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# Private Car Transport Energy Forecasting & Policy Evaluation

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# Motivation

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Project the effect of technologically driven measures on  
stock & energy

Focus: Private Car Transport in Ireland

- ▶ **Global transport:**
  - ▶ 2.2% annual growth since 1972
  - ▶ 95% oil dependent
  
- ▶ Issues: emissions and energy security

# Overview

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## 1. Context

## 2. Stock methodology

1. Forecast impact of 3 measures on Irish car fleet

2. Evaluate in terms of 2 EU targets

# Context: Irish Cars, Energy & Policy

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## ▶ Transport energy :

- ▶ 1990 – 2007 181% growth
- ▶ 28% → 43% final energy demand share
- ▶ 1.5% p.a. baseline growth forecast
- ▶ Private car dominated: 43%
- ▶ Fossil fuel dependent

## ▶ EU Targets for 2020:

- ▶ *Decision 406/EC/2009* : 20% reduction in non-ETS emissions(2005 baseline)
- ▶ *Directive 2009/28/EC (RES-T)* : 10% renewable transport energy

# Context: Policies Evaluated

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1. 10% Electric Vehicle target
2. EU Mandatory new-car emissions of 130g CO<sub>2</sub>/km by 2015
3. Biofuels Obligation Bill: Transport fuel to contain 4% of biofuel by volume from July 2010.

# Methodology: Base-Year Stock Model

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- ▶ **Stock** categorised by *technology* (**C**) and *vintage* (**V**)
- ▶ **Mileage** for each category
- ▶ **Specific energy consumption (SEC – MJ/km)**

$$SEC = \text{New-car SEC} \times \text{“ageing”} \times \text{“on-road”}$$



Official test



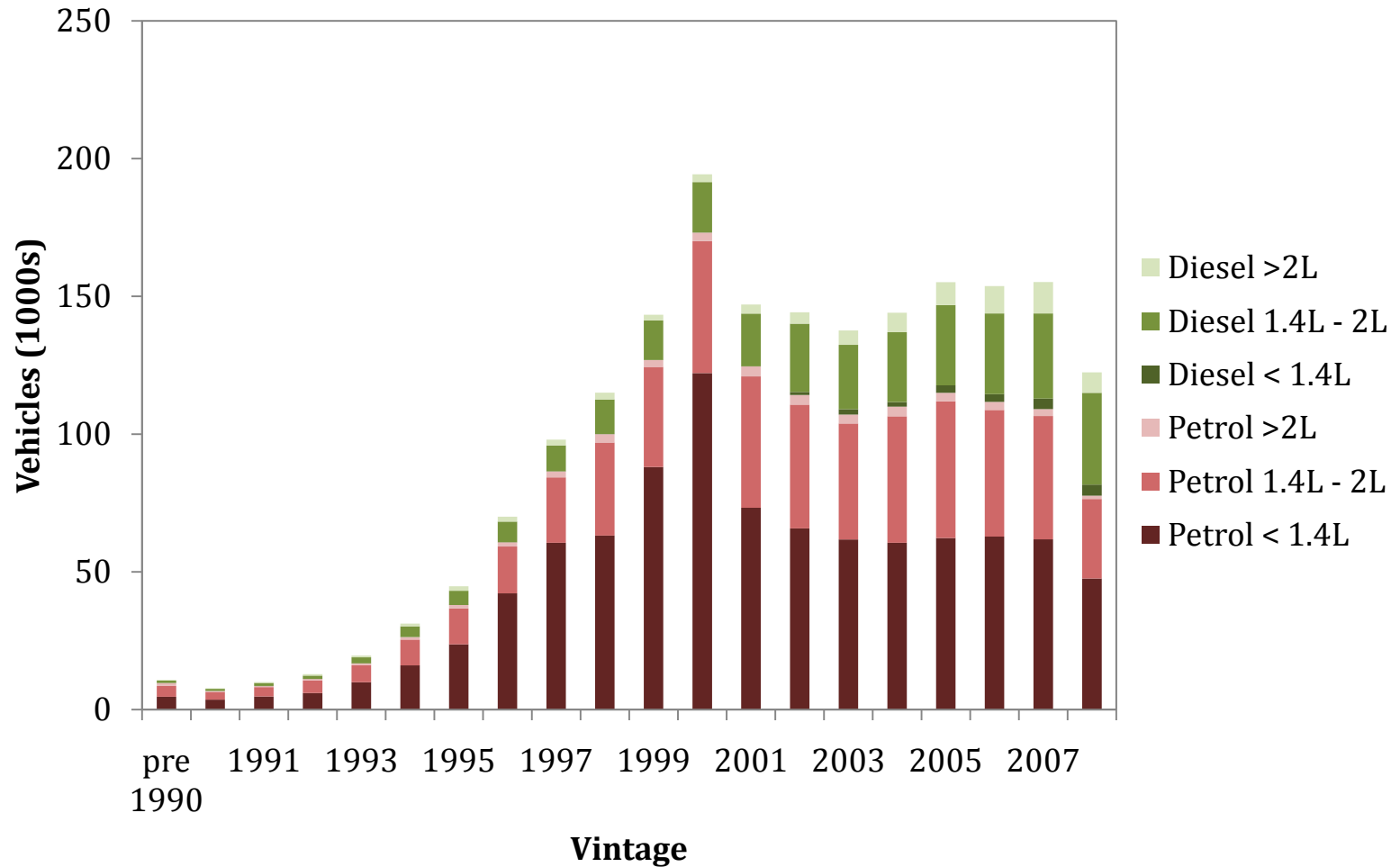
0.3% per year



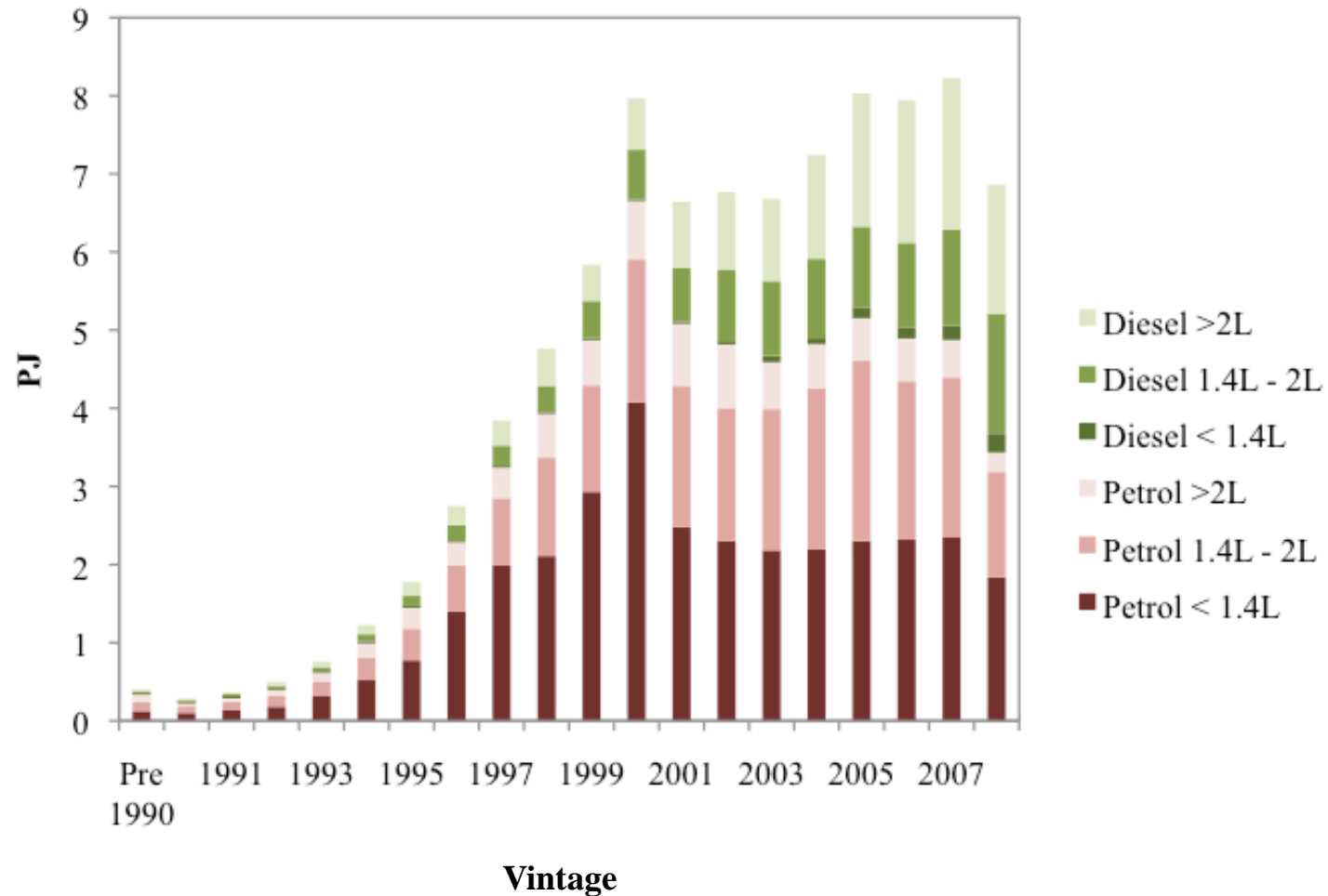
Household budget  
survey

$$Energy_T = \sum_{C,V} Stock_{T,C,V} * Mileage_{T,C,V} * SEC_{T,C,V}$$

# 2008 Stock Profile



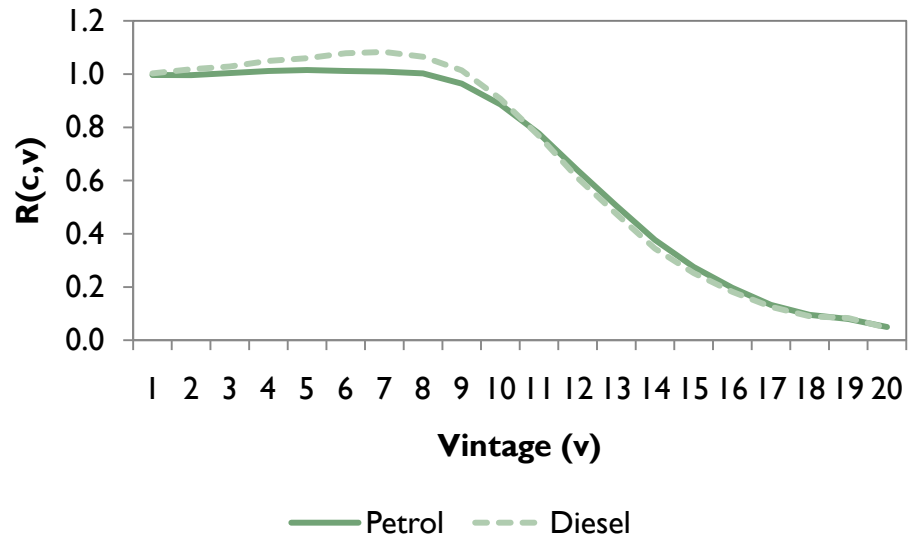
# 2008 Energy Profile





# Methodology: Baseline Input [1]

- ▶ Scrappage & import rates: From historical analysis



- ▶ New-car SEC and sales profile as 2009
- ▶ *Activity demand (km/year) and new-car sales are driven by GNP and fuel price: Top-Down analysis*

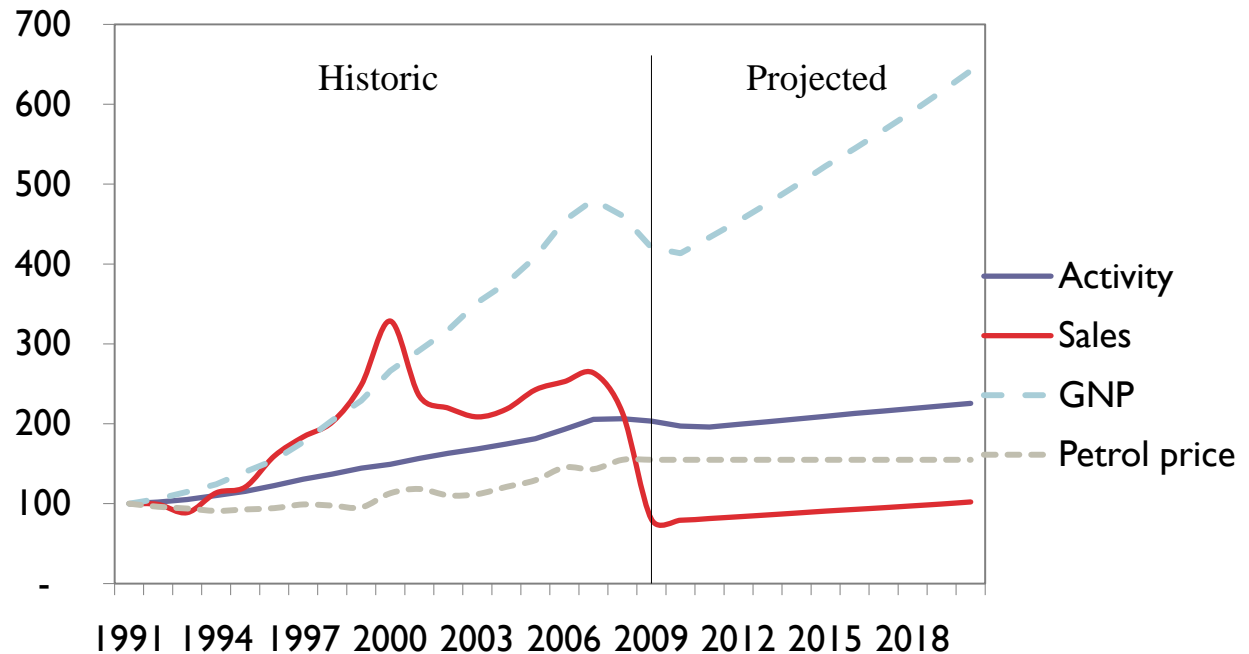
# Methodology: Baseline Input [2]

## Reference Activity Demand

1. Activity: km/year
2. Sales: cars/year

Calculate income and price elasticities

Use elasticities and GDP, fuel price forecasts to forecast demand

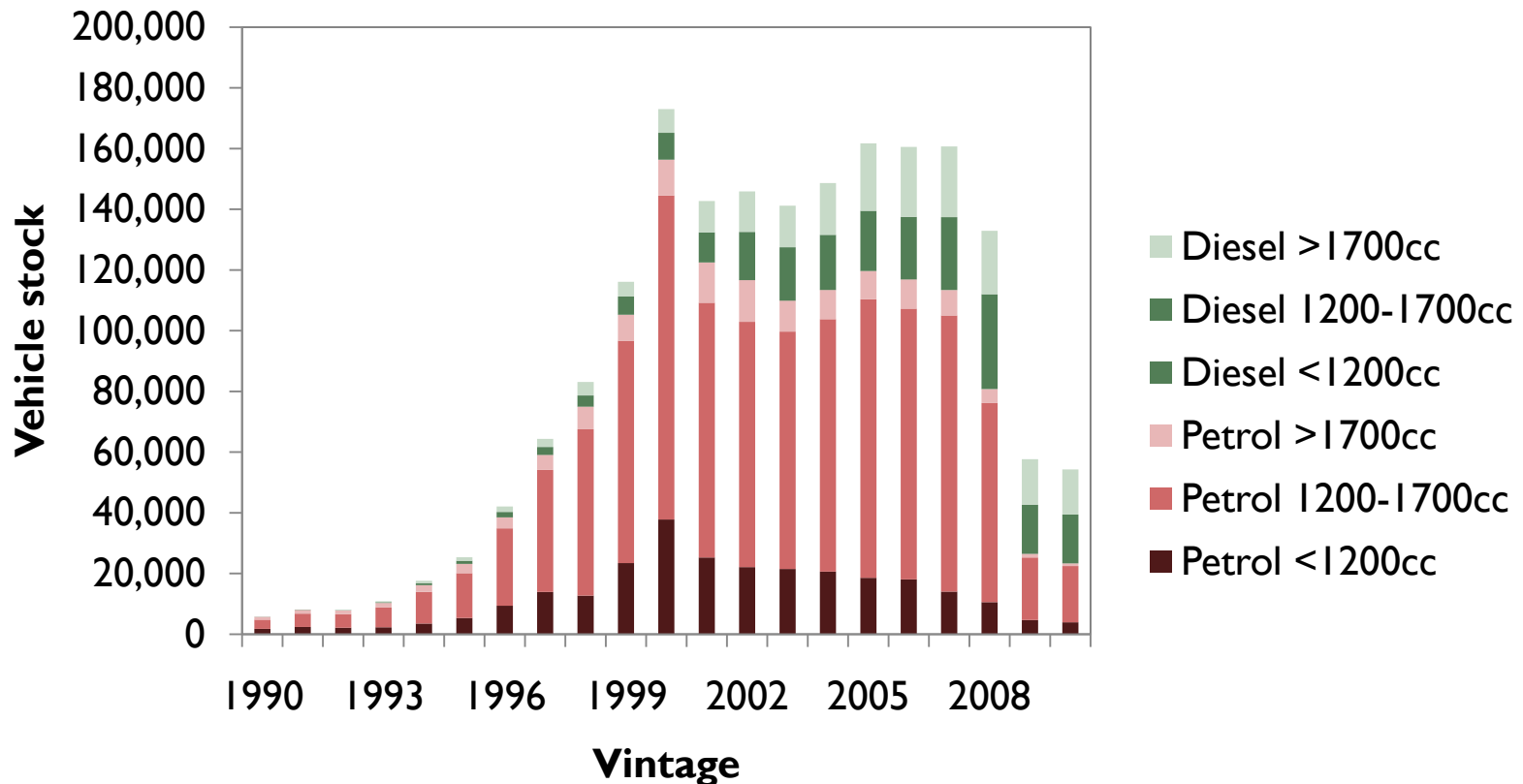


|                            | Activity | Sales |
|----------------------------|----------|-------|
| Fuel price elasticity (PE) | -0.1     | -0.80 |
| Income elasticity (IE)     | 0.35     | 0.78  |



# Baseline: 2010 Stock Profile

$$stock_{c,v} = stock_{c,v-1} * R(c,v)$$



# Baseline: Energy Calculation

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- ▶ **Mileage** in each category more complicated: Reflects trends over categories and vintages, but corrected for total projected vehicle kilometres (see full paper)

$$Energy_T = \sum_{C,V} Stock_{T,C,V} * Mileage_{T,C,V} * SEC_{T,C,V}$$

# Scenario assumptions

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## 1. **10% EV Target - *EV***

- ▶ Displaces ICE evenly over categories and mileage
- ▶ .95MJ/km on-road efficiency: 26 kWh/100km
- ▶ 40% renewable electricity by 2020

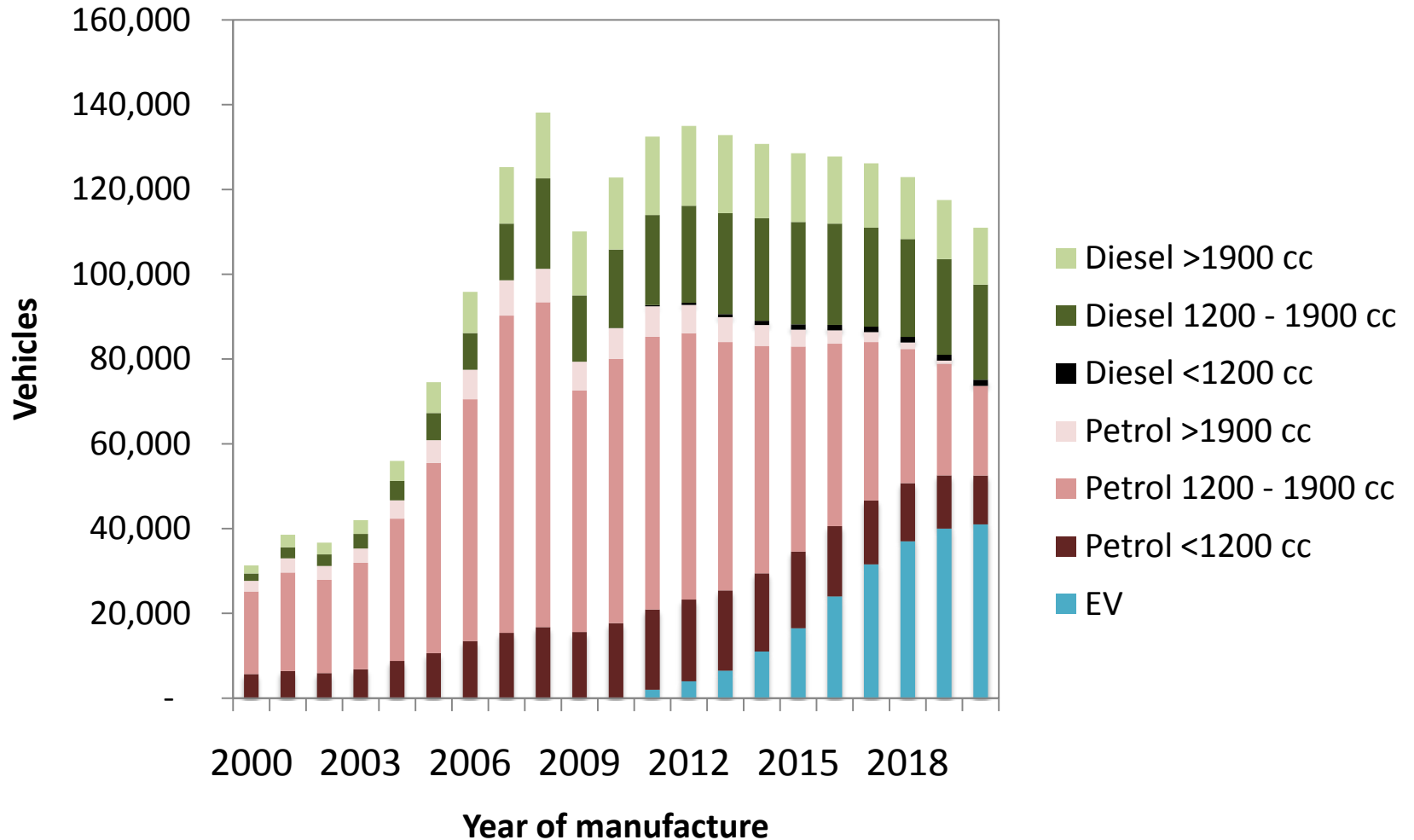
## 2. **EU Emissions Reg – *EMR***

- ▶ New-Car SEC 1.9MJ/km by 2015 – 130gCO<sub>2</sub>/km
- ▶ Comes from technology improvement and purchasing trends

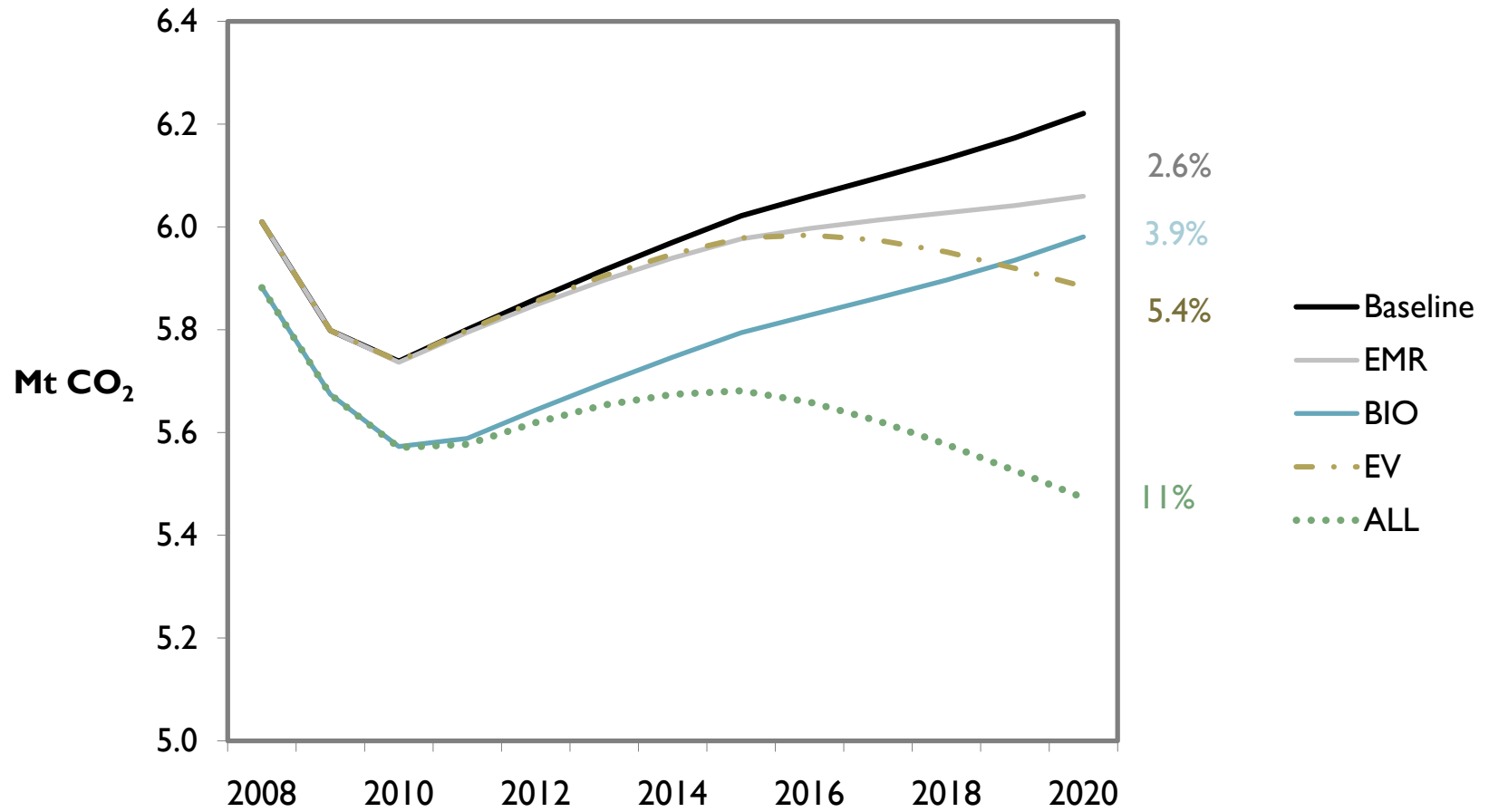
## 3. **Biofuels Blending – *BIO***

- ▶ 4% Biofuel mix (vol) by July 2010
- ▶ Implies 2.6% by energy
- ▶ Assumed 4% bioethanol in petrol and 4% biodiesel in diesel

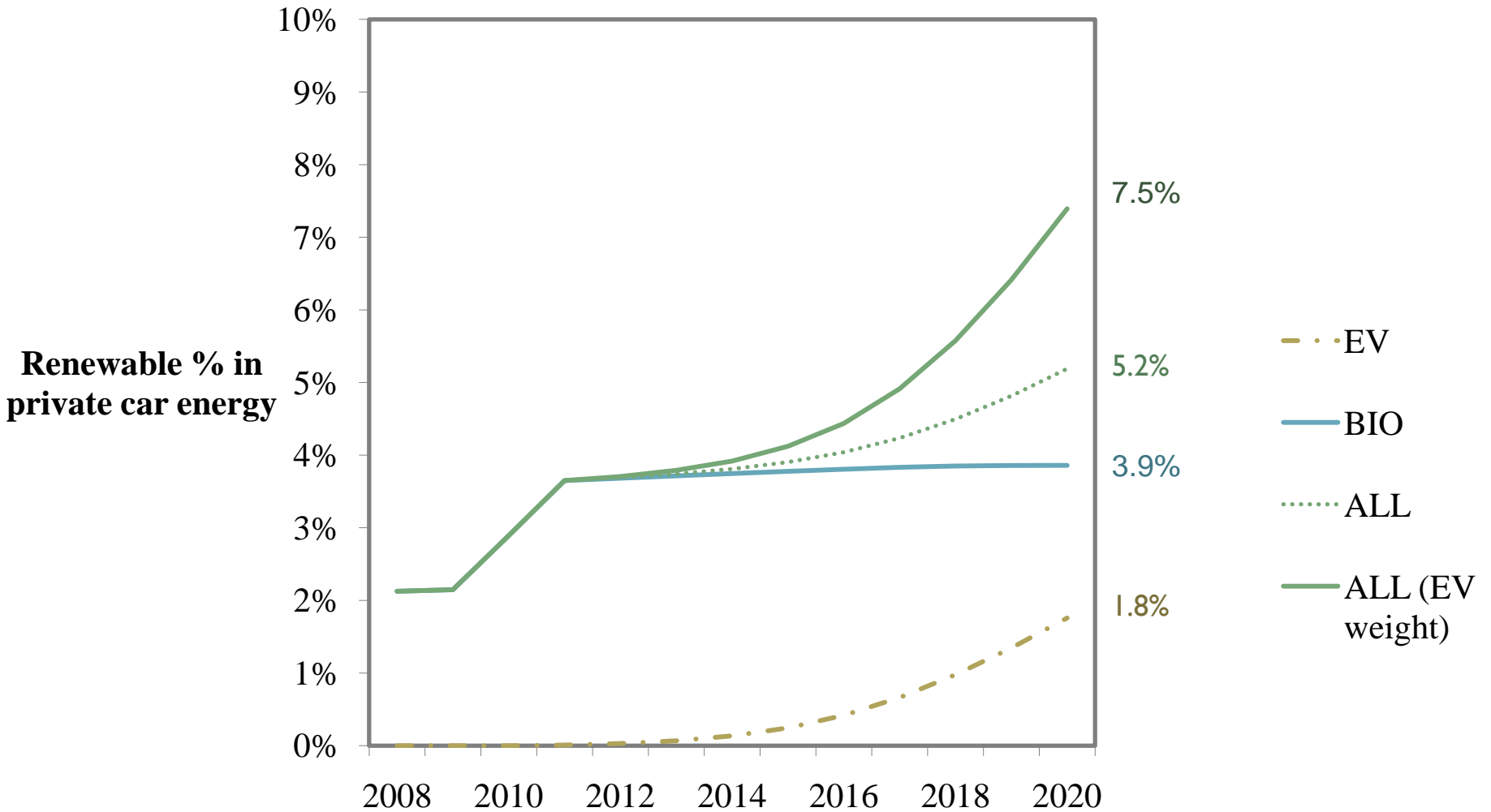
# 2020 Stock Profile: EV+EMR



# Result: Private Car CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions



# Result: RES-T





# Results: 2020 Targets

- ▶ EPA “With Measures” emissions forecast: 50 Mt CO<sub>2</sub> – **34% above target**
- ▶ Baseline private car emissions: 6.7 Mt CO<sub>2</sub>
- => Baseline Private car share: 13.4%

| Scenario | CO <sub>2</sub> Impact % (cars) | CO <sub>2</sub> Impact % (non-ETS) | Renewable % (cars) | RES-T Impact % |
|----------|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------|----------------|
| EV       | -5.4                            | -0.72                              | 1.8                | 1.3*           |
| EMR      | -1.6                            | -0.35                              | -                  | -              |
| BIO      | -3.9                            | -0.52                              | 3.9                | 1.4            |
| All      | -11.0                           | <b>-1.5</b>                        | 7.5                | <b>4*</b>      |

\* 2.5 renewable elec weight

**Target:  
-34%**

**Target:  
10%**

# Issues & Further Work

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- ▶ Generalized assumptions: potential for scenario analysis and econometric work
- ▶ **Further policies:**
  - ▶ Biofuels likely to fill the remainder to 10% REST
  - ▶ New-car target 95gCO<sub>2</sub>/km



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