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Can Electric Vehicle (EV) replace conventional vehicle, and its future

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ABSTRACT:

Electric vehicles (EV), including Battery Electric Vehicle (BEV), Hybrid Electric Vehicle (HEV), Plug-in Hybrid Electric Vehicle (PHEV), Fuel Cell Electric Vehicle (FCEV), are becoming more commonplace in the transportation sector in recent times. As the present trend suggests, this mode of transport is likely to replace internal combustion engine (ICE) vehicles in the near future. Each of the main EV components has a number of technologies that are currently in use or can become prominent in the future. EVs can cause significant impacts on the environment, power system, and other related sectors. The present power system could face huge instabilities with enough EV penetration, but with proper management and coordination, EVs can be turned into a major contributor to the successful implementation of the smart grid concept. There are possibilities of immense environmental benefits as well, as the EVs can extensively reduce the greenhouse gas emissions produced by the transportation sector. However, there are some major obstacles for EVs to overcome before totally replacing ICE vehicles. This paper is focused on reviewing all the useful data available on EV configurations, battery energy sources, electrical machines, charging techniques, optimization techniques, impacts, trends, and possible directions of future developments. Its objective is to provide an overall picture of the current EV technology and ways of future development to assist in future researches in this sector.

I. INTRODUCTION:

In recent times, electric vehicles (EV) are gaining popularity, and the reasons behind this are many. The most eminent one is their contribution in reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. In 2009, the transportation sector emitted 25% of the GHGs produced by energy related sectors [1]. EVs, with enough penetration in the transportation sector, are expected to reduce that figure, but this is not the only reason bringing this century old and once dead concept back to life, this time as a commercially viable and available product. As a vehicle, an EV is quiet, easy to operate, and does not have the fuel costs associated with conventional vehicles. As an urban transport mode, it is highly useful. It does not use any stored energy or cause any emission while idling, is capable of frequent start-stop driving, provides the total torque from the startup, and does not require trips to the gas station. It does not contribute either to any of the smog making the city air highly polluted. The instant torque makes it highly preferable for motor sports. The quietness and low infrared signature makes it useful in military use as well. The power sector is going through a changing phase where renewable sources are gaining momentum. The next generation power grid, called 'smart grid' is also being developed. EVs are being considered a major contributor to this new power system comprised of renewable generating facilities and advanced grid

systems [2,3]. All these have led to a renewed interest and development in this mode of transport.

EV Types

EVs can run solely on electric propulsion or they can have an ICE working alongside it. Having only batteries as energy source constitutes the basic kind of EV, but there are kinds that can employ other energy source modes. These can be called hybrid EVs (HEVs). Electrotechnical The International Commission's Technical Committee 69 (Electric Road Vehicles) proposed that vehicles using two or more types of energy source, storage or converters can be called as an HEV as long as at least one of those provide electrical energy [4]. This definition makes a lot of combinations possible for HEVs like ICE and battery, battery and flywheel, battery and capacitor, battery and fuel cell, etc. Therefore, the common population and specialists both started calling vehicles with an ICE and electric motor combination HEVs, battery and capacitor ones as ultra-capacitor-assisted EVs, and the ones with battery and fuel cell FCEVs [2–4]. These terminologies have become widely accepted and according to this norm, EVs can be categorized as follows: (1) Battery Electric Vehicle (BEV) (2) Hybrid Electric Vehicle (HEV) (3) Plug-in Hybrid Electric Vehicle (PHEV) (4) Fuel Cell Electric Vehicle (FCEV)

HEV Setup

HEVs use both an electrical propulsion system and an ICE. Various ways in which these two can be set up to spin the wheels creates different configurations that can be summed up in four categories [4]: (1) Series hybrid (2) Parallel hybrid (3) Series-parallel hybrid (4) Complex hybrid

Series Hybrid This configuration is the simplest one to make an HEV. Only the motor is connected to the wheels here, the engine is used to run a generator which provides the electrical power. It can be put as an EV that is assisted by an ICE generator [4]. Series hybrid drive train is shown in Figure 18. Table 2 shows the merits and demerits of this configuration. Figure 18. Drive train of series hybrid system. The engine is used to generate electricity only and supply to the motor through a rectifier. Power from the battery goes to the motor through a DC-DC

Outcomes

The goal of this paper is to focus on the key components of EV. Major technologies in different sections are reviewed and the future trends of these sectors are speculated. The key findings of this paper can be summarized as follows: • EVs can be classified as BEV, HEV, PHEV, and FCEV. BEVs and PHEVs are the current trends. FCEVs can become mainstream in future. Low cost fuel cells are the main prerequisite for that and there is need of more research to make that happen. There are also strong chances for BEVs to be the market dominators with ample advancement in key technologies; energy storage and charging systems being two main factors. Currently FCVs appear to have little chance to become ubiquitous, these may find popularity in niche markets, for example, the military and utility vehicles. • EVs can be front wheel drive, rear wheel drive, even all-wheel drive. Different configurations are applied depending on the application of the vehicle. The motor can also be placed inside the wheel of the vehicle which offers distinct advantages. This configuration is not commercially abundant now, and has scopes for more study to turn it into a viable product. • The main HEV configurations are classified as series, parallel, and series-parallel. Current vehicles are using the seriesparallel system mainly as it can operate in both battery-only and ICE-only modes, providing more efficiency and less fuel consumption than the other two systems.

II. CONCLUSIONS

EVs have great potential of becoming the future of transport while saving this planet from imminent calamities caused by global warming. They are a viable alternative to conventional vehicles that depend directly on the diminishing fossil fuel.

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