EVs in Reducing Grid Congestion

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The Role of EVs in Reducing Grid Congestion in Europe

The exponential growth of the electric vehicle (EV) market is being accelerated by new national and European legislation, presenting both challenges and opportunities for the electricity grid. This white paper explores the need to harmonize electrical grids with regulations promoting EV adoption, focusing on the crucial role of smart charging infrastructure to manage the anticipated electricity demand.

Exponential EV Growth and Grid Impact

Accelerating Legislation

New national and European laws are driving rapid growth in both passenger and commercial EVs, requiring more charging points and network capacity. This increase in electricity demand risks causing grid congestion and potential bottlenecks.

Electrification Challenges

The electrification of the logistics sector presents additional challenges, as fleet and transportation companies may struggle to obtain the necessary grid capacity for charging their vehicles. Flexible solutions are needed to provide charging capacity while limiting the impact on infrastructure deployment.

The Power of Smart Charging

1

Decentralized Energy Resources

When charged intelligently, EVs can become valuable Decentralized Energy Resources, interacting with home, building, and grid management systems to provide a range of flexibility services.

2

Grid Integration

Smart charging can reduce the local grid impact by shifting and decreasing electricity demand, enabling more effective integration of EVs, local storage, and renewable energy sources into the power system.

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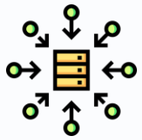
Cost Savings

Smart charging can save money on building and operating new power plants, as well as electricity network capacity, resulting in lower household costs and total cost of ownership for EV owners.

New Players in the Energy Market

Aggregators



Aggregators play a key role in providing flexibility to the energy system by optimizing EV charging profiles to offer services like congestion management, frequency balancing, and capacity optimization to different stakeholders.

Charge Point Operators

Charge Point Operators and eMobility Service Providers have direct relationships with EV owners and can control the energy delivered to vehicles in real-time, making them important players in the new energy market.

Prosumers

EV owners, or "prosumers," can benefit from both implicit and explicit demand-side flexibility services, depending on their location and charging circumstances, ensuring they receive sufficient energy at the right time.

Demand Response Opportunities

1

Implicit Demand Response

Customers can actively change their charging behaviors in response to incentives like dynamic energy tariffs or time-of-use grid tariffs, optimizing for cost efficiency or self-consumption.

2

Explicit Demand Response

Customers can agree to adjust their consumption profiles at the request of DSOs, TSOs, or BRPs, providing flexibility services like constraint management, congestion management, and frequency balancing.

3

Emerging Services

Additional potential services, such as controlled islanding and restoration, and adequacy services, could also be monetized through smart charging as the market continues to evolve.

System demands for V2G

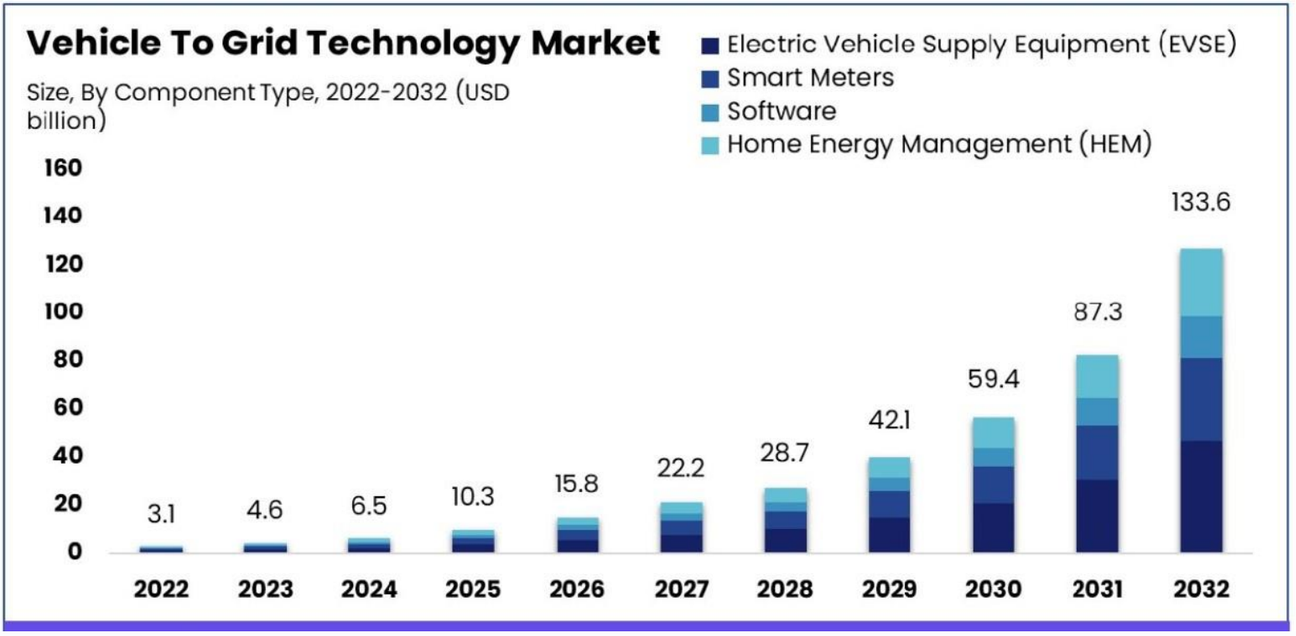
EV charging presents a complex technical challenge that encompasses various aspects, including communications, security, user interface functions, and power conversion. It requires the use of one or more microcontrollers (MCUs) that run physical layer (PHY) and application software. Communication standards utilised may include Wi-Fi, Bluetooth, or cellular, with devices like NXP's IW620 dual-band solution or its OL2385 RF transceiver for sub-GHz protocols.

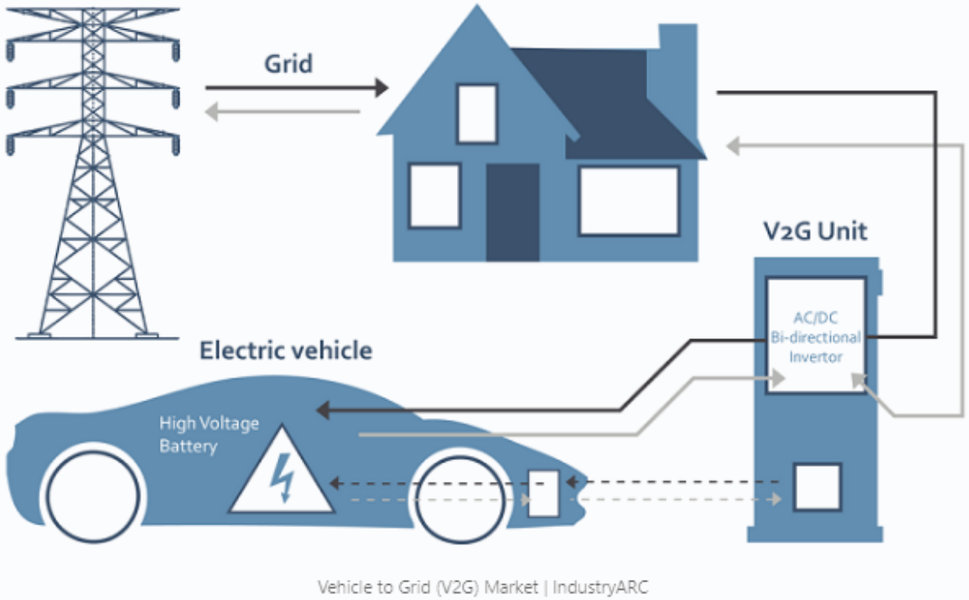
Ensuring bidirectional charging necessitates robust security systems in both chargers and vehicles, encompassing confidentiality and authenticity. Hardware-based security solutions, such as NXP **EdgeLock** SE05x/A5000 secure element, offer easily integrated options for system designers. To handle the complexity of keys and certificates, NXP provides **EdgeLock** 2GO, a fully managed cloud platform.
To expedite development, NXP provides an EV charging station development platform that enables rapid prototyping and system design. This platform allows customers to swiftly load Azure RTOS-based application software onto NXP's i.MX RT1064 crossover MCU and securely connect the simulated EV charging station to the cloud.

Smart EV charging dashboard

In EV chargers, wide bandgap (WBG) semiconductors like gallium nitride (GaN) and silicon carbide (SiC) offer superior efficiency compared to silicon alternatives. This is particularly crucial in EV chargers. For instance, Renault and CEA recently introduced a new bidirectional. charger supporting V2G, claiming a 30% reduction in energy losses during conversion thanks to the implementation of WBG materials.

EV to GRID Market Opportunity and Growth





Vehicle to Grid (V2G) Market | IndustryARC

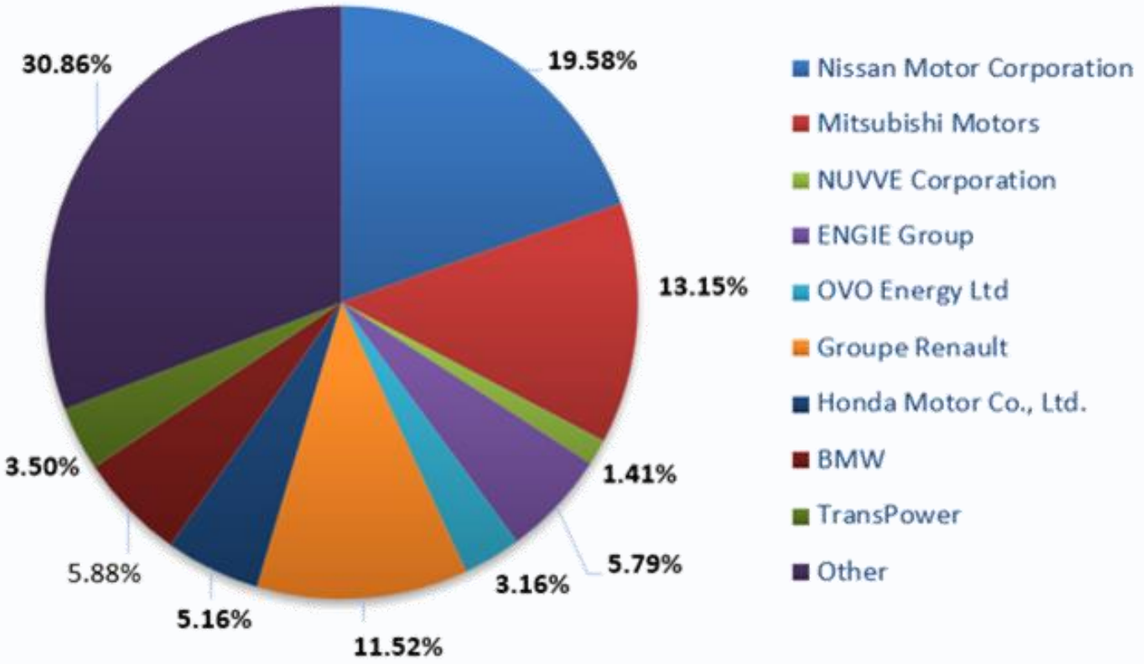
V2G market is expected to reach USD 133.6 billion by 2032, with a CAGR of 47% during the forecast period from 2023 to 2032.

EV to GRID Market Share by Companies

Vehicle-to-Grid Technology Market

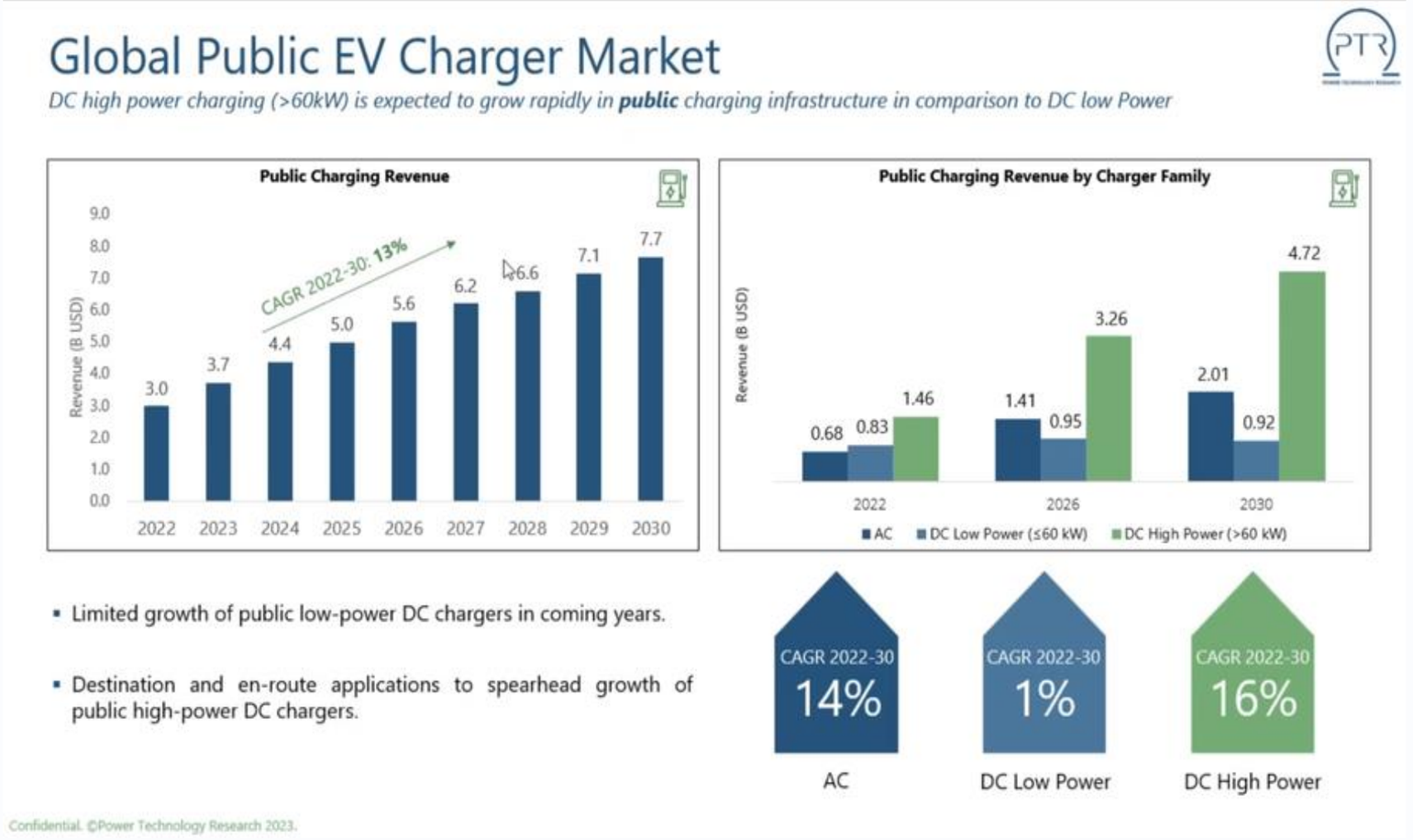
Companies:

- Nissan Motor Corporation
- Mitsubishi Motors Corporation
- NUVVE Corporation
- ENGIE Group
- OVO Energy Ltd
- Groupe Renault
- Honda Motor Co., Ltd.



Energy transition and grid stability thanks to V2G

Vehicle-to-Grid or bidirectional charging holds enormous potential for the energy transition and grid stability. Millions of decentralized, connected electric vehicles could form a massive swarm storage and provide flexible balancing to volatile energy sources like wind and solar, with reduced grid expansion and without inconvenience to drivers. This can minimize the use of fossil power plants, which have traditionally provided a significant portion of flexibility. Electric vehicles thus become an integral part of climate protection, reducing not only CO2 emissions in mobility but also in power generation.



Harmonizing EVs and the Grid

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Experimentation

Finding the right mix of implicit and explicit demand response services requires experimentation, as developing the necessary connections between stakeholder systems and algorithms is a complex challenge.

2

Interoperability

Ensuring interoperability between the various systems and stakeholders is crucial, as the possibilities depend on pricing, policies, and regulations that can vary significantly between countries.

3

Ongoing Development

Continued development and testing of new flexibility services and supporting algorithms are necessary to successfully integrate EVs and the grid, unlocking the full potential of this evolving energy landscape.

Driivz: Powering the E-Mobility Revolution

Global Reach

Driivz operates in 30 countries across the US, Europe, and Asia, enabling millions of EV charging transactions for its customers worldwide.

Unified Platform

Driivz's end-to-end solution integrates a variety of modules, allowing customers to accelerate their market leadership and deliver exceptional charging experiences.

Flexible Solutions

Driivz's white-label solutions enable utilities, automakers, and charging service providers to deliver advanced solutions to multiple players in the ecosystem.

Industry Certifications

Driivz is a proud member of the Open Charge Alliance and its solution is certified for OCPP 2.0.1, supporting over 750 charger models.

Customers Powering the Future

Global Industry Leaders

Driivz's customers include global industry players such as Volvo Group, Shell, Evgo, Recharge, Centrica, ESB, ElaadNL, CEZ, Mer (Statkraft), MOL Group, and CEZ.

Trusted Partnerships

Driivz's solutions and expertise have enabled its customers to accelerate their market leadership and deliver exceptional charging experiences to EV drivers worldwide.

Driving the Future of Mobility

Innovation Outlook	Smart Charging for Electric Vehicles
Batteries on Wheels	Risks and Opportunities Around Electric Cars

Conclusion

The exponential growth of the EV market presents both challenges and opportunities for the electricity grid in Europe. By implementing smart charging solutions and leveraging the flexibility of EV charging, the energy system can be optimized to integrate renewable energy, reduce grid congestion, and lower costs for EV owners and the broader energy system. Continued collaboration and innovation among stakeholders will be crucial to realizing the full potential of EVs in the transition to a sustainable mobility and energy future.

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