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

Falling battery costs

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

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%

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: onethird as compared to charging in two hours below 25 deg C
 - Possible with swapping

Battery size

anxiety

without range

30-40%

reduction

swap

swap

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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

Everything other than battery cells made in India

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



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

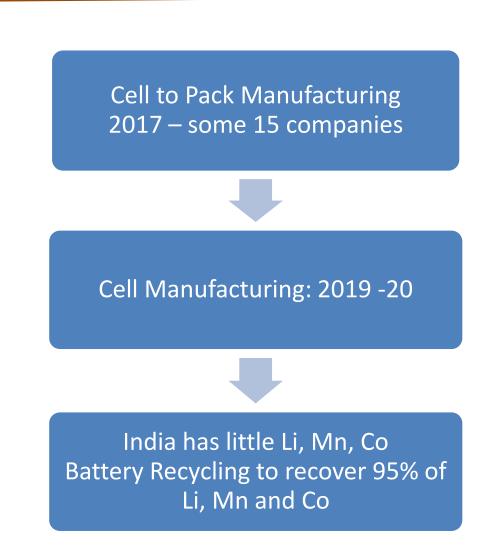
- Initially focus on taxis, which ply over 200 kms per day
 - Total Cost per Km (capital + operational costs) comparable to today's petrol vehicle costs
 - May use a combination of fixed plus swappable battery tomorrow
 - Have a range of 110 kms: going up to 160 kms by July 2018
 - Overnight slow AC 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

Public Chargers

- Public chargers for small vehicles standardised
 - Bharat Chargers AC-001 (slow) and DC-001 (fast) [less than 100V, 15 kW]
 - Affordable so that they can make business sense
 - DC chargers may cost ₹1 lakh to ₹1.5 lakhs
 - Make Charger business viable like STD-PCO
- Public fast chargers for larger vehicles to be standardised
 - Working on specifications & financial model for AC-002 and DC-002 [100V to 800V, 30 to 100 kW]
 - Industry needs to get back with what they need
 - 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



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