

Cost-effective technology choices in personal transport

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Presentation Outline

1. Technology Assessment

- Alternative fuels production & distribution (hydrogen & biofuels)
- Vehicle / drivetrains

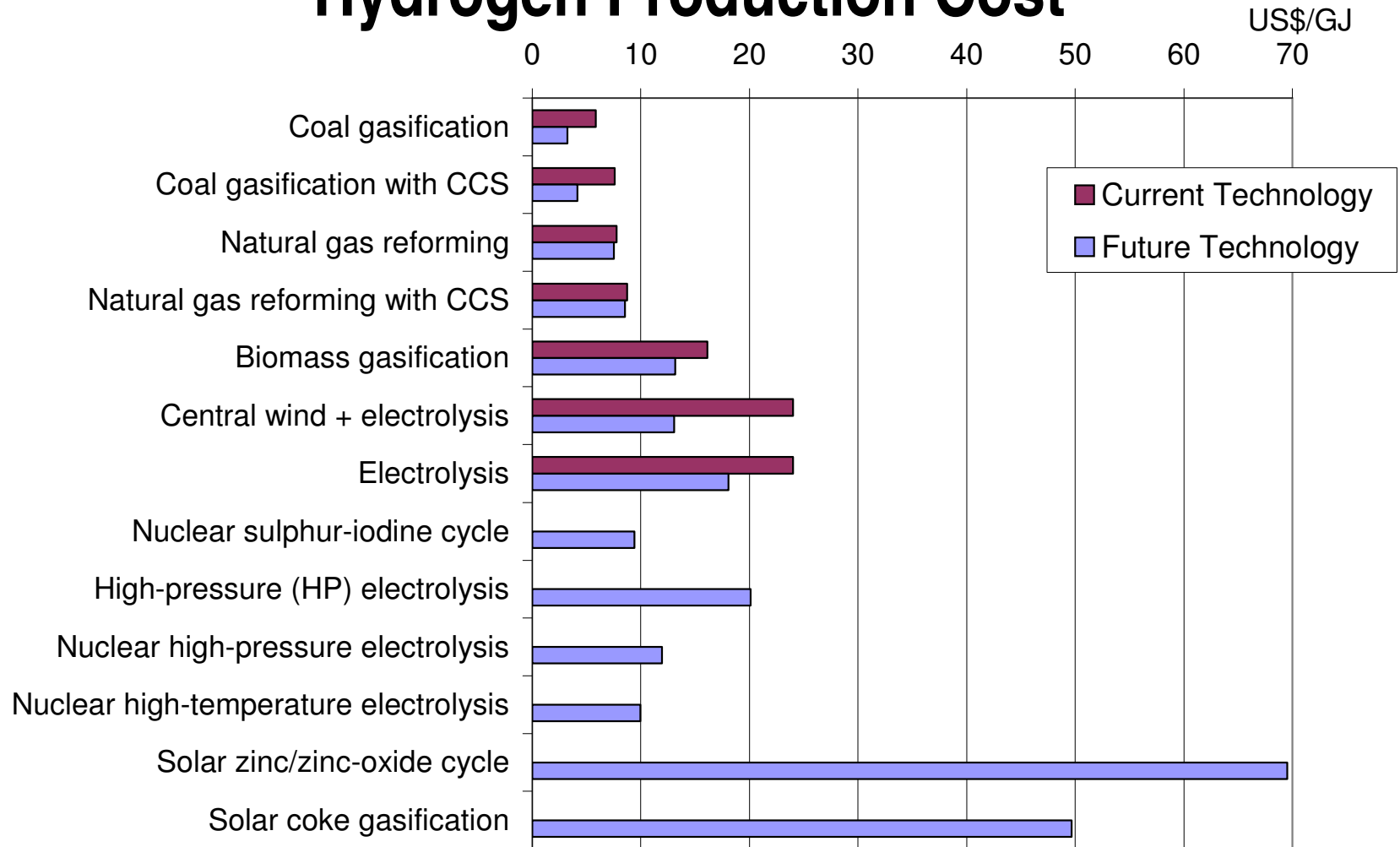
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Part 1: Technology Assessment

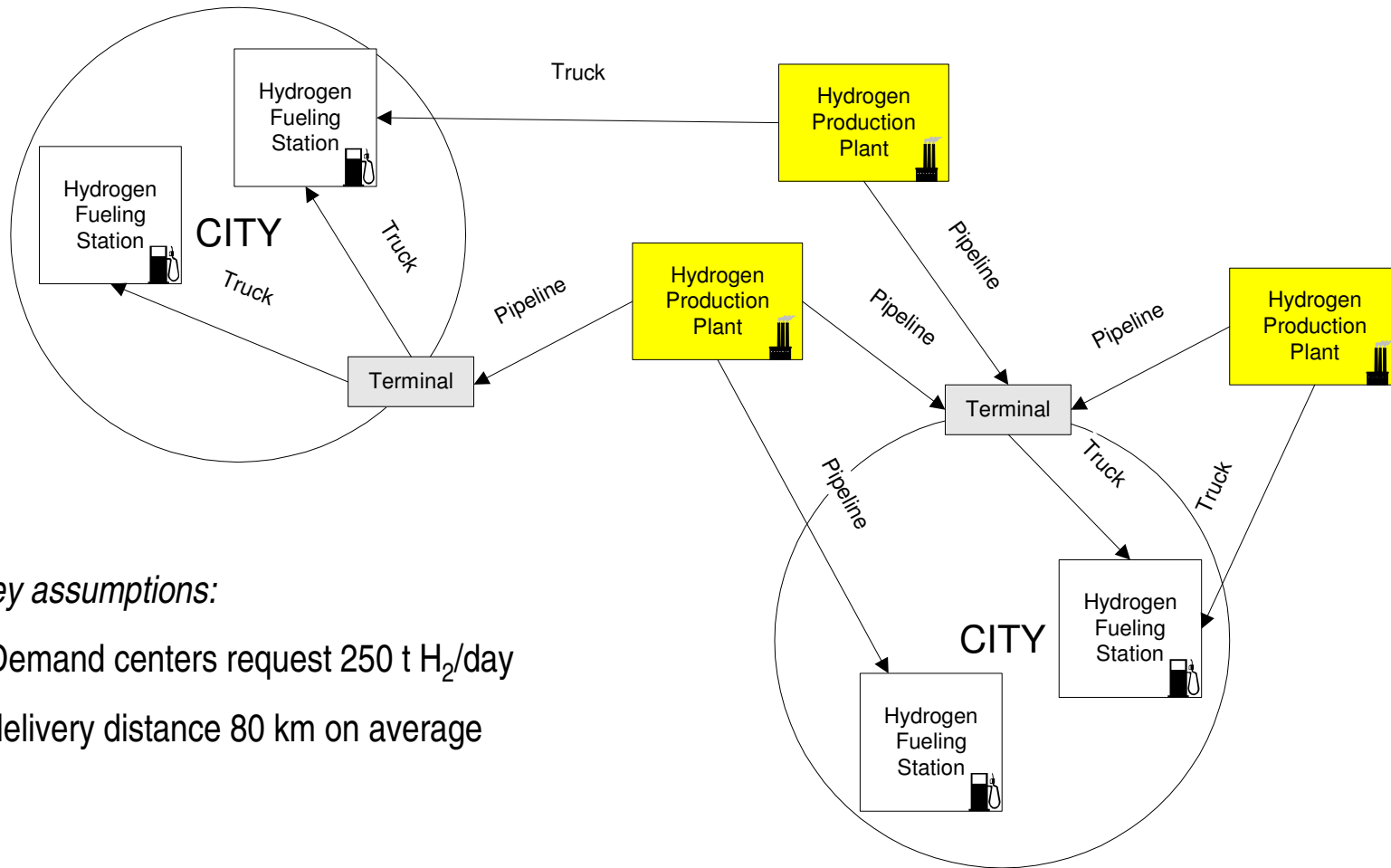
Hydrogen Production Cost



Sources: adapted from US DoE (2006) and Felder (2007)

Note: Interest rate 5%

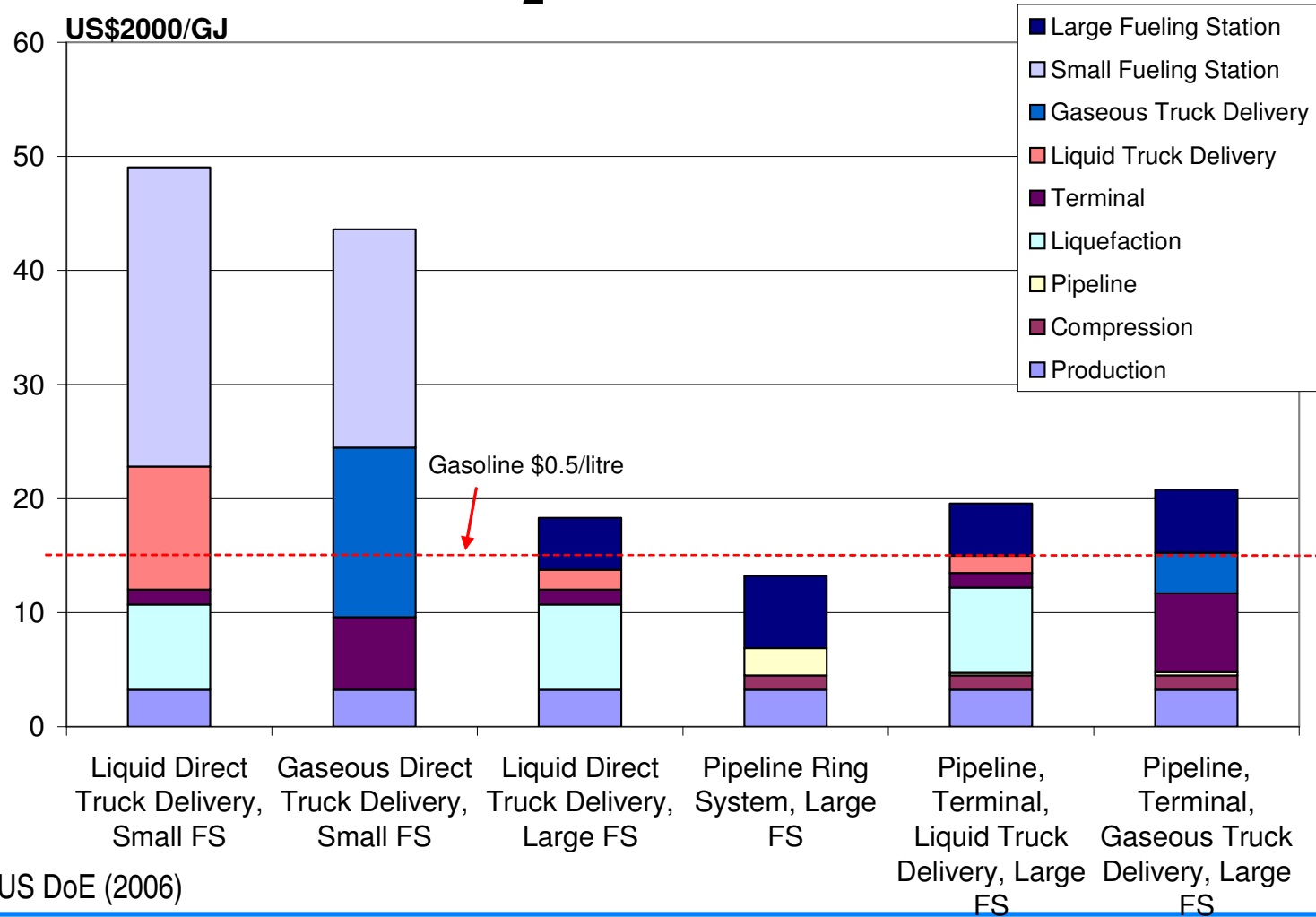
Hydrogen Delivery Options



Key assumptions:

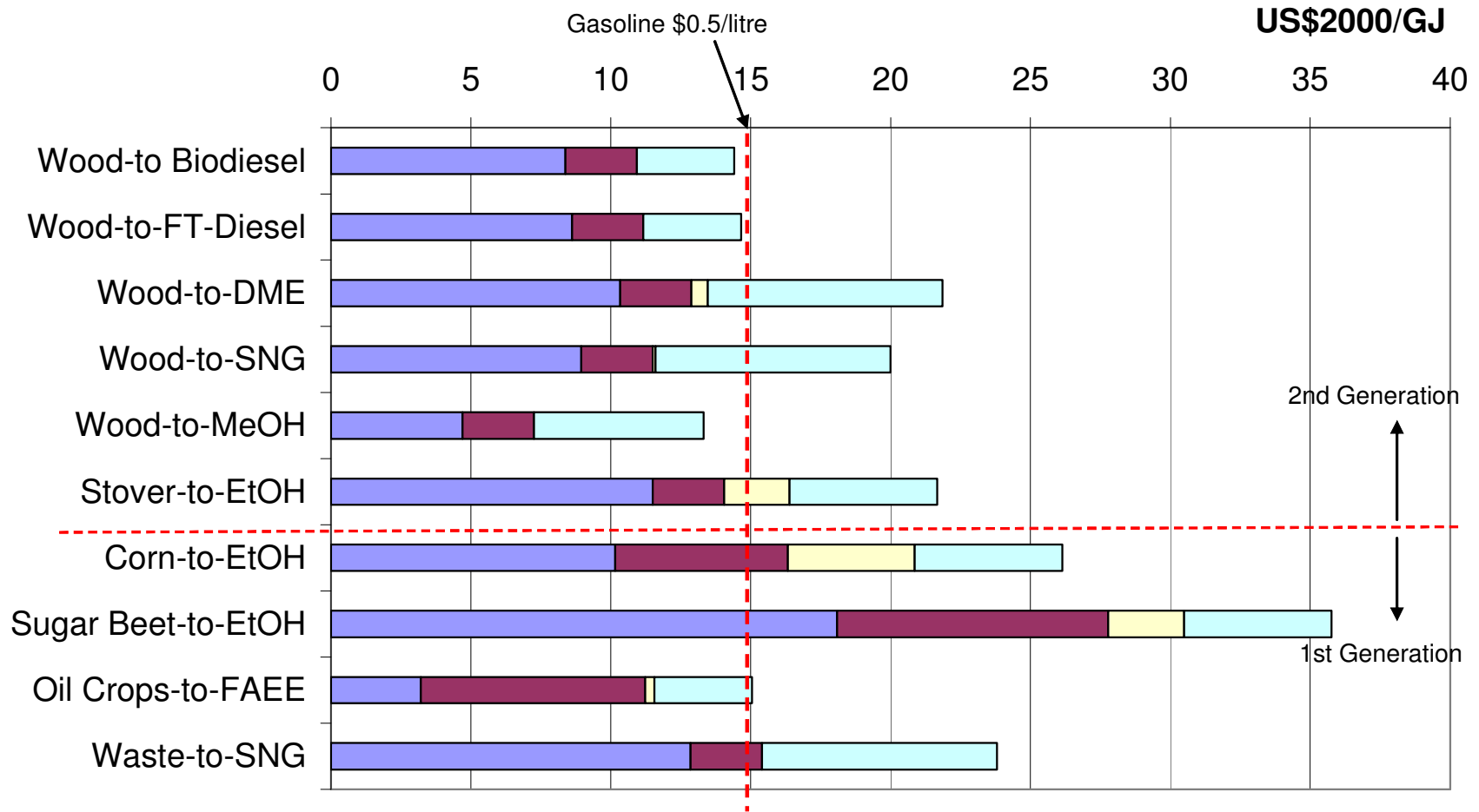
- Demand centers request 250 t H₂/day
- delivery distance 80 km on average

Cost of Delivered H₂ from Coal Gasification 2030



Source: US DoE (2006)

Biofuels Costs



Source: Ragetti (2007)

Technologies in Personal Transport

	ICE	ICE Electric Hybrid	Fuel Cell Electric Hybrid
Oil Products	X	X	X
Biofuels	X	X	
Natural Gas	X	X	
Hydrogen		X	X

Key learning components personal transport

Assumptions	Size [kW]	Initial Cost [US\$/kW]	Future Cost [US\$/kW]	
Fuel Cell	40	250	40	
Reformer	40	90	25	
Hybrid Battery System	28	2'500	800	US\$ per vehicle
Battery Electric	48 kWh	16'250	12'000	US\$ per vehicle
Plug-In Hybrid	8.2 kWh	6'500	2'800	US\$ per vehicle

Source: Turton (2006), Kromer (2007), own assumptions

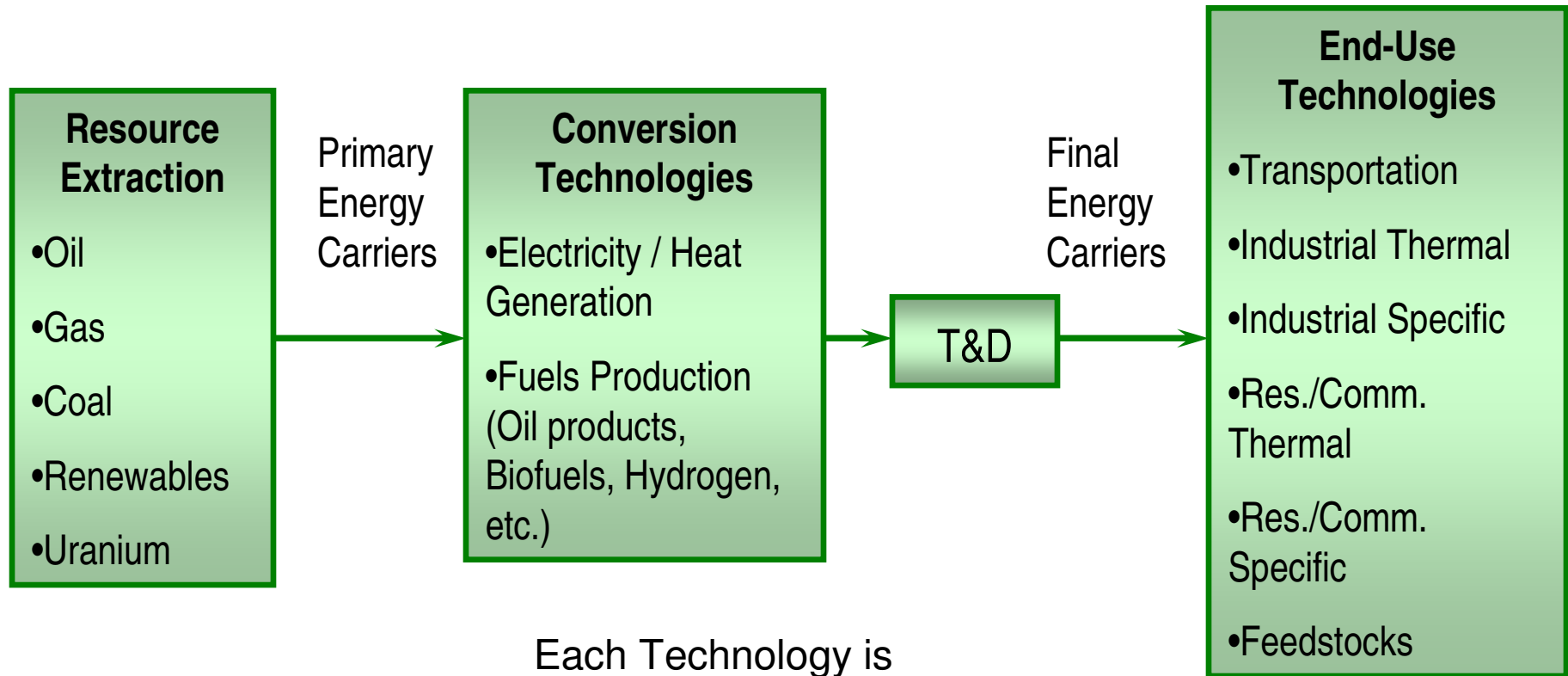
- All these new vehicles assumed available as of 2010
- All vehicle costs are reduced along the same time trajectory, i.e. they reach their future lowest costs at the same time

Part 2: Modeling Framework

European Hydrogen Model EHM

- developed at Paul Scherrer Institute
- MARKAL-class model
- „bottom-up“ energy-system model with detailed representation of technologies
- **cost-optimization model: identifies least-cost solutions for the energy system under given sets of assumptions and constraints**
- based on IPCC-SRES B2 scenario („middle-of-the-road“), calibrated to year 2000 statistics from IEA
- represents the energy system of EU-29

EHM Reference Energy System - Structure



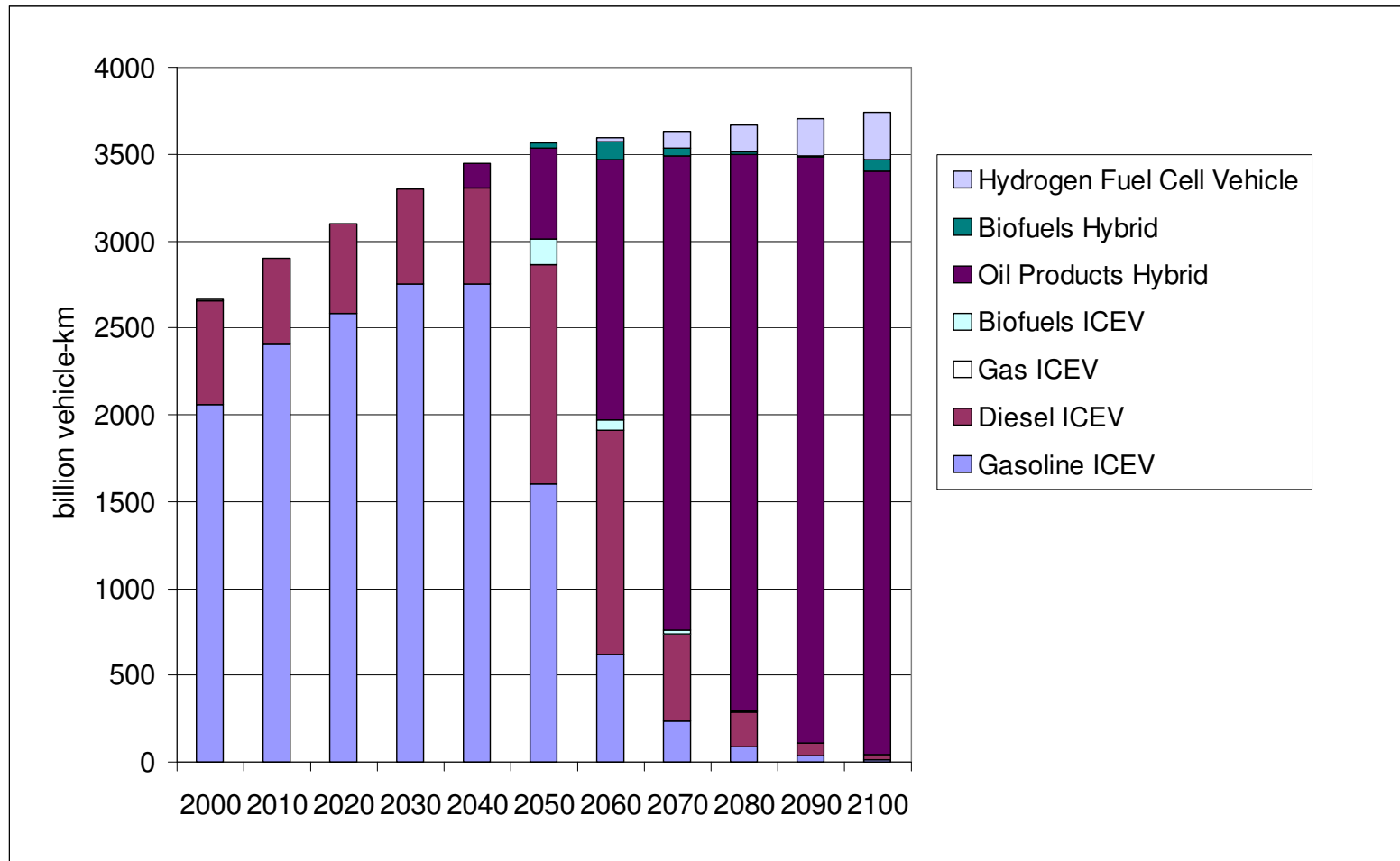
Each Technology is represented by its costs and efficiency!

Key Modeling Assumptions

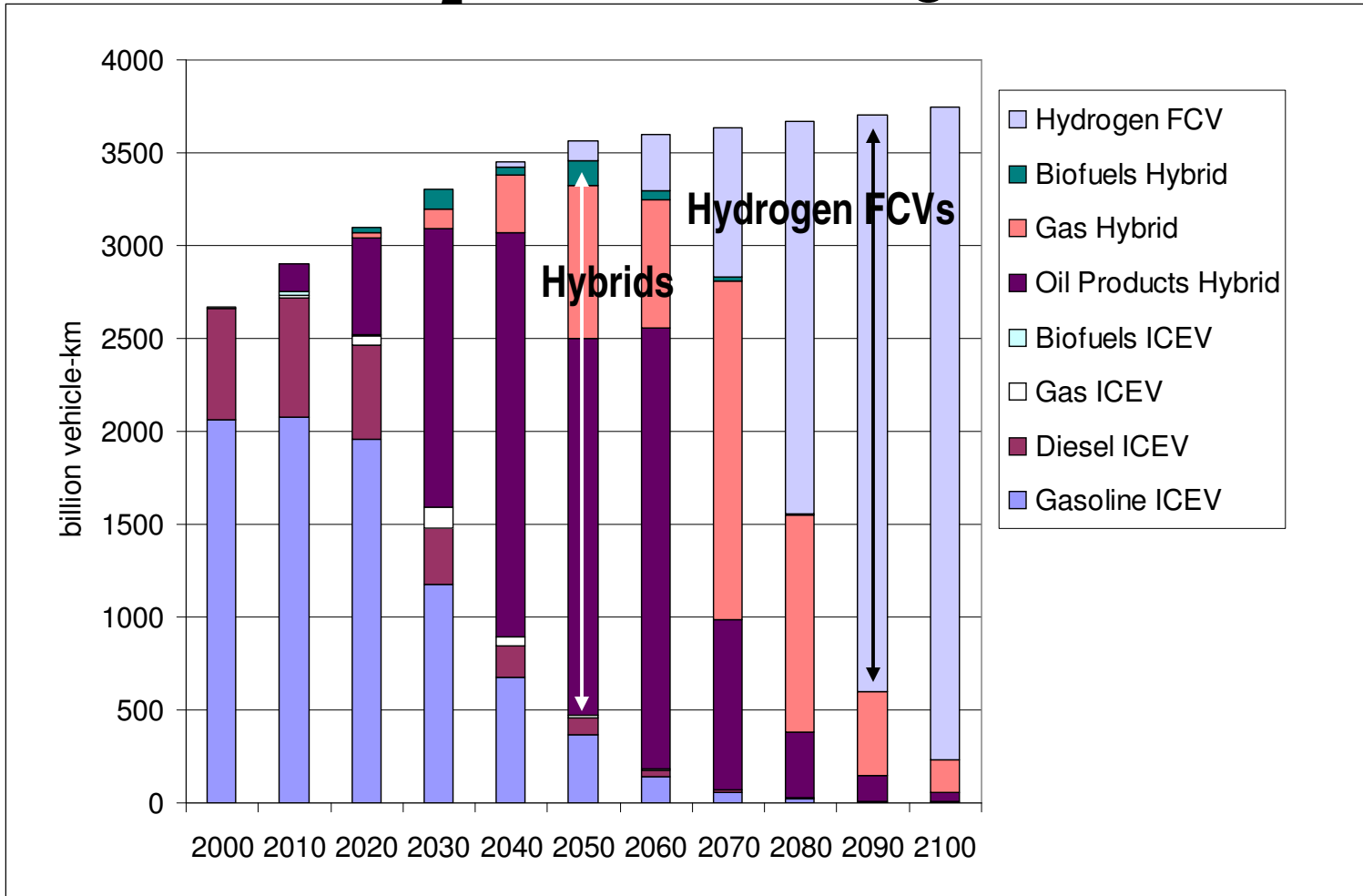
- Oil price max. US\$ 110 /bbl in 2100, natural gas price linked to oil price
- No restriction on the availability of fossil resources
- Only European biomass potential (7.2 EJ), no import of biomass or biofuels allowed

Part 3: Scenario Analyses

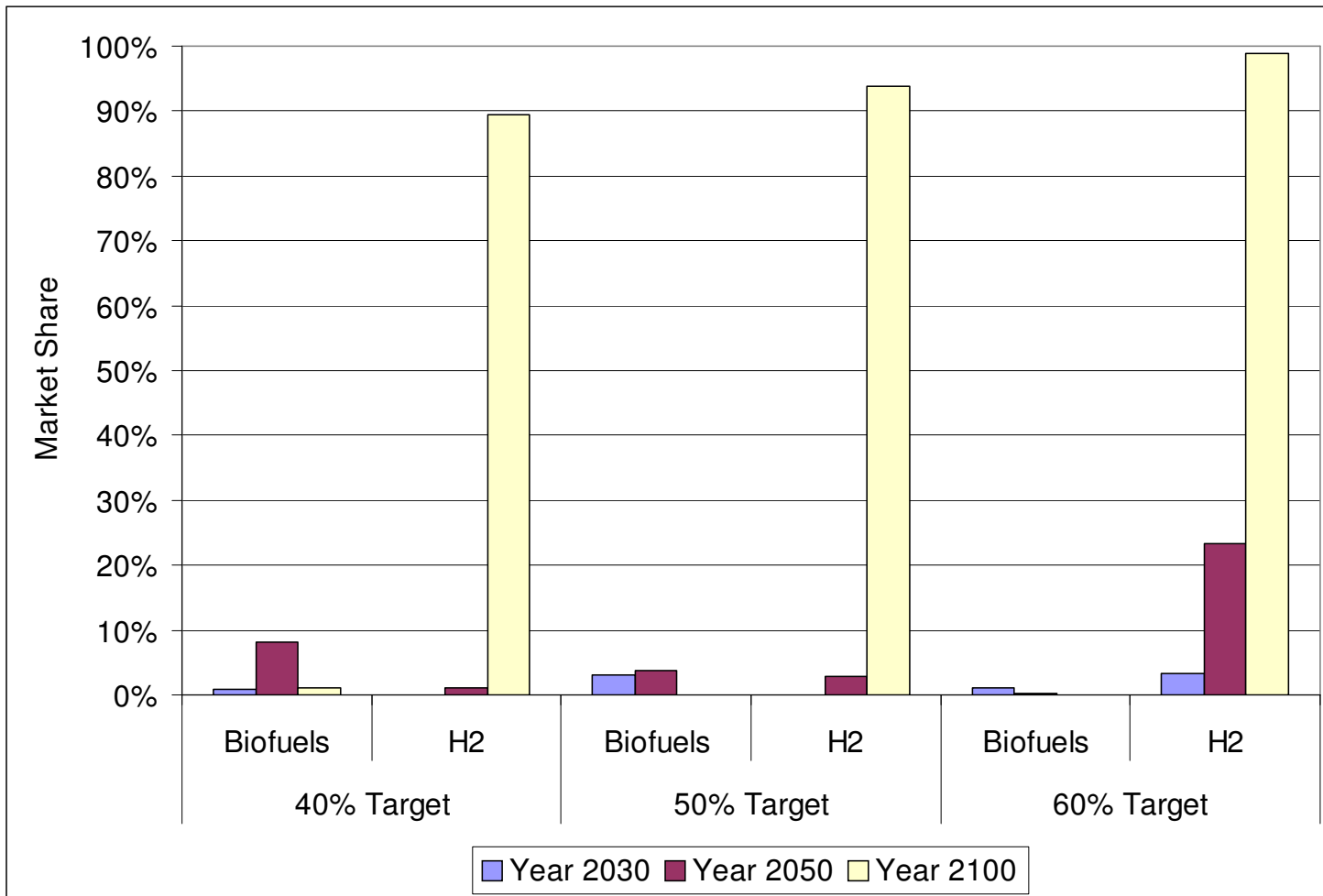
1. Baseline Scenario: Personal Transport EU-29



2. 50% CO₂ Reduction Target in 2050

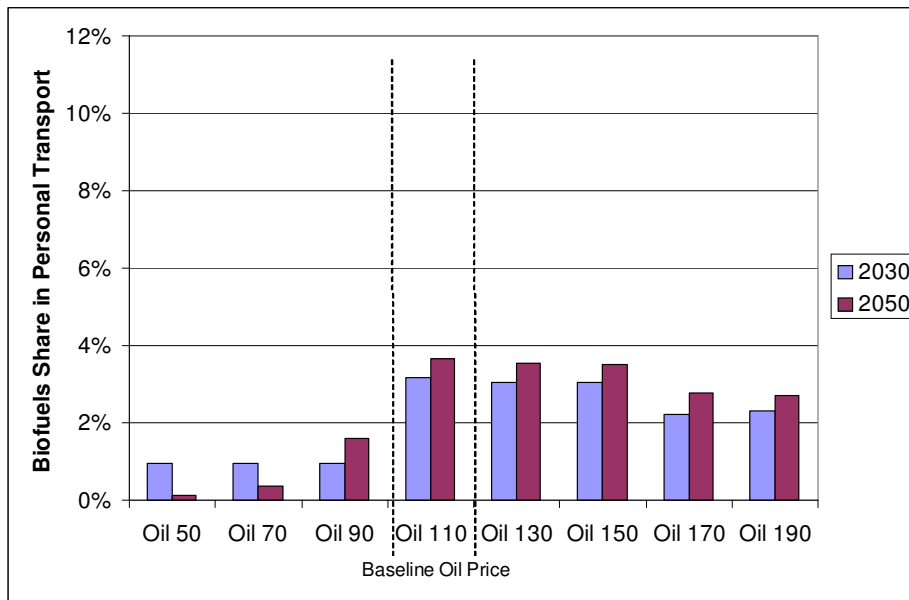


3. Varying CO₂ Reduction Targets

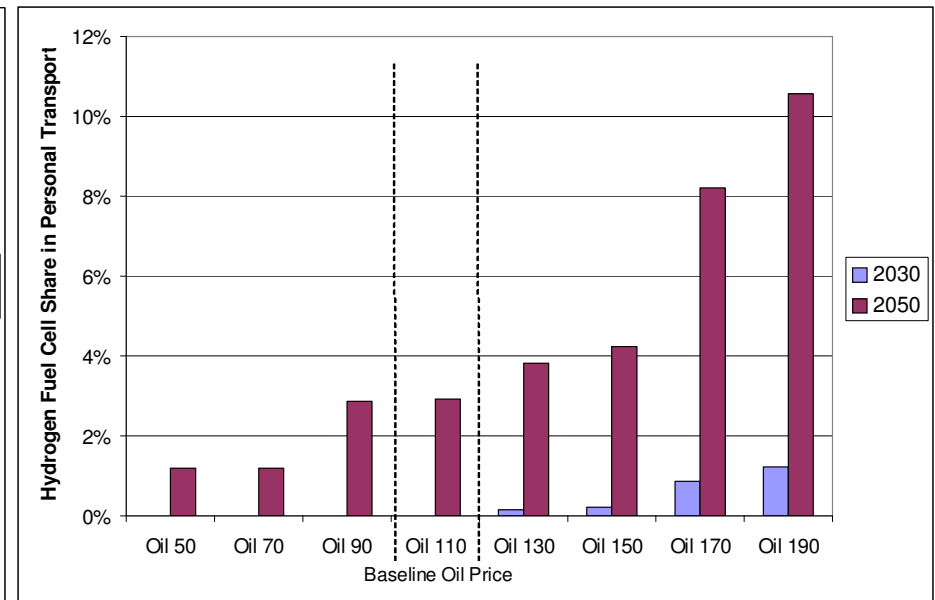


4. The Role of Oil Prices under a 50% CO₂ target

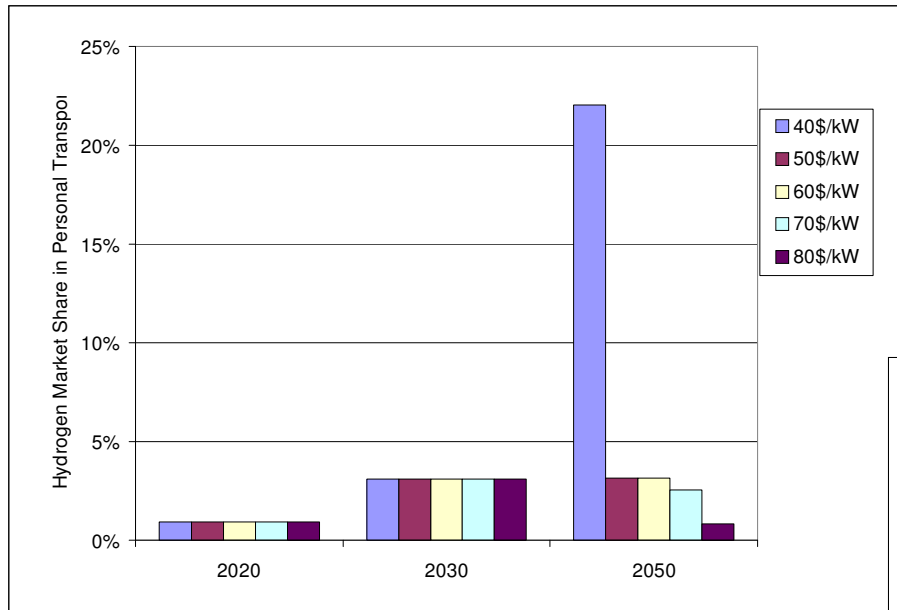
Biofuels Market Share



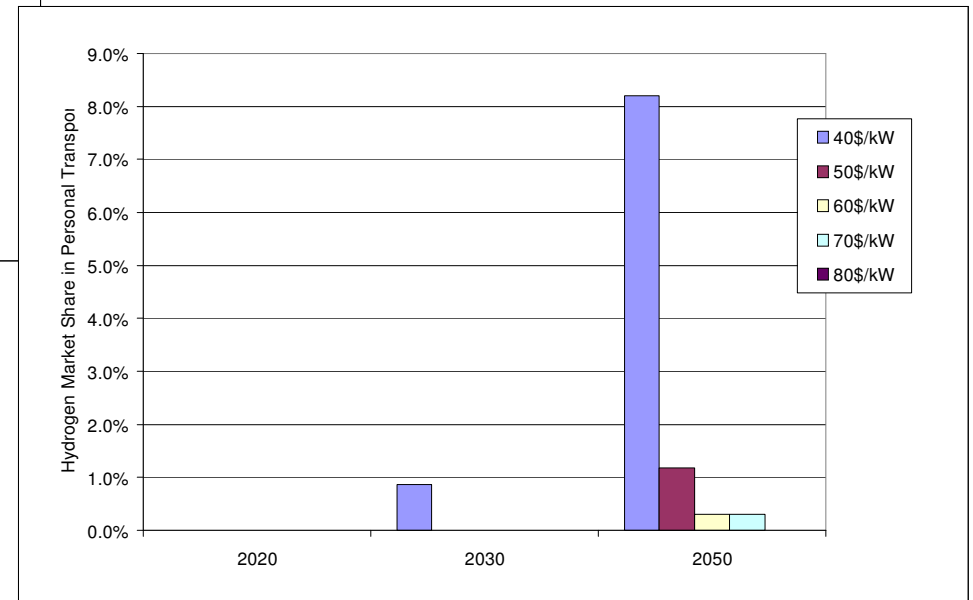
Hydrogen Market Share



5. How could fuel cells contribute earlier?



Floor cost in 2020



Floor cost in 2050

Conclusions

- Hybrid vehicles are a sound option for reducing CO₂ emissions from transport
- Hydrogen fuel cells can play an important role in reducing CO₂ emissions from personal transport, but the cost of the fuel cell needs to be reduced.
 - The lower the costs of the fuel cell become in a foreseeable future, the better the prospects for hydrogen in transport
- Limited biomass potential in Europe is a significant obstacle for the utilization of biofuels. Still, other factors than cost-optimization only could motivate the use of biofuels, i.e. energy security (reduction of fossil fuel imports, resource availability)

Thank you for your attention
