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Vision of the Institute

To be a nationally recognized institution of excellence in technical education and produce competent professionals capable of making a valuable contribution to society.

Mission of the Institute

- To promote academic growth by offering state-of-the-art undergraduate and postgraduate programs.
- To undertake collaborative projects which offer opportunities for interaction with academia and industry.
- To develop intellectually capable human potential who are creative, ethical and gifted leaders.

Vision of the Department

To produce globally competent electronics & communication engineering students with knowledge of core as well as inter-discipline domains.

Mission of the Department

- Educating the students in field of electronics and communication engineering to create competent professionals with moral values, social ethics and pursuing higher education.
- Inculcating the understanding technical competence in the fields of electronics and communication engineering and implementation of theoretical concepts in practical multidiscipline scenarios.

Message from the Head of Department

We are thrilled to present this issue on Electric Vehicles, the vanguard of future mobility. This edition explores their transformative impact on electronics, examines the critical challenges and opportunities in EV technology, and highlights the next-generation innovations redefining transportation and sustainable energy systems.

News Highlights

- The Indian EV sector is showing strong momentum, with new GST reforms and rising OEM activity, leading to record sales in the four-wheeler segment.
- Policy-wise, the government has announced the PM E-DRIVE Scheme and a new E-Vehicle Policy 2.0, with a mandate to convert all government vehicles to EVs by 2030 in some states.
- On the manufacturing front, a major highlight is the inauguration of a new advanced lithium-ion battery plant in Haryana, which is set to meet a significant portion of India's domestic battery demand.
- Charging infrastructure is expanding rapidly with the launch of new mega-hubs, like Mumbai's largest fast-charging facility, to reduce range anxiety.
- New EV models, including the VinFast VF6 and Maruti Suzuki's e Vitara, have been launched, expanding consumer choice and accelerating local production.

Electric Vehicles: Powering the Future of Mobility

The Electric Vehicle (EV) revolution is no longer a distant vision; it is a rapid reality transforming the global automotive industry. At its heart, the EV is a sophisticated electronic system, a convergence of high-power electronics, advanced communication protocols, and intelligent software. The transition from internal combustion engines to electric powertrains has shifted the value proposition from mechanical components to cutting-edge electronic systems. This includes not only the batteries and motors but also the complex power electronics that manage energy flow, the sensors that enable autonomous driving, and the communication systems that connect vehicles to everything around them. This is creating an unprecedented demand for skilled electronics and communication engineers who can design, develop, and integrate these complex systems for a safer, smarter, and more efficient future of mobility.

Prospects for Electronics and Applied Fields

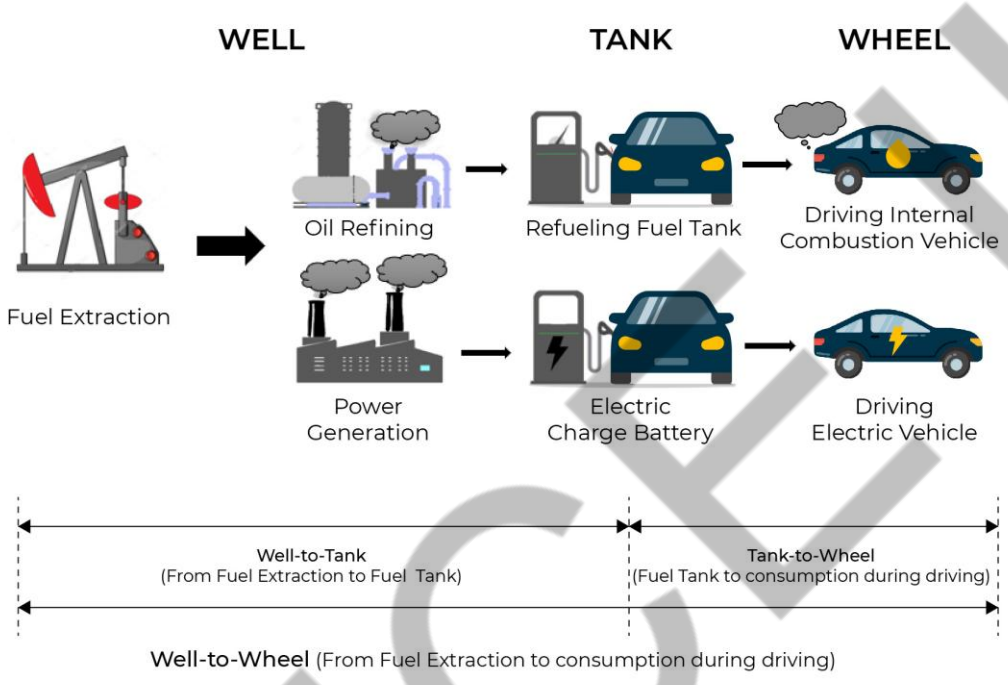
The rise of electric vehicles is a massive opportunity for the electronics and applied fields. In Power Electronics, the focus is on developing more efficient and compact components. Wide-bandgap semiconductors like Silicon Carbide (SiC) and Gallium Nitride (GaN) are replacing traditional silicon in inverters and converters. Their ability to handle high power and high temperatures allows for faster charging times, longer vehicle ranges, and more efficient power delivery from the battery to the electric motor. This has become a key area of research and development for electronics engineers.

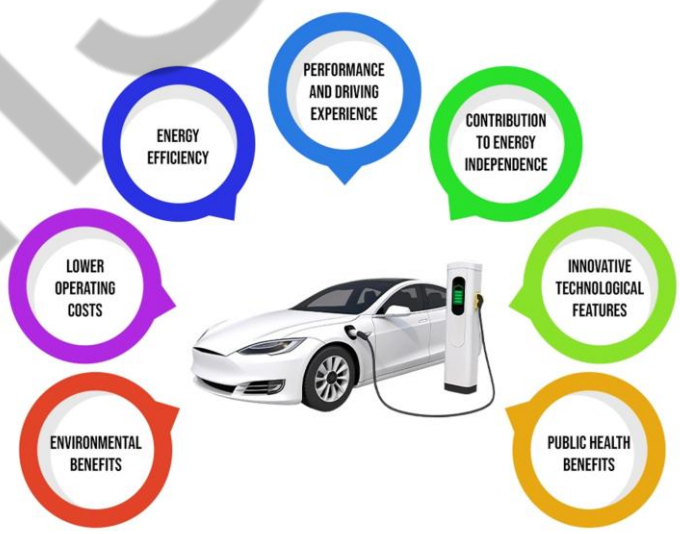
Communication Engineering is equally critical. The rise of Vehicle-to-Everything (V2X) technology—which includes Vehicle-to-Vehicle (V2V), Vehicle-to-Infrastructure (V2I), and Vehicle-to-Grid (V2G)—is paving the way for truly intelligent transportation systems. V2X allows cars to communicate with traffic lights to optimize flow, with other vehicles to prevent collisions, and with the power grid to manage energy demand. The implementation of V2G, in particular, will enable EVs to act as mobile power banks, feeding energy back into the grid during peak demand hours, creating new revenue streams for owners and improving grid stability. This synergy between power and communication electronics is driving innovation in everything from onboard infotainment systems and advanced driver-assistance systems (ADAS) to wireless charging and intelligent infrastructure.

Challenges and Opportunities in EV Technology

The path to mass EV adoption is not without its challenges, but these very obstacles create fertile ground for innovation and technological breakthroughs. One of the most critical challenges is battery technology. To make EVs truly mainstream, batteries must become cheaper, lighter, more energy-dense, and capable of faster charging. This represents an immense opportunity for materials scientists to explore solid-state batteries, silicon-anode technologies, and advanced electrolytes, while electronics engineers work on next-generation battery management systems (BMS) that ensure safety, efficiency, and longevity through precise monitoring and control of cell health. Another pressing issue is the charging infrastructure, which remains limited in both scale and accessibility, particularly in rural and remote areas. Moreover, the lack of standardization across charging protocols creates user inconvenience. This opens the door for interoperable communication standards, enabling seamless charging experiences across networks. Power electronics engineers also face the challenge of designing ultra-fast, high-efficiency charging stations that can handle heavy loads without destabilizing the grid. Coupled with smart grid integration, this creates opportunities for innovations in renewable energy utilization, bidirectional charging, and vehicle-to-grid (V2G) systems.

Beyond hardware, the cybersecurity of connected EVs is an equally significant challenge. As vehicles evolve into software-defined machines with constant external communication, they become prime targets for cyberattacks. Protecting them requires secure communication protocols, resilient embedded systems, and AI-powered intrusion detection mechanisms to safeguard both users and infrastructure. At the same time, these challenges pave the way for new opportunities: AI-driven predictive maintenance, energy-efficient routing, and intelligent fleet management. The convergence of energy storage, communication technologies, and software security will not only accelerate EV adoption but also transform mobility into a smarter, safer, and more sustainable ecosystem.





Emerging Trends in EV Electronics

Several key trends are shaping the future of EV electronics. The first is the adoption of wide-bandgap semiconductors (SiC and GaN), which offer higher efficiency, faster switching, and reduced energy losses compared to silicon. Their use in inverters, onboard chargers, and DC-DC converters is making systems smaller, lighter, and more efficient, extending range while lowering cooling needs and costs. Another trend is the rise of software-defined vehicles (SDVs), driven by the convergence of AI and embedded systems. These vehicles can receive over-the-air (OTA) updates, enabling new features and performance improvements throughout their lifecycle. AI also powers predictive maintenance and real-time energy management, helping anticipate failures and optimize efficiency.

The integration of vehicle-to-everything (V2X) communication is transforming EVs into connected nodes in smart ecosystems. With vehicle-to-grid (V2G) capabilities, EVs can act as mobile energy storage units, supporting renewable-heavy grids while offering cost benefits to users. Finally, cybersecurity and functional safety are critical as vehicles become more software-dependent. Advanced encryption, secure protocols, and intrusion detection systems ensure resilience against cyber threats while maintaining trust and reliability.

> ***"Electric vehicles are not just cars with batteries; they are catalysts for reimagining energy, mobility, and sustainability."***
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> ***~Dr. Akira YoshinoTata***

Together, the trends—wide-bandgap devices, AI-driven systems, connected infrastructure, and cybersecurity—are driving EV electronics toward a future that is smarter, safer, and more energy-efficient.