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Net-Zero emissions in Rail
& North Americas Cost Problem

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What Zero Emission Options Exist?

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The push to Net-Zero GHG emissions for North American railways is driven by three factors



Why North American railways need to transition to net-zero GHG operations



To accelerate the fight against climate change



By transporting more passengers and goods via fuel-efficient trains instead of planes and cars/trucks, emissions can be significantly reduced from a holistic perspective

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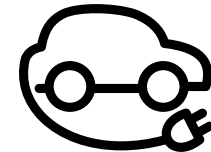


To meet rising regulatory & political expectations



With the federal government targeting net-zero emissions by 2050, railway companies must proactively transition their operations to align with these goals and comply with emerging policies

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To maintain competitive edge as most sustainable mode of travel

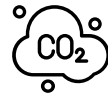


As other transportation providers announce their own sustainability plans, railways must lead the way in greening the sector by aggressively cutting emissions across trains, facilities, and infrastructure

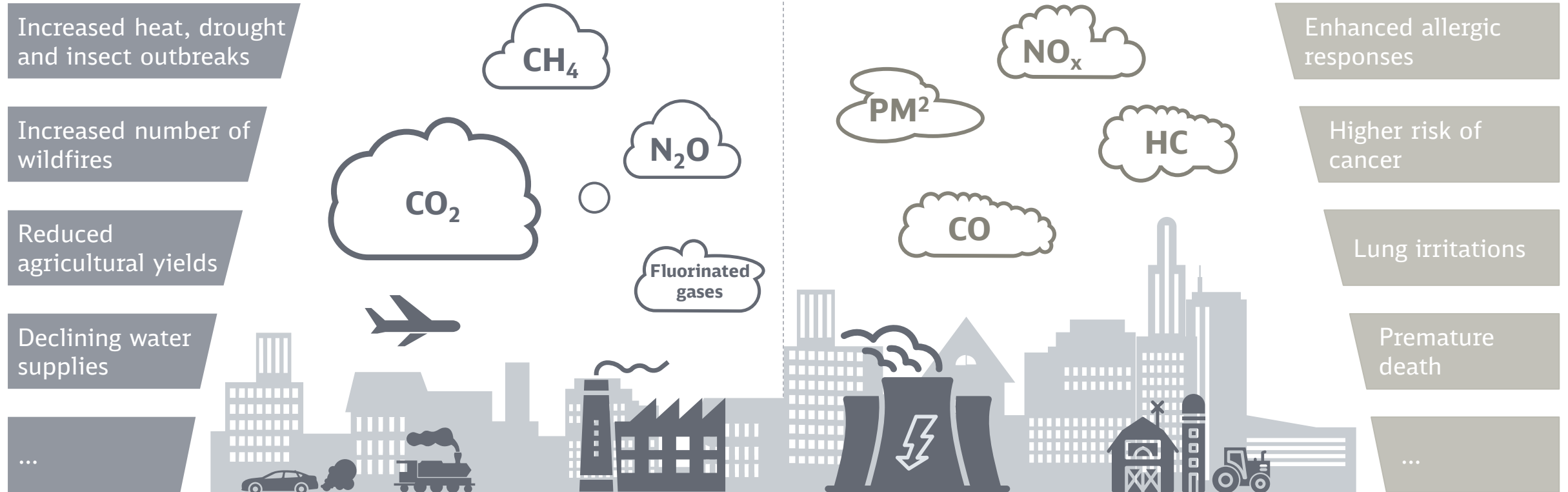
Greenhouse gases (GHGs) and criteria air pollutants (CAPs) pose a high risk for the environment and people's health



Greenhouse gases produced by human activities accelerate climate change¹...



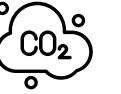
...whereas **criteria air pollutants** from exhaust gases affect air quality impacting people's health



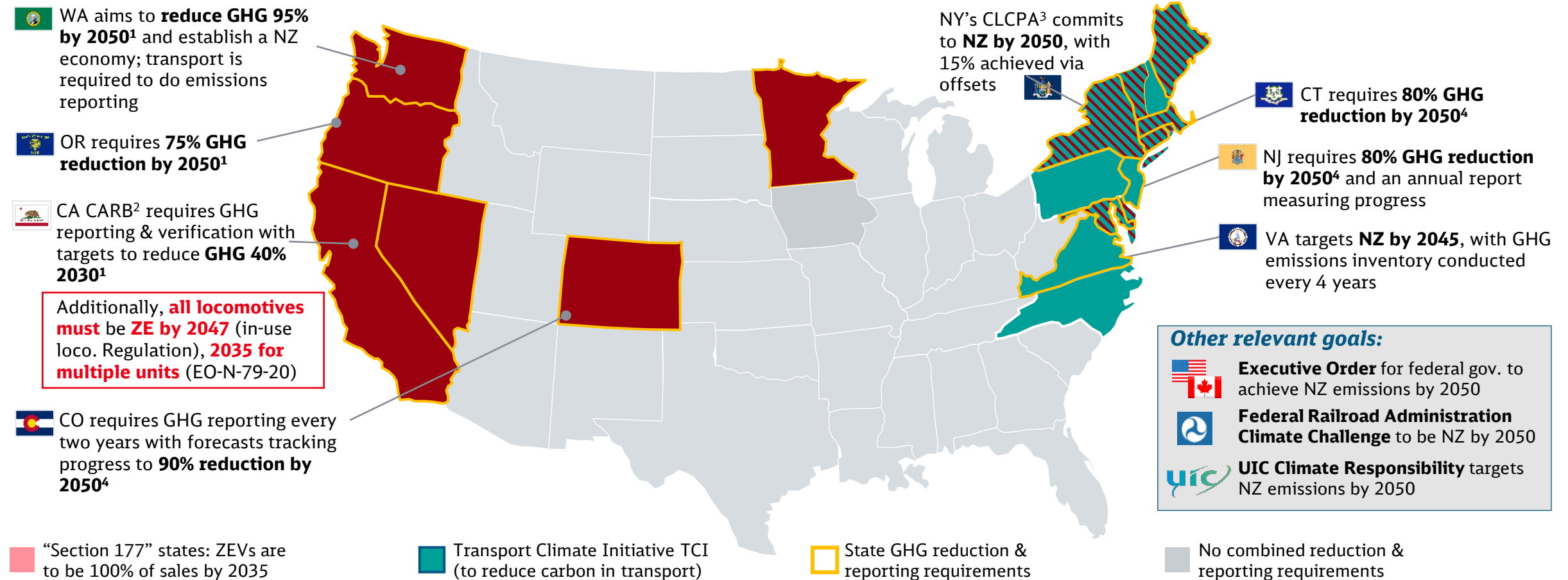
(1) Once Greenhouse gases are released, they can stay in the atmosphere for 100 years or more. (2) PM = Particulate Matter

Source: USGCRP 2017, Fourth Climate Assessment

Various states are pushing towards ambitious GHG reductions and regulations of the transportation sector, especially for road vehicles



GHGs: Summary of state reduction targets and the push to zero-emissions on road vehicles



(1) from 1990 levels (2) CARB: California Air Resources Board (3) CLCPA: Climate Leadership & Community Protection Act (4) from 2005 levels (5) CARB proposed legislation notes that from 2030 onwards, new motive power purchases must be ZE, and that any loco engine with an original engine build date 2035 or newer would be required to be ZE

Source: National Conference of State Legislatures, Climate Group, Executive Department State of California, DB research & analysis

The CAPs landscape on both state and company-level is changing rapidly; there may be an opportunity for rail companies to get ahead of the curve



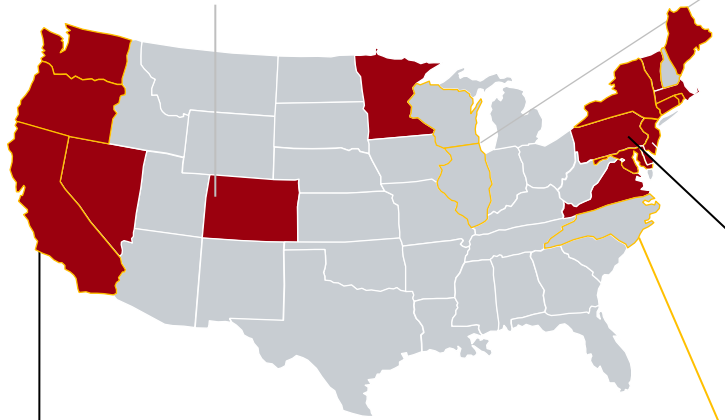
CAPs⁵ policies by state

█ CARB States █ Coalition states

May 2022 CO³ passed HB-1244 aimed at HAP²s; it will develop a monitoring system and by 2026 require emission control regs to reduce priority contaminants

As with all states, IL must submit to EPA an annual Air Monitoring Plan & Network Assessment; otherwise, IL does not display CAPs policies

PA's RFM grant program seeks to improve air quality by reducing NOx produced by nonroad equipment (e.g., freight switcher locos)⁹



As CARB seeks to reduce air pollution and emissions, other states are adopting CARB's Criteria Pollutant regulations, as related to Low & Zero Emission vehicles

CA's EO N-79-20 states that by 2035 all offroad vehicles must be ZE (where feasible)

A coalition of 19 states⁶ in May 2022 filed a letter to urge the EPA to impose stronger standards & regulations on NOx emissions & other harmful pollutants on heavy trucks specifically

CAPs approaches by companies



Goal to reduce total NOx an average of 44% & PM 64% annually by 2030⁸; intends 100% ZE by 2028



Goal to reduce combustion-related soot 55% by 2020 – exceeded target (reduced 61%), & aims to cont. progress



As part of CA Transport Plan 2050, Caltrans aims to be fully ZE by 2035 (including CAPs)



No specific CAPs goals; Tracks CAPs through GRI in Sustainability Data Supplement



No specific CAPs goals; Notes that CA railyard emission inventories show 70% CAP reduction⁷



No specific CAPs goals; Notes updating to Wabtec Tier 4 switcher will eliminate 7 tons of NOx per year



Specific CAPs goals



Mention of CAPs in company communication, but not goals



No CAPs goals

(1) Source: Section 177 (2) HAPs: Hazardous Air Pollutants (3) Supporters of HB-1244 note at least 15 other states, incl. TX and KY have taken steps to address air toxins in absence of stricter federal rules (5) CAPs include Ozone, Atmospheric Particulate Matter, Lead, CO, SO₂, and NOx (6) States include: CA, CO, CT, DE, DC, HI, IL, ME, MD, MA, MN, NJ, NY, NC, OR, RI, VT, WA, WI (7) Compared to 2005 levels (8) From 2023 baseline (9) RFM: Rail Freight Movers grant will repower/replace pre-Tier 4 switchers with EPA/CARB certified diesel/alt fuel/ all electric engines
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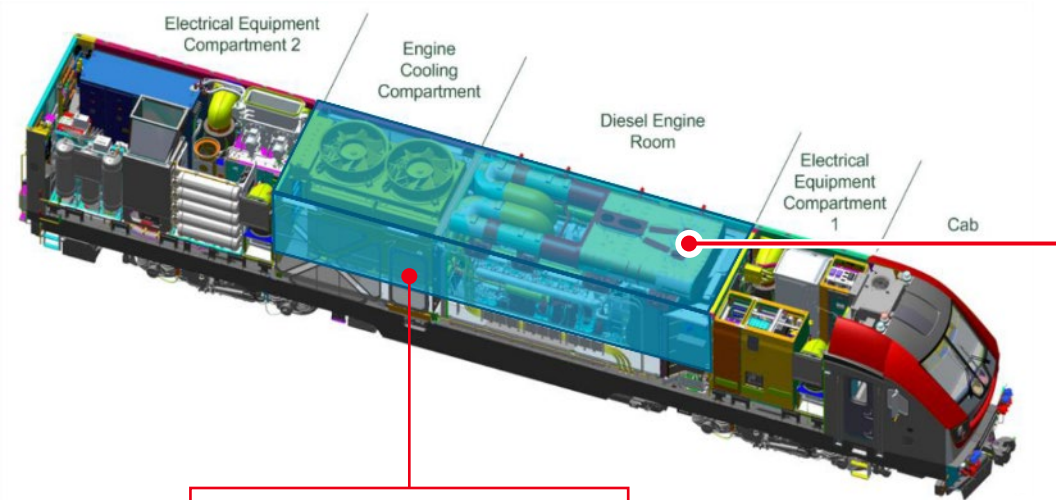
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
There are currently three major options to replace the diesel powerplant of existing locomotives with zero-emission alternatives

Rendering of Siemens Charger locomotive (most modern passenger rail loco on NA market)



Constraints for alternative powertrain:

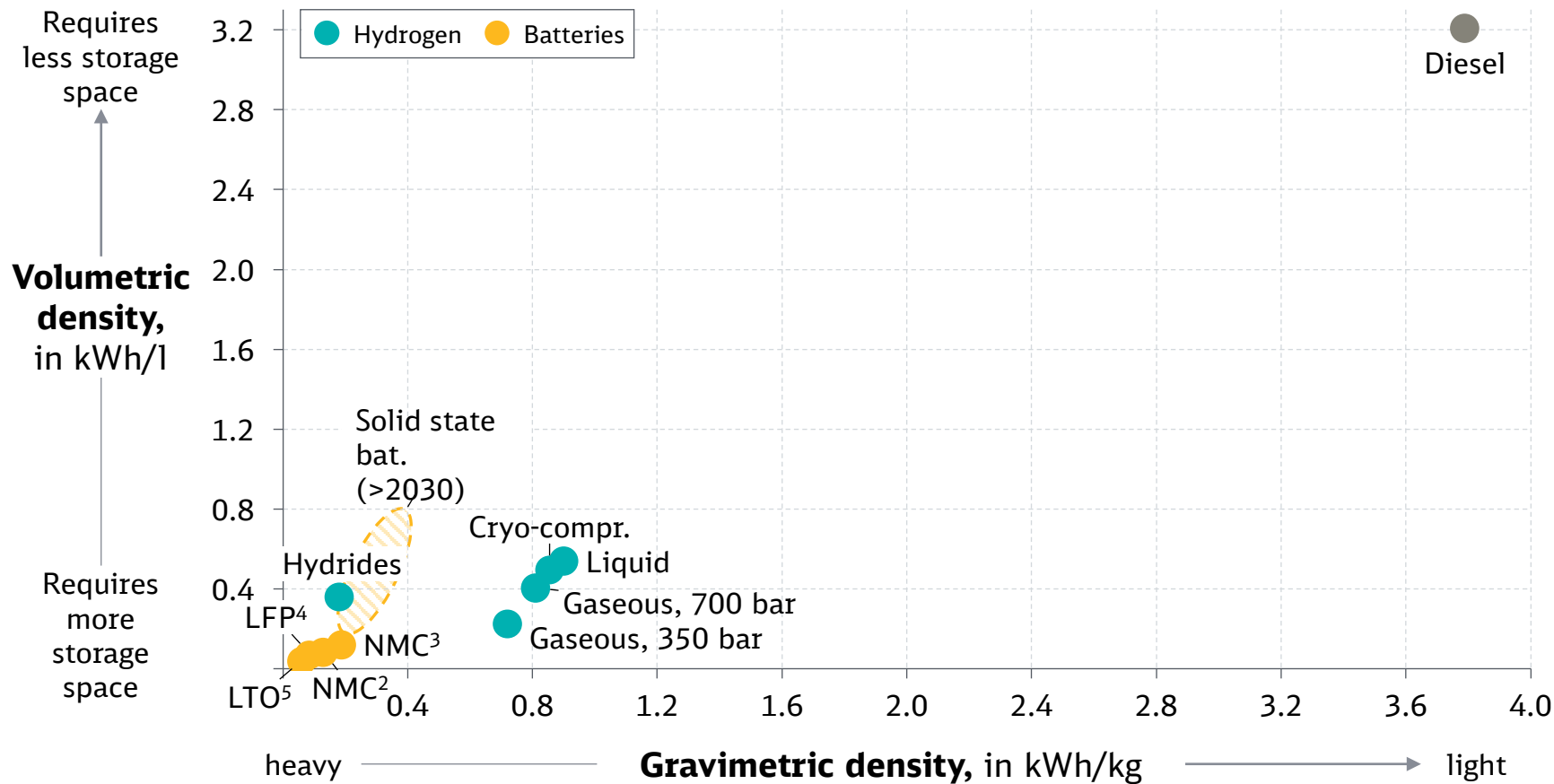
- **Mass: 40t**
- **Volume: 59m³**

Option	Required technical equipment				
Hydrogen only		 Fuel cell	 Hydrogen storage	 Power electronics	
Battery only		 Batteries		 Power electronics	
Hydrogen /battery hybrid		 Fuel cell	 Hydrogen storage	 Batteries	 Power electronics

Diesel is by far the energy densest fuel for rail vehicles – even with projected improvements, batteries still lacking behind hydrogen



Energy densities incl. powertrain efficiencies¹



Takeaways

- **Liquid fuels**, such as diesel, require the **least space** and are lightest
- A one-for-one replacement of diesel powertrains without changes in expectations is difficult to achieve due to **lower densities of alternatives**
- Zero-emission powertrains will require more space for energy storage and/or changes in locomotive design such as adding additional axles
- The right choice of powertrain will require a trade-off between operation and equipment capabilities

Notes: (1) Diesel-electric: 32%, battery-electric: 85%, hydrogen fuel cell system: 45% (2) Wabtec FLXdrive 2.0 (3) Wabtec FLXdrive 3.0 (projected for 2026) (4) ProgressRail Joule locomotive (5) Siemens Intercity Trainset (Amtrak) | **Source:** GREET, Wabtec, Siemens, DB research and analysis

Low & zero-emission options close to commercial availability in North America; long-range technology needs to be developed



Powertrain		GHG reduc. potential	CAP reduc. potential	Conversion complexity ¹	Use case	Technology readiness	2022	Timeline to commercial availability in the U.S.	2035
ICE ² w/ renewable diesel					Short-range				
					Switcher/MoW				
					Med./Long range				
Hydrogen fuel cell					Short-range				
					Switcher/MoW				
					Med./Long range ⁶				
Battery					Short-range				
					Switcher/MoW				
					Med./Long range		<i>Battery-only unlikely for intercity rail</i>		
OCS ³					Short-range				
					Switcher/MoW				
					Med./Long range		<i>Network-wide electrification not feasible</i>		

In service/pilots
 In R&D
 R&D not started
 R&D
 Pilot & deployment
 Comm. available

(1) Retrofitting vehicles (2) ICE: Internal Combustion Engine (3) OCS: Overhead Contact System (4) Includes OEM approval of RD for engines, & value chain confirmation

(5) Vehicles only; Infrastructure complexity not included (6) Studies show general feasibility of Hydrail for med./long-range applications | Source: DB estimates

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Alternative powertrain technologies are already being piloted or are in operation worldwide



Battery

Hydrogen

Commuter rail

SIEMENS **STADLER** **ALSTOM**





All also have OCS capability

● 2022 ● 2022 ● 2022

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● 2024 ● 2024 ● 2018

Freight/locomotives

Wabtec CORPORATION **Progress Rail** **CRRC**

A Caterpillar Company








● 2021 ● 2020 ● 2024

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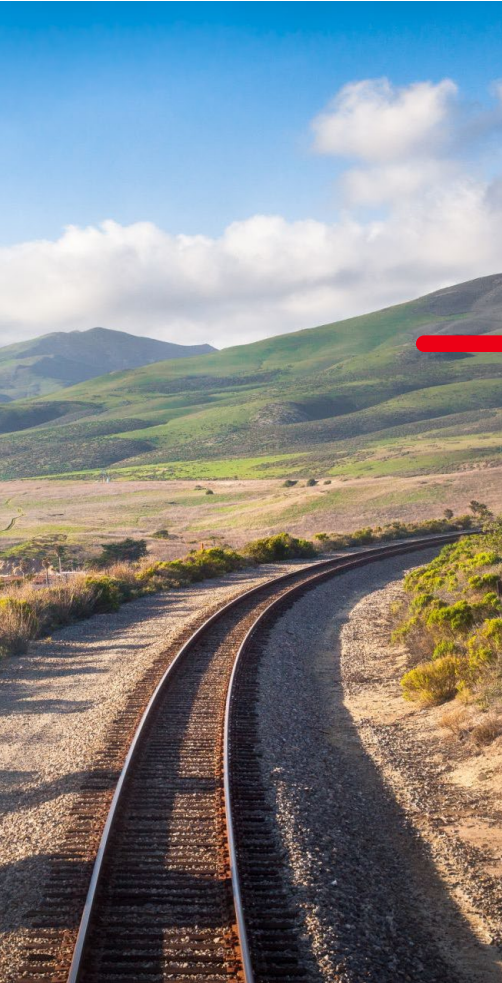
● 2022 ● 2022 ● 2022

Intercity rail

! **Alternative propulsion for intercity rail remains in early R&D phases – renewable diesel as “gap-technology” continues to be utilized and adopted**

Source: Company announcements, DB Research

● In service ● Service planned ● Pilot ● Research & Development □ Example from North America



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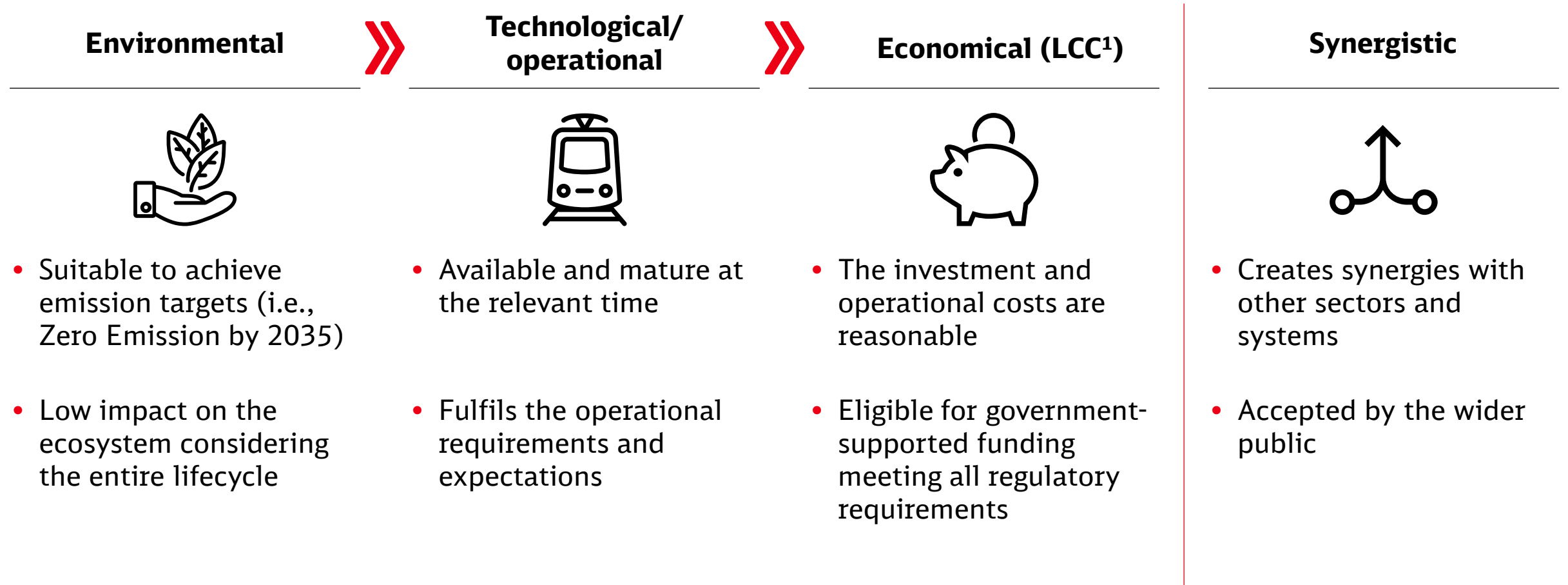
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The DB team uses a 4-factor Technology Assessment Framework when making recommendations on technology selection



Criteria to evaluate suitability of main on-board energy technology



(1) LCC: Lifecycle costs

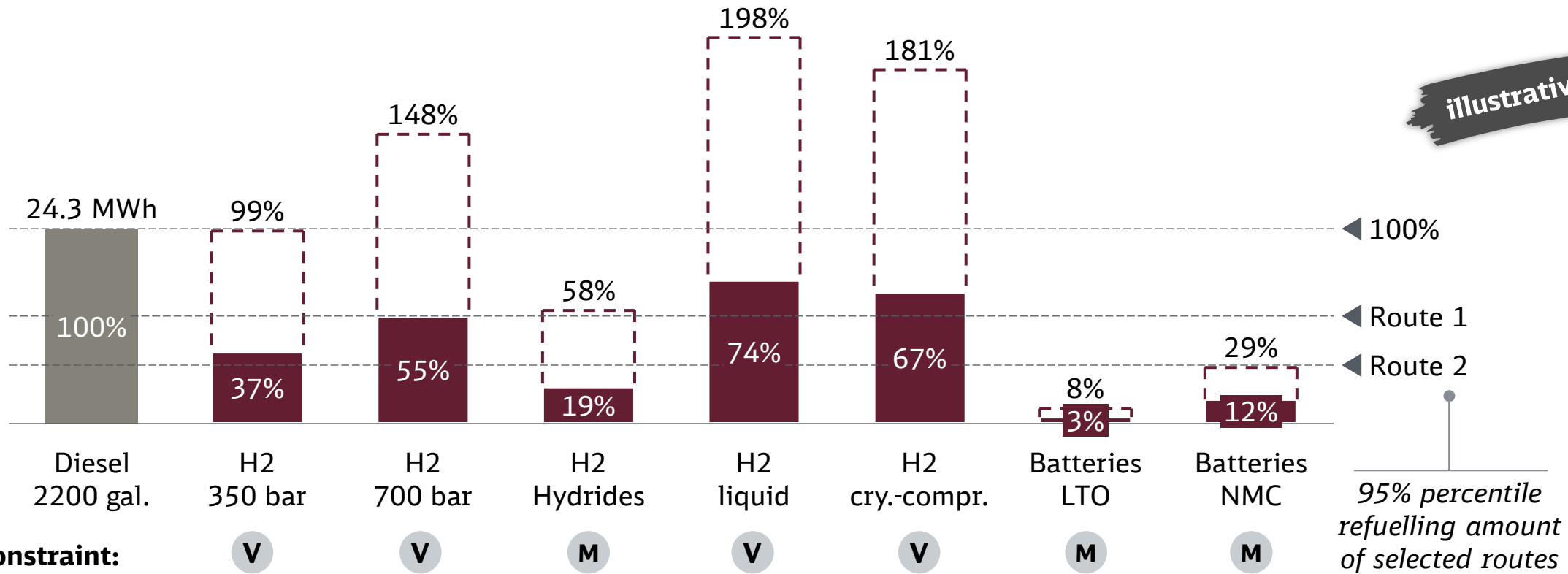
Some hydrogen storage options meet most operational requirements¹ using only onboard locomotive space, but batteries are not feasible



Energy content at the locomotive DC bus^{2,3}

in MWh (% of diesel equivalent tank), today's technology level

 Trainset Potential³
 Locomotive
 Volume
 Mass



Binding constraint:

Notes: (1) 95th percentile (2) Factoring in a trip averaged 32% diesel engine efficiency and a trip averaged 45% fuel cell system efficiency implicit in all energy calculations. (3) Volume and mass constraints were considered. Fuel cell size is accounted for. Assumed limits for the locomotive: 40 metric tons, 59 cubic meters in the locomotive, 56 cubic meters added throughout the undercarriages of the intercity trainsets (ICT) - if determined to be feasible (tender cars are an alternative). Limits are based on estimates from technical drawings and will need to be refined from an engineering perspective.

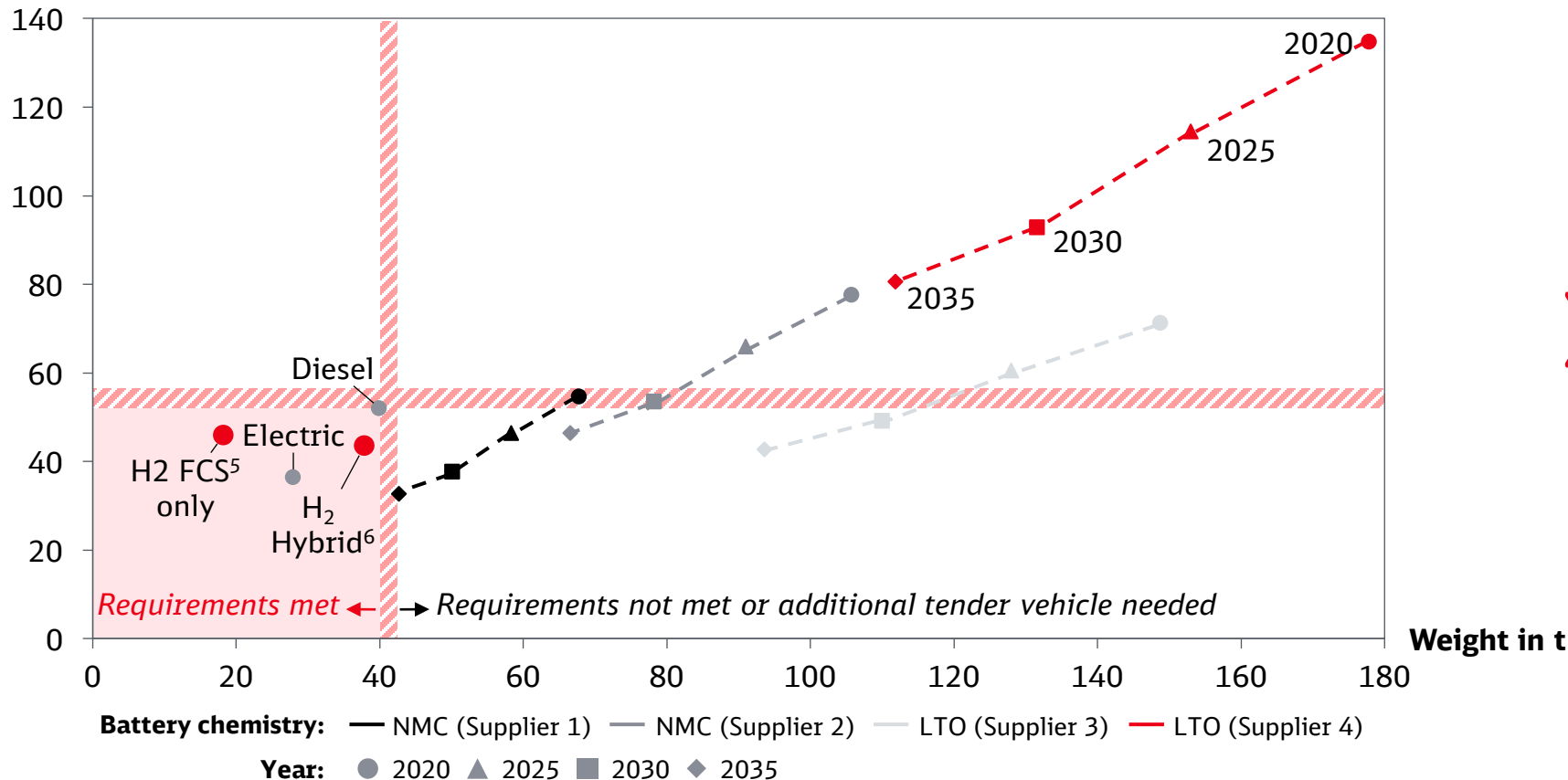
Source: DB analysis

Technological: Even with projected advancements, batteries will not meet the operational requirements of intercity rail



Current and projected¹ dimensions of different powertrains for CA ICPR

Volume in m³



Takeaways

illustrative

- Even with projected advances, batteries will not meet operational requirements of intercity rail⁴; to meet requirements², the weight of the new propulsion system shall not exceed the weight³ of **40 tons** and space³ of **52 cubic meters** (=current diesel solution)
- Even with the projected technological advancements, **batteries alone** will likely **not fulfill**⁴ the operational requirements **by 2035**
- Even with the **current hydrogen technology**, based on this initial assessment, CA intercity requirements **can be met**

(1) Battery development projected according to Advanced Propulsion Centre UK (APC) applied to 2020 values (2) Assuming energy requirement of 10,343 kWh at DC bus (75% fueling percentile)
 (3) Approx. weight and volume of F59PHI diesel locomotive powertrain (4) Assuming no change to the current operating model (no additional vehicles, no additional charging infrastructure, same schedule)
 (5) Assuming a 45% FCS duty cycle efficiency (6) Assuming a 1,000 kW FCS and 1,800 kWh battery capacity from Supplier 3, 15% energy saving by regenerative braking, 50% FCS duty cycle efficiency
 Source: XALT Energy, Akasol, ABB, Toshiba, APC, DB analysis

This is an example assessment of a representative route, comparing the “impact to service” of battery and hydrogen propulsion options

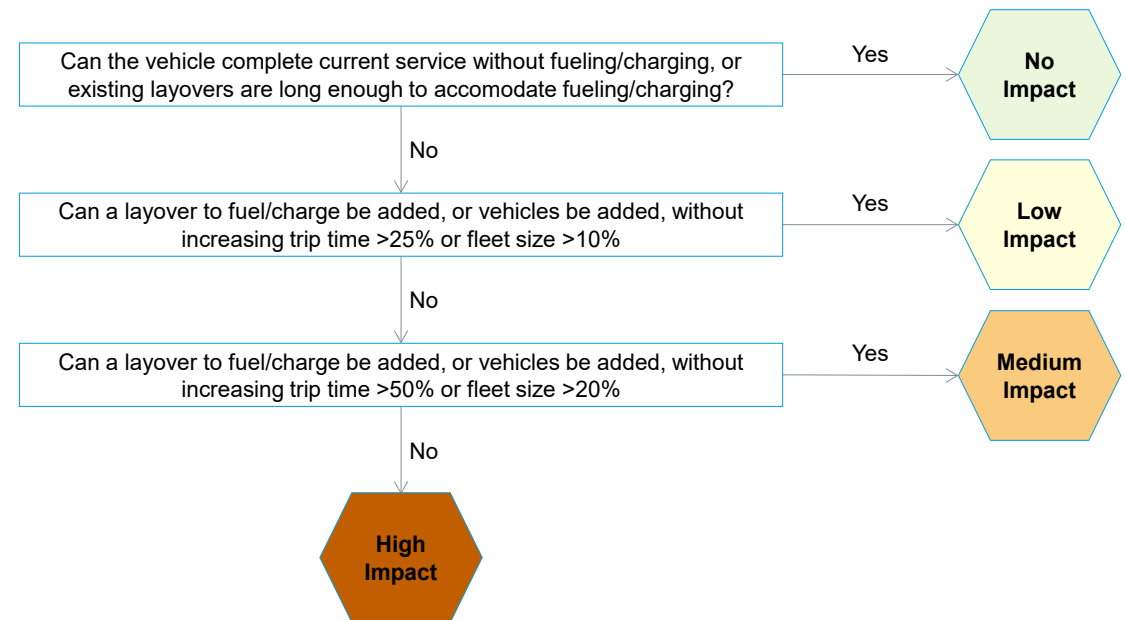


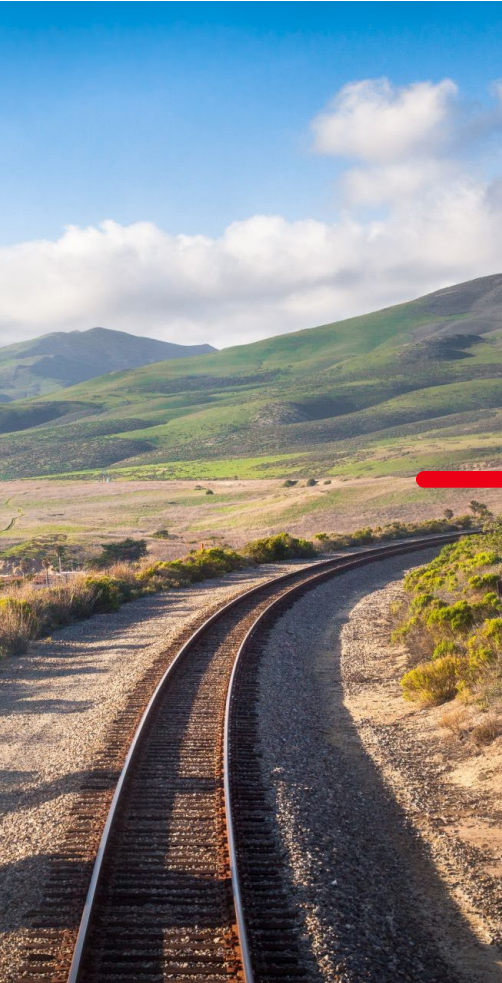
Illustrative Route

- Route Length: 25 miles
- Consist Type: Multiple Unit
- Round Trips per vehicle, per day: 8

Round trips per refuel / charge for each route

Energy carrier type	Energy capacity setting	Routes	Impact to service score
		A1	
Battery	Low	0.5	High
Battery	High	1.5	Low
Battery	UGV1	1.0	Medium
Hydrogen	Low	11.5	No impact
Hydrogen	High	29.5	No impact
Hydrogen	UGV1	9.0	No impact





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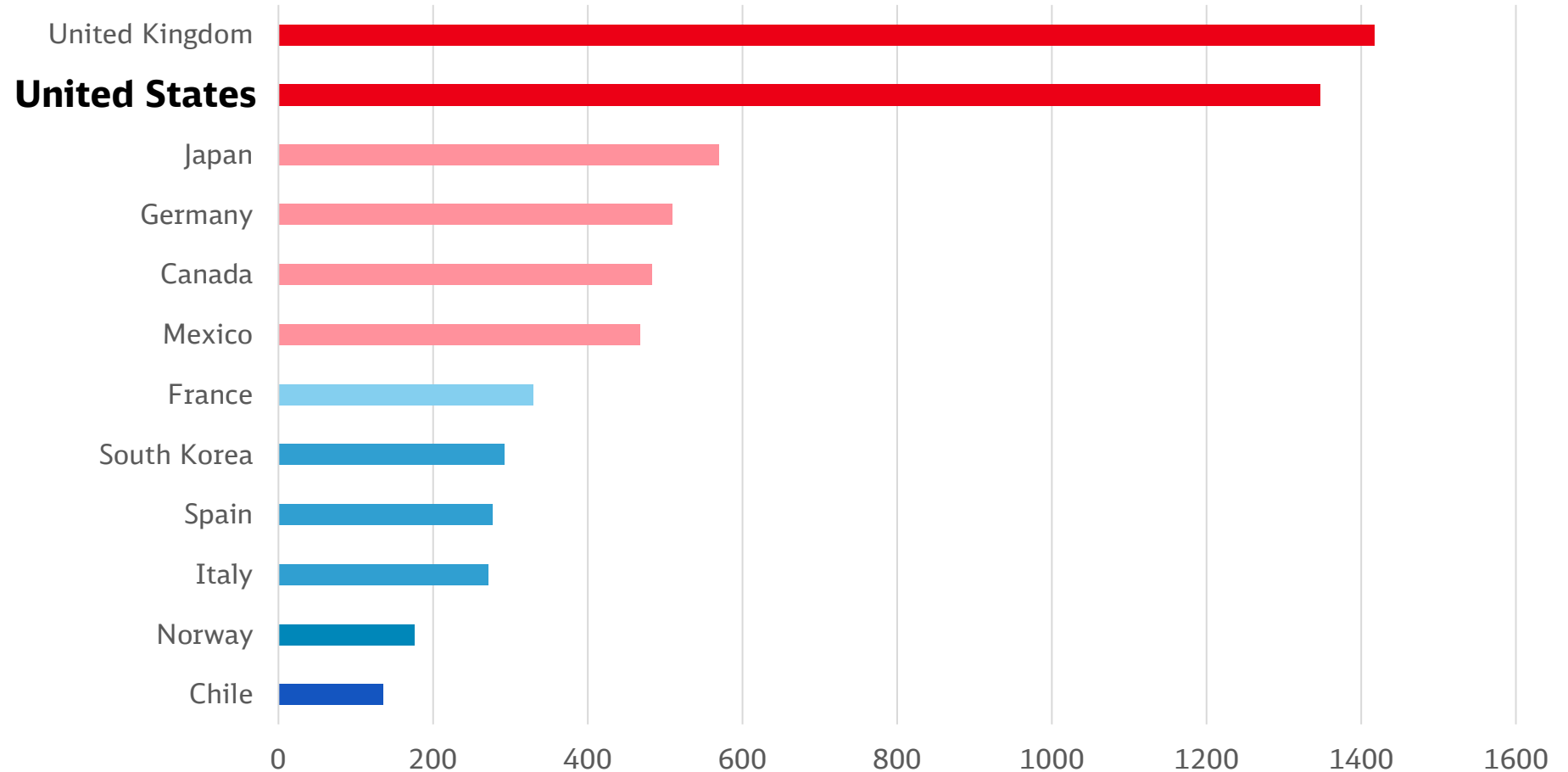
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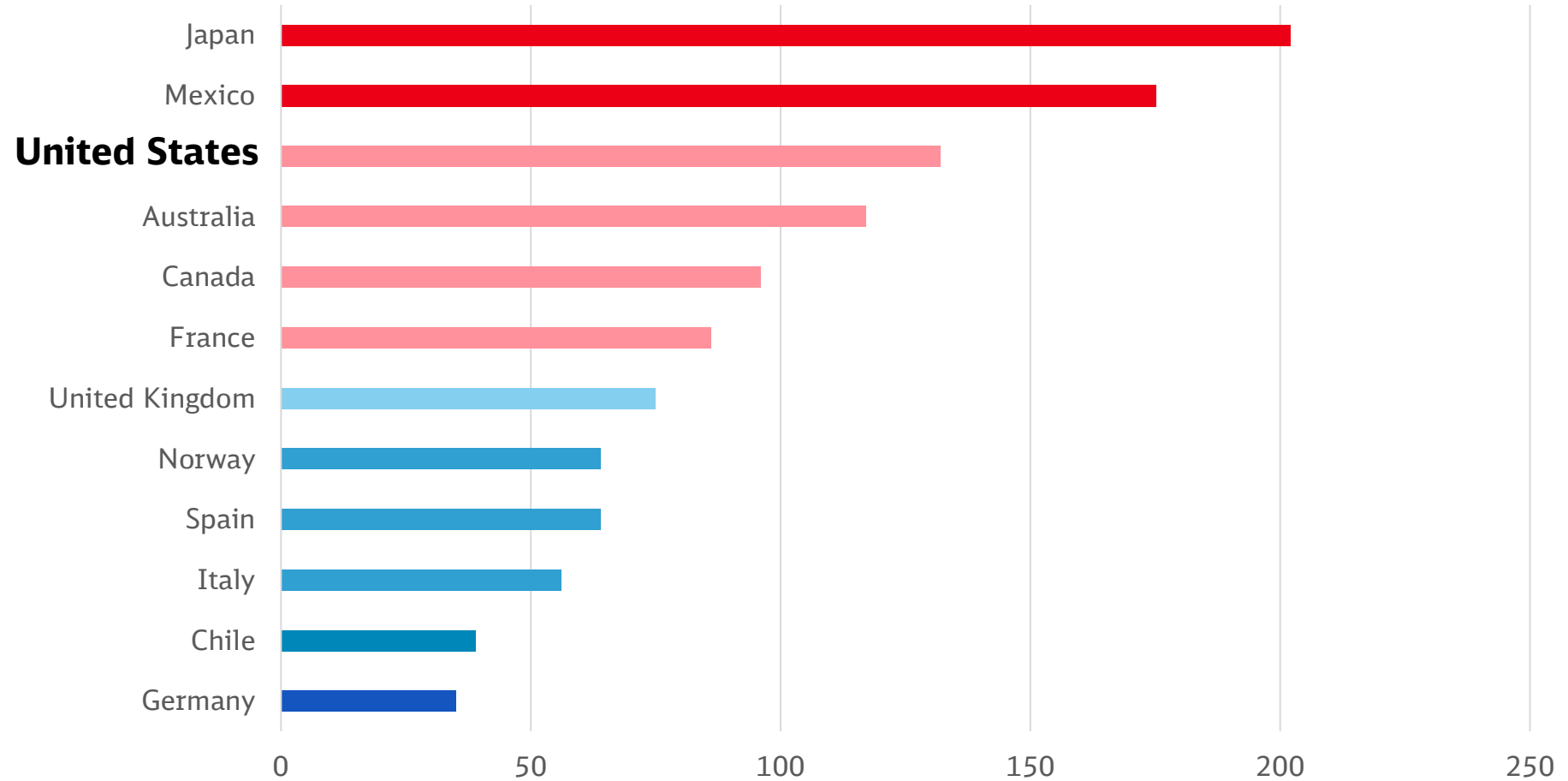
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Yes¹: Systemic cost problem in the US when constructing at-grade urban transit projects



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What can we do about it?



10 changes for project sponsors:

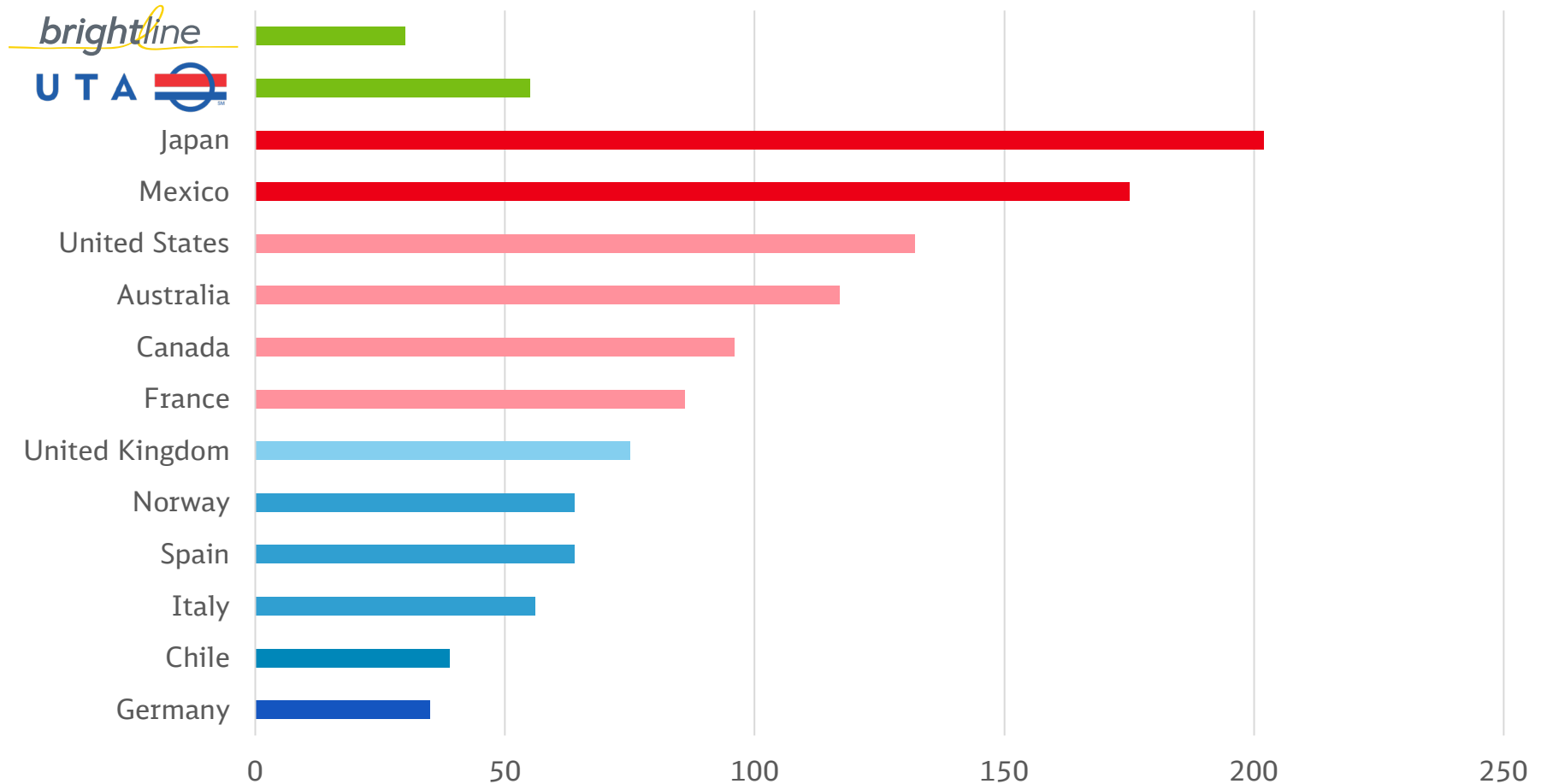
1. Build simple and useful projects
2. Adopt contracting best practices
3. Manage more risk on the public side
4. Empower staff to engage community
5. Proceed with the more disruptive timeline
6. Finish planning process before environmental review
7. Boost internal staffing
8. Set agreements with partners early
9. Address institutional governance
10. Learn from peer country examples



There are examples of US projects in Utah and Florida which have been delivered at costs competitive to other countries



- UTA – Light Rail Network, 42.7 miles at Grade
- Brightline Florida Extension, 170 miles at Grate



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For more information on project costs in the US you can contact Paul Lewis, Principal Consultant with DB



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