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## **Transportation Electrification**

### **A Technology Overview**

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# Transportation Electrification – A Technology Overview

- Market Status of Plug-In Electric Vehicles
- PEV Adoption Forecasting
- Energy and Climate Impacts of PEVs
- Grid Impacts of Plug-In Electric Vehicles
- Charging Infrastructure

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# Market Status of Plug-In Electric Vehicles

## Mainstream PEV Commercialization Began December 2010



### Chevrolet Volt

- Extended Range Electric Vehicle (EREV - A plug-in hybrid with a guaranteed electric range).
- 25-50 mile advertised range
- Charging: 8-10 hours at 120V, 12A  
3-4 hours at 240V, 15A



### Nissan Leaf

- Battery Electric Vehicle
- 100-mile advertised range
- Charging: 20 hours at 120V, 12A  
8 hours at 240V, 15A  
30 min at 400V, 150A

# Battery Electric Vehicles

- Plug-in vehicle with rechargeable battery only
- Driving range limited by battery size – industry norm for range ~ 100 miles
  - Tesla is exception, offering longer range
- Nominal recharge time of about eight hours (fully depleted battery)
- The majority of PEV launches through 2012 are BEVs



**Mitsubishi 'i' battery electric vehicle.**  
*Photo courtesy of Mitsubishi.*



**Ford Focus Electric battery electric vehicle.** *Photo courtesy of Ford.*

# Plug-In Hybrid Electric Vehicles

- Plug-in vehicle with rechargeable battery
- Internal combustion engine allows for extended driving
- Typically based on hybrid vehicle technology (e.g. Prius Plug-In)
- 10 – 40 miles electric range
- Likely to blend electricity and gasoline at higher speeds, power



Toyota Prius Plug-In Hybrid. *Photo courtesy of Toyota.*



Ford C-MAX Energi plug-in hybrid. *Photo courtesy of Ford.*

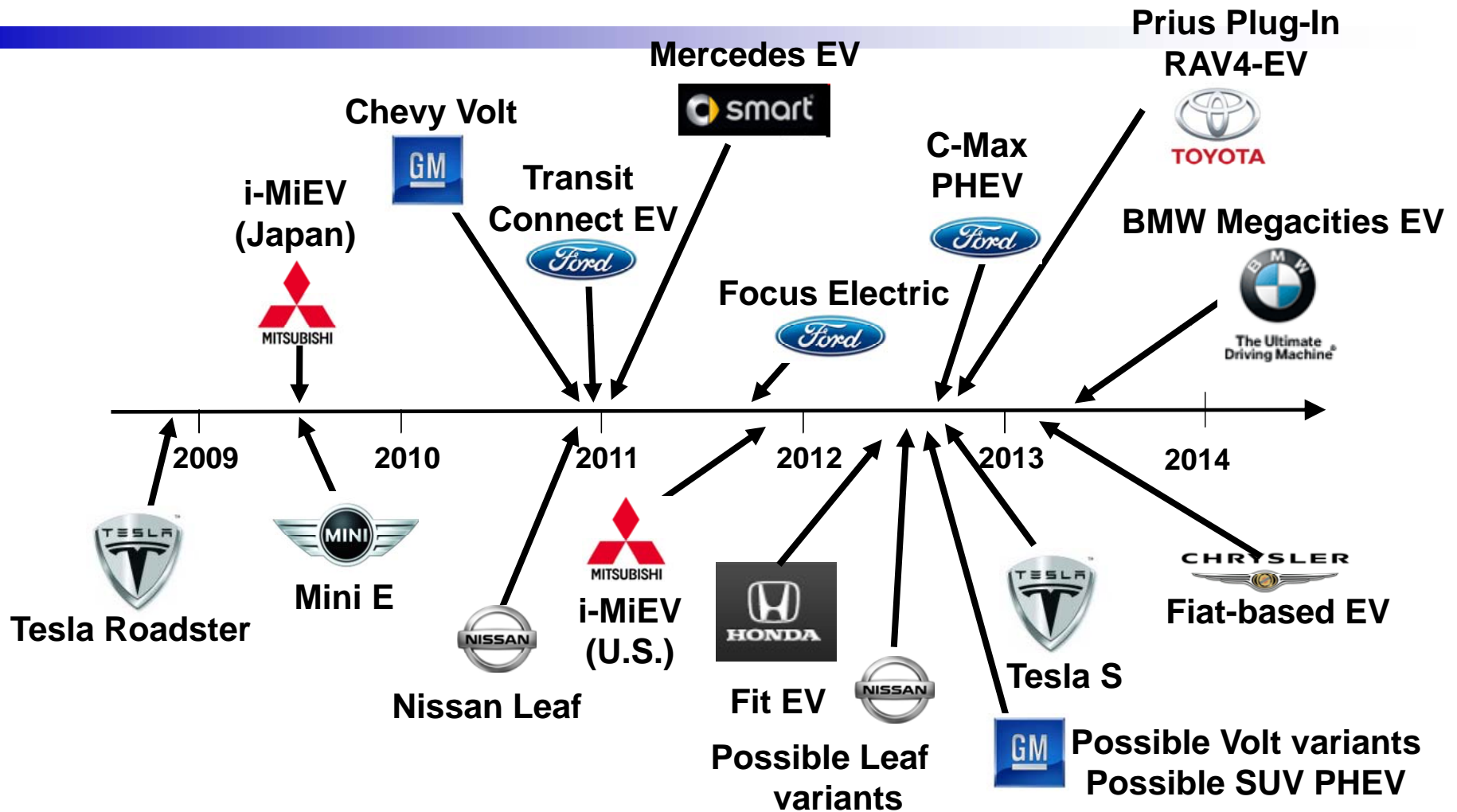
# Extended Range Electric Vehicle

- A type of PHEV—rechargeable battery plus a combustion engine
- EREVs drive like BEVs until battery is depleted then switch to hybrid mode
- Something of a ‘new’ category
  - Many consider to be distinct and separate category from PHEVs
- EREVs can also drive for extended distances between charges using engine
- Electric range typically longer, 25-50 miles



**Chevrolet Volt Extended Range Electric Vehicle (EREV). Photo courtesy of General Motors**

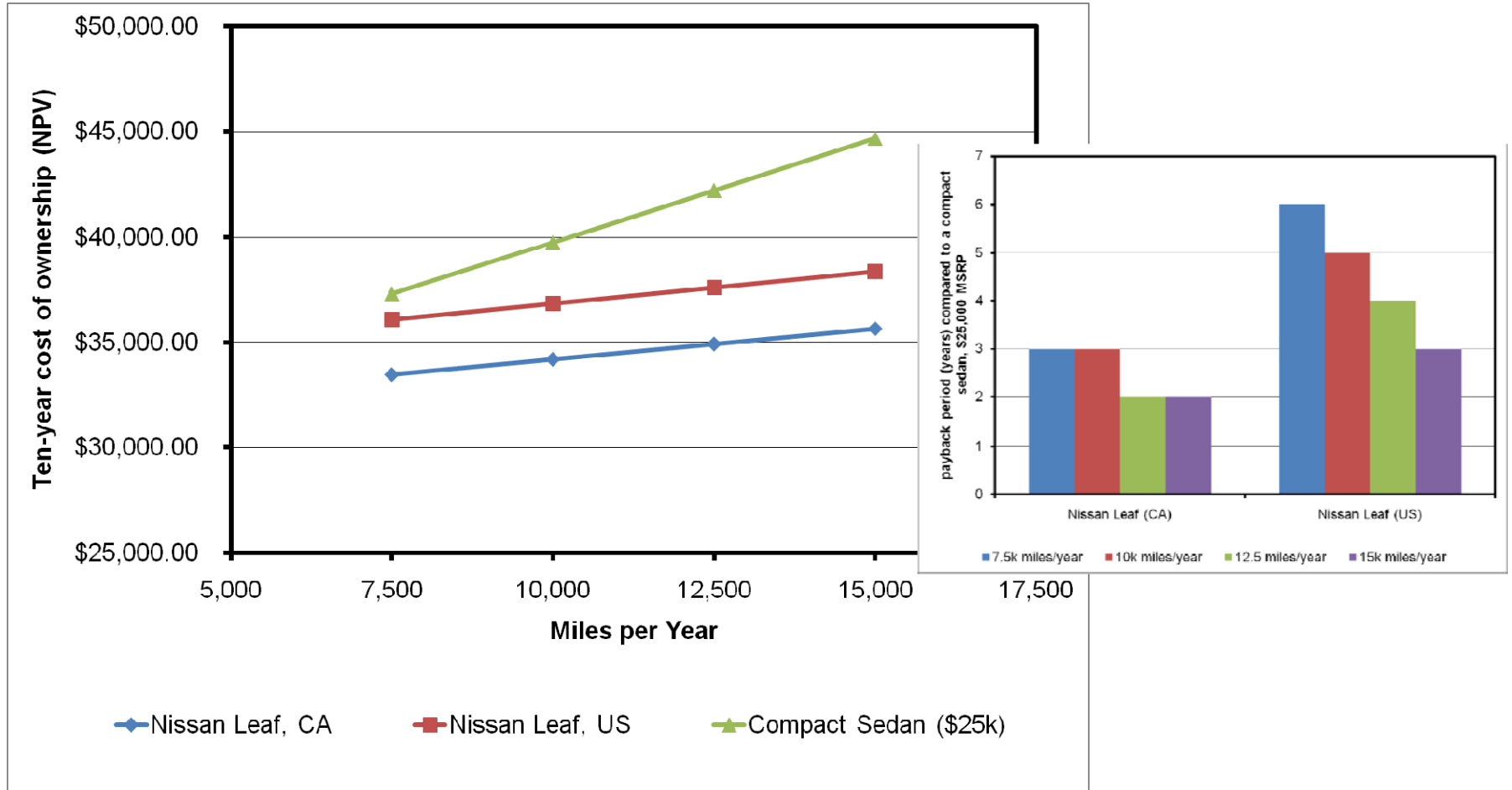
# Plug-In Vehicle Commercialization Timeline



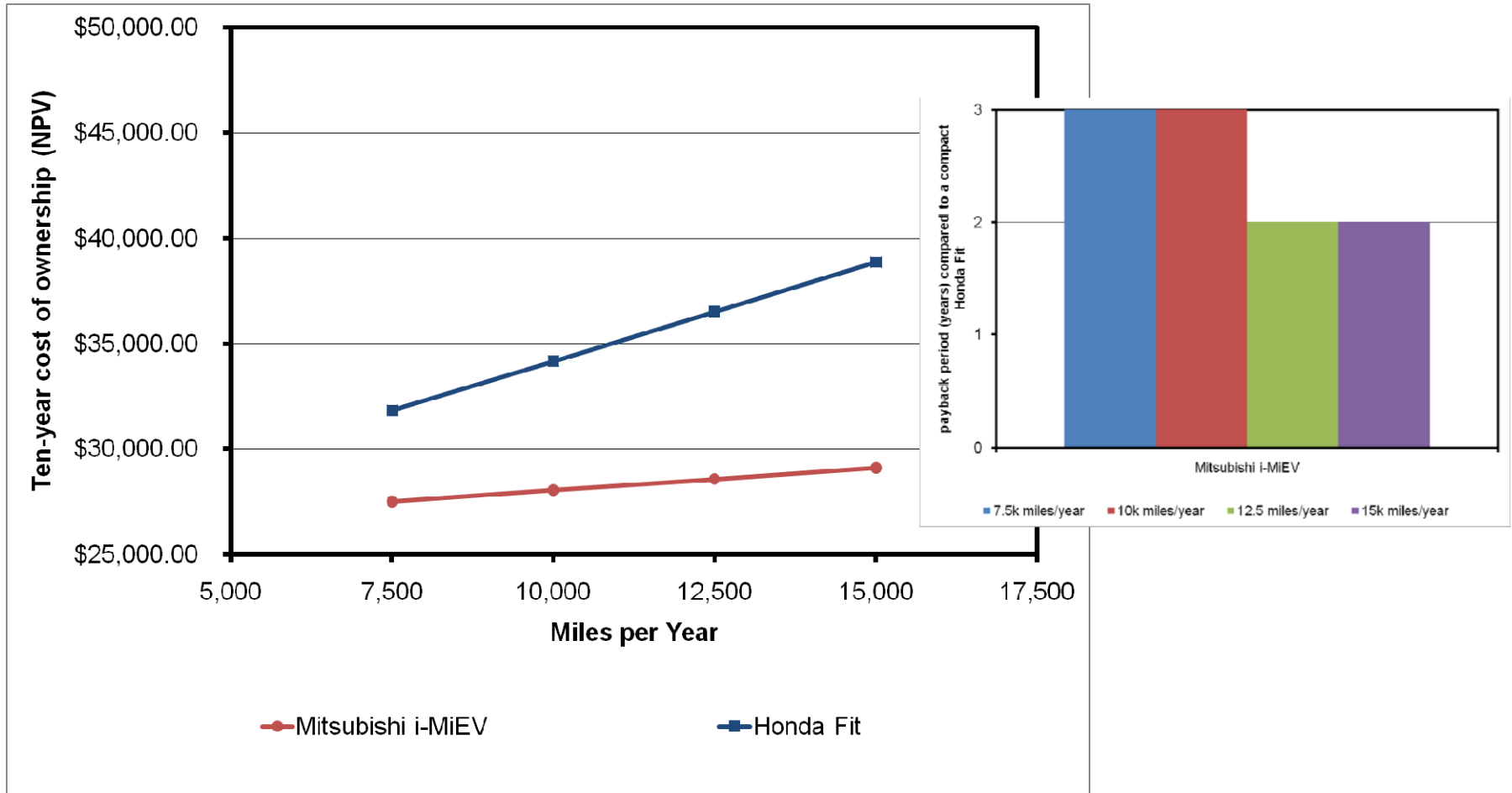
For comparison, between 1999 and 2004, there were three hybrids introduced to the U.S. market (Prius, Insight, Civic Hybrid)

# EV Cost of Ownership is Competitive Today

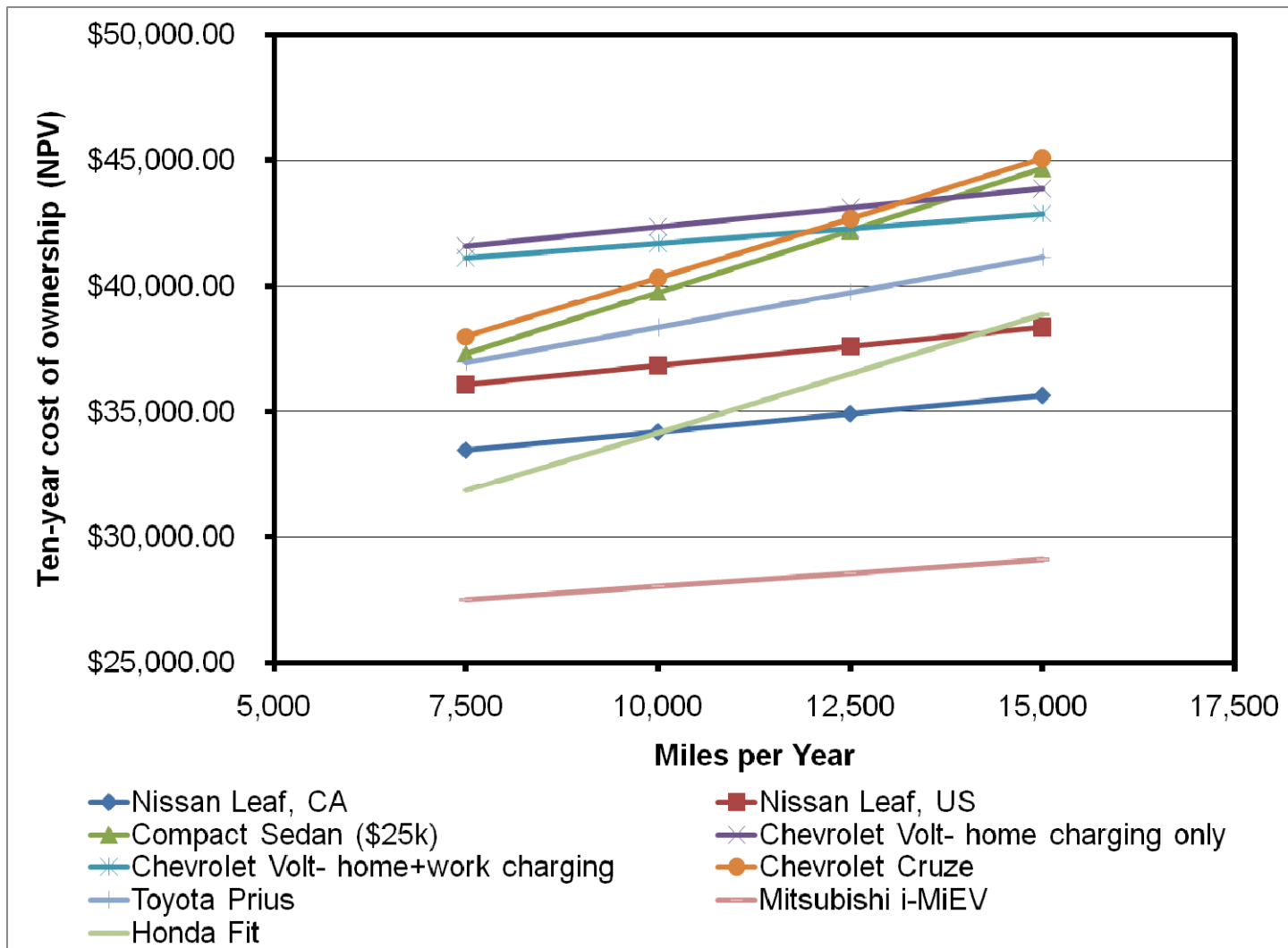
## Nissan Leaf vs. Compact Sedan



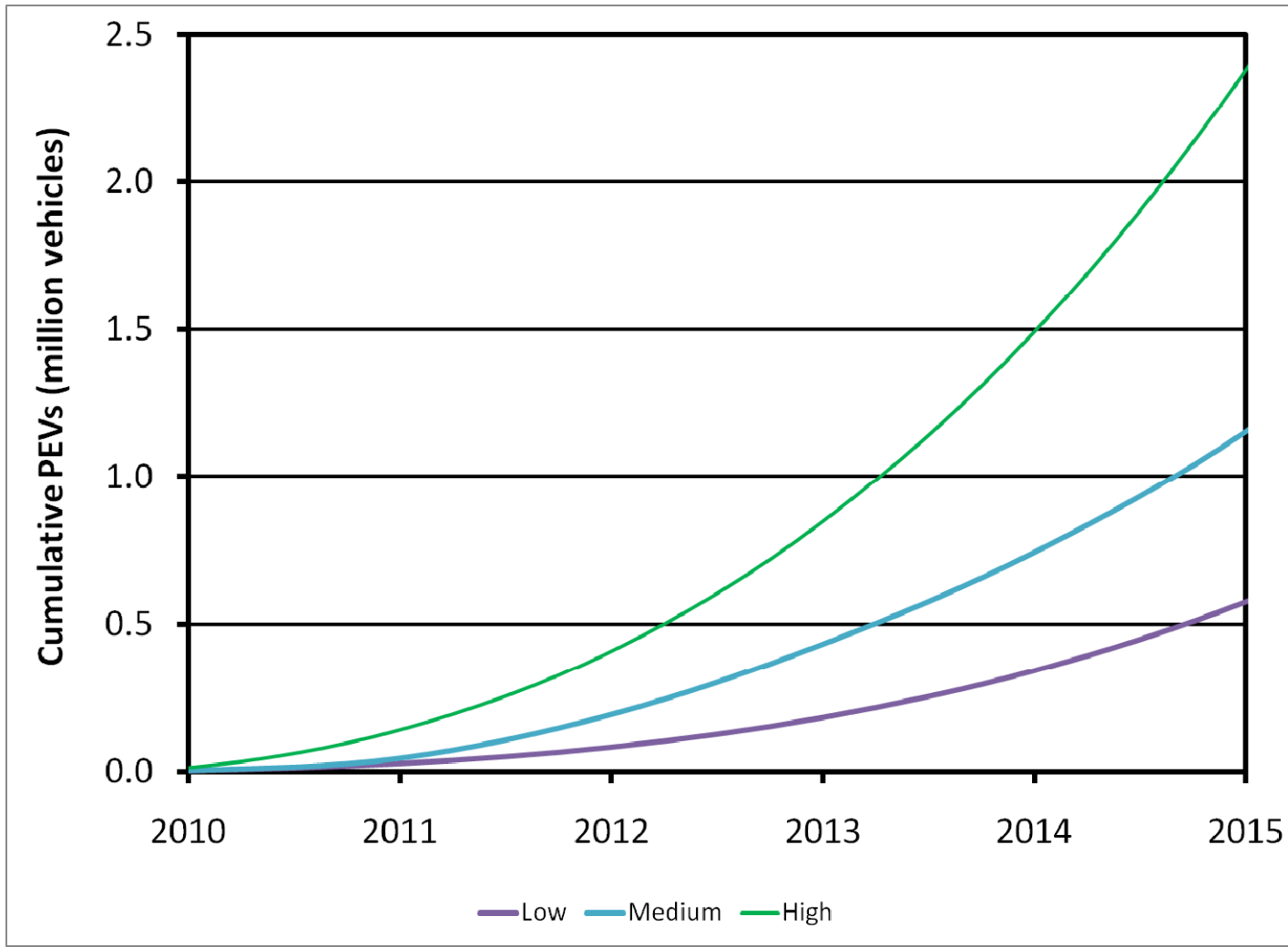
# Mitsubishi i-MiEV vs. Honda Fit



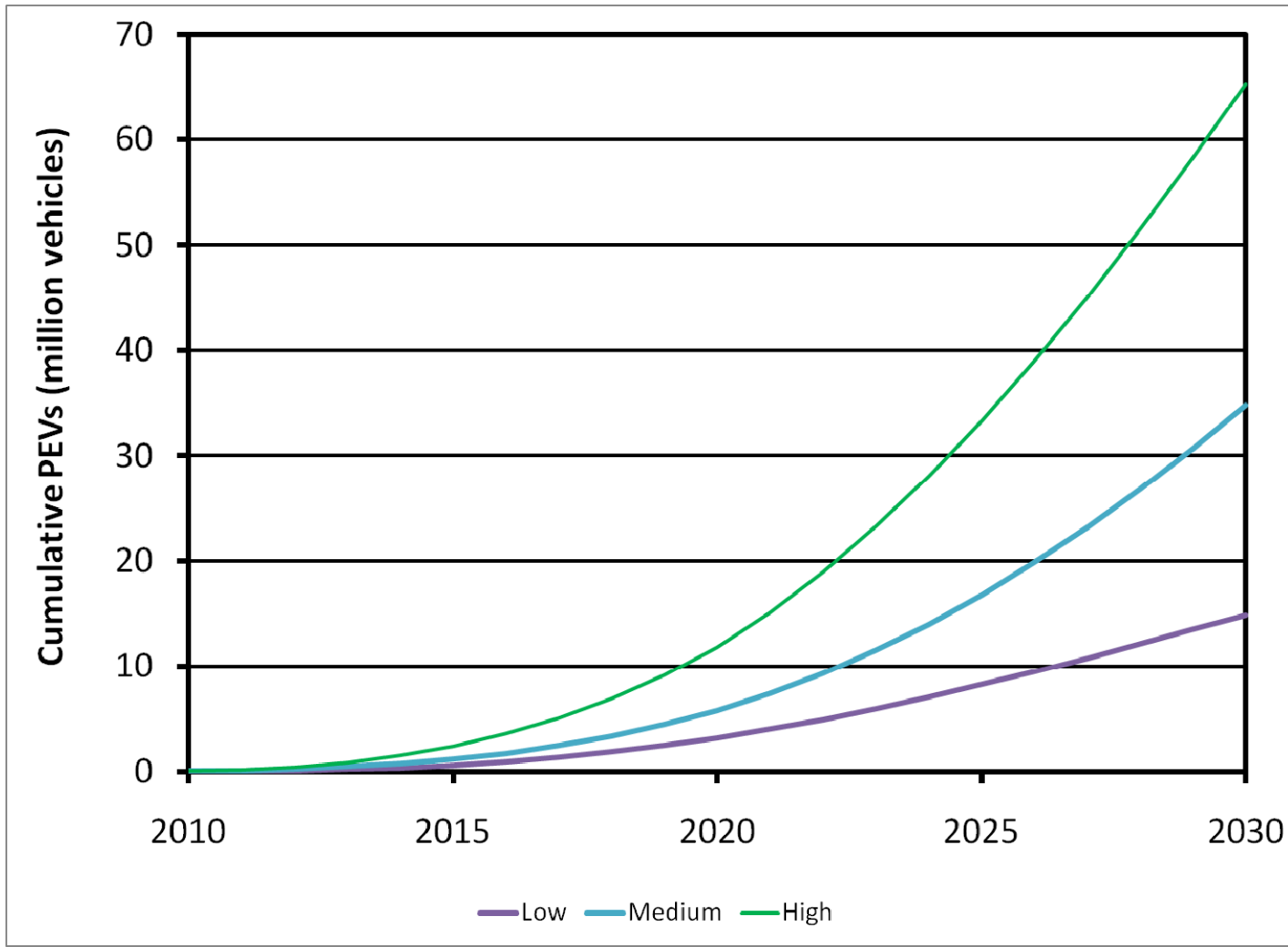
# Ten-Year Cost of Ownership (\$ in NPV)



# Cumulative PEV Sales from 2010 – 2015

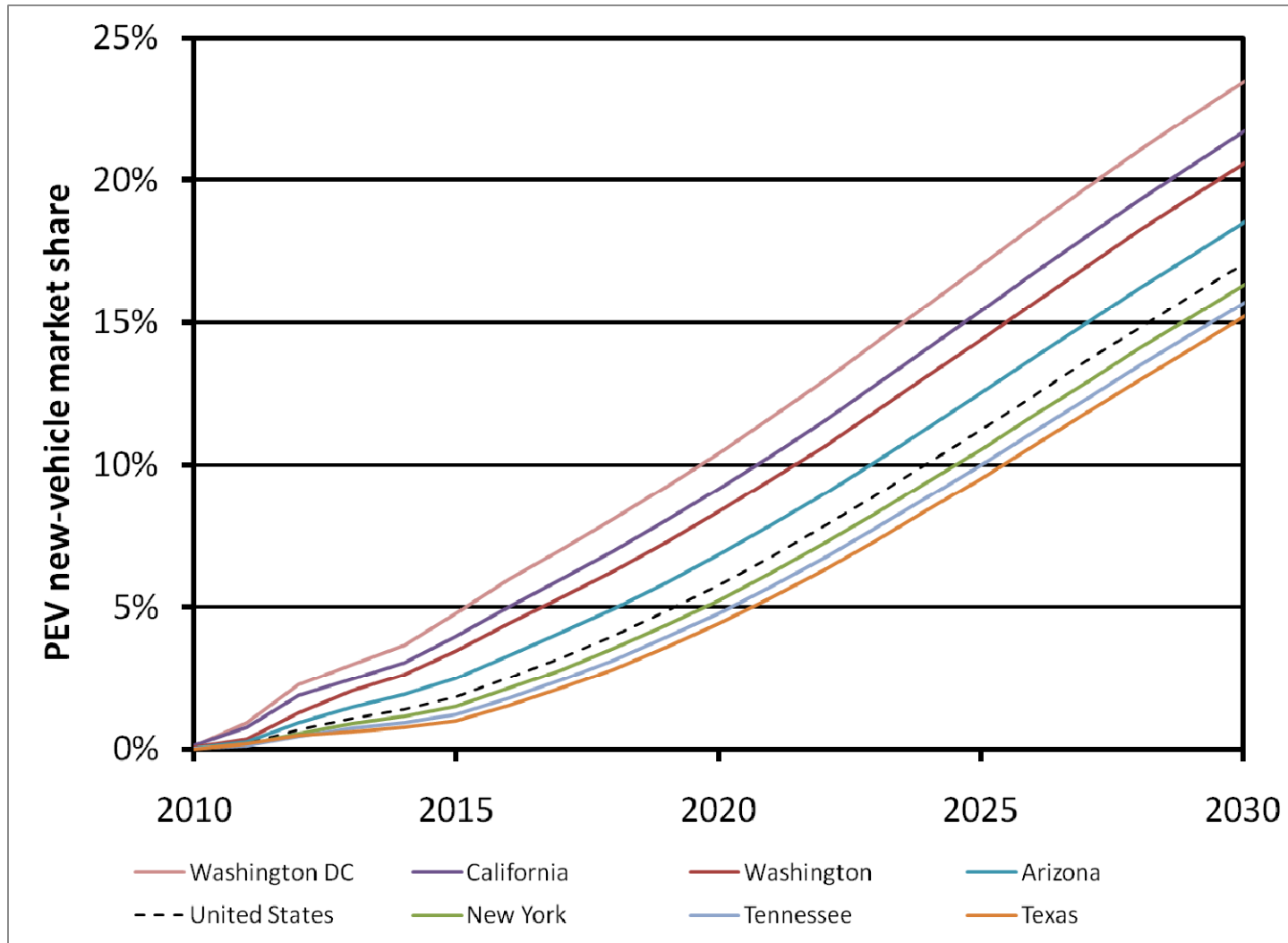


# Cumulative PEV Sales from 2010 – 2030



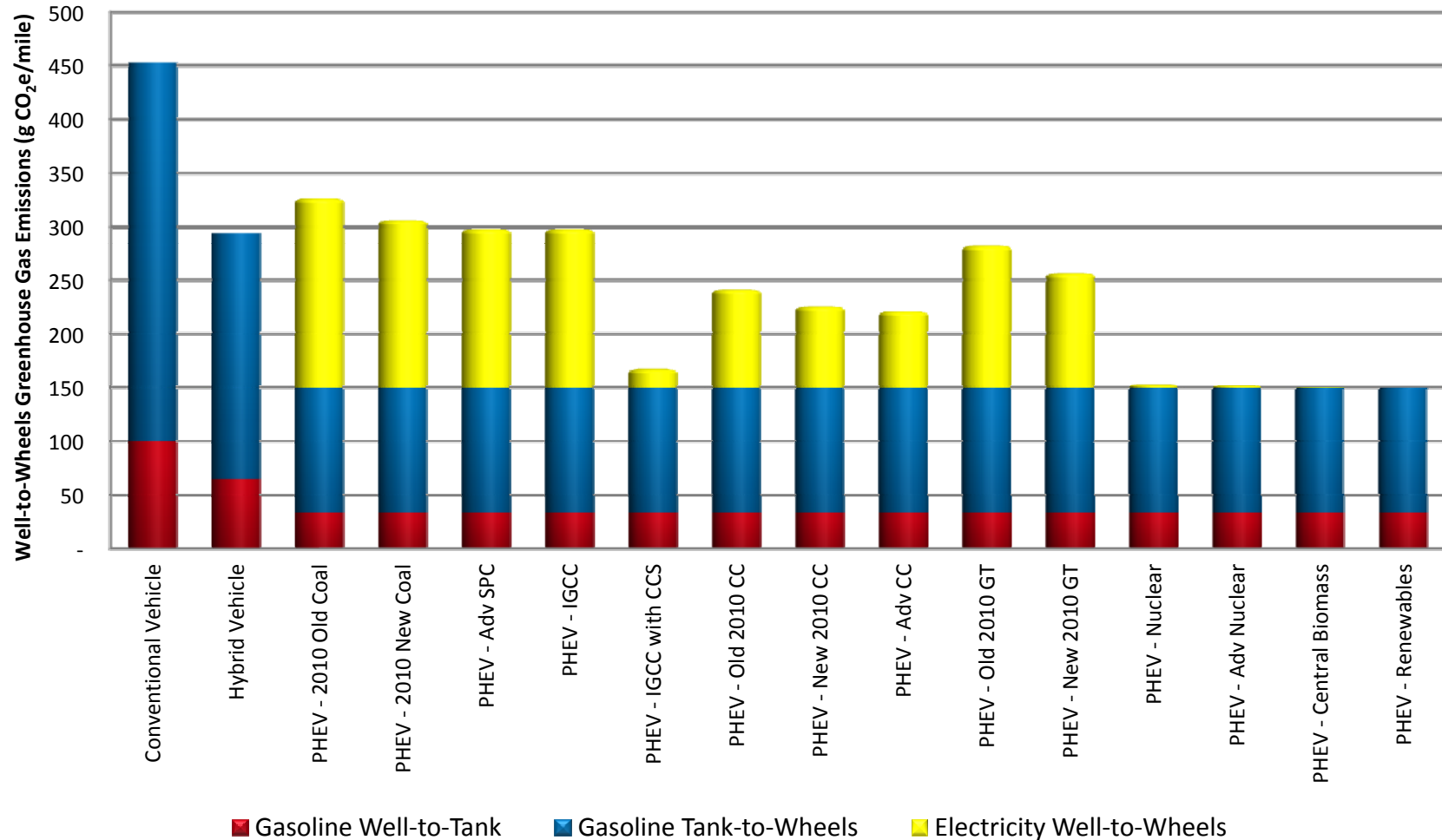
# Regional Variations in PEV Adoption

Currently based on HEV adoption



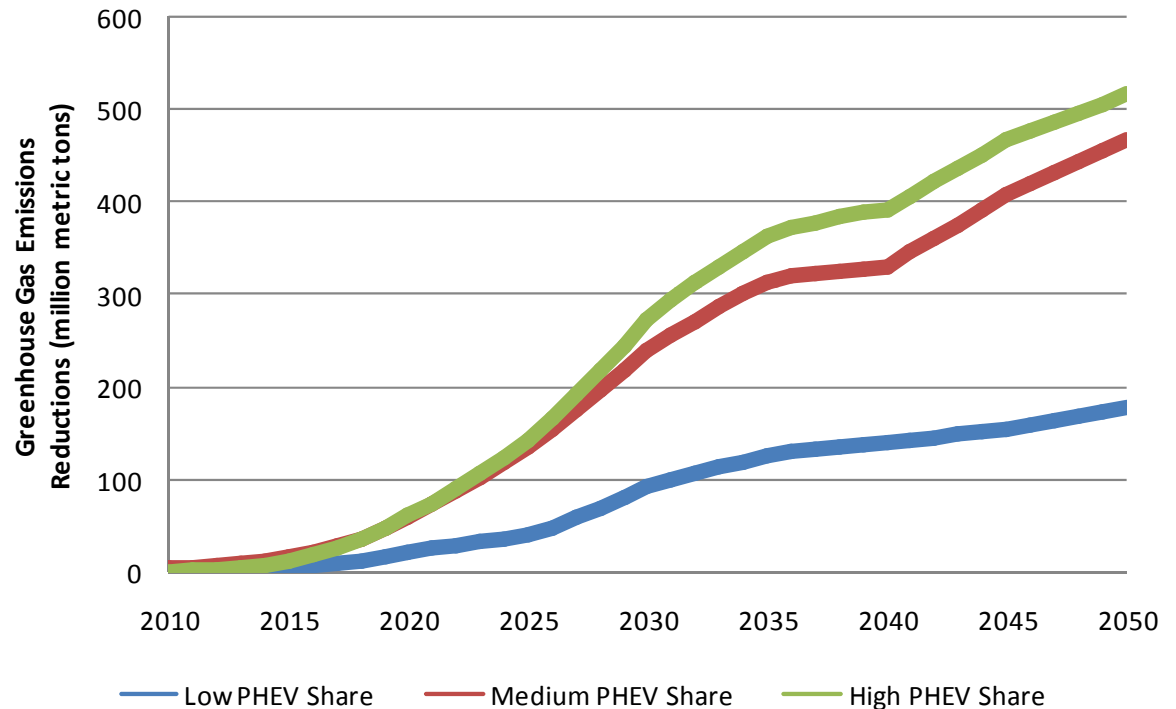
# Power Plant-Specific PHEV Emissions in 2010

## PHEV 20 – 12,000 Annual Miles



# Greenhouse Gas Emissions

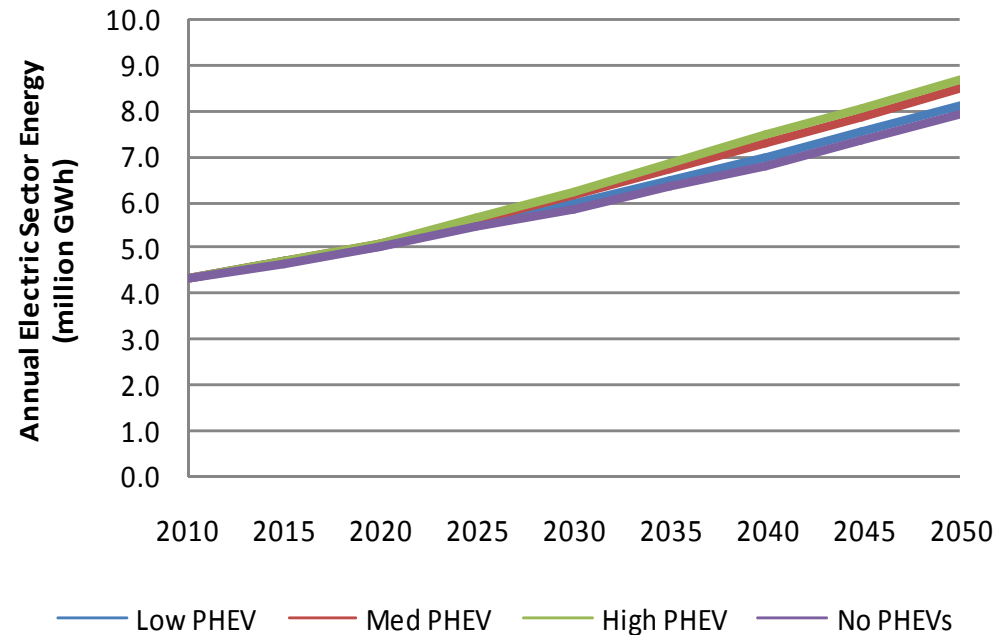
- Electricity grid evolves over time
- Nationwide fleet takes time to renew itself or “turn over”
- Impact would be low in early years, but could be very high in future
- **A potential 400-500 million metric ton annual reduction in GHG emissions**



**Annual Reduction in Greenhouse Gas Emissions  
From PHEV Adoption**

# Impacts to Energy Electricity and Petroleum

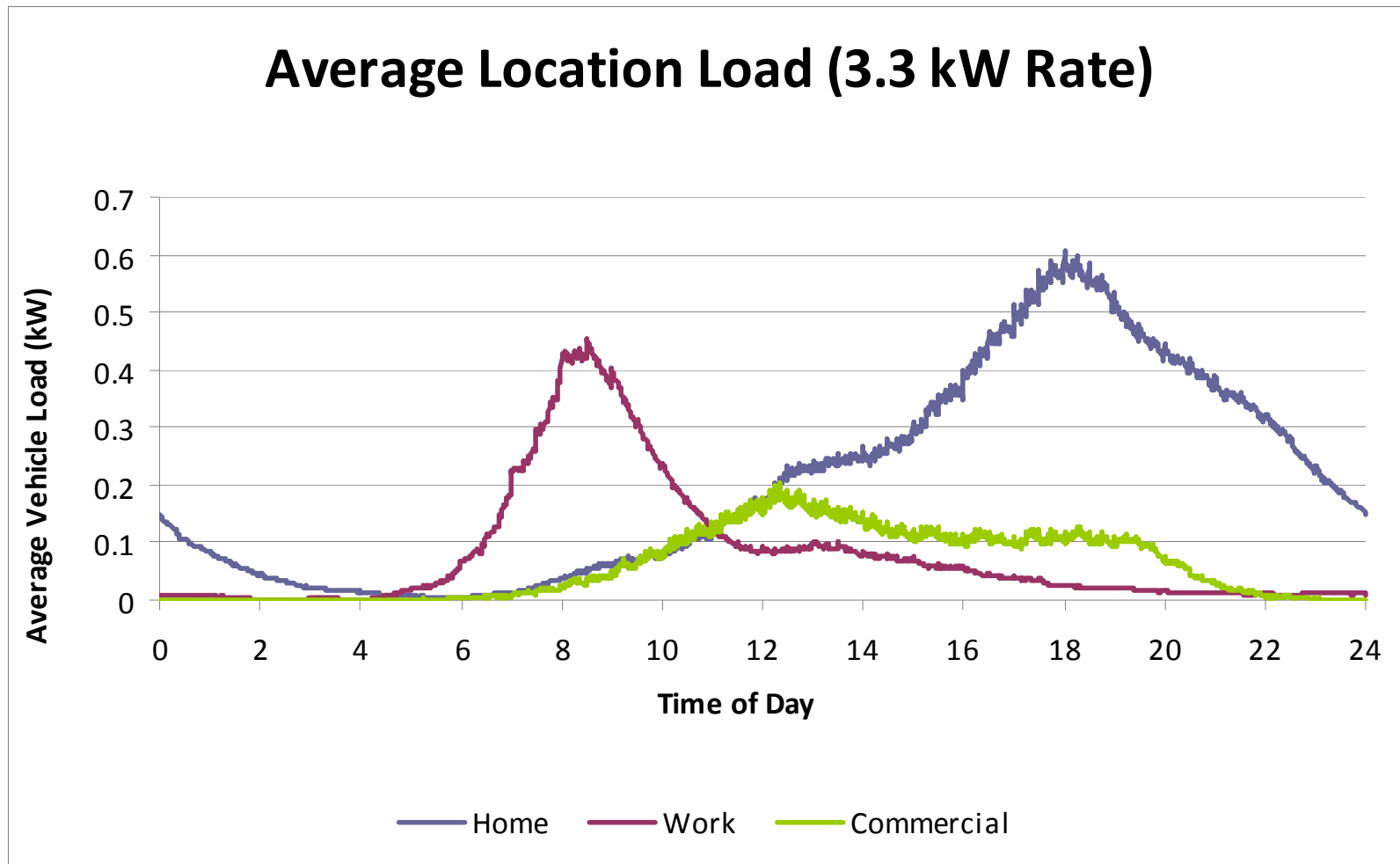
- Moderate electricity demand growth
- Capacity expansion 19 to 72 GW by 2050 nationwide (1.2 – 4.6%)
- 3-4 million barrels per day in oil savings (Medium PHEV Case, 2050)



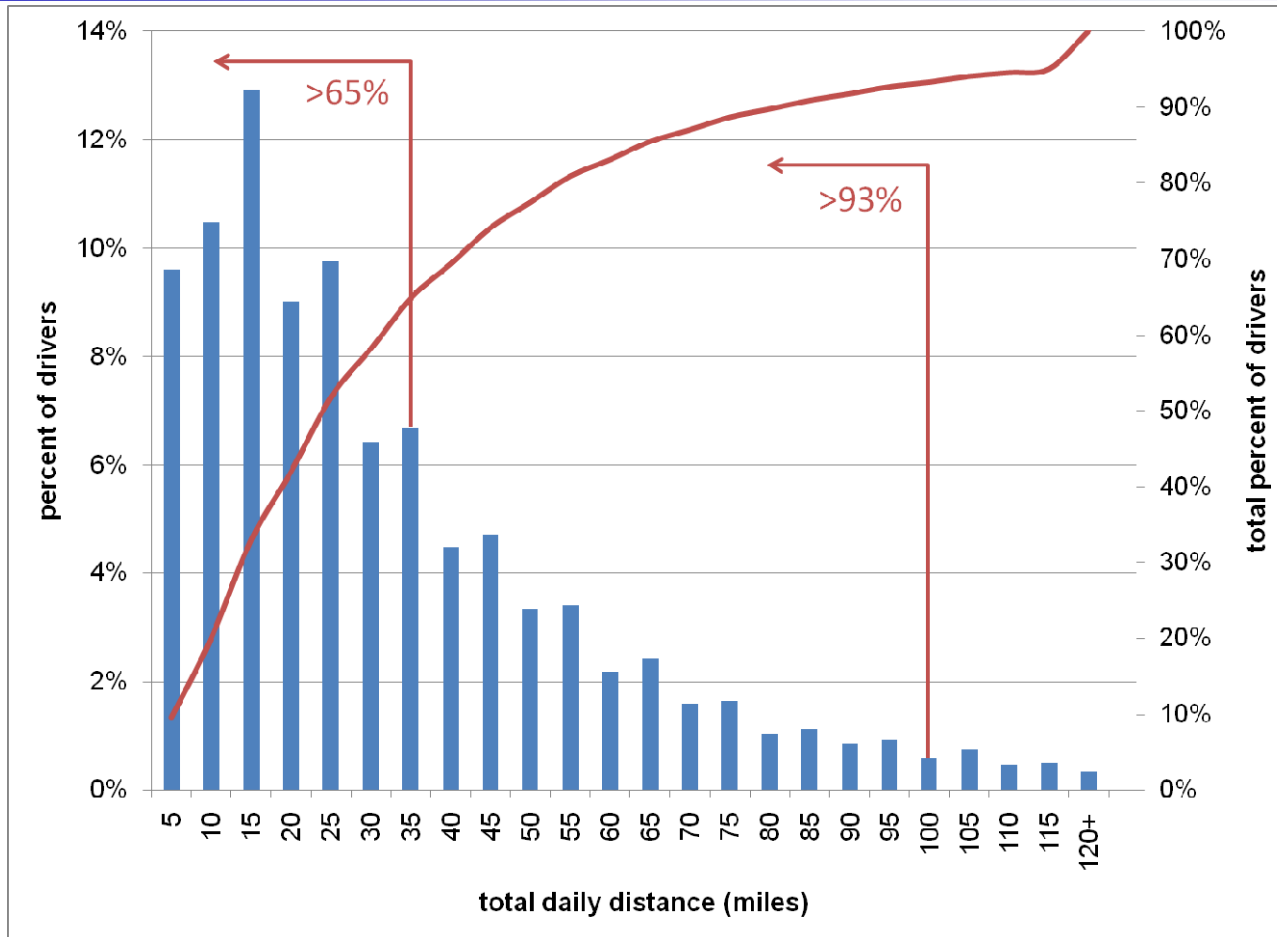
Electricity Demand: Medium CO<sub>2</sub> Case

# Grid Impacts by Charging Location

## Residential (Home), Workplace, Public (Commercial)



# Most Daily Trips are Relatively Short



# Charging Infrastructure

## PEVs Generally Have Three Charging Options

### 120V – Level 1

Portable cordset  
Use any 120V outlet  
Up to 1.44 kW



### DC Fast Charging

Up to ~ 50 – 60 kW  
Fast, expensive  
Standard not yet in place

### 240V – Level 2

Permanent charge station (EVSE)  
Typ. 3.3 – 6.6 kW, but up to 19.2 kW



# PEV Charging Options Defined

- AC charging – Level 1
  - 120 VAC input
  - EVSE (electric vehicle supply equipment) is a portable cordset compatible any standard 120 volt outlet
  - 1.44 kW maximum continuous charge rate (12 amps)
  - Overnight charge sufficient for ~40 miles of EV driving
- AC charging – Level 2
  - 240 VAC, single phase input
  - EVSE is hard-mounted
  - 19.2 kW maximum continuous charge rate (80 amps)
    - 3.3 kW to 6.6 kW is more typical

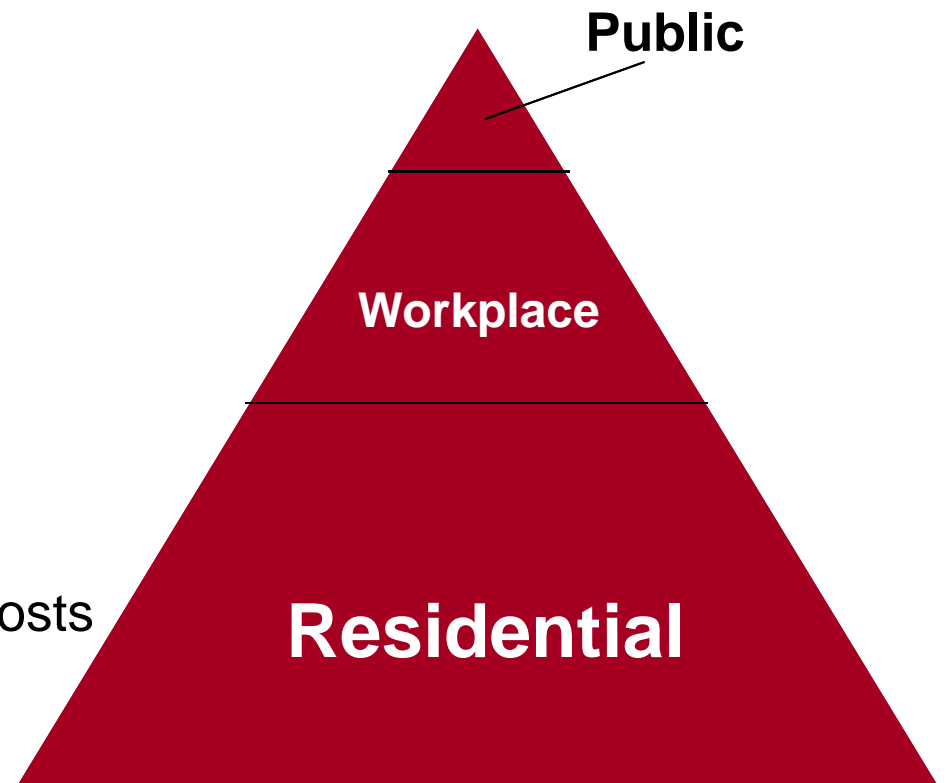
# PEV Charging Options Defined

- DC Fast Charging
  - 480 VAC, three-phase input (208 three-phase also possible)
  - High-power station converts AC to DC and delivers directly to battery pack
  - Power levels current up to 60 kW
    - Approximate charge times of 30 minutes for typical BEVs
    - Higher power levels possible in the future
  - U.S. standard for DC charge connector still a work-in-progress

# Understanding and Planning Charging Infrastructure

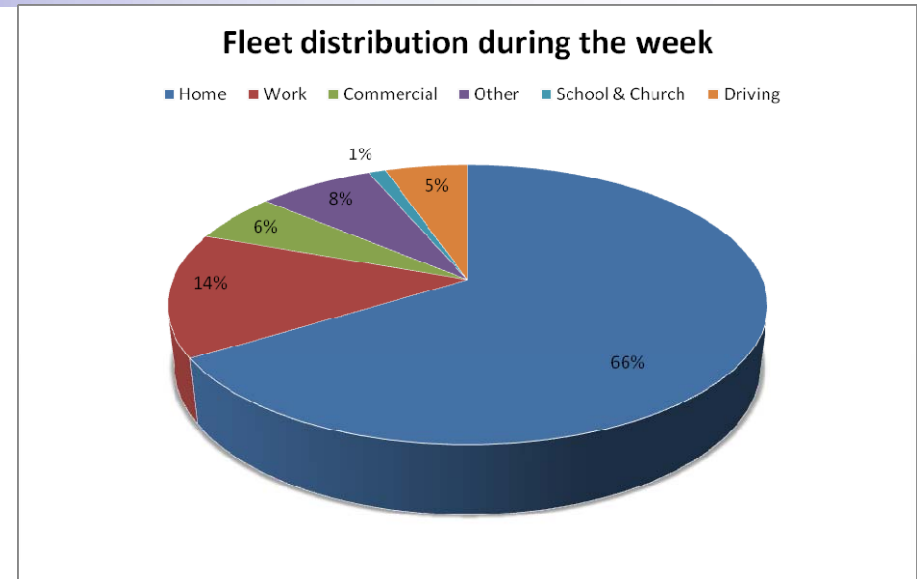
- **Build Today's Infrastructure Today**

- Infrastructure is expensive
  - ~ \$1500 home, \$2500+ public
- Focus on Residential
  - 95% of vehicles end day at home
  - Costs can exceed \$2200 - \$2500
  - Cost and lead time minimization
- Workplace
  - Fleet education and certainty of costs
- Public Charging
  - Critical vs. convenience
  - Viable business models
  - Long-term sustaining of infrastructure



# Workplace Charging has a Significant Role

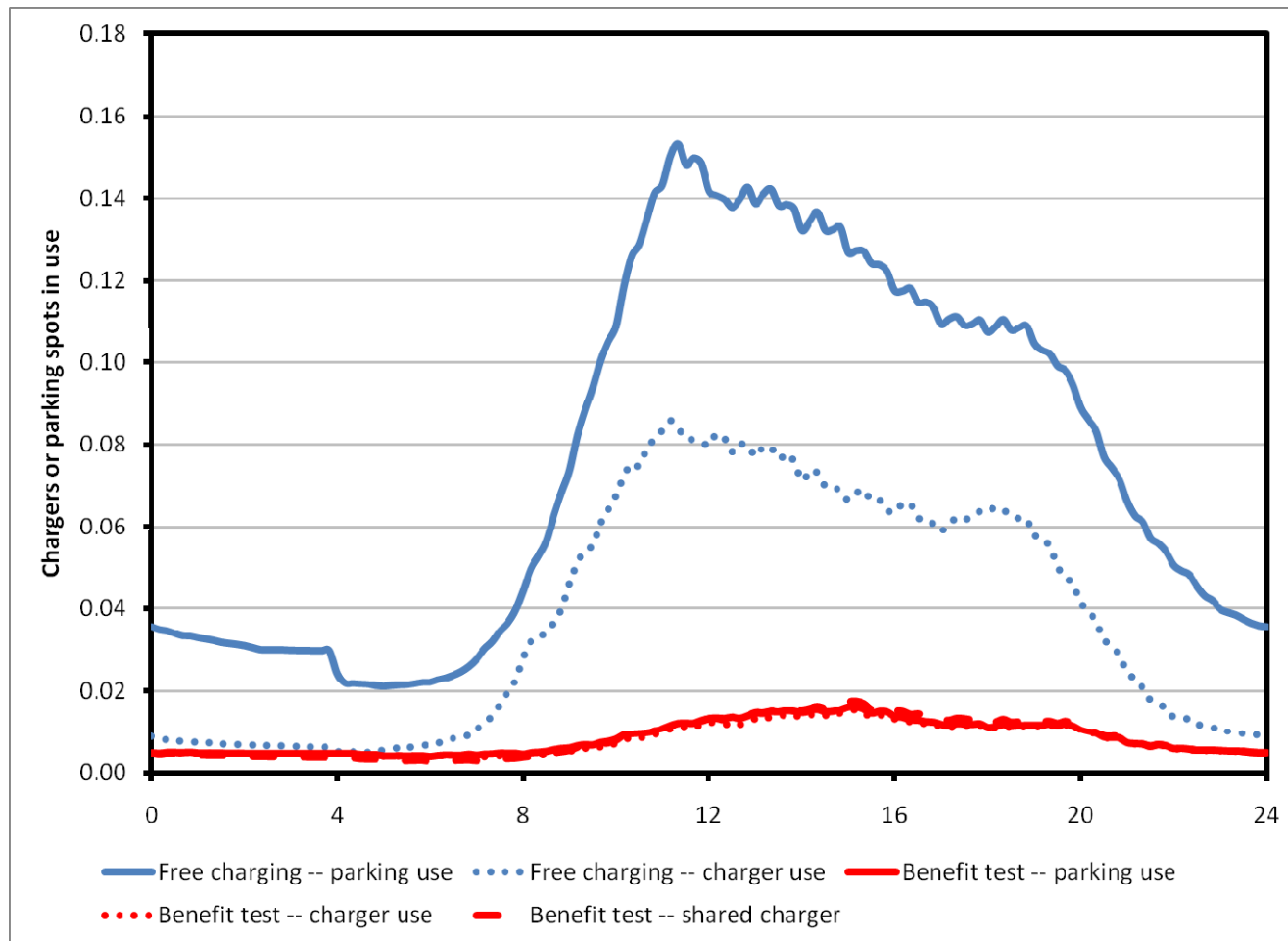
- Likely 2<sup>nd</sup> most frequent charging location
- Can be expensive
- Employer uncertainty regarding costs, tax implications
- Commercial fleet electrification faces similar uncertainties on cost and deployment of infrastructure
- Employer and fleet outreach is critical



# Challenges with Public Infrastructure

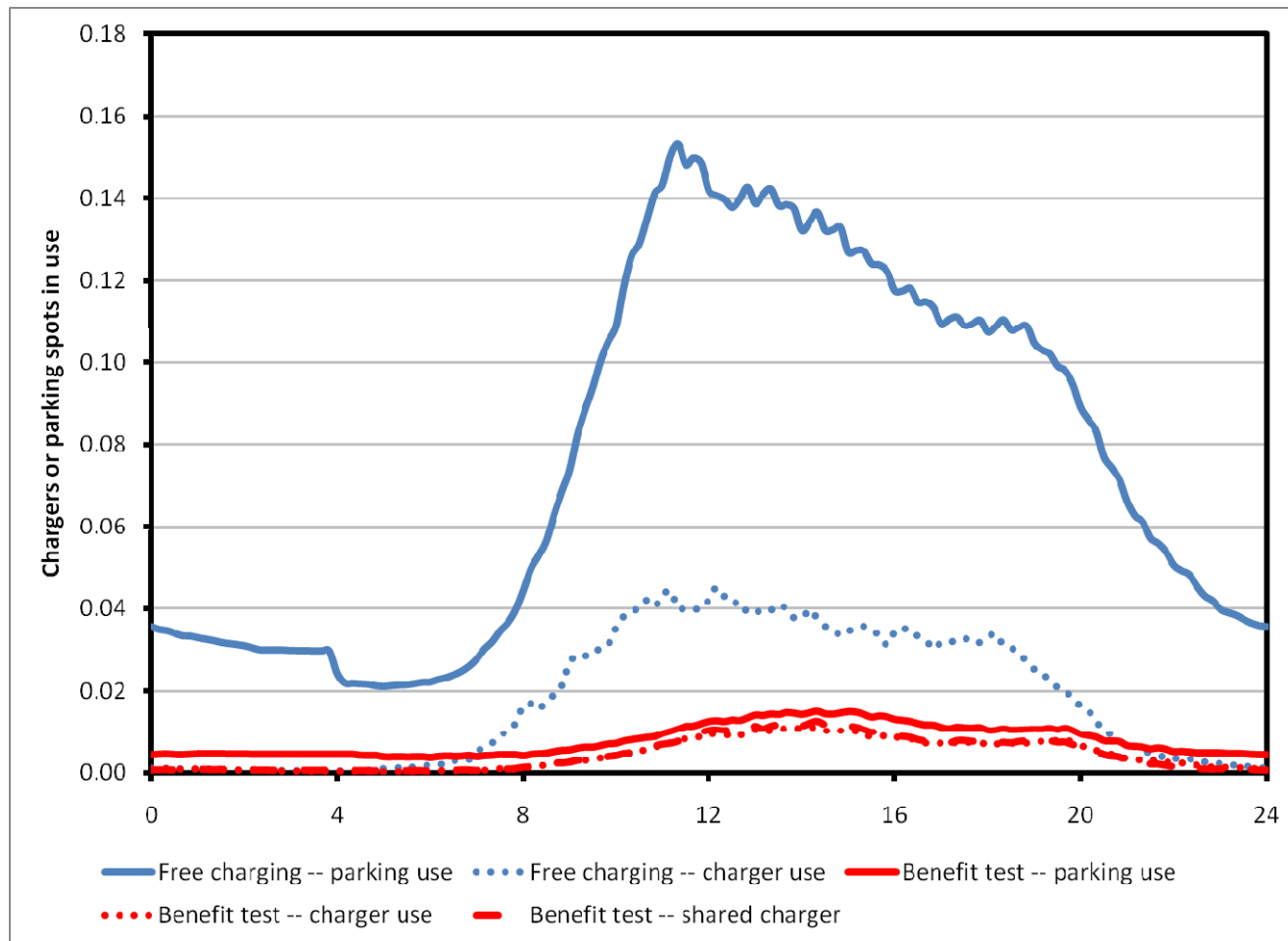
- We do not currently have a sustainable private business model—that is also attractive for the customer
  - It is difficult to earn a return on a public EVSE installation
- Proliferation of battery EVs creates needs for widespread AC charging, capitably intensive DC charging
- Some are considering membership models to support
  - NRG Energy (non-utility)
  - Austin Energy (utility)
- Point-of-use payments exist, but are and likely will remain financially unattractive
- Apartment and other multi-unit residential scenarios approximate the cost issues of public infrastructure

# Results – BEV100 1.44kW commercial charger



Similar to the work charging scenarios, the shared charger model is not ideal.

# Results – BEV100 6.6kW commercial charger



Very little change in the number of benefit tested spots in use between charge powers.

# Summary

- Vehicles are coming! We will learn a lot in the next couple years as a variety of vehicles are deployed
- In almost all cases, greenhouse gas emissions and criteria pollutants are favorable for electric vehicles and plug-in hybrid electric vehicles
- Relatively high numbers of plug-in vehicles can be accommodated without significant changes to the grid. Managing the interaction between the vehicles and the grid can increase overall benefits
- Supplying infrastructure will be challenging. There is a lot to learn. The amount of required infrastructure is relatively low as long as charging incentives are not overly sold