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Novus and Energy Vault believe that the use of these non-GAAP financial measures provides an additional tool for investors to use in evaluating projected operating results and trends in and in comparing Energy Vault's financial measures with other similar companies, many of which present similar non-GAAP financial measures to investors. Management does not consider these non-GAAP measures in isolation or as an alternative to financial measures determined in accordance with GAAP. The principal limitation of these non-GAAP financial measures is that they exclude significant expenses and income that are required by GAAP to be recorded in Energy Vault's financial statements. In addition, they are subject to inherent limitations as they reflect the exercise of judgments by management about which expense and income are excluded or included in determining these non-GAAP financial measures. In order to compensate for these limitations, management presents non-GAAP financial measures in connection with GAAP results. You should review Energy Vault's audited financial statements, which will be included in the registration statement and proxy statement to be filed with the SEC. A reconciliation of projected non-GAAP financial measures has not been provided as such reconciliation is not available without unreasonable efforts.

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The risks described below are not the only ones the Company or Novus faces. Additional risks that are not currently known or that are currently believed to be immaterial may also impair our business, financial condition or results of operations. You should review the investor presentation and perform your own due diligence prior to making an investment in Novus.

Litigation and Regulatory Risks

- The energy industry is highly regulated, and if we fail to comply with national, federal, state and local laws, rules, regulations and guidance, our business could be adversely affected.
- We are subject to licensing and operational requirements that result in substantial compliance costs, and our business would be adversely affected if our licenses are impaired.
- Litigation, regulatory actions and compliance issues could subject us to significant fines, penalties, judgments, remediation costs, negative publicity and requirements resulting in increased expenses.
- Laws, regulations and rules relating to privacy, information security, and data protection could increase our costs and adversely affect our business opportunities. In addition, the ongoing costs of complying with such laws, regulations and rules could be significant.
- Changes in regulatory enforcement policies and priorities may negatively impact the management of our business, results of operations, and ability to compete.
- Our business may depend on the continued availability of rebates, tax credits and other financial incentives. The reduction, modification, or elimination of government economic incentives could cause our revenue to decline and harm our financial results.
- As a private company, we have not endeavored to establish and maintain public company-quality internal control over financial reporting. If we fail to establish and maintain proper and effective internal control over financial reporting as a public company, our ability to produce accurate and timely financial statements could be impaired, investors may lose confidence in our financial reporting and the trading price of our common stock may decline.

Intellectual Property

- We may be unable to protect, defend, maintain or enforce intellectual property on which our business depends, including as against existing or future competitors. Failure to protect, defend, maintain and enforce that intellectual property could result in our competitors offering similar products, potentially adversely affecting our growth and success.
- Our patents and patent applications if issued, may not provide adequate protection to create a barrier to entry. The provisional and non-provisional patent applications that we own may not issue as patents or provide adequate protection to create a barrier to entry, which may hinder our ability to prevent competitors from selling products similar to ours.
- We may be subject to third-party claims of infringement, misappropriation or other violation of intellectual property rights, or other claims challenging our agreements related to intellectual property, which may be time-consuming and costly to defend, and could result in substantial liability.

Business and Operating Risks; Projections

- Our limited operating history and our nascent industry make evaluating our business, the risks and challenges we may face and future prospects difficult.
- We have incurred significant losses in the past and may not be able to achieve profitability in the future.
- The engineering of our systems is still in the prototype stage, and there is no guarantee that we will be successful in implementing our systems.
- There is no assurance that non-binding letters of intent and other indications of interest will be converted into binding orders, sales, bookings or committed offtake contracts. Customers may cancel or delay the non-binding letters of intent and other indications of interest in our sales pipeline. As a result, our operating results may be materially lower than our projected results of operations.
- The size of our systems may negatively impact our ability to enter into contracts with customers or obtain government permits and approvals.
- Our systems are based on novel technologies to produce energy and potential customers may be hesitant to make a significant investment in our technology or abandon the technology they are currently using.
- The long sales cycles for our products may cause us to incur significant expenses without offsetting revenues.
- Because of the long sales cycles and the expected limited number of customers, our operating results will likely fluctuate significantly from quarter to quarter.
- The implementation of our business plan and strategy may require additional capital. If we are then unable to achieve sufficient sales to generate that capital or otherwise raise capital, it may create substantial doubt about our ability to pursue our business objectives and achieve profitability or to continue as a going concern. If adequate capital is not available to us, including due to the cost and availability of funding in the capital markets, our business, operating results and financial condition may be harmed.
- There is no assurance that we will be able to execute on our business model, including market acceptance of our planned products, or identify potential new customers.
- There is no prototype for our EVx systems. If our EVx systems contain manufacturing or construction defects, our business and financial results could be harmed.
- Our systems involve a lengthy sales and installation cycle, and if we fail to close sales on a regular and timely basis it could harm our business.
- Our business is subject to risks associated with construction, cost overruns and delays, including those related to obtaining government permits and approvals, and other contingencies that may arise in the course of completing installations.
- The failure of our suppliers to continue to deliver necessary raw materials that meet the specifications for our systems in a timely manner could cause installation delays, cancellations, penalty payments and damage to our reputation.
- There is no assurance that we will obtain equity project financing as needed.

Risk Factors (cont.)

Business and Operating Risks; Projections (cont.)

- The performance of our systems may be affected by factors outside of our control, which could result in harm to our business and financial results.
- If we are not able to continue to reduce our cost structure in the future, our ability to become profitable may be impaired.
- If we fail to manage our growth effectively, our business and operating results may suffer.
- If we are unable to attract and retain key employees and hire qualified management, technical, engineering, and sales personnel, our ability to compete and successfully grow our business could be harmed.
- Expanding operations internationally could expose us to risks.
- Our projections are subject to significant risks, assumptions, estimates and uncertainties. As a result, our projected revenues, market share, expenses and profitability may differ materially from our expectations.
- Certain estimates of market opportunity and forecasts of market growth may prove to be inaccurate.
- Incorrect estimates or assumptions by management in connection with the preparation of our consolidated financial statements could adversely affect our reported assets, liabilities, income, revenue or expenses.
- We may be exposed to fluctuations in currency exchange rates.
- Unanticipated changes in our income tax rates or exposure to additional tax liabilities may affect future financial results.
- Operational costs can be difficult to predict and may include costs from requirements related to the decommissioning of our systems.

Renewable Energy Industry and Energy Storage Industry

- Our future growth is dependent upon the competition, pace and depth of renewable energy adoption and energy storage technologies, which are emerging industries. If the markets for renewable energy and energy storage do not develop as we expect, or if they develop more slowly than we expect, our business, prospects, financial condition and operating results could be adversely affected.
- Even if renewable energy and energy storage become more widely adopted, our gravity energy storage technology may not achieve widespread market acceptance.
- If competitive energy storage technologies become less expensive over time, our gravity energy storage technology may become less cost-effective as compared to competing technologies.
- There is no assurance that our expectations that the price of traditional sources of power generation will decrease and that renewable energy will become more competitive than hydrocarbon-based power generation will prove correct. A significant energy transition away from hydrocarbons may never occur or not occur at the rates we expect.
- Fuel prices, including volatility in the cost of diesel or a prolonged period of low gasoline and natural gas costs, could decrease incentives to transition to renewable energy.
- We operate in the highly competitive energy industry and there is increasing competition. Many of our competitors and future competitors may have significantly more financial and other resources than we do and if we do not compete effectively, our competitive positioning and our operating results will be harmed.
- Our operating success depends on our ability to hire and retain key personnel, including a highly skilled and diverse management team with experience in the renewable energy and energy storage sectors.
- If any of our products are or are alleged to be defective in design or manufacturing or experience other failures, we may be compelled to undertake recalls or take other actions, which could adversely affect our business, prospects, operating results, reputation and financial condition.
- Insufficient warranty reserves to cover future warranty claims could adversely affect our business, prospects, financial condition and operating results.
- Our future growth depends upon our ability to maintain relationships with third parties, and the terms and enforceability of many of these relationships are not certain. We rely on our existing suppliers and source suppliers for critical components, and to complete building out our supply chain, while effectively managing the risks due to such relationships, which could result in increased supply costs.
- Our systems include complex software and technology systems and do not have a meaningful history of commercial operation, and there can be no assurance such systems and technology will perform as expected or that software, engineering or other technical defects will not be discovered until after a system is installed and operated by a customer. In addition, the development and updating of these systems will require us to incur potentially significant costs and expenses.
- Our facilities or systems could be damaged or adversely affected as a result of disasters or other unpredictable events. Any prolonged disruption in operations would adversely affect our business, prospects, financial condition and operating results.
- We could be liable for environmental damages resulting from our operations.

Other Risks

- Cyber attacks and other security breaches could have an adverse effect on our business, harm our reputation and expose us to liability.
- Sales of a substantial number of shares of our securities in the public market, including those issued upon exercise of warrants, could cause the market price of our common stock to drop significantly.
- Changes in business, economic, or political conditions, including over all changes in demand, are beyond our control and could impact our business, resulting in lower revenues and other adverse effects to our results of operations.
- Our business is subject to interruptions, delays or failures resulting from natural catastrophic events, geopolitical instability, war, terrorism, public health crises and other unexpected events.
- Action by governmental authorities and local residents to restrict construction or use of our systems in their localities could substantially harm business and financial results.
- Our financial condition and results of operations as well as those of potential customers could be adversely affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, which has caused a material adverse effect on the level of economic activity around the world, including in the markets we serve.
- We may acquire other businesses, which could require significant management attention, disrupt our business, dilute stockholder value and adversely affect operating results.
- Negative publicity could result in a decline in our growth and have a material adverse effect on our business, our brand and our results of operations.

Risk Factors (cont.)

Other Risks (cont.)

- We do not intend to pay dividends for the foreseeable future.
- We will have broad discretion in the use of the net proceeds to us from this offering and may not use them effectively.
- Provisions in our charter documents and under Delaware law could make an acquisition of our company more difficult, limit attempts by our stockholders to replace or remove our current management, limit our stockholders' ability to obtain a favorable judicial forum for disputes with us or our directors, officers, or employees, and limit the market price of our common stock.
- If securities or industry analysts do not publish research, or publish inaccurate or unfavorable research, about our business, or if they adversely change their recommendations regarding our common stock or if our results of operations do not meet their expectations, the market price of our common stock and trading volume could decline.
- We are an emerging growth company, and any decision on our part to comply only with certain reduced reporting and disclosure requirements applicable to emerging growth companies could make our common stock less attractive to investors and could make it more difficult to compare our performance to the performance of other public companies.
- Following the consummation of the Business Combination, we expect to incur significant increased expenses and administrative burdens as a public company, which could negatively impact our business, financial condition and results of operations.
- The SEC has recently issued guidance on the accounting treatment of warrants. Novus has accounted for its outstanding warrants as a warrant liability and will be required to determine the value of warrant liability quarterly, which could have a material impact on the Company's financial position and operating results. Such guidance may also require Novus to restate or revise its financial statements, make new SEC filings or file amendments to existing filings or amend certain provisions of the warrant agreement.
- The price of our common stock and warrants may be volatile and subject to wide fluctuations.
- Future resales of our common stock after the consummation of the Business Combination may cause the market price of our securities to drop significantly, even if our business is doing well.
- We may be subject to securities litigation, which is expensive and could divert management attention.
- The Company's management has limited experience operating a public company.

Transaction Summary



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Key Highlights

Energy storage momentum is one of the largest and most compelling new market opportunities

Significant TAM with ~\$640bn global investment in energy storage through 2040¹

Proven technology / local supply chain One of the most efficient, commercially viable and safe energy storage solutions; local manufacturing and job creation

Developed pipeline of customers with >361 engagements representing ~\$32bn in potential Energy Vault projects² over the next 5-10 years

30-40% lower LCOE (Levelized Cost of Energy) expected than the current alternative storage technologies

Environmentally sustainable solution capable of utilizing waste material (i.e. coal ash, retired wind blades, mining tailings, etc.) for beneficial re-use as the base storage medium

Source: Bloomberg NEF¹, Bloomberg and company disclosures
 Note: LCOE defined as the long-term discharge of take price needed to recoup all project expenses (capex, opex, interest, taxes, and charging costs) over the lifetime of the system. | ¹ Bloomberg NEF and HSBC Climate Radar. | ² Represents total financial value of projects estimated to be delivered over the next five years. | ³ Represents \$17.6mm of existing cash on balance sheet as of 30-Jun-2021 and \$98.3mm of proceeds from Series C capital raise, which does not include up to an additional \$8.7mm reserved for potential issuance to strategic investors.

Pro Forma Capital Structure

- Energy Vault stockholders rolling 100% of their equity
- ~\$458mm cash on balance sheet after proceeds and net of transaction fees to fund growth (assuming no redemptions by public shareholders of Novus II)
 - Energy Vault balance sheet cash of \$116mm³
 - PIPE size of ~\$100mm
 - Novus II (NYSE:NXU) has ~\$288mm of cash in trust account
- **Transaction expected to fully fund business model through cash flow positive in 2024**

Valuation

- Enterprise Value of ~\$1.1bn
- Attractive valuation versus other energy storage, energy transition and electrification technology peers
- Backed by reputable and long-term investors

Leadership



Robert Piconi
Co-Founder, CEO



Andrea Pedretti
Co-Founder, CTO



Andrea Wuttke
CFO



Novus Capital Corporation II

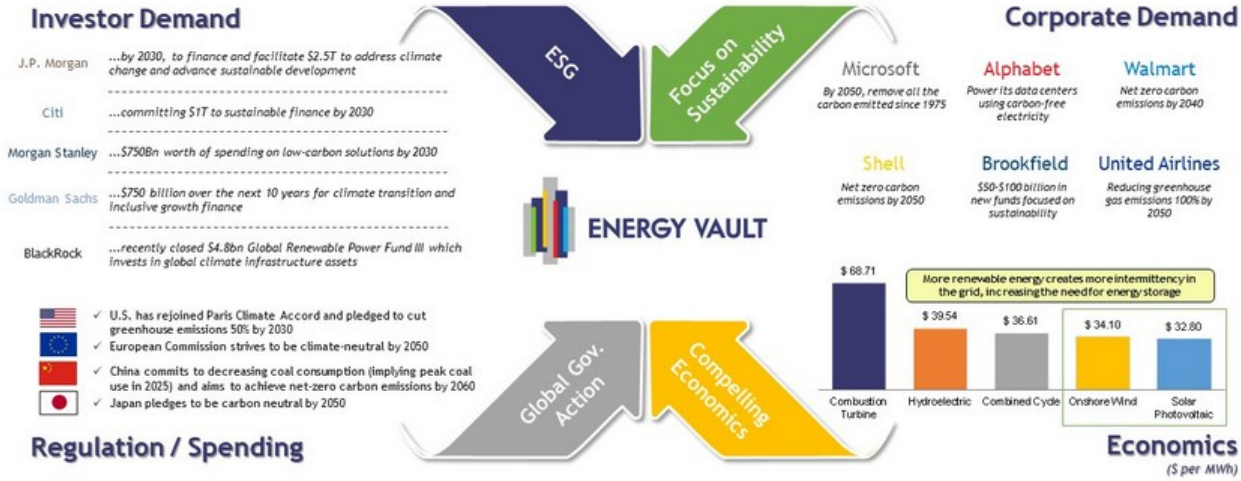


Bob Laikin
CEO / Director



Larry Paulson
Non-Executive Chairman

The Global Energy Transition Has Significant Momentum from Society, Investors, Corporations and Governments



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Energy Vault is the creator of gravity-based, grid-scale energy storage solutions that are critical to power resiliency and the world's transition to renewable energy

Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum Solar Park
1.05 GW expanding to 5 GW by 2030 (Dubai)



Proposed Energy Vault ERC
Energy Resiliency Center - 1 GWh (Dubai)

~100m
(350ft)

Solar Project: Energy generation from sunrise to sunset

Energy Vault: Energy generation on demand

Total production capacity today of 1.05 GW (and up to 5 GW by 2030). Dubai Electricity and Water Authority (DEWA).

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Our Vision

To be the preeminent energy storage company of the 21st century

Our Mission

To accelerate the decarbonization of our planet by introducing the most advanced, environmentally sound and economical energy storage technologies



Experienced Management Team & Board of Directors

Management Team

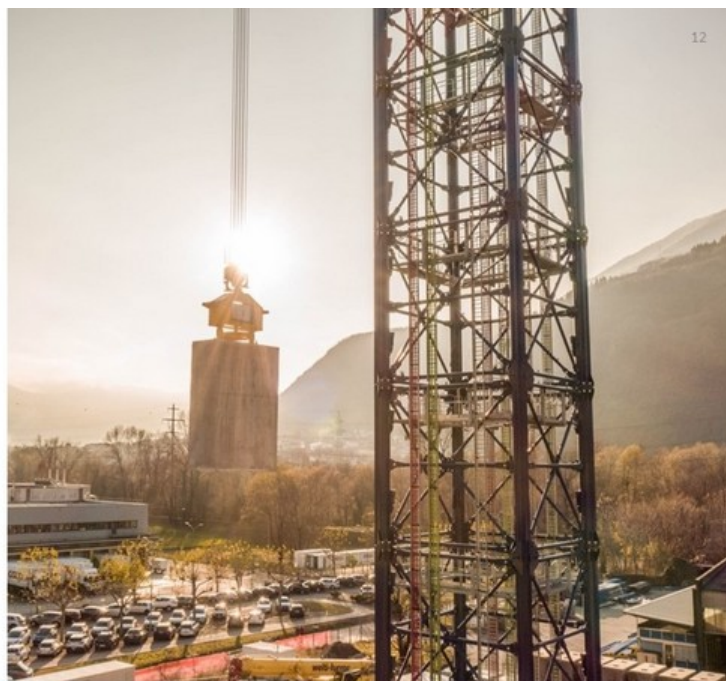
						
Robert Piconi Co-Founder & CEO	Andrea Pedretti Co-Founder & CTO	Andrea Wuttke Chief Financial Officer	Merrick Kerr Chief Commercial Officer	Marco Terruzzin Chief Product Officer	Laurence Alexander Chief Marketing Officer	Gonca Ioren Chief People Officer
Prior Executive leadership roles in Fortune 100 public companies across various industries	Founder & CTO roles across multiple solar fuel / renewable energy tech companies	Executive finance roles in the hydroelectric power, solar and investment banking sectors	Executive financial & commercial roles within Energy and Renewable sectors	Product innovator and industry expert in climate change mitigation strategies	Executive Leadership roles leading brand strategy, marketing and sales enablement	Executive Leadership roles in human resource management and talent acquisition
 		 				 
	 	 		 	 	
BBA University of Notre Dame; MBA Northwestern University's Kellogg School of Management	BS/MSc Civil Engineering (ETH) Zürich, Switzerland	BBA Rice University MA Universität München Ph.D. Harvard University	BSc University of Edinburgh; Chartered Accountants of Scotland	MSc Mech. Engineering PhD, Energy Economics MBA U.VA, Darden School	Higher National Diploma Business Studies, London UK	Cranfield University MSc International Human Resource Management Orta Doğu Teknik Üniversitesi
						

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1. Clear Market Need for Energy Vault



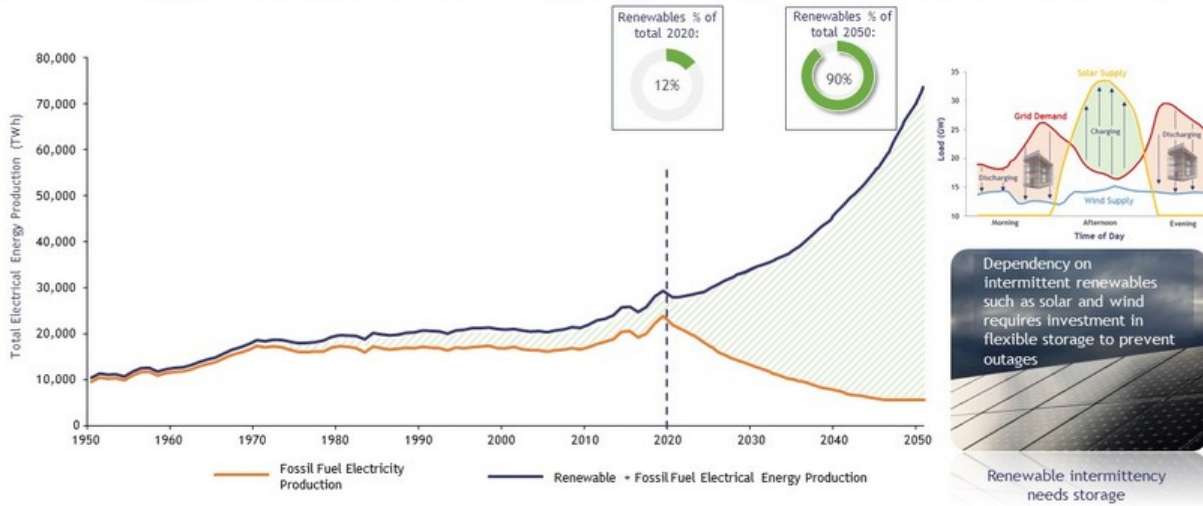
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Renewables as Percent of Total Production to Substantially Increase after 2020

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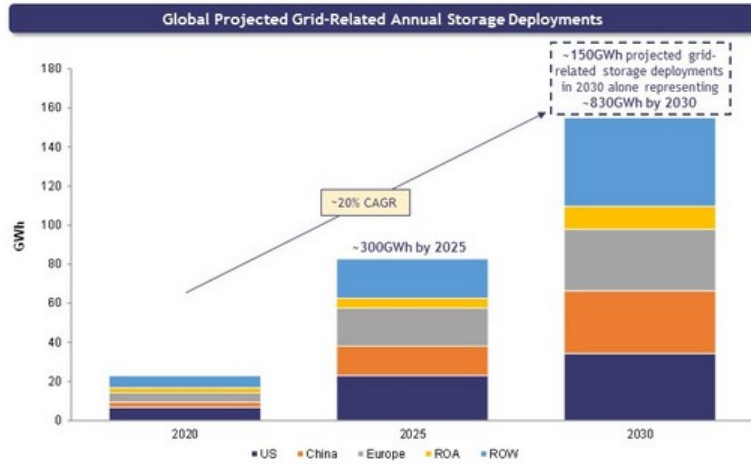
As renewable energy production increases, renewable energy storage must keep pace to prevent intermittent power outages



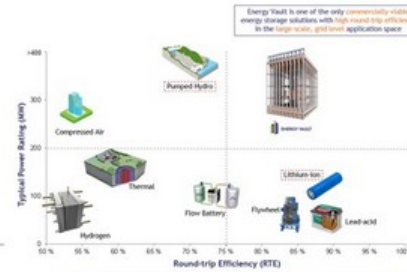
Source: EIA U.S. Monthly Energy Review March 2021; IRENA World Energy Transition Outlook 2021

The Increase in Renewables is Driving Demand for Energy Storage

Global grid-scale energy storage projects are projected to increase more than 6x in capacity over the next 10 years



~\$270 Billion¹
Cumulative investment in grid-related storage required over next 10 years



Increased consumption of electricity requires a reliable grid that can provide clean energy on demand

Source: US Department of Energy; Energy Storage Grand Challenge Market Report 2020, World Energy Council, US Energy Information Administration, Journal of Energy Storage, Bloomberg NEF, Lazard
Note: Hydrogen RTE rated between 25% - 45%; shown at 50% for illustrative purposes. Energy Vault RTE based on prototype testing. ¹ Assumes \$325 / kWh unit price.

Available Energy Storage Today

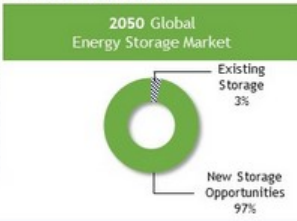
Significant drawbacks in scalability, economics and environmental risks limit deployment options

Tech Category	Pumped Hydro	Chemical	Other	
% of Global Storage Capacity Today	<p>90%</p>	<p>5%</p>	<p>5%</p>	
Tech Examples	Open Loop (Linked to natural water source) Closed Loop (Isolated reservoir)	Lithium-ion batteries Lead-acid batteries Zinc hybrid batteries	Thermal / Flow Batteries Hot / cold storage Cryogenic	Other Mechanical Compressed air, Flywheels Other gravity-based
Advantages	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Technically proven, long-life + Quick response time 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Well-known via usage in consumer products / electric vehicles + Highly efficient 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Proven and reliable + Good fit for niche applications 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Rapid response rates
Drawbacks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Large land requirements (few opportunities for new build) - Harms ecosystems / carbon intensive materials - High costs / low efficiency - Not scalable - difficult to optimize location near generation resources 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Scarce raw materials with high carbon footprint - Hazardous end-of-life disposal issues - Performance degrades over time - Safety / fire risks create high operating costs - Short duration 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Low efficiency (50-60%) - High operating costs - High capex - Not modular / cannot be easily localized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Low efficiency (55-70%) - High operating costs - High carbon footprint - Not scalable or modular

Source: Bloomberg NEF, DOE global storage database

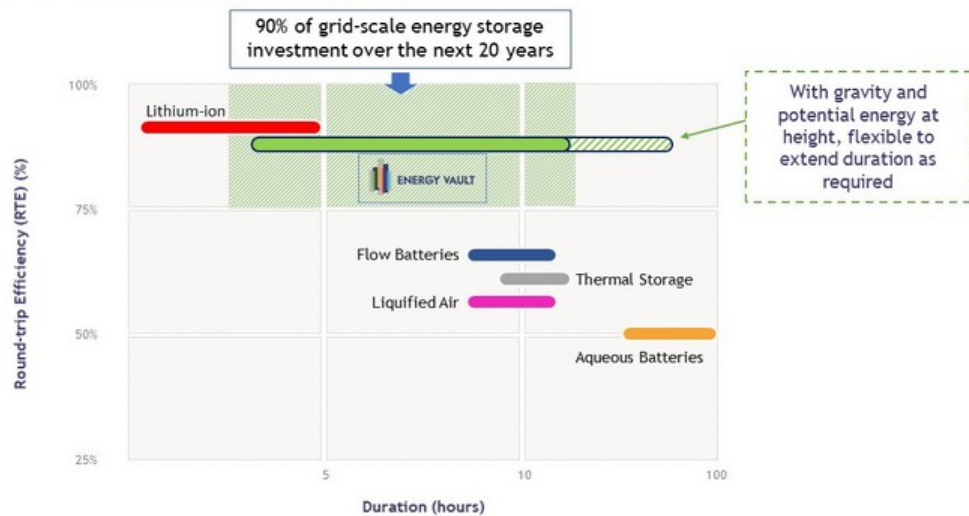
Energy Vault's Technology Meets Customer Needs and Outperforms Other Alternatives

		ENERGY VAULT <small>enabling a renewable world</small>	Pumped Hydro	Lithium ¹	Other Mech. / Thermal	Energy Vault Solves Utilities' Needs
Cost	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Capex, opex and end-of-life Degradation 					<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Low cost - leveled (Capex, Opex, EoL) Highly scalable (GWh+); local supply chain (Jobs+) Flexibility - power and duration (2 to 12+ hours) No degradation in storage medium; long asset life Safe and sustainable - no fire / chemical risk, net zero
Size / Scale	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ability to serve GWh / utility scale storage needs Significant localized supply chain 					
Flexibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Location and environment agnostic Operating temperature range Duration 					
Sustainability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Technical life Safety (no fire / gas risks) 					
Efficiency	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Round-trip Efficiency (RTE) Energy density 					
ESG Profile	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Waste remediation Local manufacturing minimizes carbon footprint Full lifecycle sustainability 					



Source: Bloomberg NEF, DOE global storage database
¹ Per S&P Global, Tesla owns ~83% of the US lithium-ion battery capacity.

Energy Vault's Technology Aligns with the Primary Market Demand for 2-12+ Hour Discharge Duration



Source: World Energy Council, US Energy Information Administration, Journal of Energy Storage, BNEF, Lazard



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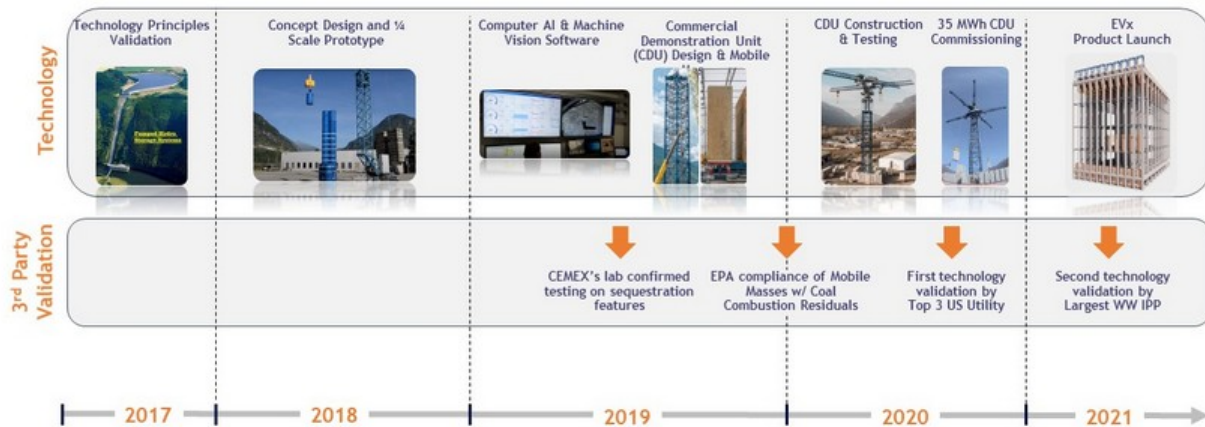
2. Energy Vault Overview



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Company Evolution: 5 Years of Testing and Validation



Energy Vault Investors










Energy Vault: Unmatched Energy Storage Breakthrough

Combining conventional physics with 21st century software and material science



Industry Innovations for a Competitive Advantage

Energy Vault synthesized four established industries and added **advanced computer control** and **cutting-edge material science** to create an energy storage economics breakthrough

- Advanced Trajectory Computation
- Applied Computer Vision
- Material Science (Caltech + CEMEX Polymer)
- Waste Material Sequestration Technology
- Proprietary System Design



EV_x: Core Proven Technology “In a Box”



Simplified “Building Design”
(compliant with all
international building codes)



Modular and Flexible
(duration and size)



Fully Recyclable
(waste material)

Patent Portfolio and Key Intellectual Property Overview

Energy Vault has taken a deliberate and thoughtful approach to protecting its IP and trade secrets

Our **patents** and pending patent applications provide a competitive advantage over competitors and protect certain key elements of our technologies

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Issued patents in the US

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Pending¹ patents, 18 of which are international



Patents focus on **four** primary aspects of our technology and process:

- 1 Using blocks to store energy
- 2 Generating electricity by lowering the blocks
- 3 Grabbing mechanism and method for lifting and lowering blocks
- 4 Damped self-centering mechanism

Structural engineering study completed

Patents protect visible components, *AI software kept as proprietary trade secret*

¹ Includes 1 allowed patent.

The first Commercial Scale system in Switzerland validated the Foundational Technology

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Connected to the Swiss National Grid in July 2020

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EV₁ Performance Results Above Expectations

Round-Trip Efficiency Above Initial Target

Round-trip Efficiency (RTE): Expected: 75.0%
Measured: 75.3%

Extensive test campaign, with results presented to major US and Italian Utilities during their Due Diligence processes

EV₁ expected RTE achieved; EV_x RTE expected to increase to 80-85%

Differentiated Brick-Making System Delivering Expected Quality

- Mechanical strength: 8 MPa (better than expected)
- Pressing time: 10 minutes (as expected)
- Accuracy: +/- 0.2% (better than expected)

Strategic Partners:



In December 2020, full Round Trip Efficiency tests, at multiple lifting and lowering velocities, were conducted. The leading product was based on:
 Weight: 35 metric tons (double mass standard brick as per EV1 design)
 Jump: 40 meter (long lowering)
 Duration: 60 seconds (total per test)

Measured RTE

Test	EV1 (Round Trip)	EV2 (Round Trip)	EV3 (Round Trip)
1. 100.00%	75.3%	75.3%	75.3%
2. 100.00%	75.3%	75.3%	75.3%
3. 100.00%	75.3%	75.3%	75.3%

The measured RTE, 75.3%, is in line with the expected performance of the EV1 system.

The point of measure at the MV Switch



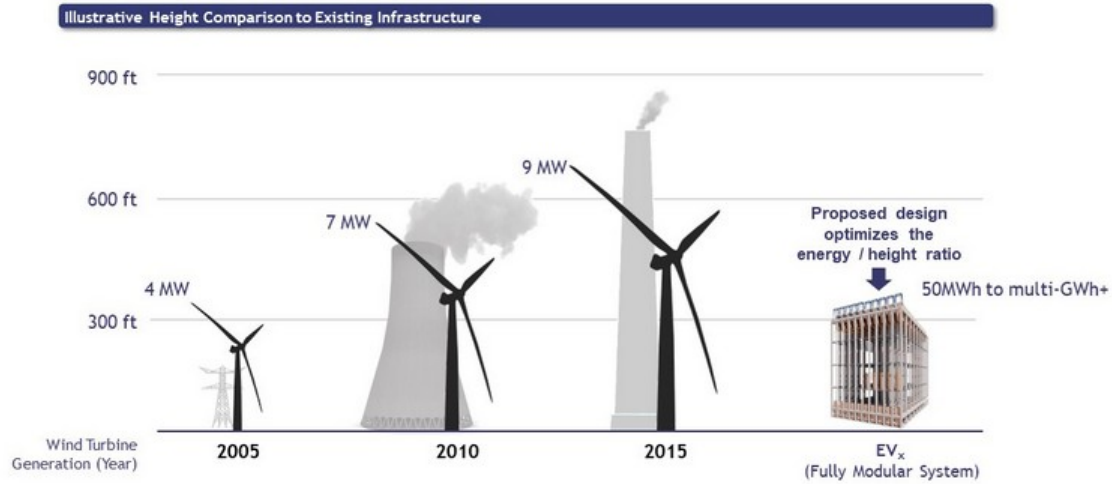
Power and Energy measured at the MV transformer







Physically Smaller Solution than Existing Energy Infrastructure



Energy Vault's Technology Significantly Outperforms New Entrants Into the Energy Storage Space



Source: Bloomberg NEF June 2020 Energy Storage Review.
 1 Levelized cost of energy assumes one cycle per day for project life.
 2 ESS LCOE is based off of 2023E values.

Cost and Performance Advantage Over Lithium-ion

Third-Party Analysis From
Top 3 US Utility Company¹:



	10 MW / 40MWh (4 Hour System)	ENERGY VAULT	Lithium-ion	ENERGY VAULT	Lithium-ion
Total Cost of Ownership (in \$/kWh ac)	2021 Capex (initial outlay)	298.0	350.0 ²	✓	
	Capex (Repowering Cells) ³	0.0	76.9	✓	
	O&M ⁴	45.8	77.5	✓	
	Total Cost of Ownership	343.8	504.4	✓	
Operational Factors	Discharge Duration in hours	2 - 12+	0.5 - 4	✓	
	Safety <i>(both technologies are autonomous operations - no human onsite)</i>	No risk of fire or release of hazardous gases	Risk of fire & release of hazardous gases	✓	
	Round-trip Efficiency (RTE)	83% - 85%	87% - 89%		✓
	End-of-Life (EoL)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Eco-friendly supply chain ✓ CCR sequestration ✓ No risk with EoL disposal 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ Complex supply chain ✗ No environmental benefit ✗ Significant risk/cost EoL disposal 	✓	
	Energy Footprint (ft ² /MWh)	865	200		✓
	Noise Levels (dBA)	65	<65 - 70 ⁴		

¹ Lithium-ion data based on actual quotes provided to Top Utility Company in Q1 2021. Top 3 based on market cap per Statista, April 2020. | ² Lowest Lithium-ion kWh system costs published to date. Price parity not expected until after 2030. | ³ NPV at 5%. | ⁴ Follow City/County limits for noise measured from project fence line.

Circular Economies Create Economic Value While Eliminating Environmental Liabilities Causing Global Warming



Sources: American Coal Ash Association, IEA, Global Wind Energy Council
 * North Carolina Public Staff Utilities Commission, S&P Global, Earthjustice; calculated based on \$140,000 clean-up cost per acre.

Illustrative Replacement of 3 GW Coal Power Plant with Energy Vault Storage + Solar

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Before: Coal-Fired Power Station



John Amos Power Plant
 Putnam, West Virginia

Size of Plant: 2,900 MW	SO ₂ Emissions: 5,265 tons per year
In service date: 1973	NO ₂ Emissions: 6,285 tons per year
	CO ₂ Emissions: 15,011,480 tons per year

After: Energy Vault Resiliency Center



Energy Vault Resiliency Center (EVRC)

Storage capacity: 500 MWh	SO ₂ Emissions: 0 tons per year
In service date: 2023 (project idea)	NO ₂ Emissions: 0 tons per year
	CO ₂ Emissions: 0 tons per year

Source: Clean Air Task Force

Energy Vault is Purpose-Built to Serve the Global Energy Transition at Scale

Low Cost

Gravity-based energy storage system offers a **lower expected levelized cost than any current technology available - capex, opex and EOL**

Scalable

No topographical / geologic dependencies, can be built anywhere you can put a building - **100% local supply chain / job** focus decreases production bottlenecks and eliminates country-specific material dependencies

Flexible

Modular solution that can uniquely serve high power needs at **both shorter and longer GWh durations (2 - 12+ hours)**. **Resilient to harsh conditions** and high ambient operating temperatures with no material increases in opex

No Degradation

Unlike lithium chemical batteries, potential energy at height and block composites have **no storage capacity loss over time**

Sustainable

No chemical, fire or safety risks; **Uniquely capable of utilizing waste materials** (i.e. coal bottom ash, mine tailings, fiberglass) to manufacture mobile masses; **Long asset operational lifespan**; low carbon footprint





3. Customers and Growth Visibility



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Rapidly Expanding, Global Blue-Chip Engagements

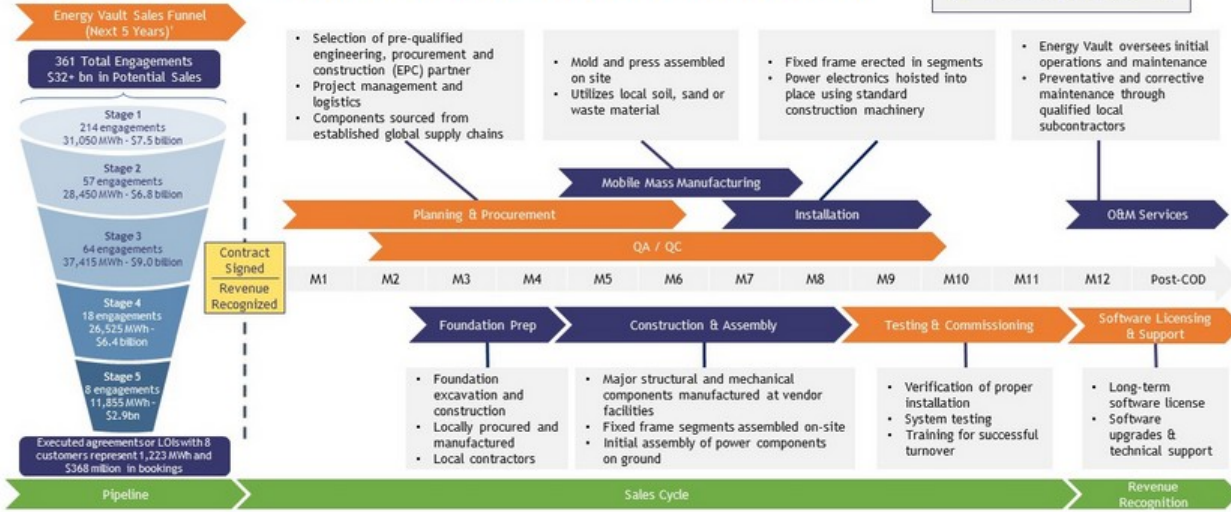
\$32+ billion sales funnel of customer engagements under discussion over the next 5 years¹



¹ Represents total potential contracted value of 361 potential engagements over the next 5 years.

Project Delivery Scope

Outsourced assembly and construction model supports rapid growth and global execution



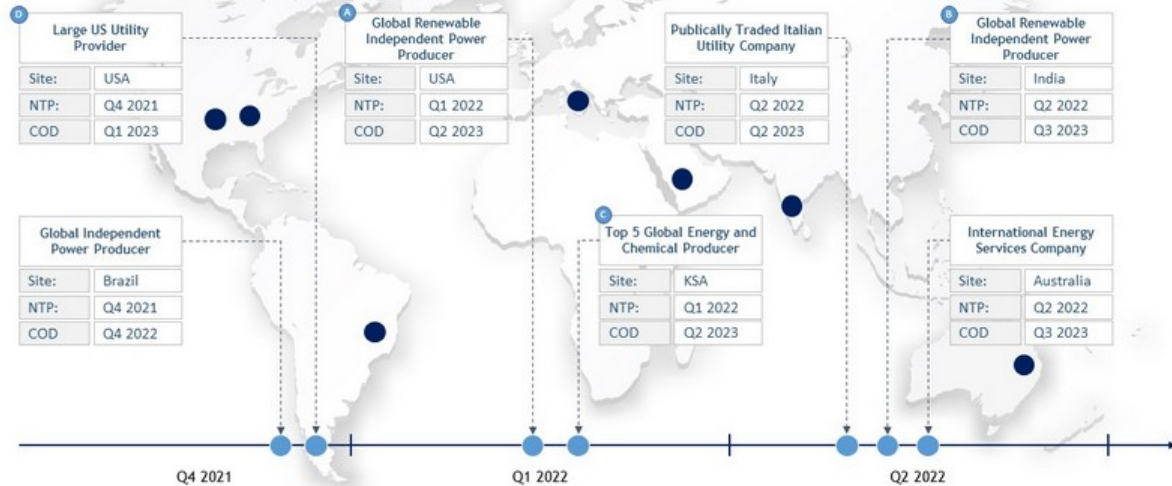
Note: Revenue recognition will be on percent completion, not at cash received.
¹ Figures shown represent total MWh and \$ value of projects to be delivered over the next five years.

Early-Stage Opportunities Provide Robust Visibility | \$ in millions



Q4 2021 to Q2 2022 Key Customer Deployments Under Discussion

7 customer projects projected to reach NTP over the next 12 months underpinned by executed agreements or letters of intent with 8 customers representing 1,223 MWh and \$368 million in potential sales, and advanced commercial proposals with 21 additional customers



Bookings, Deliveries, and Revenues



2024 Business Contribution

(\$ in millions)

	Customer Owned	EV Owned	Total
Revenues	\$1,460 Number of Projects: 18 Average Project Size (MWh): 284 Average selling price (\$/kWh): \$260	\$59 Cumulative Proj. up to 2024: 6 Average Project Size (MWh): 177 Capital Invested (\$ million): \$354	\$1,519
Gross Income Margin	\$414 28%	Return on Capital Employed ¹ (unlevered): 16%	
Adj. EBITDA ¹ Margin	\$322 22%	\$44 76%	\$366 24%

Total Cost of Ownership Comparison² (\$/kWh) with LI-ion Batteries

	ENERGY VAULT	Lithium-ion
Initial Capex ³	\$260	\$300
Additional Capex (Degradation ⁴)	0	68
OpM ⁴	40	67
Total Cost of Ownership	\$300	\$435

¹ ROCE calculated over the life of the project while Adj. EBITDA reflects 2024E projections only. ² Based on top US utility economic comparison. Assumes 35 year useful asset life. ³ 4 hours duration. ⁴ NPV at 5%.



4. Financial Profile



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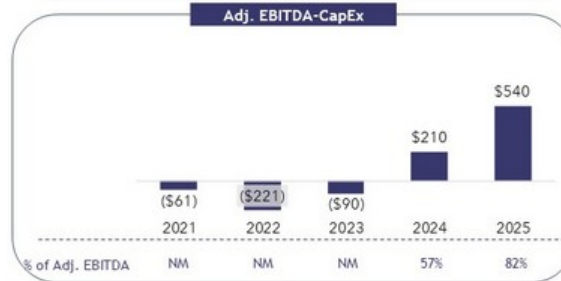
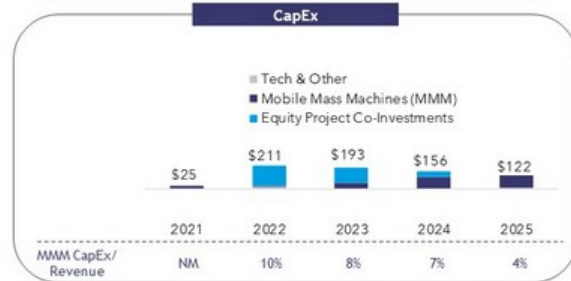
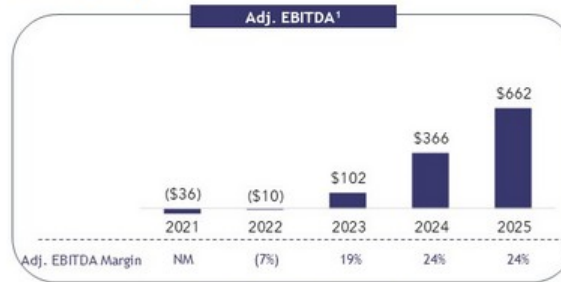
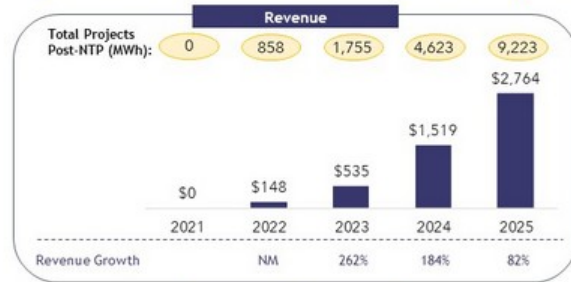
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Two Complementary Revenue Models Based on Customer Preference

	Customer Owned	Energy Vault Owned
Payment Structure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 20% at Contract Signing 10% at Site Groundbreaking 60% at Construction Milestones 10% at Customer Acceptance Recurring annual software license, monitoring and maintenance support 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recurring Monthly Payment (\$/kW-month) over asset technical life
Customers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Utilities IPPs Large Industrials 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Utilities IPPs Large Industrials
Target Returns	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 20-30% Gross Margin 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 16% unlevered IRR
Financing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working Capital 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Capex from Balance Sheet Project financing would be value add
Revenue Split ¹	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 97% 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3% (the "Energy Vault Owned" model further accelerates market adoption)

¹ Represents percent of 2021E-2025E cumulative revenue.

Projected Financial Profile | (\$ in millions)



¹ Adj. EBITDA calculated as revenue less COGS less operating expenses, inclusive of SG&A and R&D. Reconciliation to GAAP is not provided as it cannot be made without unreasonable burden.

Projected Cash Needs To Fund Growth

(\$ in millions)

Commentary

- 2021 - 2022: Initial investments in company-owned projects help drive market adoption and future growth
- 2023 - 2024: Impacts of product cost out, project mix enhanced by remediation and owned projects generate strong operating cash flow, while the company continues to fund growth
- 2025: Cash flow from operations increases as business scales concurrent with reduction in investments

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	Total
Cash Flow from Operations						
CFO Excl. Changes in Working Capital	(\$24)	(\$9)	\$68	\$254	\$464	\$753
Net Changes in Working Capital	0	(17)	(21)	(89)	(109)	(236)
Total Cash Flow from Operations	(\$24)	(\$26)	\$47	\$165	\$355	\$517
Cash Flow from Investing						
Mobile Mass Machines	(\$25)	(\$15)	(\$45)	(\$108)	(\$112)	(\$305)
Technology Investments	0	(15)	(5)	0	0	(20)
Equity Project Investments	0	(181)	(143)	(48)	0	(371)
Other CapEx	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(10)	(11)
Total Cash Flow from Investing	(\$25)	(\$211)	(\$193)	(\$156)	(\$122)	(\$707)
Cash Flow from Financing						
Project Financing ¹	\$0	\$118	\$93	\$31	\$0	\$242
Total Cash Flow from Financing	\$0	\$118	\$93	\$31	\$0	\$242
Total Change in Cash	(\$49)	(\$120)	(\$53)	\$40	\$233	
Ending Cash Balance²	\$409	\$289	\$236	\$276	\$510	

Transaction expected to fully fund business model through cash flow positive in 2024

¹ Assumes 65% project financing for capital expenditures related to Equity Project Investments at an illustrative 8% interest rate and 30% tax rate.

² Assumes \$458mm cash on balance sheet post-transaction and no redemptions by NOVUS II shareholders.



5. Transaction Overview



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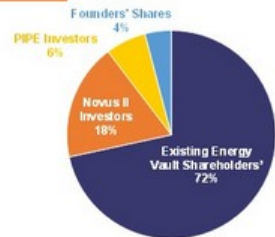
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Detailed Transaction Overview

~\$1.1bn Enterprise Value | \$100mm PIPE

Transaction Highlights	
Cash Sources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Novus II Corporation has ~\$288mm in cash held in the trust account PIPE size of \$100mm
Valuation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~\$1.134bn EV with strong balance sheet Attractive valuation versus other energy storage and energy transition companies
Capital Structure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~\$458mm in cash on balance sheet (assuming no redemptions) to fund growth and expansion

Process Description			
Sources and Uses			
Sources	\$mm	Uses	\$mm
Estimated Cash Held in Trust	\$ 287.5	Cash to Balance Sheet	\$ 458.4
PIPE Proceeds	100.0	Debt Paydown	0.0
Adjusted Cash ¹	115.9	Payment of Transaction Fees	45.0
Total Sources	\$ 503.4	Total Uses	\$ 503.4

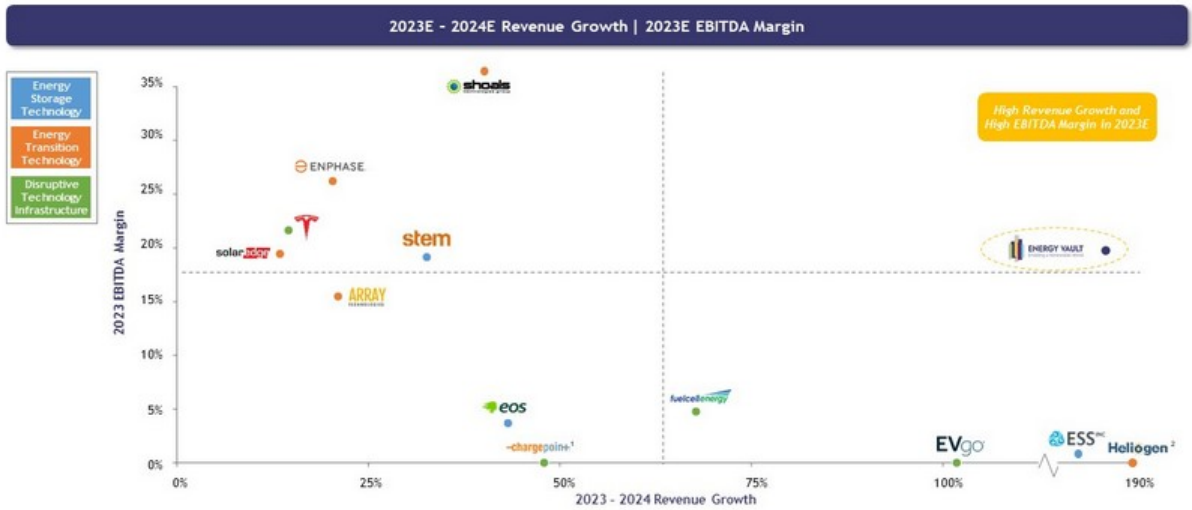


Pro Forma Capitalization	
Pre-Money Equity Value	\$ 1,140.0
(+) SPAC Shareholders	287.5
(+) PIPE Shareholders	100.0
(-) Founder Shareholders	64.7
Post-Money Equity Value	\$ 1,592.2
(+) Debt	0.0
(-) Cash to Balance Sheet	(458.4)
Enterprise Value	\$ 1,133.8

Pro Forma Ownership ¹			
Ownership Breakdown	Shares (mm)	%	\$mm
Existing Energy Vault Shareholders ²	114.0	71.6 %	\$ 1,140.0
Novus II Investors	28.8	18.1	287.5
PIPE Investors	10.0	6.3	100.0
Founders' Shares ³	6.5	4.1	64.7
Equity Ownership	159.2	100.0 %	\$ 1,592.2

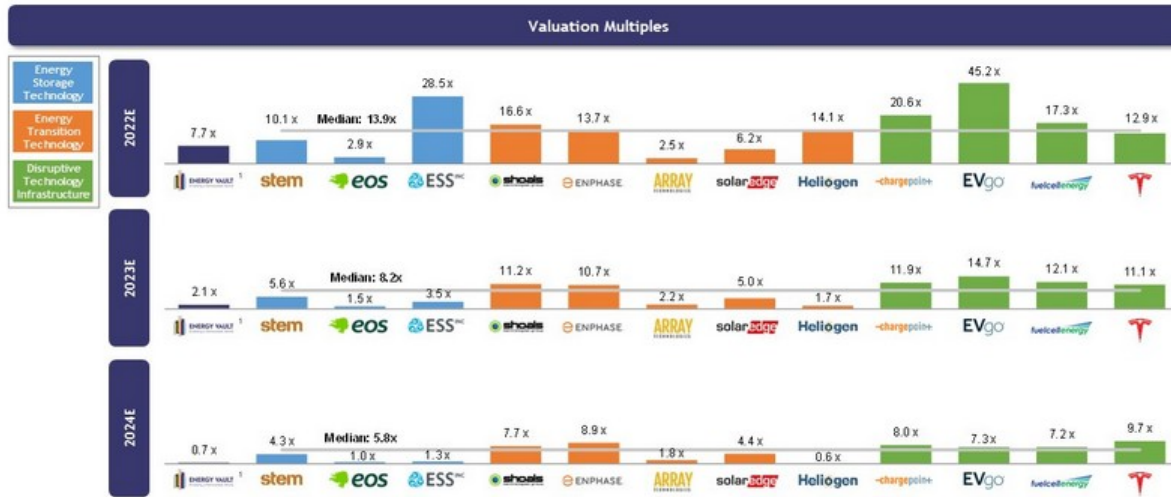
¹ Represents \$17.6mm of existing cash on balance sheet as of 30-Jun-2021 and \$98.3mm of proceeds from Series C capital raise, which does not include up to an additional \$8.7mm reserved for potential issuance to strategic investors. ² Pro forma ownership structure based on size of \$100mm at \$10.00 per share, assuming no redemption by Novus II shareholders. Excludes impact of public and private warrants. ³ Pro forma ownership of Energy Vault's existing shareholders is calculated as 114.0 million Novus II shares, using a pro forma share price of \$10.00, on a fully diluted basis. Certain existing Energy Vault equity holders will also be entitled to receive up to an aggregate of 9.0 million additional shares that will vest in three equal parts contingent upon the occurrence of post-dosing share prices of \$15.00, \$20.00 and \$30.00 within 2 years after dosing. ⁴ Pro forma ownership attributed to the Founders' Shares is calculated as 6.5mm Novus II shares, using a pro forma per share price of \$10.00, which reflects the impact of the Founders' expected agreement to accept 90% of the shares that they would otherwise be entitled to as full consideration in the Business Combination.

Operational Benchmarking



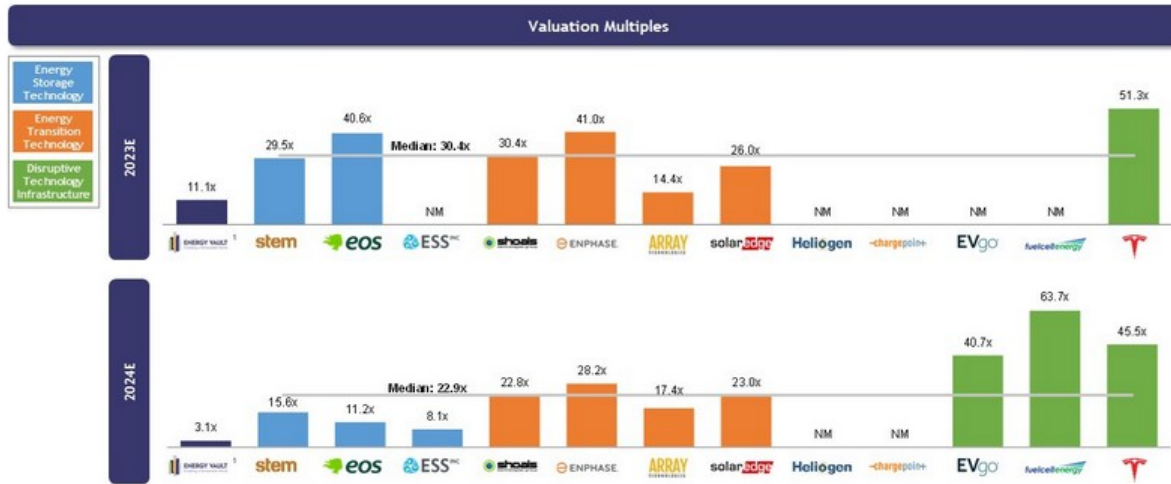
Source: Energy Vault projected figures per Energy Vault, Bloomberg, Capital IQ, and company disclosures; market data as of September 2, 2021
¹ ChargePoint's 2023E EBITDA Margin is (8)% and shown as 0% for illustrative purposes. ² Heliogen's 2023E EBITDA Margin is (47)% and shown as 0% for illustrative purposes.

Valuation Benchmarking: EV / Revenue



Source: Energy Vault projected figures per Energy Vault, Bloomberg, Capital IQ, and company disclosures; market data as of September 2, 2021
 Note: Median excludes Energy Vault multiple.
¹ Based on Energy Vault enterprise value of \$1.1bn.

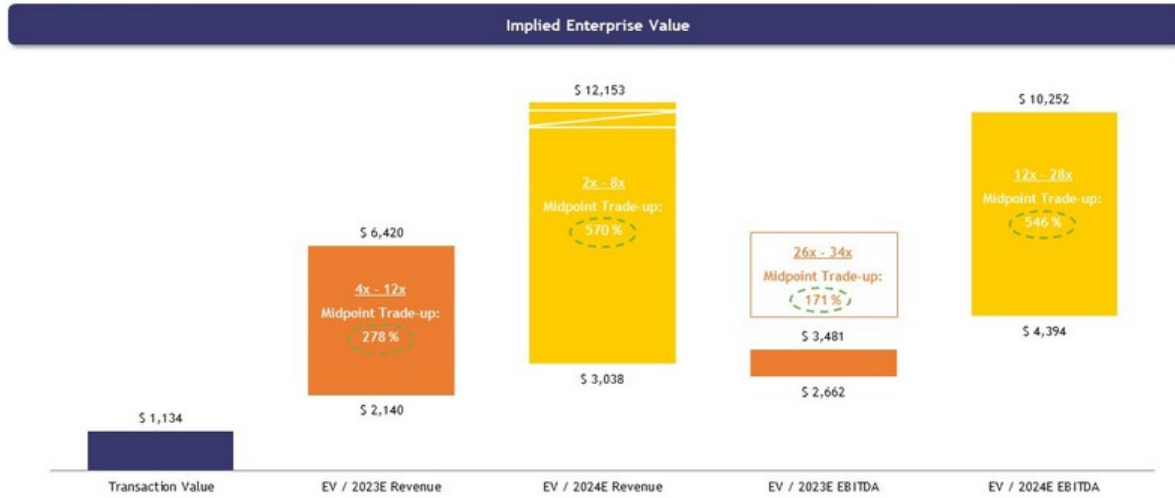
Valuation Benchmarking: EV / EBITDA



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 Notes: Median excludes Energy Vault multiple. Multiples marked as NM when below 0.0x or above 100.0x.
¹ Based on Energy Vault enterprise value of \$1.1bn.

Fully Distributed Enterprise Value Sensitivities

(\$ in millions)



Source: EnergyVault projected figures per Energy Vault, Bloomberg, Capital IQ, and company disclosures; market data as of September 2, 2021



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Novus II Investment Thesis



- Innovate within an Existing Market
- Has a Committed and Capable Management Team
- Leadership Position in Its Industry
- Has the Potential to Grow Through Further Acquisition Opportunities
- Operating Stability with Significant Growth Potential
- Consideration of ESG Factors



6. Appendix



Illustrative Fully Diluted Share Count and Ownership

(Share count in millions)

Share Price:	\$ 10.00	\$ 12.00	\$ 14.00	\$ 16.00	\$ 18.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 30.00
SPAC Shareholders ¹	29	29	29	29	29	29	29	29
SPAC Shareholder Warrants ¹	-	1	3	4	5	6	6	7
SPAC Founder Shares ¹	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
PIPE Shareholders	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Existing Energy Vault Shareholders ²	114	114	114	114	114	114	114	114
Existing Energy Vault Shareholder Earnout Shares ³	-	-	-	3	3	6	6	9
Post-Money Equity Value (\$mm)	\$ 1,592	\$ 1,921	\$ 2,279	\$ 2,685	\$ 3,049	\$ 3,461	\$ 4,356	\$ 5,342

Implied Ownership:	\$ 10.00	\$ 12.00	\$ 14.00	\$ 16.00	\$ 18.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 30.00
SPAC Shareholders ¹	18.1 %	18.4 %	19.4 %	19.8 %	20.3 %	20.1 %	20.4 %	20.2 %
SPAC Founders	4.1	4.0	4.0	3.9	3.9	3.8	3.8	3.7
PIPE Shareholders	6.3	6.3	6.2	6.0	6.0	5.9	5.8	5.7
Existing Energy Vault Shareholders ²	71.6	71.3	70.4	70.3	69.8	70.2	70.0	70.3
Total	100.0 %	100.0 %	100.0 %	100.0 %	100.0 %	100.0 %	100.0 %	100.0 %

Source: Novus financials.

Note: Assumes no redemption by Novus shareholders.

¹ SPAC shareholder warrant dilution assumes ~9.58mm public warrants outstanding with a strike price of \$11.50 per share and optional redemption at \$18.00 and ~5.17mm private placement warrants outstanding with a strike price of \$11.50 and no mandatory redemption. Assumes treasury stock method. | ² Does not include up to an additional ~1mm shares which may become issuable in connection with the Series C capital raise. | ³ Existing Energy Vault shareholder earnout shares assume 9.0 million additional shares that will vest in three equal parts contingent upon the occurrence of post-closing share prices of \$15.00, \$20.00 and \$30.00 within 3 years after closing.