





# ELECTRICITY AS AN ALTERNATIVE FUEL FOR THE AUTOMOTIVE SECTOR

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**85% of its Swiss fleet of generating units - one of the most flexible in Europe - are hydropower plants**

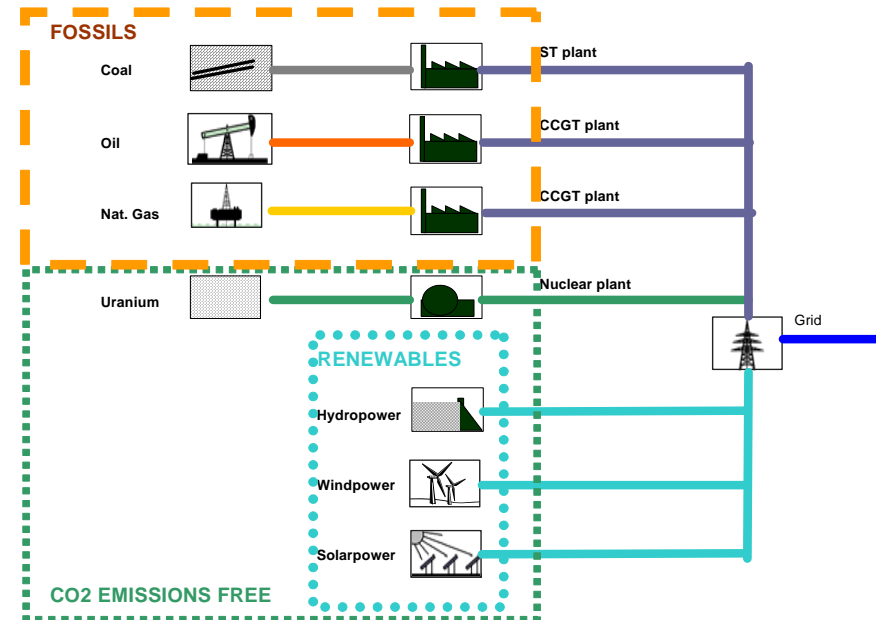
## Executive summary

- **Battery Electrical Vehicles (BEV's)** are a good solution for urban mobility
- **Plug-in Hybrid Electrical vehicles (PHEV's)** are a realistic alternative to current **Internal Combustion Engine vehicles (ICEV's)** for:
  - improving the well-to-wheel energy efficiency
  - reducing CO2 emissions
  - improving the air quality in urban areas
- The **increased use of electricity in the transportation sector** can contribute in mitigating the adverse effects of climate change and threats of peak oil, since electricity can be very :
  - flexible
  - energy efficient
  - environmental friendly

# FLEXIBILITY OF ELECTRICITY GENERATION

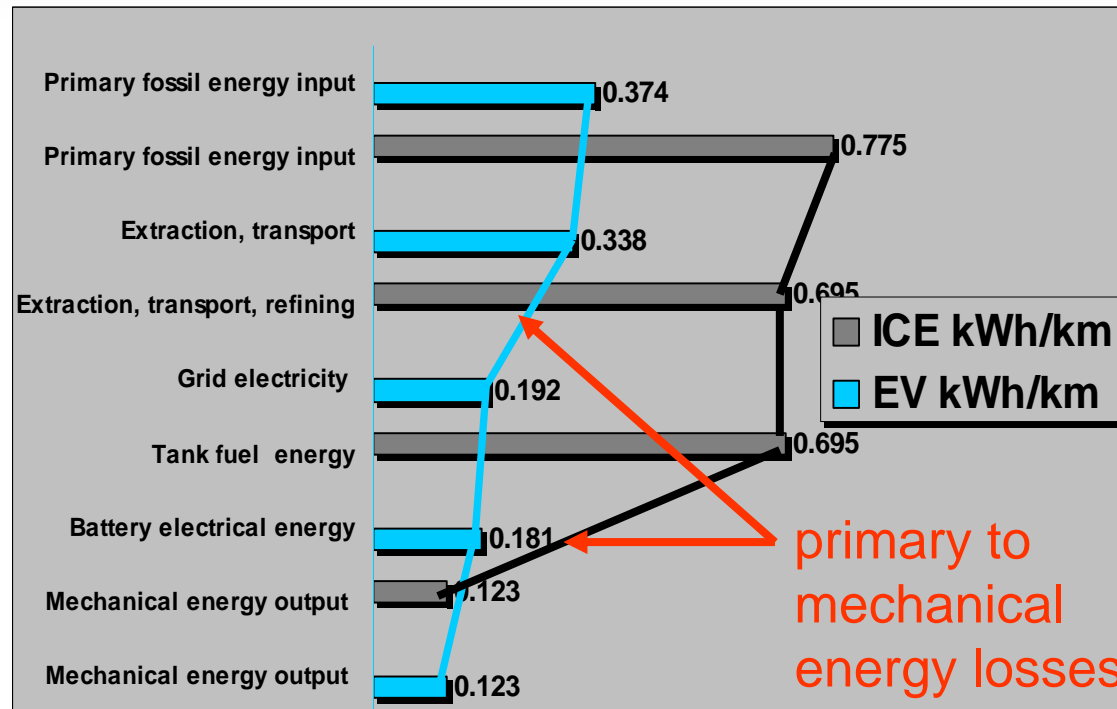
- Electricity is not a primary energy
- Electricity can be produced with all primary energies:

- ✓ fossils
- ✓ CO2 emission free
- ✓ renewables



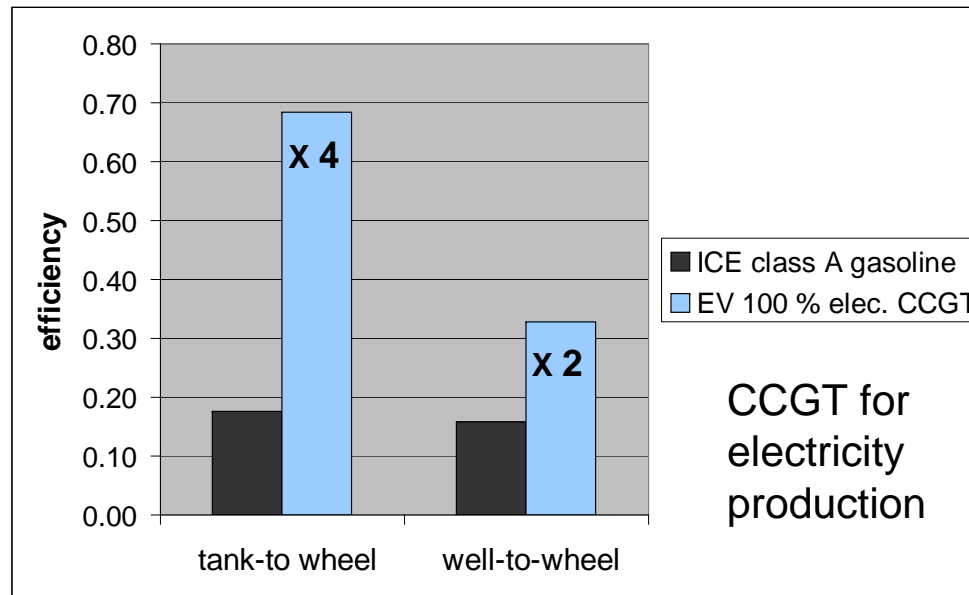
- This flexible generation leads to a diversified production portfolio
- This diversification is by itself a serious risk mitigation against threats from peak oil & climate change issues

# EFFICIENCY IN THE TRANSPORT SECTOR



- Electricity produced in a modern power plants is a very efficient way to power cars
- Example here: generation with a current gas fired Combined Cycle Gas Turbine (CCGT), class 400 MWe

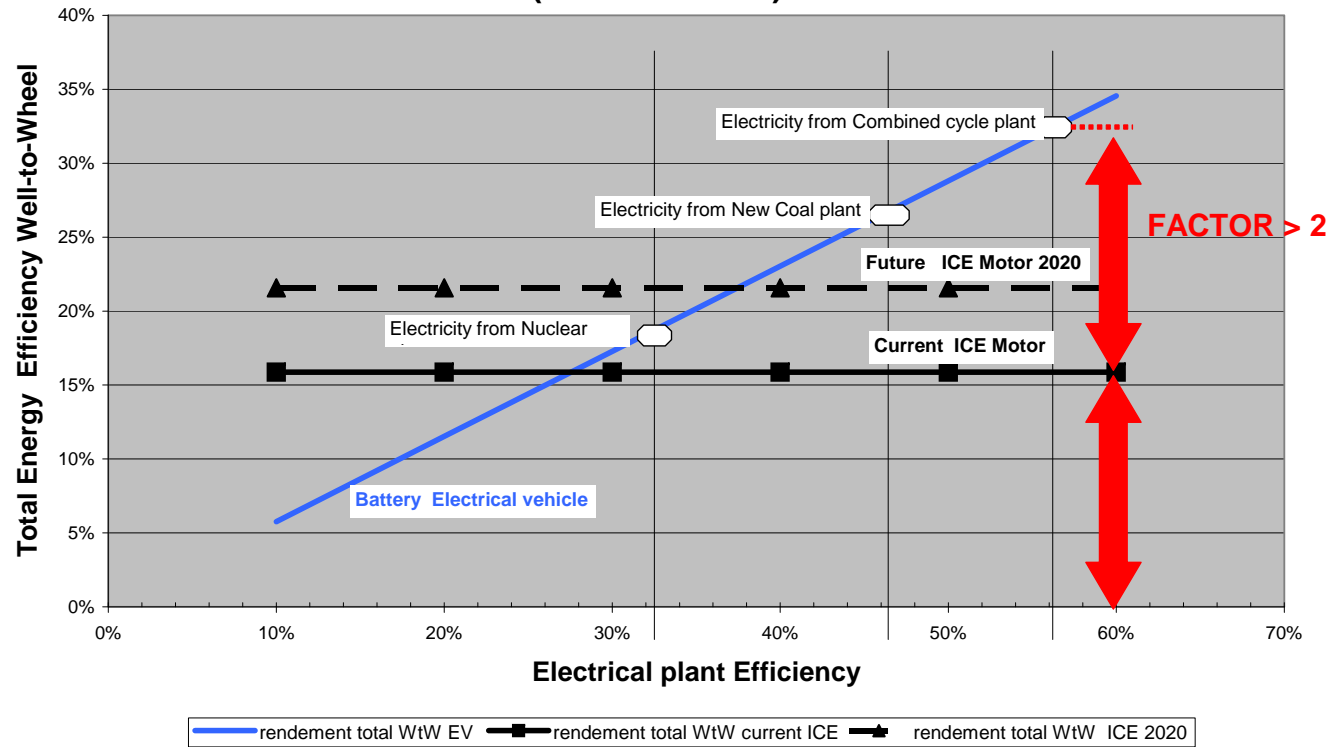
# EFFICIENCY IN THE TRANSPORT SECTOR



- Compared to standard ICE engine, electric vehicles (BEV's) are:
  - 4 x more efficient tank-to-wheel
  - 2 x more efficient well-to-wheel

# EFFICIENCY IN THE TRANSPORT SECTOR

**Automotive energy efficiency  
(Well-to-Wheel)**



**•With up-to-date generation technologies electricity remains very efficient in the transportation sector**

## CO2 STABILIZATION CASE IN THE TRANSPORT SECTOR

For the International Energy Agency <sup>(1)</sup>, in order to fight the adverse effects of climate change:

- ***“the savings in the transport sector should be achieved mainly through:***
  - *improved efficiency of light-duty vehicles,*
  - *increased use of bio-fuels .*
- ***the average car sold in 2030 should consume 60% less fuel than the average car sold in 2005***
- ***with current technologies, only plug-in hybrids are capable of such a reduction “***
- ***( i.e. a car with only 3l / 100 km)***

<sup>1)</sup> WORLD ENERGY OUTLOOK 2007 IEA 450 ppm stabilization case



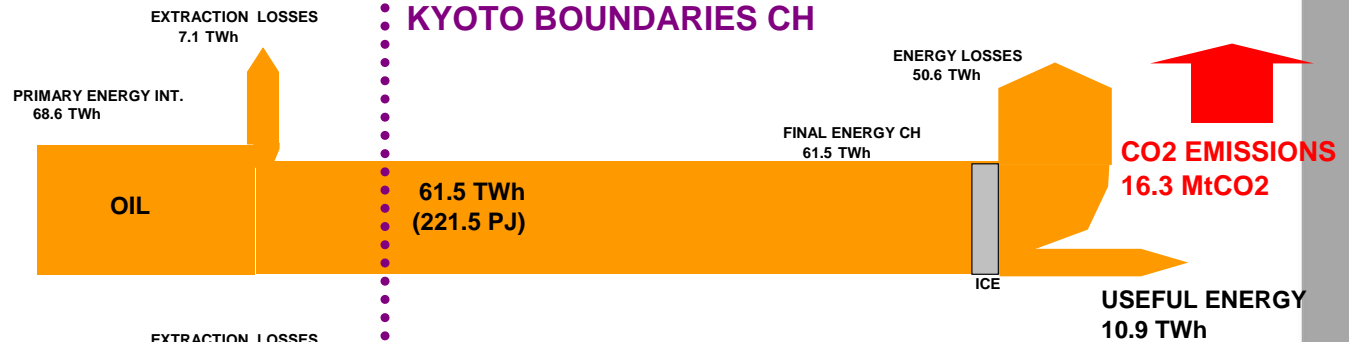
# ELECTRICITY AS AN ALTERNATIVE FUEL IN THE TRANSPORT SECTOR

- **BEV's are 2 x more efficient well-to-wheel, but what does it really mean ?**
- **To fix ideas, the current Swiss situation 2007 in the transportation sector is compared with two theoretical cases:**
  - **100% of the 2007 demand in the automotive sector is covered with BEV's**
  - **same , but with PHEV's**
- **For clarity of argumentation only , the comparison is based on fossil primary energies.**
- **The 2007 energy demand for light-duty vehicles was 221.5 PJ (61.5 TWh) ( public transports and international flights excluded**
- **The mechanical energy to meet the 2007 mileage demand is estimated to be 10.9 TWh (wheel useful energy)**

# COMPARISON ICE-BEV

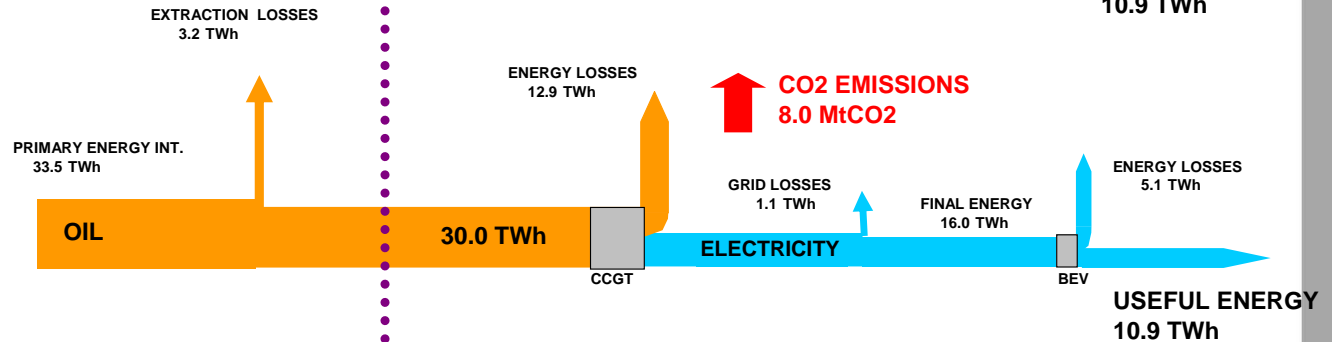
## PRIMARY ENERGY FOSSILS

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Current vehicles



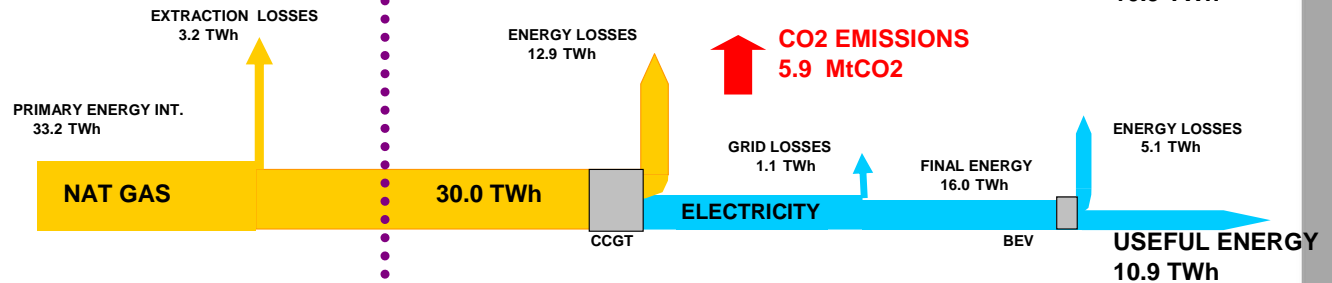
**BEV**

Electricity produced in oil fired CCGT plant



**BEV**

Electricity produced in nat. gas fired CCGT plant

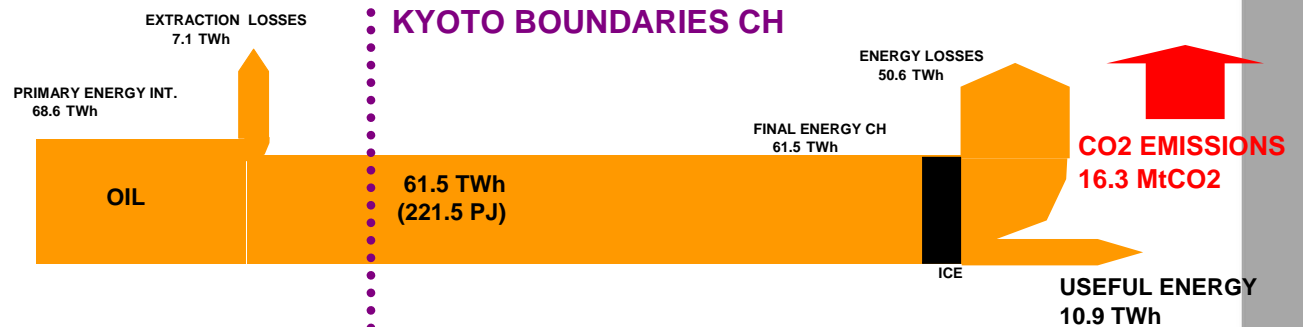


# COMPARISON ICE-PHEV's

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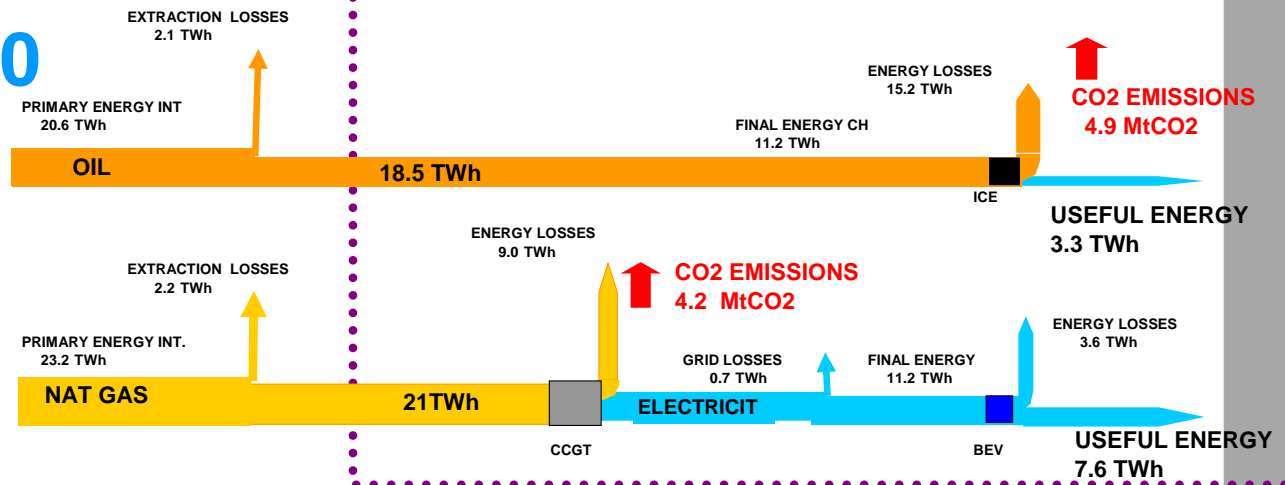


**PHEV- 40**

30% mileage on ICE prolongator

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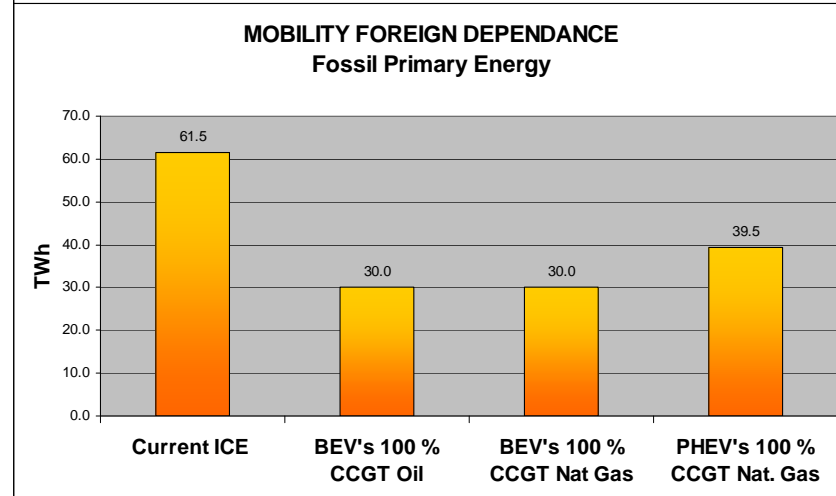
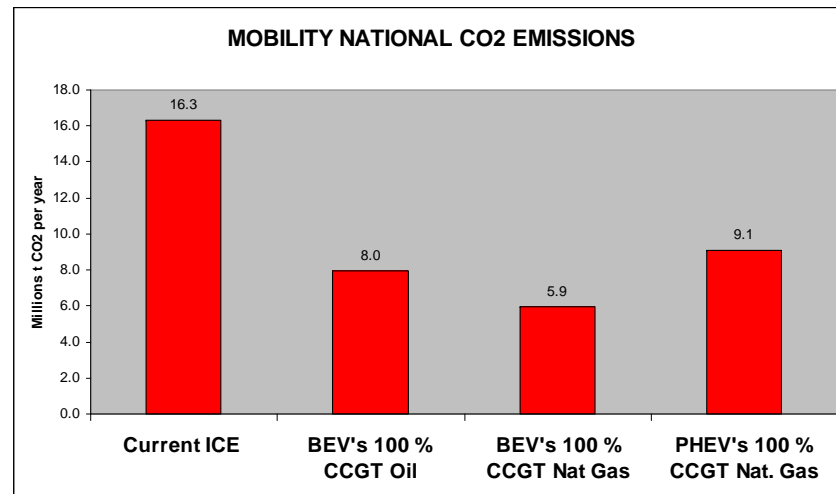
70% mileage on battery electricity ( CCGT)



# SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENTS

Even with fossile based state-of-art electricity generation, massive penetration of BEV's and PHEV's would allow:

- a drastical limitation of national CO2 emissions in the swiss transport sector
- a significant diminution of foreign dependance on fossil energies of Switzerland



## REAL CASE 2020

- **Penetration of BEV's and PHEV's is a slow process.**
- **With optimistic assumptions, the swiss total fleet of private cars could count 1 PHEV out of 4 ICE vehicles (that 25 % of 4 millions privates cars in 2007 conditions),**
- **the total emissions of CO<sub>2</sub> (well-to-wheel) would be reduced by 11.4 % . This would meet the general CO<sub>2</sub> reductions objectives set for the period 2010- 2020 by the Swiss Federal Government**
- **The increase in electricity consumption for the PHEV's would reach 2.9 TWh or 5 % of the end-use total electricity consumption in Switzerland (57 TWh)**

## REAL CASE 2020

- **This increase of 2.9 TWh could be roughly produced by a 400 MWe modern combined cycle gas turbine (CCGT) fired on natural gas.**
- **Alternatives are possible :**
  - **with distributed photovoltaic electricity generation (for which the Solar Industry claims grid parity at 2020)**
  - **with 30 % of the production of a nuclear power plant producing no CO2 emissions;**
- **Optimum is probably a diversified generation portofolio, that is part CCGT( back-up for renewables and grid regulation), part photovoltaic (renewable) and part nuclear (low cost of production)**

## CONCLUSIONS

- **Thanks to the high energy efficiency of PHEV's, electricity produced by fossil energy in modern power plants (i.e oil and natural gas in CCGT) offers a short term route to high volumes of “lower carbon fuel” in the transport sector**
- **Since it be produced with nearly all primary energies, electricity could also provide a path to shift to renewable and/or carbon free energy sources.**
- **For EOS, plug-in hybrid electrical vehicles (PHEV's) are indeed a realistic alternative for:**
  - **improving the well-to-wheel energy efficiency**
  - **reducing nationwide CO2 emissions**
  - **improving the air quality in urban areas.**