



# **Preparing the Distribution Grid to Embrace PEV**

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# How Much Load is a 40 Mile Range EREV & 100 Mile Range Nissan Leaf?

PLASMA TV



Annual  
Energy  
623  
kWh

SET TOP BOX



Annual  
Energy  
263  
kWh

Annual Energy Consumption  
= 865 kWh

CHEVY VOLT  
Extended Range Electric Vehicle



Average Annual Energy Consumption  
= 1890 kWh

Volt is approx. 11% load increase to the average Home

Nissan Leaf  
All Electric Vehicle

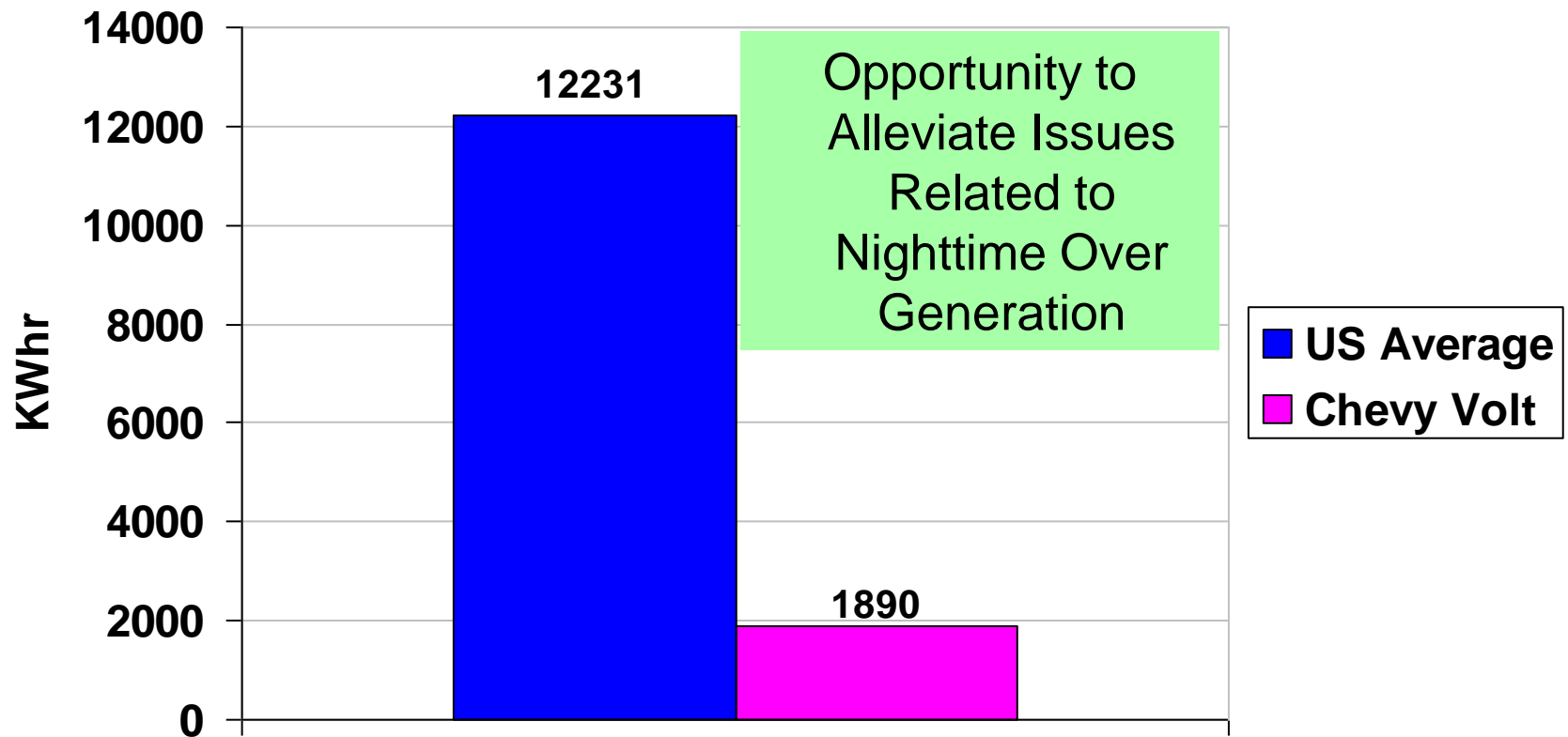


Average Annual Energy Consumption  
= 2964 kWh

Volt is approx. 17% load increase to the average Home

# Energy

## Annual Residential Electricity Consumption



Adequate Energy Supply to Meet any Realistic Penetration

# Charging Infrastructure

## PEVs Generally Have Three Charging Options

### 120V – Level 1

Portable cordset  
Use any 120V outlet  
Up to 1.44 kW



### DC Fast Charging

Up to ~ 50 – 60 kW  
Fast, expensive  
Standard not yet in place

### 240V – Level 2

Permanent charge station (EVSE)  
Typ. 3.3 – 6.6 kW, but up to 19.2 kW



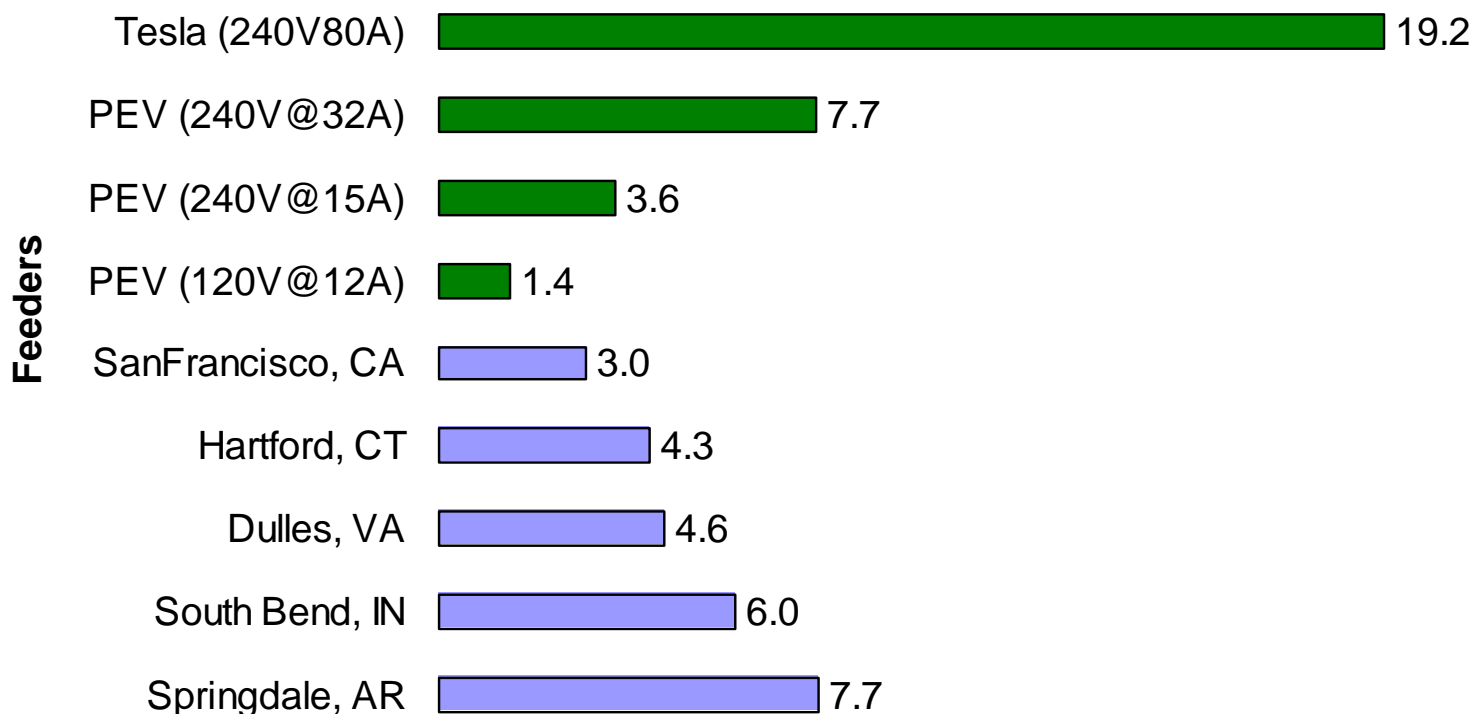
# Why the Concern?

Central Air conditioning	3 – 20 kW
Water heater (40 gallon)	4.5 – 5.5 kW
Clothes dryer	1.8 – 5 kW
Plug-in Electric Vehicle	1.44 – 10.0 kW

Unplanned “*per capita*” load growth

# Peak Demand

## Average Peak Summer Demand Per Household (KW)

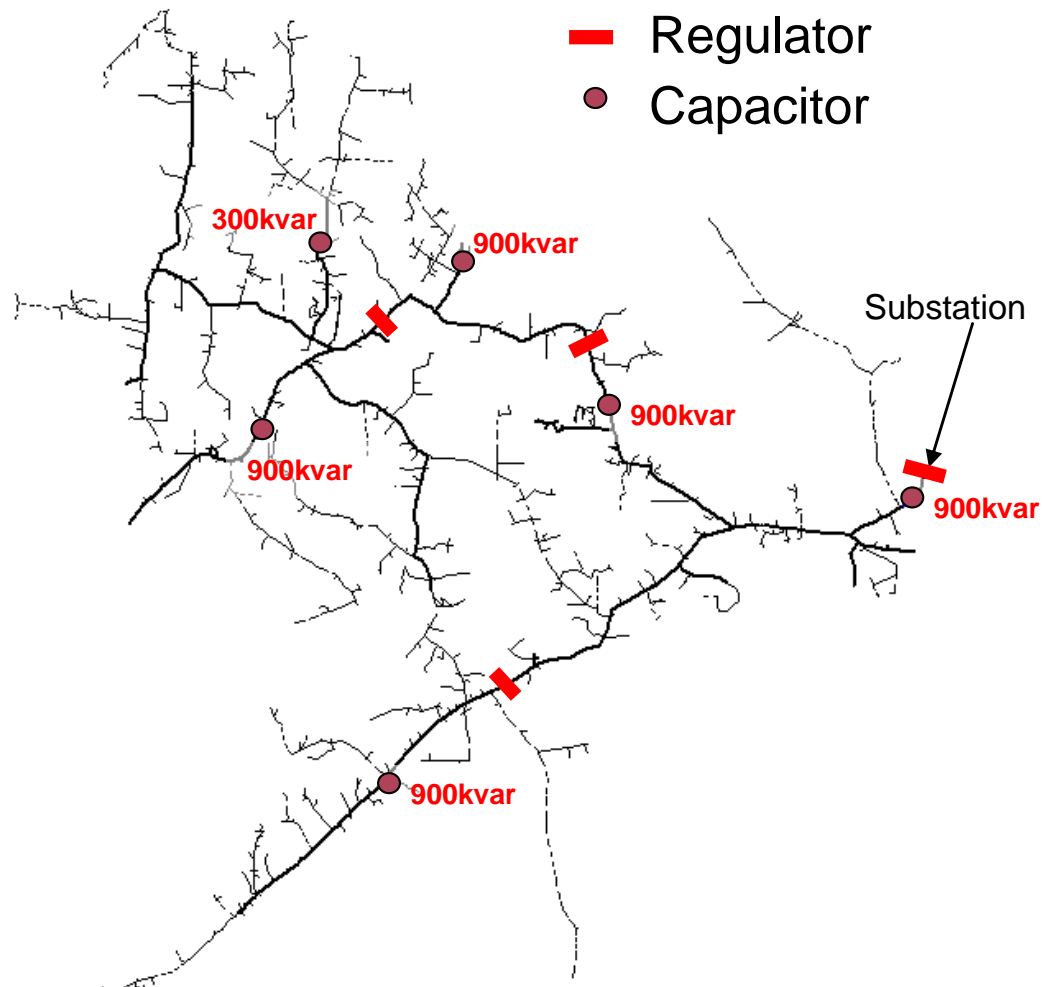


**PEV Peak Demand Depends on Charging Capacity  
(Voltage/Amperage)**



# Planning for PEV Peak Demand

- Unlike transmission systems most distribution system do not have full electrical model to each customer
- There is no wide spread continuous load monitoring system that can detect transformer/cable overload
- In most cases transformer failure is the first indication of overload (example, heat spells)



Challenges in Detecting Overload in Distribution System

# How Will “My” System Respond?

## Distribution Impacts

- Thermal Overloads
  - Xfmr aging
- Voltage Regulation
  - Secondary voltages
- Losses
- Imbalance
- Power quality
  - Harmonics

## Identify

Load Behavior

Asset Risk

Impact Likelihood

Planning Factors



# PEV Adoption, Types, Charge Preference, & Customer Behavior

- **Localized Adoption**

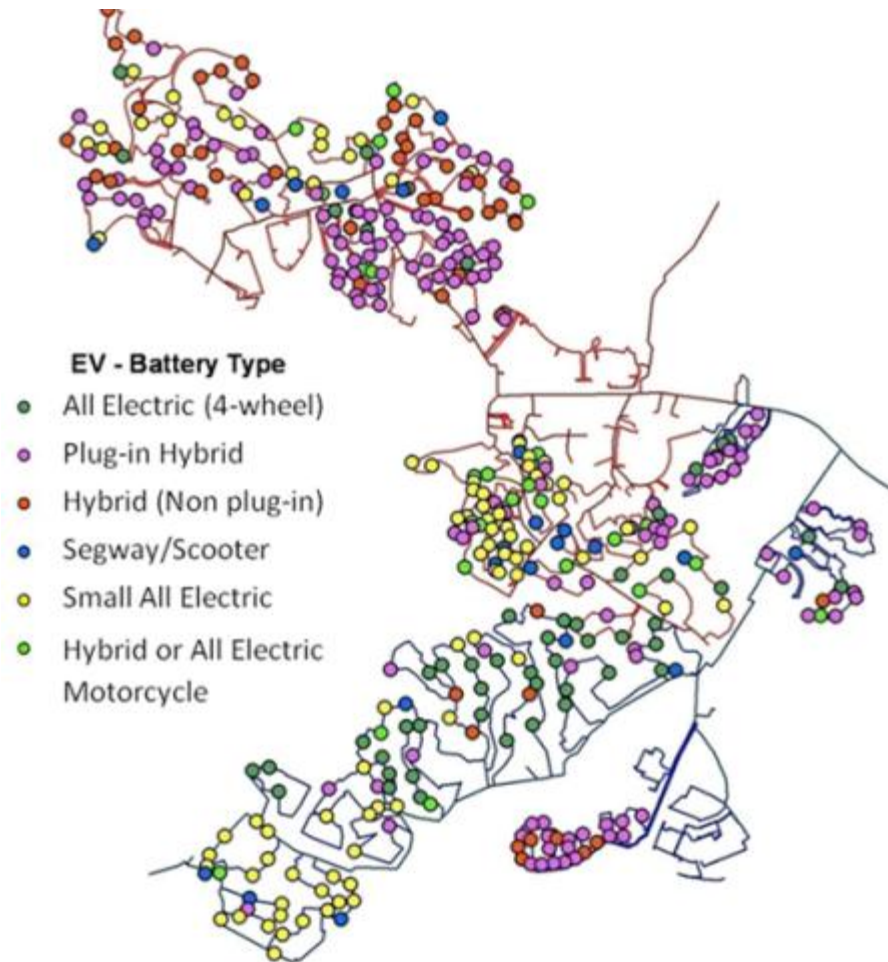
- Initial PHEV adoption is likely to be geographically contained within residential neighborhoods

- **PEV Types**

- Voltage connection
- Battery size
- Demand level

- **Charging Behavior**

- Correlate with statistical driving patterns



# Distribution Impact Phase I – *Planning for Near-Term PEV Demand*

- Detail electrical model of selected feeders that includes each customer
- Assessment of different PEV charging type and penetration
- Hourly analysis using 8760 hours load profile to assess impacts
- Qualitative evaluation of distribution capacity margins and asset risk
- PEV clustering impacts

## Near-term Planning Horizon

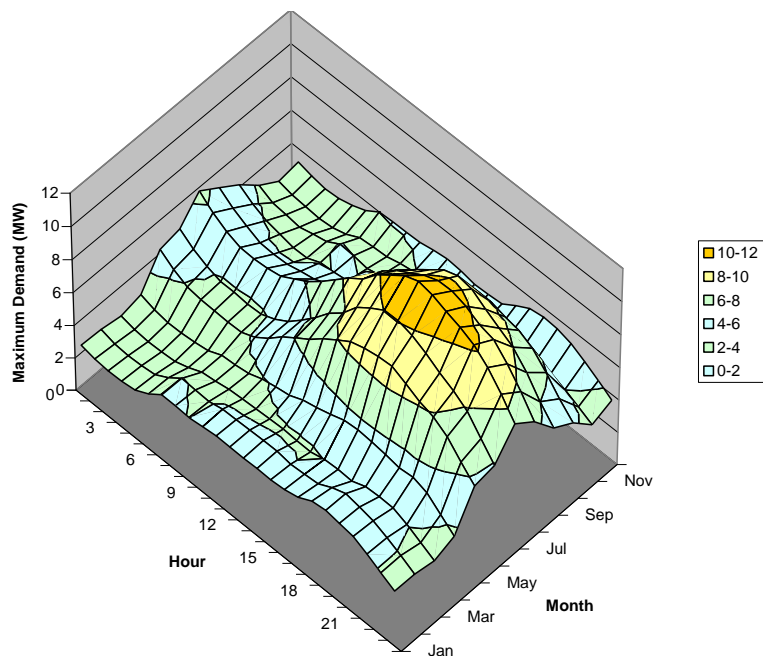
Load only operation  
Customer behavior driven  
Market projections  
Mainly residential charging

## Evaluated Impacts

Feeder demand  
Thermal overloads  
Steady-state voltage  
Losses  
Imbalance  
Power quality

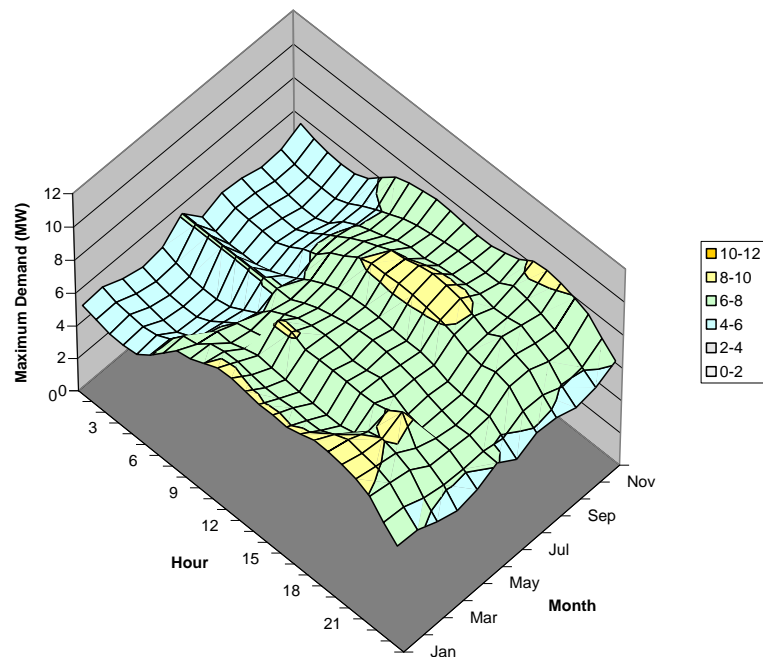
# Hourly Loading Levels

## Feeder #1



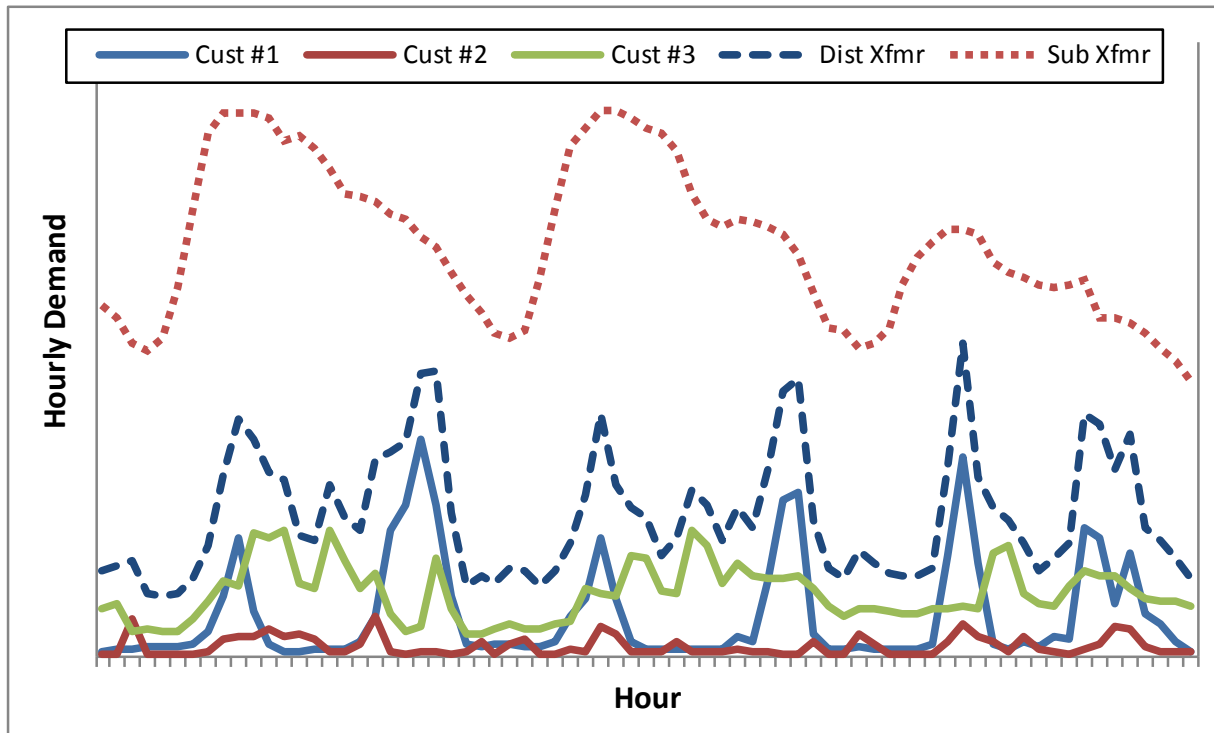
Summer peaking  
Load Factor: 39.6%  
Peak: 11.4 MW

## Feeder #2



Winter peaking  
Load Factor: 64.8%  
Peak: 8.68 MW

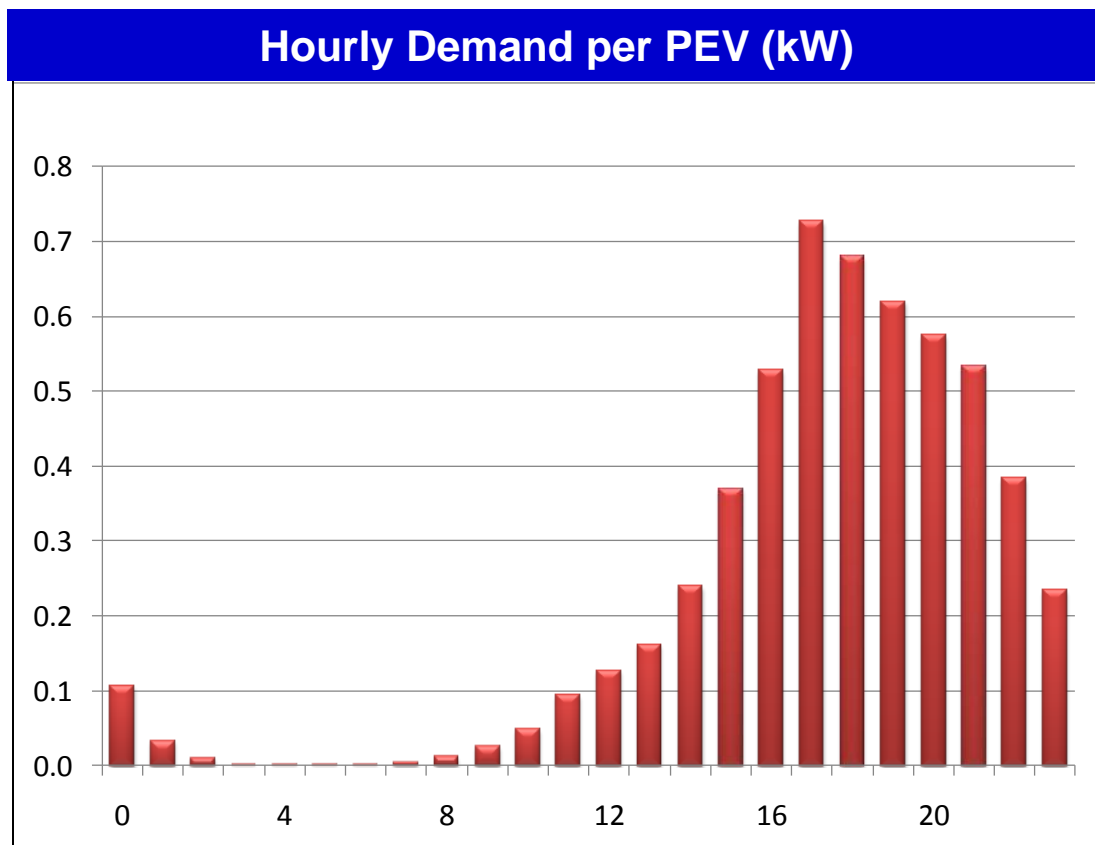
# Substation Versus Transformer Loading



Localized peaks do not always correlate with substation demand

Controlled Charging must consider loading conditions for both substation and individual distribution transformers

# Aggregate PEV Demand



**Peak Demand**

720 W / PEV

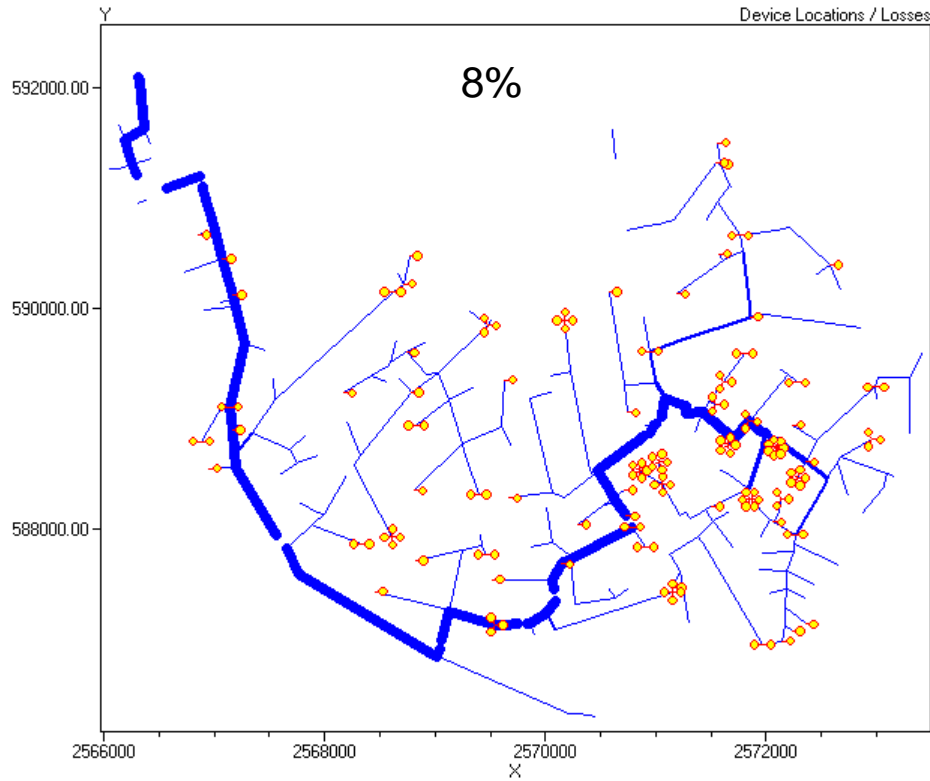
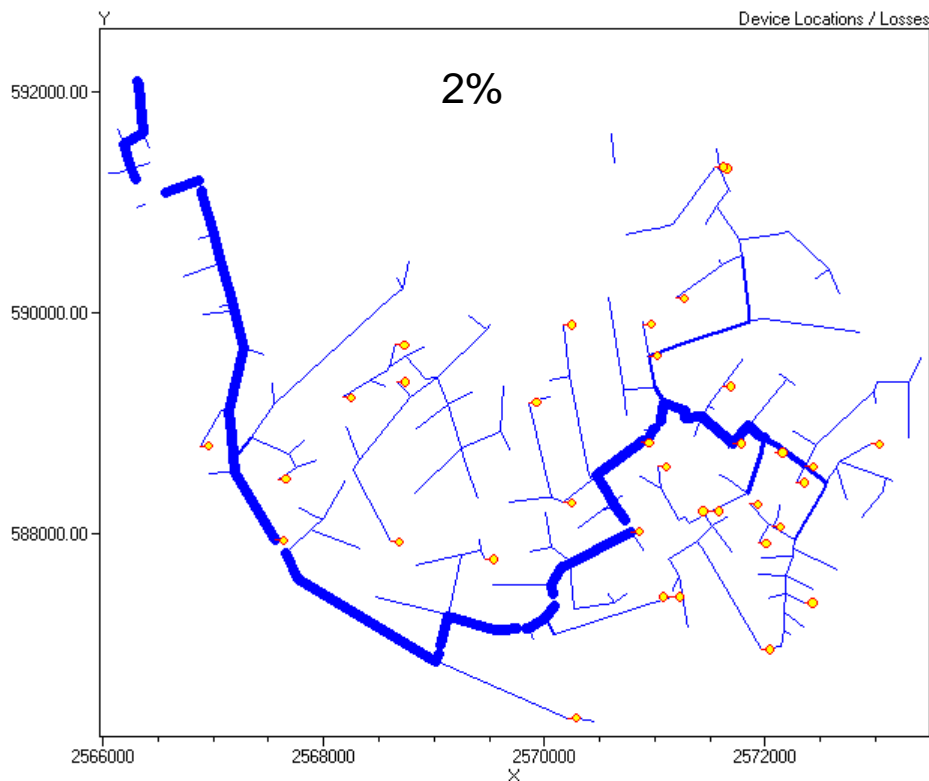
**Average Energy Consumption**

5 kWh / day

**75% of charging** occurs  
between 4 – 9 pm

**Demand strongly correlates with home arrival**

# PEV Proliferation (Clustering)

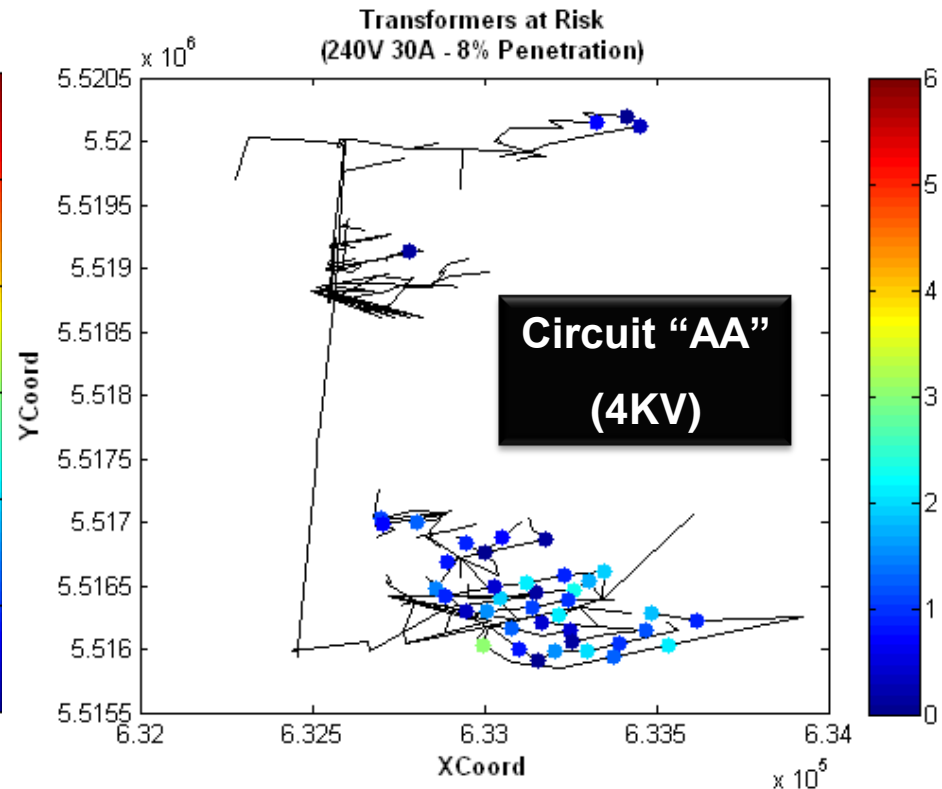
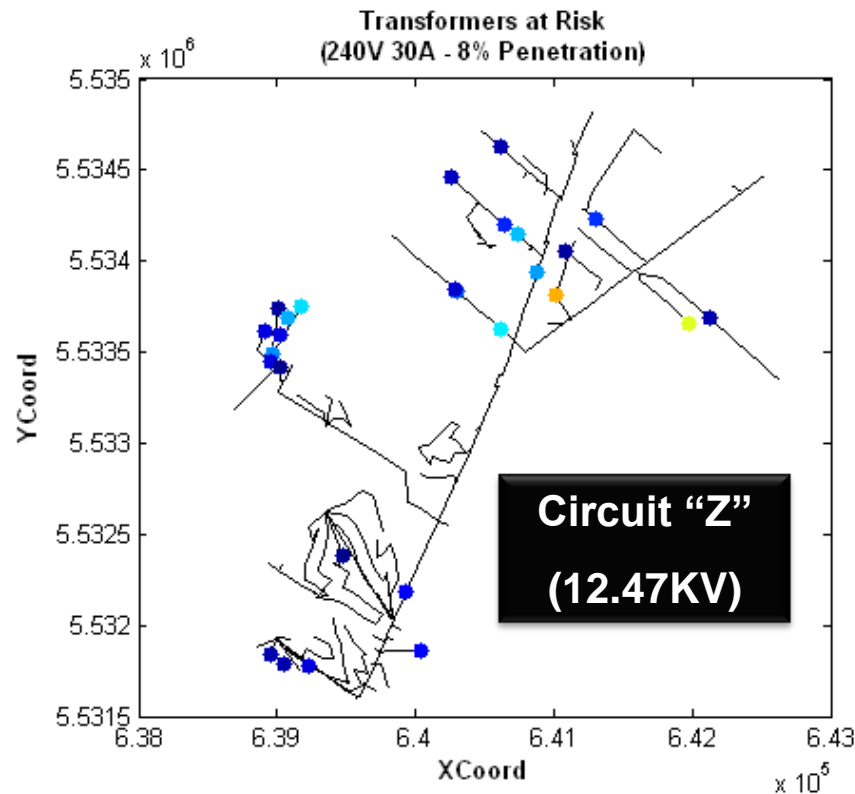


$$\text{Cluster} \frac{\# \text{PEV}}{\text{Total Customer}} > \text{avg}$$

**Clustering cannot result in widespread system impacts**

# Circuit Characteristics and Design

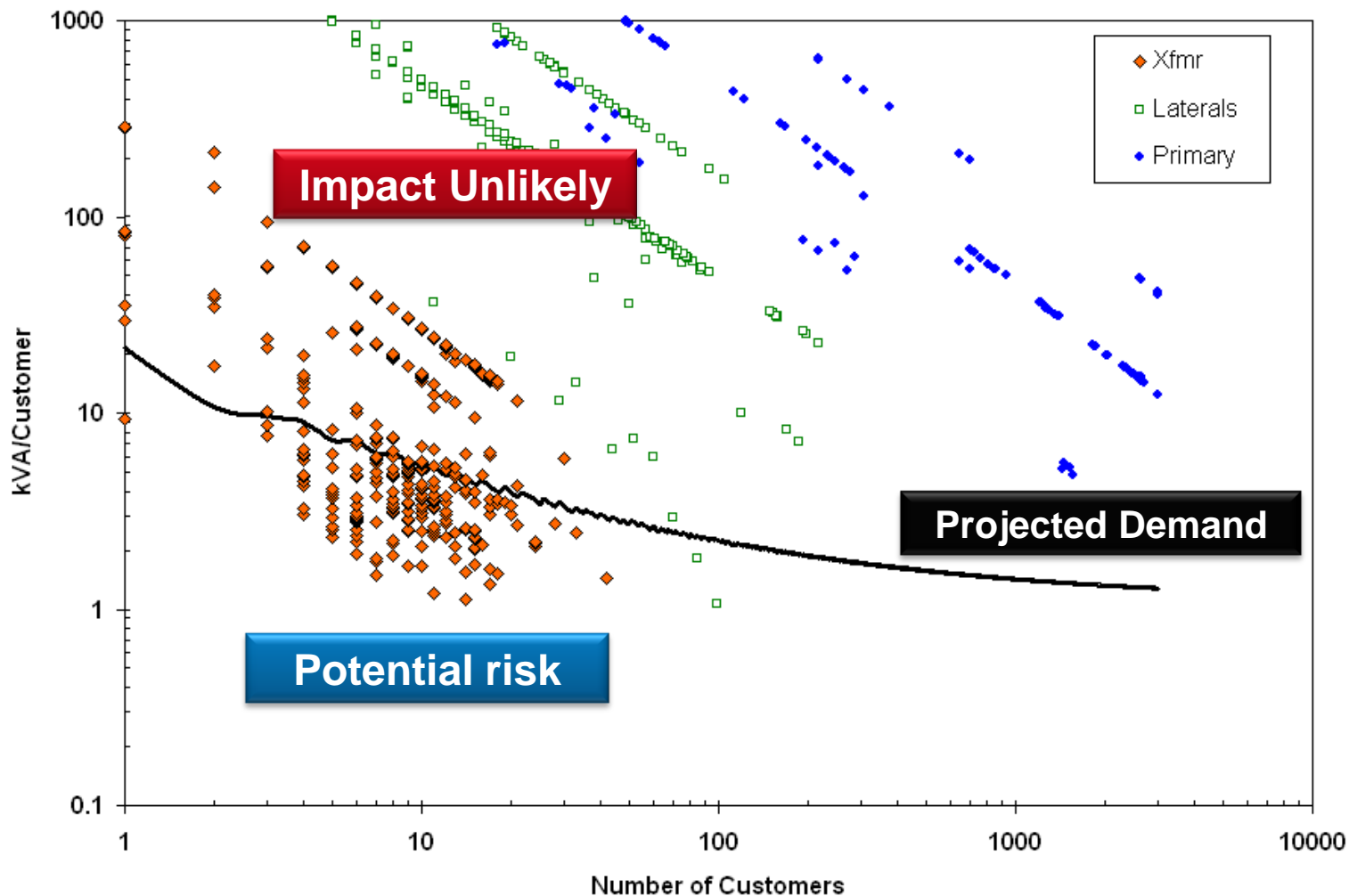
## – 4KV Versus 13KV Systems



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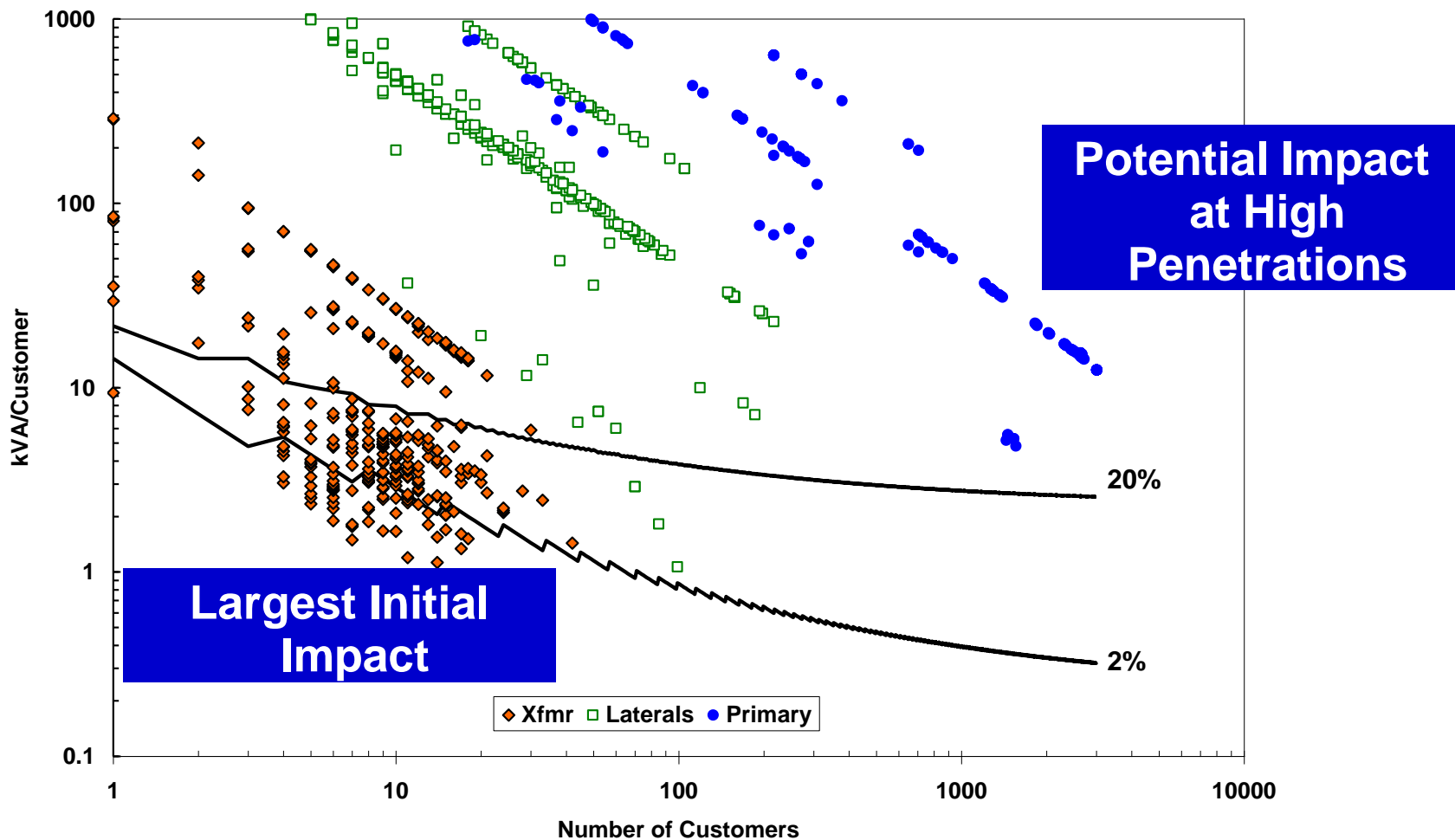


# Evaluating Distributed Demand Impacts

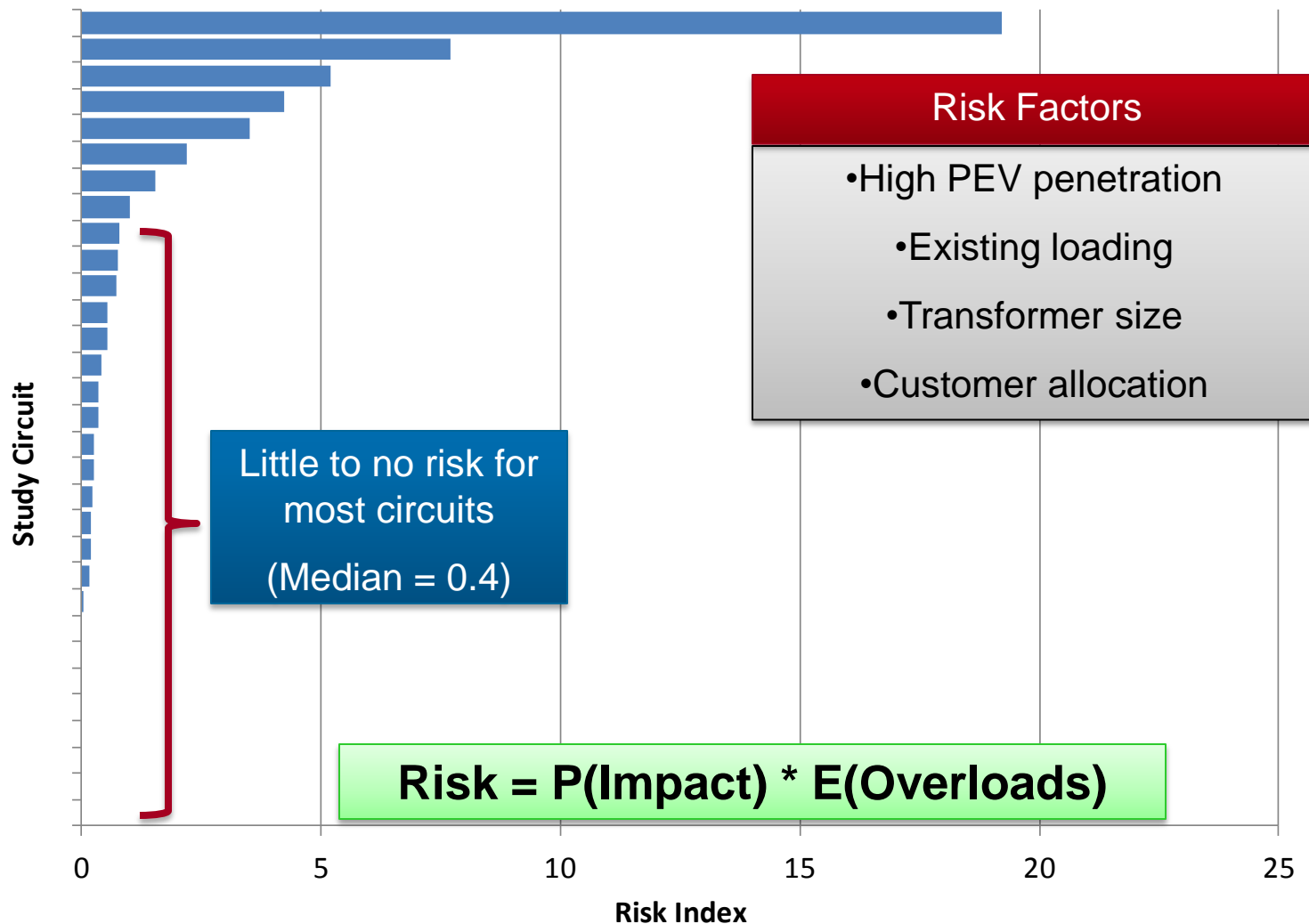


**Assets close to the customer most at risk**

# Uncontrolled PEV Demand vs. Asset Capacity

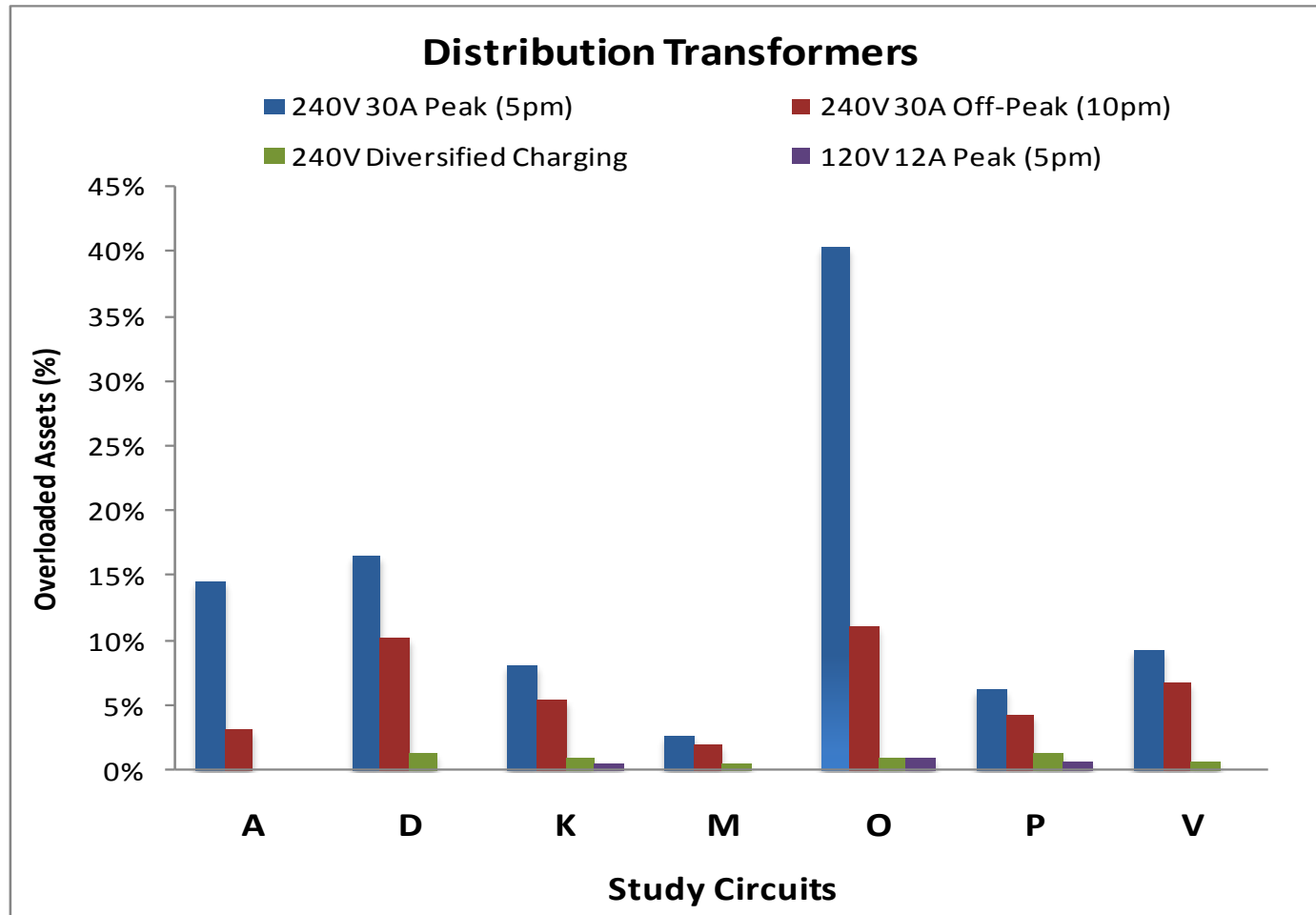


# Service Transformer Overload Risk



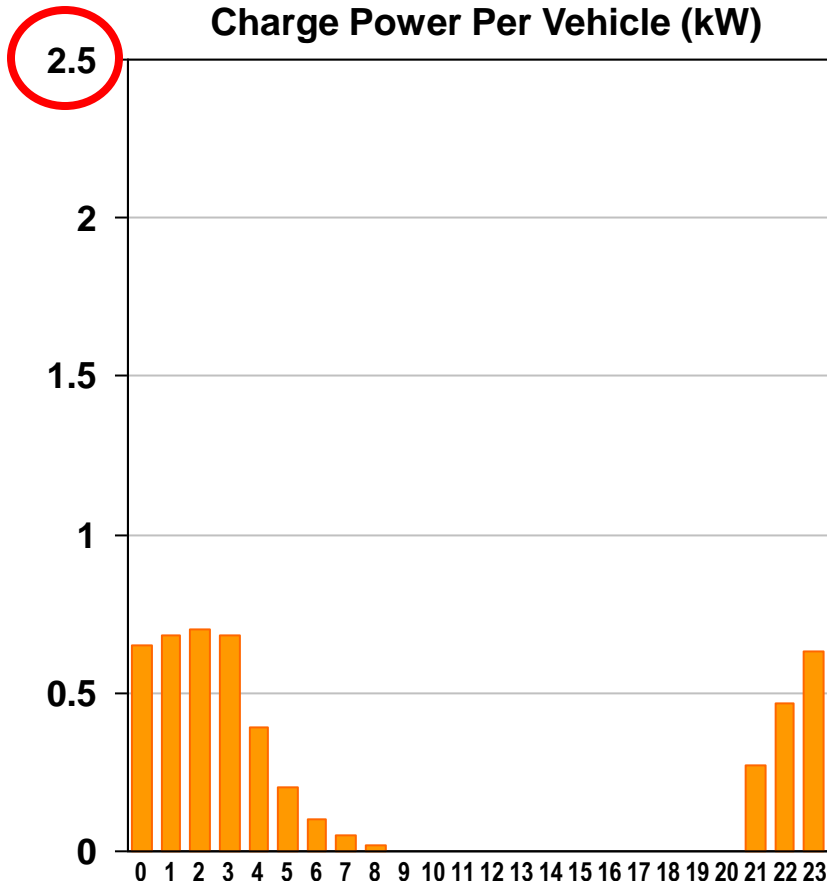
# PEV Load Type and Charge Time Sensitivities

## – Transformer Capacity Evaluation

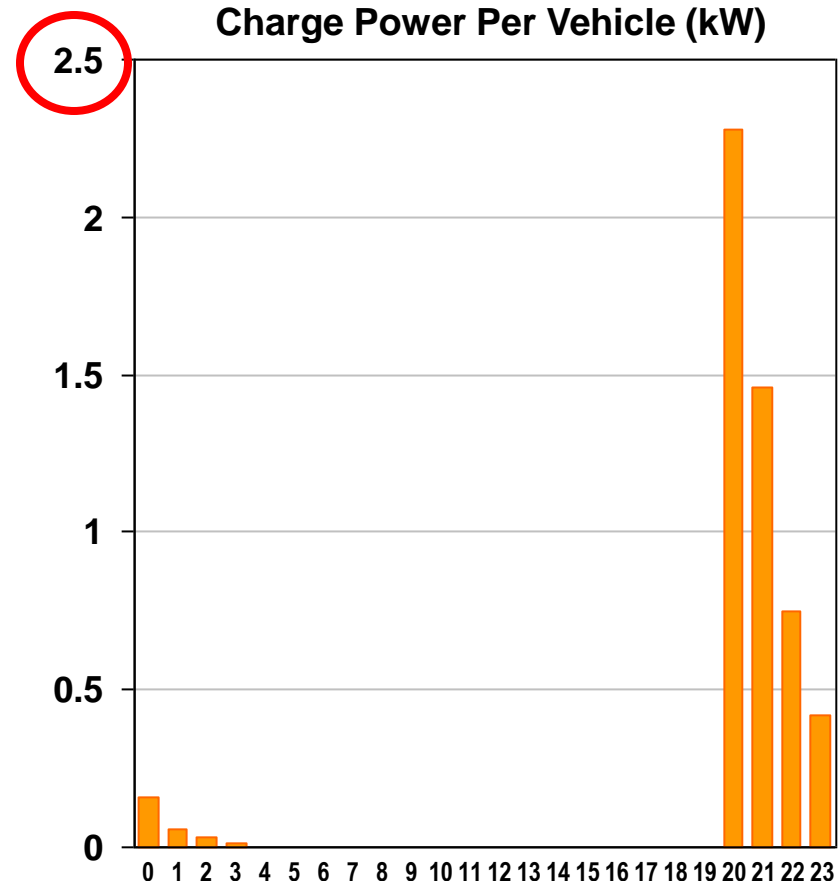


PEV charging level is a dominant driver compared to PEV charge time

# Smart Charging Helps – If Done Right



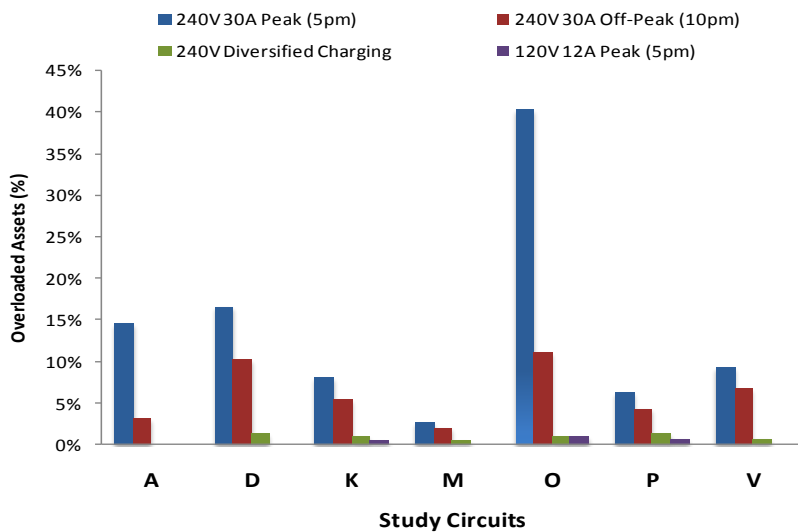
**Shifts the charge load to nighttime, but spreads it out relatively evenly over 6 hours**



**Only shifting the time without evening out the profile can make the situation worse**

# Benefits of Smart Charging

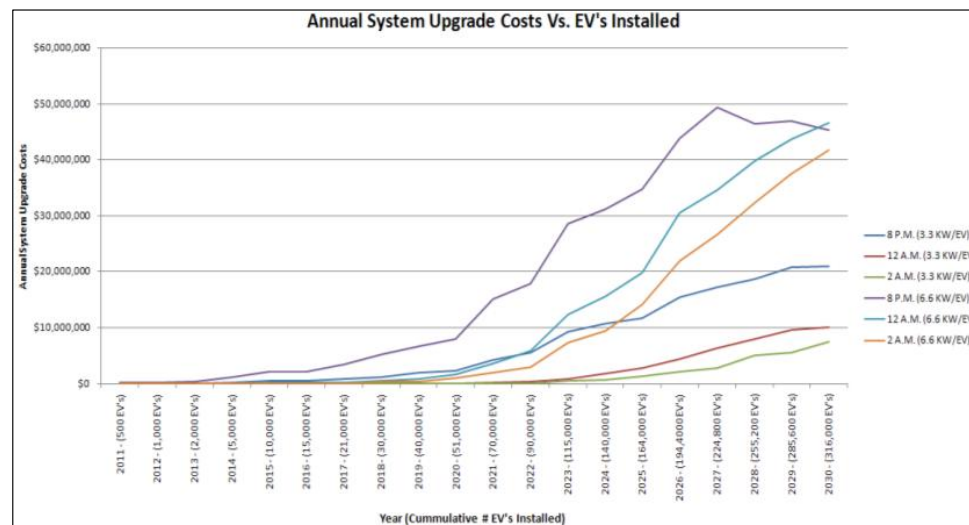
**Distribution Transformers**



## EPRI Phase I Analysis

Charging Level (kW)	Average Unit Cost Txf/Service	Subst/Ckt Exit Unit Cost	Total Unit Cost	Estimated Three Year Revenue	Payback (years)
3.3	146	150	296	636	1.38
6.6	334	303	637	636	2.97
9.9	440	459	899	636	4.20
13.2	632	632	1264	636	5.91
16.5	753	793	1546	636	7.22

## Total Cost Impact of PEV: Duke Service Territory



## Total Cost Impact of PEV: SMUD Service Territory

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# General Study Findings

## Negligible Impacts

- System losses
- Primary voltage
- Power quality
- Voltage imbalance

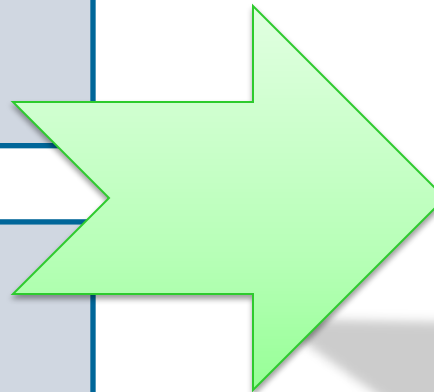
**Minimal impacts at near-term penetrations**

## Potential Impacts

- Service transformer overloads
- Low secondary voltages

## Planning Adjustments

- Equipment sizing
- Asset-to-customer allocations
- Transformer ratings



## Phase II Project

System wide  
screening tool to  
identify overall asset  
risks



# Need System Wide Evaluation

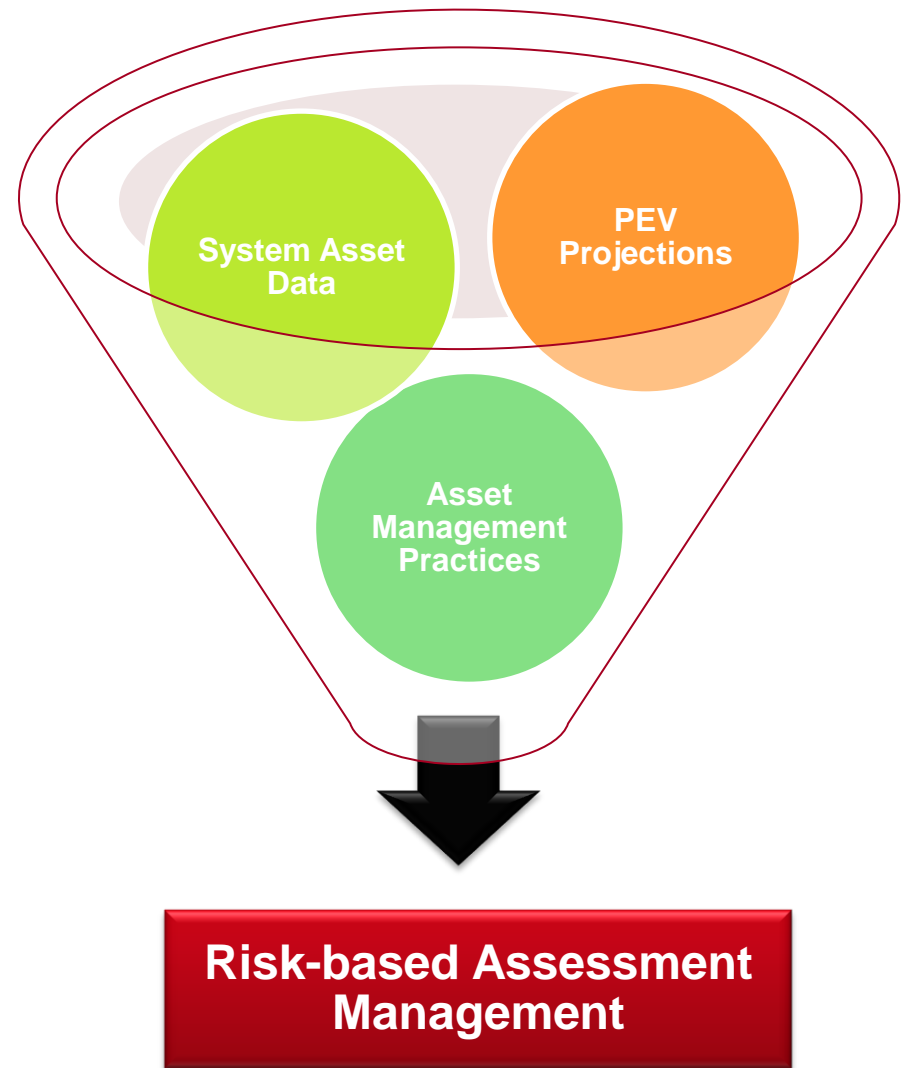
**Advanced tools are required to evaluate and justify potential benefits & impacts**

## **Assess:**

- System wide impacts
- Risk sensitivities
- Cost analysis

## **Accounting for:**

- Potential PEV penetrations
- Changing customer behavior
- Entire system asset
- Planning practices
- TOU rate and market influences



# Area Wide Asset Risk Planning and Evaluation – Phase II Study

## Screening Tool



Forecast Models

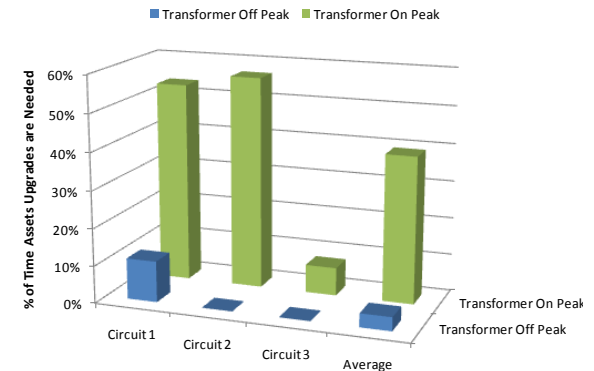
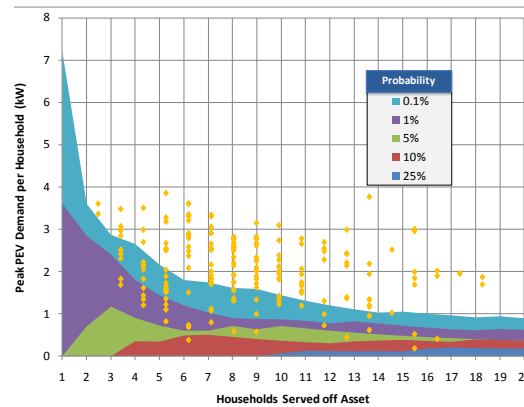
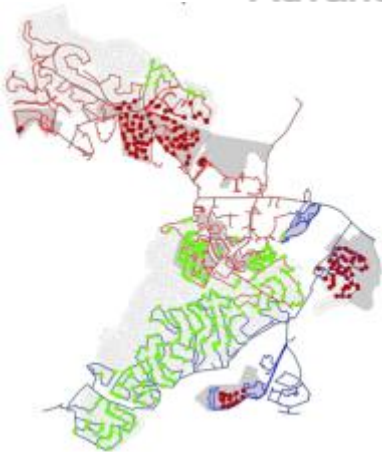
AMI integration

“Hot Spot” Analysis

Asset Management  
& Investment

Advanced Load Models

EV Rate Impacts



Development of a Planning and Assessment Tool