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for Bi-Directional Charging**

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# The Economic Value Propositions for Bi-Directional Charging July 21, 2022

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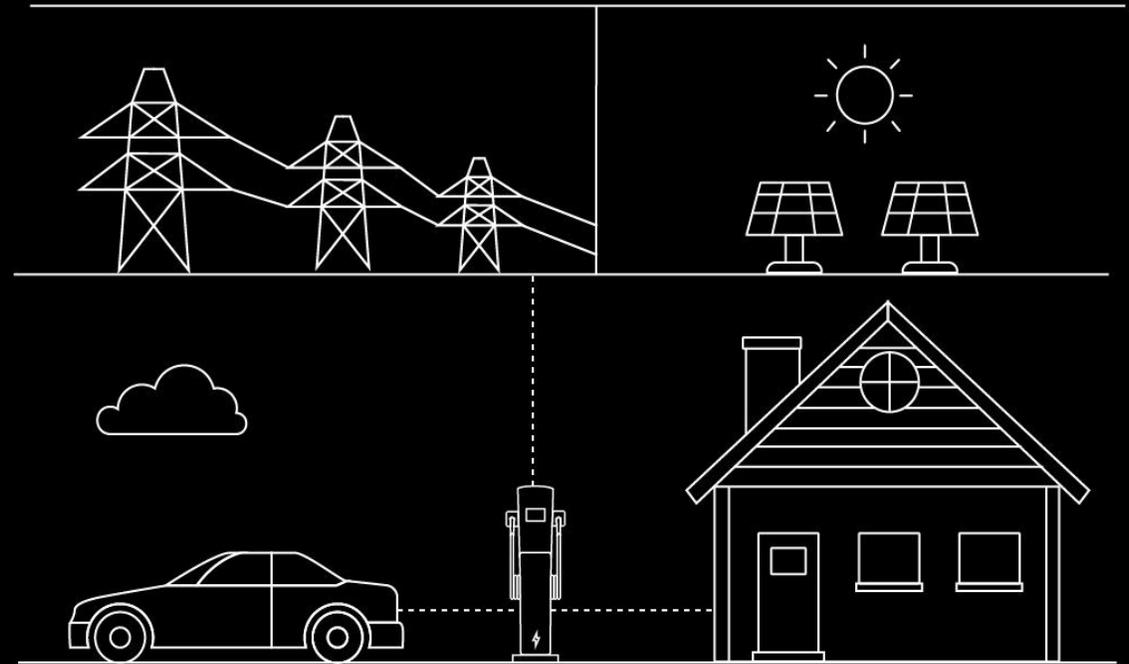
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# Bi-directional charging: V2G and V2X

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# The Problem

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Electrification of fleets is expensive and unreliable when done wrong.



Power Demands



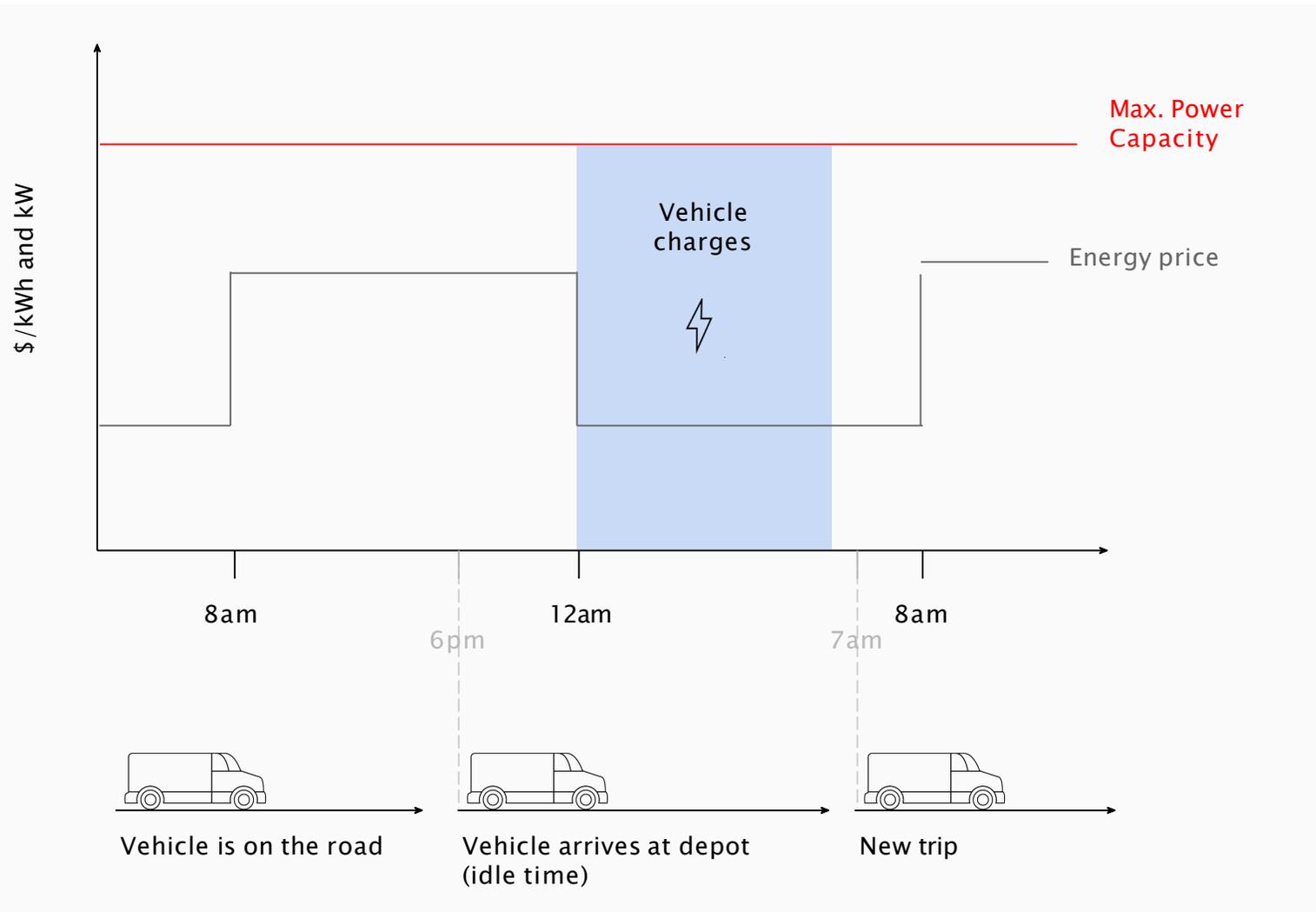
High energy costs



High charger downtime



# What is Smart Charging or VIIC



## Simplified Use Case

1. The vehicle arrives at 6 pm at the depot center, with a planned departure of 7 am.
2. Instead of charging immediately, the vehicle starts charging at midnight, when energy prices drop.
3. By 6.30 am, the vehicle is fully charged and ready for departure.

## Objectives

1. Avoid peak load at depot
2. On-time departure of vehicle
3. Reduce energy costs



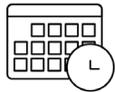
# Benefits of Smart Charging



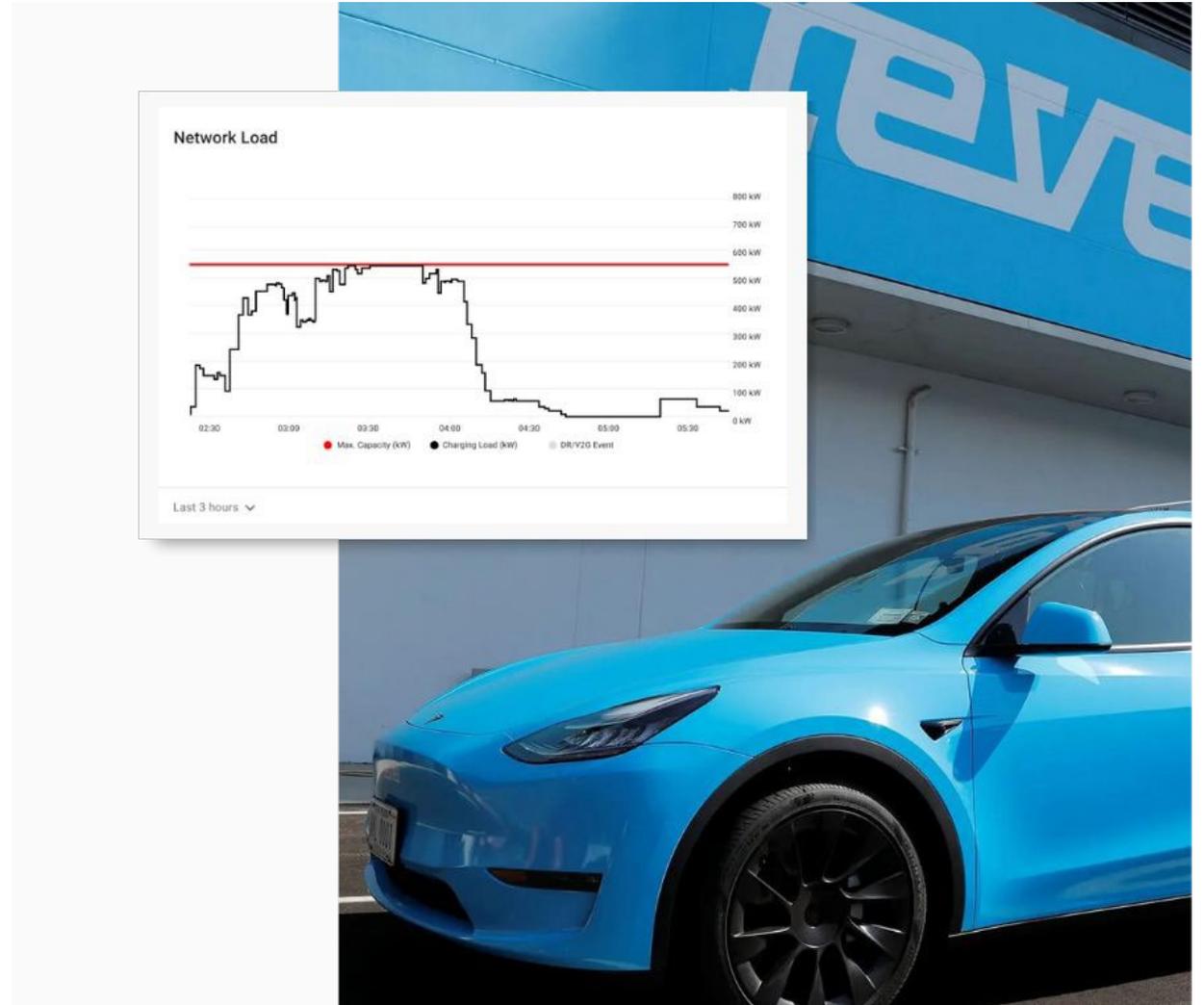
Identify hardware or system errors



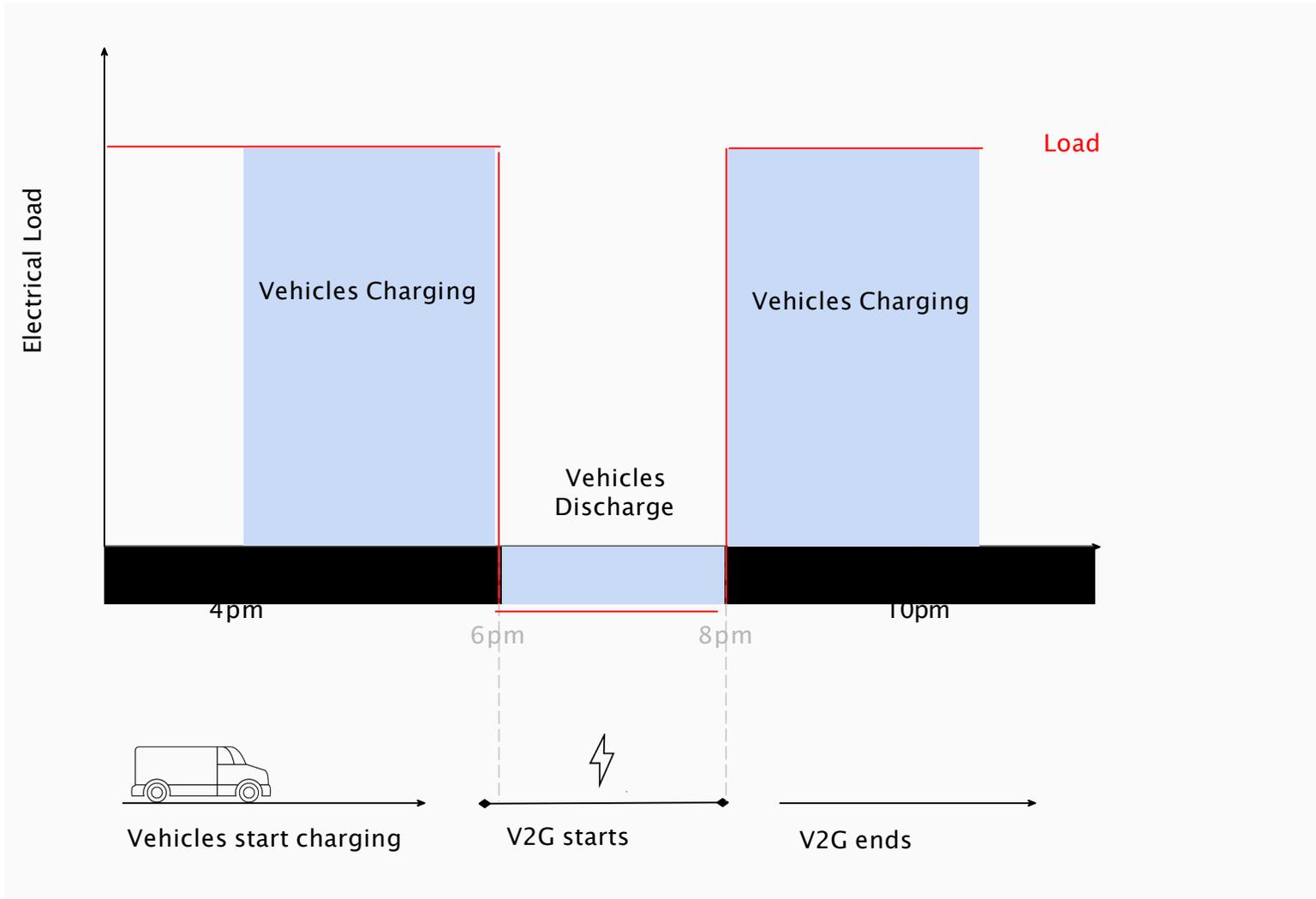
Reduce peak power and high energy prices



Ensure on-time departure



# What is V2G



## Use Case

1. A V2G signal is received
2. The signal informs the site how much load to discharge, during what times
3. Once the event is over, charging resumes to normal

## Objectives

1. Respond to V2G Events
2. Signal + Reaction is automatic
3. Ensures fleet operations before considering any V2G



# Benefits of V2G

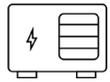
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Respond to utility event



Generate additional revenue

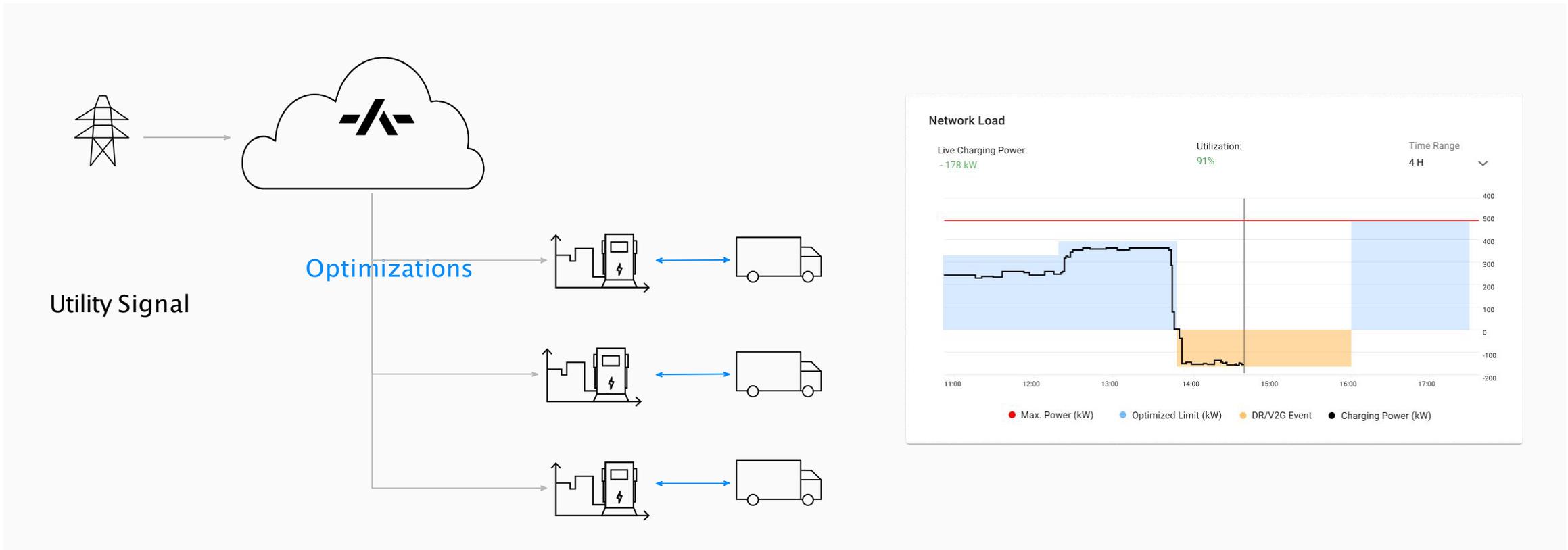


Use vehicle as energy storage



# The Solution

EV fleet operators control their EV chargers by making automatic charging and discharging decisions (V2G). The software will ensure uptime, on-time departure and reduce total costs of ownership (TCO)



# Financial Benefits of V2G

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“If you use a 15 kW charger, you could receive approximately \$2,520 per year by providing V2G capability.”



## Potential annual revenue

School bus: \$17,384

Transit bus: \$6,170

# Challenges in V2G projects

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Limited availability V2G capable chargers and vehicles



Utility programs only implemented in pilots



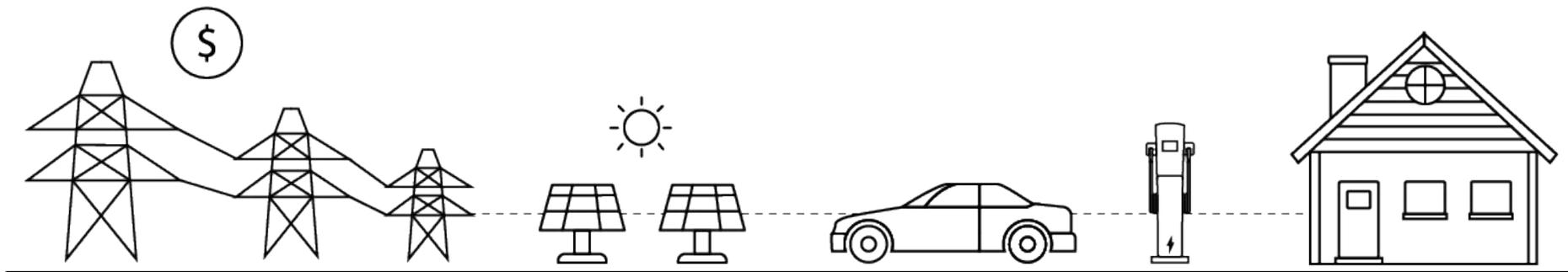
Urgent fleet charging problems are uptime and cost reduction



# Key Takeaways

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- V2G helps utilities to optimize the grid
- V2G generates additional revenue for owners
- Owners can use vehicle as energy storage



## Myth: V2G destroys my EV battery

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Charging and discharging vehicles impact the lifetime of batteries, but as long as V2G events happen only a few times per month, the impact is minimal. Fast charging on highways are harming batteries much more.



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# The Economic Value Propositions to Make the Business Case for Bi-Directional Charging: Use Cases and Catalysts for Success

July 21, 2022



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# EV Adoption Programs Around the U.S.

The **Electrification Coalition** is a nonpartisan, not-for-profit group committed to promoting policies and actions that facilitate the deployment of electric vehicles on a mass scale.



## Technical Lead

Climate Mayors EV Purchasing Collaborative



## State EV Policy Accelerator

NV, MI, PA, VA, NC, GA, FL, IL and more



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# To cover in 10 mins...

1. VGI vs. V2G
2. Use Cases
3. V2G Case Studies
4. Policies Needed for Success



# VGI vs. V2G

- **Vehicle Grid Integration (VGI) vs. Vehicle-to-Grid (V2G)**

**VGI definition:** Any method of altering the time, charging level, or location at which grid-connected EVs charge or discharge, in a manner that optimizes plug-in EV interaction with the electrical grid and provides net benefits to ratepayers by doing any of the following:

- (a) increasing electrical grid asset utilization;
- (b) avoiding otherwise necessary distribution infrastructure upgrades;
- (c) integrating renewable energy resources;
- (d) reducing the cost of electricity supply; and
- (e) offering reliability services.

**V2G definition:** Two-way, or bidirectional, charging and discharging between EVs and the grid. This enables “vehicles to discharge stored power back onto the grid or into a building or local power system,” particularly in times of need, such as a natural disaster or other grid outage situation.

- BMW i3 and PG&E 2017 demand response “ChargeForward” pilot: \$325 in grid savings/ vehicle, annually
- California VGI Working group
  - 320 use cases across MHD, light-duty, single-family home, Multi-unit dwelling, commercial, rideshare

## Value from managed charging (per vehicle/year)



Source: BMW Charge Forward, <https://bmwmovement.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/BMW-ChargeForward-Report-R4-070620-ONLINE.pdf>

# Use Cases

- **V2G use cases:**
  - Disaster response: mobile power units to homes, buildings, shelters
  - Grid Services:
    - Support load management for utilities – planned events
    - Support other grid services for utilities – unplanned events, i.e. peak shaving
  - Vehicle to vehicle
  - Climate resiliency, emergency response: back-up for outages
- Legislation: Delaware law defines EVs with V2G as “Grid integrated vehicles”, EVs with V2G receive \$ back at the rate they’re charging, interconnection process
- Utility Commissions and ongoing regulatory discussions: California, Michigan, Minnesota, New York, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Virginia.



# V2G Case Studies

- 1. NC:** Roanoke Electric Cooperative and Fermata Energy - V2G pilot in North Carolina with a Nissan LEAF vehicle and Fermata Energy's bidirectional charger = \$2,600 annually
- 2. MA:** Highland Electric school bus, built by Thomas and powered by a Proterra battery system -deployed by National Grid for a V2G pilot in Beverly, Massachusetts to help reduce peak demand = over 50 hours provided 3 MWh back (could power 100 homes)
- 3. CO:** La Plata Energy Association, Blue Bird and Nuvve - V2G electric school bus projects to help reduce peak demand and reduce overall total cost of ownership for the Durango School District.



*Photo credit: Fermata Energy*



*Photo credit: Proterra*

# Policies Needed for Success

- SAFE-EC report released June 2022
- Barriers:
  - Insufficient awareness
  - Lack of coordination among key stakeholders
  - Upfront cost for V2G capabilities on top of EVSE costs and unsure of ROI for grid services
  - Absence of uniform national technical standards
  - Concerns on charging and discharging EV batteries for grid services degrading the batteries
  - Concerns on overall impacts of EVs on the grid
  - Treatment of and compensation for services provided by mobile energy storage units
  - Lack of a larger body of data and pilot project results
  - Policy and regulatory challenges similar to those encountered with stationary energy storage



# Federal Policies Needed for Success

1. Congress: Extend and expand the Section 30C Alt. Fuel Refueling Property tax credit to include V2G capabilities.
2. Agencies: Incorporate V2G capabilities into FEMA procedures for emergency planning, preparedness, and response efforts for resilience purposes.
3. Agencies: Develop a national V2G Roadmap.
4. National labs, agencies: Facilitate the development and implementation of uniform national V2G-related technical standards.
5. National labs: Conduct research and testing to ascertain the potential impacts of bidirectional charging on battery degradation and warranties.



*Photo credit: Nuve*

# State & Local, RTO Policies Needed for Success

## State & Local

1. Incentivize V2G deployment in EVSE rebate programs.
2. Streamline interconnection standards.
3. Design or apply appropriate utility rate structures to compensate V2G capabilities.
4. Conduct demonstrations, share lessons learned and best practices, and scale V2G technology.

## Regional Transmission Organizations (RTOs)

1. Develop or implement roadmaps that fully incorporate EV and V2G capabilities.
2. Develop or revise RTO requirements to include V2G for grid services in wholesale markets.
3. Conduct V2G grid impact studies and disseminate results broadly.

# Thank you!

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## Unlocking Value Streams in Battery Electric Vehicles: Projects and Performance Updates

*Fermata Energy's  
Vehicle-to-Everything (V2X)  
Bidirectional Charging Technology*



# V2X Technology Overview



V2X bidirectional charging leverages energy from a parked EV to power offboard loads.

## Vehicle-to-Grid (V2G)

- Demand Response (DR): Power exported to grid (“in front of meter”)
- Supports utility grid demand/stability, generates revenue for EV owner □ *Reduces EV TCO*
- Renewable energy integration

## Vehicle-to-Building (V2B)

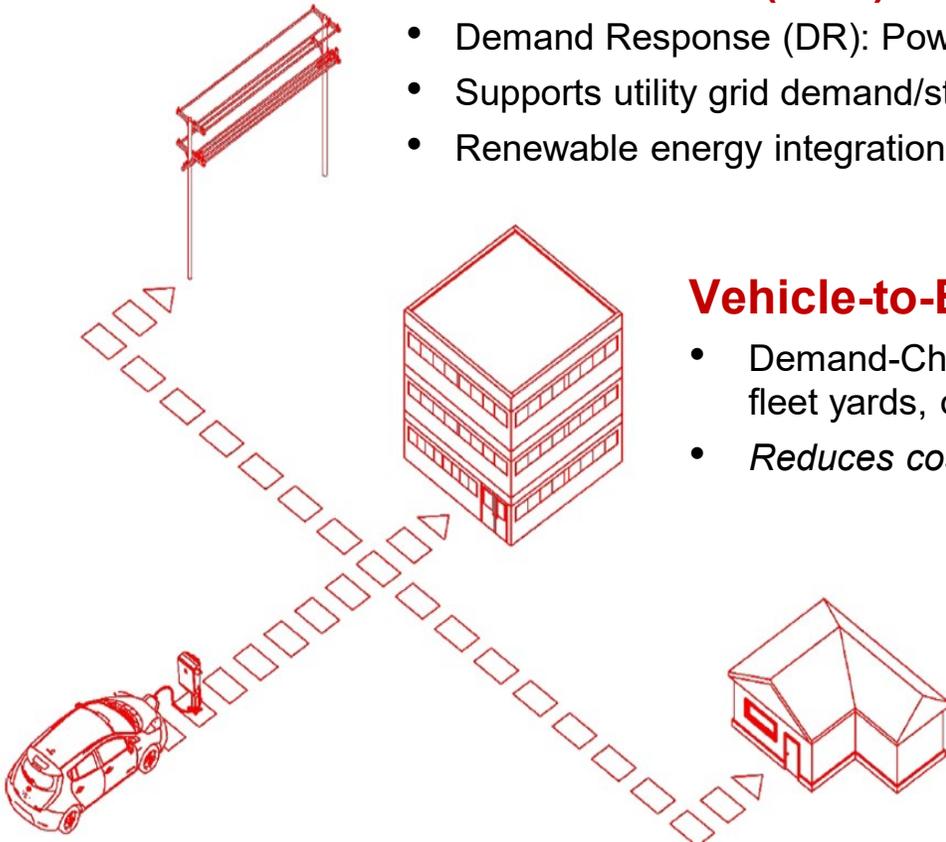
- Demand-Charge Management (DCM): Targets peak loads in buildings, EV fleet yards, or industrial operations (“behind-the-meter”)
- *Reduces costly “demand charges” and supports grid stability*

## Vehicle-to-Home (V2H)

- Residential emergency backup power
- Renewable energy integration
- Supports grid demand and stability

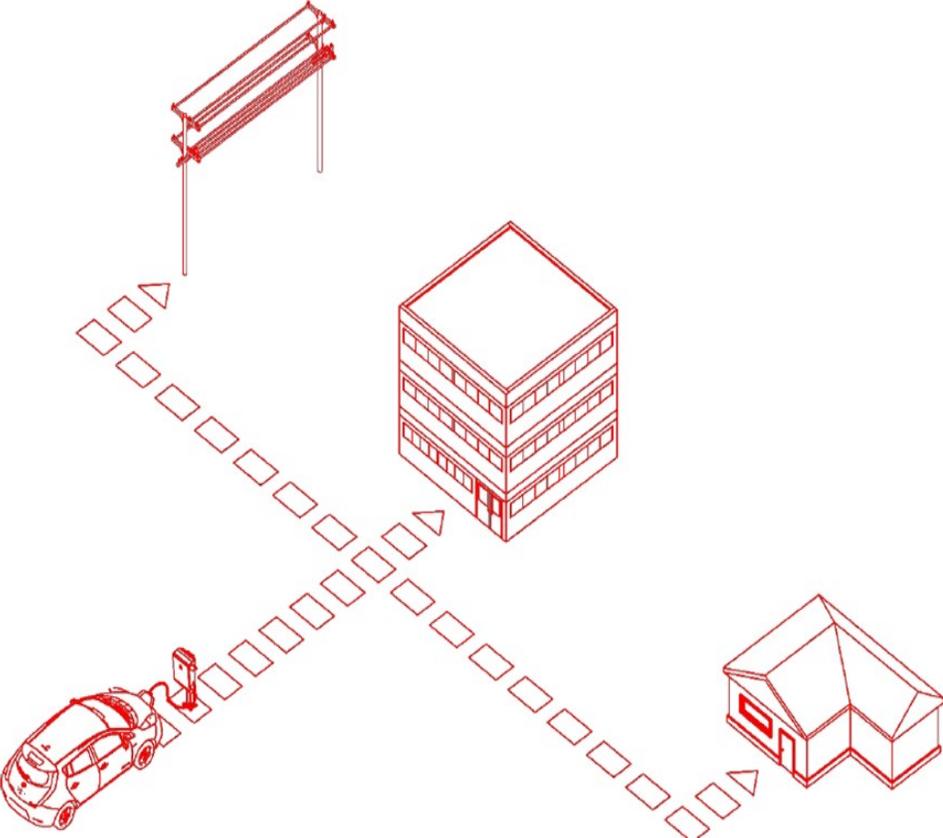
Fermata Energy is operating **commercial V2B and V2G** at multiple customer sites across the U.S.

Fermata Energy will be releasing a **grid-tied V2H solution.**





## What's needed to make V2X happen: 3 Key Pieces



1. Bidirectional Software



2. Bidirectional Charger



+  
Others  
(L/M/H Duty)



3. Bidirectionally Capable EV



# Fermata Energy's V2X Commercial Deployments



- Verified commercial V2X operations at multiple sites across the U.S.
  - Utilities
  - Municipalities
  - Private Deployments
  - OEMs
- Initial light-duty EV focus, but also working with multiple medium- and heavy-duty OEMs



Fermata Energy V2X Projects Sites Across The U.S.



# V2G + V2B Deployment (Rhode Island)

## ***Nissan LEAF earns \$4,500+ in Fermata Energy V2X pilot***

*“The electric vehicle and charger delivered power for 57 peak hours this summer when demand was at its highest,” said John Isberg, Vice President of Customer Sales and Solutions at **National Grid**.*

*“These results help to give us confidence that **electric vehicles can be a reliable partner in providing a clean and resilient electricity grid for the future.**”*



### **Results achieved with**

**One Nissan LEAF (62 kWh) + One FE-15 15kW bidirectional charger**

***Controlled by Fermata Energy’s proprietary V2X software***

Note: Savings are scalable with greater energy and power.

Note: Total = \$4,547.05 (4-month DR = \$4,325 + DCM = \$222.05)

Source: [https://twitter.com/FermataEnergy/status/1521849756468850690?cxt=HHwWhMC5\\_cqS2Z4qAAAA](https://twitter.com/FermataEnergy/status/1521849756468850690?cxt=HHwWhMC5_cqS2Z4qAAAA)

# V2B Deployment (Boulder, CO)



## ***V2B Technology Saves Over \$4,000 With Nissan LEAF***

*In 17 months of successful usage, [the City of] Boulder has **saved \$4,462.15**, an **average savings of almost \$270 per month** — or, approximately equal to the **monthly payment for many popular EVs, such as the Nissan LEAF.***



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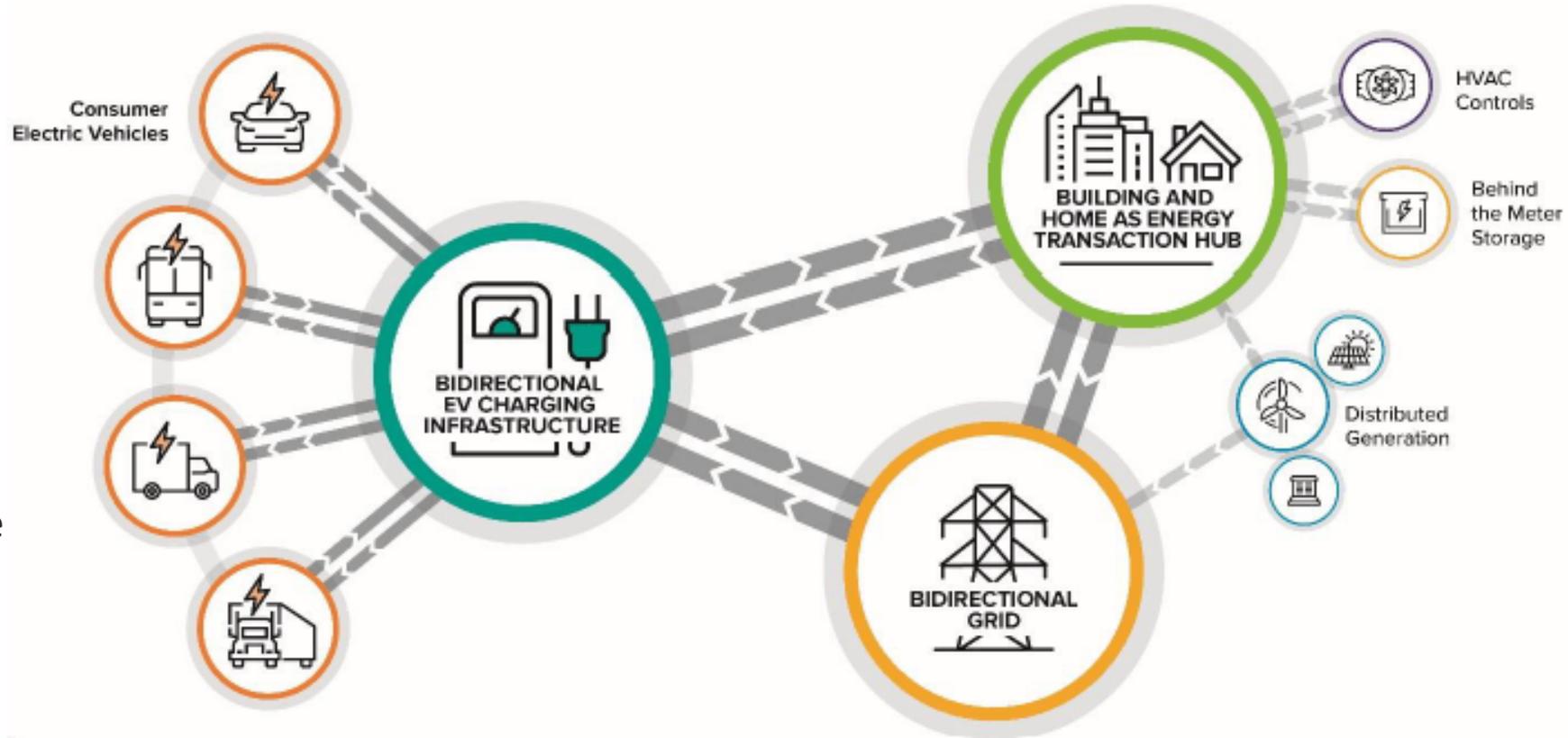
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## **BUILDING THE BUSINESS CASE FOR BIDIRECTIONAL ELECTRIC VEHICLES**

# Bidirectional Electric Vehicles (BEVs) Vision

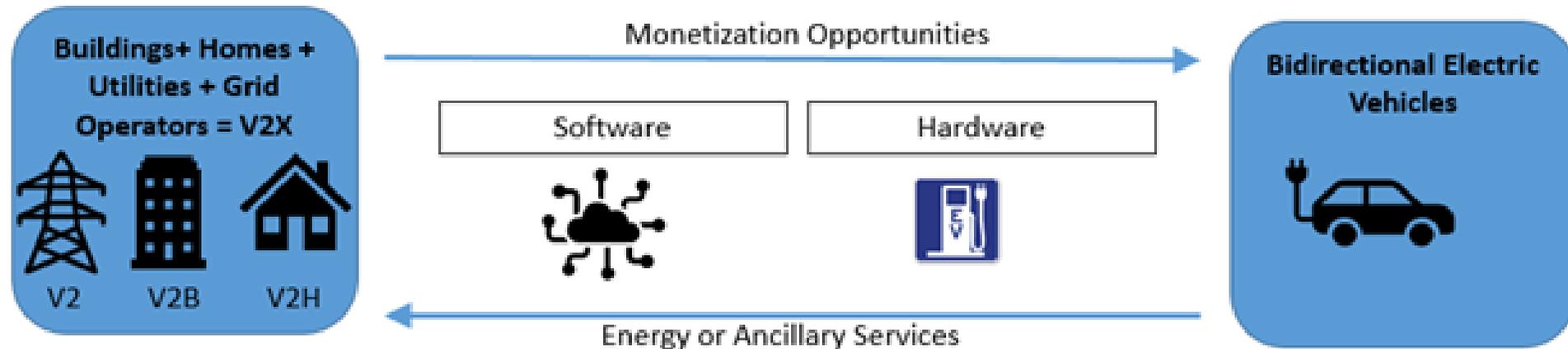
## Assumptions

- BEVs will deliver transport and energy storage services.
- BEVs will address battery supply and grid resilience issues
- BEVs mitigate the challenges associated with integrating intermittent renewable energy generation



# Bidirectional EV Assumptions (Continued)

- If EVs are bidirectional, then under the right conditions they could serve as both mobility and energy storage assets.
- That means along with sending power back to the grid, they could deliver new monetization opportunities as well.



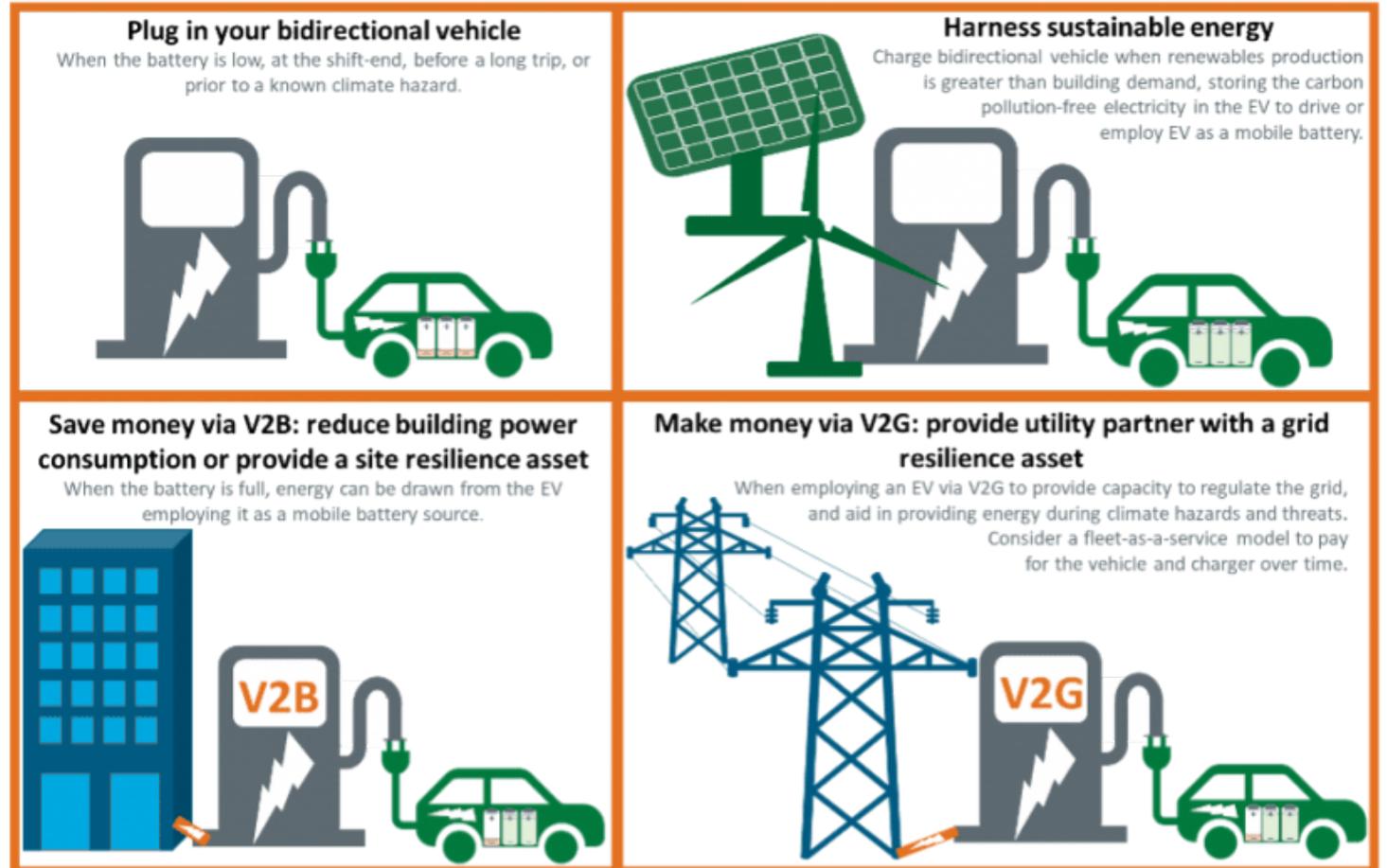
# BEVs Realities

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- Battery Storage Capacity/ Range / Additional Power output
- Battery degradation through additional charging/discharging cycles
- Supply Chain for semiconductors, Rare Sands, and Other battery materials
- Integration complexity with the micro - and - main grid
- Technology upgrade costs
- Mobile Assets Lifecycles
- Warranty costs of any subsequent failed batteries (OEM manufacturers)
- Additional maintenance costs
- Additional upfront cost in comparison to diesel/gasoline vehicles
- Facilities and infrastructure upgrades to install sub panels and transfer switches

# BEVs Realities

- V2H / V2W only works if the vehicle is at the charging/discharging location (stationary)
- BEVs add complexity and cost for relatively little actual benefit



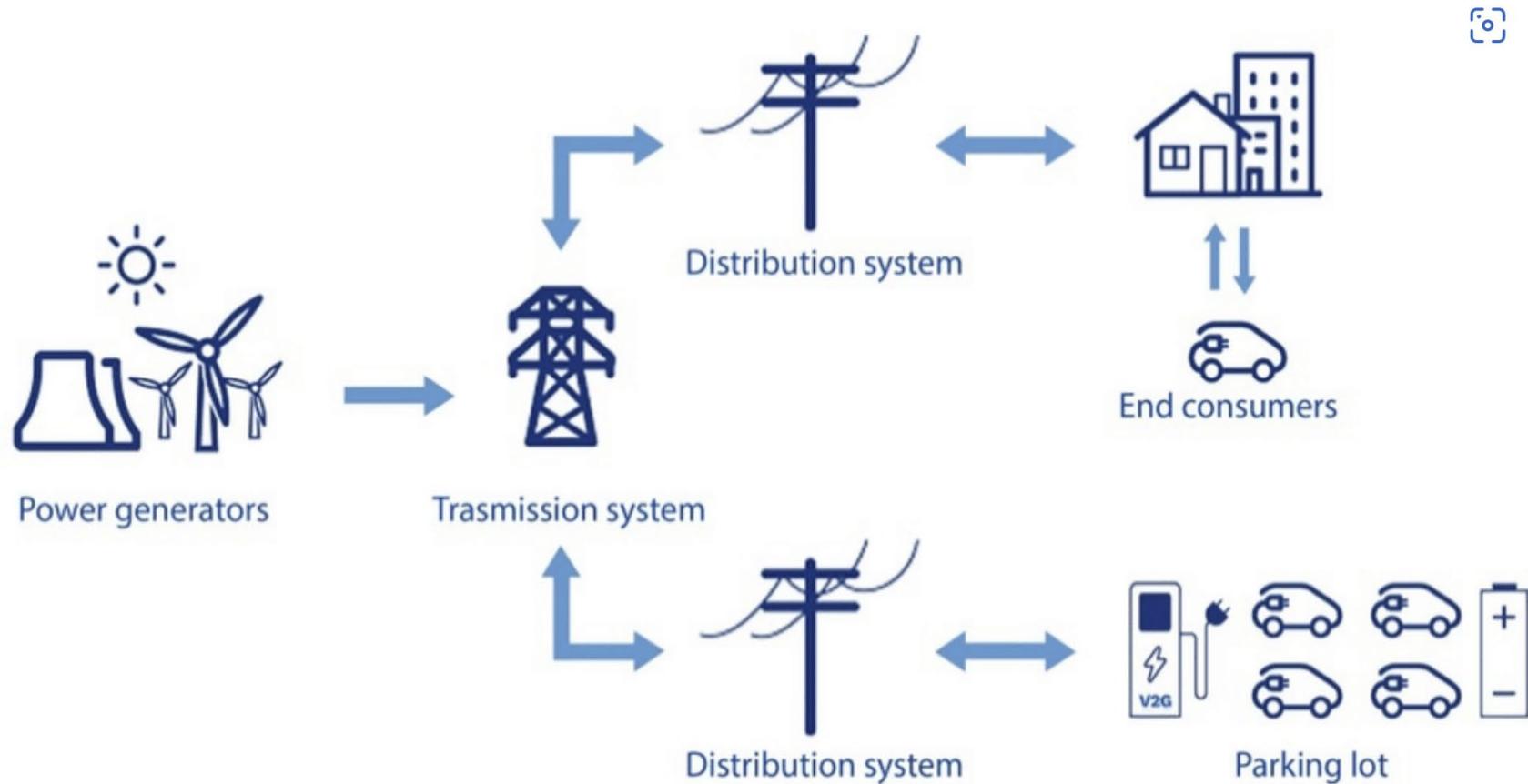
# BEVs in Municipal Operations

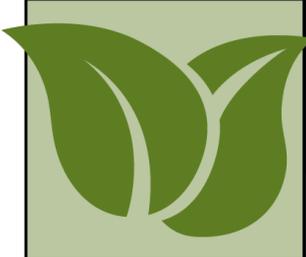
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- Light Duty Service Truck BEVs are ideal for smaller applications (i.e. replace or supplement emergency diesel generators)
- Larger BEV fleets can be employed for larger applications
- BEVs can provide the necessary power for some tools and equipment needed in remote areas
- BEVs may be subject to State or Federal Grants, and other OEM incentives
- BEVs Lifecycle and Total Cost of Ownership (TCO) typically is assumed at 15 years of operation @ 12,000 miles per year and \$014/mile more expensive than an ICE (Argonne National laboratory, 2020)
- Some Utilities companies limit the use of BEVs (lack of innovation, market design, regulatory requirements)
- BEVs charging infrastructure with energy storage or microgrids are used for responding to emergencies and for restarting the grid
- Establishing who pays for the BEVs charging infrastructure: end-users, rate-payers or market participants
- Who should pay for which component of a BEV project (i.e. operations, maintenance, other)

# Questions?

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