

# Why Hydrogen Fuel Cells Make Sense

India Mobility Markets

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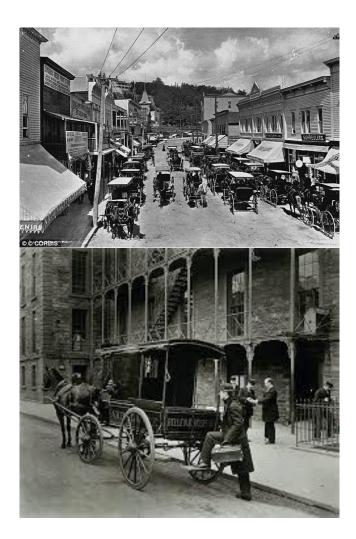
Channel Partnership in UAE, Qatar, and UK



Sector agnostic product, supports quick deployment



# Power train transition $-20^{th}$ century



 ${}^{\bullet}$   $\;$  In the  $19^{th}$  century horses were the most popular prime movers

Self-feeding, self-controlling, self-maintaining and self-reproducing and far more economical in the energy they are able to develop from a given weight of fuel material, than any other existing form of motor Robert Thurston – Steam Engine Expert (1894)

- There was a sixfold increase in horses employed from 4 million in 1840 to over 24 million by 1920
- Each horse dumped between 20 to 50 lbs of manure on the streets every day
  - 95% of all disease carrying flies bred in horse dung
  - Dead horses clogged streets
- It took 50 years for a transition from horses to internal combustion engines



## Transition to a new prime mover

### **Steam Car**



### **Electric**



At the turn of the last century, 40% of cars in US were steam driven, 38% were electric and 22% were gasoline IC engine cars.

# The internal combustion engine won

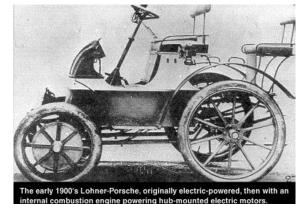
this competition because:

- The invention of the electric starter by Charles Kettering in 1912
- The Model T which was priced at \$750 compared to \$1,750 for an electric car
- Discovery of oil in Texas that made gas affordable for the average consumer

### **Internal Combustion Engine**









## Our current challenge – Sustainability



**Energy Security** 



Environment

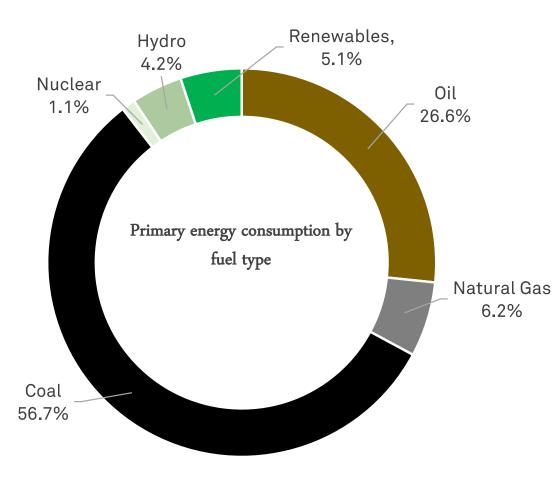


Economics

- Depleting foreign exchange reserves
- Price shocks result of volatility in global markets
- Pressure on exchange rates
- Global geo-political developments threatening energy security of India



## India's energy situation



- India has ~17.76% of the world's population
- Less than 1% of oil reserves
- 9.5% of the world's coal reserves
- 89.2% of energy from oil, natural gas & coal

https://www.worldometers.info



A long-term energy solution that does not depend on coal or petroleum.



## Energy sources for India

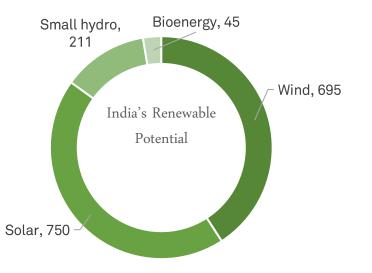
### Nuclear

- ~850,000 tonnes of Thorium reserves
- 1 ton of Thorium can generate 1 GW for a year
- ~ 650,000 Mtoe or ~ 750 years of 2020 consumption

### Renewables

- Potential of 1700 GW
- Average PLF assumed 26.4%
- 338 Mtoe/year of energy capacity ( 38.8% of 2020 consumption)



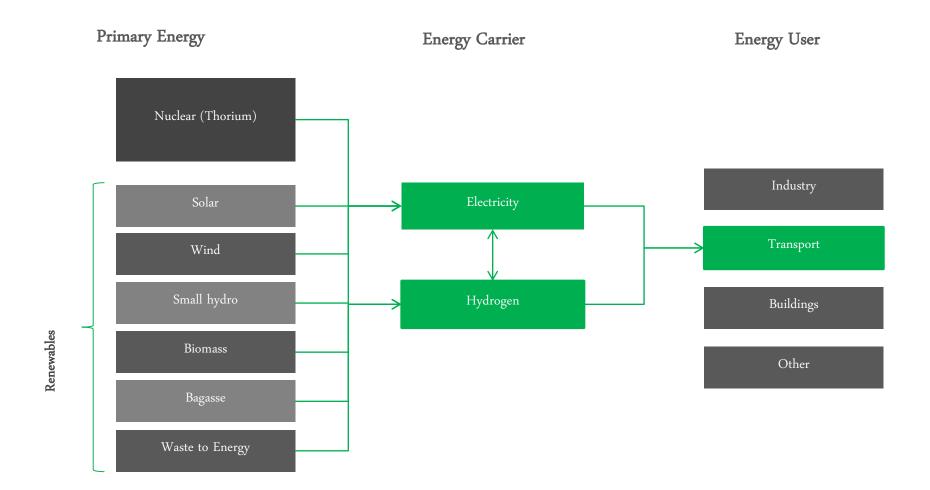


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Sources:



# Future energy pathways for India





Are hydrogen & electricity competing?

# **"Fuel cell electric vehicles are mind bogglingly stupid"** Elon Musk (CEO- Tesla)

# "(Battery)electric cars are not practical"

Yoshikazo Tanaka (Chief Engineer – Mirai Toyota)



## FCEV – Toyota Mirai (an example)

#### VEHICLE TYPE

mid-motor, rear-wheel-drive, 5-passenger, 4-door sedan

#### BASE PRICE

XLE, \$50,455; Limited, \$66,955

MOTOR synchronous AC, 182 hp, 221 lb-ft; 1.2-kWh lithium-ion battery pack

**FUEL-CELL** solid-polymer-electrolyte proton-exchange membrane, 172 hp

#### TRANSMISSION

direct drive

#### PERFORMANCE (C/D EST)

0 to 60 mph: 9.1 sec

Top speed: 106 mph

EPA FUEL ECONOMY (MFR'S EST) Combined/city/highway: 65–74/67–76/64–71 MPGe Range: 357–402 miles

Sources: https://www.caranddriver.com/toyota/mirai





## Fuel cell versus battery electric for India

### Fuel Cell Electric Vehicles

- Hydrogen as fuel and hence need a developed hydrogen infrastructure
- Can refuel in 5 minutes and get a range of 400 kms to 500 kms

### **Battery Electric Vehicles**

- Electricity to recharge batteries and need a developed electrical grid infrastructure
- Requires 3 to 12 hours for a full recharge and a range of 150 kms to 300 kms





### The Indian Challenge

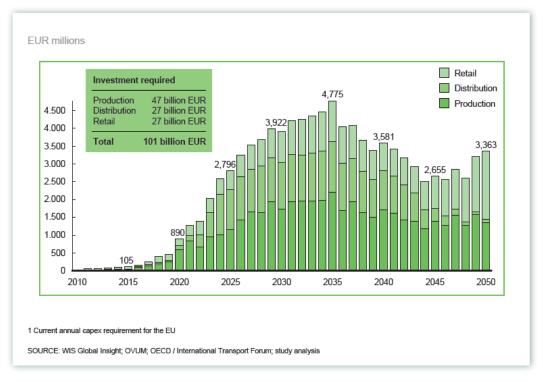
Significant investment is required to develop both the hydrogen and the electric infrastructure to support large scale deployment of either fuel cell or battery electric vehicles



## Infrastructure - refuelling and recharging

### Fuel Cell Electric Vehicles

"One to Many" or "Public" Infrastructure



### Exhibit 37: Total capital investment for a large-scale roll-out of hydrogen supply infrastructure in Europe is estimated at €100 billion over 40 years

#### **Battery Electric Vehicles**

"One to Few" or "Private" Infrastructure

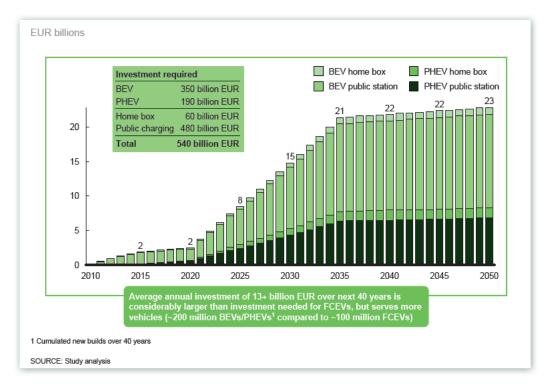


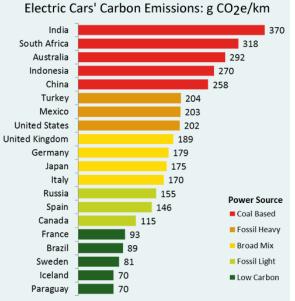
Exhibit 38: A large-scale roll-out of BEVs and PHEVs in Europe could require up to €500+ billion over the next 40 years

Source: A portfolio of power-trains for Europe: a fact-based analysis. The role of Battery Electric Vehicles, Plug-in Hybrids and Fuel Cell Electric Vehicles.

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## A view forward for India



Note: Results include emissions for vehicle manufacturing, direct grid emissions, indirect grid emissions and losses. Based on national averages for 2009. Sources: DEFRA, GHG protocol, IEA, EPA, GREET, LCA literature

Production of hydrogen from natural gas by reforming and its use in a fuel cell vehicle has the potential to save as much greenhouse gas emission as substituting coal by natural gas in power generation

> European Joint Research Centre (JRC) well-to-wheels report 2014

Parameter	Units	Diesel	BEV	FCEV
CO2 Emissions	gm/km	350	0	0
Range	km	>400	400	>400
тсо		Lower upfront higher running costs	Higher upfront lower running costs	Higher upfront lower running costs
Refuel Time	minutes	3 to 5	60 to 360	3 to 8

- FCEV are most suitable when addressing energy security, emissions and economics for India
- Fuel cells have already started competing with diesel engines when it comes to stationary backup power applications
- Investment will be needed to develop the infrastructure and ecosystem for hydrogen refuelling and fuel cell development & manufacturing in the near to medium term

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A fuel cell future for the Indian automotive market