EV SMART-CHARGING IMPACTS ON US POWER GRIDS

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- Background: World EV ownership has risen from near-zero in 2010 to over 10 million in 2020 & projected to reach 145 million by 2030 (7% of world fleet).
- When drivers' charging strategy **aligns with power network needs**, EVs can become a potential asset for the grid with more renewable energy intake and reducing stress.
- Goal: This study explores impacts of various EV charging strategies on US power sector's economic & environmental outcomes. Strategies & participation rates will align with smart-charging-preferences survey (n=1050 American adults) by Dean et al. (2023).
- Methodology: NREL's Regional Energy Deployment System model (ReEDS) predicts & prescribes evolution & operation of US power grid's generation, transmission & end-use (demand) technologies.





EV Smart-Charging Survey Results



One-time bill credit (\$)

- 25% of respondents not inclined towards Supplier managed charging (SMC) program.
- **25%** may **cede control** but need **more information** for participation.
- 37% accept SMC under different conditions.
- Current EV owners (n=124) likely to accept supplier/user managed charging program.
- People without educational degrees (30.8%) prefer unmanaged charging than educated people (8.8% with Ph.D. & 14.8% with Masters).
- Most prohibit SMC during daytime but give up control at night with assurance of full charge by morning (17.5%).
- 10.6% willing to allow SMC during high grid-strained days.



Coming Research

- Run ReEDS with different smart-charging strategies to identify how much EVs hurt vs help the grid, and impacts transportation emissions.
- **Design incentives** to cede EV charging control to utilities at night with assurance of full charge by morning.
- Design incentives to shift EV charging to different times of day.
- Simulate incentives to shift EV demand during grid strain days.
- Shift demand to high wind + solar generation periods.

Smart Charging Survey - "Americans' opinions and interests in plug-in electric vehicle smart charging programs"

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