

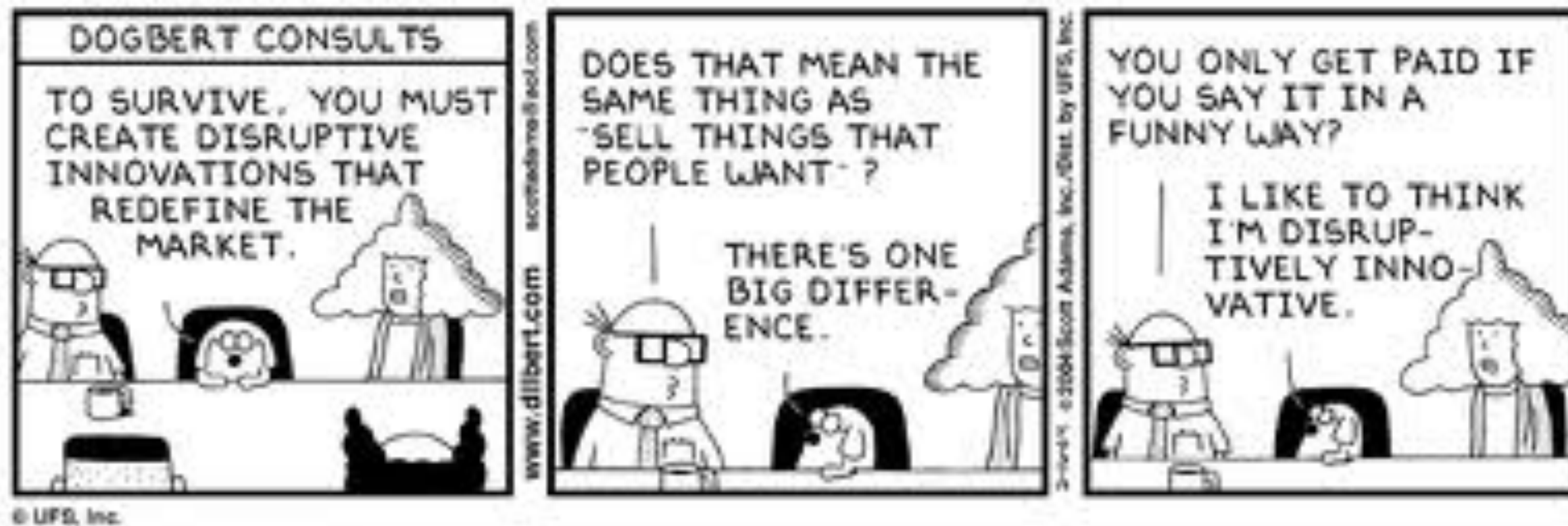
Business Model Innovation: Imperatives for Plug-in Vehicles



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Opening Thoughts



Overview

- Limits of 'Classic' Business Models
- Innovation Typology
- Opportunities for New Models
- Some Frameworks
- Examples (time permitting)
- Summary

Technology Recap

- First gen PEVs arriving to market
- Diversity of implementations
- Level 1 and 2 capable; limited DCFC
- High incremental retail price
 - Vehicle + battery
 - Charger
- Purpose-built and shared platform

Classic Business Models

- Dealer-to-consumer/fleet sales and rental agencies
- Product oriented → “moving metal”
- One customer, one car
- Same distribution channels
- Same value chain players
- Historical performance attributes



Typical Comparison

Conventional Vehicle

300+ mi range

Ubiquitous fuel availability

< 5 minute refuel time

<< \$30K

'Electrically-fueled' Vehicle

< 100 mi range (real world)

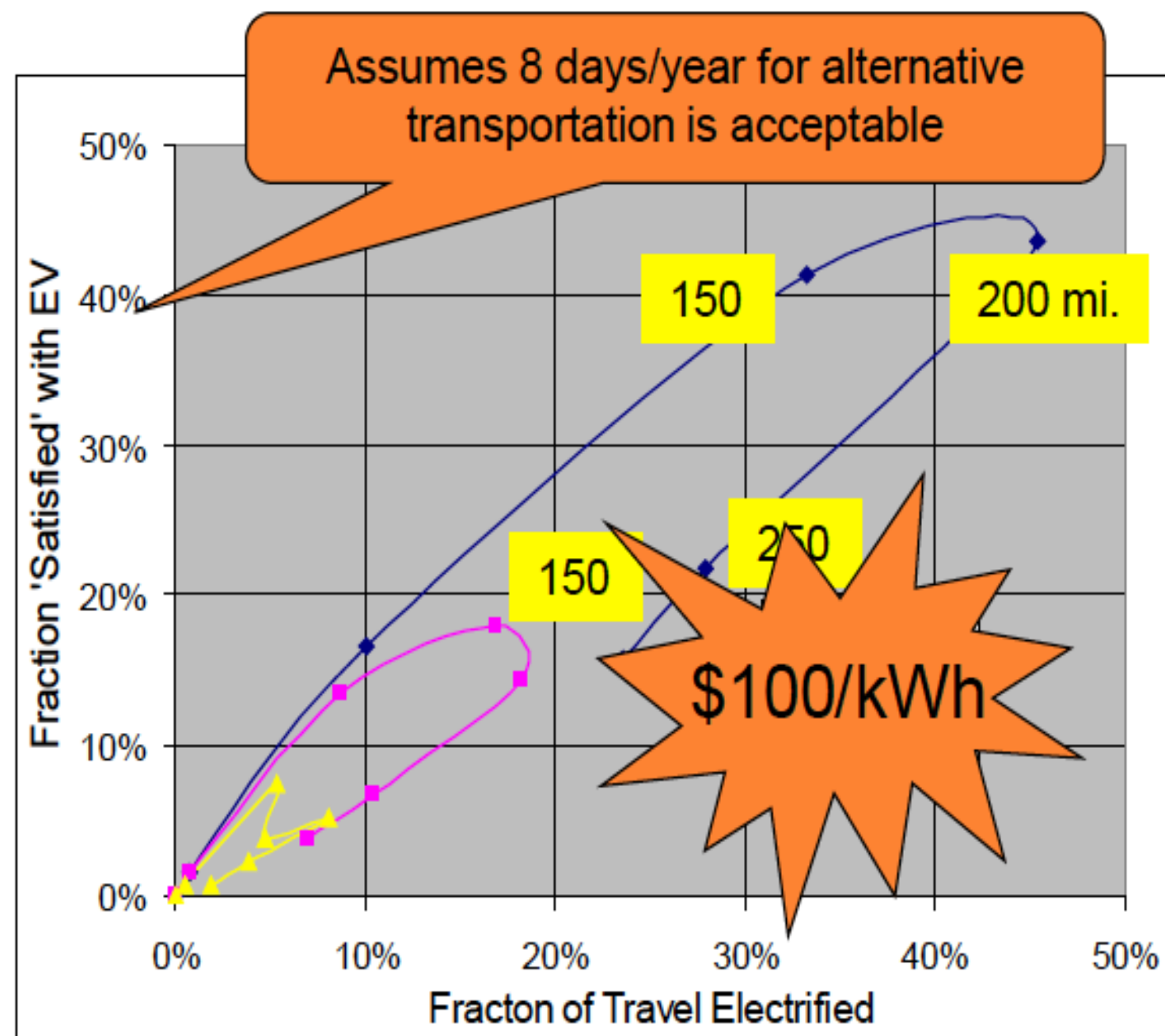
Limited 'Ecosystems'

8-30 mi range per hr (Level 2)

\$40K++ (unsubsidized)

These differences present a strong challenge to auto dealers serving core customers...

What Customers Want

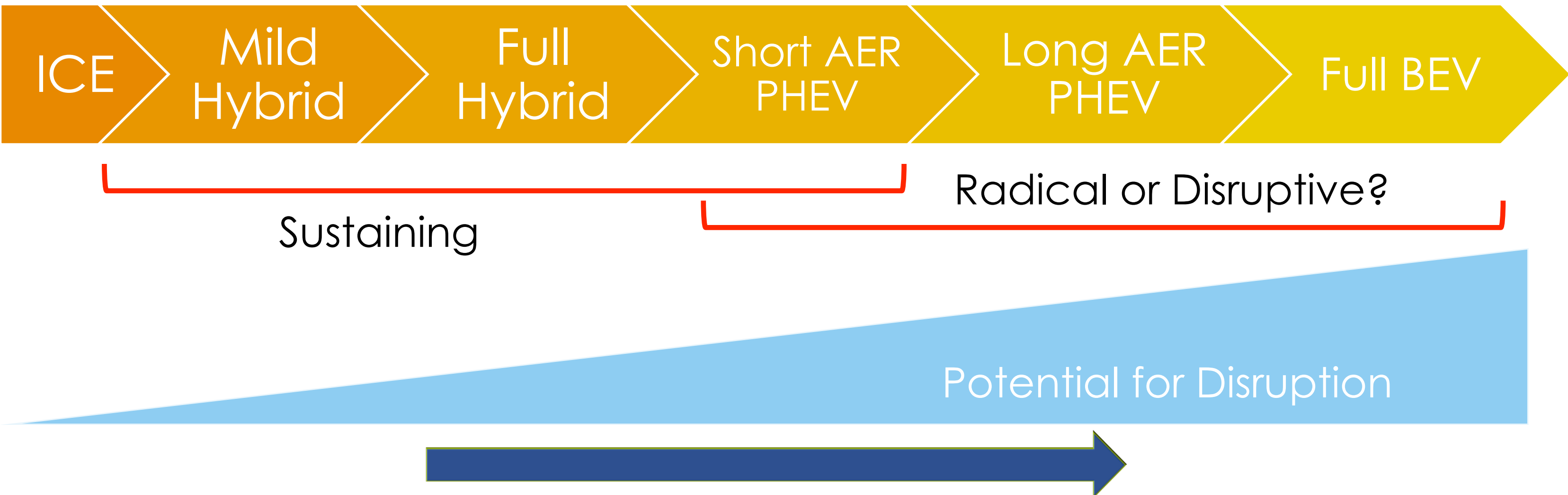


- Focus is on closing performance gaps
- Historical Attributes
- Core customers

Source: Tamor (2011)

Given a minimum level of 'mobility assurance' consumers could be satisfied with 150-200 miles of range... But that means \$100/kWh!!!

Continuum of Electrification



- Different/new system behaviors
- Re-ordering of Value Chain Relationships
- New Entrants at Interfaces
- New contexts of use
- New sources of value
- Shifts in consumer preferences

Potential Sources of Value

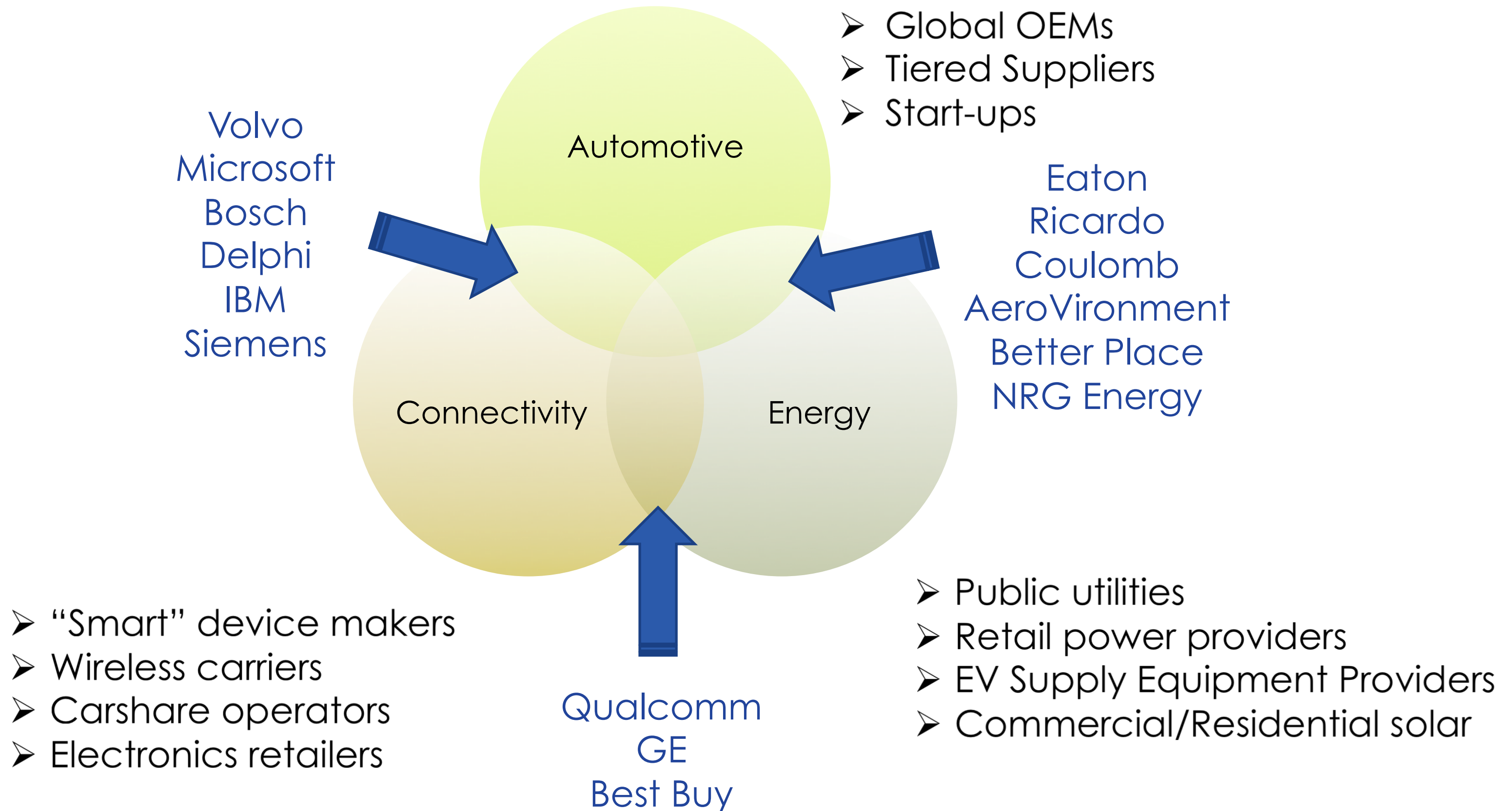
- Instant torque
- Home 'refueling' [new context]
- Improved ride quality
- More interior & cargo space
- Cabin Pre-heating/cooling
- Certainty in fuel cost
- Less frequent servicing
- Mobile connectivity
- Personalization
 - Sounds
 - Skins
- Zero carbon mobility ("RE2EV")
- Integrated home energy management

Business Model Innovation

- Technology-enabled
- Draws from non-traditional domains
- Expands the solution space
- Lowers barriers
- Lessens impact of performance shortfalls
- Transform strengths into value added

Business model innovation is key for transforming the inherent advantages of EVs into value added for customers...

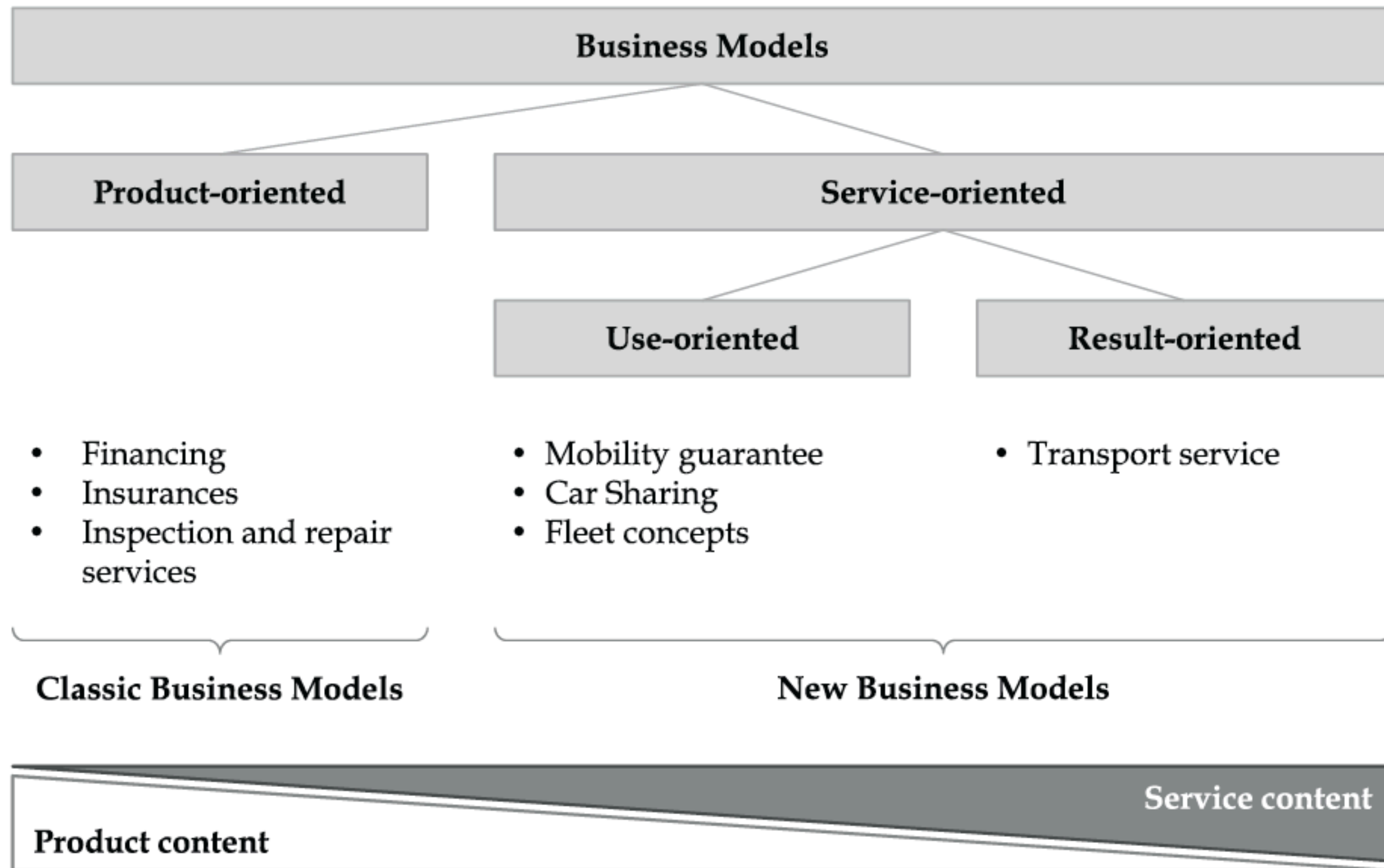
Systems Perspective



“Problems to be Solved”

- End-Customer
 - Comparable Total Cost of Ownership (TCO)
 - Availability of charging infrastructure
 - Speed of recharge
 - Seamless purchase experience
 - Minimum delay
 - Occasional high utility / long-range trips
 - Plugging in
- Dealer → Closing the sale
- Property Managers

Typology for Mobility Concepts



Source: Kley et al. (2011)

Example: NRG eVgo



- Subscription-based
- Packaged “home and away” charging solution
- Home charging dock and installation
- Unlimited off-peak charging at home
- Unlimited charging at eVgo network stations
- Problems Addressed:
 - Up-front costs, delay, and inconvenience
 - Uncertainty over monthly electricity costs
 - Concerns over limited range



Charging Networks

➤ Dealers

- Offers “off-the-shelf” charging solution
- Allows dealer to close the sale same day on the lot

➤ Property Managers

- “Ready for EV” Certification
- Minimizes capital outlay
- Minimizes incursion on available parking spaces
- Reimburses building owner

➤ Utilities

- Demand management
- Peak shaving
- Load balancing
- Frequency Regulation

Challenges

- Consumer acceptance
- Assurance of competitive markets
 - Infrastructure subsidies
 - Treatment as a regulated utility
 - Equipment rate-basing
 - Fair rates from utilities
- Consumer protection and dispute resolution
- TOU incentive structure
- Demand charge uncertainty
- Standards agreement
- Parking ordinances

Summary

Business Model Innovation:

- Alternative to performance and price parity
- Enlarges solution space
- Focuses at the interfaces
- Solves problems for customers
- Lowers barriers / Realizes strengths
- Experimentation along Product-Service spectrum

Thank you

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Backup Slides

“Vehicle on Demand”

- Subscription-based and technology driven
- Alternative and/or complementary
- Problems Addressed (End Customer)
 - Affordable access → Eliminates up-front cost
 - Reduced total cost of ownership
 - Availability of charging infrastructure
 - Access to conventional vehicles for high utility trips
 - Right vehicle for the trip
 - No battery degradation risk
 - No resale value risk

Challenges

- Carshare operators – Potential benefits
 - Reduced fuel cost?
 - Reduced operating cost?
 - Branding
- Uncertainties
 - Limited range
 - Availability (turn-around time)
 - Plugging-in
 - Vandalism
 - Flexibility
 - Suburban markets