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Using big data to relieve energy distribution stresses

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Using big data to relieve energy distribution stresses

The problem

- Hybrid and electric vehicles will increase, and stress electricity distribution networks.

| Registered vehicles (NL) | | Targets (NL) | |
|--------------------------|---------------|--------------|------------------|
| 2014 | 45.000 | 2015 | 20.000 |
| 2015 | 87.700 | 2020 | 200.000 |
| 2016:3 | 96.700 | 2025 | 1.000.000 |

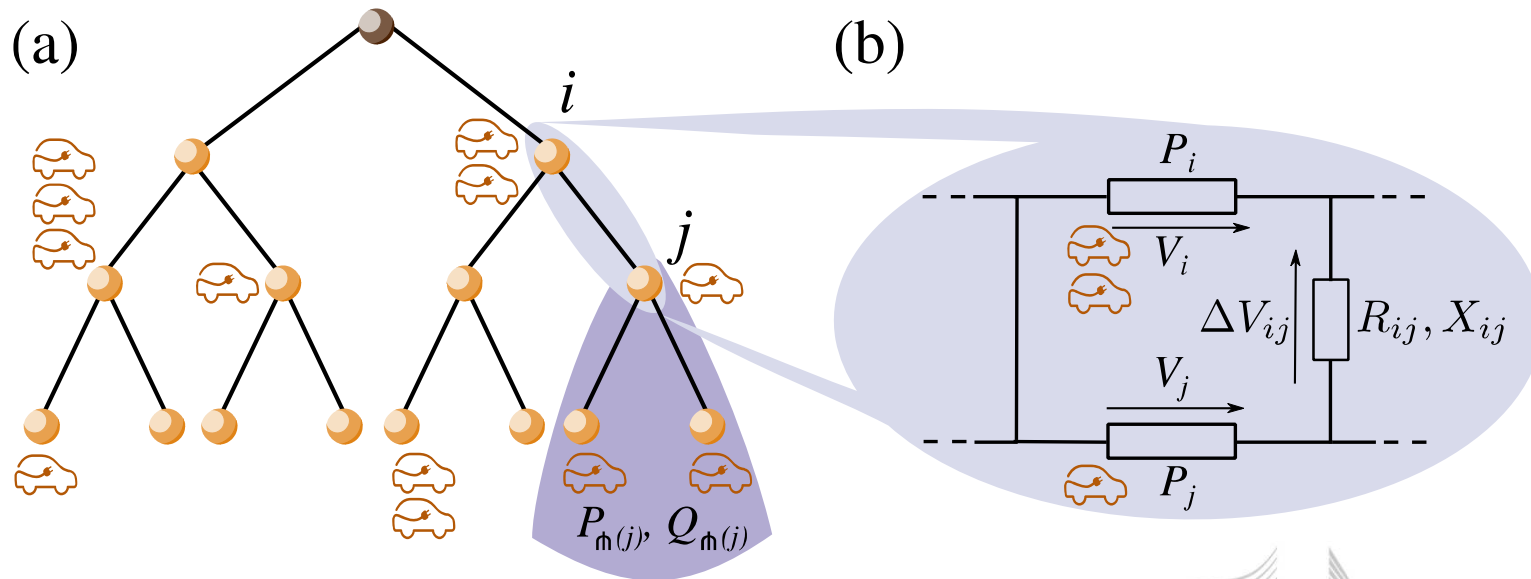
Source: Netherlands Enterprise Agency (RVO.nl)

Vehicle owners (Deloitte, 2010):

- prefer home charging,
- would consider day charging,
- are unwilling to accept a charging time of 8 hours

The problem

"if too many vehicles plug-in to the network,
charging takes too long,
more cars arrive than leave fully charged,
and the system undergoes a continuous phase transition to a
congested state"
Carvalho et al., 2015



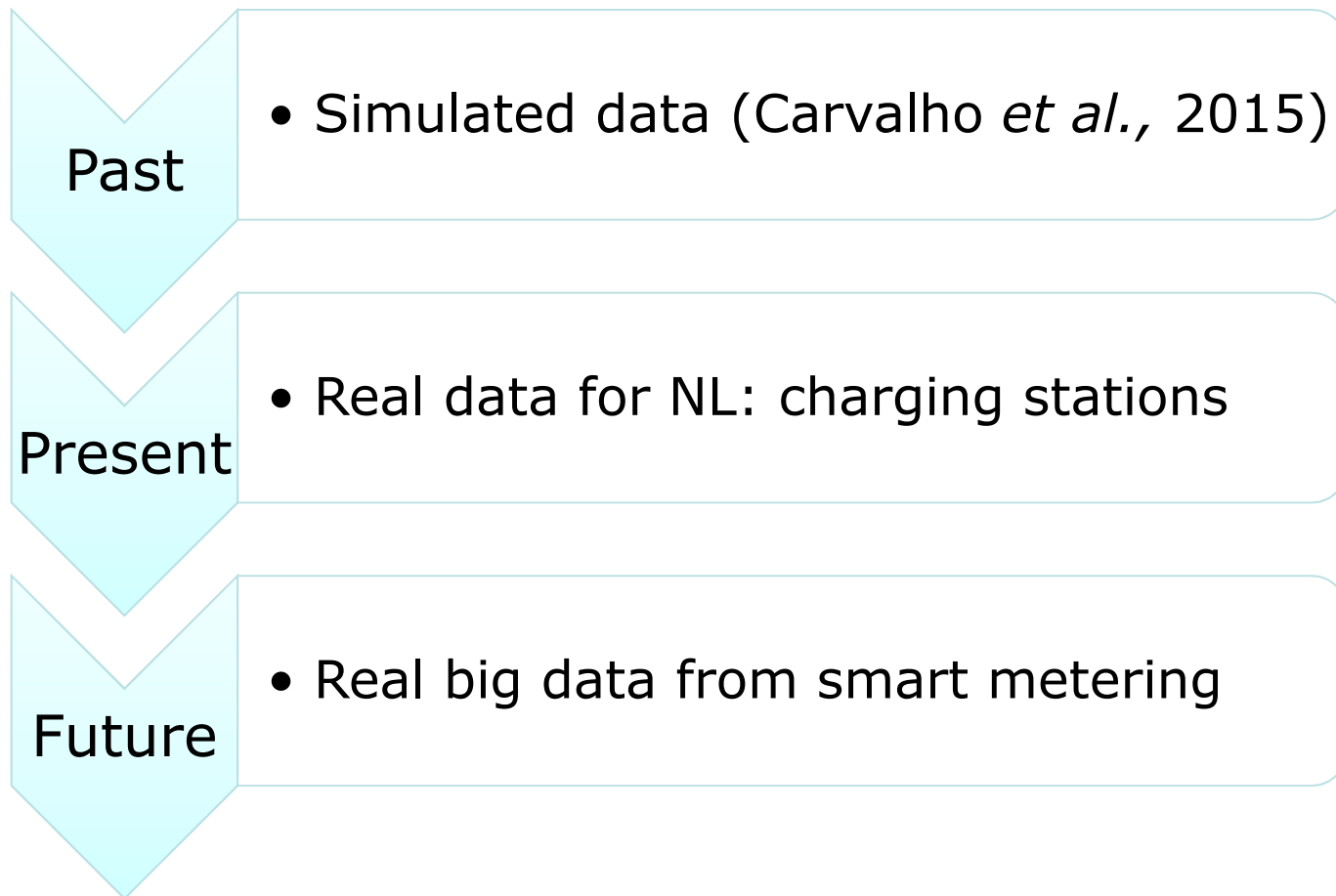
Our work

- To model **congestion management** for grids

Benefits:

- Less need for new infrastructure.
- Better services for consumers.
- Minimize electricity disruptions.

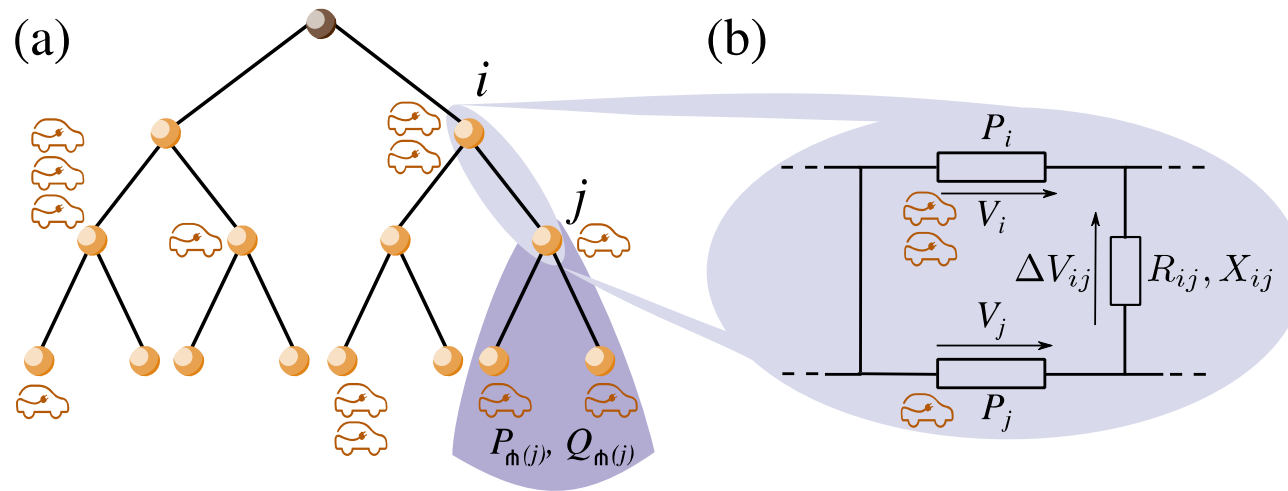
Data



The model

Alternative congestion control mechanisms

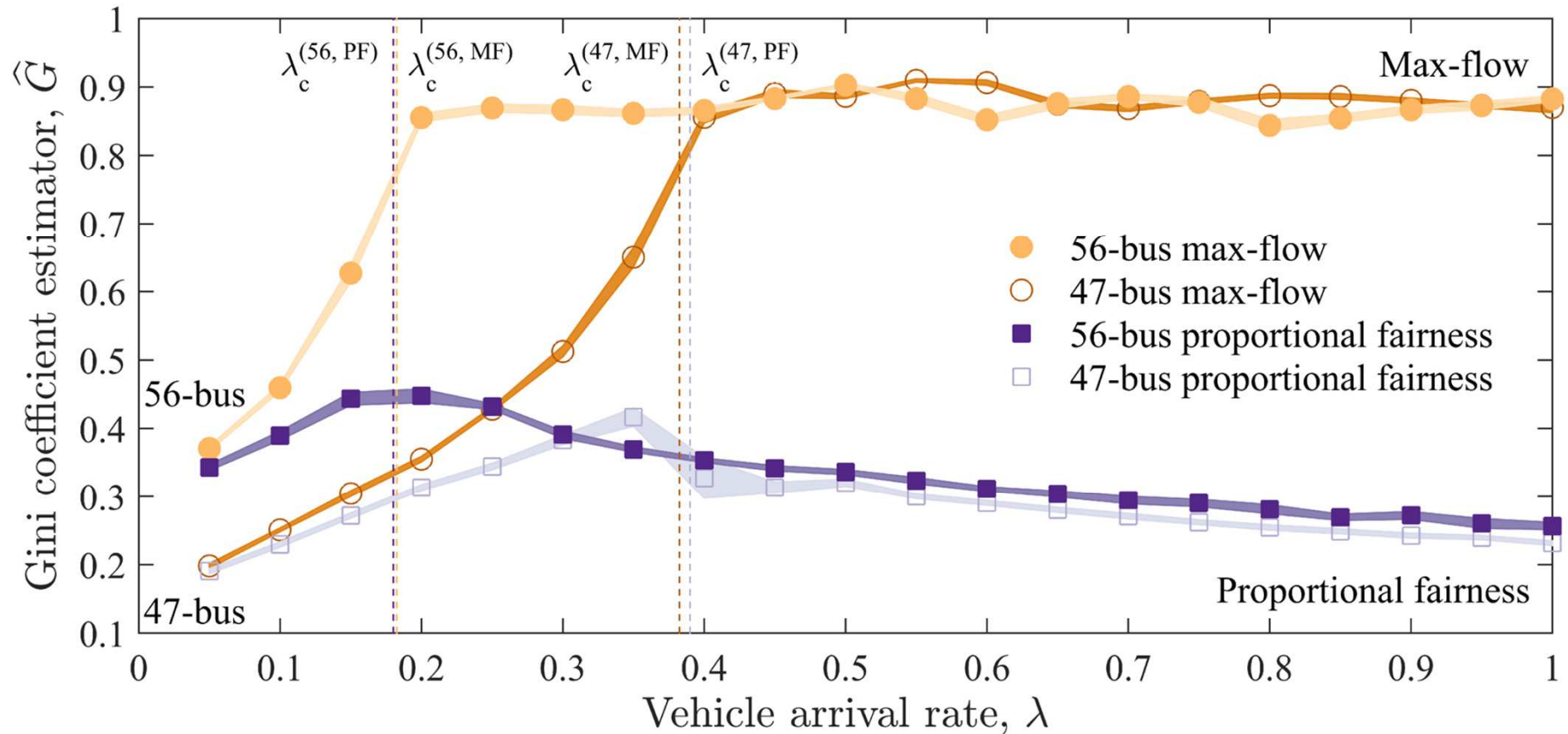
- Max-flow: the closer, the better
- Proportional fairness*: (more) equal treatment



* see Kelly and Yudovina, 2014

Results with simulated data

Gini coefficient (Carvalho *et al.*, 2015)



Sweden: $G=0.26$
US: $G=0.41$
Seychelles: $G=0.66$

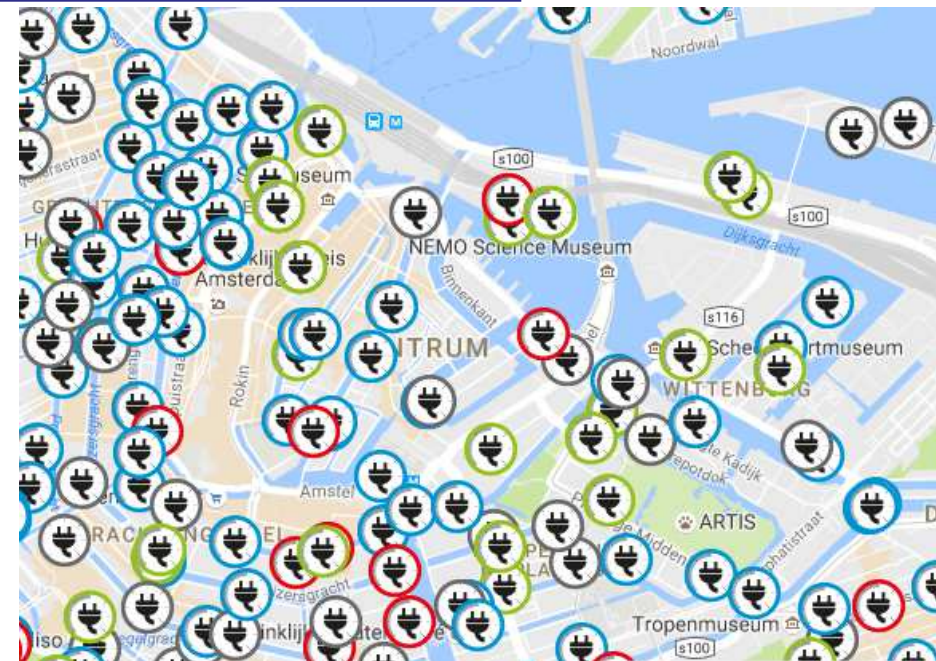
Real data for NL

Charging stations in NL

Charging stations (NL)

| | Public | Semi-public | Private (est.) |
|--------|--------------|---------------|----------------|
| 2014 | 5.400 | 6.400 | 28.000 |
| 2015 | 7.400 | 10.400 | 55.000 |
| 2016:2 | 8.800 | 15.200 | |

Source: Netherlands Enterprise Agency (RVO.nl)



Source: <https://www.oplaadpunten.nl/>

The data

Data from company with public charging stations

Main data:

- **~1.000.000 transactions**
- Jan 2012 - March 2016
- 1.747 charging points (~20% of total)
- 53.832 unique cards

Secondary: intra-transaction metering

- ~30.000.000 data rows

Data fields

Main data (1 mil data rows):

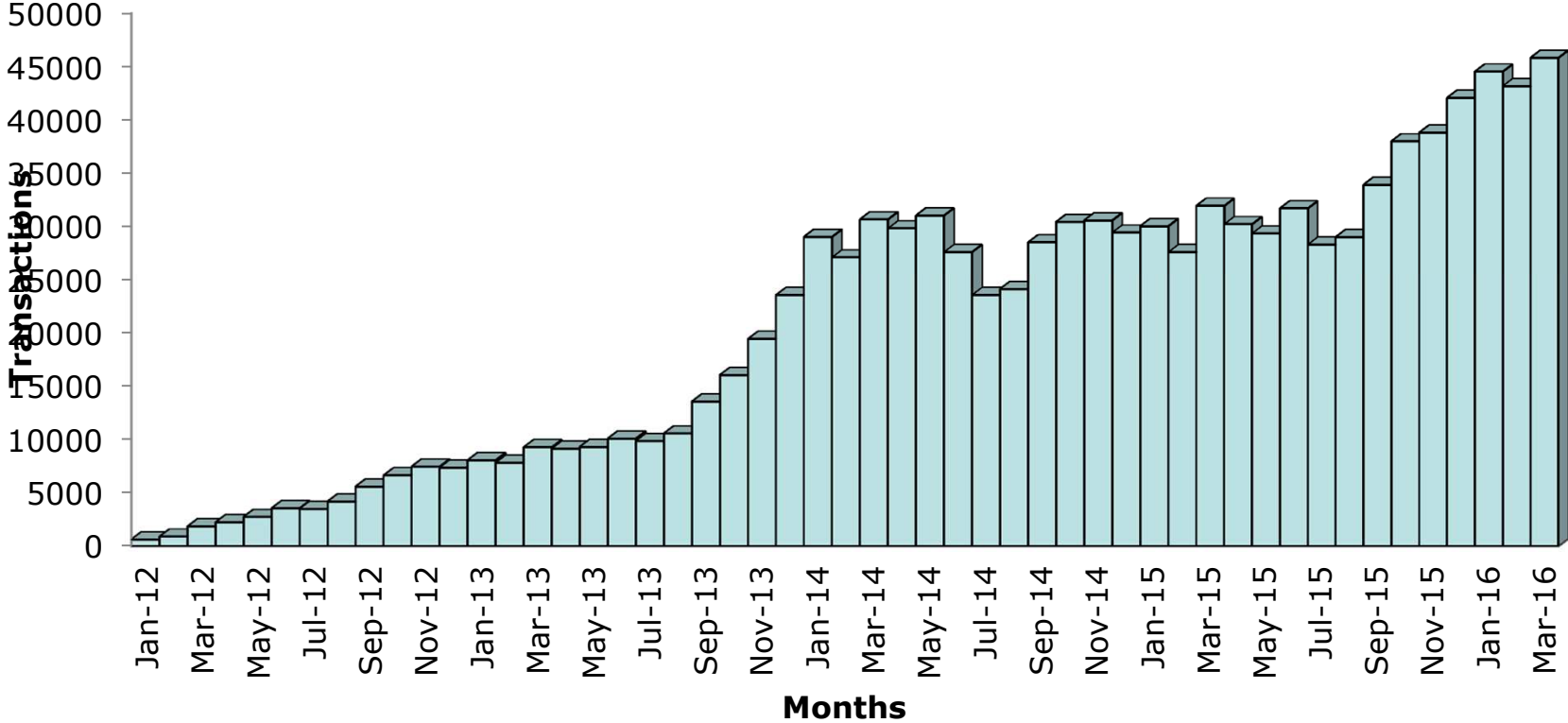
- Transaction id
- Stop card
- Transaction start/stop
- Meter value start/end transaction
- Connected time
- Charge time
- Charge point location

Secondary data (30 mil data rows):

- Meter readings with 15 minutes intervals
- Average power

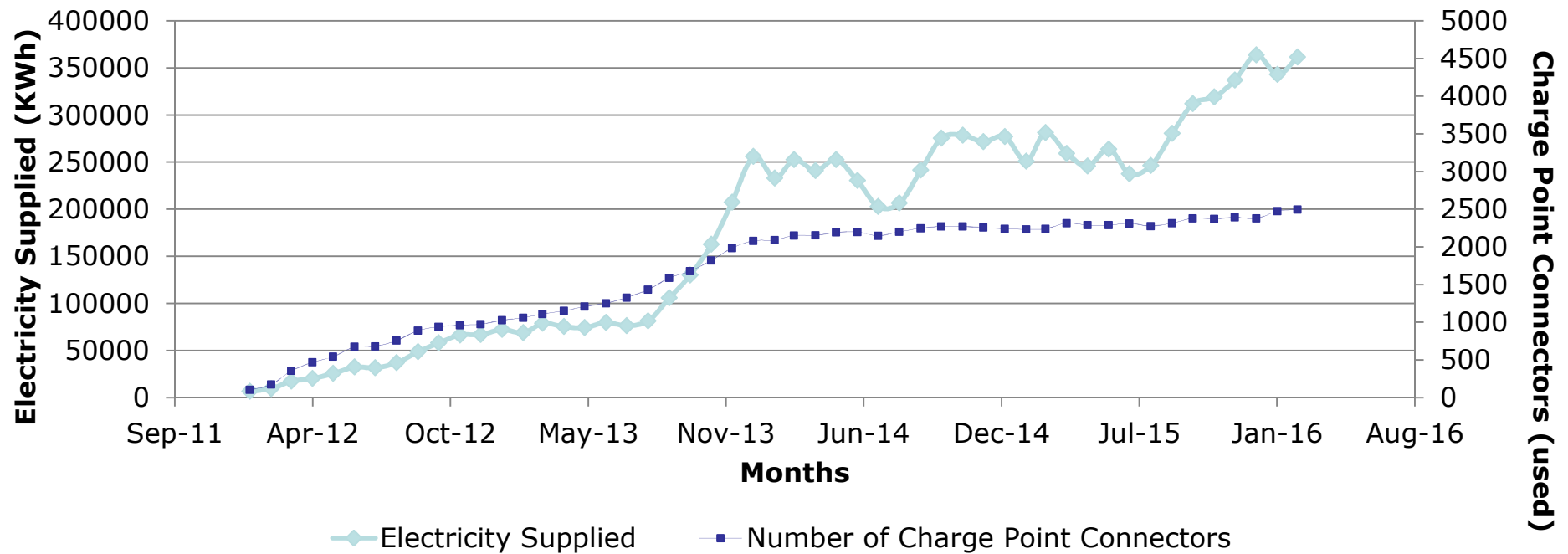
The data

Number of Transactions



The data

Trend of Electricity Supplied and Number Charge Point Connectors (used)



The data

- Average connected time: ~7h15
- Average charge time: ~2h30
- **Average idle time: ~4h40**

- Average Max Power: ~3.7 kWh

- Total energy: ~9 GWh
- **Average total energy: ~8.5 kWh**

Next steps: data analysis

Derive spatial and temporal behaviours:

- patterns of charging station usage
- flexibility of users to charge at different stations and times
- factors that influence the evolution of the utilisation of charging stations

User strategies for charging:

- vehicle arrival and departure times
- state of charge
- user charging habits
- trip duration or length

Future activities

- Complete the model runs
- Acquire data for more charging stations/countries
- **Acquire georeferenced data for smart meters (home and sub-stations) and the distribution network**

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