



# Systems of Systems

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Modeling to Guide the Nation's Path Forward



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# Systems of Systems



Core efforts increase abilities to co-simulate power & transportation systems

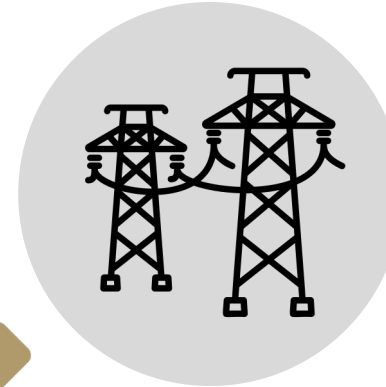
## Adoption

What factors affect the adoption of EVs? EV charging infrastructure? What are the critical barriers to adoption?



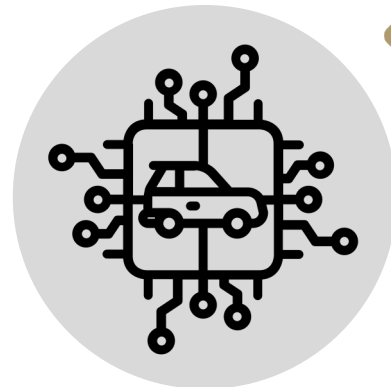
## Power Systems & Markets

How does EV charging affect power system operations, dynamics, stability, energy prices?



## Transport Systems & Behaviors

How might travel behavior & transportation system usage change?



## Charging Security & Management

How to manage charging, ensure security/reliability, & protect privacy?

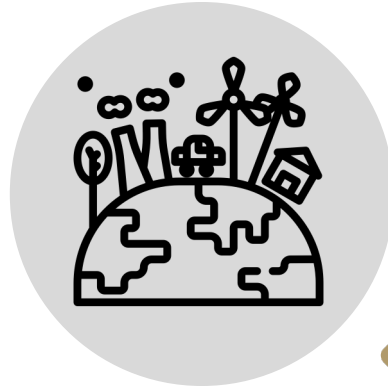


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Other efforts improve evaluations of the influences & impacts of electrification

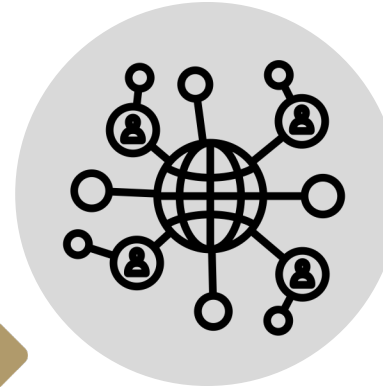
## Environmental Impacts

How will emissions from the energy & transportation sectors change? Different spatial distributions?



## Social Implications

Do certain communities have disparate access to EVs and charging stations? How to best engage with community members?



## Health Impacts

What are the health impacts of electrification scenarios & charging technologies? How are health benefits distributed?

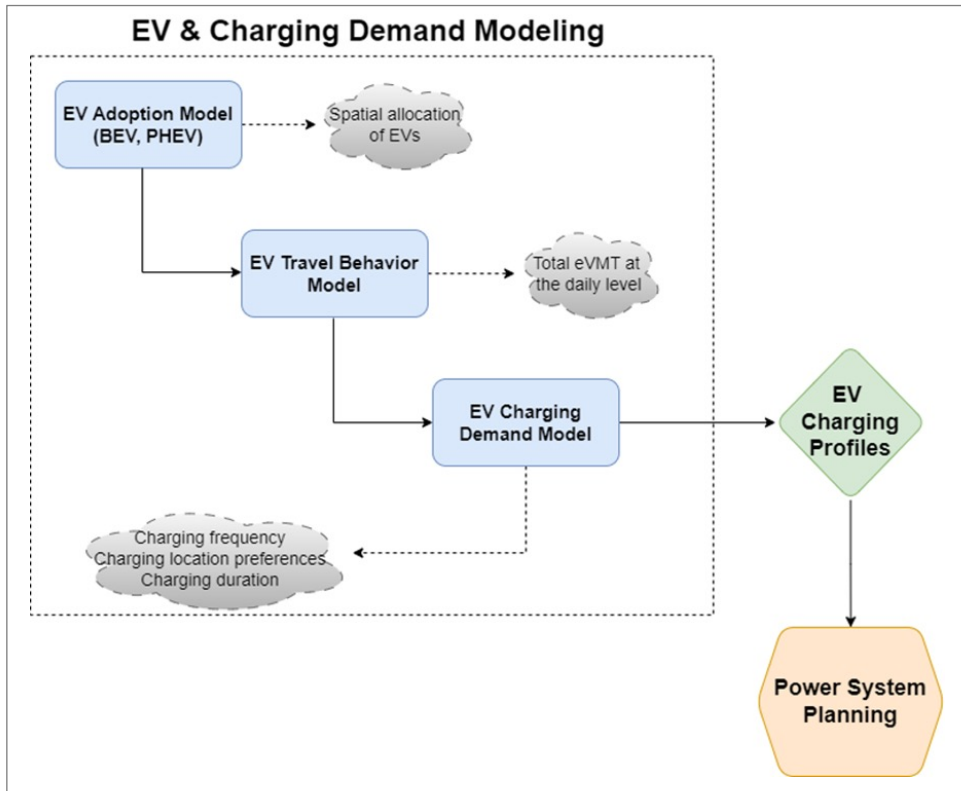


## Policy-Making

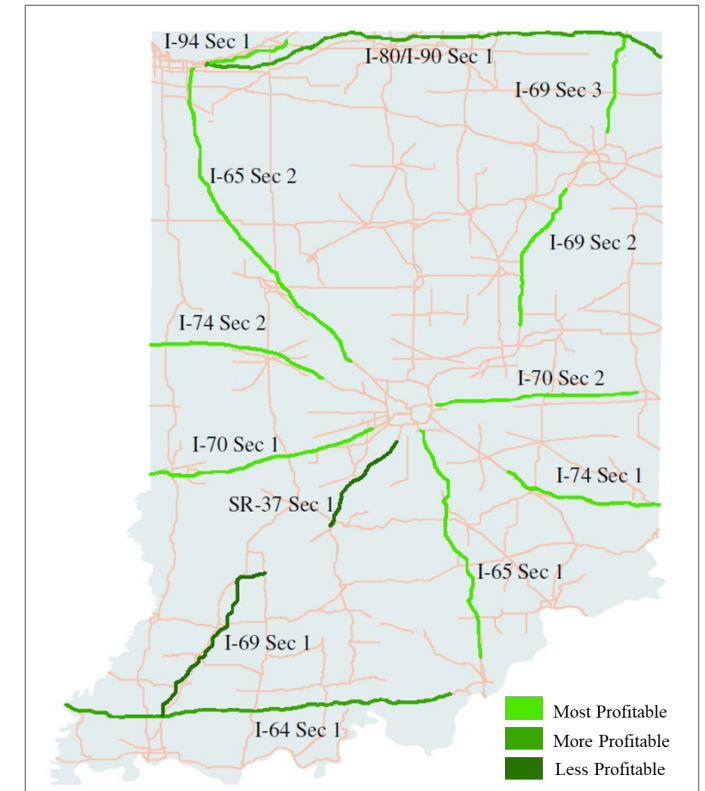
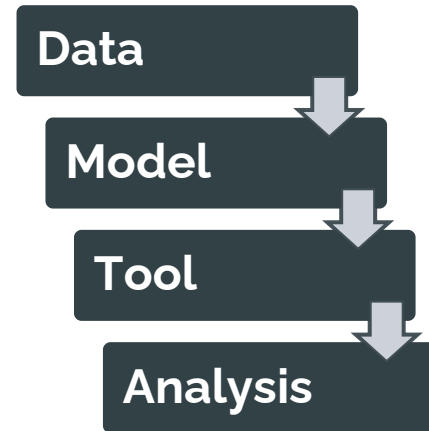
What are policy-related facilitators & barriers to EV & EVCI adoption? How do political orientations affect public perceptions?



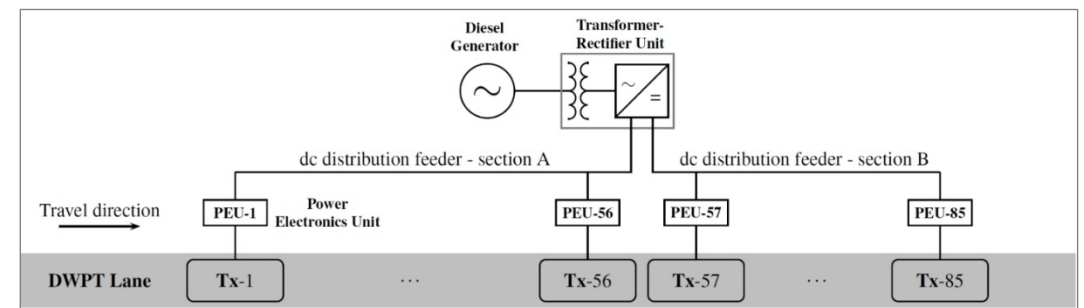
# 1. Power-Transportation System Integration



Framework for simulating EV charging profiles based on adoption, travel behavior, and charging demand models.



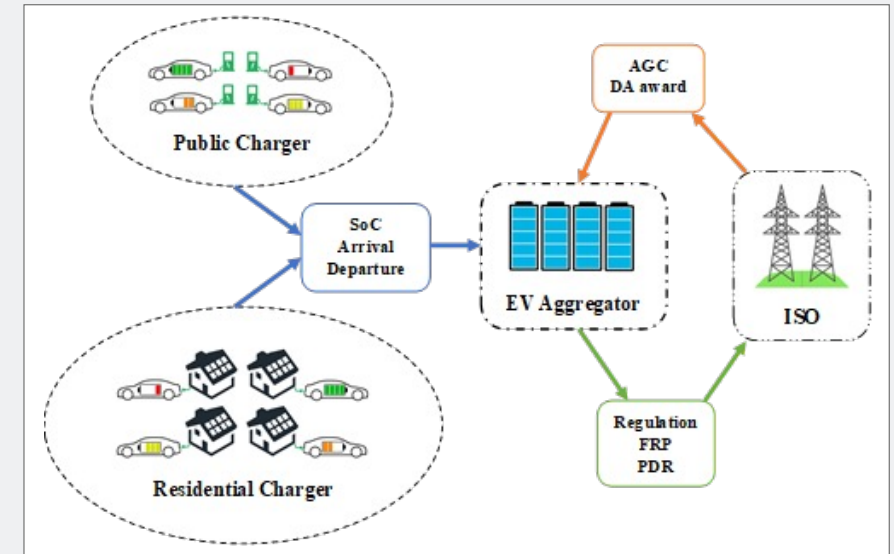
Feasibility analysis of dynamic wireless power transfer (DWPT) in Indiana.



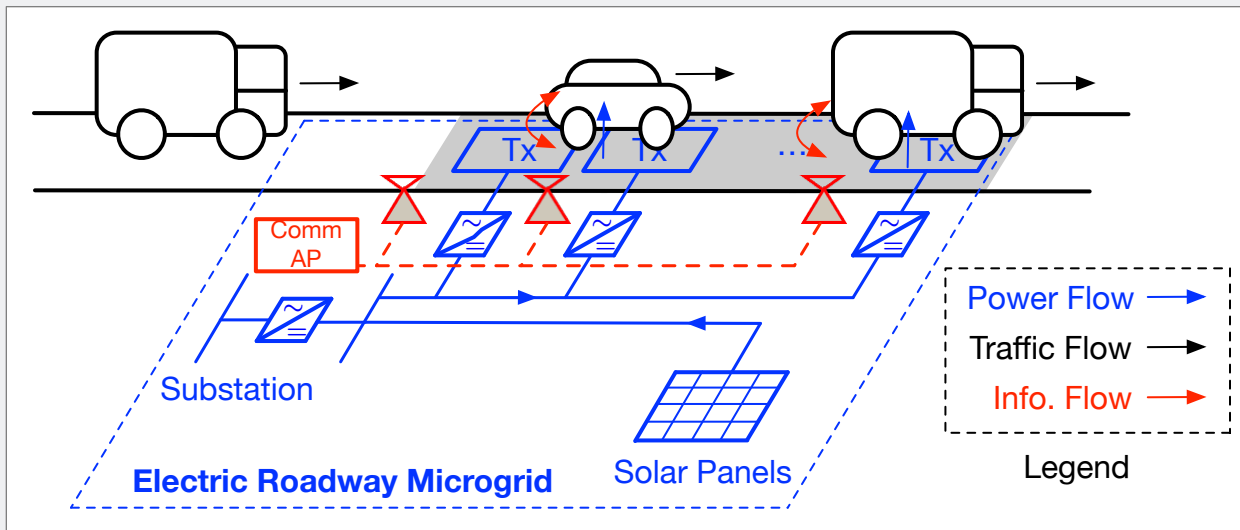
System architecture of an electric roadway simulator.

# 2. Managing EV Charging & Markets

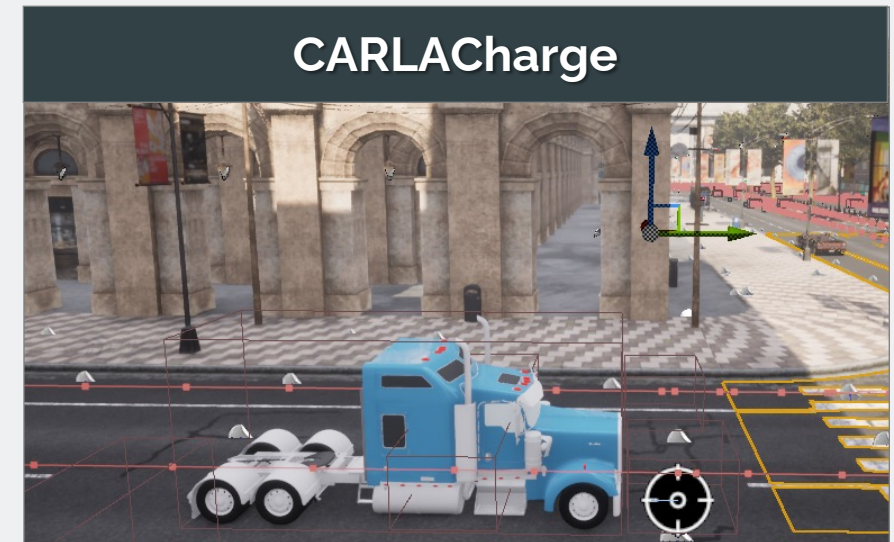
Vehicle & grid models, linked to real-world data & testbeds



Framework of the EV aggregation algorithm.



Conceptual framework of the electric roadway microgrid model.

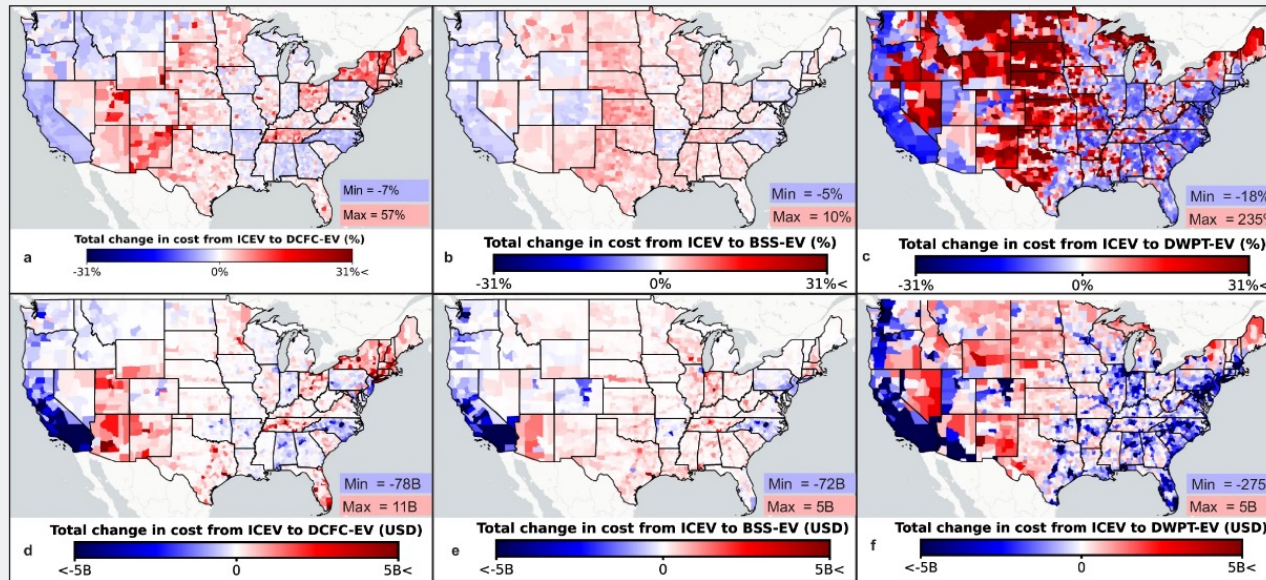


An electric truck in the CARLACharge software simulates the effectiveness of DWPT.

# 3. Evaluating EV Charging Systems

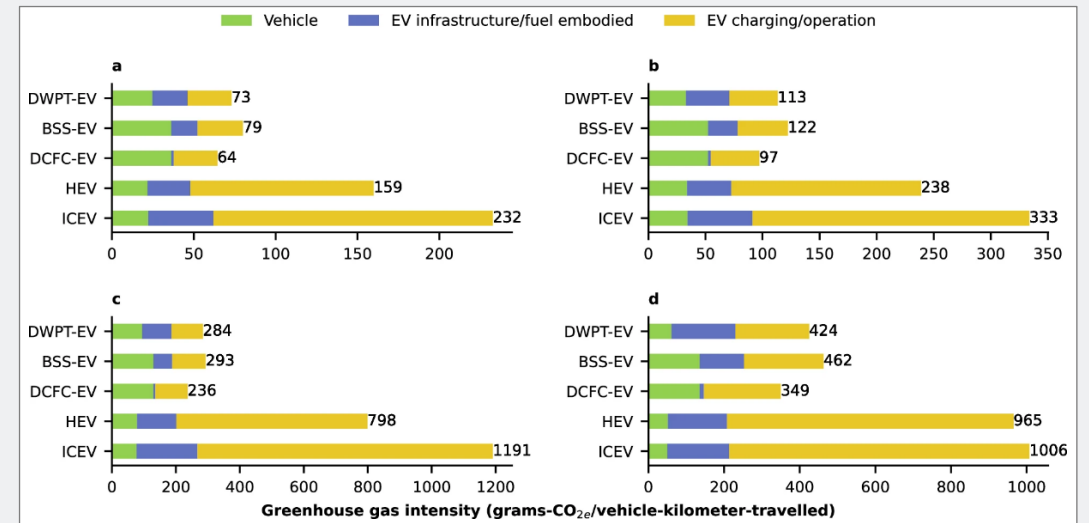
## Integrated Techno-Economic Analysis (TEA) & Life-Cycle Assessment (LCA)

- DC Fast Charging vs. Battery Swapping vs. Dynamic Wireless Power Transfer



### Change in total cost of ownership due to electric vehicle (EV) adoption.

County level results are presented for the change in total cost of ownership due to the transition from ICEVs to EVs (a-c) as a percentage and (d-f) in billions of 2022 US Dollars. Each map corresponds to EVs charged via (a, d) DCFC, (b, e) BSS, and (c, f) DWPT.

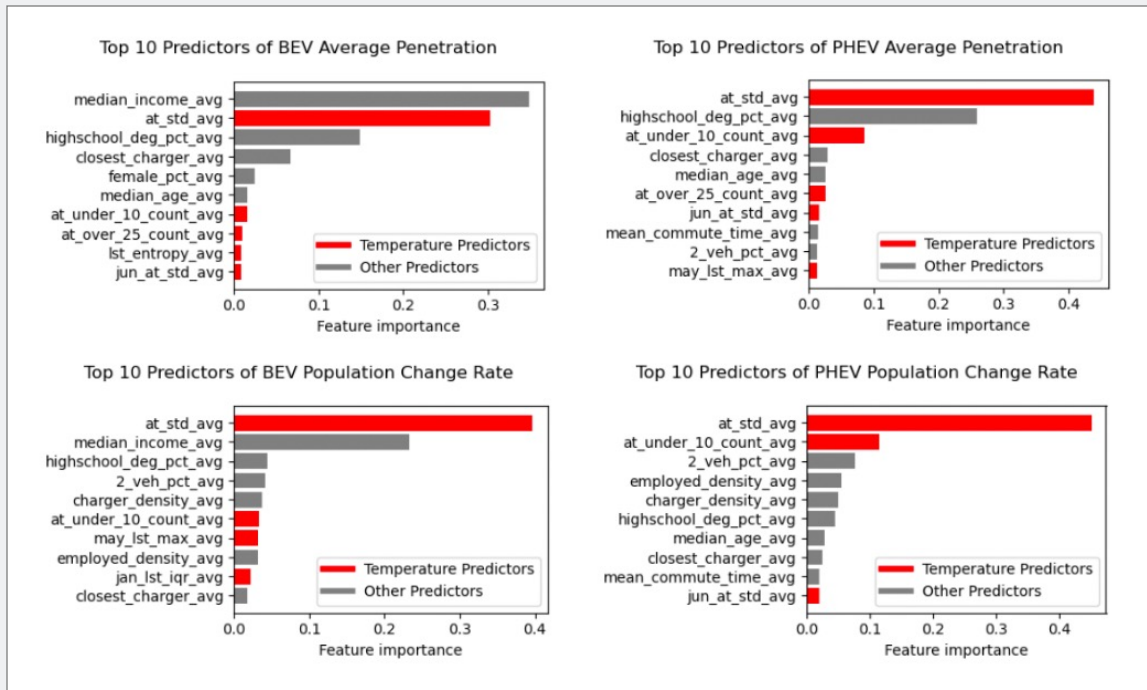


### Breakdown of the lifetime greenhouse gas (GHG) intensity.

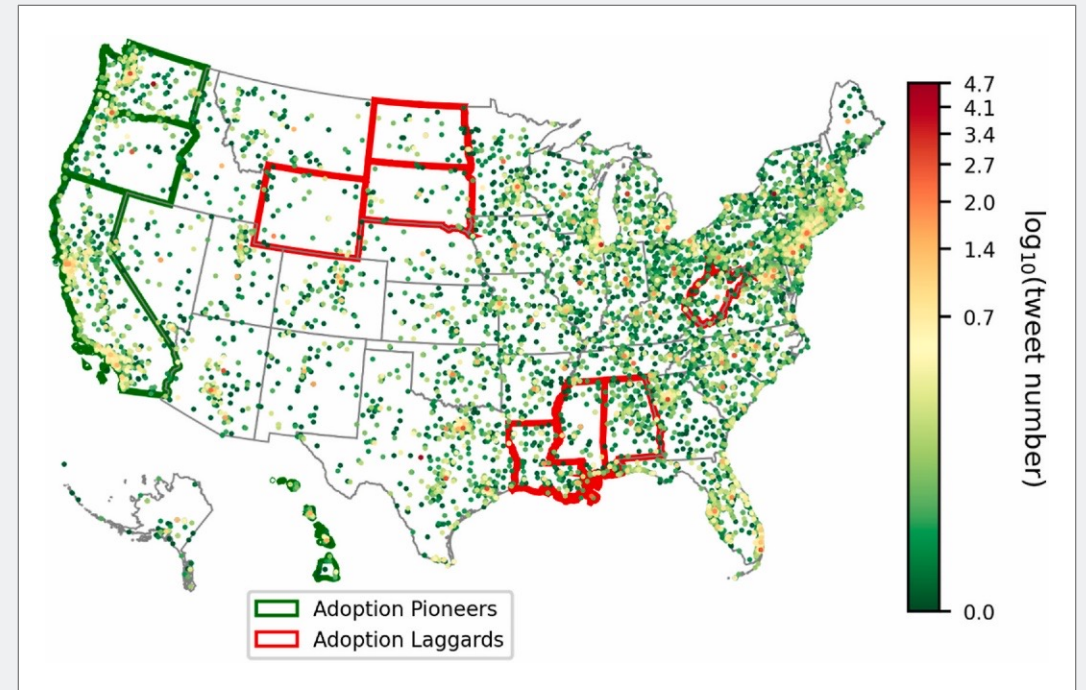
Results are for an average **a** passenger car, **b** light-duty truck, **c** medium-duty vehicle, and **d** heavy-duty vehicle in the contiguous United States. The vehicle scenarios include electric vehicles (EVs) charged via DCFC, BSS, and DWPT. Results are compared to an internal combustion engine vehicle (ICEV) and hybrid electric vehicle (HEV) from each category.

# 4. Advancing EV Adoption Models

Use of varied datasets reflects the interdisciplinary nature of adoption research.



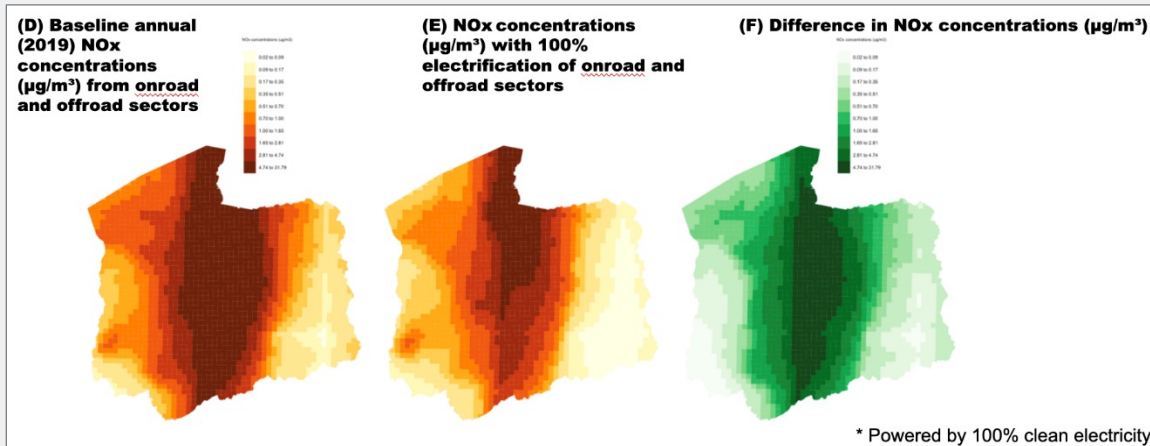
**Temperature variables are the most important predictors of EV adoption.** Results are from random forest models of BEV and PHEV population penetration rates and population change rates, using ZIP code level data from seven U.S. states.



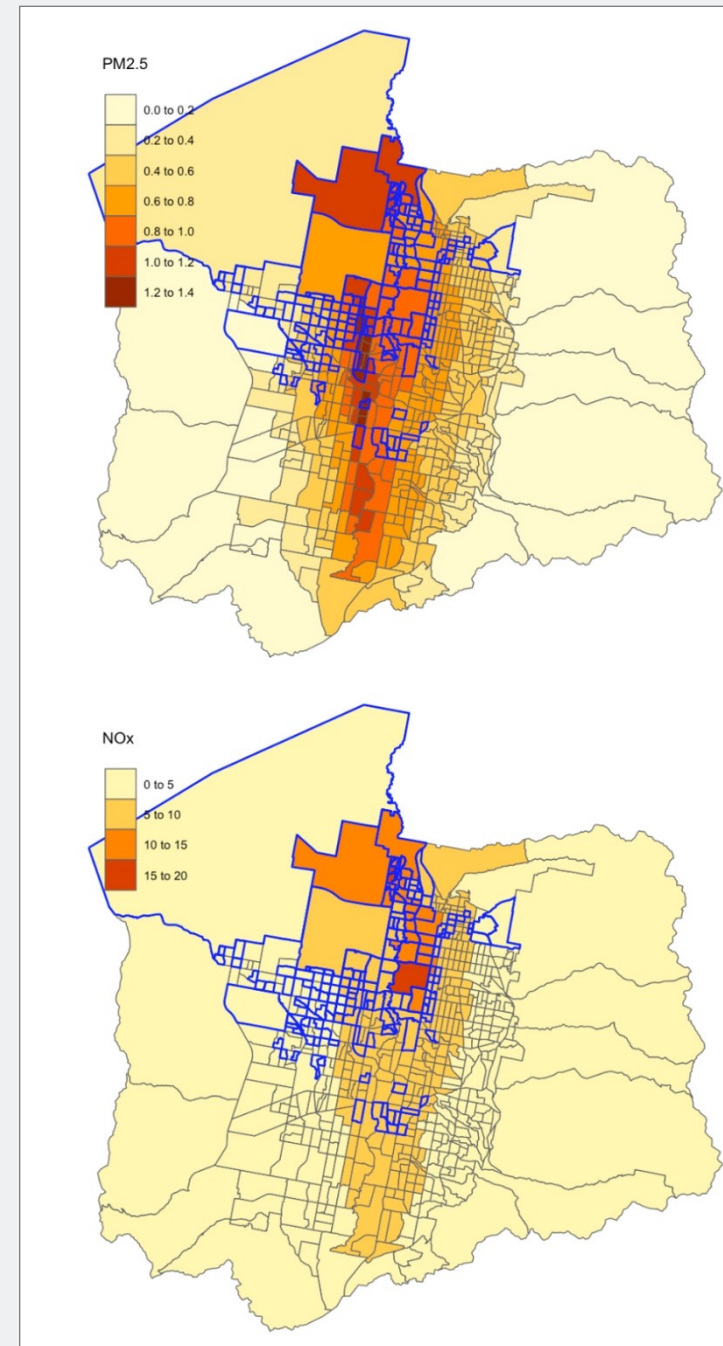
**Tweets about EVs are spatially distributed across U.S.** Tweet results are superimposed upon a map showing US states as adoption "pioneers" or "laggards" based on the percentage of registered EVs in 2022.

# 5. Impacts to Health, Environment, Access

Working with/in communities to understand perceptions and analyze societal impacts.



Reductions in NO<sub>x</sub> concentrations ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ ) associated with a scenario of 100% electrification\* of on-road and non-road emissions sectors.



**Disadvantaged communities experience more transportation-related pollution.**

Maps show the spatial distribution of PM<sub>2.5</sub> and NO<sub>x</sub> concentrations ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ ) from the transportation sector in Salt Lake County, UT. Blue outlines indicate Census block groups with EJScreen demographic index scores (a combination of low-income and minority populations) in the 75<sup>th</sup> percentile or higher in the country.

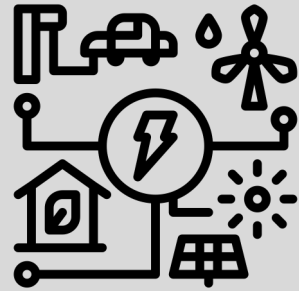


# Future Systems of Systems



What are our plans for ASPIRE in Years 5, 6–10, and beyond?

**Co-Simulate  
Power &  
Transportation  
Systems**



**Support  
Pathways to a  
Diverse  
Workforce**



**Model &  
Evaluate  
Influences  
& Impacts**



**Funding to  
Support  
Activities &  
Goals**



# Industry Engagement



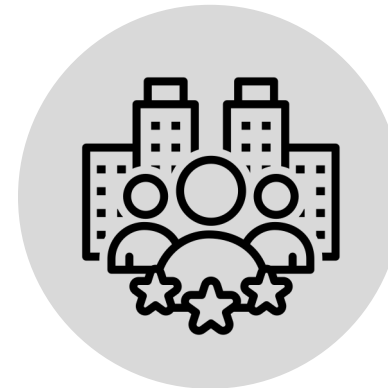
## Data

Are you willing to share data about adoption, vehicles, charging, costs, etc.?



## Models & Tools

Do you have (or a need for) new tools, models, analyses about P-T systems?



## Sponsorship

Would you like to support research activities, student travel, internships?



## Questions

What important questions can we help answer through our convergent research?



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# Thank You!

Questions?

# Panel Discussion



## Modeling to Guide the Nation's Path Forward



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# ASPIRE Annual meeting

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# UTA Fast Facts

- ❑ UTA serves over **80%** of the state's population
  - ❑ **1,400** square miles service area across seven counties
- ❑ **38,800,000** boardings system wide boardings projected in 2024 (90% of pre pandemic)
- ❑ **96** regular bus routes plus 18 Flex routes
  - ❑ **713** buses utilized
- ❑ **45.2** miles of light rail (TRAX) on **3** lines
  - ❑ **50** stations
- ❑ **83** miles of commuter rail (FrontRunner)
  - ❑ **15** stations
- ❑ **4** micro transit Zones
- ❑ **34** Battery buses (30 in the pipeline)

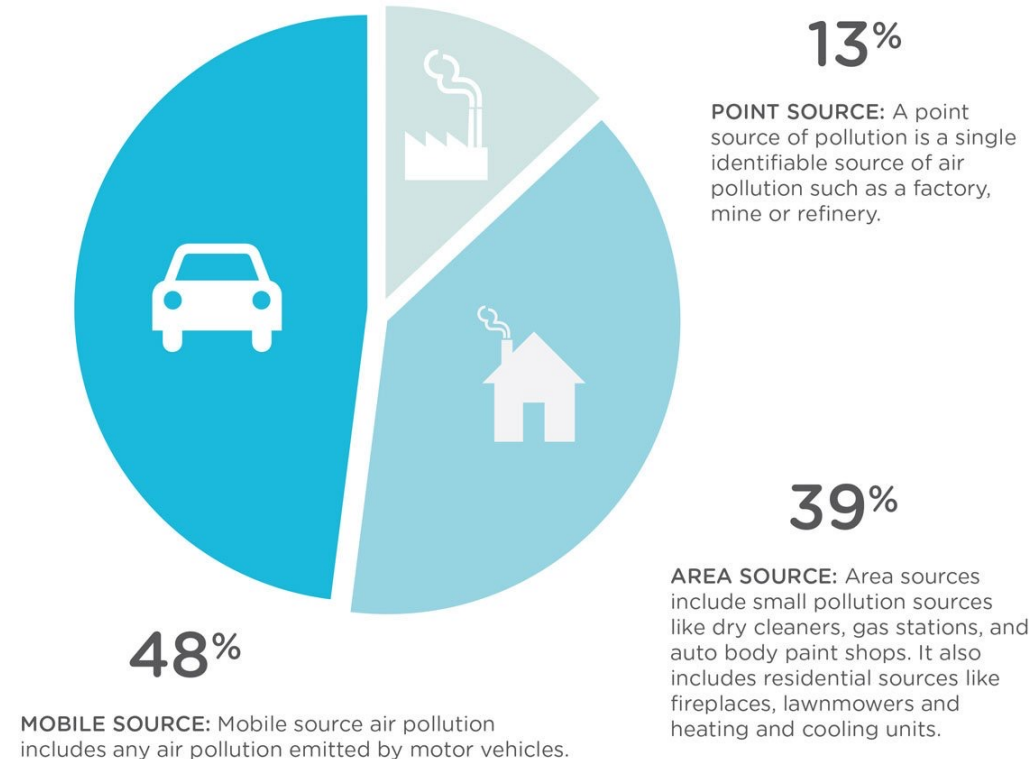


# Why Electrify Transportation?



## Where does Utah's air pollution come from?

In 2014, Air pollution along the Wasatch Front was measured coming from the following sources:



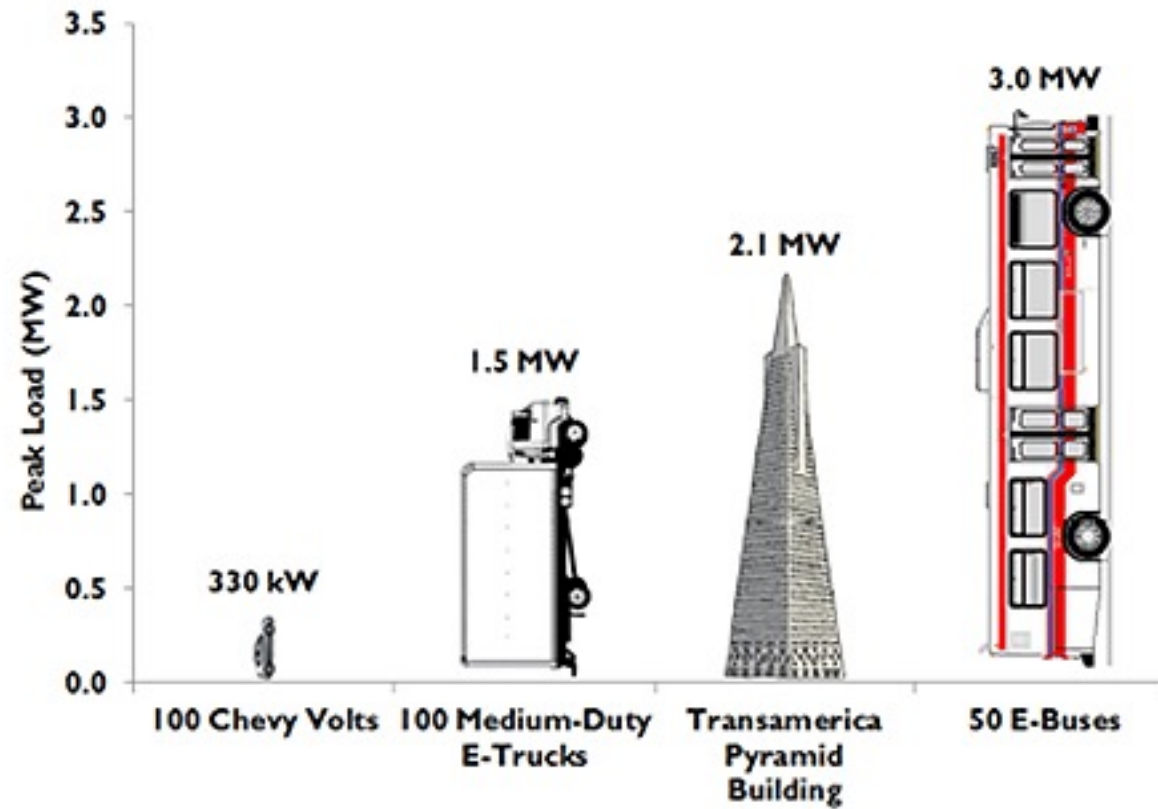
Source: Utah Division of Air Quality  
• Average winter day  
• NOx, VOC, and direct PM2.5 (most important contributors)

- Electrification can reduce emission from mobile and area sources
- Opportunities to better utilize electricity when it is available through batteries on vehicles and wayside storage
- Attract industry and economic development
- More consistent pricing of energy



# Grid Impact of Electric Buses

Figure 14: Peak loads for various electric vehicle fleets (without mitigating grid impacts)



Assumptions: the Chevy Volt charging rate is 3.3 kW, the medium-duty E-Truck charging rate is 15 kW and the E-Bus charging rate is 60 kW. The peak load for the Transamerica Pyramid building is from [26].

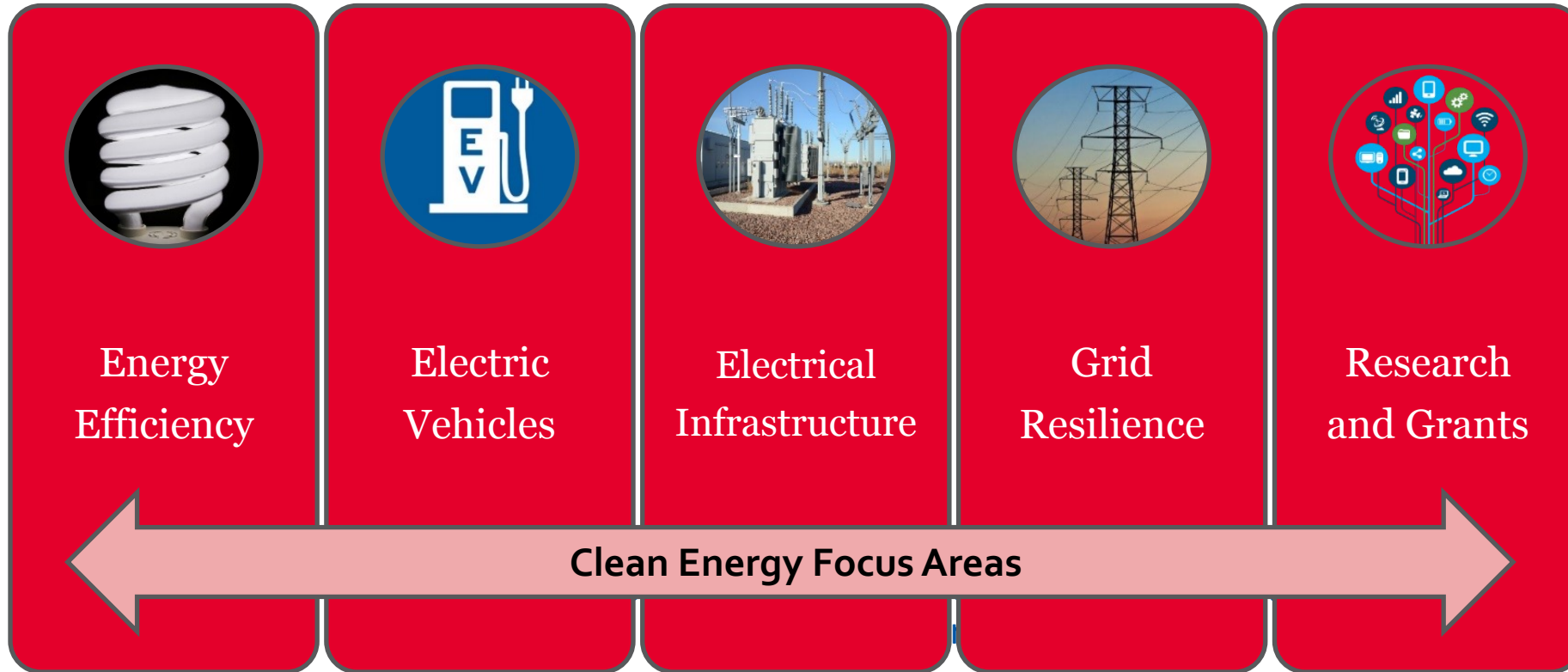




# Shared Electric Echo System Vision



# UTA RMP Partnership Key Areas



UTA and Rocky Mountain Power (RMP) have an interagency partnership.



# SB 125 Details

- ❑ Designates ASPIRE as the lead research center in developing a strategic action plan for the electrification of transportation infrastructure
- ❑ The plan will guide the transition to an electrified and intelligent transportation system
- ❑ Creates a Steering Committee and Industry Advisory Board
- ❑ ASPIRE partners with the University of Utah, Brigham Young University, and eight other universities across the world in its research, which is supported by NSF, industry partners, and research grants from the U.S. Departments of Energy and Transportation
- ❑ Requires ASPIRE to prepare first annual report by August 2024 (annually thereafter)





## Utah Intelligent Electrified Transportation Action Plan



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# Panel Questions

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The Systems of Systems project involves experts from many different disciplines, working together on convergent research to solve challenging societal problems.

**What is the value of a multidisciplinary center like ASPIRE?**

# Panel Questions

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The Systems of Systems project has ambitious goals around integrating knowledge and addressing issues in many different systems: transportation, power, the economy, the environment, public health, policy-making, etc.

**What are some of the biggest challenges to understanding and modeling these various systems and their interactions?**

## **What are you most excited about regarding the future of ASPIRE and electric transportation systems?**

Are there any initiatives, collaborations, or potentials for growth, research, and application that you are looking forward to?