

The Impact of Vehicle Traits On **FUEL ECONOMY**

Predictive Analysis

Automotiv(ation) & Challenges

- States and Countries around the world have plans to regulate ICE car sales
- USA plans to cut emissions 50% by 2030
- In 2019, US emissions were only 13% below 2005 levels
- What can we discover to better inform auto manufacturers and policy makers?

What are the largest predictors on MPG/MPGe*?

*MPGe calculated from kWh/100 miles for EVs

About the Dataset

43,495 different vehicles

83 features representing different vehicle traits

make, model & year

cylinders, drivetrain & transmission

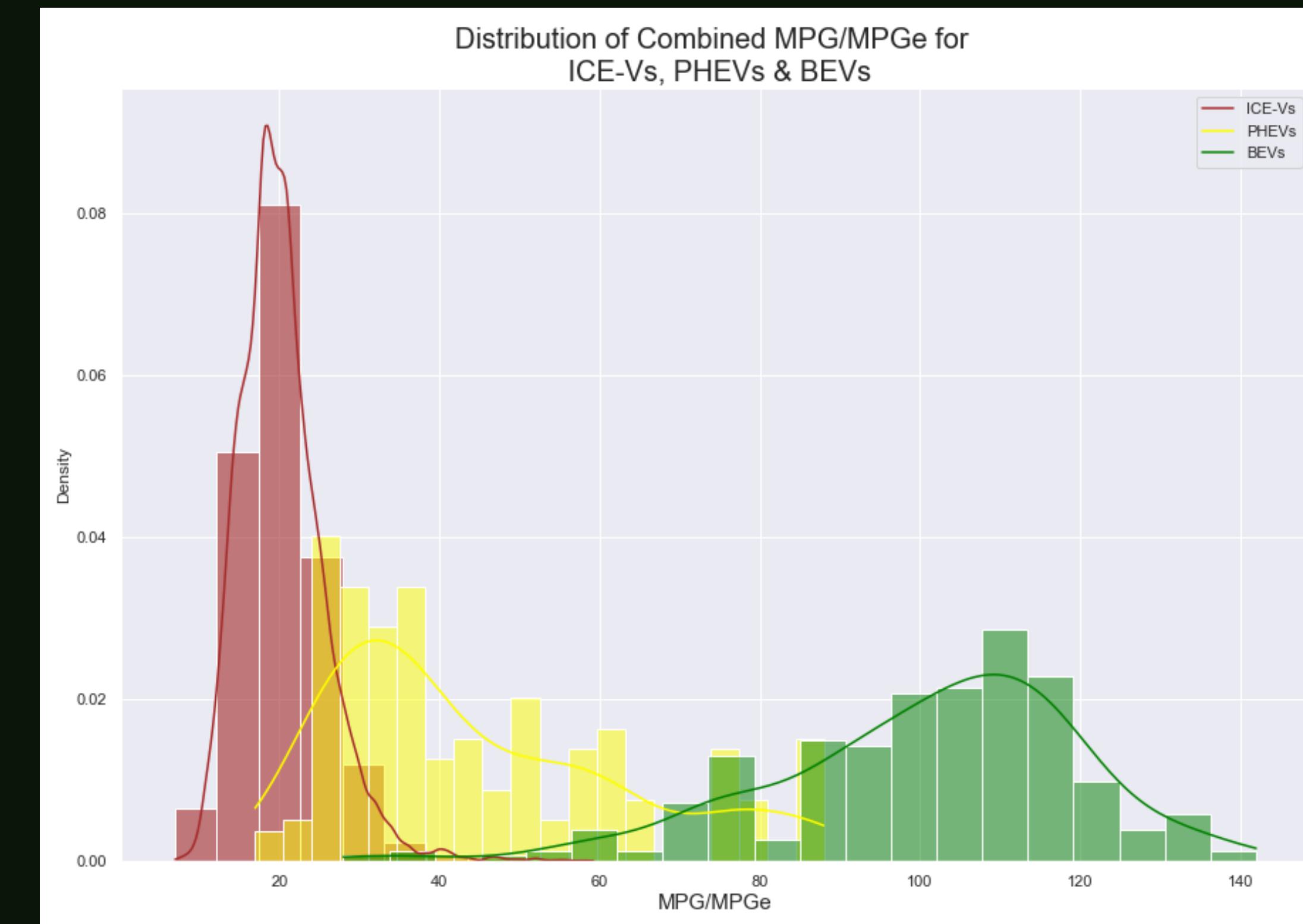
displacement, fuel types, body style class, etc.

Sourced from the EPA's [fueleconomy.gov](#)

Initial Takeaways

Clearest predictor: ICE vehicle vs PHEV vs BEV

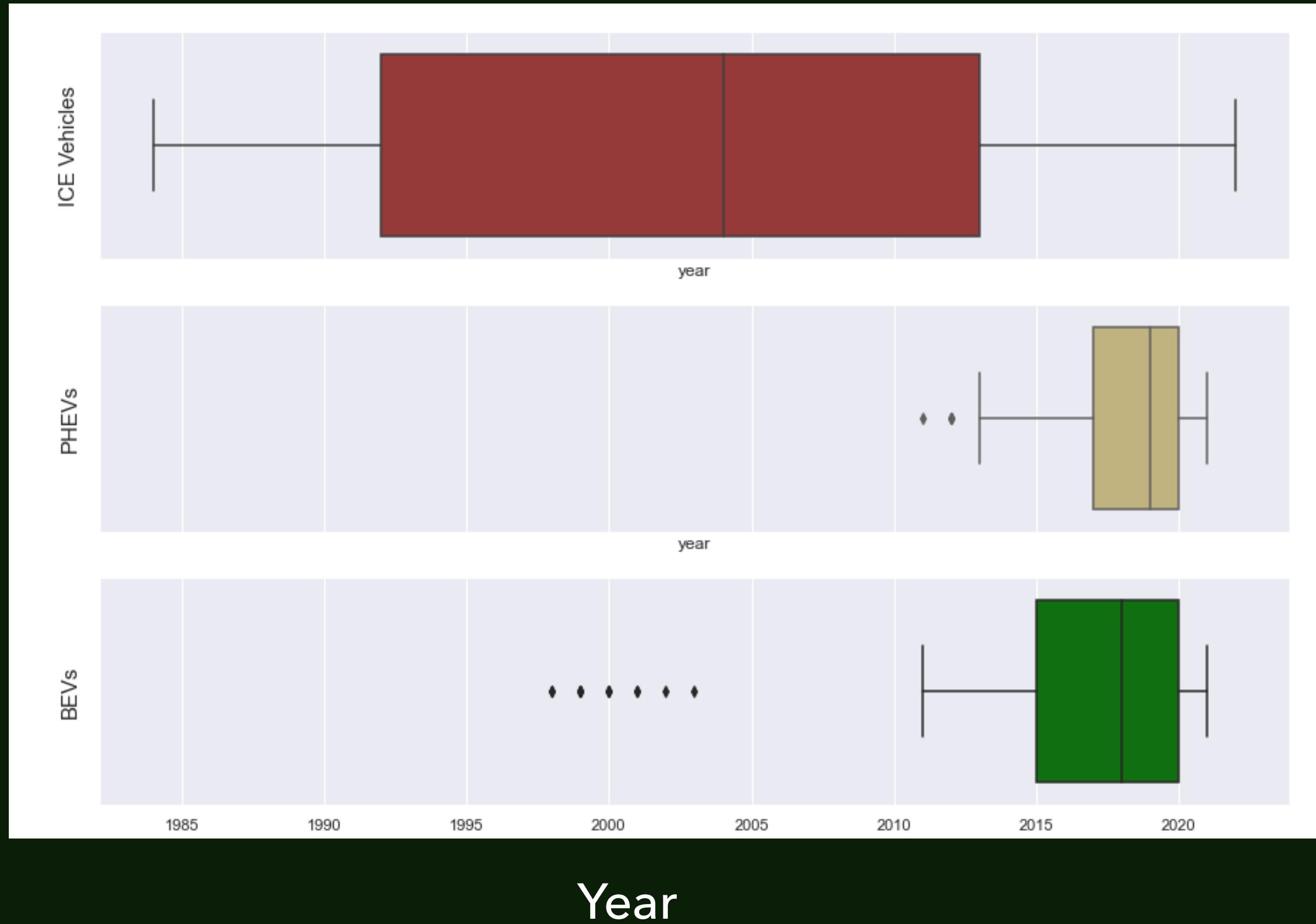
- Median MPG ICE vehicles:
20
- Median MPGe PHEVs:
38
- Median MPGe BEVs:
104



Deeper Analysis

Correcting for Yearly Progress

Vehicle Manufacture Year Distribution



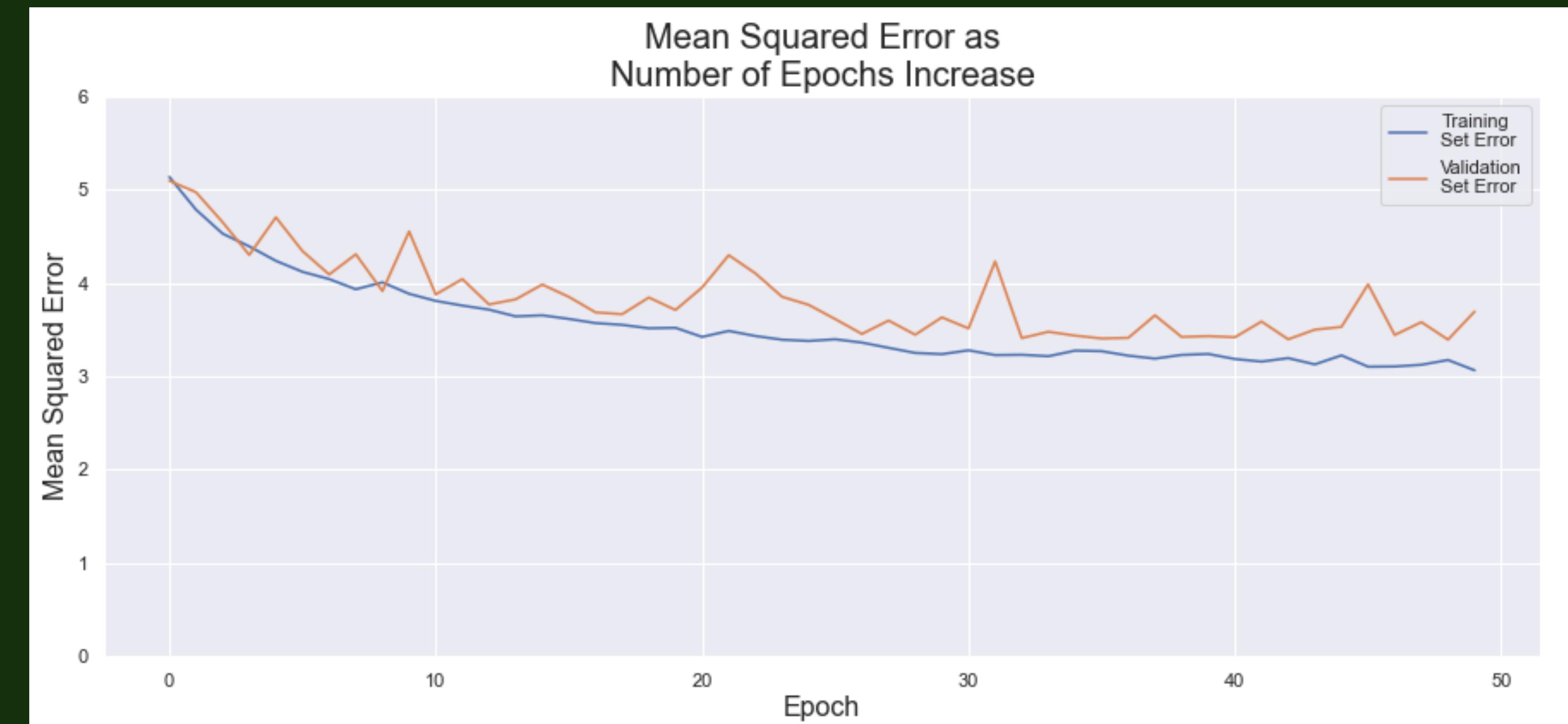
- Median Year of Manufacture:
 - BEVs – 2018
 - PHEVs – 2019
 - ICE-Vs – 2004
- Median MPG for ICE-Vs Made in 2018: 22.6

Tools for Action Using Deep Learning to Predict on MPG/e

Using Neural Net
Regression

Ran over 100 models
50-1000 Epochs

Able to predict
within:
4.43 MPG/MPGe



Further Action

- Run other regression algorithms to compare with Neural Nets
- More data and utilize the dataset I have further
- Analysis with pollutants instead of MPG as target

THANK YOU

Dataset Source:

<https://www.fueleconomy.gov/>

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