# The Carbon Footprint of Shifting Conventional Diesel Buses to Electric Ones in Astana, Kazakhstan

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## Astana's growth: population increase, air pollution challenges

- The population has grown from around 300,000 to 1,400,000 since the 2000s
- The population could easily reach 2-2.5 million by 2030-2035 based on the current pace





Sources: 1) <u>https://cabar.asia/en/photo-report-what-air-does-nur-sultan-inhale</u>

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#### **Akimat's solution: purchasing electric buses**

- A local governmental authority (Akimat) is working on the development of public transport to reduce emissions from vehicles.
- Around 6800 buses were in local service, over 100 of which were powered by electricity at the beginning of 2023.
- Akimat has a plan to purchase around 300 electric and 200 diesel bus in 2023, and is further planning to increase the number of electric buses in the future



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# Concerns: increased carbon footprint due to coal-based electricity

Kazakhstan has the ambitious target to produce around half of its energy from renewable sources by 2050, and completely decarbonize its economy by 2060 under the Paris Agreement

- Regarding the statistics published by the Ministry of Energy of the Republic of Kazakhstan (2023), overall 112.8 billion kWh of electricity is generated in 2022.

- Renewable sources represents only 4.5% of the total electricity produced.



#### Need for optimal solution: balancing environmental goals

	Air pollution	Global	Economics	Applicability
		warming		
		potential		
Diesel buses				
Electric buses				
working on				
electricity				
from coal				
Electric buses				
running on				
electricity				
from				
renewable				
sources				
Compressed				
natural gas				
buses				

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## Multiobjective optimization using machine learning techniques



# Thank you

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