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Abstract

Consumers and organizations worldwide are searching for low-carbon alternatives to conventional gasoline and diesel vehicles to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and their impact on the environment. Natural gas as an alternative transportation fuel has made significant inroads in the light and heavy duty vehicles market over the last fifteen years. In a sustainable development view, both vehicle emissions and energy supply chain analysis from well-to-wheel must be addressed. The aim of this research is to provide a Well-to-Wheel (WtW) assessment of energy consumptions and GHG emissions for 25 combinations of automotive fuel and matching powertrain systems, with a special focus on the natural gas pathways. Although several well-to-wheel studies available in literature are comprehensive in relation to developed countries' conditions, it is problematic to apply the results to developing countries fuel markets, since the local fuel conditions and respective vehicle powertrain technologies are considerably different. This study deal with a comparative well-to-wheel analysis of natural gas, diesel and gasoline fuels looking at the Pakistanis situation but the models and approaches for this study can be applied to other countries having similar characteristics, as long as all the assumptions are well defined and modified to find a substitute automotive energy source and establish an energy policy in a specific region. The well-to-tank step was made using the GREET model, developed by the U.S. Argonne National Laboratory while tank-to-wheel analysis was performed using AVL Cruise, a commercially-available backward vehicle simulator. Later both stages were integrated in a well-to-wheel stage where relevant indexes were proposed and discussed. The results indicate that natural gas vehicles are 5 – 17% and 23 – 36% less fuel efficient, depending on the engine technology employed as compared to gasoline and diesel powertrain, respectively. Natural gas appears as an environmental efficient pathway regarding GHG emissions, especially compared to gasoline. In addition, using 20-year GWPs instead of 100-year GWPs increases WtW GHG emissions by 19–26% for natural gas pathways.

Key Words: Well-to-wheel; GHG emissions; natural gas vehicles; automotive fuels.

1. Introduction

The Paris Agreement – the first-ever universal, legally binding global climate deal – was adopted by 195 countries at the Paris Climate Conference (COP21) in December 2015. The Paris Agreement requires all Parties to put forward their best efforts through “nationally determined contributions” (NDCs) to greatly reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. Being the world’s 6th most populated nation, its energy requirement establishes Pakistan as a major contributor of

GHG emissions; therefore, the reduction of the GHG emissions in Pakistan has attracted substantial local attention. The energy consumption of the road transportation sector accounts for 33% of the total energy consumption in Pakistan [1] and is responsible for a significant share (around 25%) of GHG emissions nationwide [2]. Therefore the reduction of GHG emissions in the transportation sector is a top priority of the government [3].

Emissions and energy consumption are often measured at the point of use. This does not, however, account for the overall emissions and energy consumption. To evaluate the impact of fuels and energy carriers the whole supply chain has to be considered [4]. To evaluate and assess the energy consumption, emissions, and economic effects of automotive fuels and vehicle technologies, a holistic or comprehensive approach has to be considered. The approach, often referred to as life cycle approach, or life cycle assessment (LCA), which must include all the steps required to produce a fuel, to manufacture a vehicle, and to operate and maintain the vehicle throughout its lifetime including disposal and recycling at the conclusion of its life cycle. A lifecycle analysis of energy consumed and emissions generated is especially important for technologies that employ fuels with different primary energy sources and fuel production processes. A typical life cycle of a vehicle technology is shown in Fig. 1. The life cycle can be classified into two major categories: the fuel cycle and the vehicle cycle. The fuel lifecycle analysis, also known as well-to-wheel analysis is vital for selecting vehicle fuels and technologies for the future.

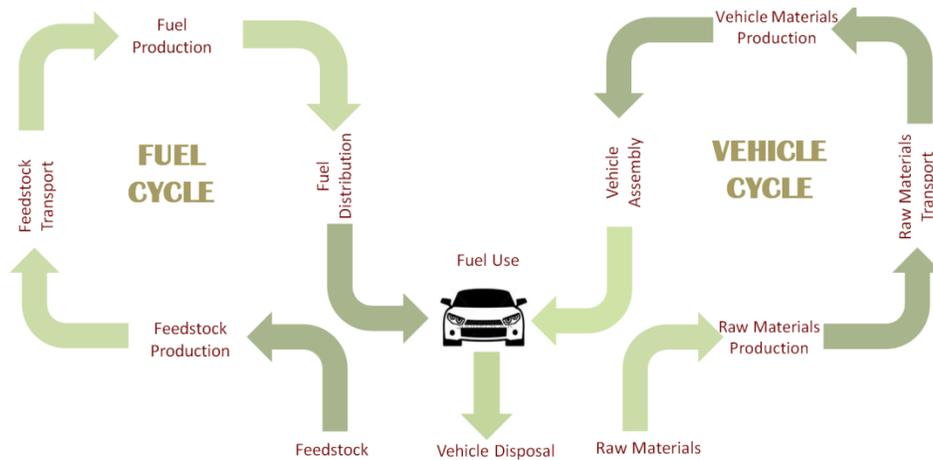


Fig.1. Typical life cycle of a vehicle technology

The well-to-wheel analysis indicates the study of the energy use and GHG emissions in the production of the fuel and its use in the vehicle or engine, hereinafter called WtW analysis. Compared to Life Cycle Assessment (LCA) a WtW analysis can have the same system boundaries but does not consider energy or emissions involved in the construction of the facilities, the vehicles, consumption of other materials, water, and end of life disposal [5]. The whole WtW cycle is comprised of two independent stages, as shown in Fig 2. These include (i) a Well-to-Tank (WtT) stage, which includes the recovery or production of the feedstock for the fuel, transportation and storage of the energy source through conversion of the feedstock to the fuel and the subsequent transportation, storage, and distribution of the fuel to the vehicle tank,

and (ii) a Tank-to-Wheel (TtW) stage, which refers to the vehicle in utilizing the fuel for traveling purposes throughout its lifetime.

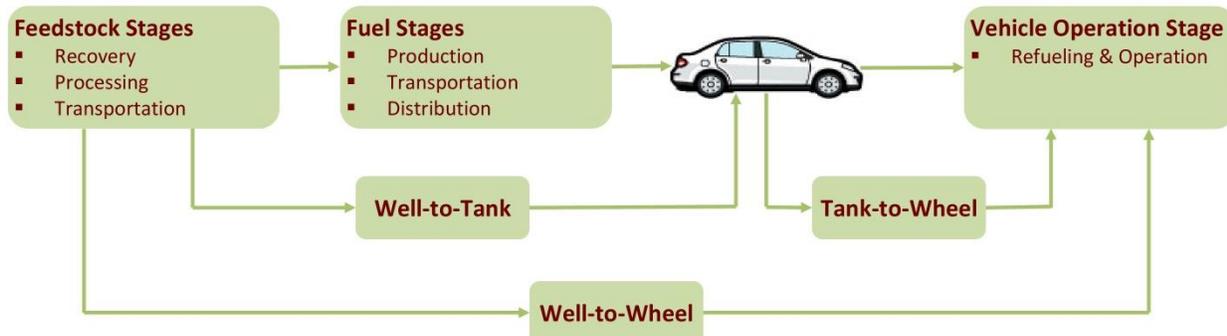


Fig. 2. System Boundary of Well-to-Wheel Analysis of the Case Study Fuels

The rest of this paper is structured as follows: Section 2 reviews the existing literature. Section 3 presents the objectives of the present study. Section 4 defines the key assumptions and parameters used in well-to-wheel analysis including functional unit, GHG coefficients, fuel pathways, and methane slip/leakage and vehicle technologies. Section 5 describes the research methodology and data. The results and discussion are reported in Section 6. A comparative analysis of this study with previous studies is presented in Section 7. Section 8 concludes the outcomes of the study.

2. Review of the state-of-the-art

Many variations of WtW studies [6-18] have been proposed in the literature to capture different aspects of the fuel life-cycle of transportation fuels for various propulsion in different regions of the world. However WtW studies on CNG vehicles haven't got much academic interest and only few analyses have been conducted targeting the CNG fuel, with often varied and even contrasting results. In this section we have presented a brief review of those WtW studies pertaining to CNG.

The first comprehensive WtW analysis study [19] was performed by General Motors and Argonne National Laboratory. The analysis based on the U.S. market which includes a set of 75 different fuel pathways and 15 vehicle powertrains, aimed at informing public and private decision makers on the impact of diverse fuel/vehicle systems. GREET was used for the WtT tank stage, while proprietary 66 GM models were used to compute TtW energy consumption and emissions. The results revealed that on WtW energy basis CNG consume 4% and 25% more energy than gasoline and diesel fuel vehicle respectively. Similarly for GHG emission the study estimated that CNG produce 8% less GHG emission than gasoline while 6% more than conventional diesel fuel. Another WtW study in US setting was conducted by Waller et al. 2014 [20]. This study compare the current and theoretical maximum well-to-wheels energy efficiencies of passenger vehicles using natural gas in three different ways: via direct use in a CNG vehicle, for production of hydrogen used in a fuel cell vehicle, and to generate electricity

for a battery electric vehicle. The study reveals the best current and theoretical maximum WTW energy efficiencies corresponding to 31%/63%, 25%/87% and 44%/84% for CNG, FCEV, and BEV pathways respectively. In the European context, the Joint Research Center (JRC) has recently published WtW study based on 2010 vehicle-fuel specific data with predictions for the period beyond the year 2020 [21]. This study considered a C-segment 5-seater sedan as a reference vehicle and simulated vehicles on NEDC (New European Drive Cycle) for TtW evaluations. For TtW analysis, a wide range of fuel-powertrain combinations were considered. The major fuels considered were: gasoline, diesel, LPG, CNG, hydrogen and bio-diesel. For CNG fuel two pathways were considered i.e. (i) imported natural gas via 4000 km pipeline and (ii) natural gas from imported LNG. The results show that on WTW basis CNG is less energy efficient than gasoline and diesel fuel. Similarly for GHG the study shows that CNG produce less emission than gasoline and more emission than diesel fuel. Another study by Torchio et al. 2014 [22] described a WtW analysis in the European context introducing a new global index by assigning costs to energy, emissions and other factors. This study concludes that usage of natural gas-based fuels and hybridization as promising options compared to conventional gasoline and diesel fuel vehicles. Similarly a WtW analysis by Yazdanie et al. 2014 [23] concerned the operation of conventional and alternative passenger vehicles in Switzerland. This analysis showed that HEVs using alternate fuels particularly biogas and CNG resulted in remarkable reductions in WTW energy and GHG emissions over a conventional gasoline-powered IC engine vehicle. In Australia, as part of the Sustainable Transport Energy Program (STEP), Ally et al. 2007 [24] did an LCA comparison of bus fleets powered by diesel, CNG and hydrogen fuel cell respectively. They showed that CNG required more energy per distance traveled and resulted in slightly higher GHG emissions compared to diesel driven vehicles. However, vehicles driven by CNG showed lower emissions related to smog, acidification, and soil/water contamination (NO_x, CO, SO₂, and non-methane volatile organic compounds) for Western Australia. In Canadian setting, Rose et al. 2013 [25] carried out a comparative LCA with GHGenius (LCA model developed for Canadian Transport system) on refuse collection vehicles powered by diesel and CNG and found that a 24% reduction of GHG emissions was achieved by switching from diesel to CNG. In US context, Tong et al. 2015 [26, 27] WtW GHG emissions of light-duty and heavy-duty vehicles fueled by natural gas were examined and compared to their gasoline and diesel counterparts, and vehicle fuel efficiency and methane leakage rate of the natural gas supply chain were found to be major drivers to the relative GHG emission performances of NGVs. In China, Karman et al. [28] presented the results from an assessment of WtW GHG emissions from buses fuelled with diesel and CNG in the city of Beijing. The model employed was the ‘China version’ of ‘GHGenius’, created by using specific data and estimates wherever China specific information was available to replace its default data for North America. It was found that GHG emissions ‘per vehicle-kilometre driven’ for CNG were slightly lower than those for diesel. In another study, Ou et al. 2010 [29] employed Tsinghua-CA3EM model to compare the WtW performance of alternative fuel buses with conventional buses specific to China. They showed that CNG buses consumes 14% less energy and produce 28% less GHGs than a counterpart diesel vehicle. Likewise Patil et al. [30] conducted a country specific WtW analysis of automotive fuels for India. Specifically, 28 vehicle/fuel configurations of a subcompact passenger car were selected for a detailed analysis in the Indian context. The results revealed that on WtW basis CNG produce ~ 26% less GHG emission than gasoline while ~7% more than conventional diesel fuel. Curran et al. 2014 [31] used the GREET model to analyze the WtW energy use and GHG

emissions from natural gas pathways. They specifically compared CNG vehicles and electric vehicles charged with natural gas-based electricity and found that the latter is better.

It is clear from the above literature that most of the WtW studies mostly focus on developed countries. The nature of choices and assumptions made in these WtW studies are likely to be subjective. Therefore results of WtW studies focused on developed economies like USA, Europe may not be appropriate for developing countries applications. It is problematic to apply the results of LCA studies conducted for developed countries to developing countries fuel markets like Pakistan, since the local conditions and respective vehicle powertrain technologies are considerably different. To the best of our knowledge, no comprehensive WtW assessment of transportation, especially for fuels with commercial availability, has been fully investigated in the developing countries. WtW modeling for different fuel pathways in the developing countries using a unified but comprehensive and systematic computing platform is problematic because: (1) relatively limited data are available, (2) cooperation between related research institutes is weak, and (3) funding for long-term research has been insufficient. Moreover most of the WtW studies available in the literature used the GREET model to estimate the emission reduction potentials and the fuel efficiency of natural gas pathways compared to petroleum fuels. However these studies failed to include a comprehensive set of pathways and used outdated data with regard to natural gas upstream emissions and global warming potential (GWP). In addition they largely ignored uncertainty and variability, especially those related to fugitive methane emissions from natural gas systems. The present study addresses these limitations and provides an independent emission inventory in addition to the GREET model.

Therefore the aim of this study is to construct the first comprehensive WtW GHG database of petroleum-based automotive fuels commercially available in Pakistan that will be essential to meet the rising stringent emission standards and to evaluate the best fuel option for Pakistan. The study presents a detailed WtW analysis to compare vehicles fueled with CNG, gasoline and diesel. The comparison is based on two indicators: i) primary energy consumption, and ii) GHG emissions. Instead of simply listing the comparisons, this paper discusses the reasons that cause the changes in the efficiencies and emissions that are brought about by automotive fuels.

This study is designed with the view of helping policy makers to answer the following questions:

- Based on the evaluation of the WtW cycles of automotive fuels specific to Pakistan, which fuel option among the selected fuel/power types would have the least harmful environmental impact overall?
- Which life cycle phase contributes the most to each of the different possible environmental impacts?
- Which uncertainties in life cycle analyses could most drastically affect the environmental performance of CNG vehicles?

This study distinguishes itself from previous efforts in the following ways:

- This is the first study to consider a detailed WtW analysis of CNG fuel with three different pathways (i.e. domestic natural gas, interstate gas pipeline and LNG) in developing and energy importing countries like Pakistan. Moreover, this study is the first initiative in the developing countries to consider TtW analysis for a C-segment passenger car equipped with gasoline (PISI and DISI), diesel, dedicated CNG (PISI and DISI) and bi-fuel CNG engine (PISI and DISI) technology. This combined with the variety of fuel pathways considered

makes this, to the best of our knowledge, the most comprehensive WtW analysis of fossil fuels available to date

- Other than being the first comprehensive country specific WtW study for Pakistan, the novelty of this work lies in the use of a consistent framework across multiple powertrain types with the same operating conditions to assess energy consumption and operating emissions.
- The study integrates the microscopic base emission model AVL Cruise coupled with the macroscopic base emission model GREET for WtW analysis under specific regional conditions.
- This study reports a comparison of WtW GHG emissions for CNG, diesel and gasoline vehicles using global warming potential(GWP) with both 100-years and 20-years based on the latest 5th assessment report released by Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC 2013) [32]. All else being equal, the choice of time horizon for GWP greatly changes the equivalent CO₂ emissions of methane, which has a much higher GWP over 20 years than over 100 years.

3. Methodology and data

As mentioned above the WtT cycle consist of two stages i.e (i) WtT stage, and (ii) TtW stage. The WtT stage of study has been covered in part-1 [33] of this two-part study. In this paper the Well-to-Tank (WtT) results observed in part-1[33] are combined with the TtW (Tank-to-Wheel) results reported in this present paper to provide the comprehensive WtW(Well-to-Wheel) results for the operation of conventional and CNG passenger vehicle drivetrains specific to Pakistan.

Tank-to-Wheel phase of the Well-to-Wheel cycle considers the energy use and emissions associated with the operation of a vehicle. Different factors affect emissions from motor vehicles, including travel, driver, facility, vehicle, fuel and overall environmental characteristics. Travel-related factors include vehicle engine operating modes or temperatures (cold and hot starts, hot stabilized periods), speeds, accelerations and decelerations. Significant impacts on emission levels are also influenced by those driver behaviors causing speed variations in response to specific traffic conditions, vehicle and fuel types, thus imposing heavy loads on the engine. Facility-related factors, which include infrastructure engineering features and traffic signals, are supposed to encourage low-emitting speeds or operating modes. Emission rates further depend on vehicle-related factors such as age, mileage, maintenance conditions, weight, size, engine power, fuel delivery system, emission control system. Furthermore, environmental factors (air temperature, altitude, humidity) play an important role in affecting the emissions.

The review of existing methods provides evidence that generally a computer based emission model is used to incorporate the effects of the above mentioned factors in the measurement of energy consumption and emissions during the operation of a vehicle. The literature encompasses the two general approaches (i.e. Macroscopic models and Microscopic models) used to estimate vehicle emissions and fuel consumption. The macroscopic modeling approach uses average aggregate network parameters to estimate network-wide emission rates according to high-level relationships among density, flow, and speed of traffic flows on urban road networks [34]. These models develop emission and fuel consumption factors based on macroscopic activity, like transport productivity or Vehicle Travel Kilometers (VTK). For macroscopic emissions models,

only a macroscopic emission estimation approach can be applied, since detailed individual vehicle data is not available in these models. This type of models is generally used in case of modeling emissions of transportation systems in a large scale strategic level, like national road network or regional scale. The popular example of this type includes MOBILE, EMFAC, COPERT, IVE Model [35].

The microscopic models describe individual vehicle movements through the traffic simulation model. In these models, each vehicle moves through the traffic network with updated character which is determined by speed, acceleration, time, and individual driver behavior. The driver behavior is determined by a set of models such as car following, lane changing, acceleration noise and etc. Its application envelope covers conventional vehicle powertrains through to highly-advanced hybrid systems and pure electric vehicles. Examples of this type include MOVES, CMEM, PHEM, ADVISOR, Autonomie, and AVL CRUISE.

To estimate the comparative tank-to-wheel energy use and emissions associated with the operations of CNG, gasoline and diesel vehicle specific to Pakistan, this study used AVL Cruise, a commercially-available backward vehicle simulator for GHG emission and energy use [36]. AVL CRUISE is an example of a micro-scale instantaneous emission model base tool which enables the user to design a specific passenger vehicle and simulate fuel consumption and emissions under different operating conditions. It is considered to be one of the industry's most powerful, robust and adaptable software for vehicle system and driveline analysis with advanced simulation and optimization features [37]. It helps efficiently developing the right decisions leading to competitive vehicles with respect to fuel efficiency, emissions, performance and drive ability [38]. In AVL Cruise the architectures of any kind of drivetrain can be modeled by using the available component blocks e.g. IC engines, clutches, transmission elements, controls, shafts, wheels/tires, electrical components, brakes, auxiliaries, curb weight and others. So it can simulate any passenger vehicle commercially available in the market. The engine's performance, fuel consumption, emissions etc. are all based on stationary measured curves and maps. This means it does not really know what type of engine you are simulating and what fuel you want to use as energy source. What it needs is a full load characteristic of the engine, a motoring curve of the engine and then the fuel consumption map, where you input the fuel consumption either as volume flow or mass flow depending on Engine speed and Engine torque or Power. It also facilitates the user to input the emission maps for NO_x, CO, HC and Soot. Due to these structured interfaces and advanced data management concept, AVL Cruise has established itself as a data communication and system integration tool for different teams within world-leader OEM's and their suppliers [39]. CNG vehicles are not included in AVL Cruise. To include this technology, an adhoc CNG vehicle model has been implemented in AVL Cruise using experimental data provided by a Pakistani OEM automaker. In order to simulate a vehicle, a template model structure (Fig. 3) has been developed. It consists of components that actual vehicles have (such as IC engine, gearbox, wheels, brakes, etc.), functions that control the operation of each component and the necessary connections between them. Each component is described by a number of parameters and is configurable in such an extent that it can reproduce most of the representative vehicles (e.g. diesel, gasoline, CNG) selected for this study. The connections can be either mechanical, allowing mechanical power flow (for example ICE → clutch → gearbox), electrical (battery → starter), or informational (control functions). All

vehicle models assessed in this study are simulated over New European Driving Cycle (NEDC) for predicting fuel economy and carbon dioxide emissions.

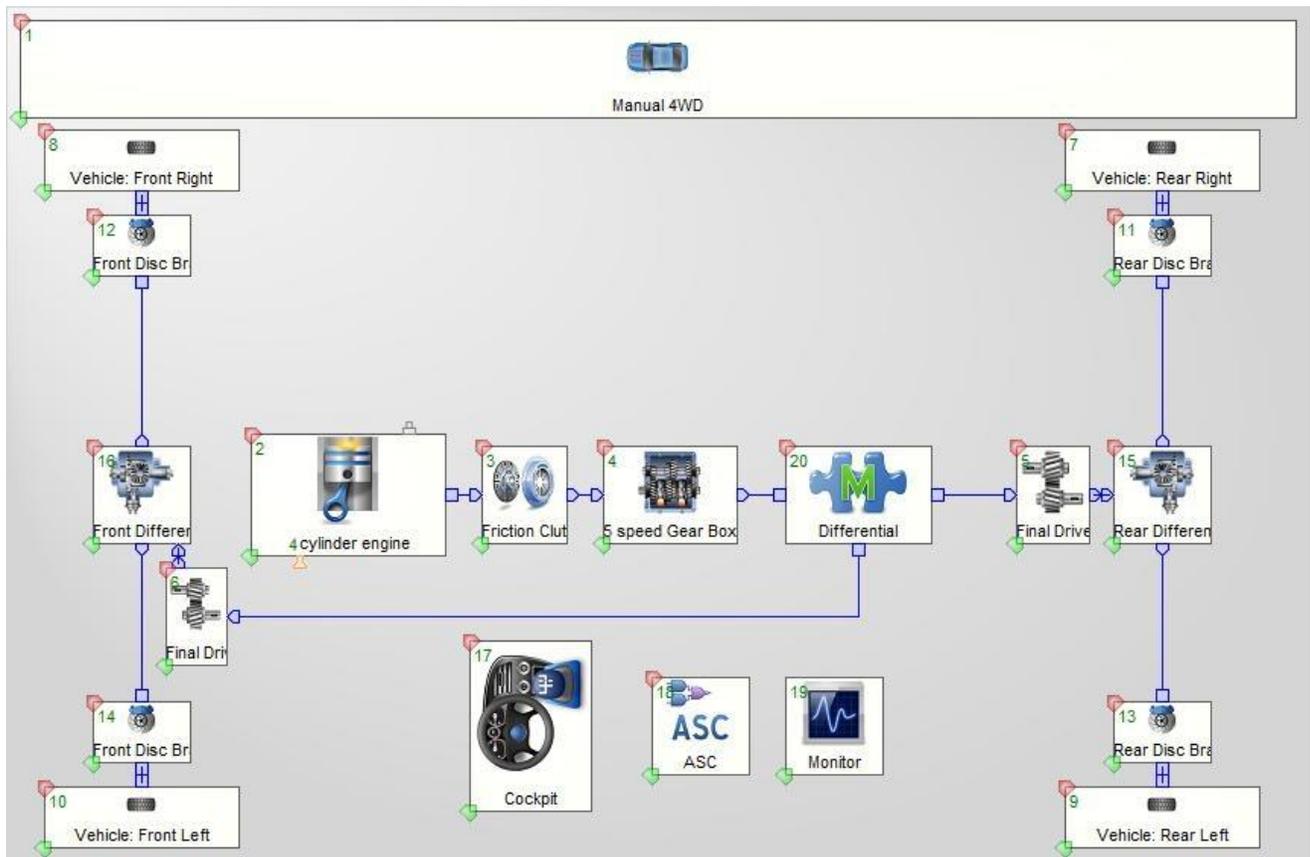


Fig. 3. Template topology for conventional vehicles in the AVL CRUISE environment

4. Key Assumptions and Parameters:

Following are key parameters and assumptions used in this study:

4.1.Function Unit

This study used the following important function units:

- WtT stage energy consumption is calculated on a megajoule per megajoule (MJ/MJ) basis.
- TtW and WtW stage energy consumption is calculated on a megajoule per-kilometer (g/km) basis.
- WtT stage emissions are calculated on a gram per megajoule (g/MJ) basis.
- TtW stage emissions are calculated on a gram per-kilometer (g/km) basis.
- WtT results are combined with TtW results and overall WtW energy consumption and GHG emission are calculated on g/MJ and g/km, respectively. The different functional units associated with WtT and TtW stages, are linked through formulas:

$$WtT \text{ energy in } \left[\frac{MJ}{km} \right] = WtT \text{ energy in } \left[\frac{MJ}{MJ} \right] \times TtW \text{ energy in } \left[\frac{MJ}{km} \right] \quad (1)$$

Similarly

$$WtT \text{ GHG in } \left[\frac{g \text{ CO}_2 \text{ eq}}{km} \right] = WtT \text{ GHG in } \left[\frac{g \text{ CO}_2 \text{ eq}}{MJ} \right] \times TtW \text{ GHG in } \left[\frac{g \text{ CO}_2 \text{ eq}}{km} \right] \quad (2)$$

4.2. GHG coefficients

The CO₂ equivalence is applied to the non-CO₂ greenhouse gases according to the 100 year and 20 year conversion coefficients recommended by the latest 5th assessment report of the Intergovernmental Panel for Climate Change (IPCC 2013) [32] tabulated below (Table 1).

Table 1. IPCC GWP values of greenhouse gases

GHG	GWP value	
	100 year time horizon	20 year time horizon
CO ₂	1	1
CH ₄	28	84
N ₂ O	265	265

4.3. Vehicle Emission control technologies

In developed countries today, the vehicles' emissions compliance is accomplished through engine management, along with a suite of advanced catalyst technologies, including: three-way catalyst (TWC), diesel particulate filter (DPF), diesel oxidation catalyst (DOC), selective catalytic reduction (SCR), and lean NO_x traps (LNT). However in the developing countries like Pakistan, these vehicle emission after-treatment technologies (ATT) are still very rare. Therefore in this study all the vehicle technologies are modeled without ATT.

4.4. Pakistan's Fuel Mix

Before discussing the WTT fuel pathways for various transportation fuels in Pakistan, the statistical highlights of road transportation fuels are presented in Appendix A.

4.5. Fuel pathways

The study considers three type of fuels (CNG, gasoline & diesel) extracted from 10 different fuel pathways. Table 2 illustrates the fuel pathways considered in this study.

Table 2. Fuel Pathways considered in this study

Fuel Type	Symbol	LHV	RON /	CO ₂ Emission
		MJ/kg	CN	factor
				g/MJ
Gasoline (produced at local refineries from indigenous crude oil sources)	F1	43.2	93	73.4
Gasoline (produced at local refineries from imported crude oil sources)	F2			
Gasoline (imported from Middle east)	F3			
CNG (produced from indigenous gas sources)	F4	45.1		56.2
CNG (produced from imported gas through IP Pipeline)	F5			
CNG (produced from imported gas through TAPI Pipeline)	F6			
CNG (produced from imported LNG)	F7			
Diesel (produced at local refineries from indigenous crude oil sources)	F8	43.1	51	73.2
Diesel (produced at local refineries from imported crude oil sources)	F9			
Diesel (imported from Middle east)	F10			

4.6. Reference Vehicle and vehicle technologies

All simulations are based on a generic or “virtual” reference vehicle, representing a common Pakistani C-segment 5-seater sedan, comparable to e.g. a Toyota GLI or Honda City or others in that class. This reference vehicle is used as a tool for comparing the various fuels and associated technologies covered in this study. Base vehicle characteristics and vehicle technologies considered in this study are given in [Table 3](#). Combining the fuel pathways shown in [Table 2](#) with the vehicle technologies listed in [Table 3](#), results in 25 powertrain configuration ([Table 4](#)).

Table 3. Specification of reference vehicle technologies

Description	Unit	Vehicle technology						
		PISI			DISI			DICI
		Gasoline	CNG (Bi-fuel)	CNG (dedicated)	Gasoline	CNG (Bi-fuel)	CNG (dedicated)	Diesel
Curb weight (including fuel)	kg	1275	1275	1275	1275	1275	1275	1275
Weight class	kg	1360	1360	1360	1360	1360	1360	1360
Length	mm	4507	4507	4507	4507	4507	4507	4507
Width	mm	1735	1735	1735	1735	1735	1735	1735
Height	mm	1477	1477	1477	1477	1477	1477	1477
Drag coefficient	-	0.29	0.29	0.29	0.29	0.29	0.29	0.29
Vehicle front area	m ²	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1
Tyre size	--	195/65 R15	195/65 R15	195/65 R15	195/65 R15	195/65 R15	195/65 R15	195/65 R15
Transmission	-	Synchromesh 5 forward speed - 1 reverse Manual						
Engine displacement	liter	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3
No. of cylinder	-	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
Compression ratio	-	10.5:1	11:01	12.7:1	10.5:1	11:01	12.7:1	17.6:1
Specific power	kW/lit	64		57	64	58	64	55
Maximum power	kW @rpm	63 @6000	86 @6000	99 @5750	90 @4300	95@4800	99 @ 4300	92 @ 4000
Maximum torque	Nm @rpm	121 @4400	123 @ 4000	170 @3500	200 @1750- 4000	140@4200	220 @1750 - 4000	200@ 1750
BSFC @ 2000 rpm / 2bar	g/kWh	395	385	365	385	380	355	305
BSFC minimum	g/kWh	240	235	225	244	238	214	210
Fuel economy	km/lit	14	13.8	15.27	14.53	14.32	16.74	19.1

Table 4. Combination of WtW fuel pathways and vehicle technologies combination

WtT Fuel Pathway (F)	TtW Powertrain (P)	WtW Combination (FP)
F ₁	Gasoline PISI (P ₁)	F ₁ P ₁
F ₂		F ₂ P ₁
F ₃		F ₃ P ₃
F ₁	Gasoline DISI (P ₂)	F ₁ P ₂
F ₂		F ₂ P ₂
F ₃		F ₃ P ₂
F ₄	CNG Dedicated PISI (P ₃)	F ₄ P ₃
F ₅		F ₅ P ₃
F ₆		F ₆ P ₃
F ₇		F ₇ P ₃
F ₄	CNG Bi-fuel PISI (P ₄)	F ₄ P ₄
F ₅		F ₅ P ₄
F ₆		F ₆ P ₄
F ₇		F ₇ P ₄
F ₄	CNG Dedicated DISI (P ₅)	F ₄ P ₅
F ₅		F ₅ P ₅
F ₆		F ₆ P ₅
F ₇		F ₇ P ₅
F ₄	CNG Bi-fuel DISI (P ₆)	F ₄ P ₆
F ₅		F ₅ P ₆
F ₆		F ₆ P ₆
F ₇		F ₇ P ₆
F ₈	Diesel DISI (P ₇)	F ₈ P ₇
F ₉		F ₉ P ₇
F ₁₀		F ₁₀ P ₇

5. Results and Discussion

In this study, a WtW analysis on 25 combinations of automotive fuel and matching powertrain systems available in Pakistan was conducted.

5.1. WtT energy consumption and GHG emissions

In first part [33] of this two-part study, a WtT analysis was conducted on 10 different combinations of transportation fuels in Pakistan (Table. 2). The resulting energy consumption and GHG emission obtained in part-1 [33] of this study are reproduced in Fig. 4 and Fig. 5, respectively.

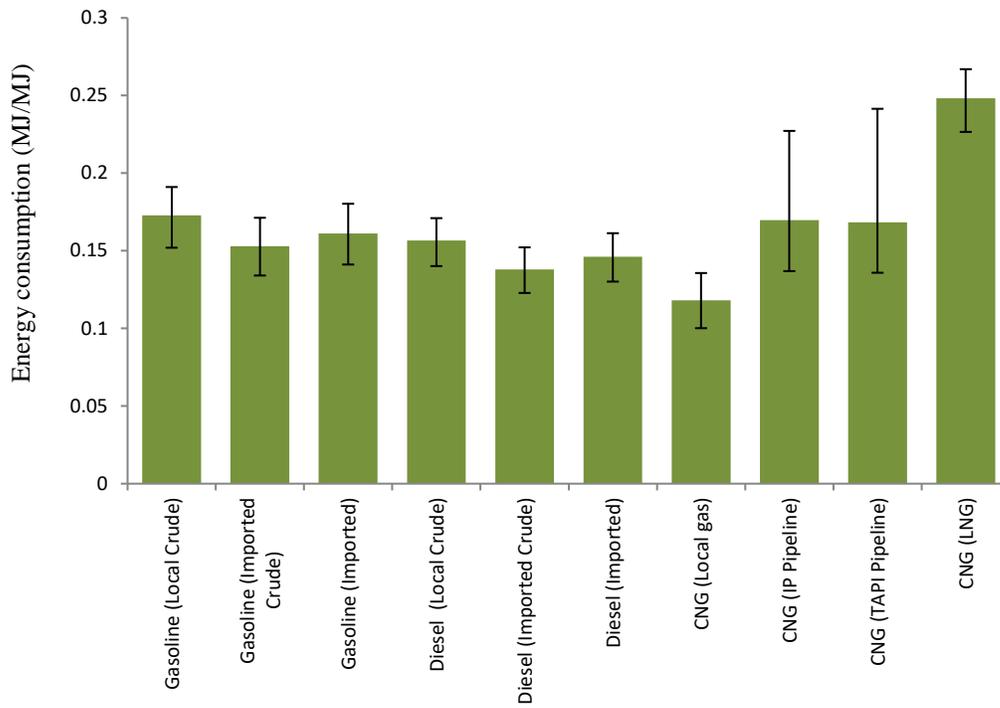


Fig. 4. WtT energy consumption for the selected pathways

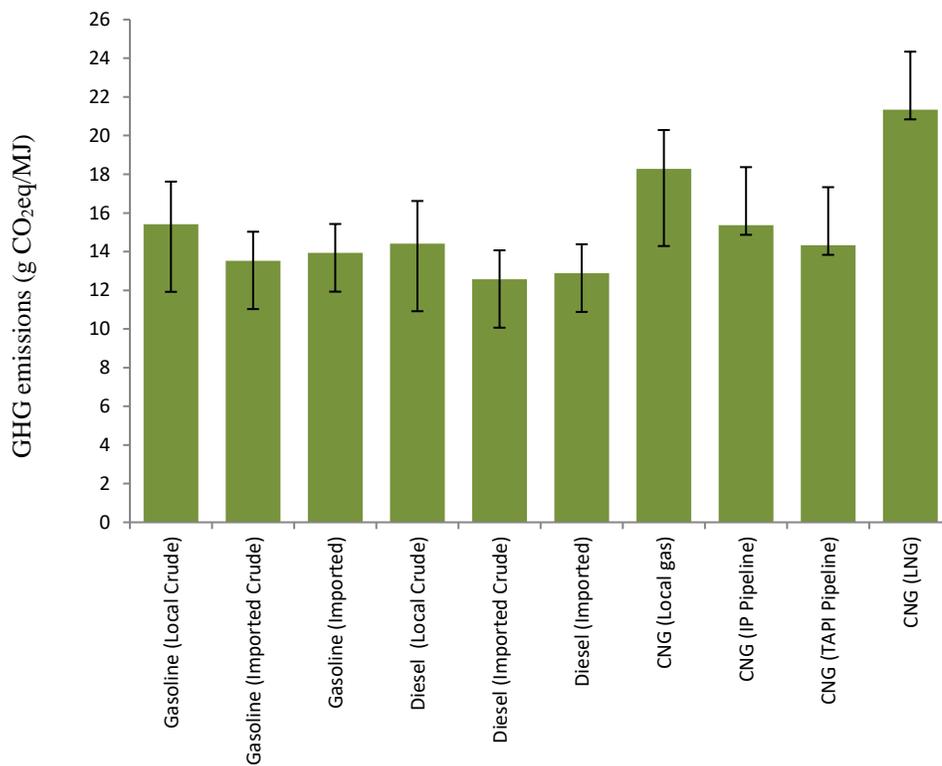


Fig. 5. WtT GHG emissions for the selected pathways

5.2. TtW Analysis

TtW analysis was conducted on seven different vehicle technologies highlighted in Table 4. The vehicle energy efficiency and GHG emissions results in MJ/km and g CO₂eq/km, respectively are presented and discussed.

5.3. TtW energy consumption

The TtW energy efficiency for all powertrains are shown in Fig. 6. The energy efficiency for diesel-powered vehicle is expectedly better as compared to vehicles powered with gasoline, and CNG. This is due to the higher efficiency of the CI engine technology when compared to SI engine. It is observed that direct injection in SI engine can reduce TtW energy consumption by about 4.5 – 8%. By injecting the fuel directly into each cylinder of the engine, better control of fuel's behavior can be achieved, improving the accuracy of air/fuel ratio during engine's dynamic performance, permitting use of higher compression ratios, and reducing the losses resulting from throttling the airflow in the standard port-injected SI engine [40]. The injected fuel, evaporates in the cylinder and causes to cool the intake charge. The cooling effect permits higher compression ratios and increasing of the volumetric efficiency and thus higher torque is obtained [40]. The dedicated DISI natural gas vehicles show significantly improved fuel economy results as compared to bi-fuel CNG and gasoline vehicles using PISI & DISI technology. The improvement in the TtW energy efficiency for DISI dedicated CNG vehicles can be attributed to the direct injection advantage over port injection and higher octane number of natural gas as compared to gasoline. Moreover dedicated CNG vehicles have SI engines that are operated only on natural gas. So compression ratio of these engine are optimized to utilize the advantage of high octane number (120) of natural gas which enhance engine thermal efficiency of about 10% above than that of gasoline engine [41]. Owing the above mentioned attributes, DISI engine technology provides significant improvements in fuel economy. However direct injection systems are more expensive as it requires costly and technically difficult modification to engine structure especially due to the need for extra hole for fuel injector. One other contributing factor toward the power loss in CNG engines is the stoichiometric air to fuel ratio (AFR) of natural gas. Natural gas has AFR of 17, compared to approximately 14.6 for diesel and gasoline. Since the mass of air inducted into the engine is limited, a higher AFR means less energy into the engine and lower peak power.

Bi-fuel PISI CNG vehicles show the worst TtW performance in terms of energy use, due to relatively low flame propagation of natural gas and loss in volumetric efficiency. Due to the low densities, gaseous fuels occupy 4–15% of intake passage volume resulting in significant reduction of volumetric efficiency when compared to liquid fuels. Therefore lesser volumetric efficiency and flame propagation of natural gas reduces bi-fuel CNG engine power by 10% when compared to gasoline.

Although due to high octane value, the SI engine running on natural gas can be expected with relatively high thermal efficiency but retrofit Bi-fuel CNG engines will not have the advantage of high octane value of natural gas as the compression ratio will be set to the level required for gasoline. It can be observed that in contrast to conventional PISI gasoline powertrain, bi-fuel CNG system will still be 6.3% less energy efficient even if it is equipped with a direct ignition

system which shows that the engine's thermal efficiency has a significant impact on TtW energy efficiency.

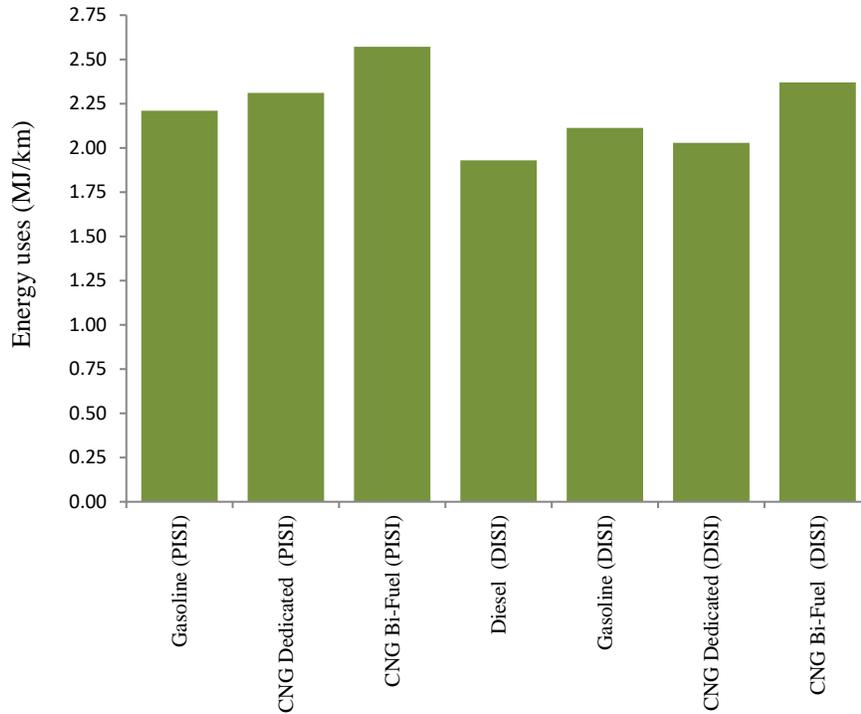


Fig. 6. TtW energy uses for the selected powertrain technologies

5.4. TtW GHG emission

The GHG emissions results are presented in Fig. 7. Powertrain that run on natural gas emit less TtW GHG emissions than their peers, achieving 12.4 – 27% reductions compared to gasoline vehicles and 0 – 16.5% reduction versus their diesel counterpart. Thanks to the large fuel efficiency benefits, diesel powered vehicles achieve 9.3 - 13% GHG emission reductions over gasoline and 0.5% to bi-fuel PISI natural gas vehicles.

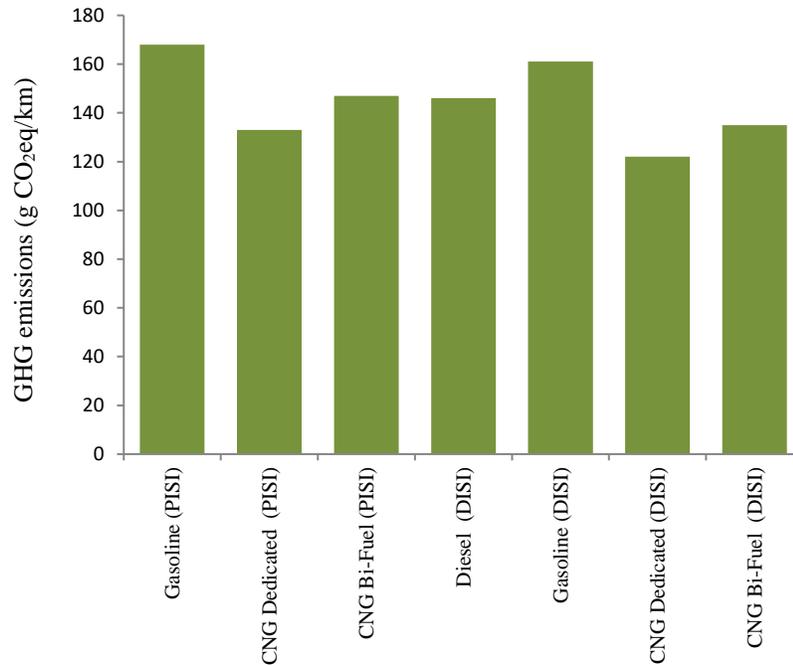


Fig. 7. TtW GHG emission for the selected powertrain technologies

The comparatively low GHG emission of natural gas fueled powertrain is primarily due to fact that the main constituent of CNG is methane (CH₄), the simplest alkane with only one carbon atom and consequently no carbon-to-carbon bonds. The simple chemical structure of methane makes it an inherently clean burning fuel than any other fossil fuel [42]. For instance, when combusted, natural gas releases 28 percent less carbon dioxide per unit of heat than diesel fuel [41]. But on the other hand, methane is 28 times more potent greenhouse gas than carbon dioxide (CO₂) and its leakage from the engine can offset the emission benefits of CNG. Moreover being a major constituent of natural gas, the hydrocarbons emitted from a CNG engine are mainly composed of methane which is much harder to ignite in the after-treatment system than the heavier hydrocarbons associated with gasoline and diesel as it requires a much higher temperature of 540 °C when compared to gasoline (258°C) or diesel (316 °C) [43]. For this reason, minimizing engine-out emissions of unburned methane is of great importance.

Methane is also emitted from gasoline and diesel vehicle but its quantity is much low (~23% at the level of NGVs [44] as compared to CNG vehicles. Methane is released in the engine due to incomplete or partial fuel combustion, which produces CH₄, CO, PM along with other unburned hydrocarbons. This usually occurs when the ratio of air to fuel in combustion chamber is too low for complete combustion i.e. there is inadequate oxygen to convert all CH₄ present in the fuel to CO₂ and H₂O and heat. Based on the literature review, crankcase and tailpipe emissions are the two largest sources of methane loss from natural gas vehicles and can be calculated by Eq. (1) [45].

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Methane Loss (\%)} \\ = \left[\frac{\text{Mass CH}_4 \text{ tailpipe} + \text{Mass CH}_4 \text{ crankcase}}{\text{Mass Fuel}} \right] \times 100 \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

Tailpipe methane emissions can be estimated from available literature. For example, Patrick E. et. al, 2014 [46] report CNG tailpipe emission factors of 0.015 grams of methane/ton-mile. Under the simplified assumption that natural gas composition is 100% methane (i.e., one mole of CO₂ is produced per mole of fuel burned), 0.05% of the fuel is lost through the tailpipe. Similarly Carder et al. , 2014 [47] estimated tailpipe methane loss at 0.21% for stoichiometric natural gas engines. Dunn et al., 2013 [48] report that 15L HD HPDI natural gas engine dynamometer tests over the Supplemental Emissions Test (SET) cycle reveal tailpipe methane at 0.65 to 0.75 grams per kilowatt-hour (kWh), which translates to a 0.48% methane loss. In another study Frazier (2013) [49] registers methane levels at 1.7 g/bhp-hr, which translates to a 0.92% tailpipe methane loss. We estimate the tailpipe methane emissions for natural gas vehicles in the range of 0.45 – 0.6% depending upon the engine and fuel injection type e.g. dedicated CNG engine, PISI, DISI.

Crankcase emissions, also known as “blow-by” emissions, are released directly from the engine into the atmosphere through a vent. Literature values for crankcase emissions are scarce. Researchers from West Virginia University’s Center for Alternative Fuels, Engines, and Emissions (CAFEE) [50] recently conducted methane leak and loss audits of large-bore gas engines at five different gas compressor stations and the resulted crankcase emissions represent a loss of 0.1 to 0.6%. US EPA 2014 GHG certification data [51] for natural gas engines show that combined (tailpipe and crankcase) methane emissions for stoichiometric natural gas engines range from 0.6 to 1.2% of the fuel (US EPA, 2014). Ebner and Jaschek 1998 [52] concluded that typical piston ring blow-by losses are in the range of 0.5 – 1%. Keeping in view the engine technologies available in Pakistan we approximate the crankcase methane emissions at level of 0.8%. Fig. 8 reports the share of methane (in gram of CO₂ equivalent per km) in total TtW GHG emission for natural gas fueled powertrains. It can be noted that in terms of global warming potential, the share of methane emission varies from 26% to 28% in TtW GHG emissions of NGVs.

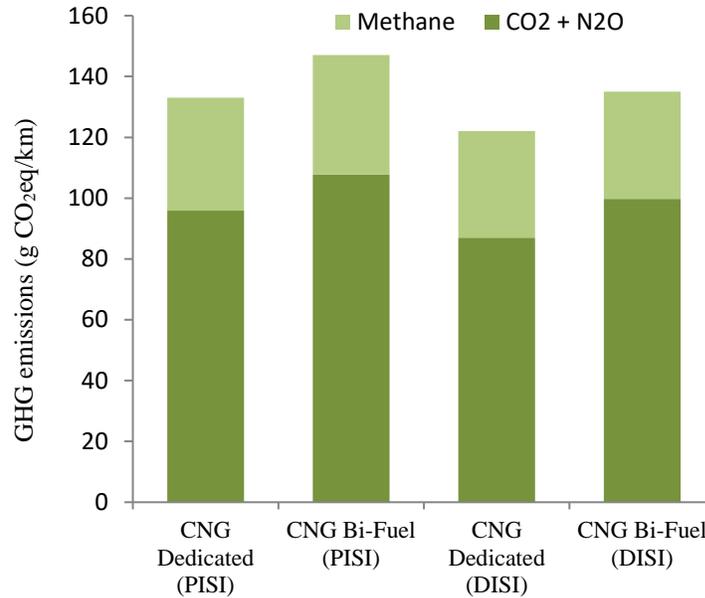


Fig. 8. Share of methane emission in TtW GHG emissions for natural gas fueled powertrains

5.5. WtW Analysis

As mentioned above the WtT cycle consist of two stages i.e (i) WtT stage, and (ii) TtW stage. The WtT stage of study has been covered in part-1 [33] of this two-part study. In this paper the Well-to-Tank (WtT) results observed in part-1[33] are combined with the TtW (Tank-to-Wheel) results reported in this present paper to provide the comprehensive WtW analysis of 25 combinations of automotive fuel and matching powertrain systems.

5.6. WtW energy use

The WtW energy use in MJ per kilometer of distance traveled is shown in Fig. 9. The analysis indicates that for all powertrains, a major contribution (80 - 89%) of energy used in the overall WtW analysis comes from the TtW component. The diesel vehicles are the least energy consuming due to relatively lower energy use in the TtW phase as compared to gasoline and CNG vehicles. On the other hand, WtW energy consumption of NGVs are remained highest among all powertrains considered in this study. For NGVs the contribution of the TtW energy used is about 80% of the total WtW energy use. It is interesting to note that the indigenous natural gas has the lowest WtT energy consumption among all fuel pathways but in terms of WtW energy consumption it is above the diesel and gasoline vehicles. It is mainly due to low energy density of natural gas which conduces to 10 -15% power loss during vehicle operation stage. The dedicated DISI natural gas vehicles resulted in 1.5% - 12.5% and 3% - 8.5% less energy consumption as compared to PISI gasoline and DISI gasoline vehicles, respectively. It is mainly because of ~20% increase in the compression ratio (12.5) of dedicated DISI natural gas engine as compared to 10.5 compression ratio of conventional gasoline engine. Conventional dedicated PISI natural gas fueled vehicles are unable to compete with the conventional PISI gasoline WtW energy demand via imported LNG and interstate pipeline natural gas pathways due to a lower overall energy conversion efficiency chain. However, indigenous natural gas

pathways for dedicated NGVs offer efficiency gains with the potential to bridge the gap between gasoline and NGVs WtW performance. In general dedicated CNG vehicles are currently slightly less efficient than equivalent gasoline vehicles while diesel vehicles enjoy a net advantage.

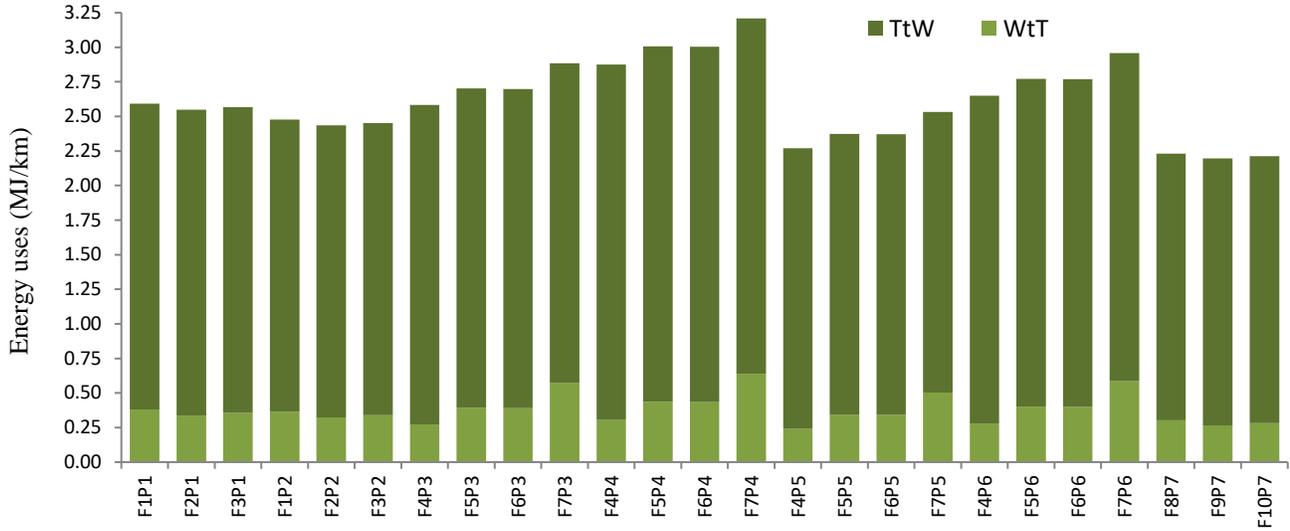


Fig.9. WtW energy uses for the selected powertrain technologies

5.7. WtW GHG emissions

The GHG emissions during different WtW stages of CNG, gasoline and diesel powered light duty vehicles are shown in Fig. 10. For all powertrains, the majority of GHG emissions (73-86%) are produced in the TtW stage. It can be seen that the gasoline vehicles are the most GHG-emitting configuration followed by bi-fuel PISI natural gas vehicles and diesel vehicles. The dedicated CNG vehicles equipped with DISI engine technology show the lowest GHG emissions among all powertrains. To make the WtW GHG emission of natural gas powertrains on a par with their diesel equivalents, ~11% reduction in WtW GHG emission would be needed which can be achieved by converting bi-fuel CNG vehicle to dedicated CNG vehicle. Though the energy consumption for dedicated CNG vehicles is higher as compared to diesel vehicles, the GHG emissions for CNG are comparable with those of diesel vehicles due to the less carbon content in CNG fuel which produces lower CO₂ in the TtW stage. Also, it can be seen that the total WtW GHG emissions emitted by dedicated DISI CNG powered vehicles are roughly 8% less than for the diesel powered vehicles. In general for natural gas powertrain, the higher relative WtW GHG emissions reductions in this study are mainly from the vehicle operation phase where recent advances in CNG engine technology are expected to improve the environmental value proposition of such vehicles. However, considering GHG emissions associated with the diesel powertrain as the baseline, operating conventional gasoline engine with CNG fuel offers limited advantage in terms of GHG emissions reductions. Overall the distributions of WtW GHG emissions from natural gas pathways are found to be wider than those from petroleum pathways.

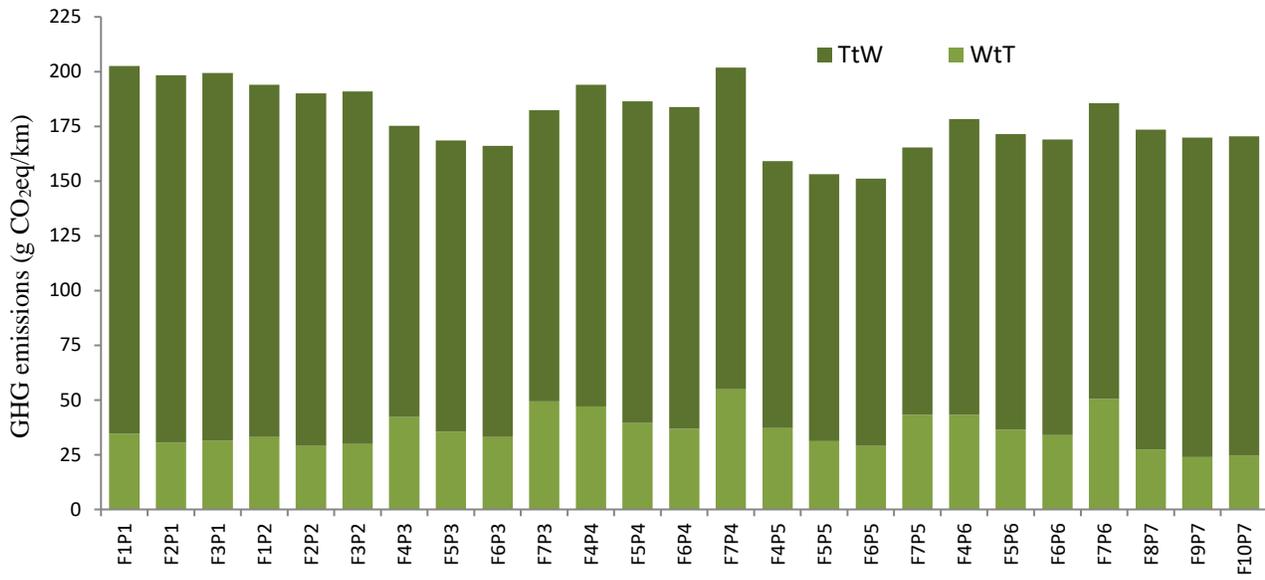


Fig.10. WtW GHG emissions for the selected powertrain technologies

5.8.GWP time horizon and sensitivity analysis

In this section, GHG emissions’ estimates are conducted using global warming potentials (GWPs) of non- CO₂greenhouse gases with time frame of 20-years and compared the results with the with 100-year GWP (baseline scenario). A sensitivity analysis was then performed to explore the effect of variability on our estimates of WtW GHG emissions.

In the previous life-cycle studies [F. Orsi 2016; W, Ke, Waller, 2014, Edwards 2014, Ally 2007], there is a persistent use of the 100-year impact of methane on global warming, a factor about 28 times that of CO₂. However, the current scientific consensus on climate change, summarized in IPCC AR 5 [32], says that we only have about 20-30 years before we reach the warning zone of temperature rise that could lead to climate tipping points. We can’t wait 20-30 years to start decreasing CO₂eq emissions from fossil fuels. Over a 20-year period, the consensus impact factor for methane is about 84. There is no scientific justification for the use of a 100-year period. The choice of GWP value could have serious impacts on the actual and relative results of this study. As methane is the major contributor to the life cycle GHG emission of natural gas so we will concentrate our discussion on the natural gas pathways only.

Estimates using both 100-year GWPs and 20-year GWPs are presented side by side for each powertrain technology in Fig. 11. It can be observed that the choice of GWP time horizon could have serious impacts on the WtW GHG emission results of this study. Using 20-year GWP, increases the WtW emissions of natural gas pathways from 179 g CO₂eq/km to 253 g CO₂eq/km (ranging between 64 and 77 g CO₂eq/MJ), an increase of about 19 – 26% from the baseline estimates of 100-year GWP. The obvious reason for this significant increase in the GHG emission is associated with a high risk of methane emission in natural gas fuel pathways mainly in the WtT stage. It is observed that by using 100-year GWP, the GHG emission results for natural gas pathways was comparable to the corresponding results of diesel fuel while superior to

that of gasoline powertrains. But in case of 20-year GWP, natural gas pathways worst performance in terms of WtW GHG emissions.

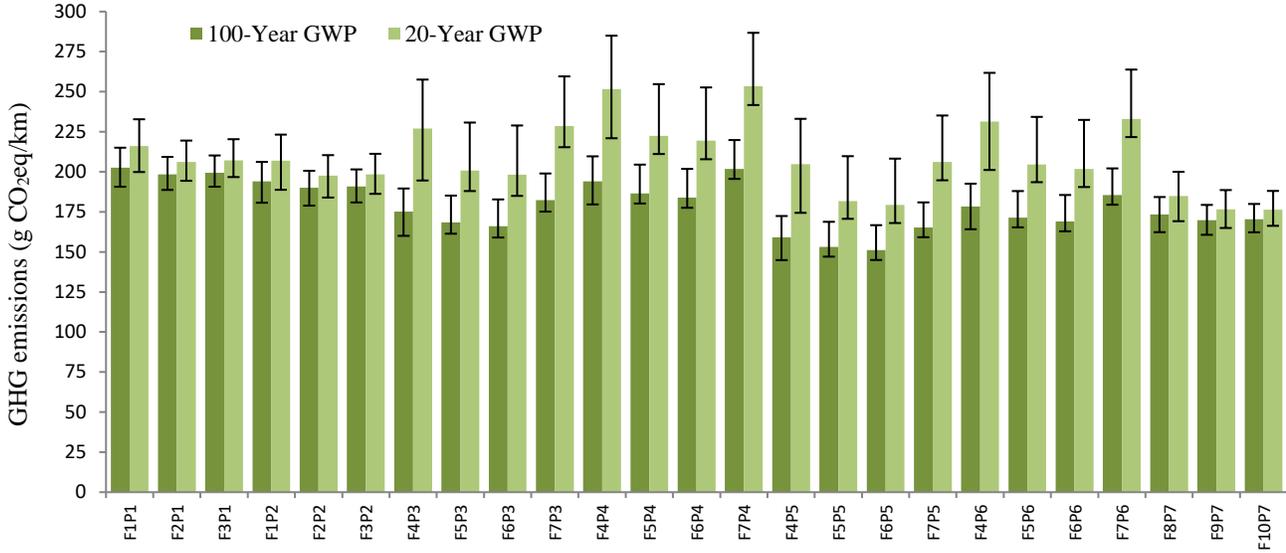


Fig.10. Uncertainty analysis of WtW GHG emissions for the selected pathways using 100-year and 20-year GWP baseline.

Considering the WtW results of this study, two factors largely determine whether the NGVs provide WtW GHG emission reductions as compared to their diesel and gasoline counterparts: NGVs relative fuel economy and methane emission leakage during the WtT and TtW stages. Using methane emission by 50% above the reference case, increase the WtW GHG emission by 8 - 10% across natural gas pathways. However, if 20-year GWPs and high methane emission (i.e. 50% above the reference case) assumptions are jointly considered, WtW GHG emissions increase between 37 - 47% across natural gas pathways.

The results of this study, as well as those in the literature [53, 54], suggest that methane leakage rate of natural gas pathways is the most important factor influencing whether natural gas fuel pathways achieve net emission reductions. Given the importance of this factor, we derive the break-even methane leakage rate of natural gas vehicles relative to baseline gasoline and diesel fuel vehicles. The break-even rate is the methane leakage rate at which WtW GHG emissions from a natural gas pathway equals that of conventional gasoline or diesel. Considering diesel vehicle as baseline, our analysis indicate that natural gas vehicles offer GHG emissions reductions to its counterpart powertrains i.e. diesel and gasoline if the WtW methane leakage rate is lower than 2.9% (using the 100-year GWP) or 1.1% (using the 20-year GWP) and 1.8% (using the 20-year GWP), respectively. A shorter time horizon (such as 20 years), which considers a higher warming potential of methane, requires a lower break-even rate than a longer time horizon (such as 100 years).

7. Conclusions

The present study has been conducted to provide detailed WtW assessment of energy consumptions and GHG emissions of natural gas, gasoline and diesel fuel pathways at the Pakistan and energy importing developing countries levels. The results of the present study can be used as an input to the strategic decision-making process for future transport energy policy and also to identify key areas of interest for further technology research and development of the Pakistan transport system. Furthermore, it could also provide an important tool for policy makers to better understand trade-offs between energy and environmental effects for the most effective use of regional energy resources.

This study presents a comprehensive comparison of operational WtW analysis for 25 combinations of automotive fuel and matching powertrain systems. Key findings are listed below:

- In contrast, natural gas fueled vehicles are at a disadvantage from the standpoint of energy consumption e.g. on WtW basis, NGVs are 5 – 17% and 23 – 36% less fuel efficient, depending on the engine technology employed as compared to gasoline and diesel powertrain, respectively.
- Natural gas appears as an efficient pathway regarding GHG emissions, especially compared to gasoline. Dedicated NGV equipped with direct injection technology is even more efficient and may result in 20% and 12% less GHG emissions as compared to gasoline and diesel pathways, respectively. The environmental and energetic assessments of NGV appear to be very favorable to this technology (i.e. dedicated DISI) and make CNG a promising fuel for light duty road transport vehicles. However WtW GHG emissions of the prevalent bi-fuel NGVs are 12% higher than those of their diesel counterparts with the baseline estimates of 100-year GWP.
- In terms of WtW GHG emissions, natural gas pathways can attain better or comparable performance as compared to petroleum pathways, however retrofitted bi-fuel engine technology and Methane leakage during gas fuel production and vehicle operation stage, can negate the benefits of using NGVs. Thus without significant improvements in both methane leakage and engine efficiency, using natural gas in light-duty transport will not provide large GHG benefits. There are cost-effective technologies to reduce methane leakages in natural gas pathways. For instance natural gas engine with closed crankcase design that has reached the market can significantly reduce the TtW part of methane emission. Similarly the potential way to reduce the methane from WtT pathway, technologies are now available with help of which methane vented during gas production and processing can be captured and sequestered or used for energy at no net cost.
- A larger uncertainty and variability was observed in WtW GHG emissions of natural gas pathways as compared to conventional gasoline and diesel fuel. Moreover the choice of GWPs and methane emission estimates are other important factors for absolute emission levels and relative rankings of natural gas fuel pathways. Using 20-year GWPs instead of 100-year GWPs increases WtW GHG emissions by 19–26% for natural gas pathways.
- While this paper focuses on GHG emissions, natural gas based fuels may provide other environmental benefits, such as the reduction of other air pollutants as well as significant economic advantage over petroleum based pathways but these issues are outside the scope of this work and will be addressed in future research.
- The results of this study serve as valuable inputs not only for policy decision-makers in Pakistan, but analysis would also be applicable to other countries having similar

characteristics, i.e., oil importing developing countries with their own or easy access to natural gas resources (e.g., via relatively short distance pipelines); some countries in Latin America, Africa and Southeast Asia would seem to fit this description.

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Nomenclature:

AFR	Air fuel ratio
ANL	Argonne national laboratory
ATT	After-treatment technologies
API	American petroleum institute
BEV	Battery electric vehicle
BTU	British thermal unit
CAPP	Canadian association of petroleum producers
CH ₄	Methane
CI	Compression ignition
CN	Cetane number
CNG	Compressed natural gas
CO ₂	Carbon dioxide
CO ₂ eq	CO ₂ equivalent
DISI	Direct injection spark ignition
DICI	Direct injection compression ignition
DPF	Diesel particulate filter
DOC	Diesel oxidation catalyst
FCEV	fuel cell electric vehicle
GHG	Greenhouse gas
g/km	Gram per-kilometer

GREET	Greenhouse emissions and energy use in transportation
GWP	Global warming potential
H/C	Hydro-Carbon ratio
HEV	Hybrid electric vehicle
IC	Internal combustion
ICE	Internal combustion engine
IP	Iran Pakistan
IPCC	Intergovernmental panel on climate change
IVE	International Vehicle Emissions
JRC	Joint research center
Km	Kilometer
kW	Kilowatt
kWh	Kilowatt hour
LCA	Life cycle analysis
LHV	Latent heat of vaporization
Lit	Liter
LNG	Liquefied natural gas
LNT	Lean NOx traps
MJ	Megajoule
MMSCFD	Million cubic feet per day
NDCs	Nationally determined contributions
NEDC	New European drive cycle
Nm	Newton meter
N ₂ O	Nitrous oxide
NG	Natural gas
NGVs	Natural gas vehicles
PISI	Port injection spark ignition

RON	Reteach octane number
rpm	Revolutions per minute
SCFB	Standard cubic feet per barrel
SCR	Selective catalytic reduction
SI	Spark ignition
SNGPL	Sui northern gas pipelines limited
SSGCL	Sui southern gas company limited
STEP	Sustainable transport energy program
TAPI	Turkmenistan Afghanistan Pakistan India
TOE	Ton of oil equivalent
TtW	Tank-to-Wheel
TWC	Three-way catalyst
WtT	Well-to-Tank
WtW	Well-to-Wheel
U.S.	United States

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Appendix A. Statistics and sources of fuels used by Pakistan's road transport [1]

Description	Million TOE	MJ	Remarks
Energy consumption by road transport			
Pakistan total energy consumption	50.12	2.216 x 10 ¹²	
Road transport share in total energy consumption	16.51	7.297 x 10 ¹¹	Road transport sector consuming 33.93% of the country total energy requirement.
Diesel share in road transport energy consumption	7.83	2.914 x 10 ¹¹	Diesel fuel share 47.46% of total energy consumption by road transport.
Gasoline share in road transport energy consumption	7.09	3.138 x 10 ¹¹	Gasoline fuel share 43% of total energy consumption by road transport.
CNG share in road transport energy consumption	1.57	6.956 x 10 ¹⁰	CNG fuel share 9.53% of total energy consumption by road transport.
Crude oil based fuels			
Total crude oil processed by local refineries	12.78	5.649 x 10 ¹¹	There are 7 refineries operating in Pakistan having total crude processing capacity of 19.37 Million Tons per year.
Indigenous Crude oil Production	4.33	1.914 x 10 ¹¹	Currently Pakistan local crude oil production is 100000 barrels per day.
Foreign crude oil processed by local refineries	8.95	3.958 x 10 ¹¹	27% crude oil need of local refineries is achieved through foreign crude oil mostly from Saudi Arabia.
Diesel production by local refineries	4.81	2.129 x 10 ¹¹	Sulfur content of local diesel is above 500 ppm.
Diesel imports from foreign refineries	3.99	1.764 x 10 ¹¹	Foreign Crude oil is mostly imported from Saudi Arabia.
Gasoline production by local refineries	1.98	8.754 x 10 ¹⁰	RON of local gasoline is 90.
Gasoline imports from foreign refineries	4.89	1.161 x 10 ¹¹	Foreign Crude oil is mostly imported from Saudi Arabia.
Natural gas based fuels			
Total Ingenious Natural Gas Production	30.18	1.335 x 10 ¹²	
LNG Import	4.46	1.970 x 10 ¹¹	Since 2014 LNG is being imported mainly from Qatar.
Planned natural gas import through TAPI pipeline			The 56 inch, 1600 km gas pipeline project would supply 1325 MMSCFD gas to Pakistan from Turkmenistan by the end of 2019.
Planned natural gas import through IP pipeline			The 42 inch, 1931 km gas pipeline project would supply 750 MMSCFD gas to Pakistan from Iran by the end of 2018.
Total Natural gas consumption	29.30	1.295 x 10 ¹²	
CNG Consumption	1.57	6.956 x 10 ¹⁰	
LNG share in total CNG consumption	0.38	1.658 x 10 ¹⁰	
Total length of Pakistan natural gas transmission Lines	10789 (km)		
Total length of Pakistan natural gas Distribution Lines	112474 (km)		