

# Analyzing Future Potential of Targeted In-Motion Wireless Power Transfer for Line Haul Trucks



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# Motivation-Why Consider Wireless Power Transfer (WPT)

The long-range operation of Class 8 truck makes plug-in vehicles not very practical. But hybrid electric vehicles (HEVs) combined with WPT might provide big benefits.

## I. The support of WPT in areas of high power demand makes engine downsize possible

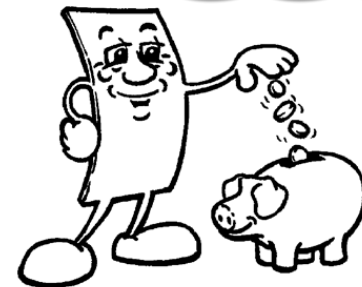
- A. Engine downsizing is generally not an option for heavy-duty HEVs because the battery depletes in long duration high power demand events.
- B. Most drivers only use engine peak power less than 1% of the time.



## II. Smaller and more affordable battery may realize fuel reduction similar to a larger battery plug-in vehicle

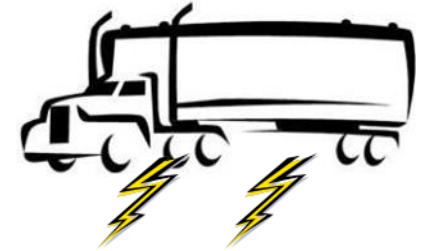


## III. Opportunity to achieve better cost effectiveness



# Objective

- I. Explore the fuel displacement opportunity WPT may offer to line haul trucks
- II. Analyze the cost effectiveness for various implementation scenarios



Source: KAIST



Source: Volvo Group



Source: Siemens

# Outline

## I. WPT roads selection

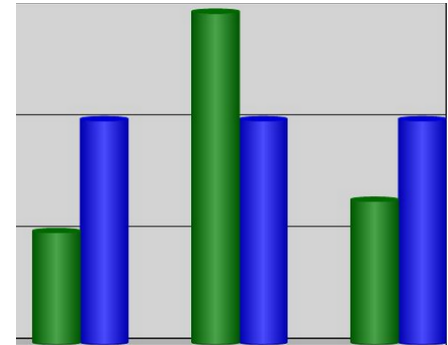
- WPT should be deployed at locations where large power demands happen most frequently.

## II. Fuel economy (FE ) comparison at various scenarios

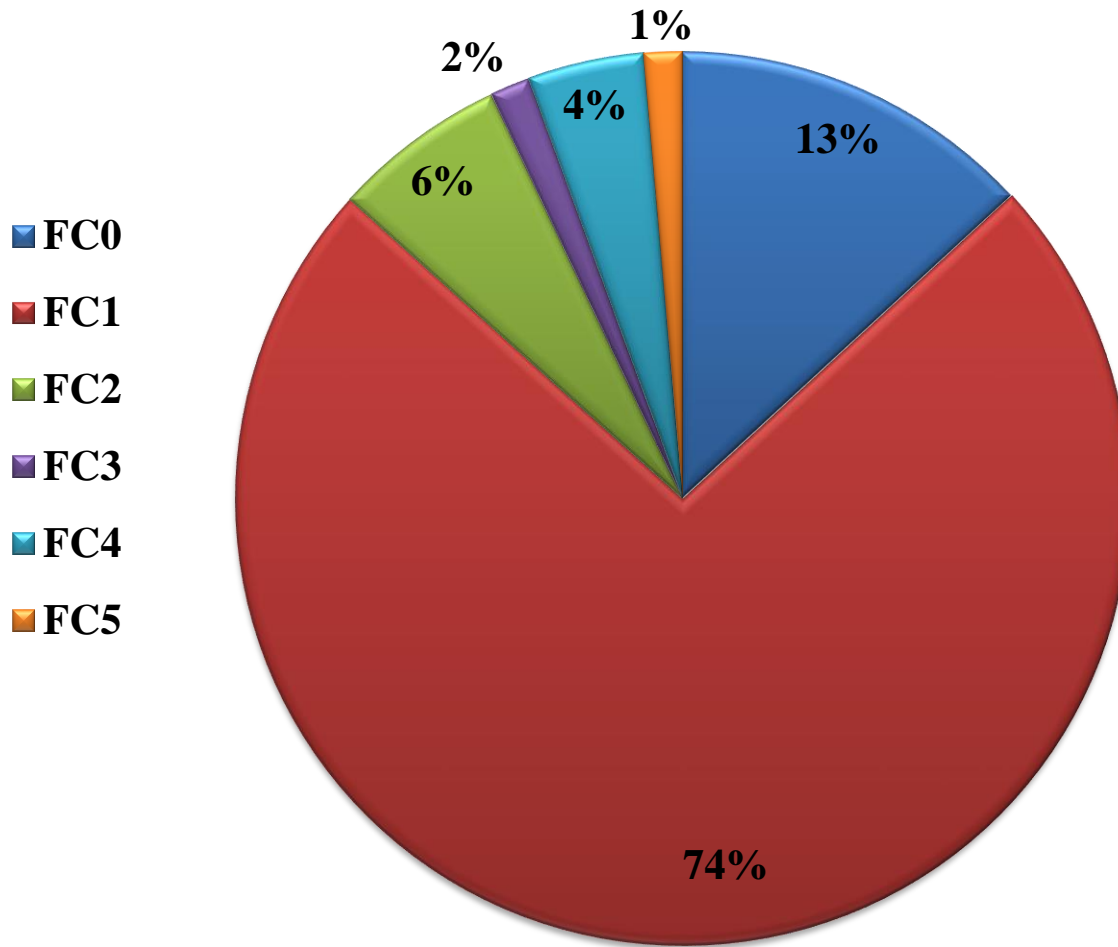
- Results include a baseline truck and a HEV truck with different levels of engine downsizing both with and without WPT.

## III. Cost effectiveness analysis

- Cost effectiveness depends on many factors, including FE, diesel price and the cost of hardware and infrastructure.



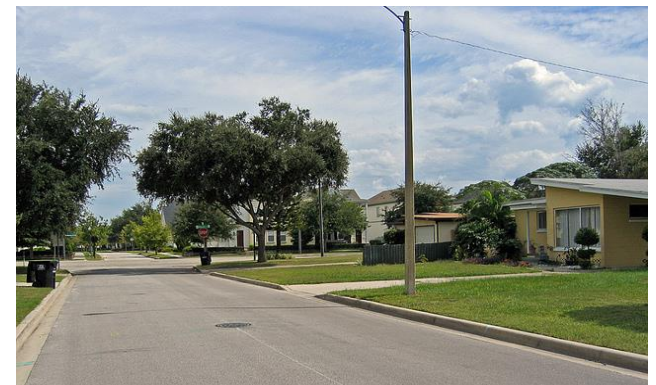
# Functional Class Distribution



**FC1: Functional Class 1**  
corresponds to high-speed  
interstates



**FC5: Functional Class 5** links  
to neighborhood streets



# Distribution of Average Power Outputs vs. Grades

Grade Bin (%)	FC1 and FC2 Roads		FC3, FC4 and FC5 Roads	
	Average Power (kW)	Percent of Distance (%)	Average Power (kW)	Percent of Distance (%)
0~1.5	199	24.8	155	1.1
1.5~2	266	5.7	178	0.3
2~4	324	10.9	248	0.9
>4	368	4.7	295	1.1

A bracket groups the 'Percent of Distance (%)' values for grade bins 1.5~2, 2~4, and >4. A red box highlights the value '21%' in the 2~4 bin, which is the sum of 10.9% and 10.1% (the latter being the sum of 5.7% and 4.7% from the adjacent bins).



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- The average power is large when grades are larger than 1.5%.
- 21% of FC1 and FC2 roads have grades larger than 1.5%.
- 2% of FC3, FC4 and FC5 roads with grades larger than 1.5% are missing WPT.

## Fuel Economy Comparison – 21.3% WPT @ FC1 & FC2 with Grade>1.5%

Scenarios	Engine Power (kW)	WPT Power (kW)	Total Fuel (Gallon)	FE (mpg)	Improvement (%)
Conventional Baseline Engine	391	0	145	5.50	N/A
Hybrid Baseline Engine	391	0	138	5.87	6.73
		100	125	6.49	18.00
Hybrid Downsize 1	350	0	135	5.93	7.82
		100	123	6.58	19.64
Hybrid Downsize 2	305	0	133	6.06	10.18
		100	121	6.69	21.64

- The largest fuel savings potential is a HEV with its engine downsized to 305 kW and WPT on FC1 and FC2 roads with grades greater than 1.5%.
- Relative to the baseline conventional vehicle, this scenario achieved a 22% FE improvement. A 14% FE improvement was achieved relative to the HEV with no engine downsizing and no WPT.

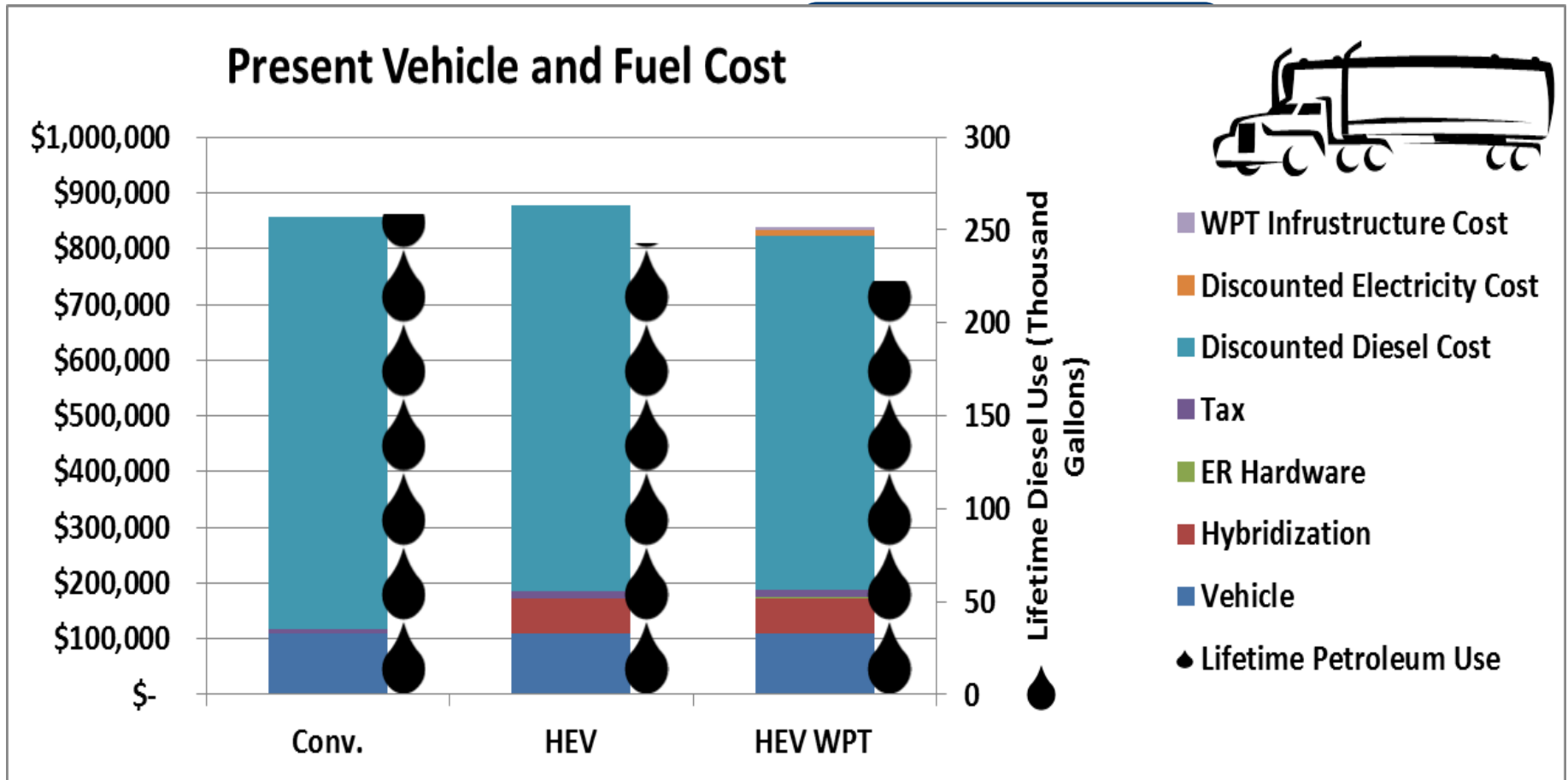
# Assumptions for Vehicle Inputs and Economic Conditions

Inputs	Assumption
Vehicle Life (years)	19
Beginning of Life Annual Travel (mile)	120,000
Miles of Highways (mile)	194,600 [1]
Annual highway fuel consumption (gallon)	169 billion [2]
Conventional Vehicle Cost	\$110,000 [3]
Hybridizing Cost Increment	\$61,450 [3]
Additional WPT Cost per Vehicle	\$10,000 [3]
Diesel Cost	\$3.88 /gal [4]
Electricity Cost	\$0.08 /kW [4]
WPT Cost	\$3,000,000/mile
Discount Rate	4.2% [3]
Percent of WPT Roads	14% [5]
WPT infrastructure life (year)	8

- Optimistic assumption: all vehicles using the WPT infrastructure and only one lane is electrified.
- The national NAVTEQ road data indicated that roughly 14% of FC1 and FC2 nationwide miles have grades greater than 1.5%. For the cost effectiveness analysis, we therefore reduced the estimated FE improvement from 14% to 9%.

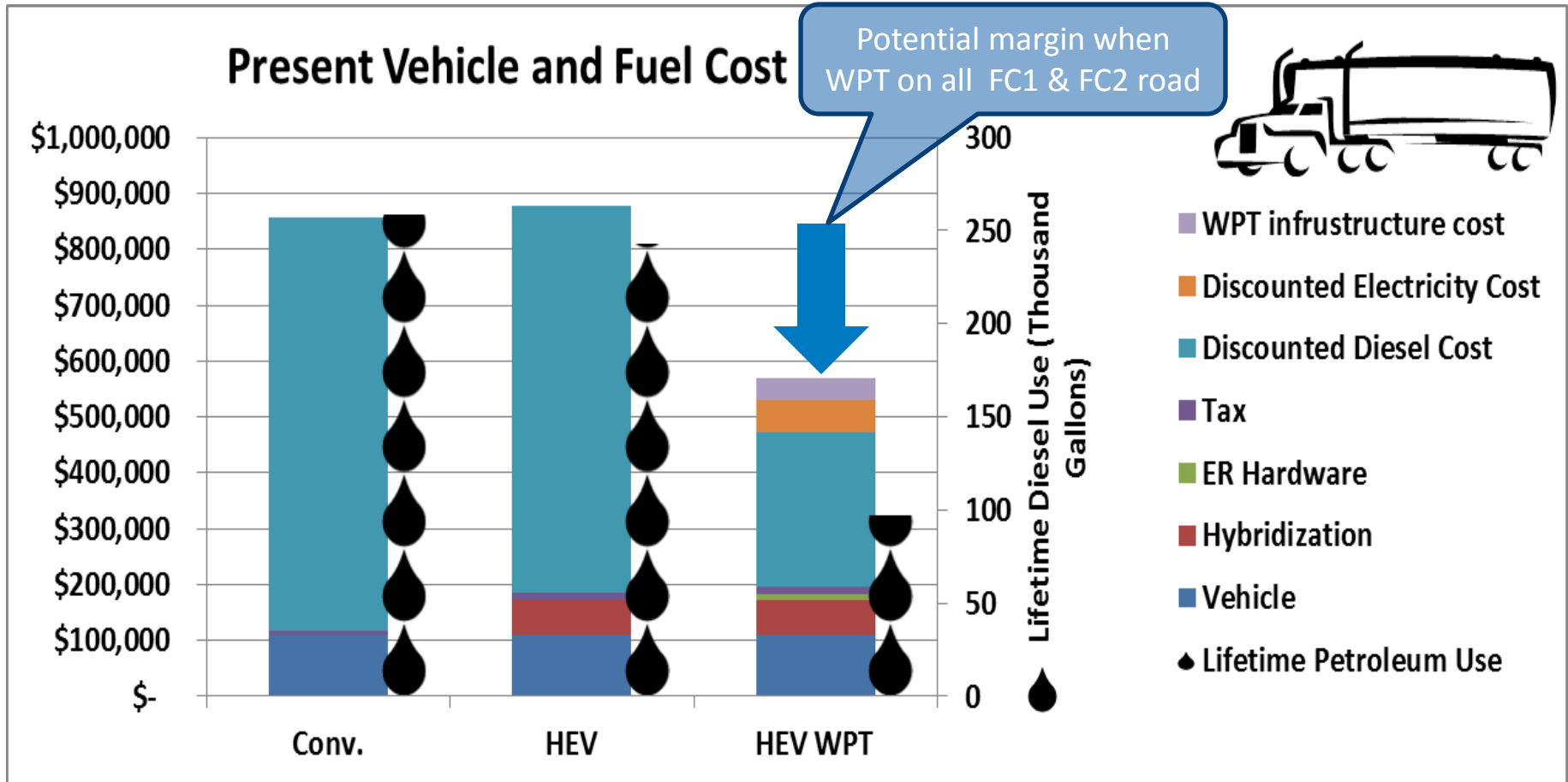


# Cost Effectiveness Analysis: WPT on FC1 & FC2 Roads with Grade>1.5% @\$3.88/gallon, FE=6.4 mpg



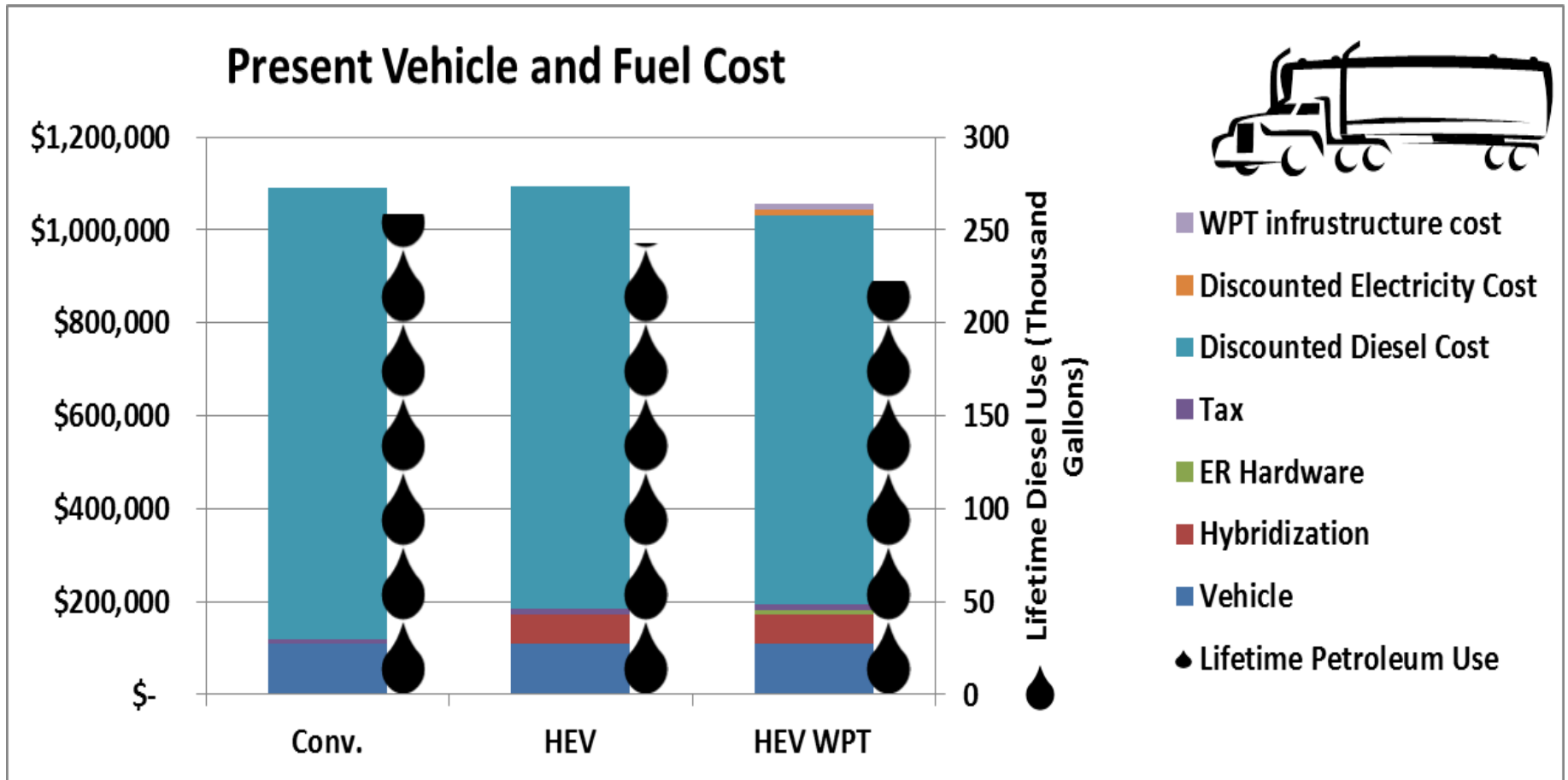
- The results suggest fuel consumption for such a strategy could be 9% lower than for a baseline HEV.
- An cost-benefit analysis indicates that the savings could be achieved with a roughly equivalent lifetime cost as for a conventional truck.

# Cost Effectiveness Analysis: WPT on All FC1 & FC2 Roads @\$3.88/gallon, FE=14.6 mpg



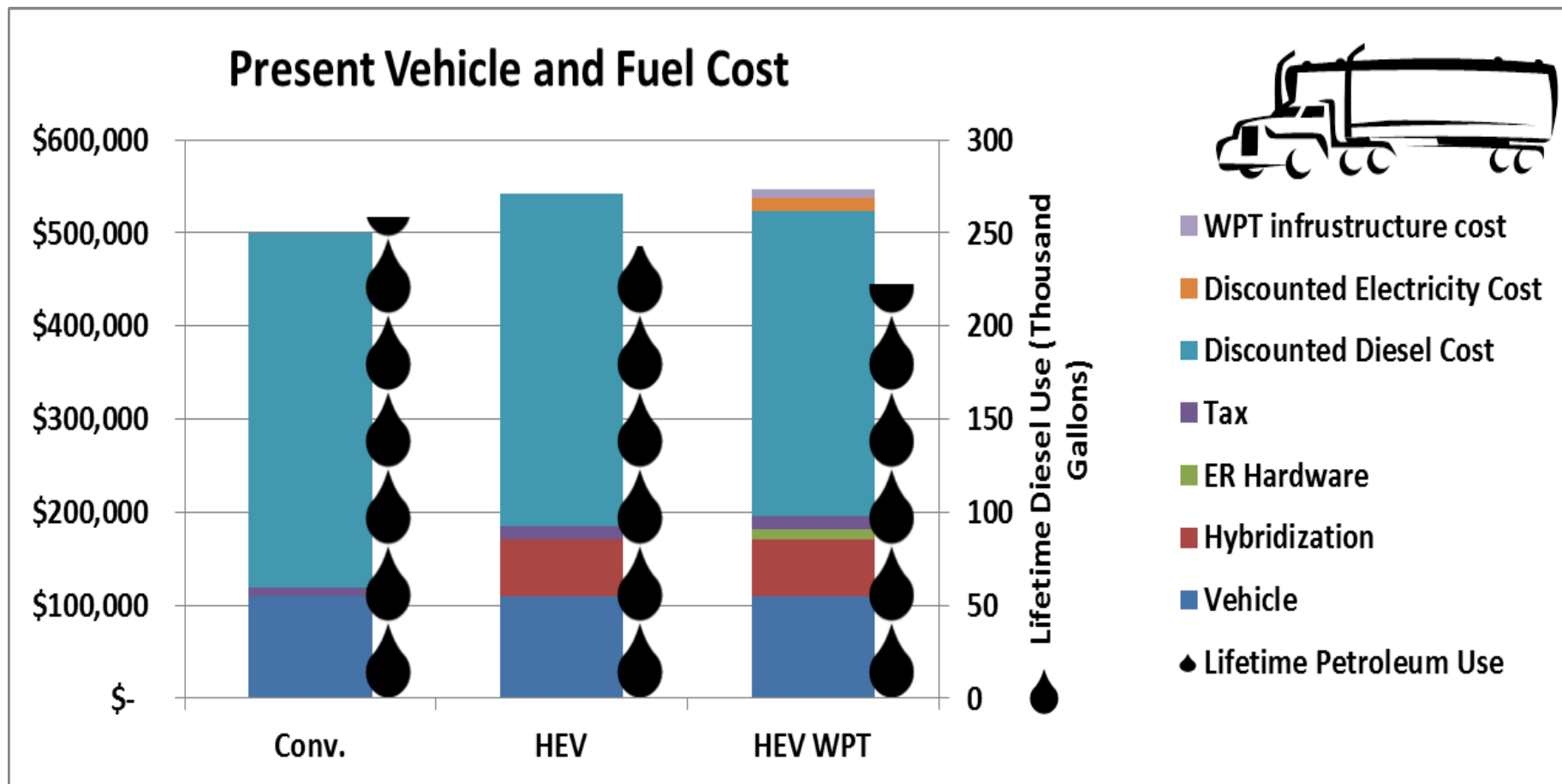
➤ High sensitivity: 35% lower than a conventional truck

# Cost Effectiveness Analysis: @\$5.10/gallon



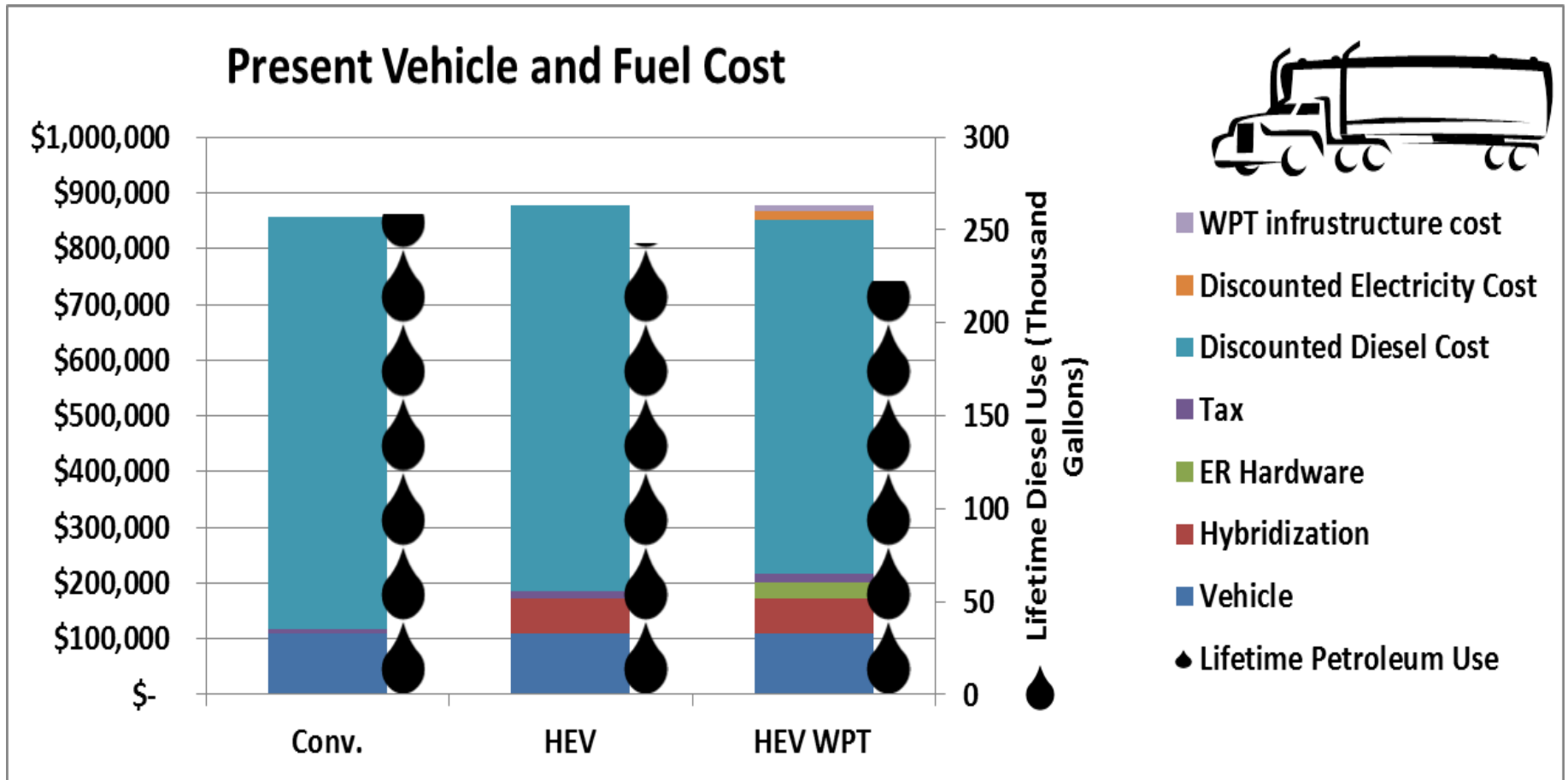
➤ High sensitivity: 3% lower than a conventional truck

# Cost Effectiveness Analysis: @\$2.00/gallon



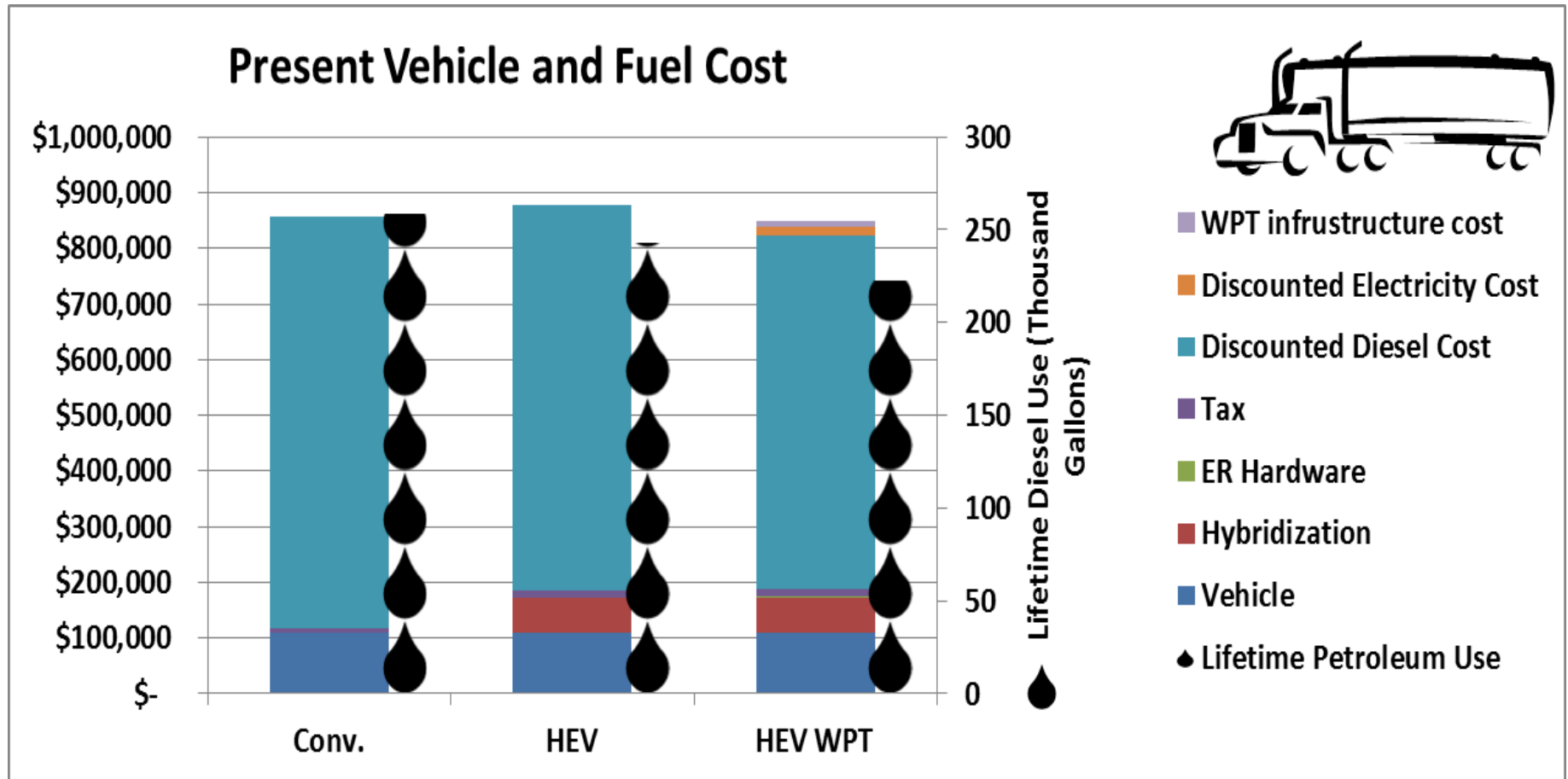
➤ High sensitivity : 10% higher than a conventional truck.

# Cost Effectiveness Analysis: @\$30,000 Hardware Device Cost



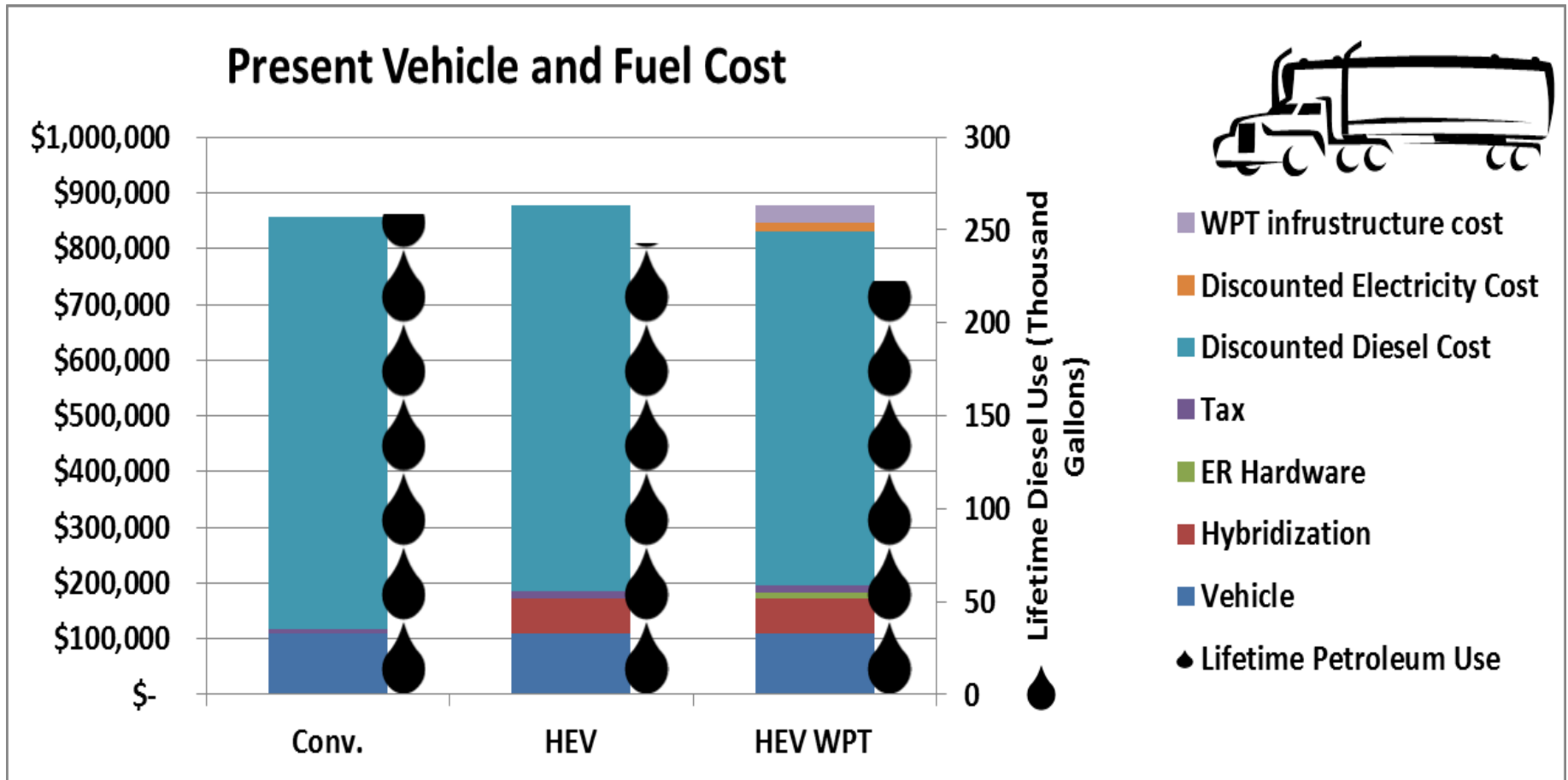
➤ Low sensitivity: 2% higher than a conventional truck

# Cost Effectiveness Analysis: @\$3,000 Hardware Device Cost



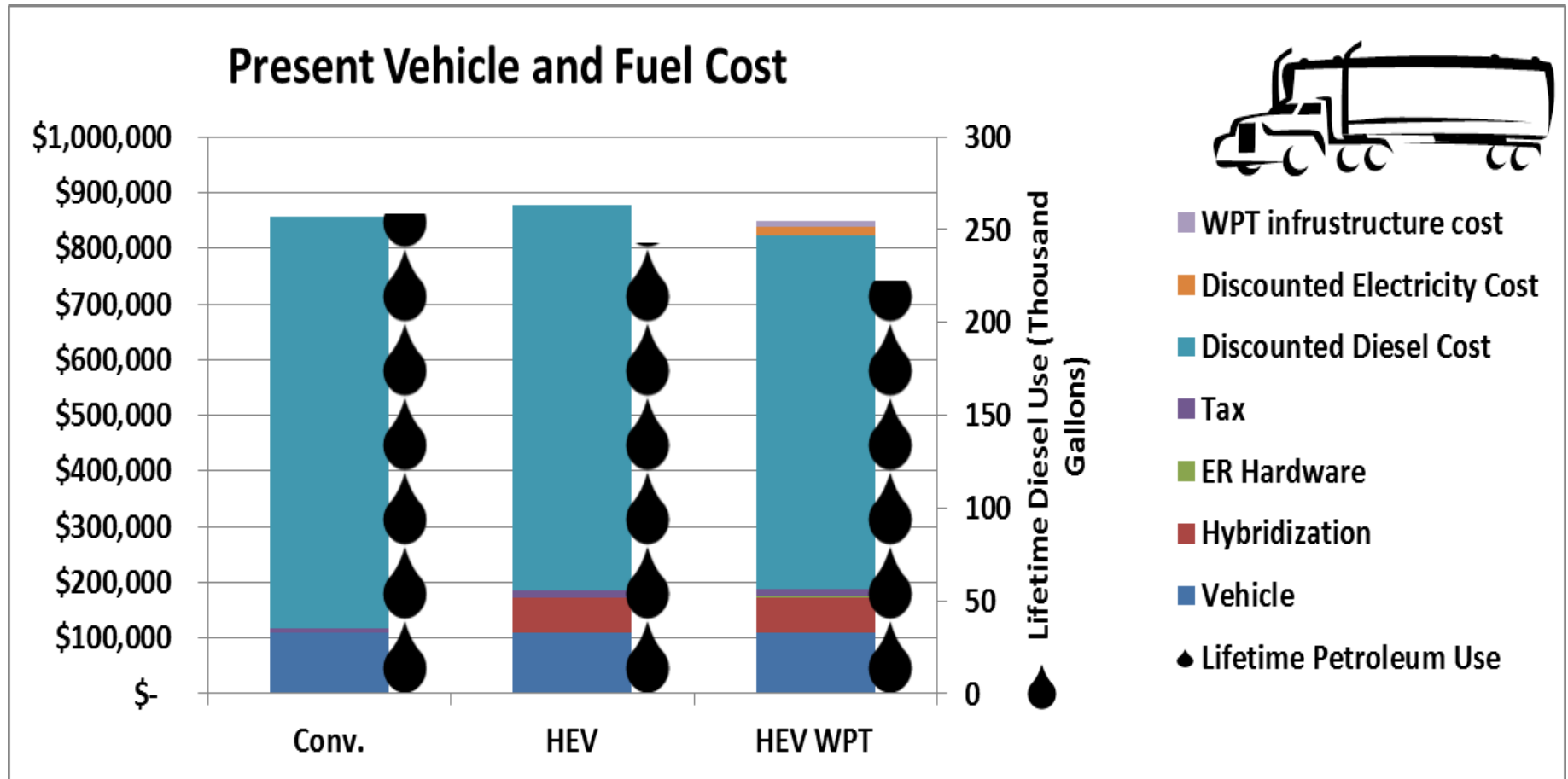
➤ Low sensitivity : 1% lower than a conventional truck.

# Cost Effectiveness Analysis: @\$10M/mile Infrastructure Cost



➤ Low sensitivity: 2% higher than a conventional truck.

# Cost Effectiveness Analysis: @\$ 1.5M/mile Infrastructure Cost



➤ Low sensitivity: 1% lower than a conventional truck.



# Summaries

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## I. **WPT scenarios selection:**

- A. Applying WPT on FC1 and FC2 roads with grades greater than 1.5%.
- B. Downsizing an HEV engine to 305 kW.

**II. Performance Results:** Assuming 14% of the interstate roads have WPT, which is less than 0.2% of the roads in the nation, petroleum use was reduced by 9% and the vehicle's net cost was similar to a conventional vehicle.

## III. **Cost effectiveness sensitivity analysis:**

- A. High sensitivity to the amount of infrastructure and fuel price
- B. Low sensitivity to the cost of hardware device and infrastructure.

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# Questions?

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# Appendix

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