

# Grid Economics, Planning and Business Models for Smart Electric Mobility

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### Research Challenges: supporting economically and environmentally effective transition to electric mobility

- Existing impact assessment and planning models analyse EV impacts on individual sectors of the power system separately.
- Traditional travel model are based on statistical prediction of aggregate-level travel demand without capturing the behavioural characterisation of users' driving requirements and preferences.
- EV charging infrastructure and ICT infrastructure planning almost completely neglected.
- Business models and price-based mechanisms that support the realisation of benefits through the provision of multiple services by EVs, including V2G, are yet to be investigated.
- Framework and methodology for the development of roadmaps for the evolution to electric mobility are yet to be developed.

Energy





### Specific objectives /1

- Investigate a novel whole-electricity system economic assessment methodology to assess the economic effects of EV deployment on the distribution, transmission and generation infrastructures, under different EV management strategies and business models;
- Investigate alternative activity-based travel demand models and understand the interaction between demand for travel, alternative charging strategies that are consistent with vehicle owner flexibility and the electricity system economic performance and infrastructure requirements;
- Investigate and develop risk-constrained multi-objective optimization approaches in order to address the challenges of EV charging and ICT infrastructure planning, and develop models for assessing the interdependence between the electricity grid and EV enabling infrastructure planning;



### Specific Objectives /2

- Quantify the value of alternative charging strategies and EV flexibility in supporting electricity system operation and investment including ancillary services provision by EV such as V2G and V2H concepts,
- Investigate alternative business models for the EV market integration providing the opportunity for EV to simultaneously support more efficient system operation and investment in assets across the entire electricity system chain and thus enhance the economic viability of the transport sector's electrification.



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# Whole-electricity system modelling of electric mobility

#### Energy: From the System to EVs Flexibility: from EVs to the system



## **Conflict between energy market and local network capacity**



Optimal EV response to electricity prices would increase peak demand and overload distribution networks



# Whole-systems approach to analysing the impact of mass rollout of EVs

#### Key objectives:

Apply whole-systems approach to understand the simultaneous impact of EVs on:

- Generation system operation
- Generation system investment
- Transmission network investment
- Distribution network investment
- Environmental emissions
- Understand the impact of wide EV rollout in the UK / China system
- Quantify trade-offs between objectives in various sectors resulting from different EV charging policies and different future development scenarios
- Inform policy makers and provide evidence about the high-level impact of different approaches to integration of electro-mobility across the electricity sector and the potential value of smart charging



## Whole-systems analysis: Time and Location effects



Whole-system modelling critical for capturing Time and Location interactions

Optimisation across the conflicting objectives to reduce the cost of investment in generation and network assets and system operation





Cost of supplying EV demand (2025 - Medium EV penetration)



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#### **2030 Gone Green scenario- generation mix and case studies**



Case	Assumptions
Non-smart	EVs - inflexible
Smart EV	EVs - flexible but with low response capability
Smart EV / FR	EVs - flexible and with high response capability



#### Challenges of primary frequency control in the future GB system with high penetration of wind





#### **RES curtailment for Smart EVs deployment**





#### System average CO2 emission rate





#### Avoided investment cost in low carbon generation





## Benefits of V2G: Wind Curtailment Reduction



Significant avoidance of wind energy curtailment by optimised EV charging, even at low levels of EV penetration.



# Benefits of V2G: carbon emission Curtailment Reduction



Drop in CO2 emissions when charging is optimised – enhanced ability to absorb wind energy and reduce outputs of fossil fuel plant





#### **Real Time Pricing**







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# Flexibility – key driver for cost effective evolution to low carbon energy system



Flexibility



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