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# Pipelines, Trucks, Buses and Automobiles: Where, When, Which?

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# "The Good, the Bad and the Ugly: Understanding the Social and Economic Costs of Transporting Crude Oil"



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# The Good, the Bad and the Ugly: Understanding the Social and Economic Costs of Transporting Crude Oil



# Overview

- Long distance transportation of crude oil from North Dakota to refineries in 2014
  - Air pollution (criteria pollutants + CO<sub>2</sub>) costs of moving crude oil were 6.7 times larger for rail than for pipelines
    - For rail, 15.7 cents per gallon of crude oil
  - For both rail and pipelines, air pollution costs were 9 times spill and accident costs

# Policy Implication

- Ideally, impose a pollution tax on movement of crude oil based on county level harms
- Practical Options
  - Diesel tax
  - Support pipeline construction







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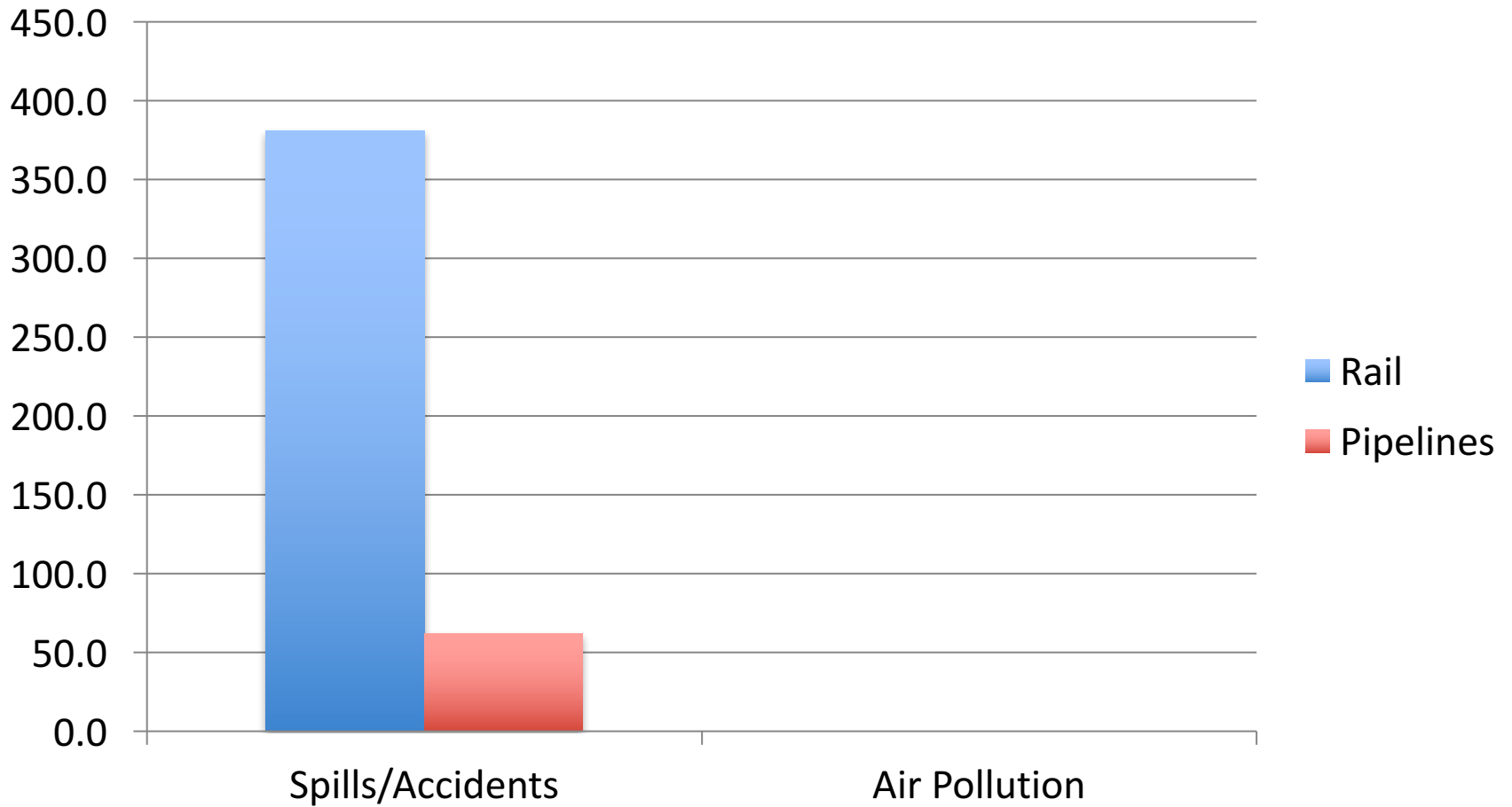
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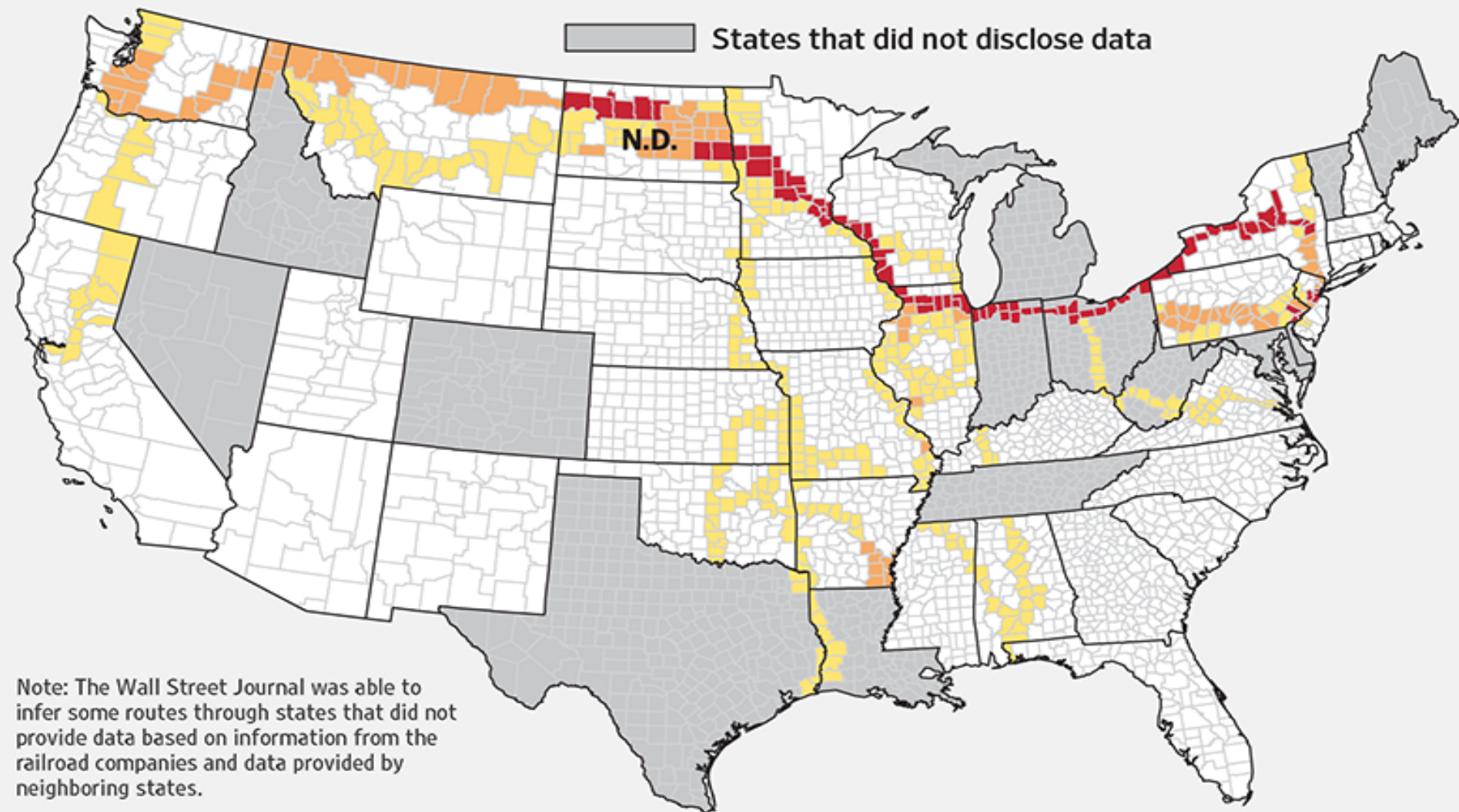
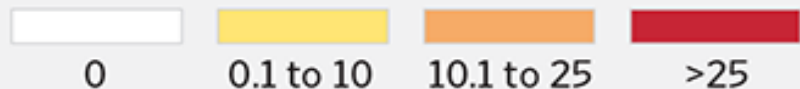
# Social Costs per million barrel miles



# Crude By Rail Routes

Railroads have become virtual pipelines carrying crude from North Dakota to the East, West and Gulf Coasts.

Weekly average number of crude-oil trains from the Bakken Shale in North Dakota that pass through each county



Note: The Wall Street Journal was able to infer some routes through states that did not provide data based on information from the railroad companies and data provided by neighboring states.

Source: State Emergency Response Commissions

The Wall Street Journal

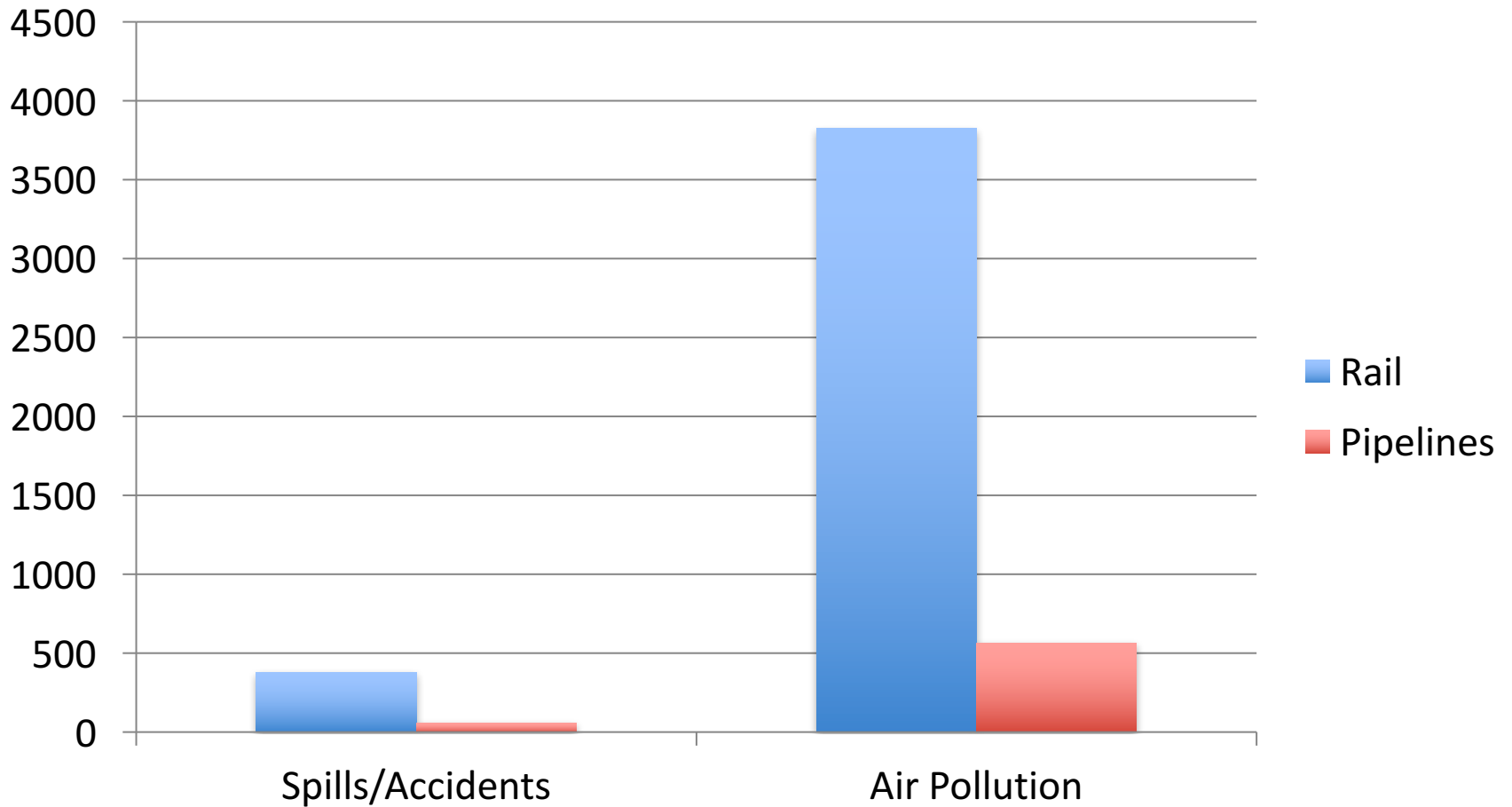


### Canadian and U.S. Oil Pipelines

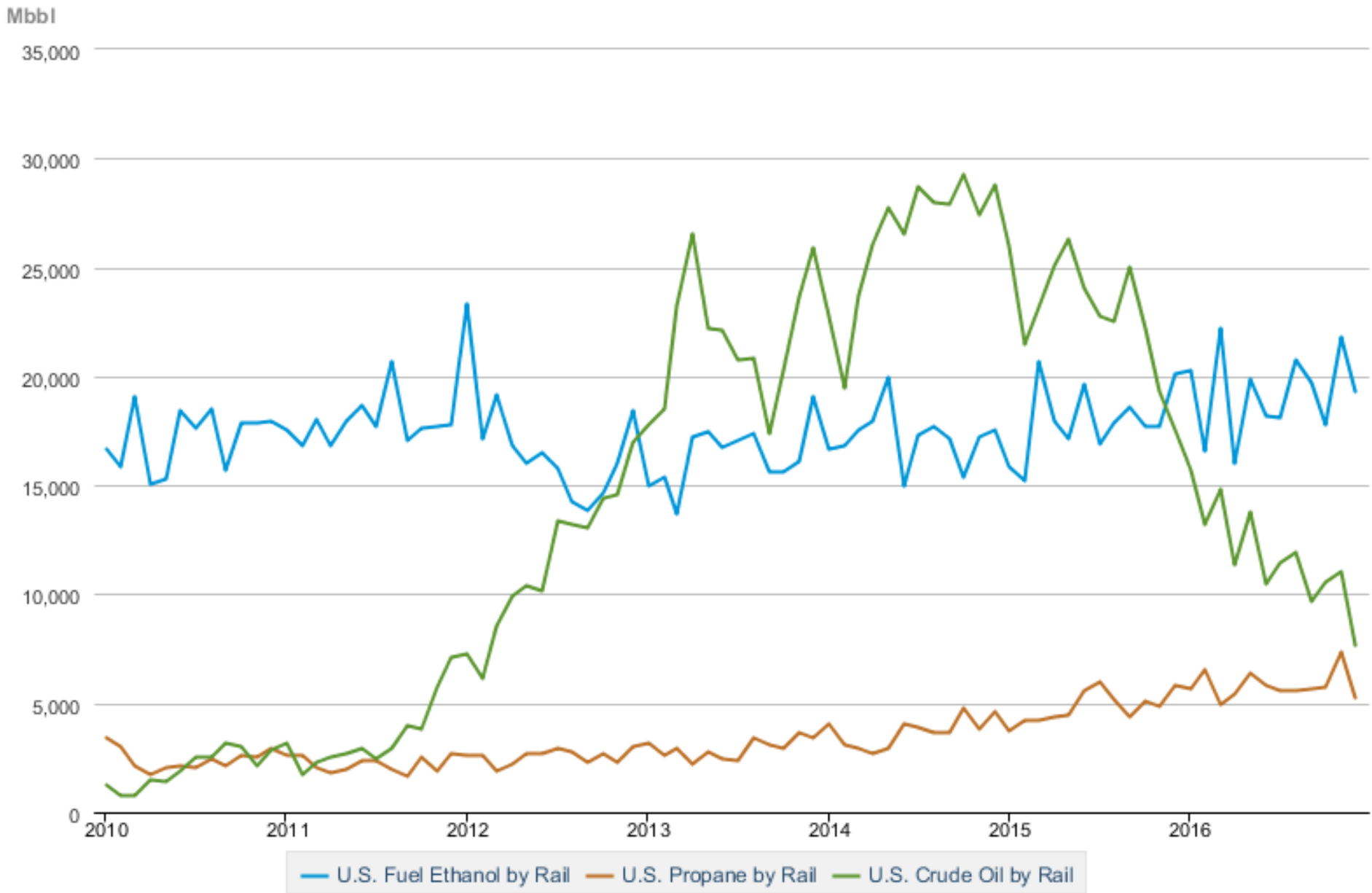
- Enbridge Pipelines and connections to the U.S. Midwest and E. Canada
- Kinder Morgan Express
- Kinder Morgan Trans Mountain
- TransCanada Keystone
- ⋯ Proposed pipelines to the West Coast
- / - - - Existing / Proposed pipelines to PADD II
- ⋯ Expansion/Reversal to existing pipeline

Sources: Map from Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers  
 TransCanada overlay from TransCanada Corp.  
 Assembled for Watershed Sentinel by Arthur Caldicott

# Social Costs per million barrel miles



# Movements of Crude Oil and Selected Products by Rail



Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration

# Conclusion

- Air pollution costs of moving crude oil were **6.7** times larger for rail than for pipelines
  - For both rail and pipelines, air pollution costs were **9** times spill/accident costs
- Crude by rail is down, but shipments of products that could be shipped by either rail or pipelines remains high

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# Thank You

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# "Should I Stay or Should I Go?: Transportation Fuels and Technologies Across America"



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# Should I Stay or Should I Go?

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# Take-home messages

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- Should we pursue a transition to **natural gas** use for transportation as **a de-carbonization strategy**?

**No.** Using natural gas for transportation could only provide emissions reductions for cars if used to produce electricity which will then be used to power electric vehicles. For trucks, buses, etc, using natural gas does not reduce the emissions.

- Is there a fuel-technology transportation choice that is the best at reducing health, environmental and climate change damages across the U.S?

**No.** The lowest damage strategy differs regionally and by vehicle type: there is no one solution fits all.

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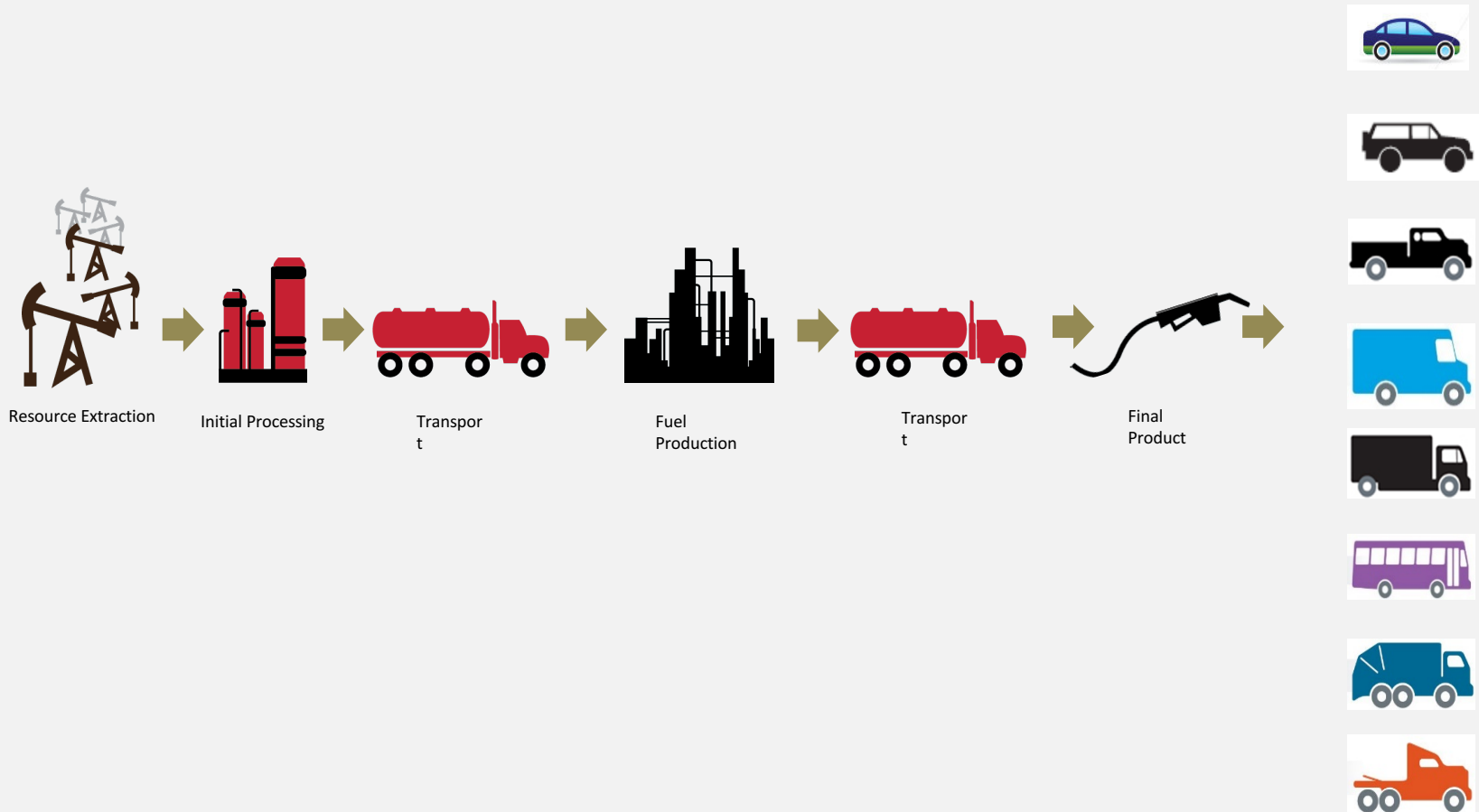
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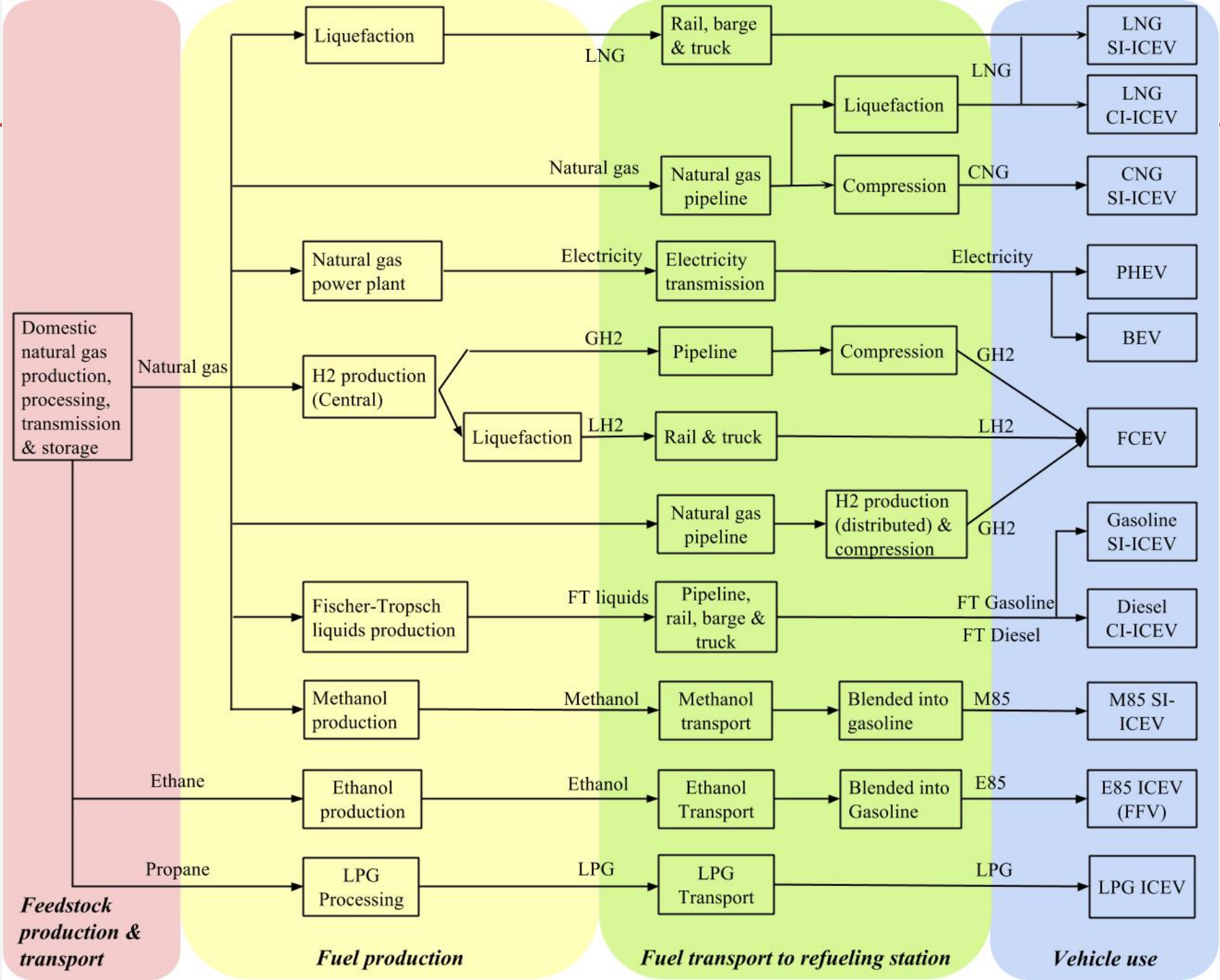
# Shale gas revolution

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- The availability of shale gas in the United States leads to the question: should we also **use natural gas for transportation?**
- To understand if that's a good solution in what concerns climate mitigation, we need to look at the **life-cycle emissions** of natural gas use for transportation versus using gasoline/diesel.

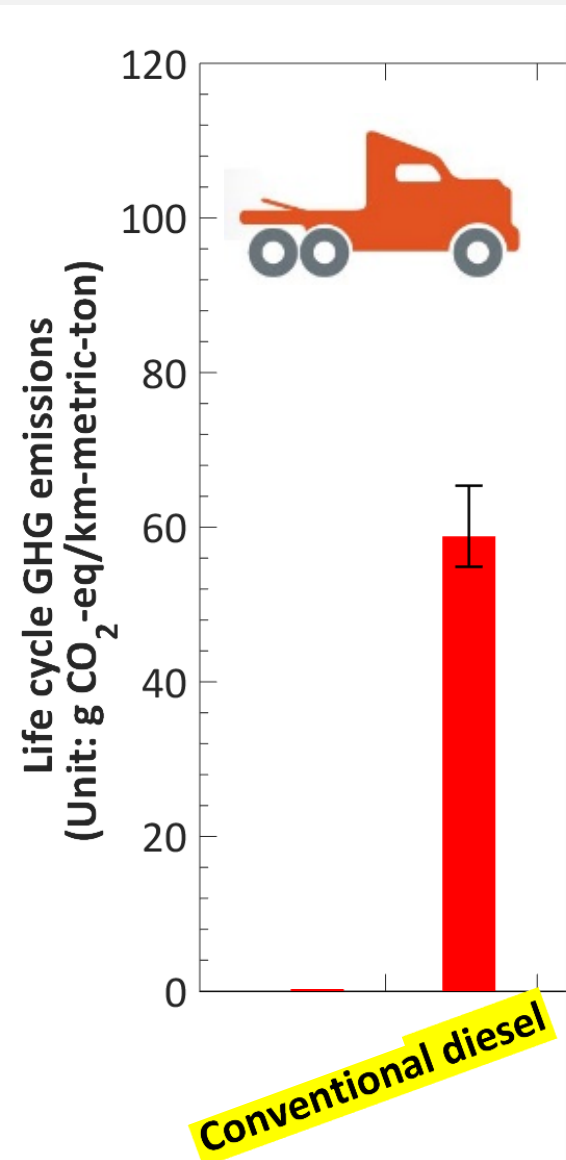
# life-cycle emissions





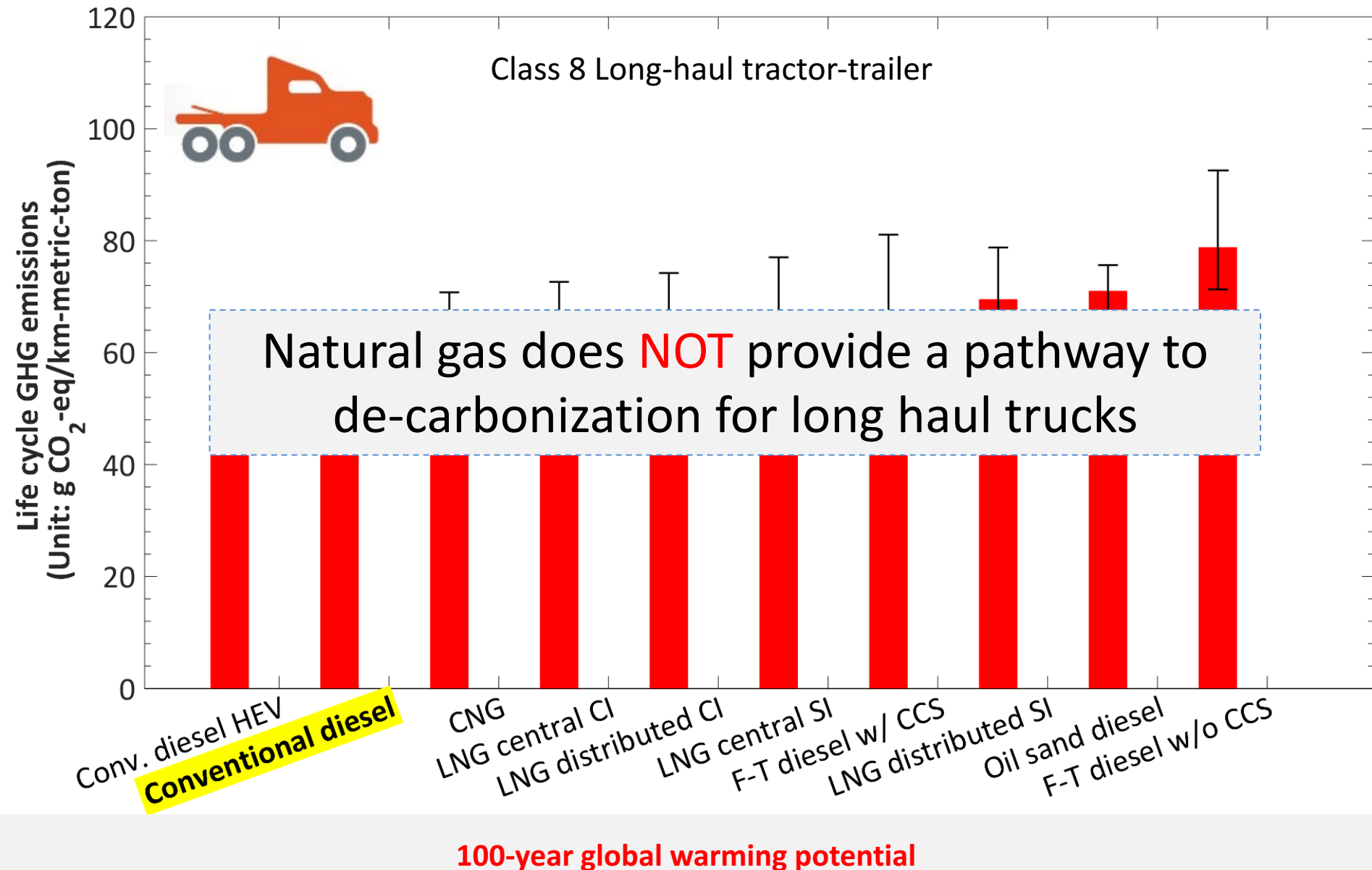


# Examples of key results: tractor-trailer trucks






100-year global warming potential

# Examples of key results: tractor-trailer trucks



# Natural gas transportation pathways have very different consequences for different vehicle classes.

Emissions reduction potential	Natural gas pathways	Vehicle types	Insights
	Electricity + BEVs Gaseous H <sub>2</sub> + FECVs	Passenger vehicle, SUVs, and transit buses.	<u>Efficient</u> fuel production, <u>zero</u> tailpipe emissions, and <u>efficient</u> vehicle technologies.
	CNG LNG Propane	All vehicles. Heavy-duty trucks. Medium-duty trucks.	<u>Simple</u> fuel production, and <u>comparable</u> vehicle technologies.
	Methanol, Ethanol, and liquid hydrogen Fischer-Tropsch liquids	Passenger vehicles All vehicles	<u>Complex</u> fuel production (penalty), and <u>comparable</u> vehicle technologies.

# Key conclusion

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- Natural gas pathways provide GHG emissions reductions if the natural gas is used to produce **electricity to power BEVs in the passenger vehicle, SUV and transit bus classes.**
- For all the other transportation classes, the GHG emissions are either very similar to the incumbent fuel/technology, or even increase the emissions. In those sectors, natural gas does not provide a de-carbonization pathway.

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that is the **best at reducing health,  
environmental and climate change damages**  
across the U.S?

# Motivation

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- The transportation sector...
  - Has recently become the largest contributor to CO<sub>2</sub> emissions in the United States (U.S.)
  - Is largest contributor to CO and NO<sub>x</sub>, and a substantial contributor to other criteria air pollutants (CAPs).
- **NRC (2010)** shows that on-road vehicles cause **\$110 billion air pollution and climate change damages.**

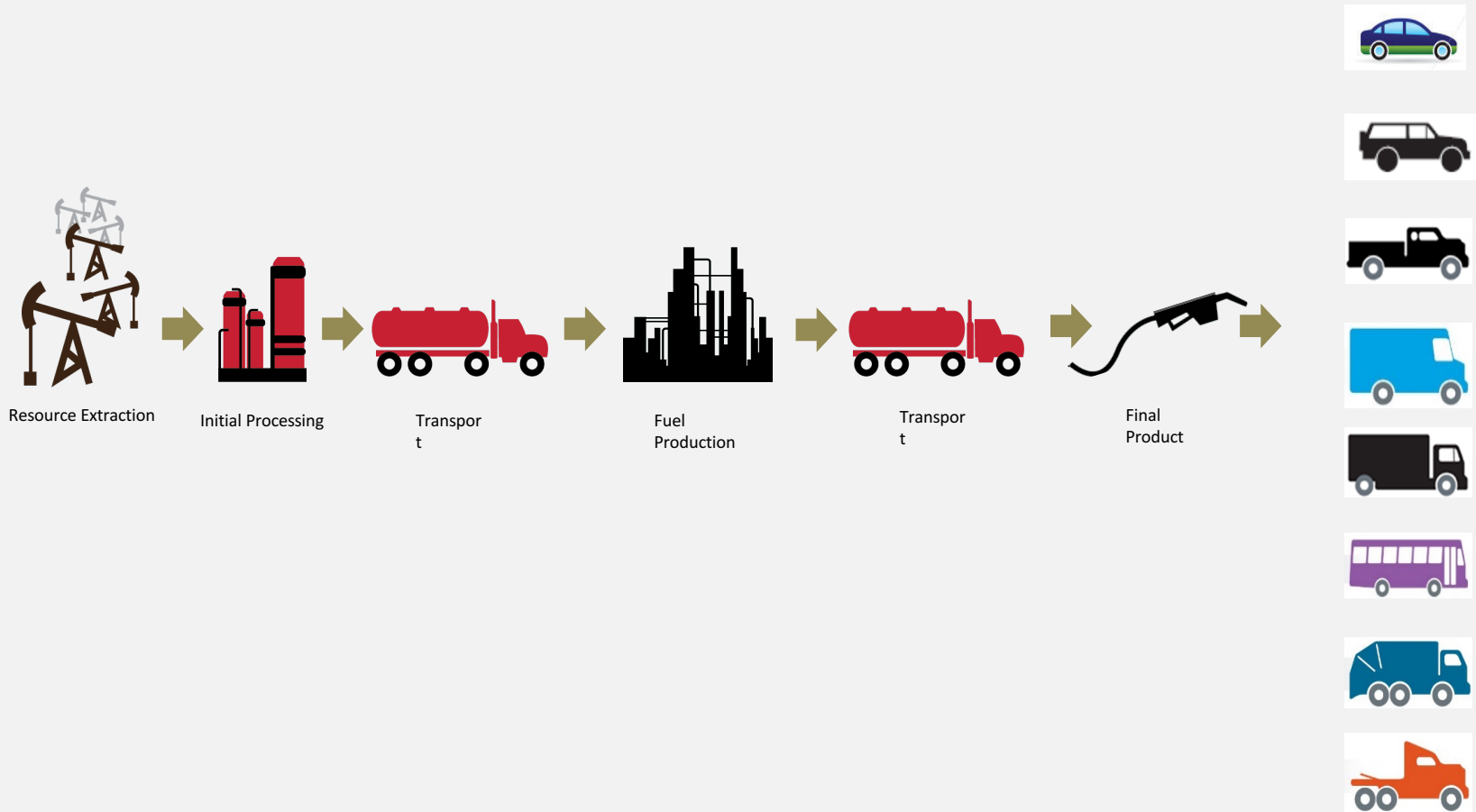
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What are the climate change and air quality consequences of different technology choices?

**Climate change**

**Air pollution consequences**

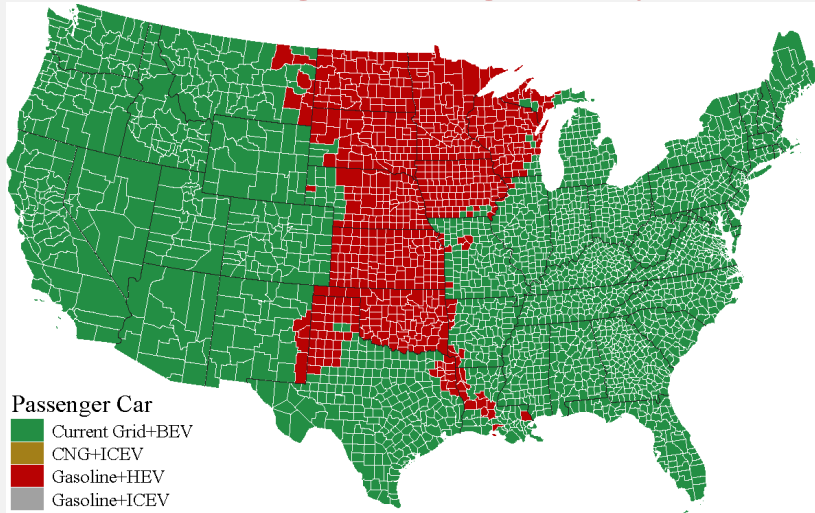
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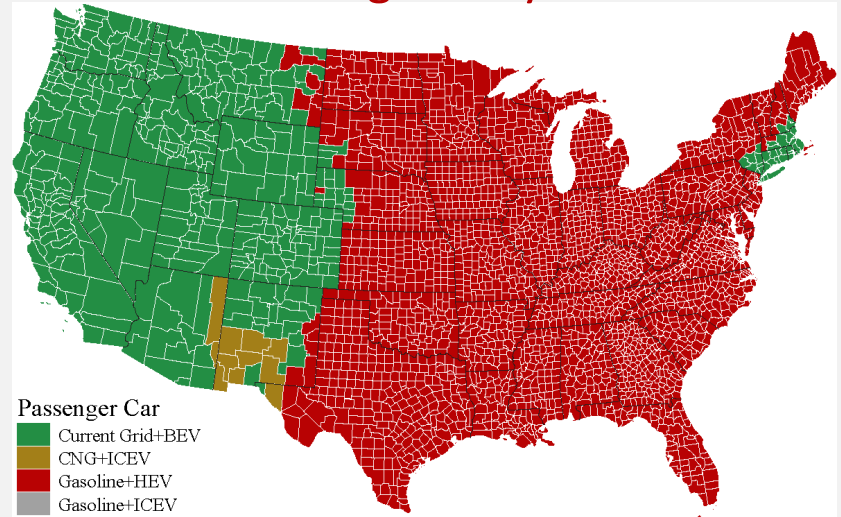


# Here are the **car** technologies that are the best at reducing damages....

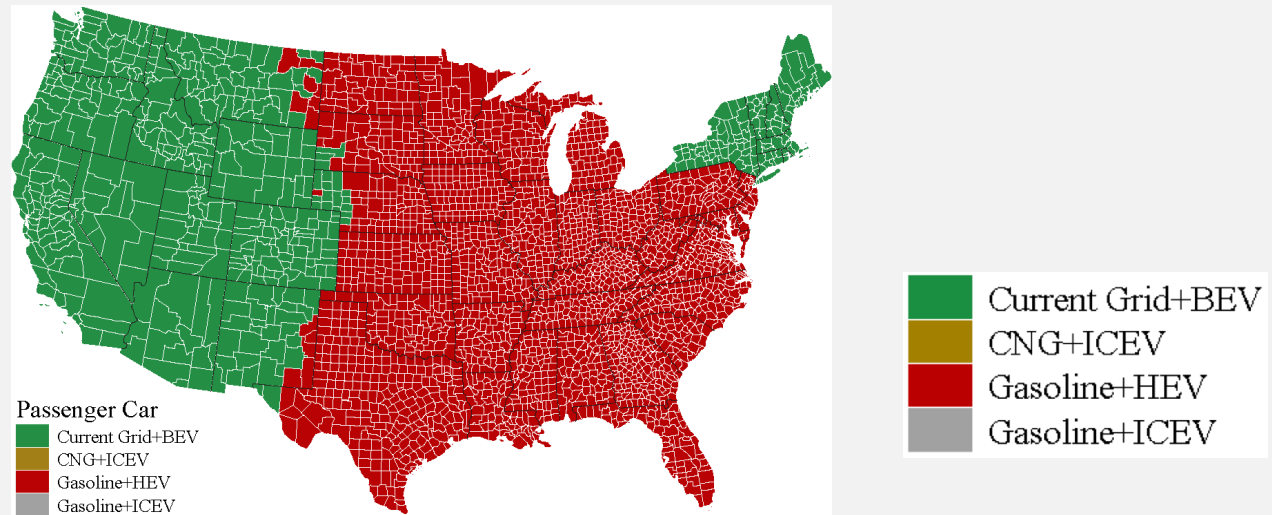
... if you account for climate change damages only



... if you account for air pollution damages only



Climate change + air pollution damages



# Climate change, health, and environmental damages across counties

Passenger car (¢ <sub>2010</sub> /mile)												
Climate change + air pollution damages				Climate change damages				Air pollution damages				
	Gasoline	Gasoline hybrid	CNG	BEV	Gasoline	Gasoline hybrid	CNG	BEV	Gasoline	Gasoline hybrid	CNG	BEV
Median	1.66	<b>1.31</b>	1.64	1.68	1.25	0.92	1.18	<b>0.84</b>	0.41	<b>0.39</b>	0.46	0.83
Max	3.02	2.59	3.05	2.87	1.25	0.92	1.21	1.07	1.77	1.67	1.87	2.00
Min	1.54	1.19	1.42	0.91	1.25	0.92	1.14	0.47	0.28	0.27	0.26	0.26

# Policy implications

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- Technologies that provide + health, climate changes and environmental benefits differs by vehicle type & region!
- For passenger cars:
  - Battery electric vehicles provide the largest benefits in the Western U.S. and New England regions
  - Hybrid electric vehicles are the best for remaining regions.
  - **We end up with the same technologies if we consider just climate change or just air pollution consequences, or both.**
- For large trucks diesel hybrid-electric provide the largest benefits in most of the country.
- For **buses, local and long-haul tractor trailers, the best technology will differ when considering just air pollution, just climate change or both issues jointly.**
  - Policies and incentives should be regionally specific for those vehicle segments

# "Where, When, and Which Electric Vehicles are Green?"



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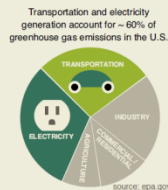
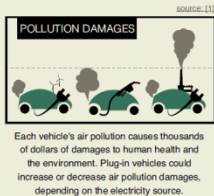
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# Two policy briefs

## POLICY BRIEF

### Electric Vehicle Benefits and Costs in the United States

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#### Motivations for vehicle electrification

- Energy Security:** Reduce our dependency on foreign oil.
- Air Quality:** Reduce air pollution and its effects on human health and the environment.
- Climate Change:** Reduce greenhouse gas emissions to slow climate change.
- Economics:** Reduce cost of driving, use local energy sources, and lead new technology innovation.

#### Electricification helps achieve these goals sometimes, but not always.

Benefits vary based on...

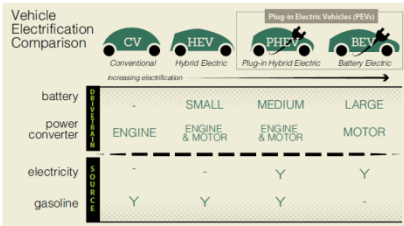
##### Vehicle Type

A typical gasoline vehicle may generate around \$4,000 of costs to society over its life, in the form of human health costs, environmental damages, and other air pollution costs.

A hybrid electric (HEV) or plug-in hybrid electric (PHEV) vehicle could lower these costs by 15-30%, depending on the electricity source.

A pure battery electric vehicle (BEV) could either cut these costs in half or double them, depending on the electricity source.

HEVs and PHEVs tend to offer more air emissions and oil displacement benefits per dollar spent than pure BEVs with comparable range.<sup>1</sup>

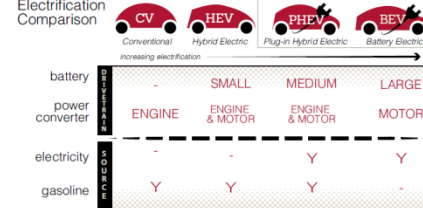


## POLICY BRIEF

### Electric Vehicle Adoption Potential in the United States

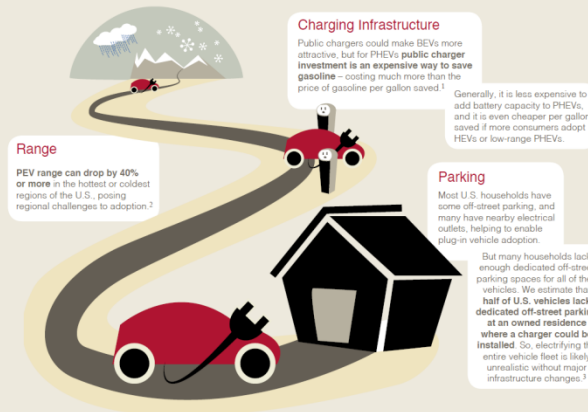
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#### Vehicle Electrification Comparison



Electric vehicles can only make impact to the extent that consumers adopt them.

#### Key Factors in PEV Adoption



# Key message #1:

## Electric vehicles are important:

- One of the few technologies capable of near-zero emission transportation

## But are they greener than gasoline vehicles today?

- Depends on location, use conditions, and specific vehicle designs

## Implication:

- Best policies target end goals directly (e.g.: emissions, oil consumption) rather than favoring specific technologies



# Electric vehicle benefits depend on...



## Electricity source:

Charging in the N-Midwest can produce 2-3x as much CO<sub>2</sub> as charging on West Coast.



## Your climate:

Electric vehicles consume 15% more electricity in hot/cold regions on average. Range drops 40% or more on hottest/coldest days.



## How you drive:

In stop-and-go driving, hybrid & electric vehicles cut GHG emissions 50%. For cruising they cost more with marginal environmental benefit.



## What time you charge:

In places like D.C., cheap coal plants are available at night. Charging at night creates more health costs than it saves in operation cost.



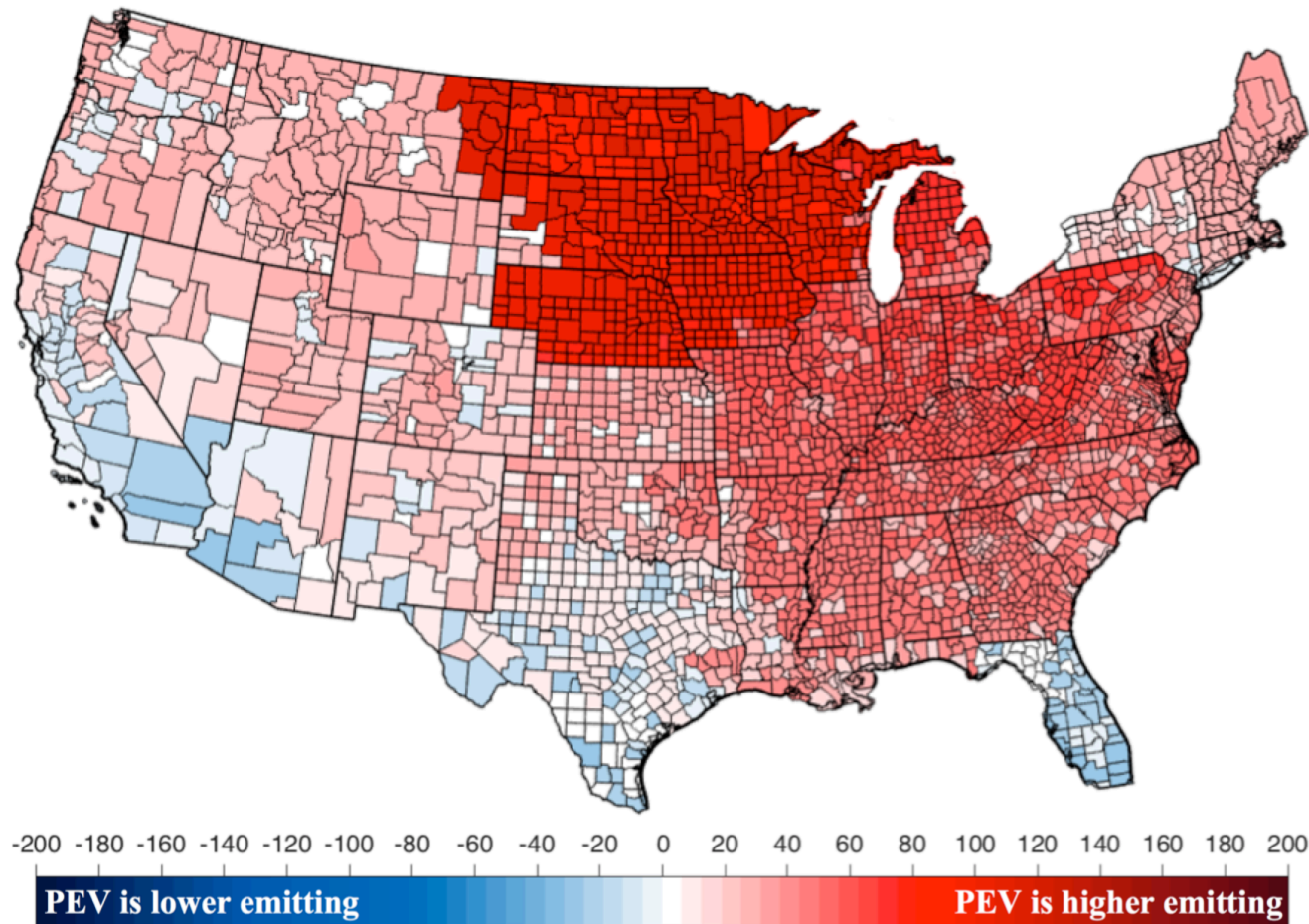
## Vehicle design:

Electric vehicles are diverse, and so are gasoline vehicles. It's not right to think of the technology as just one thing.



# GHG benefits of Leaf vs. Prius vary regionally

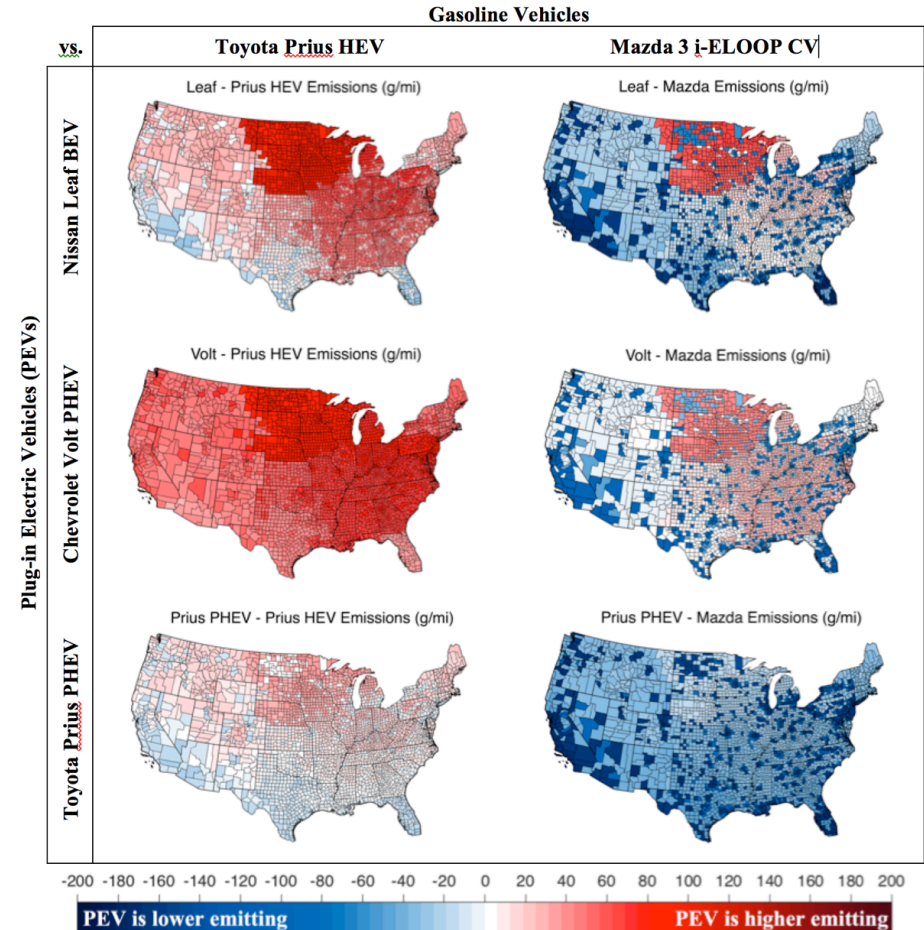
- Leaf produces lower greenhouse gas emissions than Prius in urban counties of the southwest, TX, & FL
- Prius better in midwest, south, and most rural counties



# Lowest GHGs: elec. or gas? Depends on vehicle

## Pairwise comparison of 3 plug-in electric vehicles (PEVs) to 2 gasoline vehicles

- PEVs sometimes cleaner than gasoline vehicles but not always
  - PEVs typically best in urban counties of the southwest, TX, FL
  - PEVs typically worse in midwest, south, and rural counties
- Grid expected to get cleaner over time, reducing PEV emissions



# **Alternative Fuel Vehicles (AFVs)**

Vehicles that run on fuels other than gasoline or diesel (electricity, ethanol, hydrogen, etc.)

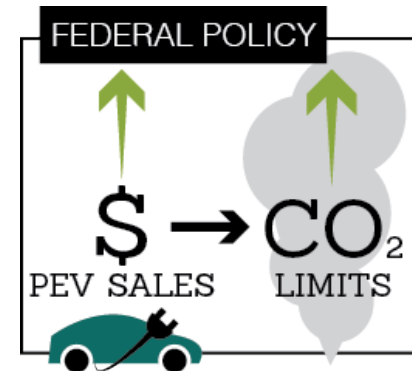
# Key message #2:

## AFV policy interactions increase emissions

1. Federal light-duty vehicle fleet standards
  - Greenhouse gas standards regulated by EPA under the Clean Air Act and
  - Fuel economy standards regulated by DOT under the Energy Policy and Conservation Act
  - Both policies allow automakers that sell AFVs to meet less-stringent fleet standards
2. Federal and state policies encourage AFV sales
  - E.g.: Up to \$7,500 tax credit per electric vehicle sold from American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009
3. So, as more AFVs are sold, net emission limits increase

## Implications:

- Fleet greenhouse gas standards are important, but they may not be the best place to incentivize AFV sales



# Take away:

## 1. **Electric vehicles** important long term

- To get there most efficiently:
  - Target end goals (carbon price, gas tax, feebates)
  - rather than favoring specific technologies (EV subsidies & mandates)

## 2. **Light-duty vehicle fleet standards** important

- But not the best place to incentivize alternative-fuel vehicle sales because these incentives increase overall emissions
- While these AFV incentives are in place (through 2025), efforts to increase AFV sales will increase emissions

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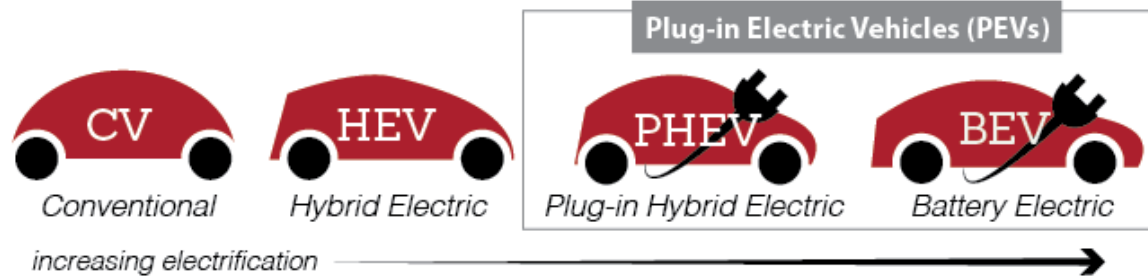
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# Terminology

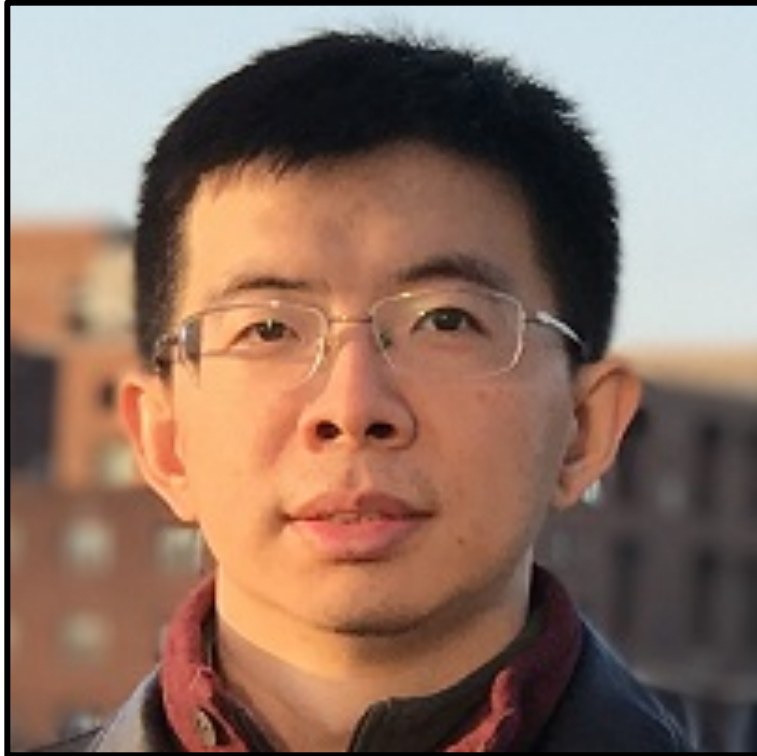
## Vehicle Electrification Comparison



	CV	HEV	PHEV	BEV	
DRIVE TRAIN	battery	-	SMALL	MEDIUM	LARGE
	power converter	ENGINE	ENGINE & MOTOR	ENGINE & MOTOR	MOTOR
SOURCE	electricity	-	-	Y	Y
	gasoline	Y	Y	Y	-



# “Which Alternative Fuel Technology is Best for Transit Buses?”



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# A policymaker guide and a policy brief

## POLICYMAKER GUIDE

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## POLICY BRIEF

### Which alternative fuel technology is best for transit buses?

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Transit agencies are continually planning for their future bus purchases. Today, most transit buses run on conventional diesel fuel. However, many transit agencies are considering other options, such as biodiesel, electricity and natural gas. So, how do the different options compare?

	Conventional		Alternatives					
	Diesel		Biodiesel	Electricity			Natural Gas	
	Produced from crude oil. Conventional diesel buses comprise 60% of the existing fleet. Diesel hybrid electric buses have better fuel economy.		Biodiesel is typically made from vegetable oils, animal fats or recycled restaurant grease. Currently, producing biodiesel is expensive and the supply might be limited.	Battery electric buses have electric motors and batteries that charge en route (rapid, medium battery) or overnight (slow, large battery).			Requires dedicated refueling infrastructure, modifications to garages and special onboard tanks.	
	<b>CV</b>	<b>HEB</b>	<b>B20</b>	<b>B100</b>	<b>BEB</b>	<b>BEB</b>	<b>CNG</b>	<b>LNG</b>
	Conventional Diesel	Diesel Hybrid Electric Bus	20% Biodiesel + 80% Diesel	100% Biodiesel	Battery Electric Bus (Rapid-Charge)	Battery Electric Bus (Slow-Charge)	Compressed Natural Gas	Liquefied Natural Gas
Battery								
Range								
Social Cost*	\$5.00	\$4.30	\$4.60	\$3.00	\$4.70	\$5.80	\$6.30	\$7.70
Agency Cost*	\$59.40	\$56.50	\$60.20	\$64.90	\$44.90	\$47.80	\$59.60	\$68.00

### Finding

Battery electric buses have the lowest overall life cycle cost, particularly when support from federal funding is available.<sup>1</sup> However, they also have the shortest driving range, which will need to improve before they are widely adopted.

\*Costs are in units of \$1,000/bus/year in 2015 dollars. Results assume: a 40-foot bus with federal funding; 12-year lifetime for the bus; 1% discount rate; Port Authority of Allegheny County data.

# Key messages

*#1. Among the choices available to transit agencies, **battery electric buses** are the best option due to **low life cycle agency costs and environmental and health impacts from greenhouse gas and air pollutant emissions.***

*#2. Although there are still some barriers, such as **low range**, to their adoption, electric buses should be considered in both **short-term experimentation and long-term planning** for public transit agencies.*

# Battery Electric Buses Ready for Planning and Testing But Not Yet Full Implementation

## 🕒 Short-Term Strategies

### WAIT AND OBSERVE.

Bus agencies should learn from the implementation experience of alternative fuel buses, particularly battery electric buses operated by early-adopter bus agencies.

### PLAN AHEAD.

The investment in alternative fuel buses likely requires changes to the garage infrastructure and may require changes to operation scheduling. Anticipating and planning for these changes could help with the transition to alternative fuel buses.

### TEST THE OPTIONS.

Before making the investment, plan on testing the buses and the potential infrastructure to ensure it meets agency needs. Update studies.

As more and better emissions data becomes available, update these studies to ensure that decisions are based on the most current information.

## 📅 Long-Term Strategies

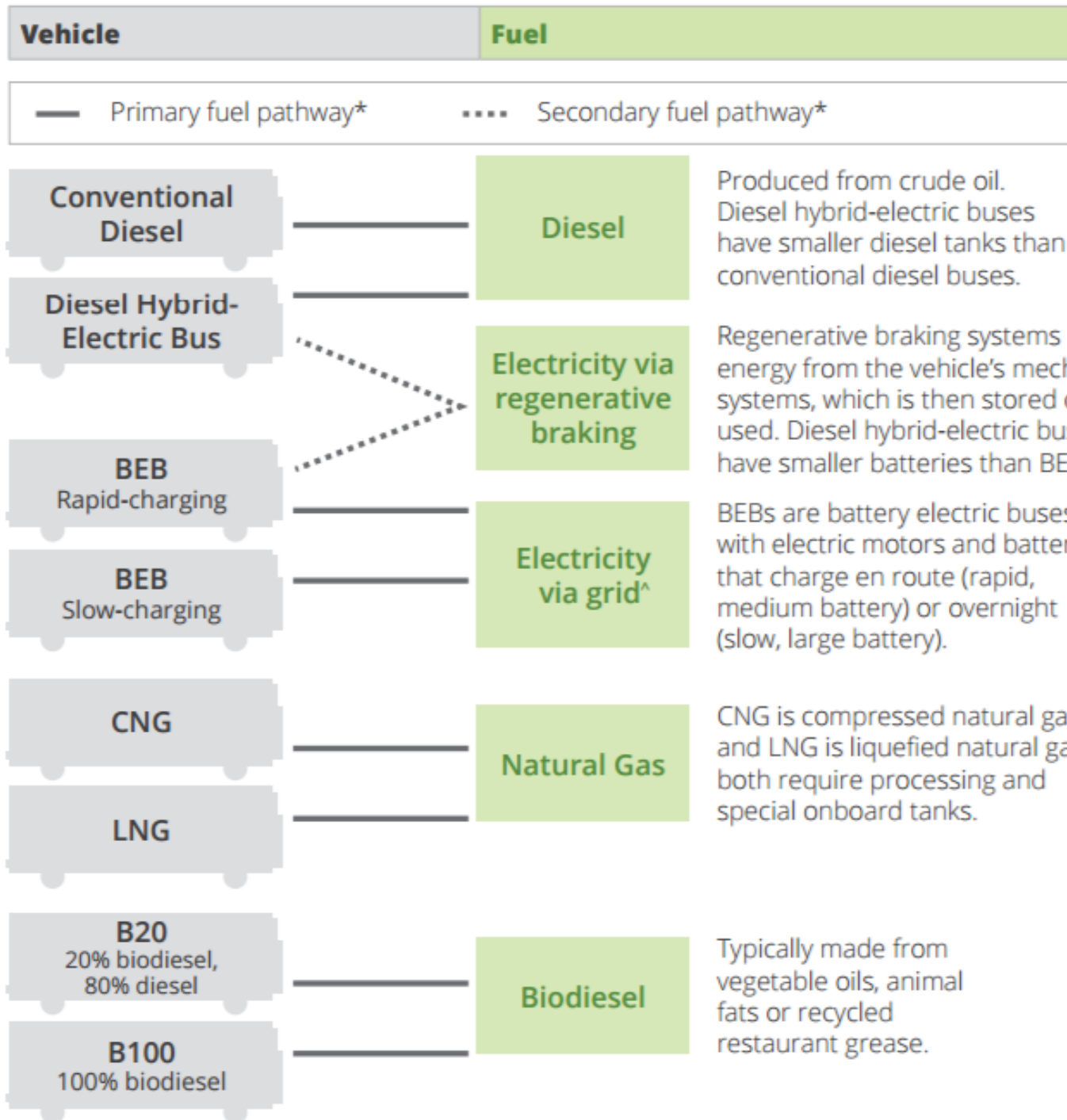
### INVEST IN BATTERY ELECTRIC BUSES.

In the long term, battery electric bus batteries should become less expensive and have longer range. The benefits of reduced emissions and the use of external funding for capital investments make this an attractive option.

### INVESTIGATE RENEWABLE ENERGY SOURCES.

With a switch to battery electric buses, a large contributor to the life cycle emissions is from grid electricity. Although the grid in Pennsylvania is likely to become cleaner, having independent, renewable energy sources at Port Authority facilities could be a cost-effective option from an emissions standpoint.

# Variety of Bus Fueling Options Available



## ACRONYM KEY:

- B20** A blend of 20% biodiesel and 80% petroleum diesel
- B100** Biodiesel (pure)
- BEB** Battery electric bus
- CAP** Criteria air pollutant
- CNG** Compressed natural gas
- GHG** Greenhouse gas
- HEB** Hybrid-electric bus
- LNG** Liquefied natural gas
- O&M** Operation and maintenance

# Transit Agencies Need to Consider Both Agency Costs and Social Costs Caused by Air Emissions

## Agency costs

- Transit bus – purchase costs, operation & maintenance costs.
- Infrastructure – refueling station, garage, and parking lot.



<http://www.bus-history.org/blog/?p=84>



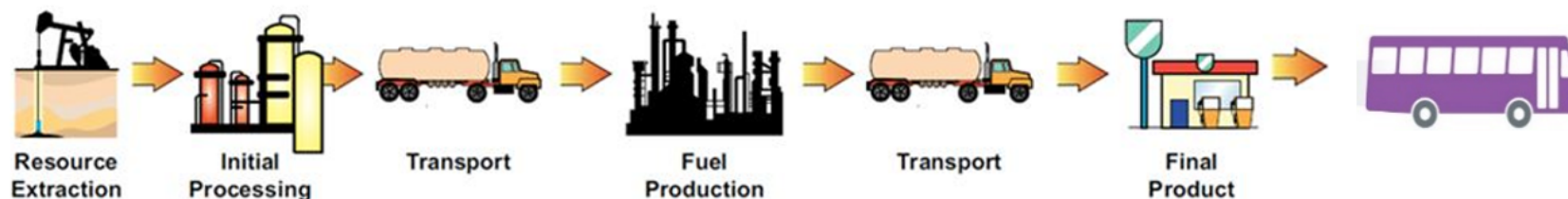
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## Social costs caused by air emissions

- Greenhouse gas emissions – climate change impacts
- Criteria air pollutants – health impacts



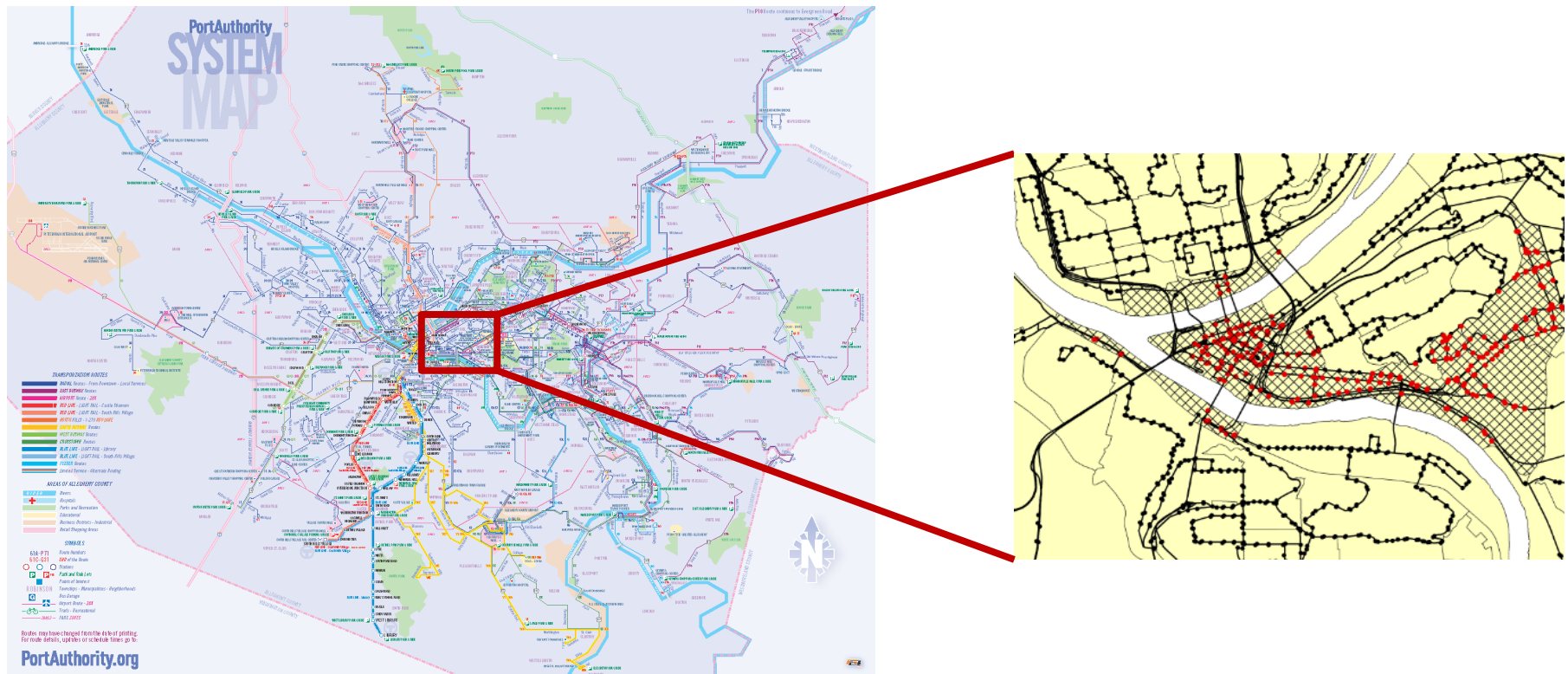
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# Battery Electric Buses Have Zero Tailpipe Emissions

Transit buses contribute to **1% of direct PM<sub>2.5</sub> emissions** from mobile sources in Allegheny County.

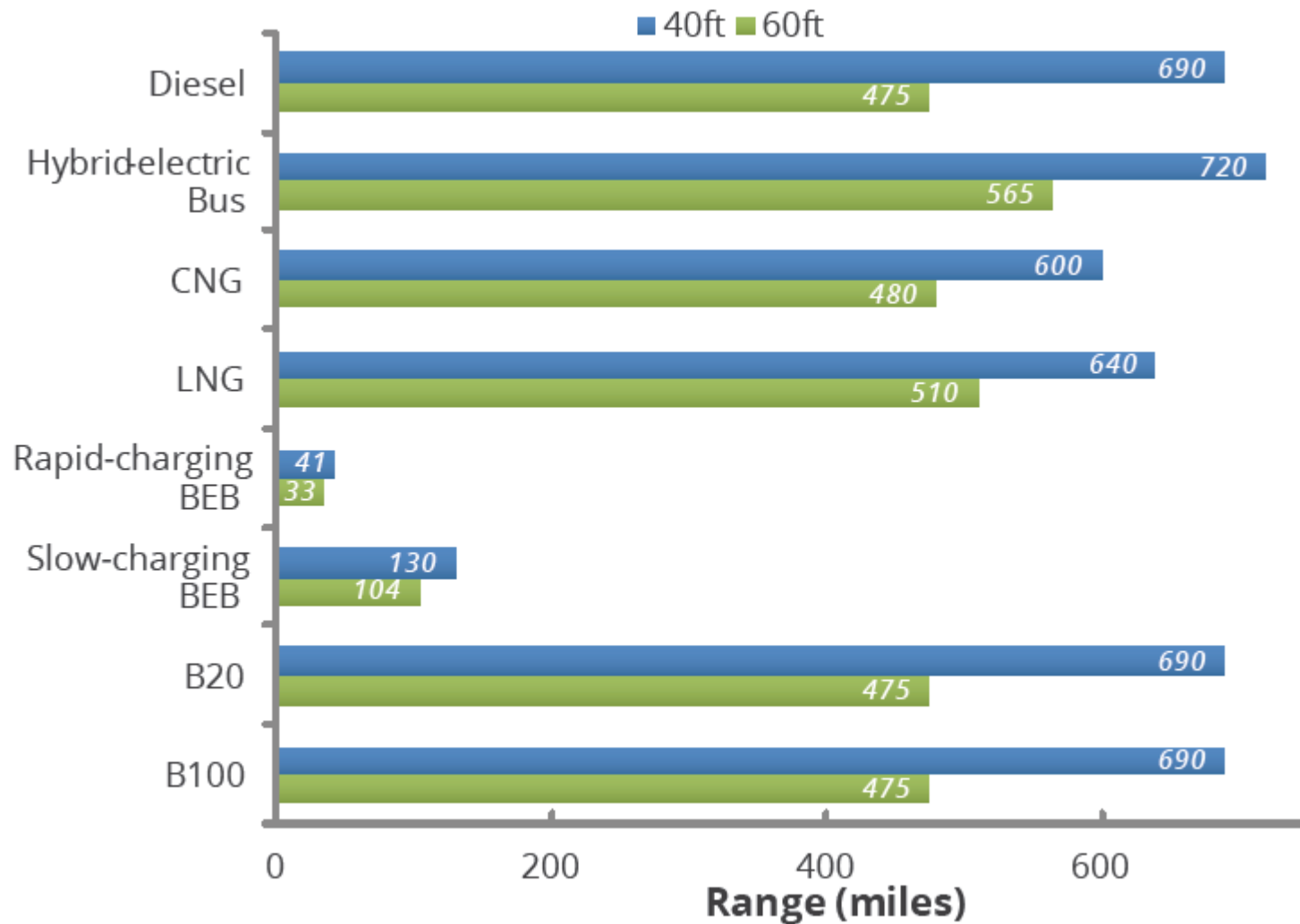
**Diesel particulate matter** is the **leading additive cancer risk air toxics** in Downtown Pittsburgh and in Allegheny County.

Battery electric buses have zero tailpipe emissions.





# Battery Electric Buses Cannot Go Far Before Needing to Recharge Relative to Alternatives



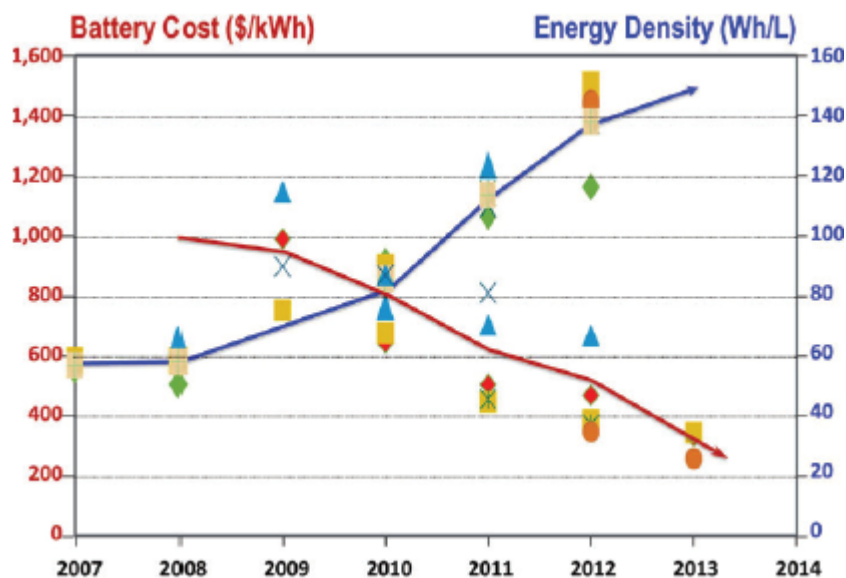
Transit buses run on average 100 miles per day according to Port Authority in Pittsburgh and several transit agencies in California.

# Battery Electric Buses are Improving in Cost and Performance

More adoption leads to increasing technology maturity level. Less than 100 battery electric buses in the U.S. now (~40 in CA).

Battery costs and performance are improving fast, suggesting better economics and longer range for battery electric buses in the near future.

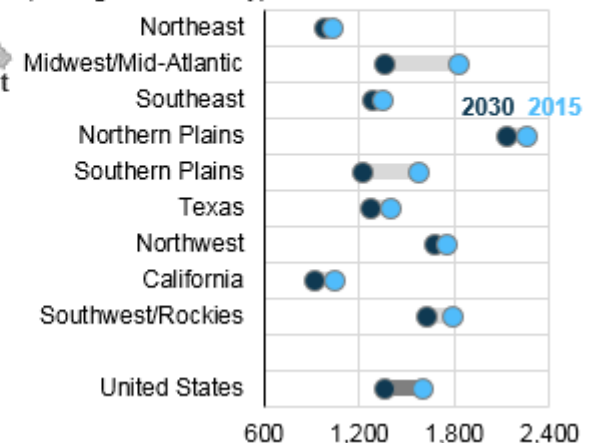
Cleaner electricity grid results in lower social costs.



Electricity market regions



Carbon dioxide emissions rate by region  
2015 and 2030 (Reference case)  
pounds of CO2 per megawatthour  
(fossil generation only)



Left: DOE (2014); right: EIA (2016)

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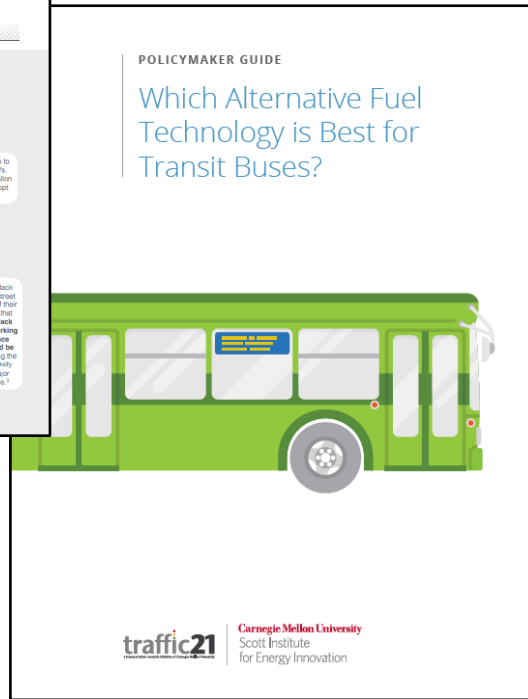
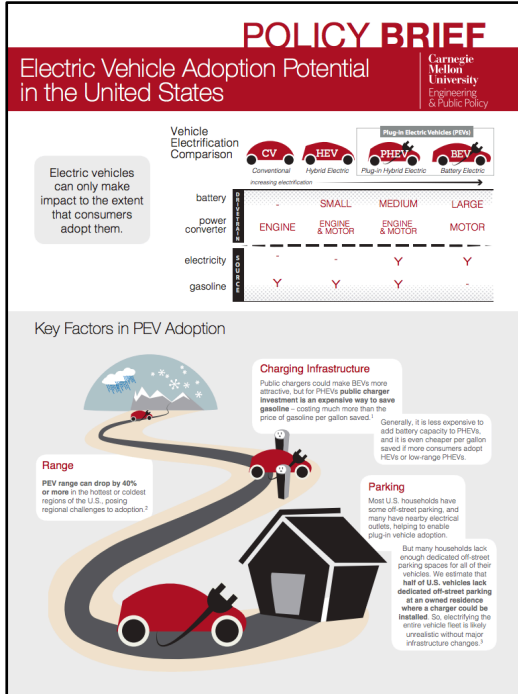
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