



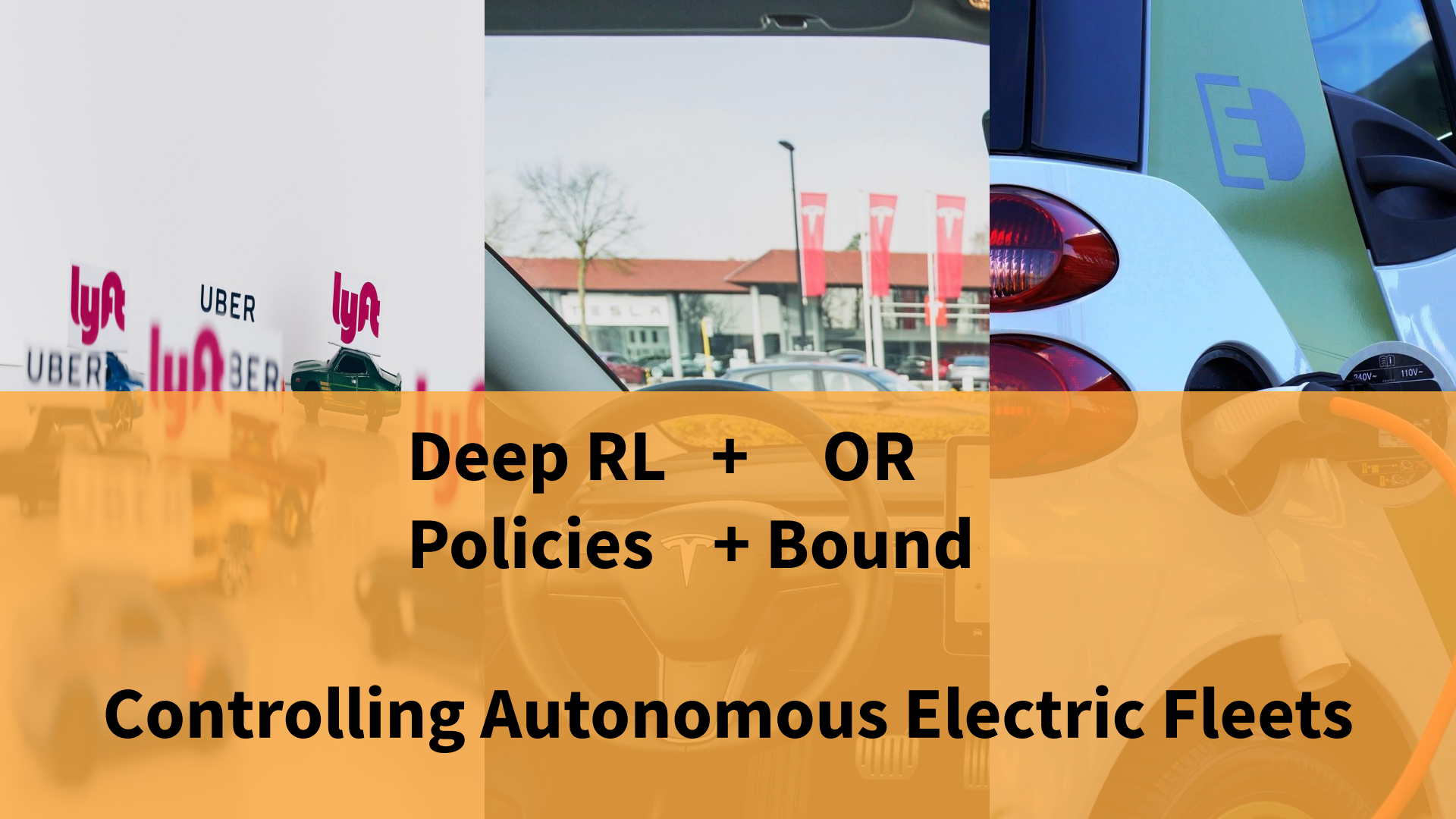
# Autonomous Vehicles







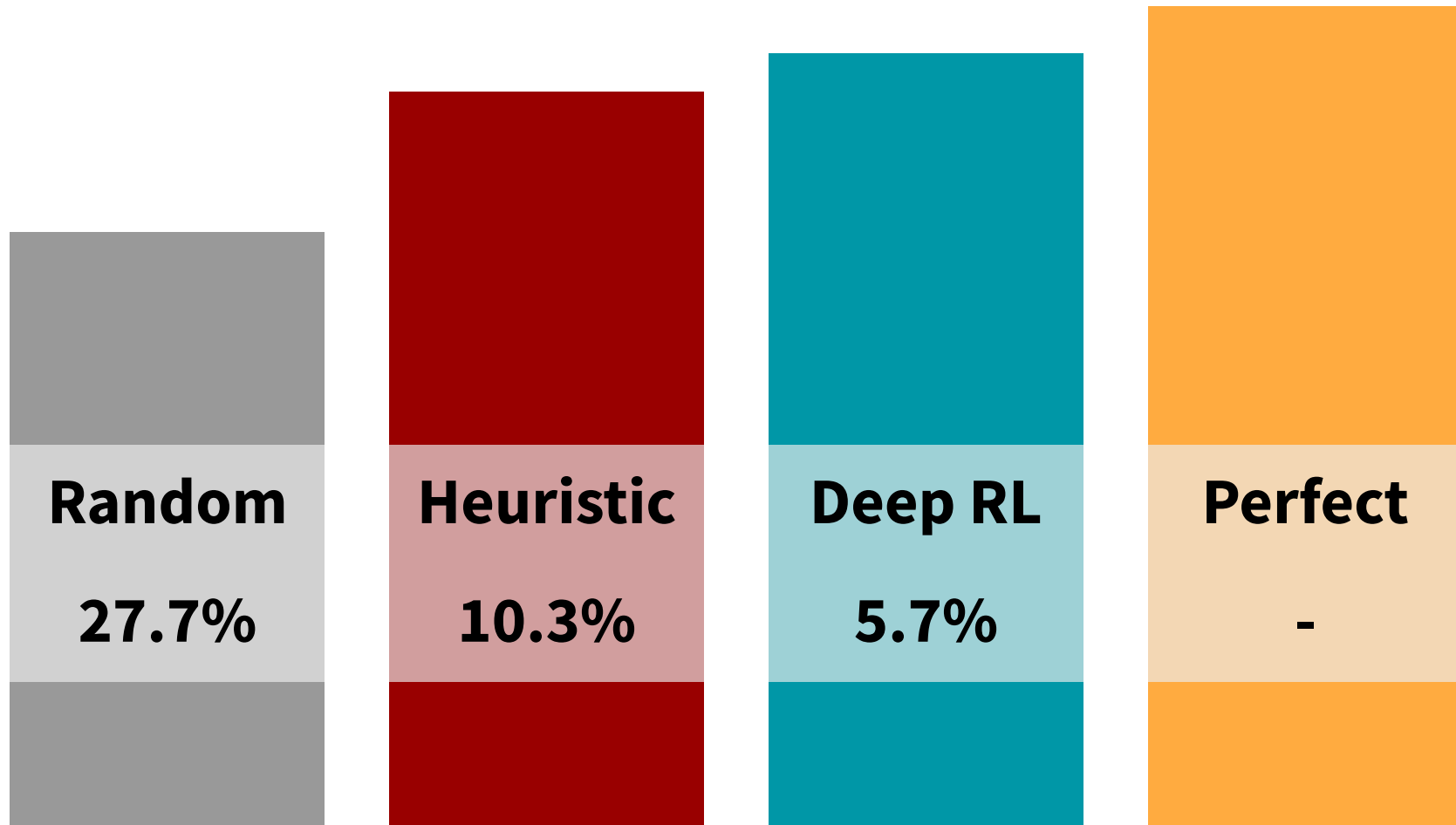
# Controlling Autonomous Electric Fleets



**Deep RL + OR  
Policies + Bound**

**Controlling Autonomous Electric Fleets**

# Some success so far



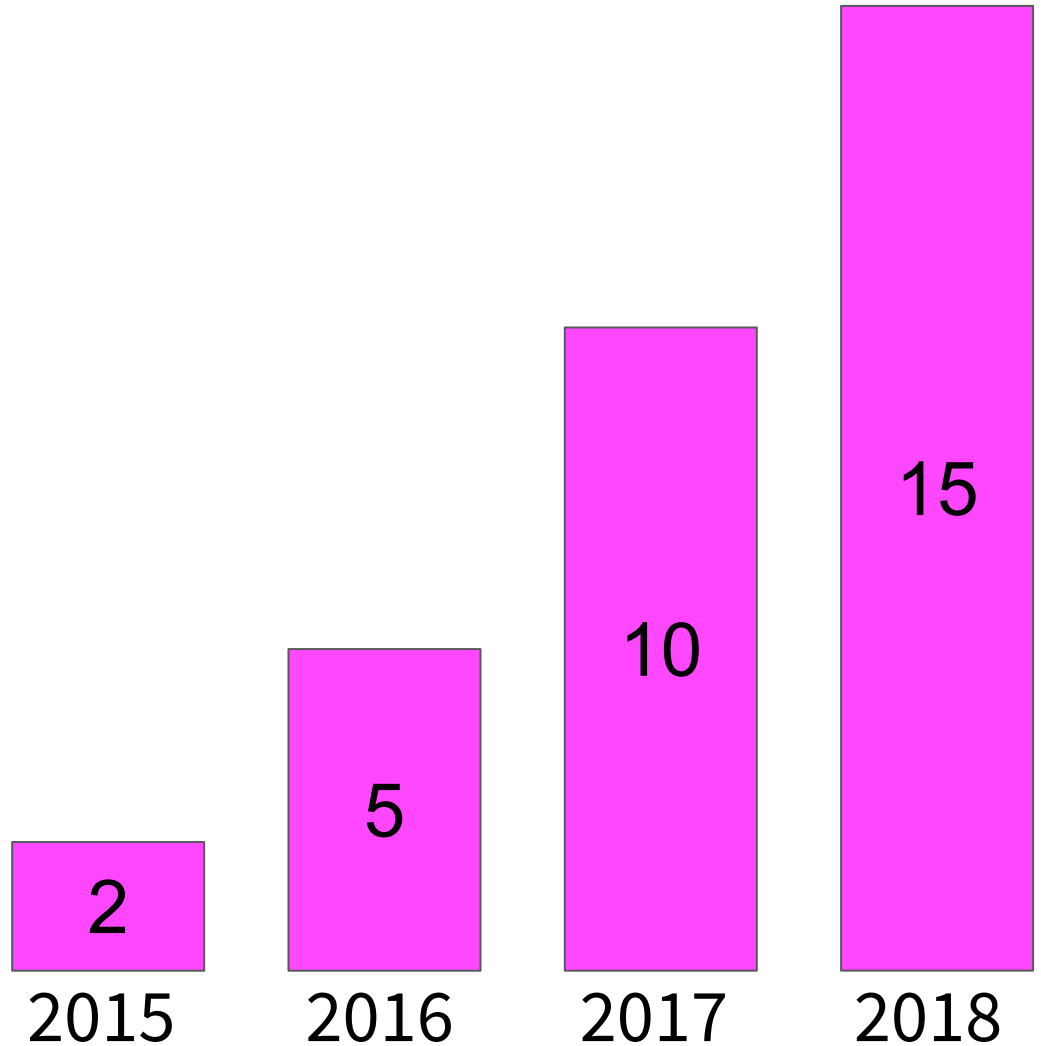
# Control of Autonomous Electric Fleets for Ridehail Systems

ND Kullman, JE Mendoza, JC Goodson, M Cousineau

# Background

# Ridehail explosion

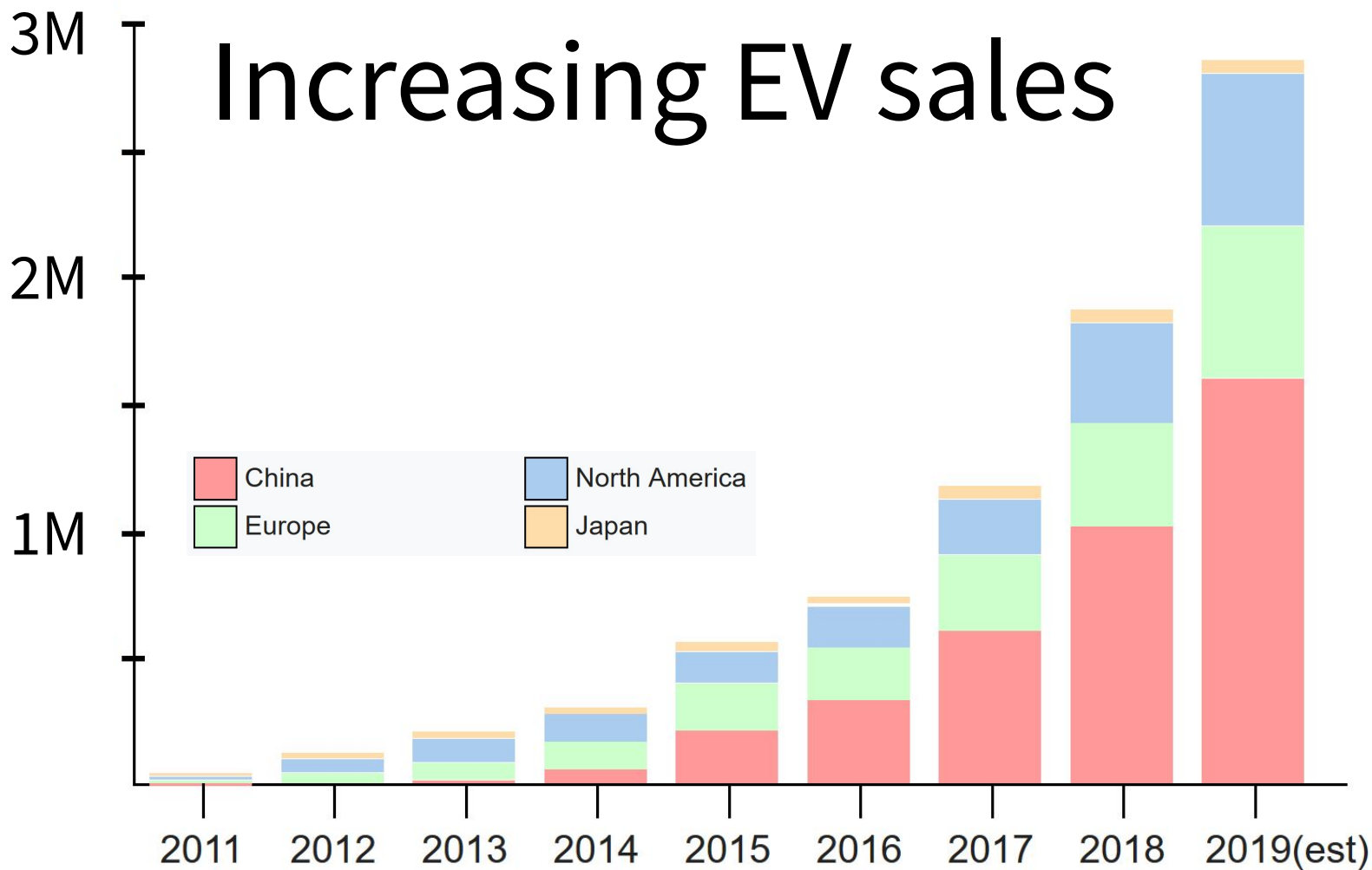
NYC ridehail trips  
(M, avg/mo)







# Increasing EV sales



# Autonomy imminent



# Autonomy imminent

“From our standpoint... we think people [will] not need to touch the wheel... sometime probably around, I don't know, second quarter next year...”

With **regulatory approval** in some places starting around **end of 2020**



Elon Musk, CEO Tesla

# Autonomy imminent

RIDE-SHARING APP



TESLA



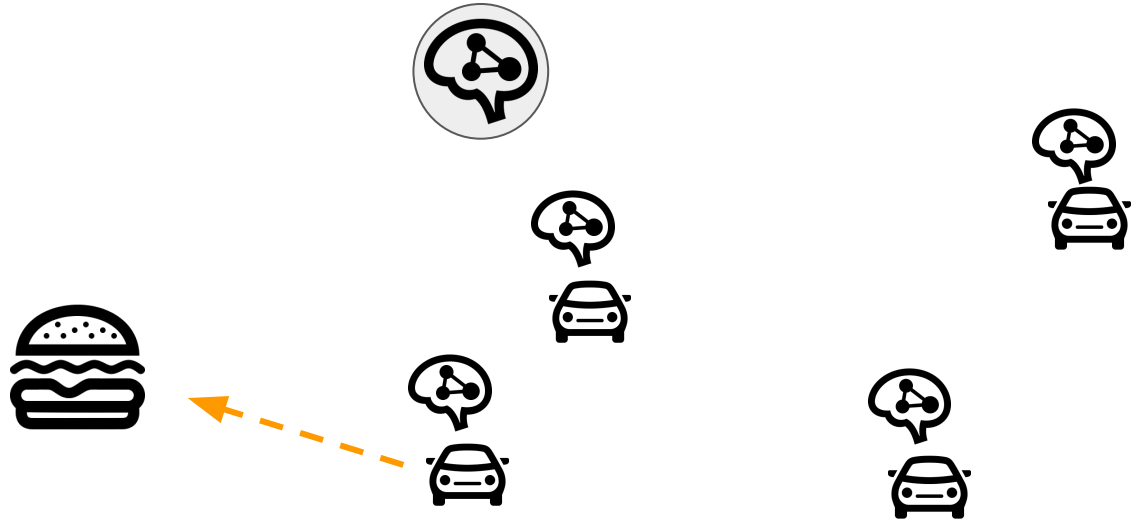
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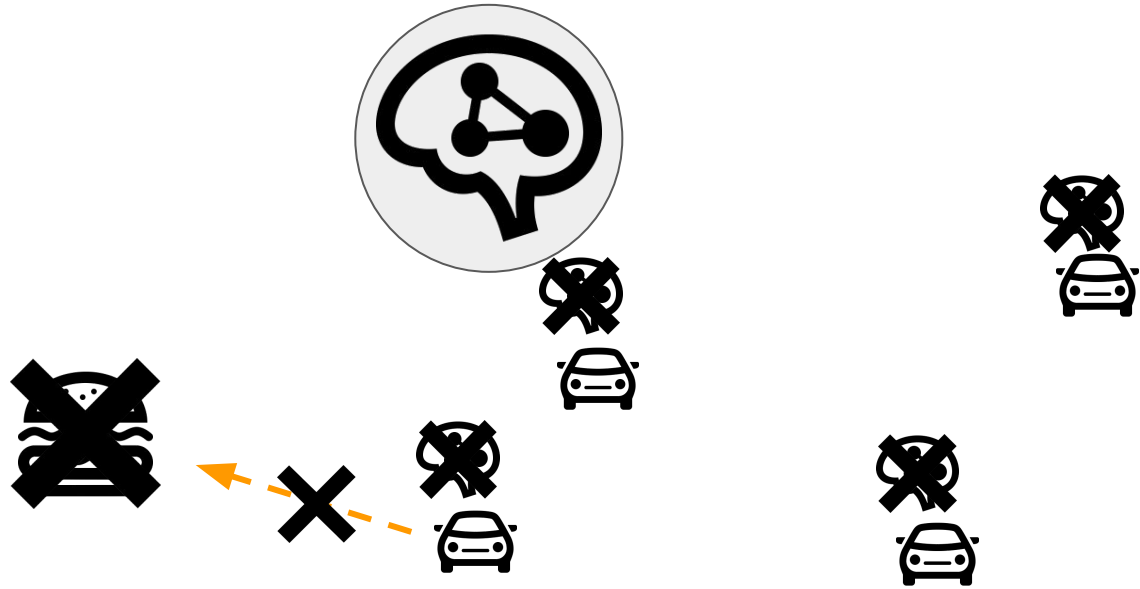
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# Control of AEV Fleets is Centralized

w/ AEVs



# How to Control a Fleet of AEVs

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Assign vehicles to requests

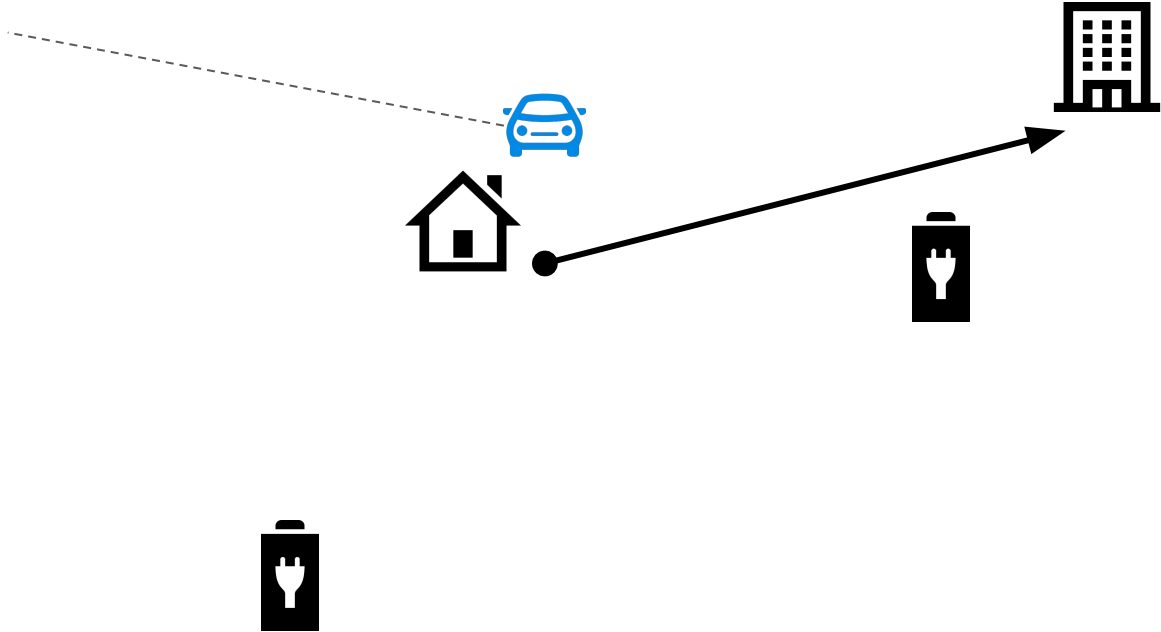
Recharge/reposition vehicles



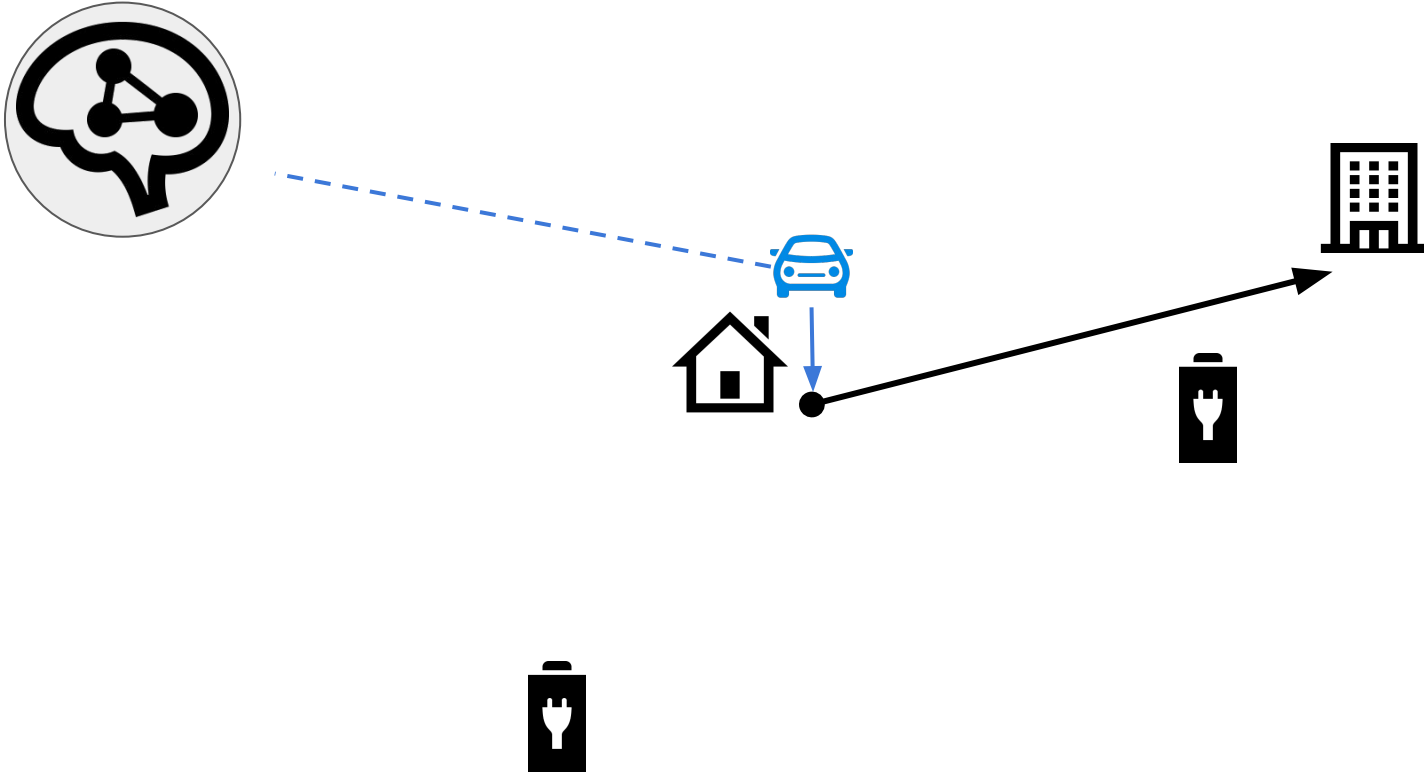
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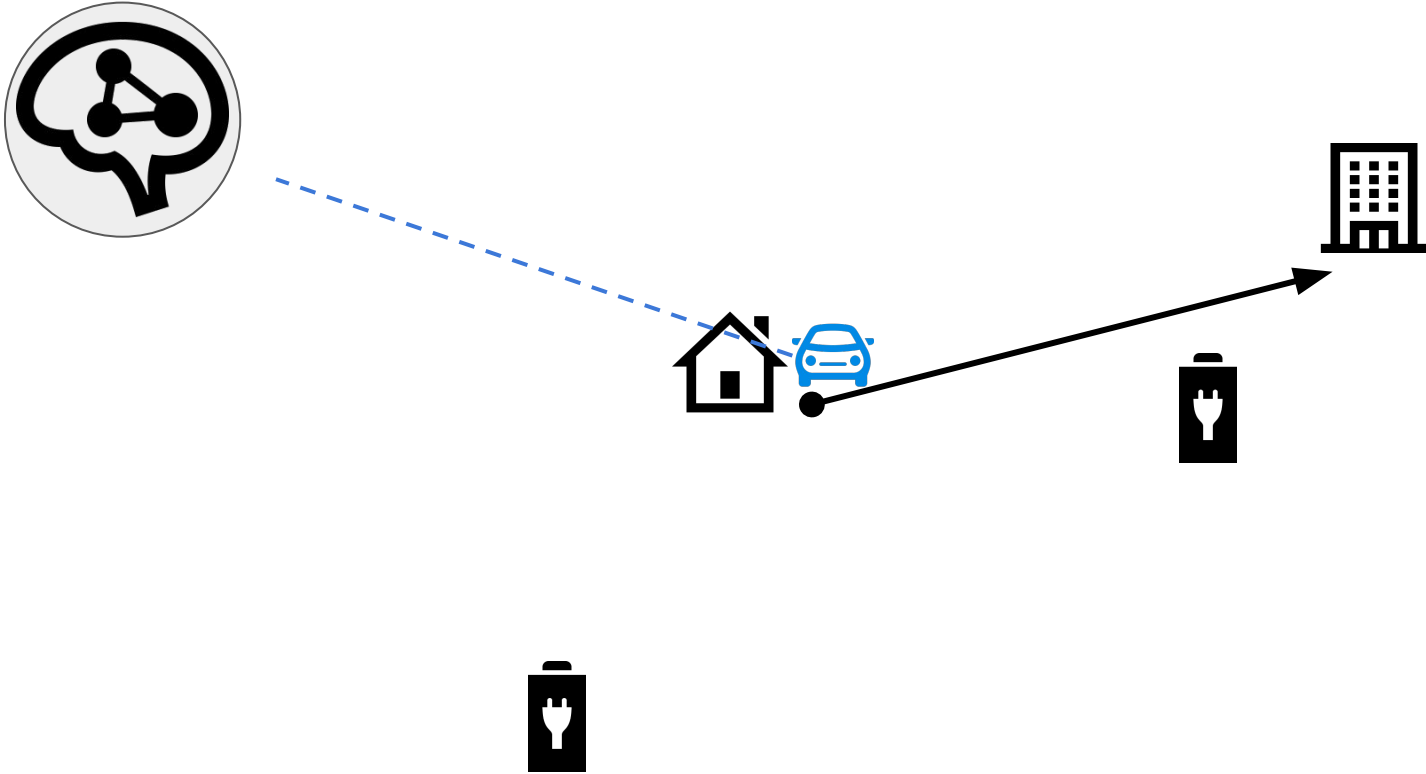
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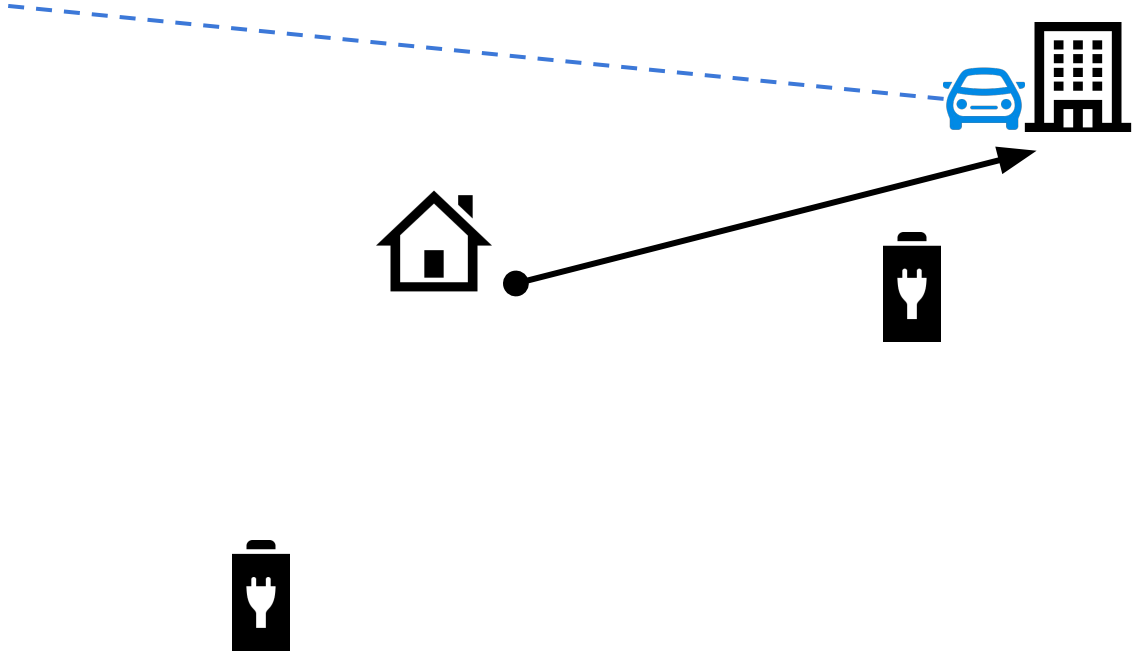
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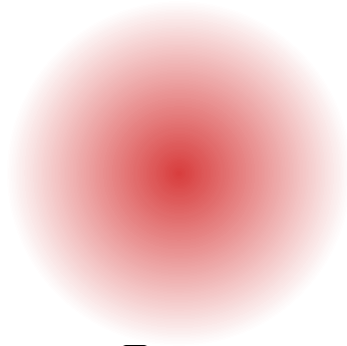
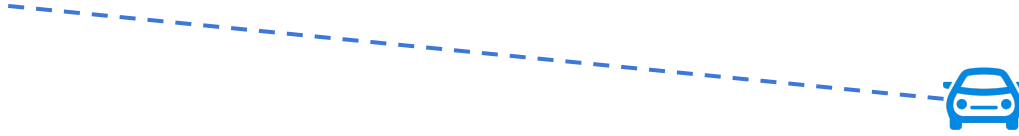


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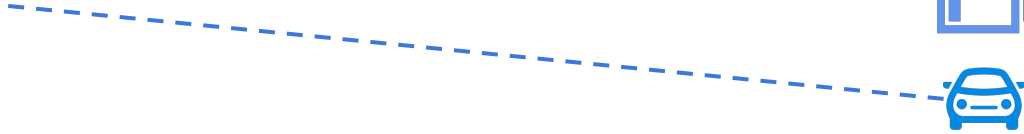
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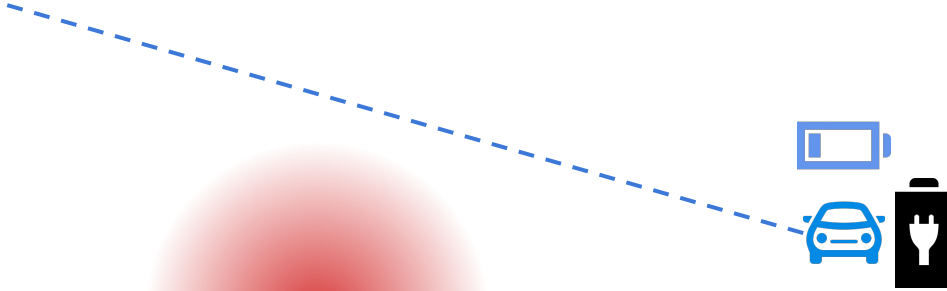
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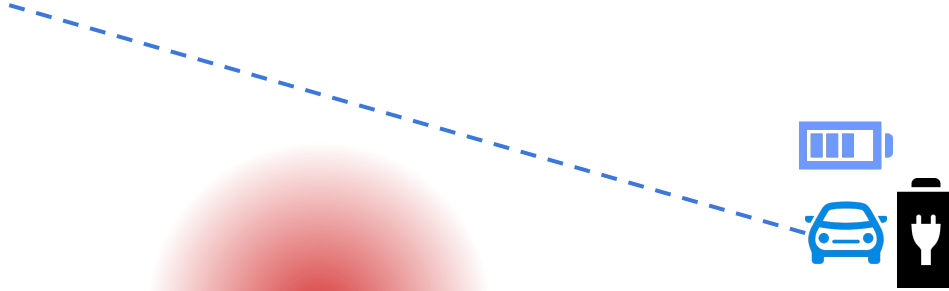
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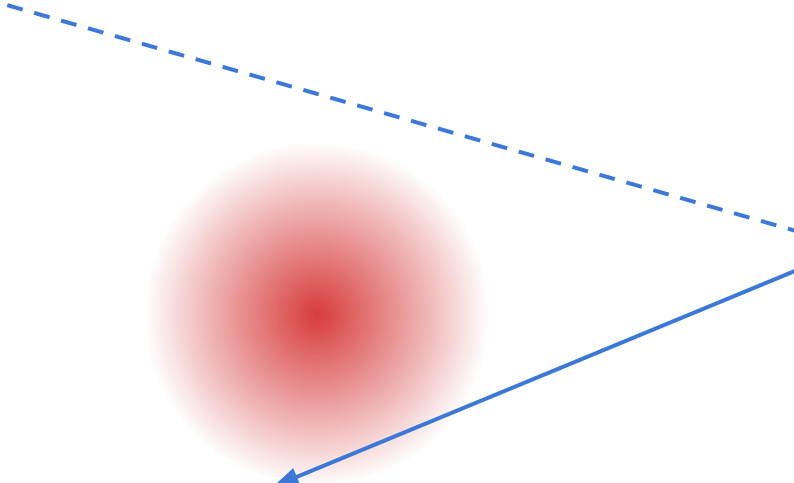
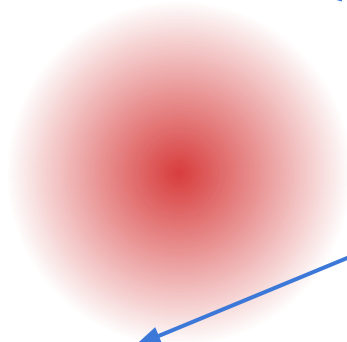
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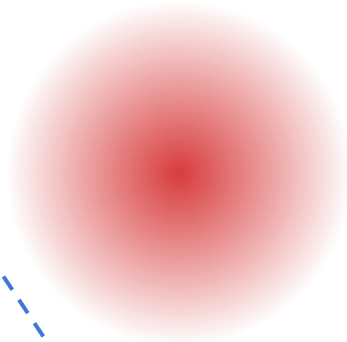
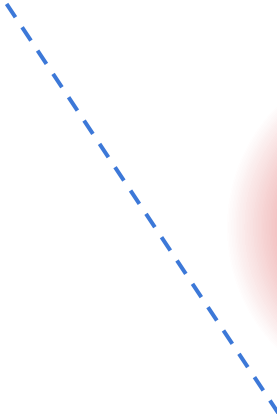
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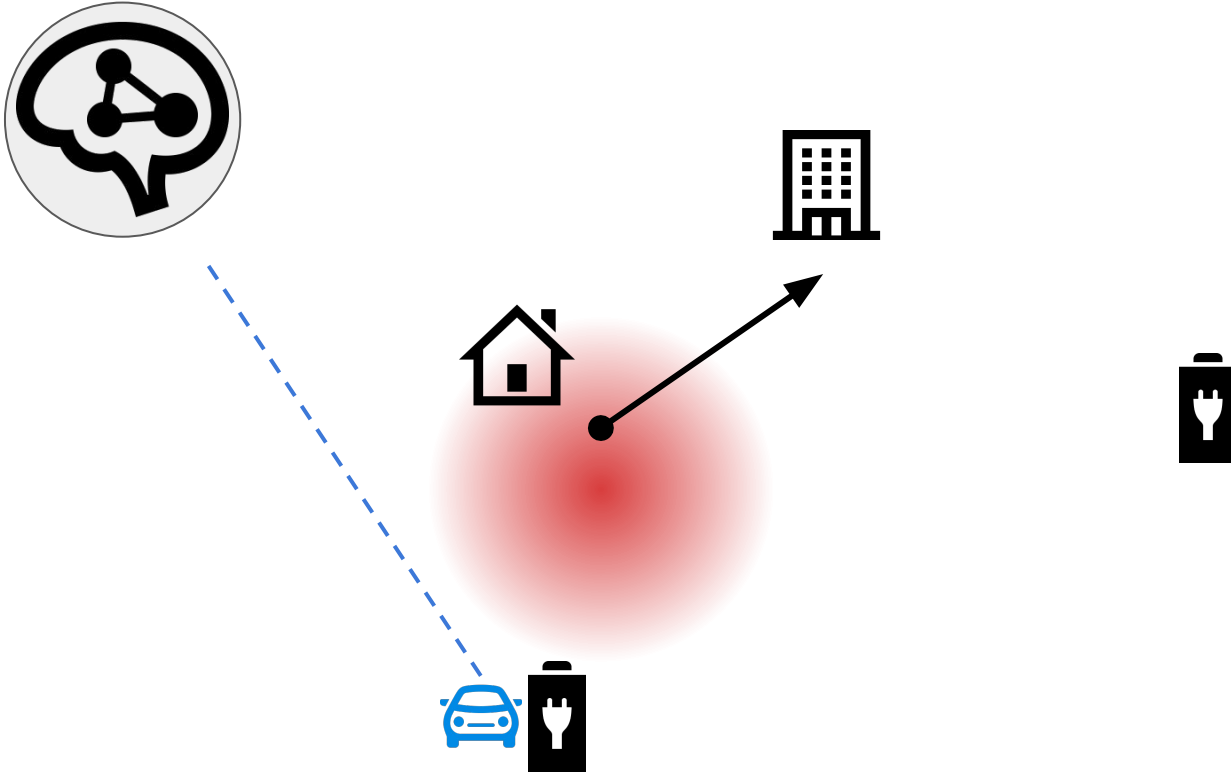
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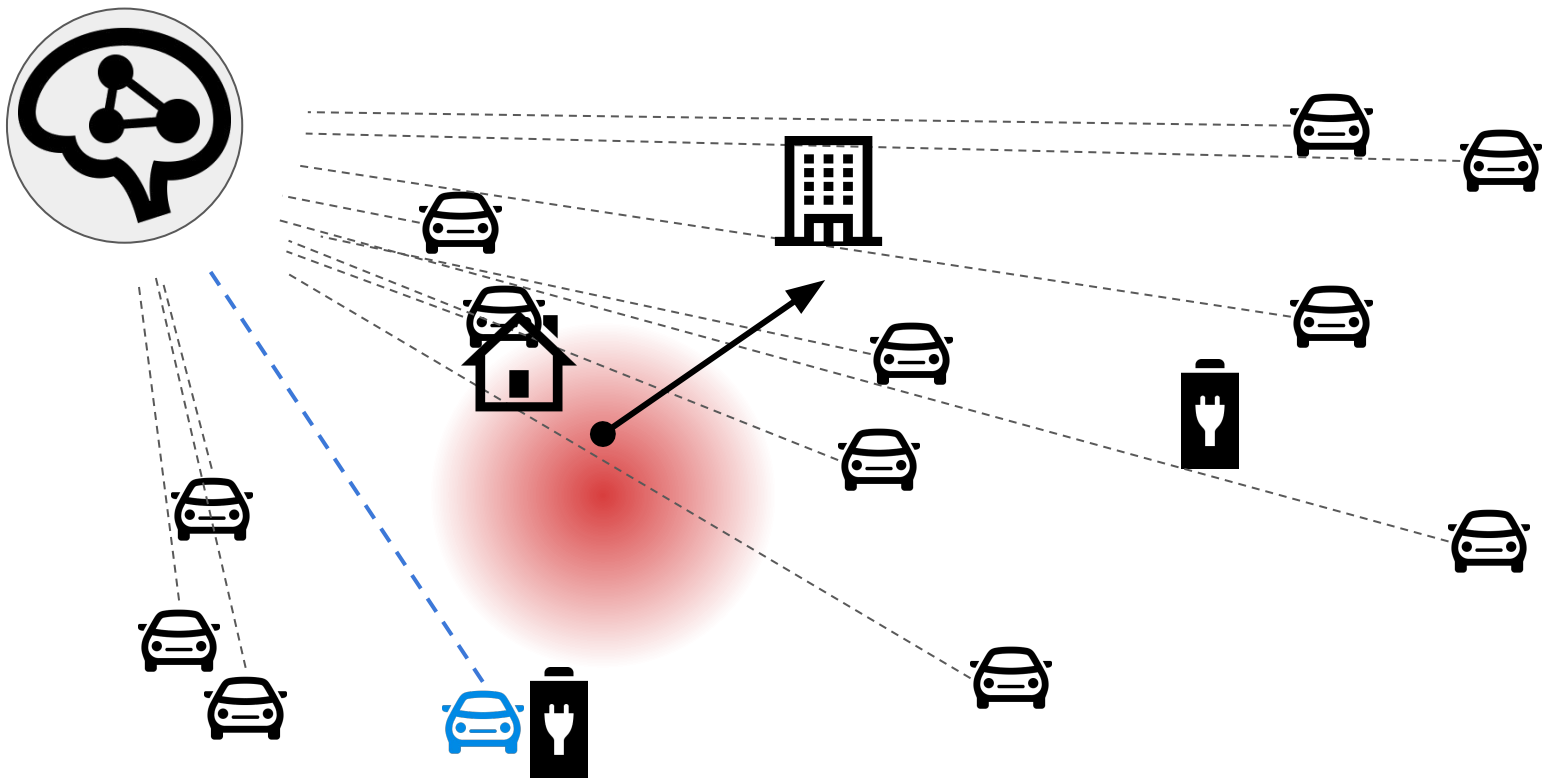


# How to Control a Fleet of AEVs





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Real time decision making



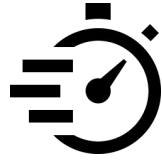
Electrification constraints



Realistic instances

# How to Control a Fleet of AEVs

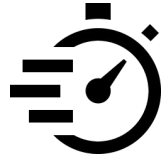
Past Studies



# How to Control a Fleet of AEVs

## Past Studies

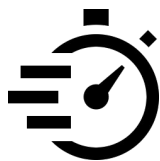
Al-Kanj et al. (2018)



$X^*$

# How to Control a Fleet of AEVs

## Past Studies



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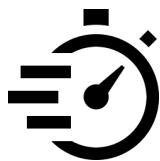


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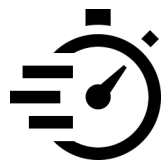


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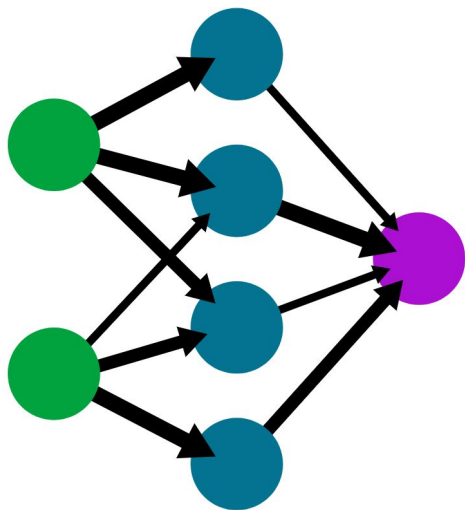


# Model & Methods

Methods combine Deep RL and OR

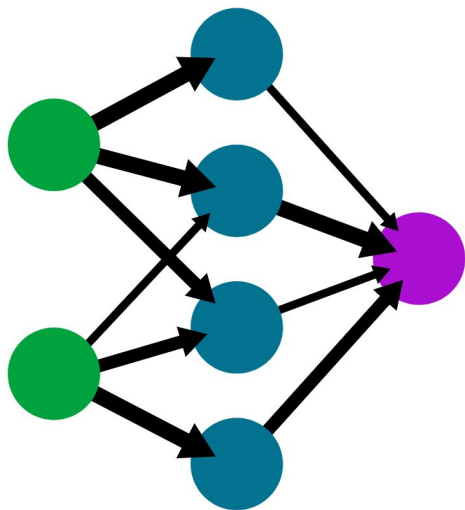
# Methods combine Deep RL and OR

## Dynamic problem

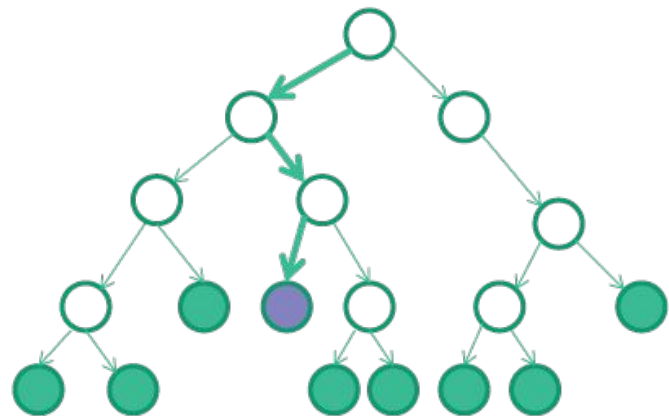


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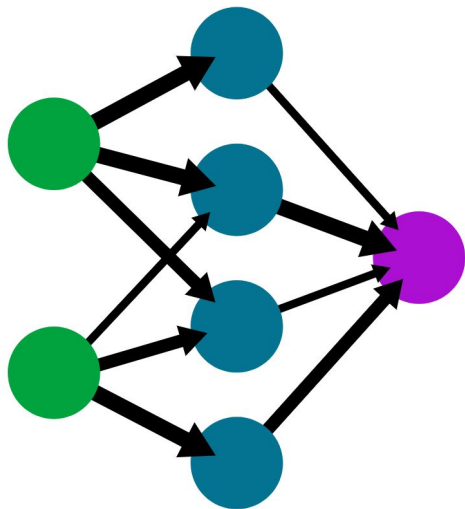


Static Bound



# Methods combine Deep RL and OR

Dynamic problem



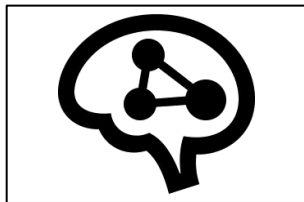
Static Bound



# Dynamic Problem Model: MDP

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Agent

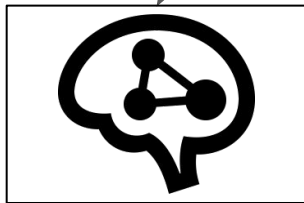


Environment



# Dynamic Problem Model: MDP

State



Time

Vehicles':

Positions

Charges

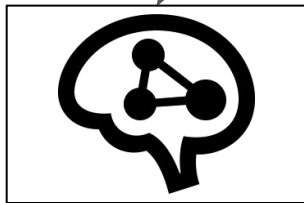
Scheduled jobs

Request



# Dynamic Problem Model: MDP

State



Initial:

Time

Vehicles':

Positions

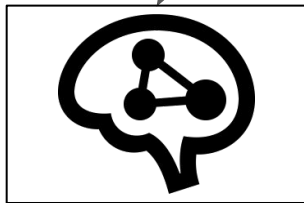
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# Dynamic Problem Model: MDP

State



Initial:

Time

0

Vehicles':

Positions

**At charging stations**

Charges

$\mathbf{q}_{init}$

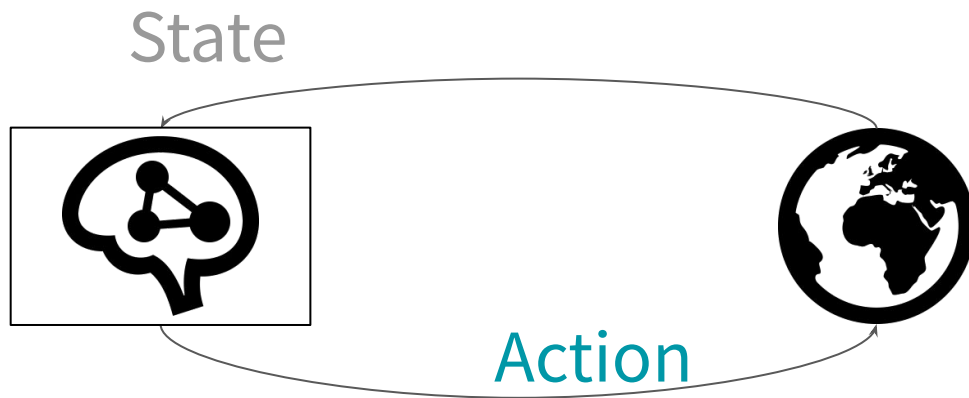
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**Idle indefinitely**

Request

$\emptyset$

# Dynamic Problem Model: MDP



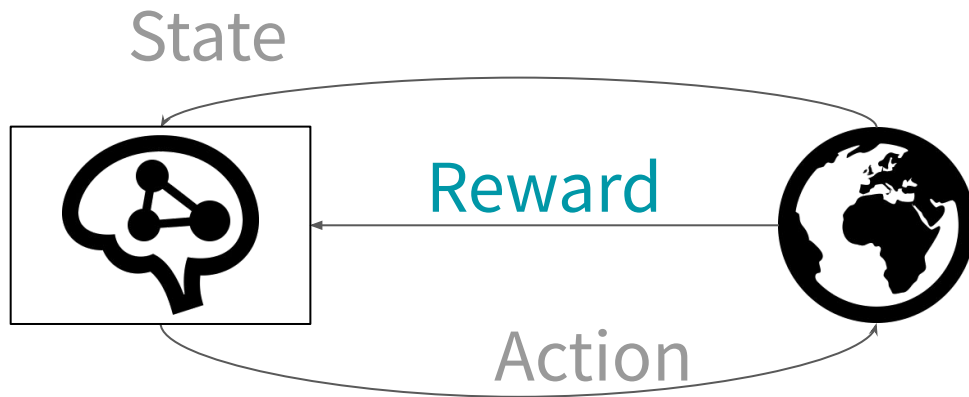
Assign vehicle to new request

For each vehicle:

New reposition/recharge instructions

Depends on state

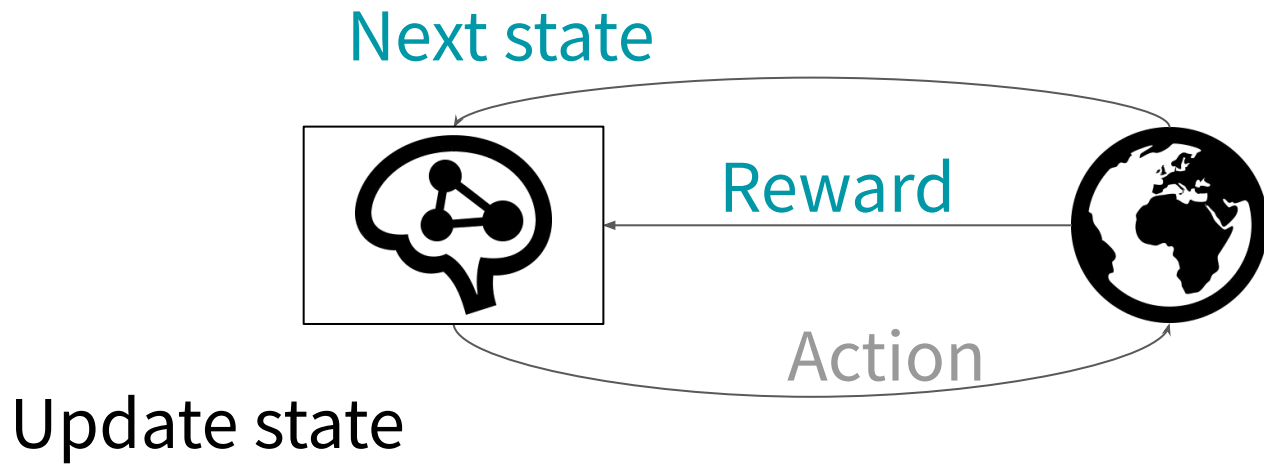
# Dynamic Problem Model: MDP



Value of request, if served

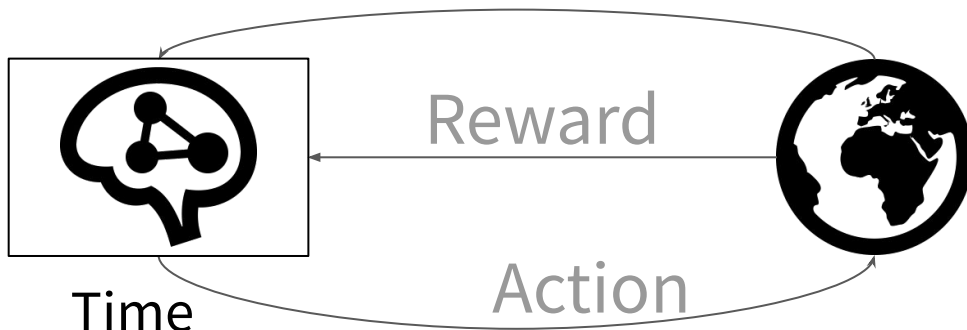
Fixed + distance-dependent

# Dynamic Problem Model: MDP



# Dynamic Problem Model: MDP

Next state



Time

Vehicles':

Positions

Charges

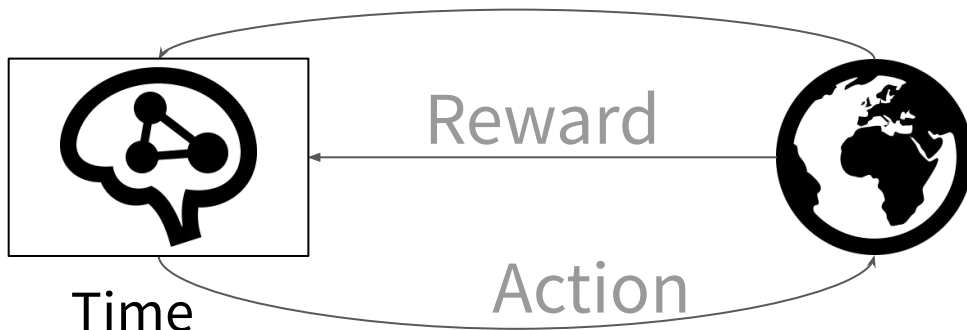
Scheduled jobs

Request

Terminal:

# Dynamic Problem Model: MDP

Next state



Time

Vehicles':

Positions

Charges

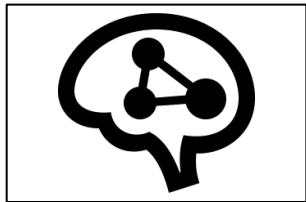
Scheduled jobs

Request

Terminal:

Time expired

# Dynamic Problem Model: MDP

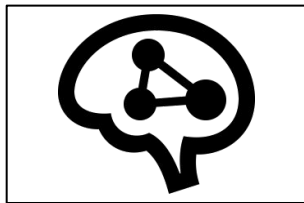


Objective





# Dynamic Problem Model: MDP



Objective



Find agent/policy maximizing  $E[\text{sum of rewards}]$

# Agents

# Agents

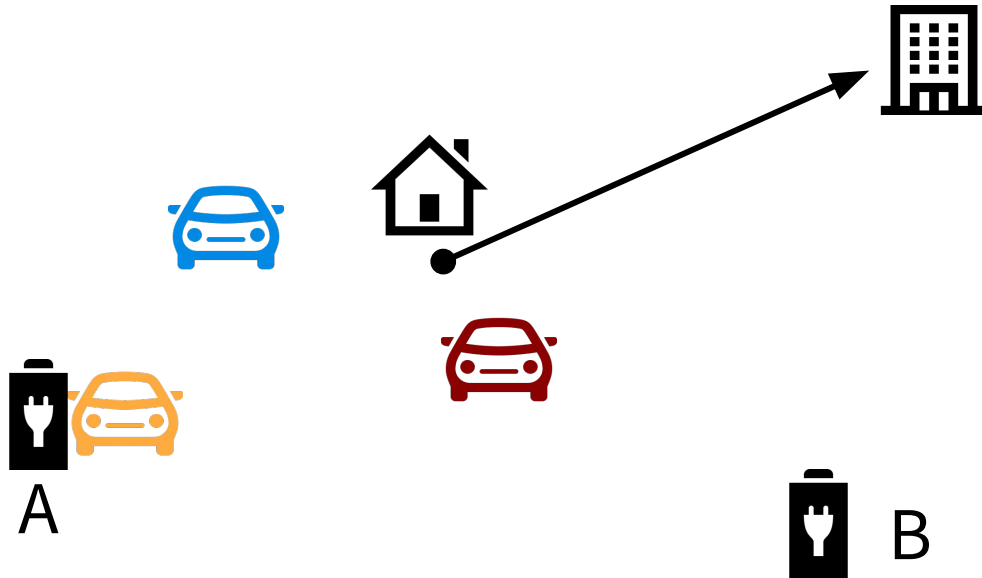
## 1. Random

# Agents

1. Random
2. Nearest (heuristic)

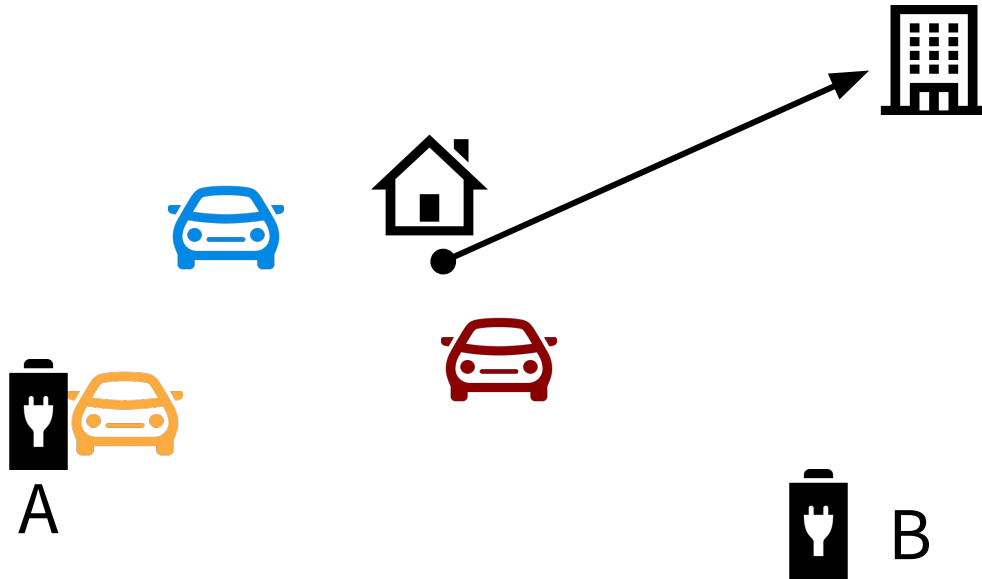
# Agents

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# Agents

1. Random
2. Nearest



## Assignment

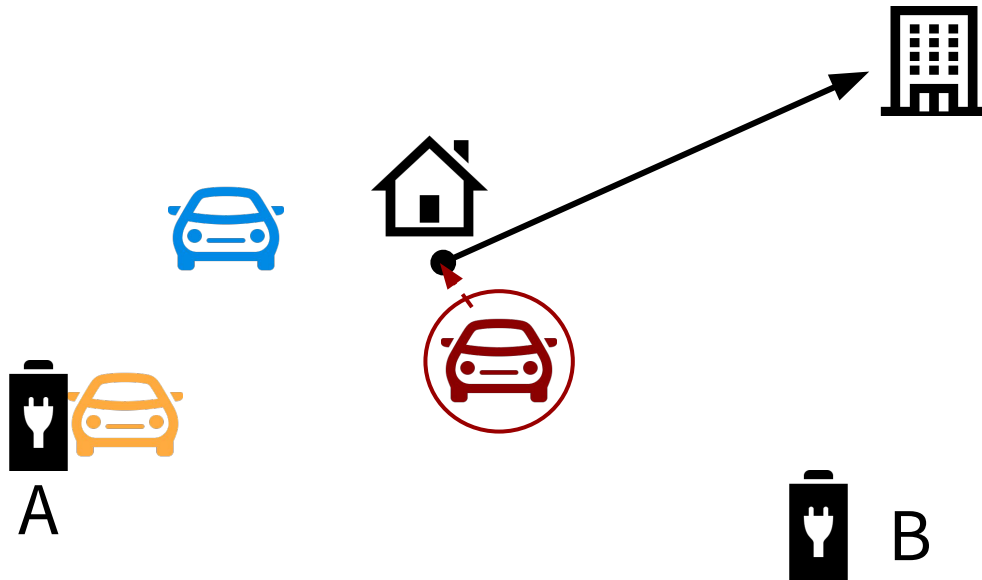


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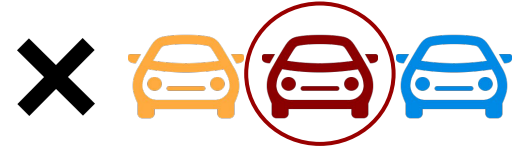


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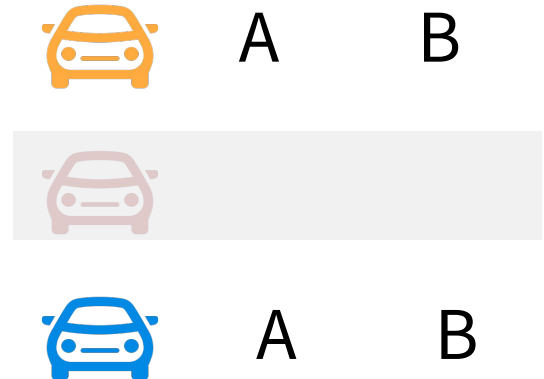
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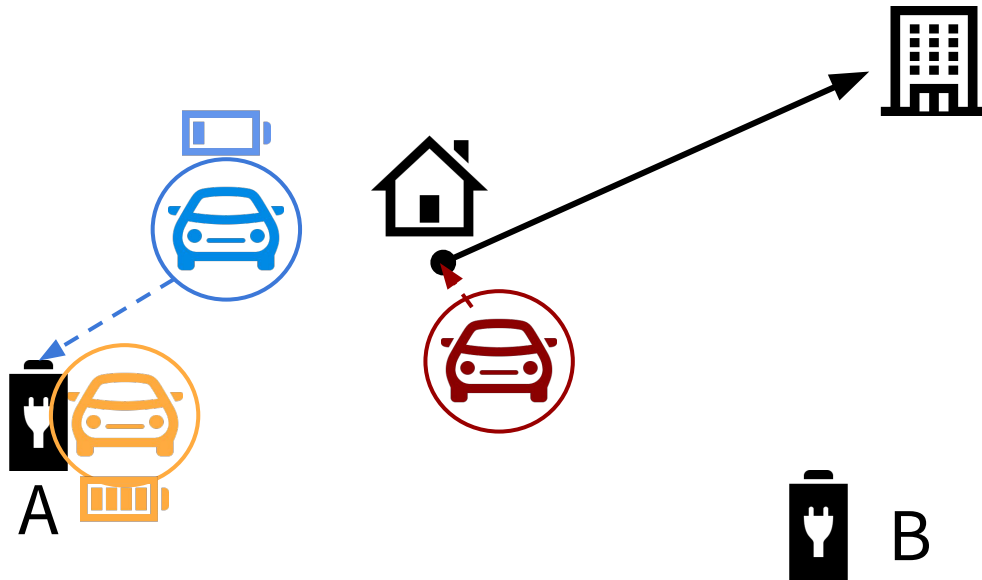


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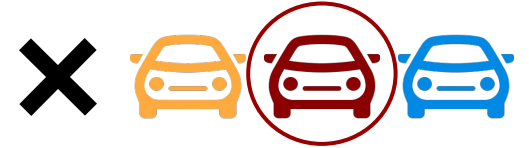


# Agents

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## Assignment



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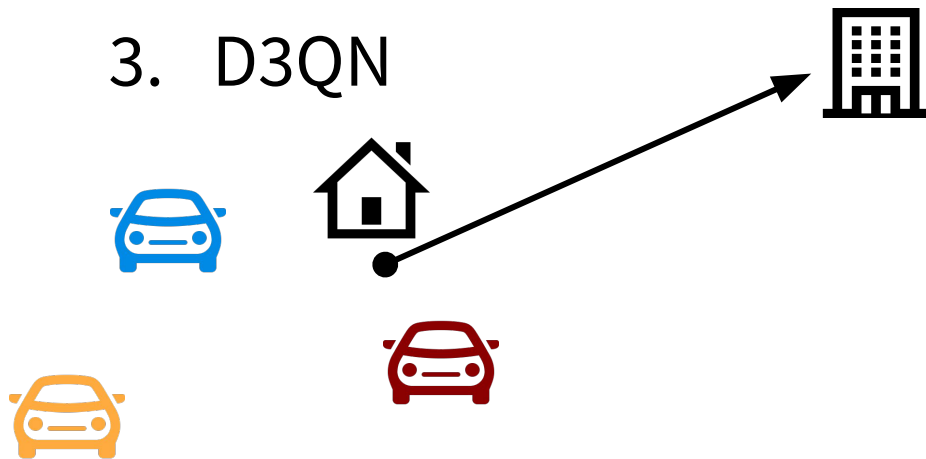
# Agents

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2. Nearest
3. D3QN

# Agents

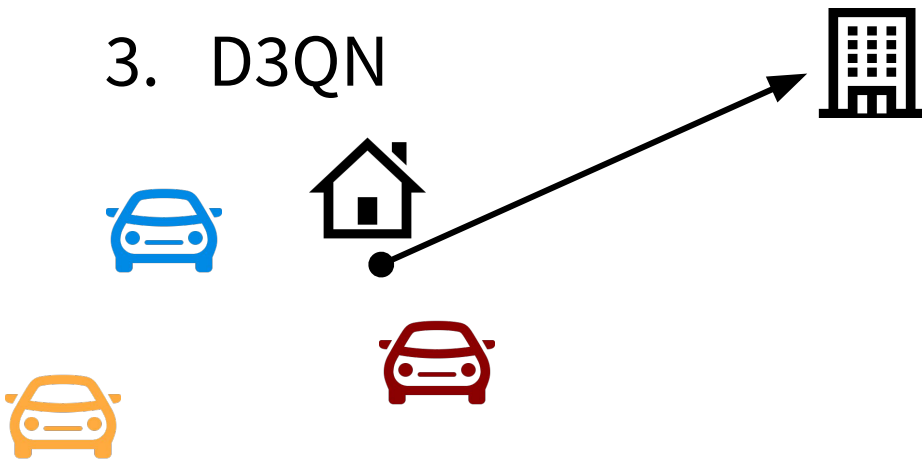
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## Assignment



# Agents

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## Assignment

Possible actions

NOOP 

assign 

assign 

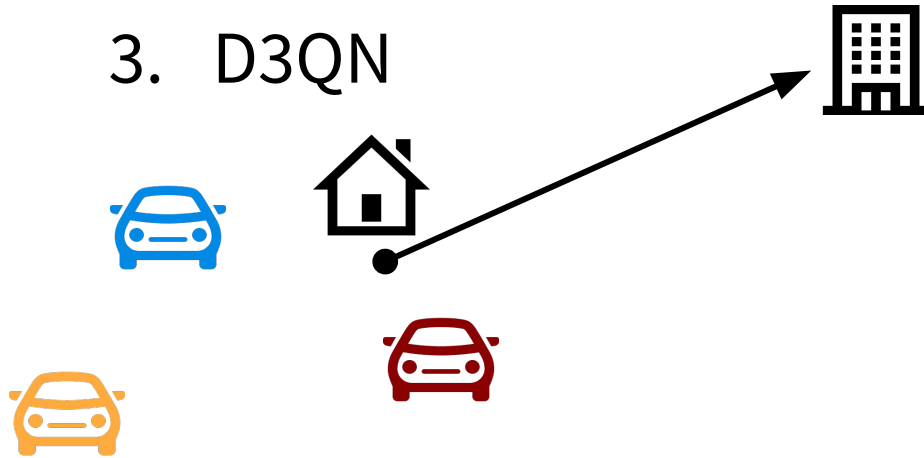
assign 

State  $s$

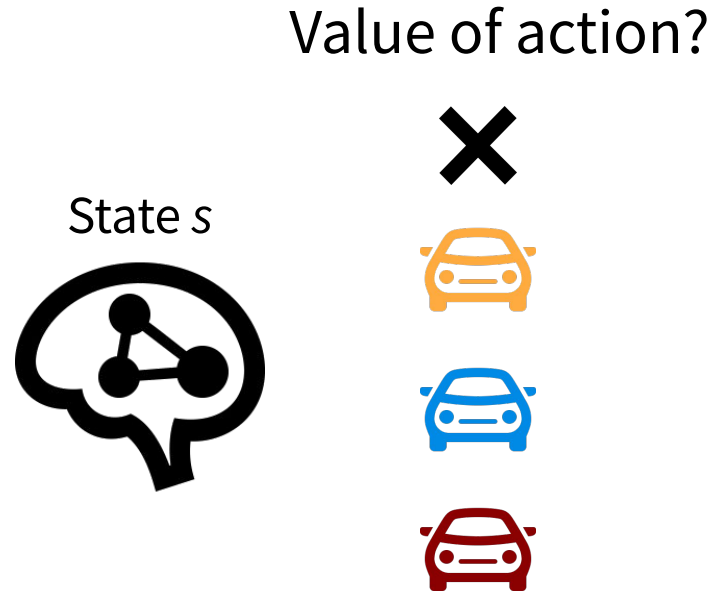


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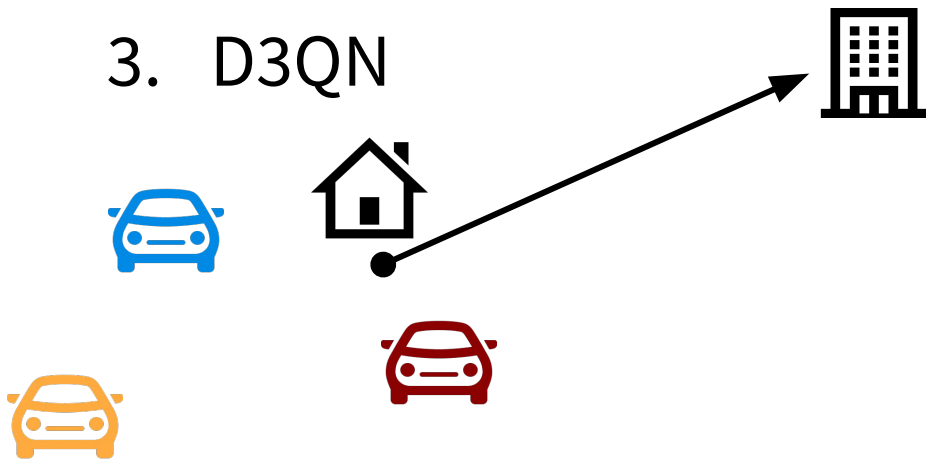


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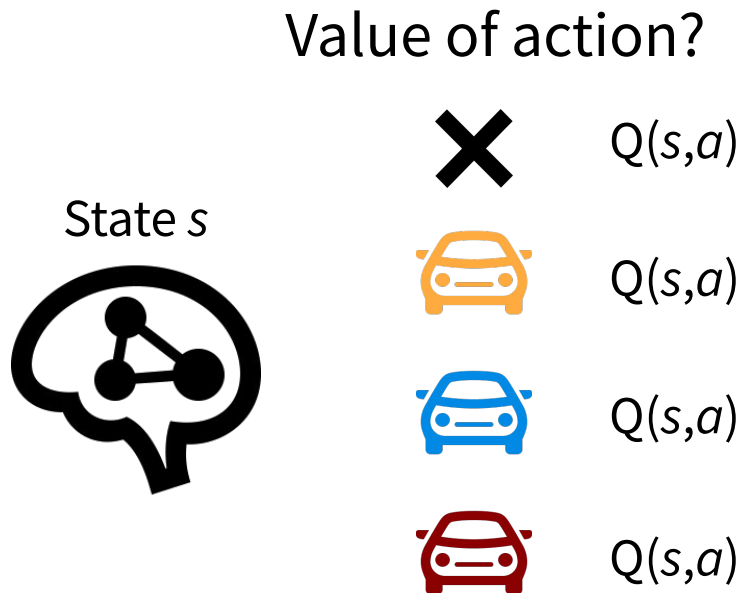


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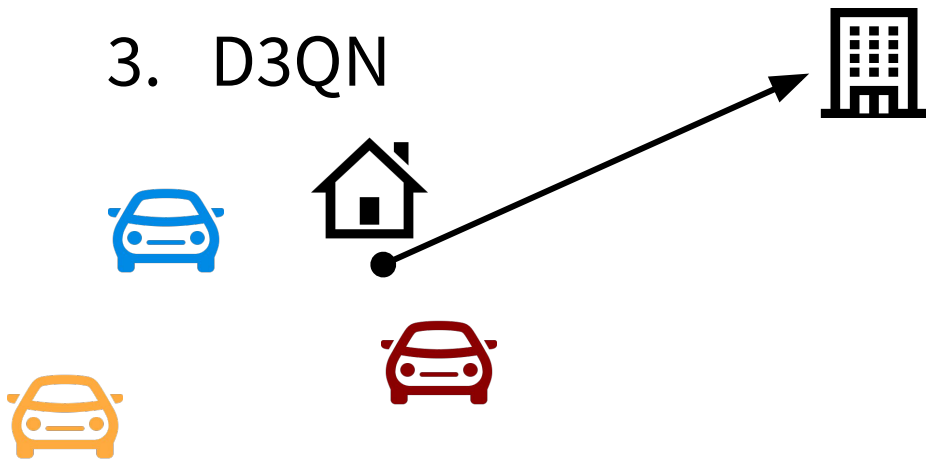
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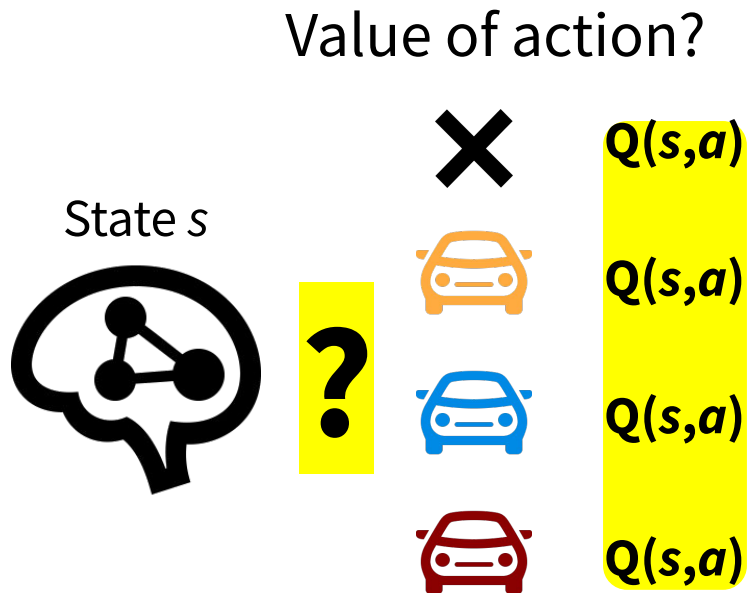
Immediate reward + reward-to-go

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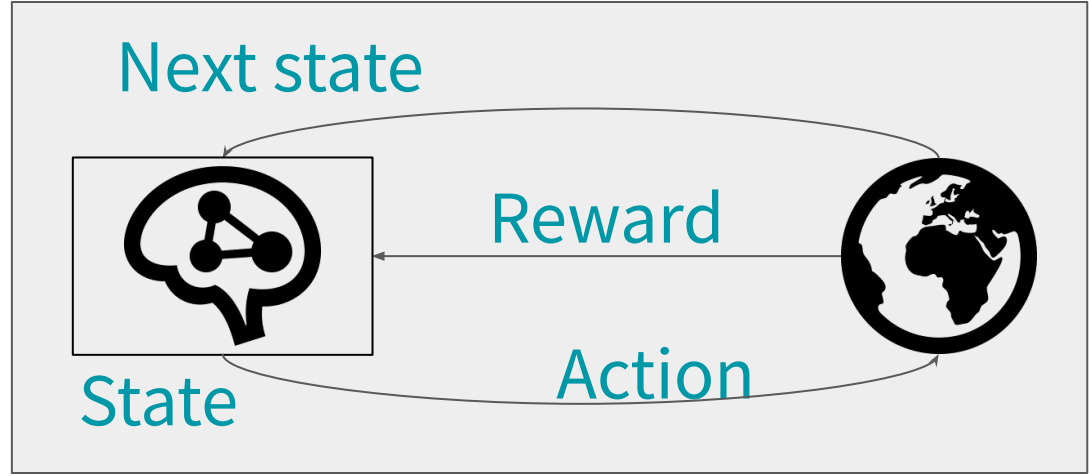
## Assignment



How to learn  $Q(, )$ ?

# Agents

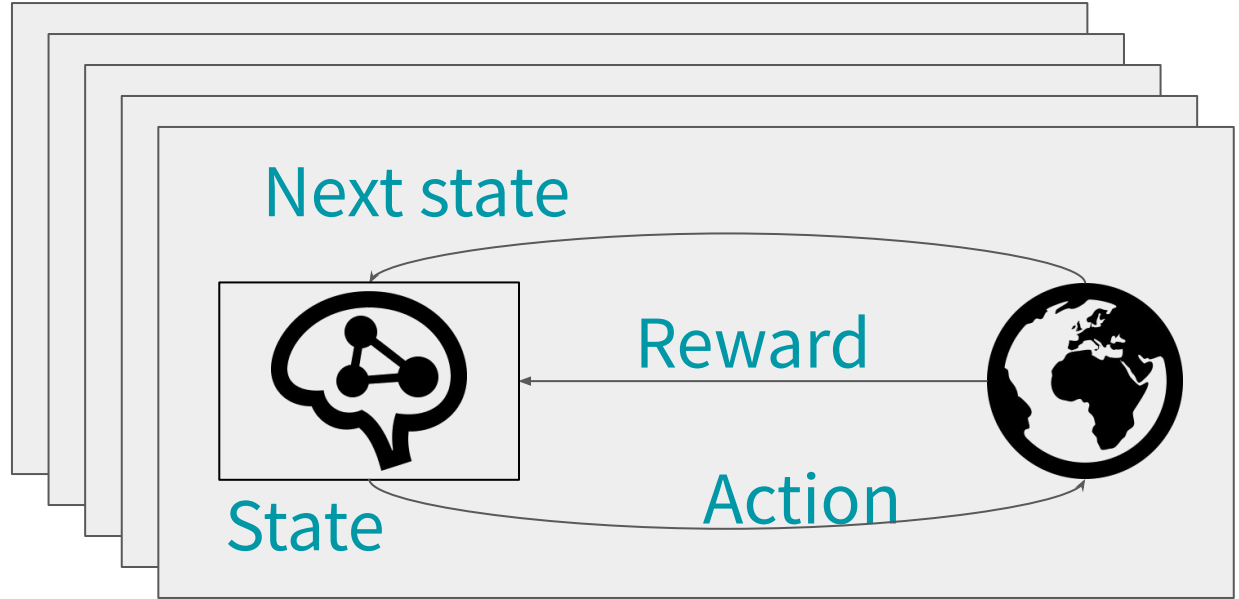
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How does it learn?

# Agents

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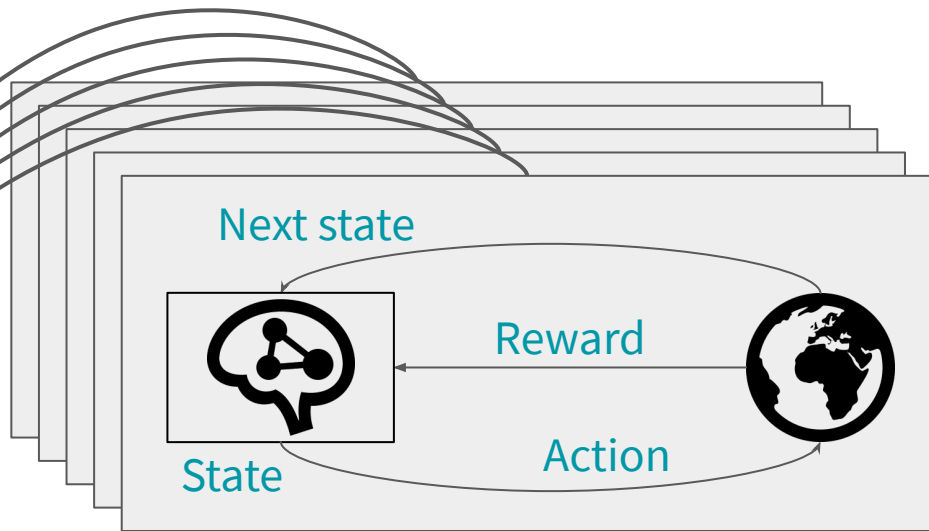


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Architecture

# Agents

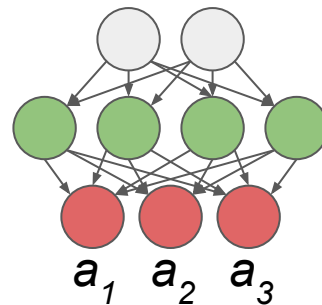
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DQN

Architecture

Input  $s$   
“Hidden”  
 $Q(s, a)$



# Agents

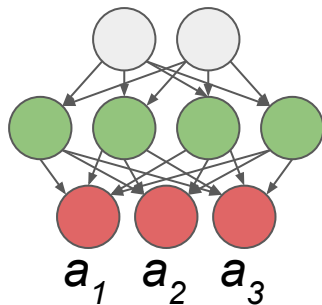
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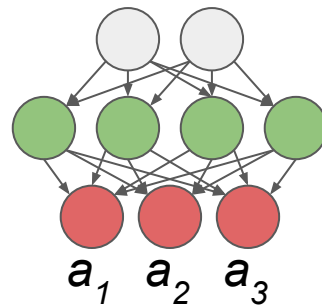
**DDQN**

Input  $s$   
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 $Q(s, a)$



**Primary**

Selection



**Target**

Evaluation

# Agents

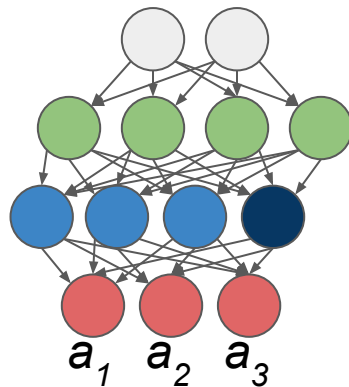
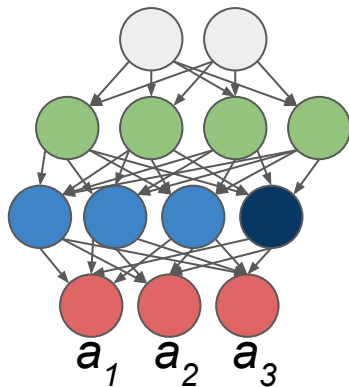
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## Architecture

D3QN

Input  $s$   
“Hidden”  
 $A(s, a) + V(s)$   
 $Q(s, a)$



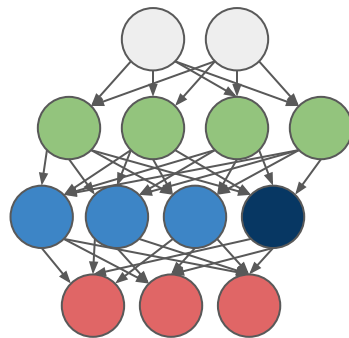
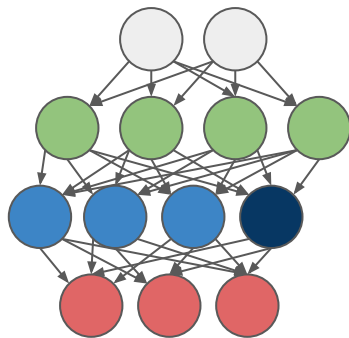
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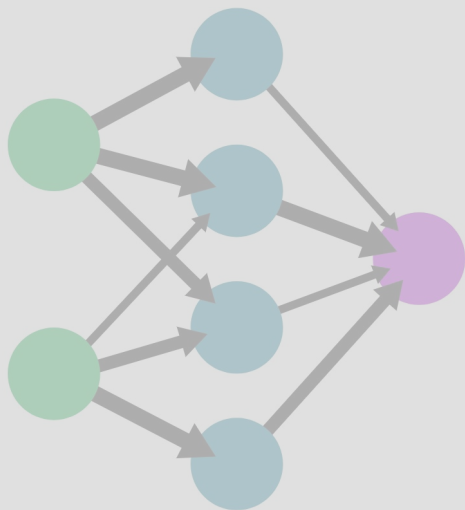
D3QN



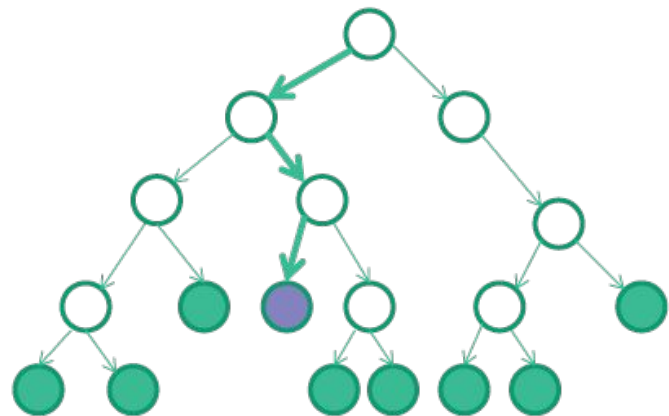
*Currently just responsible for  
vehicle-request pairing*

# Methods combine Deep RL and OR

Dynamic problem



Static Bound



# Static Problem



# Static Problem

## Perfect Information



# Perfect Info: OR tools

# Perfect Info: Benders decomposition

# Perfect Info: Benders decomposition

Master problem

Subproblem

# Perfect Info: Benders decomposition

Master problem

Subproblem

Assign requests to vehicles

Time feasibility

# Perfect Info: Benders decomposition

## Master problem

Assign requests to vehicles

Time feasibility

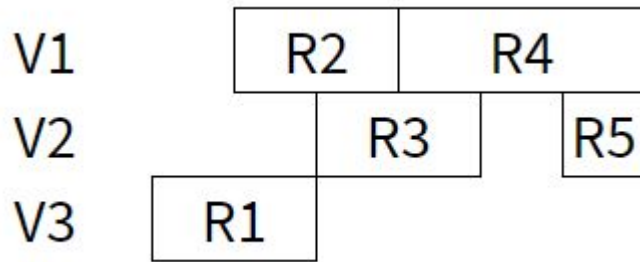
## Subproblem

Energy feasibility

Charging decisions

# Perfect Info: Benders decomposition

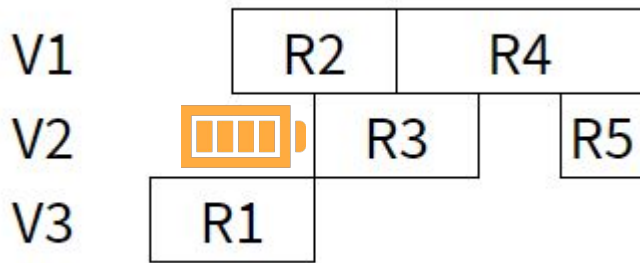
## Master problem



# Perfect Info: Benders decomposition

Master problem

Subproblem

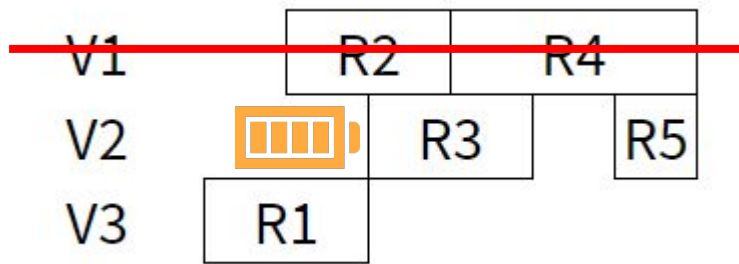




# Perfect Info: Benders decomposition

Master problem

Subproblem



# Data & Empirical Results

# Data: Manhattan

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Trips:

Yellow Taxi + Green Taxi + Ridehail (2017)

*Business mornings*

*100 requests / hour*

# Data: Manhattan

Trips:

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CSs:

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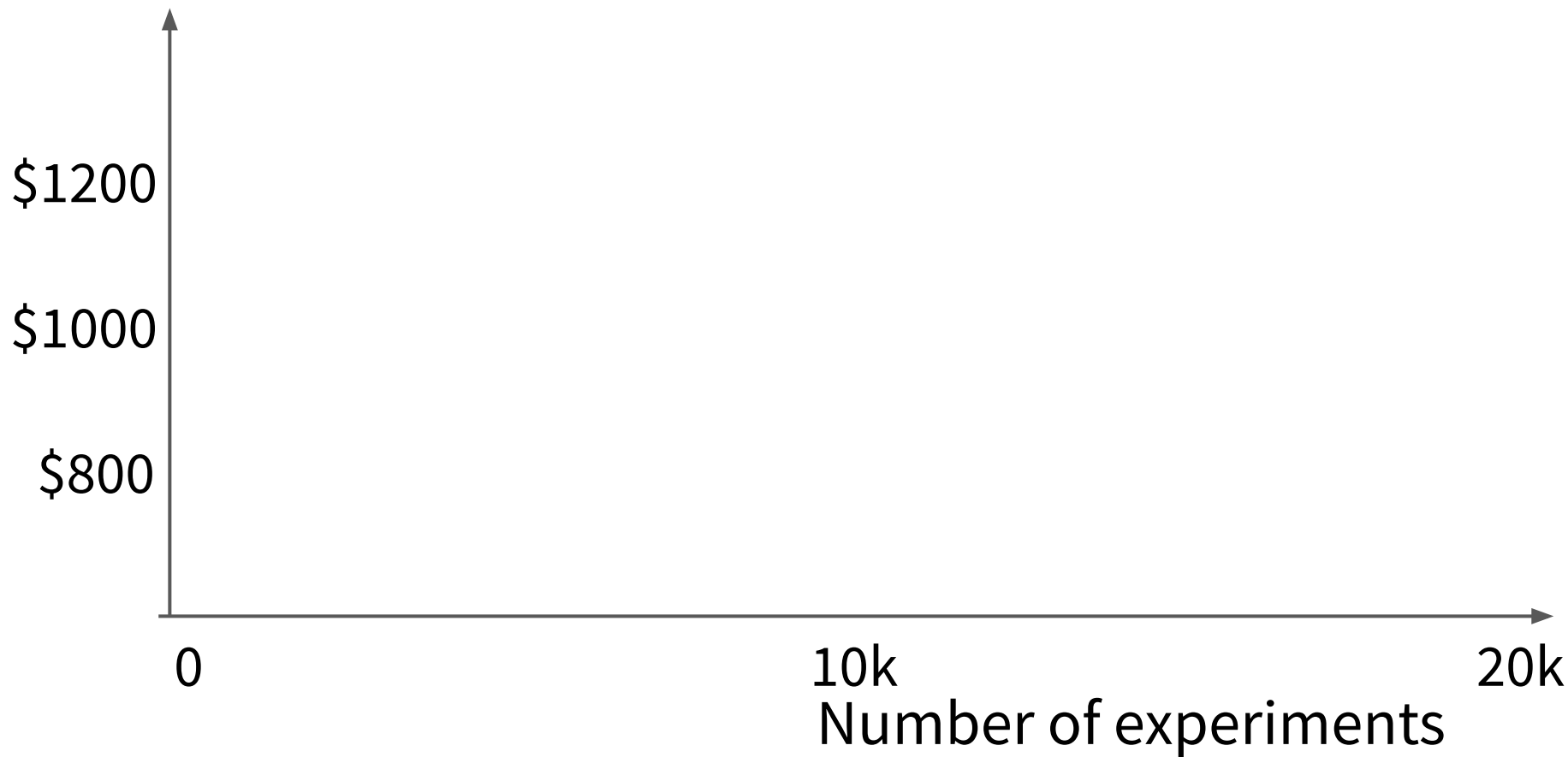
Vehicles:

Mid-range Tesla Model 3

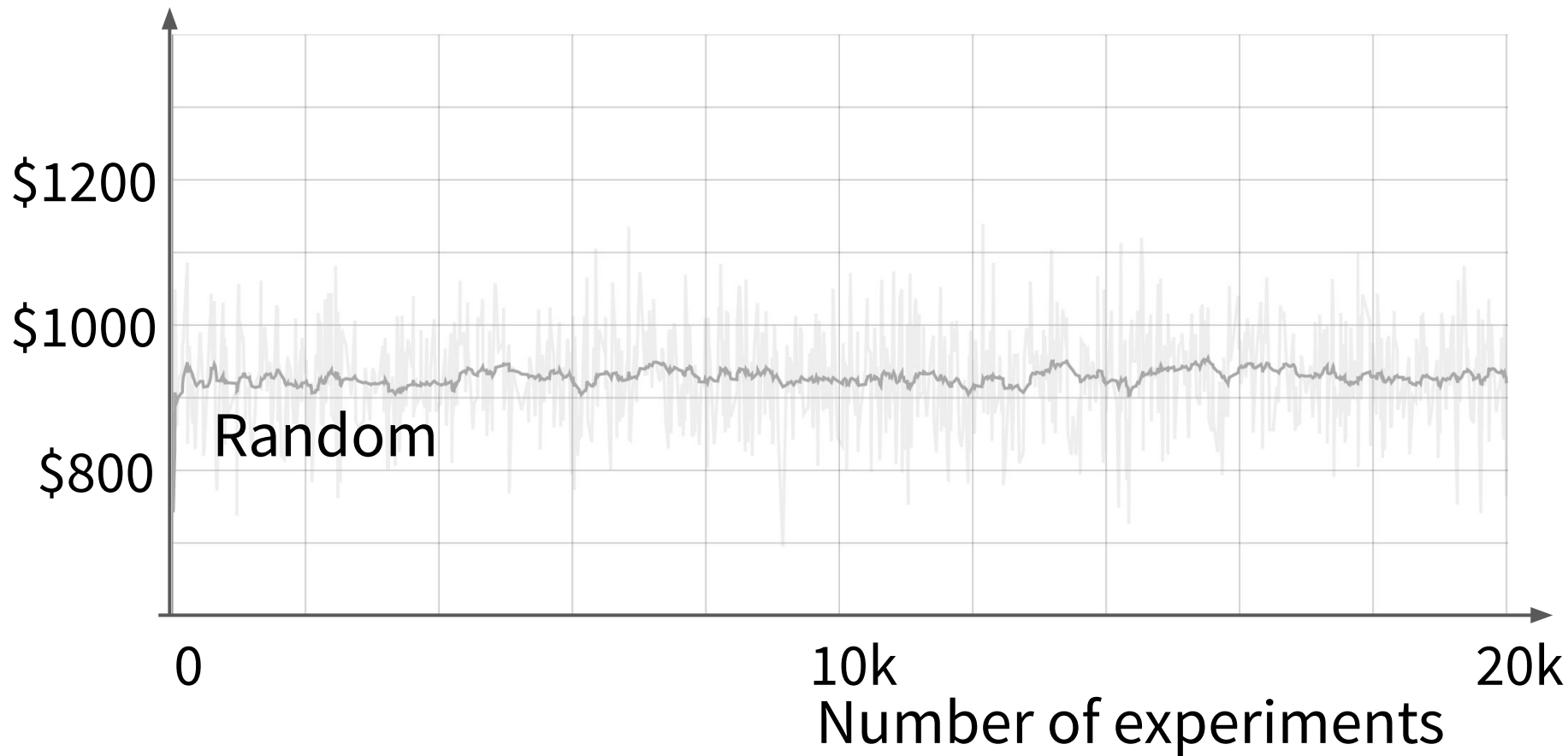
Travel at ~avg NYC taxi speed

*~40 vehicles*

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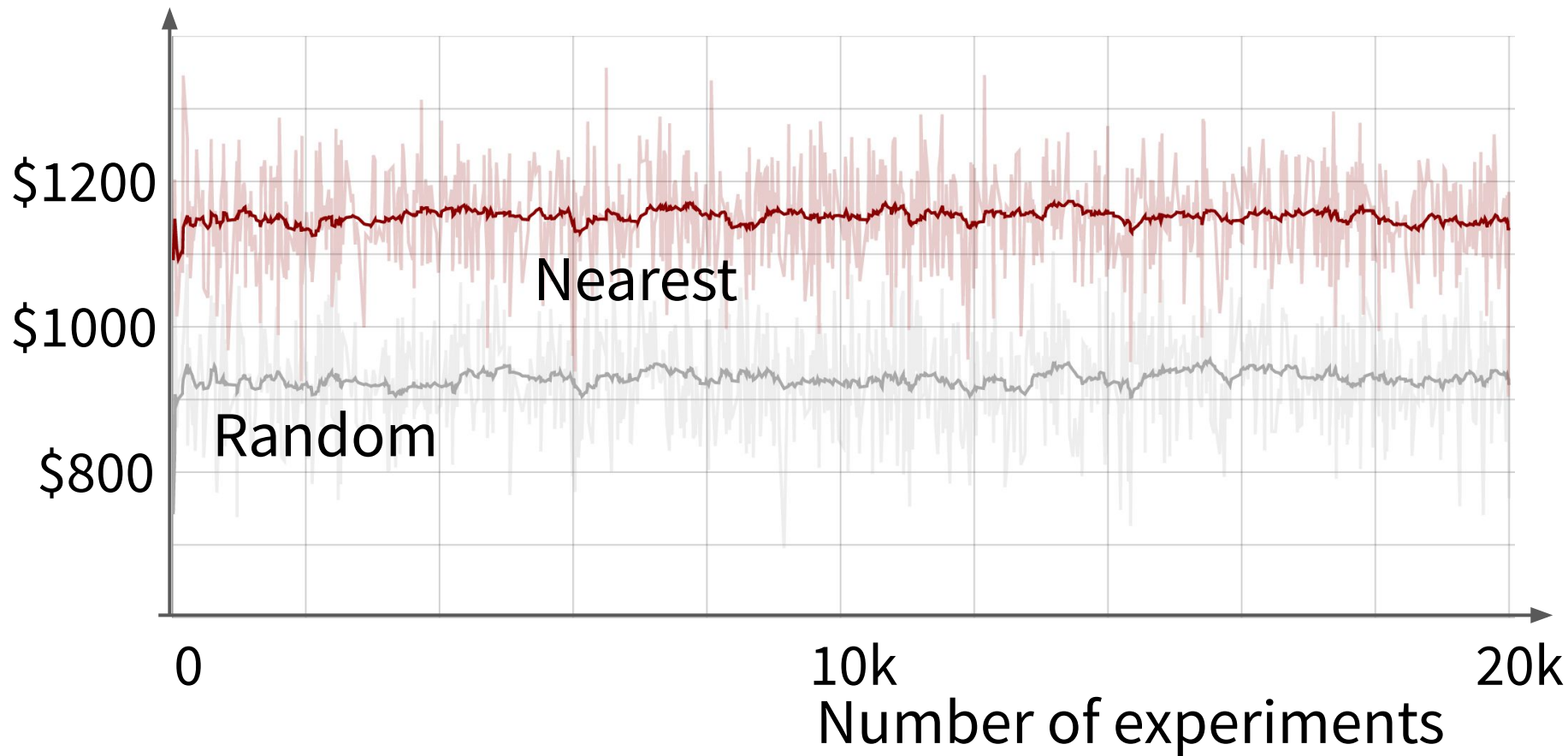


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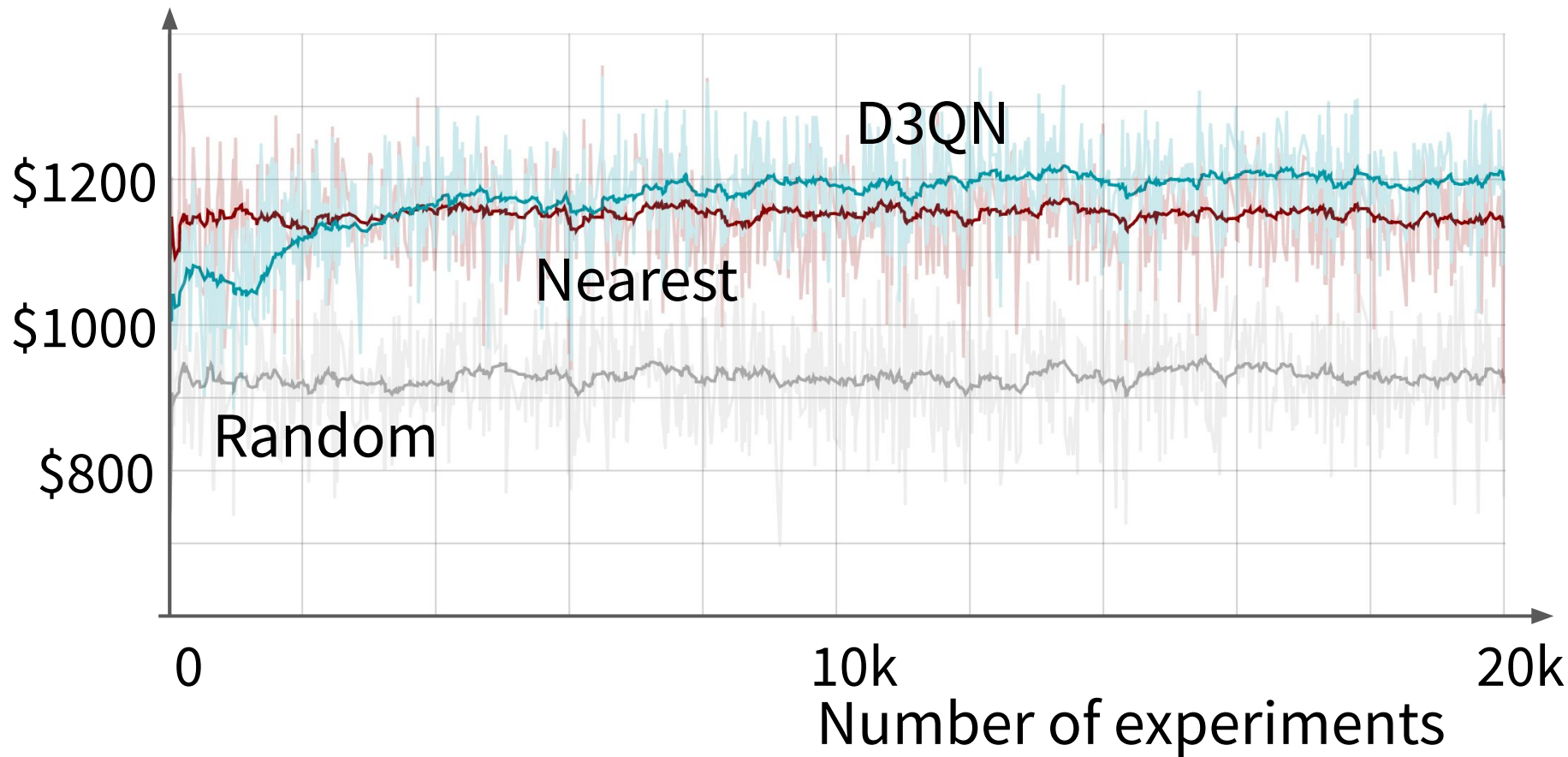




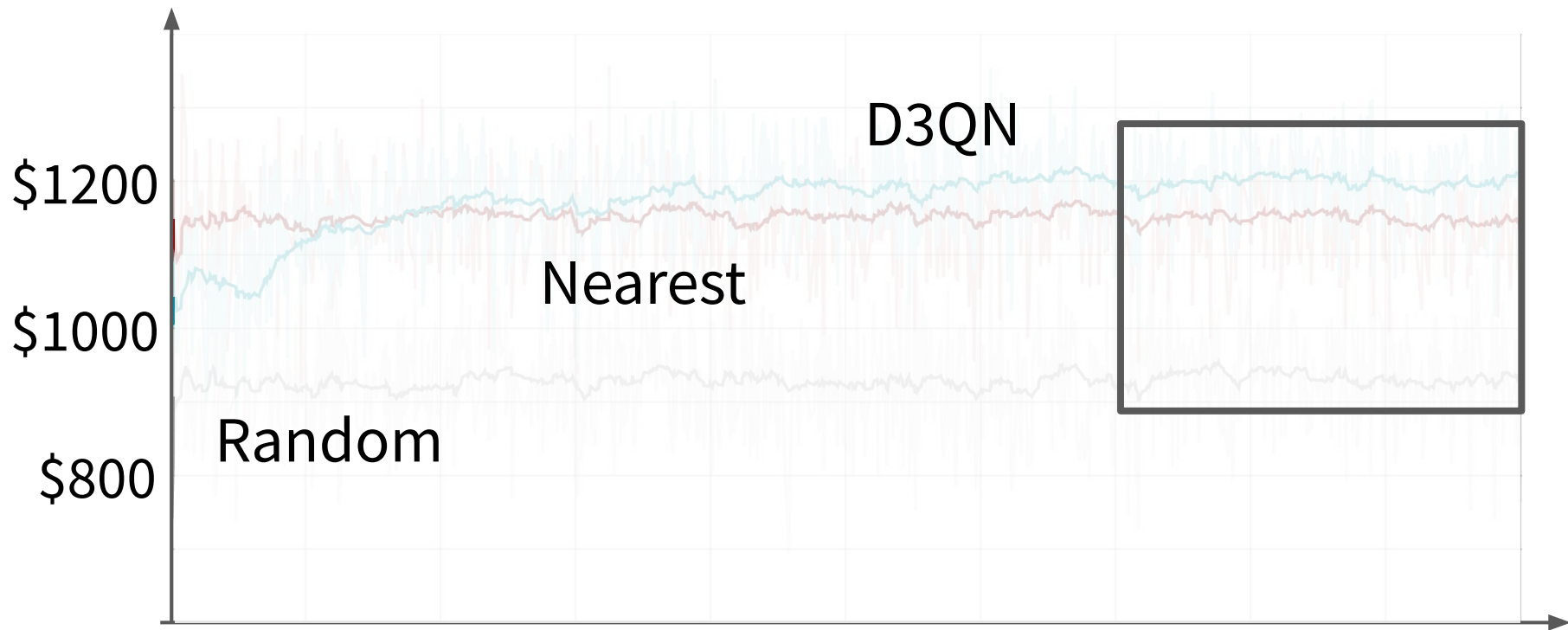
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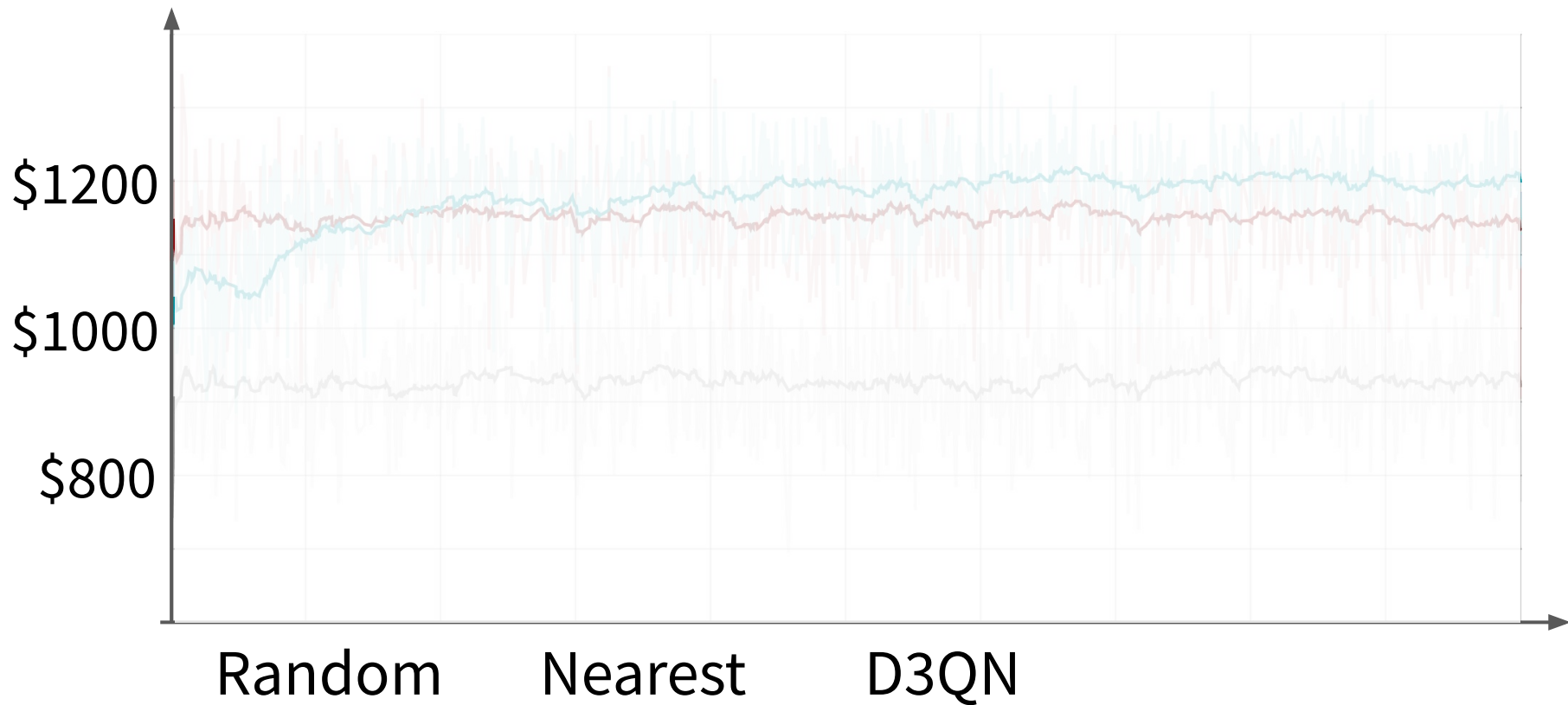
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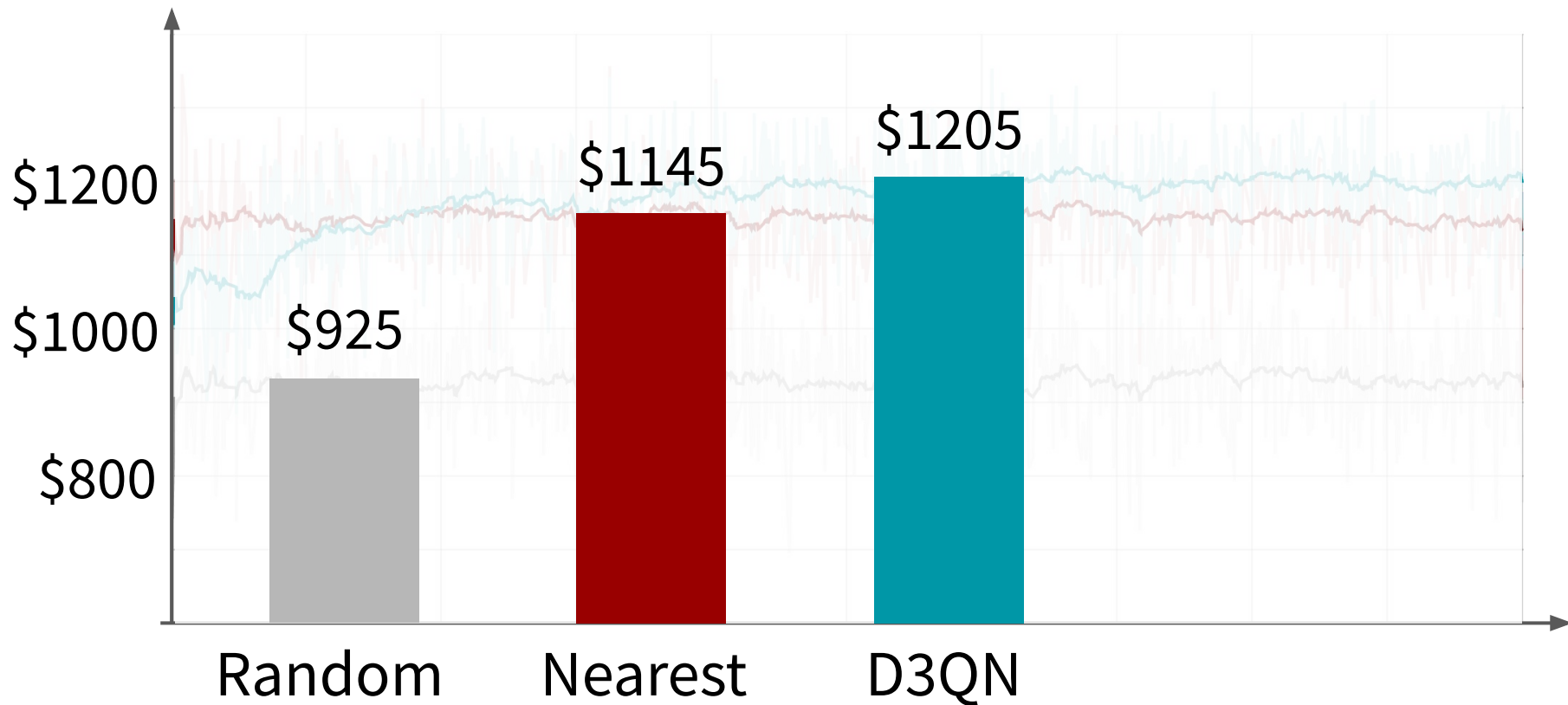
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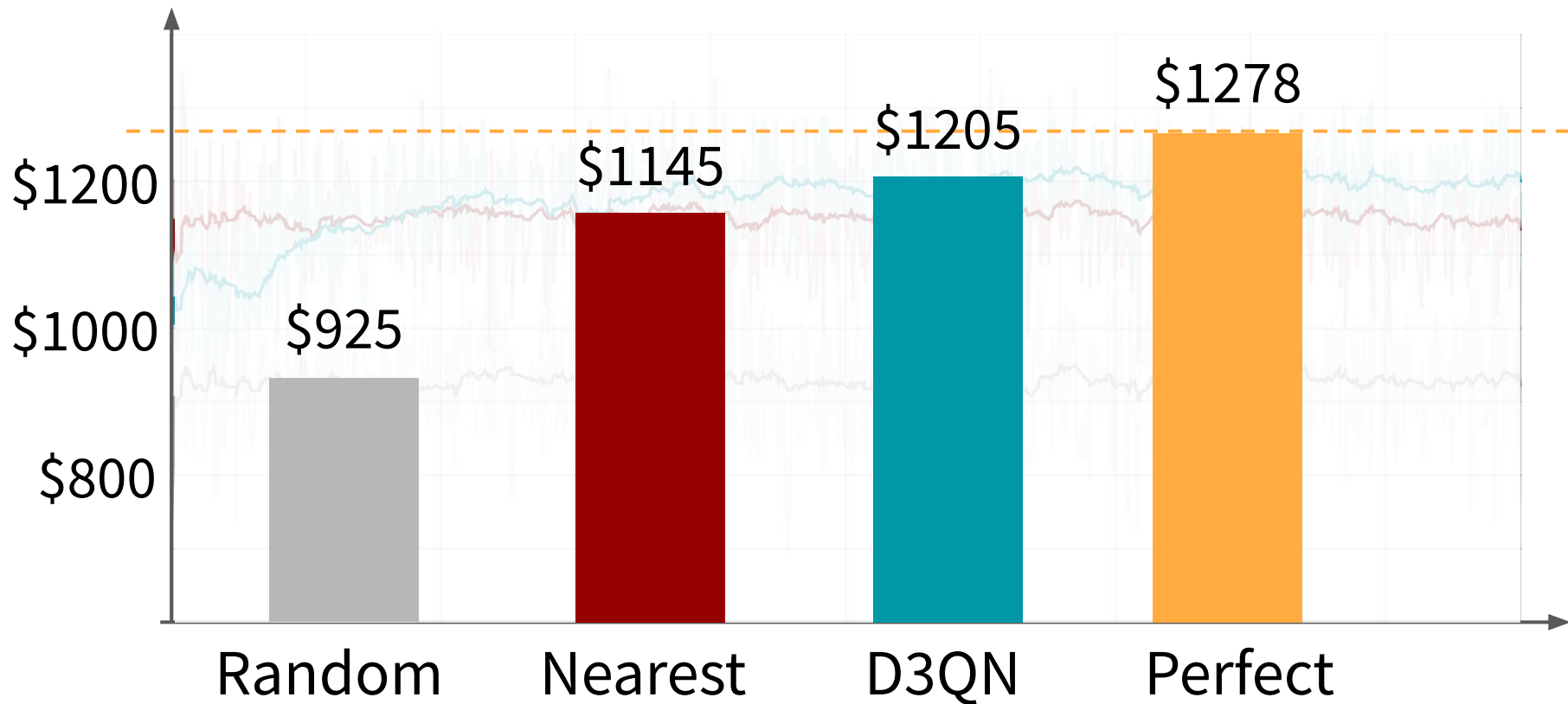
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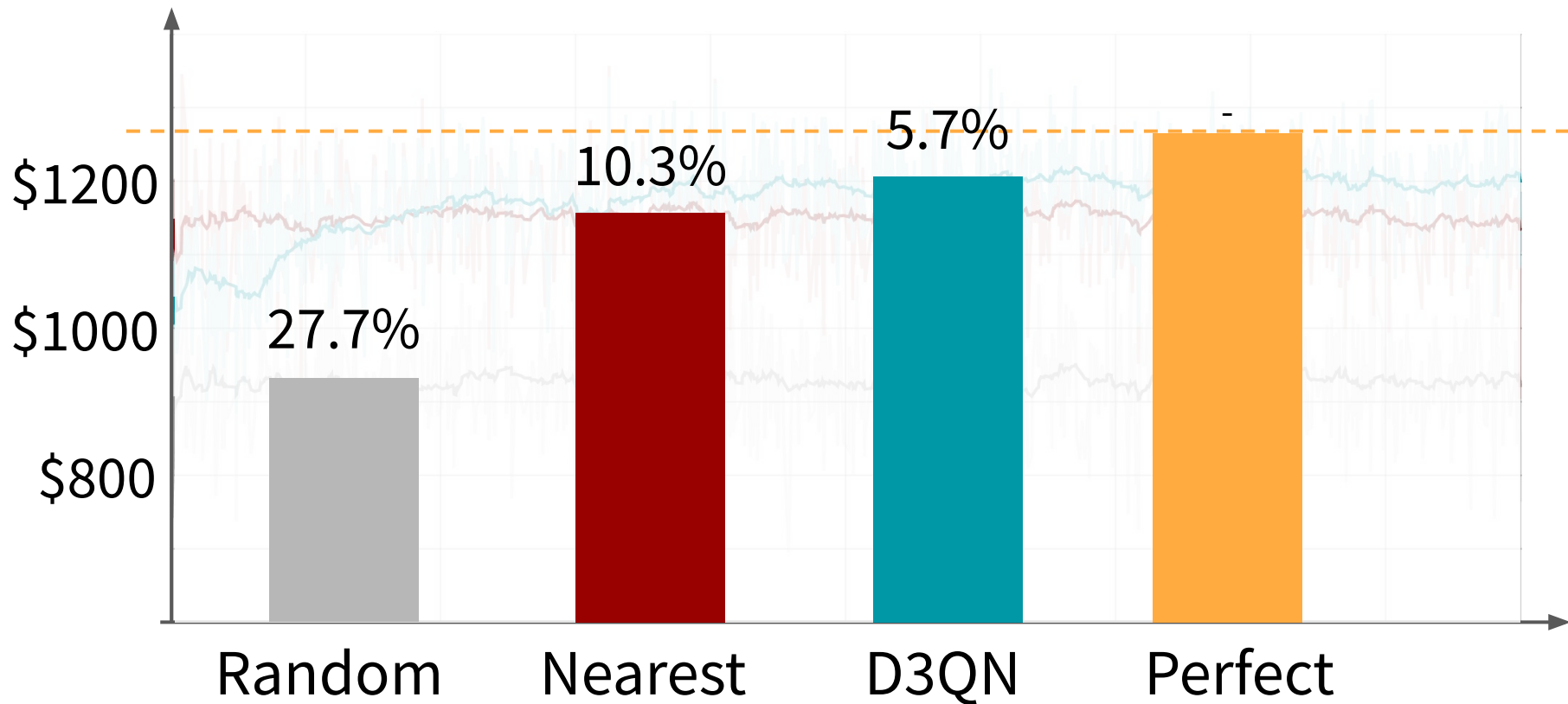
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# Concluding Remarks

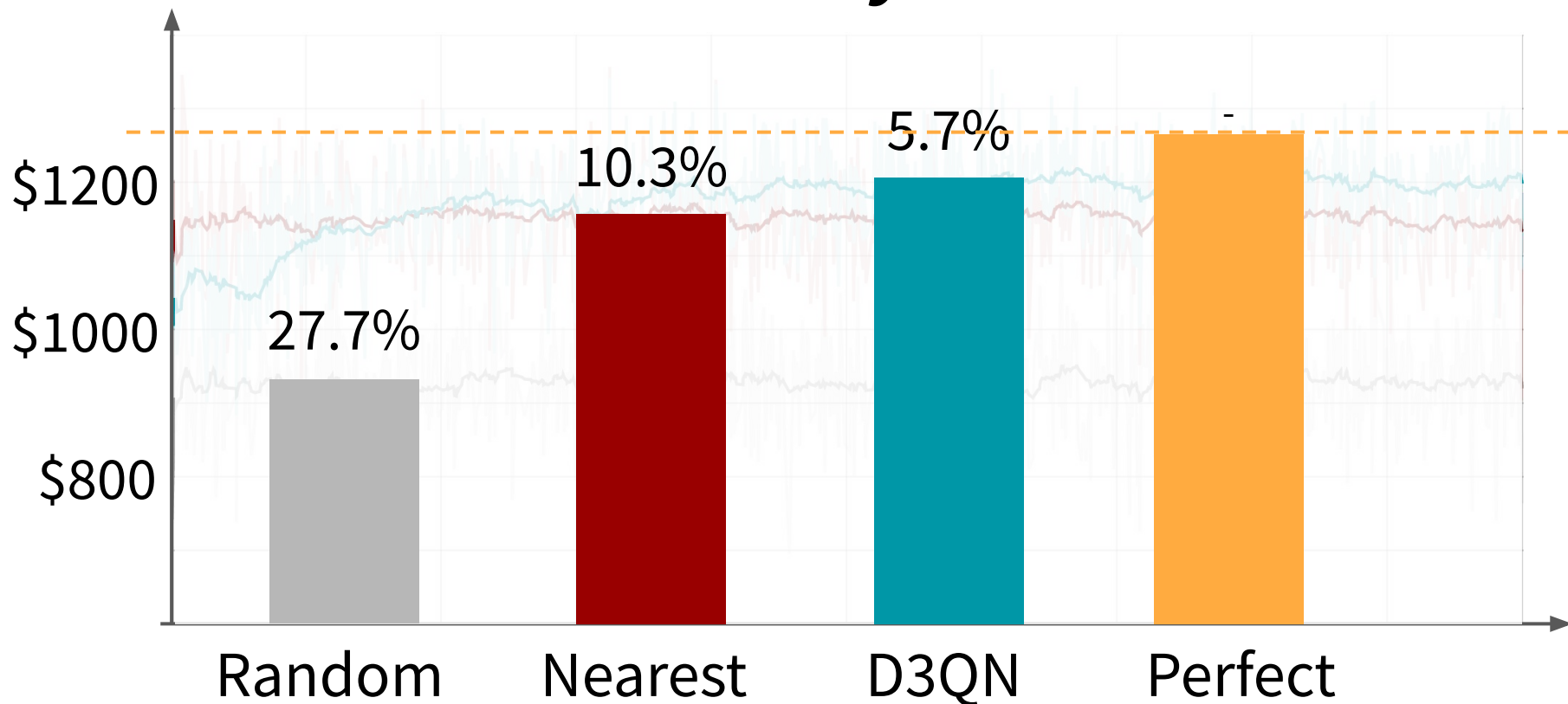


# TODO

Bigger instances

Implement “Full Control” agent

# Thank you



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