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R&D Experiences in Smart Charge Management A Business Case for Bidirectional EV charging

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DOE VTO Grid & Infrastructure Program Goal

The G&I Program will identify systems pathways and conduct research to facilitate the development and harmonization of a robust, interoperable, and cyber secure, electric vehicle charging and grid infrastructure which incorporates advanced charging technologies, distributed energy resources, grid, and grid services



VTO – Electrification Activities

VTO's Electrification activities address challenges in cyberphysical security, eXtreme fast charging, and smart charging to support EVs at Scale

- High power charging infrastructure enables EVs to charge similar to today's vehicles refueling
- R&D supports advanced energy conversion to/from the Grid
- Smart charging of EVs enables efficient use of locally produced energy
- R&D supports advanced strategies for reducing cost of electricity delivery
- Cyber-physical security of EVs and charging protects our critical infrastructure
- R&D supports advanced EV charging security at the Grid edge



VTO Funded V2G Project Experiences

- Bi-Directional Wireless Power Flow for Medium-Duty Vehicle-to-Grid Connectivity
 - CALSTART (lead), ORNL, UPS, Workhorse, Cisco
- Vehicle-to-Grid Electric School Bus Commercialization Project
 - BlueBird (lead), NREL, Nuvve, SCE, SCAQMD (co-fund)
- Comprehensive Assessment of On-and Off-Board V2G Technology Performance on Battery and the Grid

- EPRI (lead), Flex Power Control, FCA, Kitu, NREL, ORNL

- Advancing Transportation through Vehicle Electrification Ram 1500 PHEV
 - Chrysler (lead), EPRI, Michigan State University, University of Michigan, SMUD, UC Davis, NAVTEQ, MAGNA

R&D Gaps in V2G

- Majority of EV charging occurs at homes due to ease
- Suitable candidates for V2G are residential and workplace
 - Maximum dwell times and flexibility of charge requirements
- Residential chargers are either AC L1 or L2
 - Onboard bi-directional inverter is the missing piece for V2G
 - DC chargers are typically not residential
- Integration and development of foundational technologies for 'V2H' or 'V2B' is the first logical step
- Extension of V2G follows next with coordinated operations of utility distribution networks

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- What are the impacts of uncontrolled EV charging on utility operations?
- Quantify impacts of wide-spread uncontrolled charging
- Gauge and verify the potential of EVs@Scale to provide grid services
- Understand cybersecurity risks with control of EVs@Scale
- Demonstrate the benefits of controlled charging of EVs@Scale

Secured Smart Charge Management



- Vehicle role for home and workplace energy management
- Controls for grid integration (GMLC use cases)
- Optimal control on customer side for grid resilience and stability
- Enabling technologies and tools development

TIMESTEP Sub-second to hours





Smart Electric Vehicle Charging for a Reliable and Resilient Grid (RECHARGE)

- Simulation and controls development to minimize distribution impacts
- Regional modeling for distribution operations & capacity planning
- S Forecasting-enhanced charging integration with buildings and DER
- Predictive and interactive charge decision making

TIMESTEP Minutes to weeks



RECHARGe: smaRt Electric vehicle CHArging for a reliable and Resilient Grid

- How to manage PEV charging at scale to avoid negative grid impacts and satisfy charging needs
- Quantify the effects of uncontrolled charging of at scale PEV adoption
- Analyze the effectiveness of multiple control strategies in mitigating negative grid impacts
- Rank the benefits & costs of the control strategies in avoiding grid upgrades, providing grid services, & improving resiliency
- Overcome technical barriers to implementing high-value control strategies