

**EXCERPT** 

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# **EV Satisfaction Study 2024**

EVs from the users' perspective

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## **Objective**

#### **Initial Situation:**

- Compared to combustion engines, which have been optimised for over 100 years, battery electric vehicles are still at the beginning of their technical development.
- In order to compete successfully, manufacturers need detailed and systematic customer feedback as early as possible.

### **Objectives:**

- What new use cases are resulting from the electric drive? What are the resulting requirements?
- Which e-specific features are particularly relevant and how do they need to be designed?
- How do EV drivers evaluate the concepts? What are the strengths and weaknesses of the various brands?
- What recommendations do users have for their EV's manufacturers?





# **Target Group**

### Survey:

Target Group: Owners of fully battery-electric vehicles (BEV)

(no Plug-in Hybrids)

Survey: Online-Survey (CAWI)

– Market: DACH

Recruiting: Social Media

Lenth of Interview: 15 - 20 min

Field phase: May - July 2024

### Sample size:

Total sample size: N = 4.966





# **EV-specific Use Cases and Features Used**

#### Driving



- Range
- · Eco-modes
- Regenerative braking
- Driving and functional noises

#### Display and operating concept



- Range indicator
- Charging indicator
- Energy Monitor
- Other displays in the cockpit

#### Navigation system



- Functions used
- Usage habits
- Problems
- Recommendations

#### Connect app



- · Functions used
- Usage habits
- Problems
- Recommendations

#### Charge management



- Route Planning, thermal mgmt.
- Charging settings, charging capacity
- Charging mgmt., charging problems
- Accommodation of charging cable, position of charging port

#### Heating and air conditioning



- Pre-conditioning, heating, air conditioning
- Usage behaviour
- Problems
- Recommendations



# **Survey Structure**

### **EV** Owners were asked about **EV**-specific features according to...

Usage habits

"How often do you use ...?"

"Which of the following functions do you use...?"

Problems

"Have you already had problems with ...?"
"What kind of problems have you had?"

Concept maturity

"How mature are the technical concepts of your [brand] regarding ...?"

Recommendations to manufacturers

"Do you have any recommendations to [brand] on ...?"





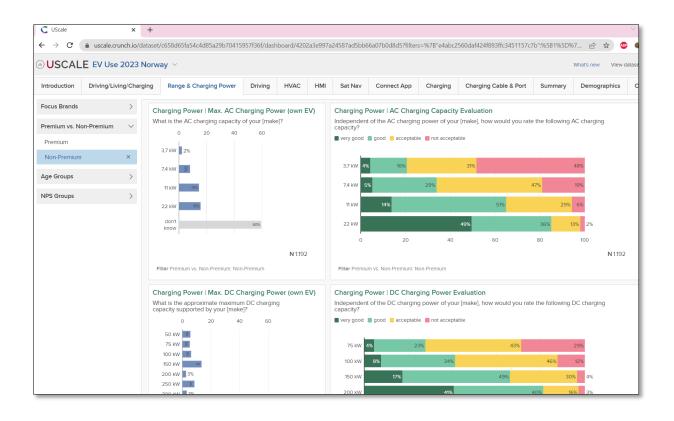
# **Dashboard for Individual Analyses**

# Deep dives on individual brands, models and subgroups.

This document only shows splits at brand level and selected verbatim mentions.

The associated dashboard shows the model-level splits and verbatim mentions for each model.





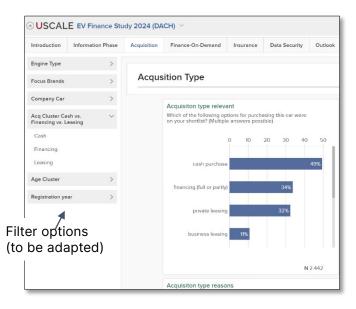


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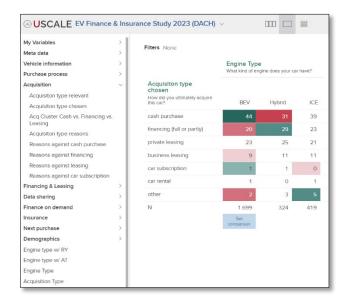
### Working with the dashboard

The dashboard provides access to all detailed data. It allows you to carry out your own analyses and download any data splits.

Split of all results by subtarget groups:

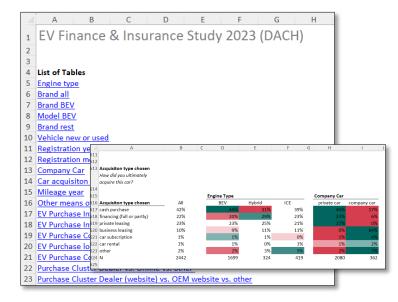


Correlations and statistical analyses:



Download all data as xls and ppt:







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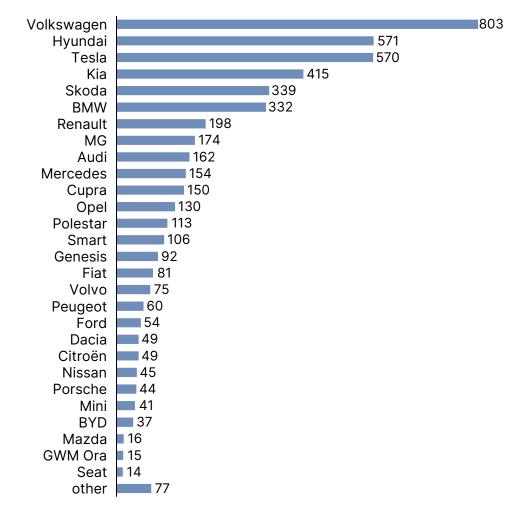




#### Makes and Models

### Makes

All relevant makes included in the study.



"What kind of EV do you have (make)?"

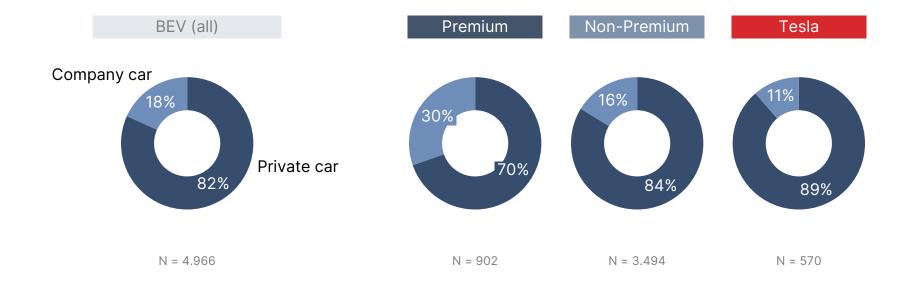


#### Makes and Models

# **Company Cars**

High share of company car drivers in the study.

"Is your [EV] a company car?"



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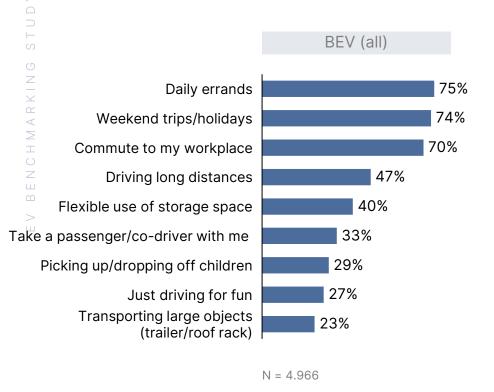


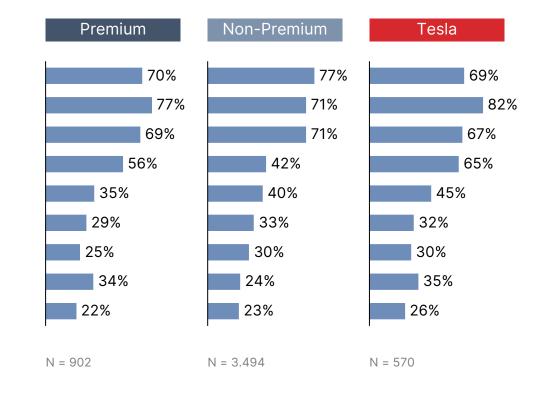
### **Driving Behavior**

# **Important Usage Situations**

The most important usage situations are daily errands, weekend trips and commuting to work.

"In general: When you buy a car, which usage situations are important to you?" (multiple answers possible)







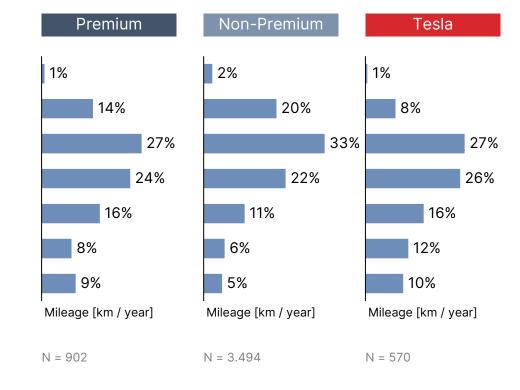
### **Driving Behavior**

# Mileage / Year

The average annual mileage is still higher than that of combustion engines (which is less than 15,000 kilometres according to DAT reports).

"Approximately how many miles do you drive annually with your [EV]?"





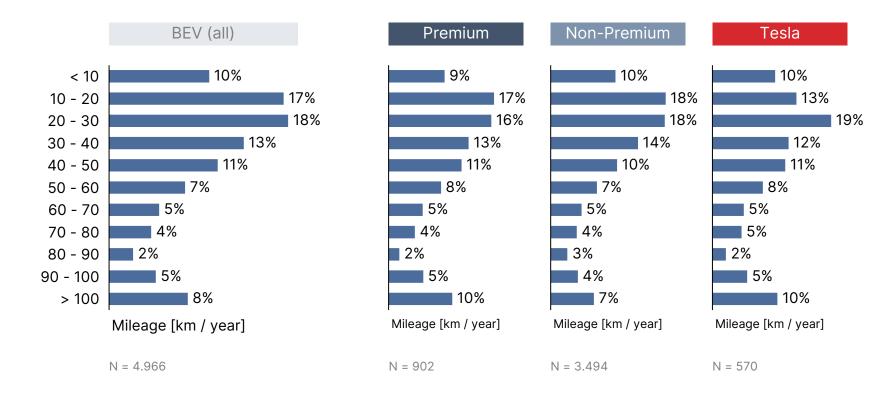


### **Driving Behavior**

# Mileage / Day

The majority of respondents (58%) travels less than 40 kilometres a day.

"On average, how many miles do you drive your [EV] each weekday?"



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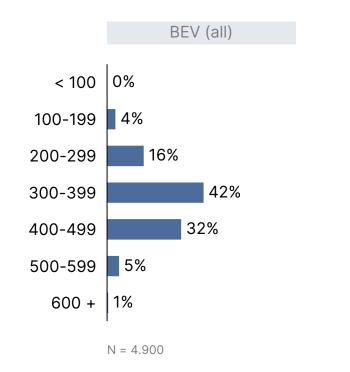


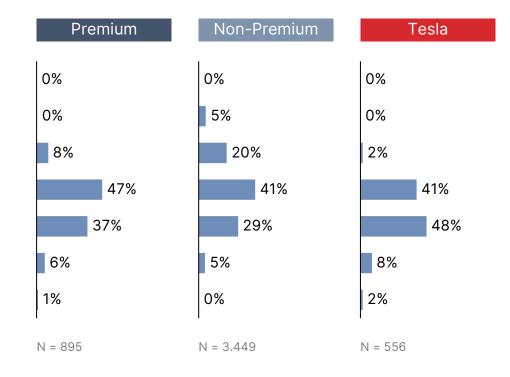
### Driving Range

# **Summer Range**

38% of all vehicles in this study have a real summer range of more than 400 kilometres. In 2023, it was only 27%.

"Approximately, what is the "real" summer range of your [EV]?"







### Driving Range

# **Range Assessment**

"Regardless of the range of your EV: How would you rate the following "real" summer ranges for an all-electric vehicle?"



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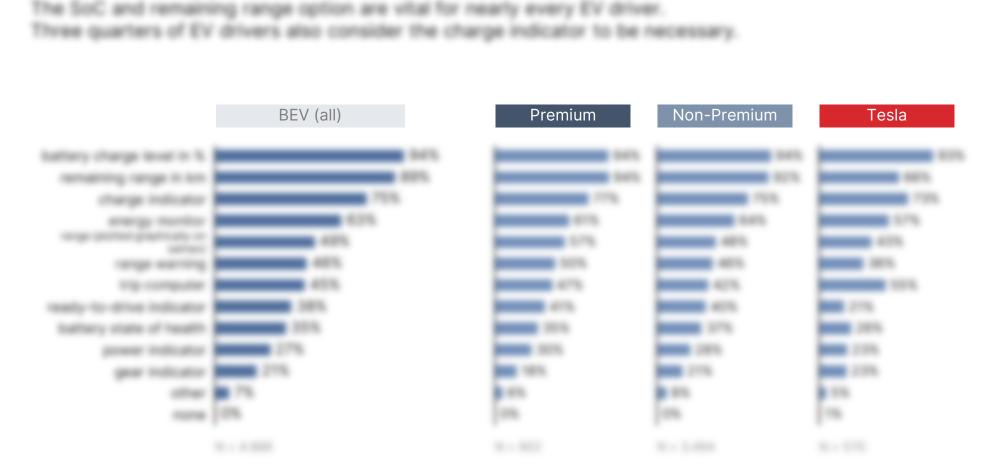
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# **Displays Necessary in an EV**

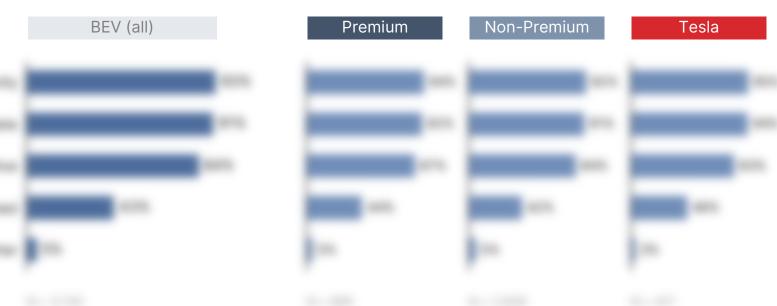


"Which displays do you think are necessary in an EV?" (multiple answers possible)



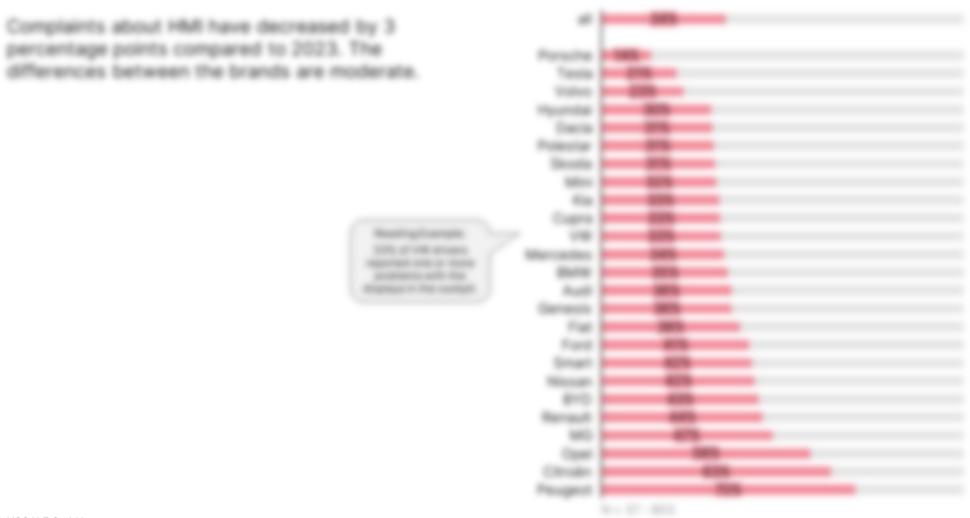
# Displays Necessary in an EV (Detail: Charging)

(charge indicator = necessary)
 "As to the charge indicator:
 What information do you
 consider essential?"
 (multiple answers possible)





## **Problems**



"Have you had any problems with the comprehensibility or operation of the following displays in the cockpit of your [EV]?"

(multiple answers possible)



# Concept Maturity (Energy monitor)

Of the 28 concepts assessed, the HMI concept regarding the energy monitor ranks 17<sup>th</sup>, with an improvement compared to 2023\*.

\* The weighted average of all responses for

1 = poorly developed

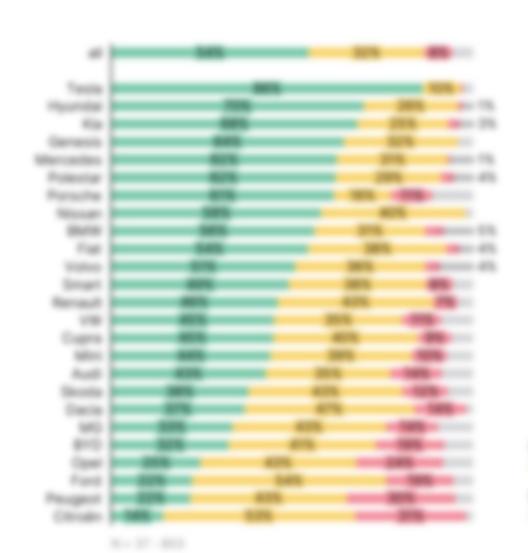
2 = need for improvement

3 = well developed

is a value of 2.50 points.

For comparison:

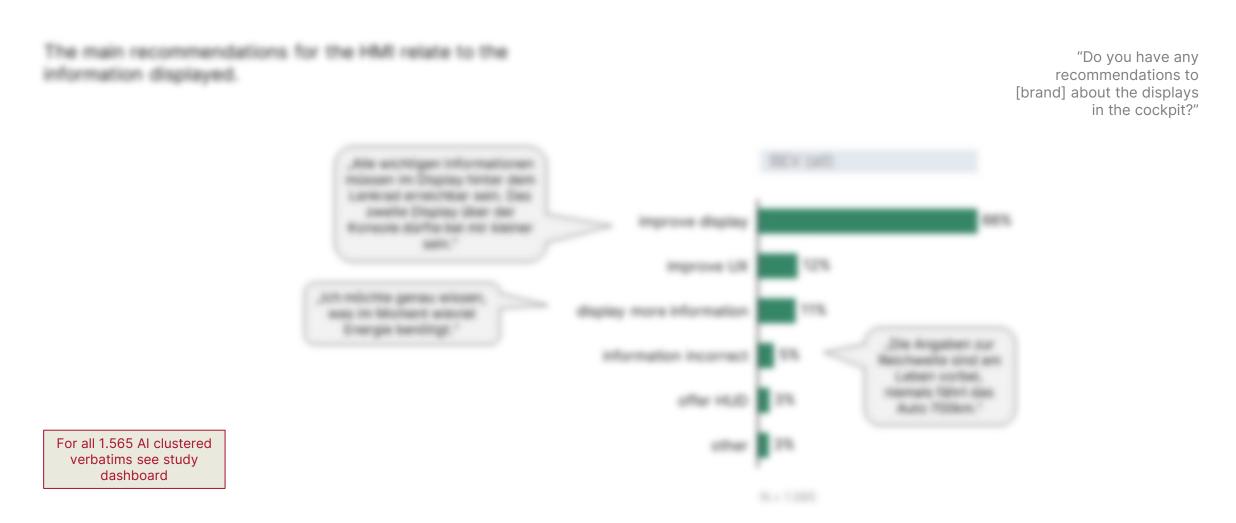
- 2023: 2.44 points.
- 2022: 2.33 points.



"How well developed are the various functions and displays of your [EV] regarding ...?"



## Recommendations



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    - Charging Capacity
    - Charging Socket and Cable
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### **Charging Capacity**

# **Charging Capacity Acceptable (DC)**



"Independent of the charging capacity of your EV: How do you rate the following DC charging capacities?"



**Charging Capacity** 

# **DC Charging Times Accepted**



"Independent of the charging capacity of your EV: How do you rate the following DC charging capacities?"

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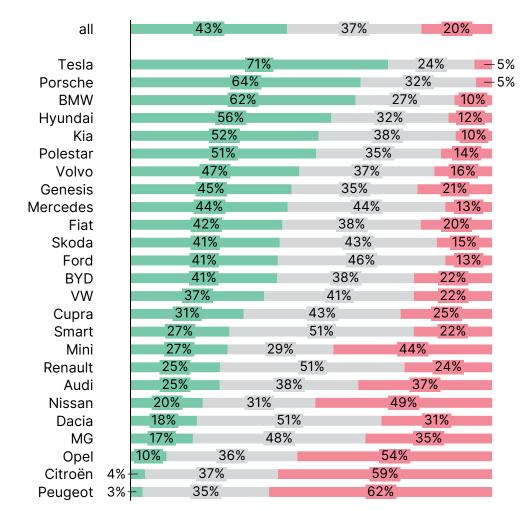
#### **Overall Assessment**

### Net Promotor Score (NPS)

Tesla still leads the brand list. The market average has significantly increased by 5 points.

The differences in NPS values between the brands, however, are enormous:

 Tesla Porsche 59 BMW 50 43 Hyundai Kia Polestar Volvo 31 Mercedes Genesis 24 Fiat Ford 26 Skoda BYD 19 VW 15 Cupra Smart Renault Audi -12 Dacia -12 -17 Mini MG -18 -29 Nissan -44 Opel Citroën -55



"In summary: How likely is it that you would recommend your [brand] to a friend or colleague?"

Promotor

Passive

Detractor

Peugeot

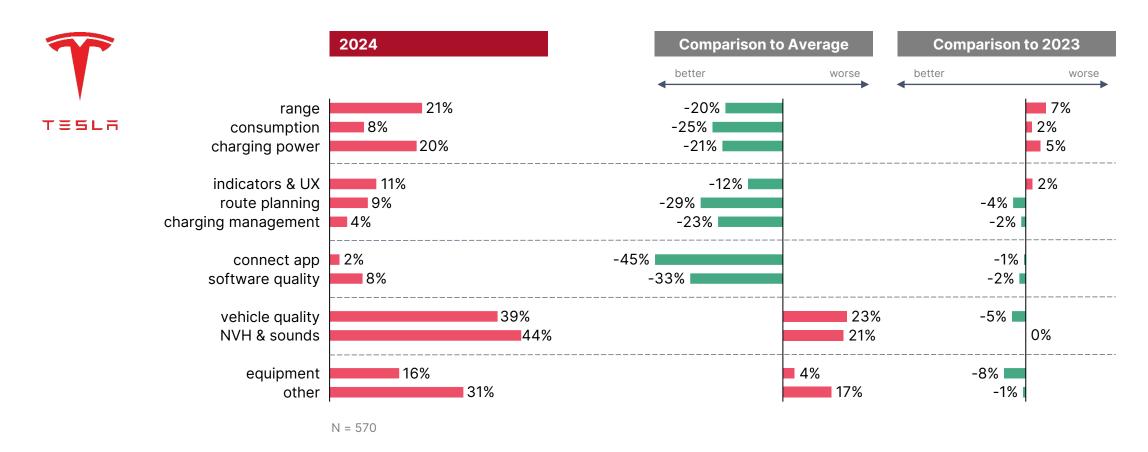


#### **Final Recommendations**

## **Prioritized Needs for Improvement: Tesla**

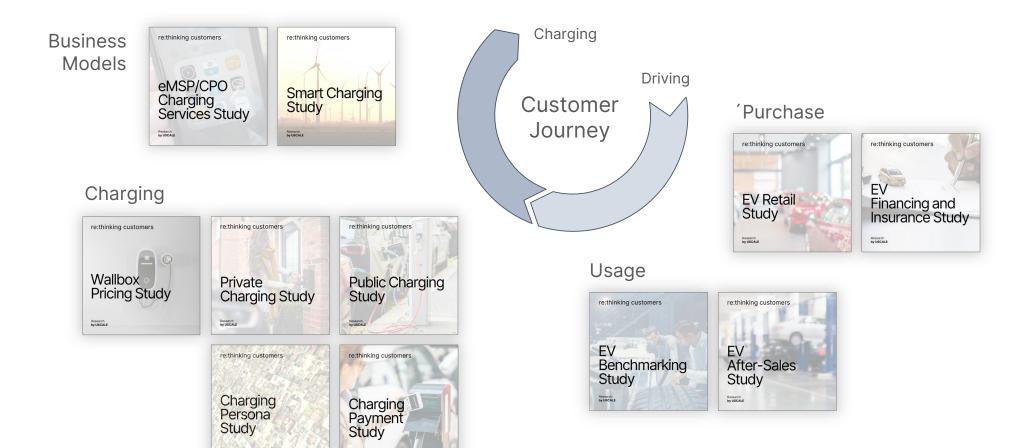
Impressive performance in all EV related areas. Strong need for improvement in quality and NVH.

"In summary: What should [brand] work on as a priority?" (multiple answers possible)





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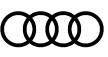


























































































































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