Should my Electric Vehicle be used for **my benefit** or for the **greater good**?

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The Story of Tim





Now picture the future...



Electric Vehicles are coming!



UK Government

- Banned the sale of new petrol / diesel (2030)

- Mandated smart-charging on public chargers

Future Energy Scenarios Report 2021, National Grid

What is Vehicle-to-Grid?



Could go either way...



GB Winter Peak System Demand from EV Charging

'Consumer Transformation' from Future Energy Scenarios Report 2021, National Grid



So, what can I do with my energy?

How does this look?

Smart Charging

Imperial College London

EVs using energy for travelling



EVs charging when price is lowest (2am)

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Imperial College Energy Arbitrage (V2G)

EVs charging when price is lowest (at night)



EVs discharging when prices high

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EVs discharging when prices high

How do the charging modes compare?



To summarise...

EV owners can use the high flexibility EVs have to offer to:

- Reduce their electricity bills with a time-of-use tariff
- Earn money by buying and selling energy (to the grid or to their neighbours)
- Reduce the electricity peak nationally by controlling their charging



Introducing the 'greater good'

Challenges in modern power system



- Lots of renewable generation
 - Integrated distributed resources
- Decentralised control
- Bidirectional power flow
- Low inertia



UK frequency, 9th August 2019



Were we just lucky?



Preventive control can fail



Unlock the real value of EVs



- Support the grid when preventive fails (frequency response)
- Help balancing supply/demand
- Raise pre-fault transfer limits
- Reduce CO2
 emissions

How EVs can support operators?

- Enhance the utilization of the grid assets
- Avoid investments in new grid infrastructure
- Reduce operating/generation costs
- Prevent renewable power curtailment

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Prove the value of EVs

Data-driven approach to optimise the use of EVs in real-time



Some interesting results

	No control	Wind curtailment	Preventive + EVs
Unstable conditions	990/1000	510/1000 - <mark>£3</mark> .	0/1000 7m
	- 80m kg of CO2		

- The low inertia of the system makes 99% of post-fault operating conditions unstable
- Assuming 2/3 faults are expected every day, the system could experience ~1000 faults per year

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To summarise...

How EV owners can support the grid operation:

- Reduce investment, operating and generation costs
- Improve the system's reliability (fewer blackouts!)
- Support the transition towards a low-carbon economy





