



# **FHWA EV Feasibility Project**

**EV Roadmap July 28th, 2015**

# EV Feasibility Project team



- Feasibility and Implications of Electric Vehicle (EV) Deployment and Infrastructure Development
  - Lead Office: FHWA Office of Natural Environment
- Project Team:



\* Electric Vehicles (EVs) that are powered at least in part by plugging into the electric power grid.

# Context



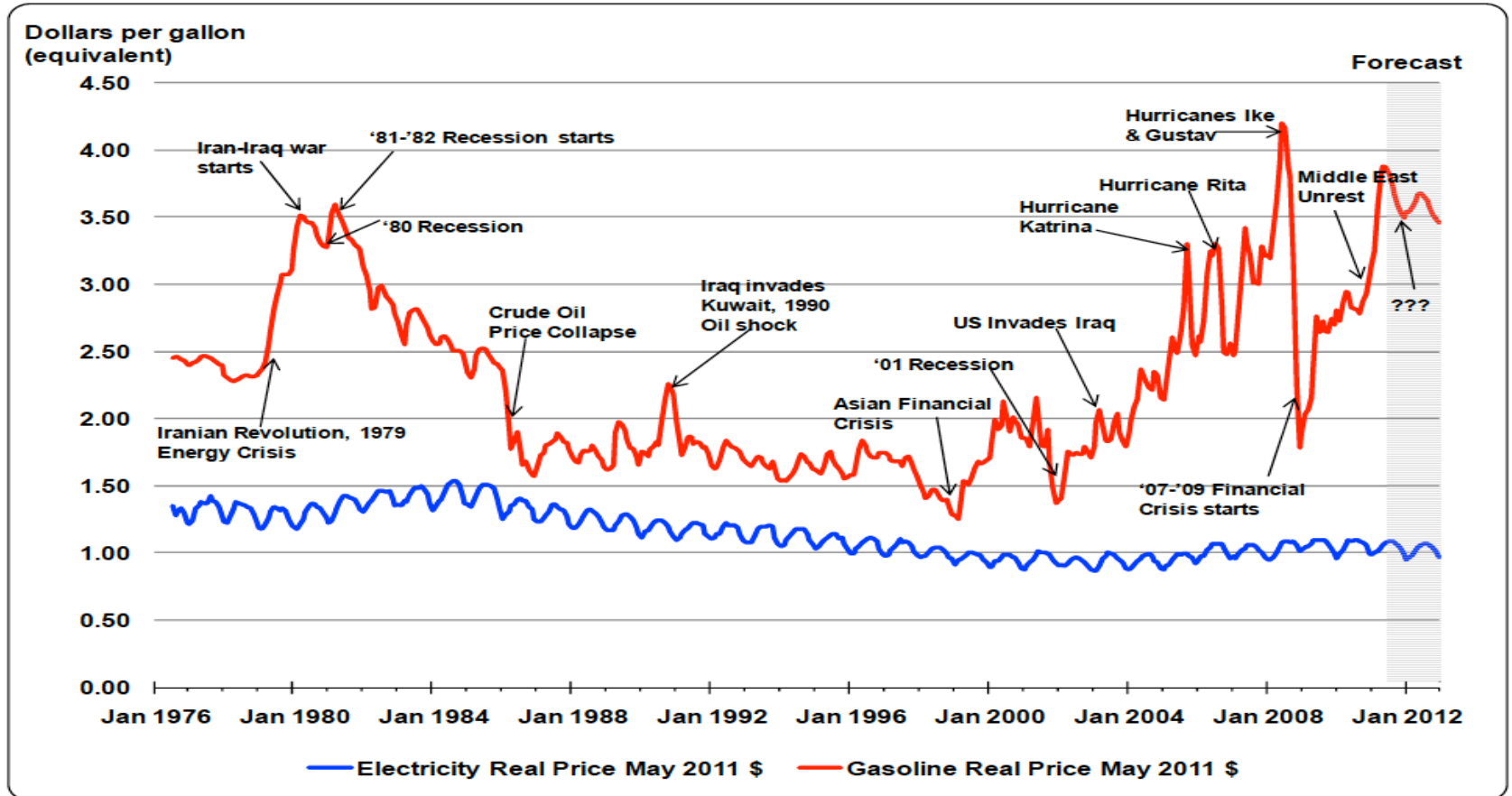
- Existing highway infrastructure and funding is designed around conventionally fueled vehicles.
- Widespread adoption of EV technologies could have major implications on both of these areas.
- FHWA needs to understand whether future changes in the vehicle fleet have implications for its mission and programs.

# How far can alternative fuels get us?



Feedstock Source	Gasoline Equivalent - billion gallons per year			
	U.S.	% of baseline	California	Oregon
Baseline (2013)	187	n/a	17.6	2.0
<i>Gasoline</i>	134	71.7%	14.9	1.5
<i>Diesel</i>	53	28.3%	2.7	0.5
Total Cellulosic Ethanol	12.9	6.9%	1.348	0.732
<i>Forest Residue</i>	2.2	1.2%	0.075	0.157
<i>Ag. Residue (corn, wheat, barley)</i>	4.7	2.5%	0.075	0.031
<i>Urban Wood Waste and Secondary Mill Residue</i>	1.2	0.6%	0.226	0.025
<i>Primary Mill Residue</i>	2.4	1.3%	0.198	0.414
<i>Mixed Waste Paper</i>	1.5	0.8%	0.4	0.041

# Fuel cost vs. electricity cost



**Source:** Edison Electric Institute ([EEI, 2011](#))

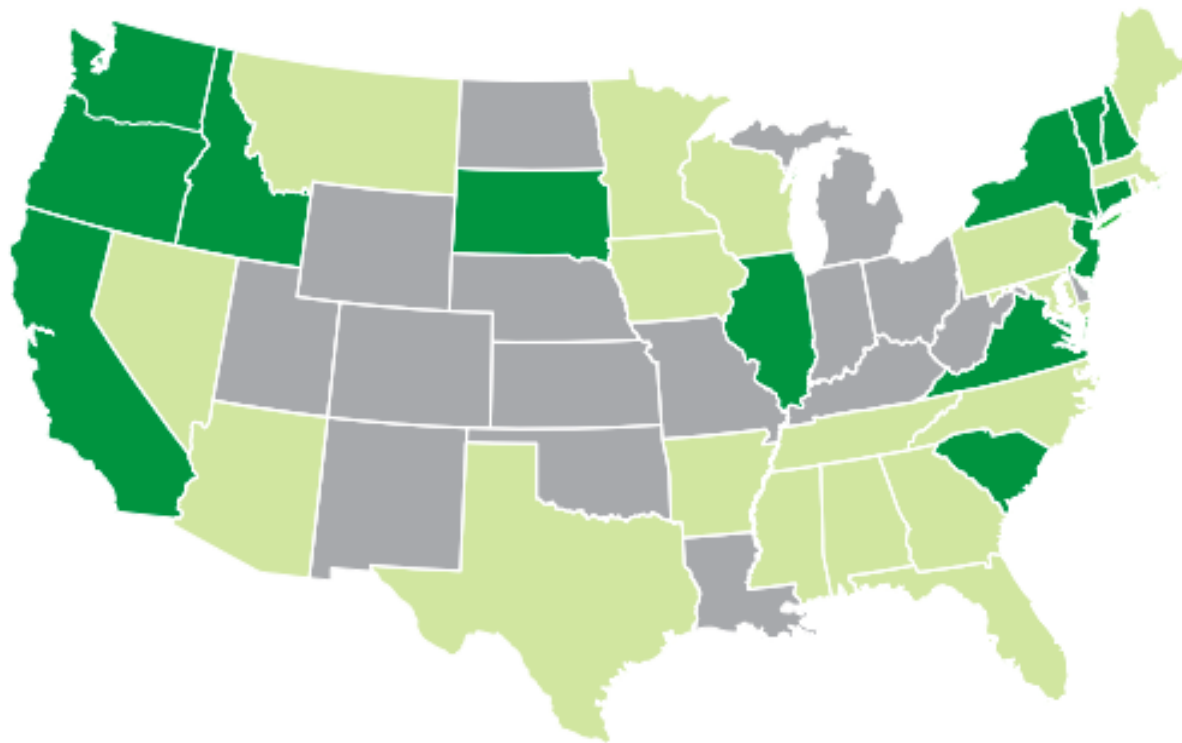
# MPG equivalent - GHG per mile from different electric power sources



<b>Electricity source</b>	<b>Well-To-Wheels EV Miles Per Gallon Equivalent (mpg<sub>ghg</sub>)</b>
Coal	30
Oil	32
Natural Gas	54
Solar	500
Nuclear	2,000
Wind	3,900
Hydro	5,800
Geothermal	7,600

Anair, Don and Amine Mahmassani. "State of Charge." Union of Concerned Scientists, June, 2012.

# Electric LEAF vs. Prius



- States where Leaf is more climate friendly than Prius based on total lifecycle emissions per mile
- States where Prius is more climate friendly than Leaf based on total lifecycle emissions per mile
- States where Prius is more climate friendly than Leaf based on lifecycle emissions, but where Leaf would be more climate friendly if manufacturing emissions were not considered

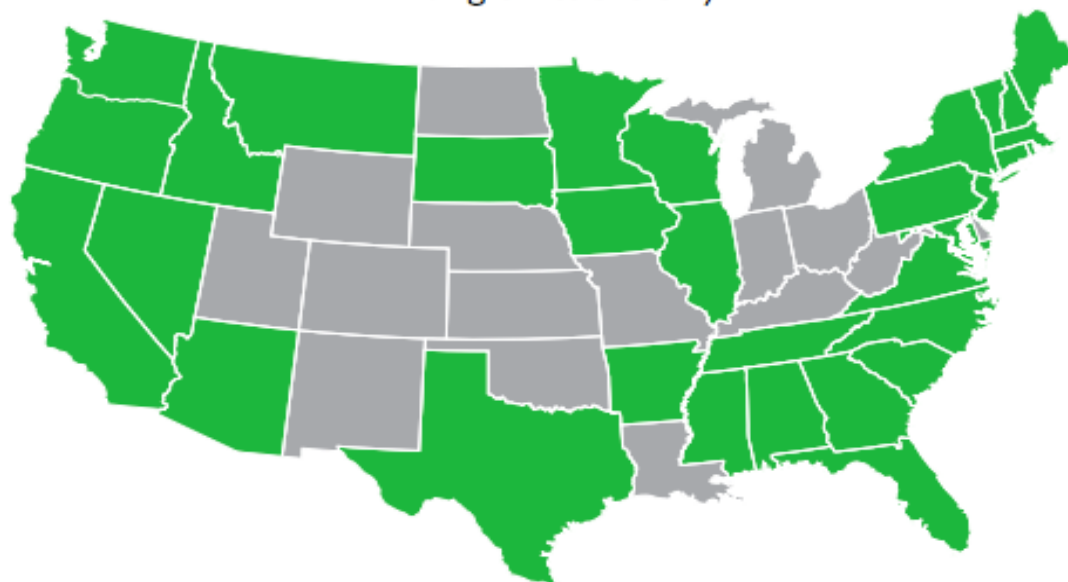
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# Renewable Portfolio Standards make a difference



## 2012 Grid

Driving emissions only



 States where the Leaf is more climate friendly than the Prius  
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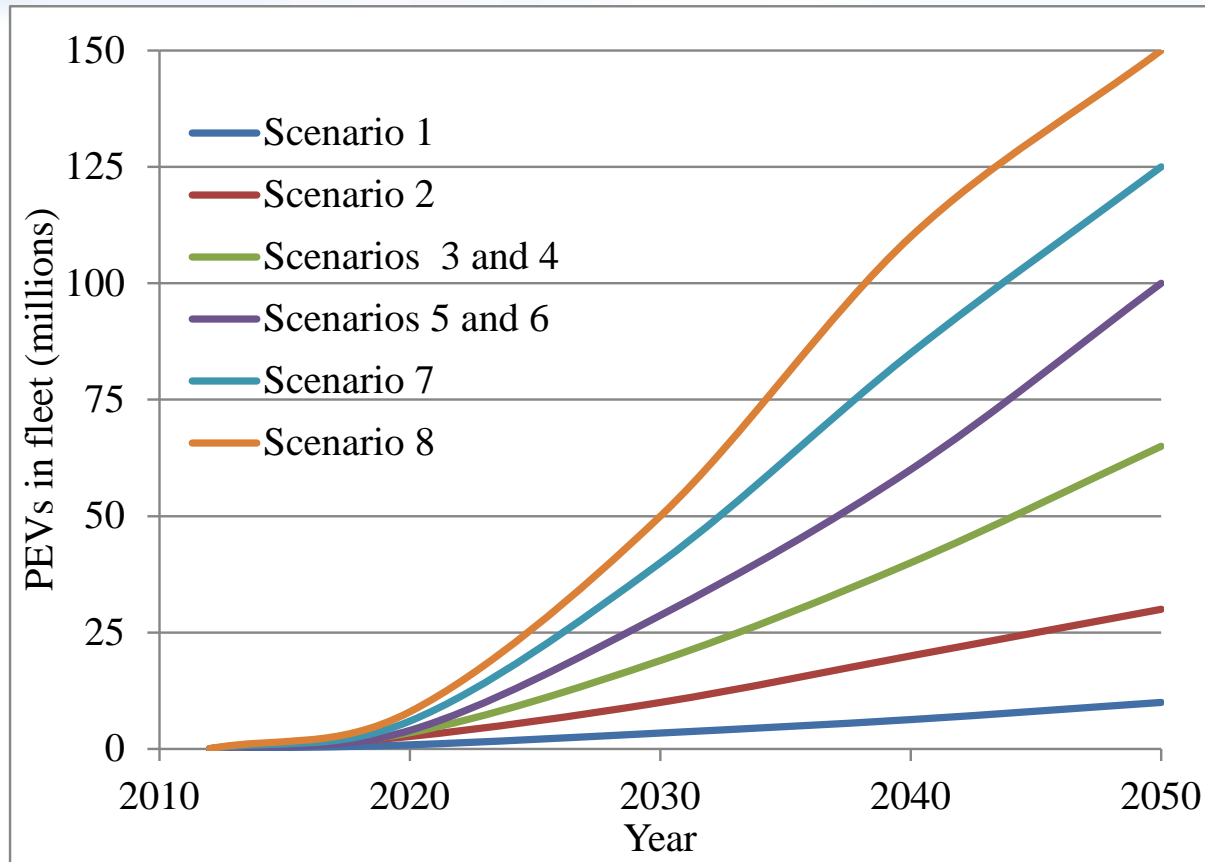


# EV Feasibility Project: methodology



- Information on technology costs, performance and potential deployment all uncovered as part of the literature review, expert interviews, and EV Forum.
- We developed **eight** credible EV viability scenarios to help understand future infrastructure requirements and impacts on FHWA's mission.
- Range of assumptions relating to costs, technologies, consumer behaviors, policy interventions and market penetration rates.

# PEV Deployment Scenarios – Vehicle Numbers



- **Scenario 1** Based on AEO 2013 reference case
- **Scenarios 2, 3 (& 4)** PEV numbers developed for this research between Scenarios 1 and 5
- **Scenarios 5 (& 6)** Based on EPRI “Medium” PEV growth projections
- **Scenario 7** PEV numbers developed for this research between Scenarios 5 and 8
- **Scenario 8** Based on EPRI “High” PEV growth projections



# Findings and Conclusions

## Policy, regulatory, and statutory issues



- Federal, state and local incentives matter
- Title 23, MAP-21 and EV charging infrastructure:
  - Clarifies that infrastructure may not be placed in Interstate Rest Areas
  - Creates opportunities for federal financing at fringe or corridor parking facilities (off of the Interstate ROW) with STP funds or other locations with CMAQ funds
- ZEV Rules, Low Carbon Fuel Standards and CAFE Standards support movement of EVs
- DOE stimulus-era charging network development coming to an end means business model transition for charging stations



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## EVSE in different travel markets



- Home and work first
- Market Response – EVSE along ROW, for example, at park and rides, Turnpikes and “grandfathered highways”
- Market Support – PPPs along/near ROW of EV commuter corridors between dense PEV cities (likely at interchanges)
- Market Acceleration – PPPs connecting the corridors that connect the dense PEV cities together



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## Highway design standards & infrastructure



- R&D on inductive charging underway; but some skepticism
- Competing fast charging plug standards a consideration for park-and-ride charging installations; CHaDeMO standards adopted by International Electrotechnical Commission in Q1, 2014
- ADA standards for charging stations need to be considered

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## Safety, emergency services, and incident response



- First responder training needed nationally (ongoing NHTSA and DOE work)
- National Fire Protection Association program released in 2012
- Vehicle quietness concern for pedestrians (at low speeds only)
- Debate about likelihood of EV drivers getting stranded on the side of the road
- (~1.1% of incidents for “out of gas”)



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## Signage, information networks, and online mapping



- Wayfinding *all the way* to the station and indicating the type of charge



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## Revenue impacts and potential costs

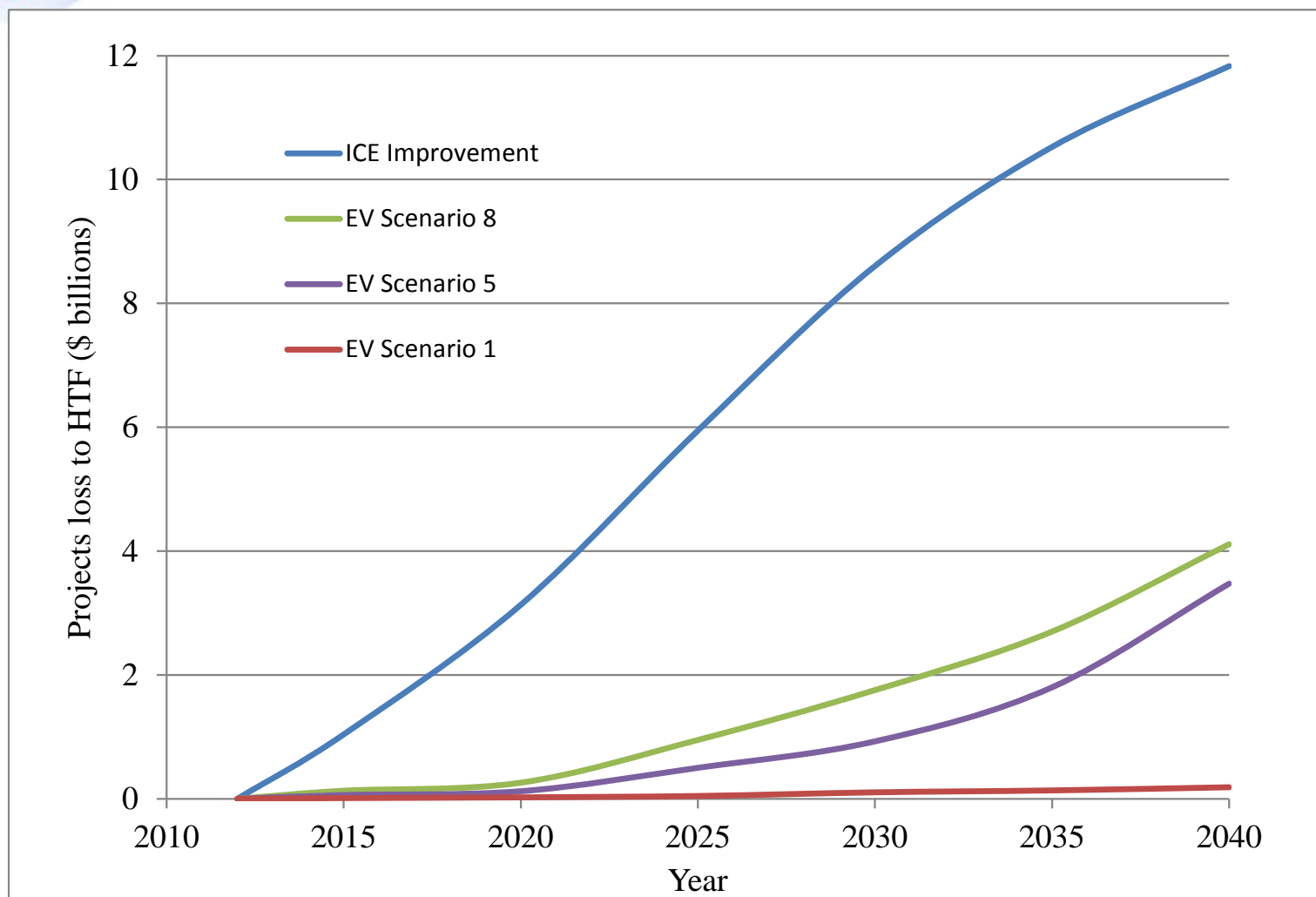


- Fast charging station business model profitability uncertain
- Debate about whether fast charging will matter given home charging, though demand for fast charging may increase as the technology develops – especially intercity between dense PEV populations
- Washington State has an EV fee in place
- Road User Fee discussions taking place
  - Pilot studies exist but no widespread implementation

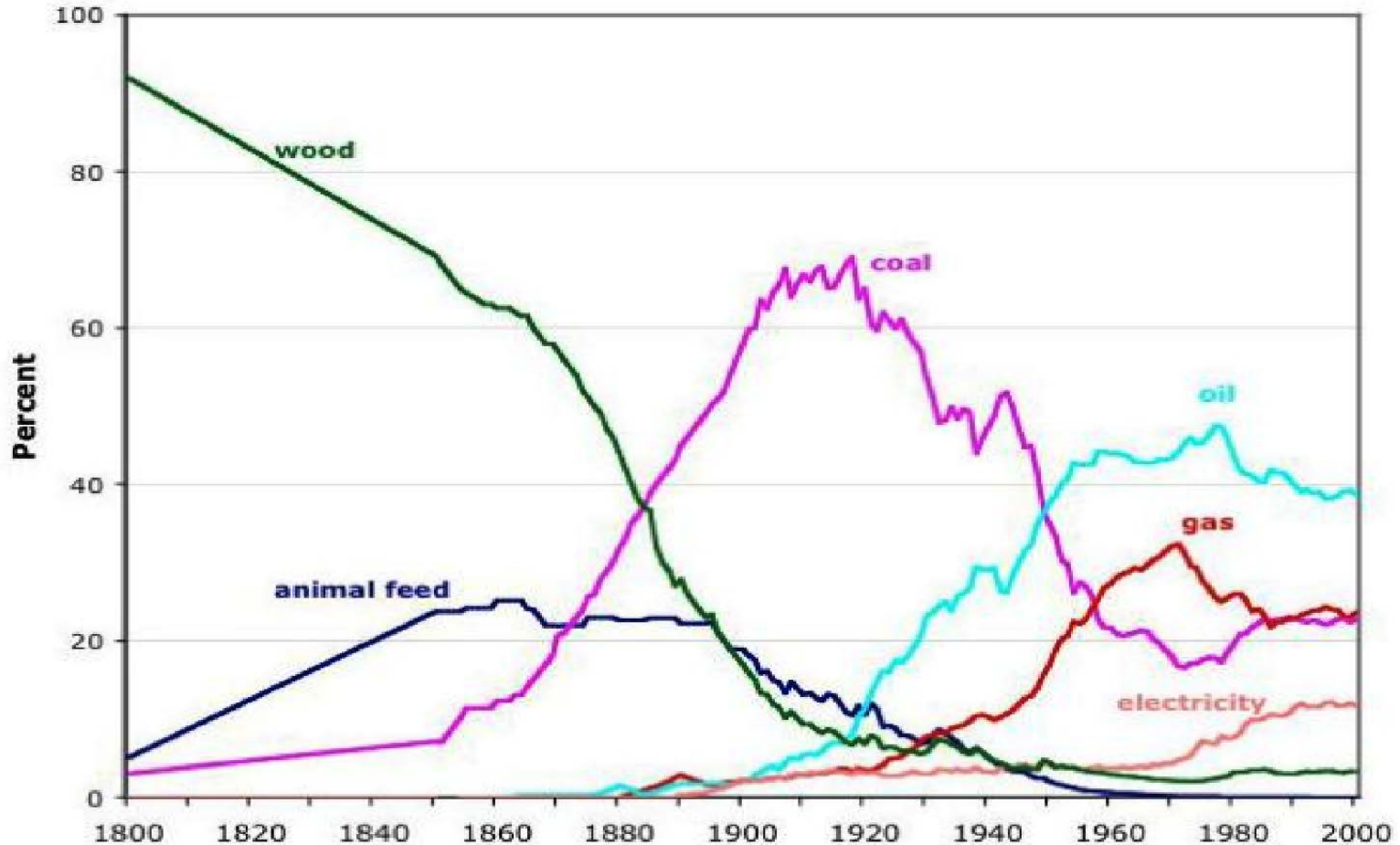




# The reduction in revenue relative to a constant 2012 level of ICE fuel efficiency



# US energy mix by percentage from 1800-2000



Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration



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