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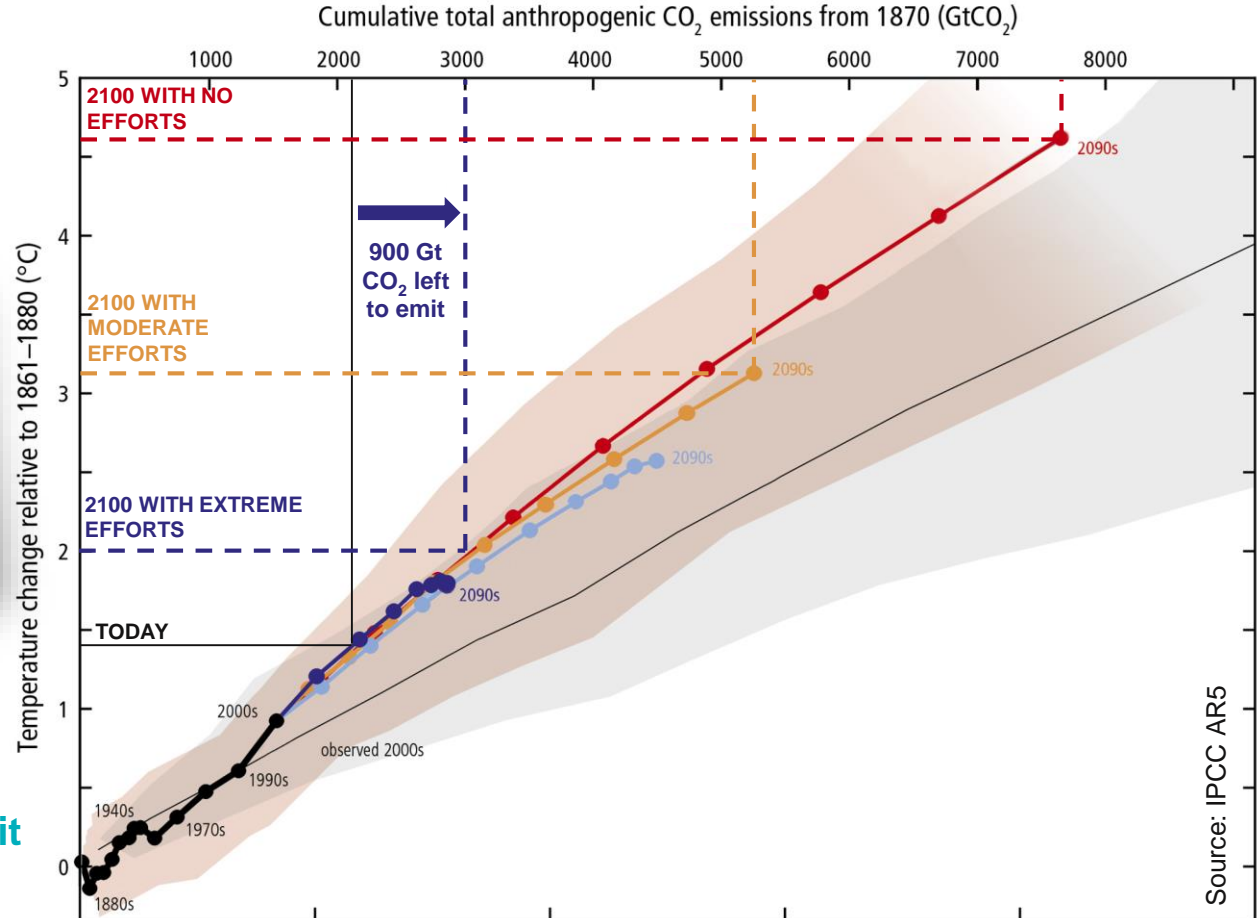


Temperature and CO₂ emissions?

The **Paris agreement** is a pledge to remain under **2°C** of warming



This translates roughly into an additional **800-1000 Gt CO₂** left to emit

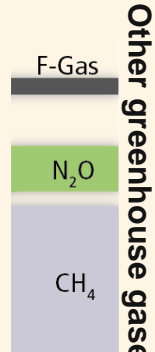


Carbon dioxide (1 kg = 1 kg CO₂ eq.)

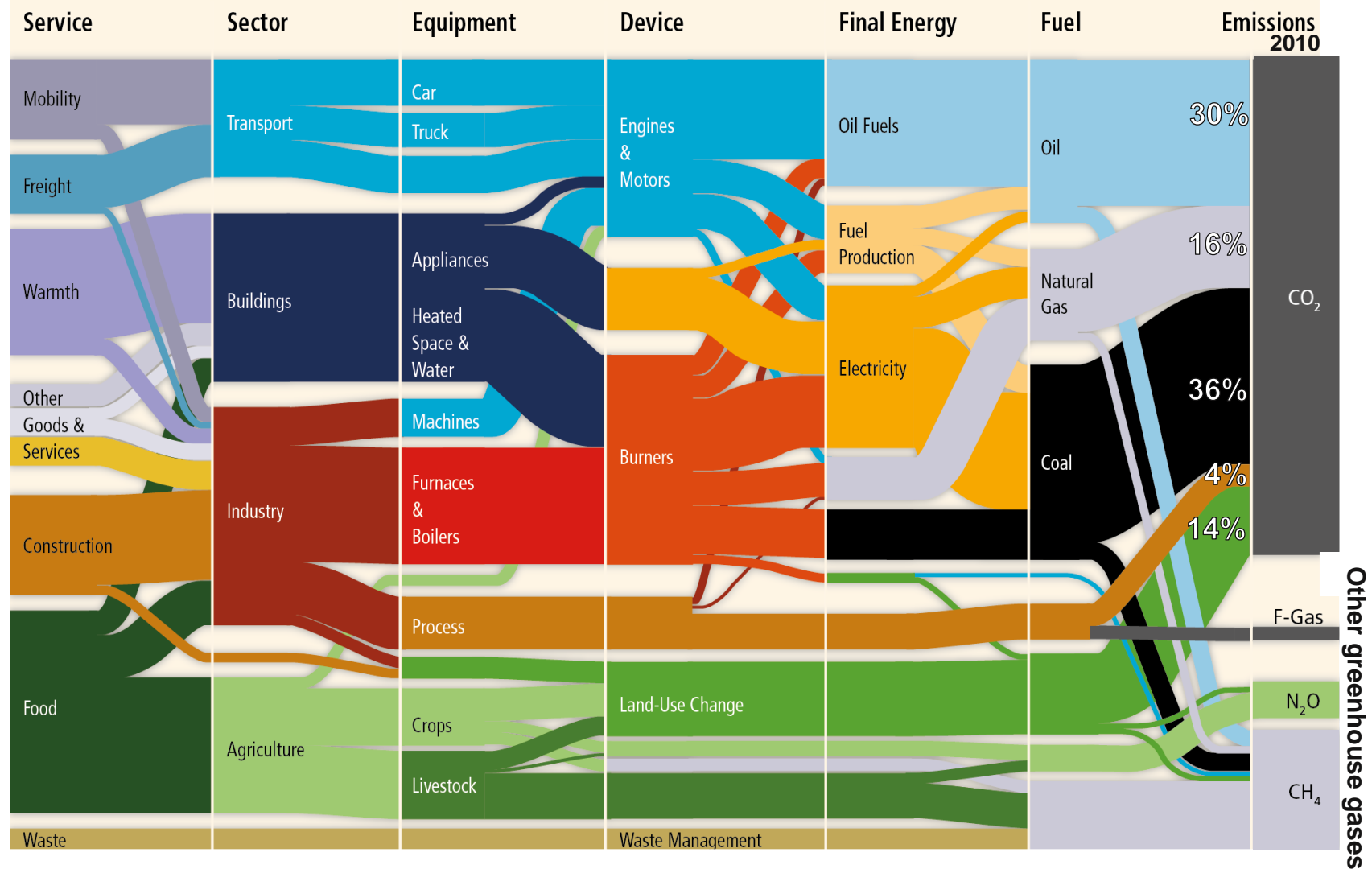
Fluorinated gases (1 kg = 8000-23000 kg CO₂ eq.)

Dinitrogen monoxide (1 kg = 300 kg CO₂ eq.)

Methane (1 kg = 25 kg CO₂ eq.)



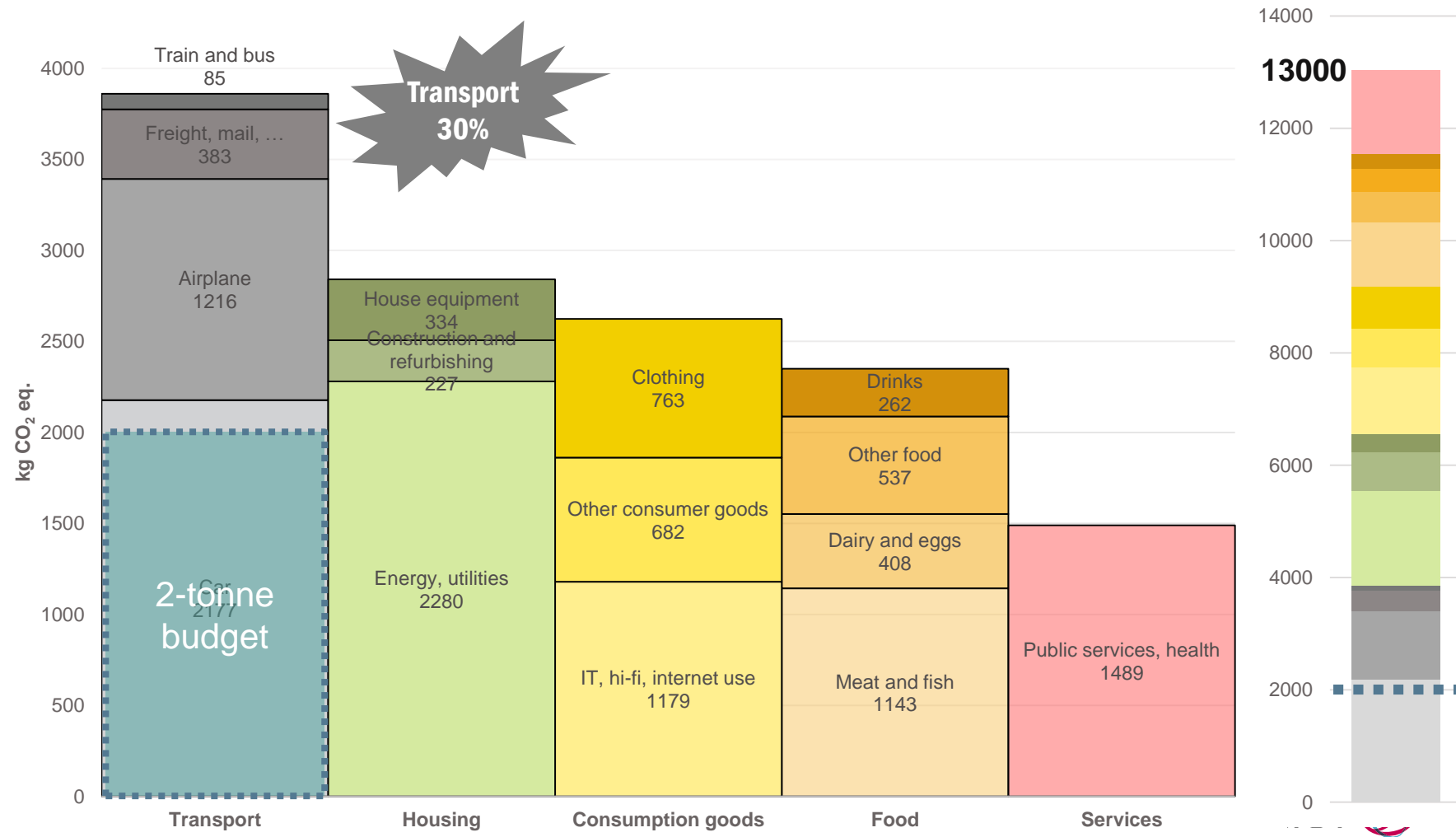
Carbon footprint



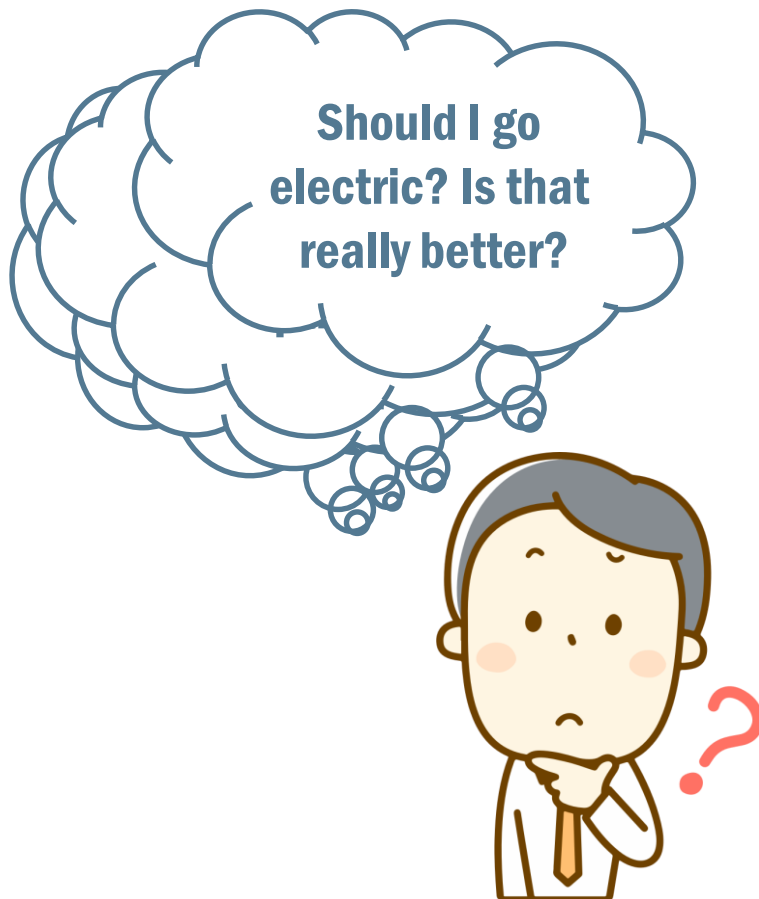
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Carbon footprint



Outline



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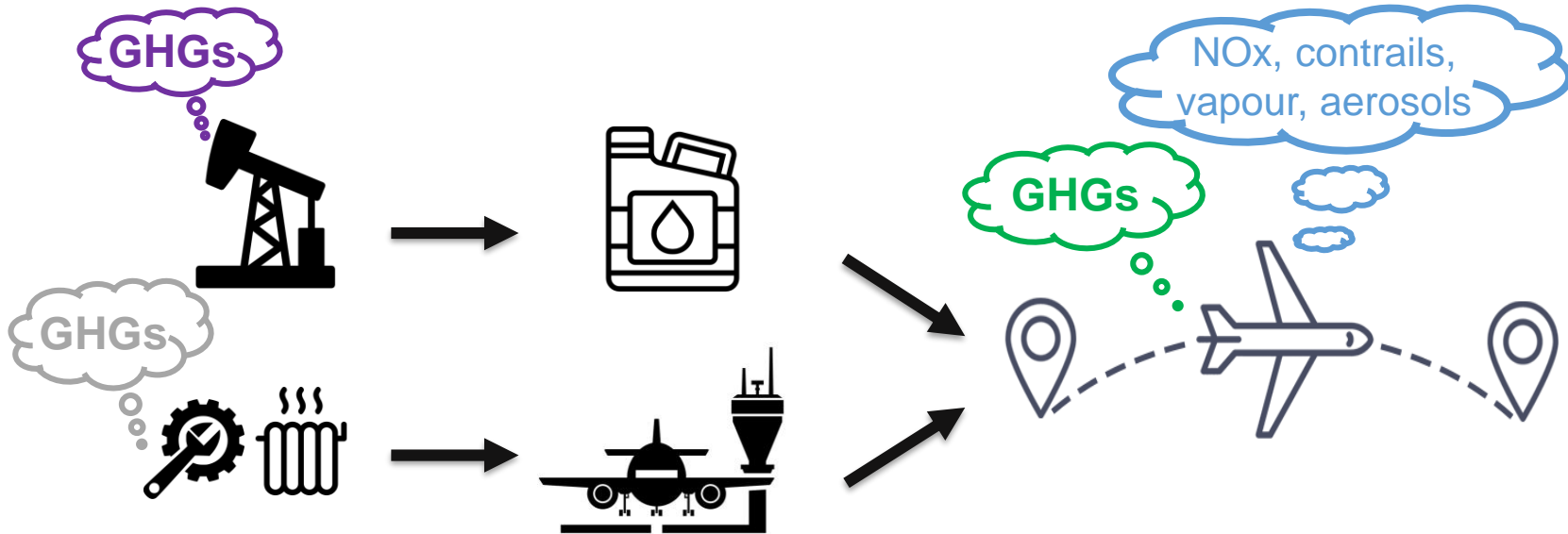
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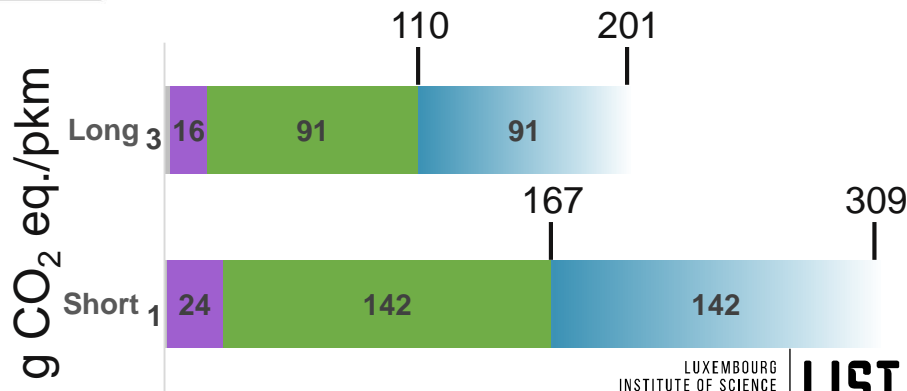
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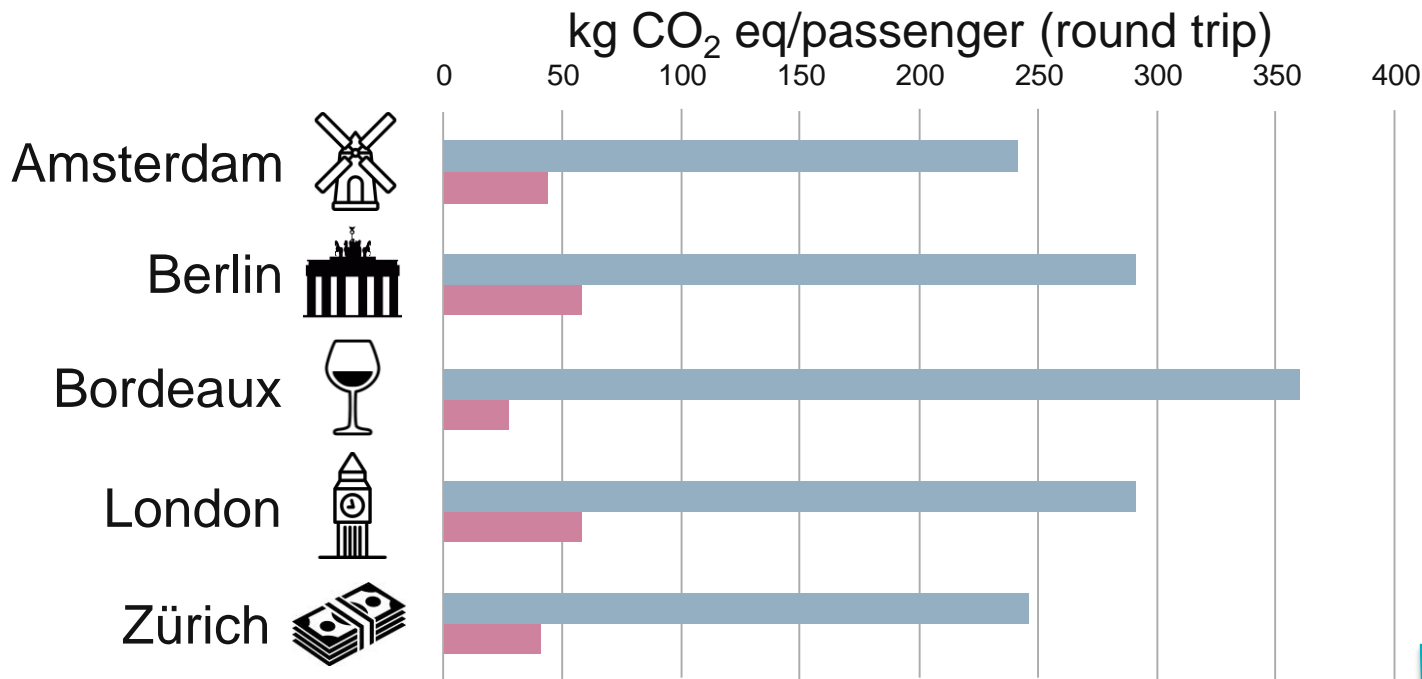
Kerosene consumption:

- Long: ~3.6 L/100 km/passenger
- Short: ~5.6 L/100 km/passenger



Let's go to...

Plane travels



All: 1.5 tons CO₂ eq vs. 0.2 tons CO₂ eq

⌚ 16 hours vs. 31 hours



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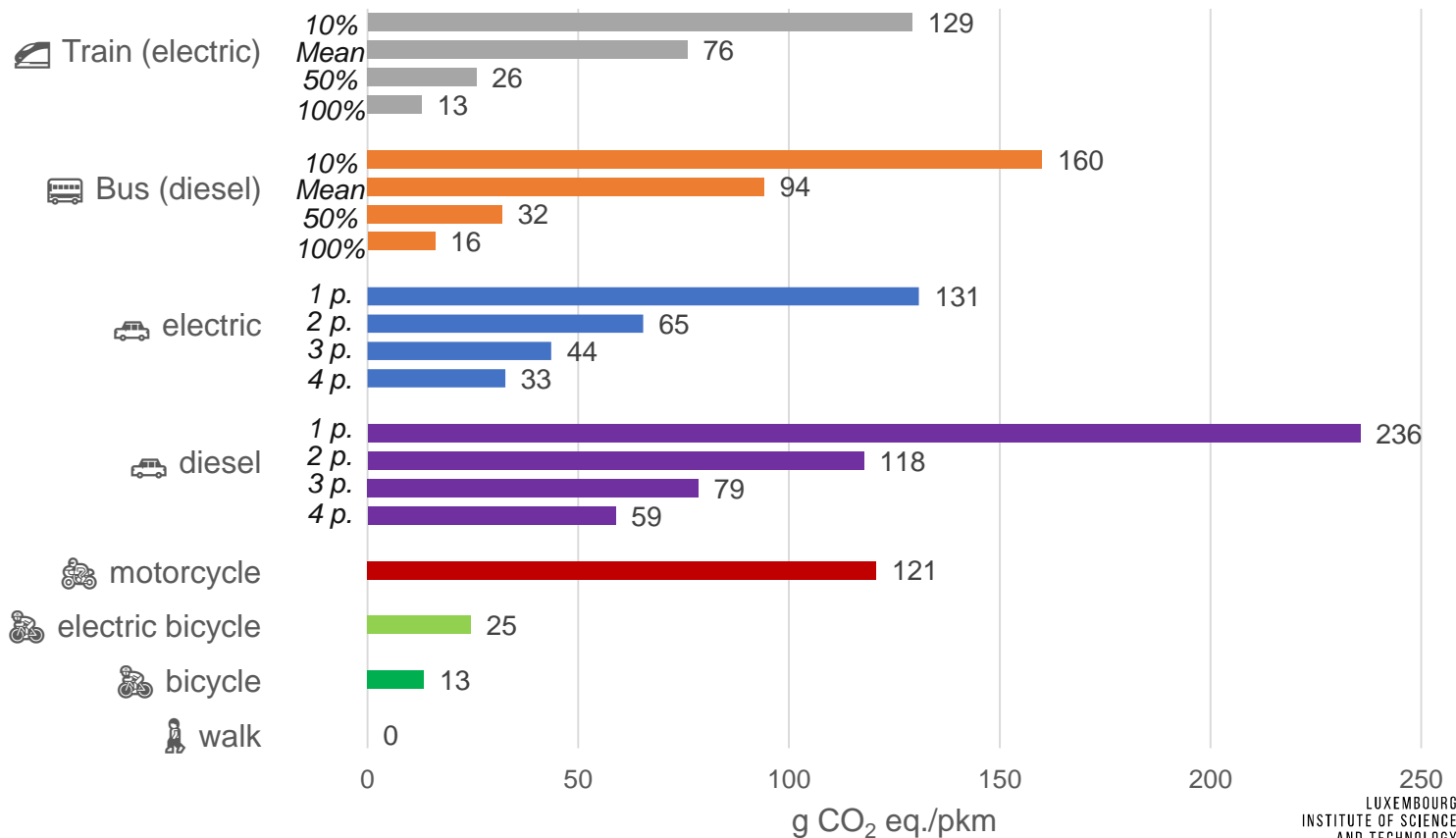


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Which transportation means?

Commuting



What about teleworking?

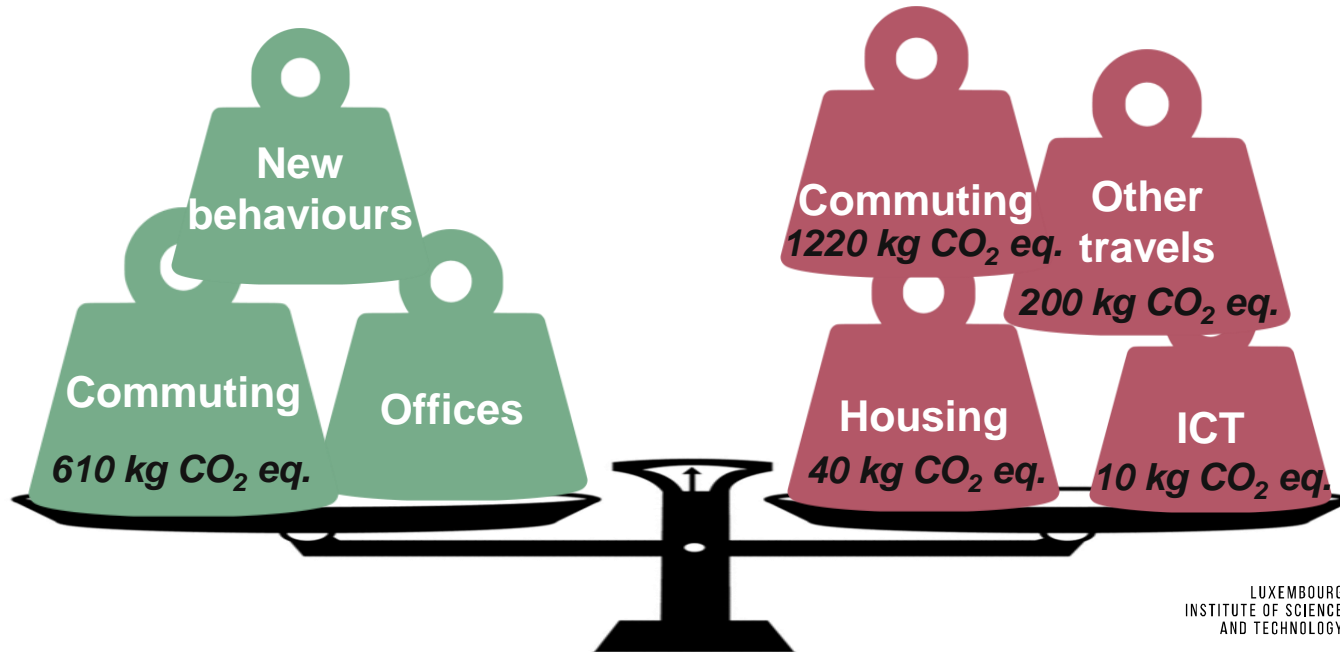
Example:

- 2 days teleworking
- Commuting distance: 15 km
- Kids to school: 5 km

-360 kg CO₂ eq./yr



Let's move (35 km) !
+860 kg CO₂ eq./yr



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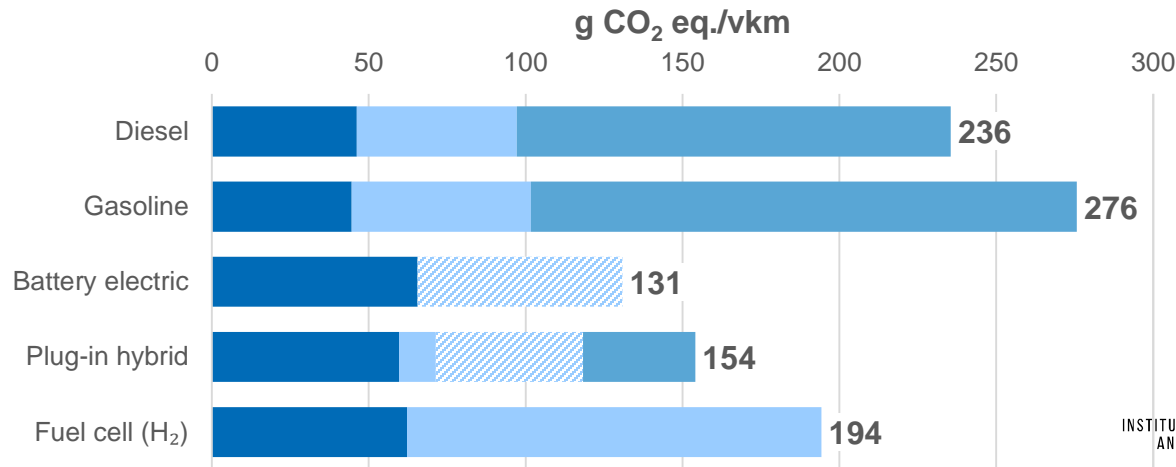
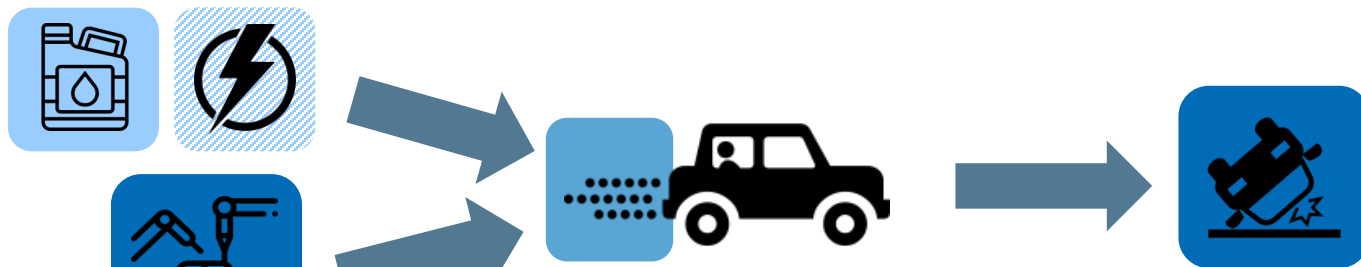
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Which engine?



How can I decrease the carbon footprint of driving?

✓ Smaller cars



✓ No accessories



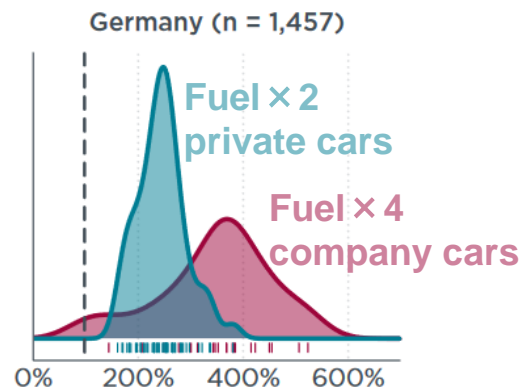
✓ Eco-driving



✓ ↘ AC/heating



Charging behaviours
for plug-in hybrid cars



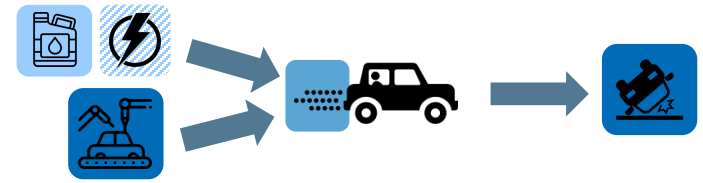
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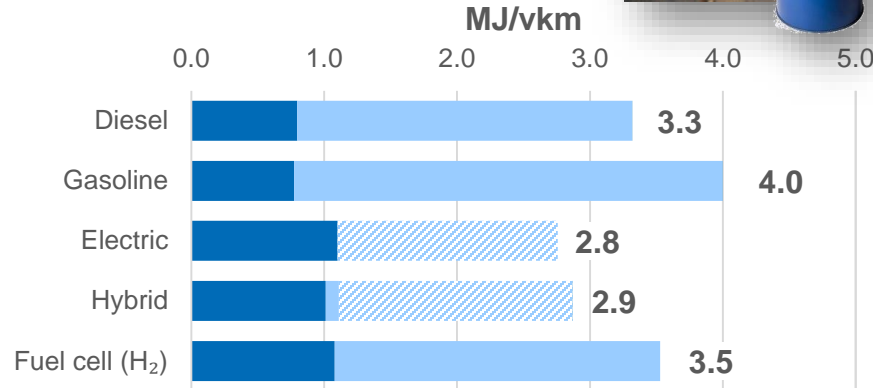


Source: ; www.carboncounter.lu ; ICCT (2020)

Other impacts? Resources

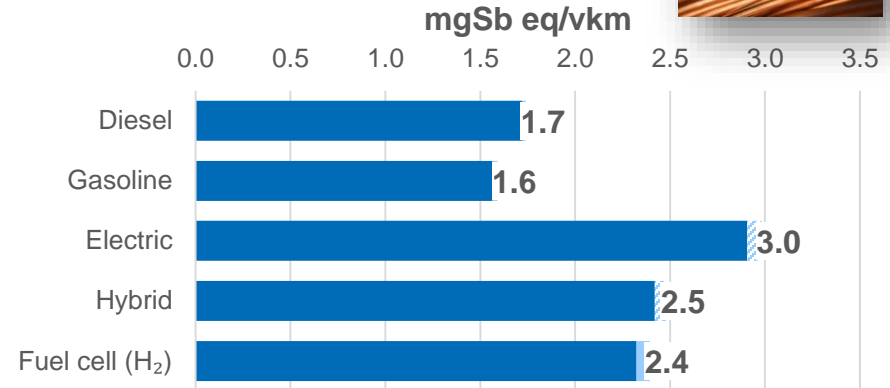


Fossil resources



Fuel cell (hydrogen) vehicles use as much primary energy as diesel

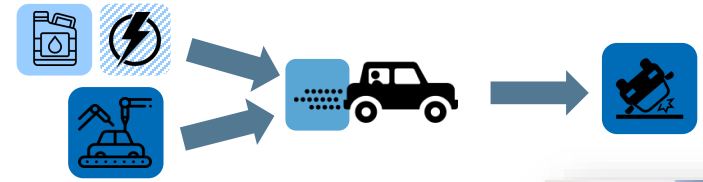
Metal and mineral resources



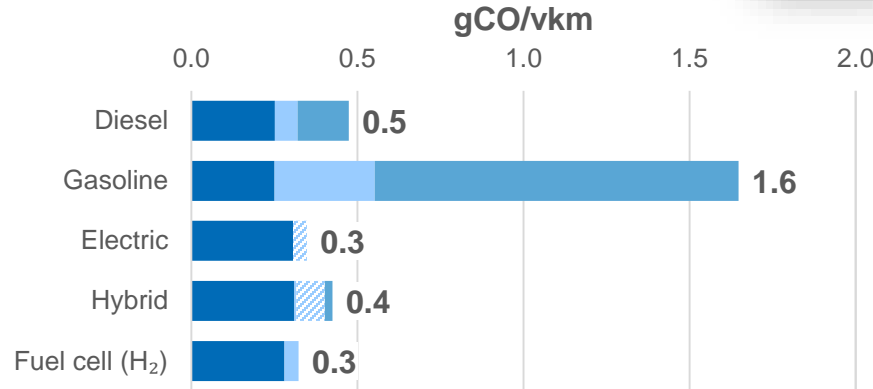
Battery-electric vehicles use the most minerals and metals

Other impacts?

Air emissions

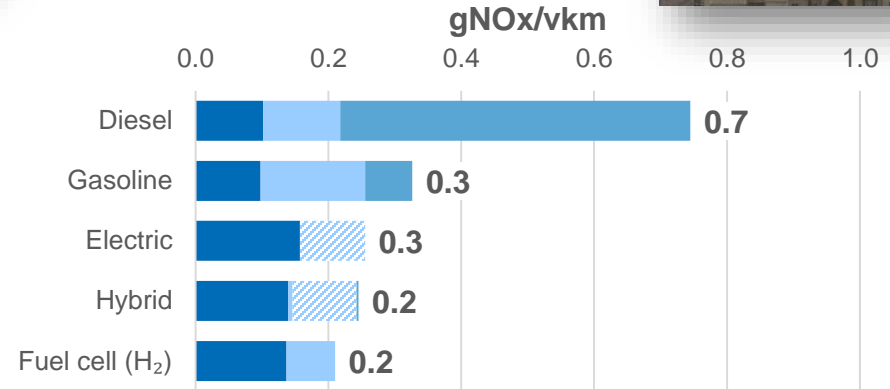


Carbon monoxide emissions



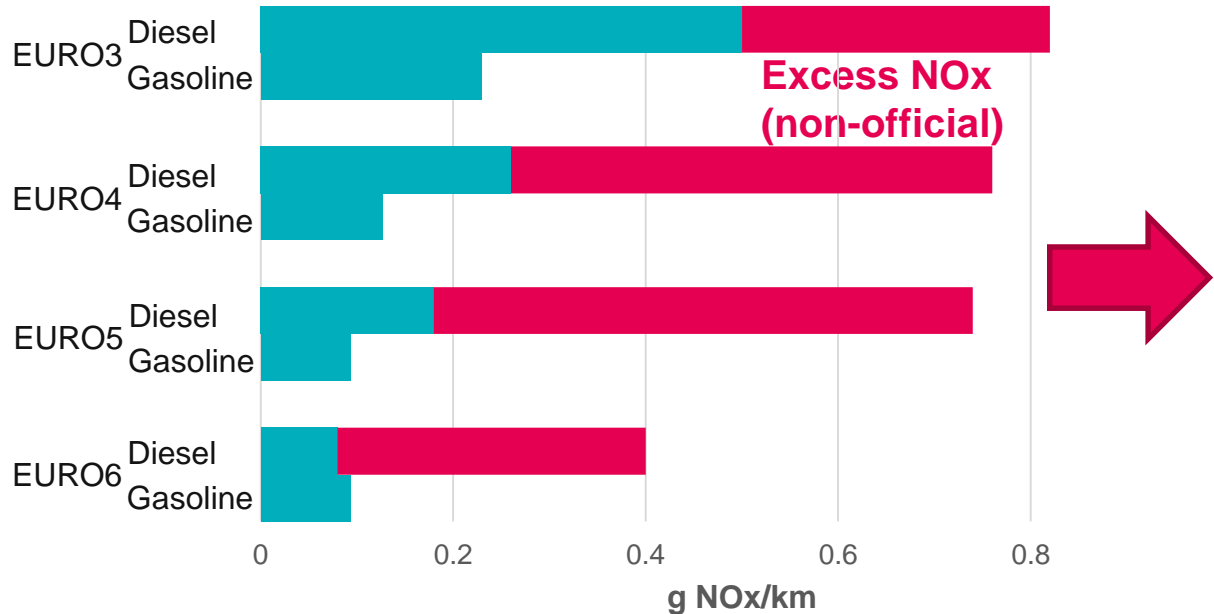
Gasoline emits the most carbon monoxide (incomplete combustion)

Nitrogen oxide emissions



Diesel emits the most nitrogen oxides

Diesel not more impacting than gasoline?



+11000 premature deaths in EU due to on-road NO_x excess (2015)

+65%

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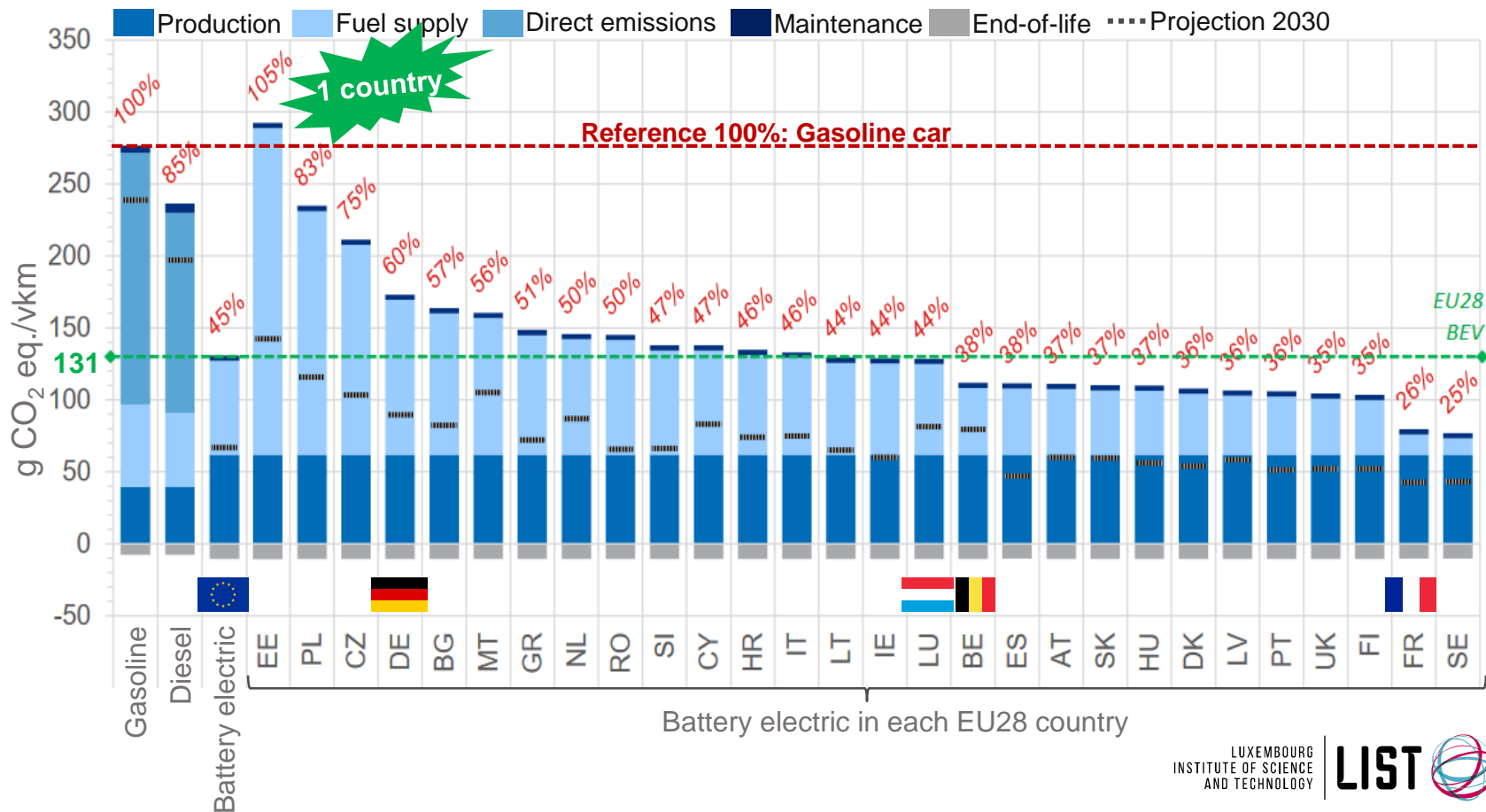
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Electric vehicles are as low-carbon as the electricity they use



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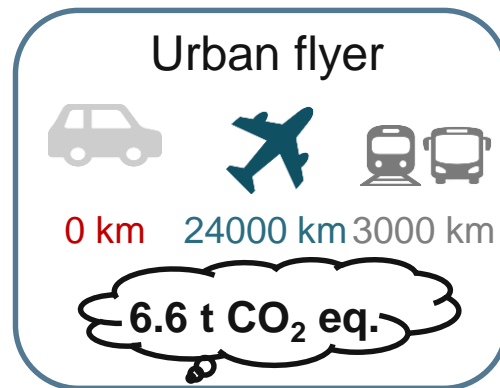
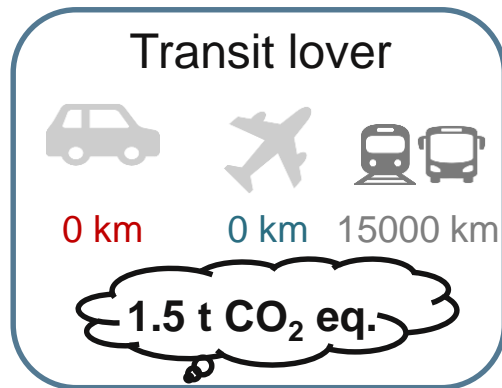
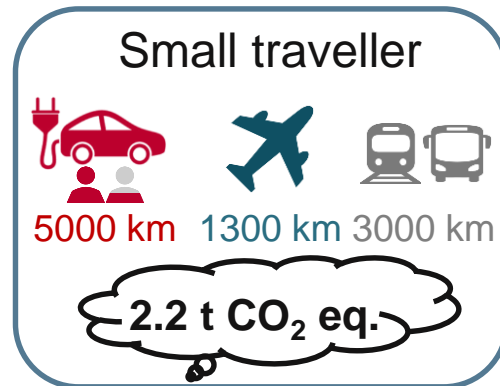
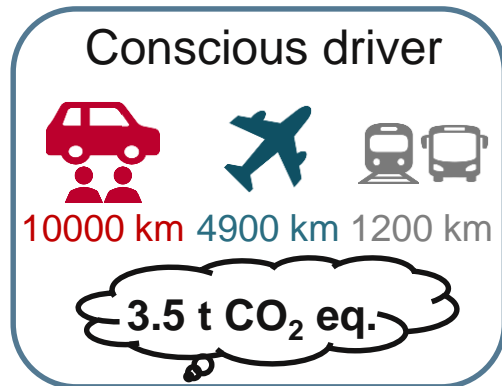
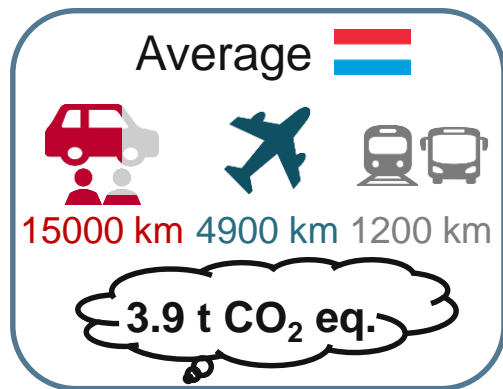
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6. TAKE-AWAY MESSAGES



Which profile are you?



Conclusion

Take-away messages

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- ✓ Significant decrease by using **public transport** instead of flying or driving (>50% reduction)
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Electric cars might be a convenient option for me without having to change my travel behaviour!



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