




State of UK Transport 2026



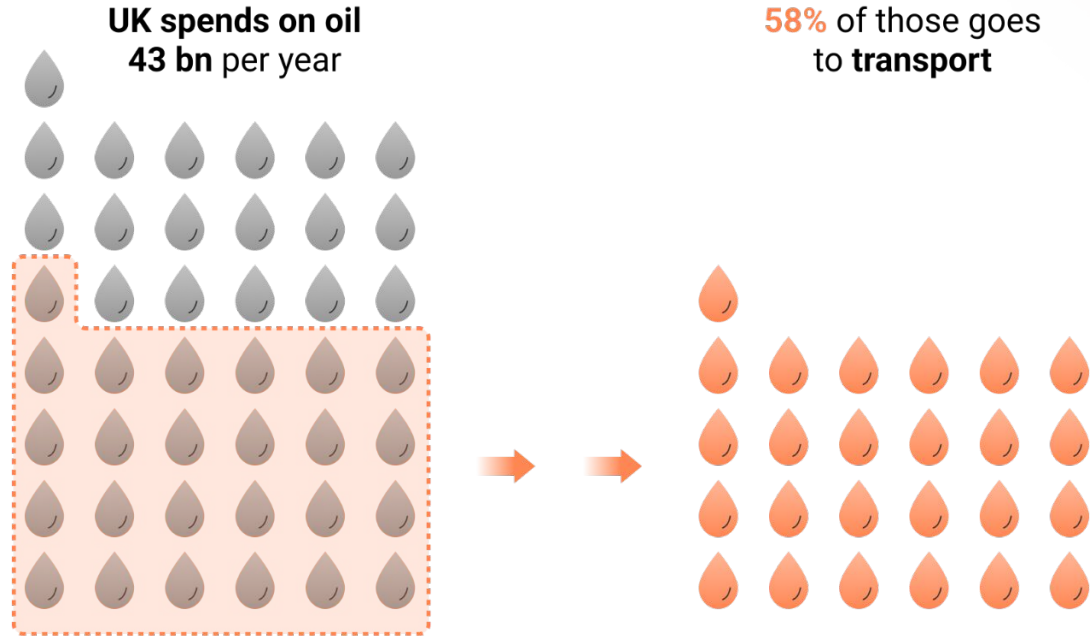
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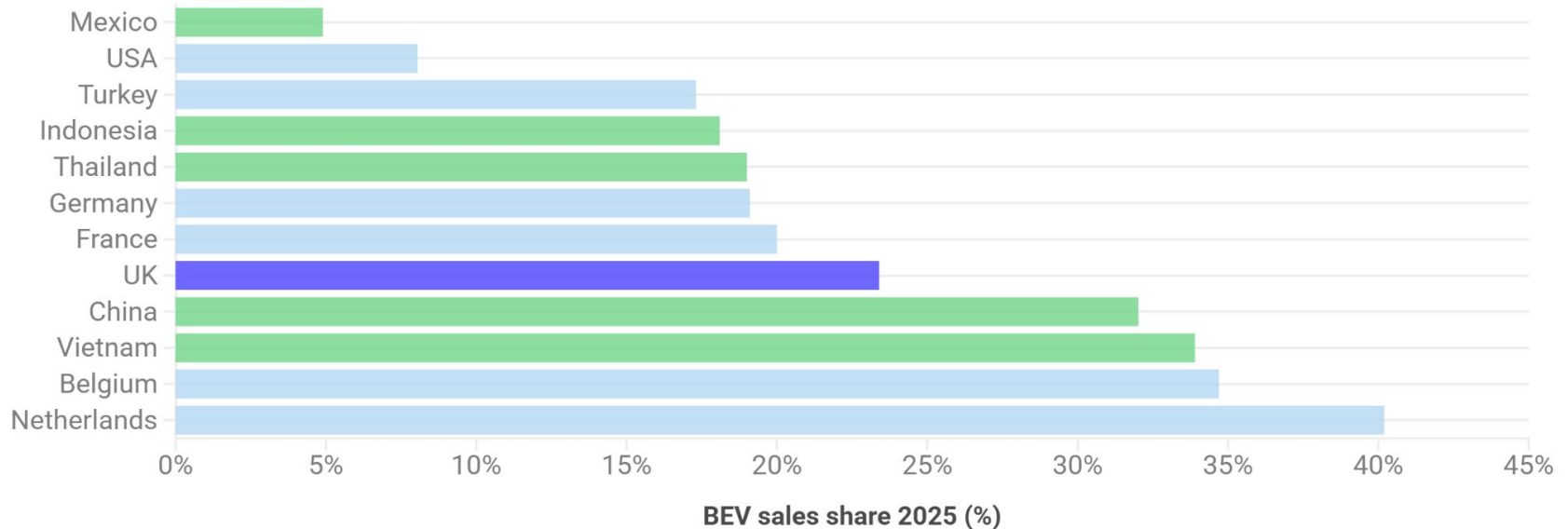


Most of the UK's oil imports are used in transport, leaving the country exposed to global oil prices



The UK has made strong progress on electric cars, though other countries are going even faster

■ Home market ■ Existing trade partners ■ New trade opportunities



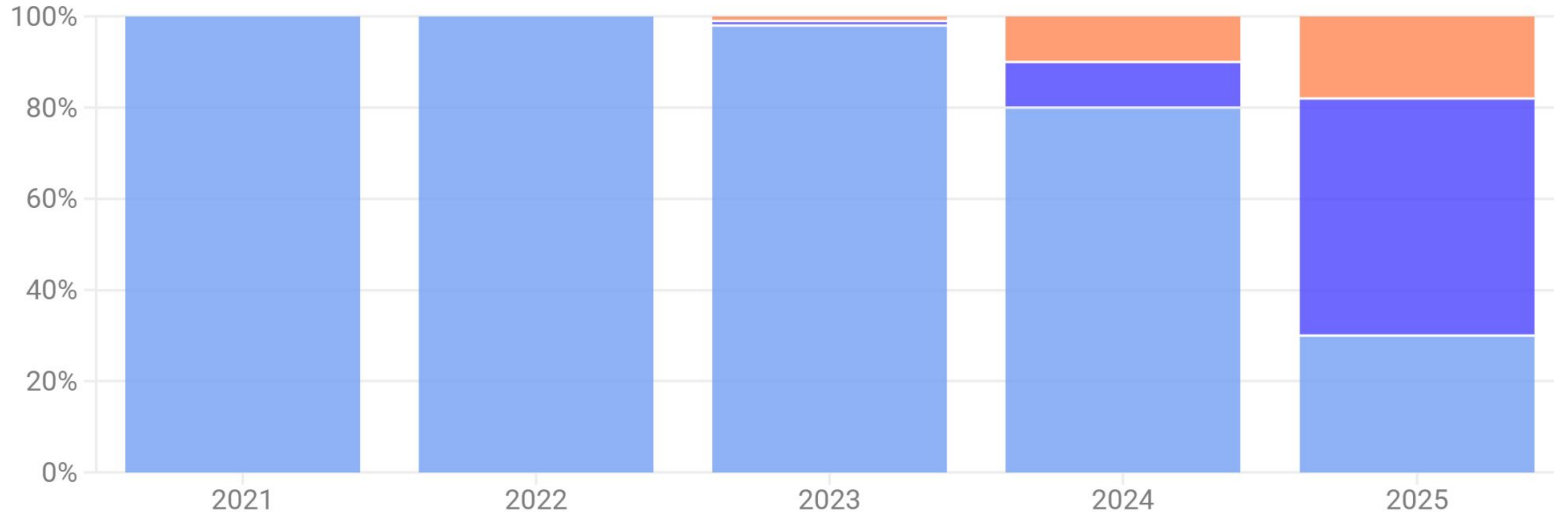
Source: GlobalData, International Energy Agency, EV Volumes, VAMA, ACEA

Strong EV policies are key to maintaining competitiveness against global manufacturers

UK sales of sub- £30,000 battery electric models

Old models New Non-Chinese models New Chinese models

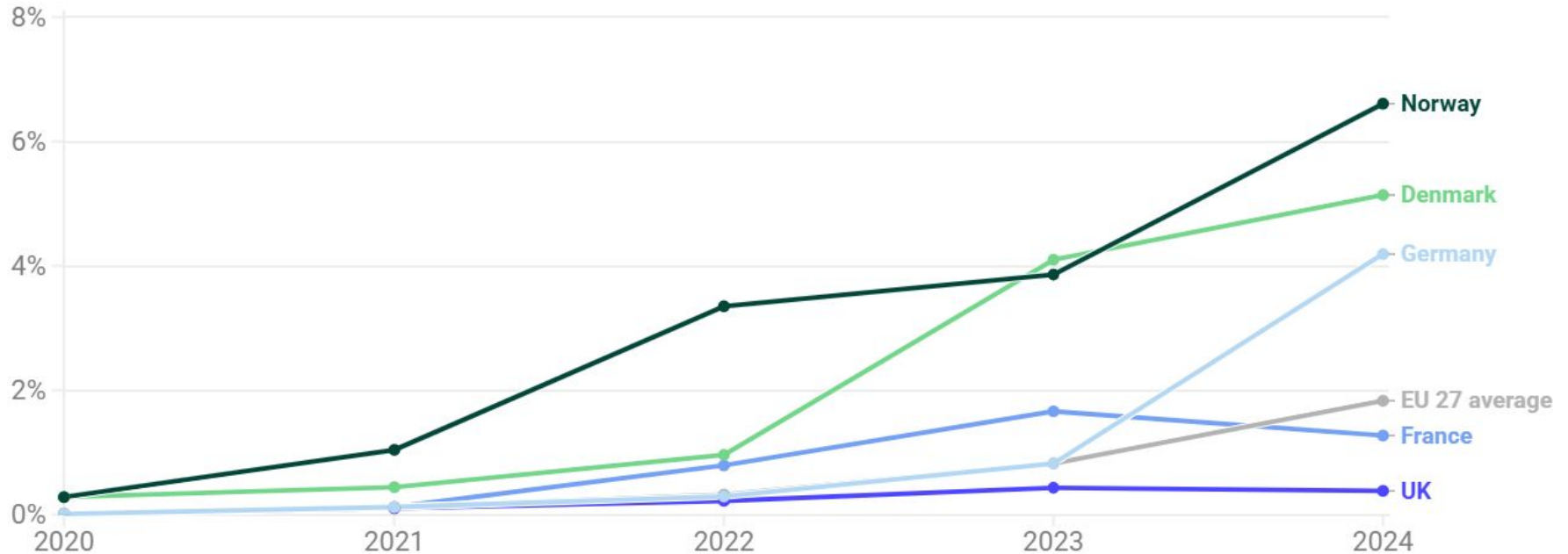
Percentage share of new sales



Source: T&E analysis of DataForce sales data

UK sales of zero emission trucks have stalled due to a lack of policy

Sales of zero emission Heavy Goods Vehicles

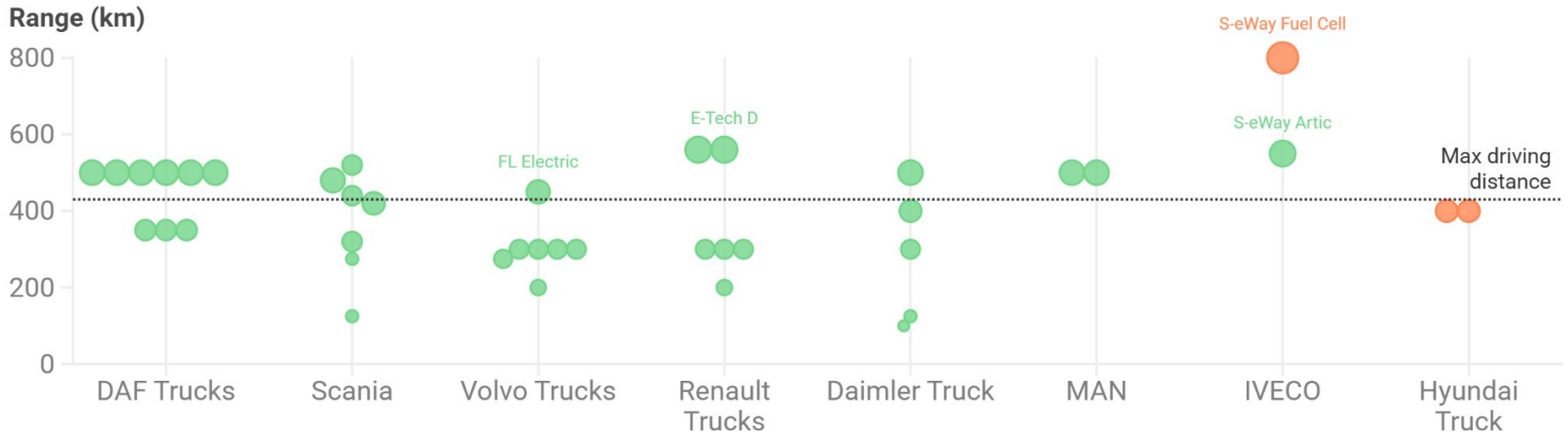


Source: Sales share of ZE HGVs excluding 3.5-4.25 tonne vehicles from DfT

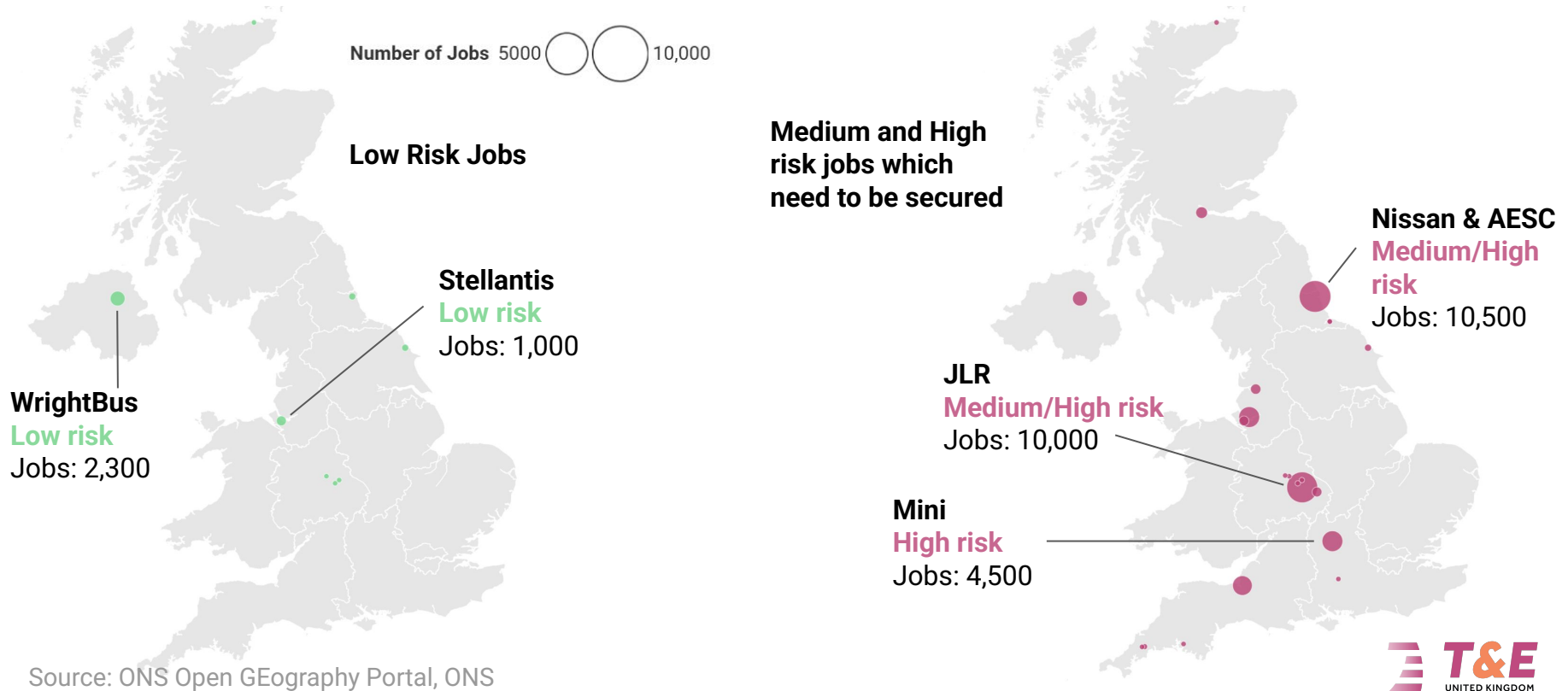
Electric trucks can already cover the distance, lack of policy to drive supply is the real issue

Many BEV models now meet the 430km maximum driving distance between breaks, unlocking most UK operations

Powertrain ● BEV ● FCEV



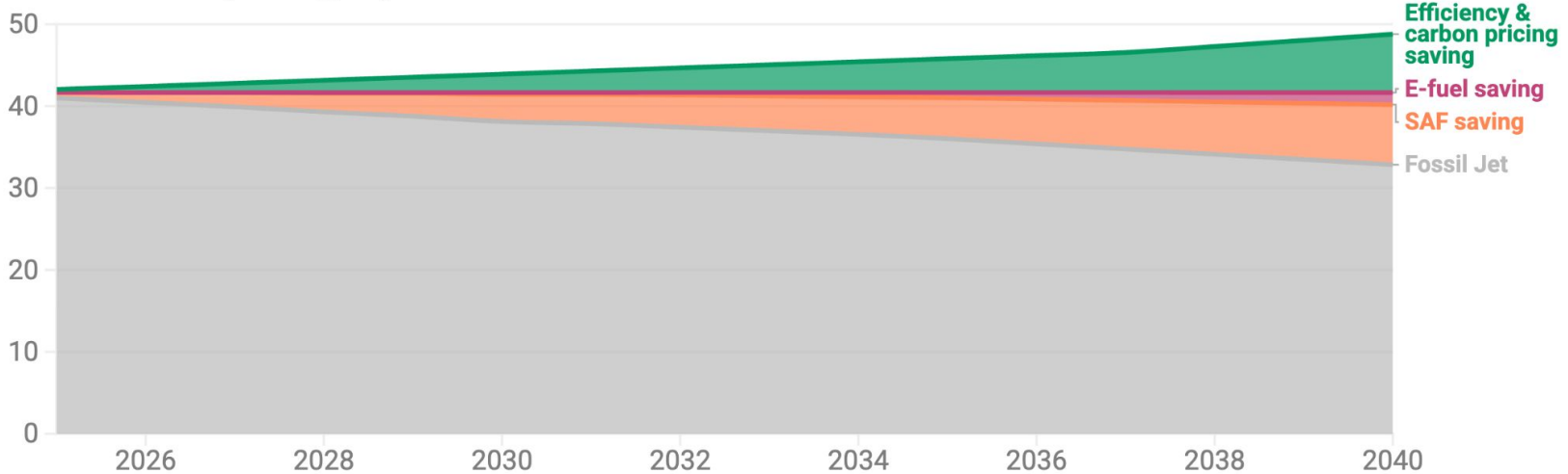
Strong policy is vital for the future of UK automotive jobs and investment. Without it tens of thousands of jobs are at risk



A strong SAF mandate is essential for reducing aviation's fossil fuel dependence

Aircraft efficiency and demand management only just cancel out the impact of airport expansion, leaving SAF the only tool to cut oil use in aviation

Annual emissions (Mt CO2/year)

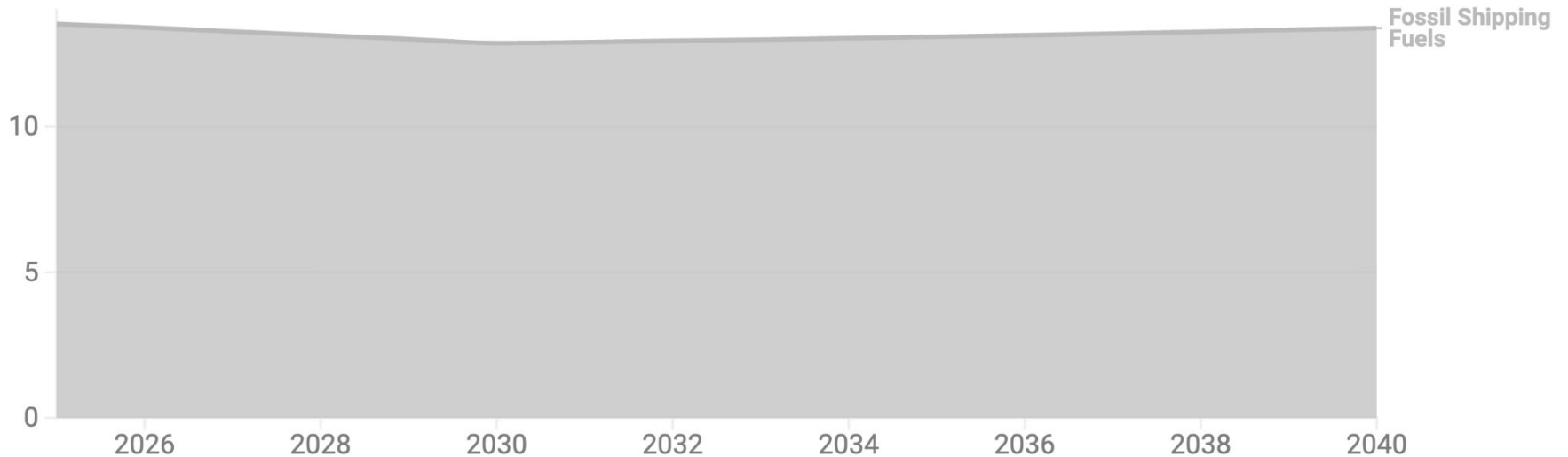


Source: T&E analysis of DfT Jet Zero and SAF Mandate modelling

The shipping sector has no effective policies to reduce fossil fuel use

No international agreement to cut emissions at the International Maritime Organisation and no UK fuel mandate result in no emission or oil use reduction

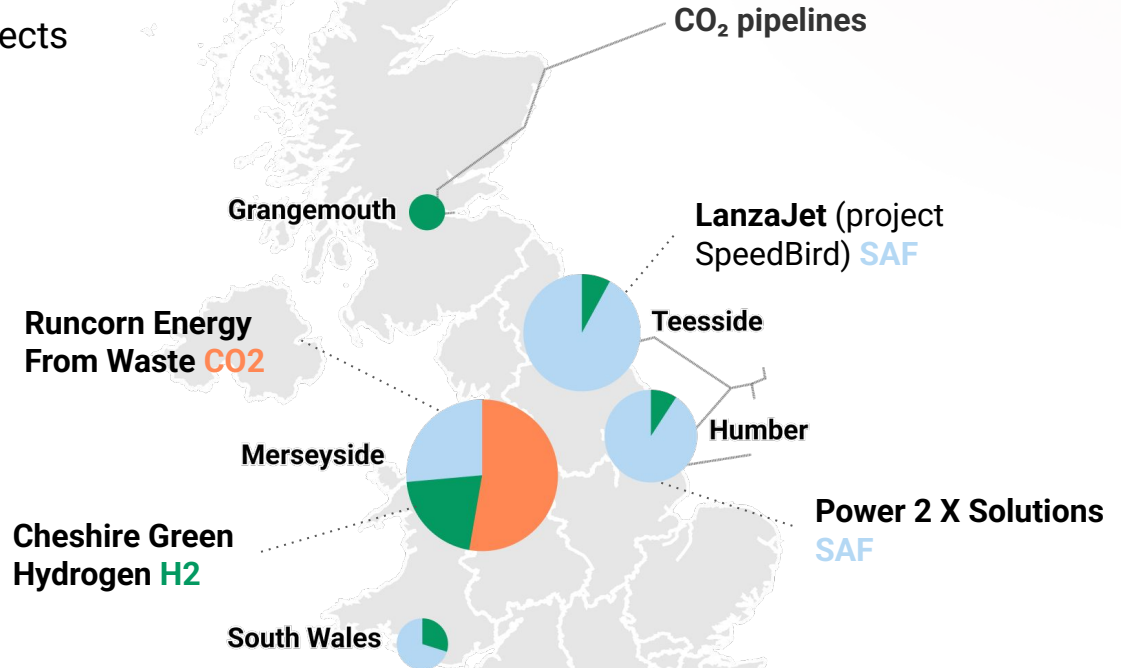
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Green fuel production and jobs will be spread across the UK's 5 main industrial hubs

Size correspond to number of projects

SAF Green H2 CO2

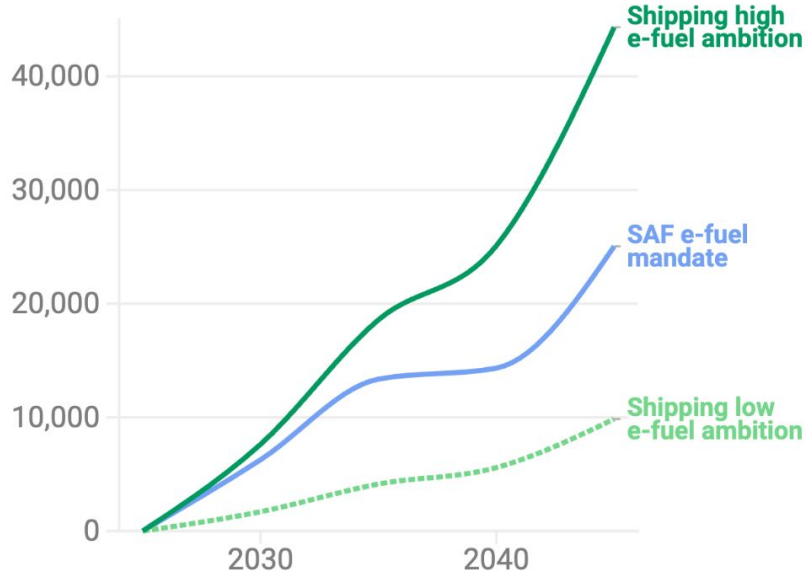


Source: T&E analysis of biogenic and waste CO₂, Green hydrogen projects and advanced fuel fund SAF winners

Producing enough green fuel to support UK aviation and shipping will create thousands of jobs

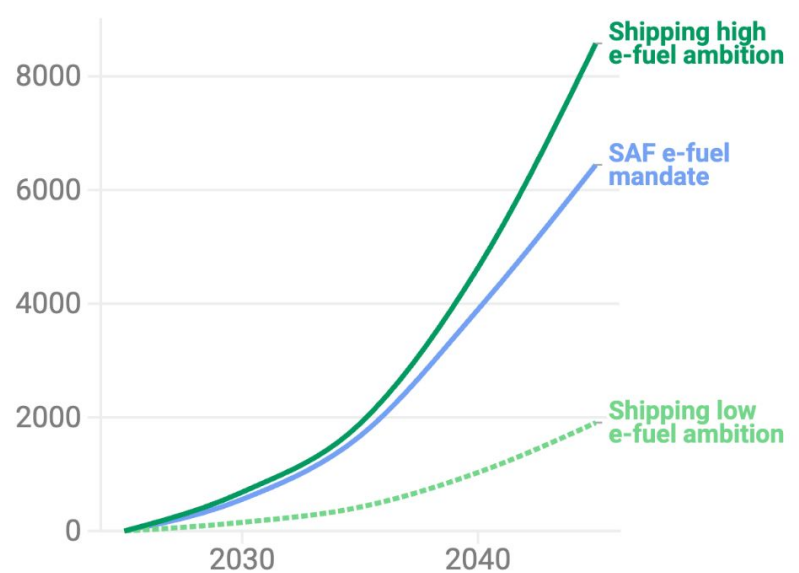
Plant construction

UK Jobs (FTE)



Plant operation

UK Jobs (FTE)



Source: Source: T&E analysis. Shipping Low = aviation PtL mandate percentages. Shipping High = domestic + Navel demand



Thank you

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