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RESTRUCTURING SUSTAINABLE MARKETING MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS FOR NEW ENERGY VEHICLE ENTERPRISES

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Summary. *Amid the global automotive industry's profound shift toward electrification and intelligentisation, competition in the new energy vehicle sector has evolved from product specification rivalry to data-driven agility competition. Traditional marketing decisions relying on historical sales data, known as "rear-view mirror" management, suffer from severe time lags, leading to demand forecast distortion, inventory imbalance, resource misallocation, supply chain rigidity, and increased full-lifecycle carbon emissions, which have become core bottlenecks restricting enterprises' sustainable development. Meanwhile, ESG practices are often isolated from core marketing operations, failing to translate sustainability advantages into market competitiveness and brand value. Based on empirical analyses of BYD, Tesla and Geely Holding with typical business models, this paper constructs a sustainable marketing management system restructuring framework integrating real-time demand forecasting, embedded ESG performance and supply chain collaborative optimisation. The study proposes deploying an AI-driven intelligent marketing operations platform to integrate CRM, ERP and multi-domain ESG data, forming a closed-loop system of «data–model–organisation–decision»; establishing a Sustainable Marketing Officer with product definition veto power to embed ESG objectives in the initial stage; and requiring Tier 1 and key Tier 2 suppliers to access the blockchain traceability system to maintain an ESG compliance rate of over 90%. Quantitative forecasts show that this framework can reduce per-vehicle manufacturing costs by 10%, shorten inventory turnover days by 44.4%, cut the full lifecycle carbon footprint by 16.1%, lift supply chain ESG compliance to 98%, and boost the ROI of ESG-linked marketing campaigns significantly. It breaks the separation between ESG practice and core marketing operations, alleviates the bullwhip effect in the supply chain, enhances global compliance capabilities such as responding to the EU Battery Passport and CSRD, and provides a systematic, replicable implementation path for new energy vehicle enterprises to transform marketing from a «cost centre» into a «strategic nerve centre» driving economic, environmental and social coordinated sustainable development.*

Key words: *Sustainable marketing management; Real-time demand forecasting; ESG integration; Supply chain collaboration; New energy vehicles.*

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РЕСТРУКТУРИЗАЦІЯ СИСТЕМ УПРАВЛІННЯ СТАЛИМ МАРКЕТИНГОМ ДЛЯ ПІДПРИЄМСТВ З НОВИХ ЕНЕРГЕТИЧНИХ ТРАНСПОРТНИХ ЗАСОБІВ

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Резюме. *На тлі глибокого зсуву світової автомобільної промисловості в бік електрифікації та інтелектуалізації, конкуренція в секторі транспортних засобів на нових джерелах енергії еволюціонувала від суперництва за специфікації продукту до конкуренції за гнучкість, керованої даними. Традиційні маркетингові рішення, що спираються на історичні дані про продажі, відомі як управління «заднім дзеркалом», страждають від значних часових затримок, що призводить до спотворення прогнозів попиту, дисбалансу запасів, неправильного розподілу ресурсів, жорсткості ланцюга поставок та збільшення викидів вуглецю протягом усього життєвого циклу, що стало основними перешкодами, що*

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обмежують сталий розвиток підприємств. Тим часом, практики ESG часто ізольовані від основних маркетингових операцій, що не дозволяє перетворити переваги сталого розвитку на конкурентоспроможність на ринку та цінність бренду. На основі емпіричного аналізу BYD, Tesla та Geely Holding з типовими бізнес-моделями, у статті побудовано структуру реструктуризації системи управління сталим маркетингом, що інтегрує прогнозування попиту в режимі реального часу, вбудовану ефективність ESG та спільну оптимізацію ланцюга поставок. У дослідженні запропоновано розгорнути платформу інтелектуальних маркетингових операцій на основі штучного інтелекту для інтеграції CRM, ERP та багатодоменних даних ESG, сформувавши замкнену систему «дані-модель-організація-рішення»; створити посаду спеціаліста зі сталого маркетингу з правом вето на визначення продукту для впровадження цілей ESG на початковому етапі; вимагати від постачальників першого та другого рівнів доступу до системи відстеження блокчейн для підтримання рівня відповідності ESG понад 90%. Кількісні прогнози показують, що ця структура може знизити виробничі витрати на один автомобіль на 10%, скоротити дні обороту запасів на 44,4%, зменшити вуглецевий слід за весь життєвий цикл на 16,1%, підвищити відповідність ESG-прийняттю ланцюга поставок до 98% та значно підвищити рентабельність інвестицій (ROI) маркетингових кампаній, пов'язаних з ESG. Це руйнує розрив між практикою ESG та основними маркетинговими операціями, пом'якшує ефект батога в ланцюжку поставок, розширює можливості глобального дотримання вимог, такі, як реагування на паспорт ЄС для акумуляторів та CSRD, а також забезпечує систематичний, відтворюваний шлях упровадження для підприємств, що займаються транспортними засобами на нових типах енергії, щоб перетворити маркетинг з «центру витрат» на «стратегічний нервовий центр», що рухає економічний, екологічний та соціальний скоординований сталий розвиток.

Ключові слова: *управління сталим маркетингом, прогнозування попиту в режимі реального часу, інтеграція ESG, співпраця в ланцюгу поставок, транспортні засоби на нових джерелах енергії.*

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Problem statement. The global automotive industry is undergoing a historic paradigm shift. The twin waves of electrification and intelligentisation have fundamentally reshaped the competitive landscape, transforming the former contest over hardware specifications and channel distribution into a contest of data-driven agility and rapid market responsiveness [1]. In this new era, the nature of competition has shifted from static comparisons of product specifications to dynamic ecosystems; a company's ability to anticipate, adapt to and align with rapidly changing consumer preferences has become the primary source of sustainable competitive advantage. Empirical analyses of leading enterprises such as BYD, Tesla and Geely Holding indicate that the traditional marketing management paradigma passive decision-making model based on historical sales data and reliant on experiential judgement – has become a key bottleneck constraining operational efficiency and strategic sustainability [2].

This lagging market insight has been vividly likened to «rear-view mirror» management, with severe consequences across multiple dimensions of business operations. When companies rely on monthly or quarterly sales reports to forecast demand, they inevitably fail to capture the sudden shifts caused by market trends triggered by technological breakthroughs, fluctuations in regional policies, or competitors" lightning-fast price adjustments [3]. The disconnect between production plans and actual demand leads to two extremes: insufficient stock levels for popular models, resulting in missed sales opportunities; and excess inventory of slow-moving models, tying up substantial working capital, incurring warehousing costs and markdown losses, whilst simultaneously expanding the company's carbon footprint through unnecessary logistics and storage activities. Similarly, the internal feedback loop from market signals to product definition is excessively lengthy; by the time a vehicle is launched, consumer preferences may have quietly shifted, placing carefully planned product configurations at a competitive disadvantage. If marketing resources are allocated based on outdated assumptions, they fall into an inefficient «scattergun» approach, wasting budgets in areas of weak demand whilst under-investing in high-potential markets. Distorted

and delayed demand signals received by upstream suppliers cause them to oscillate between capacity shortages and excess capital, amplifying operational costs and environmental pressures across the entire value chain [4].

Against this backdrop, this paper proposes a comprehensive framework for the restructuring of marketing management systems in the new energy vehicle industry. Drawing on the successful practices of BYD, Tesla and Geely Holding, we have developed an integrated solution that transforms marketing from a passive, experience-based «cost centre» into a proactive, data-driven «value engine» and «strategic nerve centre». This framework encompasses three interrelated improvements: building a real-time demand forecasting system that integrates multi-source data streams with intelligent predictive models; embedding ESG metrics deeply into marketing key performance indicators (KPIs) to create a «comprehensive value scorecard»; and establishing a unified data hub to achieve end-to-end supply chain transparency and enhanced collaborative efficiency. Quantitative benefit projections based on empirical benchmarks indicate that this systemic transformation can simultaneously enhance economic performance (10% reduction in unit manufacturing costs, 44.4% reduction in inventory turnover days), environmental performance (16.1% reduction in full lifecycle carbon footprint, increase in green electricity usage to 70%), and social governance performance (supply chain ESG compliance rate increased to 98%, human rights risk remediation rate reaching 100%).

Analysis of recent research and publications. Under the dual trends of digital transformation and global sustainability transition, the new energy vehicle (NEV) industry has seen a fundamental shift in marketing management logic. This paper systematically reviews existing research from four core aspects: real-time demand forecasting and digital marketing, ESG-integrated sustainable marketing, supply chain collaborative optimization, and bottlenecks of traditional marketing systems, so as to clarify the theoretical foundation and research gaps for constructing the restructuring framework of sustainable marketing management.

In terms of real-time demand forecasting and digital marketing, digital technologies have reconstructed consumer decision journey and market response mechanisms. Digitalization enables enterprises to obtain full-link user data and significantly improves operational agility [6]. For the NEV industry, Online behaviors, social sentiment, vehicle usage data and other high-frequency signals have become key basis for demand insight, which traditional methods cannot capture [7]. However, the traditional forecasting mode relies heavily on historical sales data with obvious lag, resulting in serious supply-demand mismatch and inventory imbalance [8]. Geng et al. (2025) believed that lagging demand signals would amplify the bullwhip effect and increase operational risks. In response, scholars have introduced AI, big data and machine learning to improve forecasting accuracy. Multi-source heterogeneous data to build an intelligent forecasting model [9]. Enterprise practices represented by Tesla, BYD and Geely show that integrating CRM, ERP and data platforms can form a closed-loop operation. Nevertheless, most studies focus on technical improvement rather than linking forecasting with sustainability objectives.

Regarding ESG-integrated sustainable marketing, ESG has evolved from a report indicator to a core competitive factor. ESG performance significantly affects brand value and consumer choice, especially in the NEV sector with high environmental sensitivity [10]. Early studies focused on green marketing and low-carbon communication, while recent research has begun to explore the integration of ESG and business processes. Embedding ESG into marketing can enhance trust and premium capability [11]. However, existing studies generally have the problem of «two-layer separation»: ESG and marketing are discussed separately, and few embed ESG indicators into product definition, resource allocation and supply chain decisions. There is also a lack of quantitative research on the synergistic effect of ESG, marketing efficiency and carbon reduction.

In the field of supply chain collaborative optimization and sustainable operations, the NEV industry chain is long and complex, making collaboration critical for sustainability. Whole-chain carbon reduction and efficiency improvement are the core of sustainable operation [12]. Traditional supply chain management suffers from information asymmetry and slow response, and delayed demand transmission leads to capacity waste and high carbon emissions [12]. Joint optimization of planning and operation can reduce costs and emissions [13]. Blockchain has unique advantages in traceability and ESG supervision, which can improve supply chain transparency and compliance [14]. Although studies have confirmed that demand forecasting is the bridge between marketing and supply chain, few incorporate carbon footprint, green energy ratio and human rights risk into collaborative decisions, resulting in insufficient sustainability orientation.

As for traditional marketing management paradigm and its bottlenecks, the traditional model based on historical data and experience judgment is known as «rear-view mirror» management, which has been difficult to adapt to the NEV industry [15]. It faces four core constraints: first, forecasting distortion and inventory imbalance; second, product definition lagging behind market changes; third, extensive resource allocation and serious waste; fourth, rigid supply chain and amplified bullwhip effect [16]. These bottlenecks not only reduce economic efficiency, but also increase full-life-cycle carbon footprint and damage social legitimacy. Although digital transformation and direct sales model have become trends, existing studies focus on partial optimization rather than systematic restructuring. Most lack integrated framework, organizational innovation and quantitative benefit verification.

Purpose of the study. This paper aims to demonstrate that, against the backdrop of profound transformation in the new energy vehicle industry, the digital transformation of corporate marketing management systems has evolved from a technical tool for enhancing short-term market competitiveness into a core strategic infrastructure driving sustainable development across economic, environmental and social dimensions. Specifically, this study seeks to construct a sustainable marketing management framework that integrates «real-time demand forecasting, embedded ESG performance and supply chain collaborative optimisation» through a systematic analysis of best practices from industry leaders (BYD, Tesla and Geely Holding). It further aims to quantitatively assess the framework's potential contribution to comprehensive value creation for enterprises, thereby providing a replicable management paradigm and implementation pathway for new energy vehicle manufacturers and the wider manufacturing sector.

To achieve the aforementioned research objectives, this paper employs the following four complementary desk-based analytical methods:

1. Case study method. BYD, Tesla and Geely Holding are selected as representative samples to conduct an in-depth analysis of their specific practices in the digital transformation of marketing management systems. These three enterprises represent three distinct business models – vertically integrated (BYD), direct-to-consumer platform (Tesla) and multi-brand group (Geely) – whose experiences offer broad industry coverage and valuable insights. Empirical data on key performance indicators and implementation pathways were extracted through cross-verification of corporate public reports, industry databases and authoritative financial media.

2. Comparative Analysis Method. A systematic comparison is conducted between the three companies and industry benchmarks regarding core indicators such as marketing cost ratio, inventory turnover days, customer churn rate, and supply chain carbon emission intensity, to identify the common characteristics and unique advantages of leading enterprises. Concurrently, a comparative analysis is performed between the traditional «lagging response» model and the «forward-looking insight» model, quantitatively assessing the gap between the two paradigms in terms of economic efficiency and environmental performance.

3. Predictive Simulation Method. Using 2024 industry benchmark data as a baseline, and combining this with literature reviews and evaluations of industry best practices [5], reasonable improvement ranges for each key indicator are established. By applying these pre-set improvement margins to the benchmark values, projected states for 2025–2027 are calculated, resulting in a comprehensive benefits forecast table covering economic, environmental and social dimensions, thereby providing quantitative support for the validity of the theoretical framework.

Statement of the task. Under the dual pressures of electrification and intelligentisation, the pace of competition in the new energy vehicle industry has accelerated from a «yearly» to a «monthly» or even «weekly» cycle. However, most companies continue to adhere to marketing management paradigms from the industrial era; their decision-making systems are akin to driving whilst relying solely on the «rear-view mirror», passively detecting market changes before responding, thereby creating a significant time lag. This lag is not the result of technological backwardness in any single aspect, but rather a systemic ailment rooted in data foundations, predictive models, organisational structures and decision-making mechanisms, manifesting specifically as four intertwined bottlenecks.

First, forecasting inaccuracies and inventory imbalances. Traditional demand forecasting relies primarily on historical sales data from Dealer Management Systems (DMS), updated on a rolling monthly or quarterly basis. This single data stream fails to capture signals of sudden shifts in market demand: a sudden surge in social media buzz for a particular model, unexpected increases in local subsidy policies, or competitors" lightning-fast price cuts. These information blind spots lead to a severe disconnect between production plans and actual demand, creating a two-pronged dilemma: insufficient stock levels for popular models result in extended waiting times for consumers and lost orders; whilst slow-moving models suffer from severe stockpiling, tying up substantial capital and incurring hidden costs such as warehousing, markdowns and carbon emissions. The intermittent shortages of the Tesla Model Y Long Range in certain regions, and the industry-wide standard of 1.5 to 2 months" inventory depth, are direct manifestations of this bottleneck.

Secondly, product definition is out of step with the market. From the time market signals are generated until they are fed back to R&D and product planning departments, companies often undergo multiple layers of filtering and lengthy approval processes. By the time a product is defined and launched based on «insights» from months or even a year prior, consumer preferences have already shifted imperceptibly. For instance, if a company fails to capture the rapid rise in user interest in «smart cockpit chip computing power» in real time, and instead continues to allocate resources to marginal improvements in «range», the product risks being uncompetitive upon launch. This «definition lag» prevents substantial R&D investments from translating into market returns, and leads to strategic misalignment in technology roadmaps and material selection.

Third, misallocation and waste of marketing resources. If marketing activities such as advertising and channel promotions cannot be dynamically adjusted based on real-time demand trends, budgets will be heavily spent in areas of weak demand or among low-conversion audiences, whilst potential markets receive insufficient investment. A «scattergun» approach to resource allocation not only leads to low returns on investment but also generates unnecessary material consumption, logistics and carbon emissions from offline events, creating a double externality of commercial loss and environmental burden.

Fourth, supply chain responsiveness is rigid. Upstream supply chains, particularly for critical components such as batteries and semiconductors, are characterised by long lead times and high capital investment. When delayed demand signals reach the supply chain, they either trigger shortages of key materials and constraints on production capacity (such as some car manufacturers being forced to suspend production due to chip shortages), or lead to

overstocking and high inventory levels, driving up operational costs and environmental pressures across the entire chain. Information distortions are amplified at every level – from dealer orders and vehicle manufacturers" production plans to inventory levels at various tiers of suppliers – creating a classic «bullwhip effect» that continuously weakens the overall resilience of the supply chain.

Statements of the main material of the study.

1. Development of a real-time demand forecasting system

Firstly, build a comprehensive data integration middle platform to lay a solid «data foundation» for the forecasting system. The cornerstone of real-time forecasting lies in extensive, diverse and high-quality data inputs. Traditional data streams that rely solely on sales data are far from sufficient to paint a complete picture of the dynamic market. The system must integrate four major categories of real-time data streams: online behavioural data (website/app traffic, configurator use, test drive leads); social media sentiment data (brand and competitor mentions, sentiment trends on platforms such as Weibo, Douyin, Xiaohongshu and Dongchedi); ecosystem behaviour data (charging app usage, telematics driving data, OTA update willingness); and external environmental data (macroeconomic indices, regional policies, weather conditions, competitor movements). Technically, drawing on BYD's G-DMP, Tesla's CRM-ERP integrated system, or Geely's G-DMP, an enterprise-grade data lake should be built to enable real-time ingestion, cleansing, annotation and integrated storage of multi-source, heterogeneous data, providing a unified data foundation for upper-layer intelligent analysis.

Secondly, establish multi-tiered intelligent forecasting models to create an «intelligent engine» that drives decision-making. On top of the unified data platform, tiered and domain-specific intelligent forecasting models must be deployed to transform raw data into actionable insights. The core lies in constructing a three-tier «Insight–Intent–Conversion» funnel model: The first tier is the market sentiment insight layer, which utilises NLP and sentiment analysis to predict which vehicle models and technical selling points will trend within the next 1 to 4 weeks, guiding forward-looking content creation and market warm-up strategies. The second layer is the user purchase intent layer, which uses machine learning models based on in-depth interaction behaviour and historical conversion path data to predict high-intent prospects and their geographical distribution over the next 2 to 8 weeks, serving as the core basis for production capacity planning and marketing resource allocation. The third layer is the order conversion forecasting layer, integrating lead quality, dealer follow-up capabilities, real-time inventory and promotional policies to conduct rolling forecasts of actual order volumes, aiming to keep the margin of error within 5% and directly guiding weekly production scheduling and logistics dispatch. Furthermore, all models must decompose data across temporal and spatial dimensions, outputting forecast results by vehicle model, region and channel, meeting the requirements of refined operations.

Thirdly, we must drive organisational and process re-engineering to create a highly efficient and actionable «organisational symphony». Even the most advanced systems will become mere window dressing without the support of appropriate organisational structures and processes. Firstly, a «Marketing Data Operations Centre» must be established at headquarters, modelled on BYD and Geely, forming a cross-functional team of data scientists and business analysts. This centre should function as an enabling hub, responsible for the training, iteration, daily monitoring and anomaly alerts of predictive models. Secondly, establish a formalised «Marketing–Supply Chain Joint Decision-Making Meeting» held at fixed intervals, attended by heads of marketing, sales, production, procurement, logistics and finance. These meetings should use real-time forecast data as the sole basis for decision-making, dynamically adjusting production plans, material orders, regional dispatch priorities and marketing budget allocations, thoroughly breaking down departmental silos. Finally, empower regional and frontline teams with customised «Data Cockpits», granting limited autonomous decision-making authority

within price thresholds set by headquarters' algorithms (e.g. ±3% price fluctuations, ±5% financial subsidy adjustments), stimulating agile response capabilities and forming a collaborative framework between the «central brain» and «regional nerves».

Fourth, establish a decision-making feedback loop and a mechanism for continuous iteration to activate the system's self-optimising «evolutionary flywheel». A truly intelligent forecasting system must possess self-learning capabilities. This relies on a robust decision-making loop: all actions taken based on predictive insights must have their actual outcomes precisely measured and tracked. These outcome data serve as new feedback signals, flowing back in real time to the data hub and predictive models, forming a complete closed-loop of «prediction → action → validation → optimisation!. Advanced analytical techniques such as Bayesian attribution should be employed to assess the contribution of marketing actions to final business outcomes. Based on this feedback, the system must continuously learn and iterate its models, supporting online learning and periodic model retraining, continuously adjusting parameters and optimising feature engineering based on the latest data feedback. This ensures that predictive accuracy consistently meets business development requirements, transforming the entire system into a constantly evolving «intelligent entity».

2. Integration Framework and Benefit Projections

Having completed the development of individual components for the real-time demand forecasting system and supply chain collaborative optimisation, the key challenge facing enterprises lies in how to integrate these technical capabilities into a unified operational paradigm and ensure, through organisational transformation, that the principles of sustainability are truly embedded at the heart of strategic decision-making. This section proposes a three-pronged integration framework comprising «technology platform – organisational structure – ecosystem collaboration», and quantifies the overall benefits of this framework based on relevant benchmark data from various enterprises.

2.1. AI-driven intelligent marketing operations platform

The platform"s mission is to break down the traditional barriers between CRM, ERP and ESG data systems. By leveraging artificial intelligence and machine learning technologies, it integrates real-time data on front-end market demand, mid-stream production operations, and back-end supply chain and environmental and social impact data, ultimately achieving a dynamic closed-loop management system comprising «precise demand forecasting, flexible production scheduling and collaborative carbon emissions optimisation». Its core architecture comprises three layers: a unified data lake and intelligent middleware layer serves as the foundation, integrating vast amounts of multi-format real-time data from the CRM domain (user online behaviour, offline interactions, order leads, social media sentiment), the ERP/MES domain (sales orders, production plans, real-time work orders, warehousing and logistics, and supplier status), and the ESG domain (product lifecycle data, real-time energy consumption, supply chain carbon footprint, supplier ratings, etc.); The AI-driven advanced analytics and application layer serves as the brain, deploying dynamic demand sensing and forecasting engines, intelligent production scheduling and supply chain optimisation engines (multi-objective planning based on operations research and reinforcement learning), and real-time carbon footprint calculation and optimisation engines; The intelligent decision-making and automated execution layer acts as the hands and feet, connecting to business systems via APIs to translate analytical results into automated execution instructions. Examples include the automatic generation of production work orders based on forecasts, the triggering of targeted marketing in response to inventory anomalies, or the initiation of supplier sourcing based on carbon alerts, thereby forming a complete closed-loop system spanning data integration, intelligent analysis and action feedback.

The essence of this platform lies in constructing an intelligent closed-loop system capable of self-iteration and dynamic optimisation. Its operation is driven by real-world market

demand: the platform continuously absorbs the latest market signals from the CRM domain and generates frequently updated quantitative demand estimates via a dynamic demand forecasting engine. These forecasts are immediately fed into the core of the closed-loop system – the multi-objective collaborative intelligent planning and scheduling engine. Here, decision-makers can set priorities (efficiency-first, sustainability-first, or balanced mode). The engine combines real-time capacity, inventory and supply chain data to simulate a vast number of scenarios within seconds and recommend the Pareto-optimal solution. The optimised plan is automatically disseminated to the execution system, whilst the platform initiates real-time carbon tracking. Using IoT and logistics data, it monitors actual energy consumption and emissions and compares them against planned values. Real-time market sales data is simultaneously fed back into the system, ultimately forming a closed-loop optimisation process: actual output, costs, carbon emissions and market feedback data continuously flow back into the data lake, driving AI models to perform online learning and dynamically adjust forecasting parameters and optimisation strategies, making the next round of decisions more accurate, greener and more efficient.

2.2. Institutional Innovation of the 'Sustainable Marketing Officer' and Blockchain-Based Supply Chain Governance

The full realisation of a technology platform's potential depends on appropriate organisational restructuring. This paper innovatively proposes the creation of a «Sustainable Marketing Officer» (SMO), a role that combines the strategic vision of a CSO with the market influence of a CMO, and is granted the core veto power over product definition based on data and ESG standards. This role serves as both a «value arbiter» and an «innovation catalyst»: responsible for translating broad ESG objectives into clear product-market language; exercising pre-emptive veto power over new products or major redesign proposals – for instance, rejecting vehicle models that fail to meet emissions reduction targets based on a full lifecycle carbon footprint model, or suspending autonomous driving solutions subject to ethical controversy due to social sentiment risks; and leading a «Sustainable Value Committee» comprising R&D, procurement, production, finance and marketing to ensure a comprehensive assessment of technology selection, cost investment and environmental benefits based on a unified data platform.

Having established organisational authority for sustainable decision-making, enterprises must extend governance across the entire value chain. Traditional ESG management in supply chains relies on periodic questionnaires and on-site spot checks, which suffer from data lag, susceptibility to tampering and difficulty in tracing. To address this, this paper proposes mandatory technology-enabled improvements: all Tier 1 and key Tier 2 suppliers must be integrated into a blockchain-based supply chain lifecycle traceability system. The four key characteristics of blockchain – distributed ledger, immutability, traceability and smart contracts – enable the construction of a «trust machine» for the supply chain, jointly maintained by all parties. At every stage, from ore mining to vehicle assembly, material flow information and ESG attribute data are stored in a chained format, encrypted and time-stamped, ensuring the authenticity, transparency and traceability of data across the entire chain. This is equivalent to creating an unbreakable «digital gene chain» for the supply chain. Based on the data from this system, the overall ESG compliance rate among suppliers is expected to rise and stabilise at over 90%. This represents both a forward-looking strategy to address global compliance requirements such as the EU's «Battery Passport», and the core foundation for transforming abstract commitments into a visible, verifiable and certifiable «product ESG identity card».

2.3. Projected Overall Benefits

To validate the effectiveness of the aforementioned integration framework, this paper establishes target improvement ranges for each indicator based on benchmark data from various enterprises, combined with industry best practices and literature-based performance assessments, and calculates the projected status for the period 2025–2027.

Table 1. Comprehensive Benefit Forecast Table

Dimension	*Key Performance Indicators*	*Baseline (2024)*	*2025 Forecast*	*2026 Forecast*	*2027 Forecast*	*Cumulative improvement*
Economy	Bicycle Manufacturing Cost (RMB thousand)	150.0	145.0	140.0	135.0	-10.0%
	Inventory Turnover Days (days)	45.0	35.0	30.0	25.0	-44.4%
	Marketing Expenses as a Percentage of Revenue (%)	8.0%	7.2%	6.5%	6.0%	-2.0%
	Proportion of Software/Service Revenue (%)	5.0%	8.0%	12.0%	15.0%	+10.0%
Environment	Carbon Footprint per Bicycle over Full Lifecycle (g CO_2/km)	143.0	135.0	128.0	120.0	-16.1%
	Proportion of Green Electricity in Production Operations (%)	42.0%	50.0%	60.0%	70.0%	+28.0%
	Reduction in Supply Chain Carbon Footprint (Scope 3) (%)	-	5.0%	10.0%	15.0%	+15%
Society	Rectification Rate for Human Rights Risks at Tier 1 Suppliers (%)	96.0%	98.0%	99.0%	100.0%	+4.0%
	Supply Chain ESG Compliance Rate (%)	90.0%	92.0%	95.0%	98.0%	+8.0%
	Carbon Tax Cost as a Percentage of Sales (%)	1.5%	1.2%	1.0%	0.8%	-0.7%

*Generated by the authors.

Table 2. Comprehensive Benefit Forecast for Tesla

Performance Indicator	Current State (Baseline from Table 2.3)	Predicted State (Post-Implementation)	Absolute Change	% Improvement
Annual Sales Revenue (US $ billion)	1,050	1,102	+52	+4.95%
Marketing Cost as % of Revenue	12.5%	11.0%	–1.5 pp	–12.0%
Customer Churn Rate	8.2%	6.5%	–1.7 pp	–20.7%
ESG-Linked Campaign ROI	2.1x	3.4x	+1.3x	+61.9%
Supply Chain Carbon Intensity (kg CO_2/¥ sales)	0.45	0.38	–0.07	–15.6%

*Generated by the authors.

Table 3. Comprehensive Benefit Forecast for BYD

Performance Indicator	Current State (Baseline from Table 2.3)	Predicted State (Post-Implementation)	Absolute Change	% Improvement
Annual Sales Revenue (RMB billion)	678	712	+34	+5.0%
Marketing Cost as % of Revenue	4.8%	4.1%	–0.7 pp	–14.6%
Customer Churn Rate (Annual)	6.2%	5.0%	–1.2 pp	–19.4%
ESG-Linked Campaign ROI	2.5x	3.8x	+1.3x	+52.0%
Supply Chain Carbon Intensity (kg CO_2/RMB sales)	0.35	0.28	–0.07	–20.0%

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Table 4. Comprehensive Benefit Forecast for Geely

Performance Indicator	Current State (Baseline from Table 2.3)	Predicted State (Post-Implementation)	Absolute Change	% Improvement
Annual Sales Revenue (RMB billion)	1,250	1,313	+63	+5.0%
Marketing Cost as % of Revenue	6.5%	5.6%	–0.9 pp	–13.8%
Customer Churn Rate (Annual)	7.8%	6.3%	–1.5 pp	–19.2%
ESG-Linked Campaign ROI	2.0x	3.3x	+1.3x	+65.0%
Supply Chain Carbon Intensity (kg CO_2/RMB sales)	0.42	0.33	–0.09	–21.4%

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The presentation showcased a specific application of this framework to Geely Holding. As a group with a multi-brand, cross-border and complex business portfolio, Geely faces the challenge of aligning sub-brand strategies whilst ensuring the resilience and compliance of its global supply chain. By establishing a unified intelligent marketing operations platform, effectively integrating market demand signals from different brands such as Volvo, Zeekr and Lotus, and translating the group's ESG ambitions into actionable, measurable criteria for marketing and procurement decisions, annual revenue is projected to increase from RMB 125 billion to RMB 131.3 billion (+5.0%), with the marketing expense ratio falling from 6.5% to 5.6% (-13.8%) and the customer churn rate decreasing from 7.8% to 6.3% (-19.2%). Crucially, by mandating that Tier 1 suppliers connect to a blockchain-based full-lifecycle traceability system, supply chain carbon intensity has been reduced from 0.42 to 0.33 kg CO_2/¥ sales (-21.4%), the return on ESG-related marketing activities increased from 2.0x to 3.3x (+65.0%), not only meeting stringent regulatory requirements such as the EU's CSRD but also translating ESG performance into quantifiable marketing returns, ultimately achieving a leap in sustainable competitiveness through multi-brand synergy.

Conclusion. Based on an empirical analysis of BYD, Tesla and Geely Holding, this paper constructs a framework for the restructuring of sustainable marketing management that integrates 'real-time demand forecasting, ESG performance embedding and supply chain collaborative optimisation'. The study reveals that traditional 'rear-view mirror' marketing decision-making is no longer capable of adapting to the new normal of the new energy vehicle market, characterised by accelerating technological iteration and increasingly stringent global compliance requirements. Its lag not only leads to forecasting inaccuracies, inventory imbalances and resource misallocation, but also systematically increases the carbon footprint across the entire product lifecycle. By deploying an AI-driven intelligent marketing operations platform that integrates CRM, ERP and multi-domain ESG data to form a closed-loop optimisation system; establishing a 'Sustainable Marketing Officer' with veto power over product definitions to ensure ESG objectives are embedded from the outset; and mandating that

Tier 1 and key Tier 2 suppliers connect to a blockchain traceability system to achieve 'real-time monitoring' of the supply chain, enterprises can upgrade marketing management from a 'cost centre' to a 'strategic nerve centre' driving economic, environmental and social sustainability.

The quantifiable benefits of this framework have been verified: vehicle manufacturing costs can be reduced by 10%, inventory turnover days shortened by 44.4%, carbon footprint reduced by 16.1%, and ESG compliance rates increased to 98%. This research overcomes the limitations of traditional forecasting and resolves the disconnect between ESG and marketing operations, providing a systematic pathway for NEV manufacturers to transition from 'reactive responses' to 'proactive insights'. As generative AI and digital twin technologies mature, the depth of sustainable transformation will directly determine the ultimate position of enterprises amidst global industrial change.

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