



# Full Fuel Cycle Greenhouse Gas Considerations

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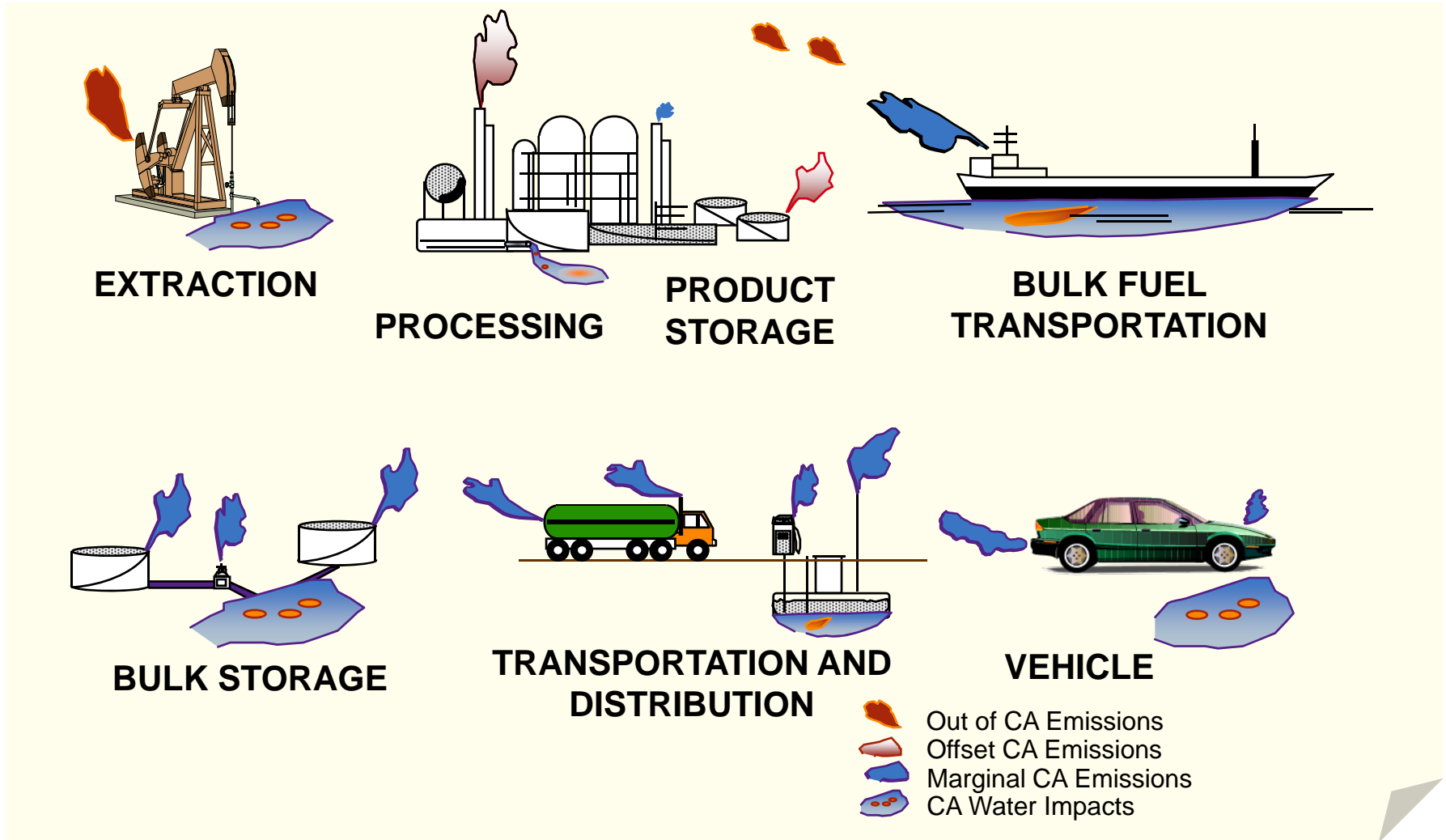
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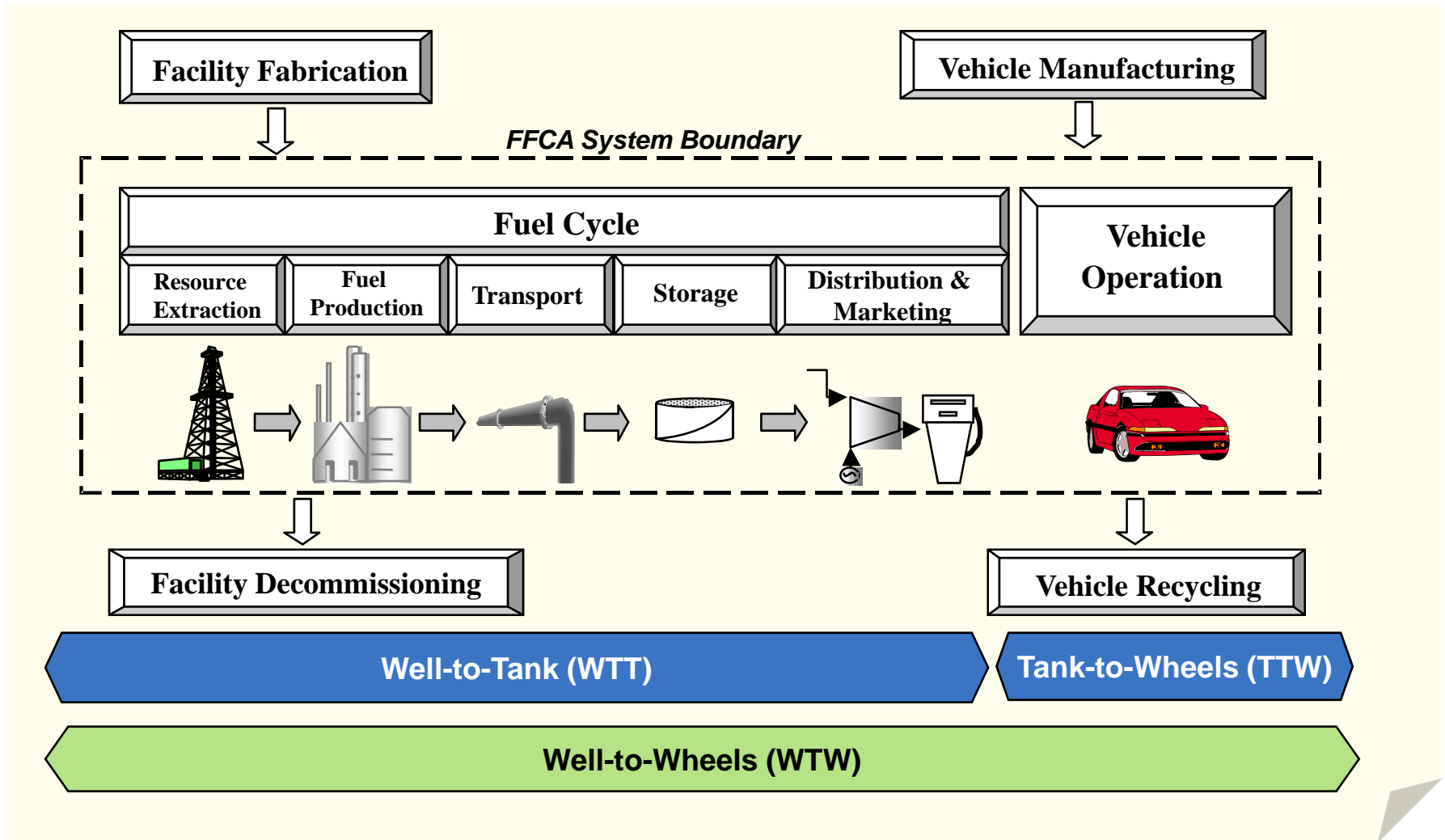
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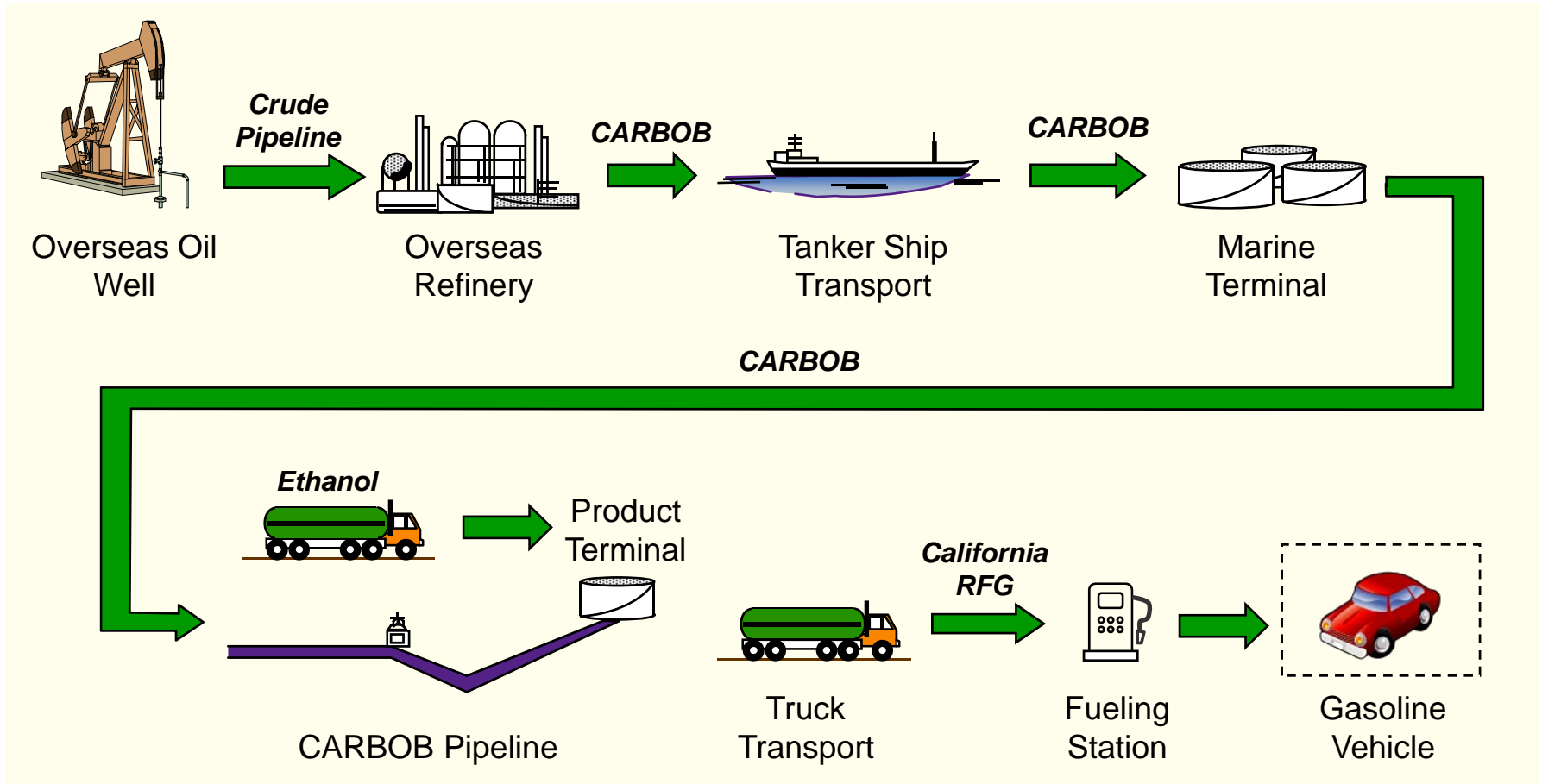
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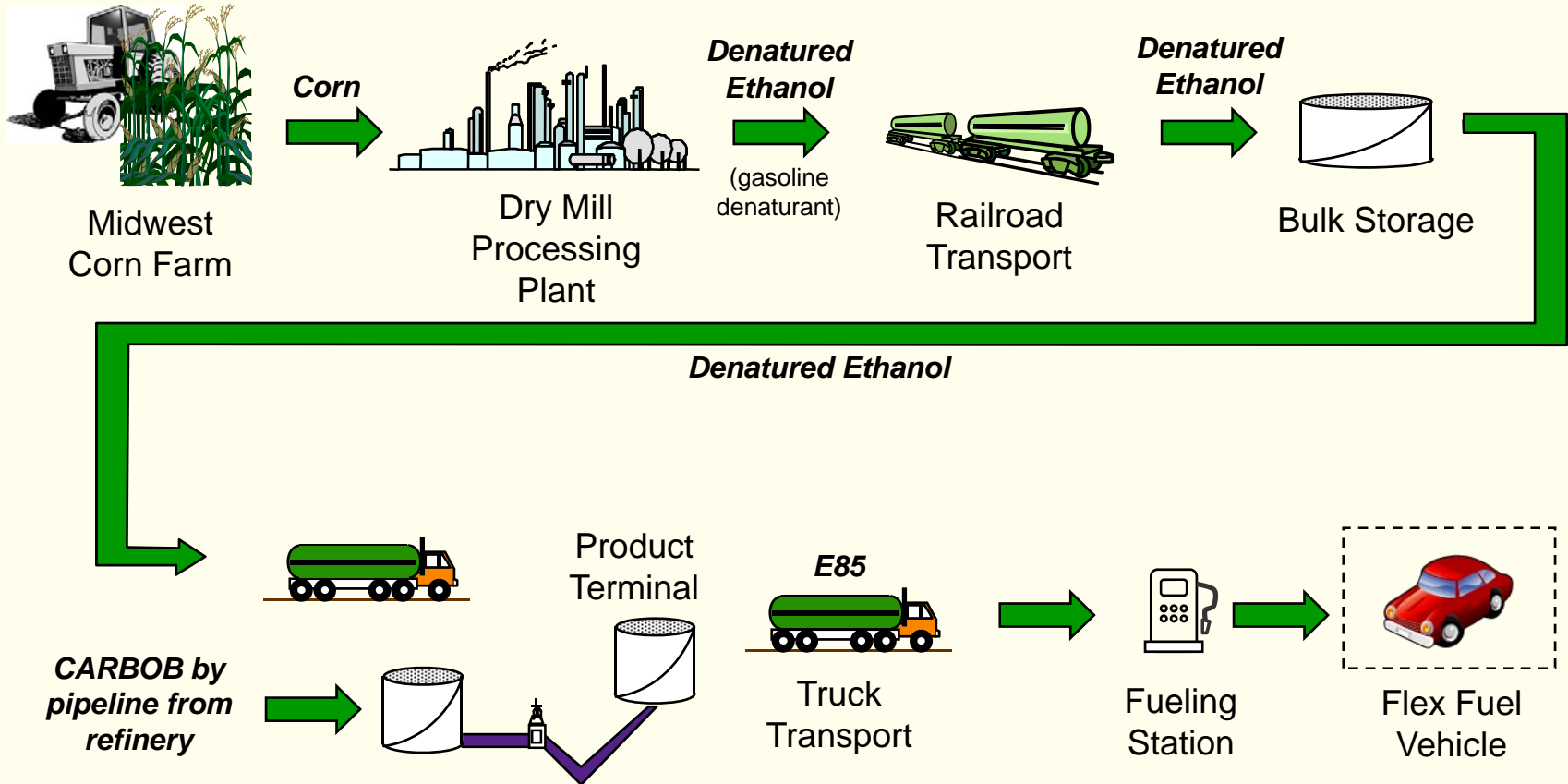


**Example Pathway: Imported CARBOB from Middle East to California RFG**



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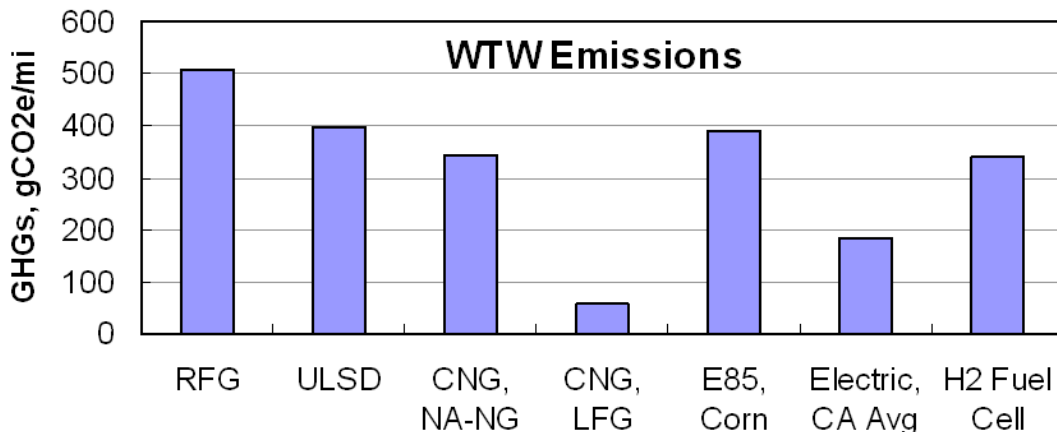
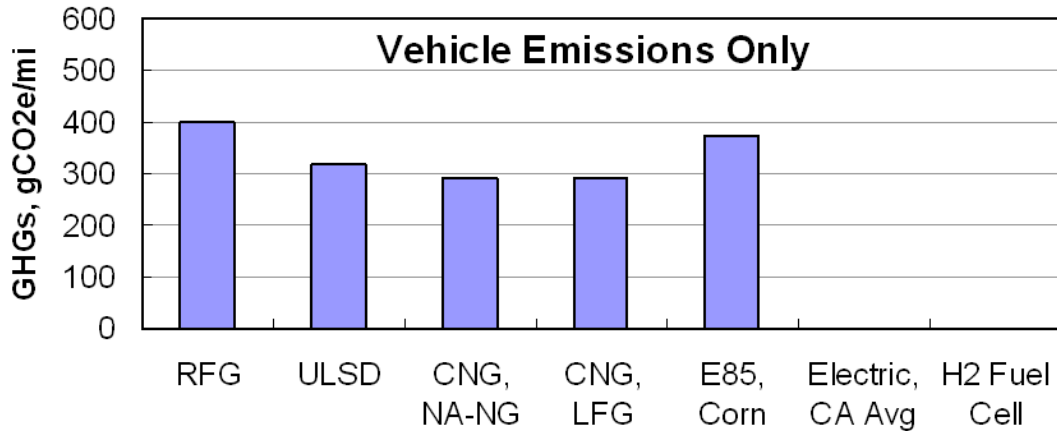
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If we only consider vehicle tailpipe emissions, transportation fuels are not compared on an equitable basis



- Importance of WTT portion varies among fuel types
- Utilizing renewable feedstocks can significantly reduce WTW emissions

## California Policy on Transportation Fuels Utilizes WTW Estimates

- Low Carbon Fuel Standard
  - Governor's Executive Order S-1-07 and AB-32 Early Action Measure
  - Requires gasoline and diesel fuel suppliers to reduce **WTW carbon intensity** by 10% by 2020
  - ARB currently in rulemaking process
- Alternative and Renewable Fuel and Vehicle Technology Program (AB118)
  - Objective to develop and deploy innovative fuel and vehicle technologies
    - Reduce petroleum consumption
    - Improve air quality
    - Reduce **WTW GHG Emissions**
  - Funded at \$120 million/yr for 7.5 years
  - Funding awarded as grants, revolving loans, loan guarantees and other appropriate measures to develop and deploy innovative fuel and vehicle technologies that reduce GHG emissions
  - Projects include production technologies, fueling infrastructure, vehicle demonstration and deployment, advanced efficiency technologies, alternative and renewable fuels, accelerated commercialization, workforce training

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Five values are needed to estimate WTW GHG emissions:

1. **WTT** GHG Emission Factor, gCO<sub>2</sub>e/MJf
2. Fuel-Based CO<sub>2</sub> Emission Factor (**Fuel CO<sub>2</sub>**), gCO<sub>2</sub>e/MJ
3. Vehicle Energy Consumption (**VEC**), MJ/mi
4. Vehicle **N<sub>2</sub>O** emissions, gCO<sub>2</sub>e/mi
5. Vehicle **CH<sub>4</sub>** emissions, gCO<sub>2</sub>e/mi

$$\text{WTT GHG (g/mi)} = \text{WTT GHG (g/MJ)} \times \text{VEC (MJ/mi)}$$

$$\text{TTW GHG (g/mi)} = \text{Fuel CO}_2 \text{ (g/MJ)} \times \text{VEC (MJ/mi)} + \text{CH}_4 \text{ (g/mi)} + \text{N}_2\text{O (g/mi)}$$

$$\text{WTW GHG (g/mi)} = \text{WTT GHG (g/mi)} + \text{TTW GHG (g/mi)}$$

## **A number of FFCA models exist and each has its own attributes/drawbacks**

- The most prominent FFCA (or LCA) models include:
  - GREET (Developed and supported by Argonne National Lab)
  - LEM (Developed by Mark DeLucchi of UC Davis)
  - GHG Genius (Canadian version of LEM)
  - BESS (University of Nebraska, EtOH only)
- There are a number of other models that may be used to support FFCA models by providing in-depth analysis for specific components
  - FASOM-GHG
  - FAPRI
  - GTAP
- Both EPA and CEC chose the GREET model as their preferred platform
  - Heavily used, reviewed, referenced by analysts, industry, academia
  - Input from EPA, USDA, DOE, and industry
  - Full fuel cycle analysis for a large number of alternative fuels
  - Difference between models generally results from different inputs, not methodology

## **Key Issues: Biofuels and Land Use Change**

- Soils and plant biomass actively store carbon
- Land-use change (LUC) emissions result from modifying the existing vegetation on a piece of land for the purpose of biofuel production
- LUC CO<sub>2</sub> emissions result from burning and microbial decomposition of organic matter
- The resulting CO<sub>2</sub> emissions need to be amortized and assigned to the biofuel produced
- Recent work (Joseph Fargione, et al & Timothy Searchinger et al) suggests that land-use changes may significantly impact GHG emissions for many biofuels
- Improving agricultural practices and increasing crop yields can counteract
- Because of the uncertainty associated with these indirect emissions, it is not clear how they should be combined with direct emissions from a policy perspective

## Examples of Land-Use Change

### Direct Land-Use Change

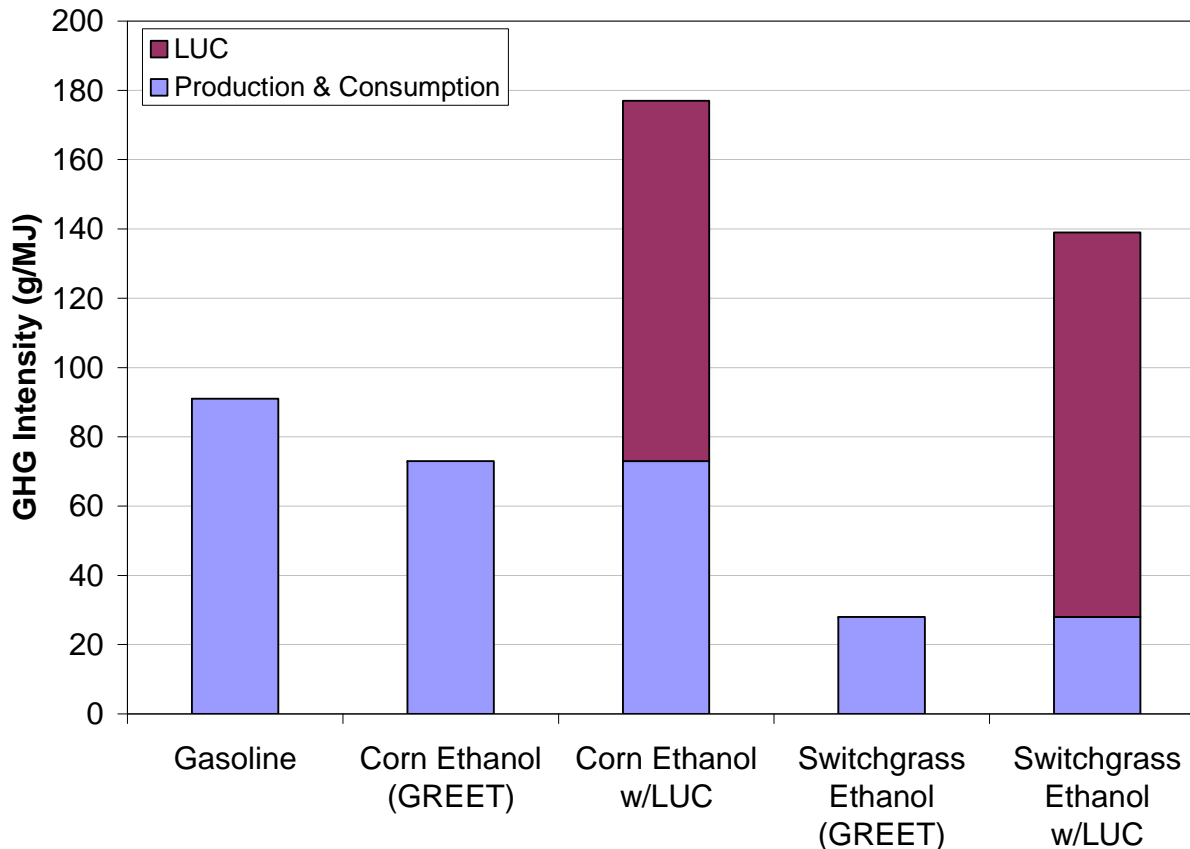


### Indirect Land-Use Change



A global general equilibrium model of the agriculture industry is necessary to accurately quantify indirect land-use effects

## Land-use change may have a large impact on biofuel carbon intensity



\*Data Source: Searchinger et al. *Use of U.S. Croplands for Biofuels*, Science, 2008.



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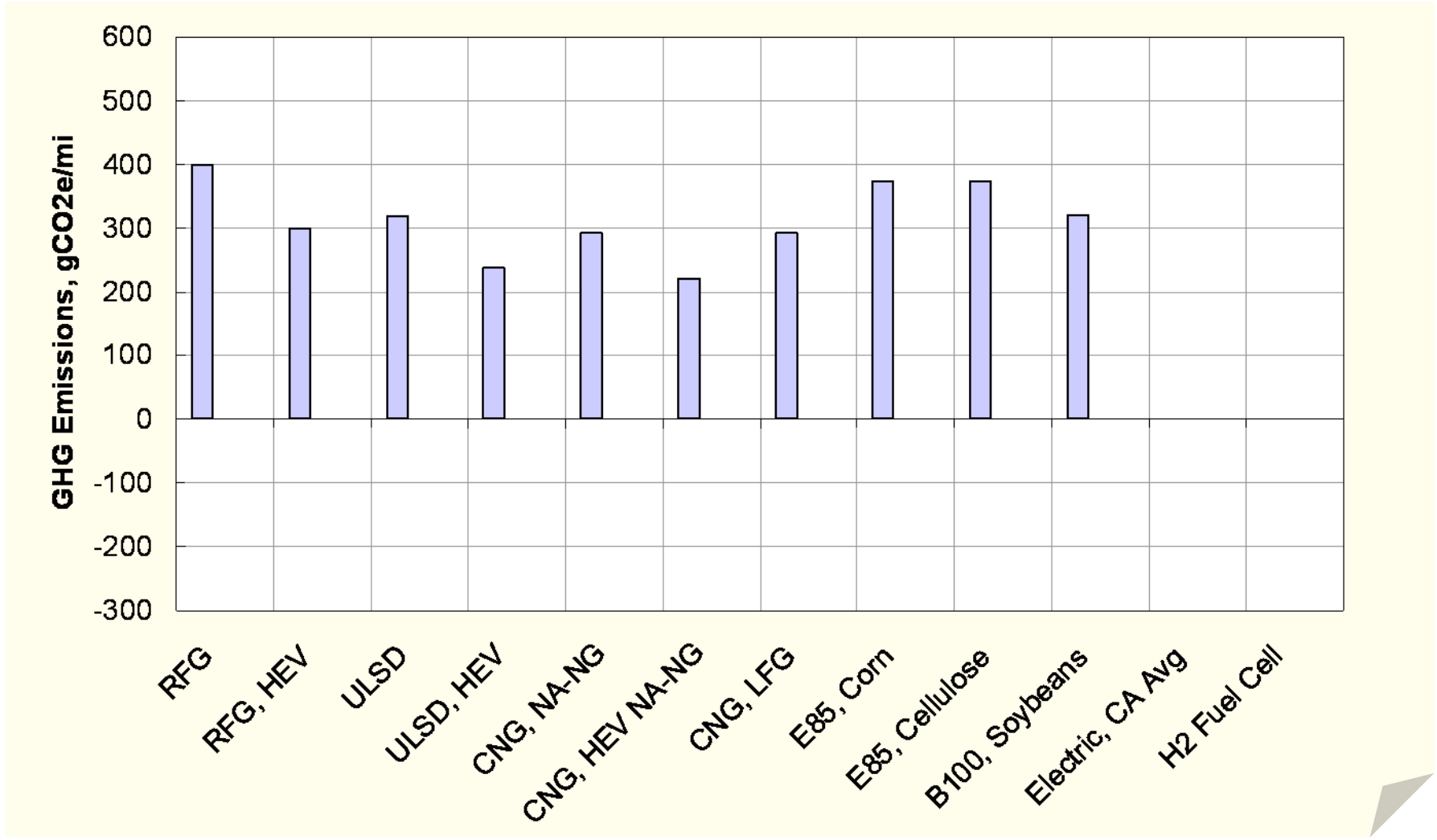
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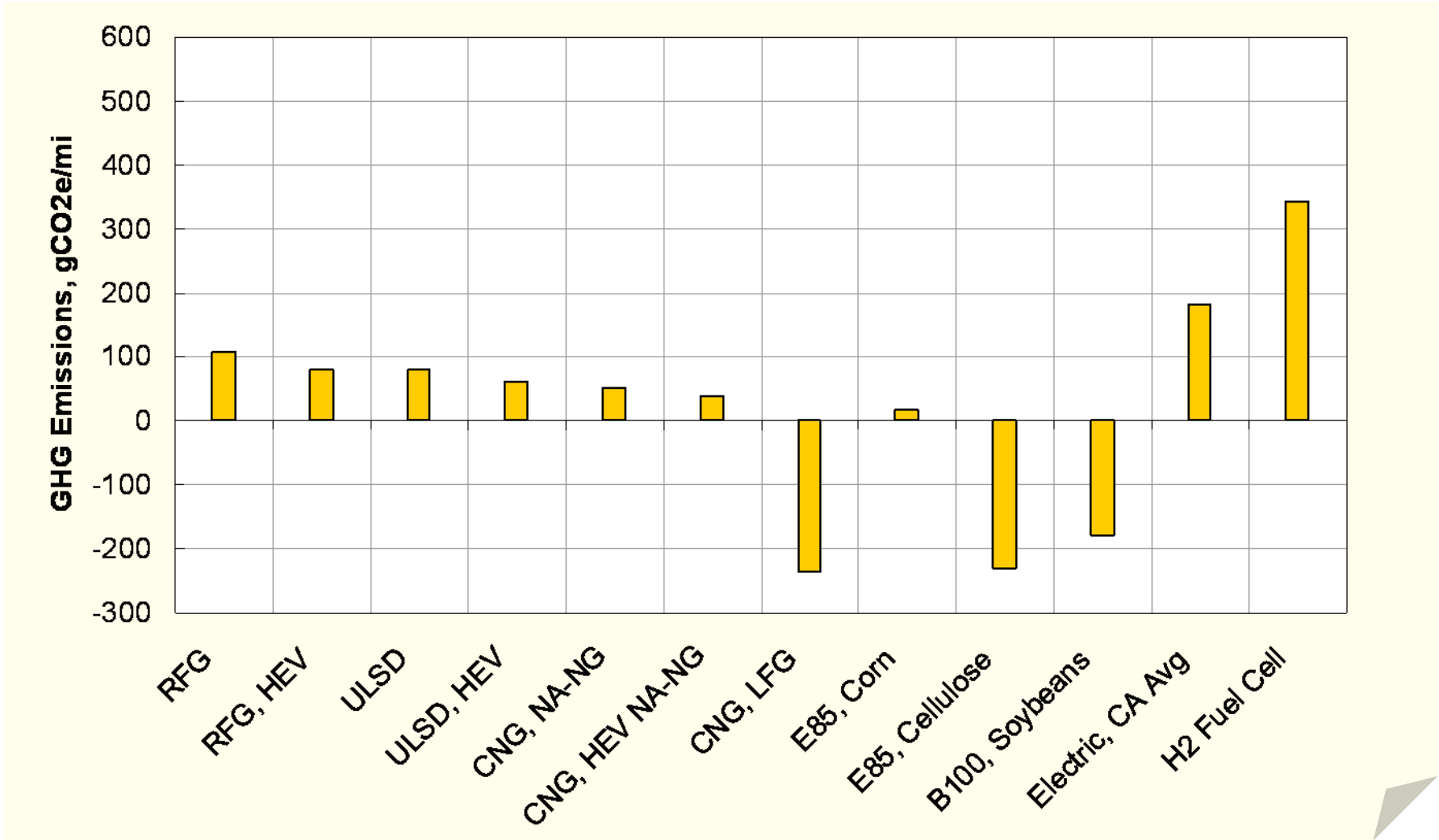
– All results shown based on CA-GREET1.7 v99

Fuel	Feedstock	Comments
RFG	Crude oil	Average mix of crude oils refined in CA
ULSD	Crude oil	Average mix of crude oils refined in CA
CNG-NA NG	North American Natural Gas	Assume pipeline transport distance of 1000 miles from field to compression
CNG-LFG	Landfill Gas	Credit assumes otherwise flared (not vented)
LNG-NA NG	North American Natural Gas	Assume pipeline transport distance of 1000 miles from field to compression
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E85 Corn	Corn	Produced in Midwest using natural gas as process fuel, dry distillers grains and solubles
E85 Cellulose	Poplar	Assumes trees grown in CA, gasification
B100	Soybeans	Produced from midwest soybeans, esterification
Electricity	California Avg Mix	Generation resources CA avg mix in 2005
Hydrogen	Natural Gas	Central plant production, liquid hydrogen delivery

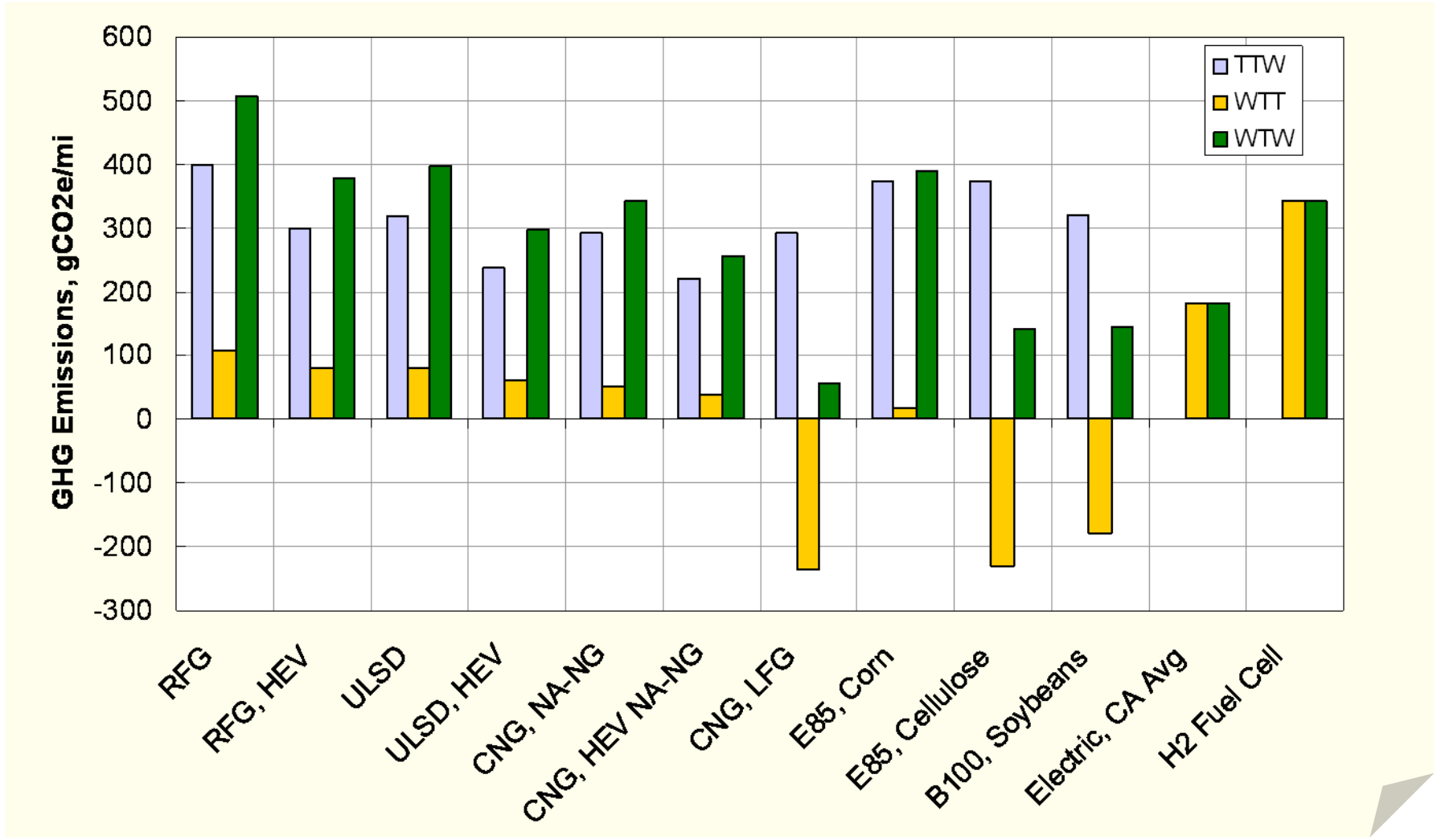
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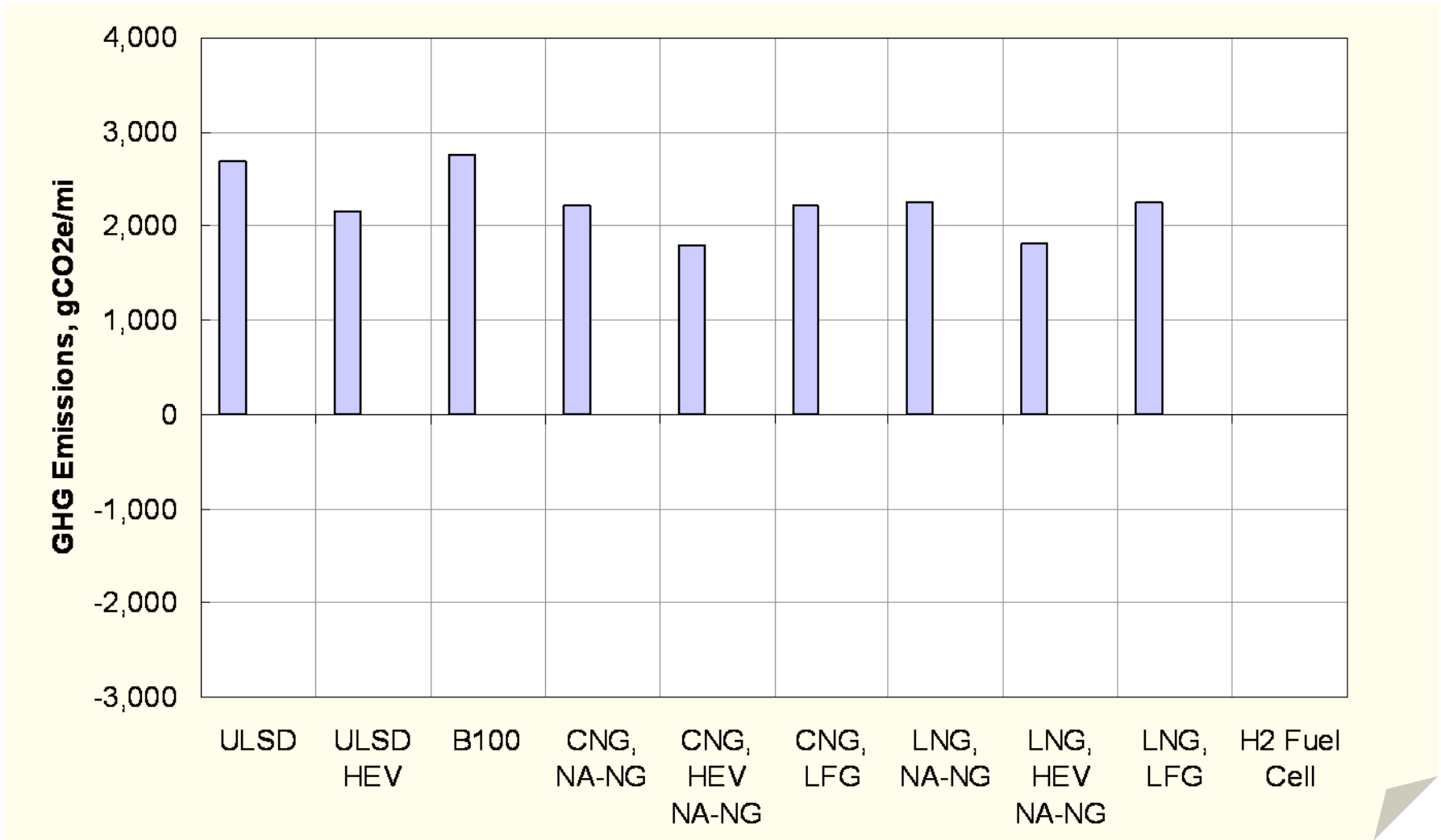
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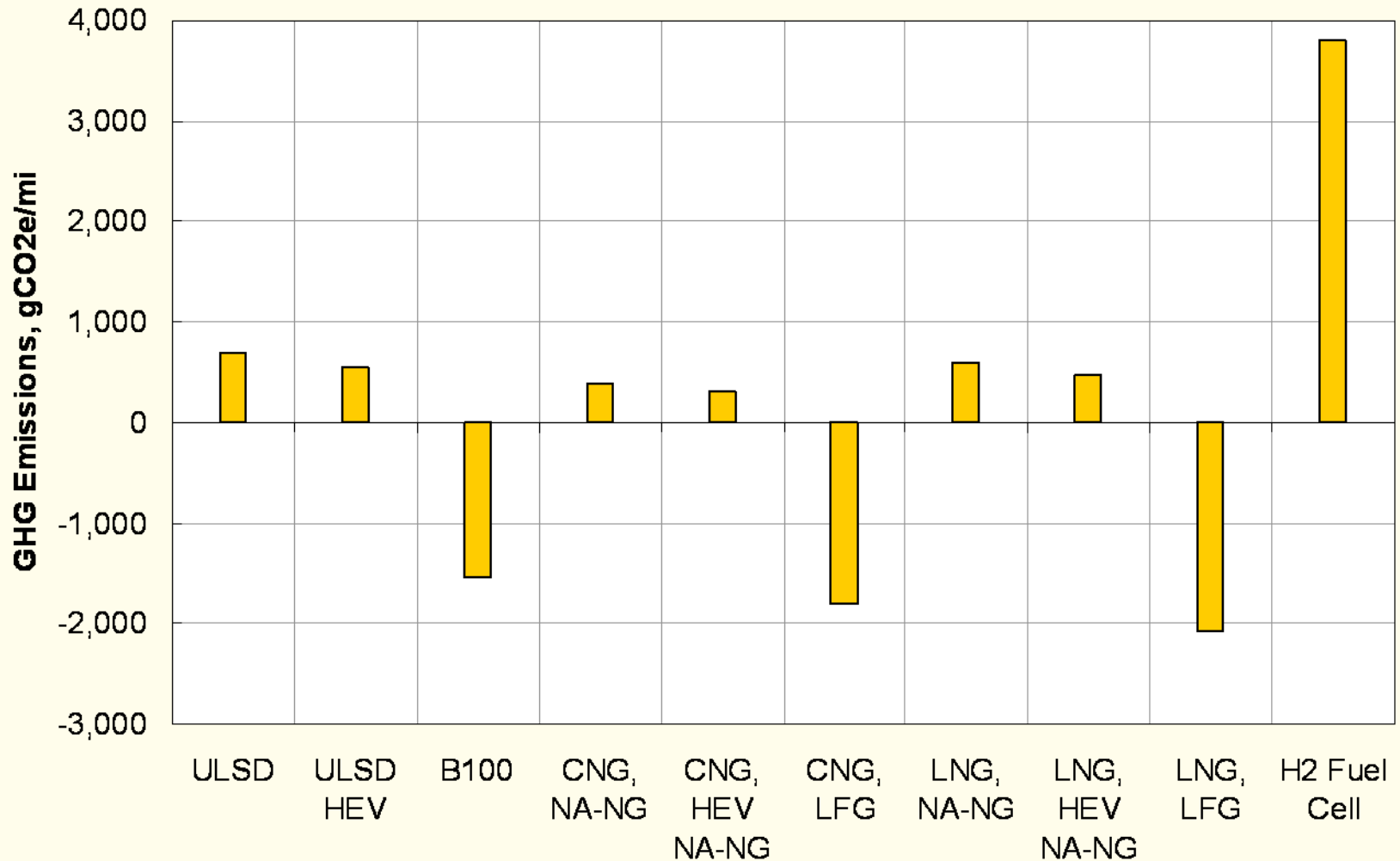
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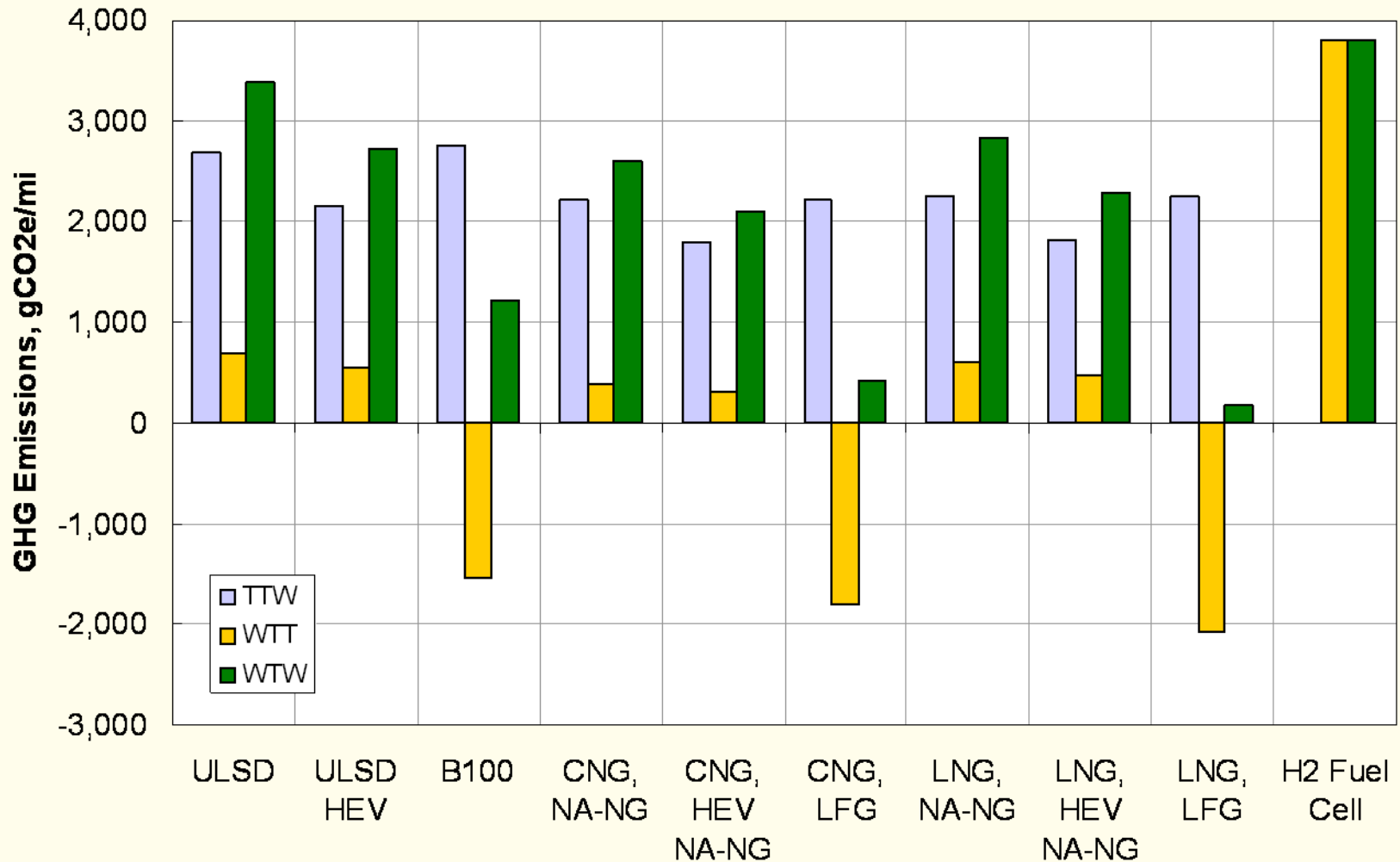
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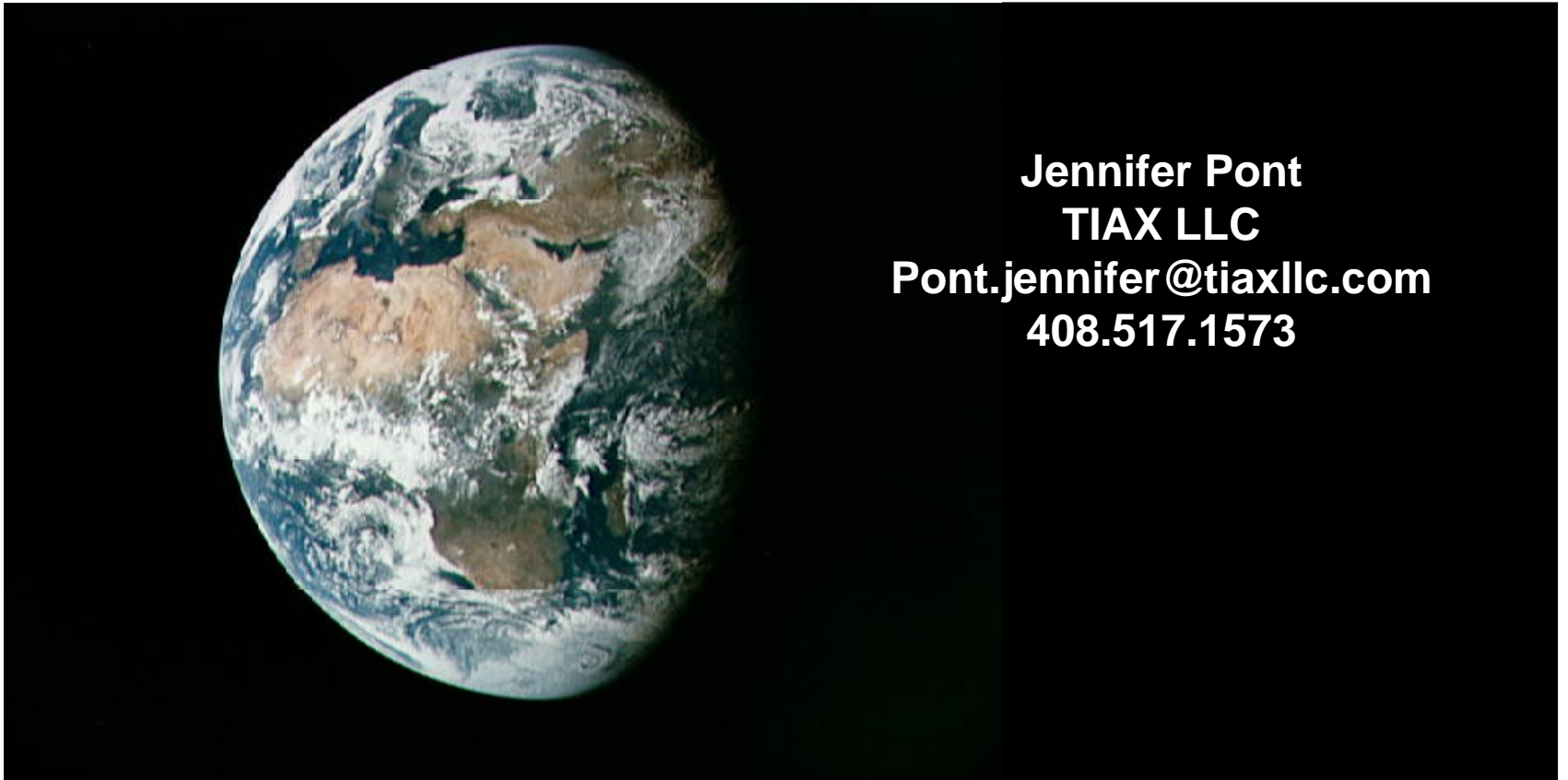


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**Thank you for your Attention**



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### Some useful references – update this

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