

# **UNDERSTANDING THE AUTOMOTIVE INDUSTRY**

## **German OEM behaviour during the last 20 years and its implications**

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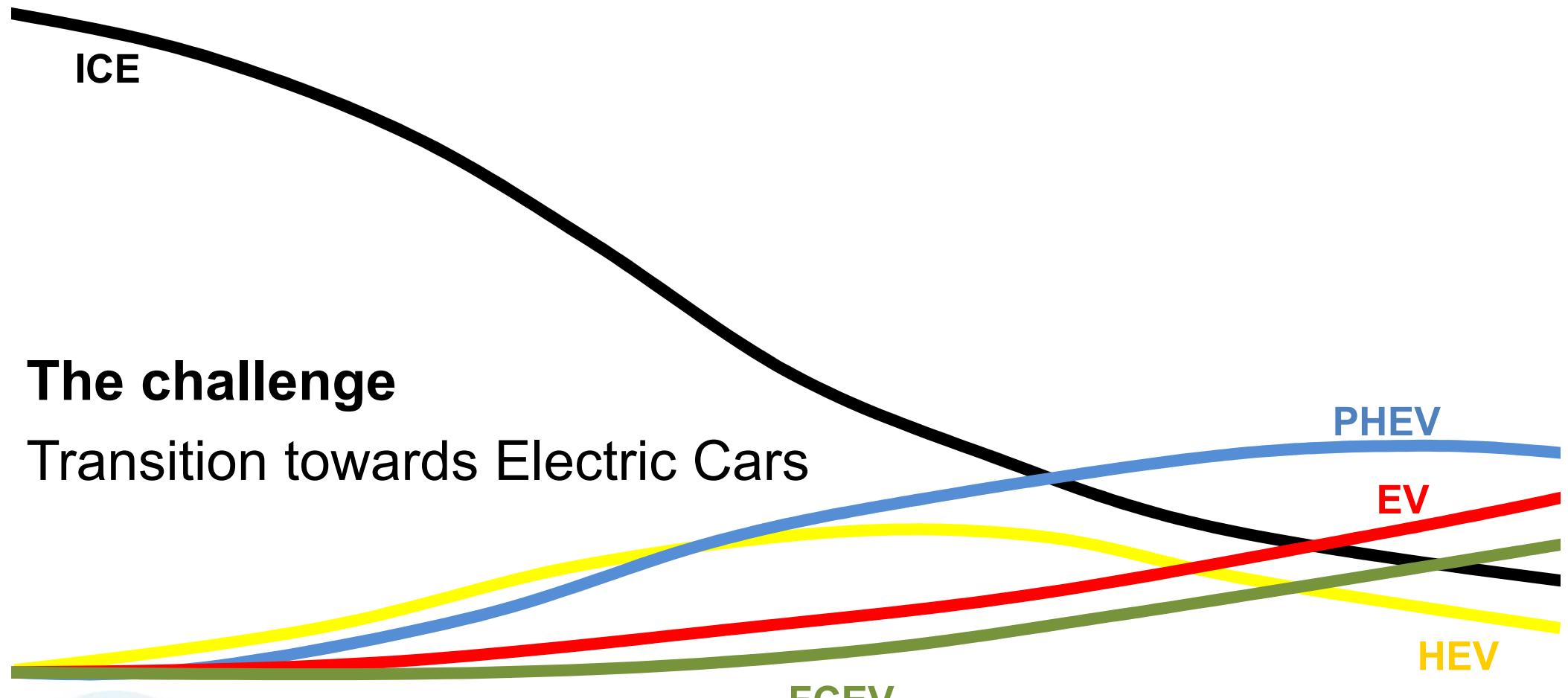
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- *Developing Sustainable Technology  
Diffusion Pathways for Alternative  
Mobility Technologies*
- Background
  - Grantham Institute for Climate Change
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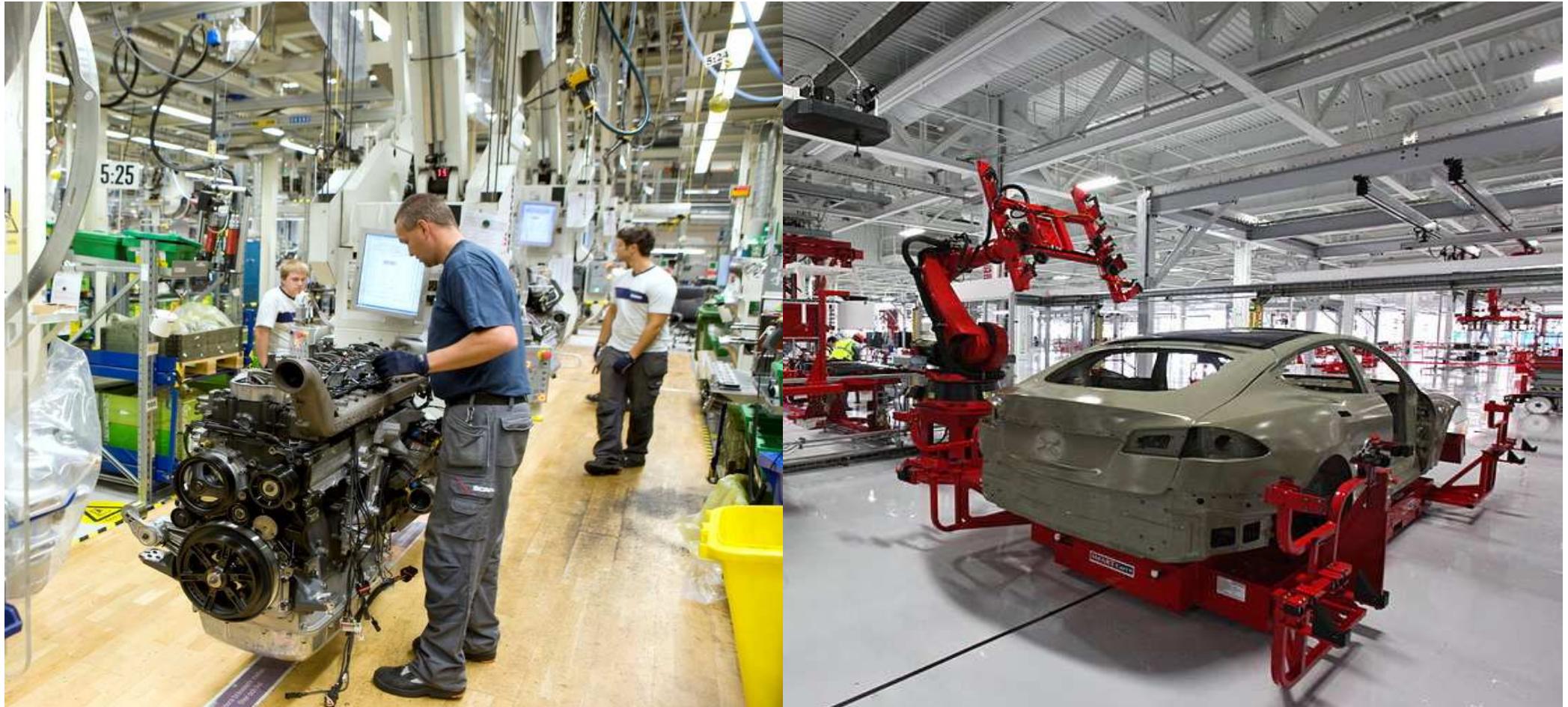


# Changes in propulsion technology



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# Changes in manufacturing



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# For the Automotive Industry



Or threat?

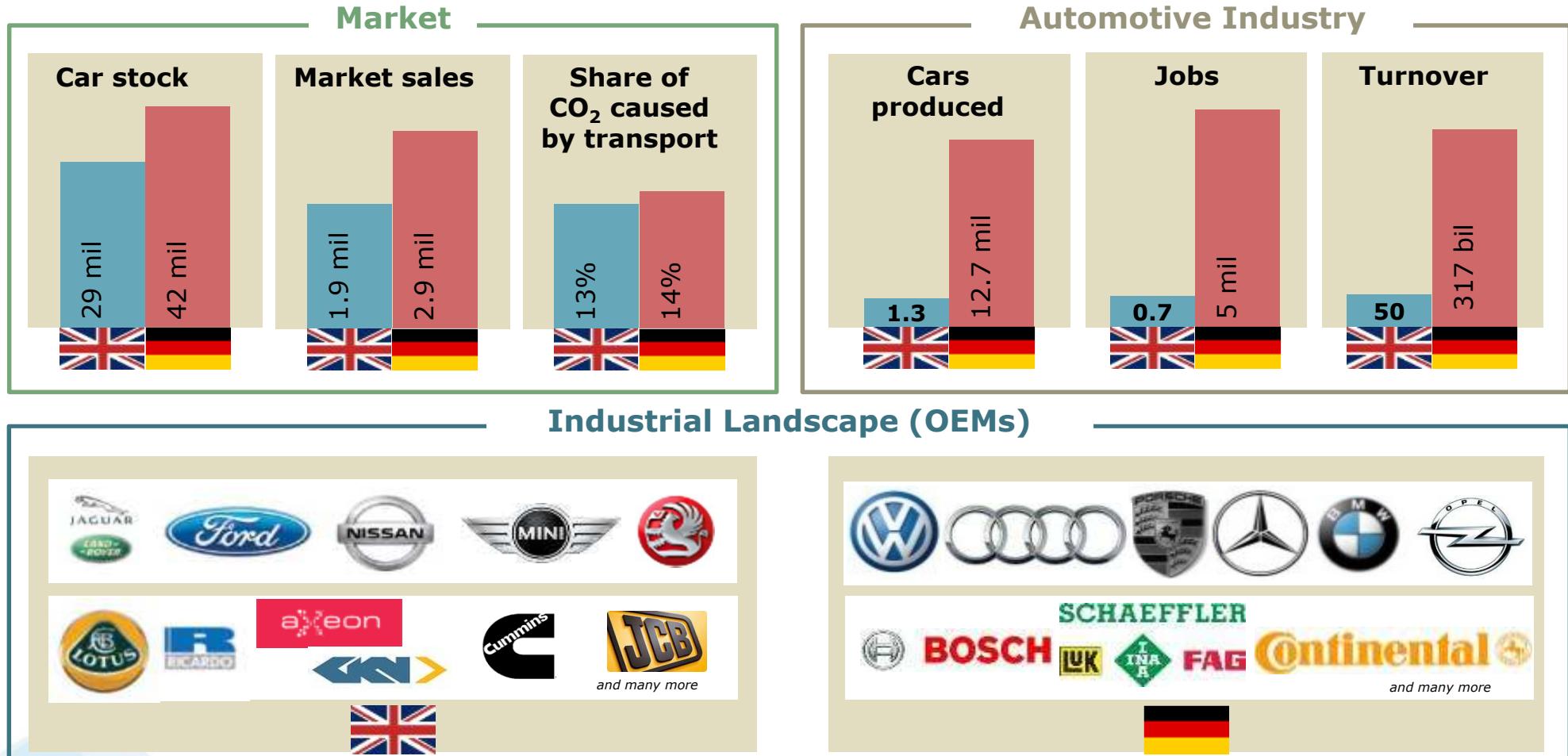


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# Role of the industry for the economy



# Questions?

- *Develop and to achieve Sustainable Technology Diffusion Paths for Alternative Mobility Technologies.*
- *Are the current policies adequate to reach sustainability goals?*
- *Is it possible to predict the consequences of governmental policies and industrial strategies on the transition outcomes for the industry?*

## Need to understand automotive industry



# The study

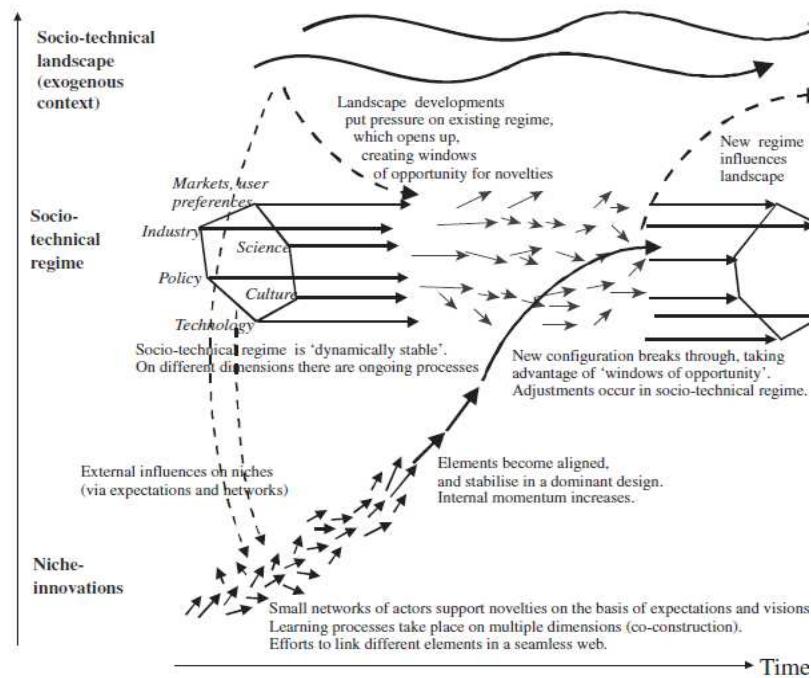
## Understanding the automotive industry



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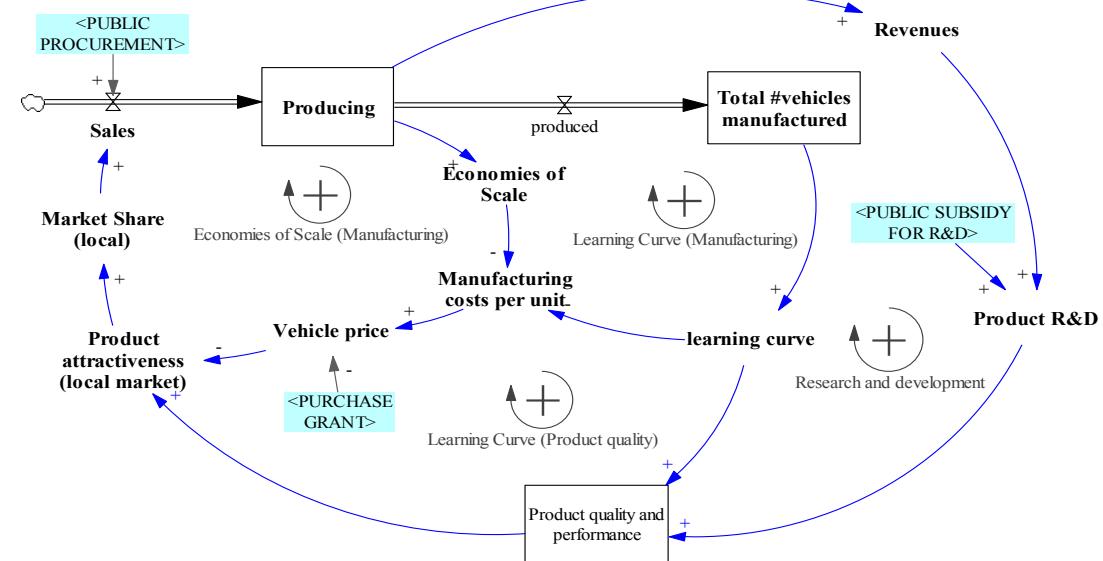
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# Motivation for study



**Fig. 2.** Multi-level perspective on transitions (adapted from Geels, 2002, p. 1263).

(Geels, 2002)



# Obtaining parameters for model

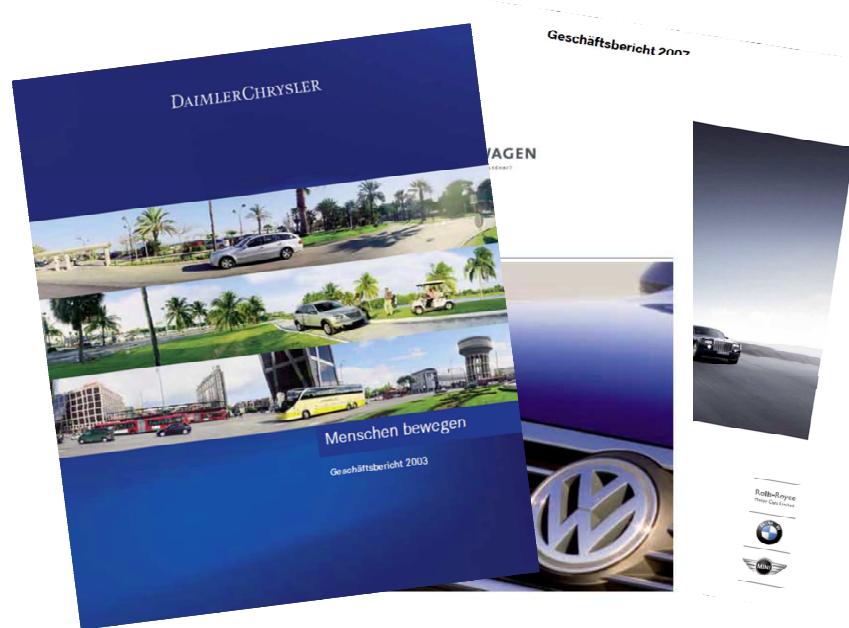
- Technology choice, Research and Development  
Production, Manufacturing, etc.
- Behavioural patterns
- Triggers
- Time scales
- Typical responds



# Study of BMW, Daimler and VW since 1990

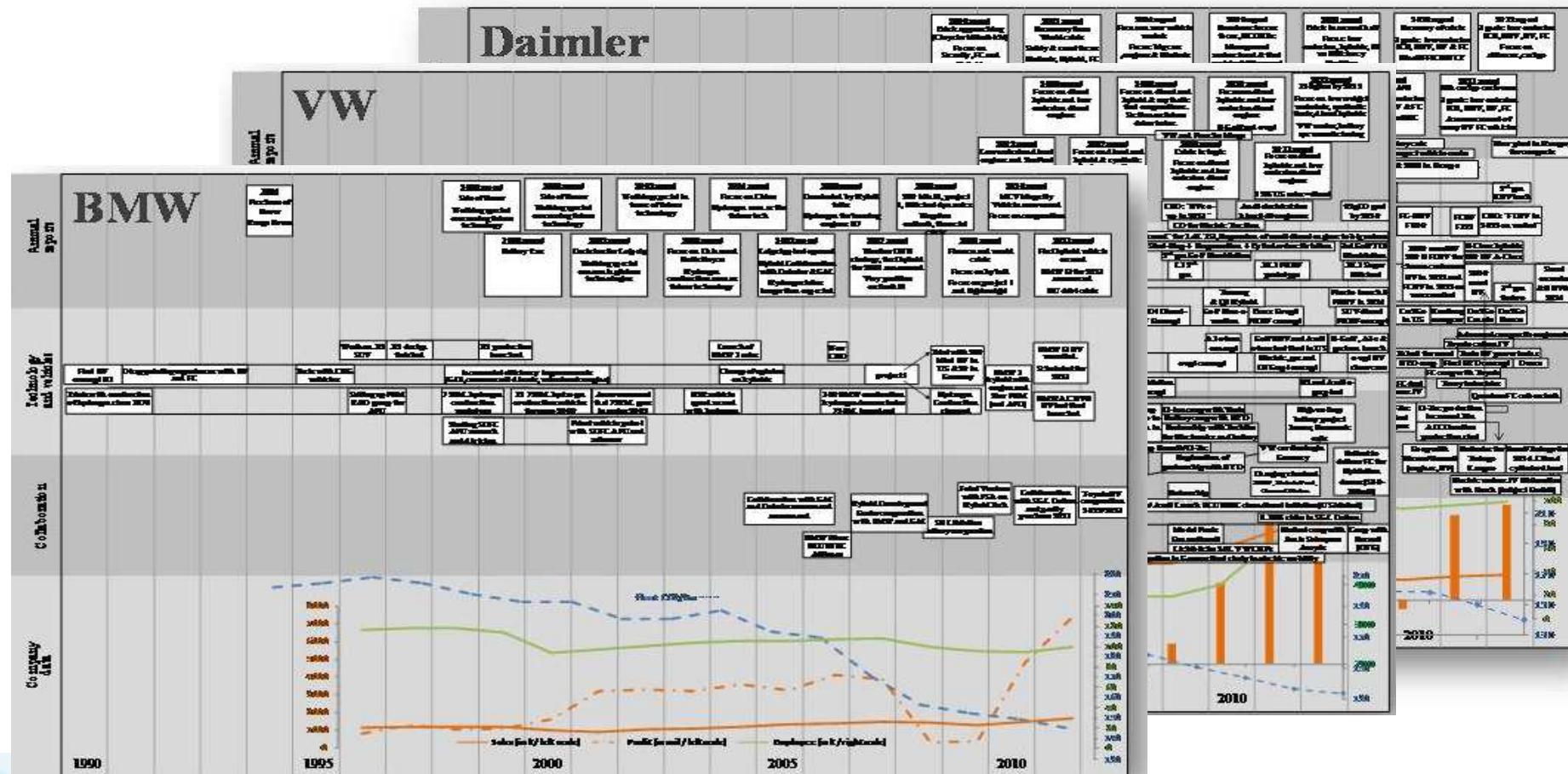


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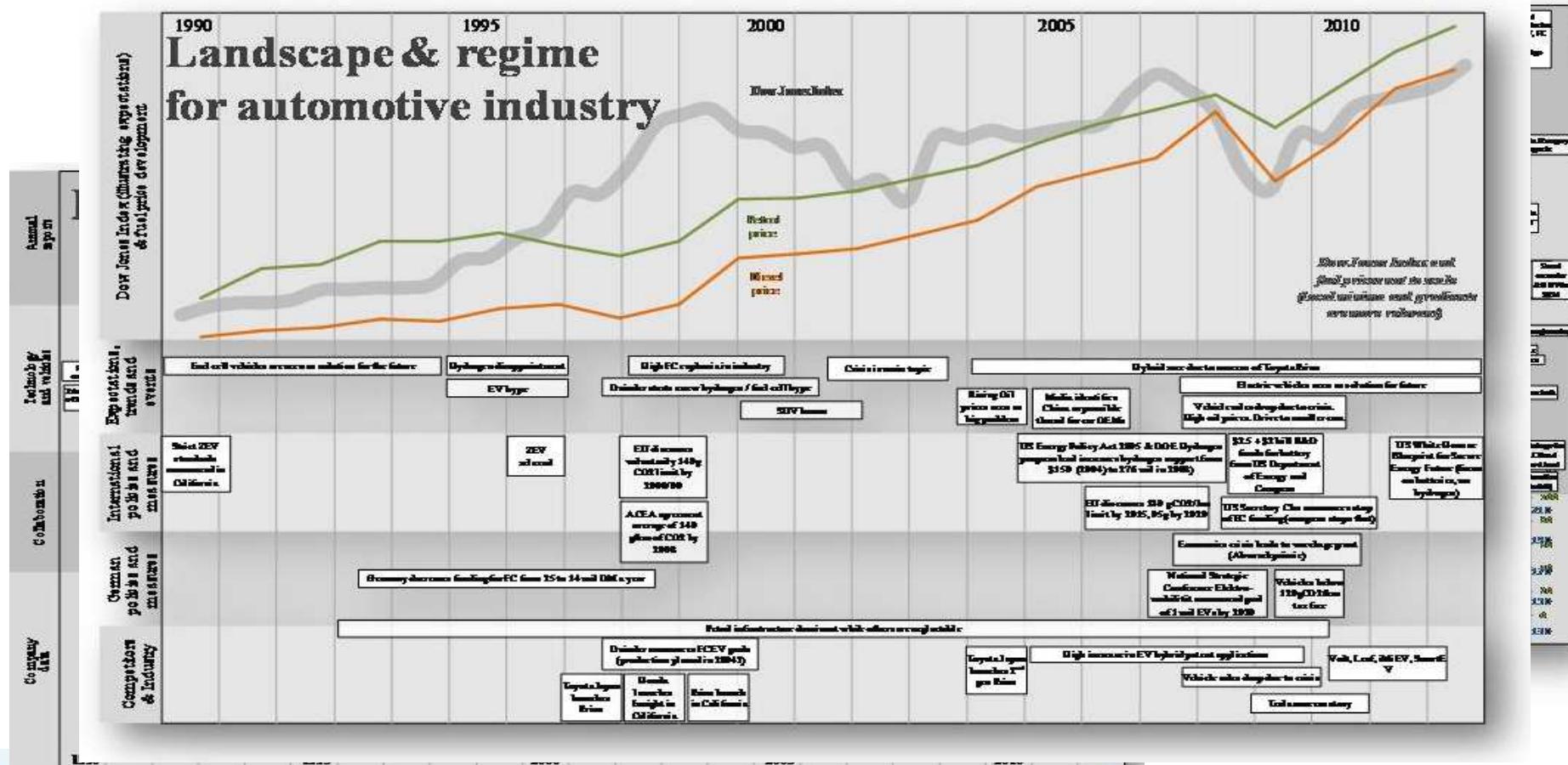


Annual reports

# Timelines



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## The results

BMW, Daimler and VW since 1990

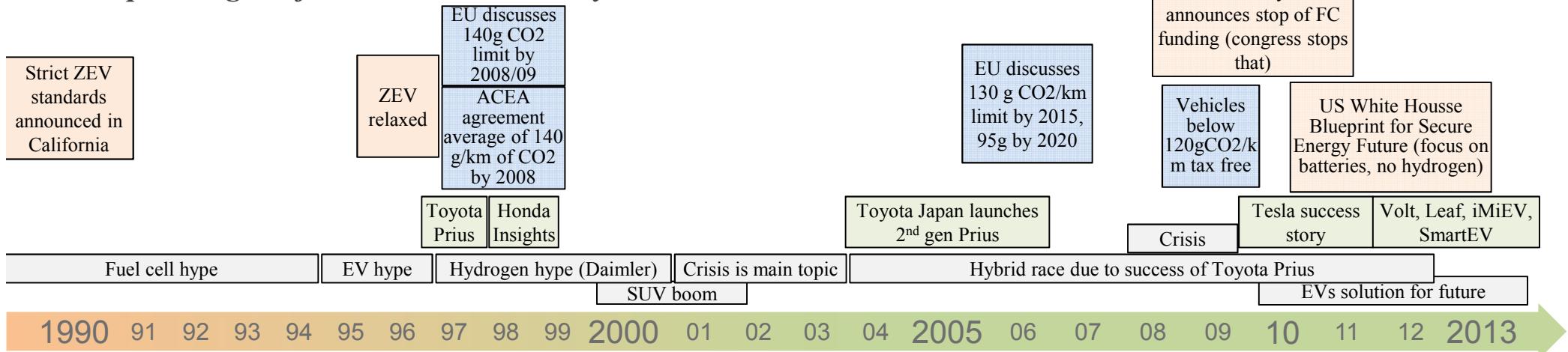


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# Landscape (the regime)

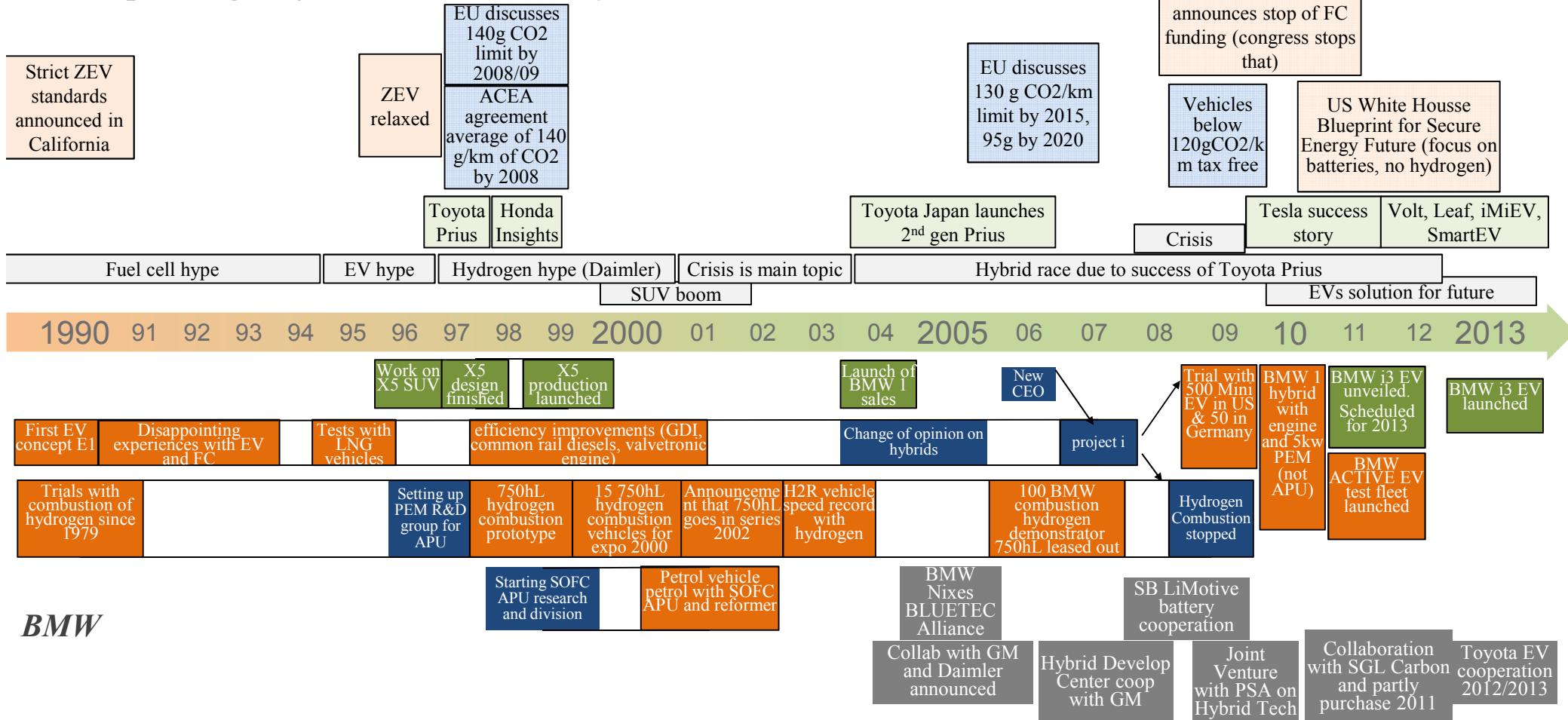
## Landscape & regime for automotive industry



# Story of BMW



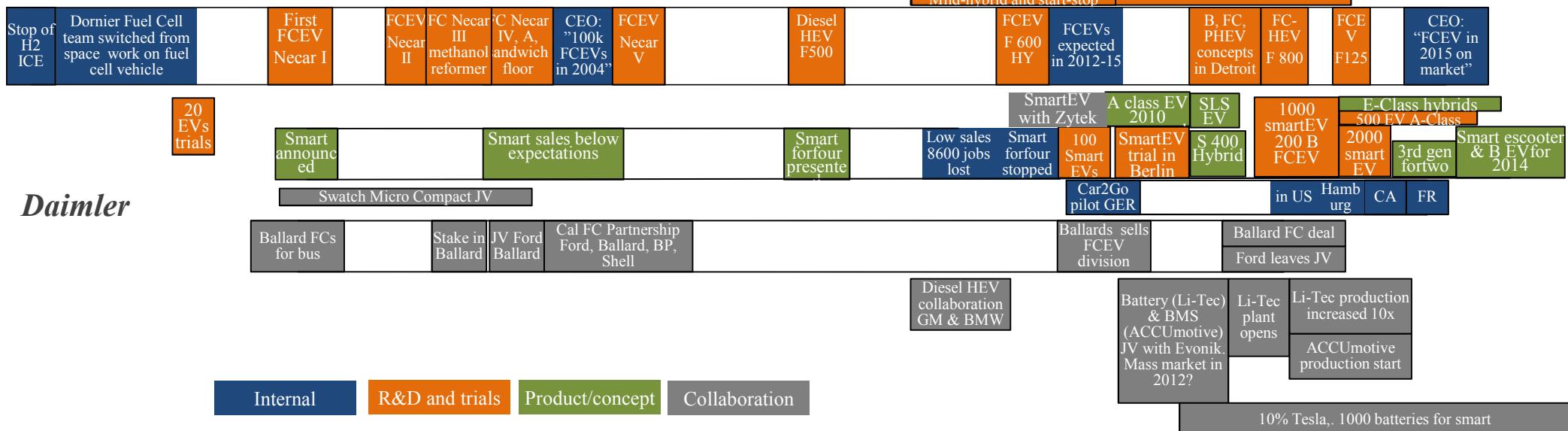
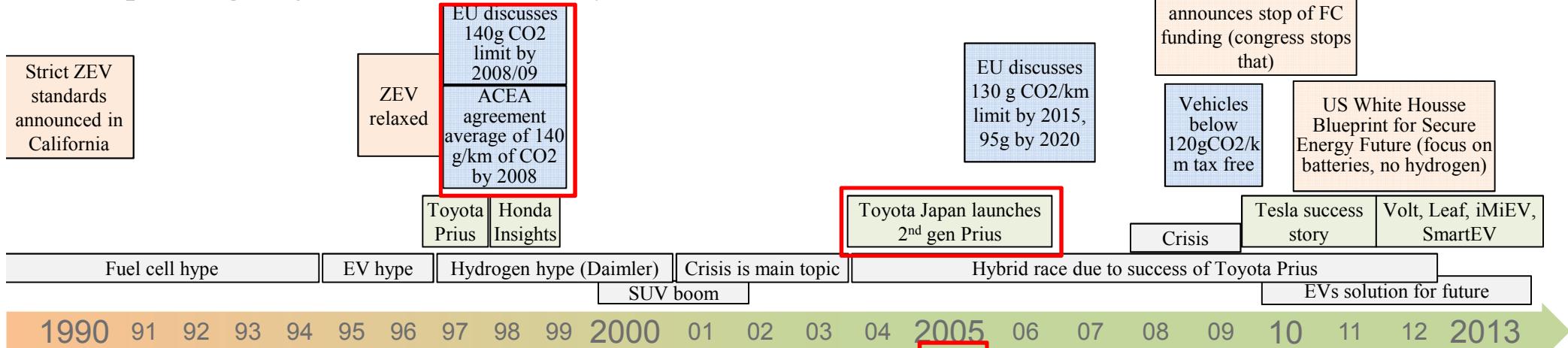
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# Story of Daimler



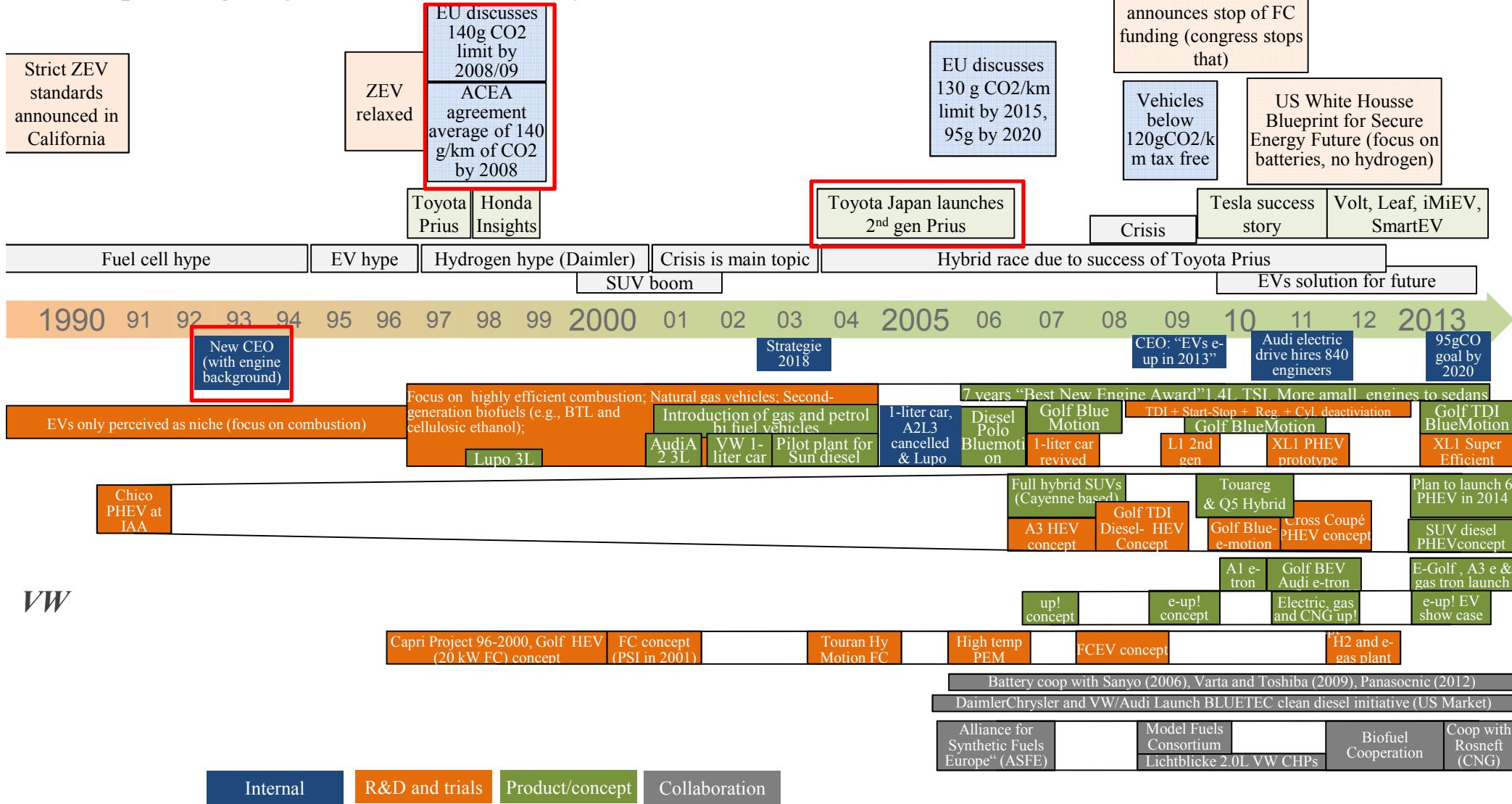
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# Story of VW

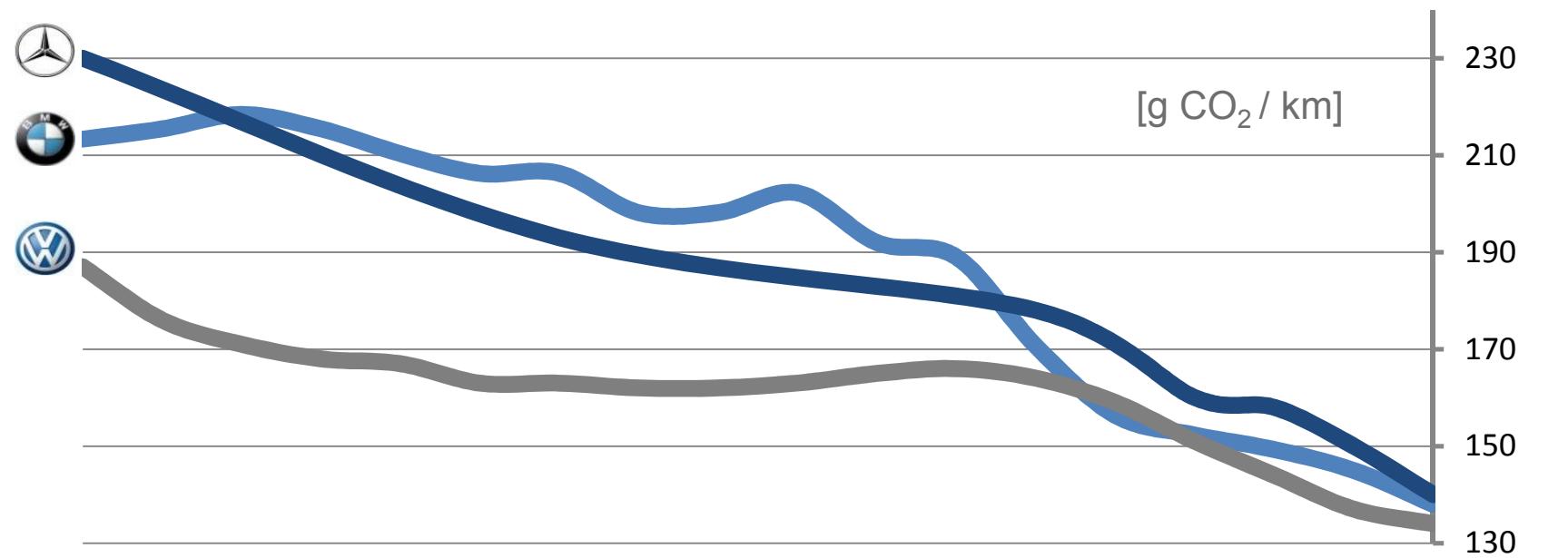
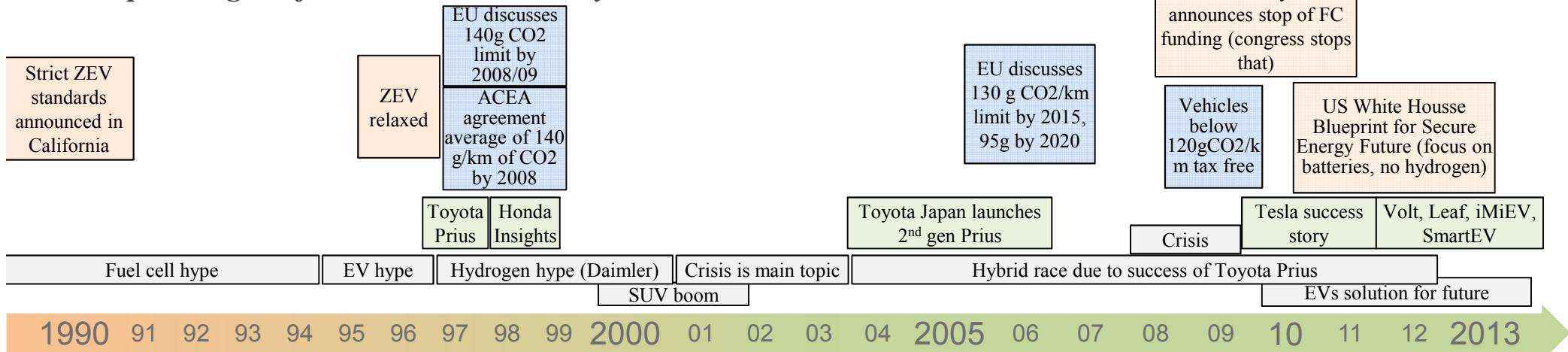


## Landscape & regime for automotive industry



# Comparison

## Landscape & regime for automotive industry



## The conclusions

Technology choices: behavioural patterns of German car manufacturers



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## Common patterns with regard to pressures

- No changes without significant external pressures
  - Emission targets in Europe
  - ZEV in California
  - Perception of rising fuel prices
- Regulations and consumer pressure are main drivers for technology change while national /global economic indicators not
- Research subsidies not sufficient



**R&D bound to long term goals and decisions**



## Common patterns with regard to solutions

- New solutions are created through combinations of available internal solutions
- However, disruptive only triggered by disruptive (internal) events
  - New CEOs
  - Competitor's 'success' (Toyota Prius, Daimler FCEV)
  - Consumer pressure
- Knowledge on disruptive or less familiar technologies is obtained from third parties



**Future work: Quantification of findings**



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