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Session 3: Opportunities and challenges for increasing the role of rail

Its all about mode share and occupancy rates Roderick A Smith

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Its simple in principle

BUT

All motion uses energy and produces pollution

In general, as we become wealthier we travel further and faster **And the faster we go the more energy we use** Different fuels cause different emissions and at different places

Pollution can be both localised and global

Sustainable transport is, in the strict sense, an oxymoron



EU-28 Performance for Passenger 2.3.1 Transport 1995-2015 – BY MODE

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billion passenger-kilometres (pkm)

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PASSENGERS (1) (pkm)

GOODS (2) (tkm)

GDP (AT CONSTANT YEAR 2005 PRICES)

CO₂ Emissions from Transport EU-28 – BY MODE (SHARES %)



Typical values enegy required kWh per 100 passenger-km

Car 1 occupant	80
Car 4 occupants	20
Ryan Air 2000	73
Ryan Air 2007	37
747 full	42
747 80%	53
Inter City train	3-9 if full
Bus	32

Travel less (probably impossible except work shift for commuting)

Use less energy Driving style, constant speed, lighter vehicles etc,

Use different traction energy

Electricity (depends on how produced), store energy, regen. etc Reduce pollution (particulates, NO_X and CO_2)

Improve design

Streamlining, better motors, yet again lighter Improve passenger density, extend ETRMS Trains are better:

BUT

Other modes improving (particularly autos)

Electric cars are rapidly improving

Energy storage difficult, but improving, flywheels, hydrogen? Contactless charging

AND

Trains need very expensive infrastructure, expensive in € and CO₂ to both build and to maintain.

The elephant in the room:

Occupancy rate of trains comparatively low **Growth** of the transport market wil swamp rails efforts

Take growth over 20 years, proportional to exp (growth rate X time)

With 2, 4, 6 % annual growth rate, market becomes 1.5, 2.23 and 3.32 times bigger

And emissions would increase by the same ratios, if there were no other Interventions and the capacity would also need to increase to retain the same mode share









Fig. 1. Contactless power transfer system for an EV



Advance of vehicle structure of Tokaido Shinkansen

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	0	100	300	700	N700	N700A	N700S
Max. Speed	210km/h	220km/h	270km/h	270km/h Sanyo/285km/h	270km/h Sanyo/300km/h	285km/h Sanyo/300km/h	285km/h Sanyo/300km/h
Mass	970t	925t	711t	708t	715t	713t	700t
Body	St	eel	Aluminum	aluminum alloy (double-			⊱skin)
Bogie	Bolster			Bolster-less			lighter
Motor	DC 11840kw/train	DC 11040kw/train	Induction 12000kw/train	Induction 13200kw/train	Induction 17080kw/train	Induction 17080kw/train	smaller lighter
Acc.	1.0km/h/s	1.6kr	m/h/s	2.0km/h/s	2.6k	2.6km/h/s	
Brake	rheo	static	regenerative				
panto graph	cross-arm 8/train	cross-arm 3/train	single arm 2/train				smaller lighter



Weight Reduction



Weight Reduction of Vehicle

car body, bogies, traction equipment, reduction of pantographs



Reduce axle loads

Reduce maintenance costs

Weight reduction can produce not only speedup, but also reduction of energy consumption!

Japan's rail mode share for passengers is 31%, worlds highest



Rolling Stock of the Tokaido Shinkansen



*Transition of Tokaido Shinkansen Rolling Stock



Note: Distriubuted traction from 1964

Improvement of the Energy Efficiency



*Improvement of the Energy Efficiency of Rolling Stocks



Note: Simulated run on Tokyo to Shin-Osaka route.

"Body Inclining" cuts time and energy





Travel time is 5 minutes shorter (vs Series 700)

Diagram 2 Comparison of the Tokaido Shinkansen and Airplanes (between Tokyo and Osaka)



*1 Calculation based on running performance of Series N700 Nozomi (Tokyo - Shin-Osaka) conducted by JR Central.
*2 Calculated by JR Central using ANA's "Annual Report 2011" B777-200 (Haneda - Itami/Kansai Airport) for reference.