035 2040 2045

Source: Hydrogen Europe, 2019

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Concept of the study







Fuel Scenarios 2050

Fuel "family" (Feedstock / production technology)



Note: BECCS refers to biofuel production routes coupled with CCS (allowing negative emissions)

Comparison of different fuel "family" shares being used in the different fuel scenarios (corner-points).

Fuel scenarios have been drafted independently from the powertrains scenarios.

The interactions between these two scenarios will be detailed in the WtW study.

Note:

- Basis: JEC WTT v5 2030 extended towards 2050
- Drop-in fuels compatible with existing powertrains

Results Fleet & Energy scenarios



Results Fleet & Energy scenarios

Question:

How much energy could be required to reach a net CO_{2eq} neutral road transport in Europe? What leverage have the different scenarios? (WtW, TWh, CO, neutral)



The variation in the WTW Energy demand between

| the fleet scenarios is up to | ~3000 TWh | |
|--|-----------|---------|
| the optimistic–pessimistic case is up to | ~1500 TWh | rage |
| the fuel scenarios is about | ~1000 TWh | ng leve |
| electricity production scenarios up to | ~250 TWh | Growi |

The share of TTW in the whole WTW energy consumption varies between ~50% up to 90%, increasing with the level of fleet electrification.



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Results Fleet & Energy scenarios

Question:

How much electricity is needed in the scenarios overall?









- → The total electricity generated responds to the needs for electricity in the fuel production (WTT) as well as the final use in the directly electrified powertrains (BEVs) or indirectly electrified (ICE with e-fuels / FCHEV with green H2).
- → Wide variation in total electricity request: Range between 600 TWh up to 4400 TWh (representing from ~20% up to ~160% of total EU-28 final electricity consumption in 2019 (2800 TWh).
- → The limited fossil and advanced biofuel scenario result in the lowest electricity needs (between ~20% to 30% of EU-28 final electricity consumption 2019).
- → The absolute extreme values for electricity request are always linked with the Hybrid Fleet: In combination with e-Fuels the absolute maximum is reached, in combination with "adv. biofuels" or "limited fossil" the absolute minimum is reached.
- → In the highly electrified scenarios, the electricity demand is towards the lower-end of the different explored scenarios (~40% to 55% of EU28 el. Cons. 2019).
- → The differences between the electricity scenarios (RES and 1.5TECH) are pretty small.

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Conclusions

- → Developing a "carbon-neutral" road transport is highly complex, beyond WtW evaluations
 - → Scalability must be granted: availability of critical minerals, biomass, water supply, land, etc.
 - → Energy supply must be secured, in spite of intermittent RES
 - → Customer acceptance is key: ease of use, cost etc.
 - → Systemic evaluation is needed to ensure that the whole system is viable → Current limit of this work and source of uncertainty
- ➔ To achieve "carbon-neutral" road transport (WtW) in 2050, drastic changes are needed in all three areas:
 - → Vehicle fleet and efficiency, powertrains and traffic technology,
 - → Infrastructure
 - → Energy Production (electricity, hydrogen and renewable fuels)
- → A mix of technologies ensures a more robust solution, where electrification is the key element for the reduction of the CO₂ emissions.
 - → BEV (possibly combined with ERS),
 - → PHEV,
 - → FCEV and Advanced Hybrid powertrains.



Conclusions

- → The overall WtW energy demand decreases drastically with fleet electrification
- → The energy efficiency measures identified (A, B and C) reduce the energy / fuel consumption in all scenarios in a very significant way.
- → The demand for fuels decreases massively in all scenarios

(in highly electrified scenarios up to 95% savings).

- → The total demand for electricity in road transport will increase (energy production + use in vehicle)
 - → 20% 160% of total EU28 el.cons. 2019 depending on the scenarios
- → The largely Carbon-Neutral production of electricity is a prerequisite for "carbon-neutral" road transport in all fleet and fuel scenarios.
- → Hydrogen could play a 3-way key role in the energy system as
 - → Final energy carrier
 - → Chemical intermediate
 - → Energy storage



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Thank you!

