

UNDERSTANDING THE AUTOMOTIVE INDUSTRY

German OEM behaviour during the last 20 years and its implications

Christoph Mazur^{1,4,5,*}, M. Contestabile², G. Offer³, N. Brandon^{4,5}

¹Grantham Institute for Climate Change, Imperial College London, UK

²Centre for Environmental Policy, Imperial College London, UK

³Mechanical Engineering Department, Imperial College London, UK

⁴Earth Science Engineering Department, Imperial College London, UK

⁵Energy Futures Laboratory, Imperial College London, UK

*christoph.mazur@imperial.ac.uk

Christoph Mazur

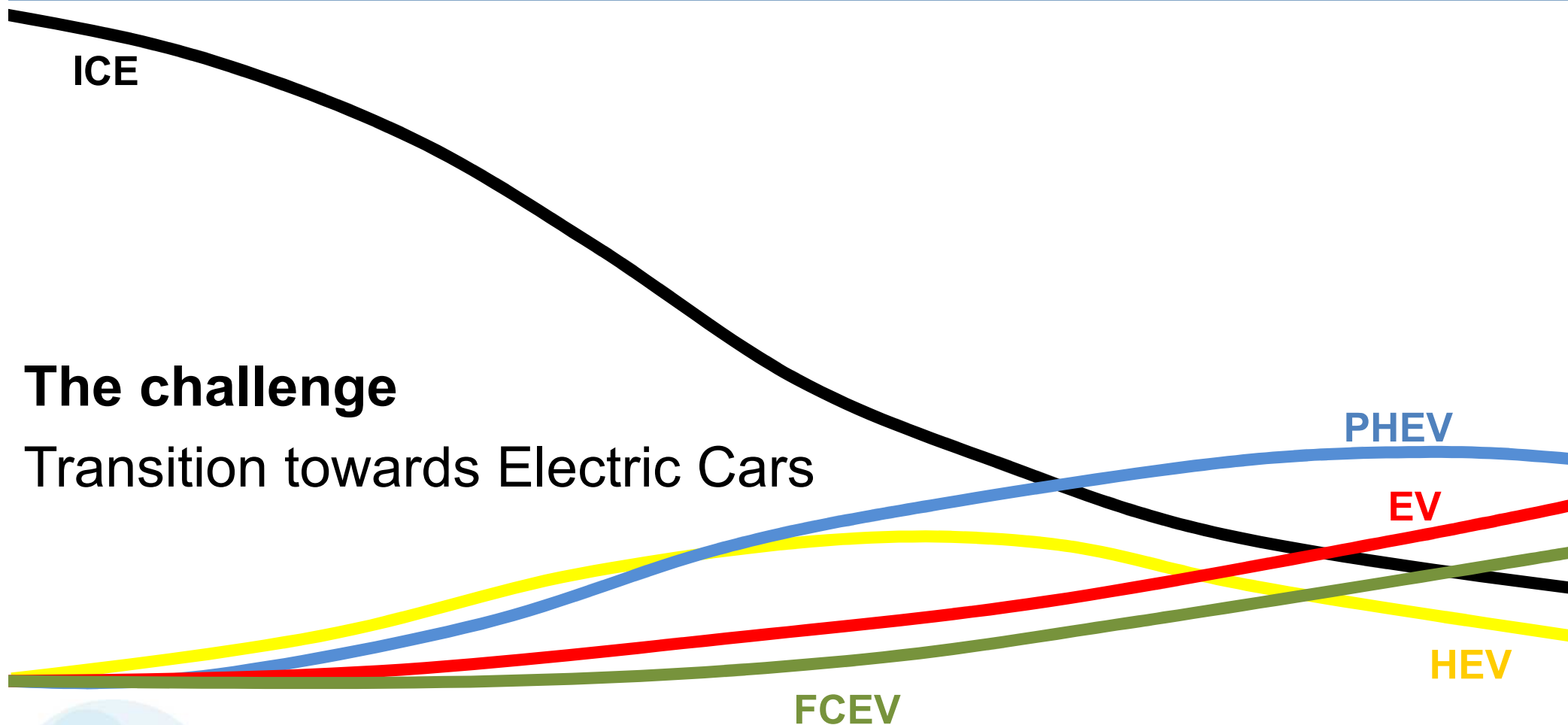
- *Developing Sustainable Technology Diffusion Pathways for Alternative Mobility Technologies*
- Background
 - Grantham Institute for Climate Change
 - Climate-KIC (Knowledge and Innovation Community – EU)
 - Energy Adviser (*Parliamentary Office for Science and Technology*)
 - Manufacturing Engineer (*Daimler Buses North America*)
 - Mechanical Engineering & Business Administration (*RWTH Aachen*)
 - Industrial Design and Innovation (*Ecole Centrale Paris*)



ICE

The challenge

Transition towards Electric Cars

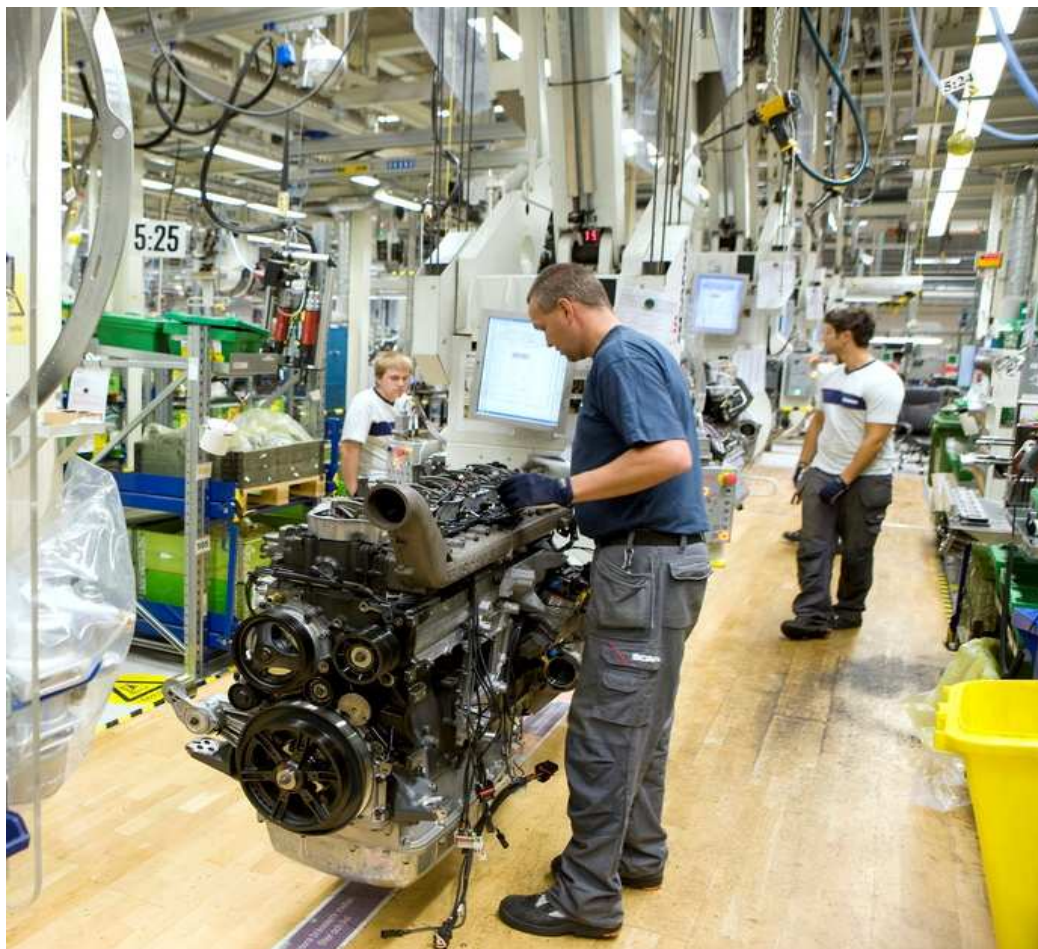


Changes in propulsion technology



Photos: Imalipusrams, S 400 HYBRID, Mario Roberto Duran Ortiz, Avda, Steve Jurvetson (all Wikipedia Commons users) , stevelyon (Flickr)

Changes in manufacturing



Photos: Scania Group, Steve Jurvetson (flickr)

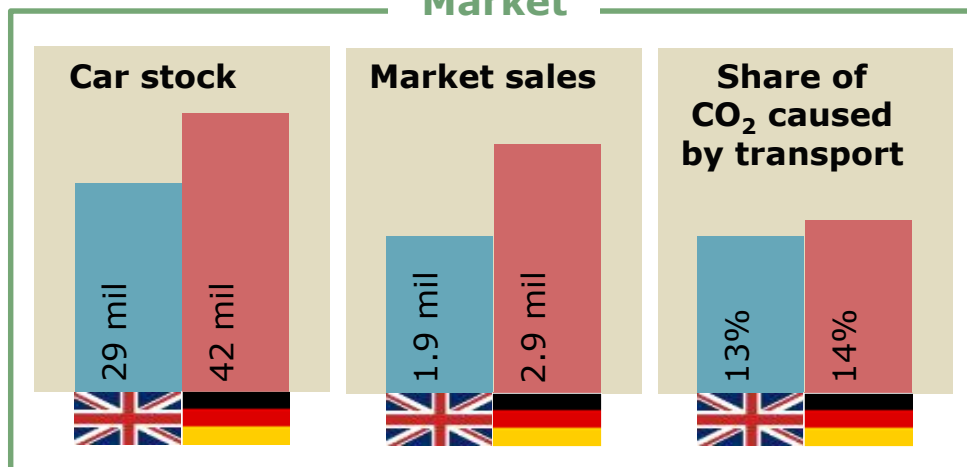
For the Automotive Industry



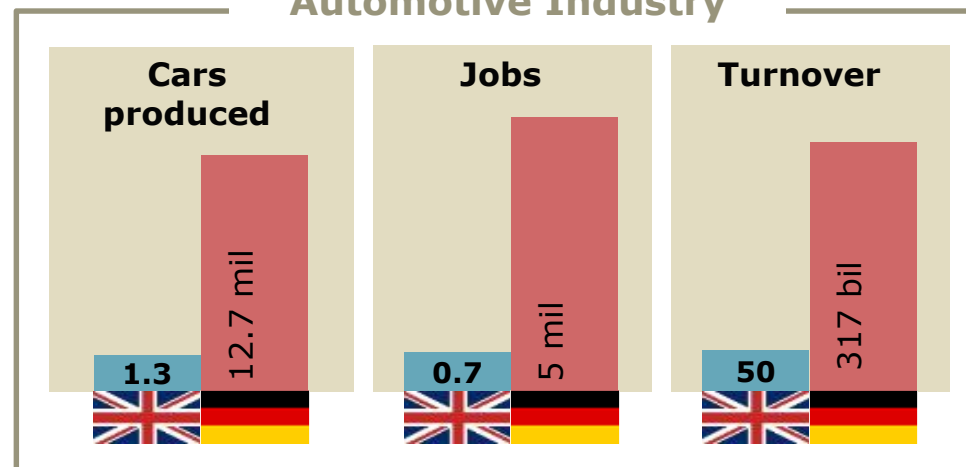
Or threat?

Role of the industry for the economy

Market



Automotive Industry



Industrial Landscape (OEMs)



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



Electric Vehicle Symposium 2013 - EVS27
Barcelona 17th - 20th Nov 2013

Grantham Institute
for Climate Change

Motivation for study

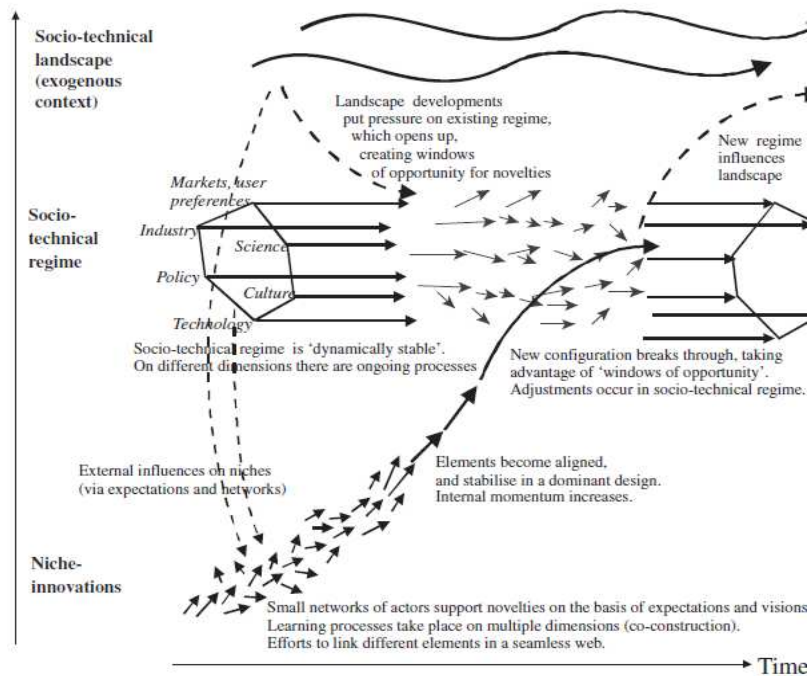
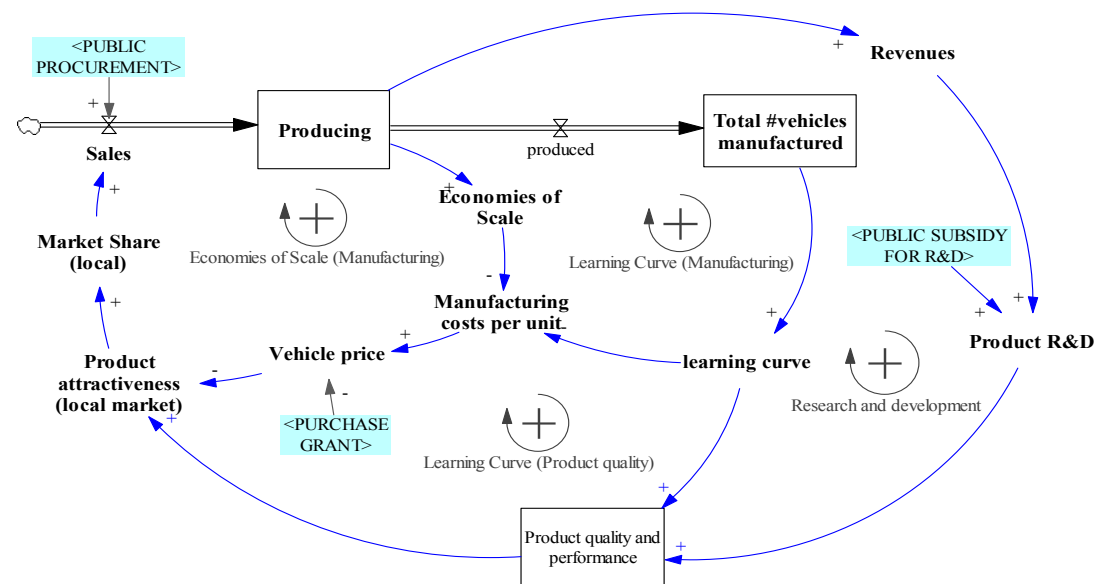


Fig. 2. Multi-level perspective on transitions (adapted from Geels, 2002, p. 1263).



(Geels, 2002)

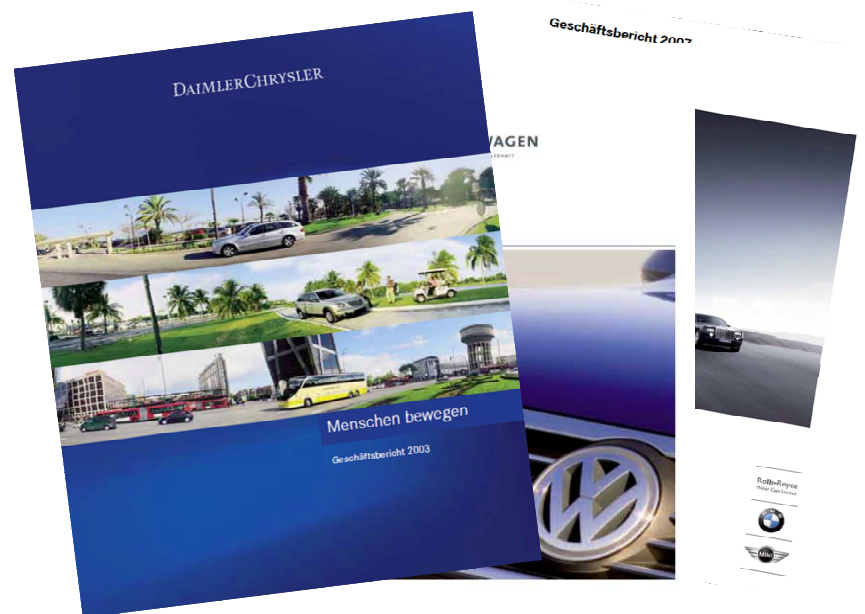
Obtaining parameters for model

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

Study of BMW, Daimler and VW since 1990

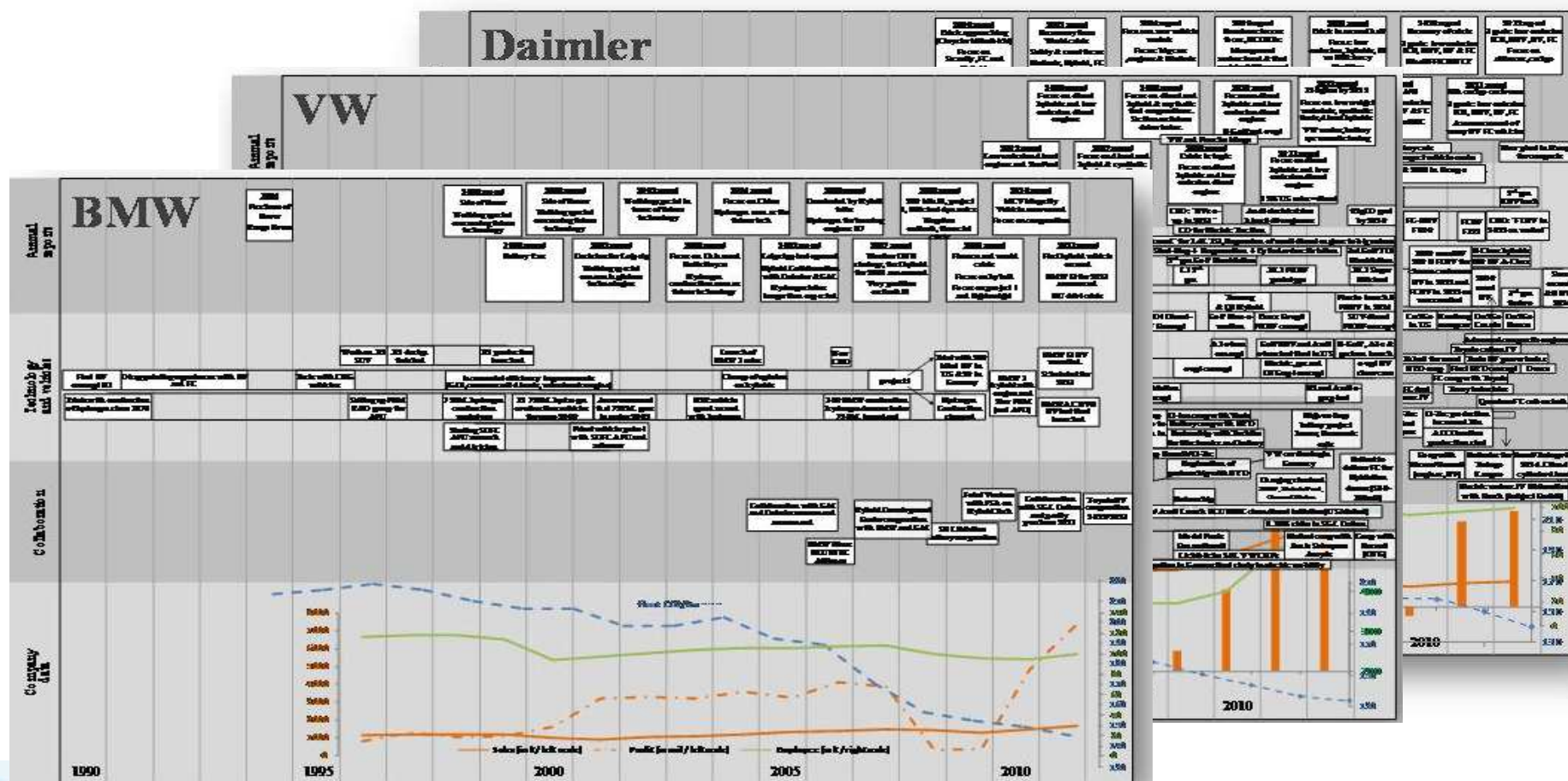


Scientific journals and press

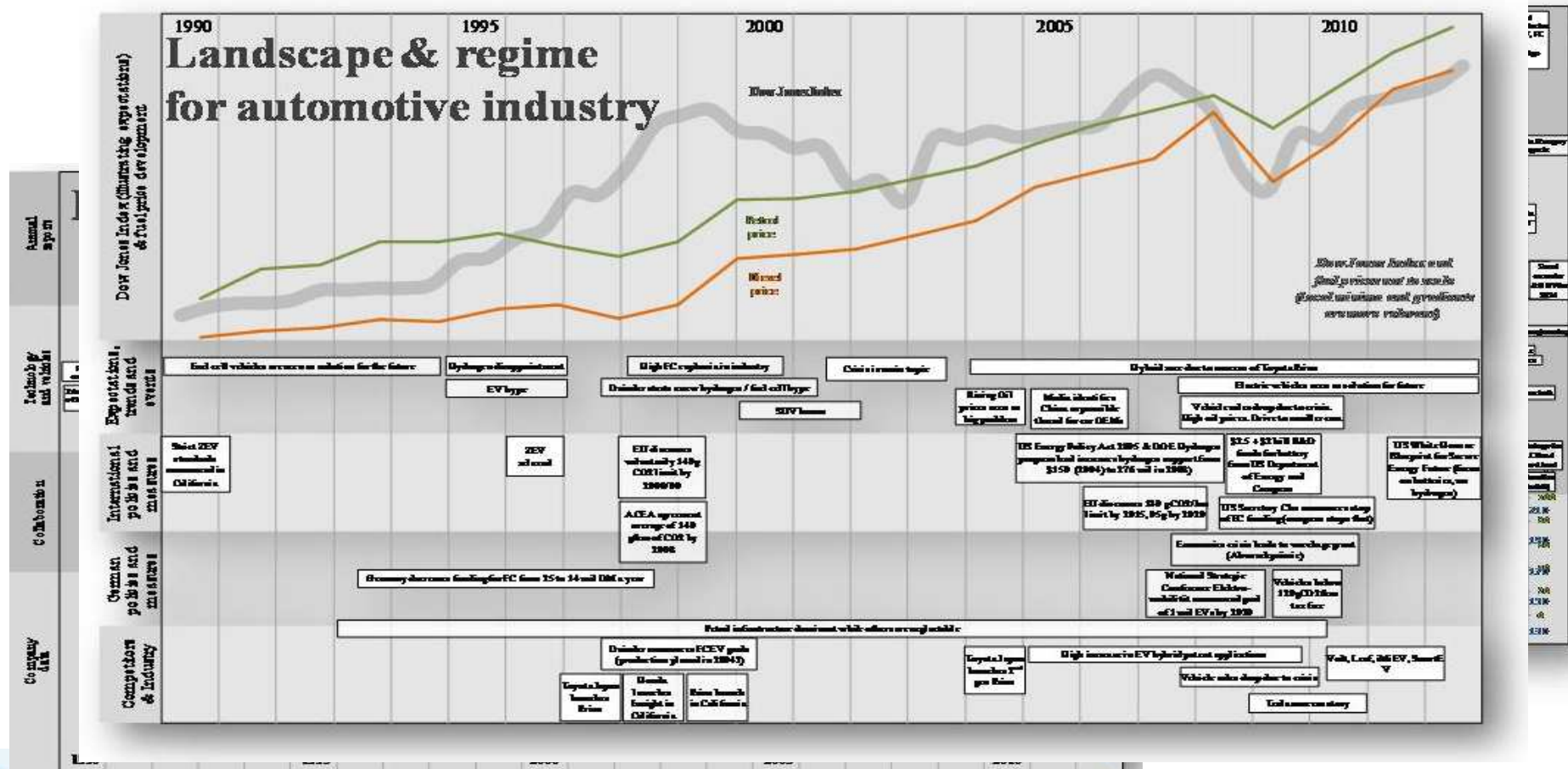


Annual reports

Timelines



Timelines

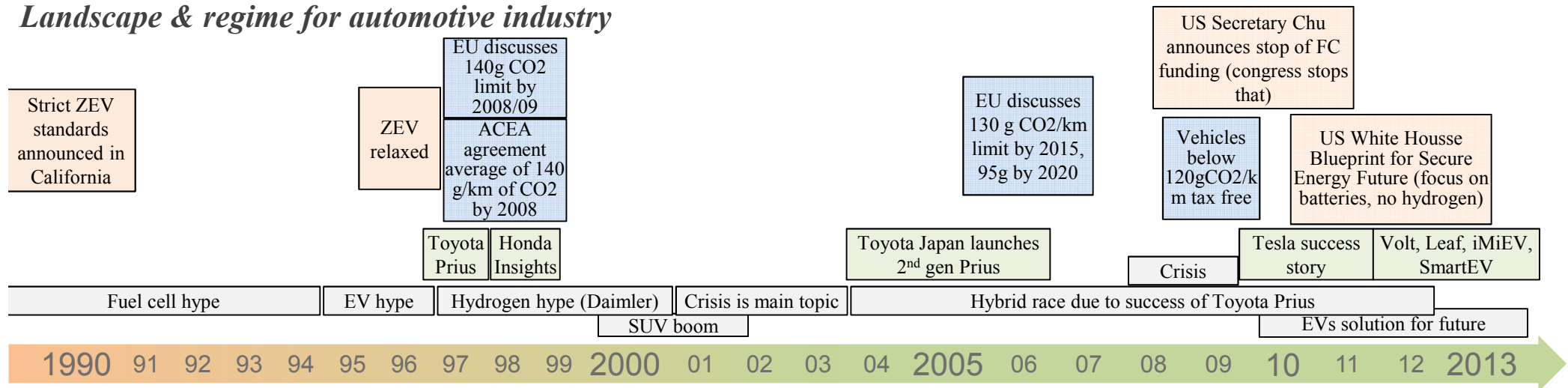


The results

BMW, Daimler and VW since 1990

Landscape (the regime)

Landscape & regime for automotive industry



Story of BMW



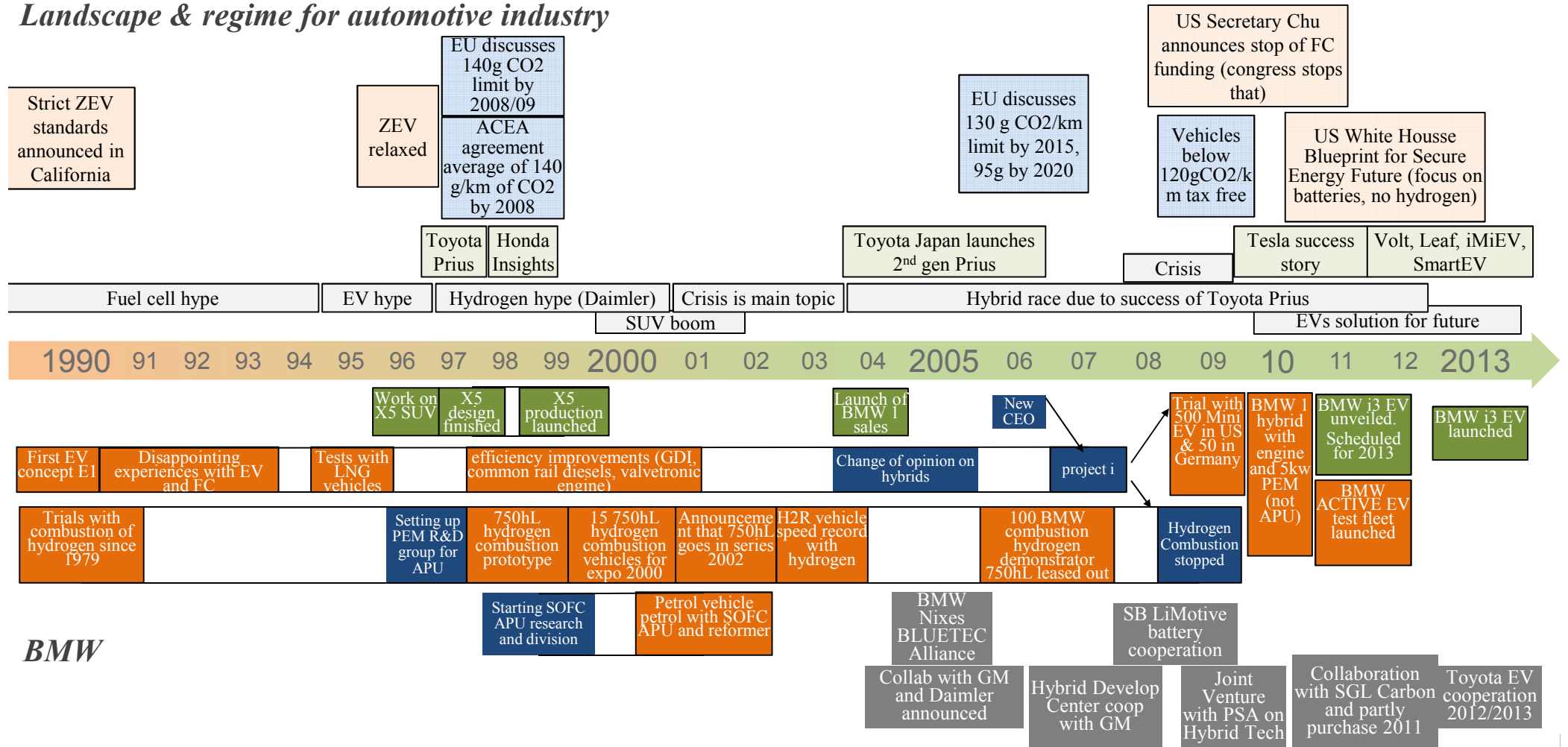
Germany/EU

USA

Competitors

Mood

Landscape & regime for automotive industry



Internal

R&D and trials

Product/concept

Collaboration

Story of Daimler



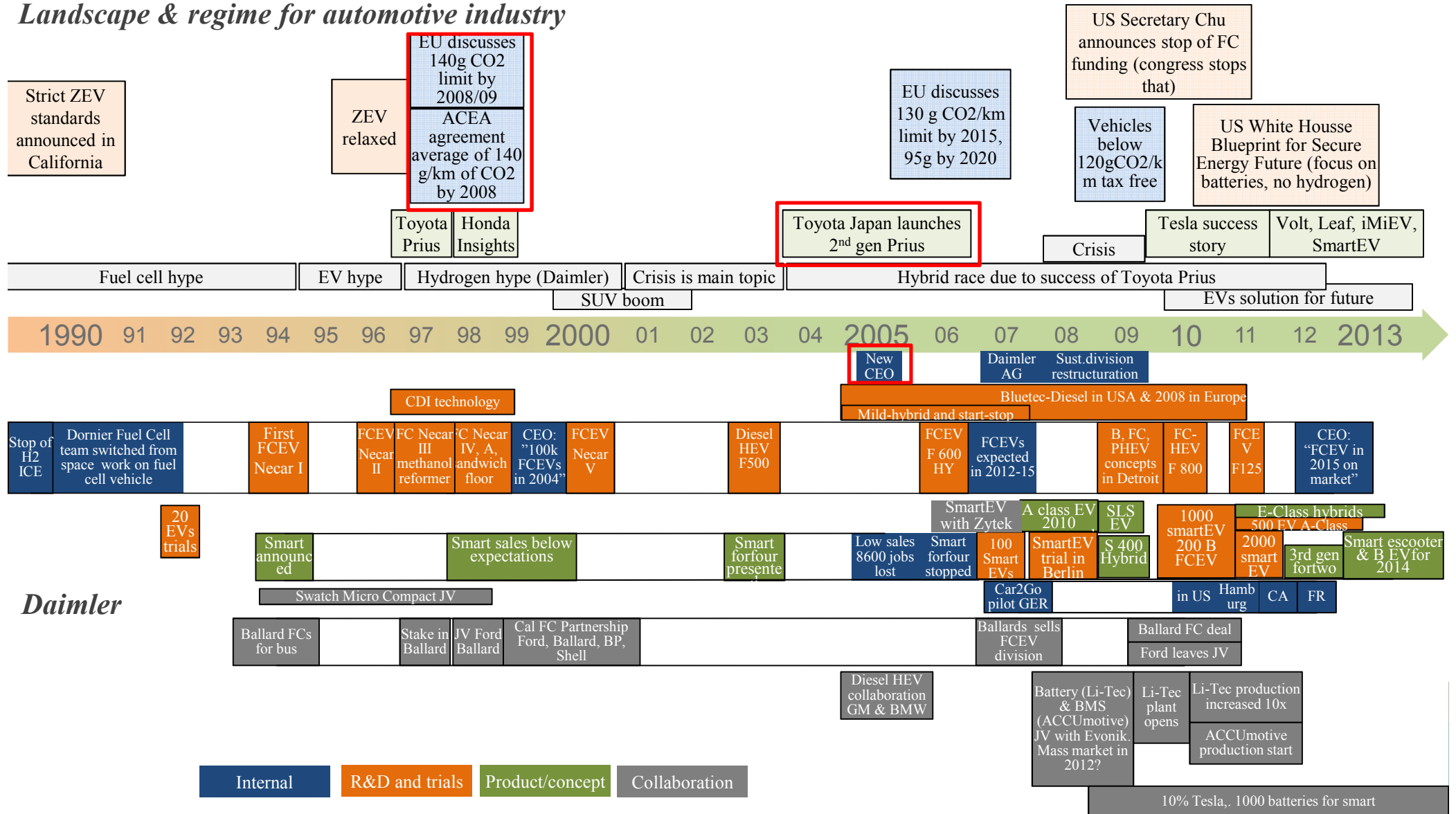
Germany/EU

USA

Competitors

Mood

Landscape & regime for automotive industry



Story of VW



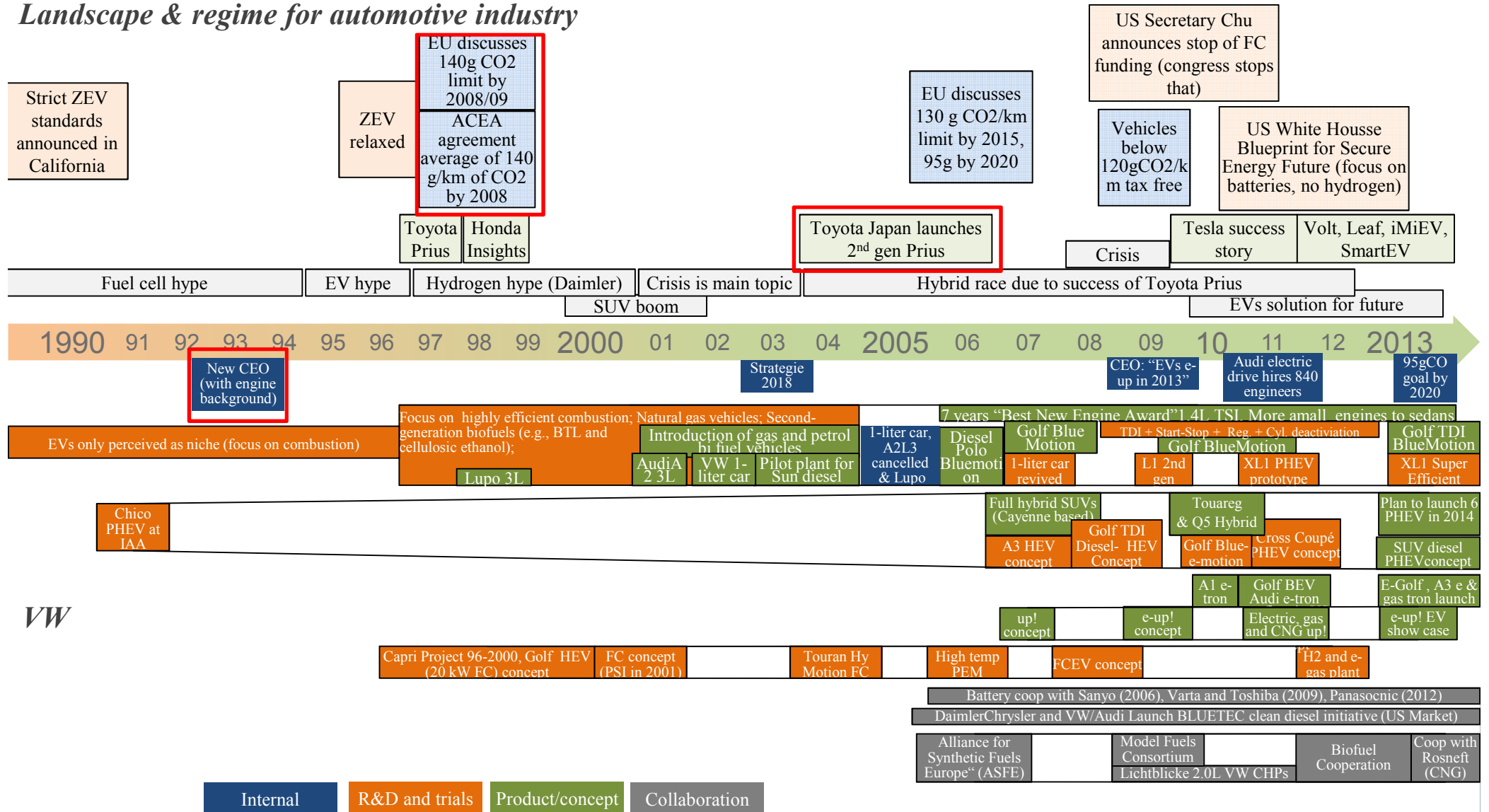
Germany/EU

USA

Competitors

Mood

Landscape & regime for automotive industry



Comparison

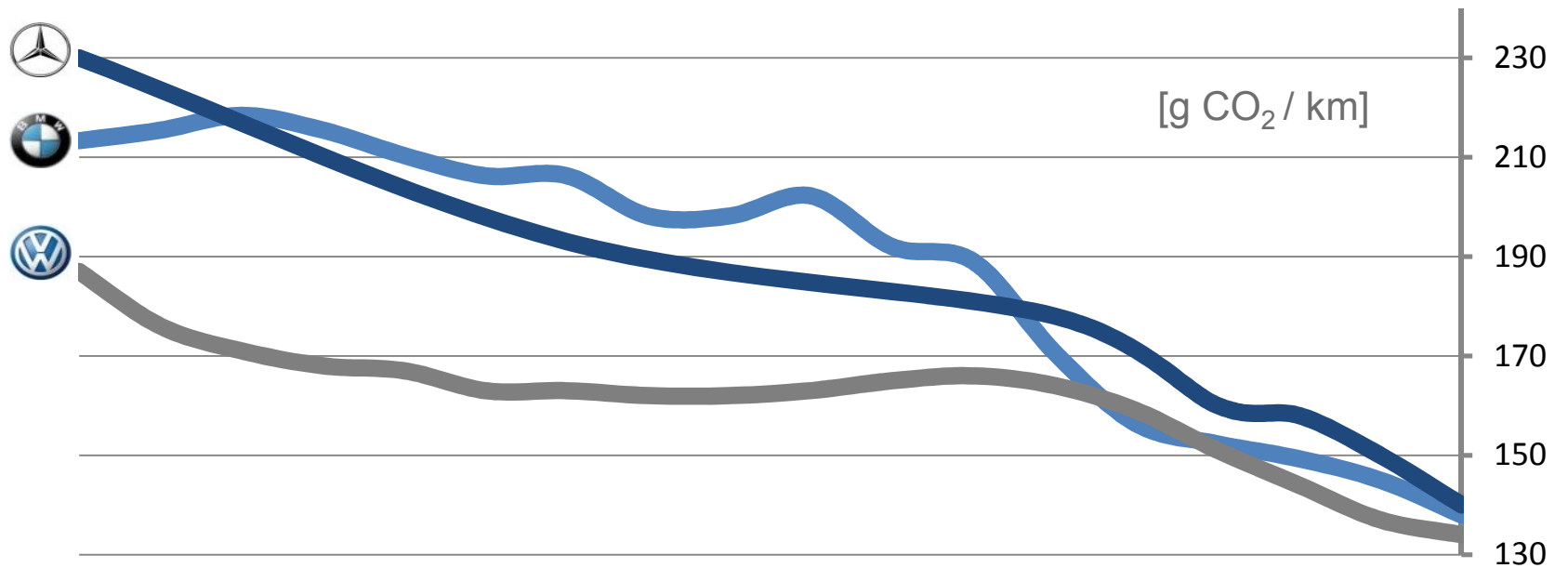
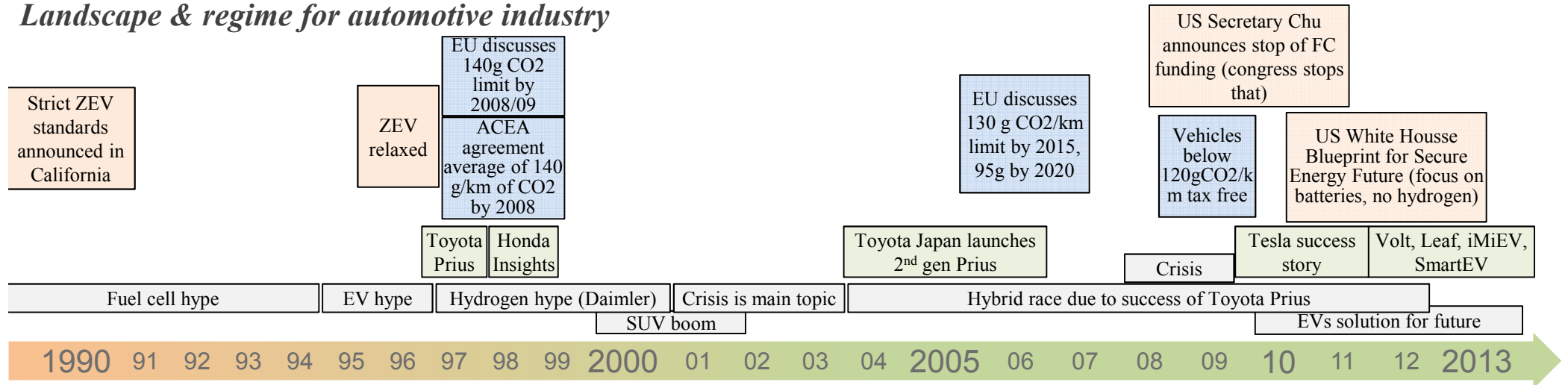
Germany/EU

USA

Competitors

Mood

Landscape & regime for automotive industry



The conclusions

Technology choices: behavioural patterns of German car manufacturers

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

Thanks for attention

Acknowledgments

- Grantham Institute for Climate Change (Imperial College London)
- Climate Knowledge and Innovation Community (European Institute of Innovation and Technology)
- UK EPSRC for the grant "SUPERGEN 14: Delivery of Sustainable Hydrogen"
- Career Acceleration Fellowship for Gregory Offer, award number EP/I00422X/1,.

Christoph Mazur

christoph.mazur@imperial.ac.uk



*Electric Vehicle Symposium 2013 - EVS27
Barcelona 17th - 20th Nov 2013*

Grantham Institute
for Climate Change