

# Life Cycle Inventory for India

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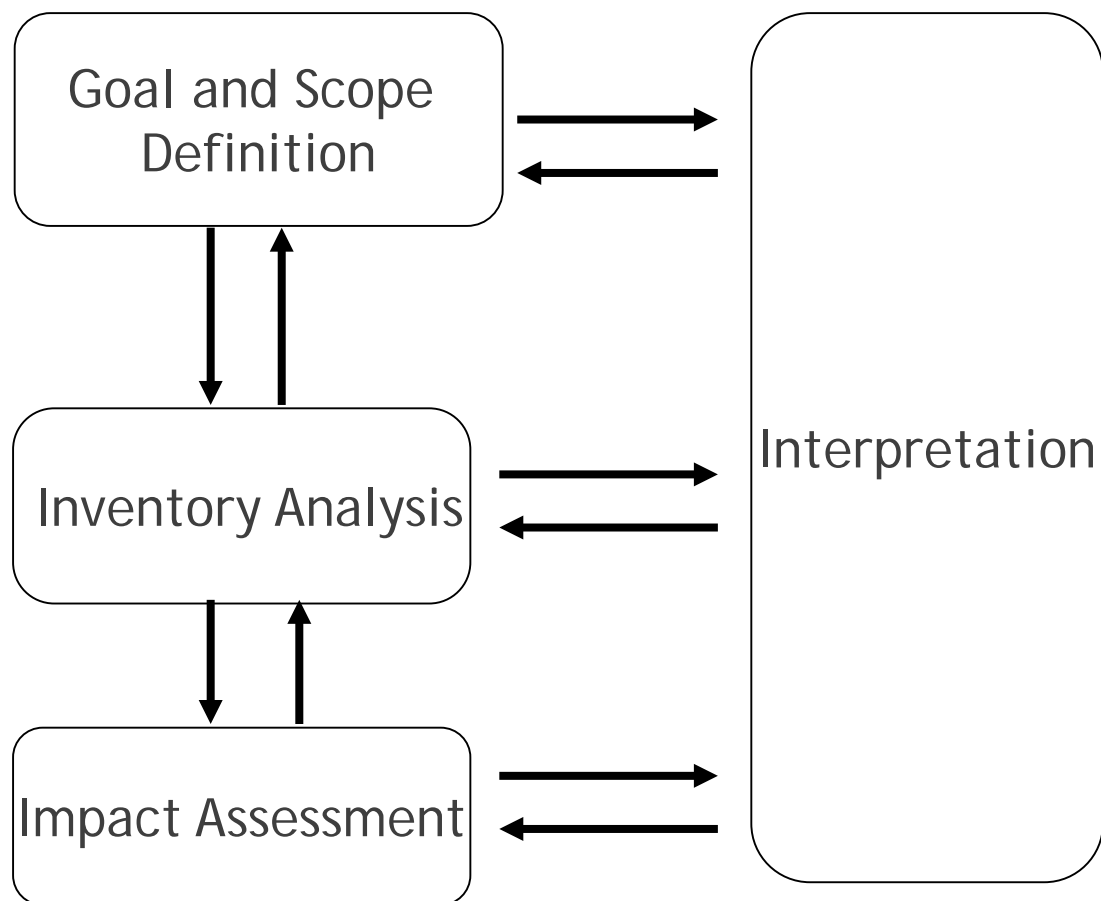
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“ Green ” makes sense!

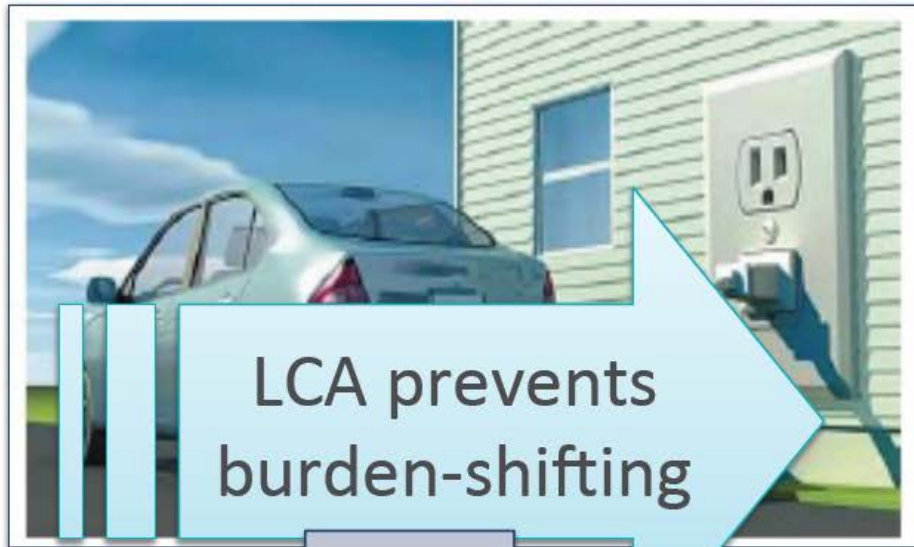
But how do you measure  
greenness?

# Life Cycle Assessment



**LCA** is a methodology to assess the environmental (economic/social) impacts of products & services through their life cycle

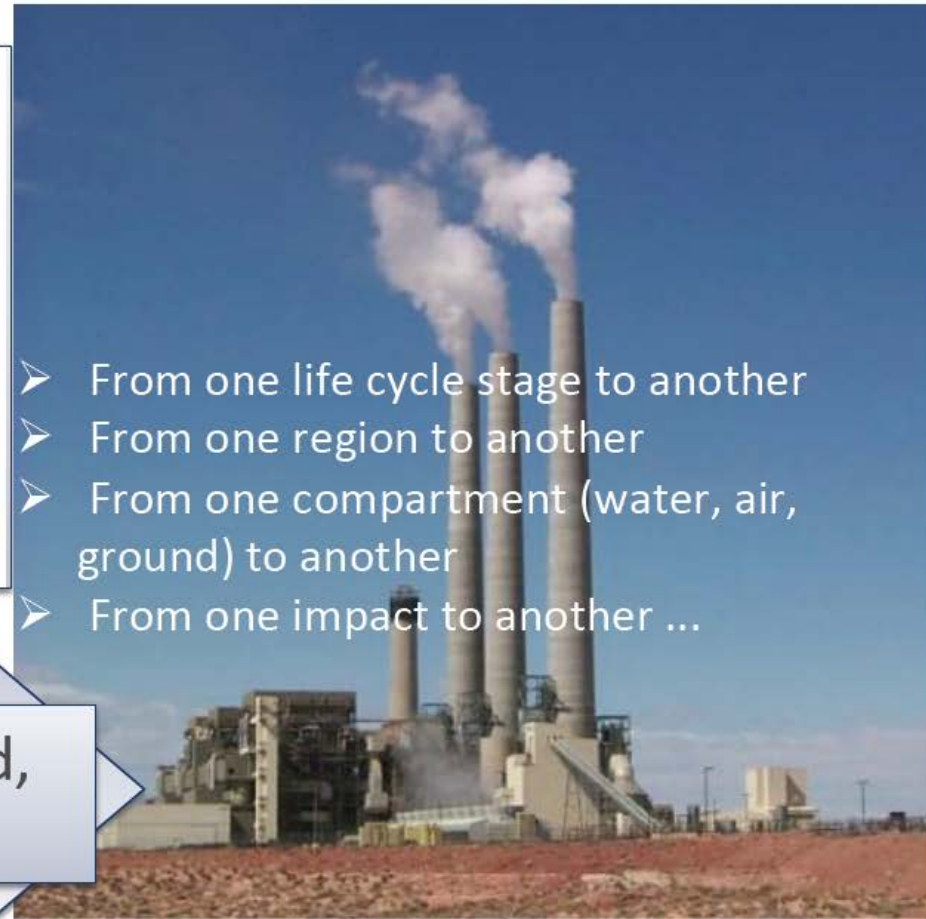
# Why a Life Cycle Approach ...



LCA prevents  
burden-shifting

Emissions displaced,  
not eliminated

- From one life cycle stage to another
- From one region to another
- From one compartment (water, air, ground) to another
- From one impact to another ...



# Can electric cars reduce the greenhouse gas emissions?



# Electric cars have more CO2 emission than a Petrol car in India

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## I will contradict my self!

Stay with me



# Sustainable Recycling Industries



Funded by Swiss state secretariat for economic affairs (SECO) and jointly implemented by ecoinvent, Empa and WRF



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SUSTAINABLE  
RECYCLING  
INDUSTRIES

- Life Cycle Inventories

- Brazil, India, Latin America, South Africa



- Recycling Initiatives



Materials Science & Technology

- SRI Roundtable

*Until the end of 2017*



<http://sustainable-recycling.org/>

# SRI project overview

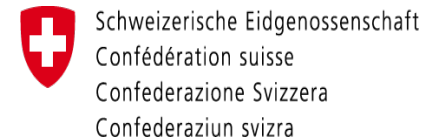


- SRI Component A: Life Cycle Assessment

- Centre for regional networks (with CII India)
- LCA/LCI expertise
- Data collection

- Build LCA/LCI expertise and critical core of LCI data for newly industrialized countries

- Activities in Latin America, India, South Africa,
- Jan 2015 - Dec 2017





# Regional centres and coordinator: CII Capacity building activities



## Regional centres and coordinator

facilitator and coordinator for the SRI project in India..





## LCI/LCA expertise (capacity building)

- Raise awareness about the importance of LC thinking
- develop local LCA skills and LCI creation skills
- create the momentum and expertise for data collection
- Workshops, webinars, courses, educational material

# CB workshops in India

November/December 2015

| Mon   | Tue                                  | Wed                               | Thu                            | Fri                                       | Sat | Sun |
|---|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|---|-----|-----|
| 16  | 17                                   | 18                                | 19                             | 20  | 21  | 22  |
|   |                                      | Green building congress           |                                |   |     |     |
|   |                                      | Ahmedabad<br>CII & gov't of India |                                | Ahmedabad<br>Sustainability Industry      |     |     |
| 23  | 24                                   | 25                                | 26                             | 27  | 28  | 29  |
|   | Bangalore<br>Sustainability Industry |                                   | Hyderabad<br>LCA practitioners | Hyderabad<br>LCA experts & Data suppliers |     |     |
| 30  | 1                                    | 2                                 | 3                              | 4   | 5   | 6   |
| New Delhi<br>Sustainability Policy makers & gov't | New Delhi<br>LCA practitioners       |                                   |                                |   |     |     |

 for private sector **TG1**
 for Gov't & policy assessment **TG1**
 for LCA practitioners **TG2**
 for LCA experts & Data providers **TG3**

## Free Capacity Building activities in India on

- Life Cycle Assessment; and
- Life Cycle Inventories

### LCA WEBINAR SERIES

#### Introduction to LCA & LCA Methodology

20 May 2016 : 3 pm to 4 pm

**Speaker:** Ms Harshita Soni, CII Godrej GBC

#### LCA Tools - Simapro

27 May 2016 : 3 pm to 4 pm

**Speaker:** Ms. Anneke Haringsma, PRe Sustainability

#### Life Cycle Inventory Datasets

3 June 2016 : 3 pm to 4 pm

**Speaker:** Dr AmirSafaei, Ecoinvent

#### LCA Applications

10 June 2016 : 3 pm to 4 pm

**Speaker:** Dr AmirSafaei, Ecoinvent

# Data collection

## Initial calls and future plans



- Data collection through Calls for Tender open to public
- Publish upcoming calls according to the time-schedule devised with regional coordinators
- Sectors to focus on for data collection...
  - Background data (energy, transportation, building sector and construction material)
  - Important sectors for the country (waster treatment, Recycling, agriculture, ...)
- Value of the calls
  - Depends on the scope and level of details required

- Data collection and submission by local stakeholders to...  
**Build capacity for LCI data collection and preparation**
- Starting from an existing base rather than starting from scratch!
- ecoinvent provides the necessary infrastructure for validation and publication of the data (as part of the ecoinvent database)

LCI data **freely available** to Indian community

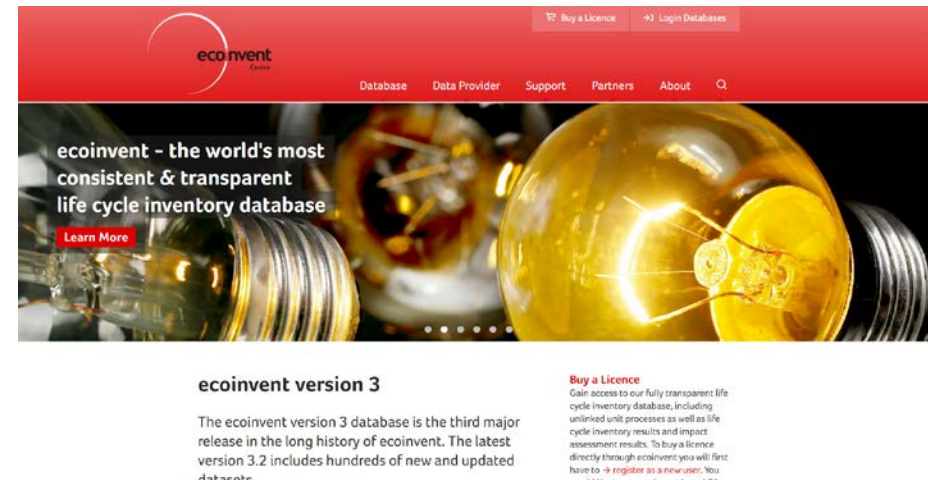
To be used as consistent base for...

- LCA studies
- For Green Labelling (*How can you do a label w/o data?*)
- etc...

# Who is ecoinvent



- A not-for-profit association and holder of...
- ...the world's leading transparent LCI database for over a decade; current version 3.2
- A major annual update of the database
- <http://www.ecoinvent.org/>



# ecoinvent – a global LCI database



- ecoinvent datasets from 40 countries
- Free to use for educational purposes in developing countries including India
- Available in all the major LCA softwares



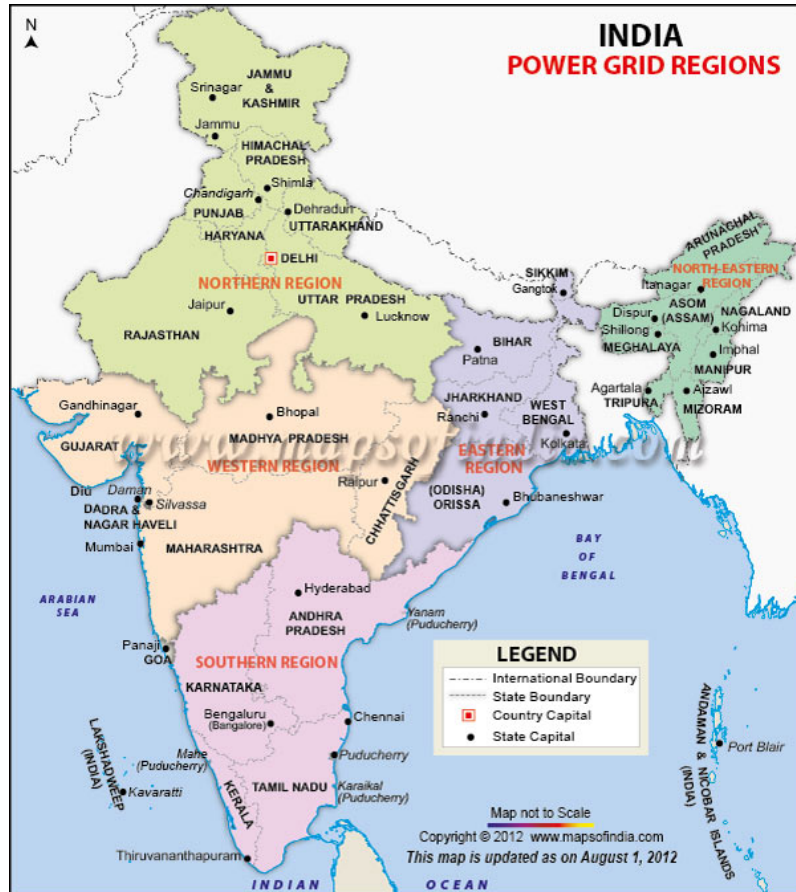
Implementor of SRI-LCI project in India



# Ecoinvent, SRI and India

- Currently 150 datasets in ecoinvent related to the geography of India
  - Agriculture, electricity and Textile
- As a part of the SRI project, we are increasing the availability of Indian LCI data
- First projects: electricity and Steel sector in India
- An LCI data collection project is started to generate LCI datasets for steel production in India.

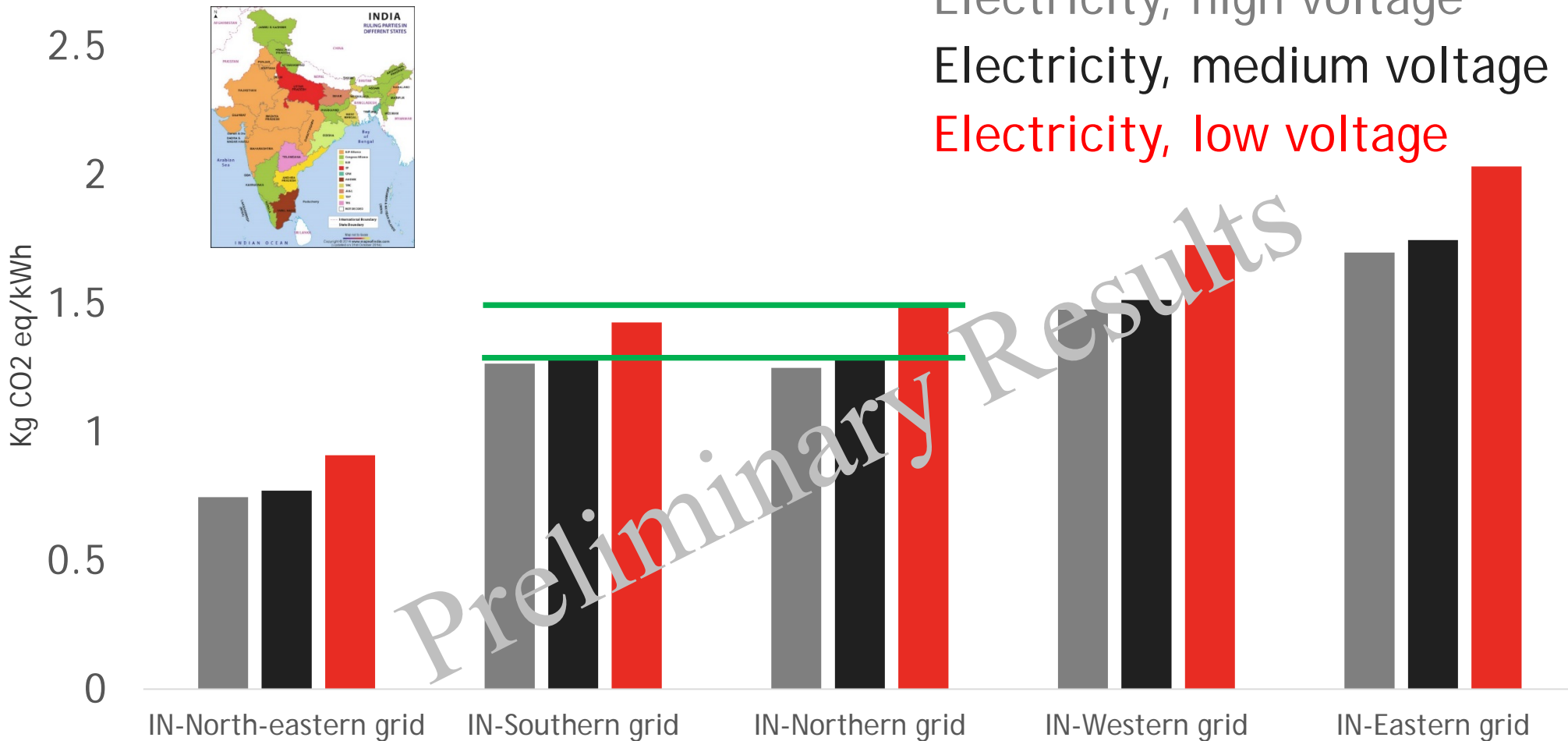
# Ecoinvent, SRI and India; electricity datasets



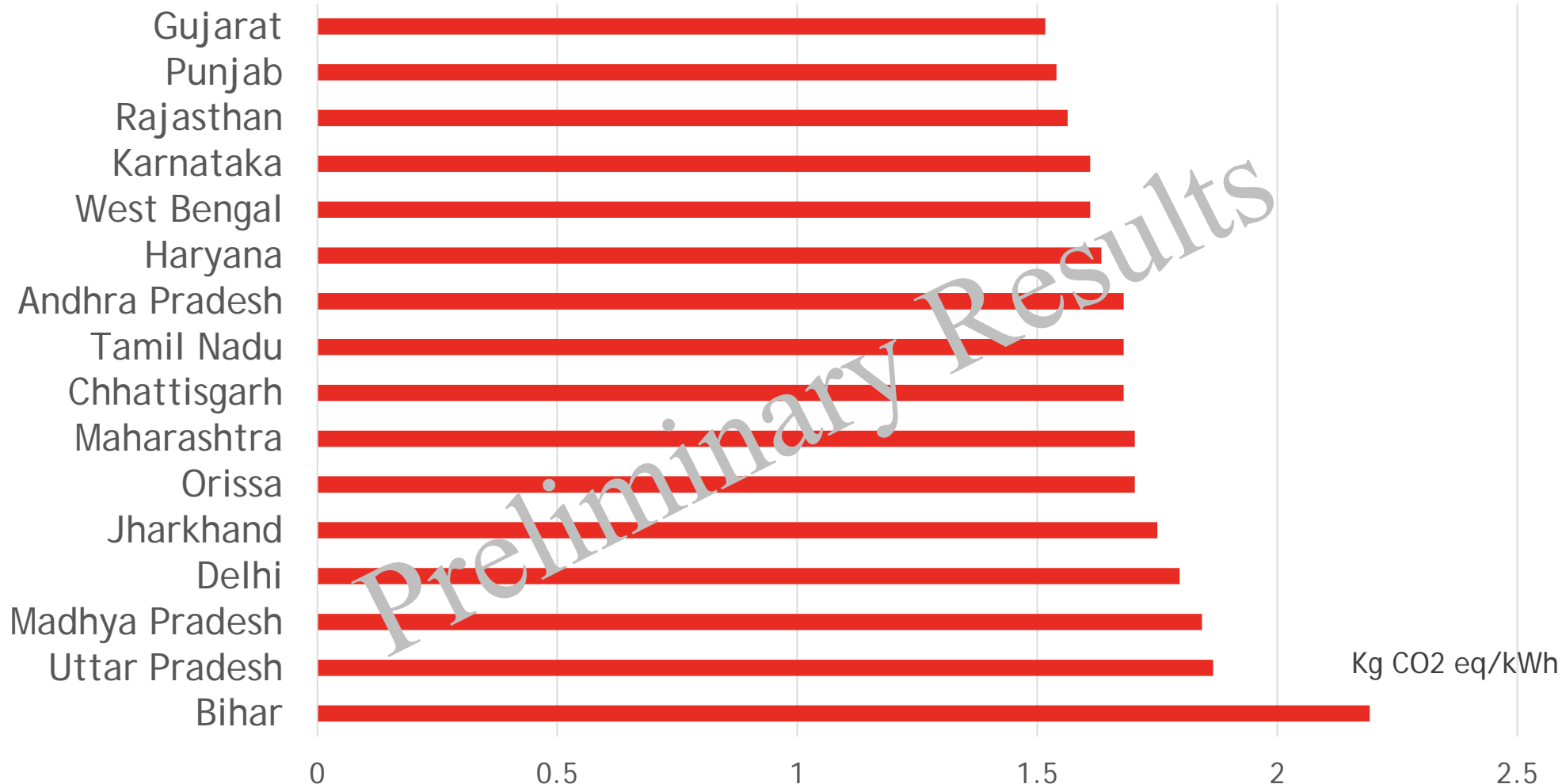
The Indian electricity production mix, power plant technological level and local production condition vary considerably on the state level across the 29 Indian states and 7 Union Territories.

# Electricity GWP score

## Grid level analysis



# GWP score electricity per state - coal production



# Near future plans

- Capacity building activities in LCA and LCI
  - Sector specific training materials
  - Workshops
  - webinars
- Data collection with local and international partners
  - Background data: transportation, energy, construction sector
  - Important industries/commodities for each region

The world's most  
consistent and  
transparent Life Cycle  
Inventory database



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