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# Implications of Modeling Range & Infrastructure Barriers to BEV Adoption

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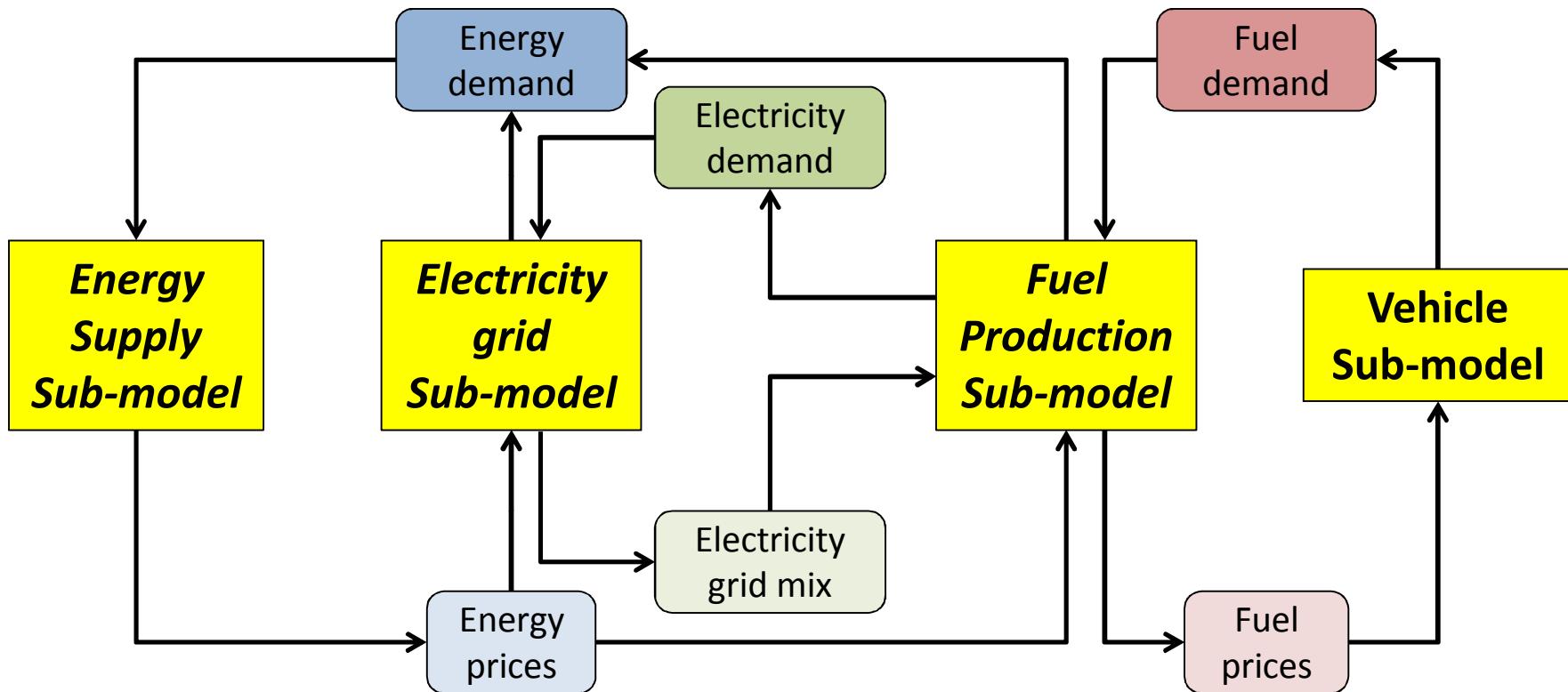
# Two general approaches to modeling the limitations posed by new, alternative fuel vehicle (AFV) powertrains

- New AFV powertrains can have performance limitations (i.e. range) and/or refueling infrastructure limitations that are difficult to capture in a consumer adoption model
- **Penalty approach to modeling these effects:**
  - **Reduced utility:** compare sales rate of similar cars with key attribute differences to tease out value of attribute
  - **Stated preference studies:** consumers estimate how much they would pay for certain vehicle attributes.
  - Calculate **opportunity cost** of frequently refueling a range-limited vehicle
  - Calculate cost of using a **rental substitute** vehicle for long-range trips
- **Threshold perspective:**
  - Consumers will categorically exclude powertrains that are too inconvenient to operate- whether due to limited range, infrastructure, or other feature
  - Uses a **threshold of days on inconvenience** tolerated per month or per year.

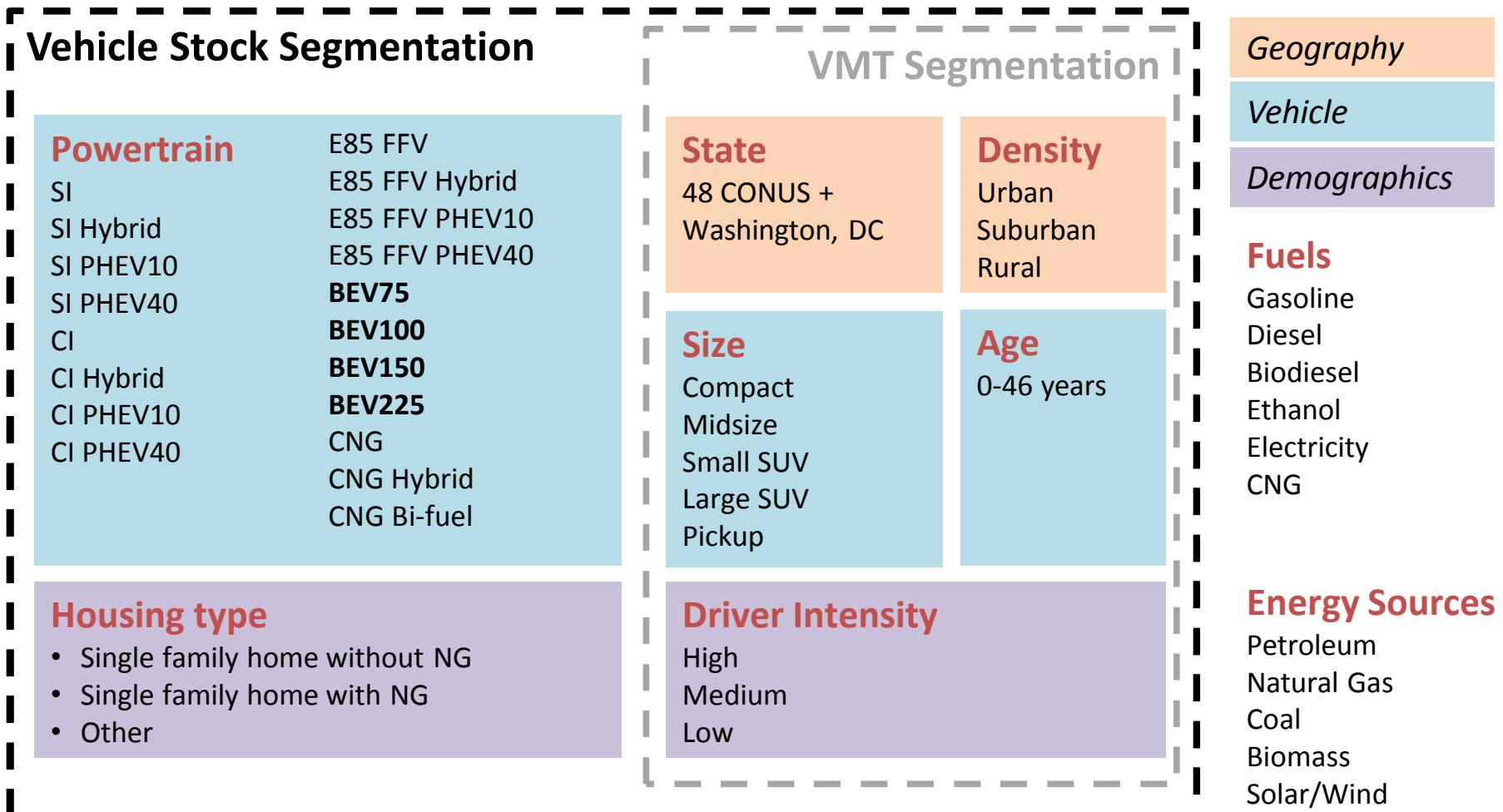
# This study compares BEV market share under the different perspectives of range and infrastructure limitations

- Actual driving data is acquired to establish daily driving (trip chain) distributions
- Three different approaches to BEV limitation modeling:
  1. A detailed model of cost penalties is implemented as a option in the model
  2. Another model option is the use of hard inconvenience thresholds that excludes powertrains from consideration. A rental car must be used on inconvenienced days.
  3. A third option uses hard inconvenience threshold, but assumes that an alternative vehicle is available (trading cars within a household) for the inconvenienced days.
- A series of single scenario and parametric analyses are performed to examine the breadth of BEV adoption possibilities under the two perspectives
- Analysis assumes that current driving habits are good predictors of future driving habits, even with a completely different powertrain vehicle
  - Some research suggests this might not be true in multi-vehicle households (Kurani et. al 1996), especially in multi-vehicle households. Other researchers also make this assumption.

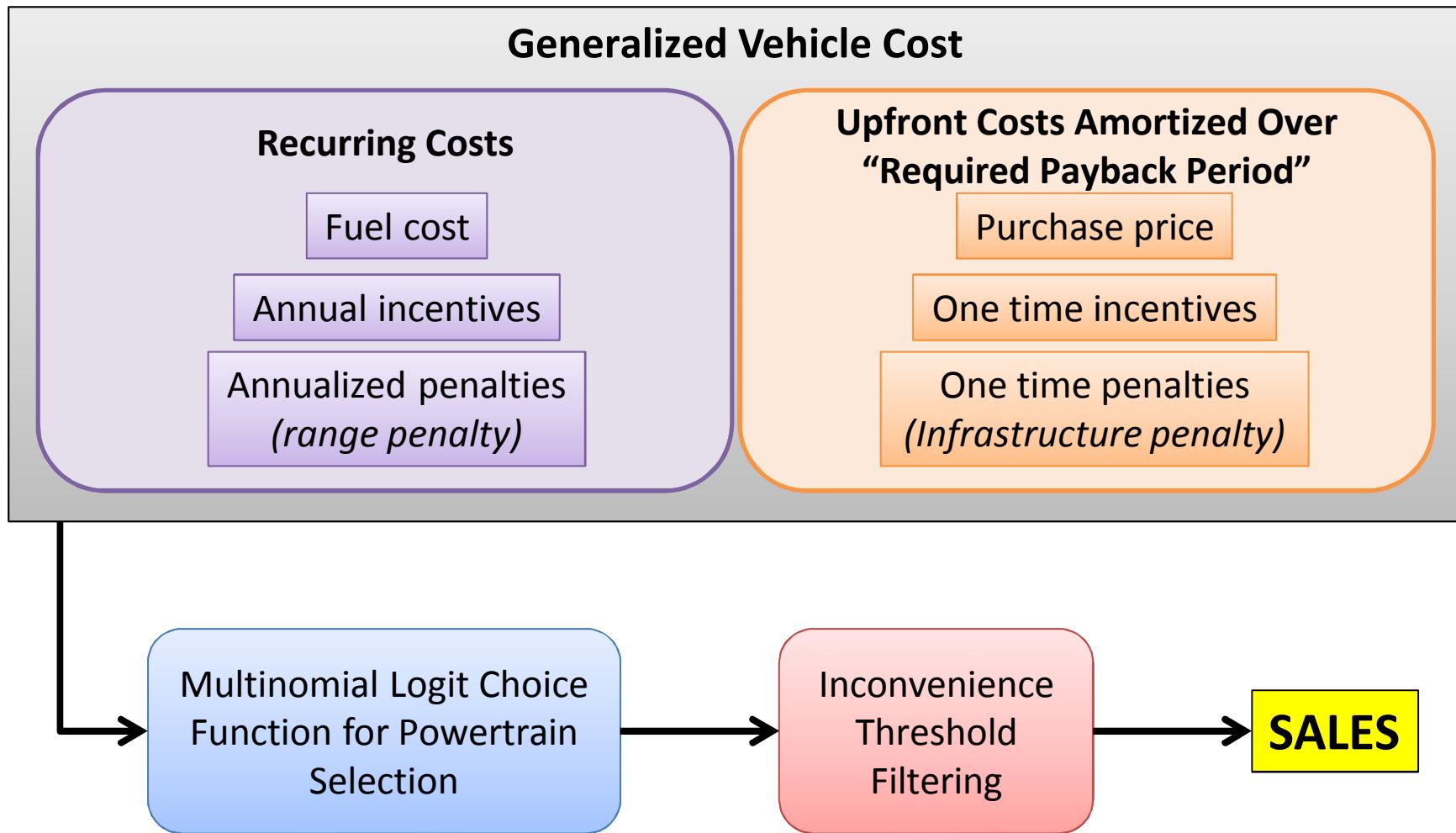
The analysis was conducted by a model that tracks the feedback between energy supply<-->energy carrier<-->vehicle



# The model has many segments to capture the different niches of LDV consumers



A multinomial logit choice function assigns consumer purchase shares based on price sensitivity to a generalized cost



# Penalty and inconvenience threshold definitions

## Range penalties

- Applied to annual/recurring costs (like fuel)
- Rental car substitution *[applied to both Penalty and Threshold-Rental approaches]*
  - Determine number of days per year inconvenienced by limited range, limited refueling infrastructure vehicle
  - Multiply inconvenienced days by daily cost of a rental car (~\$41/day)
- Time spent refueling (Greene) *[applied to Penalty approach only]*
  - Compute total time spent refueling over a year, multiply by dollar value of time
  - Does not penalize time spent wholly or partially refueling/recharging at home

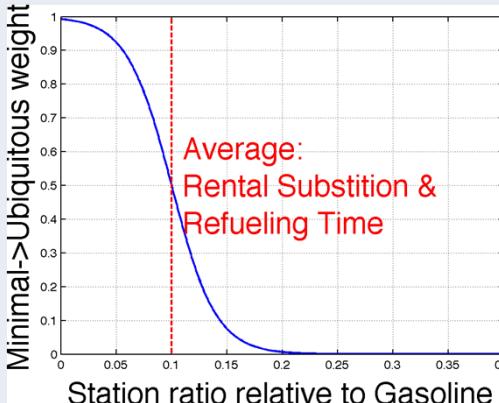
## Infrastructure penalty (Greene) *[applied to Penalty approach only]*

- Applied to non-recurring, upfront purchase costs
- Decaying exponential based on refueling station density relative to gasoline
  - Varies with state, population density, powertrain-fuel combination
- Heavily reduced for those that can recharge/refuel at home

## Inconvenience Threshold *[applied to Threshold-Rental & Threshold-Household approaches]*

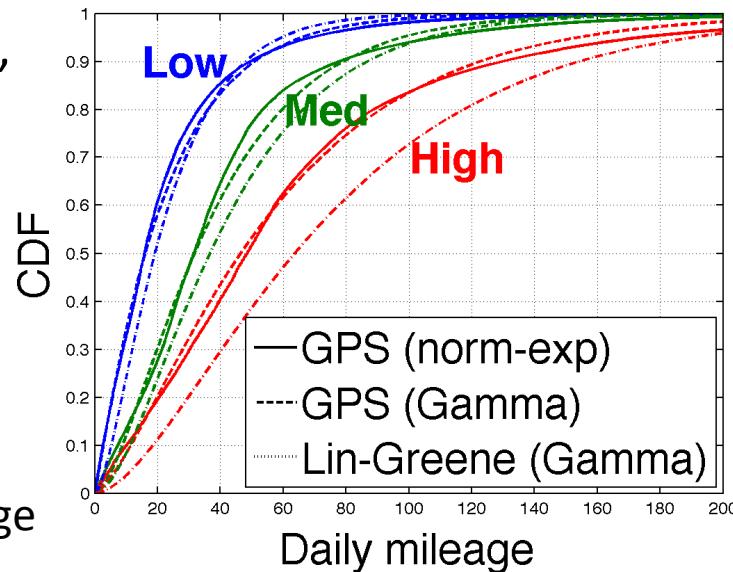
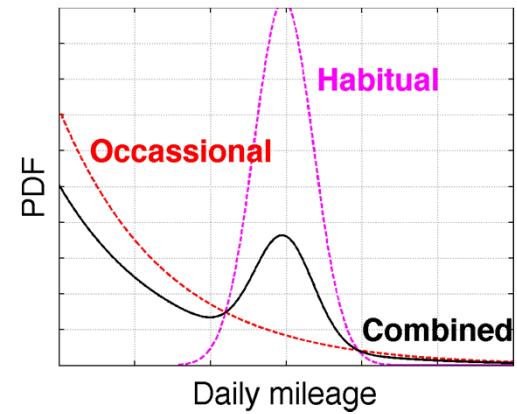
- Default limit of 2 days/inconvenience per month (limit is parameterized)

# The range penalty added to the generalized purchase price varies with the availability of infrastructure

	Cost Penalties	Inconvenience Threshold
Minimal Infrastructure	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Infrastructure density penalty (Greene);</li> <li>2. Rental car substitute for home recharged vehicles on long trips</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. No infrastructure penalty</li> <li>2. <i>Threshold-Rental only</i>: Rental car substitute cost for <math>&lt; N</math> days/month inconvenience; Vehicle <b>EXCLUDED</b> if it requires rental car substitution <math>&gt; N</math> days/month.</li> </ol>
(time, investment)	<p>Logistic blending based on fraction of fueling stations with alternative fuel</p> 	(no change)
Ubiquitous Infrastructure	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Infrastructure density penalty (Greene);</li> <li>2. Value of time spent refueling (Greene), not counting home refueling/recharging</li> </ol>	<p>No change</p> <p><b>Public recharging not considered quick or convenient.</b></p>

# Actual GPS trip chain data was used to drive the analysis

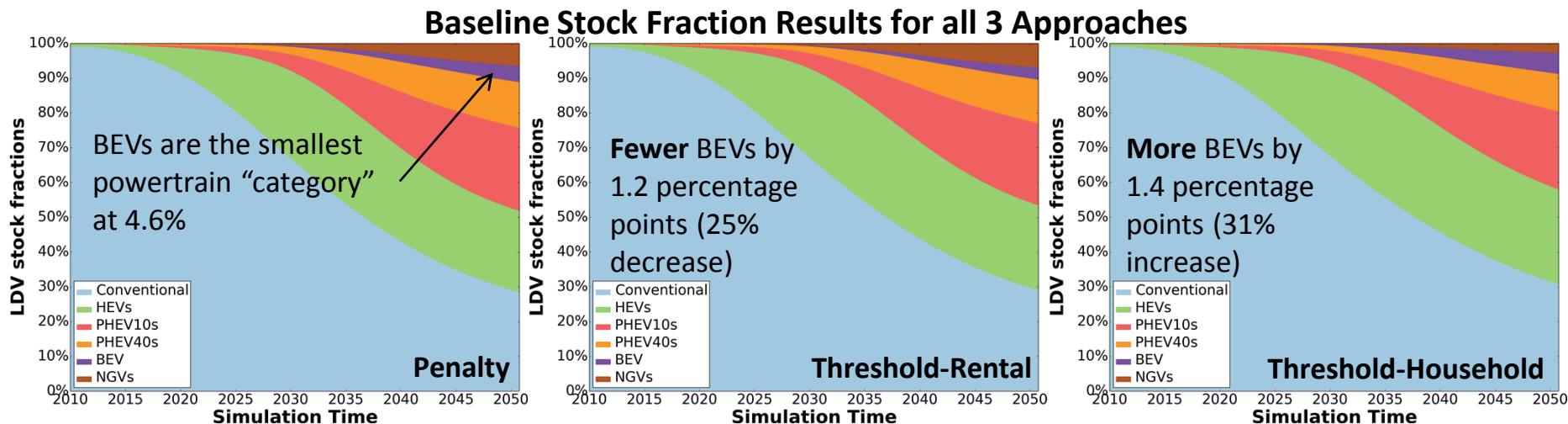
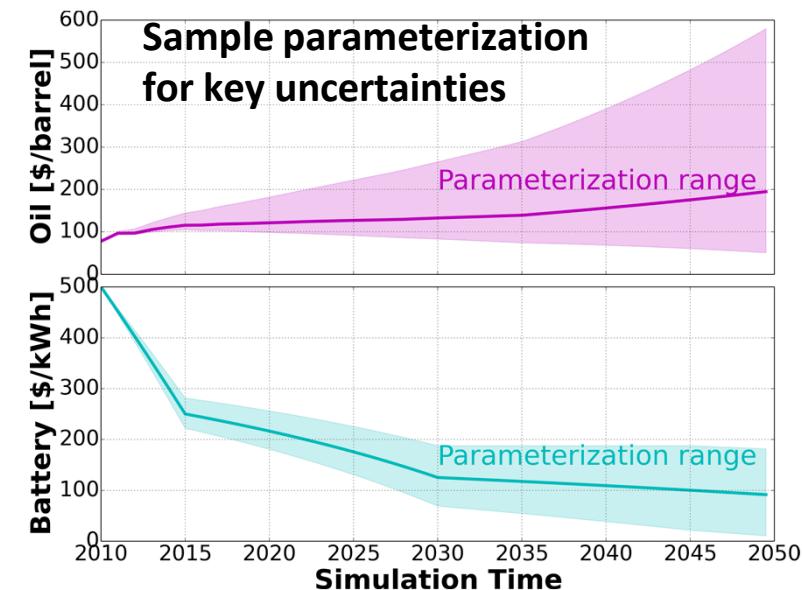
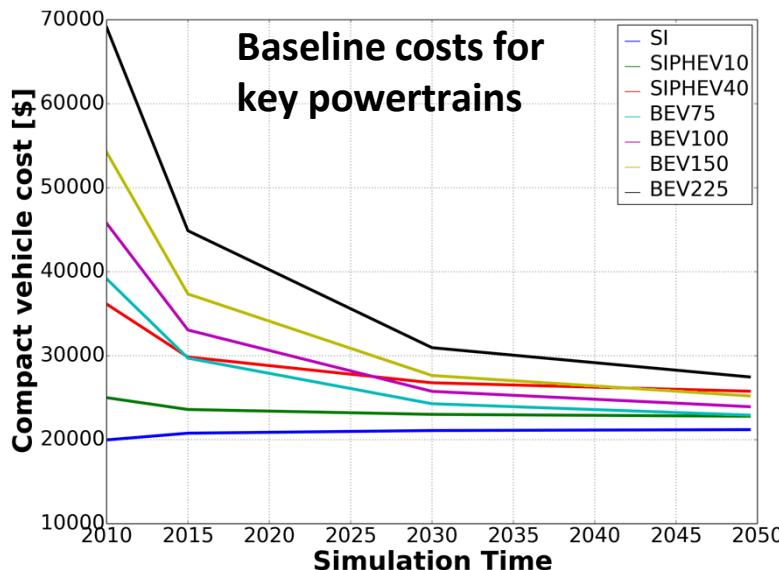
- Use of GPS trip chain data to assess limitations of vehicle range proposed by Pearre et al (2011)
- Ford researchers fit distributions to GPS recorded driving data of Atlanta, Minneapolis and Puget Sound vehicles, i:
  - $f_i(x) = (w_i/k_i) * \exp[-x/k_i] + (1-w_i) * N(x; \mu_i, \sigma_i)$
- Ensembles of  $f(x)$  were binned into High, Medium, Low mileage intensity and then recast as Gamma distributions
  - Ensemble weighting to preserve inconvenience:  
 $g(x) = \sum \lambda_i f_i(x) / \sum \lambda_i$  ( $\lambda_i$  is fraction of days driving)
- For simplicity, the Gamma distributions were adopted for calculation of:
  - Number of days where driving exceeds vehicle range
  - Fraction of miles electrified by PHEVs
  - Number of public refuels/recharges per year (using VMT too)



- High intensity drivers still travel less than 20 miles in a day 20% of the time.
- Low intensity drivers go beyond 100 miles in a day a number of times per year.

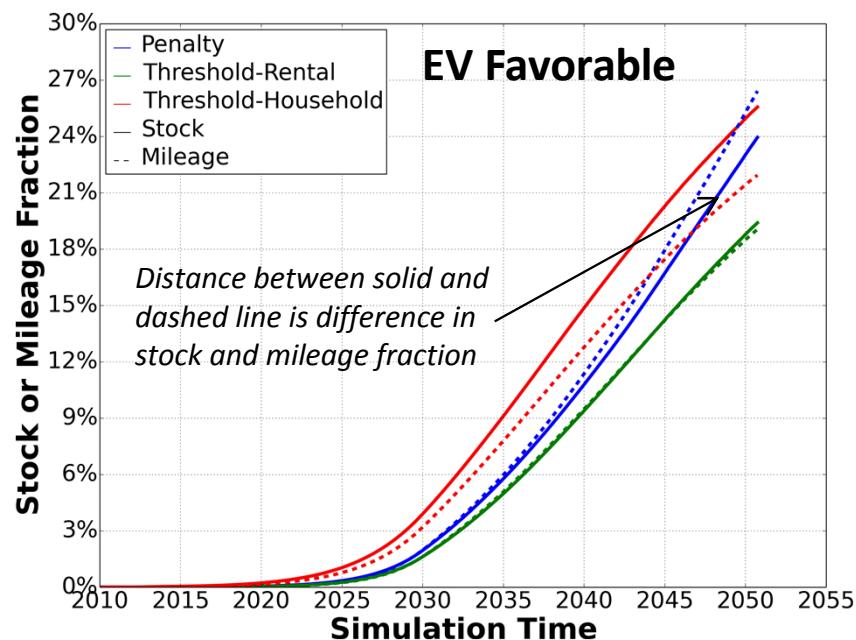
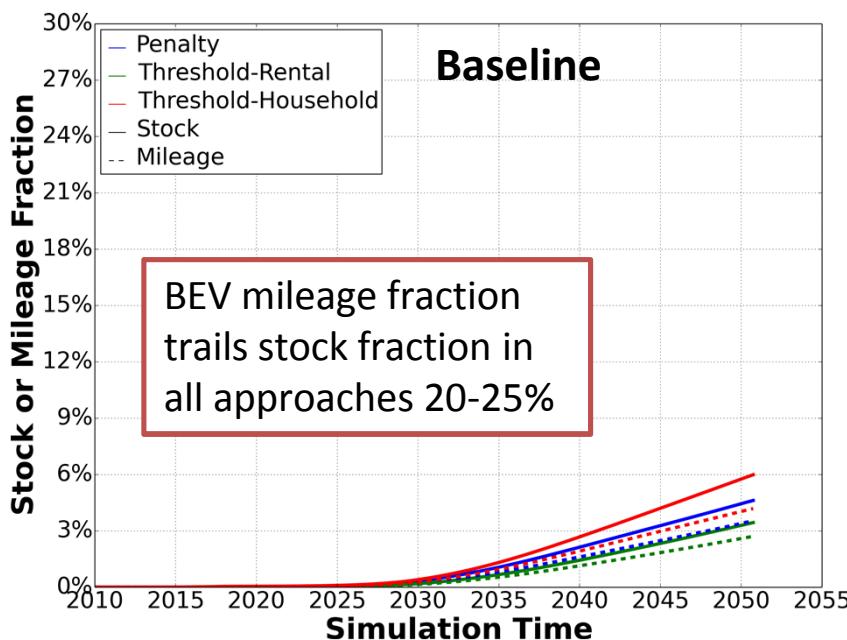
# ANALYSIS RESULTS

# Baseline model assumptions show up to 5% market share for BEVs, the smallest of all powertrain “categories”



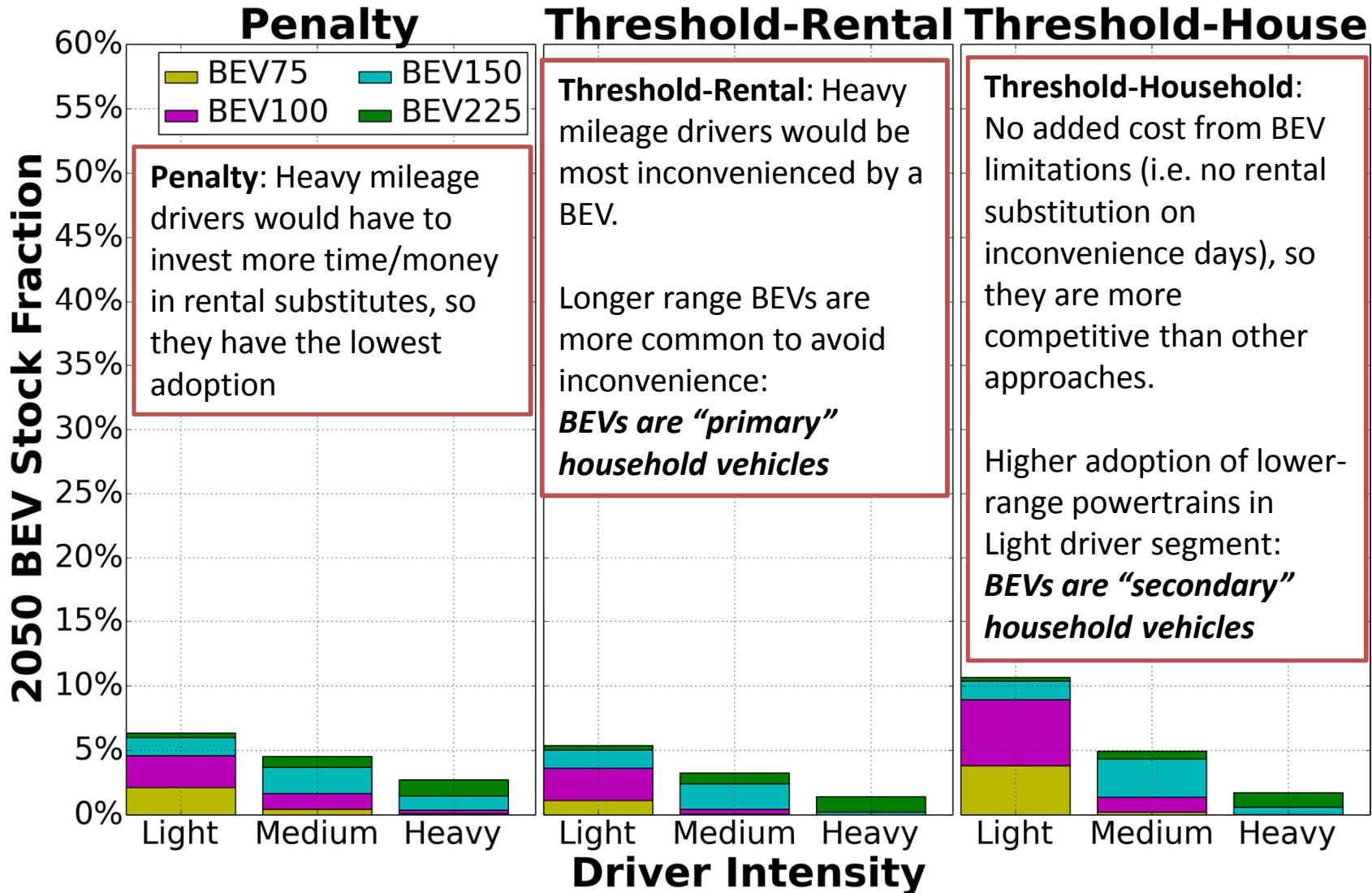
# Electrified mileage fraction traveled by BEVs trails the stock fraction, even with extremely favorable EV ownership economics

- Fraction of all LDV miles traveled by BEVs trails stock fraction by 20-25% due to:
  - Use of substitute rental or household vehicle for long range trips
  - Likely skewed adoption towards Low and Medium intensity drivers
- In a favorable EV ownership scenario\* only the Penalty approach has BEV mileage fraction outpacing the stock fraction
  - Due to the transition of the range penalty from rental substitution to time spent using public fast charging since BEV adoption is more ubiquitous



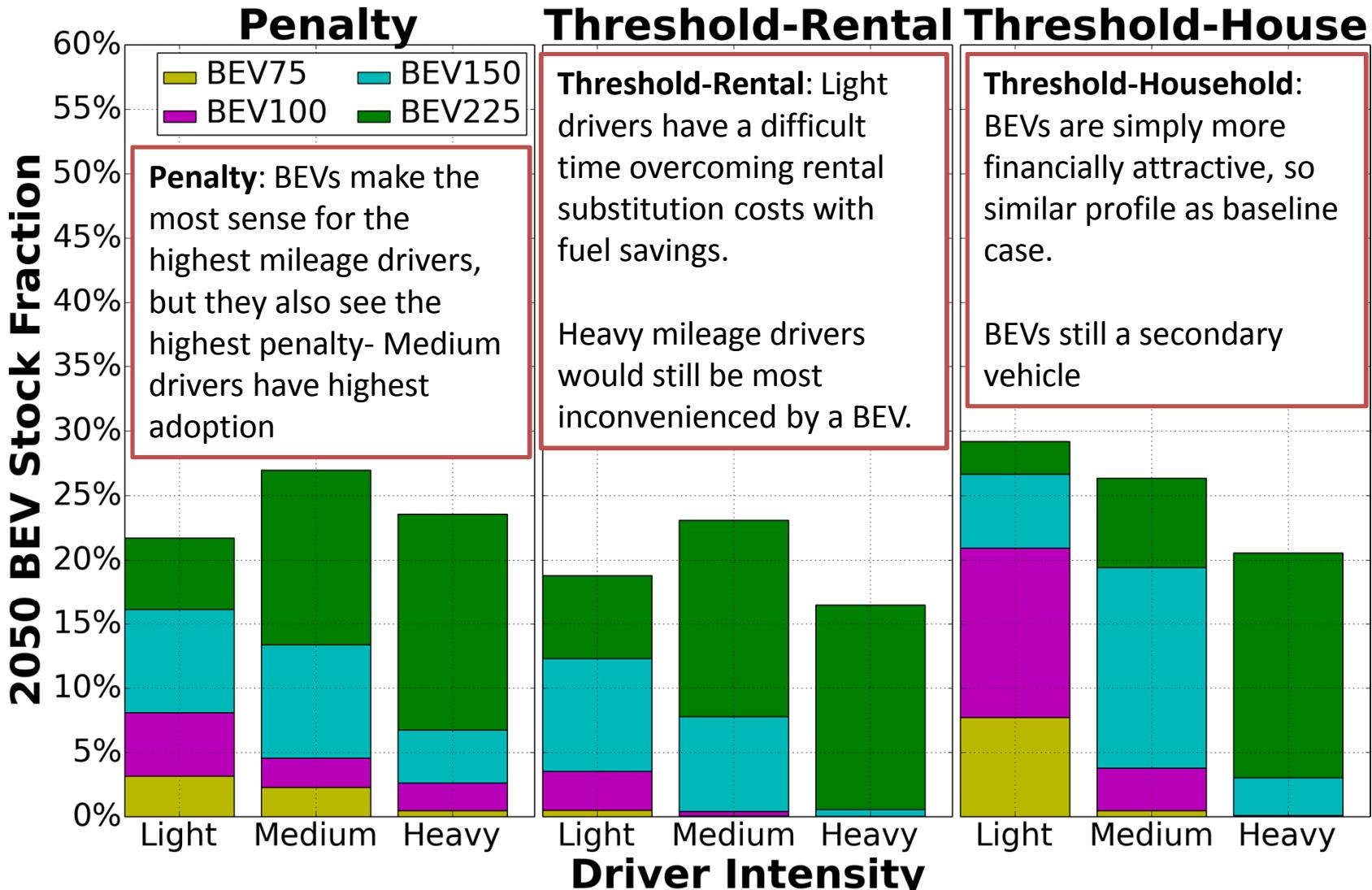
\*Favorable EV economics: 1. Cheap batteries (90% lower by 2050) 2. Expensive oil (50% higher by 2050) 3. 9 year payback period

# Can investigate which types of drivers buy which types of BEVs under baseline assumptions



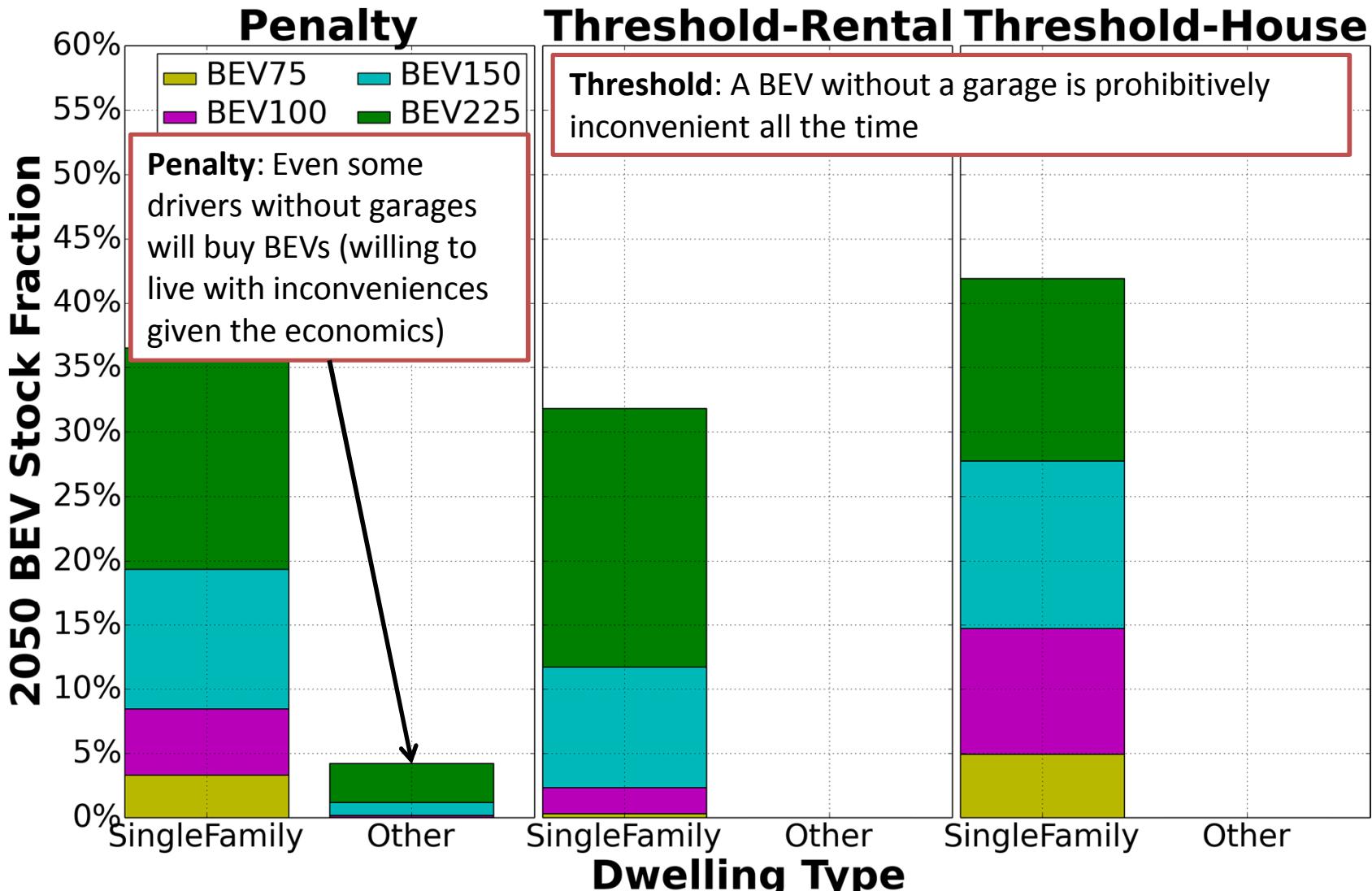
BEVs generally suffer both from being **expensive vehicles** in their own right and the **additional range/infrastructure limitations** imposed upon them in a choice model.

Under favorable EV economics, can see some different consumer choice dynamics at play compared to the baseline



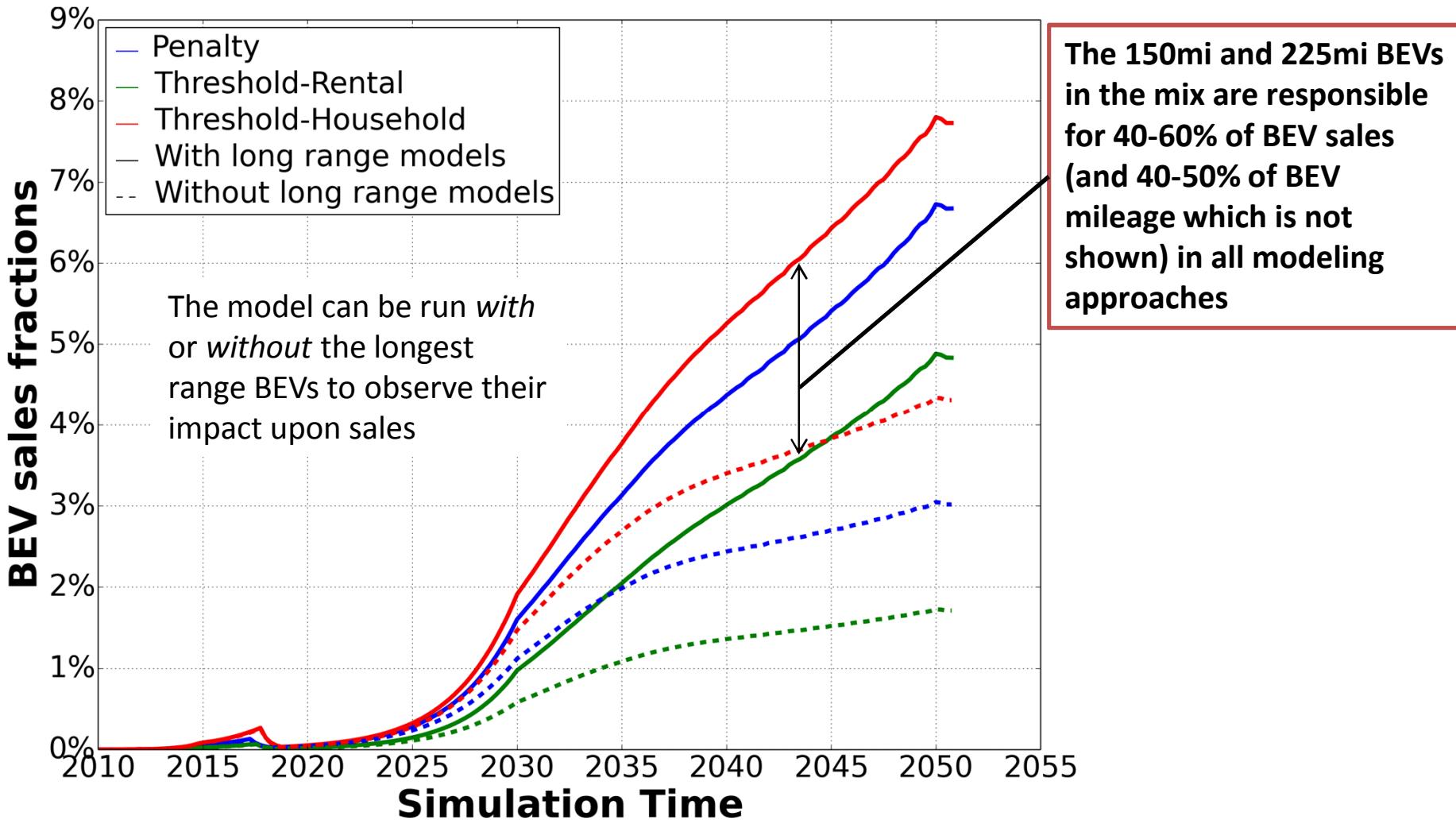
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Under favorable EV economics, the Penalty approach can lead to some ostensibly nonsensical results

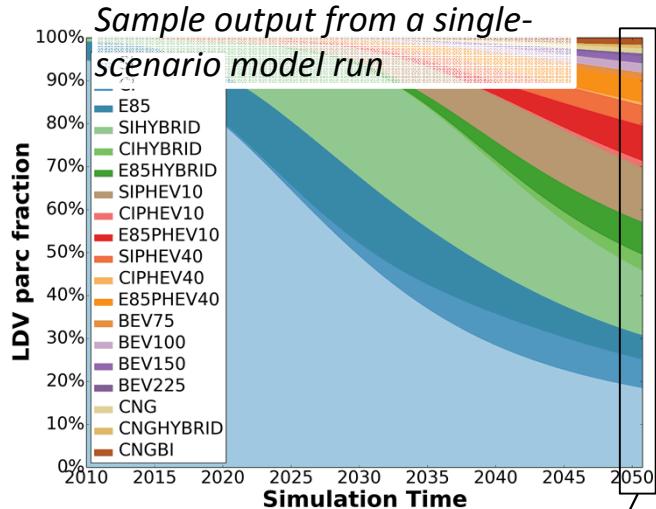


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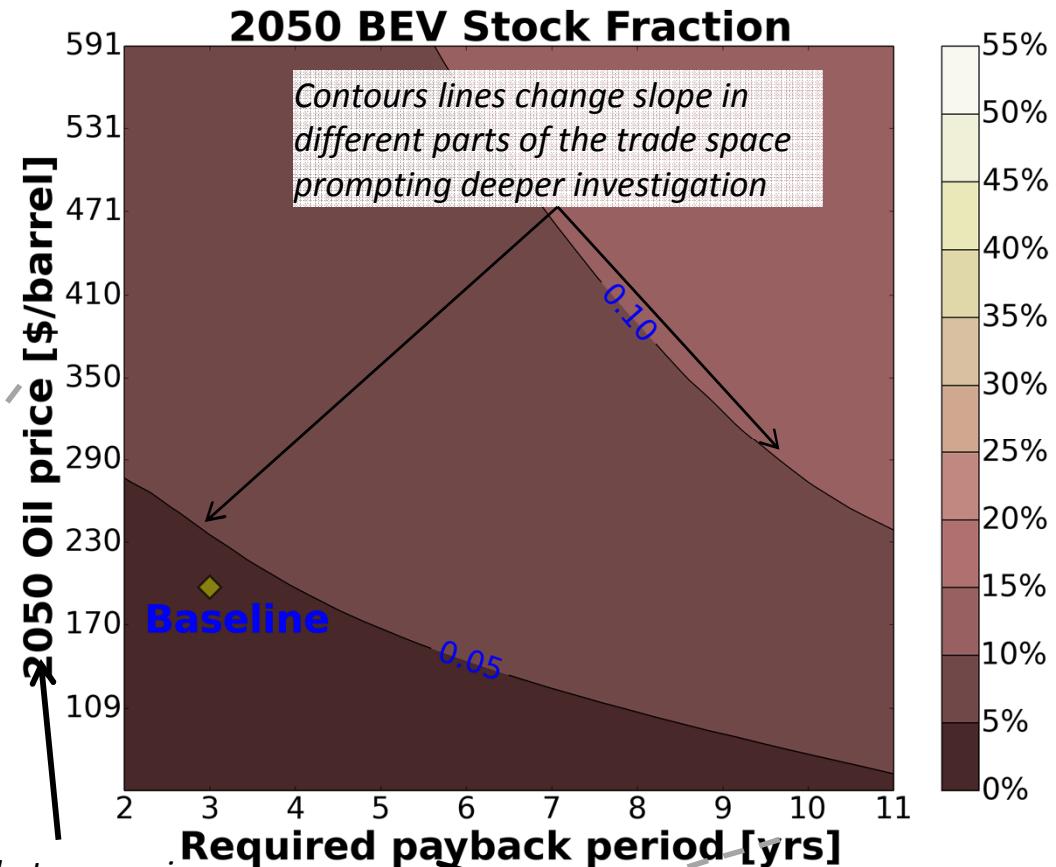
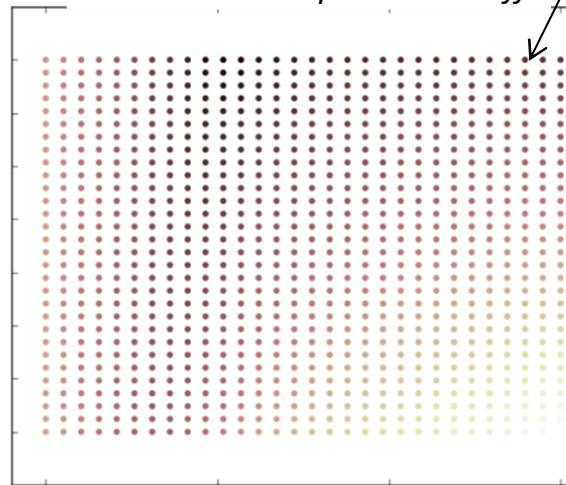
# The longest range BEVs are critical to overcoming barriers and increasing BEV market share (the “Tesla” impact)



# Example results: Parametric studies focus on one, two, and all parameter variations to explore the trade space



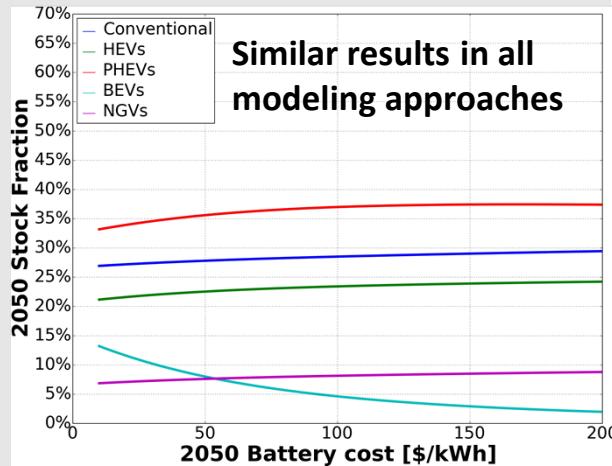
Parameter space is sampled 1000 times to explore tradeoffs



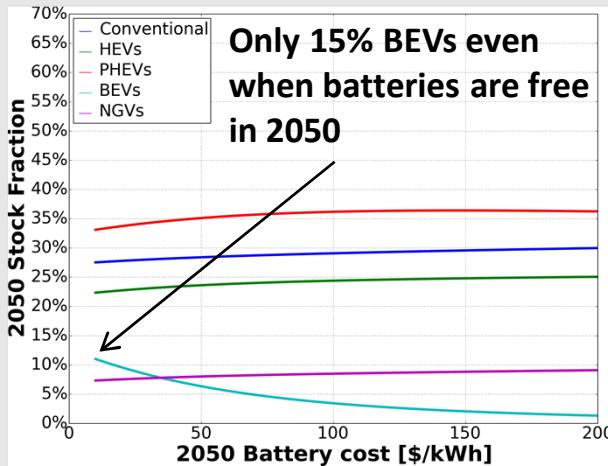
Contour features reveal trade-space insights

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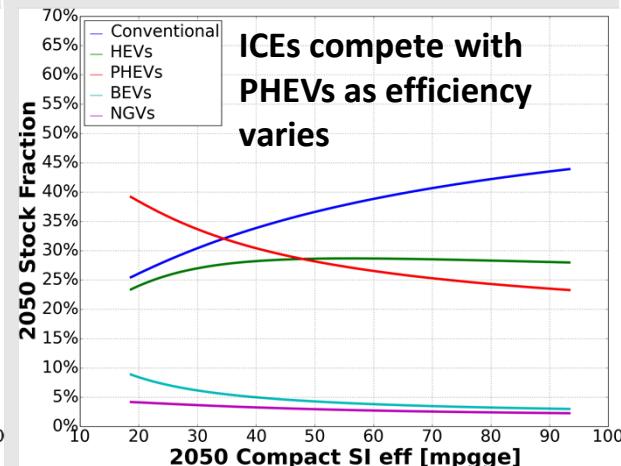
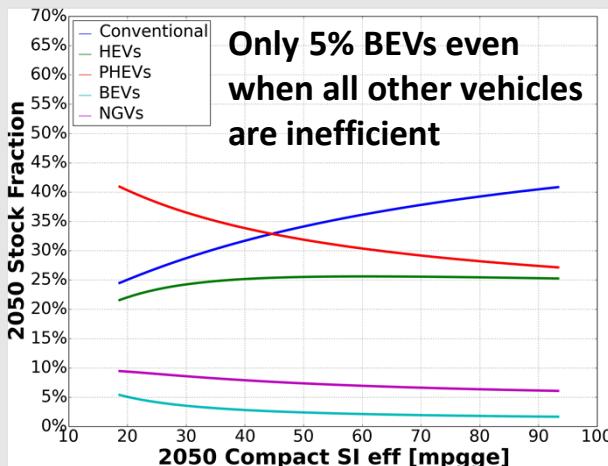
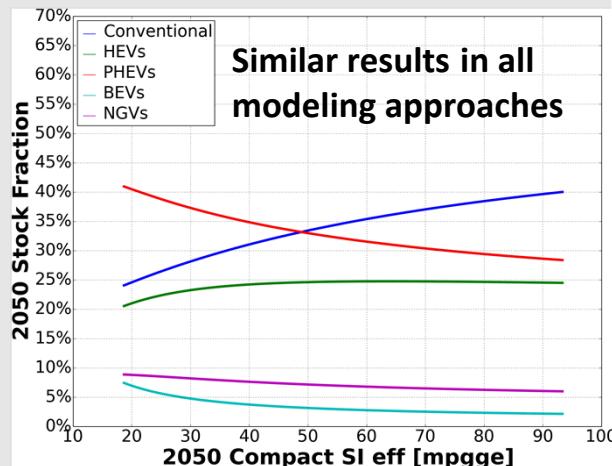
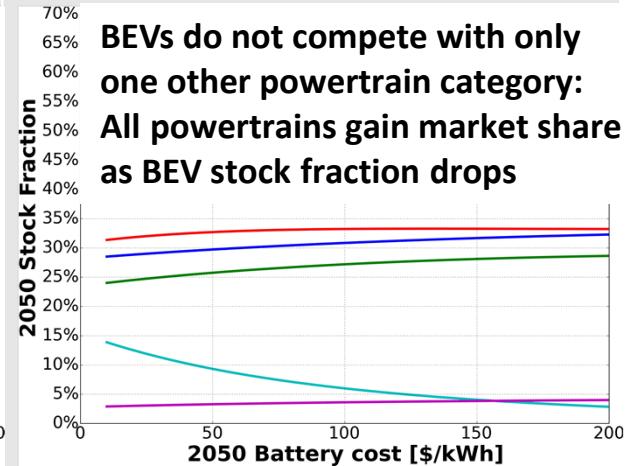
## Penalty



## Threshold-Rental



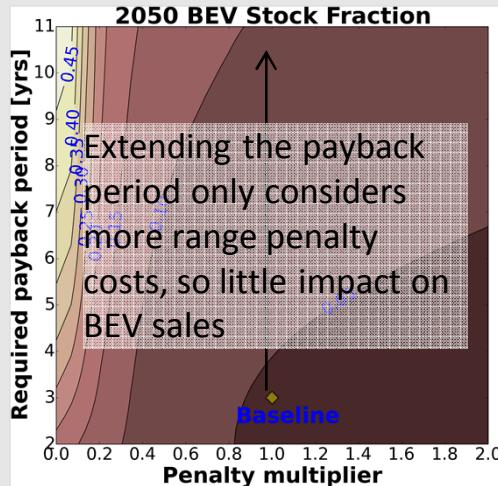
## Threshold-Household



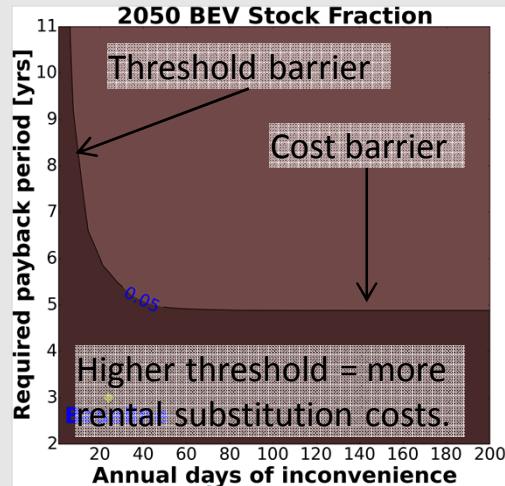
**Parametrically varying ICE efficiency performance**

# Alleviating the non-cost barriers can significantly increase BEV adoption, but BEV mileage fraction can stagnate

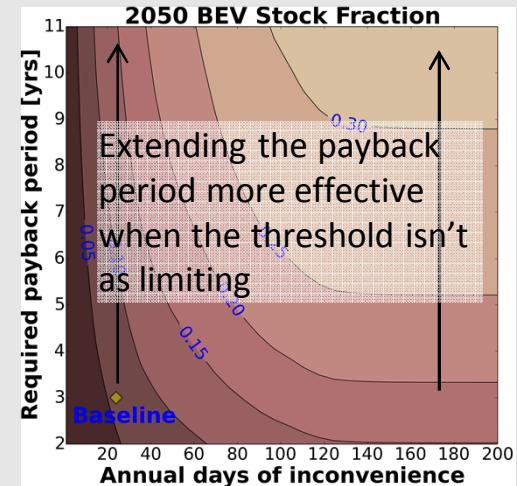
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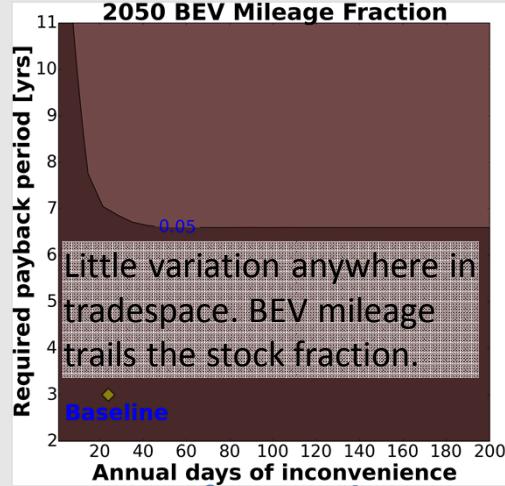
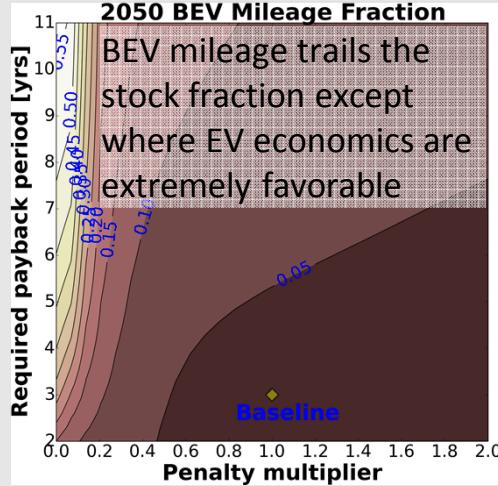
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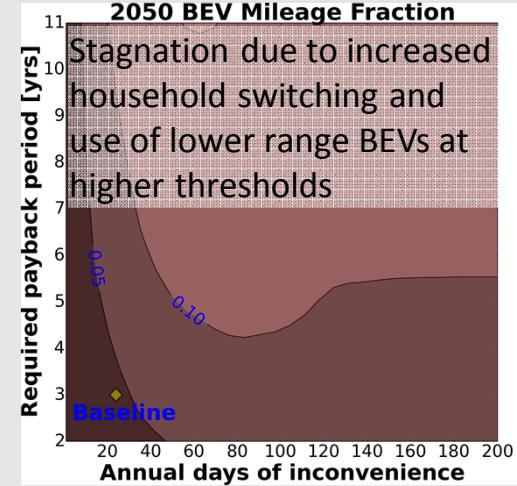
## Threshold-Household



Contours of BEV Stock Fraction

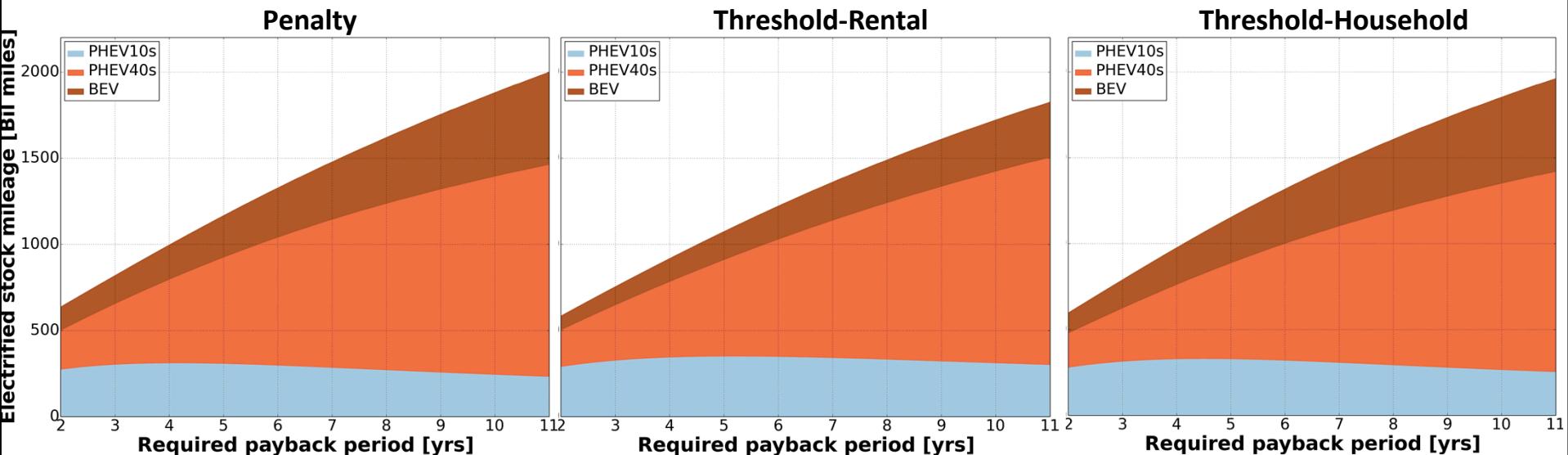


Contours of BEV Mileage Fraction



# Most electrified mileage is contributed by PHEVs, not BEVs

- Increasing payback period through incentives or informational campaigns does not impact BEV sales much (see previous slide) due to the non-cost barriers, but it can significantly increase PHEV sales
- PHEVs contribute more electrified mileage than BEVs
- If electrifying miles traveled by US LDVs is a goal, then incentivizing PHEVs might be more effective than incentivizing BEVs



# Key observations

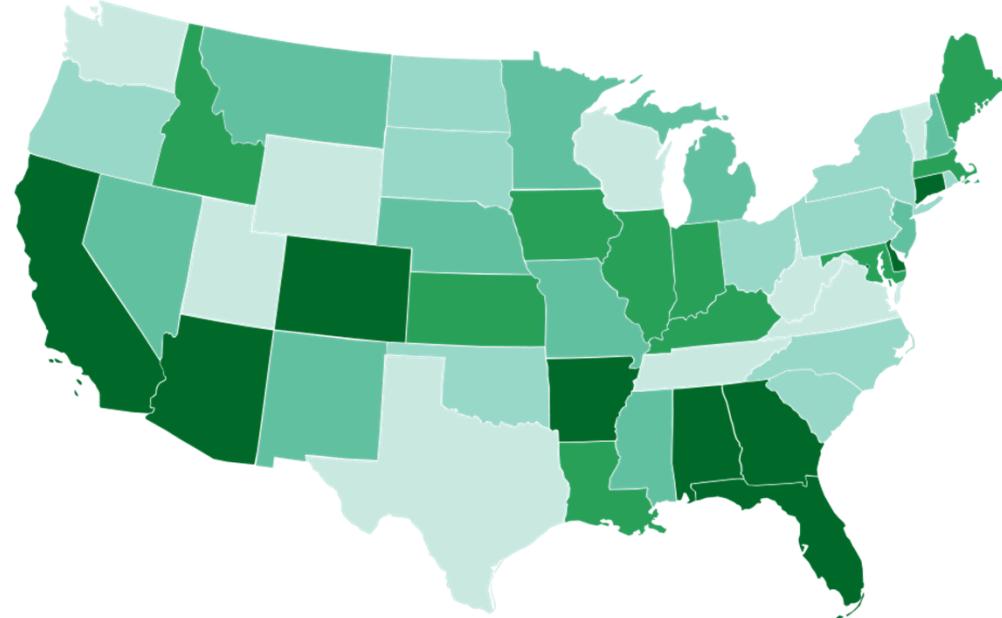
- Under baseline assumptions, BEV powertrains are only expected to be ~5% of the LDV vehicle stock in 2050, regardless of penalty/threshold perspective
  - Under some extreme parameter values, the Penalty approach can yield unrealistic results (i.e. consumers in apartment buildings buying BEVs)
- Longer range BEVs may play role as *primary* household vehicle while shorter range BEVs are *secondary* household vehicles.
- The policy levers that could be applied to promote BEVs would be different for the different perspectives
  - Penalty: Financial incentives and public infrastructure investment are most effective
  - Threshold: Incentives help, but have to introduce longer range BEVs (like the Tesla)
- Technology investment to reduce battery costs are not enough- investments must address the non-cost barriers to BEV adoption
  - Allowing for household-switching of vehicles to avoid BEV limitations can have a significant impact on expected adoption rates
  - Introducing 200-300 mile range BEVs doubles sales projections
  - Extended range BEV technology (BEVx) is projected to be successful by this analysis
- BEV mileage fraction consistently trailed stock fraction in all results.
  - Replacing a gasoline vehicle with a BEV does not reduce GHGs as much as one might think

# PARKING LOT

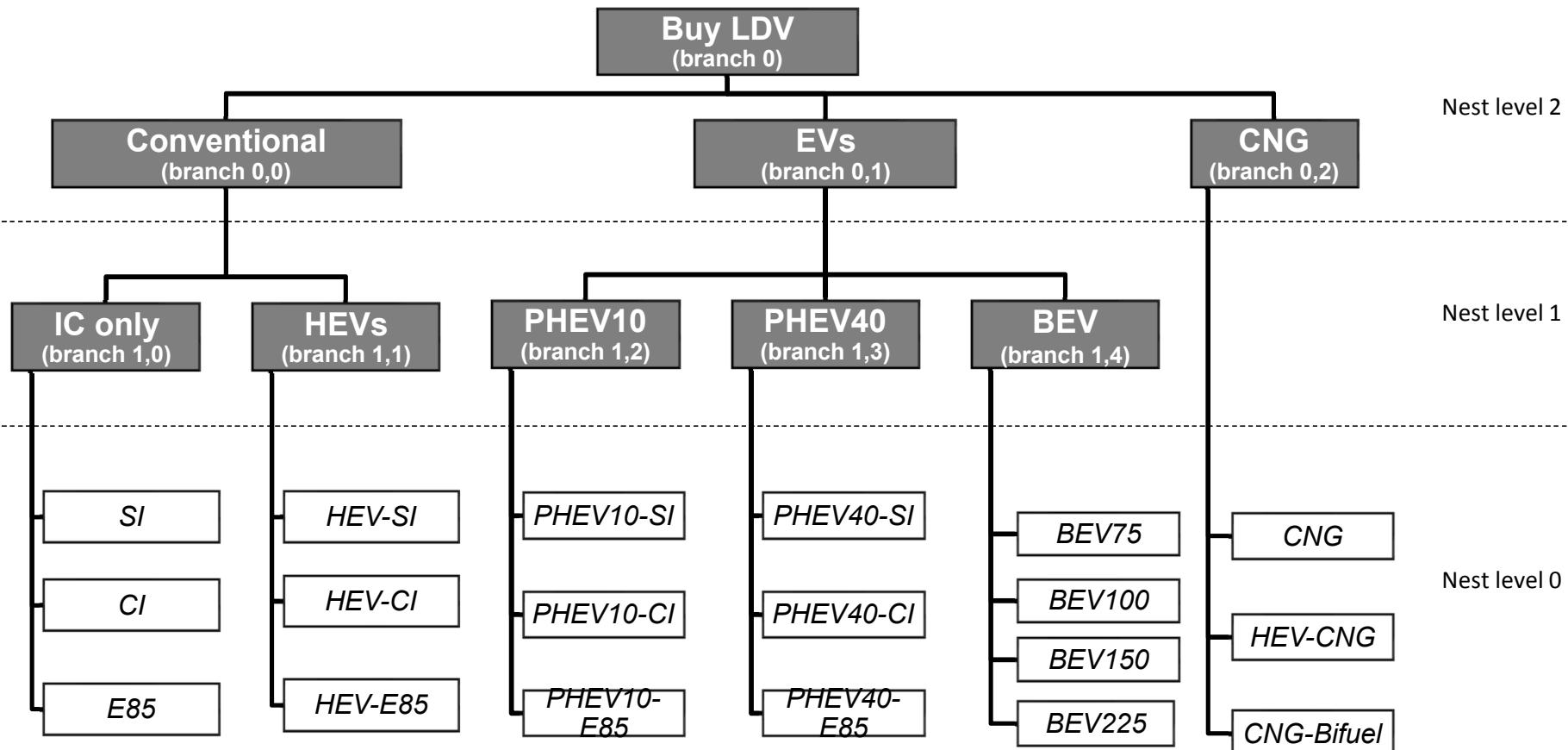
# Energy supplies, fuels, and vehicle mixes vary by state

## State-level Variations

- Vehicles
  - Numbers, sizes, drive-train mixes
- Driver demographics
  - VMT intensity, urban-suburban-rural divisions, single-family home rates
- Fuels
  - Costs, electricity mix, taxes & fees, alternative fuel infrastructure
- Energy supply curves (as appropriate)
  - Biomass, natural gas
- Policy
  - Consumer subsidies and incentives



# New BEV powertrains are nested together in the choice model



# Model inputs are taken from published sources when possible; assumptions are listed for review

## Energy sources

- Oil: Global price from EIA Annual Energy Outlook (2012)
- Coal: National price from EIA Annual Energy Outlook (2012)
- NG: Regional price from EIA Annual Energy Outlook (2012)
  - Also use differential prices for industrial, power, and residential uses
- Biomass: State supply curves from ORNL's Billion Ton Study
  - Price corrected to match current feedstock markets

## Fuel conversion and distribution

- Conversion costs and GHG emissions derived from ANL GREET model
- RFS grain mandate is satisfied first, then cellulosic (but not enforced)
  - Gasohol blendstock allowed to rise from E10 to E15
- Ethanol can be transported from one region to another for cost or supply balance
- Electricity grid
  - State-based electricity mix, allowed to evolve according to population growth and energy costs
  - Intermittent and “always-on” sources assumed to supply base load first
  - Vehicles assumed to be supplied by marginal mix

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### Vehicle model

- Consumers do not change vehicle class (size)
- VMT varies by model segmentation, but does not change over time
- LDV stock growth rate is the same as population growth rate (per capita vehicles is constant)
- Consumers have baseline 3 year payback period with no discounting
- Vehicle efficiency, cost, and battery capacity taken from ANL *Autonomie* model analysis
- CAFE requirements are satisfied
- Consumer choice model is nested, multinomial logit type, like MA3T and NEMS
  - Sale shares depend on amortized consumer *utility cost* = vehicle purchase price – subsidies + fuel operating costs + penalties (range and fuel availability)
- Bi-fuel vehicles (E85 FFVs, diesel vehicles, and CNG bi-fuel vehicle) dynamically choose fuel use rate breakdown using:

**(Probability of visiting a station with CNG) \* (Willing-to-pay price premium)**

Changes as new pumps are added  
in response to vehicle sales

Responds to market conditions  
(price sensitivity is parameterized)