

# Smart Charger Technology for Customer Convenience and Grid Reliability

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# Definition of smart charging

- Customer perspective
  - Automation of charging. Customer plugs vehicle in and forgets about it
  - Minimizes electricity cost
  - Provide additional revenue for providing grid services (“Cash back”)
- Grid-operator’s perspective
  - Responsive load resource
  - Could provide “ancillary services”, necessary to operate the grid reliably
    - Contingency reserve
    - Regulation service
  - Load resource has superior performance over that of a generator
    - Very fast responding
    - Never causes congestion in the grid
- Smart charging is **NOT**
  - Turning the PHEV/EV into a generator and feeding electricity into the grid

# Features of smart charging

## ➤ Charging scheduling

- Price-based charging to perform majority of charging during off-peak
  - Enable customer to optimize between cost and convenience
- Demand response services
  - Direct load control, modulating/reducing load
  - Scheduling load

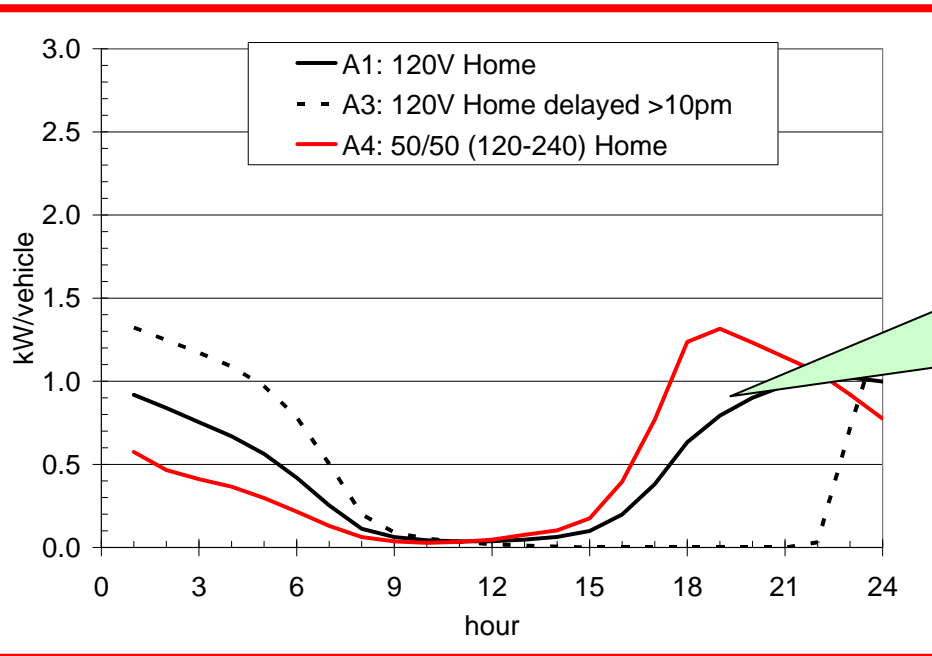
## ➤ Ancillary services

- Increase grid reliability by fast (autonomous) voltage- and frequency control
- Regulation services (V2Ghalf) modulate load

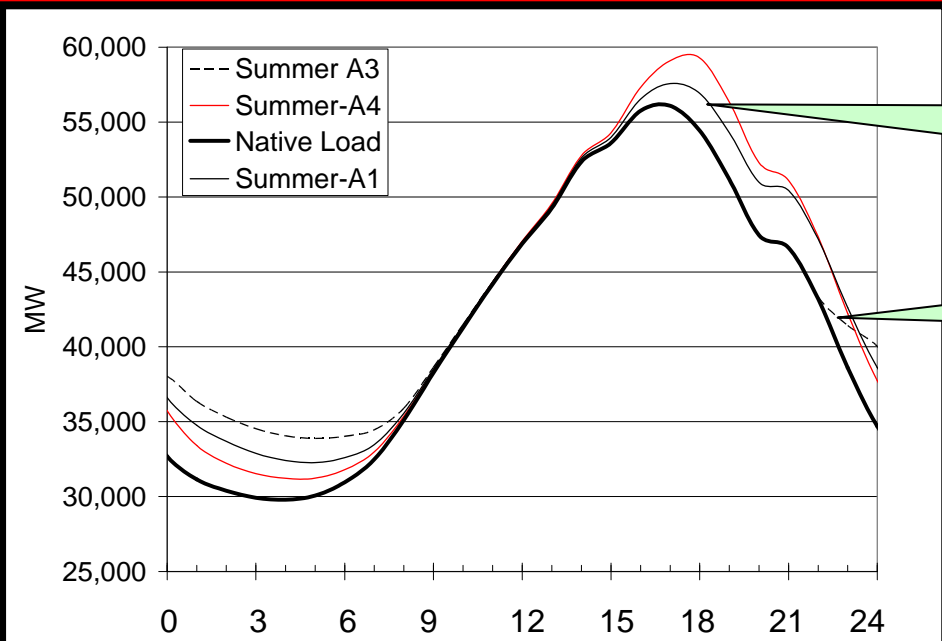
## ➤ Mobile billing

- 'Roaming' capabilities to support charging everywhere and bill at home

# Why is it important to schedule the charging?



“Dump” charging profiles based on 37,000 observations from US National Household Travel Survey (2001)



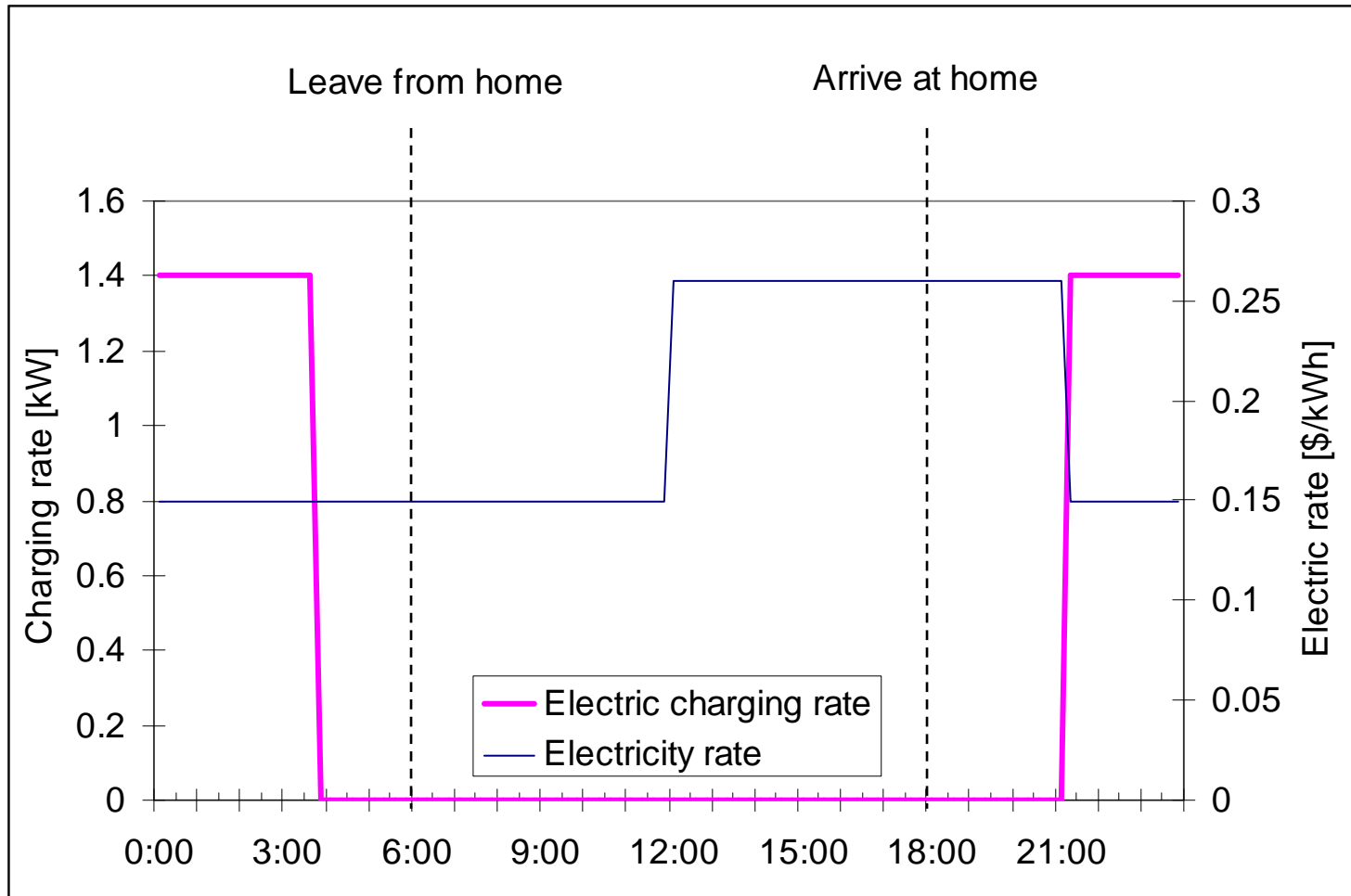
“Dump” charging at home exacerbate system peak

Delayed charging moves majority of load into low-load conditions



Based on 6 mill. PHEVs in CAISO footprint for 2030

# Price-based scheduling



Stop charging

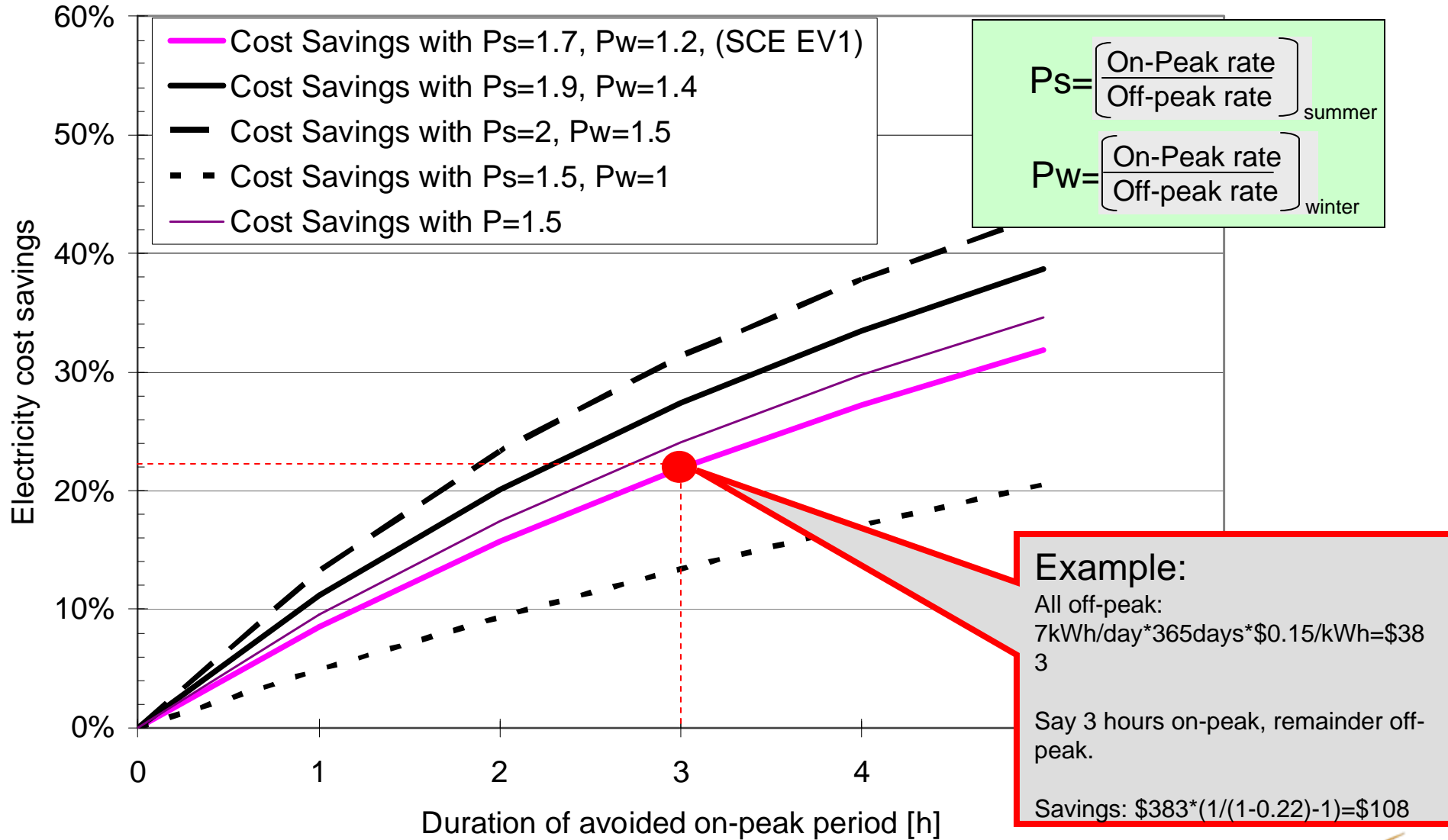


Wait until off-peak



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# Value of price-based scheduling to customers



Price-based scheduling

# Annual cost savings potential for customers

SCE case

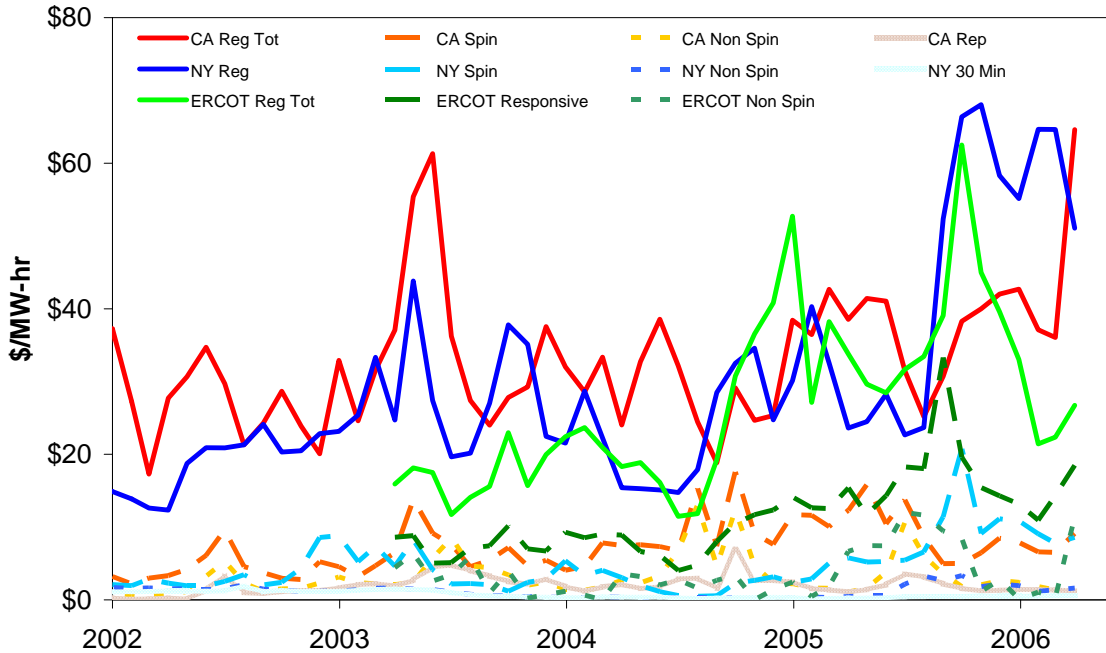
Charging Rate	off-peak electricity rate [c/kWh]											
	5				10				15			
	on-peak/off-peak				on-peak/off-peak				on-peak/off-peak			
	1.5				1.5				1.5			
	avoided peak hours				avoided peak hours				avoided peak hours			
	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4
1.4 kW (120V/12A)	\$ 13	\$ 26	\$ 38	\$ 51	\$ 26	\$ 51	\$ 77	\$ 102	\$ 38	\$ 77	\$ 115	\$ 153
7.2 kW (240V/30A)	\$ 66	\$ 131	\$ 197	\$ 263	\$ 131	\$ 263	\$ 394	\$ 526	\$ 197	\$ 394	\$ 591	\$ 788

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	on-peak/off-peak				on-peak/off-peak				on-peak/off-peak			
	2				2				2			
	avoided peak hours				avoided peak hours				avoided peak hours			
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1.4 kW (120V/12A)	\$ 26	\$ 51	\$ 77	\$ 102	\$ 51	\$ 102	\$ 153	\$ 204	\$ 77	\$ 153	\$ 230	\$ 307
7.2 kW (240V/30A)	\$ 131	\$ 263	\$ 394	\$ 526	\$ 263	\$ 526	\$ 788	\$ 1,051	\$ 394	\$ 788	\$ 1,183	\$ 1,577

- Cost savings depend on:
  - Electricity rate
  - Differential between peak and off-peak rate
  - Duration (number of hours) of avoided peak period charging
  - Charging rate
- Cost savings can range significantly
  - In low-cost electricity in **Pacific Northwest**: annual savings likely to be less than \$100
  - In high cost **California**: annual savings could be several 100s of dollars

# What are the Regulation Services worth?

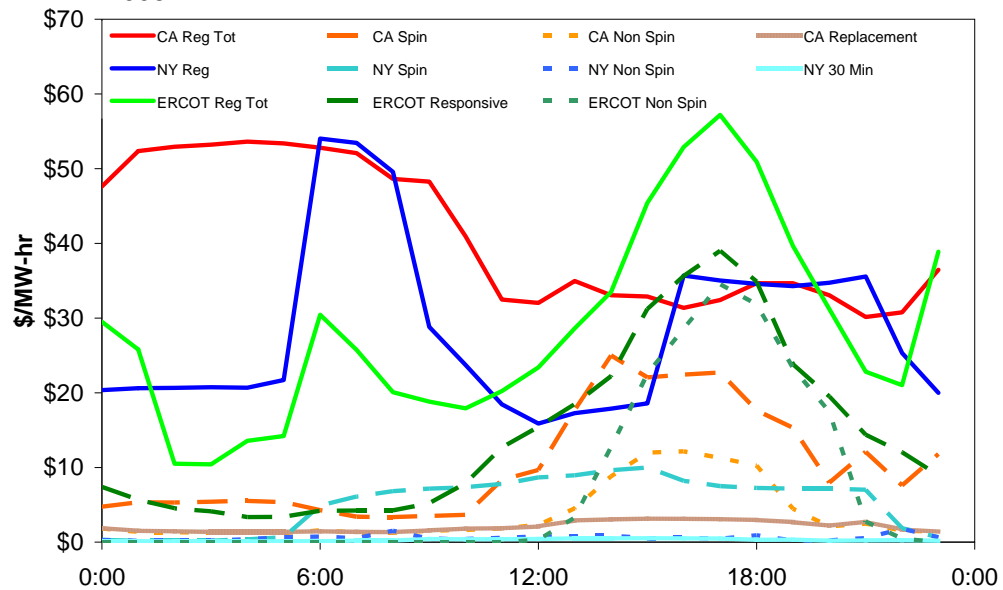
## Average Monthly Ancillary Service Prices



Market-based prices in organized US wholesale power markets

Source: B. Kirby, ORNL

## June 2005 Ancillary Service Prices

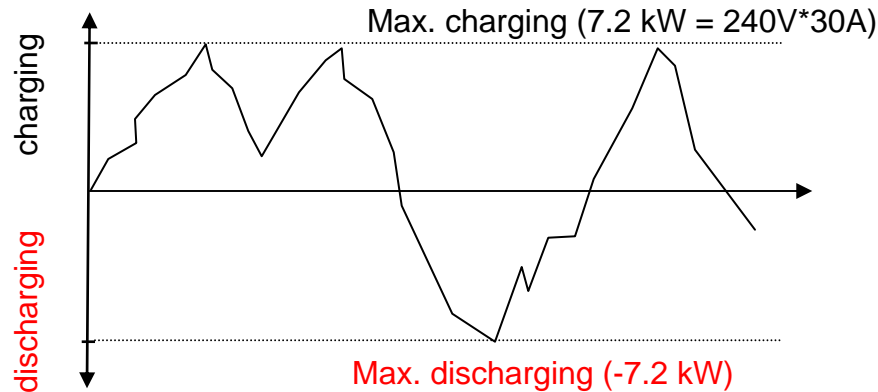




# Load can provide regulation services (V2G half): Definition and value

## V2G

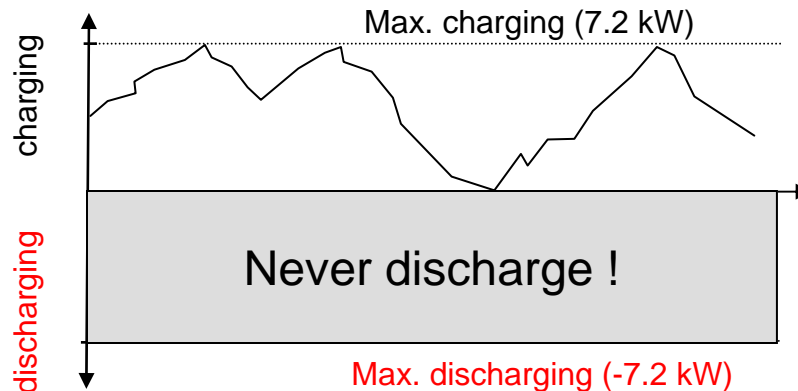
- provides regulation service as a load and generator
- requires charging and discharging according to grid operators signal



Capacity value  
(-7.2 to 7.2=14.4kW)

## V2G half

- provides regulation service as a load only
- requires only charging
- modulates charging



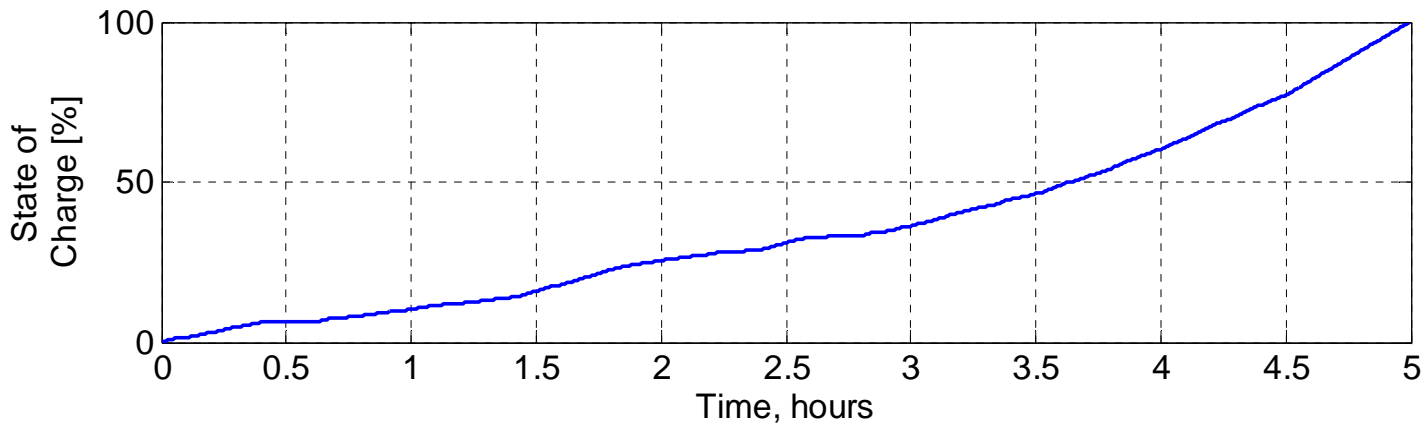
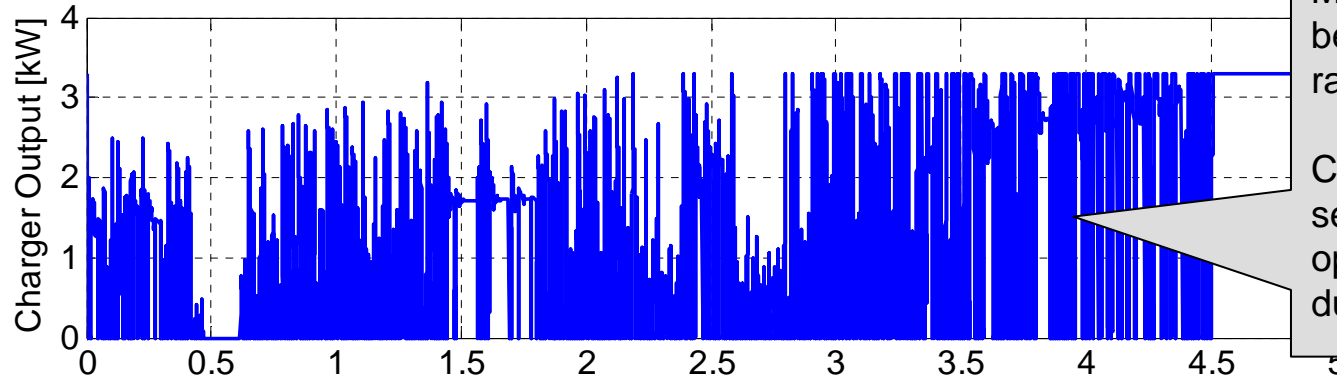
Capacity value  
(0 to 7.2=7.2 kW)

## Attribute of “V2G half”:

- provides regulation service with  $\frac{1}{2}$  the capacity value of V2G
- however, less than half the cost because
  - no interconnection gear with grid necessary because no electricity goes back into grid
  - removes any uncertainties regarding battery life reduction because of extra cycling

# V2G half for PHEV battery charging

Assume 220V/15A = 3.3kW charger



# Value of V2G half

Battery size	Annual Value of V2G half			
	regulation services [\$/MWh]			
	\$20/MWh	\$30/MWh	\$40/MWh	\$50/MWh
5 kWh	\$ 36.50	\$ 54.75	\$ 73.00	\$ 91.25
10 kWh	\$ 73.00	\$ 109.50	\$ 146.00	\$ 182.50
15 kWh	\$ 109.50	\$ 164.25	\$ 219.00	\$ 273.75
20 kWh	\$ 146.00	\$ 219.00	\$ 292.00	\$ 365.00
25 kWh	\$ 182.50	\$ 273.75	\$ 365.00	\$ 456.25
30 kWh	\$ 219.00	\$ 328.50	\$ 438.00	\$ 547.50
35 kWh	\$ 255.50	\$ 383.25	\$ 511.00	\$ 638.75
40 kWh	\$ 292.00	\$ 438.00	\$ 584.00	\$ 730.00

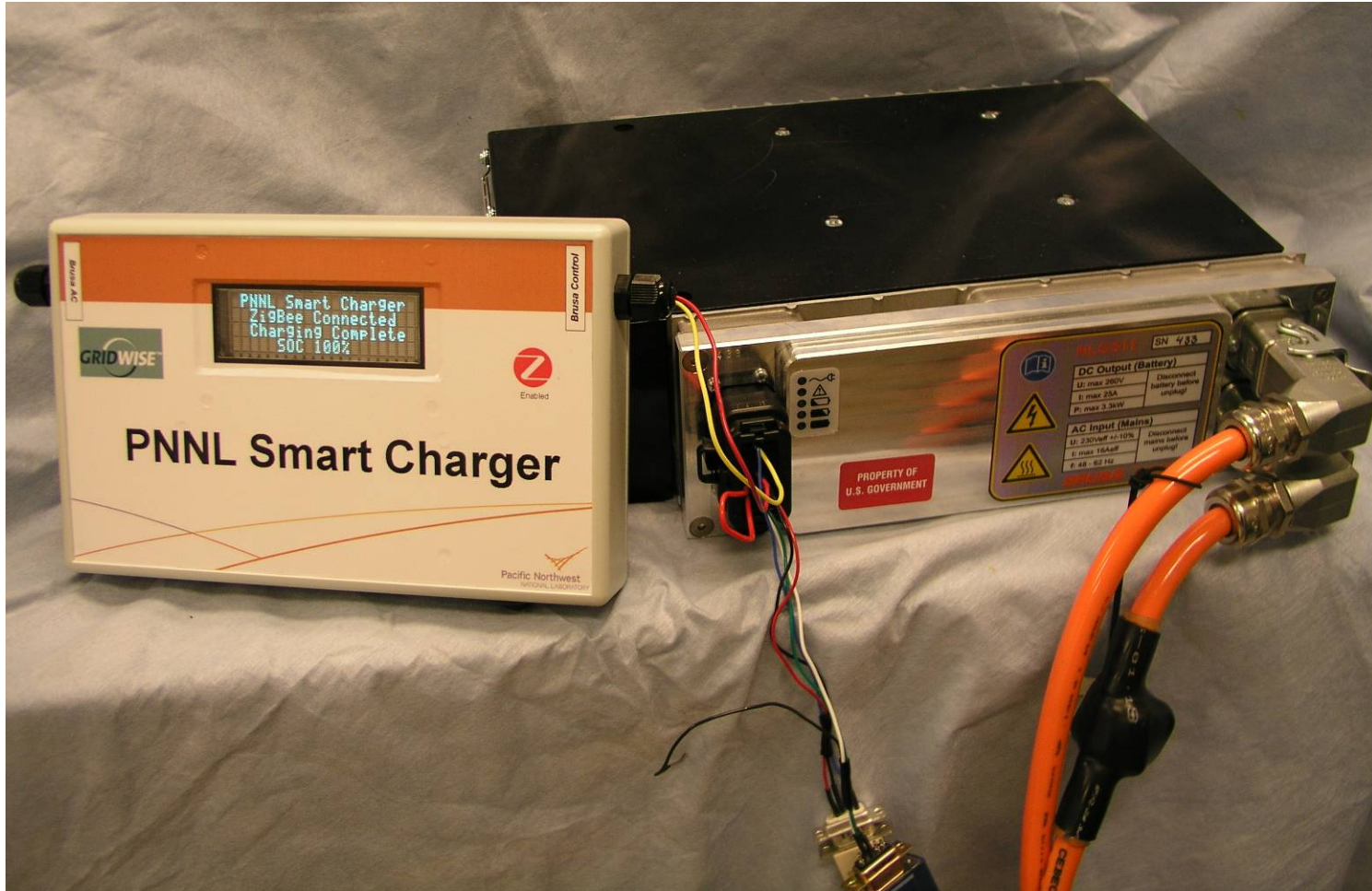
California, Texas case

PHEVs

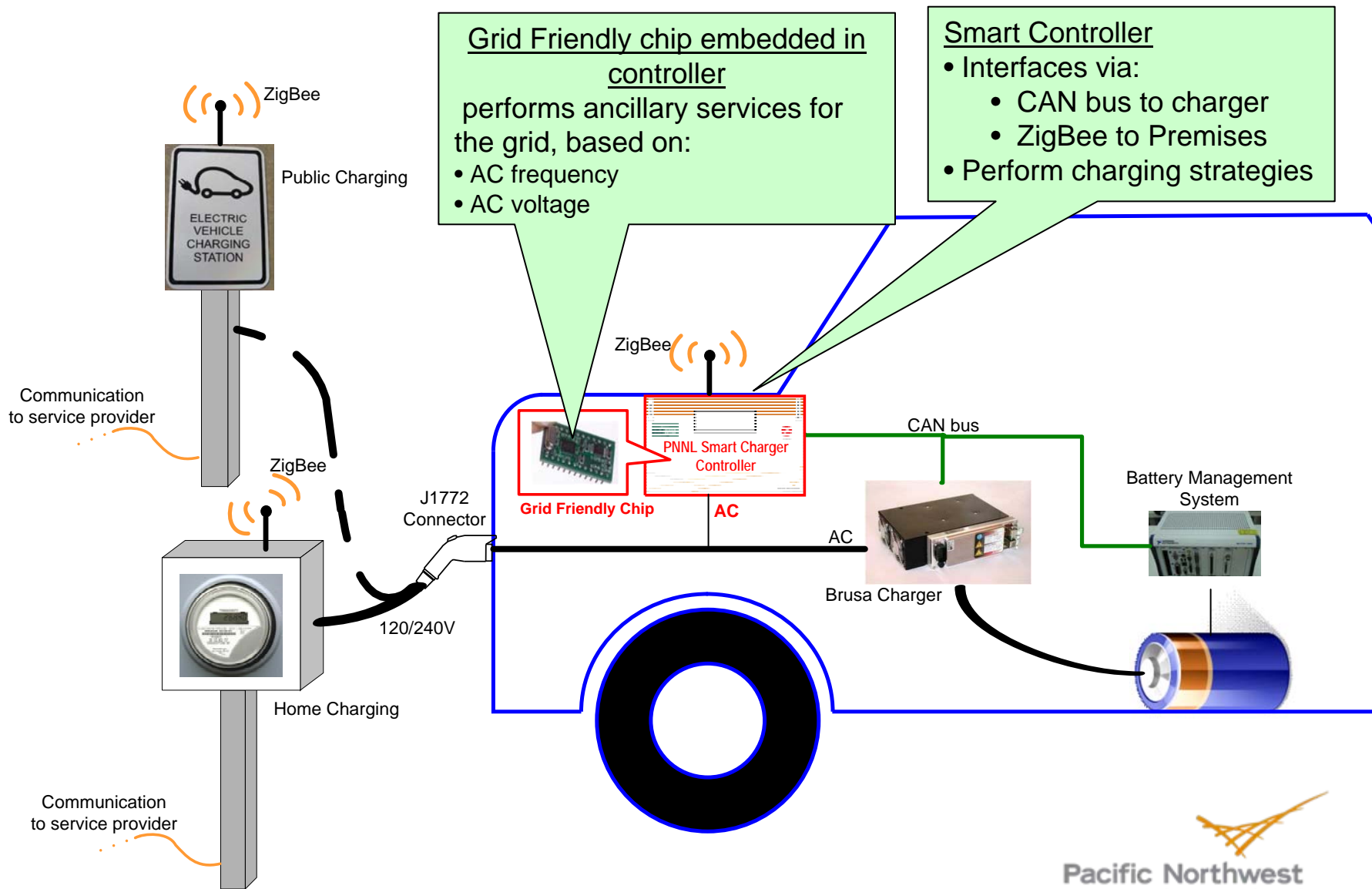
EVs

- Value of V2G half depends on size of battery, which determines the duration for service delivery
- Duration of service provided to the grid operator is limited by the time it takes to re-charge the battery
- Charging rate (kW) is important. It determines how many vehicles must be aggregated to reach minimum size requirement for regulation markets (e.g., 1 MW)
- Regulation services value is most likely larger for customer than savings from optimal scheduling

# Prototype of Smart Charger Controller together with Brusa Charger



# Use Scenario: PNNL Smart Charger Controller Integrated in the Vehicle



# Smart Grid with Smart Chargers Can Deliver the Electricity for Millions of PHEVs

## ELECTRIFYING THE TRANSPORTATION SECTOR WITH Plug-in Hybrid Electric Vehicles



# Customer interface in the vehicle



Default could be price-based charging

Override option  
"Charge NOW"

For price-based charging, customer sets time when battery is to be charged 100%