

Personal transport in the UK: From pump to plug?

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What is UKERC?

- The centrepiece of the Research Councils' Energy Programme
- A world class centre for interdisciplinary whole systems energy research (70+ researchers at 18 Universities)
- A bridge between the UK energy research community and the wider world of business, policy and international energy research



Global Oil Depletion

An assessment of the evidence for a near-term peak in global oil production

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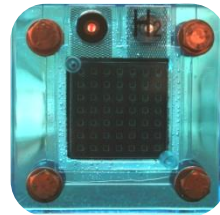
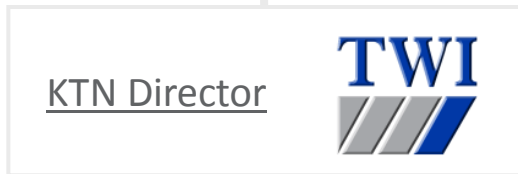
UK Energy Generation & Supply KTN

“ A dynamic network delivering strategic value to the UK energy sector ”

by enabling

- accelerated innovation
- access to funding
- partnerships
- international engagement
- cross-sector links
- technology deployment

Delivery Structure



UK energy policy

- Low carbon
 - 34% 2020
 - 80% 2050
- Secure
- Affordable
- Promote competitive markets

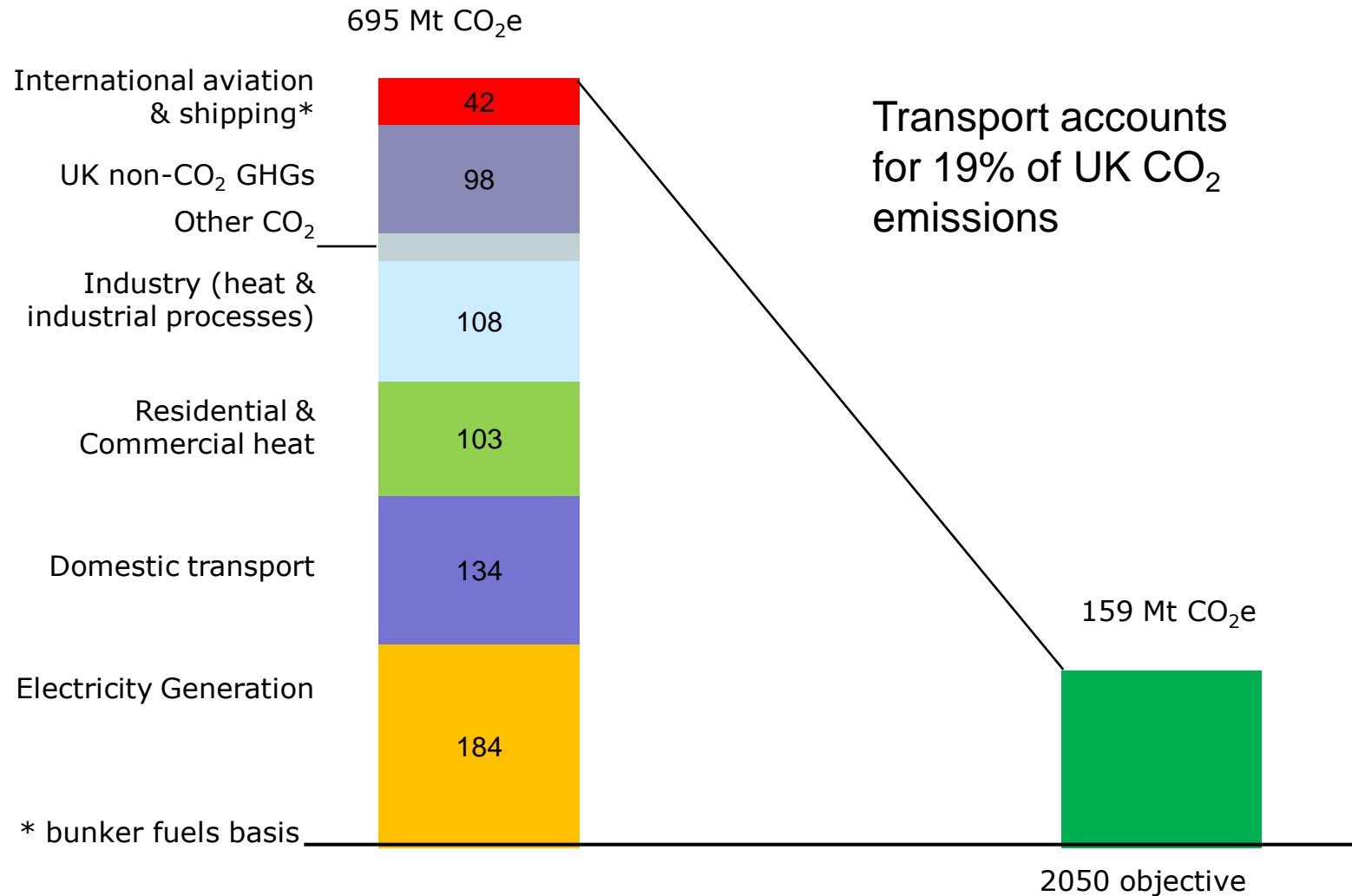


Energy Act 2008

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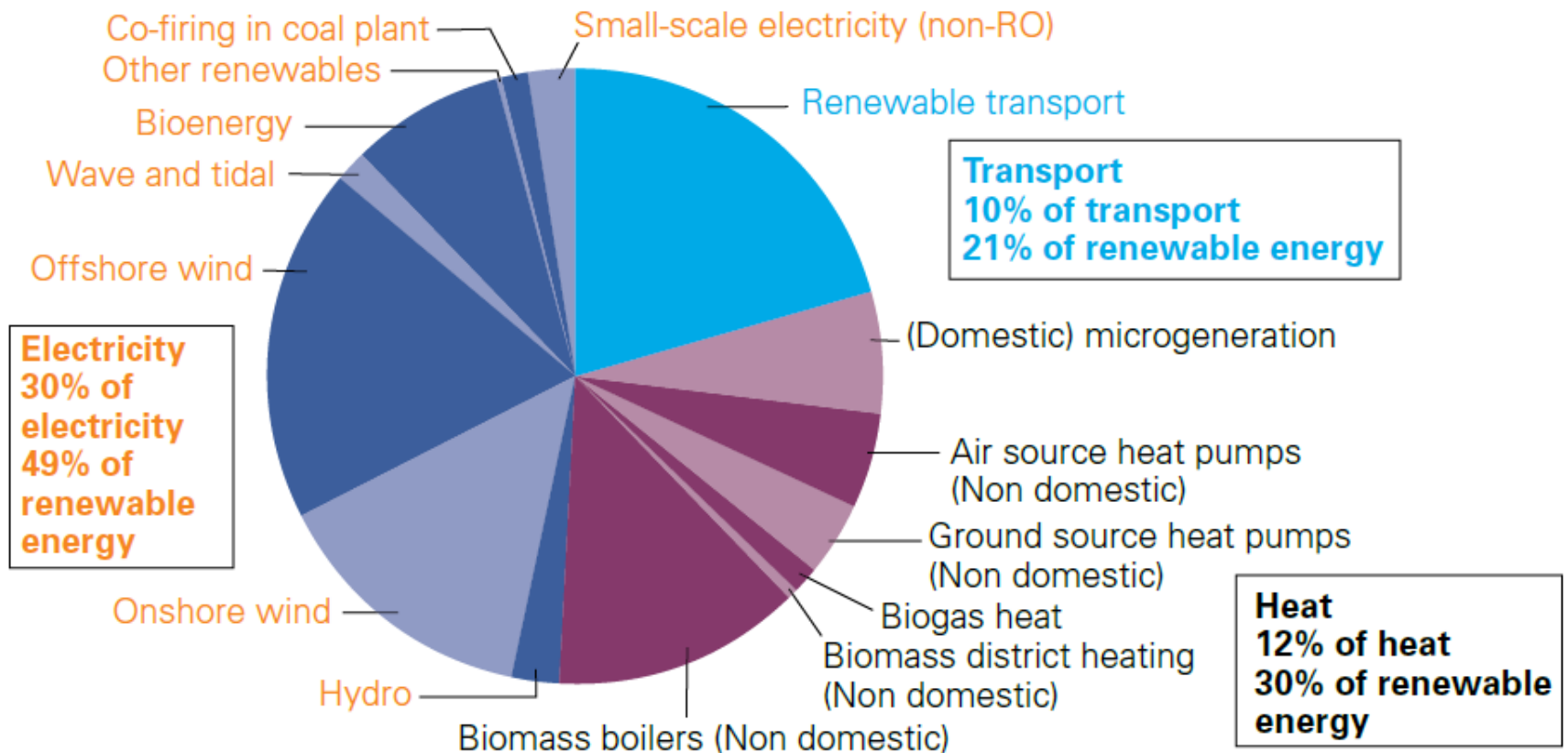
The scale of the UK challenge



Source: Committee on Climate Change

UK Renewable Energy Strategy

Illustrative mix of technologies in lead scenario, 2020 (TWh)



Source: DECC analysis based on Redpoint/Trilemma (2009), Element/Pöyry (2009) and Nera (2009) and DfT internal analysis

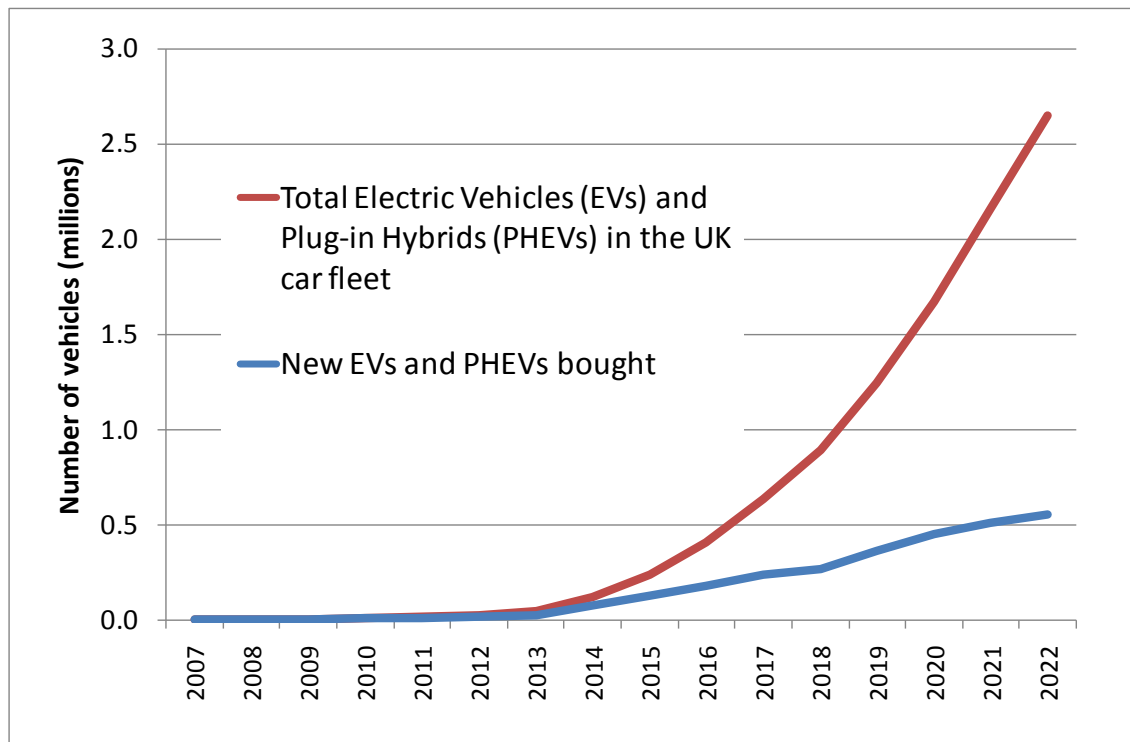
UK EV policy

- EU CO₂ emissions target for new vehicles
 - 2020 – 95g/km
- 500 EV demonstrated 2011
- Up to £5K assistance to purchase EV and PIHEV
- £30M package for EV charging points
- Office for Low Emission Vehicles



Electric car policies

- Models expected to come to market in next few years.
- Scope for substantial **battery cost reduction**.
- Government has committed price support of £2,000-5,000 per car totalling £230 million; CCC analysis suggests up to £800 million may be required.
- Government support for development of charging infrastructure is required.
- Pilot projects targeting 240,000 cars in 2015, on way to **1.7 million in 2020**.
- Limited impacts on power networks to 2020.



Vital EV ingredients

Cost and function similar to incumbent technology

Low-carbon and cheap electricity

Cheap, long-lasting batteries

Lightweight vehicles

Friendly charging infrastructure

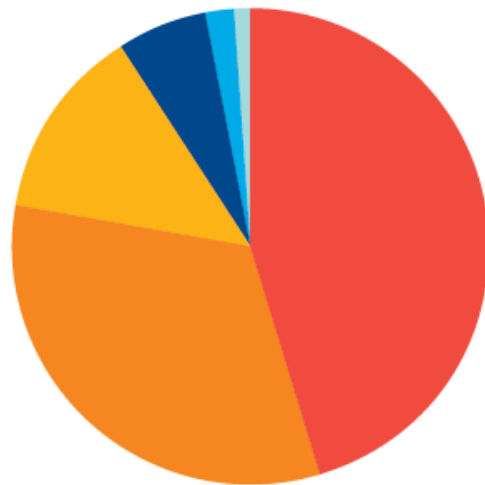
Smart meters

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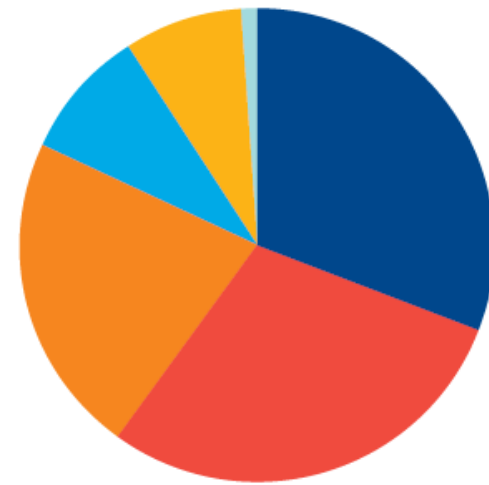
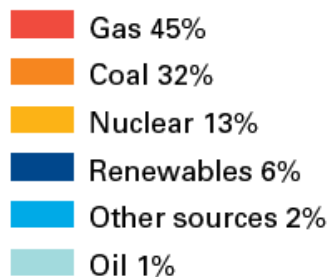
UK electricity

Chart 2

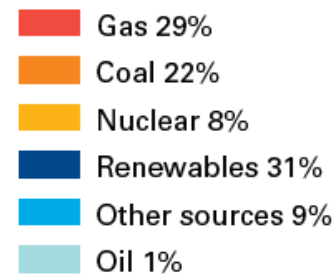
Around 75% of our electricity is currently generated from gas and coal today; renewables will expand to around 30% of our generation by 2020¹



Today



2020



Source: Energy Trends (2009, Quarterly) Department for Business Innovation and Skills (2009)

Source: Department of Energy and Climate Change

Batteries

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Higher energy density and lighter batteries

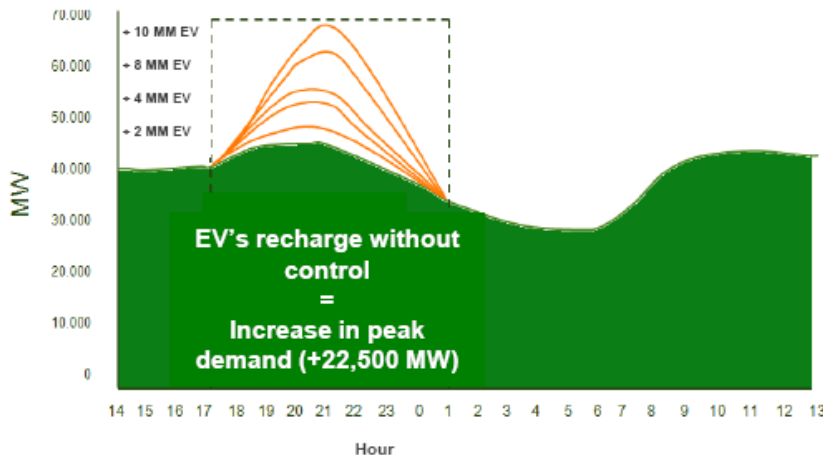
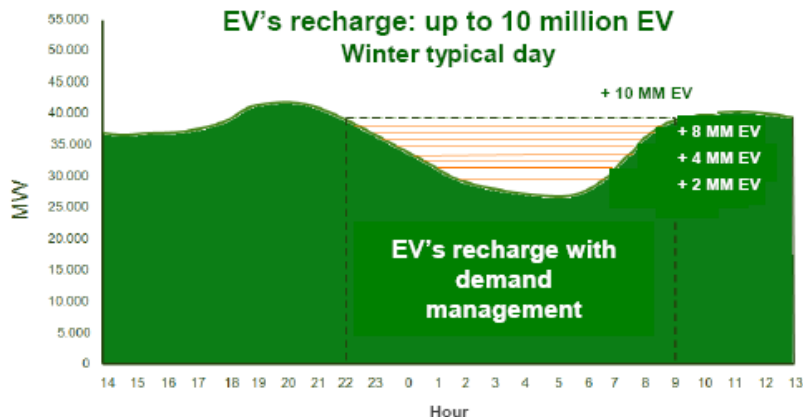
Recharging cycle and memory effect improvements

	Lead acid	Ni-Cd	Ni-MH	Zinc Air	Sodium sulphide	Zebra NaNiCl	Lithium technology
Power density W/Kg	180	150	250- 1000	80-140	150	150	250-1800
Energy density (Wh/kg)	30-50	45-80	60-120	220	110	100-120	90-300
Recharging time	>10 h	8 h	6 h	na	na	na	< 3 h
Life cycles	300-800	2000	1000	200	1000	> 1000	1200
Cost €/KWh	80	280-500	170	60	na	200	200-1000

Source: Iberdrola (at Energy Storage Workshop, Madrid, 2010)

Charging

A large implementation of EVs could mean a significant electricity peak demand increase...



Peak demand control

Renewables integration

Slow and nightly charge:
Dominant

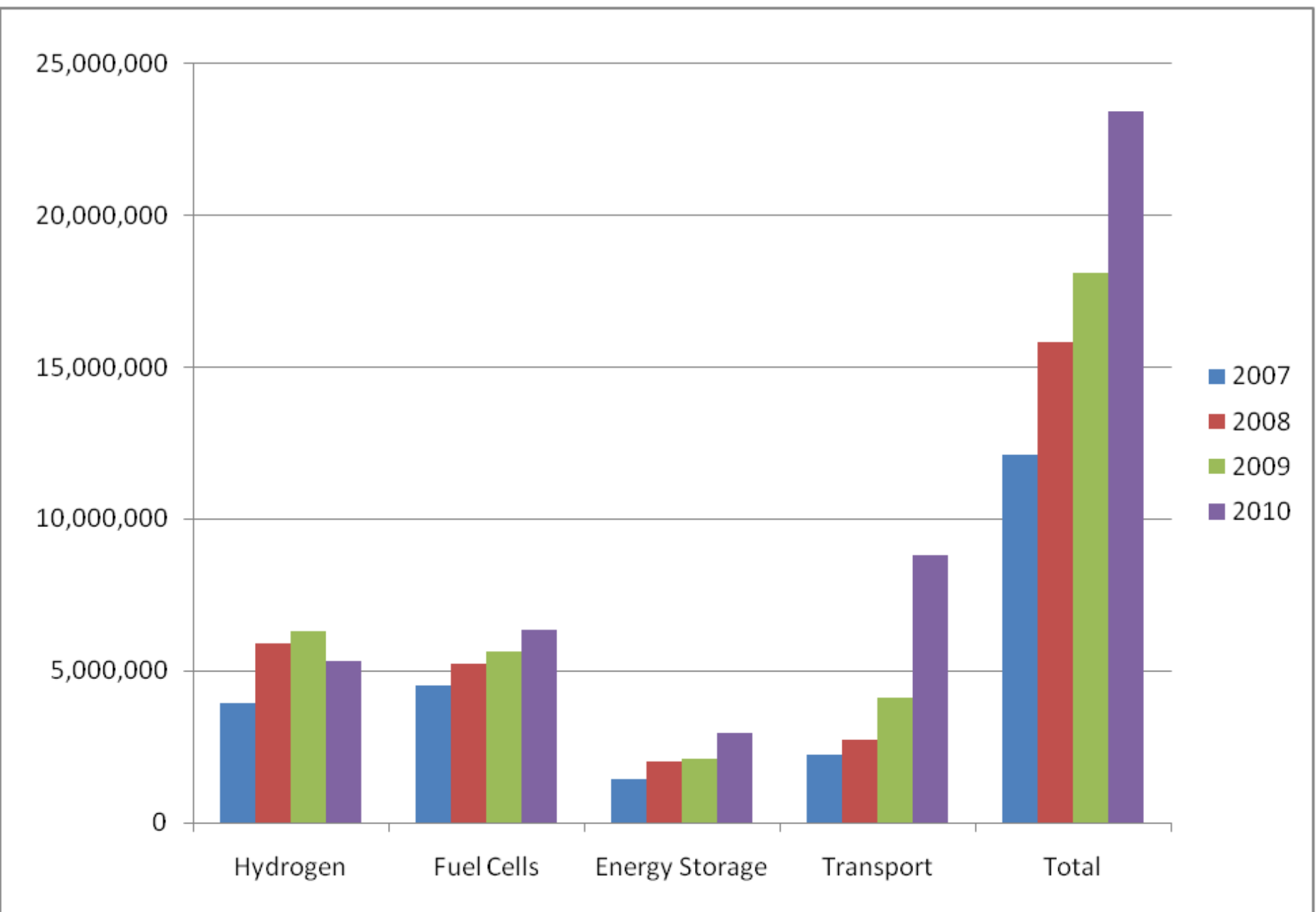
Quick charge:
Occasional

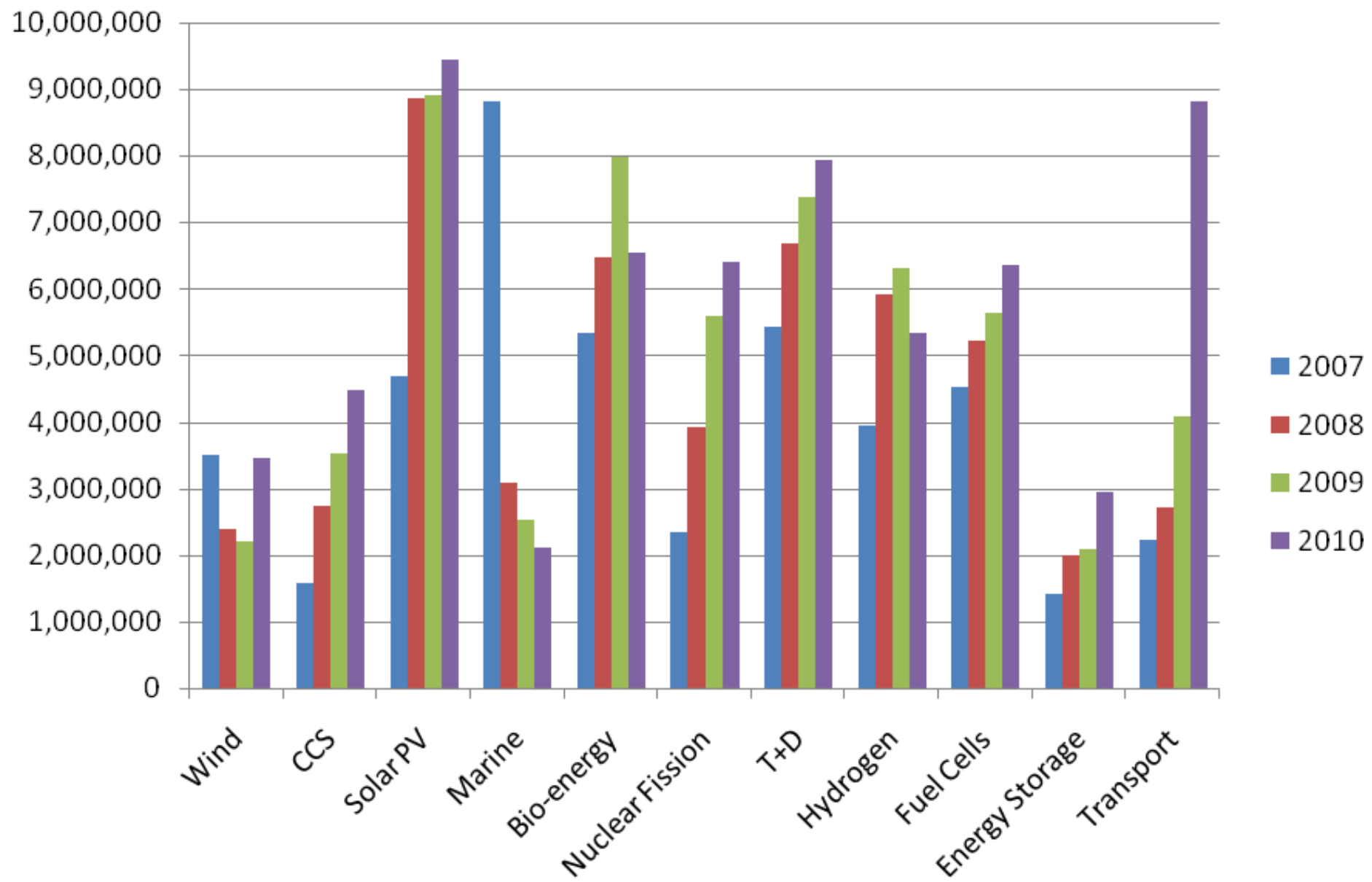
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National Energy Research Atlas

"an authoritative and comprehensive account of capabilities and unsolved research problems across the energy domain"

Research landscape

characterising energy-related research activities and capabilities in the UK (programme level)

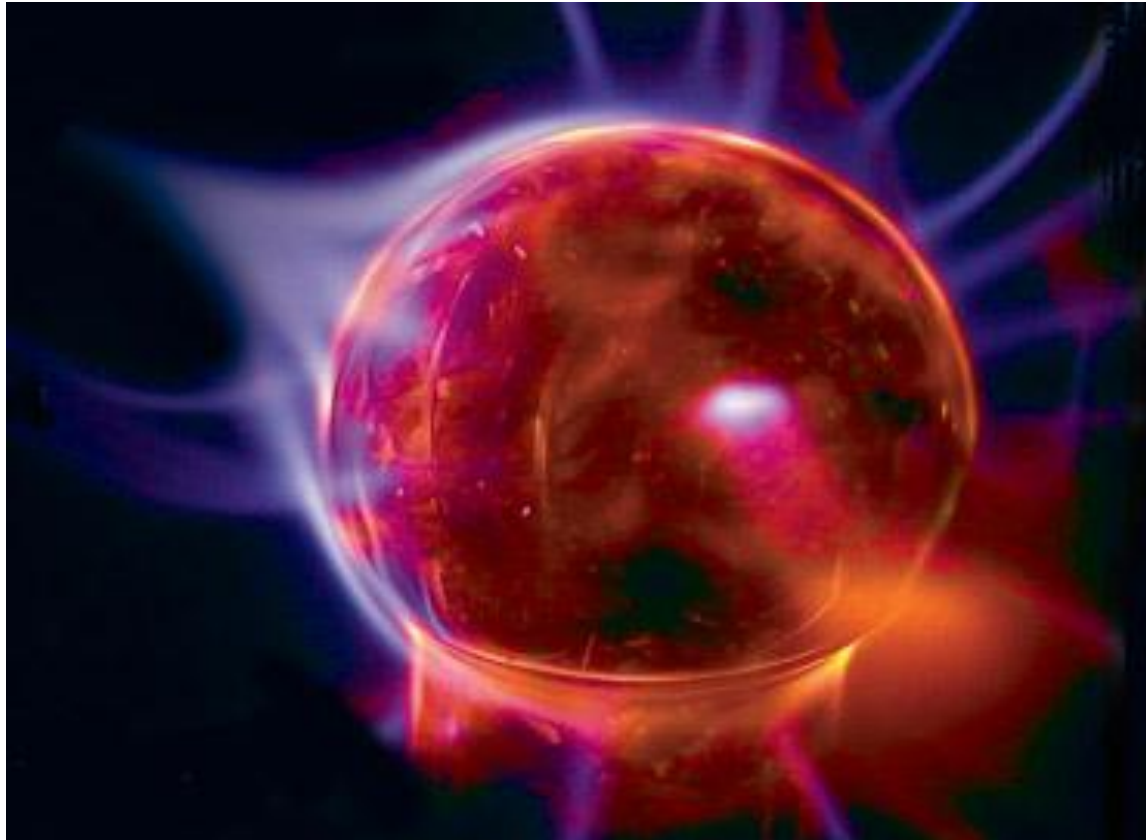
Research register

an on-line searchable database of energy-related awards and projects

Research roadmaps

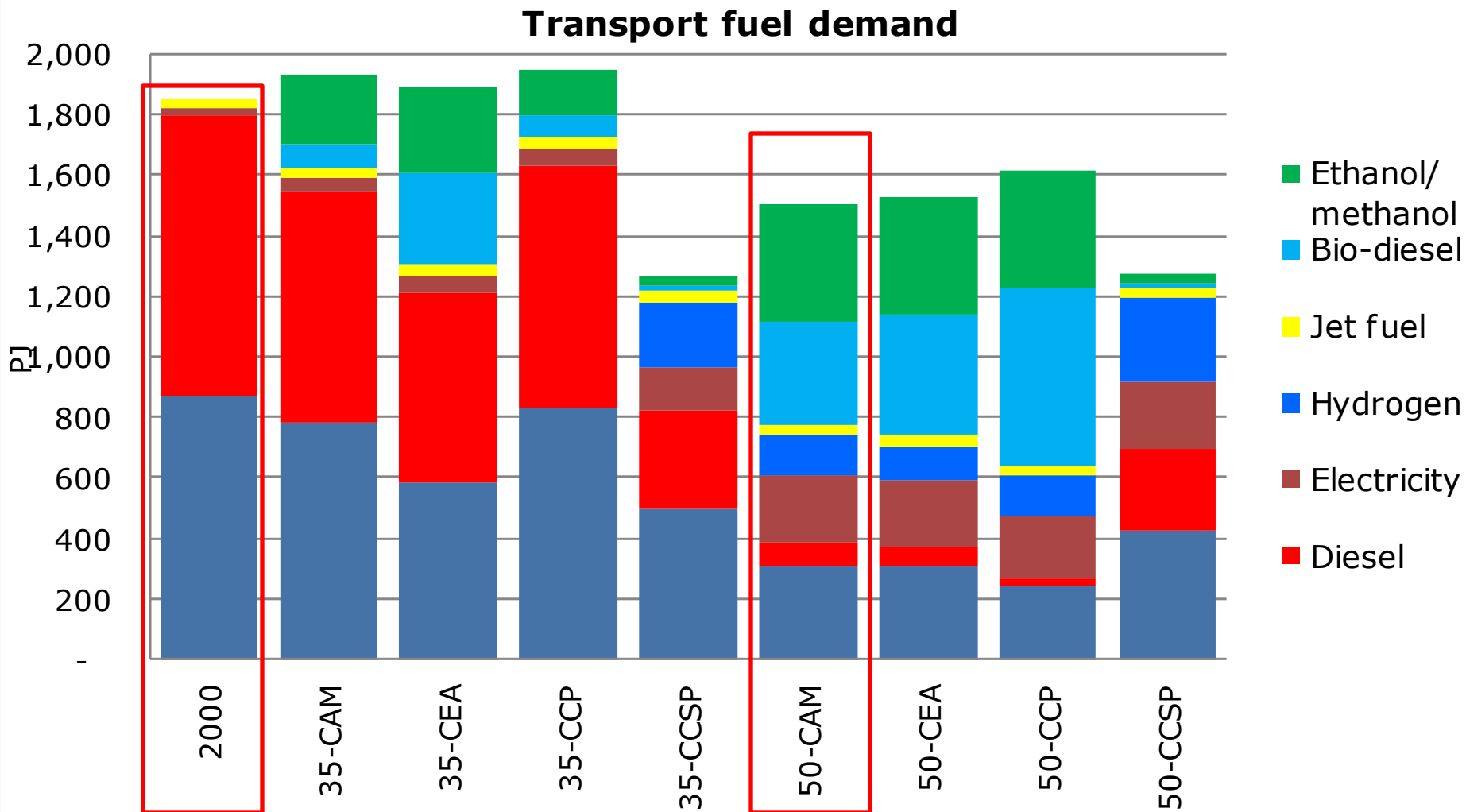
identifying the sequence of research (and other) problems to be overcome before new technologies can be commercially viable

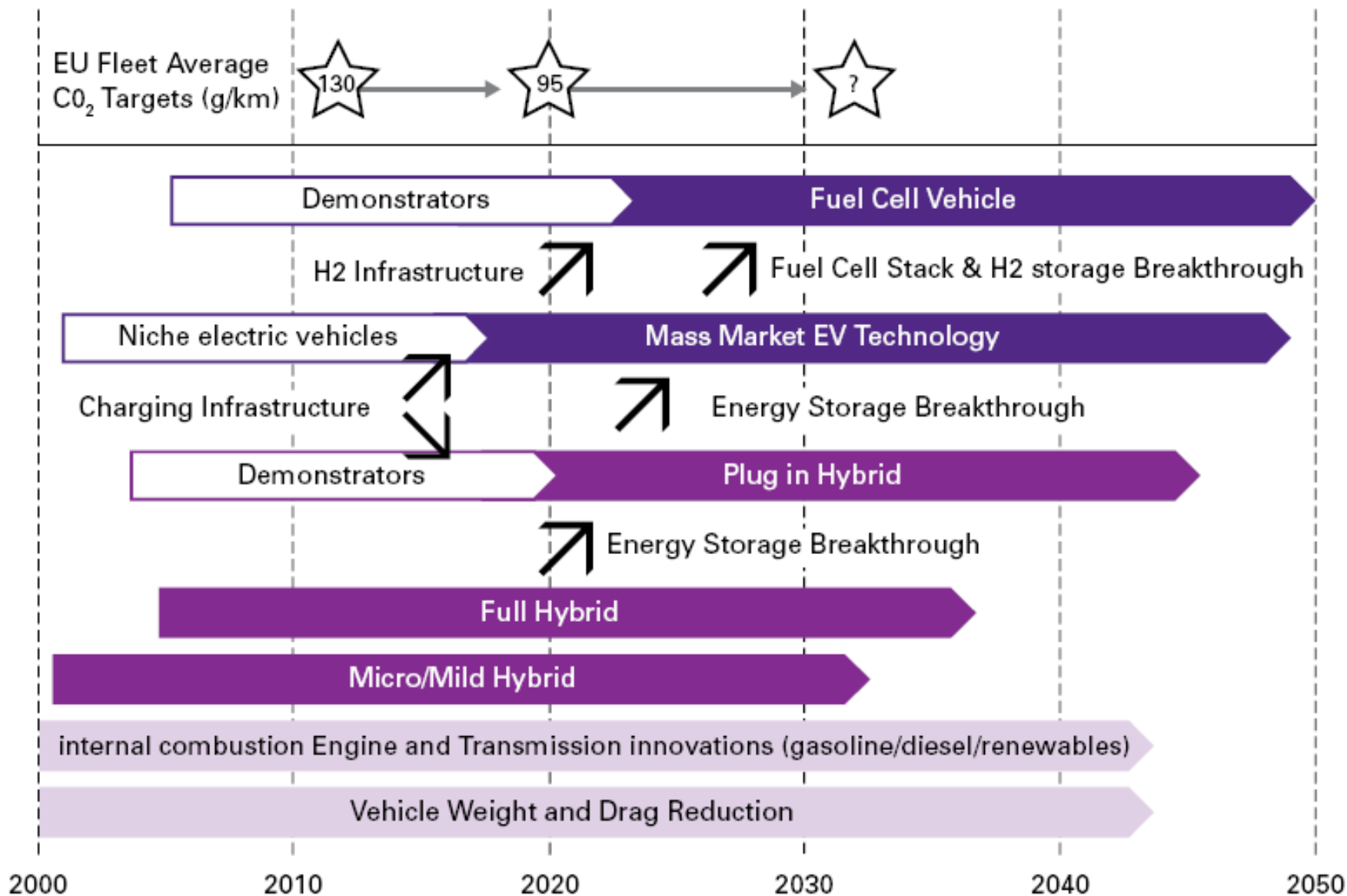
Looking further forward



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Cumulative Cases: Transport Fuels





Source: An Independent Report on the Future of the Automotive Industry in the UK, New Automotive Innovation and Growth Team (NAIGT) (2009)

Summary

- UK has an ambitious ultra low carbon vehicle programme
- Key issues:
 - Cost
 - Batteries
 - Smart grids
 - Charging points
- Electric vehicles are not in themselves a magic bullet



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