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# **Life Cycle Analysis**

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of EV Manufacturing, Use and Recycling in Selected ASEAN Countries (Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand and Vietnam) to Support EV Climate Credit Program

# **MINI REPORT**



**Supporting NDC Target** through Incentivizing the Use of Electric Vehicles



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# **Introduction**

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# **1.1 Rationale**

With fast electric vehicles (EV) technology development around the world, transition from internal combustion engines (ICE) to EV at commercial scale has been realized in manu parts of the world (IEA 2024a) as batteru price has been continuously declining (except the COVID-19 period for supply chain disruption) to justify total cost of ownership between ICE and EV. Given EV technology maturity in China, Europe and United States accounting over 90% of EV population, emerging economies like India and Southeast Asia have been adopting EV into vehicle fleet especially as a measure to reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions (GHGs) in transport sector in response to global warming. For instance, Vinfast, Vietnam EV company has made significant progress after getting almost 65 thousand orders from international markets. (VinFast 2022, Kane 2022). As of 2022, growing number of EVs (including Hubrid EV, Plug-in EV and Battery EV) have been registered in many ASEAN countries, e.g. 218,000 in Thailand, 25,300 in Indonesia, 14,000 in Philippines, 4,300 in Vietnam (Utama, Merdekawati, and Yurnaidi – The Jakarta Post 2023) with several advantages and benefits over conventional vehicles in terms of local pollution in large cities, potential to use renewable electricity and fossil fuel independence (IEA 2024b).

However, impact of EV on greenhouse gas emissions should be thoroughly assessed from whole value chain starting from vehicle production, vehicle usage and vehicle scrappage in order to inclusively justify benefit of EV over ICE. The fuel (energy) life cycle and the vehicle cycle, as shown in Figure 1 (Toyota Motor Corporation and Mizuho Information & Research Institute 2004), need to be analyzed for automotive GHG emissions, which requires many parameters, data and assumptions.



### **Figure 1 Schematic diagram of automotive life cycle**

Source: Toyota Motor Corporation and Mizuho Information & Research Institute 2004

For vehicle use phase, while EV technology has higher energy efficiency converting electricity to propel vehicle than conventional ICE vehicles converting chemical energy in fuel to propel vehicle (tank-to-wheel), the entire energy consumption in the fuel (energy) life cycle need to account for source of energy (well-to-tank), namely fossil fuel for ICE and electricity produced from various sources in ASEAN member states with different portions of sources and GHG emission factors. In addition to well-to-wheel analysis of vehicle use phase, the vehicle cycle also produces GHG emissions from the production process and recycling process (Qiao, Zhao, Liu, et al. 2019) such as materials mining, car manufacturing and waste implications of scrapped automobiles. As power generation in ASEAN countries do not uet have substantial share of renewables, EV deployment in vehicle fleet may not fully contribute to GHG emission reduction from WTW (well-to-wheel) fuel/energy life-cycle assessment (LCA), as well as related emissions of EV and batteries manufacturing (Suehiro, and Purwanto 2019, and 2020). Therefore, this work aims to quantify GHG emissions from both fuel (energy) and vehicle cycles of automotive value chain.

# **1.2 Objectives and Methodology**

This work aims to conduct life-cycle assessment (LCA), which covers all potential impacts from the mining and processing of the materials, vehicle and battery fabrication, vehicle use, and waste impacts from the scrapped vehicles and batteries, to investigate the potential for global warming mitigation and the environmental effects of electric vehicles in ASEAN. The LCA will be applied for popular models of xEVs (including Battery Electric Vehicle: BEV, Plug-in Electric Vehicle: PHEV and Hybrid Electric Vehicle: HEV) in comparison with international combustion engine (ICE) vehicle for Thailand (TH) and 3 other ASEAN member states, namely Indonesia (ID), Malaysia (MA) and Vietnam (VN). Following the life cycle assessment shown in Figure 1, three phases that comprise the scope of LCA are

- the Cradle-to-Gate (CTG) phase of vehicle production and transportation to showroom,
- the Well-to-Wheel (WTW) phase of vehicle usage phase, and
- the Grave-to-Cradle (GTC) phase of vehicle disposal and recycling phase.

The scope of LCA can be modified as shown in Figure 2 (Qiao, Zhao, Liu, et al. 2019).



# **Figure 2 Life cycle scope of EV in this study** Source: Qiao, Zhao, Liu, et al. 2019

Regarding to Life Cycle Assessment which compose both fuel (energy) life cycle and vehicle life cycle, the vehicle usage is included in the analysis. The vehicle lifetime, Vehicle Kilometer of Travel (VKT), Emission Factors (EF), and Fuel Economy (FE) or often called Fuel Consumption (FC) should be considered. The final analysis results will be provided in kilometers (per travel distance) and vehicle unit. The emissions sources for the fuel (energy) life cycle are divided into two categories: tank-to-wheel and well-to-tank as shown in Figure 2; whereas, the vehicle life cycle—which comprises the vehicle production (Cradle-to-Gate, CTG)—will be conducted additionally to cover whole value chain, namely the vehicle assembly, component manufacturing, and raw material processing, as well as the vehicle end-of-life (Grave-to-Cradle, GTC).

# **1.2.1 Tank-to-Wheel Greenhouse Gas Emissions in Fuel (energy) Life Cycle**

In this study, the tank-to-wheel greenhouse gas (TTW GHGs) emissions are estimated according to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) Guidelines for National Greenhouse Gas Inventories (IPCC, 2019). For fuel combustion of road transport, the emissions factors are selected according to the Technology and Environmental Database as shown in Figure 3.





The TTW GHG emissions are defined from the fundamental of combustion reaction. Carbon dioxide (CO2) is the primary greenhouse gas released during combustion. However, nitrous oxide (N2O) and methane (CH4) emissions also have an impact on the effects of global warming. Tier 2 of GHG emissions calculation is selected in this study to collect TTW GHG emissions for fossil fuel. The emissions levels are assumed according to current emissions standards for new vehicles and the share of vintage vehicles in the considered region as shown in Table 1. Since the global warming potentials of the TTW GHG emissions from the combustion of fossil fuels, namely CO2, CH4, and N2O, differ, these potentials can be multiplied by the global warming potentials (GWP) to get equivalent CO2 (CO2eq) units., as shown in Table 2. As most private passenger vehicle in ASEAN countries use gasoline fuel, Tank-to-Wheel emission factor of car (4-wheelers) is assumed, as shown in Table 3. The Tank-to-Wheeler emission of electric vehicle is conventionally neglected.

### **Table 1 Selected vehicle models to represent TTW GHG emissions**



Source: IPCC 2019

### **Table 2 Global Warming Potentials of GHG emissions from combustion process**



kg = kilogramme, GHG = greenhouse gas, GWP = global warming potentials, Source: IPCC 2014

### **Table 3 Tank-to-Wheel emission factor of car (4-wheelers) using gasoline fuel**



Source: IPCC 2019, including CO $_{_{2_{\cdot}}}$  CH $_{_{4\prime}}$  and N $_{2}$ O

# **1.2.2 Well-to-Tank Greenhouse Gas Emissions in Fuel (energy) Life Cycle**

The upstream GHG emissions in the fuel (energy) life cycle inside the vehicle use-phase are defined by the Well-to-Tank (WTT) GHG emissions. The WTT GHG emissions of electric vehicles (BEV and PHEV) are calculated from the grid electricity of various countries in ASEAN due to the different primary sources of power generation in different countries. On the other hand, the fossil fuel processes that include oil and gas production (oil extraction and drilling), oil and gas transportation (from the well to refinery plant), crude oil refinery process, and commercial fuel transportation (from refinery plant to fuel storage to fuel retail station) are responsible for the upstream greenhouse gas emissions of conventional vehicles with internal combustion engines (ICE, including ICE, HEV and PHEV). The well-to-tank emissions of fossil fuel and biofuel used in this study are shown in Table 4 (Thai LCI database 2023, Permpool N, and Gheewala SH 2017, and Silalertruksa and Gheewala 2011) for Thailand, and Table 5 (ERIA, 2022b) for Indonesia, Malaysia, and Vietnam.



### **Table 4 Well-to-Tank emission factors of fossil fuel and biofuel**

Source: Thai LCI database, Permpool and Gheewala (2017), Silalertruksa and Gheewala (2011)

# **Table 5 Well-to-Tank emission factor of gasoline fuel of Indonesia, Malaysia, and Vietnam**



Source: ERIA, 2022b

The selected ASEAN countries' grid electricity GHG emission factors are gathered from existing policies as shown in Table 6. The usage grid emission factors are collected from each national data, i.e., countries ministry of energy (MOE), or national power development plan.

### **Table 6 Reference for grid emission factor of ASEAN countries**



Source: Philippines Department of Energy, Thailand Power Development Plan 2018 rev.1, Vietnam's Eight National Power Development Plan (PDP8)

# **1.2.3 Full Life Cycle GHG Emission Calculation**

Within the scope of this study, the whole life cycle calculation—which can be calculated using equations [1] - [3]—combines the GHG emissions from the Cradle-to-Gate and Grave-to-Cradle phases. (Qiao, Zhao, Liu, et al. 2019), as follows:

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E_{LC} = (E_A + \sum_i E_{M,i}) + E_D + (E_{VR} + E_{BR} + \sum_i E_{MR,i}) - E_S
$$

where  $E_{\text{L}}$  is the entire life cycle GHG emissions,  $E_{\text{A}}$  is the GHG emissions of component and vehicle assembly,  $E_{M,i}$  is the GHG emissions of the production and transformation of material i,  $E_{D}$  is the GHG emissions of vehicle driving (WTT and TTW Greenhouse Gas emissions),  $E_{_{VR}}$  and  $E_{_{BR}}$  are the GHG emissions of vehicle and battery recycling,  $\mathsf{E}_{_{\sf MR,i}}$ is the GHG emissions for recovering material i, and  $\mathsf{E}_{_{\sf S}}$  is the reduction of GHG emissions when primary materials is replaced by recovered materials. Note the GHG emissions of vehicle driving ( $E_p$ ) is calculated from equation [2]:

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E_D = \sum_j \left( MA \times FC_j \times \frac{EF_j}{EFC_j} \right)
$$

where MA is the life-time mileage (km), FC<sub>j</sub> is the consumption of fuel (or energy) j (energy unit per driven distance), EF<sub>j</sub> is the life cycle GHG emissions factor of fuel (or energy) j, and the EFC<sub>j</sub> is the efficiency of fuel (or energy) conversion/transmission, i.e., the line loss of electricity. Finaly, the GHG emission reduction when primary materials are replaced by recovered materials  $\mathsf{E}_{_\mathrm{S}}$ , which can be calculated through equation [3]:

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E_S = \sum_i (M_{MR,i} \times \sum_j (EC_{MR,i,j} \times EF_j))
$$

where  $M_{MRI}$ , is the mass of recovered materials i,  $EC_{MRI,i}$  is the consumption of fuel (or energy) j for primary materials i, and EF $_{\rm j}$  is previously defined.

# **1.2.4 Vehicle Models**

For the purpose of accurately depicting various passenger car categories in each ASEAN country's automotive market, the most popular models of electric cars (xEV), which cover HEV, PHEV, and BEV, are selected, as well as best-selling internal combustion engine (ICE) car. Through this approach, the selected ICE and xEV vehicles can represent the most popular class rather than the manufacturer's specialty models like luxurious EV or hyper power EV.

For the current status, the popular models of BEV, PHEV, HEV, and ICE vehicles have been selected from 2023 automotive markets for Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand and Vietnam. The passenger cars chosen for analysis are detailed in Table 7, respectively.

### **Table 7 Selected passenger cars model from ASEAN automotive markets of four countries**



Note: The estimated useful lifespan for passenger cars is 20 years.

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# **Assumption & Input**



The data required to analyse the whole life cycle greenhouse gas emissions of passenger cars across four countries—Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand, and Vietnam—was gathered in this chapter

# **2.1 Estimation of Vehicle Kilometer of Travel (VKT)**

The vehicle kilometer of travel (VKT) is the distance travelled by each considered vehicle. Each vehicle type's total fuel and energy consumption will be governed by the VKT. The VKT values in this study were collected from some member countries The collected VKT are shown in Table 8.

## **Table 8 Vehicle Kilometer of Travel**



VKT = vehicle kilometer of travel

Source: (Allyana & Anwar, 2020; Deendarlianto et al., 2020; ERIA, 2022a; EPPO, 2019)

# **2.2 Estimation of Fuel Consumption (FC)**

As fuel consumption (FC) may not be regularly updated, certain assumptions must be made from the engineering aspects. For instance, the FC needs to be identified according on technical parameters such engine age, fuel ratio (gas or liquid with biofuel blending), and engine type (spark-ignition vs. compression-ignition). The vehicles in this study were therefore simplified into spark-ignition engine, hybrid electric vehicle (HEV), Plug in hybrid electric vehicle (PHEV), and Battery electric vehicle (BEV). Gas fuels were neglected in this work, whereas biofuels were assumed to be blended with mean-average blended ratios (different from market blended ratios). In this study, the fuel consumption of passenger cars with various fuel/technology are shown in Table 9.



# **Table 9 Assumption of Fuel Consumption**

Notes: Fuel consumption is in the unit of litres/100 kilometers for gasoline, and kilowatt hour/100 kilometers for consumed electricity of EV (BEV, PHEVs).

\*Thailand data is used where data from member countries are not available

BEV = battery electric vehicle, HEV = hybrid electric vehicle, PHEV = plug in hybrid electric vehicle Source: ERIA (2022)

# **2.3 Input Data for Vehicle Life Cycle Analysis**

As abovementioned, Greenhouse Gas (GHG) analysis for the Cradle-to-Gate (CTG) and Grave-to-Cradle (GTC) requires vehicle materials information of chosen models as shown in Table 7.

# **2.3.1 Vehicle information and materials shares**

For passenger cars (ICE, HEV, PHEV, and BEV), the materials fractions were collected from literature, including Qiao et al. 2009, and Burnham 2012. Most of the selected models are in the sedan B-segment (small economic car), which are similar to the literature (Qiao, Zhao, Liu, et al. 2019). However, some specific models are in the MPV (Multi-Purpose Vehicle) type, such as the small MPV for Vietnam and the medium MPV for Indonesia, where the materials portion is based on Argonne data. (Burnham 2012). The information of selected MPVs were assumed similar to the SUVs in Burnham 2012. The collected vehicle information and vehicle materials composition of car segment are shown in Table 10 - Table 13.



# **Table 10 Specification of selected 4-wheeler vehicle model (cars) for Indonesia**

Source: Indonesia: https://www.focus2move.com/indonesia-best-selling-cars/, https://www.statista.com/statistics/1414822/indonesia-best-selling-electric-vehicle-models/, Indonesia: https://whatsindonesia.blogspot.com/2023/07/5 top-brands-hybrid-cars-sales-in-indonesia-on-year-2023.html, https://www.toyota.astra.co.id/product/rav4-phev, https:// otomotif.kompas.com/read/2022/11/24/191200515/bahas-baterai-kijang-innova-zenix-hybrid-dapat-garansi-8-tahun



# **Table 11 Specification of selected 4-wheeler vehicle model (cars) for Malaysia**

Source: Malaysia: https://m.newpages.com.my/en/company/777469/news/126021/Malaysia--039;s-top-10-bestselling-cars-in-2023.html, https://www.wapcar.my/new-cars/best-and-a-segment-and-b-segment-and-ev, https:// data.gov.my/dashboard/car-popularity, https://www.carsome.my/news/item/hybrid-cars-malaysia, https://www. carbase.my/honda/city/gn2-gn3/e:hev-rs-2022, https://www.volvocars.com/my/cars/xc60-hybrid/specifications/, https://www.honda.com.my/model/city/spec



# **Table 12 Specification of selected 4-wheeler vehicle model (cars) for Thailand**

Source: Thailand: https://www.headlightmag.com/2024-01-10-sales-report-2023/, https://carnewschina. com/2024/01/09/byd-is-bestselling-ev-brand-in-thailand-in-2023-neta-is-runner-up/, https://www.checkraka.com/ car/article/110563, https://www.carsome.co.th/news/item/top-hybrid-cars, https://www.pptvhd36.com/automotive/news/220538, https://www.iseecars.com/car/toyota-corolla-cross-hybrid-specs, https://www.mgcars.com/th/ mg-models/new-mg-hs-phev/spec



### **Table 13 Specification of selected 4-wheeler vehicle model (cars) for Vietnam**

Source: Vietnam: https://www.vietnam.vn/en/infographic-10-xe-ban-chay-nua-dau-2023-vinfast-chiem-nhieuvi-tri-hon-ford-va-hyundai/, https://www.statista.com/statistics/1366989/vinfast-electric-car-sales-in-vietnamby-model/, https://vov.vn/o-to-xe-may/o-to/xe-hybrid-dang-dan-duoc-nguoi-viet-ua-chuong-post1108821. vov, https://vov.vn/o-to-xe-may/o-to/xe-hybrid-dang-dan-duoc-nguoi-viet-ua-chuong-post1108821.vov, https://www.toyota.com.my/en/models/zenix/toyota-innova-zenix-2-0v.html#specifications, https://kiavietnam.com.vn/chi-tiet-san-pham/sorento-plug-in-hybrid/thong-so-ky-thuat, https://otomotif.kompas.com/ read/2022/11/24/191200515/bahas-baterai-kijang-innova-zenix-hybrid-dapat-garansi-8-tahun

# **2.3.2 Emission Factors for Vehicle Life Cycles**

For materials mining and processing, the data were collected from Sullivan, Burnham, and Wang, 2010 with the updated information from Burnham 2012 (vehicle specification), luer and Kellu, 2022 (production inventory of advanced battery chemistries). The production of battery information was collected from Quan, et al., 2022. The vehicle assembly data was gathered from Vinoles-Cebolla et al., 2015. Table 14 shows emission factors during materials mining, processing and vehicle assembly in unit of kgCO2<sub>0</sub>/ton of materials.



### **Table 14 Emission factors in vehicle before the use phase (Cradle-to-Gate)**

Source: Sullivan, Burnham, and Wang, 2010, Quan, et al., 2022, Vinoles-Cebolla et al., 2015

After the use phase, the car had been placed into scrappage, with some of its materials and its battery componentry assumed to be recycled. The rest materials were subjected crushing for disposal. The GHG emission during materials recycle and battery refurbished were also considered. While material mining and preparation can reduce greenhouse gas emissions, recycling itself requires energy input. Table 15 shows GWP of vehicle after its End-of-Life. The data were collected from Schneider et al., 2023, and Koroma, et al, 2022.



# **Table 15 Global warming impacts after vehicle use phase (Grave-to-Cradle)**

# **2.4 Battery Replacement**

Throughout the vehicle use phase, the deteriorating battery for the HEV, PHEV, and BEV needs to be replaced, which impacts on global warming with greenhouse gas emissions from the production of batteries, as shown in Table 14. The vehicle usage lifetime of EV car (20 years) was assumed to undergo battery replacement for 2 times (at 8th & 16th years for passenger cars).

**Results and Discussion** 

# **3.1 Result Findings**

The activities/processes taken into consideration during the vehicle life cucle can be divided into three phases: the processes/activities prior to the use phase (Cradle-to-Gate), the vehicle usage phase (known as well-to-wheel), and the End-of-Life (Grave-to-Cradle) phase, that occurs place after the vehicle usage phase. These processes or actions can be summarized as follows.

Before the use phase, the process of the vehicle production is the first phase which is cradle-to-gate. The vehicle specification from Table 10 - Table 13 which covers ICE, HEV, PHEV, and BEV, can be calculated with the emission factors in the vehicle before the use phase (Cradle-to-Gate) which is shown in Table 14 for materials mining and processing, vehicle assembling, and battery production.

During the vehicle use phase, the GHG emissions are estimated from Well-to-Tank (WTT) and Tank-to-Wheel (TTW) with required input data, including VKT from Table 8, fuel consumption from Table 9, emission factors from Table 3 and Table 4, as well as vehicle battery replacement discussed in Section 3.4. The emissions in this phase should be estimated for the whole of the lifetime in the use phase.

For End-of-Life phase which is grave-to-cradle, the calculation on vehicle materials recycling, battery recycling, vehicle crushing, replacement of primary materials and battery recovering use data collected in Table 15.

The estimated findings of the Life Cycle Assessment (LCA) of ASEAN passenger cars are shown in Figure 4 (20-year life time). The findings show that the vehicle usage phase accounts for the majority of GHG emissions compared to the vehicle production and end-of-life phases. This main portion of GHG emissions primarily comes from tank-to-wheel and well-to-tank processes. Moreover, GHG emissions during the usage stage are related to vehicle kilometers traveled (VKT), fuel consumption, driving behaviour, etc. The usage phase is divided into 3 portions: well-to-tank phase, tank-to-wheel phase, and battery replacement. Well-to-tank emission is mainly related to PHEV and BEV, which results from the emission factors of the primary energy sources of the electricity. Tank-to-wheel emissions is mainly related to ICE and HEV, which results from the internal combustion engine of the vehicle. Tank-to-wheel from combusting fossil fuel in ICE vehicle is accounted for 80-85% of total GHG emissions. The second significant contributor to the GHG emissions of the passenger cars is the cradle-to-gate phase (materials mining/processing). These emissions arise from the process of the primary materials, which use high energy consumption for the process.

Moreover, cradle-to-gate contributes to total GHG emission in the range of 5-24%, BEV mostly emits more GHG than ICE vehicles, as shown in Figure 4(a) and Figure 4(b), according to battery production. For Grave-to-Cradle, GHG saving demand from avoiding new materials production in vehicle (and battery for EV) always offset GHG emission from energy consumption during scrappage, as shown Figure 4(c). Also, Figure 5 shows the GHG intensity in units of kgCO2eq/km, which calculates emissions per driving distance.









# Passenger car: Cradle-to-Gate











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# **3.2 Discussion**

For four countries in ASEAN (Indonesia, Malausia, Thailand, and Vietnam), a full life cucle analusis covering vehicle production, usage, and scrappage on popular models of ICE, HEV, PHEV, and BEV for passenger cars was carried out with key messages as follows. Note that the assessment is based on commercially available and most popular vehicle models in each country, which may differ in vehicle class and usage.

- In all countries, the GHG emissions from ICE vehicles are higher than those from HEV, PHEV, and BEV passenger cars.
- The least emissions vehicle is a BEV when considered the whole of a lifetime.
- The vehicle uses phase accounts for the majority of overall GHG emissions in all vehicle types. ICE and HEV are dominated by tank-to-wheel; whereas, PHEV and BEV are dominated by wellto-tank.
- The emission factors of electricity play important role in well-to-tank emissions for both PHEVs and BEV.
- VKT and fuel consumption of the vehicles are the main parameters that contribute to the GHG emissions in vehicle use phase.
- EV with better energy conversion efficiency can help reduce GHG emission for road transport sector.
- Materials mining/Processing (cradle-to-gate) is ranked 2nd for contribution to the emissions for all vehicle types.
- In general, cradle-to-gate accounts for 5-24% of the life cycle assessment.
- Vehicle recycling (grave-to-cradle) is ranked 3rd for contribution to the emissions for all vehicle types. This is due to the energy input for the recycling process.

Of course, the results would depend on assumptions used in the LCA calculations, which may change if the following policies have been deployed Share of renewable energy in power sector.

- Fuel economy standard.
- Battery management/recycle policy.
- Battery improvement for capacity and lifespan
- Weight reduction of EV

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