



# How could India win with EVs 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 NOx emissions in Delhi were due to vehicles in 2016

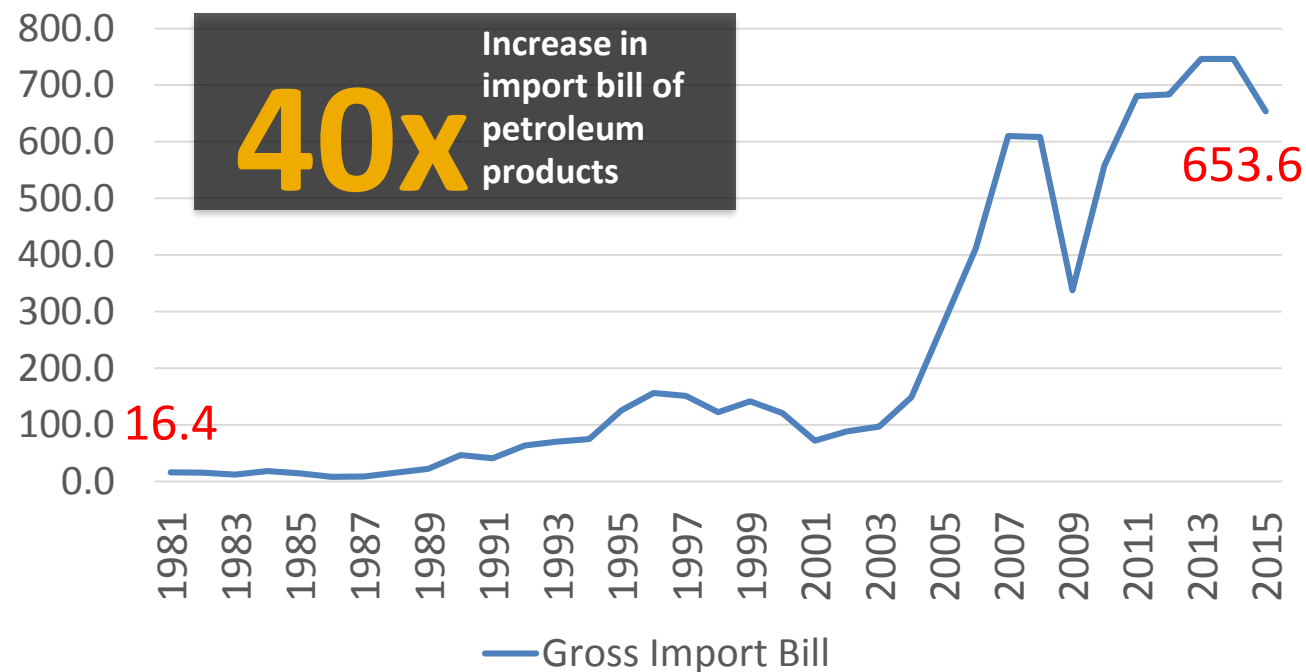
20%

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



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



Petroleum fuel consumption  
32.5 million tons in 1981  
184.7 million tons in 2015

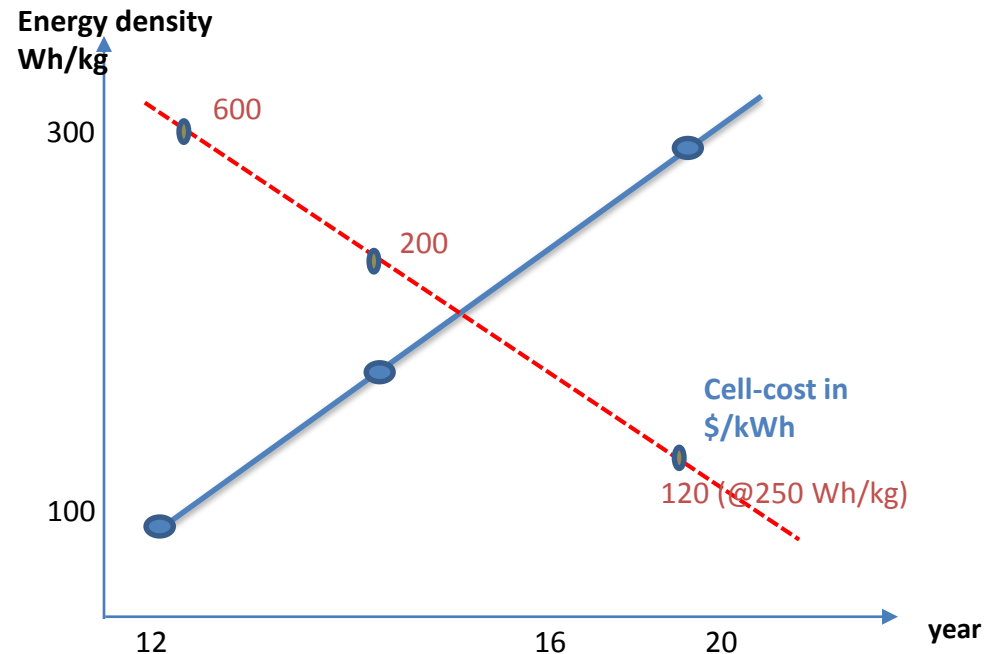
# EV is the future: Why and How?

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- EV is **four-times** as energy efficient as ICE; has **50 times** less moving parts
  - ICE efficiency: 22% to 23% Vs EV motor energy efficiency: 90%
- But Energy Density of Li-Ion battery Cells much less than that for petrol
  - Much larger **weight / size** required for same energy, even with 4 times higher efficiency
  - battery size, range anxiety -- how to overcome it?
  - Cost implications
- India's vehicle composition: **low affordability**
  - Small and medium sized vehicles dominate
  - We drive smaller distances in a day
  - Way to overcome range limitations may be different

# Increasing Energy Density → Affordable Batteries

- **Energy density increasing rapidly**: main driver for cost reduction
  - Material requirement per kWh goes down
    - Lead Acid Battery: 40 Wh/kg
    - Li Ion Battery: up to 300 Wh/kg available today
      - Towards 400 to 500 Wh/kg in coming years
    - Even then EV with large battery to overcome range anxiety (several hundred kms in a car) is **1.7 to 2 times that of ICE car**
- Also, do we have enough Lithium, Cobalt?
  - Primary use of battery, Secondary use, Recycling of batteries for raw materials



# Strategy for India

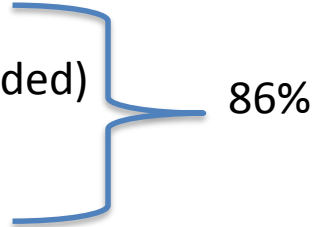
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- Onslaught of EV threatens India's GDP (auto-sector 7.1% + 5% transport fuel processing / distribution) and large number of jobs
  - Unless India gets its act together and manufacture not just EV **but also every subsystem including battery recycling**
- Affordable EVs with Limited subsidy must make business sense
- Today: **Indian companies** going hammer and tongs on EV, believing that India will charter its **own path**
  - Government fully behind EVs
    - FAME-II subsidy
    - GST reduced to 5% from 28% and 43% for ICE vehicles
  - Great strides in R&D on EVs

*Limited subsidy and Low-affordability imperatives for EVs in India:* Copying the EV program of USA, China, Europe will take us nowhere!

***Can India Drive its EV program Innovatively and Differently and scale?***

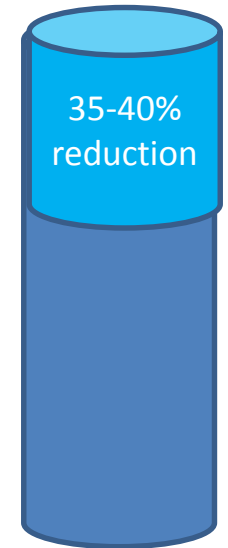
# EV Policy: India's focus on its 98% vehicles

- India's auto-segment different from that in most of the world: **small and affordable vehicles**
  - Domination of 2-wheelers: 79%
  - Autos including small goods vehicle: 4% (rickshaw not included)
  - Buses and large goods vehicle (including trucks): 3%
  - Economy Cars costing below ₹1 million: 12%
  - Premium Cars costing above ₹1 million: **2%**

86%
- **98% of public and affordable vehicles:** not the focus of the rest of the world; India would attempt to get leadership here
- **2% vehicles (premium four-wheelers):** similar to that in rest of world; India would learn and adopt; encourage multinationals to manufacture them in India
  - Less than 0.5% costs more than ₹1.5 million
  - Will help us build a stronger ecosystem for components and subsystems

# Increase Energy-efficiency of EV

- Battery Dominates the cost of EV
- Focus on higher energy-efficiency: *Kitna deti hai* for EVs (kms/litre of petrol)
  - Lower the energy (Wh/km) used per km, lower is the **battery size and its cost** to drive certain range
    - size and weight of the battery reduces: in fact enhancing efficiency further
  - Efficiency improved by improving Motor and Controller efficiency, better tyres (lower rolling resistance), better vehicle-aerodynamics and lower weight
- Battery size reduced by 35% to 40% over last two years in India
  - For e-autos: from 70 to 80 Wh/km to 45/50 Wh/km
  - E-buses: from 1600 Wh/km to 900 Wh/km



Battery size without range anxiety

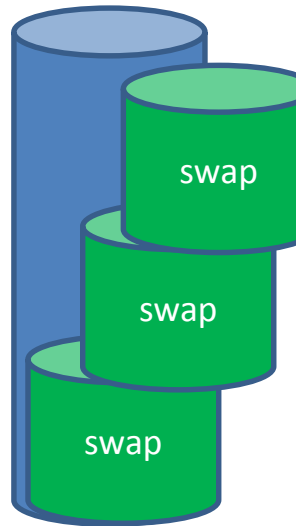


# Approach I: Business viability for Public Transport

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- To make Public Electric Vehicles more affordable
  - Split battery into smaller size (one third) and swap
    - No waiting time to charge battery: no public infrastructure required
    - Smaller Battery size makes EV highly affordable as compared to petrol vehicles
      - no further economic challenge or technical challenge
    - Engineering Challenges for battery-swapping need to be overcome
  - 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

Battery size  
without range  
anxiety



# Battery Swapping Advantage

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- **Separate** vehicle business (without battery) & energy business (Energy Operator)
  - **Capital cost** similar to that for petrol / diesel vehicle
  - **Operation cost** today same as petrol / diesel vehicle
    - WITH limited SUBSIDY, electric autos and buses can compete today with ICE vehicles
- Volumes for public vehicles would make them highly affordable
  - Get **Fleet Operator** company to buy vehicles in bulk and lease
  - Get **Energy Operators (EOs)** to buy batteries in bulk and set up energy business

Capital cost of vehicle similar to that for petrol vehicles, and ₹/km operation costs same as petrol / diesel / CNG

# Approach II: Private Vehicles (4W/2W)

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- Batteries **dominate** the cost of an EV
  - Larger battery **increase costs** (Tesla uses battery for 540 kms)
    - and also **vehicle weight** (reducing the energy efficiency or kms/kWh)
  - Smaller battery creates **range anxiety**
    - Use Public Fast Charger: **waiting time + public charging infrastructure**
    - **Fast Charge** in 45 to 60 minutes: too long a wait and impacts battery-life
    - Very fast Charge (15 to 20 minutes): possible but significantly impacts battery life or require very expensive battery
      - gets worse **as temperature crosses 40°C**

# Alternatively: Range-extender

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- Use Electric vehicles with two small-battery slots
  - One would have **fixed low-cost** battery: purchased along with vehicle
    - Limited range battery: example 100 km range for e-car or 50 km for e-scooter **enough** to drive within cities on **95% of the days**: may even be solar charged tomorrow
    - Use only night-time **Slow** Charging: **maximising** battery life
  - Second would be an empty slot to add a **Range-extension Battery**
    - **Swap-in** the second (swappable) battery **doubling the range** at a petrol pump **(3 to 5 minutes)**
      - enabling another 100 kms range for a e-car or 50 km for a 2-wheeler
    - **Swap** the swappable battery again for still longer range **(300 kms or 400 kms)**
      - No Public charger needed, No need to wait for charging
- Swapping carried out by **Energy Operators**
  - Who purchases battery and leased charge batteries

# Approach III: Conventional Approach

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- Choose **right size** batteries
  - Slow-charge normally
  - Fast Charge when needed: **may impact battery-life**
- Needs chargers to be standardised: **what standardisation?**
  - Connector: plugs and sockets
  - Voltage, current and power (maximum)
  - Communication to vehicle?
  - Communication to charger management: charging operator or utility manager
  - Metering: how does one bill customer
  - protection



# Do we have Charging Infrastructure?

What kind of infra do we need?

# Charging Strategy for **best battery-life**

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- Best Charge: SLOW at homes in nights
  - or two to three hours SLOW charging at **office or parking lots**
    - Will use on-board charger: **what kind of on-board charger** does vehicle have?
      - **15 Amp single phase** charging (up to 3 kW) for two-wheelers, three-wheelers or small four-wheelers
      - Three phase charging (6 kW to 20 kW) for larger vehicles with **larger battery**
- Only occasional FAST charging
  - Long-distance trips, vacations
  - Charging during restaurant visits
- Buses and Taxis may need regular FAST charging

# Charger for Public places

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- Where?
  - Petrol pumps: NO SPACE -- pumps designed for servicing a vehicle in 3 to 5 minutes
    - Vehicles need to keep moving IN and OUT: Do not have space for longer-time parking / services
    - Petrol-pumps charging may be OK if FAST charging possible in five minutes
    - Swapping at petrol pumps in three to five minutes is OK
  - Office and Street parking, Parking lots, shopping /food complex parking -- Yes
    - Can not block space for charging -- but charge while being parked
    - What kind of Public chargers?
    - Slow Public Chargers: can be same as used in multi-storied building
    - Fast Chargers: how fast? What kind of vehicles and batteries



# What kind of Fast Charging?

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- Need to consider that fast charging may impact **battery-life**
  - Especially for low-cost batteries
- DC Fast Charging: need to answer
  - What **voltage and Power**?
    - Connector?
    - Protocols between vehicle - charger and charger - utility back-end
  - Costs under **₹10000 per kW**
    - 50 kW charger will cost ₹500,000
    - When will there be a business case?

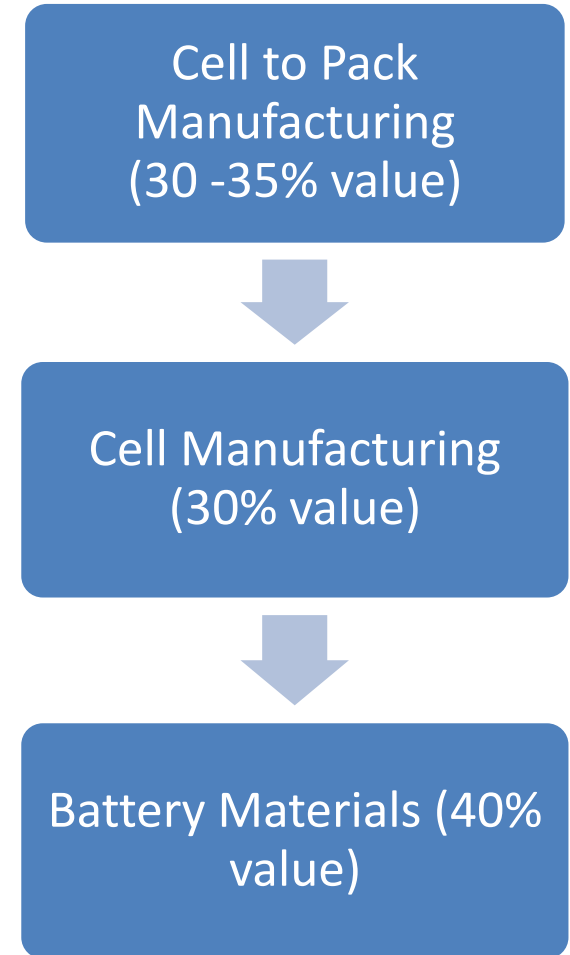


# Where will we get Lithium for batteries?

or will we for ever import Lithium, Nickle, Cobalt,  
Manganese and Graphite!

# 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**
- Cell manufacturing: technology changes every two years
  - Need technology which stays ahead in energy density
  - \$50M per GWh Capital investment: **JV with external tie-ups**
- Battery Material Development: urban mining
  - Every battery should be regulated for safe disposal



# Materials for Batteries

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- 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 90% of Li and Co, Ni, Mn and 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



# Will we lose jobs?

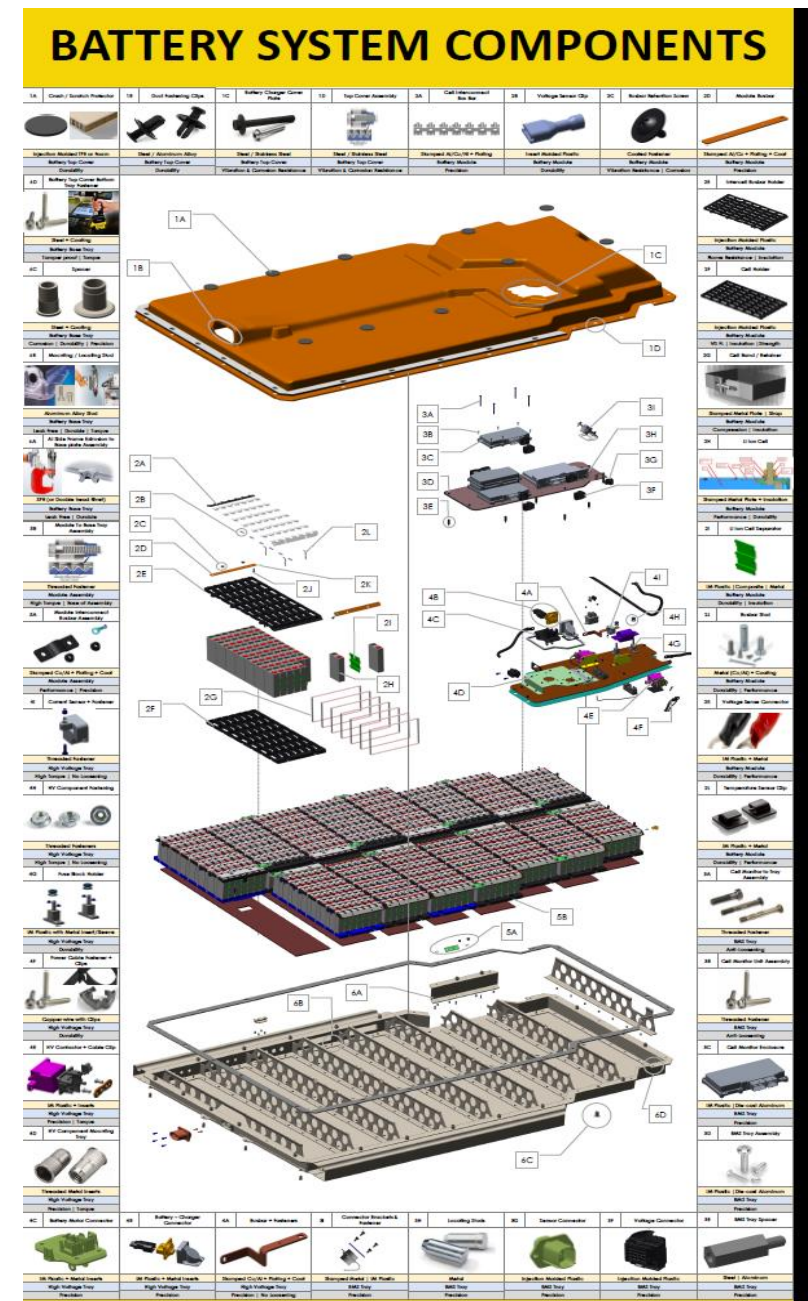
Depends upon whether we design and  
manufacture sub-systems within India

# EV sub-systems required

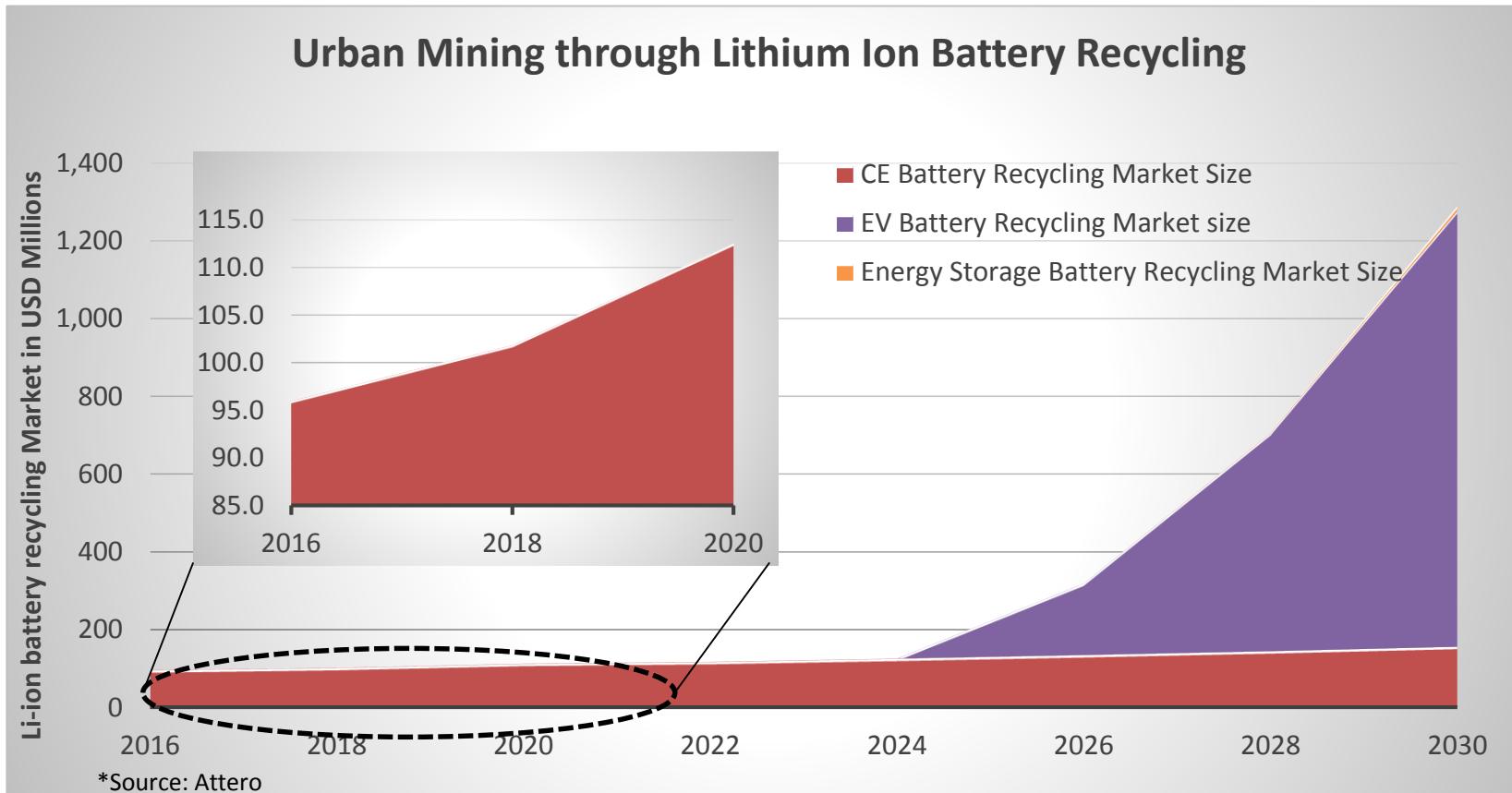
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- Battery: Pack, cells and recycling for materials
- Electric Motors and Controllers
- Chargers
- DC-DC converters
- Vehicle Control Unit
- Remote Monitoring
- Software
- FAME-II **requires increasing manufacturing** and value-add for each sub-system within India
  - Can generate huge number of jobs
  - Large economic activity (in addition to vehicle manufacturing)

- Battery Pack manufacturing involves large number of components
  - Large number of ancillary industry
  - Large number of jobs
- Battery cell manufacturing like a large process industry
  - High investments
  - Technology changes very rapidly



## Battery Recycling: Li ion Urban Mining currently a \$100M market in India: Will grow to over \$1B by 2030



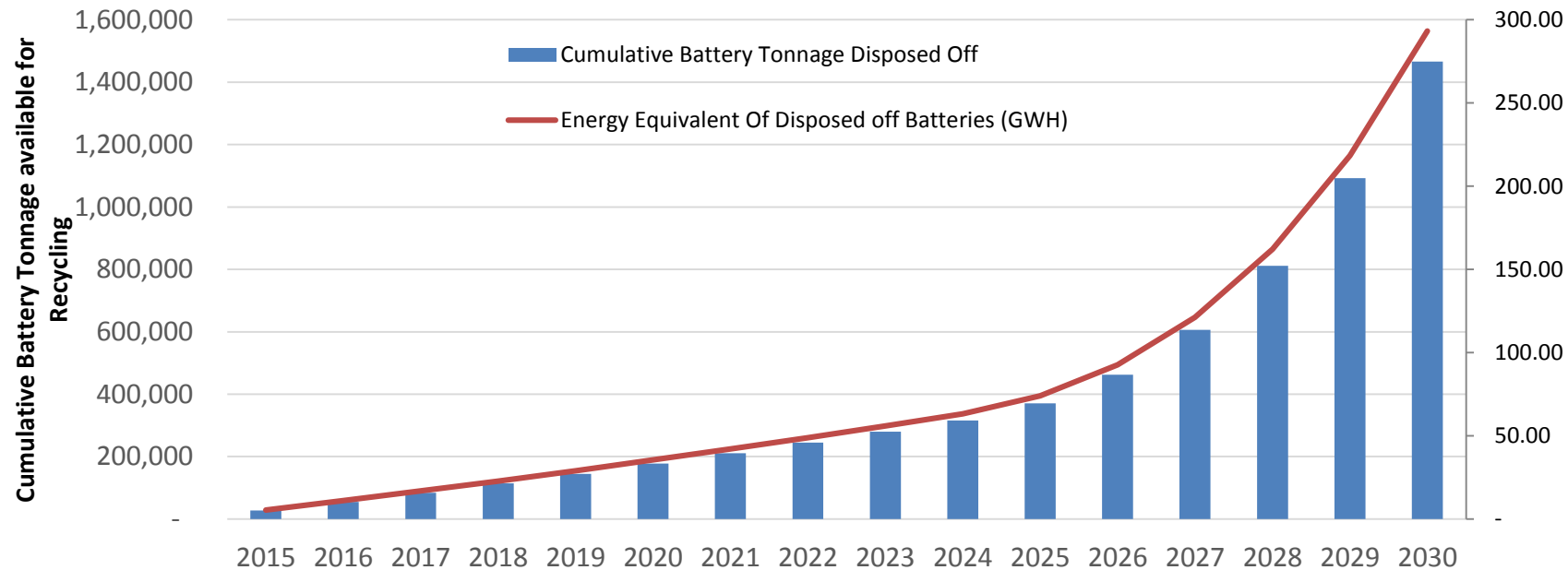
*Near Term Driver - Consumer Electronics & Electric Vehicles*

*Long term Driver - Electric Vehicles & Stationary Storage Energy*



# India is expected to generate a total of around 14 lac Tons waste Li-ion batteries by 2030

**1 Lac Tons of Lithium-ion batteries is equivalent to 23 GWH of Energy**

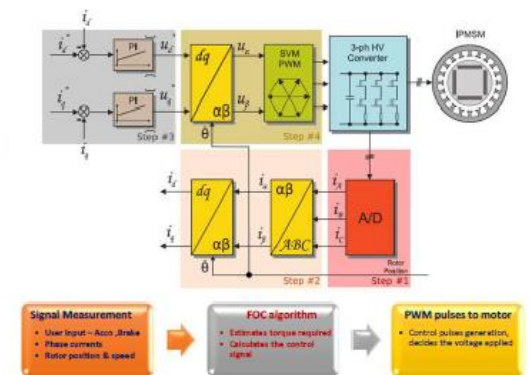
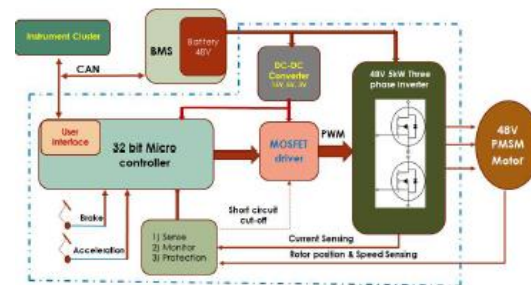
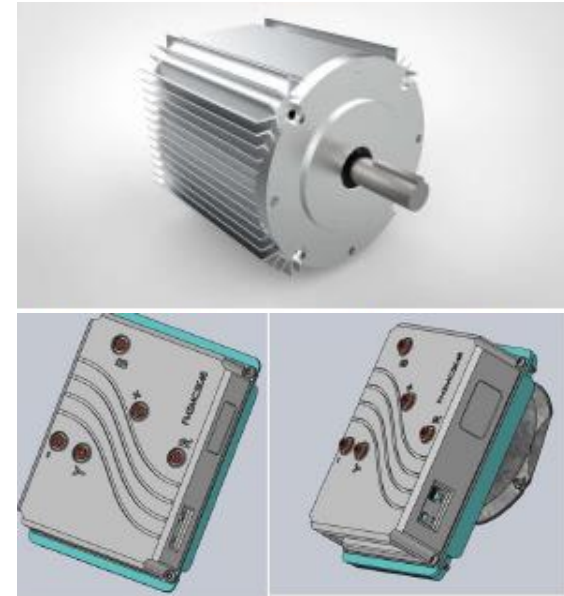


**Over 1 Lac tons of recyclable batteries are currently available in the market**

**Over 14 Lac tons of recyclable batteries will be available by 2030**

# Motors and Controllers

- Need motors and controllers for
  - Two-wheelers
  - Three-wheelers
  - Four-wheelers
  - Buses
  - Trucks
- Design and Development
- Testing facilities
- Skill development



# DC-DC converters and Battery Chargers

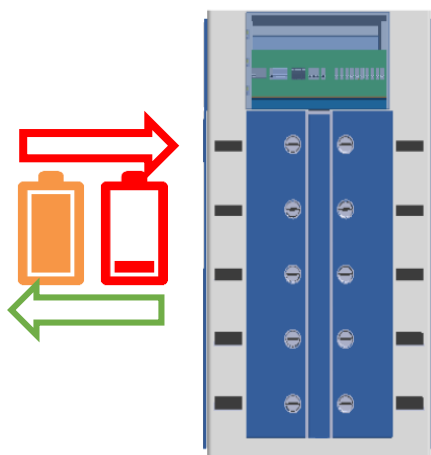
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- DC-DC converters: all sub-systems are **not at Battery voltage**
  - conversion from **battery** voltage to voltage of **electronic subsystems**
    - At **power-level** required by sub-systems (10W to 5 kW)
    - Example: bus battery at 750 converted to
      - 12V for lights and 48V for motor for power-steering (5 kW) and 5V for electronics
- 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
- Bulk Chargers for swapping Operators

# Battery Swapping at street-corners

## Battery Swapping

### Bulk Charger



Standardization and Protocol definition – CBEEV defined LS-VBCC

Ideal for Fleet & Delivery Vehicle Use

2W

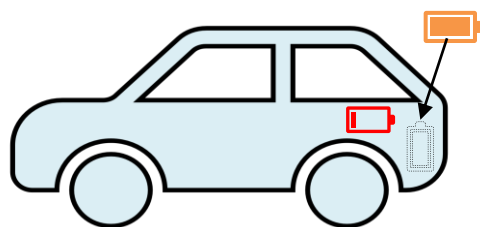
3W

4W

BUS

- Create a large number of jobs
- Potential for small business

## Range-Extender



### Add-on Battery Swapping

RE Battery is designed to have same range as fixed battery

Ideal for Personal Use

2W

4W

# Other sub-systems

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- 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**

# Other Technology tasks

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- Efficient Regeneration: **recovers** energy during deceleration, braking, descending
  - mechanical energy converted to electrical energy, to be driven back to battery
- Needs motor design to **recover as much** energy as possible
- Can regeneration efficiency **come close to 90%**?
  - Vehicles will then only use energy to overcome **rolling-resistance and aerodynamic drag**
- 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 gainfully redesign **every part of IC engine vehicle** as it changes to Electric?



# Vehicles on Drive

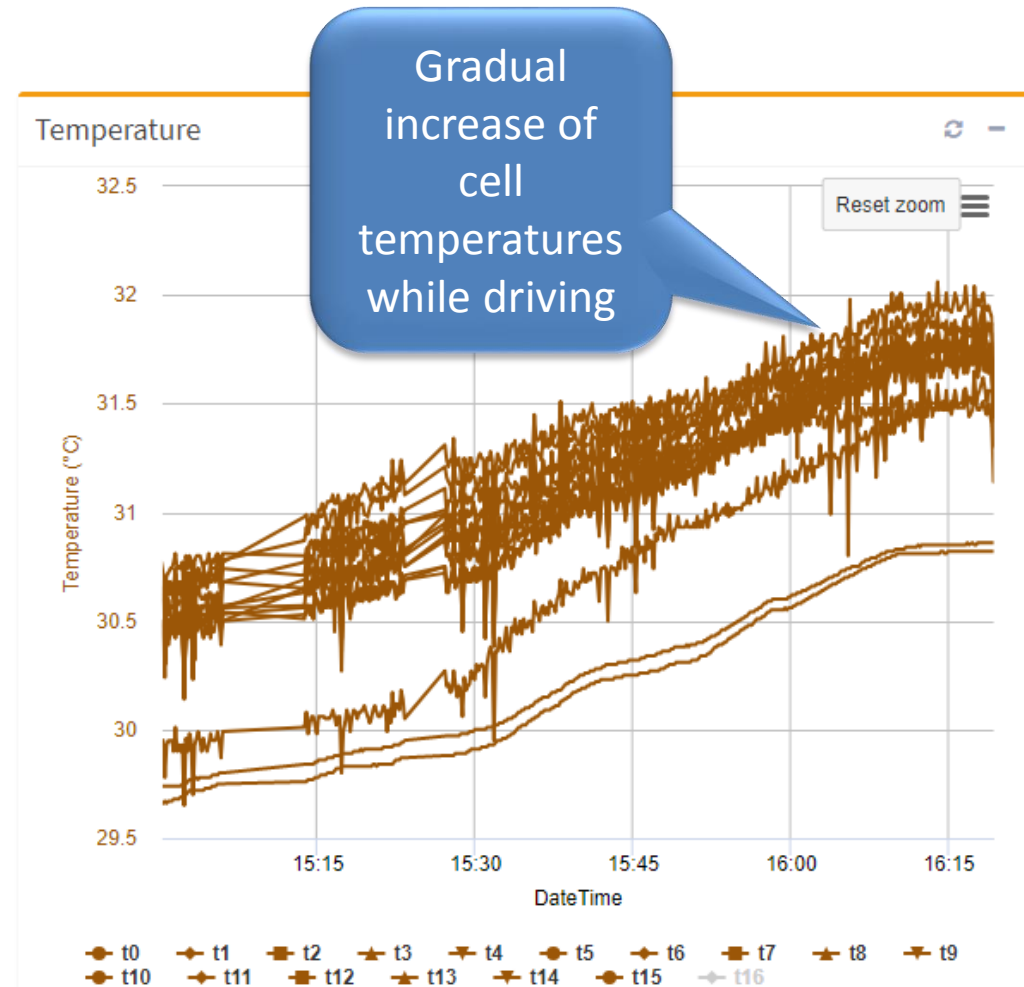
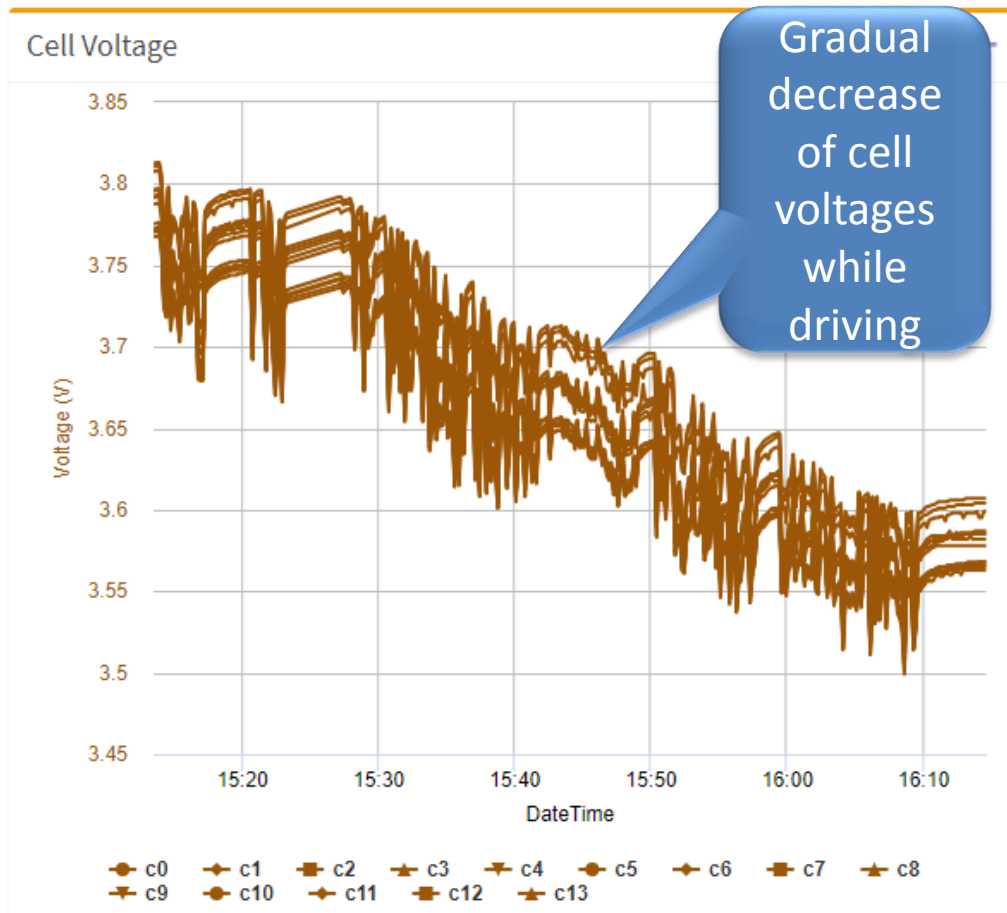
## Pilot with Battery swapping at CBEEV, IITM Campus



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

# Cell voltage/ temperature monitoring to maximise battery-life

## 225 million data points





# To Conclude

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- 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?
  - How do **industry-academia** work **together**? What do we need from the **Government**?
- 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/>