

# Off-vehicle energy store selection for high rate EV charging station

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ELEVATE – ELEctrochemical Vehicle Advanced Technology (EP/M009394/1)

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# Background to Project

- ELEVATE (ELEctrochemical Vehicle Advanced TEchnology)
  - Technology innovation chain that adopts a material-to-system approach
    - 5 Universities
    - 7 Project partners
- University of Southampton: Optimised Design of High-Rate Grid Interface

# Current Fast Charging

- DC fast chargers

	CHAdeMo	GB/T	Combined Charging System	Tesla Supercharger
Chargers currently installed in UK?	✓	✗	✓	✓
Defined in IEC 61851-23:2014?	✓	✓	✓	✗
Current maximum power	50 kW	50 kW	60 kW	120 kW
Current theoretical power capability	62.5 kW	180 kW	100 kW	145 kW
Vehicle Inlet			 	 
			Europe USA	Europe US

Source: [https://www.asa.org.uk/Rulings/Adjudications/2016/7/Tesla-Motors-Ltd/SHP\\_ADJ\\_316424.aspx#.WBZODi2LTIU](https://www.asa.org.uk/Rulings/Adjudications/2016/7/Tesla-Motors-Ltd/SHP_ADJ_316424.aspx#.WBZODi2LTIU)

- 2014 fast chargers installed worldwide:
  - 65% CHAdeMO, 7% CCS, 28% Other

Source: <http://press.ihs.com/press-release/automotive/global-ev-charging-stations-skyrocket-2020-ihs-report-says>

# Future Challenges

## ■ Grid infrastructure challenges

Voltage  
Instability

Increased  
Peak Demand

Power Quality  
Problems

Increased  
Power Losses

Transformer Heating  
and Overloading

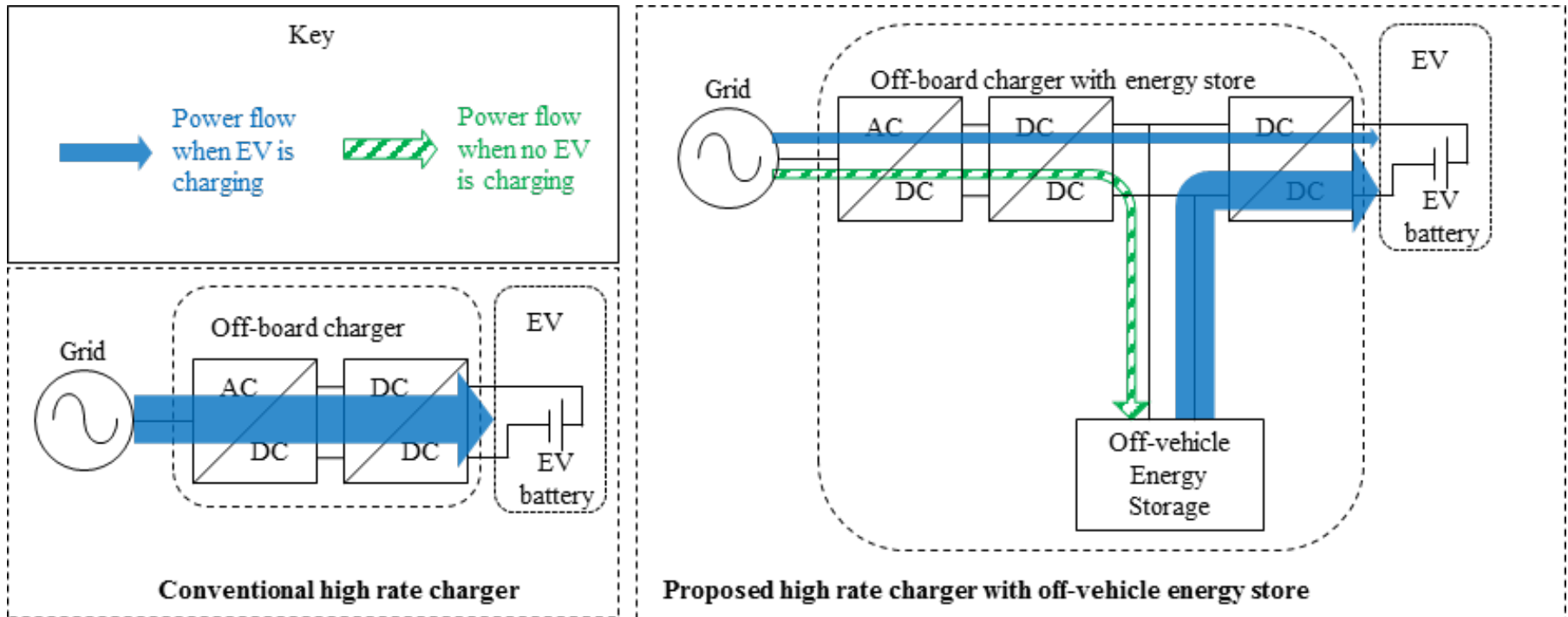
*Source: H. Shareef, M. M. Islam, A. Mohamed. "A review of the stage-of-the-art charging technologies, placement methodologies, and impacts of electric vehicles", Renewable and Sustainable Energy Reviews, 64, pp. 403-420, (2016)*

## ■ Specific costs:

- Grid infrastructure upgrade costs
- Connection charges (p/kVA/day)

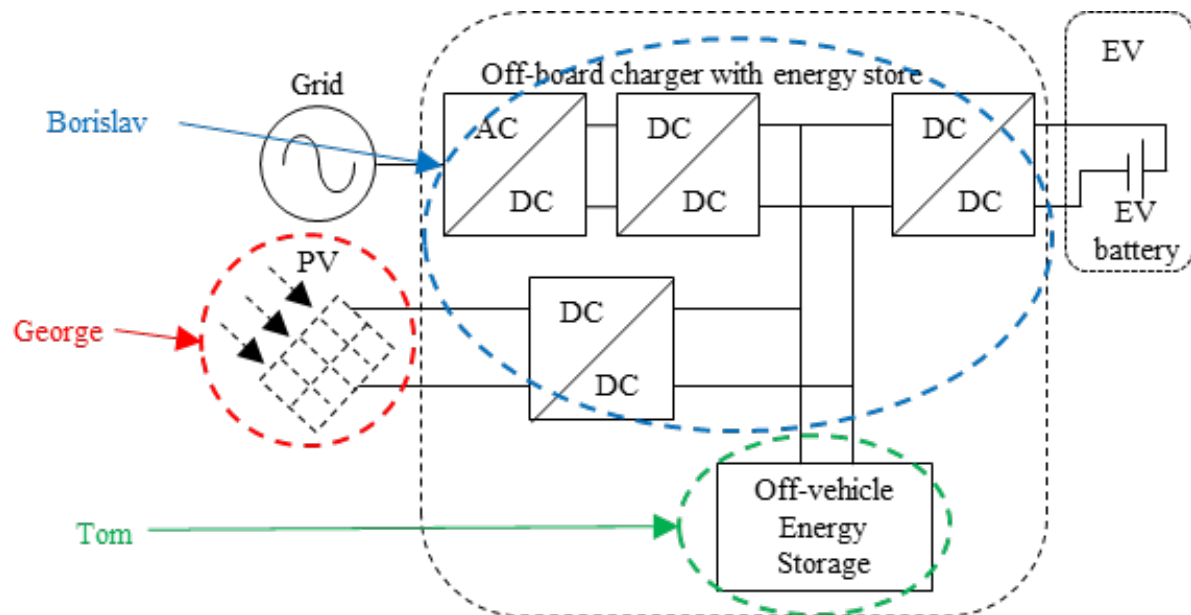
# Off-Vehicle Energy Store

- Aim to reduce maximum power demand from grid to minimise connection cost



# Project Structure

- University of Southampton
  - Research team:



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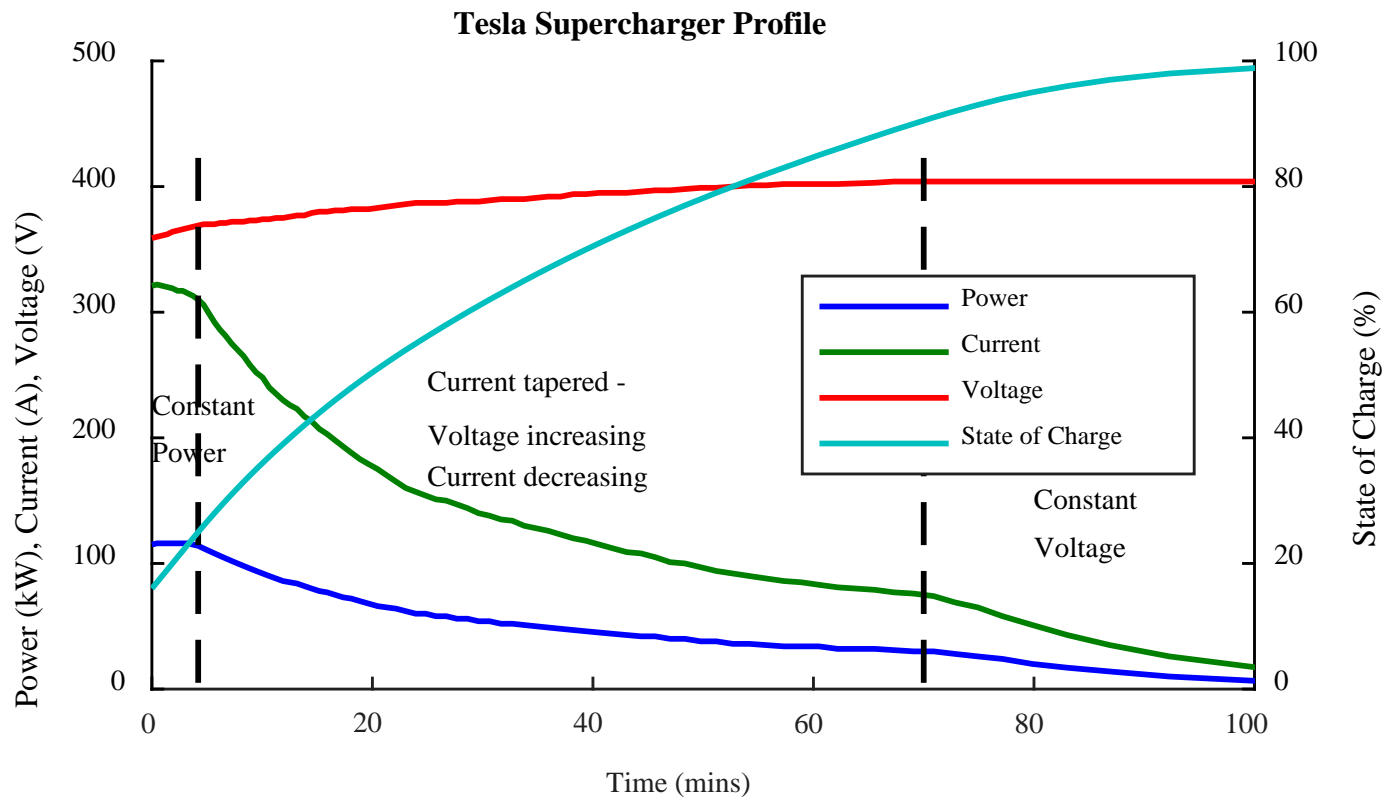
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# Future fast charging power profile

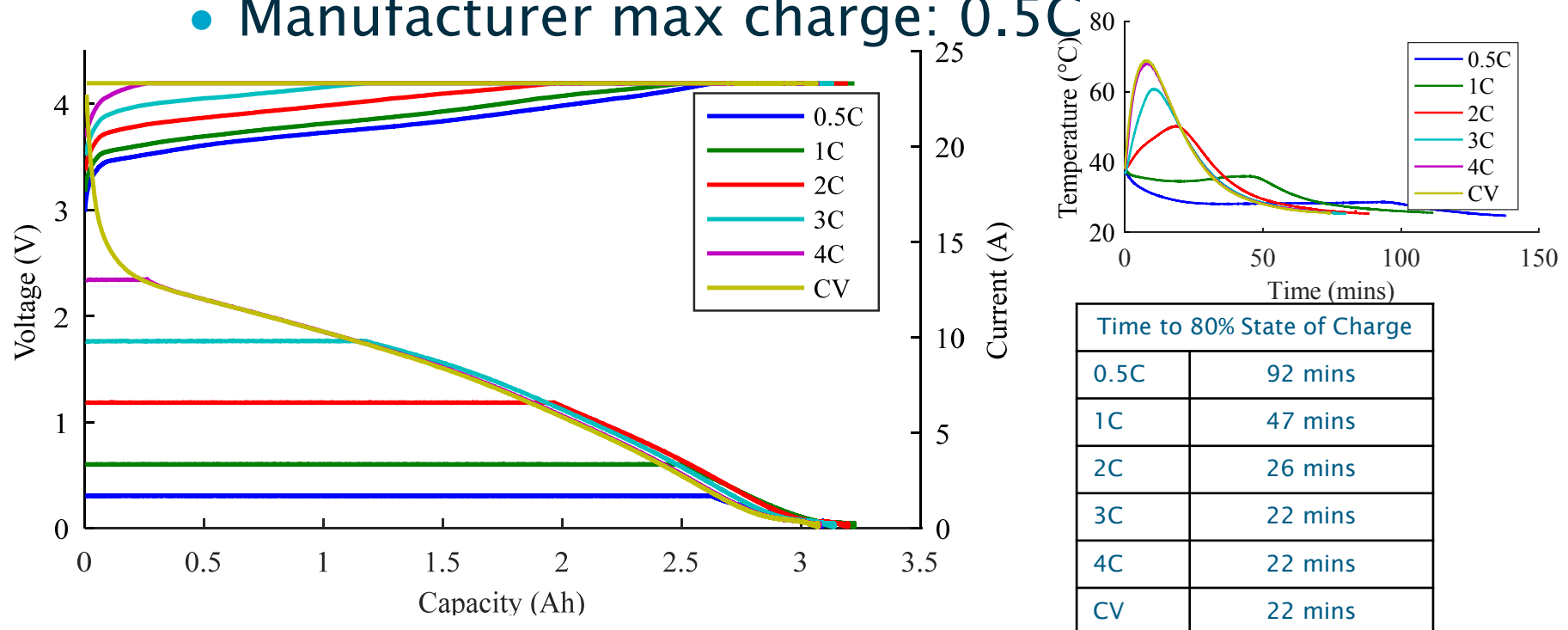
## ■ Current fast charging power profile



Source: <https://teslamotorsclub.com/tmc/>

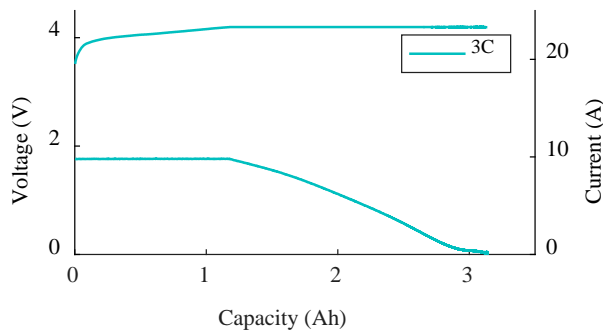
# Future fast charging power profile

- Future fast charging power profile
  - Taking a Lithium ion (3.35Ah, Nickel Cobalt Aluminium) battery to its limits
    - Manufacturer max charge: 0.5C



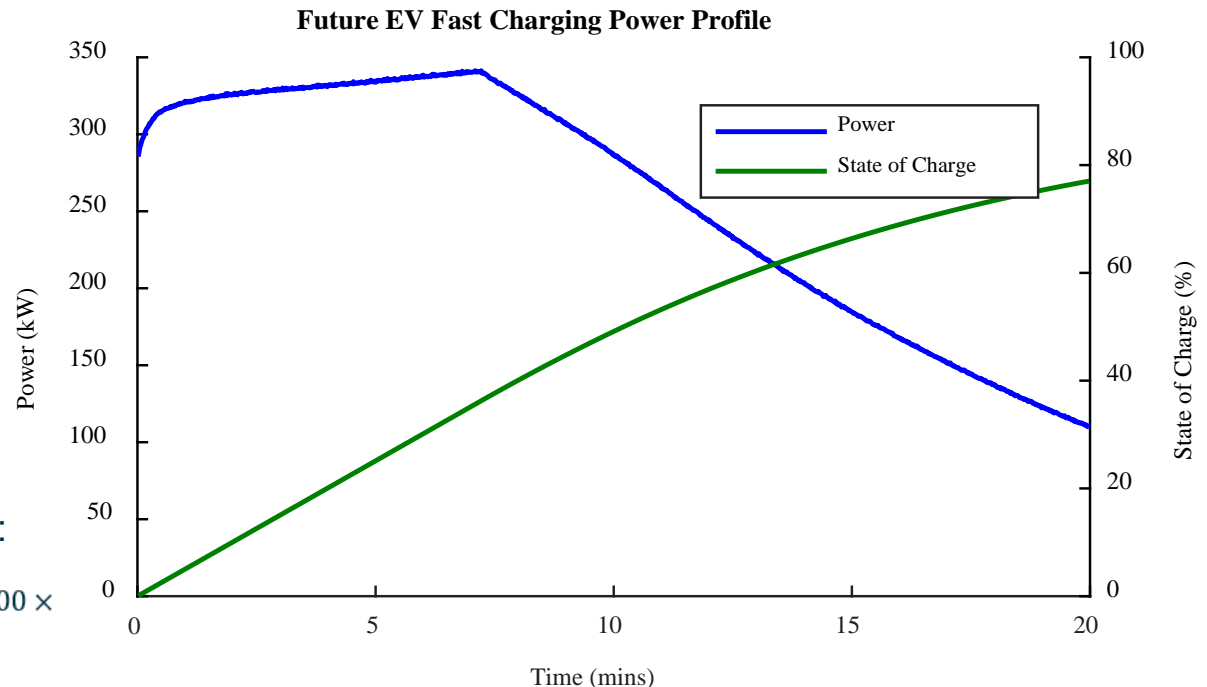
# Future fast charging power profile

- Future predicted fast charging power profile
  - Scale fast charging test results
  - Not simply constant power



Scale power from experiments by:

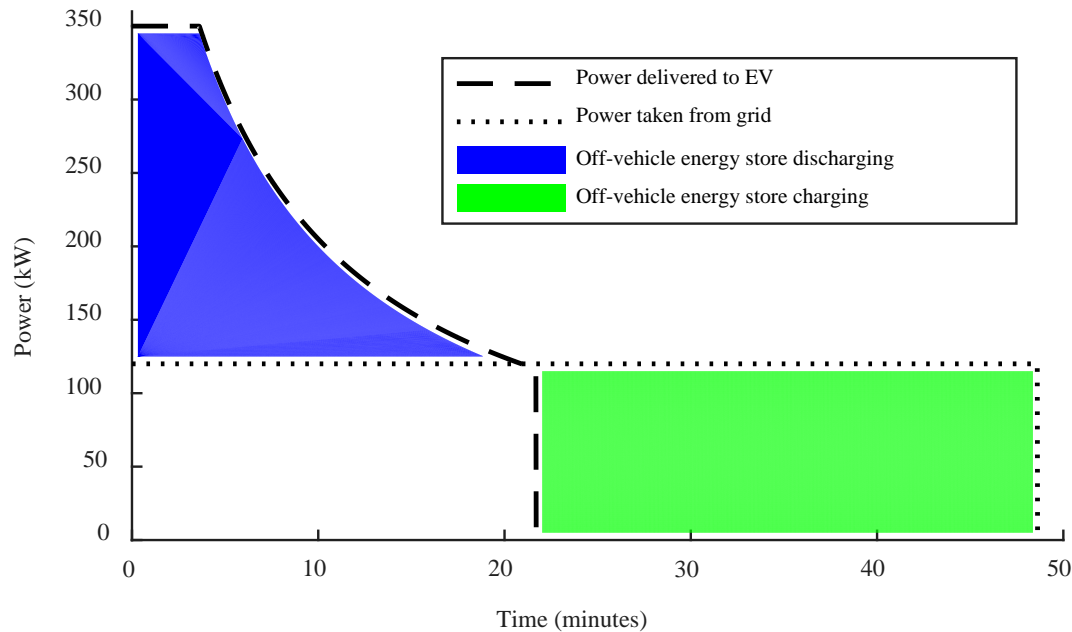
$$\frac{100\text{kWh (Assumed EV battery capacity)}}{12\text{Wh (Tested cell capacity)}} = 8000 \times$$



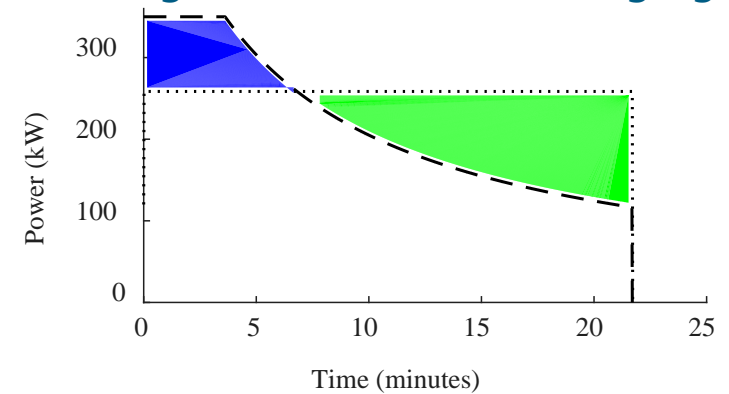
# Uses for an off-vehicle energy store

## ■ Recharging the off-vehicle energy store

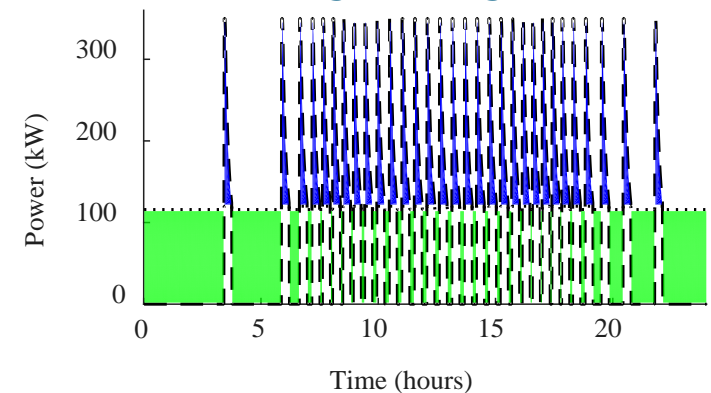
Recharge once the EV has finished charging



Recharge while the EV is charging

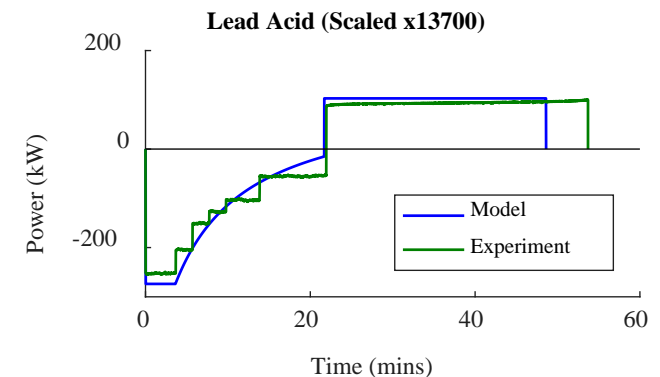
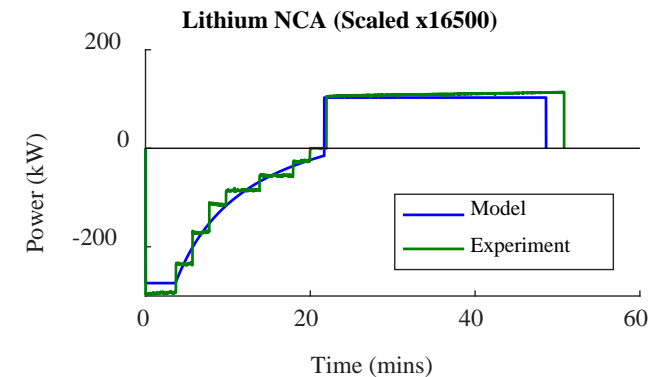
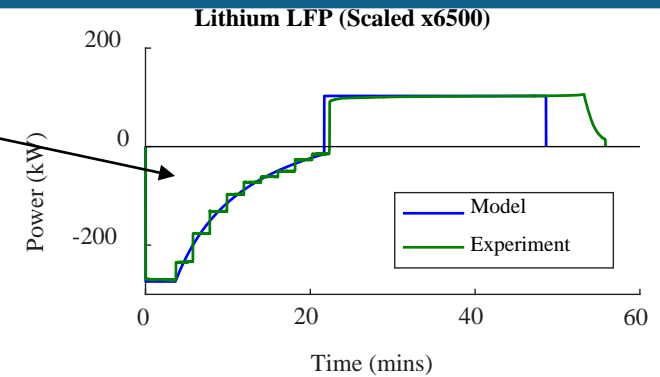
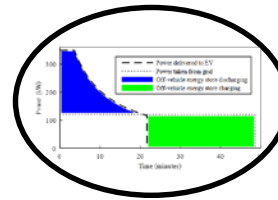


Recharge at night



# Off-vehicle energy store selection

- Lithium ion
  - Iron Phosphate
    - Design for energy (50kWh)
    - 85% efficient
  - Nickel Cobalt Aluminium
    - Design for power (180kWh)
    - 87% efficient
  
- Lead Acid
  - Design for power (450kWh)
  - 93% efficient



# Conclusions and Further Work

## ■ Conclusions

- The use of off-vehicle energy stores at fast charging stations will depend on location
- Future fast charging power profiles will not simply be constant power
- Lithium-ion iron phosphate batteries
  - Good rate capability, high cycle life

## ■ Further Work

- Take potential energy stores to their charge and discharge limits