



# Implications of Sustainability for the United States Light-Duty Transportation Sector

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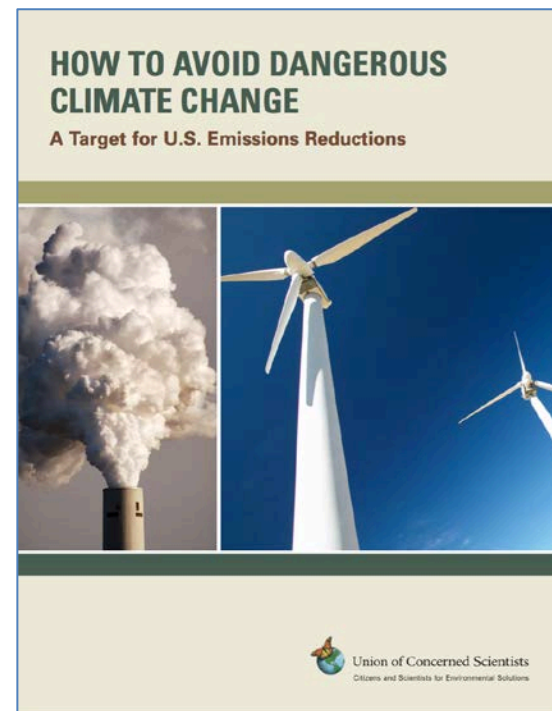
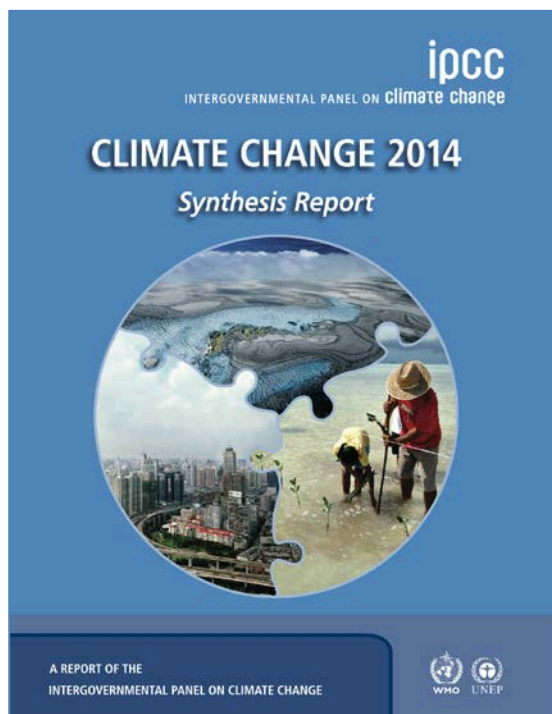
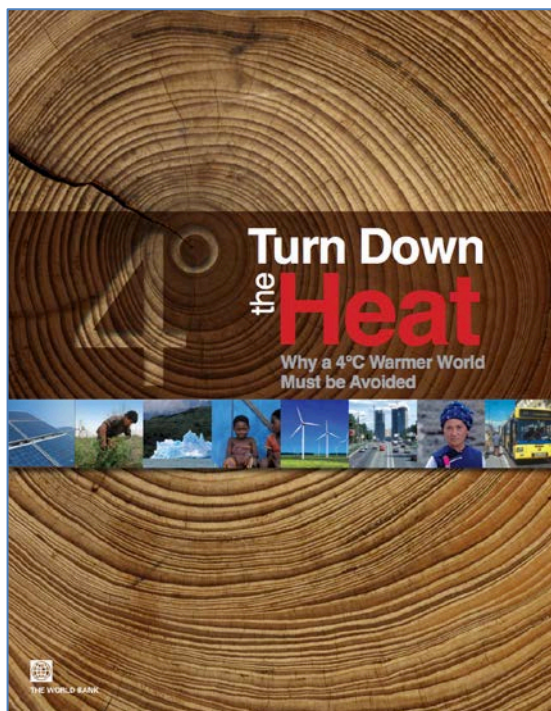
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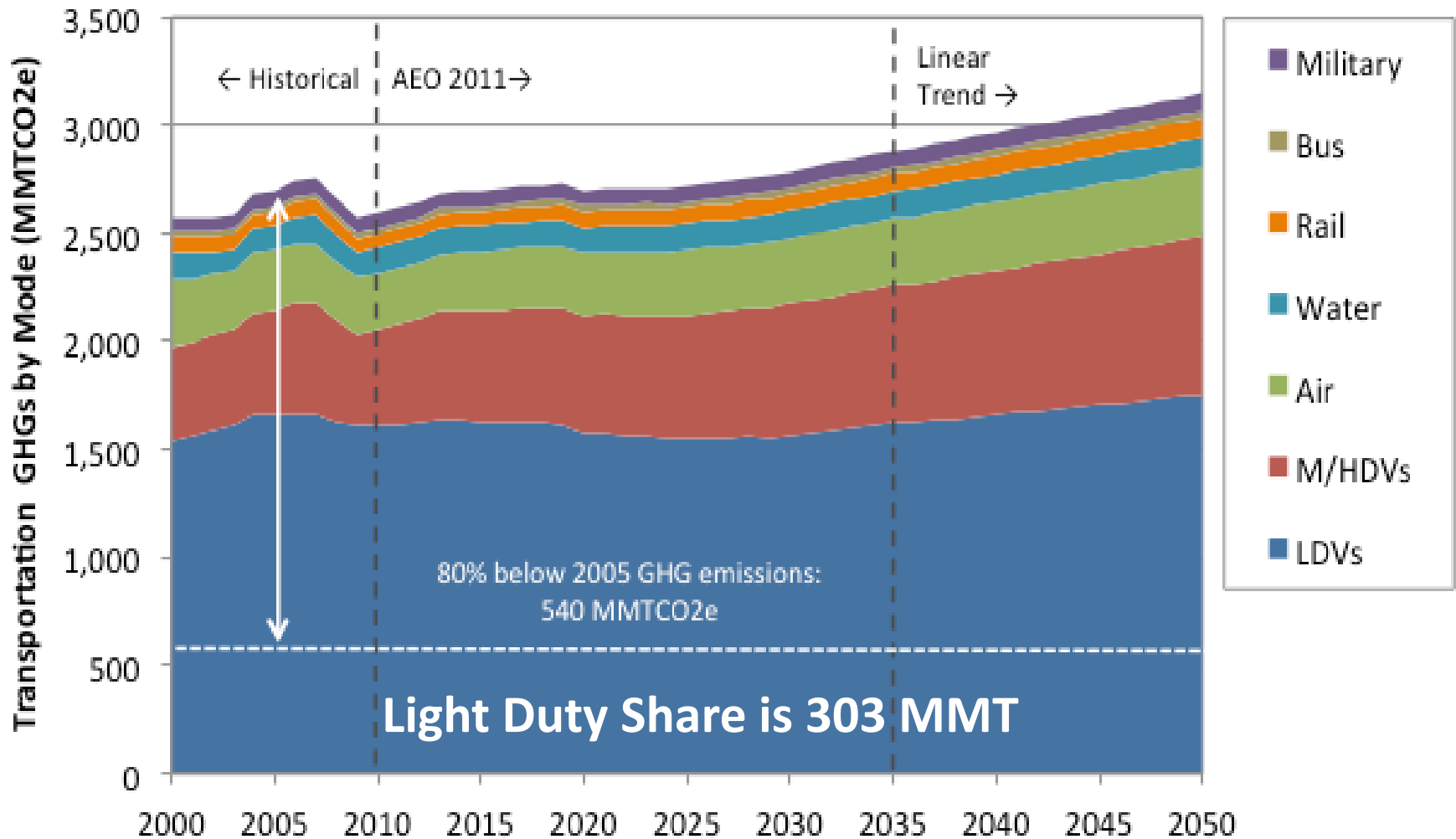
The Science is settled

We have to reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions.



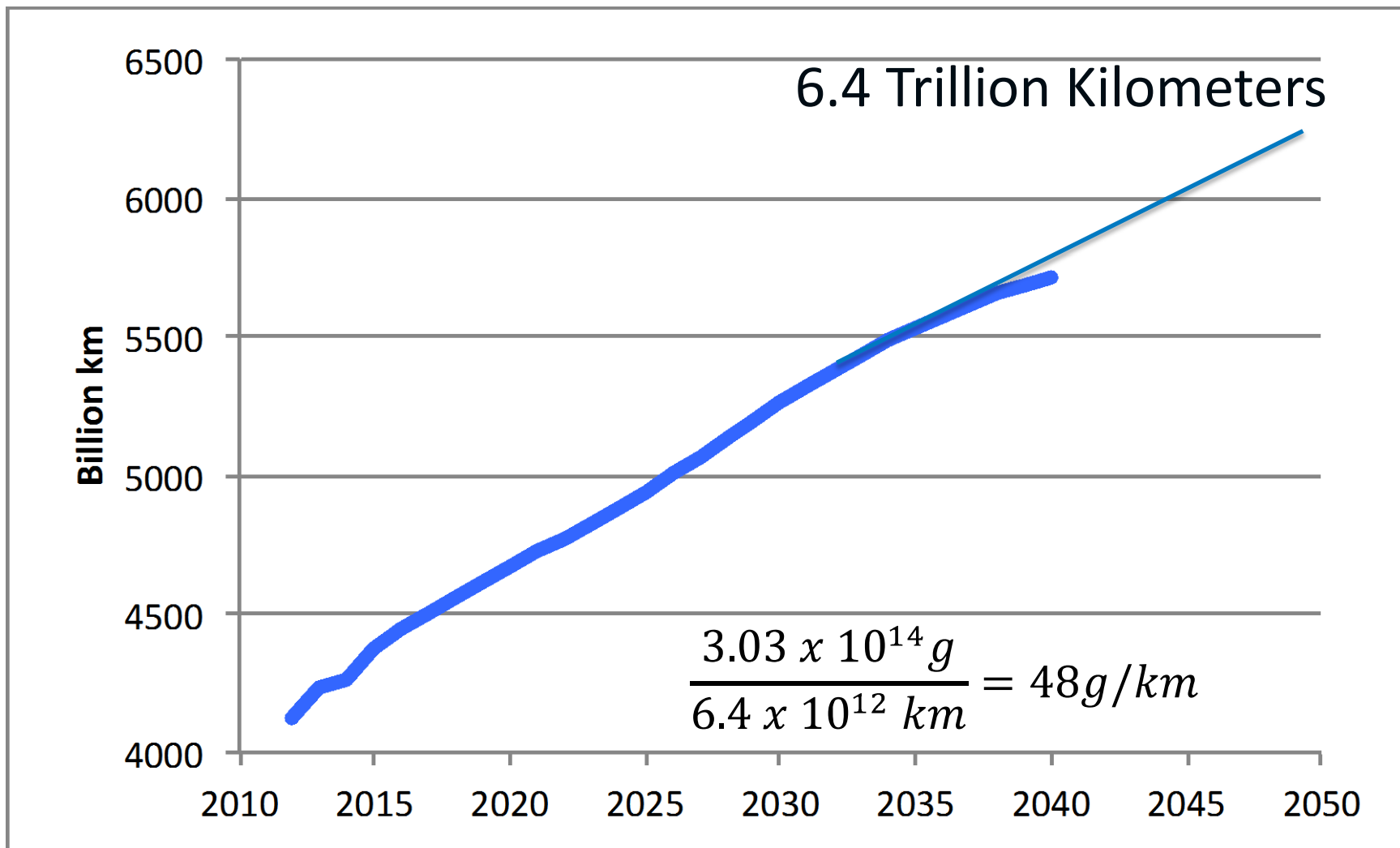
At least 80% in by 2050

# Transportation GHG Emissions



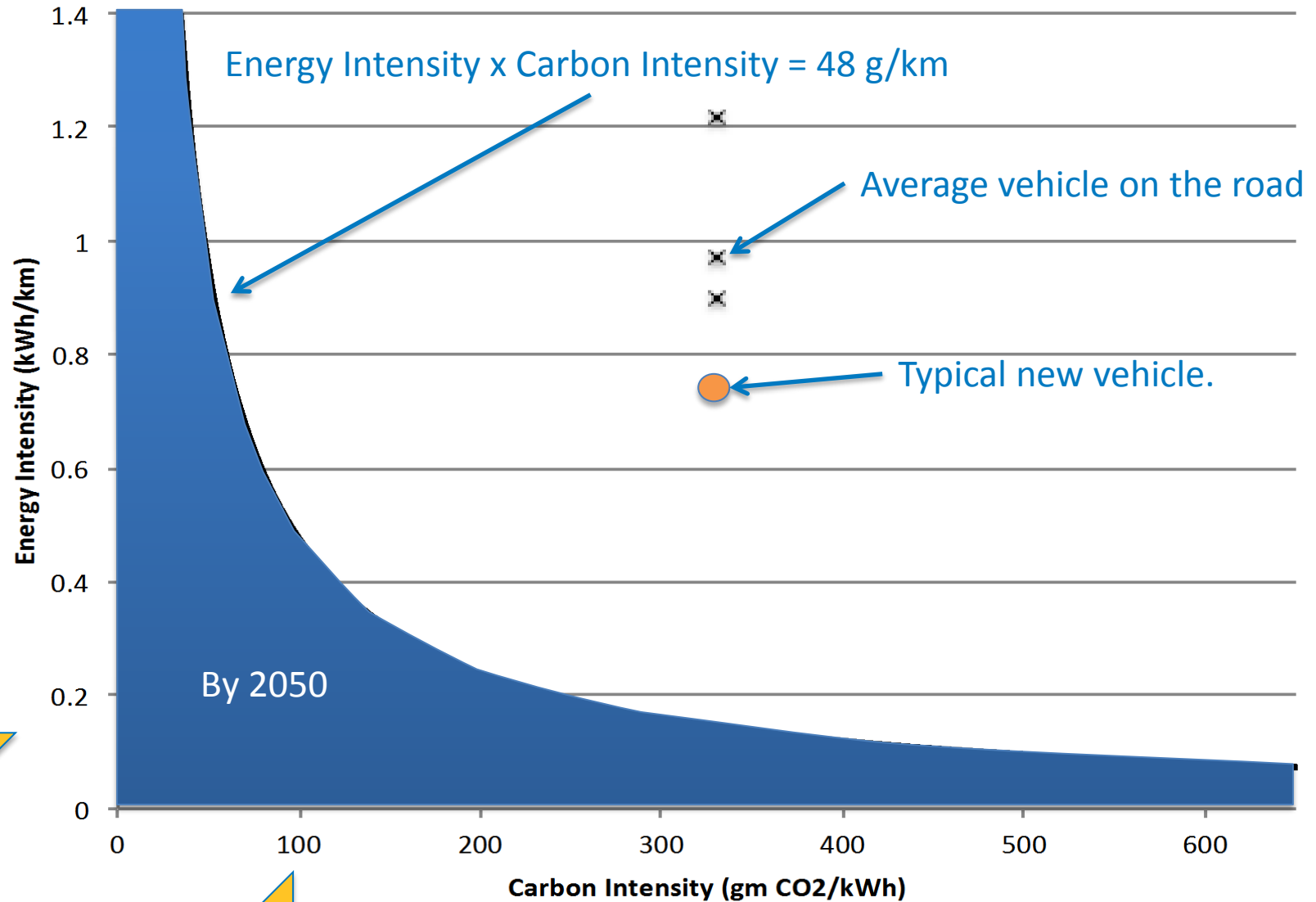
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# Projected driving distance



AEO 2015 projection out to 2040. Linear extrapolation out to 2050

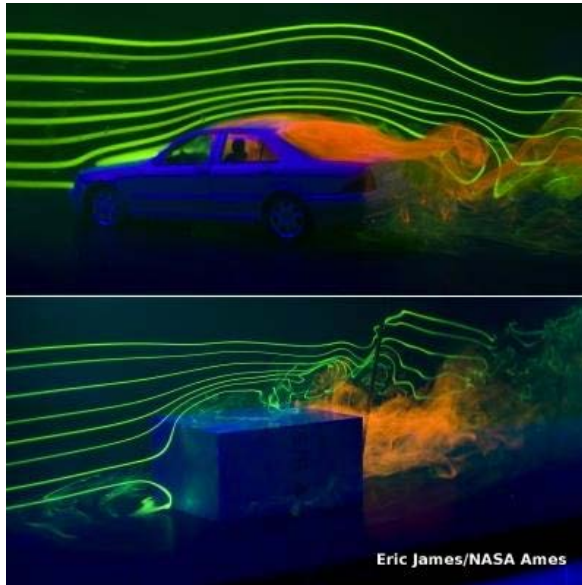
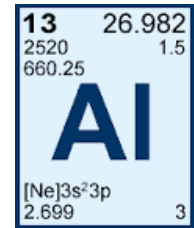
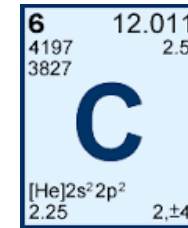
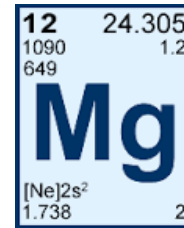
# What does sustainable transportation mean?



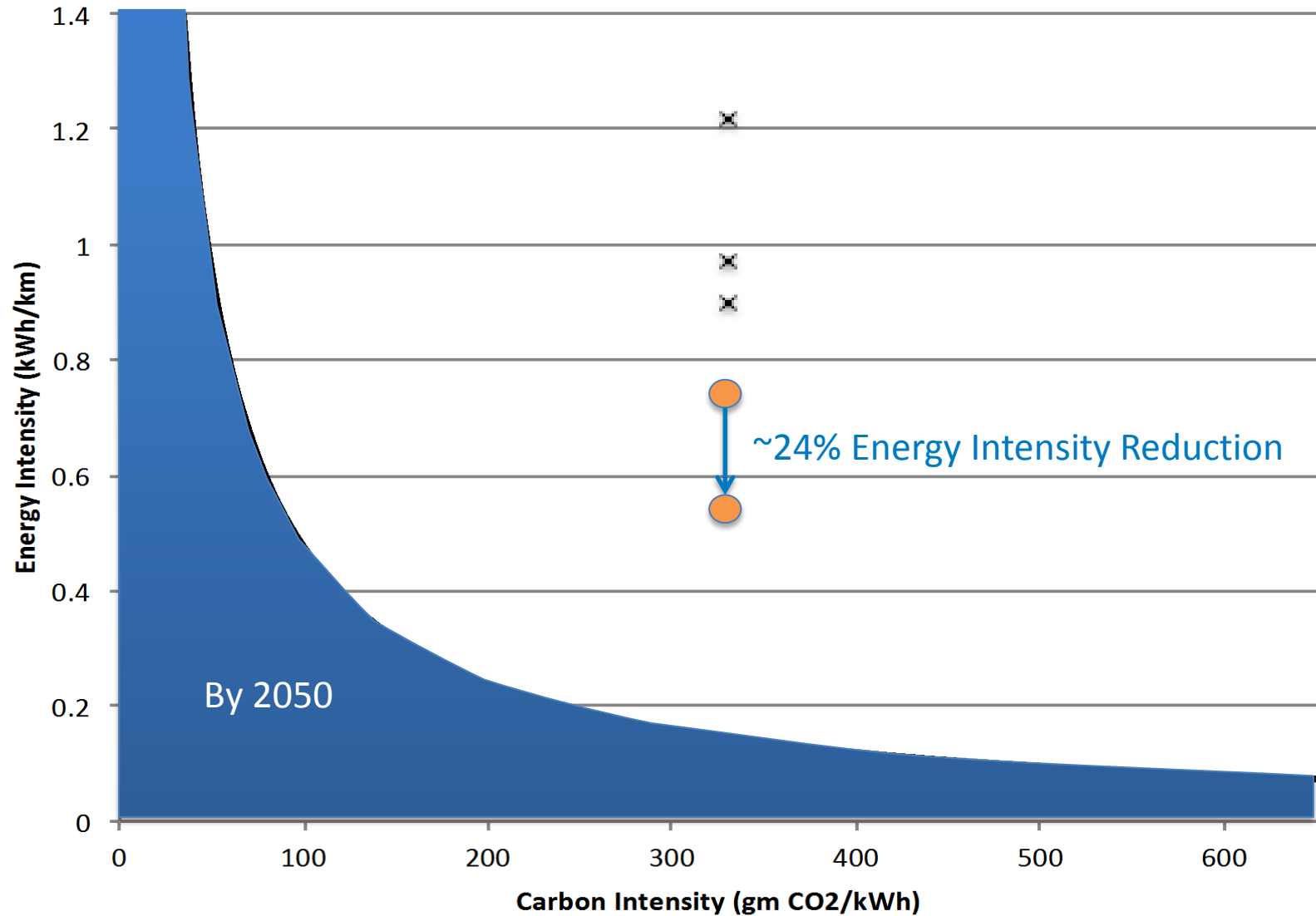
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# Improvements that help all powertrains

- Light weight materials (20%)
- Aerodynamic Drag (20%)
- Rolling Resistance (16%)
- Reduced Auxiliary Loads (21%)



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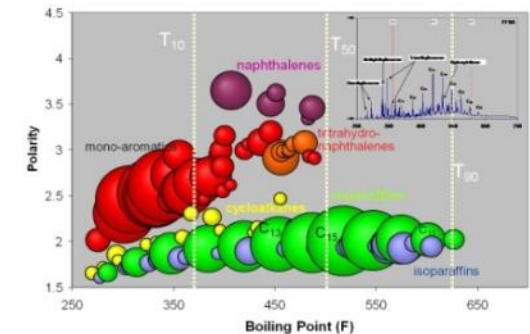


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# Internal Combustion Engine and Drive Line Improvements



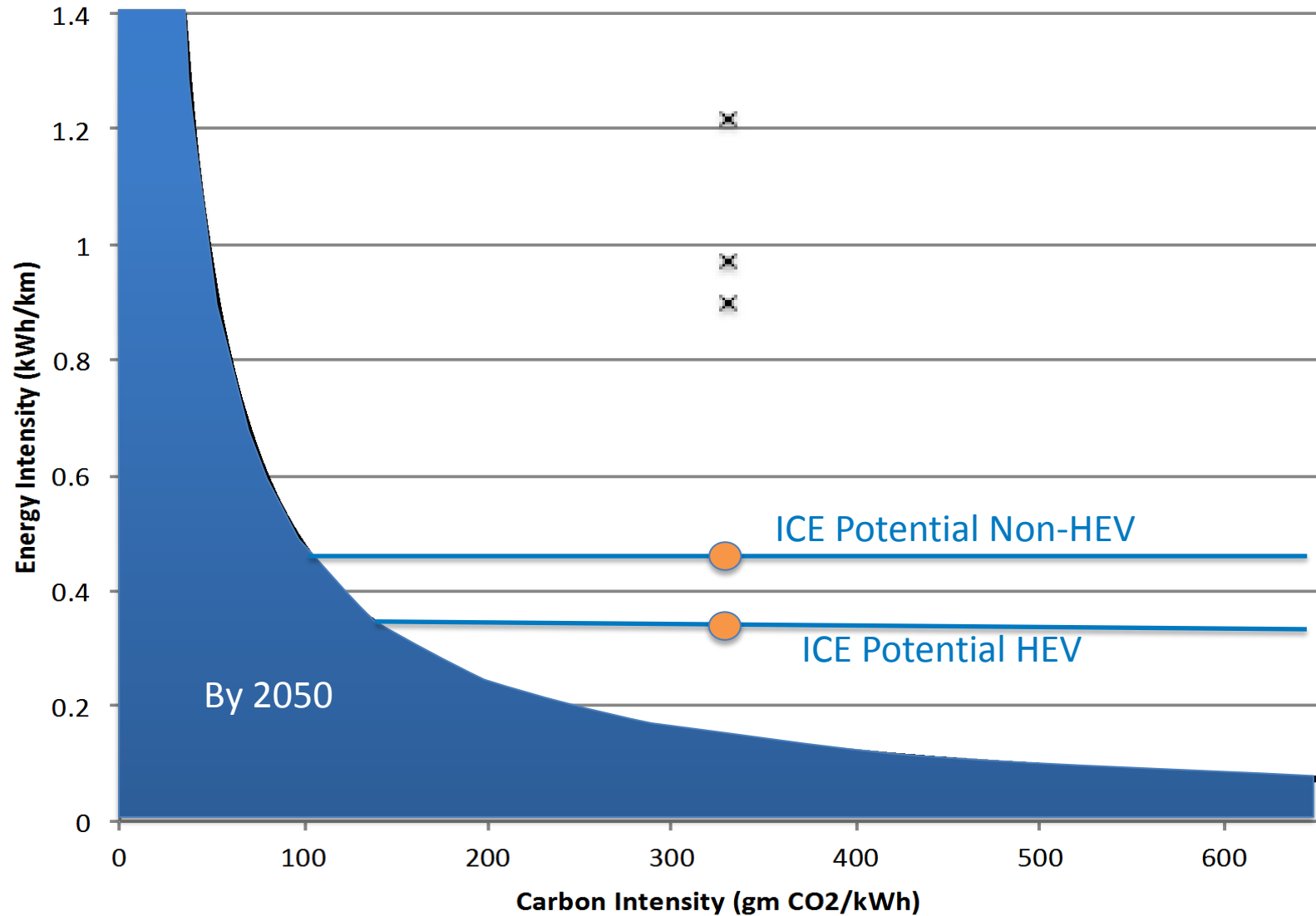
- Reduce pumping losses
- Reduce friction
- Increase thermal efficiency
- More efficient transmissions
- Full Hybridization
  - More efficient engine operation
  - Down size engine
  - Regenerative braking



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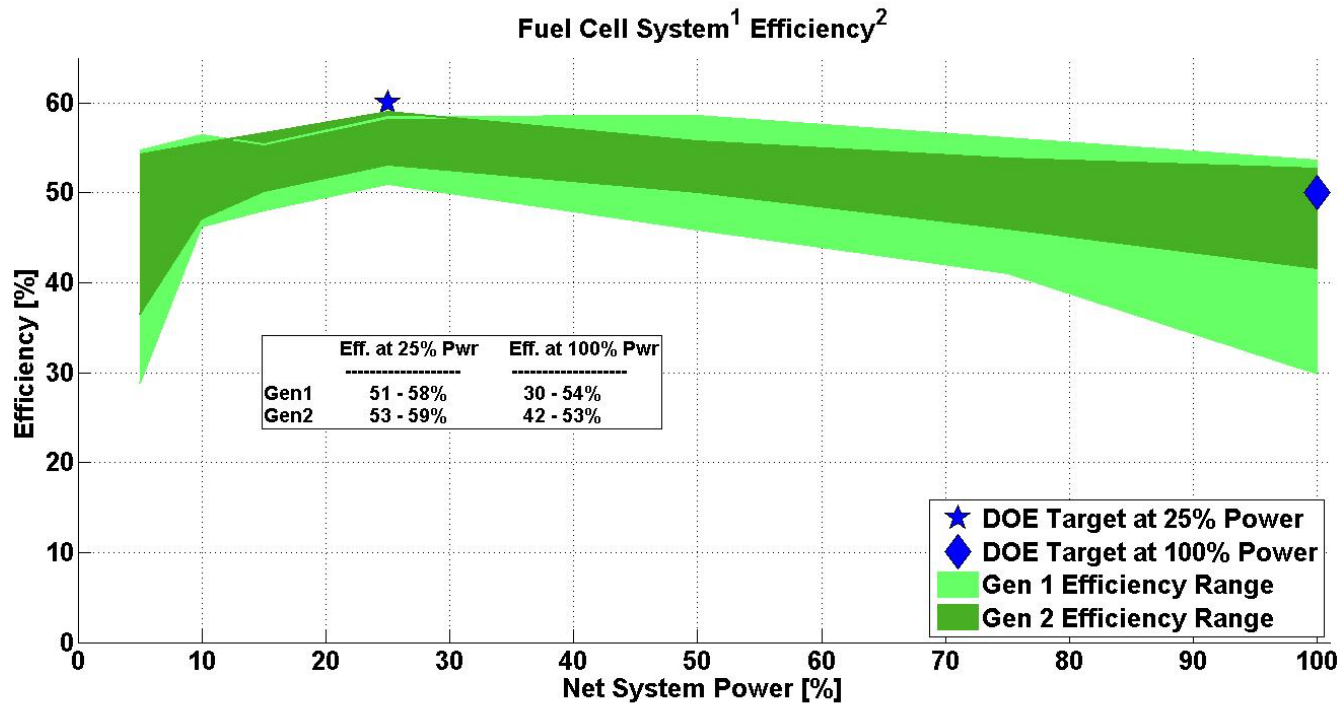
# 2035 Potential ICE



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# Fuel Cell Electric Vehicles

- Fuel cell system 59% efficient

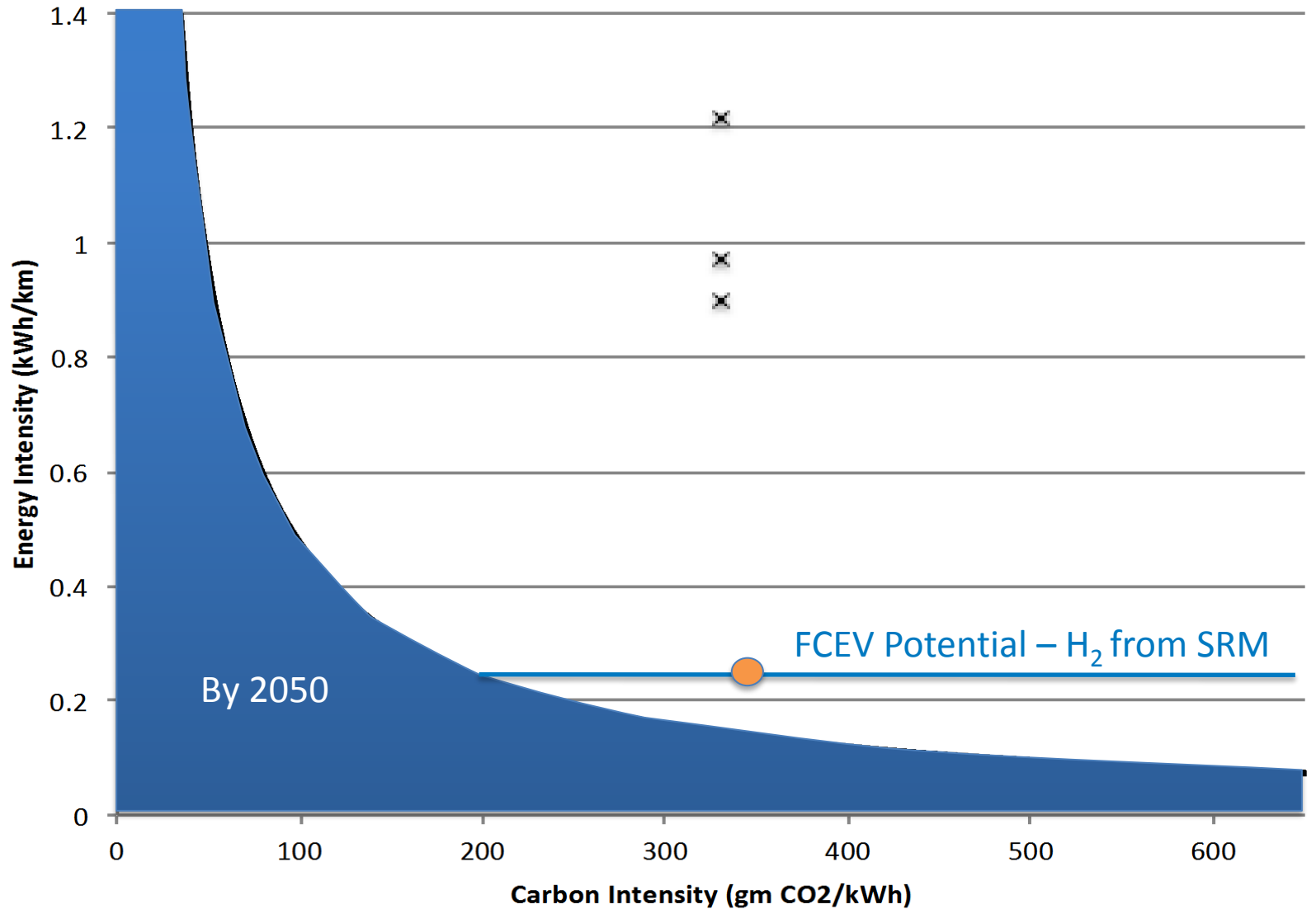


<sup>1</sup> Gross stack power minus fuel cell system auxiliaries, per DRAFT SAE J2615. Excludes power electronics and electric drive.

<sup>2</sup> Ratio of DC output energy to the lower heating value of the input fuel (hydrogen).

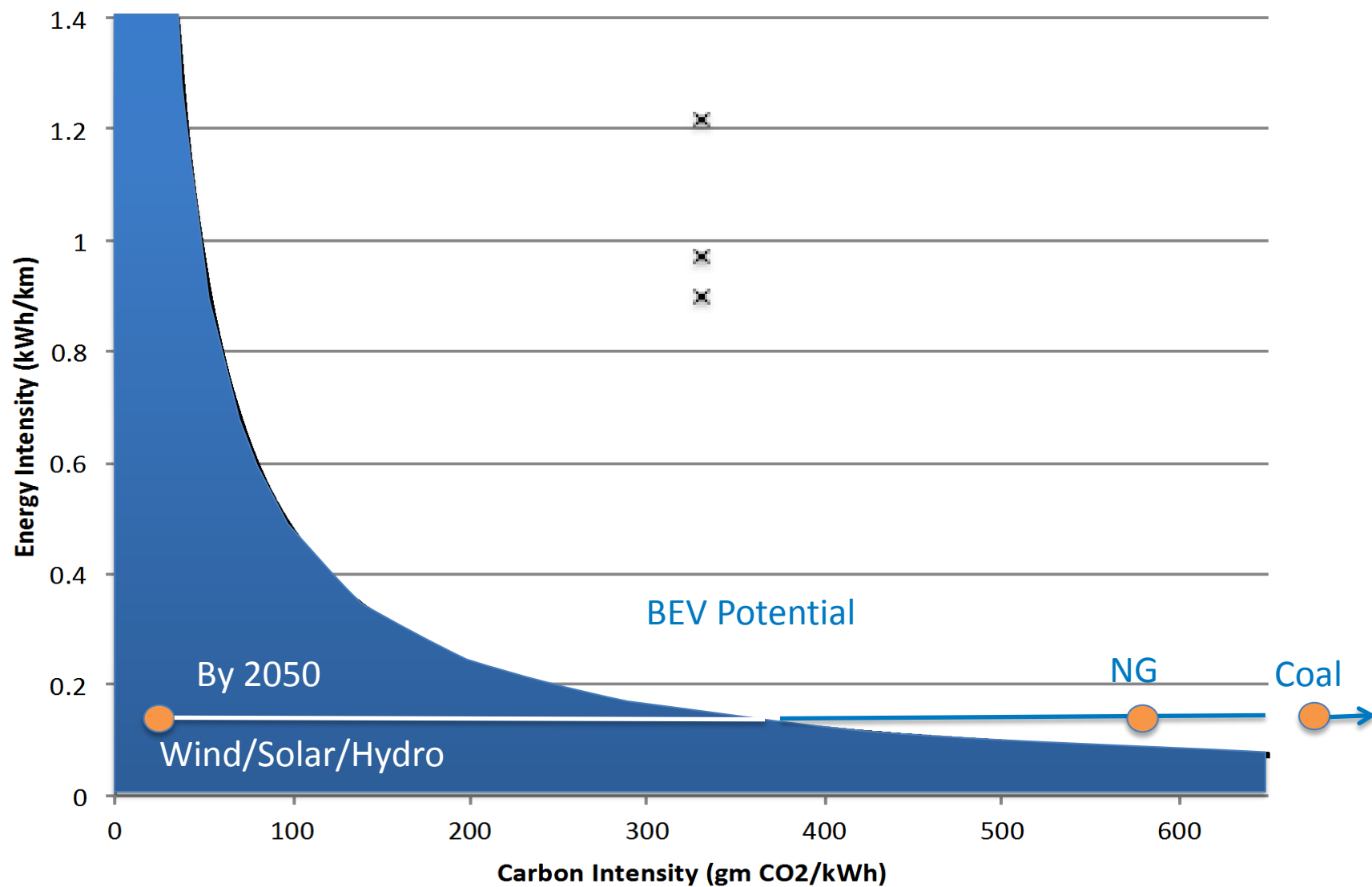
<sup>3</sup> Individual test data linearly interpolated at 5,10,15,25,50,75, and 100% of max net power. Values at high power linearly extrapolated due to steady state dynamometer cooling limitations.

# 2035 Potential FCEV



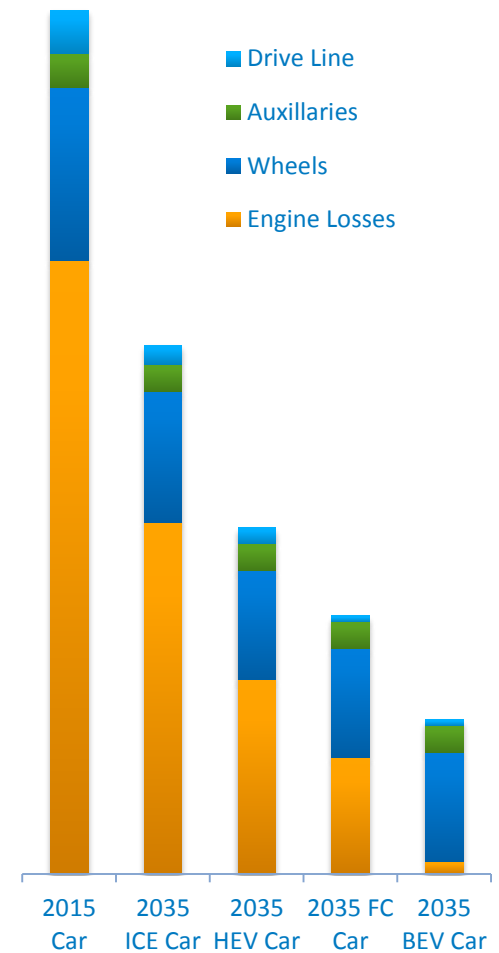
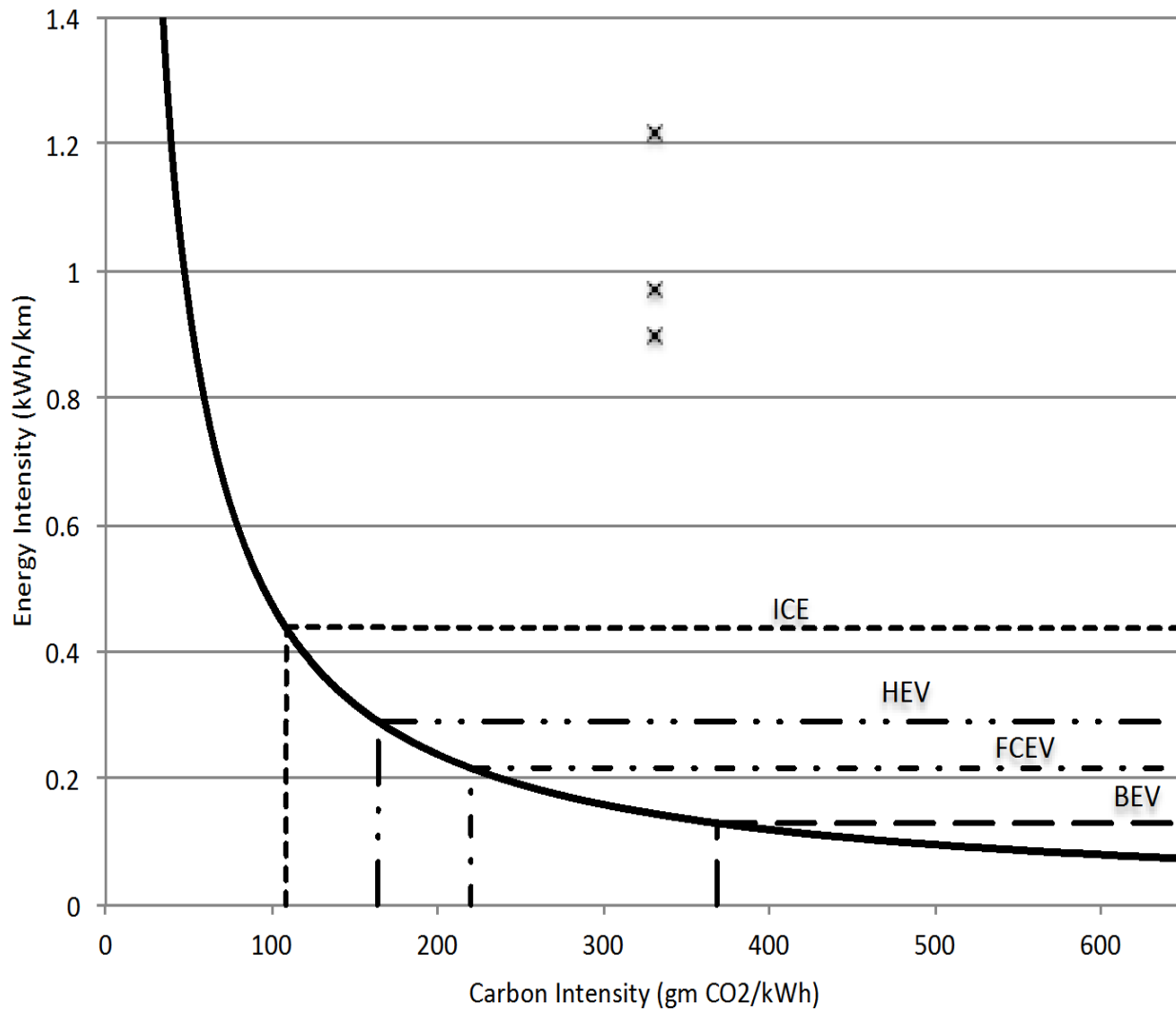
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# 2035 Potential BEV



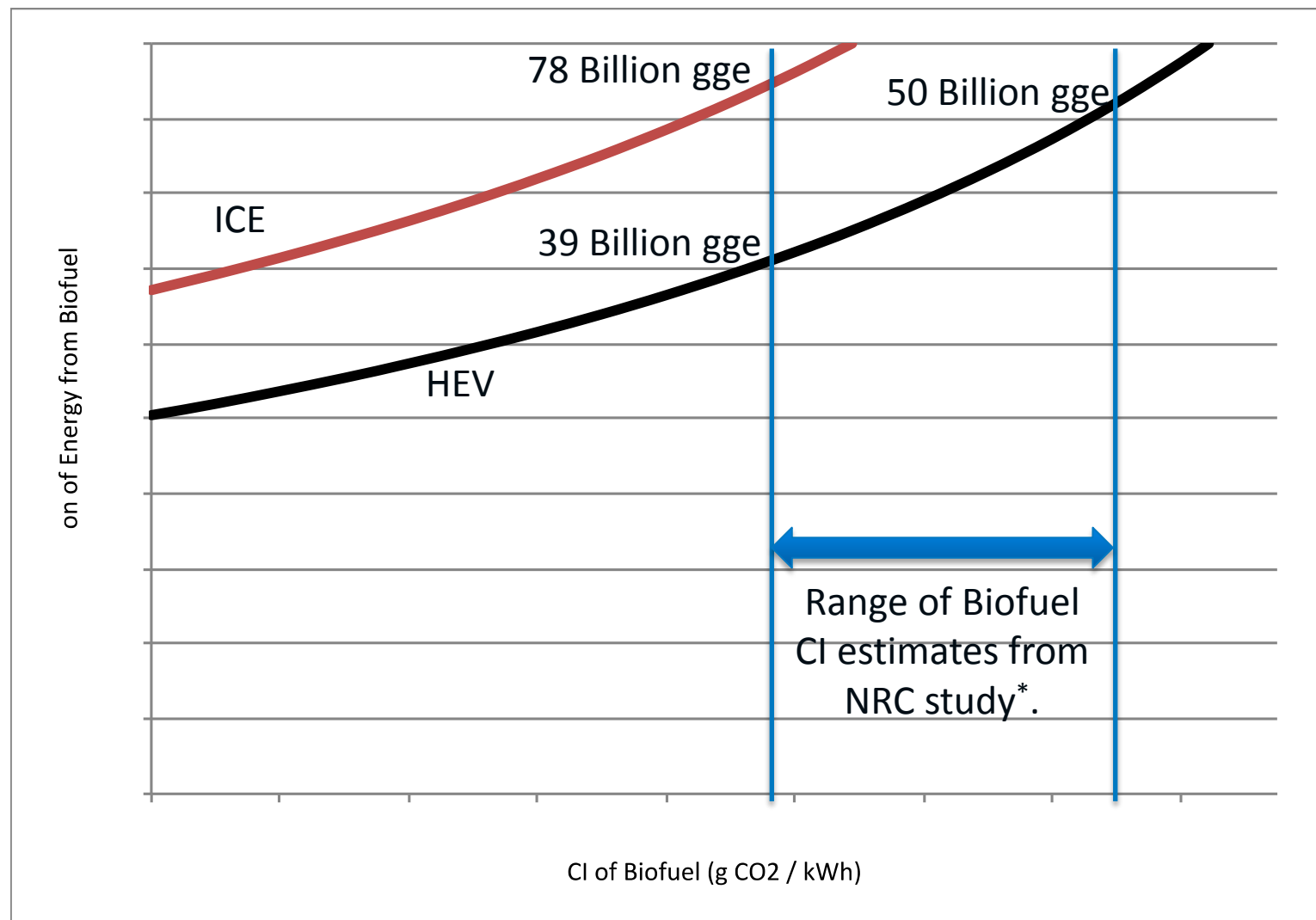
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# With low-carbon biofuel

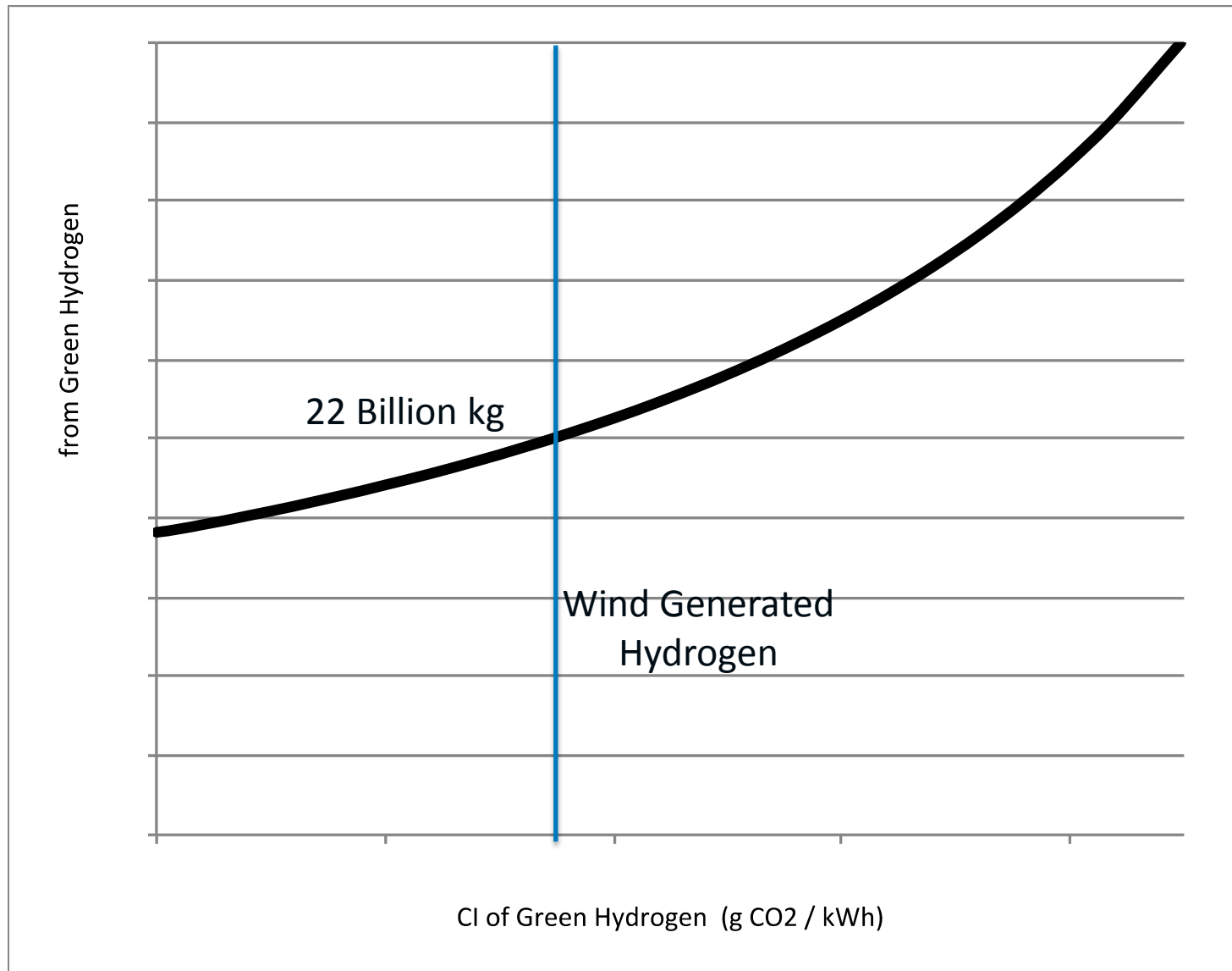


2015 US production of ethanol about 10 billion gge\*\* – Need a 4 to 8 fold increase by 2050

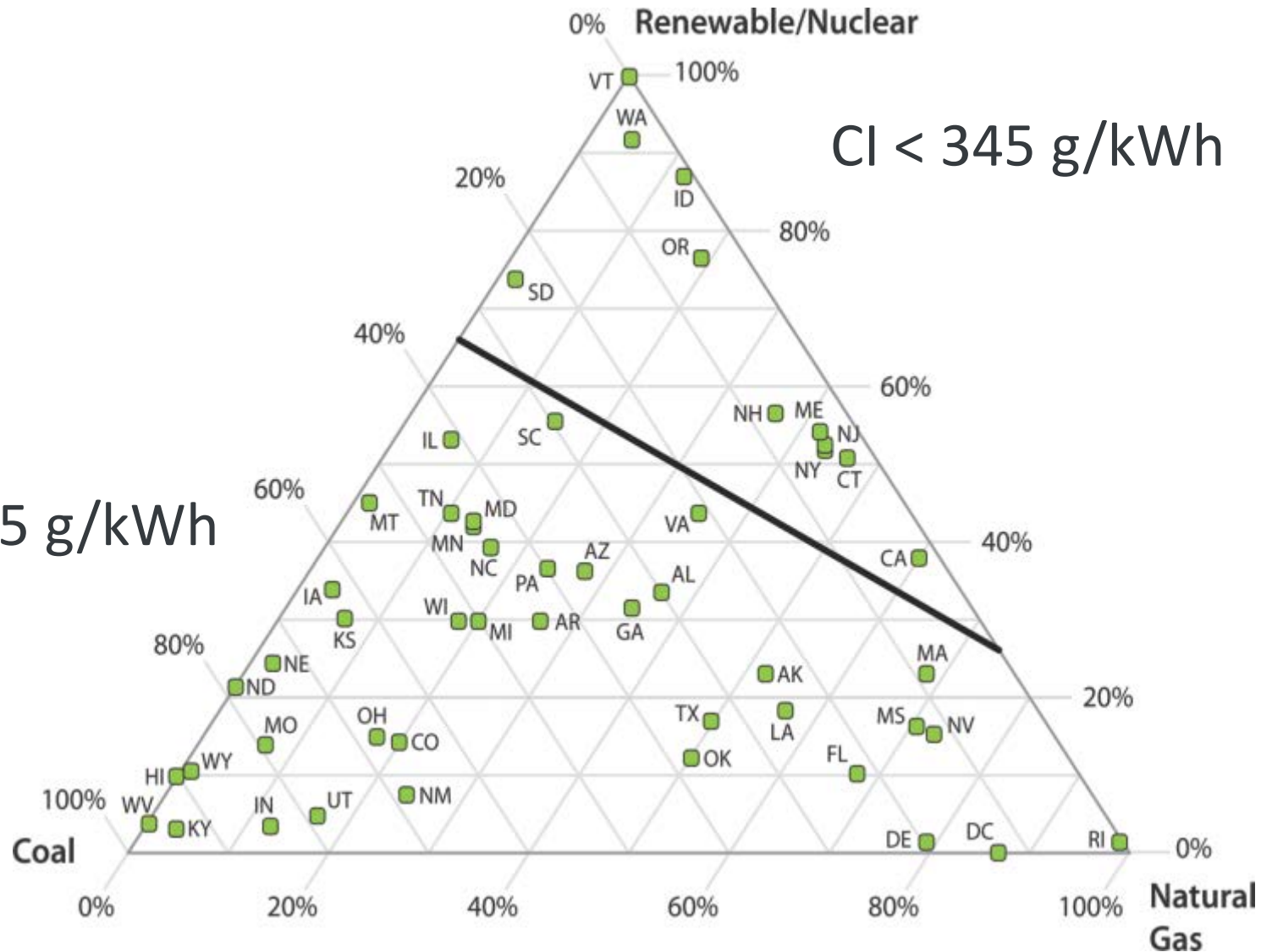
\*2015 – NRC *Transitions to Alternative Vehicles and Fuels*

\*\*<http://ethanolrfa.org/resources/industry/statistics/>

# Low carbon hydrogen needed



# Improved Electric Grid





# Priorities

- More efficient engines running on high fractions of biofuels
- 40 to 80 billion gge of biofuel
- Infrastructure to produce and distribute 10s of billions of kg renewable hydrogen
- Better power electronics, batteries, motors, and fuel cells
- EV charging solutions to break current range issues.
- Grid electricity at less than 345 g CO<sub>2</sub> per kWh

# Thank You!

For more details please refer to

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