

# Estimation of CO2 Reduction with LCA

## Application of the Concept of Extended Life Cycle Environmental Load (ELCEL) for BRT in Bangkok

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# Background of this research

In urban area, CO<sub>2</sub> emission from automobile has increased and its reduction is urgently needed.



introduction of public transport is strongly needed to reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emission from automobile.



However, change of land use, construction of buildings, construction of transportation facility, production of transportation system, etc. might increase CO<sub>2</sub> emission.

# Background of this research

Estimation of CO<sub>2</sub> emission reduction for Transportation Sector by applying Extended Life Cycle Environmental Load (ELCEL) Concept

CO<sub>2</sub> emission  
reduction by  
Public Transport Use  
in Transport Sector



Divert



LCA (Life Cycle Assessment)  
In Industry Sector

Raw material production



Manufacture/construction



Transport/distribution



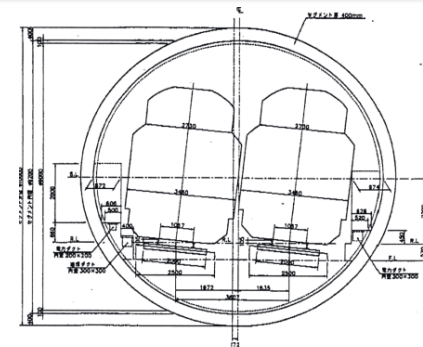
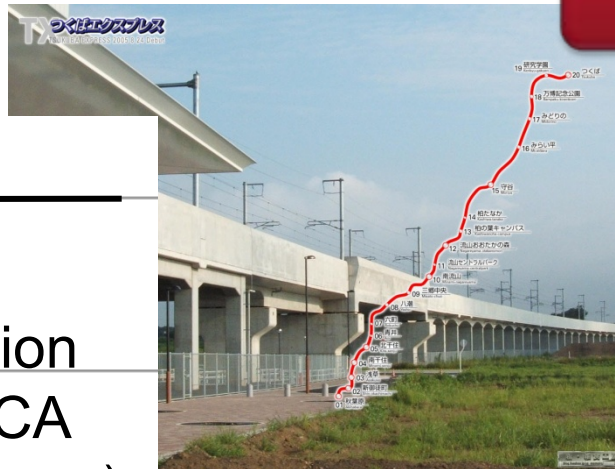
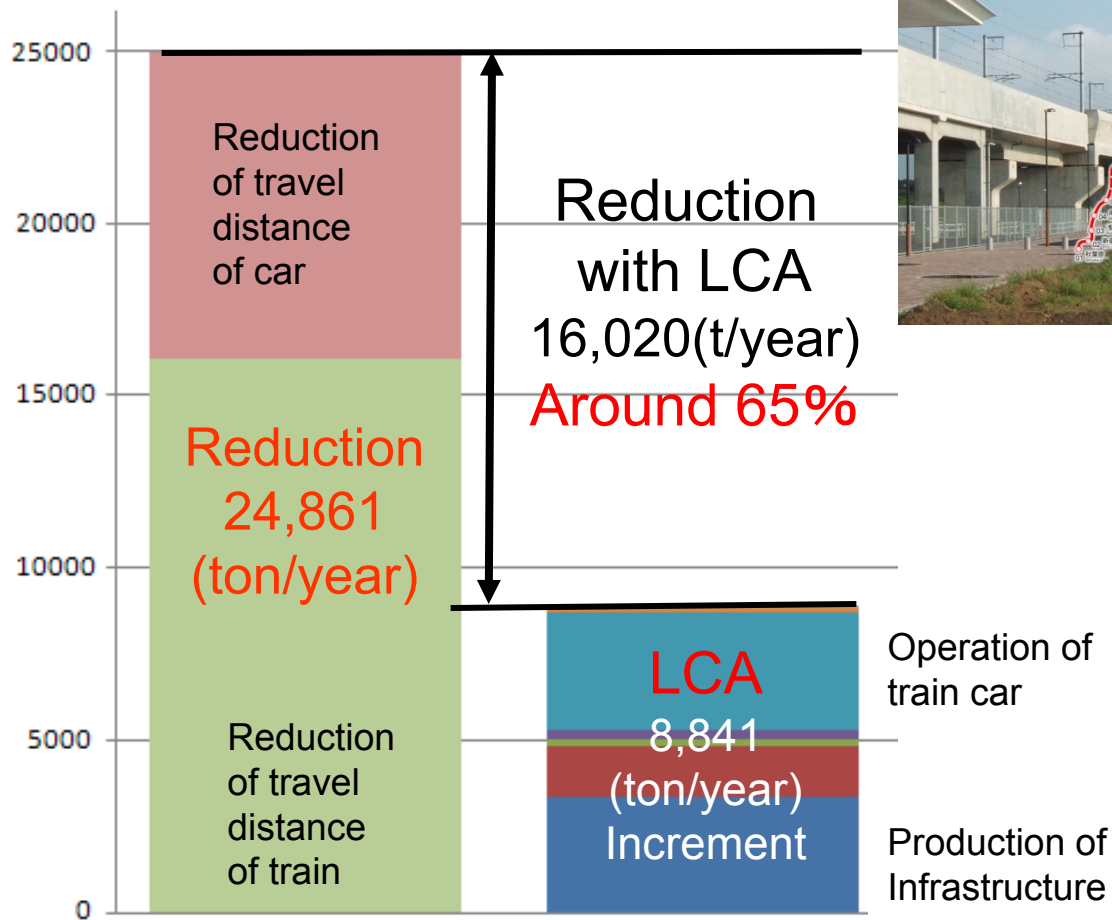
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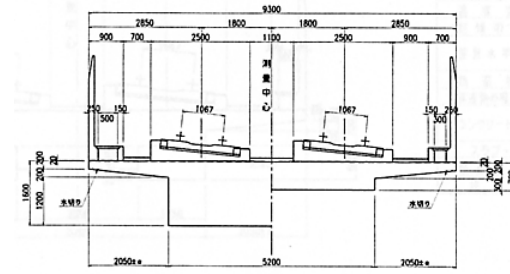


# ELCEL for Tsukuba Express Line

Inventory Data developed for Railway in Japan



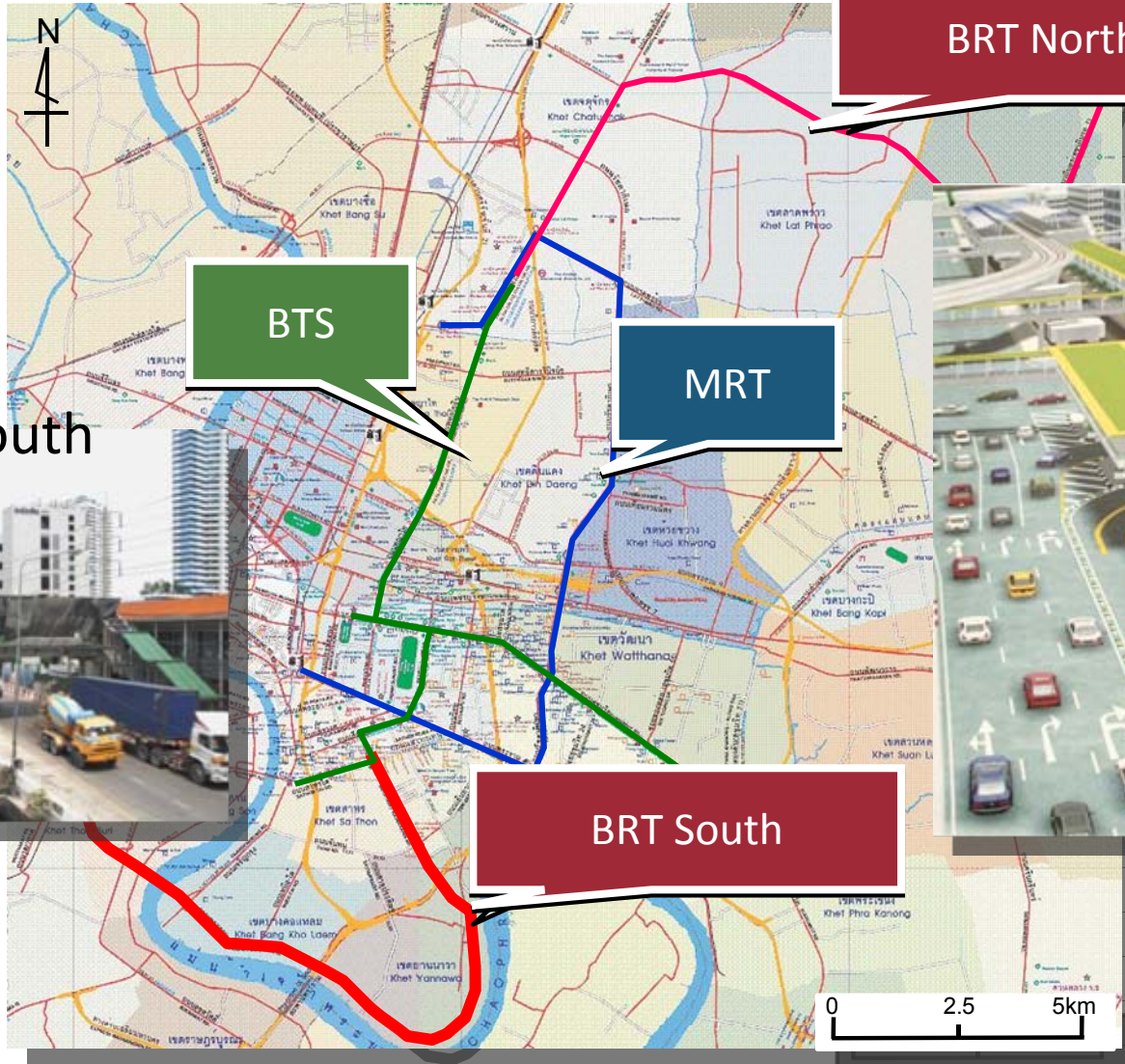
The shield method (double track)  
3,670 (t-c/km)



The arch slab Elevated structure  
1,975 (t-c/km)

Souse: Shibahara, et al. (2003)

# Targeted BRT and Study Area



BRT North

BTS

MRT

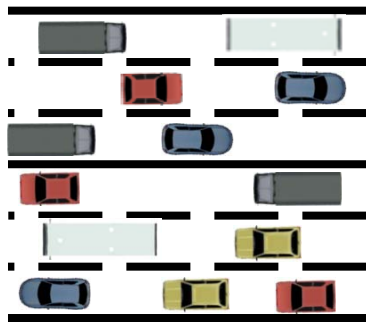
BRT South

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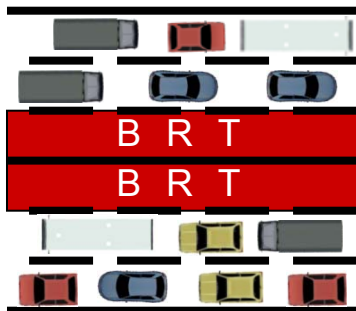


# Objectives and scopes

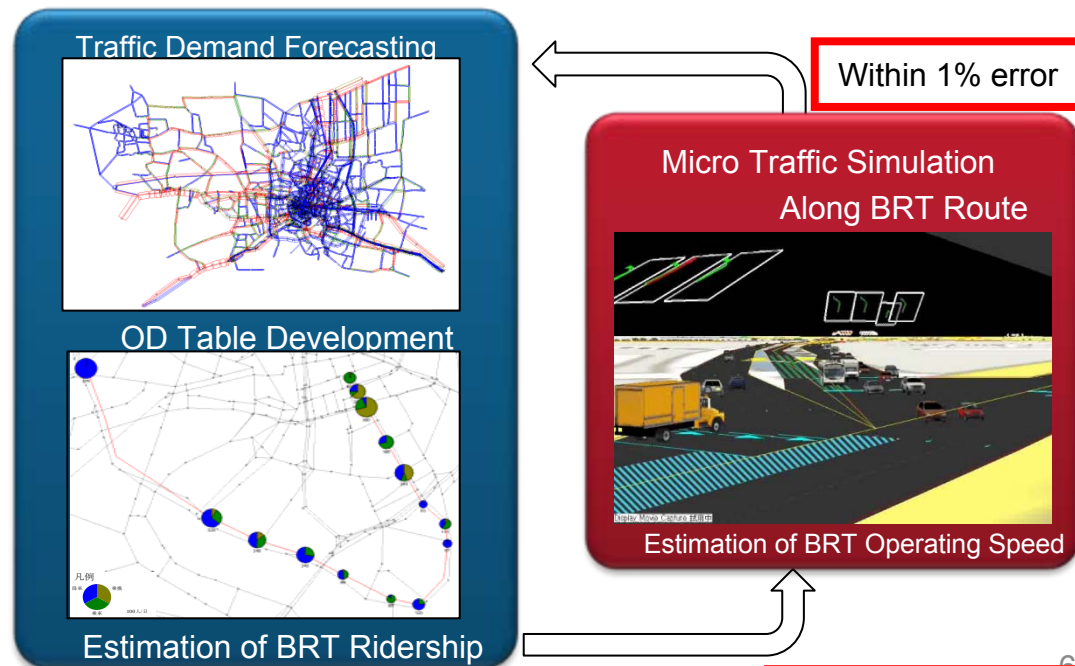
- 1 Development Inventory Data to apply LCA
- 2 Portion of increased CO2 emission by LCA in the case of BRT
- 3 Develop the methodology to evaluate an impact introducing priority measures for BRT and reducing parallel bus service



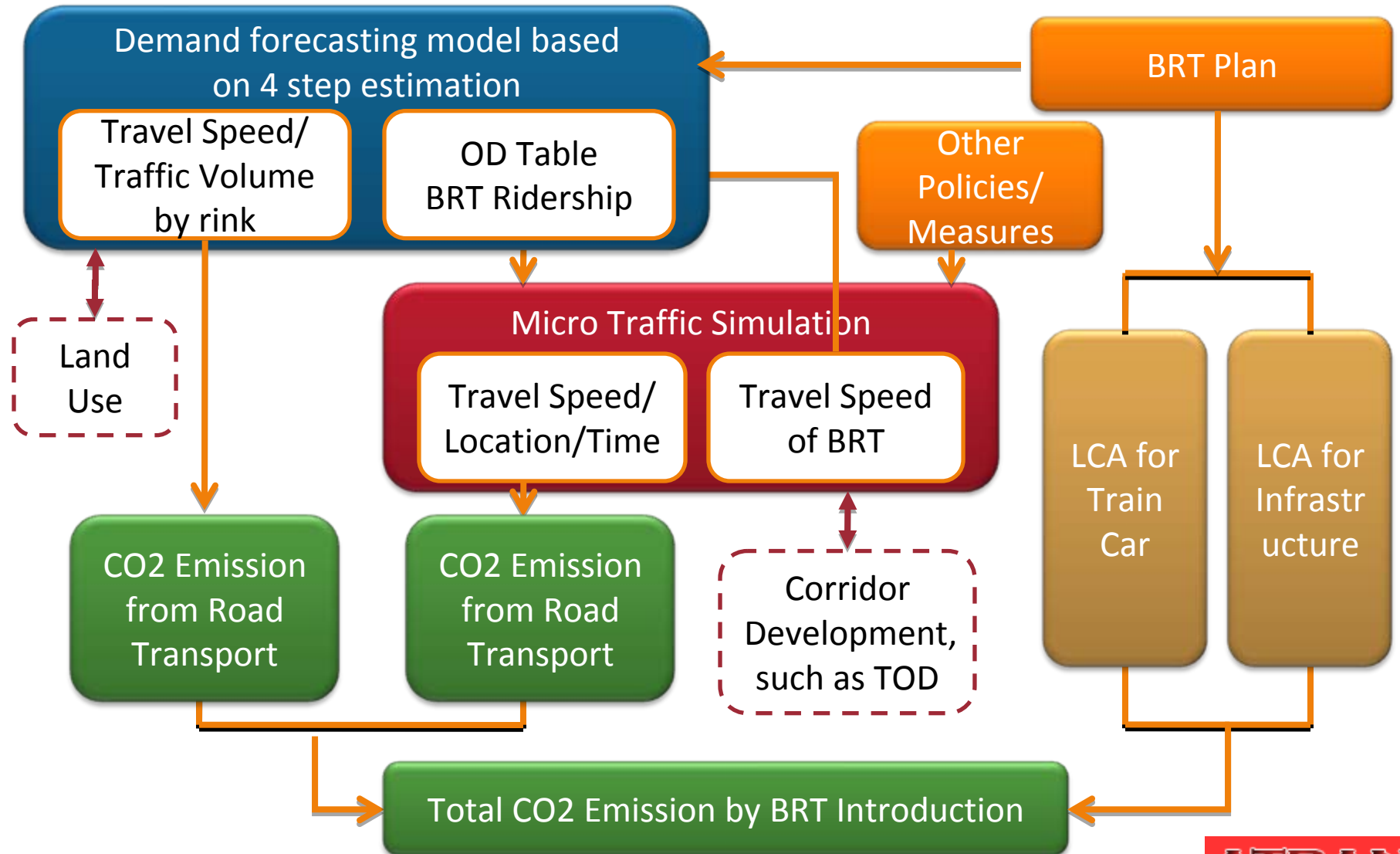
Application of BRT



BRT Lanes



# Basic Framework of estimation



# Conducting LCA

System boundary; BRT cars, BRT stations, Incidental facilities, flyover which will be constructed and produced as a part of BRT project

Life time; 10 yrs for BRT cars, 60 yrs for facilities, 60 yrs for all

Based on Japanese data, available data were replace by data which mainly obtained from I/O Table in Thailand

	Unit by AIJ-LCA	Unit from I/O Table
Electricity (kg-CO2/KWh)	0.564	0.557
Cement (Kg-CO2/'000 yen)	77.062	173.251
Concrete (Kg-CO2/'000 yen)	8.681	0.807
Soil and gravel (Kg-CO2/'000 yen)	8.797	30.246
Steel (Kg-CO2/'000 yen)	22.009	36.549

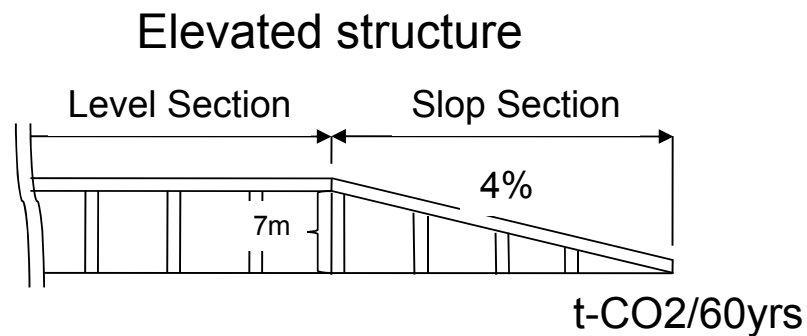


# Conducting LCA



45 BRT Cars; Assuming that CO2 emission is in proportion to weight of a car.

Facilities including Stations, Incidental facilities & flyover;



Production & maintenance of BRT car	Construction & maintenance of stations	Installment & maintenance of Incidental facilities	Construction & maintenance of flyover	Total
9,027.30	480,069.05	16,405.18	1,416.98	506,918.51

※Reduction from BRT car operation was not included.

around **500,000 t-CO<sub>2</sub>** will be exhausted

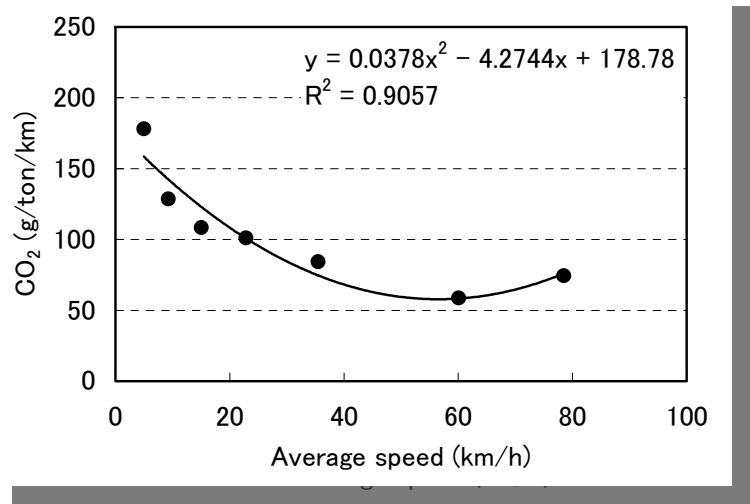
# CO2 emission from car driving and BRT operation



## Whole urban area

$$E_j = K_v \times Q_j$$

$E_j$ : CO<sub>2</sub> emission (g-CO<sub>2</sub>) at link j,  
 $K_v$ : CO<sub>2</sub> emission factor by speed v,  
 $Q_j$ : Traffic volume at link j



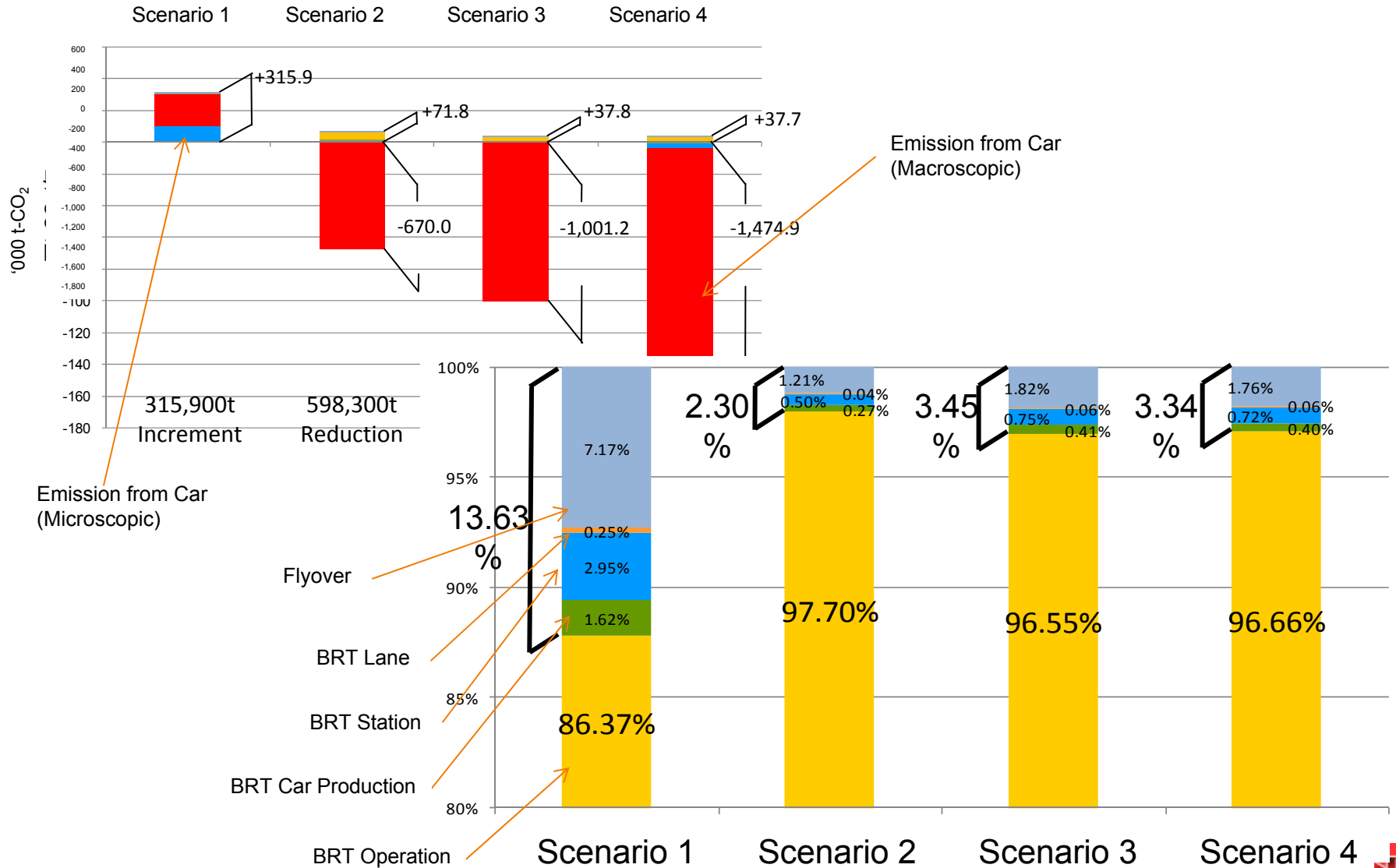
## Along BRT line

$$E = 0.3K_c T + 0.028K_c D + \sum_{k=1}^K \delta_k (v_k^2 - v_{k-1}^2)$$

$E$ : CO<sub>2</sub> emission (g-CO<sub>2</sub>),  $K_c$ : CO<sub>2</sub> emission factor,  $T$ : Travel time,  
 $D$ : Travel distance,  $K$ : Sample size,  $\sigma_k$ : accelerate=1, constant, decelerate=0,  
 $v_k$ : driving speed at sampling cycle k

Source: Oguchi, et al. (2002)

# Result; CO<sub>2</sub> emission by Scenario





# Concussion

Inventory Data for LCA could be obtained partially by using I/O Table

CO<sub>2</sub> emission estimated through LCA became 2 %-14 % of total CO<sub>2</sub> emission because constructed facilities are not huge in the case of BRT

Reduction of the number of bus on the parallel road is compulsory to reduce CO<sub>2</sub> after introducing BRT.

