

### Technology-differentiating Battery-Electric Platforms

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## The diversification of electric platforms will determine the next phase in eMobility transformation

#### **Executive summary**



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**Regulatory pressures remain high**, while industries & **regions compete** to transform **value creation in the powertrain industry** Given the 0 g  $CO_2$ /km emission target, countries offer billions in incentives to encourage the development of the eMobility value chain

- To meet diverse relevant customer needs, future BEV powertrains require differentiated platforms Enabled by technology, platforms will be differentiated by vehicle segments, price classes and required ranges
- **Cell and eDrive** innovations are expected to be **competitive brand differentiators** and far from a commodity The next innovation wave has the potential to increase vehicle range, doubling charging speed & reduce powertrain costs significantly
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Battery cells to remain key cost driver of the electric powertrain, heavily affected by raw material prices Cell costs are expected to decrease further in coming years, although material costs & vertical integration headwinds are approaching

- 5 While we expect total cost of ownership parity across segments by 2025, powertrain cost parity will be reached from 2030 With falling battery and powertrain costs and increasing ICE costs, the prevailing economics are expected to expedite electrification
  - By 2030, ~40% BEV vehicle sales share expected, moving towards 70% BEV share in 2040, resulting in ~6.5 TWh battery demand BEV powertrain market is differentiated across segments, with each new platform generation taking the next decarbonization leap



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Companies across sectors should participate in the BEV gold rush, taking advantage of the transformation opportunities By 2030, up to 850 bn€ annual revenue are forecasted to be generated across sectors, driving the global eMobility transformation



#### **Electrification driver**

### Regulatory pressures remain high, while industries & regions compete to transform value creation in the powertrain industry





#### **Regulatory motivation**

Regulation continues to **spur zero-emission** electrification and is expected to **intensify further**. The regulation is **directed at both OEMs and consumers**. After selective ICE city bans, the **EU council confirmed EU-wide ICE ban** for cars and vans by 2035.



#### **Economic motivation**

OEMs are increasingly focusing on ESG, **encouraged by financial markets** as it is also a key factor in raising **capital** for the **transformation**. A **high proportion of EVs in the OEM portfolio** improves **overall rating** performance.



#### **Geopolitical motivation**

Various programs launched by the major regions, such as the US Inflation Reduction Act (IRA), are vying with each other to galvanize a local electric powertrain value chain. A European answer to the IRA is expected and boost electrification in the EU further.

## Regulation continues to spur zero-emission electrification - directed at both OEMs and consumers, it reinforces the transformation need

From ICE city to EU ban

Legislative trends – CO<sub>2</sub> fleet targets and ICE city bans

International CO<sub>2</sub> fleet targets



EU (Fit-for-55) & CN regulatory initiatives expected to drive down CO2 fleet targets further and facilitate OEM fleet electrification From selective ICE city bans, the EU council confirmed EU-wide ICE ban for cars and vans by 2035 – ICE and syn-fuels no longer an option for road transportation

## To raise transformation capital, OEMs, are increasingly focusing on ESG, encouraged by financials markets as a key parameter **ESG Financial Industry**

#### ESG Rating of OEMs

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ESG rating agency	Share <sup>1)</sup>	3	ъщ	B	Ц	Î	τ	Те
MSCI ESG	43%							
Sustainalytics	31%							
ISS governance score	15%							
CDP climate score	8%							
S&P global ESG rank	2%							
Bloomberg ESG	n.a.							
ESG laggard ESG av	rerage	ES	G lead	der		Not	availa	ble <sup>2)</sup>

#### Key drivers of OEM rating performance:

- Automotive OEMs have high environmental exposure
- High share of EVs improves overall rating performance
- Number of quality-related **vehicle recalls** has a negative impact within the social dimension

Impact on transformation financing (in WACC% of debt)



Significant savings in financing the transformation can be made through a clear ESG agenda

Yet the race for the global supply chain for the ePowertrain remains open, with fierce geopolitical competition on future value creation Geopolitical competition on ePowertrain value chain



Sources: Strategy& analysis, IEA

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### To meet diverse relevant customer needs, future BEV powertrains require differentiated platforms





#### **Evolution of powertrain portfolio**

Since 2020, the **powertrain portfolio has moved** from **technology openness** towards a **BEV-centric powertrain portfolio. Plug-in hybrid** and **fuel cell** vehicles **have declined in significance**.



#### **Platform characteristics and specifications**

To meet differentiated customer needs, tailor-made product platforms need to be developed. The differentiation drivers are still range, power and charging speed. Varying cell chemistry and battery pack architecture are expected to be enablers for differentiation.

#### **Range still matters**

We expect that **range will remain a key factor** within platform specifications, and each will offer **both standard** and **long ranges** to meet differentiated flexibility needs.

## Since 2020, the powertrain portfolio emerged from technology openness towards BEV centric powertrain portfolio

**Evolution of powertrain portfolio (2030)** 







### Across these platforms, standard and long-range variations are expected to be offered to meet customer flexibility requirements

#### **Customer relevant BEV platform specifications (2030)**

Platforms	Peak power	Range variations	Charge s	peed
	In horse powers <sup>1)</sup>	Customer perceived ranges in km	Charged rang	ge / 10 min
1 Entry BEV	95	<ul> <li>♀</li> <li>♀</li></ul>		170 km
2 Rational green	140	<ul> <li>330 km</li> <li>500 km</li> </ul>		225 km
3 Mass BEV	200	<ul> <li>♀</li> <li>♀</li> <li>↓</li> <li>↓</li></ul>		270 km
4 Allrounder BEV	240	♀         500 km           ♀         660 km		330 km
Fremium city BEV	410	<ul> <li>              € 00 km          </li> <li>             800 km         </li> </ul>		400 km
6 Green flagship	680	Image: Constraint of the second sec	m m	430 km

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1) Entry BEV: 70 kW; Rational Green: 100 kW, Mass BEV: 150 kW, Allrounder BEV: 175 kW, Premium City BEV: 300 kW, Green flagship: 500 kW

#### Technology trends

### Cell and eDrive innovations are expected to be competitive brand differentiators and far from a commodity





#### **Technological development until 2030**

Battery and **cell chemistry** are expected to be far from **a commodity**, but the **key brand differentiator** and **competitive driver.** Vehicle **range, charging speeds** and **vehicle costs** are key **factors in the differentiation**.



#### Technology roadmap cell chemistry

Next-generation cell chemistries will enter the market in waves. In the first wave, cathodes with high Ni content and olivine blends will gain importance, as well as higher SiOx content (anode). Going forward, Si/C and LMNO are positioned for market entry, while solid-state batteries are expected to enter the market with limited size and capacity beyond 2030.



#### **Technology roadmap for electric drive**

**Technological advancements** in the **eDrive system** improve **efficiency** throughout the **drive cycle** and therefore reduce overall operating costs. **Enhanced cooling** allows brand differentiation in fast-charging solutions.

## To build differentiated BEV platforms, battery and cell chemistry are expected to be a key brand differentiator and competitive driver

Technological development (2023 vs. 2030)



### OEMs are able to tailormade batteries to customer demands, by leveraging available cell technology and cell-to-pack efficiency

### Pack and cell energy density

Benchmark pack and cell energy density (in Wh/l)



#### Comments



#### Entry segment

Entry segment expected to be equipped with cost-efficient LFP cells and, in the future, with cost-efficient Na-Ion cells



#### Volume segment

LMFP and NMC cells are used in the volume segment due to price, technical properties and energy densities



NMC/NCA cylindrical

#### **Premium segment**

NMC pouch

NMC cells are used - high pack energy density is achieved through thermo-management technologies and structural integration

### Similarly, eDrive configurations allow differentiated platform efficiencies and power by motor and inverter combinations

#### **eDrive efficiency**



#### Comments



Entry segment Entry segment equipped with separately excited synchronous motors (SESM) for medium range, or induction machines for inner-city applications and **IGBT**-based inverters for smaller power ranges

#### Volume segment

Permanent magnet motors (PM) or (SESM) In combination with GaN based inverters

#### **Premium segment**





Premium segment with double PM or SESM and efficient SiC-based inverters and low ohm SiC-based inverters for highest power & efficiency range

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Isoquant total peak efficiency [%] (= Efficiency Inverter SemiCon [%] \* Efficiency Motor [%])

IM = Induction machine; PM = Permanent magnet machine, SESM = Separately excited synchronous machine Including electric motor, gearbox and inverter

### Battery cells to remain key cost driver of the electric powertrain, heavily affected by raw material prices





#### Battery as key powertrain cost driver

Battery costs likely to remain main cost driver for future powertrains across all platforms. Especially cells comprise majority of material costs.

#### Upstream costs have high impact on cell costs

Costs of raw and active materials constitute up to more than 50% of total battery costs. After price peaks in the early part of the decade, largely caused by undersupply, investment are expected to ease this issue and level prices for the remainder of the decade.



#### **Cell costs across segments to decrease**

Owing to technological and commercial factors, cell prices will probably decrease over the coming years and facilitate diversified BEV powertrains across the market.

## Within the BEV powertrain, the battery constitutes the largest cost component, heavily affected by cell prices and relevant materials

Price breakdown of BEV (exemplary for Mass BEV, standard range)



## Cell prices will likely fall by 2030, with Na-Ion and LMFP cells dominating LFP, while NMC remains attractive for premium segments

Strategy& cell price forecast 2030 (in ∉kWh)



#### Comments

- By 2030, cell prices are expected to fall by about 10-15% compared with 2023
- Increased raw material prices act as a brake on the 2020 anticipated cell price reduction
- Na-lons to compete for LFP segment and LMFP to compete for NMC segments

Source: Strategy& cell model 1) Baseline assumption Li2CO3 price of 13€/kg, Standardized cell format: 300 x 100 x 25 mm

## Raw material cost fluctuations impose cell price uncertainties – with Lithium at 20€/kg cell prices are likely to exceed 80€/kWh for LiB

Lithium price forecast and cell price sensitivity

Na-lon LFP NMC9 ½ ½ Strategy& forecast LMFP Actuals EUR 100 100...105 90...95 85...90 Ø52 — +100% 80 No Li 60 ~+20 ~+20 ~+20 impact 13 **€**kg 40  $(Li_2CO_3)$ 60...65 70...75 65...70 80...85 20 13 ~-5...10 ~-5...10 ~-5...10 Ø10 60...55 65...60 -50% 75...70 0 2020 2021 2022 2023 2025 2030

Lithium price forecast (in EUR/kg LCE)

- In the long term we expect LCE prices of ~13€/kg
- Short-term price peaks to be leveled through supply gap closing as a result of investment
- Pre-crises levels not expected to be realized, due to shift towards hard-rock mining

 With LCE beyond 20 €/kg, cell prices below 80 €/kWh are not expected to be realized for L(M)FP & NMC chemistries

**Sensitivity on Lithium price on cell prices** (in  $\in$ /kWh)

- Full independence and resilience of Na-Ion batteries are key advantages in comparison with L(M)FP & NMC
- Change of 1 €/kg LCE translates to 1.5 €/kWh in cell costs

## Looking at eDrive costs, relative power boost is cheaper than efficiency optimizations across segments

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eDrive costs forecast across segments (2030)

Power / Efficiency plot across vehicle segments



Powertrain Study 2023 Strategy& Future powertrain archetypes

### While we expect total cost of ownership parity across segments by 2025, powertrain cost parity will be reached from 2030



#### **Diverse BEV customer criteria**

Across the differentiated BEV platforms, customers have diverse buying criteria with regard to flexibility, dynamics, sustainability and operating costs



#### **Technology enables BEV diversification**

Diversified technological development in the ePowertrain of the future will probably enable OEMs to satisfy customer segments with diversified powertrains, enabling large-scale market diffusion



#### **BEVs to reach competitive cost levels**

While ICE powertrains face cost pressure due to regulations (e.g. Euro 7), BEV powertrains are expected to become available at competitive costs in comparison with ICE by the end of the decade. Parity of total costs of ownership is already partially achieved and is forecasted to be reached in all segments and ranges by 2025

Based on decreasing BEV costs, we expect TCO parity for BEV by 2025 in all classes, but higher total powertrain costs likely until end of decade **Powertrain cost parities (in years)** 



#### **Powertrain costs parity**



#### Comments

#### Total cost of ownership (TCO)

- TCO parity across all segments and ranges expected by 2025, driving premium and volume BEV diffusion
- Premium vehicles to reach earlier TCO parity and powertrain cost parity compared with volume and entry segments
- Shorter-range vehicles reach TCO parity earlier than long-range variants

#### Powertrain costs

- Parities expected from 2030 onwards, driven by falling battery costs and increasing ICE costs (e.g. due to Euro 7)
- · Powertrain costs especially significant for price-sensitive entry class diffusion

# Particularly in the entry segment, powertrain parity for both standard and long-range vehicles are not expected to be reached before 2030 Rational green - Powertrain costs and TCO comparison (2030)



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TCO calculated for EU use case; Assumptions: 4 year holding period, standard range with 10,000 km annual mileage, long range with 20,000 km annual mileage, energy costs: 40 €-ct/kWh, gas costs: 2020: 1,30€/l , 2025: 1,83 €/l, 2030: ~1.89 €/l

### By 2030, ~40% BEV vehicle sales share expected, moving towards 70% BEV share in 2040, resulting in ~6.5 TWh battery demand





#### **Diffusion drivers**

By 2025, **improved TCO** due to **scale effects** and convenient **charging infrastructure** are likely to lead to BEV diffusion. In 2030, further **TCO improvements** as a result of **enhanced battery technologies** and efficient charging infrastructure are expected to further consolidate the position of **BEVs as the standard choice.** 



#### **Regional differences**

By 2030, around 40% of light vehicles globally are forecasted to be based on a BEV platform and a 70% BEV share expected by 2040. From 2030 to 2040, global battery demand will nearly double to up to 6.5 TWh.



#### Market diffusion across segments

Electrification is moving from premium to entry segments, driven by customer demand. In 2030, a significant price gap between premium and entry-level BEVs are expected to remain, with the middle segment widely adopting electrification. However, limited differentiation in electrification rates is anticipated across car segments.

### Looking at BEV diffusion drivers, we see the "decarbonization decade" in full swing – turning market dynamics from market push to pull **BEV diffusion criteria**

Example	Volume market rises	2 <sup>nd</sup> generation mass model platforms 2025	Decarbonization decade
دَيْ <b>Legislation</b>	Focused incentivization (BEV <40,000 €, 9,000€ subsidy BEV >40,000 €, 7,500 € subsidy) <sup>1</sup>	Accelerated CO <sub>2</sub> targets – no way back (No further subsidies)	CO <sub>2</sub> prices to increase gas prices by +10% (2030: 80€/t CO2)
TCO and powertrain costs	Cost parity already in premium price class	Scale effects to become effective	Sustainability pays off widely in all price classes
Public perception	Developing CO <sub>2</sub> awareness, followed by widespread acceptance	Environmentally-conscious Generation Z consumers are more dominant car buyers	BEVs as key technology for seamless connectivity and mobility
Infrastructure / HPC	Fast public charging infrastructure scarcity (Q4 2020 charging points: 36200 AC, 5900 DC) <sup>1</sup>	At least 75% of all petrol stations with 150 kW charging infrastructure <sup>2</sup>	Germany as lead market with one million barrier-free charging stations <sup>2</sup>

No driver for BEV diffusion 1) For Germany 2) Goal of German government Moderate driver for BEV diffusion Driver for BEV diffusion

## With market pull in full force towards 2030, 40% of light vehicles sales are likely to have a BEV platform, resulting in 3.4 TWh battery demand

BEV diffusion (Strategy& forecast, as of 2023)

#### **Global BEV diffusion**



- In 2030, ~40% of all light vehicles are expected to be based on a BEV platform
- By the end of the next decade, at least 70% BEV share expected

#### **Regional BEV diffusion**



- Across the major three markets, EU and China are expected to be the main drivers of BEV adoption, spurred by regulations, HPC infrastructures and improved economics
- BEV adoption in US expected to accelerate from 2030 onwards

#### **Global battery demand**



- From 2030 to 2040, global battery demand set to almost double to up to 6.5 TWh
- Market growth driven by vehicle adoption

   battery capacities are expected to stay
   constant from 2030 onwards



## Market diffusion of BEVs likely to move from the premium- towards volume- and entry segments, driven by new platform generations

Market diffusion across segments and price classes (BEV share in %)

#### 2030 powertrain portfolio



#### 2022 2030 2035 2040 75% 85% 90% 1<sup>st</sup> gen 2<sup>nd</sup> gen 3<sup>rd</sup> gen 4<sup>th</sup> gen platform platform platform platform 70% 80% 1<sup>st</sup> gen 2nd gen 4<sup>th</sup> aen 3rd gen platform platform platform platform 60% 1<sup>st</sup> gen 2nd gen 3rd gen 4th gen platform platform platform platform

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#### Electrification across classes

#### Premium to lead electrification

 Technological and commercial advancement to grow BEV share further

- By 2030, the volume segment expected to be a strong driver for BEV sales and reach brink of large-scale diffusion
- From 2030 onwards, majority of vehicles forecasted to be electric
- Gap between **premium** and **entry electrification** expected to persist beyond 2030, owing to price sensitivity
- From 2030 onwards, anticipated cost decreases to facilitate electrification

## With these new differentiated platform generations, we expect an multi-chemistry portfolio ramping up to meet the battery demand

**Global battery demand – cell chemistry split** (in GWh)



Key takeaways

#### Wave 1:

Limited portfolio with NMC dominant cell chemistry, driven by the premium segment

#### Wave 2:

Diversification driven by entry and volume segment

#### Wave 3:

Platform diversification further drives cell chemistry portfolio

#### Wave 4:

Future technology injection (e.g. solidstate batteries) results in more diversification of cell portfolio



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#### Recommendation

Companies across sectors should participate in the BEV gold rush, taking advantage of the transformation opportunities



#### **Battery Boom: Transformative Growth**

The battery market expected to grow to 6.5 TWh by 2040, generating global annual revenues that will surpass those of internal combustion engine (ICE) powertrains in the course of this decade. The scale of this transformation demands substantial investment, amounting to nearly twice the GDP of Austria.



#### **Segment-specific BEV Powertrains**

**BEV diffusion spans various segments**, necessitating **tailored powertrain** solutions to **meet specific needs**. From premium to entry-level vehicles, **customization is vital** in satisfying diverse customer preferences, leading to the widespread adoption of BEVs across the automotive market.

#### **Close collaboration**

BEV efficiency **depends on collaboration** and concerted **effort across industries** in **Europe**. By **fostering partnerships** and collective action, stakeholders can work together to overcome challenges, accelerate innovation, and create a sustainable and effective ecosystem for electric mobility in Europe.

### Based on the BEV market pull, we expect transformative growth in the size of multi-corporates revenues and countries GDPs

**Global cross industry value pool overview** 



Annual eMobility revenue surpasses many major industries players Total investment twice Austria GDP

(~25% of German GDP)

## To participate in the BEV gold rush, cross-industry activities beyond the automotive industry are required and expected

#### eMobility industry transformation



#### Replace oil with Lithium

...changing revenue pools ...new required competencies ...transforming organizations



### **Industrial Products**

#### Supply the machine

...build regional supply chain ...provide equipment to meet demand ...develop competitive products

### Energy & infrastructure

#### Power the transformation

...build required infrastructure ...renewable energy supply ...balance and manage grid



#### Get it on the road

...meet fleet and CO<sub>2</sub> targets ...rethink mobility concepts ...new investment needs



#### Set the framework

...incentivize transformation ...align regulation with technology ...foster new competencies



#### Provide the capital

...secure financial backing ...rethink mobility financing ...facilitate new collaborations



#### Mining & refining the new oil

...value chain integration ...automotive standards ...conceptualize recycling Strategy& is a global strategy consulting business uniquely positioned to help deliver your best future: one that is built on differentiation from the inside out and tailored exactly to you. As part of PwC, every day we're building the winning systems that are at the heart of growth. We combine our powerful foresight with this tangible know-how, technology, and scale to help you create a better, more transformative strategy from day one.

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