

# Project EVolve

## Product Opportunity Assessment

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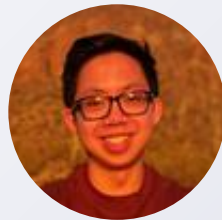
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# Agenda

1. Customer and Job to Be Done
2. Market Investigation
3. Competitive Analysis
4. Technical Feasibility
5. Risk Identification
6. Next Steps



## How might we...

...help Ford leverage the electric vehicle transformation from a means of conveyance to an amplifier of an individual's electric lifestyle and beyond?



# Our process

## Opportunity mapping

- Demand response
- Awareness
- Charging
- Grid services
- Fleet management
- etc.

## Research & Interviews

- EV owners
- Non-owners
- Fleet managers
- Battery experts
- EV engineers
- Truck owners
- Demand response
- etc.

## Job to Be Done & POA

- Ideation
- Converging
- Problem validation
- Market exploration
- Feasibility
- etc.

# We interviewed across the ecosystem



Car owners (EV & gas)



Truck owners



Battery experts



Demand response  
companies



Fleet managers



EV engineers /  
researchers

**Charging is top of mind**

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When I charge I try to charge off-peak hours [at night]. I want my charger to match my patterns.

-Margaret, Tesla owner



**I pay extra on my electricity bill to use more renewable energy.**

**-Heather, Subaru Crosstrek owner**



**I am concerned about  
additional costs associated  
with smart charging.**

**-Richard, EV owner**

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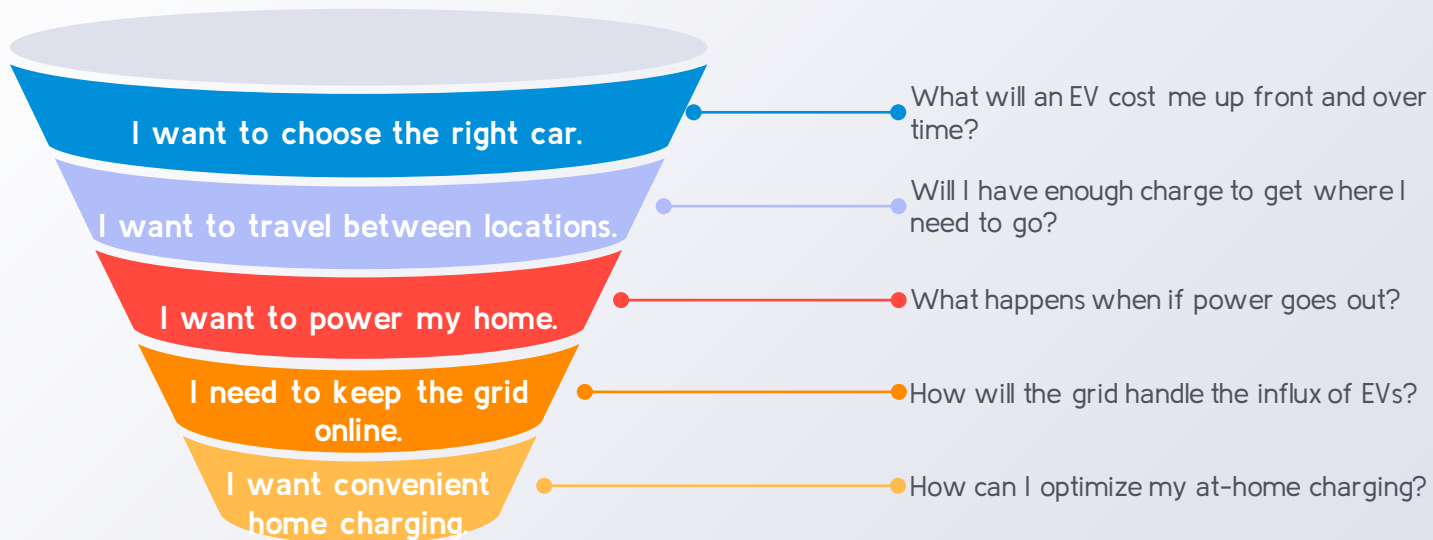
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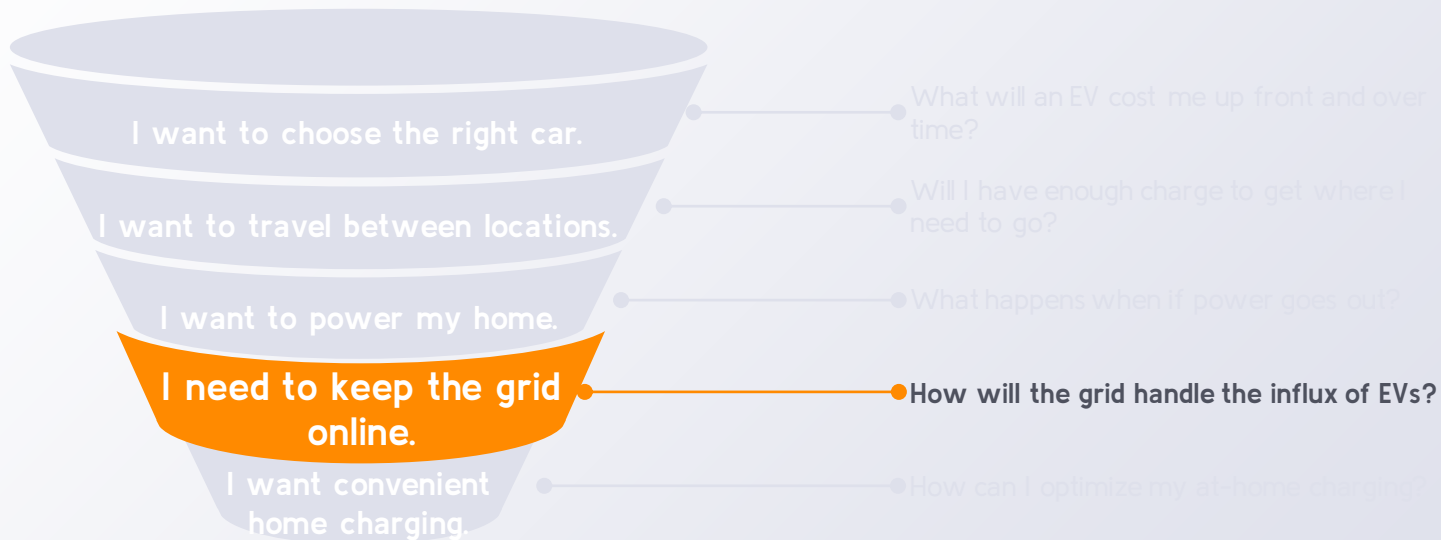
Electrifying everything is hip to say, better than the alternative, but the grid is fragile as-is.

-Alex, demand response analyst

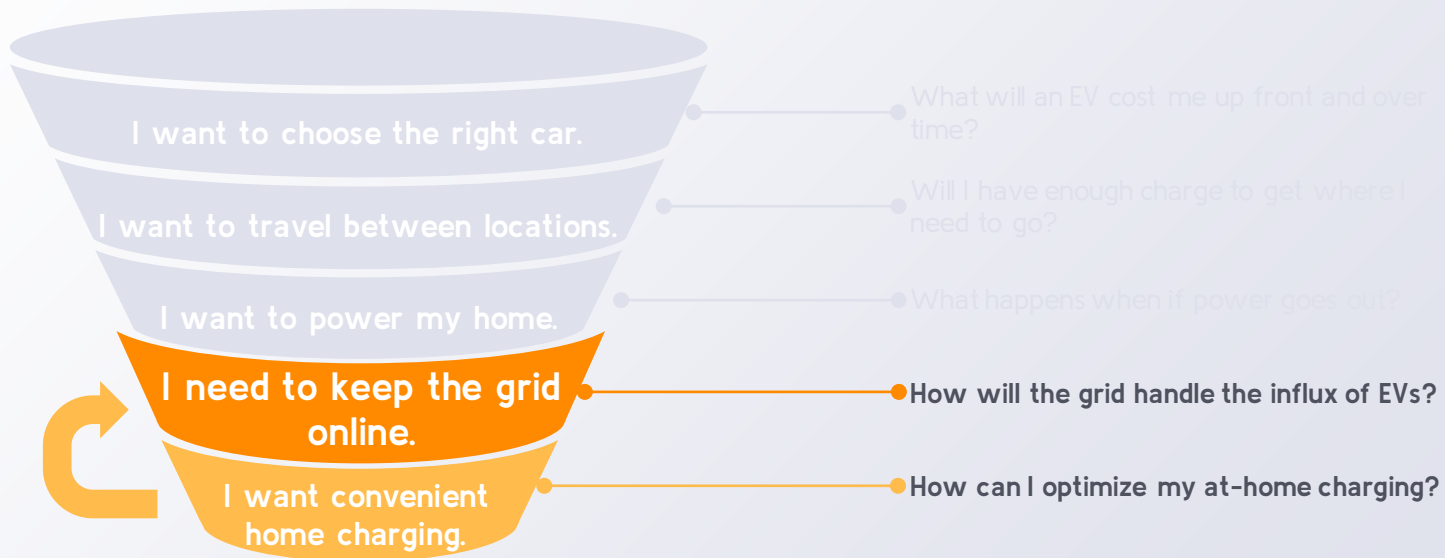
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# "The Grid"

- A **network** of power plants, transmission lines, and distribution centers
- Manages **supply and demand** of energy



7,700 power plants

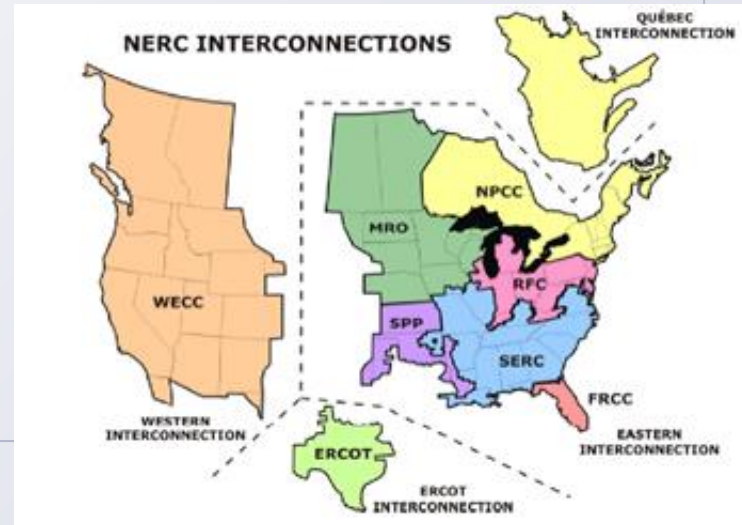


3,300 utilities



2.7 million miles of  
power lines

# REGIONAL RELIABILITY ORGANIZATIONS MANAGE BULK POWER TRANSMISSION ACROSS NORTH AMERICA



# INDEPENDENT + REGIONAL SERVICE OPERATORS OVERSEE REGIONAL ELECTRICITY MARKETS

CAISO mission: "**operate the grid** reliably and efficiently, provide fair and open **transmission access**, promote environmental stewardship, and facilitate effective **markets** and promote **infrastructure** development."



# UTILITIES COMPANIES SERVICE LOCAL TERRITORIES



## ENERGY STATEMENT

[www.pge.com/MyEnergy](http://www.pge.com/MyEnergy)

Account No: 1023456789-0

Statement Date: mm/dd/yyyy

Due Date: mm/dd/yyyy

### Service For:

Residential CARE Customer  
1234 Main Street  
Anytown, CA 000000

### Questions about your bill?

Monday-Friday 7 a.m.-9 p.m.  
Saturday 8 a.m.-6 p.m.  
Phone: 1-800-743-5000  
[www.pge.com/MyEnergy](http://www.pge.com/MyEnergy)

### Local Office Address

111 STONY CIR  
SANTA ROSA, CA 95401

### Your Enrolled Programs

CARE Discount, CA Climate Credit

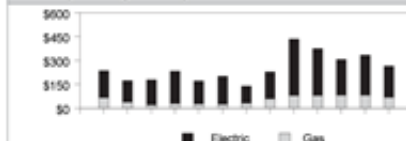
### Your Account Summary

Amount Due on Previous Statement	\$334.72
Payment(s) Received Since Last Statement	0.00
Previous Unpaid Balance	\$334.72
Current Electric Charges	\$197.74
Electric Adjustments	-39.42
Current Gas Charges	69.89

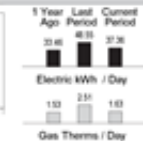
**Total Amount Due by \$562.93**

Current charges include discounts of \$169.58 for CARE and CA Climate Credit.

### Monthly Billing History



### Daily Usage Comparison



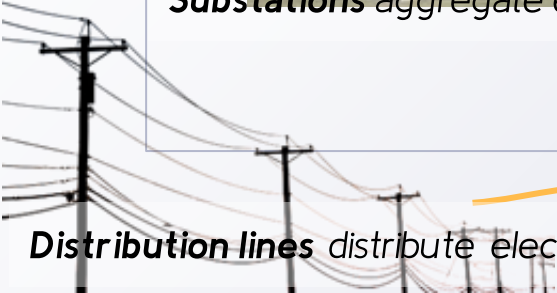
# EV Charging Ecosystem



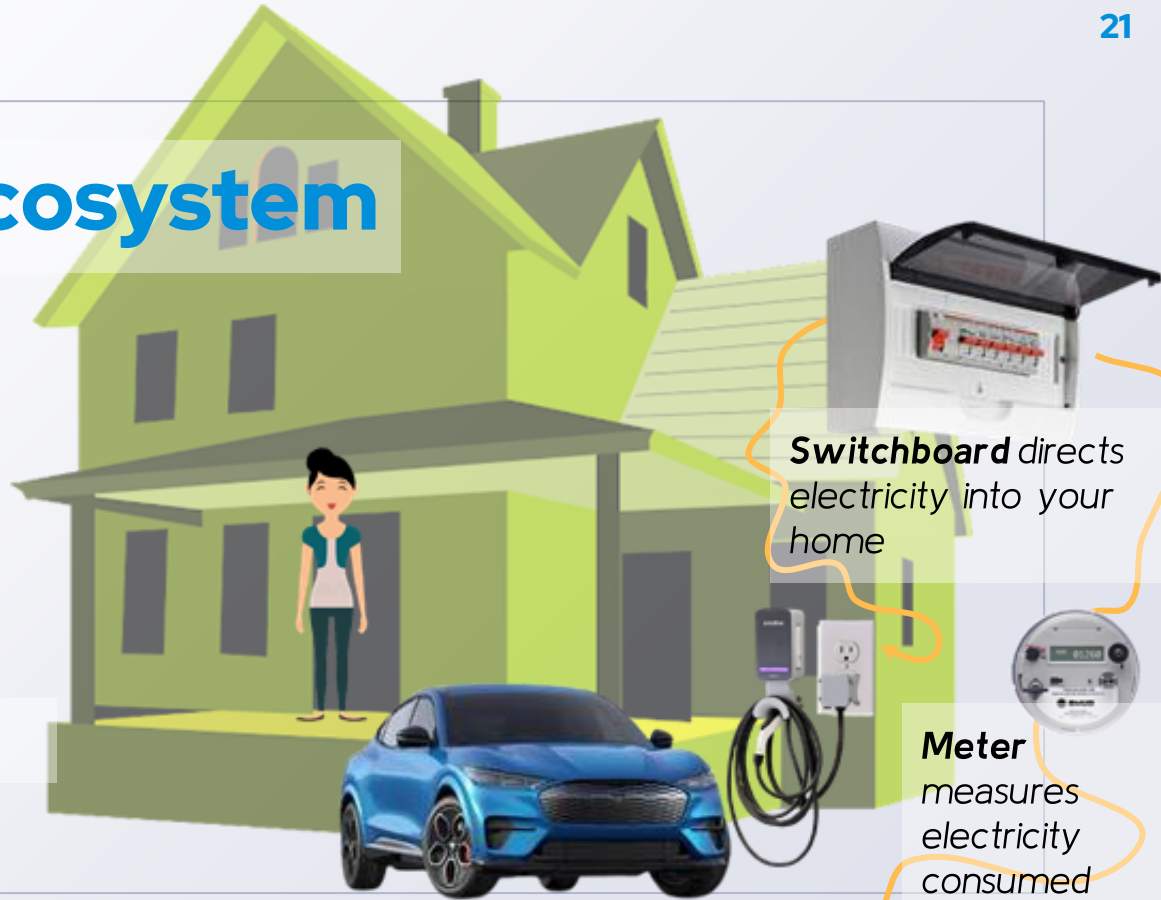
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**Substations** aggregate electricity



**Distribution lines** distribute electricity locally



**Switchboard** directs electricity into your home

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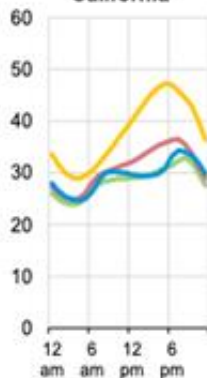
## Average hourly electricity load during typical day by region, selected months

million kilowatthours

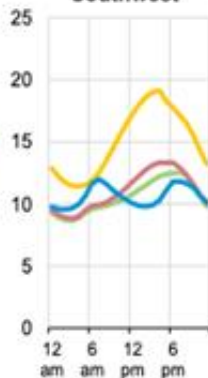


January  
April  
July  
October

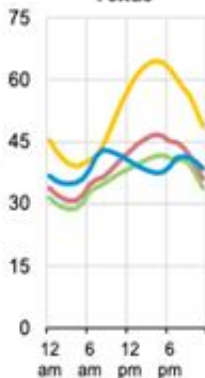
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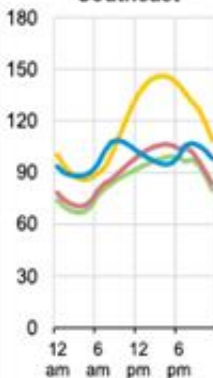
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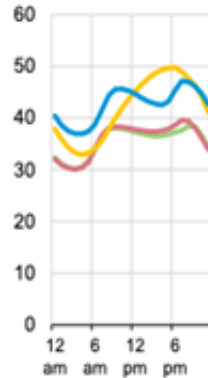
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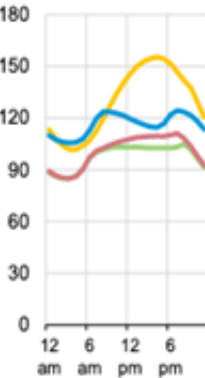
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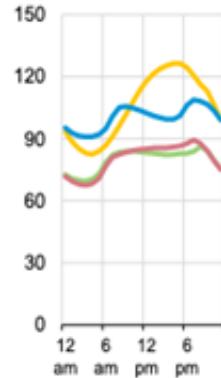
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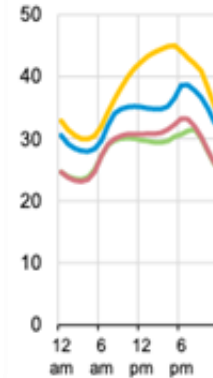
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Mid-Atlantic



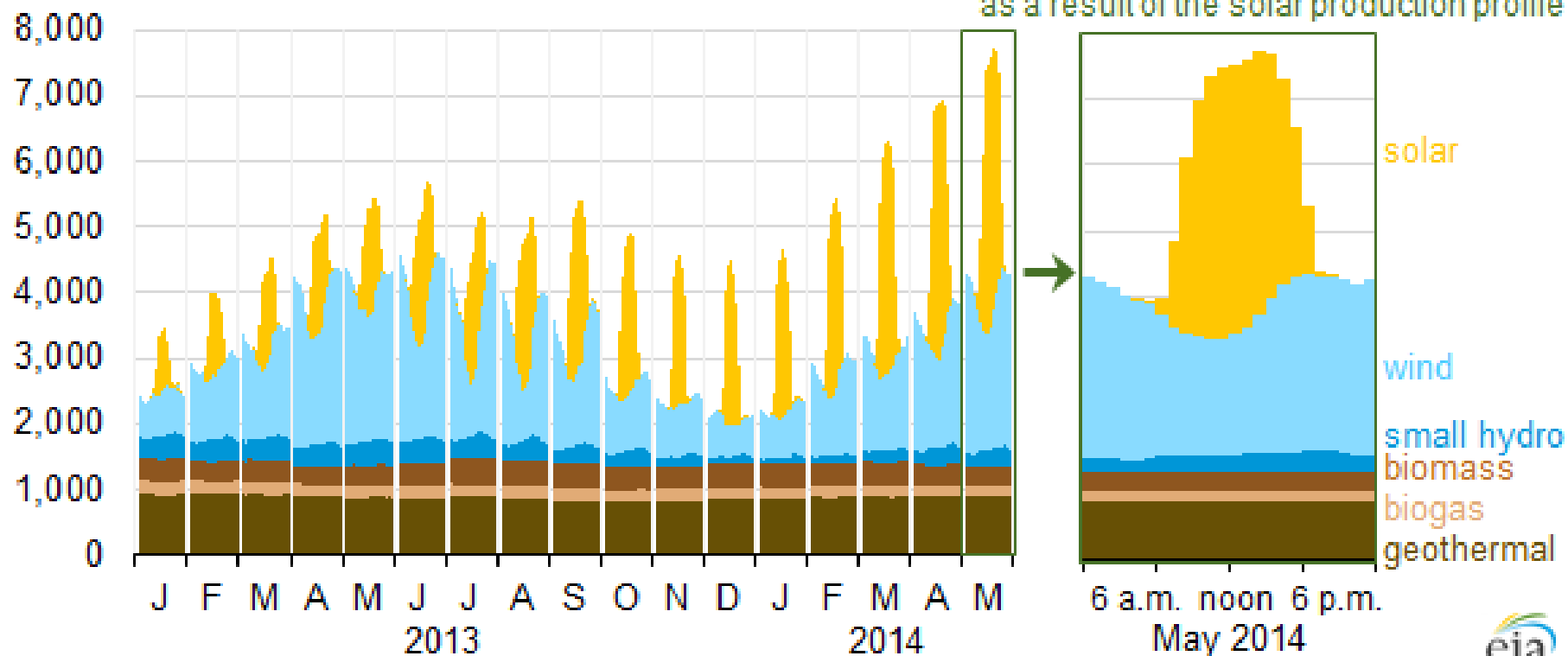
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## Average hourly California renewable electricity production profile by month

megawatts

Total renewable production generally peaks midday  
as a result of the solar production profile



# Utilities Companies Don't Want an Unbalanced Grid.

Why?

- Power plants are designed for a certain frequency.
- Fluctuating supply/demand electricity impacts frequency.
- Incorrect frequencies can collapse the grid.

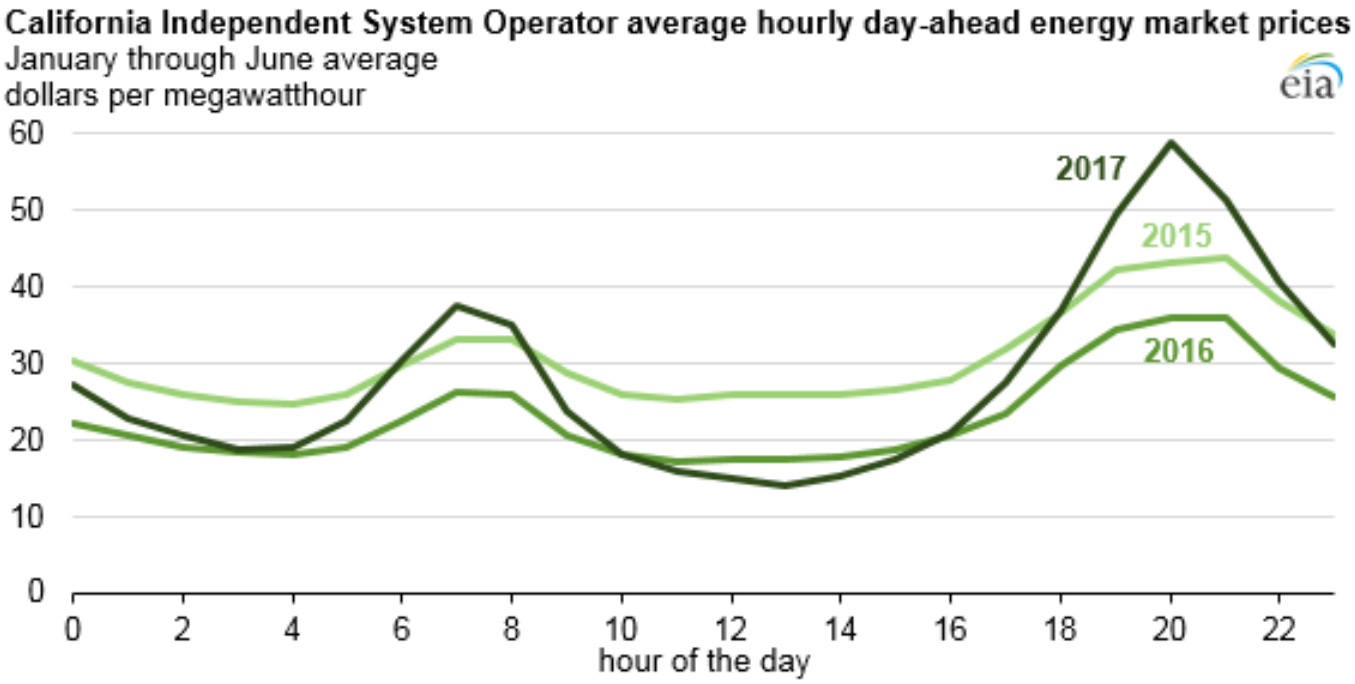


# The challenge for utilities companies:



# How do we keep the grid balanced?

# Day-Ahead Energy Markets Manipulate Demand



## Utilities Pay Demand Response Companies To Manage Home Electricity

PG&E: “There’s too much demand and too little electricity available right now. We need to **get people off the grid ASAP.**”

Demand response company: “**Pay us** and we’ll make our customers turn off their appliances.”

PG&E: “Awesome! Win-win.”

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*Example: OhmConnect*

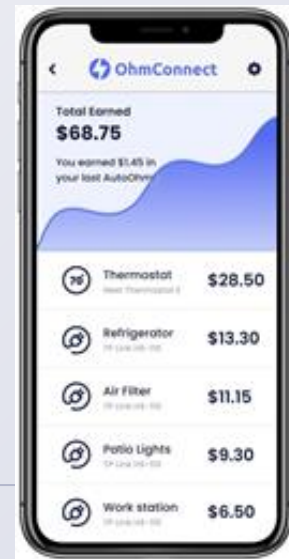
**OhmPlug**

Plug In. Save Energy. Get Paid.



Isn't it time your appliances paid YOU?

With OhmConnect, it's possible.

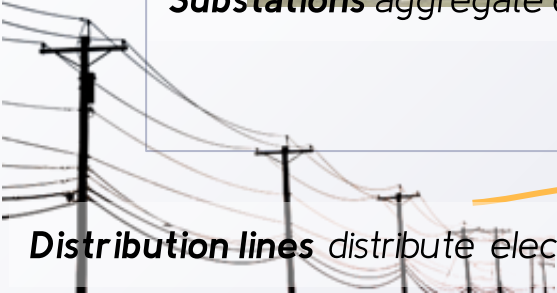




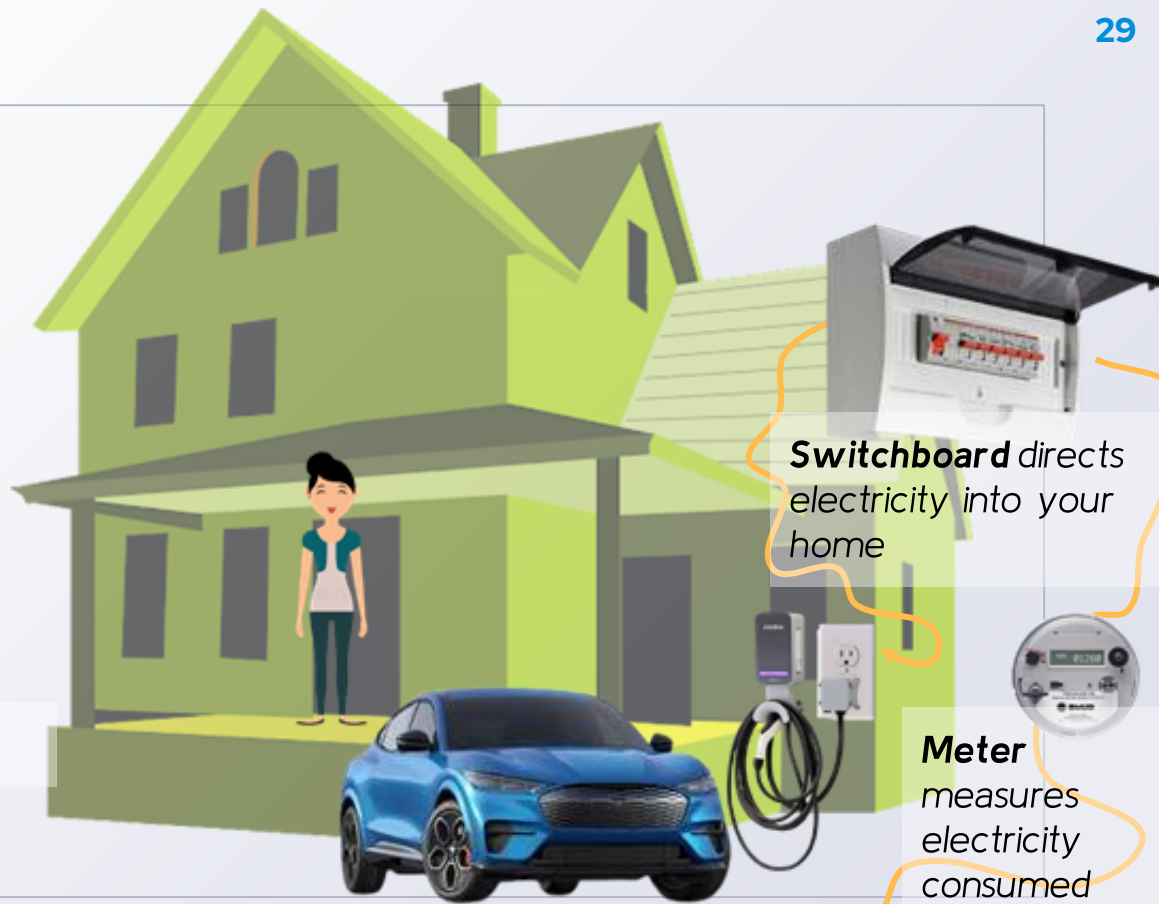
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## Average Hourly Grid Electricity Use: Electric Car Households vs. Typical Households

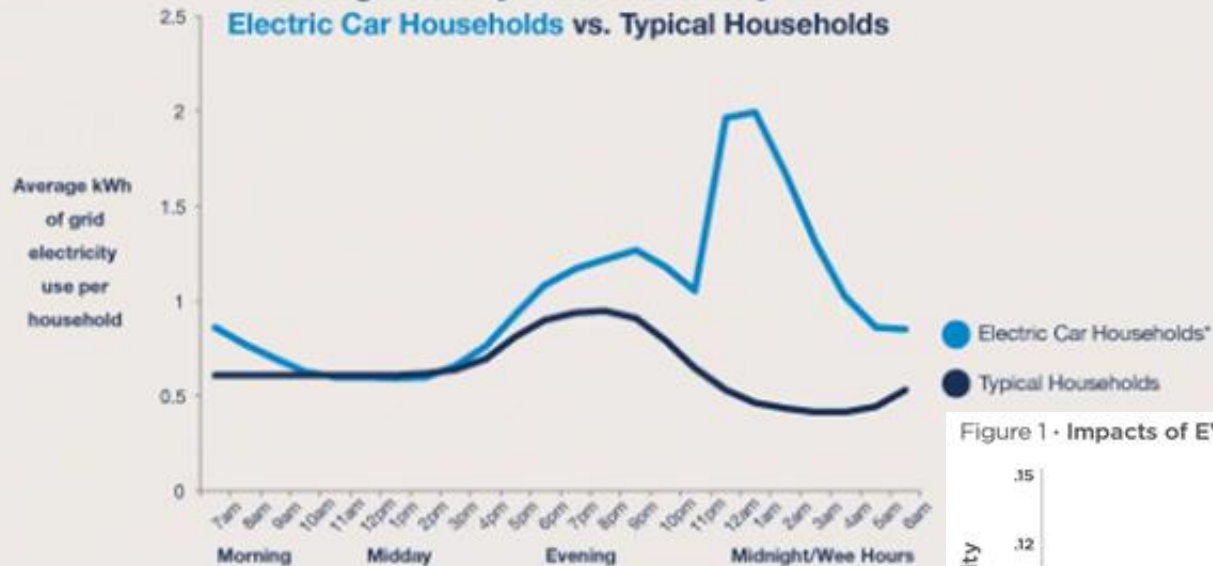
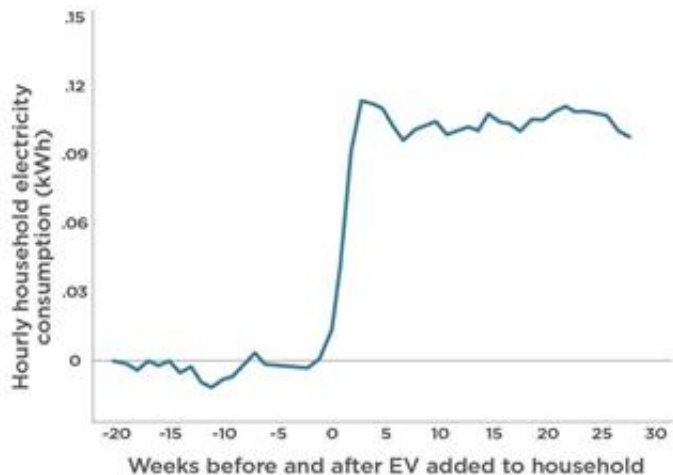


Figure 1 • Impacts of EV adoption on household electricity use



**A big concern  
for utilities  
companies:**

**How do we  
keep the grid  
balanced with  
an influx of  
EVs?**



We're interested in how EV charging can **make the grid more—not less—balanced.**





# Ford SmartGrid Rewards

Detroit Pilot



## Introducing Ford SmartGrid Rewards

Ford SmartGrid Rewards work with utilities to help Ford drivers unlock new value and clean energy. As a Ford electric vehicle customer, you'll get paid incentives for enrolling to automatically pause or shift your charging schedule to support more renewable energy and the efficiency of the energy grid, without impacting your daily schedule.

### The Plus

The DTE Smart Charge pilot program helps electric vehicle drivers get rewarded for supporting stability of the energy grid. DTE Energy and Ford SmartGrid Rewards will work together to either pause your vehicle's charging when the...  
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### The Process

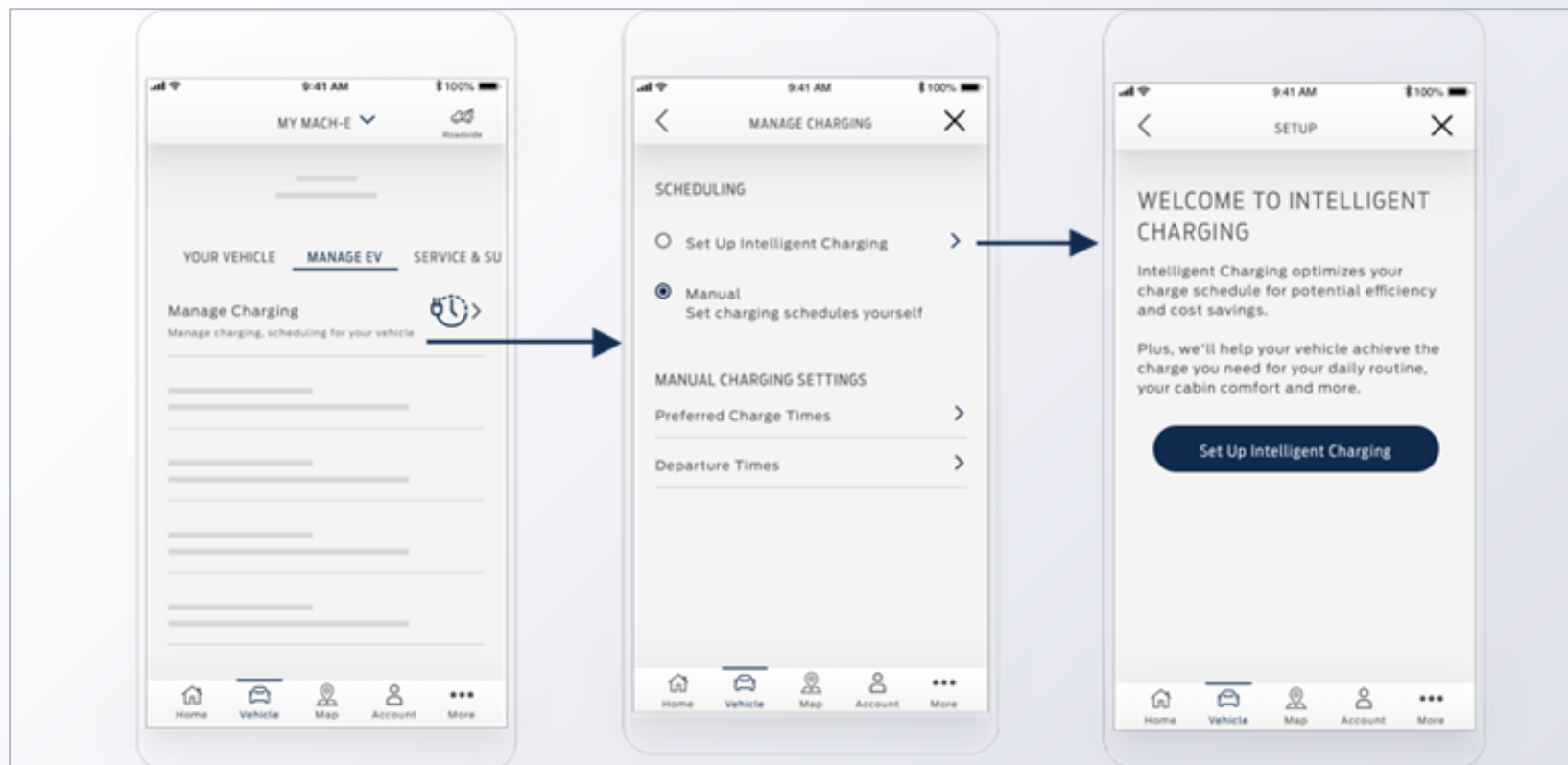
It's all fairly simple and you don't have to do much at all. DTE Energy will notify Ford when they anticipate the energy grid will be strained and request to either pause charging for a short period or, if there is an excess of energy, request your car to start...  
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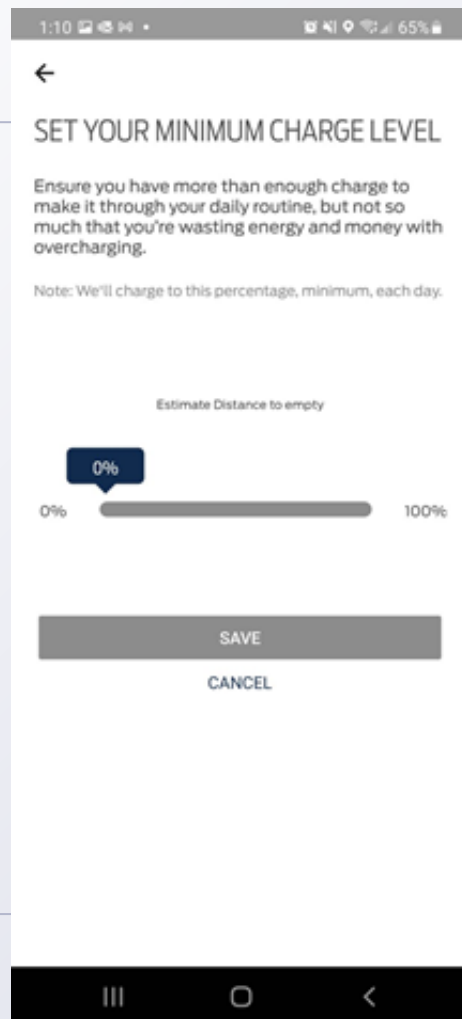
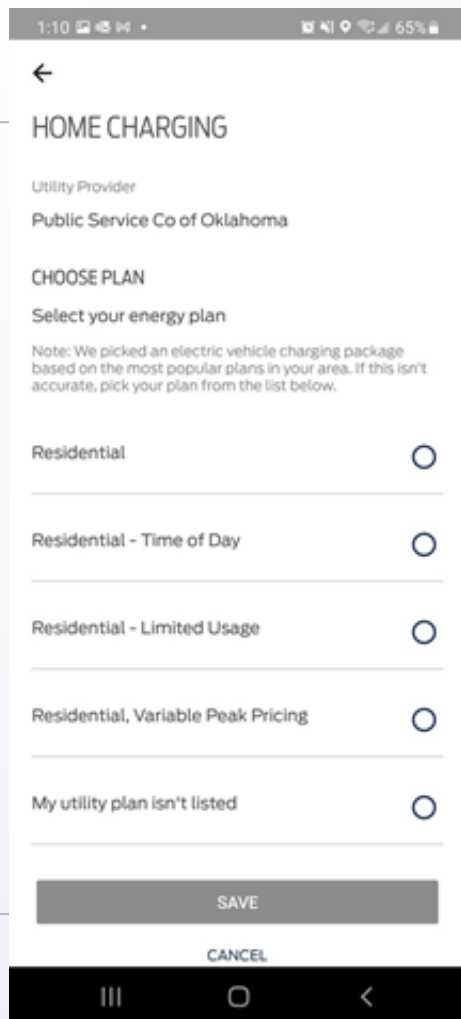
### The Provider

DTE Energy is a Detroit-based diversified energy company involved in the development and management of energy-related businesses and services nationwide. As an environmental leader, DTE utility operations will reduce carbon dioxide and...  
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# Ford Intelligent Charging

Mach-E Early Release Feature







Maybe this feature really can optimize battery life. Or maybe you can accomplish the same thing by not charging to 100%? I don't know.

– Mach-E owner

**Hypothesis:** If the incentives for participating in SmartGrid services were aligned with users' motivations, more users would choose to participate.

# Potential motivations

- ▶ Cost savings
- ▶ Renewable usage
- ▶ Grid participation
- ▶ Battery life
- ▶ Ongoing rewards



## Our MVP

User motivations ↔ Proposed benefits

## Customer:

Utility companies who want to keep the grid online.

## User:

Ford EV homeowners who want convenient charging.

# Value Proposition for Utilities Companies



Better grid management

- More visibility
- More control
- Ability to manipulate demand
- Less strain on grid



# Value Proposition for EV Owners



Save money



Reduce your impact on the environment



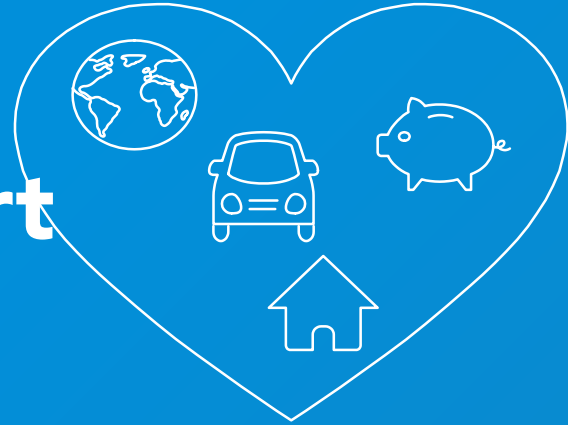
Optimize your home energy management



Help balance the grid

## *The Emotional Appeal to EV Owners*

- + **Feel sustainable**
- + **Feel financially smart**
- + **Feel proud**
- + **Feel helpful**
- + **Feel more emotionally connected to your car**



# Decision Making Units

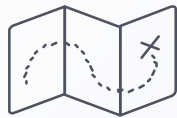
- Initiator: person informed/alerted about grid services
- Decider: EV owner
- Influencers: friends, family, neighbors, colleagues
- Purchaser: household purchaser
- Users: drivers and passengers of the EV
- Gatekeepers: ?

# Decision Making Process

1. Introduction
  - a. Receive email asking to opt-in to the SmartGrid program
  - b. Go to the Ford SmartGrid website
2. Education and exploration
  - a. Search the internet
  - b. Ask fellow Ford EV owners you know about this program
  - c. Talk to family and friends
3. Enrollment
  - a. Go to your local utility's SmartGrid landing page
  - b. Set up account



# Barriers to Adoption of EV+Grid Programs For Our Users



Effort



Unintuitive UX/UI



Distrust

Lack of awareness + understanding





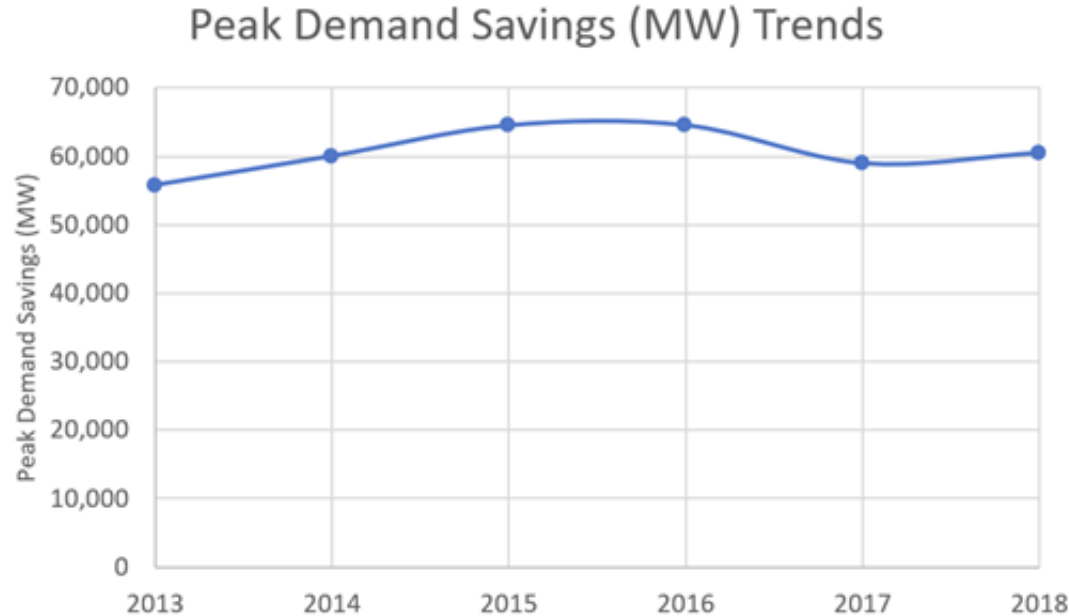
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# US Demand Response Trends

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The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) provides yearly assessments on demand response



Source: <https://www.ferc.gov/industries-data/electric/power-sales-and-markets/demand-response/reports-demand-response-and>

# How is revenue generated from demand response?

- ▶ Order No. 745 from FERC
  - required each RTO and ISO to pay a demand response resource the market price for energy

In other words, the amount of energy you reduce during a demand response event is directly compensated at market price

# Demand Response Value

- ▶ Compensation of demand response dependent on operating market
- ▶ KW-year is energy curtailed during demand response event
- ▶ Estimate to be approximately **\$55 / kw-yr** (data average)

Program	\$ / kW-yr
PG&E Capacity Bidding	62
SCE Capacity Bidding	66-75
PJM	~20-50 (in 2018)
Hawaiian Electric	60-120+
MISO	~25
ISO-NE	~35-70

Source: <https://www.gridfabric.io/blog/introduction-to-demand-response>

# Total Available Market Estimate

- ▶ Given peak demand response for the year and yearly price average, we can estimate yearly revenue

$$\text{Revenue} = \text{Yearly Peak Demand Savings (FERC Data)} \times \text{Average Yearly Price (\$55/kw-yr)}$$

# Total Available Market Estimate

55

**~ \$ 3.2 billion potential yearly revenue in market**

This is a big number, but realistically only a small portion of this market will be available to demand response aggregators

Utilities and RTO/ISO also participate in demand response market, so they take a significant portion of the revenue in the market they control



# Market Segmentation – Energy Suppliers

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## Wholesale Suppliers

Provide the energy for the energy grid, selling it to retail suppliers (CAISO + ERCOT)

## Retail Suppliers

Purchase energy from the wholesale suppliers, and provides it to end users in residences

## Demand Response Aggregators

Work with both wholesale and retail suppliers to decrease energy consumption during peak events



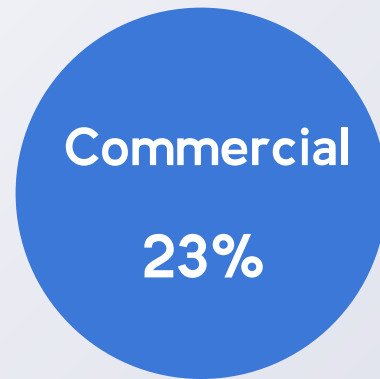
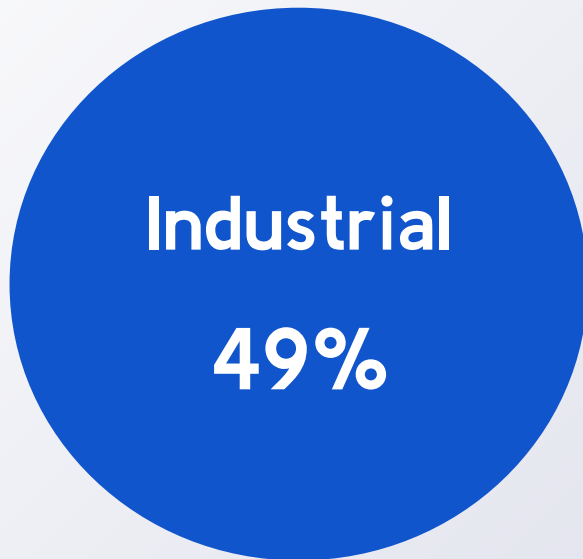
# Market Segmentation – Energy Users

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**890  
million**

**1.5 billion**



**730 million**



# Driving Forces



Governmental Regulations



Collaboration from local utility companies



Penetration of EVs

## Served Available Market Rate

- ▶ Project Ford will have 20-30% EV production by 2025
  - Estimate EVs Sold = Total Production  $\times$  20-30%
- ▶ From EV's sold, assume a 10% adoption rate for demand response system
  - Big assumption, and goal of product is to increase this number
- ▶ From user data online, 10-20% charging overlap with demand response events

**Energy saved is directly equated to revenue**

# Served Available Market Rate - Calculation

\$2.4 - 7.3 million in yearly revenue

Total Cars Ford Produced	Percent EV cars	Percent Retention	Percent Charging Overlap	Average Miles Driven a Year	MW-Hr per Mile	Total MW-Hr per Year	Average cost for MW-Hr	Yearly Revenue
4438000	0.2	0.1	0.1	13500	0.000678	81242.028	30	\$ 2,437,260.84
4438000	0.3	0.1	0.2	13500	0.000678	243726.084	30	\$ 7,311,782.52

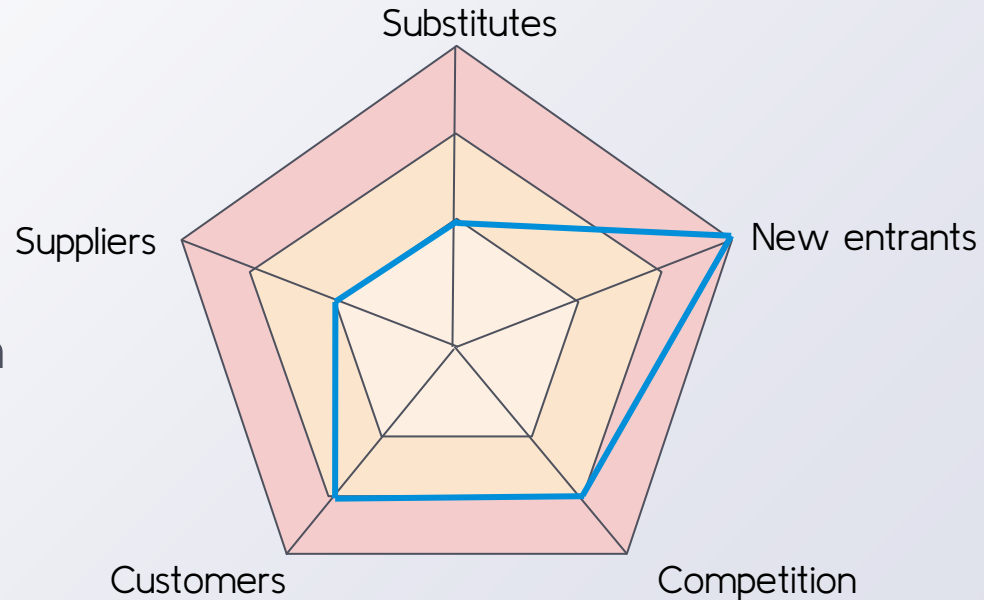
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<https://freewiretech.com/difference-between-ev-charging-levels/>  
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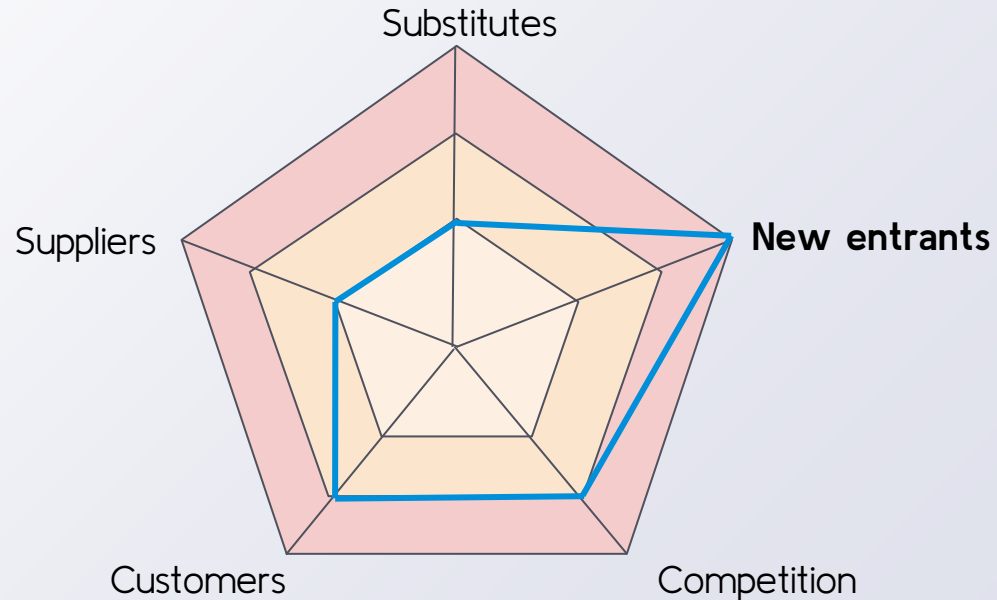
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- ▶ Suppliers - Low
- ▶ Substitutes - Low
- ▶ Competition - Medium



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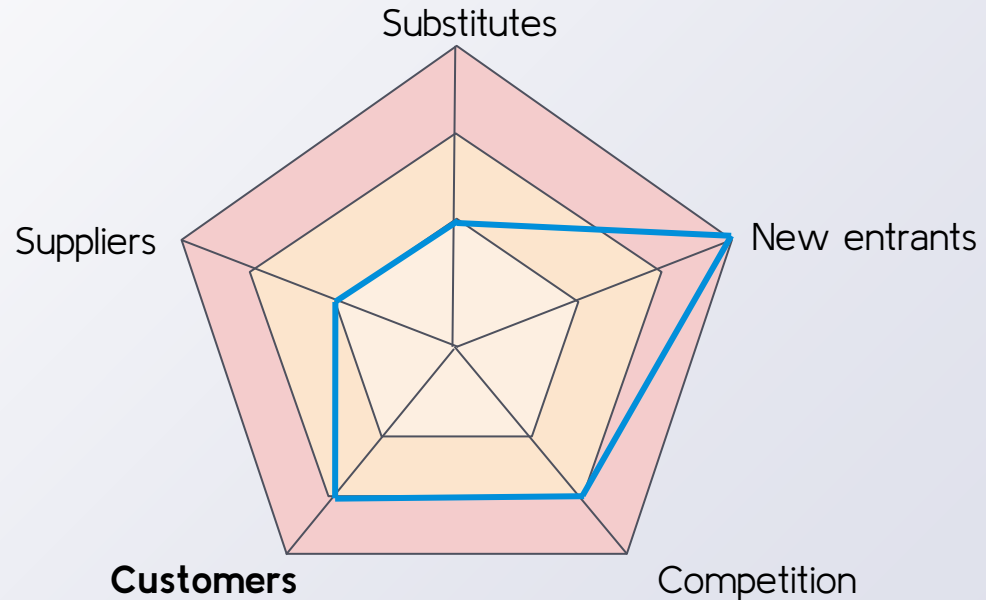
- Barriers to entry is low
- At scale acceptance is difficult



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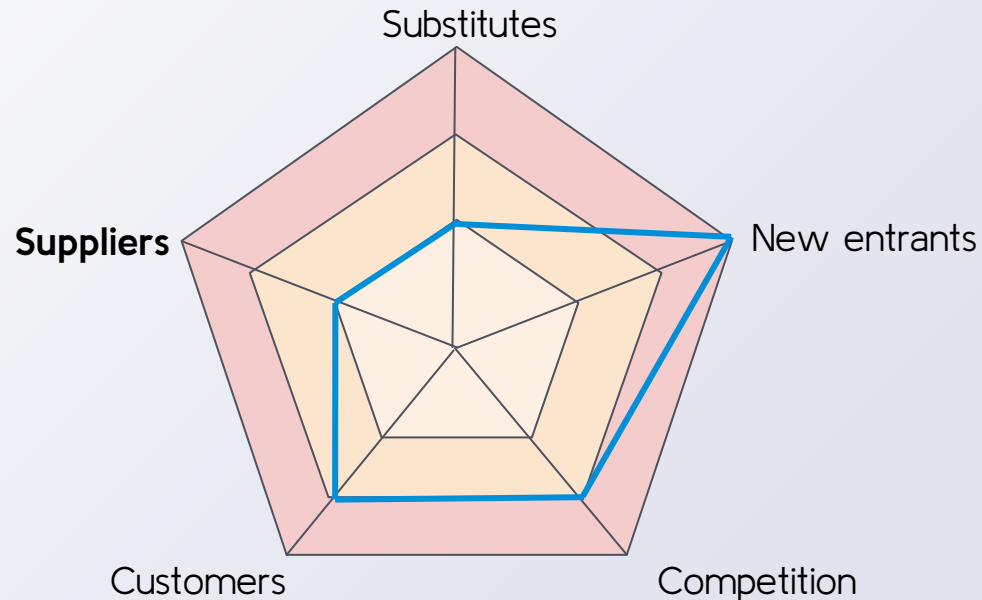
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- ☐ Low switching costs
- ☐ Low switching options



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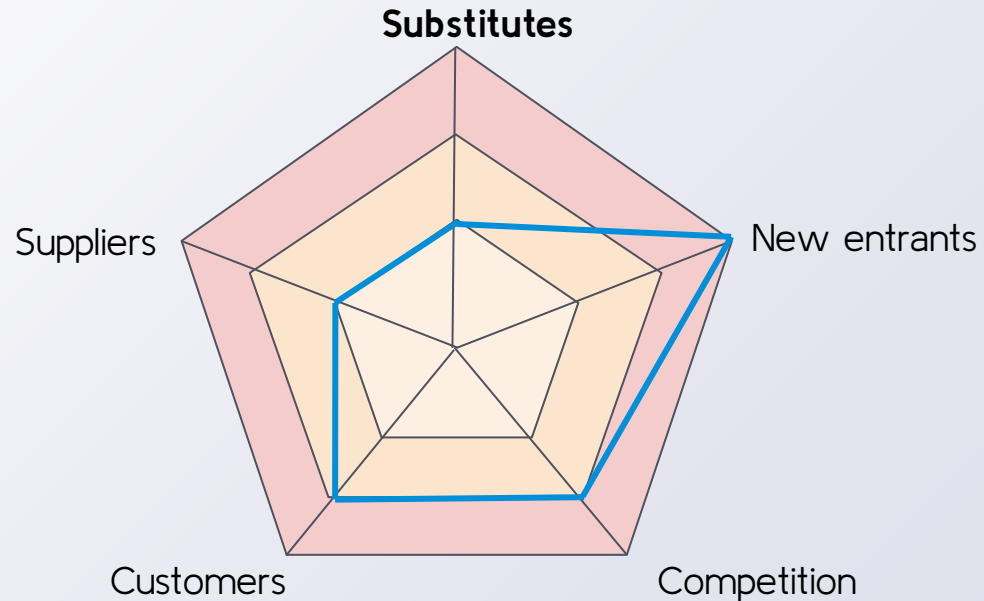
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  - Charger suppliers
  - Charger part suppliers





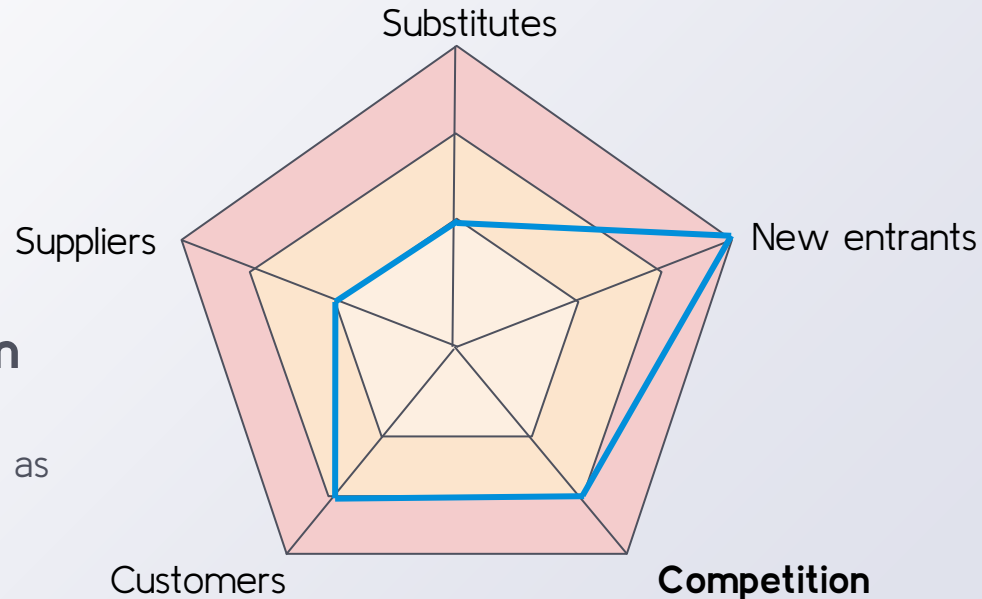
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  - Alternate energy aggregators
  - Non-participation (public charging, charging at work)



# Competitive Forces

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- ▶ **Competition - Medium**
  - New market opportunity
  - Home charging companies as potential competition

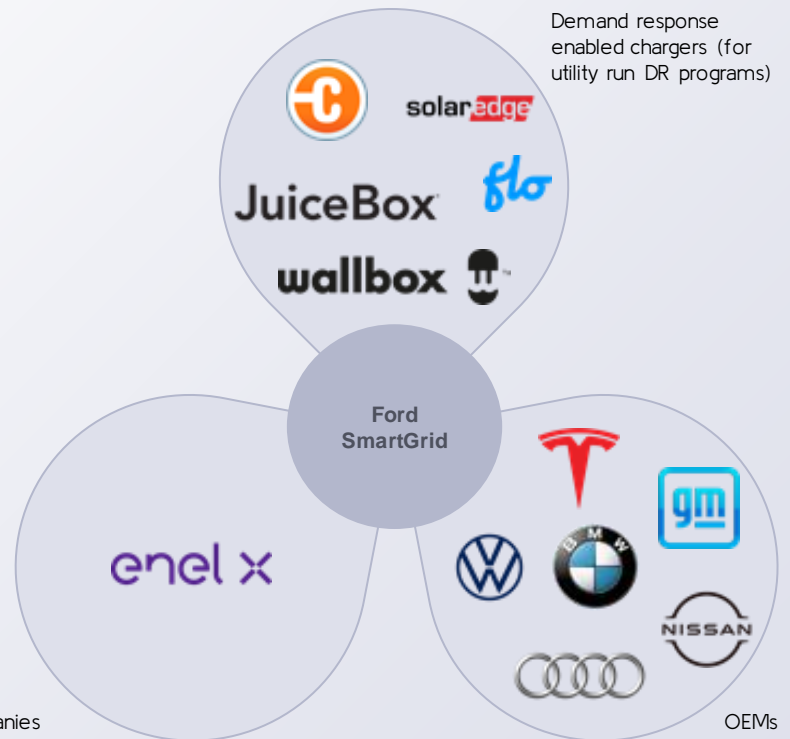


# Competitor Analysis

 Demand Response Enabled  
Chargers & Companies

 OEMs

Residential EV-integrated  
demand response companies



# Competitor Analysis

## Demand Response Enabled Chargers & Companies

- ▶ Chargers compatible with utility company demand response programs
  - ☐ ChargePoint
  - ☐ JuiceBox
  - ☐ SolarEdge
  - ☐ Flo
  - ☐ Wallbox
- ▶ Demand response companies
  - ☐ Enel X



# Competitor Analysis

## ChargePoint

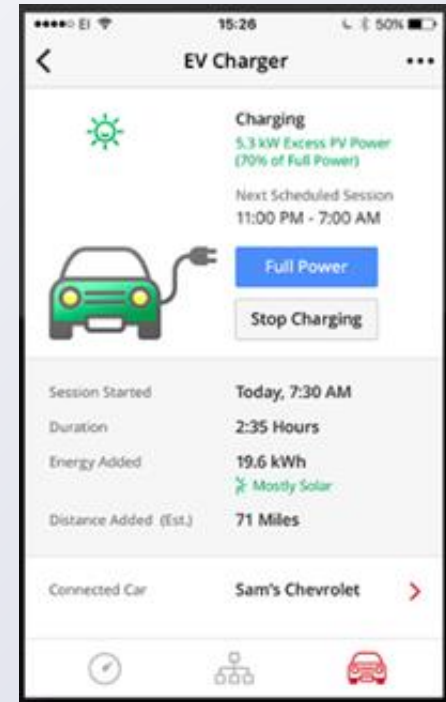
- ▶ ChargePoint Flex Level 2 Home Charger
- ▶ ChargePoint app for charge management
  - Track charging
  - Schedule charging
  - Connect to smart devices



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## SolarEdge

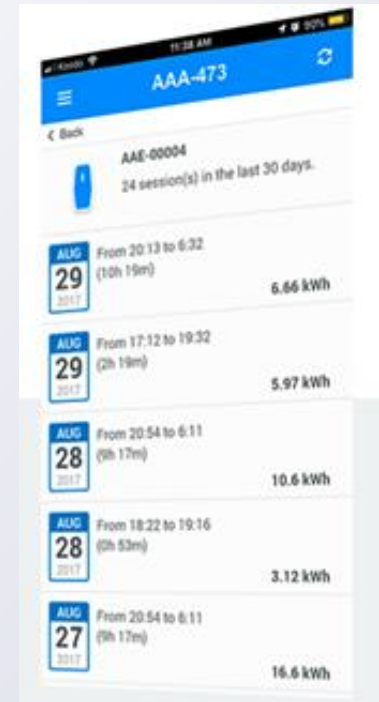
- ▶ SolarEdge Smart EV Charger
- ▶ Integrates with home solar system
- ▶ Mobile app for charge management
  - Wi-Fi enabled
  - Track charging
  - Schedule charging



# Competitor Analysis

## Flo

- ▶ Flo Home X5
- ▶ Manage through mobile app
  - Schedule charging
  - Track charging



# Competitor Analysis

## Wallbox

- ▶ Pulsar Plus and Quasar home chargers
- ▶ First home bi-directional charger
- ▶ Manage through mobile app
  - Schedule charging
  - Monitor consumption

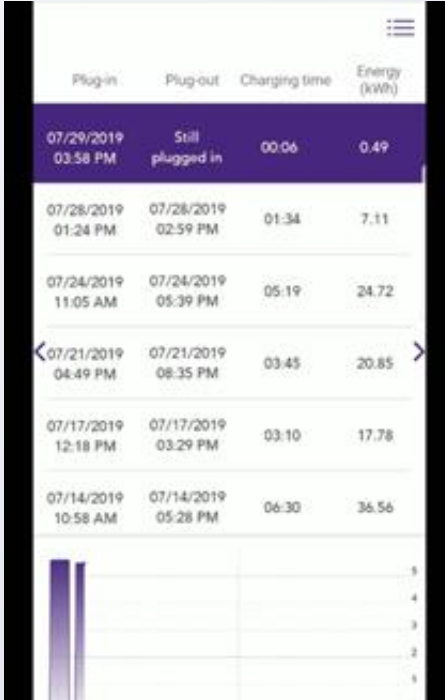




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## JuiceBox

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- ▶ Part of Enel X, a global energy company
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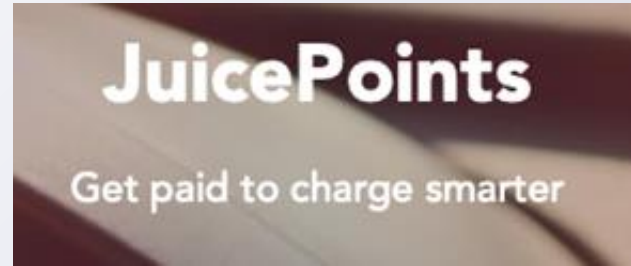
The screenshot displays the JuiceBox mobile app interface. At the top, there is a table with four columns: 'Plug-in', 'Plug-out', 'Charging time', and 'Energy (kWh)'. The table contains several rows of charging session data. Below the table, there is a bar chart with a vertical axis on the left and a horizontal axis on the right. The bar chart shows the energy consumption for each session, with bars of varying heights corresponding to the 'Energy (kWh)' values in the table.

Plug-in	Plug-out	Charging time	Energy (kWh)
07/29/2019 03:58 PM	Still plugged in	00:06	0.49
07/28/2019 01:24 PM	07/28/2019 02:59 PM	01:34	7.11
07/24/2019 11:05 AM	07/24/2019 05:39 PM	05:19	24.72
07/21/2019 04:49 PM	07/21/2019 08:35 PM	03:45	20.85
07/17/2019 12:18 PM	07/17/2019 03:29 PM	03:10	17.78
07/14/2019 10:58 AM	07/14/2019 05:28 PM	06:30	36.56

# Competitor Analysis

## Enel X

- ▶ JuicePoints program
- ▶ Connect with JuiceNet app
  - Automatically charges with cheaper and cleaner power
  - Earn JuicePoints for allowing Enel X to optimize charging schedule
  - Redeem for cash through PayPal



# Competitor Analysis



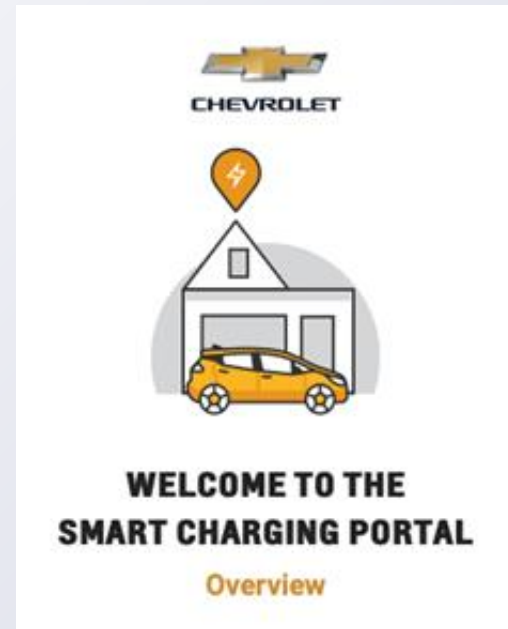
## OEMs

- ▶ Demand response pilot tests & energy aggregators
  - ☐ Tesla
  - ☐ GM
  - ☐ VW
  - ☐ Nissan
  - ☐ Audi
  - ☐ BMW

# Competitor Analysis

## GM

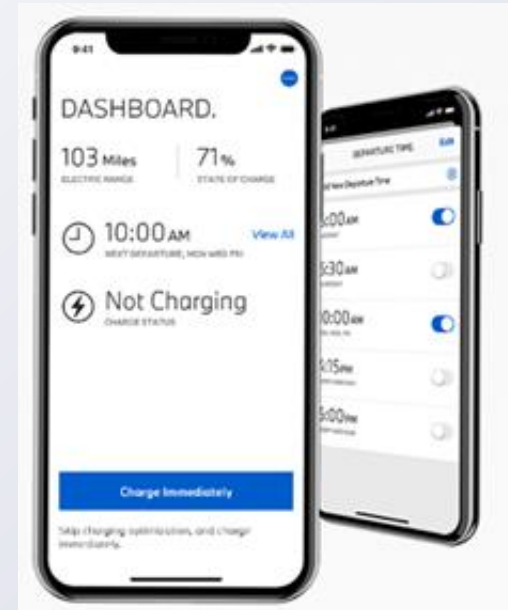
- ▶ Chevrolet is also participating in DTE pilot
- ▶ Must have OnStar or Chevy Connected Services plan to participate



# Competitor Analysis

## BMW

- ▶ ChargeForward smart charging program
  - Partnerships with utility companies
  - Monitor through ChargeForward app



# Competitor Analysis

## VW

- ▶ Home energy management hardware
- ▶ Cars on MED platform to have bi-directional charging by 2022
- ▶ Could compete with energy companies



# Competitor Analysis

## Audi

- ▶ Home energy storage hardware
- ▶ Focus on bi-directional charging
  - V2G and V2H
- ▶ Tested prototype E-Tron Sportback Crossover with bi-directional charging



# Competitor Analysis

## Nissan

- ▶ Bi-directional charging capability
  - V2H and V2G
- ▶ Home energy storage hardware
  - Offered in Japan & tested in other markets
- ▶ Collaborated with energy companies

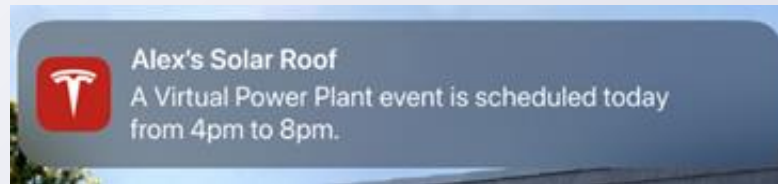




# Competitor Analysis

## Tesla

- ▶ Home energy hardware
- ▶ Connected Solutions program
  - VPP with Powerwall
  - Partnership with utility company in Northeast
- ▶ VPP Beta in California
  - Partnership with various utility companies



# Competitor Analysis

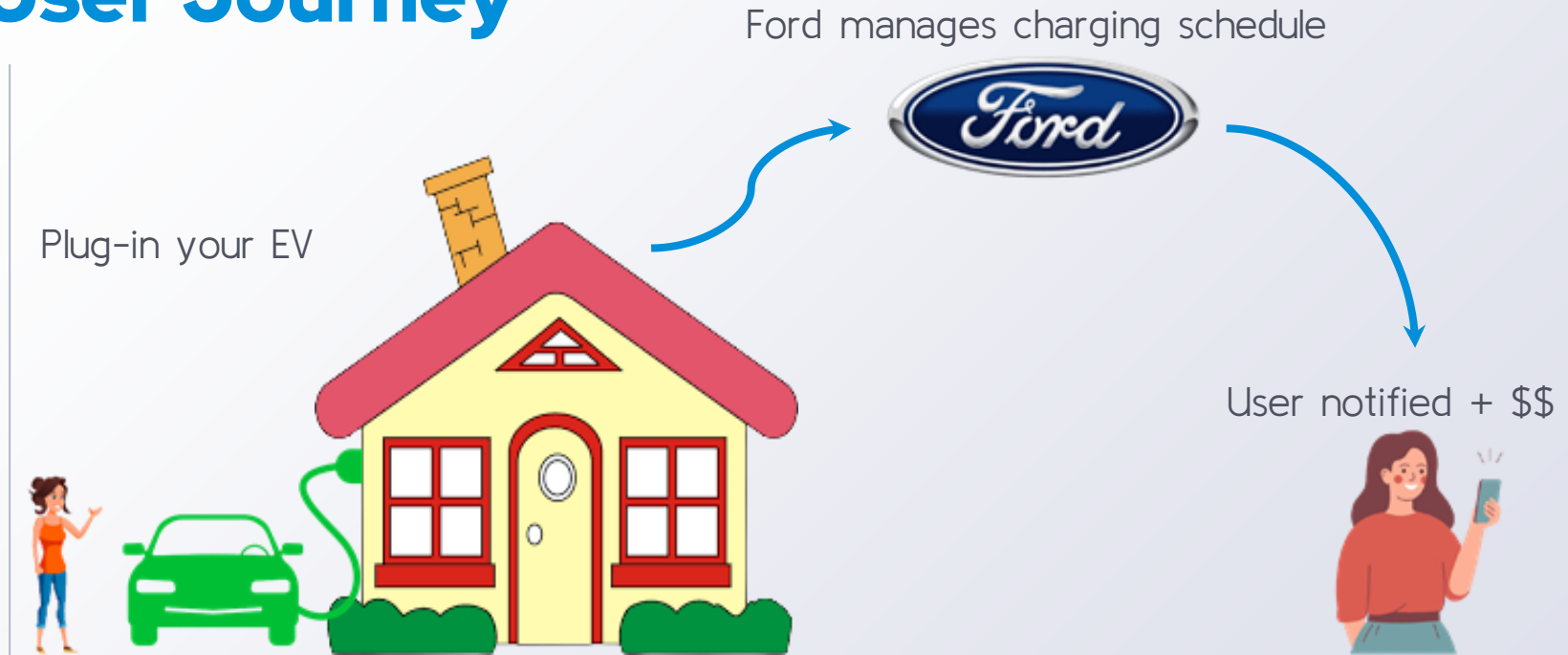
## Takeaways:

- ▶ There are other home chargers which can participate in demand response
  - Fragmented
- ▶ Other OEMs are piloting demand response and exploring energy aggregation

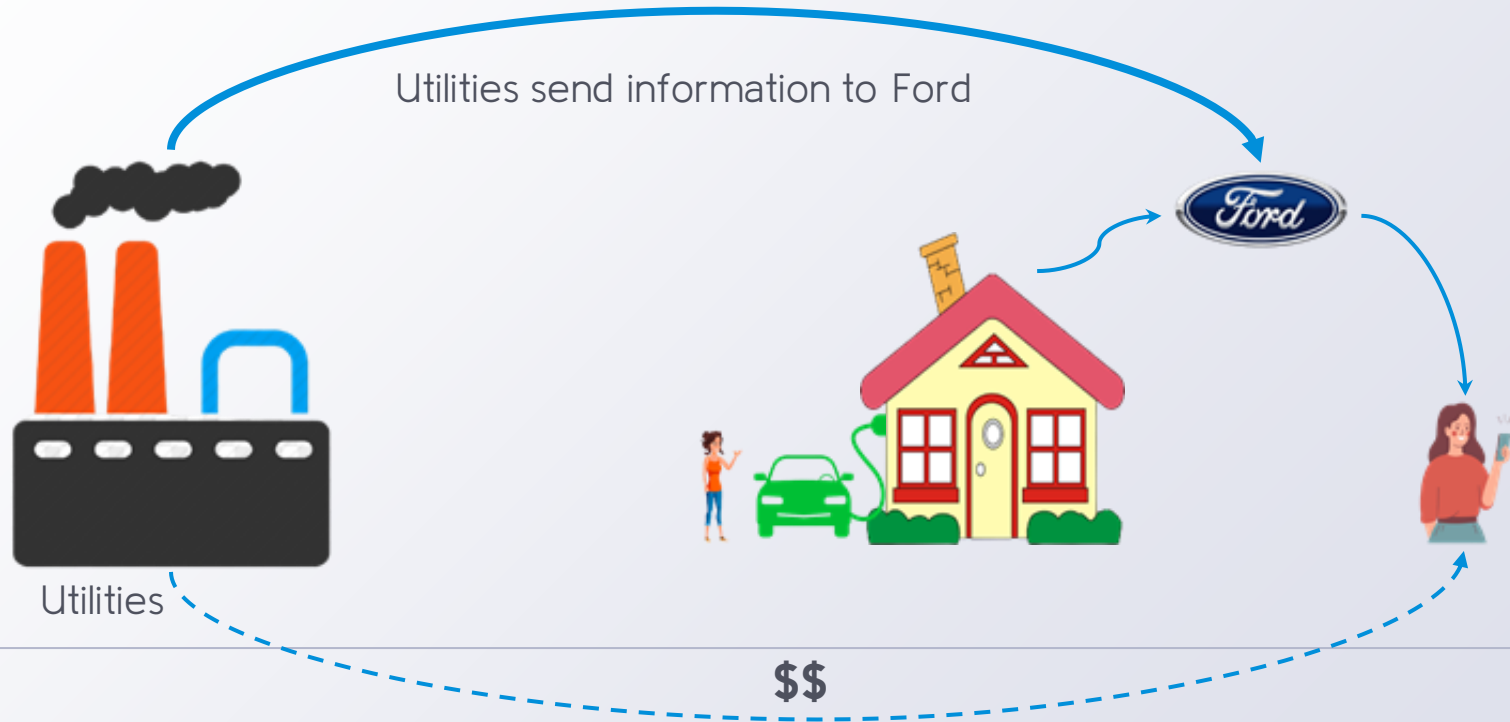
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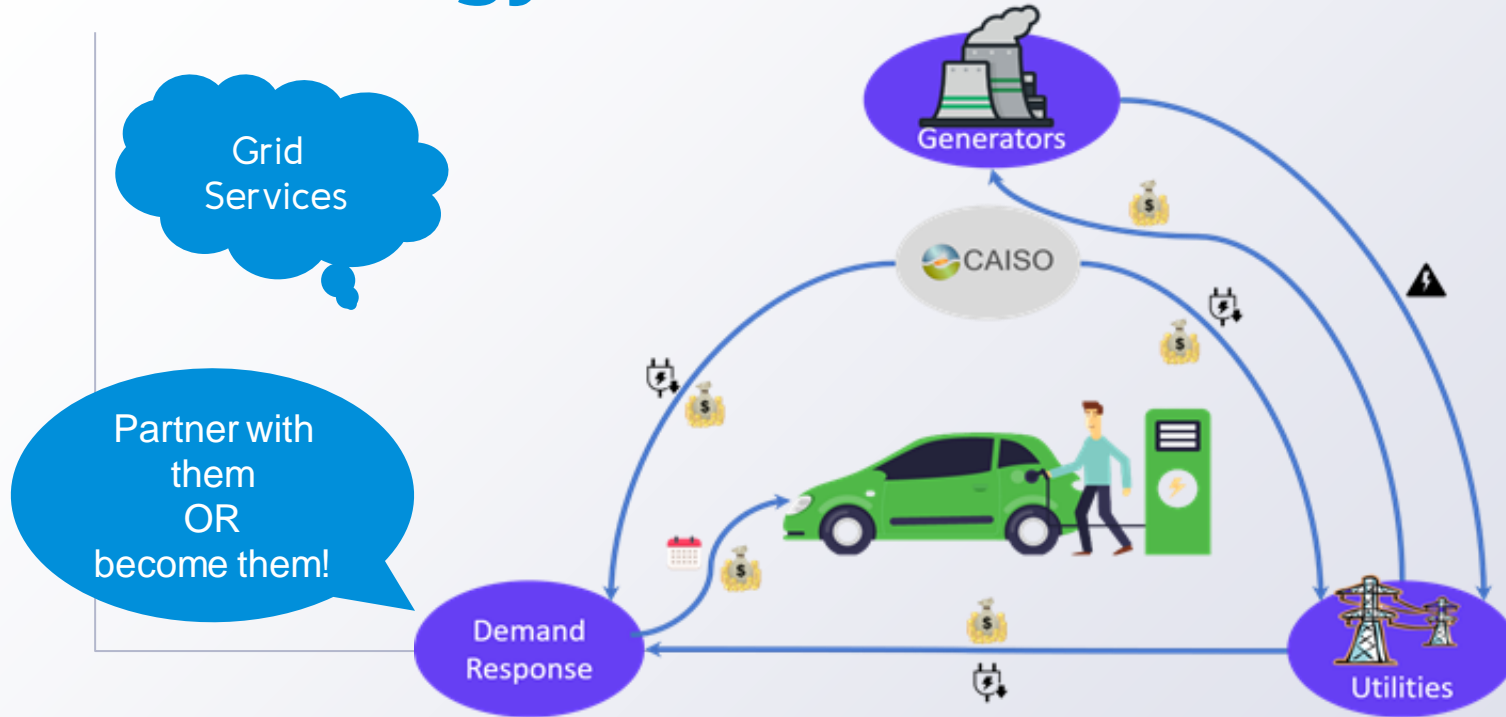
# User Journey



# Behind the Scenes

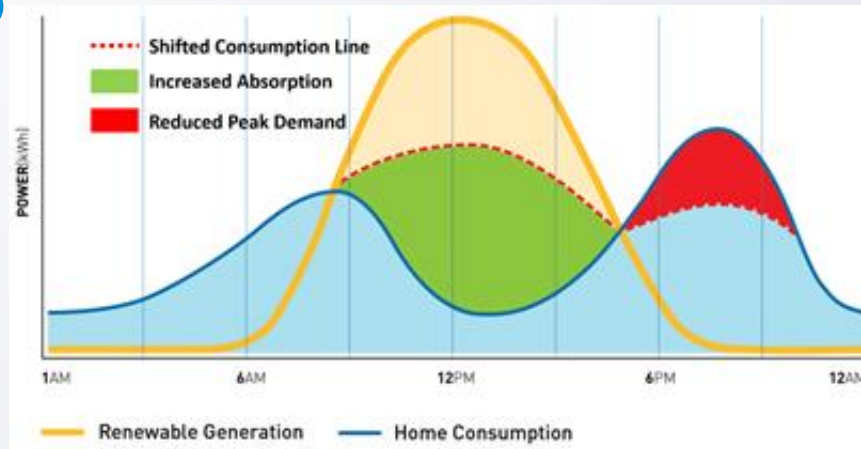


# Technology Overview - Grid + EVs



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Energy  
Arbitrage



Dynamic Pricing



# Technology Overview - Charger





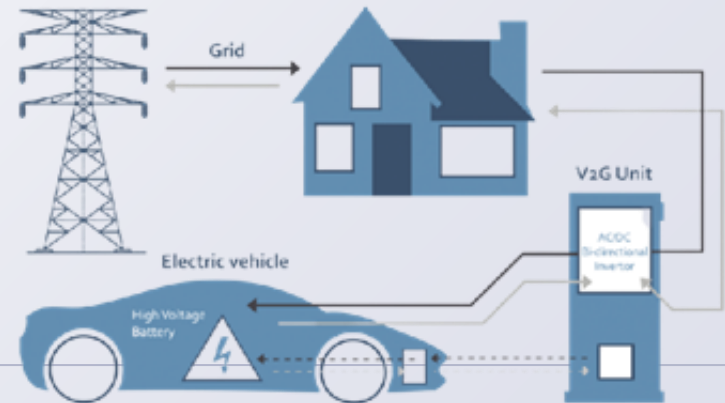
# The Future - V2H / V2G

- ▶ Power various appliances at home

Vehicle to House



- ▶ Volkswagen: mass production of EVs with V2G by next year



# Technology Overview - The APP

- ▶ Grand Unification = Current Services + SmartGrid + Intelligent Charging
- ▶ The integration should be **really** seamless
- ▶ Design should be intuitive
- ▶ Future of the **user experience** that we aim:
  - motivation → benefits
  - high overlap with the app



## **Cost Estimate** for a unified, user-centric FordPass app UX

Projecting a 9 month development timeline

- ▶ **2 Frontend App Developers**
- ▶ **2 Backend Developers**
- ▶ **2 UI Design Expert**
- ▶ **1 Sales + Business**

We estimate a cost of **~\$550k**

Note that Ford currently has a ~30 person team working in the same space

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# Risk Identification

## Risk / Key Dependency

- ▶ Integration with utilities
- ▶ Complexity of multiple charge management systems
- ▶ Functionality with various charger types
- ▶ User awareness of benefits
- ▶ Grid infrastructure
- ▶ Directional charging speed
- ▶ Battery health

## Mitigation

- ▶ Leverage pilot experiences
- ▶ Clarity of prioritization of systems to users
- ▶ Focus on demand-response eligible and popular chargers
- ▶ Test user motivations in pilots
  - Clarity of benefits in onboarding experience

# Window of Opportunity

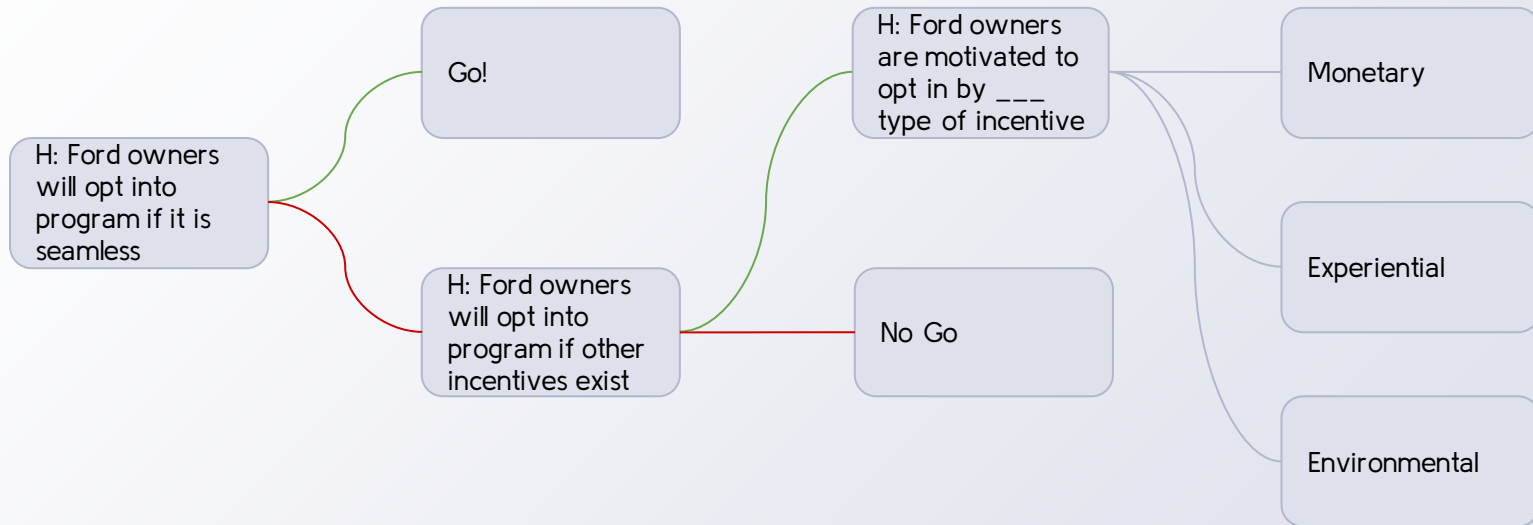
- ▶ Increasing EV sales
- ▶ Increasing number of outages
- ▶ Increasing number of utility companies offering DR programs
- ▶ Salience of climate change

In order to capitalize on SmartGrid opportunity, Ford must create a **compelling and seamless user experience**

# Ethical Considerations

- ▶ Strain of additional EVs on grid
- ▶ Privacy concerns with new data collection
- ▶ Honesty of environmental impact
  - Don't oversell the impact

# Go/No-Go & Hypothesis Testing





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## Next Steps

- ▶ Develop specific and testable MVP
  - Revisit experts (*SmartGrid team, PG&E*)
  - Continue interviewing EV owners (*What motivates them?*)
  - Test hypotheses and iterate



# This Is An Awesome Opportunity Space For Ford

- ▶ Ford has the **potential** to make **meaningful impact**
  - Ford can **bridge the stakeholders** into a more integrated ecosystem
  - Ford can make **impact** in the advancement of grid balancing
  - Ford can **lead the charge** in EV grid services
- ▶ Ford must create a top-notch **user experience**
  - Create a network of **engaged participants** in Ford's programs
  - Boost Ford **customer loyalty** + get **closer** to customers



# Q&A

