



# **China Vehicle Growth in the Next 35 Years: Consequences on Motor Fuel Demand and CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions**

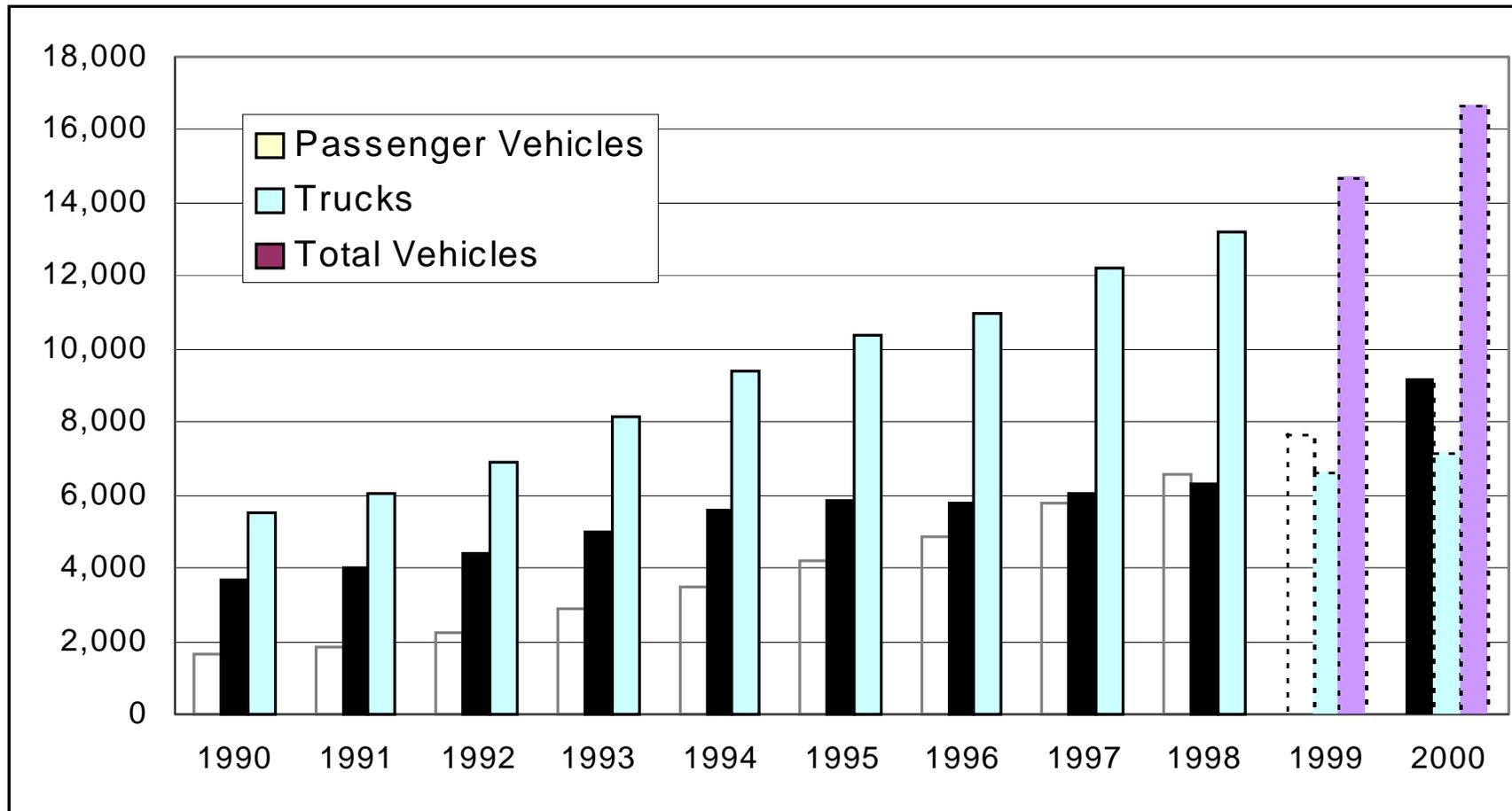
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# China Has Experienced Rapid Growth in Motor Vehicles

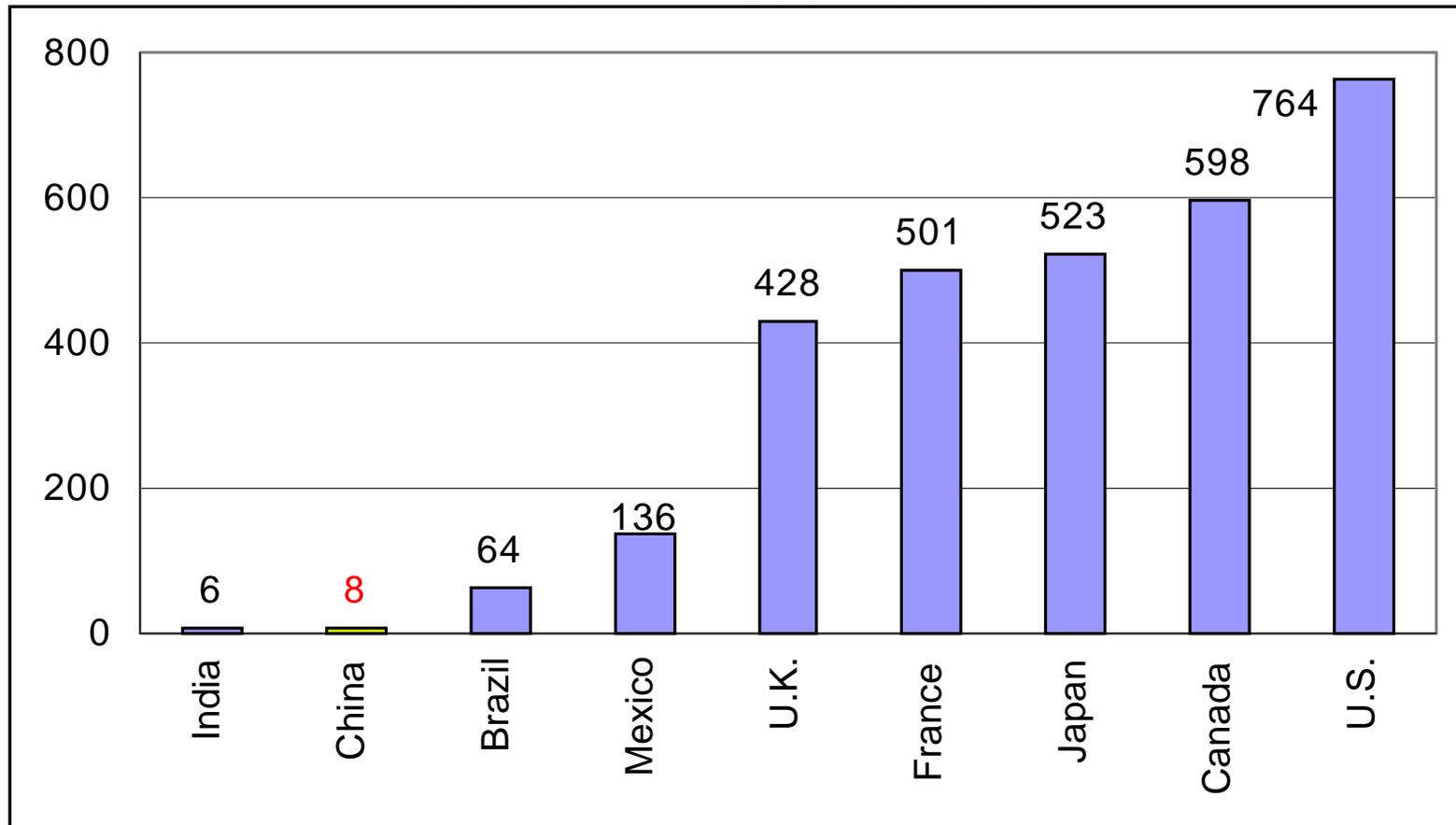
## Vehicle Stocks in Thousand





# From Other Countries' Experiences, China Has a Great Potential for Continuous Vehicle Growth

Vehicles Per 1000 Persons





## **This Study Is Intended To Answer Three Questions**

- If China is to follow vehicle growth in some developed countries as experienced in the past 50 years,
- How much growth is going to be for China's total vehicle population in the next 30 years?
- How much motor fuel demand is required to fuel Chinese vehicles?
- How much CO<sub>2</sub> emissions are to be produced from such growth?

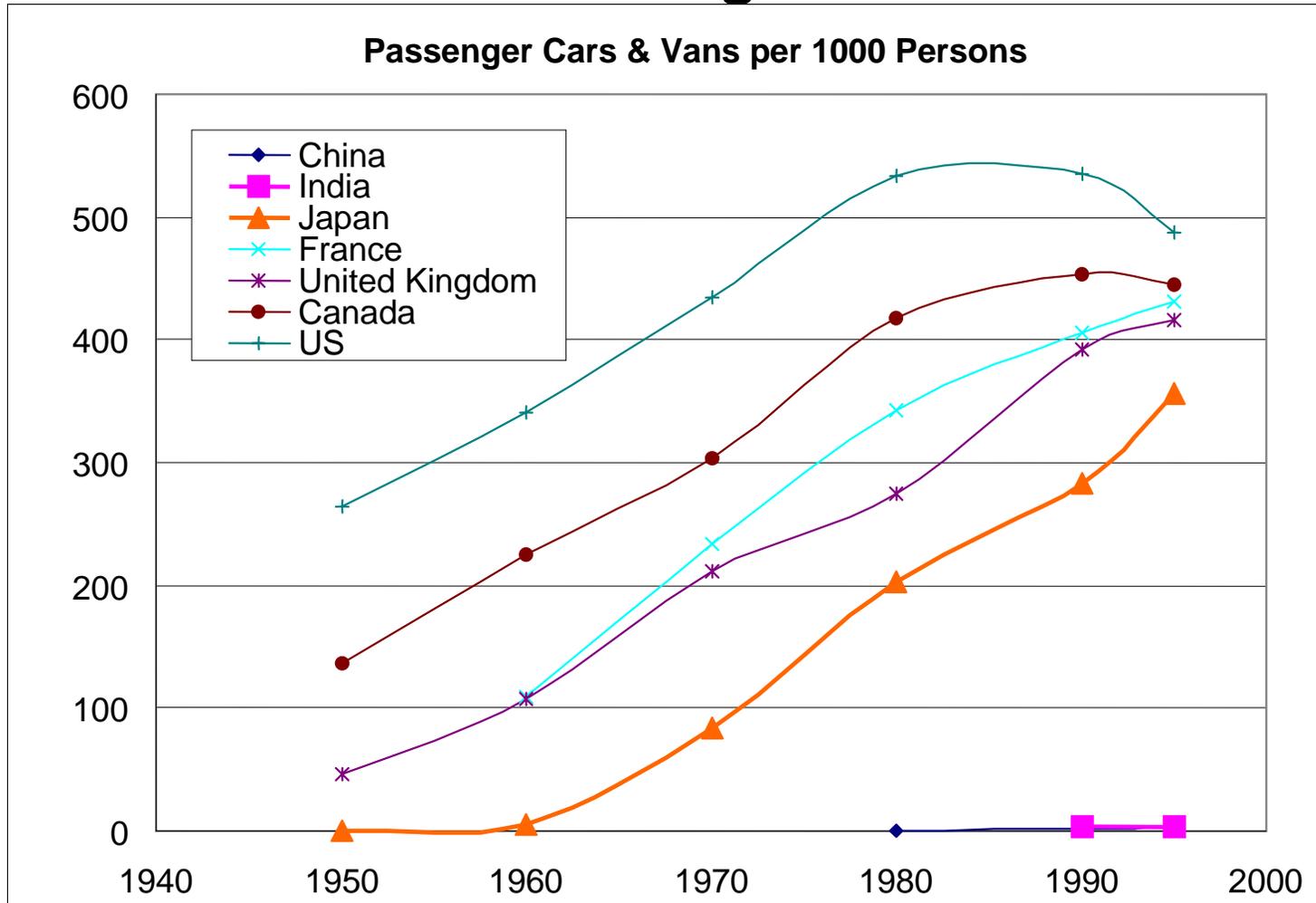


## **This Study Takes the Following Steps In Projecting Chinese Vehicle Growth**

- Adopt economic and population growth projections by others
- Investigate vehicle growth in relation to economic and population growth in other countries
- Develop two vehicle growth scenarios for China
  - A high-growth scenario reflects historical growth pattern in some developed countries
  - A low-growth scenario takes into account resource constraints in China (adequacy of transportation infrastructure, urban land availability, slower economic growth, etc.)
- Projections are conducted for
  - Individual vehicle types: cars, vans, LDTs, HDTs, buses, motorcycles, and agricultural vehicles
  - Three regions: eastern, central, and western regions

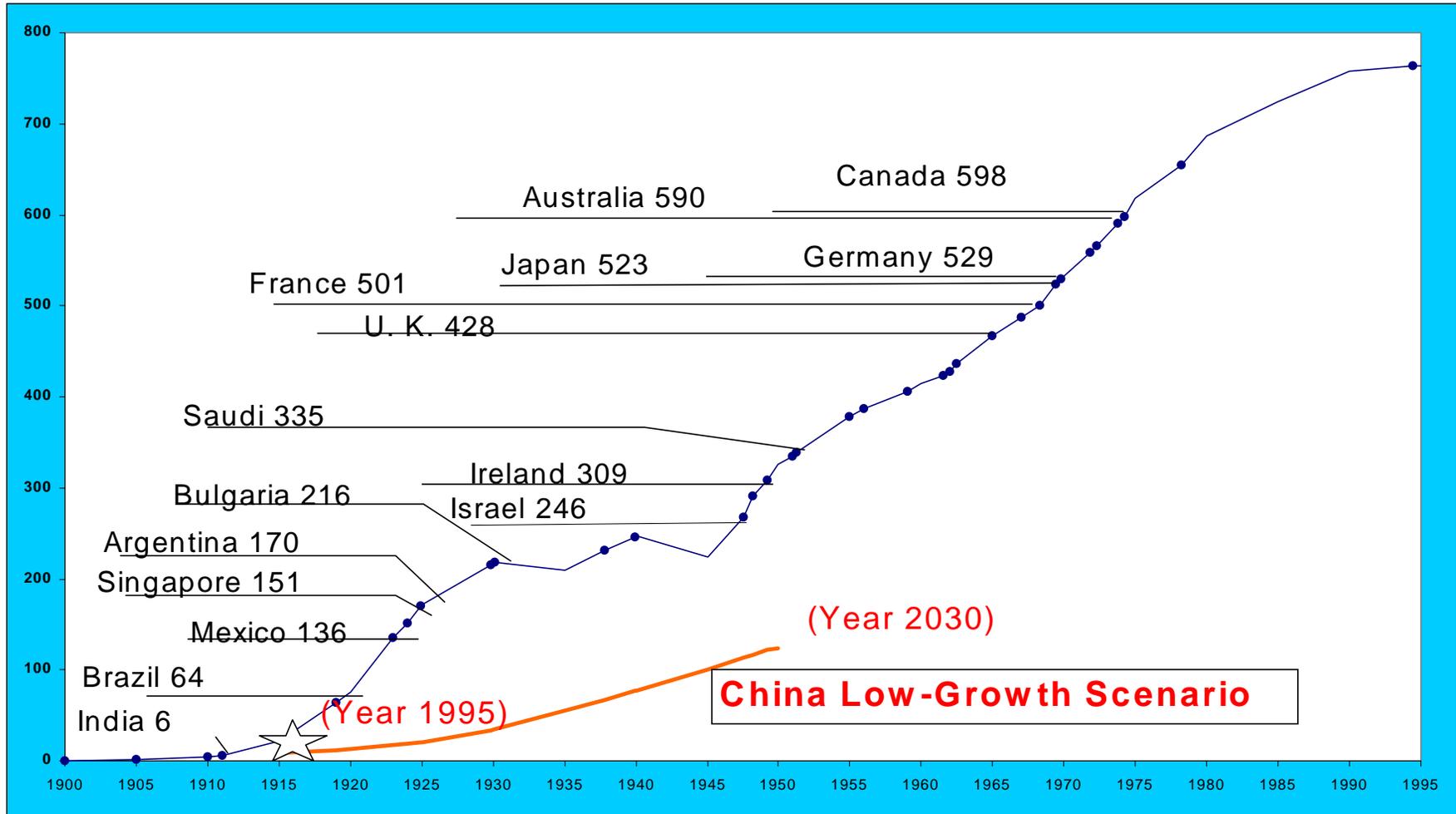


# Our High-Growth Scenario for Passenger Vehicles Follows Other Countries' Historical Trends but with Time Lag



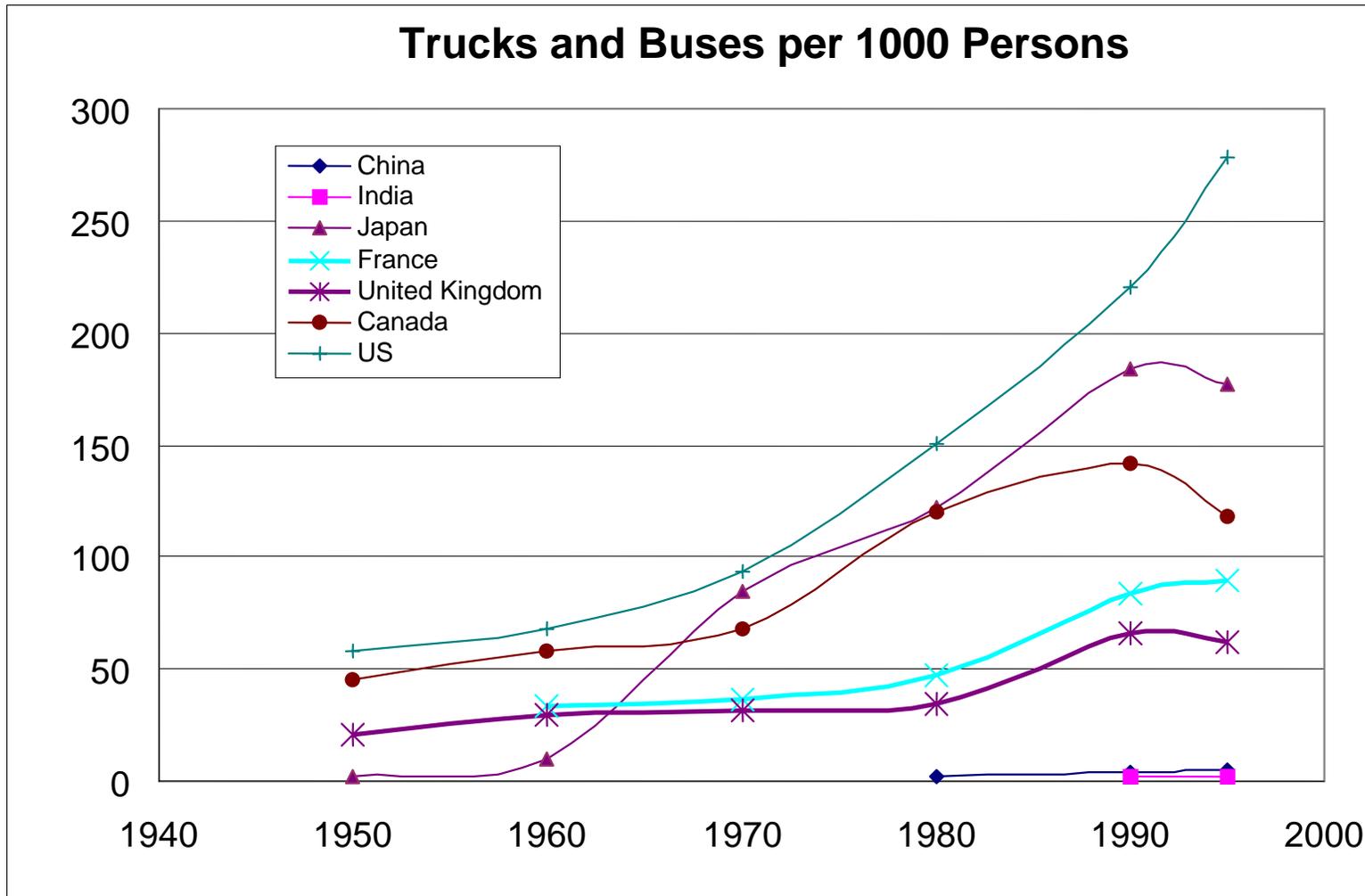


# Our Low-Growth Scenario for Passenger Vehicles Follows a Very Slow Growth Curve



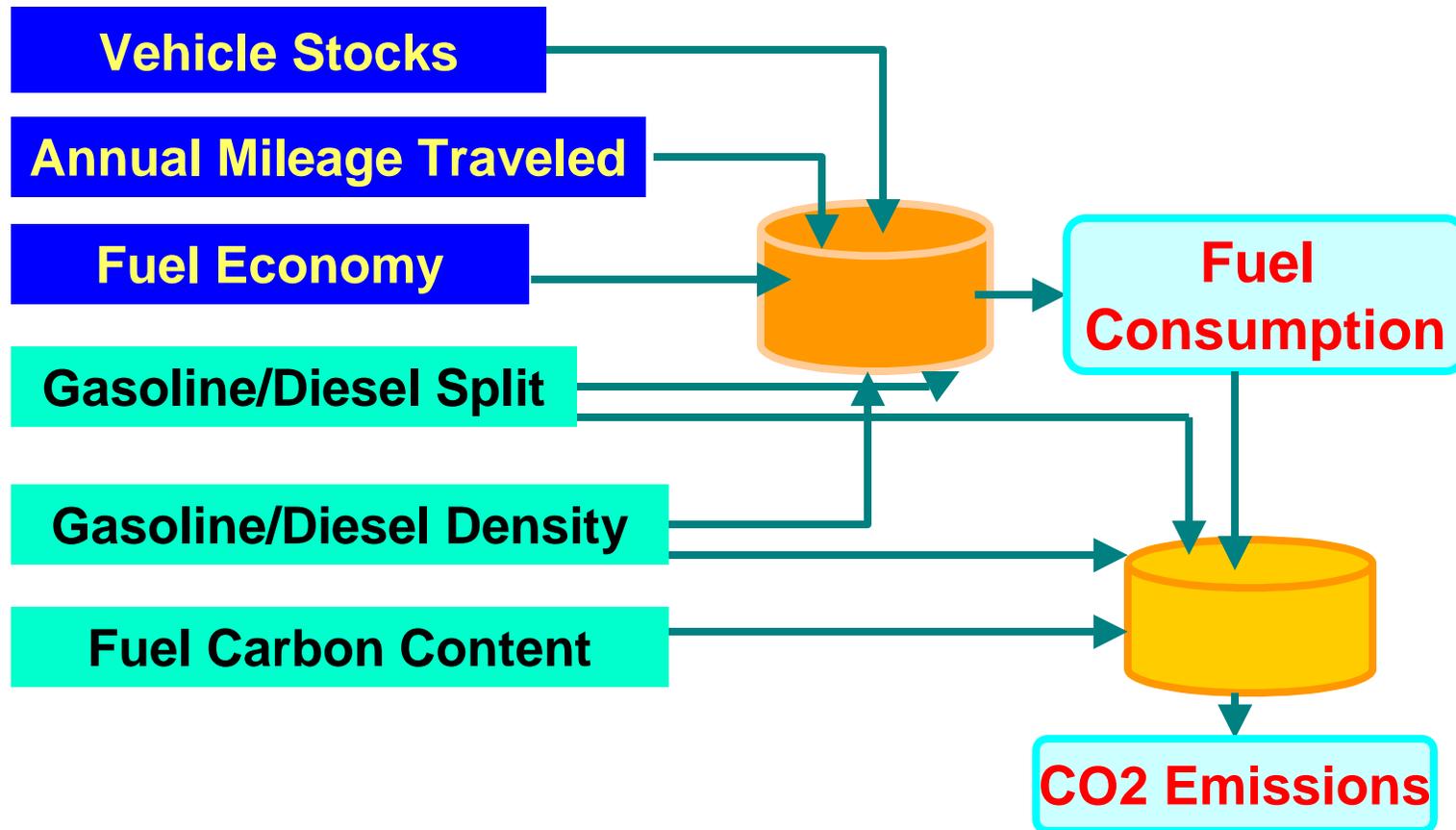


# Our Truck Projections Relied Primarily on French and U.K. Historical Growth



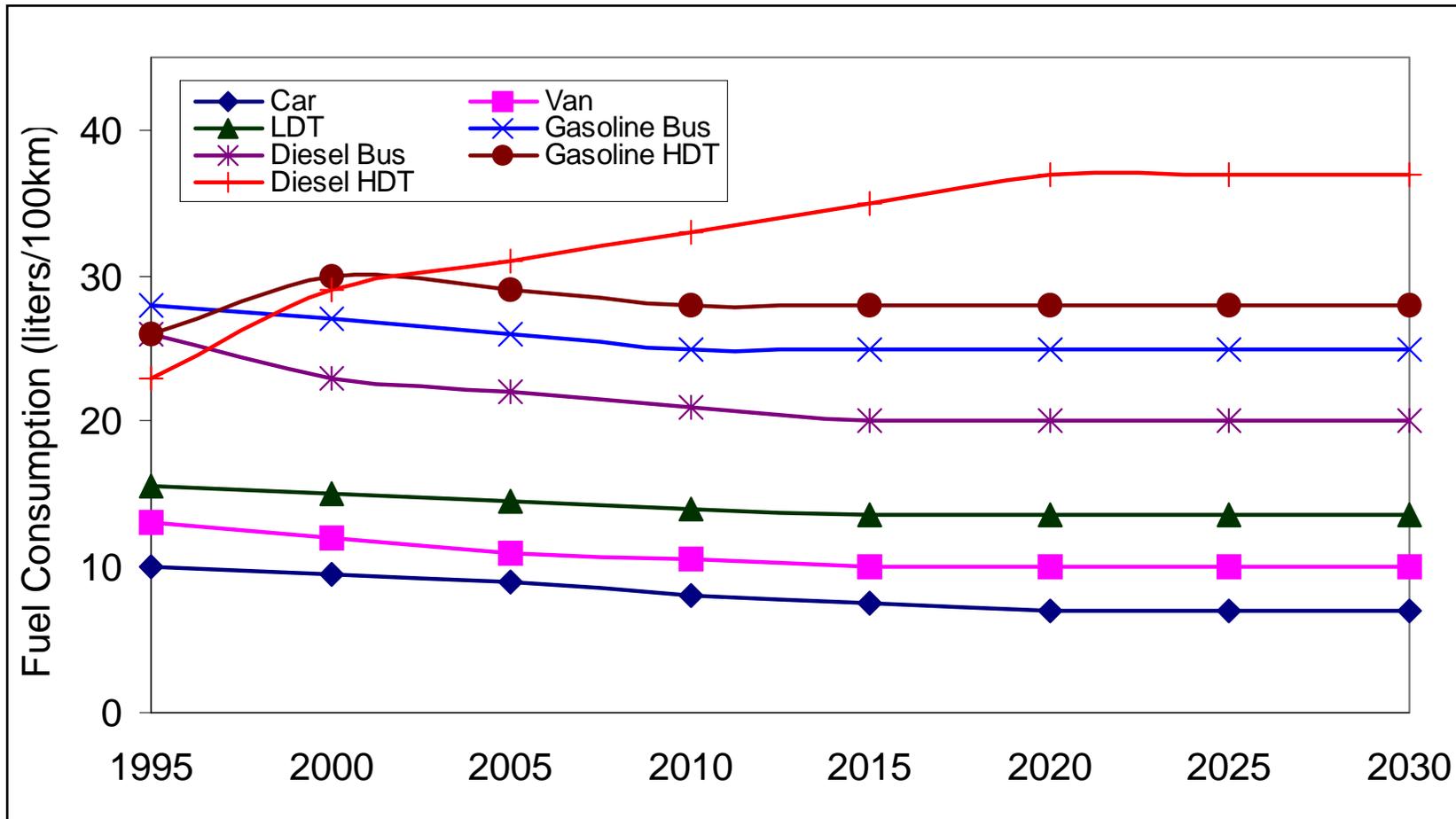


# Fuel Consumption and CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions Are Calculated with These Inputs



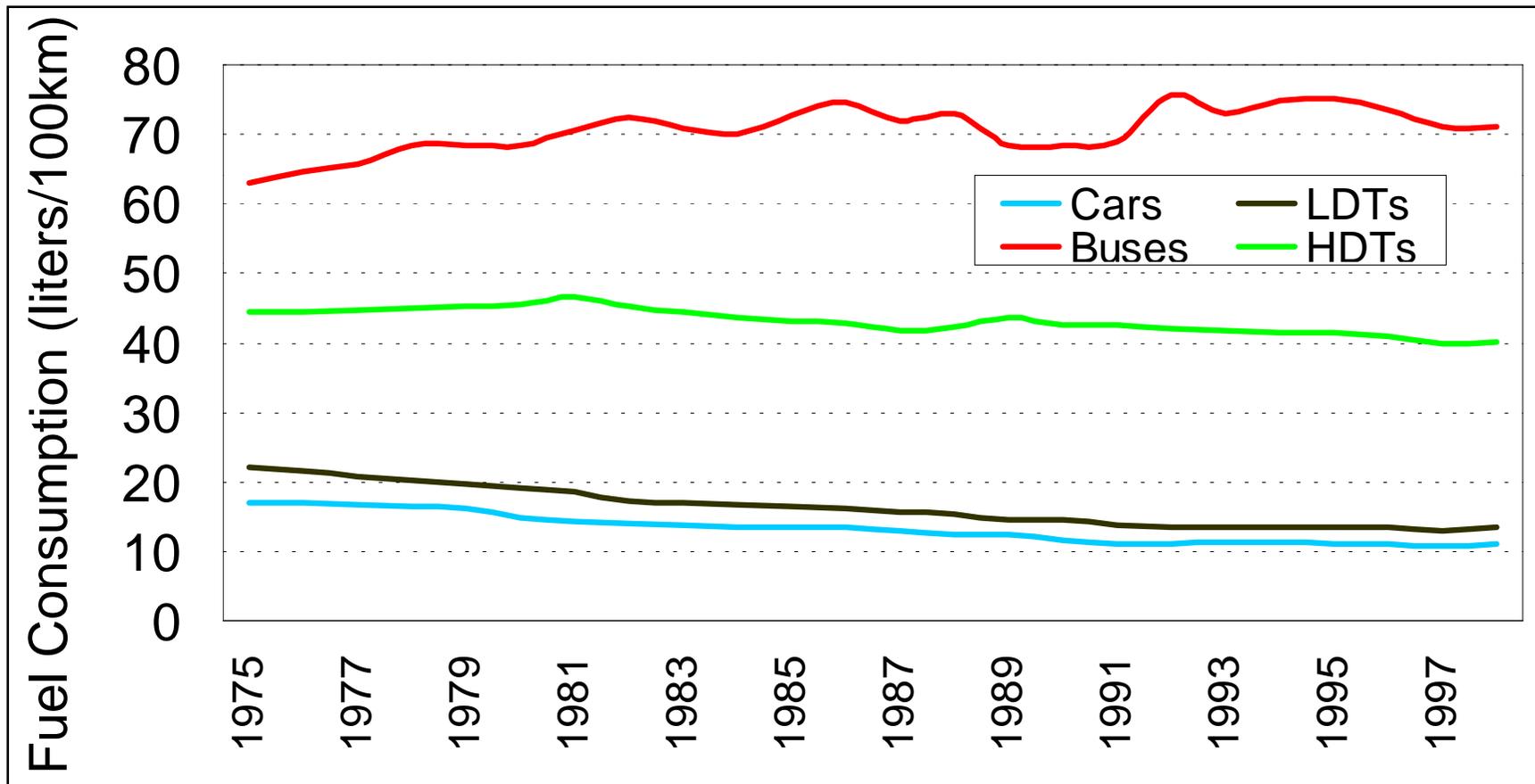


# We Have Assumed Moderate Improvements in Vehicle Fuel Consumption Rates



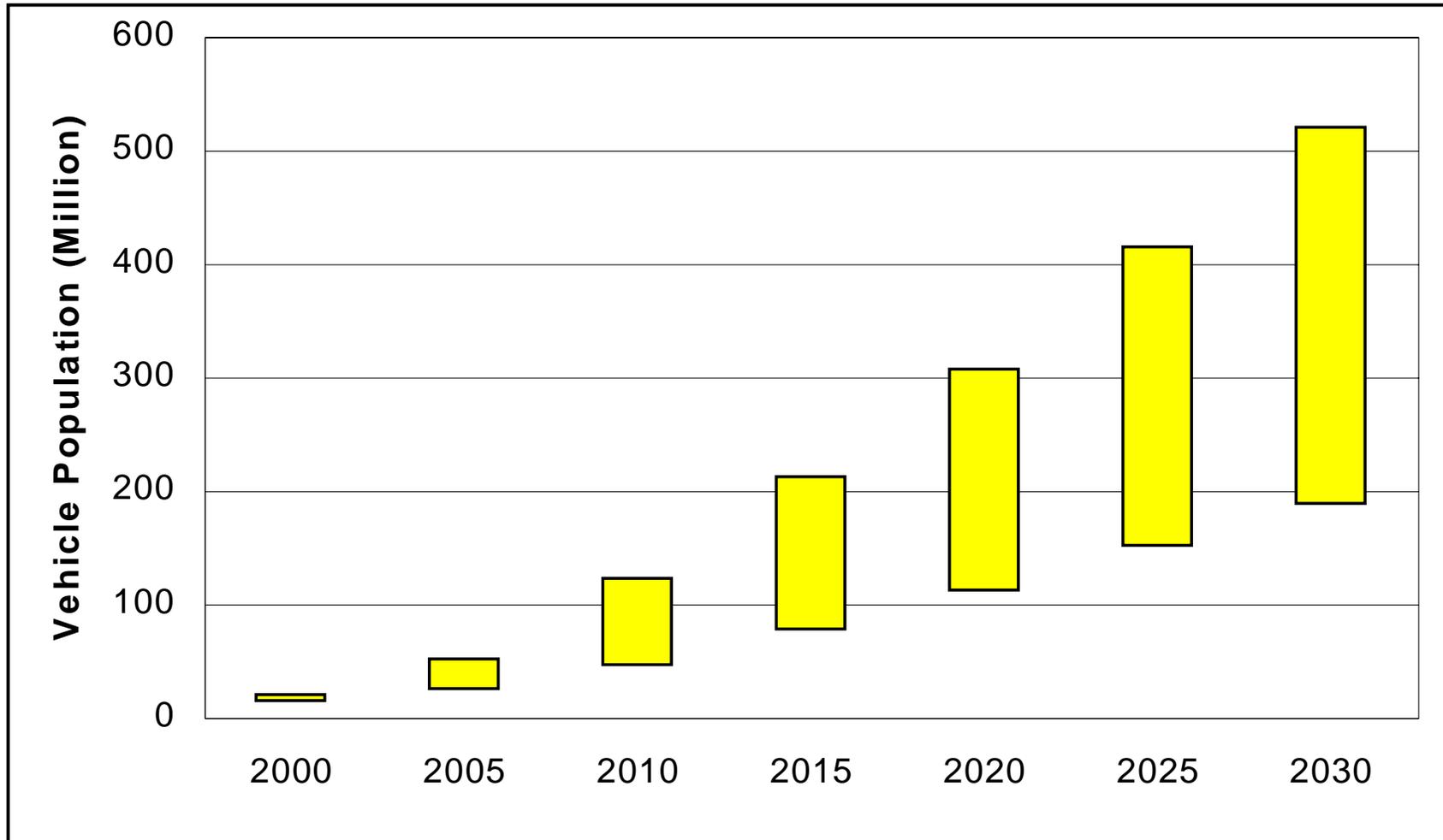


## U.S. Data Shows Fleet Fuel Consumption Rates Change Slowly



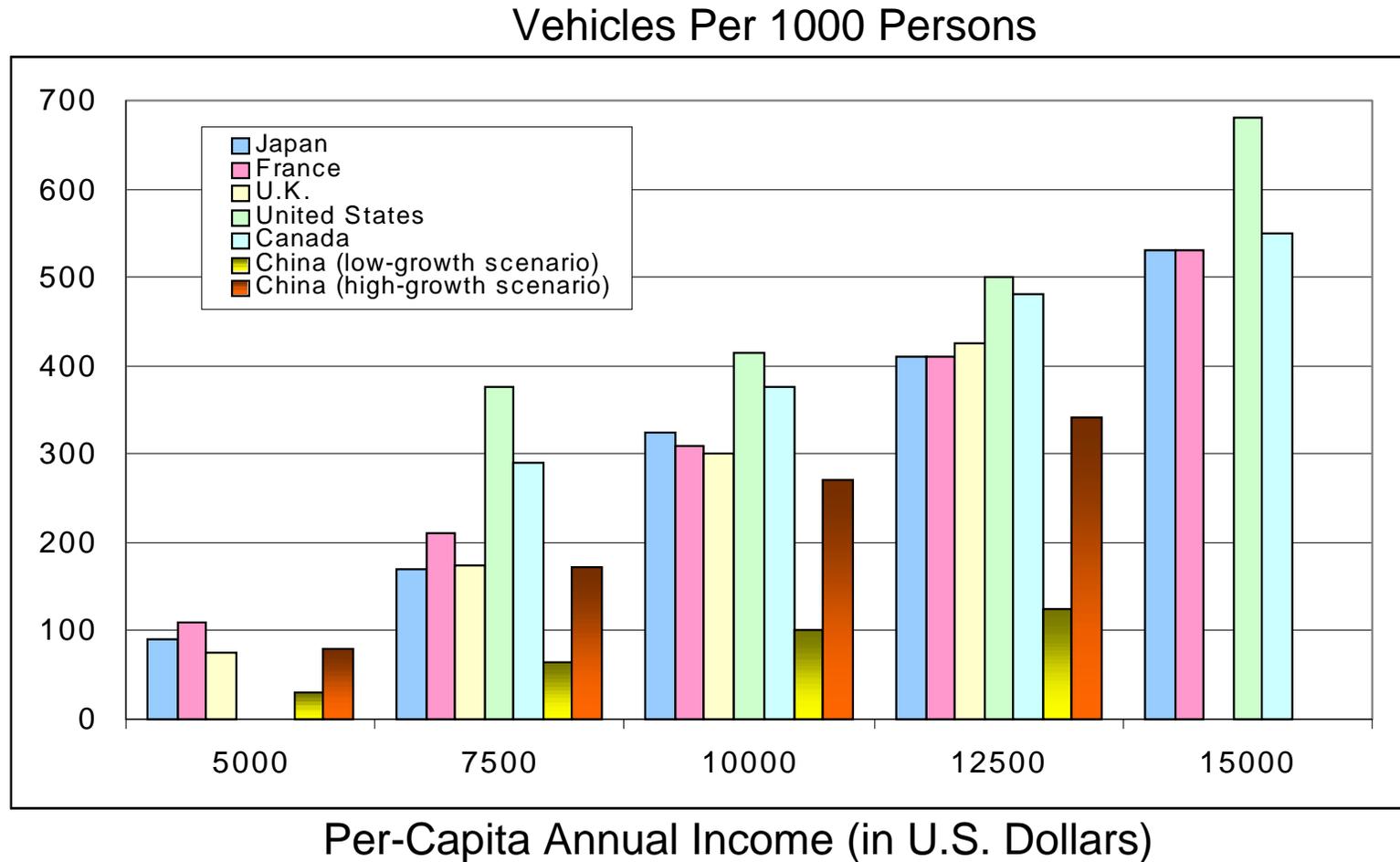


## Chinese Vehicle Population May Reach 200 - 520 millions by 2030





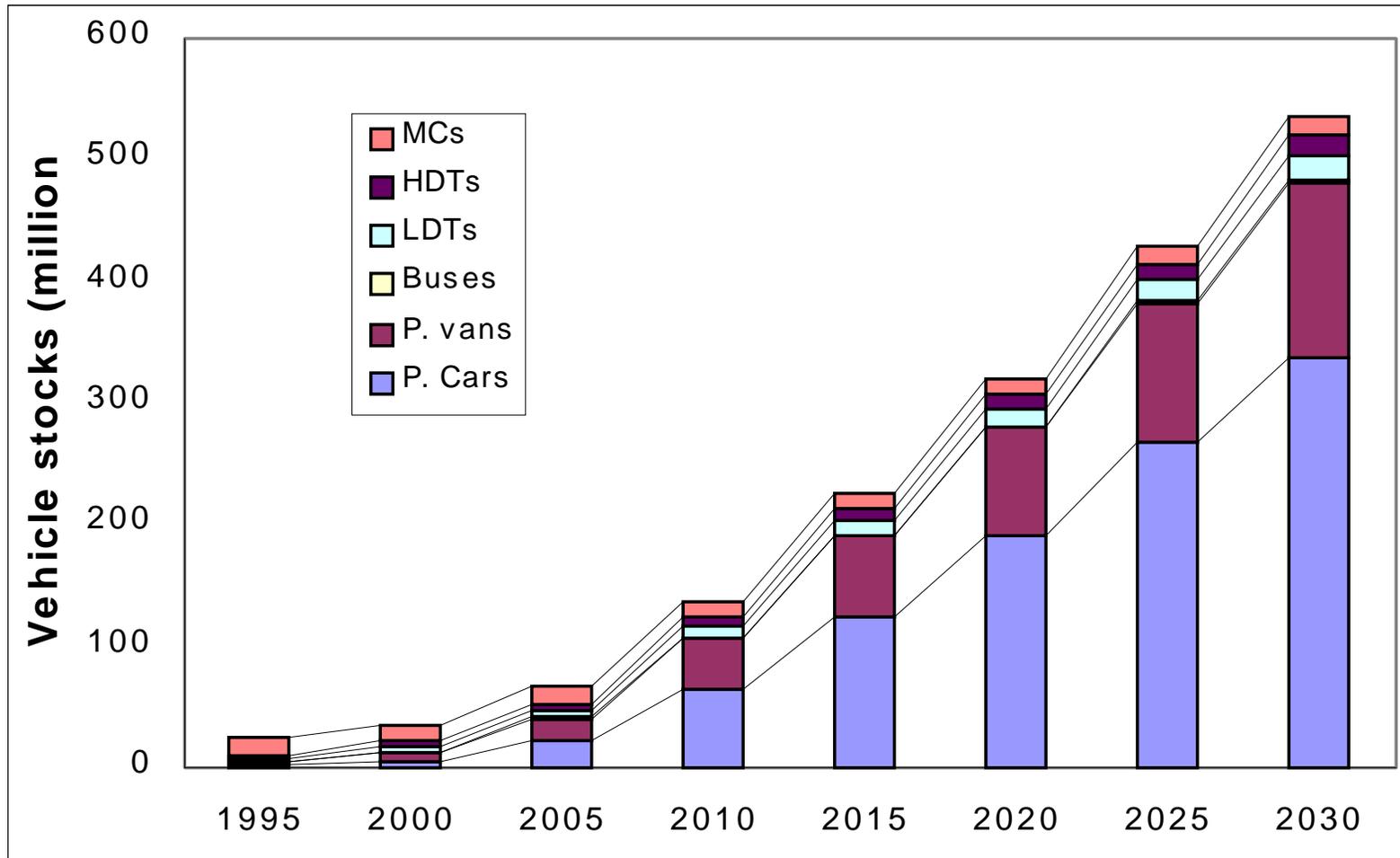
# Vehicle Ownership at Various GDP Levels Among Countries





# Passenger Vehicles Will Dominate Chinese Motor Vehicle Fleets

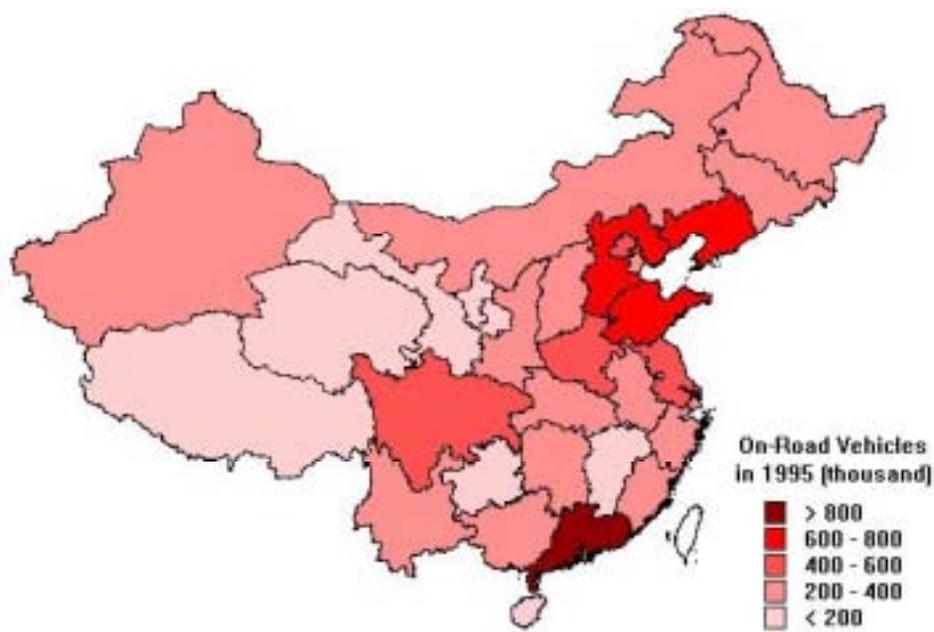
(High-Growth Scenario)



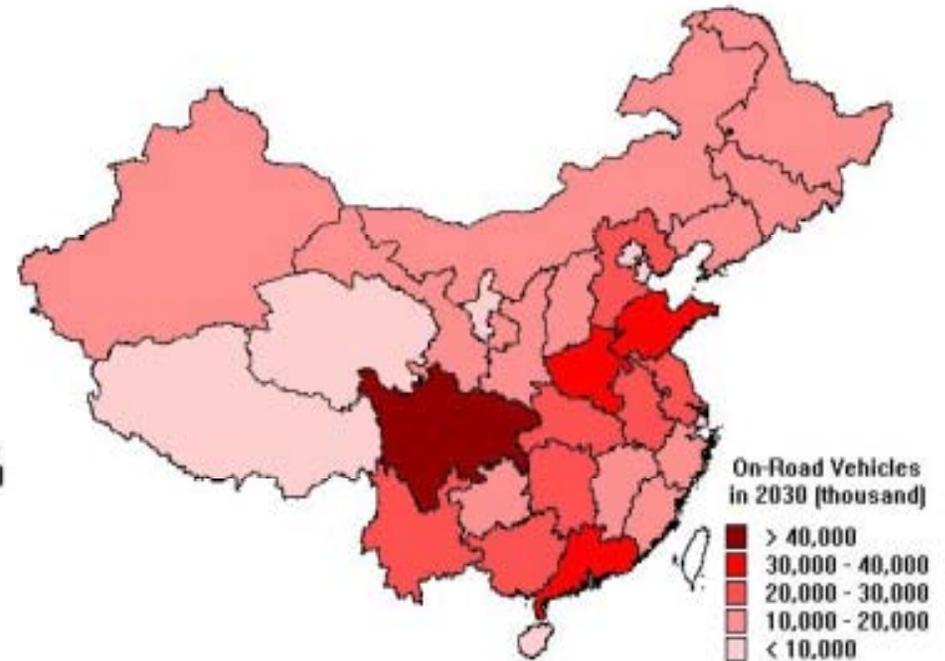


# Chinese Vehicle Growth Will Concentrate in Eastern and Central Regions

(High-Growth Scenario)



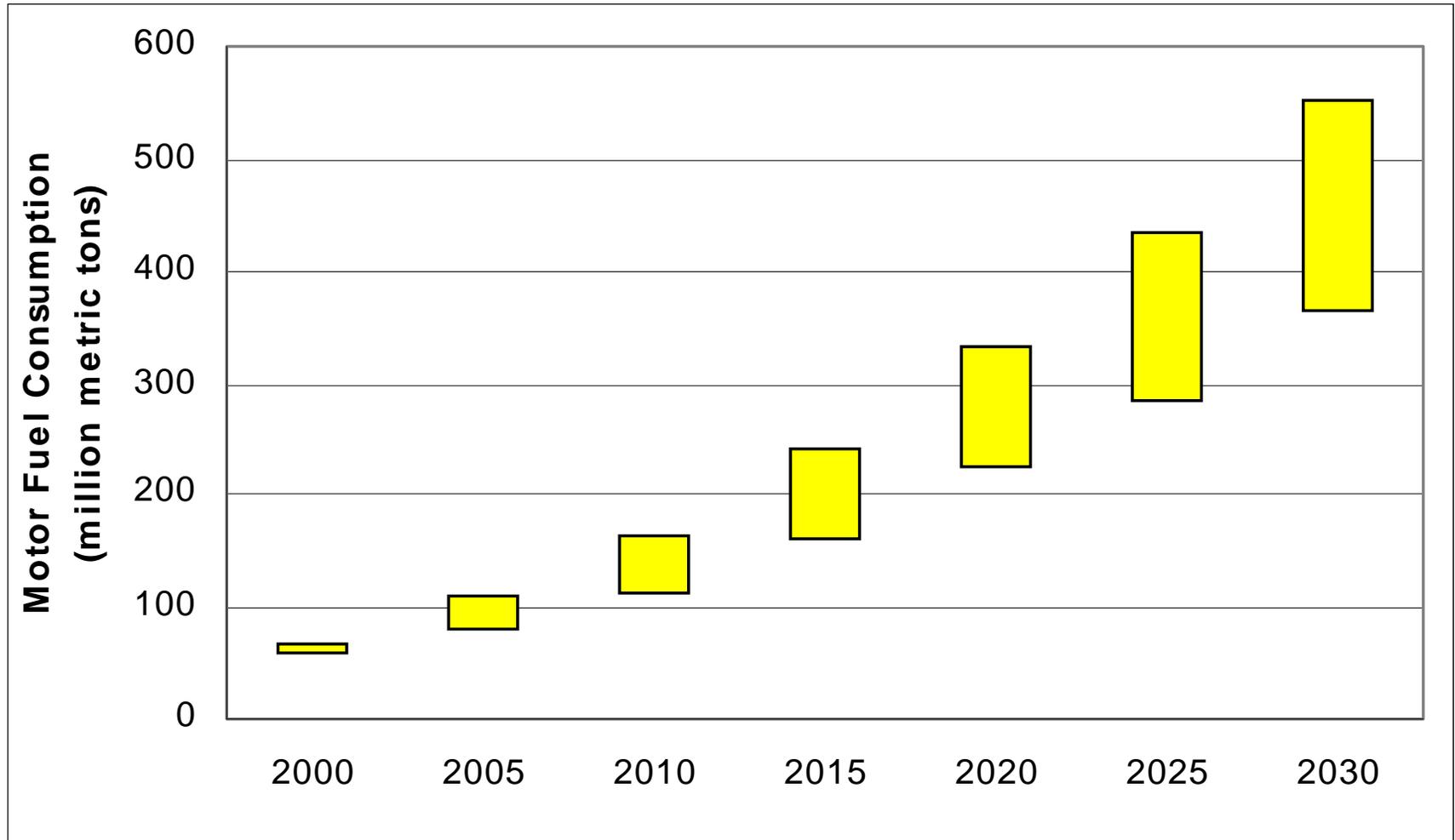
1995 (10.4 millions Vehicles)



2030 (521 Million Vehicles)



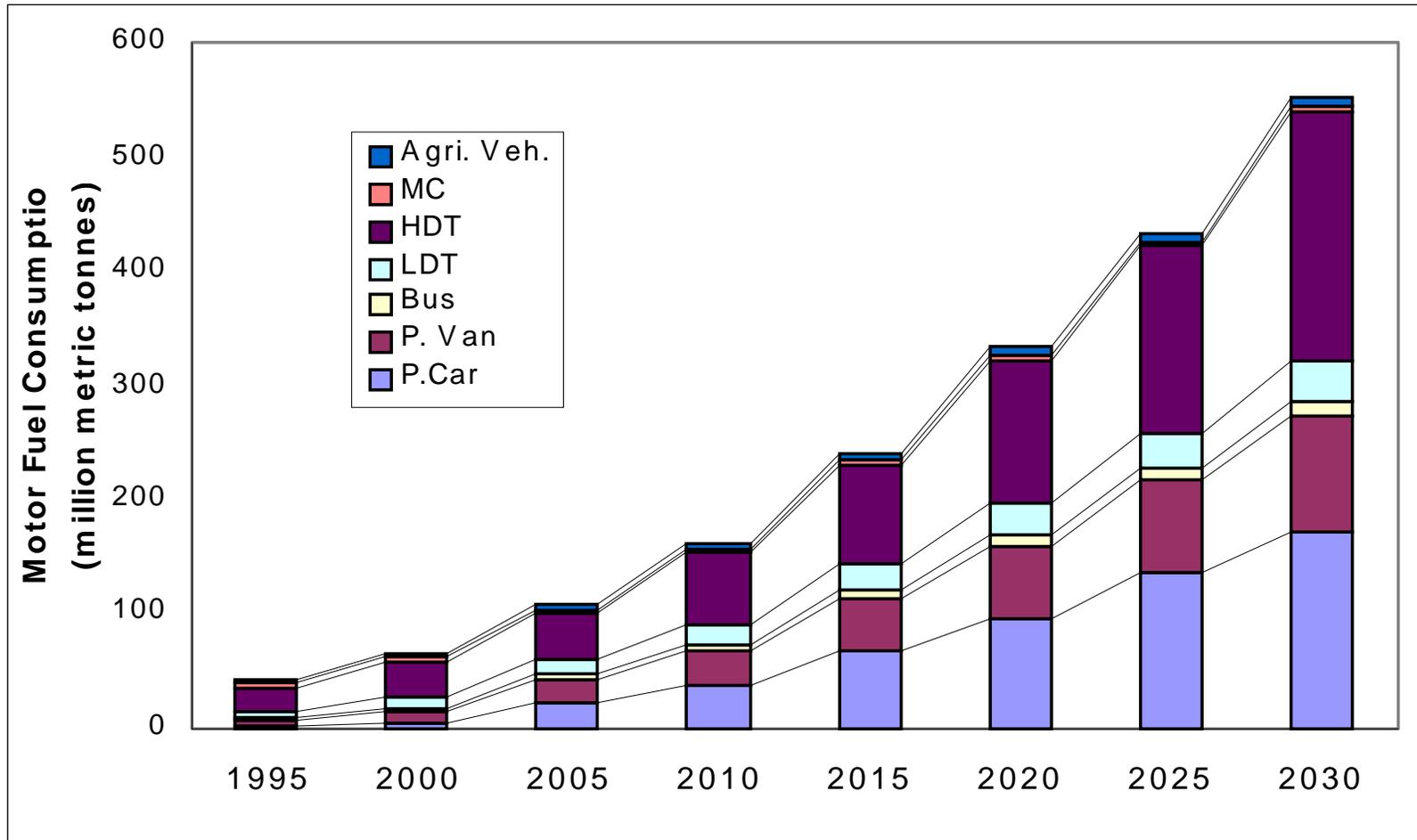
## Annual Chinese Motor Fuel Use Could Reach 365 - 552 Million Metric Tons by 2030





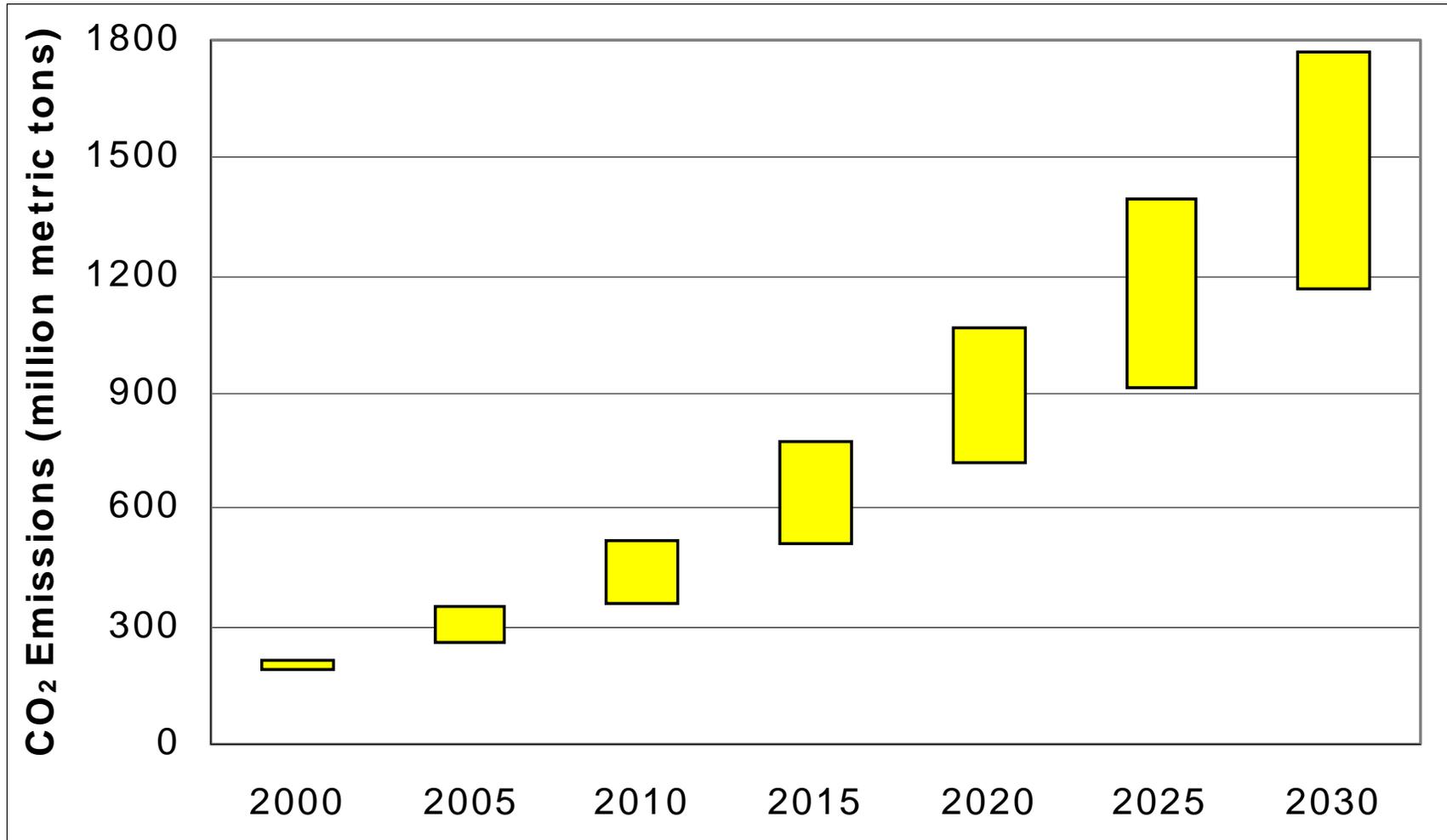
# Passenger Vehicles and HDTs Will Consume the Majority of Motor Fuels

(High-Growth Scenario)





## Chinese Vehicles Could Emit 1,169 - 1,763 Million Metric Tons of CO<sub>2</sub> a Year by 2030





## Conclusion

- Chinese motor vehicle population could grow to 190 - 521 millions by 2030
- Fuel use by and CO<sub>2</sub> emissions of Chinese motor vehicles could increase by 9 - 13 times from 1995 to 2030
- The rapid Chinese vehicle growth will pose a great energy and CO<sub>2</sub> emission challenge
- Great uncertainties exist in projecting China's vehicle population growth
  - Uncertain economic growth
  - Resource constraints
  - Lifestyle changes