
GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS FOR BATTERY ELECTRIC AND FUEL CELL ELECTRIC VEHICLES WITH RANGES OVER 300 KM

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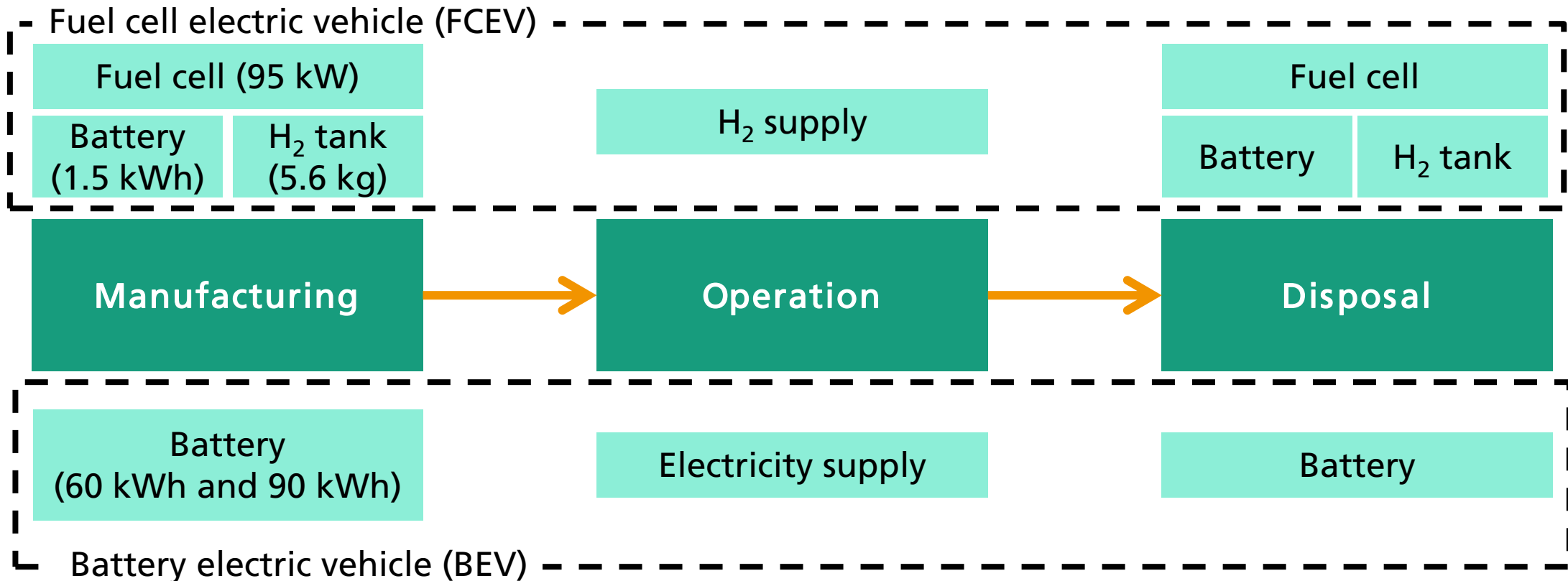
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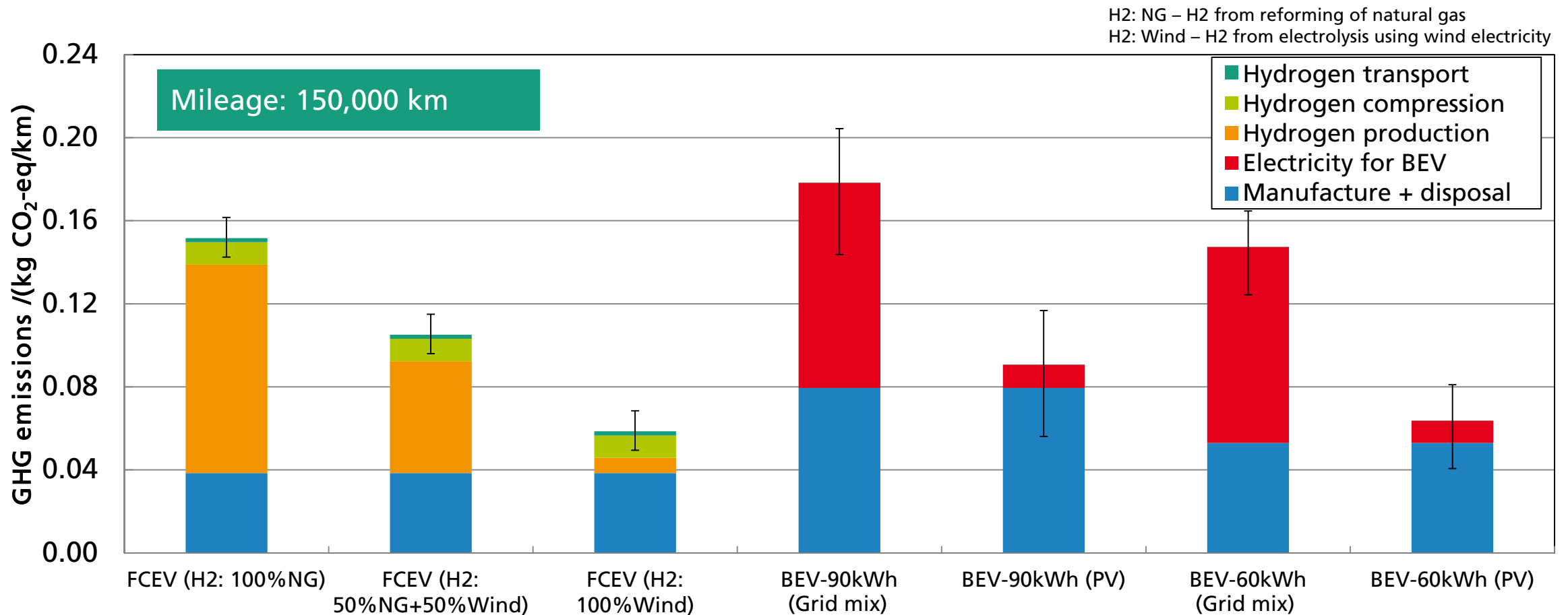


Vehicle type: SUV

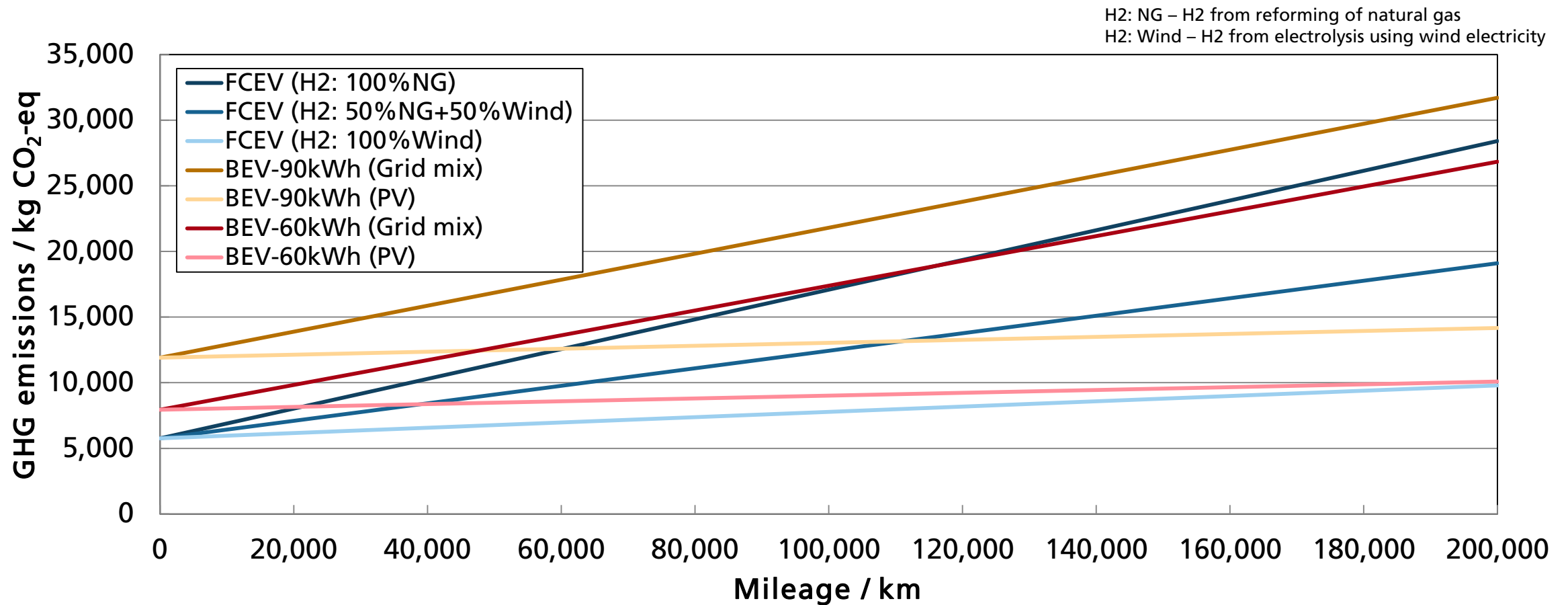
Assumptions: all components that are not listed are identical for BEV and FCEV

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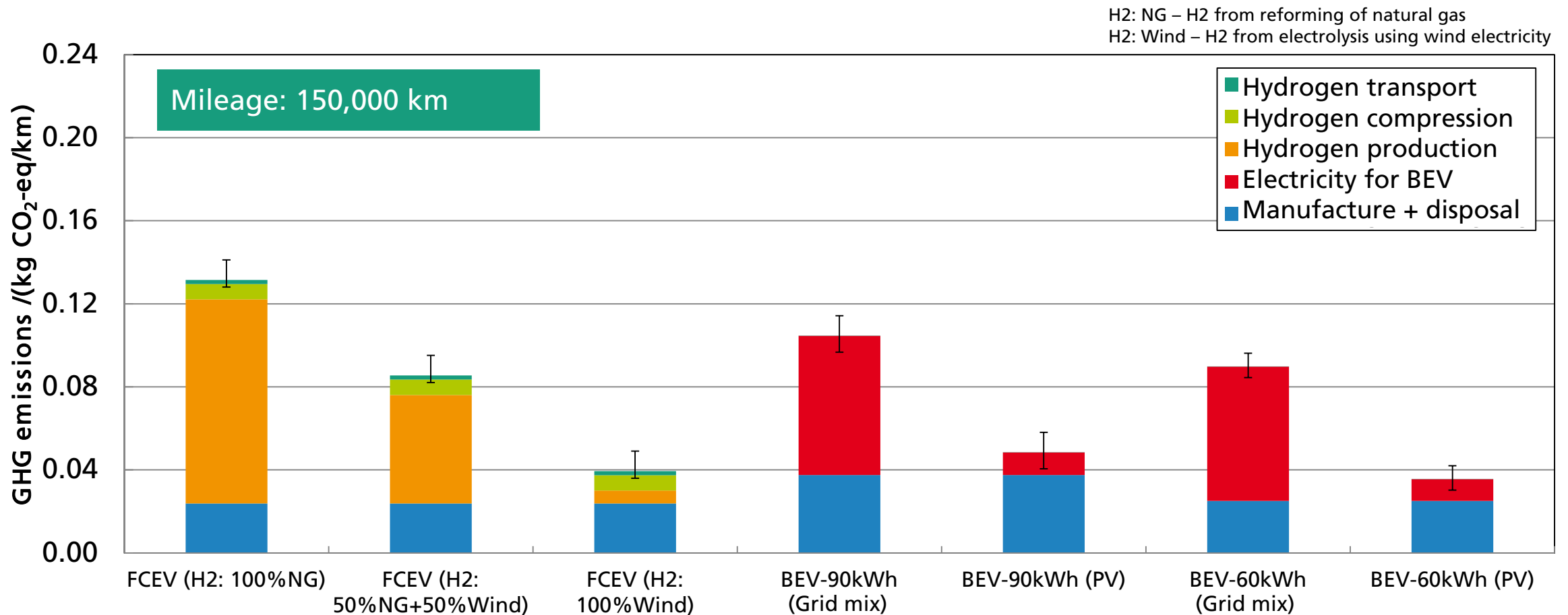
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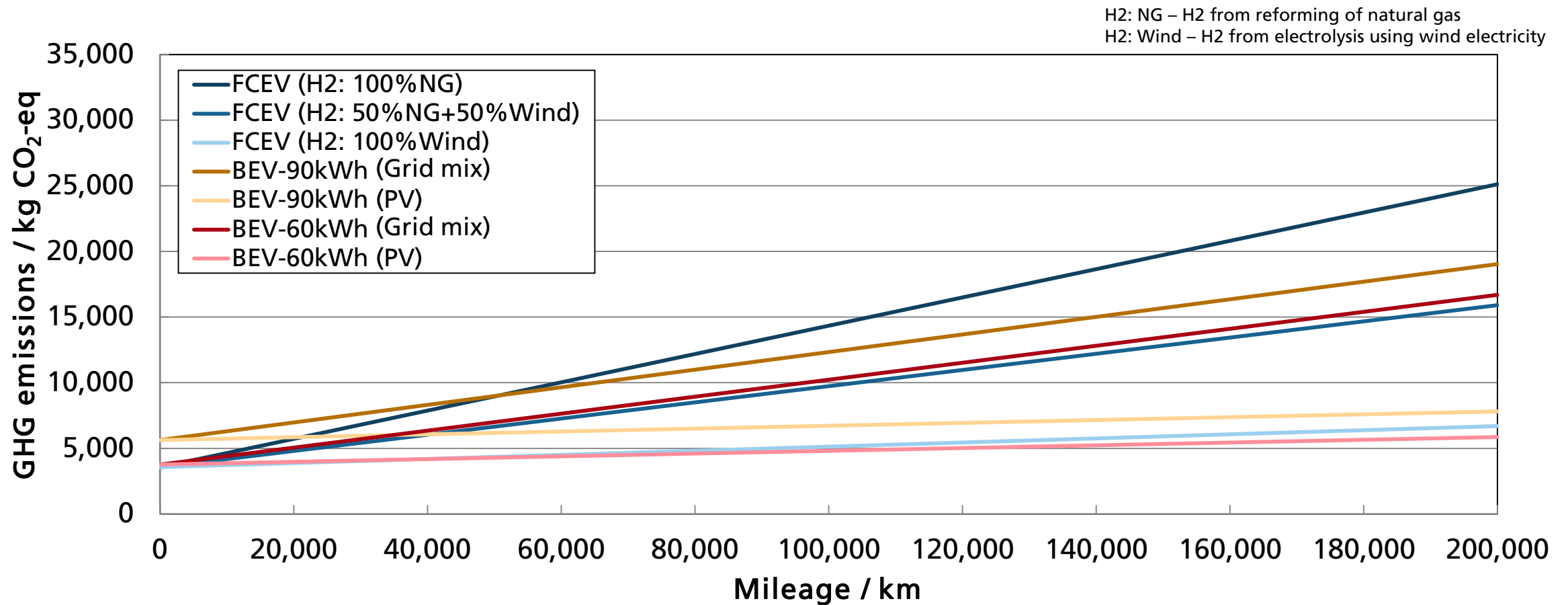
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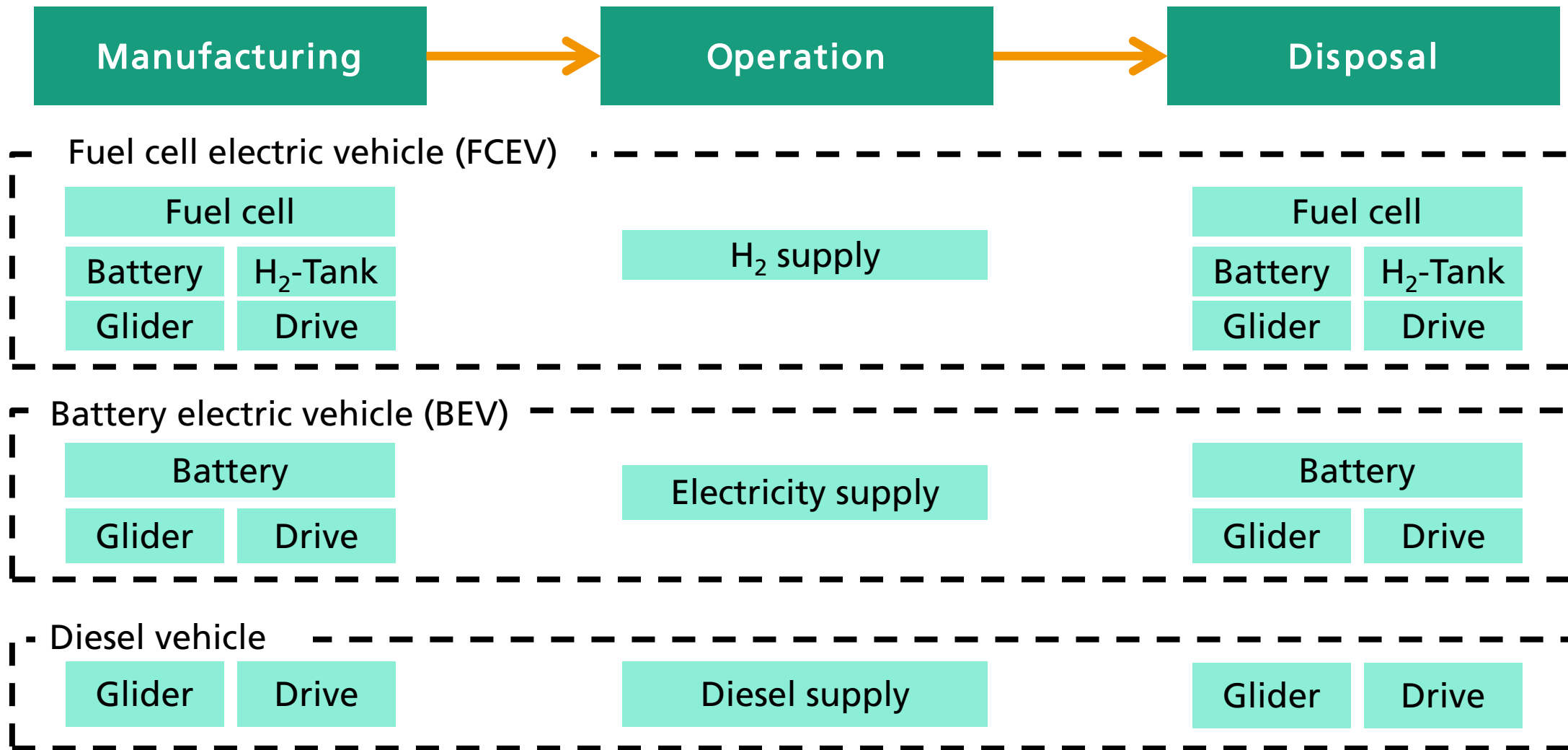
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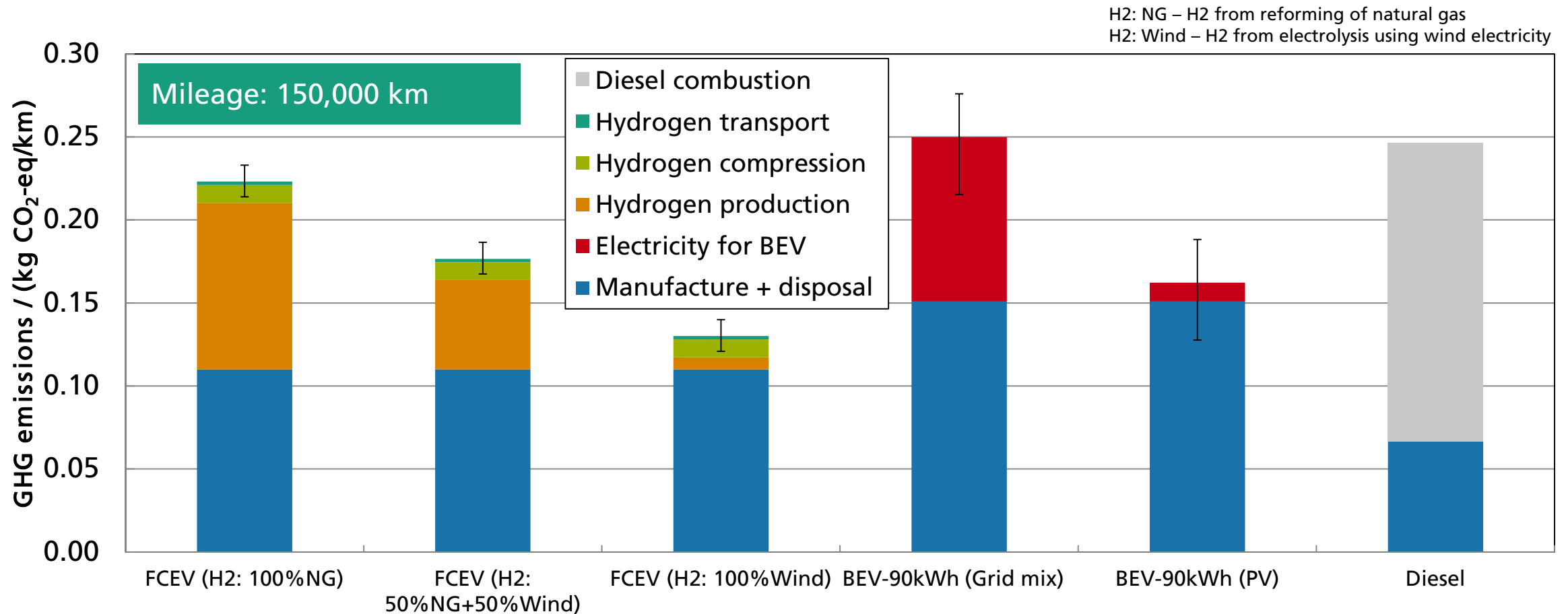
Comparison with diesel vehicle (100% fossil fuel)



Time horizon: vehicle operation for 2020-2030

GHG emissions of vehicle operation for 2020-2030

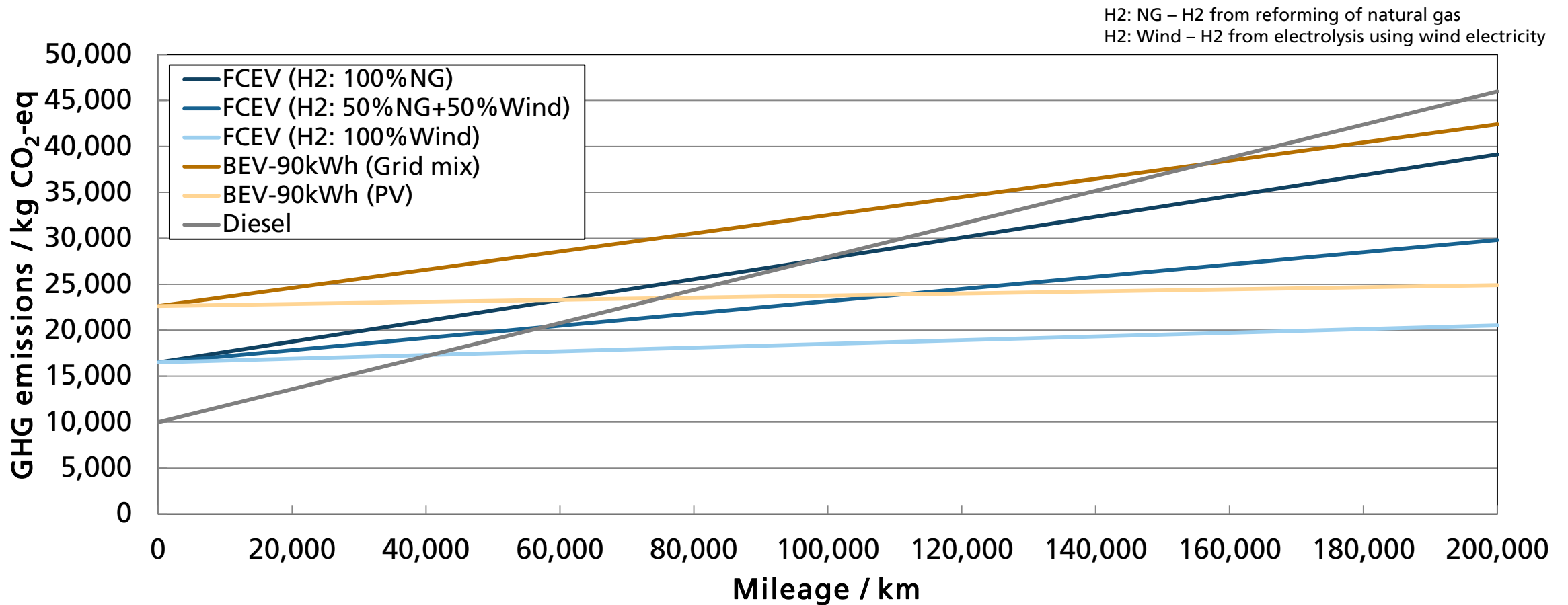
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Diesel combustion also includes GHG emissions for diesel supply

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Conclusions

- Manufacturing:
 - Greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions of fuel cell electric vehicles are lower than for considered battery electric vehicles (60 kWh and 90 kWh battery capacity)
 - Crucial factors for battery electric vehicles: Cell production and GHG footprint electricity
 - Crucial factors for fuel cell electric vehicles: Platinum und H₂ tank
- Entire life cycle:
 - Time horizon 2020-2030: lower GHG emissions for fuel cell electric vehicle
 - Higher efficiency of battery electric vehicle cannot offset higher GHG emissions during manufacturing phase
 - Hydrogen supply by wind electricity → Path with lowest GHG emissions
 - Time horizon 2030-2040
 - For similar ranges, fuel cell electric vehicles have lower GHG emissions than battery electric vehicles if both vehicles use renewable electricity
 - Battery electric vehicle with lower battery capacity / range (about < 50 kWh/250 km) have lower GHG emissions than fuel cell electric vehicles

Limitations

- Future improvements in manufacturing process for materials (e.g., platinum and aluminum) were not considered
- Future hydrogen tank concepts could not be considered
- Besides GHG emissions also other environmental impact categories should be analyzed (e.g., land used and water consumption)
- GHG emissions for construction of mobility infrastructure was not considered (e.g., charging infrastructure and hydrogen distribution)
- Interactions with energy system need to be analyzed in more detail
- Analysis of further renewable propulsion concepts required (e.g., hybrid vehicles, combustion engines with synthetic fuels)
- Second life is not considered for battery and fuel cell
- No GHG credit for materials after disposal

Most important references

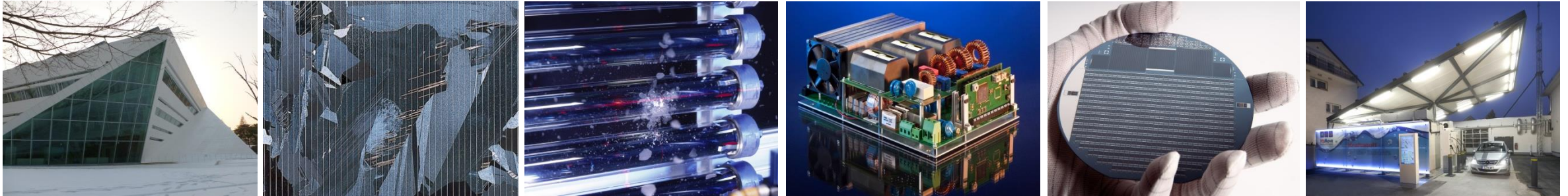
Battery electric vehicle

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Journal of Industrial Ecology, 18, 2014, 113-124
 - Department of Energy and Process Engineering, Norwegian University of Science and Technology
- Agora Verkehrswende (2019)
Lifecycle analysis of electric vehicles
(only summary in English)
- Department for batteries at ISE

Fuel cell electric vehicle

- Miotti^{1,2}, Hofer¹ und Bauer¹ 2017
Integrated environmental and economic assessment of current and future fuel cell vehicles
The International Journal of Life Cycle Assessment, 22, 2017, 94-110
 - ¹Laboratory for Energy Systems Analysis, Paul Scherrer Institute (PSI)
 - ²Institute for Data, Systems, and Society (IDSS), Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT),
- Department for fuel cells at ISE

Thank you for your Attention!



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APPENDIX

- Assumptions for vehicle operation
- Comparison for manufacturing of battery electric vehicles and fuel cell electric vehicles
- Details for manufacturing of batteries
- Details for manufacturing of fuel cells
- Details for manufacturing of hydrogen tank
- References for scenarios considered

Vehicle operation – assumptions

- FCEV based on Hyundai Nexo
 - Curb weight: 1919 kg
 - Weight without fuel cell and hydrogen tank: 1600 kg ^[1] (Basis for comparison with BEV)
 - H₂ demand based on WLTP: 0.95 kg H₂/100km (used for 2020); 2030: 0.93 kg H₂/100km
 - Fuel cell power: 95 kW
 - Hydrogen tank: 5.6 kg H₂ → Range: > 500 km
- BEV with 60 kWh battery (generic, weight without battery = 1600 kg)
 - Weight, incl. 60 kWh battery: 2044 kg (2020) and 1924 kg (2030)
 - Electricity demand (without charging losses): 19.5 kWh/100km (2020) and 19.0 kWh/100km (2030)
 - Range: ~300 km
- BEV with 90 kWh battery (generic, weight without battery = 1600 kg)
 - Weight, incl. 90 kWh battery : 2266 kg (2020) and 2086 kg (2030)
 - Electricity demand (without charging losses): 20.4 kWh/100km (2020) and 19.7 kWh/100km (2030)
 - Range: > 400 km

Vehicle operation – Assumptions for fuel and electricity supply

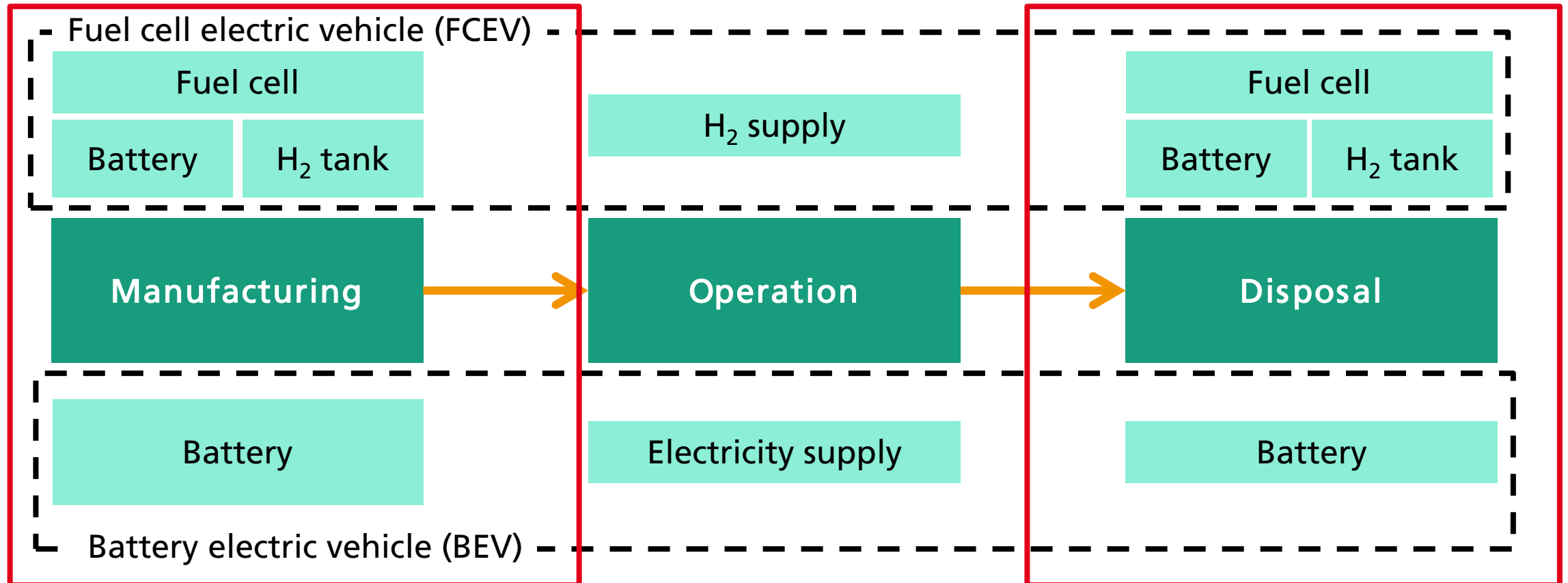
- Hydrogen from electrolysis
 - Electricity demand: 54 kWh/kg H₂ (Study IndWEDe, NOW GmbH, Berlin 2019)
 - GHG emissions for manufacturing of electrolysis: 0.18 and 0.08 kg CO₂-eq/kg H₂ (2020 and 2030)
- Hydrogen from reforming of natural gas
 - GHG emissions : 10.6 kg CO₂-eq/kg H₂ (Sternberg et al., Green Chem., 2017, 19, 2244)
- Electricity demand for hydrogen compression from 30 to 1000 bar: 2.7 kWh/kg H₂ ^[1]
 - Electricity is supplied by grid mix
- GHG emissions H₂ transport (200 km): 0.21 kg CO₂-eq/kg H₂ ^[2]
- Charging losses for BEV: 15% (Agora Verkehrswende, 2019)
- GHG emissions electricity supply
 - Grid mix 2020-2030: 421 g CO₂-eq/kWh (Agora Verkehrswende, 2019)
 - Grid mix 2030-2040: 296 g CO₂-eq/kWh (Agora Verkehrswende, 2019)
 - PV: 48 g CO₂-eq/kWh (IPCC AR5 WGII Annex III, Wert for „Solar PV – utility“)
 - Wind: 11 g CO₂-eq/kWh (IPCC AR5 WGII Annex III, Wert for „Wind onshore“)

Diesel vehicle: Definition of vehicle weight and consumption

- Reference: Hyundai Tucson 1.6 CRDi (100 kW)
 - Curb weight: 1,683-1,810 kg
 - Consumption based on NEDC^[1]: 4.4 l/100km
 - CO2 emissions based on NEDC^[1]: 117 g/km
 - CO2-Emissionen based on WLTP: 157 g/km
 - Consumption based on WLTP^[2]: 5.9 l/100km
- Considered values:
 - Curb weight : 1,750 kg
 - Consumption based on WLTP: 5.9 l/100km (100% fossil fuel)

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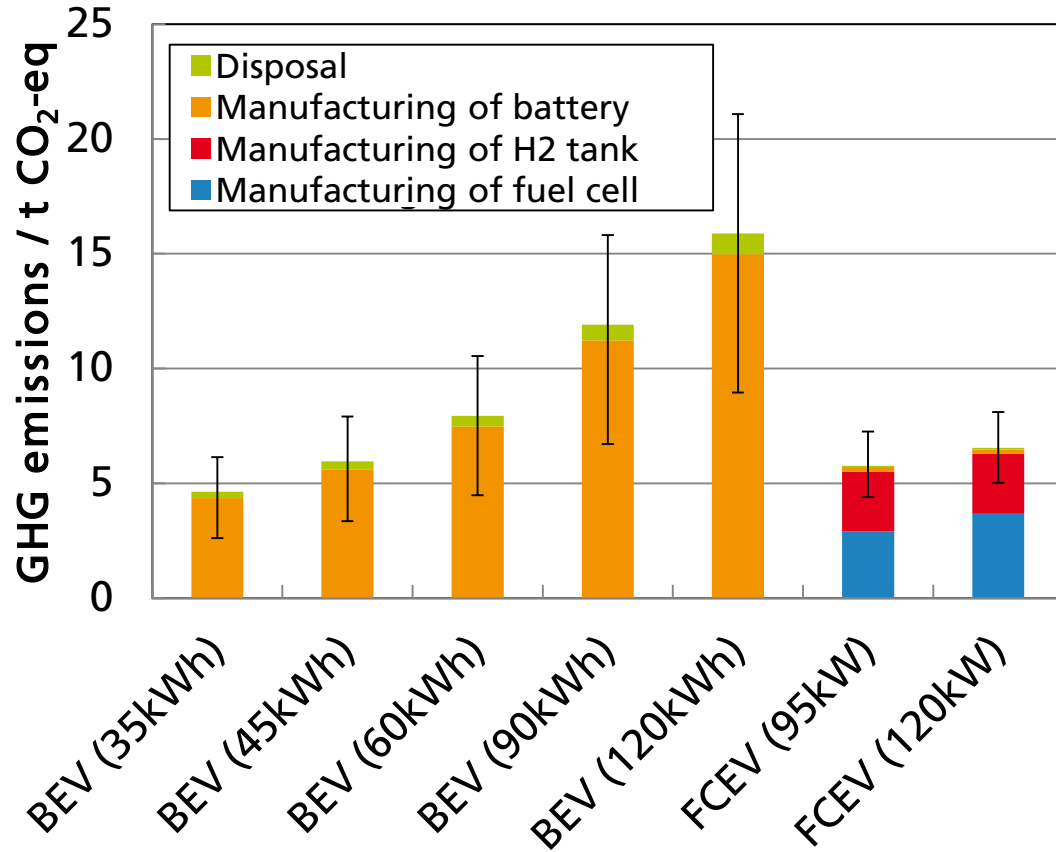


Manufacturing + disposal: greenhouse gas emissions

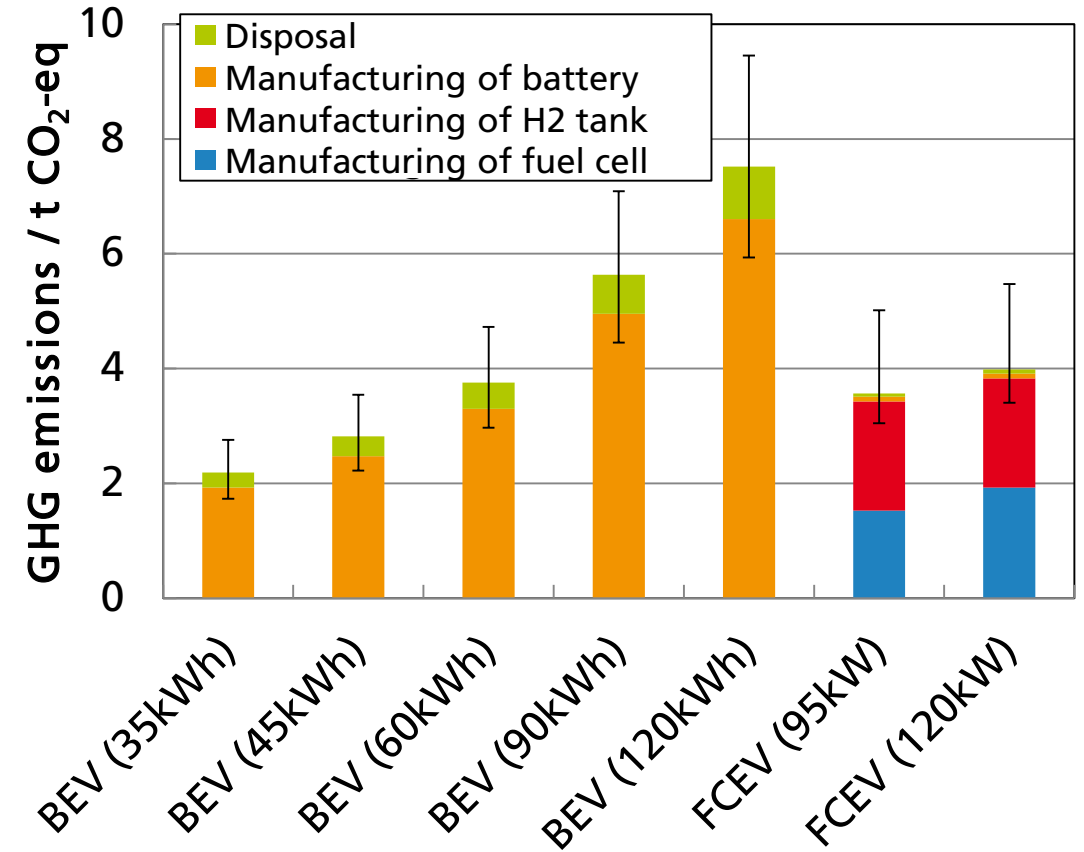
GHG fuel cell system (95 kW) \approx
GHG battery with 45 kWh

GHG fuel cell system (95 kW) \approx
GHG battery with 60 kWh

2020

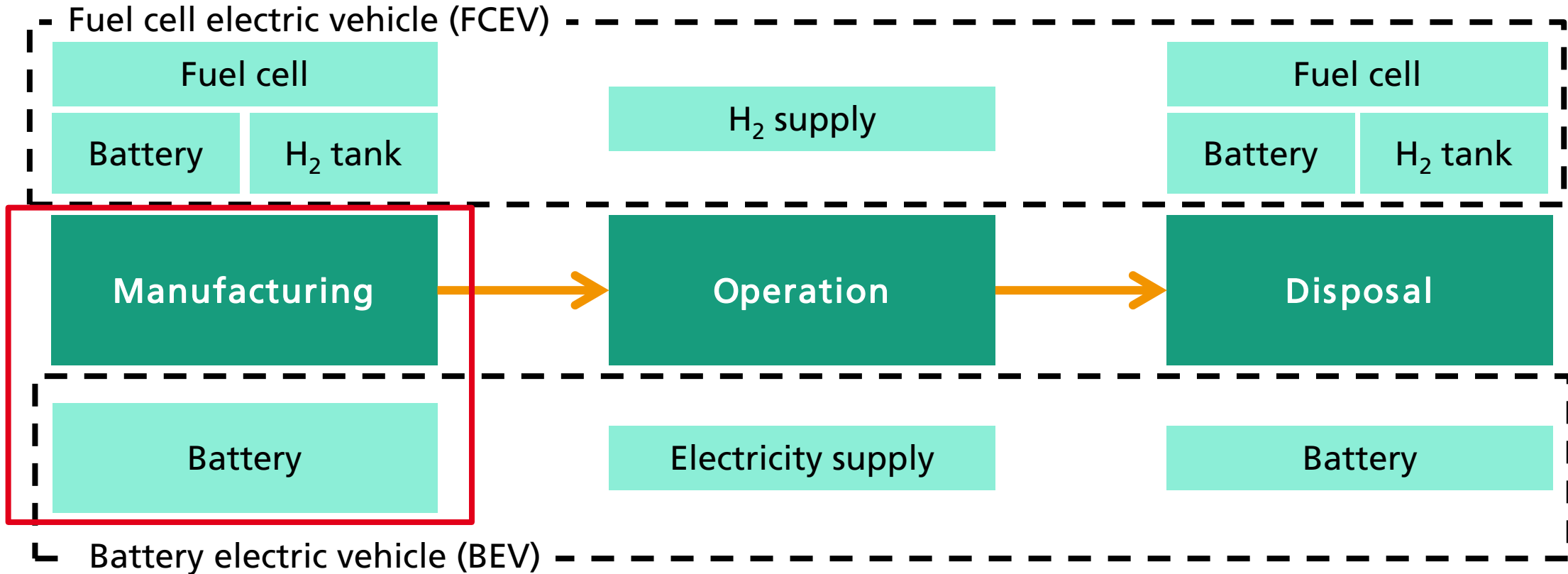


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Most important assumptions for battery

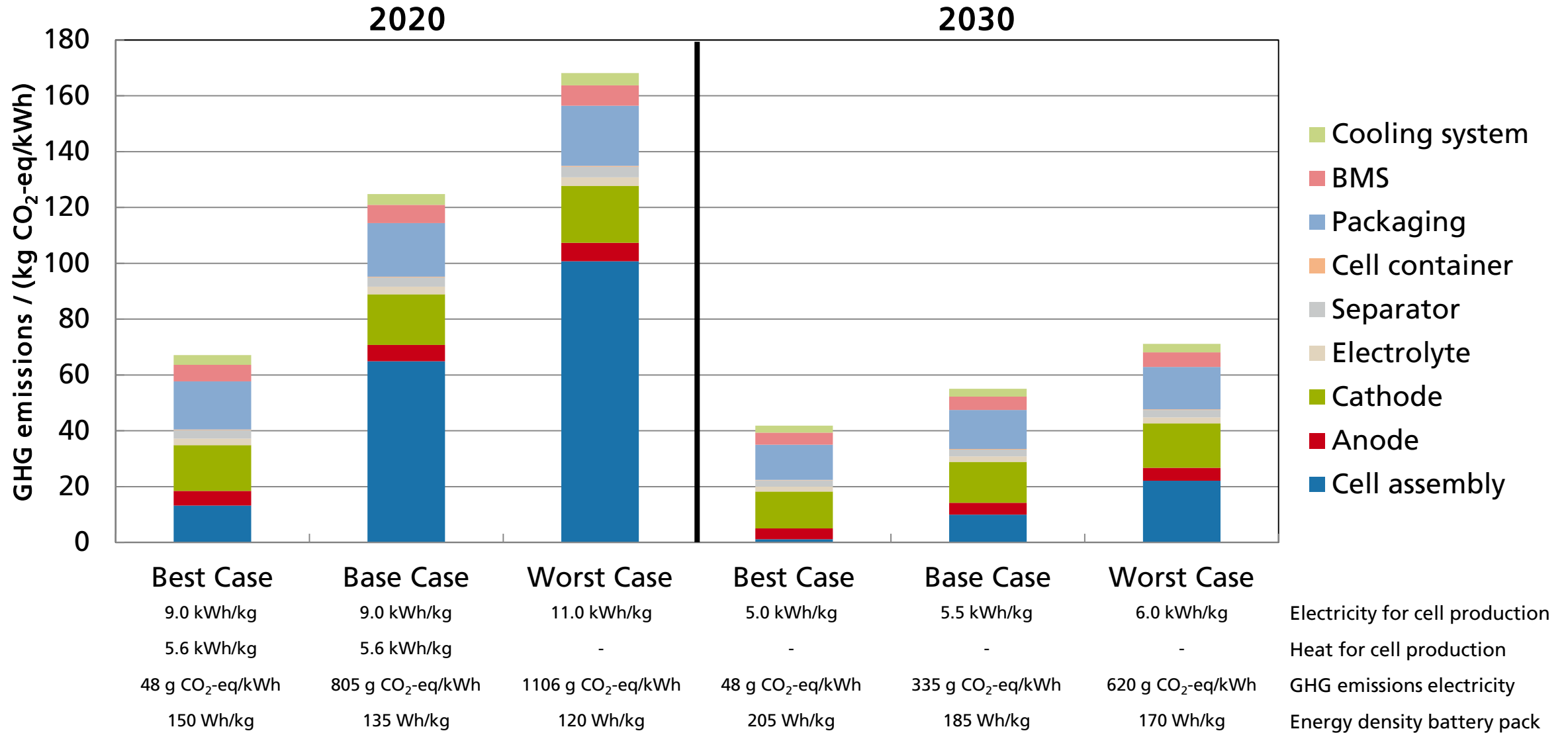
	2020	2030
Cell chemistry ^[1]	NCM (6:2:2)	NCM (9:0.5:0.5)
Cell container ^[2]	pouch	
Pack housing ^[2]	aluminum	
Electrolyte salt ^[2]	LiPF ₆	
Solvent ^[2,4]	n-methyl-2-pyrrolidone	
Energy density (battery pack) ^[3]	135 Wh/kg	185 Wh/kg

N – nickel
 C – cobalt
 M - manganese

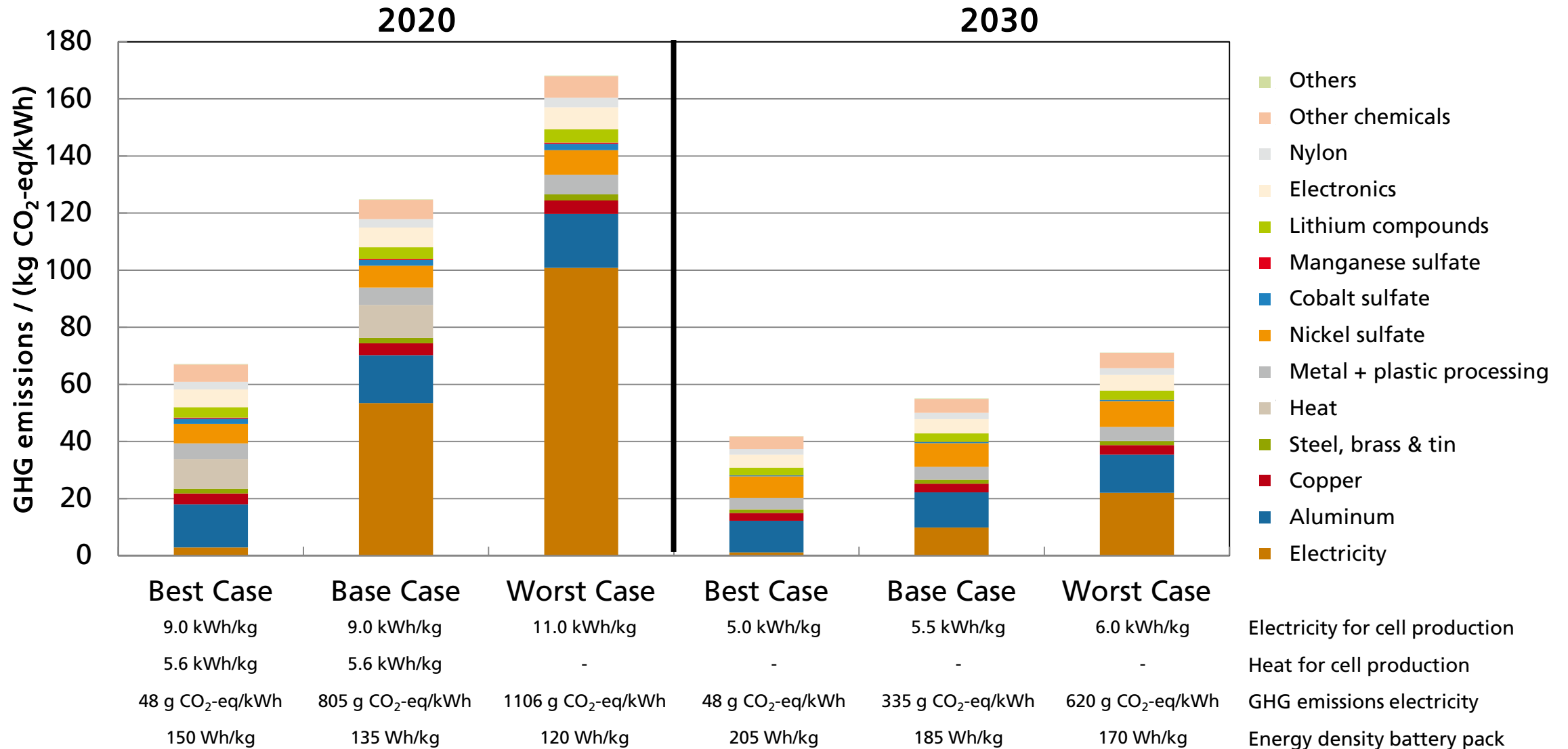
Battery was modeled in LCA-Software Umberto LCA+
 using database ecoinvent 3.5
 Data for manufacturing of battery is based on [2]

Manufacturing of batteries: GHG emissions

BMS – battery management system

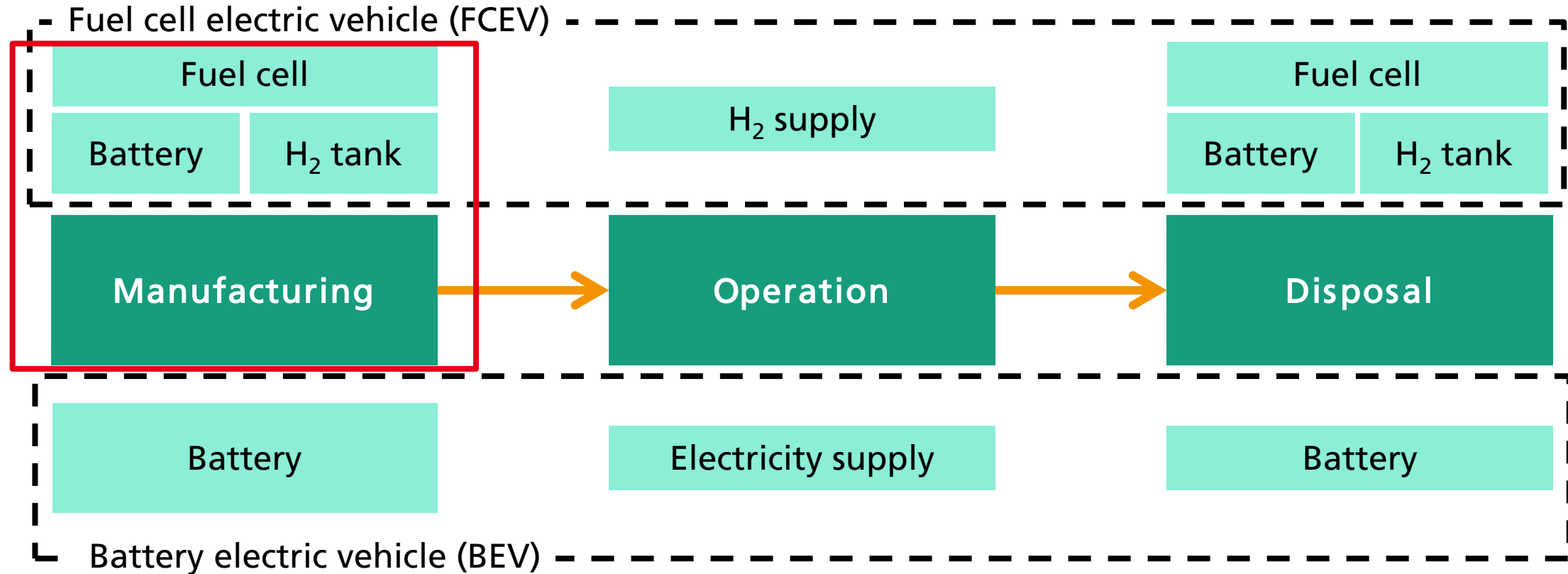


Manufacturing of batteries: GHG emissions in more detail



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Most important assumptions for fuel cell

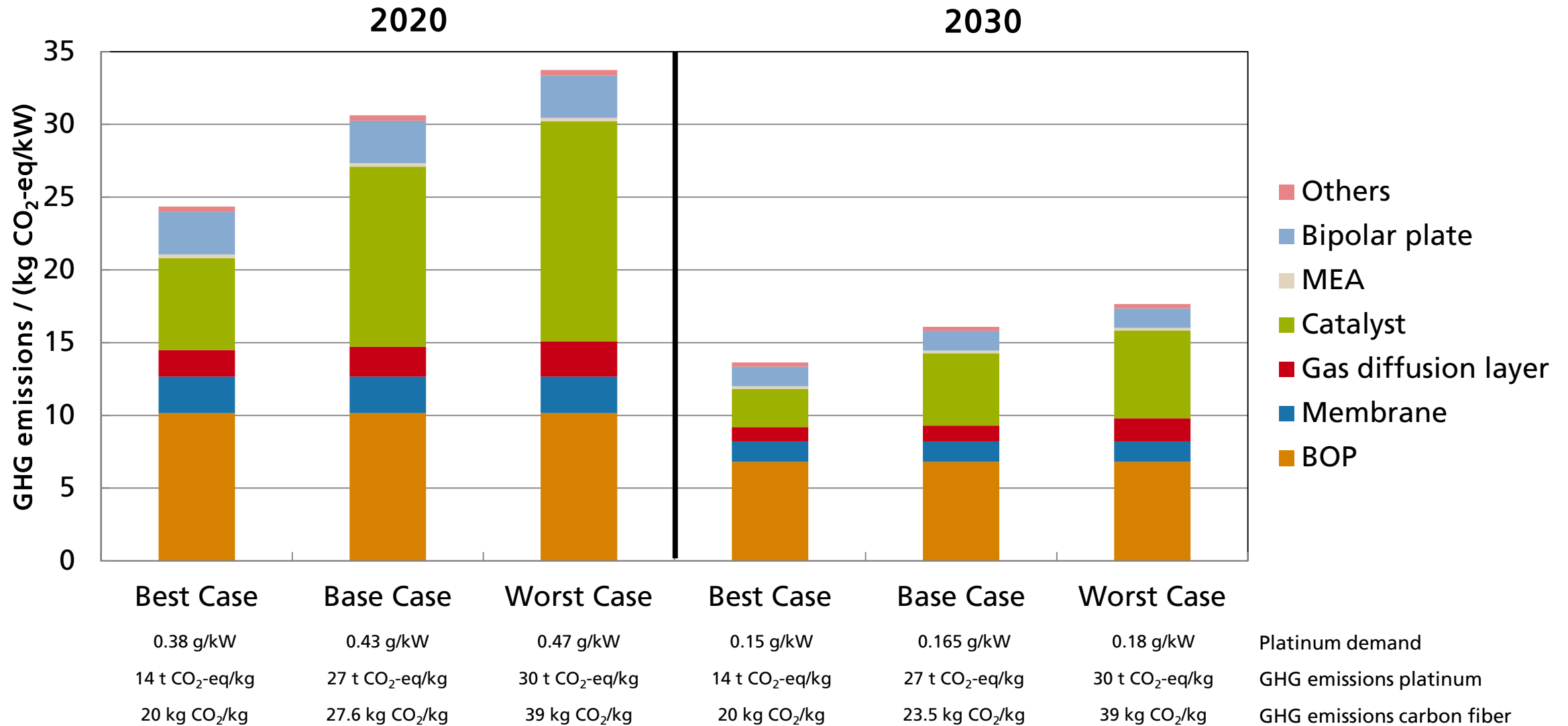
	2020	2030
Platinum loading ^[1]	0.4 mg/cm ²	0.2 mg/cm ²
Power density ^[1]	1060 mW/m ²	1310 mW/m ²
Platinum demand ^[1]	0.43 g/kW	0.165 g/kW

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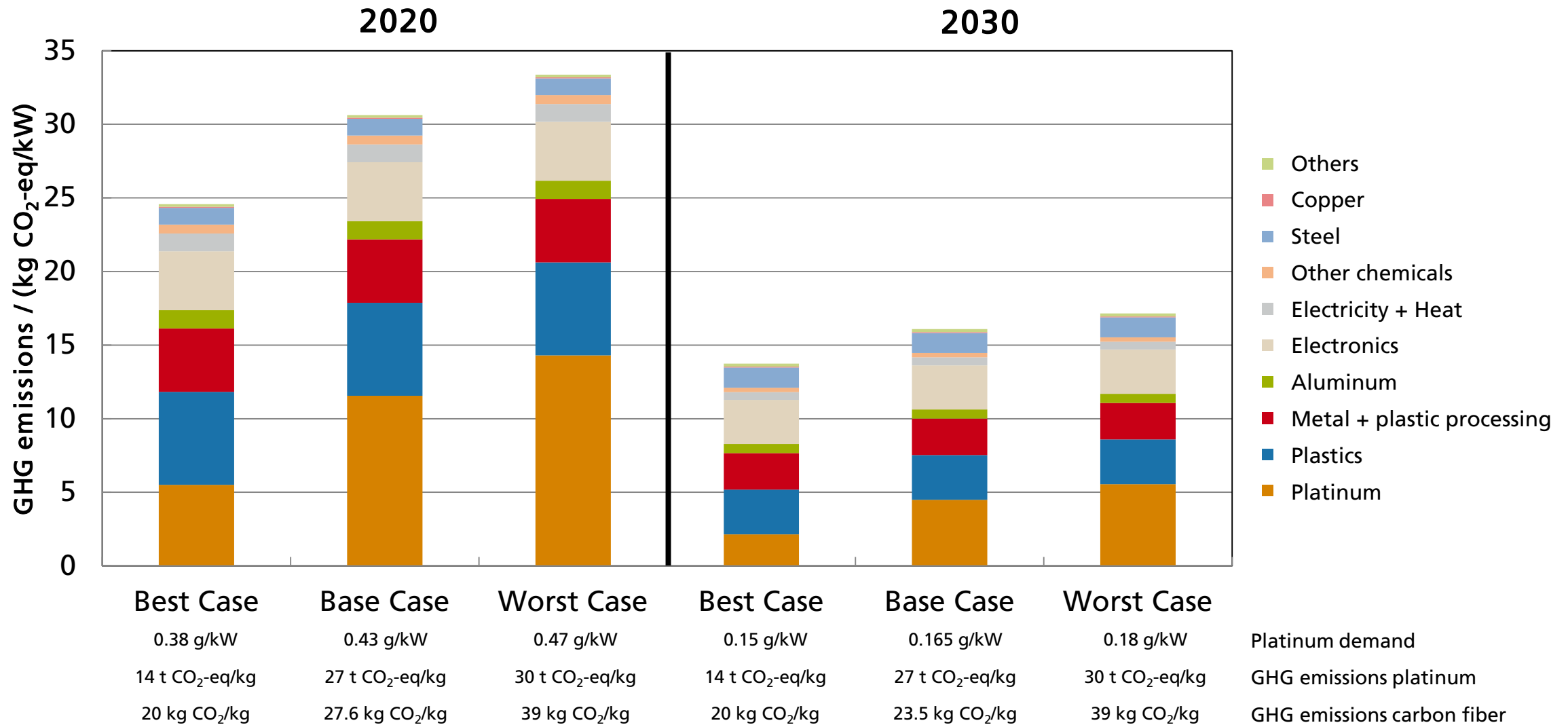
Manufacturing of fuel cells: GHG emissions

MEA – Membrane electrode assembly

BOP – Balance of plant



Manufacturing of fuel cells: GHG emissions



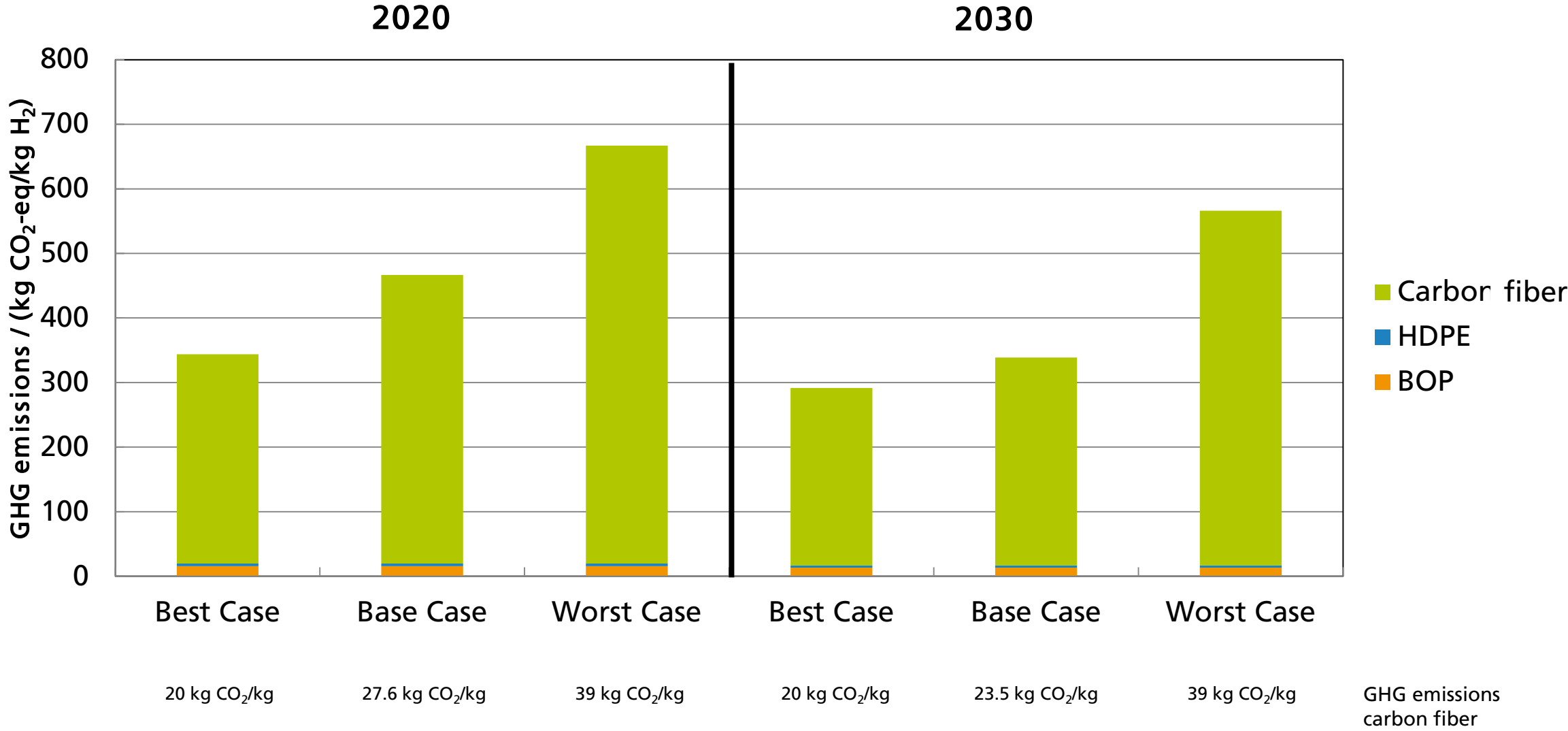
Most important assumptions for hydrogen tank

	2020	2030
Tank type	Typ IV (700 bar); 2 tank system	
Size	5.6 kg H ₂	
Material demand		15% lower compared to 2020 [1]

Hydrogen tank was modeled in LCA-Software Umberto LCA+ using database ecoinvent 3.5

Data for manufacturing of hydrogen tank is based on „Argonne National Lab, ANL-10/24 Technical Assessment of Compressed Hydrogen Storage Tank Systems for Automotive Applications“

Manufacturing of hydrogen tank: GHG emissions



References for manufacturing scenarios of battery

	2020			2030		
	Best Case	Base Case	Worst Case	Best Case	Base Case	Worst Case
Electricity demand for cell production	9.0 kWh/kg	9.0 kWh/kg	11.0 kWh/kg	5.0 kWh/kg	5.5 kWh/kg	6.0 kWh/kg
Heat demand for cell production	5.6 kWh/kg	5.6 kWh/kg	-	-	-	-
Reference for electricity and heat demand	[Peters et al., 2018]	[Peters et al., 2018]	[Agora Verkehrswende, 2019]	Own assumption: -10% from Base Case	[Agora Verkehrswende, 2019]	Own assumption: +10% from Base Case
GHG emissions electricity	48 g CO ₂ -eq/kWh	805 g CO ₂ -eq/kWh	1106 g CO ₂ -eq/kWh	48 g CO ₂ -eq/kWh	335 g CO ₂ -eq/kWh	620 g CO ₂ -eq/kWh
Reference for GHG emissions electricity	[IPCC] PV Strom	[Agora Verkehrswende, 2019] grid mix of manufacturing countries	[Agora Verkehrswende, 2019] grid mix China	[IPCC] PV Strom	[Agora Verkehrswende, 2019] grid mix EU, 2030	Forecast grid mix China, 2030
Energy density battery pack ^[1]	150 Wh/kg	135 Wh/kg	120 Wh/kg	205 Wh/kg	185 Wh/kg	170 Wh/kg

Energy density for battery packs

	2020			2030		
	Best Case	Base Case	Worst Case	Best Case	Base Case	Worst Case
Energy density Battery cell ^[1]	250 Wh/kg	225 Wh/kg	200 Wh/kg	340 Wh/kg	310 Wh/kg	280 Wh/kg
Energy density Battery pack ^[2]	150 Wh/kg	135 Wh/kg	120 Wh/kg	205 Wh/kg	185 Wh/kg	170 Wh/kg

References for manufacturing scenarios of fuel cell and H₂ tank

	2020			2030		
	Best Case	Base Case	Worst Case	Best Case	Base Case	Worst Case
Platinum demand	0.38 g/kW	0.43 g/kW	0.47 g/kW	0.15 g/kW	0.165 g/kW	0.18 g/kW
Reference for platinum demand	Own assumption: -10% from Base Case	[Miotti et al., 2017]	Own assumption: +10% from Base Case	Own assumption: -10% from Base Case	[Miotti et al., 2017]	Own assumption: +10% from Base Case
GHG emissions platinum	14 t CO ₂ -eq/kg	27 t CO ₂ -eq/kg	30 t CO ₂ -eq/kg	14 t CO ₂ -eq/kg	27 t CO ₂ -eq/kg	30 t CO ₂ -eq/kg
Reference for GHG emissions platinum	[ecoinvent 3.5] Platinum from Russia	[ecoinvent 3.5] Global Platinum mix, about 20% Russia + 80% South Africa	[ecoinvent 3.5] Platinum from South Africa	[ecoinvent 3.5] Platinum from Russia	[ecoinvent 3.5] Global Platinum mix, about 20% Russia + 80% South Africa	[ecoinvent 3.5] Platinum from South Africa
GHG emissions carbon fiber	20 kg CO ₂ /kg	27.6 kg CO ₂ /kg	39 kg CO ₂ /kg	20 kg CO ₂ /kg	23.5 kg CO ₂ /kg	39 kg CO ₂ /kg
Reference for GHG emissions carbon fiber	[Miotti et al., 2017]	Own calculation based on documentation of Eco Impact Calculators GHG electricity: 805 g CO ₂ -eq/kWh	[Eco Impact Calculator] http://ecocalculator.euica.eu/	[Miotti et al., 2017]	Own calculation based on documentation of Eco Impact Calculators GHG electricity: 335 g CO ₂ -eq/kWh	[Eco Impact Calculator] http://ecocalculator.euica.eu/