



EV ready to accelerate in India as policy gets finally aligned

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Air quality in Indian cities



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Out of the 20 most
polluted cities of the
world are in India

36%

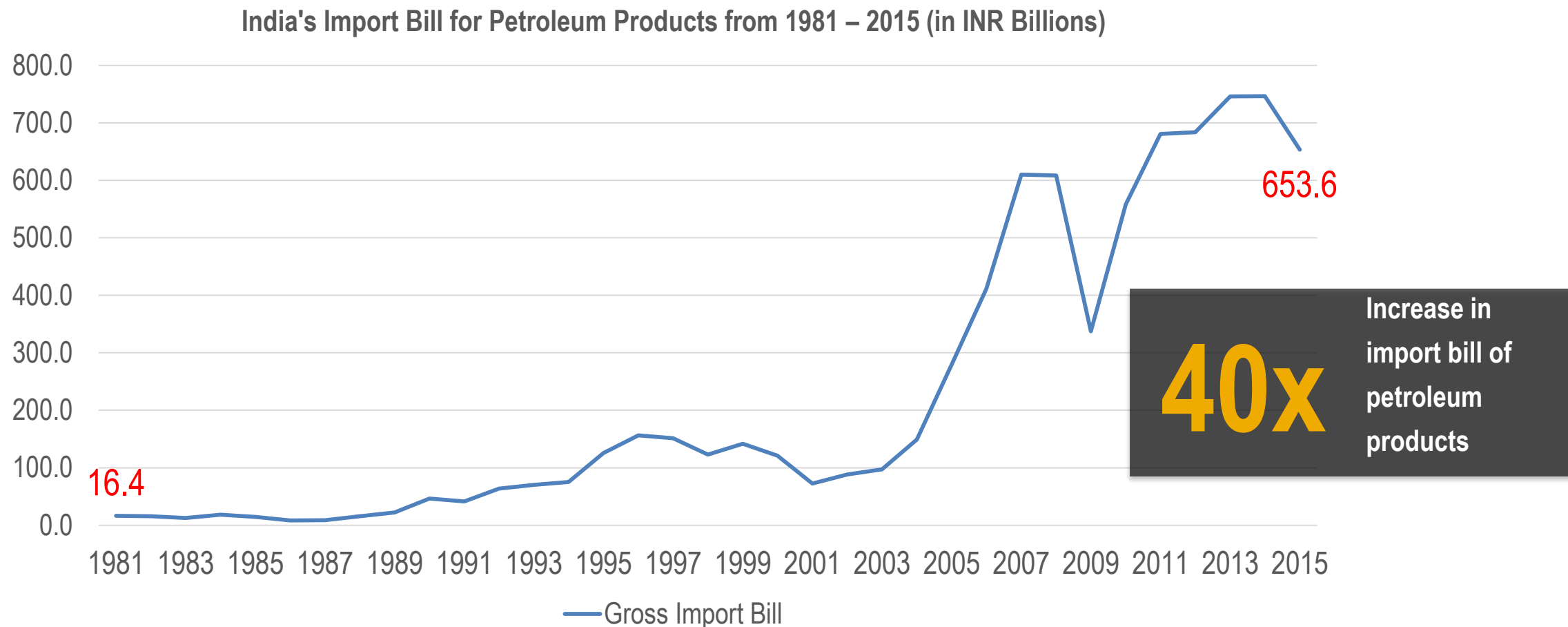
Of NO_x emissions in Delhi
were due to vehicles in
2016

20%

Of PM_{2.5} emissions in
Delhi were due to
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Reuters

DEPENDENCE ON IMPORTED FUEL



Petroleum fuel consumption: 32.5 million tonnes in 1981 184.7 million tonnes in 2015

India Recognises

- India imports most of its oil impacting its economy badly
 - It has 14 out of 20 most polluted cities in the world
 - EV is the future: four times higher **energy efficiency** and 95% less moving parts
 - Less than 30 moving parts in a electric car as opposed to 2000 in IC-engine car
- EV adoption scales as battery price falls
 - Driven by **higher energy density (Wh/kg)** of batteries
 - 100 Wh/kg → 150 Wh/kg → 200 Wh/kg → 250 Wh/kg → 300 Wh/kg
 - Yet EV with large battery to overcome range anxiety (several hundred kms in a car) is **1.7 to 2 times that of ICE car**

Year	Li battery costs per kWh
2012	USD 600
2015	USD 450
2017	USD 250
2020	USD 150
2024	< USD 100



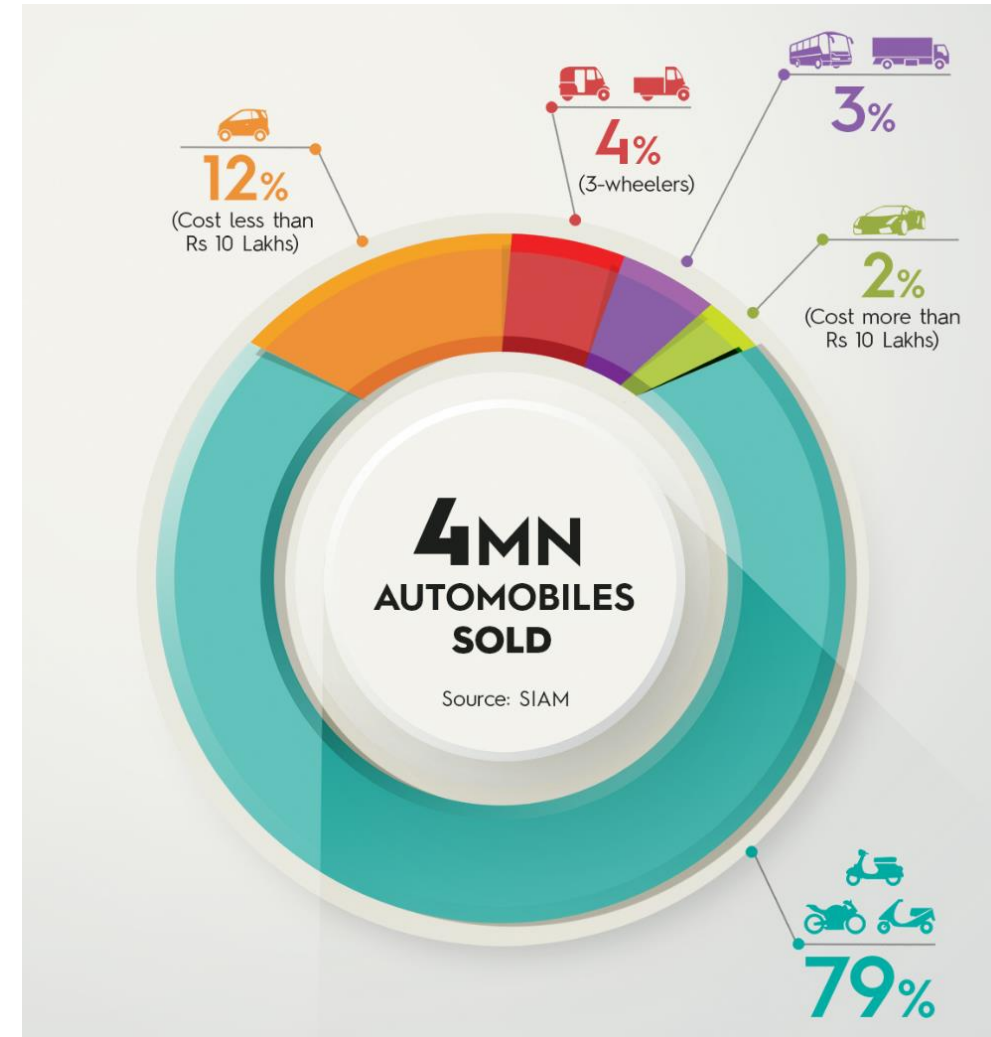
Subsidy, Affordability and Innovation

- Worldwide EVs driven by 30% to 40% subsidy
 - India has **low affordability** and can afford **limited subsidy**
 - Battery contributes to **50% of costs**
 - falling rapidly over last five years but still expensive
 - EV must make **business sense: How?**
- India needs **innovative approach** to get its EV to scale today: Not blindly follow the West
 - Failure to do so will imply it gets **flooded by imports in four to five years**
 - 7.1% (auto-sector) + 5% GDP (fuel-processing) and almost 30 million jobs impacted

India's Vehicles dominated by two-wheelers

Most Discussions focussed on
e-Cars: Premium Segment

For Massive Adoption: Focus
has to be on 2W, 3W



India's focus: different from that in the West

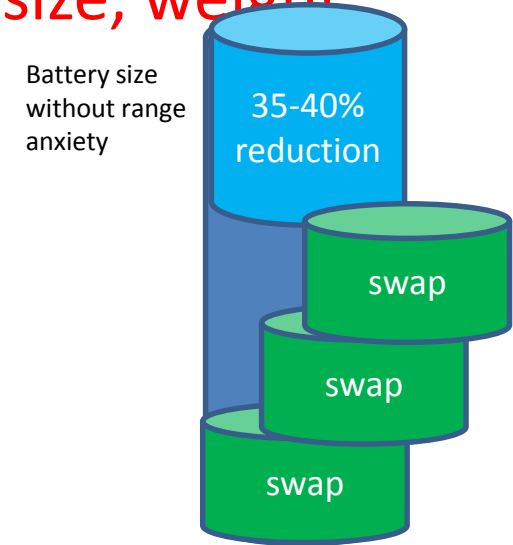
- India's vehicles different from that in most of the world
 - low-cost
 - 98% of public and affordable vehicles: not the focus of the rest of the world; India could attempt to get leadership here
 - Innovative approach needed here
 - For premium cars. it may use the same approach as in the West: large battery, fast-charging assuming medium to large subsidy or premium price

Business needs to depend upon itself

Some help from governments (local manufacturing + promotion)

Innovative Strategy for EVs for Public Transport

- Higher efficiency **Wh/km** (kms/litre of petrol) reduces **battery size, weight and costs**
 - For e-autos in last one year: from **70 to 80 Wh/km** to **45/50 Wh/km**
 - E-buses: from **1600 Wh/km** to **900 Wh/km**
- **Split battery** into smaller size (one third) and **swap**
 - No waiting time to charge battery: **no public infrastructure** required
 - Customer avoids dead battery-weight improves **vehicle energy efficiency**
- Battery-life severely affected by Fast Charging at 45 deg C
 - **Swapped battery** can be charged in **conditioned environment** and in two hours to maximise its life
 - Charge at 0.5 C and at 25deg C, discharge at ambient (Indian temperatures)



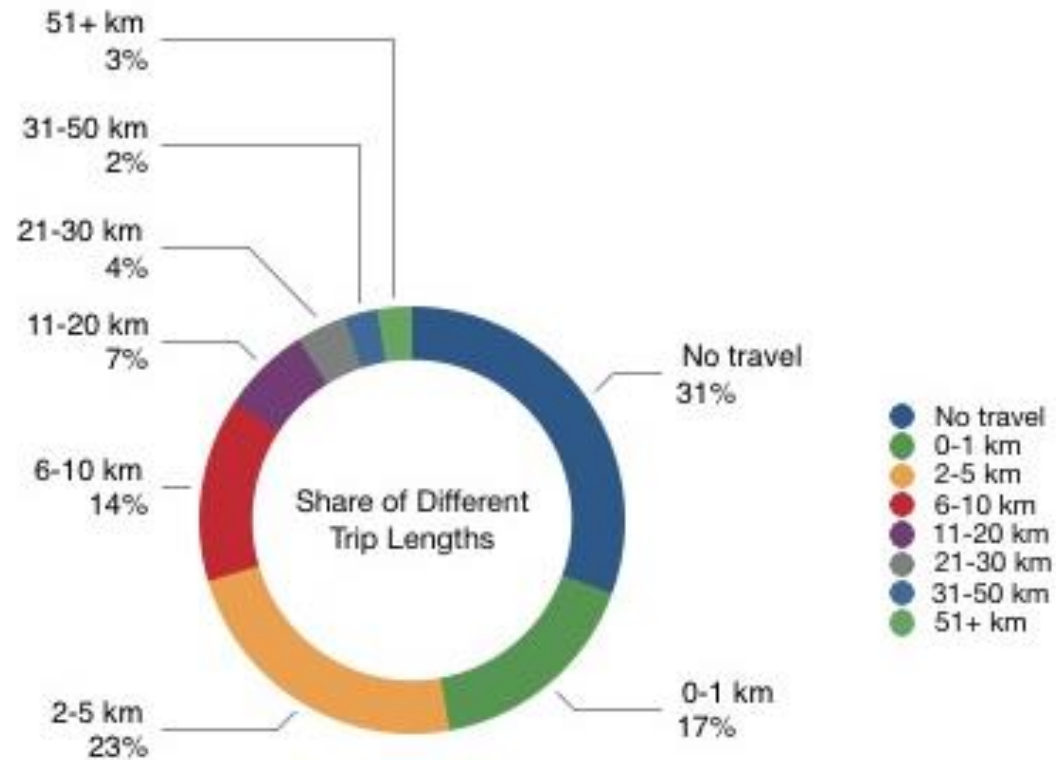
Public Charger Infrastructure not required

- Instead Swappable battery Infra needed
- Separate **vehicle business** (without battery) & **energy business** (battery)
 - Energy Operator to procure bulk batteries and lease charged batteries
 - Capital cost similar to that for petrol / diesel vehicle
 - Operation cost today same as petrol / diesel vehicle
- **Drive volumes** aided by Public procurement

EV Strategy for Private Transport (2/4-wheelers)

- Batteries **dominate** the cost of an EV
 - Tesla uses battery with 540 kms range
 - Increasing the **vehicle weight** (reducing the **energy efficiency** or kms/kWh)
- On the other hand, Smaller battery creates **range anxiety**
 - Use Public Fast Charger: **waiting time** + **public charging infrastructure**: takes an hour to charge battery
 - Fast Charge in **15 to 20 minutes**: needs expensive batteries (life impacted as temperature crosses 40°C)

Recognize Indian Trip lengths are smaller



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

71%

Of the trips are of less than 5 km

16%

Of the trips are of length greater than 10 km



Takeaway

Short trip lengths mean that several journeys on a single charge possible

Use Small built-in Battery in affordable vehicle

- EVs to have a small low-cost built-in battery with limited range
 - Example: 100 km for a e-car
 - Enough within cities for 90% of days
 - Use only night-time Slow Charging: maximising battery life
- When one needs to drive longer distances (10% of days)
 - use a RANGE EXTENDER battery to completely overcome range anxiety
 - Swap-in a second battery doubling range at a petrol pump (3 to 5 minutes)
 - Swap the swappable battery again for still longer range (300 kms or 400 kms)
- Needs a only and slow-AC Charging: 15 A plug-point with meter
 - Would cost ₹5000 and break even in a year: no need for expensive charging infra

50 km range for e-scooter

Premium vehicles and long-distance buses

- Use larger battery and fast charging for **premium vehicles**
 - Similar to what is used in the West
 - Less range anxiety
 - Costs and affordability less of a consideration for premium cars: some subsidy helps
 - Will require fast-charging infrastructure
 - In addition to slow-charging public and home infrastructure
- Long-distance buses: higher usage of battery would justify higher battery size and costs
 - **Low-operation costs** will make up for larger upfront costs

Vehicles on Drive

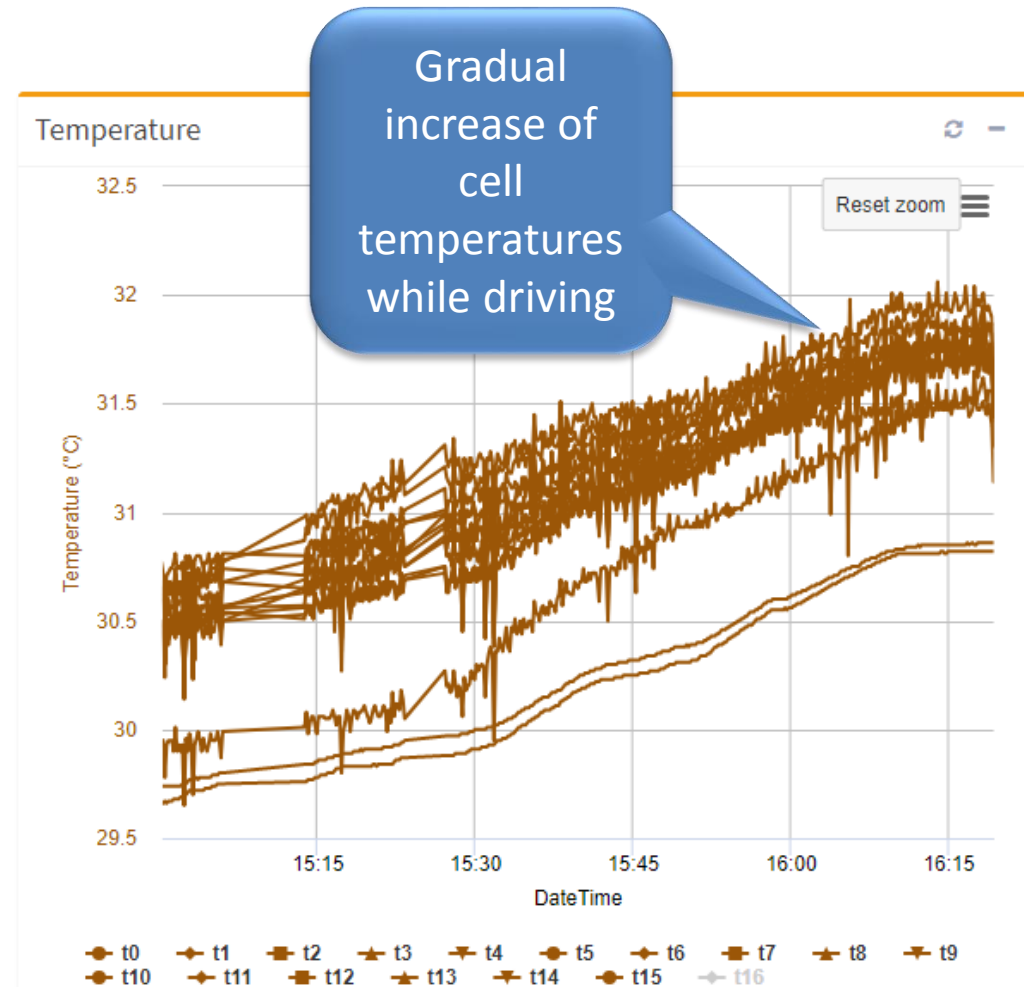
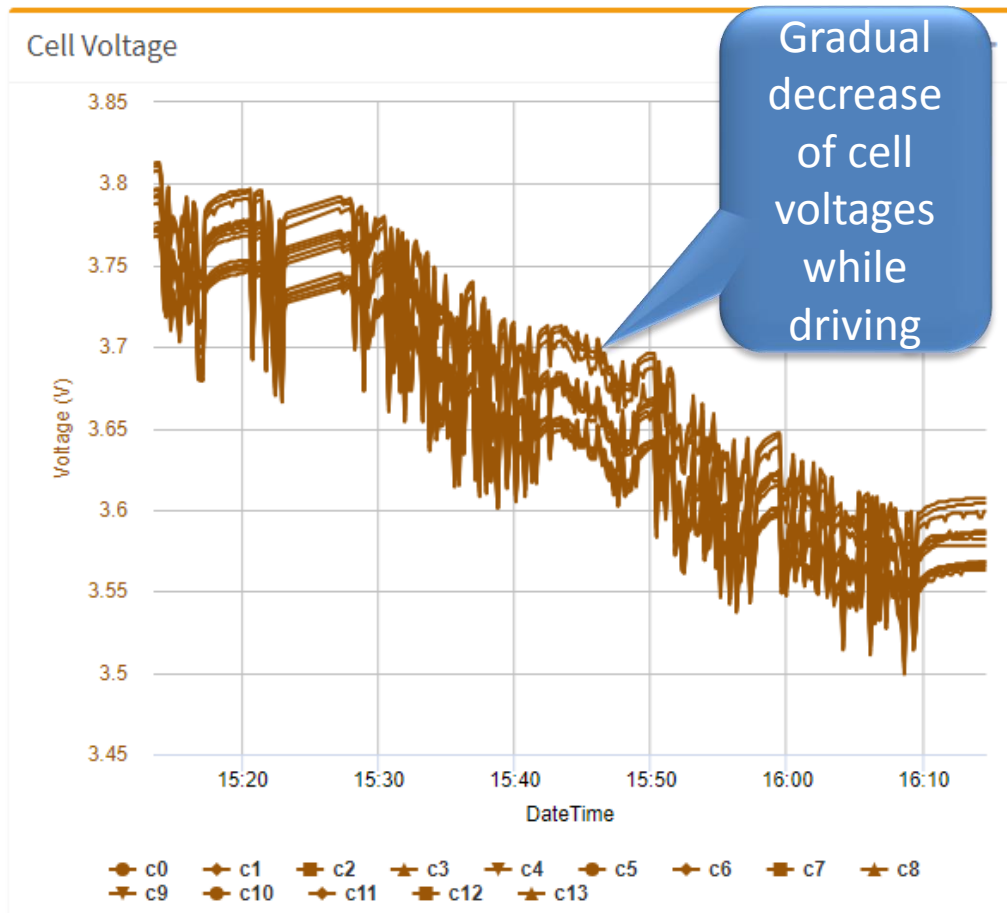
Pilot with Battery swapping at CBEEV, IITM Campus



Test vehicle with school kids, residents and staff in IITM campus

Cell voltage/ temperature monitoring to maximise battery-life

225 million data points



To sum up: India's approach

- Focus on Small Vehicles
 - Use smaller battery when possible
 - Use battery swapping, range-extension in addition to slow charging
- For larger battery premium vehicles, use slow and fast-charging
- Some subsidy (lower tax helps)
- **Make in India** for each sub-system



Technology Tasks

Designed and Made in India to drive costs down
And make EVs affordable in India

India's Technology Tasks

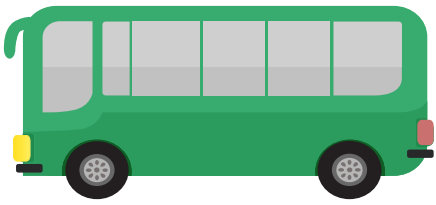
1. Most **Energy Efficient** Vehicles: low Wh/km will reduce the size of the **battery**
 - Better motor and drive (**power-train**), better tyres, lower weight and better aerodynamics
2. Battery ecosystem: **Pack manufacturing** (30-35%), **cell-making** (30%), **materials and chemicals** (40%)
3. Charging and **Swapping** Infrastructure for range-extension
 - Slow-charging, fast charging and battery swapping

R&D required for EV sub-systems

- **Drive train**: Motors and Controllers, distributed motors
- DC-DC **Converters** and Battery-**Chargers and** Battery **Swapping** systems
- **Electrically driven** Power-steering, power-brakes, and air-conditioning
- Battery **Packs and** Battery **Cells**
 - Battery **Materials**: Li, Mn, Co, Ni and Graphite, new Chemistries
- Materials for **light-weighting** vehicles
- Materials for **better insulation** to reduce heat-load
 - air-conditioning **competes** with drive train for battery-power
- Better **tyres** and better **aerodynamics** enhances energy-efficiency of EVs
- Vehicle Controller **Software**, integration
- Future technologies: Hydrogen Fuel Cells, battery chemistry handling 45°C, Grid-integration

Drive-train: Motors and Controllers for EV

- Higher motor + controller **efficiency at all velocities** (full drive cycle)
 - Not a efficiency figure at a single velocity: India drives at **lower velocity**
- Motor types: **Nb permanent magnets** Vs ferrite magnets Vs **no magnets**
 - Permanent Magnet-synchronous (**BLDC or PM-SYN**)
 - Switched Reluctance (**SR**): no permanent magnet
 - Synchronous Reluctance (**SYN-Reluctance**)
 - **PM-assisted** SYN-Reluctance or SR: very small permanent magnet
 - **Induction**: needs VFD; efficiency at smaller velocities an issue (higher power)
- High volume but **low cost**: must **compete** with imported motors
 - Design variations consist of Axial flux, Radial flux, Frame and Hub motors
 - **Distributed** Motors



Motors and Controllers

- Need Motors and Controllers for
 - Two-wheelers, three-wheelers, some small cars
 - 48V / 72V: from 300W to 20 kW
 - Volume (10 years): 150 million
 - Combined efficiency for motor and controller: 82% to 90%
 - medium and large cars
 - 350V: from 15 kW to 75 kW
 - Volume required: 20 million (10 years)
 - Efficiency: 87% to 93%
 - buses and trucks
 - 750V: from 75 kW to 200 kW
 - Volume (10 years): 5 million
 - Efficiency: 90% to 95%
- Power Electronics is key
- Motor Optimization Software
 - Finite element motor-design software: tailor to Indian goals
- Testing facility and Skill development

DC-DC converters and Battery Chargers

- DC-DC converters: all sub-systems are **not at Battery voltage**
 - conversion from **battery** voltage to voltage of **electronic subsystems**
 - At **power-level** required by sub-systems (10W to 5 kW)
 - Example: bus battery at 750 converted to
 - 12V for lights and 48V for motor for power-steering (5 kW) and 5V for electronics
 - Each converter adds to **costs** and contribute to **losses**
- Chargers: **on-board** and **off-board**
 - 1 kW charger to 200 kW chargers
 - Charging protocols and charger Management protocols
 - Costs key to make external charging viable

Battery Swapping Systems: *Battery leasing as a business*

- **Bulk-chargers** for multiple batteries
 - with built-in **cooling** of batteries
 - **Locked-smart** battery protocols to ensure battery is **charged only by authorised** chargers and discharged in authorised vehicles
- **Swapping systems** for 2-wheeler, 3-wheeler, 4-wheeler and bus batteries
 - Manual, Semi-automatic or Robotic
- Management Software for batteries, swapping and charging outlets
 - Monitoring of each **cell-temperature** during charging and usage
 - Monitoring of **cell-currents** during usage which may impact battery life

Other sub-systems

- In IC engine vehicles
 - Power-steering
 - Power-braking
 - air-conditioners
 - all driven using **hydraulic pressure** generated by IC engine
- Needs to be redesigned to be **electrically driven**
 - Ideally using **battery voltage**
 - Keeping the **costs low**

Li Ion Battery Chemistry Options

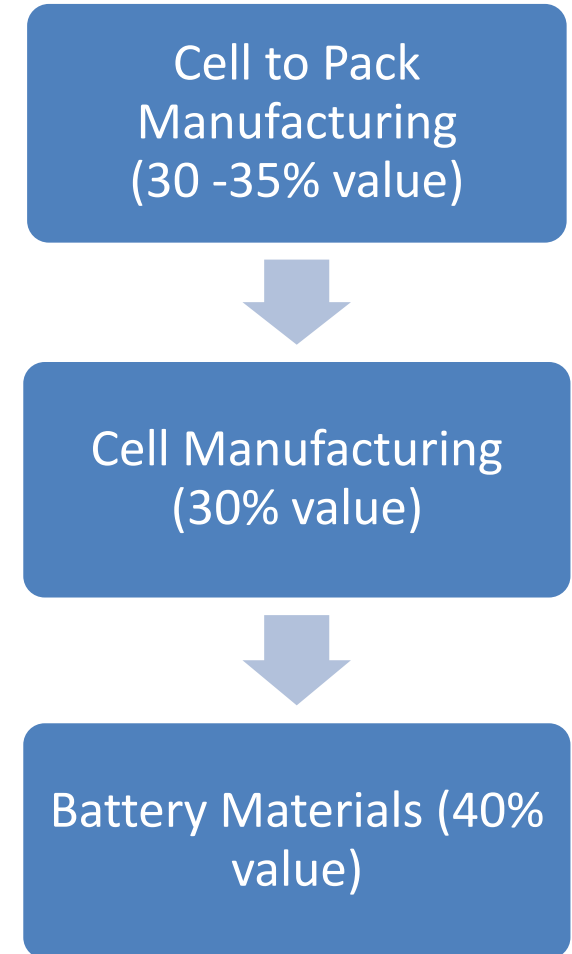
Li-Ion Cell Chemistry	LCO/Graphite or NCA/Graphite	NMC/Graphite	LFP/Graphite	NMC/LTO	LFP/LTO (Nb doped)
Spec. Energy (Wh/kg)	150 -300	150-330 (with Silica in anode)	90-150	60 -100	50 -80
Charge/disc rate	0.5C/1C	1C/1C (2 to 3C discharge possible)	1C/2C (3C disch possible)	4C/4C	5C/10C
Life-cycles	1000	2000 (8000 with Silica)	2500 (4000 with Silica)	10000	20000
Safety*	Cell < 55°C	Cell < 55°C	safer	safest	safest
Cell costs / kWh	\$120	\$145	\$225	\$500	High

* Battery-pack has to be designed to be safe irrespective of high-density cell-usage)

China has set a target for all EVs to have 350 Wh/kg by 2020, 400 Wh/kg by 2025 and 500 Wh/kg by 2030
Most of the world uses NMC/ Graphite except some uses NMC/ LTO for buses with top-up charging

Li Ion Batteries for EV

- **Battery-pack** development involves
 - thermal design as per **Indian** temperature and driving conditions
 - Low-cost Cooling mechanism to withstand 45°C ambient
 - **mechanical design** to ensure cells do not bulge and **Battery Management Systems** to get the best out of each cell
 - Safety is a major concern
 - established and start-ups making waves
- A number of established companies and **start-ups** already manufacturing
 - **Costs, life-cycles** and temperature remain main concern
 - **JV with external tie-ups**
- Battery Material Development: urban mining
 - Every battery should be regulated for safe disposal



Materials for Batteries

- Li-Ion batteries today use
 - Lithium, Cobalt, Manganese, Nickel and Graphite
 - India does not have much of the mines for any these
 - 70% cell costs due to material
 - Import bill could sky-rocket if we import all the materials: India may need up to 25 GWh per year by 2025
- While we attempt to secure some mining rights world-wide
 - Focus on recycling of used batteries (urban mining)
 - A start-up is recovering 95% of Li and Co, and 93% of Ni and Mn and 90% Graphite
 - Need R&D to set-up large number of recycling plants with ZERO EFFLUENT
- India could import used batteries and become the urban-mining capital of the world for Li-Ion battery-materials

Efficient Regeneration

- EVs can **recover** energy during deceleration, braking and climbing down
 - Motors can act as generator and mechanical energy is converted to electrical energy, which can be driven back to battery
- Needs motor design to **recover as much** energy as possible
- Need vehicle battery chargers to **capture as much** recovered energy as possible
- Can regeneration efficiency **come close to 90%**?
 - Vehicles will then only use energy to overcome **rolling-resistance and aerodynamic drag**
 - Most acceleration and climbing power can be eventually recovered

Other R&D tasks

- Materials for **light-weighting** vehicles
- Materials for **better insulation** to reduce heat-load
 - air-conditioning **competes** with drive train for battery-power
- Better **tyres** and better **aerodynamics** enhances energy-efficiency of EVs
- Vehicle **Controller and Software**, Integration and testing
- Can we redesign every part of IC engine vehicle as it changes to Electric and gain?

Other tasks

- **Develop** strong R&D to commercialisation in EV subsystems
- **Encourage** electricity production from Renewables
 - Encourage solar-PV modules being manufactured locally
- **Watch out** for new approaches and technologies
 - like fuel-cells, distributed motors, batteries withstanding higher temperatures, motors without permanent magnets, heavy trucks

To Conclude

- Time is of essence: In four years, may be **flooded with imported** EVs / subsystems
 - **We have two years** time to design and manufacture EV subsystems
 - What can be done in **first year, second year and third year**?
 - Not JUST development, but commercialise and SCALE
 - What does Start-ups and R&D personnel in educational Institutes/ R&D centers have to do?
 - What does industry R&D personnel have to do? How do **industry-academia** work **together**?
 - What do we need from the **Government**?
 - **More focus on R&D, start-ups and Make in India: helps preserve India's GDP and grow jobs**
 - Can we do it by 2030: **Certainly**
 - EV article in recent IEEE Electrification Magazine: <https://ieeexplore.ieee.org/document/8546812>
- For deeper understanding, look at the blog “understanding the EV Elephant”: <https://electric-vehicles-in-india.blogspot.in/2017/12/>