

Vehicle-to-Home Integration to Improve Grid-Interactivity and Resilience

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# Improve Reliability – Engaging Building Loads/DERs

- The need for adaptable and scalable control solutions is increasing as we are going through building and transportation electrification.
- There is an immense opportunity for a management system that can control and coordinate the power use of these devices



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Understanding tomorrow's home today

Two first-of-a-kind smart home communities at the intersection of energy efficiency, distributed energy resources & buildings-to-grid integration and the traditional utility model





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- 46 townhomes
- Atlanta, Georgia
- Homeowner owned solar + storage
- Grid integration of solar, storage, HVAC, water heating & EV charging



## SMART NEIGHBORHOOD®



### 62 single-family homes

- Birmingham, Alabama
- Utility owned, grid-connected microgrid
  - $\rightarrow$  330 kW solar
  - $\rightarrow$  680 kWh storage
  - $\rightarrow$  400 kW NG generator
- Grid integration of microgrid, water heating & HVAC

### **Major Research Partners**

Electric Power Research Institute and U.S. Department of Energy's Oak Ridge National Laboratory Key Vendor Partners LG Chem, Delta, Carrier, ecobee, Rheem, SkyCentrics, Flair, Vivint, Pulte Homes, Signature Homes

### **Key Results**

Homes are 30-40% more efficient Successful microgrid islanding New business opportunities deployed

# **Field Deployment and Validation Approach**



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### Phased Testing Approach



Residential-Level

Optimization

(s,a,r,s') fo experience replay

Replay buffer

min  $L_{\odot} = (Q(s|s; \theta^{\circ}) - Q^{\operatorname{target}})^2$ 

 $O^{target} = r + vO(s^2a^2;\theta^{(j)})$ 

r = -cost - penalty

Mini-batch

sampling

#### **ORNL Research Home**

- Unoccupied Research Home
- Development Testing



#### Field Testing

- User Acceptance Testing
  Phase
- Community-level deployment



### Neighborhood-Microgrid Optimization



# Vehicle-to-Home Integration to Improve Grid-Interactivity and Resilience

Percentage of maximum charging capability of the truck (19.2 kW) with respect to the total panel capacity.		
Residential Panel Ratings	Charging Percentage of Load (with a safety factor of 20%)	
100	80% (100%)	
150	53% (67%)	
200	40% (50%)	
400	20% (25%)	

#### Cost associated to Panel upgrade: (<u>https://www.angi.com/articles/ask-angie-what-does-it-cost-upgrade-200-amps.html</u>)

Panel Amperage	Cost (Panel Only)	Cost (Panel + Install)
100 amps	\$100-\$200	\$800-\$1,500
150 amps	\$150-\$250	\$1,300-\$1,600
200 amps	\$250-\$350	\$1,300-\$2,000
300 amps	\$350-\$500	\$1,800-\$3,500
400 amps	\$500+	\$2,000-\$4,000











### *Time to charge the F-150 Lightening truck based on different charging rate and battery capacity.*

EV Charging	Time to Charge (20 to 90%)	
Rates	98kWh	131kWh
19.2kW	~ 3.5h	$\sim 4.8h$
15 kW	~4.5h	~6.11h
10 kW	~6.8h	~9.17h
5 kW	~ 13.7h	~ 18.3h



# **Key Advances to Address Scalability**

## • System Integration – Overlay Architectures

- Diverse set of requirements in these two domains
- Integration System of systems

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- Models Online learning-driven models
  - Characterize devices based on available sensor data
  - Forecast energy-use based on disturbances and constraints

## • Controls - Grid-interactive Building Controls

- Optimize resources for demand reduction and grid support
- Coordinated control strategies for a large number of EVs to improve grid-Interactivity and resilience



# Thank you!

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