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# 12 Volt Auxiliary Load: Fuel Economy Sensitivity Study and Advanced Alternator Evaluation

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## ***Introduction***

- Investigate and quantify the impact of auxiliary load on vehicle fuel economy
  - Dynamometer testing
    - Artificially Elevate and Reduce auxiliary load
      - External DC loads and power supplies
      - Remove / disconnect alternator entirely to quantify sensitivity bounds
  - Map the efficiency performance of state of the art alternator technologies (speed vs. torque)
  - Benchmark advanced alternator technology
    - Test and compare Mazda 3 i-ELOOP to standard Mazda 3
  - Combine the above results with U.S. national fleet driving and climate data to quantify national petroleum displacement impact

## *Measure Auxiliary Load Impact on Fuel Economy*

- Test one or more AVTE vehicles (from present 12V Aux. evaluation)
  - Baseline: prior APRF testing
  
  - Elevated auxiliary load
    - external DC load
    - Additional accessories ON
  
  - Reduced auxiliary load
    - External DC power supply to offset auxiliary load
    - Remove and/or disconnect the alternator to determine minimum bound

## ***Mazda 3: i-ELOOP vs. standard alternator***

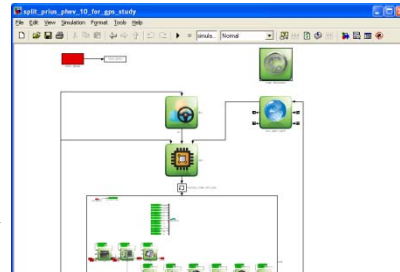
- Evaluate standard Mazda 3 and compare to Mazda 3 i-ELOOP
- Acquire one or more used 2014 Mazda 3 with standard alternator
- Testing and evaluation
  - Dynamometer testing
    - Standard suite of drive cycle testing across 3 temperatures
  - Baseline / track testing
  - On-road operation
    - Operate both vehicles on-road, concurrently (side by side)
      - Operate same accessories concurrently

# Autonomie will be used to evaluate Advanced Alternator Benefits to Multiple Drive Cycles and Multiple Powertrain Technologies

Accessory Load Characterization;  
Accessory load utilization information



Sample Vehicles,  
Multiple Driving Scenarios



Advanced Alternator Characterization,  
Accessory load characterization



Sample Vehicles,  
Sample Driving Scenarios,  
Detailed Instrumentation

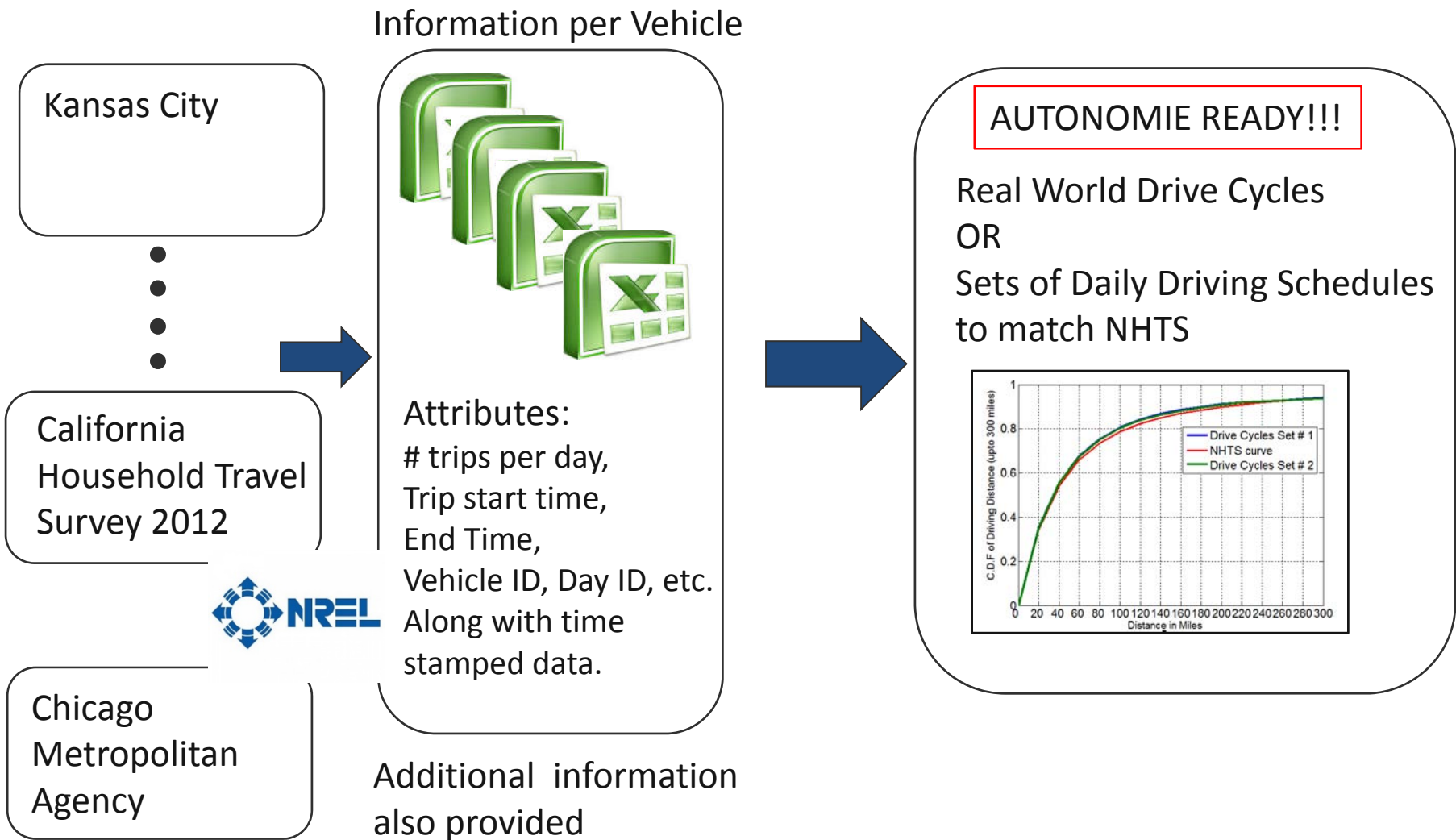


Impact of advanced alternator technology & accessory load reduction on FE benefits for

- A large set of real world driving scenarios.
- Advances in engine technology.



# Background info: Several RWDC drive Cycles from NREL TSDC database have been previously used in Autonomie



## *Summary*

- This study will investigate and quantify the impact of auxiliary load on vehicle fuel economy
  - Artificially Elevate and Reduce auxiliary load
  - Map the efficiency of state of the art alternator
  - Benchmark advanced alternator technology in a production vehicle platform
  - Combine the above results with U.S. national fleet driving and climate data to quantify national petroleum displacement impact