

# Supplementary Information

## Future material demand for automotive lithium-based batteries

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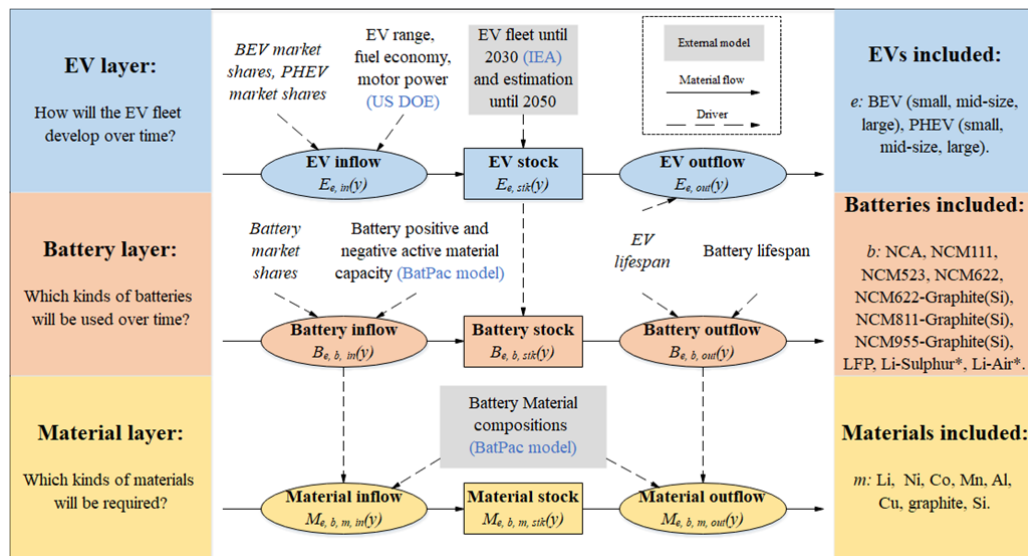
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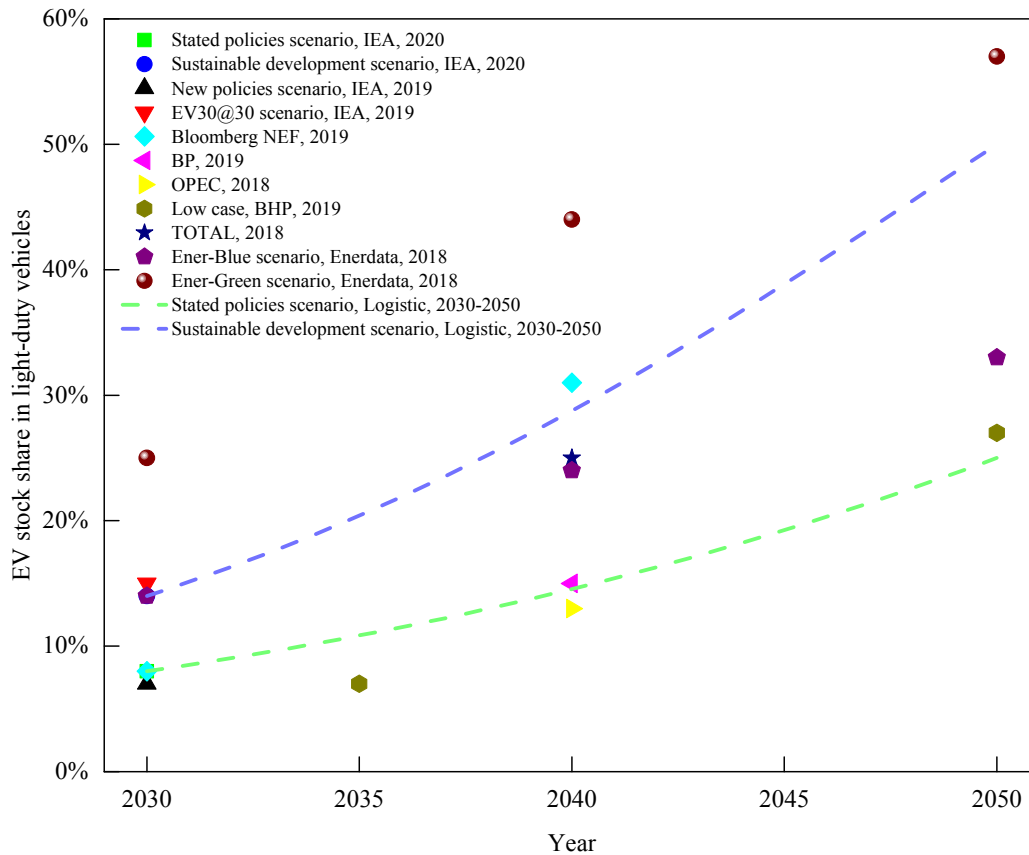
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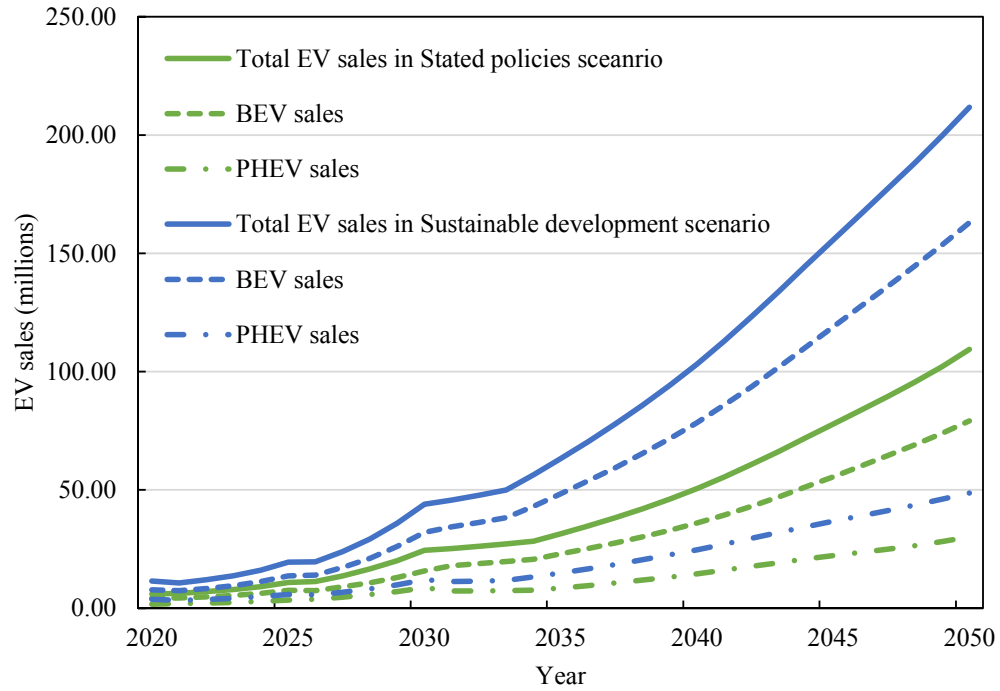
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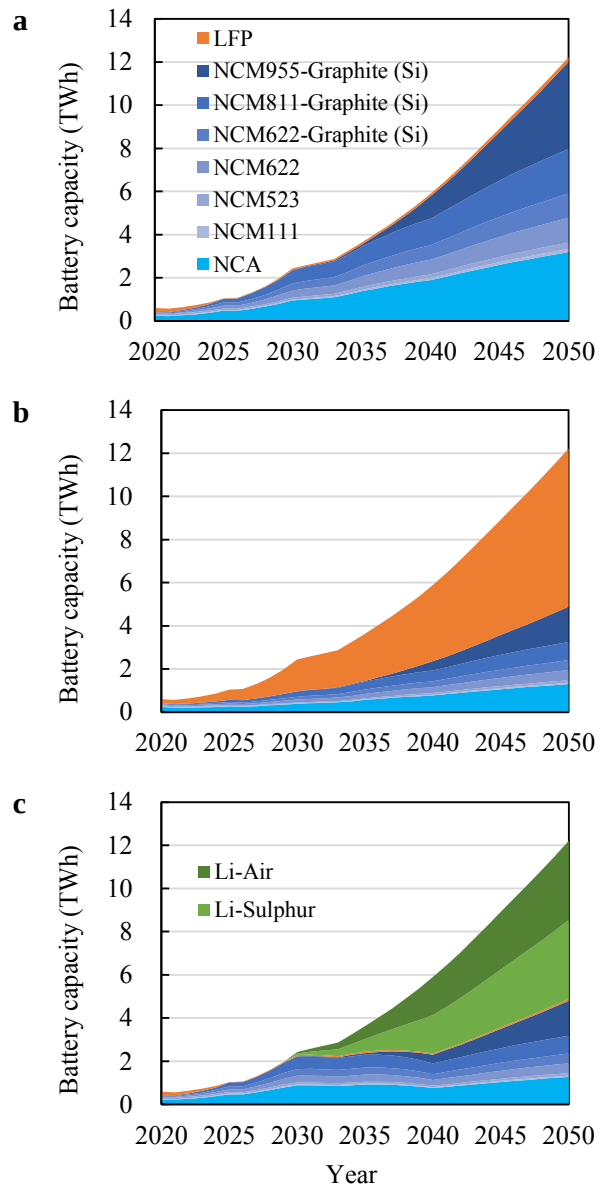
Supplementary Figure 1: Stock dynamics model on the EV, battery, and material layers: research questions (left), model structure (middle), and included categories (right). Driving factors are classified into predominantly technical and socio-economic (in italic) drivers. We use two EC fleet development scenarios until 2030 from International Energy Agency (IEA)<sup>1</sup>. The EV range, fuel economy, and motor power of various EV models are collected from the US DOE (US Department of Energy)<sup>2</sup>. The material compositions for various battery chemistries are calculated by using the BatPaC (Battery Performance and Cost) model from Argonne National Laboratory<sup>3</sup>, expected for Li-Sulphur and Li-Air chemistries (marked with \* as they are associated with uncertainty for EV applications<sup>4</sup>). Abbreviations: E, B, and M = EV, battery, and material; e, b, and m = categories of EV, battery, and material; In, stk, and out = inflow, stock, and outflow; y = year. See section of battery replacement and reuse for calculation equations.



**Supplementary Figure 2: Projections of EV stock share in light-duty vehicles from 2030 to 2050<sup>1,5-11</sup>. TOTAL projects 20%-30% of EV fleet share in 2040<sup>9</sup>, which is shown as an average number of 25% in the figure. Green and blue dashed lines represent own estimations for the EV fleet share in the stated policies scenario and the sustainable development scenario of IEA<sup>1</sup> until 2050 by logistic model<sup>12</sup> respectively, which is comparable to other studies.**

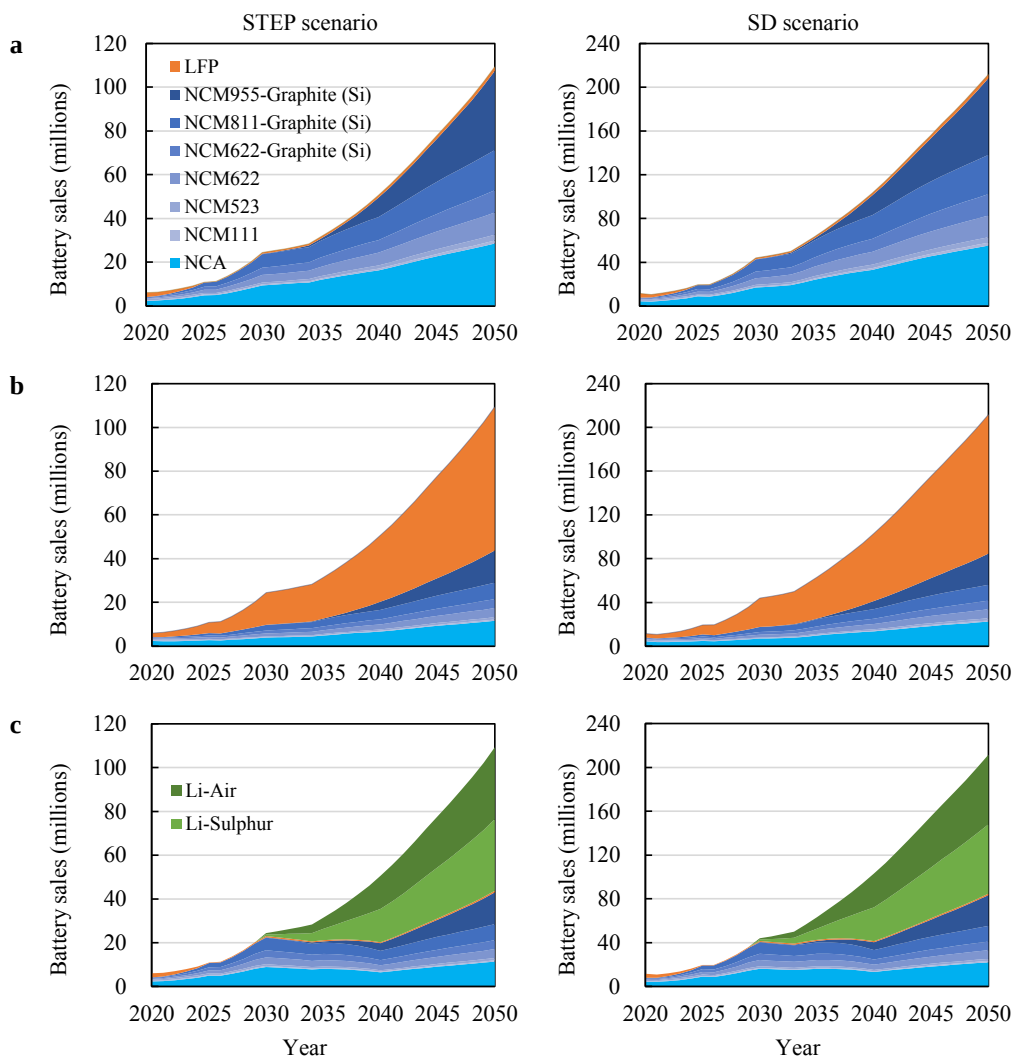


*Supplementary Figure 3: Projections of global EV sales in the stated policies scenario and the sustainable development scenario in 2020-2050. EV sales are in rapid growth phase until 2050, based on the projections of EV stock share in light-duty passenger vehicles.*

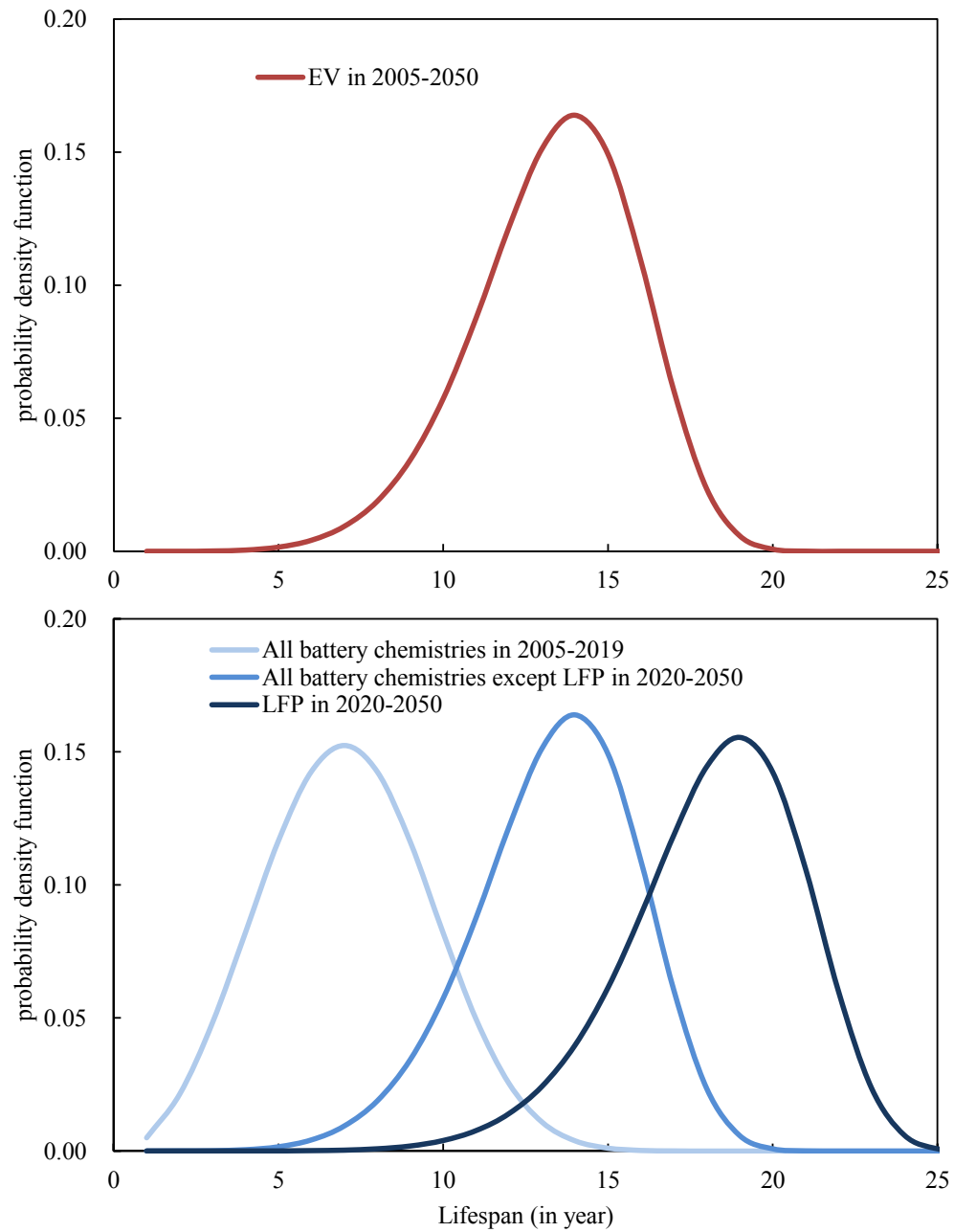


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 46 *scenarios until 2050 for the fleet development of the SD scenario (unit: 1 TWh = 10<sup>3</sup>*  
 47 *GWh = 10<sup>6</sup> MWh = 10<sup>9</sup> kWh).*

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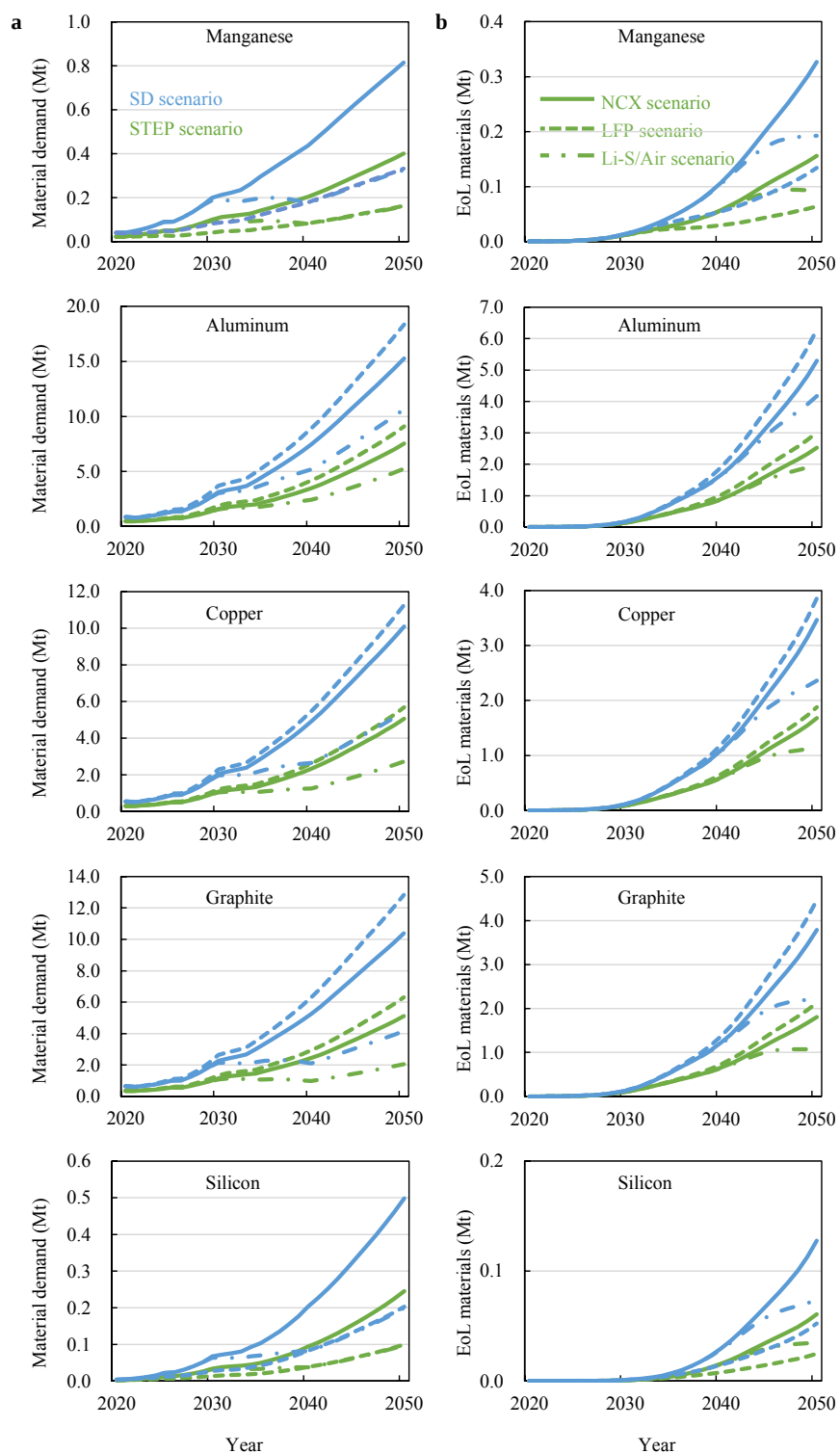
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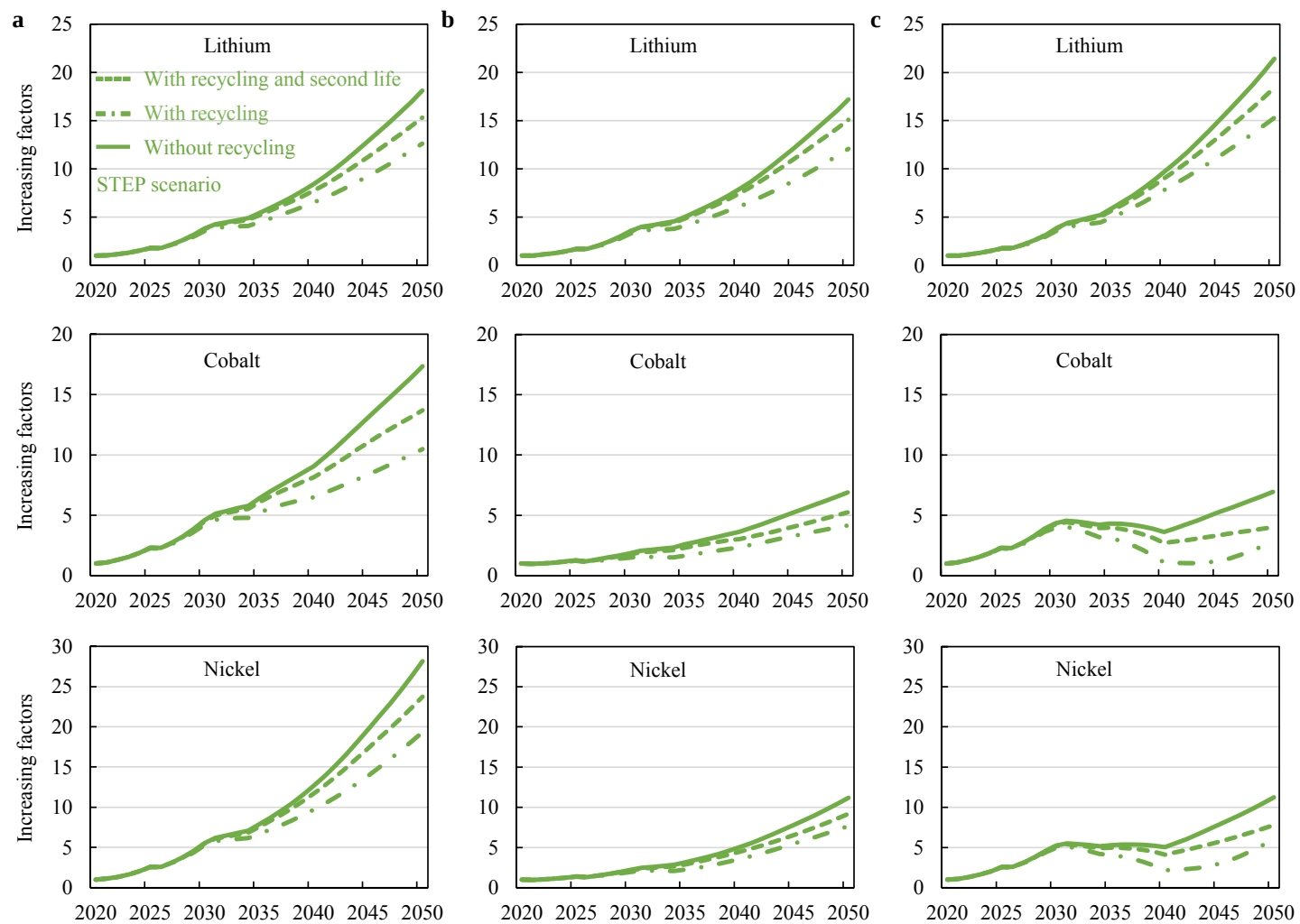
55 *Supplementary Figure 6: Weibull lifespan distributions of EVs and batteries.*

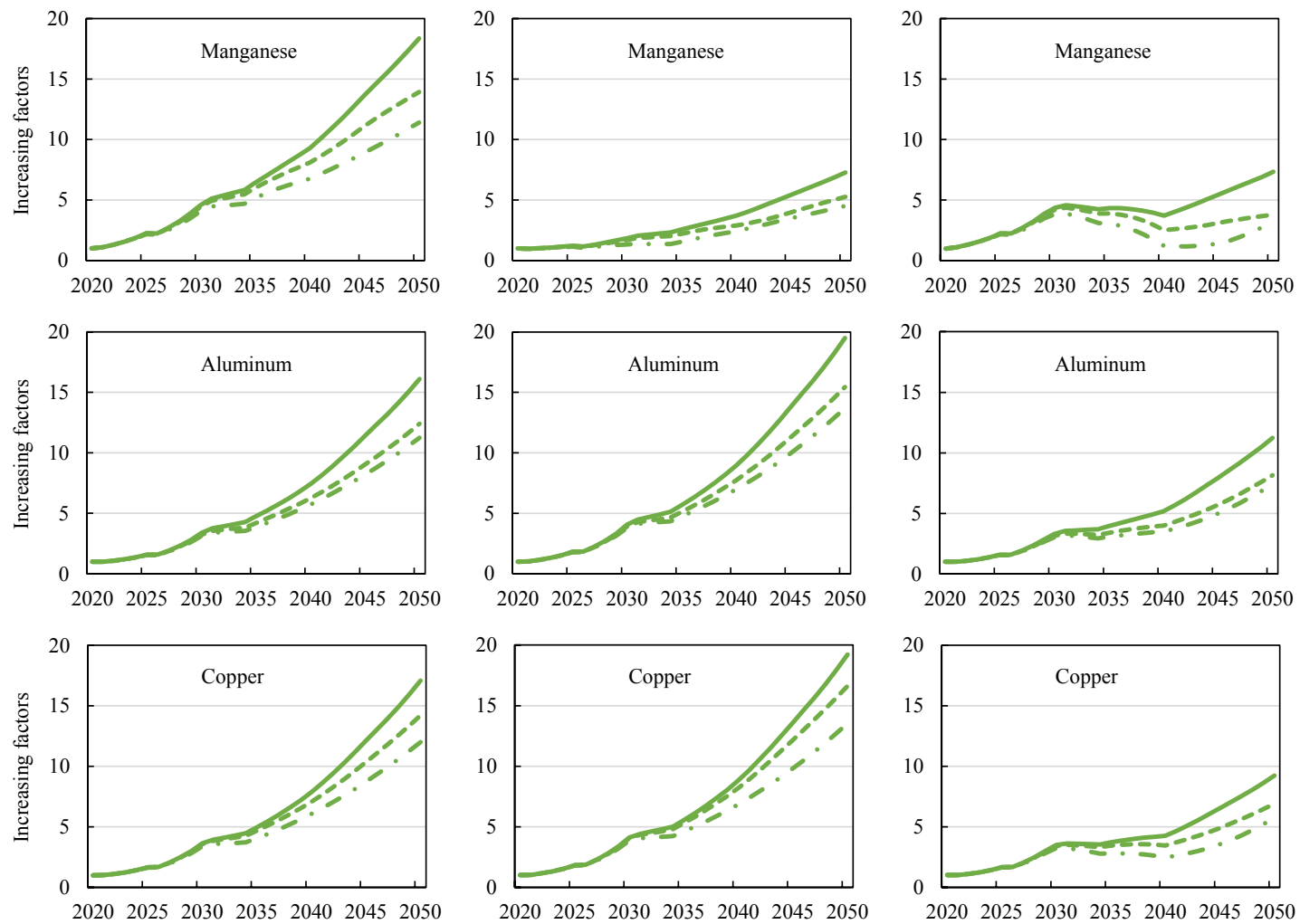
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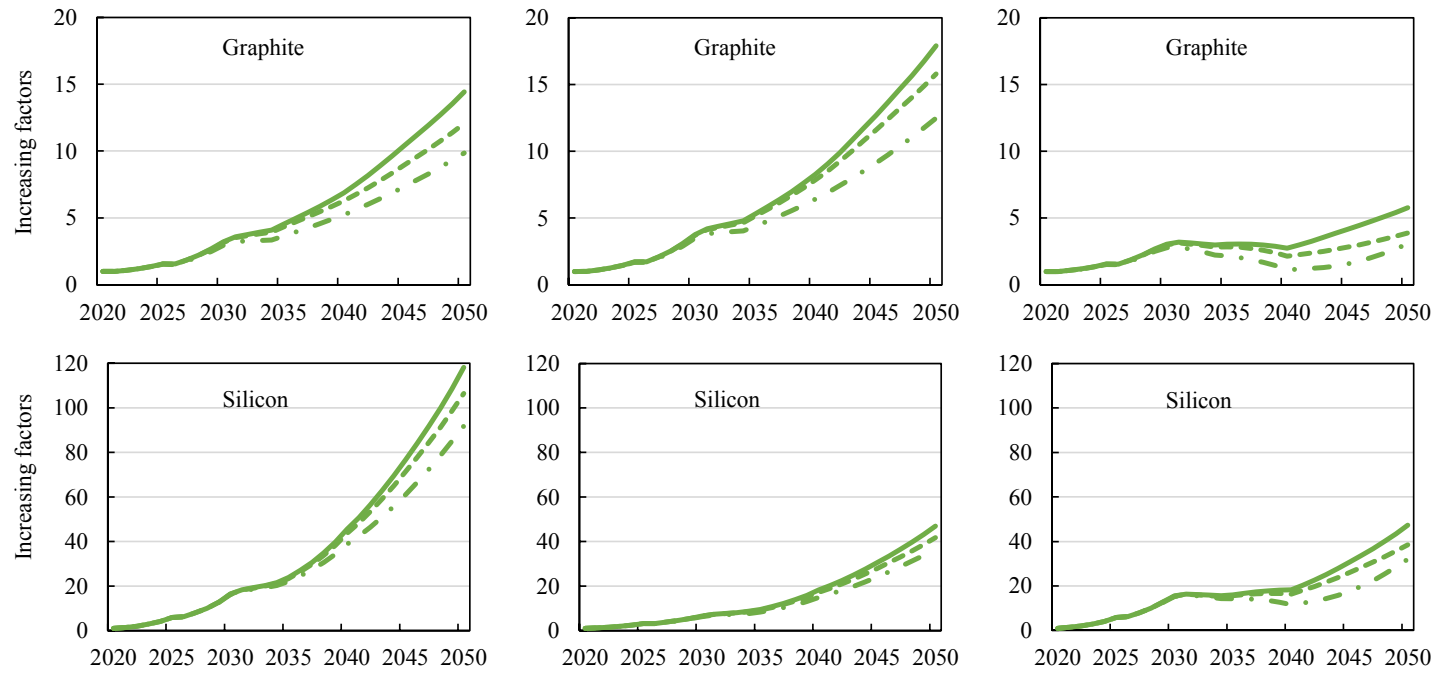


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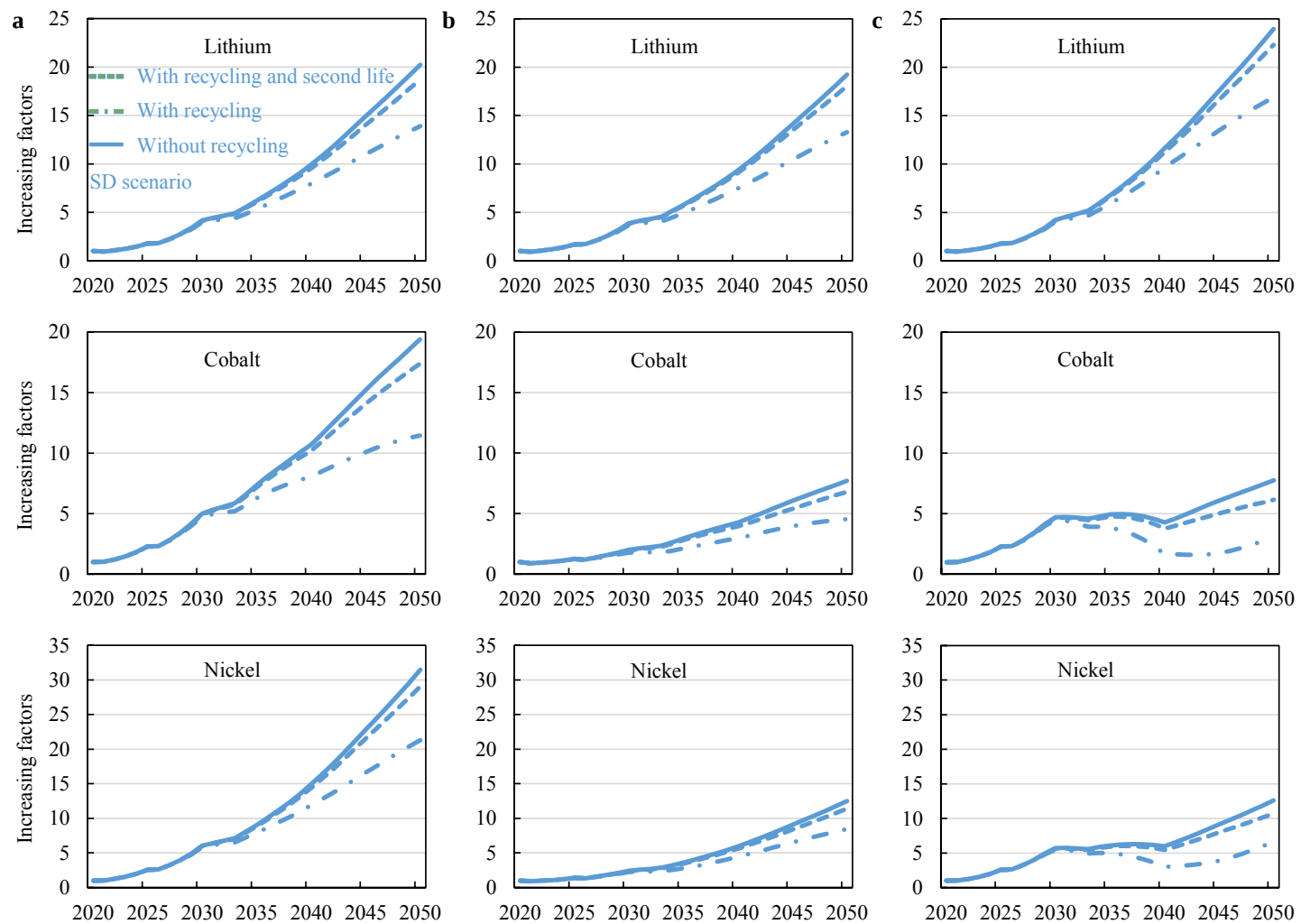
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 59 *from 2020 to 2050 for Mn, Al, Cu, graphite, and Si in the NCX, LFP and Li-S/Air battery*  
 60 *scenarios. Mt = million tons.*

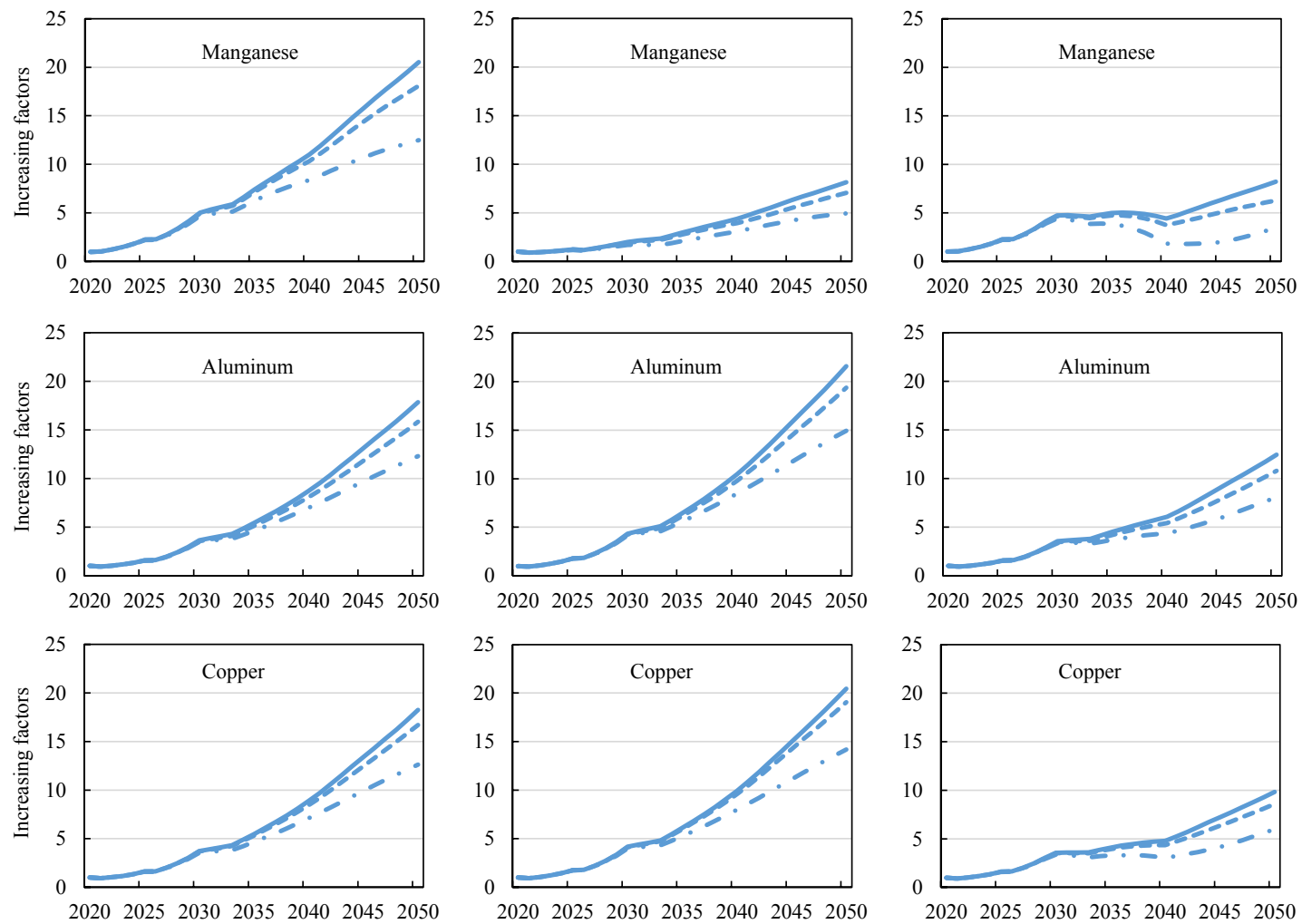


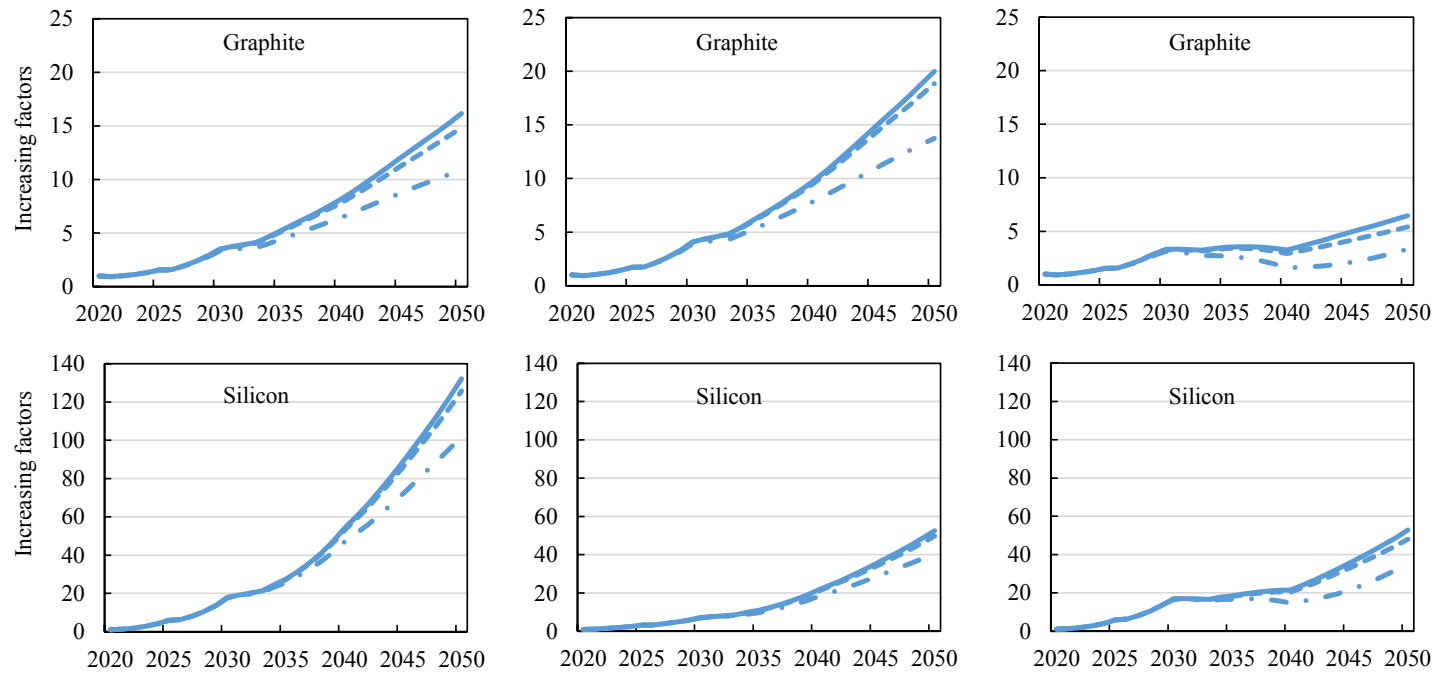




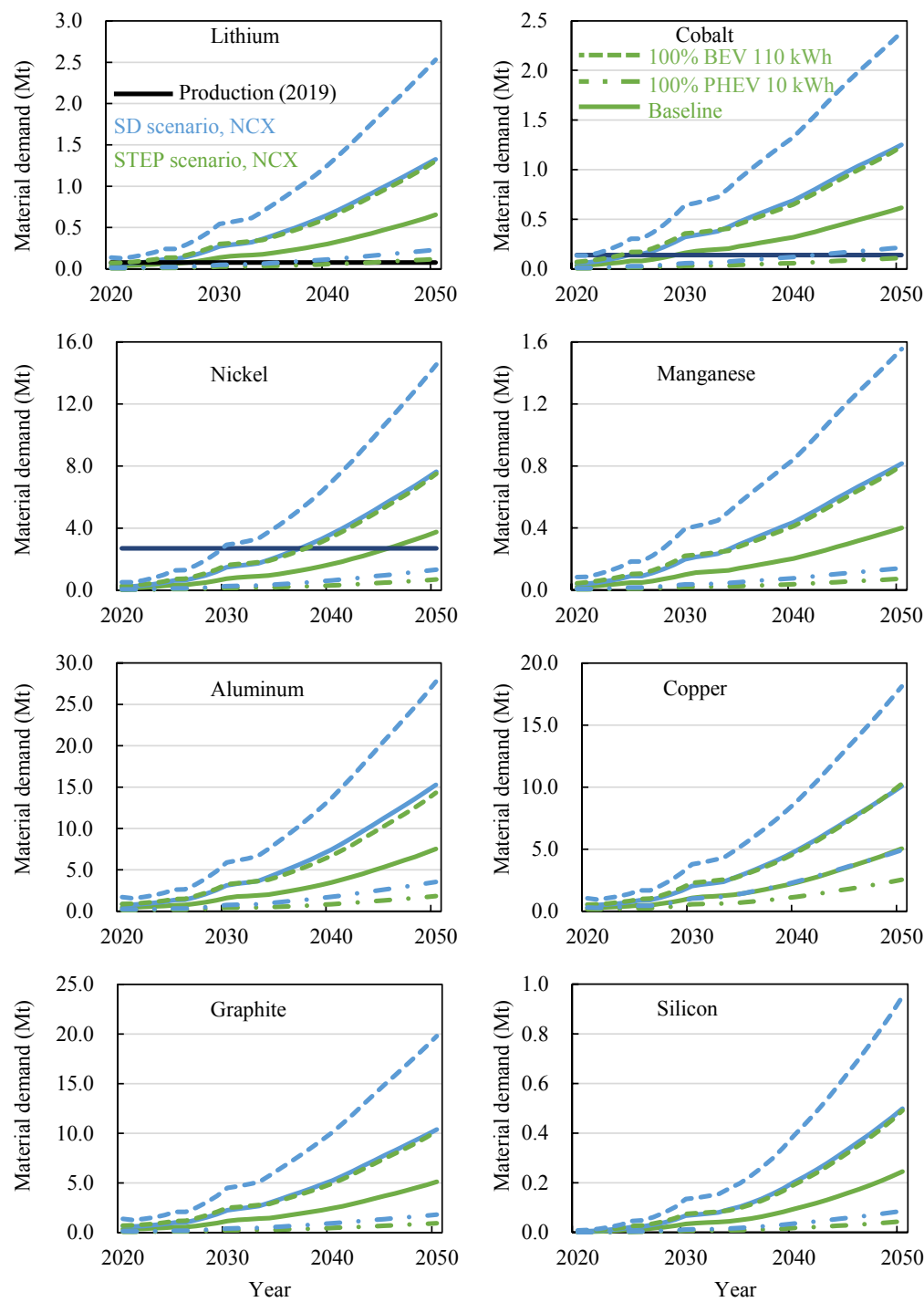
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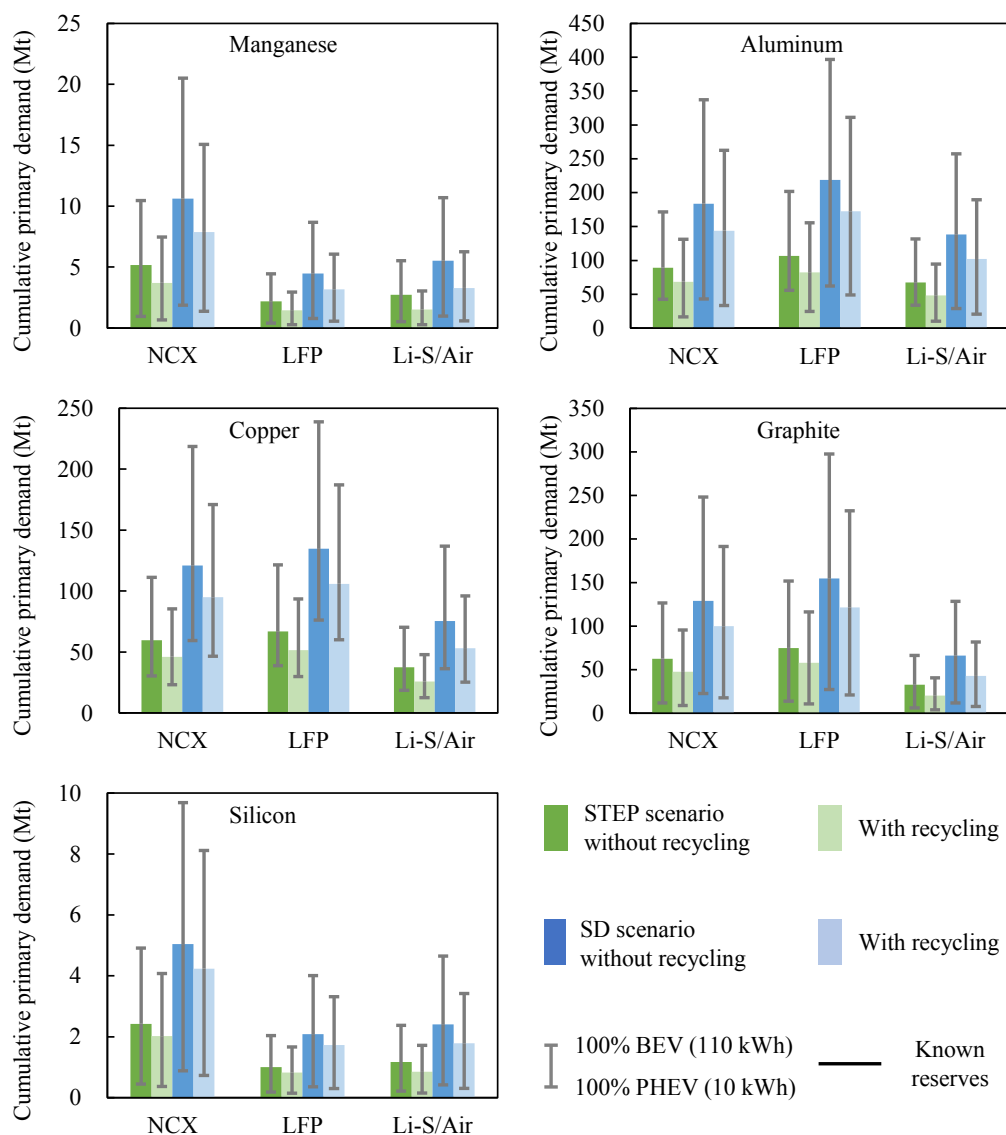




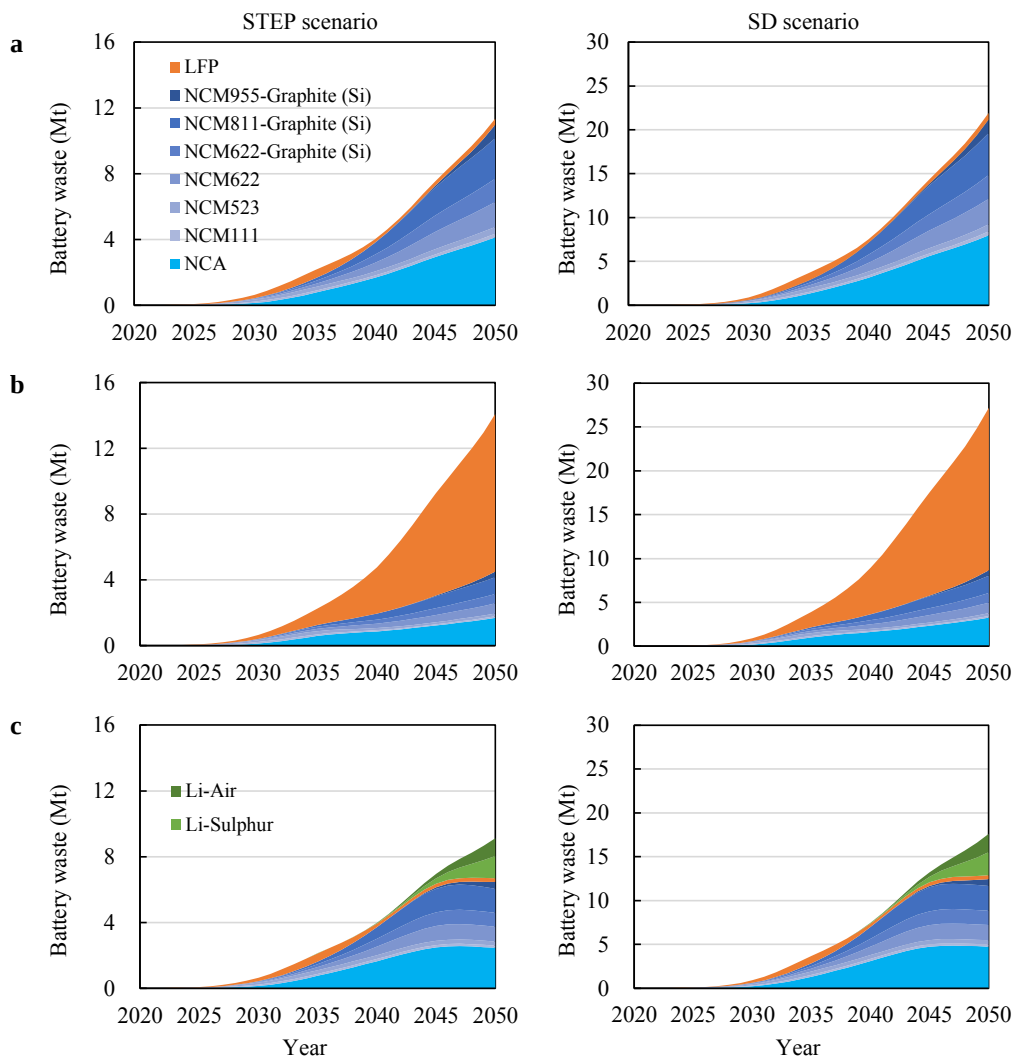
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 71 *the NCX (a), LFP (b) and Li-S/Air (c) scenarios. Here recycling refers to hydrometallurgical recycling as an example.*



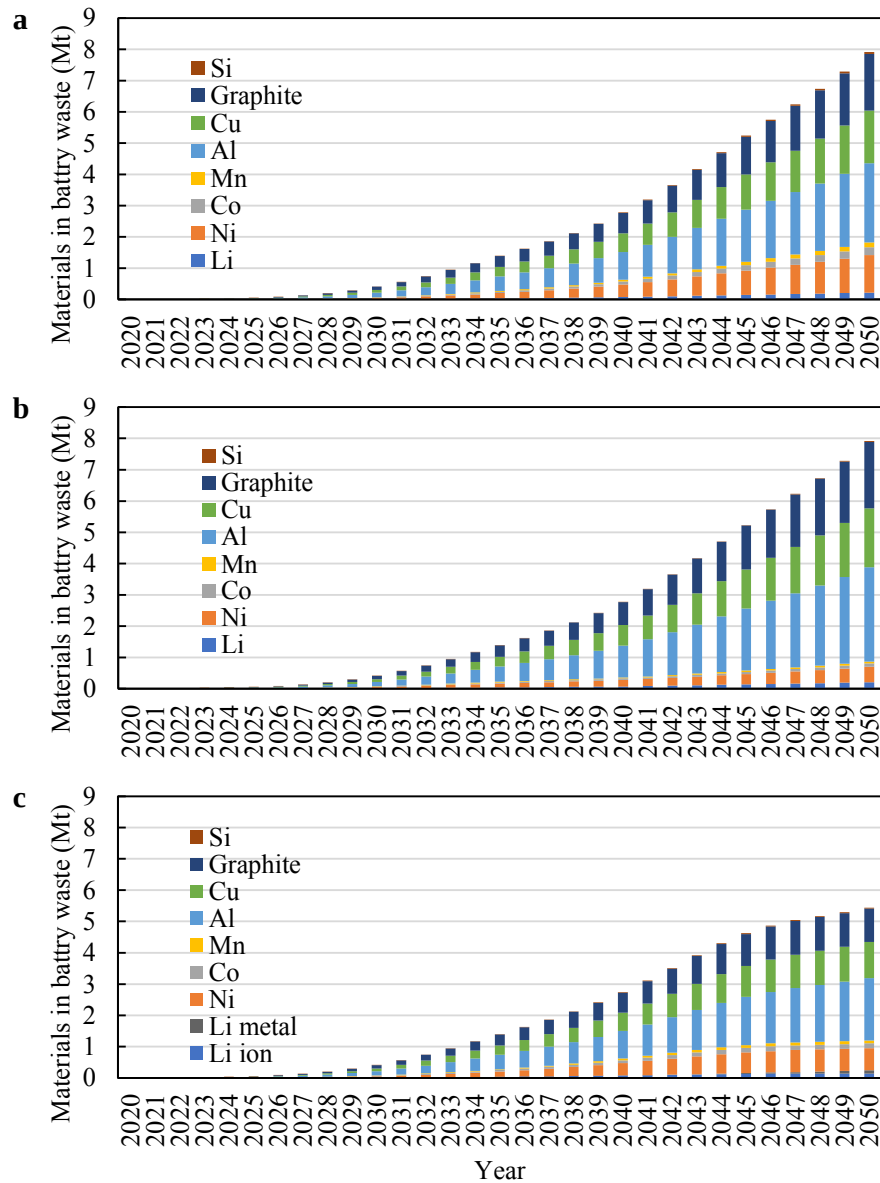
74 *Supplementary Figure 10: Result of sensitivity analysis of required battery capacity (i.e.*  
75 *100% BEV with 110 kWh and 100% PHEV with 10 kWh) on annual demand for Li, Co, Ni,*  
76 *Mn, Al, Cu, graphite, and Si in 2020-2050 without recycling.*



**Supplementary Figure 11: Cumulative primary demand for Mn, Al, Cu, graphite, and Si in 2020-2050 without recycling or with hydrometallurgical recycling. Grey error bars represent a sensitivity analysis for battery capacity considering two extreme cases (if all EVs were PHEVs with small 10 kWh batteries or if all EVs were large SUVs with 110 kWh batteries, e.g. Tesla's Model S Long Range Plus<sup>13</sup>). The global known reserves in 2019 for Mn, Al, Cu, graphite, and Si are shown in Supplementary Table 5, which are much higher than cumulative primary material demand from EV batteries only.**

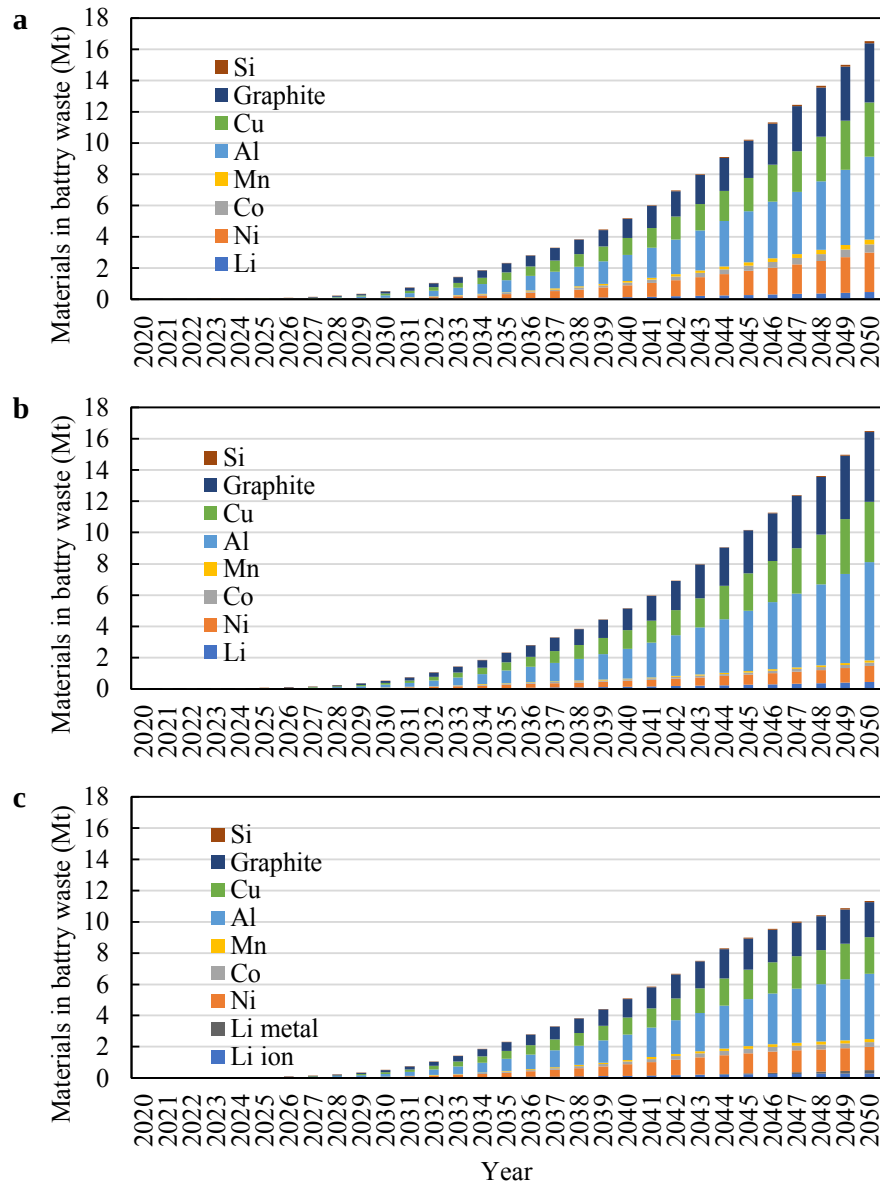


**Supplementary Figure 12: Future battery waste stream by chemistry in the NCX (a), LFP (b) and Li-S/Air (c) scenarios until 2050 (unit: Mt = million tons). Under the STEP scenario, the EV battery waste stream reach around 11 Mt in 2050 if NCX scenario is realized, which is lower than the LFP scenario (14 Mt) and higher than the Li-S/Air scenario (9 Mt). The differences among three battery chemistry scenarios are associated with the relatively lower specific energy of LFP chemistry and higher specific energy of Li-S and Li-Air chemistries compared to NCA and NCM series chemistries. Driven by higher EV fleet deployments, the weight of EV battery waste stream reaches around 2 times in the SD scenario than the STEP scenario.**



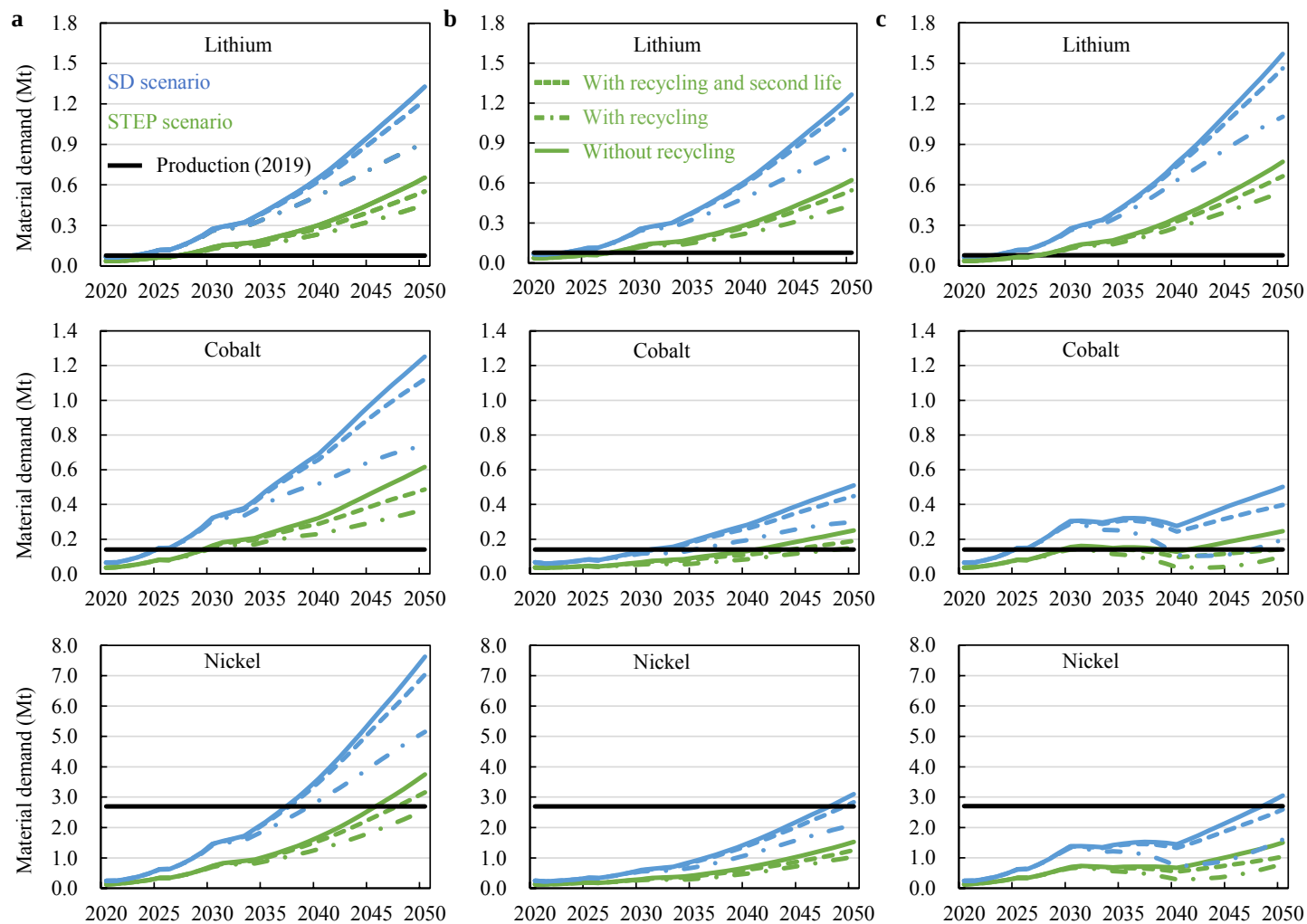
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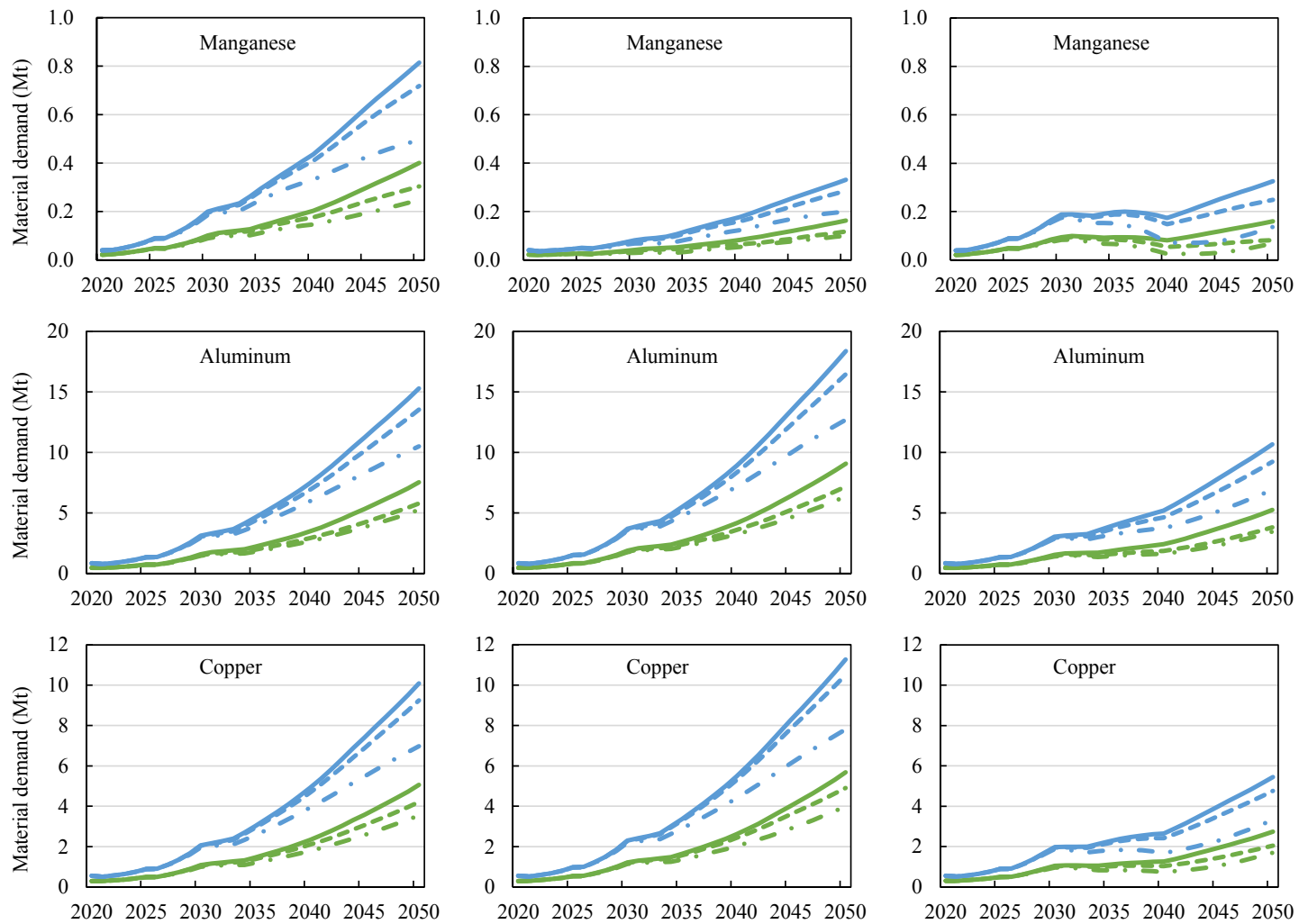
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 100 *for recycling without second life use until 2050 in the STEP scenario in the NCX (a), LFP*  
 101 *(b) and Li-S/Air (c) scenarios (unit: Mt = million tons). The total weight of eight EoL*  
 102 *materials in 2050 in the NCX scenario is almost equal to the LFP scenario, but with*  
 103 *different material shares, especially for the EoL Ni weight in the NCX scenario is much*  
 104 *higher than the LFP scenario. The total weight of eight EoL materials in the Li-S/Air*  
 105 *scenario (Li includes Li ion in lithium chemical compounds and Li metal) is much lower*  
 106 *than the other two battery scenarios, however, EoL Li weight is slightly higher.*

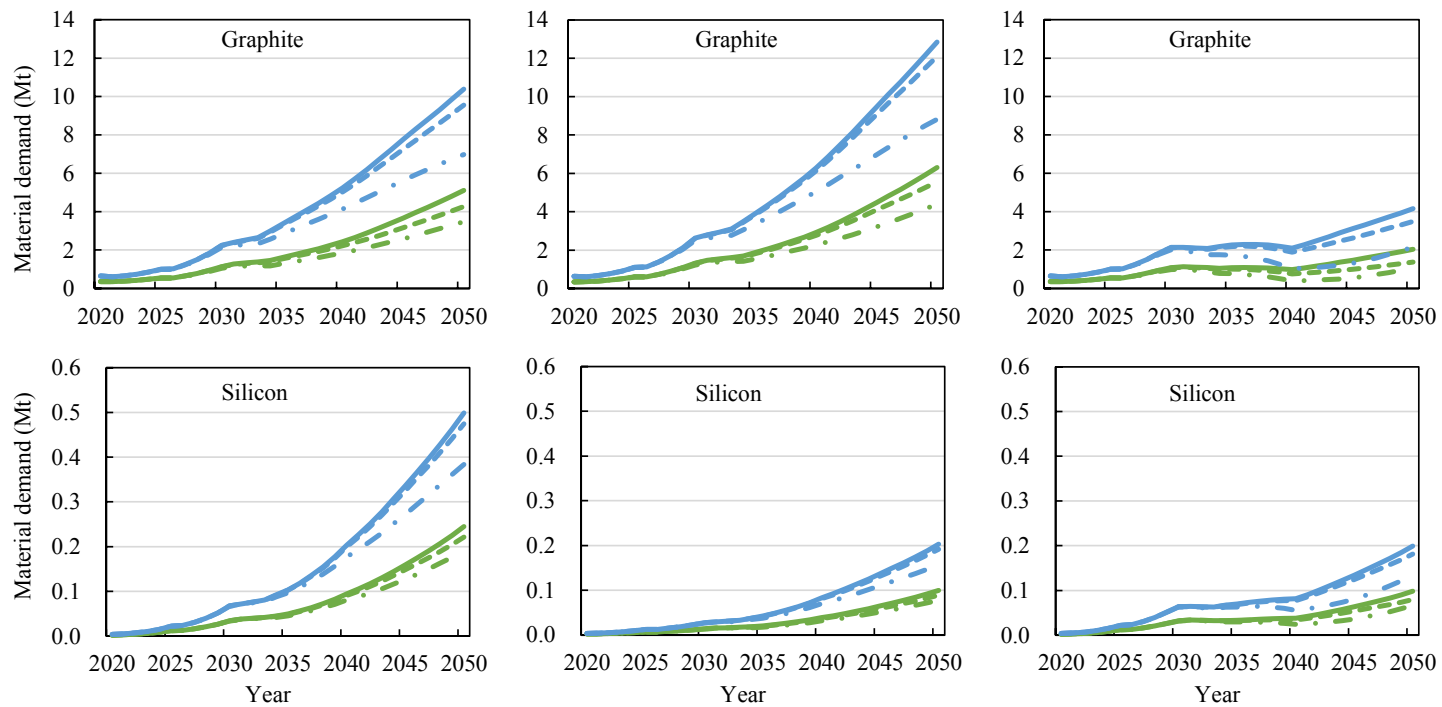


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108 *Supplementary Figure 14: Materials in future EV battery waste stream potentially available*  
 109 *for recycling without second life use until 2050 in the SD scenario in the NCX (a), LFP (b)*  
 110 *and Li-S/Air (c) scenarios (unit: Mt = million tons). We can see the same pattern for EoL*  
 111 *materials in the SD scenario as the STEP scenario. However, the weight of EoL materials*  
 112 *available for recycling in the SD scenario is around 2 times than the STEP scenario.*

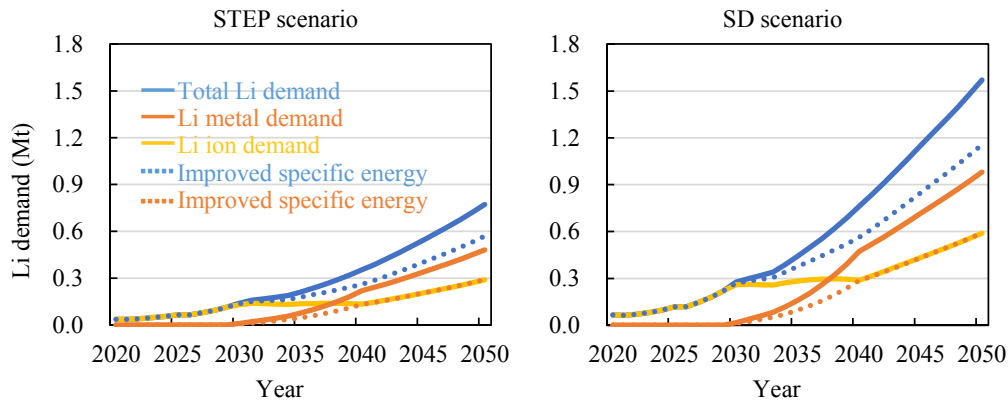






Supplementary Figure 15: Primary battery material demand in the NCX (a), LFP (b) and Li-S/Air (c) scenarios from 2020 to 2050 without recycling, with recycling, and with recycling and second life. Here recycling refers to hydrometallurgical recycling as an example.

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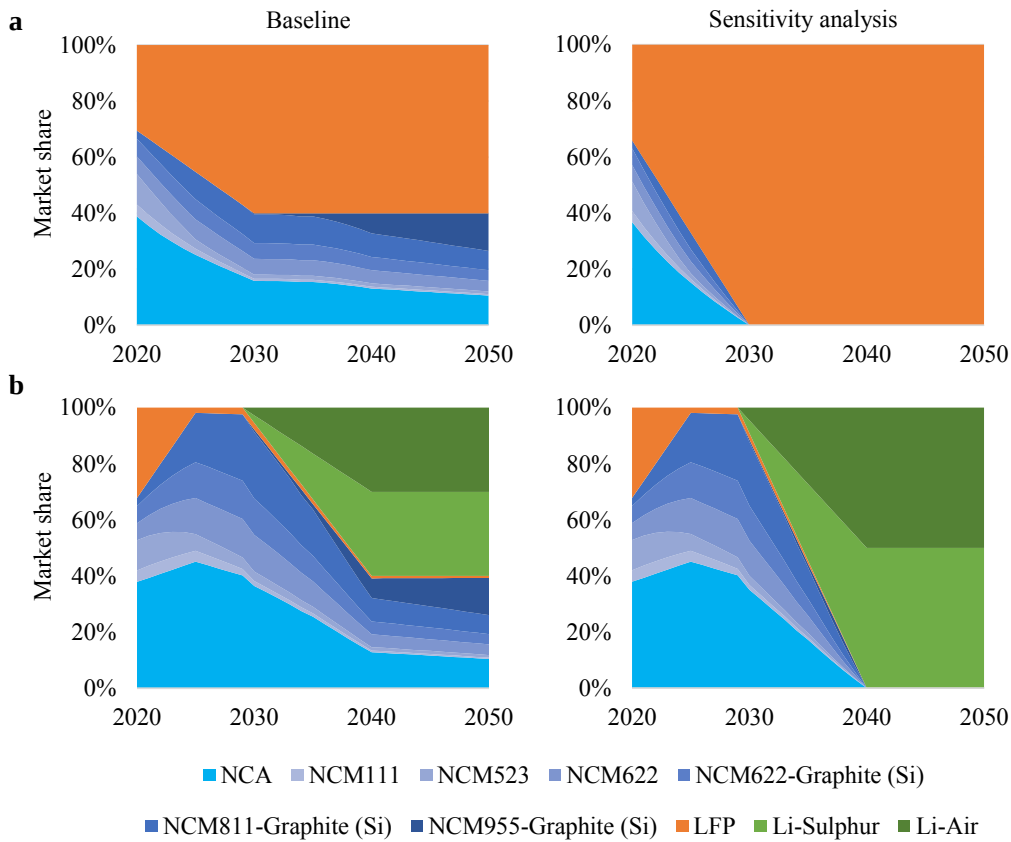
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*Supplementary Figure 16: Lithium demand split by Li ion (in the form of chemicals like  $\text{Li}_2\text{CO}_3$ ,  $\text{LiOH}$ , etc.) and Li metal (in Li anode of Li-S and Li-Air chemistries) in the Li-S/Air scenario, including a sensitivity analysis for improved specific energy of Li-S and Li-Air chemistries. Based on reviewing of the specific energy of Li-S and Li-Air cells from lab and commercial scales (see Supplementary Tables 21 and 22), the specific energy of Li-S cells is improved from 400 Wh/kg to 600 Wh/kg, and the specific energy of Li-Air cells from 500 Wh/kg to 1000 Wh/kg. Specific energy improvements of Li-S and Li-Air cells can make total Li demand in the Li-S/Air scenario lower than LFP and NCX scenarios.*

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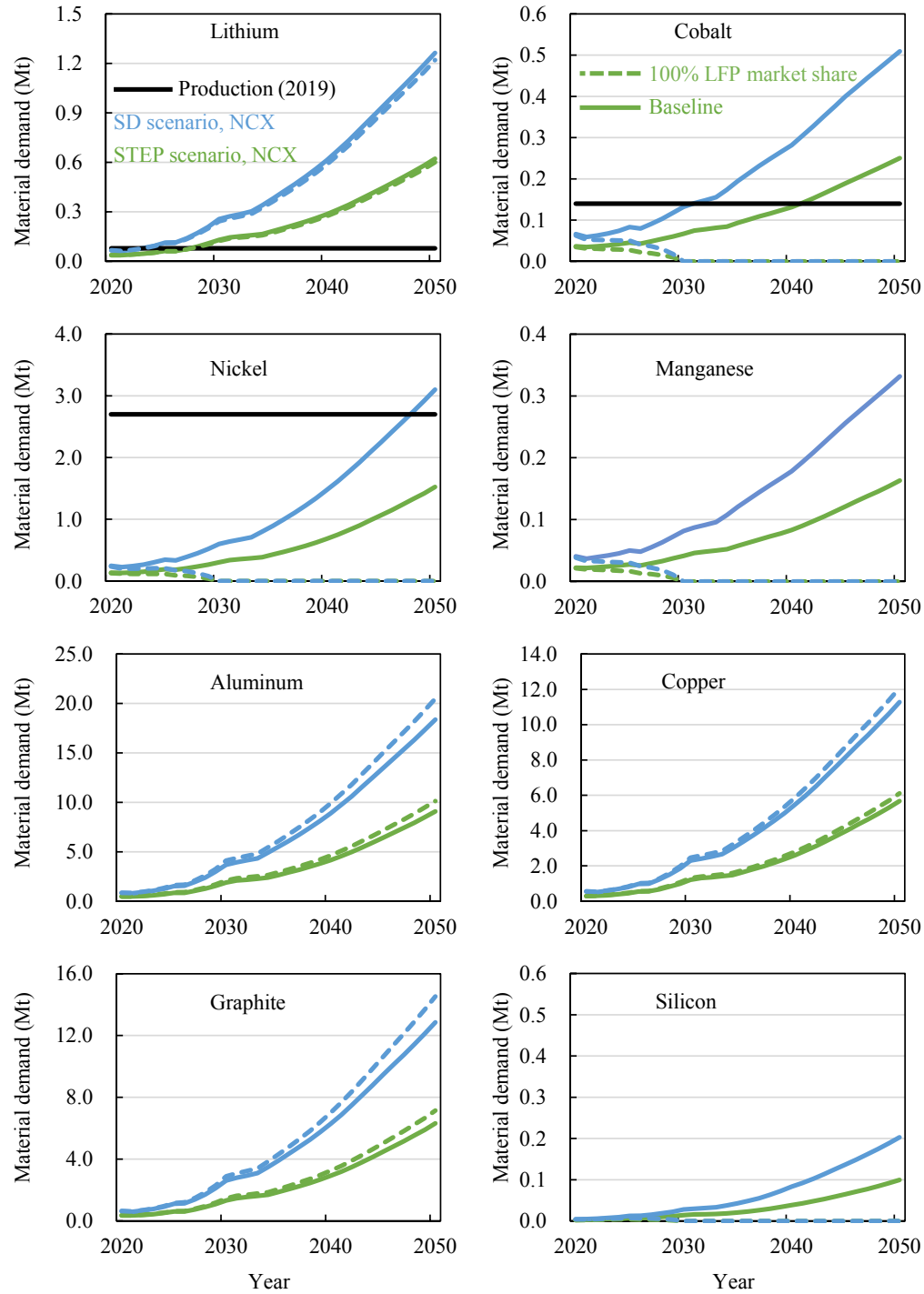


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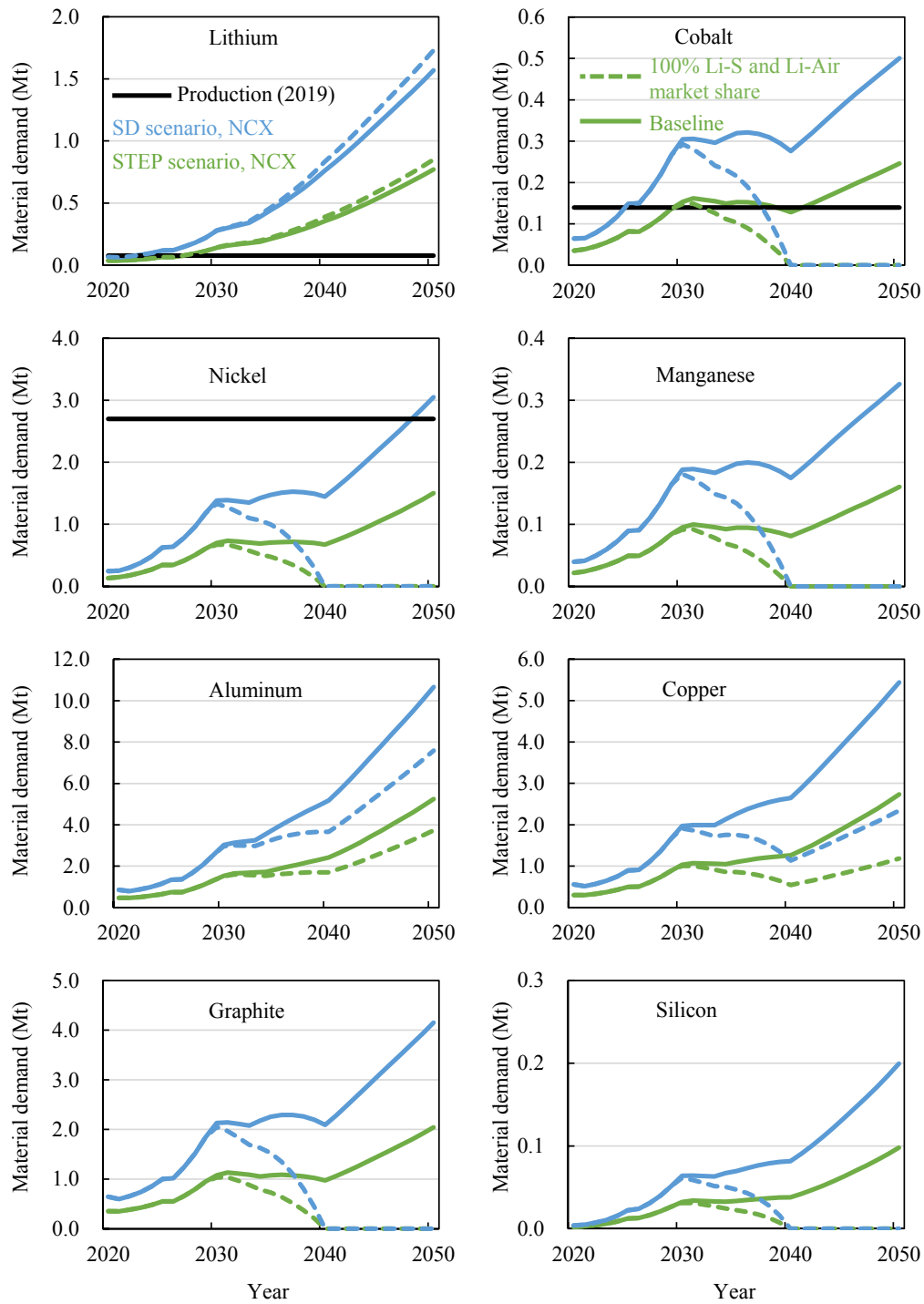
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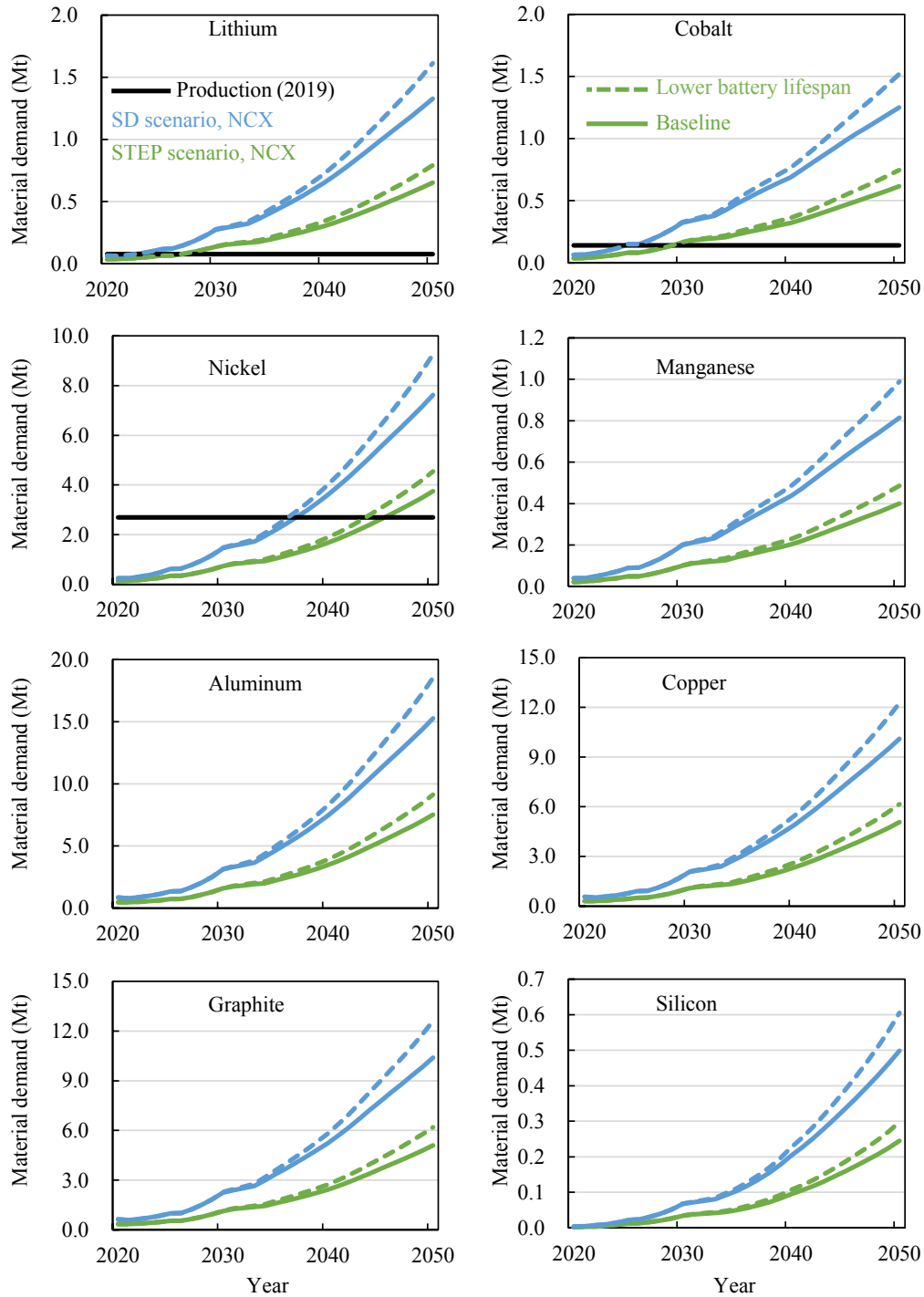
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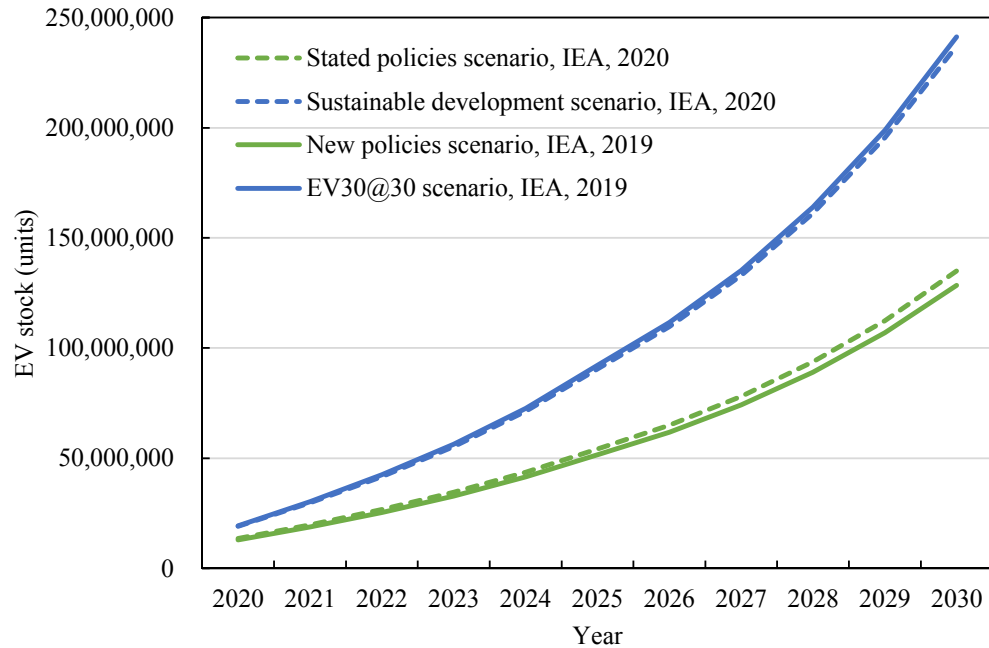
**Supplementary Figure 18: Result of sensitivity analysis of 100% LFP market share (by 2030) on annual demand for Li, Co, Ni, Mn, Al, Cu, graphite, and Si in 2020-2050 without recycling.**



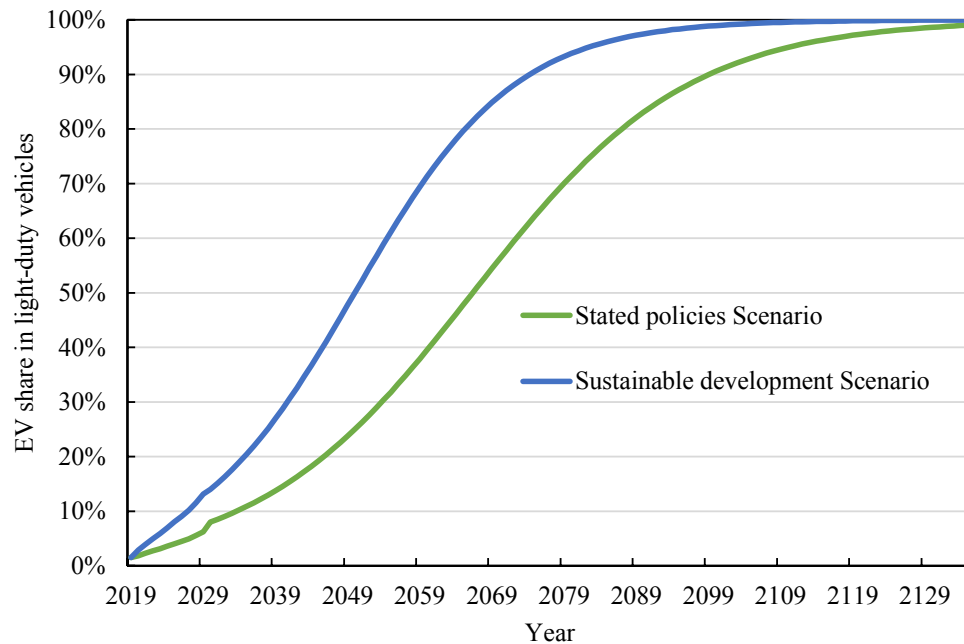
**Supplementary Figure 19: Result of sensitivity analysis of 100% Li-S and Li-Air market share (by 2040) on annual demand for Li, Co, Ni, Mn, Al, Cu, graphite, and Si in 2020-2050 without recycling.**



**Supplementary Figure 20: Result of sensitivity analysis of lower battery lifespan (i.e. one EV will use 1.5 battery packs on average after 2020, while in the baseline scenario one EV will use 1 battery pack after 2020) on annual demand for Li, Co, Ni, Mn, Al, Cu, graphite, and Si in 2020-2050 without recycling.**

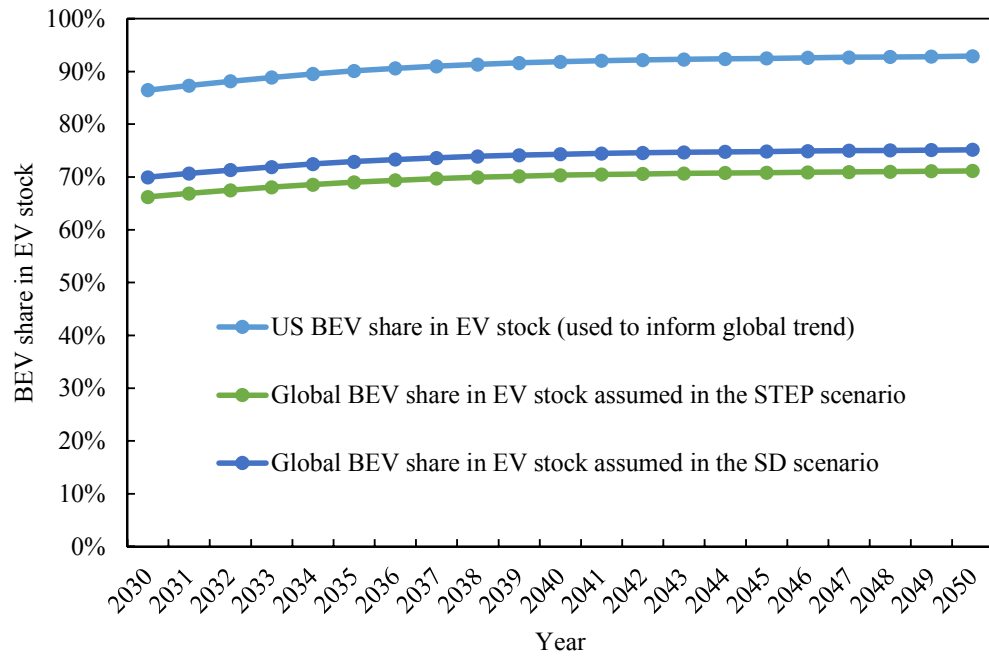


Supplementary Figure 21: EV stock estimations of stated policies scenario and sustainable development scenario from 2020-2030 of IEA global EV outlook 2020<sup>1</sup>, in proportion with new policies scenario and EV30@30 scenario of IEA global EV outlook 2019<sup>11</sup>, respectively.



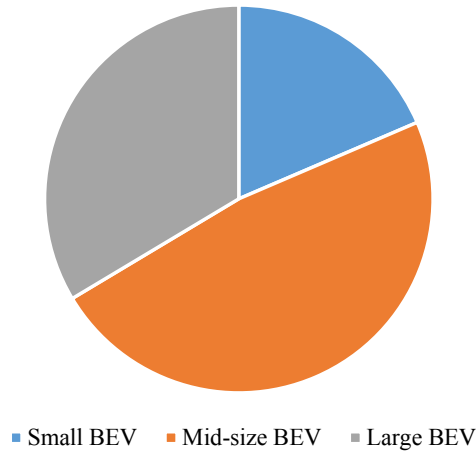
Supplementary Figure 22: Estimation of EV fleet penetration in stated policies scenario and sustainable development scenario of IEA (reach 100% until 2135). The EV fleet penetration until 2030 is based on the stated policies scenario and the sustainable development scenario of IEA<sup>1</sup>, and we model the EV fleet penetration after 2030 by logistic model<sup>12</sup>. Here the figure shows the process of full transition to EVs in light-duty passenger vehicle market, and the time point when EV fleet share reach 100% in the stated policies scenario and the sustainable development scenario, if our estimations of 25%-50% of EV

162 *fleet share in 2050 are realized.*



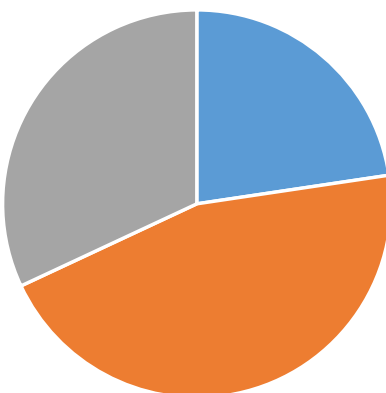
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164 *Supplementary Figure 23: Global BEV share in total EV stock in 2030-2050, in proportion*  
165 *with US BEV stock share projection by US Energy Information Administration<sup>14</sup>.*

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168 *Supplementary Figure 24: BEV sales market shares among small/mid-size/large segments.*  
169 *The market shares are based on cumulative sales until 2019 of each BEV model included*  
170 *in each BEV market segment. BEV sales market shares are assumed stable in 2020-2050,*  
171 *while sensitivity analysis is conducted.*

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■ Small PHEV ■ Mid-size PHEV ■ Large PHEV

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174 *Supplementary Figure 25: PHEV sales market shares among small/mid-size/large*  
175 *segments. The market shares are based on cumulative sales until 2019 of each PHEV*  
176 *model included in each PHEV market segment. PHEV sales market shares are assumed*  
177 *stable in 2020-2050, while sensitivity analysis is conducted.*

## 178 Supplementary Tables

179 *Supplementary Table 1: Sales-weighted average BEV range, fuel economy, and motor*  
 180 *power. We collect sales of each BEV model include in small/mid-size/large car segments*  
 181 *until 2019<sup>15</sup>, and calculate the distribution of cumulative sales until 2019 of three car*  
 182 *segments (to represent BEV market shares among small/mid-size/large car segments). The*  
 183 *range, fuel economy, and motor power of each BEV segment are calculated by cumulative*  
 184 *sales-weighted average method. The required battery capacity = EV range \* fuel economy /*  
 185 *0.85, where 0.85 is the ratio of available battery capacity for driving EVs based on the*  
 186 *assumption in the BatPaC model when calculating battery material compositions<sup>3</sup>. Average*  
 187 *required battery capacity for BEVs reaches around 66 kWh.*

| BEVs          | Range<br>(miles) | Fuel economy<br>(Wh/mile) | Electric motor power<br>(kW) | Required capacity<br>(kWh) |
|---------------|------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Small BEVs    | 96               | 291                       | 101                          | 33                         |
| Mid-size BEVs | 194              | 291                       | 169                          | 66                         |
| Large BEVs    | 241              | 353                       | 295                          | 100                        |

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 189 *Supplementary Table 2: Sales-weighted average PHEV range, fuel economy, and motor*  
 190 *power. Same data collection and calculation methods as the BEVs in the Supplementary*  
 191 *Table 1. Average required battery capacity for PHEVs reaches around 12 kWh.*

| PHEVs          | Range<br>(miles) | Fuel economy<br>(Wh/mile) | Electric motor power<br>(kW) | Required capacity<br>(kWh) |
|----------------|------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Small PHEVs    | 44               | 336                       | 123                          | 17                         |
| Mid-size PHEVs | 22               | 303                       | 55                           | 8                          |
| Large PHEVs    | 22               | 470                       | 61                           | 12                         |

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 193 *Supplementary Table 3: The minimum, most likely, and maximum lifespans of EV batteries*  
 194 *from 2005 to 2050 as input to the calculation of shape and scale parameters of Weibull*  
 195 *lifespan distribution of batteries (unit: year, except for shape and scale parameters). Other*  
 196 *chemistries refer to all battery chemistries except LFP. Note here battery lifespan*  
 197 *assumptions are for illustration purposes which is linked to the assumptions of battery*  
 198 *replacement rate and second-use rate.*

| Period    | Chemistries       | Minimum<br>lifespan, a | Most likely<br>lifespan, d | Maximum<br>lifespan, c | Shape<br>parameter, $\alpha$ | Scale<br>parameter, $\beta$ |
|-----------|-------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 2005-2019 | All chemistries   | 1                      | 8                          | 15                     | 3.1                          | 7.9                         |
| 2020-2050 | Other chemistries | 1                      | 15                         | 20                     | 6.3                          | 14.4                        |
| 2020-2050 | LFP               | 1                      | 20                         | 25                     | 8.1                          | 19.3                        |

199 *Supplementary Table 4: Specific energy of EV battery pack (unit: Wh/kg).*

| EV types       | LFP | NCA | NCM111 | NCM523 | NCM622 | NCM622-Grap<br>hite (Si) | NCM811-Grap<br>hite (Si) | NCM955-Grap<br>hite (Si) | Li-Sulphur | Li-Air |
|----------------|-----|-----|--------|--------|--------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|------------|--------|
| Small BEVs     | 122 | 169 | 151    | 153    | 164    | 176                      | 183                      | 192                      | 295        | 365    |
| Mid-size BEVs  | 129 | 178 | 160    | 163    | 174    | 186                      | 193                      | 202                      | 308        | 383    |
| Large BEVs     | 128 | 176 | 159    | 162    | 172    | 185                      | 191                      | 201                      | 308        | 384    |
| Small PHEVs    | 101 | 151 | 132    | 134    | 147    | 155                      | 161                      | 169                      | 265        | 327    |
| Mid-size PHEVs | 74  | 109 | 103    | 104    | 109    | 116                      | 118                      | 121                      | 224        | 272    |
| Large PHEVs    | 75  | 115 | 106    | 108    | 114    | 119                      | 121                      | 124                      | 234        | 287    |

200 *Supplementary Table 5: Cumulative demand for Li, Co, Ni, Mn, Al, Cu, graphite, and Si in*  
 201 *2020-2050 without recycling, compared to global known reserves in 2019 (unit: Mt). Note*  
 202 *Li demand includes Li ion demand (in the form of chemicals like Li<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>) and Li metal*  
 203 *demand in the Li-S/Air battery scenario, for example, 9.1 (4.8) for Li demand under the*  
 204 *STEP and Li-S/Air scenario is shown in the form of total Li demand (Li metal demand). \**  
 205 *Yearend production capacity for Al reserve. † Si reserves are not available, but ample for*  
 206 *use. Known reserves in 2019 are referred from USGS<sup>16</sup>.*

| Materials | STEP<br>scenario,<br>NCX | STEP<br>scenario,<br>LFP | STEP<br>scenario,<br>Li-S/Air | SD<br>scenario,<br>NCX | SD<br>scenario,<br>LFP | SD<br>scenario,<br>Li-S/Air | Known<br>reserves<br>in 2019 |
|-----------|--------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| Li        | 7.8                      | 7.3                      | 8.8 (4.6)                     | 16.0                   | 15.1                   | 18.3 (9.6)                  | 17                           |
| Co        | 8.1                      | 3.5                      | 4.3                           | 16.8                   | 7.1                    | 8.8                         | 7                            |
| Ni        | 43.0                     | 18.1                     | 21.9                          | 88.9                   | 37.2                   | 44.7                        | 89                           |
| Mn        | 5.2                      | 2.2                      | 2.7                           | 10.6                   | 4.5                    | 5.5                         | 810                          |
| Al        | 89.3                     | 106.5                    | 67.4                          | 183.8                  | 218.7                  | 138.1                       | 77.9 <sup>*</sup>            |
| Cu        | 59.8                     | 66.8                     | 37.6                          | 121.0                  | 134.6                  | 75.4                        | 870                          |
| Graphite  | 62.4                     | 74.8                     | 32.6                          | 128.8                  | 154.4                  | 66.2                        | 300                          |
| Si        | 2.4                      | 1.0                      | 1.2                           | 5.0                    | 2.1                    | 2.4                         | Ample <sup>†</sup>           |

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 208 *Supplementary Table 6: Assumptions of second-use rate of batteries distinguished by LFP*  
 209 *and other chemistries, based on the assumptions of EV and battery lifespan distribution*  
 210 *(Supplementary Tables 10 and 11).*

| Periods   | Battery chemistry | Second-use rate |
|-----------|-------------------|-----------------|
| 2005-2019 | LFP               | 100%            |
|           | Others            | 50%             |
| 2020-2050 | LFP               | 100%            |
|           | Others            | 75%             |

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229 *Supplementary Table 7: Effects of recycling on cumulative demand for Li, Ni, Co, Mn, Al,*  
 230 *Cu, graphite, and Si in 2020-2050. Numbers in the table represent reduction percentages by*  
 231 *recycling compared to primary cumulative demand. Note Li demand includes Li ion*  
 232 *demand (in the form of lithium chemicals) and Li metal demand in the Li-S/Air battery*  
 233 *scenario. For example, 20.2% (8.0%) under the STEP scenario is shown in the form of*  
 234 *reduction percentage of total Li demand (reduction percentage of Li metal demand). The*  
 235 *reduction percentage of total Li demand is more than 2 times the reduction percentage of*  
 236 *Li metal demand. From this table we can see the reduction of cumulative material demand*  
 237 *through 2050 could reach around 20%-30% by recycling in the NCX and LFP scenarios,*  
 238 *while it is raised to around 30%-40% in the Li-S/Air scenario due to the quick shift of*  
 239 *battery chemistry in this scenario. There is no big difference of reduction percentages*  
 240 *among materials and between the STEP scenario and SD scenario.*

| Materials | STEP scenario,<br>NCX | STEP scenario,<br>LFP | STEP scenario,<br>Li-S/Air | SD scenario,<br>NCX | SD scenario,<br>LFP | SD scenario,<br>Li-S/Air |
|-----------|-----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|
| Li        | 23.2%                 | 23.1%                 | 21.3% (8.4%)               | 21.6%               | 21.5%               | 19.9% (8.3%)             |
| Co        | 28.2%                 | 32.5%                 | 44.0%                      | 26.3%               | 29.5%               | 41.0%                    |
| Ni        | 23.6%                 | 26.6%                 | 37.7%                      | 22.2%               | 24.6%               | 35.4%                    |
| Mn        | 28.1%                 | 33.0%                 | 44.1%                      | 25.9%               | 29.4%               | 40.6%                    |
| Al        | 23.2%                 | 22.6%                 | 28.0%                      | 21.7%               | 21.2%               | 26.0%                    |
| Cu        | 23.1%                 | 22.8%                 | 31.7%                      | 21.6%               | 21.3%               | 29.6%                    |
| Graphite  | 24.2%                 | 23.0%                 | 38.2%                      | 22.5%               | 21.5%               | 35.6%                    |
| Si        | 16.7%                 | 18.0%                 | 27.3%                      | 15.9%               | 17.0%               | 25.9%                    |

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Supplementary Table 8: Closed-loop recycling potential (CLRP) in 2020-2029, 2030-2039, 2040-2050 in the STEP scenario by battery chemistry scenarios, recycling technologies, and second life use. There is no big difference of CLRP among three recycling technologies, however, the quality of recovered materials is key to realize the CLRP in practice.

| Battery scenarios |                            | NCX       |           |           | LFP       |           |           | Li-S/Air  |           |           |
|-------------------|----------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Time periods      |                            | 2020-2029 | 2030-2039 | 2040-2050 | 2020-2029 | 2030-2039 | 2040-2050 | 2020-2029 | 2030-2039 | 2040-2050 |
| Li ion            | No second life, pyro       | 0.03      | 0.17      | 0.28      | 0.03      | 0.17      | 0.28      | 0.03      | 0.24      | 0.50      |
|                   | No second life, hydro      | 0.03      | 0.17      | 0.28      | 0.03      | 0.17      | 0.28      | 0.03      | 0.24      | 0.50      |
|                   | No second life, direct     | 0.03      | 0.17      | 0.28      | 0.03      | 0.17      | 0.28      | 0.03      | 0.24      | 0.50      |
|                   | Second life, pyro          | 0.01      | 0.04      | 0.13      | 0.01      | 0.04      | 0.10      | 0.01      | 0.06      | 0.26      |
|                   | Second life, hydro         | 0.01      | 0.04      | 0.13      | 0.01      | 0.04      | 0.10      | 0.01      | 0.06      | 0.26      |
|                   | Second life, direct        | 0.01      | 0.04      | 0.13      | 0.01      | 0.04      | 0.10      | 0.01      | 0.06      | 0.26      |
| Li metal          | No second life, mechanical |           |           |           |           |           |           | 0.00      | 0.00      | 0.11      |
|                   | Second life, mechanical    |           |           |           |           |           |           | 0.00      | 0.00      | 0.03      |
| Co                | No second life, pyro       | 0.04      | 0.19      | 0.36      | 0.06      | 0.33      | 0.38      | 0.04      | 0.28      | 0.71      |
|                   | No second life, hydro      | 0.04      | 0.19      | 0.36      | 0.06      | 0.33      | 0.38      | 0.04      | 0.28      | 0.71      |
|                   | No second life, direct     | 0.03      | 0.17      | 0.33      | 0.06      | 0.30      | 0.35      | 0.03      | 0.25      | 0.65      |
|                   | Second life, pyro          | 0.01      | 0.06      | 0.17      | 0.02      | 0.10      | 0.22      | 0.01      | 0.08      | 0.36      |
|                   | Second life, hydro         | 0.01      | 0.06      | 0.17      | 0.02      | 0.10      | 0.22      | 0.01      | 0.08      | 0.36      |
|                   | Second life, direct        | 0.01      | 0.05      | 0.15      | 0.02      | 0.10      | 0.20      | 0.01      | 0.08      | 0.33      |
| Ni                | No second life, pyro       | 0.02      | 0.15      | 0.29      | 0.04      | 0.26      | 0.30      | 0.02      | 0.23      | 0.56      |
|                   | No second life, hydro      | 0.02      | 0.15      | 0.29      | 0.04      | 0.26      | 0.30      | 0.02      | 0.23      | 0.56      |
|                   | No second life, direct     | 0.02      | 0.14      | 0.27      | 0.04      | 0.24      | 0.28      | 0.02      | 0.21      | 0.52      |
|                   | Second life, pyro          | 0.01      | 0.04      | 0.12      | 0.01      | 0.08      | 0.16      | 0.01      | 0.06      | 0.27      |
|                   | Second life, hydro         | 0.01      | 0.04      | 0.12      | 0.01      | 0.08      | 0.16      | 0.01      | 0.06      | 0.27      |
|                   | Second life, direct        | 0.01      | 0.04      | 0.11      | 0.01      | 0.07      | 0.15      | 0.01      | 0.06      | 0.25      |
| Mn                | No second life, pyro       | 0.05      | 0.18      | 0.32      | 0.09      | 0.33      | 0.33      | 0.05      | 0.27      | 0.62      |
|                   | No second life, hydro      | 0.06      | 0.20      | 0.35      | 0.10      | 0.36      | 0.36      | 0.06      | 0.30      | 0.68      |
|                   | No second life, direct     | 0.05      | 0.18      | 0.32      | 0.09      | 0.33      | 0.33      | 0.05      | 0.27      | 0.62      |
|                   | Second life, pyro          | 0.01      | 0.07      | 0.18      | 0.02      | 0.13      | 0.24      | 0.01      | 0.10      | 0.39      |
|                   | Second life, hydro         | 0.02      | 0.07      | 0.19      | 0.03      | 0.14      | 0.26      | 0.02      | 0.11      | 0.43      |
|                   | Second life, direct        | 0.01      | 0.07      | 0.18      | 0.02      | 0.13      | 0.24      | 0.01      | 0.10      | 0.39      |
| Al                | No second life, pyro       | 0.00      | 0.00      | 0.00      | 0.00      | 0.00      | 0.00      | 0.00      | 0.00      | 0.00      |
|                   | No second life, hydro      | 0.03      | 0.17      | 0.28      | 0.03      | 0.16      | 0.28      | 0.03      | 0.21      | 0.36      |
|                   | No second life, direct     | 0.03      | 0.17      | 0.28      | 0.03      | 0.16      | 0.28      | 0.03      | 0.21      | 0.36      |
|                   | Second life, pyro          | 0.00      | 0.00      | 0.00      | 0.00      | 0.00      | 0.00      | 0.00      | 0.00      | 0.00      |
|                   | Second life, hydro         | 0.02      | 0.11      | 0.21      | 0.02      | 0.09      | 0.18      | 0.02      | 0.13      | 0.27      |
|                   | Second life, direct        | 0.02      | 0.11      | 0.21      | 0.02      | 0.09      | 0.18      | 0.02      | 0.13      | 0.27      |
| Cu                | No second life, pyro       | 0.03      | 0.17      | 0.28      | 0.03      | 0.16      | 0.28      | 0.03      | 0.23      | 0.43      |
|                   | No second life, hydro      | 0.03      | 0.17      | 0.28      | 0.03      | 0.16      | 0.28      | 0.03      | 0.23      | 0.43      |
|                   | No second life, direct     | 0.03      | 0.17      | 0.28      | 0.03      | 0.16      | 0.28      | 0.03      | 0.23      | 0.43      |
|                   | Second life, pyro          | 0.01      | 0.06      | 0.15      | 0.01      | 0.04      | 0.11      | 0.01      | 0.08      | 0.24      |
|                   | Second life, hydro         | 0.01      | 0.06      | 0.15      | 0.01      | 0.04      | 0.11      | 0.01      | 0.08      | 0.24      |
|                   | Second life, direct        | 0.01      | 0.06      | 0.15      | 0.01      | 0.04      | 0.11      | 0.01      | 0.08      | 0.24      |
| Graphite          | No second life, pyro       | 0.00      | 0.00      | 0.00      | 0.00      | 0.00      | 0.00      | 0.00      | 0.00      | 0.00      |
|                   | No second life, hydro      | 0.03      | 0.18      | 0.29      | 0.03      | 0.16      | 0.28      | 0.03      | 0.27      | 0.57      |
|                   | No second life, direct     | 0.03      | 0.18      | 0.29      | 0.03      | 0.16      | 0.28      | 0.03      | 0.27      | 0.57      |
|                   | Second life, pyro          | 0.00      | 0.00      | 0.00      | 0.00      | 0.00      | 0.00      | 0.00      | 0.00      | 0.00      |
|                   | Second life, hydro         | 0.01      | 0.05      | 0.14      | 0.01      | 0.03      | 0.09      | 0.01      | 0.07      | 0.31      |
|                   | Second life, direct        | 0.01      | 0.05      | 0.14      | 0.01      | 0.03      | 0.09      | 0.01      | 0.07      | 0.31      |
| Si                | No second life, pyro       | 0.00      | 0.00      | 0.00      | 0.00      | 0.00      | 0.00      | 0.00      | 0.00      | 0.00      |
|                   | No second life, hydro      | 0.01      | 0.08      | 0.20      | 0.01      | 0.13      | 0.21      | 0.01      | 0.13      | 0.38      |
|                   | No second life, direct     | 0.01      | 0.08      | 0.20      | 0.01      | 0.13      | 0.21      | 0.01      | 0.13      | 0.38      |
|                   | Second life, pyro          | 0.00      | 0.00      | 0.00      | 0.00      | 0.00      | 0.00      | 0.00      | 0.00      | 0.00      |
|                   | Second life, hydro         | 0.00      | 0.02      | 0.07      | 0.00      | 0.03      | 0.09      | 0.00      | 0.03      | 0.16      |
|                   | Second life, direct        | 0.00      | 0.02      | 0.07      | 0.00      | 0.03      | 0.09      | 0.00      | 0.03      | 0.16      |

**Supplementary Table 9: Annual material demand in 2050 by three battery chemistry scenarios without recycling, with recycling, and with recycling and second life, and 2019 global mining production (unit: Mt) in the STEP scenario. The annual demand in 2050 for Li, Ni, Co, and graphite (natural graphite) from EV batteries alone exceed global mining production in 2019.**

| Materials | Demand sceanrios               | Battery scenarios / Mt |      |          | 2019 annual production / Mt | Demand as percent of 2019 production |      |          |
|-----------|--------------------------------|------------------------|------|----------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------|------|----------|
|           |                                | NCX                    | LFP  | Li-S/Air |                             | NCX                                  | LFP  | Li-S/Air |
| Li        | Without recycling              | 0.65                   | 0.62 | 0.77     | 0.077                       | 848%                                 | 807% | 1002%    |
|           | With recycling                 | 0.45                   | 0.43 | 0.55     |                             | 590%                                 | 565% | 715%     |
|           | With recycling and second life | 0.55                   | 0.54 | 0.66     |                             | 717%                                 | 707% | 863%     |
| Co        | Without recycling              | 0.62                   | 0.25 | 0.25     | 0.14                        | 440%                                 | 179% | 176%     |
|           | With recycling                 | 0.37                   | 0.15 | 0.10     |                             | 265%                                 | 107% | 72%      |
|           | With recycling and second life | 0.49                   | 0.19 | 0.14     |                             | 347%                                 | 136% | 102%     |
| Ni        | Without recycling              | 3.75                   | 1.53 | 1.50     | 2.7                         | 139%                                 | 57%  | 56%      |
|           | With recycling                 | 2.57                   | 1.04 | 0.81     |                             | 95%                                  | 39%  | 30%      |
|           | With recycling and second life | 3.16                   | 1.25 | 1.04     |                             | 117%                                 | 46%  | 38%      |
| Mn        | Without recycling              | 0.40                   | 0.16 | 0.16     | 19                          | 2%                                   | 1%   | 1%       |
|           | With recycling                 | 0.25                   | 0.10 | 0.07     |                             | 1%                                   | 1%   | 0%       |
|           | With recycling and second life | 0.30                   | 0.12 | 0.08     |                             | 2%                                   | 1%   | 0%       |
| Al        | Without recycling              | 7.53                   | 9.08 | 5.25     | 64                          | 12%                                  | 14%  | 8%       |
|           | With recycling                 | 5.25                   | 6.37 | 3.45     |                             | 8%                                   | 10%  | 5%       |
|           | With recycling and second life | 5.79                   | 7.18 | 3.81     |                             | 9%                                   | 11%  | 6%       |
| Cu        | Without recycling              | 5.06                   | 5.68 | 2.73     | 20                          | 25%                                  | 28%  | 14%      |
|           | With recycling                 | 3.55                   | 3.99 | 1.70     |                             | 18%                                  | 20%  | 8%       |
|           | With recycling and second life | 4.21                   | 4.91 | 2.04     |                             | 21%                                  | 25%  | 10%      |
| Graphite  | Without recycling              | 5.11                   | 6.31 | 2.04     | 1.1                         | 464%                                 | 574% | 186%     |
|           | With recycling                 | 3.48                   | 4.40 | 1.08     |                             | 317%                                 | 400% | 98%      |
|           | With recycling and second life | 4.27                   | 5.57 | 1.37     |                             | 388%                                 | 506% | 125%     |
| Si        | Without recycling              | 0.25                   | 0.10 | 0.10     | 7                           | 4%                                   | 1%   | 1%       |
|           | With recycling                 | 0.19                   | 0.08 | 0.07     |                             | 3%                                   | 1%   | 1%       |
|           | With recycling and second life | 0.22                   | 0.09 | 0.08     |                             | 3%                                   | 1%   | 1%       |

294 **Supplementary Table 10: Annual material demand in 2050 by three battery chemistry**  
295 **scenarios without recycling, with recycling, and with recycling and second life, and 2019**  
296 **global mining production (unit: Mt) in the SD scenario.**

| Materials | Demand sceanrios               | Battery scenarios / Mt |       |          | 2019 annual<br>production /<br>Mt | Demand as percent of 2019 production |       |          |
|-----------|--------------------------------|------------------------|-------|----------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------|----------|
|           |                                | NCX                    | LFP   | Li-S/Air |                                   | NCX                                  | LFP   | Li-S/Air |
| Li        | Without recycling              | 1.33                   | 1.26  | 1.57     | 0.077                             | 1724%                                | 1641% | 2038%    |
|           | With recycling                 | 0.91                   | 0.87  | 1.11     |                                   | 1183%                                | 1133% | 1435%    |
|           | With recycling and second life | 1.23                   | 1.19  | 1.46     |                                   | 1593%                                | 1542% | 1899%    |
| Co        | Without recycling              | 1.25                   | 0.51  | 0.50     | 0.14                              | 894%                                 | 364%  | 358%     |
|           | With recycling                 | 0.74                   | 0.30  | 0.20     |                                   | 527%                                 | 214%  | 141%     |
|           | With recycling and second life | 1.12                   | 0.45  | 0.40     |                                   | 801%                                 | 320%  | 283%     |
| Ni        | Without recycling              | 7.63                   | 3.10  | 3.05     | 2.7                               | 282%                                 | 115%  | 113%     |
|           | With recycling                 | 5.15                   | 2.09  | 1.60     |                                   | 191%                                 | 77%   | 59%      |
|           | With recycling and second life | 7.04                   | 2.83  | 2.59     |                                   | 261%                                 | 105%  | 96%      |
| Mn        | Without recycling              | 0.81                   | 0.33  | 0.33     | 19                                | 4%                                   | 2%    | 2%       |
|           | With recycling                 | 0.49                   | 0.20  | 0.14     |                                   | 3%                                   | 1%    | 1%       |
|           | With recycling and second life | 0.72                   | 0.29  | 0.25     |                                   | 4%                                   | 2%    | 1%       |
| Al        | Without recycling              | 15.27                  | 18.37 | 10.66    | 64                                | 24%                                  | 29%   | 17%      |
|           | With recycling                 | 10.51                  | 12.71 | 6.91     |                                   | 16%                                  | 20%   | 11%      |
|           | With recycling and second life | 13.54                  | 16.47 | 9.22     |                                   | 21%                                  | 26%   | 14%      |
| Cu        | Without recycling              | 10.09                  | 11.28 | 5.44     | 20                                | 50%                                  | 56%   | 27%      |
|           | With recycling                 | 6.97                   | 7.80  | 3.32     |                                   | 35%                                  | 39%   | 17%      |
|           | With recycling and second life | 9.24                   | 10.50 | 4.75     |                                   | 46%                                  | 53%   | 24%      |
| Graphite  | Without recycling              | 10.39                  | 12.84 | 4.16     | 1.1                               | 944%                                 | 1167% | 378%     |
|           | With recycling                 | 6.98                   | 8.82  | 2.15     |                                   | 634%                                 | 802%  | 196%     |
|           | With recycling and second life | 9.55                   | 12.09 | 3.48     |                                   | 868%                                 | 1099% | 317%     |
| Si        | Without recycling              | 0.50                   | 0.20  | 0.20     | 7                                 | 7%                                   | 3%    | 3%       |
|           | With recycling                 | 0.38                   | 0.16  | 0.13     |                                   | 5%                                   | 2%    | 2%       |
|           | With recycling and second life | 0.47                   | 0.19  | 0.18     |                                   | 7%                                   | 3%    | 3%       |

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*Supplementary Table 11: Modelled material compositions of a Li-S (600 Wh/kg) and a Li-Air (1000 Wh/kg) pack used for sensitivity analysis. (unit: kg per battery pack)*

| EV types       | Materials     | Li-Sulphur | Li-Air |
|----------------|---------------|------------|--------|
| Small BEVs     | Li ion        | 0.19       | 0.12   |
|                | Li metal      | 3.62       | 1.69   |
|                | Al            | 16.42      | 9.92   |
|                | Cu            | 6.44       | 0.27   |
|                | Al in modules | 6.86       | 4.18   |
|                | Cu in modules | 6.14       | 0.10   |
| Mid-size BEVs  | Li ion        | 0.39       | 0.24   |
|                | Li metal      | 7.30       | 3.40   |
|                | Al            | 30.20      | 18.25  |
|                | Cu            | 13.33      | 0.77   |
|                | Al in modules | 13.72      | 8.36   |
|                | Cu in modules | 12.53      | 0.29   |
| Large BEVs     | Li ion        | 0.59       | 0.36   |
|                | Li metal      | 11.03      | 5.13   |
|                | Al            | 45.64      | 27.58  |
|                | Cu            | 21.75      | 2.12   |
|                | Al in modules | 20.63      | 12.58  |
|                | Cu in modules | 20.52      | 1.39   |
| Small PHEVs    | Li ion        | 0.10       | 0.06   |
|                | Li metal      | 1.91       | 0.89   |
|                | Al            | 7.26       | 4.39   |
|                | Cu            | 7.52       | 2.62   |
|                | Al in modules | 3.53       | 2.15   |
|                | Cu in modules | 4.37       | 2.62   |
| Mid-size PHEVs | Li ion        | 0.05       | 0.03   |
|                | Li metal      | 0.88       | 0.41   |
|                | Al            | 3.97       | 2.40   |
|                | Cu            | 4.51       | 1.84   |
|                | Al in modules | 1.70       | 1.04   |
|                | Cu in modules | 3.06       | 1.84   |
| Large PHEVs    | Li ion        | 0.07       | 0.04   |
|                | Li metal      | 1.32       | 0.61   |
|                | Al            | 5.48       | 3.31   |
|                | Cu            | 7.26       | 3.05   |
|                | Al in modules | 2.49       | 1.52   |
|                | Cu in modules | 5.08       | 3.05   |

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320 *Supplementary Table 12: Sensitivity analysis of lower battery lifespan (i.e. one EV will use*  
321 *1.5 battery packs on average after 2020, while in the baseline scenario one EV will use 1*  
322 *battery pack after 2020) for cumulative demand for Li, Co, Ni, Mn, Al, Cu, graphite, and Si*  
323 *in 2020-2050 without recycling, compared to global known reserves in 2019 (unit: Mt). \**  
324 *Yearend production capacity for Al reserve. † Si reserves are not available, but ample for*  
325 *use. Known reserves in 2019 are referred from USGS<sup>16</sup>.*

| Materials | STEP scenario,<br>NCX scenario | STEP scenario,<br>NCX scenario,<br>with lower<br>battery lifespan | SD scenario,<br>NCX scenario | SD scenario,<br>NCX scenario,<br>with lower<br>battery lifespan | Known reserves<br>in 2019 |
|-----------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Li        | 7.8                            | 8.8                                                               | 16.0                         | 18.1                                                            | 17                        |
| Co        | 8.1                            | 9.2                                                               | 16.8                         | 18.9                                                            | 7                         |
| Ni        | 43.0                           | 49.0                                                              | 88.9                         | 100.6                                                           | 89                        |
| Mn        | 5.2                            | 5.8                                                               | 10.6                         | 12.0                                                            | 810                       |
| Al        | 89.3                           | 101.6                                                             | 183.8                        | 207.6                                                           | 77.9*                     |
| Cu        | 59.8                           | 68.1                                                              | 121.0                        | 136.9                                                           | 870                       |
| Graphite  | 62.4                           | 70.9                                                              | 128.8                        | 145.3                                                           | 300                       |
| Si        | 2.4                            | 2.8                                                               | 5.0                          | 5.7                                                             | Ample†                    |

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327 *Supplementary Table 13: Compiled EPA car size class<sup>17</sup> used in this study. Note here small*  
328 *cars include two-Seaters, minicompact sedans, subcompact sedans, and compact sedans by*  
329 *the EPA car size class. Large cars include large sedans, small station wagons, SUVs, and*  
330 *vans by the EPA car size class.*

| Class    | Passenger & Cargo Volume (Cu. Ft.) |
|----------|------------------------------------|
| Small    | < 110                              |
| Mid-size | 110 to 119                         |
| Large    | > 119                              |

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332 *Supplementary Table 14: Summary of capacity of the cathode and anode of battery*  
333 *chemistry as input to the BatPaC model. The majority of cathode and anode capacity are*  
334 *kept as defaults in the BatPaC model<sup>3</sup>, unless otherwise based on Supplementary Tables 18,*  
335 *19, and 20 or references. We use composite graphite anode with 9 wt% Si to represent*  
336 *Graphite (Si) anode in this table, and its capacity is from<sup>18</sup>.*

| Battery chemistry    | Cathode                                                                                                      | Cathode capacity<br>(mAh/g) | Anode         | Anode capacity<br>(mAh/g) |
|----------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------|---------------------------|
| LFP                  | LiFePO <sub>4</sub>                                                                                          | 150                         | Graphite      | 360                       |
| NCA                  | LiNi <sub>0.8</sub> OC <sub>0.15</sub> Al <sub>0.05</sub> O <sub>2</sub>                                     | 200                         | Graphite      | 360                       |
| NCM111               | Li <sub>1.05</sub> (Ni <sub>1/3</sub> Mn <sub>1/3</sub> Co <sub>1/3</sub> ) <sub>0.95</sub> O <sub>2</sub>   | 155                         | Graphite      | 360                       |
| NCM523               | Li <sub>1.05</sub> (Ni <sub>0.5</sub> Mn <sub>0.3</sub> Co <sub>0.2</sub> ) <sub>0.95</sub> O <sub>2</sub>   | 158                         | Graphite      | 360                       |
| NCM622               | Li <sub>1.05</sub> (Ni <sub>0.6</sub> Mn <sub>0.2</sub> Co <sub>0.2</sub> ) <sub>0.95</sub> O <sub>2</sub>   | 180                         | Graphite      | 360                       |
| NCM622-Graphite (Si) | Li <sub>1.05</sub> (Ni <sub>0.6</sub> Mn <sub>0.2</sub> Co <sub>0.2</sub> ) <sub>0.95</sub> O <sub>2</sub>   | 180                         | Graphite (Si) | 517 <sup>18</sup>         |
| NCM811-Graphite (Si) | Li <sub>1.05</sub> (Ni <sub>0.8</sub> Mn <sub>0.1</sub> Co <sub>0.1</sub> ) <sub>0.95</sub> O <sub>2</sub>   | 191                         | Graphite (Si) | 517 <sup>18</sup>         |
| NCM955-Graphite (Si) | Li <sub>1.05</sub> (Ni <sub>0.9</sub> Mn <sub>0.05</sub> Co <sub>0.05</sub> ) <sub>0.95</sub> O <sub>2</sub> | 211                         | Graphite (Si) | 517 <sup>18</sup>         |

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338 *Supplementary Table 15: The minimum, most likely, and maximum lifespans of EVs from*  
339 *2005 to 2050 as input to the calculation of shape and scale parameters of Weibull lifespan*  
340 *distribution of EVs (unit: year, expect for shape and scale parameters). Also see*  
341 *Supplementary Figure 21 below.*

| Period    | Minimum lifespan, a | Most likely lifespan, d | Maximum lifespan, c | Shape parameter, $\alpha$ | Scale parameter, $\beta$ |
|-----------|---------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| 2005-2050 | 1                   | 15                      | 20                  | 6.3                       | 14.4                     |

342 *Supplementary Table 16: Assumptions of battery replacement rate, based on the*  
343 *assumptions of EV and battery lifespan distribution (Supplementary Tables 10 and 11).*  
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| Period    | Battery replacement rate |
|-----------|--------------------------|
| 2005-2019 | 50%                      |
| 2020-2050 | 0%                       |

345 *Supplementary Table 17: Review of cathode capacity of NCM523 (unit: mAh/g). We use the*  
346 *average number in this table as input into the BatPaC model to calculate battery material*  
347 *compositions of NCM523 chemistry.*  
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| References         | Cathode capacity of NCM523 |
|--------------------|----------------------------|
| Ref1 <sup>19</sup> | 157                        |
| Ref2 <sup>20</sup> | 164                        |
| Ref3 <sup>21</sup> | 150                        |
| Ref3 <sup>21</sup> | 142                        |
| Ref3 <sup>21</sup> | 175                        |
| Average            | 158                        |

349 *Supplementary Table 18: Review of cathode capacity of NCM811 (unit: mAh/g). We use the*  
350 *average number in this table as input into the BatPaC model to calculate battery material*  
351 *compositions of NCM811-Graphite (Si).*  
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| References         | Cathode capacity of NCM811 |
|--------------------|----------------------------|
| Ref1 <sup>22</sup> | 207                        |
| Ref2 <sup>19</sup> | 200                        |
| Ref3 <sup>21</sup> | 194                        |
| Ref3 <sup>21</sup> | 185                        |
| Ref3 <sup>21</sup> | 178                        |
| Ref3 <sup>21</sup> | 186                        |
| Ref3 <sup>21</sup> | 188                        |
| Ref3 <sup>21</sup> | 193                        |
| Ref4 <sup>23</sup> | 192                        |
| Average            | 191                        |

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357 *Supplementary Table 19: Review of cathode capacity of NCM955 (unit: mAh/g). We use the*  
358 *average number in this table as input into the BatPaC model to calculate battery material*  
359 *compositions of NCM955-Graphite (Si).*

| References         | Cathode capacity of NCM955 |
|--------------------|----------------------------|
| Ref1 <sup>21</sup> | 205                        |
| Ref2 <sup>23</sup> | 217                        |
| Average            | 211                        |

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361 *Supplementary Table 20: Reference chemistry and changing parameters as input to the*  
362 *BatPaC model for the calculation of the material compositions of the non-existing battery*  
363 *chemistries in the BatPaC model. Here we assume a linear growth for open circuit voltage*  
364 *(OCV) at different levels of battery state of charge (SOC) from NCM523, to NCM622-*  
365 *Graphite (Si), to NCM811- Graphite (Si), to NCM955- Graphite (Si). The OCV of NCM523*  
366 *= the average of OCV(NCM111) and OCV(NCM622) in the BatPaC model. The OCV of*  
367 *NCM622-Graphite (Si) = OCV(NCM622) – 0.076 (see Supplementary Note 1 for the*  
368 *assuming average voltage difference between graphite (Si) anode and graphite anode).*  
369 *Similarly, the OCV of NCM811-Graphite (Si) = 2\*OCV(NCM622) – OCV(NCM523) –*  
370 *0.076. The OCV of NCM955-Graphite (Si) = 2\*OCV(NCM811-Graphite (Si)) –*  
371 *OCV(NCM622-Graphite (Si)). Cathode capacity is from Supplementary Table 21. The Li,*  
372 *Ni, Co, and Mn contents in the cathode active material are calculated by the stoichiometry*  
373 *of battery cathode shown in the Supplementary Table 21.*

| Battery chemistry        | NCM523      | NCM622-Graphite (Si) | NCM811-Graphite (Si) | NCM955-Graphite (Si) |
|--------------------------|-------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Reference chemistry      | NCM111      | NCM622               | NCM622               | NCM622               |
| Cathode capacity (mAh/g) | 158         | 180                  | 191                  | 211                  |
| Anode capacity (mAh/g)   | 360         | 517                  | 517                  | 517                  |
| OCV at 20% SOC (V)       | 3.5405      | 3.489                | 3.5135               | 3.538                |
| OCV at 50% SOC (V)       | 3.7105      | 3.674                | 3.7135               | 3.753                |
| OCV at 80% SOC (V)       | 3.95        | 3.924                | 3.974                | 4.024                |
| OCV at 100% SOC (V)      | 4.15        | 4.124                | 4.174                | 4.224                |
| Li (g/g active material) | 0.07751513  | 0.077221916          | 0.076949595          | 0.076813626          |
| Ni (g/g active material) | 0.296520724 | 0.354478904          | 0.470971788          | 0.528915777          |
| Co (g/g active material) | 0.119093288 | 0.118642798          | 0.059112203          | 0.031060614          |
| Mn (g/g active material) | 0.166530137 | 0.11060014           | 0.055105055          | 0.027508722          |

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375 *Supplementary Table 21: Review of the specific energy of Li-S chemistry on cell level (unit:*  
376 *Wh/kg).*

| References         | Battery shape | Specific energy | Technology readiness |
|--------------------|---------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| Ref1 <sup>24</sup> |               | 400             |                      |
| Ref2 <sup>25</sup> |               | 370             |                      |
| Ref3 <sup>26</sup> |               | 300-620         | R&D                  |
| Ref4 <sup>27</sup> | Pouch         | 300-400         |                      |
| Ref4 <sup>27</sup> | Pouch         | 500-600         | R&D                  |
| Ref5 <sup>28</sup> |               | 400-620         |                      |
| Ref6 <sup>24</sup> | Pouch         | 350-400         | Commercial           |
| Ref7 <sup>29</sup> | Pouch         | 300             | Lab                  |

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380 *Supplementary Table 22: Review of the specific energy of Li-Air chemistry on cell level*  
381 *(unit: Wh/kg).*

| References         | Battery shape    | Specific energy | Technology readiness |
|--------------------|------------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| Ref1 <sup>24</sup> |                  | 1700            |                      |
| Ref2 <sup>25</sup> |                  | 1700            |                      |
| Ref3 <sup>26</sup> |                  | 500-900         |                      |
| Ref4 <sup>30</sup> | Pouch            | 362             | R&D                  |
| Ref5 <sup>31</sup> |                  | 520             |                      |
| Ref6 <sup>32</sup> | Coin             | 1000            |                      |
| Ref7 <sup>33</sup> | Folded structure | 1214            |                      |
| Ref8 <sup>28</sup> |                  | 500-1000        |                      |

382 *Supplementary Table 23: EV battery material compositions on pack level calculated by the BatPaC model (unit: kg per battery pack). Note the material*  
383 *compositions of Li-S and Li-Air are calculated based on literature and report data.*

| EV types      | Materials | LFP    | NCA   | NCM111 | NCM523 | NCM622 | NCM622-Gra<br>phite (Si) | NCM811-Gra<br>phite (Si) | NCM955-Gra<br>phite (Si) | Li-Sulphur | Li-Air |
|---------------|-----------|--------|-------|--------|--------|--------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|------------|--------|
| Small BEVs    | Li ion    | 3.29   | 3.40  | 4.68   | 4.54   | 3.94   | 4.00                     | 3.72                     | 3.33                     | 0.29       | 0.23   |
|               | Li metal  | 0.00   | 0.00  | 0.00   | 0.00   | 0.00   | 0.00                     | 0.00                     | 0.00                     | 5.44       | 3.37   |
|               | Ni        | 0.00   | 21.97 | 11.50  | 16.73  | 17.38  | 17.74                    | 21.97                    | 22.10                    | 0.00       | 0.00   |
|               | Co        | 0.00   | 4.14  | 11.55  | 6.72   | 5.82   | 5.94                     | 2.76                     | 1.30                     | 0.00       | 0.00   |
|               | Mn        | 0.00   | 0.00  | 10.77  | 9.40   | 5.42   | 5.53                     | 2.57                     | 1.15                     | 0.00       | 0.00   |
|               | Al        | 58.66  | 45.71 | 49.02  | 48.42  | 46.33  | 44.33                    | 43.23                    | 42.23                    | 24.63      | 19.83  |
|               | Cu        | 29.14  | 24.51 | 26.74  | 26.29  | 24.71  | 24.97                    | 24.16                    | 23.88                    | 9.66       | 0.55   |
|               | Graphite  | 39.18  | 35.30 | 36.19  | 35.74  | 34.95  | 23.58                    | 23.17                    | 22.67                    | 0.00       | 0.00   |
|               | Si        | 0.00   | 0.00  | 0.00   | 0.00   | 0.00   | 2.33                     | 2.29                     | 2.24                     | 0.00       | 0.00   |
| Mid-size BEVs | Li        | 6.62   | 6.84  | 9.43   | 9.14   | 7.94   | 8.06                     | 7.49                     | 6.72                     | 0.58       | 0.47   |
|               | Li metal  | 0.00   | 0.00  | 0.00   | 0.00   | 0.00   | 0.00                     | 0.00                     | 0.00                     | 10.95      | 6.79   |
|               | Ni        | 0.00   | 44.26 | 23.18  | 33.71  | 35.00  | 35.73                    | 44.26                    | 44.51                    | 0.00       | 0.00   |
|               | Co        | 0.00   | 8.33  | 23.27  | 13.54  | 11.71  | 11.96                    | 5.55                     | 2.61                     | 0.00       | 0.00   |
|               | Mn        | 0.00   | 0.00  | 21.70  | 18.93  | 10.92  | 11.15                    | 5.18                     | 2.32                     | 0.00       | 0.00   |
|               | Al        | 106.87 | 83.41 | 87.69  | 86.68  | 84.12  | 80.35                    | 78.98                    | 77.11                    | 45.30      | 36.50  |
|               | Cu        | 56.33  | 49.16 | 49.70  | 49.17  | 48.54  | 49.08                    | 48.58                    | 48.03                    | 20.00      | 1.53   |
|               | Graphite  | 78.84  | 70.93 | 72.79  | 71.87  | 70.24  | 47.39                    | 46.55                    | 45.55                    | 0.00       | 0.00   |
|               | Si        | 0.00   | 0.00  | 0.00   | 0.00   | 0.00   | 4.69                     | 4.60                     | 4.51                     | 0.00       | 0.00   |
| Large BEVs    | Li        | 10.01  | 10.34 | 14.24  | 13.81  | 11.99  | 12.17                    | 11.32                    | 10.15                    | 0.88       | 0.71   |

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|----------------|----------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-------|-------|
|                | Li metal | 0.00   | 0.00   | 0.00   | 0.00   | 0.00   | 0.00   | 0.00   | 0.00   | 16.54 | 10.27 |
|                | Ni       | 0.00   | 66.86  | 35.02  | 50.93  | 52.88  | 53.97  | 66.86  | 67.25  | 0.00  | 0.00  |
|                | Co       | 0.00   | 12.59  | 35.16  | 20.46  | 17.70  | 18.06  | 8.39   | 3.95   | 0.00  | 0.00  |
|                | Mn       | 0.00   | 0.00   | 32.78  | 28.60  | 16.50  | 16.84  | 7.82   | 3.50   | 0.00  | 0.00  |
|                | Al       | 162.87 | 127.52 | 134.00 | 132.45 | 128.57 | 122.92 | 120.86 | 118.01 | 68.46 | 55.16 |
|                | Cu       | 92.60  | 80.24  | 81.37  | 80.50  | 79.37  | 79.90  | 79.05  | 78.09  | 32.63 | 4.25  |
|                | Graphite | 119.32 | 107.42 | 110.22 | 108.83 | 106.37 | 71.77  | 70.51  | 69.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  |
|                | Si       | 0.00   | 0.00   | 0.00   | 0.00   | 0.00   | 7.10   | 6.97   | 6.82   | 0.00  | 0.00  |
| Small PHEVs    | Li       | 1.74   | 1.79   | 2.47   | 2.39   | 2.08   | 2.11   | 1.96   | 1.76   | 0.15  | 0.12  |
|                | Li metal | 0.00   | 0.00   | 0.00   | 0.00   | 0.00   | 0.00   | 0.00   | 0.00   | 2.86  | 1.78  |
|                | Ni       | 0.00   | 11.56  | 6.05   | 8.80   | 9.14   | 9.33   | 11.56  | 11.63  | 0.00  | 0.00  |
|                | Co       | 0.00   | 2.18   | 6.08   | 3.53   | 3.06   | 3.12   | 1.45   | 0.68   | 0.00  | 0.00  |
|                | Mn       | 0.00   | 0.00   | 5.66   | 4.94   | 2.85   | 2.91   | 1.35   | 0.60   | 0.00  | 0.00  |
|                | Al       | 35.16  | 21.27  | 26.66  | 26.32  | 21.82  | 20.95  | 20.38  | 19.59  | 10.89 | 8.78  |
|                | Cu       | 34.72  | 24.49  | 25.98  | 25.65  | 24.76  | 25.30  | 24.74  | 24.02  | 11.27 | 5.24  |
|                | Graphite | 20.47  | 18.48  | 18.95  | 18.72  | 18.30  | 12.34  | 12.13  | 11.87  | 0.00  | 0.00  |
|                | Si       | 0.00   | 0.00   | 0.00   | 0.00   | 0.00   | 1.22   | 1.20   | 1.17   | 0.00  | 0.00  |
| Mid-size PHEVs | Li       | 0.81   | 0.83   | 1.13   | 1.10   | 0.96   | 0.97   | 0.90   | 0.81   | 0.07  | 0.06  |
|                | Li metal | 0.00   | 0.00   | 0.00   | 0.00   | 0.00   | 0.00   | 0.00   | 0.00   | 1.31  | 0.82  |
|                | Ni       | 0.00   | 5.30   | 2.77   | 4.04   | 4.19   | 4.28   | 5.30   | 5.33   | 0.00  | 0.00  |
|                | Co       | 0.00   | 1.00   | 2.79   | 1.62   | 1.40   | 1.43   | 0.66   | 0.31   | 0.00  | 0.00  |
|                | Mn       | 0.00   | 0.00   | 2.60   | 2.27   | 1.31   | 1.33   | 0.62   | 0.28   | 0.00  | 0.00  |
|                | Al       | 23.16  | 15.10  | 15.59  | 15.40  | 15.01  | 12.41  | 12.30  | 12.23  | 5.95  | 4.79  |

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|-------------|----------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
|             | Cu       | 29.89 | 20.06 | 20.05 | 19.82 | 19.63 | 20.37 | 20.32 | 20.35 | 6.76  | 3.67 |
|             | Graphite | 9.43  | 8.55  | 8.77  | 8.66  | 8.46  | 5.71  | 5.61  | 5.49  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
|             | Si       | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.56  | 0.55  | 0.54  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| Large PHEVs | Li       | 1.21  | 1.24  | 1.71  | 1.66  | 1.44  | 1.46  | 1.36  | 1.22  | 0.11  | 0.09 |
|             | Li metal | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 1.98  | 1.23 |
|             | Ni       | 0.00  | 7.99  | 4.18  | 6.09  | 6.32  | 6.45  | 7.99  | 8.04  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
|             | Co       | 0.00  | 1.50  | 4.20  | 2.44  | 2.11  | 2.16  | 1.00  | 0.47  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
|             | Mn       | 0.00  | 0.00  | 3.92  | 3.42  | 1.97  | 2.01  | 0.93  | 0.42  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
|             | Al       | 35.69 | 20.27 | 21.45 | 21.17 | 20.16 | 19.75 | 19.56 | 19.41 | 8.23  | 6.63 |
|             | Cu       | 44.74 | 30.21 | 30.86 | 30.52 | 29.50 | 30.42 | 30.39 | 30.45 | 10.90 | 6.10 |
|             | Graphite | 14.18 | 12.84 | 13.17 | 13.01 | 12.72 | 8.58  | 8.42  | 8.24  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
|             | Si       | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.85  | 0.83  | 0.82  | 0.00  | 0.00 |

384 *Supplementary Table 24: Comparisons of three EV battery recycling technologies by*  
385 *recycled material type, recycling efficiency, and the quality of recovered materials, where*  
386 *mechanical recycling is especially for the recovery of Li metal (a different form compared*  
387 *to Li ion in chemicals), Al, and Cu form Li-S and Li-Air chemistry. Numbers in the table*  
388 *show the material recycling efficiencies. The different colors show the feasibility of*  
389 *recovered materials reused in new batteries production (i.e. closed-loop recycling). Yellow*  
390 *color indicates the economic feasibility of closed-loop recycling is in question, but maybe*  
391 *become potentially economical with future technology development and price fluctuance of*  
392 *recovered materials. Pyro and hydro recycling are already commercially available, while*  
393 *direct recycling and mechanical recycling marked with star (\*) are in still lab-scale*  
394 *development.*

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| Technology  | Li  | Ni  | Co  | Mn  | Al  | Cu  | Graphite | Si  |  |                        |
|-------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----------|-----|--|------------------------|
| Pyro        | 90% | 98% | 98% | 90% | 0%  | 90% | 0%       | 0%  |  | Not present            |
| Hydro       | 90% | 98% | 98% | 98% | 90% | 90% | 90%      | 90% |  | Lost                   |
| Direct*     | 90% | 90% | 90% | 90% | 90% | 90% | 90%      | 90% |  | Potentially economical |
| Mechanical* | 90% |     |     |     | 90% | 90% |          |     |  | Eonomical              |

396     *Supplementary Table 25: Material compositions of a BEV battery with 110 kWh capacity used for sensitivity analysis. (unit: kg per battery pack)*

| EV types                     | Materials     | LFP    | NCA    | NCM111 | NCM523 | NCM622 | NCM622-Grap<br>hite (Si) | NCM811-Grap<br>hite (Si) | NCM955-Grap<br>hite (Si) | Li-Sulphur | Li-Air |
|------------------------------|---------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|------------|--------|
| BEV with<br>110 kWh capacity | Li ion        | 10.98  | 11.35  | 15.63  | 15.16  | 13.16  | 13.36                    | 12.42                    | 11.13                    | 0.96       | 0.78   |
|                              | Li metal      | 0.00   | 0.00   | 0.00   | 0.00   | 0.00   | 0.00                     | 0.00                     | 0.00                     | 18.15      | 11.26  |
|                              | Ni            | 0.00   | 73.36  | 38.42  | 55.88  | 58.02  | 59.22                    | 73.36                    | 73.79                    | 0.00       | 0.00   |
|                              | Co            | 0.00   | 13.81  | 38.58  | 22.45  | 19.42  | 19.82                    | 9.21                     | 4.33                     | 0.00       | 0.00   |
|                              | Mn            | 0.00   | 0.00   | 35.97  | 31.39  | 18.10  | 18.48                    | 8.58                     | 3.84                     | 0.00       | 0.00   |
|                              | Al            | 172.79 | 135.08 | 141.95 | 140.31 | 136.19 | 130.17                   | 127.98                   | 124.94                   | 75.12      | 60.53  |
|                              | Cu            | 99.58  | 86.46  | 87.62  | 86.66  | 85.42  | 86.01                    | 85.07                    | 84.02                    | 35.80      | 4.66   |
|                              | Graphite      | 130.80 | 117.71 | 120.79 | 119.27 | 116.56 | 78.64                    | 77.26                    | 75.60                    | 0.00       | 0.00   |
|                              | Si            | 0.00   | 0.00   | 0.00   | 0.00   | 0.00   | 7.78                     | 7.64                     | 7.48                     | 0.00       | 0.00   |
|                              | Al in modules | 85.70  | 66.31  | 69.31  | 68.54  | 66.54  | 64.01                    | 62.84                    | 61.37                    | 33.96      | 27.60  |
|                              | Cu in modules | 95.86  | 83.15  | 84.30  | 83.38  | 82.18  | 82.70                    | 81.80                    | 80.78                    | 33.78      | 3.04   |

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408 *Supplementary Table 26: Material compositions of a PHEV battery with 10 kWh capacity used for sensitivity analysis. (unit: kg per battery pack)*

| EV types                     | Materials     | LFP   | NCA   | NCM111 | NCM523 | NCM622 | NCM622-Grap<br>hite (Si) | NCM811-Grap<br>hite (Si) | NCM955-Grap<br>hite (Si) | Li-Sulphur | Li-Air |
|------------------------------|---------------|-------|-------|--------|--------|--------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|------------|--------|
| PHEV with<br>10 kWh capacity | Li ion        | 1.01  | 1.04  | 1.42   | 1.38   | 1.20   | 1.22                     | 1.13                     | 1.02                     | 0.09       | 0.07   |
|                              | Li metal      | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00   | 0.00   | 0.00   | 0.00                     | 0.00                     | 0.00                     | 1.65       | 1.02   |
|                              | Ni            | 0.00  | 6.66  | 3.49   | 5.07   | 5.27   | 5.37                     | 6.66                     | 6.70                     | 0.00       | 0.00   |
|                              | Co            | 0.00  | 1.25  | 3.50   | 2.04   | 1.76   | 1.80                     | 0.84                     | 0.39                     | 0.00       | 0.00   |
|                              | Mn            | 0.00  | 0.00  | 3.26   | 2.85   | 1.64   | 1.68                     | 0.78                     | 0.35                     | 0.00       | 0.00   |
|                              | Al            | 29.81 | 16.90 | 17.27  | 17.13  | 16.86  | 16.45                    | 16.29                    | 16.14                    | 6.28       | 5.07   |
|                              | Cu            | 34.74 | 23.03 | 22.70  | 22.67  | 22.74  | 23.23                    | 23.22                    | 23.30                    | 6.50       | 3.02   |
|                              | Graphite      | 11.83 | 10.71 | 10.99  | 10.86  | 10.61  | 7.16                     | 7.03                     | 6.88                     | 0.00       | 0.00   |
|                              | Si            | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00   | 0.00   | 0.00   | 0.71                     | 0.70                     | 0.68                     | 0.00       | 0.00   |
|                              | Al in modules | 15.69 | 8.75  | 8.83   | 8.72   | 8.63   | 8.57                     | 8.49                     | 8.46                     | 3.05       | 2.48   |
|                              | Cu in modules | 22.07 | 11.57 | 11.19  | 11.08  | 11.20  | 11.65                    | 11.65                    | 11.80                    | 3.78       | 3.02   |

## 409    **Supplementary Methods**

### 410    **Supplementary Method 1**

411    The probability of Weibull lifespan distribution<sup>34</sup> is given by equation (1):

$$412 \quad f(y) = \begin{cases} \alpha\beta^{-\alpha}(y-a)^{\alpha-1}\exp\left\{-\left(\frac{y-a}{\beta}\right)^{\alpha}\right\} & \text{if } y > a; \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

413    where  $\alpha$  is the shape parameter ( $\alpha > 0$ );  $\beta$  is the scale parameter ( $\beta > 0$ );  $y$  is the year;  
414     $a$  is the minimum lifespan.

415    By assuming the cumulative probability of Weibull lifespan distribution function  
416    between the minimum and the maximum lifespans as 99.7% (based on the normal  
417    distribution), the  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  in the Weibull lifespan distribution can be calculated by  
418    equations (2) and (3)<sup>34</sup>:

$$419 \quad 1 - \exp\left\{-\left(\frac{c-a}{\beta}\right)^{\alpha}\right\} = 99.7\% \quad (2)$$

$$420 \quad d = a + \beta\left(\frac{\alpha-1}{\alpha}\right)^{1/\alpha} \quad (3)$$

421    where  $c$  is the maximum lifespan;  $d$  is the most likely lifespan.

### 422    **Supplementary Method 2**

423    Based on above assumptions on lifespan distributions of EVs and replacement rate  
424    and reuse rate of EV batteries, we calculate the battery flows by equations (4) and (5):

$$425 \quad B_{e,b,out}(y) = B_{e,b,in}(y) - \Delta B_{e,b,stk}(y) \quad (4)$$

$$426 \quad B_{e,b,out}(y) = 1.5 * (B_{e,b,in}(2005) \times \int_{y-2005}^{y-2004} f_E(y)dy + B_{e,b,in}(2006) \times \int_{y-2006}^{y-2005} f_E(y)dy + \dots$$

$$427 \quad + B_{e,b,in}(2019) \times \int_{y-2019}^{y-2018} f_E(y)dy + B_{e,b,in}(2020) \times \int_{y-2020}^{y-2019} f_E(y)dy \dots + B_{e,b,in}(y-1) \times \int_1^2 f_E(y)dy \quad (5)$$

428    where E, B, in, stk, and out are abbreviations of EV, battery, inflow, stock, and  
429    outflow respectively;  $e$  and  $b$  are the categories of EV and battery;  $f_E(y)$  are lifespan  
430    distributions of EVs. 1.5 in the equation (5) refer to battery replacement means one  
431    single EV uses 1.5 battery packs on average during EV lifespan.

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## 433 **Supplementary Notes**

### 434 **Supplementary Note 1**

435 Average battery cell voltage = Average voltage of cathode – average voltage of anode.  
436 Relative to  $\text{Li}^+/\text{Li}$ , the average voltage of graphite (360 mAh/g) and Si are 0.15 V and  
437 0.4 V. The average voltage of the graphite (Si) anode with 517 mAh/g active capacity  
438 can be estimated as  $(360/517)*0.15 + (157/517)*0.4 = 0.226$  (V), based on  
439 assumption of a capacity averaged linear combination of graphite and Si<sup>35</sup>. Therefore,  
440 compared to NCM622-Graphite, the open circuit voltage of NCM622-Graphite (Si)  
441 will be reduced by  $0.226 - 0.15 = 0.076$  (V)<sup>35</sup>.

### 442 **Supplementary Note 2**

443 The cell material compositions of Li-S batteries are obtained from<sup>29</sup>, where required  
444 cell materials are scaled linearly by a factor between cell level energy capacity and  
445 required capacity of BEVs/PHEVs (see Supplementary Tables 2 and 3). The pack  
446 components of Li-S is calculated based on the pack configurations of default NCA  
447 chemistry in the BatPaC model<sup>3</sup>, that is to say the weight ratio of cell components and  
448 pack components, as well as the weight ratios of various components/materials in the  
449 pack configurations for Li-S are assumed equal to the NCA chemistry in the BatPaC  
450 model<sup>3</sup>. Similarly, we also use the same calculation methods for the material  
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