



Impacts and Mitigation Strategies in Developing Countries





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INTERSECTION OF E-MOBILITY & POWER SYSTEMS

- E-Mobility is putting energy & power systems at the heart of the transport equation
- According to the IEA, the total number of EVs, excl. two/three-wheelers, will reach 240 million by 2030
- EVs represent a **new type of load** for electric utilities and power system operators.
- E-Mobility will either accelerate the energy transition or exacerbate the challenges facing power systems. This greatly depends on planning!
- Electric utilities, system operators, regulators, and policymakers will need to take comprehensive steps to prepare power systems

Power Demand and Load Profile

- Increasing penetration of EVs will result in additional • electricity demand in the power system.
- In absolute terms, the additional EV charging load will likely have a marginal effect on the aggregated power system demand.
- EV charging may have major consequences on the **power** system load profile.
- This is particularly significant in the initial phases of **E-Mobility market development** when there might be no incentives to charge the vehicles during off-peak hours.

penetration, kilowatts



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Feeder circuit load, 150 homes with 2 vehicles per household, with 25% electric-vehicle (EV)

Source: Adopted from Engel et al. 2018.

Power Demand and Load Profile / Dev. Countries Perspective



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- Charging load profiles depend on the charging patterns of final customers, which are affected by a series of social, technological, and economic characteristics.
- E-Mobility trends in dev. countries are driven by local specificities of power systems, users, and markets.

RECOMMENDATION Planners and decision-makers need to consider the local social, economic, infrastructure, and cultural factors as these factors may influence not only the scale and type of adoption but also the operation of and charging of EVs.

Technical Impacts

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- Out of all the segments of power systems, the distribution grid is the most vulnerable to the negative impacts of uncoordinated EV charging.
- Technical issues such as overloading of feeders and transformers, may occur even at low levels of adoption due to clustering of charging events.
- EV deployment may also impact the transmission and • generation operation and expansion planning, although it will likely be relatively minor compared to that of the distribution grid.



Source: Adapted from EY, 2022.

Technical Impacts / Dev. Countries Perspective

- In many developing countries, power systems still fail to provide adequate services and remain vulnerable to external shocks.
- In the developing countries **distribution system usually** constitutes the weakest part of the power grid.
- As a result, power grids in these countries may require significant upgrades and reinforcements to handle the increased demand caused by EVs.

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RECOMMENDATION Developing countries need to prepare their **power systems**, taking a comprehensive view of the current state and assessing **E-Mobility challenges** and opportunities in a holistic manner.

MITIGATION STRATEGIES

- With smart charging, EV load can be scheduled and modulated to shift the load to the most optimal time and space from the system operator's perspective, respecting the end-user preferences and power system constraints
- Smart-charging strategies might be divided into two groups:

(1) behavioral load shift programs

- Time-of-Use Tariffs
- Spatial Load-Shifting and Charging-Stations Planning
- Indirect Incentives and Rewards Programs

(2) technical solutions

- Storage and Battery Swapping Solutions
- Vehicle-Grid Integration



Source: Adapted from EY, 2022.

MITIGATION STRATEGIES

Challenges and Opportunities for Developing Countries

- There are critical obstacles to introducing EV impacts mitigation strategies in developing countries, in particular:
 - Cost of grid infrastructure for smart methods;
 - Need for appropriately designed electricity markets.
- Pilot projects are the critical stage on a future roadmap for implementing recommended technological solutions.
- It can be expected that benefits per EV over the long-term horizon can be far greater than estimates in developed markets.







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SUCCESFUL PILOT

South Africa's national E-Mobility program, called uYilo is a prominent example of successful pilot projects in smart charging and E-Mobility advocacy.



Adopted from https://www.uyilo.org.za/ele ctric-vehicle-field-testing-programme,

UTILITIES AND SYSTEM PLANNING

Role of Utilities

- Electric vehicle deployment can bring a series of challenges and opportunities to all stakeholders:
 - EV users,
 - charging station operators,
 - regulators,
 - policy makers,
 - electric utilities.
- Utilities need to undertake comprehensive measures to address a wide range of internal and external challenges and prepare the ground for the upcoming uptake.
- Being **prepared and proactive** is critical for utilities, especially in developing countries.

To prepare their assets and operations for the upcoming EV deployment, electric utilities and other stakeholders should **conduct comprehensive planning exercises**.

This is the area where **WBG** support to client countries may be the most beneficial in the long-term development of E-Mobility.



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CONCLUSIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS

	EV Load	Power System Impacts	Mitigation Measures
Findings	Marginal impacts on overall demand Significant impacts on load profiles if uncoordinated	Distribution segment most affected, with possible clustering Developing country systems most vulnerable	Innovative charging strategies to manage demand are highly relevant
Recommendations	Anticipatory assessment of uptake should be performed, not only temporally but also spatially	Quality of the distribution assets needs to be assessed, analyzing potential risks and required reinforcements Risks of transmission system congestion should be assessed	Gradual introduction of smart charging solutions, starting with mature ones Better management could reduce investment needs

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Role of Utilities and Planning

Being prepared and proactive is critical for utilities, especially in developing countries

Integrated planning aligning power sector, transport and urban development goals is crucial to achieving a leastcost, resilient solution



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