

# ACCELERATING ELECTRIC MOBILITY IN INDIA

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+ More power  
+ to India.  
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# WHY THIS GUIDANCE DOCUMENT?

## Three-fold Objective



01

Inform state and local officials, and other stakeholders, who may have embryonic knowledge, about the basics of electric mobility and what it involves



02

Present pros and cons of different options (e.g. hybrid Vs Pure EV or Swapping Vs Charging) in a neutral manner for informed decision making



03

Present a road map for making things happen at the city level

# 5 PARTS TO THIS GUIDANCE DOCUMENT

Part 1: Understanding India: Potential gains and unique features

Part 2: Pillars of an electric mobility eco-system

Part 3: Road map for electrification of transport in the Indian context

Part 4: Public policy measures in India and international regions

Part 5: Business models for different re-energising systems

# POTENTIAL GAINS FOR INDIA

## Social, Environmental and Economic

Better air  
quality



Improving  
public  
health in  
cities

GHG  
mitigation



Towards a  
greener  
India

Promotes  
renewabl  
es



Through  
EV  
batteries

Enhances  
energy  
security



Reduces  
imported  
fuel use in  
transport  
sector

Increases  
Plant  
Load  
Factor



Increases  
efficiency  
of power  
plants

Technologi  
cal  
leadership



Position  
India as a  
leader in  
auto-tech

# IMPROVED AIR QUALITY IN INDIAN CITIES



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Out of the 15 most polluted cities of the world are in India

**36%**

Of NOx emissions in Delhi were due to vehicles in 2016

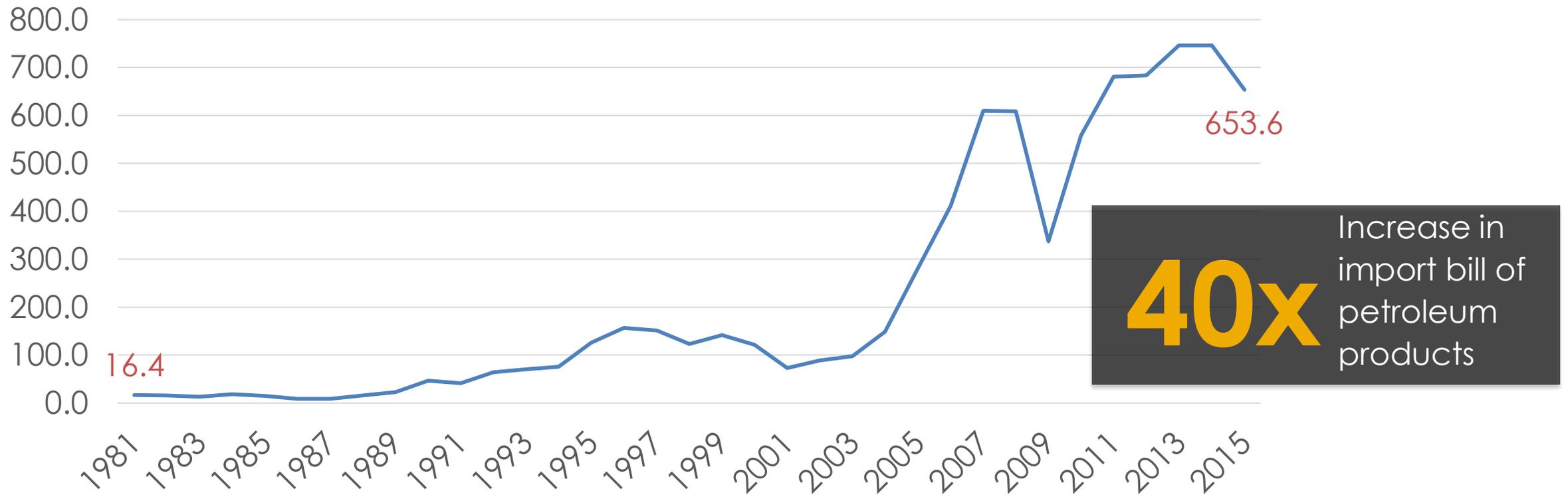
**20%**

Of PM2.5 emissions in Delhi were due to vehicles in 2016

Reuters

# REDUCED DEPENDENCE ON IMPORTED FUEL

India's Import Bill for Petroleum Products from 1981 – 2015 (in INR Billions)



Consumption of petroleum fuel: 32.5 million tonnes in 1981 → 184.7 million tonnes in 2015.

# REDUCED GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS

- 35% of India's electricity is from non-coal sources
- Will improve as share of electricity from clean sources goes up
- India is already committed to increasing renewables; Energy mix to be cleaner with more and more electric storage brought in by EVs

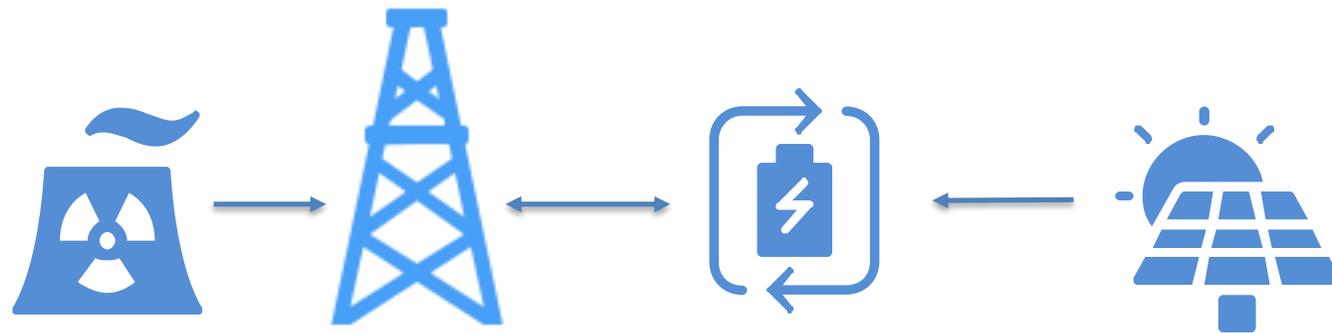
# EV BATTERY: BENEFITS RENEWABLES AND POWER GRID

## Improved Plant Load Factor (PLF)

- EVs may create additional off peak demand
- Help power plants attain greater efficiency
- All-India PLF in March 2018 = 65.33;
- Hence, utility companies are entering charging infrastructure business

## Increased share of renewables

- Solar and wind are intermittent
- Batteries can store renewables for prolonged use
- Retired batteries for stationery usage



# LEAD THE RAPIDLY CHANGING GLOBAL MARKET

- India's auto industry -> 30 million jobs, 7.1% of GDP
- Timely shift – relevance in global and domestic markets
- Get technology leadership in at least some segments
- Do things differently from the way it is being done elsewhere
- No mineral reserves for lithium and cobalt; prevent dependency on battery imports

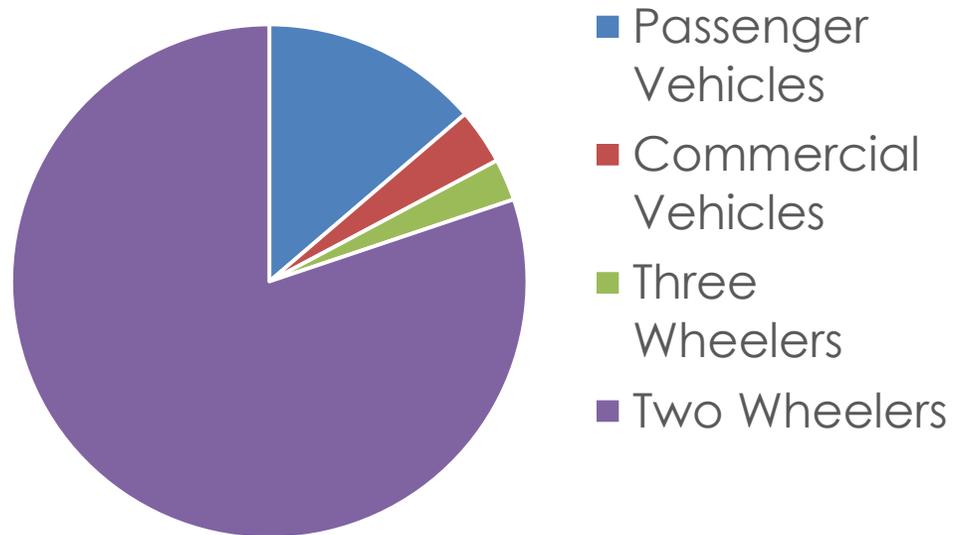
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# INDIA'S UNIQUENESS

- Small and affordable vehicles
- Drives slower and smaller distance a day
- Have higher temperatures
- Have higher interest costs
- Can not afford to subsidise as much

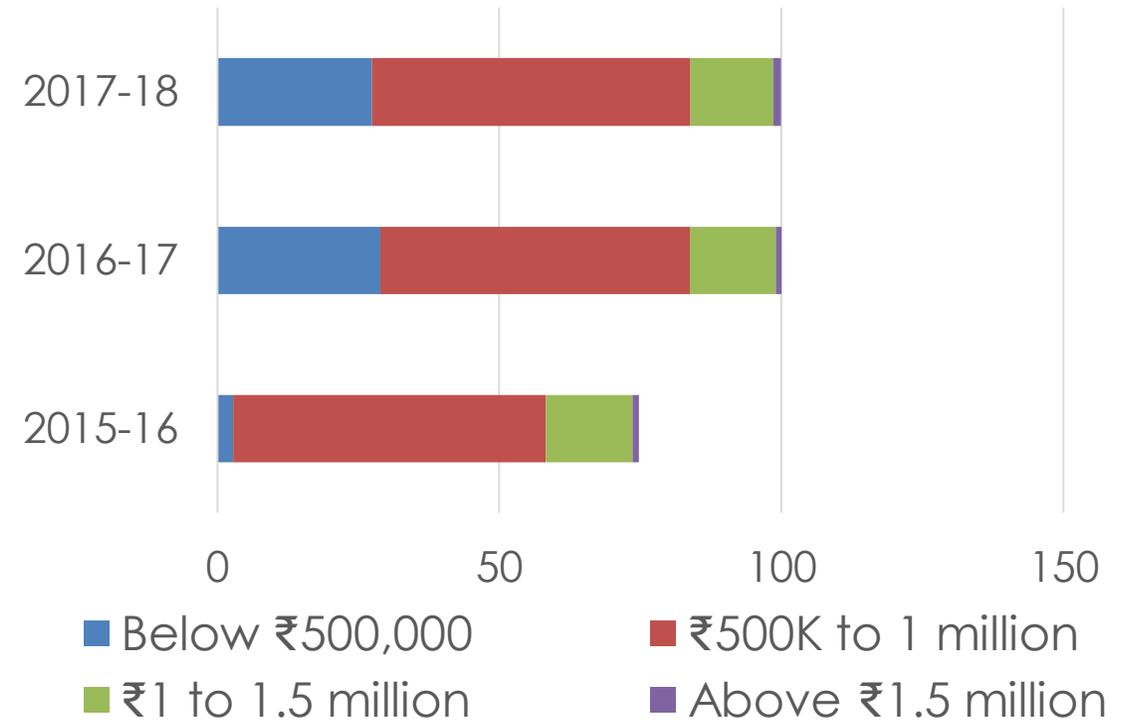
# COMPOSITION OF THE VEHICLE FLEET

Domestic Auto Sales in India 2012 to 2018



- 98% of the vehicles:
  - small and affordable vehicles (two-wheelers and economy cars)
  - public transport
  - goods vehicles (three-wheelers, small goods vehicles, buses and trucks)
- Only 2% of the vehicles are high end cars, unlike in developed countries

Percentage of cars sold in India



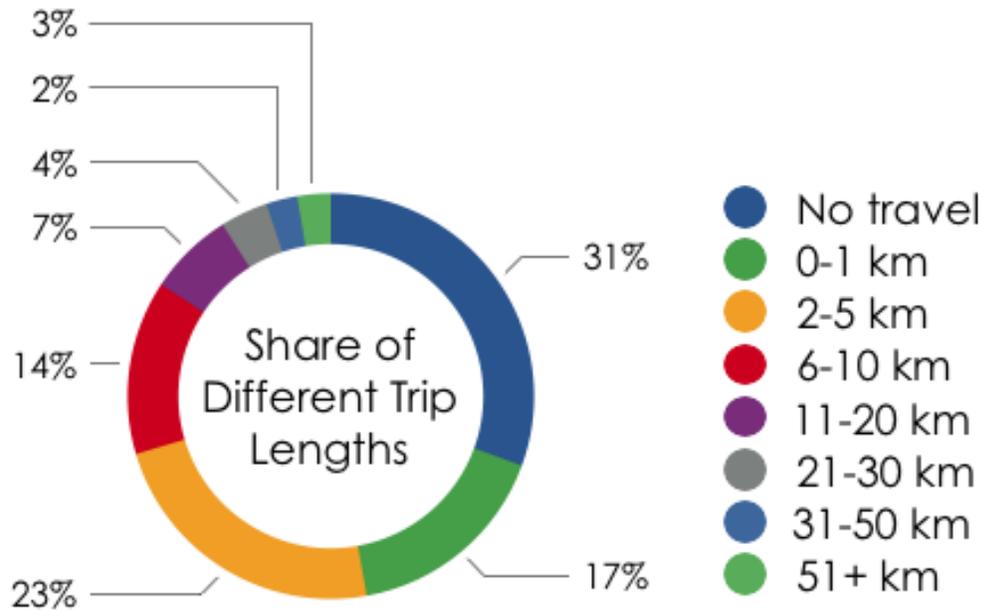
# DOMINANT TRAVEL MODES

## Dominant travel modes in cities with 5+ Million population

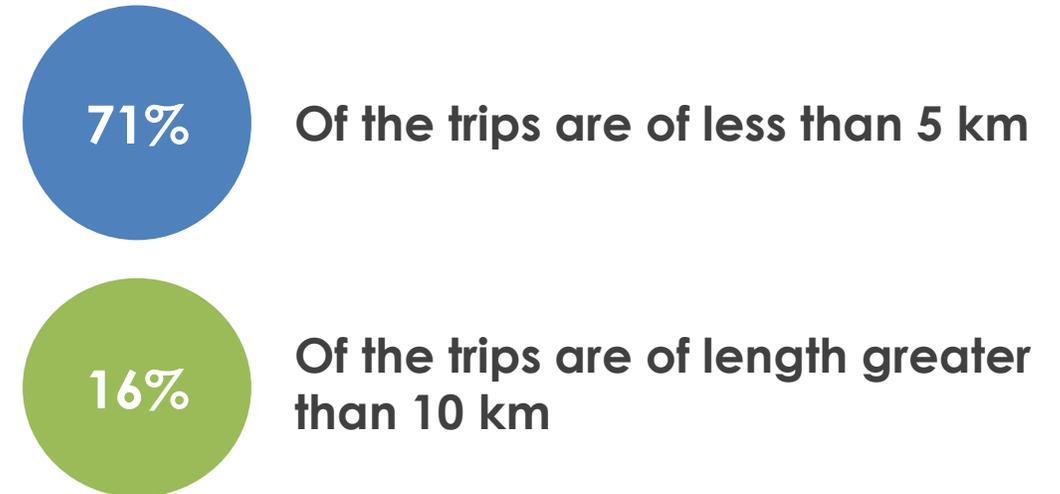
Walking	15-35%
Public transport	30-60%
Motorized 2-wheelers	10-22%
Motorized 3-wheelers	5-15%
Cars	5-15%

In smaller cities: share of walking and motorized 3 and 2 wheelers is greater than that of cars and public transport

# TRIP LENGTHS



- High urban densities. India lives and moves differently.
- An average vehicle would travel much less in India as compared to the developed world



## Takeaway

Short trip lengths mean that EV owners can do several journeys on a single charge. Policy decisions on battery size and range for electric vehicles will need to account for this

# TRAVEL SPEEDS AND AMBIENT TEMPERATURES

- India's average vehicle speed in a city is less than 25 kmph
  - Significantly different from developed countries where avg speeds are 40 to 60 kmph
- Ambient temperature: exceeds 40 °C and sometimes even 45 °C.
  - Excessive heating and cooling severely impacts battery life
  - Shorter battery life -> frequent replacement -> increased costs of ownership



## Takeaway

Policies should promote vehicles and battery packs designed to function in these conditions

# INDIA'S NEEDS A DIFFERENT APPROACH FROM THE WEST

- EV costs today may be 1.5 to 2 times or even more of petrol vehicles
  - Battery pricing falling rapidly: but will take considerable time for parity
  - Our affordability is low: most can not afford expensive EVs
  - Up to 40% subsidy in US, China and Europe, bringing down the gap
    - Subsidy in India will be limited
- India's approach has to be different
  - If we wait for battery prices to fall, we will land up importing vehicles and technology
  - Will hurt our GDP and jobs

# HOW INDIA'S APPROACH CAN BE DIFFERENT

**While no options are closed, India's approach could be different.**

- World uses large battery to overcome range-anxiety: increase costs / weight
- We can not afford it and will do it differently
  - Make vehicle lighter and more energy efficient to reduce battery size
  - Use small batteries and not large in affordable vehicles
    - Will often tackle range anxiety by battery swapping rather than Fast charging
    - Use lower-cost NMC / NCA batteries: even if they can not be very-fast charged
  - To maximise battery life, we will tend to charge slow, rather than fast
  - To handle higher temperature impacting battery-life, we will charge swapped battery after cooling in a conditioned environment
  - Will convert battery capital costs into operational costs as charged battery is leased
    - A Battery not dedicated to a vehicle and therefore usage not limited to a single vehicle: larger use of a battery reduces interest costs in a high interest-rate environment
    - Battery used for longer hours imply faster depreciation and replacement in shorter time frame – works well in falling-costs situation
  - Overall make EV capital costs similar to that for petrol-vehicles and operational costs for EVs equal or lower than that for petrol vehicles with swapping

# PILLARS OF AN ELECTRIC MOBILITY ECOSYSTEM

**ELECTRIC VEHICLE**  
All-electric, plug-in hybrid,  
hybrid

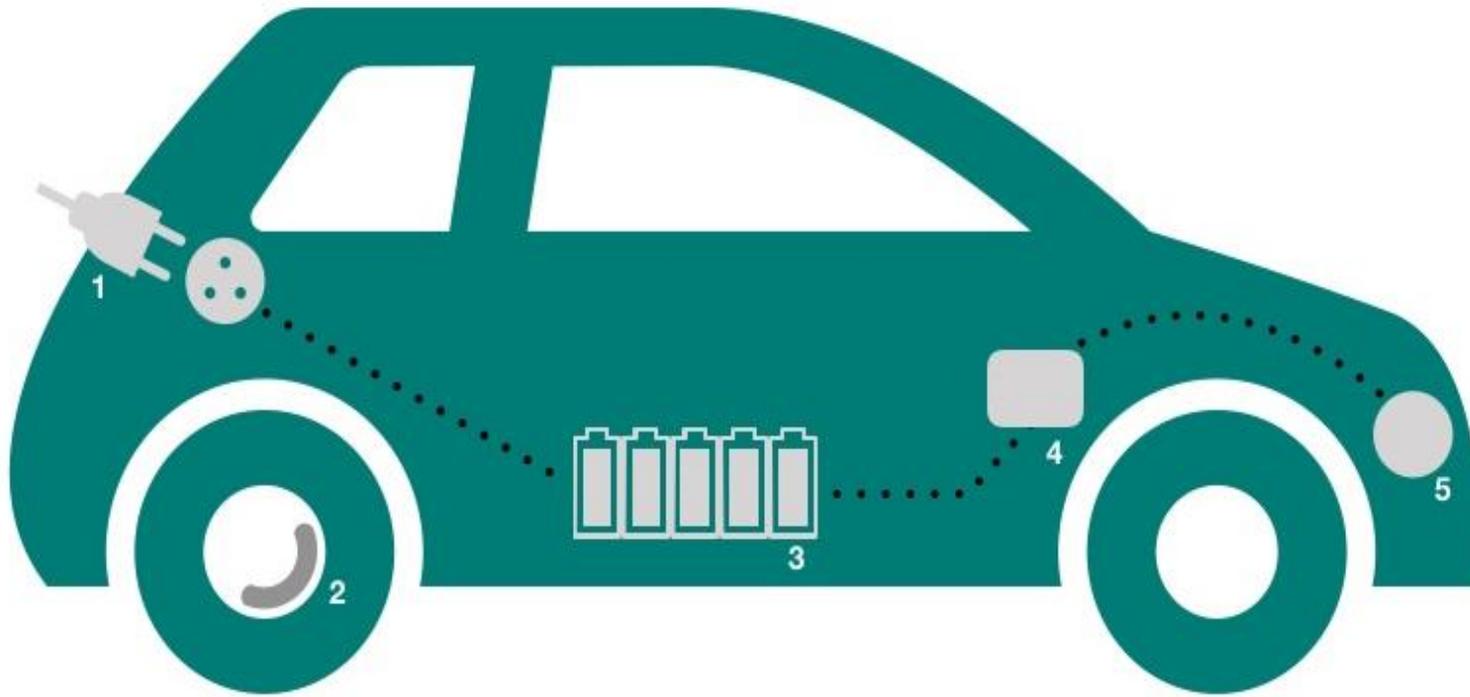
**RE-ENERGISING SYSTEMS**  
Charging and swapping  
infrastructure



**BATTERIES**  
Lithium Ion batteries –  
NMC, LTO, LFP  
Battery Management  
System

**OTHER FACTORS**  
Manufacturing capacity,  
research and  
development, power grid

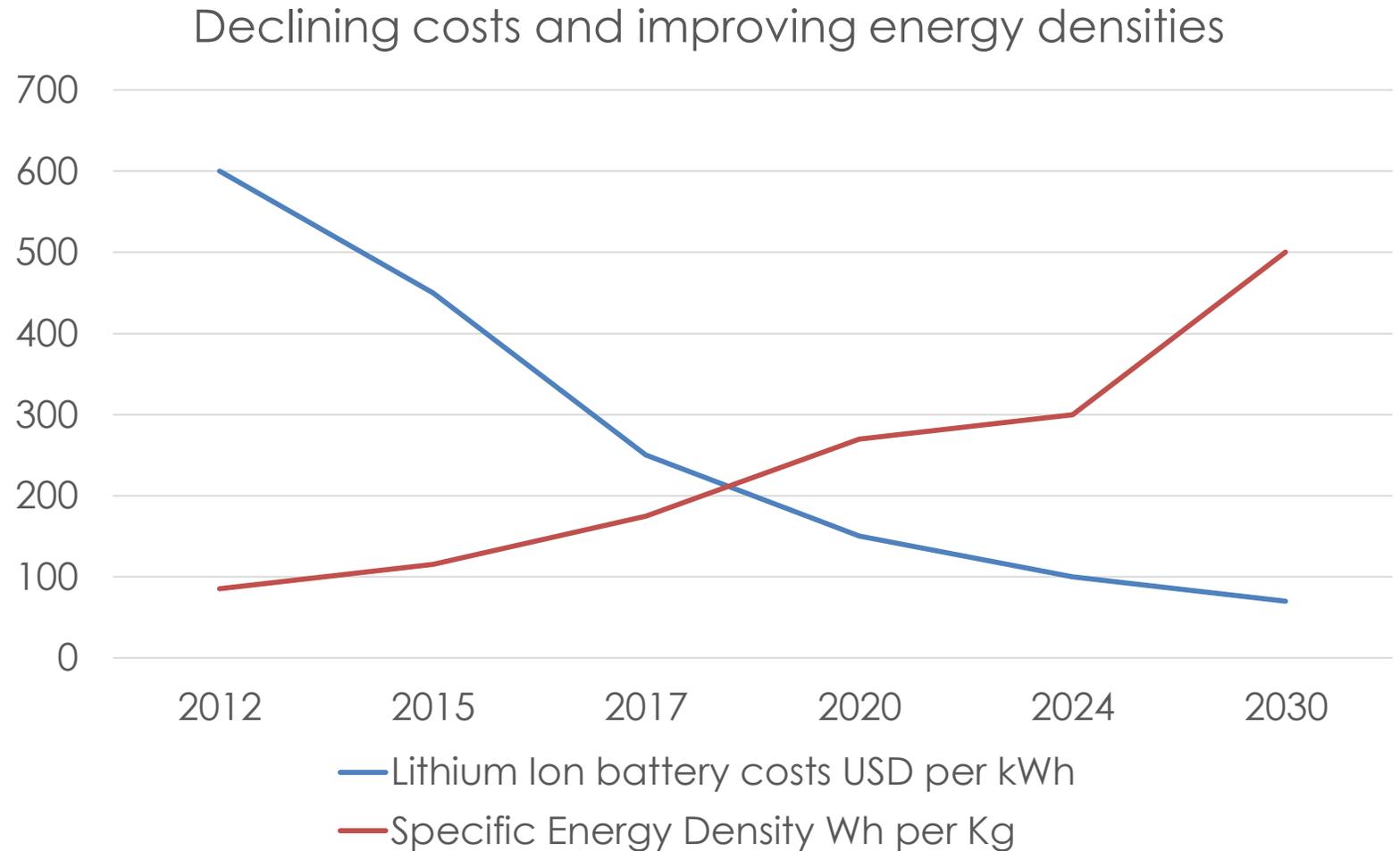
# THE ELECTRIC VEHICLE



1. **Plug:** Used for plugging into electric outlets at home or at a public charging station
2. **Regeneration brakes:** Capture energy lost when braking and store it in battery
3. **Rechargeable battery:** Energy storage unit of the car; built from chemical cells
4. **Controller and electronics:** Regulates the supply of power from the battery to the electric motor
5. **Electric motors:** Obtains electrical energy from the battery to move the steering and power the vehicles

# BATTERIES

- Account for 50% of vehicle cost
- Falling battery prices and rising energy densities



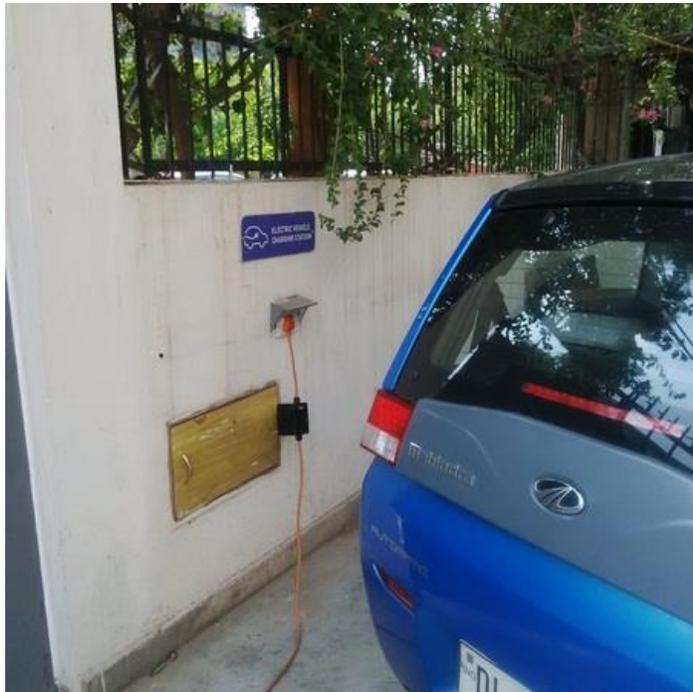
# COMPARISON BETWEEN VARIOUS LITHIUM ION BATTERIES

	Unit	Nickel Manganese Cobalt (NMC)	Li Titanate Oxide (LTO)	Li Phosphate (LFP)
Cost of Cells	USD per kWh	130	400	175
Energy-density	Wh per Kg	250	<100	125 -150
Charge-Discharge Cycles	Number	2500	10000 +	2500
Charging Time without impacting life	Mins	45 to 60 mins fast charge	10 to 20 mins	45 to 60 mins
Impact of Fast Charging	--	Impacts appreciably	No impact	Impacts appreciably
Bulkiness (Size and Weight)	--	Compact and low wt	Large size and wt	Medium size and wt
Impact of high temperature (45 deg C)	--	High	Low	Medium
Inherent Safety	--	Low	High	Medium

# FACILITIES FOR RE-ENERGISING BATTERIES

## Charging

- Slow charging (at-home or designated parking spots in universities or offices)
- Fast charging (at public stations)



## Swapping

- A discharged battery is exchanged for a charged battery at swapping facilities.

## Range Extension

- Intermediate option



# SLOW CHARGING, FAST CHARGING AND RANGE EXTENSION

## Slow Chargers

- › Charge batteries at 0.1C to 0.2C
- › Charge batteries up to 80-90% of capacity in 4 to 8 hours
- › Best for preserving the life of any kind of battery

## Fast Chargers

- › Charges batteries fully in about an hour.
- › Can be AC or DC
- › Need an external charger which converts AC input to the DC output for charging the battery

## Swapping

- › Swapping a discharged battery with a fully charged one
- › Takes only few mins; eliminates waiting time for drivers
- › Battery cost is separated from vehicle's
- › Battery is owned by an Energy Operator (EO) – gives charged battery as a service

## Slow Charging with Range Extension (RE)

- › Charge batteries at 0.1C to 0.2C
- › Charge batteries up to 80-90% of capacity in 4 to 8 hours
- › Best for preserving the life of any kind of battery

# SWAPPING BATTERY MAKES BUSINESS SENSE

An Energy Operator (EO) purchases battery and leases charged batteries taking into account depreciation, interest costs and charging and swapping costs

- Most sensitive element impacting charge per km is vehicle efficiency (km/kWh).
- Battery costs per kWh, battery life cycles, air-conditioning costs and electricity costs matter
- As price of battery decreases, swappable battery could cost lesser
  - margins for energy operator would improve
- As swappable Batteries have small life of about 4 years, early-investment not much affected

Swapping will work, only when a user finds close-by station to swap batteries

- In the beginning, existing petrol stations could be used side-by side selling petrol
  - Next, expand to more stations as demand grows

For an electric bus, swapping facility could be installed and operated at the bus-depot

- To begin with few routes of one depot can be fully electrified and be given swapping infra
- Gradually all routes and all buses of the depot can be electrified

## OTHER FACTORS

- Manufacturing
  - Vehicles, battery pack assembly, controllers, motors
- Research and development
  - Industry, academia and government tie-ups
- Impacts on the Power Grid

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# WHAT ARE THE CHALLENGES WITH ADOPTION OF ELECTRIC MOBILITY IN INDIA?

## CHALLENGES

Limited Driving Range  
Long Recharge Time  
High capital cost  
Resistance to Change  
Availability of battery materials

## STRATEGY

Recognize India's uniqueness  
Adapt to our context  
Delink capital cost of battery from that of vehicle

## THREE PHASED ROADMAP

I Pilot  
II Scaling-up  
III Self Propelled

# ROAD MAP FOR ELECTRIFICATION

## PILOT PHASE

- › Short phase
- › Vehicles with high demo value are deployed
- › Intra city bus fleets
- › Fleet cars belonging to public agencies
- › 2 and 3 wheelers with RE-swap and battery swap



## SCALING -UP

- › Incentives and persuasion to reach tipping point
- › May need financial incentives
- › Free parking, easier permits, feebates, low off peak electricity charges
- › public investment in charging/swapping
- › Good candidates: auto rickshaws and small taxi owners



## SELF - PROPELLED

- › Technology is established
- › Used by people in normal course
- › All parts of e-mobility will have become financial sustainable

# POLICIES AND REGULATIONS - WHAT IS NEEDED?

- Comprehensive action on many fronts
- Recognition:
  - public good of electrification > price disadvantages to market
- A strong case for public policies to:
  - Absorb the price risks of a new technology
  - Bring it to parity with its traditional counterpart

# EV POLICIES OF STATE/REGIONAL GOVERNMENTS IN INDIA

## Demand side interventions

- Purchase incentive for EVs
- Higher taxes on diesel and petrol cars,
- Scrapping incentive to ICE vehicle owners,
- Creating app-based cab aggregation, Subsidies for purchasing last mile electric vehicles (e.g. autos)

E.g. Delhi Electric Vehicle Policy 2018

## Supply side interventions

- Incentives to EV and battery manufacturers
- Creating EV manufacturing zones
- Reimbursing 100% land conversion fee
- Faster approval of applications for setting up charging stations
- Zero wheeling charges for supplying renewables to re-energizing stations

E.g. Telangana, Karnataka, Maharashtra

# POLICIES AND REGULATIONS – WHAT EXISTS INTERNATIONALLY?

## The Case of Norway

- EV policy part of the larger GHG abatement goal
- ZEV policies began in 1990s
- BEVs = 47% of fleet in 2018
- Political unity on ‘polluter pays principle’
- Stringent green tax system -> all new cars sold by 2025 are either zero or low emission
- Exemption from purchase tax, road tax
- 100% government support for installing normal and high power charging

# POLICIES AND REGULATIONS – WHAT EXISTS INTERNATIONALLY?

## The Case of Shenzhen, China

- 100% electric bus fleet
- National and local subsidies
- Buses are leased to cut costs
- Cooperation between bus operator and charging infra provider
- Charging facilities to private cars as for optimal use of the system

## WAY FORWARD

- Several States have already formulated EV policies
- Actions towards implementation will require coordinated action by multiple departments
- Need for a multi-department and high level EV mission in the State to oversee and direct implementation
- A detailed road map needs to be developed in one or two cities by the states
- This will include decisions on:
  - Vehicle segments to be electrified in the first phase
  - Identifying locations for charging and swapping facilities
  - Inviting potential businesses to set up charging and swapping facilities
  - Awareness campaigns

# QUESTIONS

# PROS AND CONS OF SLOW AND FAST CHARGING AND RE

	<i>EVs with Slow + Fast Charging (EV-F)</i>	<i>EVs with swapping (EV-S)</i>	<i>EVs with slow charging plus range-extension swapping (EV-RE)</i>
<i>Battery Size in kWh</i>	Medium to Large	Small	Small
<i>Cost of Battery for vehicle-owner</i>	Medium to Large	Nil (Energy Operator will invest in battery)	Small
<i>Home Charging time and impact on Battery-life</i>	Night time 6 hours: best for battery	NA	Night time 6 hours: best for battery
<i>Infrastructure required at home</i>	15A power plug	None	15A power plug
<i>Range Extension by</i>	Fast Charge	Swapping	Add-on battery swapping
<i>Wait-time for range extension and impact on battery life</i>	1.5 hours low impact <30 min severe impact	Few minutes	Few minutes
<i>High temperature (45°C) Impact</i>	High	Low	Low
<i>How often range extension required</i>	Could be less than 5%, if vehicle has large battery	Frequently	5 to 10%
<i>User Convenience</i>	Range extension pain	daily swapping pain, but no home charging	High
<i>Can you go unlimited range?</i>	Not unless you keep stopping for fast charge	Yes, with repeated swap	Yes with repeated swap of Range-extension battery

<i>Number of vehicles served per charger / swapper in 10 hours</i>	10	120	120
<i>Infrastructure for charging / swapping</i>	Fast Charger at many locations	Battery swapping at reasonable number of locations, existing petrol pumps inadequate	Battery swapping at limited locations (swap in minutes); existing petrol pumps will do
<i>Need for Infra-investment</i>	Medium	Very High	High
<i>Business viability in India</i>	Not clear unless charges for fast charging is high	Viable	Viable
<i>Vehicle Capital Cost for user</i>	Large	Low	Medium
<i>Vehicle Operation Cost</i>	Low (cost of electricity) for 90 to 95% time	Close to petrol cost	Low for 90 to 95% of time (electricity cost only), but close to petrol cost for range extension (5 to 10% of time)
<i>Business of existing (57000) petrol pumps and jobs</i>	No	Will preserve	Will preserve
<i>EV batteries as Grid-storage</i>	Difficult	Swap-batteries in charger-cum-swapper station can be used as storage	Swap-batteries in charger-cum-swapper station can be used as storage

# POLICIES AND REGULATIONS – WHAT IS NEEDED?

## Central Government

- › Set vehicle and charging standards
- › Create tax incentives for EVs in recognition of their contribution to public good
- › Mandate an increasing share of EVs in sale of motor vehicles and public fleets
- › Strategic international tie-ups
- › Collaborative R and D
- › Procurement of EVs for Govt of India vehicles

## State and Local Government

- › Procure electric buses for SRTUs and mandate all buses to be electric
- › Create infrastructure for re-energizing
- › Establish preferential permits and tax breaks
- › Require procurement of EVs for government
- › Mandate registration of certain segments only as EVs from a certain date

# POLICIES AND REGULATIONS – WHAT EXISTS IN INDIA?

## Ministry of Power

- › Electricity as a Service  
- Amendment of EC Act 2001
- › Charging infrastructure for EVs–  
Guidelines and Standards

## Ministry of Heavy Industries

- › Faster Adoption and Manufacturing of (Hybrid &) Electric Vehicles (FAME 1) Scheme
- › Charging standards for slow and fast chargers, communication protocols
- › National Electric Mobility Mission Plan for 2020