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Go Electric!

Wokingham Climate Action Week

Have you considered switching to an EV yet?

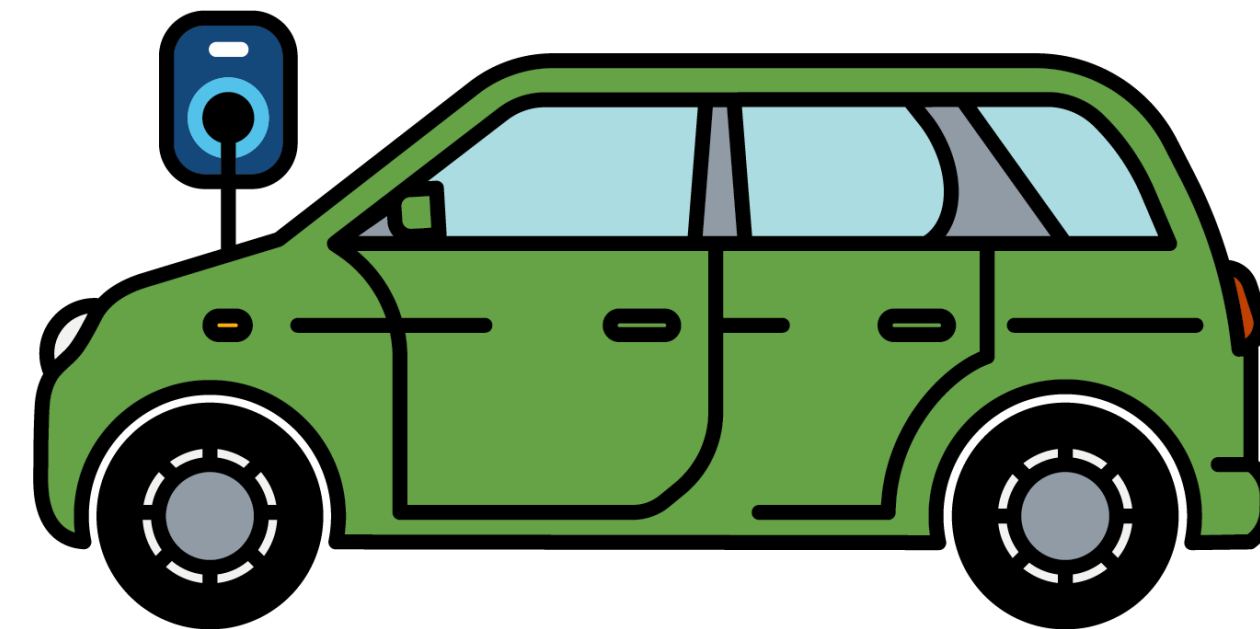
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Agenda

- **Why switch to an EV?**
- **What is an EV?**
- **Charging an EV**
- **Myth busting**
- **Routes to driving EVs**
- **Q&A**



About Energy Saving Trust

- We are an independent organisation working to address the climate emergency
- We provide leadership and expertise to deliver a zero-carbon society
- We work with individuals, businesses, communities and governments to save energy and reduce carbon emissions
- Established in 1992
- Offices in England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland

Our transport team

- Our **Local Government Support Programme** offers advice on EV strategy, procurement and sustainable travel, and our **Fleet Team** advises fleet managers on reducing costs and emissions
- We manage the **Local Electric Vehicle Infrastructure scheme (LEVI)**

Impartial

Independent

Expert

Collaborative

Pragmatic

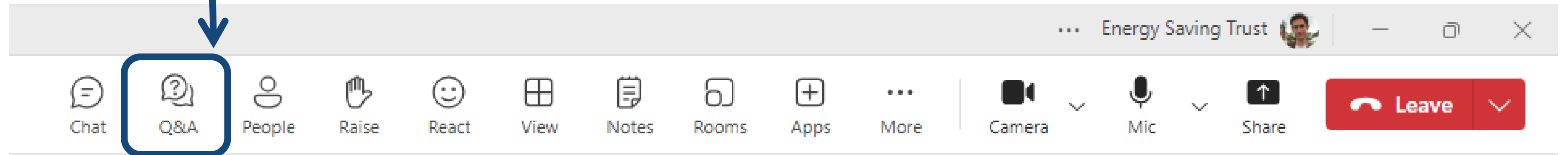
Supportive

Determined

Innovative

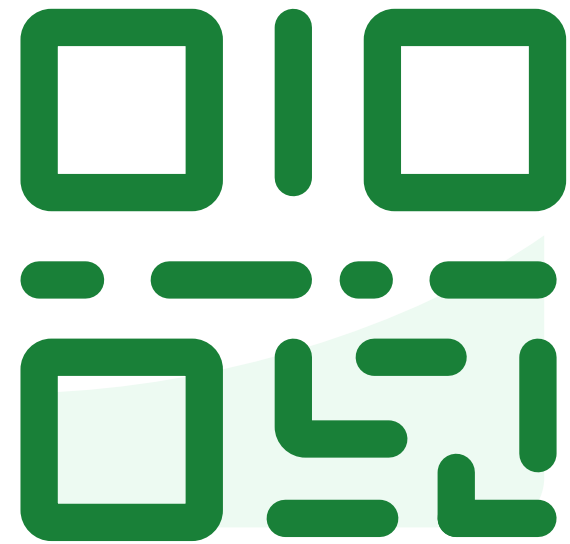
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Have you driven an electric or plug in hybrid vehicle before?

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Are you considering an electric or plug-in hybrid vehicle for your next vehicle?

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What are your biggest concerns about driving an EV?

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Why switch to an EV?

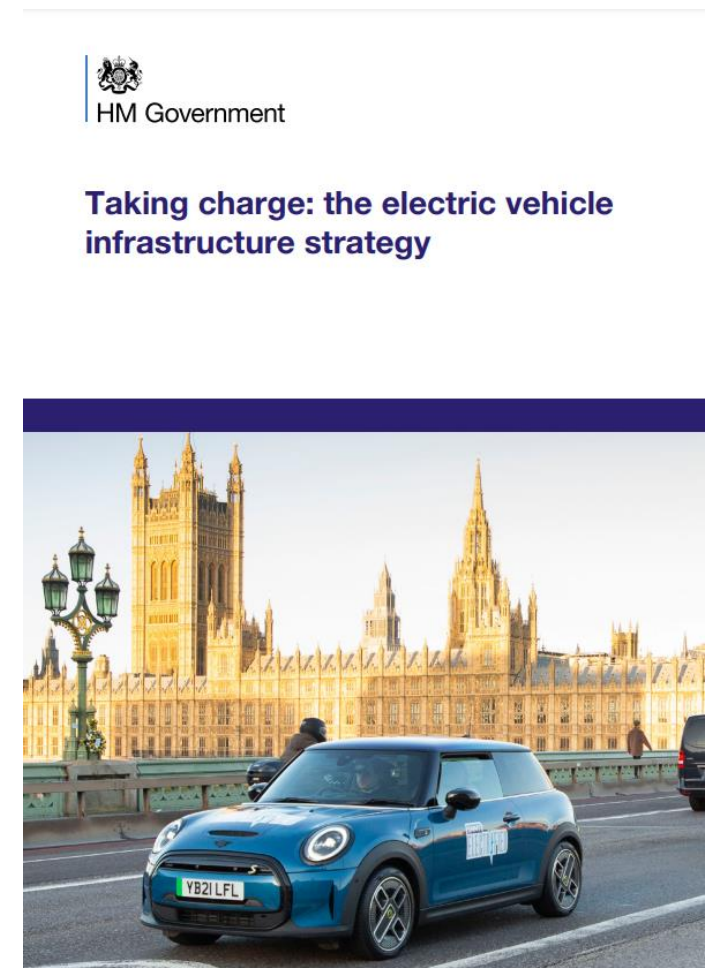
Why the push for electric vehicles?

By law, the UK's emissions must be net zero by 2050

UK Government has currently committed to ending the sales of new petrol and diesel cars by 2035*

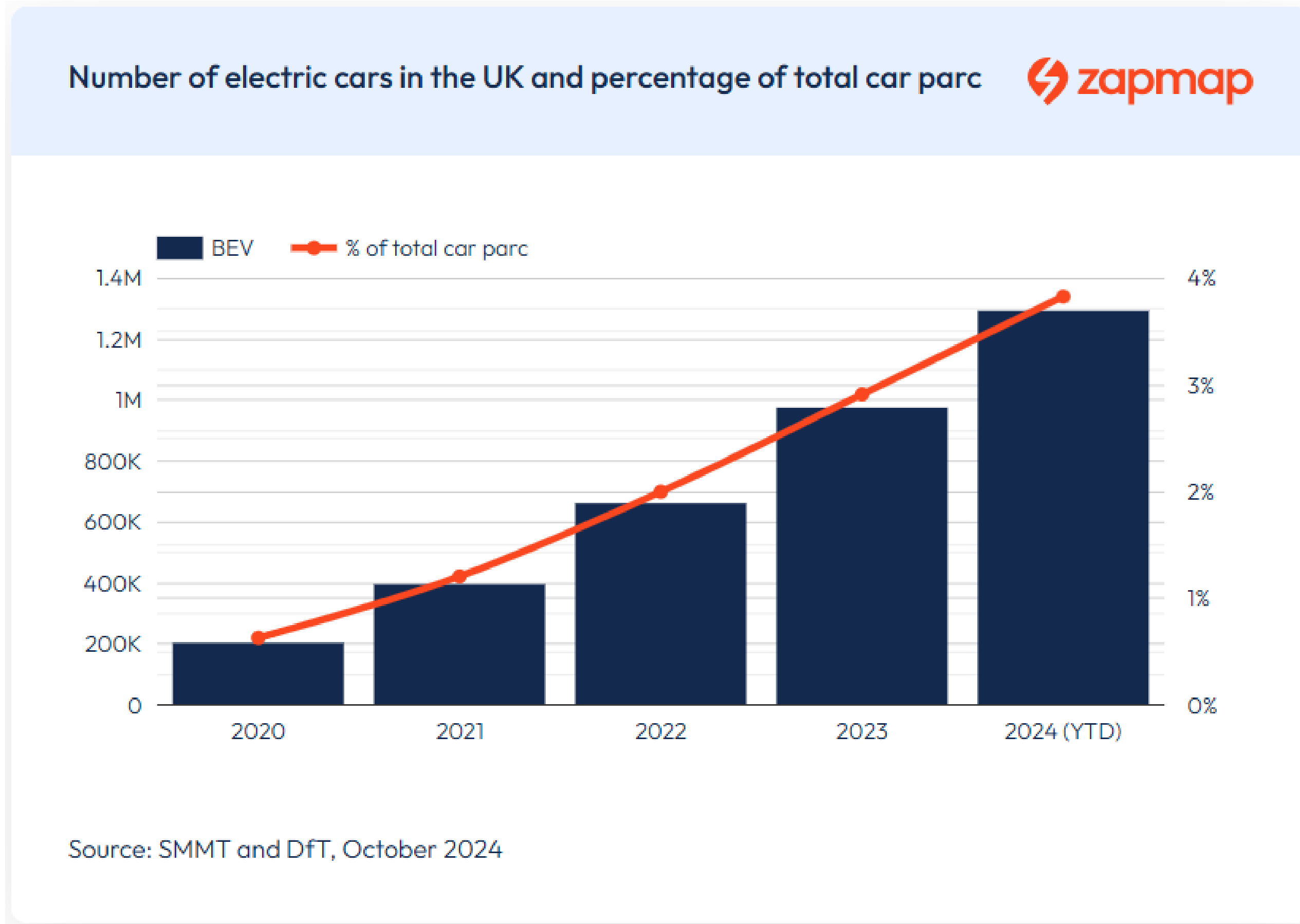
This is part of a move towards:

- establishing a carbon-free travel and transport network
- mitigating climate change
- reducing pollution
- growing the green economy



ZEV Mandate	2025	2030	2035
Cars	28%	80%	100%
Vans	16%	70%	100%

How many EVs are there on the roads?



1,299,055 EVs

Source: <https://www.zap-map.com/ev-stats/ev-market>

What is an electric vehicle?

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When was the first electric car developed?

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1832 – Robert Anderson

[Image from BEC energy](#)



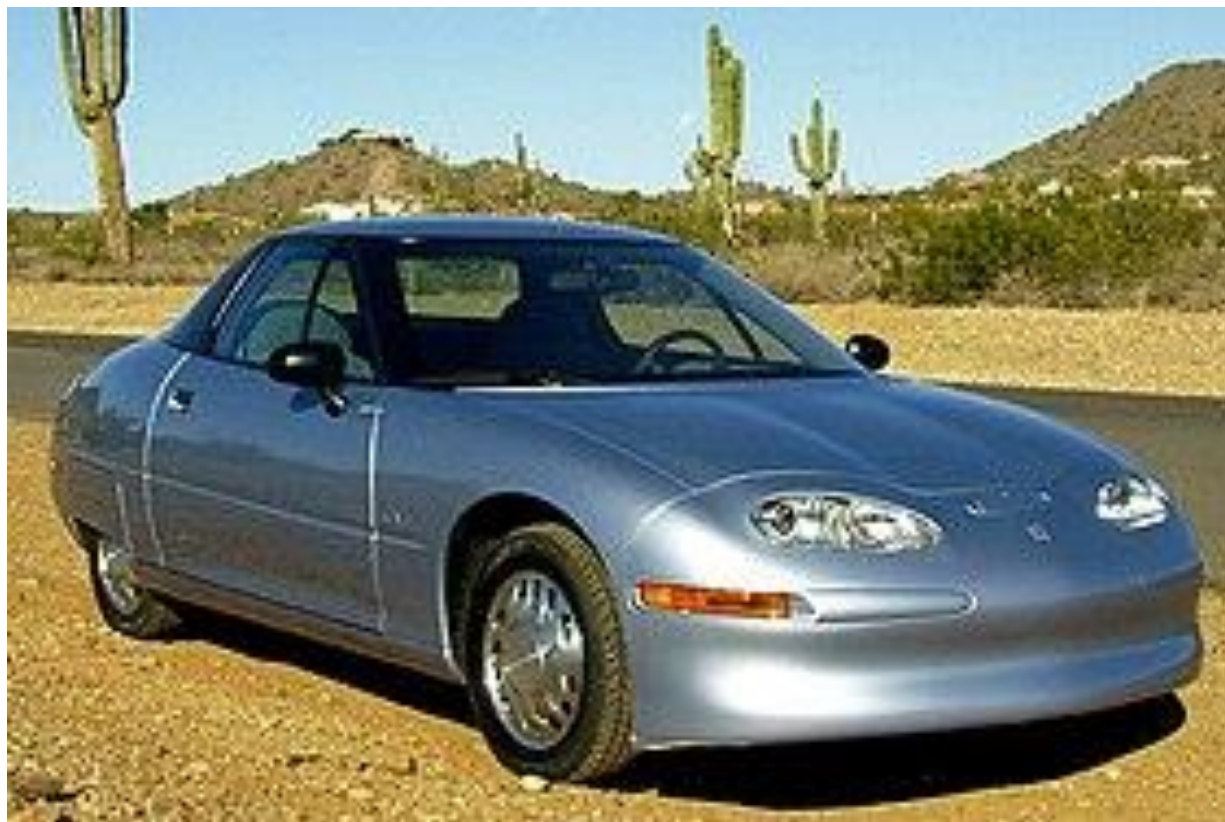
1897 – Hummingbird electric cab

[Image from Science museum](#)



1974 – CitiCar SV-48

[Image from Autoevolution](#)



1996–1999 – General Motors EV1

[Image from Wikipedia](#)



2008 – Tesla Roadster 1st gen

[Image from Autoevolution](#)



2010 – Nissan Leaf 1st gen

[Image from Nissan](#)

Plug-in vehicles: BEV vs PHEV



Renault Zoe



Hyundai Kona



Tesla Model Y



MG4

Battery electric vehicle (BEV)

- Also known as 100% or pure electric
- Range from 120–300+ miles
- Over 230 BEV models currently on the market
- Significant emission reductions



Mini Countryman
PHEV

Hyundai
IONIQ PHEV



Kia Sportage
PHEV



Plug in hybrid electric vehicle (PHEV)

- Internal combustion engine plus battery
- Electric range 20–50 miles
- 80+ models on the market
- New sales banned from 2035

Other forms of hybrid

Self-charging hybrid

- Also known as full hybrid or HEV
- Can be driven under electric power for short distances/ at low speeds
- Regenerative braking can recharge the battery
- Significant emission reductions
- New sales banned from 2035



Toyota Prius



Honda Jazz

Mild hybrid (MHEV)

- No electric-only range
- Engine provides power, with assistance from small electric motor and battery
- Better fuel efficiency & lower emissions (than ICE)
- Some available with manual gearbox
- New sales banned from 2035

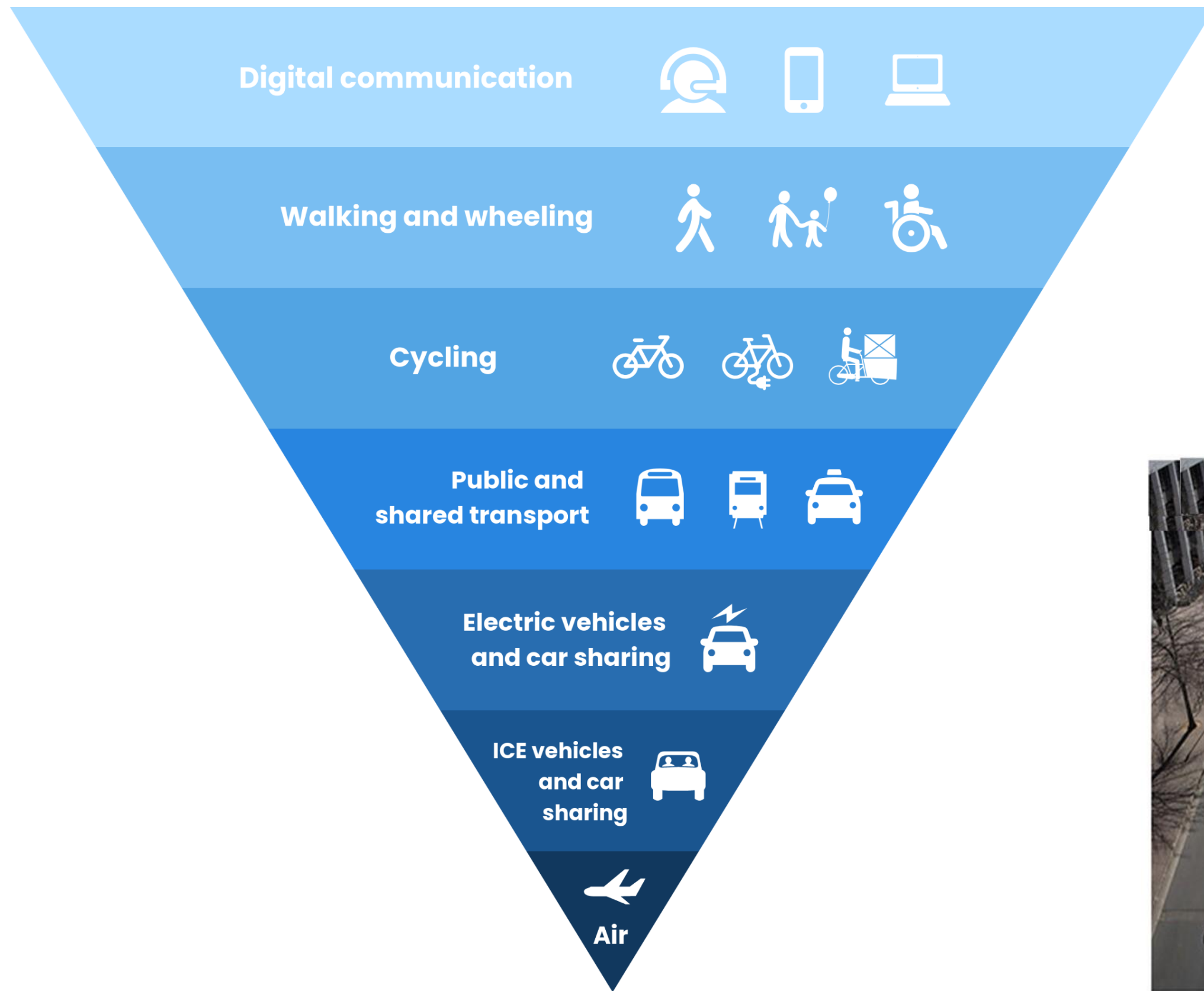


**Ford Fiesta
mHEV**



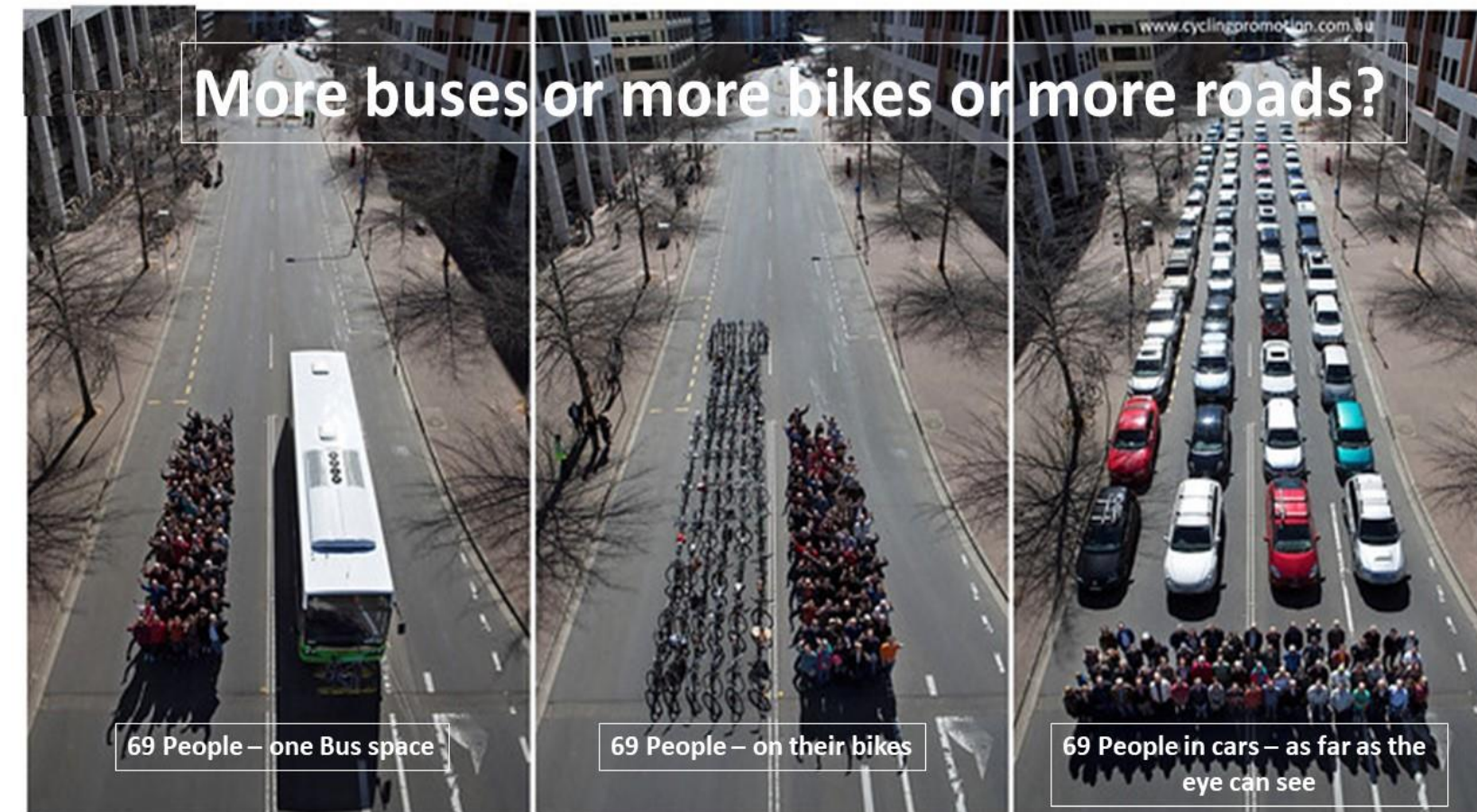
**Nissan
Qashqai MHEV**

The Sustainable Transport Hierarchy



EVs are not a 'silver bullet'

- EVs are low down the sustainable transport hierarchy
- Policies for EVs should complement wider sustainable travel policies



Charging electric vehicles

Jargon Busting: kWh vs kW

kWh = kilowatt hour

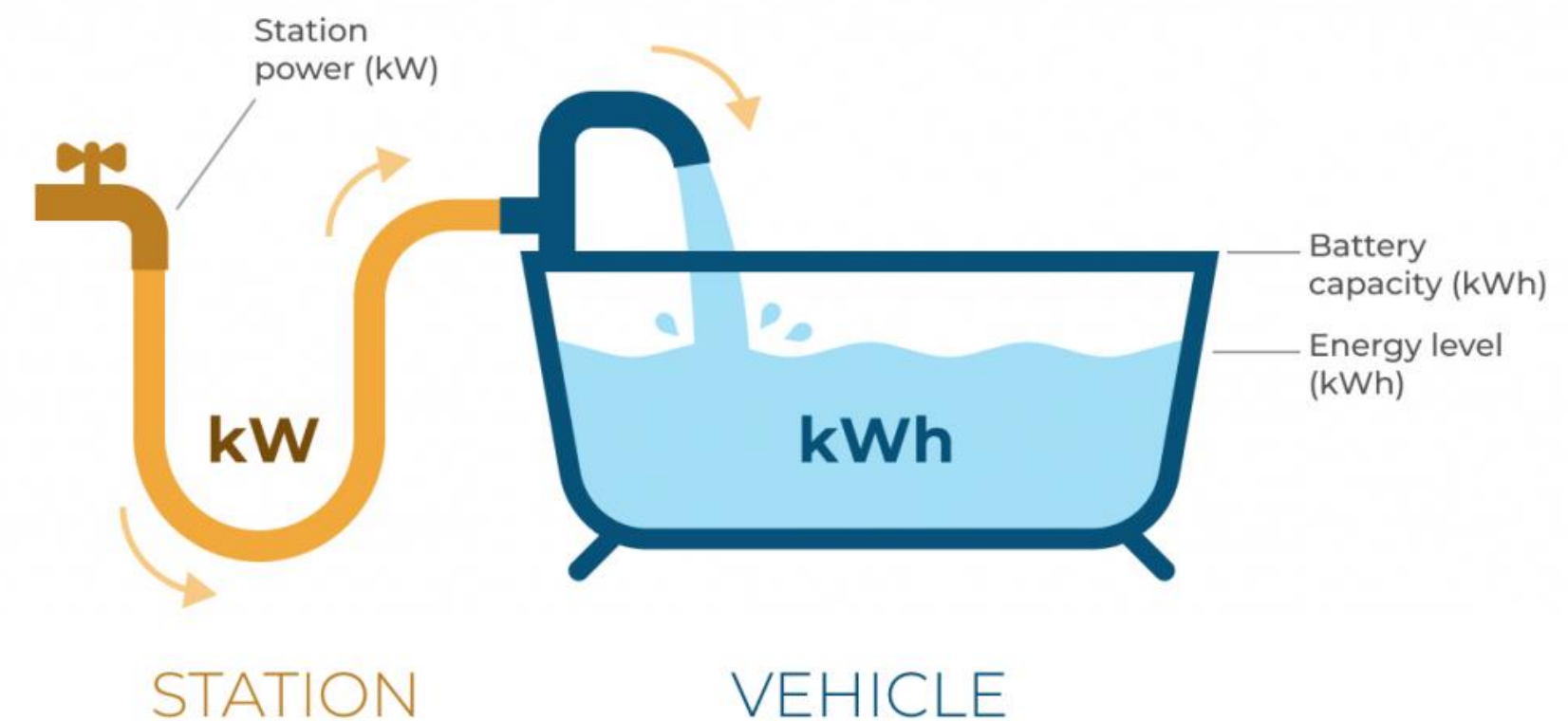
Measure of energy

- the amount of energy that a battery can store
- EV batteries are quoted in kWh
- the bigger the kWh, the longer the car's range
- comparable to fuel tank size in an ICE vehicle

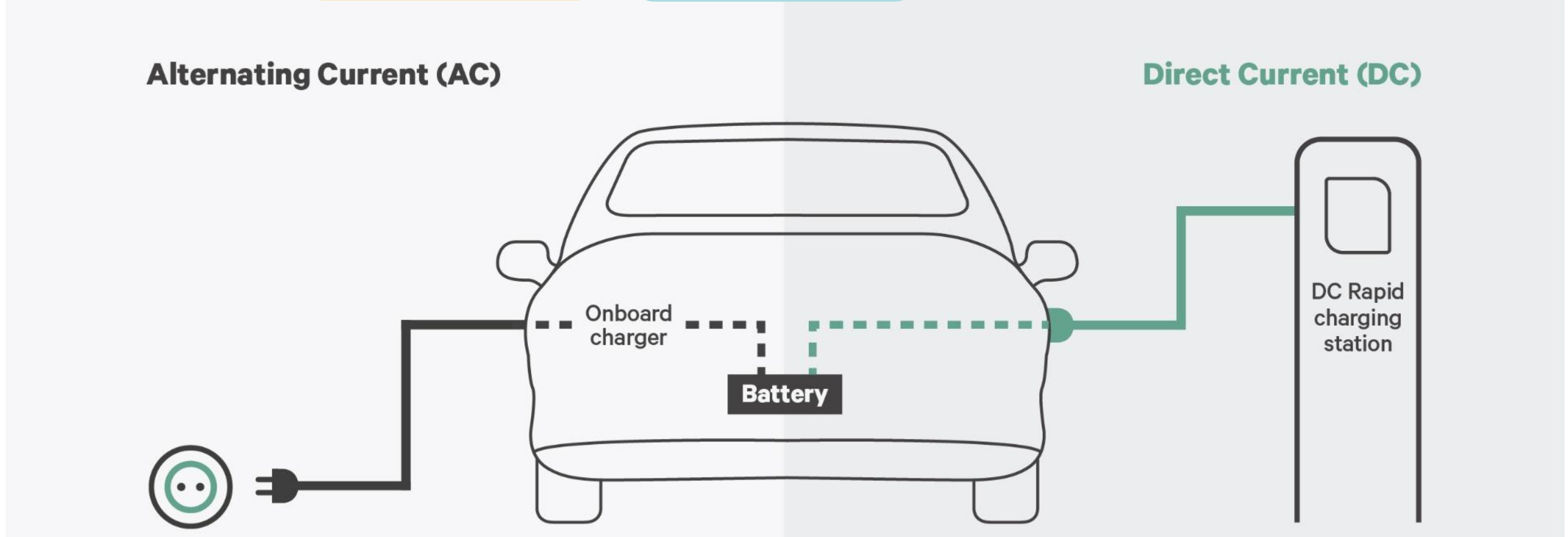
kW = kilowatt

Measure of power

- chargepoints are always rated in kW
- higher kW = faster charge



Jargon Busting: AC vs DC



Picture from [Wallbox](#)

Charging types

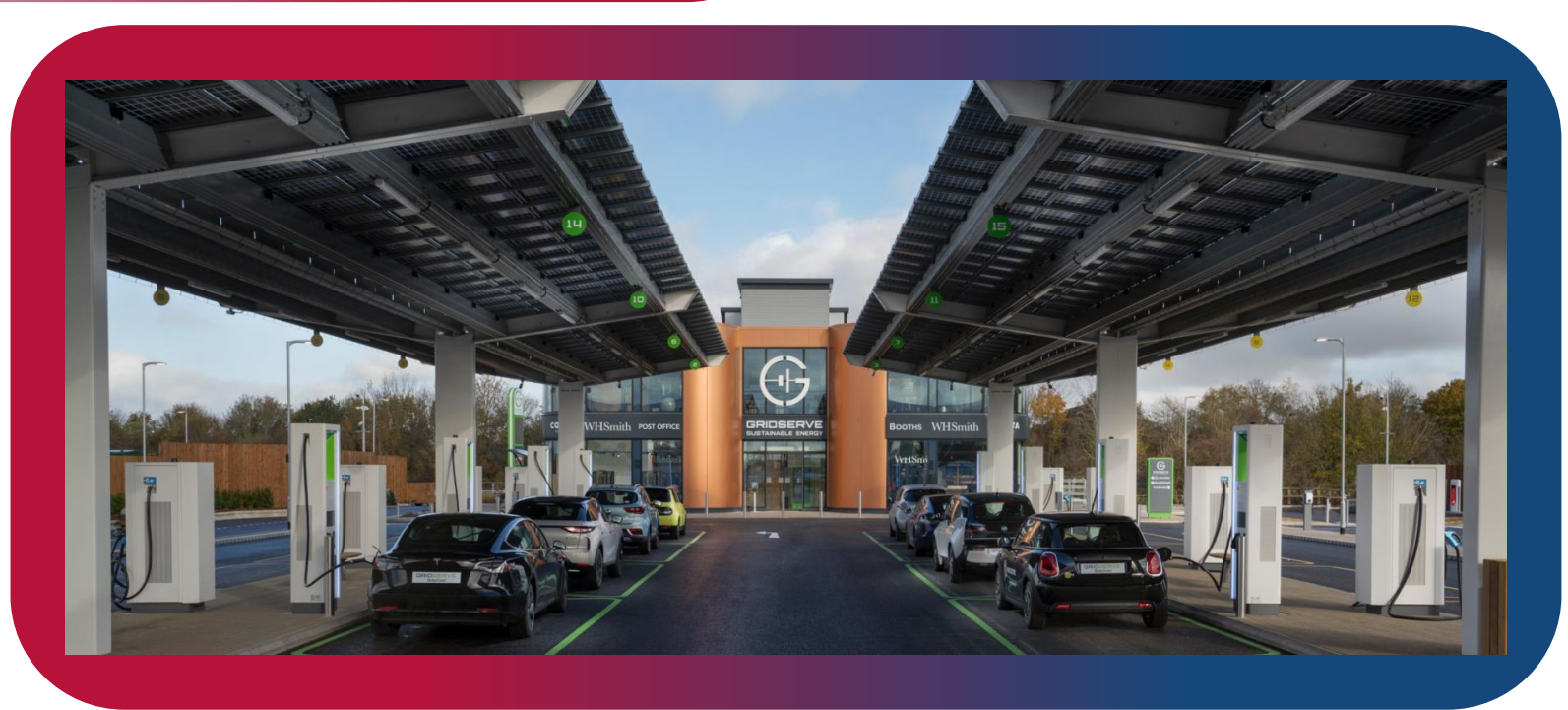
Slow
<3.7kW AC

Standard
3.7 – <8kW AC

Fast
8 – <50kW AC

Rapid
50 – <150kW DC

Ultra-rapid
150kW+ DC



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How many different charging connectors are there for EVs?

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Socket types

Type 2

Majority of vehicles use this type to charge at home or at public chargepoints which are fast or standard.



CCS (Combined Charging System):

Has become the most common method for DC charging at public rapid or ultra-rapid chargepoints.

Tethered cable, attached to public chargepoint. No need to purchase the cable.



CHAdeMO (CHARGE de MOde):

Slowly being phased out. Used for public DC rapid and ultra rapid charging.



CHAdeMO plug

Where available a tethered cable, attached to public chargepoint. No need to purchase separately.

Type 1 (AC, up to 7kW):

Uncommon, found on some 1st generation BEV and early PHEVs.



Approximate charging times

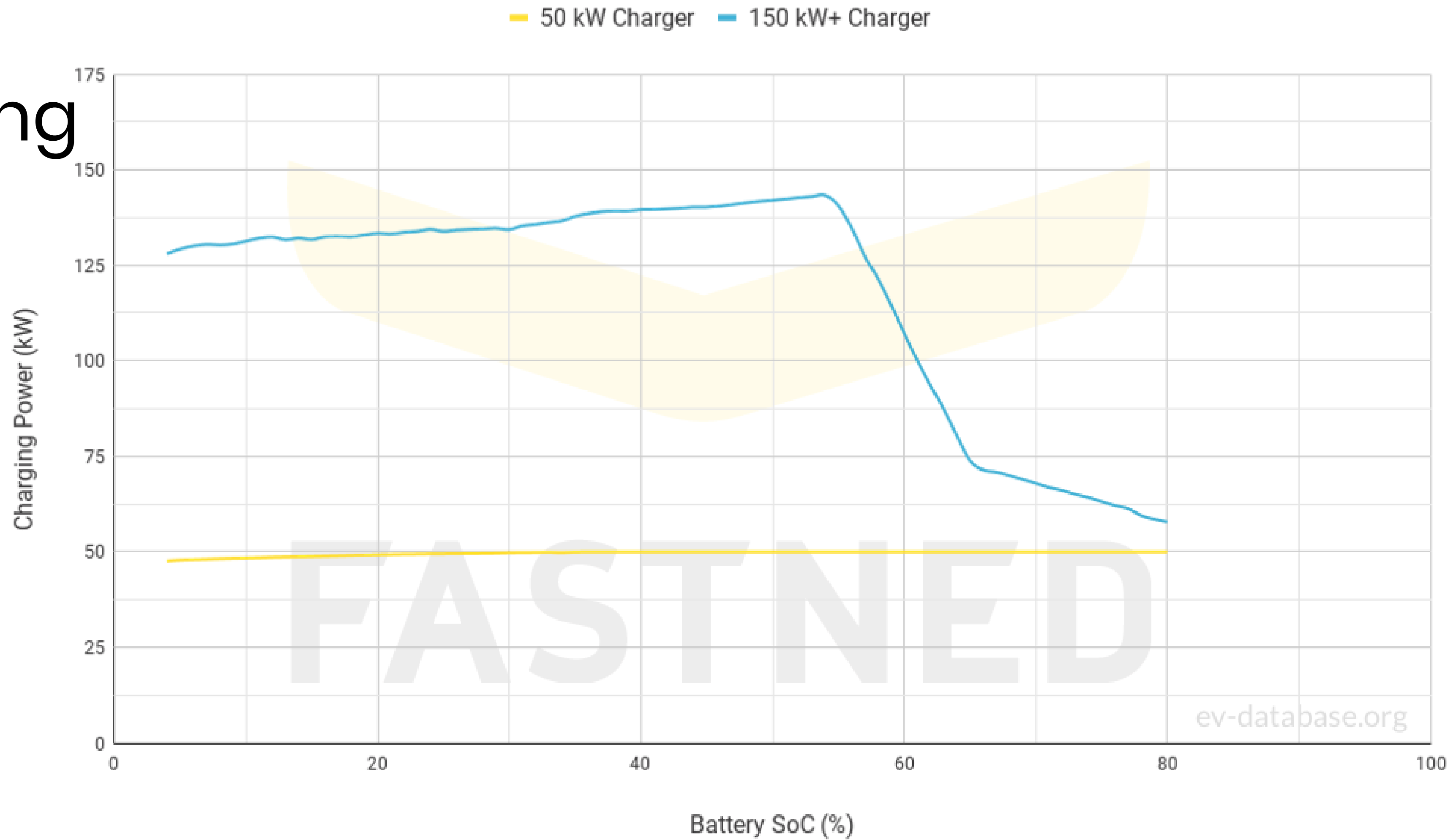
Vehicle		
Model	Battery kWh (useable)	Onboard charger (kw)
Hyundai Inster	42 (39)	11
MG4	51 (50.8)	6.6
MG4 Long Range	64 (61.7)	6.6
Peugeot e-2008	50 (46.3)	7.4

* Charge time for standard & fast chargers calculated using the lower of chargepoint power or onboard charger power for each vehicle

** Charge time for ultra rapid calculated using max charge power possible for each vehicle (shown in brackets)

Vehicle data from ev-database.org/uk

The charging curve



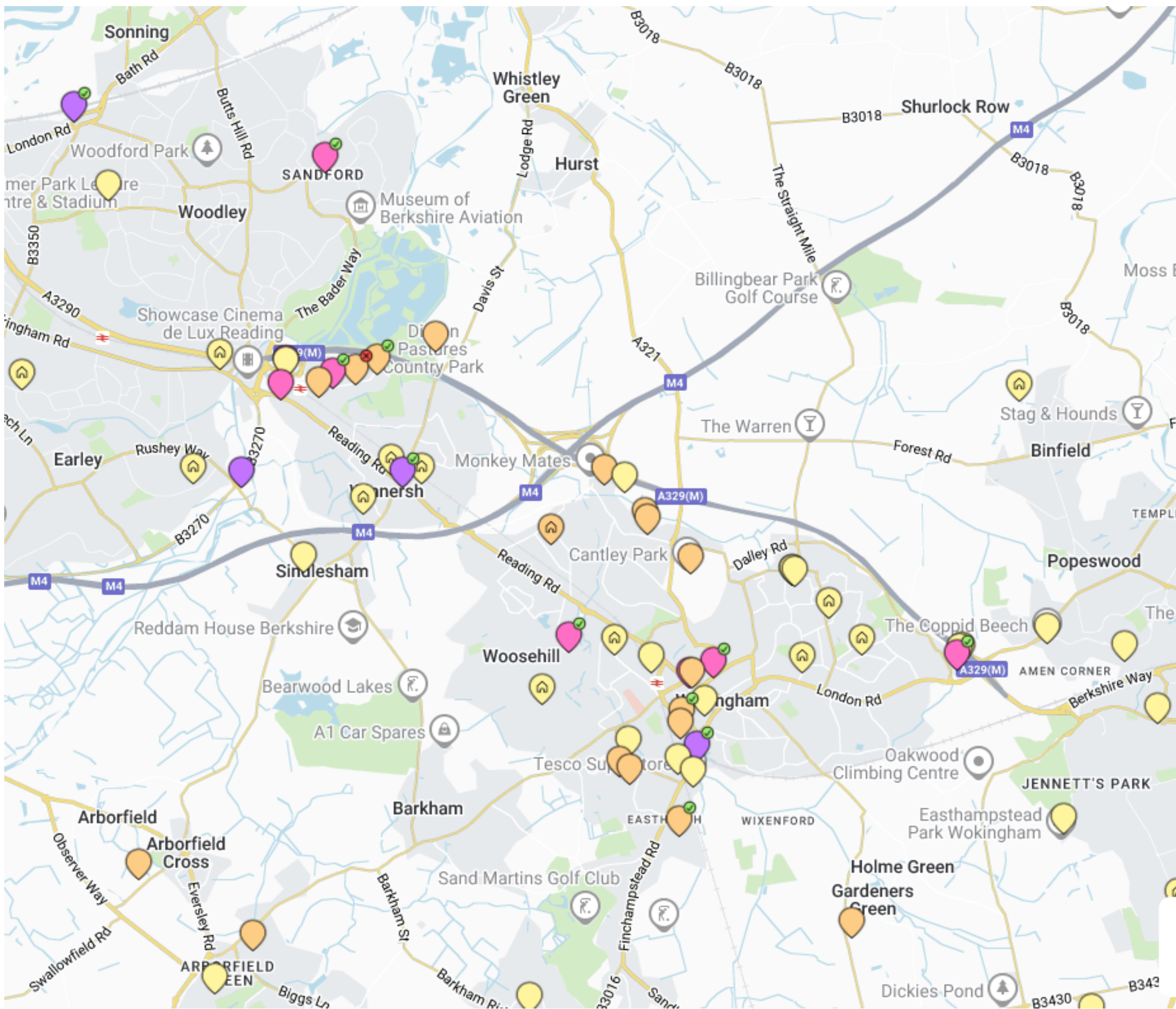
Finding a chargepoint

Power

- Rapid greater than 25kW
- Fast from 7kW to 22kW
- Slow from 3kW to 6kW
- Unknown

Status

- Available
- Charging
- Out of service
- Unknown status



EV myths

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What is the average range of a new EV?

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Myth: EVs can't drive very far

Range of small EVs (£19,000–£26,000)

**100–160
miles**

- Dacia Spring (25kWh) 100 miles
- Hyundai Inster (39kWh) 155 miles
- Renault 5 E-Tech (40kWh) 155 miles
- Citroen e-C3 (44kWh) 160 miles
- Fiat Grande Panda (44kWh) 160 miles

Range of medium EVs (£26,000–£28,500)

**145–185
miles**

- Nissan Leaf (39kWh) 145 miles
- BYD Dolphin (44kWh) 160 miles
- MG4 (51kWh) 185 miles

Range of SUV style EVs (£29,000–£33,500)

**165–215
miles**

- MG ZS EV (49kWh) 165 miles
- Peugeot e-2008 (50kWh) 165 miles
- Skoda Elroq (52kWh) 195 miles
- Kia EV3 (55kWh) 200 miles
- Omoda e5 (61kWh) 215 miles
- *Vauxhall Frontera (44kWh) 155 miles*

**Average range
of a new EV?**

236 miles

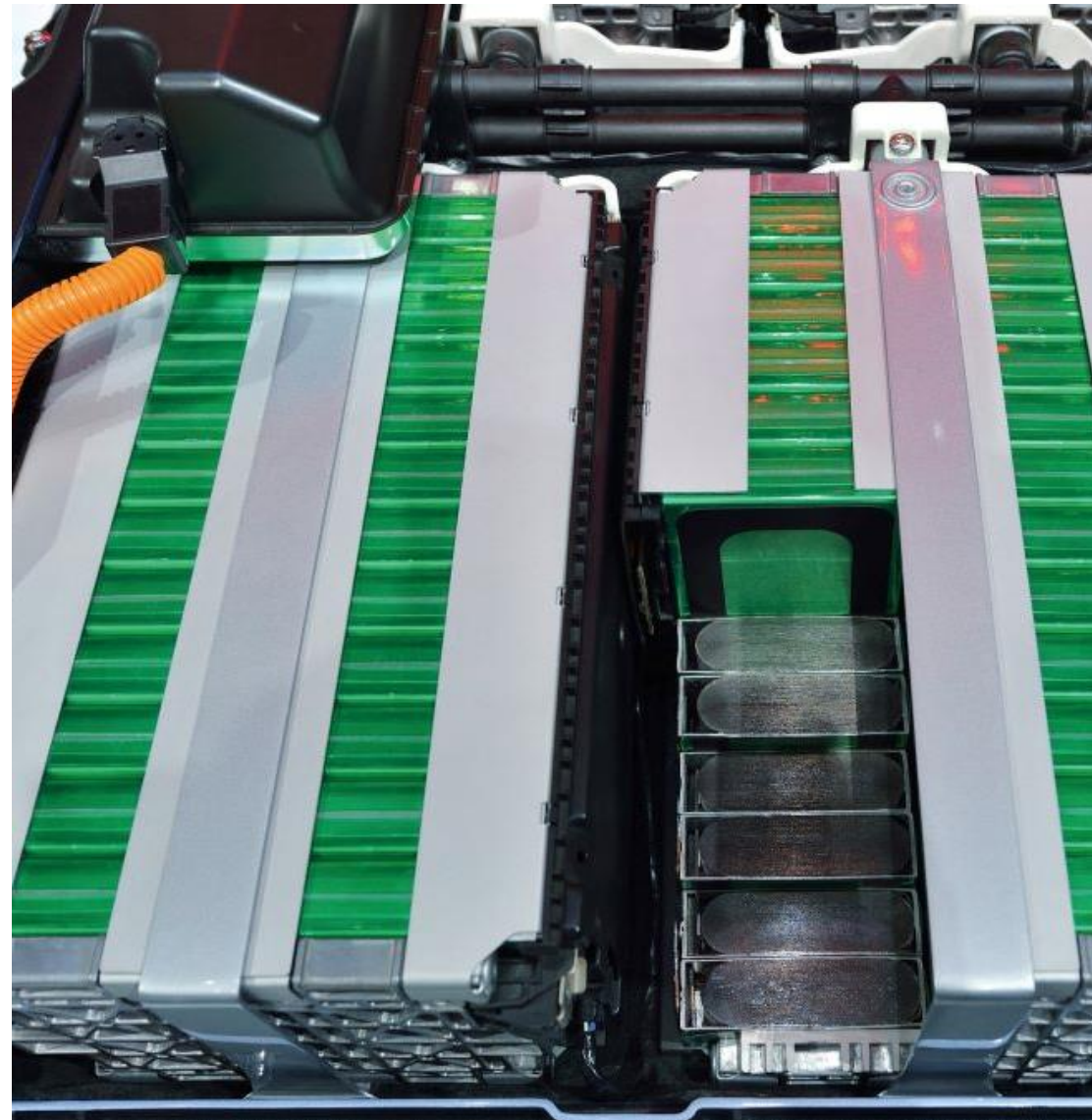
**Longest
range EV?**

425 miles

Price ranges from: <https://www.nimblefins.co.uk/cheap-car-insurance/average-cost-cars-uk>

Question: What about the batteries, will I have to keep replacing it?

(short) Answer: no



- Estimates of battery degradation are around 1-2% per year
- Manufacturers warranties cover battery performance and degradation
- End of life EV batteries can be used for energy storage
- Growing industry focused on battery repurposing and recycling
- Manufacturers are increasingly cautious about their supply chains
- Manufacturers are starting to introduce new battery technology e.g. Tesla – cobalt free and BYD sodium ion

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What is better for the environment?

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Question: Is it better for the environment to run an older petrol car or switch to an EV?

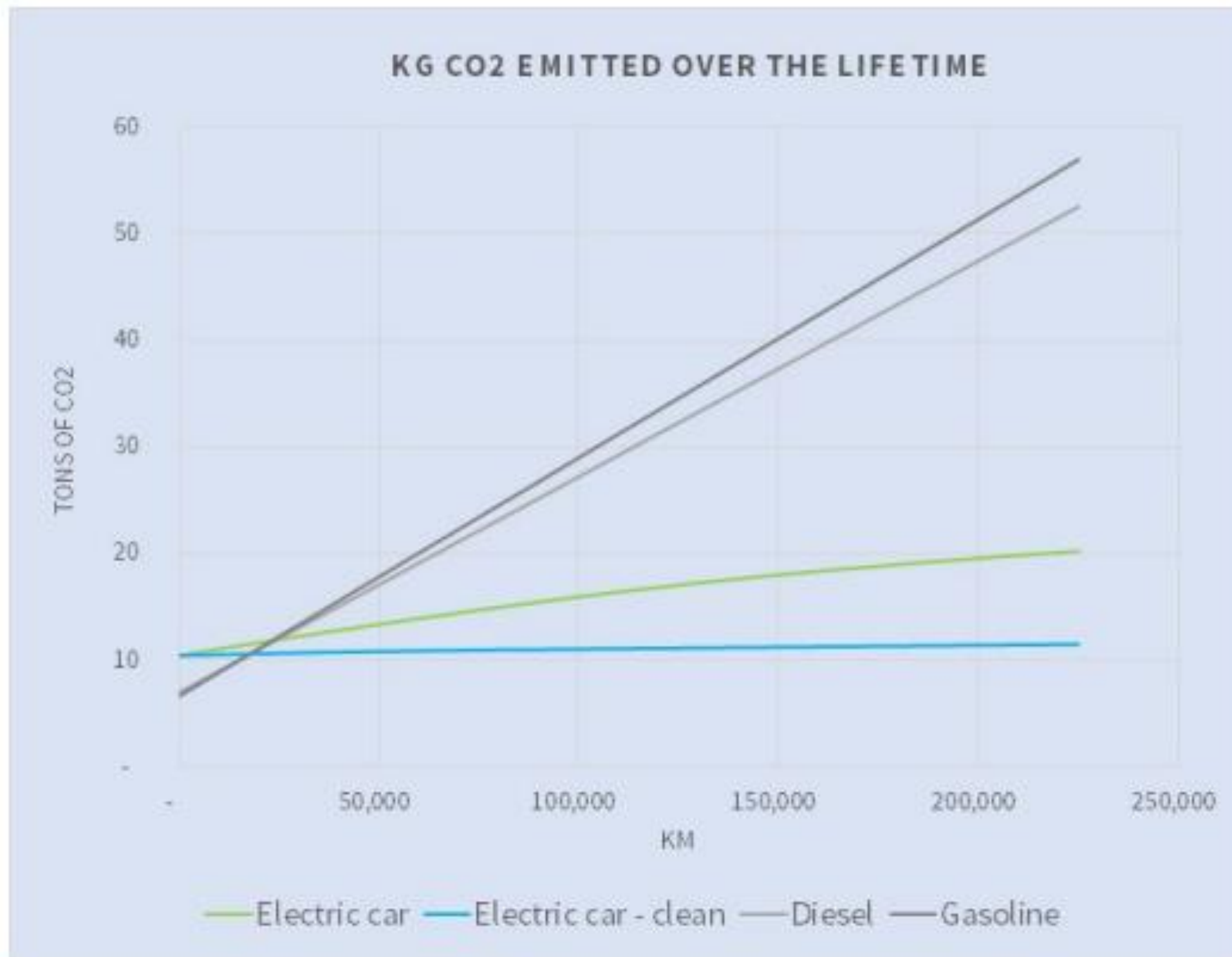


Figure 6: Evolution of lifetime CO₂ emissions of an average and clean EV

Graphs from [Transport & Environment research](#)

For electric cars with:

- a battery produced on clean electricity, and
- running on clean electricity

Carbon debt would be paid back after less than one year of driving (about 13,000 km).

As renewable electricity generation increases, emissions from manufacture and refuelling will fall.

The [RAC](#) have found that EVs emit less brake dust than ICE vehicles due to regenerative braking.

Question: Can the grid cope?

Answer: yes, but...

It's important to remember everyone won't switch to EVs overnight it will be gradual.

With the growth in renewable energy the energy will be adequate to meet the future energy demand.
Constantly upgrading the network.

The nation's peak demand has fallen by 16% since 2002 due to improvements in energy efficiency.

We can spread out the demand by incentivising smarter charging habits.



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What is the most efficient fuel source for driving?

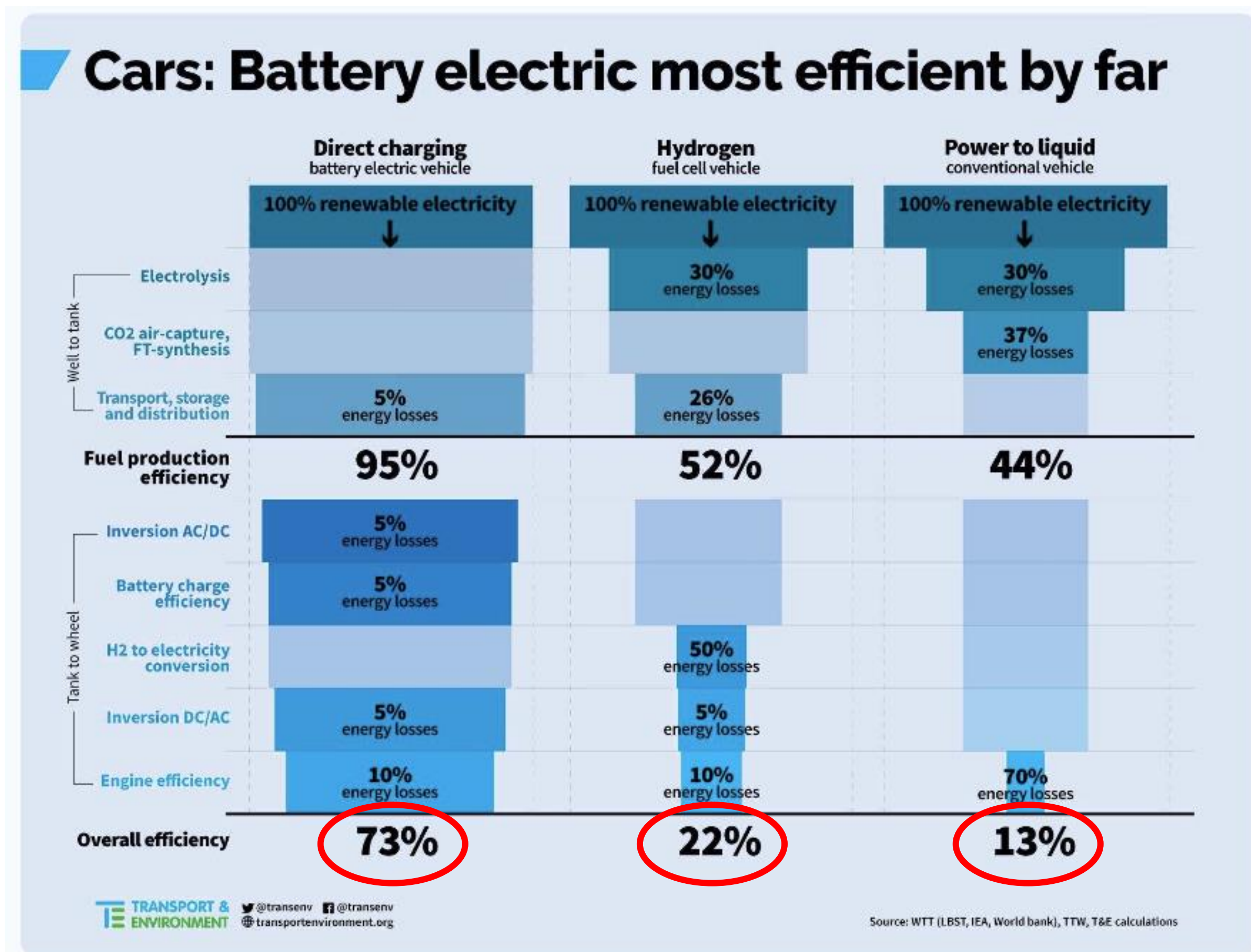
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Question: What about Hydrogen?

Answer: Hydrogen has its place in a zero-emission future

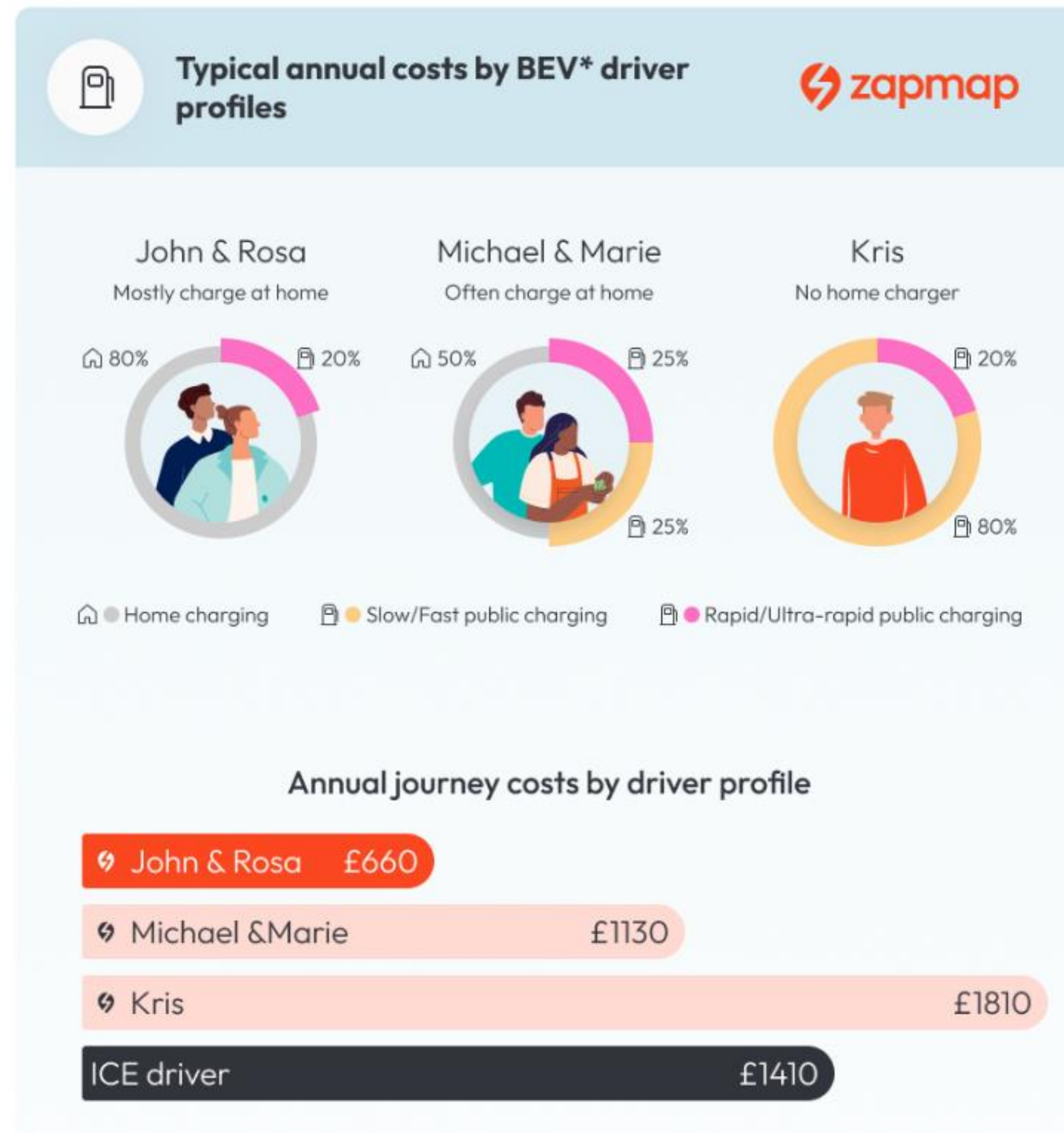
- Comparison of EV with hydrogen and ICE
- Cost
- Availability of hydrogen
- Green hydrogen
- Non-road mobile machinery
- Other applications without a grid connection



Question: which costs more to run?

*As of April 2025, all EVs (registered from April 2017 onwards) will be required to pay vehicle excise duty at standard rate – currently £190/ year.

EVs registered from April 2025 with a list price of over £40,000 will also need to pay the Expensive Car Supplement for 5 years from year 2. This is currently £410/ year.



Calculated based on 10,000 miles per year.

November 2024 average UK petrol price 135.1p/litre ([RAC Fuel Watch](#)).

Pence per kWh electricity unit cost from Ofgem price cap 24.5p/kWh (assuming all charging at home).

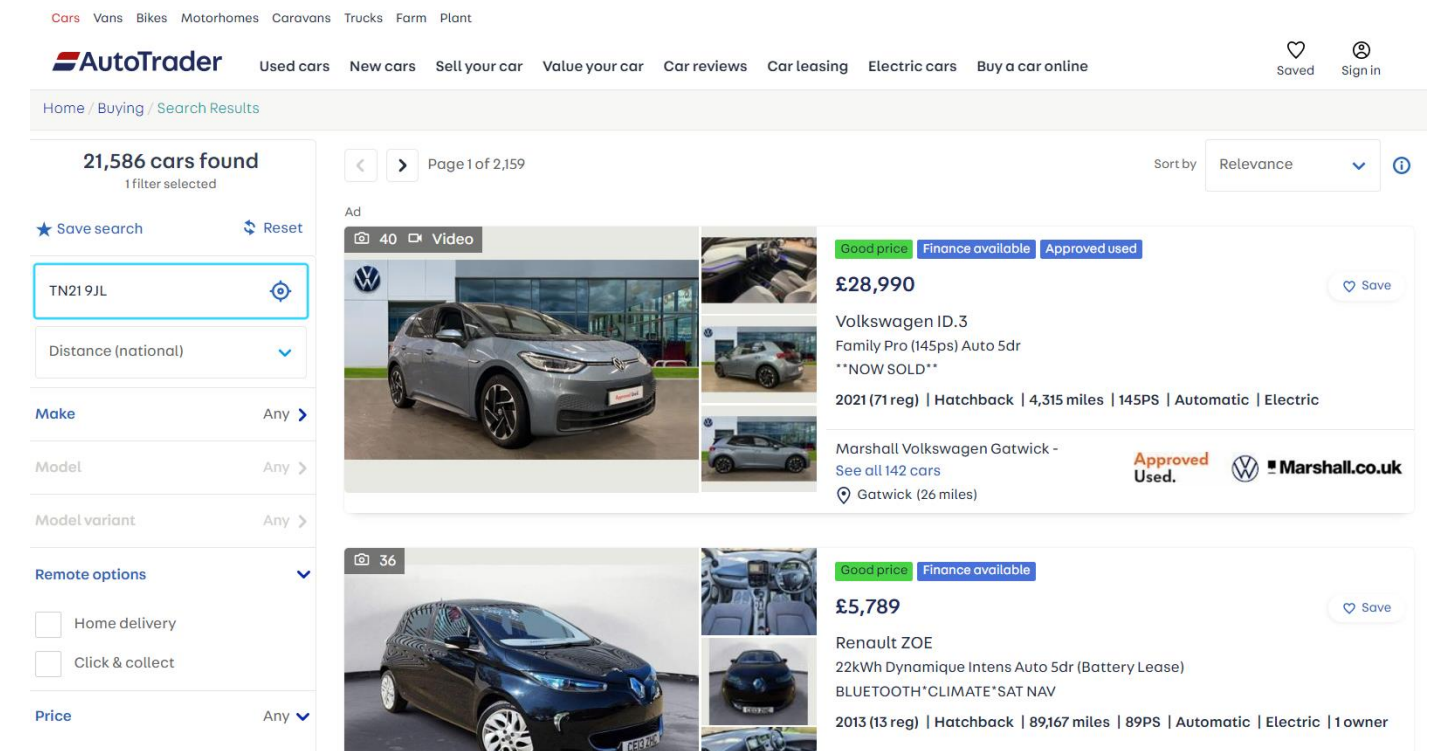
Does not include insurance and VED, servicing/maintenance costs.

Making the switch to EV

At the dealer (new or used)

Look for an EV Approved retailer

- Sales and aftersales staff will be properly trained in all things EV
- Provide accurate info on details such as warranties
- Correct facilities and equipment to service EVs
- On-site charging provision
- Opportunity to test drive EVs (extended test-drives often available)



Considerations if buying used

- Increasing knowledge and number of EV specialist dealerships
- 1,000,000+ plug-in vehicles on the road in the UK
- Check specification – older models often have smaller battery sizes
- Check charging cables provided
- Check for battery lease

Alternative options



Finance, leasing and subscription

- Lease companies are increasingly understanding the reduced risk due to lower maintenance costs
- Subscription services are similar to leases, but often on much shorter, more flexible terms, with options to change vehicles more often

Salary Sacrifice

- Requires a regulated third-party provider
- Need to earn above minimum wage (after salary sacrifice) and be a UK resident
- No deposit required. Monthly fee includes maintenance, insurance, servicing



Car club membership or car hire

- Opportunity to 'try before you buy'?
- Multiple options in many areas with a range of EVs available

Q+A

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Glossary

Source: <https://pod-point.com/guides/driver/ev-dictionary>

Battery Electric Vehicle (BEV)	A car that runs purely on electric power, stored in an on-board battery that is charged from mains electricity (typically at a dedicated chargepoint)
ICE	Internal combustion engine vehicle using either petrol or diesel
Plug-in hybrid electric vehicle (PHEV)	A car with a combination of a traditional internal combustion engine and a rechargeable battery, allowing for either electric driving or extended range from a combination of petrol engine and electric motor
Plug-in vehicle (PiV)	A blanket term for any vehicle with a plug socket, including BEVs and PHEVs
Ultra Low Emission Vehicle (ULEV)	A car that has official tailpipe carbon dioxide emissions of less than 75g/km and is therefore eligible for grants and benefits from the UK government
Self-Charging/ Mild Hybrid vehicle	A small battery is charged through regenerative braking, but the car's power comes from petrol, and the electric motor can only power the car for short periods at low speeds
Kilowatt	A measure of one thousand Watts of electrical power
Kilowatt hour (kWh)	A unit of energy equivalent to the energy transferred in one hour by one thousand Watts of power (1 kilowatt hour is typically 3-4 miles of range in a BEV)
Smart charging	A catch-all term for a series of functions that a Wi-Fi connected chargepoint can do and most commonly means shifting charging away from periods of high grid demand or low supply to periods of low demand or high grid supply