Tesla Market Strategy Analysis

Enhanced with Advanced Analytics

Industrial Engineering Masters Project

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Company Overview

Tesla at a Glance

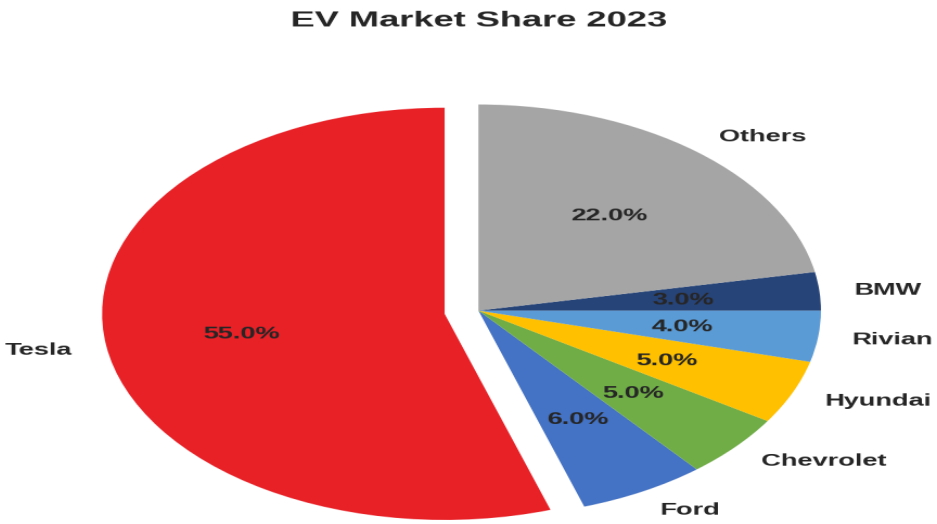
Founded: 2003 by Martin Eberhard and Marc Tarpenning

Mission: Creating fast, fun cars that produce zero emissions

Headquarters: Texas (relocated from California)

Production Milestone: Mass-market vehicles entered full-scale production in 2013

Market Position: Industry leader producing 55% of electric vehicles on the road today



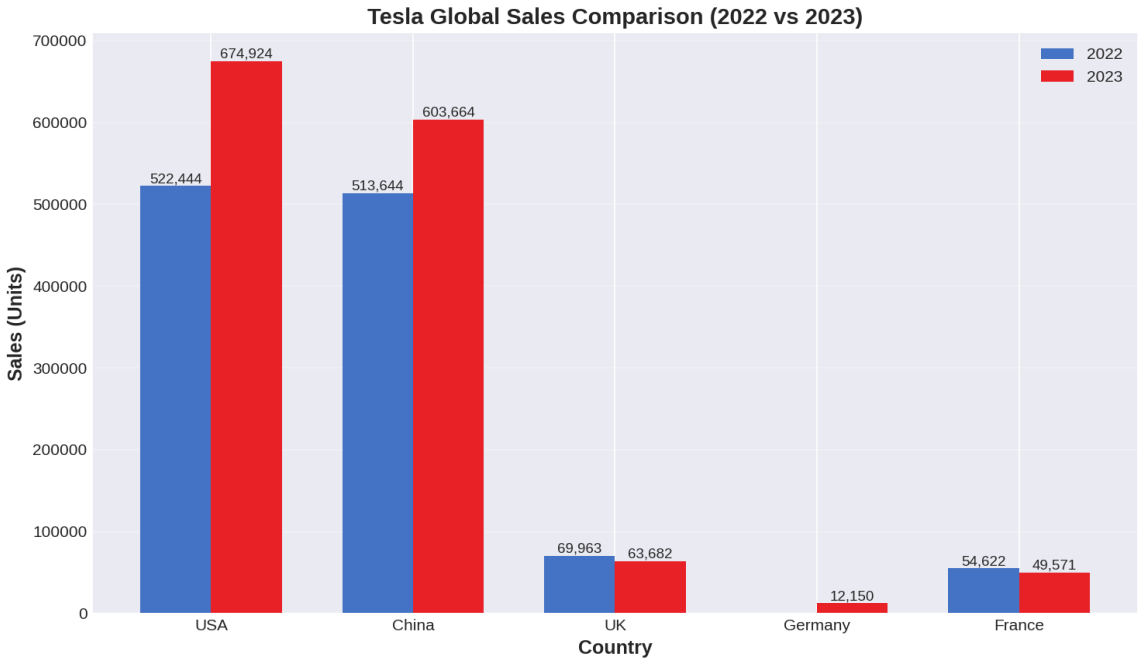
Global Market Context

Tesla's International Performance (2023)

Top Markets:

- **United States:** 674,924 units (Great performance, +29% YoY)
- **China:** 603,664 units (Great performance, +17% YoY)
- **United Kingdom:** 63,682 units (Good performance)
- **Germany:** 12,150 units (Fair performance)

Key Insight: The US has consistently outperformed China year-over-year since 2020, making it Tesla's strongest market.



US State Performance Analysis

Cluster Analysis Results *(Hierarchical clustering)*

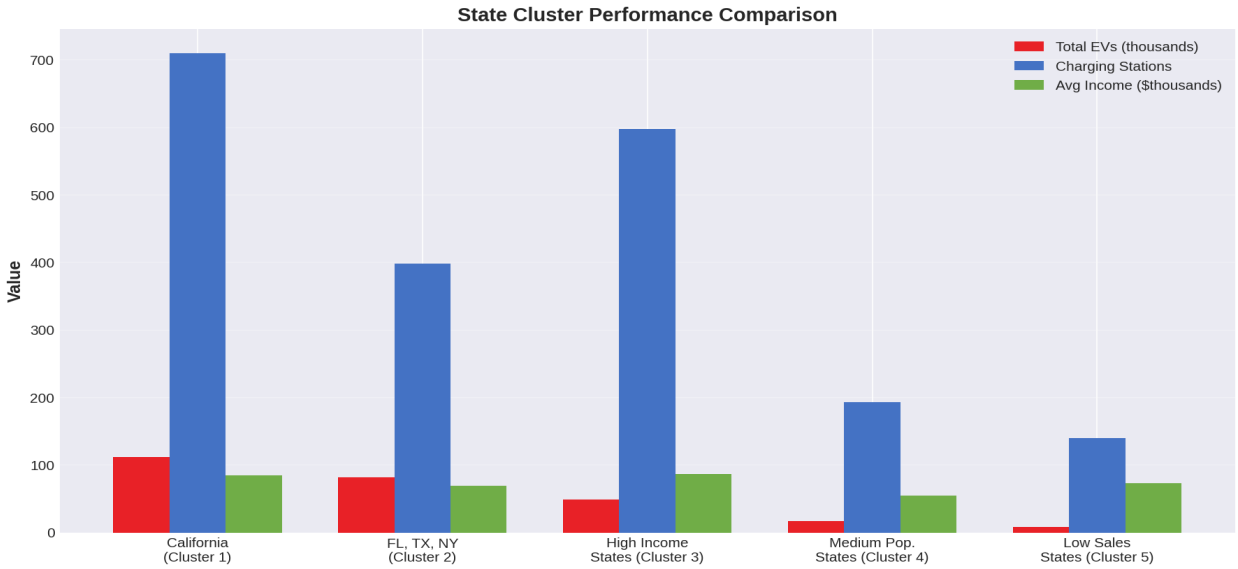
Methodology: States grouped by total EVs, average income, market share, charging stations, and population

Key Findings:

• **Cluster 1 (California):** Highest performer with 710 charging stations

• **Cluster 2 (FL, TX, NY):** Second-best despite lower income

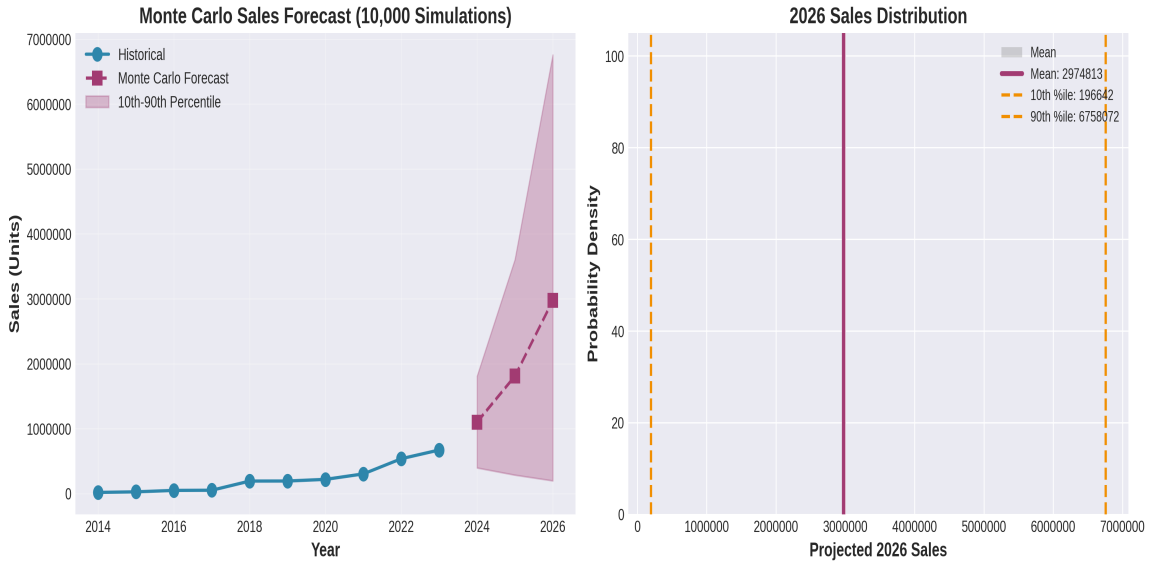
• **Strong Predictors:** Charging stations (R^2=0.94), Population (R^2=0.81)



1. Monte Carlo Sales Forecasting

We conducted 10,000 Monte Carlo simulations to project Tesla's sales through 2026. The simulation uses historical growth rates with their inherent volatility to generate probabilistic forecasts.

Year	Mean	Median	P10	P90	Std Dev
2024	1,100,076	1,100,261	395,251	1,807,434	552,282
2025	1,809,517	1,607,976	284,550	3,604,021	1,356,316
2026	2,974,813	2,255,768	196,642	6,758,072	2,878,923



Sales Correlation Analysis

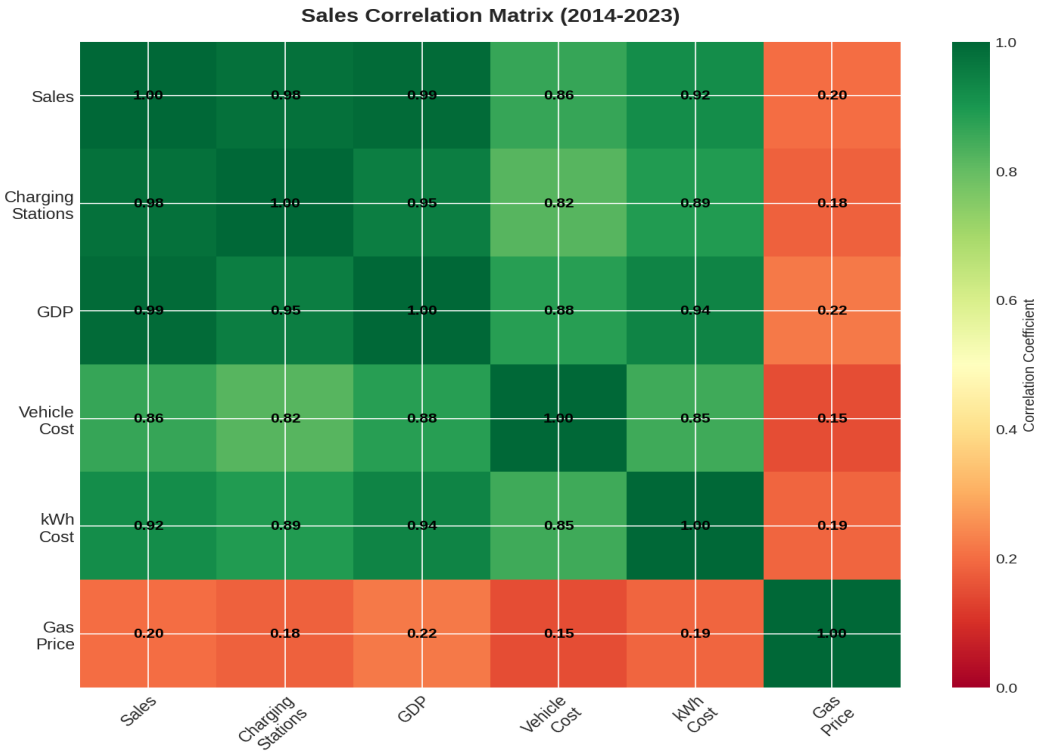
What Drives Tesla Sales? *(2014-2023)*

Strongest Correlations:

• GDP: 0.99 | Charging stations: 0.98 | kWh Cost: 0.92 | Vehicle cost: 0.86

• Gasoline prices: 0.20 (weak - minimal impact)

Key Insight: Economic growth and charging infrastructure are the most reliable predictors of Tesla sales growth.



Sales Forecasting

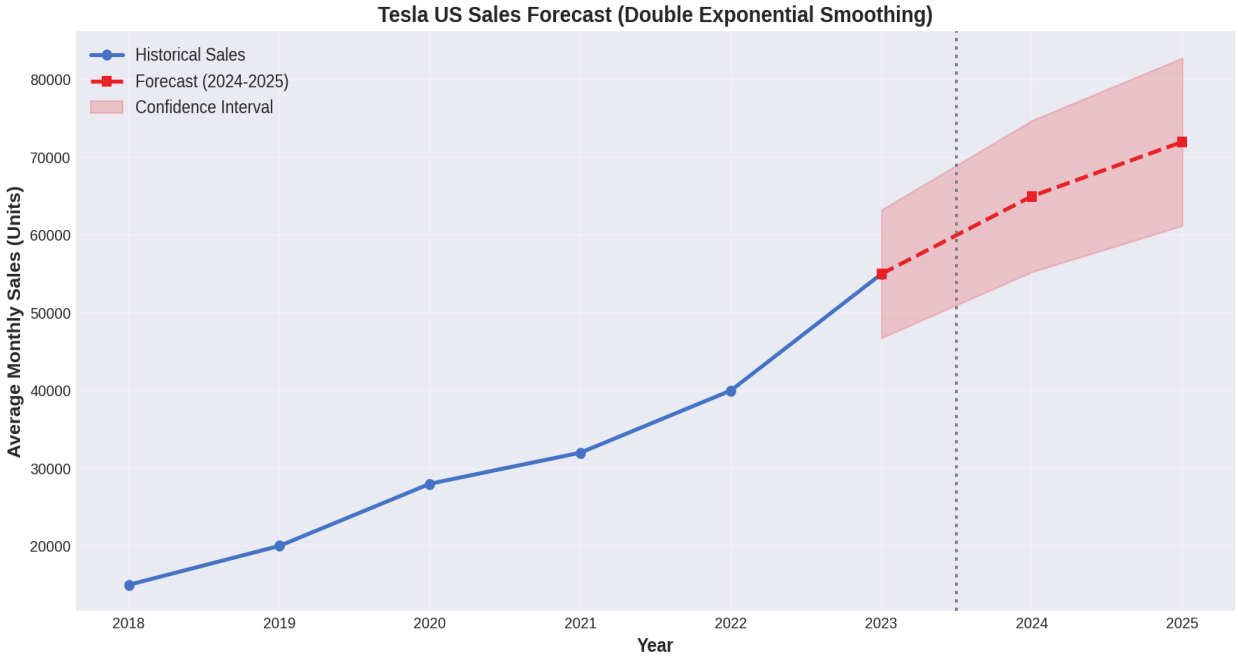
Future Growth Trajectory *(Double exponential smoothing)*

Tesla Forecast: Alpha = 0.6, Beta = 0.1 (optimized for trending data)

• Consistent upward growth projected through 2025

• Expected to reach 70,000+ monthly units by late 2025

Key Insight: Tesla sales growing faster than overall vehicle market, indicating continued EV adoption acceleration

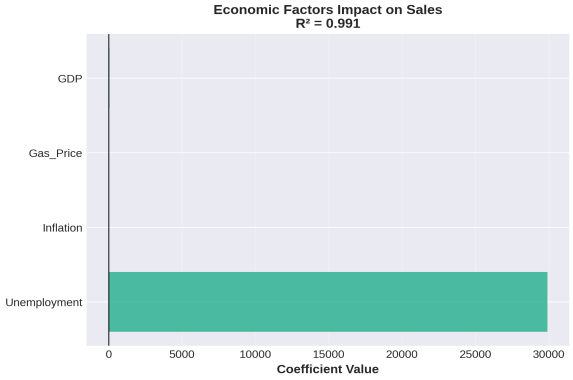


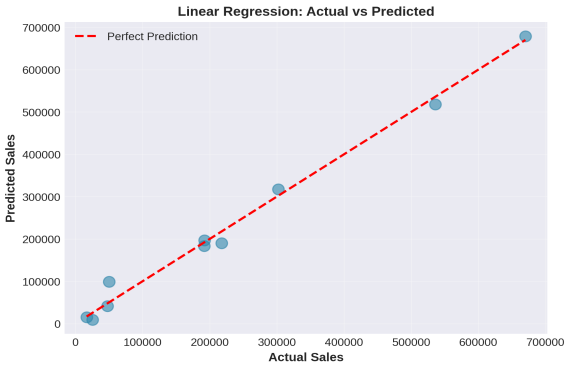
2. Regression Analysis

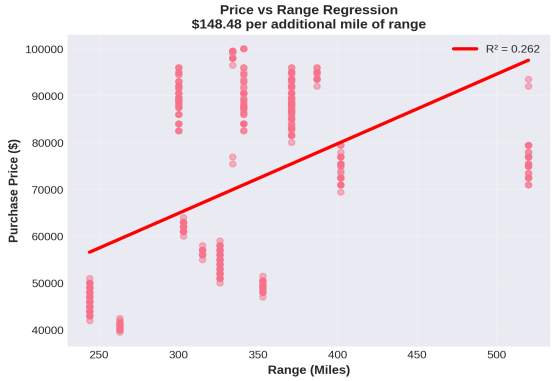
Multiple regression models were developed to understand the relationship between economic factors and Tesla sales. Both linear and polynomial models were evaluated.

Linear Model Performance:
R^2 Score: 0.9907
RMSE: 20,405

Economic Factor Coefficients:
• Unemployment: 29,907.74
• Inflation: 47.73
• Gas_Price: -3.14
• GDP: 60.97







Model Pricing Analysis

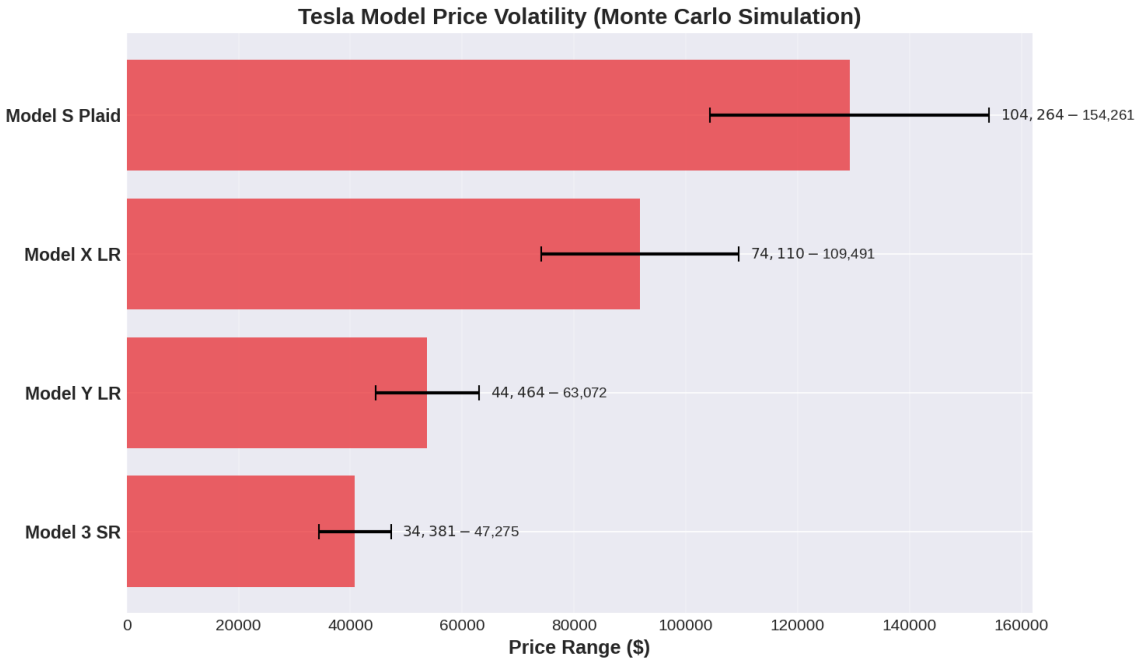
Price Volatility Across Tesla Models

Price Range Forecasts (Monte Carlo Simulation):

• Model 3 SR: $34,381 - $47,275 | Model Y LR: $44,464 - $63,072

• Model X LR: $74,110 - $109,491 | Model S Plaid: $104,264 - $154,261

Patterns: Premium models show high volatility; mass-market models remain stable



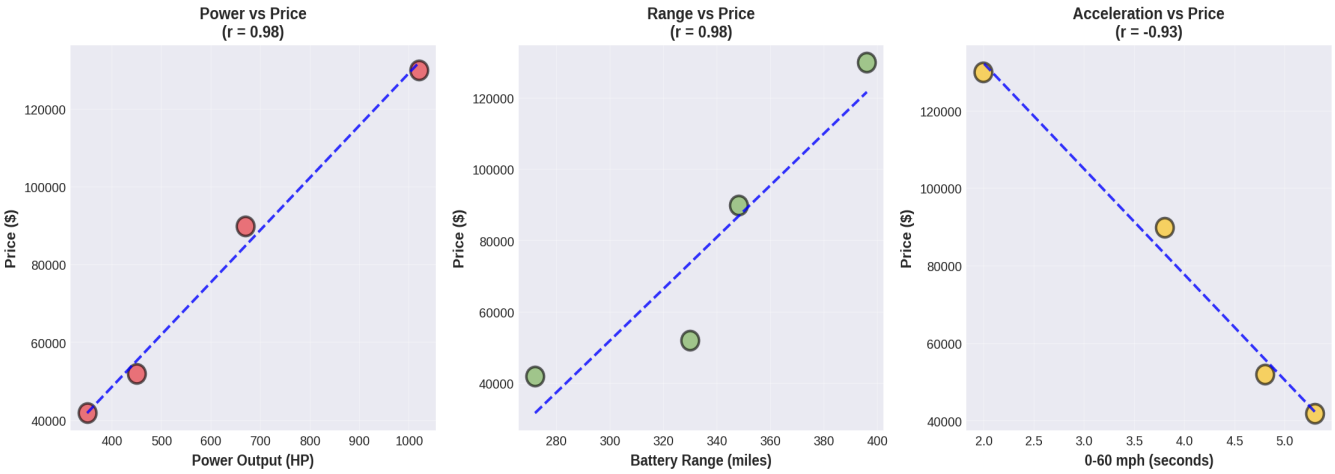
Performance Features Impact

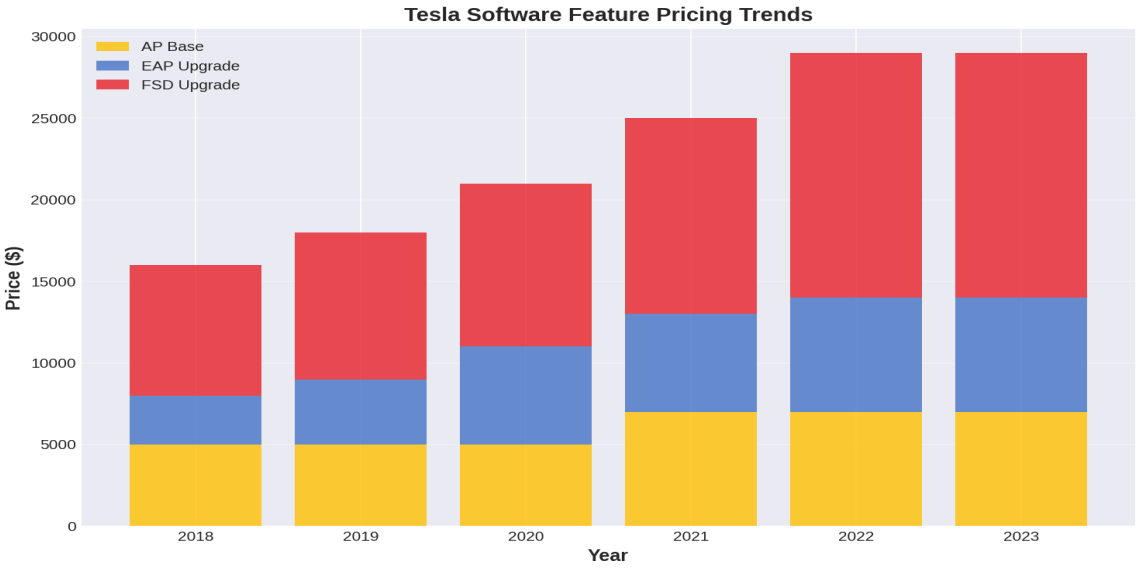
Price Correlation with Vehicle Specifications

Strong Correlations:

• Power Output: 0.98 | Battery Range: 0.98 | Acceleration: -0.93

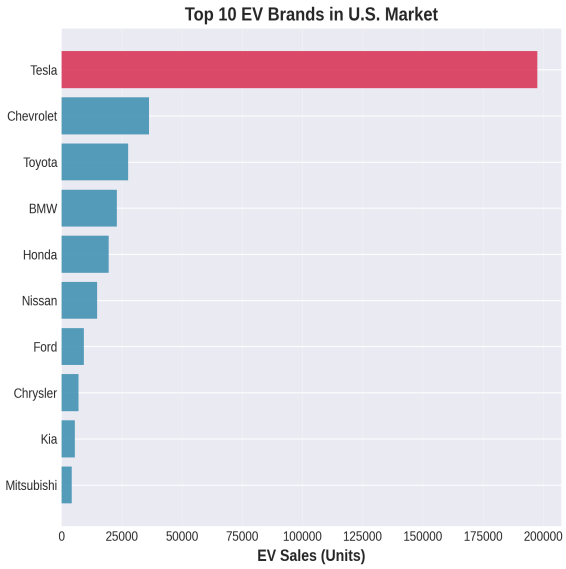
Software Premium: FSD increased from $8,000 (2018) to $15,000 (2023)

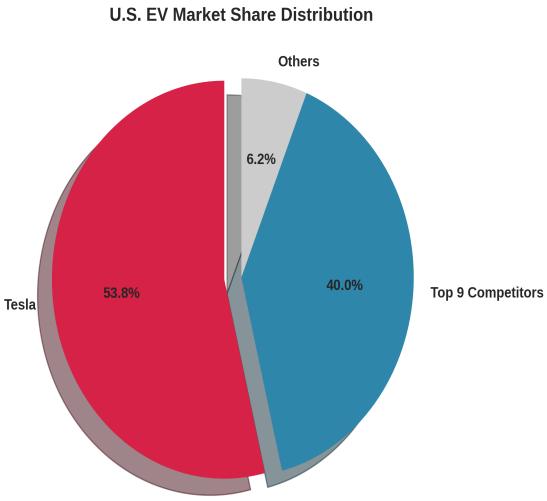




3. Competitive Landscape Analysis

Tesla maintains a dominant position in the U.S. EV market, significantly outpacing traditional automakers who are transitioning to electric vehicles.





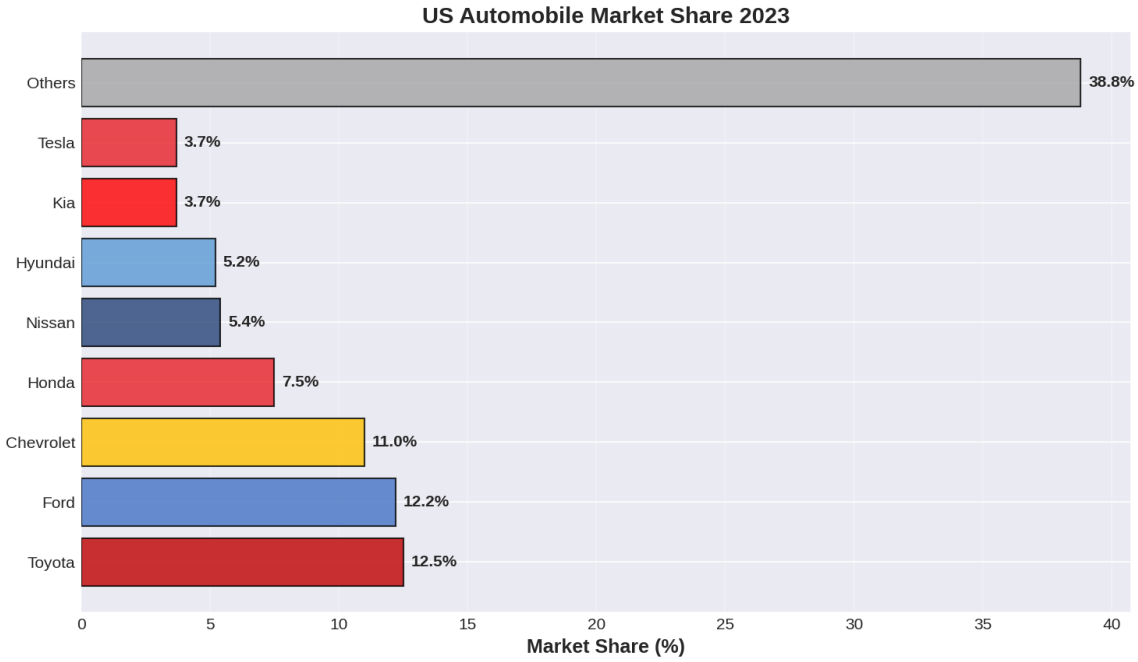
Competitive Landscape

Tesla vs. Traditional Automakers

US Market Share: Toyota (12.5%), Ford (12.2%), Chevrolet (11.0%), Tesla (3.7% overall / 55% EV)

EV Competition: Ford, Chevrolet, Hyundai, Rivian, BMW, Audi, Mercedes

Strategy: Target traditional brand customers with technology, range, and sustainability messaging



4. Risk Assessment

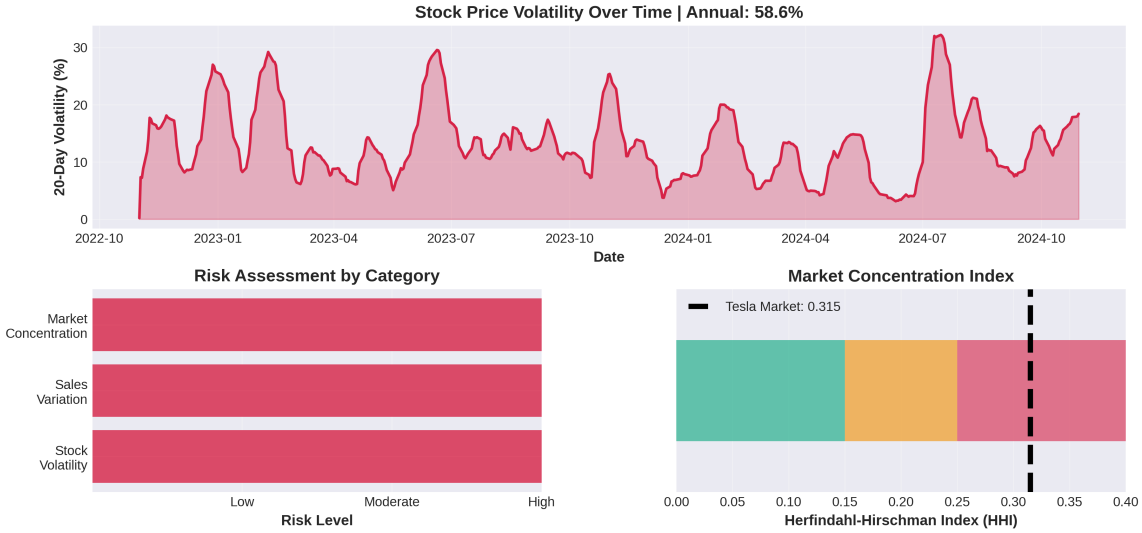
Multi-dimensional risk analysis reveals important considerations for Tesla's strategy:

Stock Volatility: Annual volatility of 58.6% indicates high risk

Sales Variation: Coefficient of variation of 0.992 suggests high risk

Market Concentration: HHI of 0.315 indicates high concentration

Key Risk Factors:
• High market concentration creates winner-take-most dynamics
• Stock price volatility reflects market sentiment
• Economic sensitivity to unemployment and GDP
• Increasing competition from traditional automakers
• Regulatory dependency on EV incentives

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Investment Outlook

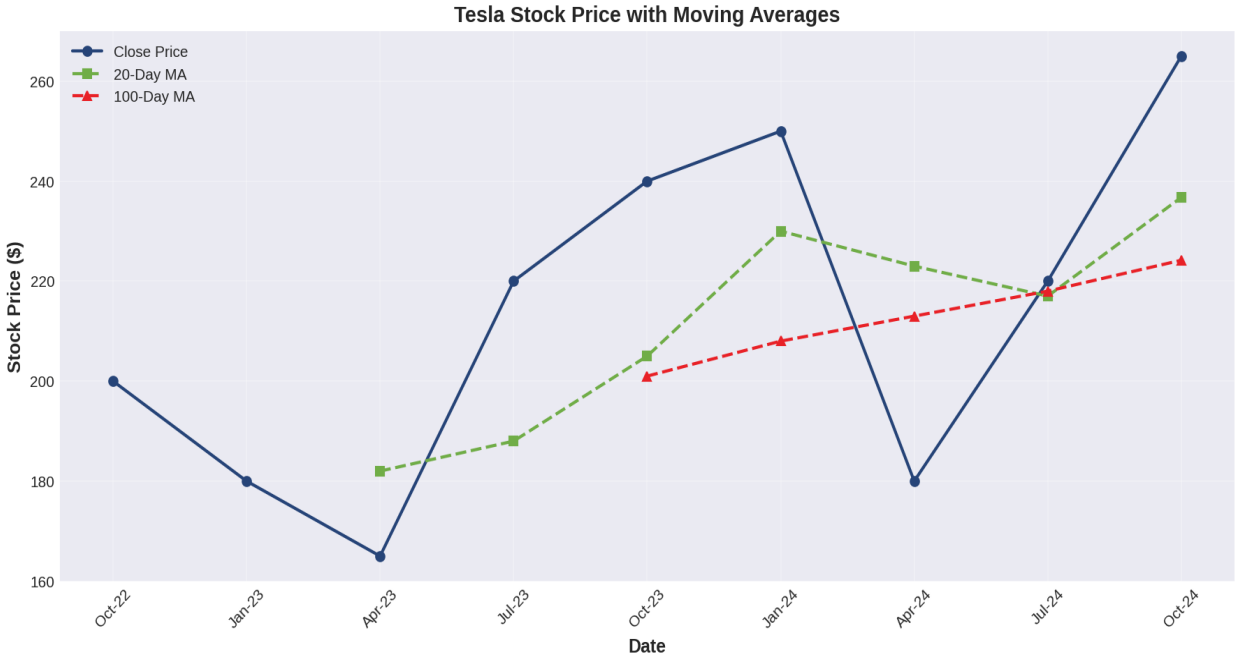
Tesla Stock Analysis

Current Trends:

• 20-day MA ($236.75) > 100-day MA ($224.18) = positive momentum

• Daily fluctuations of ±2-3% with high trading volumes

Volatility: 17-18% (high return potential with elevated risk)



Strategic Recommendations

Actionable Growth Strategies

Pricing & Product Strategy:

• Dynamic pricing tied to economic events (tax credits, new releases)

• Introduce $25K-$30K models to compete with Toyota/Honda

• Limited-time premium model incentives to reduce volatility

Market Expansion:

• Expand into mid-size, compact cars, and SUVs

• Target regions with low EV penetration but high vehicle sales

• Focus infrastructure in high-population states (TX, FL, NY)

Competitive Positioning:

• Target Toyota, Ford, Chevrolet customers with tech/sustainability

• Monitor Ford and Chevrolet EV launches; adjust marketing

• Strengthen Model 3/Y incentives for mass-market dominance

Executive Summary

Key Findings at a Glance:

- Tesla dominates the EV market with 55% market share, particularly strong in the US which outperforms China since 2020
- State performance driven by four key factors: population density, charging infrastructure, income levels, and government incentives
- Strong correlations exist between sales and GDP growth (0.99), charging stations (0.98), and vehicle cost (0.86)
- Premium models (Model S/X) show high price volatility while mass-market models (Model 3/Y) maintain stable pricing
- Sales forecast indicates continued upward trajectory through 2025, with overall vehicle market also showing growth

Conclusion

Key Takeaways

• **Market Leadership:** Tesla's 55% EV market share is driven by infrastructure, population density, and economic growth—not just income or gas prices

• **Strategic Positioning:** Stable mass-market models (3/Y) contrast with volatile premium models (S/X), requiring differentiated marketing approaches

• **Growth Opportunity:** Expanding into affordable segments and strengthening infrastructure in high-population states will capture traditional automaker customers

• **Future Outlook:** Sales forecasts show continued upward momentum; dynamic pricing and product diversification will maximize growth in evolving EV market

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