

# Transformation of the Automotive Industry:

Technological developments and their impact on employment and value creation

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# Profile of the Fraunhofer-Gesellschaft

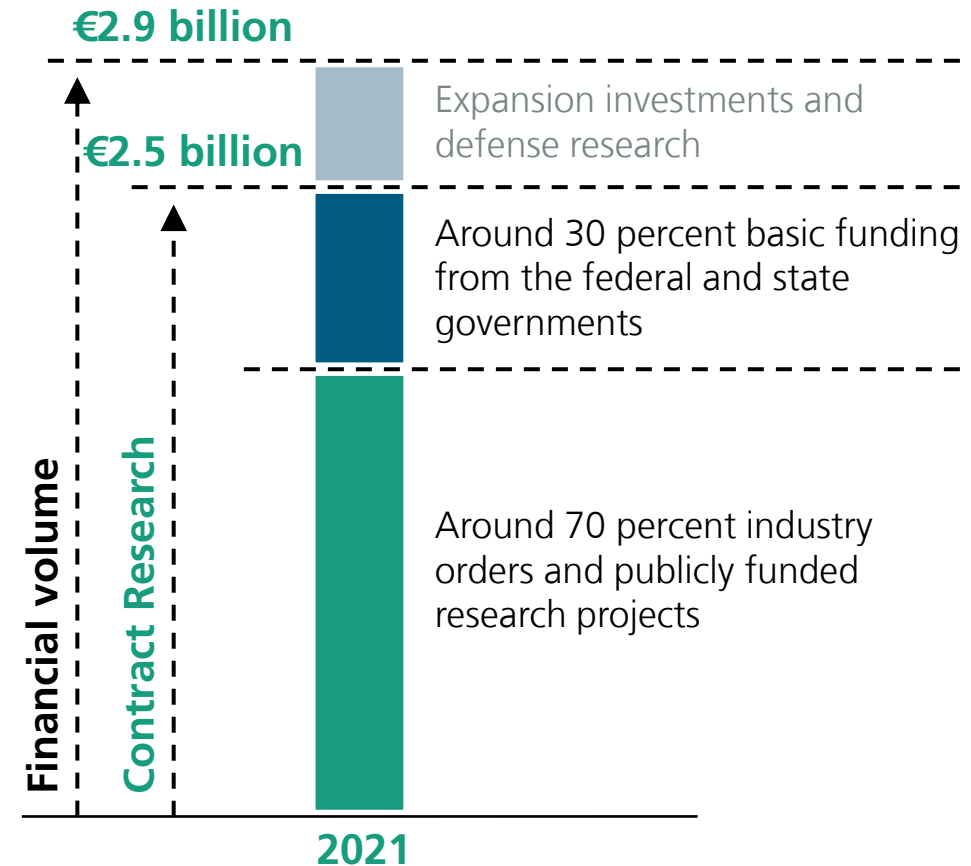
Application-oriented research for the direct benefit of business and for the benefit of society



30,000  
Employees

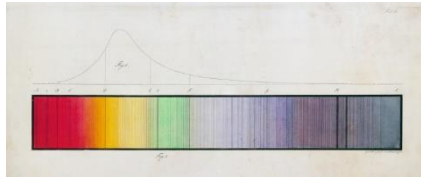


76 Institutes  
and research facilities



# Joseph von Fraunhofer

(1787 to 1826)



Discovery of the “**Fraunhofer lines**” in the solar spectrum



**Researcher**

# Fraunhofer-Gesellschaft

(since 1949)

**Research** and **development** on behalf of industry and government



**Inventor**

**New processing methods** for lenses

Music format mp3, white LED, high resolution thermal camera



**Entrepreneur**

**Manager** and **partner** of a glassworks

Research volume: approx. **€2.9 billion per year**

# Application-oriented research for business and society







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# Joining forces for sustainable success

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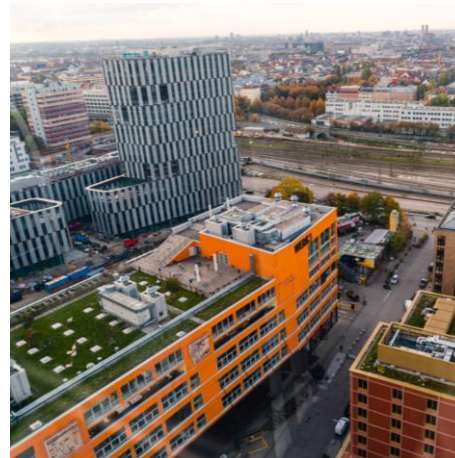
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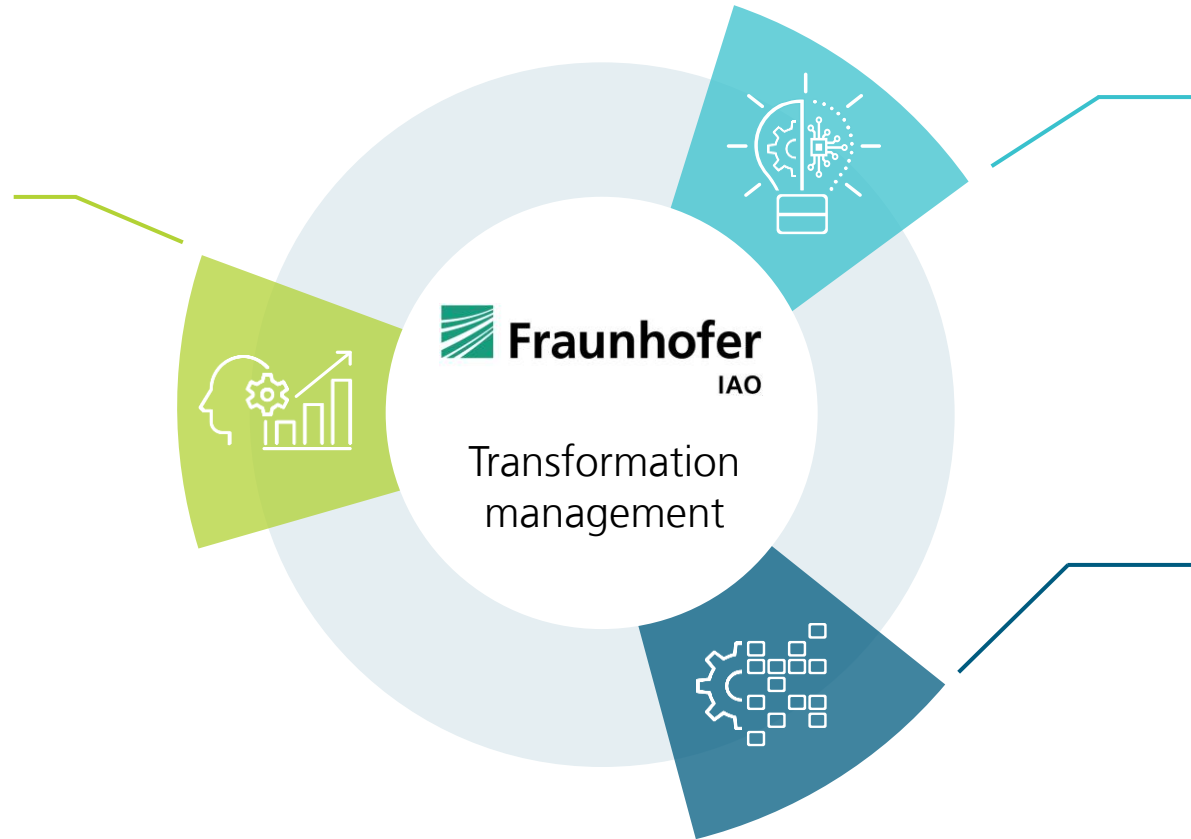
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# Research and development fields of the Fraunhofer IAO

Work and innovation in the digital transformation for a sustainable world

## Research on employment & corporate development

- Knowledge and innovation work
- Production work
- Service work
- Workforce transformation
- Change management



## Technology & innovation management

- Technology radar
- Foresight and scenario management
- Smarter cities
- Mobility innovations
- Smart energy solutions

## Digital transformation

- Product development
- Smart services
- Digital business models
- AI and learning systems
- Quantum computing

# Fraunhofer IAO - we research and advise

## 01 Research

### Publicly funded

- Funded research projects
- Operational development projects
- Studies
- User testing

Dare to innovate

## 02 Networks

### Directly commissioned by industry

- Innovation networks
- Industrial working groups
- Expert seminars
- Business Breakfast

Share experience/  
gain knowledge

## 03 Consulting

- Awareness Workshop
- Quick Checks
- Analysis projects
- Design projects
- Evaluation projects

Increase competitiveness



# Research in the field of automotive transformation at the Institute

Electromobility, digitalization and new business models as research priorities

## Study »Electromobility and Employment« ELAB 2.0



## »New Mobility Academy« qualification initiative



## Study »Employment 2030« commissioned by Volkswagen (2020)



## Transformation dialogs and platforms



strategiedialog  
automobilwirtschaft BW



## Strategic workforce planning at suppliers



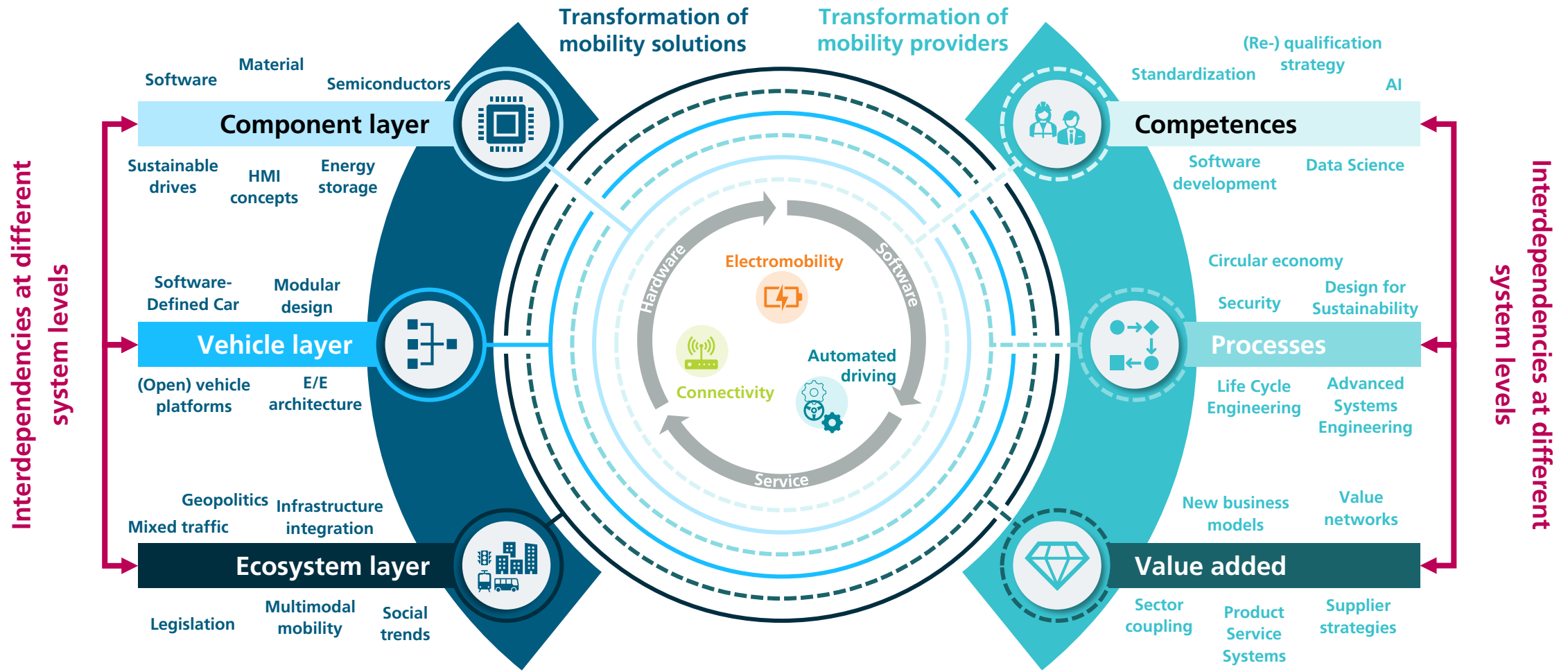
## Study »Impact on jobs in the vehicle trade and repair business 2030 / 2040«



ifa Institut für  
Automobilwirtschaft

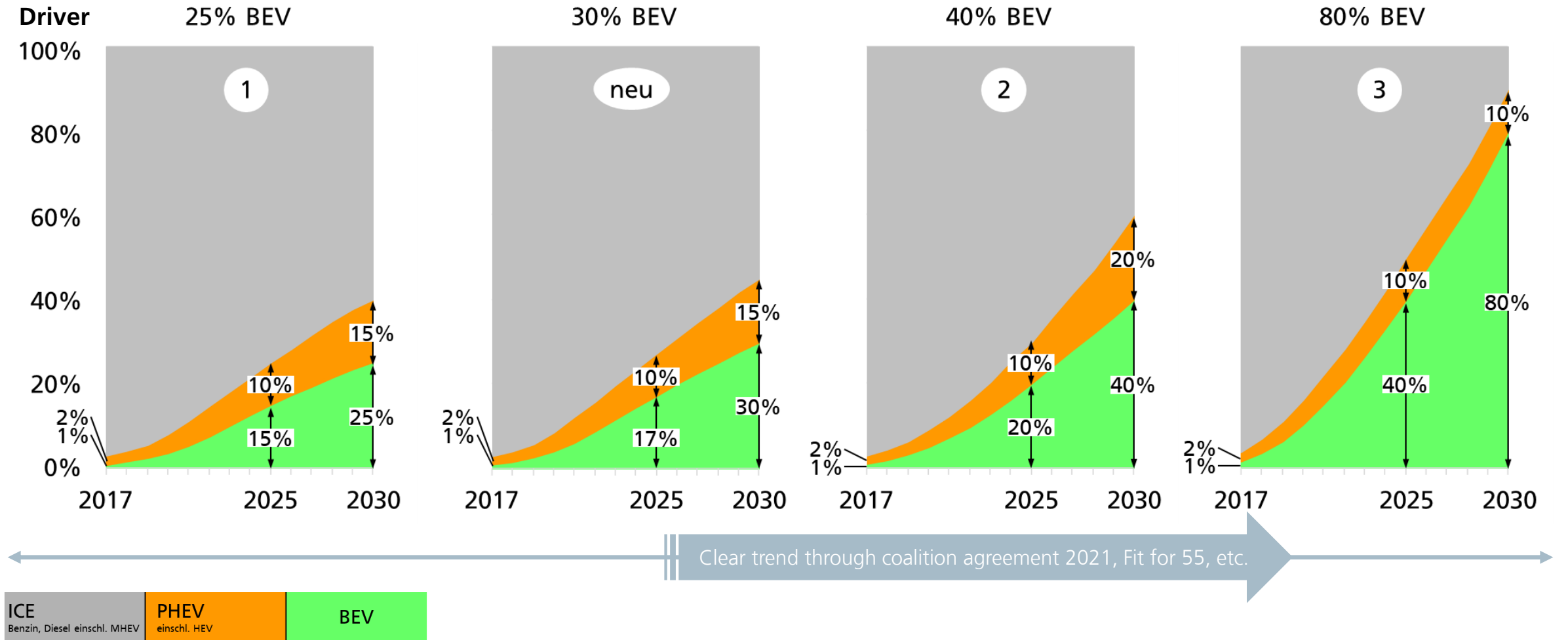
# Transformation of the automotive industry

A multitude of changes are shaping entirely new mobility and value creation systems



# Electromobility: Changes in the OEM production mix

Transformation speed increases rapidly

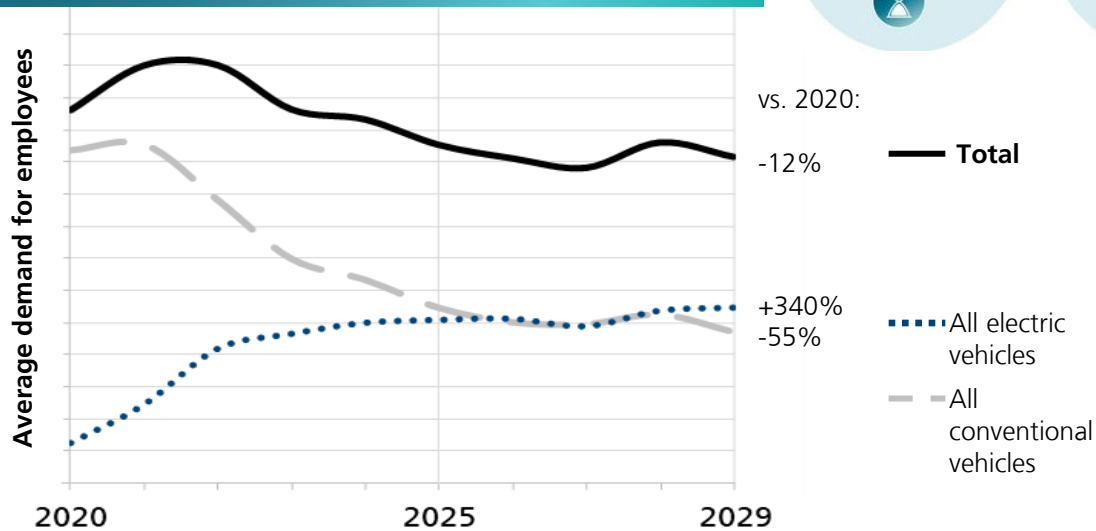
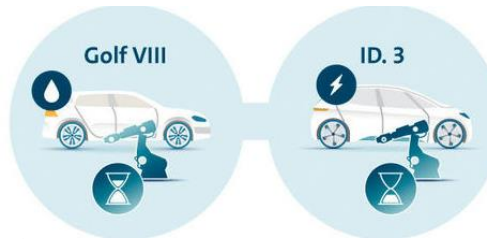


Quelle: ELAB 2.0, Final report 2018, Work within WG 4 of the National Platform Future of Mobility 2019/2020/2021

# Employment effects in vehicle and component production

Findings from the Employment 2030 research project commissioned by Volkswagen

## Vehicle Production



- The **roll-out of electromobility** in German plants might lead to a **decrease of employment demand by 12%** until 2029.<sup>1</sup>
- Decline in employment demand in vehicle production due to ratio and unit effects in particular.<sup>2</sup>

## Component Production

Combustion engine



100%\*

Electric drive



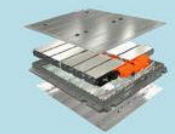
~60%\*

Transmission



~70%

MEB battery system



~40%

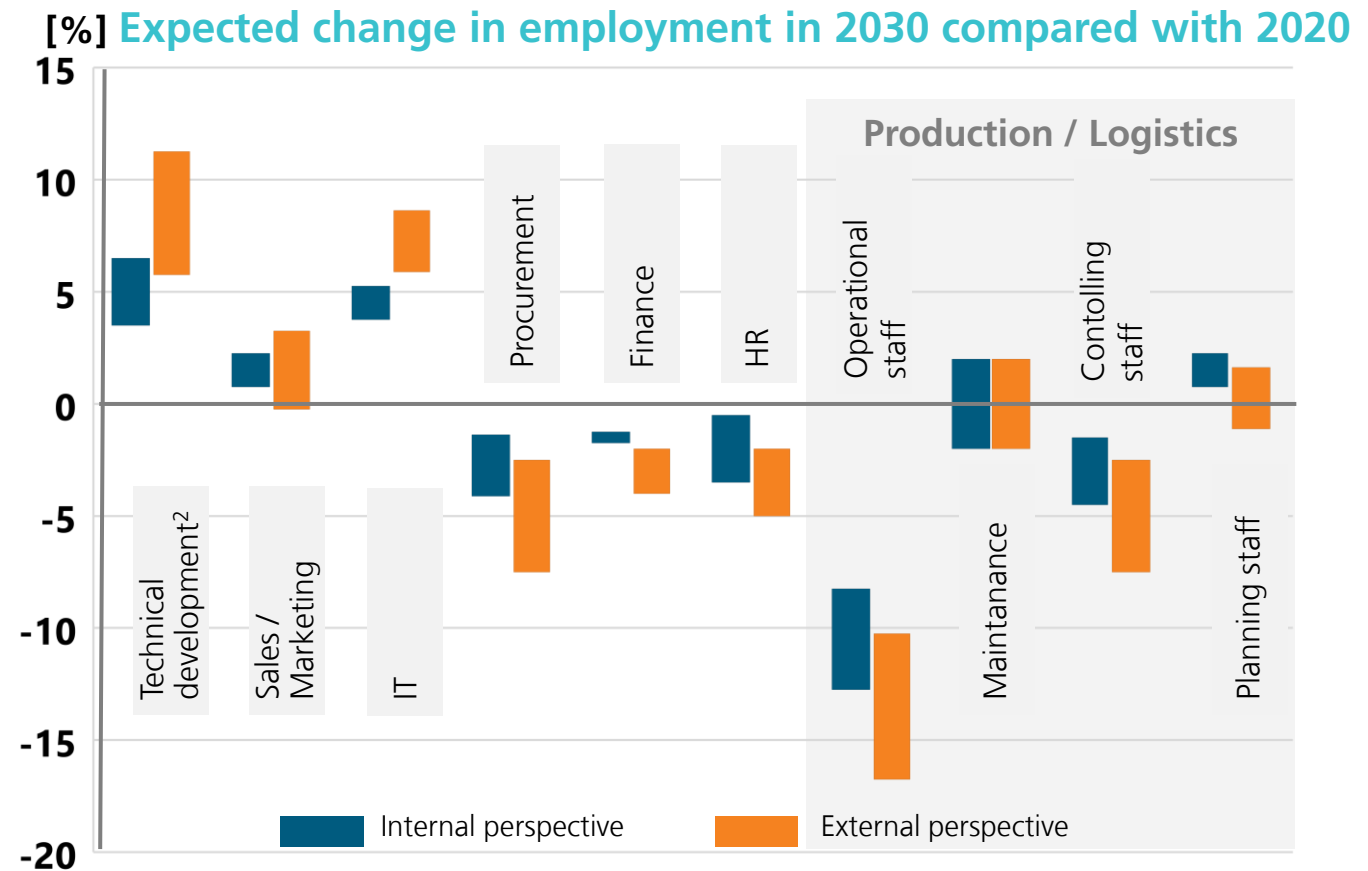
- Powertrain components for BEVs is 40 – 60 % are less **employment-intensive** compared to an ICE.<sup>2</sup>
- Aggregated, ICE powertrains are 70 % greater in labor volume compared to those of BEVs.<sup>2</sup>

\* ICE forms 100 % employment intensity, all other figures refer to time spent in 2023 and 300,000 units.

# Employment effects through digitization

Findings from the Employment 2030 research project commissioned by Volkswagen

- **Employees** considered in 32 job clusters.<sup>1</sup>
- By 2030: **Employment decline** primarily in direct areas of **production & logistics**.
- Noticeable employment effects in the **indirect sectors** not expected until after 2030 as a result of large-scale IT projects.
- Increasing **product complexity** and **new scopes of value creation** require new competencies in indirect areas as well.
- **Competence development in digital key topics** becomes a central challenge, as the required competence carriers are not sufficiently available on the market.
- **Tertiarization of work:** In production, increasing use of automation; in knowledge-intensive and creative areas, human skills remain indispensable.

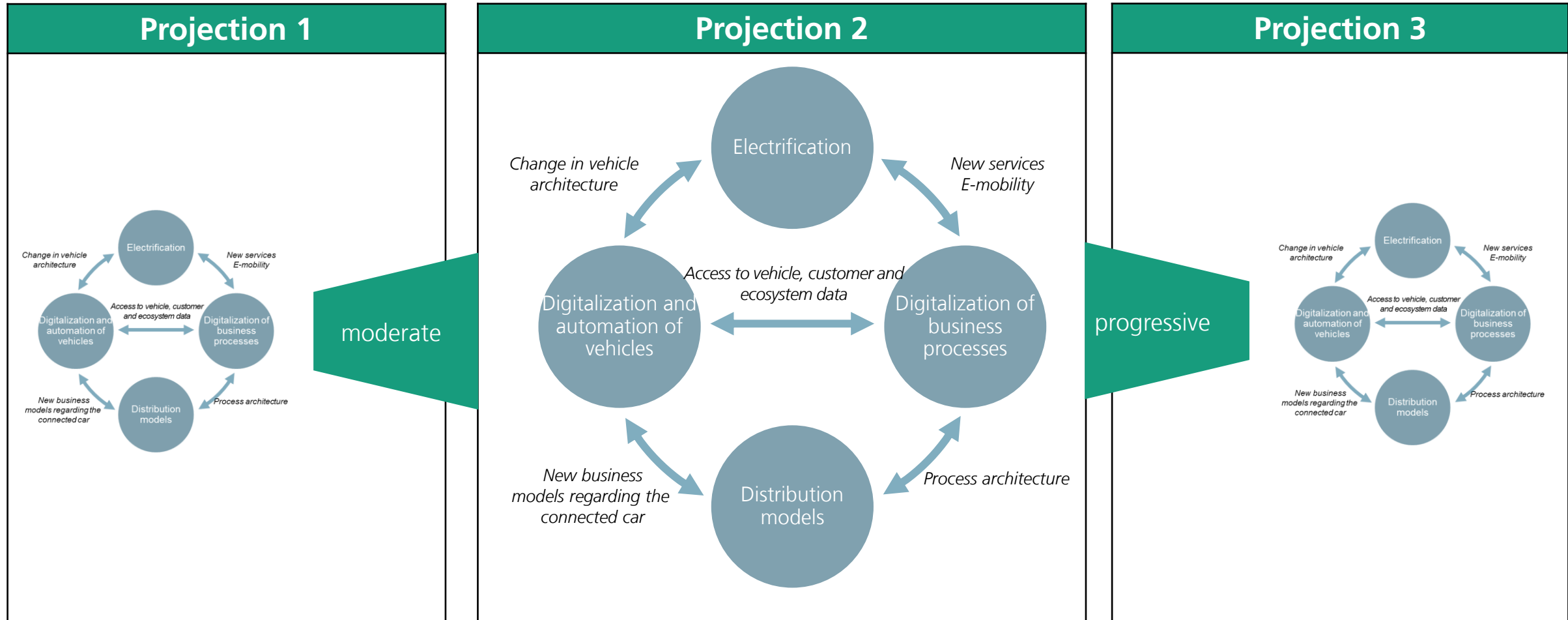


<sup>1</sup> Coverage: 57% of VW AG VW Passenger Cars total

<sup>2</sup> Strong growth expected due to increasing work volume through product and process digitization

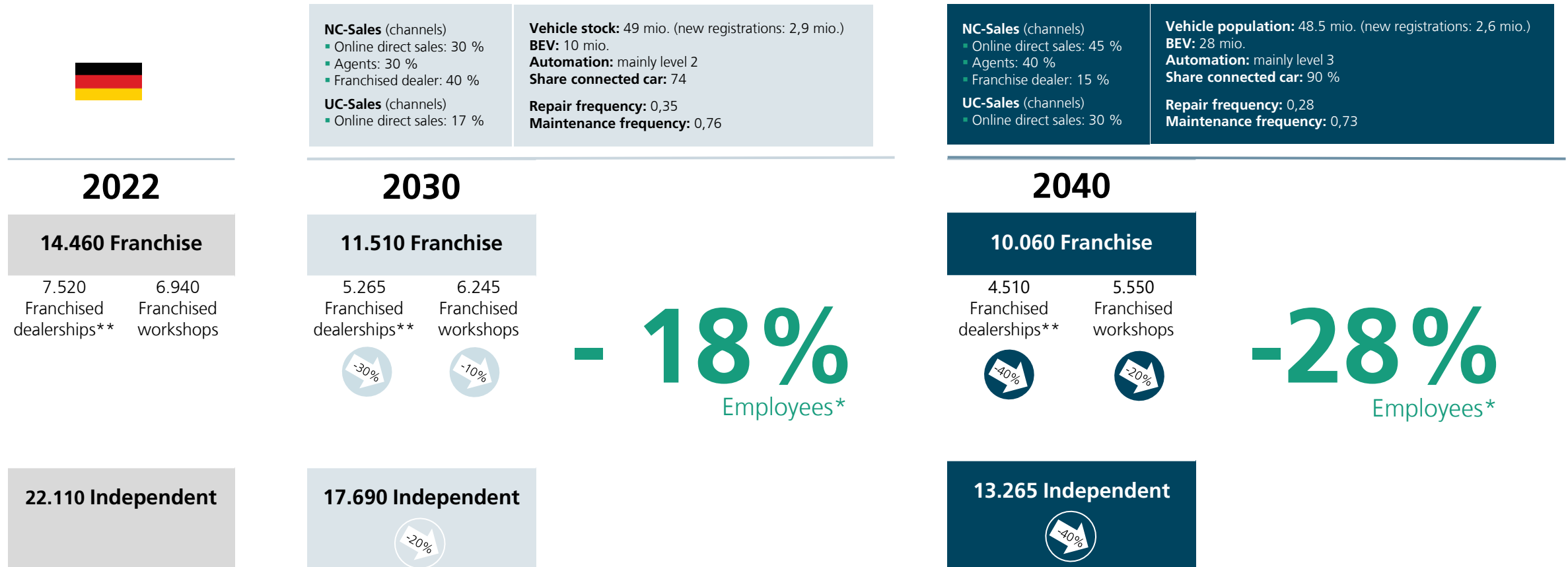
# Employment effects 2030/2040 within the vehicle trade and repair business

Study in cooperation with Institute of Automotive Economics IfA commissioned by e-mobil BW



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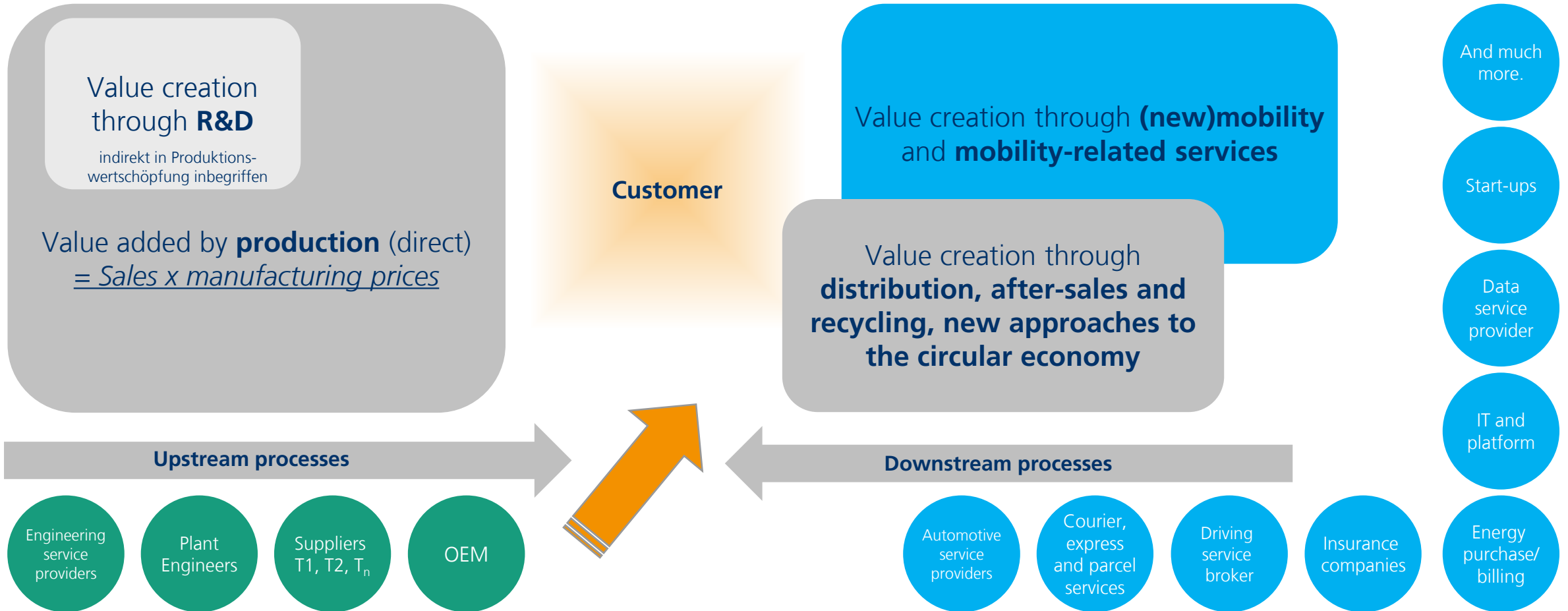
## Projection 2 - Transformation of the vehicle trade and repair business „leadership of the OEM“



\*compared to 2022 | \*\*the business model of „franchised dealership“ includes a workshop

# Expansion of the value creation system

Value creation through service and in later phases increases

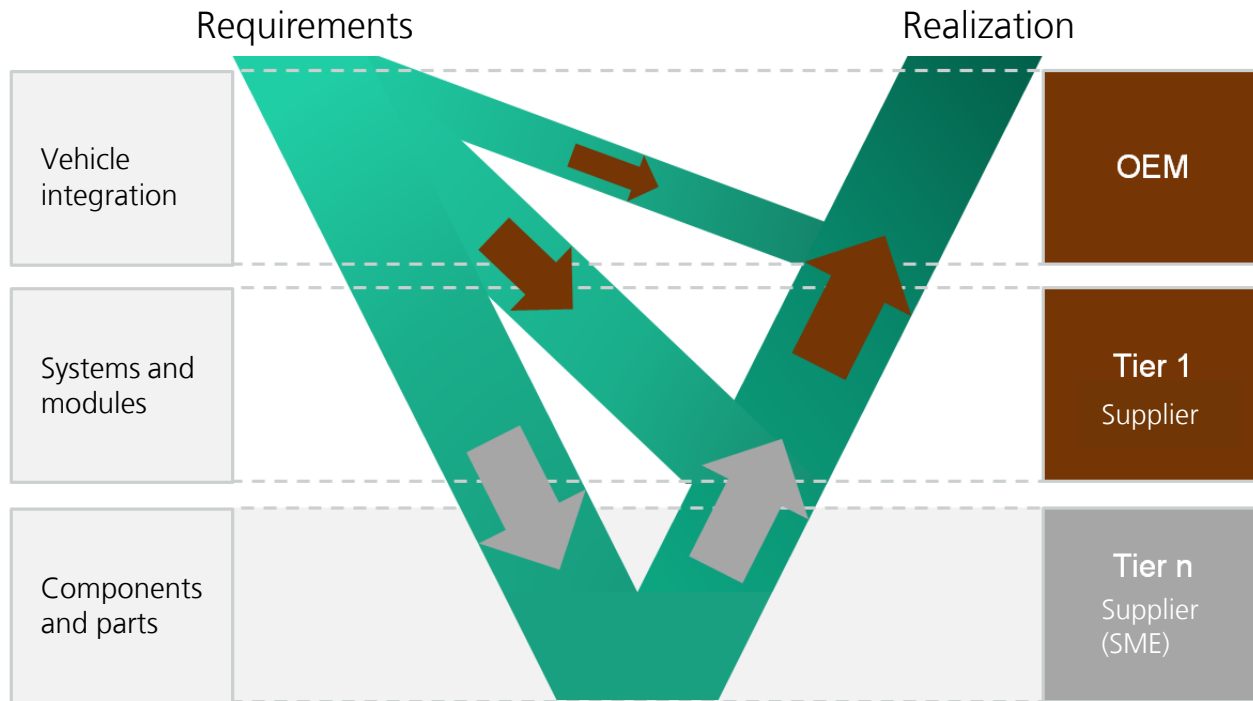




# Shift in the scope of value creation and required competences

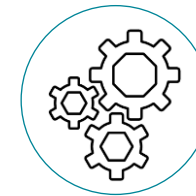
Securing own value creation scopes as challenges especially for SMEs

## V-Model of Value Creation



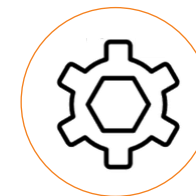
## Ecosystem

Increasing importance of digitization (platforms, etc.) and startups across the ecosystem.



## System

Increasing understanding of how components work together required.



## Component

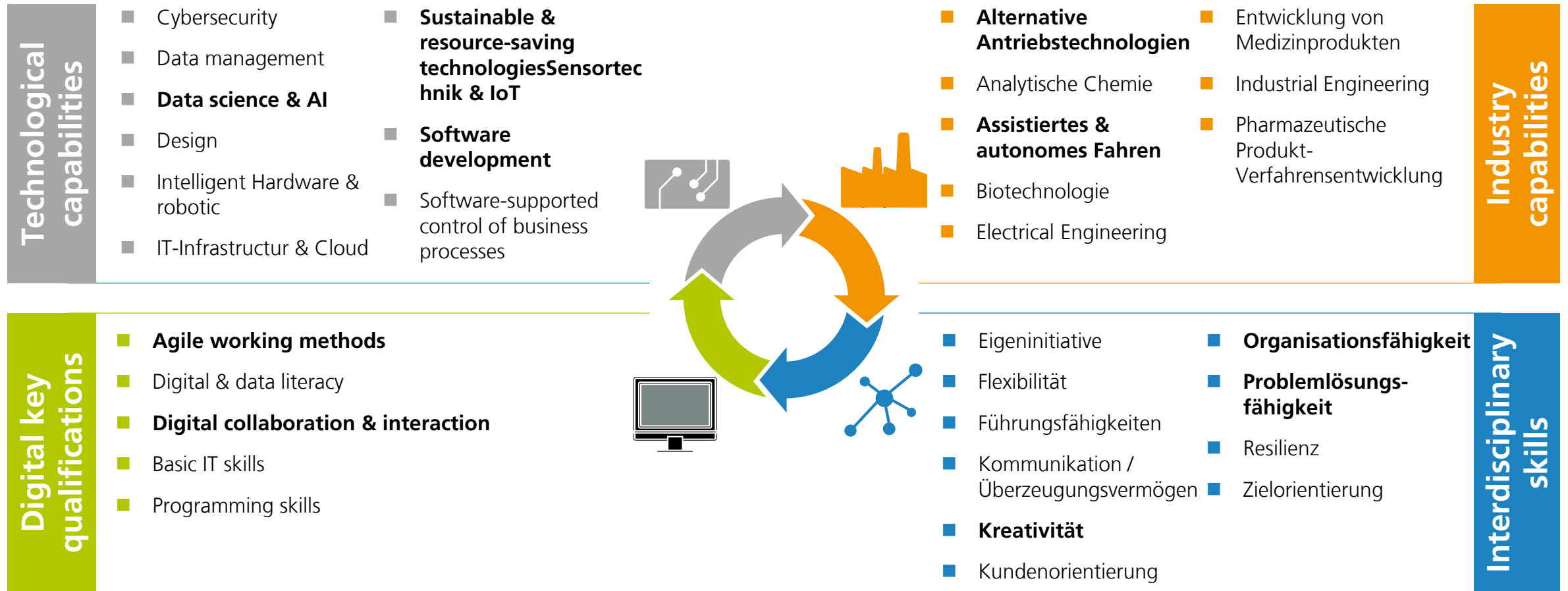
Increasing skills required in handling electronics and high voltage.



Note: The SystemEM and LieSE projects were funded by the Baden-Württemberg Ministry of Economic Affairs

# Future skills (abilities and knowledge) with strongly increasing importance

Example: Future Skills Cluster for Baden-Württemberg

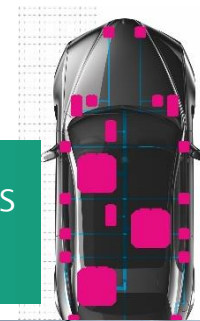


Source: Study "Future Skills - Which skills are critical for success in Baden-Württemberg today and in the future", AgenturQ 2021

# New value creation paths for companies

Opportunities for tapping value creation potentials

Transfer of **product and process know-how** to future requirements of modern e-vehicles (e.g. contacting, filter systems, thermal management, E/E architectures)



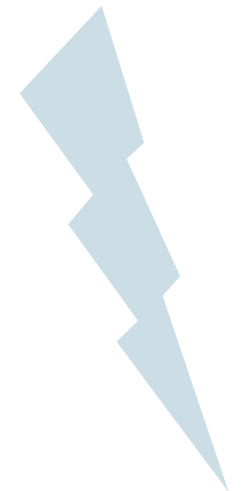
**Development of new competencies** and **market fields** in automotive **growth drivers** (e.g. drive and charging technology, energy storage, fuel cell technology)



Transfer of product and process know-how to new application fields outside the vehicle (e.g. e-bikes and micromobiles, automated transportation, drones and air cabs, stationary applications, vehicle and infrastructure networking)



**Establishment of new value creation systems and business models** (e.g. hydrogen economy, new services and data-driven business models)



**Challenge:**  
"Utilization" of competencies from conventional fields and development of competencies for future fields

# New value creation paths for companies

## New value creation systems and business models - example hydrogen economy



### Mobility and transport

- Public transport (bus, train, plane...)
- Freight transport (truck, ship...)
- Intra/extralogistics (forklift, apron vehicle)
- Car, drone, micromobile...
- Gas stations and infrastructure

#### Technologies (selection):

- Fuel cells (systems)
- Batteries (short-term storage)
- H2 combustion engines
- Storage & Compressors
- Safety technology
- Pipelines



### Building heat and power

- Building heating systems
- (Emergency) power units
- Supply infrastructure

#### Technologies (selection):

- Fuel cell heating systems
- Batteries (short-term storage)
- Pressure accumulators
- Water treatment
- Electrolysers
- PV systems



### Electricity sector

- Intermediate storage of green power (e.g. at generation plants)
- Power generation (gas turbines, peak load coverage)

#### Technologies (selection):

- Fuel cells (systems)
- Electrolysers
- Gas turbines
- Storage technologies
- Smart grid systems
- Transmission lines



### Other

- Burners for process heat
- Mobile micro fuel cells (laptop, cell phones, lighting)
- Construction machinery and off-road applications

#### Technologies (selection):

- Fuel cells (systems)
- Storage technologies
- Burner technologies
- Electrolysers
- PV systems

### Challenges:

Economical production of green H2 (+E-Fuels), distribution infrastructure, safe and compact storage, general production readiness

# Project example CYCLOMETRIC

More sustainable development of vehicle components in terms of the circular economy



## Research subject

Impact of design decisions (e.g. modularization, material selection) in early phases of development on sustainability and cycle aspects of a vehicle.

## Goal of the project

- Tool-based decision support for developers

## Projekthinhalte

- Development of a **meta-model for product architecture design** considering cycle-oriented influencing factors
- Definition of an **approach for cycle-oriented product development**
- Research approaches are based on **Advanced Systems Engineering**, in particular Model-Based Systems Engineering in combination with approaches of Life Cycle Assessment as well as Business Model Analysis.

Konsortium (Laufzeit 10/2021 – 09/2024)



Circular components



Architecture

Sustainable vehicles



Application

Entire life cycle



# Workforce Transformation

Concrete approaches for securing employment and expanding competencies

## Within the company and between companies

- Development of new education and training formats and offerings (e.g. Faculty 73 at VW, Continental Institute for Technology and Transformation (CITT))
- Exchange of experience on framework conditions and best practices
- Early and proactive involvement of employees, e.g. in the testing of automation approaches and digitization tools

## New paths and formats

- New ways of training future professionals and specialists, e.g. programming schools 42, Educational Technologies
- Establishment of new innovation and qualification formats in the company (Makeathons / Hackathons, Students teach Professionals, etc.)
- Agility in learning and in activities as well as strengthening of employees' personal responsibility to make the workplace more attractive
- Utilization of opportunities for hybrid working / new work

## Together in the network

- Participation in clusters of excellence, innovation partnerships and collaborative projects, e.g. in the areas of digital vehicles, data-based ecosystems, new business models, climate neutrality
- Participation in regional competence hubs and their activities in the individual federal states
- Utilization of funding opportunities in the context of the transformation (e.g. funding package KoPa 35c)

Thank you for your attention

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