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# **Insights on energy consumption and CO<sub>2</sub> emissions of railways emerging from the Railway Handbook 2015**

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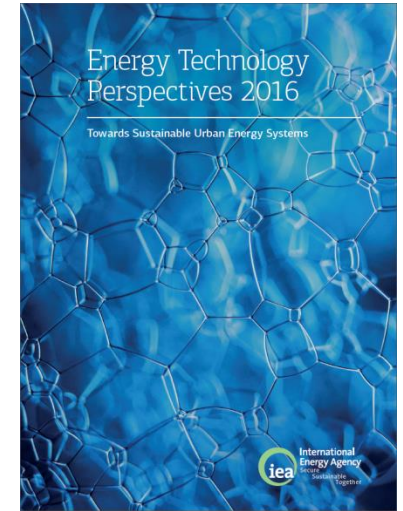
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# IEA and the Mobility Model

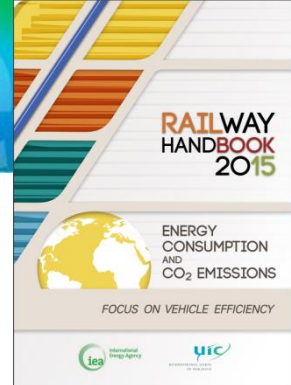
■ “The IEA is an autonomous organisation which works to ensure reliable, affordable and clean energy for its 29 member countries and beyond”

■ In transport, development of the **Mobility Model**

- Analytical tool used to elaborate the projections of transport activity, energy demand and CO<sub>2</sub> emissions in ETP since 2006
- The foundation of transport-related analysis in the Sustainable Policy and Technology Directorate
- An essential tool for transport-related activities on...
  - ◆ energy efficiency: Global Fuel Economy Initiative (GFEI)
  - ◆ energy technology: Electric Vehicle Initiative (EVI)
  - ◆ **cooperative efforts: Railway Handbook on Energy Consumption and CO<sub>2</sub> emissions with UIC**
- 2015: extension of MoMo analytical capabilities to urban/non-urban energy use
  - ◆ implication for rail services energy use
- Funded by “MoMo partners” – private sector, academia and NGOs



# Railway Handbook – Energy consumption and CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, 2015 and 2016 editions



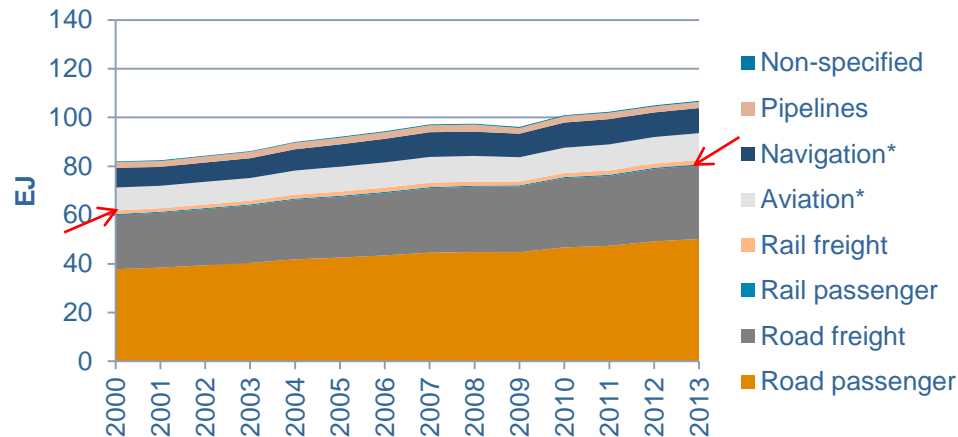
- 2016: 5<sup>th</sup> year of collaboration between UIC and IEA in releasing a statistical pocketbook on rail network, activity, energy consumption and CO<sub>2</sub> emissions
  - ◆ 2016 Handbook to be released in September 2016 – focus on progress toward energy efficiency targets
- Ongoing improvement of methodology and data consistency
- **Focus in 2015: energy efficiency in the rail sector**
  - ◆ Includes a review of the latest developments in technologies and operational tools for improving the energy efficiency of rail
  - ◆ Data presented today are from the 2015 edition

## Rail in context - Global picture

### ■ Rail accounts for just a fraction of total transport energy use

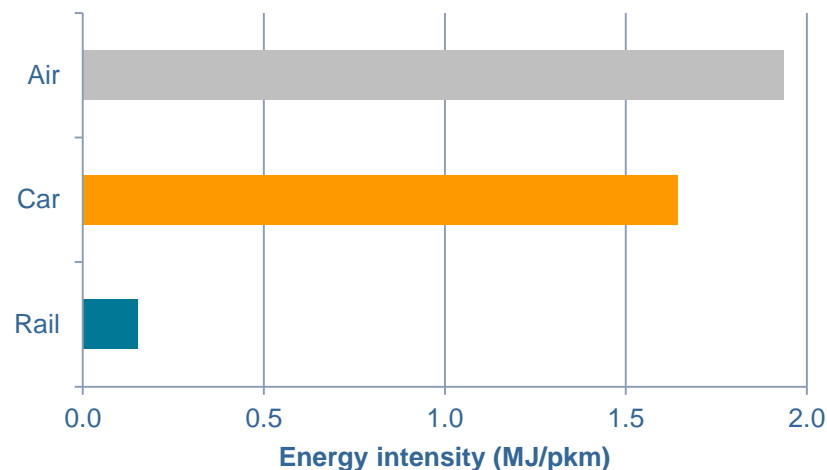
Global transport energy demand

*Rail (2015): 2 EJ*  
*Total: 107 EJ*



### ■ Rail is one of the most energy efficient transport modes

Energy intensity of passenger transport modes in 2015, global averages



Source: IEA Mobility Model – outputs for ETP 2016

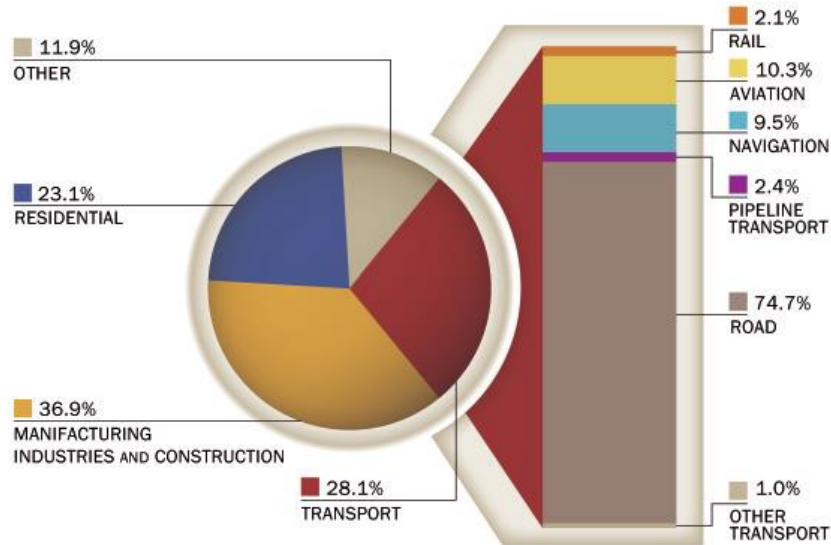
# Key findings

- Rail is already amongst the most energy efficient transport modes
- Energy intensity of passenger and freight trains is improving, but some indicators show a weakening trend in recent years
- Electric trains are the most efficient: electrification should be prioritized in high frequency portions of networks
- Diesel use is still relevant: continuous technological innovation of diesel trains is necessary
- High-speed rail is more efficient than intercity rail, despite higher speed, and than other alternatives (car, aviation): opportunity for more sustainable mobility

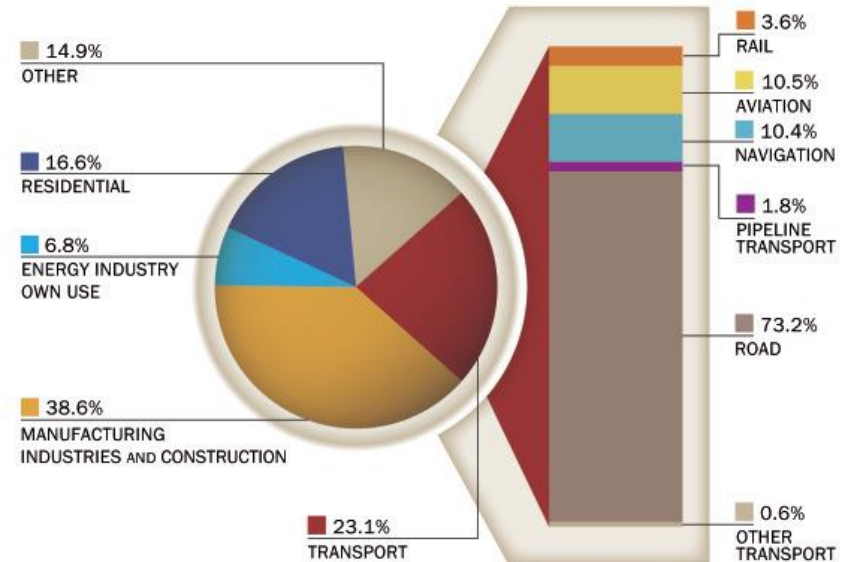


# World, 2012

## Energy



## GHG emissions



Source: Elaboration by SusDef based on IEA Statistics  
"CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from fuel combustion"

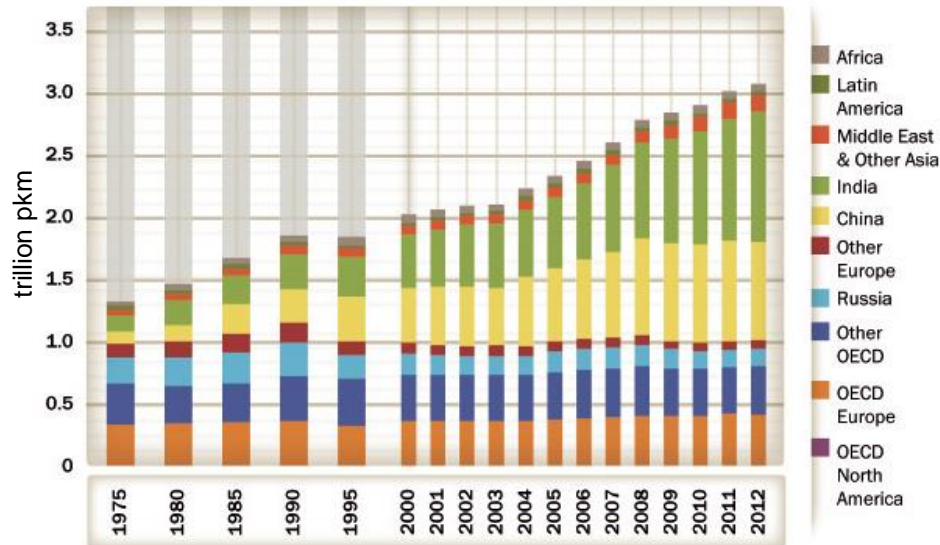
Electricity and heat emissions are reallocated to the end-use sectors. In transport, all the emissions from electricity/heat production are reallocated to rail.

Rail accounts for

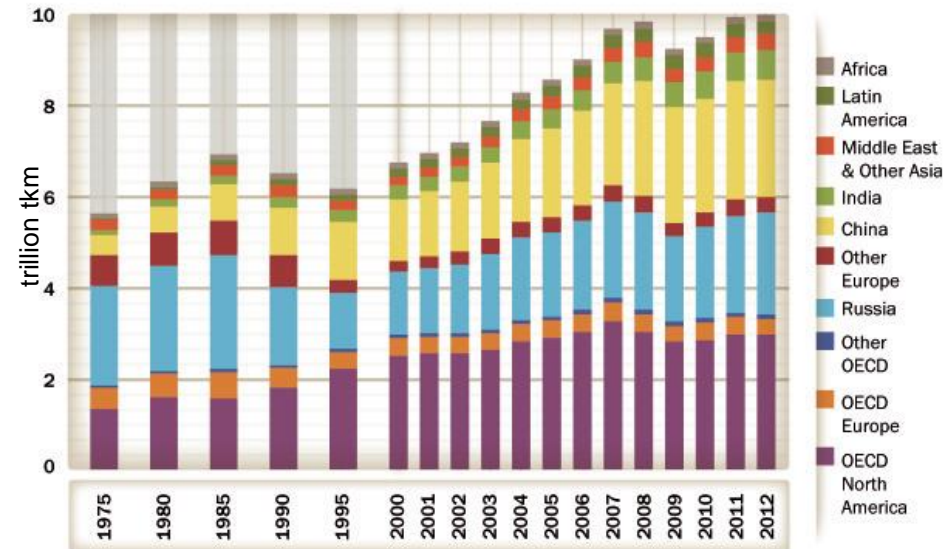
- 3.6% of transport GHG emissions and 2% of the energy use
- 0.8% of total GHG emissions and 0.6% of energy use

# Global rail activity

## Passenger (excluding urban)



## Freight

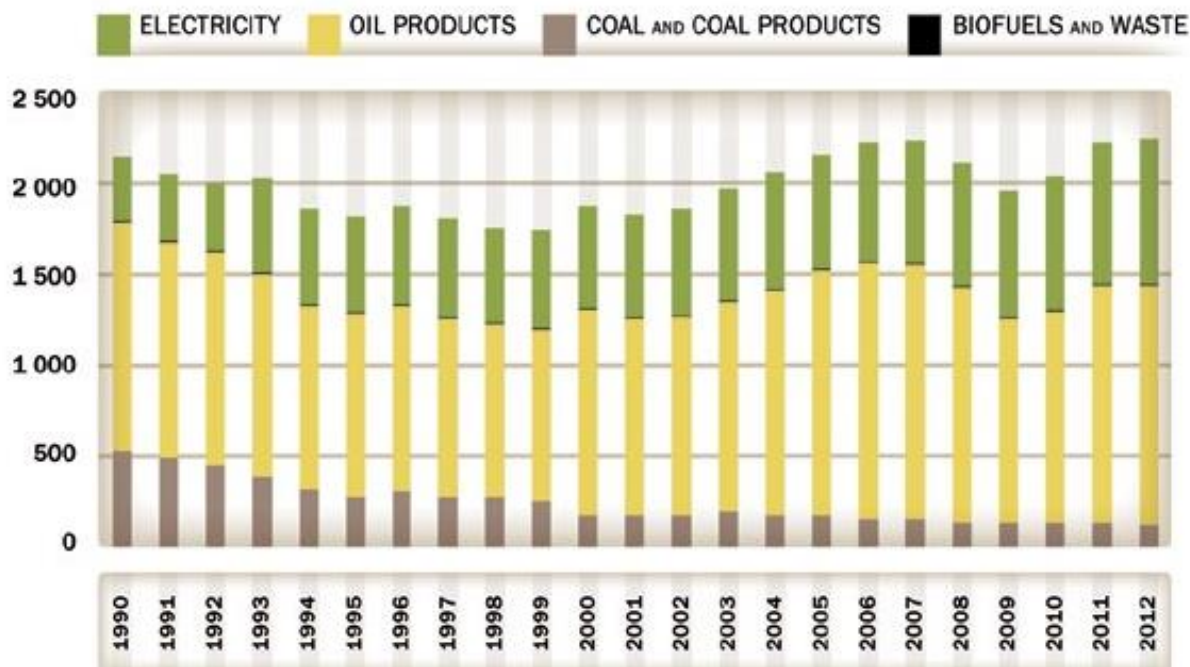


Source: Elaboration by IEA  
based on UIC "International  
Railway Statistics".

- Passenger rail travel increased 131% between 1975 and 2012
  - China and India: seven-fold increase 1975-2012
  - OECD: rail passenger activity stable since decades
- Freight rail up 78% since 1975, most relevant in North America, Russia and China
- India: 1000 billion pkm - 650 billion tkm (2012)

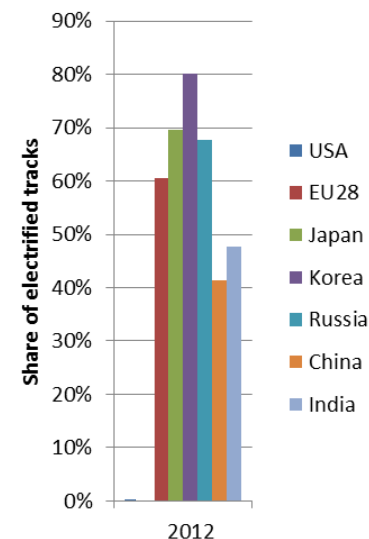
# Evolution of global rail energy consumption and fuel mix

Railway final energy consumption by fuel, World, 1990-2012 (PJ)



Source: Elaboration by SusDef based on IEA Statistics "World energy balances"

Track electrification share by country, 2012



Source: Elaboration by IEA based on UIC "International Railway Statistics"

- In spite of a continuously growing trend in activity over 2 decades, the total energy consumption of rail services worldwide was comparable in 2012 to 1990 levels
- This is partly due to the progressive phasing out of inefficient coal powered locomotives to the benefit of electrification

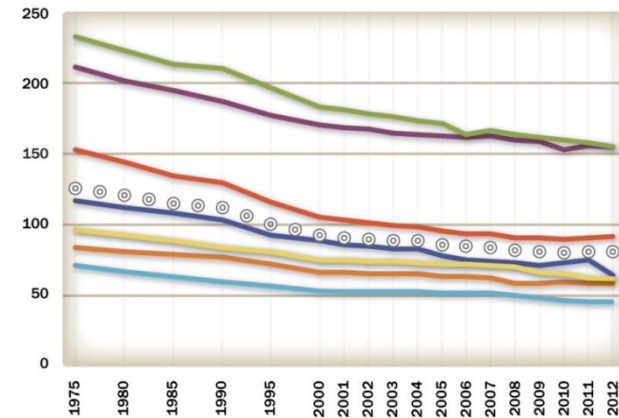
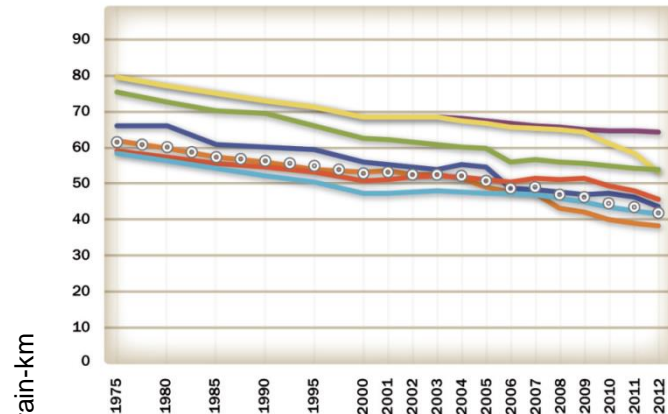


# Energy intensity per vehicle-km

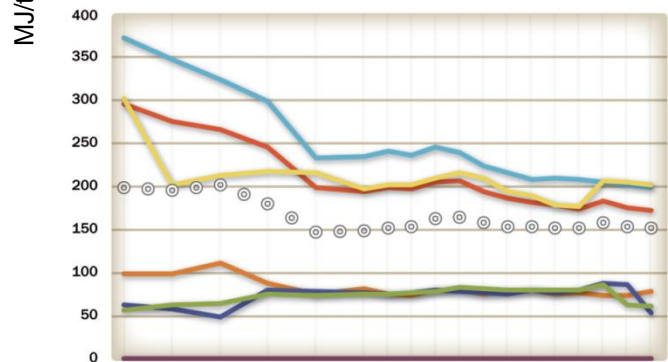
## Electric

## Diesel

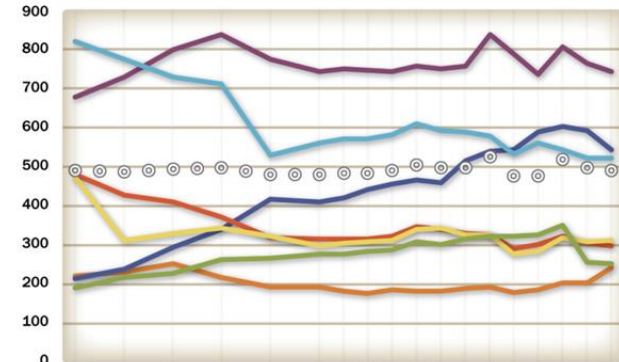
Passenger



Freight



Source: Elaboration by  
IEA based on IEA  
MoMo and UIC  
International Railway  
Statistics and UIC  
Environmental  
Performance Database



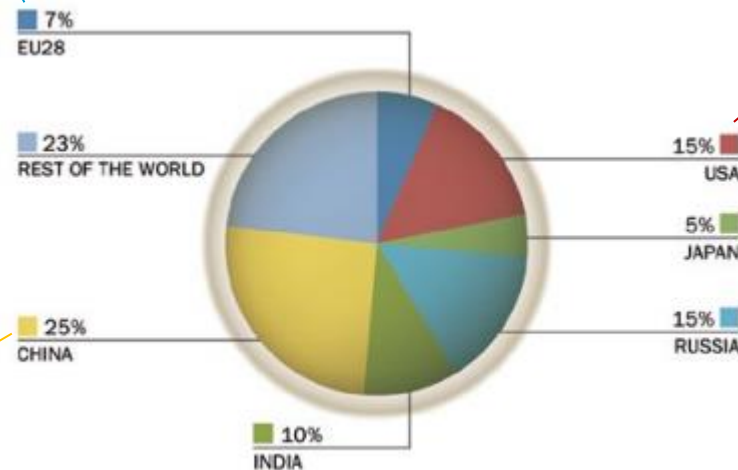
- Energy intensities are way higher for diesel trains (global average about double), improvements in passenger diesel and freight have been stabilizing in recent years
- Methodology: matching information from IEA energy balances and UIC activity data
- *Besides vehicle performance, country-specific characteristics play a part (vehicle composition, weight due to load)*

# Country contributions to global railways CO<sub>2</sub> emissions

Share of railway CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by geographic area, 2012

- Electrification rate: 70%
- Ren. & Nuclear in electricity mix: 40%

(Total: 210 million tCO<sub>2</sub>)



- Main rail user in the world: 800 billion pkm, 2500 billion tkm

- Diesellisation rate: 95%
- Mostly freight traffic

- High use of rail : 22% of pkm
- Electrification rate: 90%

- Rail is the main transport mode in the country: 30% of pkm, 90% of tkm

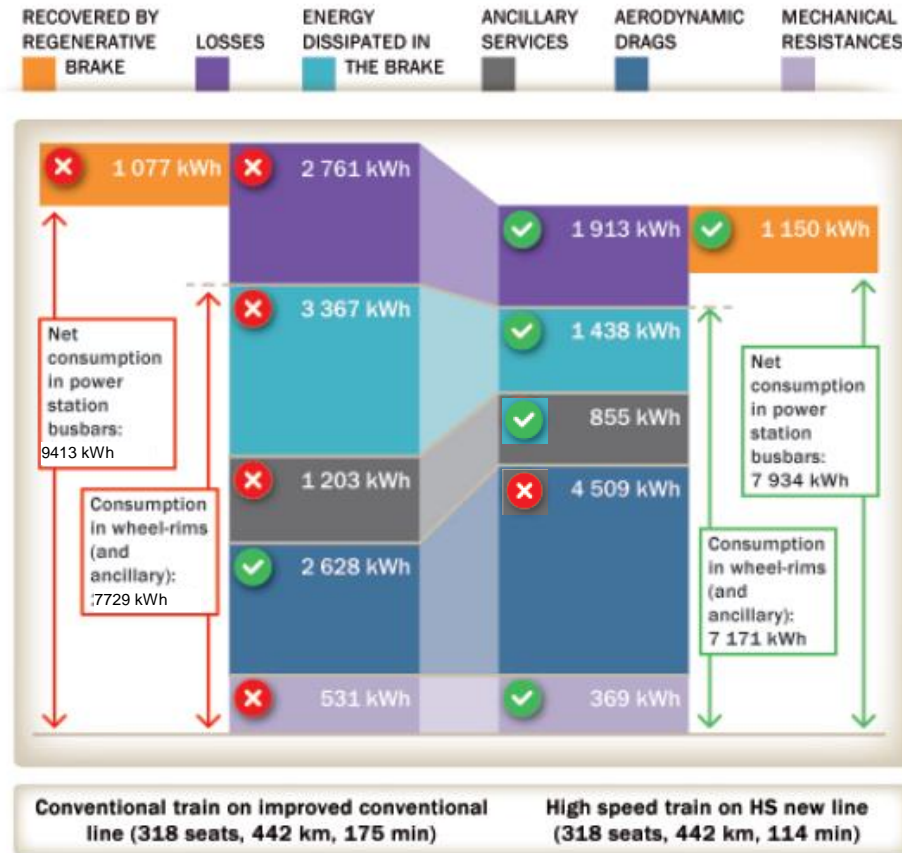
- Highest passenger activity: 1 trillion pkm
- Lower rail energy consumption than in 1990 while increasing activity

Source: Elaboration by SusDef based on IEA Statistics "CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from fuel combustion"

# Conventional and high-speed rail energy efficiency

## Comparison of energy consumption between a conventional train and a high-speed train

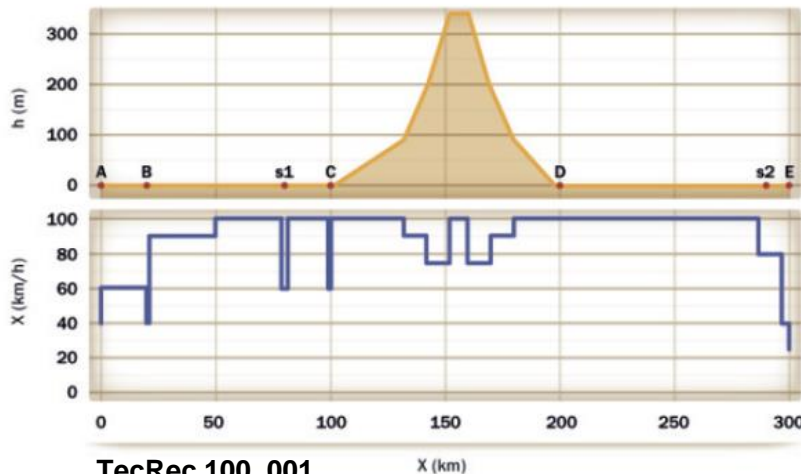
Source: Fundación de los ferrocarriles españoles (FFE) 2010, High speed, energy consumption and emissions, Study and research group for railway energy and emissions. Commissioned by UIC. Paris, 2010



- High-speed rail seems to be more efficient than intercity rail, despite higher speed (higher aerodynamic drag is offset by other savings)
- High-Speed rail is also more efficient per pkm than other alternatives such as car or aviation: opportunity for more sustainable mobility
- Main issue remains cost: need to make sure that HSR networks are highly used

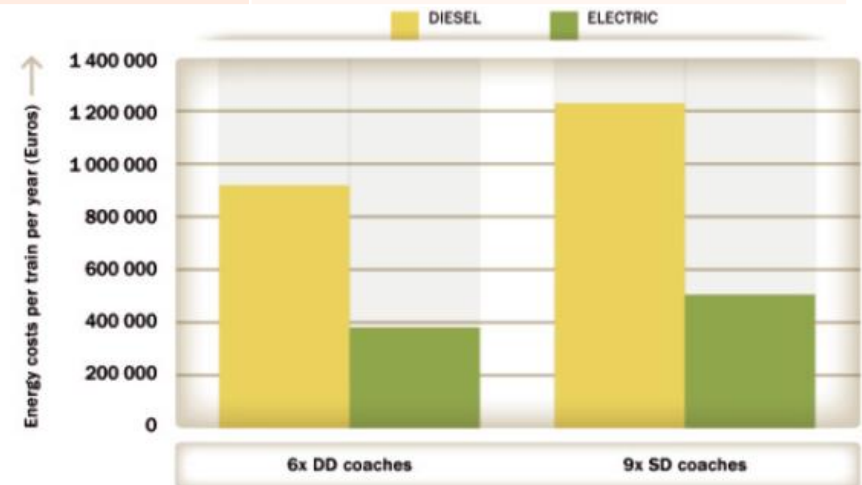
# Case studies showing paths for improved energy efficiency described in the Railway Handbook

Vehicles and fuels	Technical operations	Benchmarking tools
Aerodynamics, engines, vehicle weight	Energy recovery from braking JR inter-vehicle energy exchange system	<i>UIC/UNIFE standard:</i> “Specification and verification of energy consumption for railway rolling stock”
Fuels <i>Electric vs diesel cost assessment by Bombardier</i>	Infrastructure management <i>RZD “Elbrus” system</i>	Retrofitting energy meters on electric trains <i>plans for European operators: 25,000 energy meters by 2020</i>
Hotel loads <i>IR PV panels initiative</i>	Eco-driving and driver advisory systems	



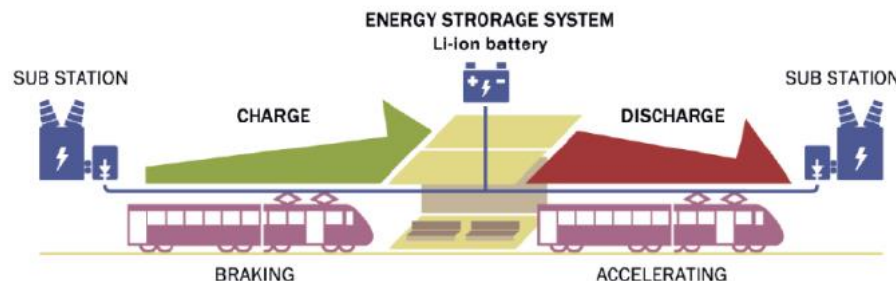
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Source: UNIFE/UIC



**Energy costs assessment**

Source: Bombardier



**JR recovered energy storage system**

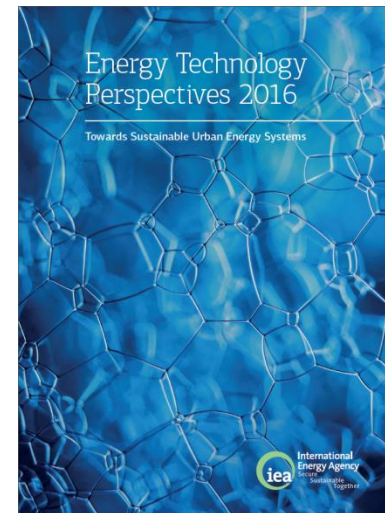
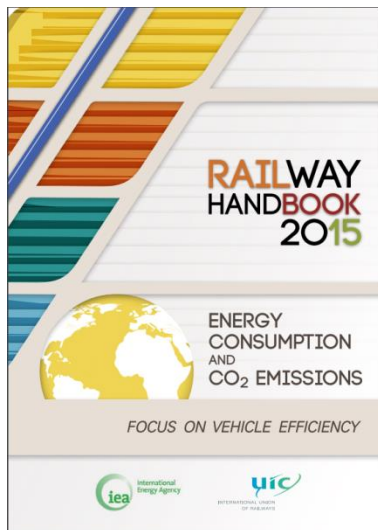
Source: Japan Railway Group



## Summary and prospects for the rail sector

- Rail is one of the most energy efficient transport modes
- Electrification (ideally coupled with a low-carbon electricity mix) and better energy management (e.g. hotel loads, driving behaviour) can help making rail more sustainable
- High-speed rail can substitute to part of air and road travel, as a more sustainable alternative
- **Interest in understanding better energy consumption in urban vs. non-urban rail, and in high-speed services**





**Thank you for your attention**

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