



# Road Transport Carbon Impact, Time to look 'Beyond the Tailpipe'

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## LowCVP – The Low Carbon Vehicle Partnership

The LowCVP is an independent, not-for profit stakeholder partnership funded mainly through government grants and member contributions.

The LowCVP is the only organisation in the UK – or Europe – which brings stakeholders together to facilitate the development of better policy and accelerate the shift to low carbon vehicles and fuels.

*“The LowCVP is a unique organisation which is effective in bringing stakeholders with widely differing perspectives together.”*

Prof Neville Jackson, Chief Technology and Innovation Officer, Ricardo UK Ltd  
and Chair of the LowCVP Board

## LowCVP – Vision, Mission and Aims

- Our aspiration is for “**Sustainable and efficient global mobility with zero life cycle impact**”
- We will work towards this by “**Accelerating a sustainable shift to low carbon vehicles and fuels and stimulating opportunities for UK businesses**”
- Through:
  - **Connecting** stakeholders to build understanding and consensus regarding the optimal pathways to low carbon road transport.
  - **Collaborating** on initiatives that develop the market for low carbon vehicles and fuels.
  - **Influencing** Government and other decision makers on future policy directions and optimal policy mechanisms.

# Agenda

- UK reports on life cycle assessment
- Comparison of vehicle technologies
- UK manufacturers report
- Projection of future life cycle impacts
  - Improvements over time
  - Changing contribution of life cycle phases
  - Several options available to meet targets
- Current CO2 measurement challenges
- Precedent of urgent first steps to better assessment
- Sensitivity
  - Vehicle Life
  - Lightweight materials
  - Vehicle types
  - International implications
- The way forward

# UK reports on life cycle assessment

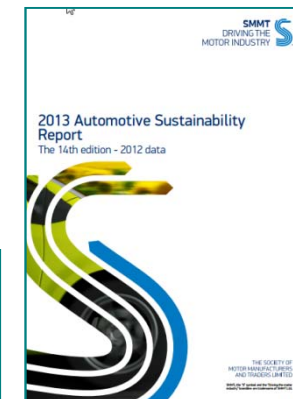
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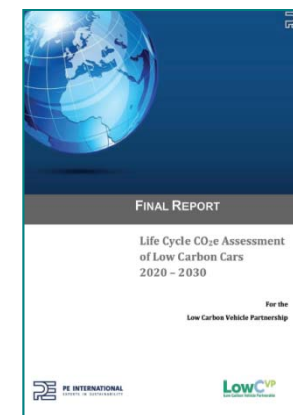
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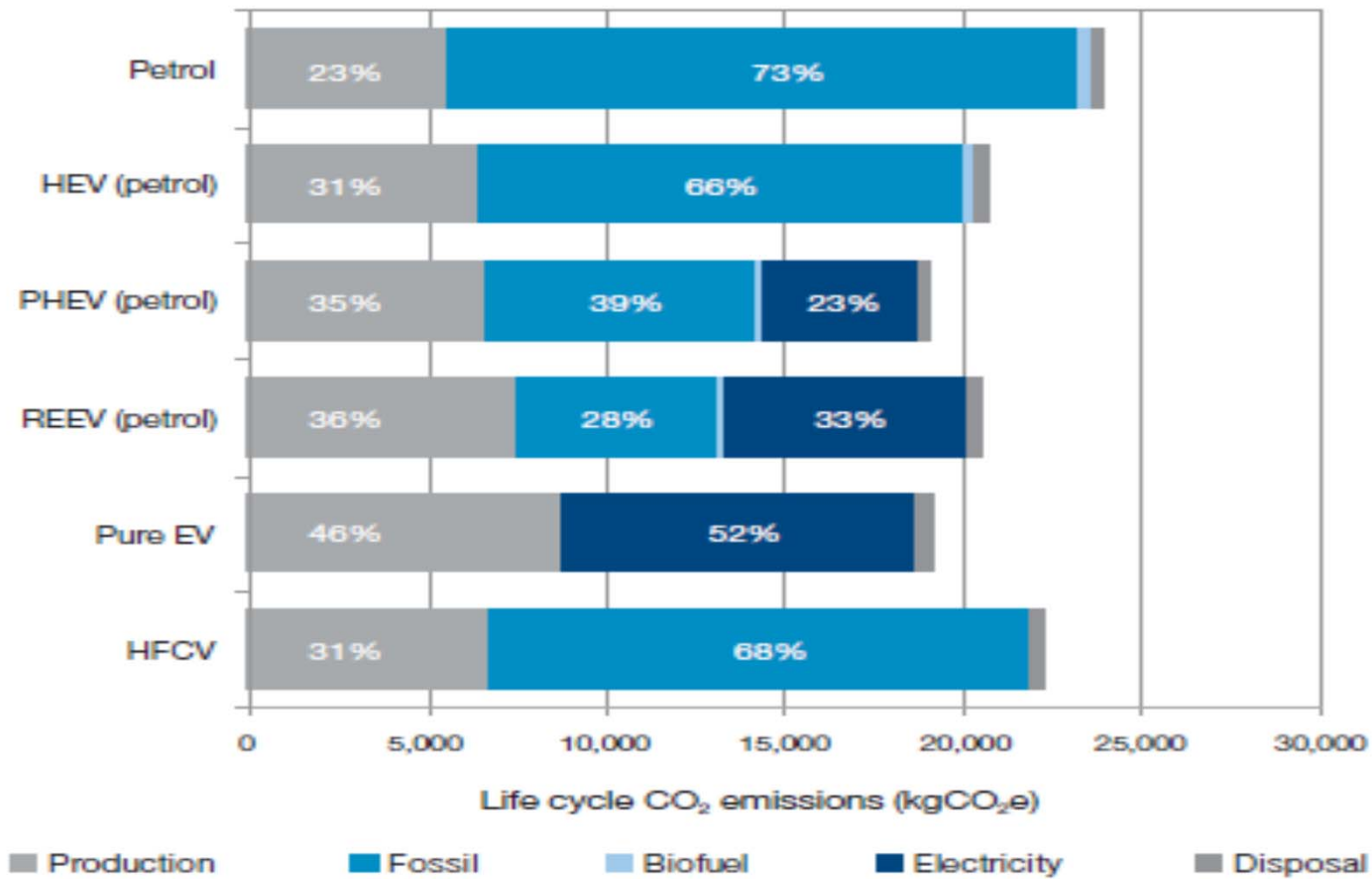


2013 – LowCVP report “Life Cycle CO2e Assessment of Low Carbon Cars 2020-2030” – PE international



# 2011 – LowCVP comparison of vehicle technologies

Figure 2.4: Life cycle CO<sub>2</sub>e emissions for various medium-sized vehicle technologies in 2015



Source: Ricardo (2011)

Preparing for a Life Cycle CO<sub>2</sub> Measure – Report for LowCVP 2011

# 2013 – LCA analysis gathers momentum

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**Current and Future Lifecycle Emissions of Key 'Low Carbon' Technologies and Alternatives**  
Final Report

Naser Odeh  
Nikolas Hill  
Daniel Forster

Project carried out for the Committee on Climate Change (CCC)

17<sup>th</sup> April 2013

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**Figure 4.10: Comparison of estimated average well-to-wheel greenhouse gas emissions in real-world conditions for various powertrains from 2010 to 2050**

Powertrain	2010	2025	2050
Petrol ICE	230	130	70
Diesel ICE	190	110	60
Petrol HEV	180	100	60
Diesel HEV	150	90	60
Petrol PHEV	150	80	30
Diesel PHEV	140	70	30
Petrol REEV	130	60	20
Diesel REEV	120	50	20
BEV	100	40	10
FCEV	120	50	10
H2FC PHEV	110	40	10
H2FC REEV	100	30	10
NG ICE	180	100	50
LPG ICE	190	110	60

Source: Ricardo-AEA (2012)

Powering Ahead  
The future of low-carbon cars and fuels

Duncan Kay, Nikolas Hill and Dan Newman  
Ricardo-AEA  
April 2013

UKPIA RAC Foundation

**Figure 3.4: Estimated lifecycle emissions of different car technologies, now and in 2030**

Technology	Scenario	Disposal	Infrastructure	Operation	Transport	Manufacture
Petrol ICE car	Current	0	0	240	0	20
	2030	0	0	140	0	10
Petrol PHEV car	Current	0	0	150	0	30
	2030	0	0	80	0	10
BEV car	Current	0	0	70	0	50
	2030	0	0	10	0	20

Source: CCC analysis based on estimates developed by Ricardo-AEA.  
Notes: Base scenario. Reflects power sector decarbonisation over vehicle lifetimes. Assumes biofuels at their 2012 average levels for public refuelling stations.

**Reducing the UK's carbon footprint and managing competitiveness risks**  
Committee on Climate Change | April 2013



# UK manufacturers report – SMMT Sustainability Report

SMMT 14<sup>th</sup> year of Sustainability Report. Scorecard approach.

- Economic and market measures
- Environmental and resources
- Social impacts for sector

Shows Year-on-year changes  
 Covers over 95% of UK production  
 Includes Tier 1 suppliers  
 Progressively incorporates more comprehensive data on supply chain

## IN SUMMARY

		2011	2012	Percentage change 2012 on 2011	
<b>ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE</b>					
Automotive manufacturing sector turnover*	(£ billion)	57.7	59.3	2.8	●
Expenditure on business R&D*	(£ billion)	1.5	1.7	9.2	●
Total number of cars and CVs produced	(million) (UK) (WI)	1.5	1.6	7.7	●
Total new cars and CV registrations	(million) (UK) (WI)	2.2	2.3	1.7	●
Signatories' combined turnover	(£ billion) (AS)	49.6	58.2	17.5	●
Total number of vehicles produced	(million) (AS)	1.4	1.5	9.4	●
<b>ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE</b>					
<b>Production inputs</b>					
Total combined energy use	(GWh) (AS)	5,010	4,628	-7.6	●
Energy used per vehicle produced	(MWh/unit) (VMs)	2.3	2.2	-4.8	●
Total combined water use	(000m <sup>3</sup> ) (AS)	5,481	5,765	5.2	●
Water use per vehicle produced	(m <sup>3</sup> /unit) (VMs)	3.0	2.9	-2.1	●
<b>Material output</b>					
Total combined CO <sub>2</sub> equivalents	(tonnes) (AS)	1,600,148	1,420,805	-11.2	●
CO <sub>2</sub> equivalents per vehicle produced	(tonnes/unit) (VMs)	0.68	0.66	-3.2	●
Volatile Organic Compounds emissions (cars)	(g/m <sup>2</sup> ) (VMs)	35.4	35.3	-0.2	●
Volatile Organic Compounds emissions (vans)	(g/m <sup>2</sup> ) (VMs)	61.4	60.5	-1.4	●
Total combined waste to landfill	(tonnes) (AS)	14,780	11,661	-21.1	●
Waste to landfill per vehicle produced	(kg/unit) (VMs)	7.1	5.9	-16.7	●
<b>Vehicle use</b>					
Average new car CO <sub>2</sub> emissions	(g/km) (AC)	138.1	133.1	-3.6	●
<b>SOCIAL PERFORMANCE</b>					
Number of jobs dependent on the sector*	('000) (WI)	746	731	-2.0	●
Combined number of employees	(AS)	79,641	83,308	4.6	●
Number of lost-time incidents	(AS)	185	178	-3.8	●
Number of training days per employee	(AS)	3.2	2.7	-14.8	●

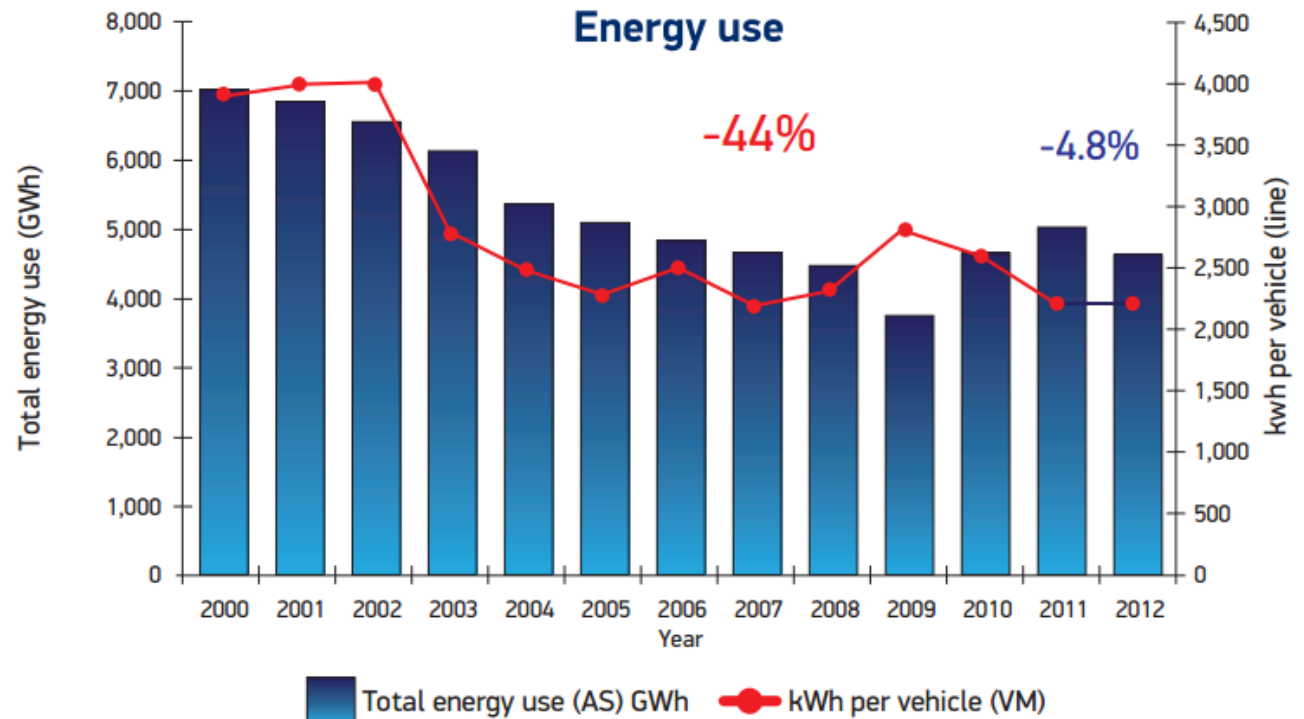


# Example of progress in manufacturing impact

## Energy and CO<sub>2</sub>

- Energy consumption for all signatories dropped by 7.6%. Energy per vehicle manufactured reduced by 4.8%
- CO<sub>2</sub> emissions showed a similar trend, down 11.2% for all signatories and 3.2% per vehicle.
- Since 2000, energy consumption per vehicle has fallen 44% and CO<sub>2</sub> emissions have declined 40.3%.

*The 2011 and 2012 figures have been adjusted to take into account new signatories.*



Individual manufacturers are increasingly publishing reports on Life Cycle assessment using a wide variety of methods, assumptions and boundaries.

## LowCVP Report 2013 –

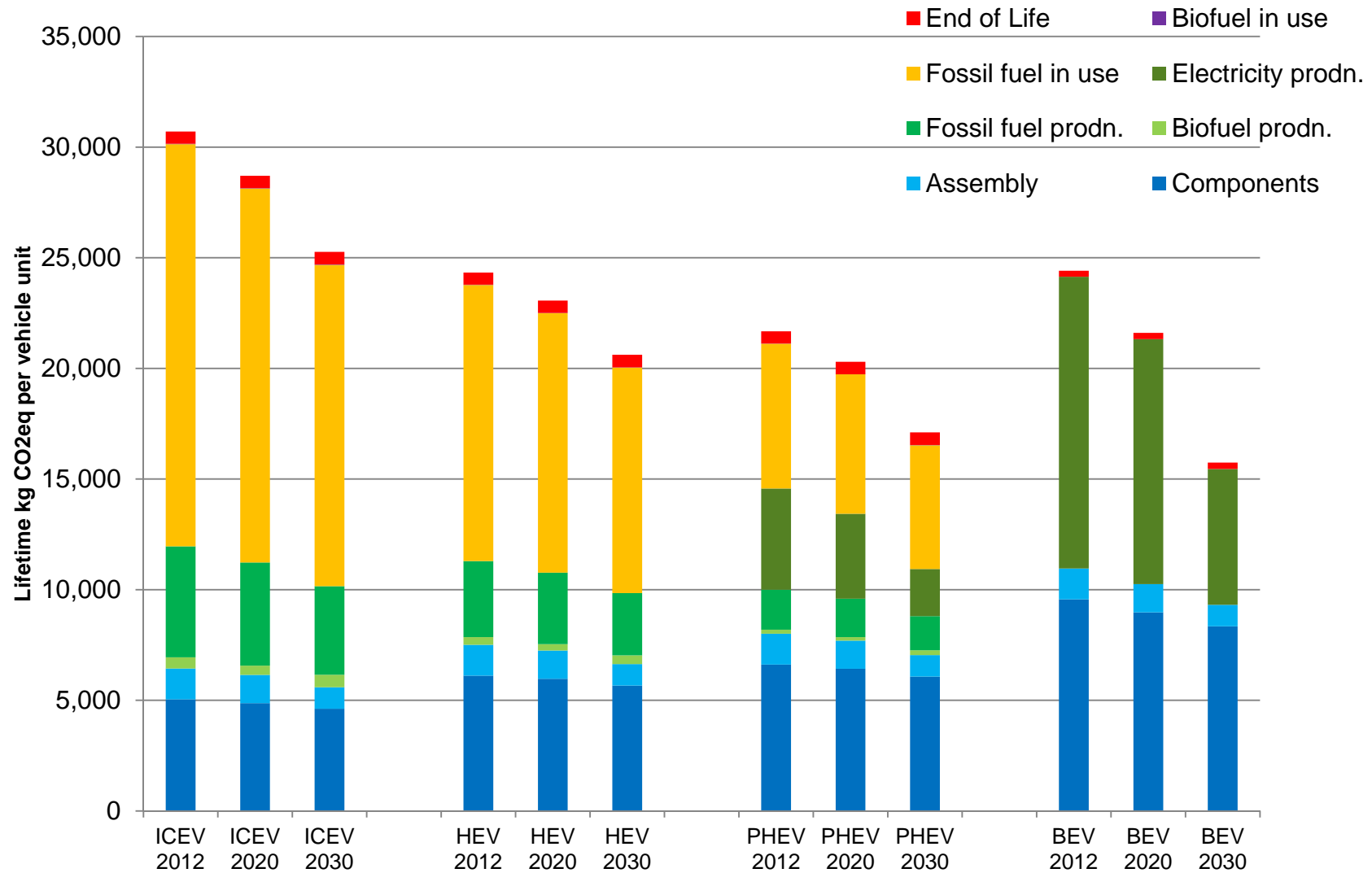
- Building on the previous LowCVP work:-
- To study how the change in technology will affect the life-cycle impact
- To identify the most carbon intensive phases of a vehicle life now and in the future
- To review key areas of sensitivity in input assumptions
- Considers four technology options on a mid size passenger car
- (Petrol only) ICEV, HEV, PHEV, BEV
- From 2012, forecast for 2020, 2030
- Identifies potential of 'best' case options
- Includes Biofuel consideration
- Using GaBi database and using ISO 14040 outline



## Assumptions are critical in any report/analysis

- Key assumptions used in this report
- GaBi 5 system developed by PE International, used by major OEMs with specified emission factors for each material
- Reducing carbon intensity of grid electricity for production and use
- Bioethanol blended in gasoline (E10 baseline)
- Driving cycle is NEDC
- Vehicle life 150,000km
- Progressive improvements in fuel consumption due to technology and light-weighting
  
- Sensitivity analysis
- Vehicle life to 300,000km (With battery replacement assumption)
- Light-weighting via aluminium or high strength steel
- Potential recycling benefit of traction battery packs

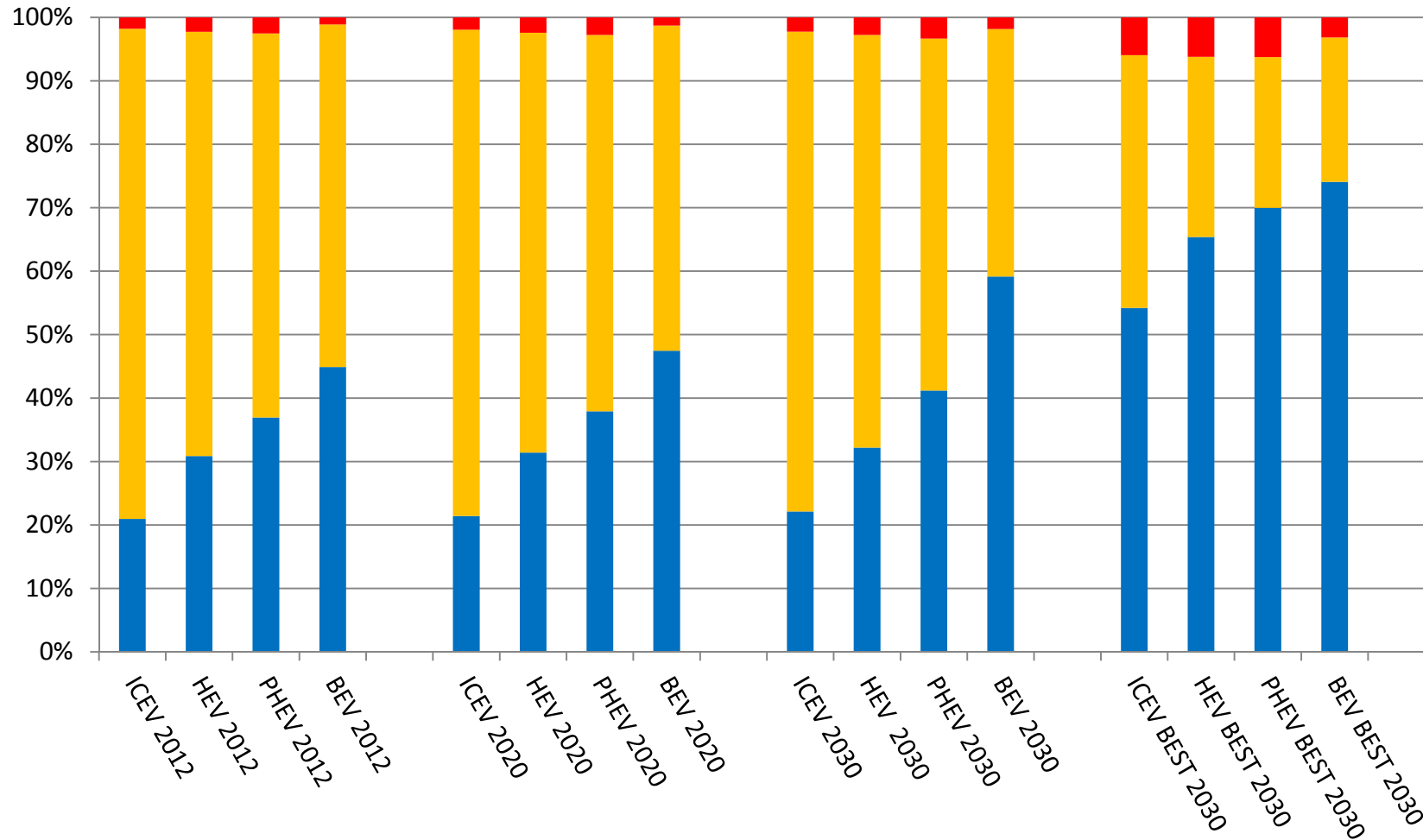
# Life-cycle impact improves with time – for all technologies.



# In-use phase still dominates before 2030

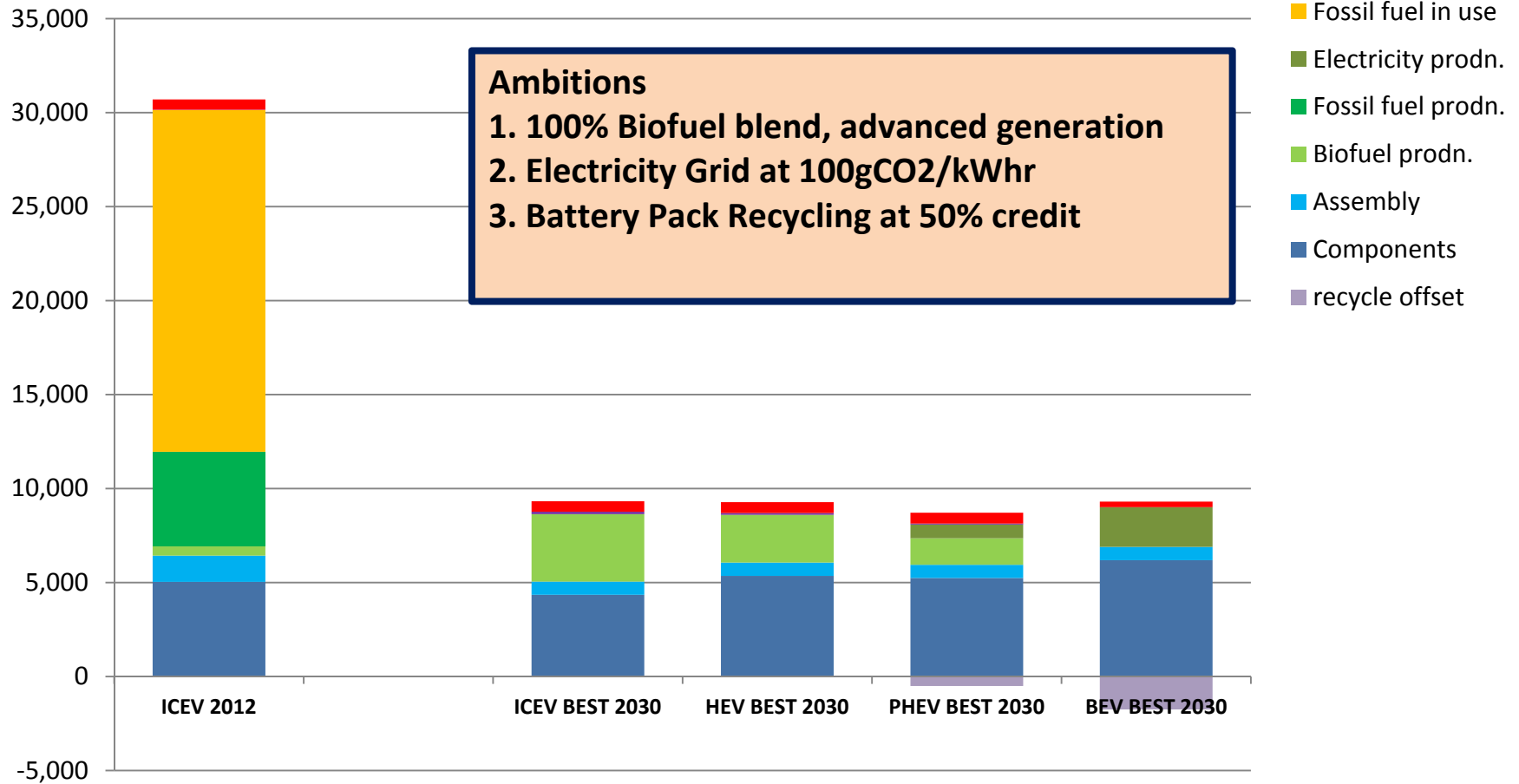
Proportion of Life Cycle CO<sub>2</sub>e<sub>q</sub> for primary phases

■ End of Life ■ USE ■ PRODUCTION



# Ambitious policies could deliver >65% reductions by 2030 for all technologies

CO2eq life-cycle impact 'best' case 2030 using 'ambitious' policies



\*100g/CO<sub>2</sub>/kWhr relates to electricity generation at the point of consumption

## BUT ... real world fuel use higher than NEDC

- Recent reports have noted that consumers fuel consumption typically exceeds test cycle results by an average of 25%
- ICCT report May 2013 –25% average increase based on users own data input
- Additionally UK data from Emissions Analytics/What Car? True mpg – corroborates 25% higher on average than NEDC
- Very limited data exists on electric energy consumption but indications are similar discrepancy in real world use
- Interestingly the results are very consistent even though some data are from a large dataset of users own fuel measurements and other from on-road testing using Portable Emissions Measurement System (PEMS)

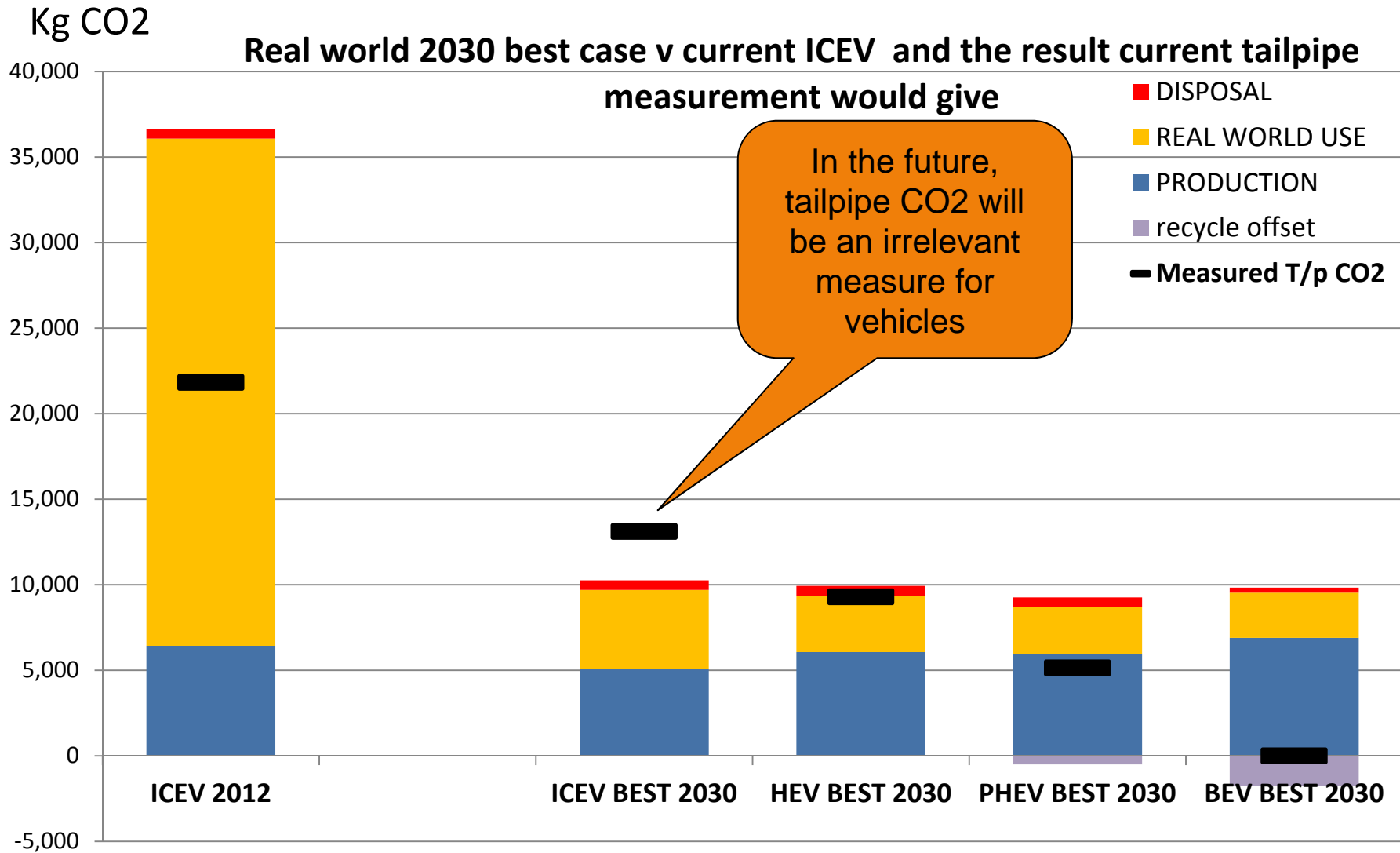




## BUT ... Well-to-Wheel assessment is needed

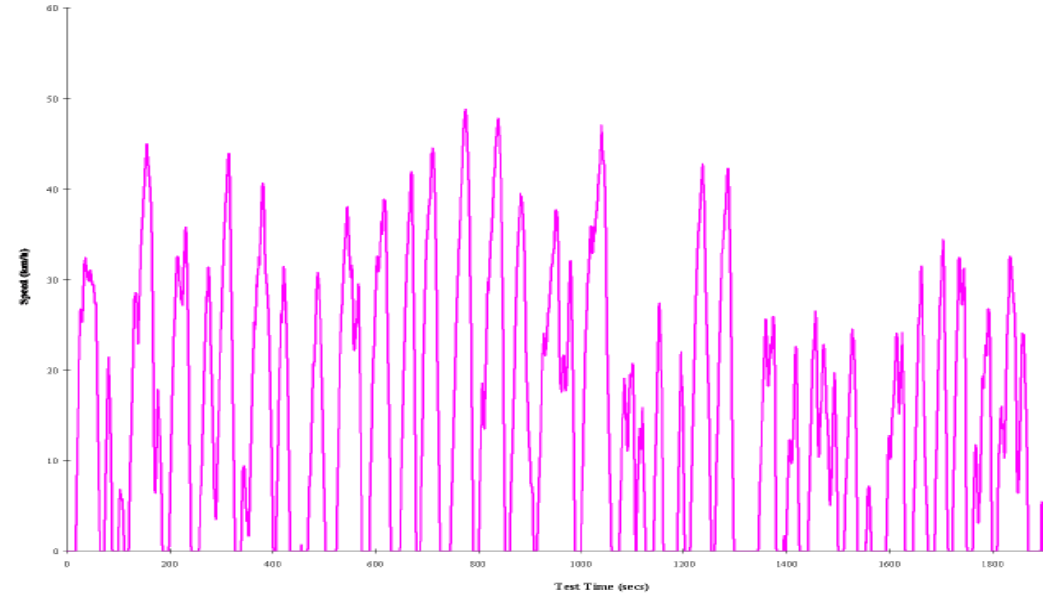
- No current options completely eradicate carbon from the fuel use chain, however all have significant opportunities to reduce carbon on a WTW basis
  - Liquid fuels (petrol/diesel) – higher biofuel blends and substitution
  - Electricity - renewables and the low carbon grid
  - Gas – Biomethane
  - Hydrogen – production from renewable power sources.
- Only by combining a WTW approach **together** with in-use vehicle energy efficiency will the lowest carbon pathway for the use phase become apparent.
- There is no single solution so keeping our options open allows optimum combinations and applications of transport energy pathways

# Tailpipe CO<sub>2</sub> is no longer representative



## Example precedent – UK Low Carbon Emission Bus certificate

- Whole Vehicle Test on Chassis dynamometer
- **Real-world test cycle** for an Urban Bus
- **Well to wheel** assessment of emissions
- Full **Green House Gas** (Co<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>4</sub>, N<sub>2</sub>O) measurement
- Target based on passenger capacity – 30% reduction compared to std. Euro3
- Procedures established for **all vehicle powertrain types**



## Sensitivity to vehicle life -

As vehicle life increases impact also increases through in uses and maintenance.....

However, it may still be more sustainable to use an ICEV followed by a PHEV for shorter times than one ICEV for example!

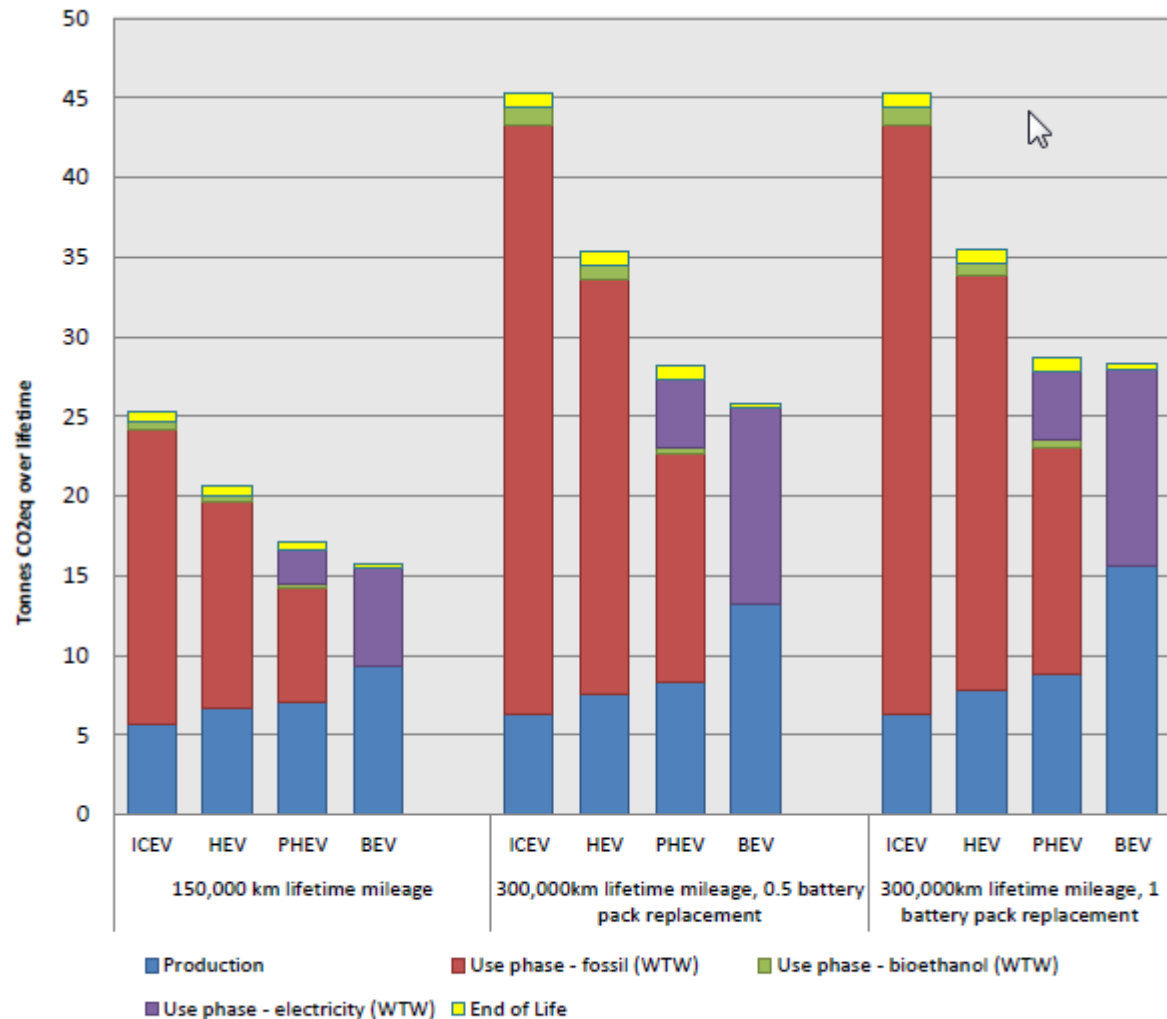


Figure 5-2: Impacts over 1 vehicle life cycle for Lifetime sensitivity "Typical 2030" – Detailed view

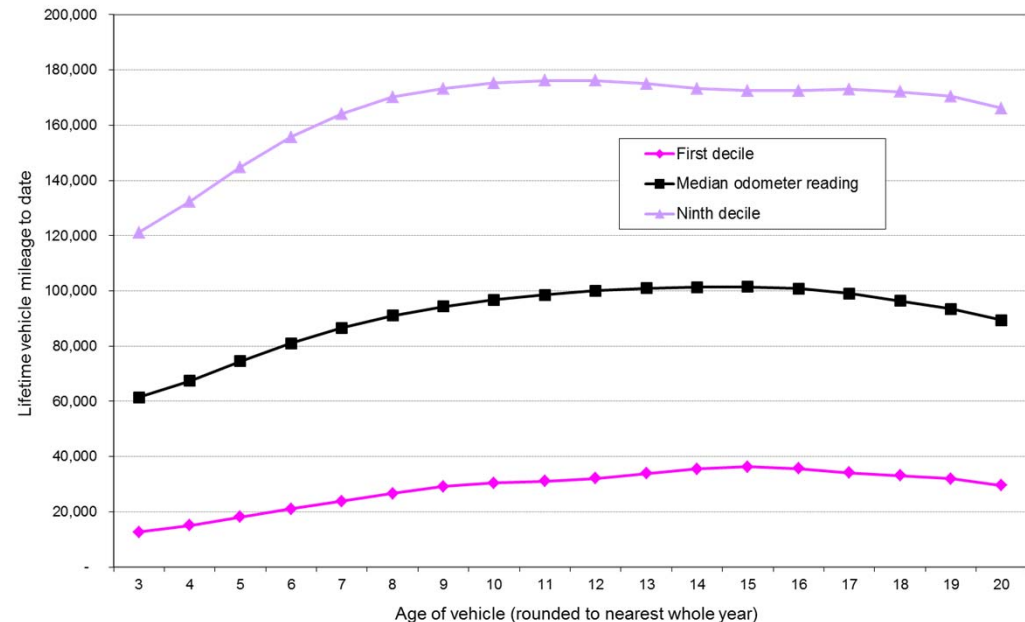
## Vehicle types lifetime mileage – UK vehicles average

On average UK car life is 100k miles (160,000 km), with average annual mileage of 15,000 miles in first 5 years.

Electric vehicles selling with battery rental 7,500 miles to 12,000 miles pa and battery warranty 60-80,000miles

Smaller (L category) vehicles will have lower mileages, hence life cycle balance will change

Commercial vehicles are dominated by operational impact.



Any life cycle methodology should consider the likely mileage and life of each vehicle and technology type. This may encourage more informed purchase decisions

# True impact of new materials

Analysis of light-weighting approach showed small gains in fuel efficiency may be outweighed by increased carbon intensity of material in production.

Only a robust life cycle approach will establish the optimum solutions for each vehicle type.

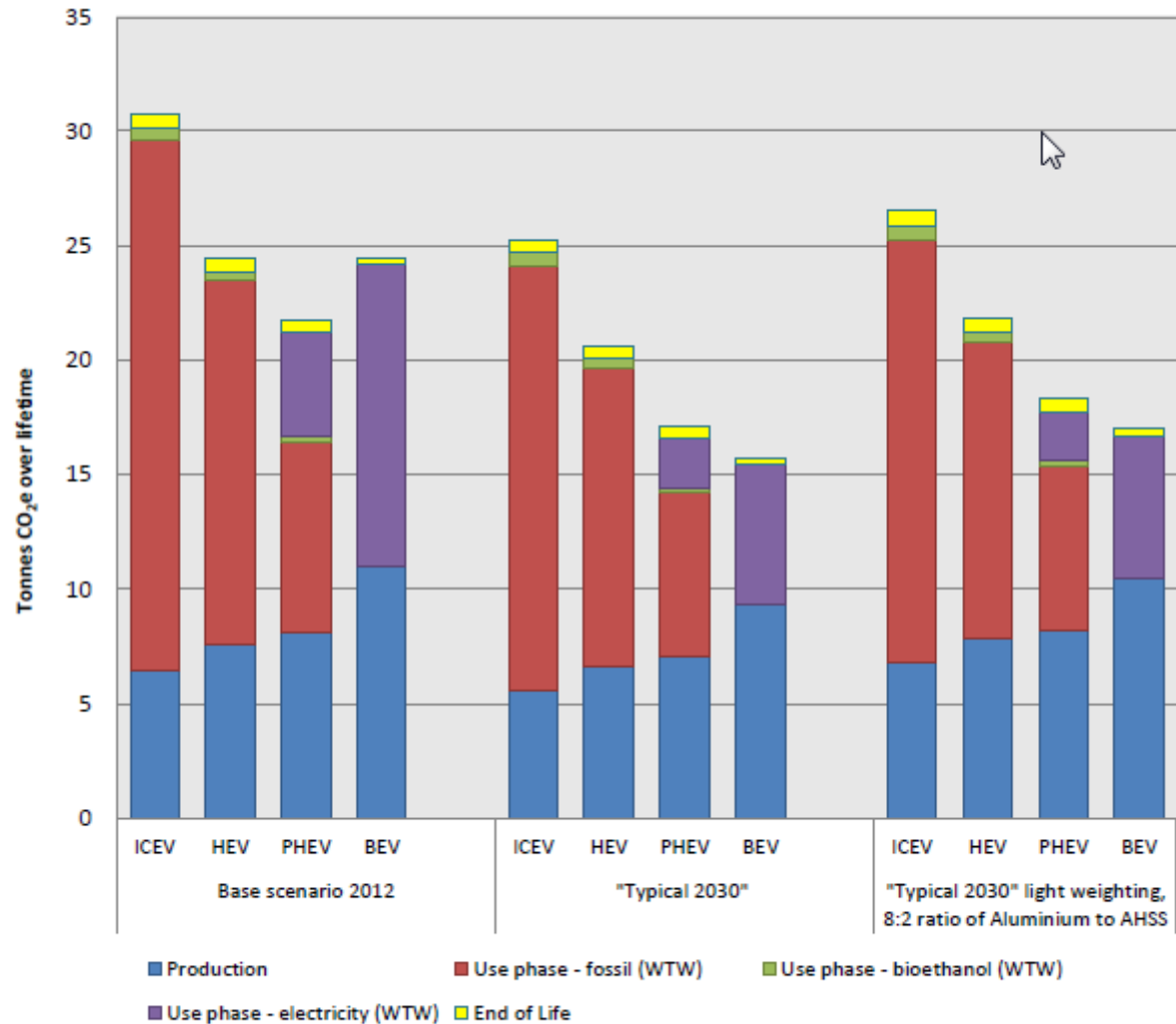
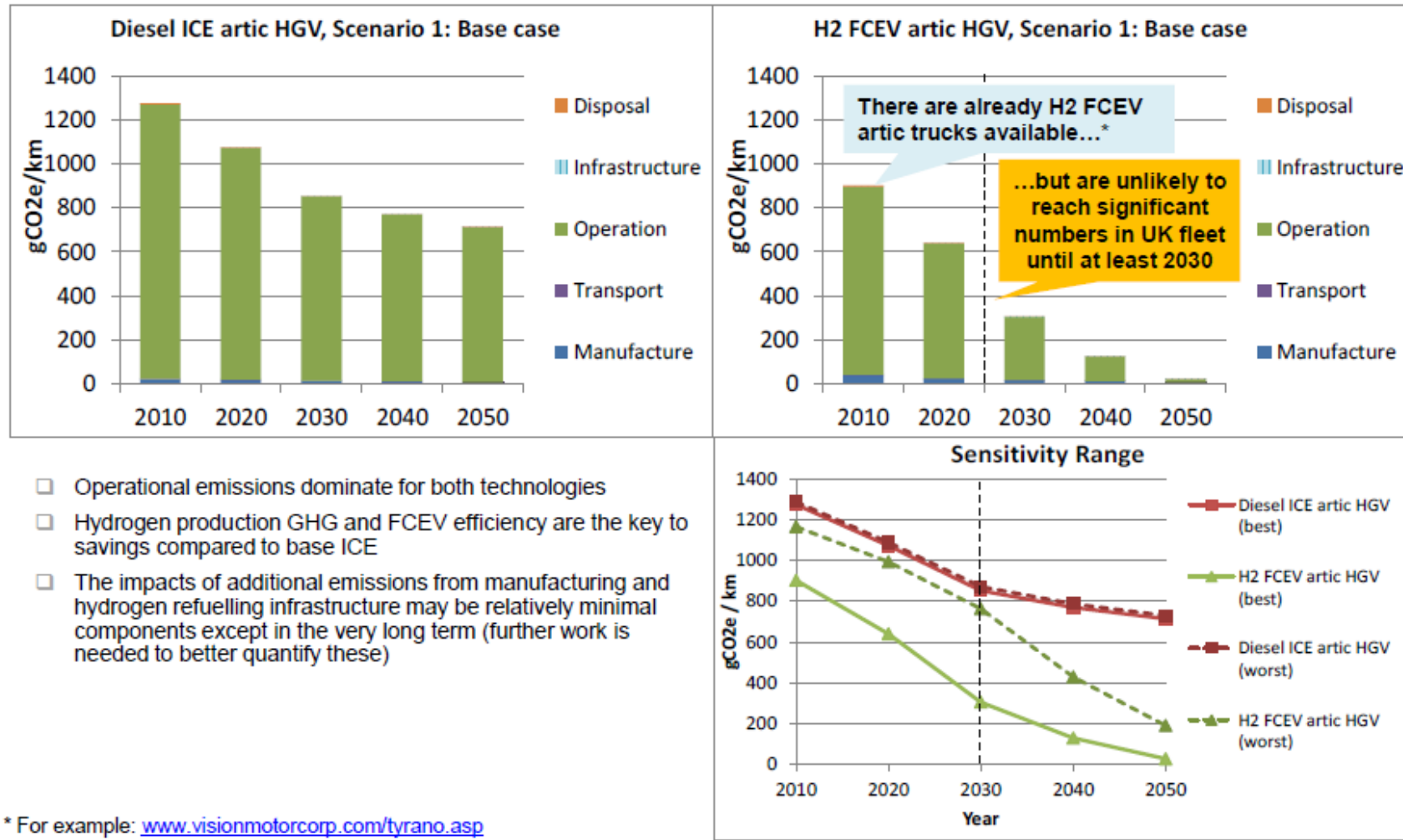


Figure 5-7: Light-weighting sensitivity "Typical 2030" – Detailed view

# Other vehicle types may vary significantly – HGV operation

## Base case and sensitivities for artic HGVs Breakdown by lifecycle stage, best and worst cases

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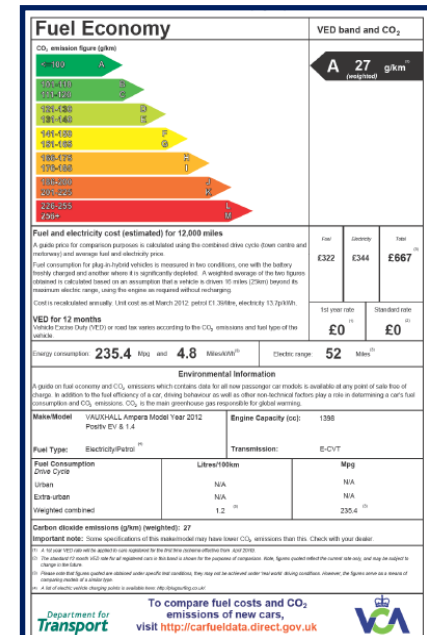




# What we are doing now?

The LowCVP work programme is taking on the challenge

- Consumer label revised for new technology, further research on-going into how to influence consumers
- Buses already use WTW, GHG, real world – focus now is growing the market
- Fuels roadmap pathways to lower carbon fuels both for the current fleet and the future vehicles.
- HGV technology and gas fuel strategies and incentives
- Van and minibus market research and support
- Encouraging innovative vehicle solutions
- Investigation into “L” category options

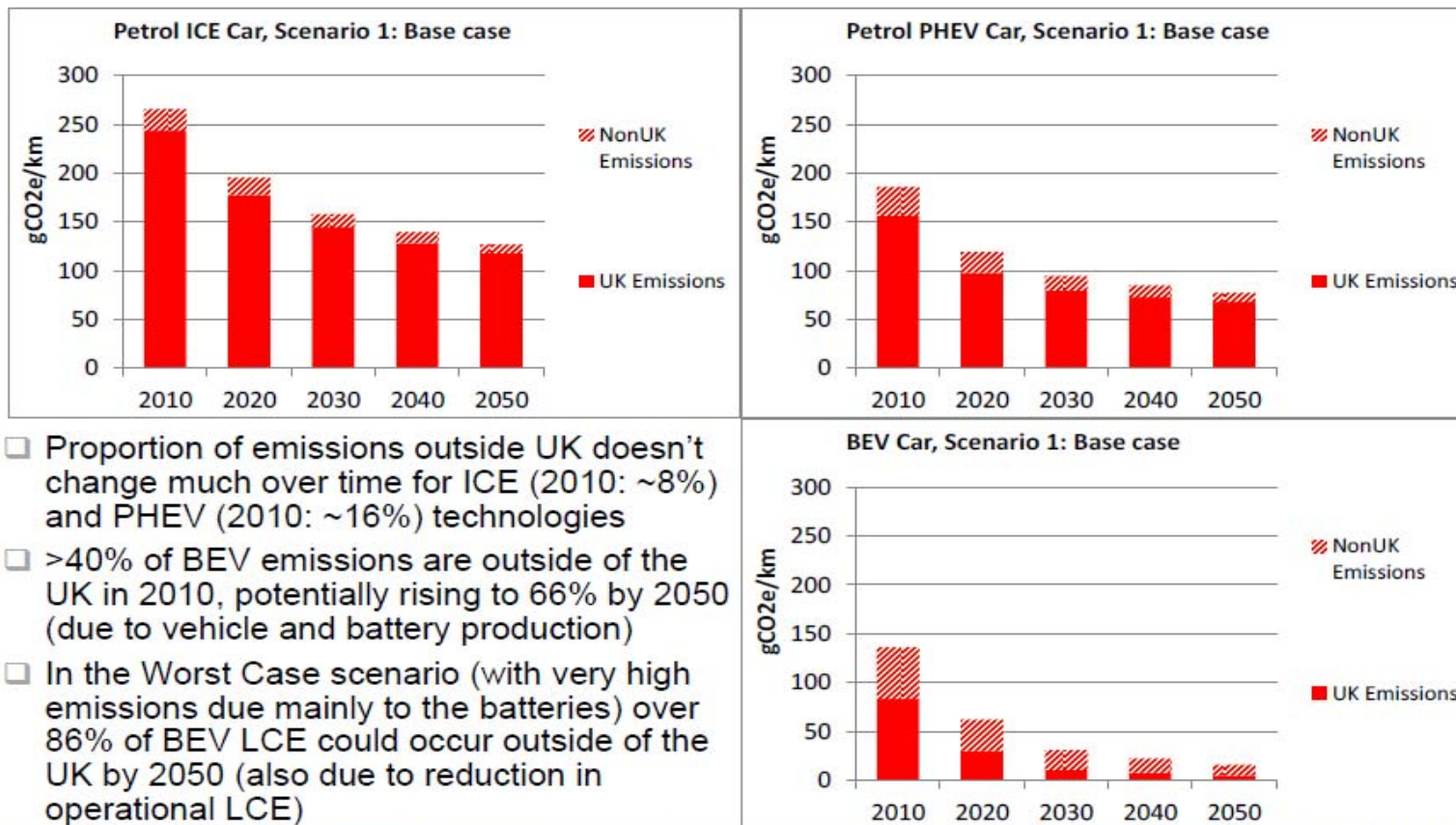


# International displacement of emissions needs good data

New technologies and the shift from in-use emissions may displace the majority to another country. This will present an international challenge.

## Base case scenario for cars: Emissions in the UK vs overseas

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- ❑ Proportion of emissions outside UK doesn't change much over time for ICE (2010: ~8%) and PHEV (2010: ~16%) technologies
- ❑ >40% of BEV emissions are outside of the UK in 2010, potentially rising to 66% by 2050 (due to vehicle and battery production)
- ❑ In the Worst Case scenario (with very high emissions due mainly to the batteries) over 86% of BEV LCE could occur outside of the UK by 2050 (also due to reduction in operational LCE)

## Why we must change

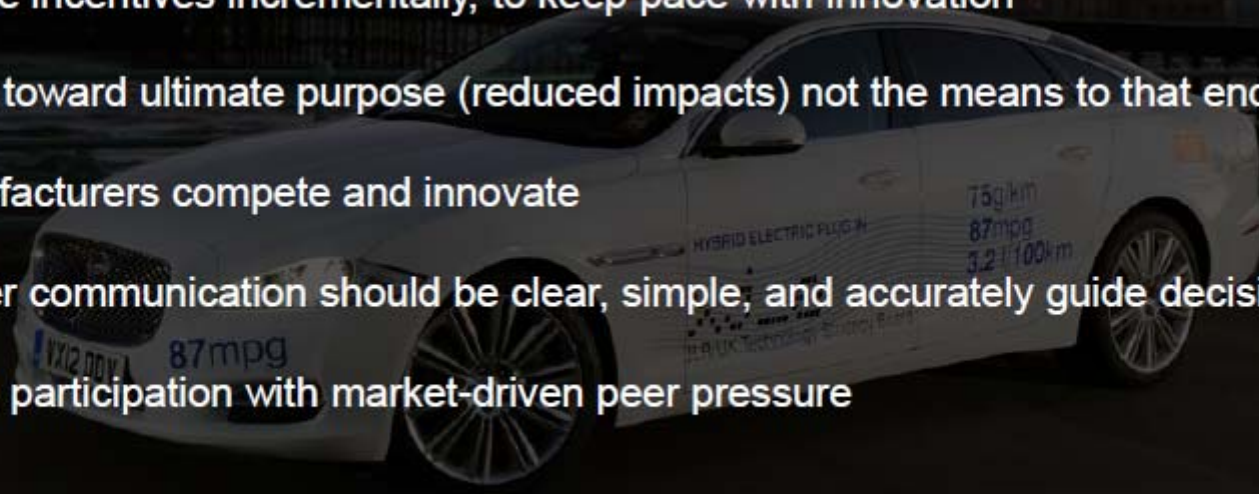
- The use phase of vehicles dominates carbon impact so is the obvious place to start with robust regulation and information, But.....
- Tailpipe test results are increasingly unrepresentative, **consumers are losing confidence** and need more consistent information
- We must focus on lower carbon fuel/energy in **combination** with vehicle efficiency improvement
- **Awareness of life-cycle** considerations is rapidly increasing
- Full life-cycle analysis is highly complex and needs further development so we should **commence the discussion** as soon as possible
- The range of fuels and technologies available in the future need an appropriate **common metric** which reflects **their true impact**
- For commercial vehicles the use phase is even more dominant, but Urban vehicles production may dominate sooner.
- **Geographical boundaries** for material, production and energy sources can have significant effect
- **Information** is an urgent need, but **Regulation** will happen!

## The view from one UK manufacturer! (JLR)

### Suggestions for a Workable LCA



- End-to-end, not partial measures
- Manufacturers manage LCA complexity, locally – no need to standardise
- Use established LCAs to recognise & reward key factors (a la EuroNCAP)
- Evolve the incentives incrementally, to keep pace with innovation
- Legislate toward ultimate purpose (reduced impacts) not the means to that end (e.g. EVs)
- Let manufacturers compete and innovate
- Consumer communication should be clear, simple, and accurately guide decisions
- Voluntary participation with market-driven peer pressure





The way forward is to look  
“Beyond the Tailpipe”

Thank you

Andy Eastlake - LowCVP



# The Low Carbon Vehicle Partnership

## Connect | Collaborate | Influence

- ❑ **Connect:** With privileged access to information, you'll gain insight into low carbon vehicle policy development and be introduced to key stakeholders.
- ❑ **Collaborate:** You'll benefit from many opportunities to work – and network - with key UK and EU government, industry, NGO and other stakeholders
- ❑ **Influence:** You'll be able to initiate proposals and help to shape future low carbon vehicle policy, programmes and regulations



LowCVP is a partnership organisation with over 170 members with a stake in the low carbon road transport agenda.

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Aug 25, 2011 ... Elements and Boundaries for evaluating life cycle CO<sub>2</sub> emissions ... Life cycle thinking is required to develop new measures for comparing.



Over  
**6000**  
electric vehicles have  
been bought with  
Government grant  
support (Autumn 2013)

Join the LowCVP today!

