

**Reinventing Electricity Grids for** the Energy Transition



## THE PROBLEM

# **Electricity Grids** are becoming the **Largest Bottleneck** of the **Energy Transition**

## Congestions & Unstability

As millions of EVs, solar panels, heat pumps, ... unfold across the grid, operators are confronting unprecedented levels of overvoltages, undervoltages, overloads and stability issues



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## Delays & Cancellations

Grids are the **#1 cause of delays** and cancellations of new renewable projects and electrification projects







## Rising Costs

Using the traditional approach alone can lead to a doubling of grid costs over the coming decade, causing consumer affordability issues



# THE SOLUTION

# Combining the traditional approach with Plexigrid's technology



The **traditional** way:

- with more hardware, on the supply side
- dimensioning for unmanaged peak loads
- requiring multibillion € annual network upgrades
- years of construction works

# The Plexigrid way:

- with software, on the demand side
- actively managing and reducing peak loads
- faster and cheaper, benefiting customers, grid operators and retailers



## THE SOLUTION

By **mobilizing demand flexibility**, Plexigrid **resolves bottlenecks**, releases hosting capacity to connect more renewables, EVs, heat pumps... and reduces electricity distribution costs by 30%-40%

# Design for peak capacity

"Reinforce the grid to guarantee capacity for peak demand"

#### Observation

Peak Consumption is about to reach Max Capacity. The grid is full!

#### **Reaction = Problem**

Increase network capacity through CAPEX investments!

#### Result

- Increasing consumer grid costs
- Long lead times
- Unsustainable raw material use



# Design for optimal utilization

"Optimize grid utilization by adapting demand to available capacity"

#### Observation

Why is the average utilization so low? There is plenty of capacity available

#### **Reaction = Opportunity**

 Exploit flexibility of demand and supply to distribute load more evenly

#### Result

- No/minimum need for upgrades
- Reduced cost for consumers
- Fast adaption to increased demand
- Increased hosting capacity for renewables

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# THE SOLUTION. IMPACT

Plexigrid's superpowers drive game-changing improvements across, planning, operations and flexibility management

## **GRID OPERATIONS**



Reduction of operational costs and improvements in grid performance

### **GRID PLANNING**



Tighter, "bottleneck focused" capacity planning, reduction of electrical losses

## FLEXIBILITY MANAGEMENT



Resolution of bottlenecks with flexibility instead of additional capacity

## Up to 35% reduction of energy and grid costs for grid operators and consumers











# Thanks