

THE INFLUENCE OF POTENTIAL RAW MATERIAL SHORTAGES ON THE MARKET PENETRATION OF ALTERNATIVE DRIVES

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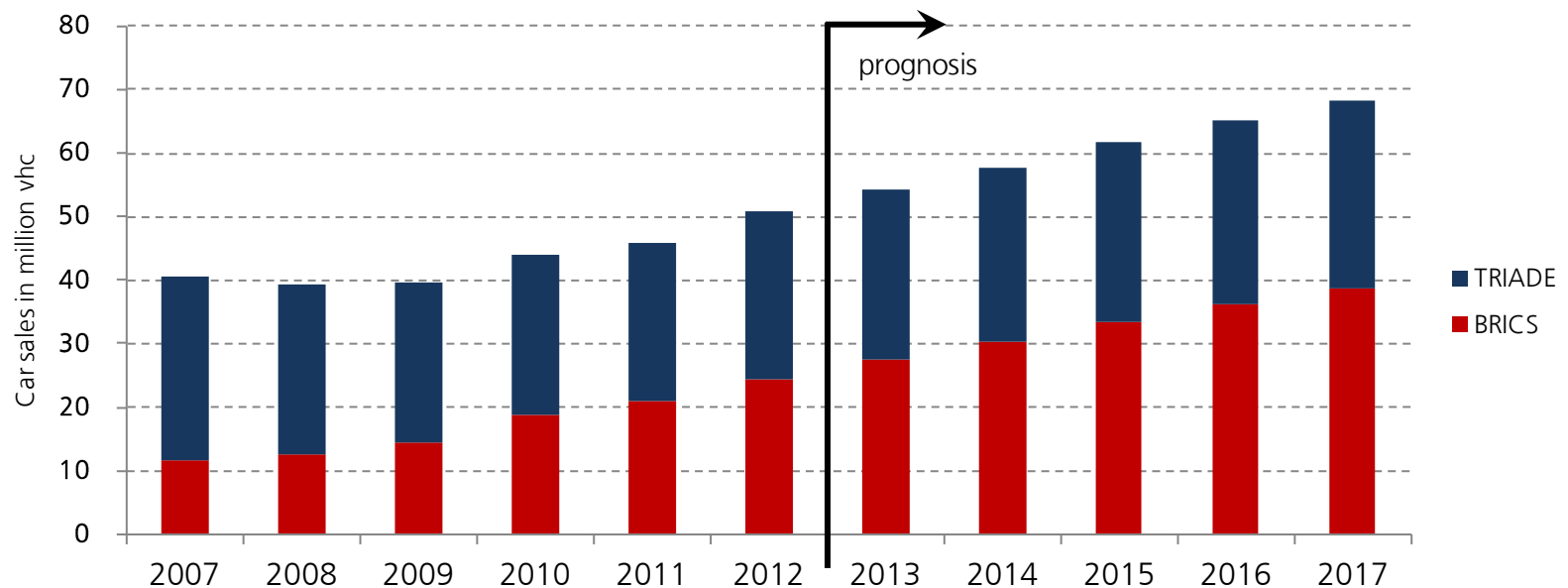
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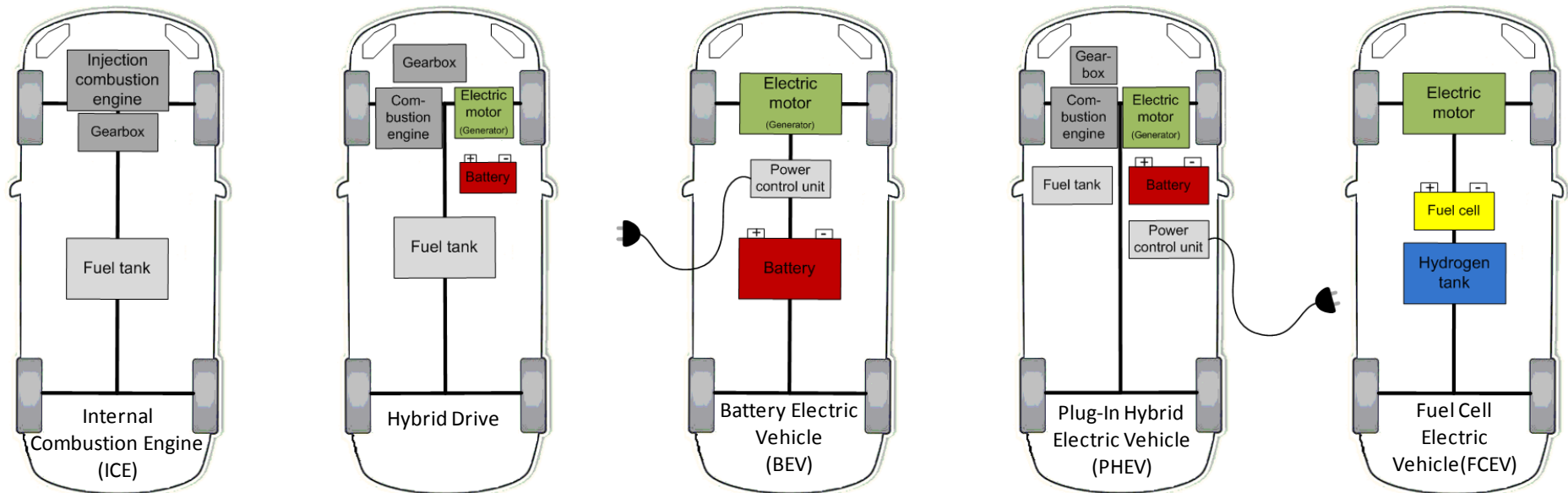
Introduction



Source: Frost & Sullivan

- **Worldwide car sales** will **grow** in future
- **BRICS-countries** will **dominate** the **car market** after 2015
- **Raw material consumption** will also be **driven** by the **growing number of car sales**

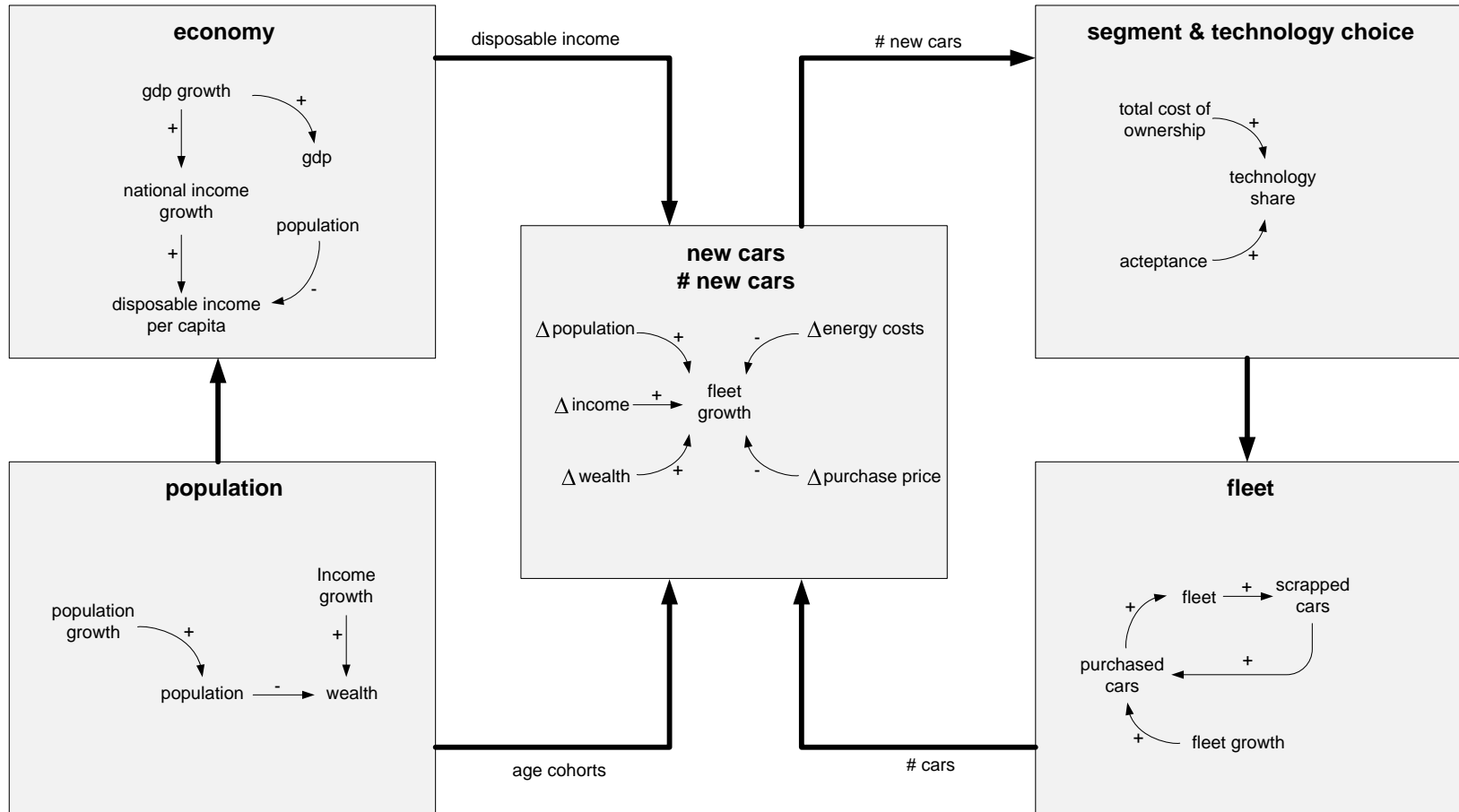
Drive Technologies in the Private Car Sector



Depending on usage and technology price a wide range of different drives will be offered in future:

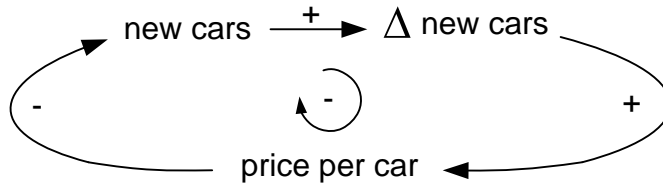
Especially battery-driven technologies and fuel cells depend on very specific raw materials (**cobalt, lithium for batteries** – platinum for fuel cells – copper & rare earths for electric engines)

Overview of the Global Mobility Model (GloMo)



Feedback Loops within the Car Fleet Module

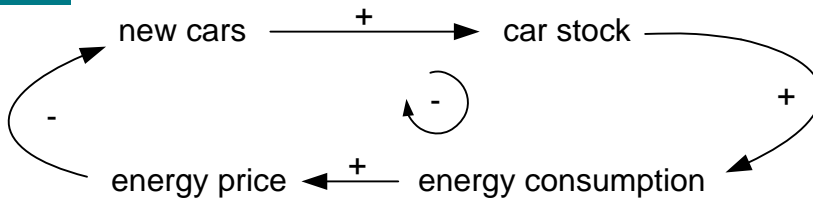
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- **Feedback loops** as a **typical element** of **system dynamics** modelling

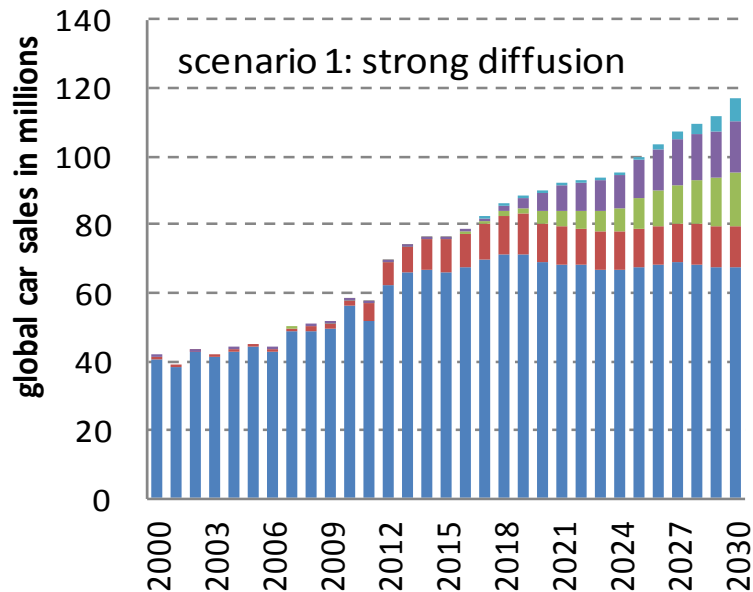
- Highly increasing number of **new cars** leads to higher prices due **production shortages**

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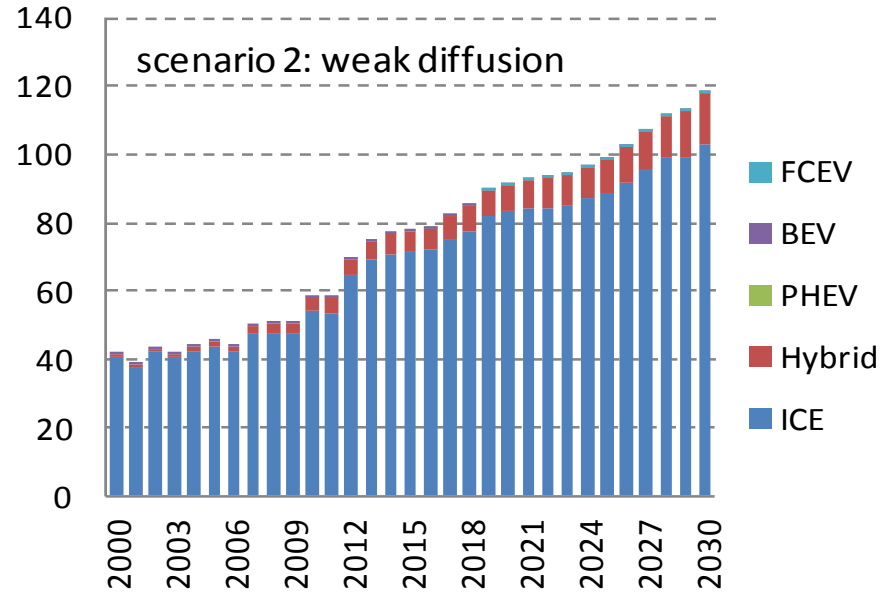


- A **growing car stock** leads to higher energy consumption and **increasing fuel prices**

Scenarios of Alternative Drive Diffusion

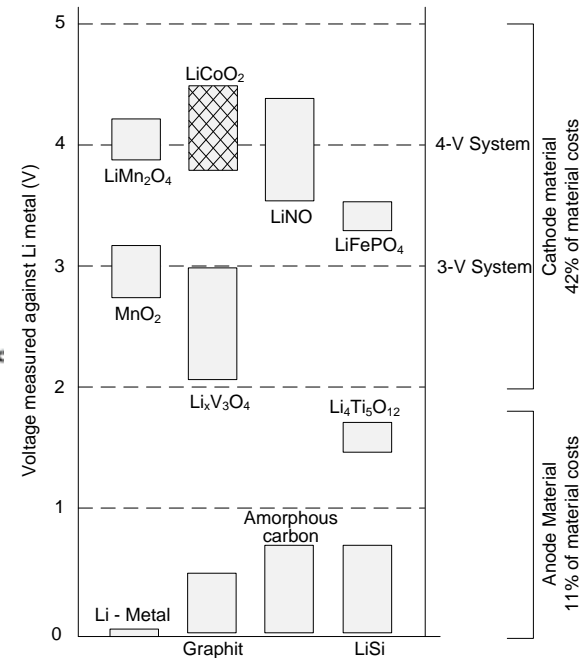
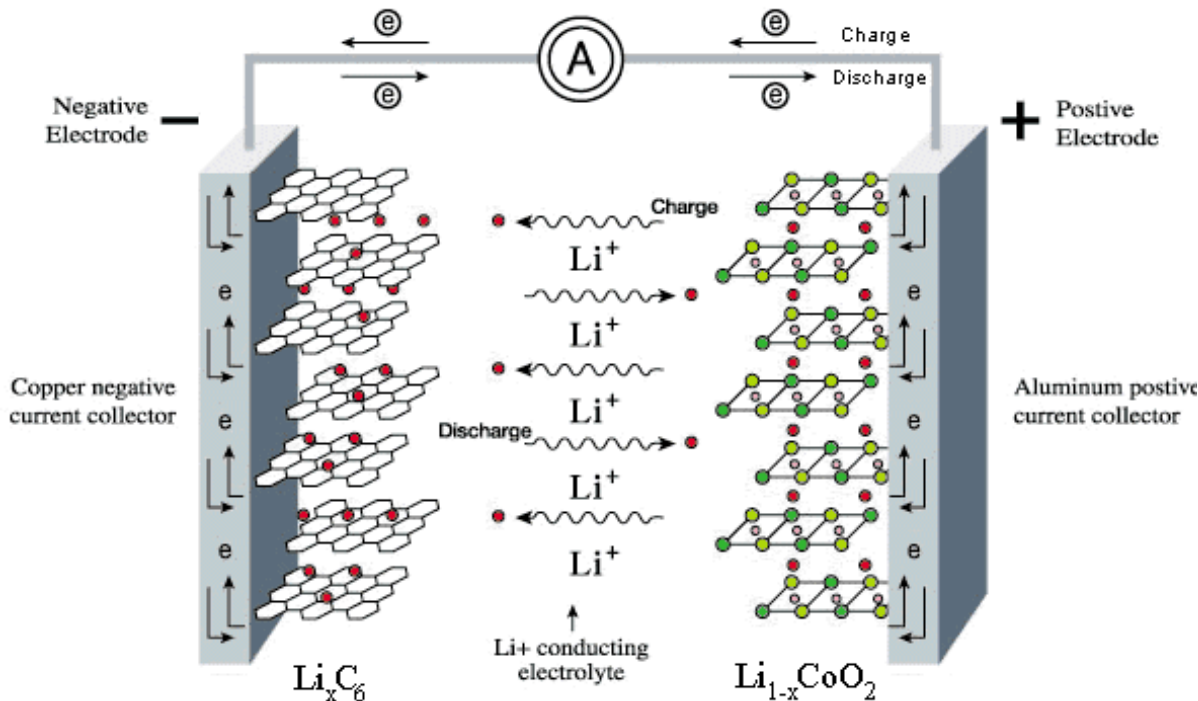


- Strong technology progress
- Low technology prices
- High oil price



- Weak technology progress
- High technology prices
- Medium oil price

Basic Raw Materials for Lithium Ion Batteries: Lithium & Cobalt



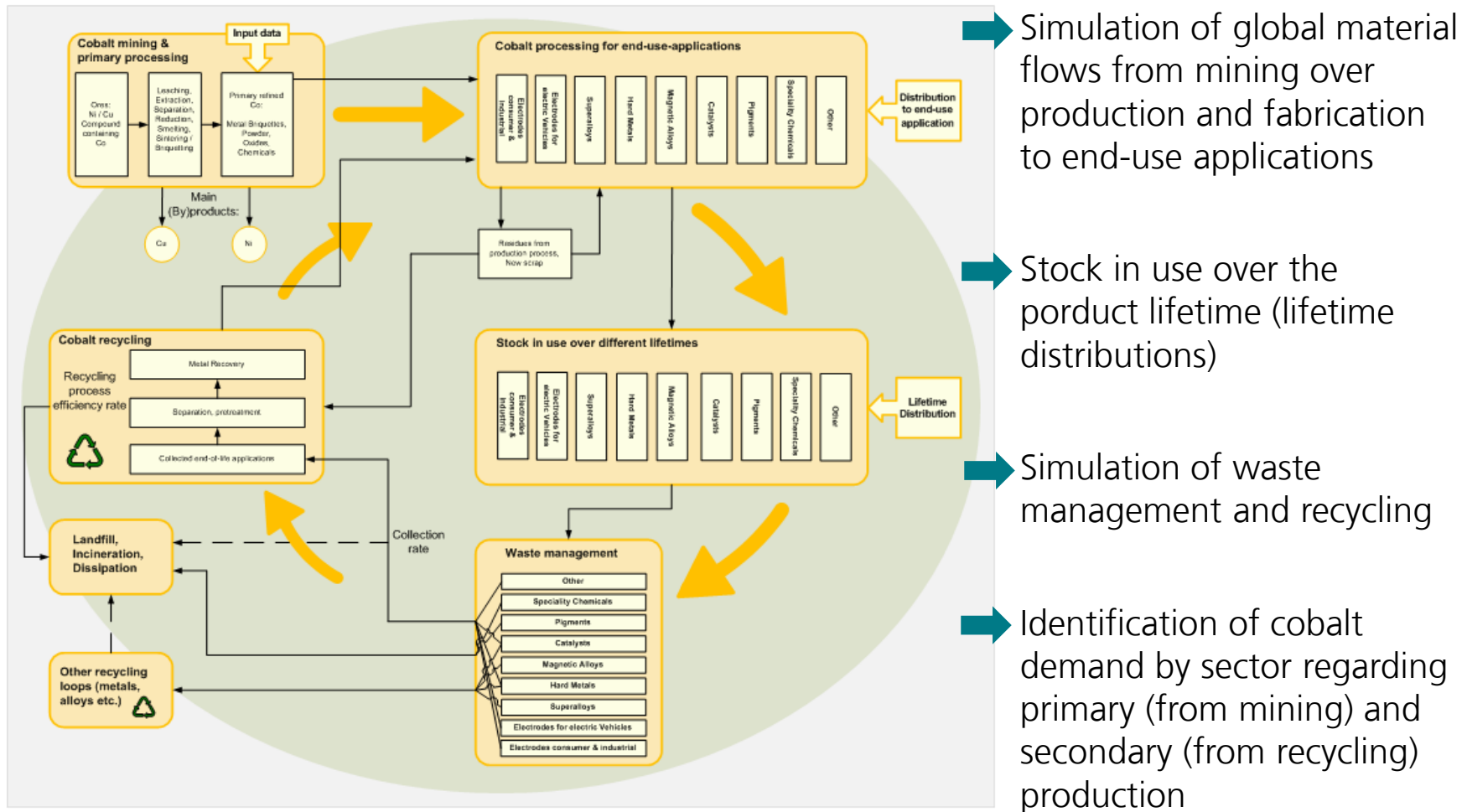
Potential cathode materials for large scale batteries for electric vehicles:

LiCoO₂ (lithium cobalt oxide), LiMnO₂ (lithium manganese oxide),
LiNiO (lithium nickel oxide), LiFePO₄ (lithium iron phosphate)

➔ **mixed oxides such as Li(Ni_{0,85}Co_{0,1}Al_{0,05})O₂ or Li(Ni_{1/3}Co_{1/3}Mn_{1/3})O₂**

Sources: Fraunhofer ICT (TÜBKE 2011)
KIT (KETTERER 2009)

The Life Cycle of Cobalt within a System Dynamics Model



Development of Market Shares in During the Previous Decade

➔ Cobalt:

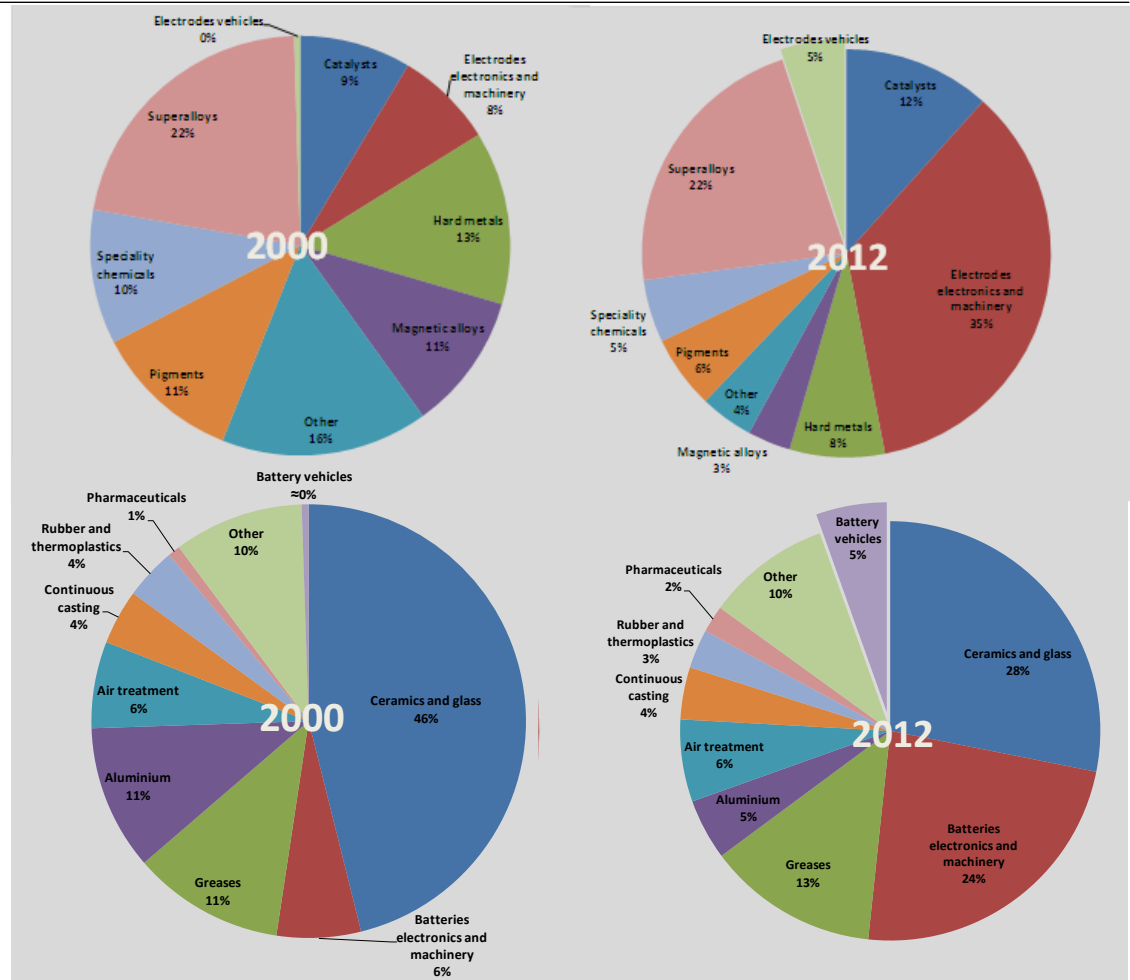
Rapid increase of demand for Electrodes during the last decade – particularly due to lithium-ion cells in electronic products

Current share of vehicle batteries around 5%

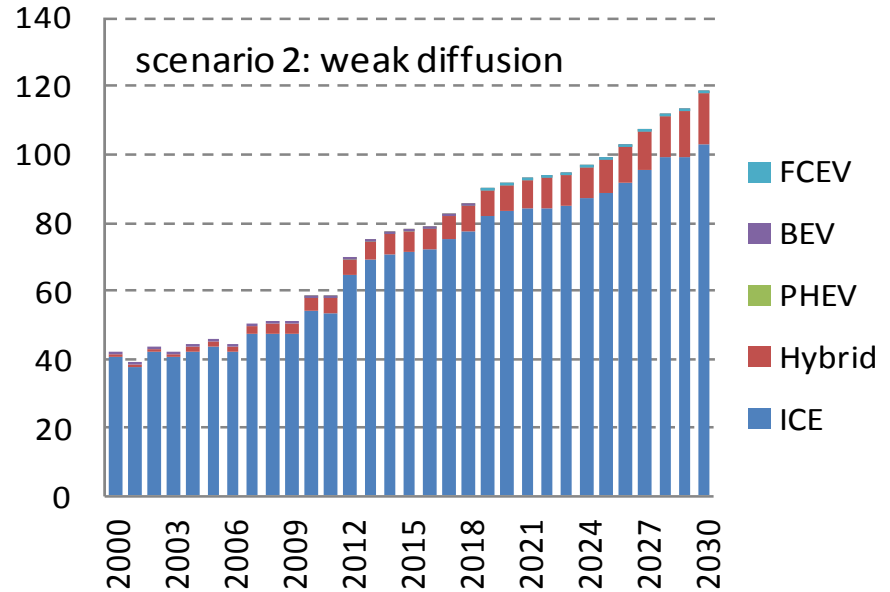
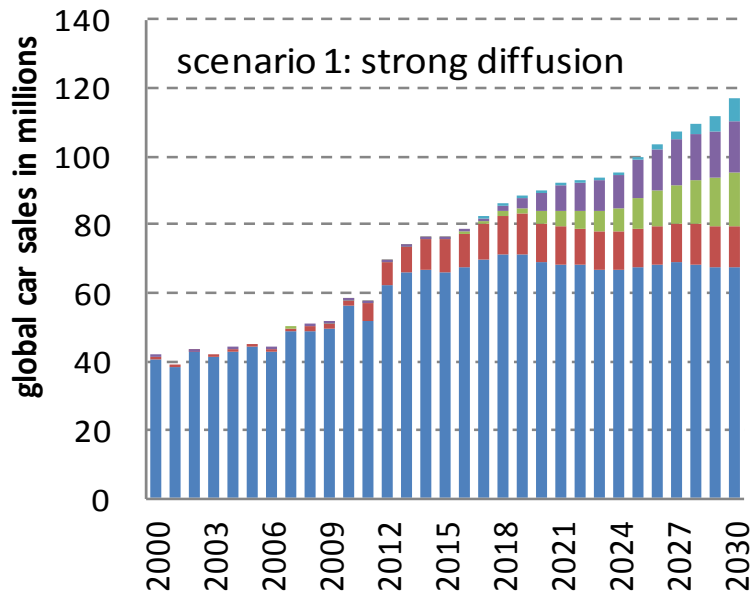
➔ Lithium:

Rapid increase of demand for Lithium-ion cells during the last decade – particularly due to batteries in electronic products

Current share of vehicle batteries around 5%



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For further calculation concerning raw material consumption of electric vehicles, the following battery sizes are used:



- Hybrid: 1.5 kWh
- PHEV: 15 kWh
- BEV: 25 kWh
- 490 g/kWh Cobalt
- 160 g/kWh Lithium

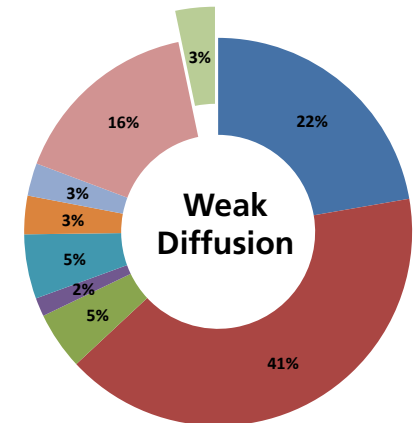
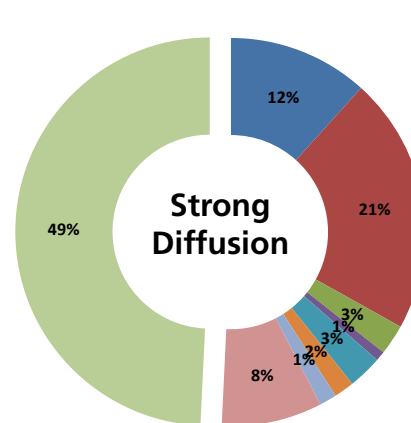
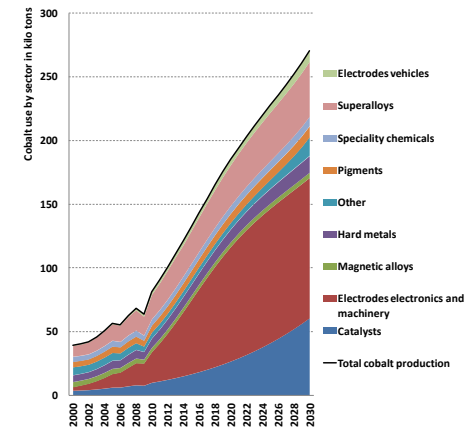
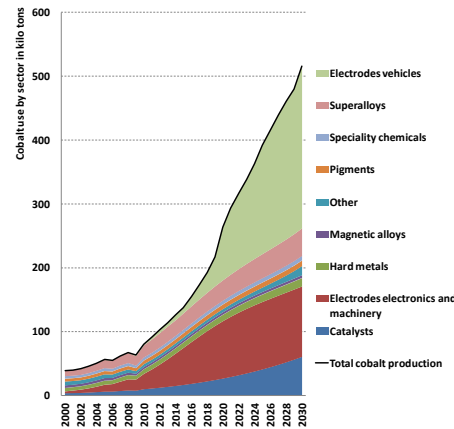
decreasing over time due to higher raw material efficiency and substitution of cobalt by LiFePO_4

Effect of the Two Scenarios on the Global Cobalt Market

Cobalt market effects:

Severe effect of the strong diffusion scenario:
 ≈50% of demand caused by automobile industry, 70% by total electrode production

Negligible share of automobile industry in the weak diffusion scenario



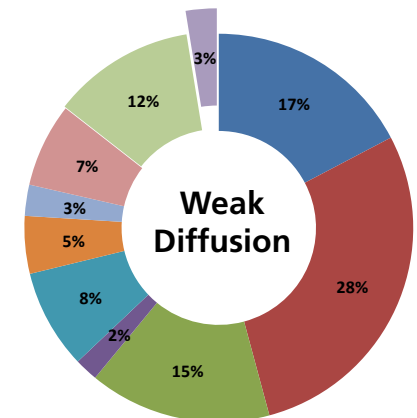
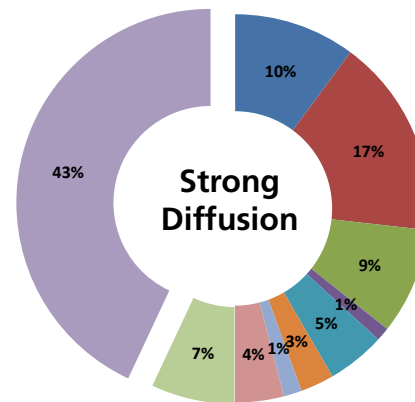
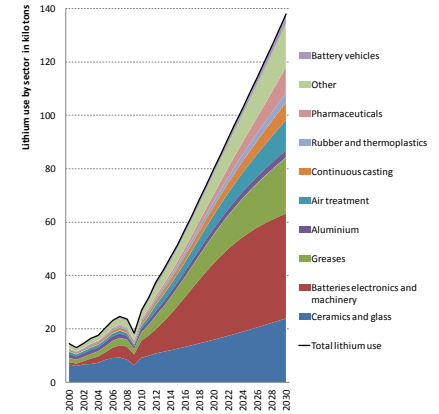
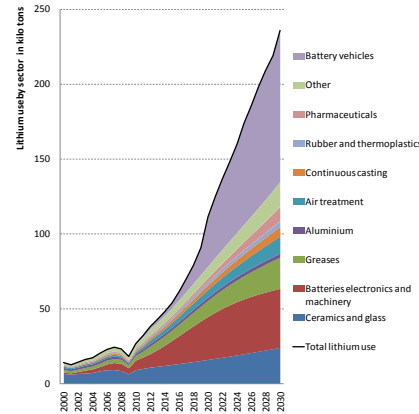
- ➡ High uncertainty of market development
- ➡ High dependence of future demand on automobile industry
- ➡ High risk for investments in mining and production facilities

Effect of the Two Scenarios on the Global Lithium Market

Lithium market effects:

Severe effect of the strong diffusion scenario:
 ≈40% of demand caused by automobile industry, 60% by total electrode production

Negligible share of automobile industry in the weak diffusion scenario



- ➔ High uncertainty of market development
- ➔ High dependence of future demand on automobile industry
- ➔ High risk for investments in mining and production facilities

Future Work and Improvements of the Model

➔ GloMo:

Improved statistical correspondances

➔ Raw Material Market Model:

Higher detail in modeling other raw material demendent sectors in order to get a better understanding of potentials of substitution in cases of raw material scarcity and high pricing

More detail in modeling future future battery technology development

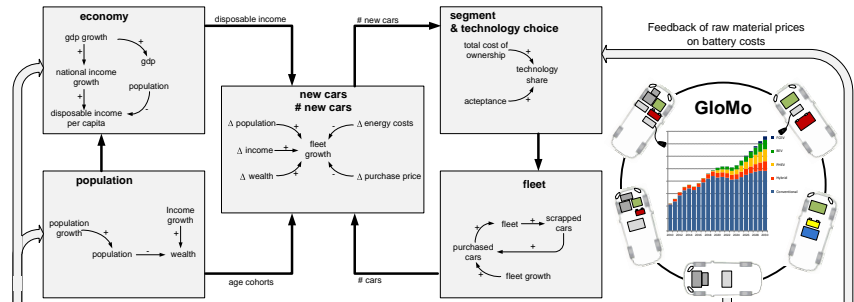
➔ Linkage of the models:

Joint exogenous variables such as economic development

Improved feedback mechanism of high pricing on technological development

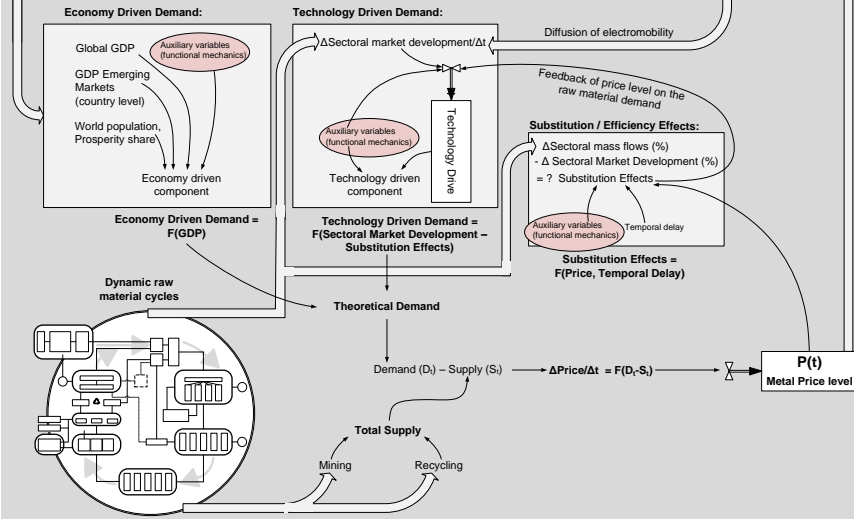
Global Mobility Model [GloMo]:

Combined Structural Equation and System Dynamics Model with a Logit-Decision-Model for discrete technology choice on the micro level



Raw Material Market Model [RaMa] (individual model for each metal):

Combined Structural Equation and System Dynamics Model



Conclusions

- ➔ **Forecast** of worldwide **cars sales per drivetrain technologies** is **volatile** and strongly depends on the development of framework conditions (technology availability, oil price,...)
- ➔ Uncertainty in forecasting battery technology: **Raw materials, particularly cobalt are likely to be substituted in the long term**
- ➔ **High planning uncertainties** and market risks both mining companies and battery or car producers are confronted with
- ➔ **Market penetration of BEV and PEV depends on supply with lithium and cobalt** which both have high geological reserves, thus the potential depletion of the materials is not relevant
- ➔ **High lead times and planning periods** of mining projects (5-10 years):
Are today's investments in mining and production facilities able to meet future demand?