

Electric Vehicle Charging at the Workplace: Experimental Evidence on Incentives and Environmental Nudges

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Timing of EV charging impacts carbon emissions from cars:

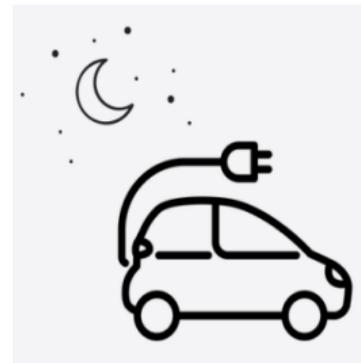
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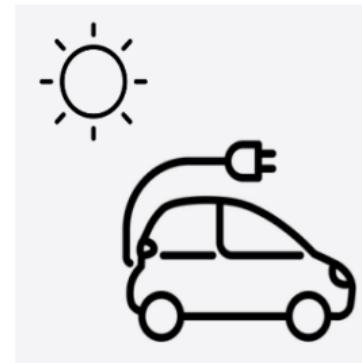
CO_2 emissions: 5.06Mt

EV charged at night:



CO_2 emissions: 1.14Mt

EV charged at midday:

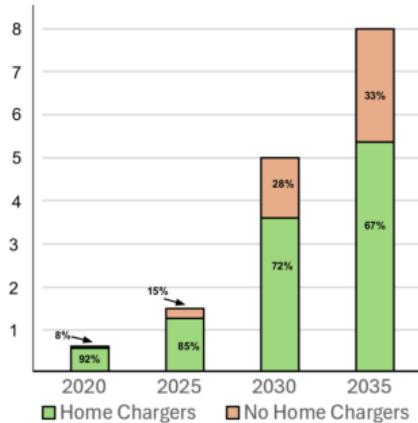


CO_2 emissions: .16Mt

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Shift to workplace EV charging:

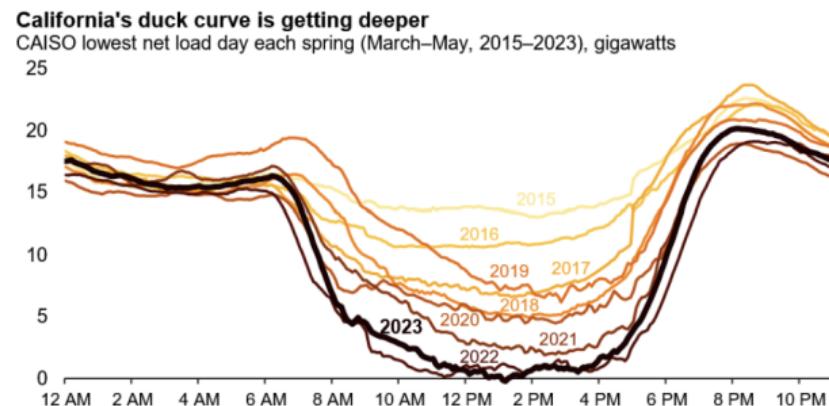
1. Substantial decline in access to home charging through 2035
2. Expected increase of EV fleet to 8 mil. in California



Timing of solar generation

Timing of EV charging could reshape California's "duck curve":

1. Timing of EV charging could shift net demand (consumption minus solar production) back toward midday
 - Avoid curtailment of renewables
 - As transportation electrifies and grids decarbonize, timing EV charging becomes critical



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- ▶ Environmental nudges would reduce cost of CO_2 emission by \$16.1 mil.
- ▶ First and second financial discount would increase cost of CO_2 emissions by \$13.2 mil. and \$7.5 mil.

Literature review

This work speaks to two strands of literature:

1. Home charging experiments

- 1.1 **Temporal shifts in home charging** (Bailey *et al.* 2023)
- 1.2 Effect on total charging behavior:

- Pricing strategies (Motoaki & Shirk, 2017; Davis & Bradley, 2012; Langbroek *et al.*, 2019; Kacperski *et al.*, 2022), financial penalties (Asensio *et al.*, 2016), and prizes and auctions (Fetene *et al.* 2017)
- Information on cost savings (Nicolson *et al.*, 2017), charging sourced from renewable energy (Nienhueser & Qui, 2016), and tailored at point of charge (Asensio *et al.* 2021)

2. Workplace EV networks

- 2.1 Efficiency of charging policy strategies (Caperello *et al.* 2013; Bonges *et al.* 2016)

- Public messaging systems (Sutton *et al.* 2022), and policies on unplugging (Wolbertus & van den Hoed, 2017)

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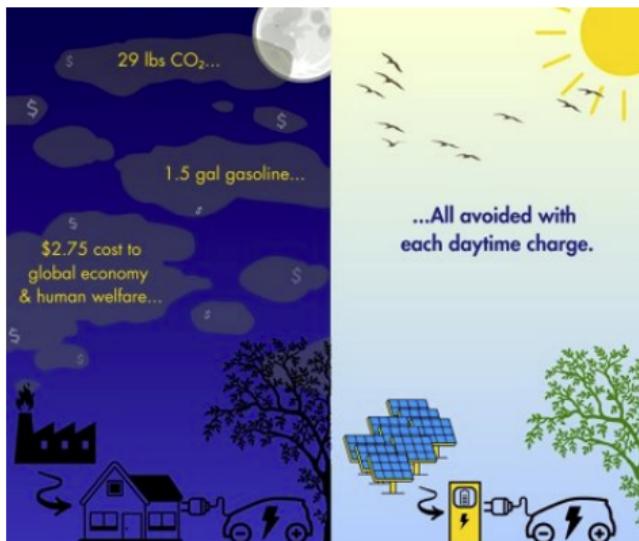
Experimental setting:

- ▶ We conducted the field experiment at UCSD in coordination with
 - Campus administrators responsible for campus charging policy and pricing
 - Two leading charging vendors, ChargePoint and PowerFlex, who collect and share charge session data
- ▶ We created a campus club for EV drivers — the “Triton Chargers” — open to UCSD affiliates
 - Drivers opt-in, consent to research, answer surveys, and receive discounts on campus charging

Design of informational intervention

Informational nudges:

- ▶ Stating the climate benefits of daytime compared to nighttime charging in an email, delivered three times (once per week)
 - Benefits are reported as avoided CO_2 emissions, equivalent unburned gasoline, and prevented global environmental damages



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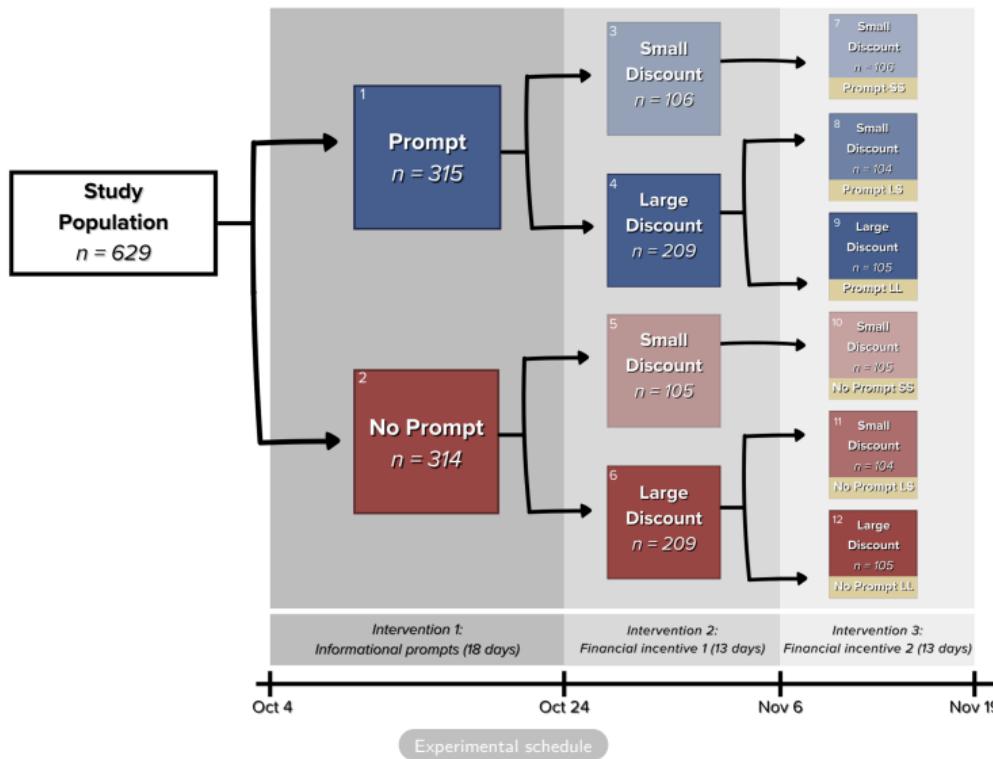
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Second phase of financial intervention:

Financial prompt 2

- ▶ Three treatment arms—LL (Large-Large), LS (Large-Small), and SS (Small-Small) discounts
 - Test for the presence of habit formation when financial discounts are reduced

Experimental design



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3. Other data

- Home charging rates set by the local utility (SDG&E)
Charging rates
- Emission factors from California Air Resources Board
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Participant characteristics and charging behaviors

	Mean	Std. dev.	Min	Max	Obs.
A.Demographics					
Age	38.25	12.88	22	80	629
Share male (%)	0.53	0.50	0	1	629
Income (\$ '000)	135.73	66.58	25	200	557
Years of education	17.18	3.09	11	21	629
Days on campus per week	3.26	1.75	0	6	629
B.Vehicle attributes					
Vehicle age (years)	2.38	2.59	0	22	629
Battery electric (%)	0.76	0.43	0	1	629
Odometer reading (miles)	29153.09	28770.26	28	205,069	422
C.Commuting and charging habits					
Daily mileage (miles)	39.95	40.83	0	491	318
Home charger (%)	0.59	0.49	0	1	629
Charging price (\$ per kWh)	0.18	0.12	0	1	382
D.Outcome variables					
Share of charging on campus	30.70	34.60	0	100	313
Weekly charging sessions	0.89	1.21	0	9	629
Energy consumed (kWh)	18.72	12.32	1	67	401
Session costs (\$)	5.35	3.53	0	18	401
Session duration (min)	312.33	170.62	23	792	401
Charging duration (min)	228.53	136.92	21	749	401
Idle duration (min)	83.79	102.51	0	614	401

Supplementary statistics

Estimating equations

Effect of interventions on charging behavior:

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Second financial treatment:

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Balance

Charging outcome of interest

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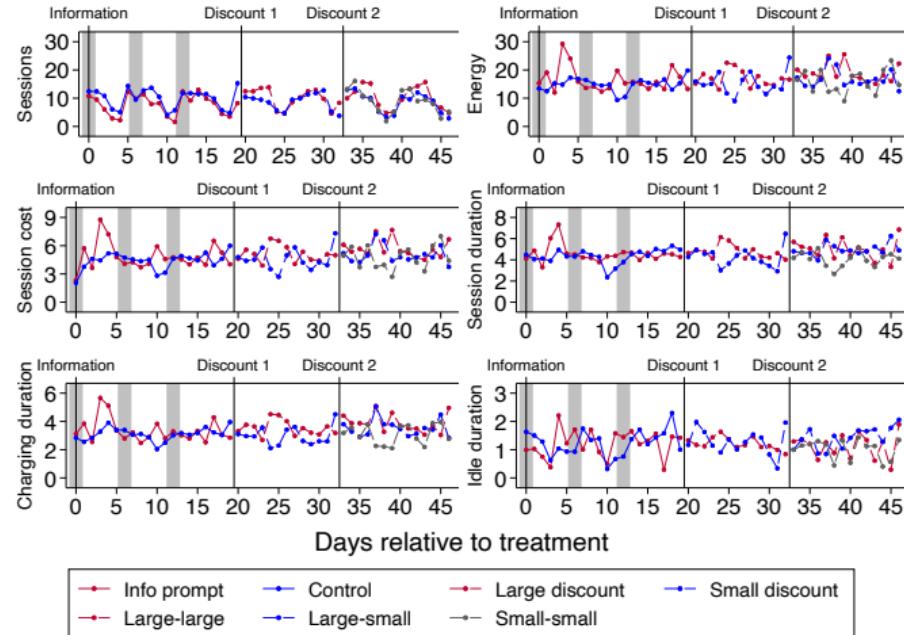
1. Share of charging done on campus
 - Total energy consumed from campus charging divided by the expected energy consumed from total driving)
2. Number of sessions initiated
3. Energy consumed
4. Session cost
5. Session duration
6. Charging duration
7. Idle duration

Timing of charging behavior:

1. Overnight (21:00–4:59)
 - Low network utilization
2. Early morning (5:00–6:59)
 - Early morning commuters and low utilization
3. Morning (7:00–9:59)
 - Arrival of most regular commuters and a rapid surge
4. Midday (10:00–15:59)
 - High utilization and maximal solar generation
5. Evening (16:00–20:59)
 - Departing commuters, arrival of nighttime workers, and waning solar generation

Total charging behavior by day

Total charging activity for six measures of campus charging:



Effect on total charging behavior

	Total charging behavior						
	(1) Share	(2) Sessions	(3) Energy	(4) Cost	(5) Duration	(6) Charge time	(7) Idle time
A. Informational prompt	.501 (3.673)	-.002 (.269)	-1.471 (5.365)	-.589 (1.485)	-47.084 (101.501)	-18.950 (69.166)	-28.159 (48.349)
Mean Dep. Var.	30.37	2.47	42.67	11.89	784.07	547.62	236.43
B. Financial incentive 1	-.170 (4.029)	-.040 (.199)	5.349 (3.917)	1.546 (1.133)	46.346 (68.710)	53.400 (49.377)	-7.051 (29.872)
Mean Dep. Var.	34.67	1.71	30.84	8.91	549.03	390.56	158.48
C. Financial incentive 2	1.824 (4.821)	.313 (.251)	5.127 (5.551)	1.537 (1.616)	89.069 (91.692)	62.649 (67.101)	26.454 (39.365)
Mean Dep. Var.	31.89	1.73	31.6	9.17	560.06	391.2	168.85
D. Information x large discount	-2.195 (3.732)	-.070 (.461)	.601 (8.775)	.119 (2.464)	-94.626 (166.376)	-34.872 (112.816)	-59.771 (82.161)
Observation	350	629	629	629	629	629	629

Between group-substitution

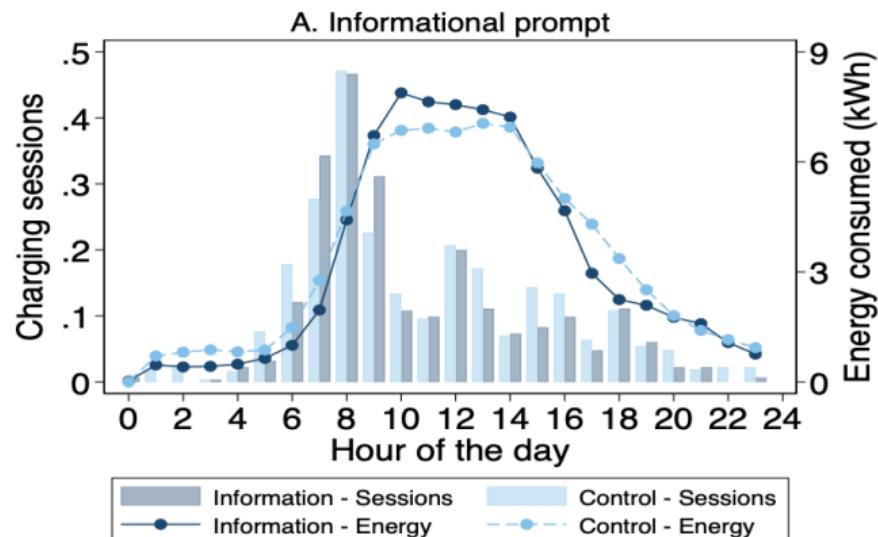
Substitution among commuter groups:

- ▶ Shift in charging sessions from high- to medium-utilization garages during the informational treatment Charging utilization
- ▶ Increase in campus charging by commuters who experience low glitch rates during the second financial discount Charging glitches
 - Larger campus charging responses from workplace charging facilities characterized by lower congestion and greater reliability
- ▶ Substitution in total charging behavior from infrequent to frequent commuters Charging commute frequency
 - Larger campus charging responses from commuters with greater flexibility

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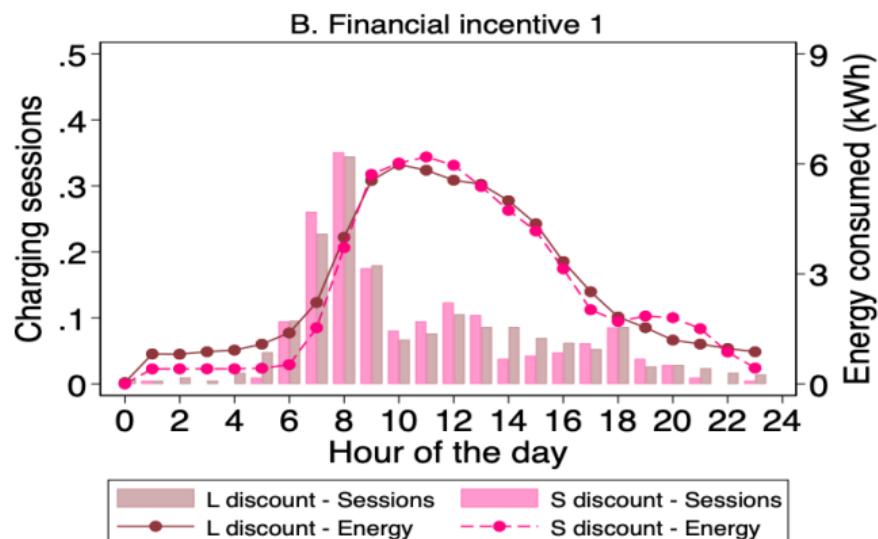
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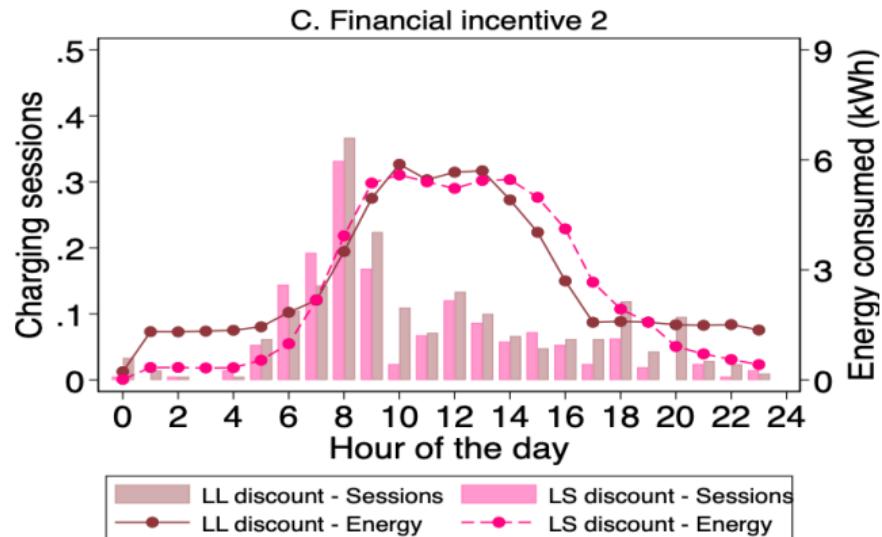
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	(1) 21-5	(2) 5-7	(3) 7-10	(4) 10-16	(5) 16-21
A. Informational prompt	-.048 (.044)	-.124* (.072)	.202 (.176)	-.049 (.137)	.017 (.083)
Mean Dep. Var.	.09	.2	1.05	.75	.37
B. Financial incentive 1	.061** (.030)	.084* (.049)	-.076 (.130)	-.043 (.092)	-.046 (.062)
Mean Dep. Var.	.07	.13	.76	.49	.26
C. Financial incentive 2	.040 (.062)	-.061 (.082)	-.002 (.140)	.194* (.121)	.205** (.093)
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- ▶ Target interventions toward the most responsive socio-demographic groups.

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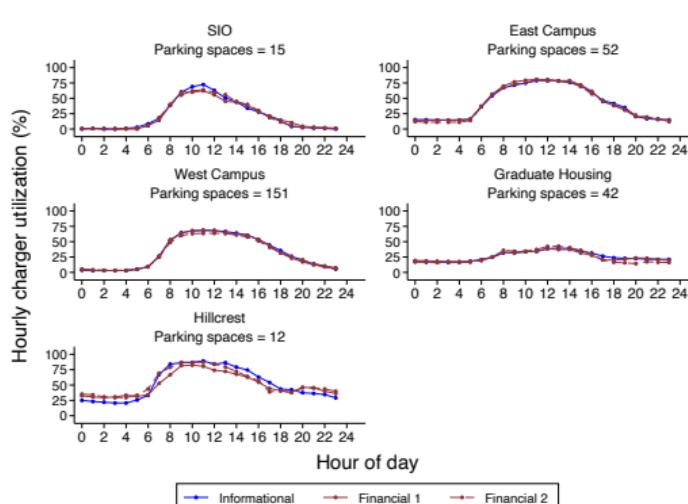
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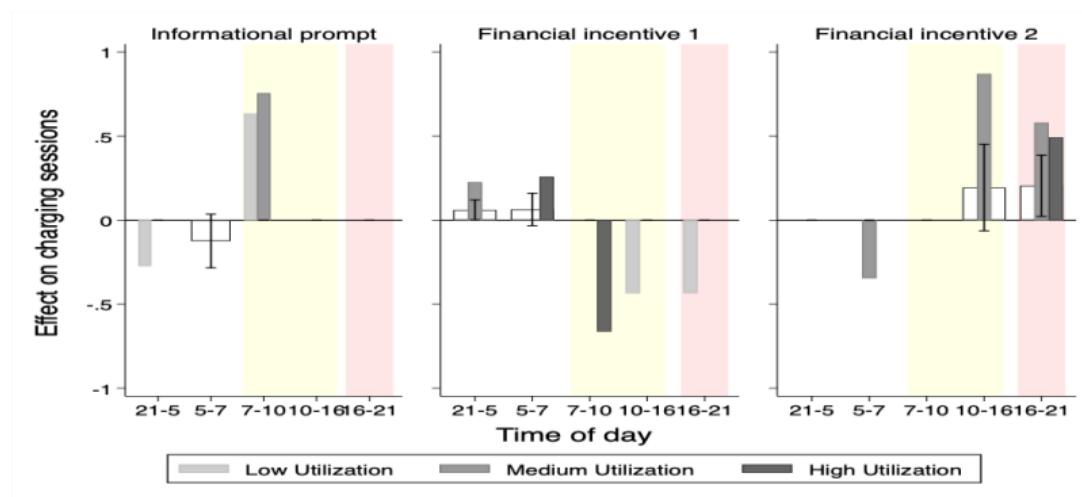
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- ▶ Network utilization of 80-90% at the two largest campus zones by 9 am
 - Excludes chargers that are temporarily non-operational or out-of-service
 - Includes stalls that are occupied by non-charging vehicles



Effect of network utilization

Network utilization: Energy - Utilization

- ▶ Temporal shifts from informational prompts are exclusively from low-utilization garages
 - Drivers are more responsive to information when they perceive no charger scarcity
- ▶ Temporal shifts from discounts are from medium- and high-utilization garages.
 - Drivers shift to periods with lower utilization to guarantee they receive a charge
 - Temporal shifts are in campus zones with high network utilization Charging by location



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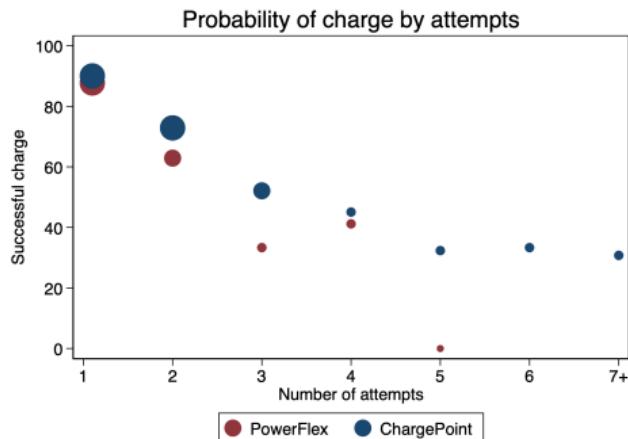
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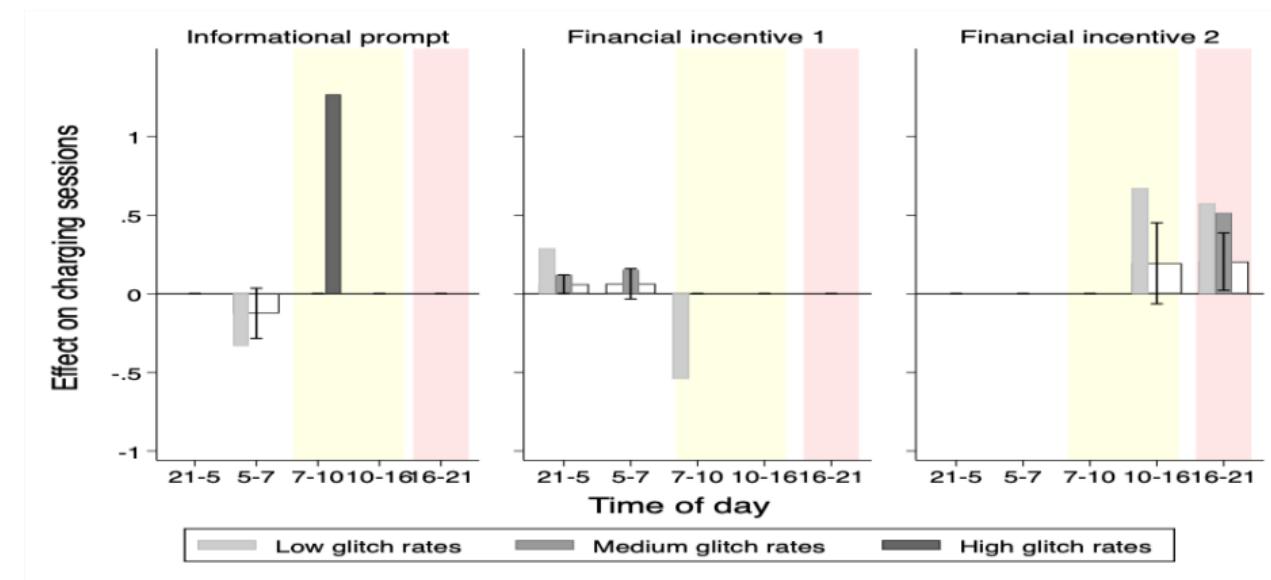
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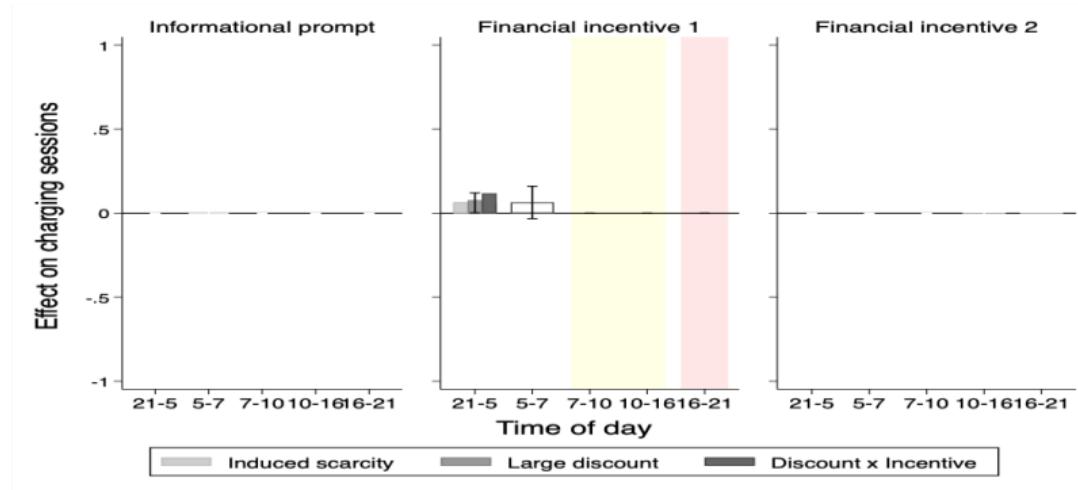
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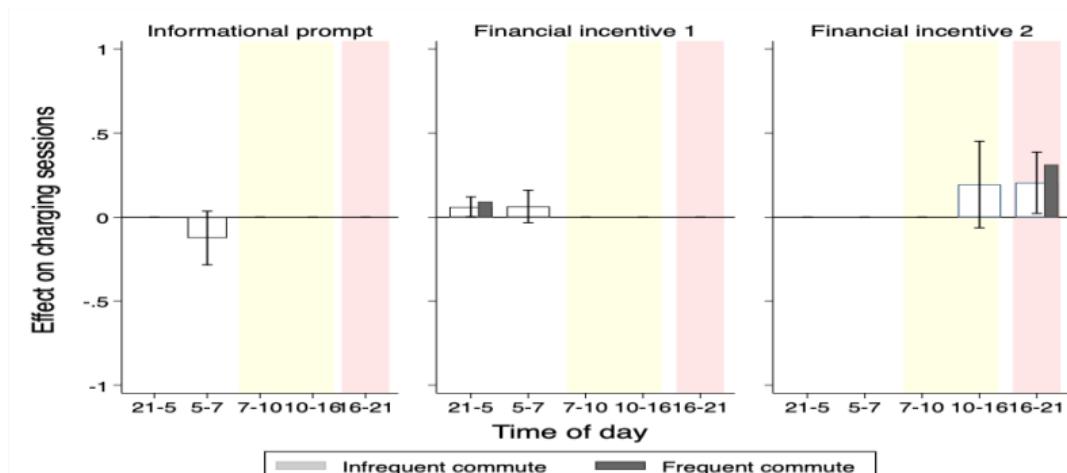
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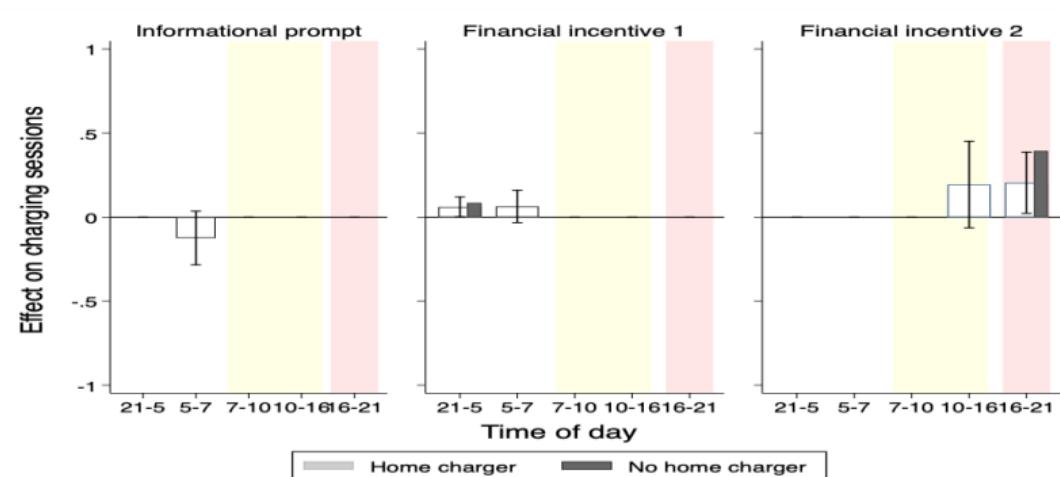
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Convenience of home charging:

Home charging access

Energy - Home charger

- ▶ Access to private home charging makes home charging more convenient
- ▶ Compare commuters with/without access to private home charging



Welfare effects

Net welfare ΔW per driver annually:

$$\Delta W = \underbrace{\Delta CO_2}_{\text{Global pollutant}} + \underbrace{\Delta LCFS}_{\text{Local benefit}} - \underbrace{\Delta Costs}_{\text{Local costs}} \quad (2)$$

- ▶ ΔCO_2 : Change in CO_2 emissions from temporal shifts in charging
- ▶ $\Delta LCFS$: Revenues earned through CA's Low Carbon Fuel Standard (LCFS) program
- ▶ $\Delta Costs$: Cost for financial discounts

Assumptions:

- ▶ Convert treatment effects over the experiment to annual effects.
- ▶ Welfare effects of intertemporal substitution
- ▶ Welfare effects are per driver and from the institution's perspective

Avoided CO₂ emission damages

Carbon emission changes for each hour h of the day:

$$\Delta CO_2 = \sum_{h=1}^{24} (\underbrace{\beta_h^{kWh} \cdot Cl_h}_{\text{Information}} + \underbrace{\delta_{1h}^{kWh} \cdot Cl_h}_{\text{Discount 1}} + \underbrace{\delta_{2h}^{kWh} \cdot Cl_h}_{\text{Discount 2}}) \cdot SCC. \quad (3)$$

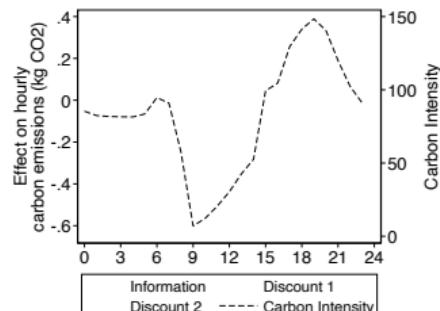
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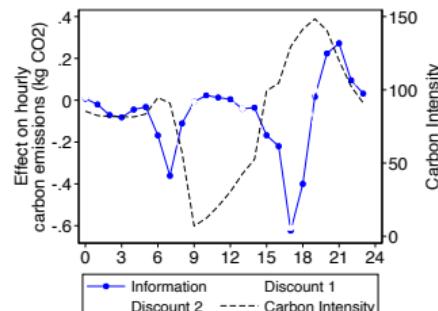


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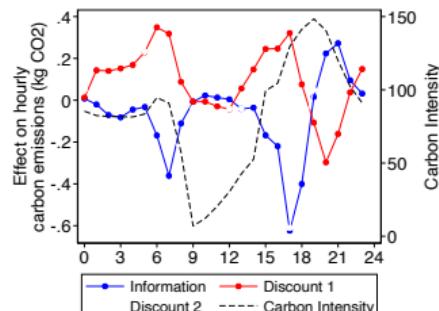


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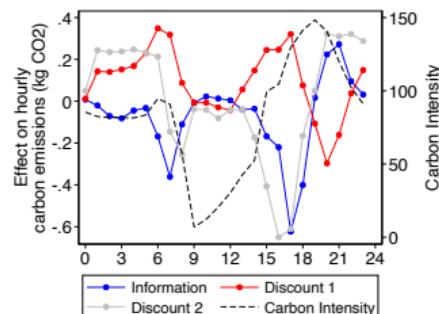


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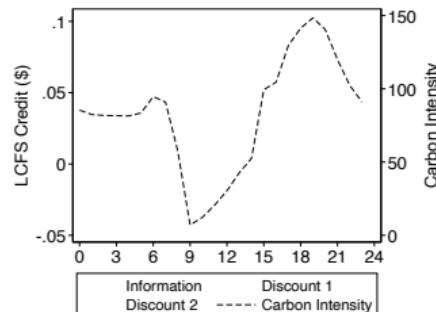
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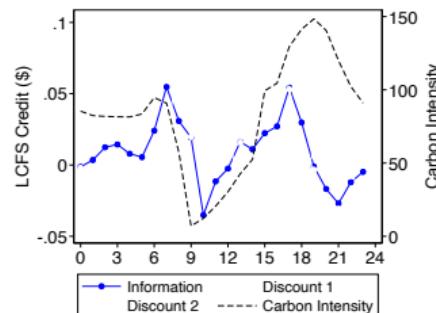
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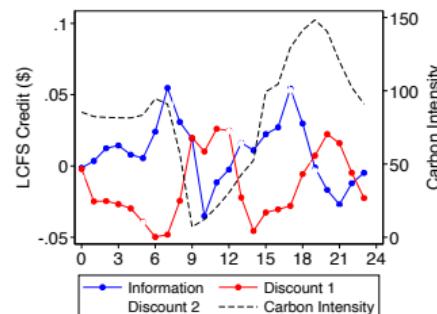
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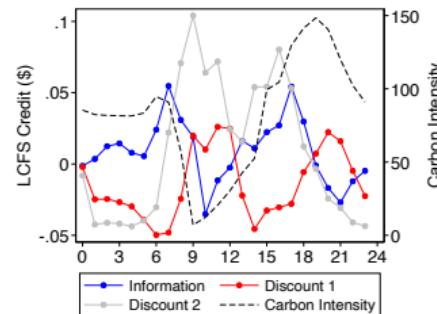
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- ▶ Second financial treatment: \$8.59 for the large and \$4.59 for the small discount

Welfare effect decomposition

Effect on all Triton Charger EV club members:

- ▶ Treating intervention costs as transfers (i.e., omitting intervention costs)
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EV owners in California (currently 1.29 million vehicles):

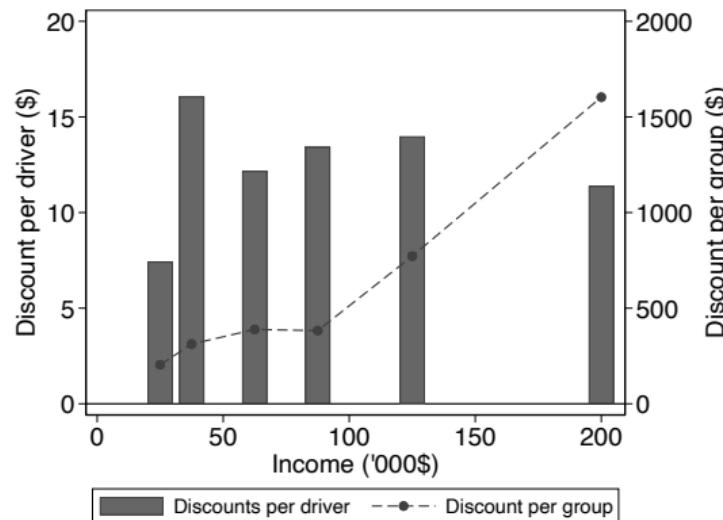
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	Intervention per driver (\$)		
	Information	Discount 1	Discount 2
Avoided CO_2 damages (ΔCO_2)	12.51	-10.23	-5.8
LCFS revenues ($\Delta LCFS$)	9.61	-7.67	.83
Intervention costs ($\Delta Costs$)		-328.48	-368.66
Welfare effects (ΔW)	22.12	-346.38	-373.64

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Strong regressive effects:

- ▶ Lowest and highest income group received \$216 and \$1,667 in discounts
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Carbon emission calculations

	Vehicle type		
	Petrol car	EV charged at night	EV charged at midday
Annual miles	11,500	11,500	11,500
Fuel per mile	.05	.33	.33
Fuel per year	575 gallons	3795 kWh	3795 kWh
Carbon intensity (kgCO ₂ / gallon)	8.8	.3	.04
Annual CO ₂ emissions (Mt)	5.06	1.14	.16

Carbon emission damages from cars

Financial prompt 1

Research participants were notified about financial discounts via email. On October 23, ahead of the first financial treatment, the following messages were sent to the large and small discount treatment arms:

- ▶ [Large discount group]: **From October 24 through November 5**, we will offer a **>75%** discount on all Level-2 charging you do on campus. We are providing a **\$0.23/kWh** discount on the base campus price of \$0.30/kWh. That means you pay just **\$0.07/kWh**. After November 5, these discounts will continue, but they may change in size. We will tell you of all changes ahead of time.
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Design of financial intervention

Financial prompt 2

On November 5, ahead of the second financial treatment, the following messages were sent to the large-large, large-small, and small-small discount treatment arms:

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Datasets

Parking features

	Tariff		
	EV -1	EV -4	EV 12
Limit	1 hour	4 hours	12 hours
Ports	1	2	1
Power	50–125 kW	6.6 kW	1.2–6.6 kW
Range	75–185 mi per half hour	21 mi per hour	21 mi per hour
Plugs	CHAdeMO, CCS	J1772	J1772
Energy minimum	None	7 kWh	10 kWh
Flex charging	No	No	Yes

Datasets

SDG&E charging rates

Price (\$/kWh)						
	Summer (Jun-Oct)			Winter (Nov-May)		
Tariff	Super-Off-Peak	Off-peak	On-peak	Super-Off-Peak	Off-peak	On-peak
EV -TOU	.285	.497	.832	.276	.464	.527
EV -TOU-2	.285	.497	.832	.276	.464	.527
EV -TOU-5	.154	.481	.816	.145	.448	.511

Datasets

Average carbon intensity of the California power grid

Time	Season			
	2022-Q1	2022-Q2	2022-Q3	2022-Q4
12:01 - 01:00	81.66	82.48	85.43	90.97
01:01 - 02:00	81.62	80.68	82.43	87.1
02:01 - 03:00	81.62	80.64	81.82	84.95
03:01 - 04:00	81.62	80.61	81.59	84.52
04:01 - 05:00	81.62	81.79	81.47	86.37
05:01 - 06:00	87.03	90.14	83.5	97.52
06:01 - 07:00	108.88	88.8	94.67	119.41
07:01 - 08:00	107.18	28.24	90.9	118
08:01 - 09:00	63.59	2.28	57.31	97.07
09:01 - 10:00	29.08	1.68	7.05	38.86
10:01 - 11:00	0.41	3	12.26	31.13
11:01 - 12:00	0	47.2	20.61	7.57
12:01 - 13:00	0	50.24	30.4	9.03
13:01 - 14:00	0	52.09	42.67	11.27
14:01 - 15:00	0	55.64	52.49	40.08
15:01 - 16:00	28.52	60.37	99.35	74.02
16:01 - 17:00	63.34	26	104.51	123.7
17:01 - 18:00	105.37	30.28	129.55	144.16
18:01 - 19:00	136.85	75.05	141.37	147.13
19:01 - 20:00	131.9	146.13	148.42	143.16
20:01 - 21:00	121.95	147.19	140.49	136.57
21:01 - 22:00	101.6	124.86	119.97	122.34
22:01 - 23:00	87.84	94.26	102.34	108.95
23:01 - 24:00	82.13	84.41	91.01	95.2

Datasets

Avoided emission damages

Experimental schedule

SEPTEMBER							OCTOBER						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
3	4	5	6	7	8	9							
10	11	12	13	14	15	16							
17	18	19	20	21	22	23							
24	25	26	27	28	29	30	Welcome Message	Start of Fall Instruction	Odometer survey #1 reminder	Prompt 1 or 3	Odometer survey #2 reminder (+ note on new protocol)	Period 1 (13 days: 9 weekday, 4 weekend)	28
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NOVEMBER							DECEMBER						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Period 2 (13 days: 9 weekday, 4 weekend)							Period 4 (13 days: 9 weekday, 4 weekend)						
Discount notification 2 of 4		Veterans Day		Odometer survey #4 reminder		Discount notification 4 of 4		Odometer survey #4		End of Fall Instruction		End of Fall Quarter	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Period 3 (13 days: 9 weekday, 4 weekend)							Finals Week						
Discount notification 3 of 4		Thanksgiving Holiday		Odometer survey #3 reminder		Discount notification 3 of 4		Odometer survey #3		End of Fall Instruction		End of Fall Quarter	
35							10	11	12	13	14	15	16

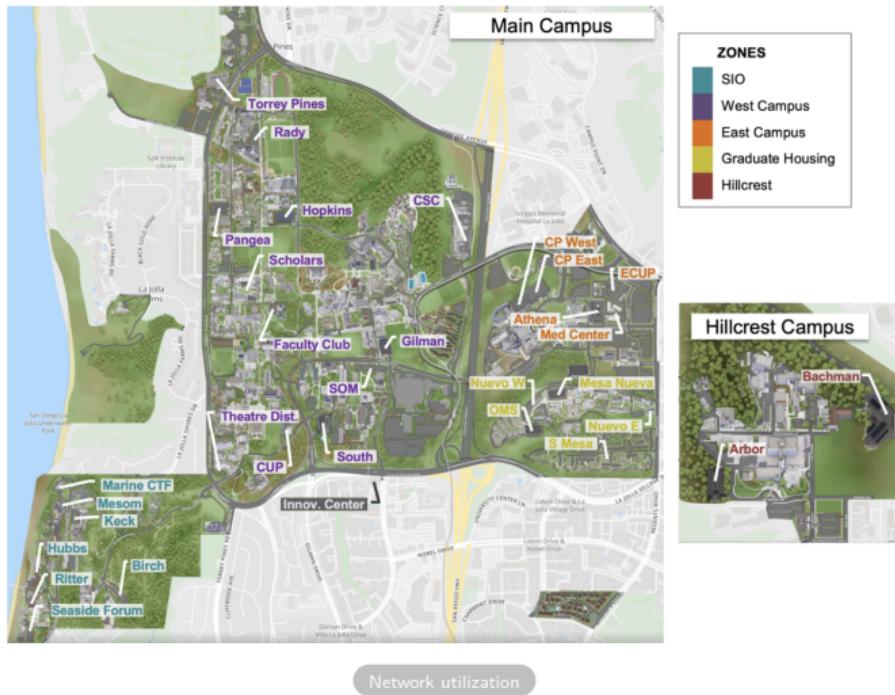
Supplementary statistics

A. Demographics					
	(1) Staff	(2) Faculty	(3) Undergraduate	(4) Graduate	(5) Other
Affiliation	49.13	20.67	17.8	11.45	.95
	(1) Own House	(2) Rent off-campus	(3) Own condo	(4) Rent house	(5) On-campus
Living Arrangement	42.61	24.17	10.33	9.7	9.7
(6) Other					

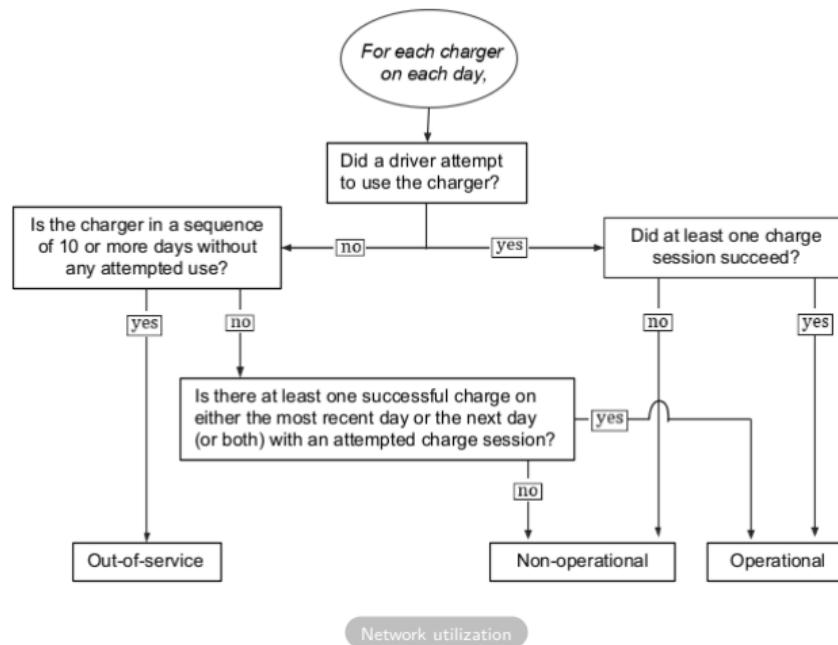
B. Charging Characteristics						
	(1) Campus	(2) Residence	(3) Other	(4) Neighborhood	(5) Destination	(6) Other Home
Charging Location (%)	42.58	38.68	7.81	5.24	4.95	.74
	(1) Night	(2) Morning	(3) Afternoon	(4) Evening		
Charging Time (%)	39.33	26.54	19.33	14.8		
	(1) Low Prices	(2) Activities	(3) Find Charger	(4) Campus	(5) Parking	(6) Fast Charger
Charging Motivation (%)	35.55	17.21	16.51	11.8	9.52	7.31
	(1) Close Office	(2) Open Stall	(3) Long Dwell	(4) Short Time	(5) Environment	2.1
On-campus Charging (%)	38.93	30.82	23.82	4.72	1.71	

Participant characteristics and charging behaviors

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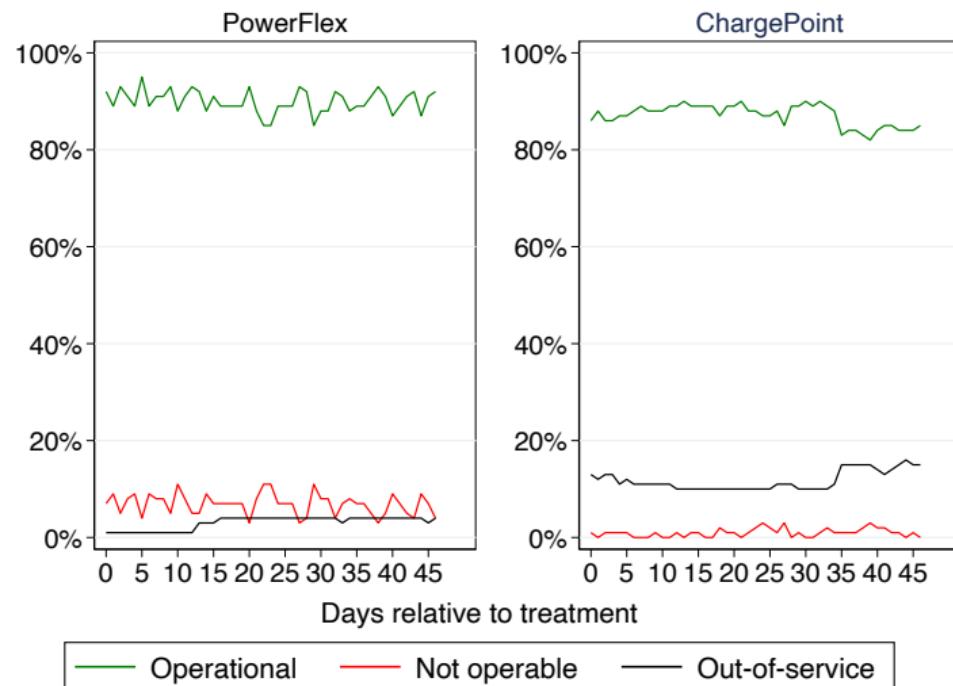


UCSD EV network operation



Network utilization

Designation share



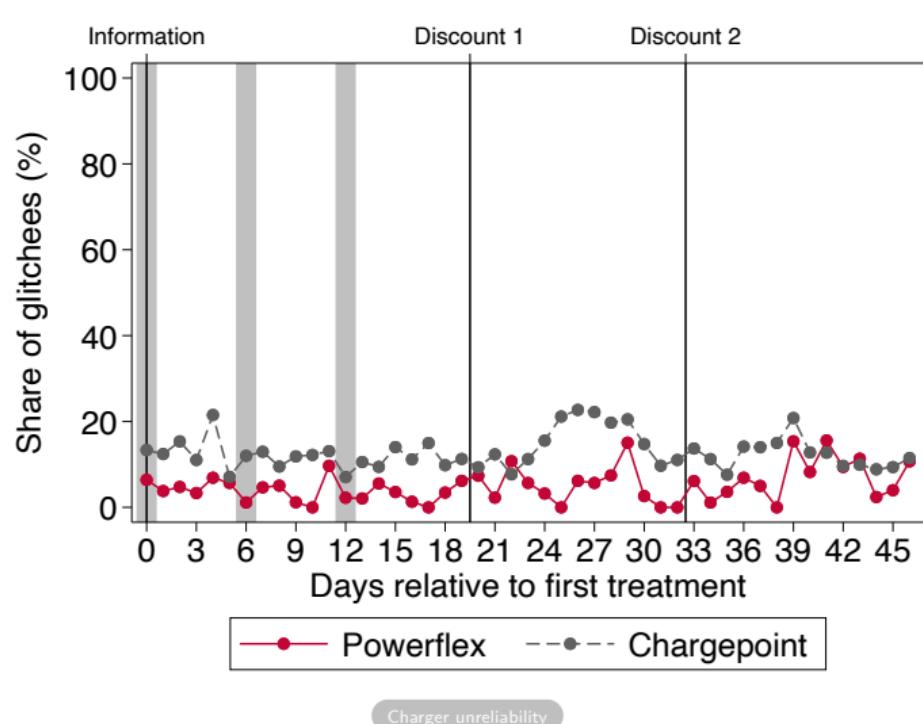
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Balance table

	Information		Discount 1		Discount 2	
	Treated	Control	Large	Small	Large-large	Large-small
A.Demographics						
Age	38.58 (13.33)	37.92 (12.43)	38.48 (12.65)	37.79 (13.34)	38.35 (12.36)	38.61 (12.36)
Share male (%)	0.50 (.5)	0.57 (.5)	0.58 (.49)	0.45 (.5)	0.55 (.5)	0.61 (.5)
Income (\$ '000)	138.39 (66.21)	133.03 (66.97)	136.69 (66.94)	133.82 (66)	137.09 (66.45)	136.28 (66.45)
Years of education	17.32 (3.14)	17.04 (3.04)	17.40 (3.06)	16.74 (3.11)	17.47 (3.17)	17.33 (3.17)
Days on campus per week	3.23 (1.75)	3.29 (1.76)	3.28 (1.76)	3.22 (1.74)	3.28 (1.76)	3.27 (1.76)
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B.Vehicle attributes						
Vehicle age (years)	2.40 (2.87)	2.37 (2.29)	2.44 (2.69)	2.27 (2.4)	2.50 (2.68)	2.39 (2.68)
Battery electric (%)	0.76 (.43)	0.77 (.42)	0.75 (.44)	0.80 (.4)	0.79 (.41)	0.70 (.41)
Odometer reading ('000 miles)	31.56 (31.5)	30.59 (27.17)	31.77 (28.9)	29.79 (30.34)	32.56 (27.87)	30.93 (27.87)
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C.Commuting and charging habits						
Daily mileage (miles)	34.27 (27.81)	38.38 (30.28)	36.53 (26.94)	35.93 (32.66)	37.74 (29.53)	35.10 (29.53)
Home charger (%)	0.59 (.49)	0.58 (.49)	0.59 (.49)	0.58 (.5)	0.59 (.49)	0.60 (.49)
Charging price (\$ per kWh)	0.18 (.12)	0.18 (.12)	0.18 (.12)	0.19 (.12)	0.17 (.12)	0.19 (.12)
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Number of Observation	315	314	418	211	210	208

Estimating equations

Session glitch rate



Charger scarcity experiment

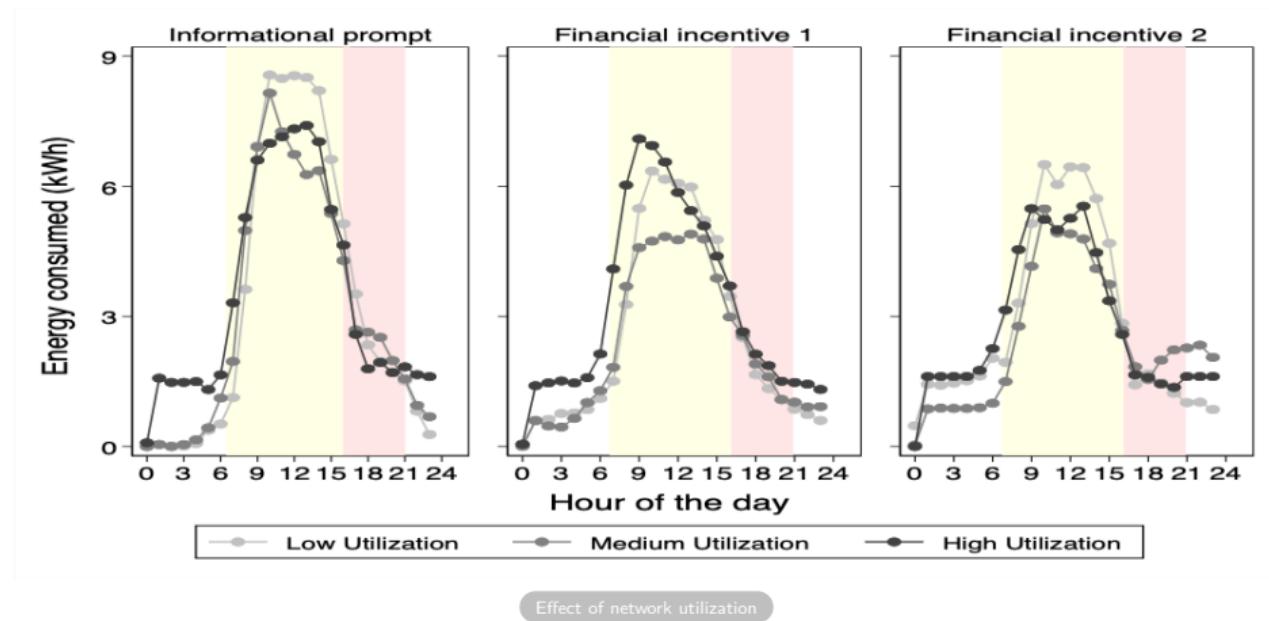
Charger scarcity experiment:

- ▶ [High scarcity]: Starting tomorrow, and for the next two weeks, you will receive an extra discount on campus charging for being a member of the Triton Chargers EV club. During these two weeks, **we are making discounts available to you and fellow Triton Chargers.**
- ▶ [Low scarcity]: Starting tomorrow, and for the next two weeks, you will receive an extra discount on campus charging for being a member of the Triton Chargers EV club. During these two weeks, **you and no more than 33% of Triton Chargers will receive this discount.**

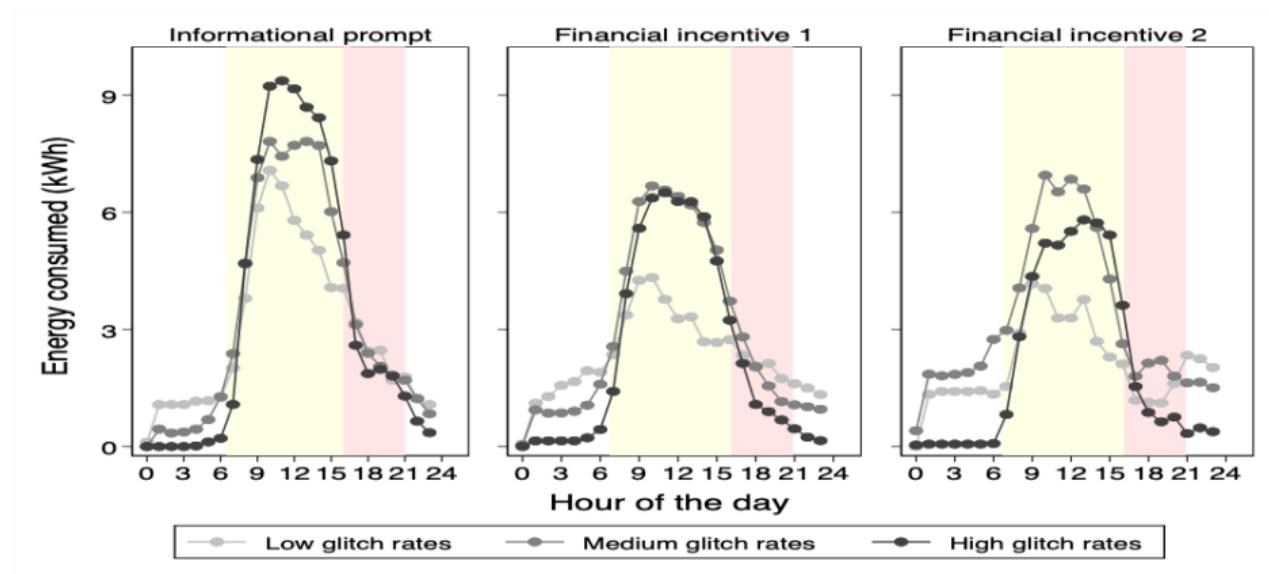
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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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4 Discount notification reminder Odometer survey #1 reminder	5 Start of Exp #3	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14 Odometer survey #2	15	16 Odometer survey #2 reminder	17 Day 13: End of Exp #3
18 Presidents' Day Holiday	20	21	22	24	25	
26	27	28	28	29		

Experimental incentive structure

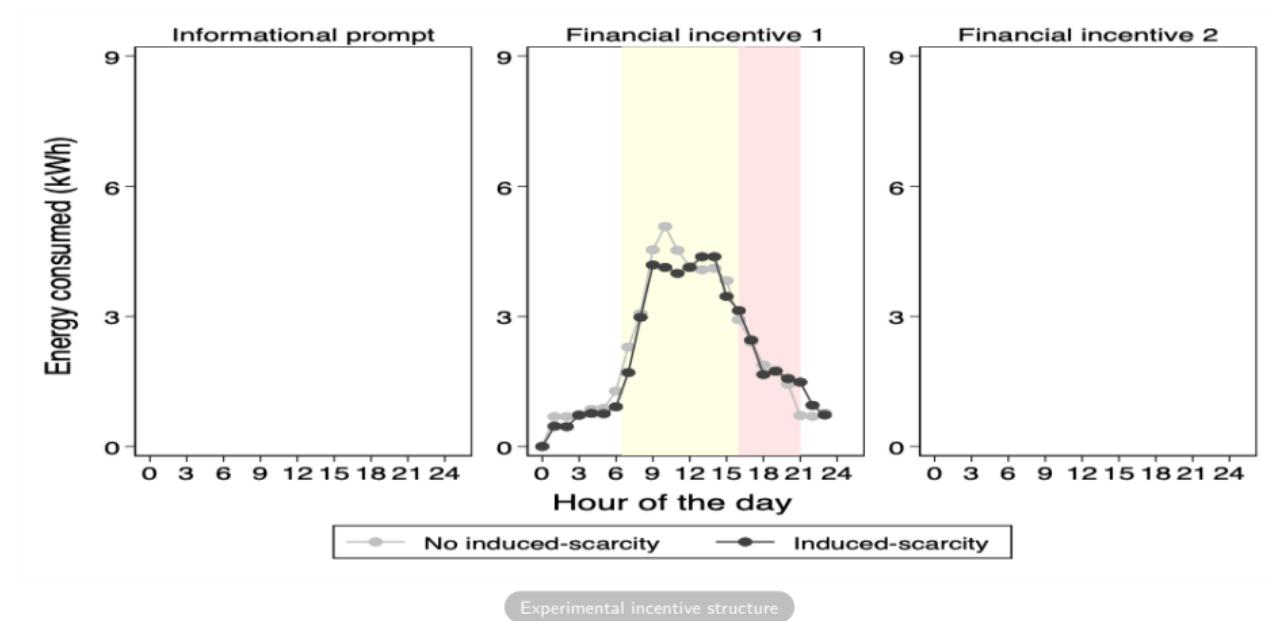
Energy consumed by hour of the day - Utilization



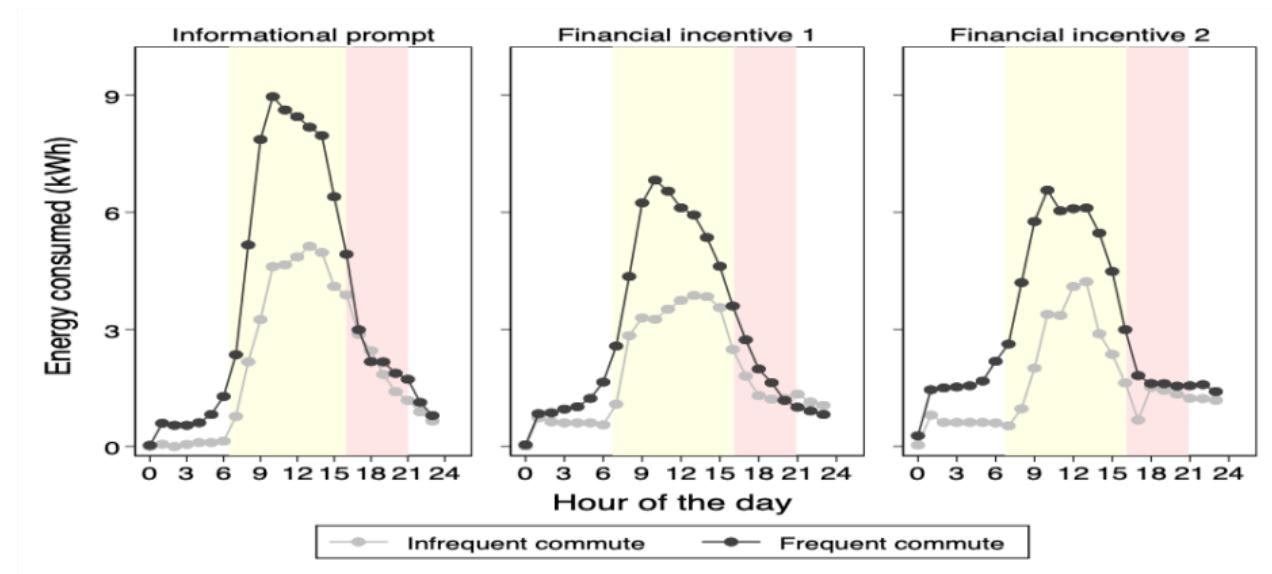
Energy consumed by hour of the day - Charger reliability



Energy consumed by hour of the day - Scarcity

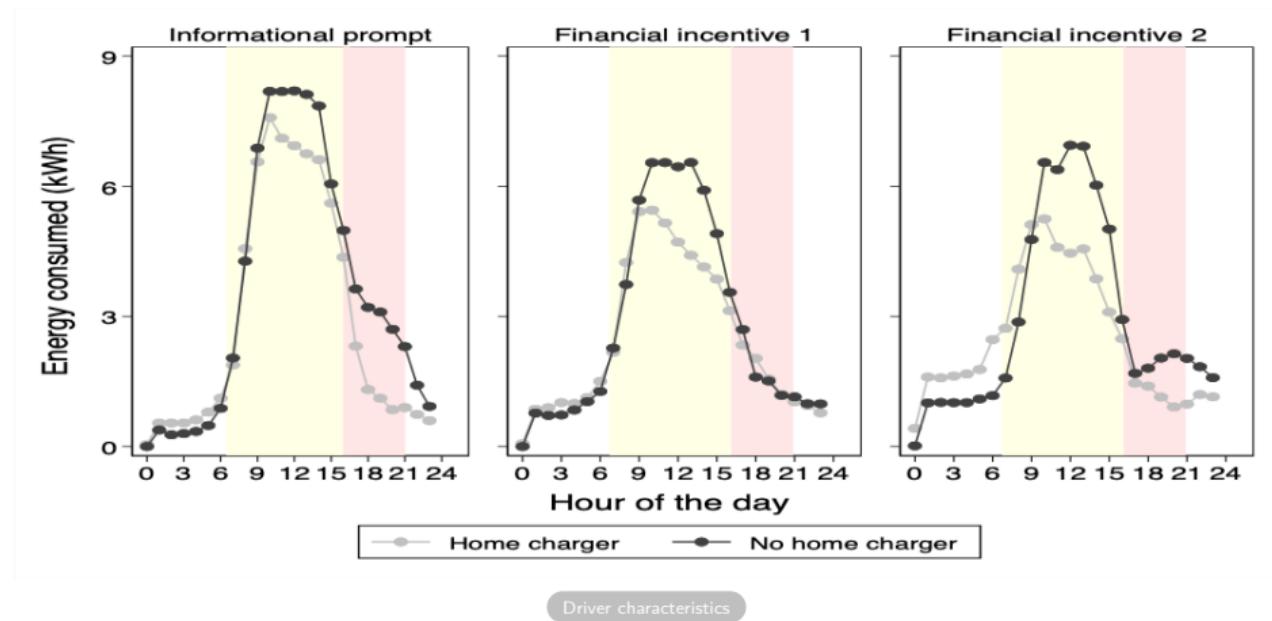


Energy consumed by hour of the day - Commute frequency



Driver characteristics

Energy consumed by hour of the day - Home charger



Effect on total charging behavior by utilization

	Total charging behavior						
	(1) Share	(2) Sessions	(3) Energy	(4) Cost	(5) Duration	(6) Charge Time	(7) Idle Time
A.Informational prompt							
Low Network Utilization	-1.319 (7.955)	-.229 (.590)	4.571 (9.940)	1.063 (2.833)	-87.606 (183.386)	-2.212 (119.599)	-85.403 (92.013)
Medium Network Utilization	7.224 (9.142)	1.206** (.603)	9.158 (10.896)	2.092 (2.996)	111.227 (202.102)	210.312 (156.149)	-99.126 (90.094)
High Network Utilization	-4.173 (7.912)	-1.309** (.603)	-19.919 (12.085)	-5.683* (3.325)	-277.204 (264.719)	-324.391* (172.222)	47.097 (140.101)
B.Financial incentive 1							
Low Network Utilization	-5.215 (7.089)	-.797** (.404)	3.279 (7.584)	.860 (2.239)	-117.011 (140.612)	-31.206 (87.690)	-85.816 (75.932)
Medium Network Utilization	-5.625 (8.308)	.065 (.394)	6.663 (7.552)	2.025 (2.220)	-3.249 (131.433)	86.436 (98.911)	-89.627 (57.523)
High Network Utilization	1.948 (8.695)	-.241 (.440)	9.697 (9.585)	2.872 (2.752)	195.697 (196.711)	96.351 (136.429)	99.301 (97.569)
C.Financial incentive 2							
Low Network Utilization	-5.561 (6.935)	-.065 (.471)	1.542 (10.184)	.481 (3.006)	-81.509 (153.182)	-76.659 (112.541)	-4.806 (75.547)
Medium Network Utilization	-2.621 (10.083)	1.207** (.606)	3.989 (9.391)	1.595 (2.835)	91.244 (180.086)	148.070 (125.214)	-56.747 (89.462)
High Network Utilization	8.096 (9.103)	.343 (.542)	8.051 (15.814)	2.451 (4.570)	284.576 (271.780)	202.654 (208.393)	81.981 (104.334)

Charging substitution

Effect on total charging behavior by reliability

	Total charging behavior						
	(1) Share	(2) Sessions	(3) Energy	(4) Cost	(5) Duration	(6) Charge Time	(7) Idle Time
A.Informational prompt							
Low Glitch Rate	-16.232 (10.445)	-.882 (.736)	-11.418 (13.085)	-2.953 (3.668)	-347.024 (251.577)	-170.931 (172.206)	-176.073 (126.466)
Medium Glitch Rate	.886 (5.977)	-.293 (.457)	-7.865 (7.873)	-2.333 (2.255)	-163.103 (156.081)	-154.478 (100.775)	-8.693 (84.122)
High Glitch Rate	14.316 (11.025)	1.114 (.832)	27.719* (16.774)	6.599 (4.501)	399.831 (294.593)	442.235* (230.931)	-42.438 (116.585)
B.Financial incentive 1							
Low Glitch Rate	-9.222 (9.971)	-.555 (.474)	-.031 (8.555)	.161 (2.516)	-94.038 (179.482)	-2.828 (108.936)	-91.204 (102.898)
Medium Glitch Rate	.069 (6.377)	-.293 (.319)	7.658 (6.997)	2.224 (2.040)	31.908 (121.077)	44.220 (86.695)	-12.313 (55.666)
High Glitch Rate	-6.471 (10.552)	-.527 (.645)	6.894 (11.125)	1.780 (3.208)	-3.794 (200.953)	60.024 (160.479)	-63.812 (80.958)
C.Financial incentive 2							
Low Glitch Rate	-2.927 (9.295)	.891* (.485)	3.525 (13.452)	1.112 (3.931)	-58.957 (225.931)	42.950 (152.935)	-101.868 (103.593)
Medium Glitch Rate	1.268 (7.310)	.566 (.465)	6.578 (9.944)	2.221 (2.909)	119.085 (164.604)	106.236 (127.049)	12.869 (68.893)
High Glitch Rate	-7.943 (10.853)	-.612 (.528)	-1.804 (11.243)	-.433 (3.298)	-34.588 (215.403)	-86.109 (145.771)	51.679 (116.189)

Charging substitution

Effect on total charging behavior by commute frequency

	Total charging behavior						
	(1) Share	(2) Sessions	(3) Energy	(4) Cost	(5) Duration	(6) Charge Time	(7) Idle Time
A.Informational prompt							
Infrequent Commute	-5.847 (6.256)	.021 (.362)	-5.316 (6.834)	-1.459 (1.892)	-180.663 (121.883)	-76.156 (85.478)	-104.519** (52.442)
Frequent Commute	2.679 (4.778)	-.013 (.339)	.367 (6.637)	-.172 (1.840)	16.773 (125.149)	8.397 (84.545)	8.345 (60.067)
B.Financial incentive 1							
Infrequent Commute	-1.536 (6.032)	-.147 (.247)	-2.875 (5.234)	-.916 (1.513)	-94.435 (87.589)	-55.247 (64.274)	-39.174 (35.244)
Frequent Commute	-1.899 (5.499)	.016 (.251)	9.624* (5.112)	2.826* (1.494)	119.536 (90.478)	109.884 (67.347)	9.649 (37.833)
C.Financial incentive 2							
Infrequent Commute	-16.281** (6.684)	-.061 (.326)	-7.989 (6.310)	-2.378 (1.880)	-43.946 (101.390)	-77.764 (74.869)	33.823 (42.588)
Frequent Commute	6.269 (6.168)	.494 (.307)	11.495 (7.787)	3.438 (2.279)	153.660 (124.054)	130.831 (92.348)	22.877 (52.162)

Charging substitution

Effect on total charging behavior by location

	Total charging behavior					
	(1) Sessions	(2) Energy	(3) Cost	(4) Duration	(5) Charge Time	(6) Idle Time
A.Informational prompt						
SIO	.033 (.069)	.404 (.841)	.269 (.428)	9.006 (18.334)	9.185 (15.356)	-.180 (3.659)
West Campus	.101 (.224)	.146 (4.257)	-.290 (1.934)	18.412 (119.942)	32.588 (87.748)	-14.177 (50.258)
East Campus	-.003 (.151)	-1.445 (3.622)	-1.176 (1.847)	-116.159 (145.214)	-90.511 (92.523)	-25.648 (69.111)
Graduate Housing	-.121 (.101)	-1.600 (2.390)	-.922 (1.360)	-76.622 (74.342)	-32.538 (48.680)	-44.085 (30.843)
B.Financial incentive 1						
SIO	-.142** (.069)	-2.246** (1.081)	-1.152* (.664)	-46.530* (27.121)	-37.130* (22.448)	-9.400 (6.232)
West Campus	-.043 (.171)	2.083 (3.148)	.378 (1.734)	-73.509 (110.968)	-27.367 (80.432)	-46.141 (49.228)
East Campus	.125 (.084)	4.167* (2.252)	1.910 (1.390)	75.593 (95.253)	82.619 (65.957)	-7.026 (42.431)
Graduate Housing	-.046 (.082)	.128 (2.088)	.010 (1.366)	-16.046 (61.909)	-8.585 (47.246)	-7.462 (23.170)
C.Financial incentive 2						
SIO	.016 (.026)	.217 (.493)	.017 (.300)	1.032 (12.238)	.383 (10.143)	.649 (3.701)
West Campus	.038 (.223)	-.561 (3.545)	-1.262 (1.893)	-102.791 (111.924)	-47.679 (75.846)	-55.113 (56.258)
East Campus	.065 (.108)	1.903 (2.967)	.314 (1.581)	-9.775 (122.744)	22.534 (81.660)	-32.309 (57.001)
Graduate Housing	.144 (.088)	3.996 (3.361)	1.627 (1.629)	76.625 (64.308)	44.860 (54.802)	31.764* (18.853)

Effect of network utilization

Effect on total charging behavior by operator

	Timing of initiated charging session				
	(1) 21-5	(2) 5-7	(3) 7-10	(4) 10-16	(5) 16-21
A.Informational prompt					
PowerFlex	-.018 (.015)	-.051 (.055)	.151 (.137)	.045 (.035)	.035 (.030)
ChargePoint	-.030 (.043)	-.073 (.064)	.052 (.121)	-.094 (.130)	-.018 (.078)
B.Financial incentive 1					
PowerFlex	-.001 (.013)	.036 (.036)	-.023 (.092)	.008 (.021)	.003 (.018)
ChargePoint	.062** (.028)	.028 (.036)	-.053 (.101)	-.051 (.088)	-.049 (.059)
C.Financial incentive 2					
PowerFlex	.008 (.010)	-.052 (.062)	.055 (.091)	.023 (.030)	.036 (.032)
ChargePoint	.032 (.061)	-.009 (.054)	-.057 (.112)	.171 (.125)	.169* (.089)

Effect of charger unreliability

Effect on total charging behavior by home charging access

	Total charging behavior						
	(1) Share	(2) Sessions	(3) Energy	(4) Cost	(5) Duration	(6) Charge Time	(7) Idle Time
A.Informational prompt							
Home Charger	1.956	-.198	-7.118	-2.275	-107.906	-51.950	-55.960
	(4.667)	(.341)	(6.800)	(1.871)	(133.845)	(84.035)	(69.192)
No Home Charger	-4.151	.295	7.092	1.968	45.146	31.091	13.999
	(7.721)	(.464)	(8.830)	(2.468)	(154.945)	(118.734)	(58.587)
B.Financial incentive 1							
Home Charger	-.399	-.007	6.250	1.752	9.996	49.083	-39.090
	(5.054)	(.236)	(4.666)	(1.353)	(88.086)	(57.728)	(43.799)
No Home Charger	-4.091	-.084	4.095	1.260	96.917	59.406	37.520
	(7.585)	(.361)	(6.702)	(1.946)	(114.641)	(88.730)	(42.706)
C.Financial incentive 2							
Home Charger	-.834	.145	4.448	1.444	47.175	51.465	-4.263
	(5.885)	(.272)	(7.303)	(2.136)	(112.531)	(80.926)	(48.251)
No Home Charger	-2.224	.558	6.118	1.671	150.305	78.997	71.353
	(8.828)	(.420)	(8.121)	(2.386)	(138.505)	(106.828)	(57.916)

Driver characteristics