



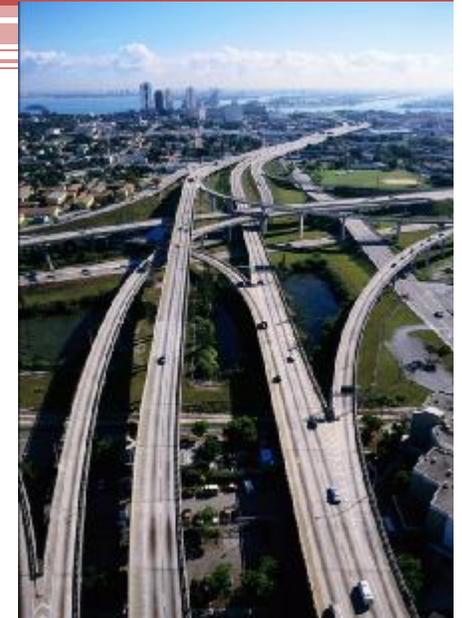
# URBAN PLANNING, LAND USE POLICY, & VEHICLE TECHNOLOGIES TO REDUCE GHG EMISSIONS IN CITIES

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# Key, Connected Topics

Land Use Policies

Example: Parking policies

Transportation Policies

Example: Plug-in vehicles

Transportation Technologies

# I. Land Use Policies

*Denser* Development (more persons & jobs per acre)

More *Accessible* Regions & Neighborhoods

More *Mix & Balance* of Complementary Use Types

*Transit-Oriented* Designs

More *Connected* Networks

Urban Growth *Boundaries*

*Parking* Maxima (per dwelling unit, job, m<sup>2</sup>)

→ Various co-benefits, but driving distances & GHGs do not fall as much as we would like.

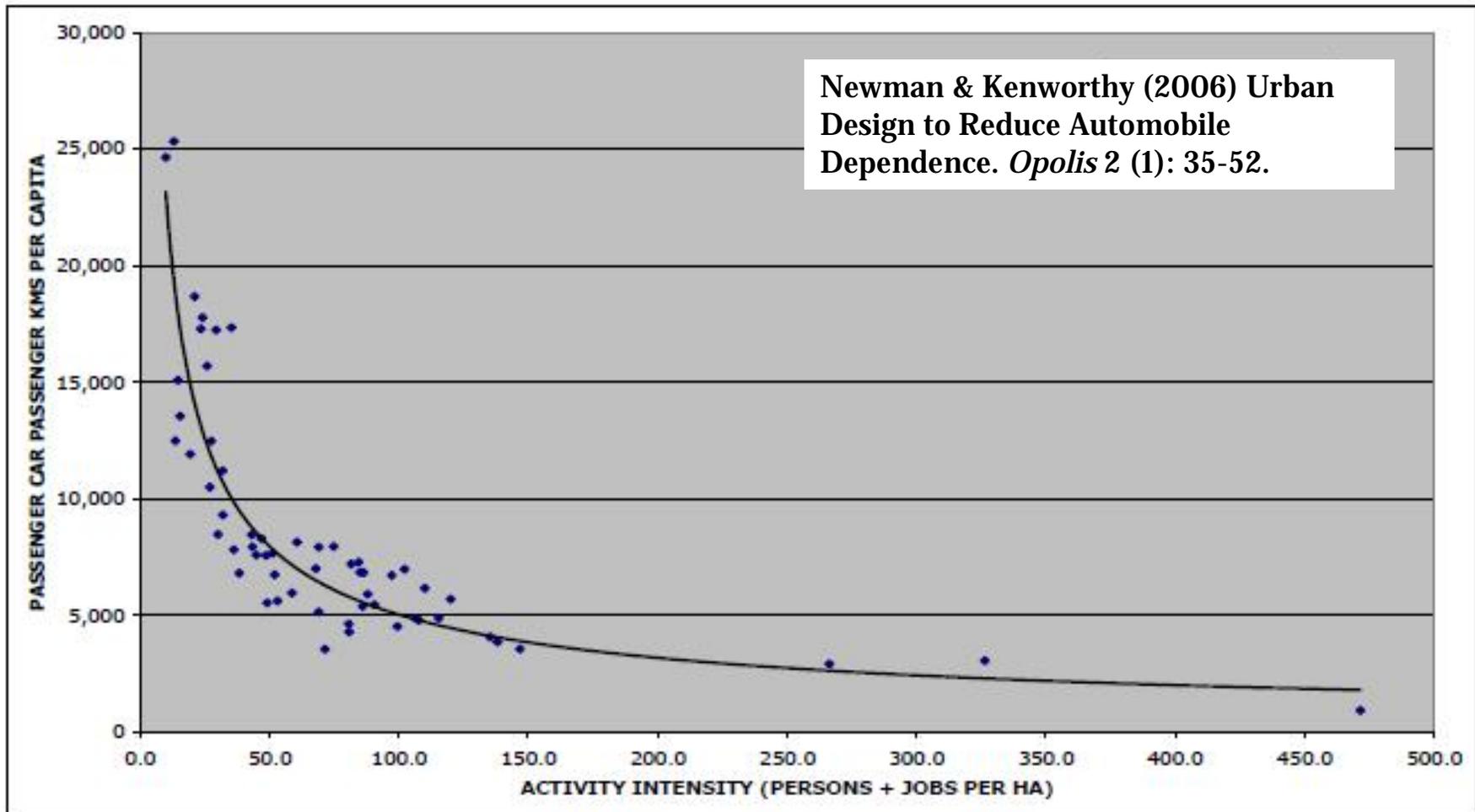
# How helpful are these?

10% increase in the following values, with 1% of U.S. households affected ...

- % of 4-way intersections: **0.40 M tons/yr**
- Net (jobs + population) density: **0.32**
- Population density: **0.07 to 0.30**
- Accessibility: **0.27**
- Land use mixing: **0.18**
- Walking quality: **0.14**
- Vertical mixing: **0.095**
- Population centrality: **0.030**

*Note: Values assume no vehicle type/fuel economy changes.*

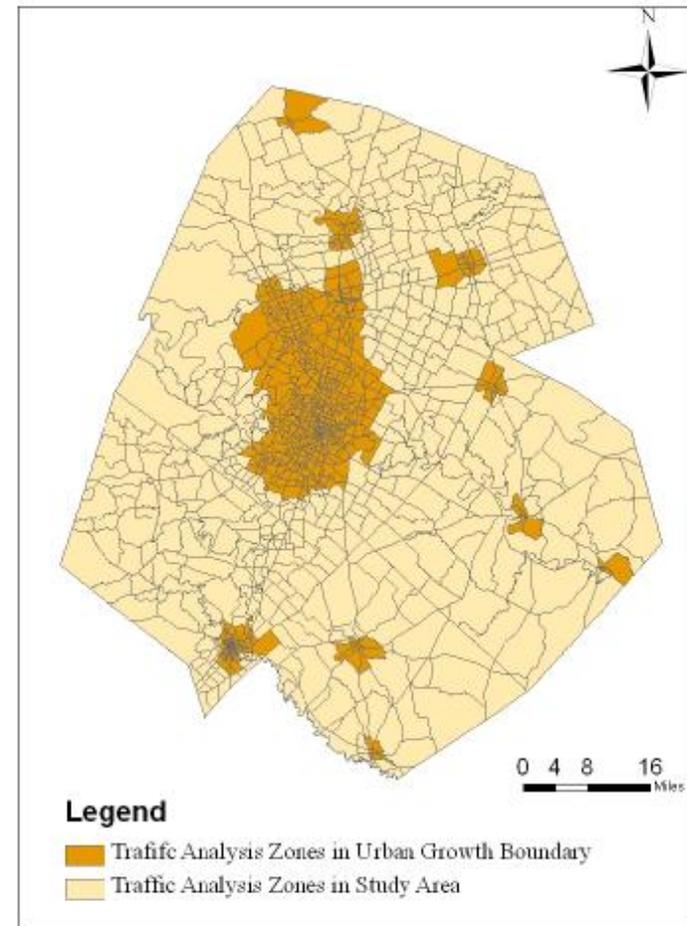
# Car Distances vs. Density



# Example: Modeling Land Use-Transportation Futures

## 3 Austin, Texas Scenarios

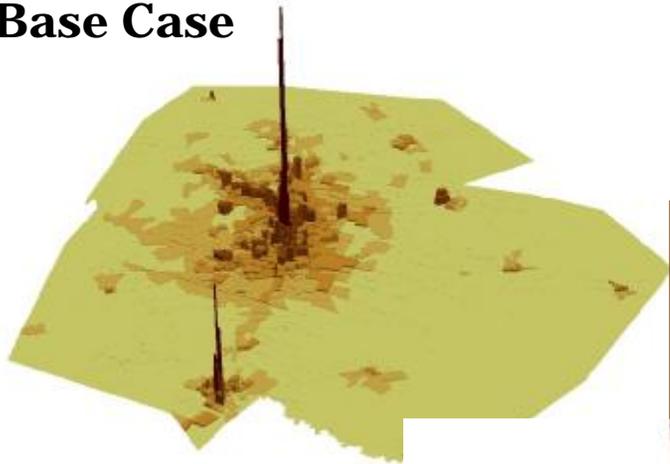
- § **Base Scenario:** Business as usual/Trend
- § **Road Pricing:** Congestion pricing (on freeways) + Carbon tax (4.5¢ per mile)
- § **Urban Growth Boundary:** Zones with 3+ person-equivalents per developable acre, plus adjacent zones



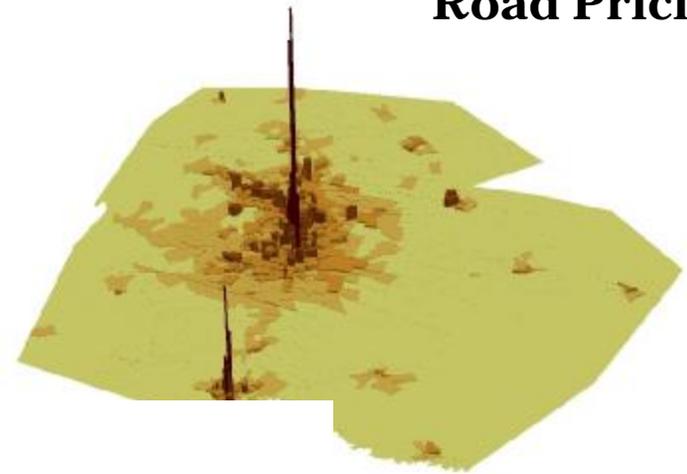
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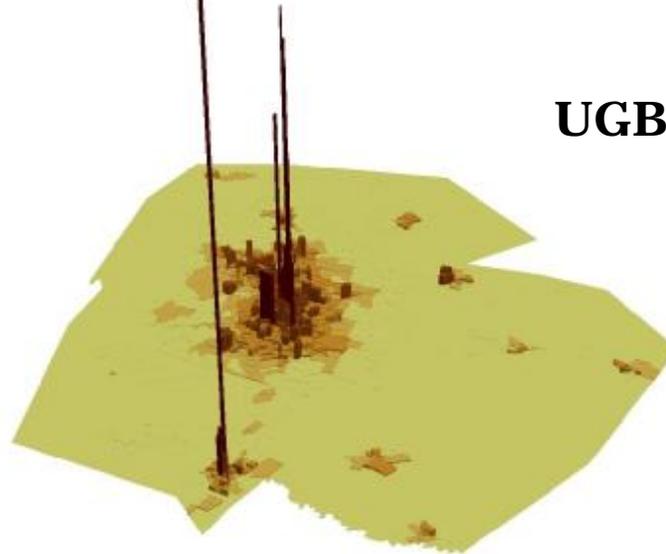
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**Road Pricing**



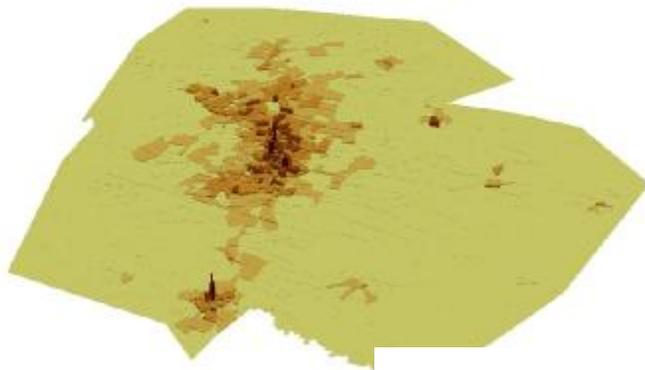
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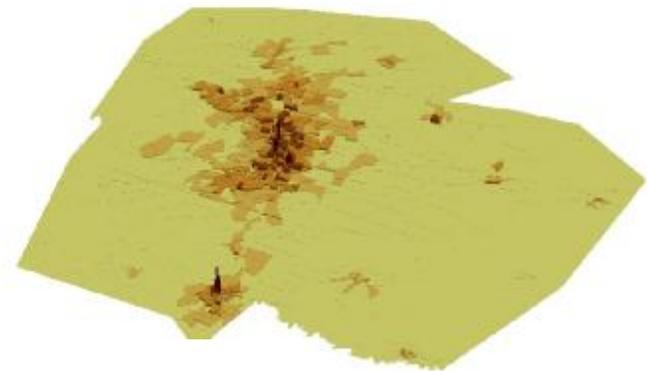
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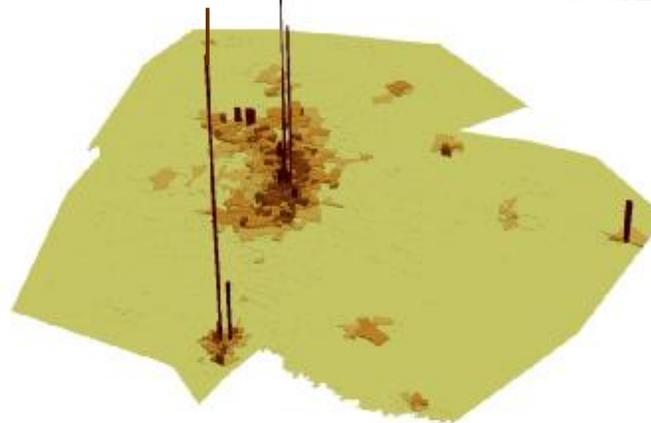
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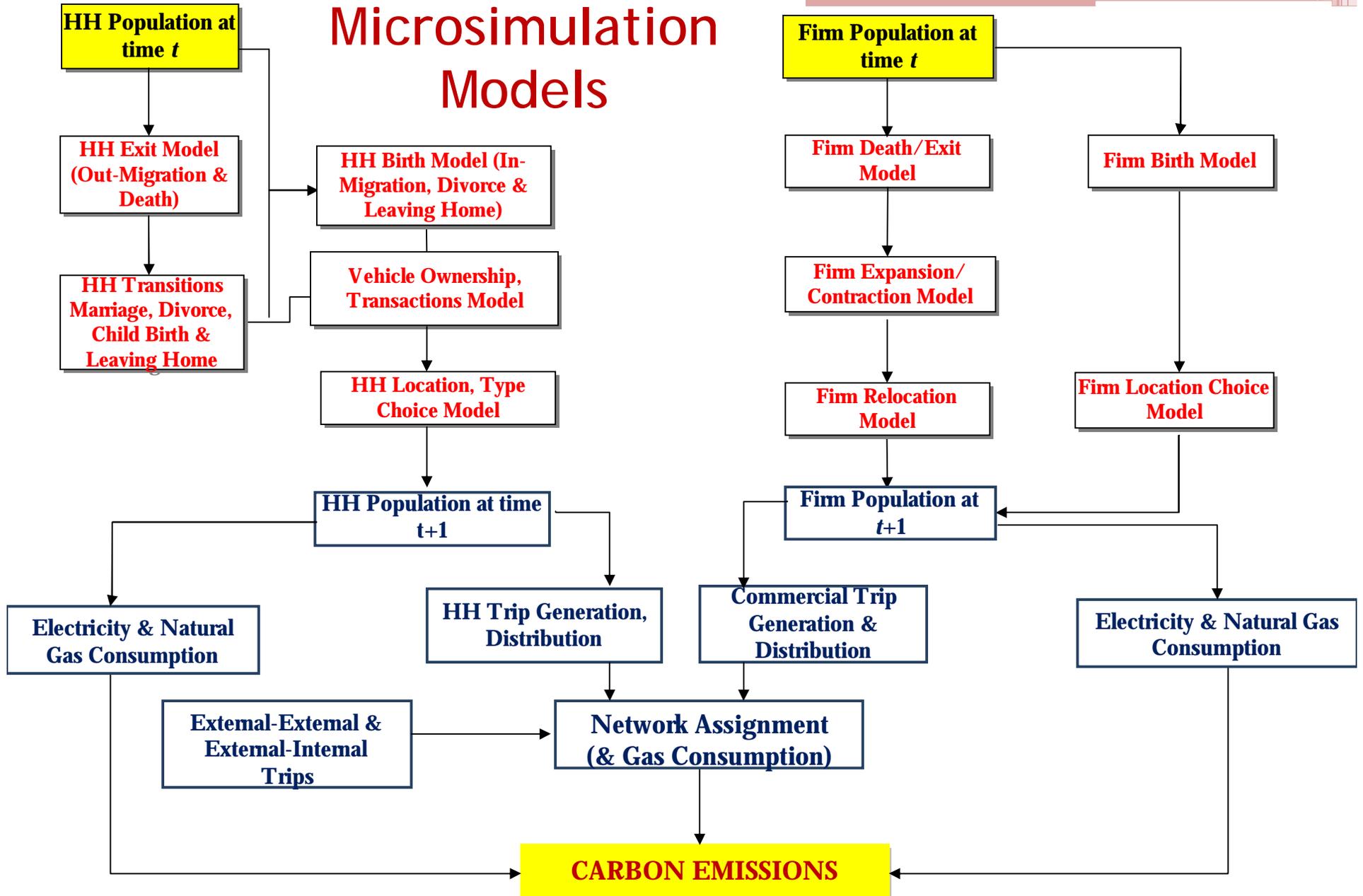
**Road Pricing**



**UGB**



# Microsimulation Models



# Scenario Comparisons

## § Jobs, Households, & Traffic Patterns

	Accessibility (of CBD)		Reg. Density (per sq.mi.)		Avg. Speed (mph)		VMT (10 <sup>6</sup> /day)
	HHs (10 <sup>6</sup> /day)	Jobs (10 <sup>6</sup> /day)	HHs	Jobs	AMPK	PMPK	
Base Case	1.81	6.29	1483	7995	43.4	45.5	84.8
Road Pricing	1.53	6.32	1477	8047	44.0	46.2	71.2
UGB	3.74	6.93	29,696	22,581	44.0	45.5	70.2

$$Accessibility = \sum_i \frac{Count_i}{DistToCBD_i}$$

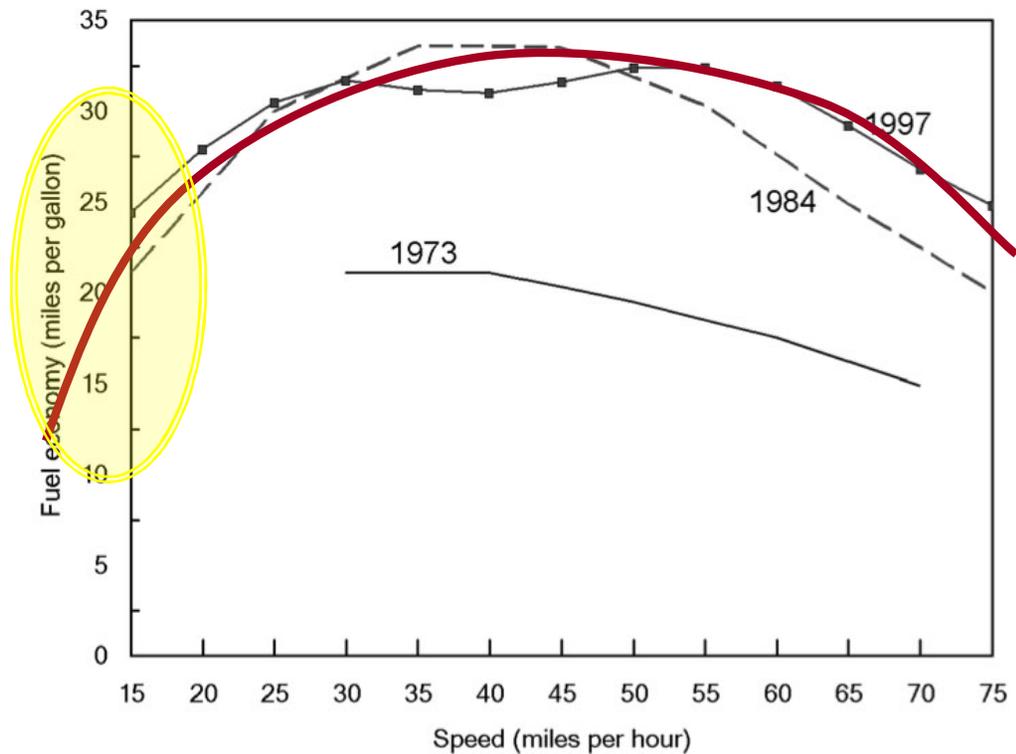
## More Traffic Comparisons

	Average Speed		Average Max. VOC		Total Flow (x 10 <sup>6</sup> )	
	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM
Base Scenario	43.4	45.5	0.556	0.443	35.0	58.3
Congestion Pricing	44.0	46.2	0.491	0.376	29.4	46.9
Density Floor	43.3	45.3	0.554	0.448	35.5	59.6
Urban Growth Boundary	44.0	45.5	0.495	0.401	32.1	53.7

	Vehicle Miles Traveled				
	AM	OP	PM	MID	Total
Base Scenario	17,010	6,463	27,176	34,146	84,795
Congestion Pricing	14,636	5,468	22,821	28,326	71,252
Density Floor	16,913	6,465	27,261	34,321	84,960
Urban Growth Boundary	14,205	5,336	22,488	28,187	70,216

# A Word of Caution: Low Speeds from Higher Densities ?

- § Maximum fuel economy at higher speeds (30 to 60 mph).
- § Reduce/enforce freeway speed limits.
- § Increase urban speeds (via road pricing & design).



Source: ORNL (1997)  
Based on 8 vehicles (5 PCs & 3 LDTs)



## II. Transportation Policies

**Pricing** (by vehicle type, location & time of day)...

- ... of Parking & Road Use
- ... of Vehicles & Fuels (via Feebates, Fees & Taxes)

**Fuel Economy Standards**

**Resource Sharing** (carsharing, bikesharing, dynamic ride-sharing, transit provision, mixed parking lot uses)

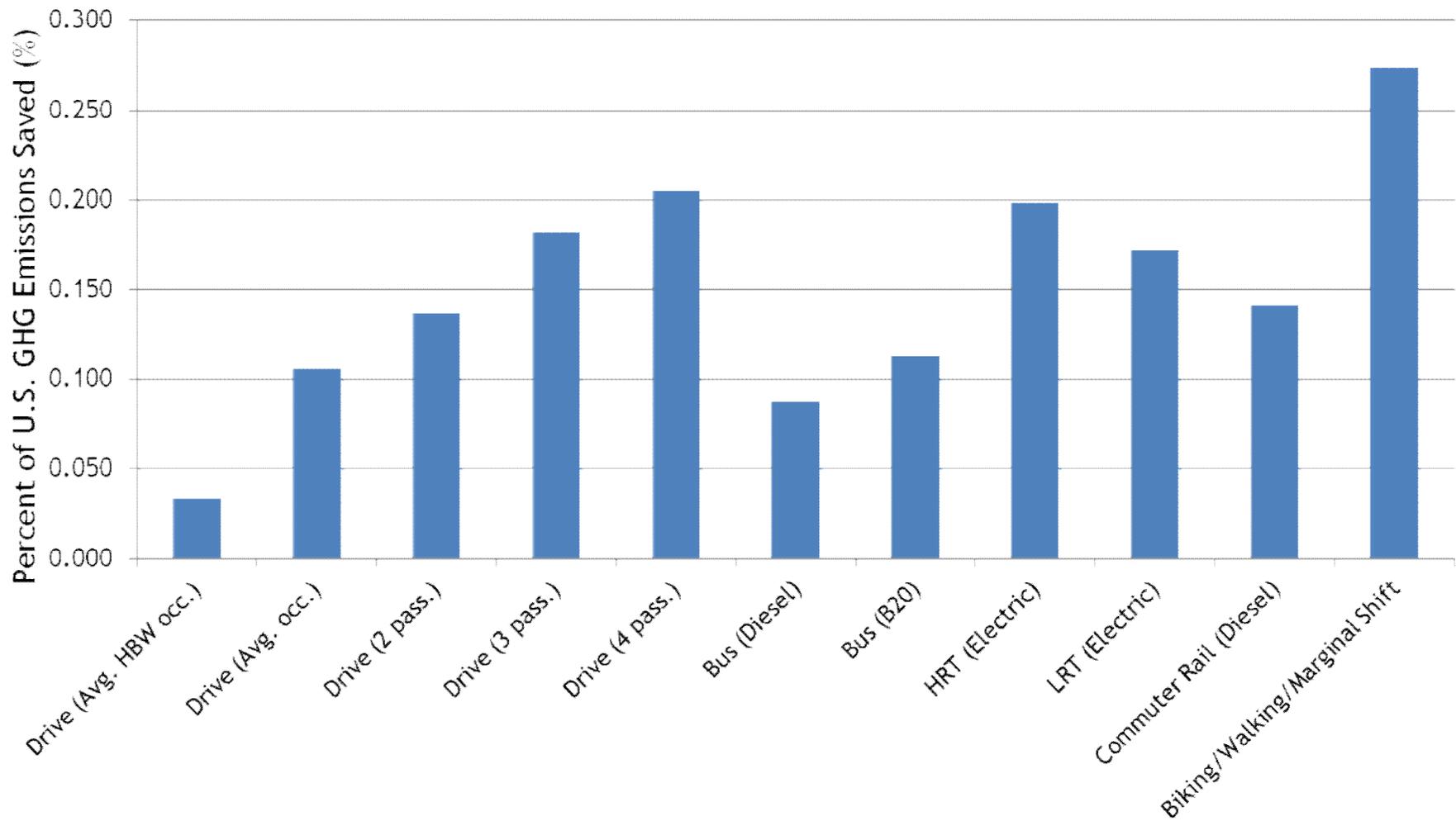
**Information Provision** (to car buyers, drivers, transit users, sluggers, via Smartphones & Smartmeters, ...)



# Fuel Economy & Pricing Policies

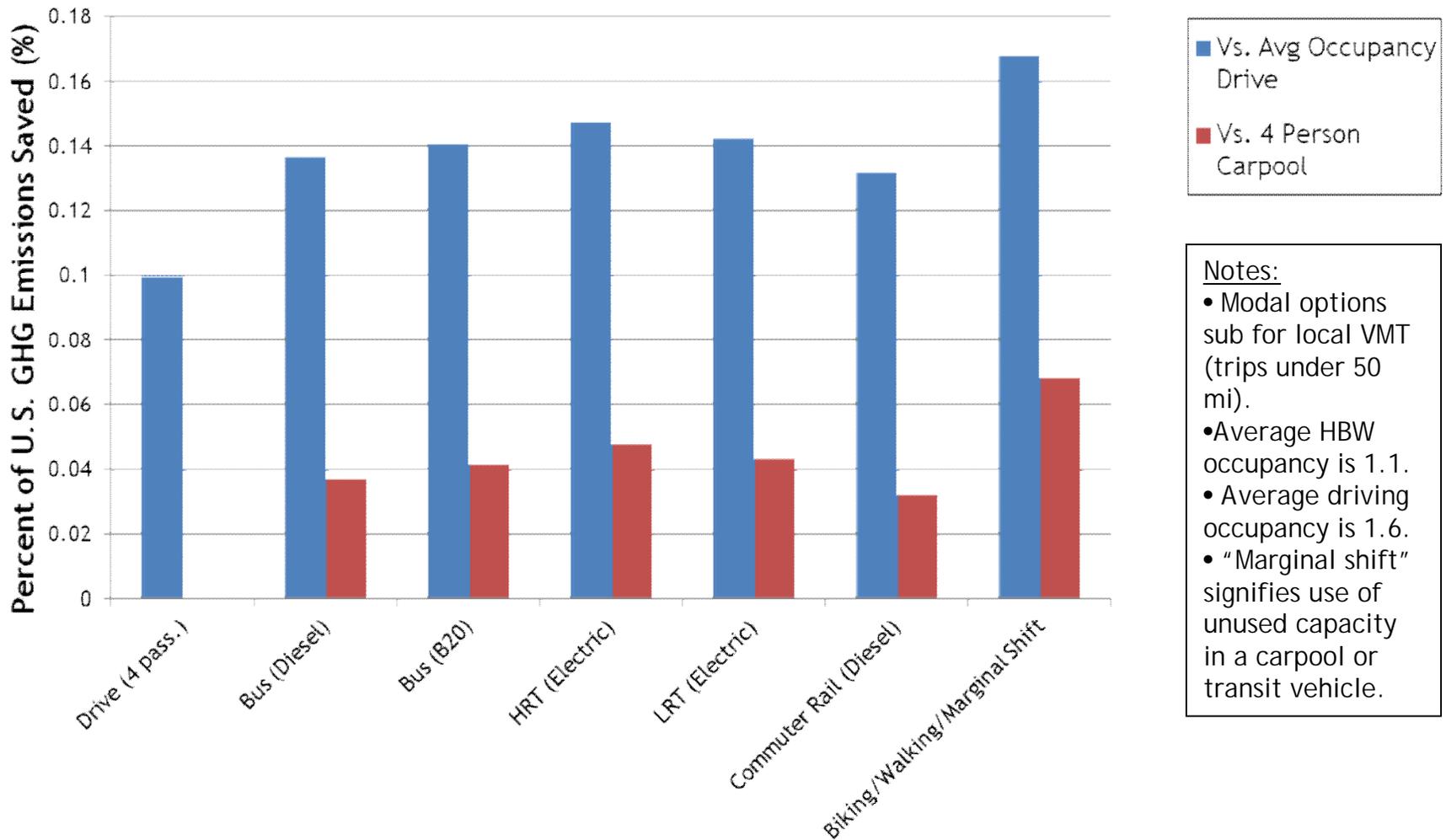
- Gas Taxes (relatively low impact)
- Vehicle Registration Fees (significant in Asia)
- Fuel Economy Standards (common & meaningful)
- Feebates (may emerge in US)
- GHG Emissions Standards (present in EU)
- Road Pricing (controversial & targets congestion)
- Paying More for Parking (effective & underutilized in many locations)
- Subsidy of Alternative Modes (negative benefit-cost ratios in many contexts)

# What does a **1% Mode Shift** buy us, vs. Drive Alone? (At *Average Occupancies*, Trips <50 miles)



# 1% Local Travel Mode Shift

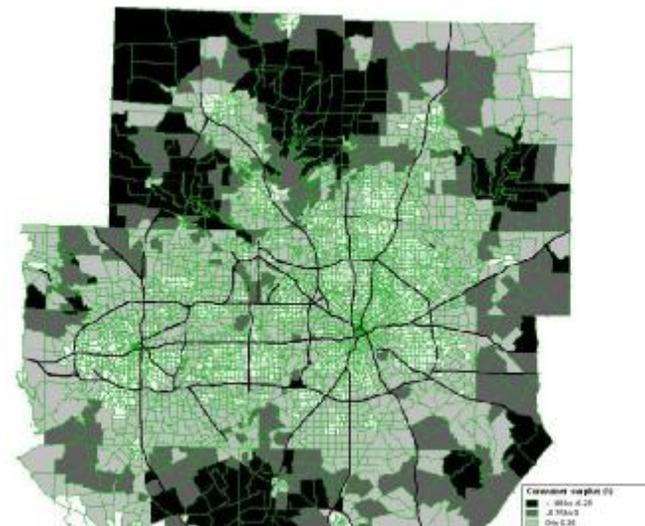
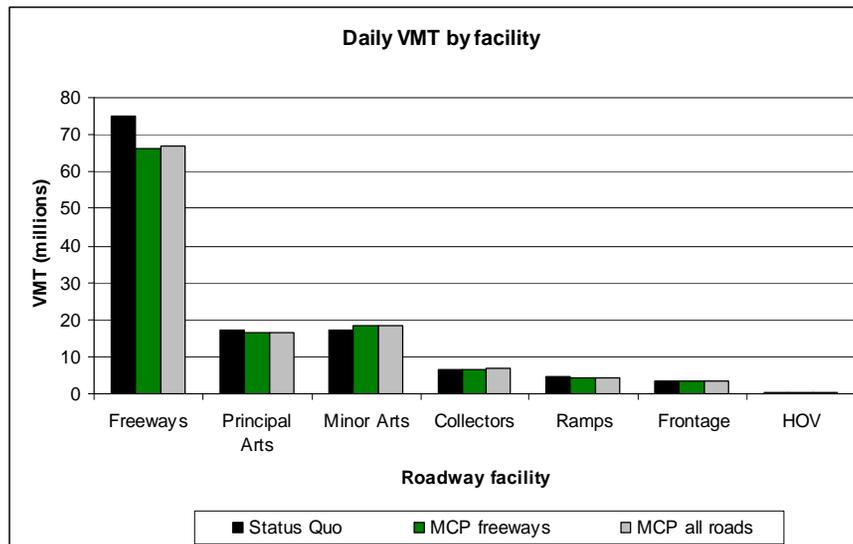
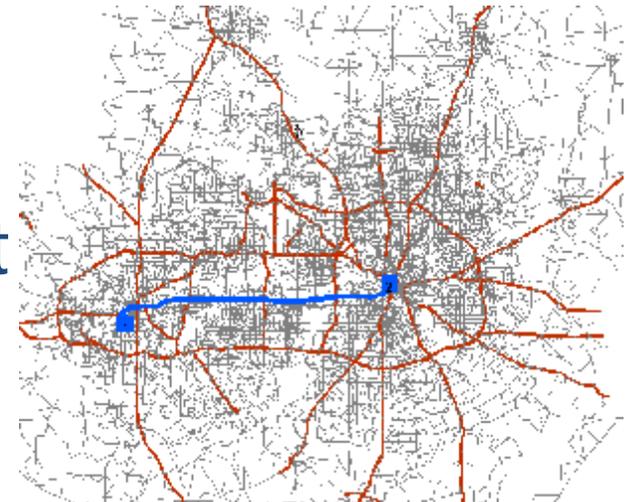
(Alternative Modes at *Full Occupancy*)



# Example: Credit-Based Congestion Pricing

Speeds rise & most travelers benefit.

Miles-driven & emissions fall just 7% if charge marginal delay cost.



# III. Transportation *Technologies*

## Plug-in Electric Vehicles (PEVs)

- BEVs (ex. Leaf & Roadster) + PHEVs (ex. Volt)
- Tax credits → Owner savings under moderate energy prices (offset by uncertainty & myopia?)
- Battery advances
- Cleaner power (offshore wind fields, solar films, algae-based fuels, carbon sequestration, & more affordable energy storage)
- Smart Charging & V2G Opportunities

**Vehicle Safety** (stronger, lighter-weight materials; electronic stability control; obstacle detection & lane-departure warnings; GPS navigation)

# PEVs: Plug-in Hybrids & BEVs

## Electrification of miles...

- Maximizes efficiency of electric motors.
- Allows substitution of lower GHG "fuels" .
- Centralizes emissions (opportunity for CCS).
- Charging schedules can exploit excess off-peak capacity & wind's peak generation times.
- Does best for those with stable driving patterns (e.g., suburban commuters).
- Key markets: High gas prices, 220 V outlets, & reasonable alternatives for long-distance trip-making.

## Issues

- Battery cost, weight, range, durability & supply .
- Emissions of power grid (GHGs & other pollutants).
- Possibly no improvement over improved HEVs (given cost).

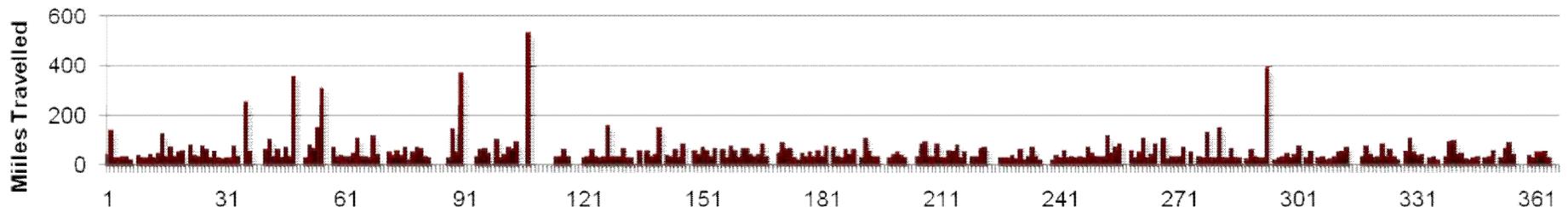


Make & Model	Release Date	Estimated Retail Price (after rebate)	Body Type	Battery Size (kWh)	Estimated State of Charge Window	All Electric Range (miles)
<b><i>Range-Extended PEVs</i></b>						
Chevy Volt eREV	2010	\$33,500	4-door sedan	16	65%	25-50
Ford CMAX Energi PHEV	2012	TBA	4-door CUV	10	TBA	TBA
Toyota Prius PHEV	2012	TBA	4-door sedan	5.3	Est 50%	13 (at limited speeds)
<b><i>Non-Range-Extended (BEVs)</i></b>						
Tesla Roadster	2009	\$101,500	2-door sports car	53	80%+	240
Nissan Leaf	2010	\$25,250	4-door sedan	24	90%+	100
Ford Focus	2012	TBA	4-door sedan	23	TBA	100
Tesla Model S	2012	\$49,900 base	4-door sedan	42 (also 65 & 85kWh options)	80%+	160 (also 230 & 300 options)
Mitsubishi iMiEV	2011	TBA	4-door sedan	16	TBA	100
Mercedes Smart Car	2012	TBA	2-door sedan	TBA	TBA	90

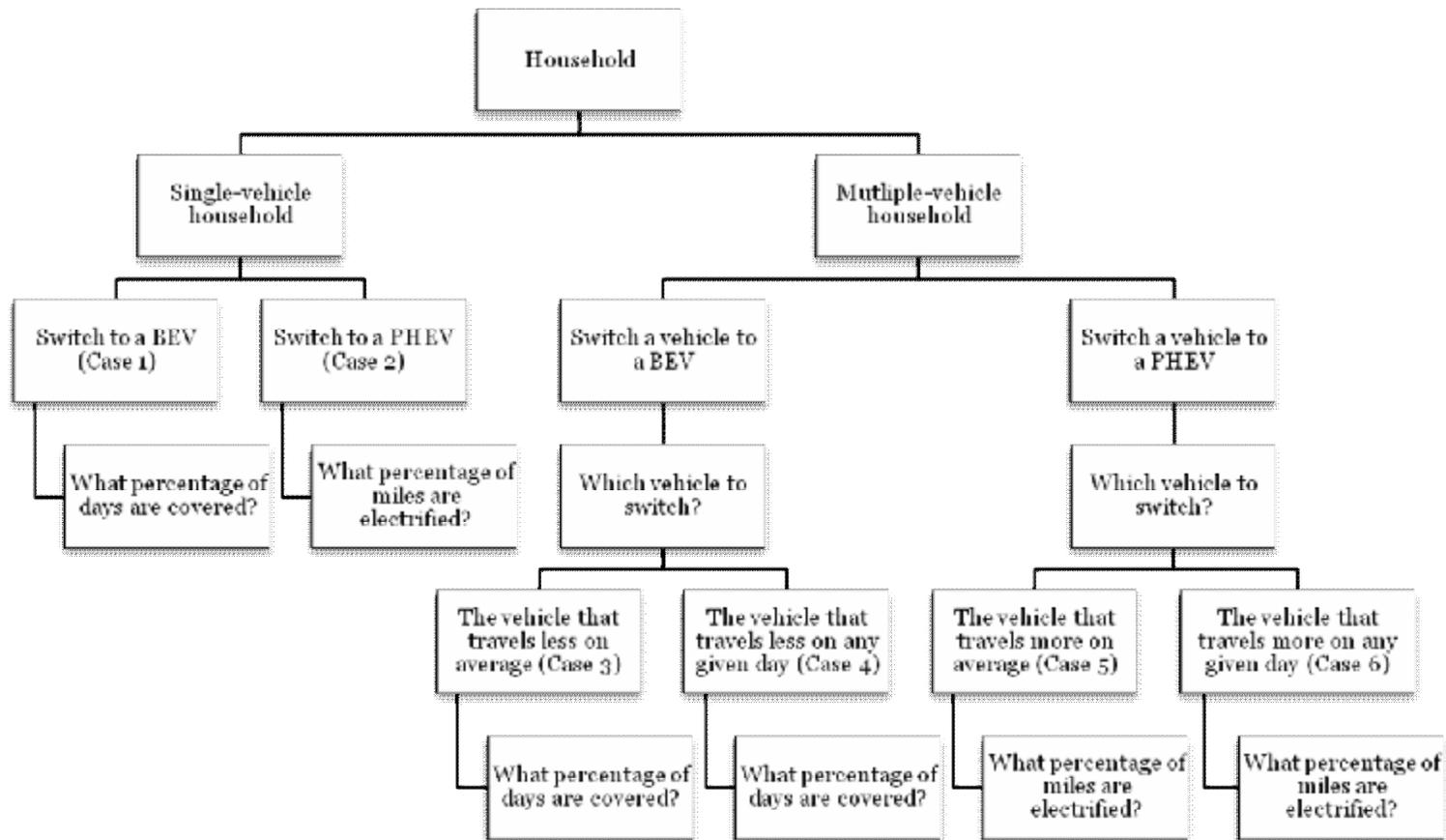
# Example:

## Long-term Driving Patterns

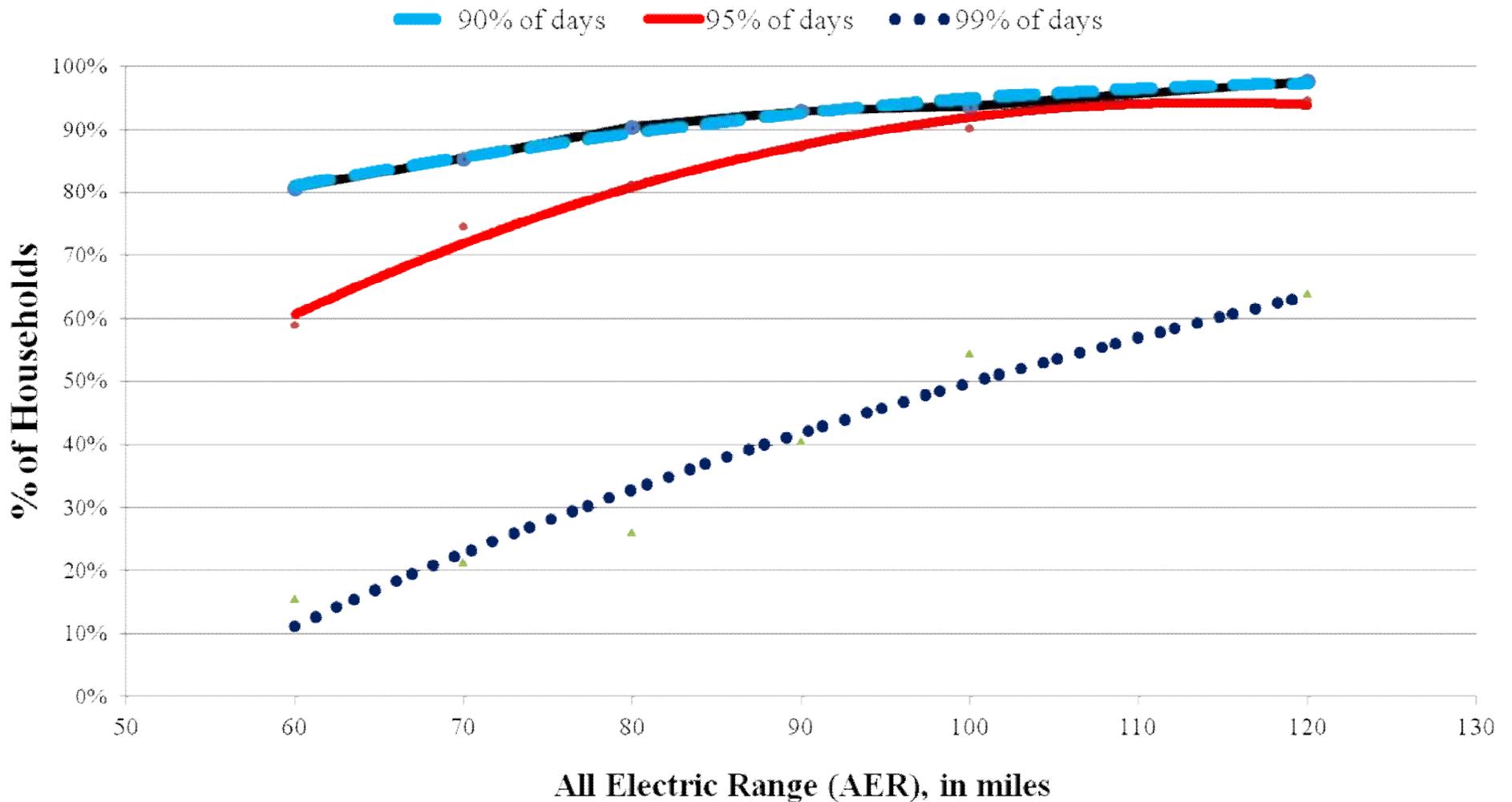
- § Data Set: 1-year of GPS data from 445 vehicles (264 households) in Seattle area (2004 through 2006).
- § How might **day-to-day variability** in driving affect **PEV adoption & use opportunities**?
- § We find that the market offers **great potential for heavy adoption**, with very moderate household adjustment.



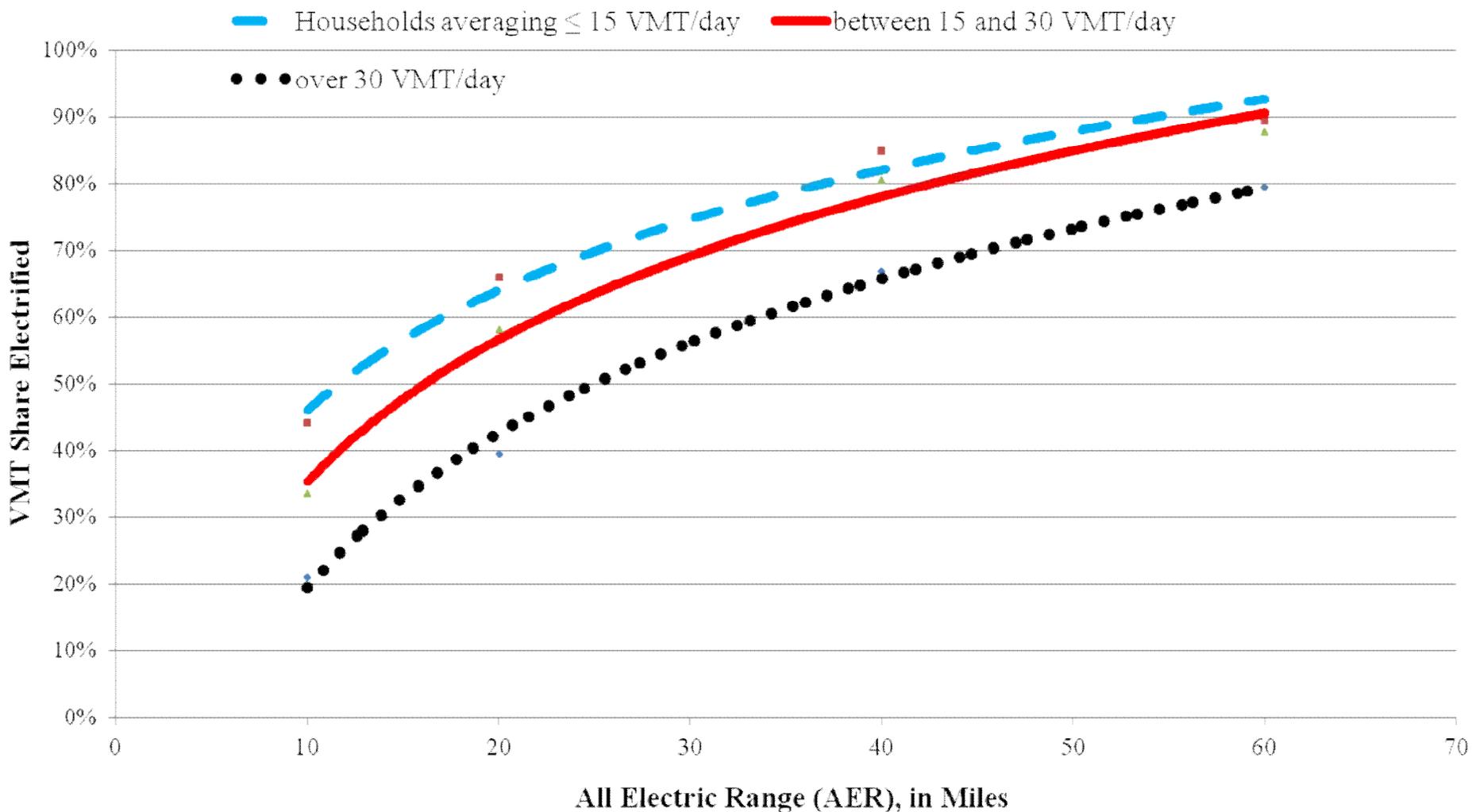
# Analysis Framework



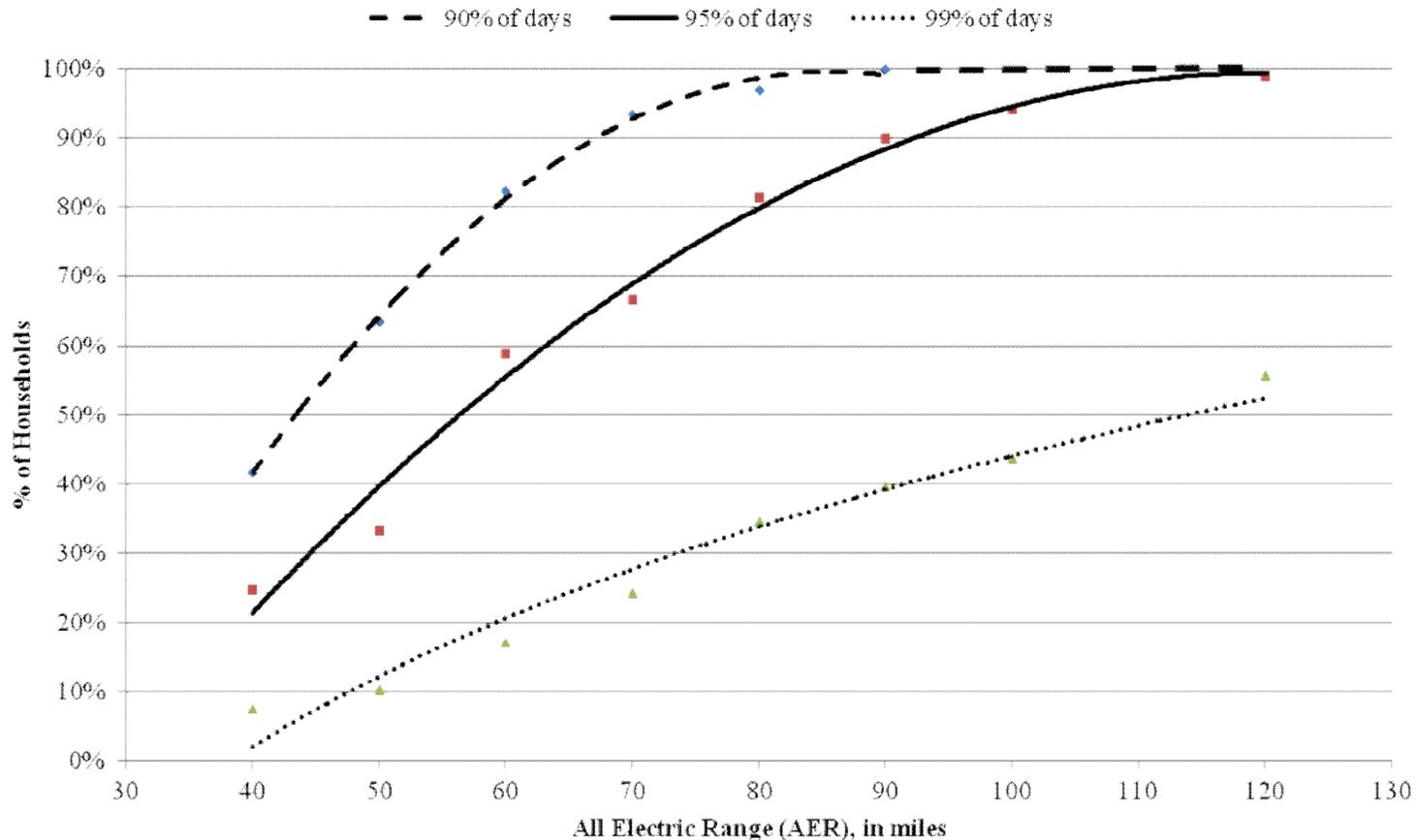
# Adoption Rates: 1-BEV Households



# Electrified Miles: 1-PHEV Households

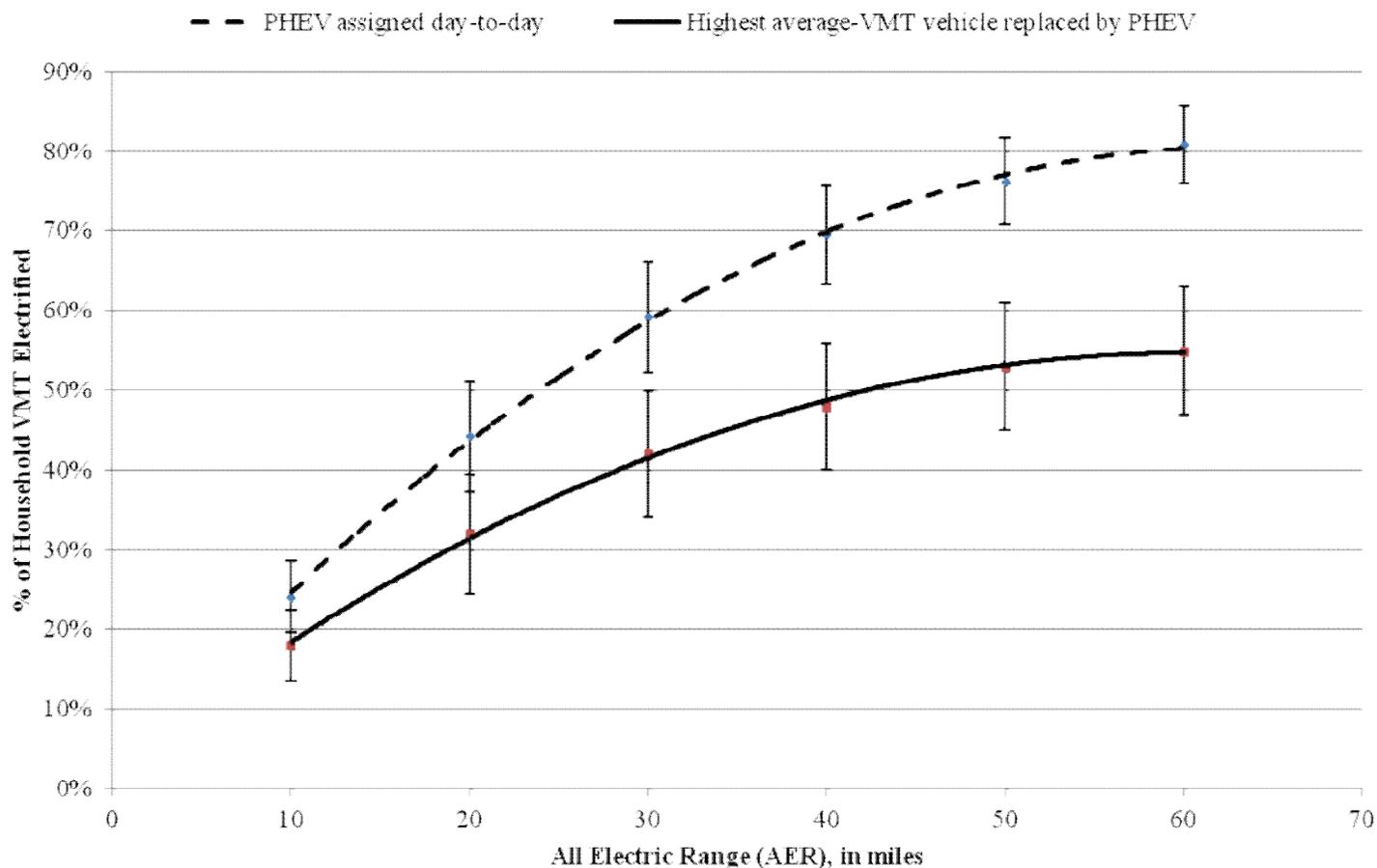


# BEV Adoption Rates: 2+ vehicle HHs



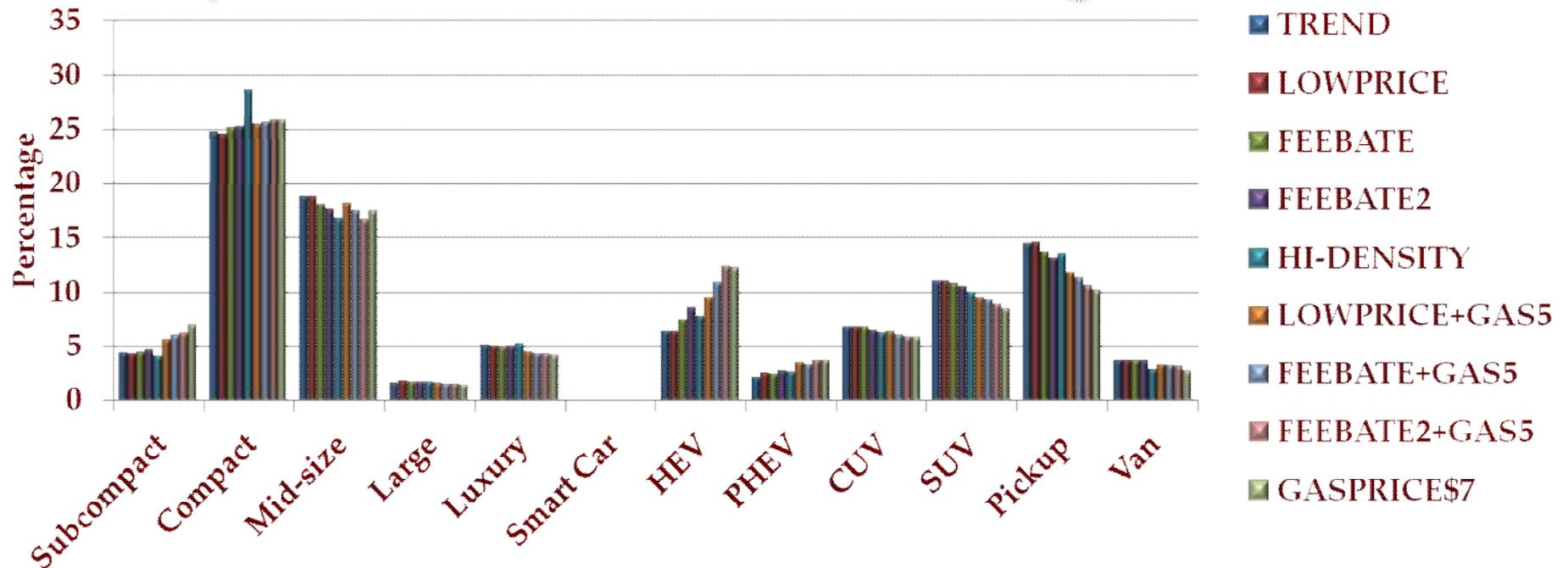
Maximum Possible Multiple-vehicle Household BEV Adoption Rates in Seattle, with BEV Replacing the Lower Overall-VMT Vehicle (Case 3)

# Electrified VMT: Multi-vehicle HHs



Average Shares of Household Miles Electrified (with Standard Deviations)  
using PHEVs in Multiple-vehicle Seattle Households

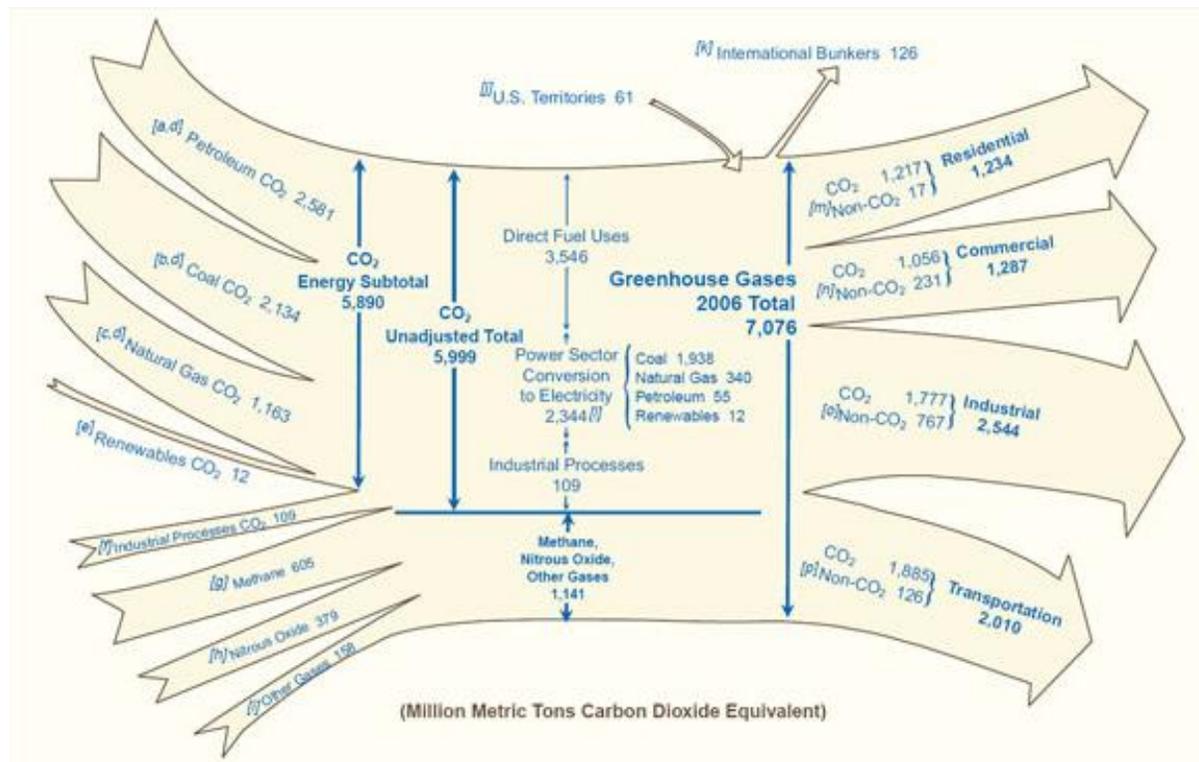
# Example: 25-year Fleet Forecasting



§ PHEV , HEV & SmartCar shares peak under FEEBATE2+GAS\$5 scenarios (16.4% of fleet) & GASPRICE\$7 scenario (16.3% market share), while total miles-traveled fall about 30%.

§ HI-DENSITY scenario shows average vehicle ownership falling 7% (to 1.72 veh per household, vs. 1.85 under TREND).

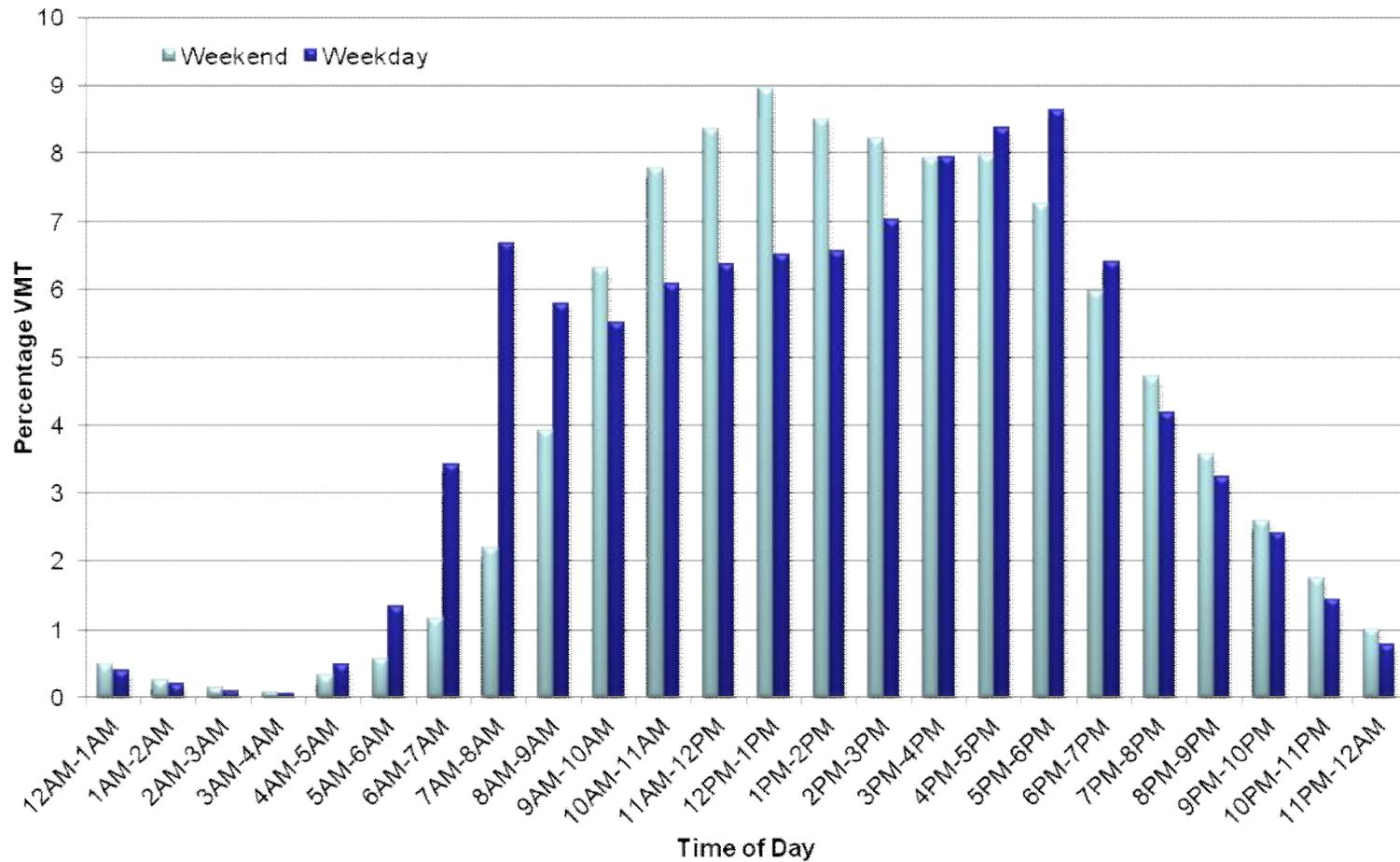
# Power + Transport $\approx$ 62% of U.S. GHGs → Key to Emissions Abatement



Source: EIA (2008)

# Timing of Travel

§ VMT by time of day (using NHTS 2009 data).



# Best Options for Sustainable Cities

- PHEVs with Clean Grid (renewables, nuke & CCS)
- Non-motorized Modes (biking & walking)
- Shared Cars & Buses running Full (via real-time carpooling?)
- Parking Charges + Fuel Pricing
- Urban Growth Boundaries (controlled release of land to development)

# Other Findings

- **HEVs are a very cost-effective technology.** (We need more HEV vehicle-body options, & U.S. needs smaller vehicles.)
- **Reducing Coal-fired Power Generation is Key.** (offering greater savings than *any* single transportation or land use option)
- **Advertising Societal Benefits of New Technologies & Lifetime Fuel Savings** (via vehicle stickering & online) is cheap yet powerful!
- And how about **tradable carbon credits** at level of households? (for home energy + vehicle odometer readings + air travel)

# The Rankings of 1% Adoption Strategies...

Reduction Strategy (1% Adoption)	% U.S. Total GHG Emissions	Reduction Strategy (1% Adoptions)	% U.S. Total GHG Emissions
1% Shift to <b>Renewables</b> – 2050	<b>0.450</b>	1% HHs Switch to Heat Pump	0.031
1% Shift to Renewables – 2030	0.380	Downsize Home: 2400 to 2000 sq ft	0.005 - 0.026
1% Shift to Renewables - 2006	0.330	Parking to Rear Lot	0.021
Conv. Improv. + 10% Lightweighting + Cellulosic Ethanol Fuel	0.208	Warmest Climates Reduce A/C Operation by 1 hour/day	0.018
<b>Cellulosic Ethanol</b>	<b>0.161</b>	Clothes Washing in Cold Water (versus hot)	0.016
Conv. Improv. + 10% Lightweighting + Biodiesel Fuel	0.160	HHs Reduce Water Heater Temp from 140 to 120°F	0.013
<b>PHEV 30</b> (2030, renewable energy)	0.160	Insulation: from 90 to 500 mm	0.013
PHEV 30 (2030, projected ave grid)	0.134	10% Lightweighting	0.012
Biodiesel	0.119	Front & Side Parking	0.010
Subway/Rapid Rail - avg occupancy	0.096	Paid employee parking	0.002 – 0.010
SFDU to <b>MFDU</b>	<b>0.026 – 0.078</b>	Four-way Intersections	0.005
Conventional Improvements	0.045	HDT Idle Reduction (APU)	0.005
\$50/month <b>Residential Parking</b>	<b>0.041</b>	Increase Population Density 10%	0.001 – 0.003
Rail Mode Shift	0.039	Bus Mode Shift - full occupancy (average occupancy)	0.137 (-0.060)

HHs = Households

# Important Tools & Challenges

**Simulation** (of human behavior , for uncertainty in inputs & parameters, & for model estimation)

... yet **land use change** remains very difficult to mimic.

**Discrete choice models** (to forecast land use types, buy/sell decisions, vehicle choices, destinations & modes & routes, vehicle allocation to household members, ...)

**Spatial relationships** (heavy use of GIS databases, spatial econometrics for autocorrelation in location factors & behavioral processes)



***Thank you for your time!***

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## Air Travel (Passenger)

- 6.5% U.S. transp. GHG emissions come from commercial air travel.
- Emissions per passenger-mile depend on aircraft occupancy, trip length, & design:
  - Short trip (200 mi): 0.53 lb/pax-mi (WRI 2006)
  - Med. trip (700 mi): 0.42
  - Long trip (1500 mi): 0.40

vs. 20 mpg LDV...

- Solo driver: 1.3 lb/paxmi
- 4-persons Carpool: 0.32

## Home Design: CO<sub>2</sub> Savings

- Double vs. Single Pane: 1,000-7,000 lbs/year/home  
(0.30-2.5 million tons for 1% of homes)
- Triple vs. Double Pane: 6,000-10,000 lbs (3.2-5.4)
- Update the A/C unit: 1,000 lbs (0.54)
- Upgrade R21 insulation to R60: 1,000-34k lbs (0.54-3.65)
- Replace incandescent bulbs with CFLs: 1,550 lbs (0.84)

(X) = Millions of Tons CO<sub>2</sub>e per year for 1% of households  
(vs. 6 B = U.S. total)

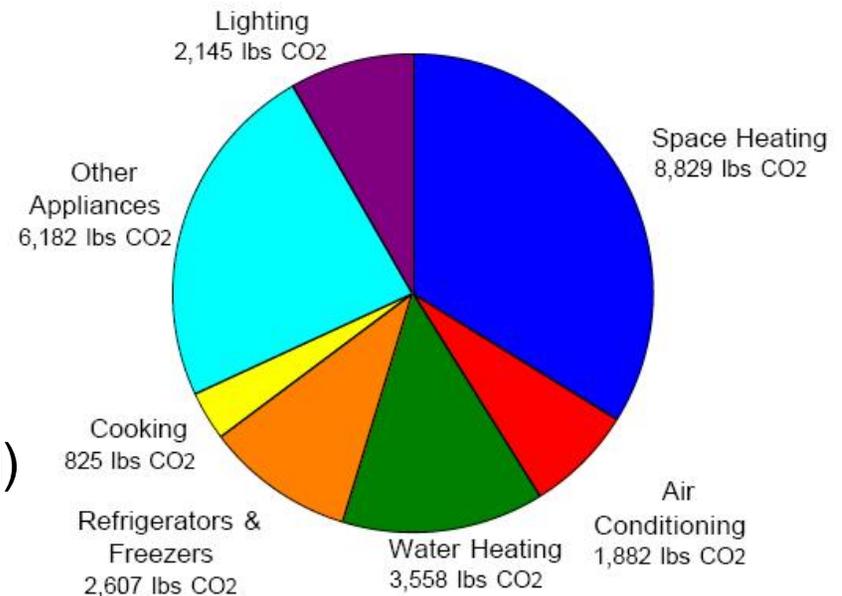
# Estimates of CO<sub>2</sub> Savings from Home Design Changes

- Install double-pane windows: 2,240 lbs/year/home
- Replace incandescent bulbs with CFLS: 1,550 lbs
- Update the A/C unit: 1,000 lbs
- Upgrade R15 insulation to R21: 750-1450 lbs
- A/C savings from downsizing home 250 sf: 450 lbs

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- All together: > 6,000 lbs/yr/home (>20% average home energy demand)

*Still to come: More calculations on building materials & insulation, & commercial heating loads.*

CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions per Household, 1997



Rocky Mountain Institute, Snowmass, CO, [www.rmi.org](http://www.rmi.org)

## Home Design (2)

- Downsize home ~20% (2400 to 2000 sf):
  - 450 lbs/year/average home from A/C (.25)
  - plus* 1,000-2,000 lbs from heating (0.54-1.1)
- Move from 2400 sf SFDU to MFDU:
  - 3,000-20,000 lbs (1.6-12)

(X)= Millions of Tons CO<sub>2</sub>e per year for 1% of households

# Parking Policies

§ **\$50/month for Residential parking: 5,560 lbs** per household per year (stemming from reduced vehicle ownership) **(3.5 M tons/yr)**

• **Downtown Employees Pay market rates for parking: 300-1400 lbs** per worker (due to reduced SOV mode share) **(.18-0.85)**

• **Market-priced Curb Parking: 230 lbs** per year per parking space **(.15)** (from reduced cruising)

**(X)**= Millions of Tons CO<sub>2</sub>e per year for 1% of households or 1% of workers or 1% of CBD parking spaces.

# Ranking of Home Design Changes & Parking Policies

If applied to 1% US households:

- Double to triple pane glass: 3.2-5.4 M tons/yr
- Residential parking at \$50/month: 3.5
- Move from 2400 sq ft SFDU to MFDU: 1.6 to 12
- Replace R15 Insulation with R60: 0.54 to 3.6
- Single to double pane glass: 0.3 to 2.5
- Reduce average home size to 2000 sf: 0.25 cooling & 0.54 to 1.05 heating
- Move to CFLighting: 0.84
- Reduce A/C oper. 1 hr/day during hot months: 0.64
- Update A/C unit: 0.54
- Paid employee parking: 0.18 to 0.54

## Land Use: *Design*

- **SOV mode reduction due to 10% change in:**
  - **Increase Walking Quality: 267 lbs/HH (.286 B/yr)**
  - **Increase Land use mixing: 350 lbs/HH (.371)**
- **CO<sub>2</sub> reduction due to 10% increase:**
  - **Vertical Mixing: 178 lbs/HH (.190)**
  - **Four-way intersections: 750 lbs/HH (.800)**

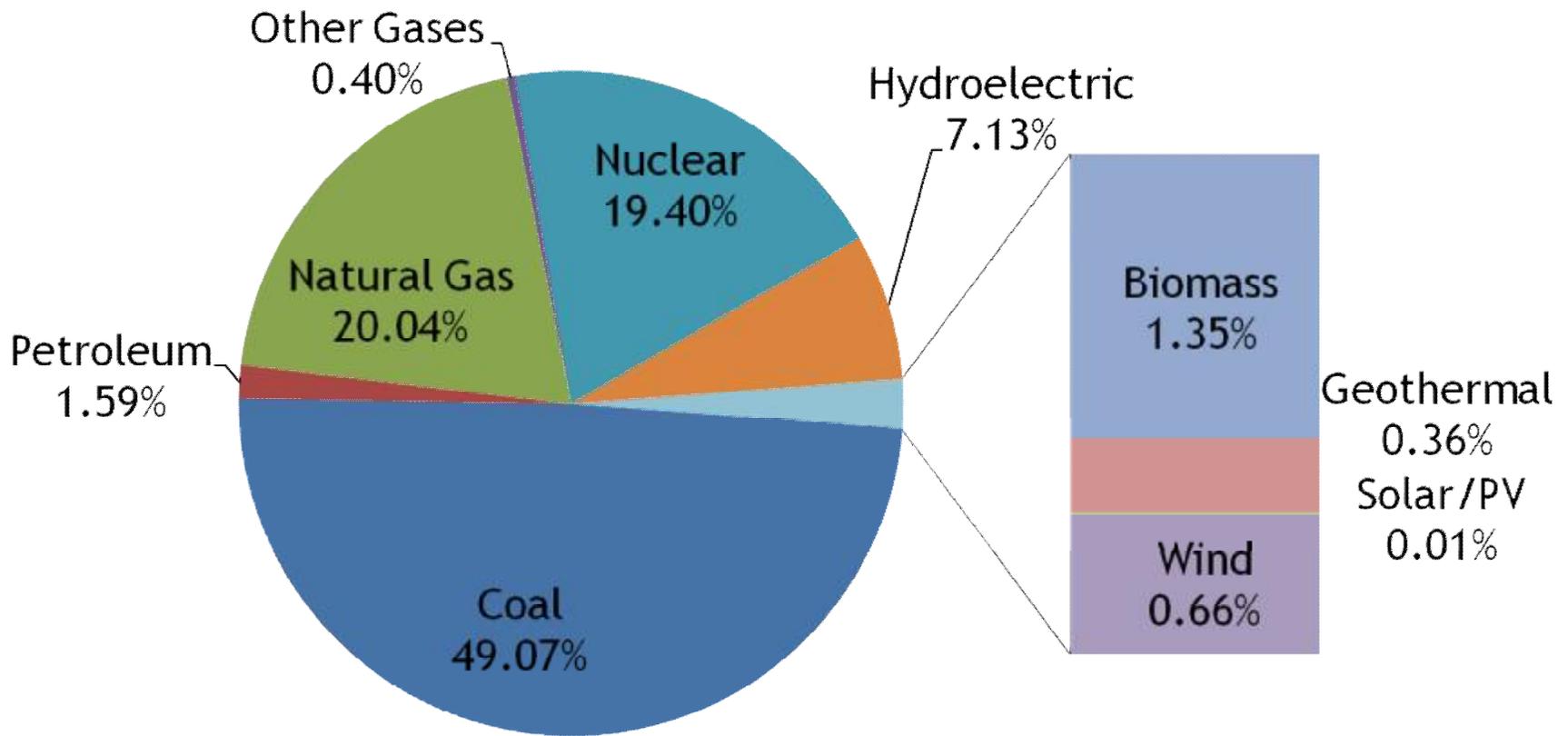
# Reducing Braking & Inertial

## Forces

### Reduce Vehicle Weights

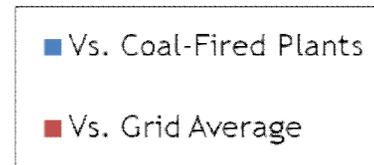
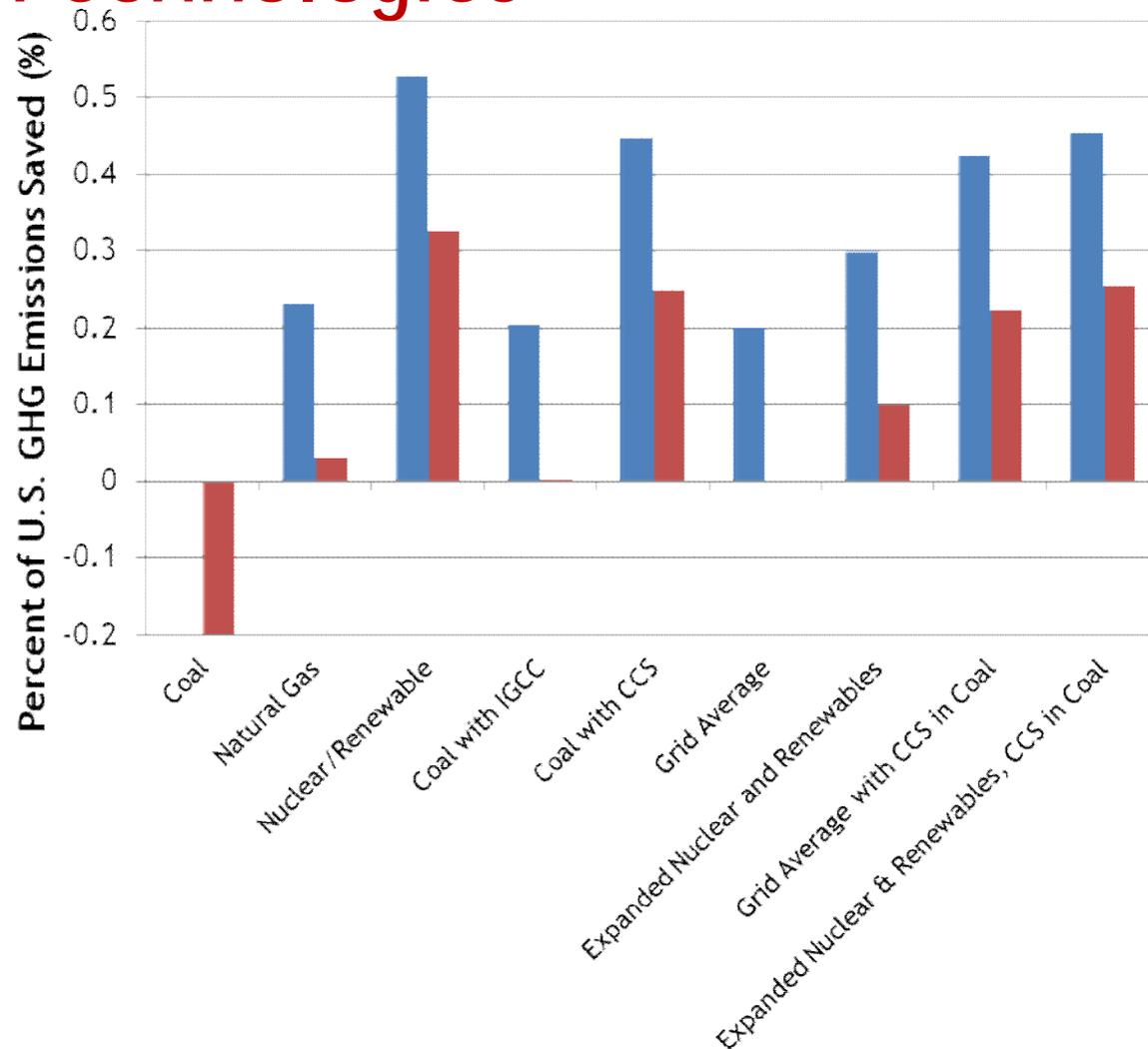
- § *10% Mass reduction* → 6% FE improvement (IEA 2007)
- § FE improvement can reach 10% if engine downsized to match lighter vehicle body.
- § Ways to lightweight:
  - § Replace heavy materials with **lighter weight materials** – already being done
  - § **Downsize** vehicle – decreases utility of vehicle
  - § Improved packaging, **unit body** construction (body panels are load bearing), parts consolidation, ...
- § Most alternative materials are cost effective, based on lifetime fuel savings.
- § Safety: Design is more important than mass.

# Current U.S. Power Generation Sources



Source: EIA (2008)

# 1% Adoption of Various Power Technologies



**Notes:**

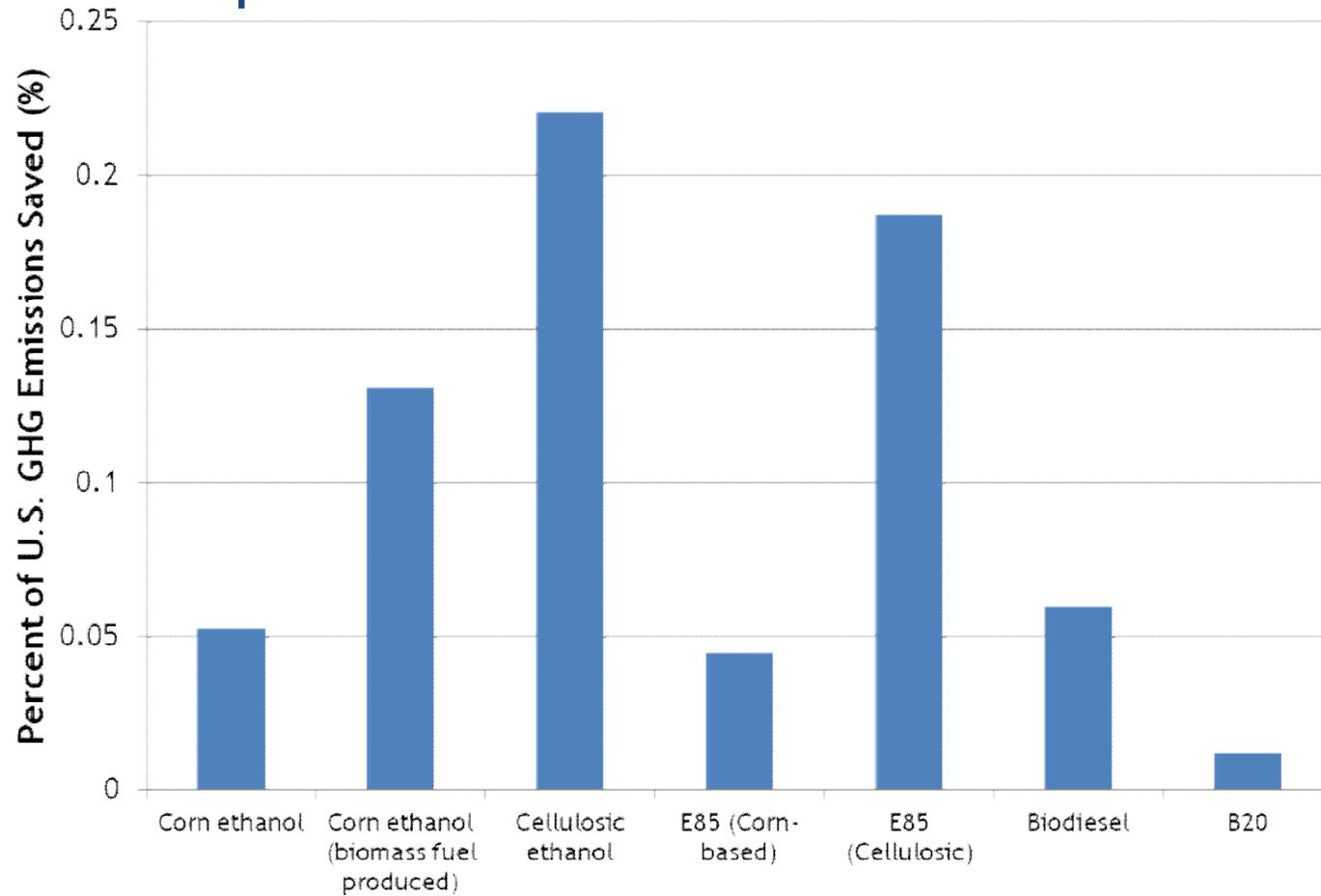
- Shows reduction from 1% of electricity demand being met by respective power generation technology
- Expanded Nuclear & Renewables = grid mix with 35% coal, 15% natural gas, & 50% nuclear/renewable.

# Power Generation **Policy Barriers**

Technology	Transmission & Distribution	Intermittence	Supply Uncertainty	Other Barriers
Natural Gas			X	
Wind	X	X		
Nuclear				Security & waste storage
Geothermal	X			Advanced tech. undemonstrated
Solar: Photovoltaics		X		Grid not designed for distributed generation
Solar: Concentrated Solar Power	X	X		
Biomass			X	
Coal w/CCS				Undemonstrated

Note: Hydroelectric excluded due to limited new sites/capacity.

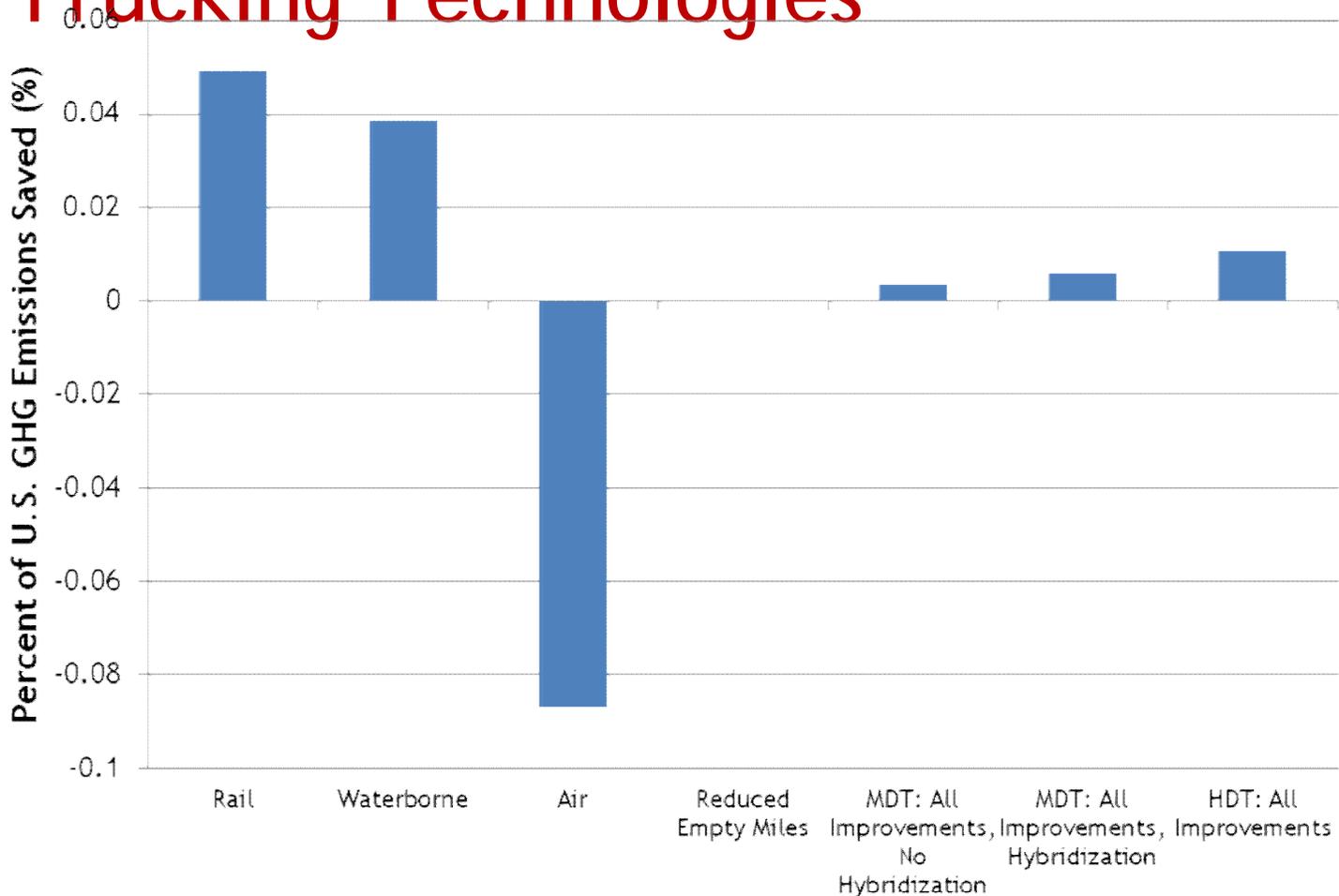
# 1% Adoption of Alternative Fuels



**Notes:**

- Ethanol sub for gasoline.
- Biodiesels sub for diesel.
- Chart based on total annual fuel consumption by transportation.

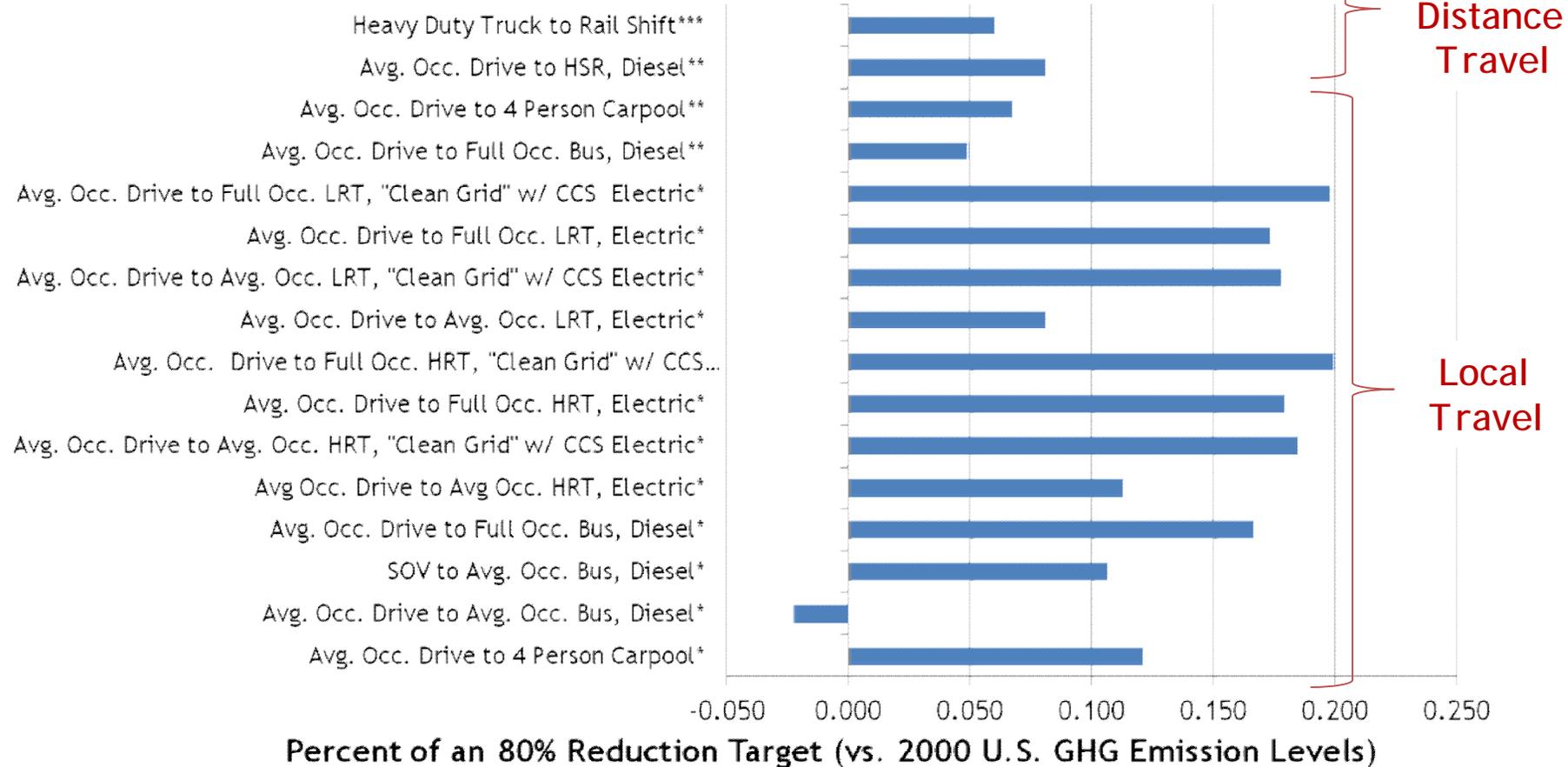
# 1% Adoption of Freight Mode Shifts & Trucking Technologies



Notes:

- Options sub for 1% of truck ton-miles.
- Reduced Empty Miles is a 1% reduction in the estimated 15,000 miles driven empty per year per truck. Has negligible impact.

# Winning Strategies: Mode Shifting





## 80% of 2000 Levels

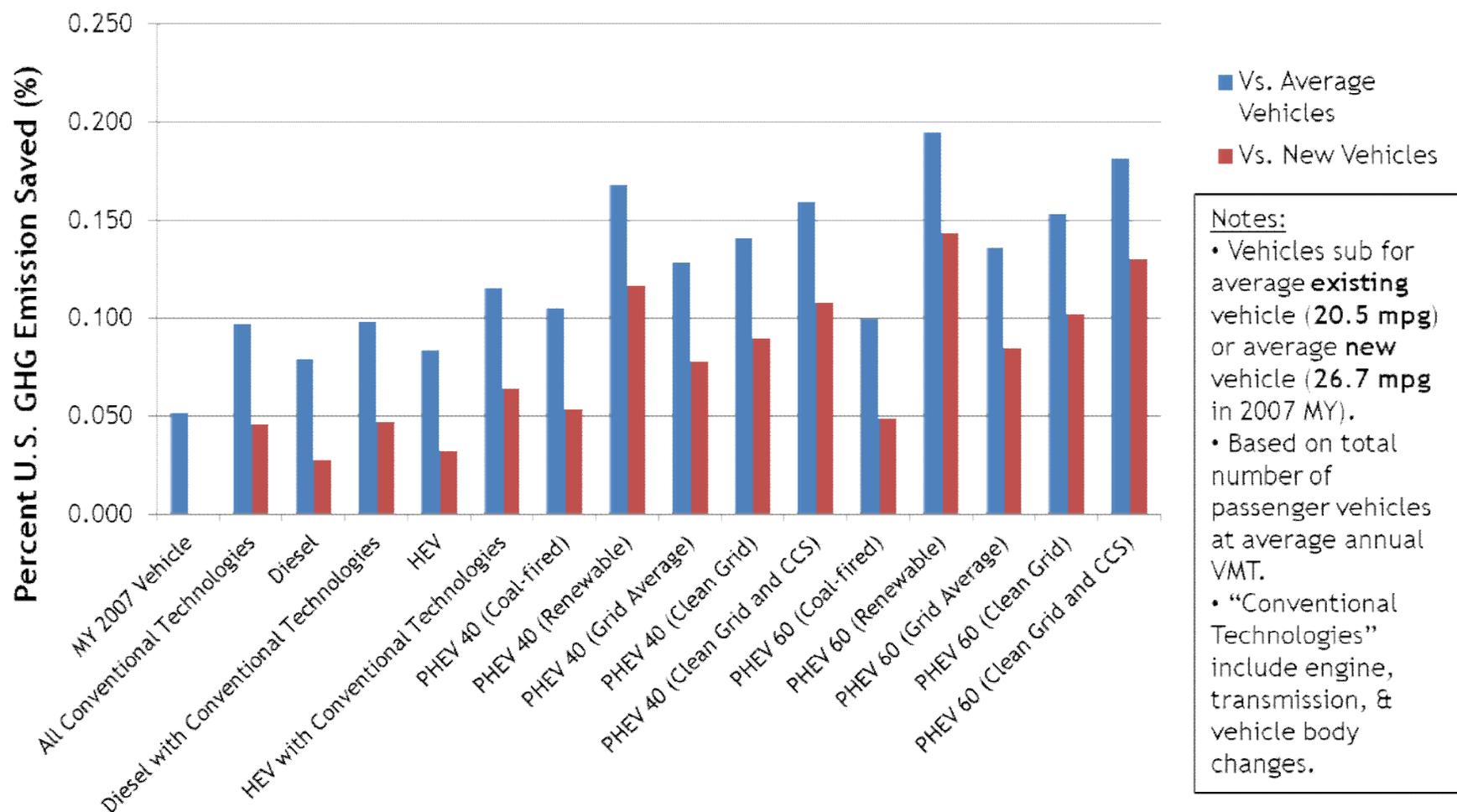
Fraction of 80 Percent Reduction Target =

1% Adoption Savings (2006 “Feasible Market”)

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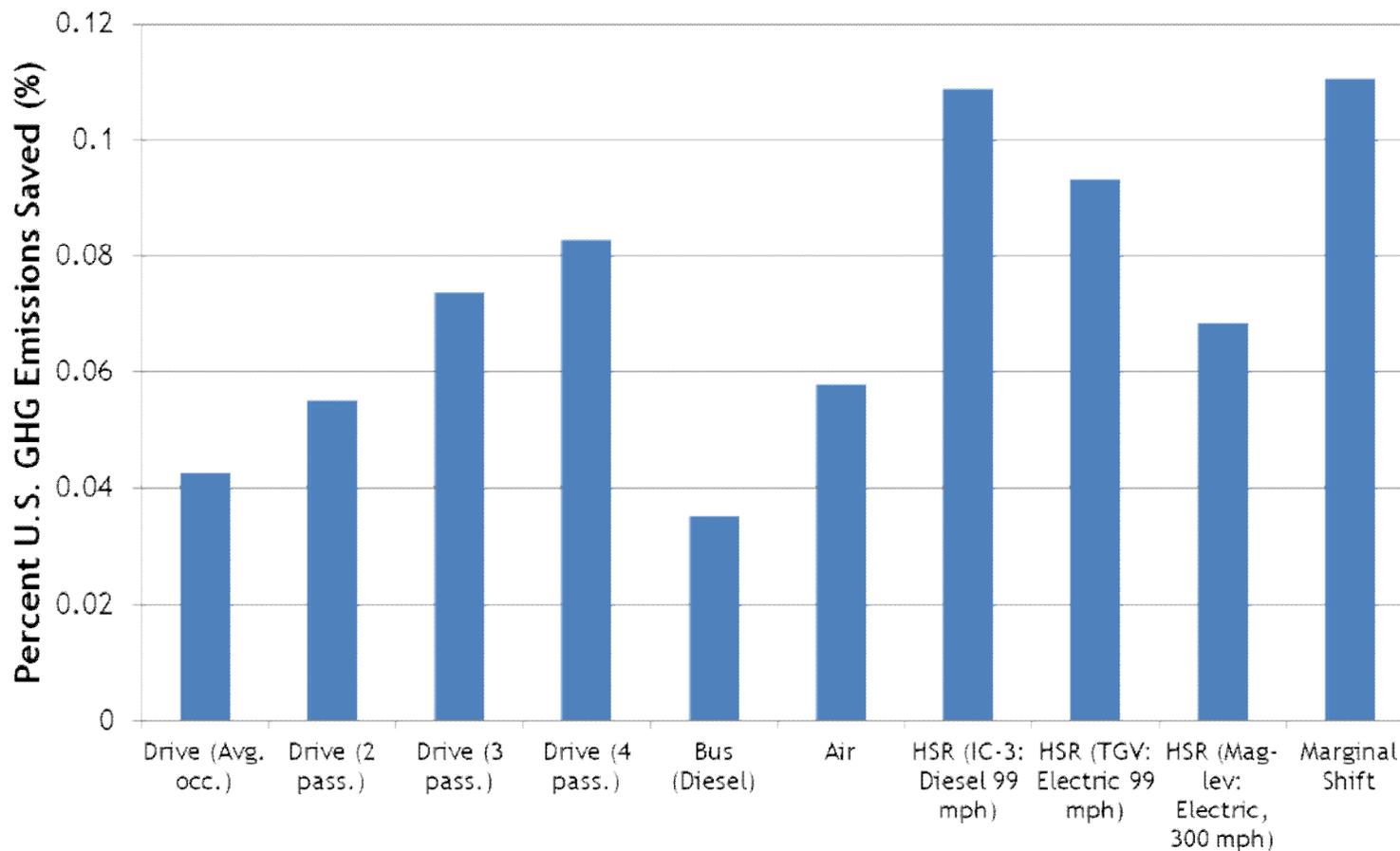
2006 GHG Emissions - 0.2 × 2000 GHG  
Emissions

# 1% Adoption of Vehicle Technologies



# 1% Long Distance Travel Mode Shift

(At Average Occupancies)

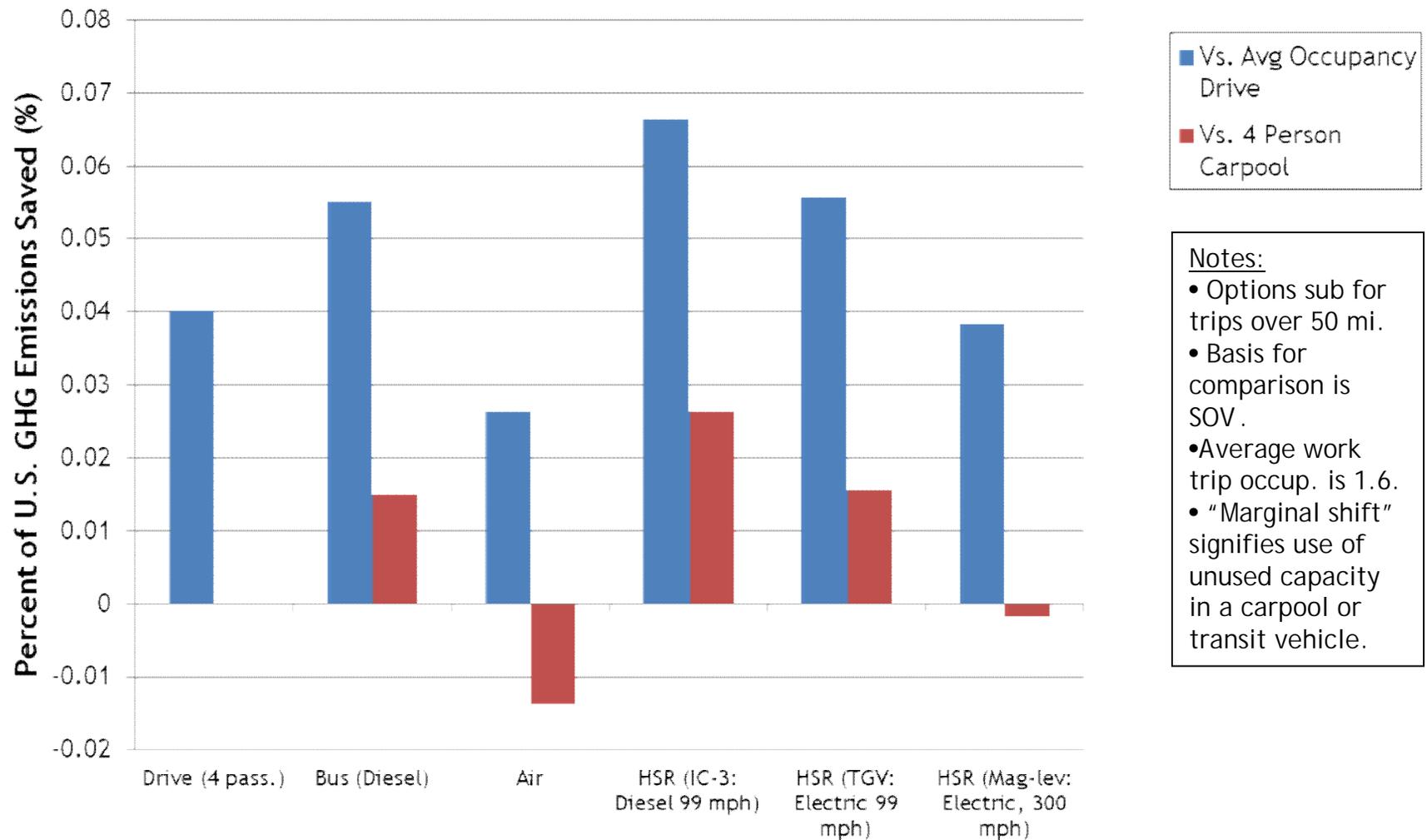


**Notes:**

- Options sub for trips over 50 mi.
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# 1% Long Distance Travel Mode Shift

(Alternative Modes at *Full Occupancy*)

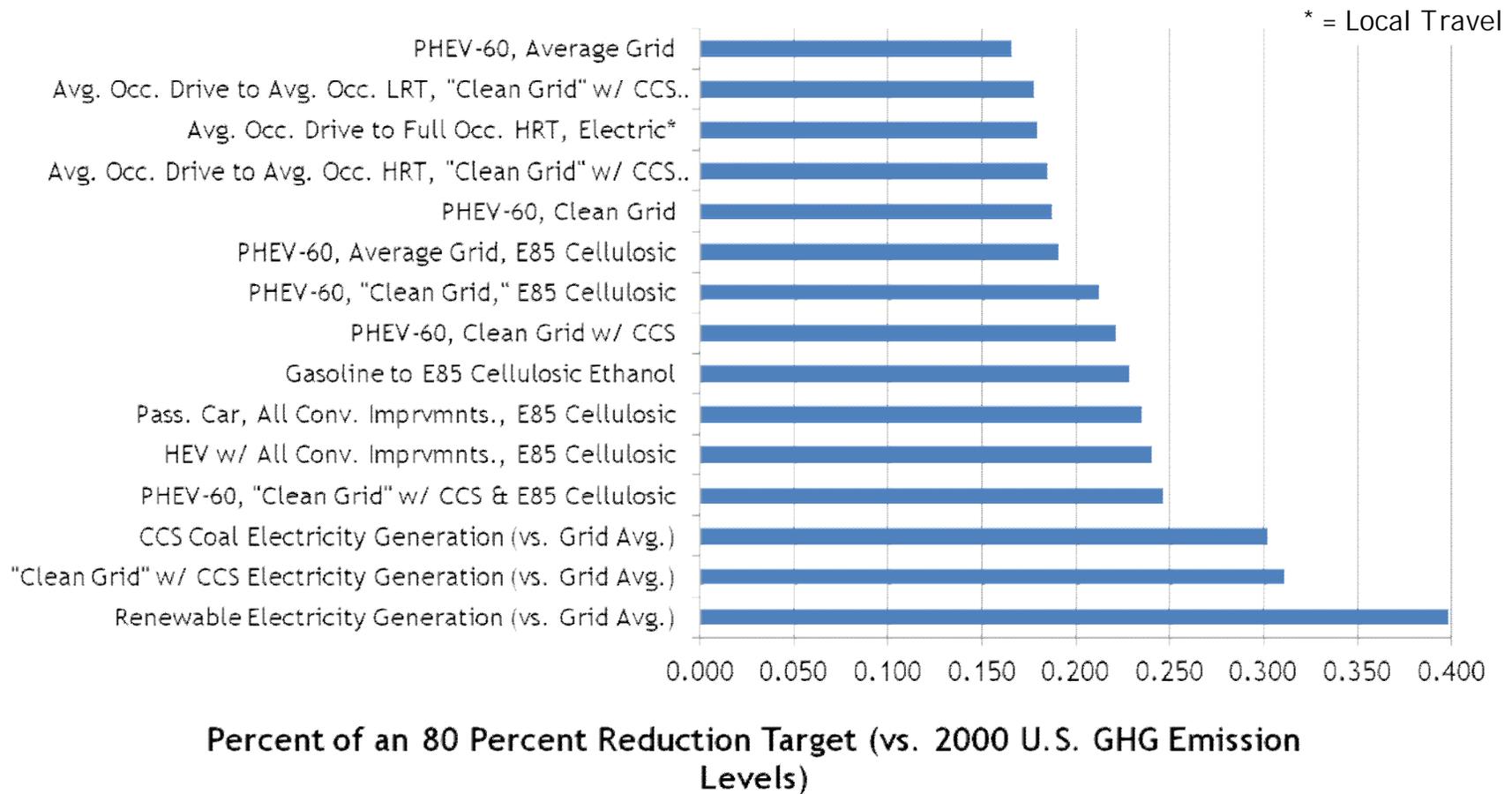


■ Vs. Avg Occupancy Drive  
 ■ Vs. 4 Person Carpool

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# Overall Vehicle & Power Winners



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