The Electric Vehicle is here (again) - And why it might stay this time!

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HG E 5 (Main Building, E-floor, room 5)

Abstract
The current momentum in the electrification of the traditional drivetrain in passenger cars as well as the growing number of pure electric driven vehicles fuels hope for a transition towards a more sustainable mobility. Unfortunately, the advent of electric vehicles has been announced before and failed on its promises. We have therefore to ask ourselves what is different this time, especially what progress has been made or can be expected in the near future to justify this new hype? The first presentation will focus on key technological innovations made in the last years as well as what can be expected in the field of electrical machines, power electronics and batteries. The perspectives for an increasing electrification of the transport sector are influenced by recent technology advancements on hand but have also implications for the supply side of the required electricity. We will therefore in the second presentation briefly examine systemic implications of transport electrification through battery electric vehicle, plug-in hybrid electric vehicle technologies and possible paths to be taken with emphasis on Switzerland.

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To conclude, you are welcome to visit the exhibition organized by the ETH Formula Student Project. This exhibition will be hosted at ETH main Building Hall from 23 to 25 Mai. This seminar is organized by the SCCER Mobility. We would appreciate your registration until 17 Mai 2016 using the doodle link or contacting fiorella.meyer@sccer.ethz.ch

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