

### **2024 AI BOOTCAMP** | MODULE 17 GROUP PROJECT

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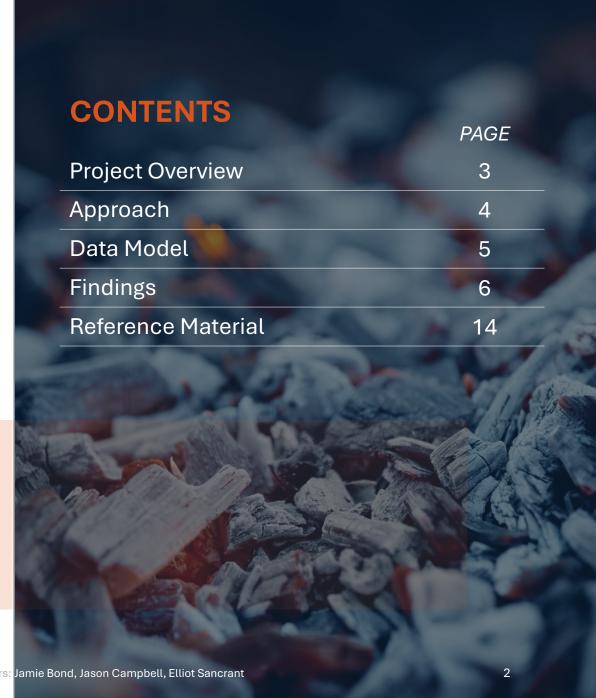
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## PROJECT OBJECTIVE

In this project, the University of North Carolina Charlotte / Chapel Hill AI Bootcamp project team conducted a data analysis to examine GHG emission-reducing potential of replacing passenger vehicles with electric.

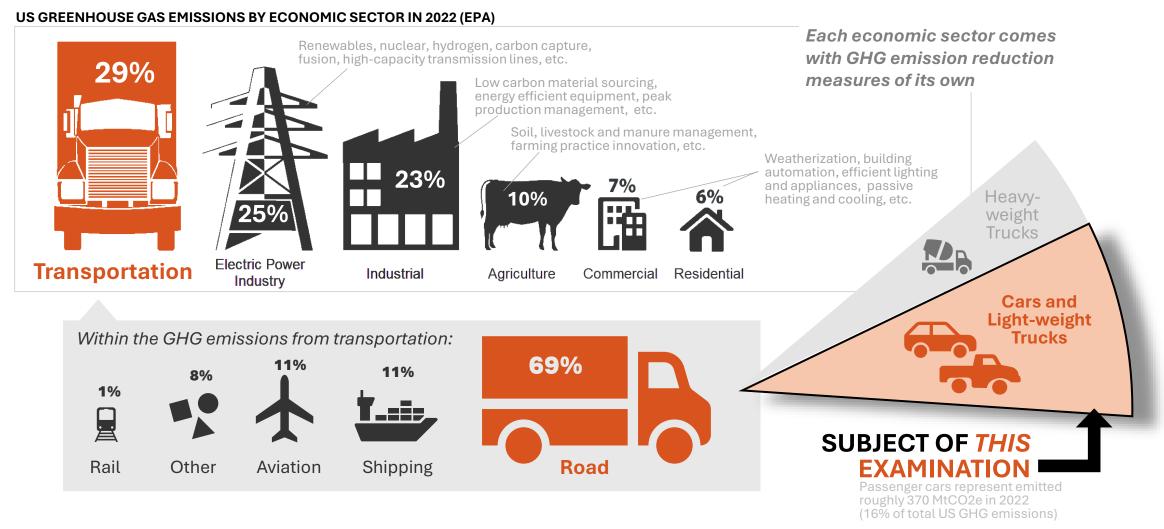






### PROJECT GOAL

# To examine the climate impacts from replacing internal combustion vehicles (ICEV) with electric vehicles (EV) in the US on an individual and collective basis

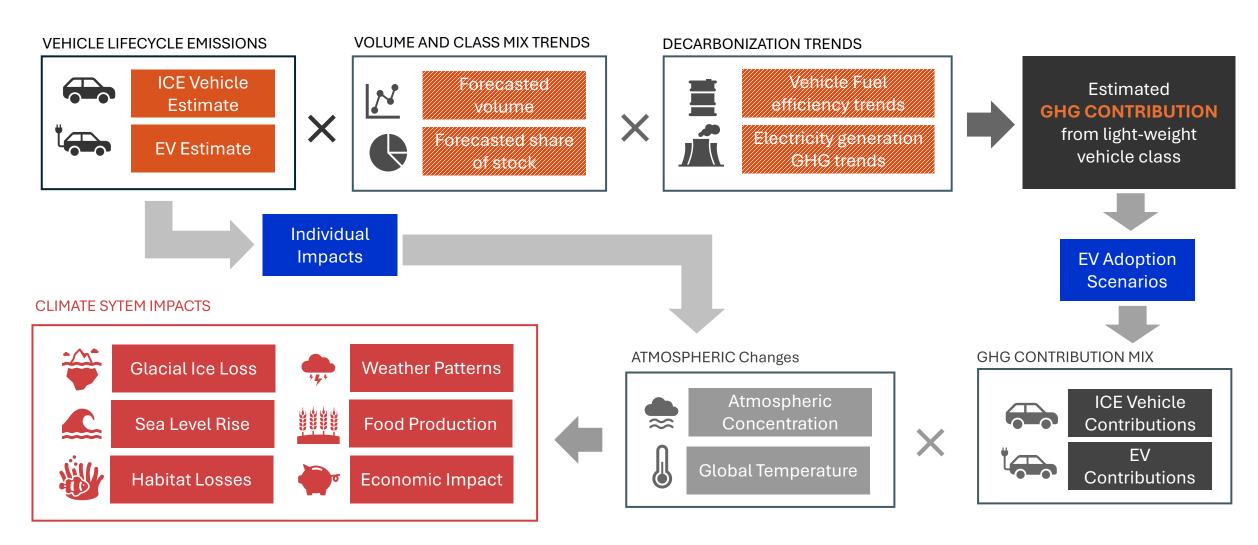






### **APROACH**

Our general approach was to assess the average lifecycle emission of an individual ICE vehicle and EV today. We also vehicle volume predictions and fuel efficiency changes over time to determine evaluate implications of individual and general EV adoption.







### **DATA ANALYSYS & MODEL OPTIMIZATION**

#### **Data Wrangling**

#### Data Acquisition

- CSV downloads
- HTML tables
- Desktop research (data contents)

#### Data Exploration

- US LDV Sales, Fed Reserve Econ Data (1976 to 2023)
- NHTSA Fuel Economy Standards (1978 to 2031)
- EPA Real-world Vehicle Efficiency and Emissions (1975 to 2023)
- EIA BEV and PHEV Sales and Stock (2013 to 2023)
- EIA EV Outlook (2010 to 2035)
- EIA Elec Consumption by LDV (2018 to Q1 2024)
- IAE EV Lifecycle data
- EIA Net Avoided Emissions and Avoided Share (2023 to 2035)
- Our World in Data climate system change
- Flow and stock models by vehicle type

#### Date Cleaning

- Parsing of date data during CSV imports
- Use of .split method to remove text from numeric data (e.g., "Prelim. 2023" to "2023")
- Use of .to datetime and .dt.year to clean date data
- Addressing partial year and missing values

#### **Data Modeling and Analysis**

#### · Vehicle emissions

- Future vehicle sales predictions using historic sales data
- Prediction of future car vs. truck share sales
- Average emission per mile projections for ICE vehicle (using historic share of sales and MPG, predicted vehicle sales and forward-looking emission standards)

#### Electricity generation emissions

 Future emission predictions using historic electricity generation, fuel mix and emissions data (ultimately assumed NDC and US decarbonization commitments)

#### GHG Impacts

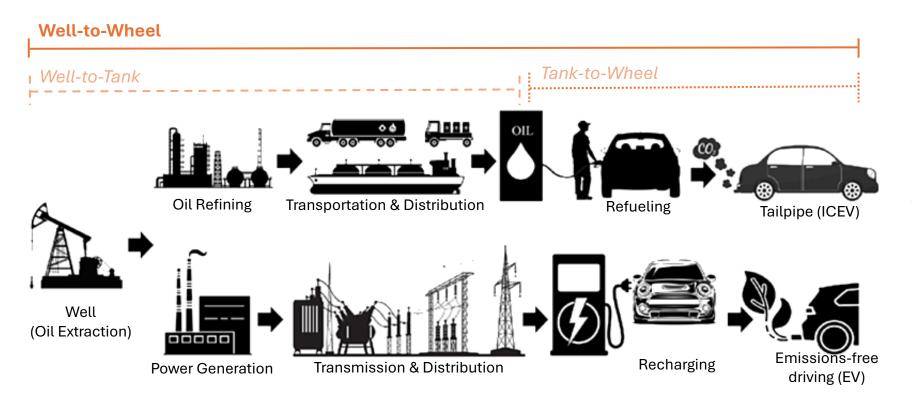
- Assessment of GHG emissions impact to atmospheric carbon contribution (in parts per million)
- Correlation between atmospheric carbon contribution and climate system changes







### **FINDINGS (Vehicle Lifecyle Emissions)**



### Determination of vehicle lifecycle emissions for lightweight ICEV and EV (plug-in hybrid and battery electric)

\* Estimates based on 2023 data and do not account for emissions from vehicle disposal.

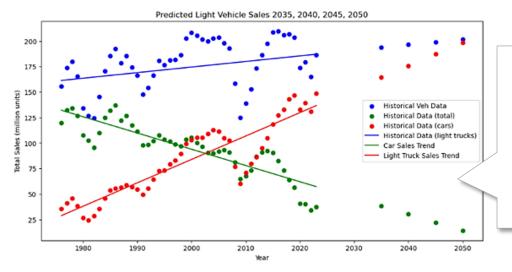
Powertrain	Vehicle production	Battery production	Well-to-tank	Tank-to-wheel	Embodied CO <sub>2</sub> e	Tailpipe CO <sub>2</sub> e	Grid decarbonization	Electricity CO <sub>2</sub> e	Lifecycle CO₂e
ICEV	3.7	<u> </u>	11.5	30.9	15.2	30.9	_	_	46.1
PHEV	4.4	1.3	11.7	15.8	17.4	15.8	1.9	10.9	42.2
BEV	3.3	5.3	14.5	<del></del>	23.1	<del></del>	4.8	8.9	27.2

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 2023 International Energy Agency (IEA) 2023 data used ICEV lifecycle data; IEA, Energy Information Agency (EIA) and modeling predictions used to calculate



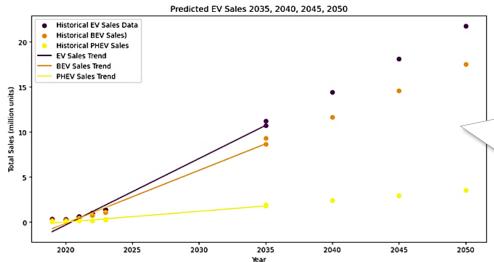


### FINDINGS (Light-Weight Vehicle Sales and Stock)



Light Vehicle Sales predictions based on historic and forecasted sales by class

(not reflective of behavioral economics, expected policies or EV incentives)



**EV Sales predictions** includes adjustment for proposed EPA rules

(56% of new vehicle sales are electric by 2032 at least 13% plug-in hybrids ) Linear regression model prediction of total new vehicle sales and new electric vehicle sales in the light-weight vehicle class through 2050.

Analysis, based solely on historic sales data, suggests that light trucks will continue to overtake the share of light vehicle sales in the US market.

Given the differential in efficiency standards between cars and trucks, this trajectory would have a material impact to GHG emissions by 2050.

#### **NHTSA Minimum Efficiency Standards**

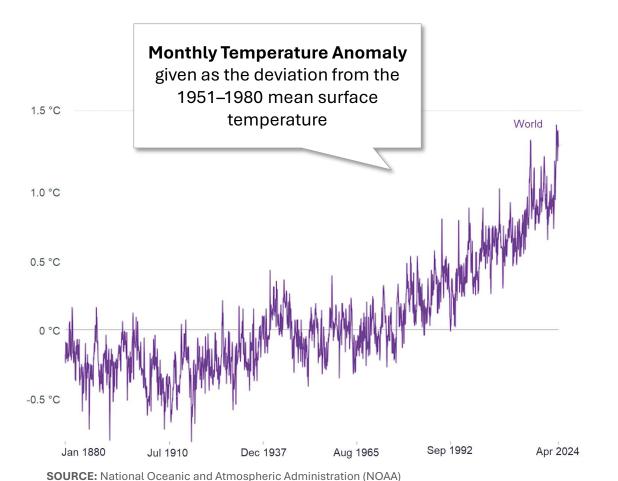
Model Year	Car MPG	Light Truck MPG
2024	54.50	37.50
2025	58.90	39.30
2026	64.80	42.40
2027	66.10	42.40
2028	65.20	43.20
2029	72.50	54.90
2030	80.10	62.10
2031	91.60	70.80

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See *vehicle\_and\_emission\_analysis.ipynb* file for data and modeling details.



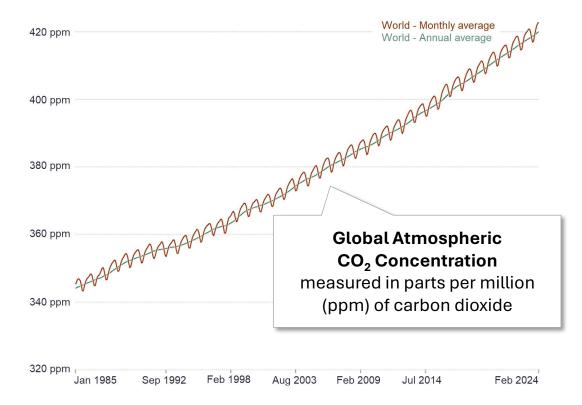


### **FINDINGS (Climate Change Impacts)**



Global temperature measures from 1880 to 2024 show a steadily increasing temperature anomaly.

We note a rise in global concentration of atmospheric CO2 similar to that of the rise in global temperature anomaly, as illustrated in the 40-year trend below.

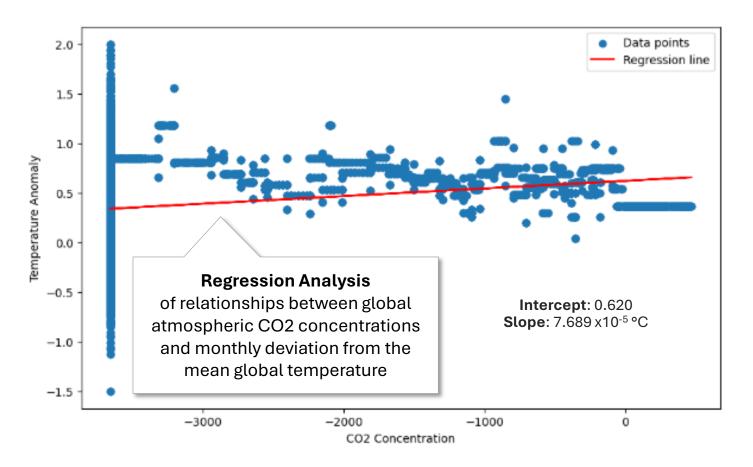






### **FINDINGS (Climate Change Impacts)**

Analysis of the relationship between atmospheric  $CO_2$  concentrations and the monthly global temperature anomaly results in a slightly positive slope



# This provides a measurable of the positive correlation between carbon emissions and global temperature anomalies.

This relationship allows us to measure the contribution to global temperature anomalies at an individual vehicle level using vehicle lifecycle emissions.

#### **Individual Vehicle Impact Global Temperature Anomaly**

Powertrain	<b>Deviation Contribution</b>
Internal Combustion Engine Vehicle (ICEV)	3.43 x 10 <sup>-12</sup> °C
Plug-in Hybrid Electric Vehicle (PHEV)	3.13 x 10 <sup>-12</sup> °C
Battery Electric Vehicle (BEV)	2.02 x 10 <sup>-12</sup> °C
Impact from switching from ICEV to BEV:	1.41 x 10 <sup>-12</sup> °C

Number of transitions from ICEV to BEV needed to see a measurable impact:

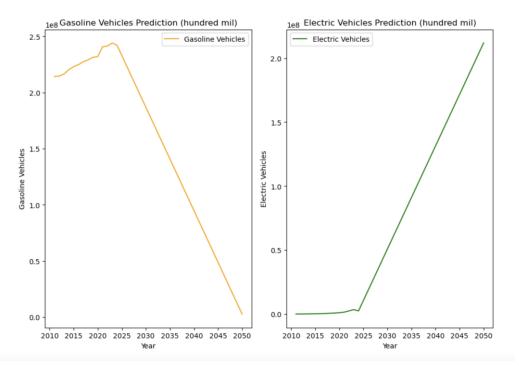
**Approximately 70 million** 

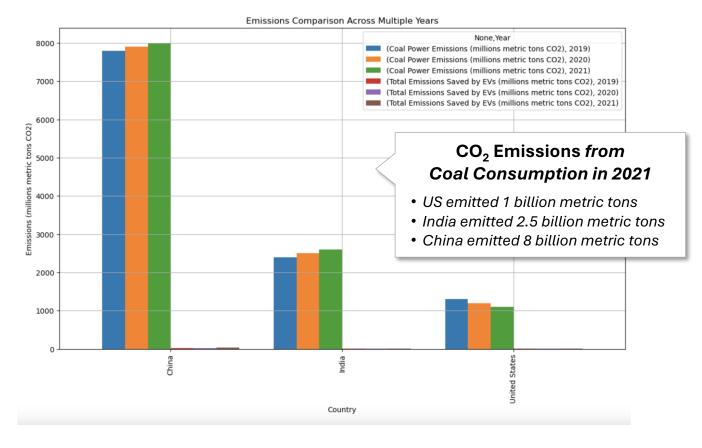




### **FINDINGS (100% Adoption Scenario)**

Assume each EV saves about 2.6 metric tons of CO2 annually compared to an internal combustion engine (ICE) vehicle.





Potential CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions Saved Annually from **100 % EV adoption in US**  282,000,000 cars X 2.6 MMT CO<sub>2</sub> 733,200,000 metric tons of CO<sub>2</sub> For context, 100% EV adoption in the US would account for roughly:

- ▶ 73% of the CO₂ emissions from US coal use, OR
- 26% of the CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from India coal use, OR
- 9% of the CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from China coal use





### ADDITIONAL INVESTIGATION AREAS

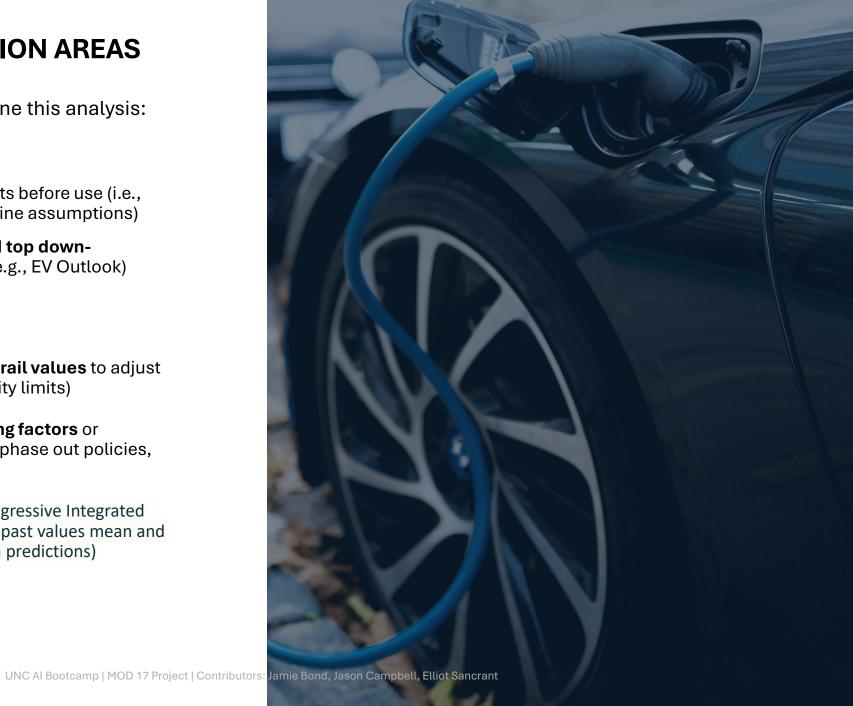
Many opportunities to expand and refine this analysis:

#### **DATA**

- Opportunity to better normalize data sets before use (i.e., additional adjusts for inconsistent baseline assumptions)
- Opportunity to develop bottoms-up and top downforecasting vs using existing datasets (e.g., EV Outlook)

#### **MODELING**

- Opportunity to make better use of guardrail values to adjust predications (e.g., manufacturing capacity limits)
- Opportunity to include more time-varying factors or economic factors into model (e.g., GHG phase out policies, tariffs, etc.)
- More advanced ML models (e.g., Autoregressive Integrated Moving Average, ARIMA, weighted sum of past values mean and various random error terms for future data predictions)







### Reference Content

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#### **Data Providers**

- Energy Information Agency (EIA)
- Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
- Federal Reserve Economic Data (<u>FRED</u>)
- International Energy Agency (IEA)
- Alternative Fuels Data Center (AFDC)
- Our World In Data

#### **Data Sources**

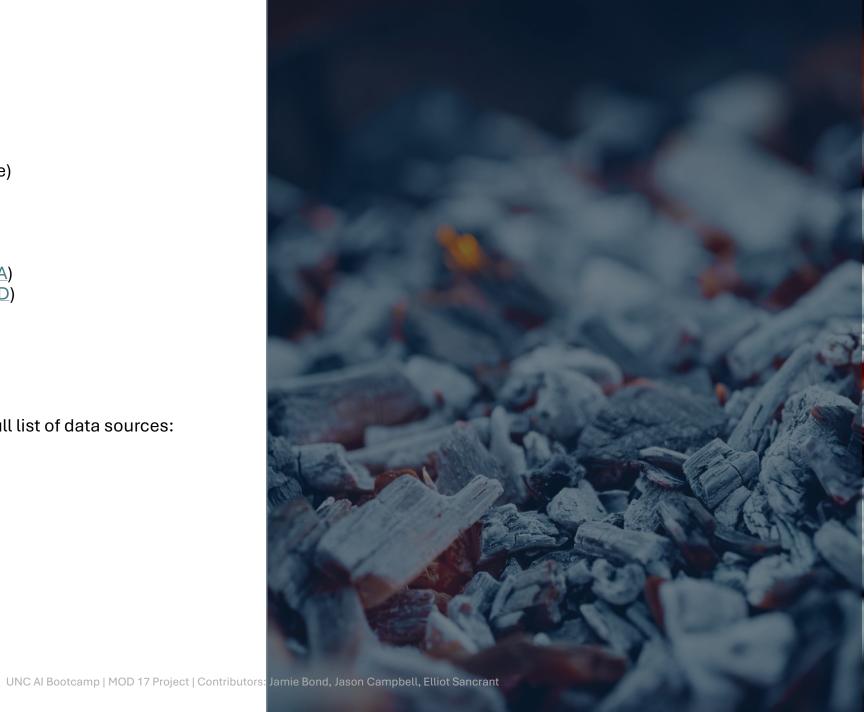
See project GitHub repository for a full list of data sources: github.com/jbondAl/Al Project 2

#### **Required Tools Use**

- Python
- Pandas
- Matplotlib
- Prophet
- Time series analysis







### Analysis of **Emission Reduction Potential of Electric Vehicles** in a world of increasing demand for coal



#### **INCLUDES**

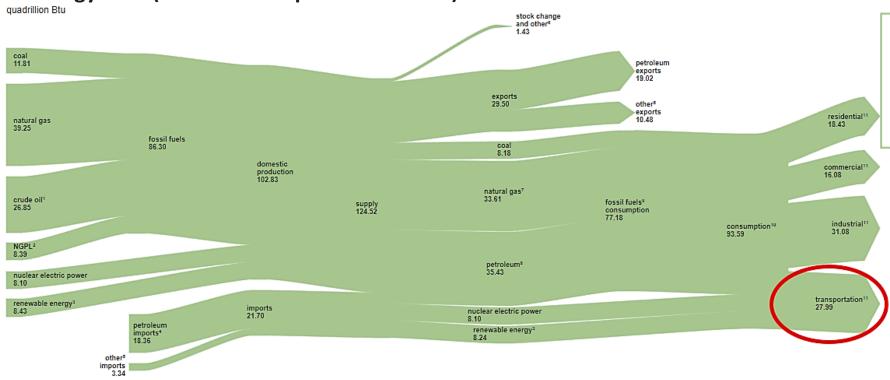
- 2023 US Energy Flow Diagrams for Total Energy Electricity and Petroleum
- US Share of Global GHG Emissions from Transportation
- Transportation Lifecycle GHG Intensity

- Pathway Using Low-carbon Transport
  Technologies
- Well-to-Wheel Avoided Emissions by Country from Stated Policy and Announced Pledges



### **REFERENCE MATERIAL** | US Energy Flow (All Energy)

### US energy flow (measured in quadrillion BTUs) in 2023



Transportation accounted for 27.99 of the 93.59 quadrillion BTU of US energy use in 2023

(roughly 30% of US energy consumption)

¹ Includes lease condensate. | ² Natural gas plant liquids. | ³ Conventional hydroelectric power, biomass, geothermal, solar, and wind. | ⁴ Crude oil and petroleum products. Includes imports into the Strategic Petroleum Reserve. | ⁵ Natural gas, coal, coal coke, biomass, and electricity. | ⁶ Adjustments, losses, and unaccounted for. | ⁻ Natural gas only; excludes supplemental gaseous fuels. | ⁶ Petroleum products supplied. | ⁶ Includes -0.03 quadrillion Btu of coal coke net imports. | ¹ Includes 0.06 quadrillion Btu of electricity net imports. | ¹¹ Total energy consumption, which is the sum of primary energy consumption, electricity sales to ultimate customers, and electrical system energy losses. Losses are allocated to the end-use sectors in proportion to each sector's share of total electricity sales. See Note 1, "Electrical System Energy Losses," at the end of U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA), Monthly Energy Review (April 2024), Section 2. See Note 2, "Other Energy Losses," at the end of U.S. Energy Information (EIA), Monthly Energy Review (April 2024), Section 2. | Notes: • Data are preliminary. • Values are derived from source data prior to rounding for publication. • Totals may not equal sum of components due to independent rounding.



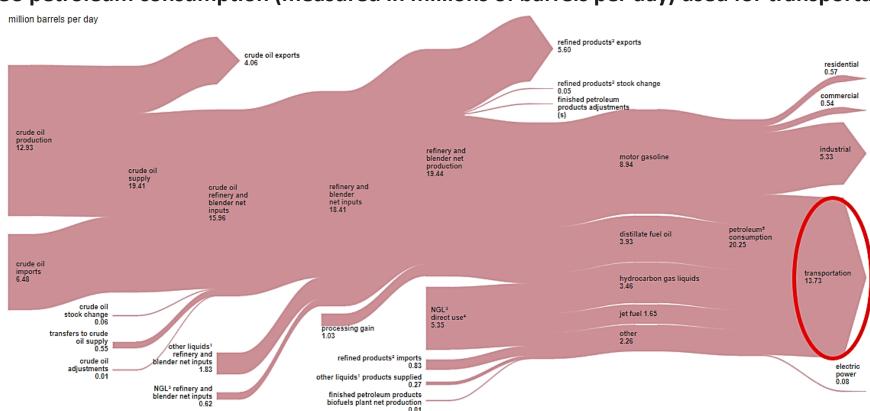
Sources: U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA), Monthly Energy Review (April 2024),





### **REFERENCE MATERIAL** | US Energy Flow (Petroleum)

### US petroleum consumption (measured in millions of barrels per day) used for transportation in 2023



Transportation accounted for 13.73 of the 20.25 millions of barrels per day in US petroleum consumption in 2023

(68% of US petroleum consumption)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Unfinished oils, hydrogen/biofuels/other hydrocarbons, and motor gasoline and aviation gasoline blending components. | <sup>2</sup> Finished petroleum products and hydrocarbon gas liquids. | <sup>3</sup> Natural gas liquids. | <sup>4</sup> Field production (6.431), transfers to crude oil supply (-0.436), and biofuels plant net production (-0.024) minus refinery and blender net inputs (0.622). | <sup>5</sup> Petroleum products supplied. | Notes: • Data are preliminary. • Values are derived from source data prior to rounding for publication. • Totals may not equal sum of components due to independent rounding.



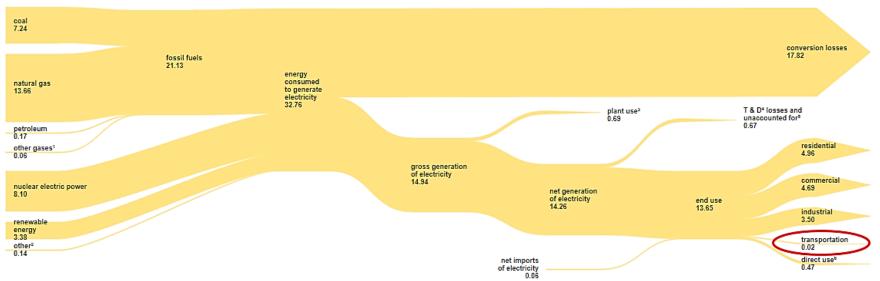
Sources: U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA), Monthly Energy Review (April 2024),





### **REFERENCE MATERIAL** | US Energy Flow (Electricity)

### US electricity (measured in quadrillion BTUs) used for transportation in 2023



¹ Blast furnace gas and other manufactured and waste gases derived from fossil fuels. | ² Batteries, chemicals, hydrogen, pitch, purchased steam, sulfur, miscellaneous technologies, and non-renewable waste (municipal solid waste from nonbiogenic sources, and tire-derived fuels). | ³ Electric energy used in the operation of power plants. | ⁴ Transmission and distribution losses (electricity losses that occur between the point of generation and delivery to the customer). | ⁵ Data collection frame differences and nonsampling error. | ⁶ Use of electricity that is 1) self-generated, 2) produced by either the same entity that consumes the power or an affiliate, and 3) used in direct support of a service or industrial process located within the same facility or group of facilities that house the generating equipment. Direct use is exclusive of station use. | Notes: • Data are preliminary. • Data are for utility-scale facilities. • See Note 1, "Electrical System Energy Losses," at the end of U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA), Monthly Energy Review (April 2024), Section 2. • Net generation of electricity includes pumped storage facility production minus energy used for pumping. • Values are derived from source data prior to rounding for publication. • Totals may not equal sum of components due to independent rounding.



Sources: U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA), Monthly Energy Review (April 2024),

# In 2023, electric transportation accounted for 0.02 quadrillion BTU of US electricity use.

0.02 quadrillion BTU x 3,412 BTU/kWh = 5,861,371,043 kWh (roughly 669 MW of electricity demand)

The most recent commercial nuclear reactor, Georgia Power's Plant Vogtle Unit 4 brought online in May 2024, is a 1,114 MW unit.

This illustrates that the entirety of the US electric transportation sector operations could have been fueled by a single emissions-free commercial nuclear reactor unit.

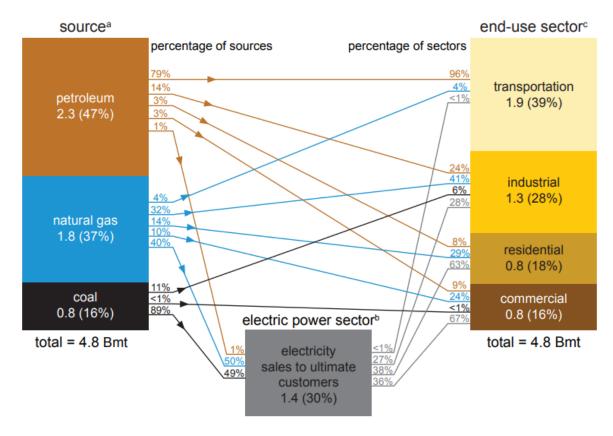




### **REFERENCE MATERIAL** | US Emissions Flow Diagram (End-Use by Sector)

### U.S. CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from energy consumption by source and sector, 2023

billion metric tons (Bmt) of carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>)



In 2023, transportation accounted for 1.9 of the 4.8 billion metric tons (Bmt) of CO2 emissions in the US

(39% of all US end-use energy consumption)

Less than 1% of the 1.4 Bmt in emissions from electricity end use consumption is associated with transportation

Approximately 96% of the 2.3 Bmt in emissions from petroleum end use consumption is associated with transportation

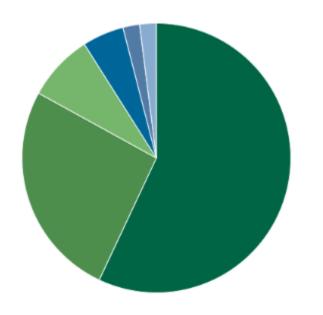


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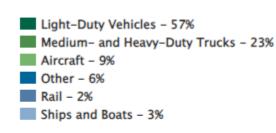




### **REFERENCE MATERIAL** | US Transportation Sector GHG Emission by Source



Light Duty vehicles (passenger cars and light duty trucks) accounted for 57% of GHG emission in the transportation sector



#### Inventory Definitions of Selected Transportation Categories<sup>12</sup>



Passenger Cars: automobiles used primarily to transport 12 people or less. In 2022, passenger cars traveled a total of 1,215,831 million vehicle miles.



Light-Duty Trucks: vehicles used primarily for transporting light-weight cargo or which are equipped with special features such as four-wheel drive for off-road operation. In the U.S., this category also includes many vehicles that primarily transport passengers such as sport utility vehicles (SUVs) and minivans. The gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) normally ranges around 8,500 pounds or less. GVWR is the maximum weight a vehicle is designed to carry when passengers, fuel, cargo, and any other additions to the vehicle are accounted for. In 2022, light-duty trucks traveled a total of 1,634,533 million vehicle miles.

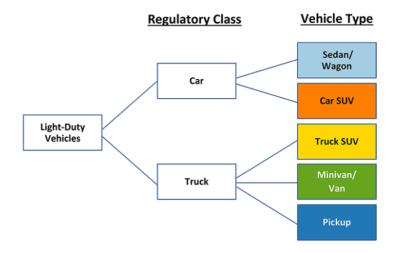


Medium- and Heavy-Duty Trucks: vehicles with GVWR of more than around 8,500 pounds. In the Inventory, single unit trucks and combination trucks represent the medium- and heavy-duty truck category, including tractor-trailers and box trucks used for freight transportation. In addition, this category includes some vehicles that are not typically used for freight movement such as service and utility trucks. In 2022, medium- and heavy-duty trucks traveled a total of 325,692 million vehicle miles.



Pipelines: systems that transport liquids, gases, or slurries through either above or below ground pipes. In the Inventory, the pipelines category includes emissions from the combustion of natural gas used to power pumps and other distribution equipment, while leaks and other emission sources from pipelines are assigned to the natural gas systems category.

#### Regulatory Classes and Vehicle Types Used in This Report



SOURCE: 2023 EPA Automotive Trends Report (Full Report)



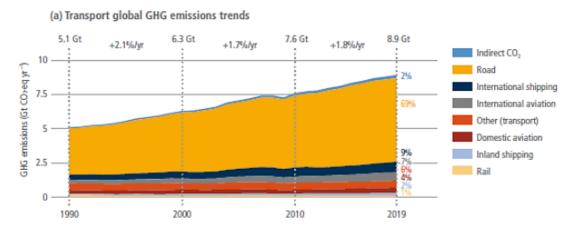
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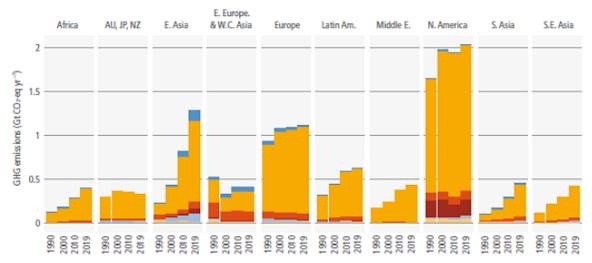


### **REFERENCE MATERIAL** | US GHG Emissions

# Share of US transportation GHG emissions from 1990 to 2019 (measured in gigatons of CO2 equivalent per year)



#### (b) Transport regional GHG emissions trends

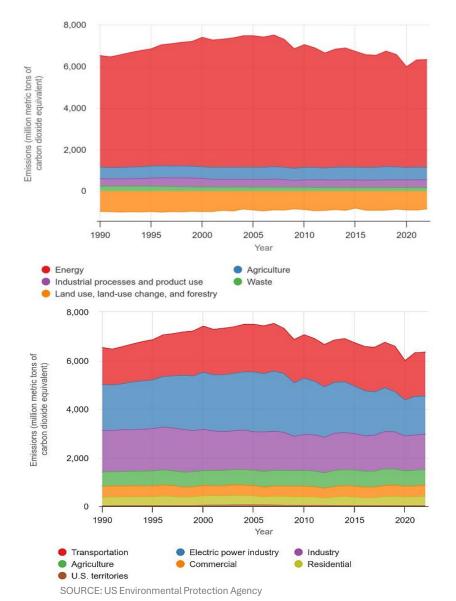


SOURCE: IPCC Sixth Assessment Report

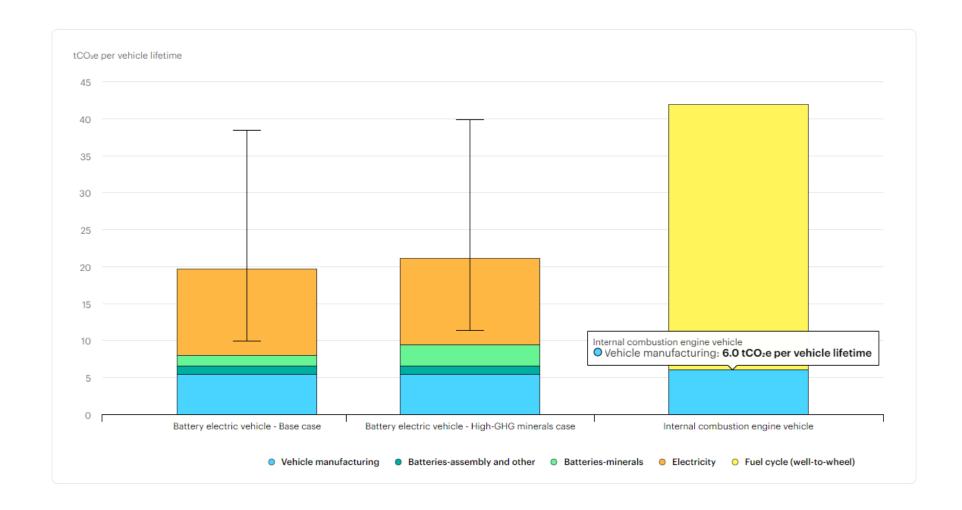




# US GHG emissions emitted by economic sector and end use from 1990 to 2020 (measured millions of metric tons of CO2 equivalent)



### **REFERENCE MATERIAL** | Lifecycle Emissions

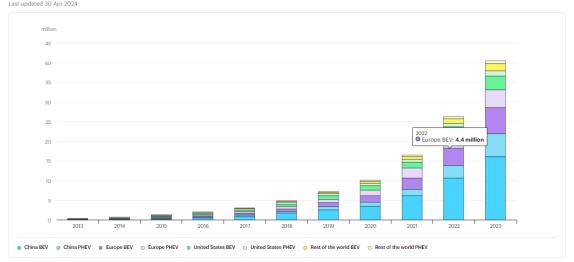






### **REFERENCE MATERIAL** | Global Electric Vehicle Outlook Data (datasets included)

#### Global electric car stock, 2013-2023

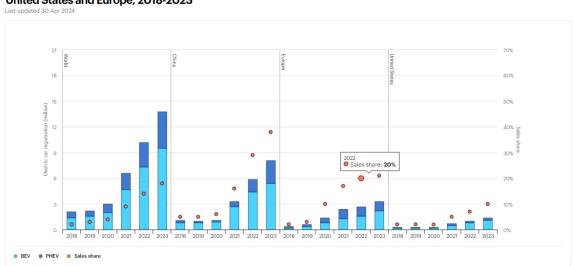


#### Electric car registrations and sales share in China, United States and Europe, 2018-2023

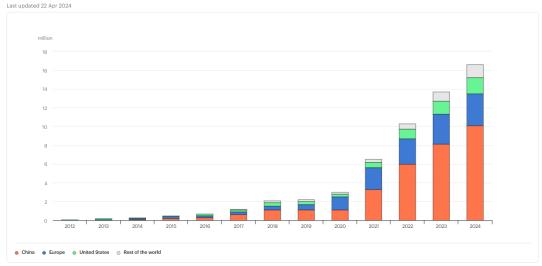
SOURCE: EIA Global EV Outlook 2024

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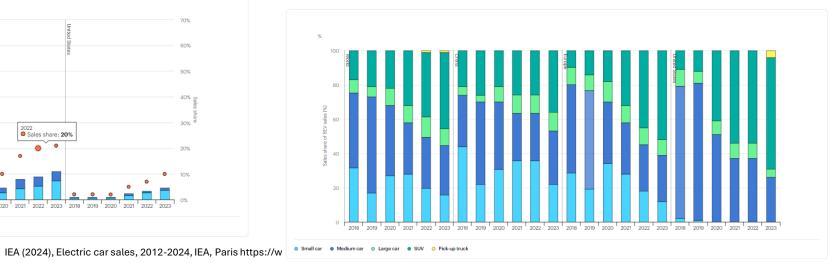


#### Electric car sales, 2012-2024



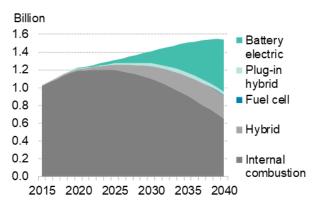
### Breakdown of battery electric car sales in selected countries and regions by segment, 2018-2023

Last updated 30 Apr 2024



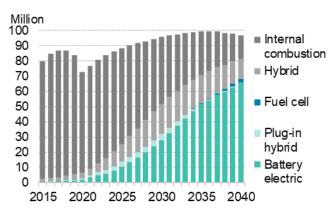
### **REFERENCE MATERIAL** | Global Vehicle Forecasts

#### Global passenger vehicle fleet outlook by drivetrain -**Economic Transition Scenario**



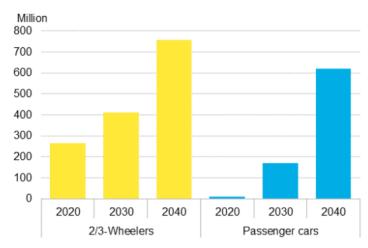
Source: BNEF. Note: EVs include battery-electric and plug-in hybrid electric vehicles. Europe includes the EU, the U.K. and EFTA countries.

#### Global passenger vehicle sales outlook by drivetrain -**Economic Transition Scenario**



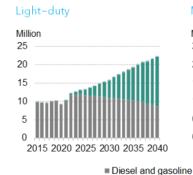
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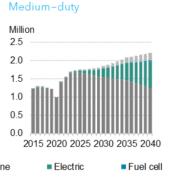
#### Number of EVs on the road - Economic Transition Scenario

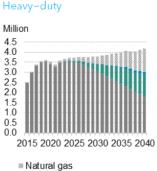


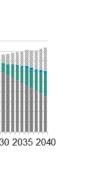
Source: BNEF. Note: LCVs = light commercial vehicles. M/HCVs = medium/heavy commercial vehicles. 95.

#### Global commercial vehicle sales outlook by drivetrain and segment - Economic Transition Scenario







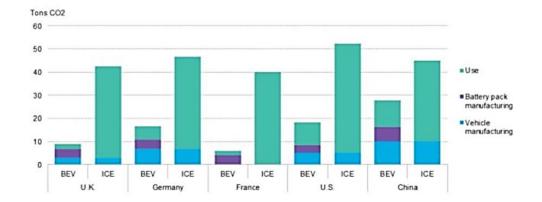


Source: BNEF. Note: Electric includes battery-electric, plug-in hybrid electric and range-extender; natural gas includes compressed and LNG.

SOURCE: IPCC Sixth Assessment Report





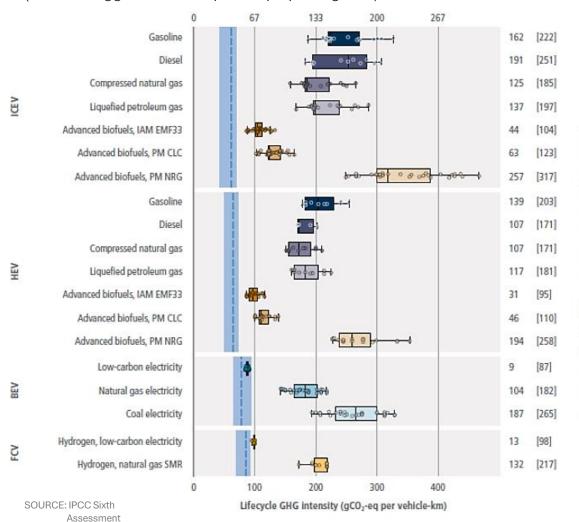


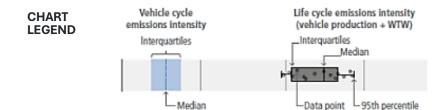
Source: BloombergNEF, New Energy Outlook 2020

### **REFERENCE MATERIAL** | Transportation Lifecycle GHG Intensity

#### **Transportation lifecycle GHG intensity**

(Measured in gigatons of CO2 equivalent per passenger-km)





- Primary x-axis reports units in gCO2-eq vkm-1, assuming a vehicle life of 180,000 km.
- Secondary x-axis uses units of gCO2-eq pkm-1, assuming a 1.5 occupancy rate.
- Values in the figure rely on the 100-year GWP value embedded in the source data, which may differ slightly from the updated 100-year GWP values from WGI.
- Blue shaded area represents the interquartile range for combined vehicle manufacturing and end-of-life phases.
- Length of the box and whiskers represent the interquartile range of the operation phase for different fuel chains, while their placement on the x-axis represents the absolute lifecycle climate intensity, that is, includes manufacturing and end-of-life phases.
- · Individual markers indicate a data point.

#### **TERMS USED**

'<u>Advanced biofuels'</u> refers to the use of second-generation biofuels and their respective conversion and cultivation emission factors.

<u>'IAM EMF33'</u> refers to emissions factors for advanced biofuels derived from simulation results from the integrated assessment models EMF33 scenarios.

<u>'PM'</u> refers to partial models, where 'CLC' is with constant land cover and 'NRG' is with natural regrowth.

"Hydrogen, low-carbon electricity" is produced via electrolysis using low-carbon electricity.

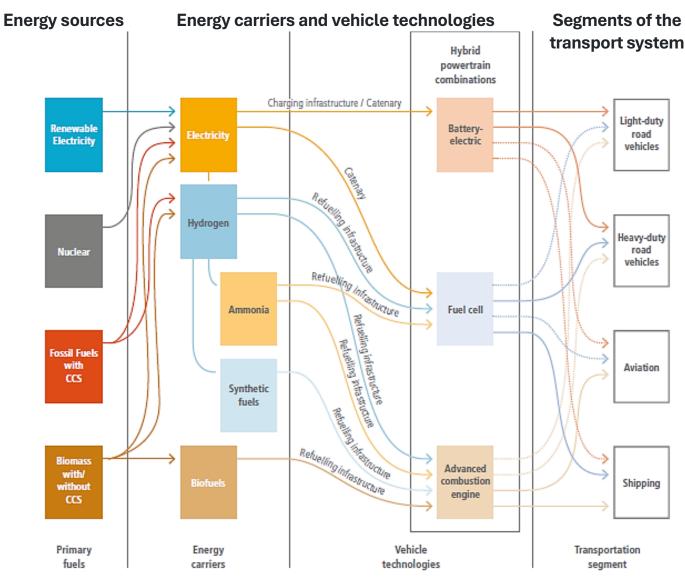
"Hydrogen, natural gas SMR" refers to fuels produced via steam methane reforming of natural gas.



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### REFERENCE MATERIAL | Pathways for low-carbon transport technologies



Primary pathways are shown with solid lines, while dotted lines represent secondary pathways.





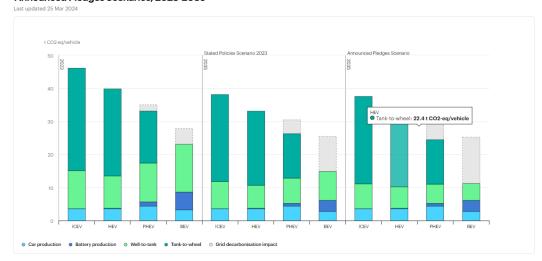
### REFERENCE MATERIAL | Well-to-Wheels Emission

In the STEPS (stated policies), the emissions avoided by using EVs rather than ICE equivalents (alongside continued improvements to ICE fuel economy) reach over  $\frac{2 \text{ Gt}}{\text{of CO}_2 \text{ equivalent (CO}_2\text{-eq) in 2035.}}$ 

Additional emissions from electricity generation for EVs are far smaller, at over 380 Mt  $CO_2$ -eq, meaning there is a net saving of 1.8 Gt  $CO_2$ -eq in 2035 in the STEPS.

Sustained decarbonisation of power generation helps deliver even more emission reductions in the APS (announced pledges), in which net emissions avoided by switching to electric reach around 2 Gt CO<sub>2</sub>-eq in 2035.

Comparison of global average lifecycle emissions by powertrain in the Stated Policies and Announced Pledges Scenarios, 2023-2035



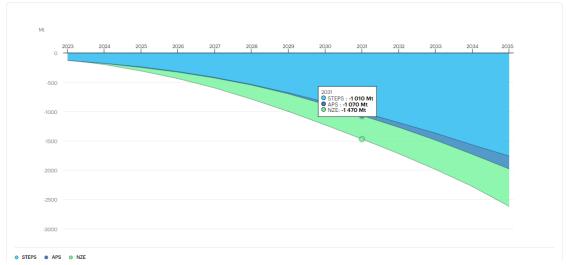
SOURCE: IPCC Sixth
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SOURCE: IPCC Sixth Assessment Report Working Group III: Mitigation of Climate Change Net avoided well-to-wheel greenhouse gas emissions from electric vehicle deployment, 2023-2035

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Net avoided well-to-wheel share of avoided emissions by mode, 2023-2035

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