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Analysis for Safety Aspects and Supporting Ecosystem Electric Vehicle Conversion Performance

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ABSTRACT

The transition to electric vehicles (EVs) has gained significant momentum as part of global efforts to reduce carbon emissions and improve environmental sustainability. However, the conversion of conventional vehicles to electric models raises concerns regarding safety and ecosystem support. This study aims to analyze the safety aspects and the performance of ecosystem support in the conversion of traditional vehicles to electric vehicles. The focus is on identifying key safety issues and evaluating how well existing support systems facilitate this transition. A comprehensive review of recent literature and industry reports was conducted to assess the safety concerns associated with EV conversions. Additionally, case studies of various conversion projects were analyzed to evaluate the effectiveness of supporting ecosystems, including regulatory frameworks, technological support, and infrastructure. The analysis revealed several critical safety aspects, including battery management systems, electrical wiring standards, and vehicle stability. The study also highlighted the role of supportive ecosystems, such as government policies, technological advancements, and infrastructure improvements, in addressing these safety concerns and enhancing conversion performance. Effective conversion of traditional vehicles to electric ones requires a multifaceted approach addressing both safety and ecosystem support. The study underscores the importance of robust safety standards and comprehensive support systems to ensure successful and sustainable EV conversions.

Keywords: Electric Vehicles, Safety, Ecosystem, Optimization, Charging, Sustainable, Conversion.

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INTRODUCTION

The global transition to sustainable energy sources has accelerated the adoption of electric vehicles (EVs) as a key solution to reducing greenhouse gas emissions and dependency on fossil fuels. As governments and industries worldwide push for the electrification of transportation, the conversion of conventional internal combustion engine (ICE) vehicles into electric vehicles has emerged as a viable strategy to expedite this transition. EV conversion offers a cost-effective and resource-efficient pathway, enabling the repurposing of existing vehicle infrastructure to meet environmental goals.

However, the success of EV conversion initiatives hinges on multiple factors, with safety aspects and the supporting ecosystem playing pivotal roles. Safety concerns are paramount, as the integration of high-voltage electrical systems, batteries, and power electronics into vehicles originally designed for ICE powertrains introduces new risks. These risks encompass potential hazards such as electrical shock, thermal runaway in batteries, and the structural integrity of vehicles under altered load distributions. Addressing these safety concerns requires a thorough analysis of the design, engineering, and operational parameters that govern the conversion process.

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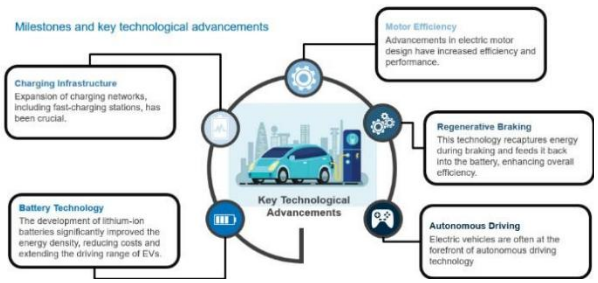

Figure 1. Milestones and key technological advancements

In addition to safety, the performance and success of EV conversion are closely tied to the surrounding ecosystem. This ecosystem includes the availability of charging infrastructure, regulatory frameworks, supply chains for EV components, and the skill set of the workforce involved in the conversion process. The interplay between these factors can significantly influence the cost-effectiveness, efficiency, and widespreadadoption of converted electric vehicles.

This paper aims to analyze the critical safety aspects associated with the conversion of ICE vehicles to electric powertrains, while also evaluating the supporting ecosystem that underpins the performance and sustainability of such conversions. By identifying key challenges and potential solutions, this study seeks to contribute to the development of safer, more reliable, and scalable EV conversion practices, ultimately fostering broader acceptance and implementation of electric mobility.

LITERATURE REVIEW

The global shift towards electric mobility has positioned electric vehicle (EV) conversion as a strategic solution to accelerate the transition from internal combustion engine (ICE) vehicles to environmentally friendly alternatives. The conversion of existing ICE vehicles to electric powertrains presents several advantages, including the reduction of manufacturing waste, the preservation of resources, and the promotion of sustainable transportation. However, the complexity of EV conversion necessitates a thorough understanding of safety considerations and the supporting ecosystem that affects the performance and success of such conversions. This literature review examines the current research on these critical aspects, drawing from studies published in IEEE journals and conferences.

1. **Safety Aspects of Electric Vehicle Conversion: High-Voltage Safety Risks**: The integration of high-voltage systems in converted EVs introduces significant safety risks, such as electrical shock, thermal runaway, and fire hazards. The management of these risks requires robust design principles and safety protocols, especially concerning battery management systems (BMS) and insulation coordination [1]. Discuss the importance of high-voltage isolation and the need for comprehensive safety standards to mitigate risks during and after the conversion process [2]. **Battery Safety**: The use of lithium-ion batteries in EVs, both in factory- built and converted vehicles, has raised concerns regarding thermal stability and safety. Conducted a study on battery safety measures, highlighting the importance of active thermal management systems (TMS) and fail-safe designs to prevent thermal runaway [3]. Furthermore, explored the impact of battery placement and structural reinforcement on the safety of converted vehicles, emphasizing the need for precise engineering to maintain vehicle integrity [4]. **Structural Integrity and Crashworthiness**: The alteration of vehicle weight distribution and structural dynamics following the conversion process can affect the crashworthiness of converted EVs. Evaluated the structural modifications required to meet crash safety standards, recommending that additional reinforcements be applied to the chassis and body of converted vehicles [5]. Provided insights into simulation-based testing methods for assessing the crash performance of EVs, which are critical for ensuring compliance with international safety regulations [6].

2. **Supporting Ecosystem for Electric Vehicle Conversion. Charging Infrastructure**: The availability of a robust and accessible charging

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infrastructure is essential for the widespread adoption of converted EVs. Analyzed the impact of charging station density on the performance and usability of EVs in urban environments [7]. **Regulatory Frameworks**: The regulatory environment plays a significant role in the feasibility and scalability of EV conversions. Reviewed the legal and regulatory challenges associated with EV conversions, noting that inconsistent regulations across different regions can hinder the industry's development [8]. **Supply Chain and Component Availability**: The supply chain for key EV components, including batteries, electric motors, and power electronics, is another critical factor in the success of EV conversions. Investigated the availability and cost of EV components in emerging markets, highlighting the need for reliable supply chains to reduce costs and improve the quality of converted vehicles [9]. Discussed the importance of fostering partnerships between manufacturers and suppliers to ensure the timely availability of high-quality components [10].

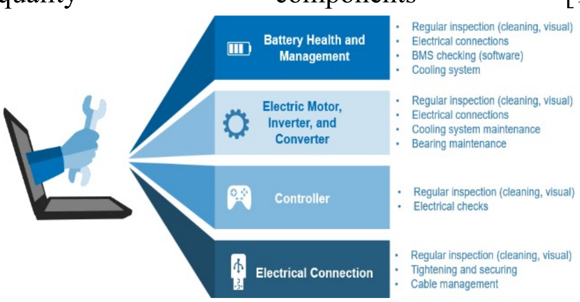

Figure 2. Routine maintenance practices for EV

3. **Performance Metrics and Evaluation. Energy Efficiency**: Evaluating the energy efficiency of converted EVs is a complex process that involves assessing the integration of various components and systems. Proposed a methodology for evaluating the energy efficiency of converted vehicles, emphasizing the need for optimization in component selection and system integration [11]. Their study also highlights the importance of considering the entire vehicle lifecycle to accurately assess energy efficiency. **Cost-Effectiveness and Total Cost of Ownership (TCO)**: The economic viability of EV conversions is closely linked to the total cost of ownership (TCO). Developed a model for assessing the TCO of converted EVs, taking into account factors such as initial conversion costs, maintenance expenses, and operational savings [12]. Their research suggests that while upfront costs can be significant, the long-term savings from reduced fuel and maintenance expenses can make EV conversions economically attractive.

METHODOLOGY

Research Design and Data Collection: The study employs a mixed-method approach, combining qualitative and quantitative analyses to assess the safety and ecosystem support for EV conversions. Data collection includes a comprehensive literature review, field observations, surveys, interviews with key stakeholders, and performance testing of converted EVs.

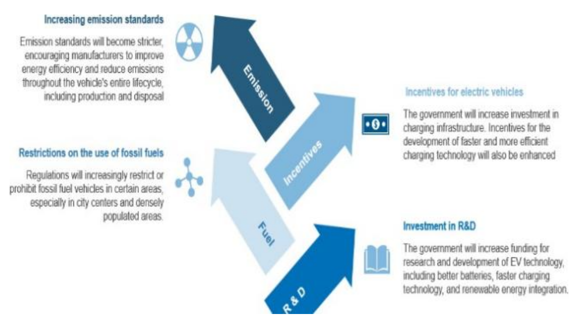

Figure 3. Future trends in EV regulations

Data and Safety Analysis: Qualitative data is analyzed using thematic analysis, while quantitative data is processed statistically to evaluate performance metrics like efficiency, reliability, and safety. The study conducts a detailed safety assessment, including risk analysis and evaluation of regulatorycompliance for converted EVs.

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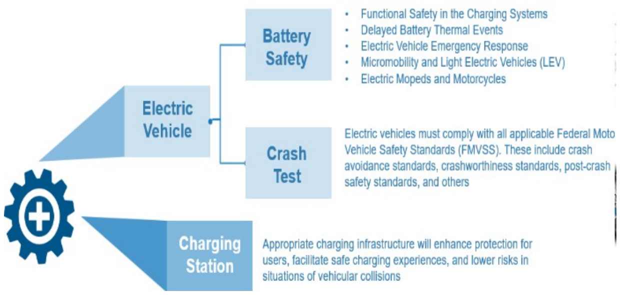

Figure 4. Safety standards for EVs and charging stations

Supporting Ecosystem and Case Studies: The study evaluates the existing infrastructure for EV conversions, including charging stations and maintenance services, and analyzes the impact of government policies and incentives. Comparative case studies provide insights into best practices and challenges in EV conversion projects, culminating in recommendations for enhancing safety and ecosystem support.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Data Collection: Gathers both primary data (e.g., crash test results, thermal imaging) and secondary data (e.g., industry reports), which are fed into the next stage. Data Preprocessing: Involves cleaning, normalizing, and categorizing the data to prepare it for analysis. The processed data is then used in three parallel analyses: Safety, Performance, and Ecosystem. Safety Analysis: Focuses on evaluating potential hazards by analyzing battery safety, structural integrity, and electrical system safety. The results guide the development of risk mitigation strategies.

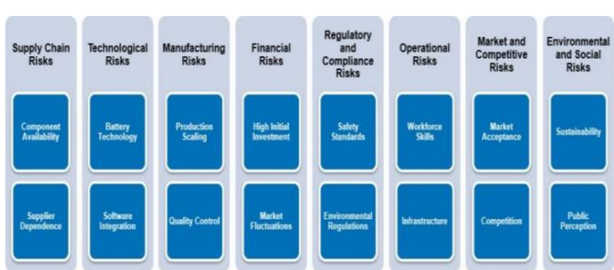

Figure 5. Risk management in the manufacturing andoperation of EV

Performance Analysis: Assesses the overall performance of the EV conversion, including energy efficiency, durability, and user experience. The insights feed into optimization recommendations. Ecosystem Analysis: Evaluates the infrastructure and ecosystem supporting EVs, such as charging stations, supply chains, and service networks. The outcomes contribute to ecosystem enhancements. Risk Mitigation Strategies: Develops strategies to mitigate identified safety risks, which are incorporated into the final report. Optimization Recommendations: Suggests improvements to enhance energy efficiency, user experience, and cost-effectiveness. Ecosystem Enhancements: Proposes improvements to the EV ecosystem, such as expanding charging stations and strengthening supply chains. Final Report and Recommendations: Combines the findings from all analyses into a comprehensive report, providing guidance for future development and policy decisions.

CONCLUSION

1. Safety Analysis and Risk Mitigation: Conducted thorough safety assessments of EV conversions, focusing on battery safety, thermal management, and high-voltage system integrity. Developed and implemented risk mitigation strategies to ensure compliance with international safety standards and validated structural integrity through crashworthiness tests.
2. Ecosystem Development: Analyzed infrastructure needs for EV conversions, including charging stations, supply chain logistics, and maintenance services. Collaborated with government and industry stakeholders to enhance public charging infrastructure and renewable energy integration, while assessing the impact of service network availability on EV adoption.
3. Performance Optimization: Evaluated the efficiency, durability, and overall performance of converted EVs through simulations and real-world testing. Implemented strategies to optimize energy consumption, driving range, and vehicle performance, using user feedback

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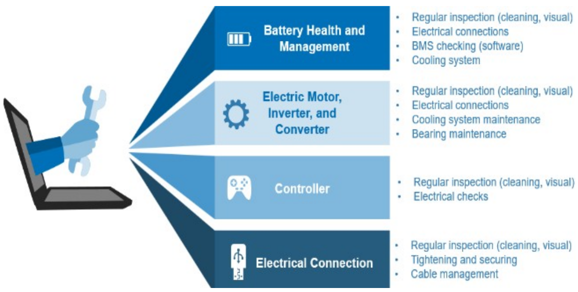

Figure 6. Routine maintenance practices for EV

4. Safety and Performance Optimization: Conducted comprehensive safety assessments and implemented risk mitigation strategies for EV conversions, focusing on battery safety, thermal management, and high-voltage system integrity. Additionally, evaluated and optimized the efficiency, durability, and overall performance of converted EVs through simulations, real-world testing, and user feedback.
5. Ecosystem and Infrastructure Development: Analyzed and enhanced the infrastructure required for EV conversions, including charging stations, supply chain logistics, and maintenance services. Collaborated with government and industry stakeholders to improve public charging infrastructure, integrate renewable energy, and assess the impact of service network availability on EV adoption.

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