



# Evaluations of 1997 Fuel Consumption Patterns of Heavy Duty Trucks

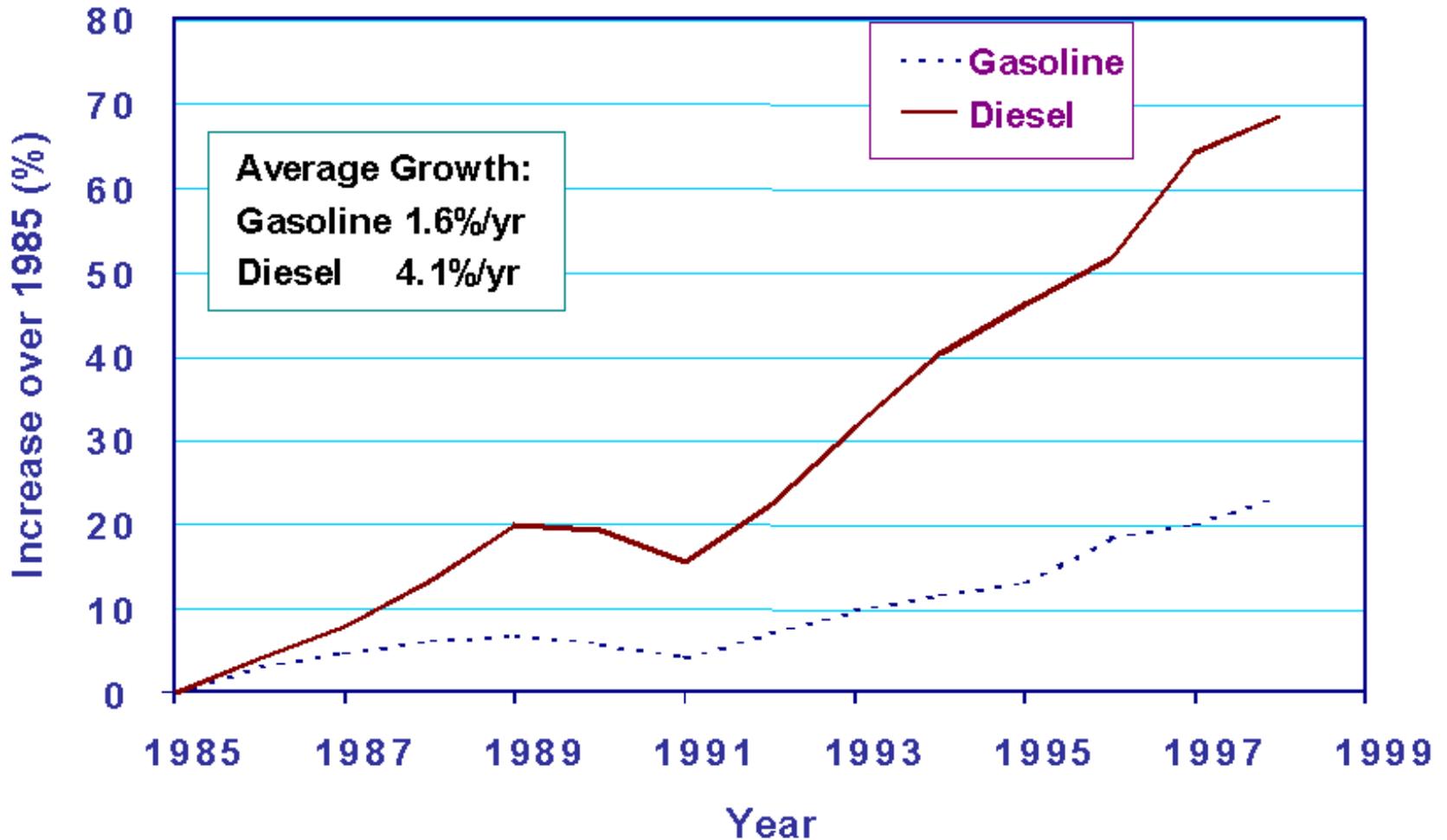
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# Diesel Fuel Consumption is Rising at a Faster Rate Than Gasoline Consumption





# Gross Vehicle Weight Class Analysis

- **The 1997 VIUS contains two fields for GVW class**
  1. **Based on vehicle registration (used in this analysis)**
  2. **Based on respondent reported average vehicle weight**
- **Class 2B trucks are difficult to classify**
  1. **All trucks in class 2 bunched together**
  2. **Average weight data not available for all**

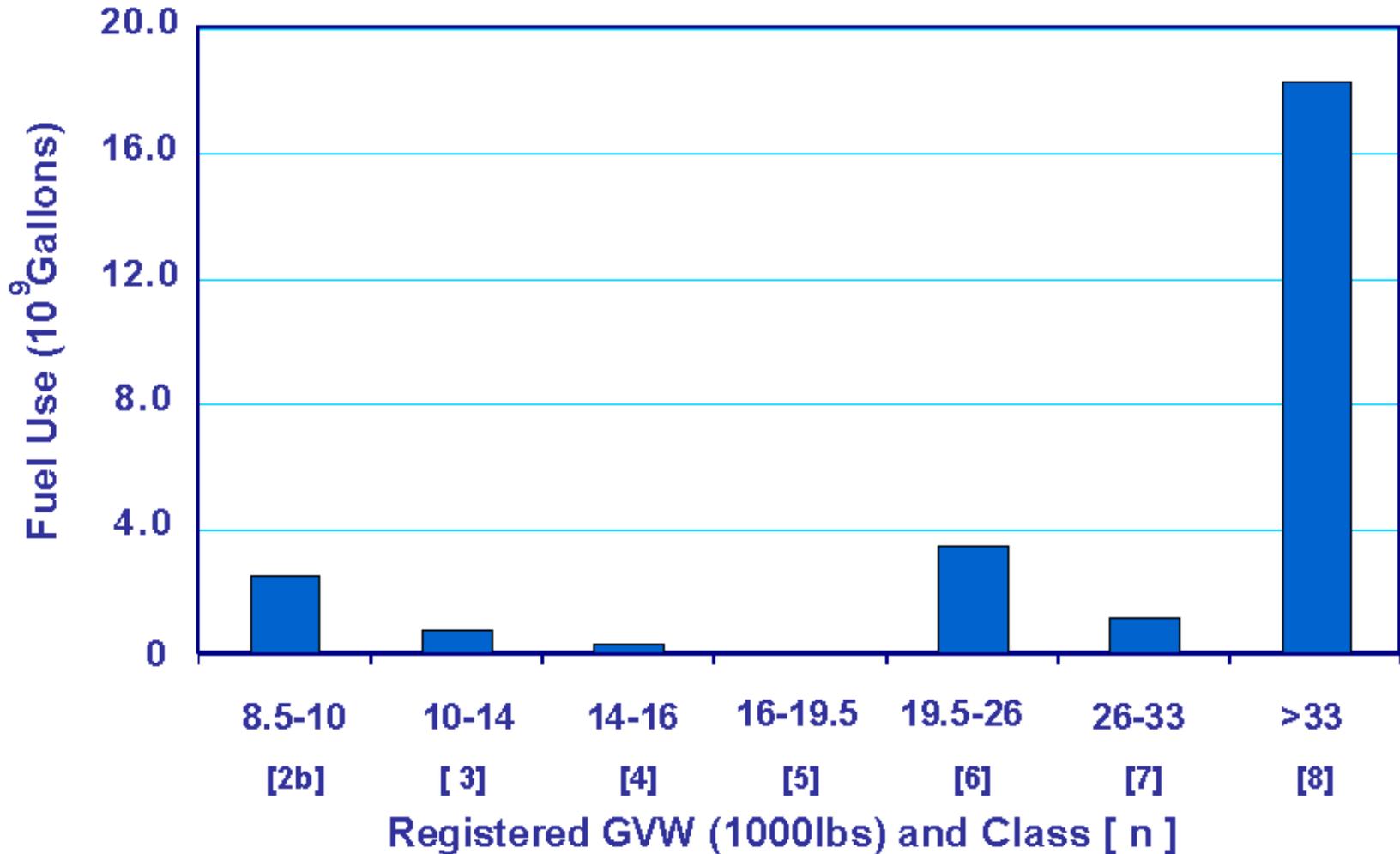


# Class 2B Trucks' Gasoline and Diesel Consumption Required More Judgment

- **Class 2B trucks classification difficulty addressed**  
**Following assumptions were made:**  
All commercial class 2 diesel trucks assumed as class 2B
  - a) *Commercial Class 2 gasoline trucks with 6.0L or larger engine assumed as class 2B after cross-checking with "Gasoline truck index" by Truck Index, Inc. (new)*
- **Only commercial use trucks are analyzed**

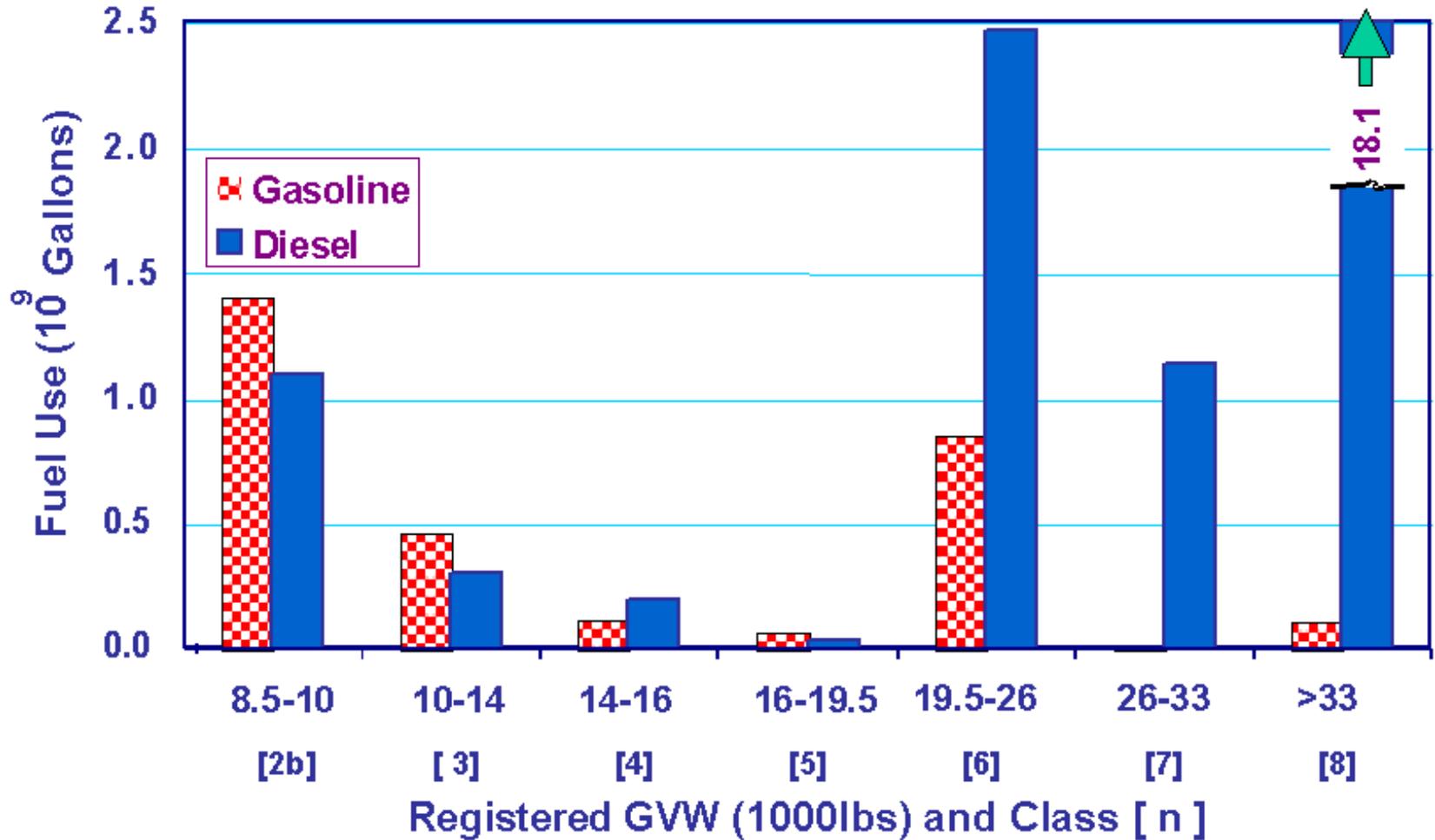


## For Commercial Trucks, Class 8 was Estimated to Dominate Total Fuel Consumption



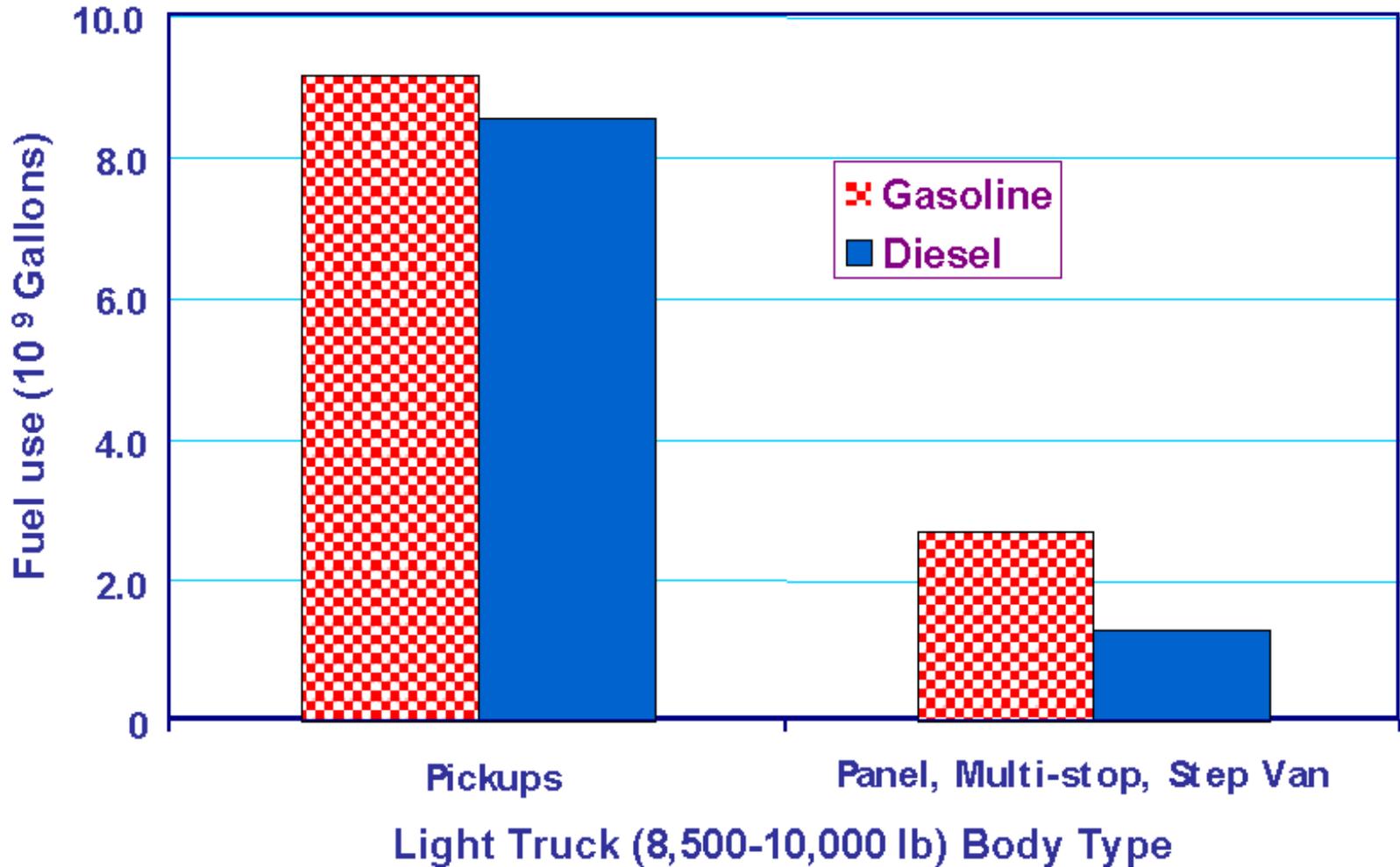


# Gasoline? The Highest Proportional Use Is In 2B-5, the Highest Amount in 2B



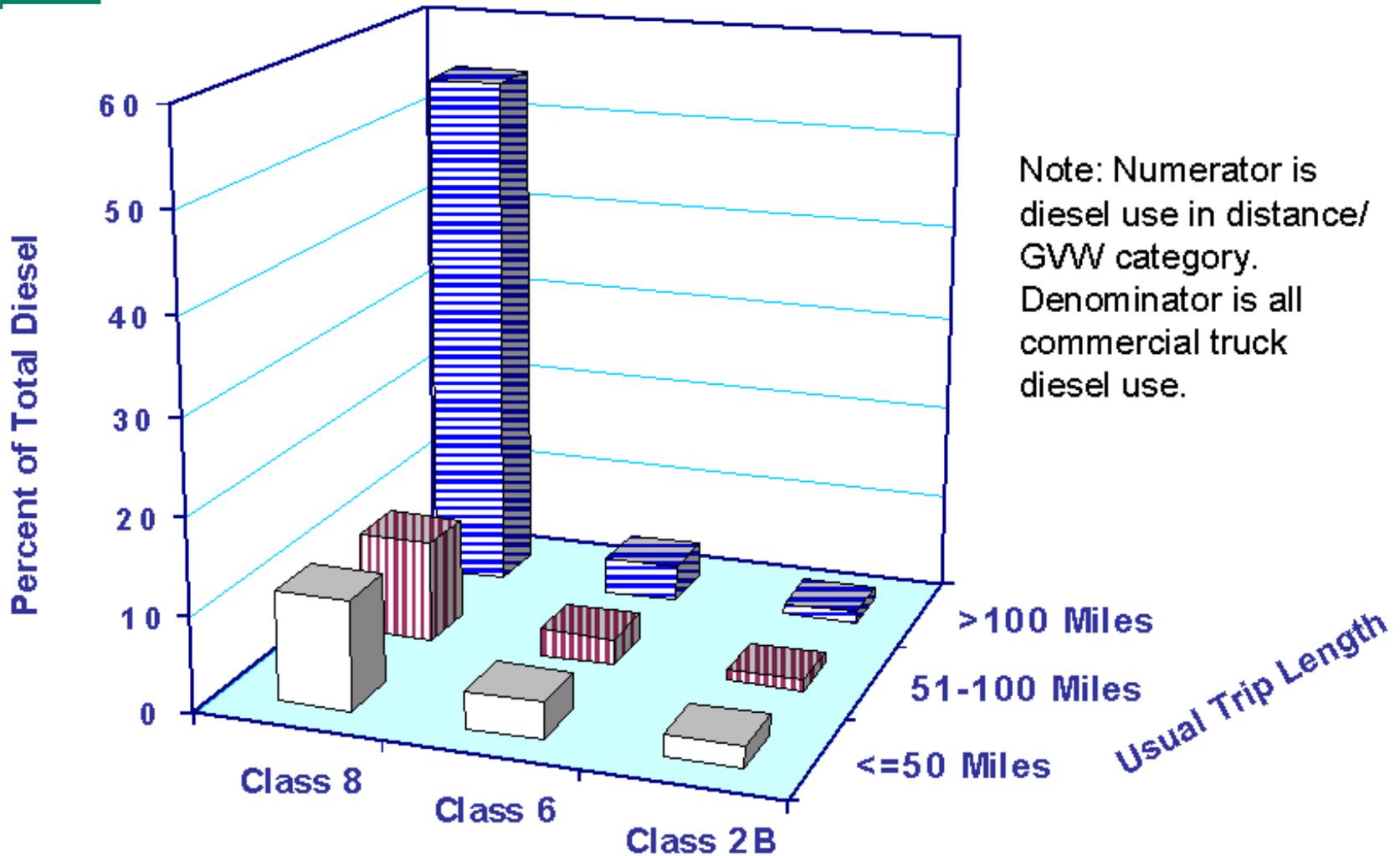


## Within Class 2, Pickup Trucks Use Gasoline and Diesel Nearly Equally, While Closed Body Light Trucks Use More Gasoline





# Class 8 Trucks on Trips >100 Miles Use More Than Half of Commercial Truck Diesel Fuel



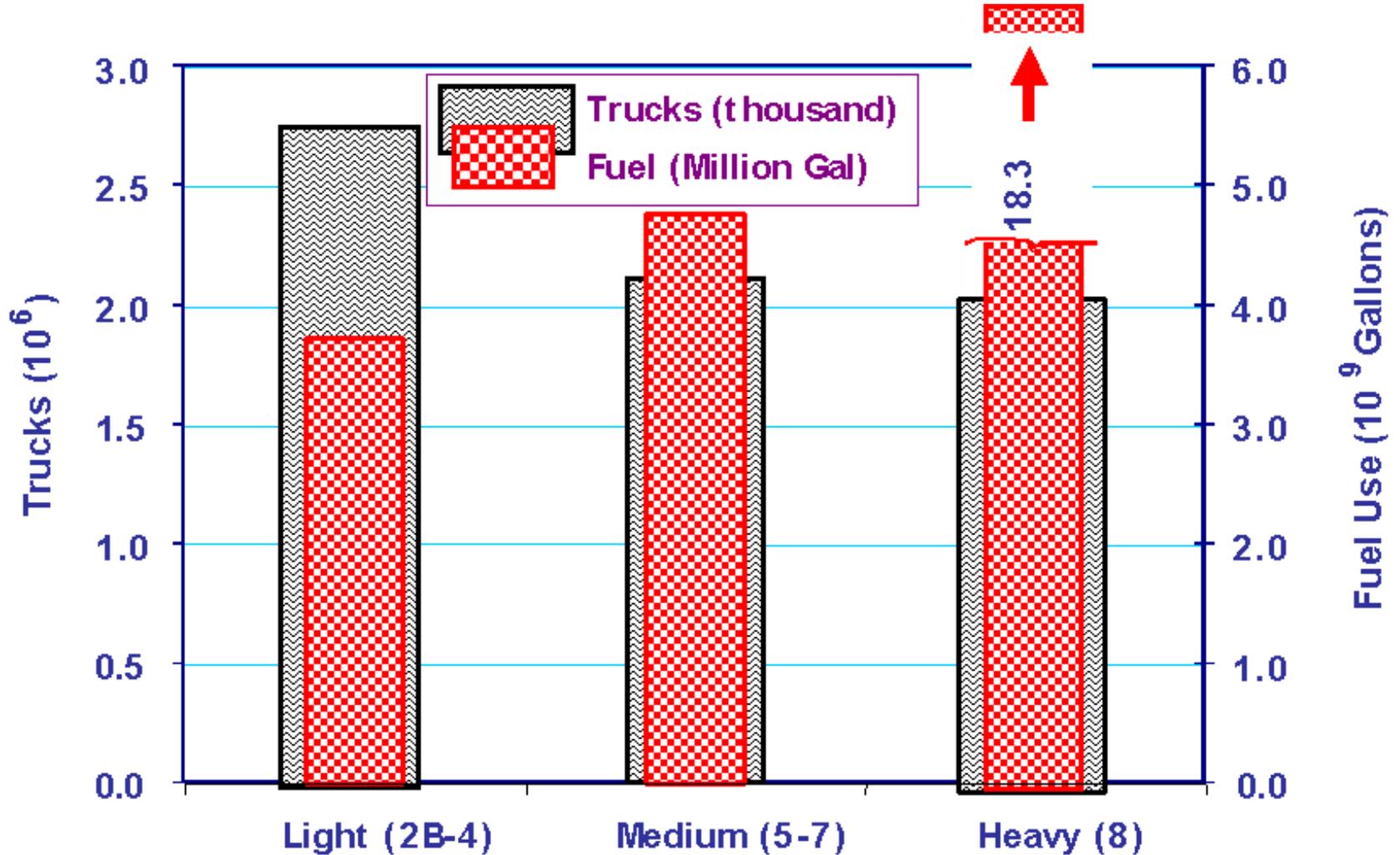


# Analysis by Truck Groups

- **Three groups are created for aggregation, and simplification:**
  1. **Light, representing 8,500-16,000 lbs classes**
  2. **Medium, representing 16,000-33,000 lbs classes**
  3. **Heavy, representing >33,000 lbs class**
- **The next three slides use this grouping:**

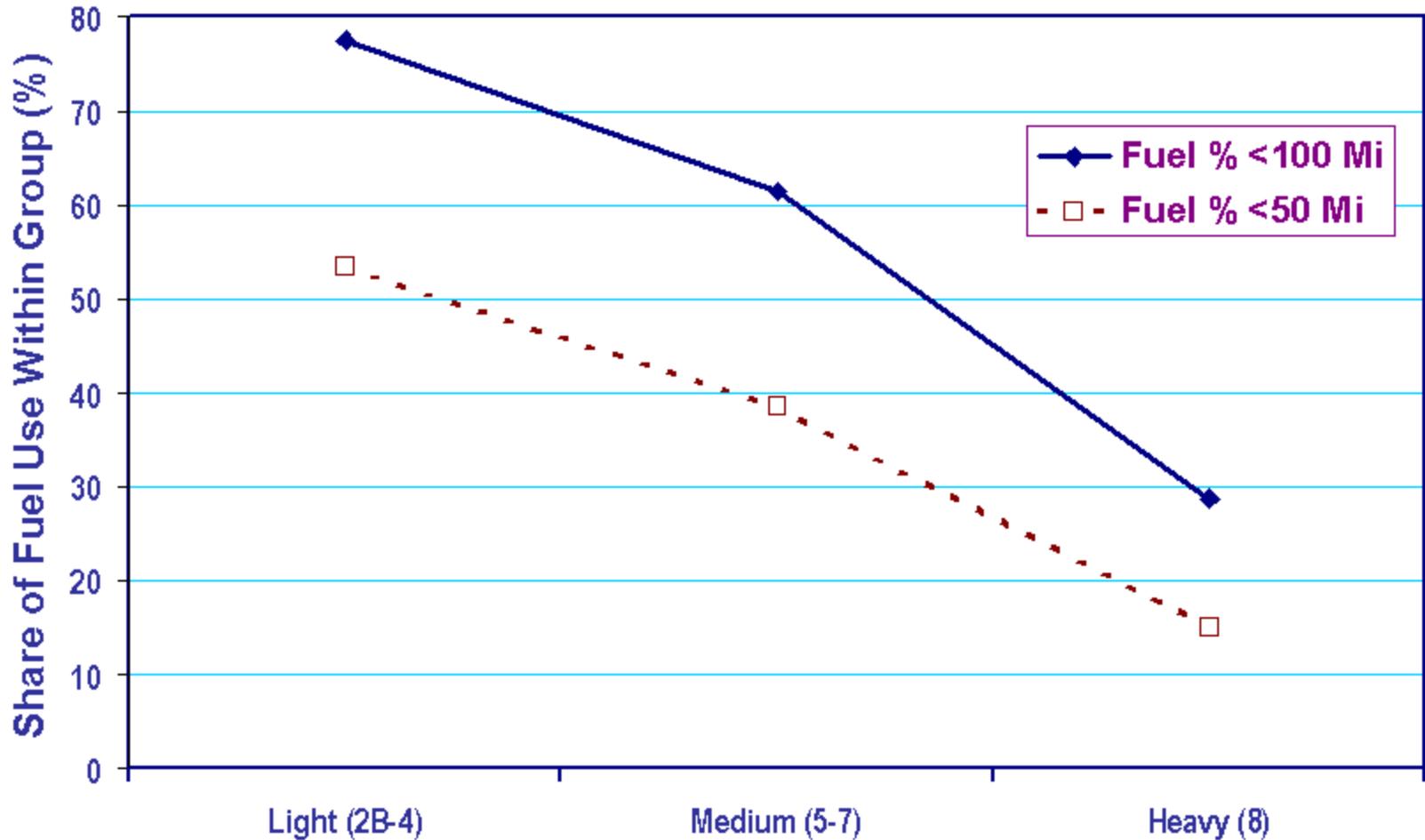


# Although Commercial Fuel Use is Dominated by Class 8 Trucks, Numbers of Lighter Trucks are Far Greater





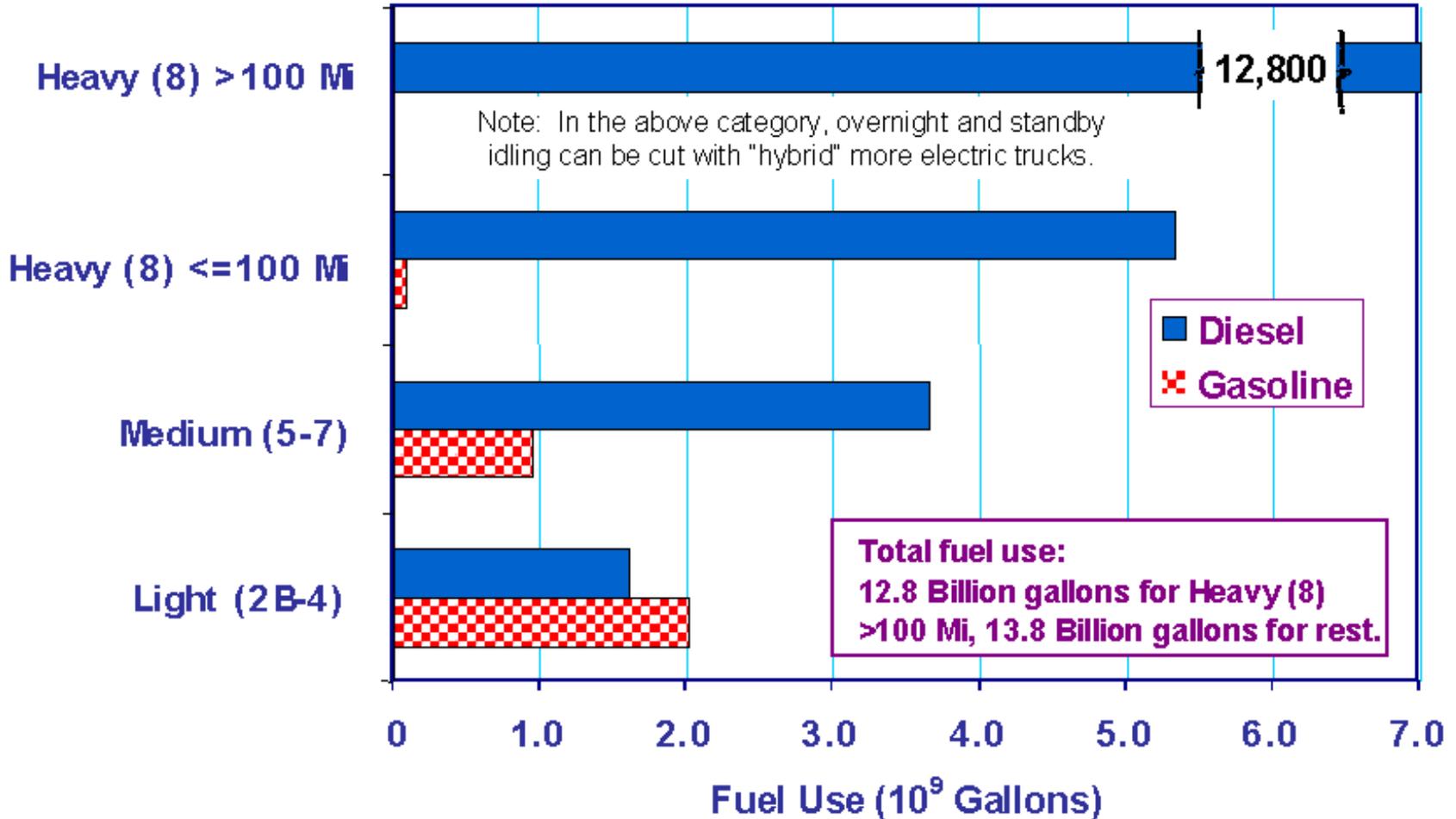
# As Truck GVW Decreases, The Share of Fuel for Trip Length Less Than 100 Miles Jumps





# A Large Fraction of Commercial Truck Fuel Use Is a Candidate for Reduction Through Hybridization. An Even Higher Proportion of Trucks Could Be

Assumption: Most Heavy (8)  $\leq$  100 Mi, Medium, and Light trucks are suitable for hybridization



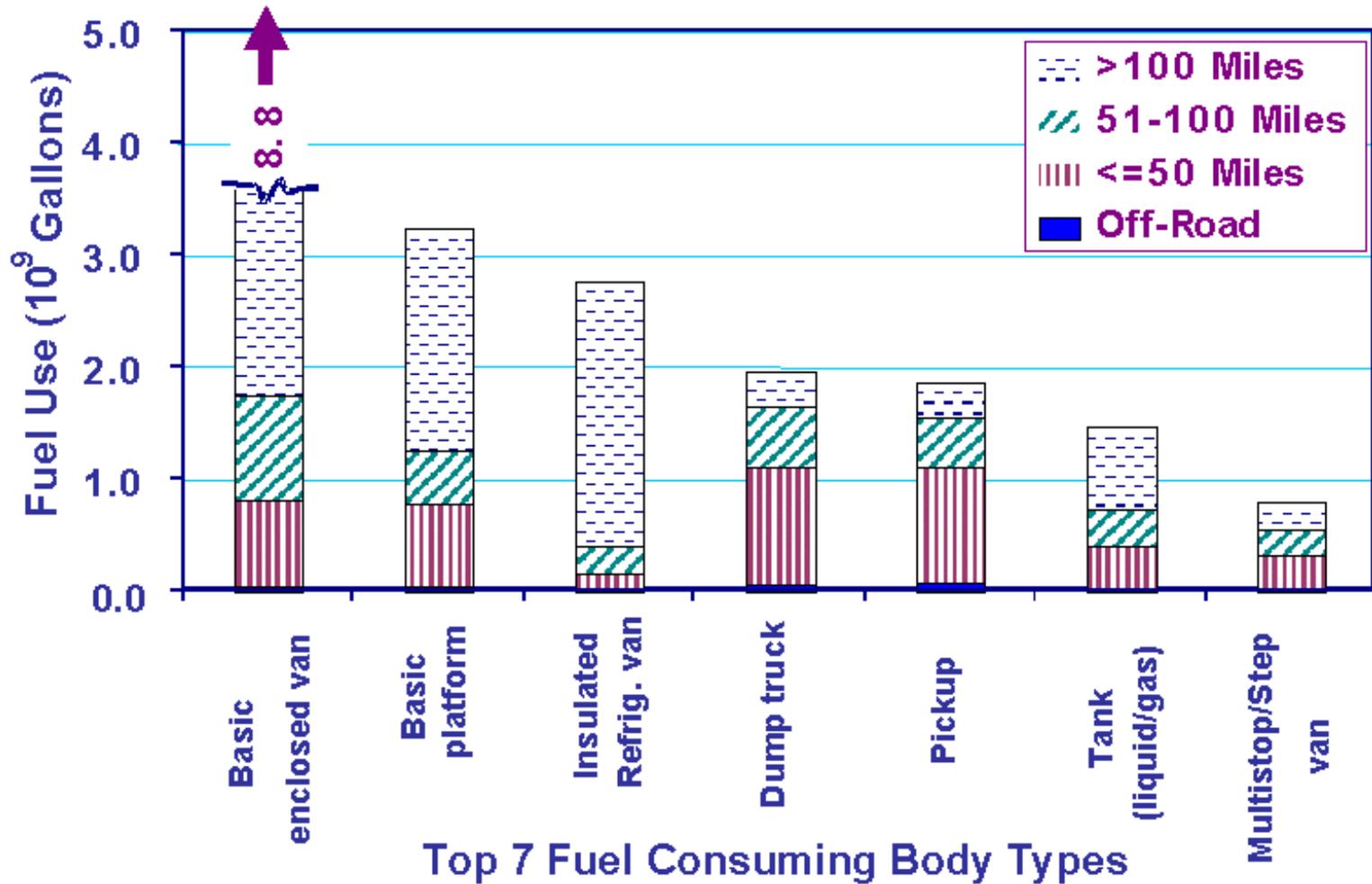


# Top Ten Body Types by Truck Population

Body Type (commercial trucks only)	Trucks (10 <sup>3</sup> )	VMT (10 <sup>6</sup> )	Fuel (10 <sup>6</sup> Gln)	Avg VMT	Avg Gln/Yr
1. Pickup	1,587	23,663	1,865*	14,910	1,175
2. Basic enclosed van	949	55,304	8,786*	58,295	9,260
3. Basic platform	934	21,021	3,233*	22,435	3,450
4. Dump truck	588	11,066	1,964*	18,830	3,340
5. Multistop or step van	396	7,251	788*	18,290	1,990
6. Panel/van (excl minivan)	294	4,377	365	14,910	1,245
7. Grain body	287	2,754	500	9,585	1,740
8. Platform with devices	283	3,551	523	12,545	1,850
9. Tank truck (liquid/gas)	241	8,593	1,461*	35,665	6,065
10. Insulated refrig. van	230	16,325	2,767*	70,920	12,020

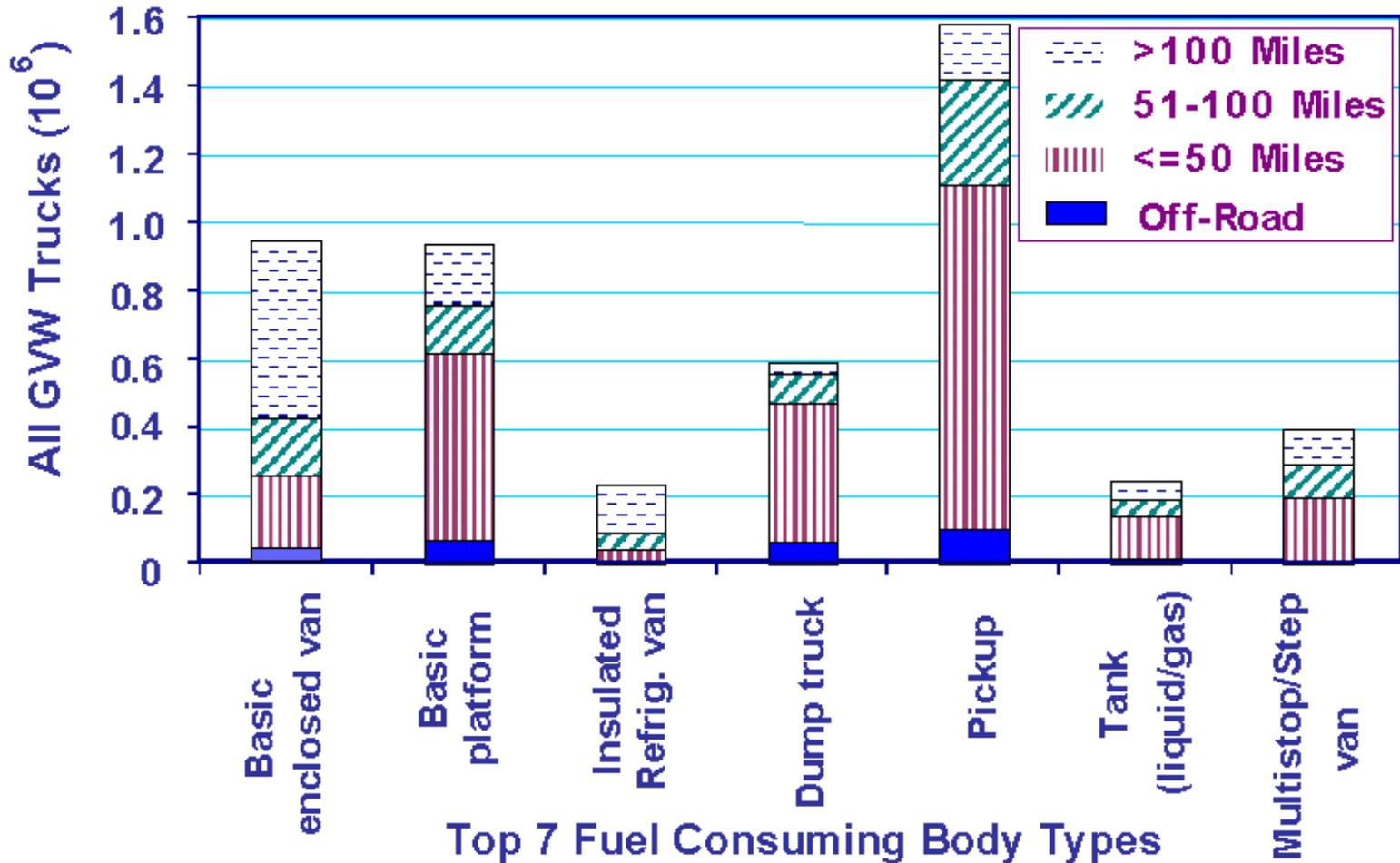


# Most Long-Haul Truck Fuel Use is in Long Trips, but for Dumps, Pickups, & Multistop/Step Vans Most is in Short Trips





# On a Number of Trucks Utilized Basis, Shorter Trips Dominate Intended Use



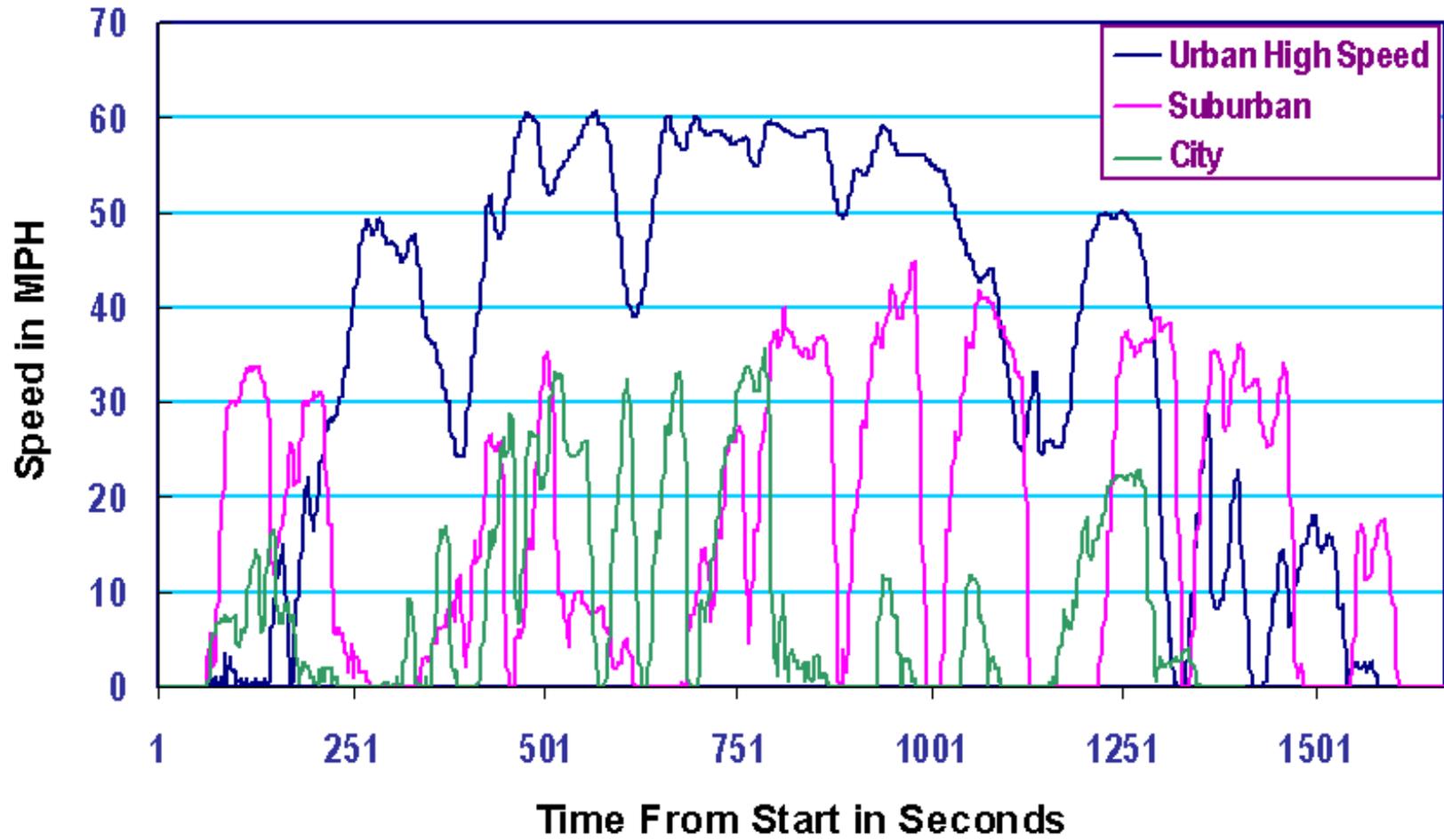


# Estimating Fuel Consumption Through Application of Analytical Tools

- **Determinants of simulated in-use MPG**
  - Proper vehicle information
    - Load carried (total mass)
    - Vehicle specifics
  - Driving patterns (cycles) of the trucks
  - Mix of driving cycles (of those available)
  - “Off cycle” idling
- **Example to illustrate potential:**
  - Class 8 Aggregate Analysis



## Class 8 Truck Realistic Driving Cycles Have Been Developed by WVU for NREL, by Chasing Trucks





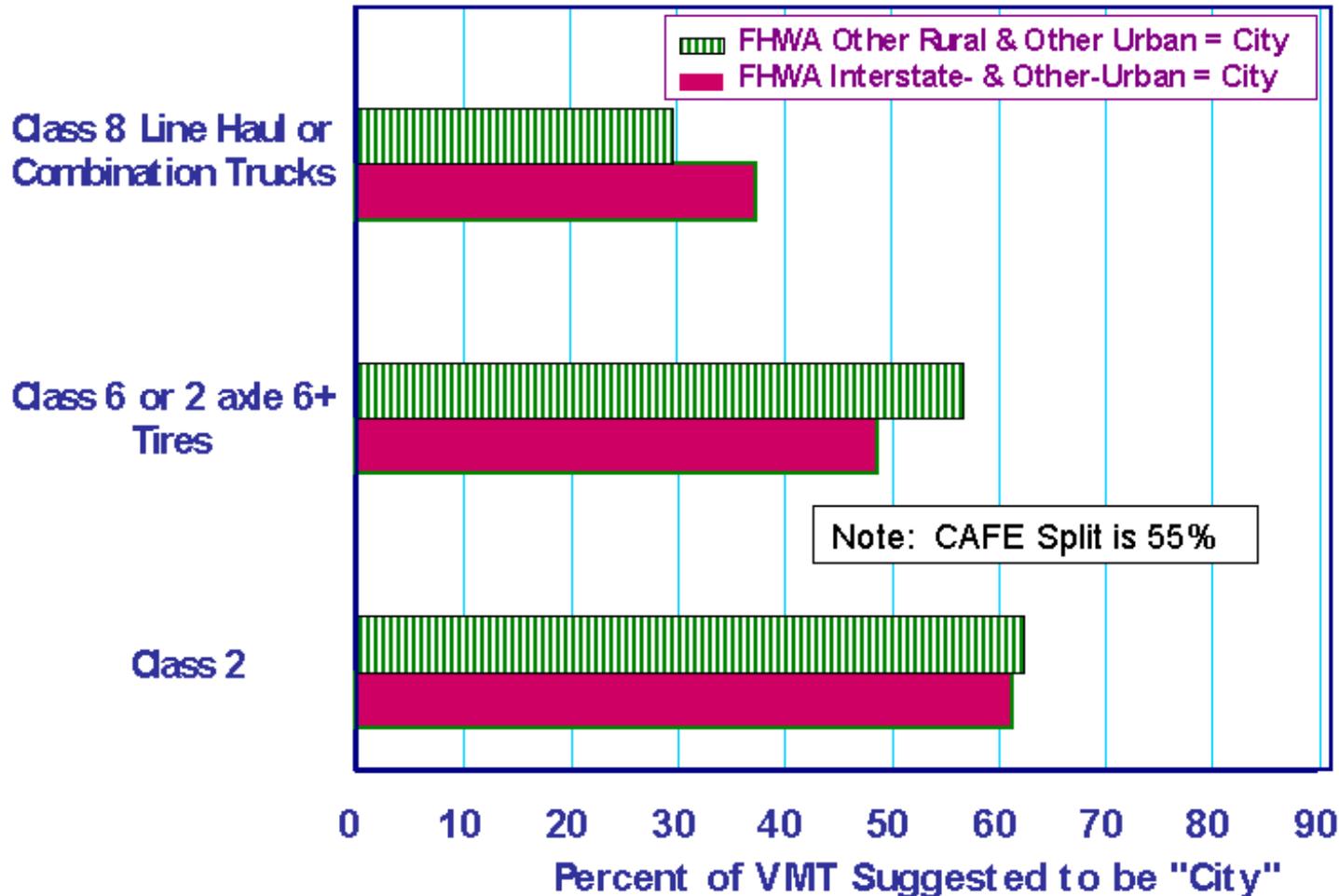
## Size of Shortfall of Requested Cycle mph by Modeled Full Class 8 Tractor-Trailer Supports WVU Traces

Driving Cycle	Highest Deviation	2 <sup>nd</sup> Highest Deviation	3 <sup>rd</sup> Highest Deviation	Average Speed
US06	33	32	31	48
WVU "5 Peak"	34	28	23	25
EPA UDDS	6	6	5.5	19
WVU Urban High Speed	5	2.8	1.8	34
WVU Suburban	5	4	3.5	14
WVU Yard (City)	3.4	2.4	2.3	3.3

A 330 kW engine used



# Mixed Driving Cycles Are Used by EPA with “City & Highway”. What is City & Highway for HD Trucks?



FHWA Categories:  
Interstate Rural  
Other Arterial Rural  
Other Rural  
Interstate Urban  
Other Urban

Notes:

1. Commercial truck “highway” cycles much more steady in speed than CAFE highway.
2. Commercial truck “city” cycle not like CAFE city cycle.
3. Class 2 will use CAFE cycles.



# Vehicle Simulations Imply that Cycle Model Estimates and Field Data Can be Reasonably Reconciled for Class 8, With Plausible “City” (33%) vs. “Highway” Splits.

(Assumes suburban and urban high speed are “city”, interstate steady speed is “highway”)

<<<<Percent VMT on Cycle>>>>

Usual Trip Length	WVU	WVU Urban	Interstate		Simulated mpg	VIUS mpg	Implied Off-Cycle Idling %
	Suburban	High Speed	65mph	70mph			
<50	28%	57%	15%		<b>5.65</b>	<b>5.61</b>	0.7%
50-100	25%	53%	23%		<b>5.74</b>	<b>5.68</b>	1.1%
>100	7%	12%	27%	54%	<b>6.09</b>	<b>5.89</b>	3.4%
<b>Total</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>21%</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>42%</b>	<b>6.00</b>	<b>5.83</b>	2.9%
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	“ City “		“ Highway “				
Model mpg	4.32	6.34	6.72	6.07			Idling ≈ 6% if >500 mi trip

Note: VIUS mpg is an average from the five top fuel consuming class 8 trucks.  
MPG values not identical to other estimates herein



# Vehicle Simulation (Here Class 8) for Suitable Driving Cycles Could Allow Accurate MPG Gain Estimates

- **Simulation-based estimates (Class 8) - range for multiple cycles**
  - $C_d$  from 0.7 to 0.5..... 0% to 26%
  - $C_d$  from 0.7 to 0.4 .....  $\approx$  4% to 41%
  - $C_r$  from 0.0065 to 0.0055..... 2.5% to 6.4%
  - Engine peak efficiency to 50%..... 11-14% on Interstate
  - Increase of average loads on TMT/gal..... Perhaps 5-10%
  - Reduced “off-cycle” idling.....  $\approx$  3% (6% long line haul)
- **Judgmental hybridization estimates (all Classes)**
  - Hybridization: ..... up to 70% in class 2b-4  
(educated guess for WVU Suburban and up to 45% in class 6-7  
Urban High Speed cycles. No gain at  
steady speed) up to 20% in class 8
  - Reductions of hard accelerations..... Not estimated  
(driver training, ITS traffic control)

Note: Synthesis of estimates requires industry input.



## Conclusion

In conjunction with VIUS, the recently developed vehicle simulation models such as ADVISOR and PSAT make possible a very detailed evaluation of the probable in-use driving behavior of specific types of trucks, and the best mix of fuel saving technologies for a given truck and driving behavior.