

# Aprendizado por Reforço: conceitos, aplicações e desafios

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Parte 3

# RL Algorithms

## ► Value learning:

Find  $Q(s, a)$

Then chose  $a$ :

$$a = \arg \max_a Q(s, a)$$

## ► Policy learning

Find  $\pi(a|s)$

Then sample  $a$ :

$$a \sim \pi(a|s)$$

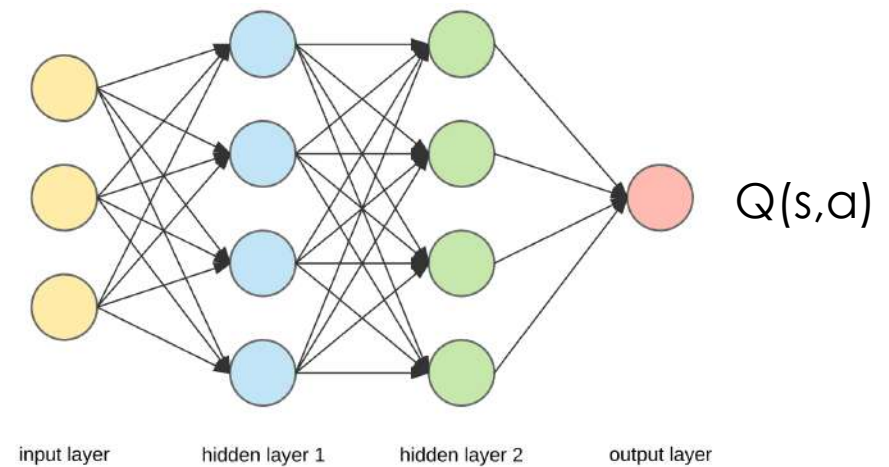
# Q representations

$$Q(s,a)$$

	$a_1$	$a_2$	.....	$a_n$	$\pi(s)$
$s_1$					$a_i$
$s_2$					$a_j$
					$a_k$
...					
$s_m$					

enumerated states

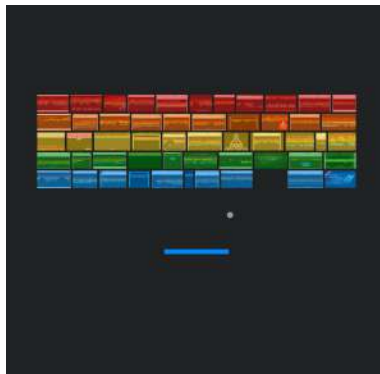
State features  
and Action  $a$



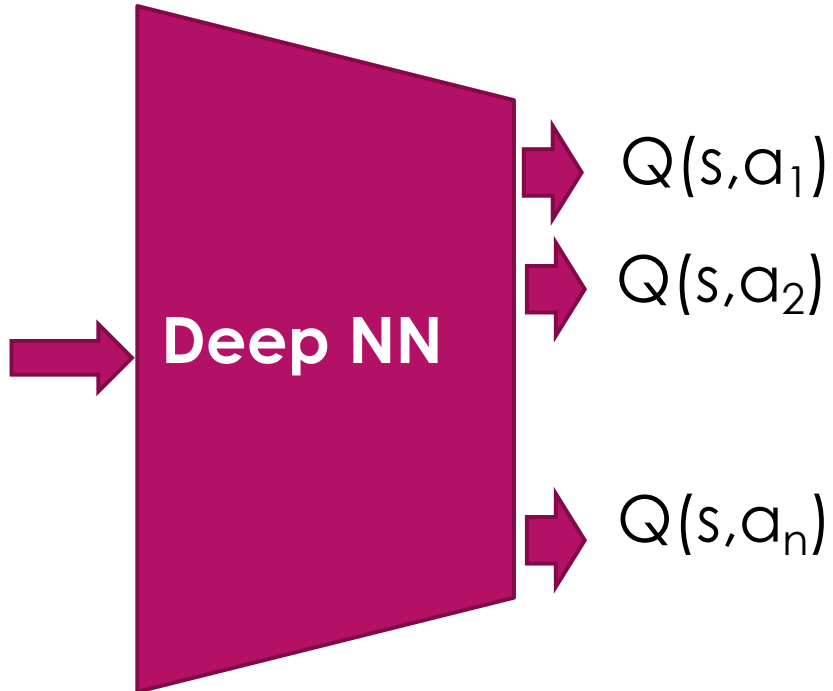
factored states

# Deep Q Networks (DQN)

DNN to model Q-functions



State  
(discrete or  
continuous)



😞 Cannot handle  
continuous action  
spaces

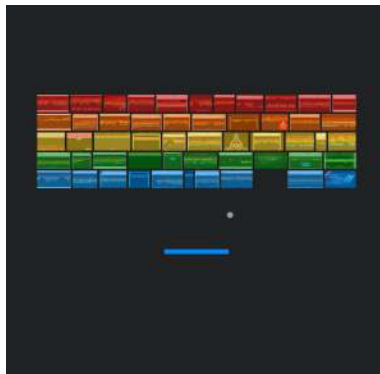
😞 Cannot learn  
stochastic policies

$$\mathcal{L} = E \left[ \left\| \underbrace{\left( r + \gamma \max_{a'} Q(s', a') \right)}_{\text{target}} - \underbrace{Q(s, a)}_{\text{predicted}} \right\|^2 \right]$$

# Policy gradient in RL

- **Policy gradient** methods are a type of **reinforcement learning** techniques that rely upon optimizing parametrized **policies** with respect to the expected return (long-term cumulative reward) by **gradient** descent.

# PG and stochastic policies



State  
(discrete or  
continuous)



**Deep NN**



$$P(a_1 | s)$$



$$P(a_2 | s)$$



$$P(a_n | s)$$

$$\sum_{a_i \in A} P(a_i | s) = 1$$

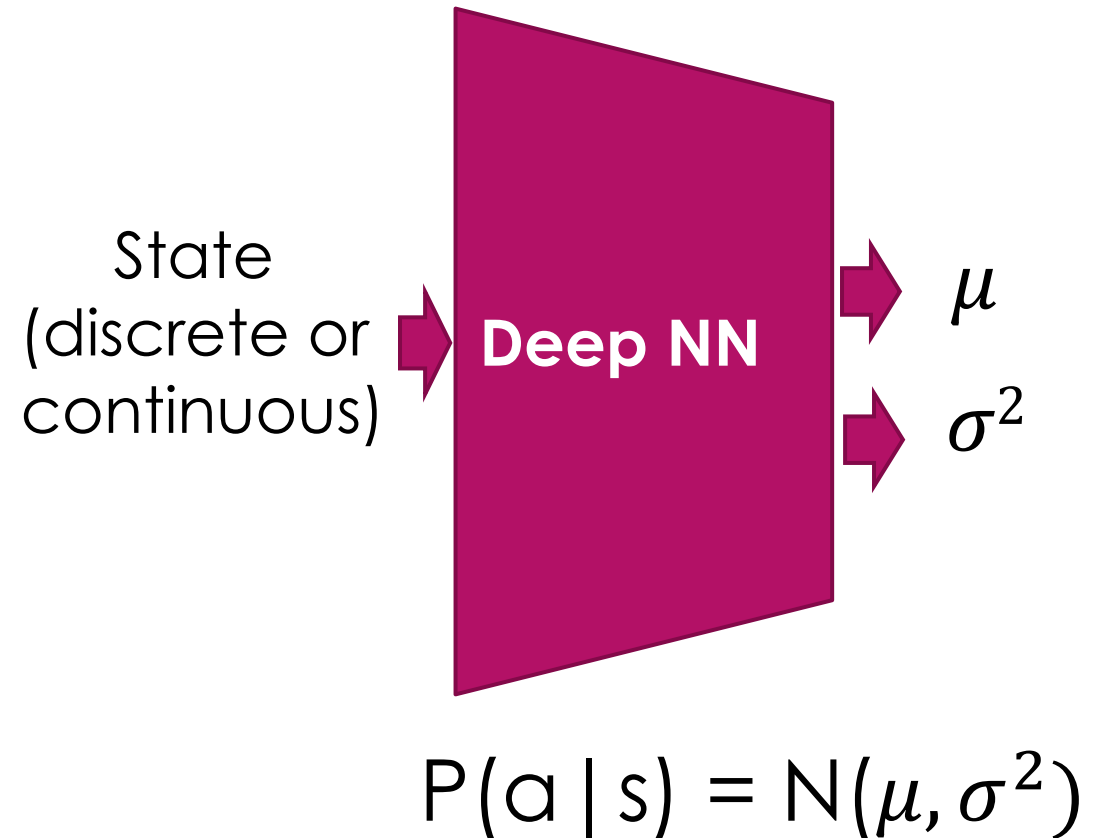


Can learn  
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# Policy gradient methods and DRL

► With PG methods we can handle continuous state and action spaces

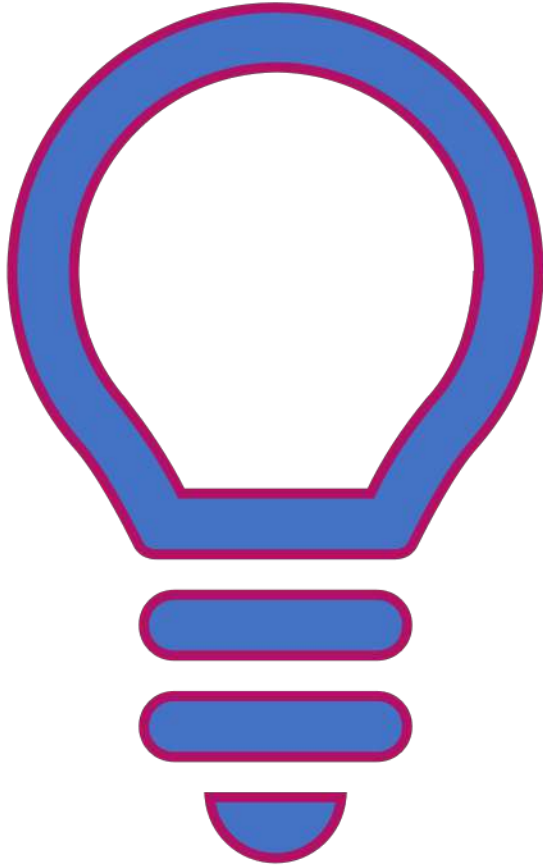
1. Run a policy for a while
2. Increase probability of actions that lead to high rewards
3. Decrease probability of actions that lead to low/no rewards



# DQN x PG

	DQN	PG
Complex Q-function	Not OK	OK
Convergence Speed	Slow	Fast
Training Stability	More stable	Less stable
Stochastic Policies	Not OK	OK
Continuous Actions	Not OK	OK
Data Amount	Needs less data	Needs more data

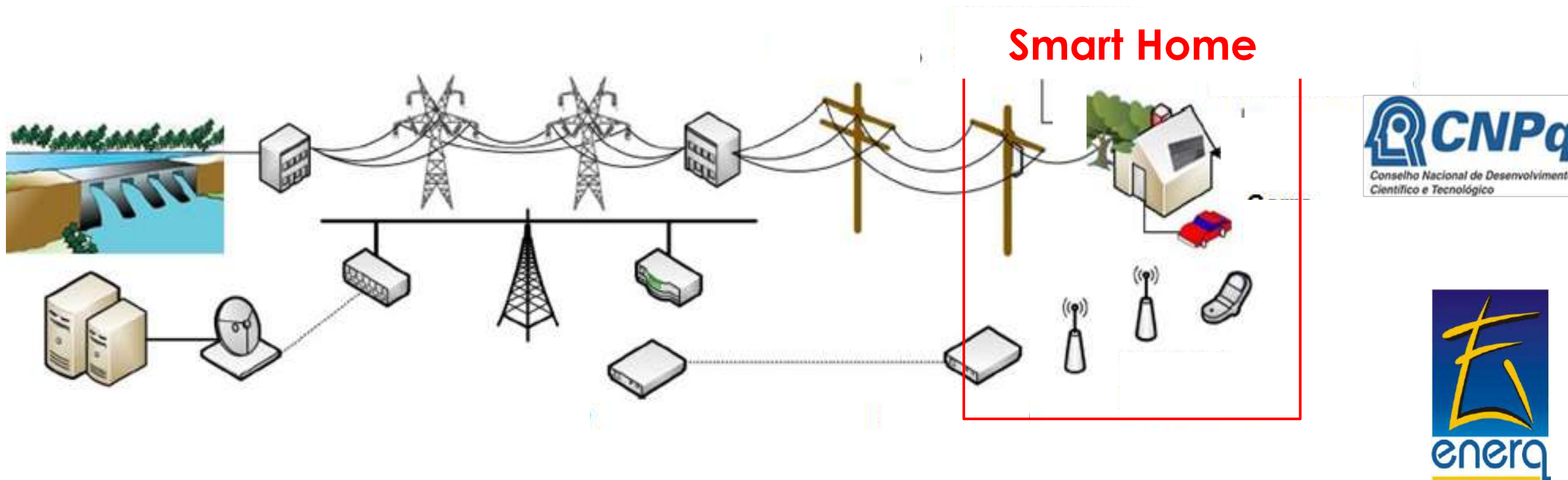




# Some Applications

# Energy Management with Batch-RL

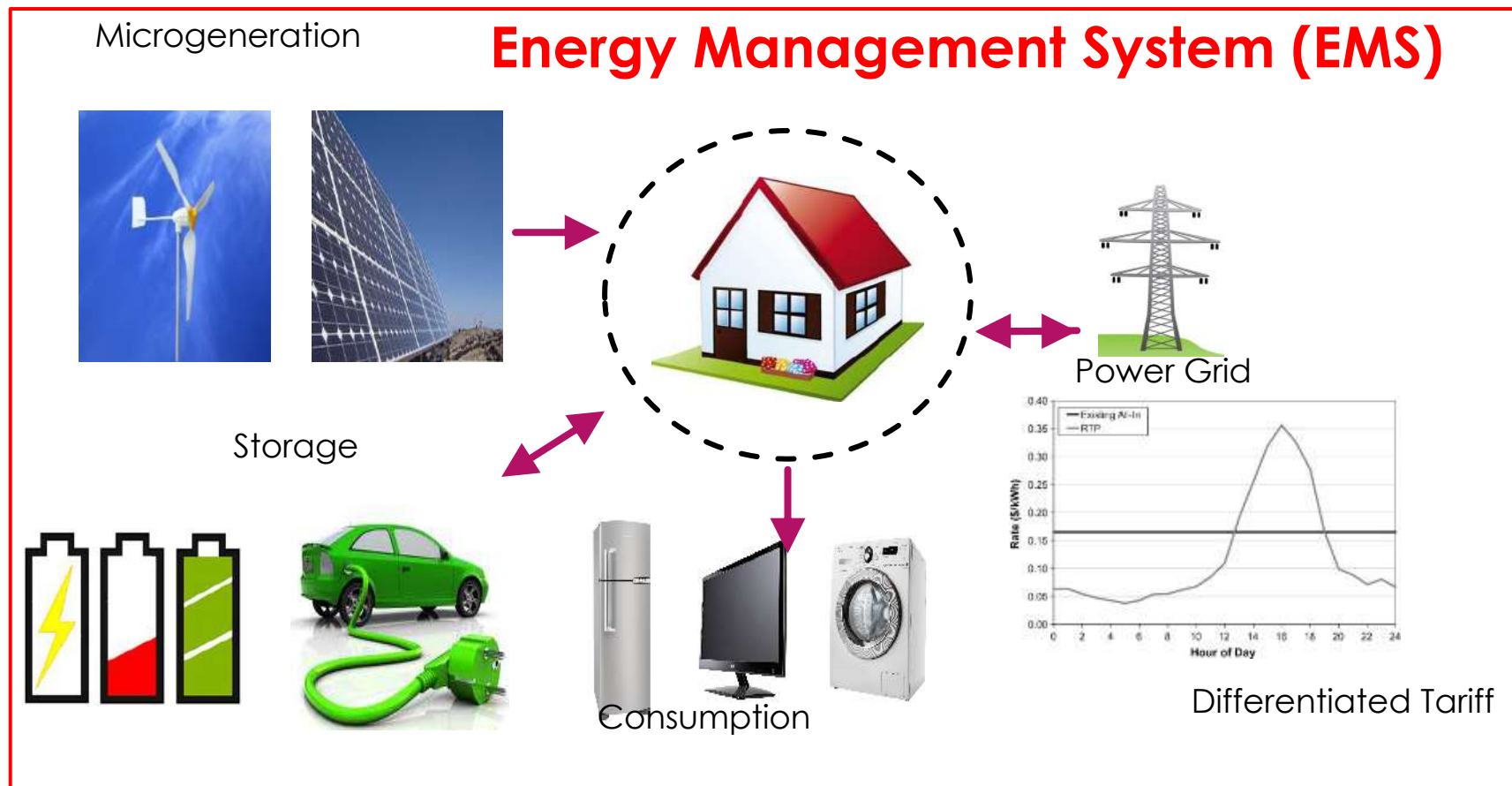
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# Energy Management with Batch-RL

% Increase of the Financial Profit  
(compared to the Naive-greedy Policy):

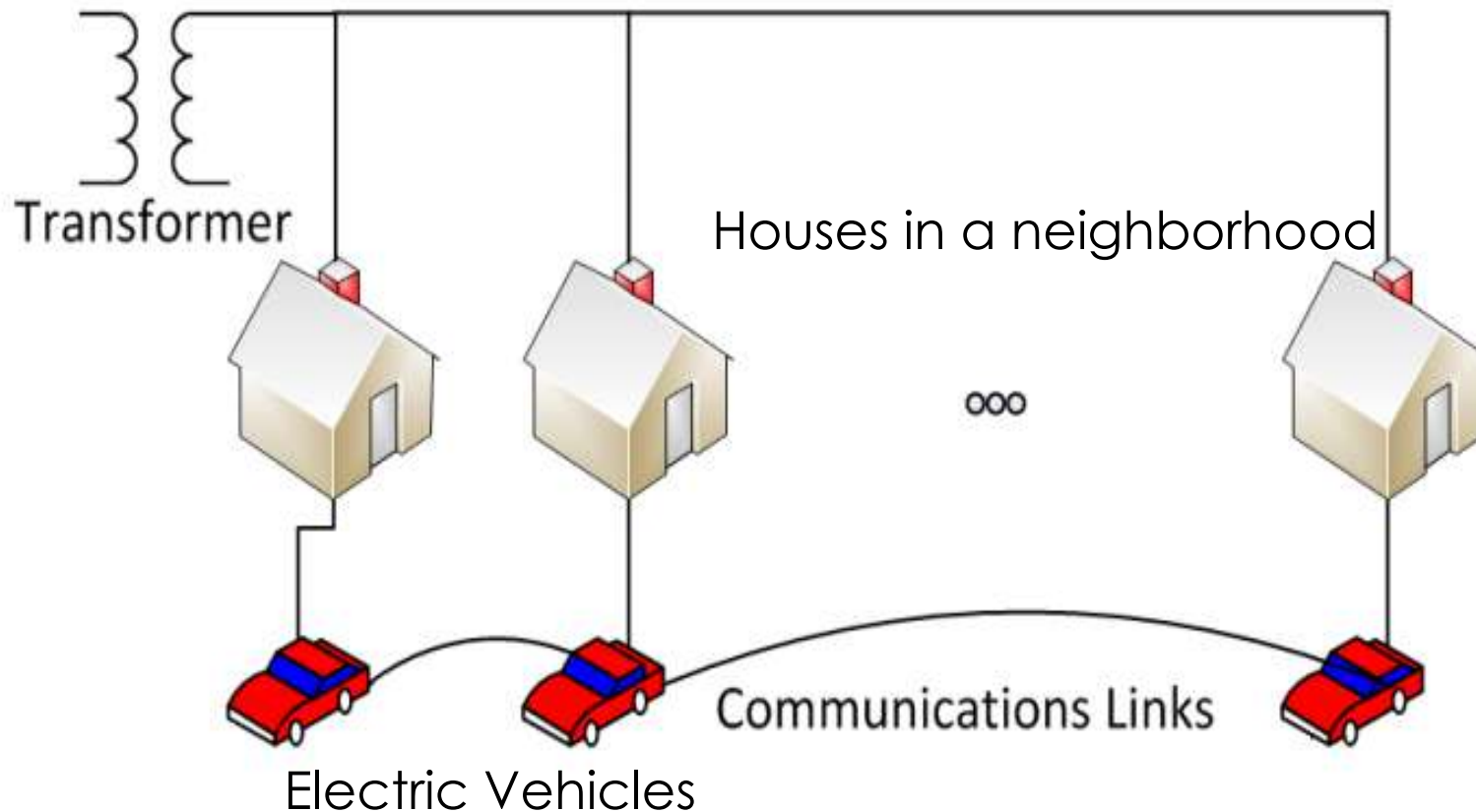
**Brasil (TOU): 20.78%**

**USA (RTP): 14.51%**



# Electric Vehicle Charge with Distributed MCRL

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- ▶ Battery charge for daily journey
- ▶ No transformer overload



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# Multi Agent Selfish-Collaborative (MASCO)

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- ▶ Average energy costs and number of overloads per day
  - ▶ ACP: Always Charging when Plugged
  - ▶ MASCO: Minimizes costs while avoiding overloads

Danish Tariff	costs	overloads
ACP	$0.781 \pm 0.003$	$8.40 \pm 0.21$
MASCO	<b><math>0.633 \pm 0.010</math></b>	<b><math>3.76 \pm 0.67</math></b>
Brazilian Tariff	costs	overloads
ACP	$4.07 \pm 0.01$	$8.40 \pm 0.21$
MASCO	<b><math>2.90 \pm 0.07</math></b>	<b><math>1.08 \pm 0.58</math></b>

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# Chatbots

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