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U.S. economy-wide emissions

Historic and future, assuming various targets are achieved



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Source: EIA, EPA, BloombergNEF

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...and it is not that easy!

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Source: Tesla



Battery costs are falling

Lithium-ion battery price survey results (volume-weighted average)

Battery pack price (real 2020 \$/kWh)



Source: BloombergNEF Note: This is based on the 2019 Battery Price Survey. The 2020 results shown here are a projection.

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Battery costs are falling ...and will continue to fall

Lithium-ion battery price outlook

Lithium-ion battery pack price (real 2020 \$/kWh)



Source: BloombergNEF Note: This is based on the 2019 Battery Price Survey.



With falling costs, battery storage can compete on a LCOE basis against gas peakers

Global levelized cost of electricity (LCOE)

LCOE (\$/MWh, 2019 real)



Source: BloombergNEF. Note: The storage benchmark is a country weighed-average using the latest annual capacity additions. It assumes a daily cycle and includes charging costs at 60% of the wholesale base power price. OCGT: open-cycle gas turbine. The lower (higher) bound of the OCGT range reflects the U.S. (Japan).

In batteries alone, 80GW of storage capacity could be on-line by 2035

The U.S. cumulative market size by region based on power capacity



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There's a fairly known pathway for storage

Energy storage	Electric vehicles	Grids	Technology "X"
Known?			
Known?			

Source: Tesla



What about electric vehicles?

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Source: Tesla, Lockheed Martin, R&D World



Electric vehicle demand driving majority of demand for batteries

Annual lithium-ion battery demand by application



Passenger EV could hit price parity in the mid-2020s

Upfront price parity year

Segment	U.S.	EU	China
Small	2024	2027	2026
Medium	2024	2023	2022
Large	2023	2022	2030
SUV	2023	2024	2033*

Source: BloombergNEF's "When Will EVs Be Cheaper Than Conventional Vehicles?". Note: We assumed the same real world driving range for EVs globally: small = 200 miles; medium = 250 miles; large and SUVs = 300 miles. (*) In China many smaller cars are classified as SUVs, thereby reducing the segment-average price.

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The U.S. passenger EV sales are growing



U.S. annual passenger vehicle sales by drivetrain

Million



Source: BloombergNEF. Note: Electric contains battery electric and plug-in hybrid.

U.S. share of annual passenger vehicle sales by drivetrain



Electric vehicle uptake would increase power demand **U.S. EV electricity demand** TWh 250 200 150 EV demand 100 50 0 2012 2019 2025 2030 2035 Source: BloombergNEF

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TWh 5,000 20.0% 4,500 18.0% EV demand 4,000 16.0% 14.0% 3,500 Demand 3,000 12.0% (minus EVs) 2,500 10.0% 2,000 5% 8.0% % demand in 2035 1,500 6.0% from EVs 1,000 4.0% 500 2.0% 0.0% 0 2025 2012 2019 2030 2035 Source: BloombergNEF

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But major investments in charging infrastructure will be needed

Cumulative U.S. charging infrastructure demand forecast, by location



Cumulative U.S. charging infrastructure investment, by location

Source: BloombergNEF. Note: Analysis is using the latest forecast numbers for passenger vehicles and van – home charging. For more details, see our "Charging Infrastructure Forecast Model" (web). For details on our base case forecast, see our "Long-Term Electric Vehicle Outlook 2020" (web) terminal).

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Electric vehicles are likely to happen, but 'positive' grid contribution is uncertain

Energy storage	Electric vehicles	Grids	Technology "X"
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Known?	Known?		

Source: Tesla, Lockheed Martin, Electrive, R&D World



Grids are central to the transition, and under-appreciated



Source: Tesla, Lockheed Martin, Electrive, R&D World



Power plants are becoming smaller, more and more of them will be added

Size of median power plant



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Grid investment needs to ramp up significantly

U.S. expenditure on asset replacements

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U.S. renewable resources and demand



Source: BloombergNEF



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Source: BloombergNEF



U.S. Interconnection regions and wind and solar generation



Source: BloombergNEF



Studied U.S. macrogrid



Source: BloombergNEF, NREL



More investment in grids is necessary with more ambitious clean power goals



Source: Tesla, Lockheed Martin, Electrive, R&D World



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Carbon capture and storage

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Carbon capture	Hydrogen from
and storage	electrolysis

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Carbon capture	Hydrogen from	Small modular
and storage	electrolysis	reactors

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and storage	electrolysis	reactors	geothermal



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There are more knowns than unknowns, but we'll need to the unknowns!

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Source: Tesla, Lockheed Martin, Electrive, R&D World



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