

Q3 2022 Automotive industry demand forecast

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This demand forecast covers

Markets Global; European; UK

Vehicles Light Duty Vehicles (LDVs)
Heavy Goods Vehicles (HGVs)  

Materials Lithium; Cathode Active Material (CAM);
Battery foils; Electrolyte and Separator Material

Our process

The data in these demand graphs is based on APC insight gathered from UK OEMs on xEV production; APC and Automotive Council PEMD traction specifications; and powertrain split forecasts from S&P Global Markit. Rho Motion and BloombergNEF (BNEF) have also guided the 2030 demand forecast.

Quarterly updates

Any developments in the sector will change and influence these forecasts. APC will update these on a quarterly basis in line with the impacts of those announcements.




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Summary – Changes to projected demand by region

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 <p>Global demand update</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The outlook for global automotive battery demand in 2030 remains above 2,900 GWh despite an uncertain economic and geopolitical outlook	<p>page 8</p>
 <p>European demand update</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• European vehicle production expected to reduce by 1 million vehicles in 2025 due to an uncertain economic outlook• A recovery for 2030 that gets BEV production back on track is uncertain due to an uncertain geopolitical situation and potential supply issues	<p>page 10</p>
 <p>UK demand update</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• UK 2025 BEV production share revised down to 25% - an uncertain economy is expected to drive buyers towards cheaper models and production is planned on that expectation• UK 2030 battery demand remains above 96 GWh as recovery is expected	<p>page 20</p>

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Silicon carbide opportunities for efficiency and cost

Modelled potential for SiC components to increase BEV efficiency

Model includes

- Silicon carbide (SiC) efficiency gains
- Reducing vehicle weight by designing cooling, motors and cabling around SiC
- Reduced battery mass

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Efficiency gains create opportunities for reduced cost and increased vehicle performance



Silicon carbide market penetration

Modelled SiC wafer demand and market penetration for LDV*

- SiC-based inverters are expected to dominate the market by 2030
- Europe will need between 600-800 thousand SiC wafers in 2030
- UK will need a supply of 80 thousand SiC wafers in 2030

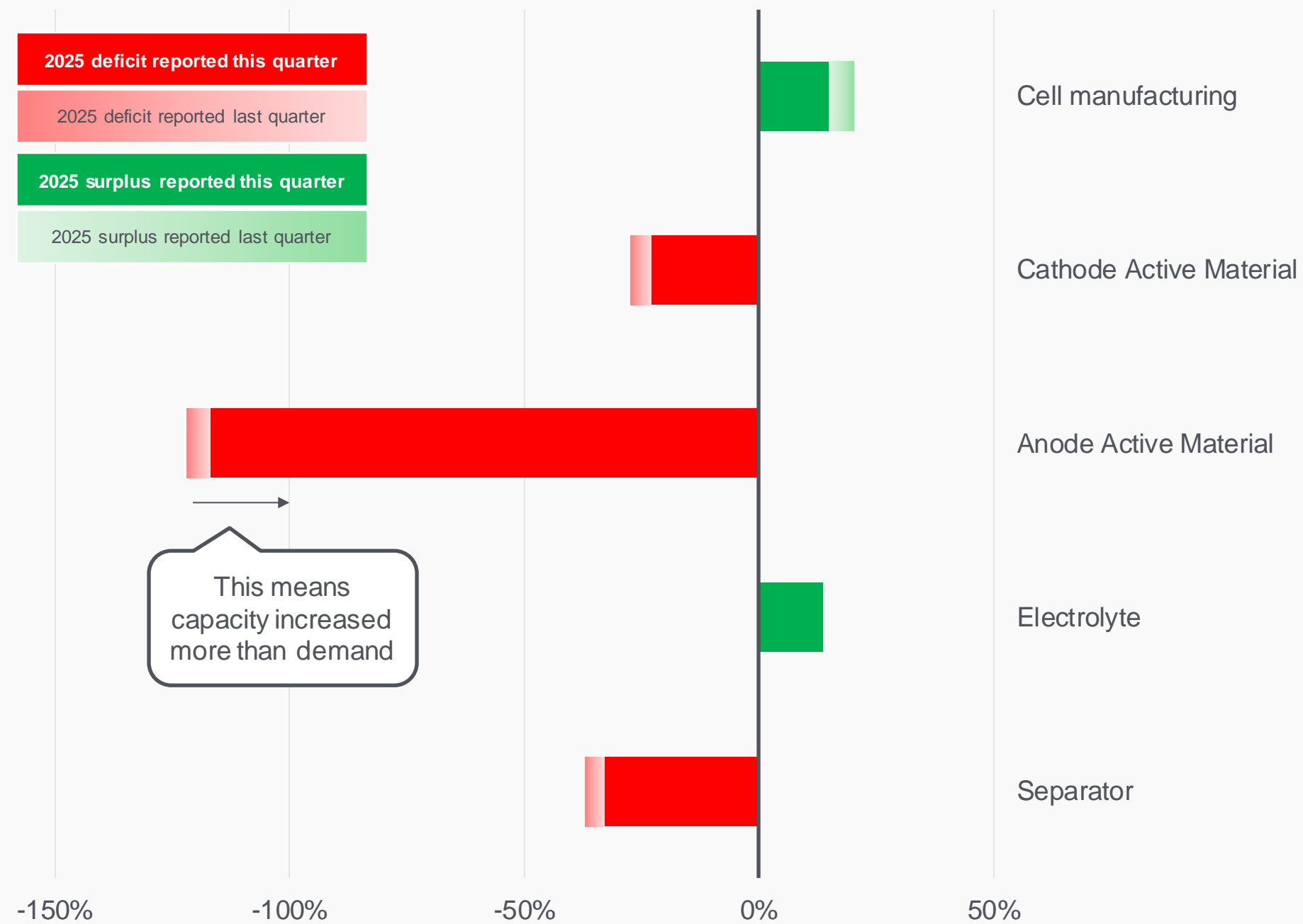
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Summary – Supply chain activity

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- The graph refers to Europe’s capability to supply battery cells and sub-components that arise from local vehicle production
- It assumes Europe is a self-sustaining bloc with no imports or exports

2025 European¹ capacity vs demand balances



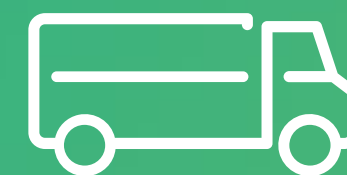
Status of regional capacity* v demand balance in 2025	Value** (%)	UK supply chain status
Decrease in capacity: Some projects delayed, likely to have reduced capacity in 2025	18%	Gigafactory plans to supply 90 GWh by 2030 mostly secured for UK vehicle production plants
Improving: Increased capacity at some projects plus reduced demand forecast	46%	Required to be made in the UK from 2027 for UK cells to qualify as local and to avoid EV tariffs in the EU
Improving: Small supply increases expected and reduced demand	9%	Expected to be the next ‘big thing’ after CAM. Access to low-cost renewable energy is key to manufacturing competitiveness.
Improving: announced investments likely to be sufficient for capacity	8%	Value in today’s liquid electrolyte is relatively low, but solid-state electrolytes are a key investment consideration
Improving: Supply stable, possible demand reduction	7%	Significant opportunities to localise in UK even though typically manufactured in Eastern Europe

Source: APC internal analysis, BNEF forecasts (Accessed: 08.11.2022)
1) Europe region includes non-EU countries such as Turkey

*Risk-weighted capacity based on APC internal assessment of announced and under construction projects
**Value in terms of cost contribution to total cell cost based on an NMC811 cell

Q3 2022 – Demand update

The following section includes battery demand from both Light Duty Vehicles (LDVs) and Heavy Goods Vehicles (HGVs)

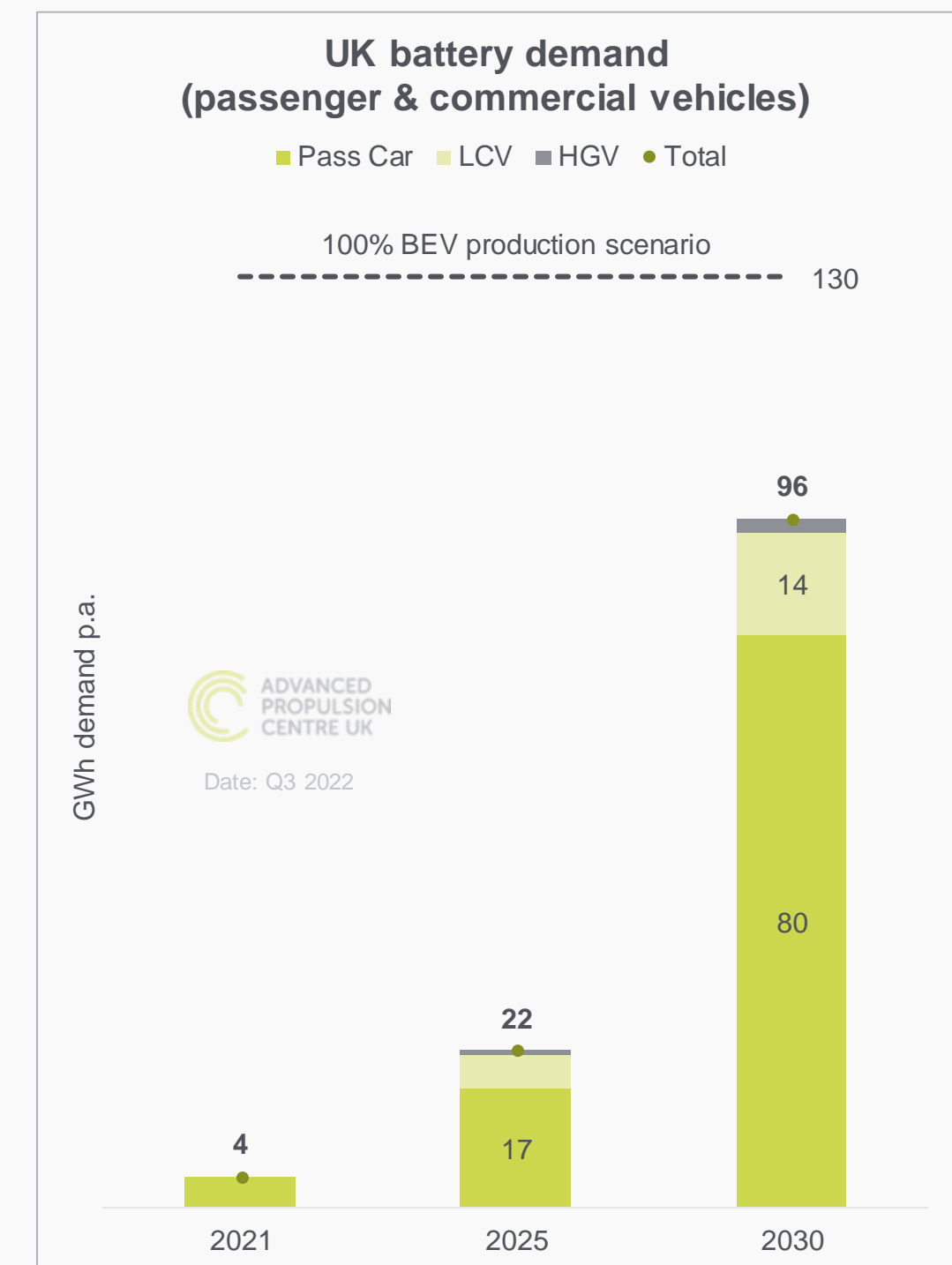
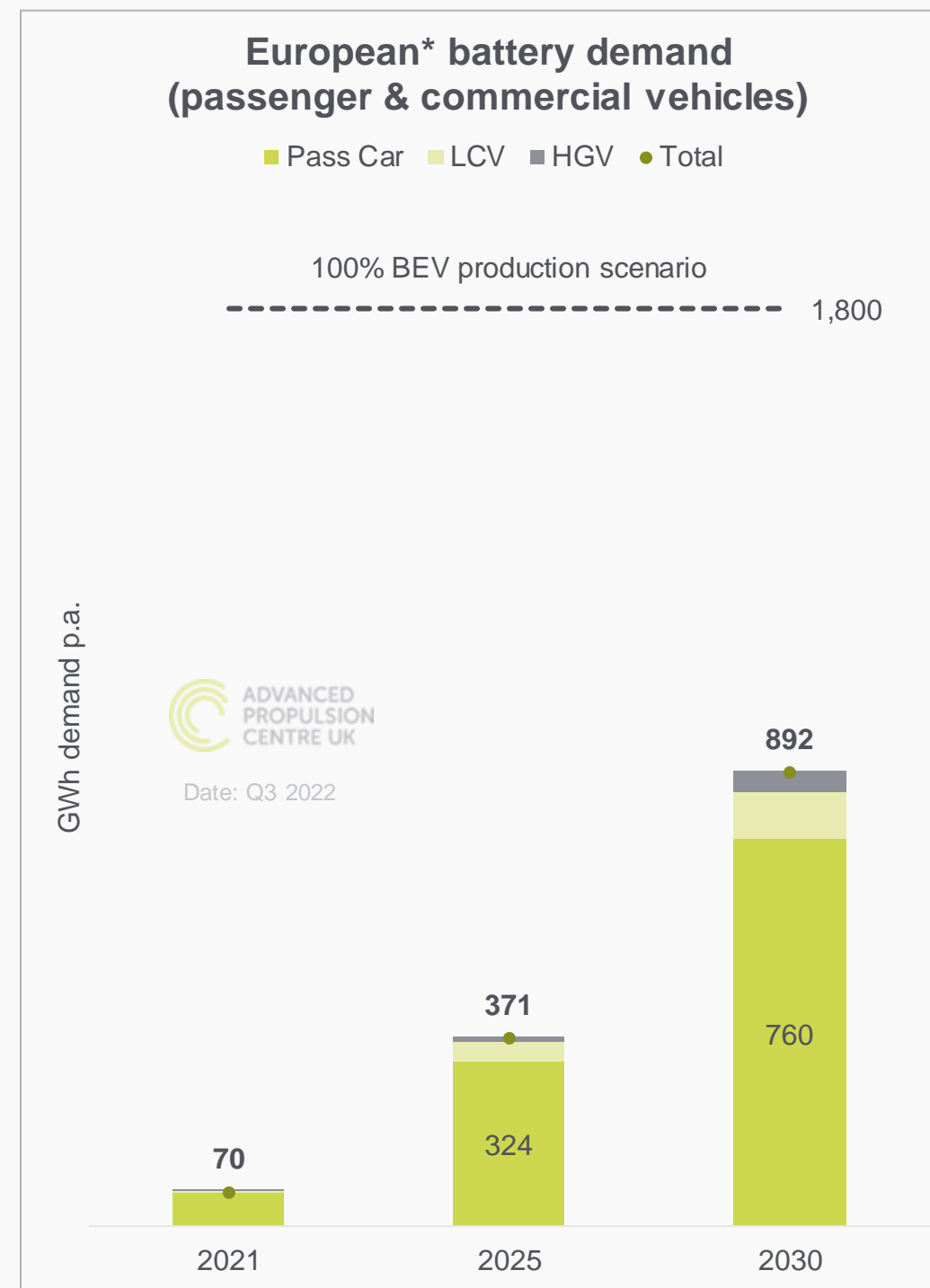
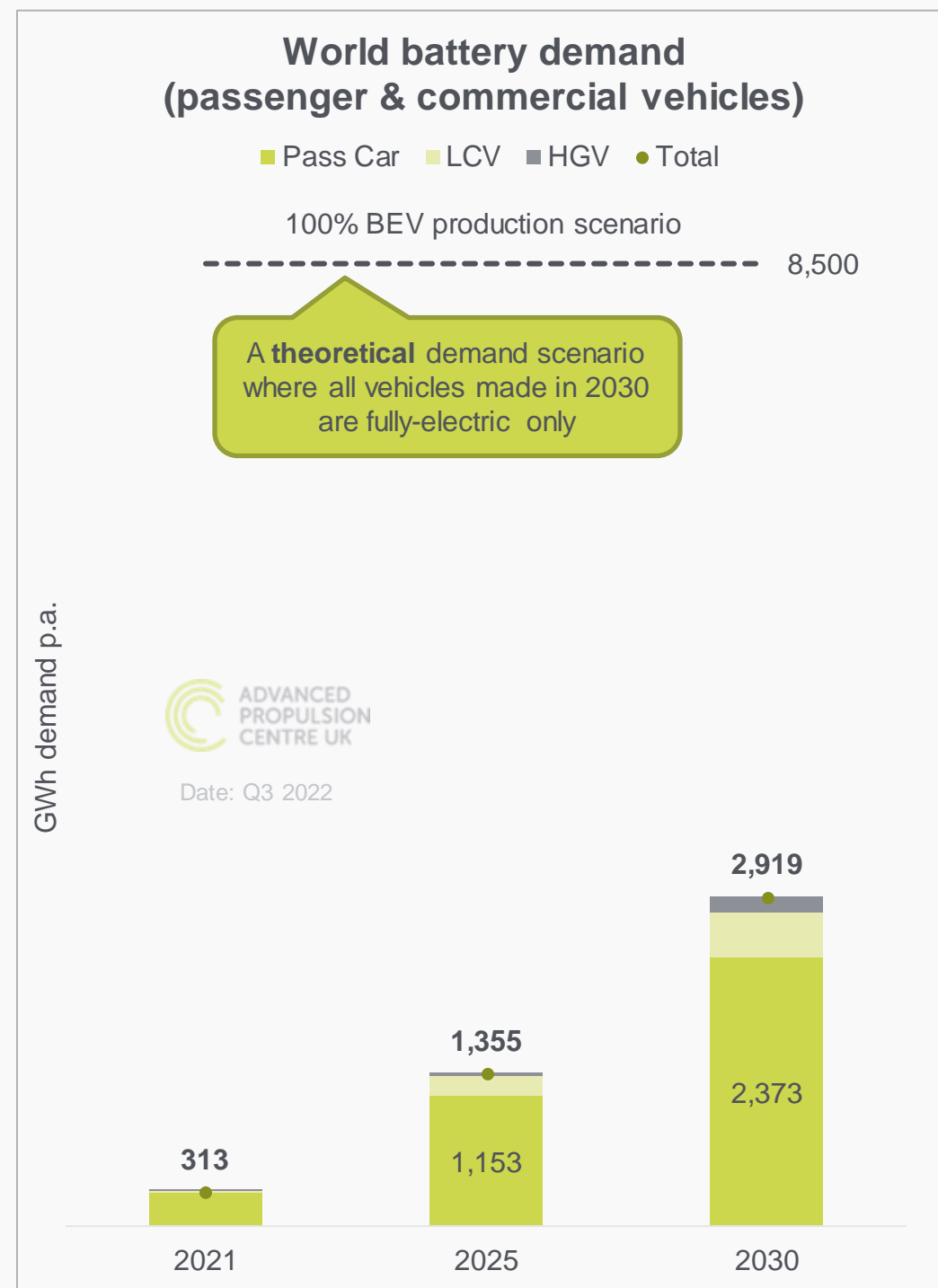


Battery demand forecast

LDVs and HGVs

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- World battery demand forecast to exceed 2,900 GWh by 2030, (more than double the forecast for 2025)
- 2025 European demand forecast down slightly compared to APC's Q2 2022 demand forecast due to economic uncertainty

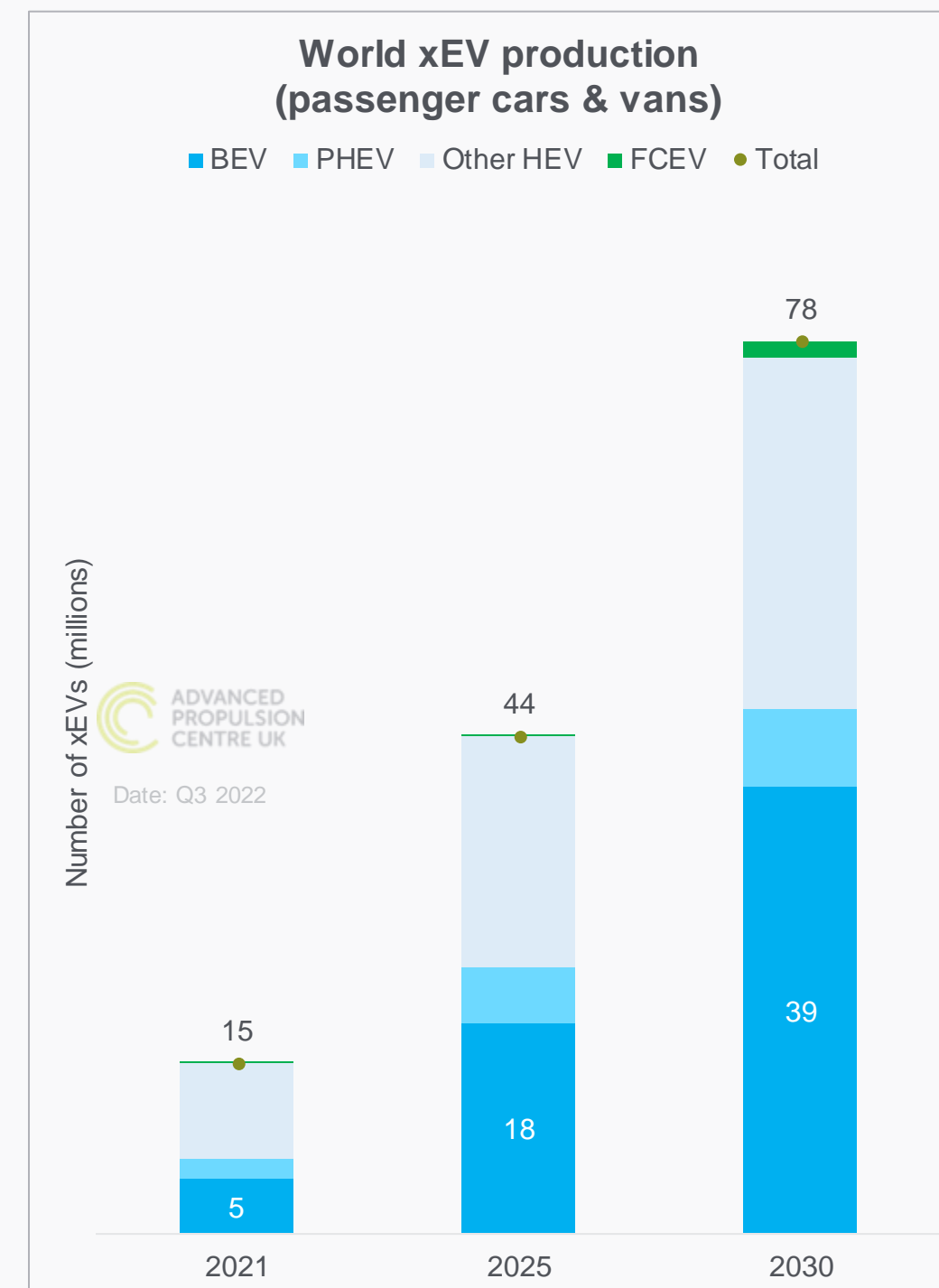
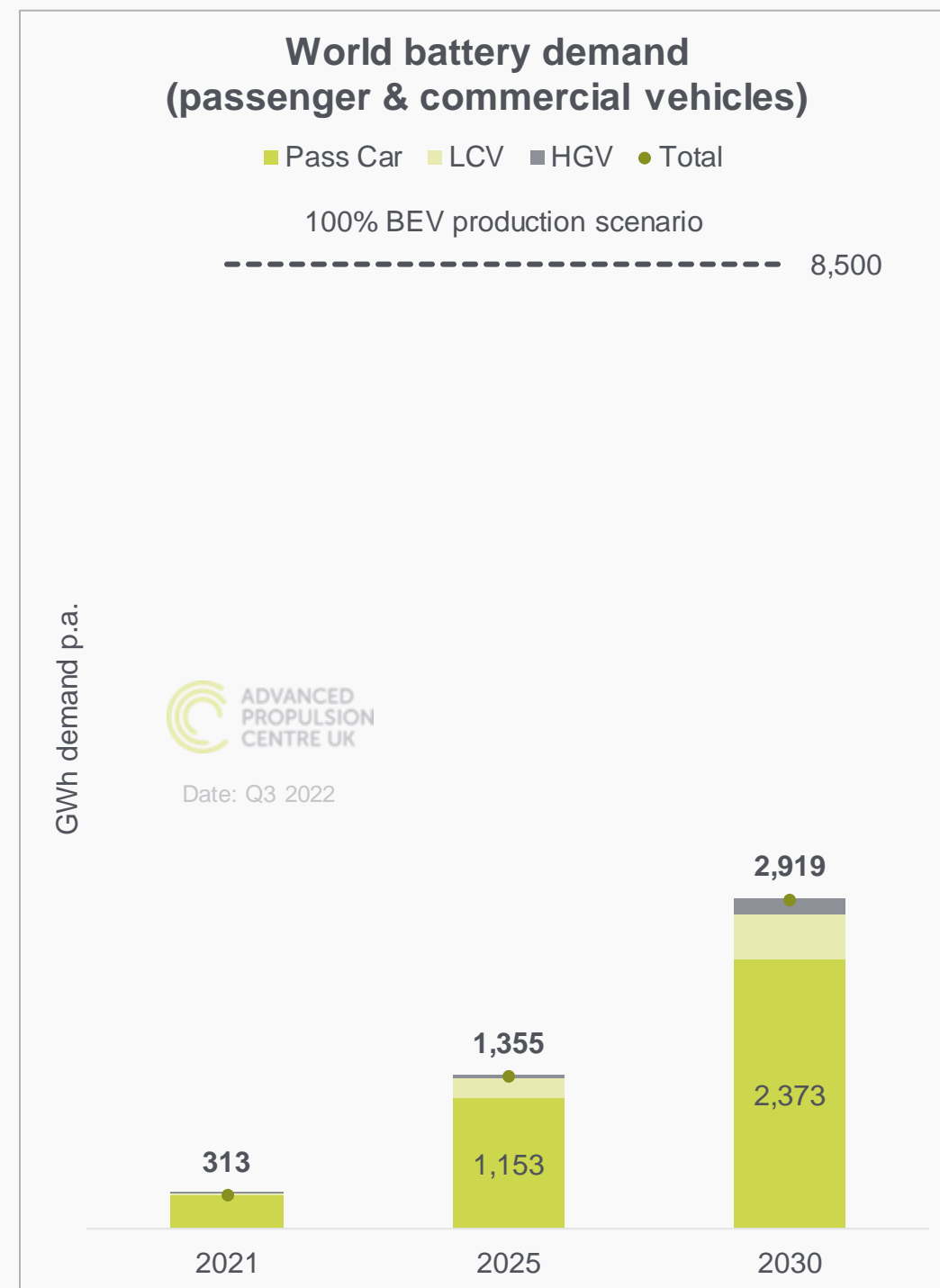


World xEV production

Passenger cars and vans

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- World vehicle production would require more than 2,900 GWh of batteries, with 39 million battery-electric cars and vans produced globally by 2030

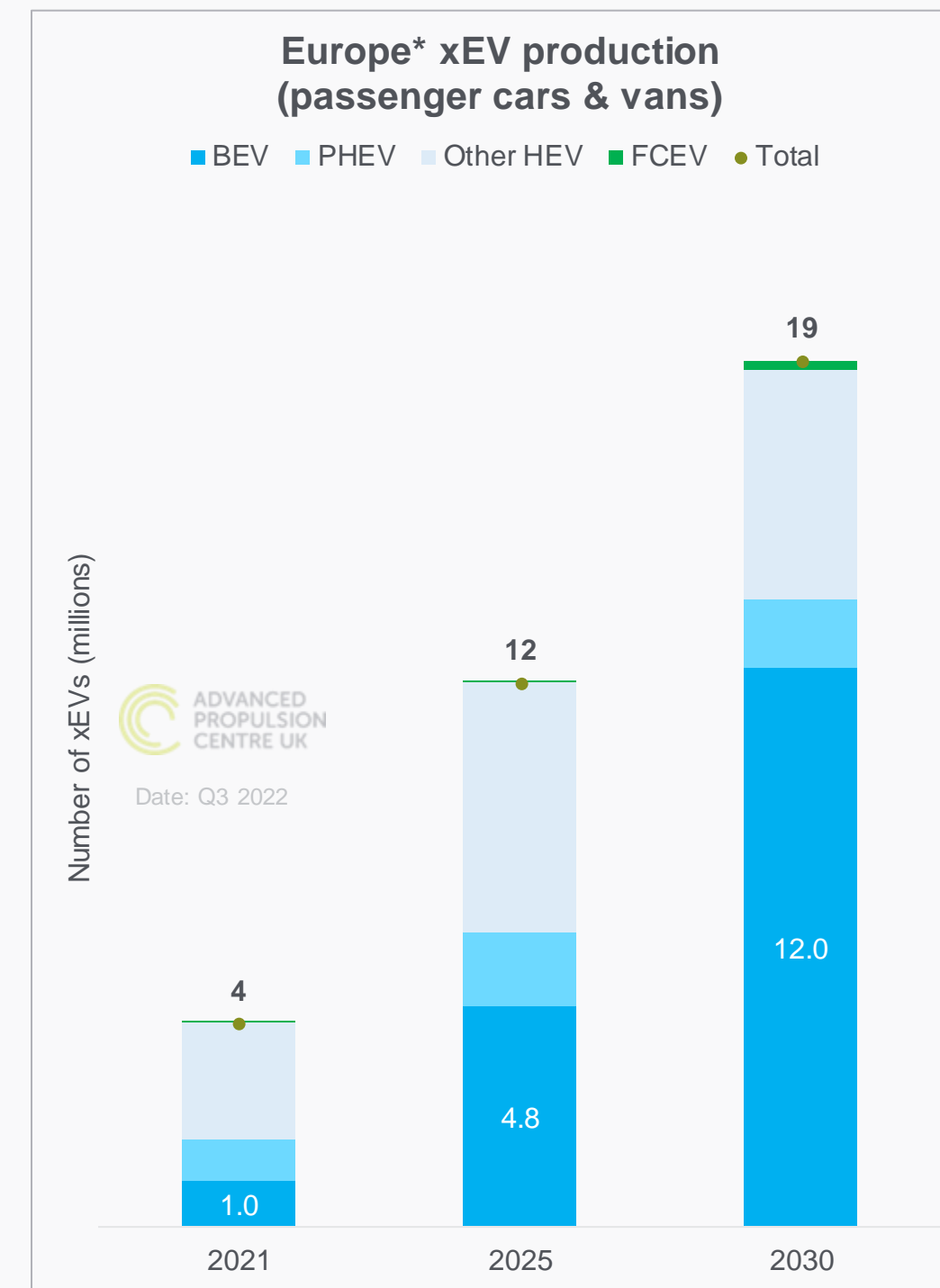
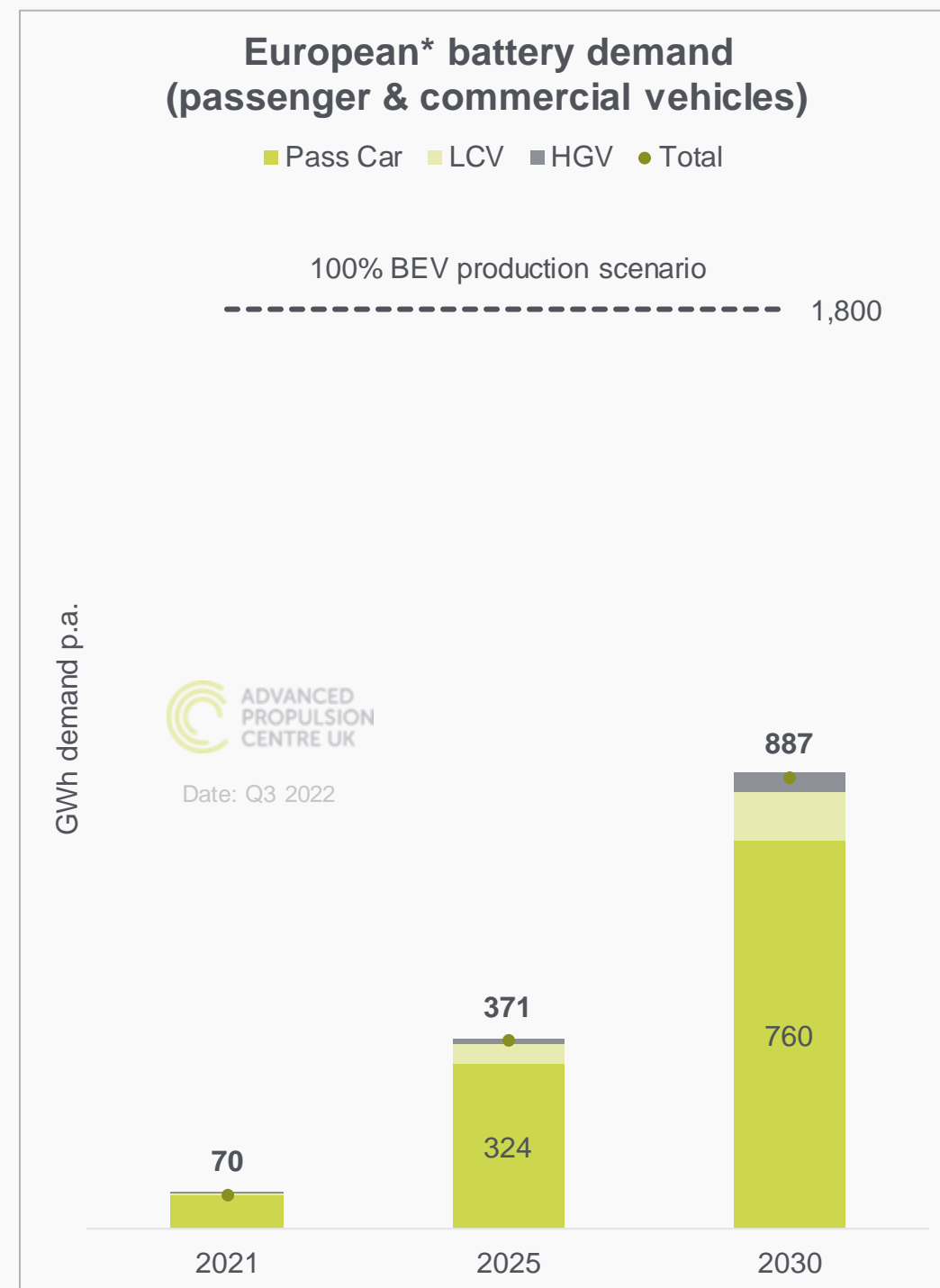


European xEV production

Passenger cars and vans

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- Production forecast for 2025 reduced by 1 million vehicles compared to APC's Q2 2022 demand report. Recovery by 2030 expected.
- Forecast has greater uncertainty than previous reports due to geopolitical and supply chain uncertainties

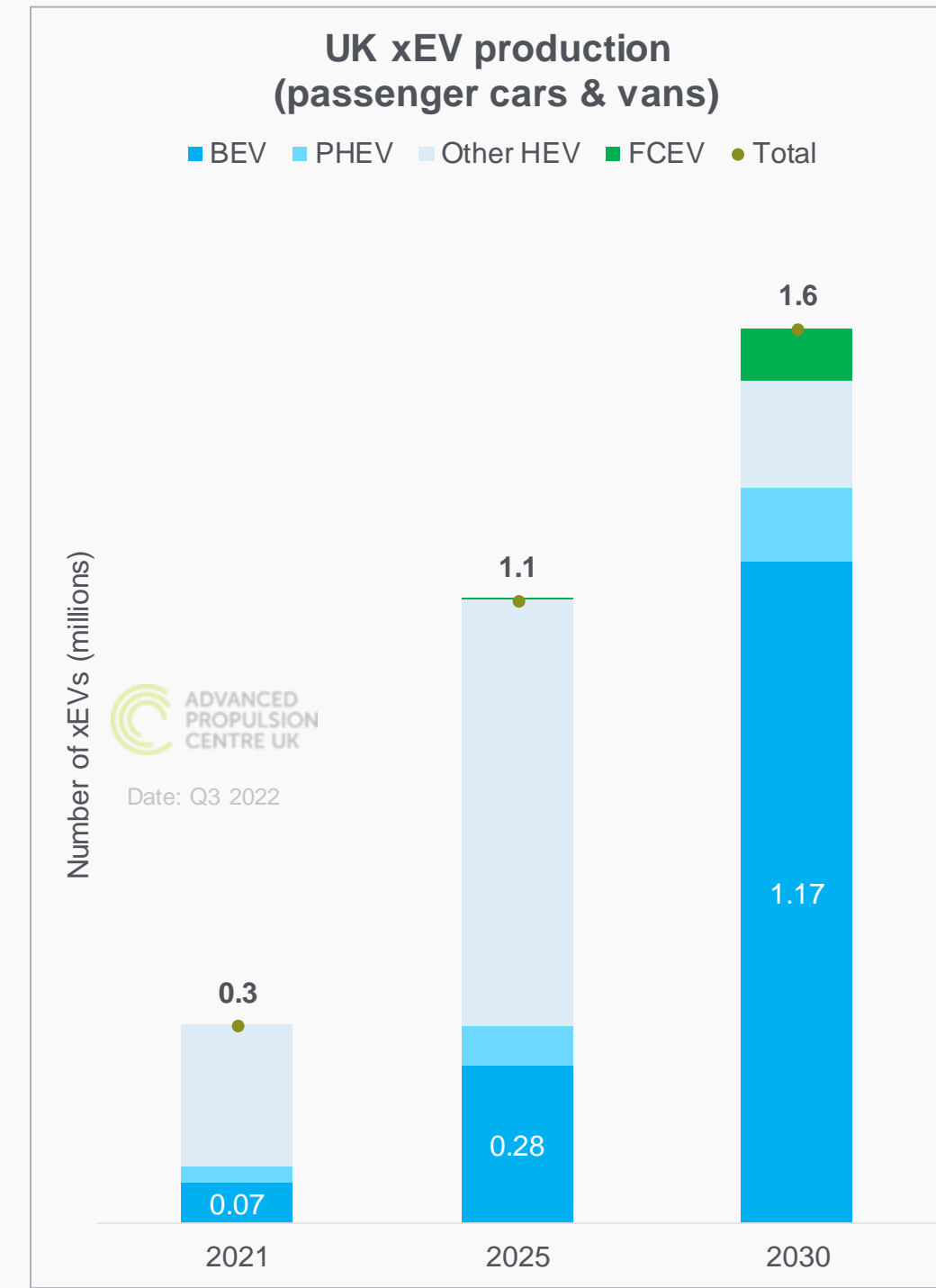
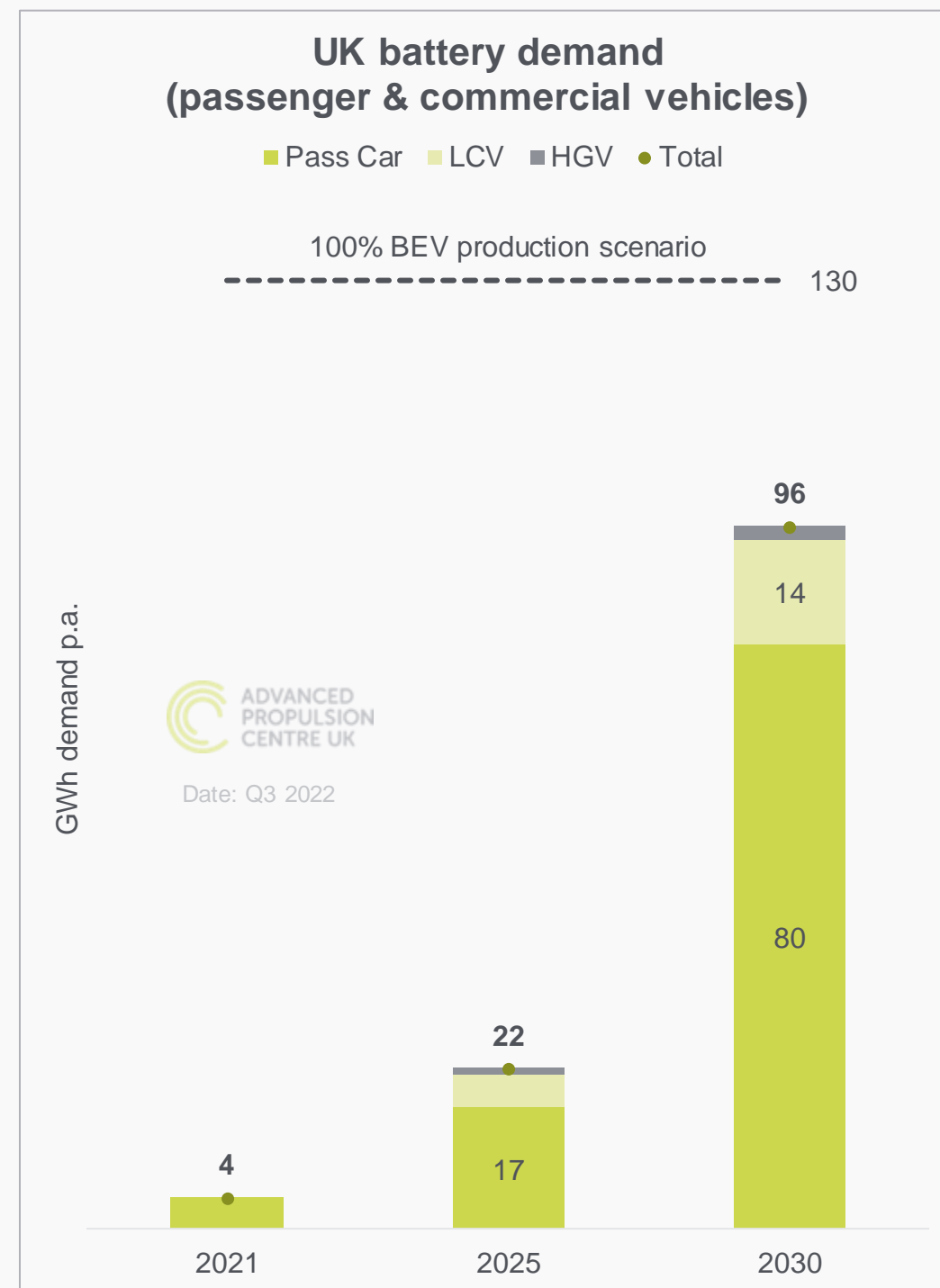


UK xEV production

Passenger cars and vans

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- Economic uncertainty results in a reduced forecast for BEVs, compared to APC's Q2 2022 demand forecast, as buyers are expected to stick with cheaper options for longer
- Although BEV production is reduced overall production is increased with more PHEV and other HEV vehicles compared to APC's Q2 2022 demand forecast



Q3 2022 – Trends insight

Silicon Carbide (SiC) based power electronics can enable smaller battery pack sizes via powertrain efficiency gains

Increase lithium supply

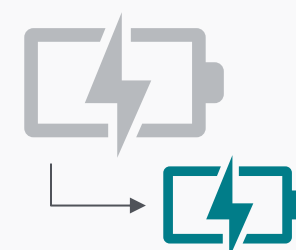


Investment incentives in sustainable Li extraction



Recycle Li from various sources

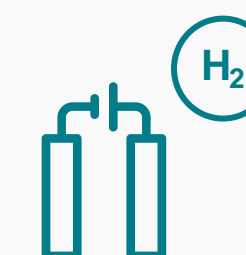
Decrease lithium demand



Manufacturing smaller & modular batteries



Moving from Li-ion to Sodium-ion batteries



Shifting production to other powertrains

Relative impact

High

Low

High

Low

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Summary

Li shortage 40% better if all probable extraction projects come online by 2030

Significant supply from BEV end-of-life retirements likely to come later than 2030

APC baseline 2030 Li shortage 55% better than in 'Large Pack Size Scenario'

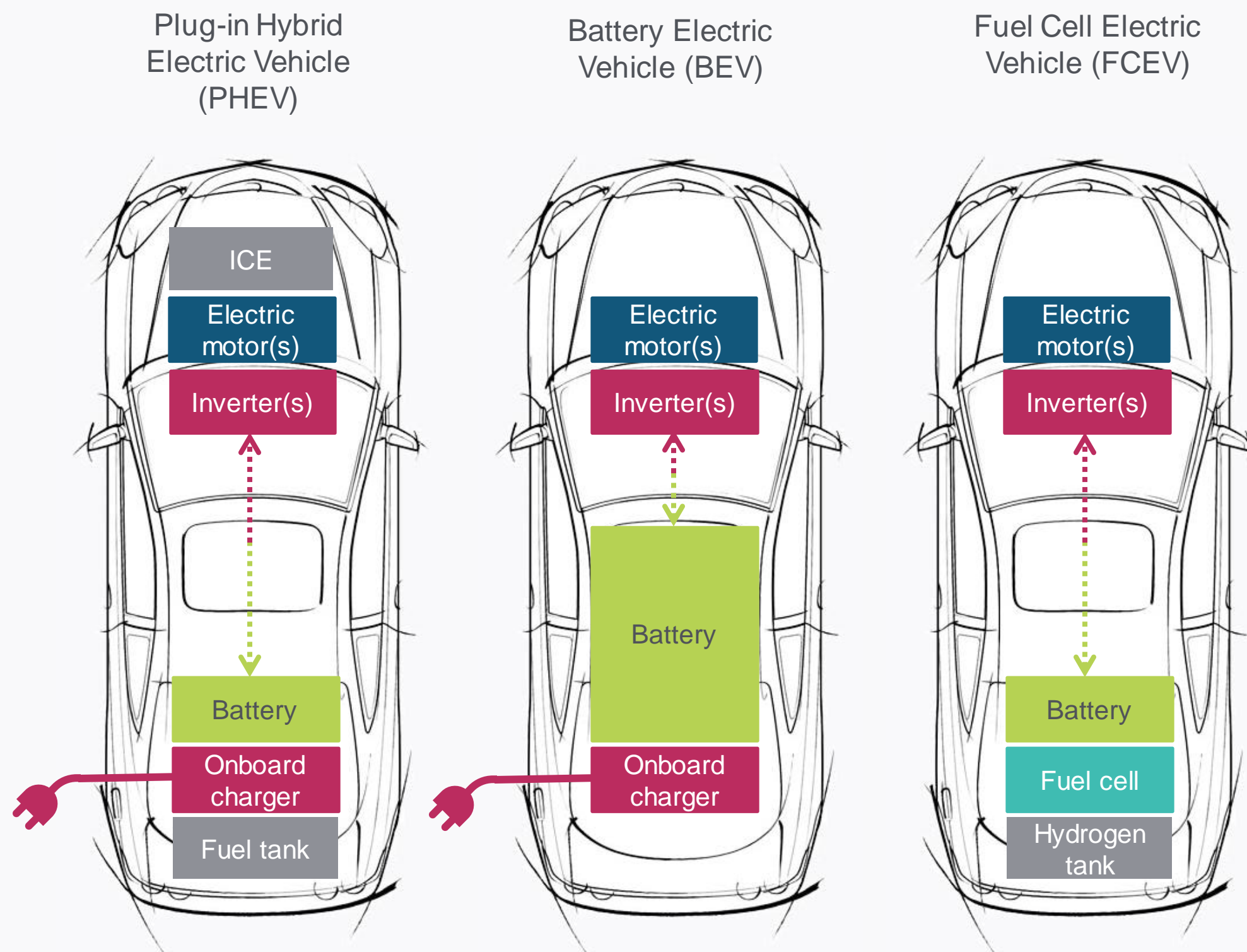
Na-ion in smaller BEVs that account for < 5% of battery electric cars and vans

Can enable a 40% improvement in Li market balance for cars and vans

In the previous demand report APC explored the relative impact for each of the five identified solutions to a potential lithium shortage in 2030

Manufacturing smaller batteries was identified as a key lever with a high relative impact

From silicon (Si) to silicon carbide (SiC) – efficiency gains from power electronics to the powertrain



- The powertrain of a BEV, PHEV and FCEV includes a battery, inverters and electric motors
- The inverters include MOSFETs/IGBTs and diodes
- Inverters transform the DC power from the battery into three phase AC power for the motors
- Inverter technology based on SiC rather than Si provides an inherent efficiency gain and opportunities to optimise the powertrain
- Increased powertrain efficiency results in higher range or reduced battery pack size
- Reduced battery pack size is a win-win scenario as it reduces vehicle cost and reduces lithium demand

Benefits of silicon carbide (SiC) and assumptions used to model battery pack size reductions

SiC can provide the following benefits to power electronics in EVs:

Efficiency	Cost	Safety
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Higher power-conversion efficiency relative to silicon-based power electronics Reduced switching losses in SiC devices enables higher switching frequencies, which allows for reduction in the size of passive components and motor More-efficient power conversion leads to reduced cooling requirement SiC's high dielectric breakdown electric field strength allows for simple and efficient 800V conversion systems 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduced switching losses in SiC devices enables higher switching frequencies, which allows for reduction in the size of passive components and motor More-efficient power conversion leads to reduced cooling requirement Built-in body diode in a SiC MOSFET can eliminate the need for a separate anti-parallel diode SiC's high dielectric breakdown electric field strength allows for simple and efficient 800V conversion systems 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allows for operation at higher temperatures with reduced risk of thermal runaway

Taking advantage of these benefits involves changes to cooling, cabling and motor design. With that in mind, the efficiency assumptions are a look ahead to 2030 assuming design changes are adopted on that timescale.













Assumptions

Parameter	Value	Rationale
SiC power conversion efficiency	10%	Although figures vary from 5-15%, the lower end of the scale is likely to be simple material swaps rather than optimised systems.
Weight savings	~1-2%	Weight can be saved from the motors, cabling and cooling systems, a conservative estimate of 15kg has been used. Based on an assumption that a 10% decrease in vehicle weight is a 14% efficiency gain.
Battery size reduction	~3.5-5%	Using the gains to decrease the battery size creates a further weight saving dependent on initial battery size – that can give a further efficiency increase or be used to further reduce battery size. Based on an assumption that a 10% decrease in vehicle weight is a 14% efficiency gain.

Summary of silicon carbide (SiC) impact on BEV pack size and total cost

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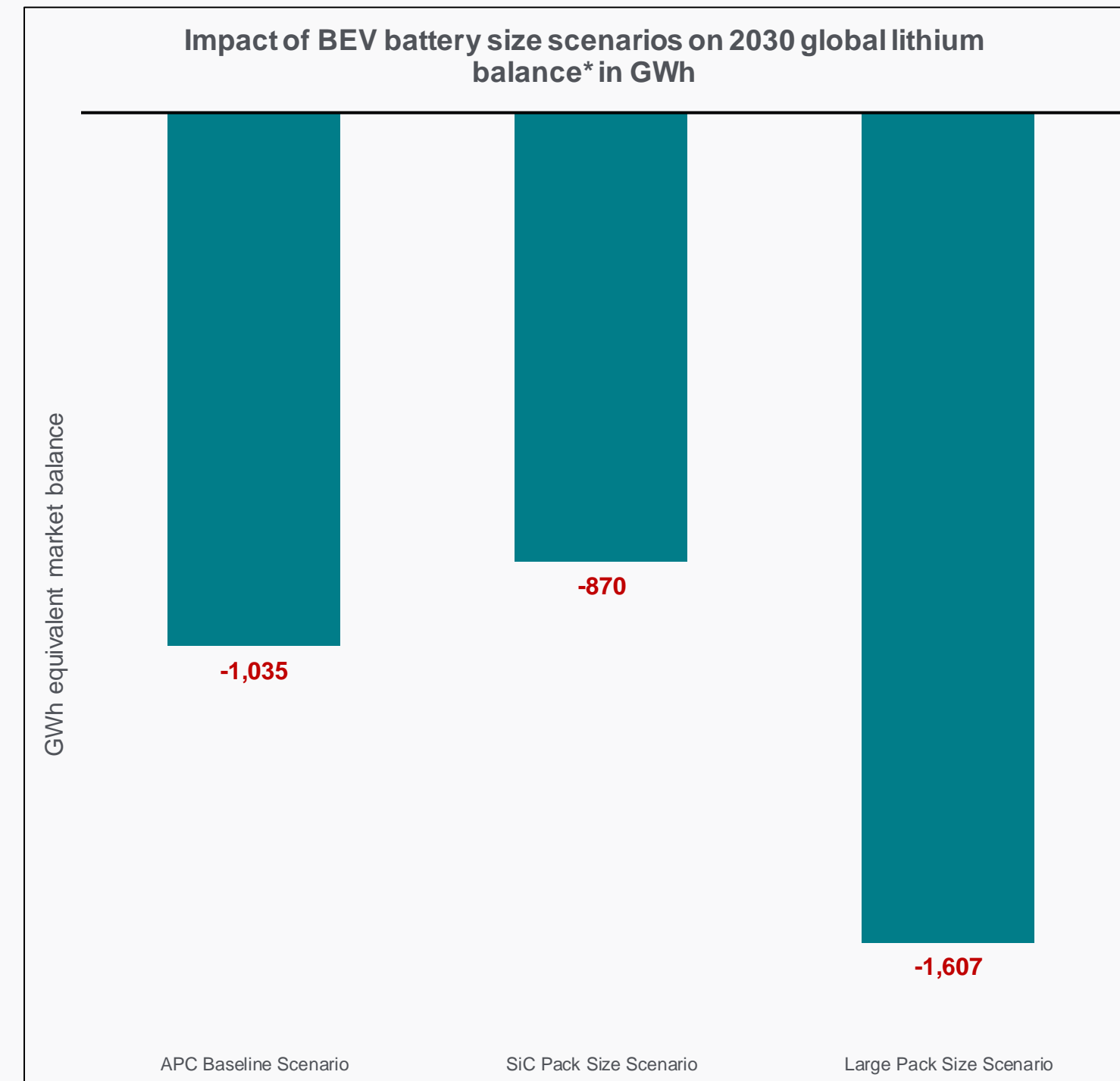
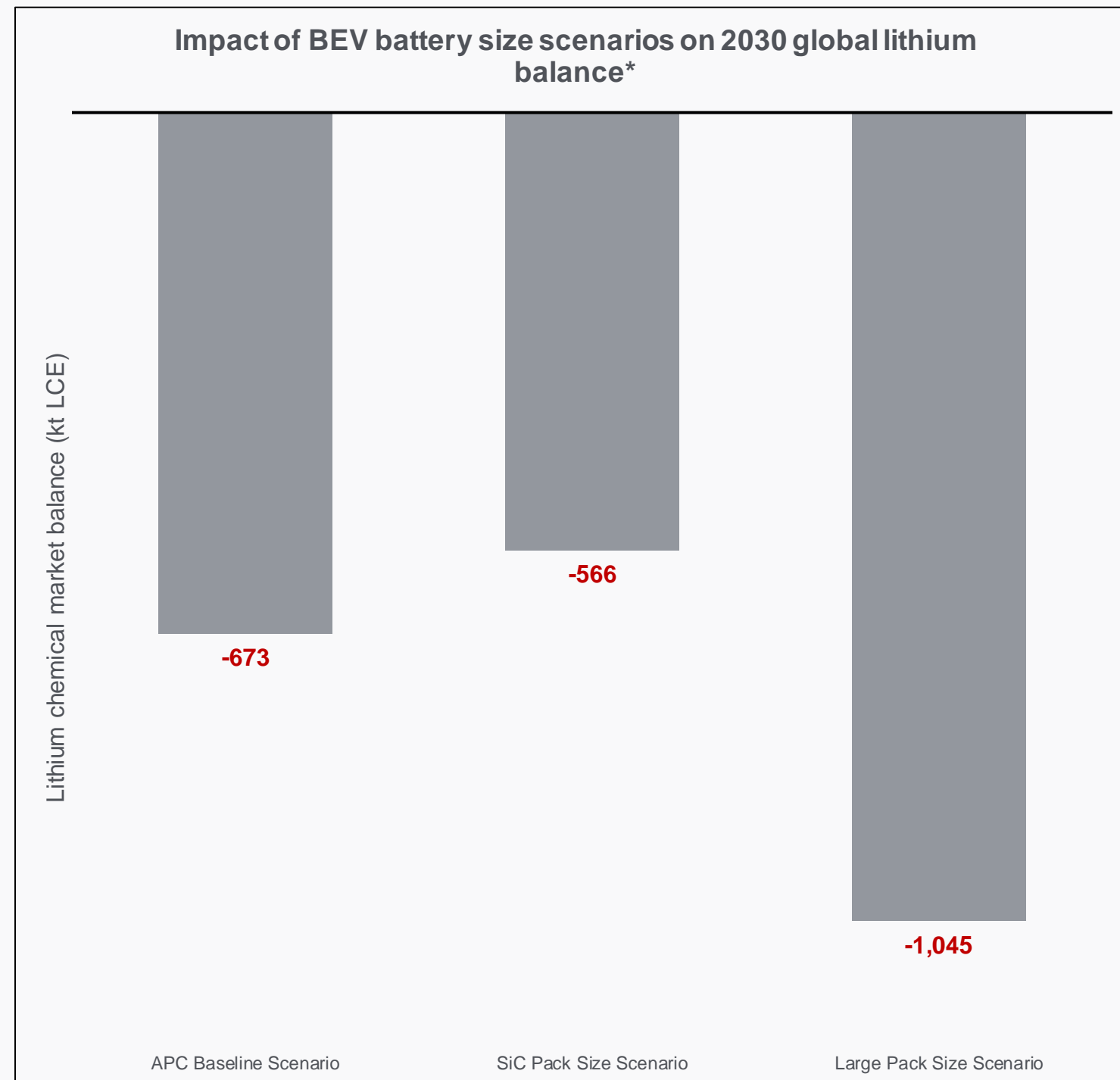
- Summary of modelled SiC opportunities for cost and pack size reduction by LDV segments assuming a 2030 timescale
- Forecast pack size increases could be mitigated by switching to SiC components
- Price assumptions are based on a 2030 forecast of \$110/kWh, total cost includes cost of SiC inverters

BEV LDV segment	% of 2030 global BEV production	Existing vehicle model examples	Baseline pack size (2030 forecast)	SiC reduced pack size (2030)	2030 total cost saving	Typical range with current pack size (miles)	SiC improved range with current pack size (miles)*
A	4%	 	40 kWh	35 kWh	£275	151	169
B	14%	 	50 kWh	44 kWh	£353	190	212
C	33%	 	60 kWh	52 kWh	£401	175	195
D	36%	 	110 kWh	98 kWh	£750	273	302
E	12%	 	80 kWh	70 kWh	£530	174	193
F / HVAN	2%	 	100 kWh	89 kWh	£671	227	252

Lithium supply balance mitigation by silicon carbide (SiC) enabled battery size reduction

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- The SiC enabled pack size reduction impacts the lithium demand balance
- In APC's Q2 2022 demand forecast reduced pack size impact on lithium demand was modelled and mitigation strategies were explored
- SiC allows a reduction of the lithium gap which reduces the strain on mitigation strategies



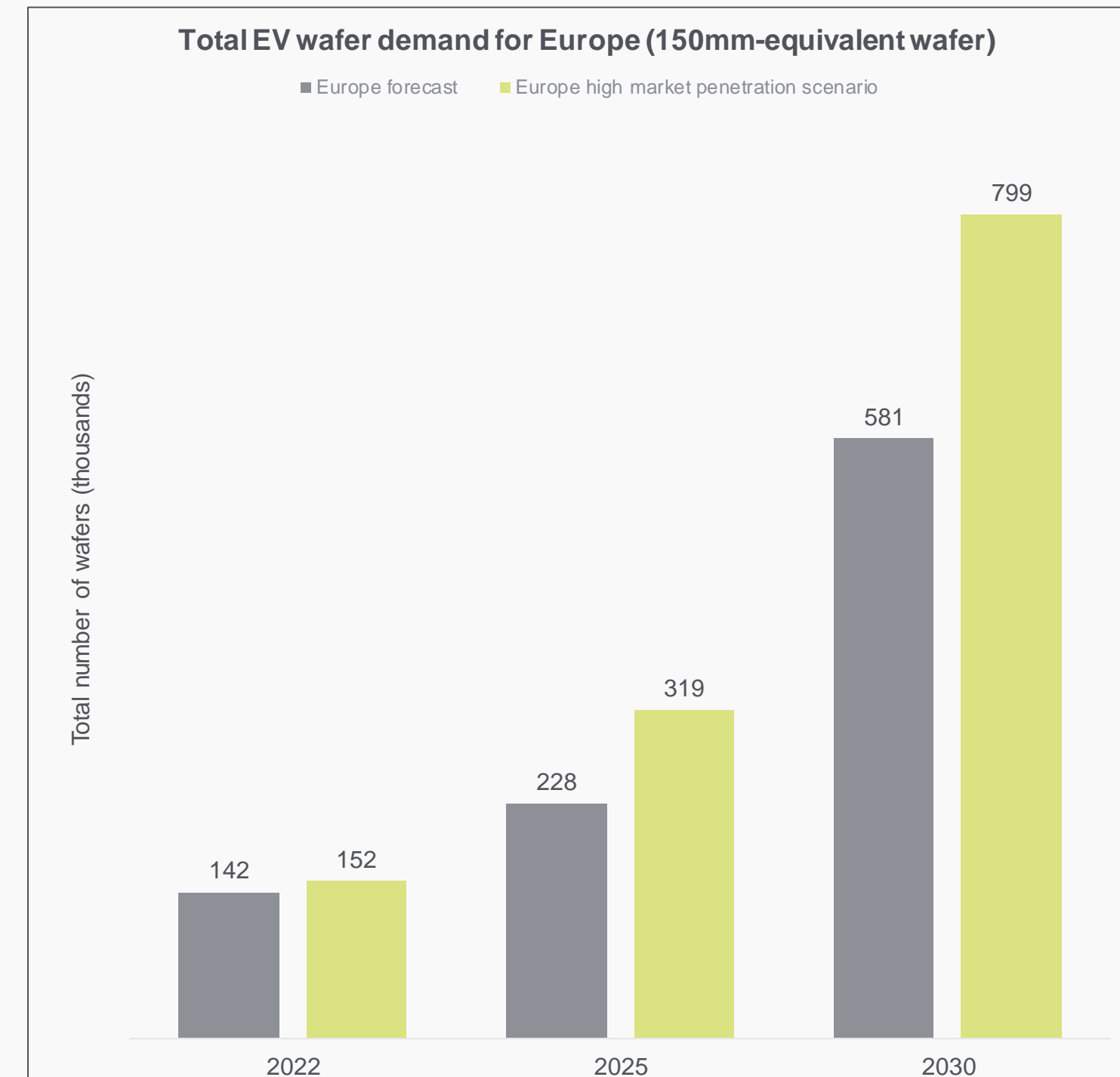
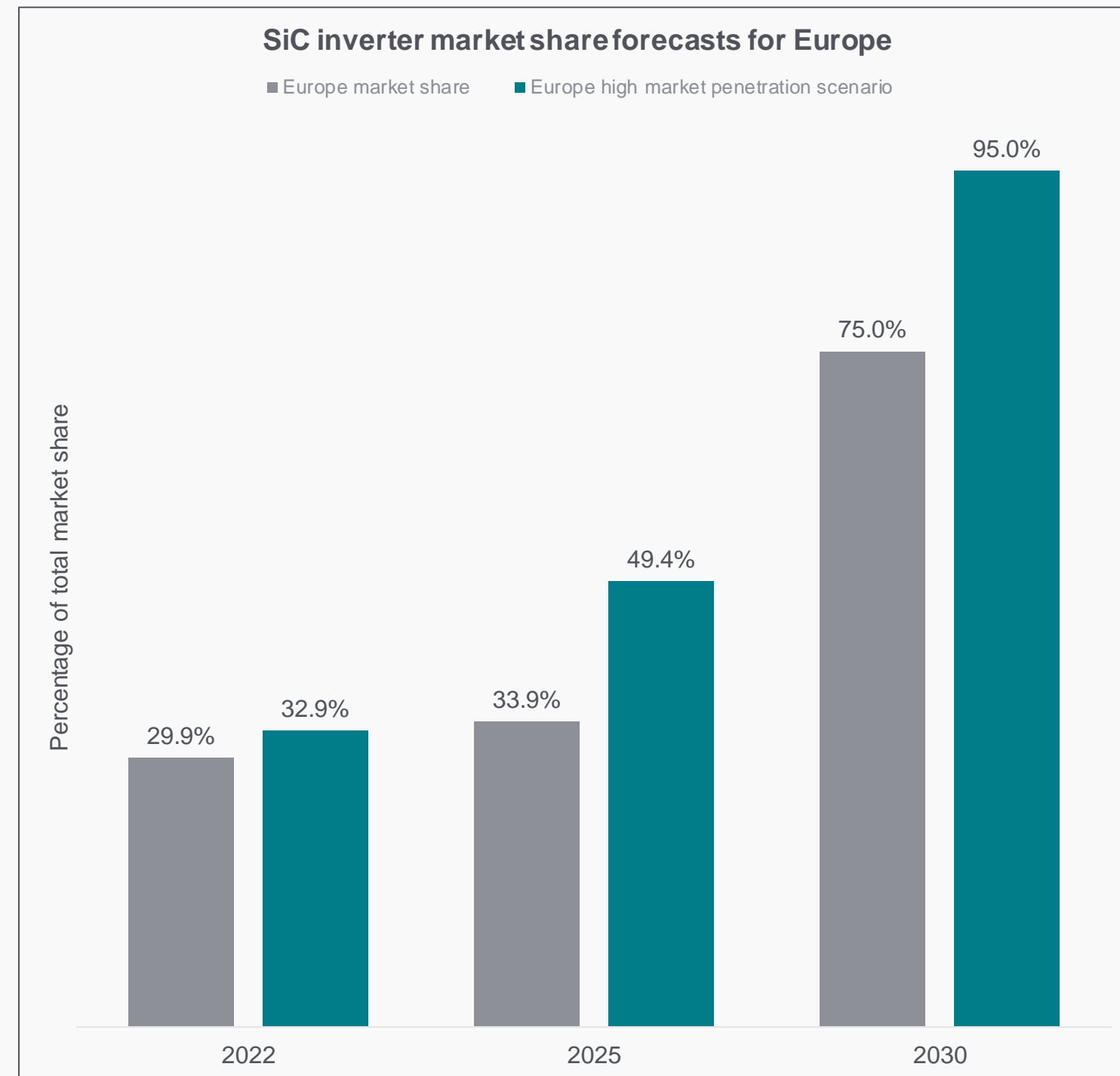
Source: APC analysis, Exawatt

*Assuming only 'Baseline Li Supply' including highly probable projects on top of existing operations and expansions

Potential European demand for silicon carbide (SiC)

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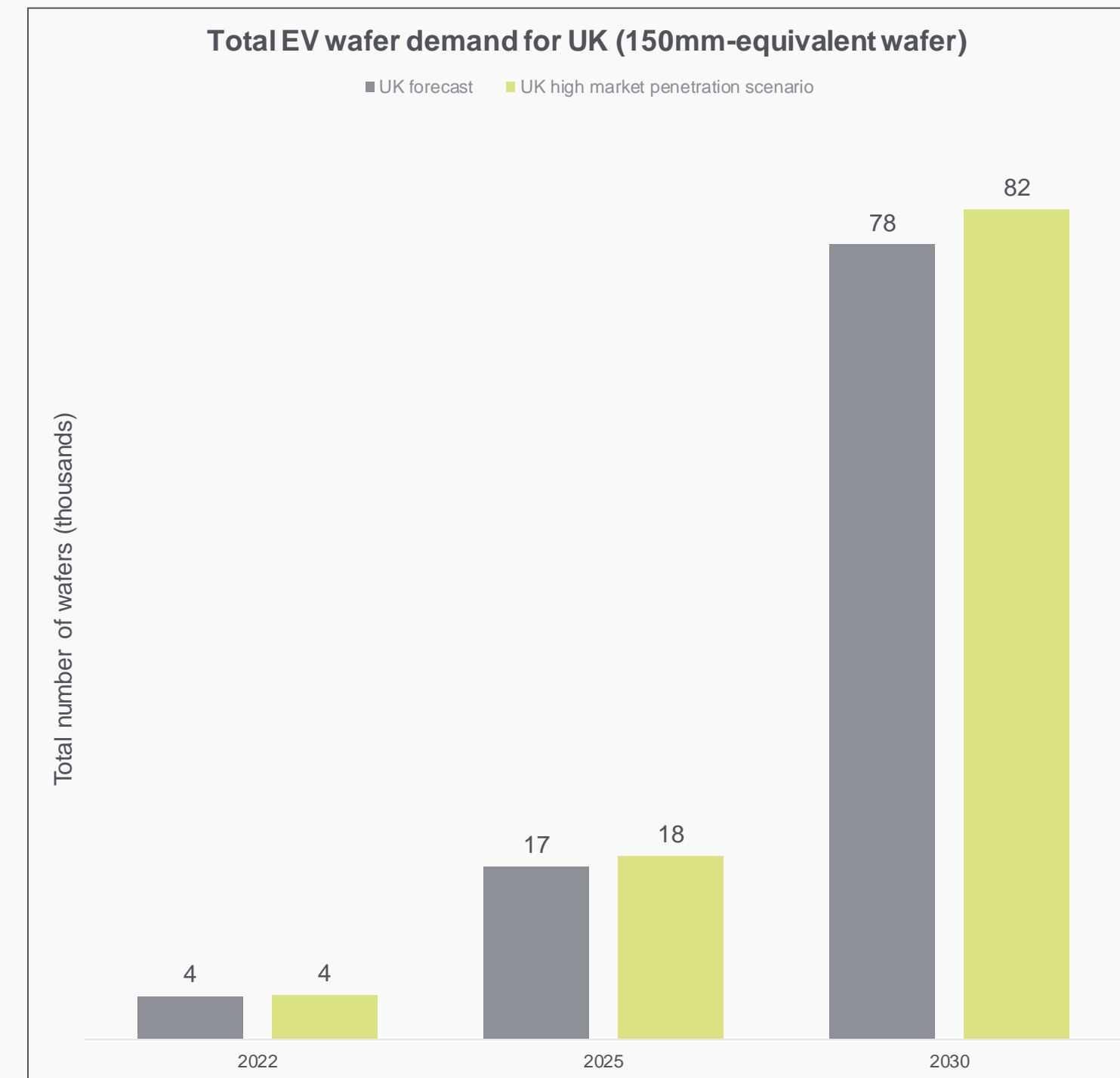
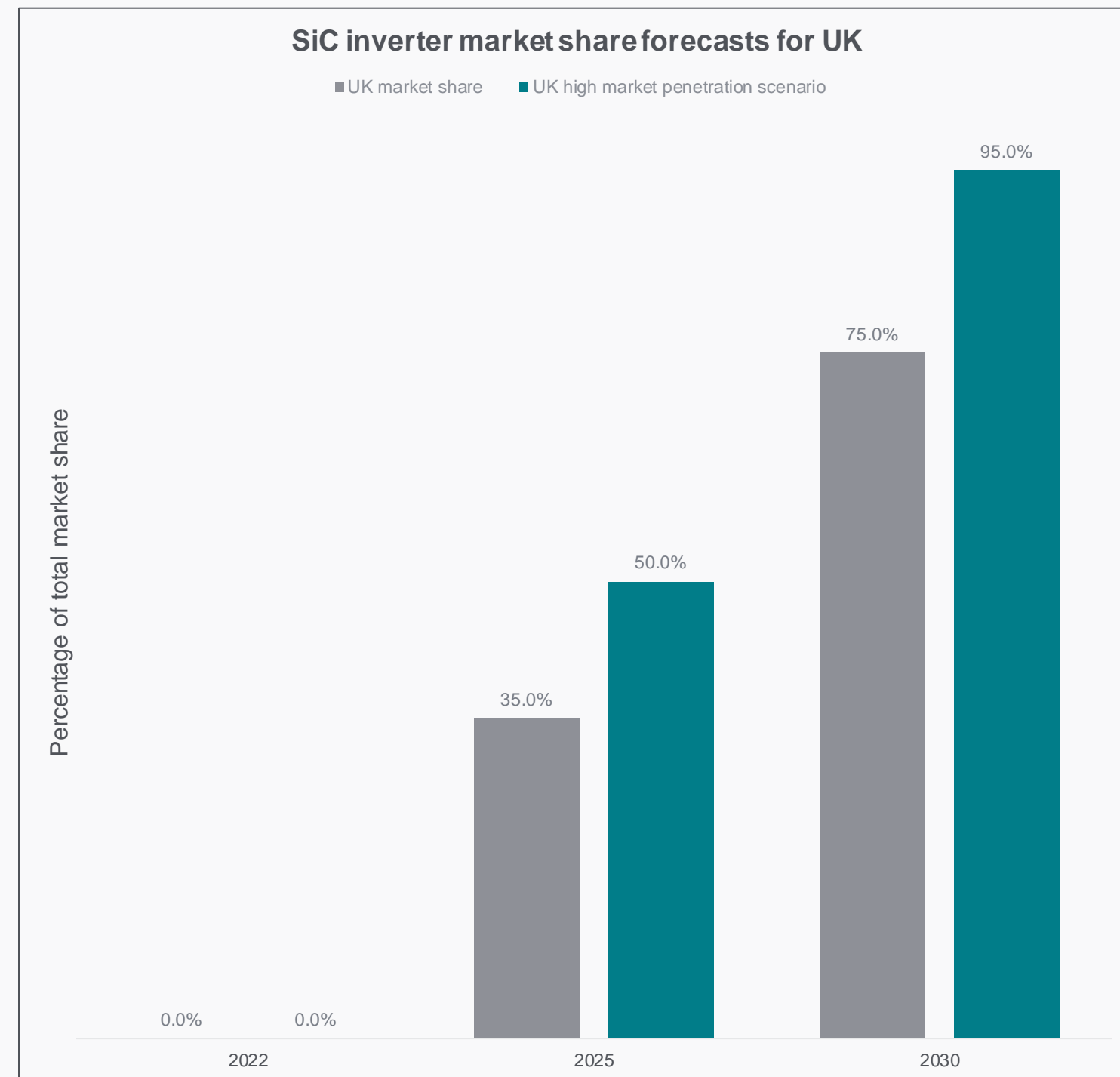
- SiC adoption in inverters is expected to reach between 30-50% market penetration between now and 2025
- In a high penetration scenario, driven by cost savings, SiC could reach over 95% of the market by 2030
- The wafer demand presented is total demand for all wafer material based on 6" wafers
- The APC roadmaps show 8" and 12" being introduced in 2025 and 2030, respectively



Potential UK demand for silicon carbide (SiC)

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- Current inverter production limited to Si in UK, however SiC based inverters starting to be delivered towards the end of 2022
- As with European demand SiC adoption in inverters is expected to reach between 30-50% market penetration between now and 2025 and between 75-95% by 2030
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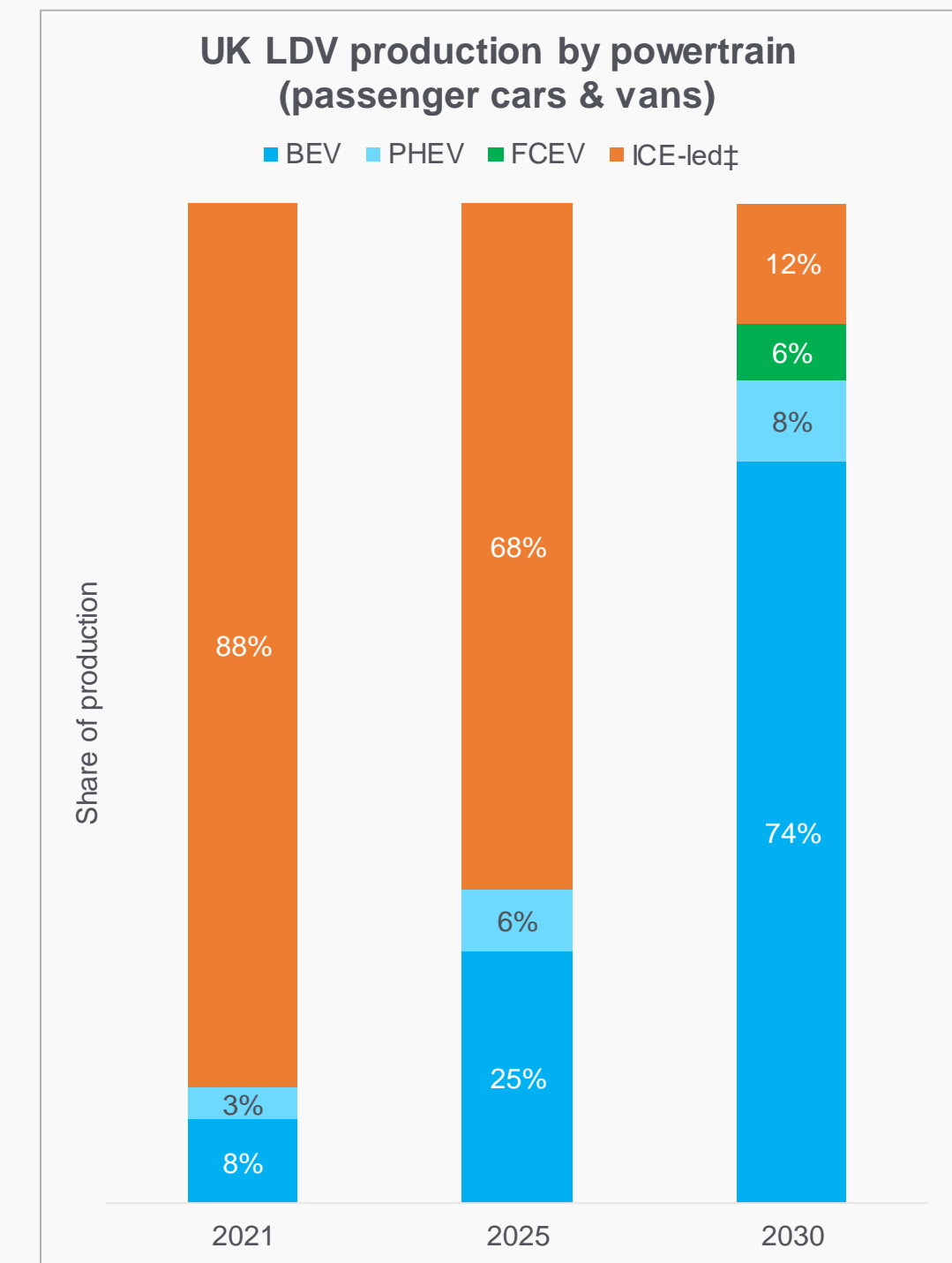
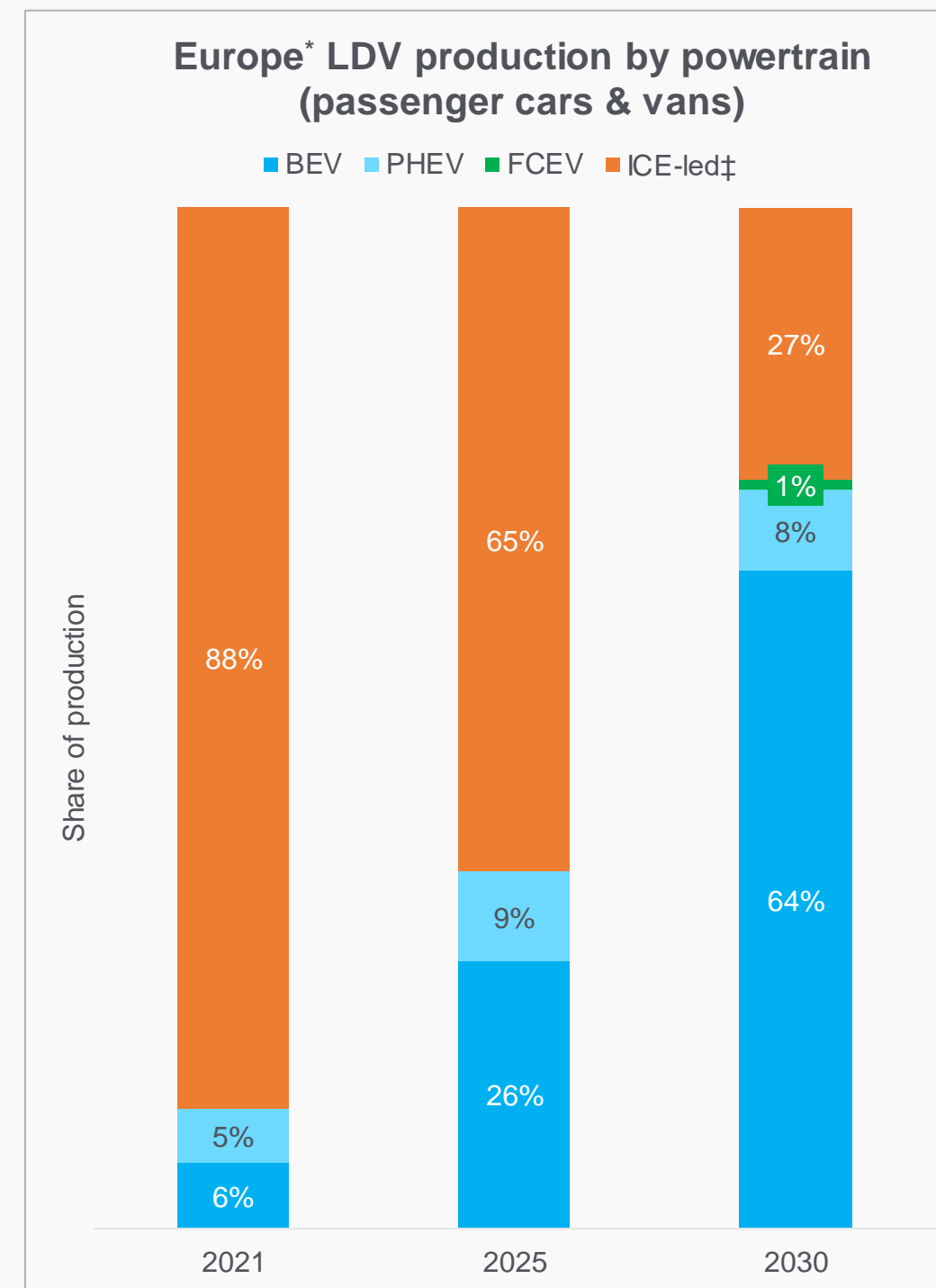
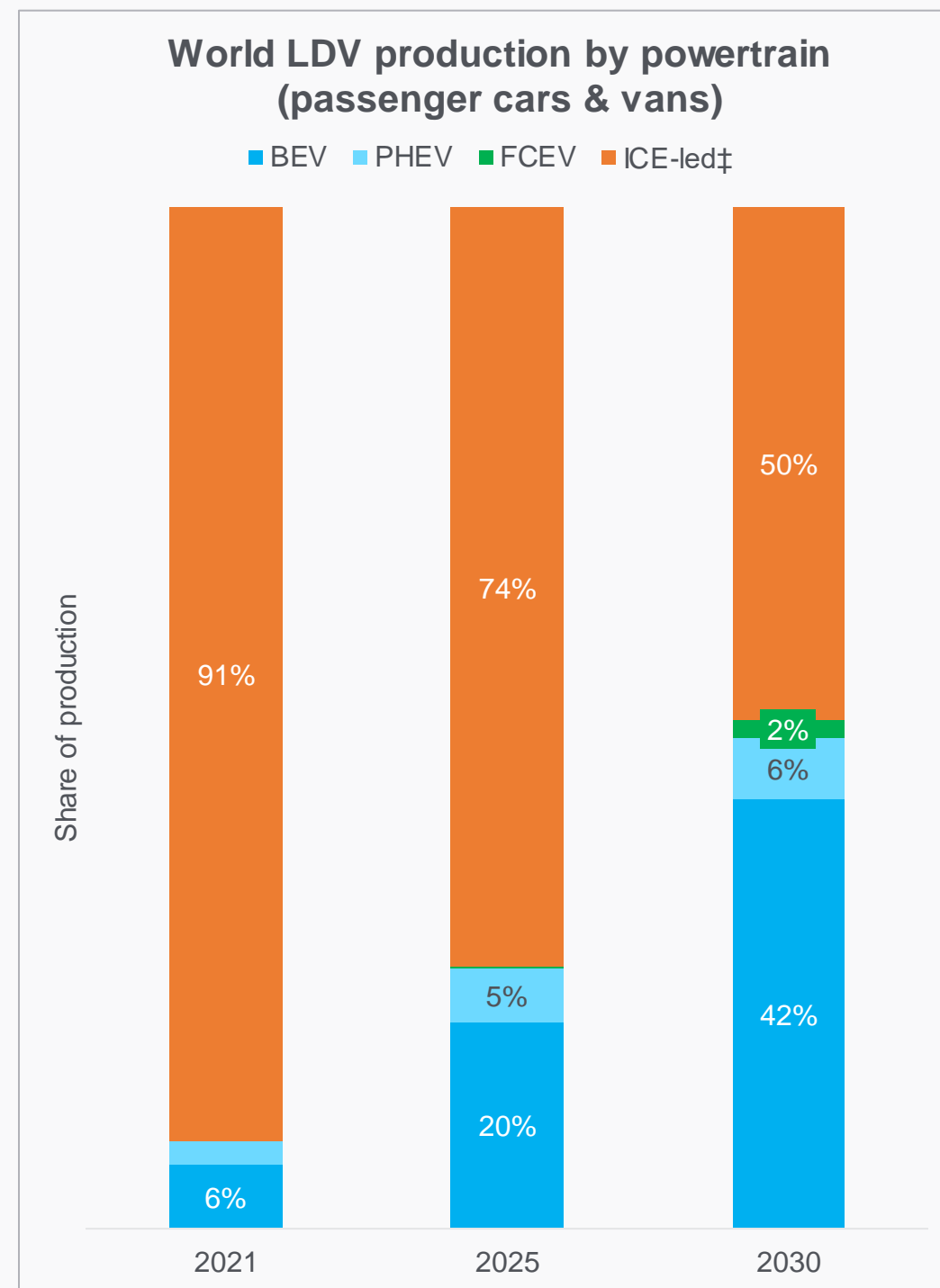


Q3 2022 – Electrified components data

Forecasts for LDV production by powertrain

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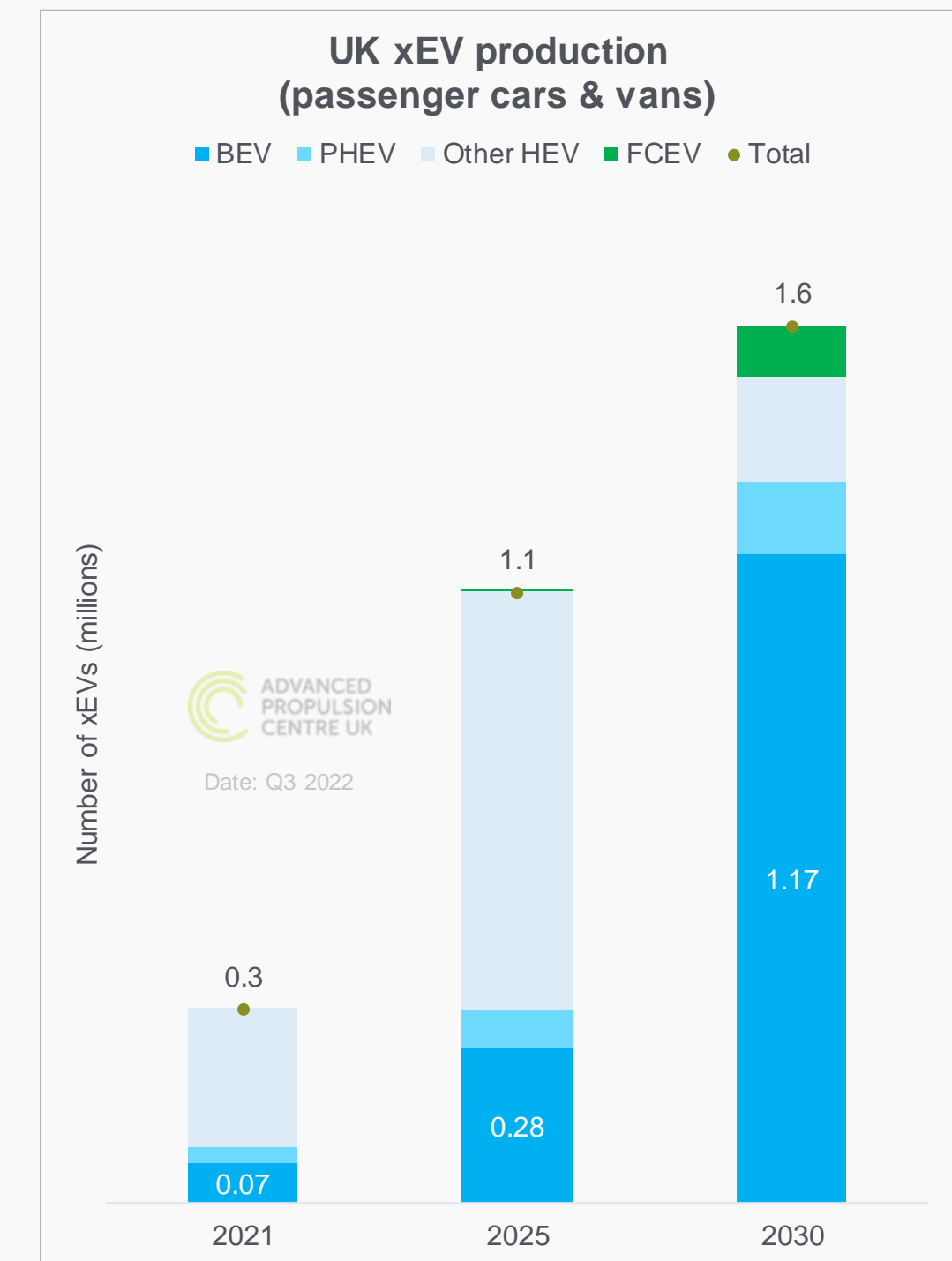
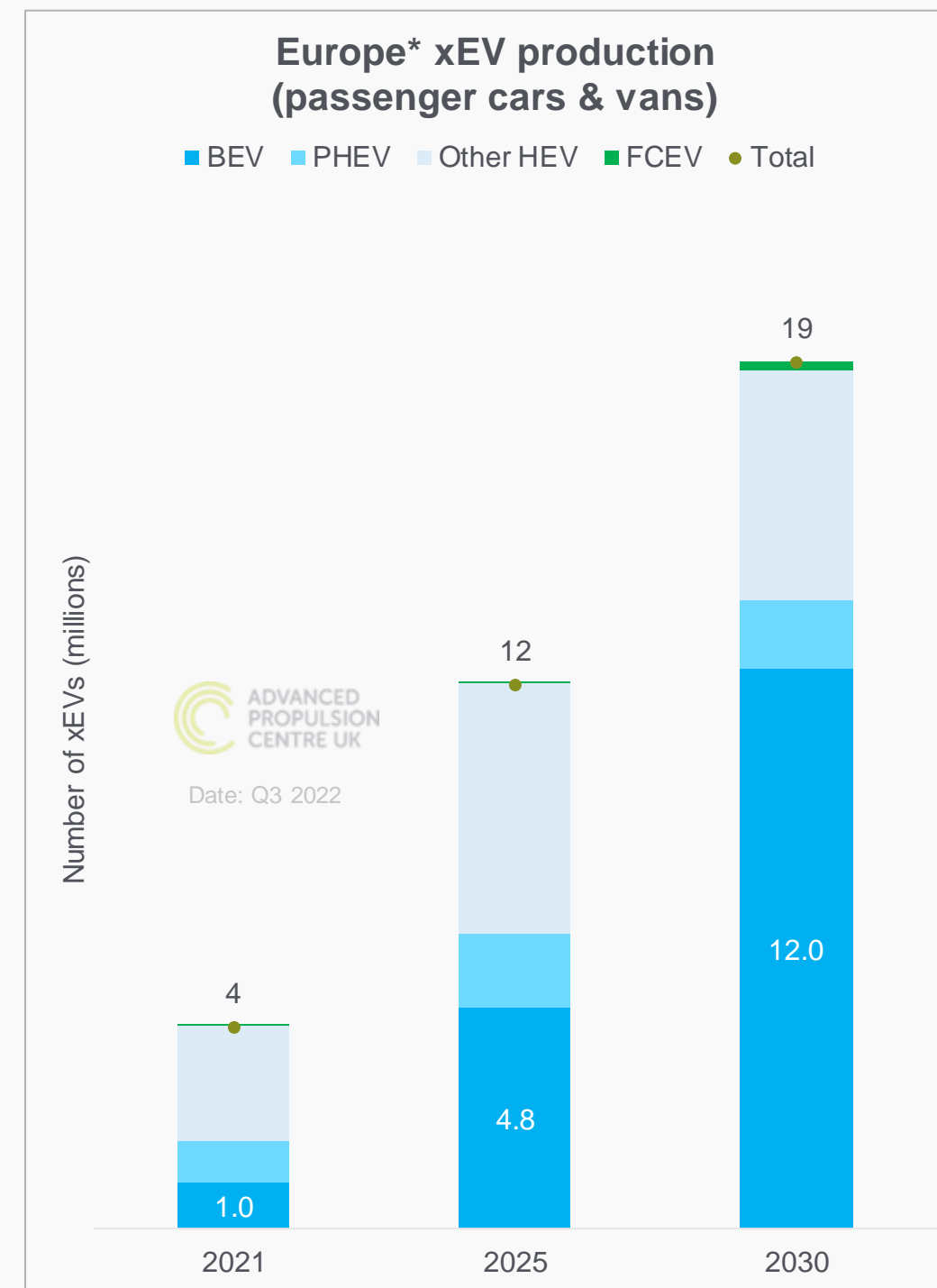
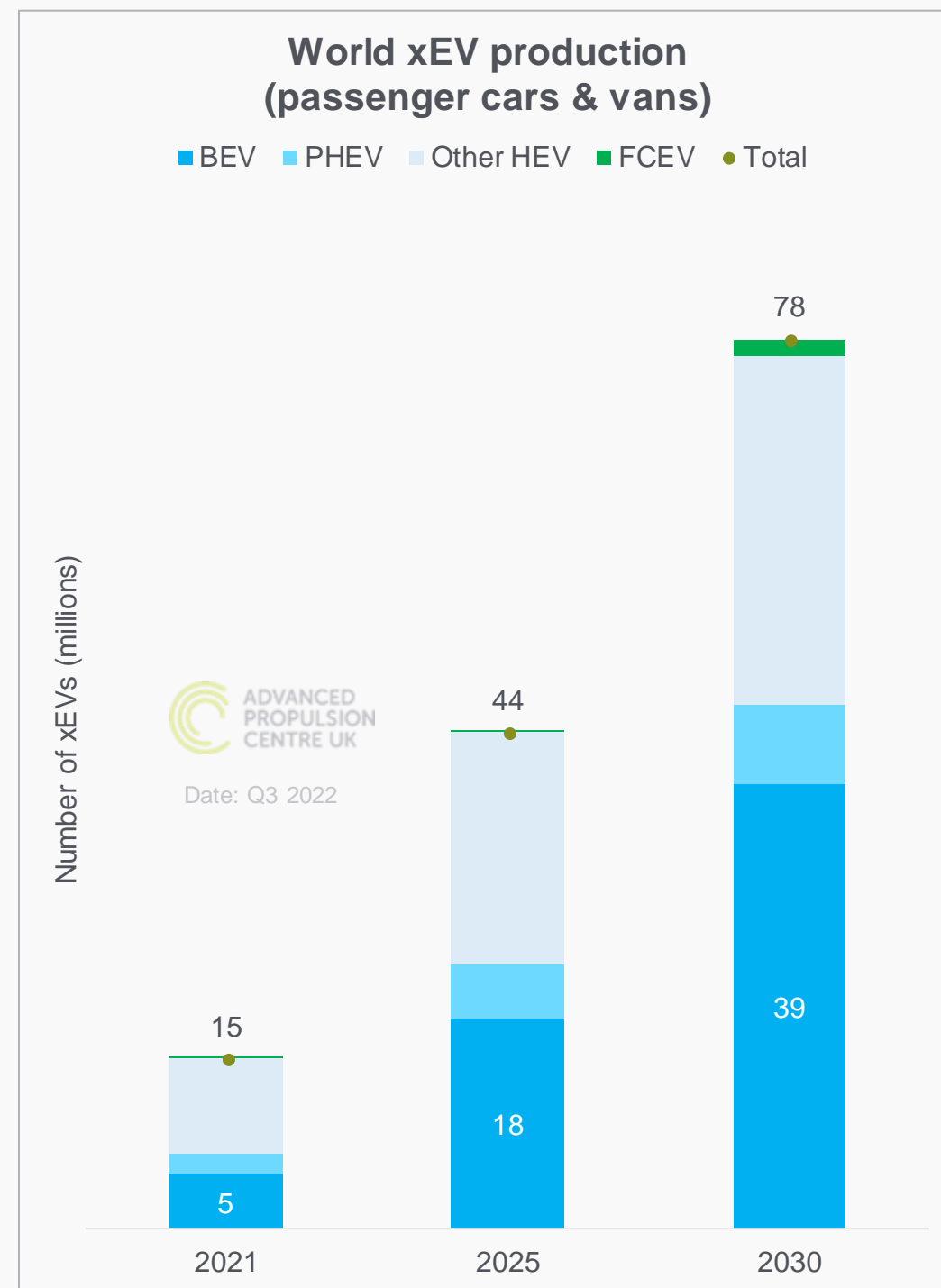
- Despite economic uncertainty the long-term outlook for BEVs is still positive
- Global BEV production forecast increased compared to APC's Q2 2022 demand forecast
- ICE-led powertrains still make up 50% of global production by 2030



Forecasts for light duty xEV production

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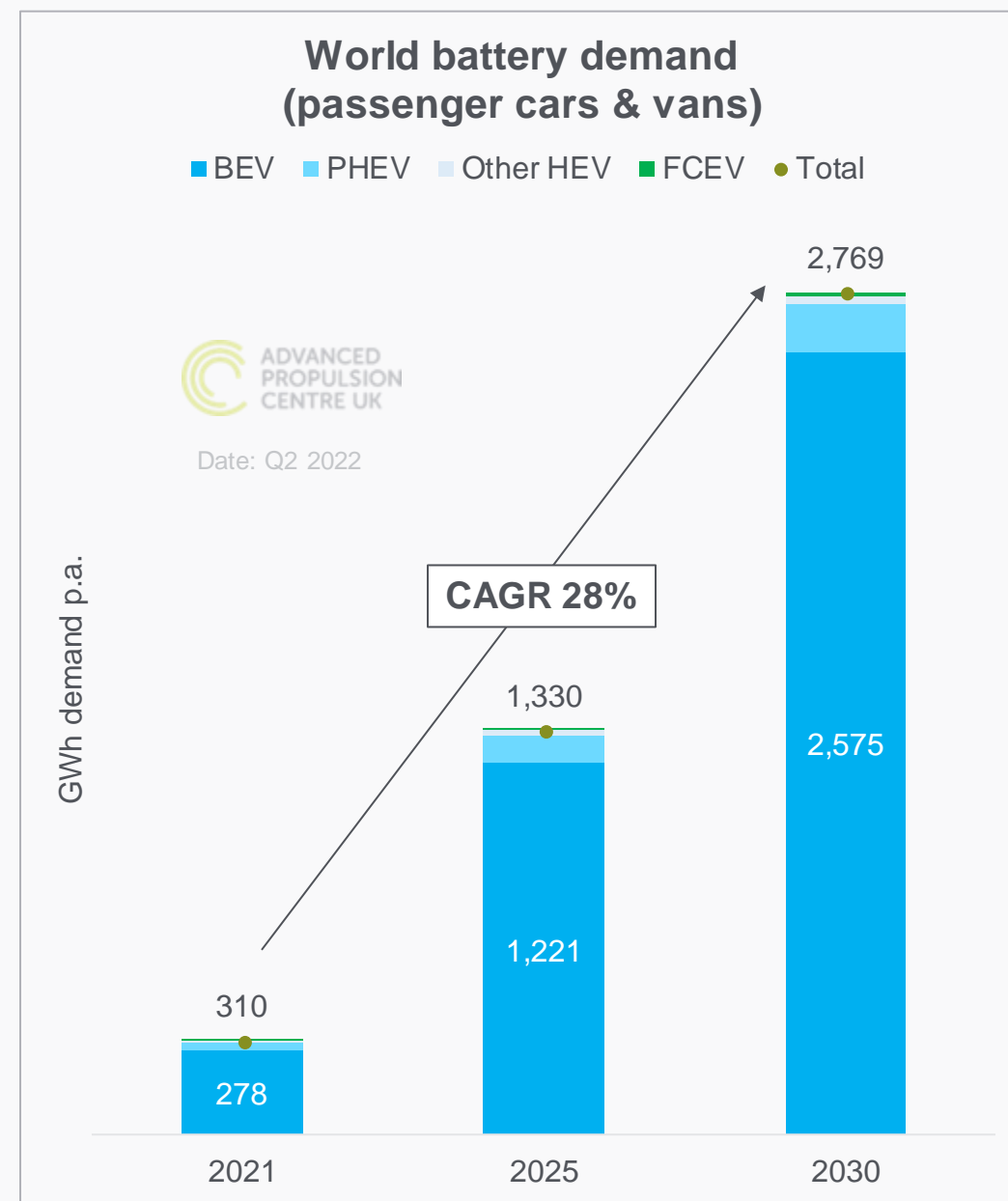
- European production expected to recover by 2030 to levels previously forecast in APC's Q2 2022 demand forecast
- UK production increased in 2025 compared to APC's Q2 2022 quarterly demand forecast, the vehicle mix is changed with more HEV and PHEV



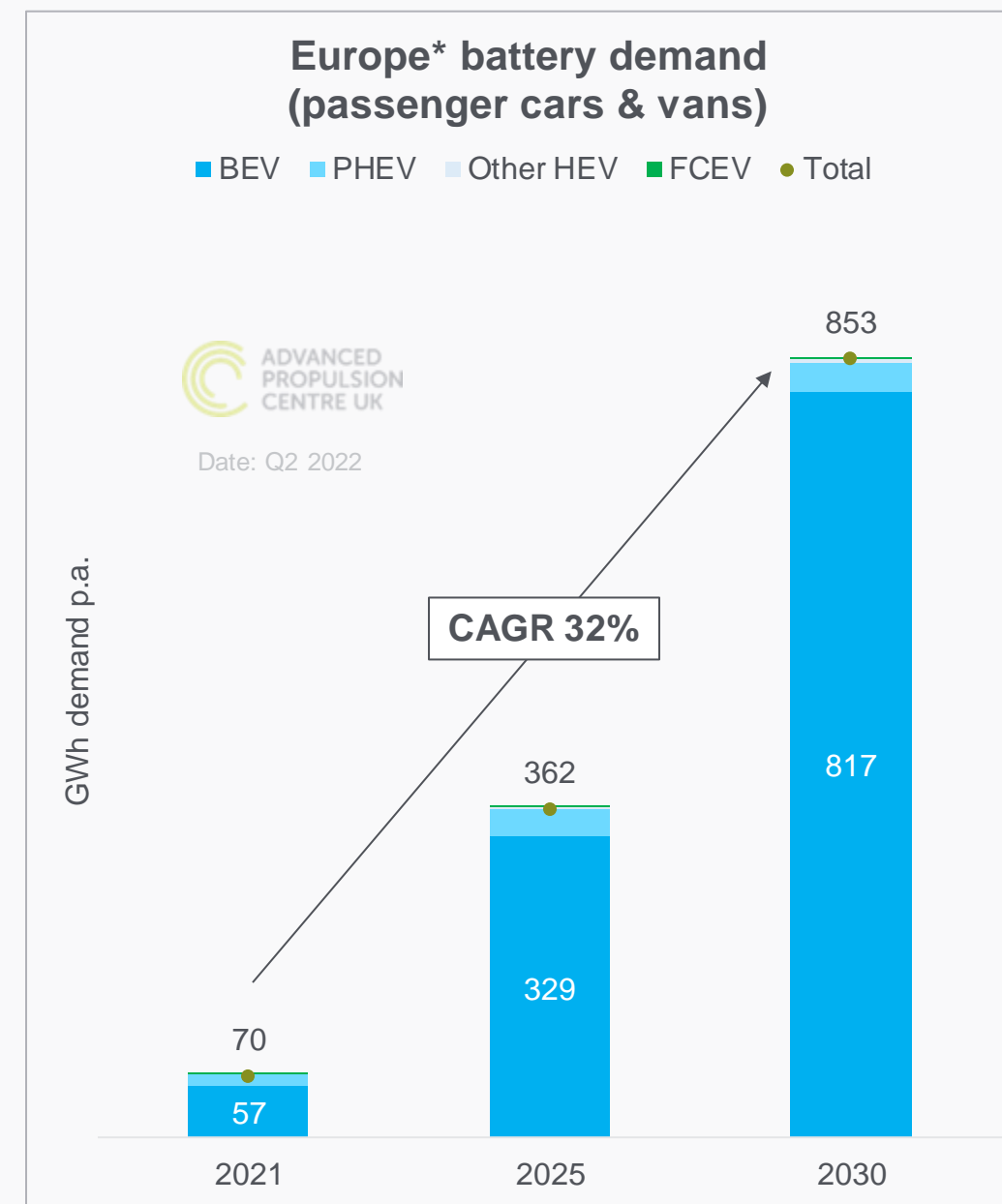
World battery demand for LDVs

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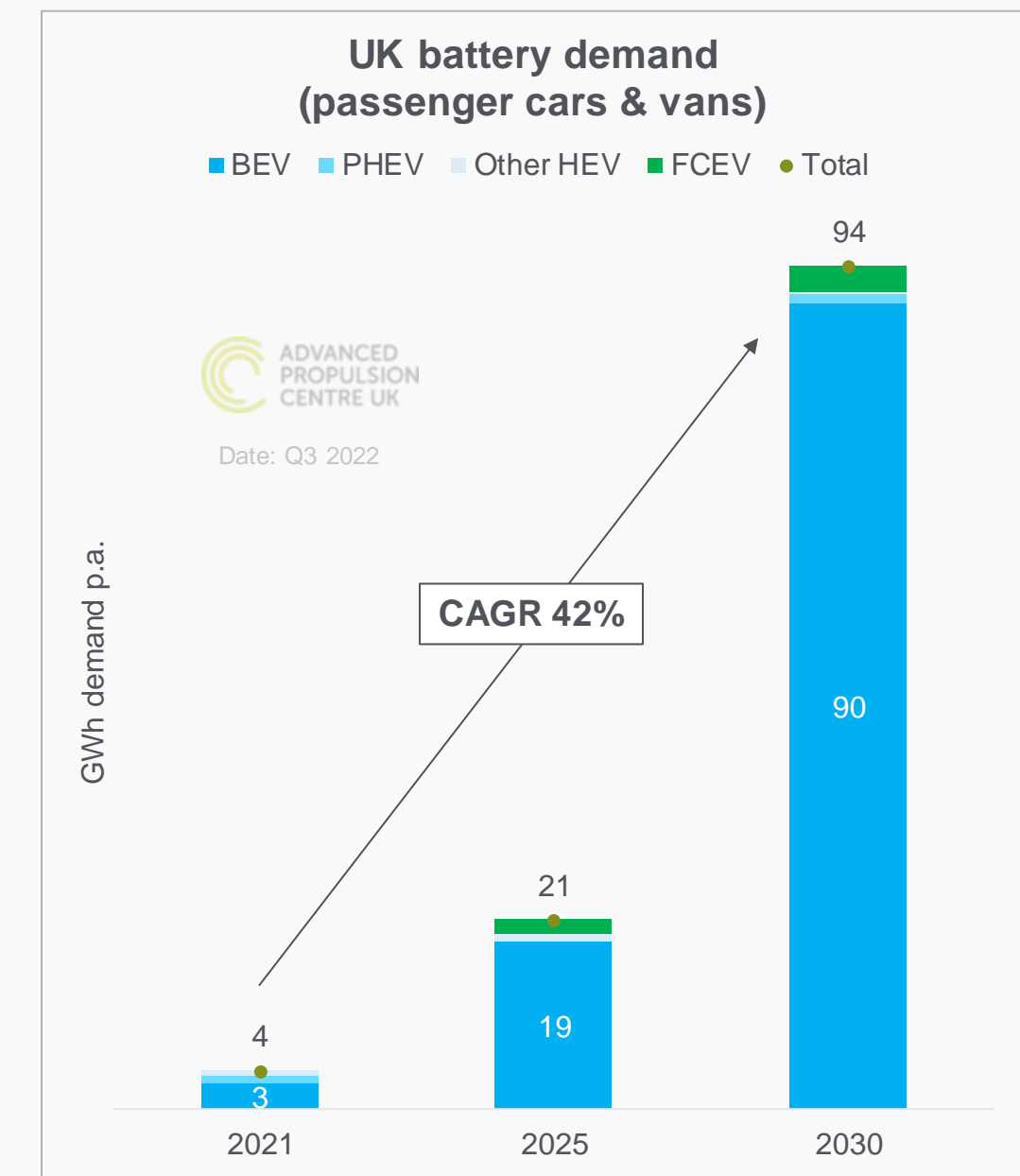
- World battery demand for LDVs to exceed 1,000 GWh by 2025 and close to 2,800 GWh by 2030
- Despite a dip in 2025 CAGR remains at 32% for Europe and 42% for UK



- World battery demand for light duty xEVs is forecast to exceed **2,700 GWh by 2030**
- Relative to APC's Q2 2022 demand forecast, 2030 demand remains largely unchanged



- Relative to APC's Q2 2022 demand forecast, we have seen a 4 GWh reduction in demand for 2025
- Relative to APC's Q2 2022 demand forecast, there is potential for a 7 GWh uplift in 2030 despite economic uncertainty in the short term

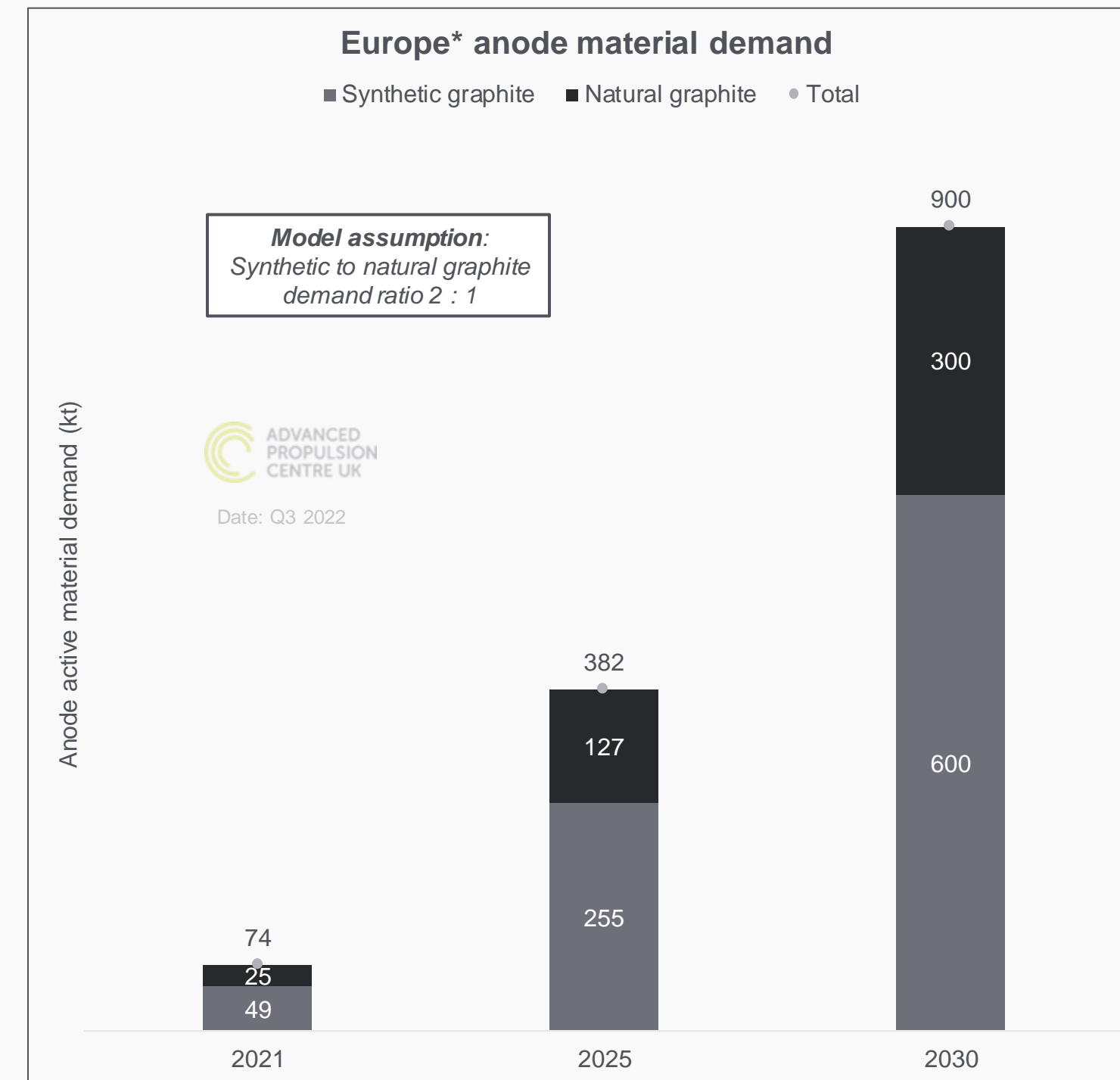
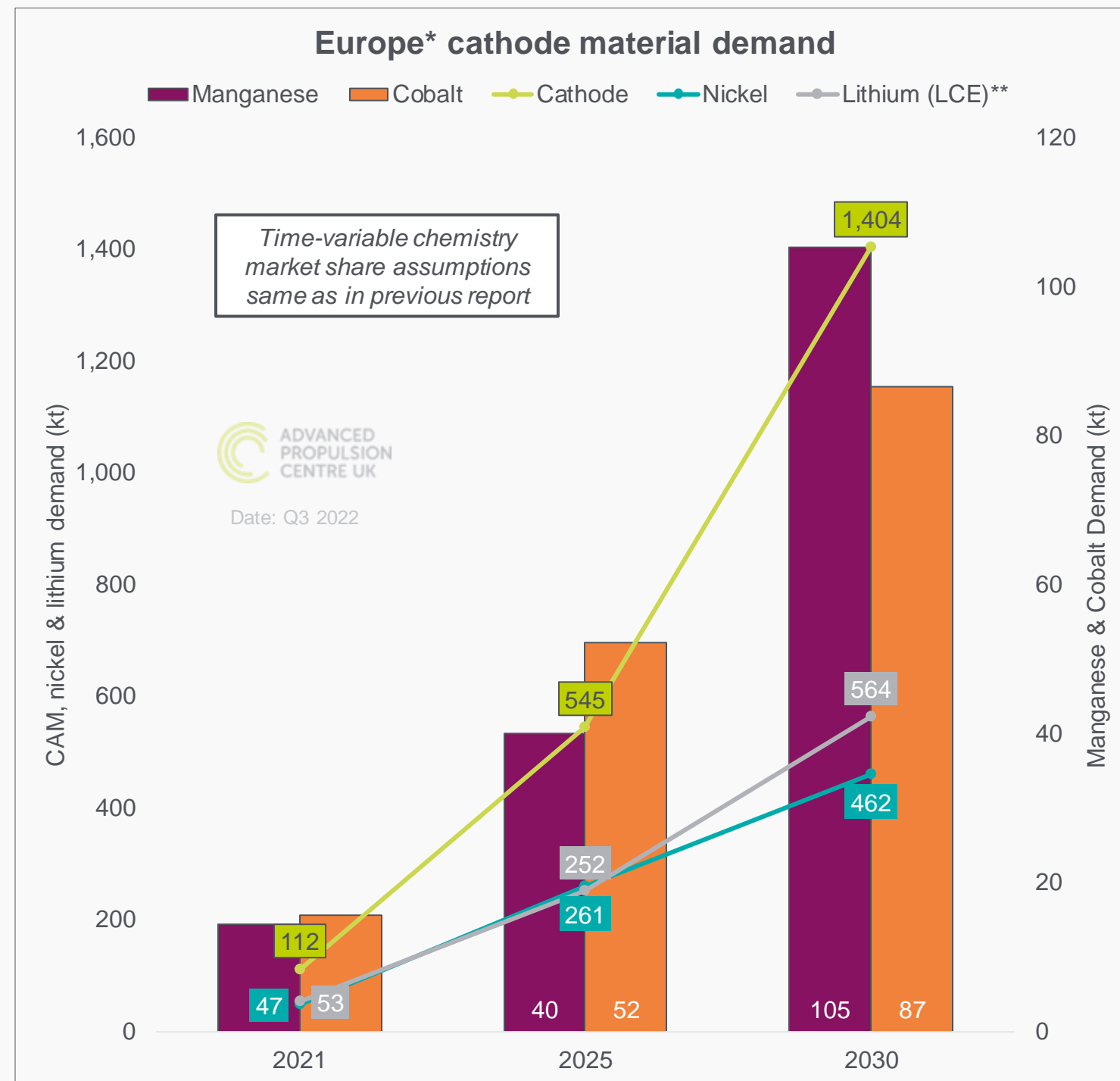


- UK battery demand forecast to account for 11% of European battery demand in 2030
- Relative to APC's Q2 2022 demand forecast, demand reduced 5 GWh in 2025 and 2 GWh in 2030

European Cathode Active Material (CAM) demand

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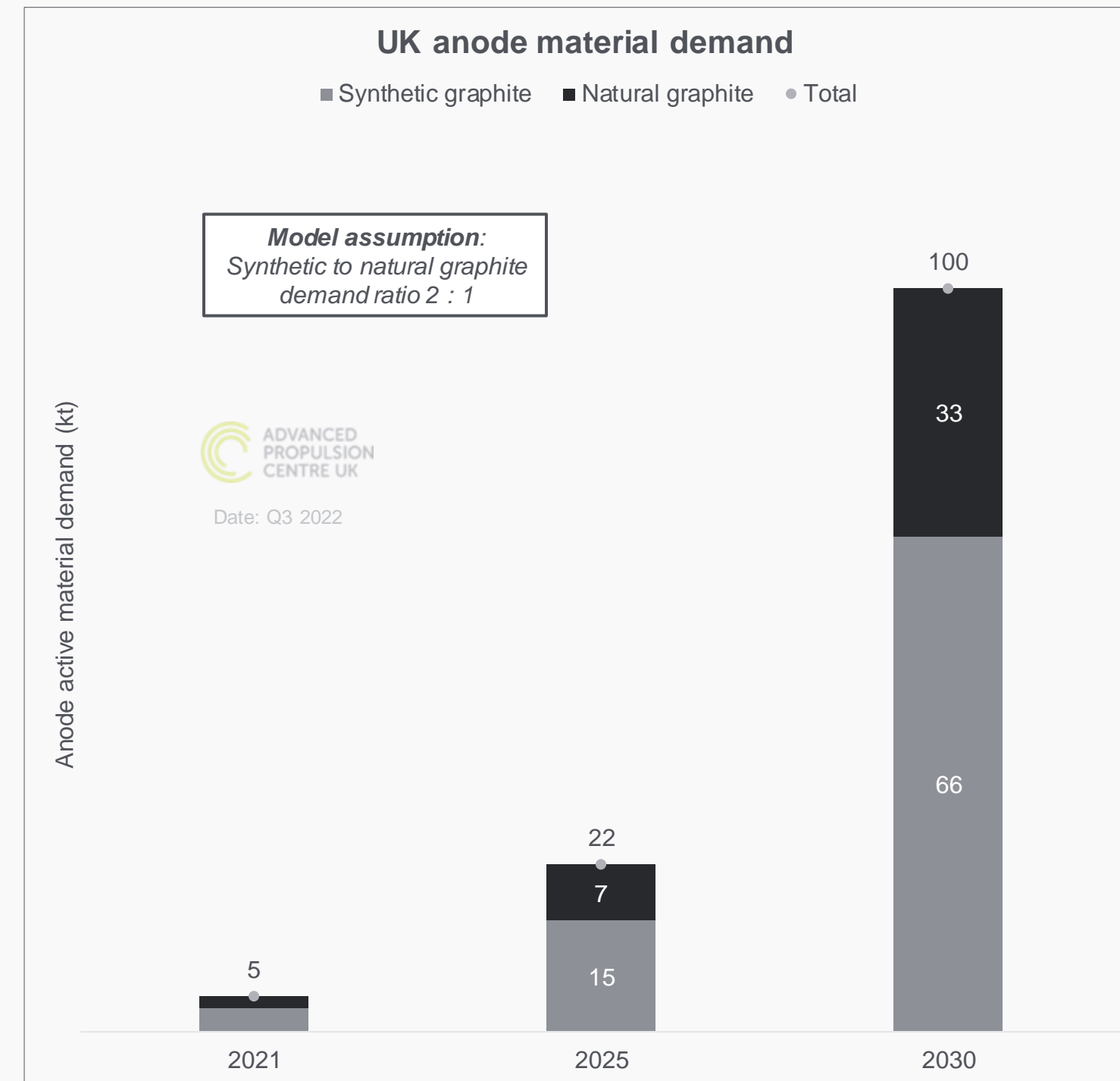
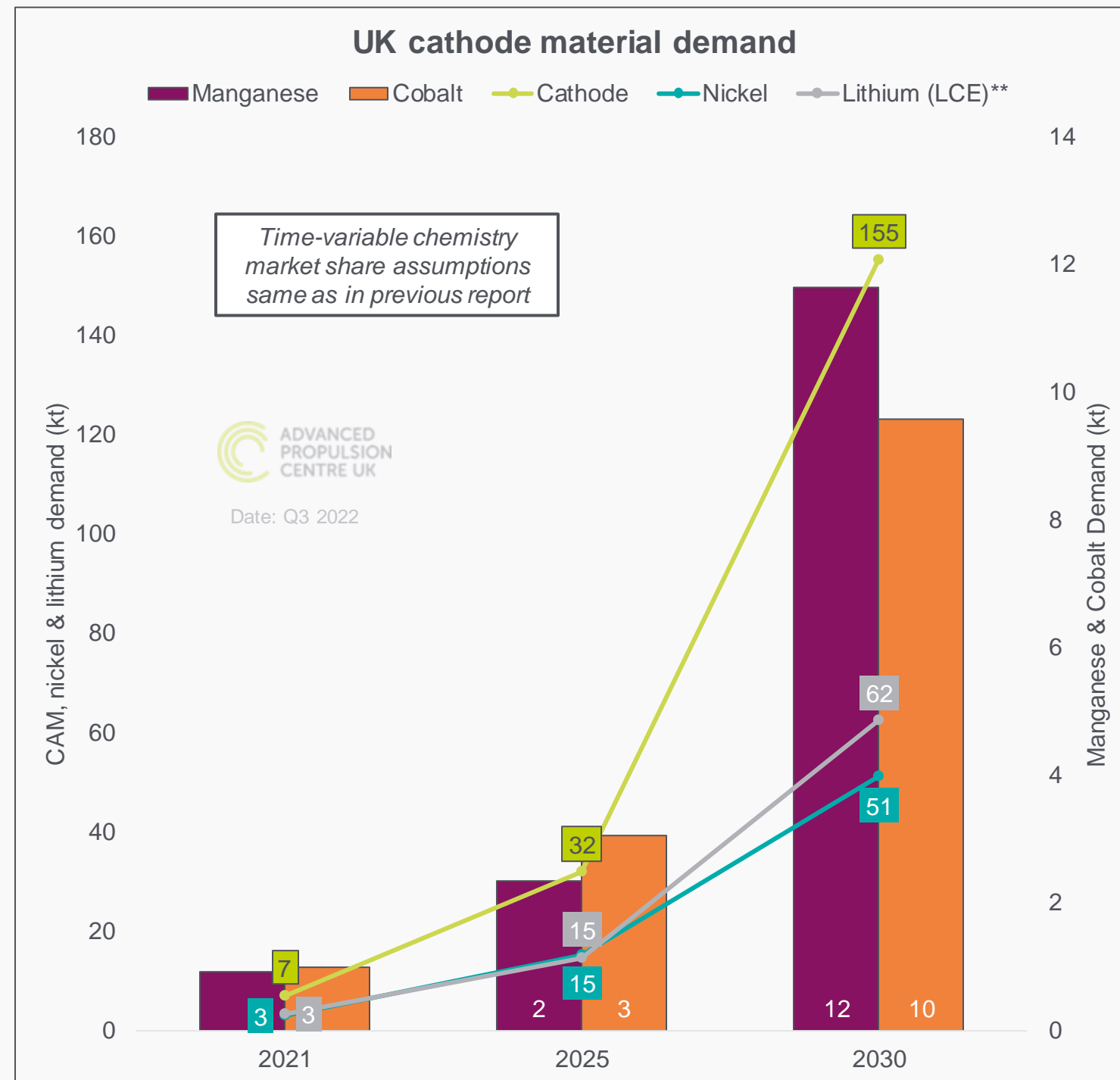
- Despite the reduction in forecast production numbers the demand for cathode and anode material demand in 2025 is still forecast at 5x 2021 levels



UK Cathode Active Material (CAM) demand

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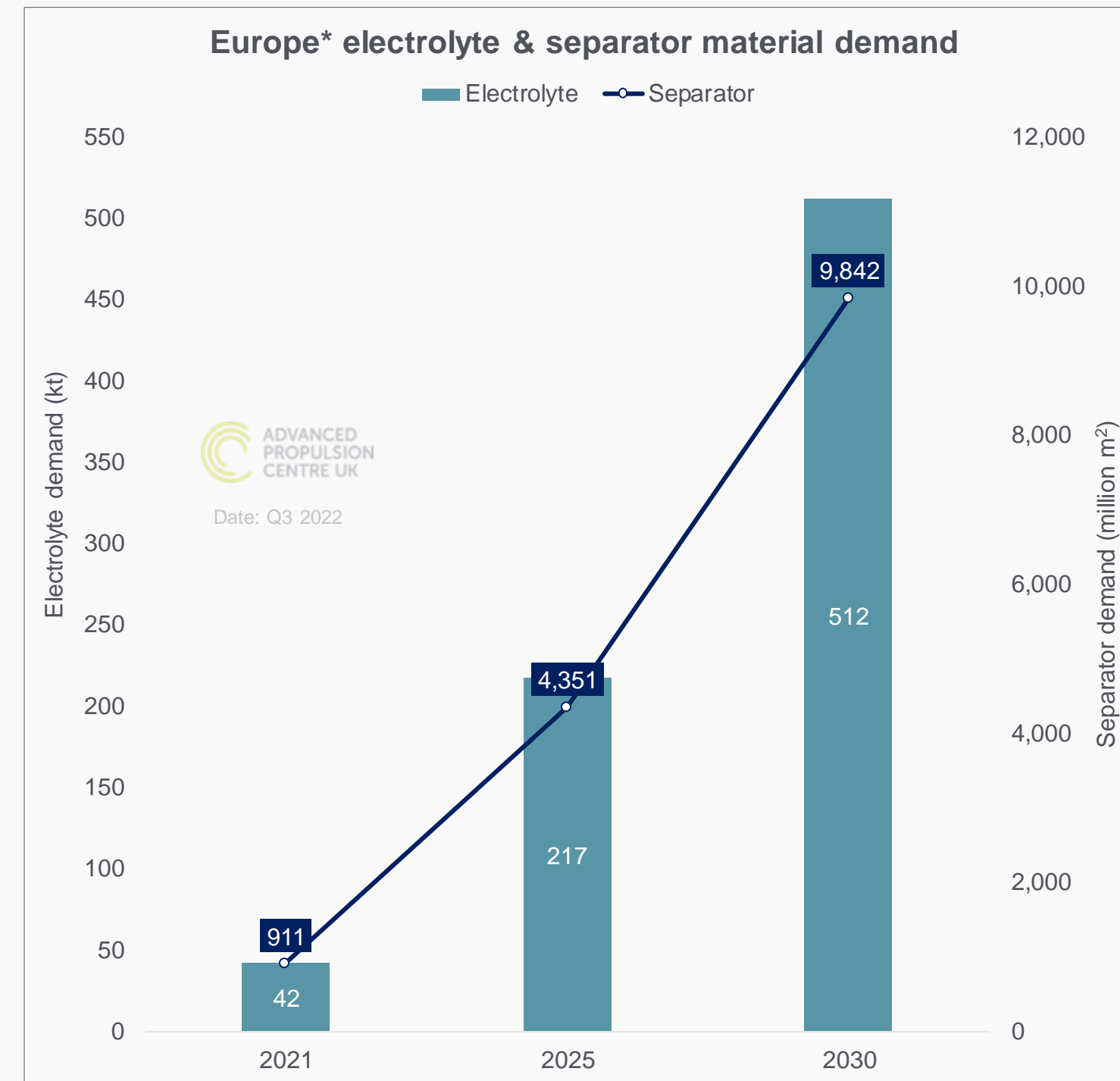
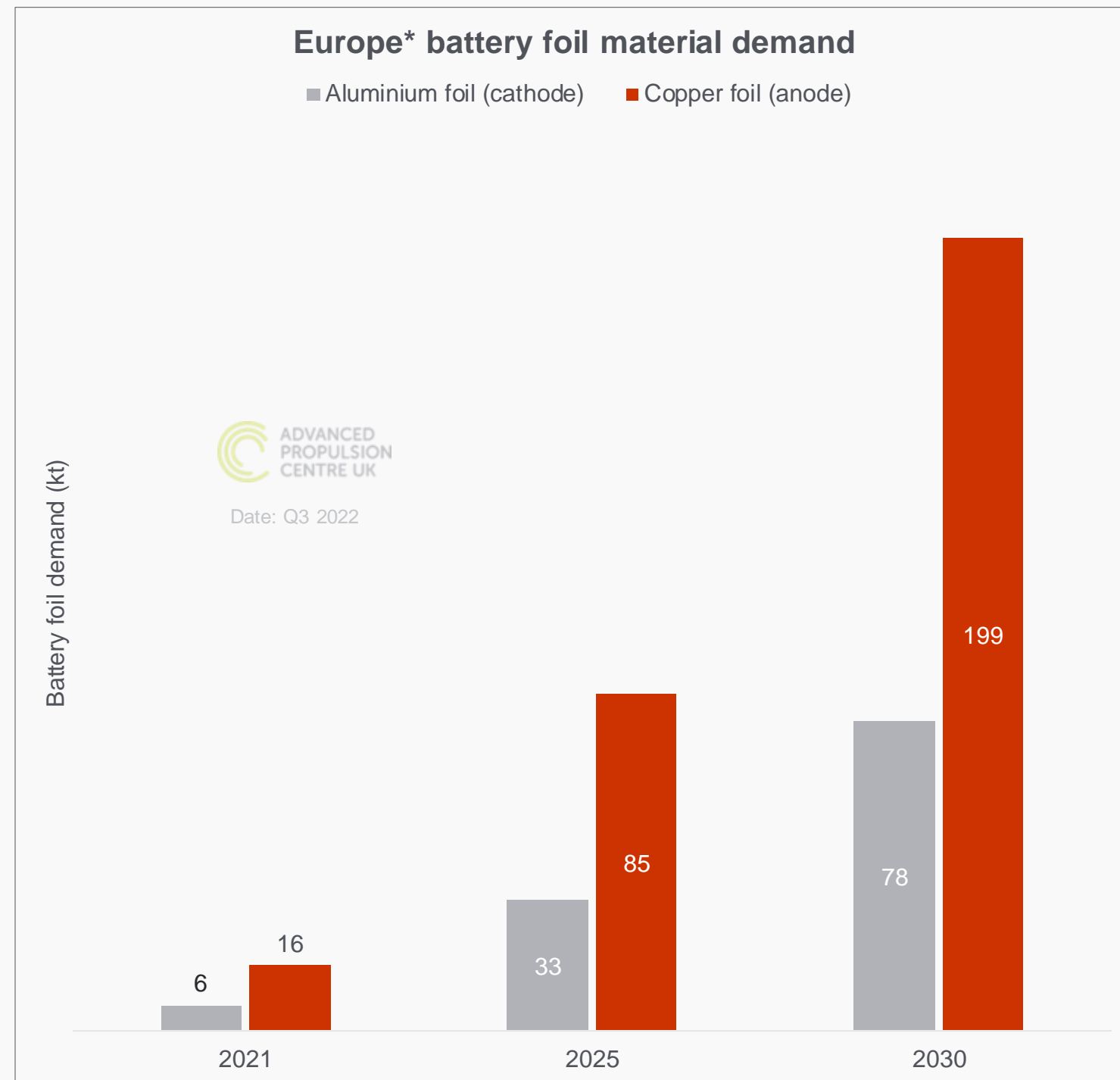
- Demand revised down slightly due to economic uncertainty
- There is still a big opportunity to localise (at least) 3 CAM plants in the UK



European demand for battery foils, electrolyte and separator material

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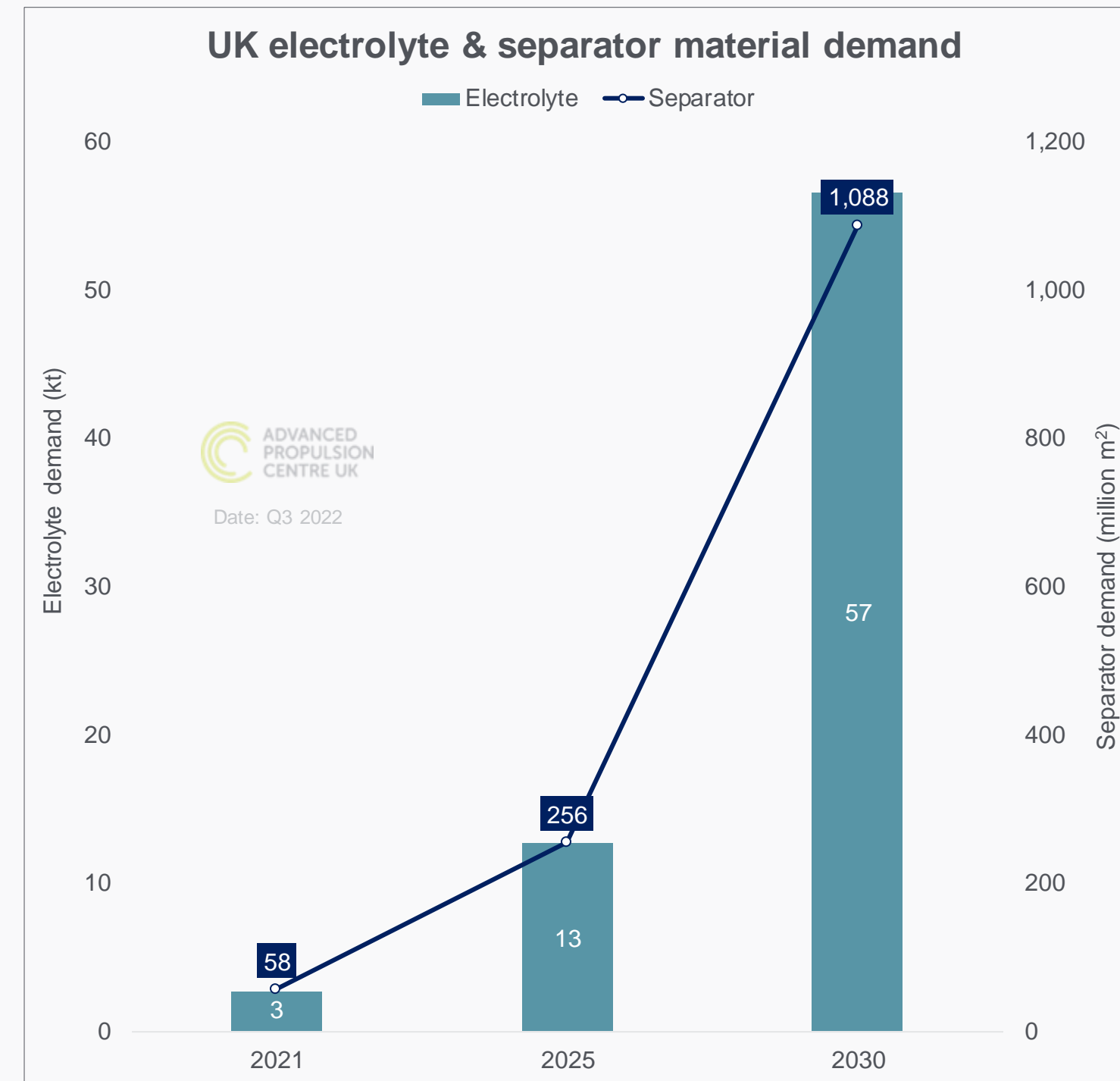
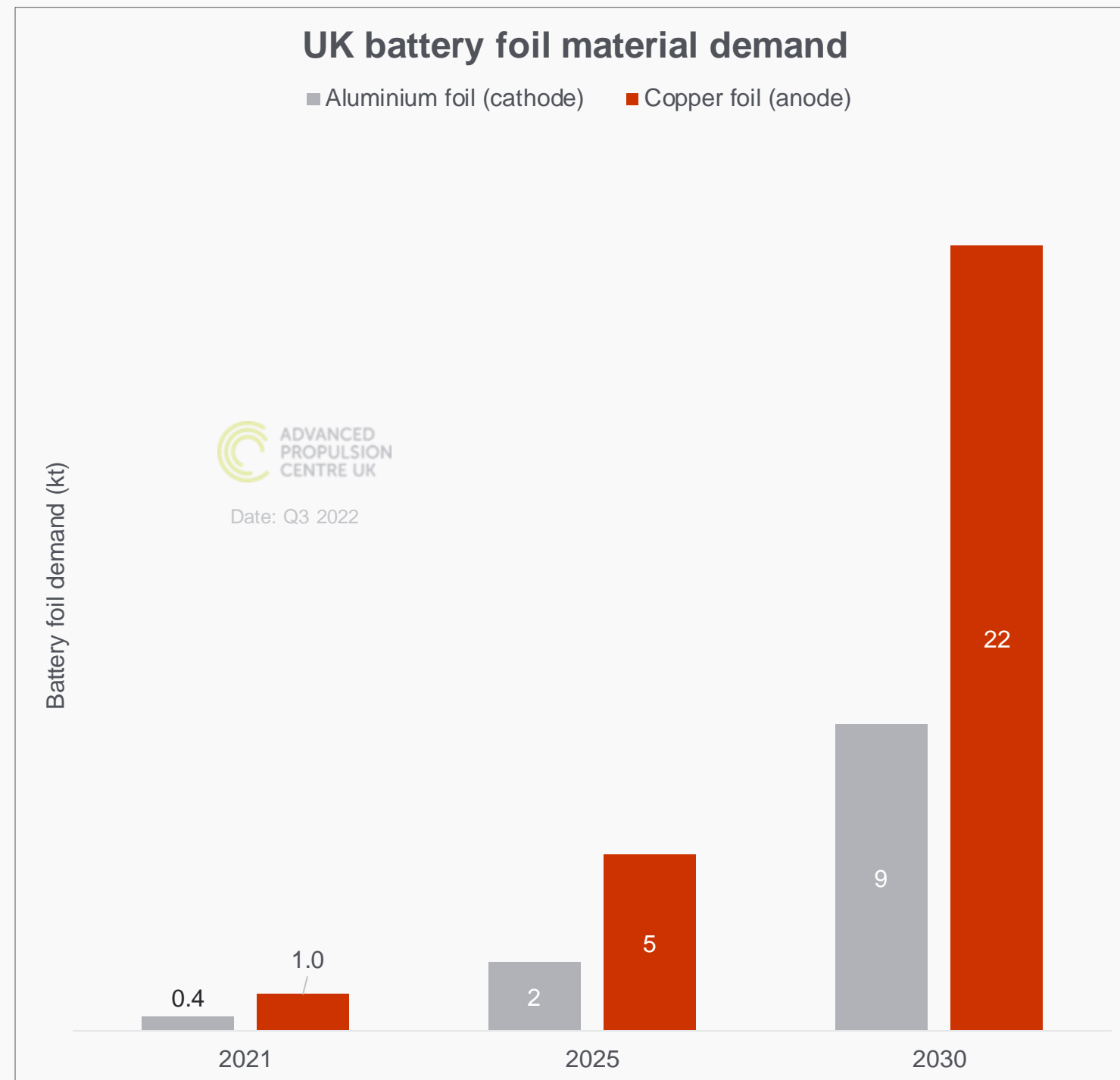
- The expected demand reduction puts European demand just below 120kt battery foil material by 2025
- A delay in demand provides an opportunity for localisation to catch up



UK demand for battery foils, electrolyte and separator material

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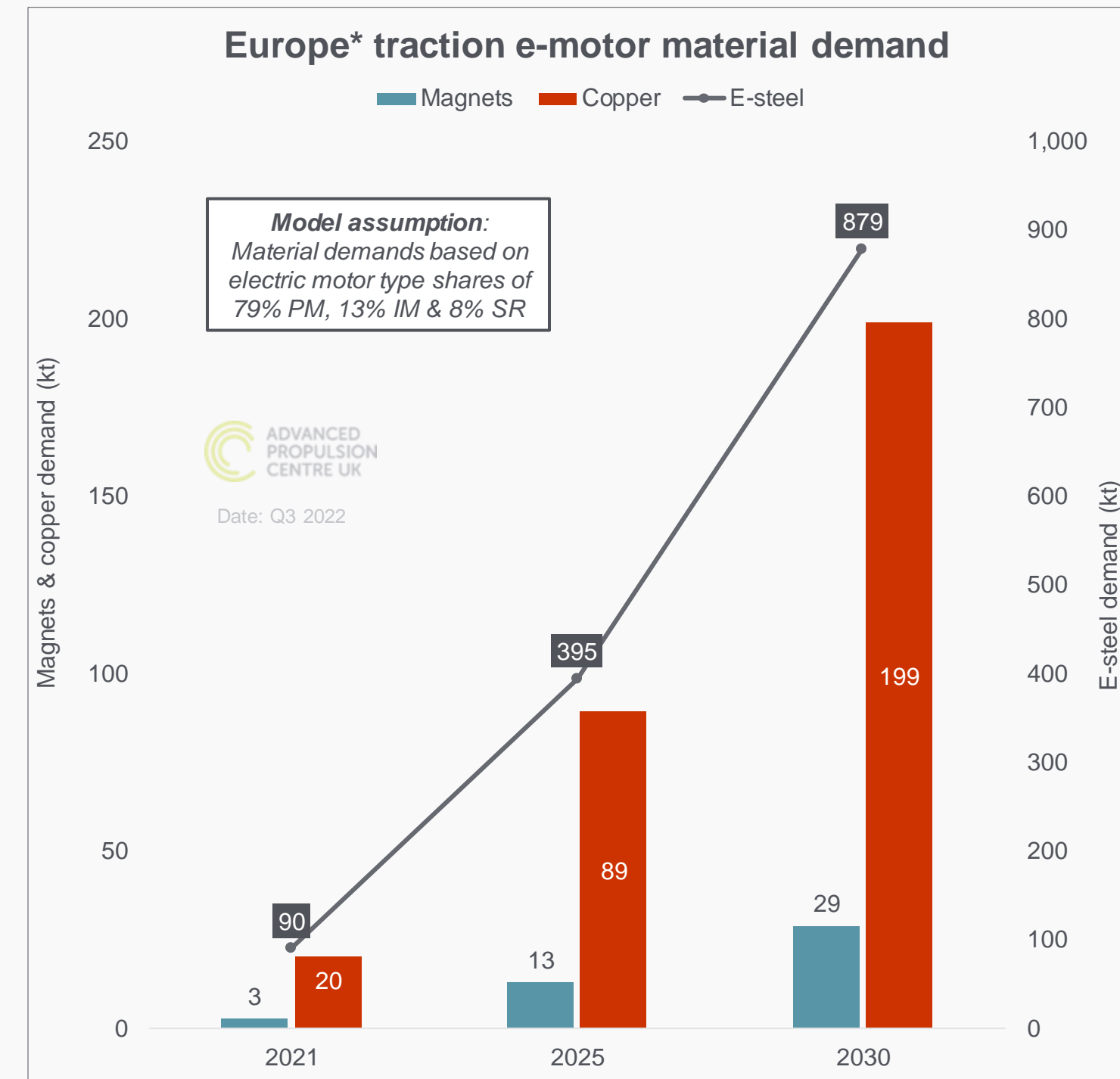
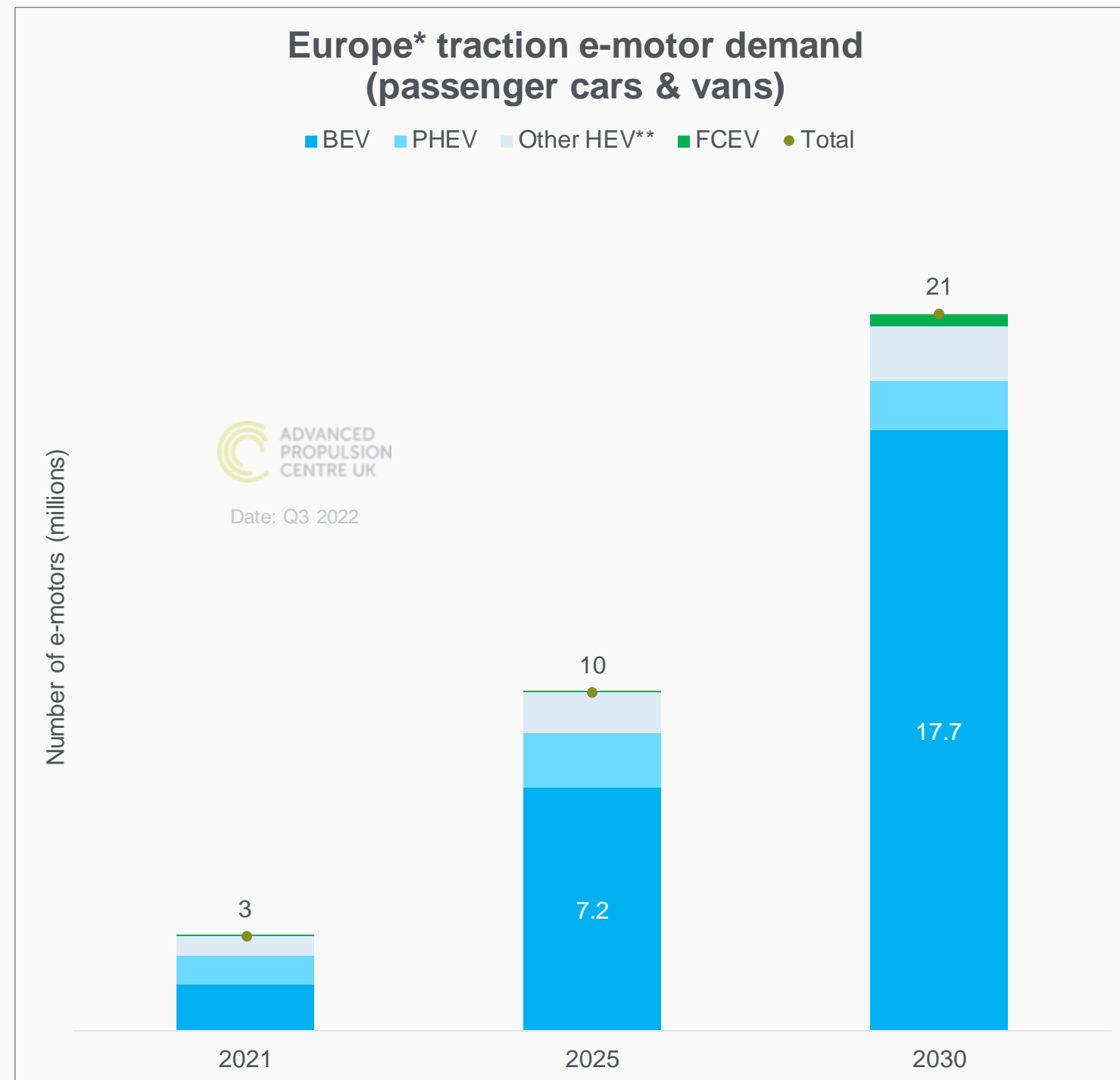
- UK demand for battery foils, electrolyte and separator material revised down slightly as the vehicle mix is revised due to economic factors



European demand for traction electric motors

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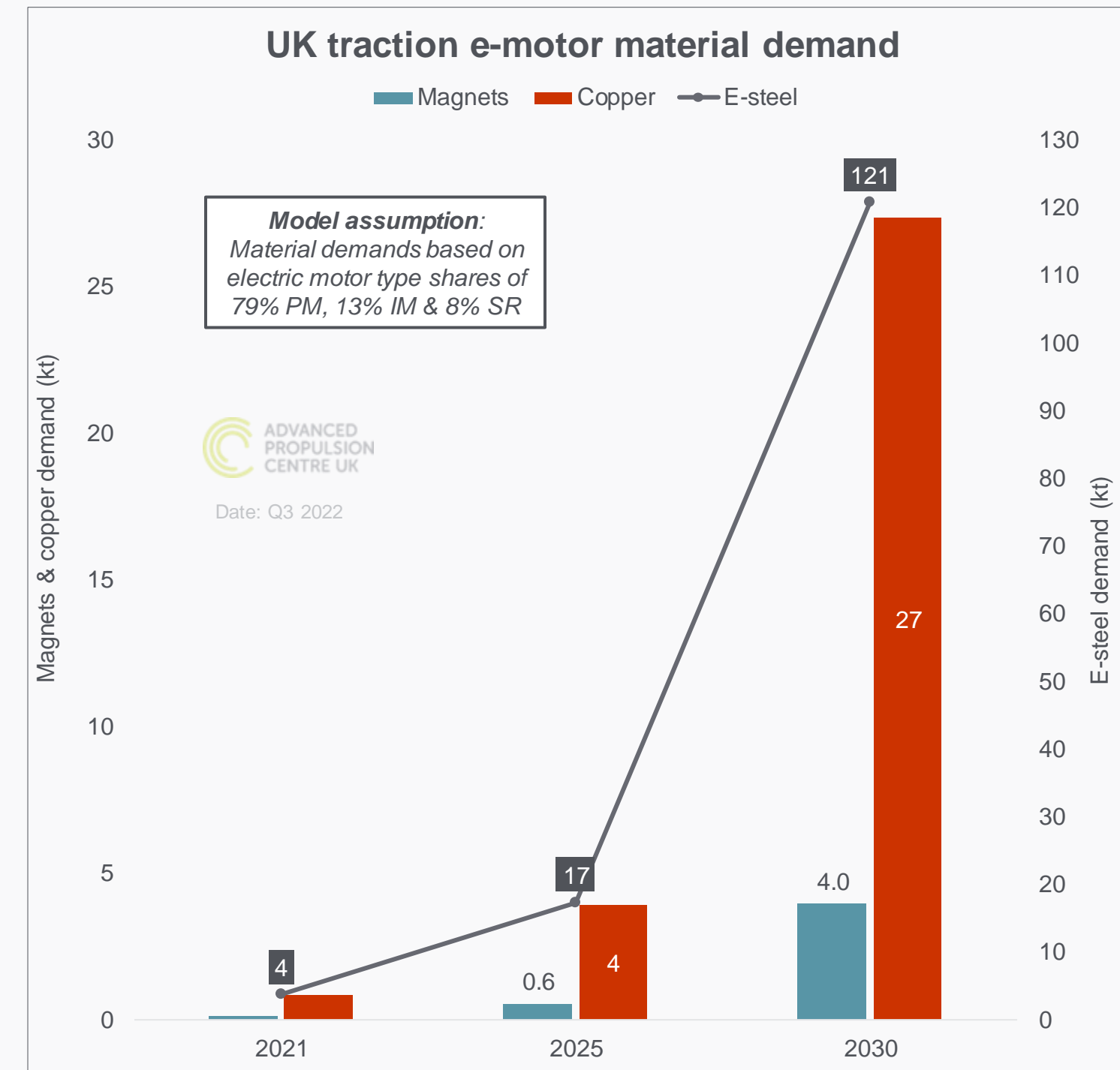
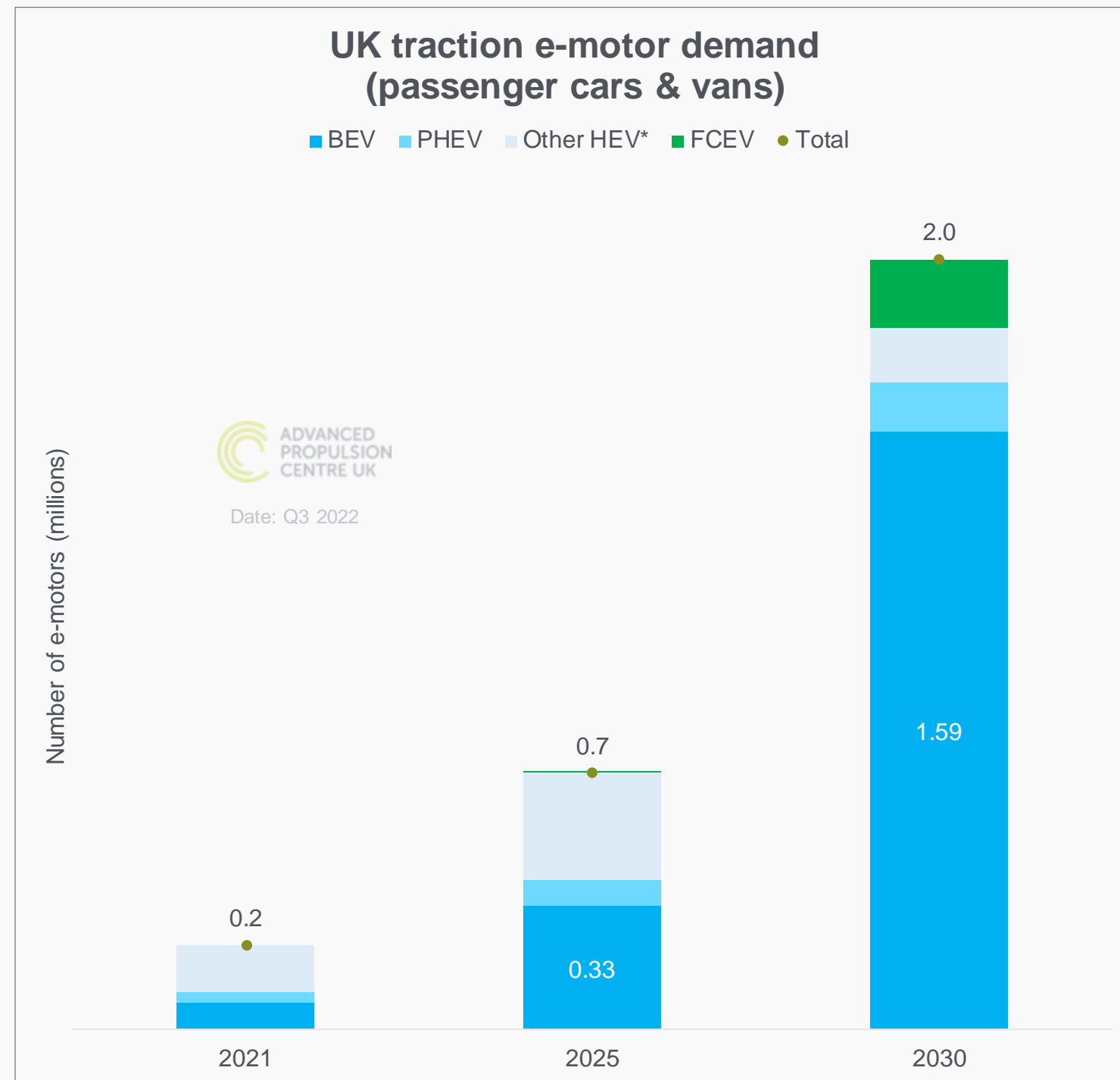
- The Europe traction motor demand remains largely unchanged despite expected demand reduction – a scenario created by the differing numbers of motors used in models expected in the coming years



UK demand for traction electric motors

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- Despite economic uncertainty the UK demand for traction electric motors is still expected to reach 2 million units by 2030
- There remains an opportunity to transition the UK's ICE manufacturing plants



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