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**HOP ON - ALL ELECTRIC  
CARS BY ~~2040?~~**

**2030?**

**Tory Government announcement July  
2017, phasing out petrol & diesel cars**

**Can it really happen?**



THE UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

# THE TARGET



- No more solely petrol or diesel cars sold after 2030.
- All petrol & diesel cars and vans to be “electric” by 2040
  - To improve air quality, particularly in cities and on main roads from petrol & diesel emissions and CO2.
  - 40,000 deaths attributed to nitrogen oxides in the UK/ann

However...

- No target on trucks in City Centres
- No target on Buses & Coaches in City centres
- No target on Diesel trains stopping at City Centres
  - Many electification programs have been cancelled (2017)
- No target on trucks delivering across the channel
- No target on introducing alternative fuels?

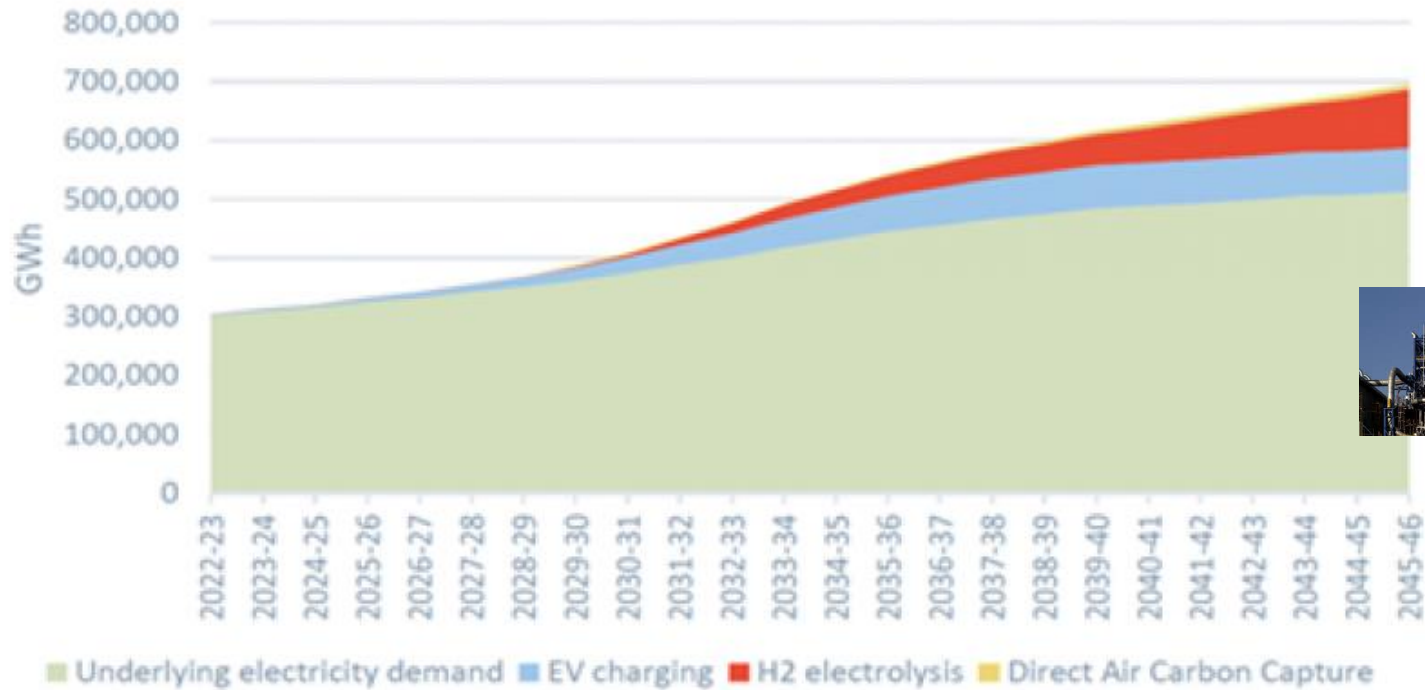


1 GW = 1 billion or  $10^9$  W

# THE IMPLICATIONS



**Figure 1: Electricity demand forecast – Central Scenario**



Source Cornwall Insight

Note: These volumes do not include load to meet exports to interconnected markets, load to service pumped storage hydro or batteries

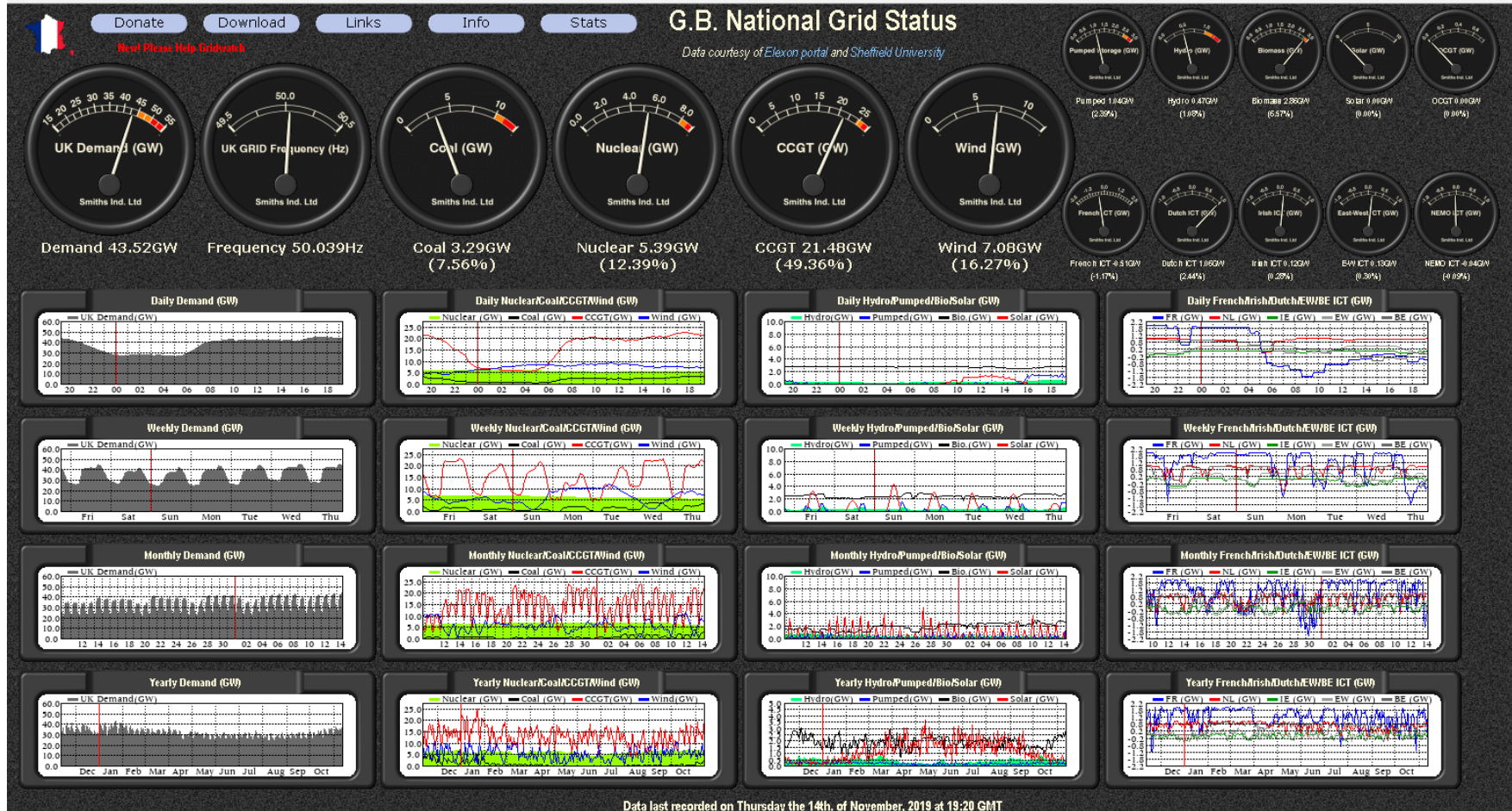
- By 2050 with all electric, extra demand could be +18GW
- (Current grid peak capacity is 55-60GW) - needs +32%
- How will this power be generated, with zero emission?



# TAKE A LOOK AT GRIDWATCH

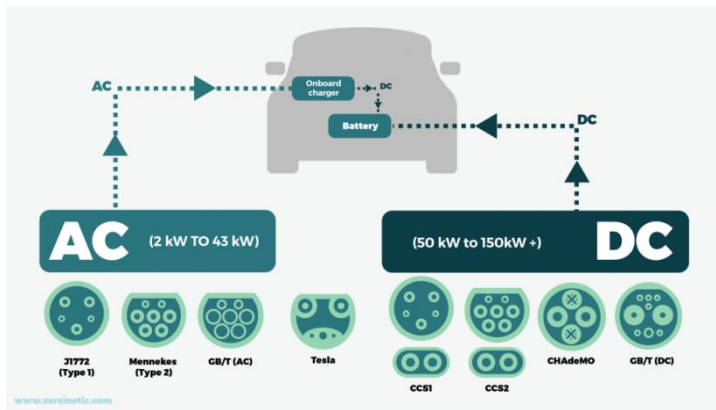
Most sources are fossil fuels still.  
How is additional 8-18GW demand going to work?

Includes:  
Biomass, Solar & Hydro.  
French link, Dutch link,  
Irish link, Wales/Ire link,  
Belgian link.



<https://www.gridwatch.templar.co.uk/>

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# STRUCTURE – CHARGING EV



**How?**  
at 3, 7, 22kW.

AC charge depends on rating of car on-board charger

50kW to 150kW+.



## • Home Charging (3kW or 7kW AC)

- Slower charge, several hours currently (up to 20).
- What if you live in a terraced house or high rise block?

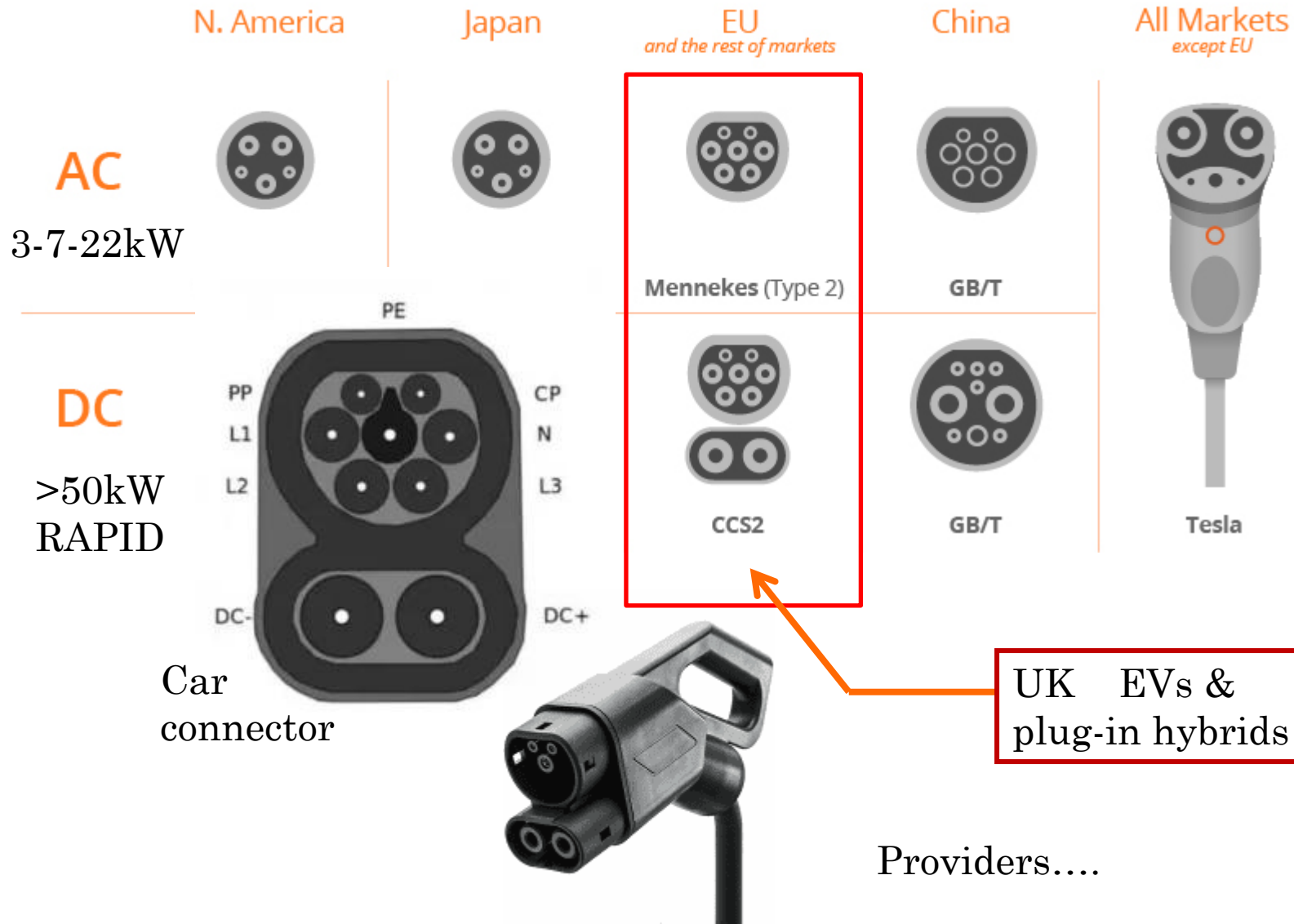


## • Public charging points

- 60+ different providers of charge points
- 60+ different accounts, apps, RFID card, or subscriptions needed to operate them, some use contactless cards.
- Tesla have their own system, no-one else can use.
- Currently around 42,000 in the UK, mixture of types.
- 400,000 charge points would cost **£30bn by 2035** (for 1 in 3 cars being electric) + the electricity demand! [lamposts?]
- Public rapid points can be expensive electricity, at 40p/kwh.



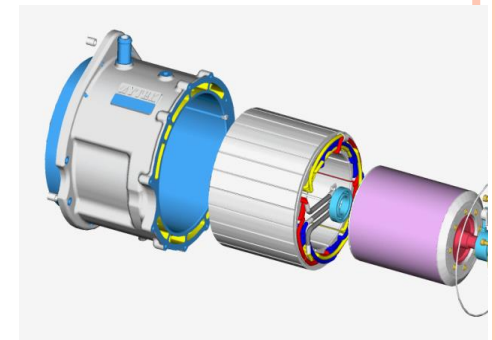
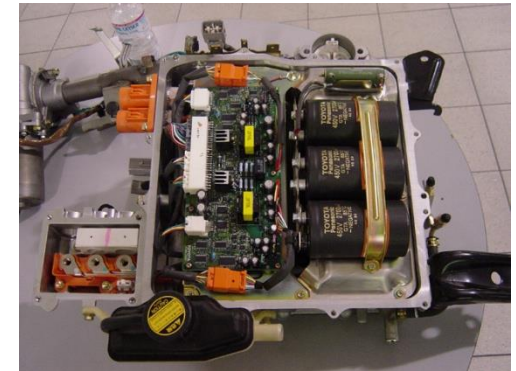
# 2. THE INFRASTRUCTURE AND THE EV CHARGE CONNECTOR LINE UP...



# 3. THE INFRASTRUCTURE - DISPOSAL

## ○ Disposal & Recycling

- 1 million cars scrapped each year in UK.
- Batteries (toxic chemicals in Li-ion)
- Cobalt and lithium could be recovered.
- Power inverter electronics
- Motors (rare earth magnets - Neodymium)
- Existing petrol & diesel cars disposal by 2030 (Tens of millions)



## 4. TAXATION & SUBSIDIES



- Currently, approx 80% tax on petrol & diesel
  - Current fuel duties amount to £28bn/annum
  - What will the Chancellor do?
  - Where will it then come from? Tax on electricity?

- Road Tax currently free for EVs.
  - What's your future prediction?

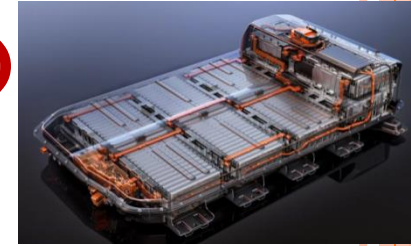
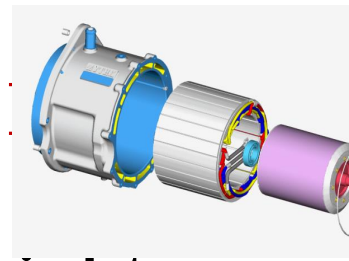


- Subsidy for Electric Vehicle Purchase (£5000 in 2011)
  - Guess what will happen to that?
  - Well, it already has. (PHEV now £0, EV now ~~£2500~~)
  - Whereas, Germany is increasing subsidies.



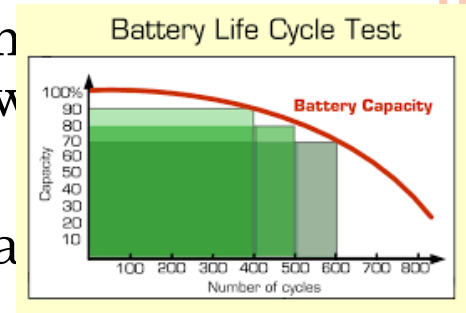


## 5. CURRENT LIMITATIONS OF



### ○ Security of Supply, Cost & Weight

- Battery Lithium & Cobalt (controlled from China, Australia, Argentina, Congo) maybe even Cornwall
- Costly & heavy battery (can easily weigh half a ton)
- Rare motor magnets Neodymium (Brazil, China, India, Lanka and Australia).
- Once again, we are causing mining misery and plundering rare earth resources.



### ○ Battery Life-time cost may be very high

- Discharges and charges deteriorate capacity kwh, (or range).
- Current petrol cars expected to last 10 years, more for diesel.
- Most EV batteries now warranted for 5-7 years, last 10-20yrs.
- Cost of disposal or recycling of millions of batteries.

### ○ Charge time and availability of chargers

- Multiple types of public charger, often out of service.
- All but DC rapid chargers will take 8-20 hours (if car is capable).



## 6. PERFORMANCE LIMITATIONS



### ○ Range



- Range poor on some small models (as low as 70-100 miles), majority up to 150-250 miles. 2021 has seen 300 miles+.
- Higher range usually means larger / heavier battery.
- Wet or cold, using electrical heater, lights or A/C reduces range.
- Range display has units of miles/kwh.  $50\text{kwh at } 4\text{m/kwh}=200\text{m}$
- Capacity (range) will decrease with each (fast) charge cycle (Tesla is pretty good), but others can be poorer. Loses 20-30+%.
- A 200 mile range in the Summer, can reduce to 150 in Winter.

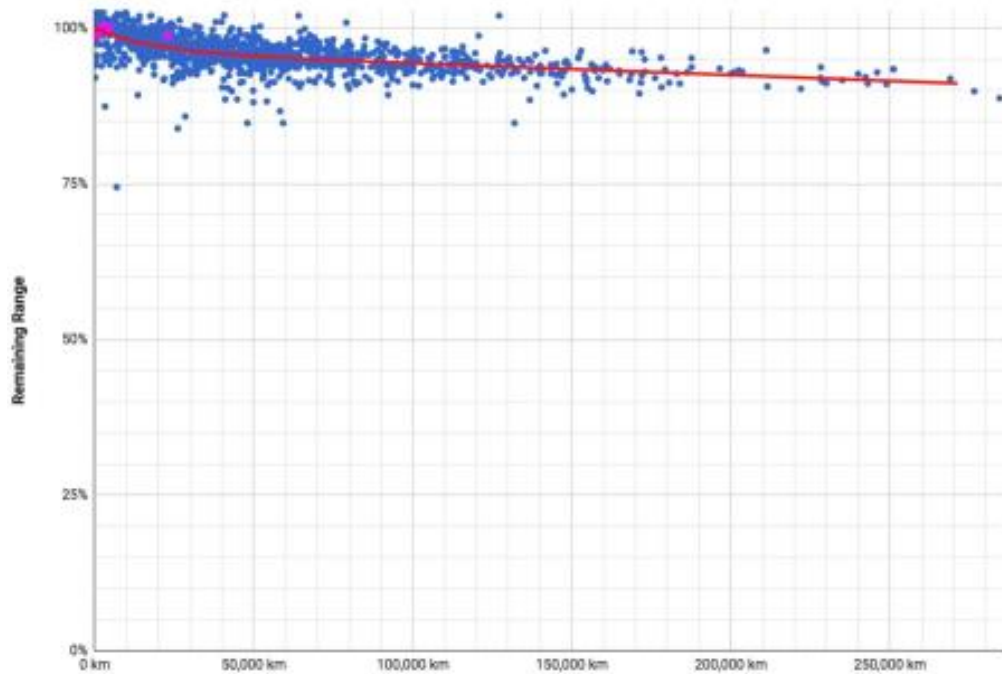
### ○ Speed, Acceleration

- High speed or high acceleration will kill range, because of wind resistance, even 70mph.

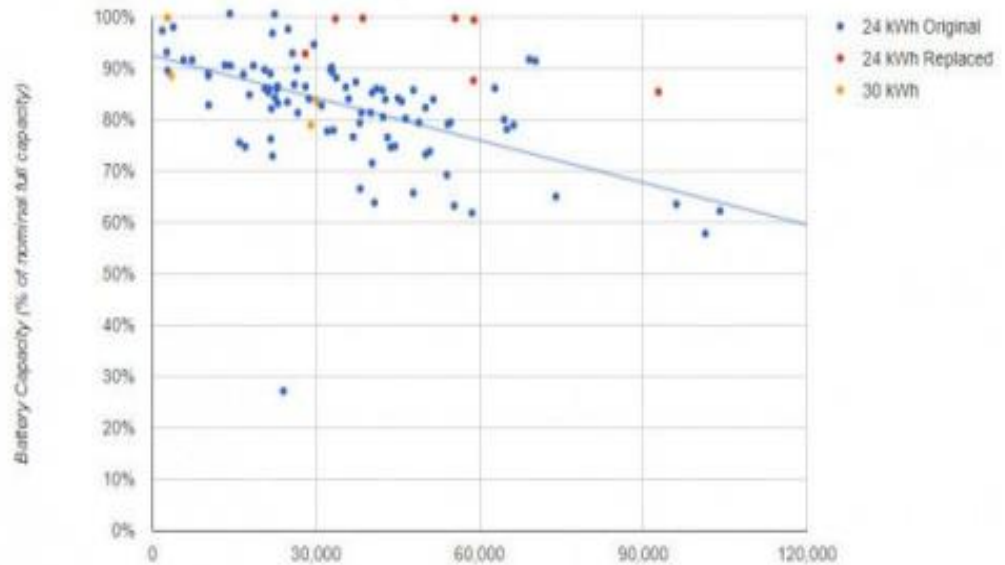
### ○ Towing caravans or trailers

- Electric motors have superior starting torque at zero speed.
- But not for long! Any additional tow weight will severely reduce the range, so many cars unsuitable.

Tesla Model S/X Mileage vs Remaining Battery Capacity (Same chart as above but at full scale for better perspective)



LEAF Reported Battery Capacity vs Miles Driven



# HOWEVER, THERE ARE PERFORMANCE PROS FOR EVs...



- **Instant full torque from rest.**
- (Petrol Ford Focus = 170Nm, MG5EV = 260Nm, Tesla = 441Nm)
- MG5 acceleration in boy racer mode, 7.5 secs to 60.
- Teslas can get to 60mph in 4 secs (dual motor)
- **Plenty of engine power.**
- MG5 Capable of over 115mph, Tesla 162mph
- Petrol Ford Focus = 125hp. MG5 = 156hp. Tesla = 449hp
- **Regenerative braking** recovers some energy back into the battery. Less use of brake pads.
- But only if you brake! Unlikely on a motorway.
- **Nice and quiet**



# 7. MANUFACTURERS & SUPPLIERS



## ○ Skill & Technology change.

- New high voltage inverters, 3ph motors, DC-DC, and power distribution design, HV heater, A/C, brake vacuum, AC charger, HV battery & charge control, regen braking, safe S/W.
- Extra safety risks building and using HV batteries.

## ○ Development costs and time for better cell chemistries.



- Current batteries have taken over 100 years, and still lacking.
- Fire risks for lithium (new chemistries needed –  $\text{LiFePo}_4$ ).
- Rapid charging deterioration and charge capacity loss.

## ○ Investments for production plant and designs.

- Battery plants? (BMW Hams Hall, JLR at i54, Coventry)

## ○ Affordability (£5k-£40k+ premium now).

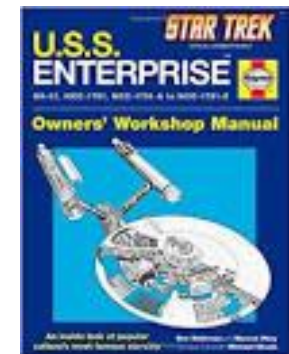
## ○ Security of rare material supply, Li, Co, Nd etc.

## ○ Vans, Trucks and buses possible? (all long distance)

## 8. DEALERS & REPAIRERS



- Handling high voltage batteries training.
- Fire risks when handling, shipping or disposing.
- Handling high current electronics, motors and power connections.
- Existing small garages, can they cope?
  - Training / New Equipment on EVs.
  - Testing facility costs
  - Insulation tape - nope?
  - Crash repairs
  - Charging facilities
  - Suggest a lot will be out of business in 10 years.
- Home Repairs?
  - Haynes manuals?



## 9. EXISTING ICE CAR & VAN OWNERS

### ○ Incentives to change

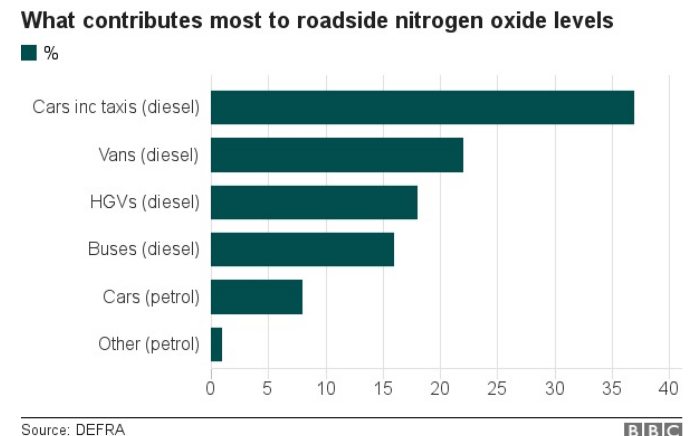
- Subsidy has been reduced from £5000 to £1,500 for pure EV.
- Scrappage scheme? Not yet.

### ○ Alternatives to battery electric?

- Will there be any by 2030?
- Alternative fuels, hydrogen engines
- Hydrogen fuel cell cars seem completely ignored by Gov't.

### ○ Most polluting vehicles

- If you felt guilty, diesel
- is bad for NO<sub>x</sub>.
- Hybrids can be worse than diesel
- for CO<sub>2</sub> emission in general.



# WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE TO MAKE IT HAPPEN? A FEW THOUGHTS...

## ○ **Battery Technology improvement**

- Range improvement, new chemistries, **more miles per kwh (currently 2 to 4 on 50-70kwh)**.
- Need for overcoming disparity between petrol and lithium energy by weight.
- Investment to develop, assuming there are new chemistries, or super capacitors.
- Charge time improvement, less capacity degradation, equivalent to petrol fillup.
- Less weight, Less volume, less complexity,

## • **Public Charging Points improvement**

- Fast & slow charge points massive increase, to allow long trips, and improved reliability.
- National political drive to give a single account method and simple access.
- Introduce cohesion and fines on charging point suppliers. (£620m allocated, but little evidence)

## ○ **Incentives**

- Increase grant incentives
- Scrappage scheme
- Reasonable taxation

## ○ **UN's Intergovernmental Panel**

- Recommends switch to electric cars to reduce carbon emissions
- How is this possible if power stations use fossil fuels?

## ○ **National Grid reinforcement**

- Meet demand increase for charging (and home heating using heat pumps).
- More renewable resources, **tidal**, geothermal, and wind power (but solar a dead duck now).

## ○ **HAS THE GOVERNMENT THOUGHT THIS THROUGH, I wonder?**





# WHAT THE GOVERNMENT IS ALLOWING OR NOT DOING...

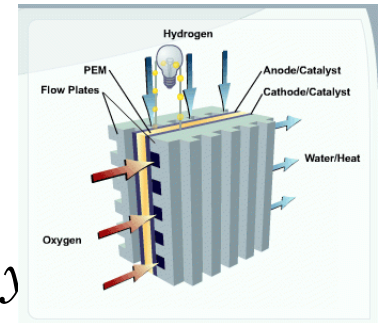
## THE 10 POINT PLAN (Nov 2020)

- **Allows Biomass burning - (e.g.DRAX)**
  - Trees being lopped, pellitised and imported – not sustainable.
  - Huge CO2 emission at Drax (but not counted in UK emissions!).
- **No mention of TIDAL power**
  - No investment or promotion forthcoming.
  - Yet, tidal guarantees 24 hour generation.
- **No mention of GEOTHERMAL energy**
  - Plenty of free heat, but no investment.
- **No mention of “green” hydrogen.**
  - Precious little infrastructure currently, or investment.
  - “Blue” hydrogen only mentioned, still causes emissions from hydrocarbons.
- **Govt still issuing licences for oil & gas exploration.**
  - But still no really suitable house heating alternative.



# MY PERSONAL VIEW...

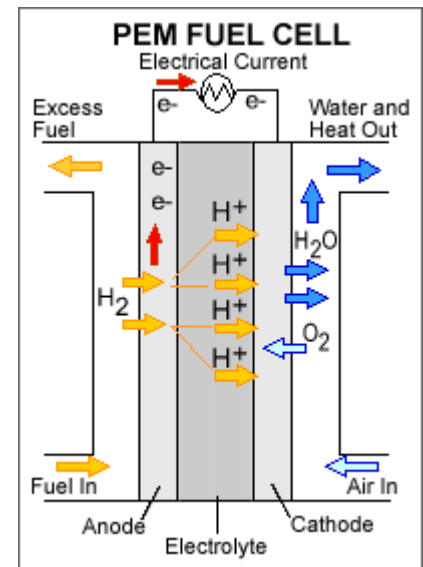
- ***Electric cars are amazing, but...***
  - *Batteries still don't meet a diesel range, except by getting larger, and the recharge time is long vs fossil fuel.*
  - *OK for 90% of journeys....Unless it is ...*
- **Combined EV and a **Zero Emission** range extender.**
- **Enter the Hydrogen Fuel Cell (PEM).**
  - The energy in 1 kg of hydrogen gas is almost 3 times 1kg of petrol ( $H_2 = 33kwh/kg$ , Petrol =  $12kwh/kg$ )
- **Hydrogen Infrastructure**
  - California is leading the funding and building of hydrogen fuelling stations for FCEVs. Over 40 in CA.
  - As of 2021, UK hydrogen stations total 11.
  - Average of 5 minutes to fill a vehicle with hydrogen.
  - 1kg of hydrogen currently costs about £10.
  - Toyota Mirai can achieve 400+ miles on a tank of  $H_2$  (5.5kg).



# Fuel Cells - The Down Side

## Proton Exchange Membrane (PEM)

- Of course there are some problems...
  - PEMs use a **platinum** catalyst anode.
- PEM cars are a little expensive currently.
  - £65,000 for a Toyota Mirai.
  - Durability may still be an issue for transport.
  - Better and cheaper materials are needed.
  - Each cell gives around 1 volt, so many cells needed.
- PEMs really need pure hydrogen, but also need a lot of controlling with plumbing, and take a while to start up. Still need a battery for acceleration.
- Hydrogen dispensing almost non-existent
  - London, Swindon, Abergavenny, Sheffield
  - Current fuel refiners will have to change to H<sub>2</sub>.
  - Needs an emission free way to produce the H<sub>2</sub>.



Electrolyte is a copolymer of poly(tetrafluoroethylene) and polysulfonyl fluoride vinyl ether



# SO, ARE THERE ANY H<sub>2</sub> CARS (IN 2022)?

- The Toyota Mirai



Can cost up to  
£55 to refill for  
400 miles

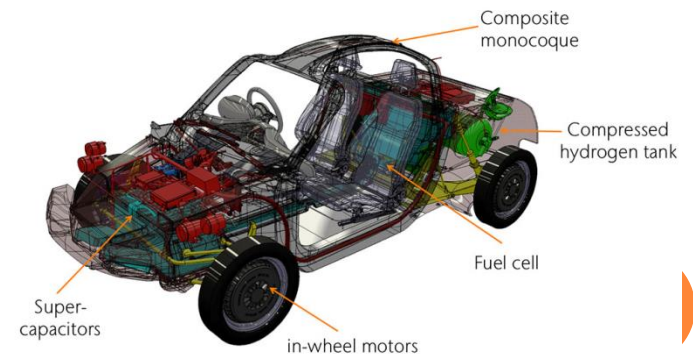
- The Honda Clarity FCV



- Hyundai
  - NEXO



- A little company in Wales (Powys) makes the Rasa (Riversimple)
- 250mpg equiv



# POLYMER ELECTROLYTE FUEL CELL/AC Synchronized Motor

**Horsepower (SAE net):**

174 hp (130 kW)  
@ 4,501-9,028 rpm

**Torque:**

221 lb.-ft. (300 Nm)  
@ 0-3,500 rpm

**Battery:**

1.7-kWh Lithium-ion

**Hydrogen capacity:**

12 lbs. (5.5 kg)

**Tank volume:**

37 gallons (141 L)

**Nominal service pressure:**

10,000 psi (70 MPa)

**Range:**

366 miles (589 Km)

**EPA city/highway:**

69 / 67 mpg-e

**Assembly site:**

Tochigi, Japan

**Application tested:**

'17 Honda Clarity



## ○ Tempted? Pure EV or FCEV

- Will EVs or FCEVs help with reducing CO<sub>2</sub> and climate change? Not entirely, no. Brake dust better, but... ●
- EVs Particle matter from tyres and shifted CO<sub>2</sub>.

# A FEW BATTERY EVS IN UK



○ That's it folks

○ <https://www.gridwatch.templar.co.uk/>



LFP batteries

Triphylite

$\text{LiFePO}_4$

