Scaling Electric Vehicles in India

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Why is Electric Vehicle (EV) the future transport?

Better efficiency with less number of moving parts

Area	Petrol / Diesel	EV
Energy efficiency	17 – 21%	90 – 95%
Moving parts (reliability)	2000+	20+

- In five years, EV capital costs will be less than that of petrol vehicles
 - with acceptable range and operational costs at a fraction of that of petrol vehicles
- But if we wait, India will import most EV sub-systems and batteries instead of oil
 - will threaten India's auto sector (with 7.1% GDP) and jobs

Falling battery costs

Year	Li battery costs per kWh
2012	USD 600
2015	USD 450
2017	USD 250
2020	USD 150
2024	< USD 100

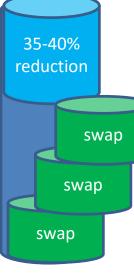
So how do we enable Electric Vehicle today

- World-over EVs happen today with 30 to 40% subsidy
- India does not have enough money for subsidy
 - So how do we do it without subsidy?
 - must make economic sense
- At the same time scale early
 - And take leadership in the world at least in some segments
 - As far as possible, Make in India and develop the complete eco-system from end to end

Approach

- Focus on higher efficiency: Wh/km (equivalent to kms/litre of petrol)
 - Lower Wh/km brings down battery size, weight and cost
 - For e-autos in last six months: from 70 to 80 Wh/km to 45/50 Wh/km
 - E-buses: from 1600 Wh/km to 900 Wh/km
- Split battery into smaller size (one third) and swap
 - No waiting time to charge battery; no public infrastructure required
- Battery-life severely affected by Fast Charging at 45 deg C: one-third as compared to charging in two hours below 25 deg C
 - Possible with swapping





Approach (contd)

- Separate vehicle business (without battery) & energy business (battery)
 - Capital cost similar to that for petrol / diesel vehicle
 - Operation cost today same as petrol / diesel vehicle
 - WITH no SUBSIDY; but zero-rated GST for strictly three years
- Drive Volumes using public vehicles
 - Get companies to buy vehicles in bulk (100,000 plus) and lease
 - Get companies to buy batteries in bulk and set up energy business
 - Private vehicles to leverage the eco-system
 - No subsidy needed as with these 5 steps, capital cost of vehicle similar to that for petrol vehicles, and ₹/km operation costs same as petrol / diesel / CNG
 - Manufacture motors and drives, chargers, batteries, cells and battery-chemicals in India

High Quality Three wheelers: e-rickshaw, e-auto

- Use swapping: 50 km range Li-Ion Locked battery
 - swap in 2 minutes at some 200 locations in a city
 - Quality electric vehicles at similar price as petrol/CNG vehicles
 - Charged Li-ion hire price per km less than that petrol/CNG vehicles
- 50 vehicle, battery & subsystem manufacturers, aggregators, energy business enable
 - Common and modular Locked battery pack specs driven with industry
 - Vehicles efficiency (35 Wh/km for e-rick, 45 Wh/km for e-auto), safety and easy battery-swapping
- Launch in November 2017
 - 50K early order: can target 1 million 3-wheelers in 18 months

Large e-auto and e-cargo rickshaw and autos to follow



Everything other than battery cells made in India

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For City-Buses

- Most city-buses travel less than 30 kms per trip
 - Some 8 to 10 trips per day: Ten minutes break between trips
- Batteries with 50 kms range: Swap batteries (using robots) at trip-terminal point
 - Operation costs per km is no more than for diesel vehicle
- High performance (low Wh/km) buses without battery
 - Capital Costs similar to that of today's buses
- 30 bus, battery and subsystem manufacturers/ swappers define
 - Common Locked battery pack specs
 - Specs for vehicles: efficiency, safety, easy battery-swapping (with robotics)
- Could launch in January 2018: can target 10000 buses in 15 months

Four-wheelers

- Initially focus on taxis, which ply over 200 kms per day
 - Total Cost per Km (capital + operational costs) comparable to today's petrol vehicle costs
 - May use a combination of fixed plus swappable battery tomorrow
- Will need charging infrastructure
 - Need to be designed to be economically viable
 - AC001 (slow) and DC001 (fast) [less than 100V, 15 kW, approx ₹1.5 lakhs] charger specs defined with this in mind
 - Could be set-up like STD PCOs
 - Working on specifications & financial model for DC002 and AC002 chargers
 - Business case needs to be figured out: current costs ₹10 to 20 lakhs

Get going at Speed

- Build Volumes
 - Prices depend much on volumes
 - Focus on Make in India
 - Everything other than battery cells are manufactured in India
- Will enable personal vehicles to take off
 - Two-wheelers can use the same battery module as used in 3-wheelers
 - Four-wheeler need more work
- Other vehicles in future
 - Long-distance buses, Tempos, Trucks, Agricultural Equipment and vehicles
 - May require tailoring of approach: not limited to swapping

Cell to Pack Manufacturing 2017 – some 15 companies



Cell Manufacturing: 2019 -20



India has little Li, Mn, Co
Battery Recycling to recover 95% of
Li, Mn and Co

To Conclude

- EVs will give us huge benefit
 - All EV power can be generated by Renewables (sun, wind and water) in due course and give us ZERO pollution
 - Would result into huge boost for auto-components

while Swapping is making EVs possible today without subsidy

- Other financially-viable approaches being explored for tomorrow
 - Incremental charging at stops: fast charging at 4C
 - Fast-charging at 1 to 2C by DC-002
 - Would need to somehow overcome the impact on battery-life due to fast-charging (over 2C) at high temperatures

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Key Policy support

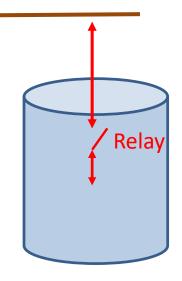
- 1. Have zero import duty and 5% IGST on lithium cells import to be used for EVs. Have 5% GST on Locked Smart Batteries, EVs, Charging Equipment for three years
- Have 5% GST on Integrated Service provided by the Locked Smart Battery Charge and Swap stations
- 3. Allow Aggregators and Businesses to own and operate fleet of electric 3-Wheelers
- 4. Exempt e-Autos from permit requirement for three years
- 5. Allow Energy-business (Locked Smart Battery Charge & Swap Stations) to procure power at competitive rates through Open Access without cross-subsidy and create special tariff category for energy supplied for dedicated charging of Electric Vehicles / Locked Smart Batteries

What is L-Batt?

- Can not be charged except through authorised Chargers
- Can not feed power except to authorised vehicle
 - Encrypted Key exchange between Charger / vehicle and L-batt
 - Relay turns on only after authentication (each L-batt has an unique ID)



- Charge includes depreciation and interest cost of batteries besides costs of charging and swapping
- Without Locking, a vehicle owner auto can charge discharge a battery multiple times and not pay the Energy Business
- At swap-point
 - a mobile phone will read actual kWh used and transmit to CMS for e-payment
 - Program the new battery to be usable to specific vehicle and inform CMS



L-Batt designed

- To contain all data about usage: at what time
 - what speed and acceleration the vehicle had been driven?
 - how much energy of battery was used, L-batt State?
- Data read by authorised chargers and send to CMS where it analyses
 - The efficiency of the vehicle
 - The driver-characteristics (does she speed, how often she applies breaks, etc.)
 - The Battery characteristics: State of Charge, state of cells and unbalanced cells, cell temperature, state of health
 - Determine how to pair multiple modules
- Similarly during charging battery, charger sends all information to the CMS for analysis
 - How to extend life of each battery module
 - Enable second use of battery module (when its capacity deteriorates to below 80% of initial level)

Charging Buildings and Swapping-Outlets

- L-Batt charged in special air-conditioned buildings, which are guaranteed
 24 x 7 power and have all safety precautions
 - Large number of swapping outlets in one-two km radius
- Software designed to track each module
 - What are the number of charged and discharged packs at each outlet?
 - How much is the rate of L-batt off-take at each outlet?
 - Coordinate vehicles (e-rickshaws) to transport charged L-batts to outlets and carry back discharged L-batt
 - All payments: from vehicle owners to Energy Business, from Energy business to transport operator and to each outlet
 - Charging uses a combination of kWh used as well as holding-time of a L-batt

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- Initially focus on taxis, which ply over 200 kms per day
 - Total Cost per Km (capital + operational costs) comparable to today's petrol vehicle costs
 - May use a combination of fixed plus swappable battery tomorrow
 - Have a range of 110 kms: going up to 160 kms by July 2018
 - Overnight slow AC charging at homes
 - two hour AC charging while parked at office can extend range to 150 kms
 - DC fast charger for one to one and half hour charging

But before we begin: Nay-sayers

- But Does India have enough electricity?
- Full conversion of transport to EV will utilise 15% to 20% of total electricity generation
 - No shortage of electricity: thermal plant load factor today is 59.6%
 - Will help power-usage during off-peak hours
 - Alternatively, rooftop solar may provide all required electricity using 0.07% of India's geographical area

Nay-sayers: Pollution

- But does electricity not cause pollution?
- Zero pollution levels if renewables used
 - Renewable prices have fallen below that of coal-plant: future capacity will mostly come from solar / wind
- If electricity is produced with current thermal plants
 - No tail-pipe emission
 - CO₂ pollution down by 50%