



NSF Engineering Research Center

Advancing Sustainability through Powered
Infrastructure for Roadway Electrification



ASPIRE Overview

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<https://aspire.usu.edu/>

Started in 2020 as a multi-disciplinary effort
across five core Universities and over 60 partners



Vision: Sustainable and Equitable Future for Transportation

Widespread Electrification
Across Vehicle Classes
and Adoption Groups



Reduce GHG Emissions
Improve Human Health
Improve Human Prosperity
Improve Equity and Access

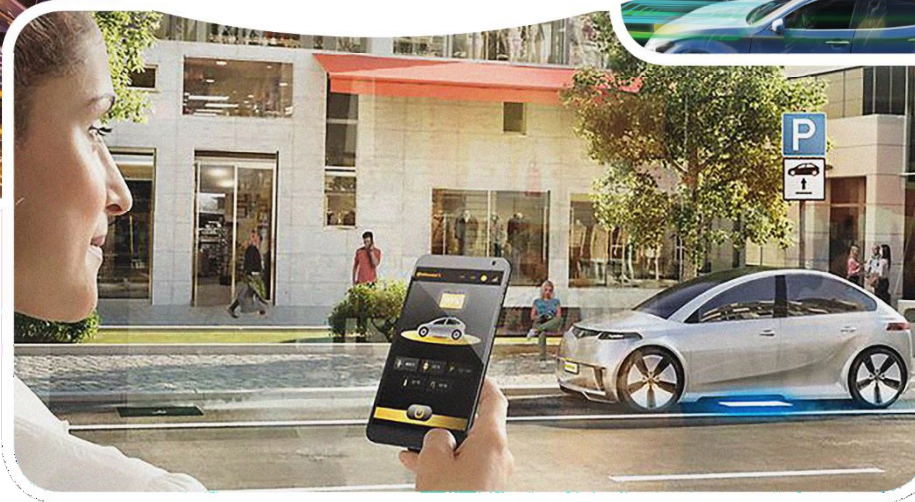
Co-optimized power and transportation networks



Smart charging across vehicle classes and user groups



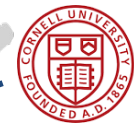
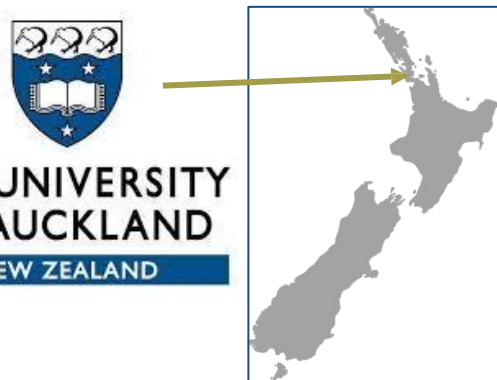
Synergy with connected and autonomous vehicles



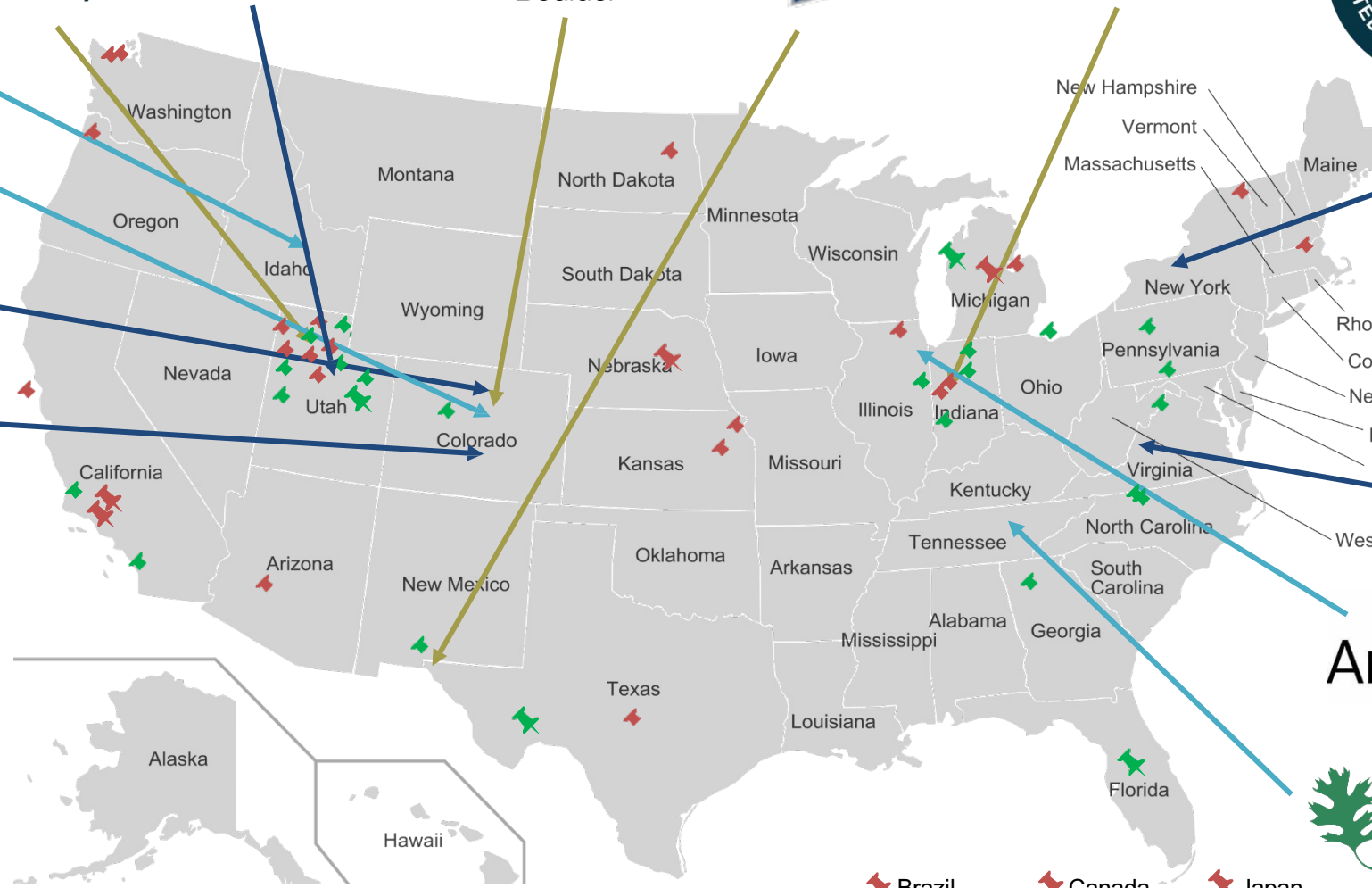
Wired and wireless charging systems bring power to the vehicle

Community Driven | High Utilization

ASPIRE NSF Center Partnerships



Cornell University



Innovation partners Industry members

- Brazil
- Canada
- Japan
- Germany
- Israel
- Netherlands
- South Korea
- Sweden
- Switzerland



Industry Members



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Innovation Members



Convergent Research Thrusts & Projects

Transportation

Transportation Systems
Transportation Infrastructure

Adoption

User Acceptance / Society
Public Policy / Economy
Techno-economics

Power

Power Systems / Grid Integ.
Charging Systems
Battery Systems

Equity

Social Equity
Environmental Justice
Technology & K-22 Education

Data

Data Analysis & Fusion
AI / Optimization / Co-sim
Cybersecurity / IoT / Networks

Research Thrusts

Charging Stations
of the Future

Electric Roads

City & Inter-City
Scale Systems

Learning & Engagement

Center Projects

Systems of Systems Testbeds

Electric Vehicle and Roadway (EVR)



Full Scale City & Intercity Simulator



- 1/4-mile electrified test track
- 128 kW solar power, 100 kW/kWh battery, 750 kW utility service, 250 kW battery test
- Stationary and in-motion wireless and wired charging, grid integration, real-time grid-vehicle interaction
- Expansion: Heavy duty trucks and HIL
- Key resource for EWD-DCI activities

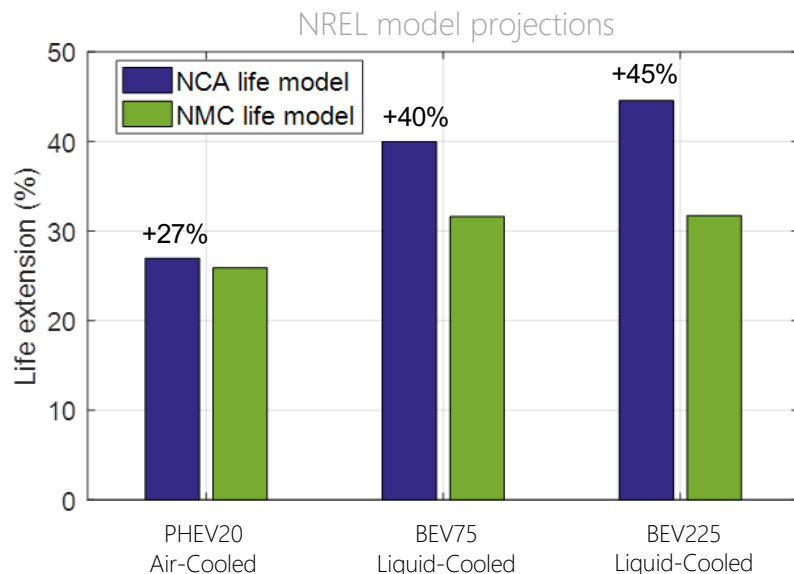
- Expansive co-simulation, synthetic models of grid, traffic, charging, & society
- Quantified analysis of the interactions between technology and society (policy, incentives, demand response, pricing, behavior & choice, economics, adoption)
- HIL linked to EVR hardware testbed
- Publicly released by Year 10

EVR Expansion / ASPIRE Headquarters



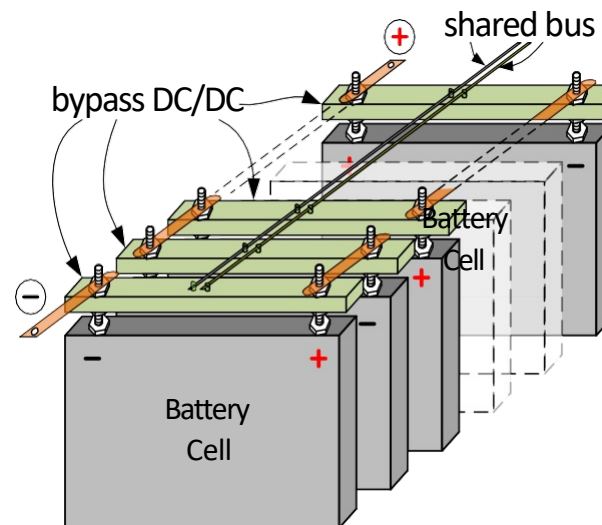
Examples of Technology Developments

Smart Active Battery Management: Making Batteries Last Longer



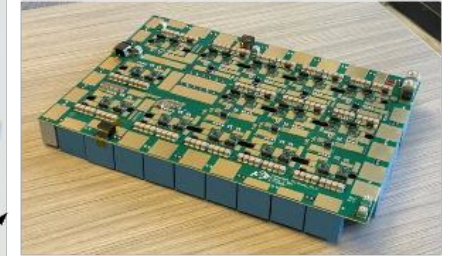
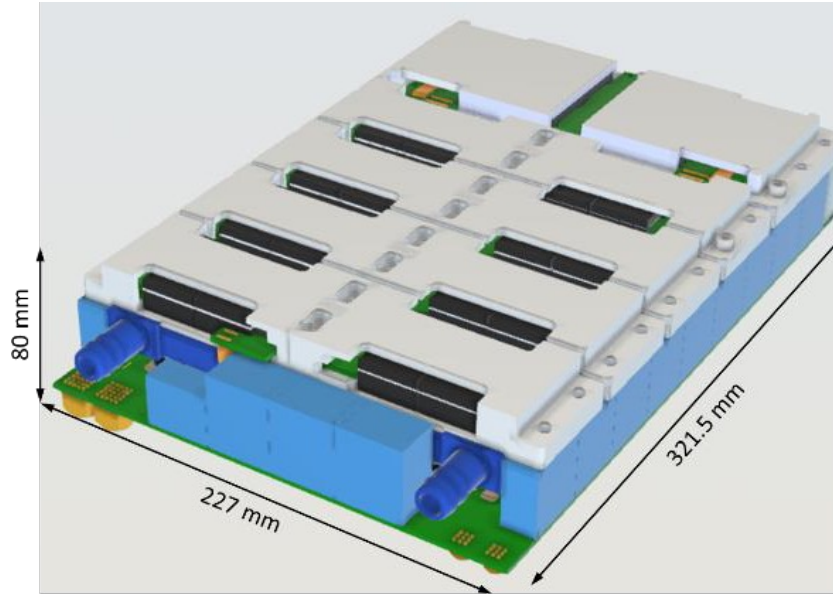
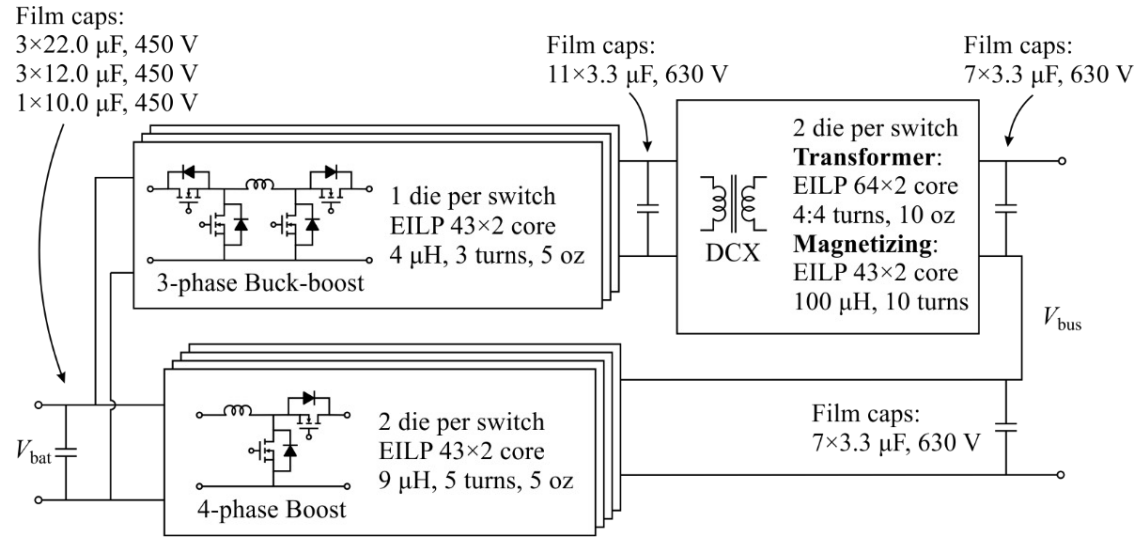
Ford C-Max Energi 8 kWh battery pack retrofitted with smart cell-level battery management technology

- Modular, scalable battery systems
- Low-cost dc-dc converters perform cell-level control using physics-based cell models
- Up to 45% longer xEV battery pack lifetime at reduced system cost and volume
- Enabling use of reduced-cost cells, and second-life cell applications



Examples of Technology Developments

Ultra High Density, Ultra High Efficiency xEV Power Electronics



125 kW, 200-to-1200 V, 21.3 kW/L Composite DC-DC xEV Converter Prototype

- 99% drive-cycle weighted efficiency
- Innovative converter architecture with 900 V SiC switches
- 4 x reduced losses and 4 x reduced size compared to the state of the art



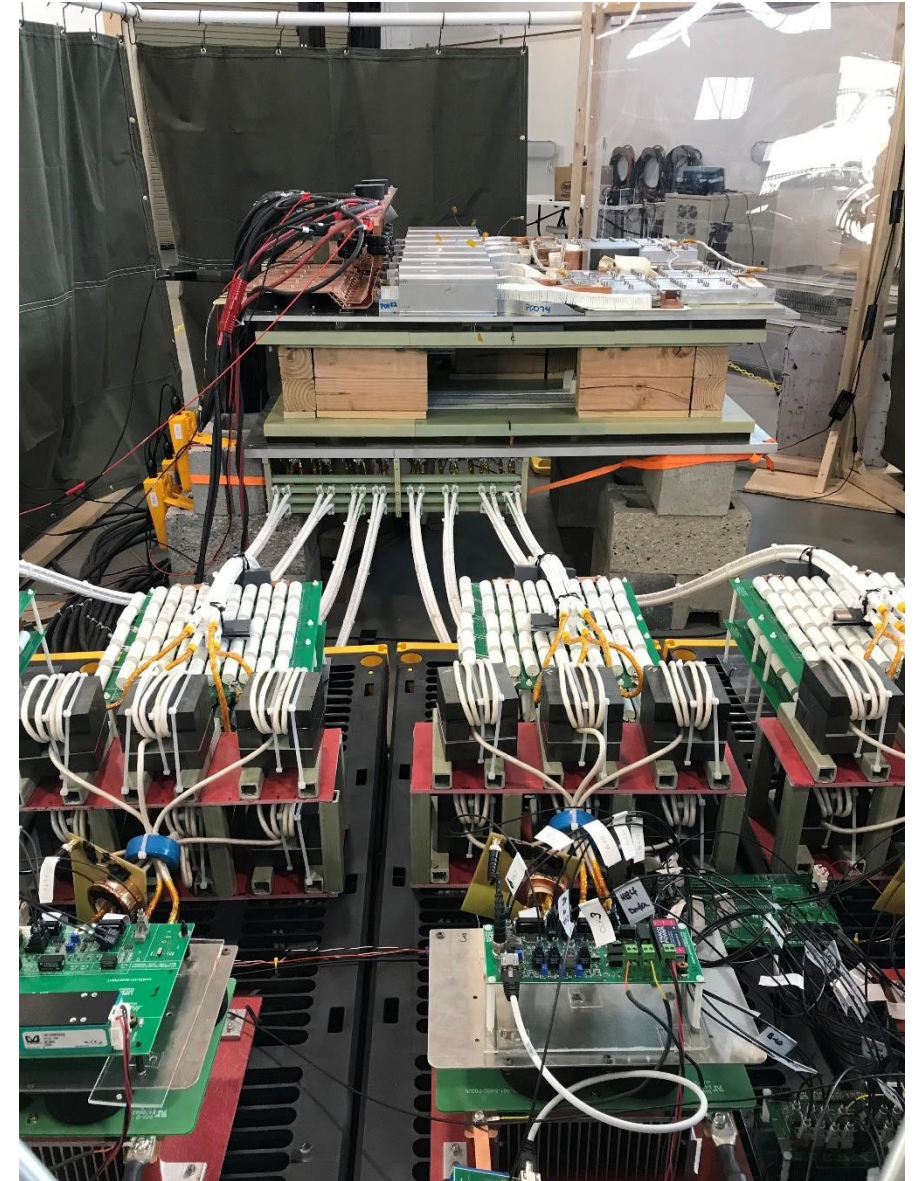
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1MW Wireless Power System Prototype

Objectives: effective electrification of heavy-duty vehicles

Demonstrated prototype capabilities:

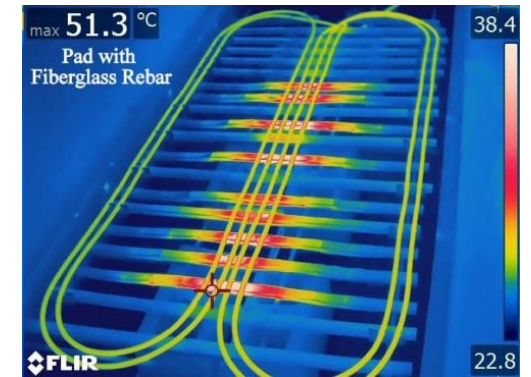
- 850 kW power transfer demonstrated
- 95% dc-dc efficiency
- Single pad smaller than 2 m²



Examples of Technology Developments Electrified Roadway Components



In-motion wireless charging and autonomous control of the “Aggie Bus” on the EVR track



2022, 2023+ Testbeds: Pre-pilot Activities

2022
electreon



Electreon 25 kW+ x 3
50m DWPT



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UoAuckland WPT pad



Magment 50 kW
10m DWPT
2023

2023



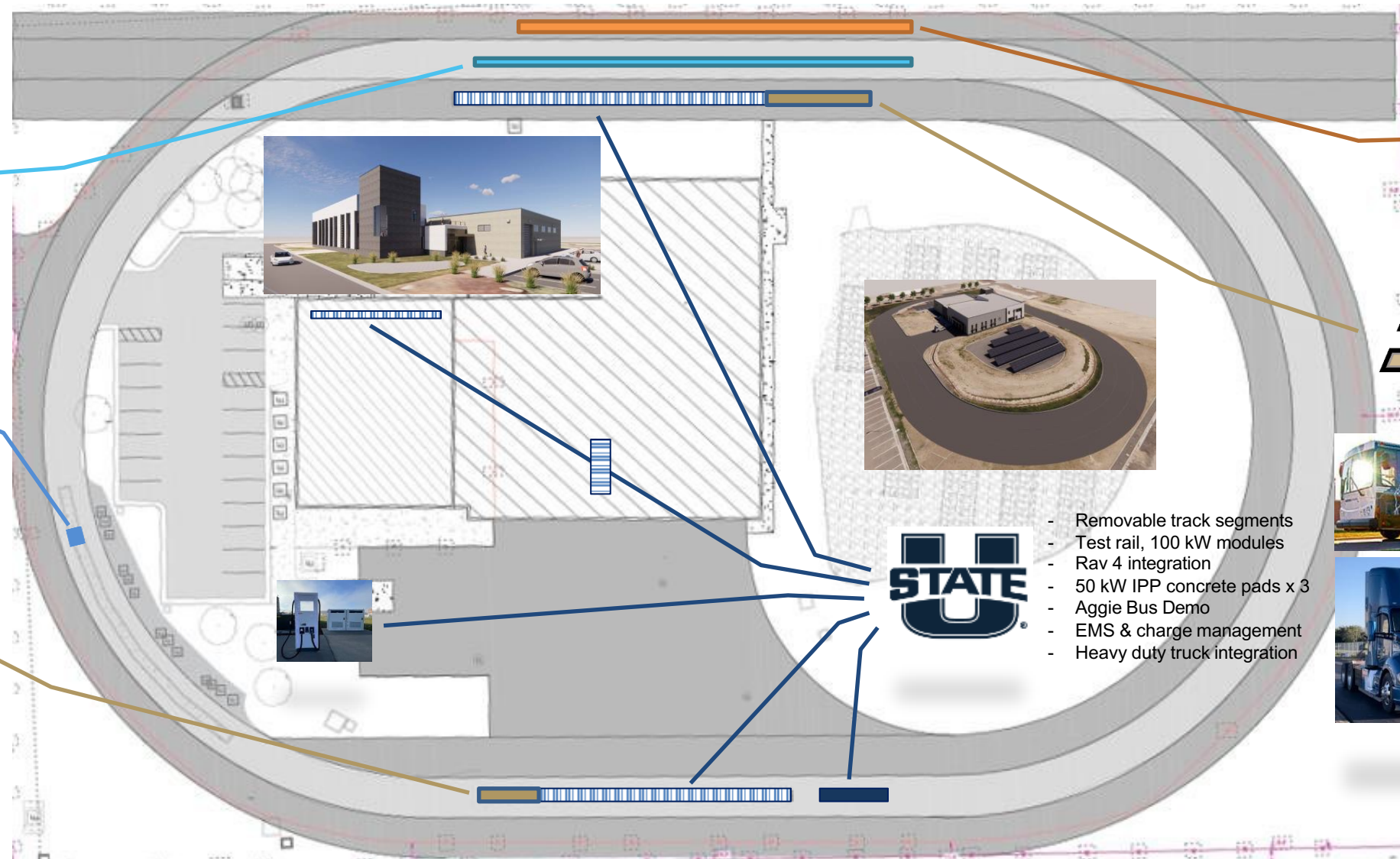
IPT 200 kW
40m DWPT



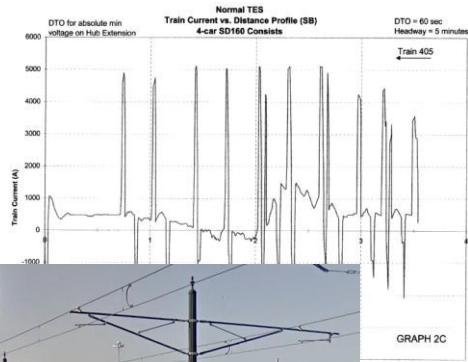
Purdue
200 kW DWPT
2024



- Removable track segments
- Test rail, 100 kW modules
- Rav 4 integration
- 50 kW IPP concrete pads x 3
- Aggie Bus Demo
- EMS & charge management
- Heavy duty truck integration



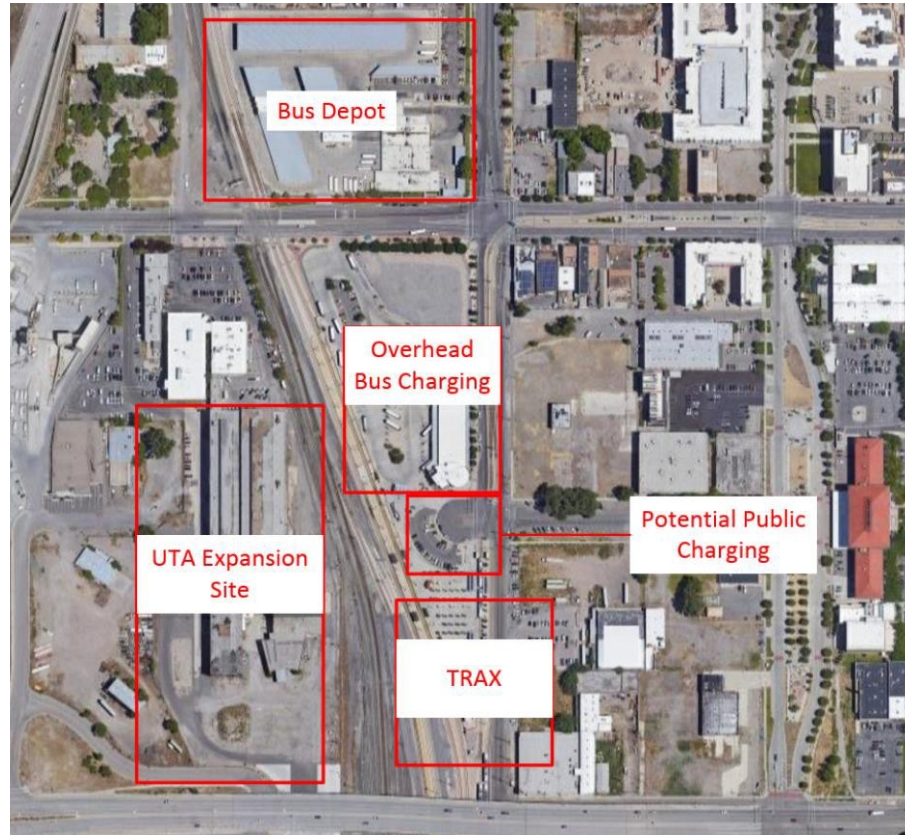
Intermodal Hub Pilot Project



TRAX line, predictable MW-level pulsed load



Intermodal Hub facility variable demand



2x 450 kW overhead bus chargers and 3x 50 kW bus depot chargers



2x 150 kW public DC fast charging

Smart charge management AI algorithm development for planning and run time optimization tools

Increase utilization, reduce demand charges, defer upgrade costs, provide grid services

Planning, algorithm development, software and hardware deployment, pilot and field evaluation

Inland Port Freight Electrification Demonstration Project

Lays the groundwork for electrified transportation in Utah to improve air quality and stimulate economic growth

Inland Port is an ideal candidate to demonstrate capabilities for heavy duty vehicles and prepare “shovel-ready” projects for upcoming federal infrastructure funds

3-year project with Pre-Pilot Development, Infrastructure Build, and Pilot Demonstration provides validated full scale port electrification plan

Pilot infrastructure will be used long term in port electrification

Union Pacific Intermodal Facility moves 1M cargo containers per year



Demonstrate electric “hotel-ing” for semis to reduce overnight diesel pollution

Demonstrate site-level smart charge management to improve utilization and reduce cost

Demonstrate plug-in, static and dynamic wireless charging of heavy duty trucks and fork lifts

Leverage significant private and federal cost share

Committed commercial partners (vehicle & infrastructure)

USU-ASPIRE Pre-Pilot Vehicle, infrastructure, and communications systems integration and evaluation in controlled environment with commercial partners



Wireless EV charging via highway pavement to be tested in Indiana

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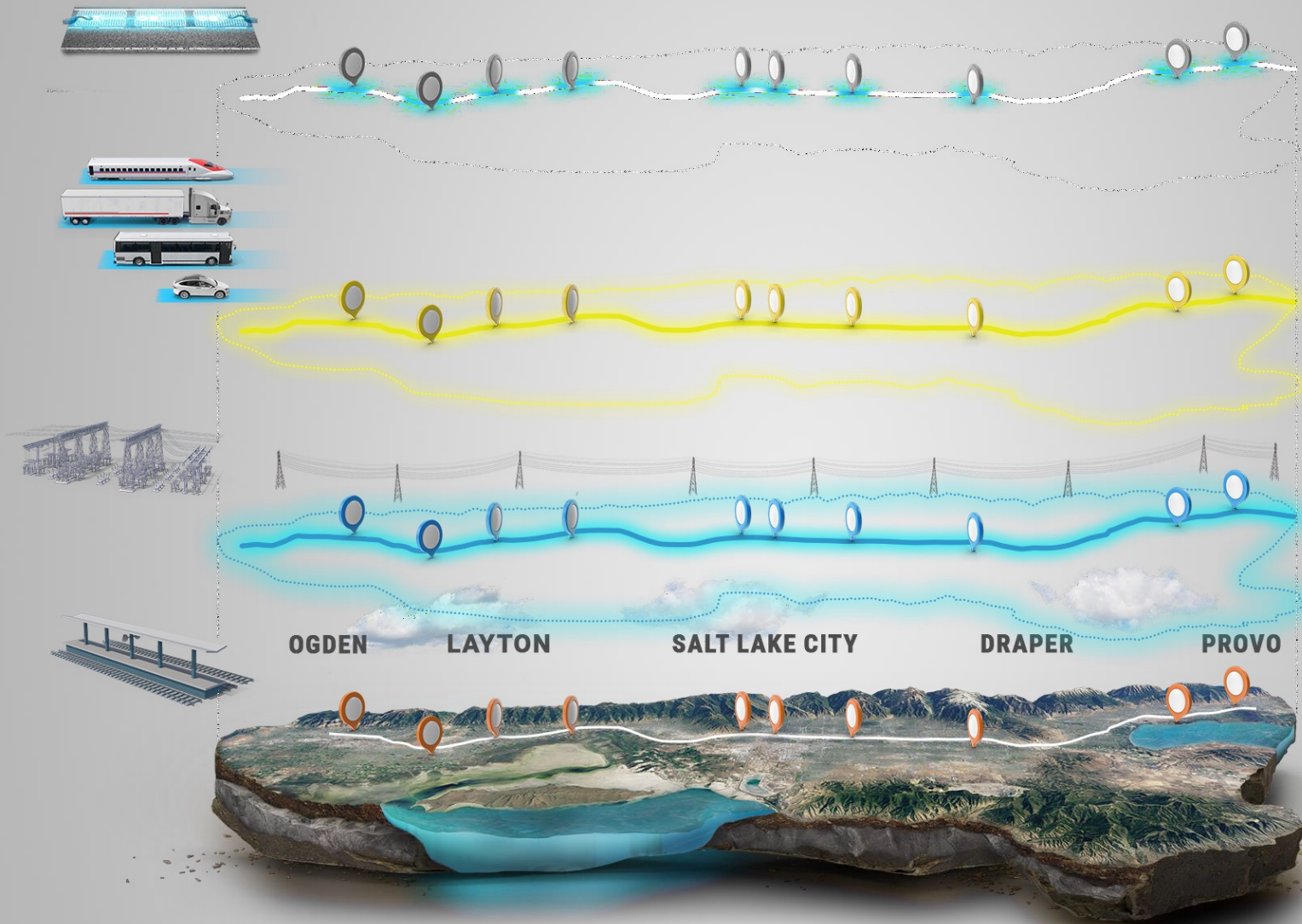


Full-scale Dynamic Wireless Power Transfer and Pilot Project Implementation



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Coordinated Multi-modal Electrification



Commuter and light rail serve as roadmap for intermodal charging hubs

Multi-megawatt substations at hubs with coordinated grid loading

Fast charging networks and hydrogen generation leverage rail infrastructure for trucks, buses, and passenger vehicles

Electric roads leverage shared rail & road infrastructure along corridor

Shared public infrastructure with load management reduces cost and emissions for all transportation