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#### TRANSFORMING CHARGING

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About us British start-up developing autonomous charging

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#### Megatrends transforming the transport sector





### **Refuelling** past and present





#### The future A trial by the market

Moving goods vs. people Mobility-as-a-Service Progressive autonomy Evaporation of commuter miles

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Other disruptors e.g. H2, micro mobility, self-charging, solar vehicles, hyper batteries, UAVs

Wireless, Robotic, Battery

replacement, Dynamic charging,

mobile charging, lamp post

charging, pantographs

Opportunities for early movers come with a high risk of investment in obsolescence

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# **Optimal charging** what should it achieve?





#### **Operator Economics** and efficiency

- The CPO business profile has low margins, large and risky investments, little and uncertain demand in the short run
- Infrastructure technology needs to be efficient and scalable to minimise early losses and support rapid scale up
- Inefficient power transfers can erode the economic gains from V2G and positive carbon impacts of decarbonisation through electrification.



### Scalability | with minimal obsolescence

- Rapid growth of charging infrastructure needed to support net zero ambitions
- Network constraints mean, capital deployment needs to be tactical
- Overinvesting too early in obsolescent technology will create stranded assets
- Optimal technology will be retrofittable for improvements and new standards, universal compatibility, and be able to support increased demand and supply.



## **Reliability** means different things to different users...

- Must run fleets have high costs attached to downtimes
- E.g. vehicle rental fleets, logistics and delivery fleets, emergency service fleets
- Sub optimal infrastructure can cause human errors and operations drag with expensive and risky consequences
- Clutter in these busy, congested and streamlined operating environments is costly



### Safety | concerns are greater than range anxiety

- Charging infrastructure and micro mobility encroach walkability in town centres
- Sidewalk clutter affects vulnerable users the most and trip hazards peak during overnight sidewalk charging
- In the work place and for public use greater charging speeds (heavier and hotter connectors) will demand safety measures and costs



### Users | come first!

- Automation removes manual involvement in the charging operation
- Taking charging out of a user's responsibility creates an unmatched user experience, and
- Minimal friction to fleet operations
- Minimal spatial impact can be achieved
- Conduction is the most efficient and scalable means of power transfer



#### Which technologies address the challenges?





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#### $\cup$ In summary



The world's transport needs are changing

#### Charging, a major challenge



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Solutions must be reliable, safe and convenient



Clean air and Net-Zero-Targets now on centre stage



Market needs scalable, cost effective and efficient technologies



Electrification gathering momentum across the transport system



Operator and consumer needs unmet by first generation manual chargers and wireless chargers



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of Transport is autonomous



so is the future of charging

enable sustainable mobility

make safer, more efficient, more convenient, more scalable



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zero emission vehicles, fleets moving freight and people, mobility-as-a-service

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#### Thank you

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