

Cleaner vehicles

Achieving a resilient technology transition

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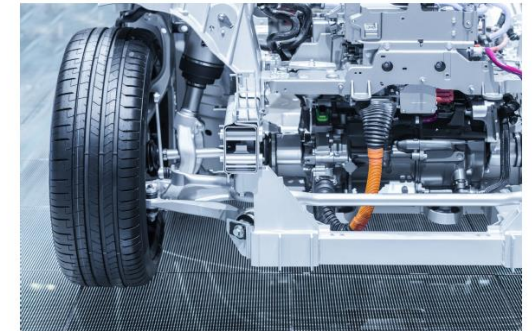
What role can technologies and policies for road vehicles play to foster economic growth and sustainable development?

Evaluate resource efficiency, energy use and GHG emissions over all lifecycle stages

Focus on electric powertrains for light- and heavy-duty vehicles

Synthesize experience from leading markets: Europe, East Asia and North America

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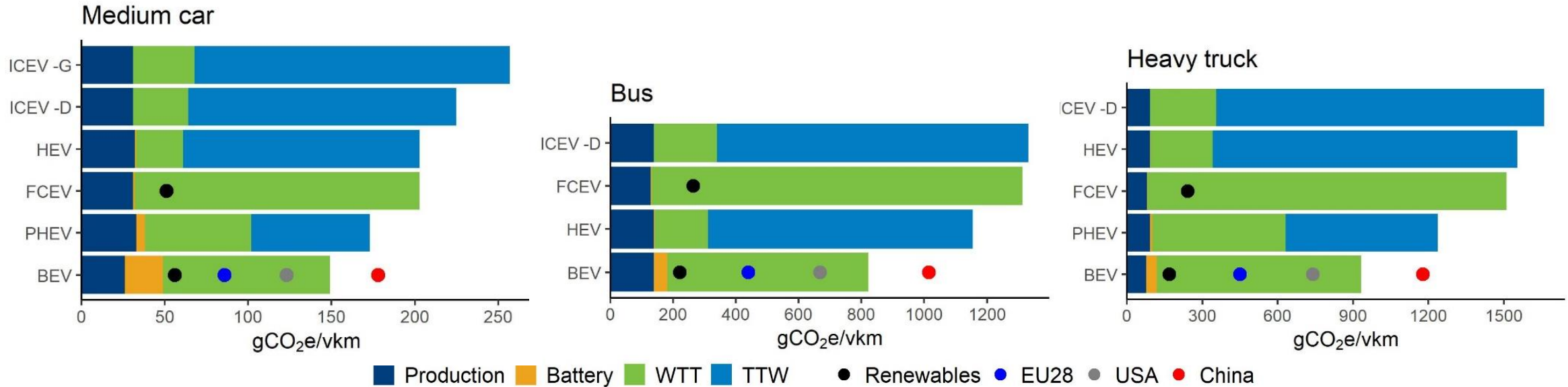


Decarbonising Transport



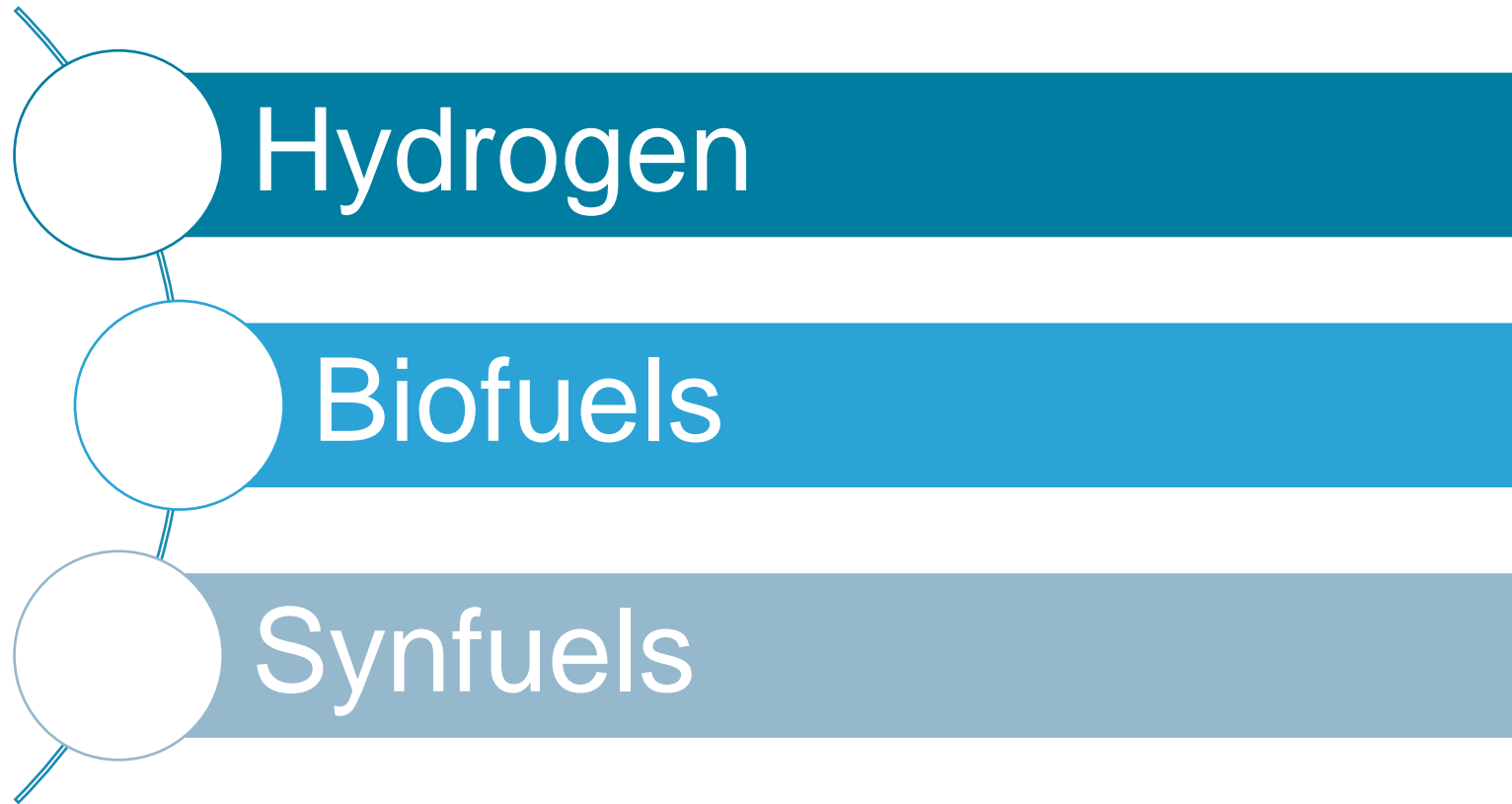
Clean vehicle technologies

Lifecycle GHG emissions intensity of vehicles, 2020



Electrification cuts emissions for cars and heavy-duty vehicles, Highest energy efficiency savings for battery electric vehicles

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Hydrogen:

require fewer behavioural changes from consumers but:

- They need for economies of scale to drive costs down;
- They need primary forms of energy to be available at very low cost;
- They require complex handling for distribution

Biofuels:

well-to-wheel emissions differ widely across pathways;

- waste—based options best placed, but potential is limited;
- challenges in terms of cost-competitiveness for other pathways

Synfuels:

face a number of challenges:

- large thermodynamic losses,
- large amounts of low-carbon energy needed
- cost and scaling up remain challenging

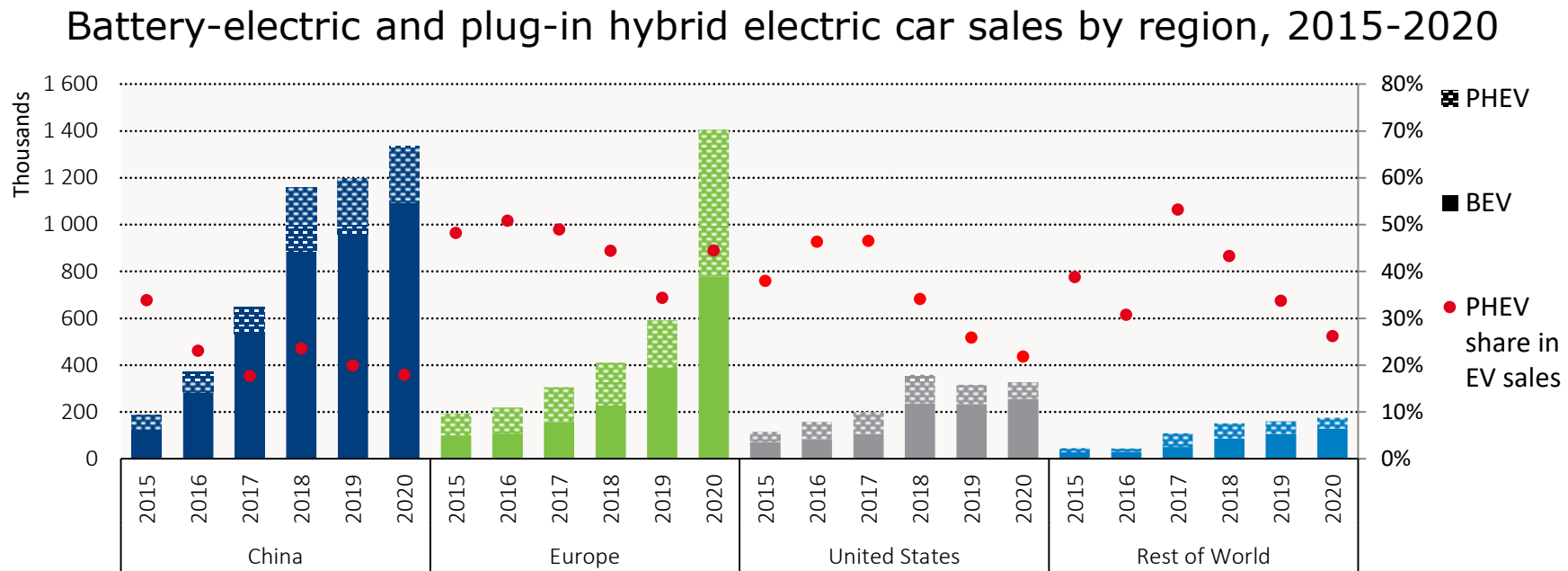
Low-carbon pathways of these fuels likely better suited for modes with lower scope for direct electrification (shipping, aviation)

Clean vehicle adoption: Policy drivers, market response and future prospects

Policies that drive market growth for EVs

- Technical standards and regulations
- A clear vision and integrated key targets
- An enabling environment on energy and carbon taxes
- Ambitious public procurement programmes
- Economic incentives
- Enforcing regulatory requirements
- Clearly define sustainable finance thresholds for clean vehicles and clean energy

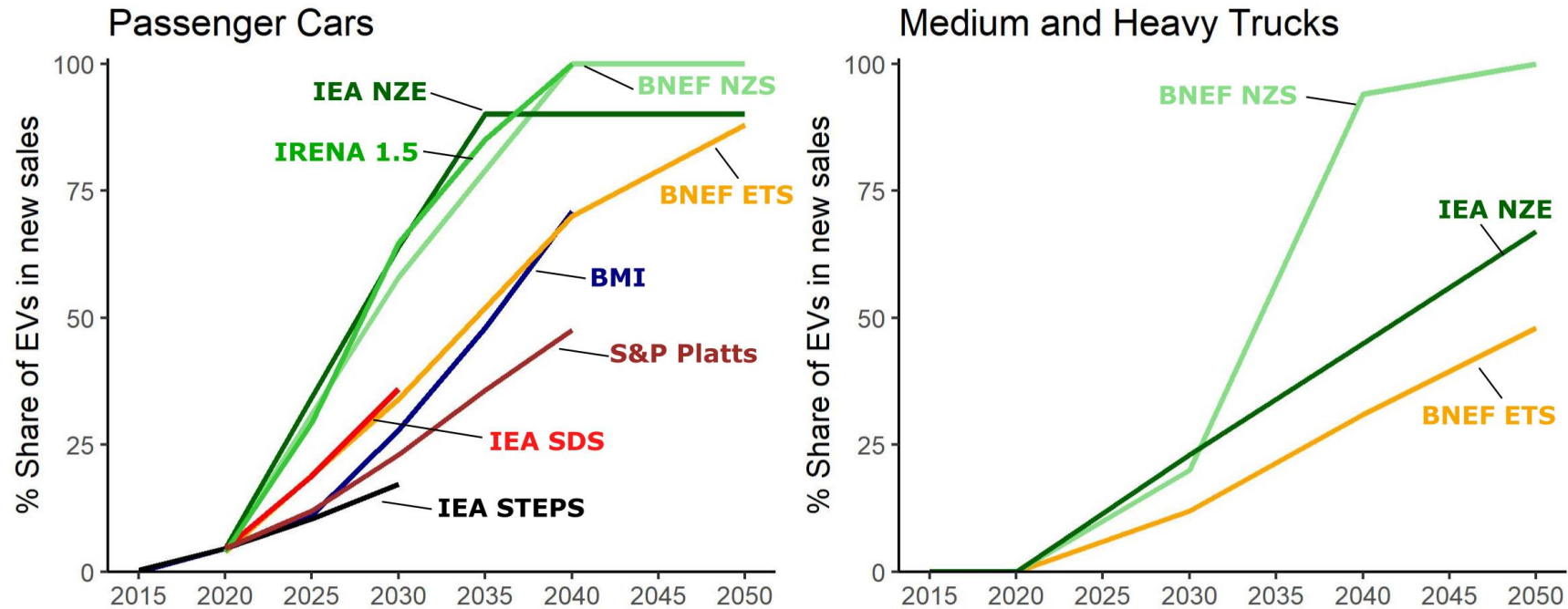
3 million electric vehicles sold in 2020, mainly in China, Europe & the United States



Policy and technology characteristics/development succeeded to get EV sales up, even in the pandemic year 2020

Projections show EV uptake to increase strongly

Share of electric vehicles in global passenger car sales



Several organisations point to a **strong outlook for EVs**
Reaching net-zero **requires very rapid EV adoption**

Beyond clean vehicles: digital technologies, connectivity, sharing and automation

Connectivity and digitalisation are major macrotrends

- Digital tech can increase competitiveness and consumer attractiveness
- Transport is no exception: intelligent transport systems, vehicle connectivity & automation
- Covid-19 accelerated the digital transformation trends

Amendment to the 1968 Vienna Convention on Road Traffic, allowing all parties to regulate AVs without a uniform interpretation of the convention

2017

Establishment of the Working Party on Automated/ Autonomous and Connected Vehicles (GRVA) at WP.29

2018

Regulations on automotive cybersecurity, software update and Automated Lane Keeping Systems (ALKS)

2020

So far, economic opportunities have driven digital policy. With the risk of surge in activity and energy use and GHG emissions, the **transition must be managed from an environmental angle**

Emerging policy challenges

Policy actions increasingly important to foster a resilient transition to electric and digital

Three reasons:

- Significant economic opportunities
- Importance of automotive and energy industries
- Climate change mitigation and risks of delaying action

Three challenges posed to a resilient transition:

- Demand for new materials and related impact on supply chains
- Revenue losses from fossil fuel taxes as vehicle fleets decarbonise
- Impacts on jobs and skillsets as automotive technologies shift from carbon to electric and analogue to digital

Changes in the demand for new materials

- A surge of EVs means **increased demand for lithium, graphite, nickel, cobalt, rare earth elements**
- Shortages are not likely in the long run, but **the pace of increase can be constrained by the time needed to scale up production**
- Production and refining of battery materials and REEs is **clustered in a small number of countries**

Options exist both on the material supply and demand side to make the transition more resilient

Supply

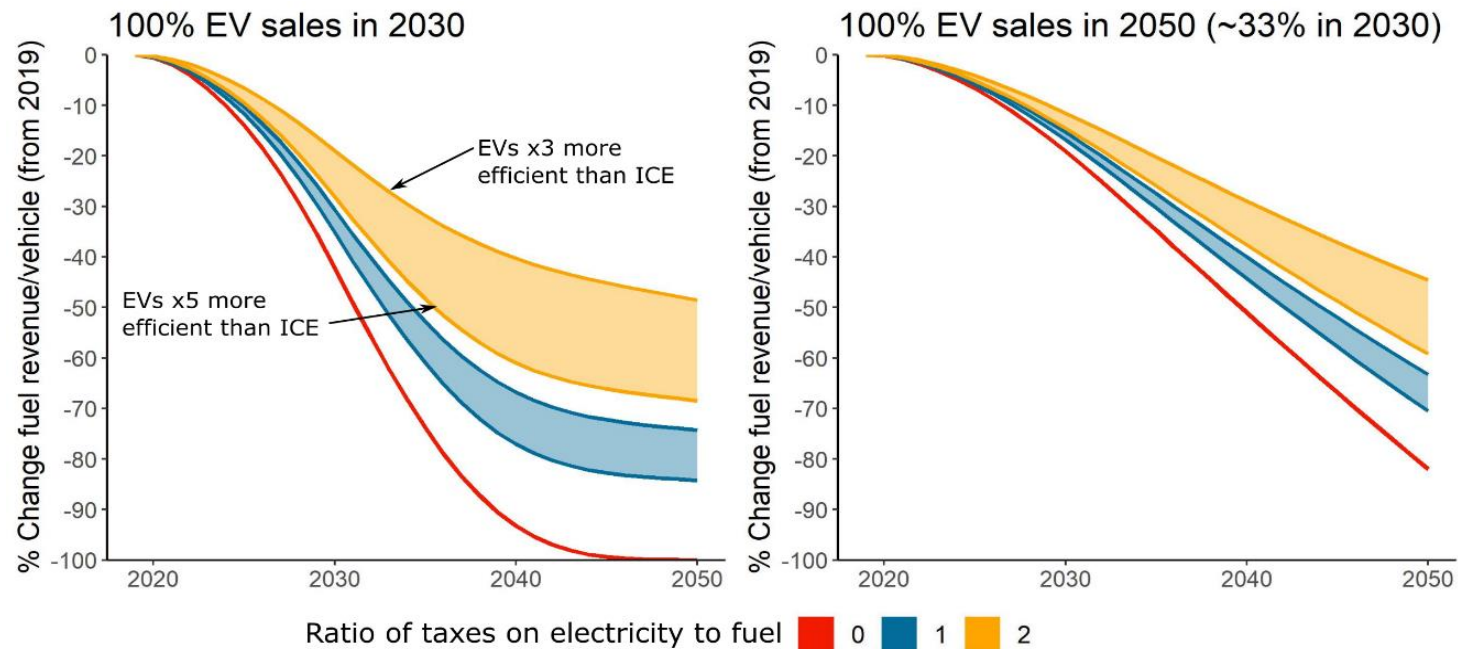
- Stockpiling,
- establishing reliable price benchmarks,
- battery recycling to reduce raw material extraction needs

Demand

- Maximising ratio of e-vkm per kWh of battery capacity and materials needed for infrastructure
- PHEV if driven in e-mode,
- ERS (smaller batteries),
- smaller vehicles

Structural changes in taxation revenue

Percentage change in government revenues per passenger car by EV sales share, tax ratio and relative energy efficiency



- Faster revenue decline with:
- Faster e-vkm increase
 - Lower tax ratio
 - Greater energy efficiency gap

Need for tax reforms to safeguard government revenues

Road user charges offer the potential to make up for lost fuel-duty revenues and adequately price the use of vehicles, switching the tax base from energy used to distance travelled

Impacts on jobs

- Similar to other disruptions, the switch away from ICEs **transforms the needed labour skillsets and disrupts the structure of supply chains**
- Analyses generally point towards net employment increases overall, but this is indeed **not uniform across sectors and geographies**
- **Anticipating the change is important** to minimize adverse impacts and maximize opportunities
- Managing the transition to clean vehicles and clean energy will require a **holistic response**: support workers (protection for job losses, training, re-skilling) and respond to changes in the nature of jobs (science, technology, engineering and mathematics, ICT)

What we recommend

- Maintain or introduce near- and mid-term **policy support for clean vehicles** and for the low-carbon energy they need
- Prioritise a transition to **direct electrification and renewable energy**
- Address challenges on **material efficiency and sustainable supply chains**

What we recommend

- For a **resilient transition from fuel duties**, seize opportunities from increased connectivity and accelerating enabling regulation
- Include infrastructures for clean energy transport & distribution and digital connectivity of road transport in **Covid-19 recovery packages for a resilient transition**
- Prepare for transitions in **jobs and skillsets**
- Accelerate the development of **other low-carbon technologies**

Thank you

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