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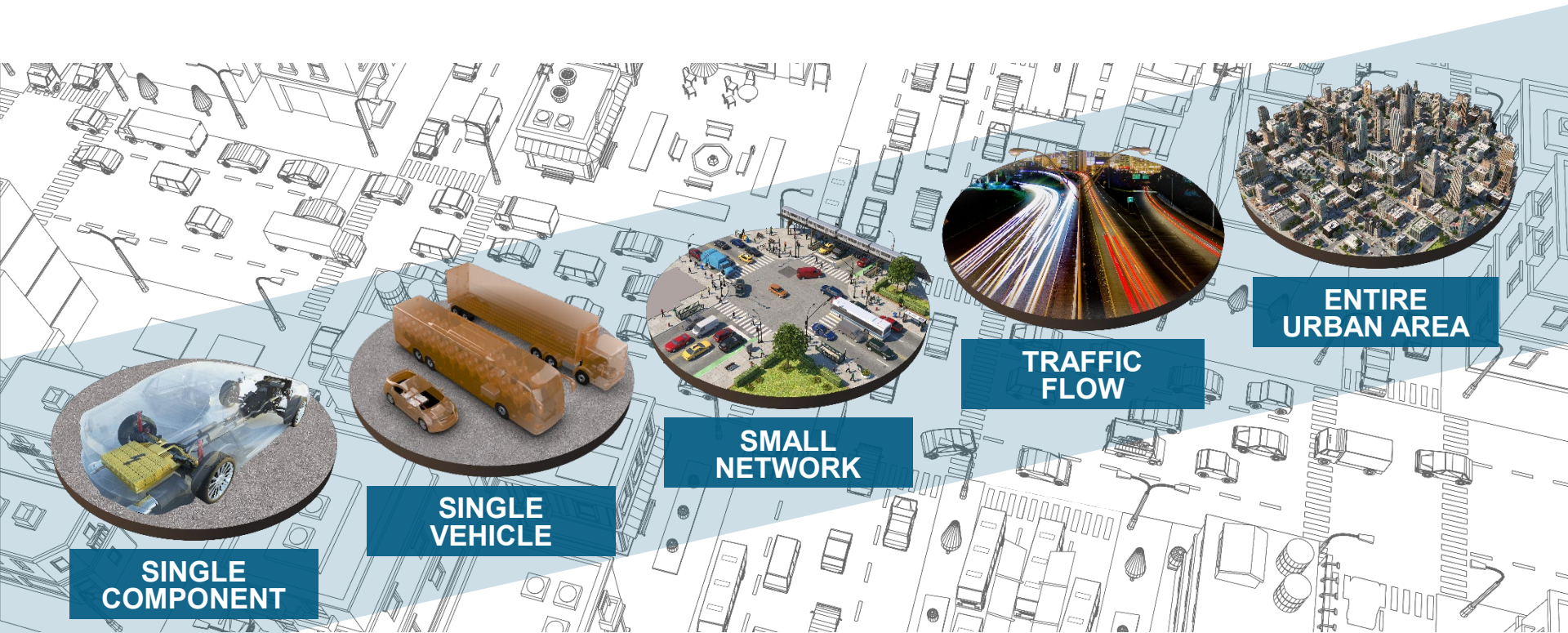
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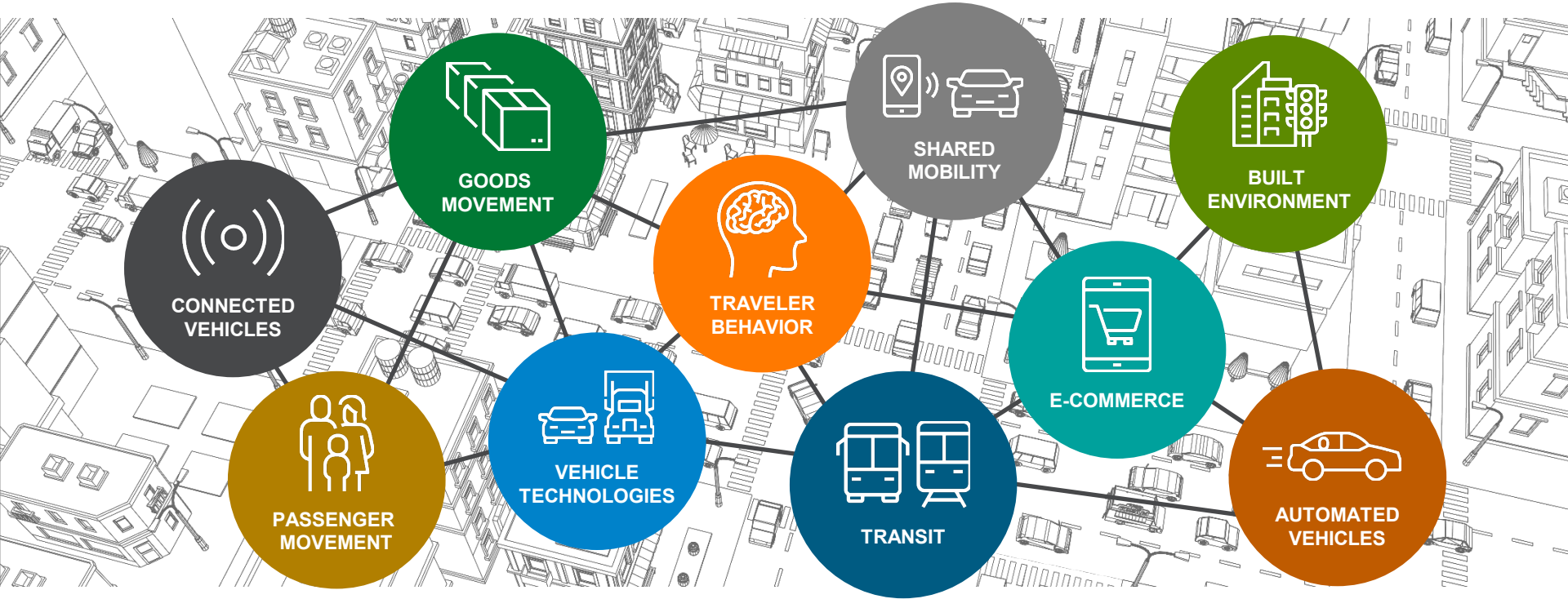
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# VTO SYSTEMS-LEVEL R&D



# TRANSPORTATION IS A SYSTEM OF SYSTEMS



# SMART MOBILITY CONSORTIUM

The SMART Mobility Consortium is a multi-year, multi-laboratory collaborative dedicated to further understanding the energy implications and opportunities of advanced mobility solutions.

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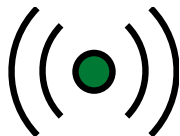
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# FIVE RESEARCH FOCUS AREAS



## CONNECTED AND AUTOMATED VEHICLES

Identifying the energy, technology, and usage implications of connectivity and automation and identifying efficient CAV solutions.



## MOBILITY DECISION SCIENCE

Understanding the human role in the mobility system including travel decision-making and technology adoption in the context of future mobility.



## MULTI-MODAL FREIGHT

Evaluating the evolution of freight movement and understanding the impacts of new modes for long-distance goods transport and last-mile package delivery.



## URBAN SCIENCE

Understanding the linkages between transportation networks and the built environment and identifying the potential to enhance access to economic opportunity.



## ADVANCED FUELING INFRASTRUCTURE

Understanding the costs, benefits, and requirements for fueling/charging infrastructure to support energy efficient future mobility systems.

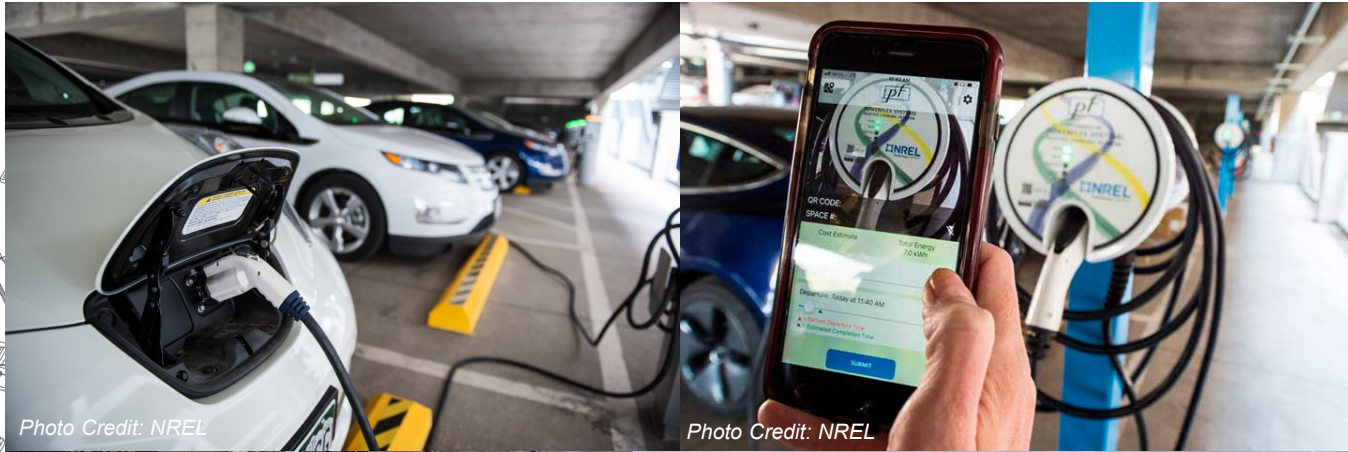


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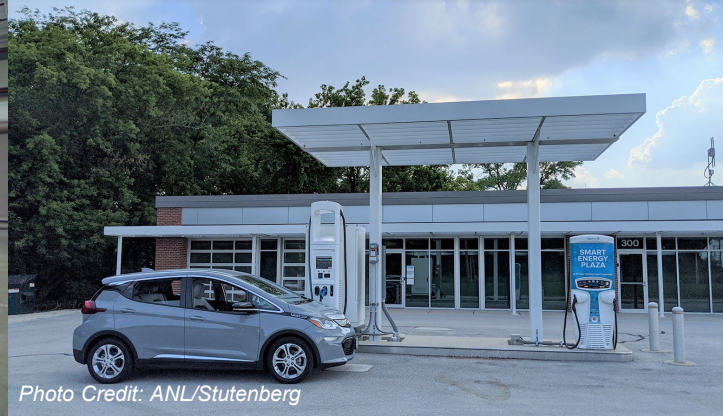


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## RESEARCH TOPICS

- Charging needs of future market segments
- Costs & benefits of different infrastructure approaches
  - Light-duty ride-hailing
  - Class 7/8 freight transport
- Opportunities for automated vehicle charging
- National benefits of charging infrastructure deployment

# MOBILITY: CONNECTING PEOPLE TO OPPORTUNITY

The solutions we are developing will power the next transportation revolution, ushering in a new era of

**SMART Mobility.**



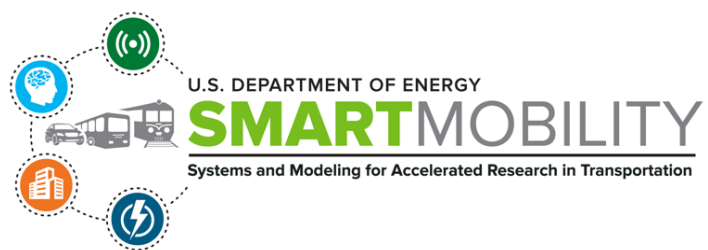




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# NEW MODES PROMPT NEW QUESTIONS

## Electric transportation is growing increasingly diverse

- What kind of charging infrastructure is needed?
- How much?
- Where?

### Automated vehicles

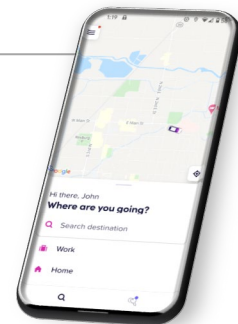


Source: Waymo

Ride hailing



Uber



### Medium and heavy-duty delivery vehicles



Source: Freightliner



Source: Amazon

# NOW MORE THAN EVER

## Market developments are increasing need for charging infrastructure

Waymo opens driverless robo-taxi service to the public in Phoenix

**Driverless shuttle launches in downtown Tampa**

**Lyft Announces Commitment to a Total Electric-Vehicle Fleet by 2030**

Uber pledges to shift to '100 percent' electric vehicles by 2030

Freightliner electric trucks surpass 500,000 real-world miles

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-waymo-autonomous-phoenix/waymo-opens-driverless-robo-taxi-service-to-the-public-in-phoenix-idUSKBN26T2Y3>

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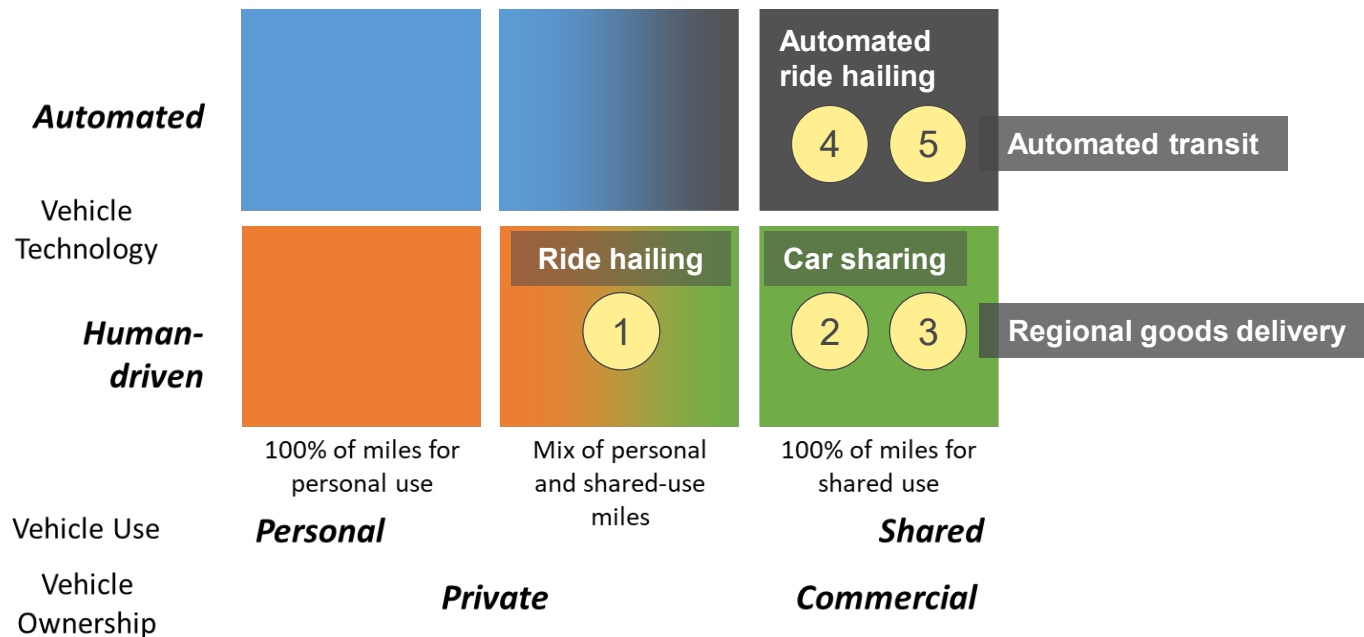
# UNDERSTANDING USE CASES IS KEY

## Infrastructure needs vary

- There is no universally “right” amount of charging infrastructure
- Trade-offs should be managed to meet case-specific objectives
- Must understand behavior and interests inherent to use cases



# FIVE USE CASES STUDIED



# CHARGING INFRASTRUCTURE FOR: HUMAN-DRIVEN ELECTRIC RIDE HAILING

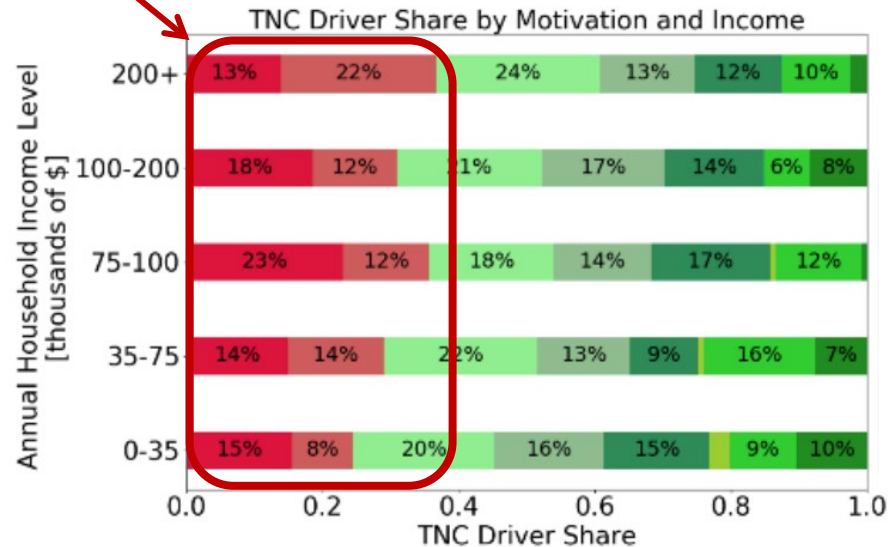


# TNC DRIVERS HAVE DIFFERENT MOTIVATIONS...

...and not all are financially motivated

- Results from survey of 1,000+ TNC drivers in 10 cities showed nearly a quarter of drivers reporting non-financial motivations
- Only ~10% drove for a TNC daily and over half of drivers drove for a TNC for two days per week or less

Non-financial motivation





# A MINORITY OF TNC DRIVERS OPERATE FULL TIME

## Part Time Drivers

Less than 10 hours/week  
49% of drivers  
14% of rides  
Annualized VMT = 7k mi

## Half Time Drivers

10-35 hours/week  
40% of drivers  
57% of rides  
Annualized VMT = 13k mi

## Full Time Drivers

More than 35 hours/week  
11% of drivers  
29% of rides  
Annualized VMT = 29k mi

Full-time drivers have greatest economic incentive to electrify

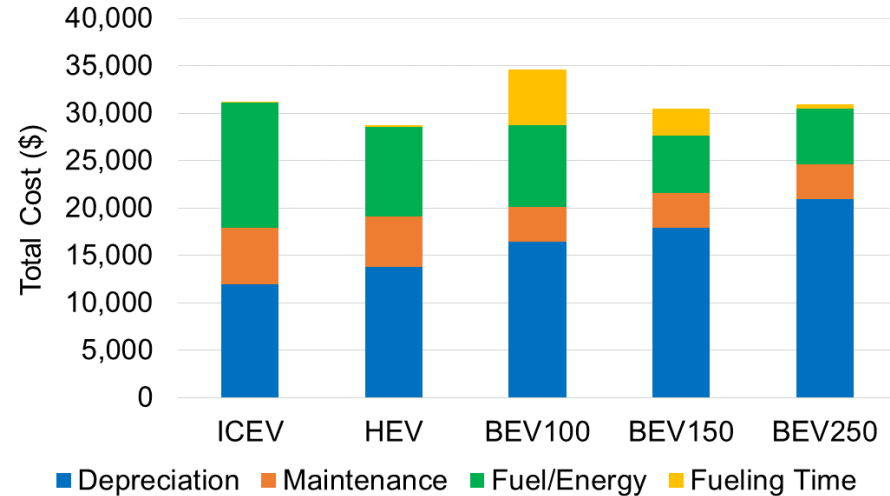
## 1.5M Ride-Hailing Trips in Austin, TX



Credit: Ride Austin, NREL

# RIDE-HAIL ELECTRIFICATION APPROACHING COST PARITY








- Under present-day prices, EVs are not yet cost competitive for most TNC drivers (without purchase incentives)
- Projections for continued decreases in battery cost are likely to make BEVs more competitive
- Low-cost electricity (EV tariffs) and purchase incentives can also tip the scale in favor of BEVs



## Assumptions:

- Avg full-time driver: 29k mi/yr
- 5-year ownership period
- No travel/queueing time to charge
- All drivers can charge at home
- No purchase incentives

# OVERNIGHT CHARGING ENABLES RIDE HAILING ELECTRIFICATION

	<b>“Yesterday”</b>	<b>“Today”</b>	<b>“Tomorrow”</b>
	 Range: 100 miles DCFC Power: 50 kW	 Range: 250 miles DCFC Power: 50 kW	 Range: 400 miles DCFC Power: 400 kW
 &  <b>Overnight L2</b> <b>Public DCFC</b>			
<b>Public DCFC Only</b> 			

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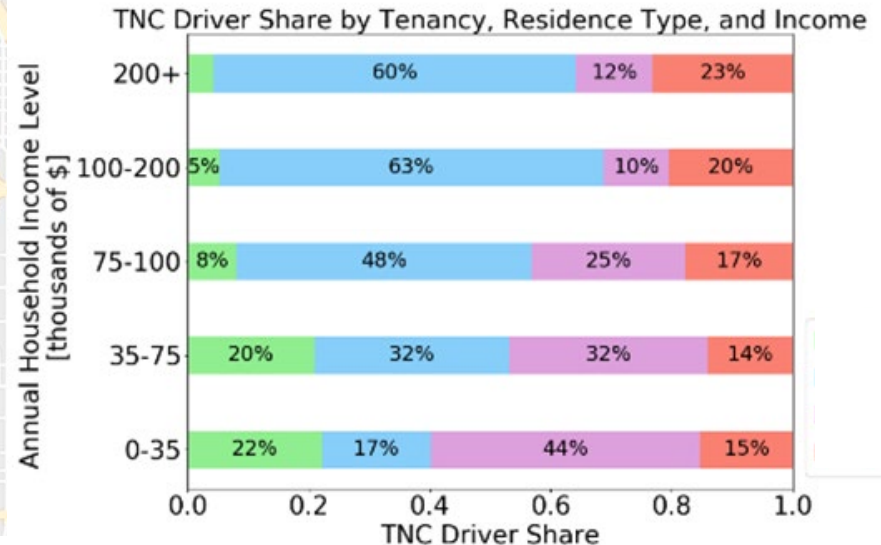
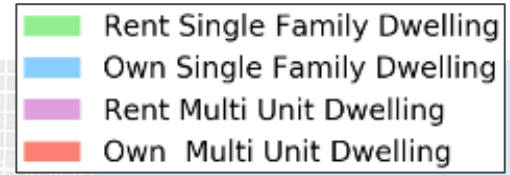
- Home charging obviates most of the need for public fast charging
- With overnight charging, simulations show 9% of the fleet relying on public fast charging
- Without overnight charging, 100% of the fleet fast charges 1-2 times per day



Data credit: Columbus Yellow Cab, NREL

# MIXED REPORTS ON OVERNIGHT CHARGING ACCESS

- Populus survey reported 40% of TNC drivers live in multi-unit dwellings where home charging is traditionally problematic
- This data suggests the potential for poor access to residential charging for many TNC drivers, especially those with low income

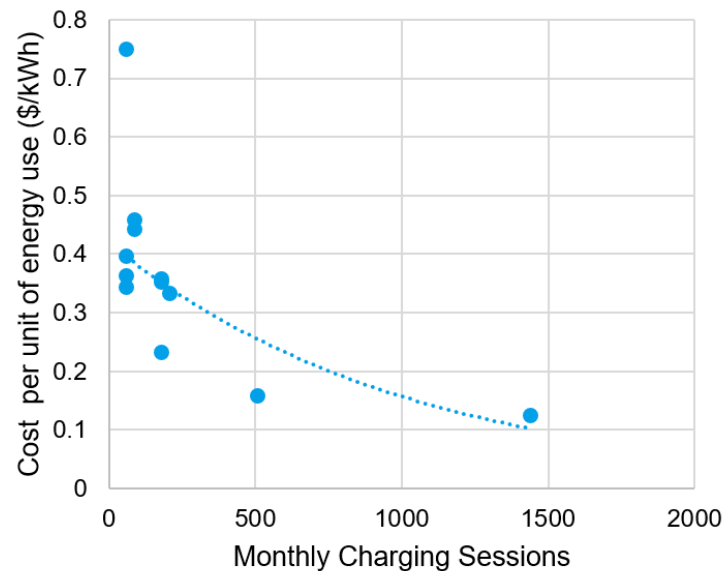


Credit: Populus, NREL

# DEMAND-BASED NETWORK DESIGN

**Low-cost installations are tempting in the short-term, but not financially viable in the long-term**

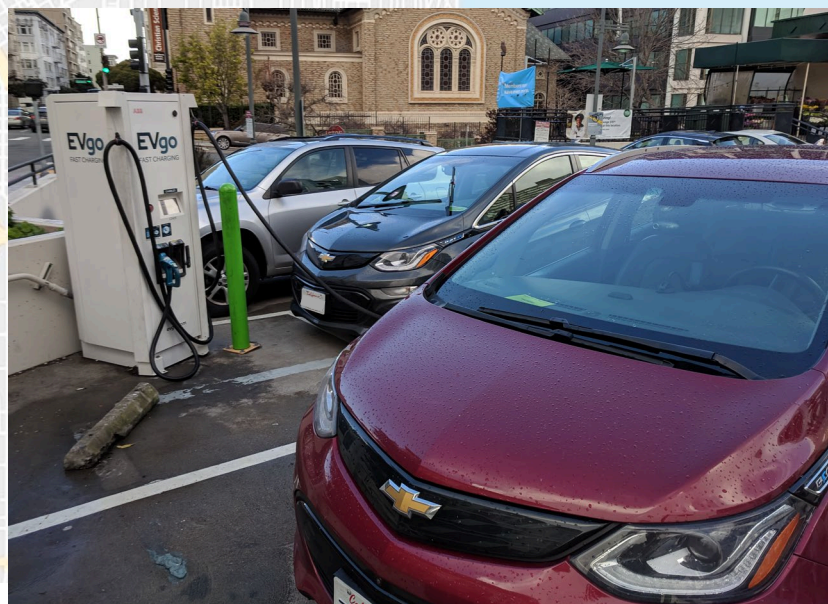
- Simulation study in Columbus, OH using data from the local electric utility (AEP)
- Priority should be placed on siting fast charging at locations with high potential utilization
- Such sites are likely to include urban cores, transit hubs, and airports



# FAST CHARGING SYNERGIES

## Overall EV sales benefit from infrastructure support for ride hailing

- Consumer choice modeling finds that fast charge support for ride hail drivers can increase overall EV sales by up to 10% by 2030
  - Electric rides and infrastructure visibility improves perception of EV technology
  - Increased infrastructure utilization improves economics for charging networks



Credit: ANL, NREL, ORNL

# CHARGING INFRASTRUCTURE FOR: HUMAN-DRIVEN ELECTRIC CAR SHARING





# CHARGING TIME DOMINATES DOWN TIME

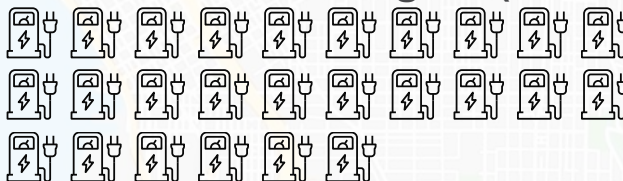
Increasing charge power is more effective than adding stations to keep cars in service



Source: ReachNow

SEATTLE

50-kW DC fast chargers (DCFCs)



4% REDUCTION  
IN DOWNTIME

50-kW DCFCs



VS.

or

100-kW DCFCs



36% REDUCTION  
IN DOWNTIME

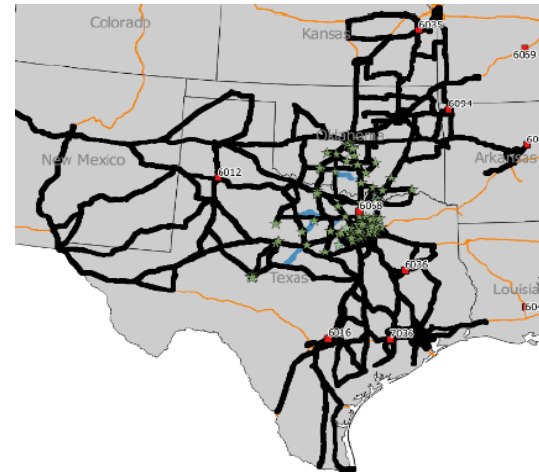
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# CHARGING INFRASTRUCTURE FOR: REGIONAL GOODS DELIVERY

# REGIONAL-HAUL PRIVATE MOTOR CARRIER

## Modeled electric truck fleet based on real-world operations data

- Class 8 truck fleet based in Dallas, Texas area
- Data loggers on 22 trucks
- Data collected over 1 month
- Private delivery locations



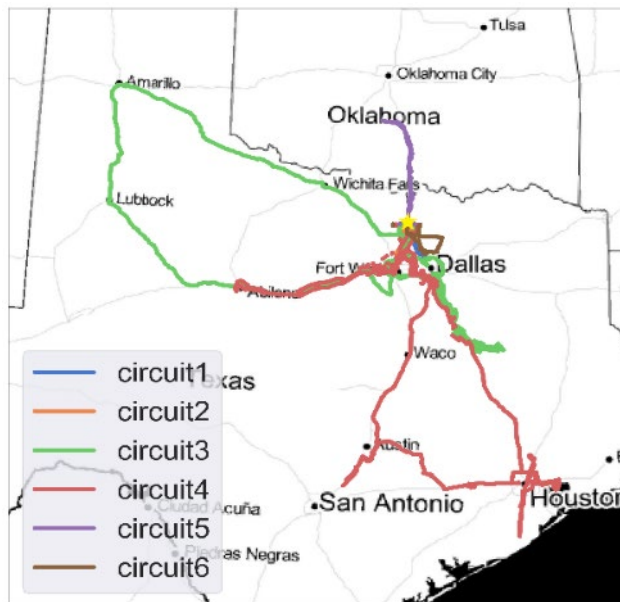
Modeled different EV range, charging power, and charging opportunity

Assessed ability to complete daily driving per current operations

# REGIONAL-HAUL PRIVATE MOTOR CARRIER

## Individual vehicles used for variety of routes

- A trip is travel between delivery locations or regional distribution centers (RDC)
- A circuit is the group of trips starting from and returning to the home RDC
- Assumed charging entire time stopped at an RDC

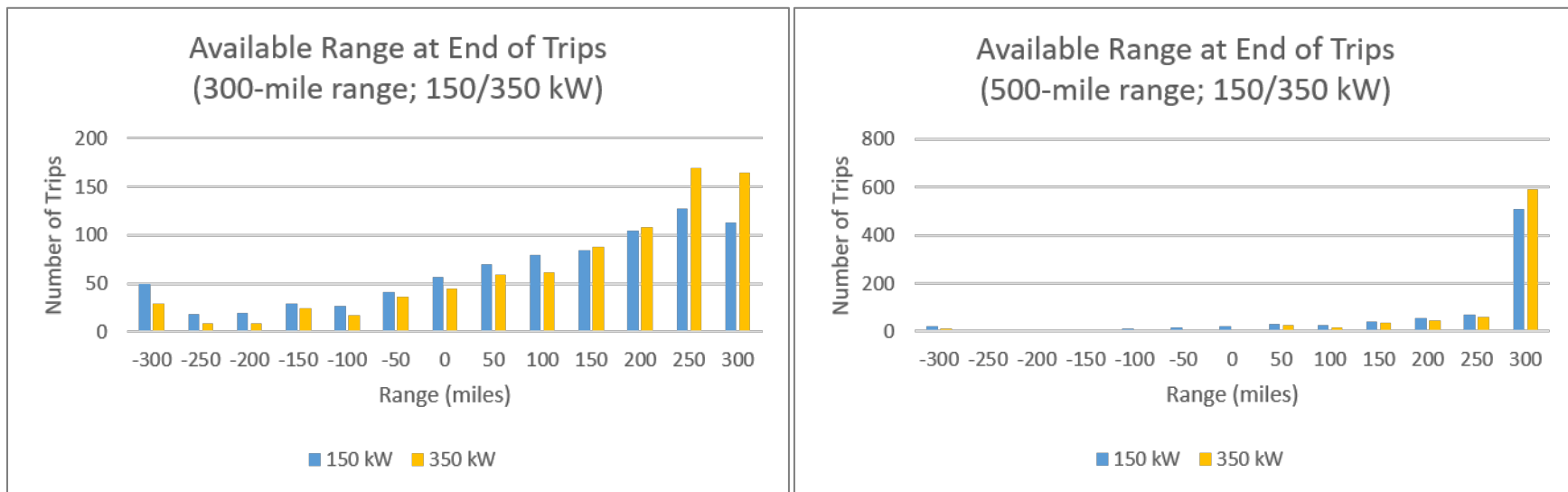


Summary of Single Truck Case Study	
Total distance driven (miles)	3,733
Number of trips	24
Total dwell time (hours)	144
Number of trips exceeding 300-mile range	4
Number of trips exceeding 500-mile range	0
Circuits (trip chains starting and ending at home RDC)	6
Number of stops at home and other RDCs	<b>11</b>

# LONG RANGE AND PRIVATE FAST CHARGING MAY NOT BE ENOUGH

**This fleet would need to change operations to electrify trucks**

- Uninterrupted charging while dwelling at all destinations did not provide sufficient range for all trips

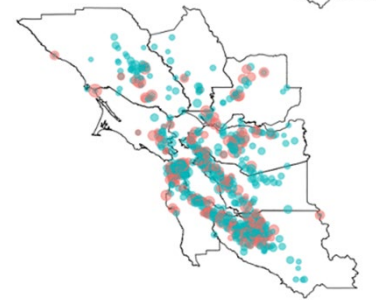
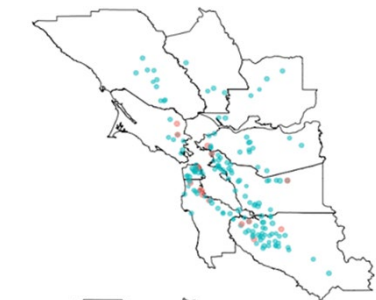
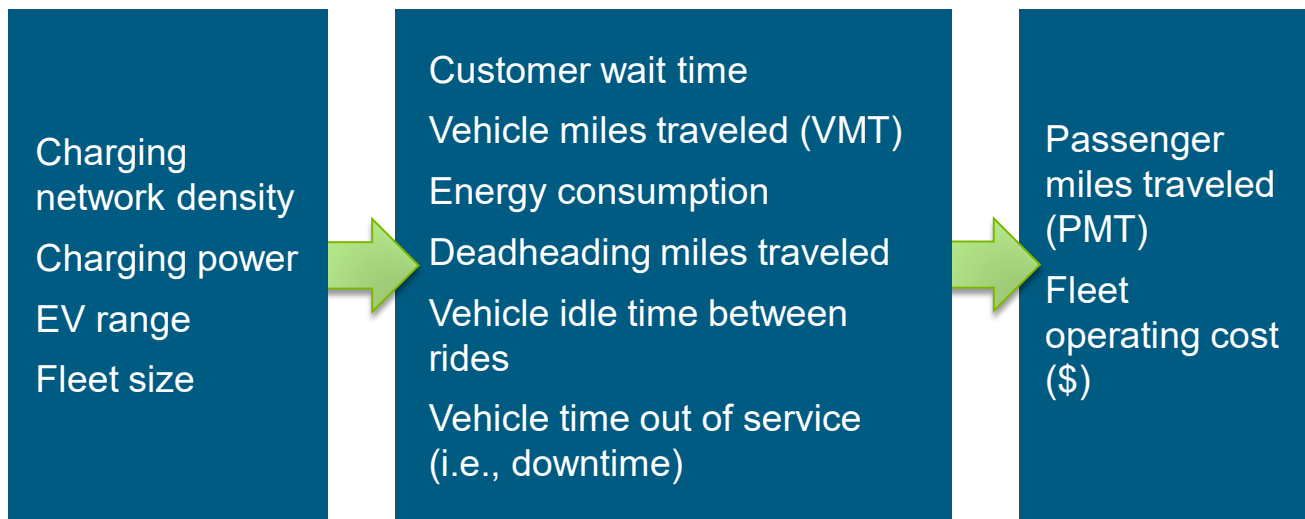


# CHARGING INFRASTRUCTURE FOR: AUTOMATED ELECTRIC RIDE HAILING



# CHARGING INFRASTRUCTURE IMPACTS MOBILITY, ENERGY, COST

**Fleet and charging network design are inter-related**



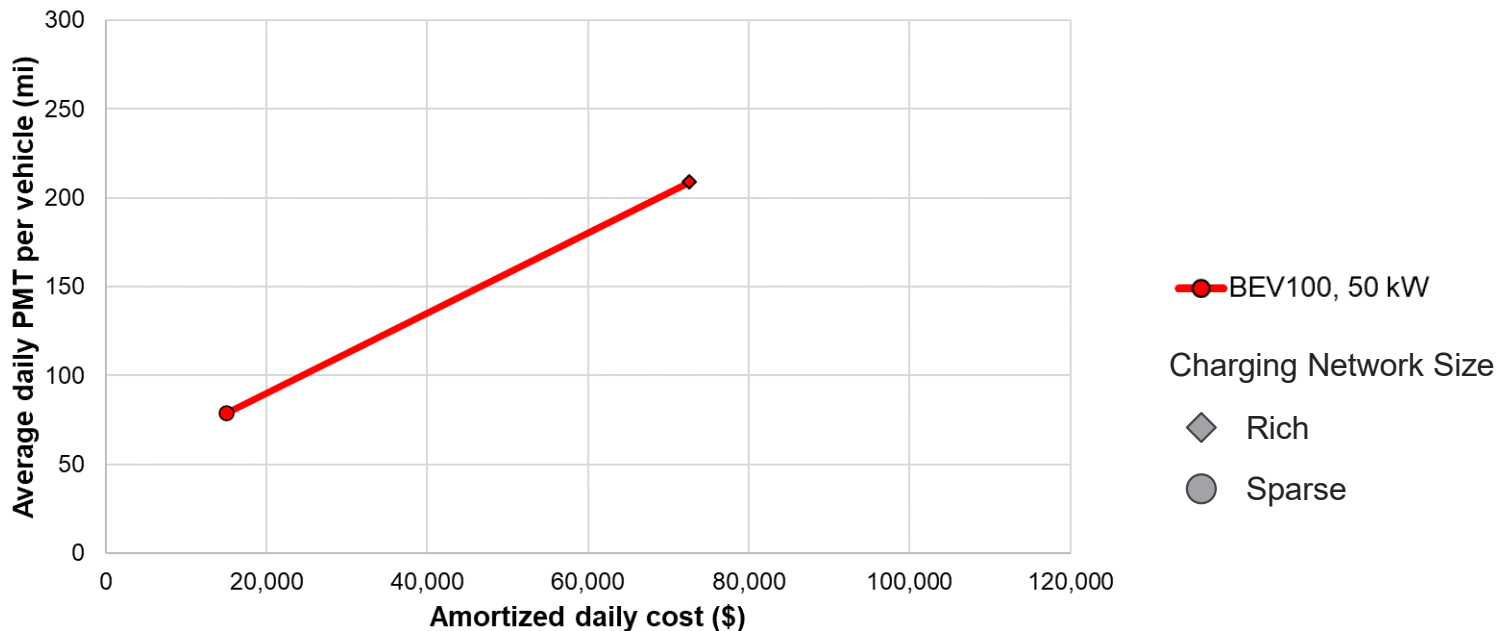
- Depot chargers for automated ride-hailing EVs
- Public chargers for human-driven ride-hailing and personal-use EVs

*Maps show distribution of fast charging stations in San Francisco Bay Area for Sparse (top) and Rich (bottom) networks*

# QUANTIFYING CHARGING NETWORK COST AND BENEFIT TO THE FLEET

Charging network size affects fleet's capacity to serve passengers

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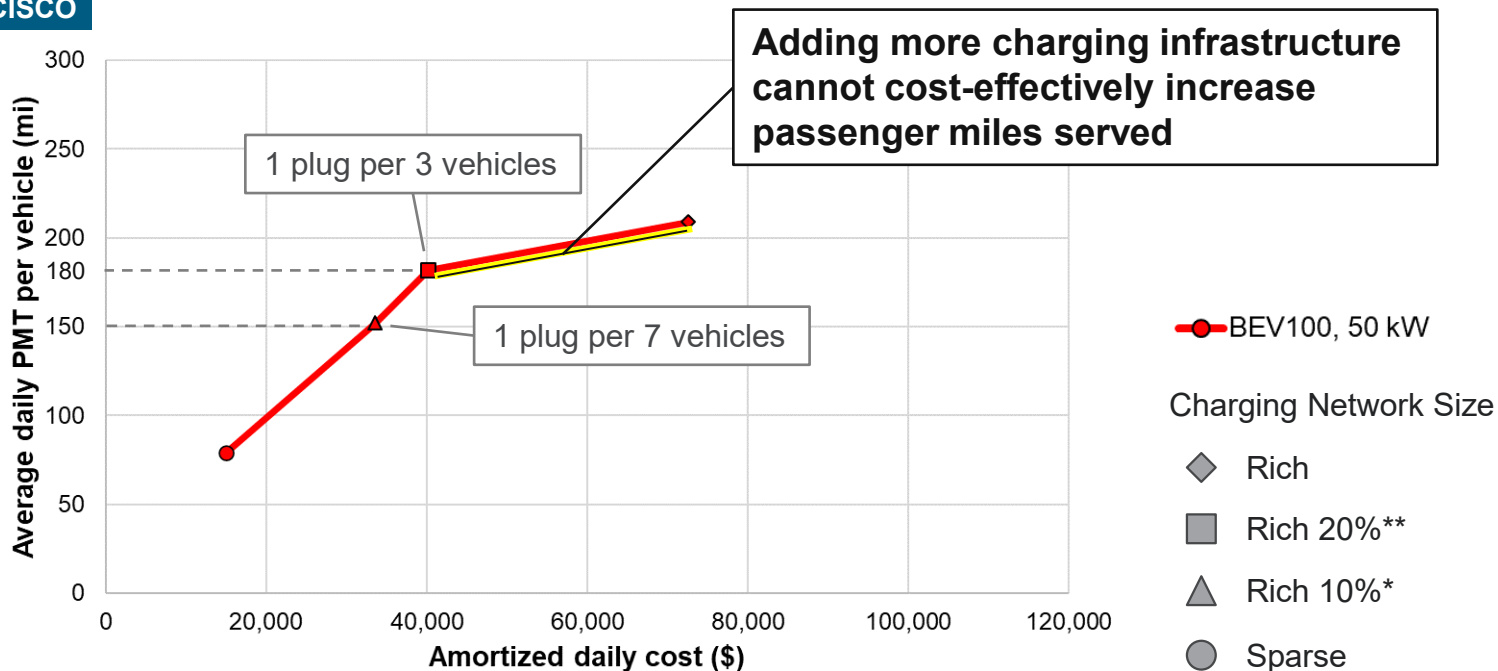




# INTERMEDIATE CHARGING NETWORK SIZES ADD CLARITY

PMT served is linear with cost until point of diminished returns

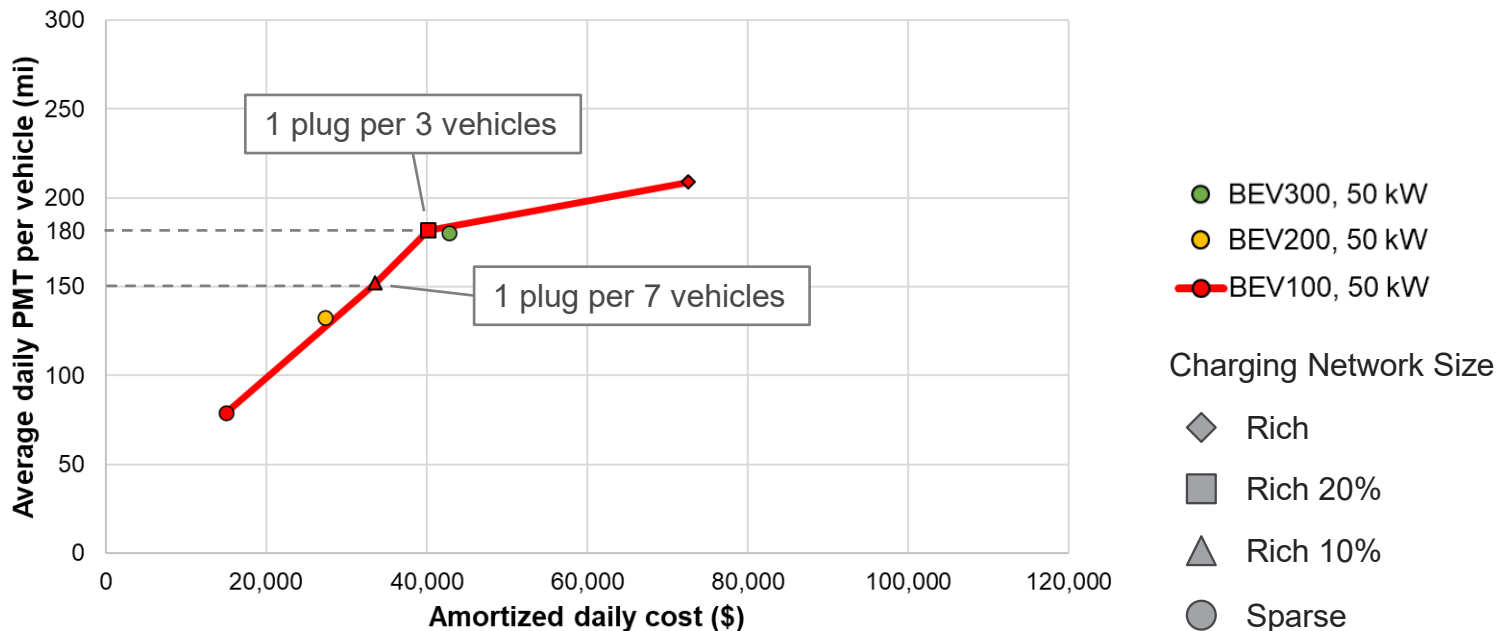
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# INCREASING EV RANGE INCREASES PMT

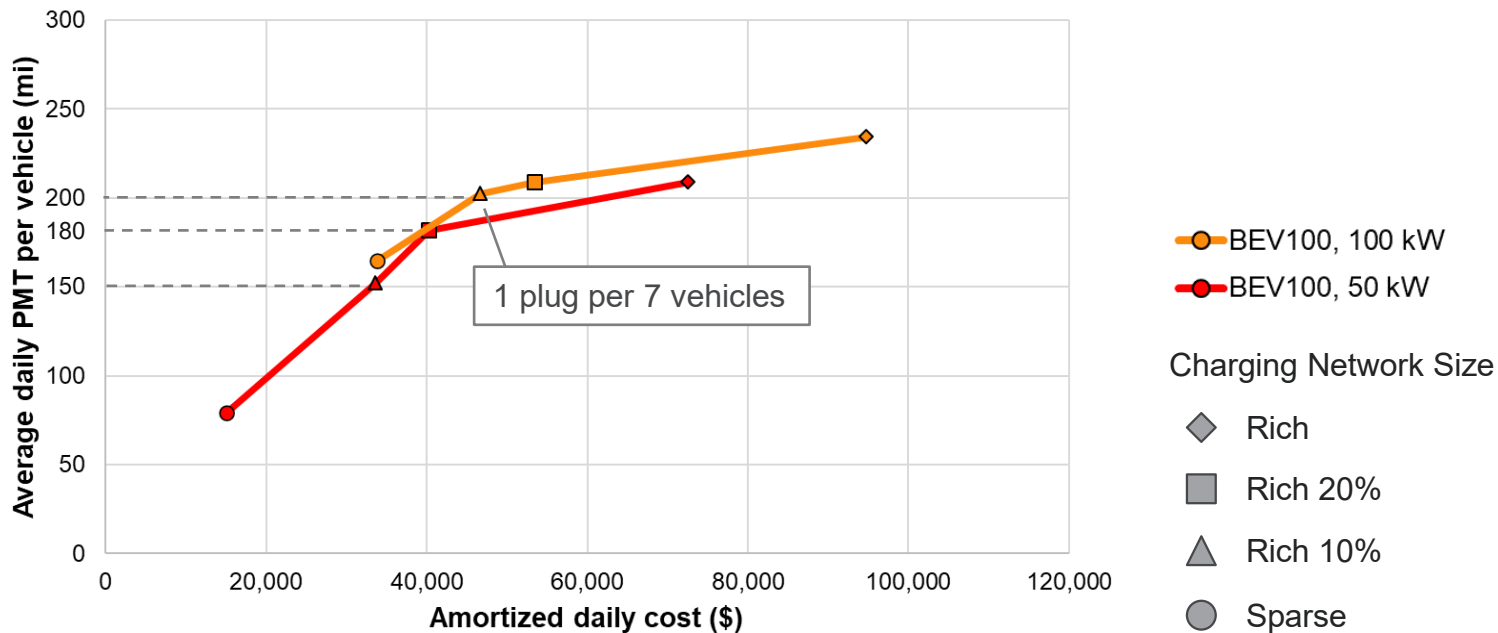
## Provides same rate of return as increasing charging network size

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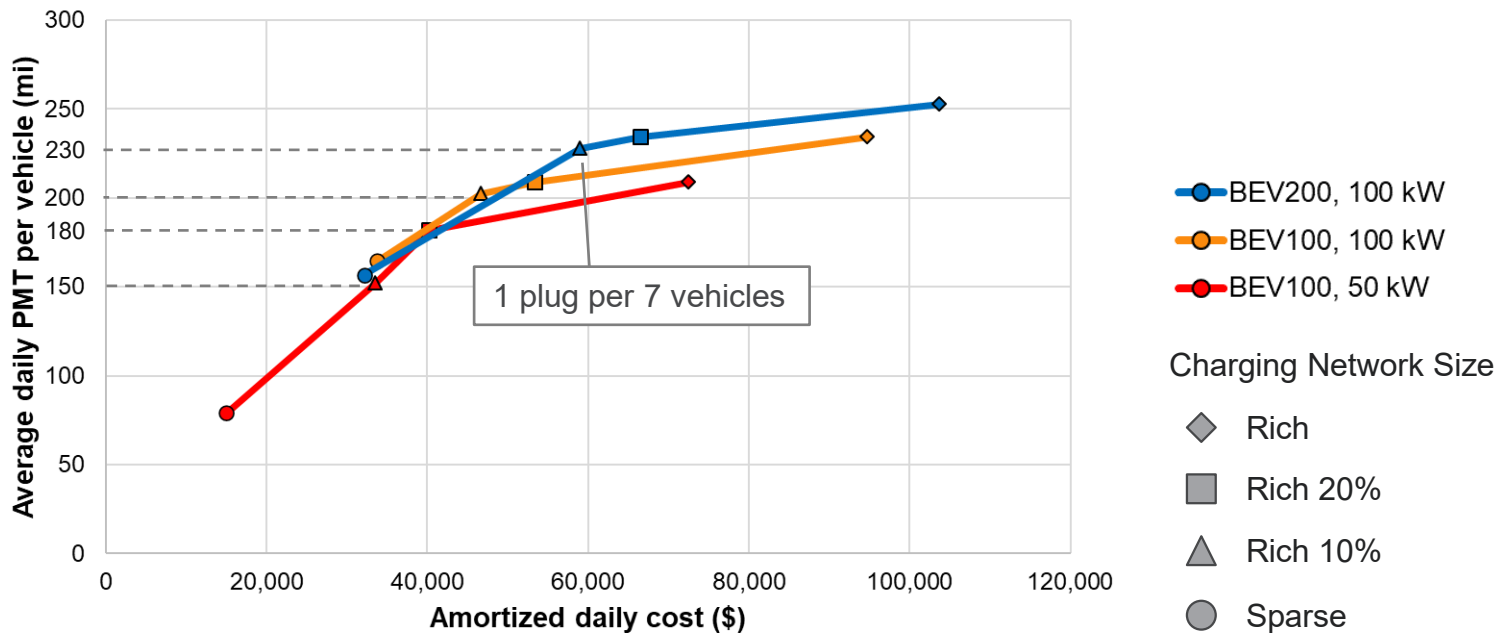
# INCREASING CHARGE POWER SURPASSES PMT THRESHOLD

Upgrading to 100-kW charging cost-effectively increases PMT to 200 mi/day per vehicle



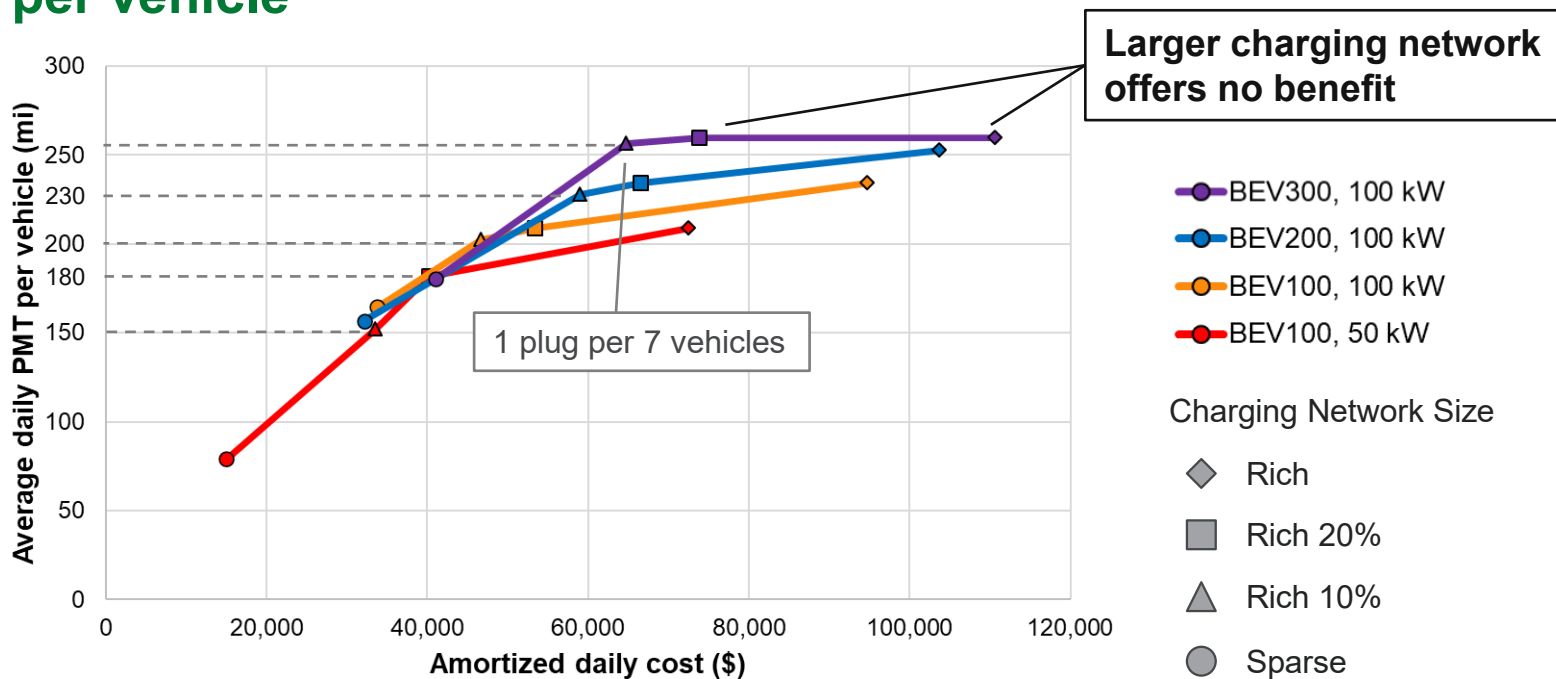
# INCREASING CHARGE POWER AND EV RANGE INCREASES PMT FURTHER

**BEV200s with widespread 100-kW charging cost-effectively serve 230 passenger mi/day per vehicle**



# TREND HOLDS WHEN INCREASING EV RANGE FURTHER

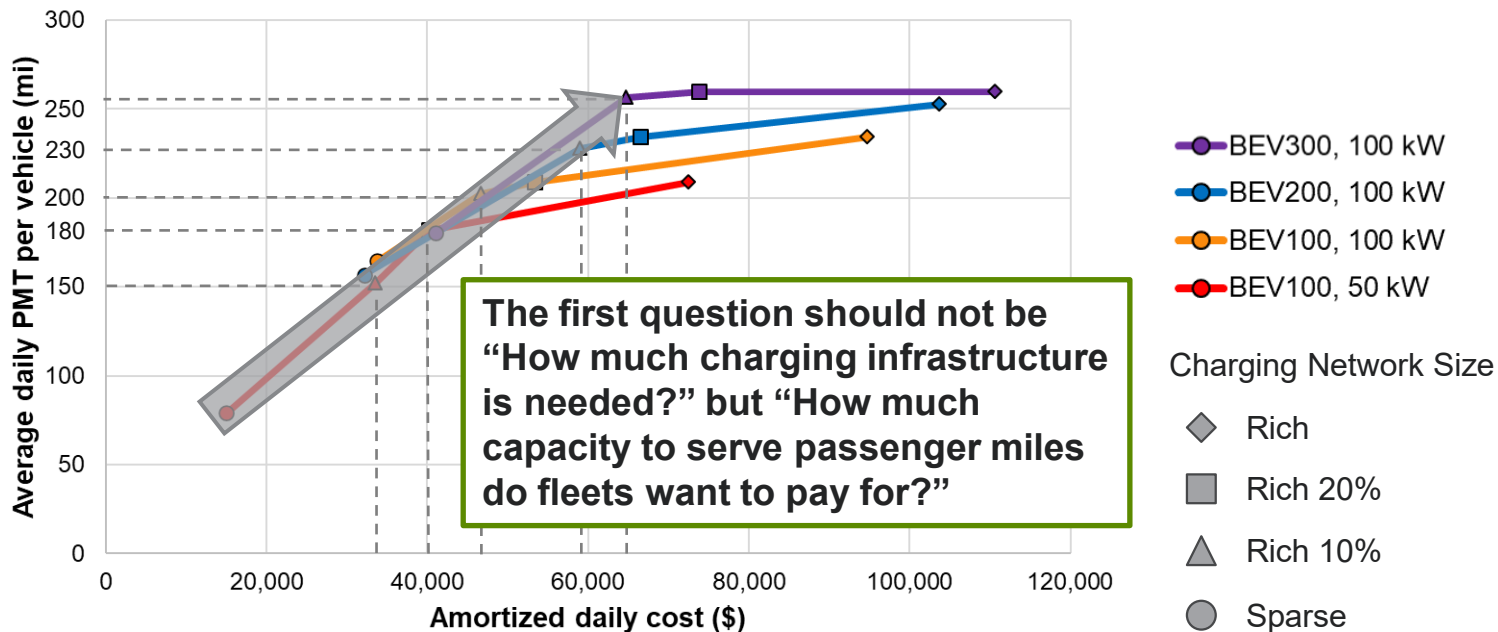
**BEV300s with widespread 100-kW charging surpass 250 passenger mi/day per vehicle**



# DIFFERENT SOLUTIONS AFFORD DIFFERENT LEVEL OF SERVICE

## Quantifying level of service vs. cost prompts a new question

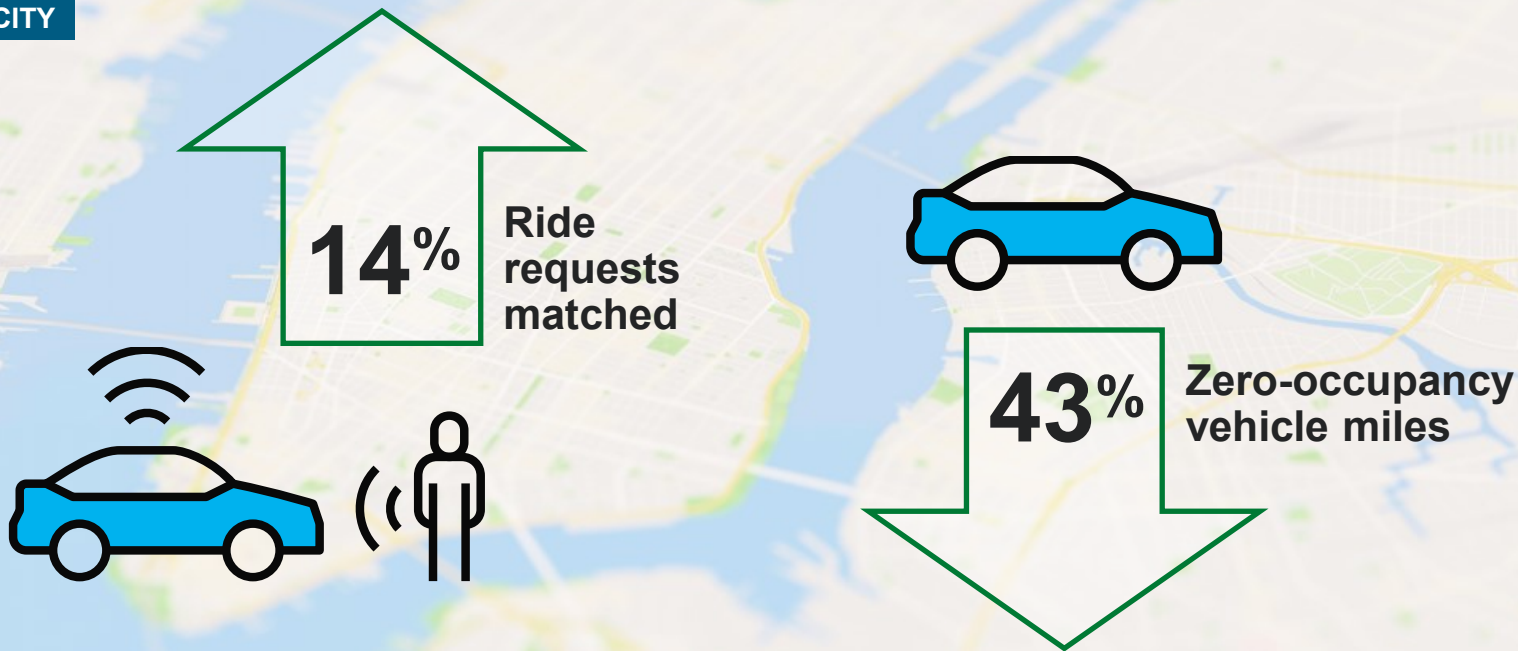
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# CENTRALIZED DISPATCH IMPPROVES EFFICIENCY OF AUTOMATED RIDE-HAIL FLEET

## Compared to independent repositioning & charging decisions

NEW YORK CITY



# CHARGING INFRASTRUCTURE FOR: AUTOMATED TRANSIT SHUTTLES





# DYNAMIC WIRELESS CHARGING


## Enables continuous automated shuttle bus operation

Stops one-mile apart along fixed route for buses with 8–12 passenger capacity\*



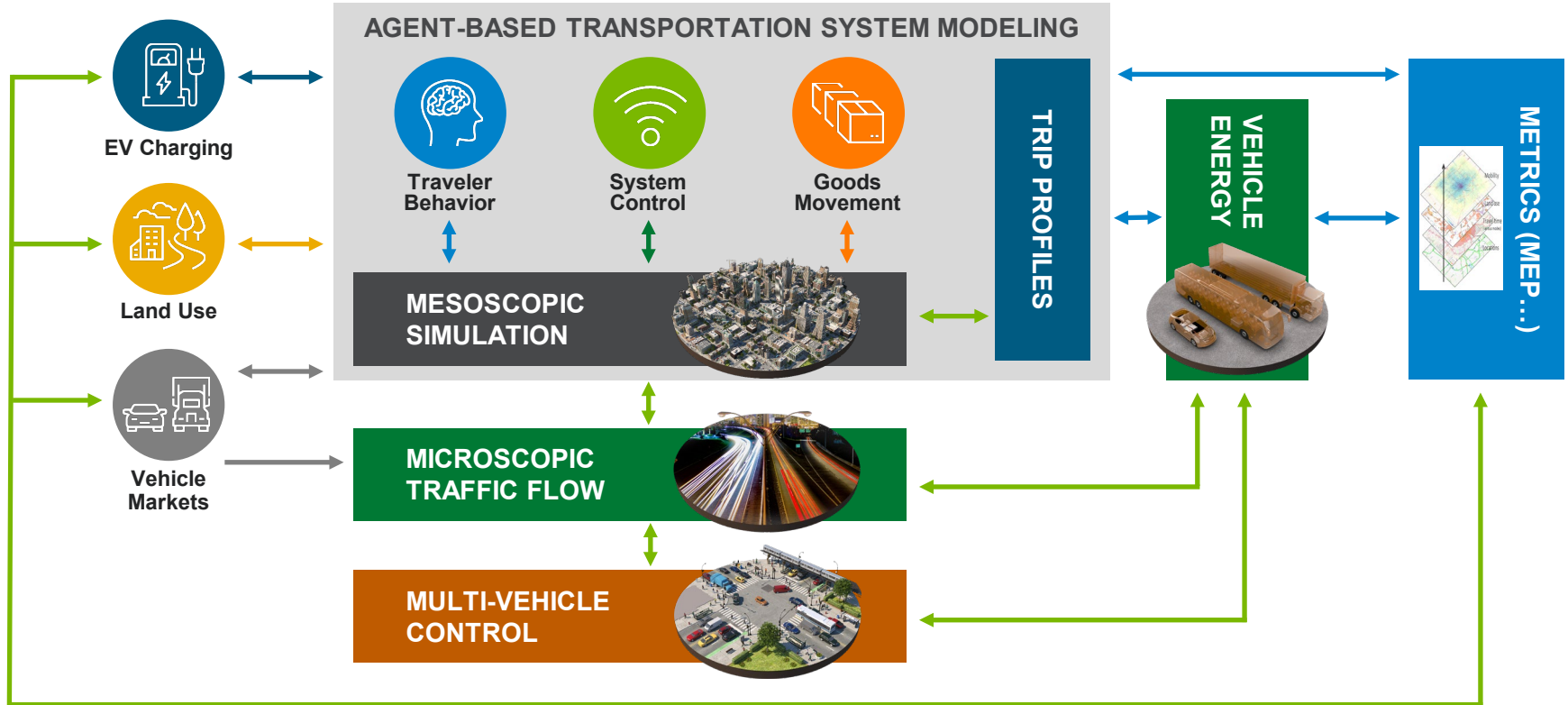
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\*Each stop has a 5-meters wireless charger, with 100-kW charging capacity

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# CHARGING INFRASTRUCTURE FOR: SMART MOBILITY MODELING WORKFLOW

# END-TO-END MODELING WORKFLOW



# AGENT-BASED MODELS ENABLE ANALYSIS OF HIGH EV FUTURES

- Modeling enables unprecedented glimpse into high EV futures, including:
  - Station utilization
  - Ride hailing synergies
  - Impacts of residential access



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Simulated charging network supporting 1,000,000 EVs in Chicago

Simulated charging network supporting 420,000 EVs in San Francisco



# WHAT'S NEXT?

# PUBLIC, PRIVATE SECTOR IMPACT

## DOE Research Informing Real-World Investments



NYSERDA

**NYC**

Taxi & Limousine Commission

- On-going statewide evaluation of charging infrastructure investment necessary to support state ZEV goals
- Includes detailed agent-based modeling of electric ride hailing in NYC
- With consideration for “supply side constraints” (parking, electrical access)



FORD **SMART MOBILITY**

- Developed agent-based models of high ride-hailing futures in four US cities
  - Austin, Detroit, Miami, Washington D.C.
- Considered five possible future electric generation mixes in each location
- Found annual cost of charging SAEV fleets to **decrease 13-46%** as a result of connectivity between electric utilities and SAEV fleets

# CONCLUSION

- Design charging networks around demand
- Look beyond simply adding more charging stations
  - When less downtime or more range is needed, increasing charging power and EV range may be prudent (if not necessary)
  - Changing business operations may be needed
  - Define objectives to “right-size” system
- Optimize AEV fleets through coordinated control
- Leverage DWPT to keep automated transit vehicles on the road

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