

## NEXT GENERATION NETWORKS

## Balancing Act Conference

21<sup>st</sup> November 2018 The Bristol

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#### Welcome & Introductions

## Housekeeping





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## Agenda

- 09.30 Registration & Refreshments
- 10.00 Welcome & Introductions
- 10.10 Adapting the electricity network for EV uptake
- **10.30** The latest learnings from the Electric Nation project
- 11.20 Refreshments
- 11.40 Panel Session Making owning an EV simple and easy
- 12.15 Lunch
- 13.00 LV Connect and Manage project Optimising the grid, homes and EV's
- 13.45 Afternoon break
- 14.00 Future WPD projects and plans EV data, filling stations and on-street charging
- 14.30 WPD Panel of experts Q&A from the day
- 15.00 Close



## **Innovation Objectives**

The objectives of WPD's innovation programme are to:

- Develop new *smart* techniques that will accommodate increased load, storage and generation (Distributed Energy Resources – DER) at lower costs/quicker connections than conventional reinforcement.
- Facilitate regional and local energy markets; including local flexibility services.
- Improve business performance against one or more of our core goals of safety, customer service, reliability, the environment or cost effectiveness.
- Ensure solutions are compatible with the existing network.
- Deliver solutions so that they become business as usual.
- Provide long term, whole system outcomes and value for money for consumers.
- Assist the UK to reduce carbon emissions and combat climate change.



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# Adapting the electricity network for EV uptake

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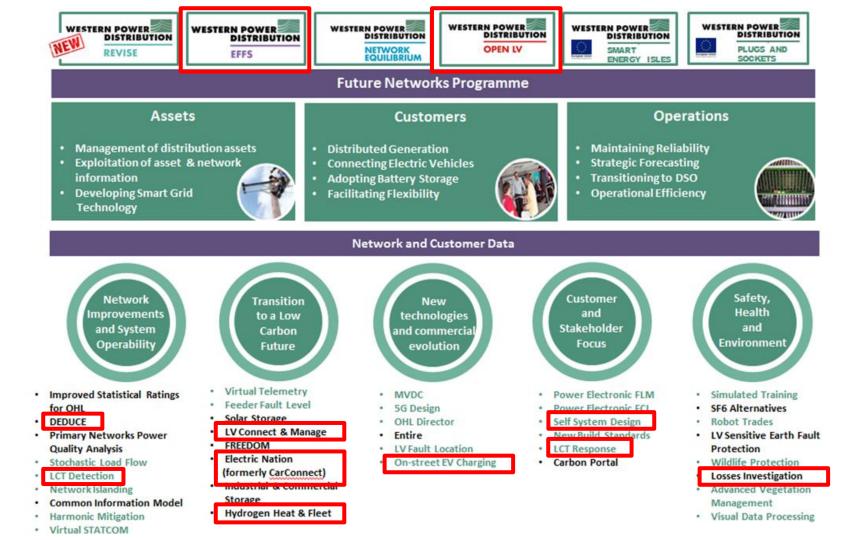
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## Agenda

- 1 Future Networks Programme
- 2 Research, Development and Demonstration of e-Mobility Solutions
- **3** Distribution Future Energy Scenarios (D-FES)
- 4 Tipping points and exponential change
- 5 Questions / Discussion





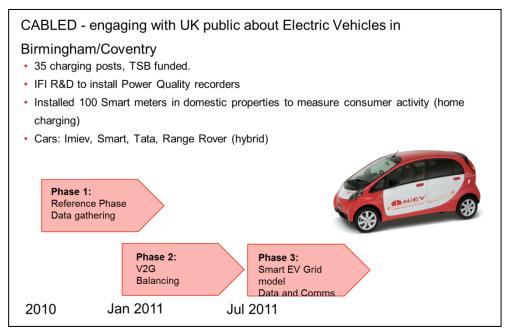
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- EV Emissions testing with Transport Research Labs in 2017
- World's largest EV user trial, *Electric Nation*, from 2016
- Demonstration of a short-term mandated *Connect & Manage* solution for solar, battery storage and EV charging on LV networks
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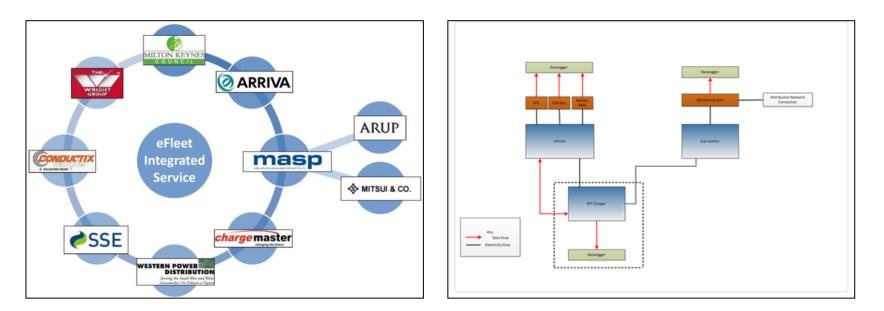






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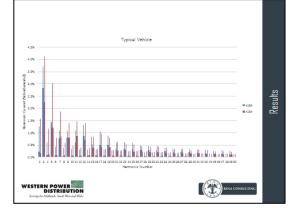


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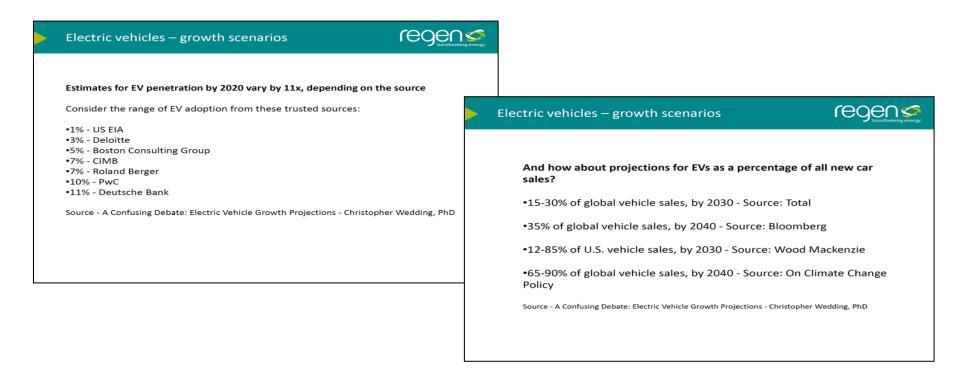
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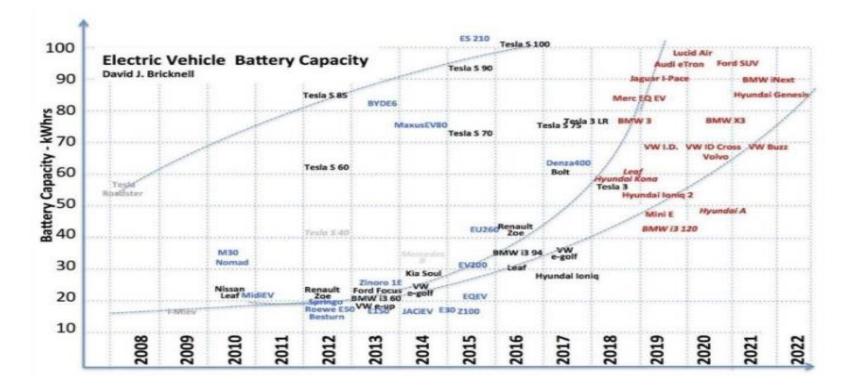


## **Broad Spread in EV penetration estimates**



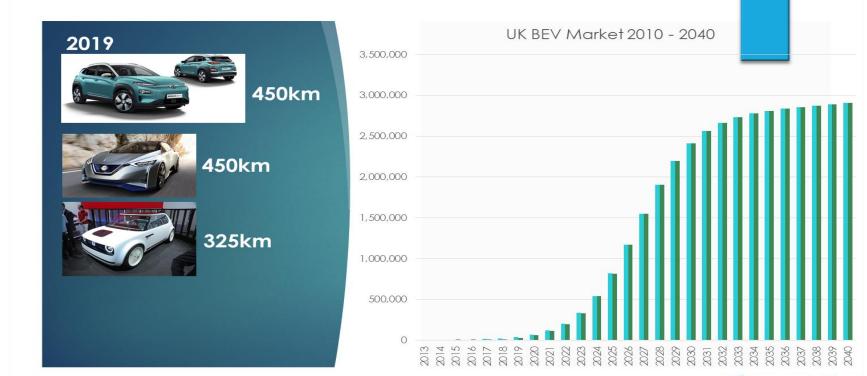


## **Electric Cars are maturing rapidly**





### UK BEV Market 2010 - 2040



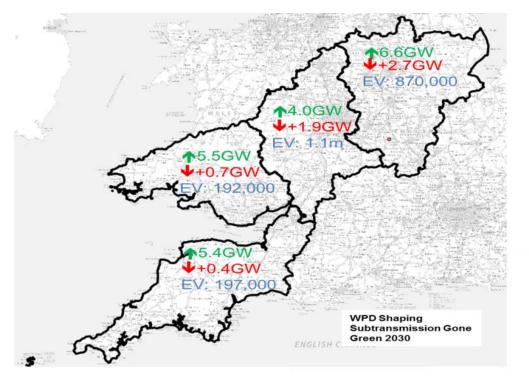




### **Future Growth Scenarios**

Our Shaping Sub-transmission reports have highlighted significant potential growth for both demand and generation, under current political and economic environments.





Green ambition



## **Estimation within ED1 business plan**

#### Cumulative number of electric vehicles charged at existing premises at the end of RIIO-ED1

	WPD 'Best View' based on CSE data	Regionalised DECC LOW case	Regionalised DECC MEDIUM case	Regionalised DECC HIGH case
West Midlands	66,761	62,411	181,772	277,613
East Midlands	77,023	68,622	199,863	305,241
South Wales	28,887	21,316	62,084	94,818
South West	45,014	46,691	135,988	207,689



## Latest D-FES

- Even most pessimistic Q1 20 scenarios are much higher than ED1 'best view' Swa Q3 20
- Likely to be 100's of charge points installed per day by end of ED1
  EM Q1 20
- And towards 5000 per day in ED2

	Number of Electric Vehicles				
	in licence area	Baseline	2020	2025	2030
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Adapting the electricity network for EV uptake



## Keep the region moving

- We have been developing solutions to ensure that network connections and capacity are not a barrier to EV adoption
- Solutions already available are:
  - Alternative Connections (eg. Timed connections)
  - Conventional reinforcement
- Near term we will have
  - More diversified profiles based on behavioural data
  - A *Connect & Manage* alternative connection
- Plus we continue to research and innovate

THANKS FOR LISTENING

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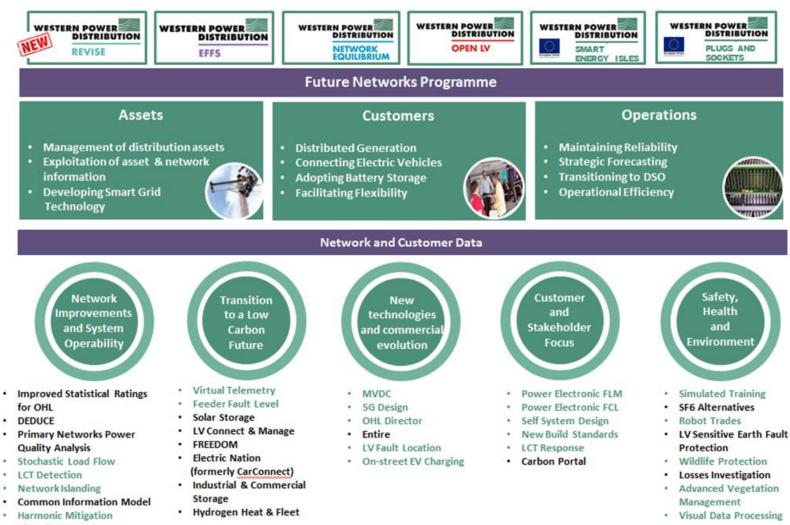


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**Current EV Projects** Balancing Act Conference 21<sup>st</sup> November 2018



Ricky Duke Innovation & Low Carbon Networks Engineer



Virtual STATCOM



## LV Connect & Manage

- In some areas, the uptake of Low Carbon Technologies such as heat pumps, electric vehicles, photovoltaics or energy storage, may occur rapidly ahead of any planned reinforcement.
- This project together with Nortech will test and demonstrate whether LV Active Network Management, which extends communications and controls to within the customers' installations, is able to deal with bi-directional power flows as a viable short term alternative to network reinforcement.
- Batteries and EV Charge points have been installed in customer's premises and controlled by WPD/Partners during the trial.



## **LCT Detection**

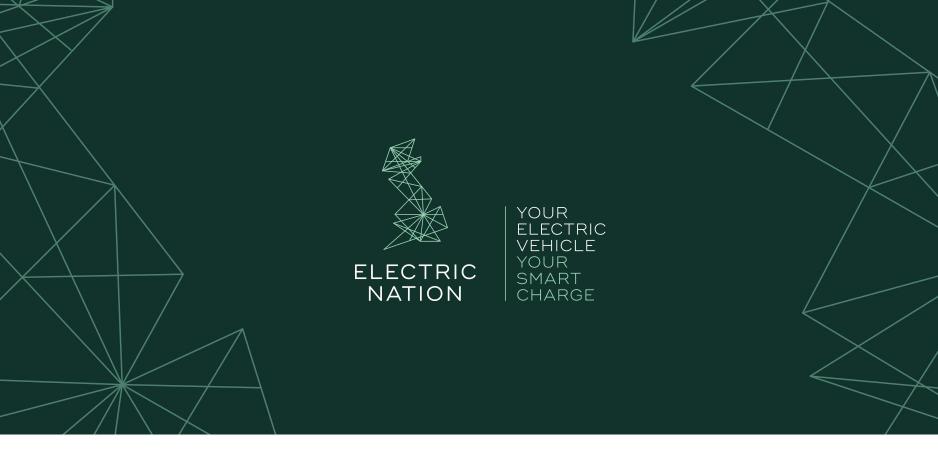
- WPD are working with ElectraLink and IBM to achieve visibility of unregistered Low Carbon Technologies on the low voltage network.
- This project will take industry data from the DTS data set and apply leading-edge analytics to provide a mechanism to identify and validate these installations.
- The main project deliverable will be a proof of concept model a process design document and demonstration dashboard that will identify Low Carbon Technologies to support network planning and investment strategy.





## **Electric Nation**

- The worlds largest domestic smart charging trial with 673 participants currently in a live trial.
- Understand EV customers charging patterns at home, and their acceptance of smart charging.
- Production of the Network Assessment Tool.
- Trials are now in their final stage and already showing some interesting results.



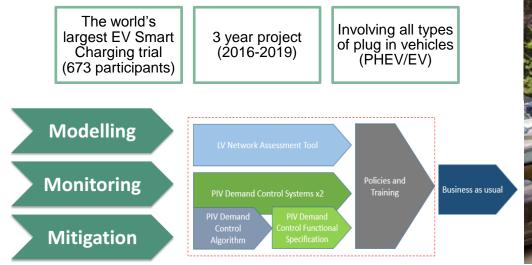
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## Proving the benefits of smart EV charging for both customers and local power networks



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#### Why do we need smart charging?

- EVs will require the generation and transmission of additional electricity to charge up:
  - Challenges for the generation industry and National Grid
  - And Distribution Network Operators in their networks down to 11kV network level
- For Distribution Network Operator's on 11 kV and LV networks EV loads may overload these networks – in certain seasons and times of day

- Additional loading on LV networks would result in at least 30% of these networks in GB requiring investment by 2050 costing at least £2.2bn (*My Electric Avenue*)
- Investment = upgrade/replace these networks – disruption affecting all of us
- Costs of upgrades go onto customer bills a hidden cost of EV ownership?
- Smart charging could reduce/delay or avoid the need to upgrade/replace networks
- UK Government looking to mandate smart charging
  - This project will provide evidence whether it will work



#### **Smart Charging Trials**

2 systems used in customer trials: when network capacity could be breached

- GreenFlux
  - Periodic 32A/16A/0A allocations to each charger
- CrowdCharge
  - Current allocations reduced across all chargers

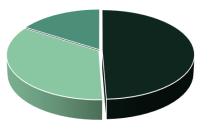




#### The World's Largest EV Smart Charging Trial

- 673 chargers, throughout WPD's licence areas
- 40 different makes/models of EV
- Over 80,000 charging events captured already leading to 1 million hours of charging data

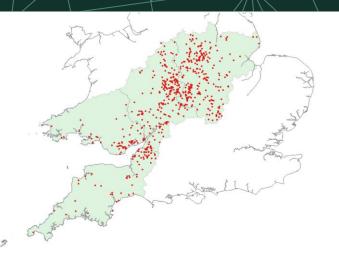
- Electric only (BEV)
- Plug in Hybrid Electric Vehicle (PHEV)
- Range extender (REX)

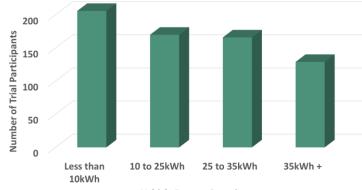








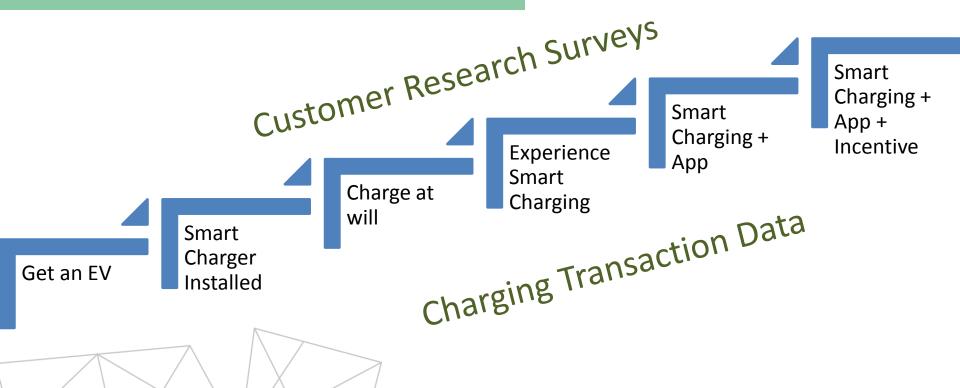




Vehicle Battery Capacity



## Trial Participant's journey through the Trial

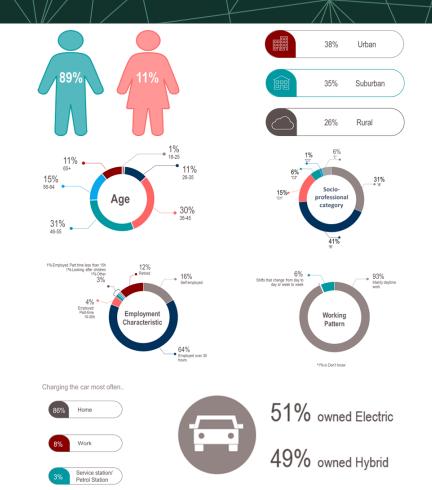




#### **Customer Research**

- Trial participant's socio-economic data
- EV usage
- EV charging patterns (as they see it)
- Attitudes to
  - current charging arrangements
  - charge management
- Feedback on Apps



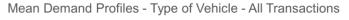


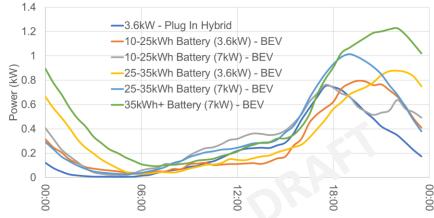


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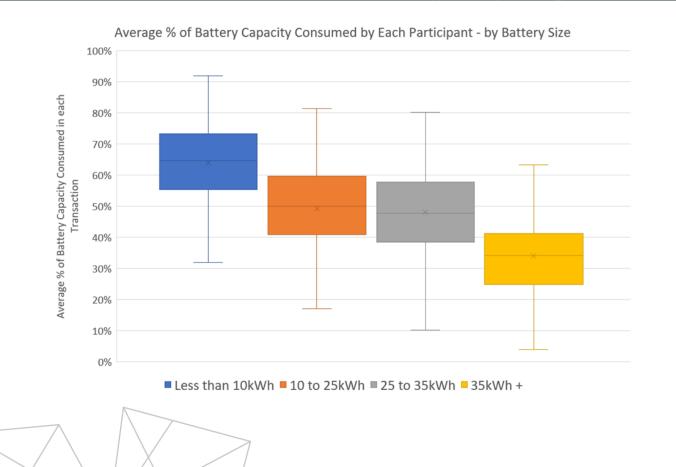
- Basic:
  - Start & end of transaction
  - Start Charging (includes use of timers)
  - Energy consumed in charge
- Detailed:
  - Periodic meter values
- Smart Charging System activity
  - Demand management events
- App usage & customer inputs





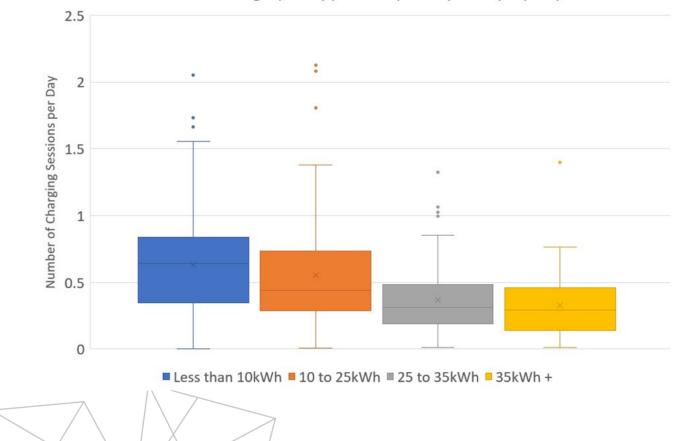






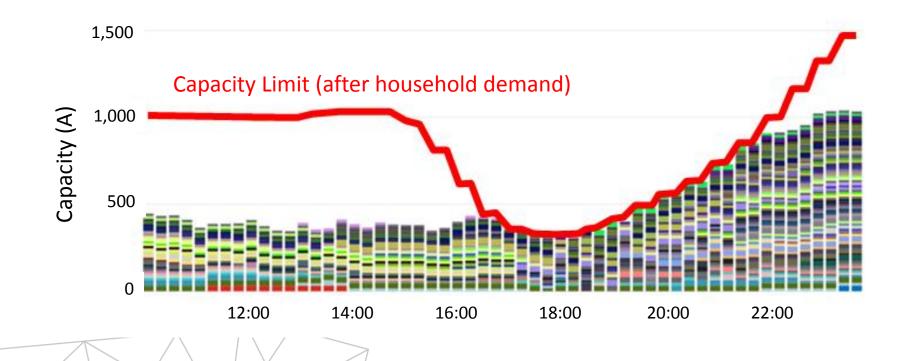


Number of Charges per Day per Participant - by Battery Capacity





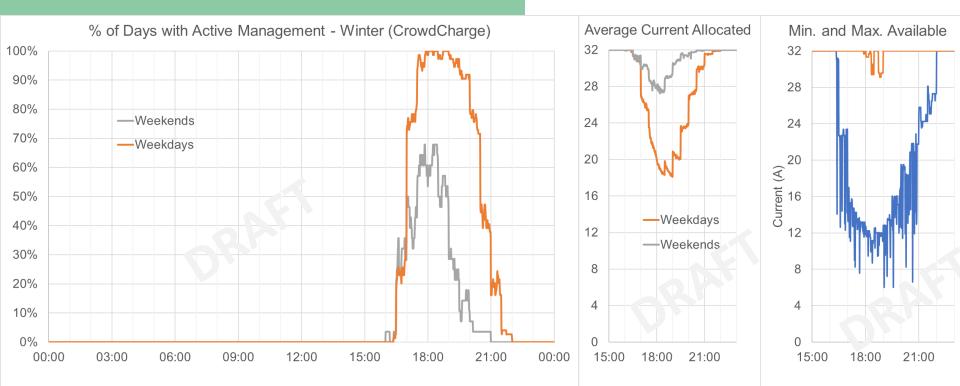
#### **EV Demand Management in Action**





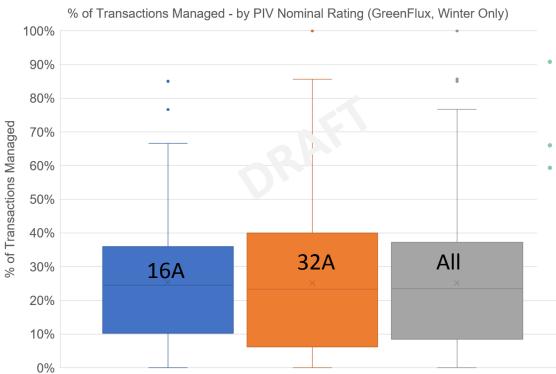
## When was demand management imposed on Trial Participants?

## And what was the effect?





#### Demand Management Effect on Customers - GreenFlux



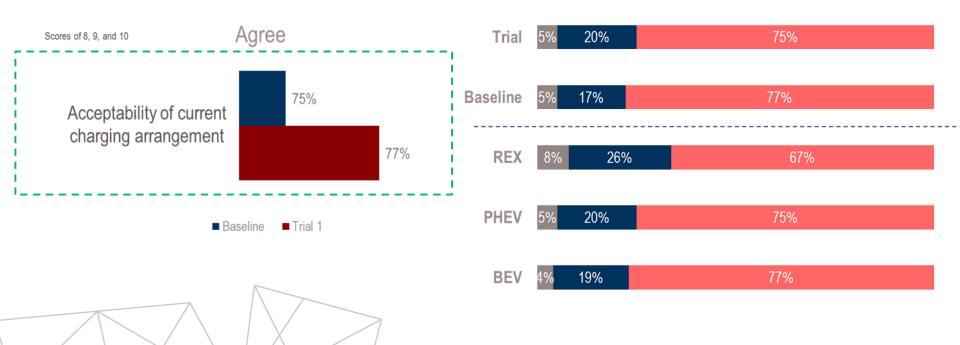
- Mean Transactions Managed = 23%-24%
  - 1 in 4 charge transactions
  - Or 1 in 4 customers affected
    - Depends on WHEN they start charging
- Demand Management under Electric Nation trial is regular
  - In reality will not be required every day in winter
- Few drivers charge every day
- Few charges are "charge from empty"

Even for those affected by demand management the impact on next journey is likely to be low for most



# Customer Perceptions of Impact of Smart Charging

# Satisfaction of current charging arrangement

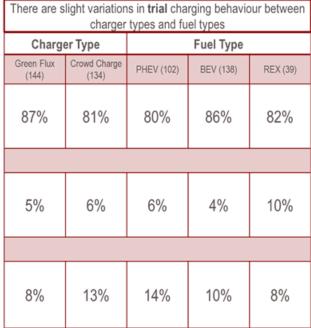




## Willingness to accept smart charging in the long term

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current charging arrangements indefinitely	84%	87
be willing to continue current	12%	
charging arrangements for a limited time only	5%	5%
prefer alternative charging	8%	
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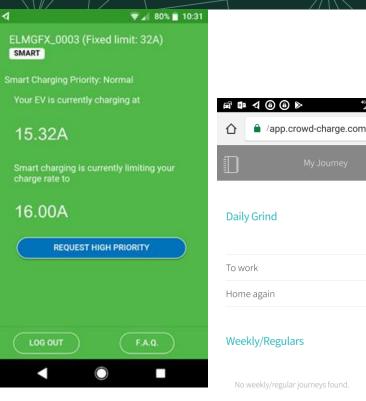
### Customer Interaction with Smart Charging & Demand Management

GreenFlux

- Customer can view charging session live
- and request High Priority for that session (excludes them from demand management)
- So long as not all request High Priority

#### CrowdCharge

- Customer inputs journey requirements (commute, regular and one-offs)
- SOC customer input or telematics
- System ensures charge for next journey is supplied as a minimum



<sup>46</sup> 77% 16:13

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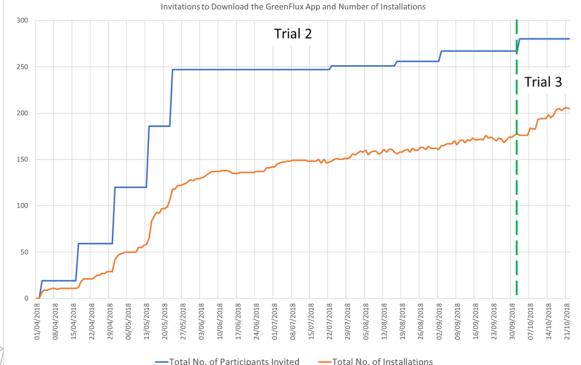
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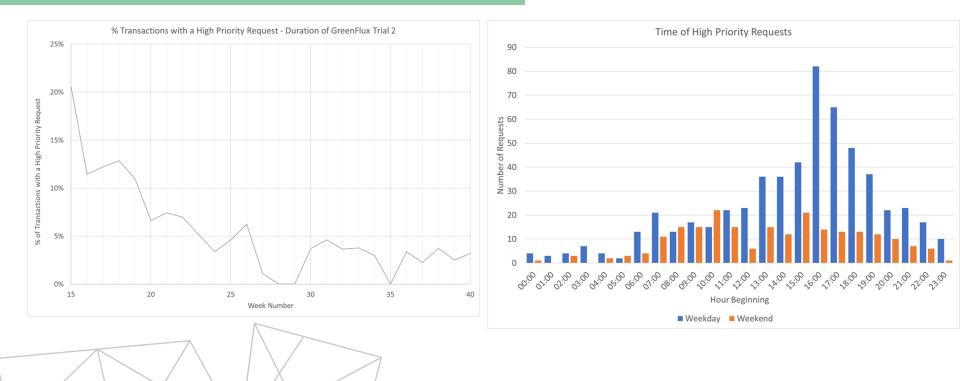
#### **GreenFlux App Installations**

- 263 invited
- 176 downloaded app 67%





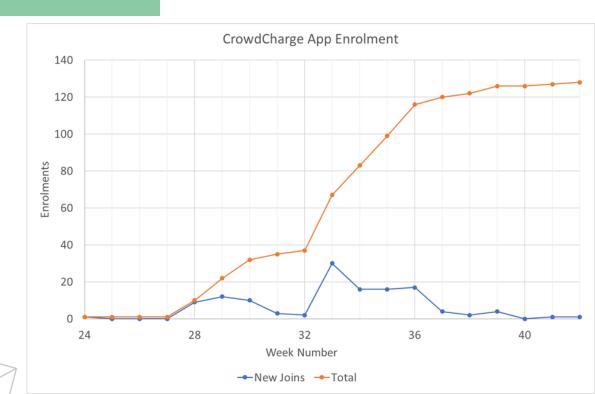
## App usage – Request High Priority





## CrowdCharge App Enrolments

- 238 invited to use app
- 2 positively declined
- 108 didn't respond 45%
- 128 enrolled 54%

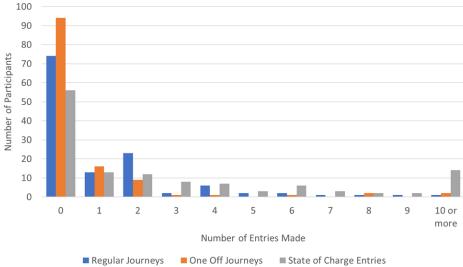




# How are they using the CrowdCharge App?

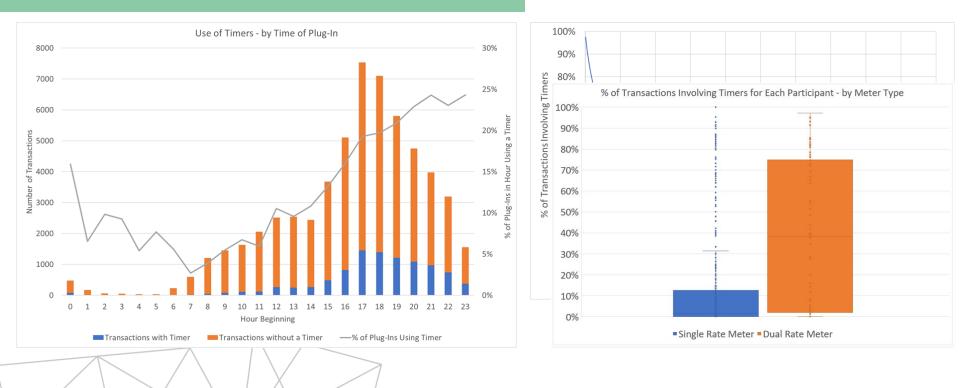
Data Entry	Number of Entries (from 127 participants)	Number of Participants Entering Information at Least Once
Regular Journeys	145	52
One Off Journeys	84	32
State of Charge	485	70
Total	714	21 participants have entered all three types of information

Number of Participants Making Varying Number of Data Entries to the CrowdCharge App (Trial 2)





#### Economy 7 usage within trial

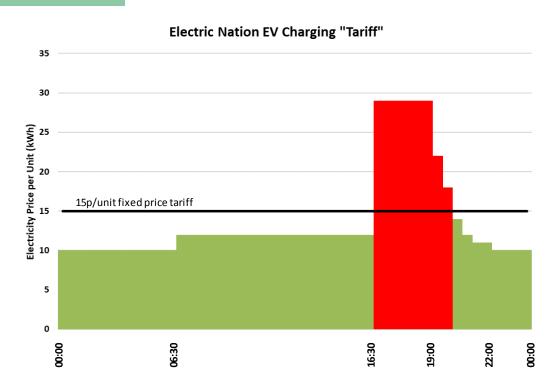




## How to Incentivise People to accept Smart Charging?

& Does it Work?

- Many ways this could be done
- Already see a significant proportion of trial participants taking advantage of Economy 7 type tariffs
- We chose a Time of Use Tariff to test in 2<sup>nd</sup> generation apps

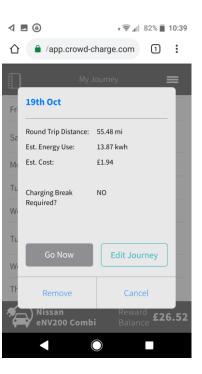




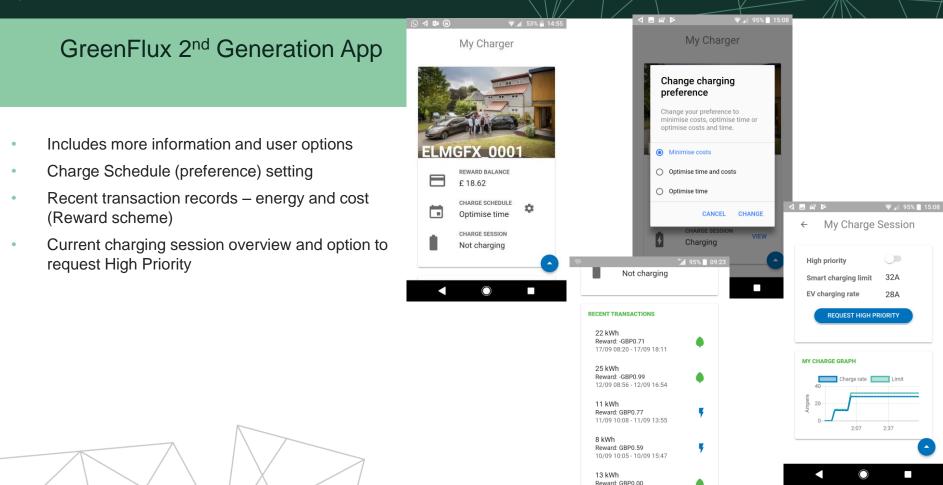
## CrowdCharge 2<sup>nd</sup> Generation App

- Very similar user interface
- Requires driver to input journey plans and SOC
  - Otherwise assumes
  - SOC data from a very few EVs fitted with telematics
- Algorithm now balances
  - Given departure time
  - Energy required
  - Energy cost (ToU tariff)
- Reports energy cost and Reward balance
- Launched 6/11/18

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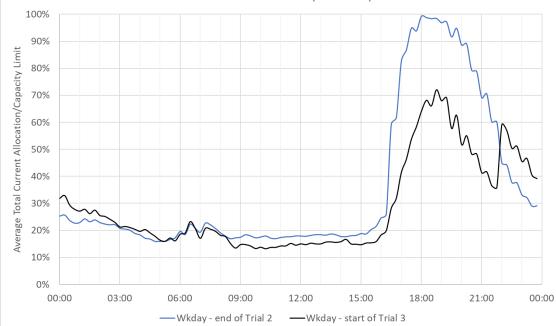




## GreenFlux - Very Early Indication...

- No demand management since introduction of updated app with ToU tariff
  - Compared to about 85% of weekdays at 18:00 before
- Customers seem to be making a binary choice
  - Optimise Time & Minimise Cost
- Does create loss of diversity at start of 10pm cheap rate
  - Still well within network capacity
  - But could create problem for generators...

Average Total Current Allocations Compared to the Capacity Limit - Before and After ToU Tariff Introduction (GreenFlux)

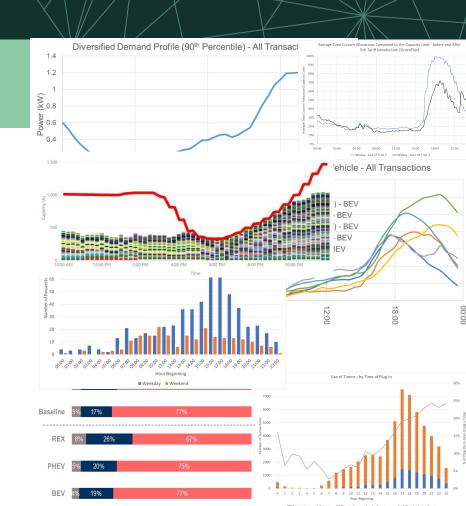




## What's Next?

- Complete trial & close down
- Complete customer surveys
- Data analysis and reporting
  - Winter/Spring 2019
- EV load profile development
  - Unconstrained
  - Managed
- Draft Smart Charging Service Specification
- Consult with industry...







## **Industry Consultation**

- Share learning from our Customer Trial
- Present draft specification for a commercial smart charging service for DNOs "Protection of LV networks through EV smart charging"
- Identify opportunities and barriers to industry to provide such a service e.g.
  - Could be an element of a stack of services (+ve)Inter-operability issues (-ve)
- Develop a "road map" from here to a competitive, commercial market offering





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# NETWORK ASSESSMENT TOOL



## The Problem

- EV charging will lead to overloads on LV networks
  - In some cases
  - Which will be affected?
- DNOs can't implement solutions overnight they need early warning
- Key questions:
  - How many networks will need reinforcement?
  - When will it be needed?
  - Which solution is the most cost effective?
- Answering complex questions usually needs good data





## Network Assessment Tool What is it

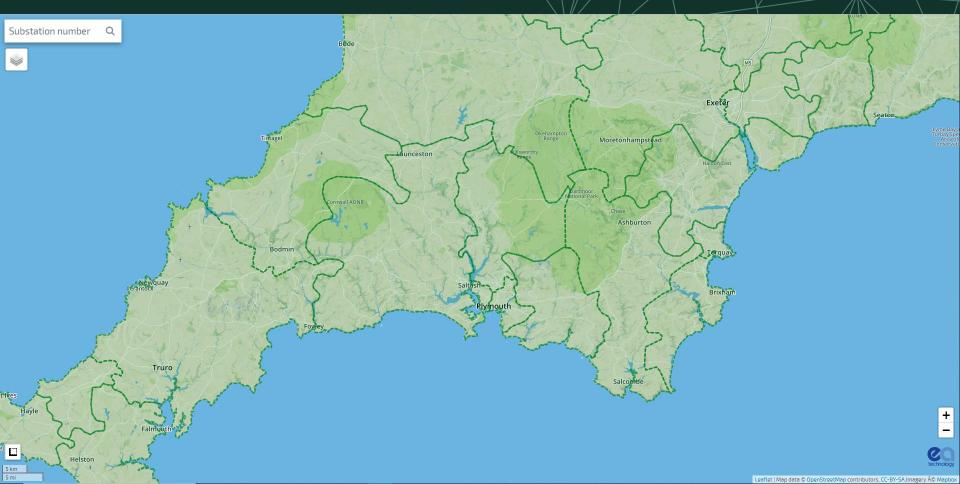
- A modelling tool that can assess:
  - Likelihood of overload and voltage excursion
  - Range of scenarios
    - EV uptake / time
    - Usage characteristics
    - Consumer car choices
- Two main areas:
  - 1. Network-wide overview
  - 2. Detailed analysis and solution guidance



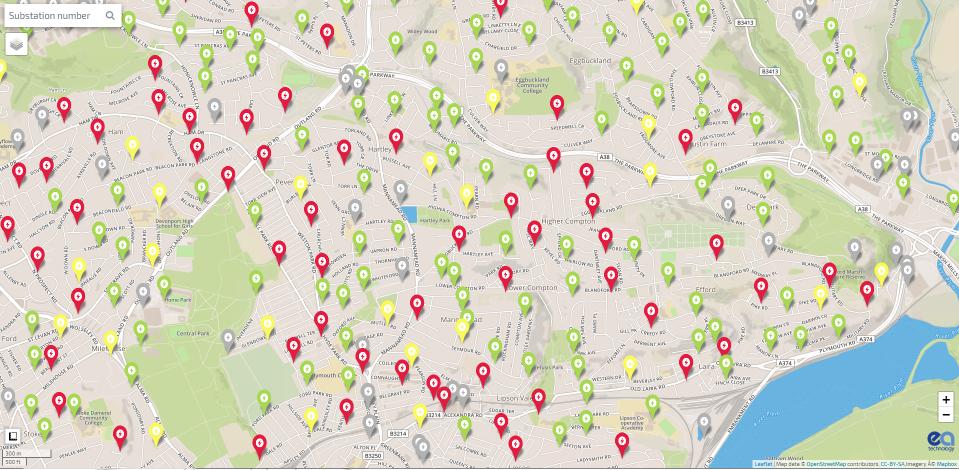




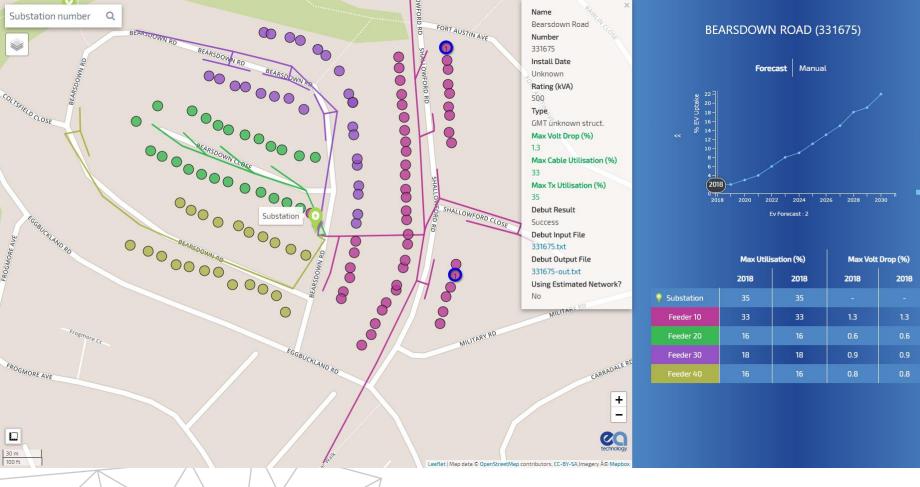




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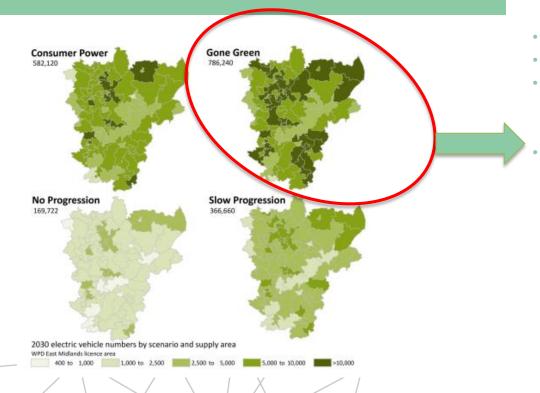


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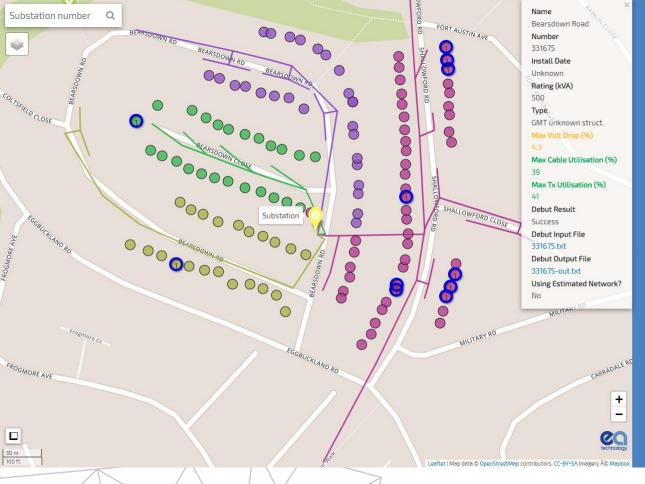


#### EV Uptake Forecasting Based on Regen forecasts for WPD

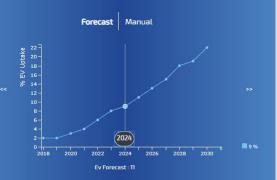


- From ESA level
- To substations
- Then customers
  - For each year 2018-2030
  - Recognising
    - Household wealth
    - House type
    - Vehicle ownership
    - Rural/urban setting

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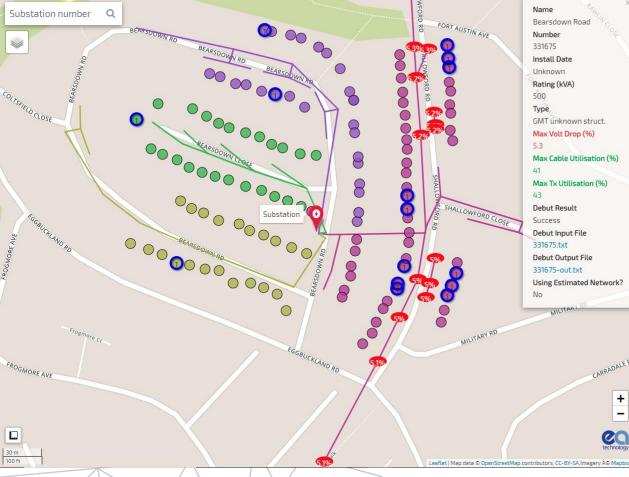


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	Max Utilisation (%)		Max Volt Drop (%)	
	2018	2024	2018	2024
9 Substation	35	41	-	
Feeder 10	33	39	1.3	
Feeder 20	16	22	0.6	3.6
Feeder 30	18	24	0.9	3.9
	16	22	0.8	3.8

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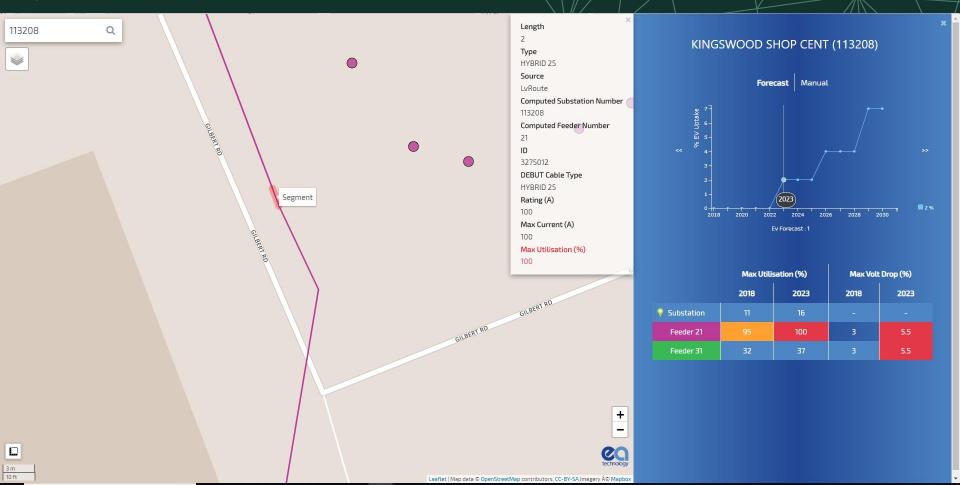
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#### Forecast Manual - 22 20-18-≧ 16· \$ 14-2026 2018 2030 2024 Ev Forecast : 15

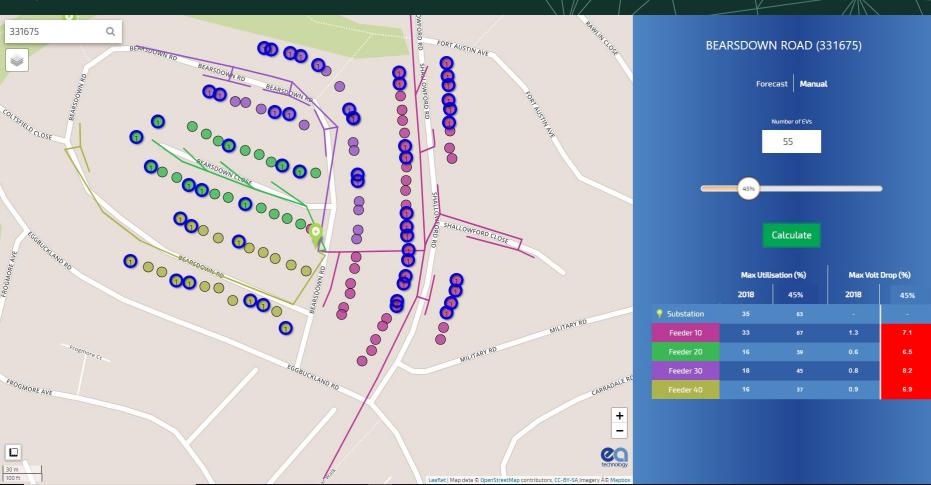
**BEARSDOWN ROAD (331675)** 

	Max Utilisation (%)		Max Volt Drop (%)		
	2018	2026	2018	2026	
Substation		43	-		
Feeder 10	33	41	1.3	5.3	
Feeder 20		24	0.6	4.6	
Feeder 30	18	26	0.9	4.9	
	16	24	0.8	4.8	











## What's Next?

Immediate future:

- Major recalculation (about a week!)
  - Ca. 200,000 LV substations and networks
- Updates and improvement to mapping and network assessment routines
- Use interim EV load profile to assess network impacts for 2018-2030
  - Ca. 2,000,000 network assessments
- Enable "Manual" network assessment

#### Longer Term:

- Implement "confidence ratings" to assessments
- Specify & develop
  - "strategic overview" module
  - Data/mapping error report module
  - "solutions assessment module"





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# **Refreshments Break**

Served in Ballroom Suite 2 Resume at <u>11:40pm</u>



## **EV Panel Session** Making owning an EV simple and easy...

Chair: Merlin Hyman - Regen

Panellists:

Joscelyn Terrell – OLEV

Alex Minshull – Bristol City Council

Mike Potter – Drive Electric

Paul Jewell - WPD



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# Lunch

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## NEXT GENERATION NETWORKS

## LV Connect & Manage

Balancing Act Conference 21<sup>st</sup> November 2018

Samuel Jupe Network Innovation Manager (Nortech)



## **Overview**

Background, Outline, Objectives and Benefits	
Solution Architecture and DLC Box Design	
Hereford Depot: Equipment Installations and Trials	
Site Selection, Customer Engagement and Customer Installations	
Live Trials of LCT equipment in Customers' Homes	





# **Project Background**

Low carbon technologies (LCT) connections on LV network:

- Trend for clustering of LCTs
- Hard to predict and plan ahead reinforcement
- Traditional reinforcement is expensive and takes time
- Delayed customers' connections
- Reverse Power Flow (RPF) impact on distribution network







# **Project Outline**

- £1.7m NIA project (April 2016 March 2019)
- Ability to provide more power during non peak hours
- Bi-directional power flow control via "Domestic Load Controller" (DLC) hardware
- Accelerate connection of LCTs (storage, EVs, heat pumps)
- Protect WPD assets from overload
- 6 distribution substations and 100 customers in Furzton, Milton Keynes (Energy Storage) and West Bridgford, Nottingham (EV Chargers)

Customer Propositions	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Cost (£m)
DSR products by customer segment									0.5
DSM tariff structure									0.5
Alternative Connection Agreements									2
Managed Connection Agreements									0.5
Settlement and Billing									2



# **Project Objectives**

1. Smart ANM solution for LV networks

2. Load management as an alternative to network reinforcement

3. BPL communication - Broadband over powerline

(substation into customers' homes)

4. New business processes, which can be quickly and cost effectively deployed





# **Customer Benefits**

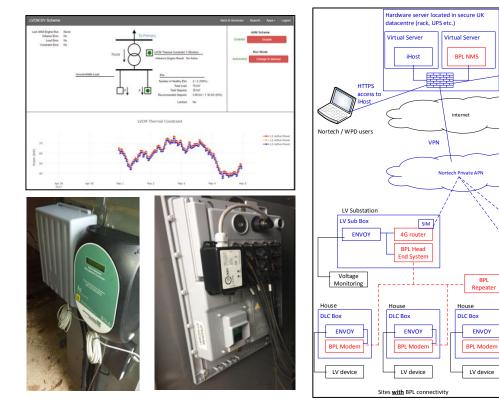
- 1. Intelligent interface to accelerate connection of LCTs (storage, EVs, heat pumps)
- 2. Avoid costly reinforcement
- 3. Reduced amount of street works
- Provide flexibility to export more power during non peak hours or/and use stored energy in 'self consumption' mode
- 5. Consume energy in more sustainable, environmentally friendly way, reducing amount of  $CO_2$  emissions

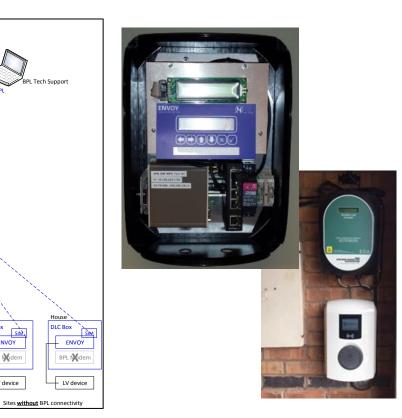






## **Solution Architecture**





VPN link for BPL

House

DLC Box

SIM,

ENVOY

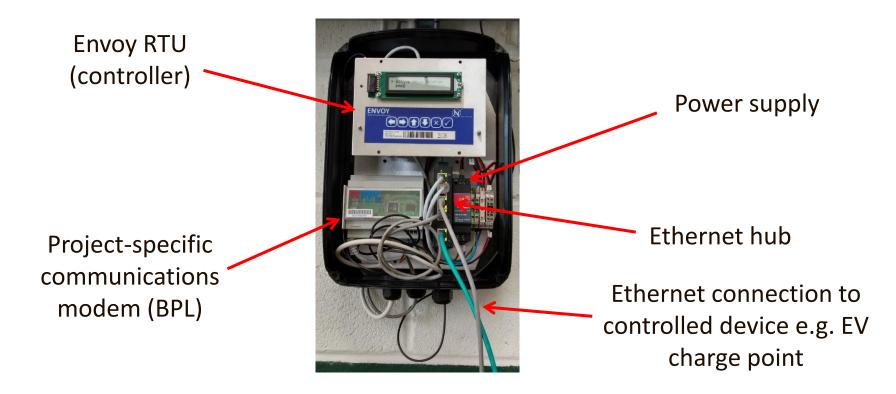
BPL Nodem

LV device

Monitoring



## **Domestic Load Controller (DLC) Box Design**





# **Hereford Depot Trial Installations**

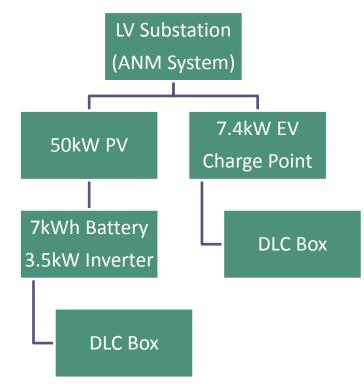
- Trial project solution in real life environment
- De-risked customers installations
- Develop business processes for substation installations







# **Hereford Depot: Testbed Architecture**





DLC Box

Domestic Load Control Box – incorporates modules for load control and communication

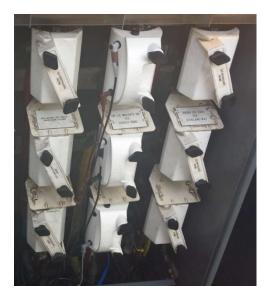


# **Hereford Depot Trial Installation (Part 1)**

## LV substation installation













# **Hereford Depot Trial Installation (Part 2)**

## **Customer side**





PV/battery export limitation

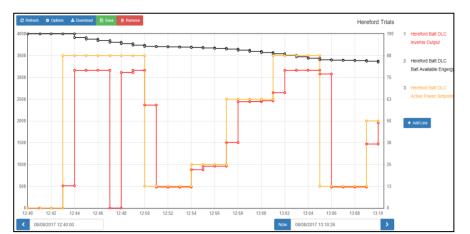
EV charge import limitation



# **Hereford Depot Trials**

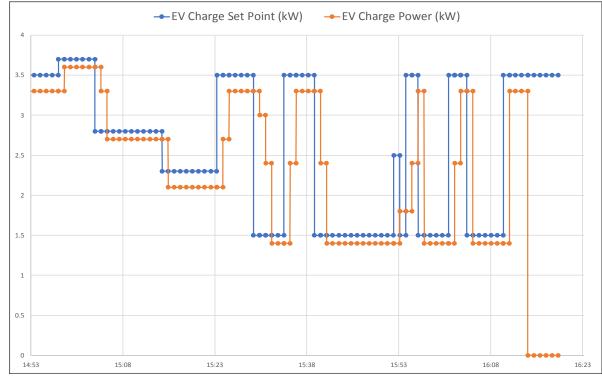
- Technical tests:
  - Proved feasibility to manage EV charging rate (0-16-32A) via BPL/GSM
  - Proved feasibility to manage rate of PV/Energy Storage discharge via BPL/GSM
  - Tested auto failover of communications
  - Confirmed iHost demand / export management





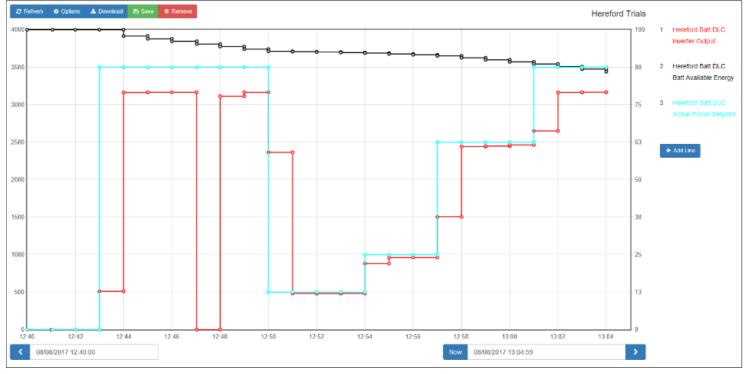


# Hereford Depot Trials: EV Charge Management (Import Limitation)





# Hereford Depot Trials: PV/Battery Charge Management (Export Limitation)





# **Site Selection and Customer Engagement**

- Control & monitoring equipment is installed in 6 distribution substations:
  - 942197 GRASSCROFT BLETCHLEY (FURZTON) 942196 PARKSIDE FURZTON
  - 942183 PERRACOMBE FURZTON

881417 881418 881089 WEST BRIDGFORD RUGBY ROAD WEST BRIDGFORD COMPTON ACRES WEST BRIDGFORD HAWTHORNE PARK

- Customers engagement activities:
  - Customer engagement meetings
  - Leaflets
  - Social networks
  - Customer engagement video
  - Website: <u>www.wpdconnectandmanage.co.uk</u>



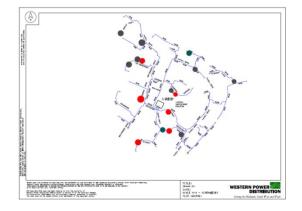


# **Project Equipment Installations in Customers' Homes**

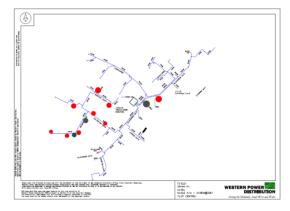




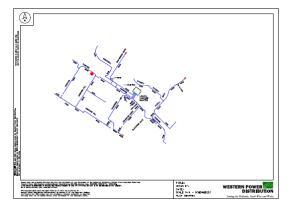
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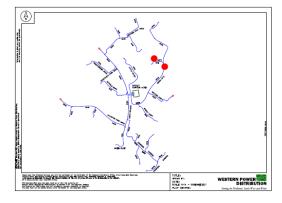




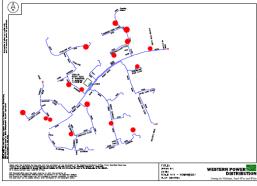




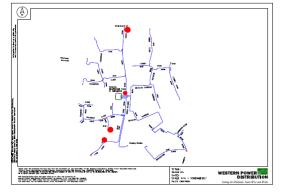
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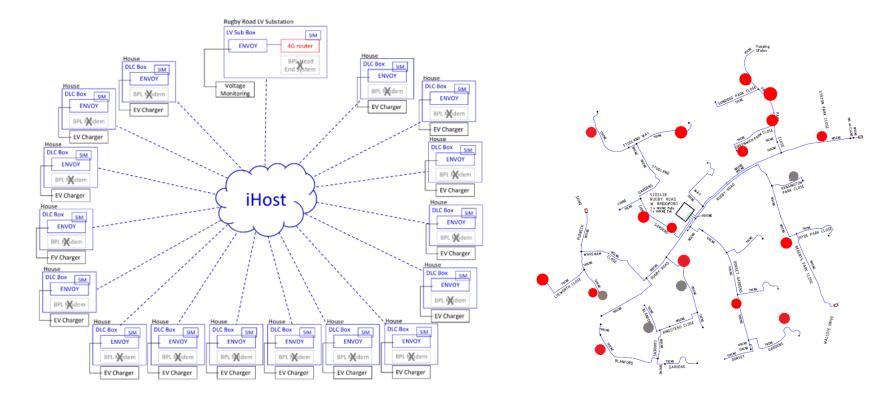






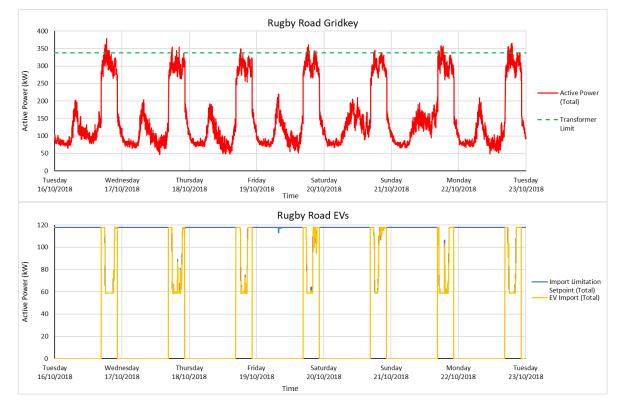


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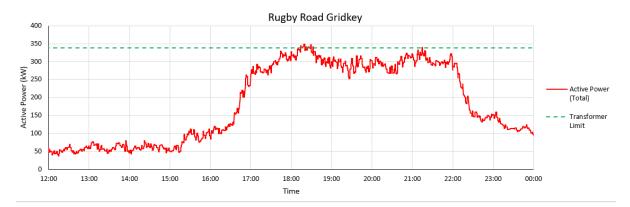


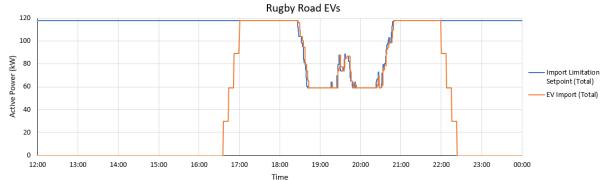
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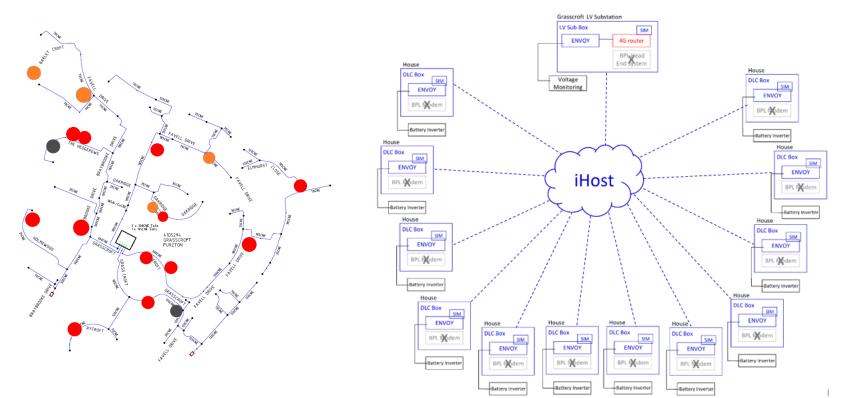
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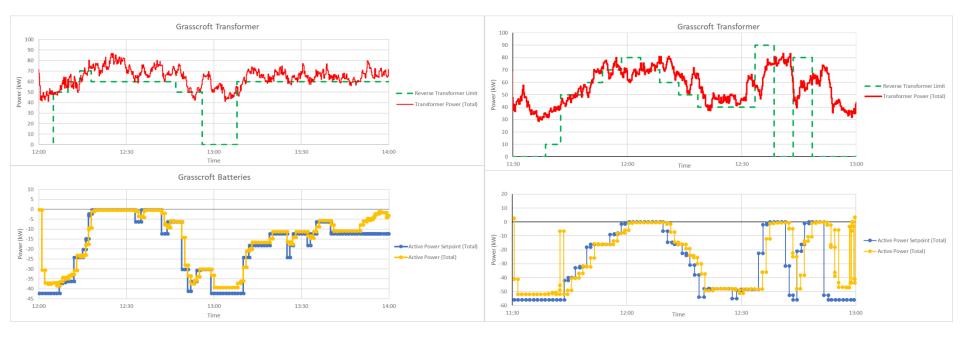


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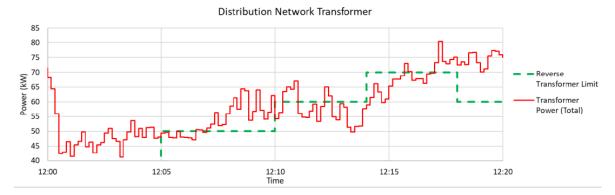


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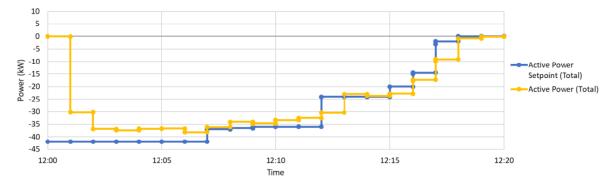




# Live Trials: PV/Battery Charge Management (Export Limitation)



Customers' Controllable Batteries





# Live Trials: Set Point Response Times (over GSM)



Time for readback confirmation of setpoint	Number of setpoint controls	Percentage out of 288 controls
Less than 1 minute	276	95.8 %
1 - 2 minutes	8	2.8 %
2 - 3 minutes	3	1.0 %
3 - 4 minutes	1	0.3 %



Time for readback confirmation of setpoint	Number of setpoint controls	Percentage out of 7573 controls
Less than 1 second	891	11.77%
1-2 seconds	4126	54.48%
2-3 seconds	1156	15.26%
3-4 seconds	1151	15.20%
4-5 seconds	169	2.23%
Longer 5 seconds	80	1.06%



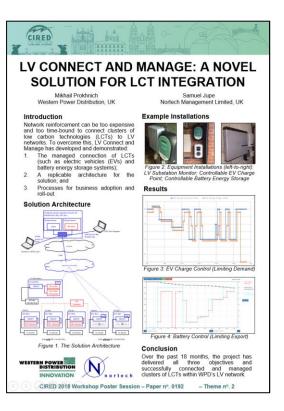
# **Learning Outcomes**

- ✓ Demonstrated managed charging of EV clusters (through peak loading times of day)
- ✓ Demonstrated export limitation of PV/battery customers (through peak generation times of day)
- Dual tariffs create a tangible business case for customers to connect batteries into their homes (even without PV)
- Designing interoperability into the project allowed for supply chain technology changes, outside of the project's control
- ✓ Different LCTs have different control response times:
  - ✓ Battery inverters: 96% of controls achieved within 1 minute
  - ✓ EV charge points: 99% of controls achieved within 5 seconds
- ✓ GSM has proven to be fit-for-purpose for LV ANM, providing flexibility for commissioning and reliable control



# **Example Dissemination Activities**







# **Next Steps**

## **Business as Usual Transition Pathway**

Handover equipment to customers Develop "Compact"

**DLC Box** 

LV C&M Policies for wide-scale roll-out



## **Summary**

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# NEXT GENERATION NETWORKS

# **LCT Detection Project**

Balancing Act Conference 21<sup>st</sup> November 2018

Gill Nowell (ElectriaLink) Max Hudson (IBM)





# **Agenda – LCT Detection project**

## Introduction to the project

- Fast facts about the project
- ElectraLink's Energy Market Data Hub
- The EV challenge
- The data-based solution

## Cognitive computing, design thinking

- IBM intro
- Method
- The Proof of Concept
- What we hope to learn

Gill Nowell, ElectraLink

Max Hudson, IBM



# **Fast Facts**

- Funded through the Network Innovation Allowance (NIA) -£311k
- Hosted by WPD, delivered by ElectraLink and supported by IBM
- Project will report in March 2019
- Will provide WPD with the tools to begin virtually monitoring its Low Voltage networks, which will enable WPD to identify areas where there is a high proliferation of electric vehicles, solar or other Low Carbon Technologies (LCTs).

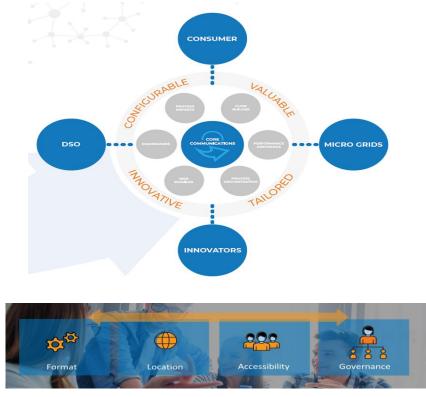


# ElectraLink

- Owned by all six GB DNOs
- Established 1998
- Data Transfer Service
- Governance Services
  - E.g. DCUSA
- Energy Market Insights
- Operates the Data Transfer Service as part of the Energy Market Data Hub



# **Energy Market Data Hub**





**LCT** Detection

# The EV (and other LCT) challenge



**Courtesy of Electric Nation** 





#### The Data-based Solution

# The project will establish a mechanism for identifying EV and other LCTs on the network:

- ElectraLink will extract data sent across the DTS regarding consumption and export relating to WPD's network.
- This data will be analysed by IBM's cognitive analytics and where appropriate combined with third party datasets, to develop candidate locations for validation.
- Once validated, this improved WPD substation information can be used to develop a reporting framework to enable WPD to forecast future requirements for network monitoring and potential sites for active network management.



### **Cognitive Computing, Design Thinking**

Max Hudson - IBM



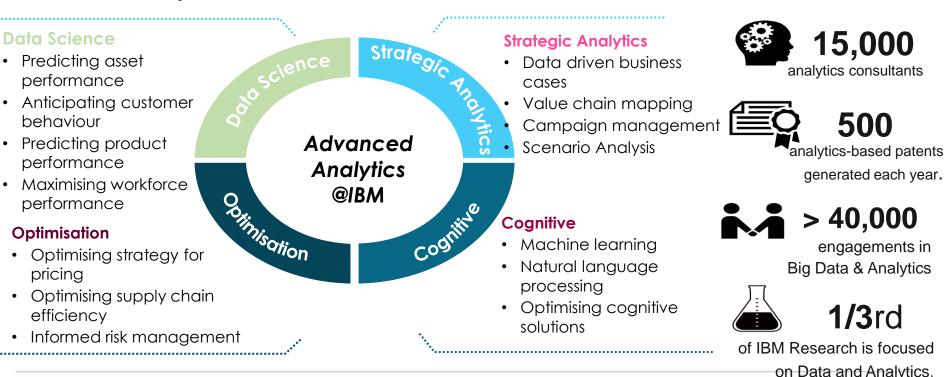
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#### **IBM Advanced Analytics** Maximise the power of data.

#### **LCT** Detection

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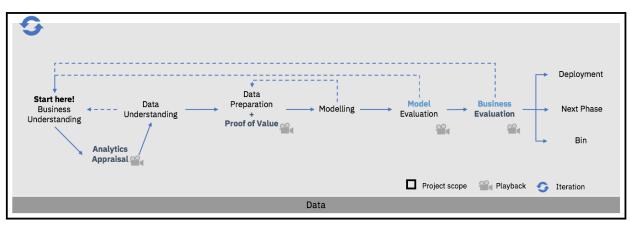






#### Method

IBM will use a hybrid methodology of **agile principles** and best practise for **data modelling** that leverages WPD's subject matter expertise as well as IBM's cognitive and analytics capability.



Kicking-off with a Design Thinking workshop and having regular playbacks through-out will ensure business feedback is incorporated in the iterative approach to give a robust model that is of value to the business users.



**LCT** Detection

#### **The Proof of Concept**

Using IBM's cognitive and analytics technology, a model will be developed that extracts key information about EV and other LCT from ElectraLink's DTS dataset and third party data.





Outputs from the model will be visualized to display key insights relating to EV and other LCT proliferation in order to support network planning.

Learnings from exploratory analysis will be captured, including insights from analysing patterns where EV and LCT are present.



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A quality assessment of provided data sources will be performed and recommendations made for data enhancements and how new data that could improve model performance.



**LCT** Detection

#### What We Hope To Learn

To what degree can a model accurately predict the presence of LCTs? How is the performance of the model affected by the data sets available to it?

What are the options to validate the presence of different LCTs identified by the model?

What steps are needed to scale the model across the industry?



#### **Early View of the Output**

	MPAN #	Has Known LCT	Known LCT Type	Model Classified LCT		Confidence in Classification	Meter details
Description	MPAN Number	If presence of LCT has been validated	Type of known LCT	Does the model classify the MPAN as having LCT present?	The type of LCT the model classifies as being present	A confidence level in the classification	about the
Example 1	MPAN1	Νο	None	Yes	EV	60%	Meter Type = Smart meter, Address etc.
Example 2	MPAN2	Νο	None	No	PV	80%	Meter Type = Pre-payment, Address etc.

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#### NEXT GENERATION NETWORKS

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#### **Future Projects**

- On Street Charging
- EV Service Stations
- Vehicle to Grid
- Smart Homes & Superfast Electricity Projects

#### **Future Projects**





#### **On-Street Charging**

- Electric Nation is giving us a lot of of valuable data, but it focusses on off-street parking.
- Circa 30% of properties have no off street parking, so there will be a need to charge at home through on-street chargers.
- How do EV users charge using on-street chargers, and do the charging patterns or behaviour differ to those we see in Electric Nation?
- Modelling of processes and locations for installation of kerbside chargers, ensuring compliance with planning laws and complex earthing arrangements.



#### **EV Service Stations**

- A block of currently available rapid chargers arranged in a forecourt style, connected to the network at one point would require heavy network re-enforcement.
- Customers will want the fastest charge possible, this means bigger chargers and more load. We aim to explore the different connection options for these sites ensuring that customers costs and impacts on the networks are minimised.
- We need to gather data on how and when these sites are used by EV owners, and whether any patterns emerge that would allow a smart management of the chargers to minimise network impact.



#### **Vehicle to Grid**

Vehicle to grid is currently being looked at as an addition to smart charging to balance the loading spike of EV's.

- We will be installing 3 V2G units as part of Electric Nation to develop a streamlined connection process and see how customers respond and their acceptance of V2G.
- WPD already participate in Vehicle to Grid Britain (V2GB) Project.



**Future Projects** 



# **Super Fast Electricity**



**Future Projects** 

#### **Superfast Electricity - Background**

- Historically the UK has always connected domestic supplies at single phase.
- Typically the load was lighting and heating, with a few small power single phase motors.
- Early single phase cut-outs were nominally rated at 60A. The latest grey DMC single phase cut-outs have a 100A rating.
- In the past this 60A supply has been sufficient, as the majority of homes remain gas heated; and even those homes that utilised economy seven electric heating fell within the single phase 60A capacity.



#### Superfast Electricity – The effect of the carbon plan

- The Government's Carbon Plan 2050 reduces carbon emissions by decarbonising heat and transport.
- WPD expect to see flexible LCT loads that include battery storage, small scale generation, heat pumps and 32A/7kW electric vehicle chargers to escalate.
- The new LCT demand is likely to increase beyond the current single phase 60A/15kVA standard, worst case could see a circa 40% increase.
- DNO's need to be ready to accept this additional demand as it develops.



#### **Superfast Electricity – The way forward**

- In order to future proof homes WPD are pioneering a "superfast electricity" approach to the LV service cables, where customers with higher demands could use a three phase larger capacity service to help balance their demands and reduce overall losses in the service cable.
- WPD believe now is the time to mandate that all new service cables to new build housing change to a three phase design, giving customers 3 times the conventional capacity.
- An added societal benefit is that the losses in the service cable would reduce as the high single phase current would now be spread across the three phases thereby reducing the LV losses.



#### **Superfast Electricity – The benefits**

- Increased capacity for domestic Low carbon technology, including fast 21kW three phase home charging for future EV's.
- Increased capacity for domestic storage systems, linked with larger PV arrays and heat pumps gives greater flexibility.
- Potential social landlord opportunities to provide vulnerable customers with cheaper energy by managing energy flows to fuel poor developments whilst giving fixed energy bills included in the rent.



**Future Projects** 

#### **Superfast Electricity – The benefits**

- Installation of air source heat pumps typically of the order 9kW.
- Innovative uses for three phase generation and battery storage to complement /support local electricity networks.
- A reduction in Losses on the LV network, by spreading the current over three phases.
- The use of three phase services to homes will reduce out of balance losses on the local WPD LV network and 11/0.4kV transformers.



#### Tonyrefail

 WPD have partnered with Pobl and SERO Homes in a project to equip 250 New Build Homes with with Solar, Energy Storage, Heat Pumps and Electric Vehicle Charge points, all with 3 phase services.

#### **Blaen-Y-Maes**

• WPD have partnered with Pobl and SERO Homes to retro-fit 640 homes with 3 phase services and LCT Technology. This project will be using findings from SOLA Bristol and the WPD LOSSES project.

#### Caldicot

• Working with the Welsh Government and Monmouth County Council, looking at where housing regulations should be in the future. Project consists of 250 new build home initially, and then increasing the 6,400 homes. Each home will have the full suite of LCT technology installed and a 3 phase service. Homes will also use district heating systems.

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