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Battery Electric Bus Charging Infrastructure for a 100+ Bus Depot

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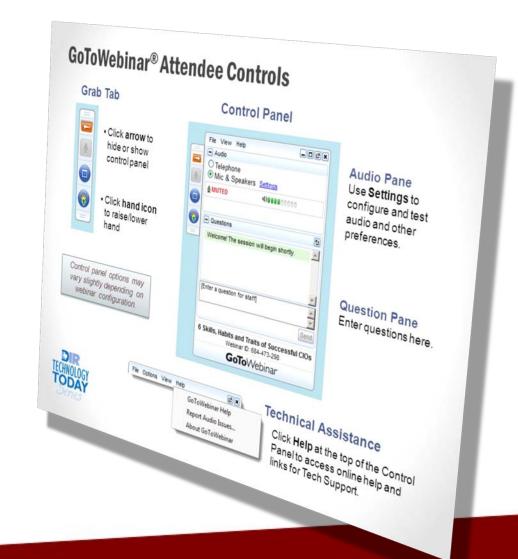
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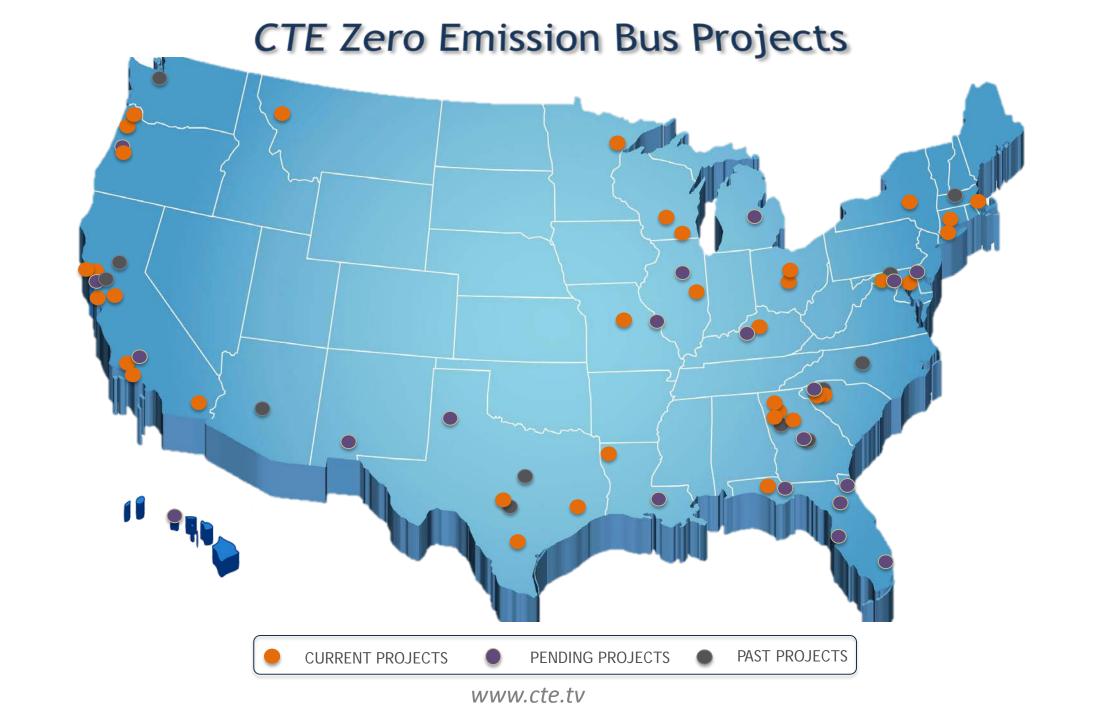




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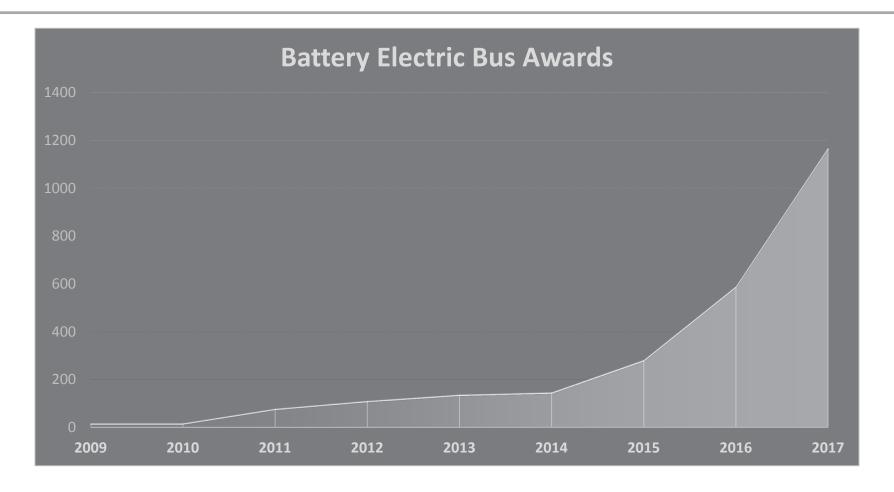
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# **BEB U.S. Annual Sales & Deliveries**





Sales more than quadrupled in last two years > 140 Agencies—average fleet size 6-7, for now...

## 100+ BEB fleet considerations



Range varies greatly with conditions

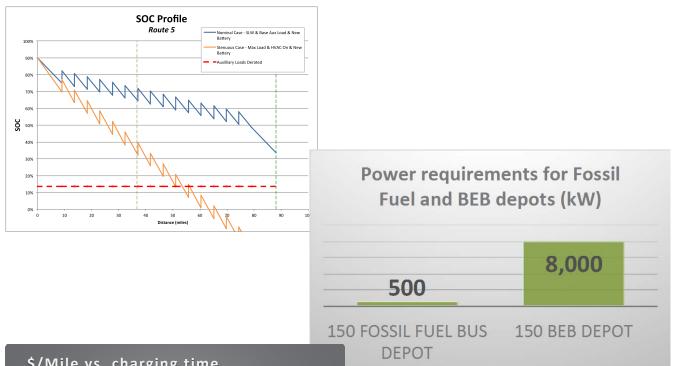
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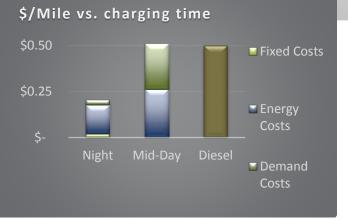
assigning vehicles?

Electrical infrastructure for BEBs has to be larger than for fossil fuel buses How to strategically develop and manage large-scale electrical infrastructure?

Per-mile energy costs are based on the time of day, time of year, and the fastest/greatest number of buses you charge simultaneously in a month.

How to control cost in complicated energy rate structures?





NOTE: results based on specific agencies. Not all agencies will have identical findings.

# Today's Presenters

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#### **APTA BEB Webinar**

- Infrastructure to Support a 100 Zero-Emission Bus Fleet

August 30 2018

#### **Agenda**

#### Infrastructure for a 100 BEB fleet:

- 1. The eco system for BEB at scale
- 2. Power versus Energy
- 3. Depot design and fuelling footprint
- 4. System design and configuration modelling
- 5. Hardware considerations scale and cost
- 6. Hardware performance
- 7. Charger management

#### The eco system for BEB at scale

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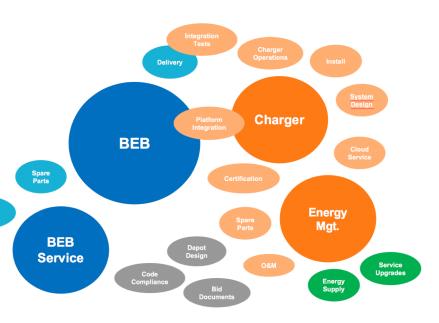
 Complex multi stakeholder environment with competing interests

+ Scale applies to both small and large deployments in equal measure

+ Significant technology and operational interfaces

+ Easily over complicated and often misunderstood

+ System architecture and energy calculations determine all outcomes



#### **Power versus Energy**

- Cost per kWhr for energy (fuel) is not the same as cost per kW for power (capacity)
- + Cost of power is a new 'per billing period' fixed cost with no liquid fuel equivalent
- Managing peak demand is not the same as reducing overall demand capacity!
- + Reducing demand capacity at scale can be achieved in several different and competing ways - smaller batteries, smart charging, site storage, micro grid





Dispensed energy = cost of electricity per kWhr delivered to the battery

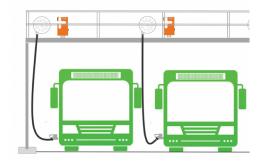


Power = cost per kW of capacity to provide the electricity service

#### Depot design and fueling footprint

- + Buses are typically parked closely using the least amount of real estate inside or out
- Without careful design & planning, parking at scale for BEB's may result in capacity loss
- + Planning for subsequent deployments should be considered even at initial pilot stage
- + Overhead mounting structures prevent capacity loss but are unsuitable for traditional monolithic DC chargers
- + Plug-in charging presents significant cable management challenges for daily operations

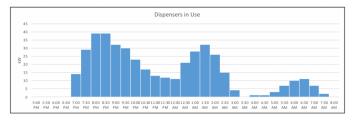




#### System design and configuration modelling

- A comprehensive plan is required to model the system requirements and map the physical and operational scenarios
- Blending route analysis, operational requirements and constraints with BEB performance metrics will result in a multi dimensional model which supports system design, depot layout and provides a fleet energy profile
- + The fleet energy profile, after sensitivity analysis and stress testing is then used to configure and size the charging system







Hardware considerations, scale and cost

- + AC deployed on early pilot projects, though DC charging now more widely supported across the industry in preparation for larger deployments
- Monolithic DC systems are power hungry and require complex management to deliver optimization
- + Modular DC systems support dynamic charging and drive overall CAPEX reduction with less HW & reduced peak loads. Needs cloud service.
- + On-route charging may have a role in certain operational scenarios

DC provides flexibility. vehicle and **EVSE** supplier choice, more interoperability Power sharing in large increments. capacity lock in, large footprint Operational modellina system design, power & capacity shared Allows increased operational flexibility on high capacity lines

#### Hardware performance

- Depot charging is often described as slow charging – but at scale – slow charging will not be sufficient to support normal operations
- + Charging at scale needs to be flexible and capable of recharging a 450kWhr battery in 5hr or less
- Using 150kW chargers at 200A avoids the need for cooled cables, while delivering sufficient power across the typical BEB voltage range
- Higher power charging supports greater flexibility and faster BEB turn around

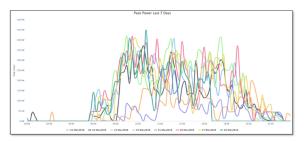




#### **Charger management**

- Operational availability of the charging system is a critical function to ensure service is maintained
- + Chargers and grid service devices need to be networked and enabled with proactive monitoring and alert systems to ensure uptime
- + Large depot monitoring comprises remote back up servers, sophisticated cyber security, performance monitoring at component level
- + Multi system integration including with vehicle telematics, fleet and depot management platforms are essential



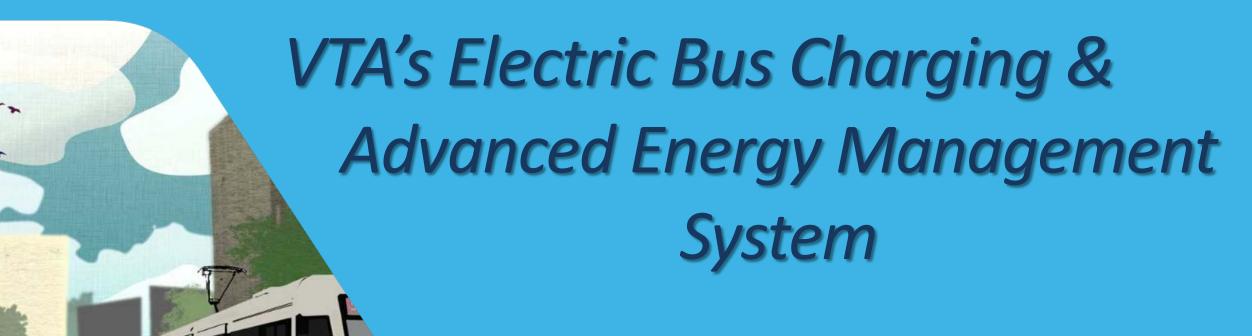




#### **Thank You**

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Battery Electric Bus Charging
Infrastructure for a 100+ Bus Fleet



Gary Miskell, Chief Technology/Innovation Officer Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority August 30, 2018

#### **Electric Buses**

VTA is rolling out all-electric Proterra buses

VTA ZEB program will help meet ambitious state goal of 1.5 million zero emission vehicles (ZEVs) on California roadways by 2025.





"About 279,000 barrels a day of fuel won't be needed this year due to EV's" Jeremy Hodges Bloomberg Technology



Solutions that move you 20

#### **Electric Buses – Energy Cost**

Per EV bus = \$7.0K to \$10.2K of electricity per year

First 5 \$ 35.0K \$ 51.0K

25 buses \$175.0k \$225.0k

VGI project 5% to 14% Impact

On site Storage Incremental \$34K + Savings/year

20/25 buses







### Vehicle to Grid Integration (VGI) Collaboration: PARTNERS

VTA working with Prospect Silicon Valley, and Bay Area tech companies to pilot a cutting-edge system that will manage charging and energy consumption on electric buses while reducing the impact on the state's electricity grid.

Funding from the California Energy Commission will serve as a major case study for transit agencies throughout the country

Connected & Making Real Time

Decisions













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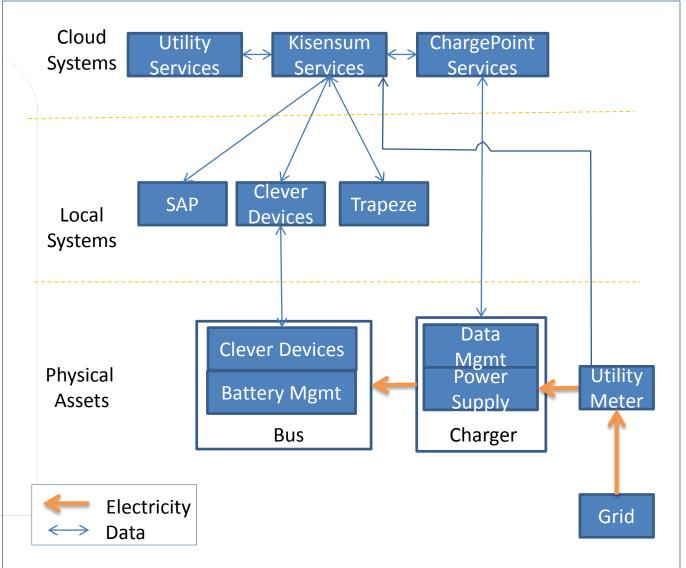






#### **Primary Goals of the VGI Solution**

- 1. Ensure buses are charged and ready to go before pullout time
- 2. Provide visibility into charging process
- 3. Send alerts when issues in the charging process or during daily operation need to be addressed
- 4. Support the assignment of bus to block process
- 5. Minimize PG&E utility bill
- 6. Simulate Grid interactions with system







#### **Operational Analysis and Simulation Strategy**

Leverages the National Renewable Energy Lab's expertise in analysis and modeling of Electric Vehicles

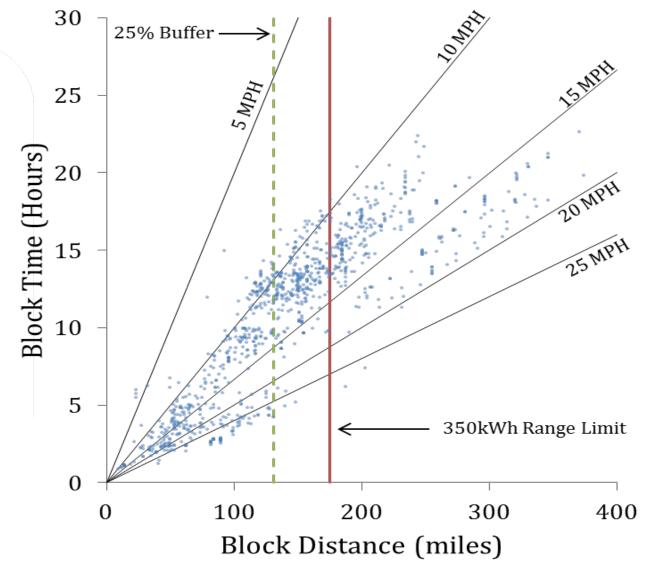
Analysis Development

Develop the analytic

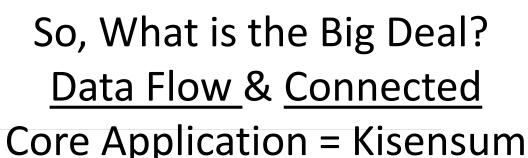
Develop operational & cost models

Models being used to predict and recommend operational parameters during the pilot and post implementation analysis to validate the effectiveness.

Analyze operating conditions Recommendations. Fleet wide Analysis







**EMP** = Energy Management Platform

#### Inputs

Trapeze-FX

Trapeze-Ops

SAP

ChargePoint

**Clever Devices** 

**Grid Signals** 

**Electric Meter** 

Proterra Bus

#### **Outputs**

Trapeze-Ops

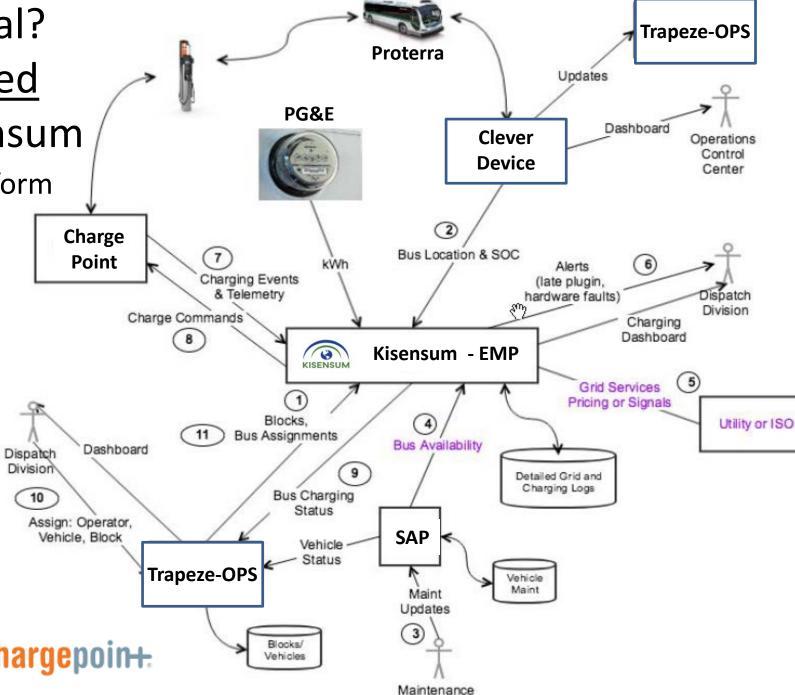
ChargePoint

Clever Device

Operators





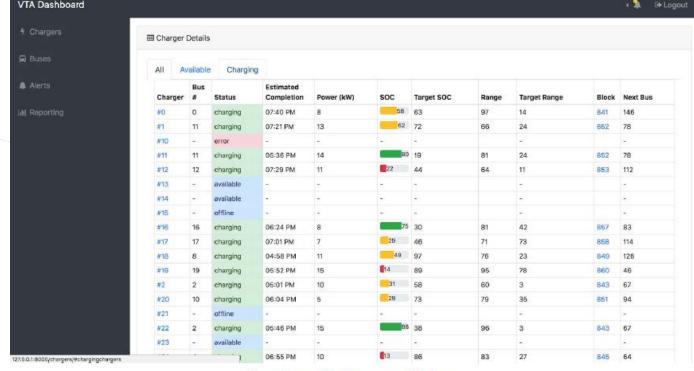




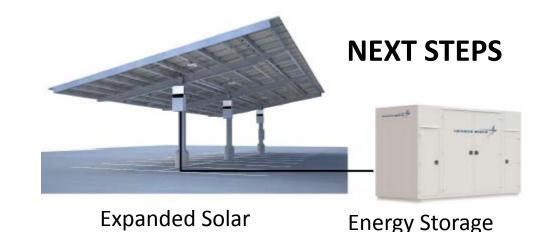
# What Are The Major Innovations?

- Creating <u>charge plans</u> that support more buses than charge stations
- Energy Management Platform that interoperates with VTA and Grid systems
- <u>Dashboard</u> and alerting system supporting vehicle Charging & operations
- Realtime cost minimization process through demand leveling and Time of use aware charging
- Performing <u>Grid Service simulations</u> while not jeopardizing the bus charging operations





Dashboard: Charger Status



Solutions that move you



# Thank you

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Fuel Cell Electric Bus Infrastructure for a 100+ Bus Depot

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