## COMBATING CLIMATE CHANGE WITH LOW CARBON VEHICLES

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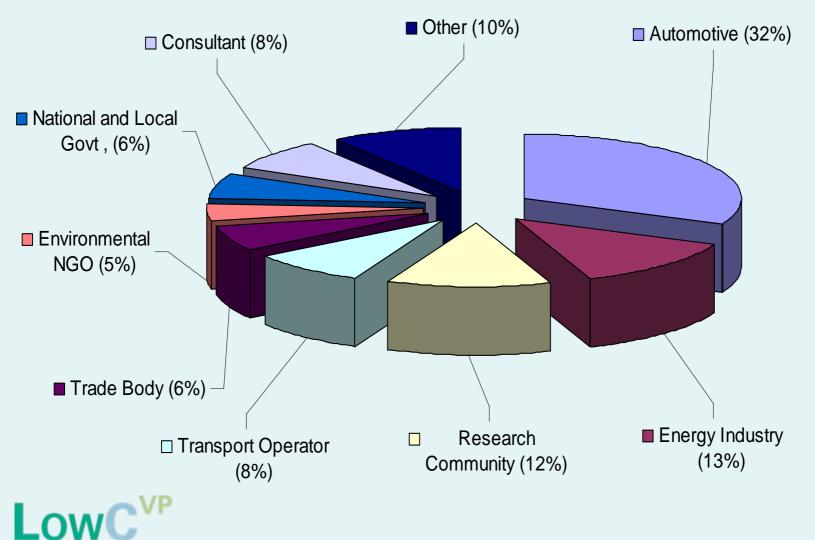
Accelerating the shift to low carbon vehicles and fuels in the UK

Stimulating opportunities for UK businesses



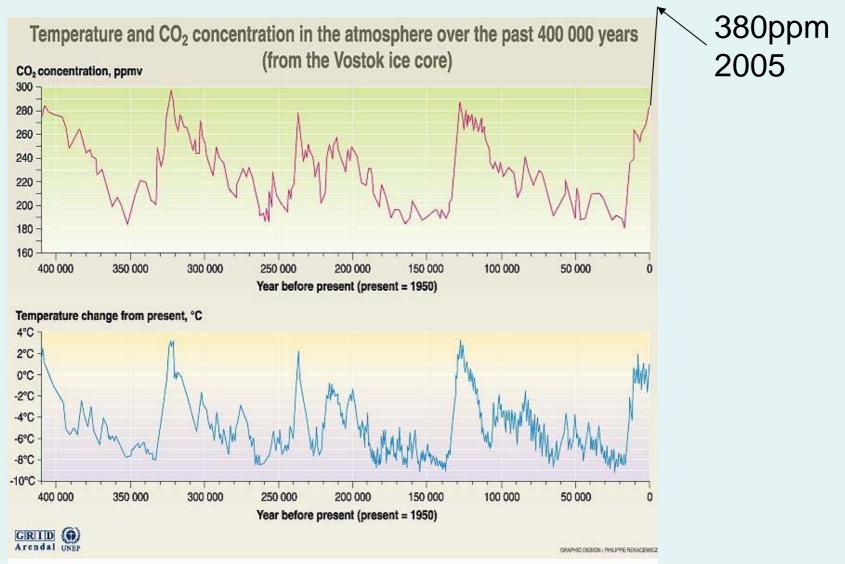


# The LowCVP: 190 Members ... and growing



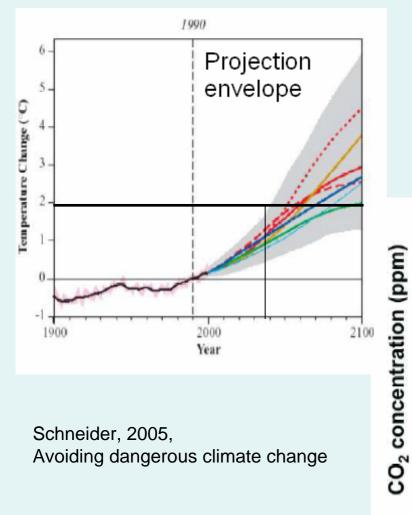
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#### Geological time series show global temperature and CO2 levels are highly correlated – current CO2 concentrations are at unprecedented levels

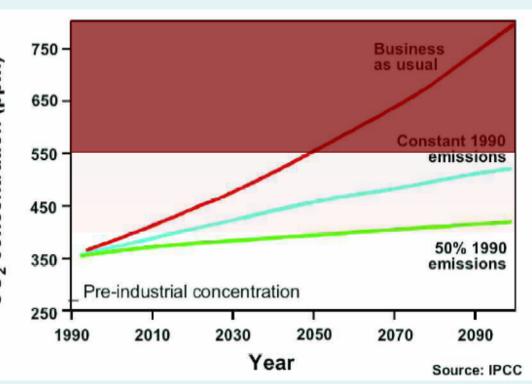


Source: J.R. Petit, J. Jouzel, et al. Climate and atmospheric history of the past 420 000 years from the Vostek ice core in Antarctica, Nature 399 (3JUne), pp 429-436, 1999.

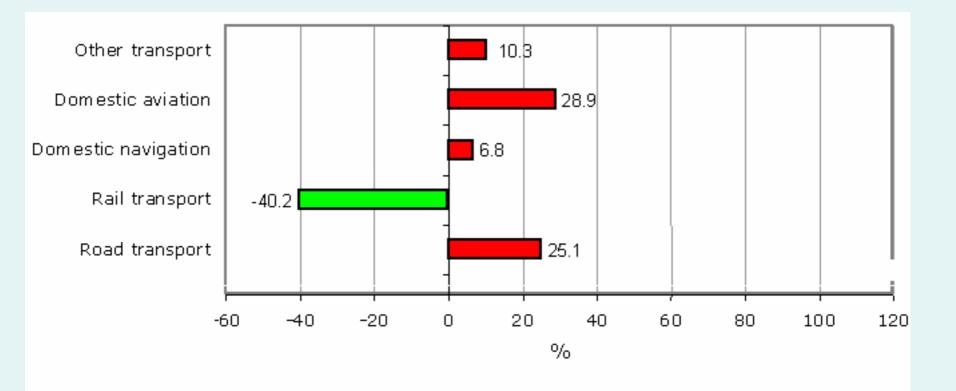
#### 2°C is increasingly being accepted as "safe" level of global warming



LowC<sup>VP</sup> low carbon vehicle partnership The risk of "dangerous climate change" increases as CO2 concentrations stabilise above 400ppm. At 550ppm there is considerable risk of significant harm



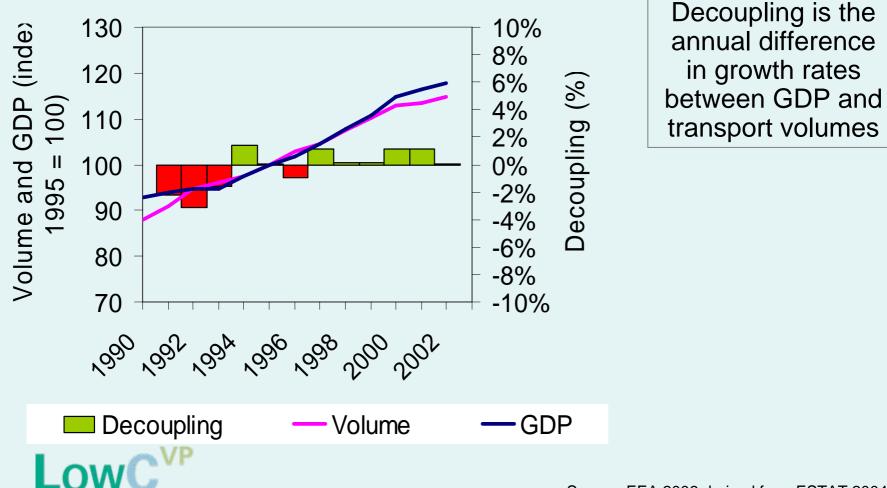
#### **The scale of the challenge** Change in EU15 GHG transport emissions 1990 - 2003





Source: EEA 2005

#### Passenger transport and GDP growth in the EU25

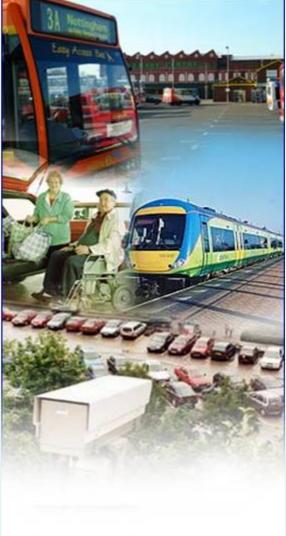


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Source: EEA 2006 derived from ESTAT 2004

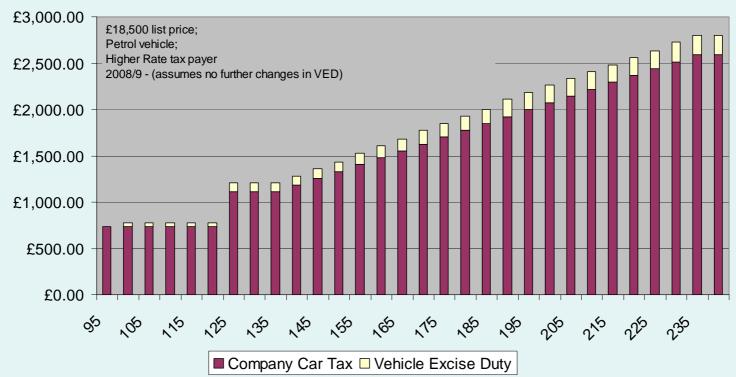
## Reducing road transport emissions will require a combination of measures

- Improved vehicle efficiency
- Low carbon / alternative fuels
- Improved driver behaviour
- Reduced vehicle use
- Better freight distribution
- Modal shift
- Land-use planning





#### UK vehicle taxes are linked to CO<sub>2</sub>

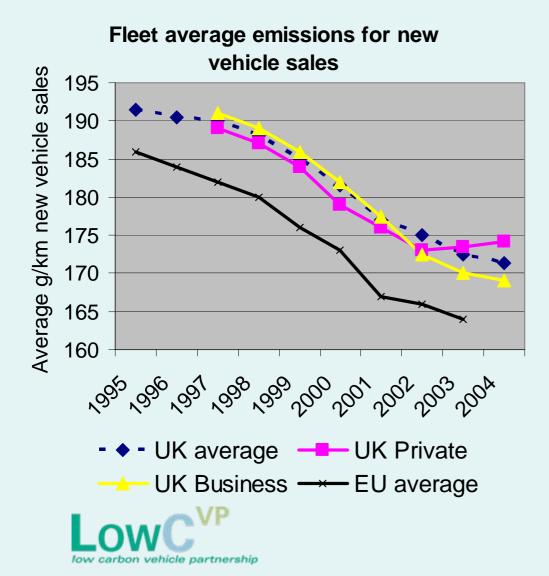


Company Car Tax strongly linked to tail-pipe CO<sub>2</sub>

- □Vehicle Excise Duty graduated in CO<sub>2</sub> bands
- Fuel Duty reduced for alternative fuels
- □Purchase Grants for low carbon vehicles awaiting EU approval



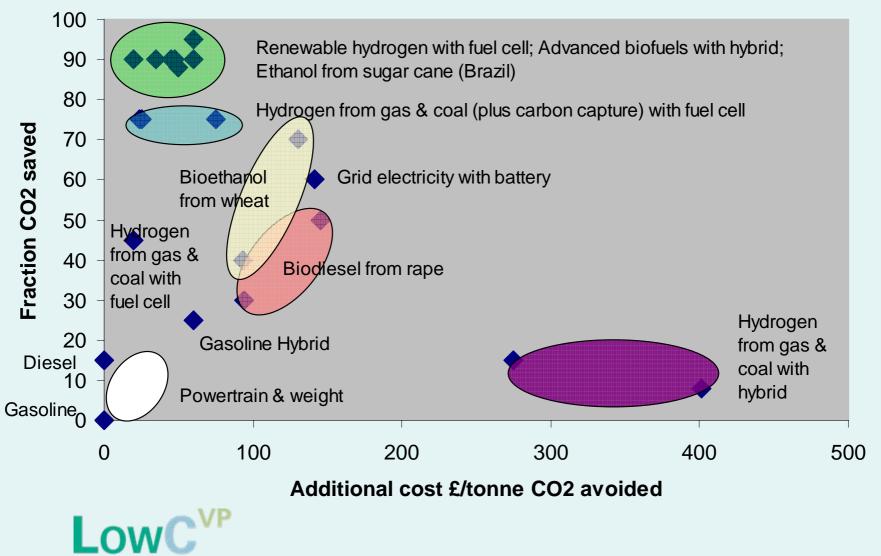
#### New cars are more efficient



■ UK new car CO<sub>2</sub> improved by 11% in 10 years

- Fleet and business car efficiency is continuing to improve
- Private consumers have started to purchase less efficient vehicles
- Achieving EU targets is challenging

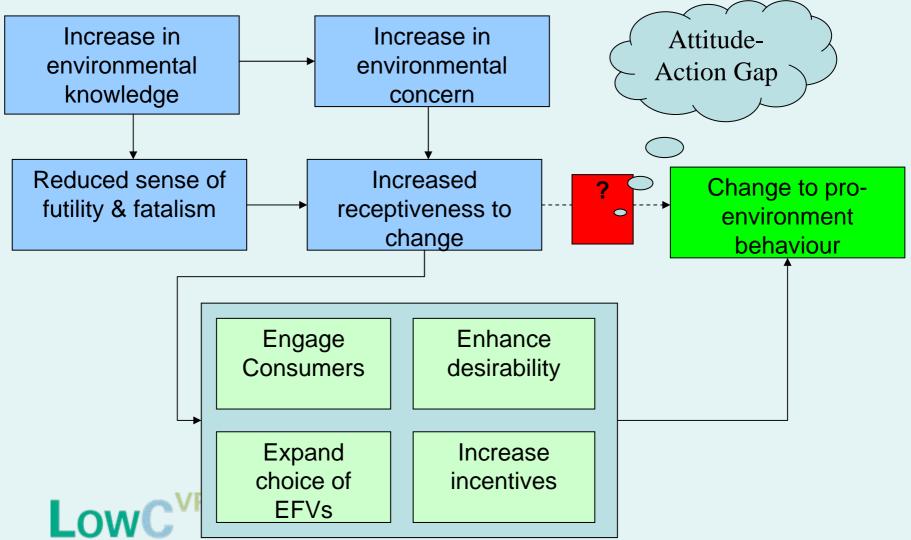
#### Wide range of CO2 savings & cost-effectiveness for alternative fuels and vehicle technology



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Adapted from E4Tech – A Strategic Framework for Hydrogen Energy in the UK & E4tech submission to the Stern Review

# Increased demand for EFVs requires bridging the attitude-action gap



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Adapted from Walton 2004

#### **Enhancing Consumer Information**

Fuel Economy	Ford Fiesta 1.4 TDCi ZETEC
CO <sub>2</sub> emission figure (g/km)	
<100 A	
101-120 B	<b>B</b> 117 g/km
121-150 C	
151-165 D	
166-185 E	
186+ F	
Fuel cost (estimated) for 12,000 miles A fuel cost figure indicates to the consumer a guide fuel price for comparison purposes. This figure is calculated by using the constant direct cycle (twom centre and moltrawa) and average fuel price. Re- calculated annually, the current cost per life is as follows – petrol 76p, diesel 78p and LPG 38p (VCA May 2004).	£662
VED for 12 months Vehicle excise duty (VED) or road tax varies according to the CO2 emissions and fuel type of the vehicle.	£85
Environmental Information	

A guide on fuel economy and CO<sub>2</sub> emissions which contains data for all new passenger car models is available at any point of sale free of charge. In addition to the fuel efficiency of a car, driving behaviour as well as other non-technical factors play a role in determining a car's fuel consumption and CO<sub>2</sub> emissions. CO<sub>2</sub> is the main greenhouse gas responsible for global warming.

Make/Model Fuel type	el Ford Fiesta 1.4 TDCI ZETEC Diesel		Engine capacity (cc): 1399 Transmission type: 5 speed manual		
Fuel Consumption:					
Drive cycle		Litres/100km		Mpg	
Urban		5.4		52.3	
Extra-urban		3.8		74.3	
Combined		4.4		64.2	

Carbon dioxide emissions (g/km): 117g/km

Important note: Some specifications of this make/model may have lower CO2 emissions than this. Check with your dealer.



Voluntary car industry initiative
 brokered by LowCVP

Combination of simple and statutory information:

 Label shows CO2 emissions, estimated fuel costs and test cycle data

Bands linked to UK Vehicle Excise Duty

□Labels presently in 75% of showrooms



#### Congestion Charge discounts stimulated the market for cleaner vehicles

■London Congestion Charge achieved a 20% CO<sub>2</sub> emissions reduction

Registrations of alternative fuel vehicles with C-Charge discounts in London doubled - hybrids & LPG

Proposed national road pricing may also influence  $CO_2$ - +5% to -8%





#### Carbon certification and sustainability assurance are essential elements of the RTFO

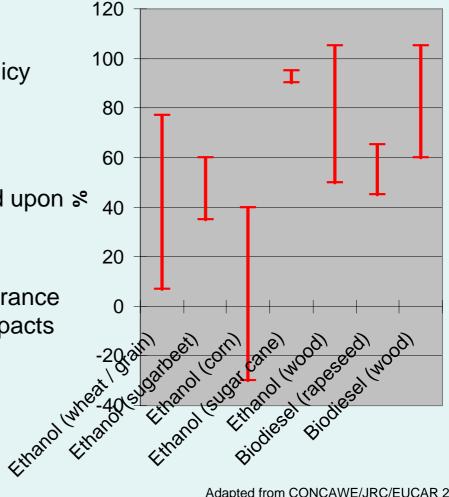
Costs, GHG savings and sustainability issues vary widely for different biofuels

Complex markets require complex policy instruments to manage unintended consequences

Commitment to a future system based upon \$ actual GHG savings needed

Robust sustainability reporting & assurance systems needed to minimise adverse impacts

#### % WTW GHG savings compared to petrol or diesel





#### Cenex - Centre of Excellence for Low Carbon and Fuel Cell Technologies



Established April 2005, by 10 leading companies

■£6.5M Government funding matched by industry

Show-case UK expertise and encourage inward investment

Knowledge Transfer Network

Leverage public procurement to create new markets



Holywell Campus, University of Loughborough



#### **Summary**

- Technology offers the potential to significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions from road transport – but responsible vehicle use and other behaviour changes also have important roles.
- A wide range range of fuel and vehicle technology options will be available.
- Low carbon technologies are more expensive, and additional incentives are needed to change the attitudes and purchasing behaviours of most consumers.
- Biofuels can make a useful contribution but assurance/accreditation is needed to ensure potential carbon benefits are realised.
- Partnership between all levels of Government, Industry and Civil Society is needed to effectively tackle road transport greenhouse gas emissions and:
  - Identify and deliver effective policies and incentives
  - Educate and inform consumers
  - Create markets for new technology through public procurement



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