



# Looking Before You Leap into A Model: *w Climate for Seeing Transport Energy Futures?*

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# Precourt Energy Efficiency Center Stanford University



- A research and analysis institute at Stanford
- Established in October 2006
- Initial funding: \$30 million pledge by Jay Precourt
- Mission
  - To improve opportunities for and implementation of energy efficient technologies, systems, and practices, with an emphasis on economically attractive deployment
  - Focus on the demand side of energy markets
  - Energy efficiency: economically efficient reductions in energy use (or energy intensity)

# Transport Energy Futures



- **The Traditional Approach – Less Helpful for Seeing**
- **The ASIF Approach**
- **Data Nightmares**
  - Our Own US Problems: We can't count
  - What savings from dieselization in Europe
- **The Blind Side – Transport Futures Trump Oil Futures**
  - Mexico City CO2 Benefits – Oil and CO2 Savings No One Saw
  - Two Wheeler World in Hanoi – Sustainable Transport
  - Hyper-motorization in China (and India); Room on the Road?
- **Conclusions**
  - Tools and approaches for better views of the future



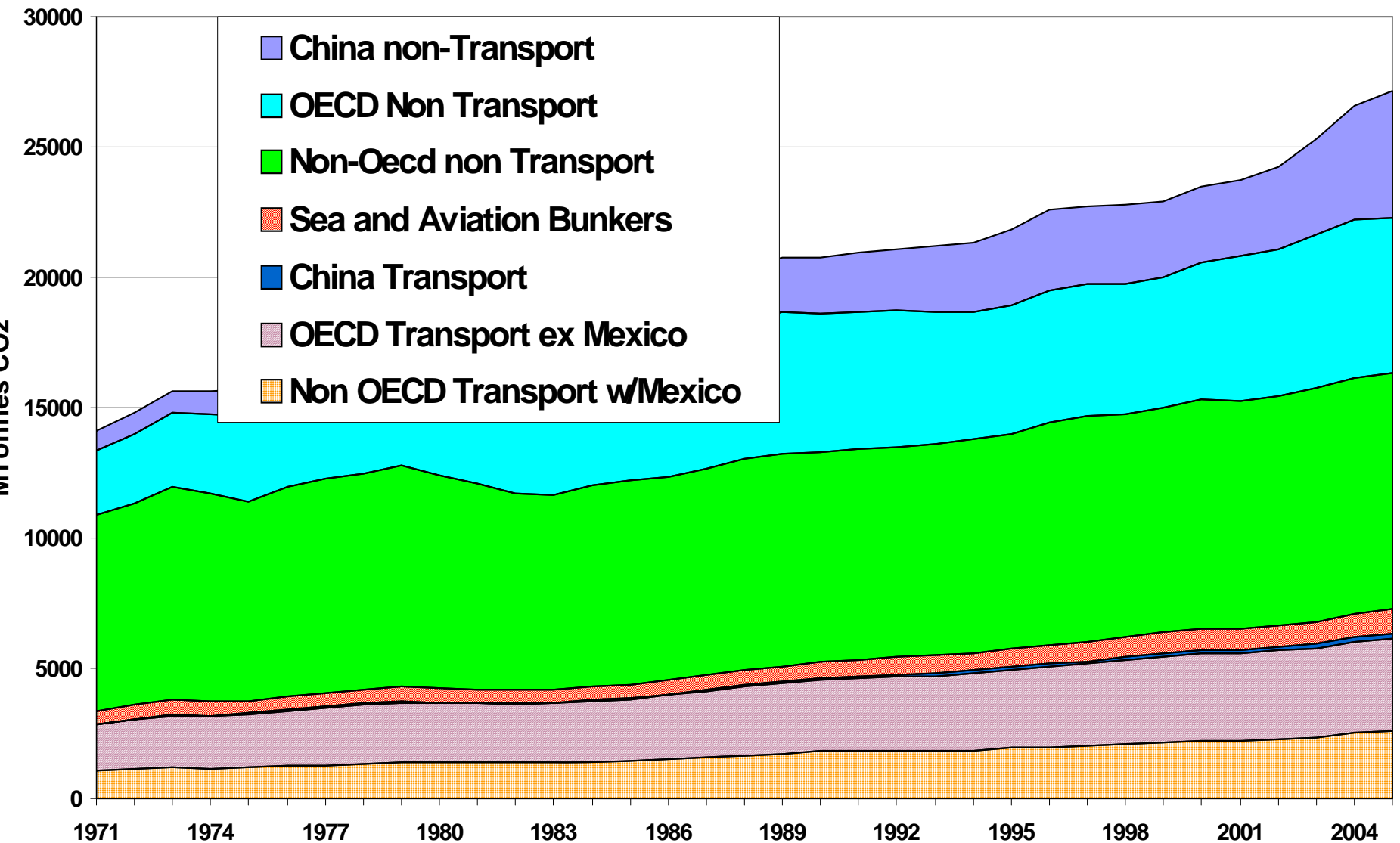
# Congestion or Access?

Is Our View of the Future Stuck?

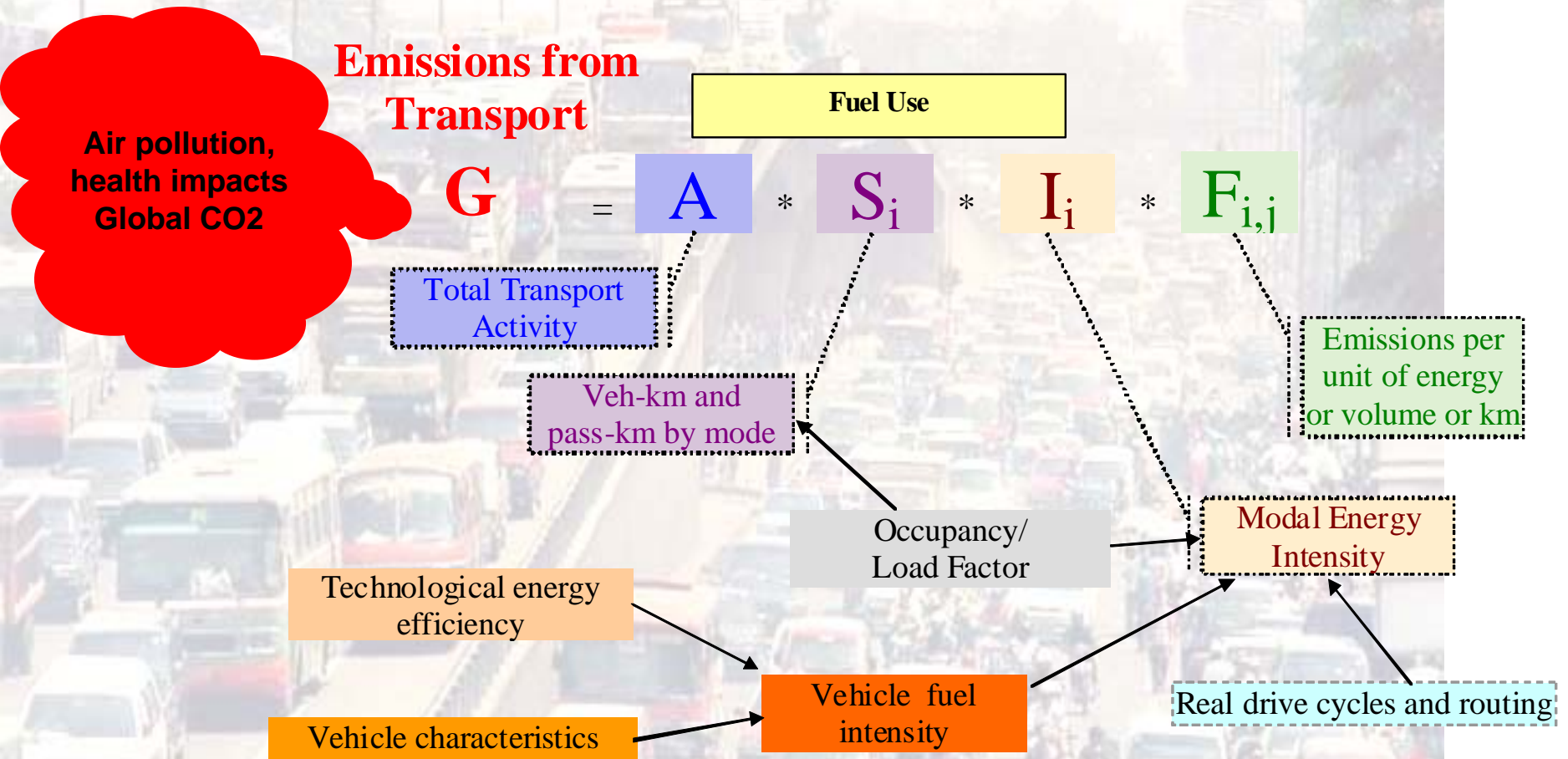


# WORLD CARBON EMISSIONS: TRANSPORT

## Roughly 35% of Transport Emissions in/around Cities



# “ASIF” Decomposition: Road Map For Saving



Lesson : Attack All Components of Fuel Use and CO2-  
How Much Do we Even Know about the DC Metro Area?

# Key Issues in US Road Transport Models

## Activity And Fuel Economy Data

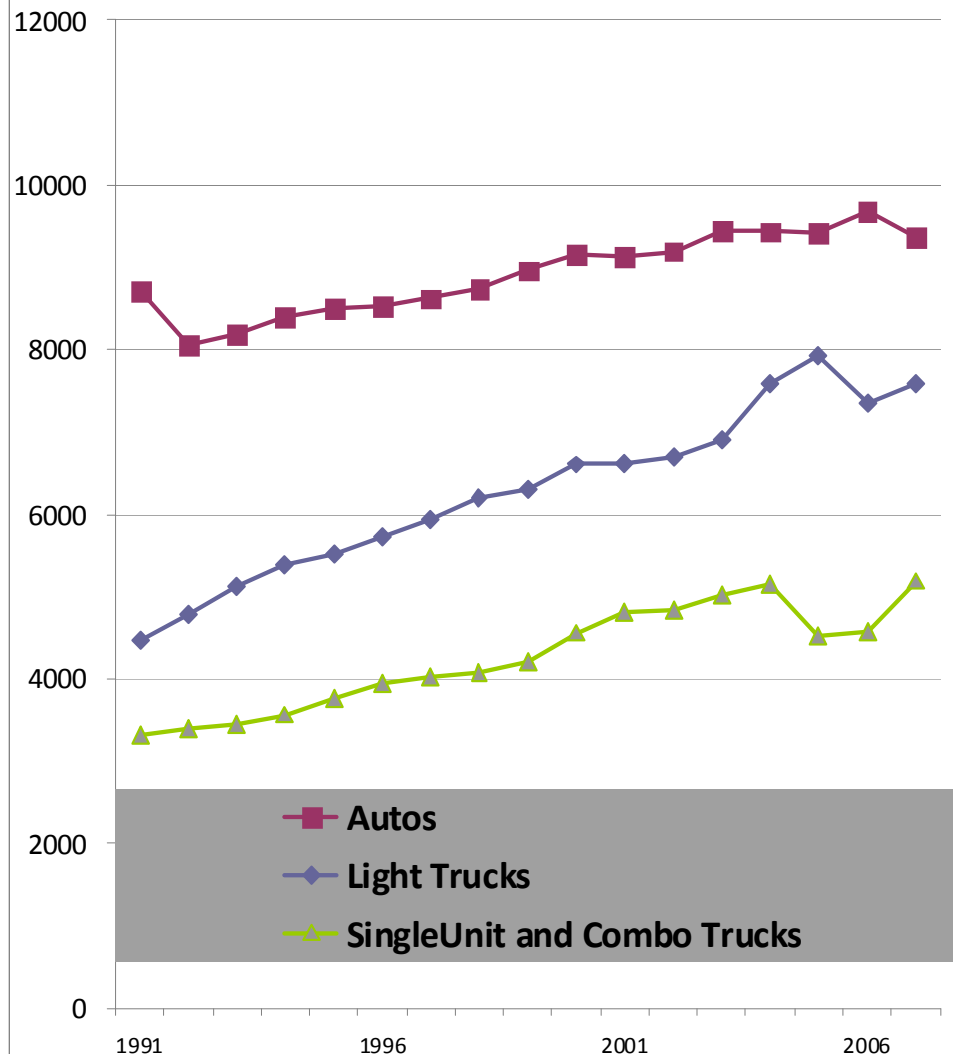
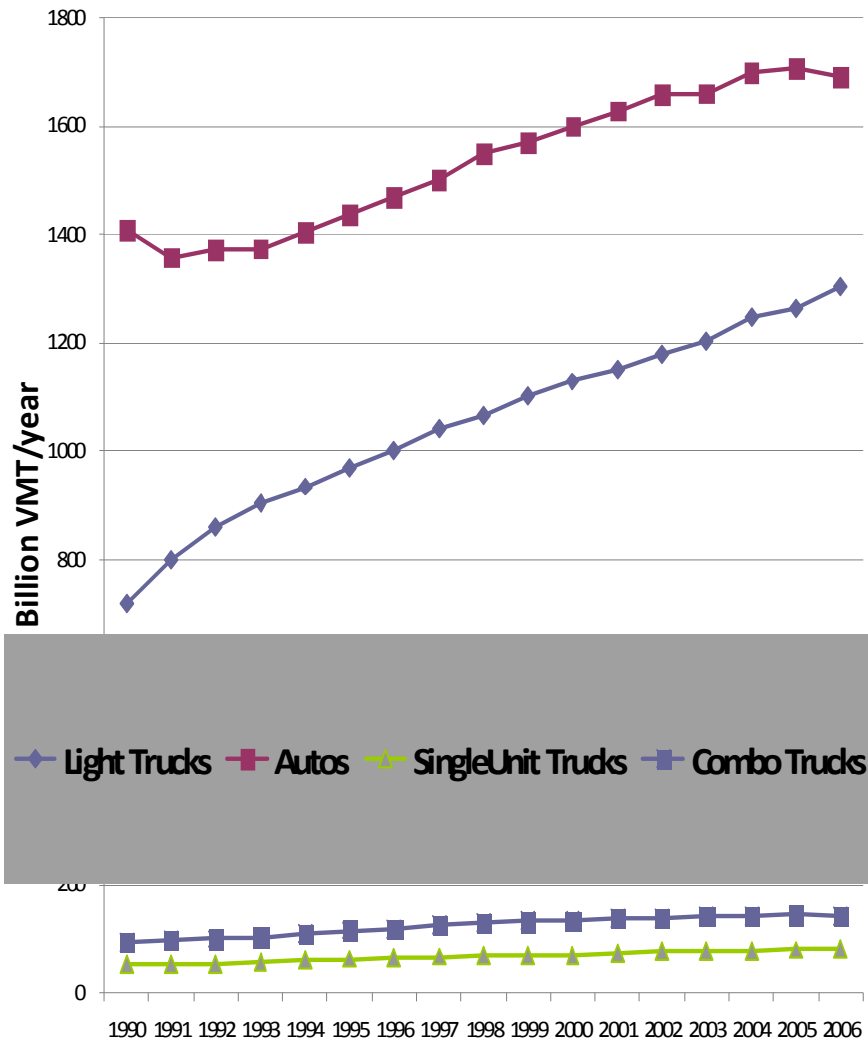
- Cars and Household Light Trucks – How are Numbers Made Up?
  - Nat Household Travel Survey every (X) years – No fuel data
  - DOT Table VMT-1 (by state) – how accurate are fuel sales and VMT?
  - DOE Household Energy Consumption Survey- VMT but no fuel
- Trucking
  - Table VM 1 Data on VMT and fuel by truck type – How collected?
  - No medium or short haul ton mile data
  - VIUS/TIUS Died in 2002 – how will we understand light trucks
- Why Is This a Problem?
  - No on-road fuel economy data when they are subject of public policy
  - Difficulties measuring short and long term changes in VMT
  - Rising interest in VMT Tax as part of way to pay for roads

*It Could Be Worse: No VMT, Fuel Economy, or Consistent “Active Vehicle” Fleet Data for LDCs!*



# Where Did the Fuel Go?

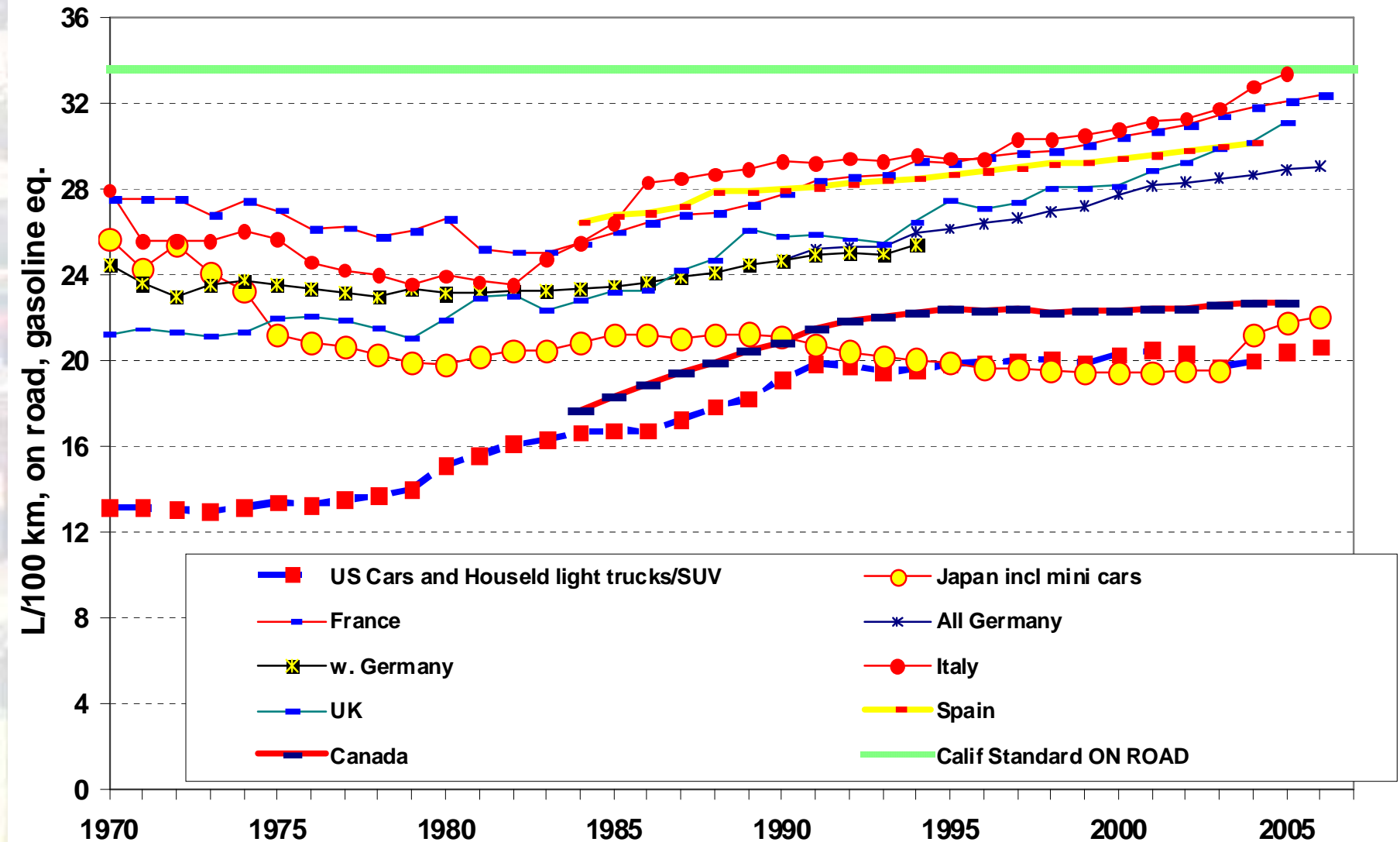
## Our Own VMT and Fuel Accounts Don't Match





# Where Is the US in On-Road Fuel Economy?

## Hard To Tell What the Trend Is!



# Saving Emissions From Transport – It Rarely Comes Down to Just Technology

- Traditional Technology – 40-60 MPG or 2.5-4 l/100km?
  - Less power, lighter materials, lower drag, CVT, cold cylinders
  - Gasoline or clean diesel hybrids
  - End to the power and weight chase?
- Other Approaches - Cost, Time to Deploy
  - City cars vs. long distance cars?
  - Plug in hybrids – most driving is for local, short trips
  - Fuel cells? Many cost, feedstock, materials challenges
- Alternative or Bio-Fuels – What are They Worth?
  - US Corn ethanol a dead end, other biofuels increasingly uncertain
  - True low carbon fuels not here, won't arrive under present policies
  - Non-oil always possible, but always expensive and higher CO<sub>2</sub>



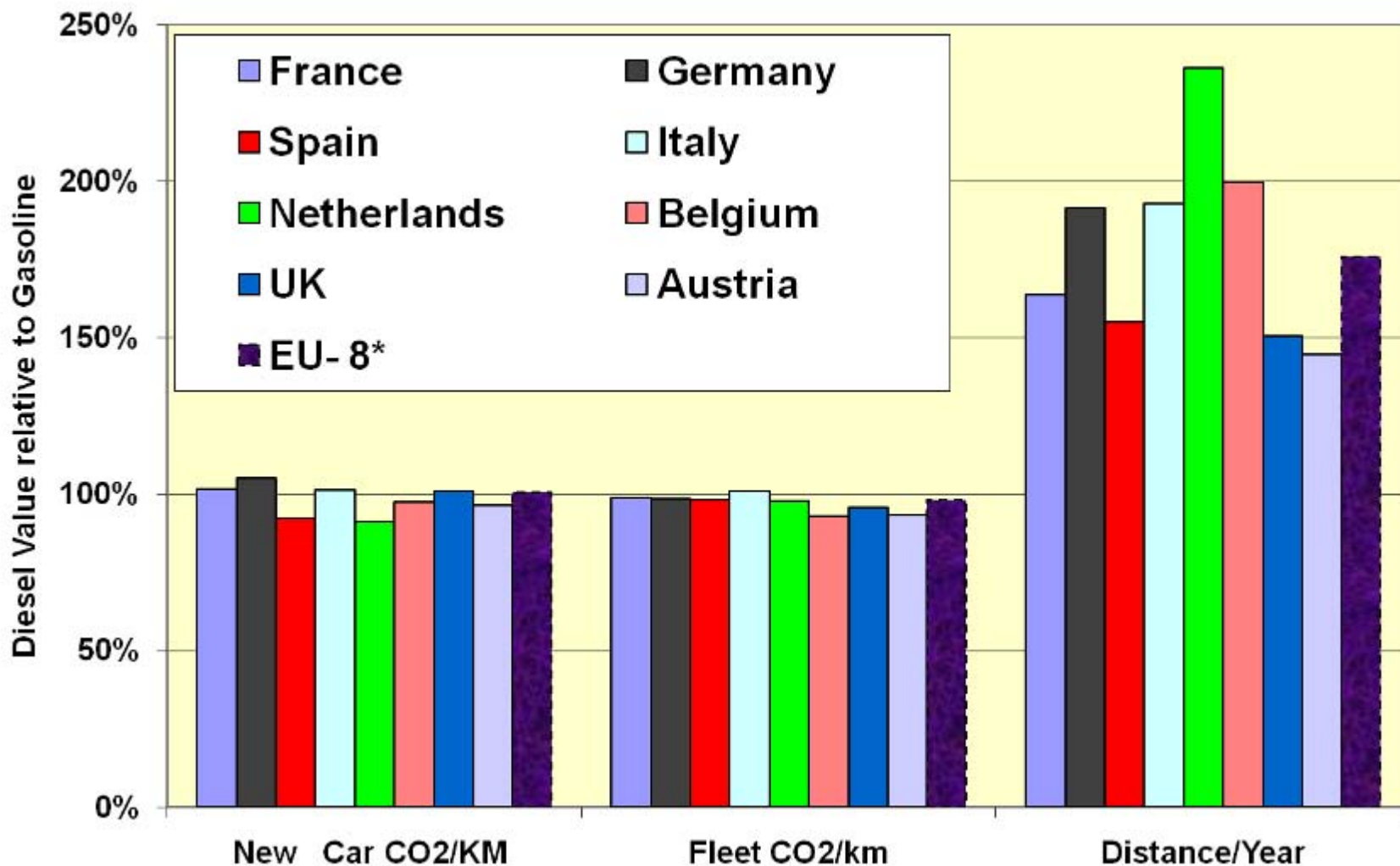
*Do We Know How these Technologies will Perform?*  
*Do We Know How To Put These Technologies into Models?*

# Dieselization in Europe: Where are the Savings?

## Relative to Gasoline, Diesel Shows Little Energy or CO2 Savings

### Moreover, Driving Distances Larger

*(Schipper and Fulton TRB 2009)*



Source: official national data

# Opportunities in Other Modes Overlooking the System Effects?

- BRT – High Speed, Low Emissions
  - Articulated buses running in dedicated BRT lines
  - Parallel hybrid drive trains using diesel propulsion
  - Fill them up!
- Trucking – Important Globally
  - Improve freight logistics, reduce empty running
  - Promote inter-modalism
  - Improving efficiency of trucks
- Rail?
  - Building or strengthening freight networks - uncertain
  - Consider low-cost, medium speed intercity rail (tilt trains)
  - Improve intermodal access around rail facilities to boost usage



***Opportunities Are Great, but mostly from  
Transport System Improvements, not Technology***<sub>12</sub>



# All Modes of Transport Will Evolve: How Many Of These Components are in Models?



# Changes in Transport Fuel and Emissions: Improving Fuel Economy Not Enough What Shapes Each Component?

**Fuel Use and  
Emissions from  
Transport**

$$= A * S_i * I_i * F_{i,j}$$

Income, urban  
form, overall speed

Income, relative  
transport costs,  
speeds and service  
levels, etc

Technological energy  
efficiency

Vehicle characteristics-  
incomes, new vehicle  
taxation, fuel taxation,  
culture

Load Factors – service  
levels, security, speed  
etc

From surveys, not  
from new-vehicle  
tests

For Carbon – relative  
fuel prices, carbon  
taxes, low carbon fuel  
standards

Energy Use per  
passenger km

Traffic controls, enforcement of  
speeding laws, CP and other  
means to reduce congestion

*Most Components Related to Transport Policy, NOT Oil or CO2*



# Best Practices for Sustainable Transport: Little Money, but Pricing and Political Will

**Real Biofuels in Sweden**



**-Congestion Pricing Singapo**



**Honda Accord Hybrid**



**Two-Wheelers in Hanoi??**



**-Bikes in Copenhagen**



**-Bikes at Bangalore Bus Sta.**



**Mexico City Clean Bus**



**Bus Platform Curitiba**



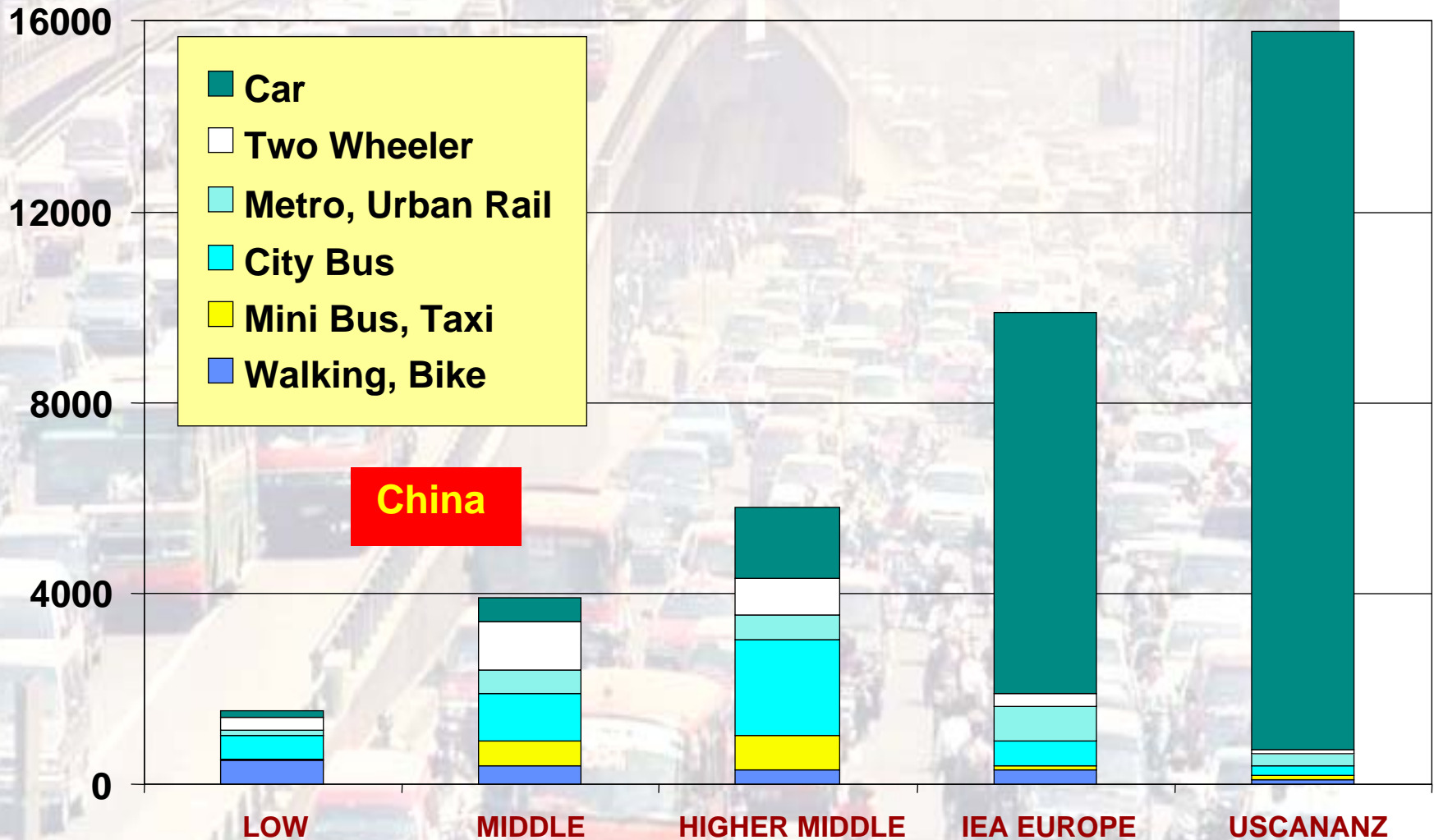
**Mexico City Metrobus**



# Urban Mobility Patterns

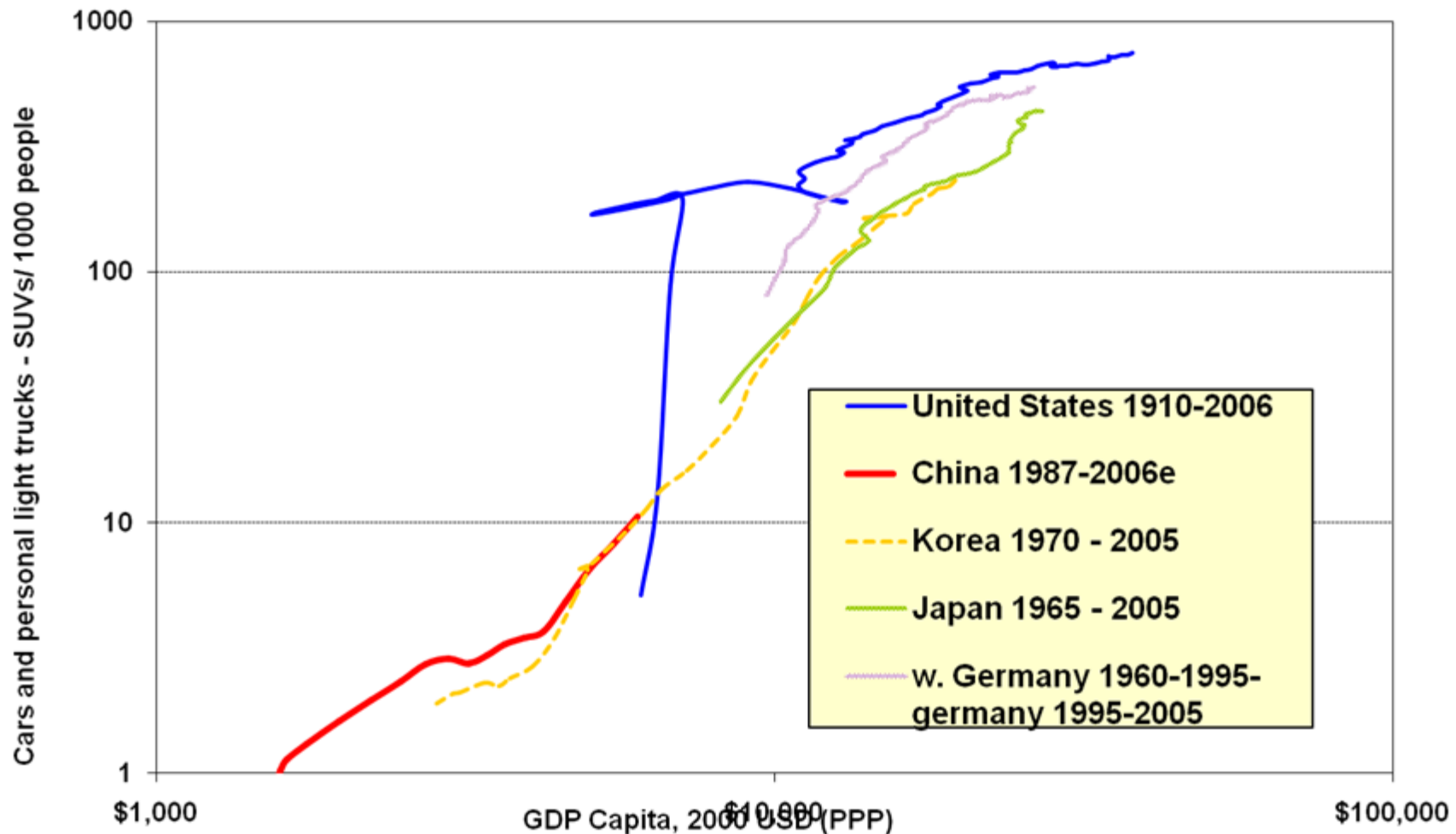
## The Mobility Ladder

Passenger-Km/year





# Motorization and Economic Growth: The China Syndrome?



*Key Question: Is this path of motorization good? Inevitable or avoidable?*

# Creating Comfort from Chaos in Mexico City From South to North?



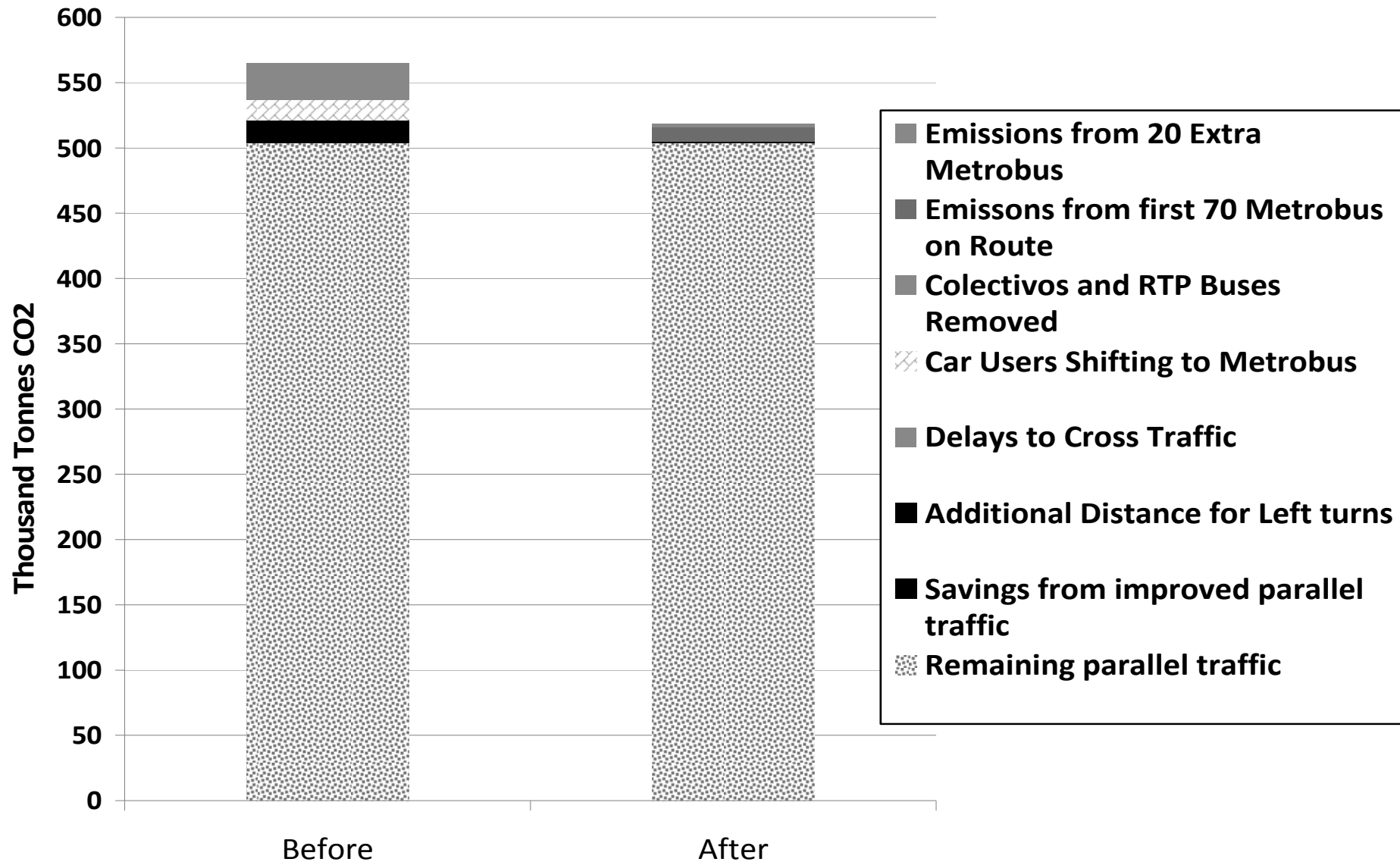
# Bus Rapid Transit – Mexico's 1<sup>st</sup> Metrobus Line

**260,000 people/day over 19km for US \$80mn**  
**Lower emissions and CO2, reduced car traffic**



# Metrobus CO2 Changes by Component

Source Rogers 2006, 2009





# Mal-Asia?

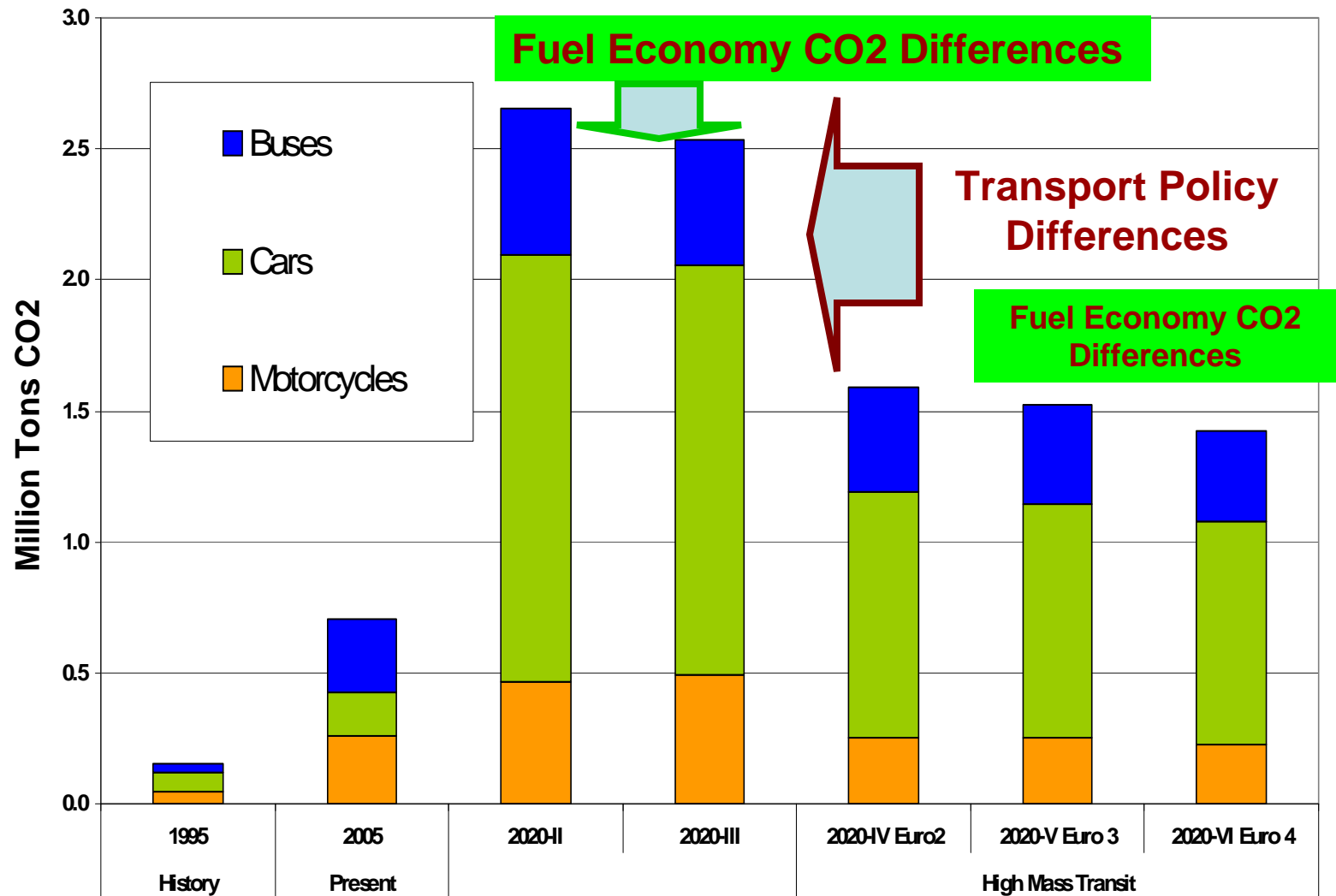
## Jakarta and Dozens of other Asian Cities



# Scenarios for Hanoi- JICA and *EMBARQ*

Year	1995	2005	2020					
Transport policy (JICA)	History	Present	Let trends continue			High Mass Transit		
Transport system (JICA)	History	Present	Trends			BRT, Tram, etc.		
Public transport share	1%	6%	14.5%			30%		
Environment Emissions policy ( <i>EMBARQ</i> )	History	Present	Do nothing		Medium	Do nothing	Medium	Ambitious
Emissions CoefficientCases <i>EMBARQ</i>	1995	2005	2020-I 1.35 x today		2020-II 1.35 x Euro2	2020-IV Euro 2	2020-V Euro 3	2020-VI Euro 4

# Resulting CO2 Emissions



# Introduction: Basic Thesis About (Hyper)-Motorization in China

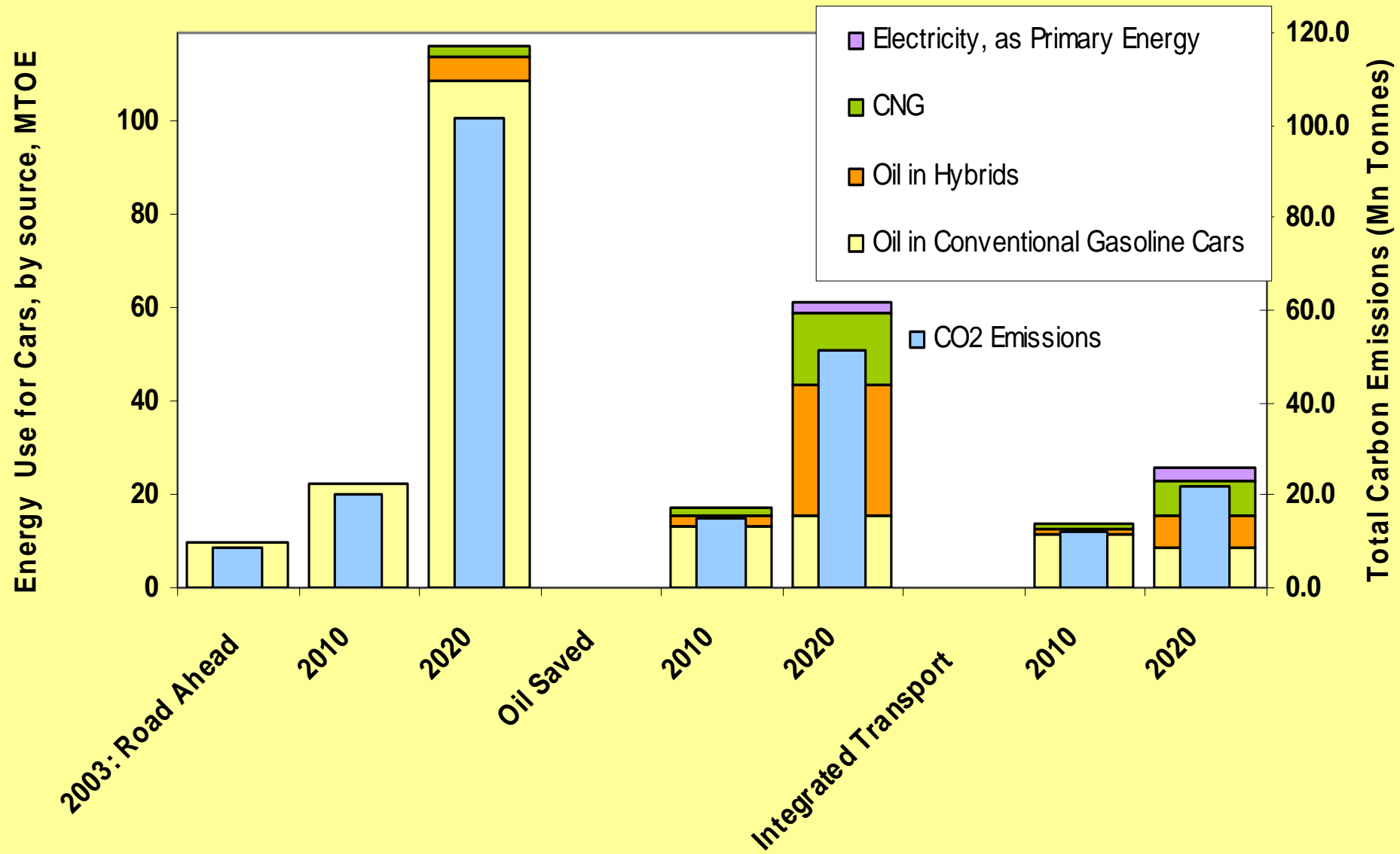
- Speed of Motorization leaving officials, walkers behind
  - Incomprehensible growth rate in car ownership
  - Very poor data on use, fuel consumption, etc
  - Even word “car” in Chinese poorly understood
- Little Policy Competency to Slow or Control
  - Glory of modern motorization trumping other concerns
  - Whole city sections rapidly transformed into asphalt
  - Over-reliance on “technology” – human beings not in picture
- “Unintended” (or unknown?) Consequences
  - Burgeoning road fatalities (over half walkers, cyclists)
  - Air Pollution from vehicles rapidly replacing that from coal
  - Congestion now major threat to productivity, well being



# EMBARQ's Scenarios for China

- **Base Case – China has Korean car/GDP ratio in 2020**
  - 120-160 million cars, 12,000 km/car
  - 8-8.5 L/100 km if no new measures
  - Closer to 2 mn bbl/day oil in 2020
- **Oil Saving Scenario – 40% as much oil, some CNG**
  - Japanese/Euro level of fuel prices
  - 110-130 million cars, but less driving/car
  - Fuel economy standards, some hybrids and CNG
- **Integrated Transport - Livable cities with good transport**
  - Much lower car ownership and use— avoiding the plague
  - Very small cars (incl. slow electrics, hybrids) to avoid space and congestion problems in cities
  - Serious BRT, car-use restraint, land-use planning

# Sustainable Transport for China: Cars and CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions in 2020



**Cheap Two Wheelers,  
but No Sidewalks**

**And Now The Peoples' Car**







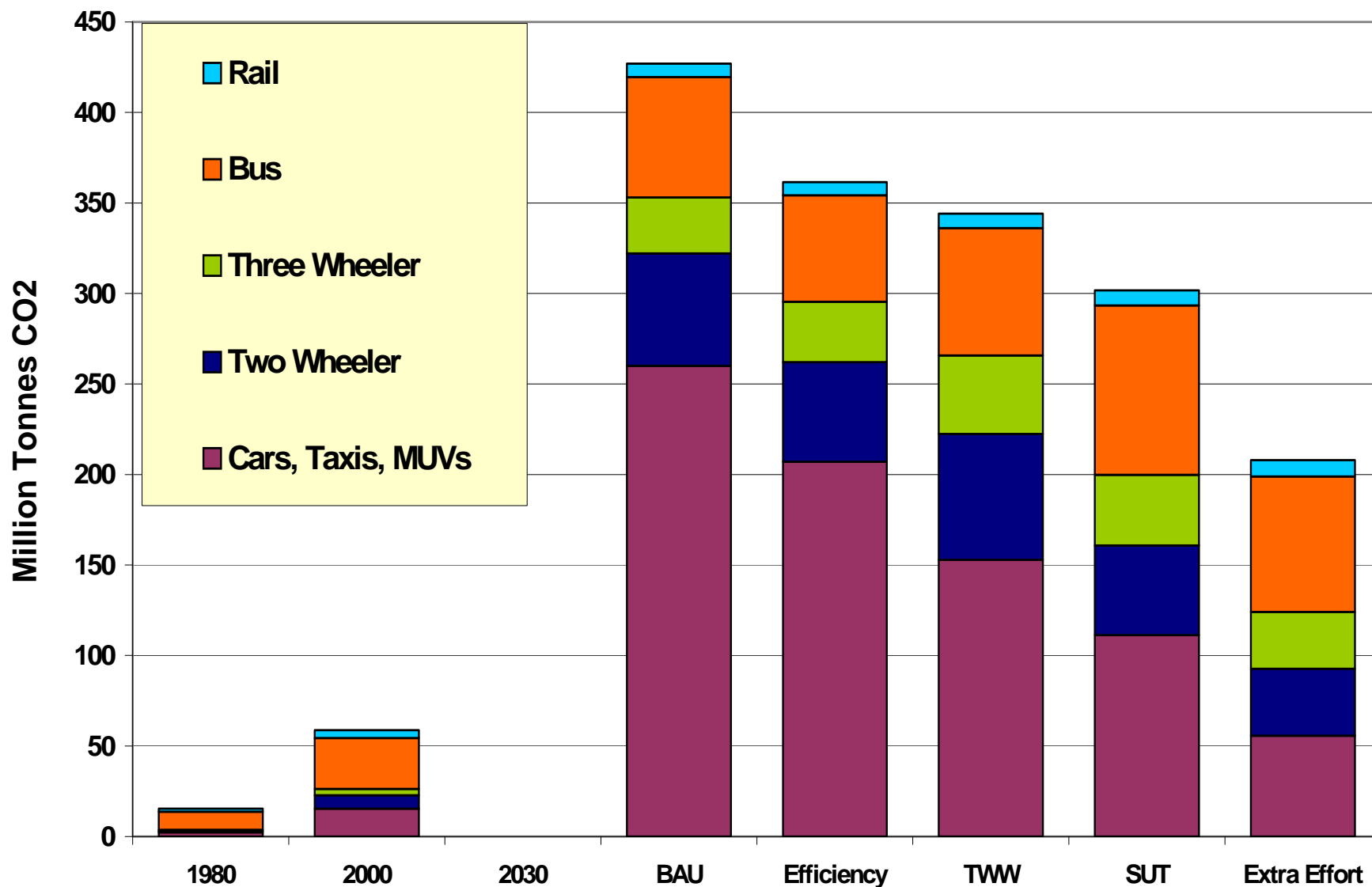
# Scenarios and Assumptions for India

(*Transport Research*, forthcoming)

- **Business as Usual (BAU)**
  - Unconstrained development of road traffic and vehicle demand
  - Infrastructure is assumed to not be a constraint
- **Energy Efficiency**
  - Higher fuel efficiency
- **Clean Two and Three wheelers**
  - Cleaner fuels and two and three-wheelers
  - Increases in two and three wheeler modal shares
  - Reduction in all other types of private transport modes
- **Sustainable Cities/Urban Transport (SUT)**
  - Demand management and modern mass transit
  - Regulation of private car use reflected by reduction in modal share
  - Widespread implementation of BRT systems
- **Extra Effort -- All of the above**



# India: CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions by Transport Mode



# Lesson: Transport a Powerful Force Focusing on Fuel Misses Real Changes

- **Cities, Transport and Land Use Changing**
  - 500 million more people expected in Asian cities by 2030
  - American model of sprawl being tried, but not working well
  - Real space constraints more important than fuel prices?
- **Private Motorization- Trends Continued?**
  - Hanoi model (two wheelers), Nano, Hummer or? Depends on Policy
  - Future of freight levels, systems also very uncertain
  - Present models too influenced by American experience
- **Where Energy/Fuel Enters the Picture**
  - Fuel prices important to fuel efficiency, vehicle use
  - Fuel economy standards an unknown but rising influence
  - Fuel choices can be important if true, large scale bio-fuel emerges

# Conclusions: Reframing the Transport-Energy Future

## *Challenge is About Sustainable Transport*

- A New Framing of the Issue
  - Oil and carbon externalities less than clean air, congestion, safety
  - Developing countries now in serious mobility trouble – oil 2<sup>nd</sup> problem
  - CO2 is not a transport problem, but transport causes CO2 problems
- How to View CO2 and Energy Saving
  - Avoiding carbon intensive transport – a development issue
  - Developing good transport w CO2 co-benefits – not today's mess
  - Then and only then estimate of reduced fuel or CO2/veh kilometer
- Tools and Data
  - Reasonable vehicle stock, use, pass- and tonne-km data (not easy)
  - Models of urban/rural, demographic, and income evolution
  - New approach to estimating “CO2 and Energy Saving”





# Thank You

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**Car that absorbs its own carbon and needs no oil?**

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