

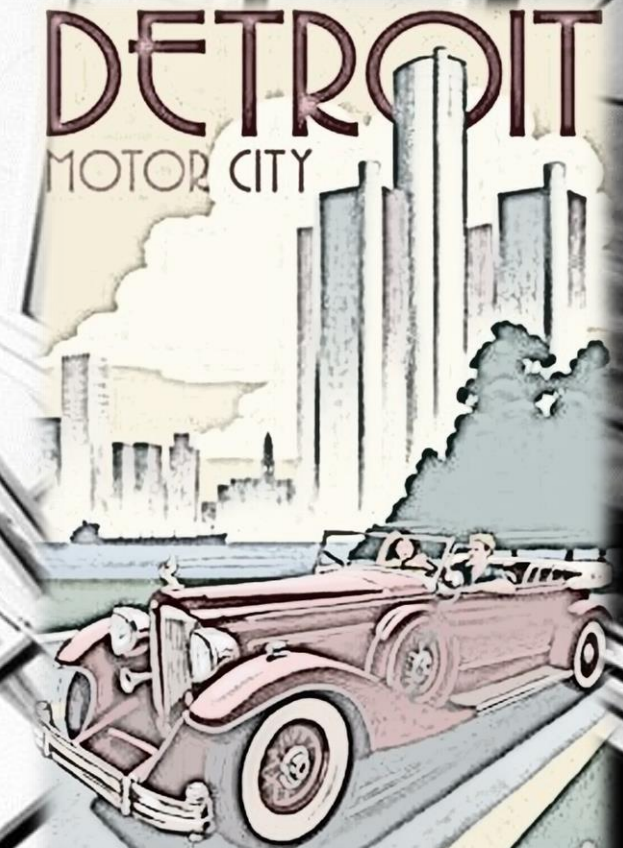
# Battery Electric Vehicles (BEV): A guided history

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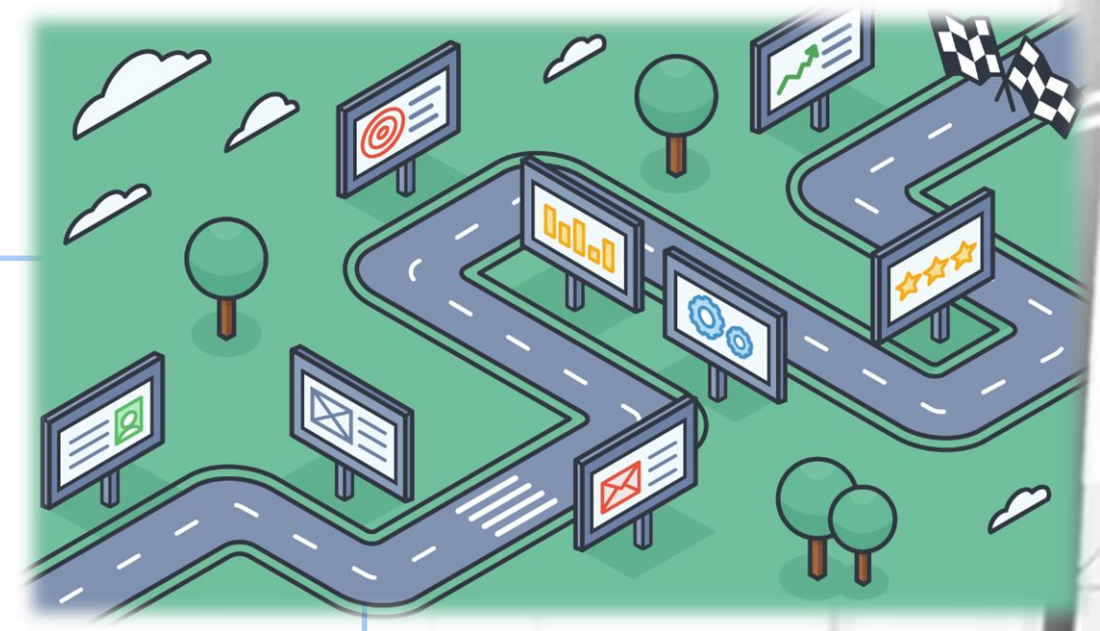
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# Outline

- Clarification/Terminology
- Early History
- Modern History, Factors
- Outlook

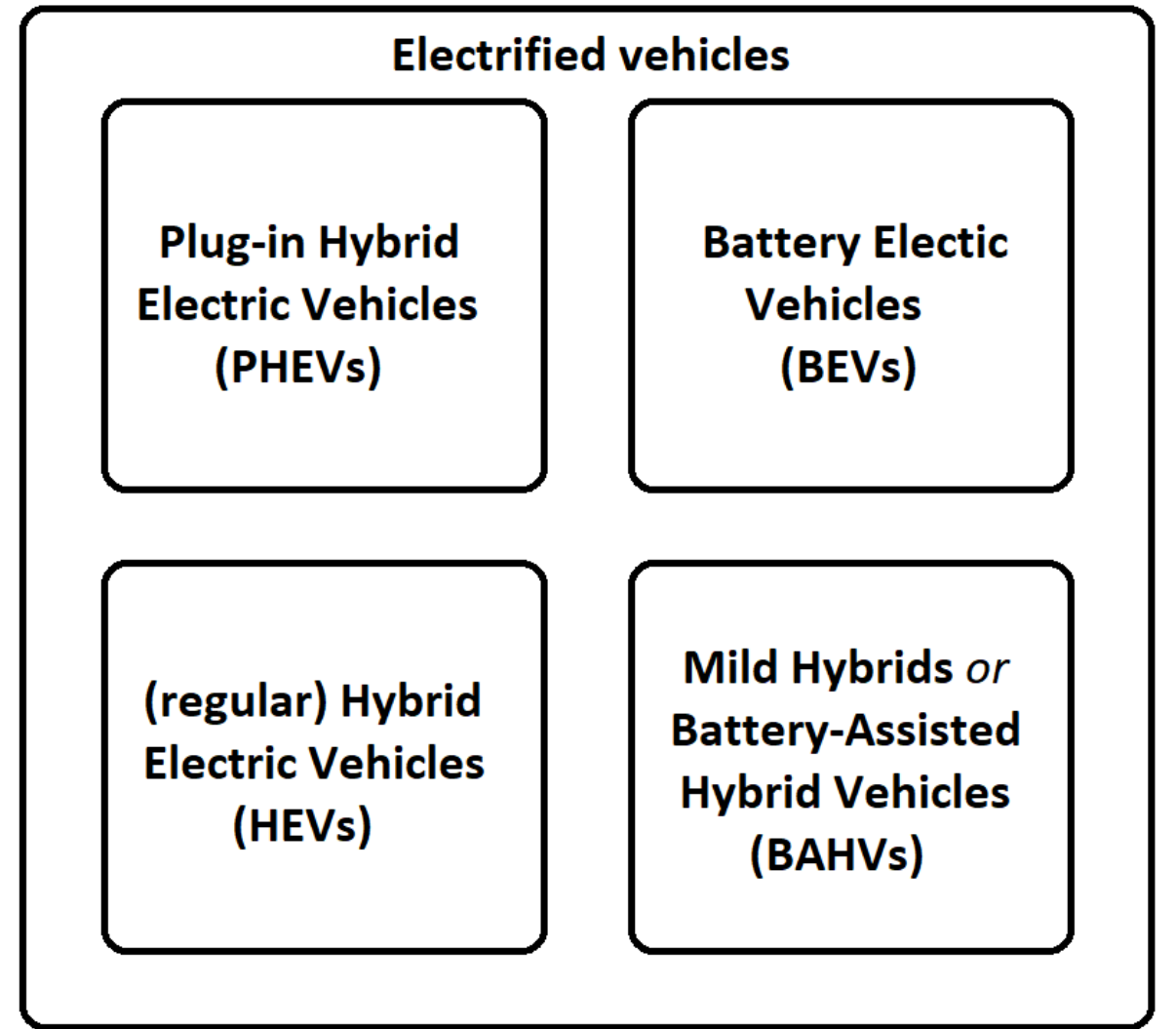


## Backup Slides

- *Technologies:*
  - *Batteries*
  - *Energy Efficiency*
  - *Safety*
  - *Controls*
  - *Infrastructure*

# Clarification/Taxonomy

- BEV (or pure EV or AEV), distinct from:
  - Hybrids (HEV),
  - mild Hybrids or Battery assisted (BAHV)
  - Plug-in Hybrids (PHEV)
- Low speed EVs, aka NEVs
- Solar Cars
- **NOT COVERED HERE:**
  - *Fuel Cell Vehicle (FCEV), etc.*



*Credit: Nederlandse Leeuw*

# Thru the decades

- Mid-Late 1800s
- 1920s to 1950s
- 1960s to 1990s
- 2000: *Change*
- 2010: *Major milestones*
- 2020: *Present Day*





# 1830s

- In 1828, Ányos Jedlik invented an early type of electric motor, and created a small model car powered by his new motor.
- Between 1832 and 1839, Scottish inventor Robert Anderson also invented a crude electric carriage.
- In 1835, Professor Sibrandus Stratingh of Groningen, the Netherlands and his assistant Christopher Becker from Germany also created a small-scale electric car, powered by non-rechargeable primary cells

<https://blog.upsbatterycenter.com/first-model-electric-car-1828/>

<http://inventors.about.com/library/weekly/aacarselectrica.htm>

<https://www.rug.nl/museum/collections/collection-stories/wagentje-van-stratingh>

# Invention of the Lead-Acid Battery

- 1859 – *Gaston Plante*, later *Camille Alphonse Faure*!
- 1880-1881, *Gustave Trouve*
- 1884-1895: *Thomas Parker*, first production electric car in Wolverhampton
- 1888, German engineer *Andreas Flocken*
- 1891, *William Morrison* (Des Moines, Iowa), 6-passenger wagon, top speed of 14 mph



## Early Lead of BEV, ....

- Held many speed records
- Advantages:
  - Did not have vibration, smell & noise
  - No gear changes
  - Instant starts
- Electric taxis (London 1897) "*Hummingbirds*"
- Steinmetz video



Thomas Edison and an electric car in 1913



1912: Detroit Electric advertisement



# Steinmetz video





# Early Lead of BEV, but ICE jumps ahead

- Disadvantages of ICE were:
  - Hand cranking, considered dangerous
  - Noisy
  - Price of gasoline
  - Manufacturing costs
- All that changed!
  - *Charles Kettering: invented the electric starter (1912)*
  - *Milton & Marshall Reeves: invented the muffler (1897)*
  - *World-wide discovery of petroleum reserves*
  - *Henry Ford: mass production – Model T*

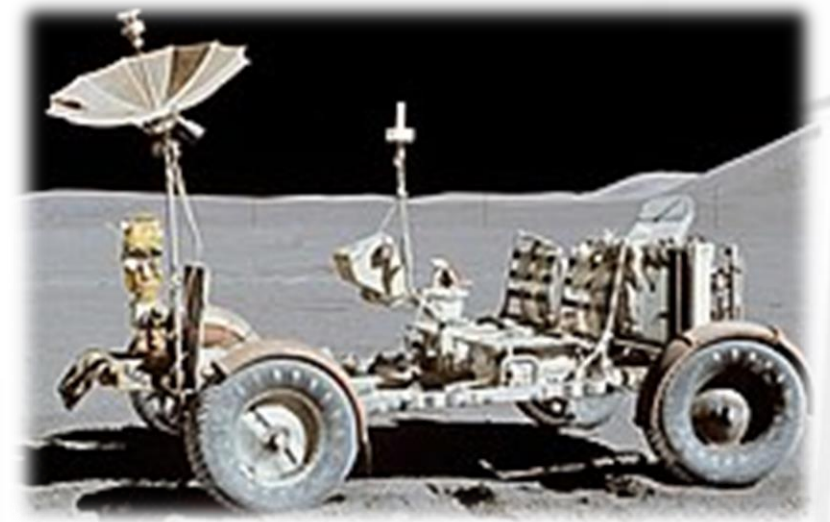
# 1920s to 1950s

- Limited to things like:
  - *Forklifts (1923)*
  - *Milk Floats (England)*
  - *Golf carts (Lektro, 1954)*
  - *Postal vans (Germany, 1953)*
  - *Other range-constrained applications*



# 1970s to 1990s

- Lunar Roving Vehicle
  - Apollo 15 mission
  - Aka “Moon Buggy”,
  - Developed by Boeing+GM Delco Electronics (co-founded by Kettering)
  - DC drive motor in each wheel,
  - 36V Ag-Zn Potassium Hydroxide non-rechargeable battery
- 1990 LA Auto Show, GM unveils the “Impact” electric concept car
- *Electric & Hybrid Vehicle Act of 1976*
- California Air Resources Board (CARB), *changed things!*





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- California Air Resources Board (CARB), ZEV (zero emissions vehicle)
- **GM EV1**, S10 EV pickup, Chrysler TEVan, Ford Ranger EV pickup,
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# 2000s: Major Advances (1)

- *MOSFET* (1959 Bell Labs, Mohamed Atalla & Dawon Kahng), *Power MOSFET* (1969 Hitachi), Single Chip Microprocessor or micro-controllers (1971 Intel)
- The power MOSFET with microcontrollers, led to significant advances in EV technology
- MOSFET power converters allowed operation at much higher switching frequencies, made it easier to drive, reduced power losses, and significantly reduced prices
- Microcontrollers managed all aspects of the drive control and had the capacity for battery management

<https://ieeexplore.ieee.org/document/10194391>

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Power\\_MOSFET](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Power_MOSFET)

## 2000s: Major Advances (2)

- Switch from Lead-acid, Ni-Cadmium to Lithium-Ion batteries!
- John Goodenough, Rachid Yazami & Akira Yoshino\*, see *"IEEE Medal for Environmental and Safety Technologies Recipients". IEEE Medal for Environmental and Safety Technologies. Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers.*
- Sony Corporation w/ Asahi Kasei pioneered commercialization of the Lithium-Ion battery

# 2000s: Major Advances (2)



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1991

“  
In 1991 Sony was the first in the world to commercialize a lithium-ion rechargeable battery, forever changing the history of mobile devices.”

1991 was the year Sony lithium-ion rechargeable batteries were first used in mobile phones. By dramatically increasing the energy density from that of conventional rechargeable batteries, Sony was able to solve issues such as the inability to use devices outdoors and the short operational life of dry cell batteries. This year, in turn, served as a turning point completely redefining the history of mobile devices.



# Near 2010: EV landscape starts to change

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## Tesla Roadster



Tesla Roadster Sport 2.5

### Overview

<b>Manufacturer</b>	<a href="#">Tesla, Inc.</a>
<b>Also called</b>	<a href="#">Code name: DarkStar<sup>[1]</sup></a>
<b>Production</b>	2008–2012
<b>Assembly</b>	<a href="#">Hethel, UK</a> <a href="#">Menlo Park, California, U.S.</a>

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Powertrain	
<b>Electric motor</b>	3-phase 4-pole AC induction motor 1.5 185 kW (248 hp), 270 N·m (200 lb·ft) *2.0, 2.5 215 kW (288 hp), 380 N·m (280 lb·ft) *2.5 Sport 215 kW (288 hp), 400 N·m (295 lb·ft) (claimed) <sup>[4]</sup>
<b>Transmission</b>	Single speed BorgWarner fixed gear (8.27:1 ratio)
<b>Battery</b>	53 kWh (190 MJ) lithium-ion at the pack level: 117 Wh/kg and 370 Wh/L) CAC (Capacity) approx. 160 Ah when new



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The Mitsubishi i-MiEV was launched in Japan in 2009



## 2010s to 2020s: Everybody gets into the act.....

- Nissan Leaf (December 2010)
- BYD e6 (October 2011)
- Smart electric drive, Volvo C30 Electric, Ford Focus Electric (2011)
- Tesla Model S (2012), Model X
- BMW ActiveE, Honda Fit EV, Mahindra e20, Chevy Spark EV, Fiat 500e, Mercedes-Benz SLS AMG Electric Drive, BMW i3, Renault Zoe, Kia Soul EV, etc...
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The first Nissan Leaf delivered in the U.S. went to a customer in the San Francisco Bay Area

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Retail deliveries of the BMW i3

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Electric Drive, BMW i3,

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- Fiat 500e
- Renault Zoé
- Chevy Bolt



The first Chevrolet Bolt EVs were delivered to customers in the San Francisco Bay Area in December 2016<sup>[1]</sup>

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Ford Focus Electric

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The Tesla Model S was the top-selling plug-in electric car worldwide in



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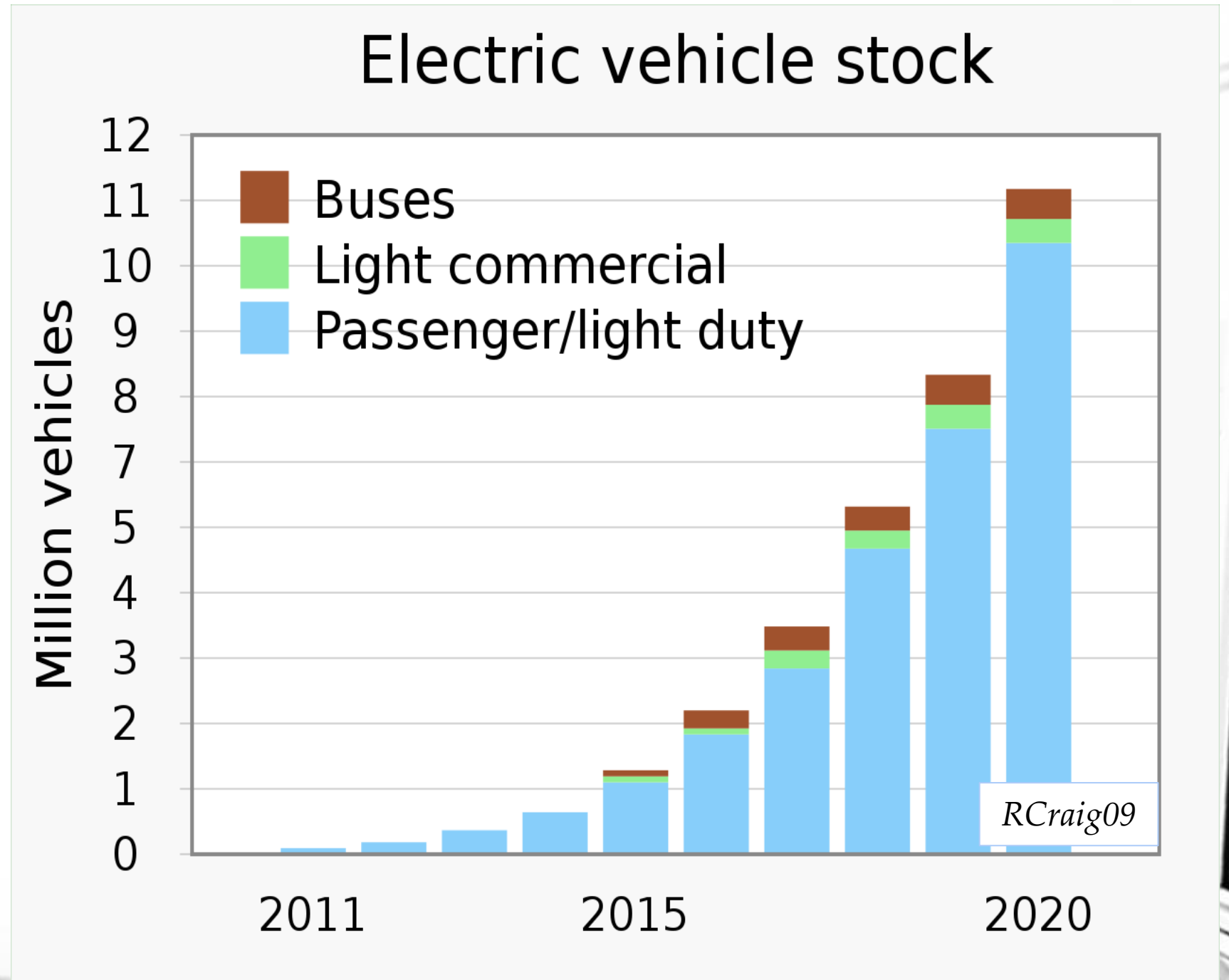


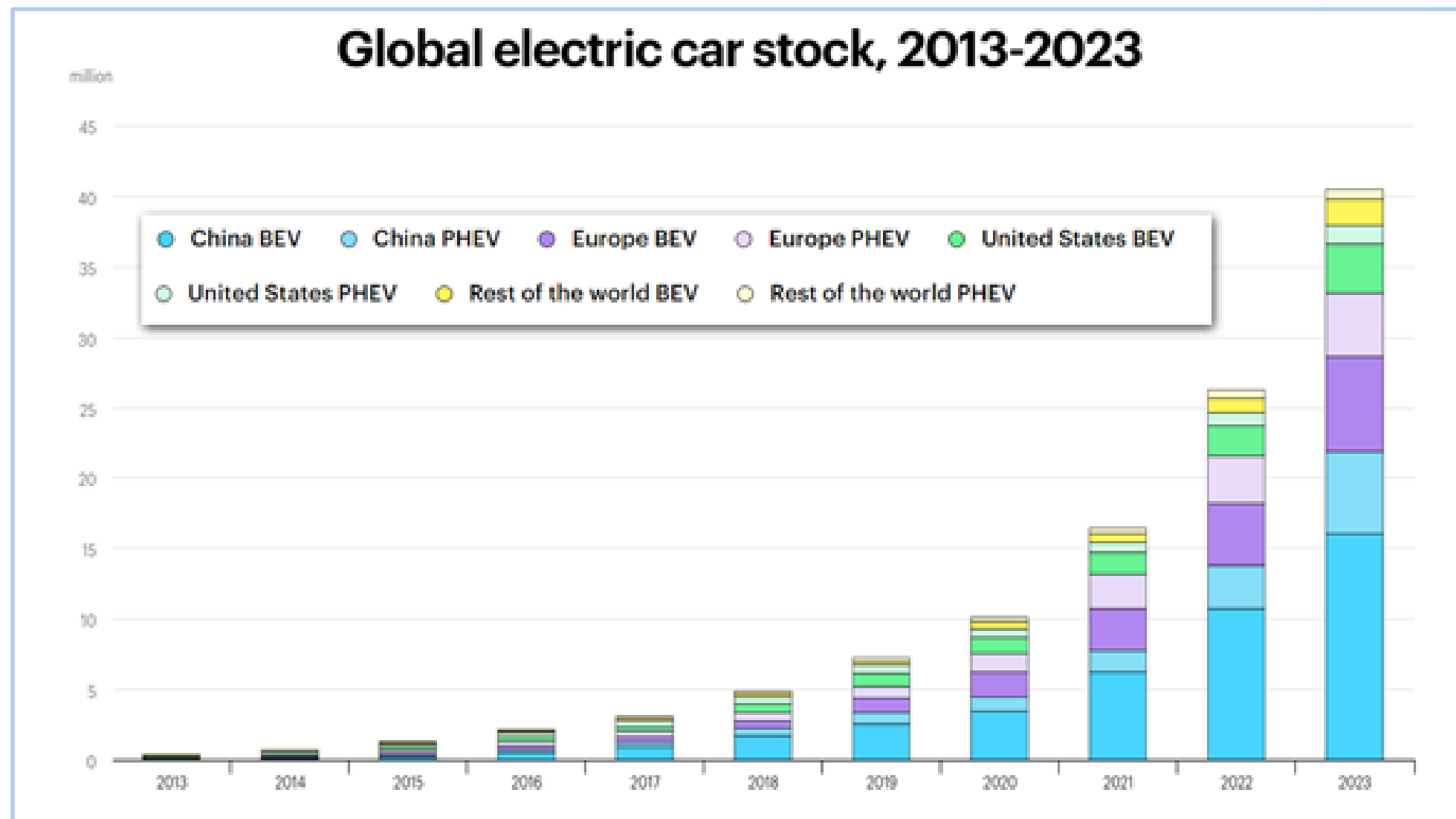
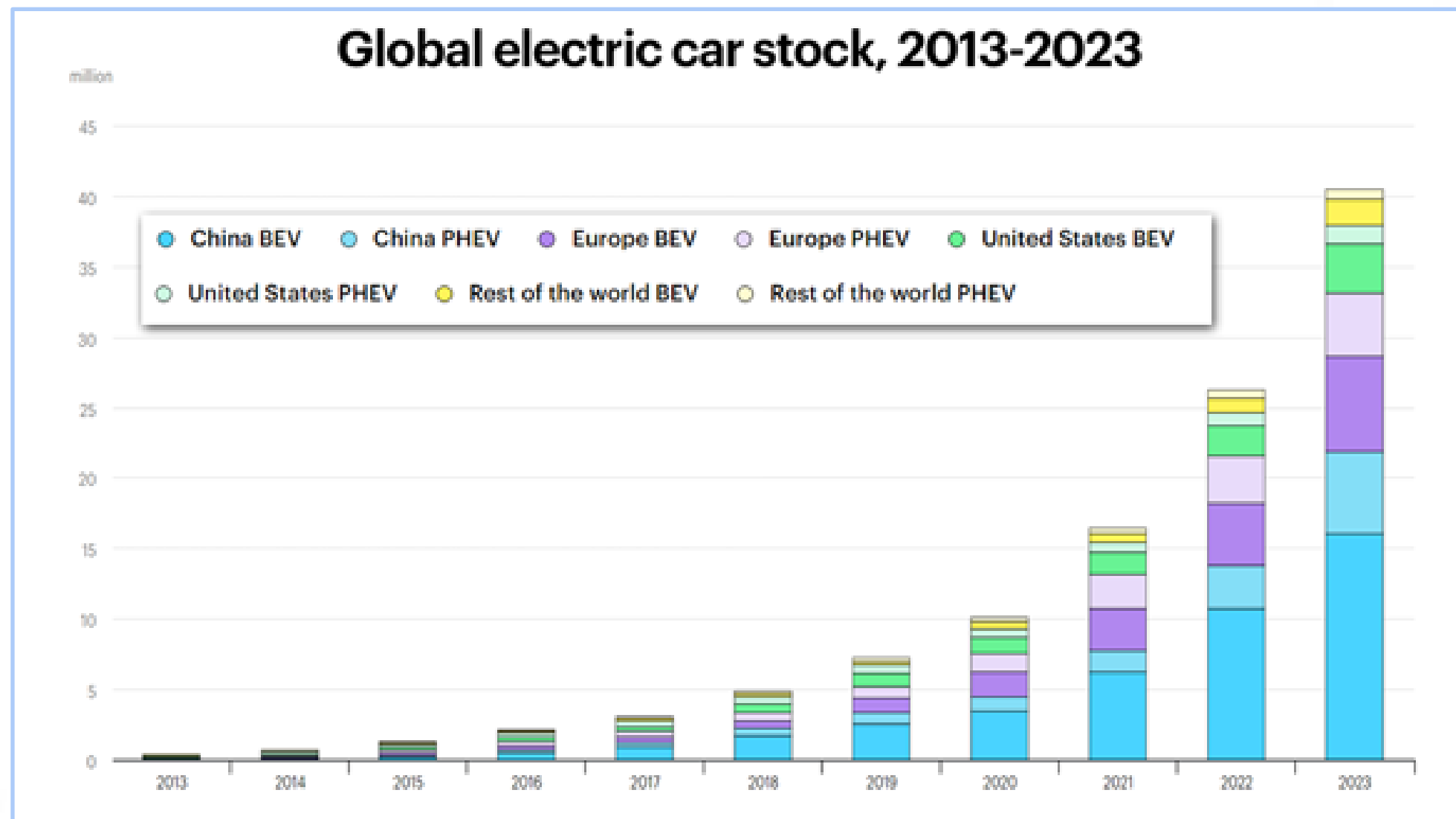
Global sales of the Renault Zoe, 2012-2022

Focus Electric

Hyundai Spark EV, Chevy Spark EV, BMW i3,

# Early-2020s: Outlook.....

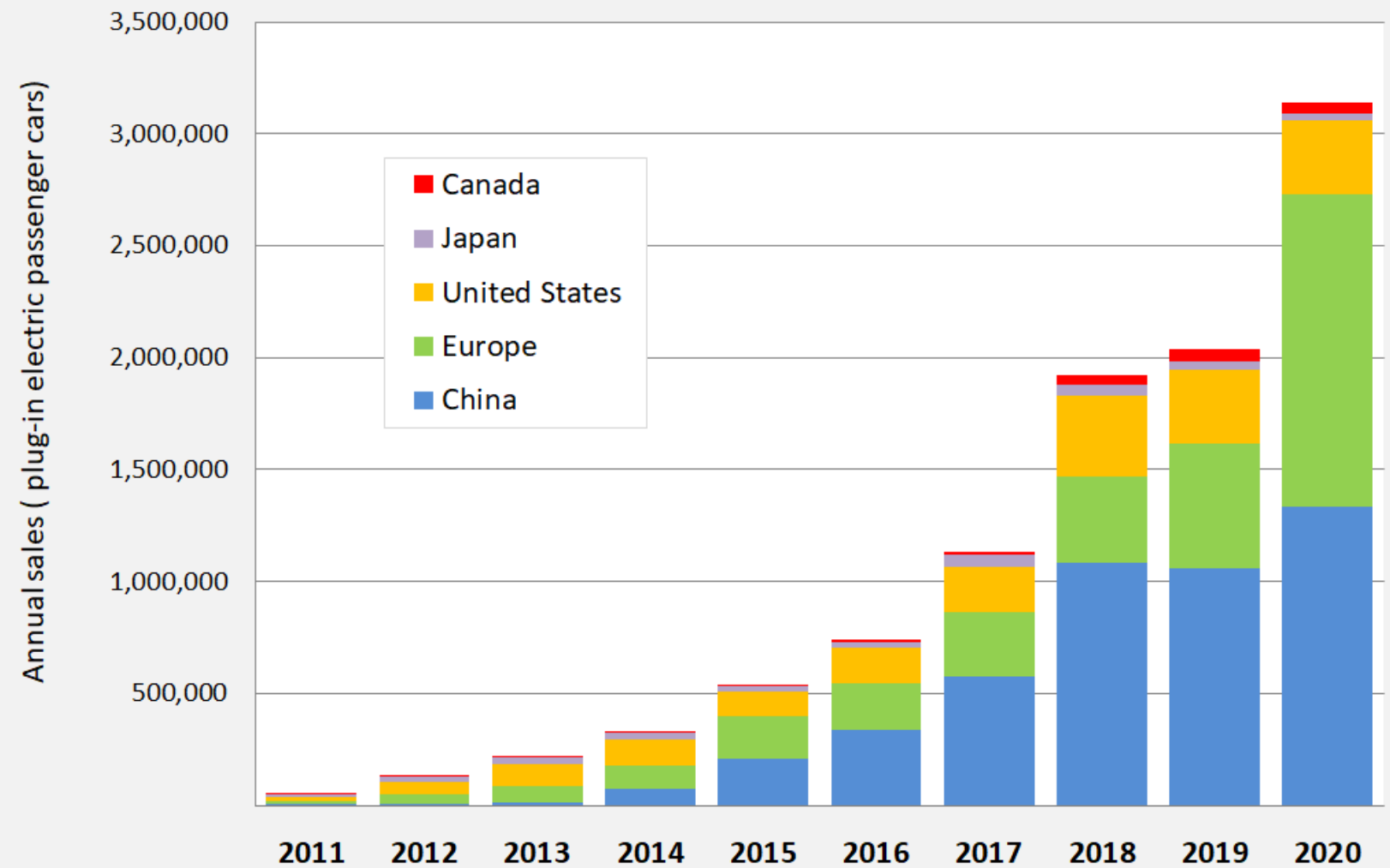


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Global annual sales of plug-in electric passenger cars  
in top selling markets (2011 - 2020)

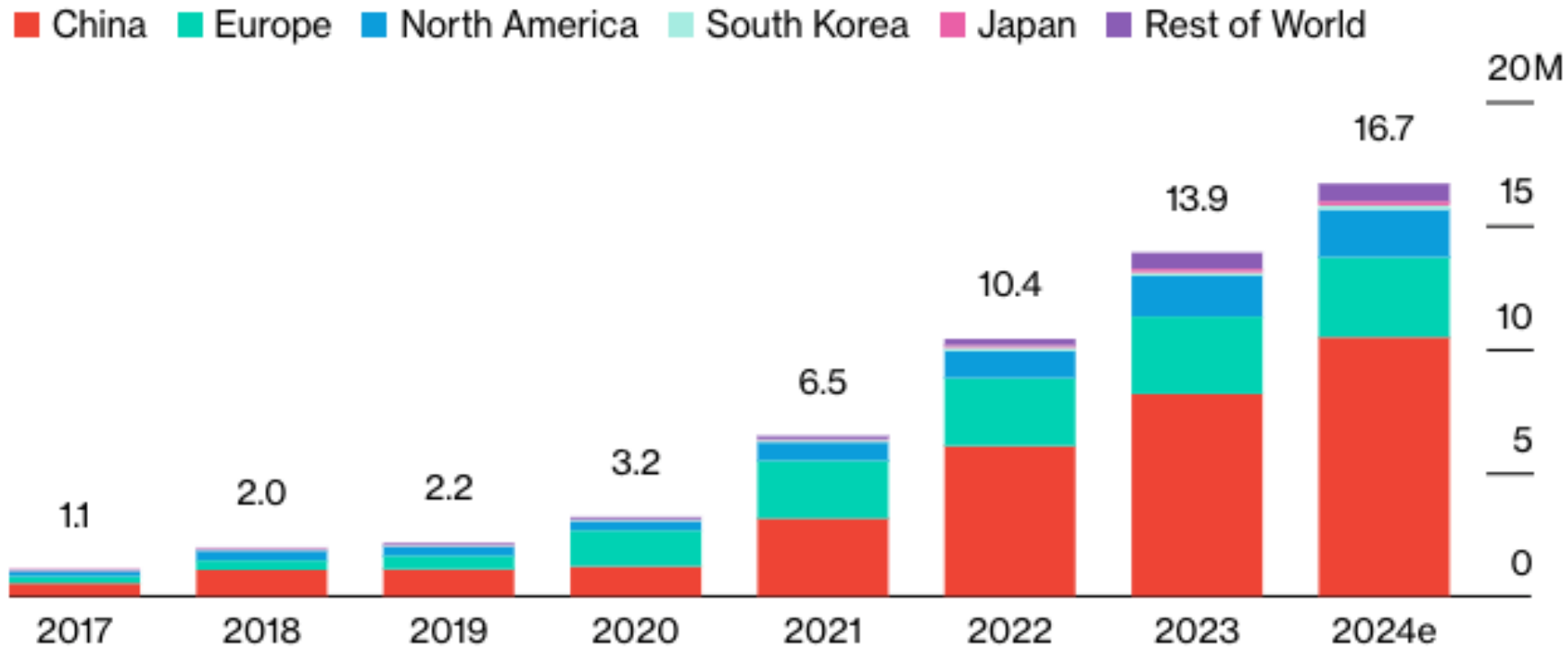


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# Mid-2020s: Revised Outlook.....

## Electric Vehicle Sales Head For Another Record Year

Annual passenger EV sales by region



Source: BloombergNEF, MarkLines, Jato Dynamics

Note: Includes battery-electric and plug-in hybrid vehicles

# 2020s: Outlook....country targets

Countries	Year
Norway (100% ZEV sales)	2025
Holland (100% ZEV sales)	2030
UK (100% ZEV sale)	2035
Canada (100% ZEV sales)	2040
Germany (100% ZEV sales)	2050
Japan (100% ZEV/PHEV/HEV sales)	2050
USA (10% ZEV sales)	2050

<https://www.iea.org/reports/global-ev-outlook-2020> (\*)

<https://awaken.com/2025/09/evs-at-a-record-98-4-share-in-norway-kgm-musso-arrives/>

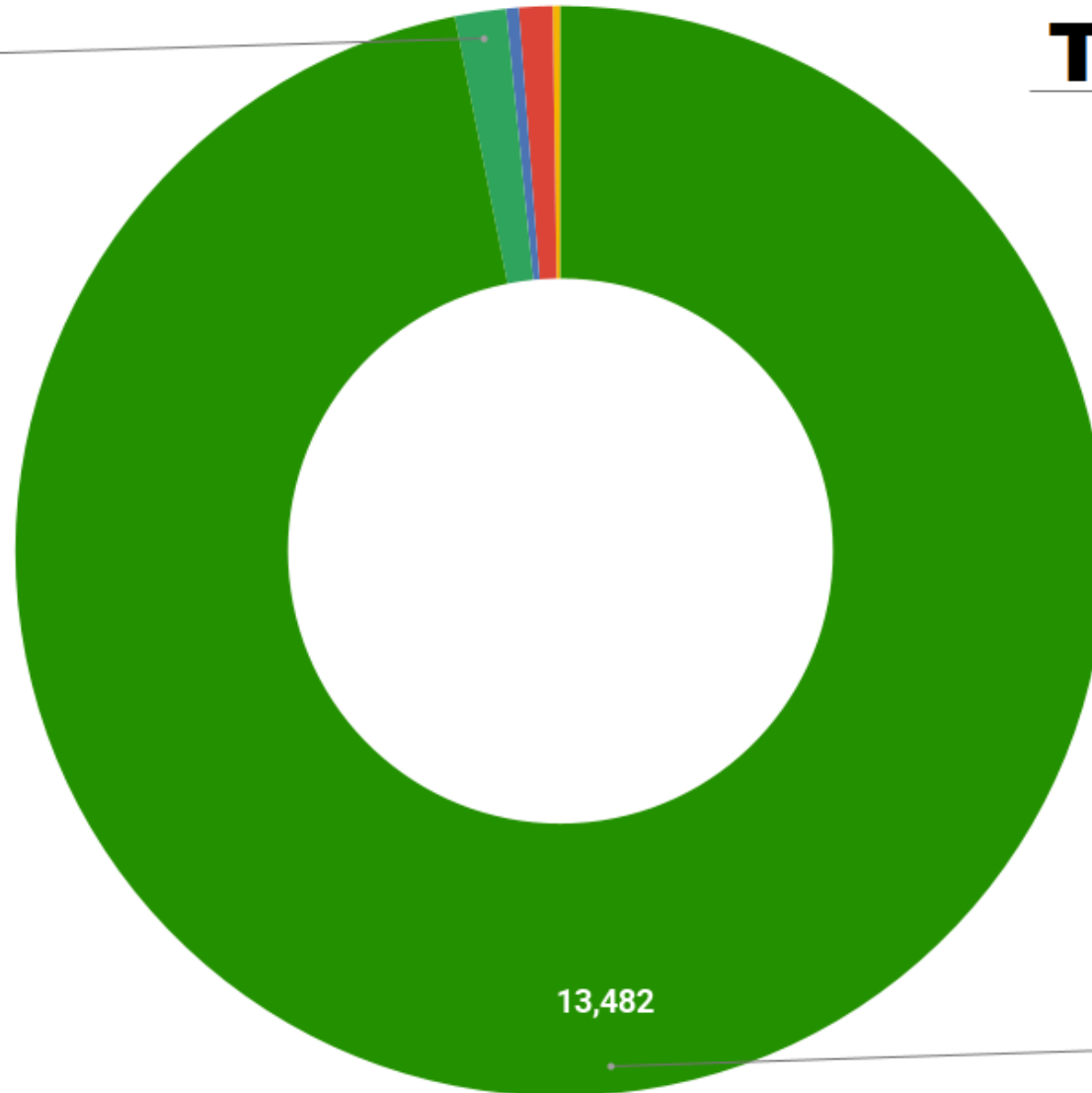


2020s: Out

# August 2025 Norway Passenger Auto Registrations

Data from OFV

**Total EVs**  
**98.4%**



**BEV**  
**96.9%**

© Max Holland

Norway (100%)

Holland (100%)

UK (100%)

Canada (100%)

Germany (100%)

Japan (100%)

USA (10%)

<https://www.iea.org/>

<https://awaken.com/>

# Ethical/Environmental/Practical concerns

- What happens to old batteries??
- Current electric generation infrastructure cannot support global emissions limits
  - If 100% of vehicles sold per year in the US were BEVs ( approximately 16 million), it would require the construction of ~ 10 additional full size 1000 MW power plants every year. **Restated:** for every 10% of US vehicle sales that are BEVs, another 1000 MW power plant will be required per year.
  - Morgan Stanley estimates that if all US vehicles were BEVs, it would require 1/3 of the entire US generating capacity just to power them
- Doug Patton's presentation: *Why ICE won't disappear overnight.....*

# Some recent thoughts (8/3/2022 and 9/17/2025)

- Legislation (\$7500 credit) ◀◀ Recent changes!!
- *SAE Smart Brief* articles (see slide #67 onwards)
- *Recent survey claims to show why America buys EVs*
- *New sources of rare earth minerals (South Africa discovery, USA: California, others)*
- *Research Work on Silicon-Carbide battery, other tech*
- *PBS China EV report (video)*



# For further reading....

[An Extensive Electric Vehicle History](#)

[History And Directory Of Electric Cars From 1834 to 1987](#)

[The Electric Vehicle and the Burden of History: Kirsch, David A](#)

[Taking Charge: The Electric Automobile in America](#)

<https://www.energy.gov/timeline/timeline-history-electric-car>

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<https://www.smithsonianmag.com/science-nature/the-death-of-the-ev-1-118595941/>

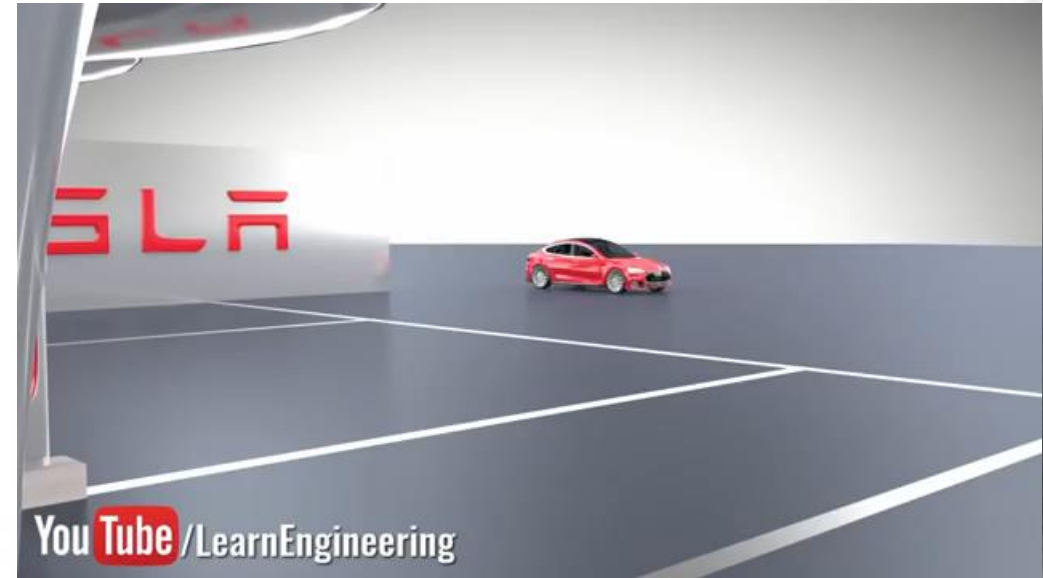
<https://www.cnn.com/interactive/2019/07/business/electric-car-timeline/index.html>

# Post-2021: In case you are interested....

- <https://www.pbs.org/video/how-china-is-driving-the-future-of-electric-cars-1570054491/>
- <http://www.pbs.org/independentlens/revenge-of-the-electric-car/>
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# For the impatient ones: (remember to skip ads!)

- Youtube on TESLA (~10 minutes),  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3SAxXUIre28>



- Youtube (UK BEV review site) (~2 minutes),  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cK4SRldpd8U>
- Youtube (TU Delft, academic version), <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d6B-4cIOGAA>



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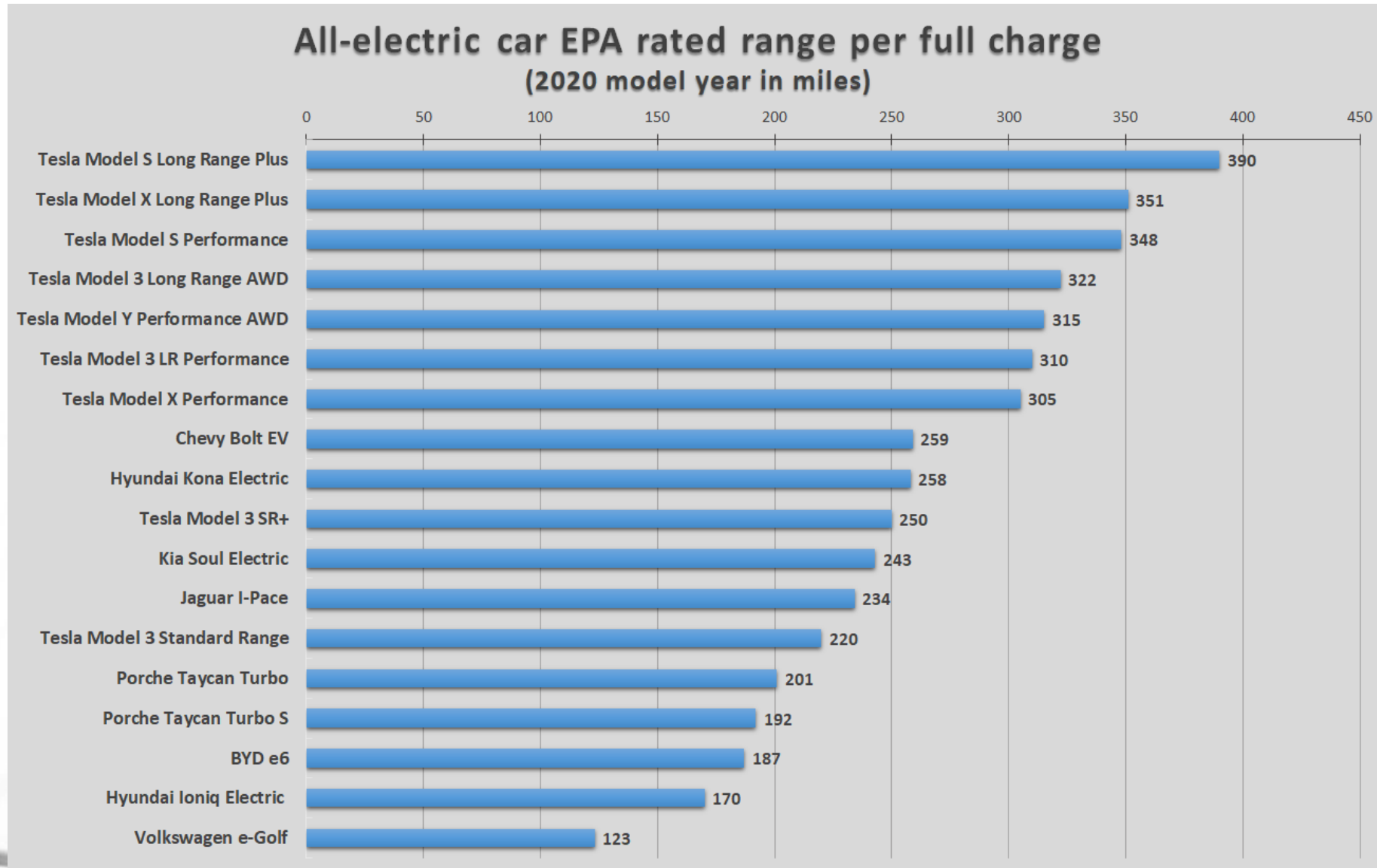
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***Backup Slides (some updates needed!)***

# Technologies: Battery

- Today: Lithium-Ion dominate
- NiMH (Nickel Metal Hydride) while cheaper, have a poor power-to-weight ratio
- Zinc-Air maybe lighter
- Many R&D efforts underway globally

# Technologies: Range ([fueleconomy.gov](https://www.fueleconomy.gov))

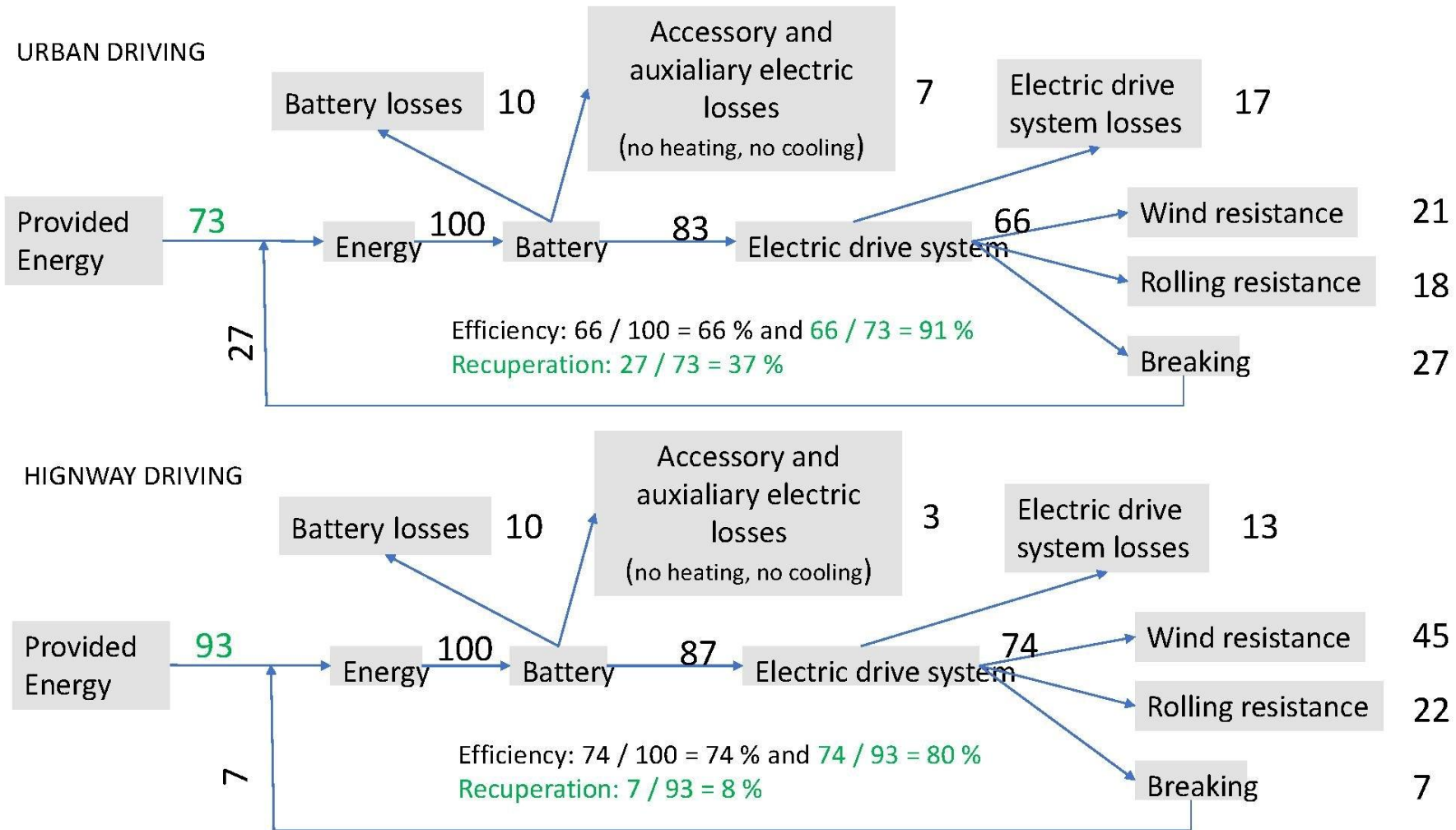




# Technologies: Energy Efficiency

- ICE depends on thermodynamic efficiency
  - Petrol/gasoline: ~ 15%
  - Diesel: ~ 20%
  - BEV: ~ 69 to 72% (chemical energy), 59 to 62% (incl. re-charge)
- Electric motors usually more efficient
- Regenerative braking is added tech advantage in BEVs

# Technologies: Energy Efficiency



• <https://www.fueleconomy.gov/feg/atv-ev.shtml>

# Technologies: Safety

- On-board electrical energy storage, i.e. battery fire
- Functional Safety, heavy battery weight, need for stronger body structures and light weighting
- Electrical hazards

# Technologies: Charging Infrastructure

- Itself merits a full 1-hour discourse! (Gene Saltzberg event earlier in 2021)
- Charging stations have different speeds, connectors
- Vehicle to Grid (V2G) – also merits another session!



# Technologies: Controls (remember to skip ads!)

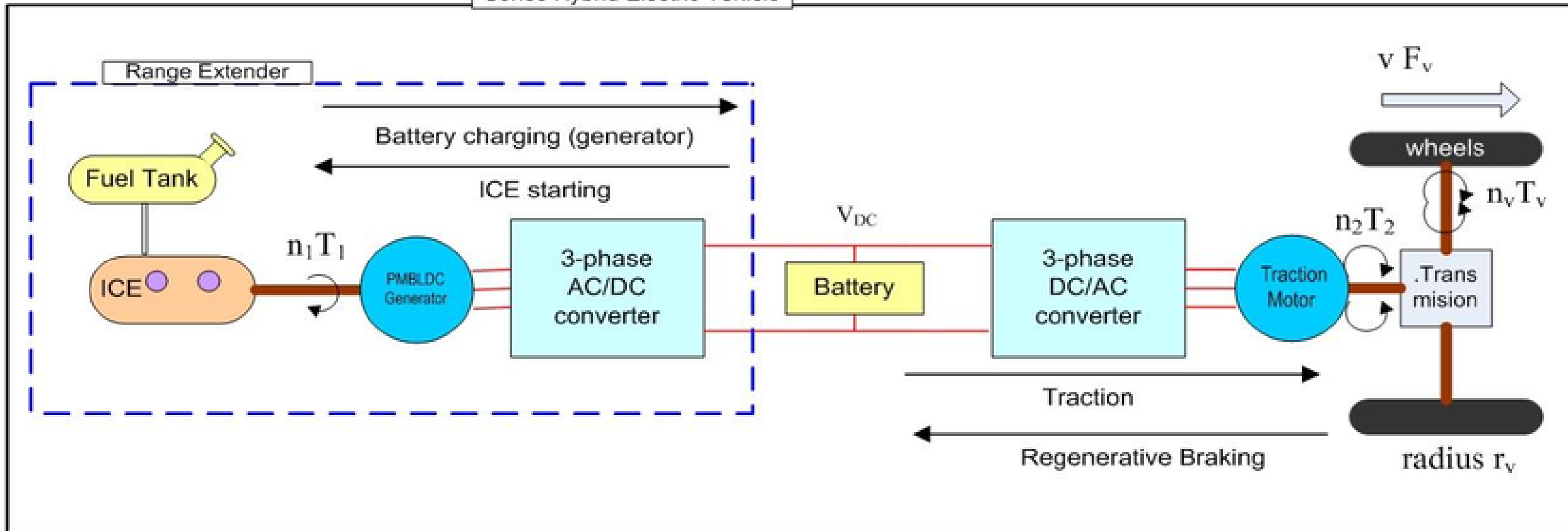
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- Youtube (academic version), <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d6B-4cIOGAA>

- An **electric** powered **car** has **three primary components**. These are the **electric** engine, motor controller, and battery.
- There are two basic **types of EVs**: **all-electric vehicles** (AEVs) and plug-in hybrid **electric vehicles** (PHEVs). AEVs include Battery **Electric Vehicles** (BEVs) and Fuel Cell **Electric Vehicles** (FCEVs).
- **Electric cars** function by plugging into a charge point and taking **electricity** from the grid. They store the **electricity** in rechargeable batteries that power an **electric motor**, which turns the wheels. **Electric cars** accelerate faster than **vehicles** with traditional fuel engines – so they feel lighter to drive.

- There are three **main types of hybrid vehicle**; full **hybrids**, mild **hybrids** and plug-in **hybrids**. A full **hybrid** (FHEV) can run on just the combustion engine (i.e. diesel/petrol), the electric engine (i.e. power from batteries), or a combination. The Toyota Prius is the most commonly known example of this.

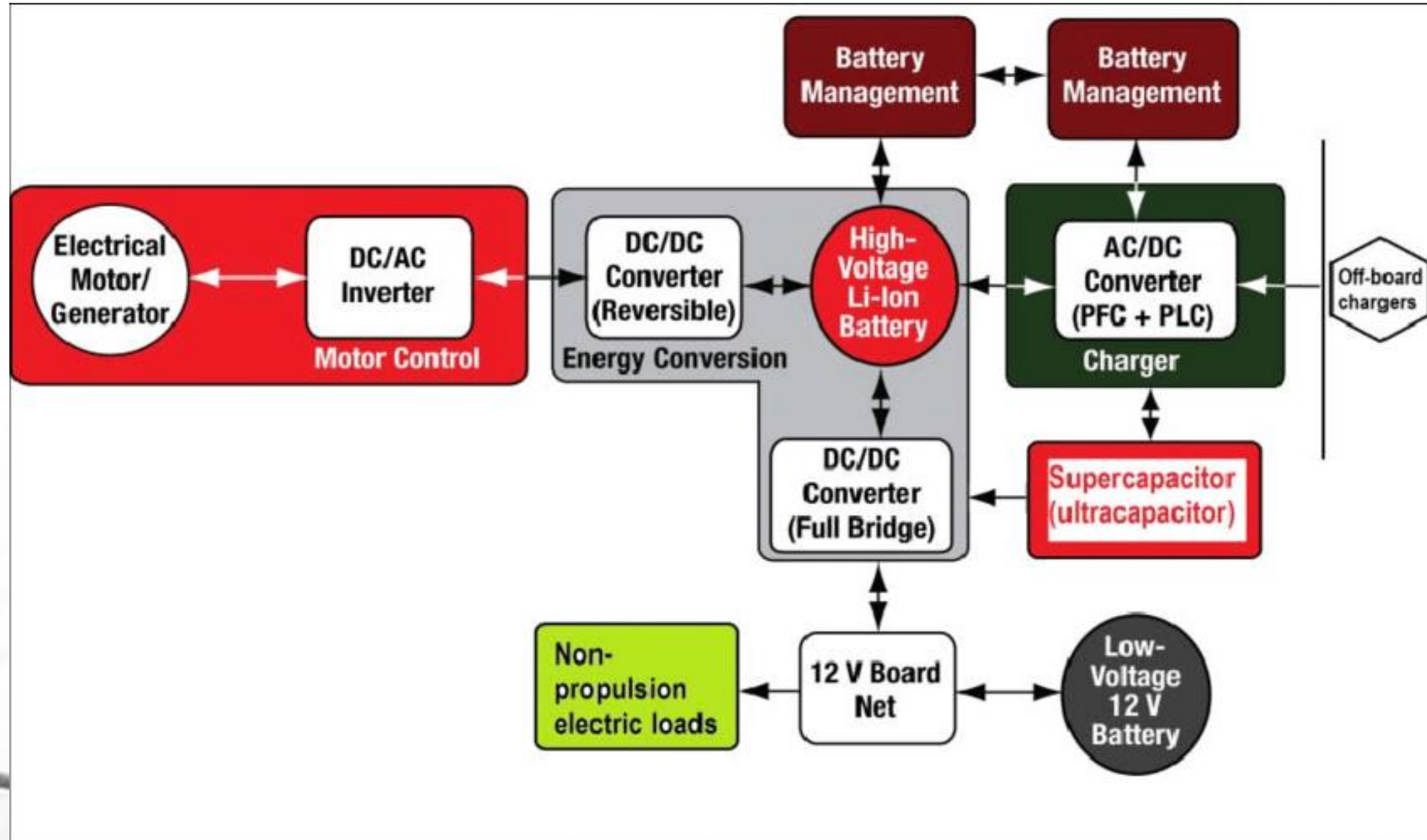
# Series Hybrid EV

Series Hybrid Electric Vehicle





# Power systems architecture



To calculate the **cost per mile** of an EV, the **cost of electricity** (in dollars **per kWh**) and the efficiency of the **vehicle** (how much **electricity** is used to travel 100 **miles**) must be known.

If **electricity costs** \$0.13 **per kWh** and the **vehicle** consumes 33 kWh to travel 100 **miles**, the **cost per mile** is about \$0.04.

**Ref: <https://avt.inl.gov/sites/default/files/pdf/fsev/costs.pdf>**

Comparing Energy Costs per Mile for Electric and Gasoline-Fueled Vehicles The fuel cost of driving an electric vehicle depends on the cost of electricity per kilowatt-hour (kWh) and the energy efficiency of the vehicle. For example, to determine the energy cost per mile of an electric vehicle, select the location on the left axis (Electricity Cost per kWh) at 10 cents in the graph below. Draw a horizontal line to the right until you bisect the EV 3 mi/kWh line. Now draw a vertical line down until you bisect the bottom axis (Energy Cost per Mile). This tells you that the fuel for an electric vehicle with an energy efficiency of 3 miles per kWh costs about 3.3 cents per mile when electricity costs 10 cents per kWh. The national average cost for electricity in the U.S. is about 10 cents per kWh, while the average residential rate is about 11.7 cents per kWh. Some electric utilities have historically had electric vehicle charging rates that vary by time of use, day, and season. In the past, these rates have ranged from 3 cents to as high as 50 cents per kWh. Older electric vehicles have energy efficiencies of about 2 miles per kWh. Some electric vehicles, such as the EV1 from General Motors, had energy efficiencies of over 6 miles per kWh under some testing.

# Lifetime costs

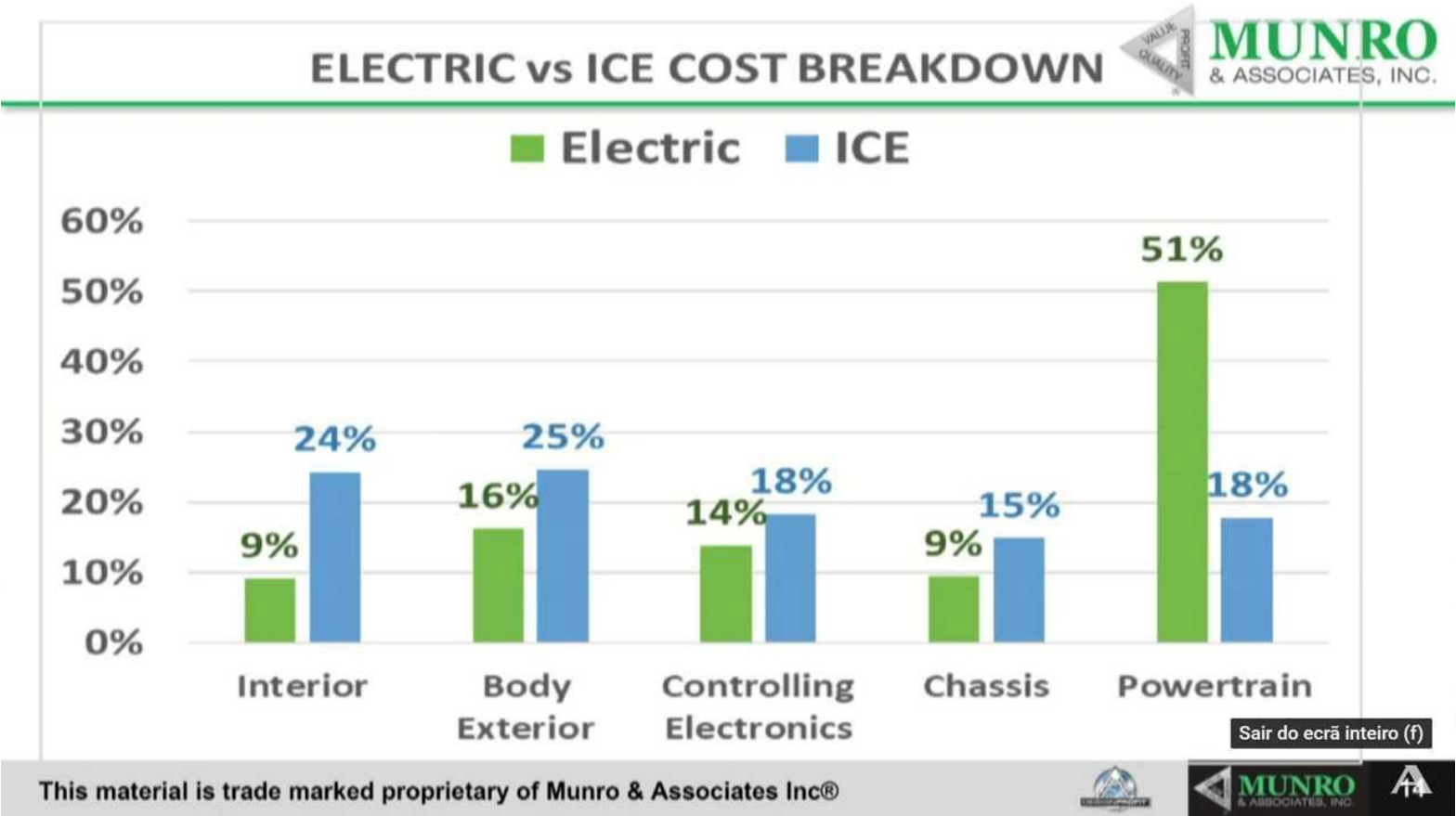
EVs have lower lifetime maintenance costs—and lower costs overall—compared to comparable gas-powered vehicles.

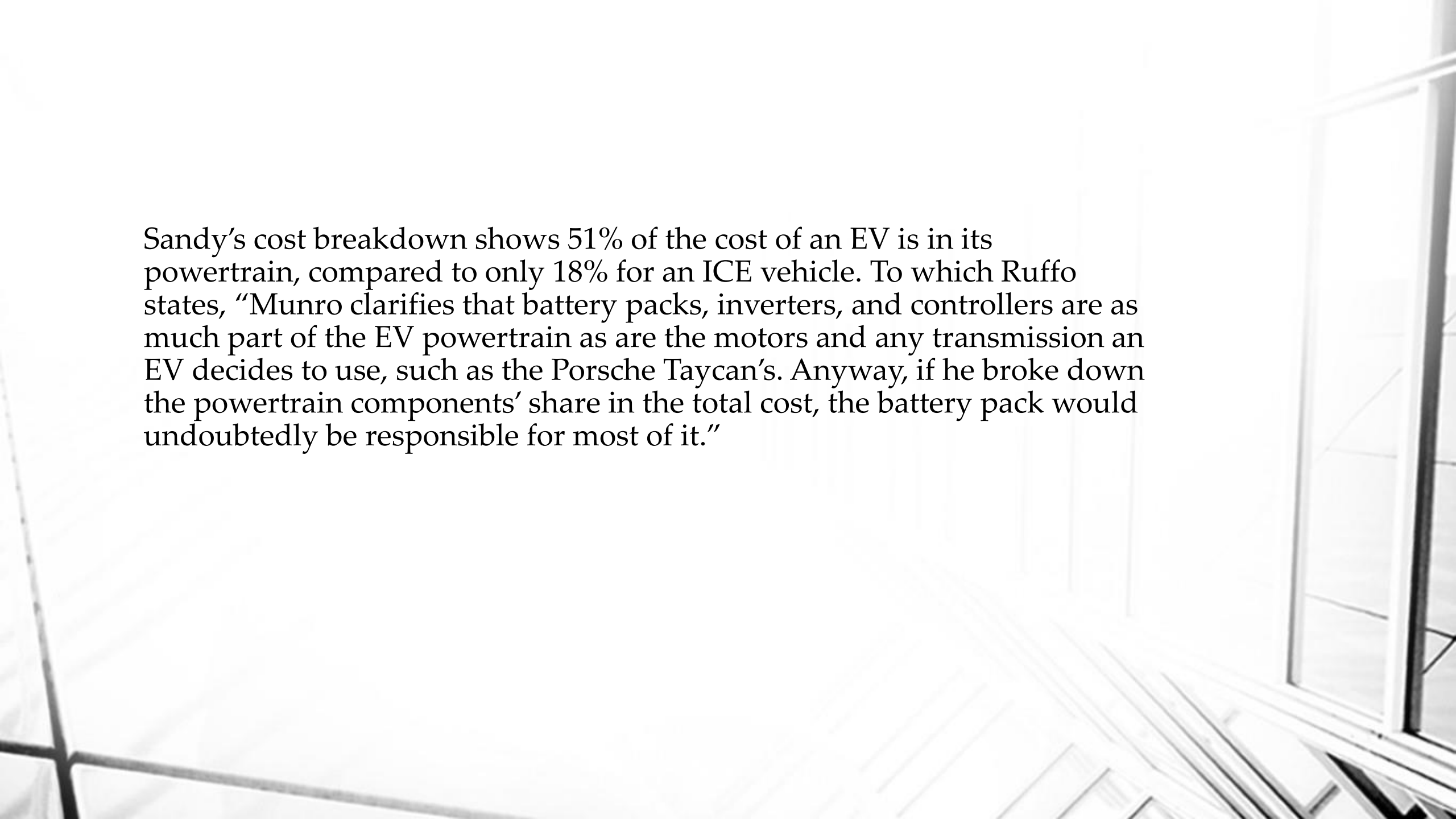
BEVs and PHEVs have similar lifetime costs. The cost savings of EV ownership are only expected to increase with new models and battery cost reductions

Consumer Reports Study Finds Electric Vehicle Maintenance Costs Are 50% Less Than Gas-Powered Cars, *November 2020*



Ref: <https://leandesign.com/ev-vs-ice-cost-breakdown-and-its-effects-on-ev-adoption/>





Sandy's cost breakdown shows 51% of the cost of an EV is in its powertrain, compared to only 18% for an ICE vehicle. To which Ruffo states, "Munro clarifies that battery packs, inverters, and controllers are as much part of the EV powertrain as are the motors and any transmission an EV decides to use, such as the Porsche Taycan's. Anyway, if he broke down the powertrain components' share in the total cost, the battery pack would undoubtedly be responsible for most of it."

Currently, there are 8 electric cars on sale in India. Of these, the Strom Motors R3 is the cheapest EV while the Jaguar I-Pace is the most expensive electric car in India. Upcoming electric cars in India include BMW i3, Haima Bird Electric EV1 and Tata Altroz EV among others.

Cost Rs 5 Lakhs to 1.5 Crore

USA

F-series is America's best-selling truck for 44 years\* for a reason. And now, it's charging into the future with the all-new, all-electric 2022 Ford F-150 Lightning. It's the first ever F-Series that's gas-free and offers more purposeful technology, an elevated driving experience and trusted Built Ford Tough capability. Offering an ingenious array of connected, intelligent features with over-the-air Software Updates to help ensure your truck can get even better over time.

# F 150





# Recent news

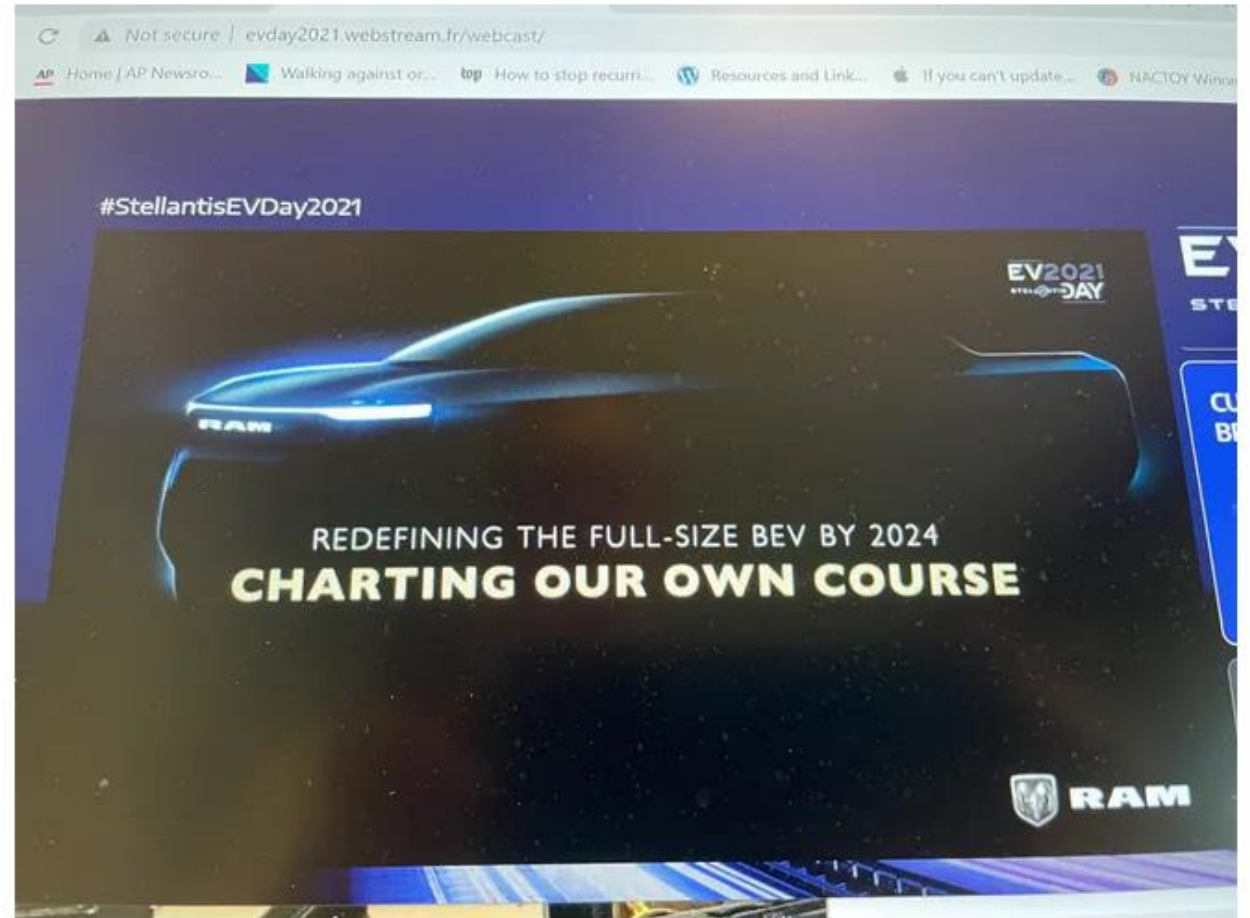
- Stellantis announces major thrust in BEVs, small/medium/large platforms
- <https://www.freep.com/story/money/cars/chrysler/2021/07/08/stellantis-electric-ram-dodge-muscle/7899392002/>

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- Stellantis announces major thrust in BEVs, s
- <https://www.freep.com/story/money/cars/c/dodge-muscle/7899392002/>

Stellantis announced Thursday that it would begin production on a battery-electric version of its popular pickup, one of its most profitable and important vehicles, in 2024.

Mike Koval Jr., Ram brand CEO, pledged that the "class-shattering" pickup would surpass the offerings of the brand's competitors, namely the electric versions of the Ford F-150 and the Chevrolet Silverado.



Stellantis is planning an electric Ram 1500 pickup in 2024. Eric D. Lawrence/Detroit Free Press

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**Sustainable Business**

## GM turns to supplier to build initial EV vans while it readies plant in Canada

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## General Motors Preparing to Shock EV Industry



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The electric vehicle (EV) market has exploded over the last couple years, with multiple firms exclusively manufacturing the automobiles and even developing software and batteries in-house. Tesla, Inc. ([TSLA](#)) was one of the first to be considered as more than just a traditional auto retailer. As the technologies involved in the cars advance and more investment pours in, the EV market looks set to continue its rise for years to come.

And now, even some of the oldest, most legacy auto manufacturers are moving straight into the eye of the storm. General Motors Company ([GM](#)), led by CEO Mary Barra, is heavily investing in EVs, and is thrusting its might behind as much technology it can get its hands on. Large shifts in company direction are leading analysts to categorize it more often as a disruptive technology firm, more similar to Tesla than to its former self. (See [General Motors stock charts](#) on TipRanks)

Discussing this shift in his report, [Dan Ives](#) of Wedbush Securities wrote that although EVs currently account for about 3% of autos sold globally, this metric

# Recent news

- Everybody has firm EV plans:
  - Volkswagen: a ton of *ID.4* ads during the current Euro 2020
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## Foxconn and Fisker confirm talks about making \$30,000 EV in Wisconsin

Green Car Reports · 10 hours ago

## The U.S. is falling further behind China and Europe in electric-vehicle production

CNBC · Jun 29

# Recent news (2022 vintage)

- Newer EVs that came to market and are popular (Lucid Air, Tesla Model X, Tesla Model Y, GMC Hummer, Rivian, Ford F-150 Lightning).
- DC fast charging is becoming more prevalent that makes charging much faster, many OEMs offer 150kW capability whereby we can charge the battery to provide 200-miles in about ~15 minutes



## AUTOMOTIVE

### Ford CEO details plan to pivot toward EVs

Ford Motor Co. CEO Jim Farley provided more details on the automaker's plans to pivot to electric vehicles, including a projection to manufacture 600,000 EVs annually by the end of next year. "We have an opportunity as we go digital with these EVs, to simplify our body engineering and put the engineering where customers really care," Farley said.

**Full Story:** [CNBC \(7/31\)](#)



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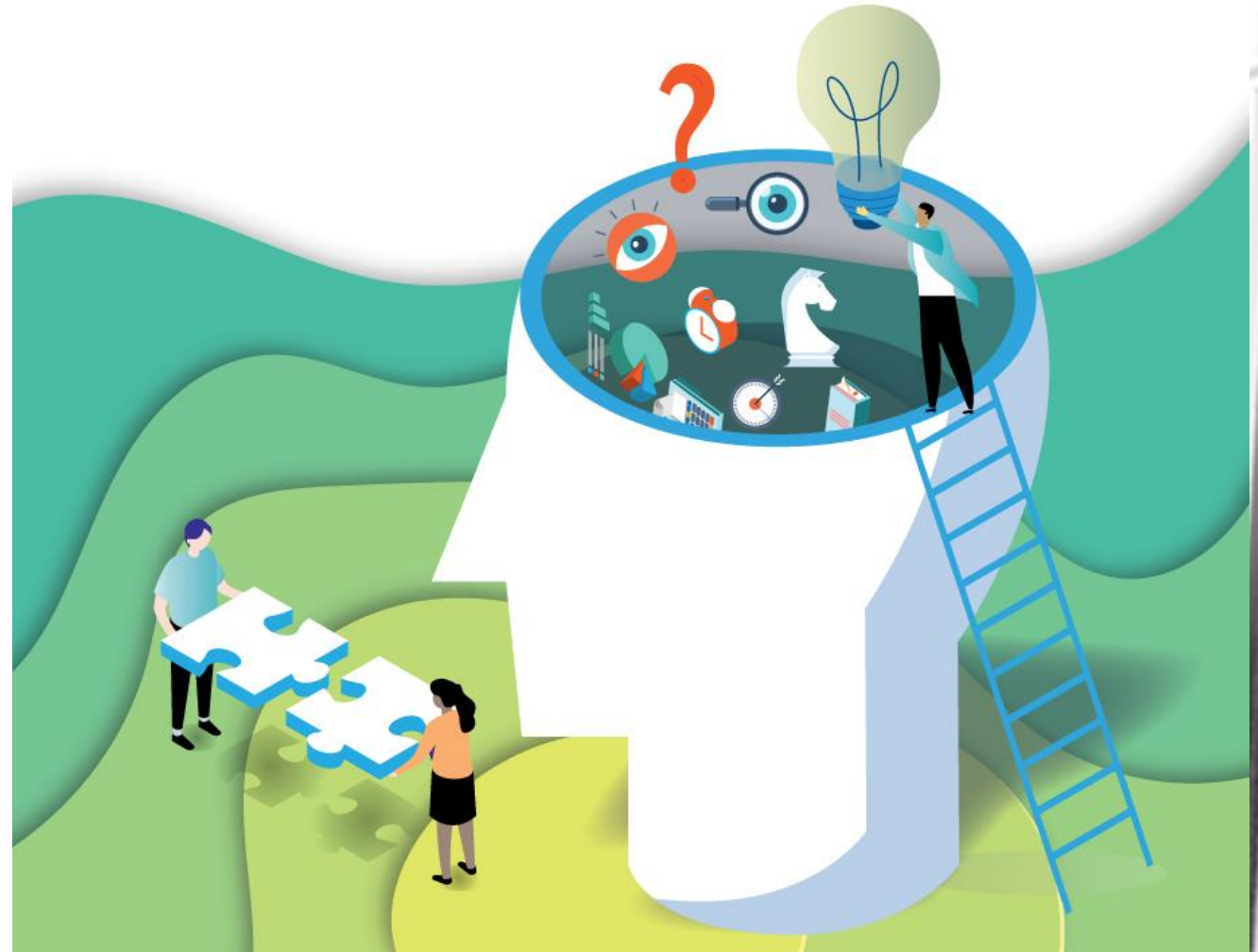
### NEED TO KNOW

#### Tax credits alone won't get more EVs on the road

Tax credits in the Inflation Reduction Act could help incentivize more people to buy electric vehicles, but that victory could be short-lived unless the US and its free-trade partners can begin churning out more batteries and critical minerals to keep pace with demand, writes Casey Crownhart. Crownhart discusses manufacturing and sourcing requirements for EV components under the legislation. **Full Story:** [MIT Technology Review](#) (tiered subscription model) (8/2)



# Quiz (from ASME)



## Quiz (from ASME)

- 1. The first crude electric vehicle was developed about 1832, but the first successful electric car debuted around 1890. It was basically an electrified wagon, but it spurred interest in EVs. What was its top speed?
  - A. 22 mph
  - B. 14 mph
  - C. 12 mph
  - D. 27 mph

## Quiz (from ASME)

- 2. By 1900, about one-third of all motor vehicles in the U.S. were electric and had strong sales for another 10 years. They were quiet and perfect for short drives in cities. What development furthered their popularity?
  - A. Road construction
  - B. Growth of electricity
  - C. Battery chemistry
  - D. Hybrid technology



## Quiz (from ASME)

- 3. The mass-produced Ford Model T stole sales and popularity from early electric vehicles. Its lower price, coupled with cheap and plentiful gasoline, and better roads, sent EV sales plummeting. They disappeared from the road by what year?
  - A. 1927
  - B. 1915
  - C. 1935
  - D. 1922

## Quiz (from ASME)

- 4. Fast-rising oil prices and the 1973 Arab oil embargo got people thinking about EVs again. It still took another 20 years for EVs to further develop. The 1992 Energy Policy Act and new California emissions regulations boosted interest. What was the first mass-produced electric car from a major automaker.
  - A. Toyota Prius
  - B. General Motors EV1
  - C. Tesla
  - D. Honda Insight

## Quiz (from ASME)

- 5. In 2012, only 120,000 electric cars were sold worldwide. How many were sold in 2021?
  - A. 6.6 million
  - B. 8.2 million
  - C. 3.5 million
  - D. 9.2 million