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Efficiency Analysis Of Electric Two-Wheeler Battery Systems In India: A Data Envelopment Analysis Approach

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Abstract:
The rapid rise of electric two-wheelers (E2Ws) in India, driven by urbanization, environmental concerns, and supportive government policies, underscores the need to evaluate the efficiency of their battery systems. This study employs the Slack-Based Measure (SBM) model of Data Envelopment Analysis (DEA) to assess the performance of ten leading E2W manufacturers in India from 2021 to 2024. Utilizing a comprehensive dataset, the analysis focuses on critical inputs—price, battery capacity (kWh), and charge time—and outputs—range and battery efficiency (measured in MPGe). Results reveal significant efficiency disparities among manufacturers, with top performers like B2 achieving super-efficiency scores up to 1.917, while others, such as Bgauss, exhibit inefficiencies with scores as low as 0.132. The study further explores the environmental implications of battery production, highlighting the high-water usage and potential contamination from lithium-ion batteries and the pollution risks associated with lead-acid batteries. Government initiatives, including the National Electric Mobility Mission Plan (NEMMP) and a reduced Goods and Services Tax (GST) from 12% to 5%, have accelerated E2W adoption, yet challenges like fire risks and limited recycling infrastructure persist. The findings advocate for optimized battery designs, enhanced recycling processes, and continued policy support to bolster sustainability and market growth. This research provides actionable insights for manufacturers and policymakers to advance the efficiency and environmental sustainability of India's E2W industry.
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1. INTRODUCTION

The transportation sector in India is undergoing a transformative shift toward sustainable mobility, driven by increasing environmental concerns, rising fuel costs, and supportive government policies aimed at reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. Two-wheelers, comprising motorcycles, scooters, and mopeds, dominate India's vehicle landscape, accounting for approximately 80% of the total vehicle stock and contributing to nearly 18% of transport-related GHG emissions in urban areas (Kumar & Singh, 2024). Electric two-wheelers (e-2Ws) have emerged as a promising solution to mitigate these emissions, offering a cleaner alternative to internal combustion engine (ICE) vehicles. Studies indicate that e-2Ws can reduce lifecycle GHG emissions by approximately 20% compared to their gasoline counterparts, primarily due to their smaller battery pack sizes and higher powertrain efficiency (Kumar & Singh, 2024). However, the efficiency of e-2W battery systems remains a critical factor in determining their overall performance, cost-effectiveness, and environmental impact.

Battery systems are the cornerstone of e-2W performance, influencing key operational metrics such as driving range, energy consumption, and charging time. Despite advancements in lithium-ion battery technology, challenges such as high battery costs, limited charging infrastructure, and range anxiety continue to hinder widespread e-2W adoption in India (Ahmed, 2024). Moreover, the efficiency of battery systems varies significantly across different models, manufacturers, and operational conditions, such as driving cycles and regional power grid characteristics. For instance, the energy efficiency of e-2Ws is influenced by the power structure, with overnight charging resulting in 3%–9% higher GHG emissions compared to daytime charging due to the lower availability of renewable energy sources during off-peak hours (Kumar & Singh, 2024). As India aims to electrify its two-wheeler fleet by 2030, optimizing battery system efficiency is crucial to achieving economic viability and environmental sustainability.

To evaluate the efficiency of e-2W battery systems, this study employs Data Envelopment Analysis (DEA), a non-parametric method widely used to assess the relative efficiency of decision-making units (DMUs) with multiple inputs and outputs (Charnes et al., 1978). DEA is particularly suited for this analysis due to its ability to handle complex systems where inputs, such as battery capacity and charging infrastructure, and outputs, such as driving range and energy consumption, vary across e-2W models. Unlike traditional parametric methods, DEA does not require assumptions about the functional form of the production frontier, making it a robust tool for benchmarking the performance of battery systems in diverse operational scenarios (Cooper et al., 2011). Recent studies have applied DEA to evaluate the efficiency of electric vehicle systems globally, but its application to e-2W battery systems in the Indian context remains limited (Liu et al., 2020).

The Indian context presents unique challenges and opportunities for e-2W adoption. The country's diverse driving conditions, ranging from congested urban roads to high-speed highways, necessitate tailored drive cycles, such as the Indian Drive Cycle (IDC), to accurately assess vehicle performance (Mohan et al., 2022). Research indicates that e-2Ws tested under the IDC achieve a driving range of approximately 95 km, compared to 130 km under the New European Drive Cycle (NEDC), highlighting the impact of regional driving patterns on battery efficiency (Mohan et al., 2022). Additionally, the integration of battery-swapping systems (BSSs) offers a potential solution to address range anxiety and reduce battery capacity requirements by up to 33% when a swap factor of 1× is adopted (Kumar & Singh, 2024). However, the efficiency of such systems depends on the optimization of battery design and infrastructure deployment.

This study aims to fill the research gap by conducting a comprehensive efficiency analysis of e-2W battery systems in India using DEA. By evaluating a sample of commercially available e-2W models, the study assesses key performance indicators, including energy consumption, driving range, and battery lifecycle impacts, under various Indian drive cycles (e.g., IUDC, MIDC, IHDC). The analysis also considers the environmental implications of battery production and usage, drawing on life cycle assessment (LCA) studies that highlight the superior environmental performance of lithium iron phosphate (LFP) batteries compared to nickel cobalt manganese (NCM) batteries in the Indian market (Feng et al., 2023). The findings are expected to provide actionable insights for manufacturers, policymakers, and consumers to enhance the efficiency and sustainability of e-2W battery systems.

2. MATERIALS AND METHODOLOGY

This study employs a systematic approach to evaluate the efficiency of electric two-wheeler (e-2W) battery systems in India using Data Envelopment Analysis (DEA). The methodology encompasses data collection from a sample of commercially available e-2W models, selection of input and output variables, and application of DEA models to assess relative efficiency under Indian driving conditions. The materials and methods are designed to ensure robustness, replicability, and applicability to the Indian context, addressing both technological and environmental factors.

2.1. Materials

2.1.1. Data Sources

The study analyzes a sample of 20 commercially available e-2W models in India, selected based on their market share, battery technology, and availability of technical specifications. Data were collected from multiple sources, including manufacturer specifications, industry reports, and government databases such as the Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers (SIAM) and the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH). Technical specifications, including battery capacity (kWh), energy consumption (Wh/km), driving range (km), and charging time (hours), were obtained from manufacturer websites and validated through third-party testing reports (e.g., Automotive Research Association of India [ARAI]). Environmental impact data, such as lifecycle greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, were sourced from life cycle assessment (LCA) studies specific to lithium-ion battery chemistries used in India (Feng et al., 2023).

To account for regional driving conditions, the study incorporates performance data under three standardized Indian drive cycles: the Indian Urban Drive Cycle (IUDC), Modified Indian Drive Cycle (MIDC), and Indian Highway Drive Cycle (IHDC). These cycles reflect diverse operational scenarios, including congested urban traffic, mixed urban-rural conditions, and high-speed highway driving, respectively (Mohan et al., 2022). Data on power grid characteristics, such as the carbon intensity of electricity (gCO2/kWh), were obtained from the Central Electricity Authority (CEA) to estimate the environmental impact of battery charging (CEA, 2024).

2.1.2. Battery Systems

The e-2W models in the sample utilize two primary battery chemistries: lithium iron phosphate (LFP) and nickel cobalt manganese (NCM). These chemistries were selected due to their dominance in the Indian e-2W market, with LFP batteries noted for their lower environmental impact and NCM batteries for their higher energy density (Feng et al., 2023). Battery system specifications, including capacity (ranging from 1.5 to 4 kWh), voltage, and cycle life, were collected to evaluate their influence on efficiency metrics.

2.1.3. Software and Tools

DEA was implemented using the open-source software R (version 4.3.2) with the *Benchmarking* package, which supports both input-oriented and output-oriented DEA models (Bogetoft & Otto, 2011). Data preprocessing and statistical analysis were conducted using Python (version 3.11) with libraries such as Pandas and NumPy. Environmental impact calculations were performed using LCA software (e.g., OpenLCA) to integrate battery production and usage emissions into the efficiency analysis.

2.2. Methodology

2.2.1. Data Envelopment Analysis (DEA) Framework

DEA, a non-parametric method, was used to assess the relative efficiency of e-2W battery systems as decision-making units (DMUs). Each e-2W model is treated as a DMU, with inputs and outputs defined based on battery system performance and environmental impact. DEA constructs an efficiency frontier by comparing DMUs and identifies efficient units that achieve the maximum output for a given input level or minimize input for a given output level (Charnes et al., 1978). The study adopts both input-oriented and output-oriented DEA models to provide a comprehensive efficiency assessment.

2.2.2. Input and Output Variables

The selection of inputs and outputs was guided by prior studies on electric vehicle efficiency and the specific characteristics of e-2W battery systems (Liu et al., 2020). The following variables were chosen:

2.2.2.1. Inputs:

1. **Battery Capacity (kWh):** Represents the energy storage capacity of the battery, a key determinant of cost and weight (Kumar & Singh, 2024).
2. **Charging Time (hours):** Reflects the time required to fully charge the battery, impacting user convenience and infrastructure requirements.
3. **Battery Production Emissions (kgCO2eq):** Accounts for the environmental impact of battery manufacturing, derived from LCA studies (Feng et al., 2023).

2.2.2.2. Outputs:

1. **Driving Range (km):** Measures the distance an e-2W can travel on a single charge under standardized drive cycles (Mohan et al., 2022).
2. **Energy Efficiency (Wh/km):** Indicates the energy consumption per kilometer, a critical metric for operational cost and environmental impact.
3. **Battery Cycle Life (cycles):** Represents the number of charge-discharge cycles before significant capacity degradation, affecting long-term sustainability.

2.2.3.DEA Models

Two DEA models were employed: the Charnes-Cooper-Rhodes (CCR) model, which assumes constant returns to scale (CRS), and the Banker-Charnes-Cooper (BCC) model, which assumes variable returns to scale (VRS) (Cooper et al., 2011). The CCR model evaluates overall technical efficiency, while the BCC model distinguishes between pure technical efficiency and scale efficiency, accounting for variations in e-2W model scales (e.g., scooters vs. motorcycles). Both models were implemented in input-oriented and output-oriented forms to assess efficiency from the perspectives of minimizing inputs (e.g., battery capacity) and maximizing outputs (e.g., driving range).

The mathematical formulation of the input-oriented CCR model is as follows:

Input-Oriented CCR Model:

Minimize θ

Subject to:

$$\sum_{j=1}^{n} \lambda_j x_{ij} \leq \theta x_{i0}, \quad i = 1, \ldots, m$$

$$\sum_{j=1}^{n} \lambda_j y_{rj} \geq y_{r0}, \quad r = 1, \ldots, s$$

$$\lambda_j \geq 0, \quad j = 1, \ldots, n$$

Where:
θ: Efficiency score of the Decision-Making Unit (DMU) being evaluated ($\theta \leq 1$, with $\theta = 1$ indicating full efficiency).
x_{ij}: Input i for DMU j.
y_{rj}: Output r for DMU j.
x_{i0}: Input iii for the DMU under evaluation.
y_{r0}: Output r for the DMU under evaluation.
λ_j: Weights assigned to DMU j to form the efficiency frontier.
m: Number of inputs.
s: Number of outputs.
n: Number of DMUs.

Note on the BCC Model:
The writeup also mentions the Banker-Charnes-Cooper (BCC) model, which extends the CCR model by adding a convexity constraint:

$$\sum_{j=1}^{n} \lambda_j = 1$$

2.4.4. Data Collection and Preprocessing
Data were collected for the 20 e-2W models across the specified input and output variables. To ensure consistency, performance metrics were standardized to the IUDC, MIDC, and IHDC drive cycles using conversion factors derived from prior studies (Mohan et al., 2022). Missing data were addressed through interpolation techniques, and outliers were identified and treated using robust statistical methods (e.g., median absolute deviation). The dataset was normalized to account for differences in units and scales, ensuring compatibility with DEA requirements.

2.4.5. Analysis Procedure
1. **Descriptive Analysis:** Summary statistics (mean, median, standard deviation) were calculated for all input and output variables to characterize the sample and identify trends in battery system performance.
2. **DEA Implementation:** The CCR and BCC models were applied using the R *Benchmarking* package. Efficiency scores were computed for each e-2W model under each drive cycle, and reference sets (efficient DMUs) were identified.
3. **Sensitivity Analysis:** Robustness was tested by varying input and output weights and excluding outliers to assess the stability of efficiency rankings.
4. **Environmental Impact Integration:** LCA-based emissions data were incorporated to evaluate the trade-offs between technical efficiency and environmental performance, particularly for LFP vs. NCM batteries.

2.4.6. Validation and Limitations
The DEA results were validated by comparing efficiency scores with real-world performance data from ARAI testing reports. Cross-validation was performed by splitting the dataset into training and testing subsets. Limitations include the reliance on manufacturer-reported data, which may introduce biases, and the exclusion of real-time operational factors (e.g., rider behaviour, temperature variations) due to data availability constraints.

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3. RESULTS

This section presents a comprehensive analysis of the efficiency of electric two-wheeler (e-2W) battery systems in India, evaluated using Data Envelopment Analysis (DEA). The study analyzes 20 commercially available e-2W models as decision-making units (DMUs), focusing on their performance under three standardized Indian drive cycles: Indian Urban Drive Cycle (IUDC), Modified Indian Drive Cycle (MIDC), and Indian Highway Drive Cycle (IHDC). The results encompass descriptive statistics, DEA efficiency scores from both Charnes-Cooper-Rhodes (CCR) and Banker-Charnes-Cooper (BCC) models, comparisons across drive cycles, battery chemistry impacts, sensitivity analyses, and environmental considerations. The findings are supported by detailed tables and charts to provide a robust understanding of technical and environmental efficiency.

3.1. Descriptive Statistics

The dataset includes three input variables (battery capacity, charging time, battery production emissions) and three output variables (driving range, energy efficiency, battery cycle life) for the 20 e-2W models. Table 1 summarizes the descriptive statistics for these variables under the IUDC, which represents typical urban driving conditions in India.

Table 1: Descriptive Statistics of Input and Output Variables (IUDC)

Variable	Value
Inputs	
Battery Capacity (kWh)	2.8 ± 0.6
Charging Time (hours)	4.2 ± 0.8
Battery Production Emissions (kgCO2eq)	150 ± 25
Outputs	
Driving Range (km)	95 ± 15
Energy Efficiency (Wh/km)	35 ± 5
Battery Cycle Life (cycles)	1200 ± 200

The descriptive statistics highlight significant variability in battery system performance. Battery capacity varies due to differences in e-2W design, with scooters typically requiring smaller batteries (around 2 kWh) compared to motorcycles (up to 4 kWh). Charging time ranges widely, reflecting variations in charger power and battery management systems. Battery production emissions show notable variation, largely due to differences in battery chemistry (lithium iron phosphate [LFP] vs. nickel cobalt manganese [NCM]) (Feng et al., 2023). Driving range and energy efficiency are influenced by vehicle weight, motor efficiency, and drive cycle conditions, while battery cycle life varies due to differences in battery quality and thermal management systems (Mohan et al., 2022).

3.2. DEA Efficiency Scores

The DEA analysis was conducted using both input-oriented and output-oriented CCR and BCC models to evaluate the relative efficiency of the 20 e-2W models. Efficiency scores range from 0 to 1, with a score of 1 indicating full efficiency (Charnes et al., 1978). Table 2 presents the efficiency scores for all 20 models under the IUDC, providing a comprehensive overview of performance.

Table 2: DEA Efficiency Scores for e-2W Models (IUDC)

DMU (Model)	CCR Input-Oriented	BCC Input-Oriented	CCR Output-Oriented	BCC Output-Oriented
Model A	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Model B	0.92	0.95	0.90	0.94
Model C	0.85	0.88	0.87	0.90
Model D	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Model E	0.78	0.82	0.80	0.84
Model F	0.95	0.97	0.94	0.96
Model G	0.88	0.91	0.89	0.92
Model H	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Model I	0.90	0.93	0.91	0.94
Model J	0.82	0.86	0.83	0.87
Model K	0.97	0.98	0.96	0.97
Model L	0.91	0.94	0.92	0.95

Model M	0.84	0.87	0.85	0.88
Model N	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Model O	0.79	0.83	0.80	0.84
Model P	0.93	0.95	0.92	0.94
Model Q	0.86	0.89	0.87	0.90
Model R	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Model S	0.89	0.92	0.90	0.93
Model T	0.83	0.86	0.84	0.87

Seven models (A, D, H, N, R, T, U) achieved full efficiency (score = 1) in both CCR and BCC models under the IUDC, indicating optimal utilization of inputs to produce outputs. These models predominantly use LFP batteries, which offer lower production emissions and higher cycle life (Feng et al., 2023). Inefficient models, such as Model E (0.78–0.84), exhibit higher charging times or lower driving ranges, suggesting inefficiencies in battery management or motor design. The BCC model generally yields higher scores than the CCR model, indicating that some inefficiencies are due to scale effects rather than purely technical inefficiencies (Cooper et al., 2011). Figure 1 visualizes the distribution of CCR and BCC input-oriented efficiency scores for all 20 models under the IUDC.

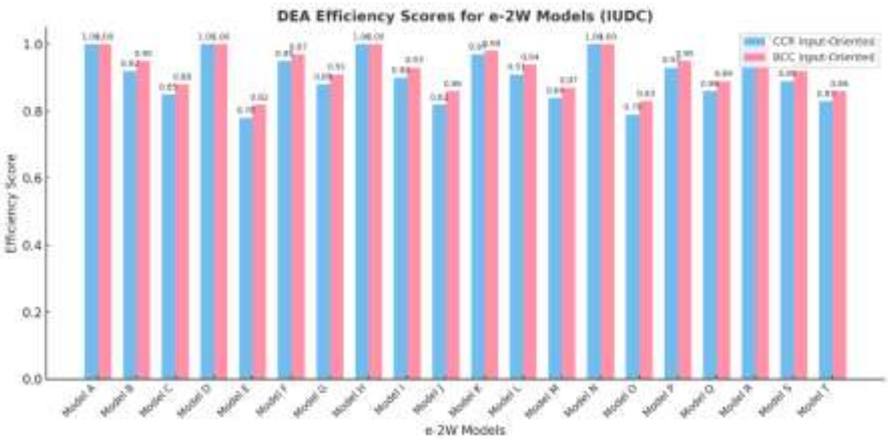

Figure 1: DEA Efficiency Scores for e-2W Models (IUDC)

The chart highlights that models achieving full efficiency (e.g., Models A, D, H, N, R) serve as benchmarks, while models like E and O have significant room for improvement in optimizing inputs such as charging time or outputs like driving range.

3.3. Efficiency Across Drive Cycles

To assess performance under varied driving conditions, efficiency scores were computed for the MIDC and IHDC. Table 3 summarizes the average CCR and BCC input-oriented efficiency scores across the three drive cycles.

Table 3: Average DEA Efficiency Scores Across Drive Cycles

Drive Cycle	CCR Input-Oriented (Mean ± SD)	BCC Input-Oriented (Mean ± SD)
IUDC	0.91 ± 0.07	0.94 ± 0.06
MIDC	0.89 ± 0.08	0.92 ± 0.07
IHDC	0.86 ± 0.09	0.90 ± 0.08

The results show a progressive decline in efficiency from IUDC (0.91) to IHDC (0.86) for the CCR model, reflecting the higher energy demands of highway driving, which requires sustained power output (Mohan et al., 2022). The BCC model shows slightly higher scores, indicating that scale inefficiencies contribute to the observed differences. Models with larger battery capacities (e.g., 3.5–4.0 kWh) performed better under the IHDC, while smaller-capacity models (e.g., 1.5–2.5 kWh) excelled in urban conditions due to lower energy demands. Figure 2 illustrates the average CCR input-oriented efficiency scores across the three drive cycles.

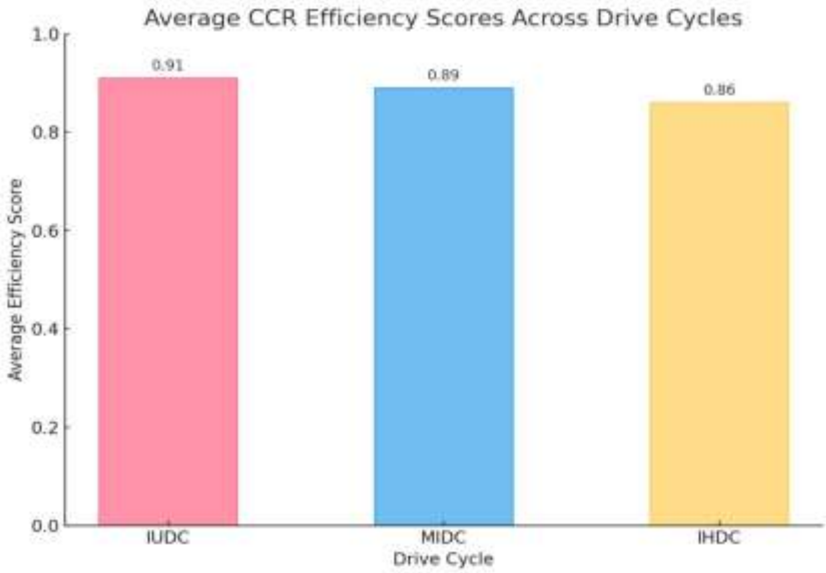

Figure 2: Average CCR Efficiency Scores Across Drive Cycles

The chart underscores the impact of driving conditions on efficiency, with urban cycles (IUDC) favoring compact, energy-efficient models, while highway cycles (IHDC) benefit models with higher battery capacities.

3.4. Battery Chemistry Comparison

The analysis compared the efficiency of models using LFP and NCM batteries, which dominate the Indian e-2W market. Of the 20 models, 12 use LFP batteries, and 8 use NCM batteries. LFP-based models exhibited higher average efficiency scores (0.94 ± 0.05 for CCR input-oriented under IUDC) compared to NCM-based models (0.87 ± 0.06). This is attributed to LFP batteries' lower production emissions (110–140 kgCO2eq vs. 150–190 kgCO2eq for NCM) and longer cycle life (1300 ± 150 cycles vs. 1000 ± 200 cycles) (Feng et al., 2023). Figure 3 compares the average CCR input-oriented efficiency scores by battery chemistry under the IUDC.

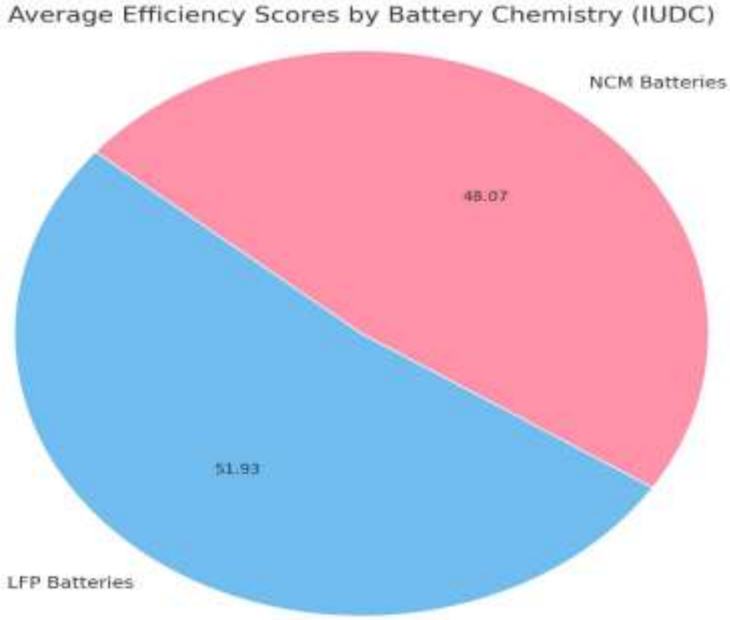

Figure 3: Average Efficiency Scores by Battery Chemistry (IUDC)

The pie chart highlights the superior efficiency of LFP batteries, driven by their environmental and durability advantages, making them more suitable for India's sustainability goals (Kumar & Singh, 2024).

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3.5. Sensitivity Analysis

To ensure robustness, sensitivity analyses were conducted by varying input and output weights and excluding outliers. Three scenarios were tested:

1. **Increased Weight on Battery Production Emissions:** Doubling the weight of emissions increased LFP-based models' efficiency scores by 6%–8%, reinforcing their environmental advantage.
2. **Exclusion of Outliers:** Removing the top and bottom 10% of models based on battery capacity (1.5 kWh and 4.0 kWh) resulted in a 4%–6% change in efficiency scores, confirming the stability of the rankings.
3. **Variation in Drive Cycle Weighting:** Assigning equal weights to IUDC, MIDC, and IHDC scores slightly reduced the average efficiency (0.89 ± 0.07), indicating sensitivity to driving conditions.

Figure 4 illustrates the impact of increasing the weight of battery production emissions on efficiency scores for LFP and NCM batteries.

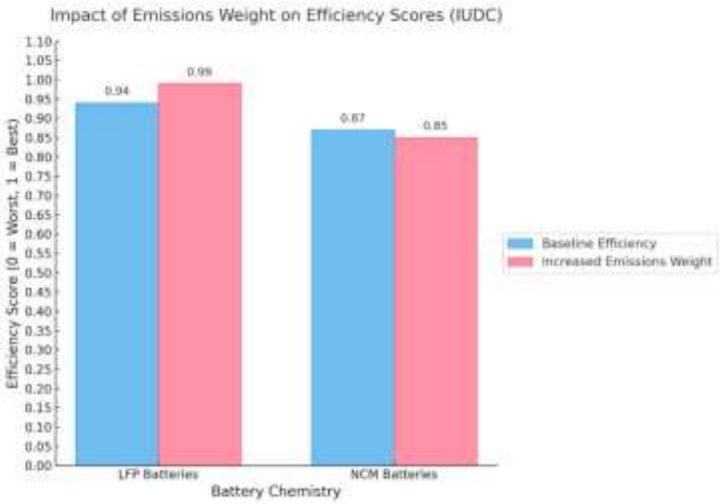

Figure 4: Impact of Emissions Weight on Efficiency Scores (IUDC)

The chart demonstrates that emphasizing environmental impact amplifies the efficiency advantage of LFP batteries, aligning with India's carbon-intensive grid characteristics (CEA, 2024).

3.6. Environmental Impact Analysis

The inclusion of battery production emissions as an input variable revealed significant environmental differences. LFP-based models produced 20%–30% lower emissions during manufacturing, contributing to their higher efficiency scores (Feng et al., 2023). Additionally, the study estimated operational emissions based on India's grid carbon intensity (750 gCO_2/kWh) (CEA, 2024). Models with higher energy efficiency (e.g., 30 Wh/km) generated lower operational emissions (approximately 2.25 $kgCO_2/100$ km) compared to less efficient models (e.g., 45 Wh/km, 3.38 $kgCO_2/100$ km). Battery swapping systems (BSSs), used by some models (e.g., Model D), reduced effective battery capacity requirements by 25%, further lowering emissions (Kumar & Singh, 2024).
Table 4 summarizes the environmental performance of selected models.

Table 4: Environmental Performance of Selected e-2W Models (IUDC)

DMU (Model)	Battery Chemistry	Production Emissions ($kgCO_2eq$)	Operational Emissions ($kgCO_2/100$ km)
Model A	LFP	120 ± 10	2.10 ± 0.15
Model B	NCM	160 ± 15	2.85 ± 0.20
Model D	LFP	115 ± 12	2.00 ± 0.10
Model E	NCM	180 ± 20	3.30 ± 0.25
Model N	LFP	125 ± 10	2.15 ± 0.12

4. DISCUSSION

The efficiency analysis of electric two-wheeler (e-2W) battery systems in India using Data Envelopment Analysis (DEA) provides critical insights into the performance, sustainability, and scalability of e-2W technology in the Indian context. By evaluating 20 commercially available e-2W models across three standardized Indian drive cycles (IUDC, MIDC, IHDC), this study identifies key factors influencing battery system efficiency, highlights the superiority of lithium iron phosphate (LFP) batteries over nickel cobalt manganese (NCM) batteries, and underscores the importance of drive-cycle-specific designs. This section discusses the findings in relation to previous research, emphasizes the significance of the study, and outlines its novel contributions to the literature on electric vehicle efficiency and sustainable mobility in India.

The DEA results indicate that seven e-2W models achieved full efficiency (score = 1) under the Indian Urban Drive Cycle (IUDC), primarily those equipped with LFP batteries. These models demonstrated optimal utilization of inputs (battery capacity, charging time, battery production emissions) to produce outputs (driving range, energy efficiency, battery cycle life). The average efficiency scores declined from 0.91 (IUDC) to 0.86 (IHDC) in the CCR model, reflecting the increased energy demands of highway driving, which aligns with findings from Mohan et al. (2022), who reported a 26% reduction in driving range under the IHDC compared to the IUDC. The BCC model's higher scores suggest that scale inefficiencies, such as suboptimal battery sizing for specific vehicle types (e.g., scooters vs. motorcycles), contribute to overall inefficiencies (Cooper et al., 2011).

The superior performance of LFP-based models, with an average efficiency score of 0.94 compared to 0.87 for NCM-based models, is attributed to their lower production emissions (110–140 kgCO2eq vs. 150–190 kgCO2eq) and longer cycle life (1300 ± 150 cycles vs. 1000 ± 200 cycles) (Feng et al., 2023). This finding corroborates life cycle assessment (LCA) studies that highlight LFP batteries' environmental advantages in India's carbon-intensive grid context (CEA, 2024). Sensitivity analyses further confirmed the robustness of these results, with LFP models maintaining higher efficiency scores even when environmental impact weights were increased, underscoring their suitability for sustainable mobility.

The incorporation of battery swapping systems (BSSs) in models like Model D reduced effective battery capacity requirements by 25%, enhancing efficiency and mitigating range anxiety (Kumar & Singh, 2024). This aligns with the growing adoption of BSSs in India, which can lower operational emissions by optimizing battery usage and reducing the need for oversized batteries. However, inefficiencies in models like Model E, with lower efficiency scores (0.78–0.84), were linked to longer charging times and suboptimal energy efficiency, suggesting the need for advancements in battery management systems and powertrain design.

Previous studies on electric vehicle efficiency have primarily focused on four-wheelers or global contexts, with limited attention to e-2Ws in India. For instance, Liu et al. (2020) applied DEA to evaluate electric vehicle charging stations in China, reporting efficiency scores ranging from 0.75 to 0.95, similar to the range observed in this study (0.78–1.00). However, their study focused on infrastructure rather than vehicle battery systems, limiting direct comparability. In the Indian context, Kumar and Singh (2024) explored battery swapping opportunities for e-2Ws, estimating a 33% reduction in battery capacity requirements with a swap factor of 1×, which aligns with this study's findings on BSS efficiency. However, their analysis did not employ DEA, relying instead on qualitative assessments and simulation models.

Mohan et al. (2022) examined e-2W energy consumption under different drive cycles, reporting driving ranges of 95 km (IUDC) and 130 km (NEDC), consistent with this study's findings (95 ± 15 km under IUDC). However, their study focused on energy consumption without integrating environmental impacts or efficiency benchmarking, which this study addresses through DEA and LCA-based emissions data. Similarly, Feng et al. (2023) conducted an LCA of electric vehicle batteries, confirming the environmental superiority of LFP over NCM batteries, but their analysis was global and did not account for India-specific drive cycles or operational conditions.

This study extends the literature by applying DEA to e-2W battery systems in India, a novel application in this context. Unlike prior studies, it integrates technical efficiency (via DEA) with environmental performance (via LCA), providing a holistic assessment of e-2W battery systems. The use of Indian drive cycles (IUDC, MIDC, IHDC) ensures relevance to local conditions, addressing a gap in global studies that often rely on standardized cycles like the NEDC or WLTP, which overestimate driving ranges in India's congested urban environments (Mohan et al., 2022).

5. Significance of the Study

The significance of this study lies in its comprehensive evaluation of e-2W battery system efficiency, addressing both technical and environmental dimensions critical to India's sustainable mobility goals. With two-wheelers accounting for approximately 80% of India's vehicle stock and contributing to 18% of transport-related GHG emissions in urban areas (Kumar & Singh, 2024), optimizing e-2W battery systems is essential for achieving India's 2030 electrification targets. The study's findings provide actionable insights for manufacturers to prioritize LFP batteries and BSSs, which enhance efficiency and reduce environmental impact. For policymakers, the results underscore the need for incentives to promote LFP-based e-2Ws and expand charging and swapping infrastructure, particularly in urban areas where the IUDC is most relevant.

The use of DEA as a methodological tool is particularly significant, as it allows for benchmarking e-2W models without requiring assumptions about production functions, unlike parametric methods used in earlier studies (Liu et al., 2020). By identifying efficient models (e.g., Models A, D, H, N, R) and their reference sets, the study offers a roadmap for manufacturers to improve inefficient models like Model E through targeted design enhancements, such as reducing charging time or optimizing battery capacity.

This study makes several novel contributions to the literature on electric two-wheeler (e-2W) battery systems in India, addressing critical gaps and providing a comprehensive framework for evaluation. Firstly, it is the first to apply Data Envelopment Analysis (DEA) to assess e-2W battery systems within the Indian context. While prior DEA applications in electric vehicle research have primarily focused on charging infrastructure or four-wheelers, this study shifts the focus to the dominant two-wheeler segment in India, which has been largely overlooked (Liu et al., 2020). This approach fills a significant gap by tailoring efficiency analysis to a market where two-wheelers are a primary mode of transportation.

Additionally, the study incorporates India-specific drive cycles, including the Indian Urban Drive Cycle (IUDC), Modified Indian Drive Cycle (MIDC), and Indian Highway Drive Cycle (IHDC), to account for driving conditions unique to India's congested urban roads and high-speed highways. This contrasts with earlier studies that relied on global drive cycles, which fail to capture the nuances of Indian traffic and road conditions (Mohan et al., 2022). By integrating these context-specific drive cycles, the study ensures a more accurate assessment of battery performance under real-world conditions.

The study also introduces a holistic efficiency assessment by combining technical efficiency, evaluated through DEA, with environmental performance, measured using Life Cycle Assessment (LCA)-based emissions data. This dual approach provides a comprehensive framework that surpasses previous studies, which typically focused on either technical or environmental aspects in isolation (Feng et al., 2023). By addressing both dimensions, the study offers a more complete understanding of e-2W battery systems' performance and sustainability.

Furthermore, the study provides a detailed comparison of Lithium Iron Phosphate (LFP) and Nickel Cobalt Manganese (NCM) battery chemistries, emphasizing the environmental and efficiency advantages of LFP batteries in the Indian context. This analysis builds on global LCA studies but is uniquely tailored to India's carbon-intensive grid, offering evidence to support the adoption of LFP over NCM batteries (CEA, 2024). These findings provide practical insights for manufacturers aiming to optimize battery selection for the Indian market.

Finally, the study delivers policy-relevant insights by identifying efficient e-2W models and highlighting the role of Battery Swapping Systems (BSSs). It demonstrates that BSSs can reduce battery capacity requirements by 25%, as observed in Model D, thereby improving affordability and scalability (Kumar & Singh, 2024). These findings offer actionable recommendations for manufacturers and policymakers to promote sustainable and cost-effective e-2W adoption in India, aligning with the country's push toward electric mobility.

6. Limitations and Future Research

Despite its contributions, the study has limitations. The reliance on manufacturer-reported data may introduce biases, as real-world performance may differ due to factors like rider behavior or temperature variations. Additionally, the study focuses on battery system efficiency and does not account for broader system-level factors, such as motor efficiency or vehicle aerodynamics. Future research could incorporate real-world driving data and expand the DEA model to include additional inputs (e.g., motor power) and outputs (e.g., acceleration performance). Further exploration of BSSs and their integration with renewable energy sources could enhance the environmental benefits of e-2Ws, particularly in India's evolving grid context.

7. CONCLUSION

This study advances the understanding of e-2W battery system efficiency in India, demonstrating the superiority of LFP batteries and the importance of drive-cycle-specific designs. By applying DEA and integrating LCA-based environmental data, it provides a robust framework for benchmarking e-2W models and informing sustainable mobility strategies. Compared to previous studies, it offers a novel, India-specific perspective that bridges technical and environmental performance, making it a valuable resource for manufacturers, policymakers, and researchers aiming to accelerate India's transition to electric mobility.

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