





2020s

Street cleaning 4.0

Towards carbon free and energy
efficient sweeping

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1900s Mechanical Sweeping



1960s Suction Sweeping

Founded in Kuopio, Finland 2011

Focus on R&D and innovation of street cleaning dust control and dust cleaning technologies

- High pressure dust suppression technology - adopted from demolition industries - 2013
- 2014 onwards high focus on PM2.5 and PM10 dust removal technologies
- World's first sweeper attachments - Trombia - meet the cleaning effectiveness of highest calibre suction sweepers.



1. What is effective street sweeping based on the knowledge today?
2. What do we know about energy-efficiency of the current suction sweeping technologies?
3. Street cleaning 4.0 - the paradox of cleaning effectiveness, viability and energy-efficiency

KwH

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KM2

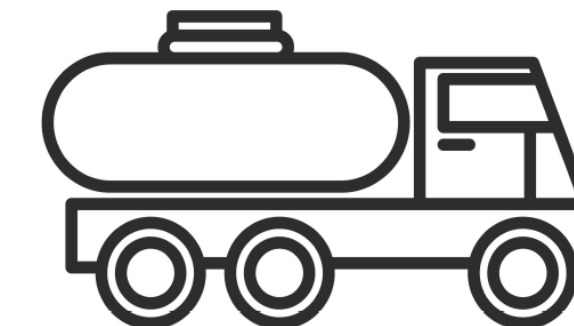
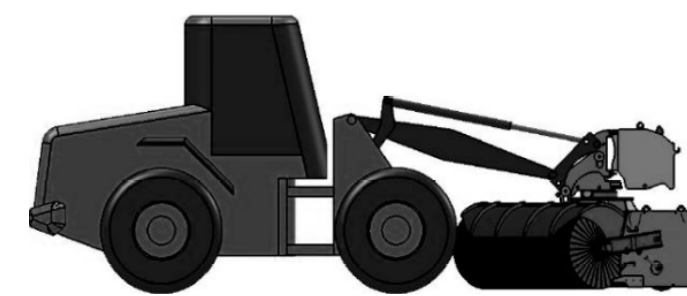
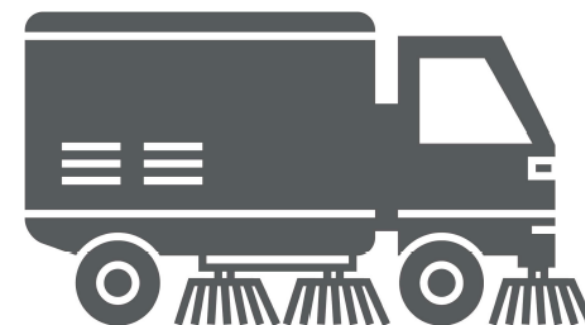
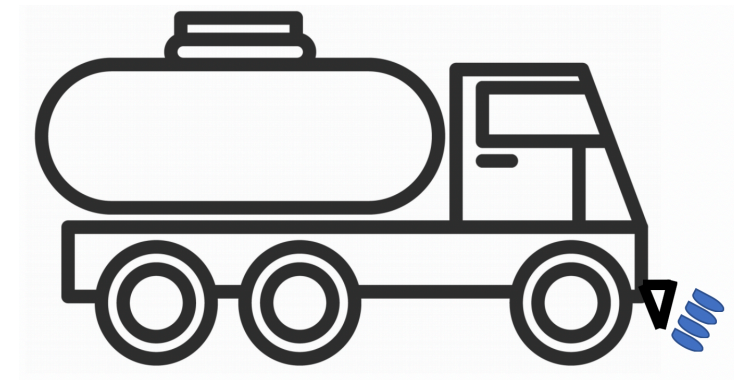
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3. PM2,5 removing sweeper

Removes 90-95% of PM dust in standard conditions

1. Watering truck

Dust control purposes



4. Pressure washer

Required for longer lasting impact on air quality (Redust, KAPU, VTI, City of Toronto)

2. Mechanical sweeping

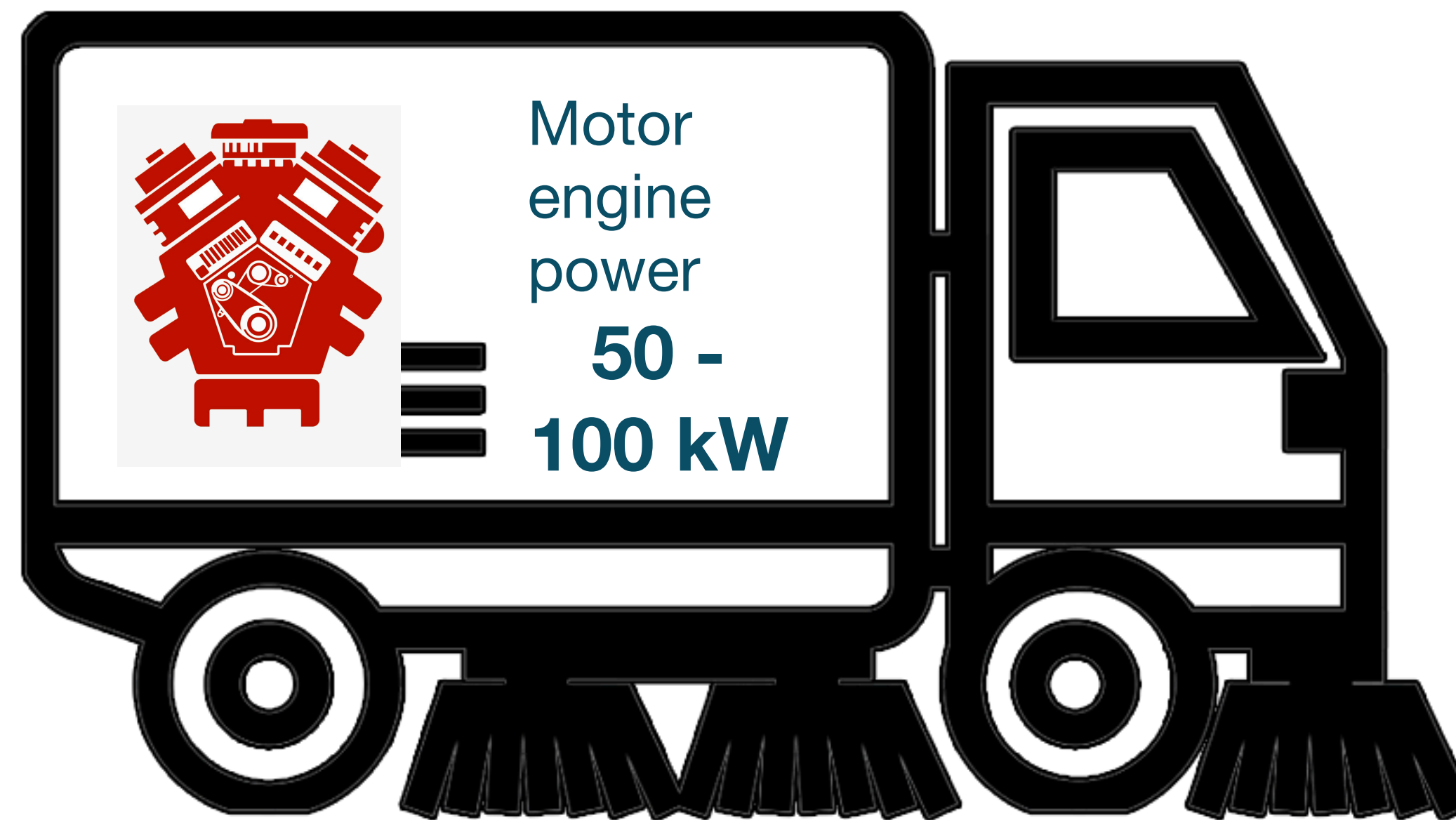
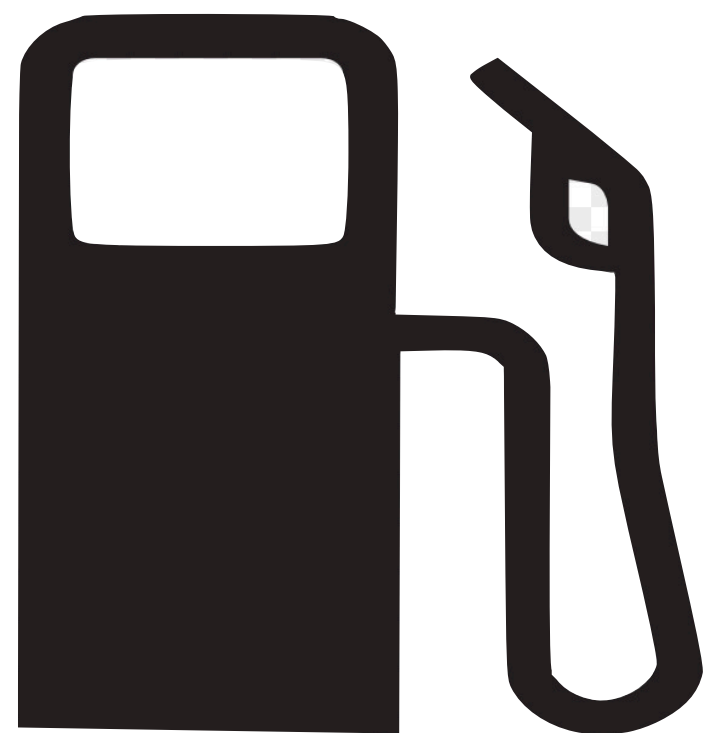
Sand and coarse materials

2. What do we know about energy-efficiency of the current suction sweeping technologies?

Diesel fuel consumption

20 - 40 l / h

(20 l = 66kwh usable energy.)



PM-dust removal
speed
1 km/h

PM-dust removal
width
60 cm

0,3 - 0,6 km² cleaned street in one hour

50 - 70 kg CO₂/km²

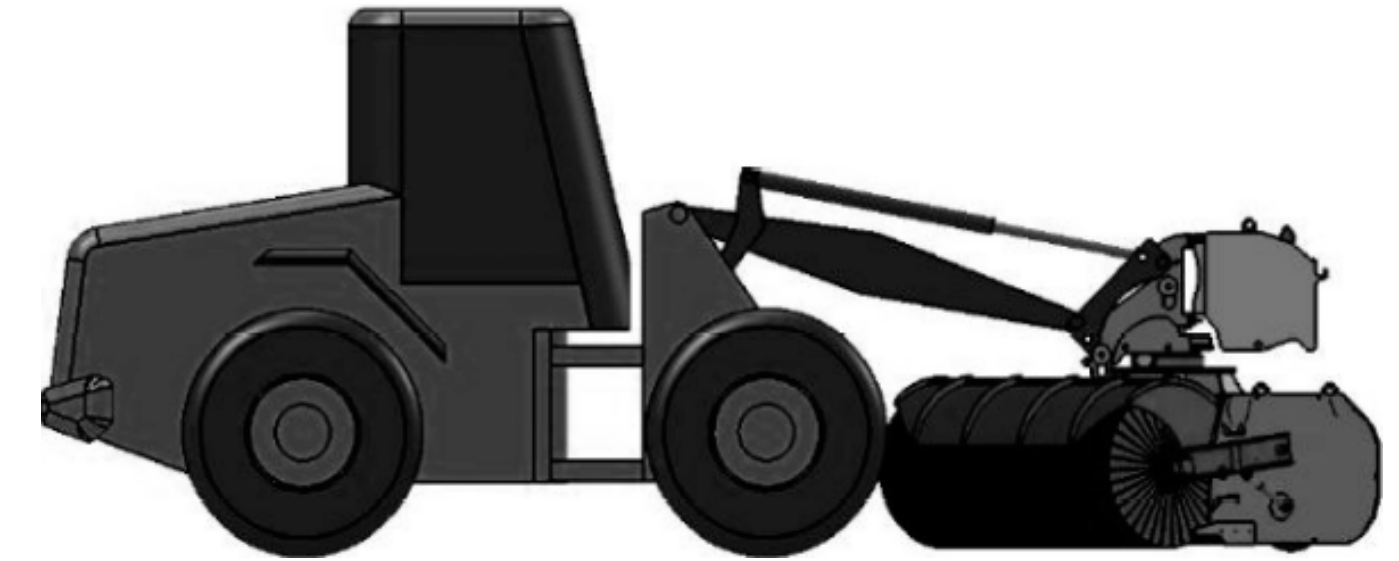
Even a modern and optimized fleet of today's Nordic city eats enormous amount of power



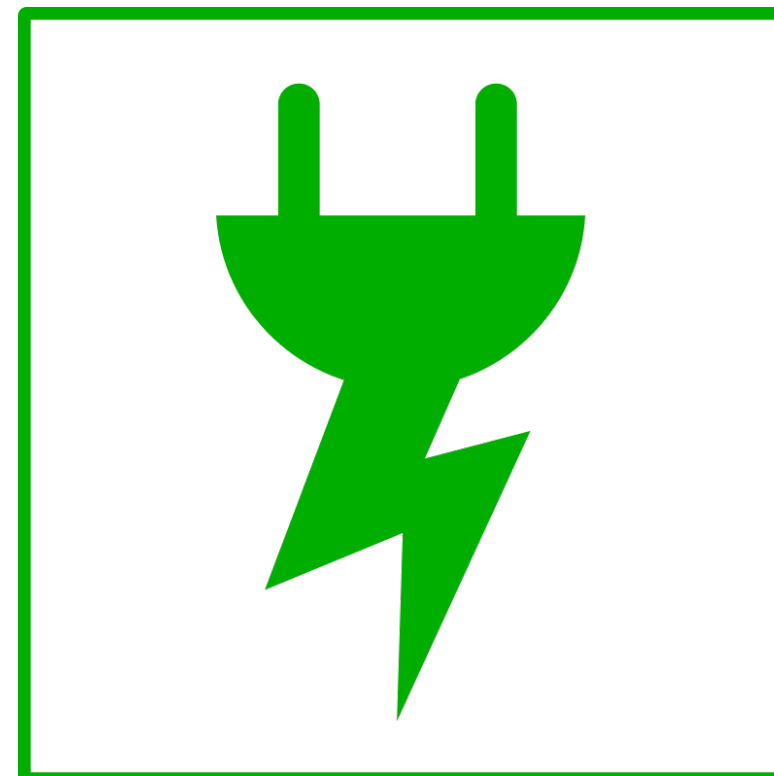
Suction sweeper with high pressure washer and 2.5m wide suction width



Dump truck



Mechanical sweeping device with advanced integrated dust control



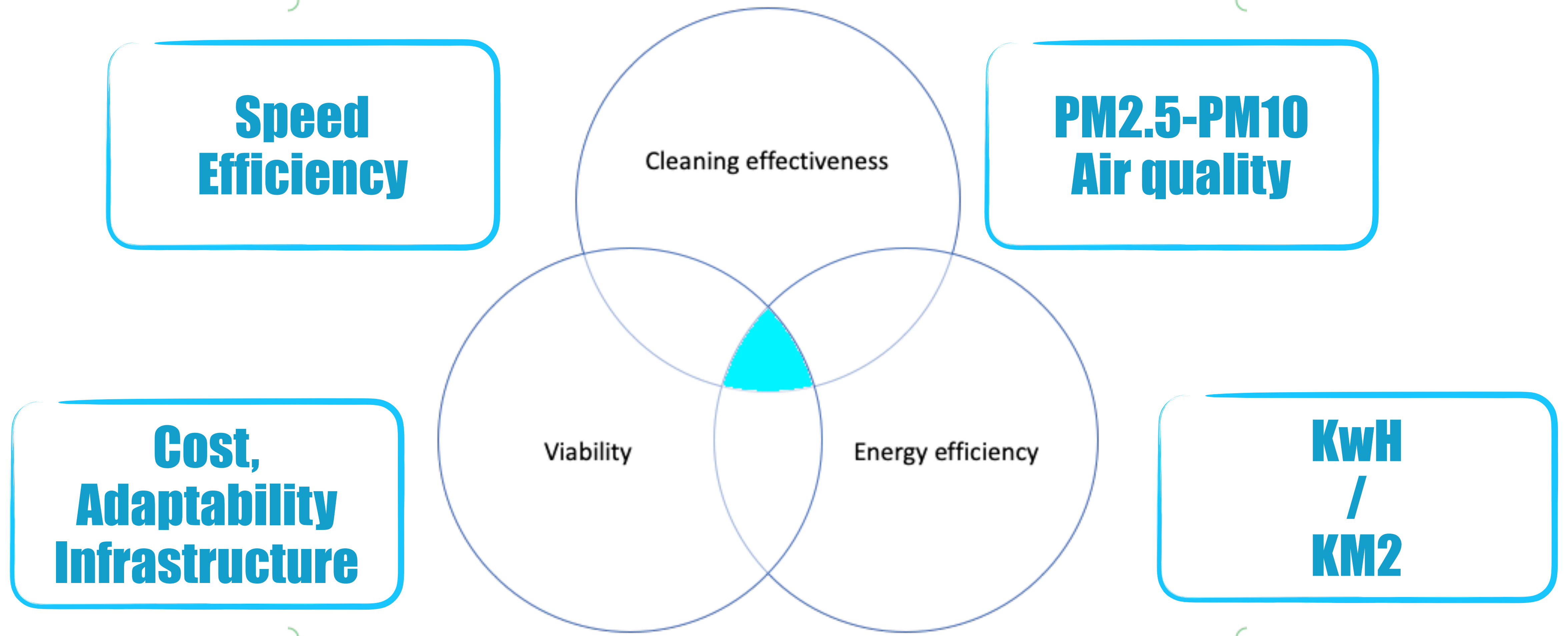
One hour of effective sweeping we will need

65 l + / h diesel fuel

= over 215 kwh power input

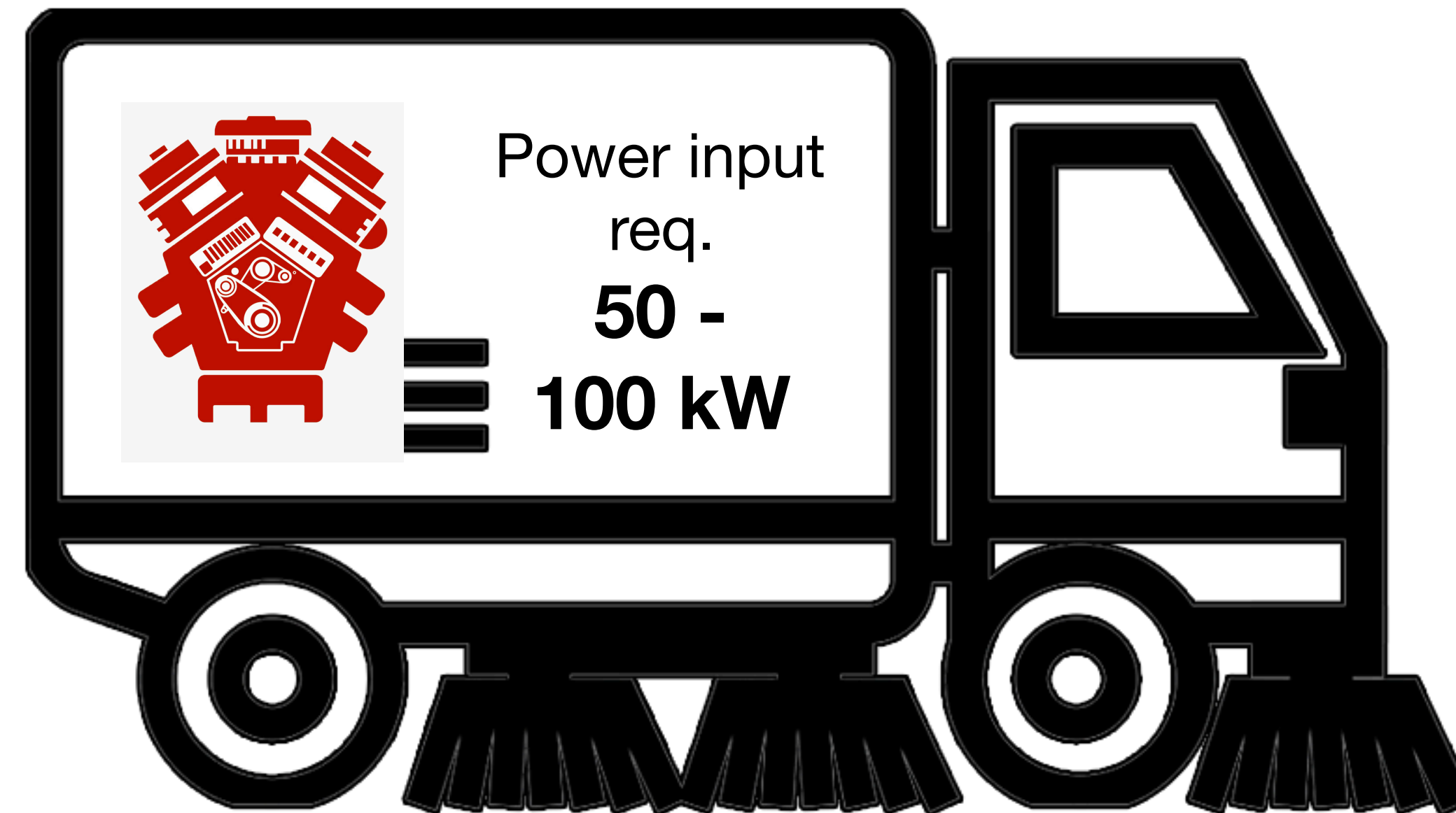
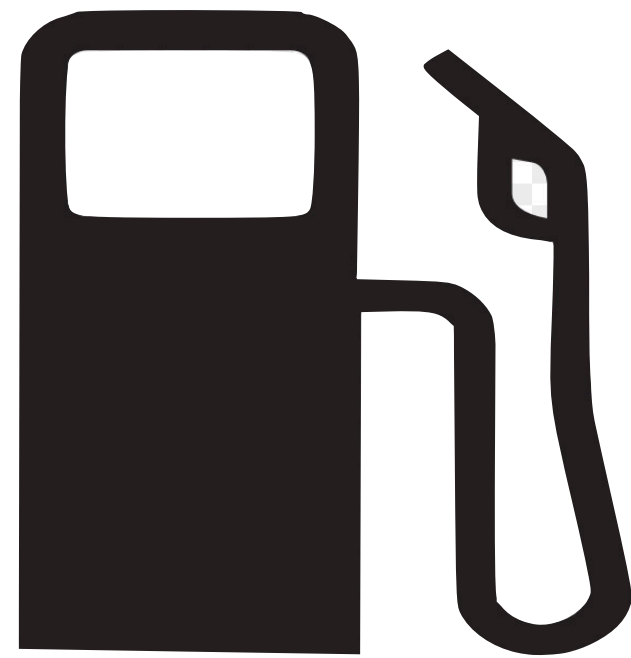
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Approach I: Let's swap the engines of our current fleet

KwH / day
400 - 800 KwH



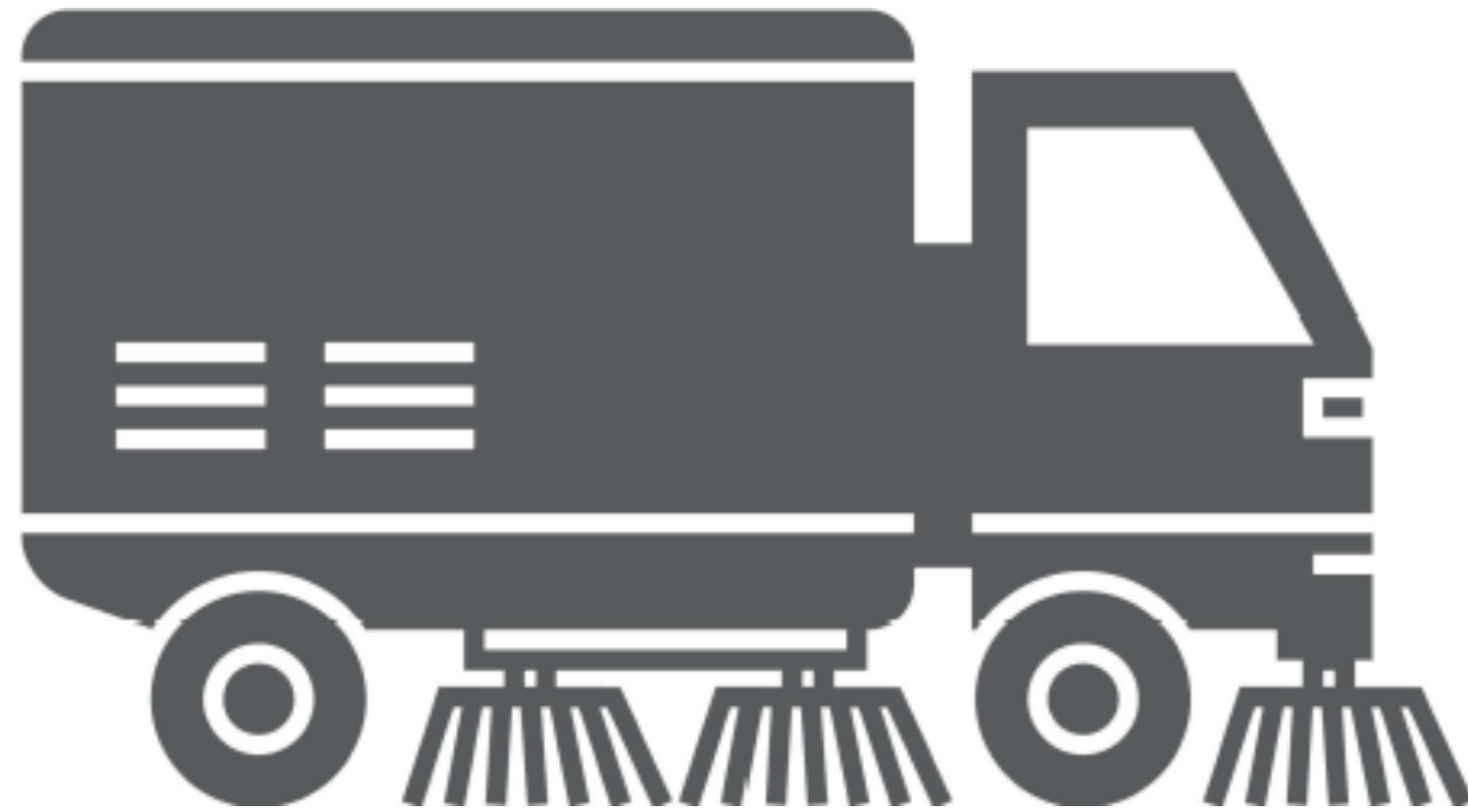
Efficient PM removal
speed
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PM2.5 Suction width
60 cm

Cost of one battery pack for 8h workday, 200 000 - 350 000 eur, in manufacturing

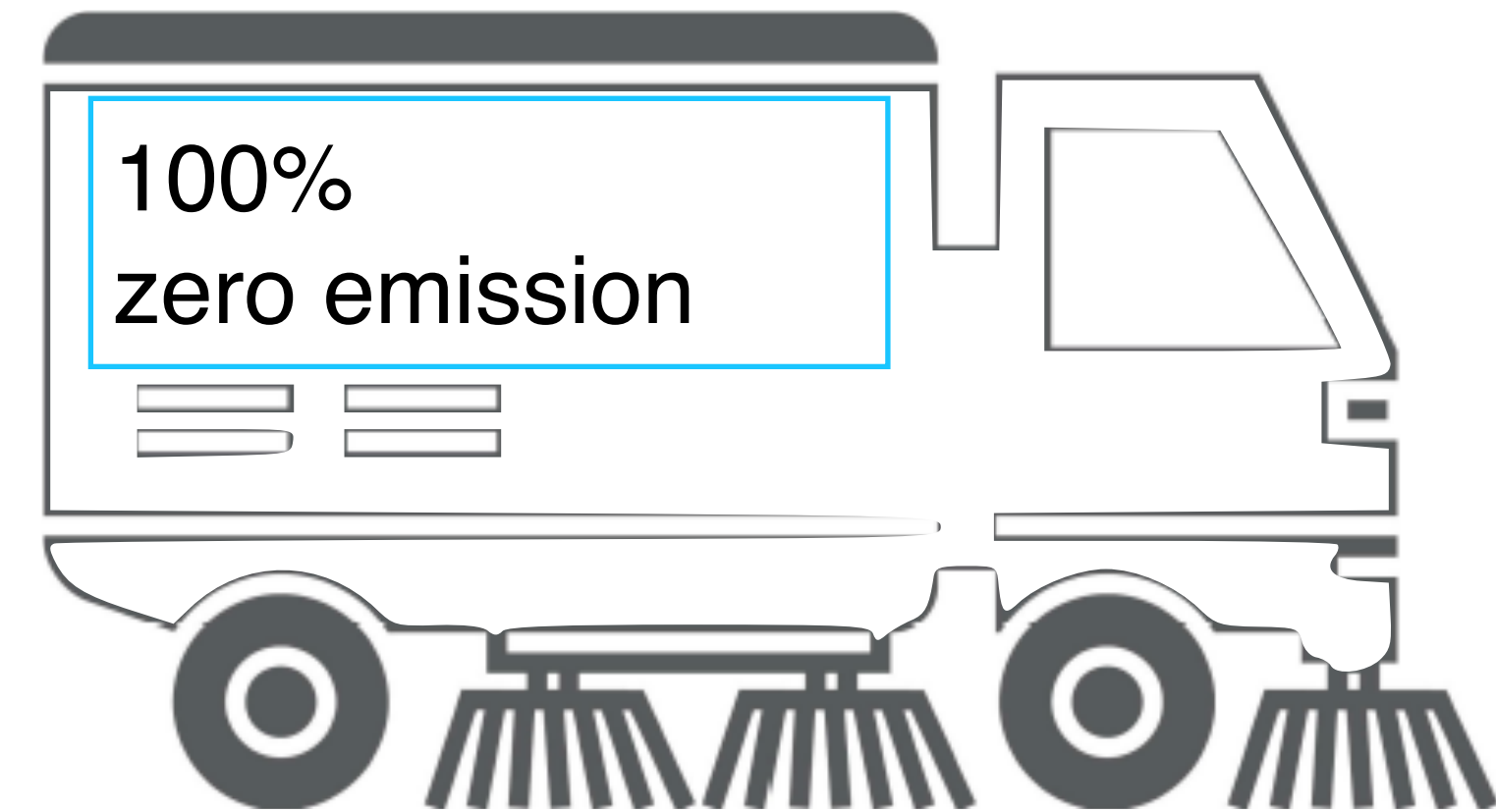
Approach II: We already found an electric sweeper

SuperSweeper Pro Diesel



- PM2.5 Dust removal 0,6km2/h
- PM2.5 Removal efficiency 90-95%
- Engine power **55kw-100kw**

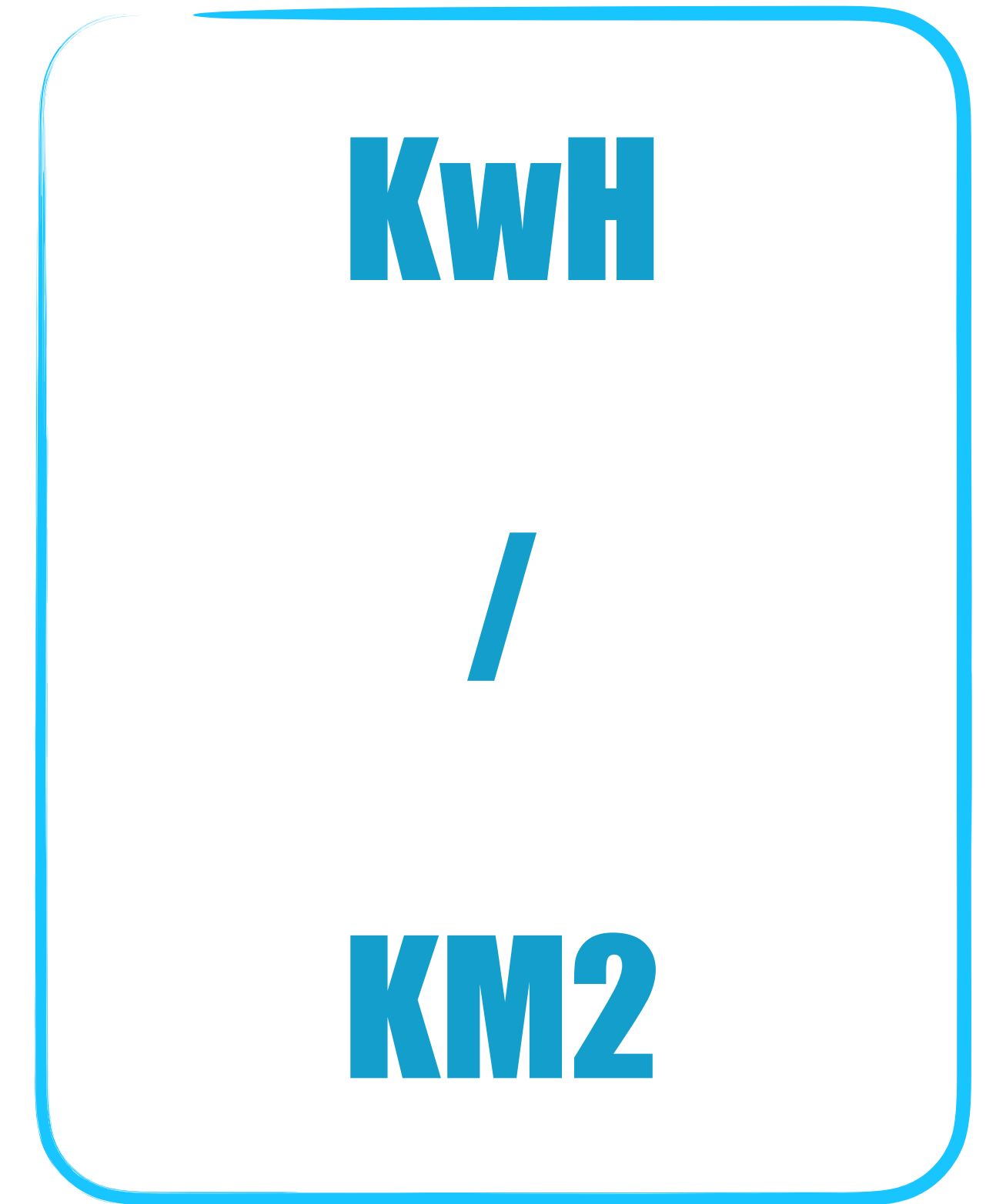
E-SuperSweeper Pro



- PM2.5 Dust removal ____
- PM2.5 Removal efficiency ____
- Electric motor power **9kw**

Approach III: Rethink.

- Shift from "vehicle-by-vehicle thinking" to "kwh / km2" solution thinking
- Radically more energy-efficient cleaning technologies
- Merge those technologies with the existing infrastructure



Thank you!

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