

PPOL 646 - 01 Interim Visualization Assignment 4

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+ 3.33 *Point adjustment*

💬 Good job! This scatterplot is a great choice for your data, and I think your annotation for China's plot point is very effective.

Please double-check the scale of the x-axis; it

seems inconsistent. The distance between 0 and 1.2 percent looks larger than the distance between 1.2 and 26.8 percent.

Consider increasing the horizontal dimension of the plot area to allow more separation of points at the low end of the x-axis.

Consider using `ggrepel` for the point labels to avoid some of the overwriting of the points.

A few suggestions are to reduce the number of colors by giving countries in the same regions the same colors, and to use per capita values for the number of electric vehicles. China's point size is huge, but that makes sense because its population is huge. To better compare across countries, it would be helpful to understand what countries have more electric vehicles accounting for differences in their populations.

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Statement of Purpose

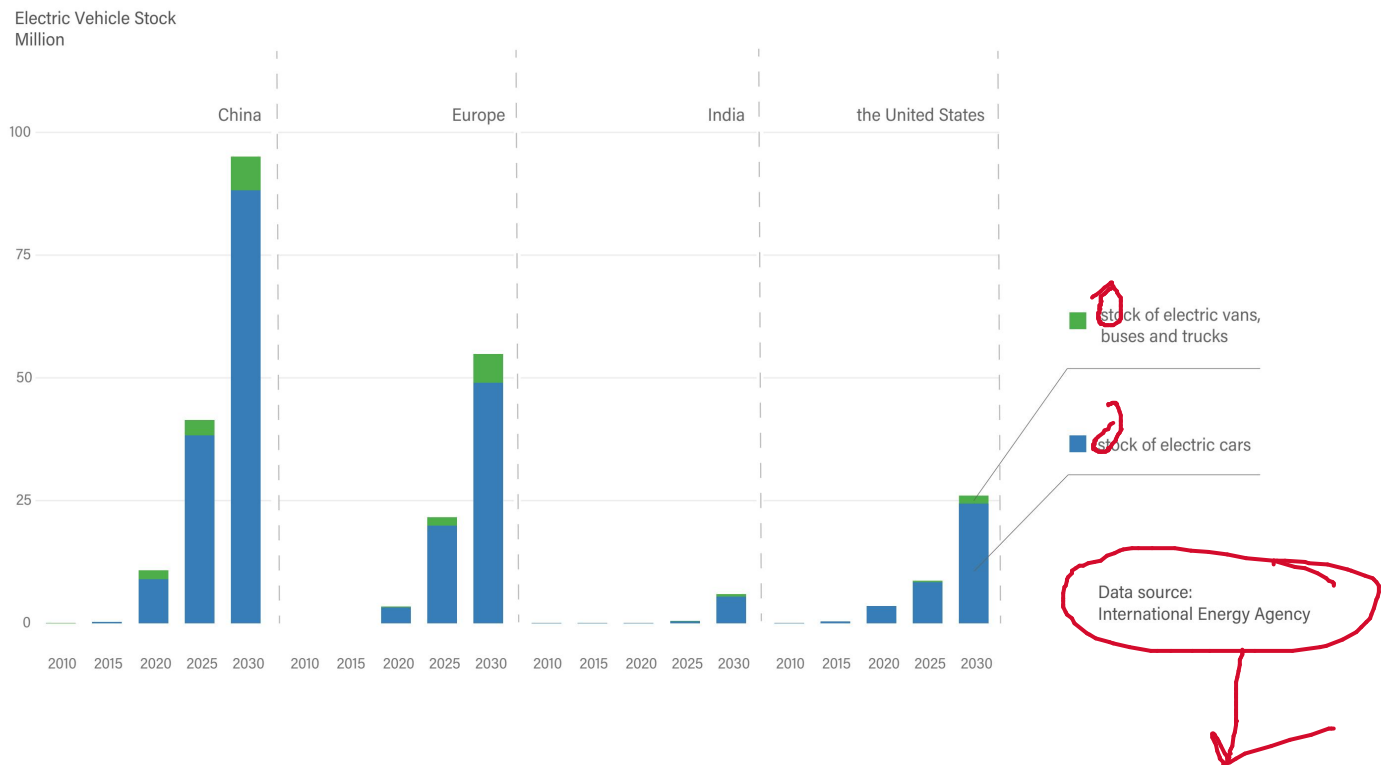
In this diagram, as the title suggests, I want to convey the message that electric cars are dominant in the world among all types of electric vehicles. I plan to include this graph in my thesis. This will give my thesis readers a strong explanation as to why I chose electric cars and no other types of electric vehicles as the subject of my analysis.

By visualizing the International Energy Agency (IEA) dataset, using the agency's records of historical data and forecasts of the number of electric vehicles over the next decade under the IEA Stated Policies Scenario (STEPS), I show the market compositions of the world's four major electric vehicle markets: China, Europe, India, and the United States, between 2010 and 2030.

For clarity, I have combined the categories other than cars: vans, buses, and trucks, because their combined numbers (in green) are far smaller than the share of cars alone.

Cars dominate vehicle electrification in the past, present, and foreseeable future

Electric vans, buses and trucks altogether account for little proportion of electric vehicles stock in key markets worldwide, 2010 - 2030



01

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2023-04-06

```
# Load packages -----

library(tidyverse)
library(ggplot2)

# Load data -----

EV_2010_to_2021 <-
  read_csv('data_own/IEA-EV-data.csv')

# Data wrangling -----

EV_cars_quantity <-
  EV_2010_to_2021 %>%
  filter(region %in%
           c('China', 'Europe', 'USA', 'India')) %>%
  filter(year %in%
           seq(2010, 2030, 5)) %>%
  filter(category != 'Projection-APS') %>%
  filter(parameter %in%
           c('EV stock')) %>%
  mutate(mode_new =
           if_else(mode == 'Cars',
                    'Cars',
                    'Vans, buses & trucks')) %>%
  group_by(region, year, mode_new) %>%
  summarise(value_new =
             sum(value))

# Set the categorical variables as factors with certain orders

EV_cars_quantity$mode_new <-
  factor(EV_cars_quantity$mode_new,
         levels =
           c('Vans, buses & trucks', 'Cars'))

EV_cars_quantity$region <-
  factor(EV_cars_quantity$region,
         levels =

           # in alphabetical order

           c('China', 'Europe', 'India', 'USA'))
```



```
# Add percent numbers for reference
```

```
EV_cars_percent <-  
  EV_cars_quantity %>%  
    pivot_wider(names_from = mode_new,  
                 values_from = value_new) %>%  
    mutate(percentage =  
      formattable::percent(  
        (`Vans, buses & trucks` /  
         (`Vans, buses & trucks` + `Cars`))) %>%  
    select(region, year, percentage)
```

```
# Combine the data together
```

```
EV_cars_all <-  
  EV_cars_quantity %>%  
    full_join(EV_cars_percent,  
              by = join_by(region, year))
```

```
# Data visualization -----
```

```
p1 <-  
  EV_cars_all %>%  
    ggplot(mapping =  
      aes(x = year,  
           y = value_new,  
           fill = mode_new)) +  
  
  # only add some of the grid lines  
  
  geom_hline(yintercept = 25000000,  
              color = 'gray93') +  
  geom_hline(yintercept = 50000000,  
              color = 'gray93') +  
  geom_hline(yintercept = 75000000,  
              color = 'gray93') +  
  geom_hline(yintercept = 100000000,  
              color = 'gray93') +  
  geom_bar(stat = 'identity',  
            width = 3.2) +  
  facet_wrap(~ region,  
             nrow = 1) +  
  geom_text(aes(label = percentage),  
            size = 2.5,  
            check_overlap = T) +  
  scale_y_continuous(  
    breaks = seq(0, 125000000, 25000000),  
    labels = c('0', '25', '50', '75', '100', ''),  
    limits = c(0, 125000000)) +
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```
scale_fill_manual(values =  
                    c('#4daf4a', '#377eb8')) +  
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                    'present, and foreseeable future'),  
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The deployment of publicly available chargers for electric vehicles typically lags behind the growth of electric vehicles (IEA, 2022). That is, in today's electrification of transportation, people sometimes buy electric vehicles (EVs) first, and then find out that publicly available charging facilities are insufficient. The deployment of EV charging facilities is the policy issue I want to examine in my paper.

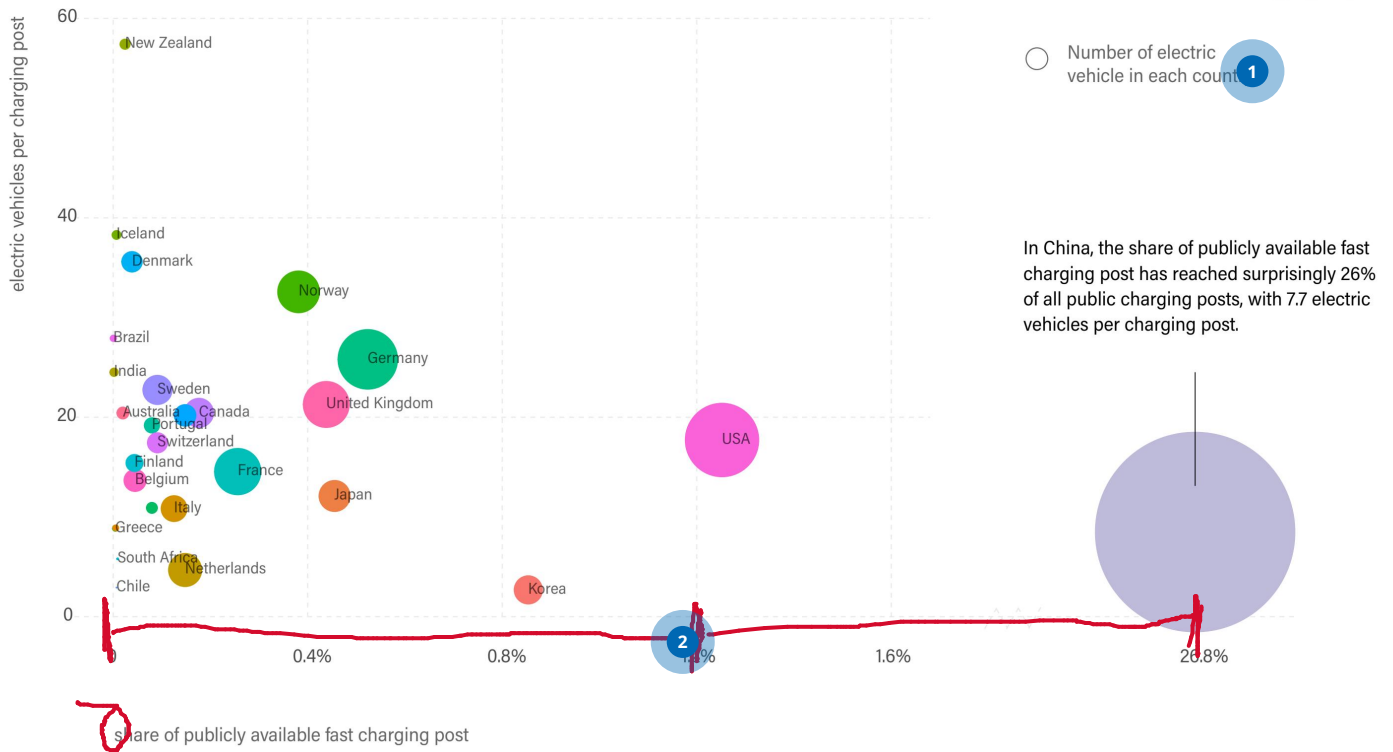
The purpose of this graph is to show the level of EV charging deployment in different countries. The horizontal axis depicts the share of publicly available fast-charging posts, and the publicly available charging posts consist of both "slow" and "fast" charging posts. Fast charging posts can reduce charging time per vehicle and serve more vehicle owners in a given time frame, i.e., provide more charging capacity. The larger this number is, the fewer public charging posts are available for each EV, and the closer to 0, the more charging posts are available for each vehicle. Finally, the size of the bubbles shows the current number of registered electric vehicles in a country and represents the demand for electric vehicle charging in that country.

China (26.8%) is far ahead of all other countries (less than 2%) on the horizontal axis, while also being close to zero on the vertical axis. At the same time, China has the largest bubble, indicating that it has the most electric vehicles. All this reflects the booming development of electric vehicles in China.

China is leading in EV charging infrastructure deployment, far more than the next 2: the US and Korea

The deployment of EV charging posts in 2021

Data source: International Energy Agency



02

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# Data wrangling -----  
  
# Create a initial data set  
  
EV_initial <-  
  EV_2010_to_2021 %>%  
  filter(!region %in%  
  
    # exclude the regional data, in order to focus on countries  
  
    c('Europe', 'Rest of the world', 'Other Europe', 'World')) %>%  
  filter(parameter %in% c('EV stock', 'EV charging points'),  
    year == 2021,  
    category == 'Historical')  
  
# Number of electric vehicles per charging point  
  
EV_per_charging <-  
  EV_initial %>%  
  group_by(region, parameter) %>%  
  summarise(value_new =  
    sum(value)) %>%  
  pivot_wider(  
    names_from = parameter,  
    values_from = value_new) %>%  
  mutate(EV_per_charger =  
    `EV stock` / `EV charging points`) %>%  
  select(region, EV_per_charger)  
  
# The share of fast chargers in the total number of chargers  
  
Fast_charger_share <-
```

```

EV_initial %>%
  filter(parameter == 'EV charging points') %>%
  select(region, powertrain, value) %>%
  pivot_wider(
    names_from = powertrain,
    values_from = value) %>%
  mutate(fast_percentage =
    `Publicly available fast` /
    sum(`Publicly available slow`, `Publicly available fast`)) %>%
  mutate(fast_percentage =
    formattable::percent(fast_percentage)) %>%
  select(region, fast_percentage)

# The total number of electric vehicles

EV_number <-
  EV_initial %>%
  filter(parameter == 'EV stock') %>%
  group_by(region) %>%
  summarise(EV_total = sum(value))

# Combine the created variables into one data frame

EV_analysis <-
  EV_per_charging %>%
  full_join(Fast_charger_share) %>%
  full_join(EV_number) %>%

  # exclude the missing values

  filter(!is.na(EV_per_charger)) %>%

  # to make visualization neater, arrange the order

  arrange(EV_number) %>%

  # we found that the fast charger percentage for China is an outlier, since
  # China's percentage of fast chargers are way higher than other countries
  # Exclude China for now

  filter(region != 'China')

# Data visualization -----

# generate a color palette

palette <-
  rainbow_hcl(27)

# create a bubble chart

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```

p2 <-
  EV_analysis %>%
  ggplot() +
  geom_point(
    aes(x = EV_per_charger,
        y = fast_percentage,
        size = EV_total,
        color = palette)) +
  scale_size(range = c(.1, 30),
             name = 'Number of Electric Vehicles') +
  coord_flip() +
  geom_text(
    aes(
      x = EV_per_charger,
      y = fast_percentage,
      label = region),
    hjust = 'left',
    size = 3,
    check_overlap = T) +
  scale_x_continuous(
    breaks = seq(0, 60, 20)) +
  scale_y_continuous(
    breaks = seq(0, 0.016, 0.004),
    labels = c('0', '0.4%', '0.8%', '1.2%', '1.6%'),
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✓ **+ 0 pts** *Graph title or annotation should more prominently note the represented population (e.g., USA, China, world, Texas) somewhere. Specify "U.S. States" instead of only "States".*

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+ 0 pts Use ggplot instead of base R graphics for this visualization.

+ 0 pts A very good application of the code that we learned in class. The strongest work will demonstrate extending the work with more of your own code.

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+ 3.33 *Point adjustment*

☞ Good job! This scatterplot is a great choice for your data, and I think your annotation for China's plot point is very effective.

Please double-check the scale of the x-axis; it seems inconsistent. The distance between 0 and 1.2 percent looks larger than the distance between 1.2 and 26.8 percent.

Consider increasing the horizontal dimension of the plot area to allow more separation of points at the low end of the x-axis.

Consider using `ggrepel` for the point labels to avoid some of the overwriting of the points.

A few suggestions are to reduce the number of colors by giving countries in the same regions the same colors, and to use per capita values for the number of electric vehicles. China's point size is huge, but that makes sense because its population is huge. To better compare across countries, it would be helpful to understand what countries have more electric vehicles accounting for differences in their populations.

- 1 This should be a legend that shows some sample sizes and associated values.
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