

HIGH-CAPACITY ROAD TRANSPORT

FOCUSSING INNOVATION ON  
SMARTER MOBILITY SOLUTIONS FOR SMARTER POLICIES

Efficiency improvement up to 33% by 2030



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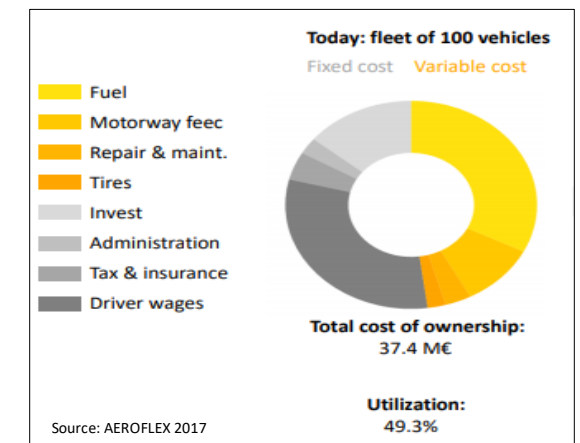
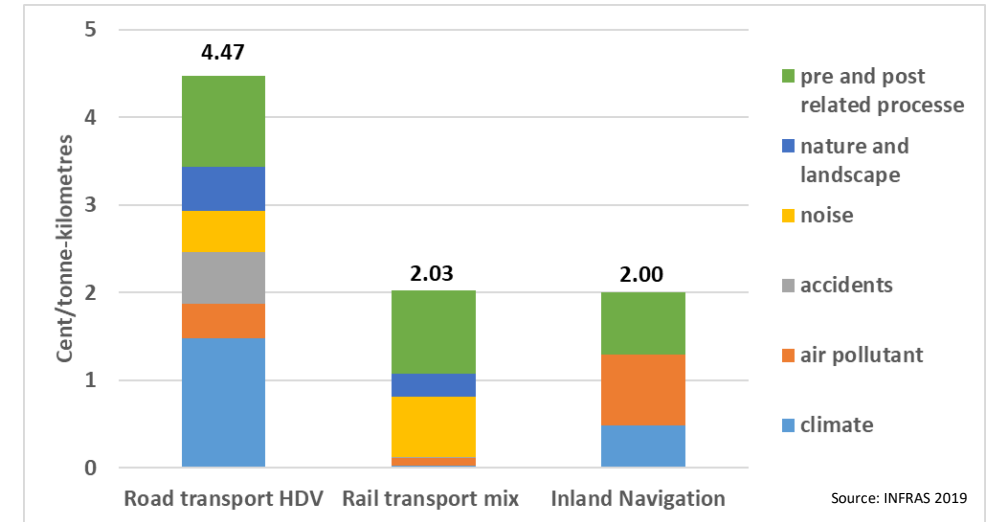
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# Challenges addressed within AEROFLEX

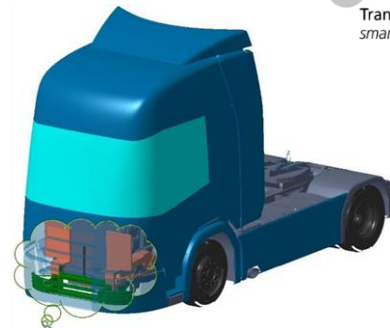
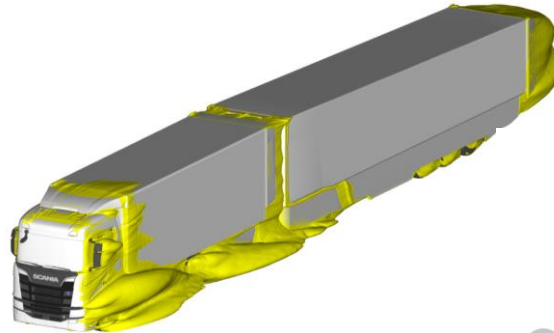
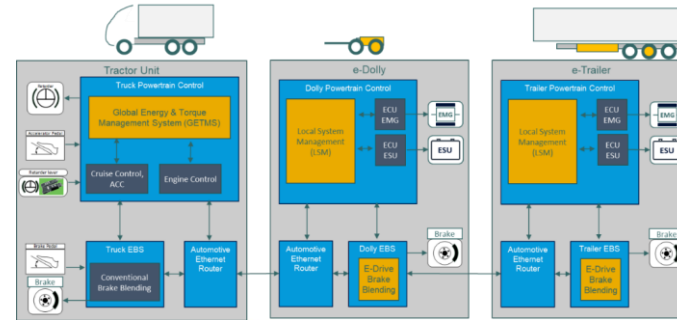
- 🌐 Transport sector app. 25% of the total CO2 emissions in Europe\*
- 🌐 Growth of demand of transport app. 20% by 2030\*
- 🌐 Green Deal target for transport 90% CO2 reduction by 2050\*
- 🌐 The cost for transport
  - 🌐 Road transport; climate impact and accidents > 50% of ct/tkm
  - 🌐 Pre and post related processes app. 1ct/tm (20-25% for road and 50% for rail & inland navigation)
- 🌐 The TCO of a typical long-haul fleet
  - 🌐 Driver wages and fuel > 66%
  - 🌐 Utilization app. 49%
- 🌐 AEROFLEX project targeted an efficiency improvement up to 33%, meaning less:
  - 🌐 **CO2 emissions and impact on climate**
  - 🌐 **Road accidents, injuries and fatalities**
  - 🌐 **TCO and vehicle kilometers per ton freight**
  - 🌐 **Cost pre & post related processes**



\*White paper 2011, Freight transport development until 2050 (European Environment Agency 2007), [https://ec.europa.eu/info/strategy/priorities-2019-2024/european-green-deal\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/info/strategy/priorities-2019-2024/european-green-deal_en)

# AEROFLEX technologies & innovations

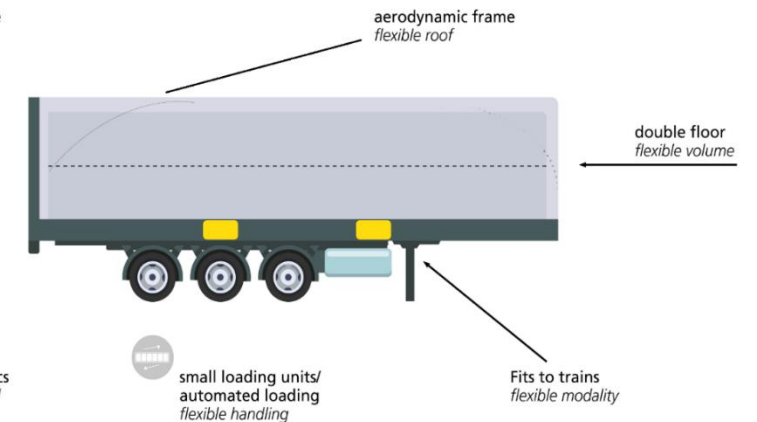
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**An Energy Management Powertrain architecture** for distributed powertrains
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**A Smart Steerable Dolly** for EMS vehicles and automated yard operations
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**Active Aerodynamic Devices** for the complete vehicle, adaptable to the logistics task
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**Smart Loading Units and Tools** for more effective loading space utilisation and multimodal transport
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**Front-end design** for more safety and survivability for driver, road users and VRU




 Loading space optimization  
*smart planning*

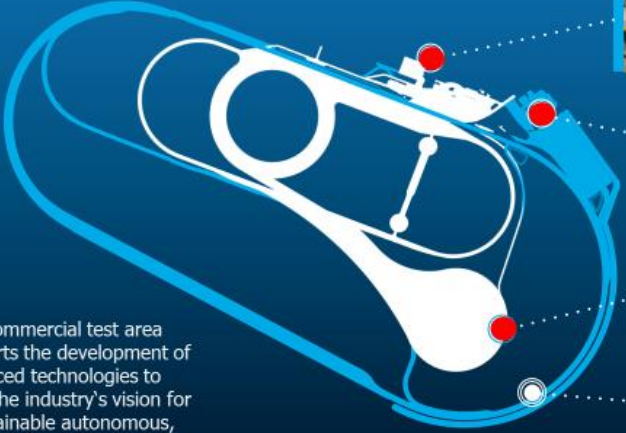

 Transport optimization  
*smart planning*


 new telematics  
*smart technical features*




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 AEROFLEX -Final Event

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## Impact of High-Capacity Vehicles on the future developments in the Logistics sector

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Which impacts will AEROFLEX innovations have?

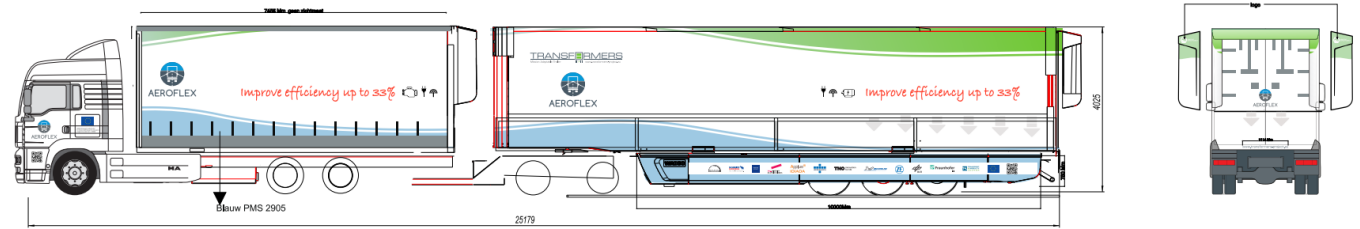
on logistics with a link to Physical Internet

on CO<sub>2</sub> emissions of freight transport

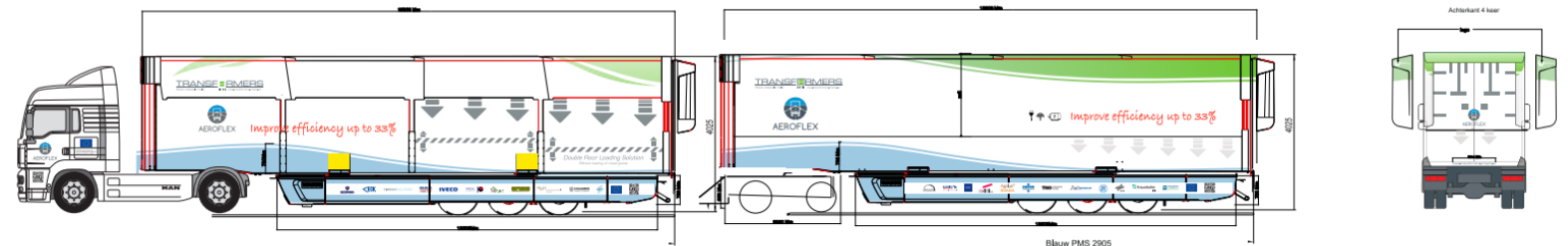
related to freight transport  
– modelling approach

related to selected freight transports  
– a use case perspective

European Modular System 1 (EMS 1)



European Modular System 2 (EMS 2)





# AEROFLEX innovations for the Physical Internet

## Hybrid Electric, distributed powertrain:

- Environmental benefits for trucking



## Steerable e-dolly:

- Autonomous or remote maneuvering of loading units in logistics nodes
- Drivers can focus on driving



- Storing of separate electric power at the e-dolly
- Less relative fuel consumption per cargo unit (e.g., per tkm)
- Logistics processes on logistics yards (e.g., Logistics hubs, intermodal terminals or big warehouses) could be optimized
- Parking of trailers on limited parking spaces (e.g., at motorway parking places or in terminals) could be efficiently organized
- Less staff required due to the implementation of autonomous or remote maneuvering processes

# AEROFLEX innovations for the Physical Internet

- Higher Efficiency in planning: optimize use of loading space (volume and weight)
- Energy efficient trucking (trips and tours): less relative CO<sub>2</sub> emissions per transported cargo unit
- Addressing modular concepts and a digital transport process planning (e.g., by using artificial intelligence)

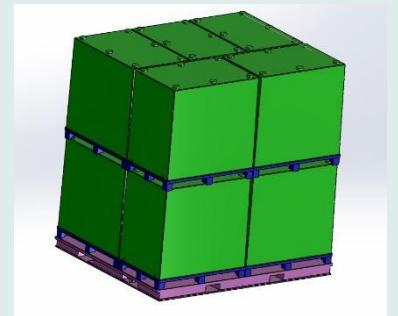
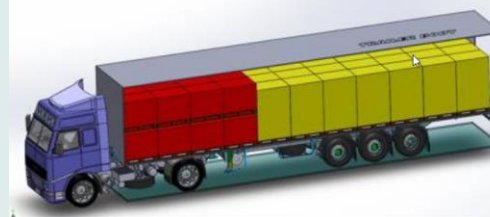
## Aerodynamic design of the full vehicle

- Less fuel consumption per cargo unit



## Modular, adaptable loading unit

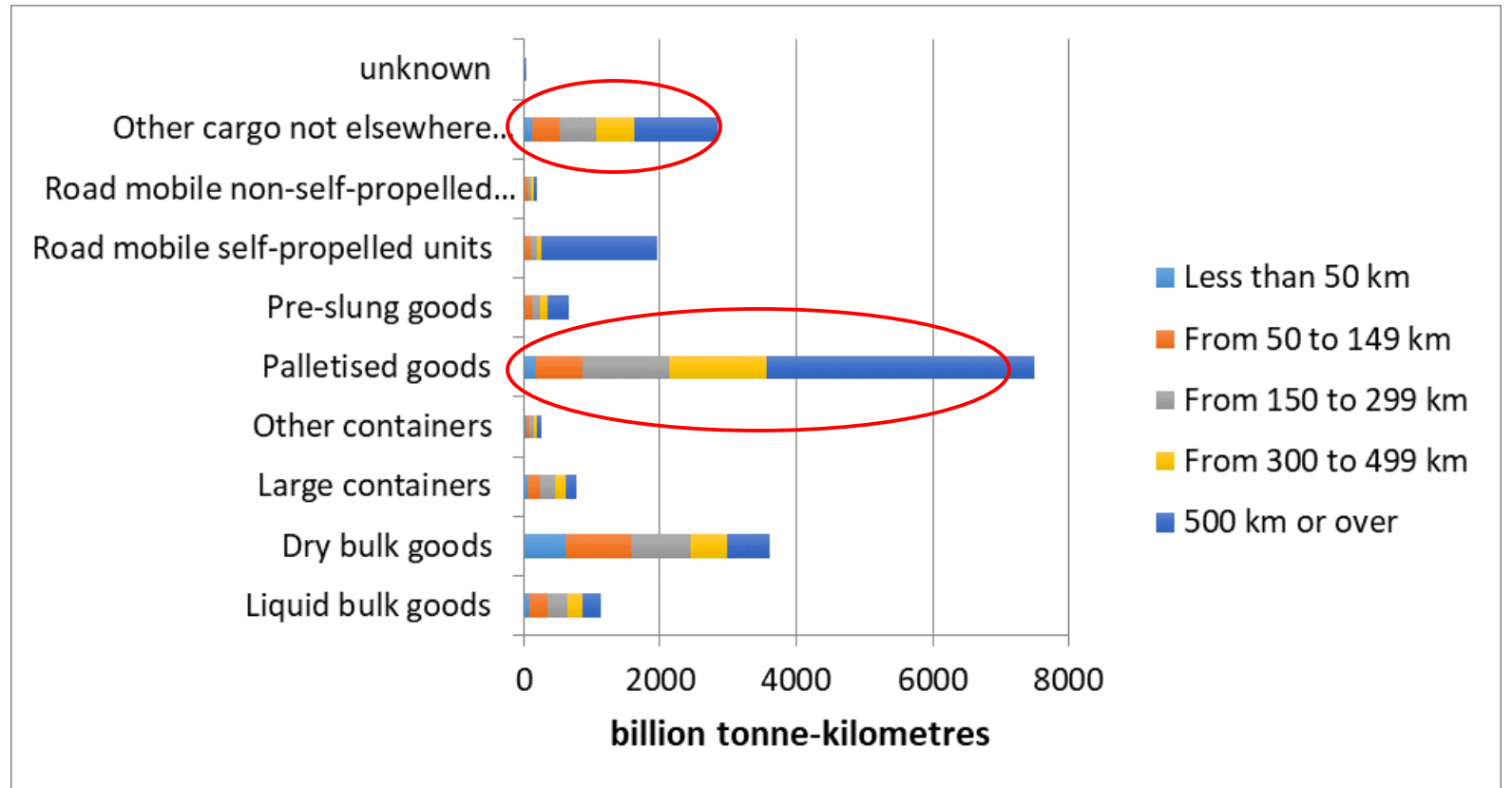
- Perfectly in line with Physical Internet concept
- Optimization with puzzle software
- Robust on all transport modes



## Identify market for High-Capacity Vehicles – European Modular System (EMS)

- 🌐 address cargo transport with the expected highest tonne-kilometres on long road haulage
- 🌐 address growing cargo groups
- 🌐 limit a reverse modal shift from rail/IWW to road transport
- 🌐 contribute to a reduction of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions generated by EU freight transport

## Characterization of transported cargo in EU-28 in 2016 (EUROSTAT)



# Impact – on freight market (modelling approach)

## Comparison EMS by five scenarios

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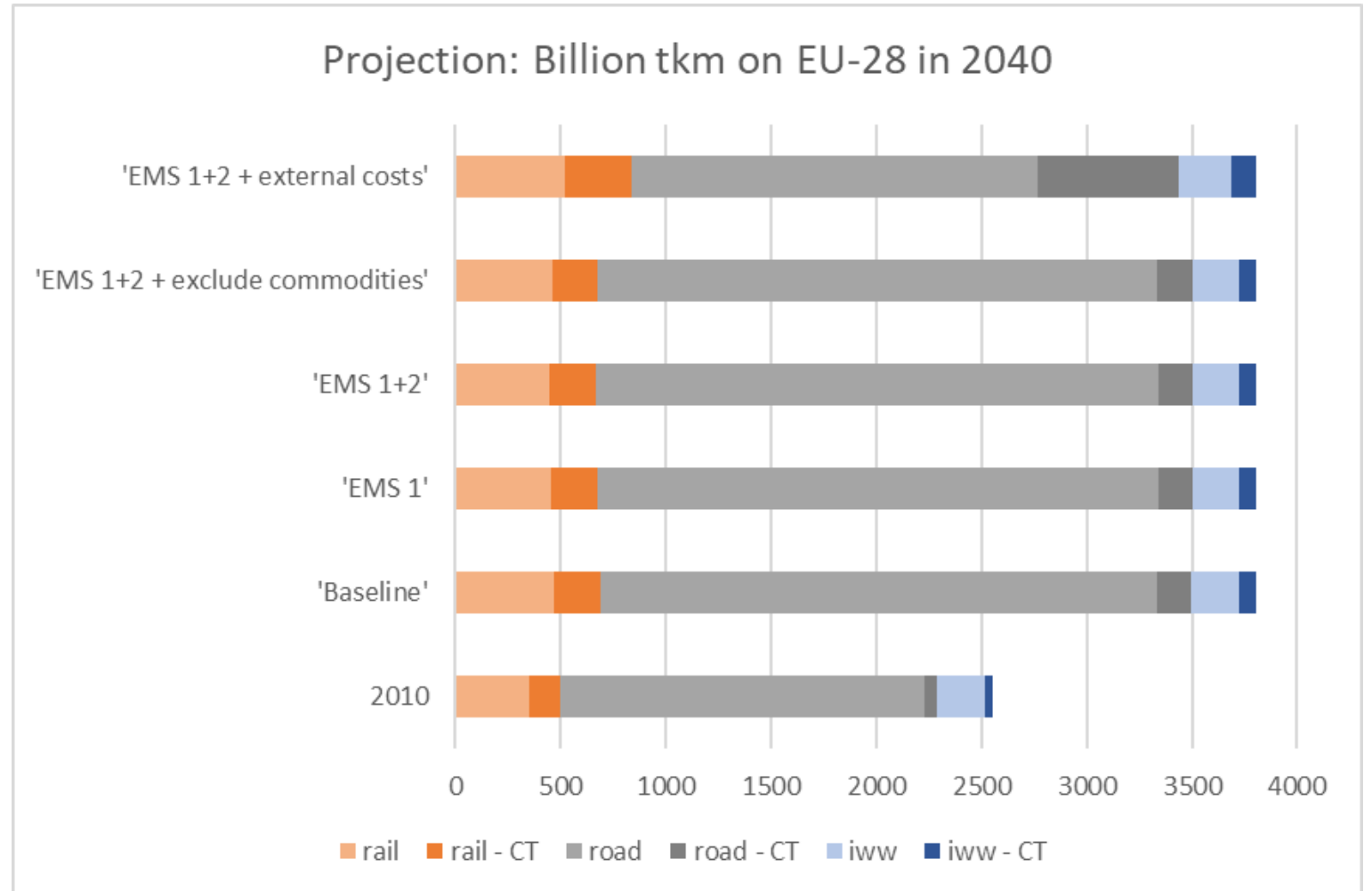
- Modal split

- Mean split – shift to EMS

- baseline: increase of tonne-kilometres over all modes

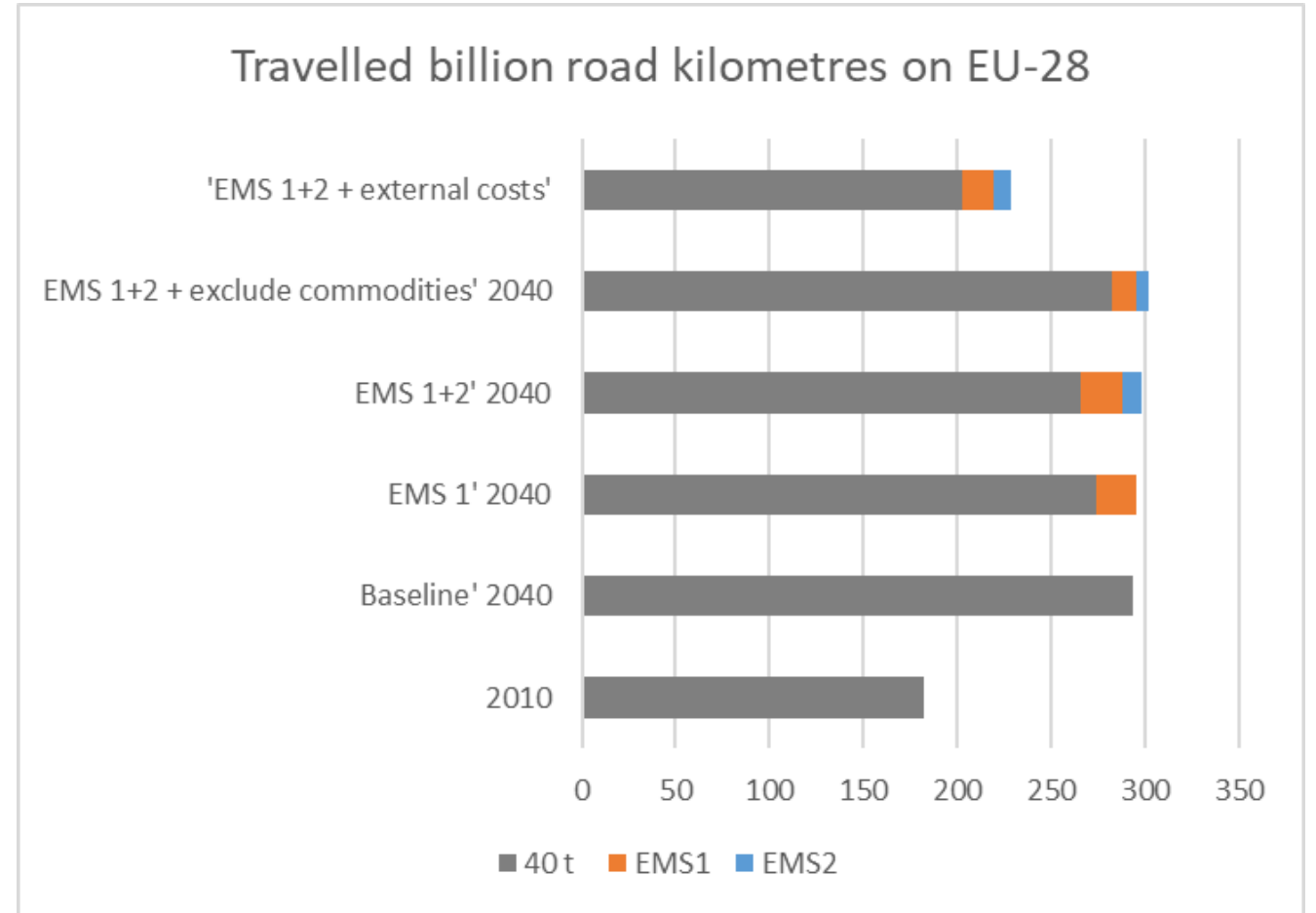
- road +0.7 to +1.1 % increase compared to baseline in scenario with EMS (without external costs), rail and IWW decrease -1.7 to -3.2 %

- Scenario 'EMS + external cost' reduction on road transport by -7.4 % rail IWW grows by 18-22 %



# Impact – on vehicle mileage (modelling approach)

- Baseline: increase of road mileage between 2010 and 2040 of HDV (above 12 tons GCW) by 61 %
- EMS 1 could realize up to 7 % of mileage of HDV above 12 tons GCW
- EMS 2 could realize up to 5.5 % of mileage of HDV (above 12 tons)
- volume of mileage is decreasing only in scenario EMS + external costs by -22 %






# Impact – on CO<sub>2</sub> emissions (modelling approach)

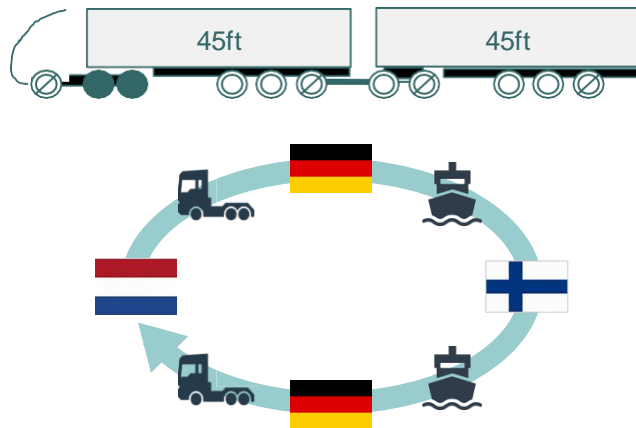
- Only in scenario 'EMS + external costs' whole freight transport CO<sub>2</sub> emissions decrease by 39 Mio. tonnes – 18 % compared to baseline scenario
- Higher efficiency of road transport will shift to more road freight transport
- Avoid a shift to road freight transport and benefit the transport system, through
  - a level playing field between modes through appropriate compensation measures
  - preserve the markets of rail and inland waterway transport






# Results of two use cases with EMS

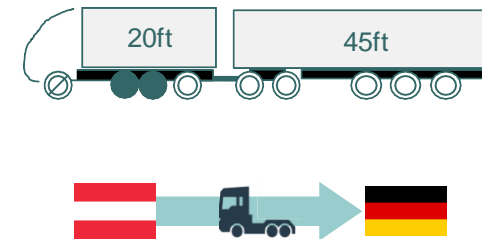
## Use case 1:

-  **CO<sub>2</sub> emission reduction potential of -25,81% (-129.6 kg CO<sub>2</sub>)** due to efficiency gains of EMS2 (prime candidate 6.1; 74 t vs. 40 t GCW permissible)
-  Intermodal logistic chain (road & water)
-  Multiple countries involved (Netherlands, Germany, Finland)



## Use case 2:

-  **CO<sub>2</sub> emission reduction potential of -32,44% (-72.0 kg CO<sub>2</sub>)** due to efficiency gains of EMS1 (prime candidate 3.2; 60 t vs. 40 t GCW permissible)
-  Single mode logistic chain (road)
-  Multiple countries involved (Austria, Germany)










# Overall results of use cases with EMS

53 % of the interviewees vote for the following Prime Candidates (see table on the left)

EMS 2 is the most preferred prime candidate (11.7 % of interviewees)

Average savings potentials by EMS with maximum load (€/tkm, cost/tour or CO<sub>2</sub>e WTW) show high efficiency achievements related to all use cases

No.	Prime Candidate	Share of votes
6.1		11.7 %
2.1		9.7 %
3.1		9.7 %
1.4		9.3 %
2.2		6.6 %
4.7		6,2 %
1.3		10.1 %

KPI	€/tkm	Cost/tour	CO <sub>2</sub> WTW
Standard average load	18.7% (10.9)	19.0% (11.2)	20.9% (11.3)
Maximum load; average savings for all use cases	-28.2% (16.4)	-28.1% (16.5)	-25.8% (33.7)



- AEROFLEX road transport innovations for the Physical Internet:
  - ultra-flexible
  - capable of moving high volumes at high speeds
  - much greater efficiency than past technologies
- Road transport is best supported by a strong wired network (rail, IWW and maritime)
  - to achieve even greater efficiency
  - at higher volumes
  - between the main nodes  
(consolidation centers of the network)
- Macroscopic freight modelling compares different scenarios to show:
  - a positive impact on whole EU freight transport
  - the need of an intelligent regulation
  - the potential of scaling up the existing benefits of use cases to the EU road transport level
- Use cases show, that on a transport related level transport costs (€/tkm) and CO<sub>2</sub> emissions could significantly be reduced

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# Optimization of trailer loading with PUZZLE®

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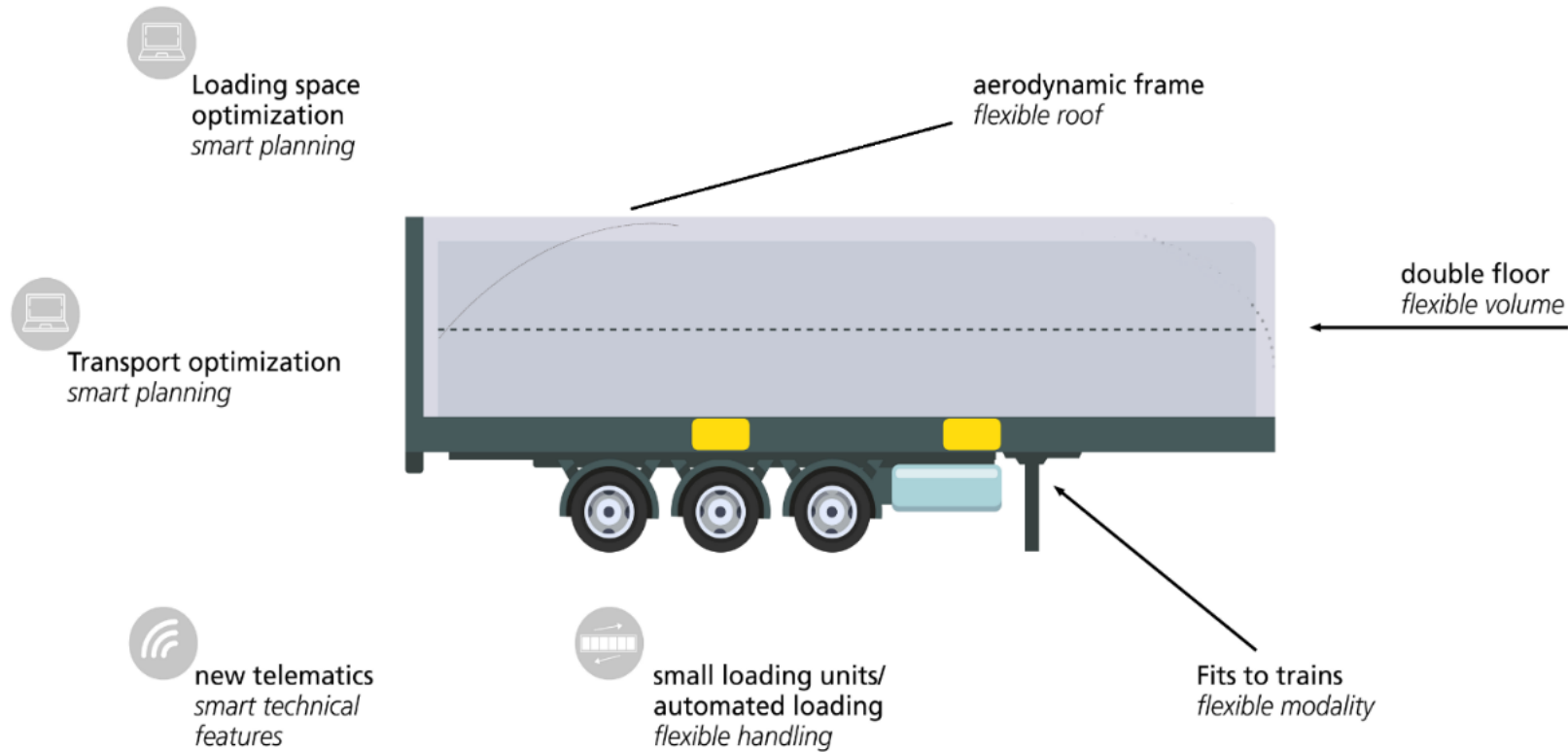
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# Smart and Flexible Loading Units

## Selected range of smart and flexible elements



# Basic problem: flex floor planning



Source: VanEck

- Tested use case of P&G
- Transported goods:
  - palletised goods
  - non-stackable
  - different heights
  - collectibles
- Loading unit:
  - Special double floor semi-trailer

# Basic problem: flex floor planning



Source: VanEck

- Flexible double floors offer a higher loading capacity in semi-trailers.

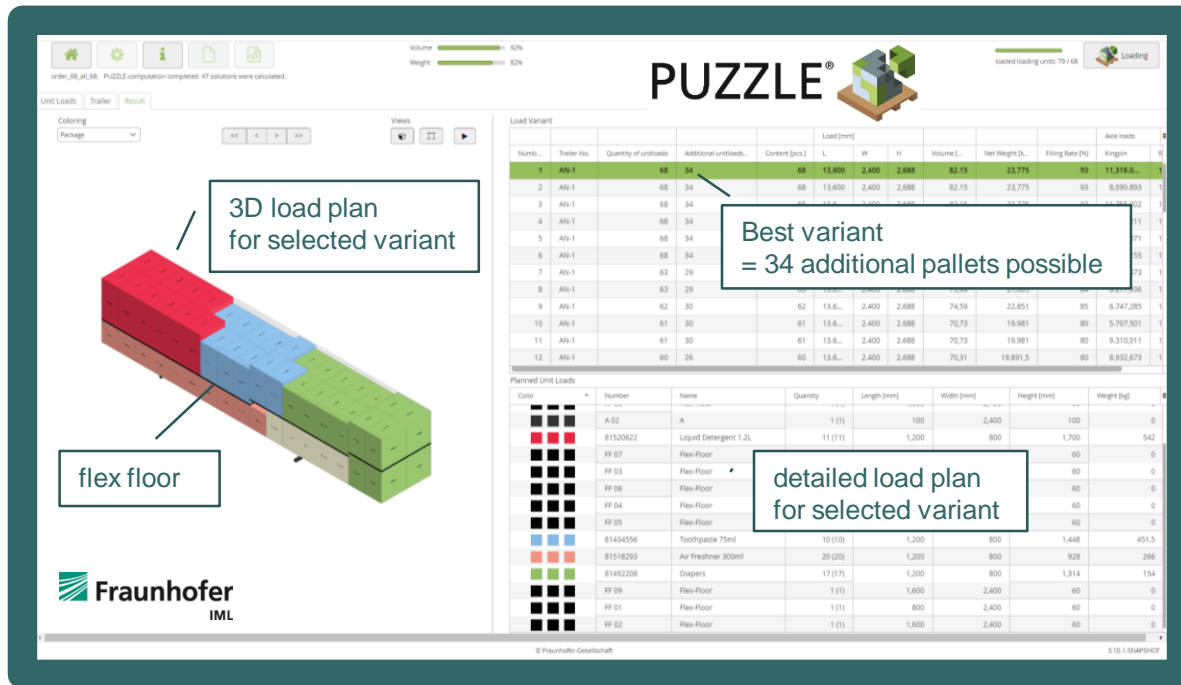
More pallets per trailer  
= less trailer needed

- But!
- Too many options for manual optimization
- Flex floor usage only if needed
- Respecting legal weight criteria:
  - balancing
  - maximum weight

# Solution: PUZZLE<sup>®</sup> algorithms applied for trailer loading problem

- PUZZLE for pallets and boxes = used for many years for optimization of pallet packing
- PUZZLE for Aeroflex semi-trailer = application of the algorithms to the trailer loading problem

## Example



The screenshot shows the PUZZLE software interface. On the left, a 3D load plan for a selected variant is displayed, showing a stack of pallets in red, blue, and green. A callout box points to it with the text "3D load plan for selected variant". Below the 3D plan, a callout box points to the base with the text "flex floor".

In the center, a table titled "Load Variant" shows the results of the optimization. A callout box points to the first row of the table with the text "Best variant = 34 additional pallets possible".

At the bottom, a table titled "Planned Unit Loads" shows a detailed load plan for the selected variant, listing various items and their quantities.

Callout boxes in the image:

- 3D load plan for selected variant
- flex floor
- Best variant = 34 additional pallets possible
- detailed load plan for selected variant

**Test result 2020**

Demonstration at P&G use-case within AEROFLEX project

**38% higher filling rate**  
+  
**Fast and easy planning**

Source: Fraunhofer IML

# Questions to the audience

What do you need most for your business?

Loading plan  
(3D)

Loading plan  
(table)

other loading unit  
types

other loading  
equipment

Which functions?

Future ideas

Double-floor  
trailer

Max. weight  
check

Combination with  
route planning

Weight balancing  
check



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# Cargo Volume Detection

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# ZF: The Perfect Match for Autonomous, Electrified & Connected Commercial Transport

## Solving the Industry's Key Challenges

### Focused on Safety

Solutions for the protection of road users, driver comfort and cargo integrity



### Focused on Efficiency

Product and system solutions for the reduction of operational costs (**TCO**) as well as lower **CO2 emissions**



### Focused on Smarter Operations

Connectivity **solutions** delivering smarter operations across the fleet ecosystem (fleet mgmt. predictive maintenance, digital applications)



# Cargo Management learnings from market validation

Efficiency, security and integrity keeps shippers and carriers awake at night

## EFFICIENCY

- There is a need, but little incentive for increasing efficiency - transport is just too cheap.
- Current business models and pricing structures do not offer enough incentive.



Providing **transparency** in the chain by **tracking cargo** and **trailer** is a desire.

## SECURITY

- Fail proof systems do not exist - false alarms all around.
- Theft of cargo and the security of driver are major issues. In the EU alone, there was 173M€ worth of cargo theft in 2020.



There is a need for **reliable** and **affordable** systems.

## INTEGRITY

- It's time to open the black box of the trailer.
- Little is known about the state of the cargo in the trailer. This leads to uncertainty for stakeholders and to unpredicted damages and costs of the transport.



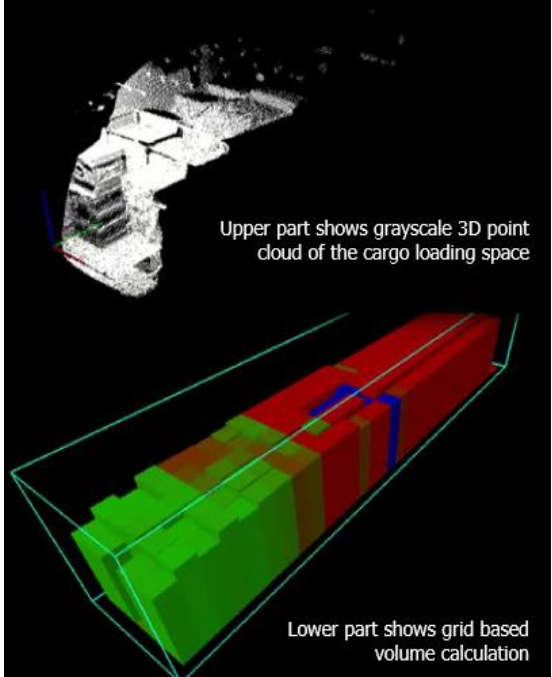


**Continuous monitoring** is the **new norm**.

# Volume Sensor: Overview

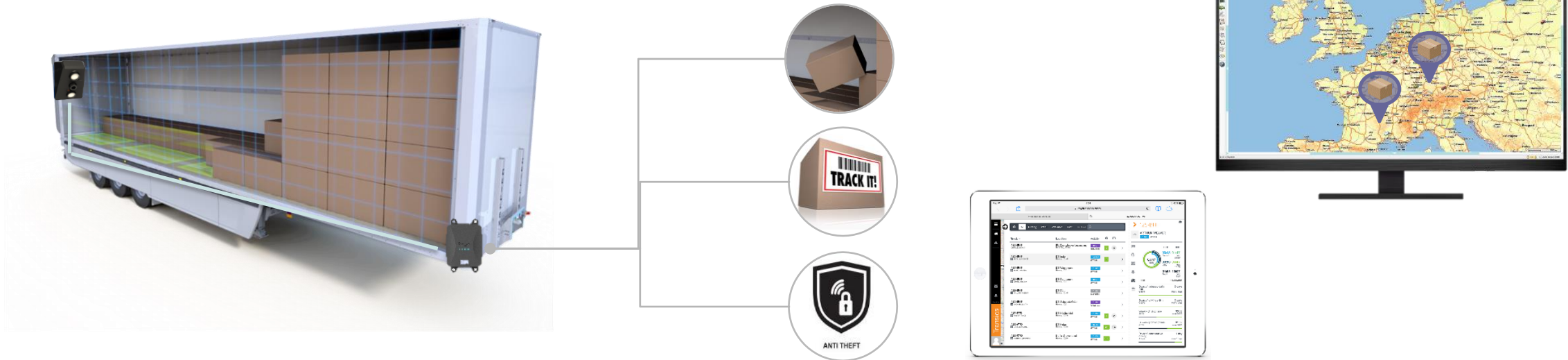


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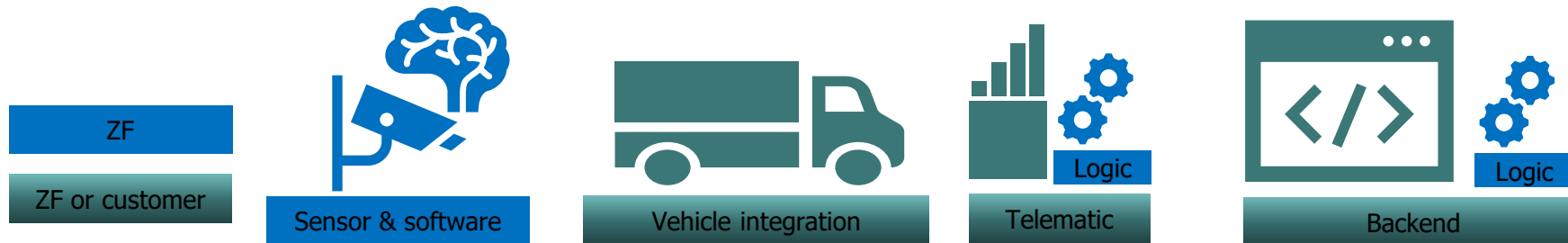
Get constructive feedback and recommendations on solution fit and go to market

Description	Beneficiary	Visual
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Depth-aware sensor</b> provides real time cargo information to the driver &amp; the fleet manager</li> <li>• Mounted inside the trailer and <b>protected</b> from load/unloading bumps</li> <li>• Identifies inefficiencies and risks</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Carriers</li> <li>• Shippers</li> <li>• Control Rooms</li> </ul>	 <p>Upper part shows grayscale 3D point cloud of the cargo loading space</p> <p>Lower part shows grid based volume calculation</p>
Competitive Environment	Value to customer	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> <b>First cargo</b> systems available with simple cargo tracking technology</li> <li> <b>No system launch</b></li> </ul> <p>Technology readiness and system complexity are <b>delaying</b> implementation of <b>advanced solutions</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Efficiency</b> : improves load/unload process, measures performances and avoids down time</li> <li>• <b>Security</b>: detects intruders and provides images</li> <li>• <b>Integrity</b>: detects loose cargo</li> </ul> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"> <div style="border: 1px solid gray; border-radius: 10px; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <p><b>23%</b> Empty Trucks</p> </div> <div style="border: 1px solid gray; border-radius: 10px; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <p><b>35%</b> Stowage Damage</p> </div> <div style="border: 1px solid gray; border-radius: 10px; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <p><b>59%</b> Loaded</p> </div> </div>	
Project Maturity		
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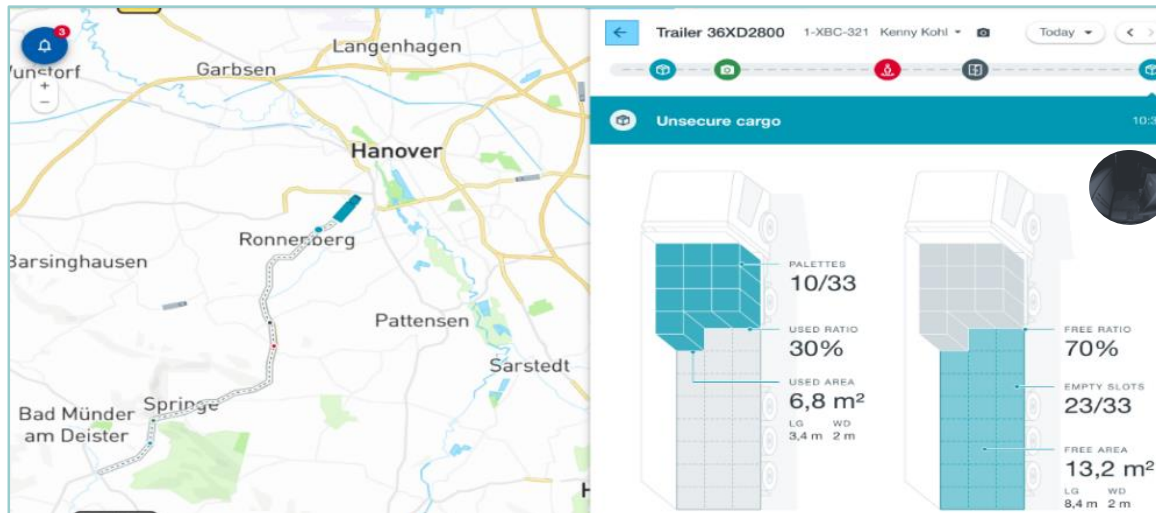
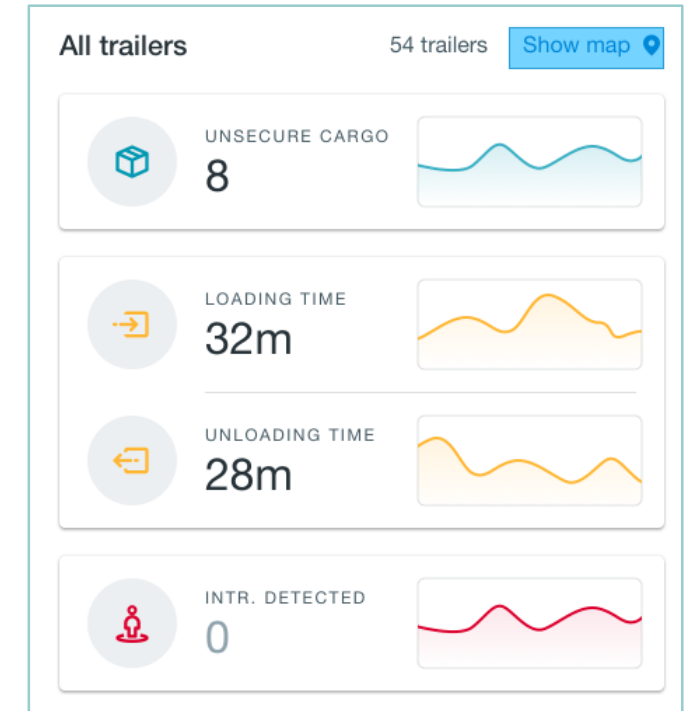
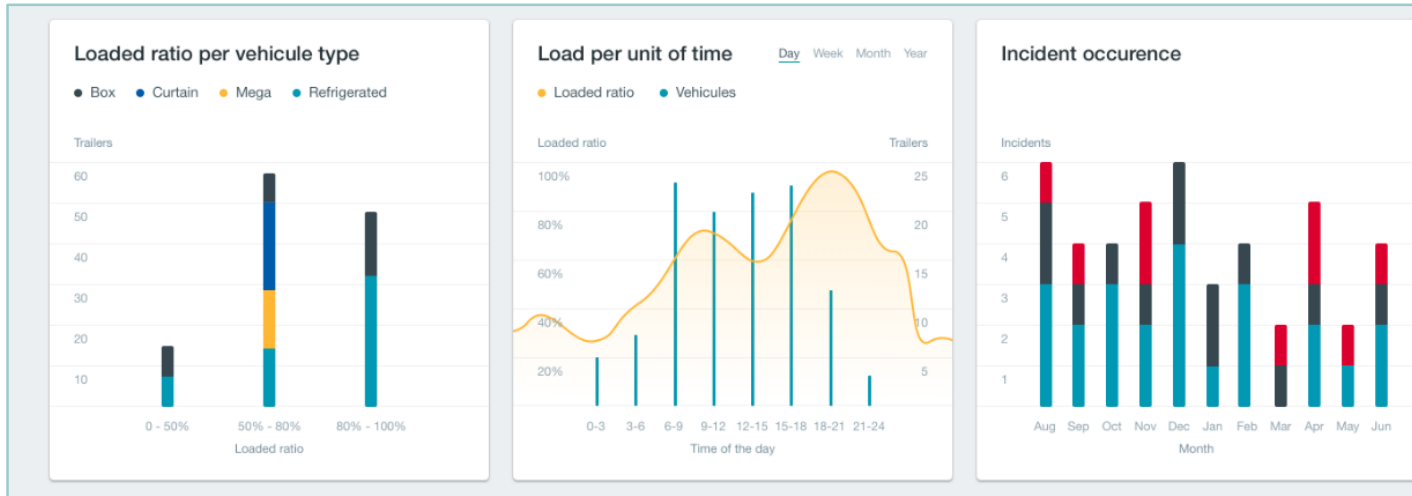
Bringing full visibility of the cargo with one sensor



A modular solution allowing a large market reach



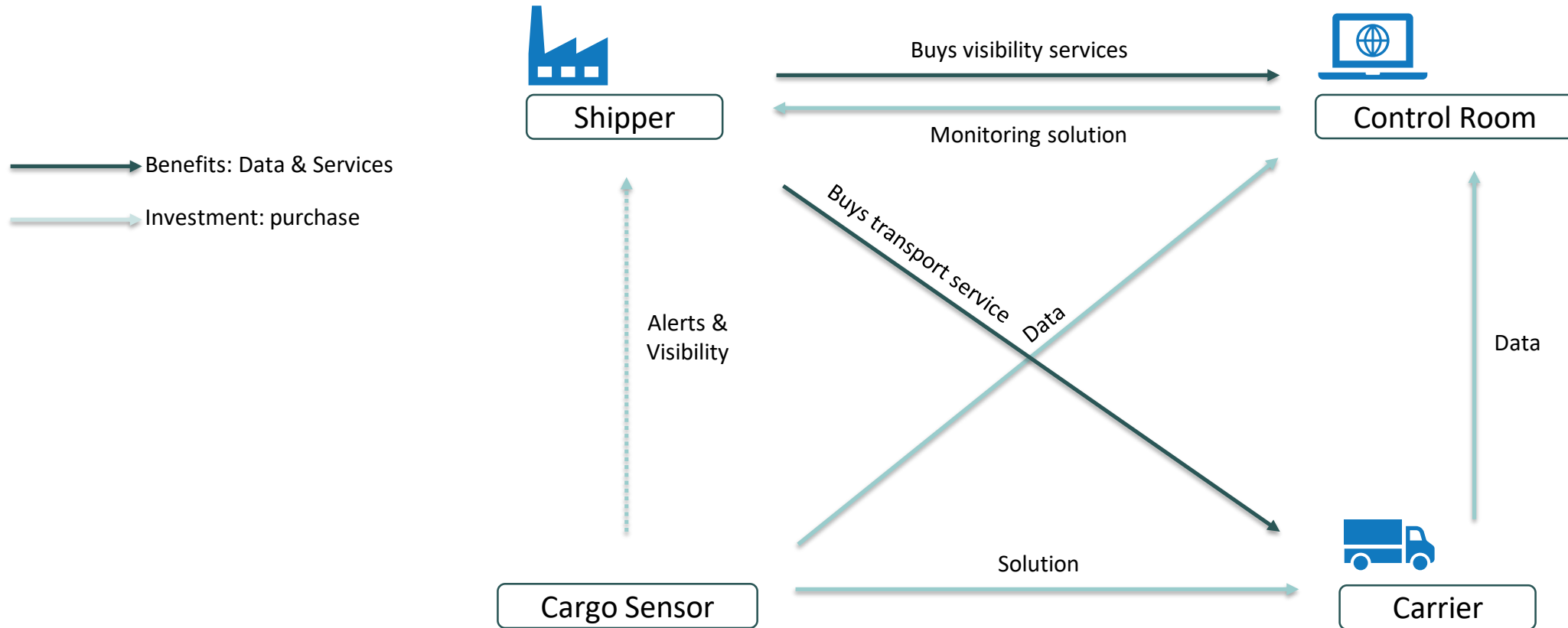
# Q&A Customer Dashboard Concept



**Feedback** What functionality would you expect from the system?



# Q&A: Go to Market Dilemma



? **Dilemma**



The Shipper, the Control Room and the Carrier are benefitting from the Cargo Sensor:  
Who is the customer for such solution?



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## Questions (from partners; as back up)

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 Question on modelling:

Is the mode shift to road – shown in your modelling results – a problem if road freight vehicles will use more are more renewable energy?

 Question on Use cases:

How many use cases did you analyze, and which kind of tours and countries did you include?

Who	Topics	Specifics/question	Comments
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Pierre - Christoph	Use case		
Gafur – Agnes	PUZZLE		
Andreas - Pierre	Market		
Christoph - Gafur	CVD		

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