

In today's rapidly evolving digital landscape, choosing the right connectivity solution is critical to the success of any EV charging project. With a myriad of connectivity options available, the decision-making process can often feel daunting.

To help business and technical leaders make informed technology choices, we partnered with industry analyst Leif-Olof Wallin to create the Connectivity Selection Matrix. This framework evaluates nine of the most promising cellular and non-cellular connectivity technologies against five key selection criteria, providing a clear comparison to align each option with specific project requirements.

		USE CASE REQUIREMENTS	NB-loT	LTE-M	LTE Cat-1 bis	LTE Cat-1	LTE Cat 4+	5G RedCap	5G NR	NB-IoT/NTN	
DEPLOYMENT LOCATION	Geographic location?	Single country, populated areas			0	•	•	•	•		
		Global coverage, populated areas				•	•				
		Covering non-populated areas									
	Moving?	Moving up to car/train speeds									
	Indoor?	Indoor									
		Deep indoor or underground									
APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS	Data rate?	10s of Kbits/s									
		100s of Kbits/s									
		up to 1Mbit/s				•	•	•	•		
		4Mbit/s or higher					•	•	•		
	Typical latency?	< 2 seconds									
		< 400 ms									
		< 40 ms									
	Other connectivity services?	SMS required									
POWER		Voice communication required				•	•	•	•		
	Operate on battery?	Operate on battery up to 1 year									
		Operate on battery up to 10 year									
TIMING	Deployment start date?	Before 2026				•	•	0	•		
	Deployment lifetime?	Until 2035				•	•	•	•		
		Until 2045						•	•		
COSTS	Communication device cost?	\$									
		\$\$				•	•				
		\$\$\$									



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