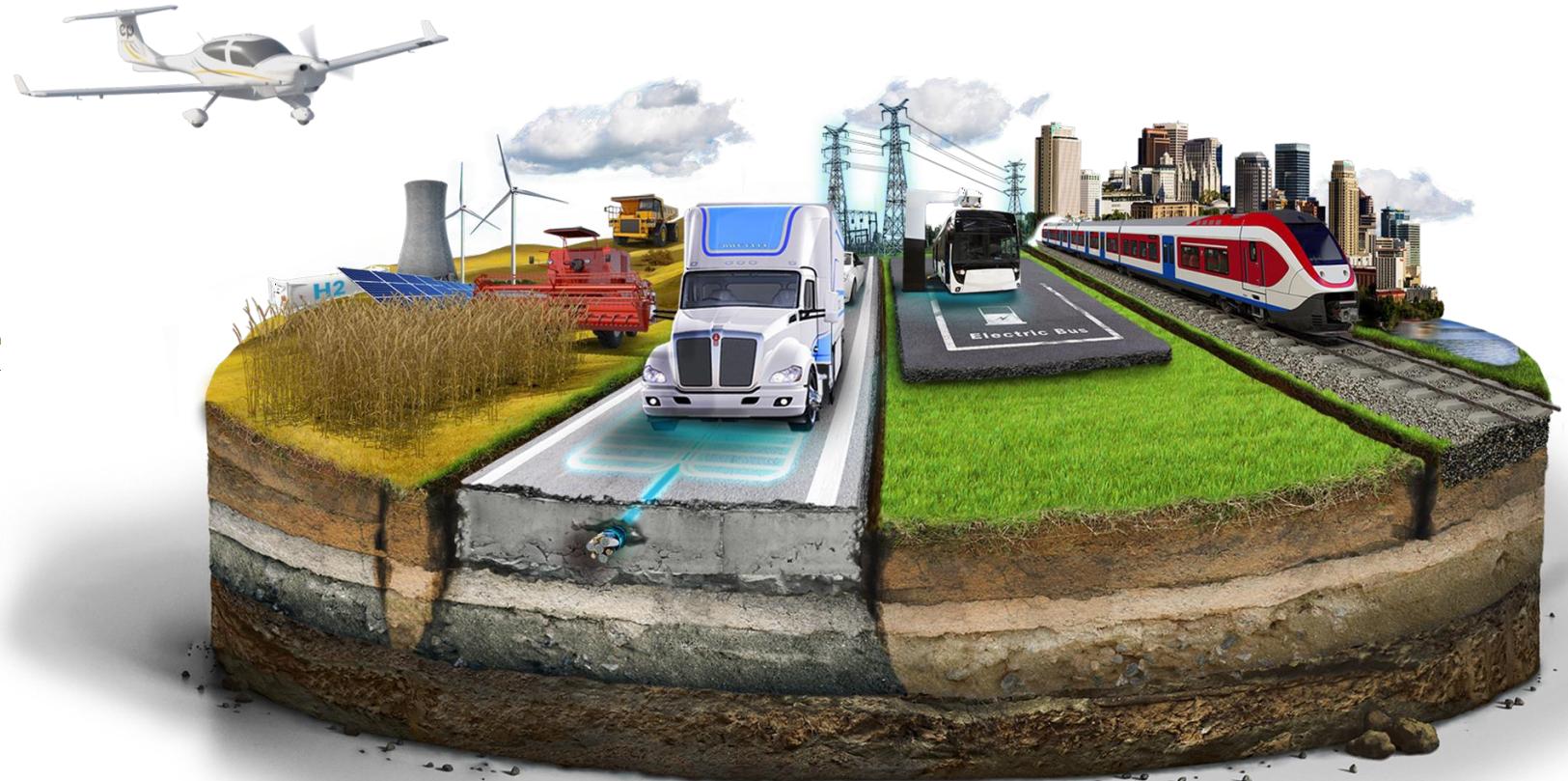




Advancing Sustainability through Powered  
Infrastructure for Roadway Electrification



# ASPIRE Overview

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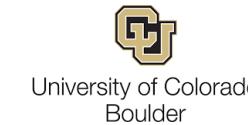


NSF Engineering Research Center

Advancing Sustainability through Powered  
Infrastructure for Roadway Electrification

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

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



University of Colorado  
Boulder



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

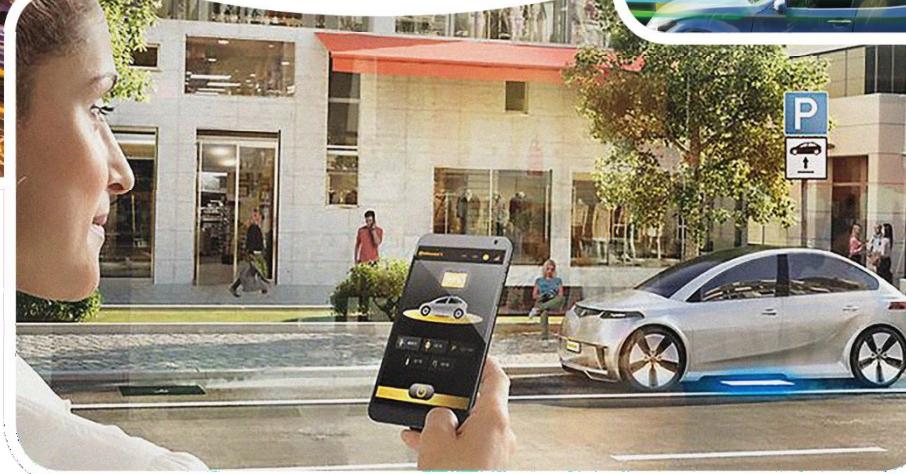
Co-optimized power  
and transportation  
networks



Smart charging across vehicle  
classes and user groups



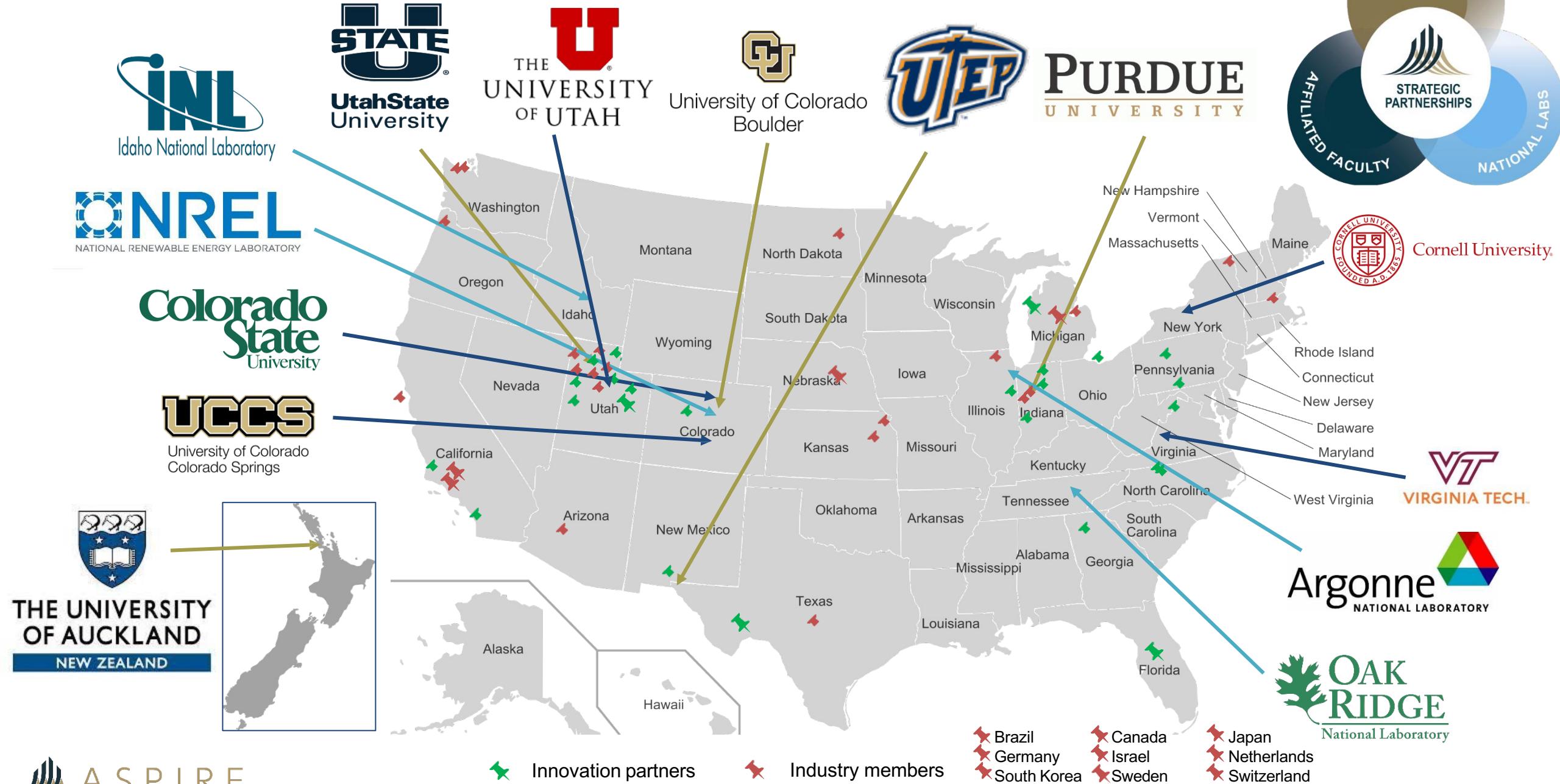
Synergy with  
connected and  
autonomous vehicles



Wired and wireless  
charging systems bring  
power to the vehicle

Community Driven | High Utilization

# ASPIRE NSF Center Partnerships



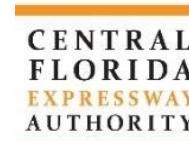
# Industry Members



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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

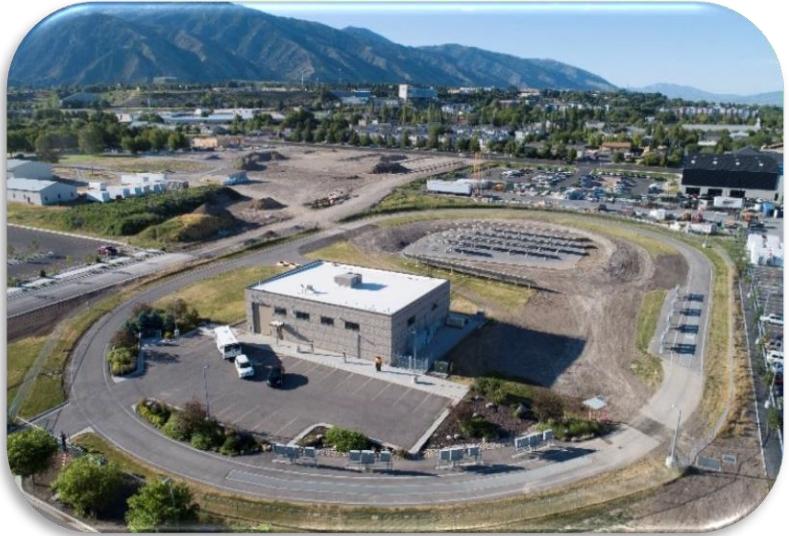
City & Inter-City  
Scale Systems

Center Projects

Learning & Engagement

# Systems of Systems Testbeds

## Electric Vehicle and Roadway (EVR)



## Full Scale City & Intercity Simulator



- ¼-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

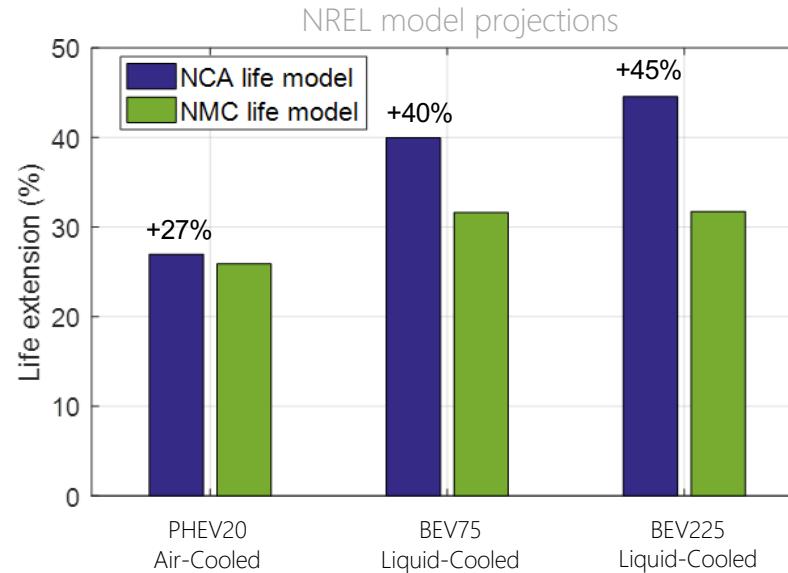
- Expansive co-simulation, synthetic models of grid, traffic, charging, & society
- Quantified analysis of the interactions between technology and society (policy, incentives, demand response, pricing, behavior & choice, economics, adoption)
- HIL linked to EVR hardware testbed
- Publicly released by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

# EVR Expansion / ASPIRE Headquarters



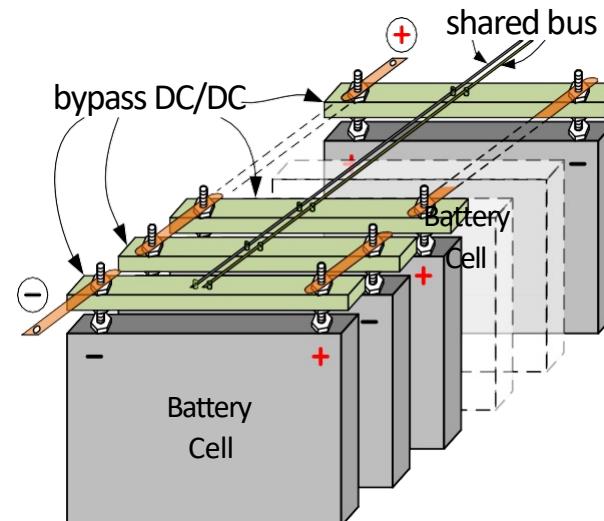
# Examples of Technology Developments

## Smart Active Battery Management: Making Batteries Last Longer



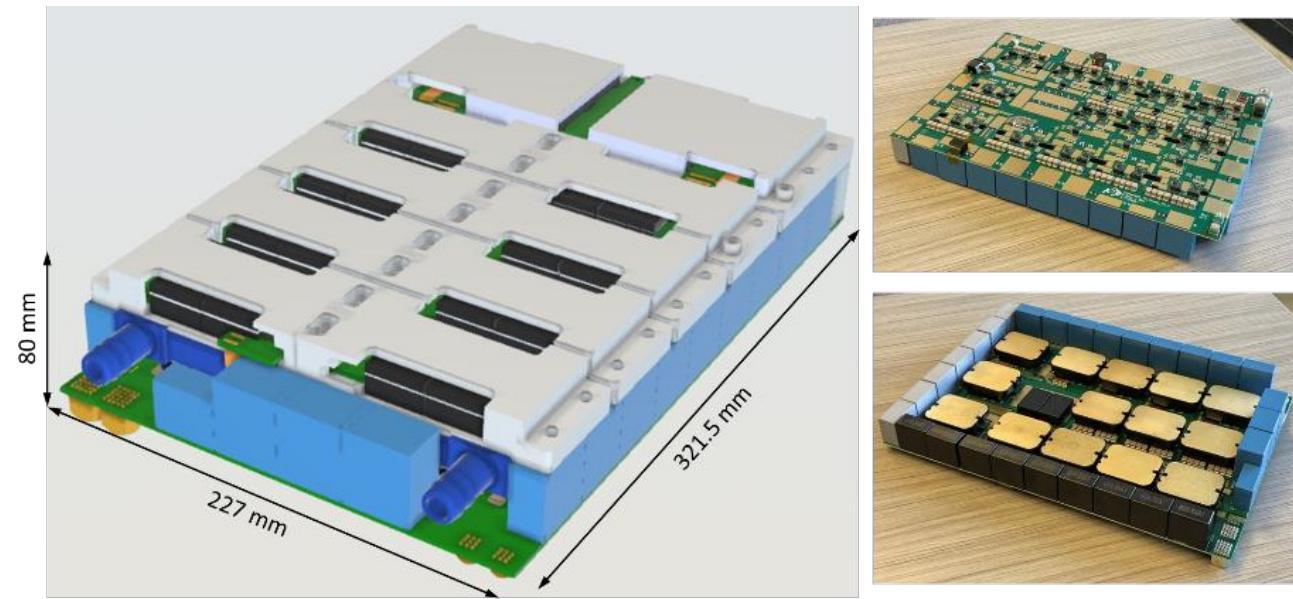
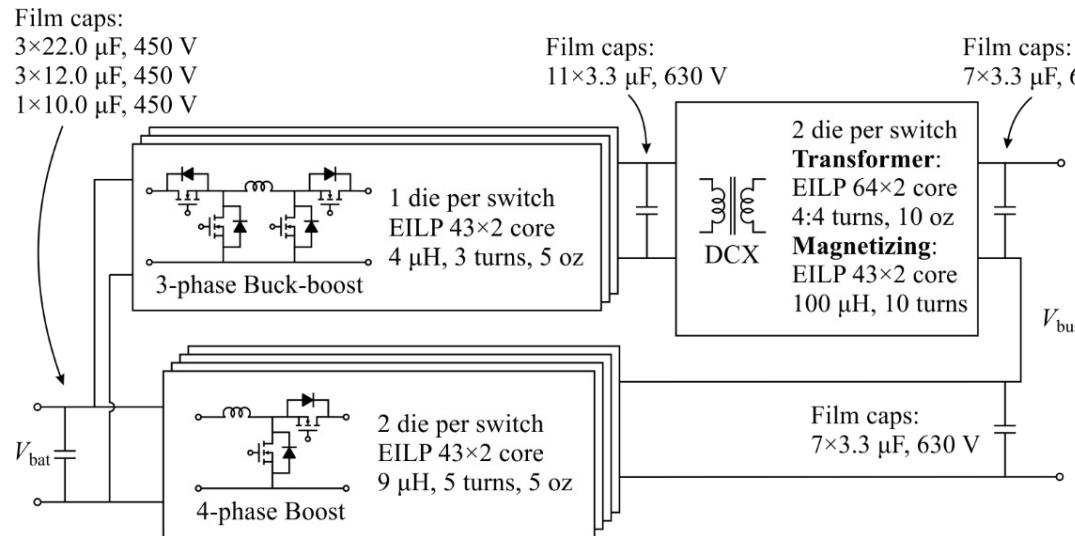
Ford C-Max Energi 8 kWh  
battery pack retrofitted  
with smart cell-level  
battery management  
technology

- 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



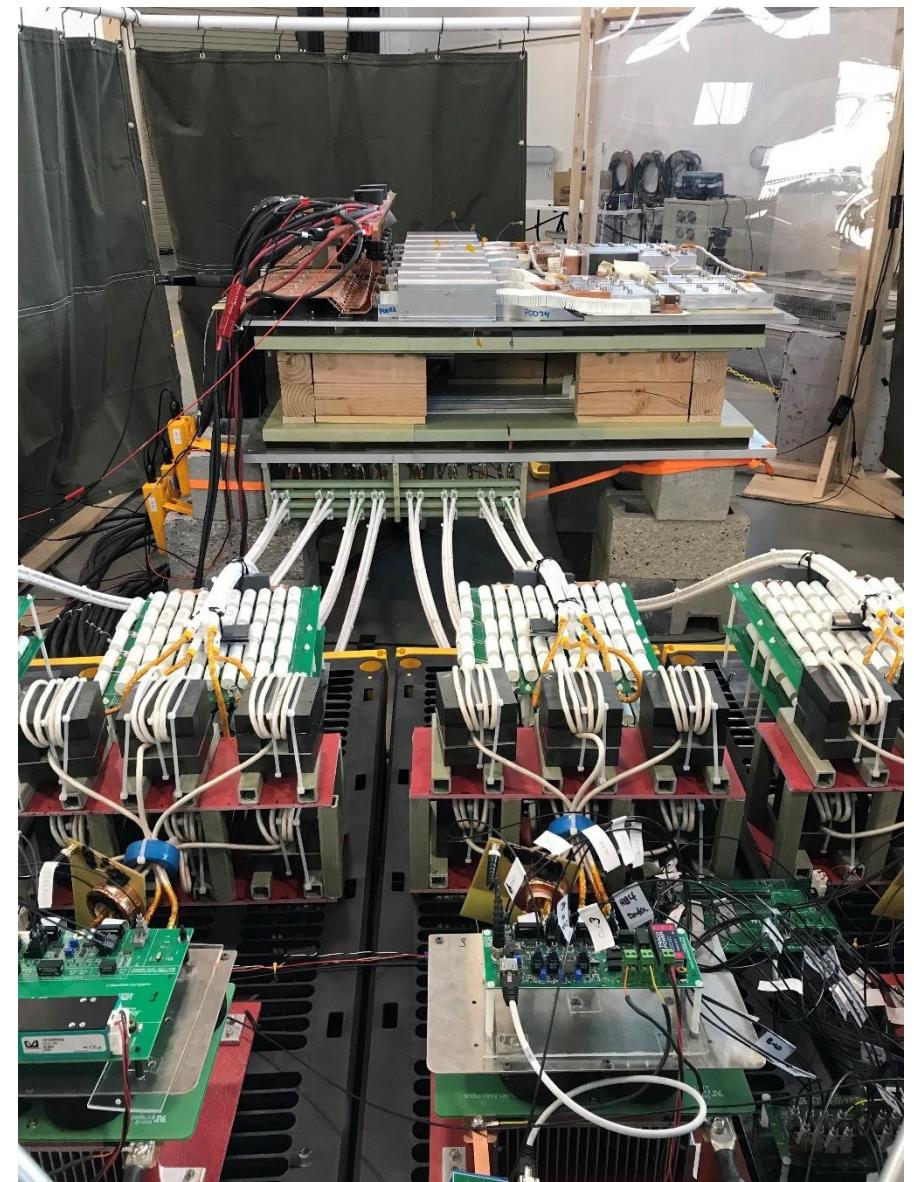
# Examples of Technology Developments

## 1MW Wireless Power System Prototype

Objectives: effective electrification of heavy-duty vehicles

Demonstrated prototype capabilities:

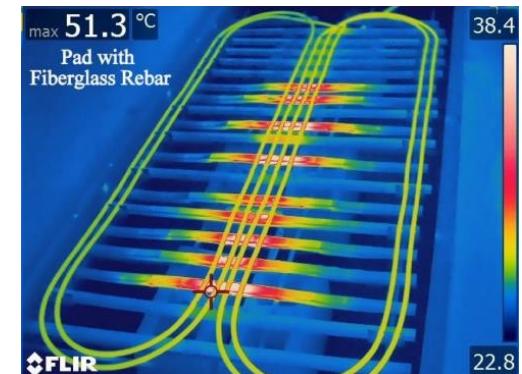
- 850 kW power transfer demonstrated
- 95% dc-dc efficiency
- Single pad smaller than 2 m<sup>2</sup>



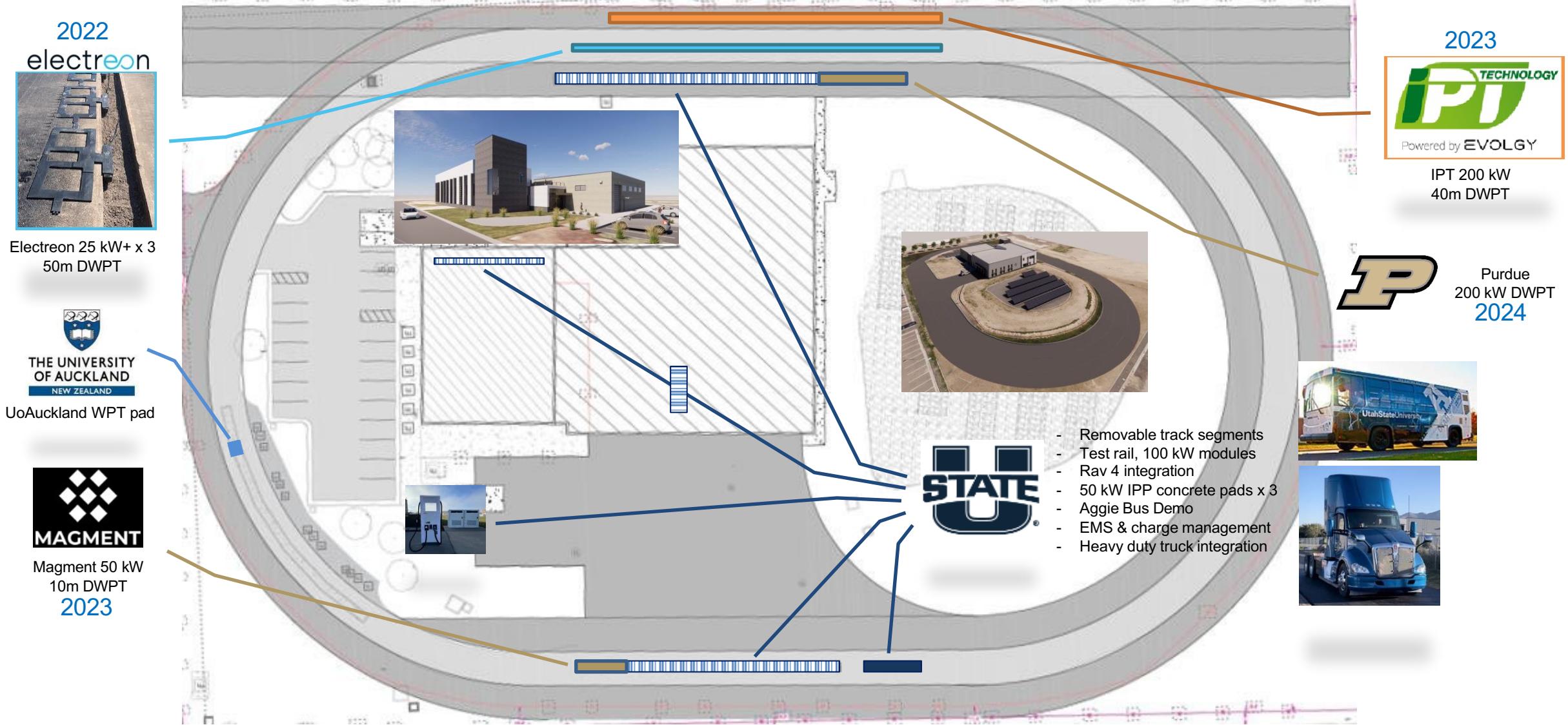
# Examples of Technology Developments Electrified Roadway Components



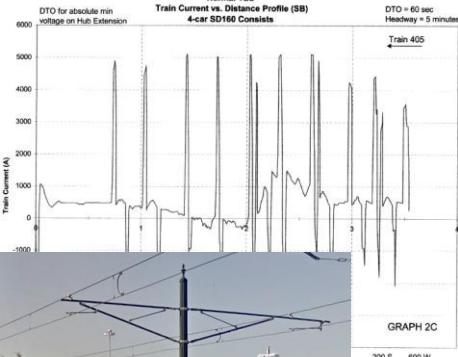
In-motion wireless charging and autonomous control of the “Aggie Bus” on the EVR track



# 2022, 2023+ Testbeds: Pre-pilot Activities



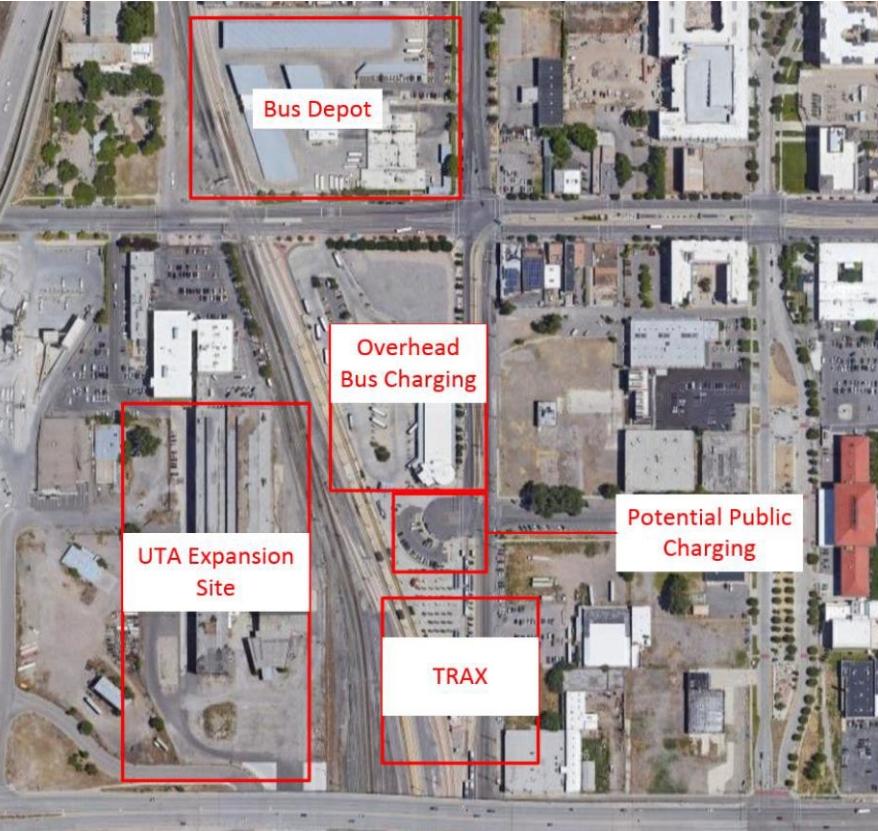
# Intermodal Hub Pilot Project



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 “hoteling” 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

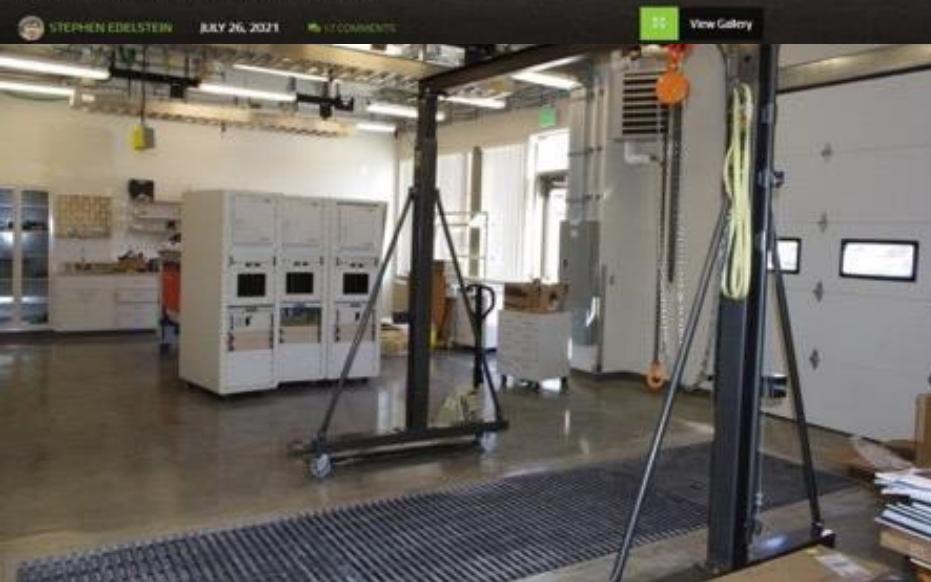
Committed commercial partners (vehicle & infrastructure)

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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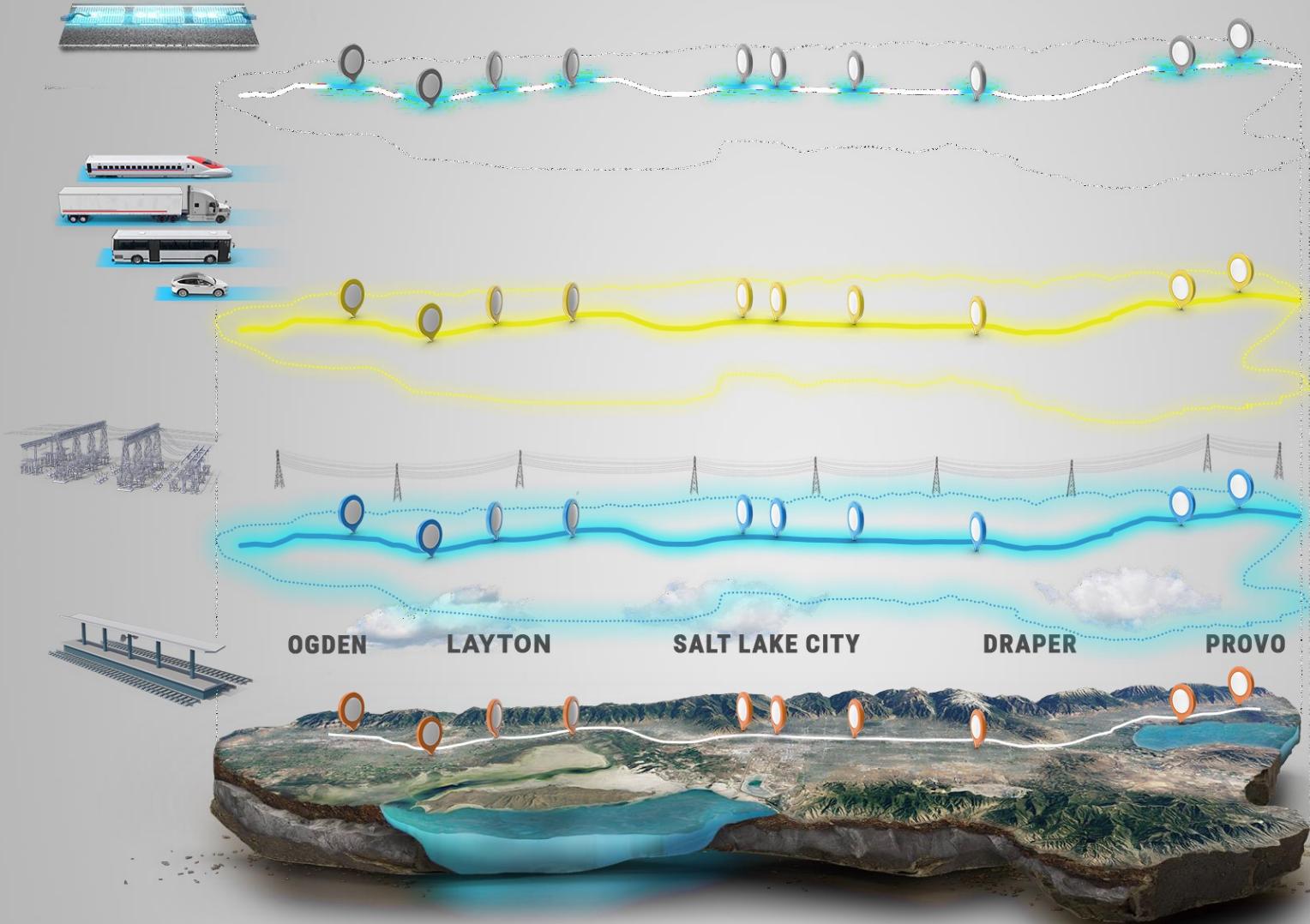


# Full-scale Dynamic Wireless Power Transfer and Pilot Project Implementation



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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