



# Overview of the ITF Transport Life-cycle Assessment Tool: the process, challenges and lessons learnt

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## What is LCA?

Evaluation of the potential environmental impacts of any product or service during its entire lifetime.

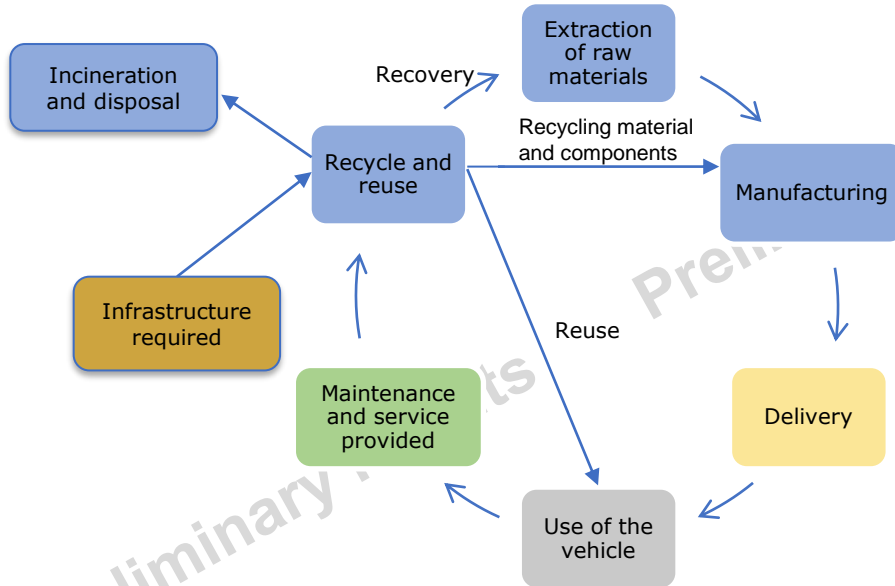


Fig 1: Life-cycle stages of a vehicle

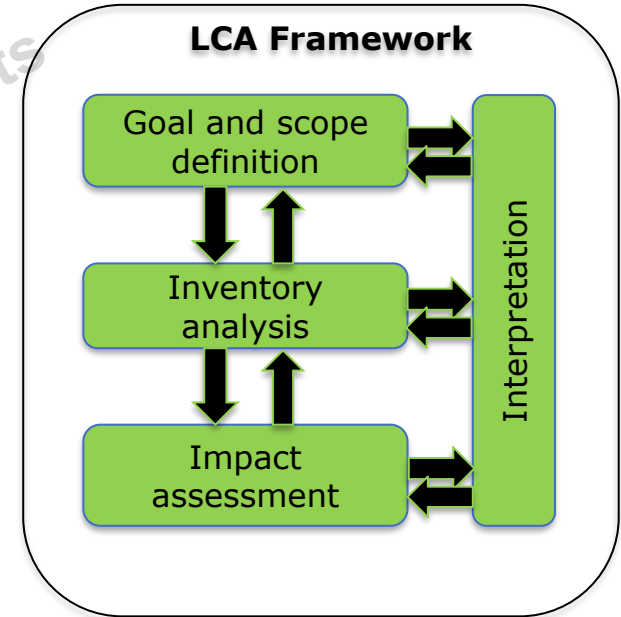


Fig 2: Framework of LCA

## Why LCA in Transport?

- Provides a comprehensive evaluation of the environmental performance of different types of vehicles.
- Can be used to assess alternative fuels, considering the energy sources of the electricity grid used to charge EVs.
- It can account for the empty running of ride-sourcing vehicles/taxis between passengers.
- It can also include operational services required to charge and distribute shared fleets.

## General Information about the LCA India Tool v1.0

The tool provides a holistic assessment of **26 modes of passenger transport** options, accounting for **energy use and GHG emissions** (per passenger kilometer, vehicle kilometer, and vehicle level) that occur in **different phases** of the life of the vehicles, including:

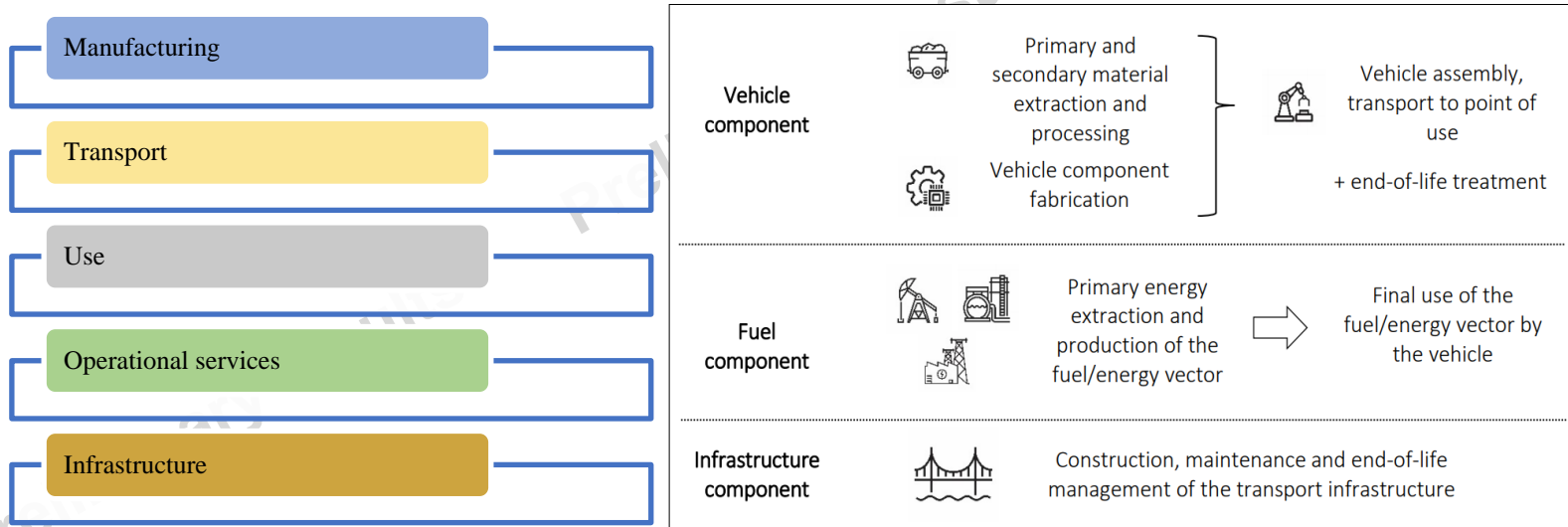
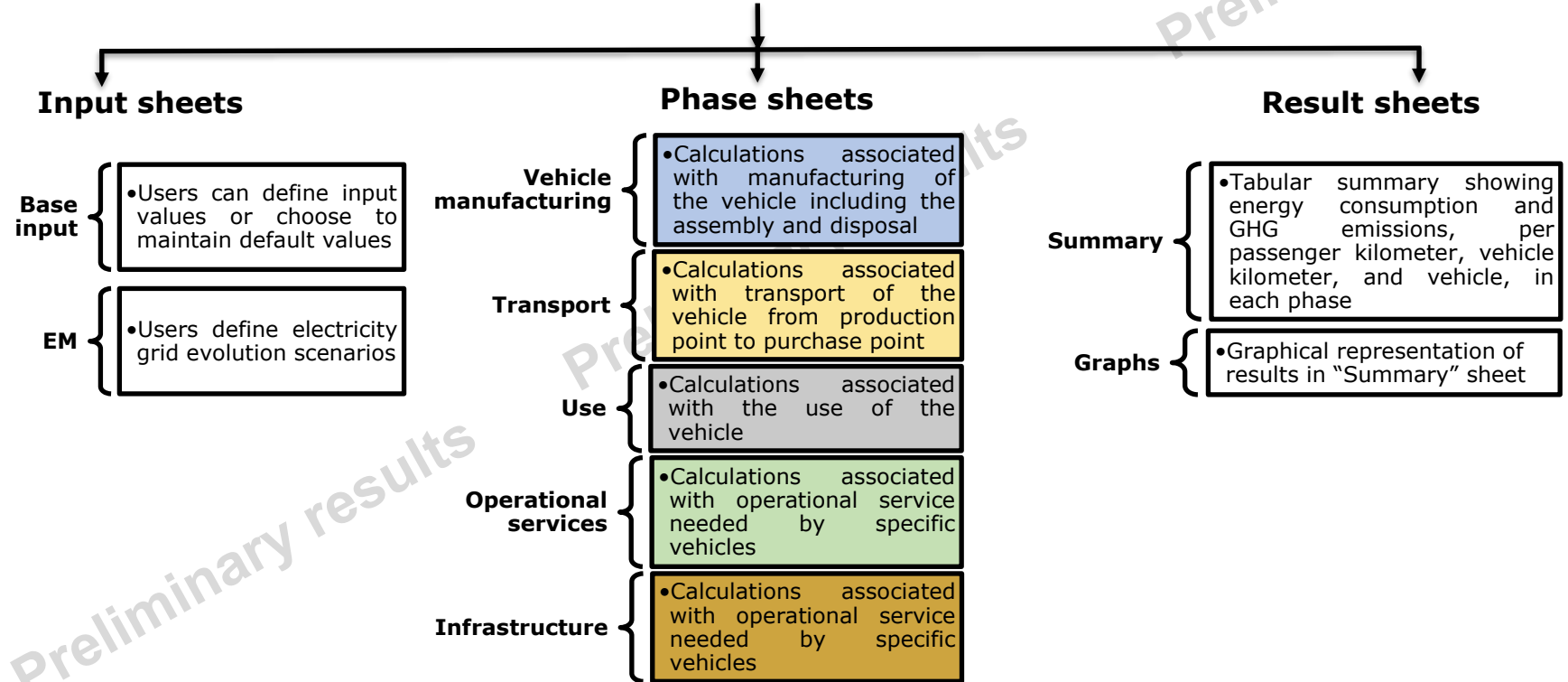


Fig 3: Stages considered in the LCA India tool

# LCA India Tool v1.0

## Workbook structure



# Used to evaluate urban passenger modes



Share of GHG emissions of key vehicle types by life-cycle phase

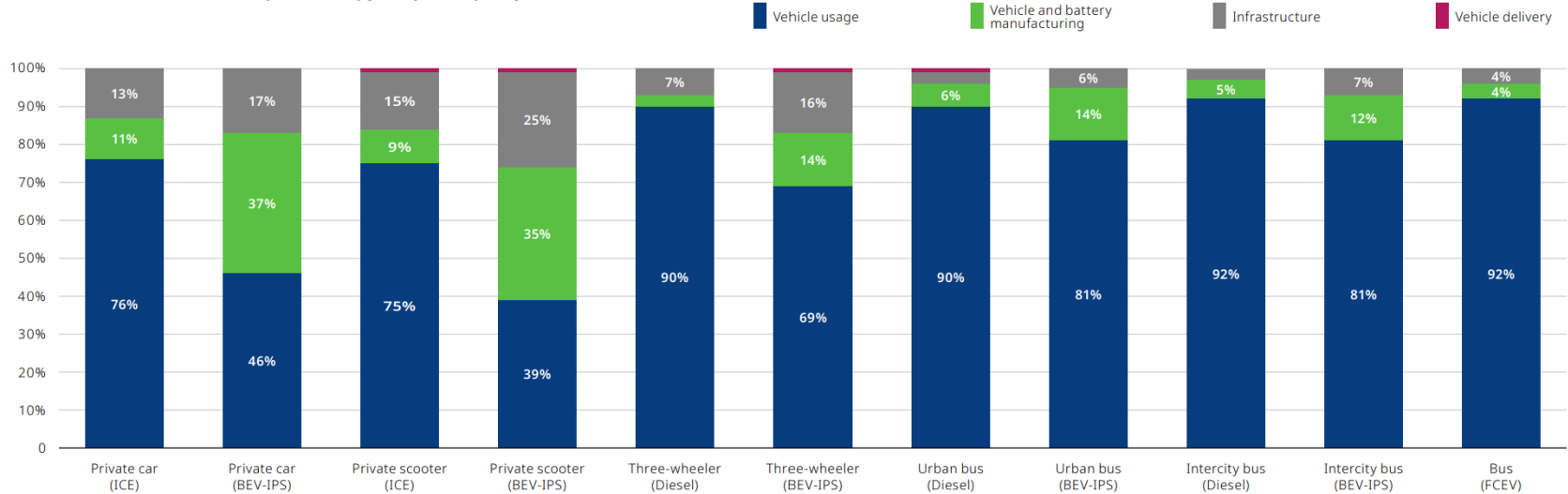


Fig 4: Share of GHG emission of key vehicle types by life –cycle phase

## What next? The importance of freight

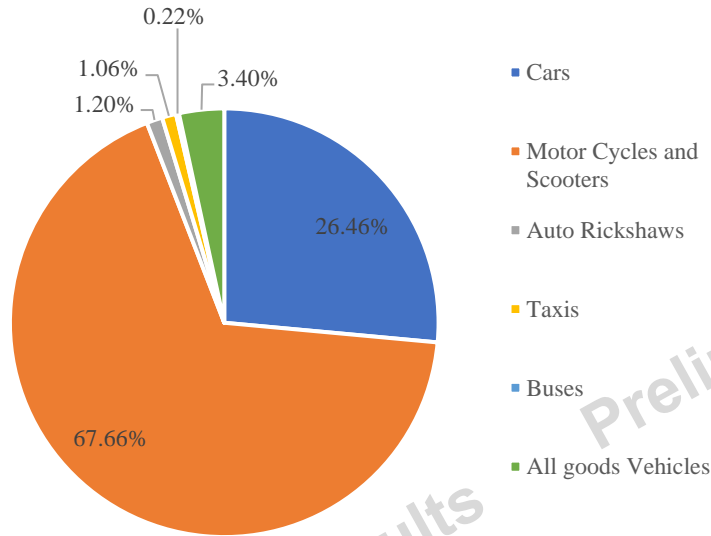


Fig 5: Percentage of different vehicle types in Delhi (2022-23)

- Third highest share in the road transport sector
- Lack of data availability for freight vehicles
- Comparison in passenger and goods vehicles

## Addition of New Vehicles types (v2.0)

- Six Freight vehicle categories have been newly added.
  - Light commercial vehicle Four-wheeler (ICE and BEV): GVW less than 3.5 ton
  - Light commercial three-wheeler (ICE and BEV): GVW less than 3.5 ton
  - Medium commercial vehicle (ICE): GVW more than 3.5 ton but less than 12 ton
  - Heavy commercial vehicle (ICE): GVW more than 12 ton



# Classification of cities

		Light Commercial vehicle four-wheeler- ICE (N1 category) [GVW <3.5T]	Light Commercial vehicle four-wheeler- BEV (N1 category) [GVW <3.5T]	Light commercial vehicle three-wheeler ICE(N1 category) [GVW <3.5T]	Light commercial vehicle three-wheeler BEV (N1 category) [GVW <3.5T]	Medium Commercial vehicle - ICE (N2 category) [3.5T<GVW <12T]	Heavy Commercial vehicle - ICE (N3 category) [GVW >12T]
<b>City characteristics</b>							
Classification of the city (By population density)		High density	High density	High density	High density	High density	High density
<b>Vehicle characteristics</b>							
Fluid technology		ICE	BEV	ICE	BEV	ICE	ICE
Use of fuel/km							
Fuel type		Natural Gas (fossil, EU mix)		Natural Gas (fossil, EU mix)		Diesel (Oil)	Diesel (Oil)
Gasoline (Oil)	[km/l]						
Diesel (Oil)	[km/l]					10.3	5.4
Natural Gas (fossil, EU mix)	[km/kg]	16.8		17.8			
Electricity	[kWh/km]		No default available		0.10		
Hydrogen	[km/kg]						

Fig 6: Classification of cities

- Operational data differs based on city.
- Classification of cities has been given as user input.
- The user can select three given city types or choose “User input” to input other values.
- The cities are classified based on population density

## Classification of cities

Population classification	Population Density (Population/ square kilometer)	Study Areas
High density	10,000 and above	Delhi
Medium density	1,000 to 10,000	Dhanbad
Low density	Less than 1,000	Bokaro

Delhi: National capital of India

Dhanbad: Coal capital of India (Mining region)

Bokaro: Steel city of India (Industrial belt)

## Survey Locations

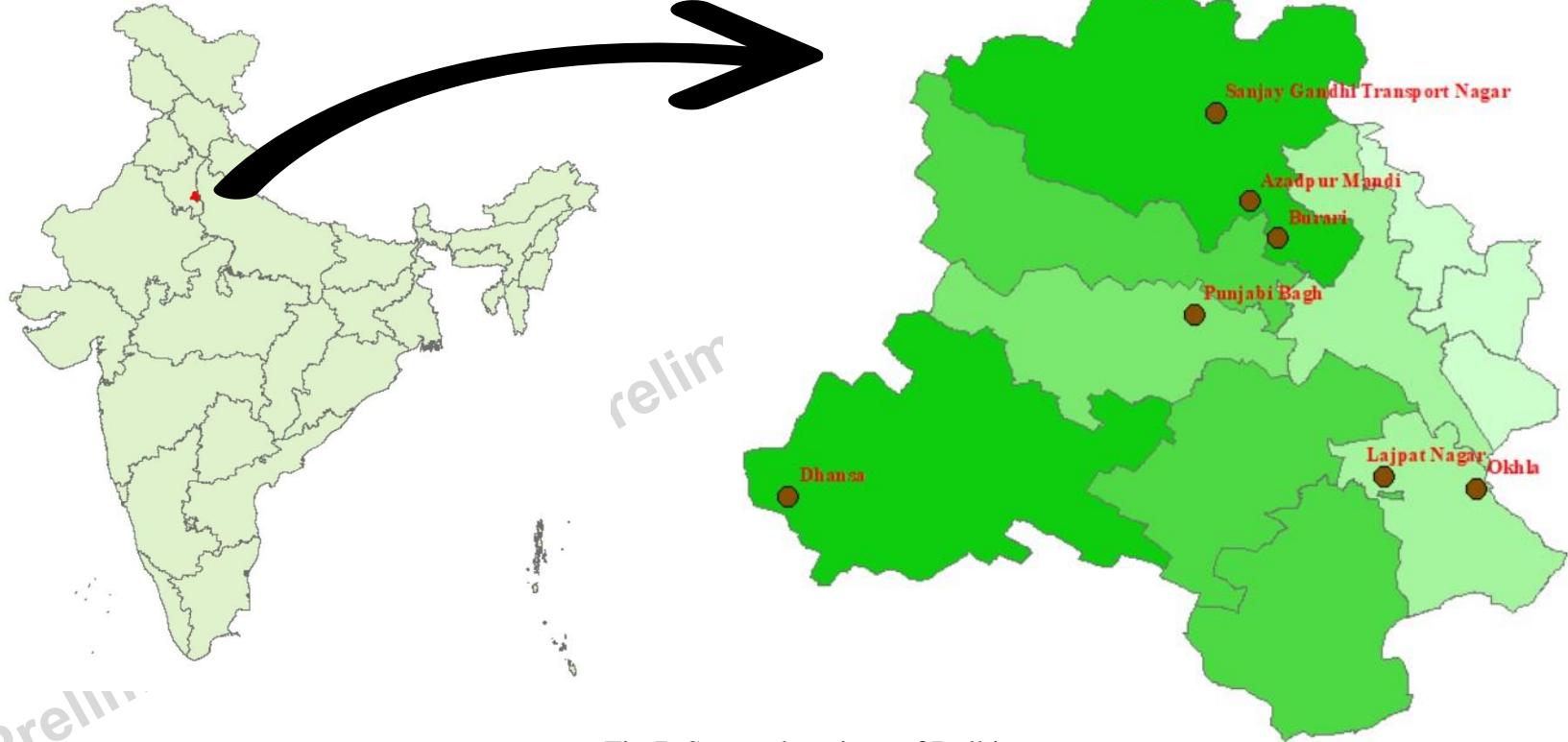


Fig 7: Survey locations of Delhi

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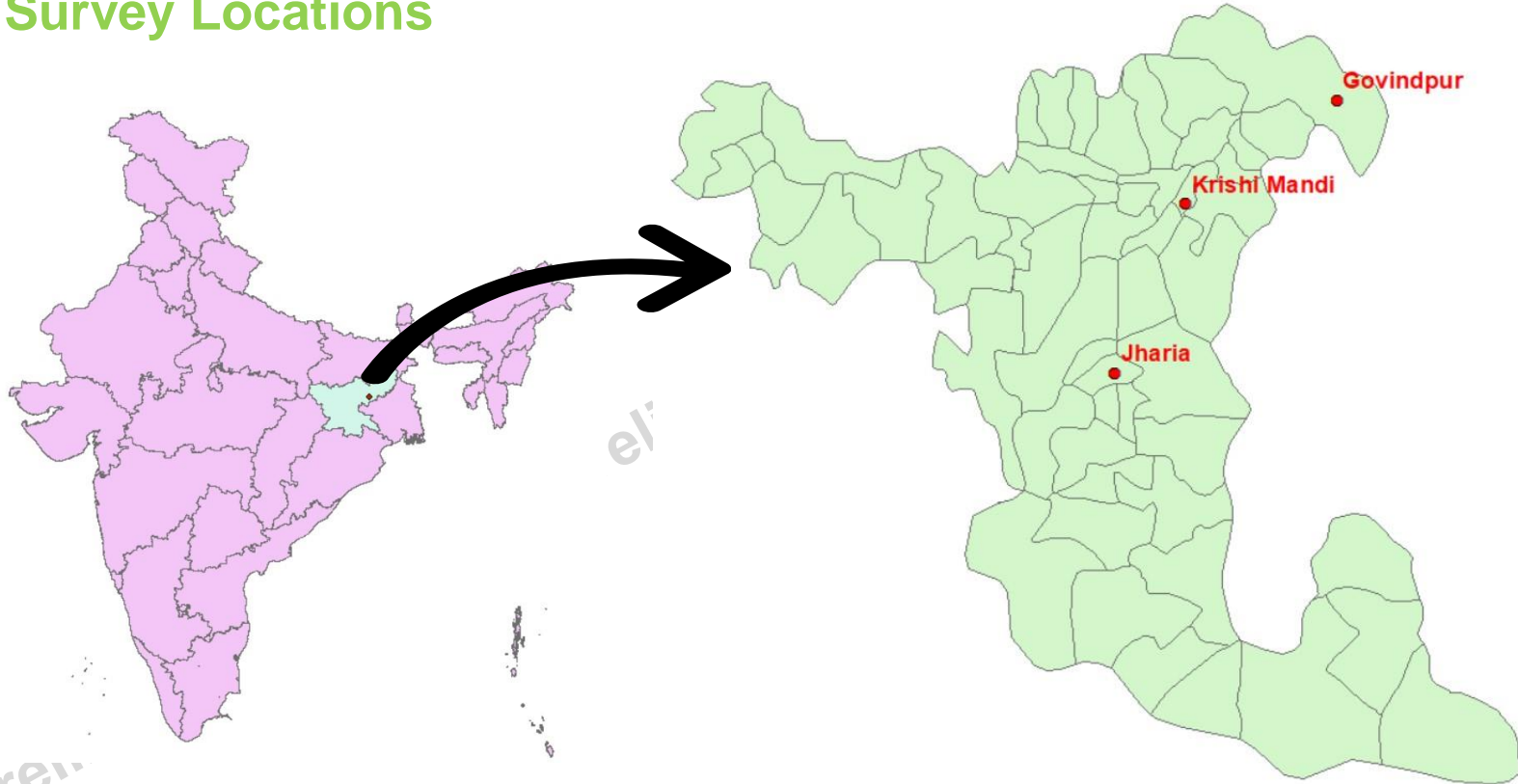


Fig 8: Survey locations of Dhanbad

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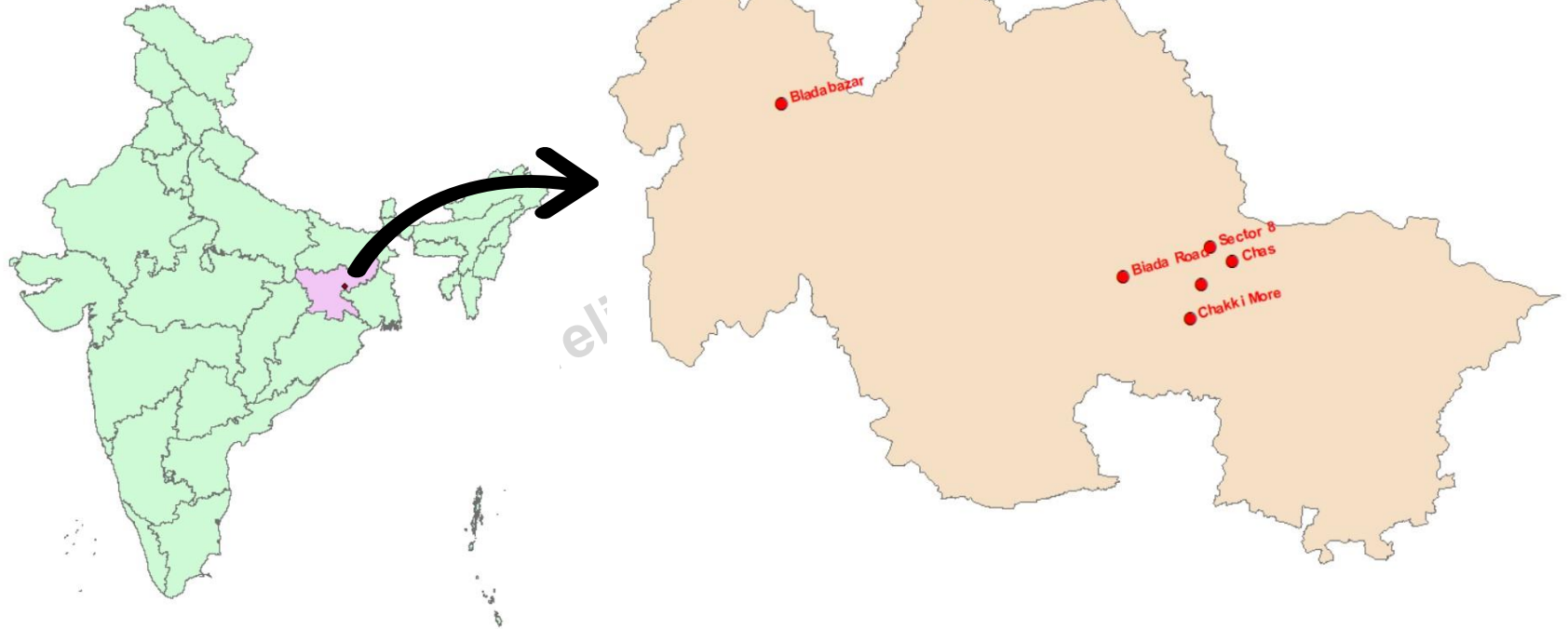


Fig 9: Survey locations of Bokaro

## Operational data collected

### Interviewer observation

- Registration number



- Age of the vehicle
- Fuel used

### Questionnaire

- Fuel economy
- Daily distance covered
- Average payload

### Travel diary

- Travel diary
- Origin and destination

## Sample size

- The formula used for sample size calculation is

$$n = \frac{CV^2 [Z(\alpha)]^2}{E^2}$$

- N is the sample size
- CV is the coefficient of variation
- $Z(\alpha)$  is the standard normal distribution quantile value for the confidence level ( $\alpha$ )
- E is the level of accuracy (the margin of error for the estimate of the mean of the population).

## Sample size of data collected

Preliminary results

Sample size	N1(<3.5T)							N2 (3.5T<N2<12T)			N3(>12T)		
	ICE						BEV	ICE			ICE		
	Three-wheeler			Four-wheeler				CNG	Diesel	Petrol	CNG	Diesel	Petrol
	CNG	Diesel	Petrol	CNG	Diesel	Petrol		CNG	Diesel	Petrol	CNG	Diesel	Petrol
Delhi	109	NA	NA	114	NA	NA	9	NA	48	NA	NA	13	NA
Dhanbad	NA	63	NA	NA	75	NA	10	NA	34	NA	NA	79	NA
Bokaro	NA	40	NA	NA	82	NA	18	NA	15	NA	NA	29	NA

Preliminary results



## Share of different vehicle categories

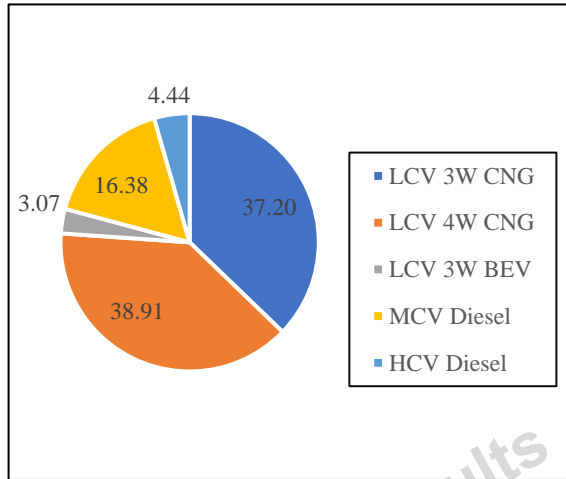


Fig 10: Percentage of different categories of vehicles surveyed in Delhi

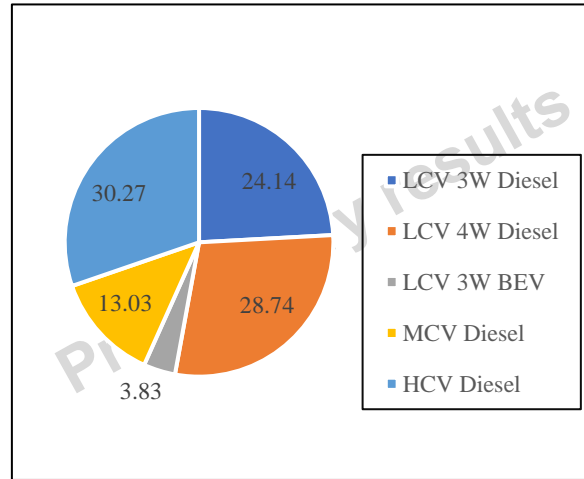


Fig 11: Percentage of different categories of vehicles surveyed in Dhanbad

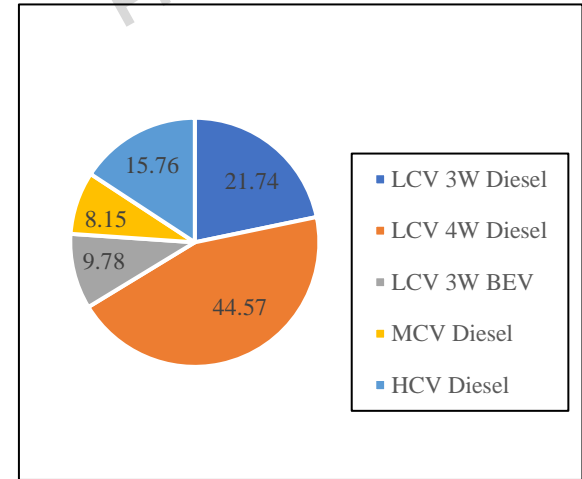


Fig 12: Percentage of different categories of vehicles surveyed in Bokaro

## Daily distance travelled

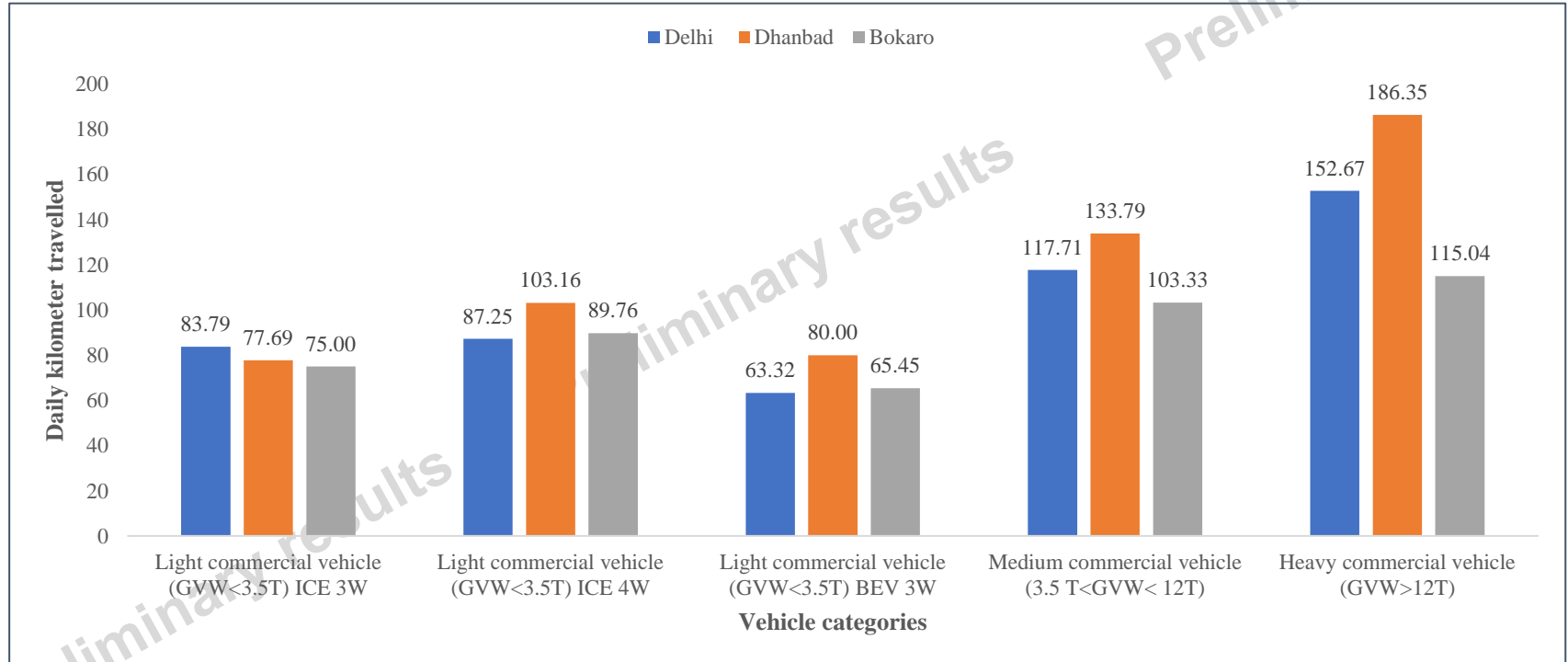


Fig 13: Daily kilometers travelled by different truck categories in surveyed cities

## Fuel economy/ Range

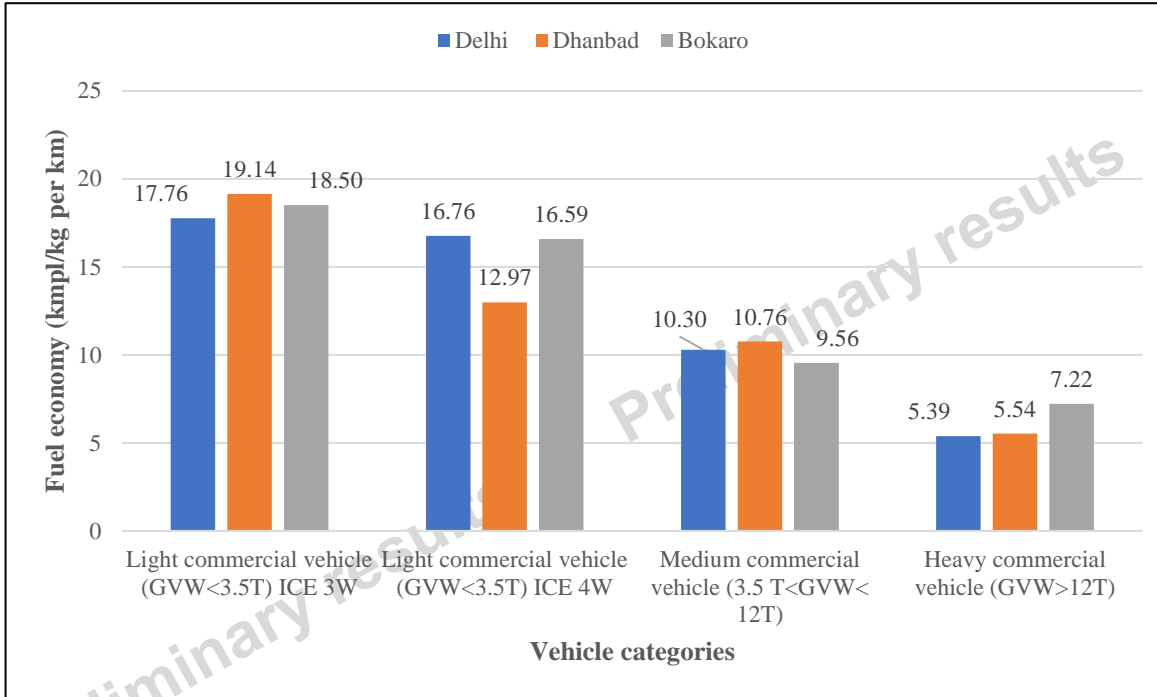


Fig 14: Fuel economy of different truck categories in surveyed cities

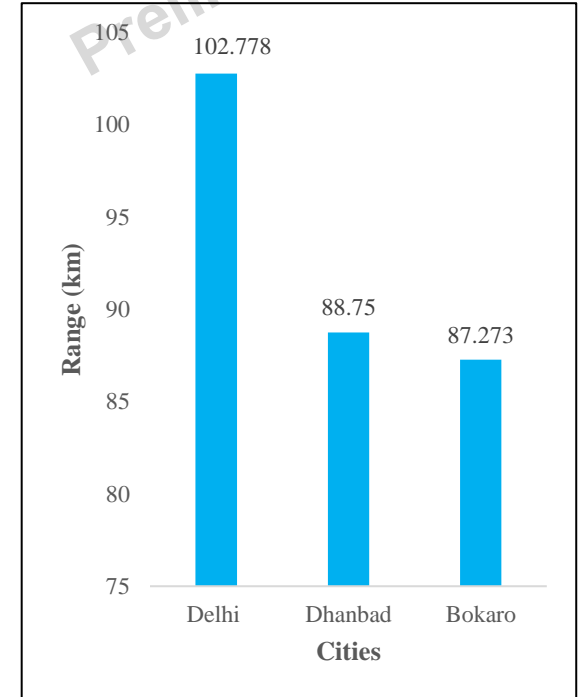


Fig 15: Range of 3W BEV

## Payload

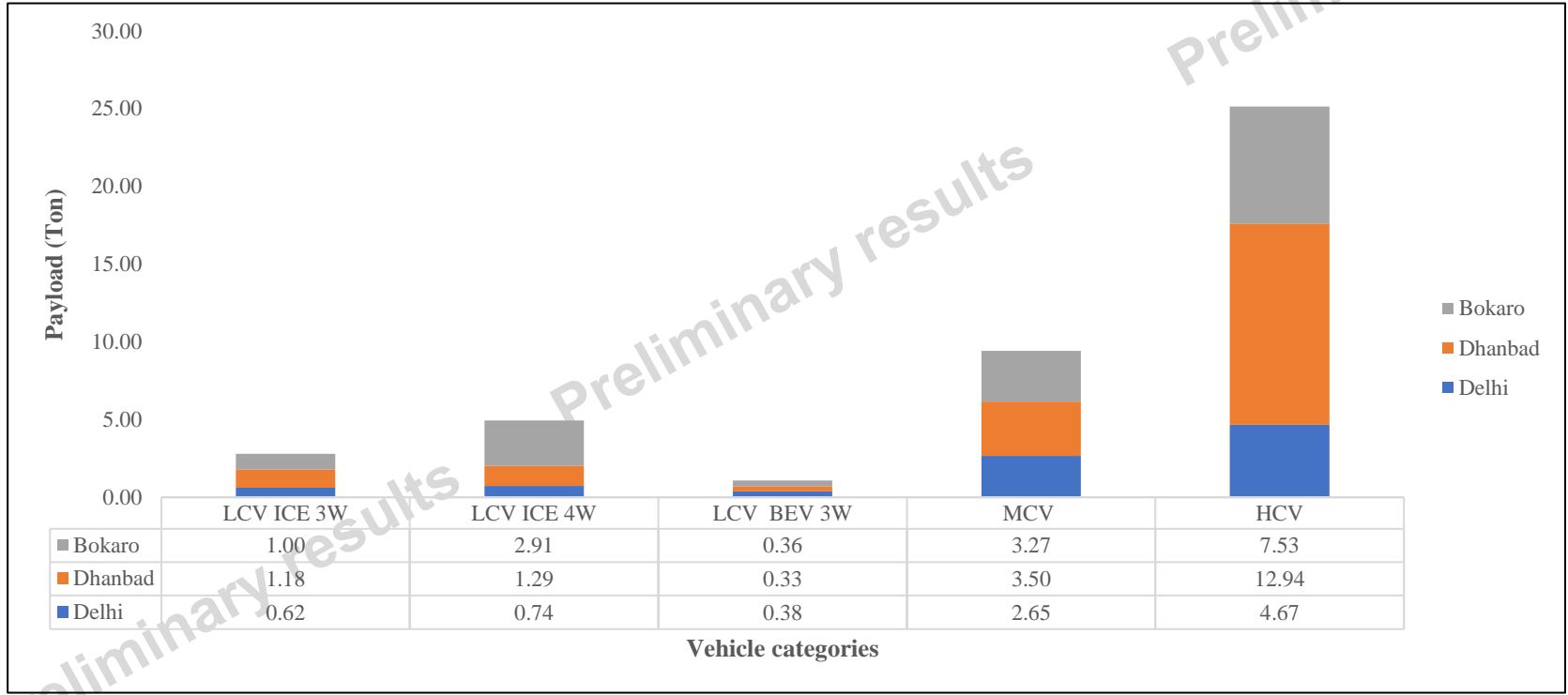


Fig 16: Average payload carried by different truck categories in surveyed cities

## Current data limitations

### Operational data collected

- Only CNG fuel vehicles were encountered during the survey in the LCV category in Delhi.
- All the freight vehicles except LCV in Delhi were Diesel-fueled in the ICE category.
- LCV BEV 3W penetration is very low in Delhi. No LCV BEV 3W vehicle was encountered in Dhanbad and Bokaro during the survey.
- In Dhanbad and Bokaro, some passenger BEV 3Ws are used for carrying goods.
- No LCV BEV 4W was encountered in any of the three cities during the survey.

## Current data limitations

### Vehicle/battery data

- Relying on European/South American data for freight BEV battery due to lack of data availability.
- Weight of materials data for light commercial vehicles three-wheeler (ICE & BEV) is not currently available.
- Electricity usage for light commercial vehicles four-wheeler (BEV) is not currently available.

# Preliminary Results: GHG Emission of Freight Vehicles per Vehicle

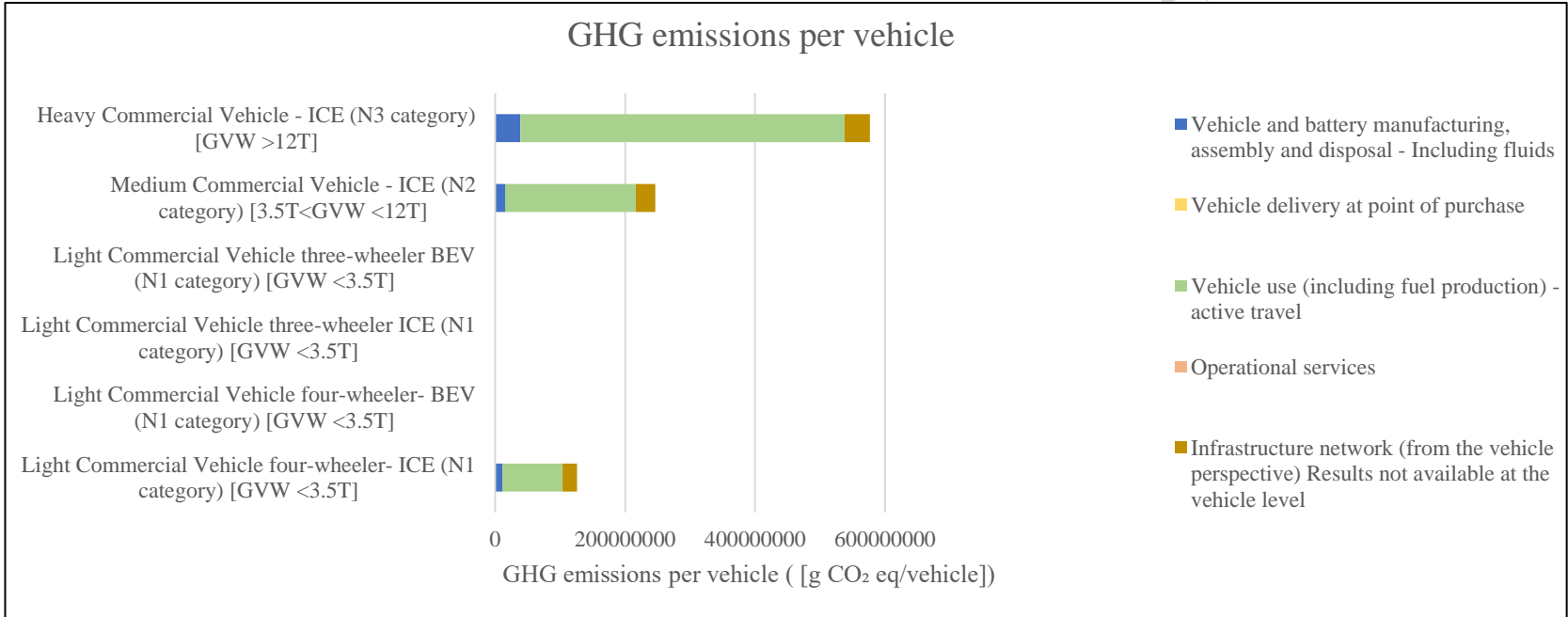


Fig 17: GHG emission per vehicle in high density city

## GHG Emission of Freight Vehicles per tkm

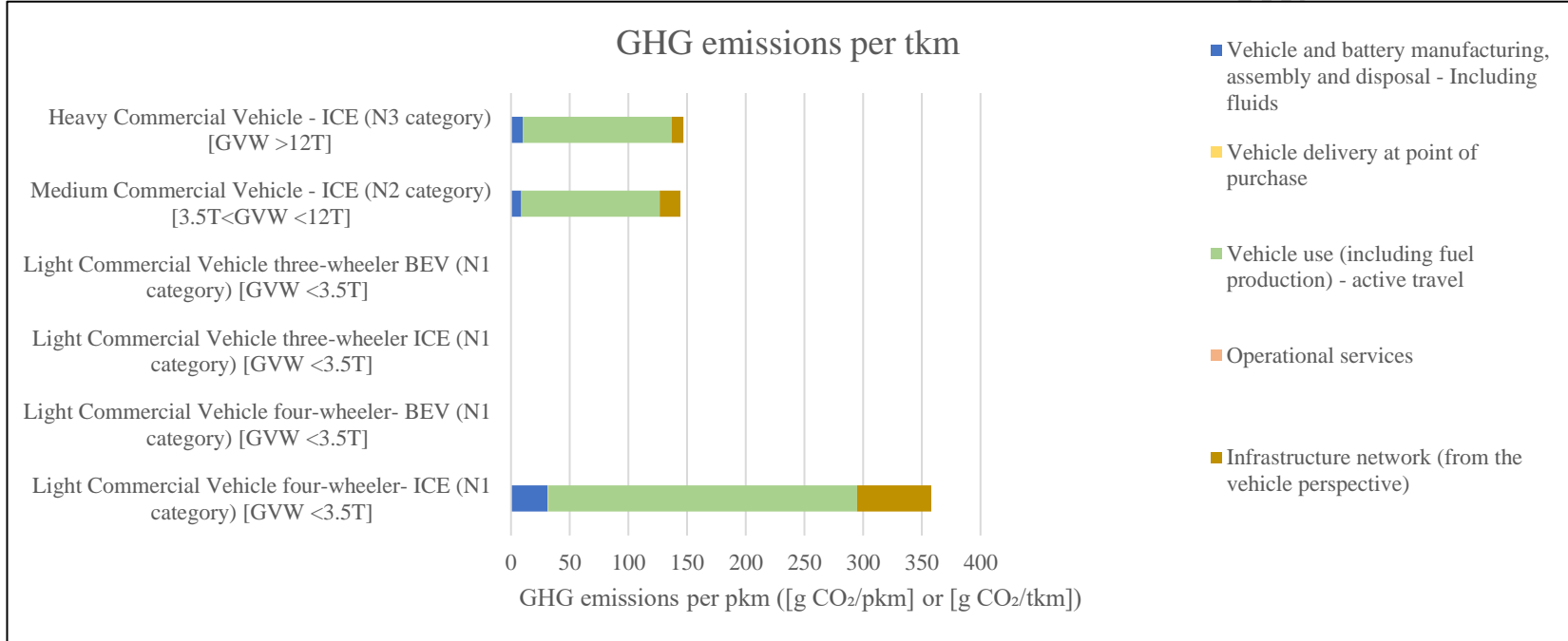


Fig 18: GHG emission per tkm in high density city



## Preliminary results: City-wise Comparison of Energy Consumption

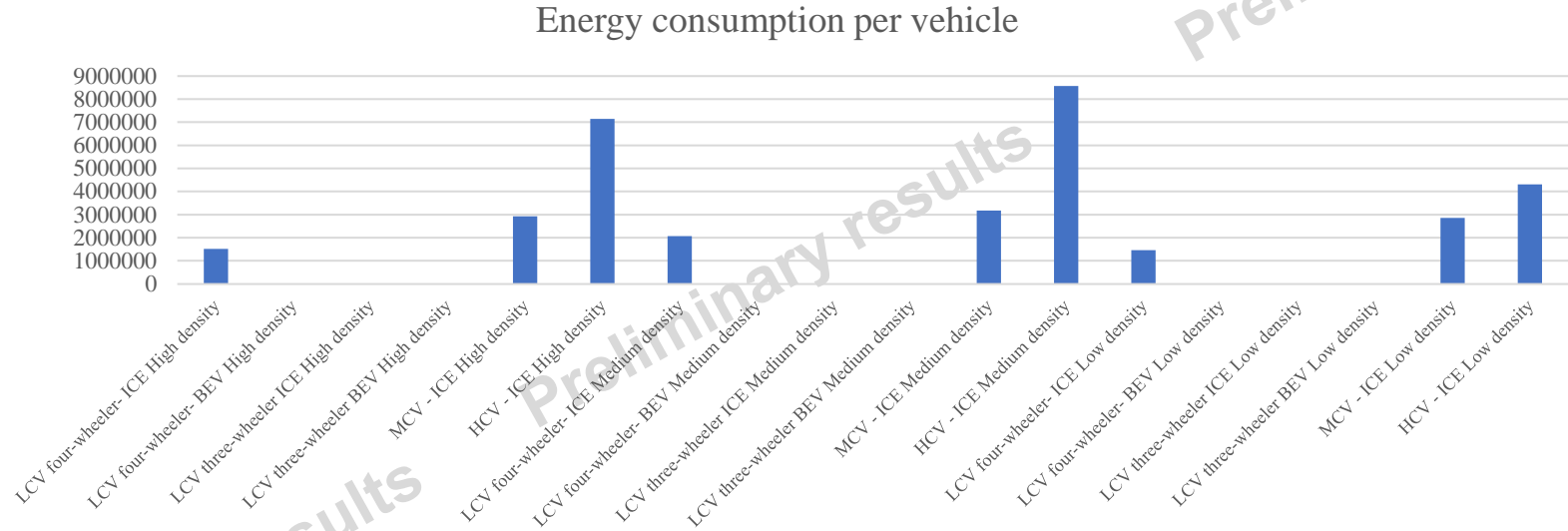


Fig 19: Energy consumption per vehicle in MJ

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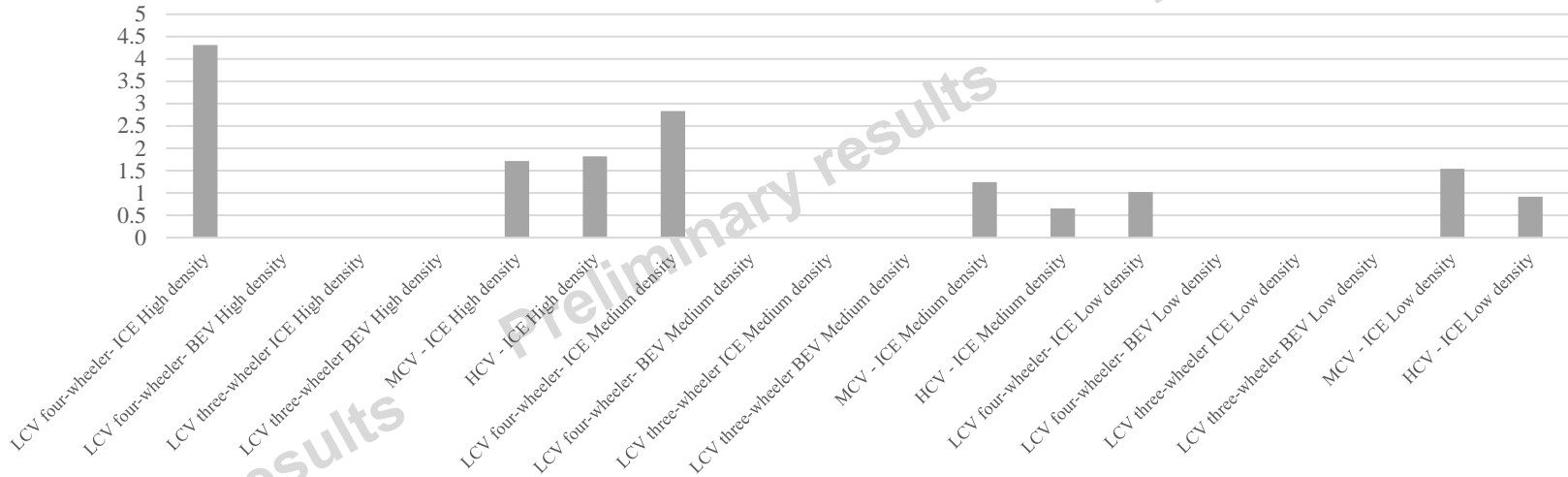


Fig 20: Energy consumption per tkm in MJ

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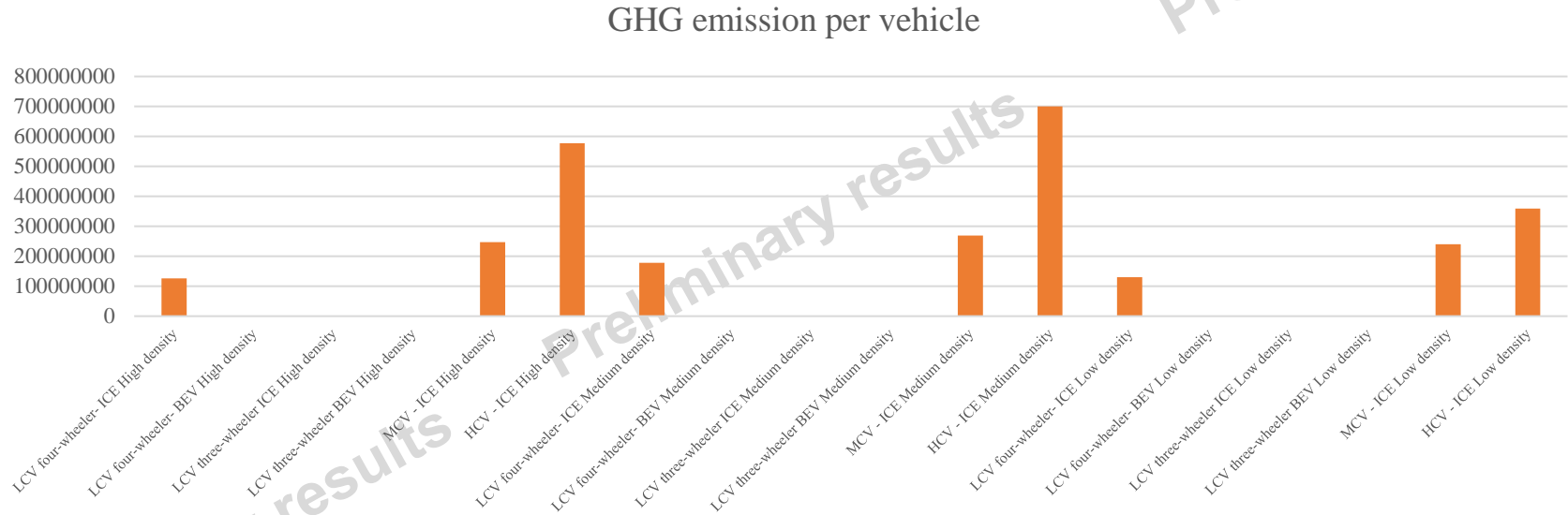


Fig 21: GHG emission per vehicle in g CO<sub>2</sub> eq.

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GHG emission per tkm

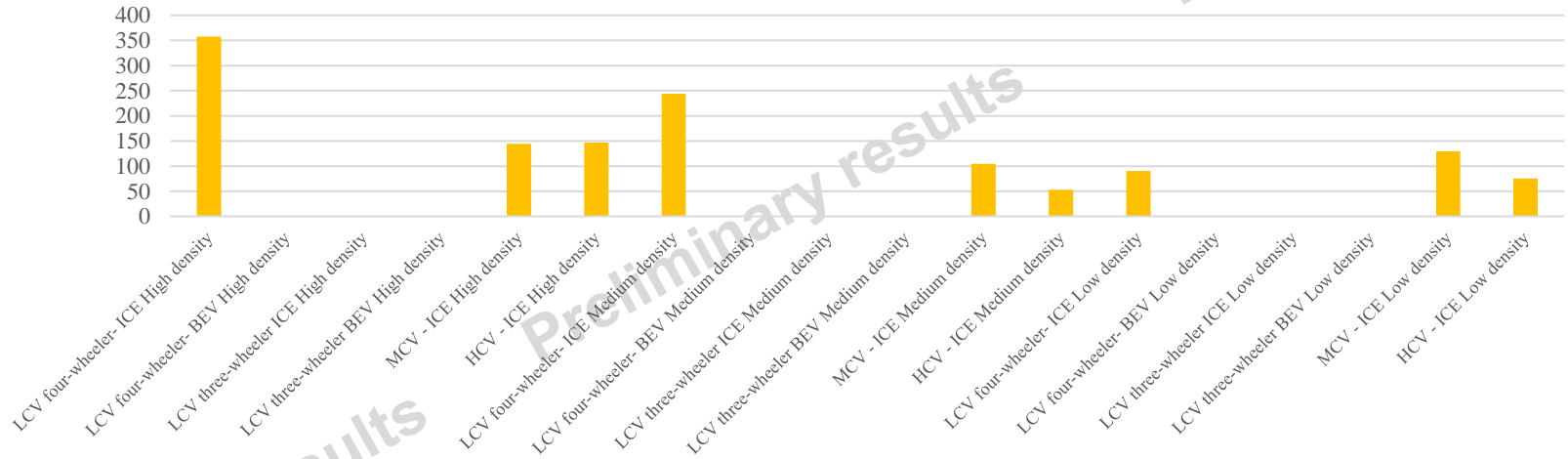


Fig 22: GHG emission per tkm in g CO<sub>2</sub> eq.

## Preliminary Findings and Next Steps

- The majority of the LCVs surveyed in three Indian cities had a very low payload capacity.
- LCVs are less efficient than MCVs and HCVs in case of energy emission/ GHG emission per tkm when operating with very low payloads, but carry higher volume parcels (compared to their weight).

## Next steps

- Q2 release of ITF Transport Life-cycle Assessment Tool for India v2.0 BETA
- Open to feedback and data

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