

Bio-Fuels: Opportunities & Challenges from Indian Perspective

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❑ Why India needs Bio-Fuels?

❑ Bio-Fuel: Opportunities

❑ Bio-Fuel: Challenges

❑ Way forward

- Expectations from Emissions Control System
- Enablers for Bio-fuels

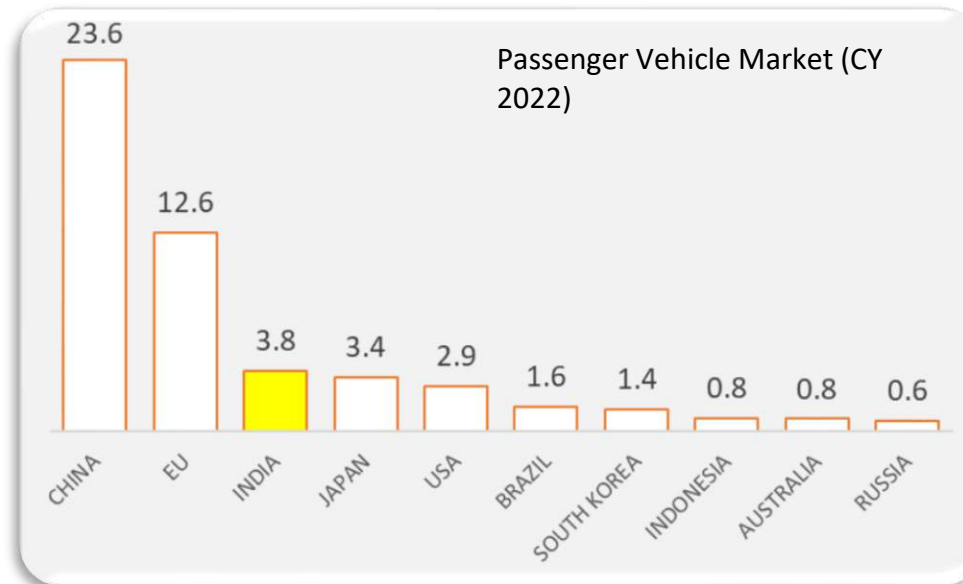
India today is shifting gears to become a major economy

- India: 5th largest Economy & 3rd Largest PV Market in World
- **Mobility** required to support the Economic progress to be become a Developed nation
- **This growth story must be scripted with responsibility towards Environment**

Economic Standing



Mobility



OICA Report

Sustainable Development

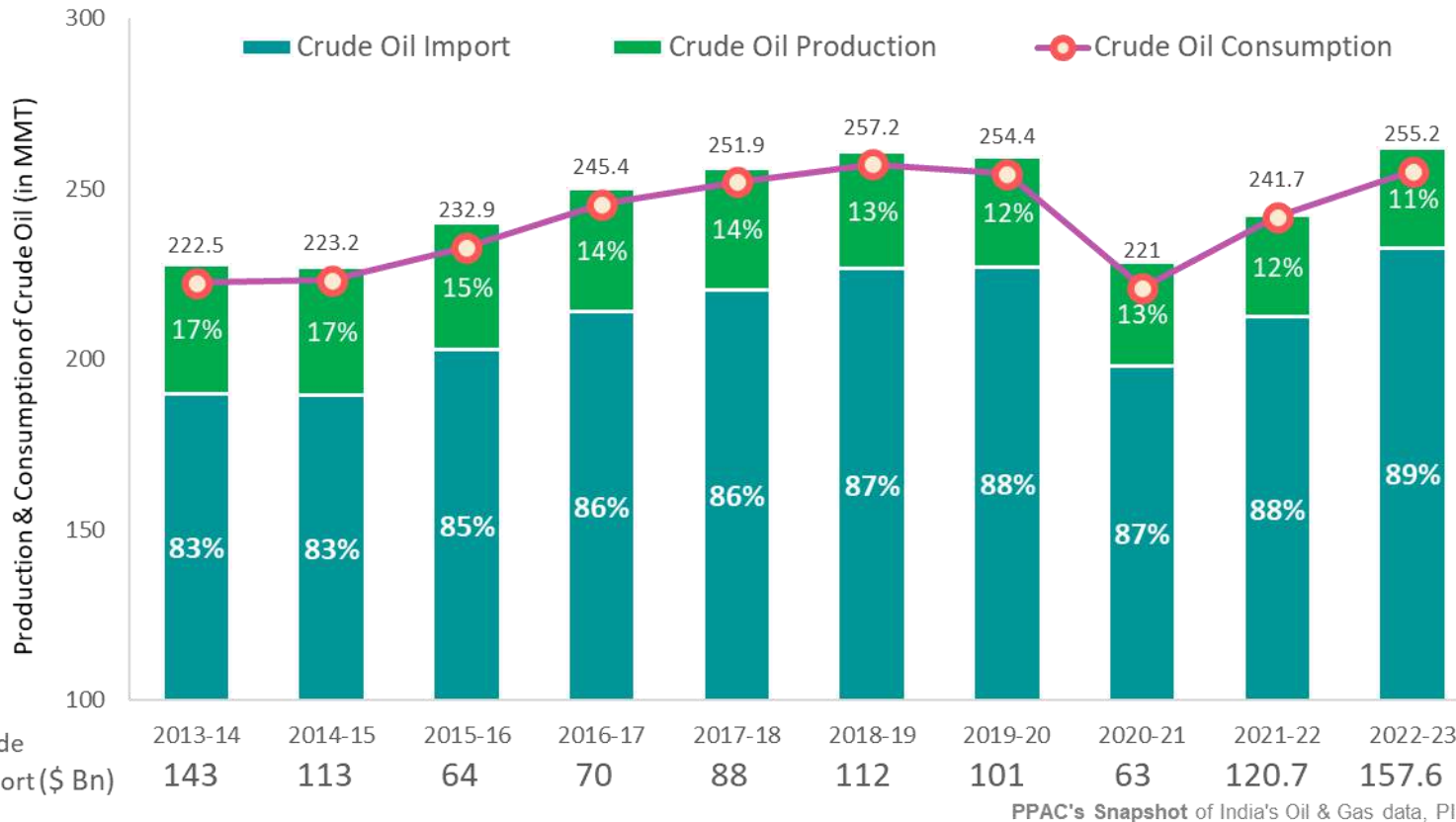


But there are challenges for Sustainable Development

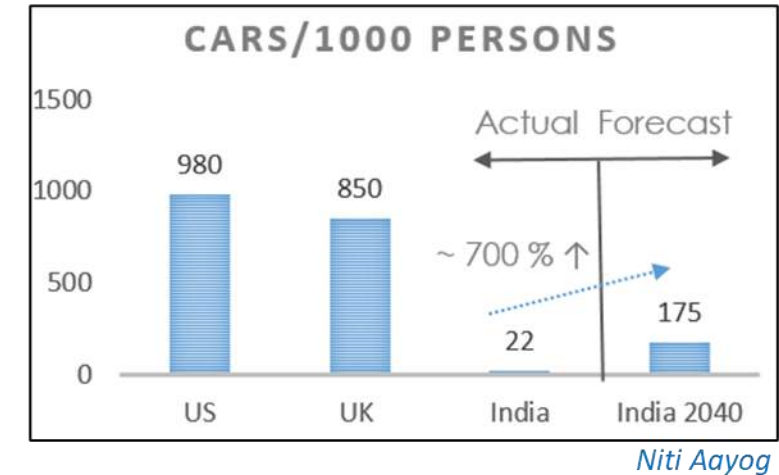
1. Challenge of Energy Security & growing need for mobility

- With **158 Bn \$ import bill**, **~89% of crude oil is imported**.
- **Transport sector** accounts for **~37% of crude** consumption. **PVs** contribute **~4.3%** of total crude
- Demand for fuel can potentially increase, impacting further the **Energy security concern**.

Import Bill – Energy Security



Mobility needs



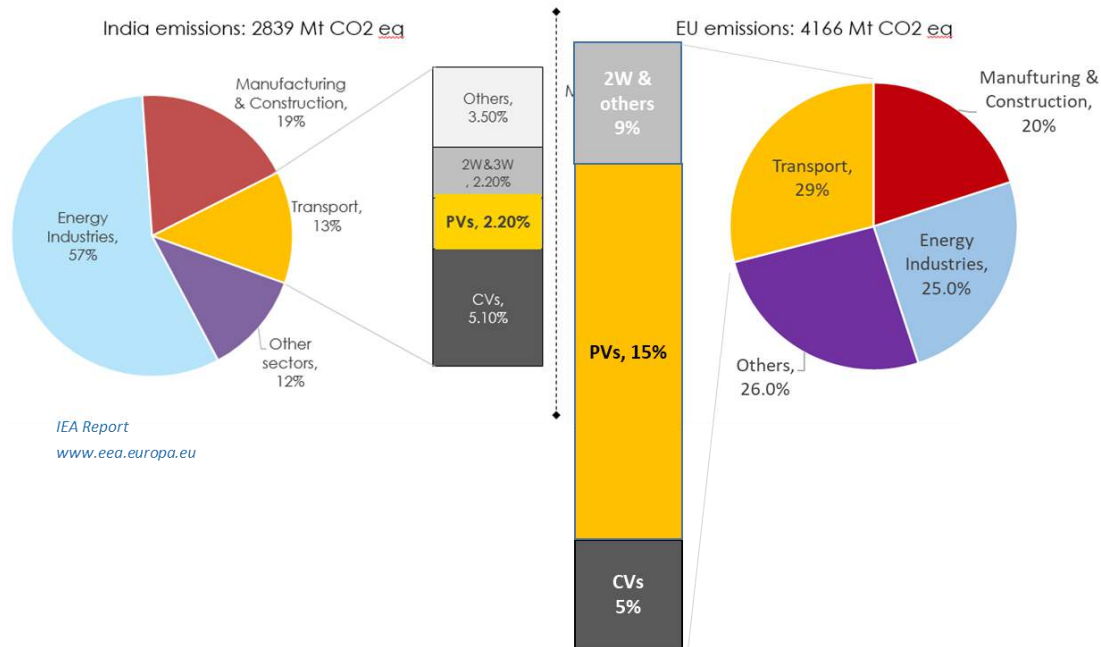
- India is heavily under-motorized
- India needs higher mobility for
 - > Country's Economic development
 - > Improve quality of life

Locally produced Biofuels can support

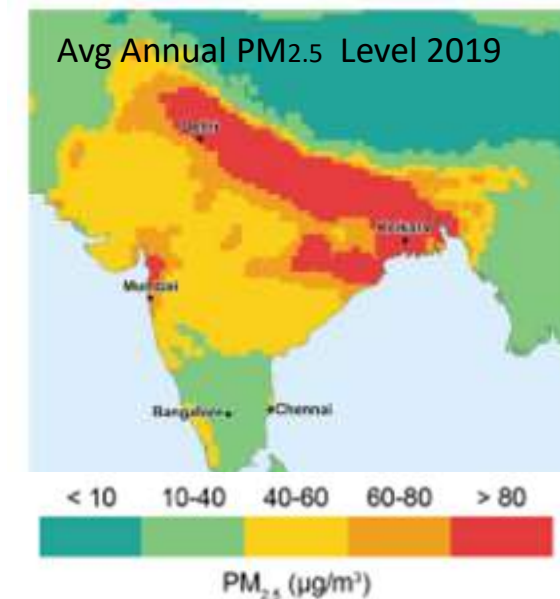
2. GHG & Local Emissions

- India is the **3rd largest GHG** emitter (behind CHINA & US) but Sectoral contributions are way different
- **Passenger Vehicles** in India **contribute 2.2%**, while **15% in EU** towards overall country level GHG emission
- North and Gangetic plains also facing a **Local pollution issue** (weather & farm fire aggravate it)
- **India must work for present challenges & sustainable paths for ambitious future growth plans**

GHG Emissions



Localized emissions , PM issue



Biofuels can provide solution for both the above challenges also

Benefits of Biofuels



- FX saved in last 8 Years: INR 50,000 Cr
- From 2025, every year (estimated FX savings) approx. INR35,000 Cr

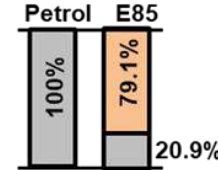
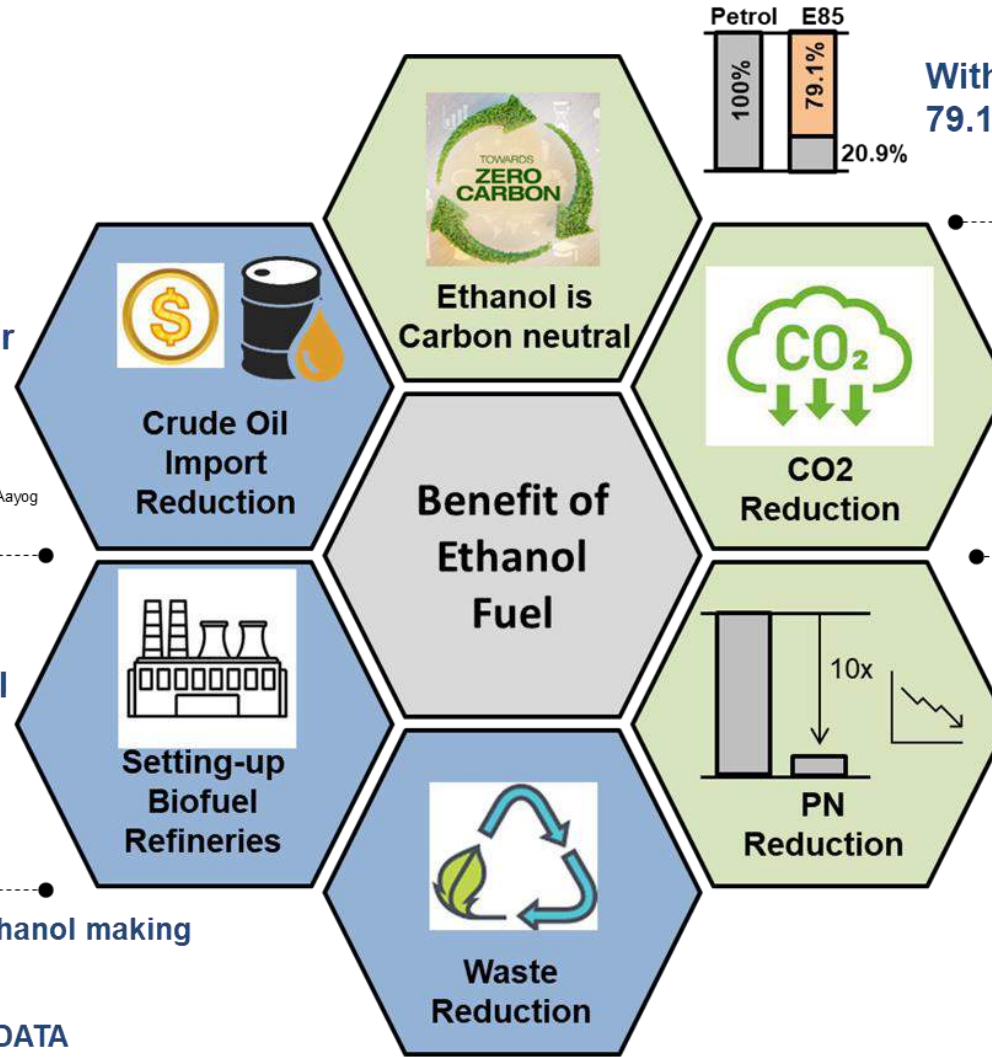
Source :Expert Committee Report → Niti Aayog



Local production of ethanol
→ Substitute to expensive crude oil import.



- Stubble used for ethanol making
→ No crop burning
- ANNDATA → URJADATA
→ Crops to oil companies for ethanol.



With E85 Fuel:
79.1% CO₂ is biogenic from E85.

- CO₂ saved in last 8 Years: 27 Lakhs MT
- From 2025, every year (estimated CO₂ savings) approx. 25 Lakhs MT

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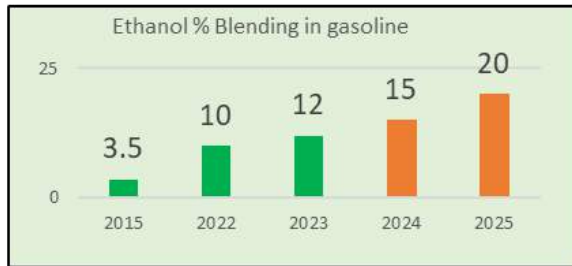
- 10x less Particulate Number (PN) w.r.t. Gasoline
→ Less pollution

Reduce fuel imports, Curb GHG & PN Emissions & Benefit agrarian economy

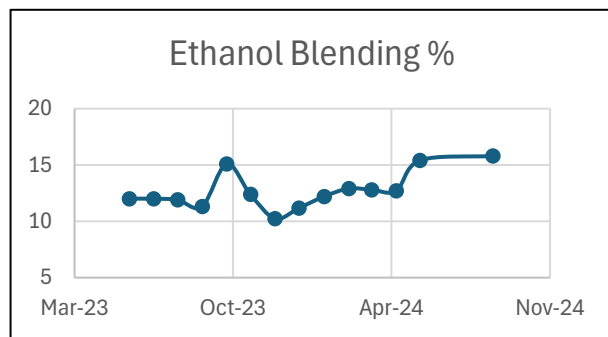
Initiatives by GOI

Govt is taking measures to adopt Alternate fuels to meet national GHG targets & Energy security

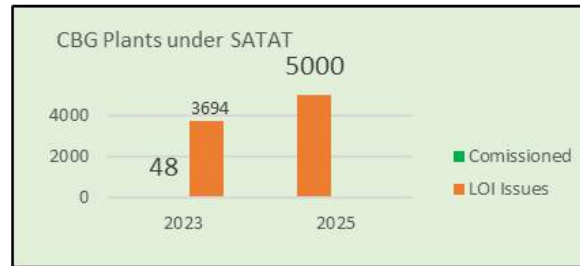
- Automotive industry is developing and adopting vehicles with the policy of GOI
- Energy producers are also shifting to renewable fuel/energy availability



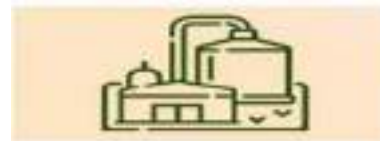
Source : Roadmap for Ethanol Blending in India



Average blending Nov 2023 to Aug 2024 touched 13.6 %



Source : <https://satat.co.in/satat/#>



5000 CBG Plants Targeted by 2024-25

3826 Lol issued for plants

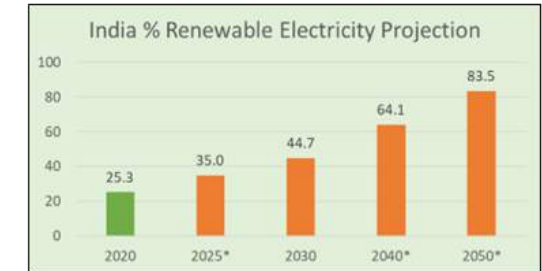
68 plants commissioned



15MMT of CBG production

22097 Tonnes CBG sold (FY 2023-24)

100 outlets currently dispensing CBG



* Projection based on 2020 & 2030 data of CEA

- Initiatives are going on to meet the targets for renewable electricity production

Multi-path approach of GOI is promoting Biofuels and Electrification together

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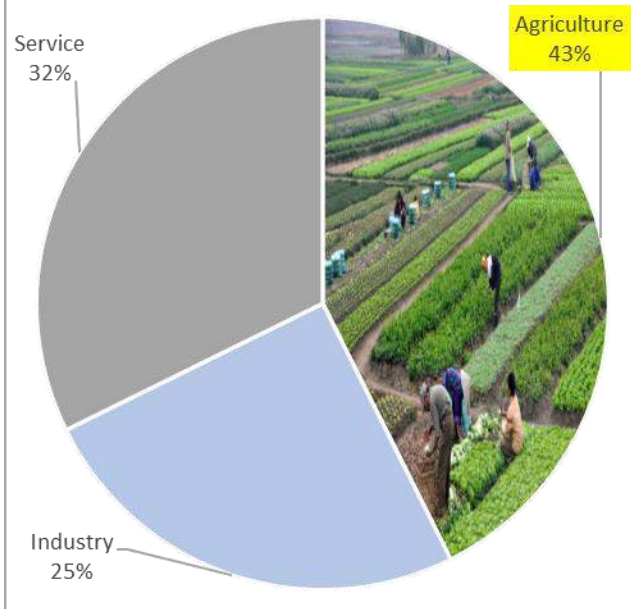
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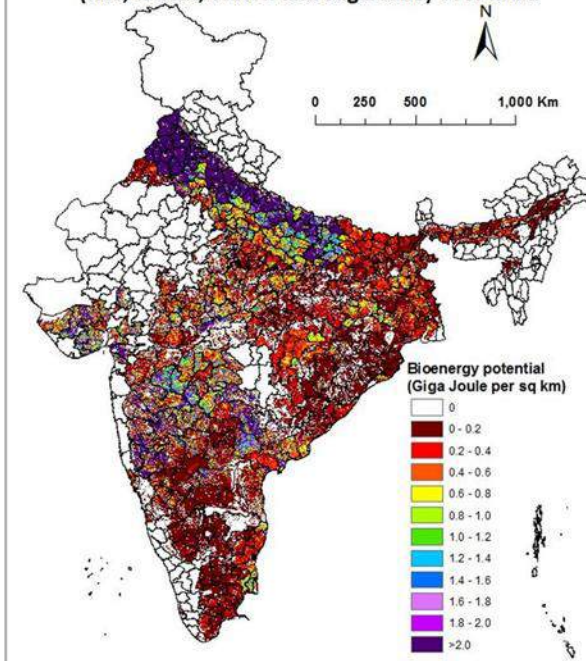
1. India's Agriculture based Economy

Agriculture based Economy

India Employment % (2019)



Bioenergy potential from surplus residues of crops (rice, wheat, cotton and sugarcane) over India



- Huge potential for bio based low carbon energy sources Residue
- Opportunity to build agro based economy

Agriculture products & waste has huge potential

Bio-Ethanol Production Potential

Year	Capacity Augmentation (in Cr. Lt)		Total
	Grain	Molasses	
2019-20	258	426	684
2020-21	260	450	710
2021-22	300	519	819
2022-23	350	625	975
2023-24	450	725	1175
2024-25	700	730	1430
2025-26	740	760	1500

Department of Food and Public Distribution (DFPD) estimates

1 tonne = 380ltr Ethanol, PIB 24 MAR 2021

Bio-CNG Production Potential

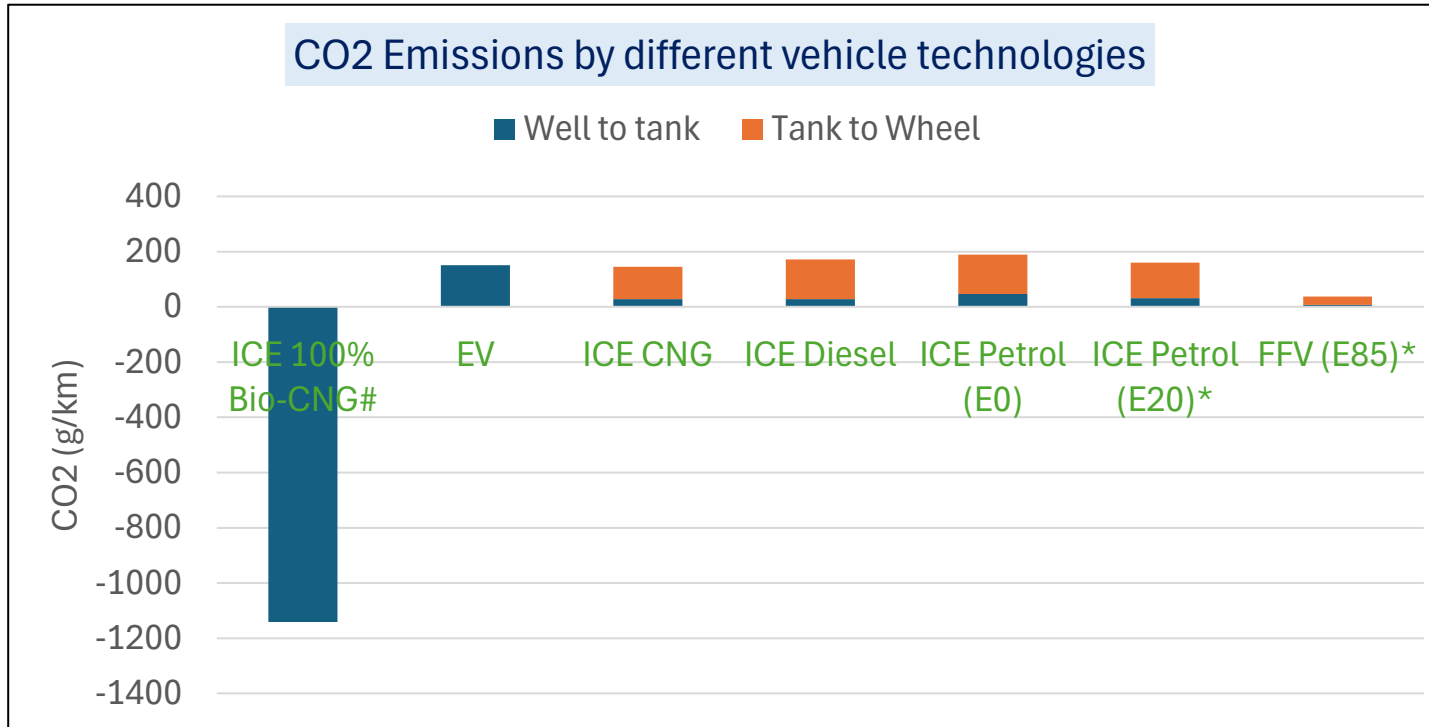
Source	Annual Waste (in Mn Metric Tonnes)	Bio-CNG generation per ton	Total Bio-CNG Generation Potential
Agricultural Waste	600	0.1	60
MSW	66	0.05	3.3
Sum Total Bio-CNG Potential (MMT)			63.3

Nomura

India has specific advantage to utilize Bio-Fuels while also ensuring sustainable growth of Economy

2. Carbon Intensity of Bio-Fuels

- Comparative CO₂ Impact based on carbon intensity of fuels reveals considerable potential by shifting to Bio-Fuels (Ethanol and Bio CNG)
- Based on Well to Tank emission intensity, India has advantage to utilize while also ensuring sustainable growth

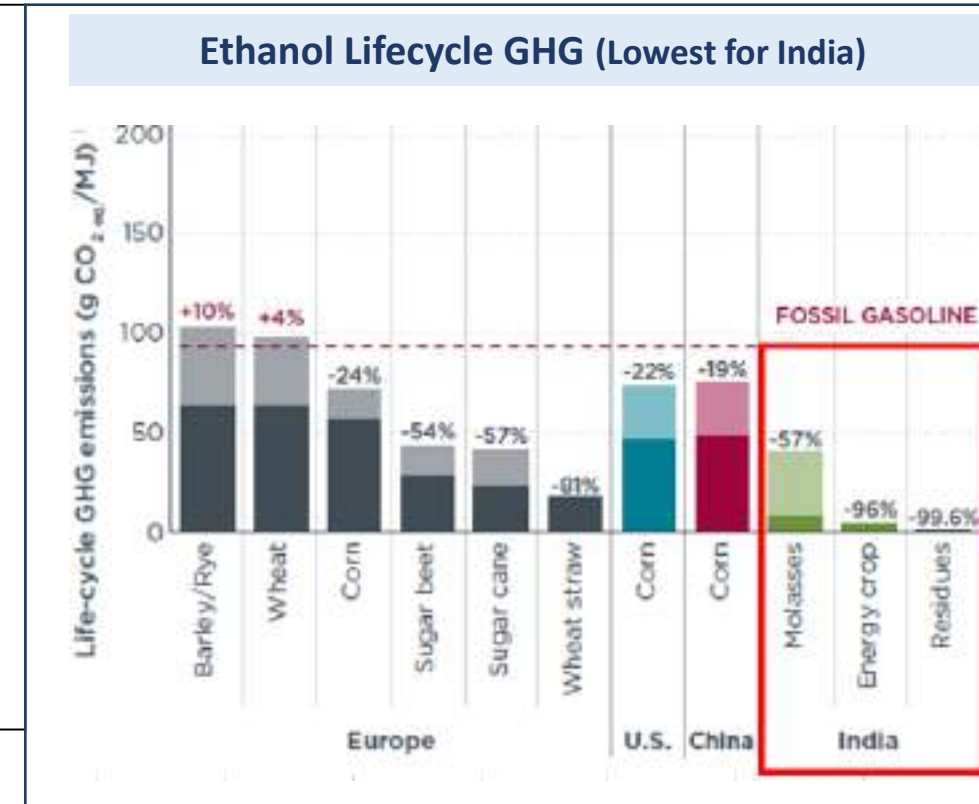


Source: www.teriin.org

Notes:

*ICE Petrol (E20), ICE HEV (E20), FFV (E85) WTW derived from TERI report considering Biogenic CO₂ for Ethanol

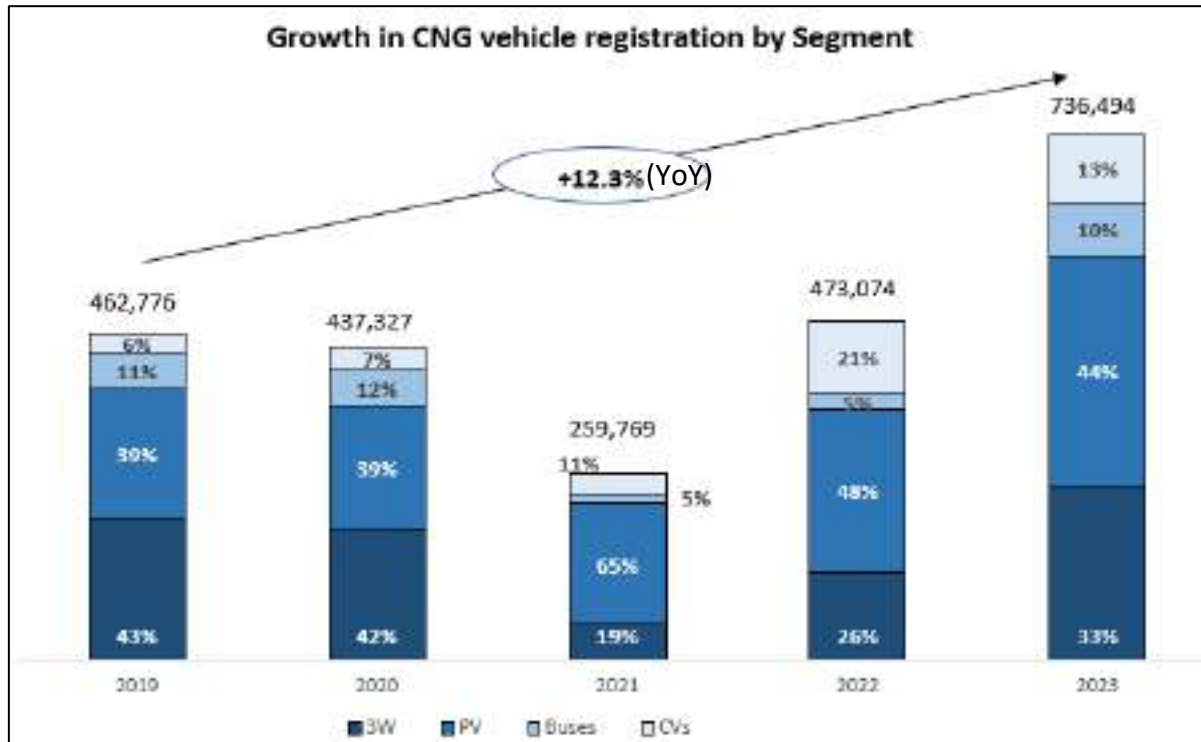
Tailpipe CO₂ is seen as 117g/km, but as per IPCC principle & TERI report, biogenic emissions for CBG = 0



India has advantage in terms of lifecycle GHG Emissions for Bio-Fuels

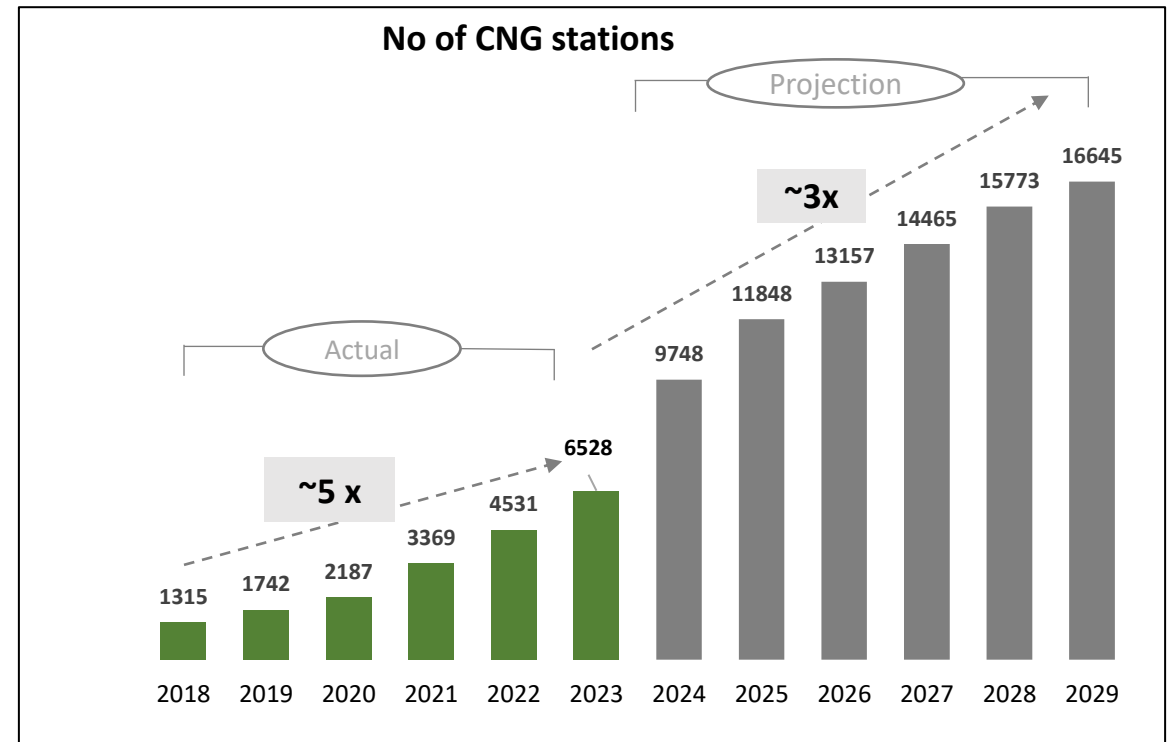
3. Trends towards acceptability of alternate fuels

CNG vehicle share



Source: NRI

CNG station infrastructure (Actual and Projection)



Source: MoPNG Annual report 2022-23, NRI

- CNG vehicle sales have increased in all segments since covid and reached to record highest in FY 2023.
- PV segment has had significant share in overall numbers
- Increasing demand of natural gas in automotive sector is supported by continuously improving infrastructure by Govt

Widely increasing CNG station infrastructure & Customer acceptability for gaseous fuels point towards likely acceptance of CBG

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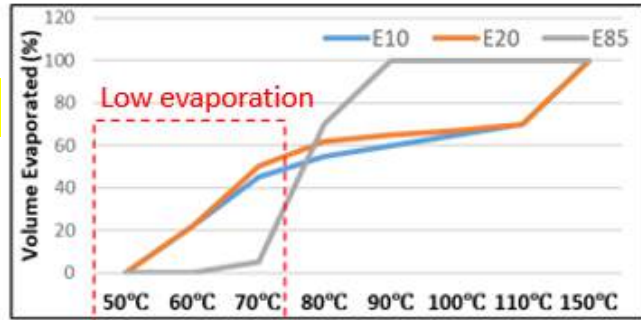
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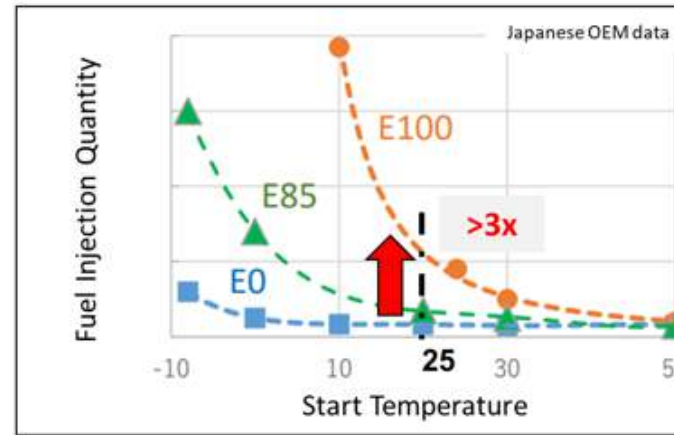
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1. Emission challenge with Ethanol

A. Increase in fuel injection

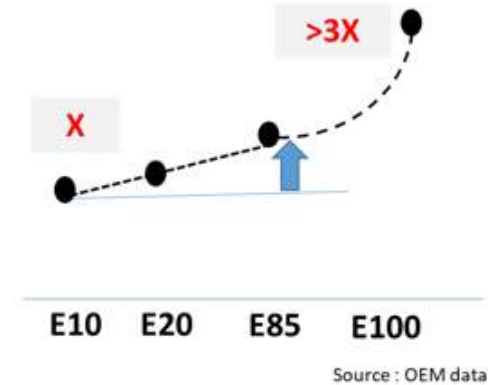


Low evaporation



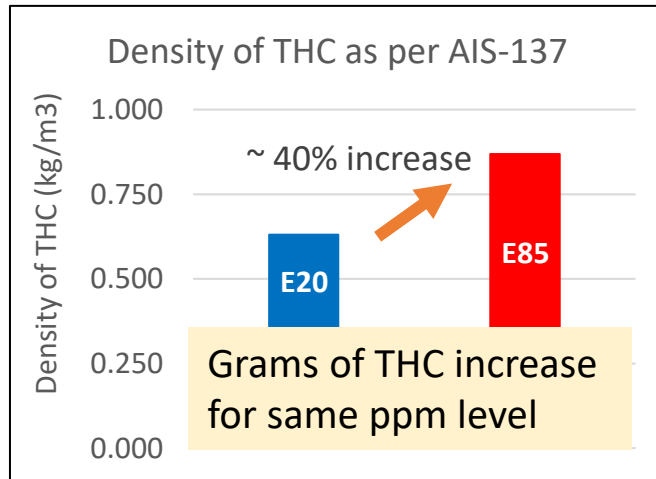
Fuel Injection qty requirement at start increases

Total THC emissions MIDC

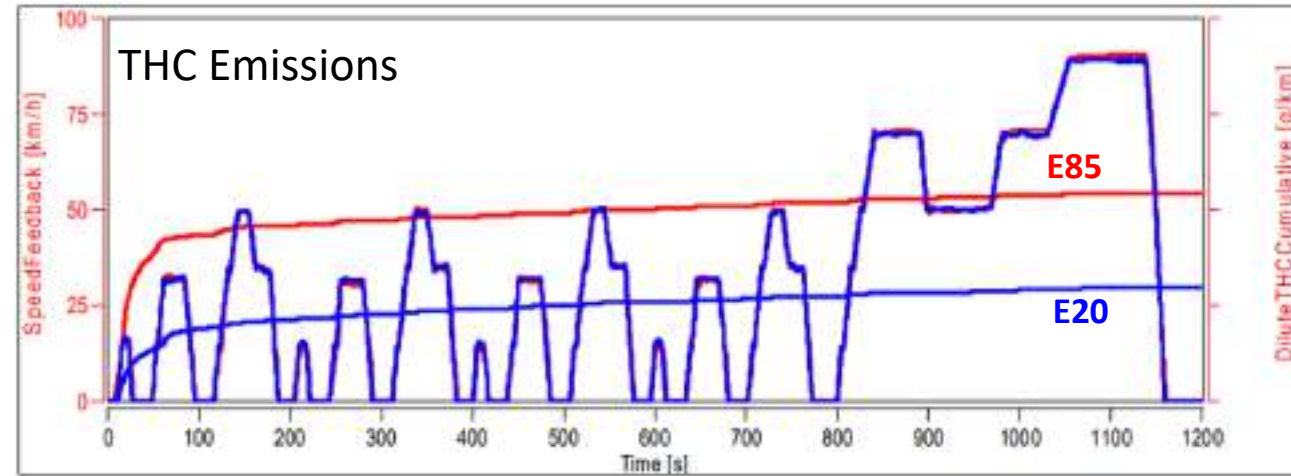


Bio-fuel properties result in unburnt Ethanol in tailpipe as THC

B. Increase in THC density



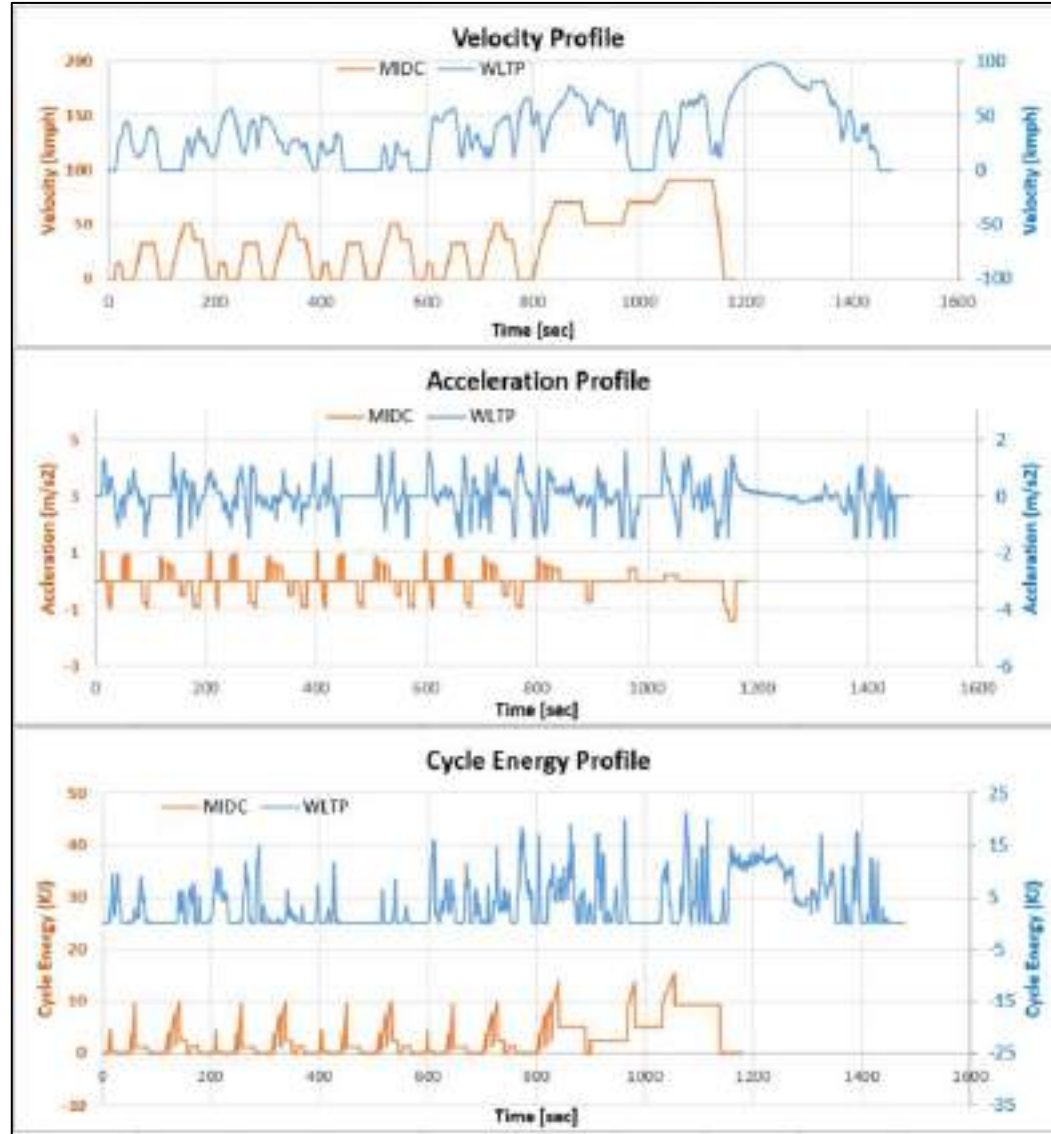
Grams of THC increase for same ppm level



Need Solutions for reducing Cold Start Emissions

2. Emission Challenge: MIDC -> WLTP-3P (2027 Onwards)

Emissions cycle impact MIDC → WLTP 3P (India)

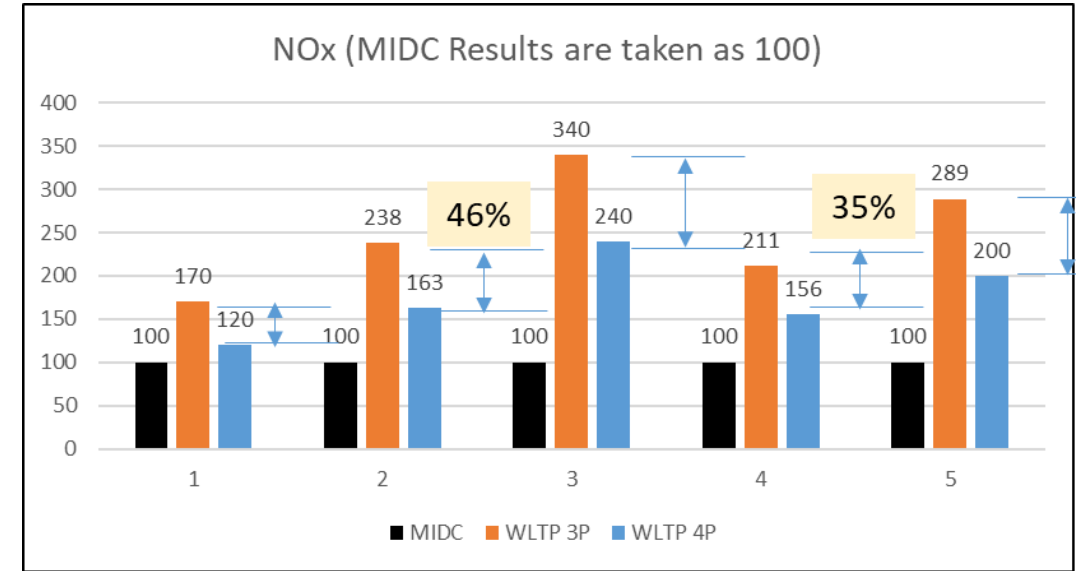


Dynamic Velocity Profile

Harsh Acceleration Profile

Higher Cycle Energy per Km

India's WLTP 3-Phase is stiffer than EU 4-Phase



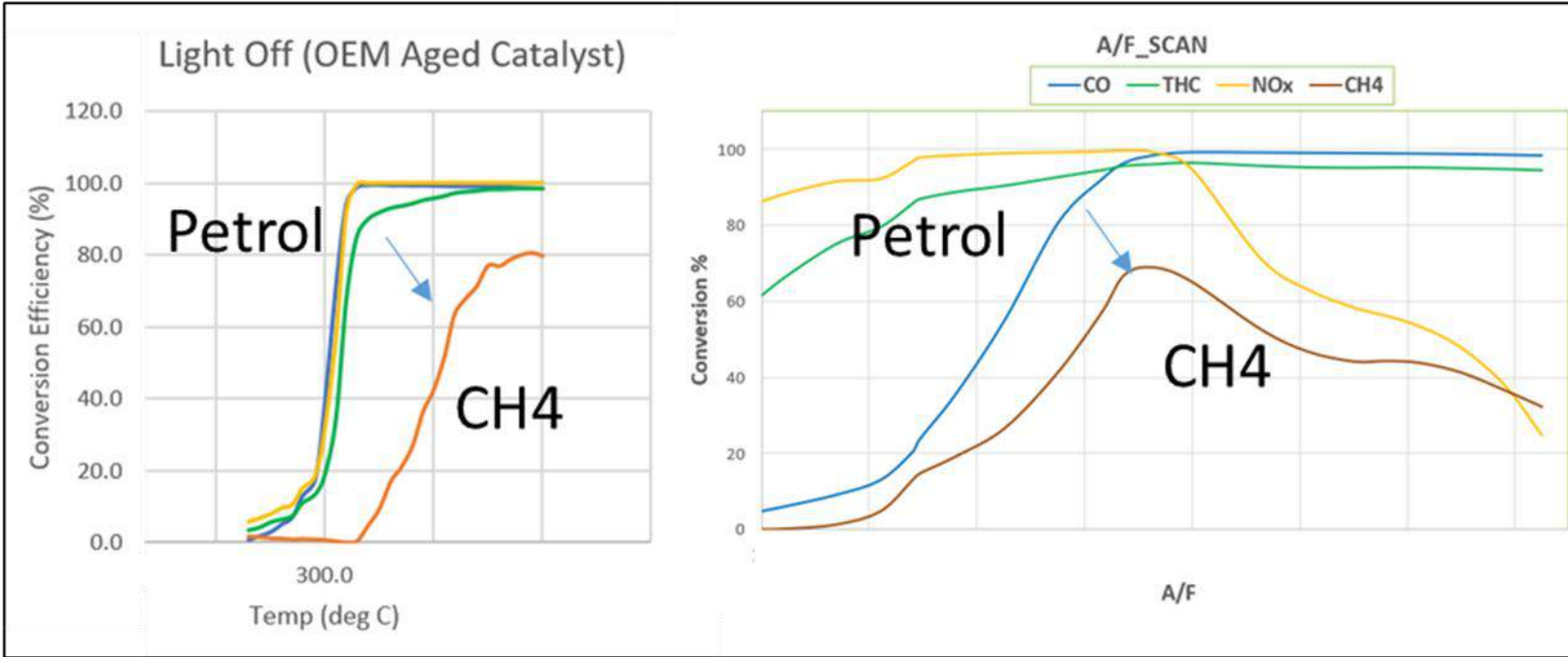
- **WLTP is tougher than MIDC**
- **WLTP 3P (India) is tougher than WLTP 4P (EU)**
(WLTP 4P is longer than WLTP 3P, Emissions are mainly at start)

Development of High Performance Catalyst is required

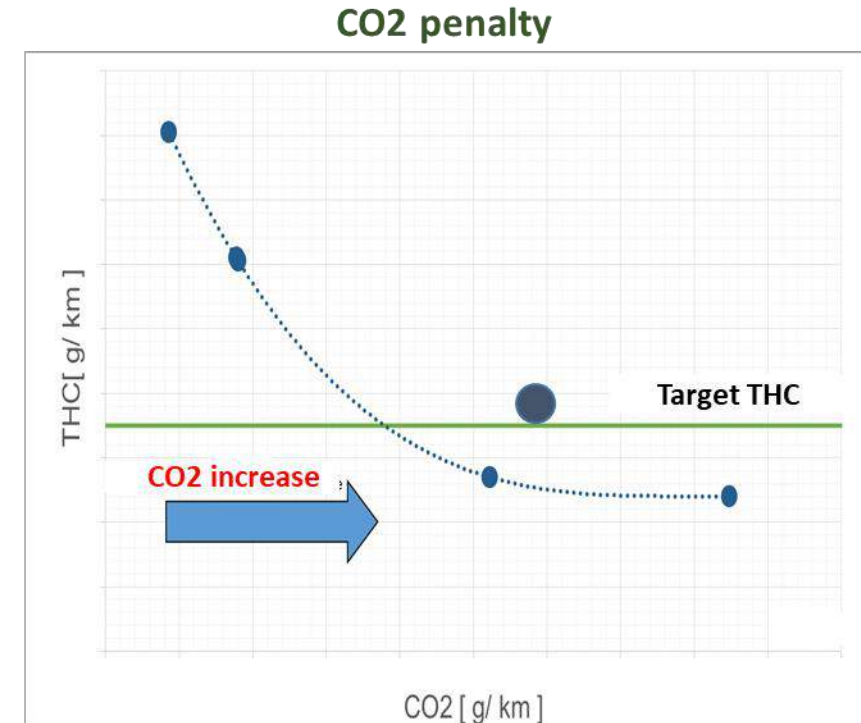
3. Emission challenge with Bio-CNG

- **Methane is difficult to convert** and requires higher temperatures for conversion in TWC
- **Penalty of CO₂** is there to meet THC emissions

Fuel properties (Bio-CNG / CNG)



Conversion performance with Methane is much lower to Gasoline



Extra fuel is used to reduce THC

Current approach increases overall GHG emissions performance of vehicle also
 → **Make regulatory provision for NMHC / NMOG rather than THC (like US, Japan, Brazil)**

3. Emission challenge with Bio-CNG

Methane is not pollutant : International markets regulate NMHC /NMOG pollutants not THC

US FEDERAL
TIER 3 STANDARDS

TIER 3 FTP STANDARDS

Tier 3 Certification Bin Standards (FTP, 150,000 mi)				
Bin	NMOG+NOx (mg/mi)	PM ¹⁾ (mg/mi)	CO (g/mi)	HCHO (mg/mi)
Bin 160	160	3	4.2	4
Bin 125	125	3	2.1	4
Bin 70	70	3	1.7	4
Bin 50	50	3	1.7	4
Bin 30	30	3	1.0	4
Bin 20	20	3	1.0	4
Bin 0	0	0	0	0

CALIFORNIA
LEV III STANDARDS

Passenger Cars and Light Duty Trucks ≤ 8,500 lbs

Durability (mi)	Emission Category 1	NMOG+ NOx (g/mi)	CO (g/mi)	Formaldehyde (g/mi)	Particulates ²⁾ (g/mi)
150,000 (optional)	LEV160	0.160	4.2	4	0.01
	ULEV125	0.125	2.1	4	0.01
	ULEV70	0.070	1.7	4	0.01
	ULEV50	0.050	1.7	4	0.01
	SULEV30	0.030	1.0	4	0.01
	SULEV20	0.020	1.0	4	0.01

Japan Emissions Regulation

EMISSIONS STANDARDS – GASOLINE AND LPG VEHICLES

	Year	Vehicle Type	Test Mode	Unit	CO	NMHC	NOx	PM ¹⁾
					g/km	g/km	g/km	g/km
New Short Term	2000	Passenger Car	10-15 Mode	g/km	0.67	0.08	0.08	-
			11 Mode	g/test	19.0	2.20	1.40	
	2002	Mini Commercial Vehicle	10-15 Mode	g/km	3.30	0.13	0.13	
			11 Mode	g/test	38.0	3.50	2.20	
	2000	Light Commercial Vehicle (GVW ≤ 1.7 t)	10-15 Mode	g/km	0.67	0.08	0.08	
			11 Mode	g/test	19.0	2.20	1.40	
2001	Medium Commercial Vehicle (1.7 t < GVW ≤ 3.5 t)	10-15 Mode	g/km	2.10	0.08	0.13		
		11 Mode	g/test	24.0	2.20	1.60		
New Long Term	2005	Passenger Car		g/km	1.15	0.05	0.05	
	2007	Mini Commercial Vehicle	JC08	g/km	4.02			
	2005	Light Commercial Vehicle (GVW ≤ 1.7 t)		g/km	1.15			
	2005	Medium Commercial Vehicle (1.7 t < GVW ≤ 3.5 t)		g/km	2.55			
Post New Long Term	2009	Passenger Car		g/km	1.15	0.05	0.005	
		Mini Commercial Vehicle	JC08	g/km	4.02			
		Light Commercial Vehicle (GVW ≤ 1.7 t)		g/km	1.15			
		Medium Commercial Vehicle (1.7 t < GVW ≤ 3.5 t)		g/km	2.55			
Future Regulations	2018	Passenger Car		g/km	1.15	0.10	0.005	
		Mini Commercial Vehicle	WLTP	g/km	4.02			
		Light Commercial Vehicle (GVW ≤ 1.7 t)		g/km	1.15			
		Medium Commercial Vehicle (1.7 t < GVW ≤ 3.5 t)		g/km	2.55			
Future Regulations	2019	Passenger Car		g/km	1.15	0.15	0.007	
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BRAZIL

“PROCONVE” STANDARDS FOR GASOLINE PC, LCV AND DIESEL LCV

Vehicle	Standard (g/km)	NMHC	CO	NOx ¹⁾	HCHO	PM ²⁾
PC	L5	0.05	2.0	0.12 (0.25)	0.02	0.05
	L6		1.3	0.08	0.02	0.025
	L7 ³⁾		1.3	0.03	0.01	0.005
LCV ≤ 1,700 kg	L5	0.05	2.0	0.12 (0.25)	0.02	0.05
	L6		1.3	0.08	0.02	0.03
	L7 ³⁾		1.3	0.03	0.01	0.005
LCV > 1,700 kg	L5	0.06	2.7	0.25 (0.43)	0.04	0.06
	L6		2.0	0.25 (0.35)	0.03	0.04
	L7 ³⁾		1.3	0.05	0.015	0.01

Reconsideration of CH4 as pollutant, to be aligned as per international markets

4. Non-Alignment of Regulations & Fiscal Policy with Biofuels

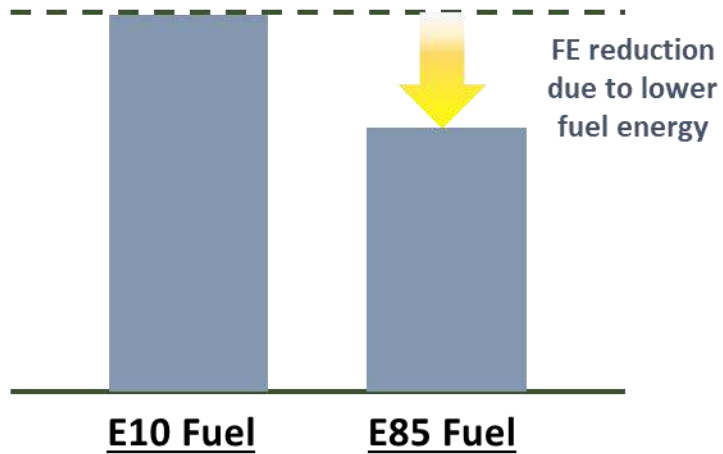
Country / Region	Multi Pathway approach for Carbon Neutral (Bio-fuel + Electrification)	Regulation Alignment for Biofuels		Fiscal Policy alignment for Biofuels	
		Emissions (THC → NMOG/ NMHC)	CAFÉ (Biogenic CO2 Correction)	Bio-fuel price parity for energy	Bio-fuel vehicle Tax incentive (FFV etc)
USA	O	O	↓ O	↓ O ↓	O ↓
Brazil	O	O	↓ O	↓ O ↓	O ↓
India	O	X ↑	↓ X ↑	↓ X ↓	X ↓
Europe	X	X ↑	X ↑	X	X

Present approach → EV only from 2035, Not support Bio-fuels, E-fuels

Enabling provisions are required for Bio-Fuel adoption

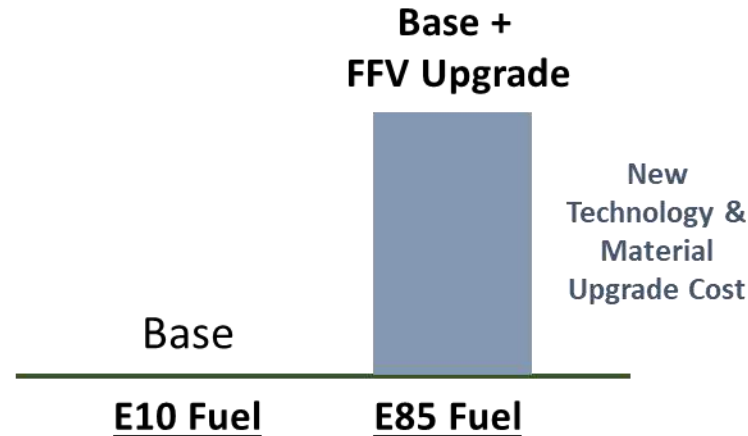
5. Customer Acceptability

Fuel Economy



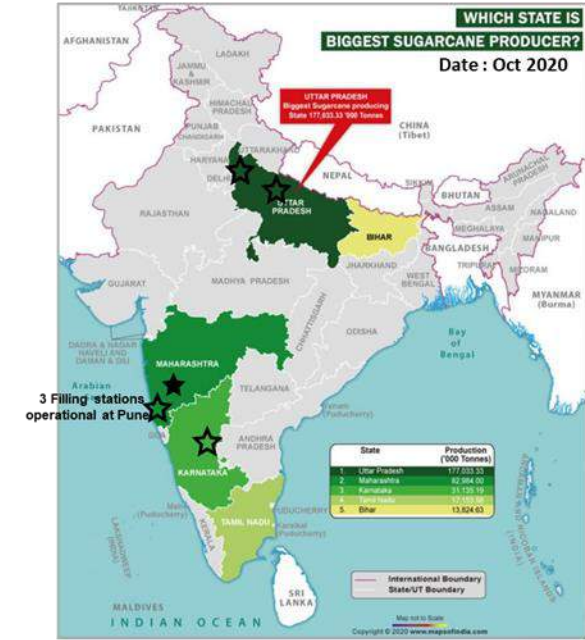
Price of E85 fuel to be at least 35% lower than E10 fuel

Vehicle Price



Appropriate tax incentives to promote FFVs

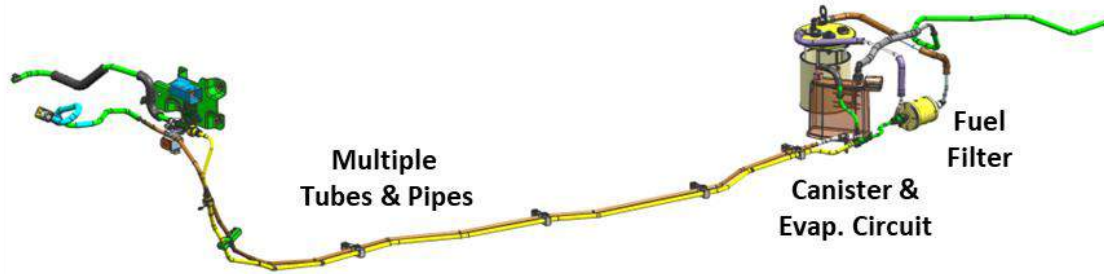
Fuel Availability



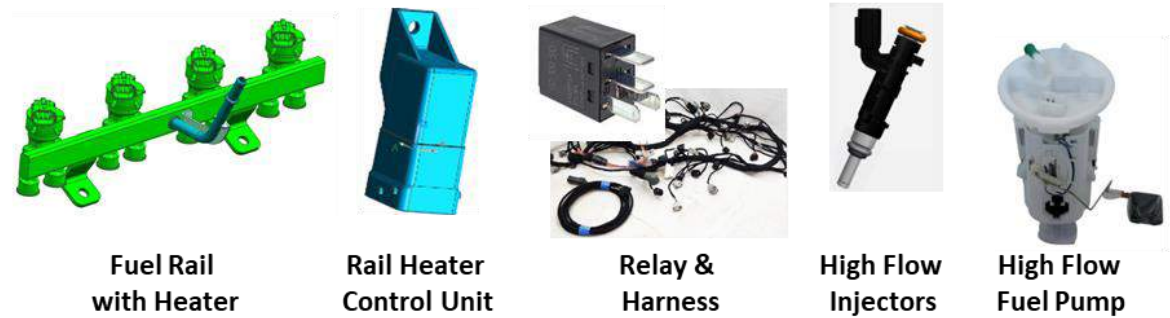
Consistent and quality fuel availability across nation

6. Technology development for FFV

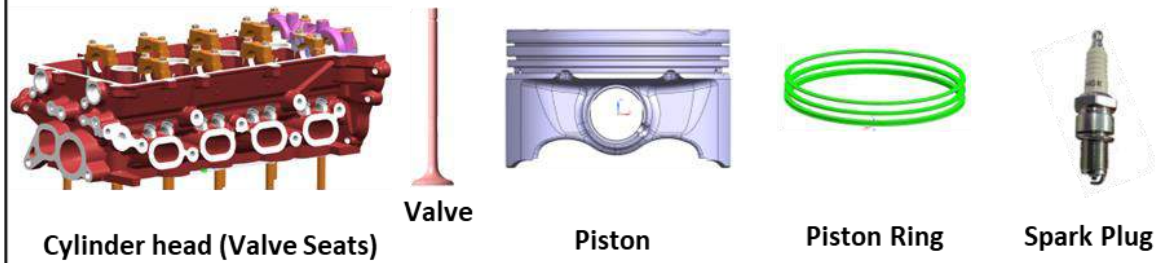
1 Material Compatibility



2 Engine Start in Cold Weather Conditions & High Flow requirement



3 Design Upgrade for Core Engine Part Reliability with corrosive fuel



4 Upgrade for Emission Regulation Compliance to meet BS6 Phase-2



Engine HW changes require extensive Development (E20 to E85)

- Extensive Reliability tests at Proto and Final tooled up stages.
- Vehicle Calibration / Validation with intermediate fuel blends.
- As good as new development

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Policy Enablers for Biofuels

1. Regulatory support

- CAFÉ : Biogenic CO2 accounting
- Emissions : THC → NMHC / NMOG

2. Customer Acceptability

- Price parity of Fuel as per energy
- Price parity for Vehicle cost

3. Roadmap beyond 2025

- Bio-fuel availability

Expectations from Emission Control System Partners

1. Higher performance Aftertreatment system

- Ethanol /Pet light-off < 250° C (OEM Aged)
- CH4 light-off <350° C (OEM Aged)
- Wider conversion window for Bio-CNG / CNG
- Low thermal mass substrate (>55% porosity)

2. HC Trap Catalyst with >30% emissions improvement

3. Alternate metal Catalyst to make it affordable

4. Focused Development for Biofuel's aftertreatment

Let's work together to achieve → Carbon Neutrality by Bio-fuels

Thank You

Maruti Suzuki WagonR FFV proto



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