

# The Market Acceptance of Advanced Automotive Technologies (MA<sup>3</sup>T) Model

## MODEL PURPOSE

The Market Acceptance of Advanced Automotive Technologies (MA<sup>3</sup>T) model endogenously estimates the demand for vehicle powertrain technologies as a function of technology, infrastructure, consumer and policy (TICP) factors.

Examples of questions addressed by MA3T:

- To what extent the reduction of battery cost to \$150/kWh by 2030 can increase the sales of plug-in electric vehicles, reduce petroleum use and greenhouse gas emissions?
- What is the cost-effective deployment strategy for home, workplace, public, wired and wireless charging infrastructure for accelerating vehicle electrification?
- What are the economics, convenience and psychology barriers to better consumer acceptance of alternative fuel vehicles?
- What are the optimal public policy and the conditional optimal industry decision in the transition of vehicle technologies?

## MODEL FRAMEWORK

MA3T includes a nested multinomial logit model at its core linked through several

ORNL-developed algorithms to public TICP data. System dynamics are reflected through several feedback mechanisms such as consumer segmentation, technology learning by doing, make and model diversity and endogenous infrastructure deployment. The direct output, purchase probability by consumer segment and powertrain choice, is subsequently translated into sales, population, petroleum use and greenhouse gas emissions.

## MODEL FEATURES

**Low-cost software environment:** Microsoft Excel without proprietary data

**Temporal:** Annual; 2005-13 for calibration, 2014 for validation, 2015-2050 for projection

**Spatial:** U.S. LDV market; by residential area by state; international interactions considered.

**Choice theory/structure:** Nested multinomial logit; buy/No-buy, 5 layers; 5 size classes, 3 variants, 300 choices; SI, CI, HEV, PHEV, EREV, BEV, FCEV, CNG

**Consumer segmentation:** 9180 consumer segments; 51 states, 3 areas, 3 adopters, 3 drivers, 2 HC situations, 2 WPC situations

**Vehicle attributes:** price, fuel economies, refueling hassle, range limitation,

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