

Field Research Support Presentation

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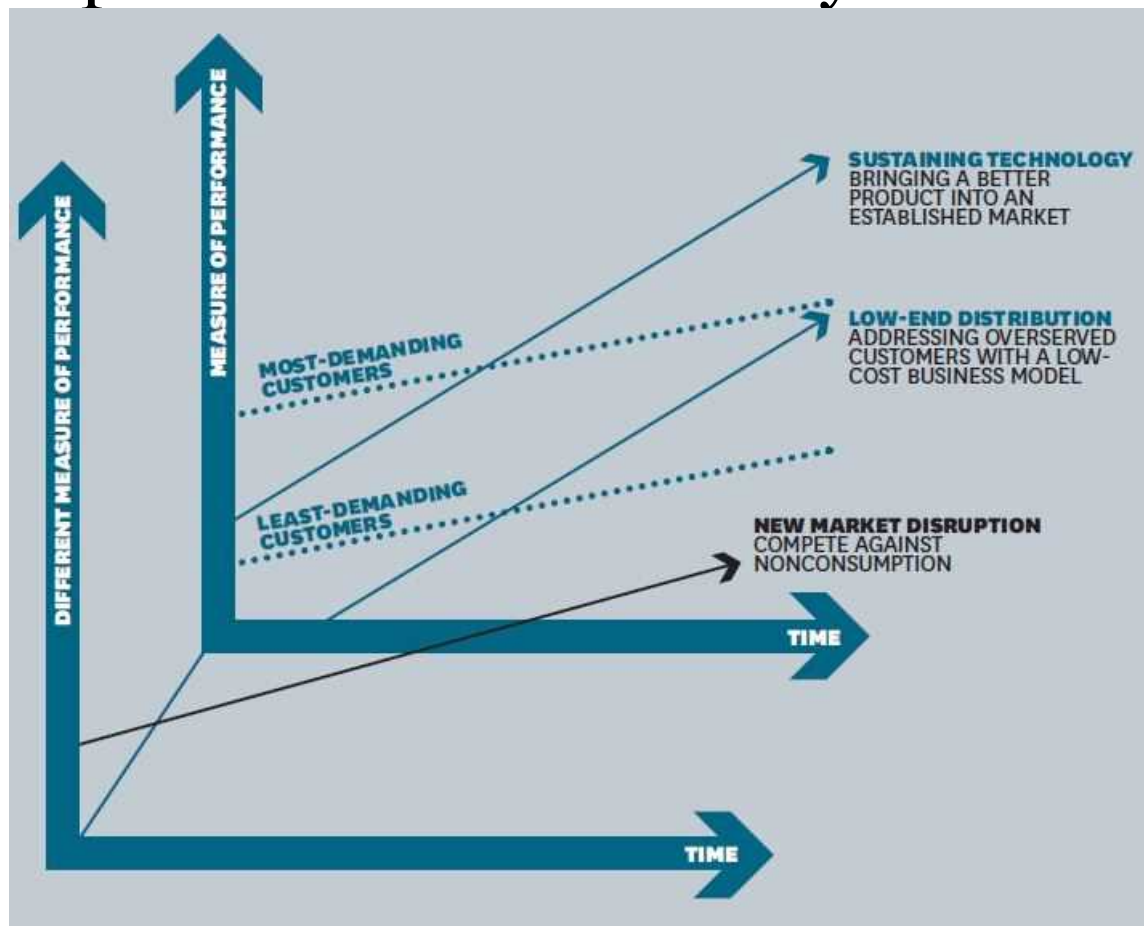


Overview

- Research Topic
- Research Trip Goals
- Concept Explanation
- Trip Overview
- Trip Details and Findings
 - Tokyo Motor Show, Nissan Factory, Kanagawa Prefectural office
- Effect on Research
- Conclusion

Research Topic

- Disruptive Innovation theory



Sustaining & Disruptive Innovations

- Sustaining- Improve performance on existing, mainstream products
 - Ex. Turbocharger
- Disruptive- Initially lower performance in some aspects, but bring a different value proposition
 - Ex. Transistor Radio



“Low-End” & “New Market”

- Low End- Lower performance on primary attribute, but higher on others
 - (or potential for improvement)
- New Market- Target non-consumers
 - Product was previously too expensive, difficult to use, etc.

Goals of Trip

- Electric Vehicles are disruptive relative to ICEs
 - Product design & value network
 - + Efficiency, Performance, Sustainability
 - - Cost, Battery Range
- Investigate “low end” or “new market” areas of disruption for EVs
 - Non- “mainstream” uses of EVs
 - Have initially lower performance or different value proposition

New Car Concept

Current	Future?
Full Time Ownership	Part-time or as-needed
Large enough for what I might need	Only “hire” larger cars when needed
Available whenever, wherever	More limited, but less responsibility
Maintenance, Insurance	Membership model
Gasoline-Powered	Electric, Hydrogen Fuel Cell, CNG
Larger is better	Smaller is more convenient

The average American car spends ~96% of its time parked!

Trip Overview

- November 24, 2013
 - Tokyo Motor Show
- November 25, 2013
 - Kanagawa Pref. Smart Energy Office
 - Nissan Oppama Factory
- November 26, 2013
 - Tokyo Motor Show

November 24 & 26, 2013

- Tokyo Motor Show (Odaiba)



Supplier Booths

- Source of much of new car technology



TMS Smart Mobility City

- Most “disruptive” potential
 - Car sharing
 - Micro size EVs
 - “Personal Mobility”



November 25, 2013 (AM)

- Travel to Yokohama to visit Kanagawa Pref. Smart Energy office
- Topics:
 - EV Taxis
 - Alternative Energy Promotions
 - Events
 - Subsidies
 - Other gov't support



Yokohama/Kanagawa Gov't Projects

- EV Taxi Promotion
- “Choimobi” urban EV car sharing program
- Solar-powered EV charging station



Interview about EV taxi program

- Mr. Onishi, Kanagawa Pref. Smart Energy Office
 - 43 taxis, 27 different companies
 - Increase exposure of EVs
 - Not Nissan-related!
 - 83% response rate
 - Difficulties
 - Range & Charging Times
 - Luggage, Elderly



November 25, 2013 (PM)



- Nissan Factory in Oppama, Kanagawa Pref.
- Models include Leaf, Cube, Juke
- Viewed Final Assembly Line (battery pack)



November 26

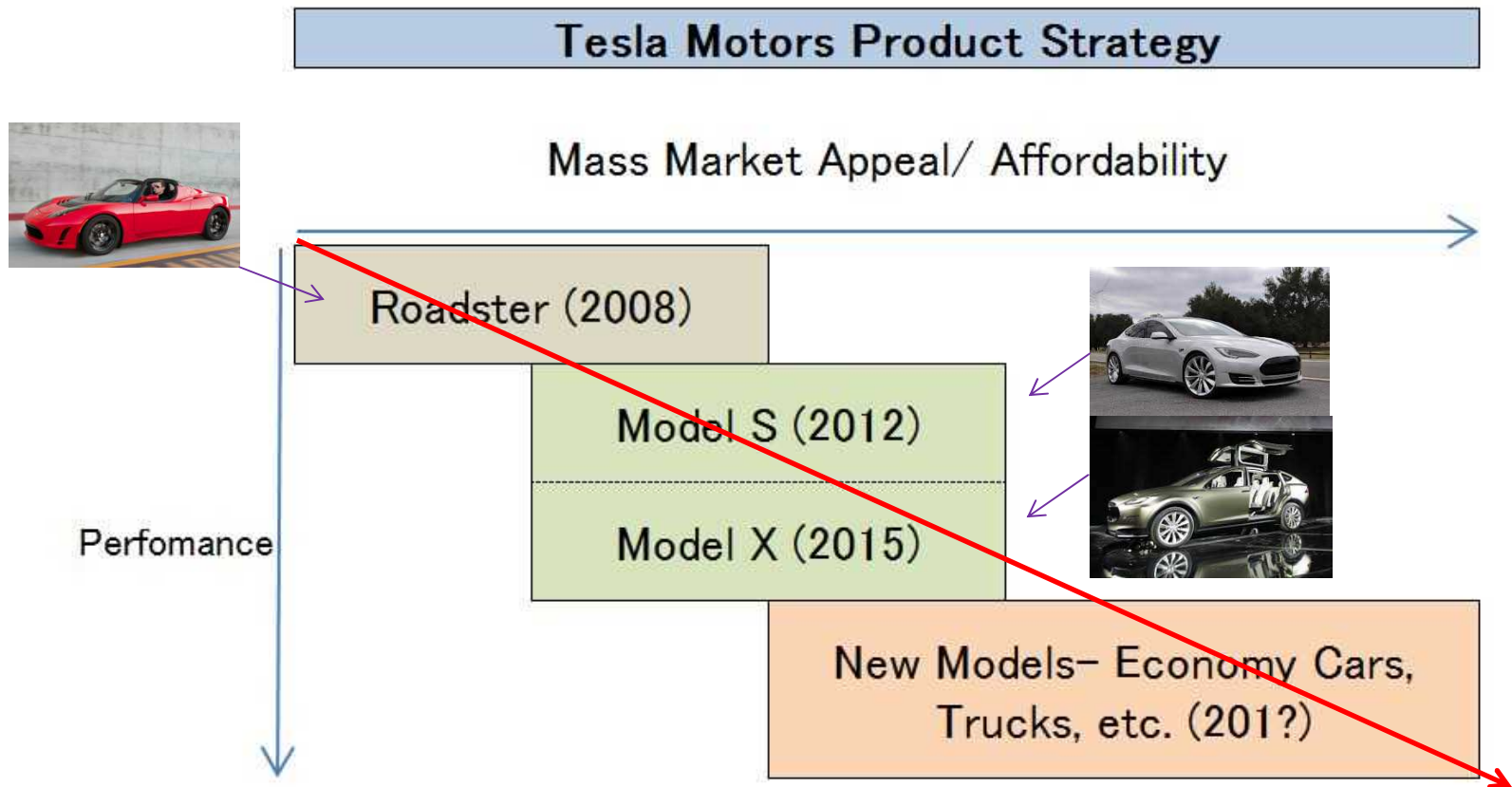
- Return to TMS Smart City, then fly back to Oita



Conclusion

- What was I able to accomplish?
 - Understanding of gov't programs
 - Industry Trends & Technology
 - Manufacturing
- What will I be able to use in thesis work?
 - Future product trajectories
 - Technological potential... and hurdles

Tesla's Project Trajectory



Top-Down Product Trajectory

Van der Rhee, Schmidt, & Van Orden (2012) High-end Encroachment Patterns of New Products.

Q&A

