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Global Perspectives on Transport Decarbonization - And Implications for Indian Context

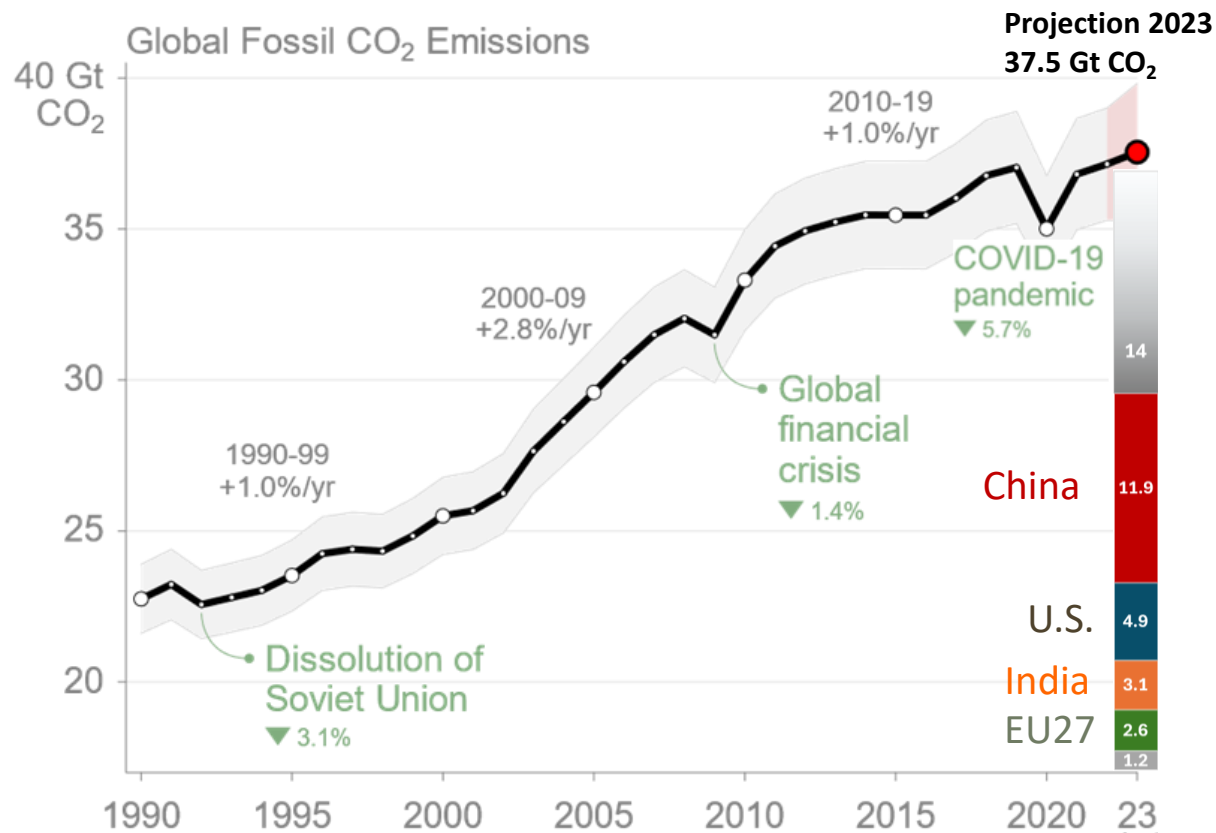
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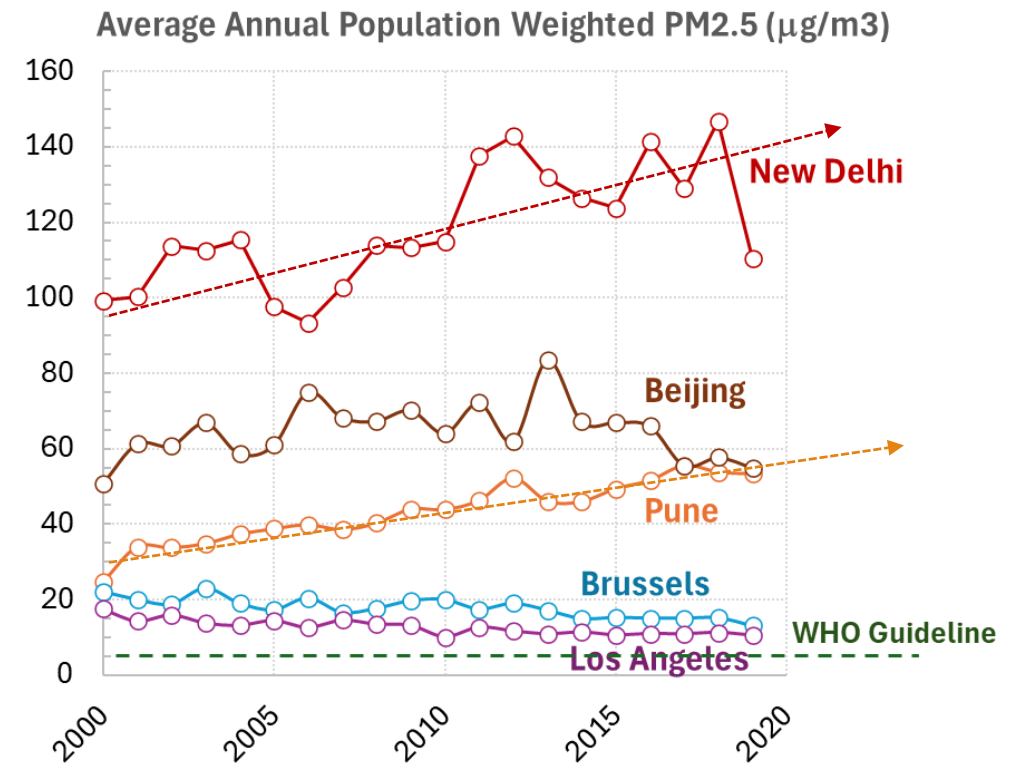
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Reducing GHG and criteria pollutant emissions from road transport is a priority India is playing a major role in advancing the standards and technologies



Source: Global Carbon Project

Air quality in major cities in India is still far from the WHO guideline – and has deteriorated in the last two decades



Source: State of Global Air 2022

Emission Standards for Light-Duty Vehicles in Major Markets

Global Trends

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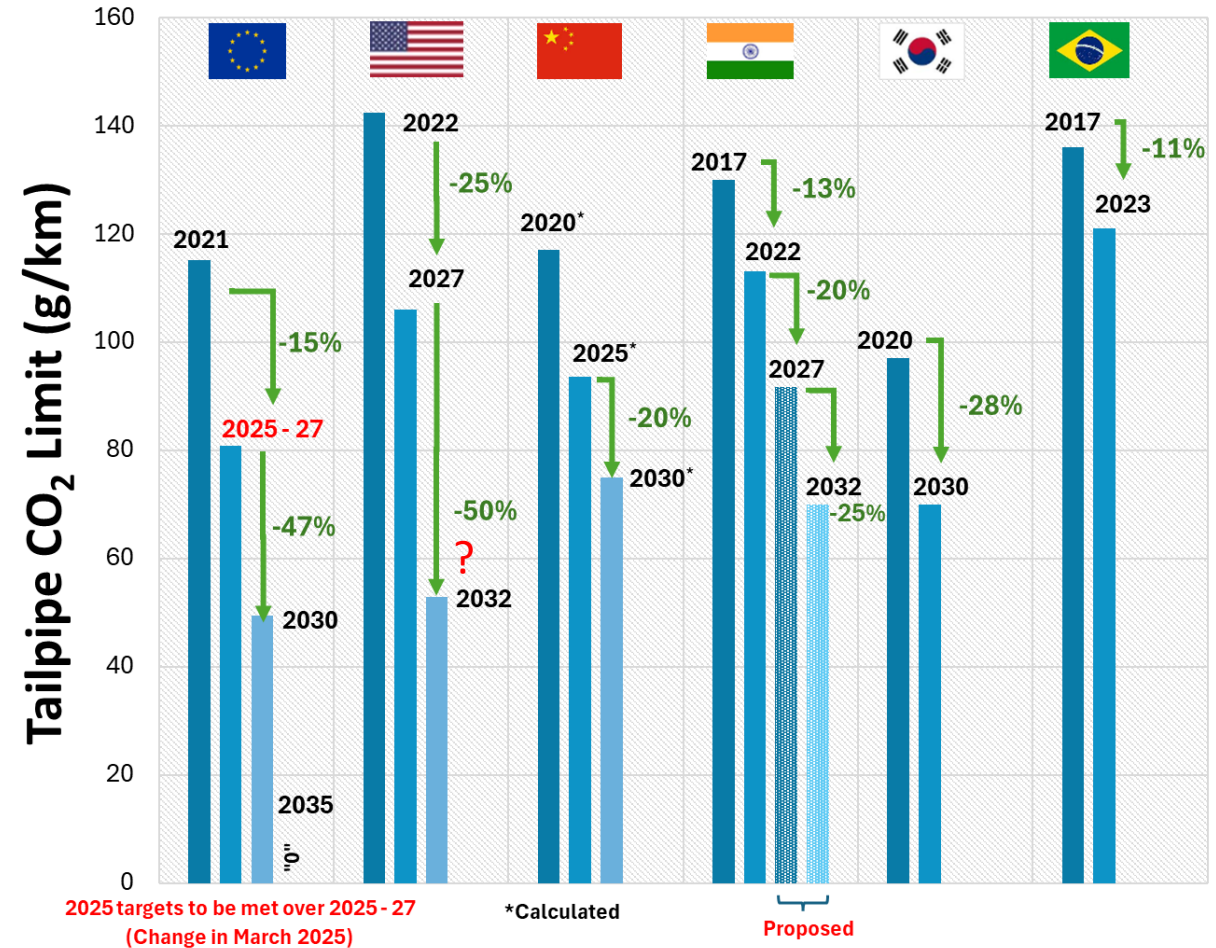
- MY 2027 CO₂ standards very likely relaxed / rescinded
- Future NHTSA CAFE standards will not include EV projections when setting standards

Europe

- 2025 standards to be met over 3 years (2025 – 2027)
- 2035 ICE phase-out hotly debated
- Role of e-fuels and renewable fuels explored
- UK - Hybrids allowed beyond 2030 (only ZEVs beyond 2035)

India

- New CAFE 2027 – 2032 standards proposed
- Concessions for smaller cars (3 g-CO₂/km)
- Carbon neutrality factor for alternate fuels and hybrids



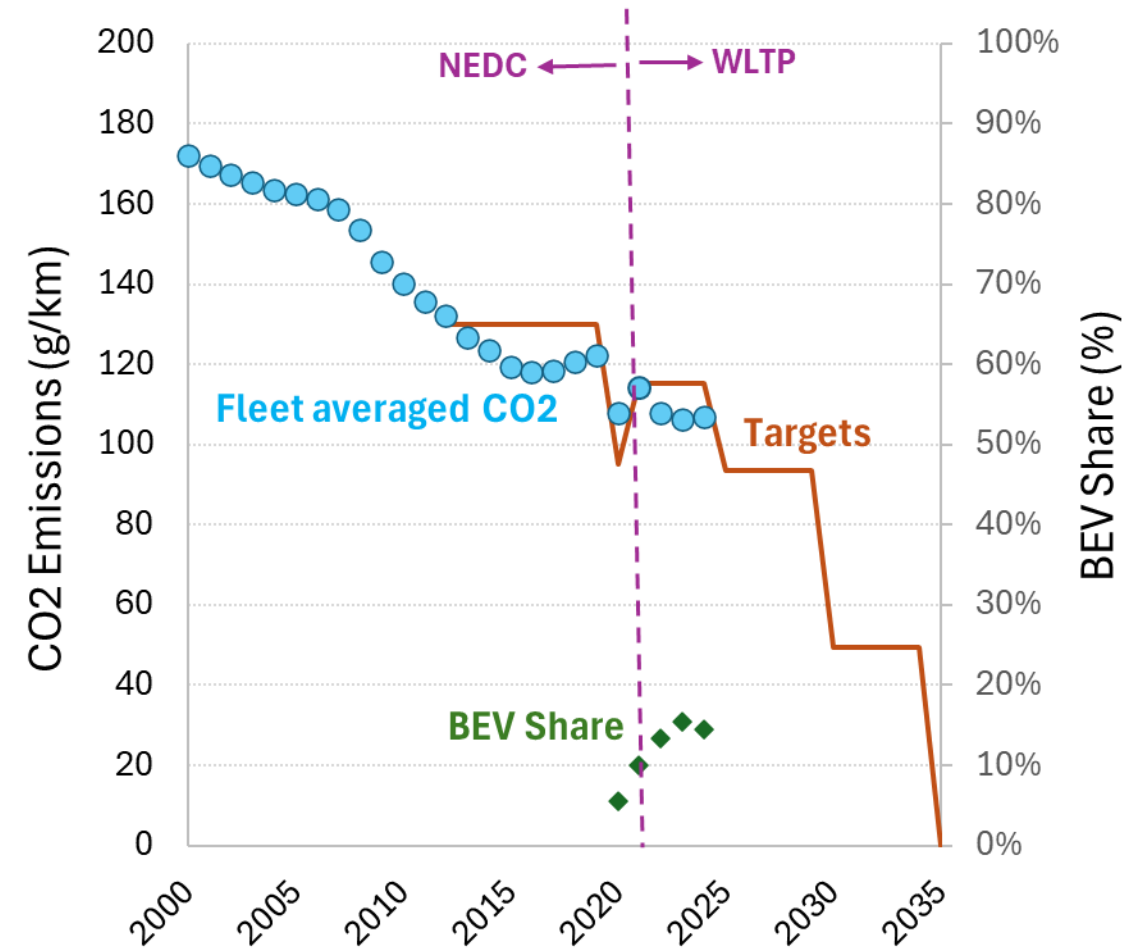
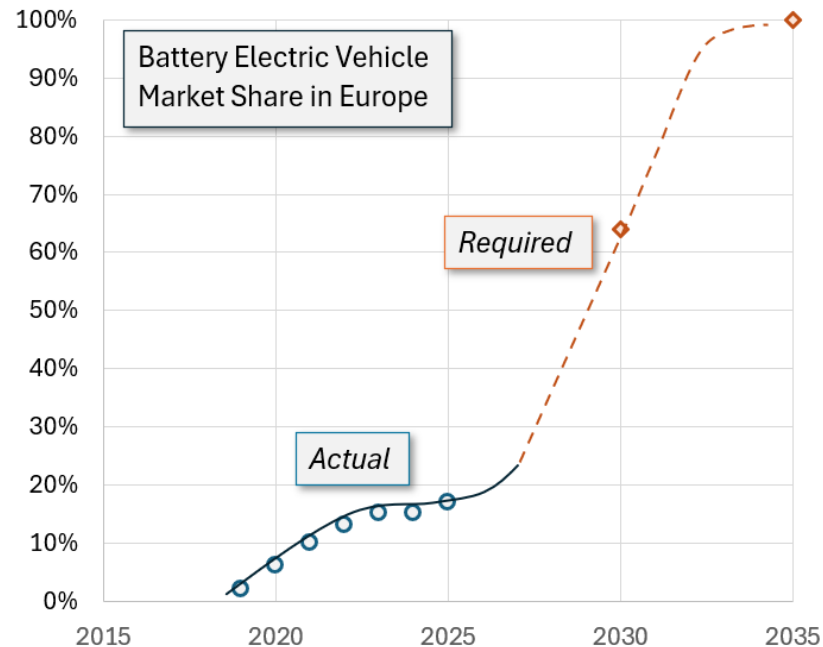
India should be wary of the “European experiment”

Pragmatic approach: Promote electrification while also upholding criteria pollutant standards

ACEA & CLEPA letter to EU Commission, Aug 27th

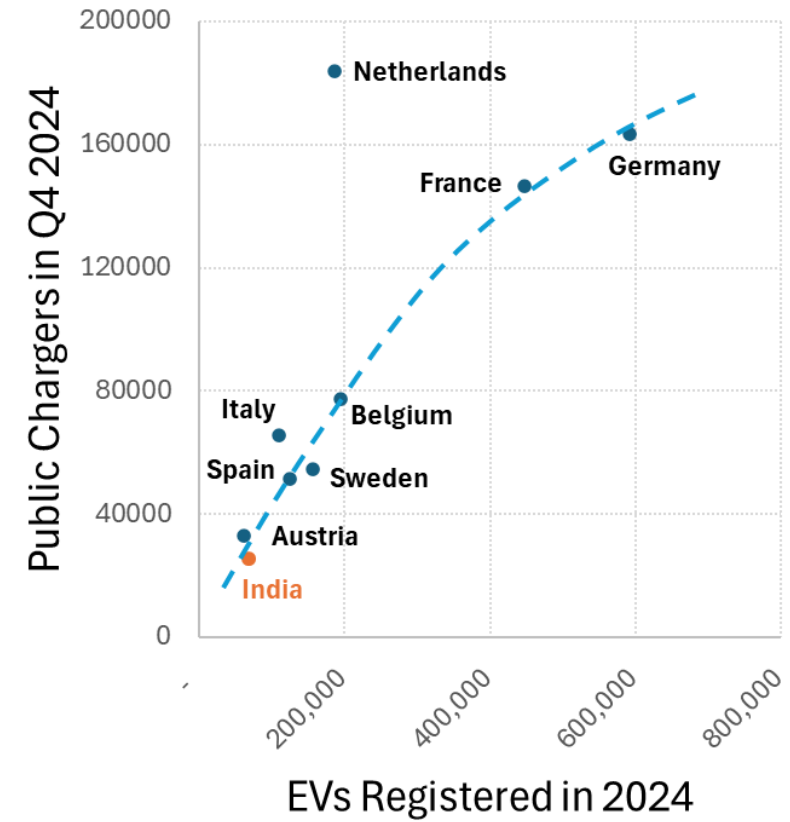
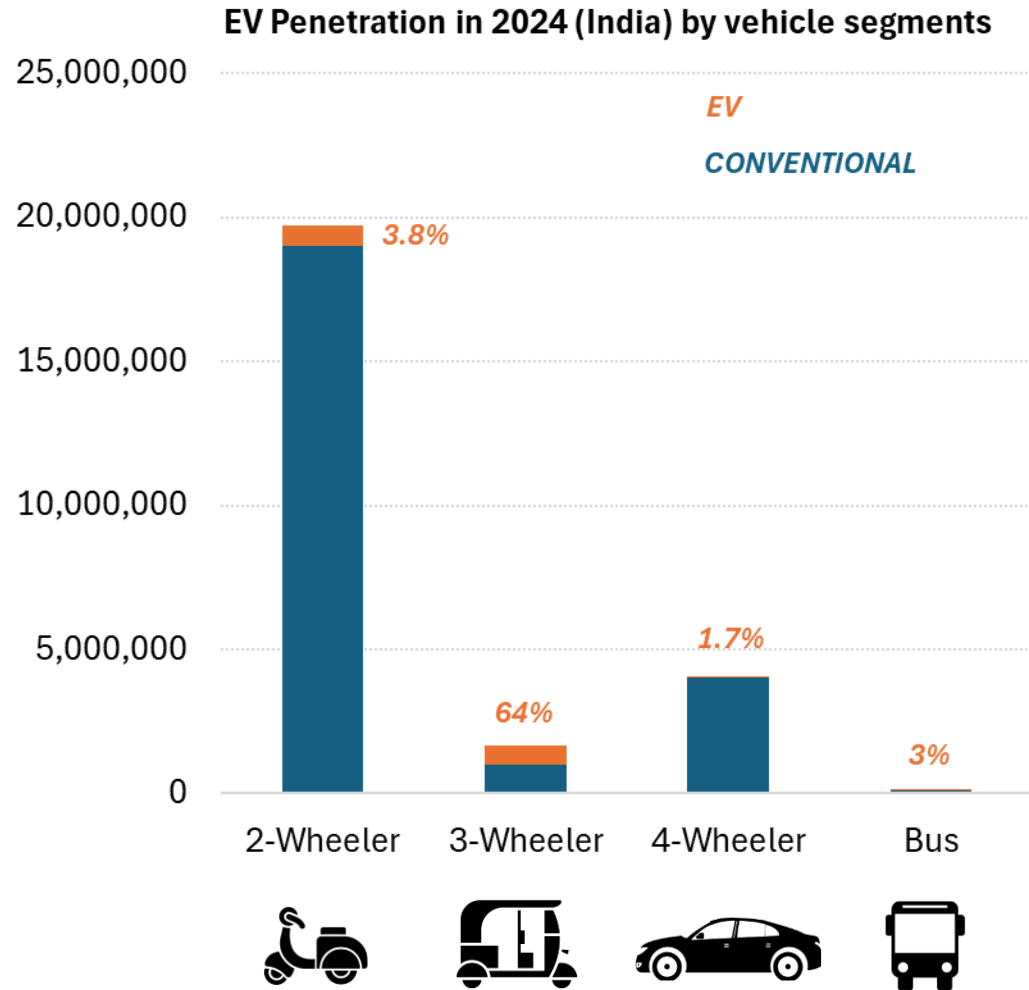
“Meeting the rigid car and van CO₂ targets for 2030 and 2035 is, in today’s world, simply no longer feasible”

The EU risks missing the turn on its automotive transition – September’s Strategic Dialogue is the chance to correct course



EV adoption in India is still in the early stage

Conventional vehicles expected to be around for decades and need to be improved

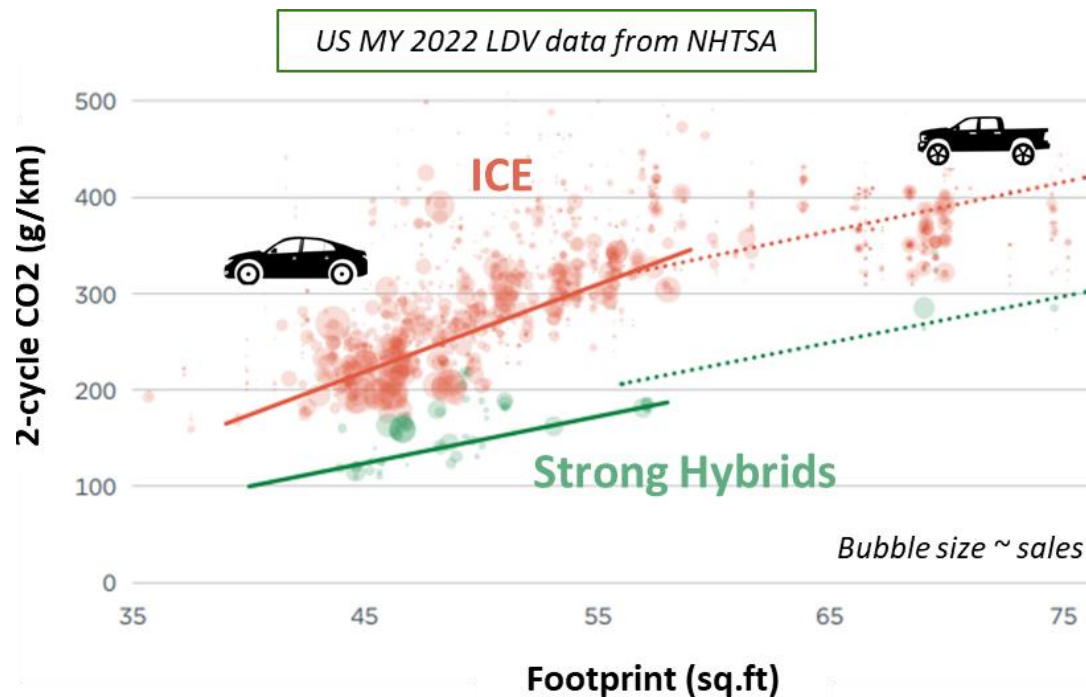
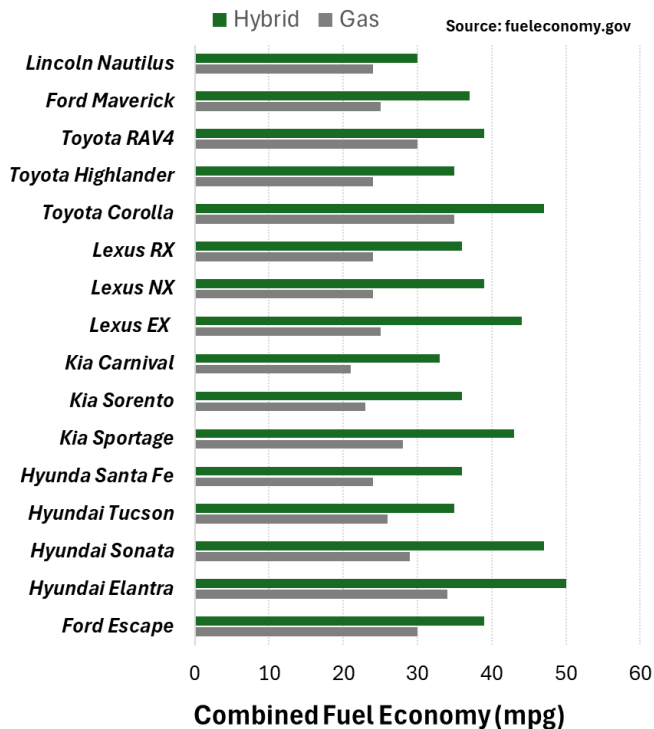


Hybrids are increasing market share – and are seen as a cost-effective choice for CO₂ reductions

Avg. fuel economy improvement: 12.5 mpg
Avg. MSRP difference = \$1,800

Reduction in CO₂ emissions with strong hybridization
Cars ~ 43% | Light-duty trucks : 29 - 41%

Additional 15% reduced CO₂ expected at a modest price premium of \$300 - \$800



Future improvements in hybrid CO₂ emissions

- Dedicated hybrid engines with BTE > 45%
- Advanced engine oils
- Higher injection pressures
- Electric supercharging and intercooling
- Improved air handling
- In-cylinder fuel reforming
- Dedicated e-turbochargers
- Active pre-chamber ignition
- Variable compression ratios
- Waste heat recovery (e.g. e-turbo)
- Higher compression ratios
- Water injection
- Lean combustion
- Electrically heated catalysts
- Larger batteries

India should implement best elements of Criteria Pollutant Tailpipe Standards from other Major Markets

Light-Duty	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032
US - CARB 	LEVIII					ACC2.0 : Criteria + ZEV *						
US - EPA 	Tier 3						Tier 4 * (NMOG+ NOx= 15 mg/ mi, PM= 0.5 mg/ mi) + GHG (50%reduction from2027 - 2032) ?					
Europe 	Euro 6d		Euro 6e			Euro 7						
China 	China 6a		China 6b (w/ RDE)				China 7 (~ Euro 7) +Tier 3 elements					
India 	BS 6 Stage 1		BS 6 Stage 2 (w/ RDE)					WLTP		BS 7 (~ Euro 7)		
Brazil 	L6	PROCONVEL7			PROCONVEL8							

**EPA is reviewing Tier 4 standards, CARB authority for ACC 2.0 revoked – but work on ACC 3.0 starting*

Overall Approach in Europe and US for successive tightening --

- Ensure standards are set for pollutants at levels that can be measured (e.g. PN₁₀ or 0.5 mg/mi)
- Ensure standards result in implementation of best available technology (e.g. GPFs, right sized canisters for evap)
- Ensure standards are met over all reasonable real-world ambient and driving conditions (RDE in Europe)
- Ensure standards are fuel and technology neutral (GDI = PFI = Diesel = Hybrids = ...)

Upcoming standards must limit particulate emissions from all vehicle and fuel types

BS VI PN limit applies to direct injected engines only
→ ~ 60% of new light-duty vehicles without any PN standard !



= Diesel



= GDI



= EV

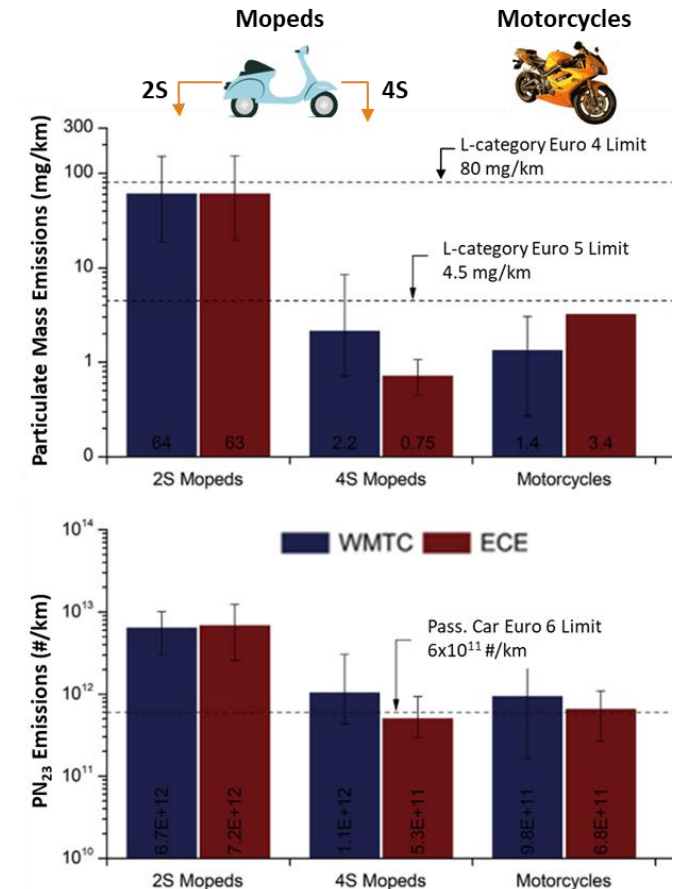


= PFI (no PN limit)



X 18 - 20 million
sold each year

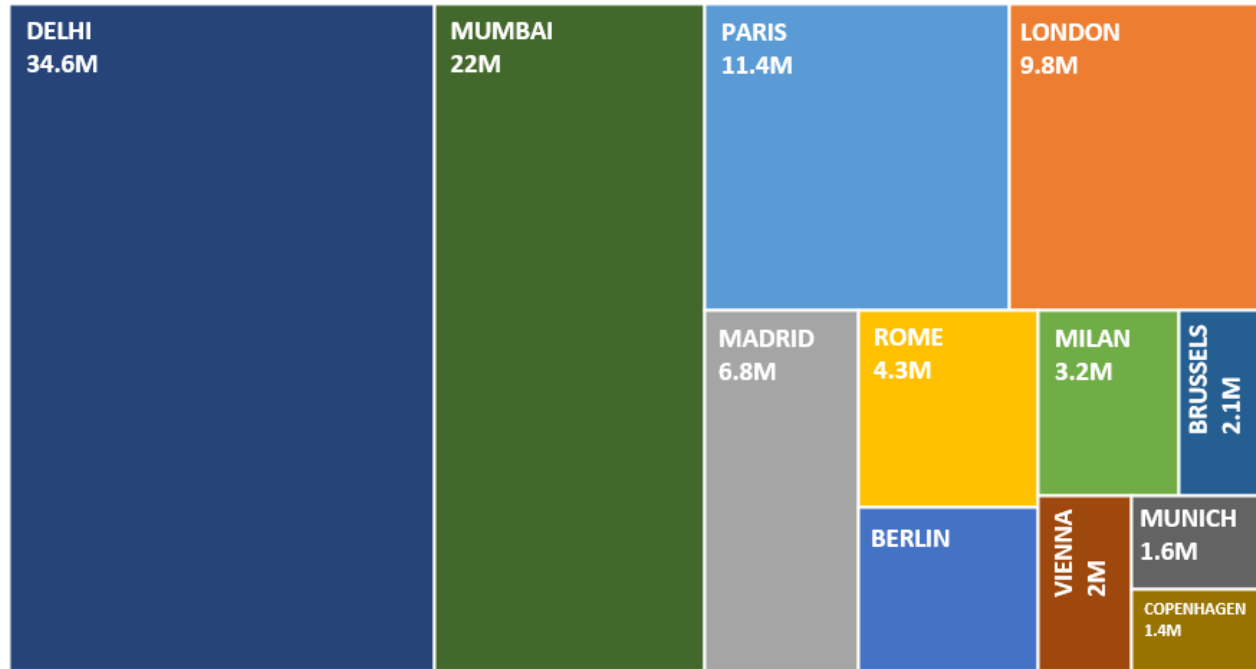
Particulate emissions from 2W can be
higher than Euro 6 pass. car PN limit



India is NOT Europe

It's time for setting standards that relate to local conditions

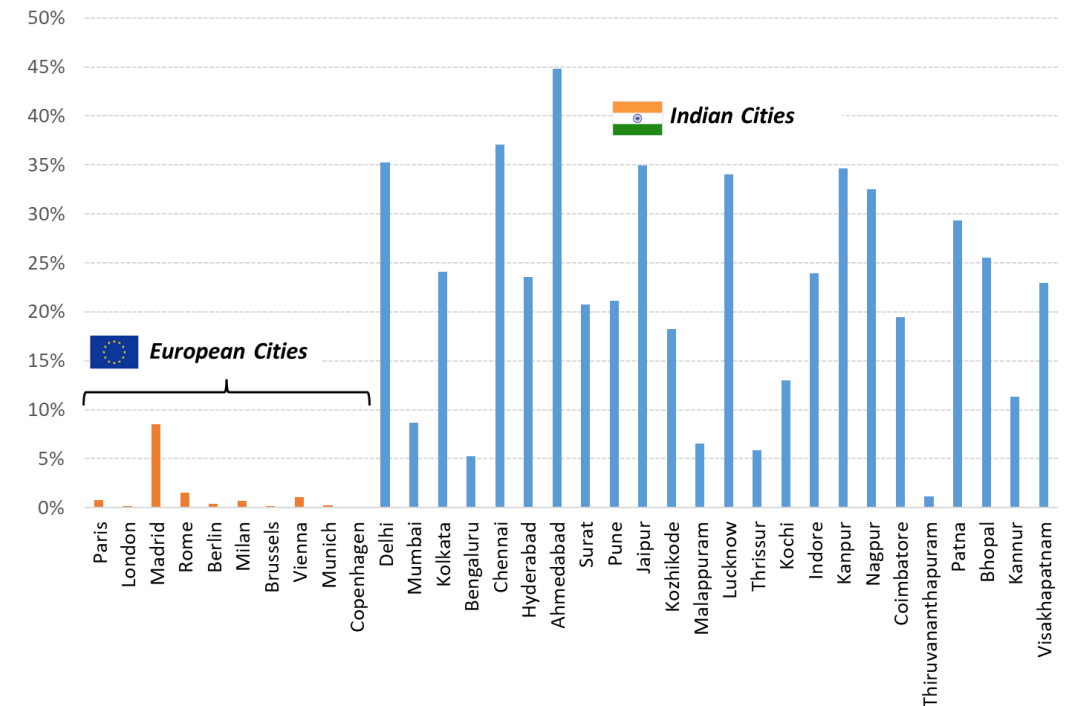
Indian urban density is much higher than Europe → higher population at health risk for breathing polluted air



Population of Delhi and Mumbai is greater than that of 10 European cities combined !

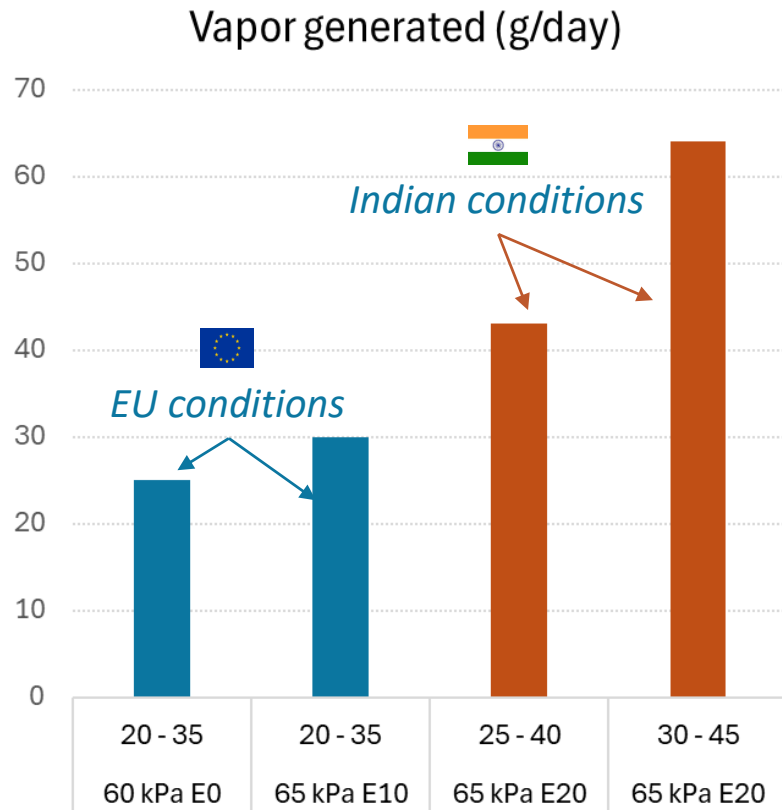
Upcoming test protocols should reflect Indian ambient and driving conditions

Comparison of % days > 35 C in major cities in India & Europe



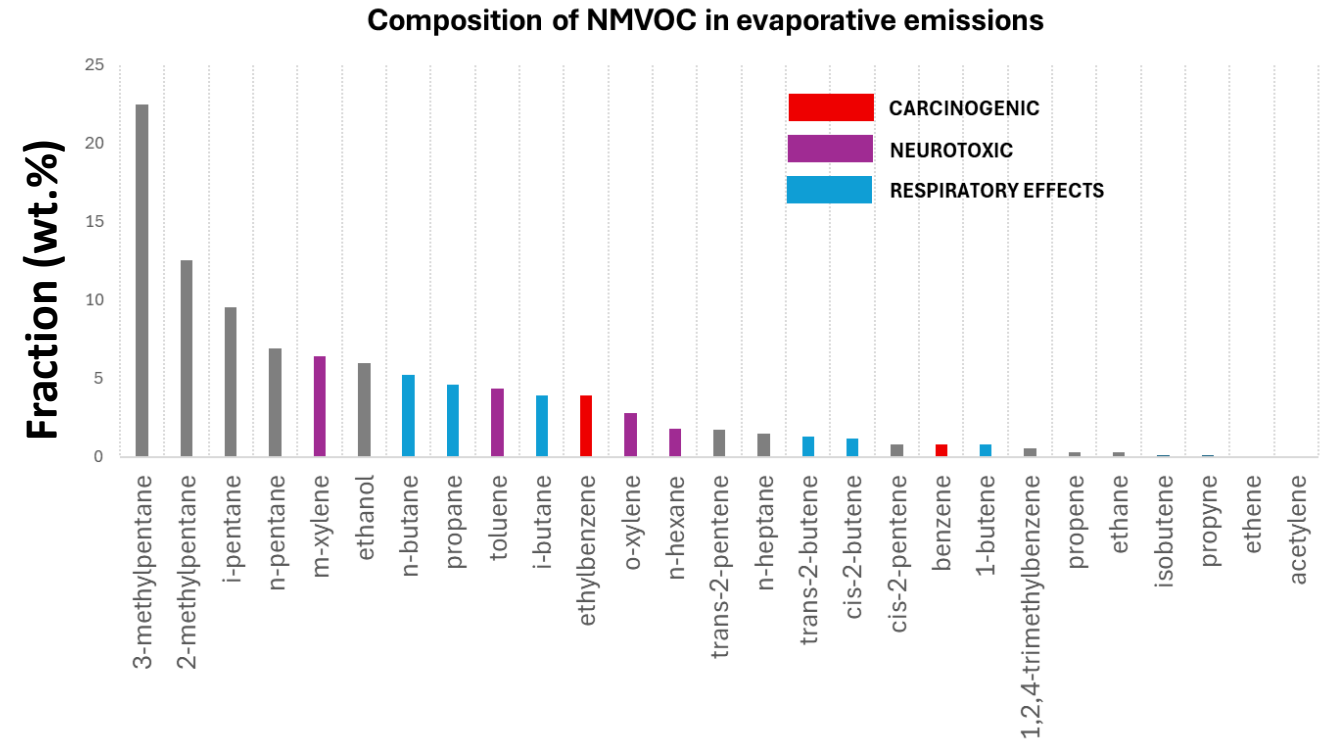
Need to address higher evaporative emissions in India and their impact on human health

Vapor generation depends strongly on diurnal temperature profile and fuel



Source: ECMA [webinar](#), June 2025

Some of the constituents from the emissions are hazardous to health



Source: EMEP/EEA air pollutant emission inventory guidebook 2019

And it's a win-win ...

Evaporative emission control system will save fuel (and \$\$) for the consumer

On-road and Non-Road Heavy-Duty Emission Standards in Major Markets

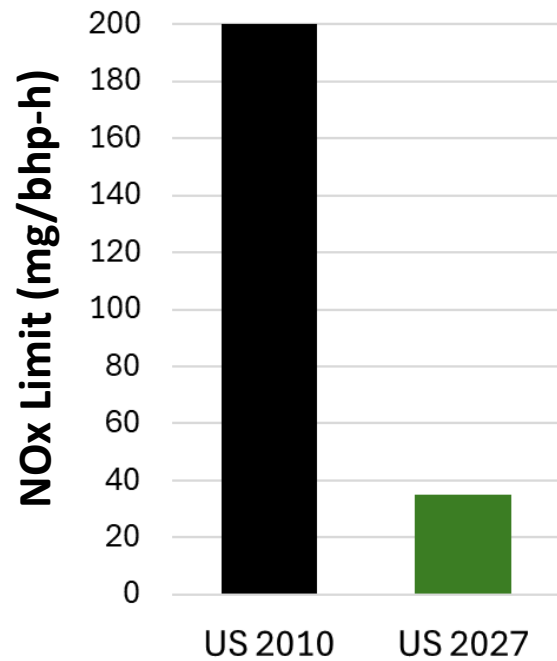
US / California standards for MY 2027+ uncertain

Heavy-Duty On-Road	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032
US- CARB 	US 2010			Low NOx Omnibus : 75% NOx redn.			EPA Low NOx (350 mg/bhp-hr) + GHG Ph. 3					
US- EPA	US 2010, GHG Phase 3											
Europe 	Euro VI-E (PN6e11 #/kWh, cold-start, ...)							Euro VII NOx90 - 350 mg/kWh, PN(10nm) 2e11 #/kWh				
China 	China VIa		China VIb (w/ RDE)					China VII ~ Euro VII + US LLC?				
India 	BS VI Stage 1		BS VI Stage 2 (w/ RDE)						BS VII (~ Euro 7)			
Brazil 	PROCONVE 7 (~Euro V)		PROCONVE 8 (~ Euro VI-C)									
Heavy-Duty Non-Road	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032
US- CARB 	Tier 4 Final								Tier 5 ? (NOx 90% redn., First GHG rule)			
US- EPA									SORE : Zero emitting < 19 kW (25 hp)			
Europe 	Stage V								REVIEW		Stage VI ?	
China 	China III ~ EU III A		China IV (~ EU III B) + PN limit					China V				
India 	CEV IV (Apr '21)			TREM IV (Apr '23)		CEV V 1/25		TREM V Agr. (4/26)				
Brazil 	Proconve MAR-I ~ US Tier 3/ EU III A							MAR - II				
Japan 	Tier 4 Final								Tier 5 ?			
Korea 	Tier 4 Final	Stage V								Stage VI ?		

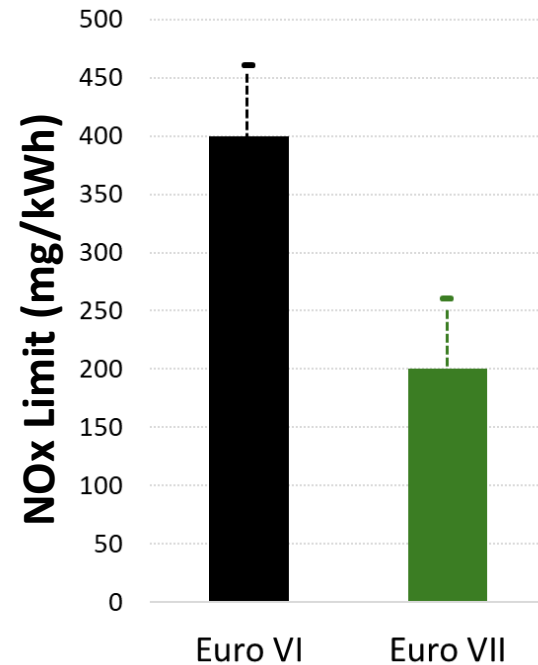
Low NOx Standards in US and Europe & Advanced Control Technologies



US EPA Low NOx Rule

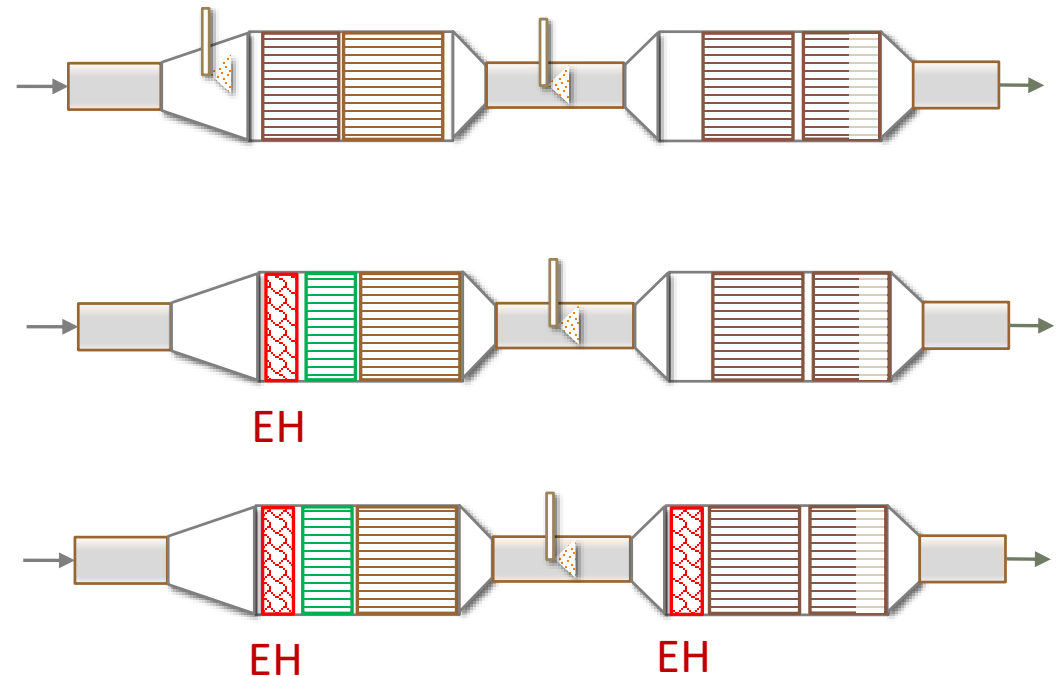


Euro VII



Low NOx System (MY 2027+)

Electric heater(s), Added SCR, Dual dosing



+ Low load cycle – **Important for India !**
PM Limit reduced by 50%

PN Limit reduced to 9×10^{11} #/km on RDE
Includes particles down to 10 nm

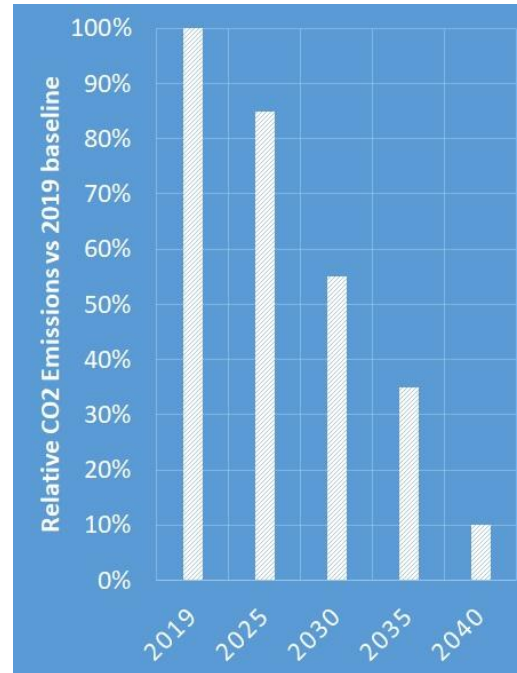
Heavy-Duty Engines are meeting Low NOx standards (while emitting lower GHG & particulates)

Engine	 Navistar S13	 PACCAR MX-13	 Volvo D13	 Cummins 2027 X15	 Cummins X15N	 Cummins X10	 Cummins B6.7 Octane (gasoline)
Engine Peak Power, Max. Torque	13L, 6-cyl. 515hp-1450 lb.ft	13L, 6-cyl. 405hp-1,650 & 510hp-1,850 lb.ft	13L, 6-cyl. 455 hp-1,650 lb.ft	15L, 6-cyl. 605hp-2,050 lb.ft	15L, 6-cyl. 500 hp-1850 lb.ft	10L, 6-cyl. HD: 450 hp- 1650 lb.ft MD: 380 hp- 1250 lb.ft	6.7L, 6-cyl. 300 hp, 660 lb.ft
After-treatment System	 Hot, <u>uncooled</u> EGR SCR + DPF + SCR with dual dosing No DOC	 48V EH in cc-position DOC/DPF/EH/SCR Longer SCR, 70% ↑ vol.	 48V EH in uf-position DOC + DPF + EH + SCR	 Closed CV, c-EGR Two 48V 5 kW EHs 1 st can: EH + DOC-DPF 2 nd can : EH + two SCRs in parallel. 7% higher cat. vol., 44% lower ΔP	 Closed CV TWC	c-EGR 48V EH Twin-module	TWC

Heavy-Duty CO₂ standards

EU HD CO₂ Standards

- 90% CO₂ reduction by 2040
- ZEV mandate for city buses
- Incentives for ZLEVs
- Penalty of €4,250 per vehicle per gCO₂/t.km exceeded from 2025+
- ZEV defined as vehicle emitting < 3 g/(t·km)

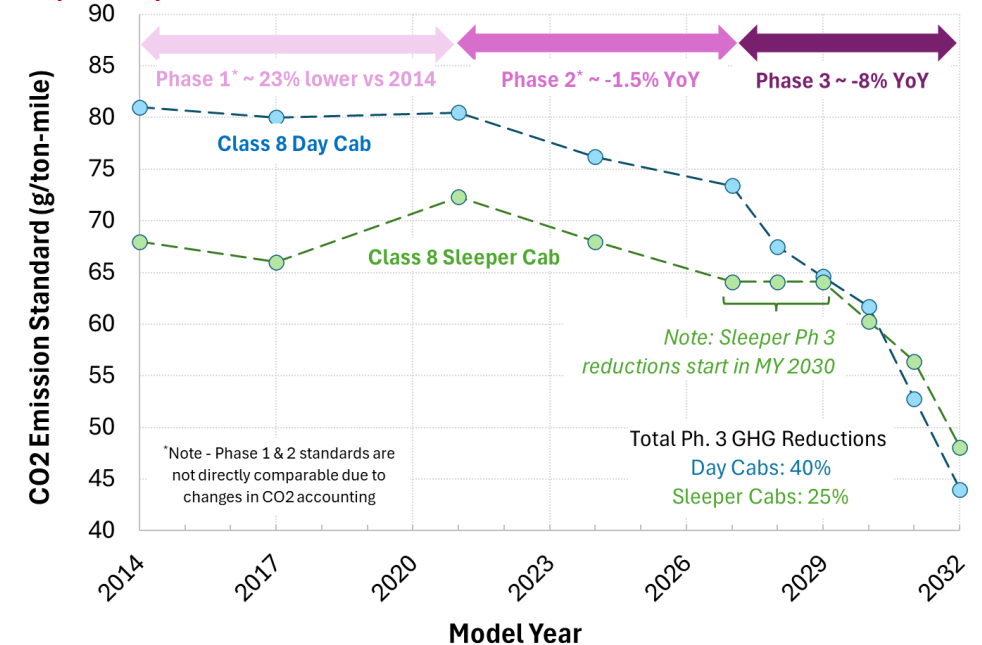


Commission will review regulation by 2027 to assess appropriateness, role of e-fuels, and development of methodology for the assessment and reporting of lifecycle CO₂ emissions.



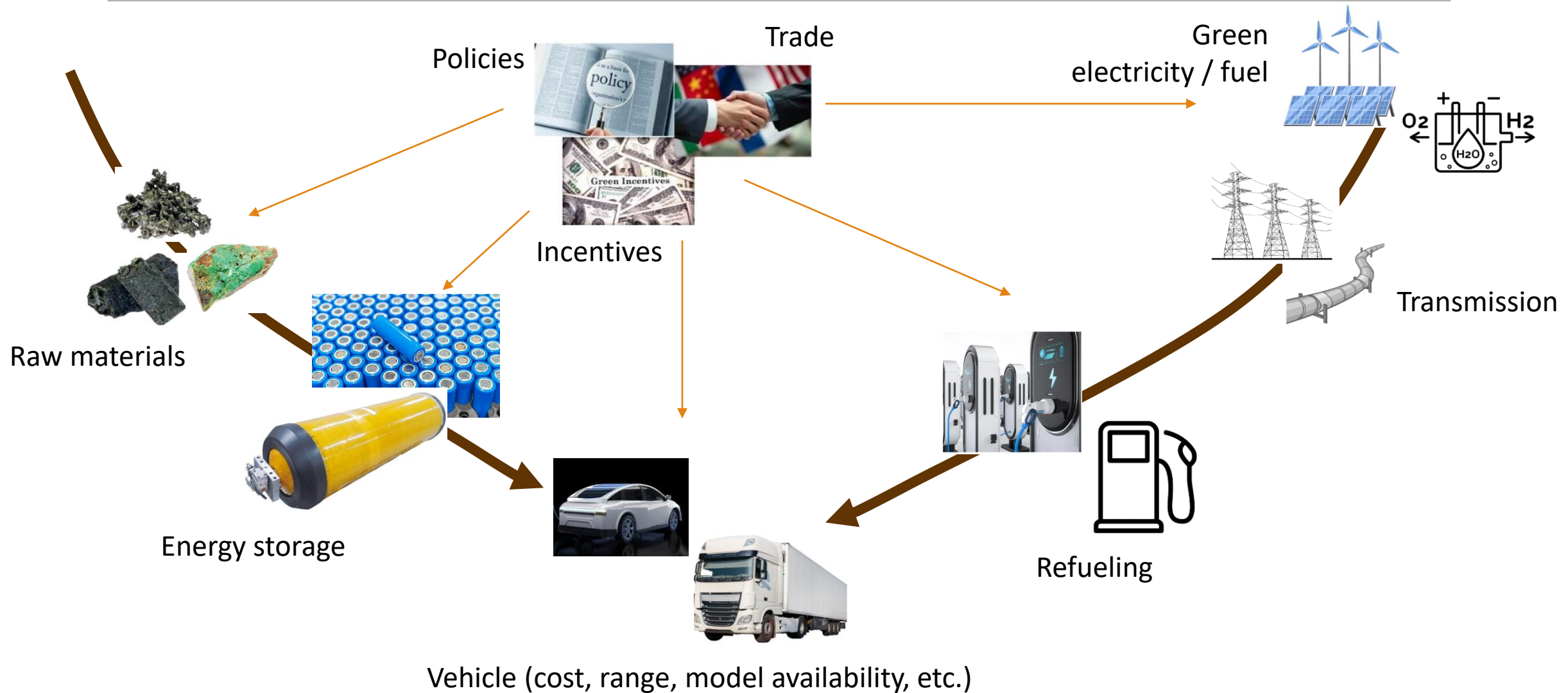
U.S. Tractor CO₂ Standards

Very likely to be weakened to avoid effective ZEV mandate



- Technology neutral standards
- H₂-ICE is NOT a ZEV: Default CO₂ emission value = 3 g/hp-hr
- Vehicles with H₂-ICE and neat H₂, CO₂ = 0

Various factors affect the growth and sustainability of alternate fuels



Hydrogen is getting increased attention

H₂-ICE seen as pathway to utilize H₂, while FC trucks can offer higher fuel efficiency



■ Press release

Volvo to launch hydrogen-powered trucks

2024-05-23



08-04-2024

MAN expands its zero-emission portfolio
hTGX Range 600 km



KEYOU Truck "ALL-INCLUSIVE" starts from € 0.58 / km

Truck as a service model



Tata Motors rolls out hydrogen trucks for India

January 30, 2025

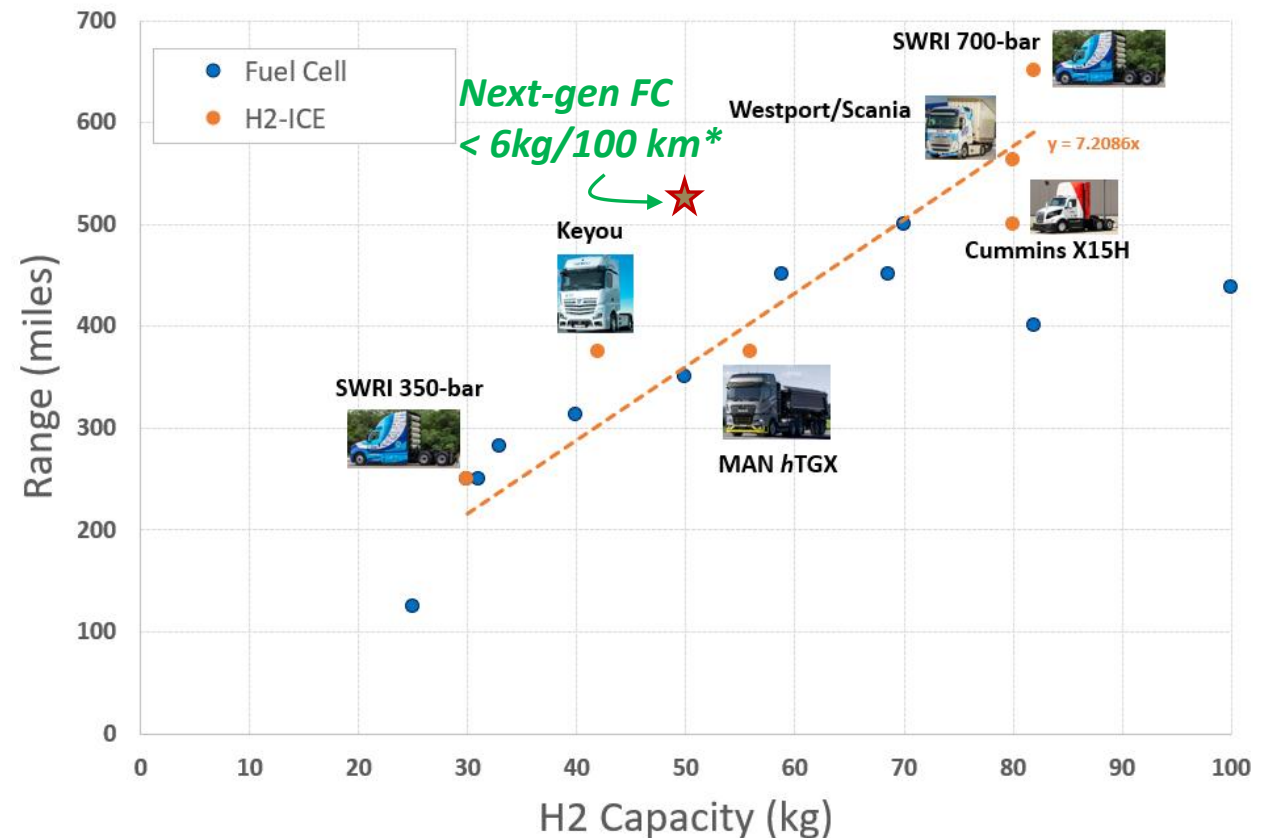


40 tonnes of IKEA products hauled by hydrogen ICE-powered truck in Sweden



Holcim H₂ hybrid: On-board H₂ generation, 15% ↓ fuel consumption

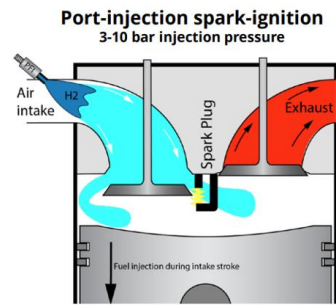
Several H₂ trucks announced
- Utilizing both H₂-ICE and Fuel cell technology



Hydrogen ICEs will require a simplified after-treatment system to meet low NOx standards

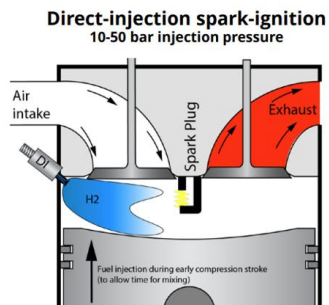
Spark Ignited

Port Injected



Key challenges: power density, abnormal combustion, efficiency
"Generation 1" H2ICE technology
~2025 market introduction, retrofits

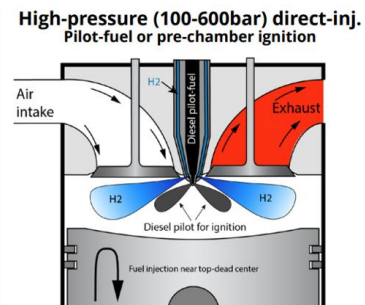
Direct Injected



Key challenges: injection technology, abnormal combustion
"Generation 2" H2ICE technology
~2025-2030 market introduction

Pilot fuel / Pre-chamber

Direct Injected



Key challenges: High-pressure pump, NOx, fuel compression energy
"Generation 2+" technology, best efficiency
Market readiness ~2025-2030

Volumetric Efficiency

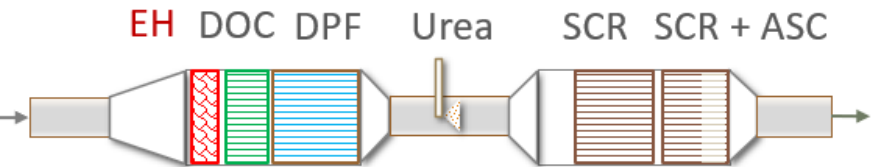


Market readiness, Complexity, NOx

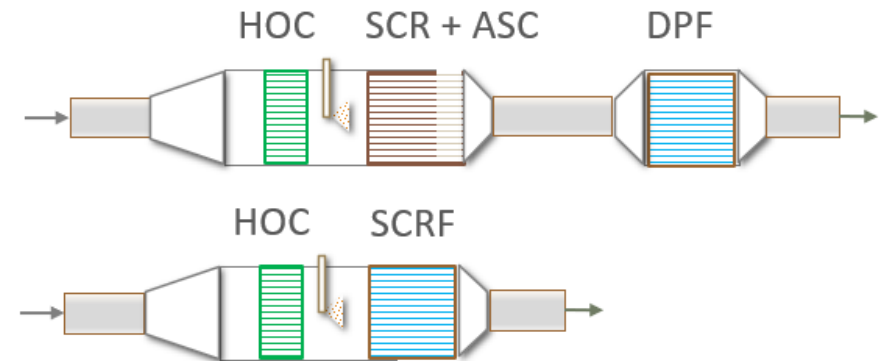


- No HCs / CO in exhaust : DOC → HOC
- Ultra-lean: Low engine-out NOx, low DEF consumption
- Filter only oil-based particulates
- Need to understand impact of water in exhaust

Diesel, 2027+
(Example system)



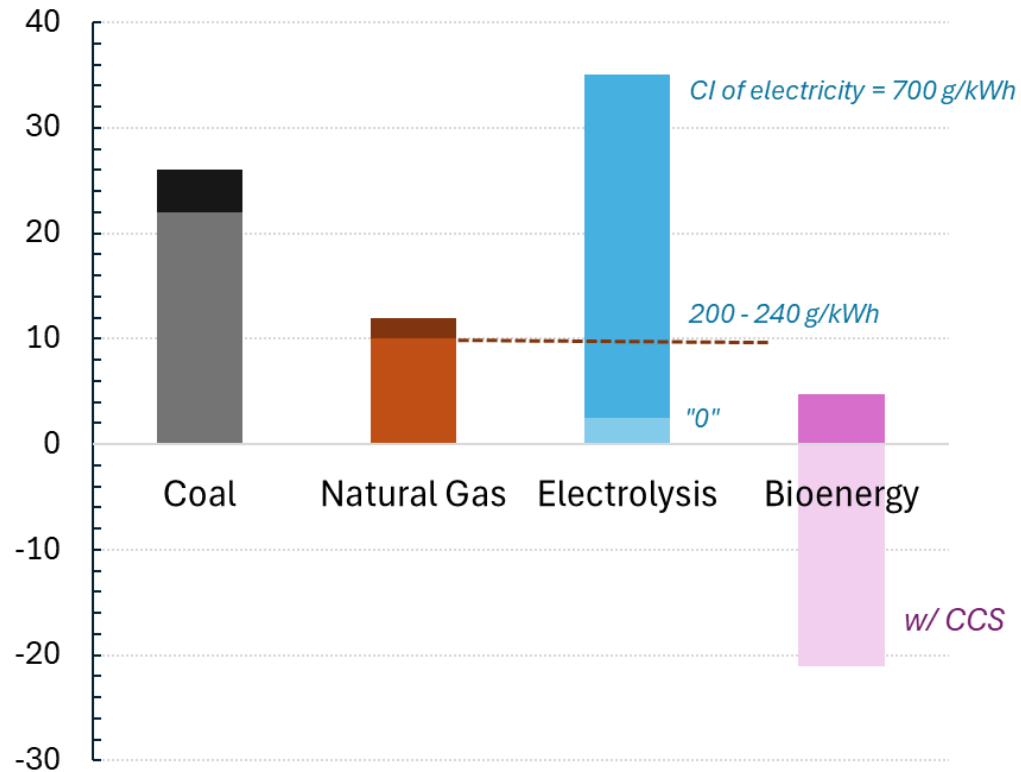
H₂-ICE
(EU system)



Will the H₂ produced reduce the GHG & criteria pollutant emissions?

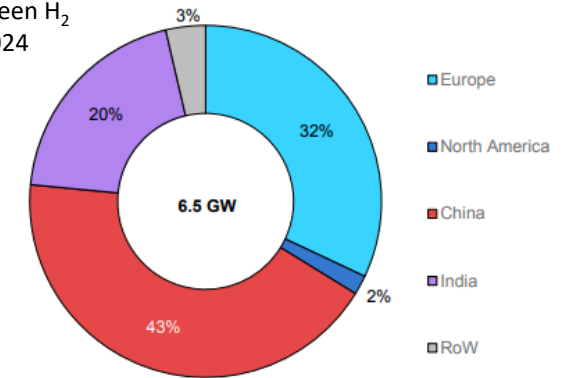
Carbon intensity of H₂ depends on the feedstock and use of carbon capture

Carbon Intensity of H₂ (kgCO₂/kgH₂)

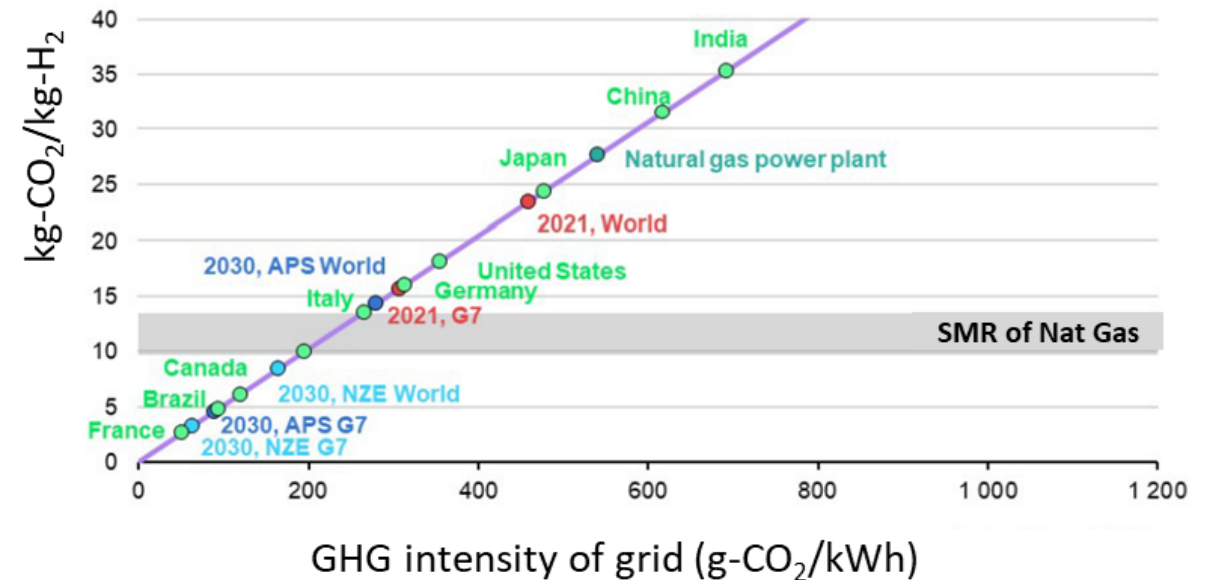


India has a significant share of investment in green H₂

Investment in green H₂ in 9/2023 – 8/2024



CI of Green H₂ – depends on CI of electricity and therefore location

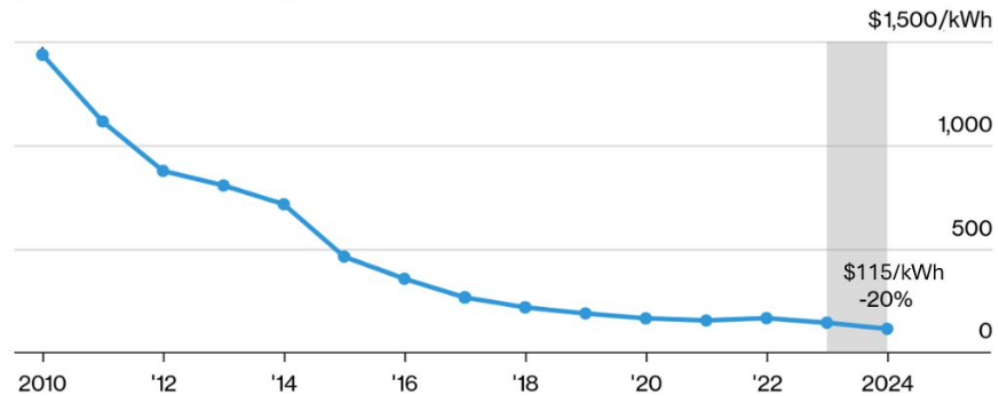


Batteries continue to get cheaper But supply chain is dominated by China

Lithium-Ion Battery Pack Prices See Largest Drop Since 2017

Lithium-ion battery pack prices

Volume-weighted average in real 2024 dollars

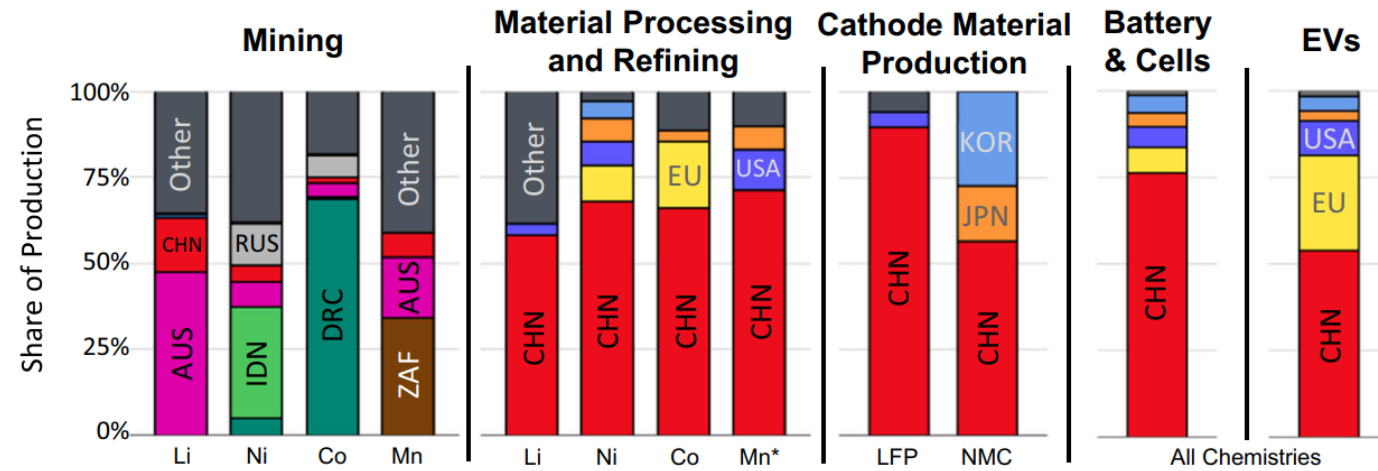


Source: BloombergNEF.

Note: Historical figures have been adjusted to real 2024 dollars. Values are volume-weighted averages across passenger EVs, commercial vehicles, buses, two- and three-wheelers and stationary storage. Includes cell and pack.

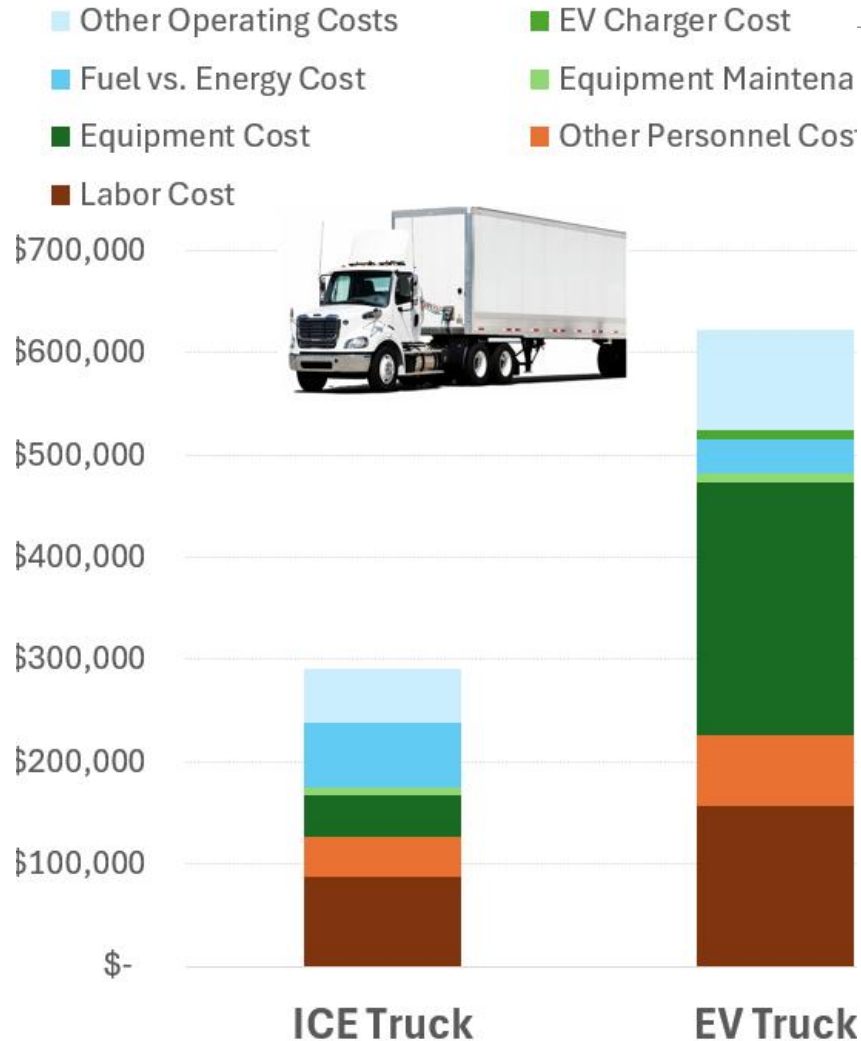
BloombergNEF

China dominates the refining and cathode production



“Lithium-Ion Battery Roadmap – Industrialization Perspectives Toward 2030”,
published by Fraunhofer Institute

Class 8



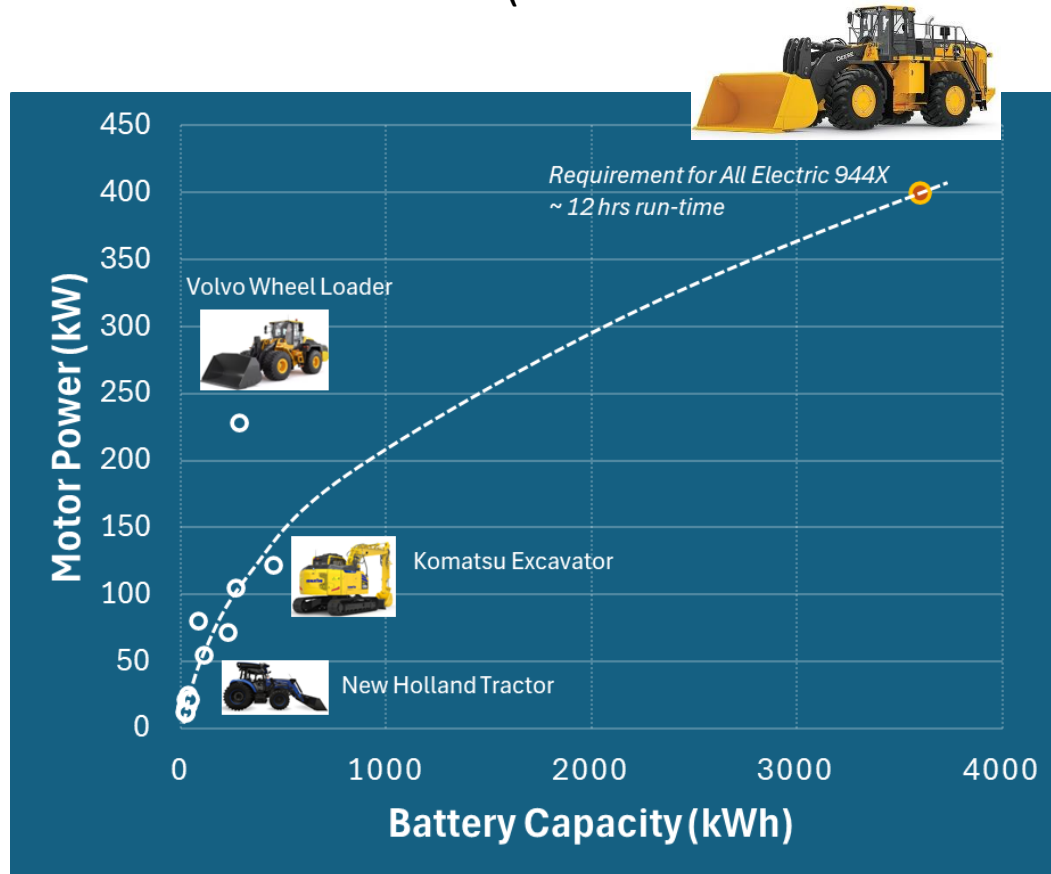
Total Cost of Transportation for a Heavy-Duty Fleet

Electric long-haul trucks cost > 2X that of diesel

- The total cost of transportation for an electric truck increases by over 2X
 - › ~ \$290K for diesel
 - › ~ \$620K for an EV
- The EV effectively requires almost 2 drivers to deliver the same payload as the diesel, due to limited range
- A mixed realistic fleet of 25 vehicles including Class 4 & Class 6 trucks would require an additional \$3.7M or a 56% increase in cost to convert to electric.
 - › That is a non-starter for most small and mid-sized fleets despite any incentives.

For high-power, continuous operation, electrics are impractical given current battery energy densities India must continue to implement non-road emission norms given the longevity of diesels here

Electric machines are increasing, but mostly limited to compact size – and with limited run time (~ 2 – 6 hrs)



Fully electrifying a wheel loader operating for 12 hours will require 3.6MWh energy, 27 EV batteries, adding 54,000 lbs weight

Diesel – electric solution

13.5L engine works in limited speed range, similar to genset, to power electric drivetrain & batteries

~30% reduction in fuel consumption

Renewable fuel can further reduce WtW GHG

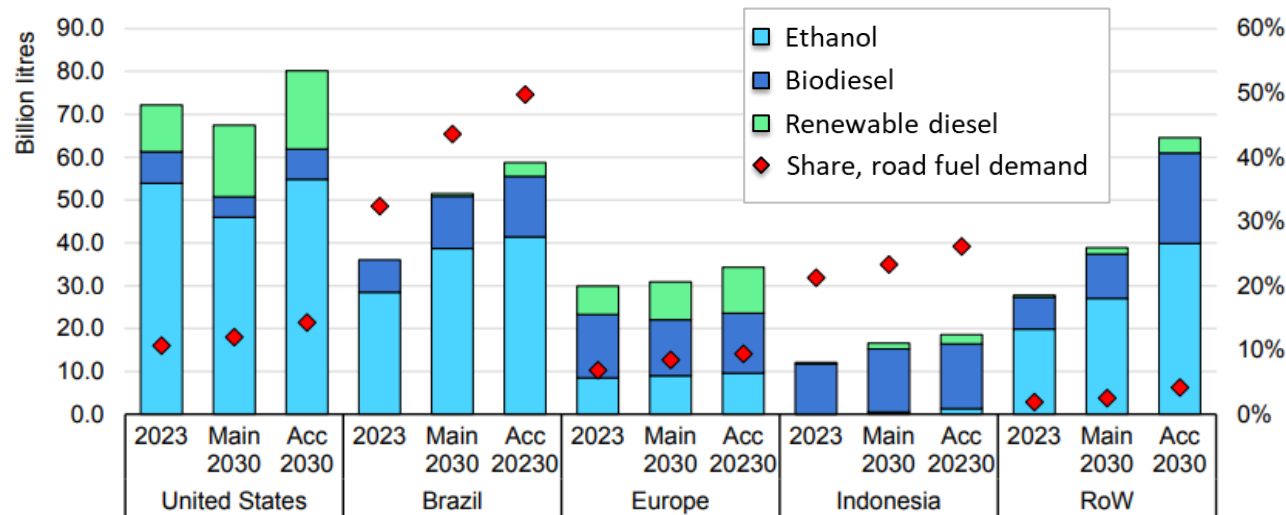
Savings of up to 50% on tire wear

10% cost savings on maintenance

Biofuels growth is a mixed picture across the world

Source: International Energy Agency, Renewables 2024

Road biofuel consumption by country and fuel, main and accelerated cases, 2023-2030



US

Road biofuel use is forecast to fall 5B liters by 2030:

- 8B liters of ethanol due to light-duty electrification
- 3B liters of biodiesel, replaced by renewable diesel
- + 6B liters of renewable diesel

Brazil

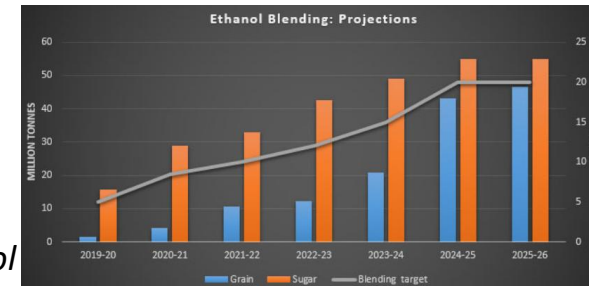
Road biofuel use forecast to increase by >15B liters by 2030:

- Biofuel blending rate of almost 45%
- Growth driven by Fuel of the Future Program
- Increase ethanol blending to 35% and biodiesel to 20%

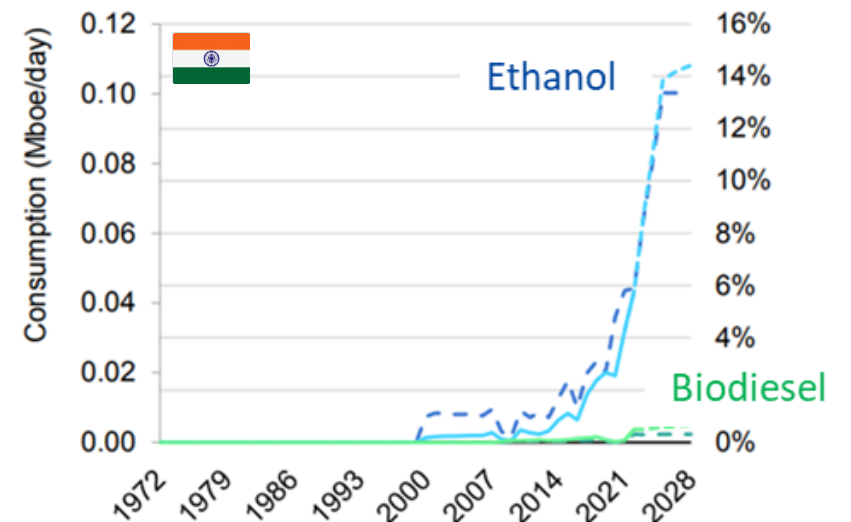
India

Target 20% ethanol blending by 2025

Source: Roadmap for Ethanol Blending, Govt of India



India biofuels consumption (Mboe/day)



Notes: Acc = accelerated case. RoW = rest of world.

Source: Road transport demand from IEA (2024), [Oil 2024](#).

Various technologies being pursued for emission reductions. All have some strengths and weaknesses

Only low carbon fuels, retrofits, and scrappage can decarbonize existing fleet

	IC Engine	Hybrid	BEV	H ₂ Fuel Cell	H ₂ ICE	Low C fuels
<i>GHG Reduction</i>	Ref.	+	++ Depends on electricity	+ Depends on H2 "color"	+ Depends on H2 "color"	++
<i>Fueling Infrastructure</i>	Ref.	○	---	---	---	○
<i>Refueling Time</i>	Ref.	○	--	○	○	○
<i>Range</i>	Ref.	○	-	○	○	○
<i>NOx/PM emissions</i>	Ref.	+	+++	+++	+	+
<i>TCO</i> <i>Total cost of ownership</i>	Ref.	+	++/-- Sensitive to battery, electricity prices	++/-- Sensitive to H2 price	-- Sensitive to H2 price	++
<i>Critical materials</i>	Ref.	-	--	--	○	○
<i>Applies to legacy fleet?</i>	-	No	No	No	No	Yes

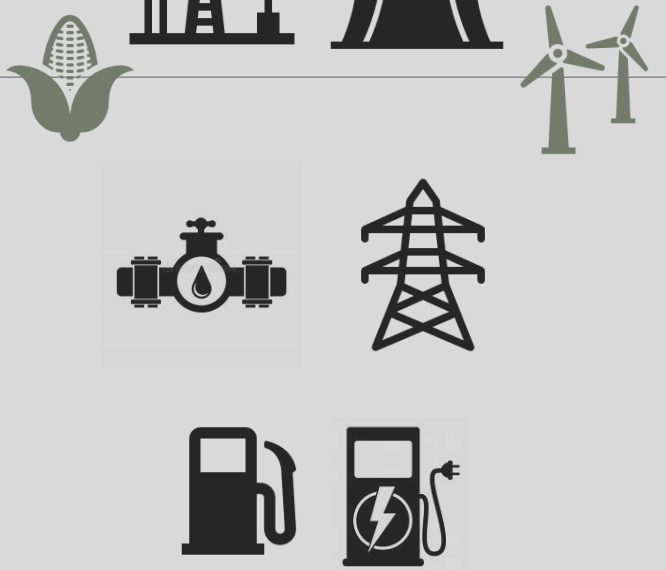
*What matters is CO₂ entering the atmosphere, not what's emitted at the tailpipe
 → need policies based on lifecycle analysis*

Production

Transport

Fueling

FUEL



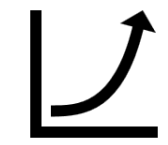
OTHER



Land-use change
 Impact on environment
 Environmental Justice



CO₂ capture



Impact on market

VEHICLE



Raw material



Components



Assembly



In-use
 (Regulated today)



Maintenance



Export



Recycle



Disposal

Thank you !

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