



## Empowering Prosumer Flexibility Through the Aggregators

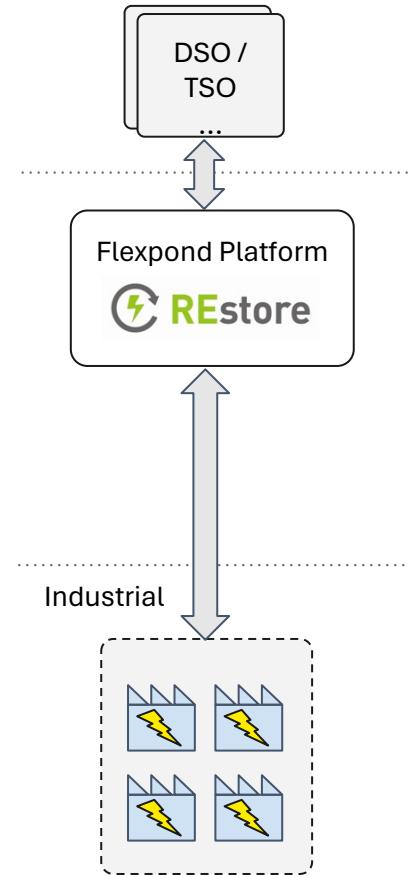
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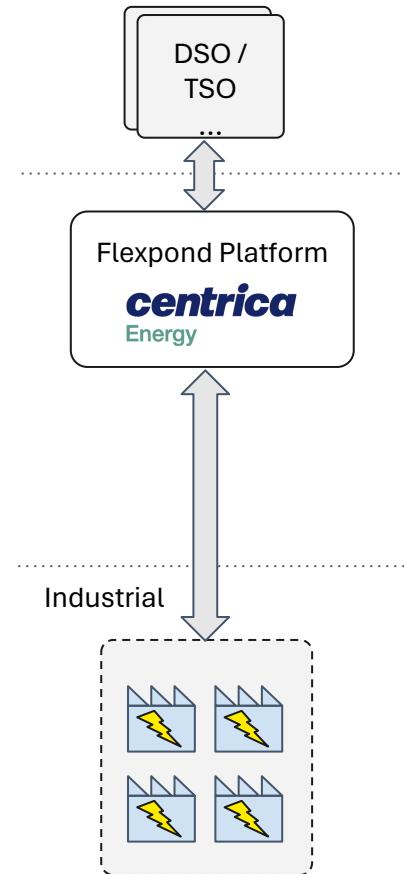
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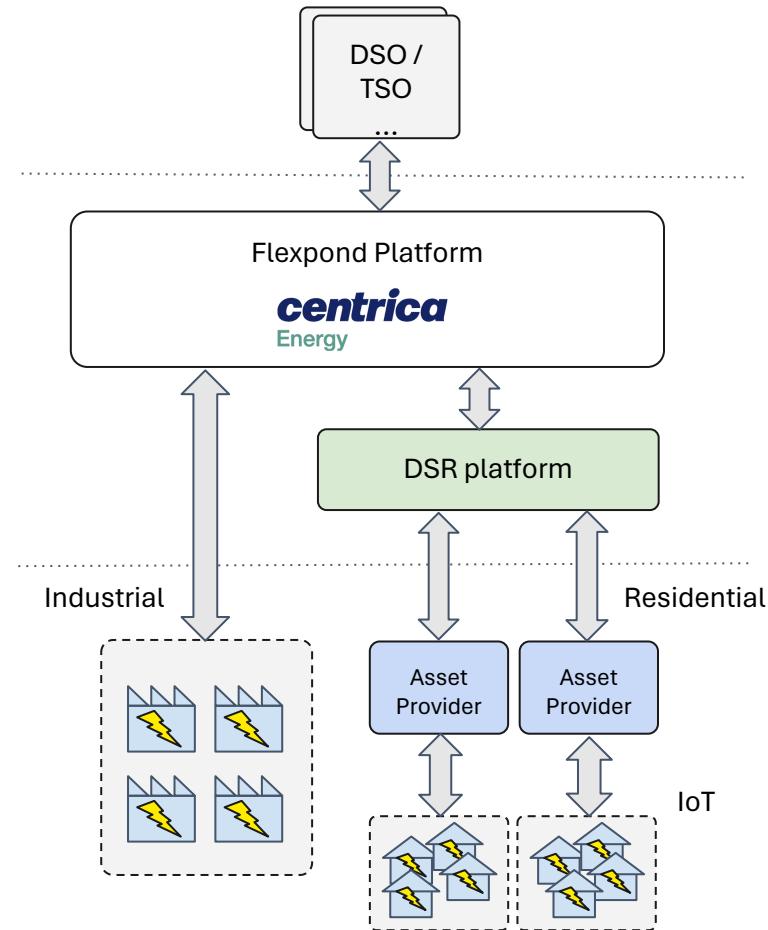
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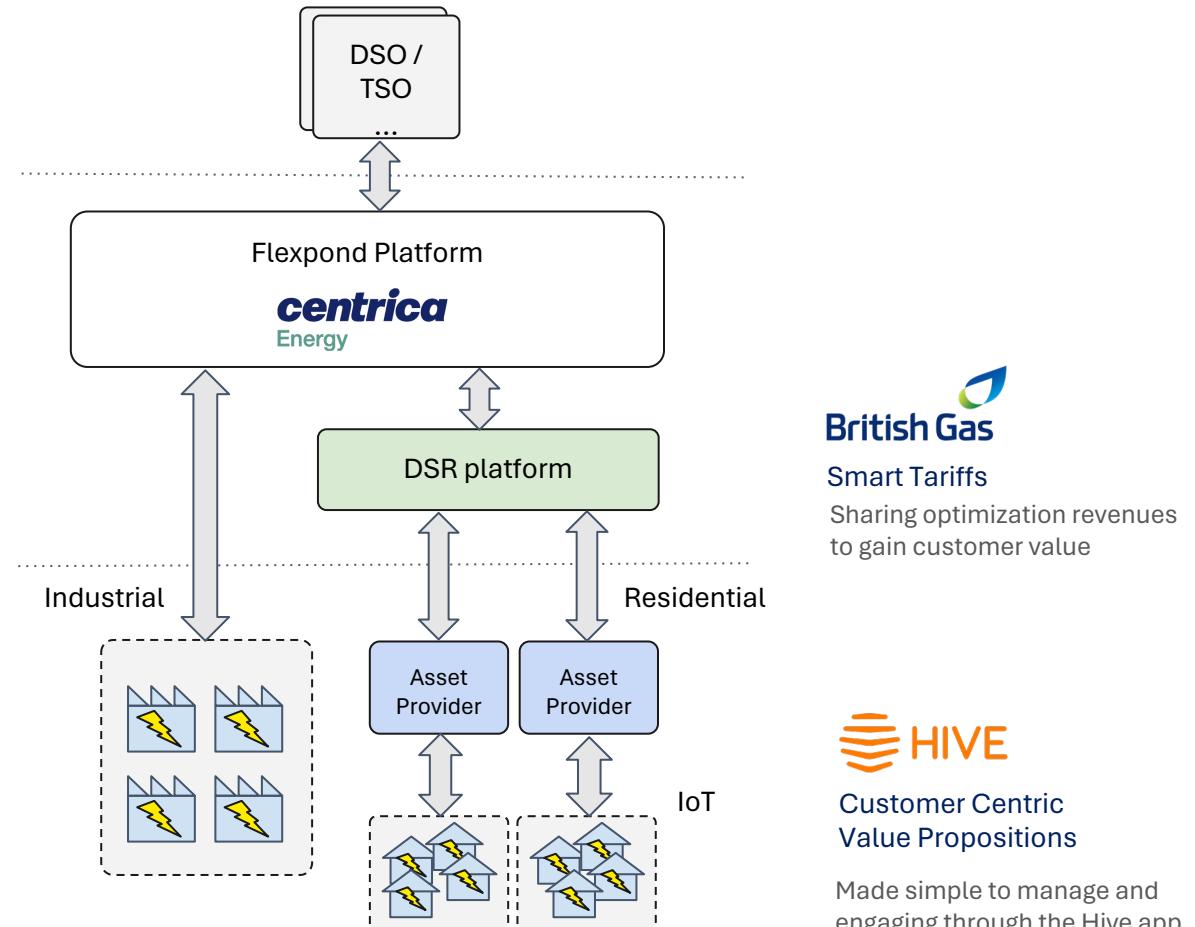
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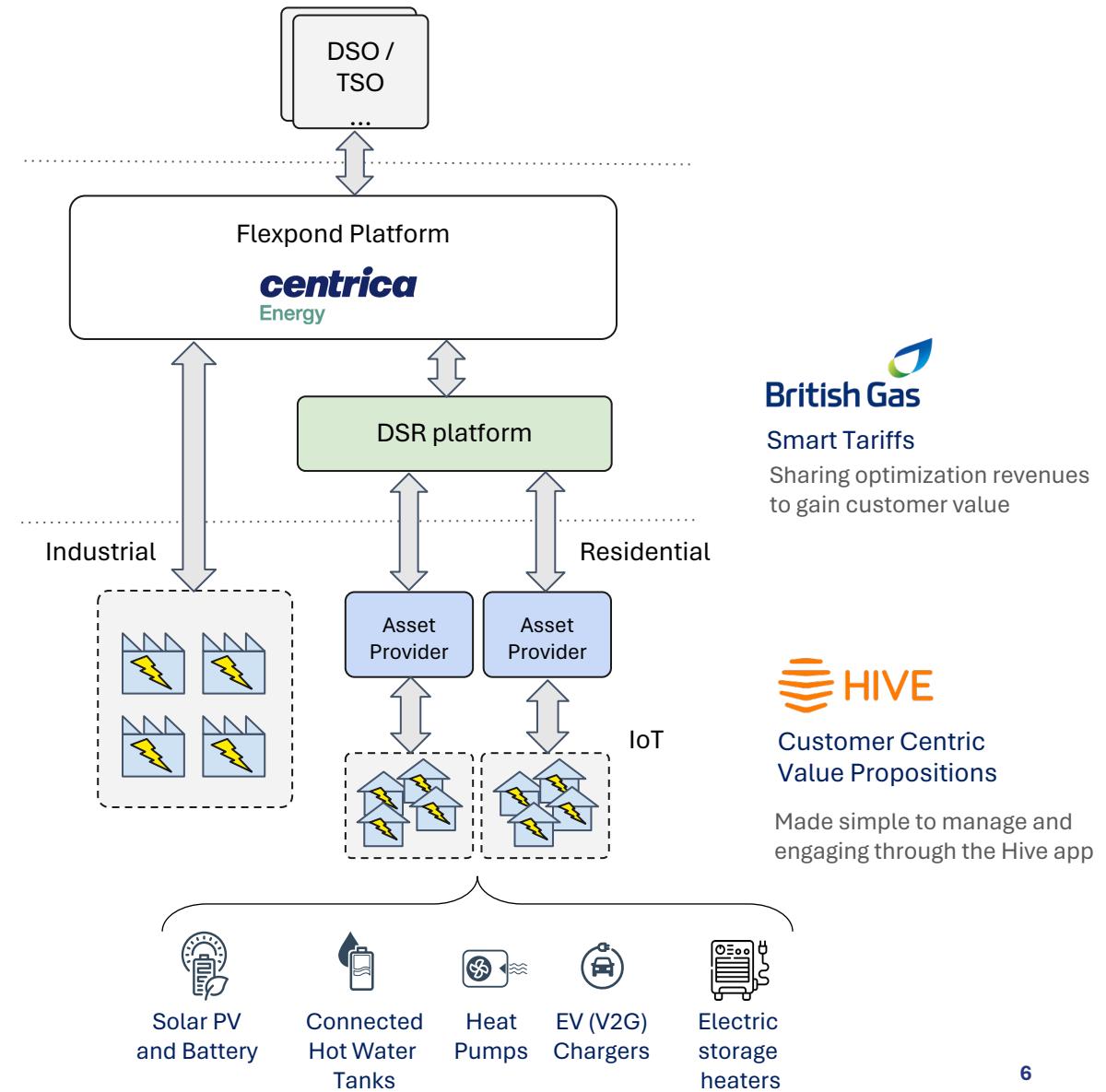


 **British Gas**  
Smart Tariffs  
Sharing optimization revenues to gain customer value

 **HIVE**  
Customer Centric Value Propositions  
Made simple to manage and engaging through the Hive app

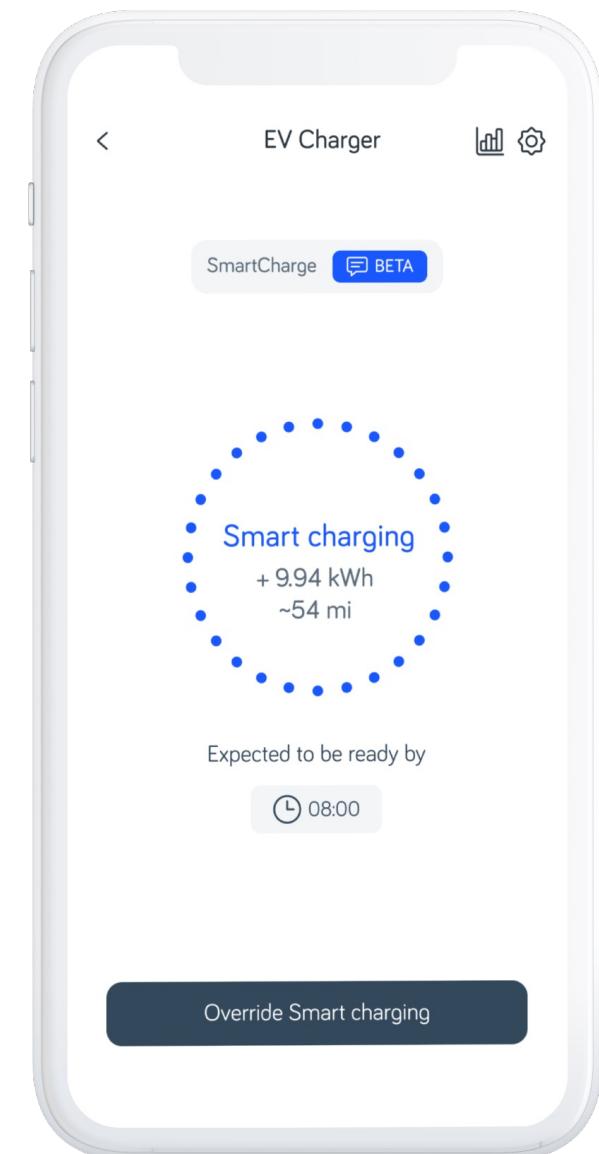
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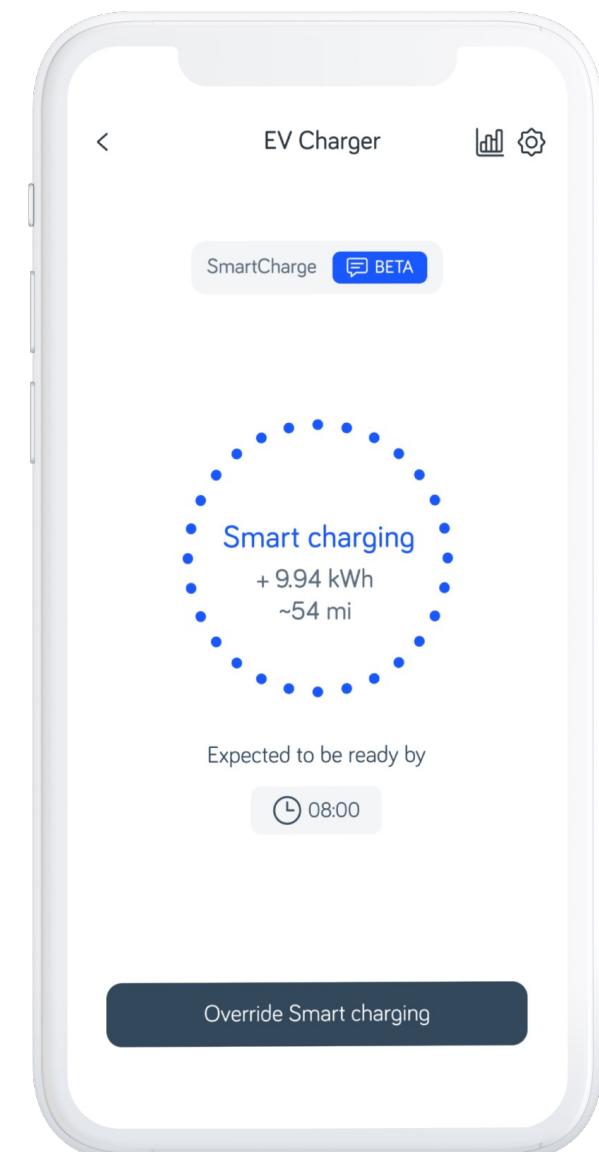
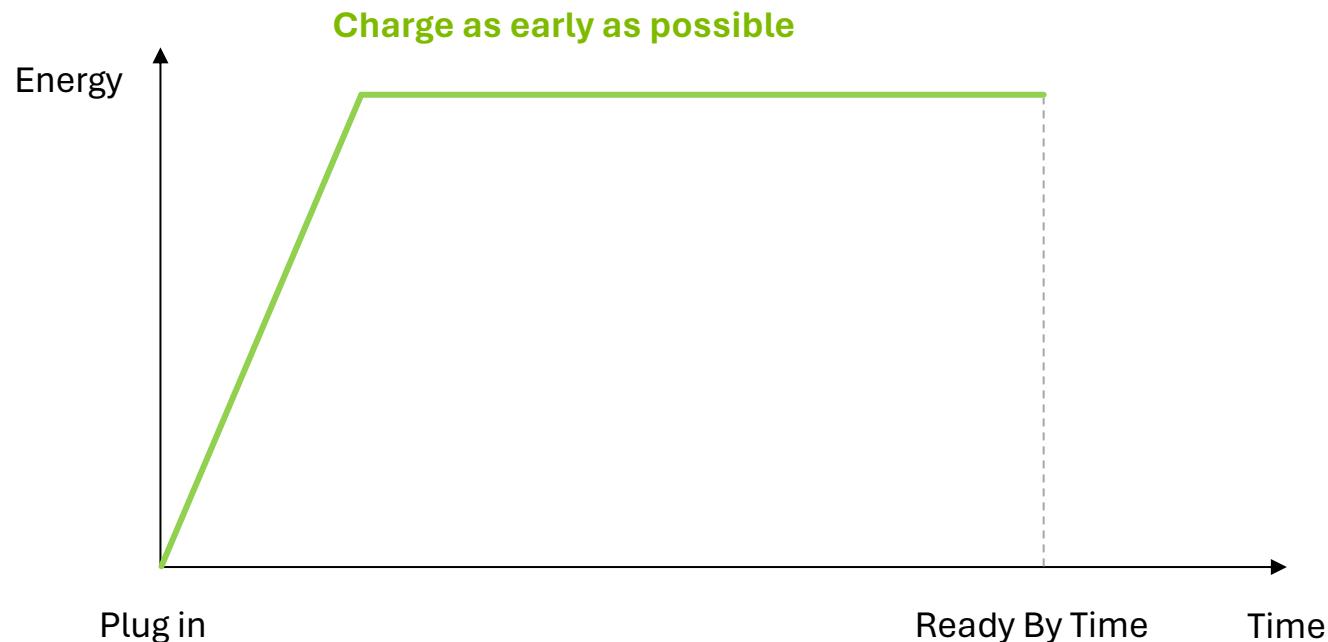


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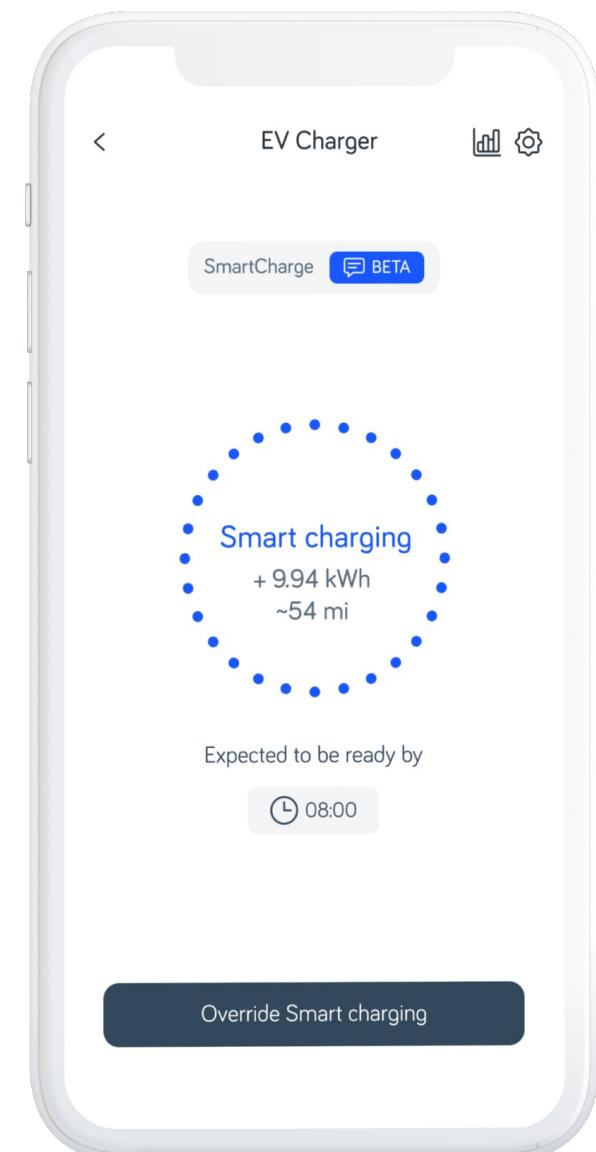
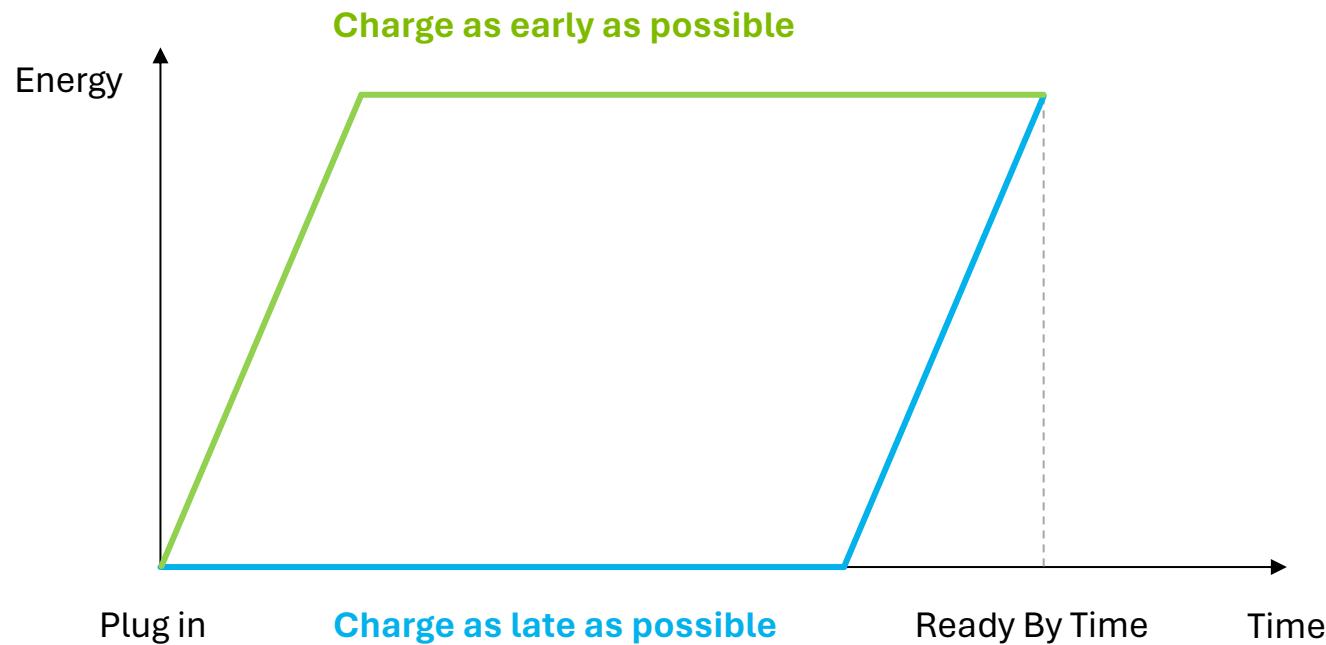
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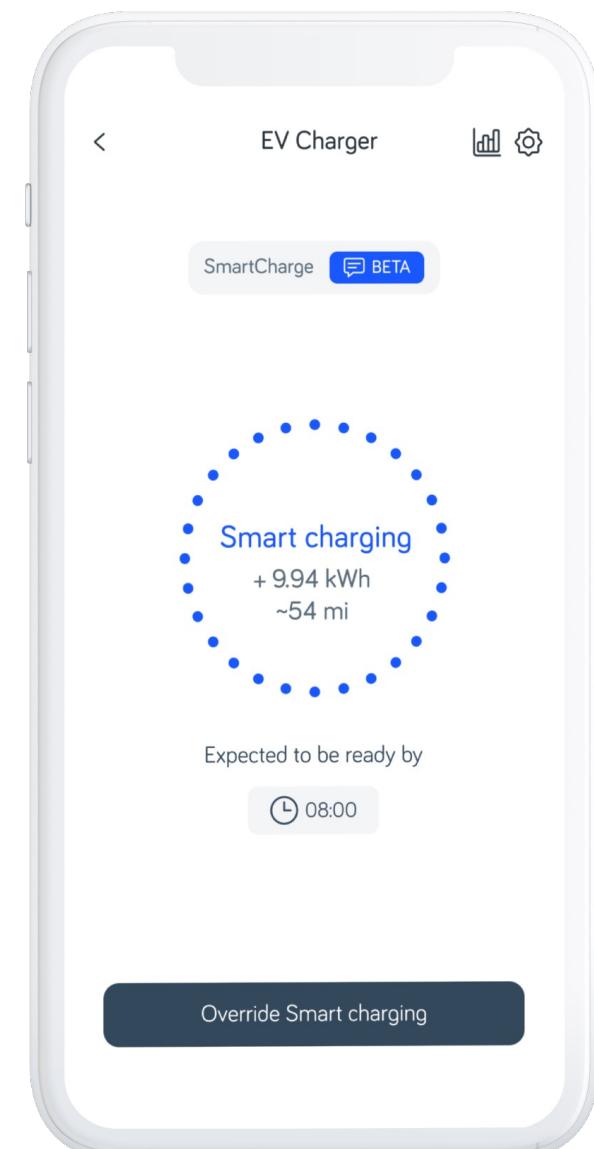
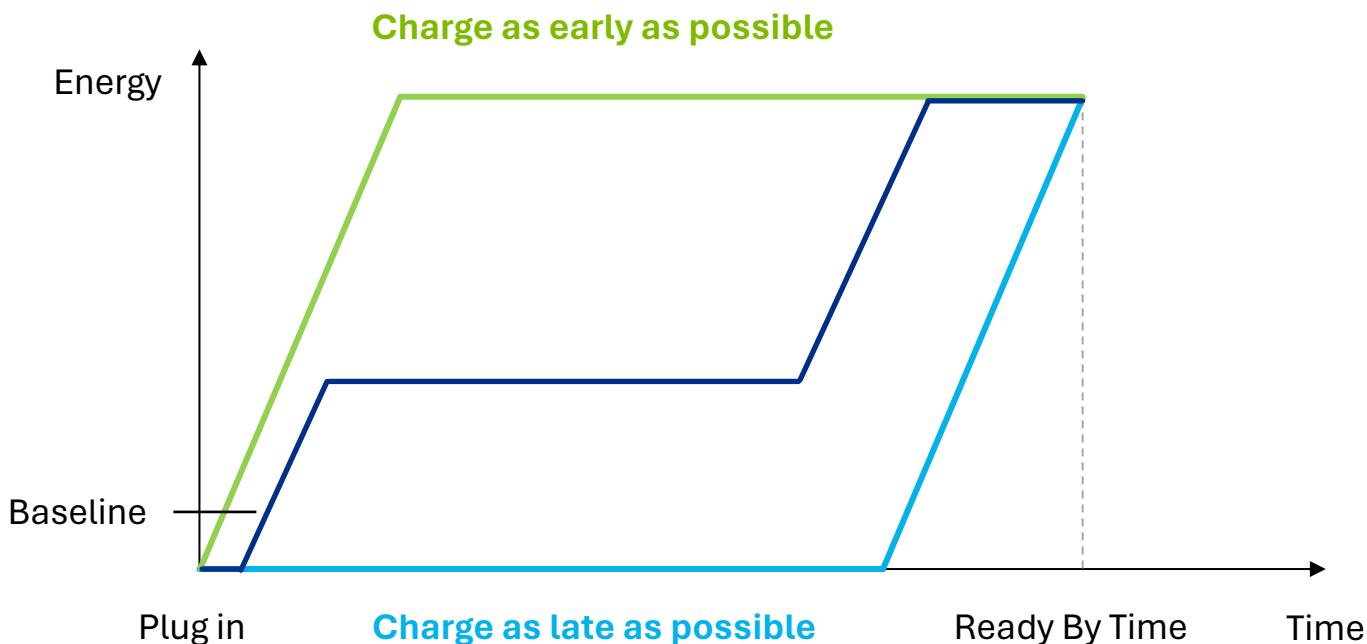
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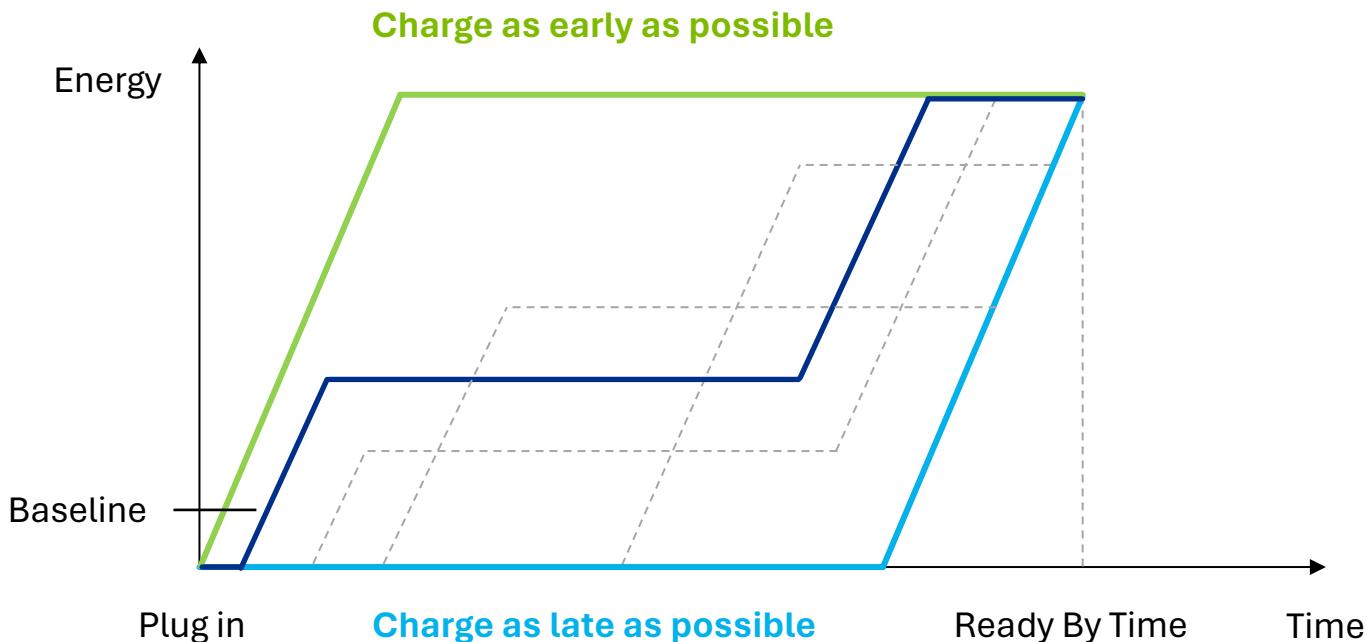
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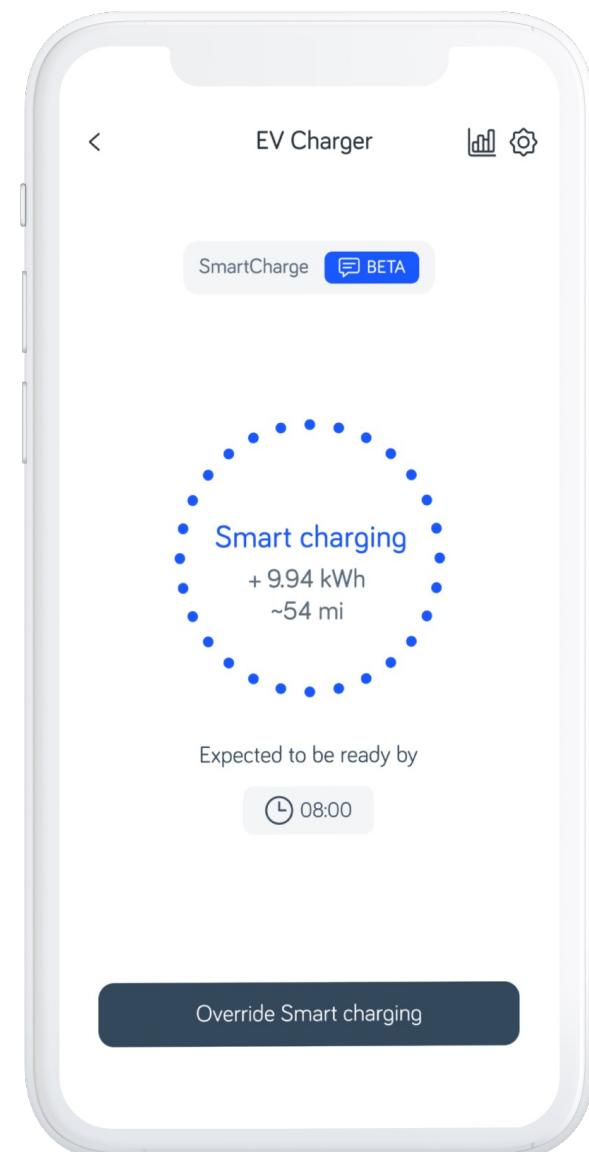
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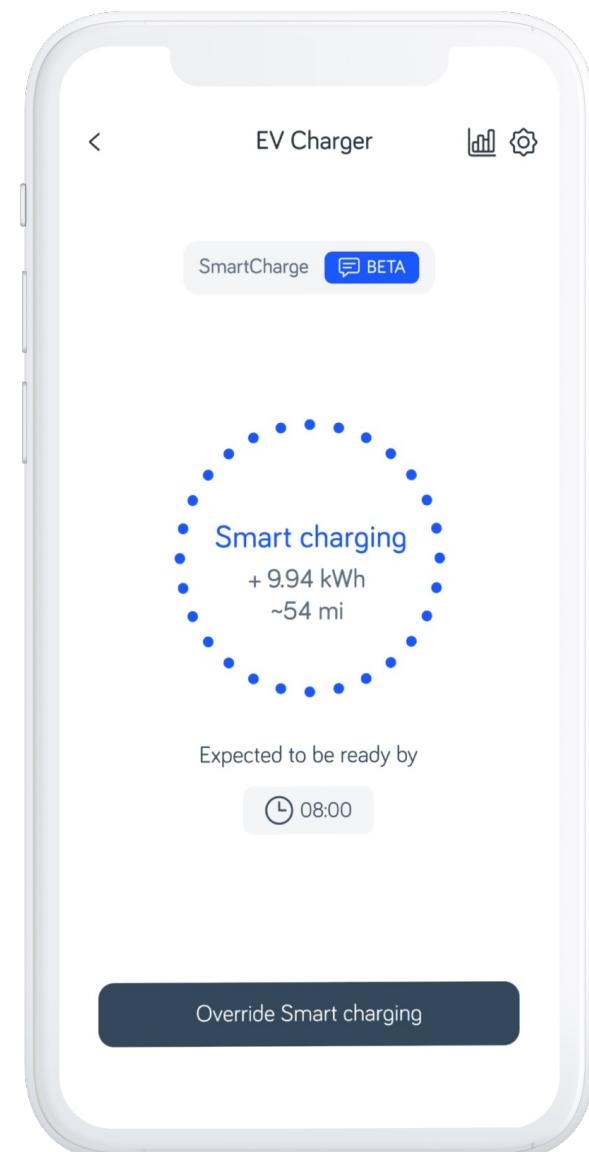
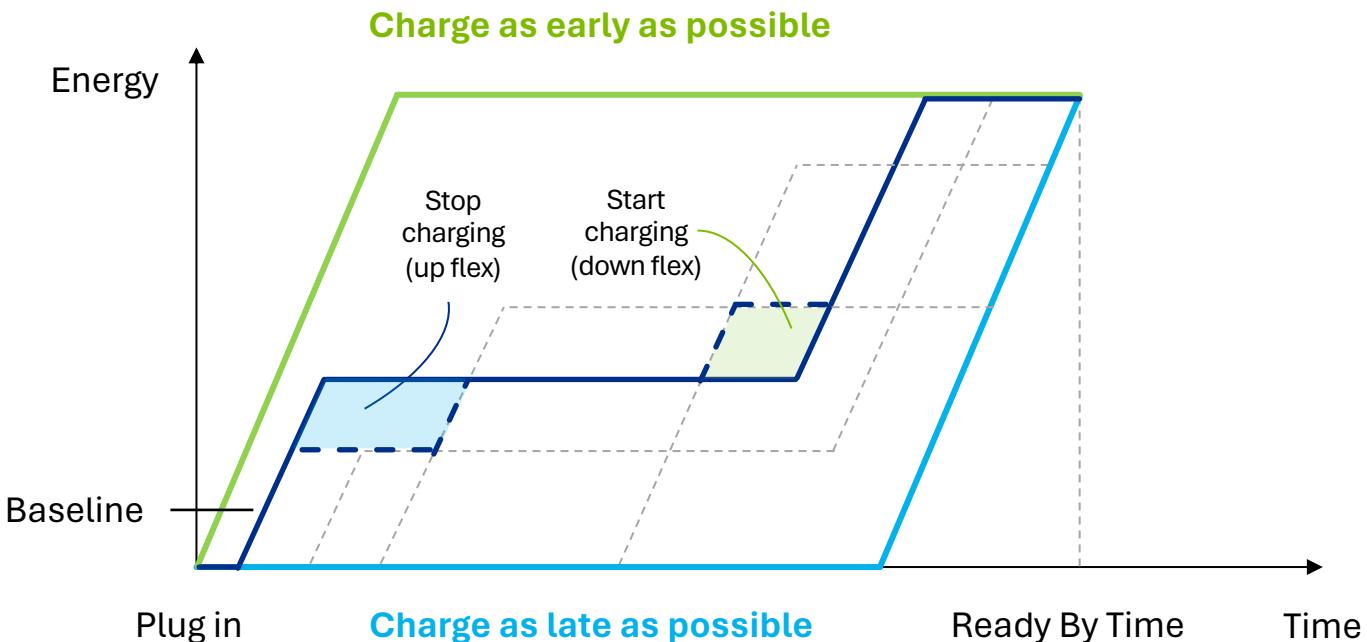
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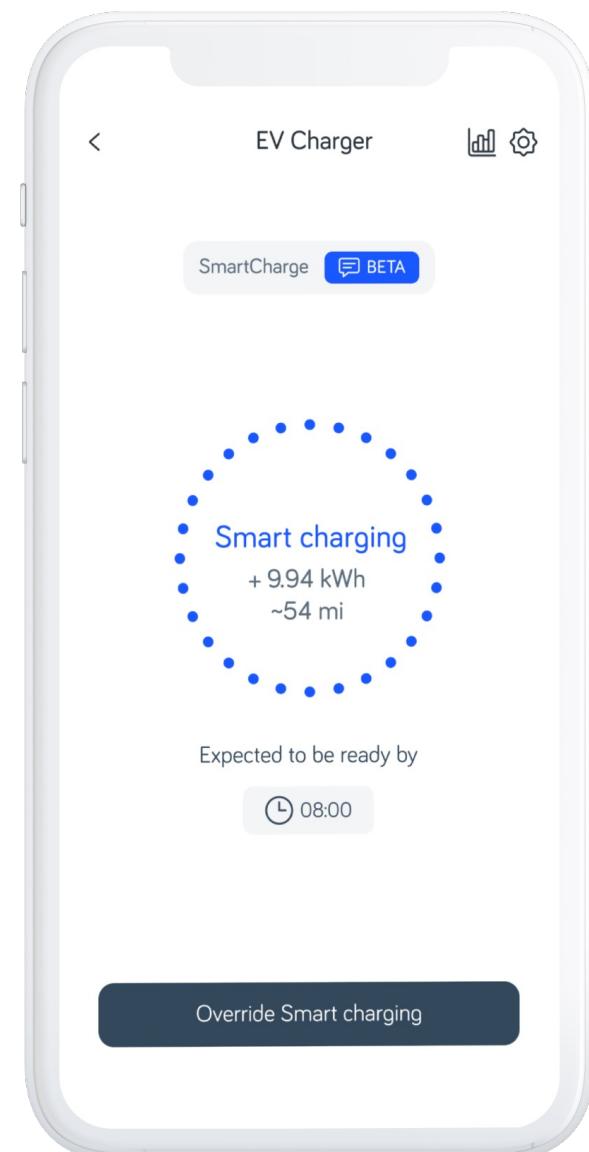
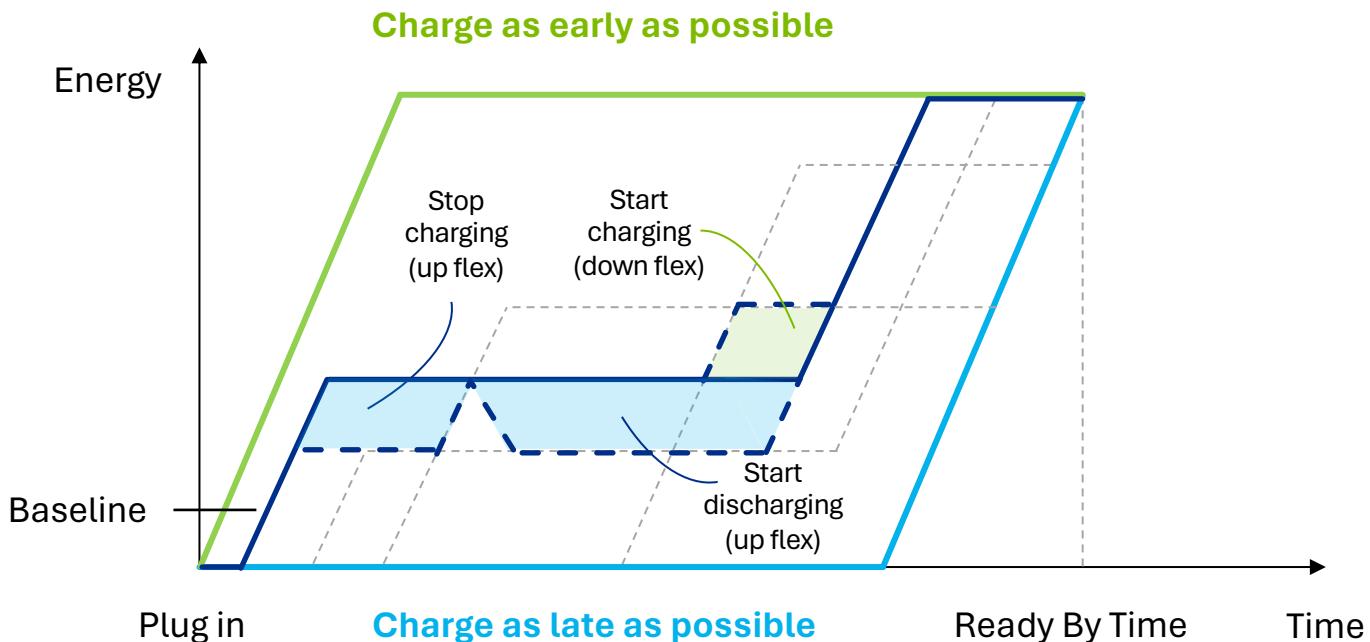


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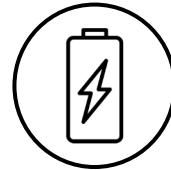
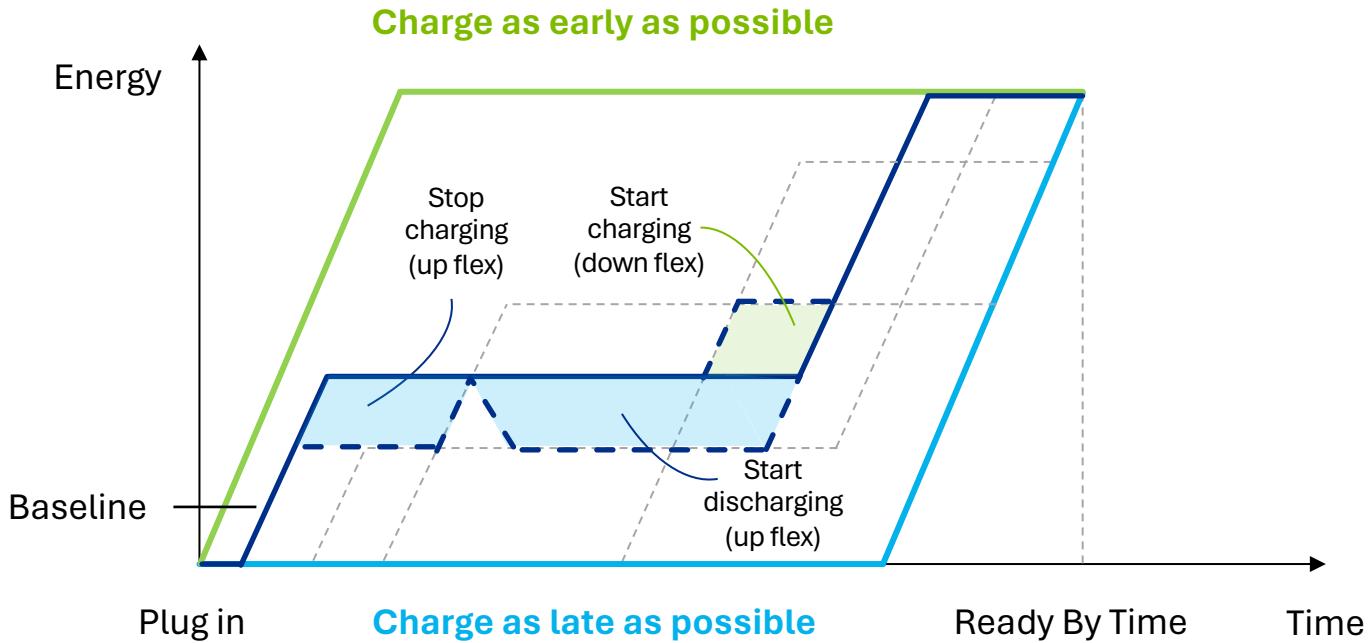
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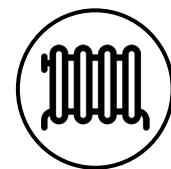


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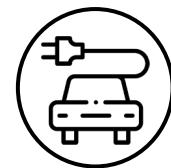
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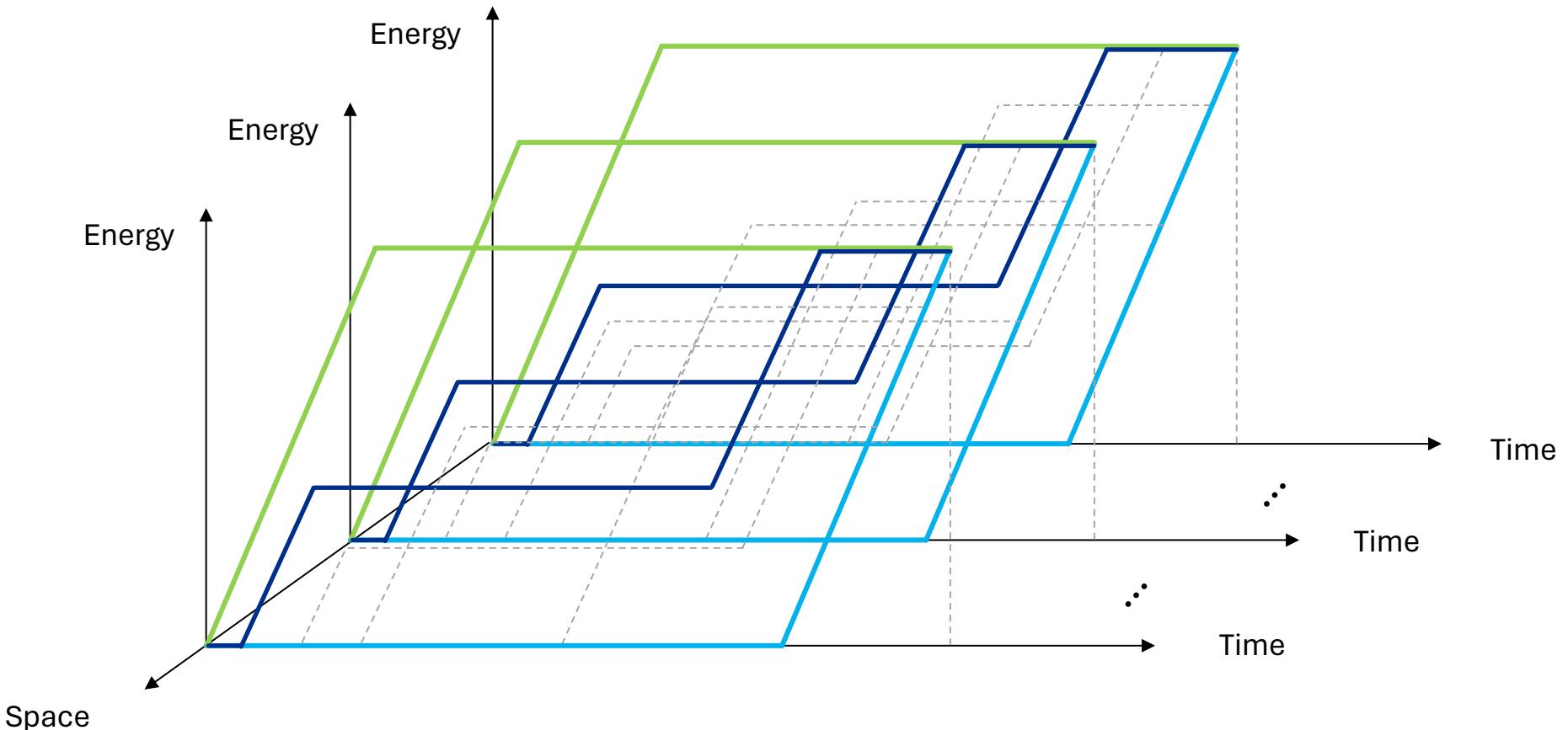
**Heating**



**Mobility**

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# Residential Flexibility



# Value of flexibility aggregation



# Pathway of (small) flex to the market

## DSR proposition

From the initial business case to the contract / tariff development

## Operational monitoring

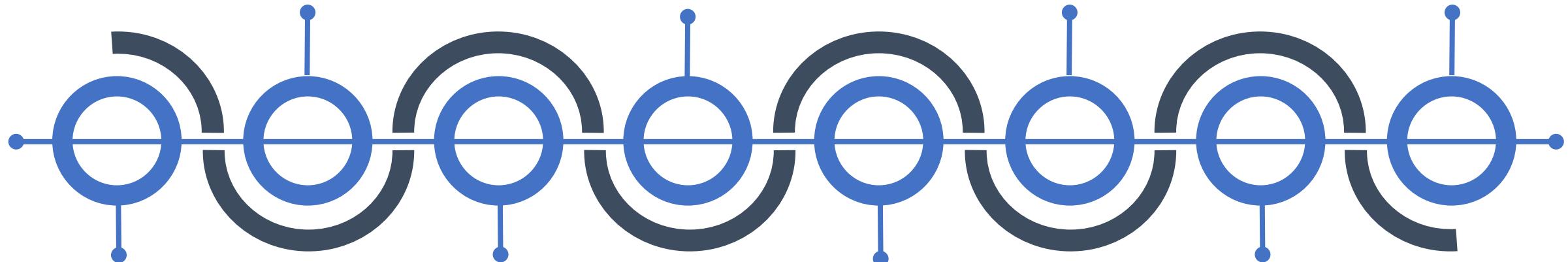
Access and track asset data to validate asset state and controls

## Aggregation

Combine devices into pools and virtual power plant to trade flexibility in the markets

## Customer UI/UX

Provide insights in value, performance, activations, availability, maintenance



## Material participation

Prosumers emerge by acquiring and installing low-carbon technologies

## Connectivity

Access to devices via gateway, cloud APIs or software integration. This includes telemetry data and control, customer UI/UX

## Optimisation

Extract optimal device flexibility based on local conditions (e.g., energy tariffs, grid capacity, user comfort)

## Market access

Provide market interface to balancing, reserve, and network services and energy markets

# Prosumer Services



## Storage



Batteries / PV



## Heating



Heat pumps, hot water tanks, electric storage heaters

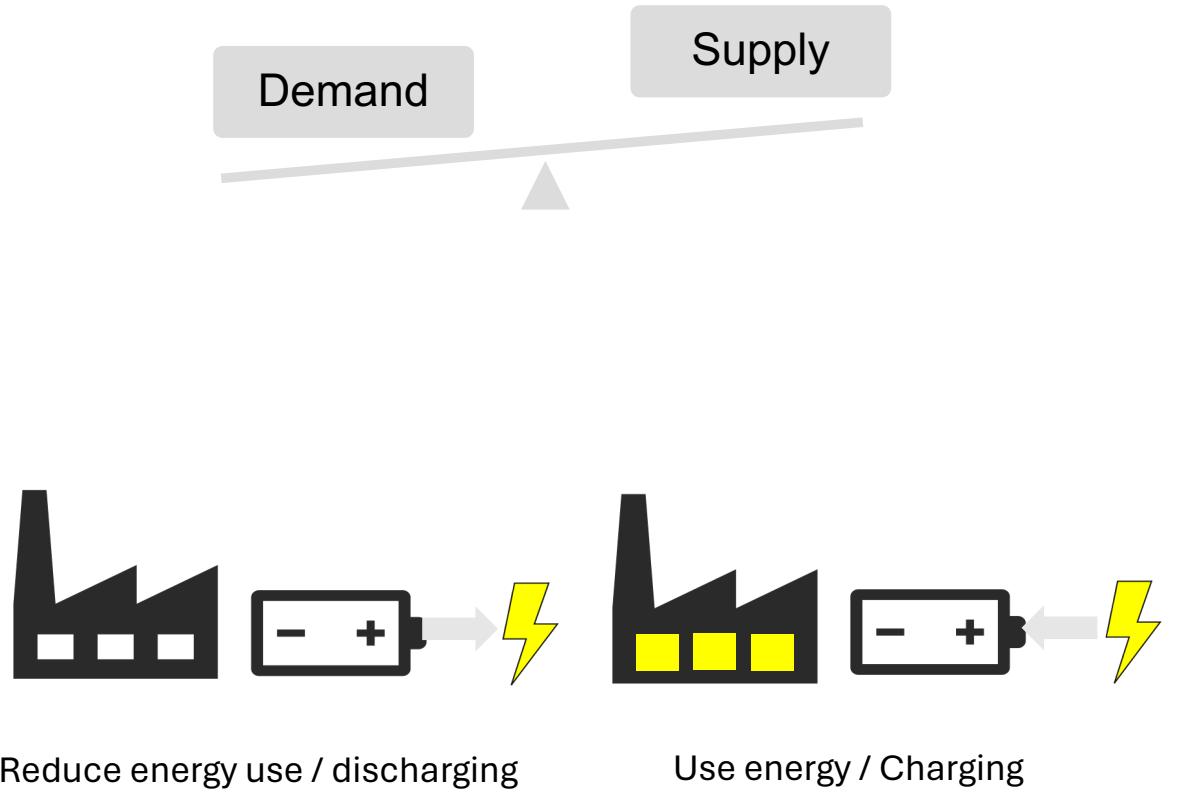


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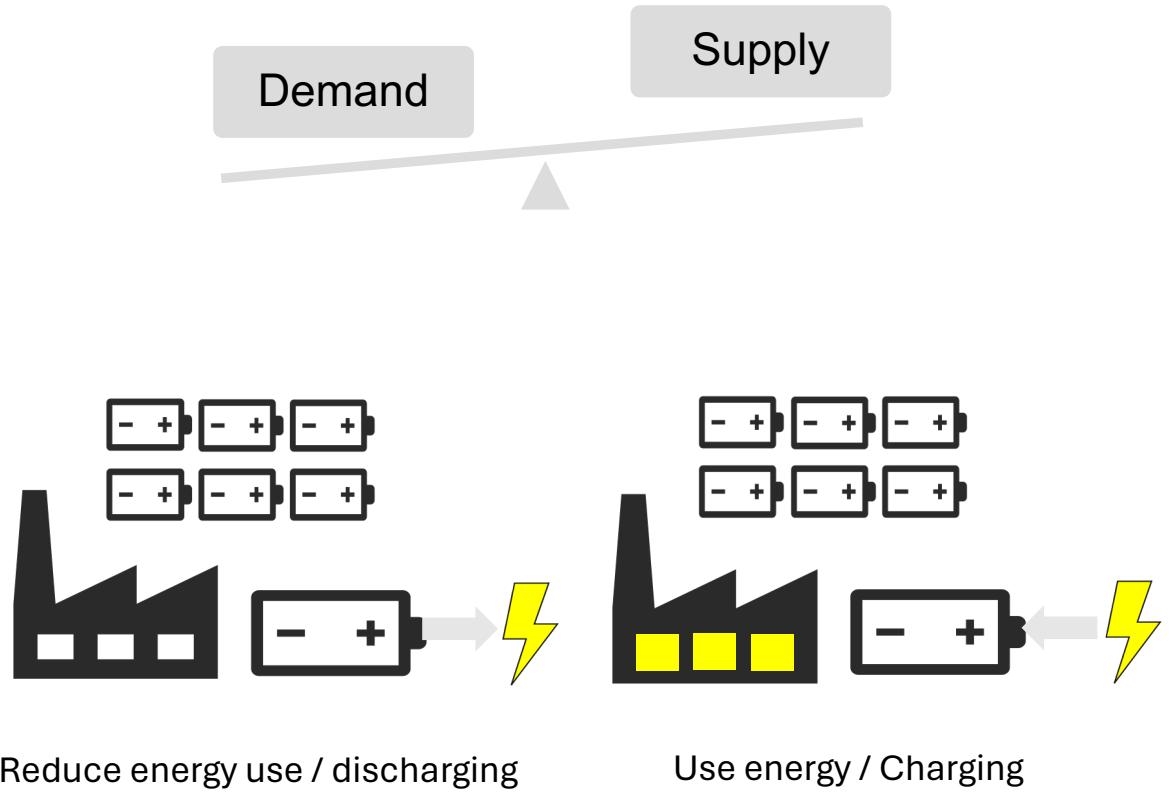


Electric vehicle charge points

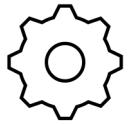
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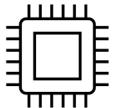
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Frequency  
Containment  
Reserve (FCR)



> 5000 home  
batteries in  
Belgium



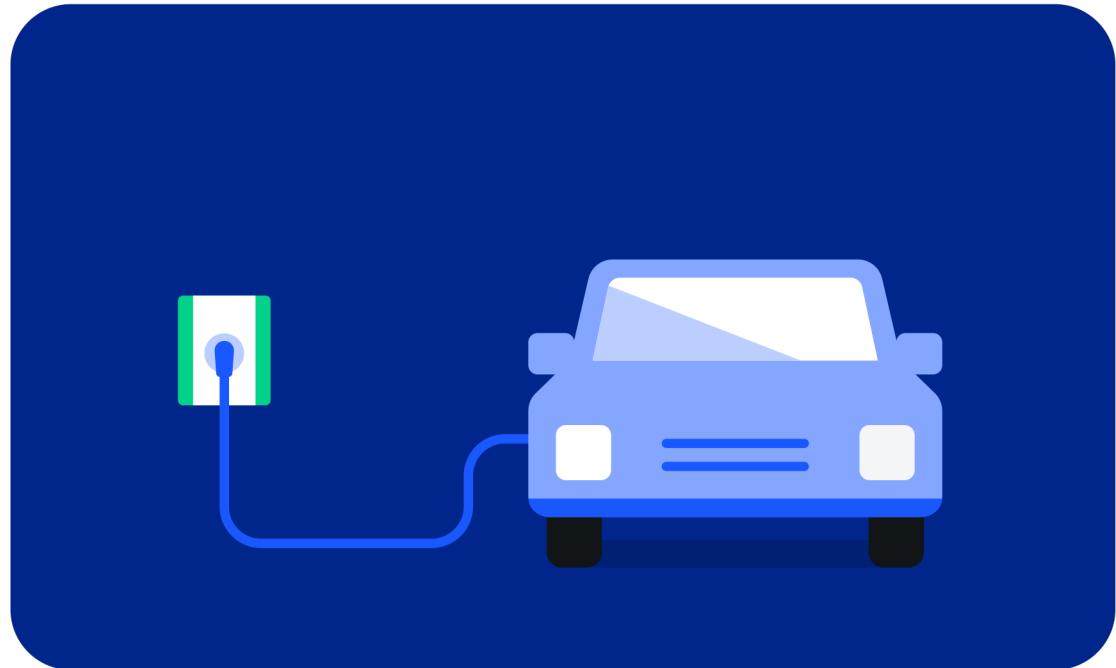
~ €100s / year  
savings



Balancing the grid



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## HIVE SmartCharge

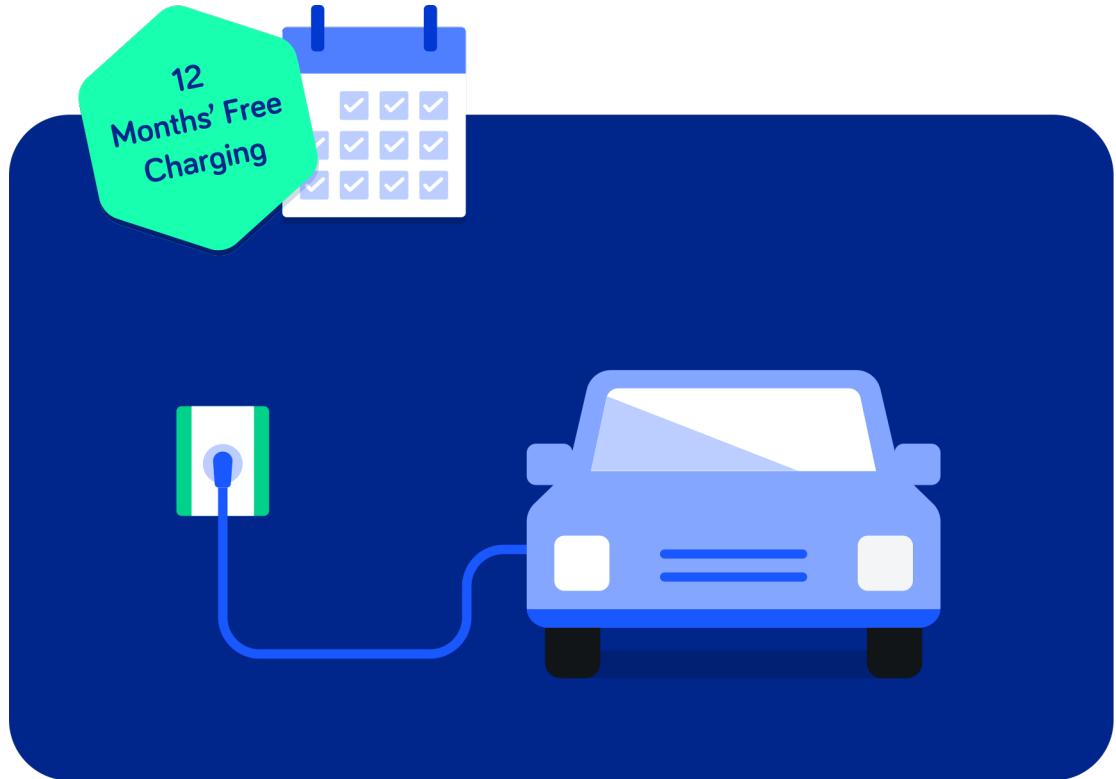
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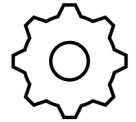
£100 million/year extra savings for system cost<sup>1</sup>



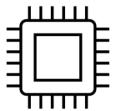
~ £100s/year extra savings per BM and/or DSO services

<sup>1</sup> if the 10 million EVs expected to be in the UK by 2030 participated in the BM

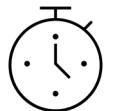
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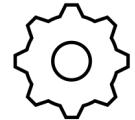
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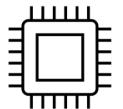
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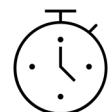
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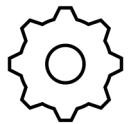
**Dimplex®**

**British Gas**

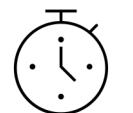
Night rate of 9.9p per kWh between  
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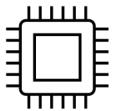
Firm frequency  
response (FFR)



300 ms  
reaction time



~10% savings on  
hot water bills



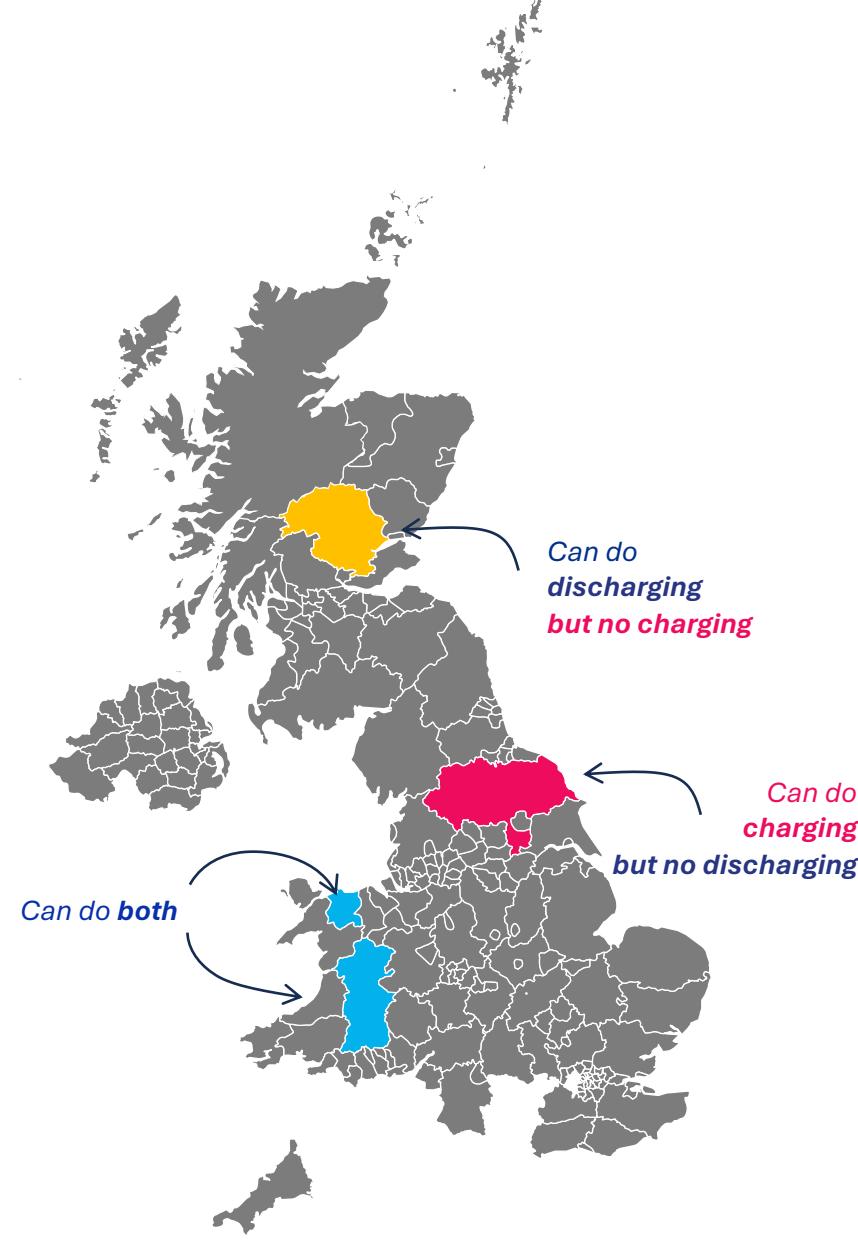
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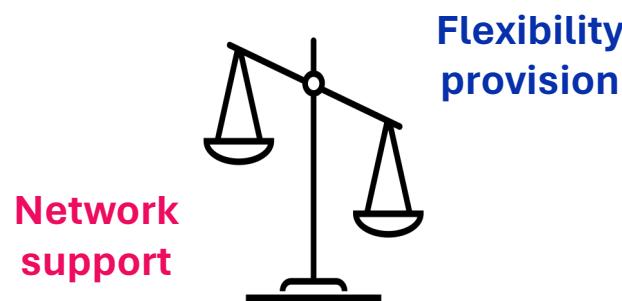
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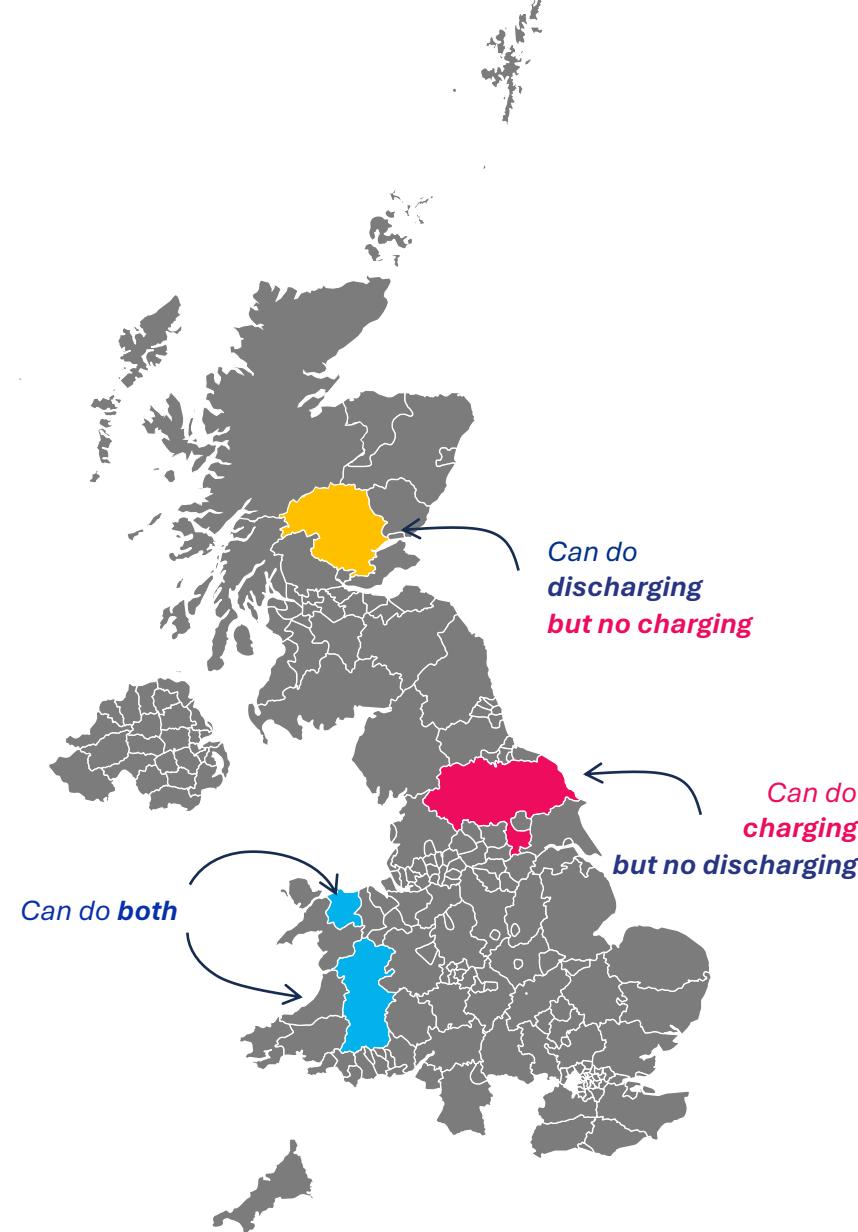
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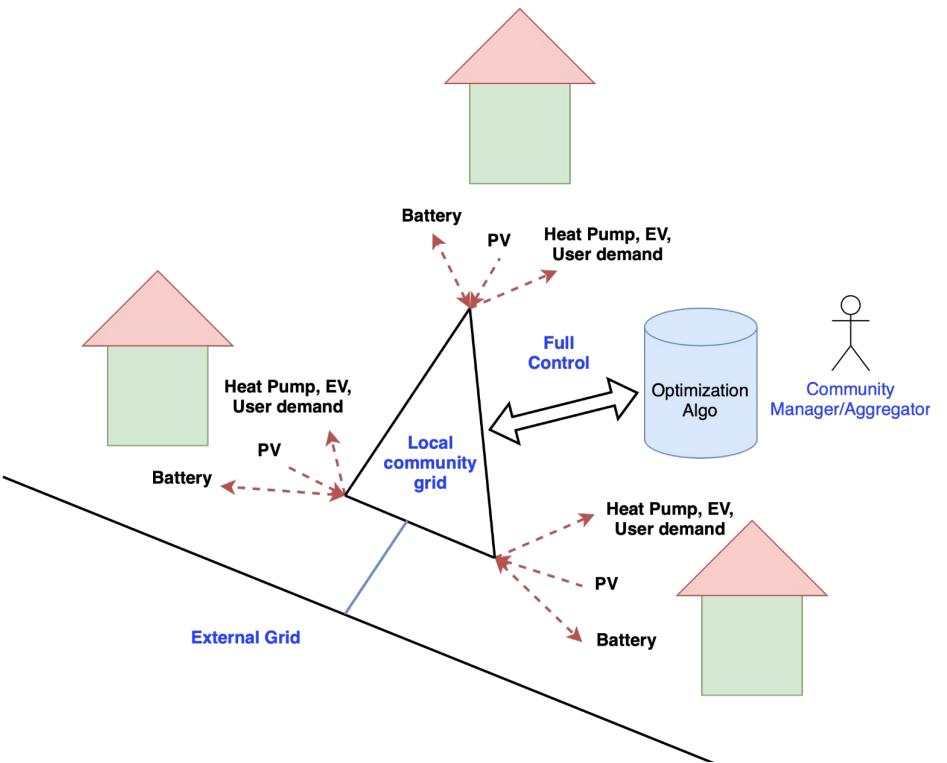


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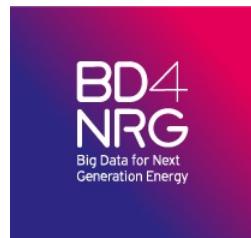
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