



# Distribution Planning for Electric Vehicles Fleets

Session 2: Transportation Electrification

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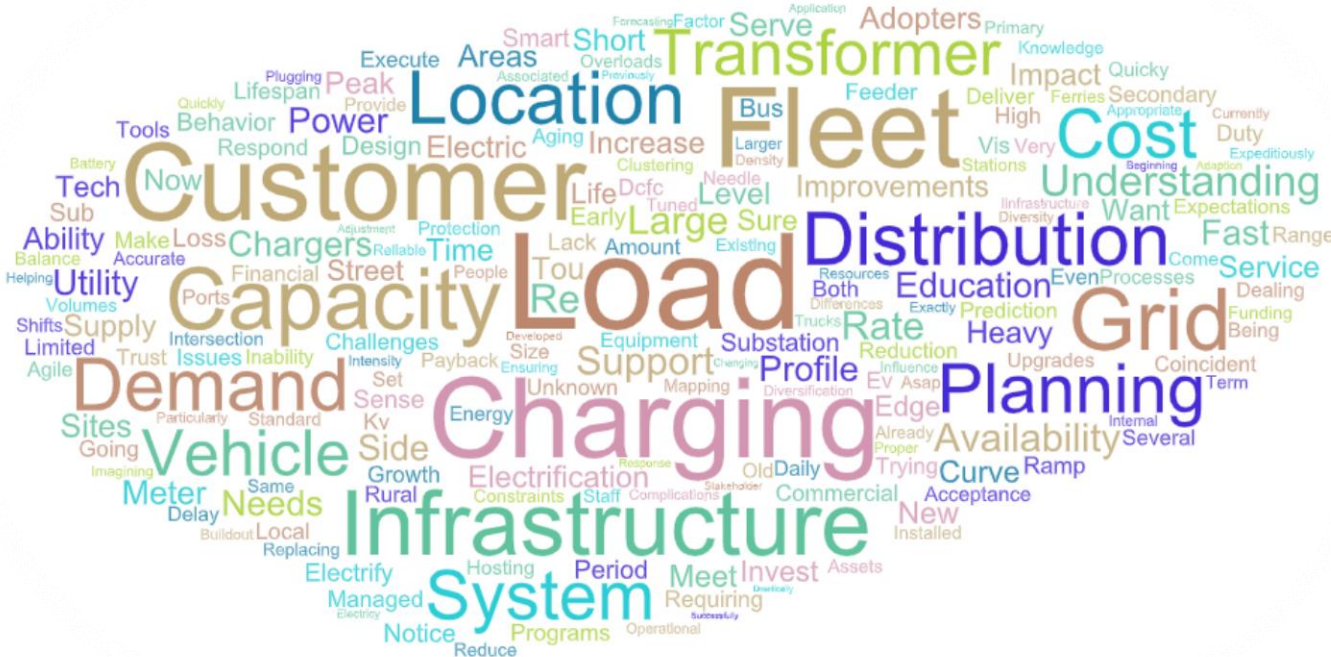
# Outline



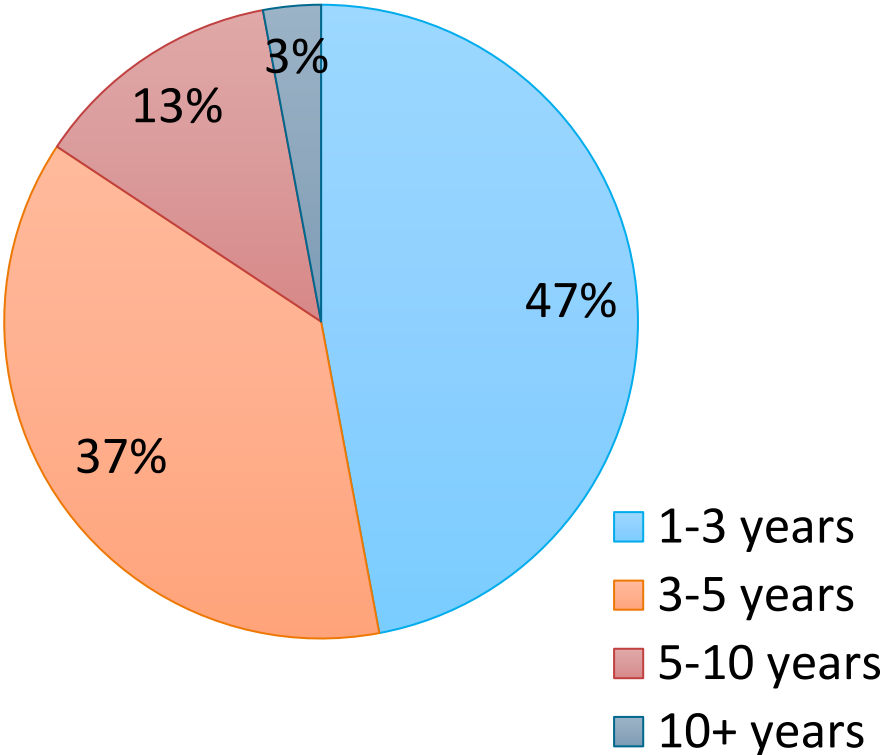
- Why focusing on MD/HD vehicles?
- Assessing Future Fleet Electrification
- Modeling MDHD-EV vehicles
- On-going collaborative EPRI project

# Feedback from Distribution Planners

In a few words, what's on your mind?



How Soon Will EV Charging Become a concern?

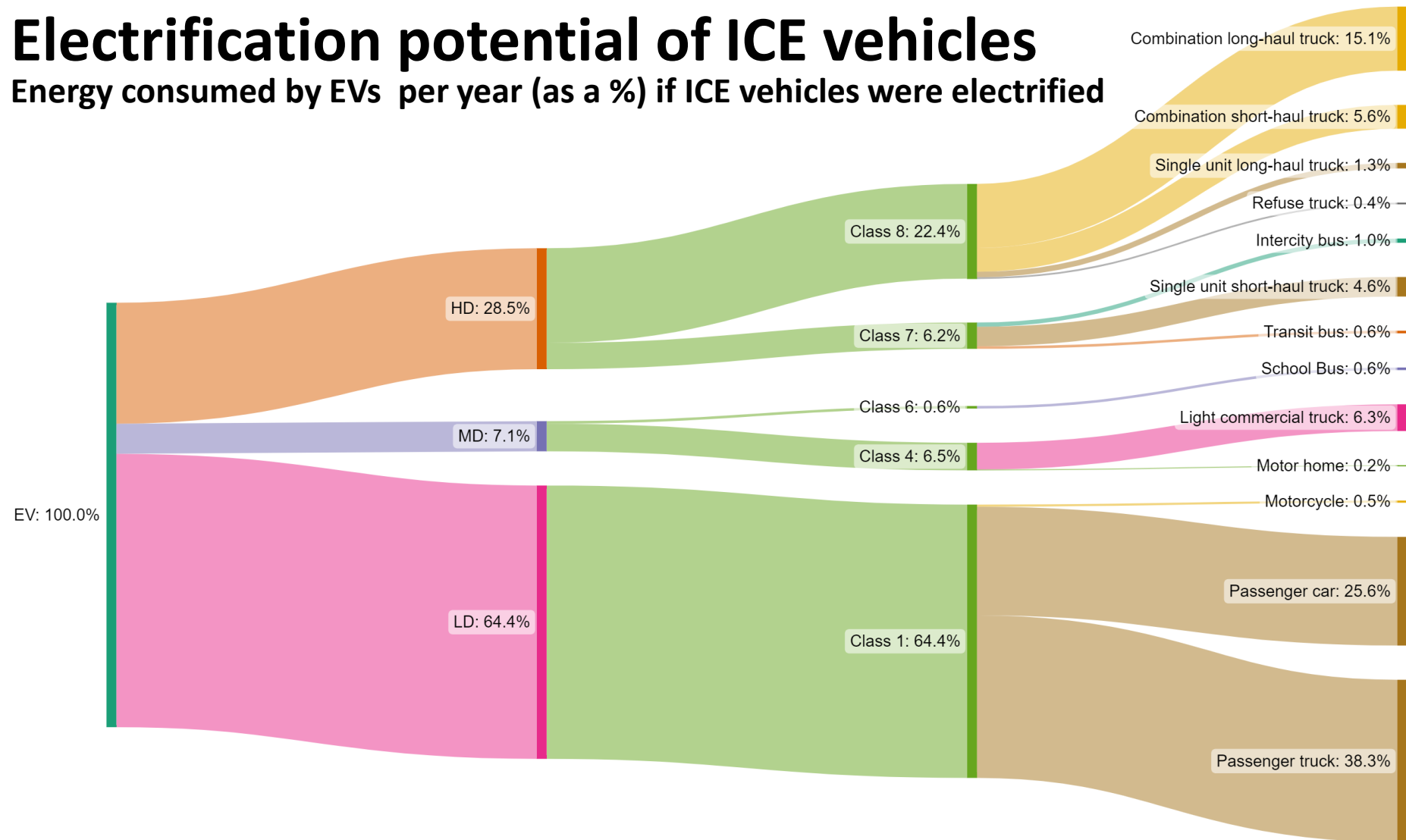


Number 1 Ranked Priority by Distribution Planners  
 Planning tools for forecasting and assessing fleet electrification

# How much energy will it take to electrify transportation?

## Electrification potential of ICE vehicles

Energy consumed by EVs per year (as a %) if ICE vehicles were electrified



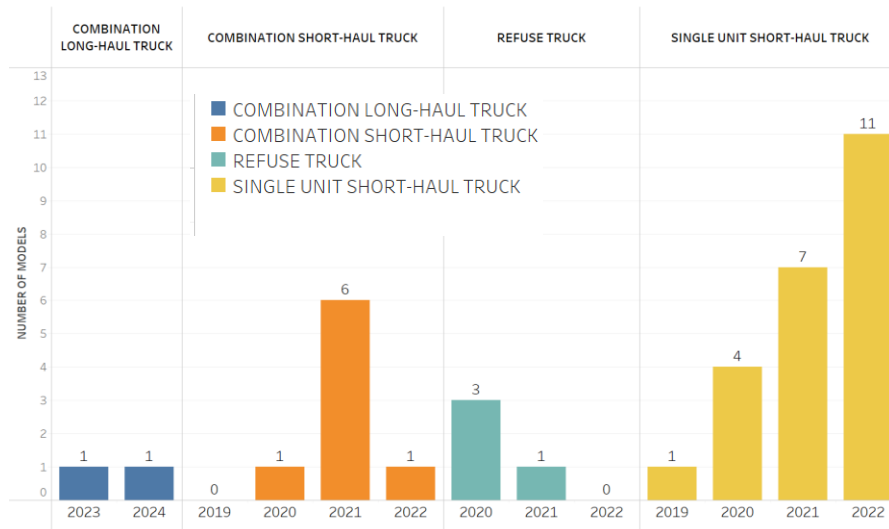
1880.4 TWh/year

- 63.9% Light Duty
- 35.4% MDHD
- 0.7% Motor Home and Motorcycle

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# Why are Medium and Heavy-Duty Vehicles different than Passenger vehicles?

NUMBER OF NEW MODELS INTRODUCED TO MARKET BY YEAR



**How are MDHD vehicles different than the light duty vehicles?**

- ✓ Use more kWh/mile
- ✓ Commercial Vehicles have more regular patterns
- ✓ They aren't 'emotionally purchased' they are 'spreadsheet purchased'
- ✓ One person may purchase many at one time
- ✓ They may all charge at one place
- ✓ They may charge at higher power -1MW

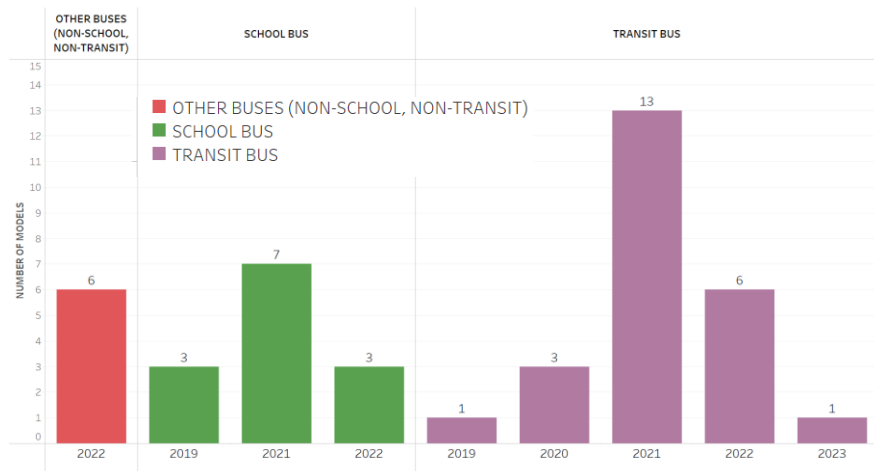
Walmart To Purchase 4,500 Canoo Electric Delivery Vehicles To Be Used for Last Mile Deliveries in Support of Its Growing eCommerce Business

The retailer will be the first to receive Canoo's Lifestyle Delivery Vehicle which is anticipated to begin hitting the road for Walmart deliveries in 2023.

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Electric Vehicle Delivery from BrightDrop



MEMPHIS, Tenn. June 21, 2022 - FedEx Corp. (NYSE:FDX) announced today it has received its first 150 electric delivery vehicles from BrightDrop, the technology startup from General Motors (GM) decarbonizing last-mile delivery.

<https://corporate.walmart.com/newsroom/2022/07/12/walmart-to-purchase-4-500-canoo-electric-delivery-vehicles-to-be-used-for-last-mile-deliveries-in-support-of-its-growing-e-commerce-business>, September 2022

<https://www.aboutamazon.com/news/transportation/amazons-electric-delivery-vehicles-from-rivian-roll-out-across-the-u-s>, September 2022

<https://newsroom.fedex.com/newsroom/global/fedex-continues-advancing-fleet-electrification-goals-with-latest-150-electric-vehicle-delivery-from-brightdrop>, September 2022

# Identifying Future Fleets | Where, When, How Many?

## Where?

- **Where** are the fleets dwelling?
- **Where** are likely warehouses that may have electric vehicles?
- **Where** would they charge en-route?

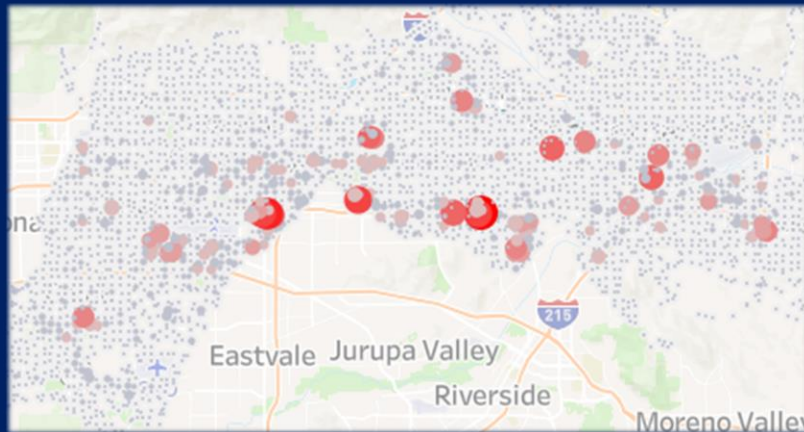


Figure: Vehicle activity maps

## When?

- **When** would fleets most likely charge?
- **When** would we expect different vehicle fleets to electrify?
- **When** would it be best for vehicle to charge?

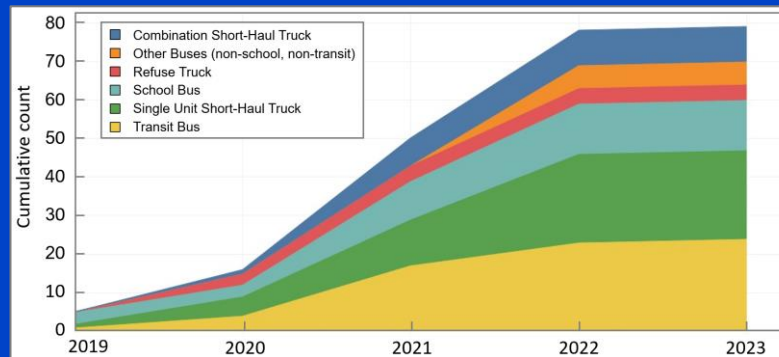


Figure: Technology Maturity

## How Many?

- **How many** MDHD vehicles are there currently?
- **How many** vehicles would be located at one location?

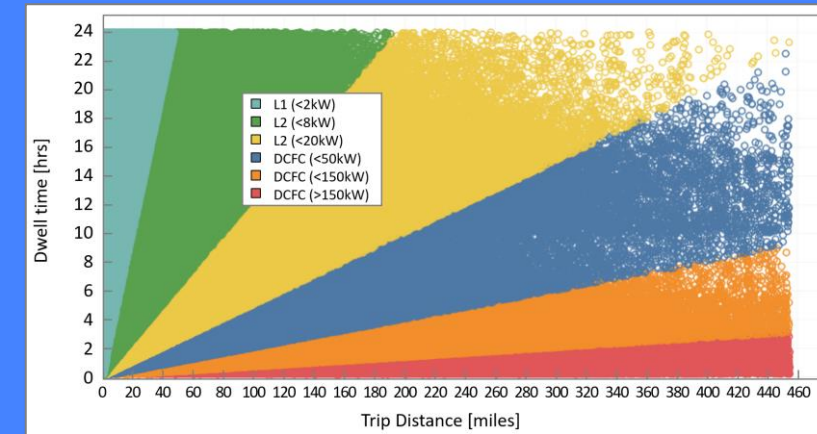
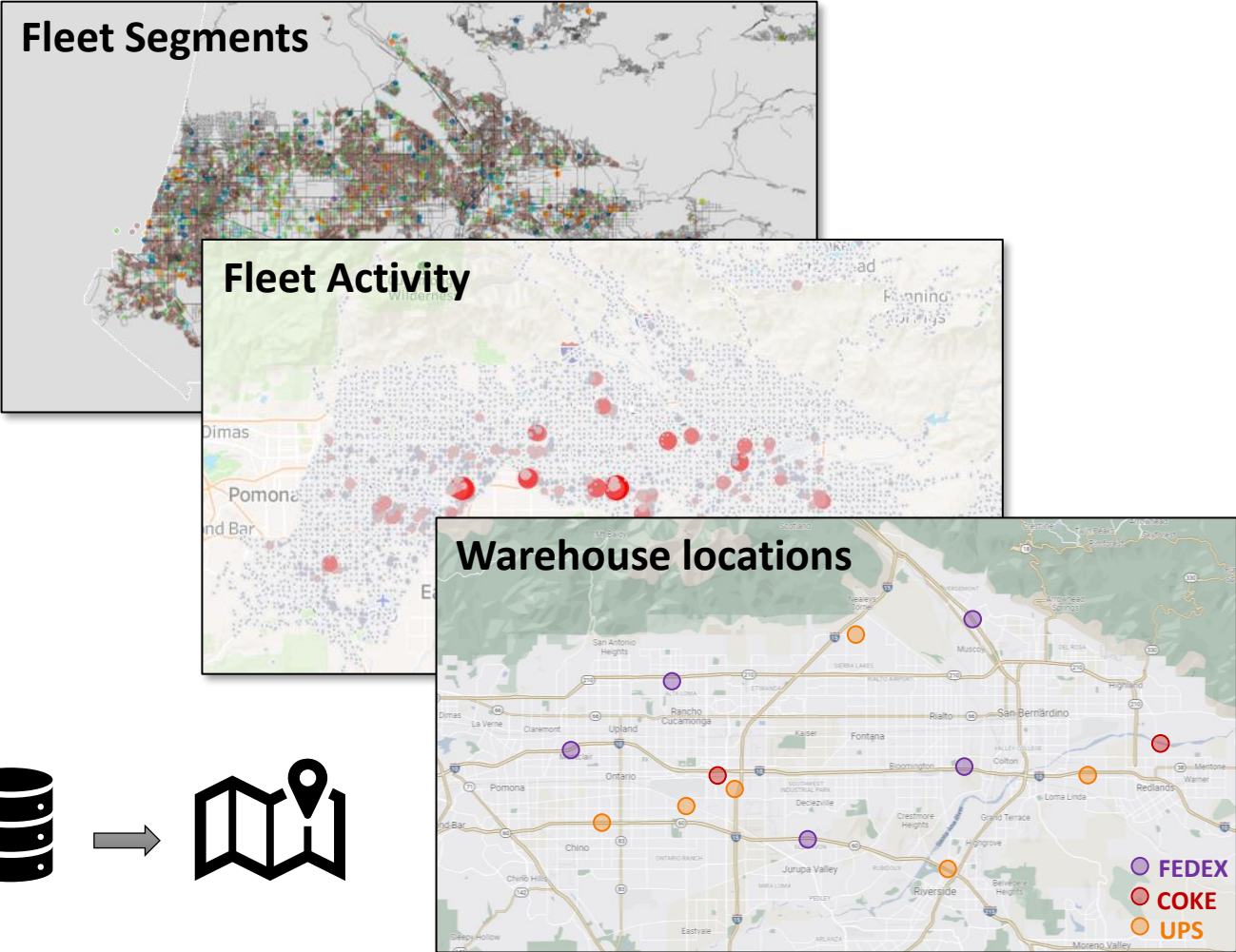


Figure: Charging Needs

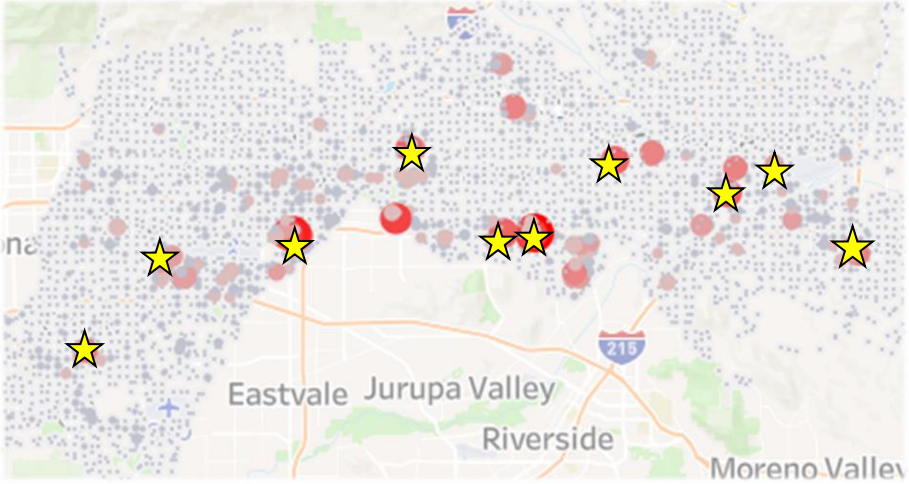
All these questions vary by vehicle segment

# Future Fleet Electrification Assessment

## Locating fleets

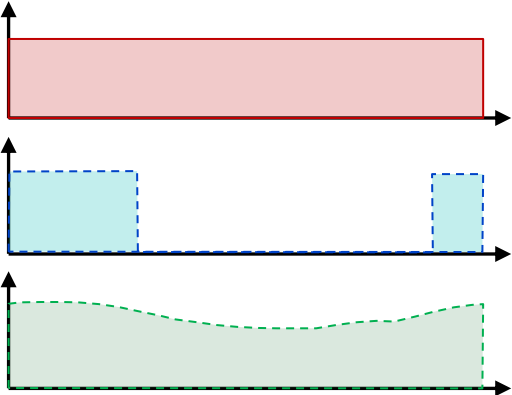


## Characterizing fleets



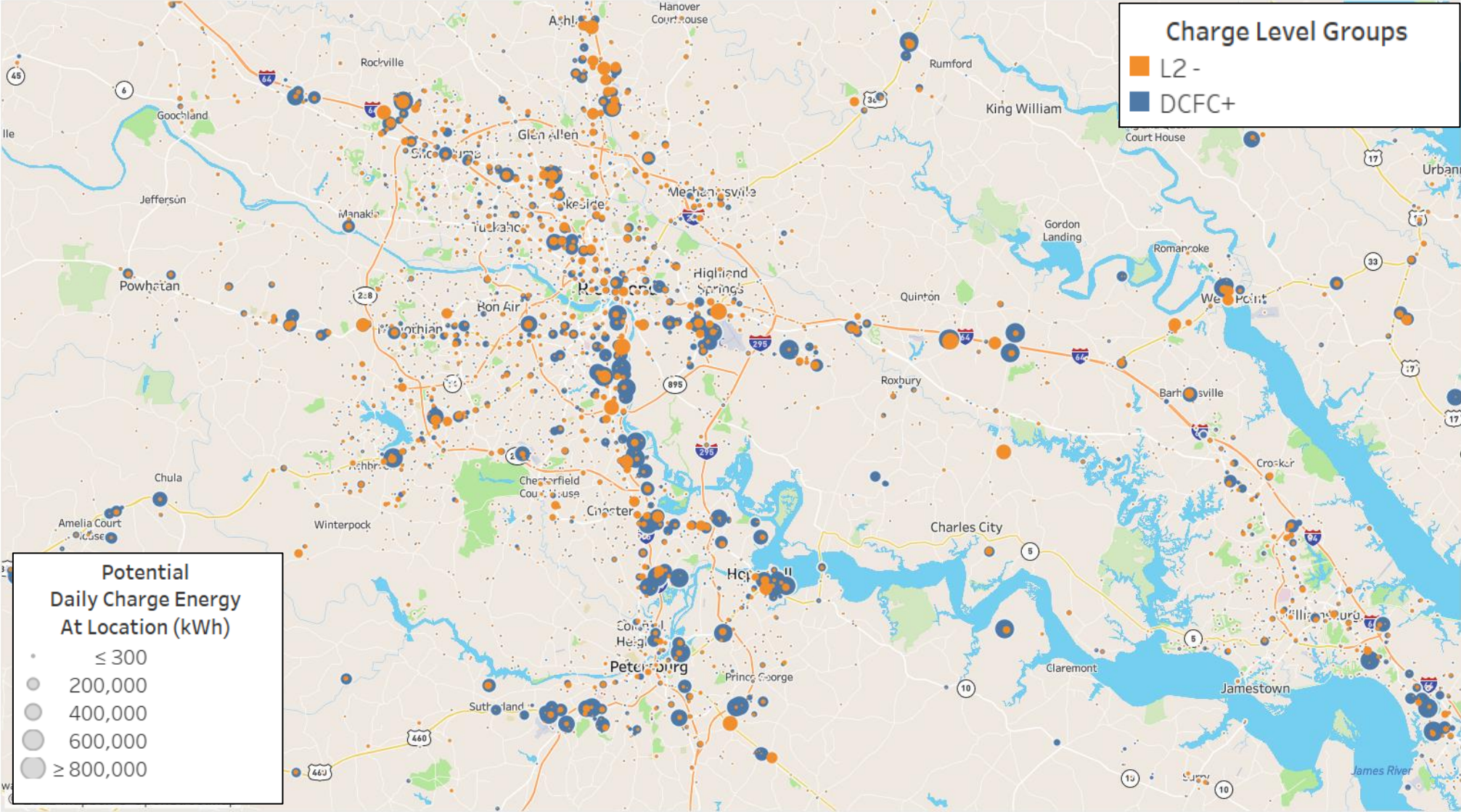
EPRI tool: FleetCalc

Load profile:



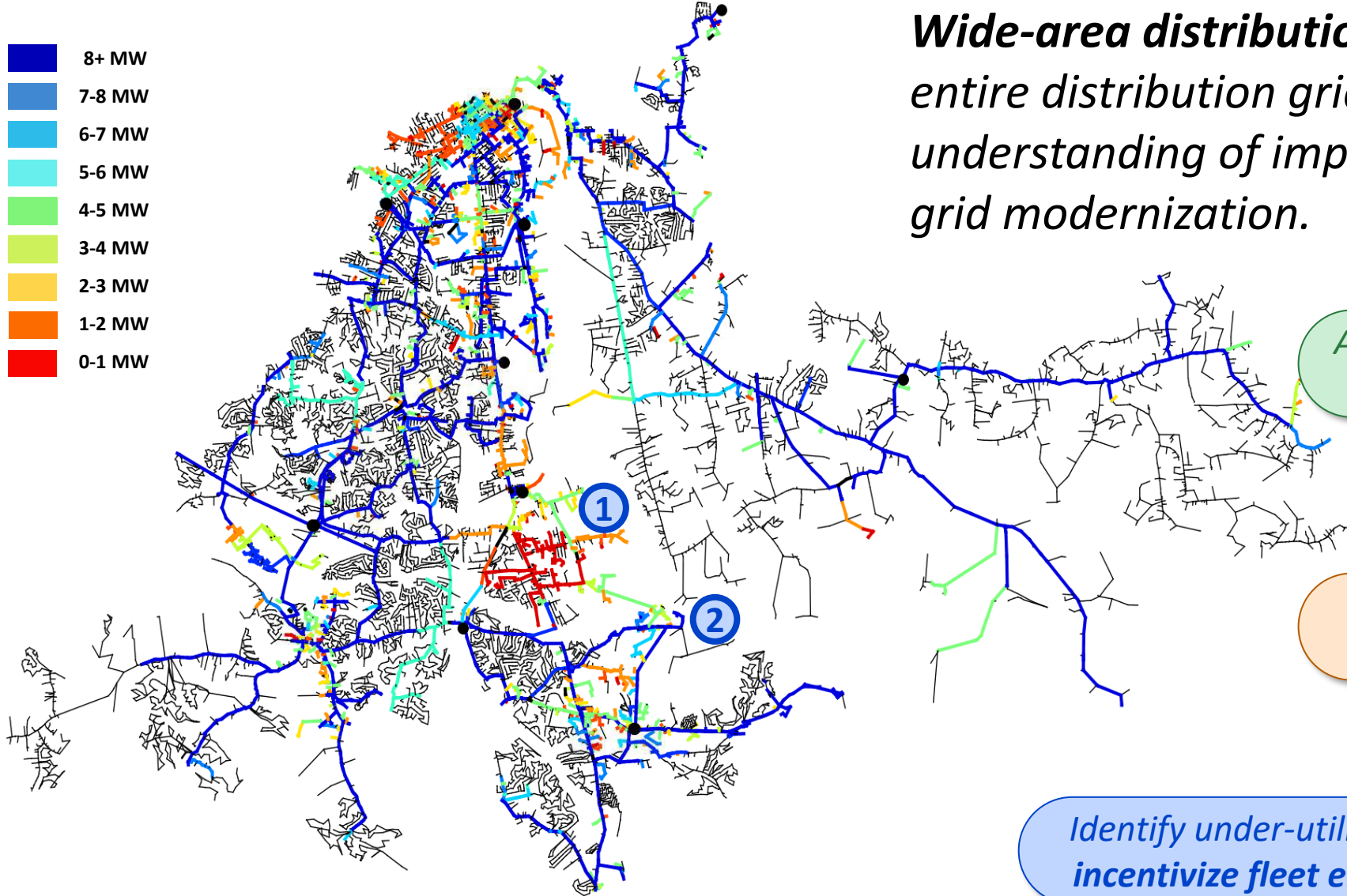
# Future Fleet Assessment | Fleet activity maps

*Based on their dwell time, what will their charging needs be?*





# Grid Assessment | Available capacity



*Wide-area distribution assessments study the entire distribution grid to provide a holistic understanding of impacts and benefits from grid modernization.*

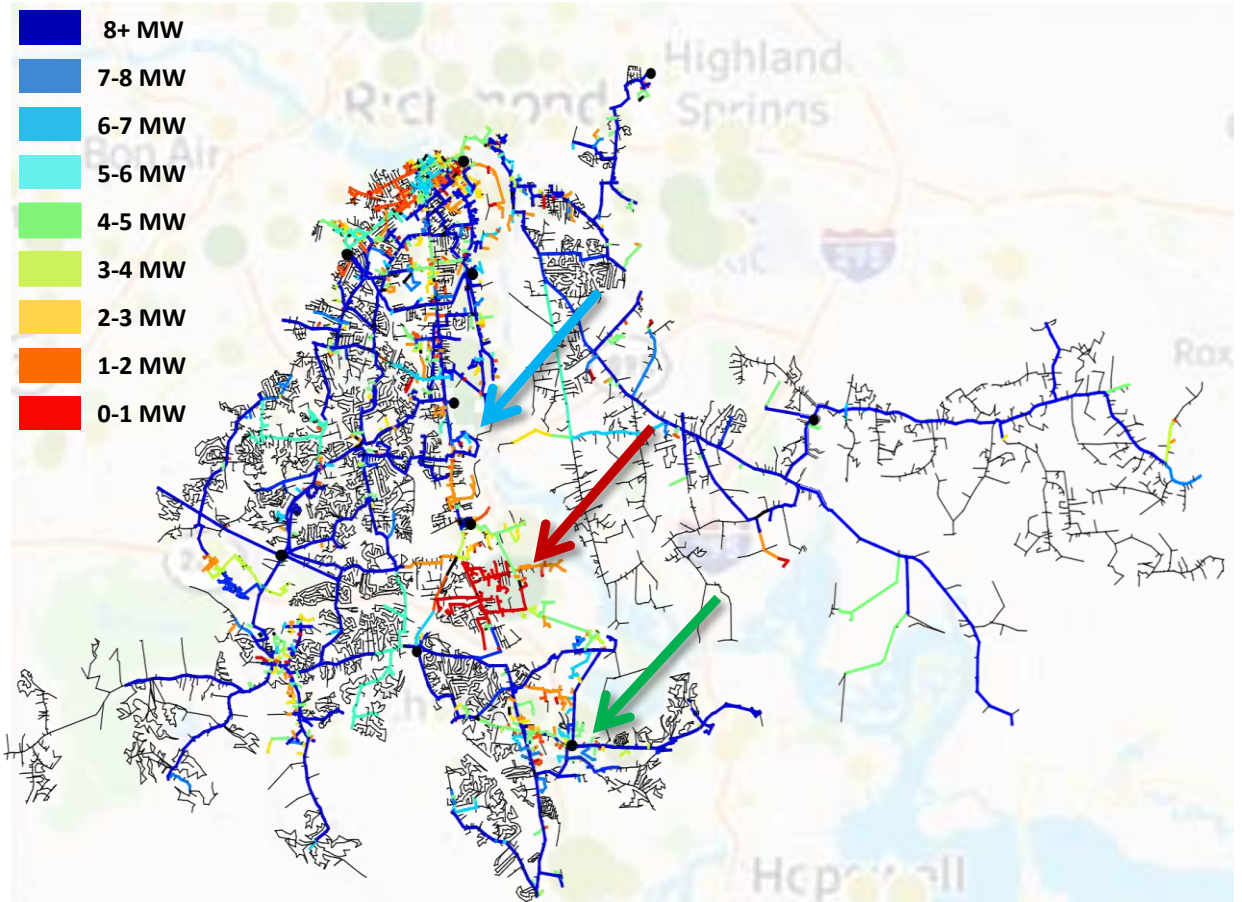
*Assessing electrification opportunity across a utility's territory*

*Identify high-priority feeders for grid-strengthening measures*

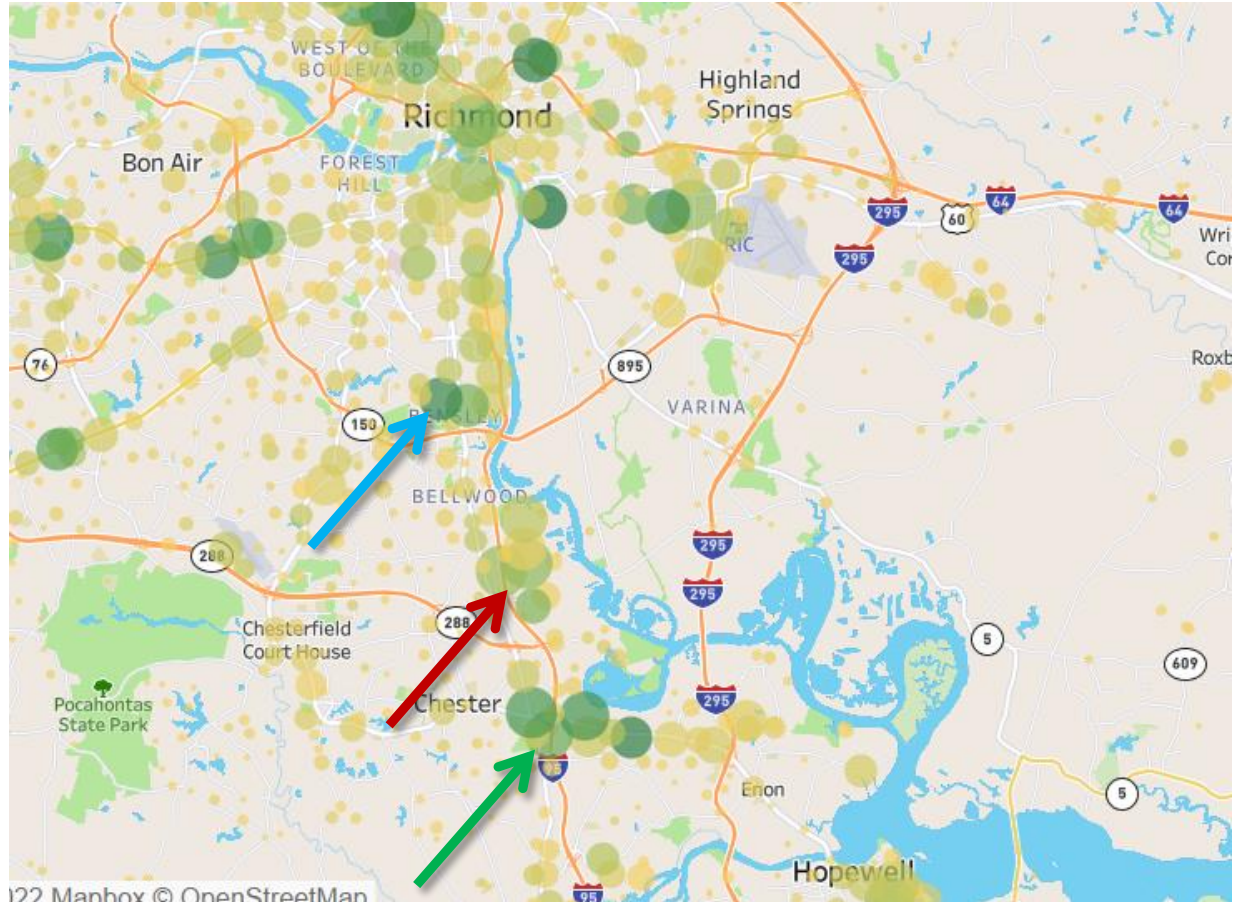
*Identify under-utilized assets to incentivize fleet electrification*

# Grid Readiness and Integration Assessment

*Is there capacity where vehicles are dwelling?*



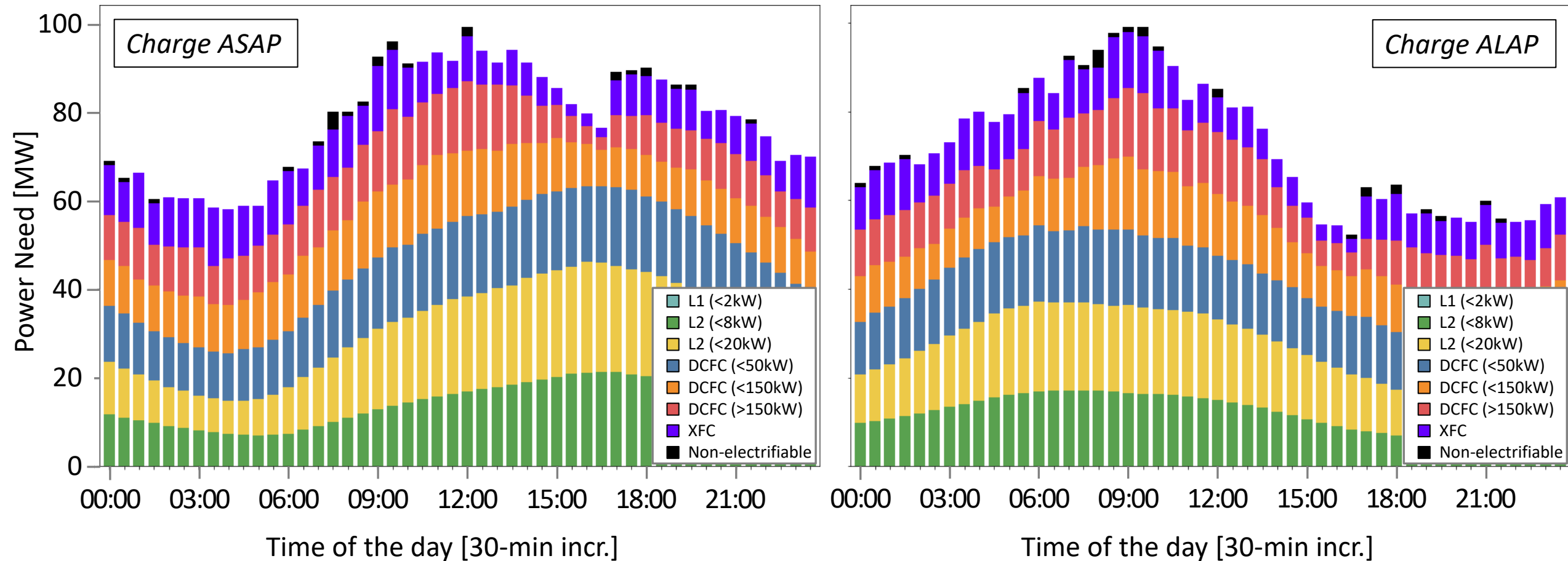
**Hosting Capacity for new load**



**Fleet Activity**

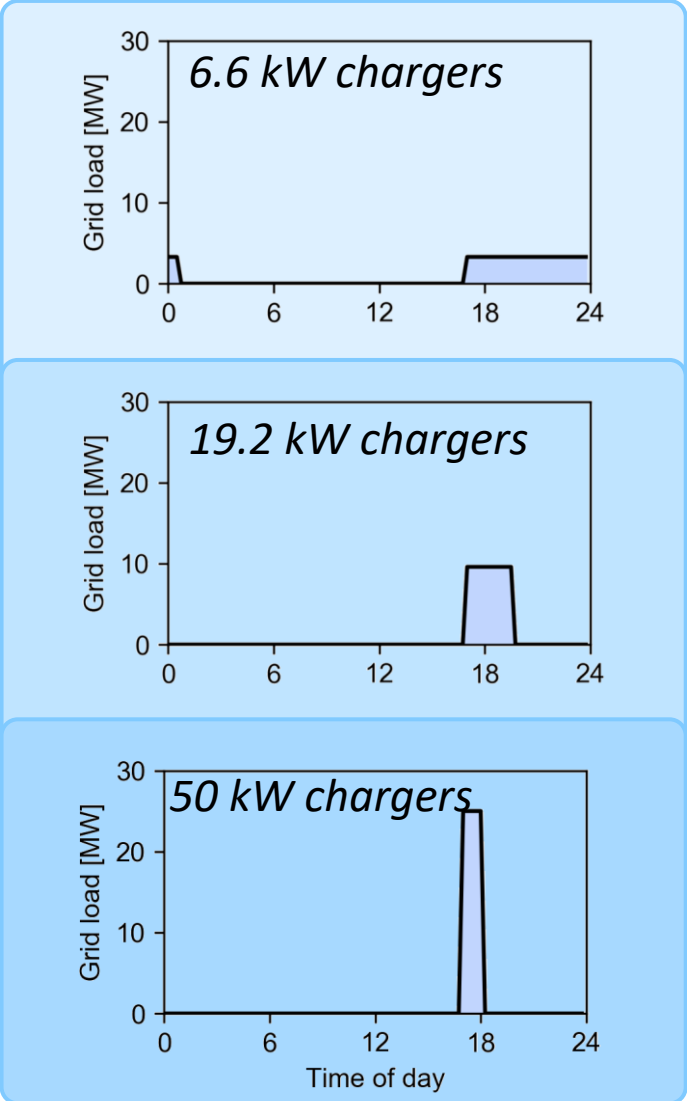
# Understanding Fleet Needs | Aggregated Loadshape

Even with identical fleet characteristics (vehicle count, miles driven, vehicle type, dwelling time), the loadshape that could manifest itself on the system can still vary drastically depending on the specific *charging strategy*.

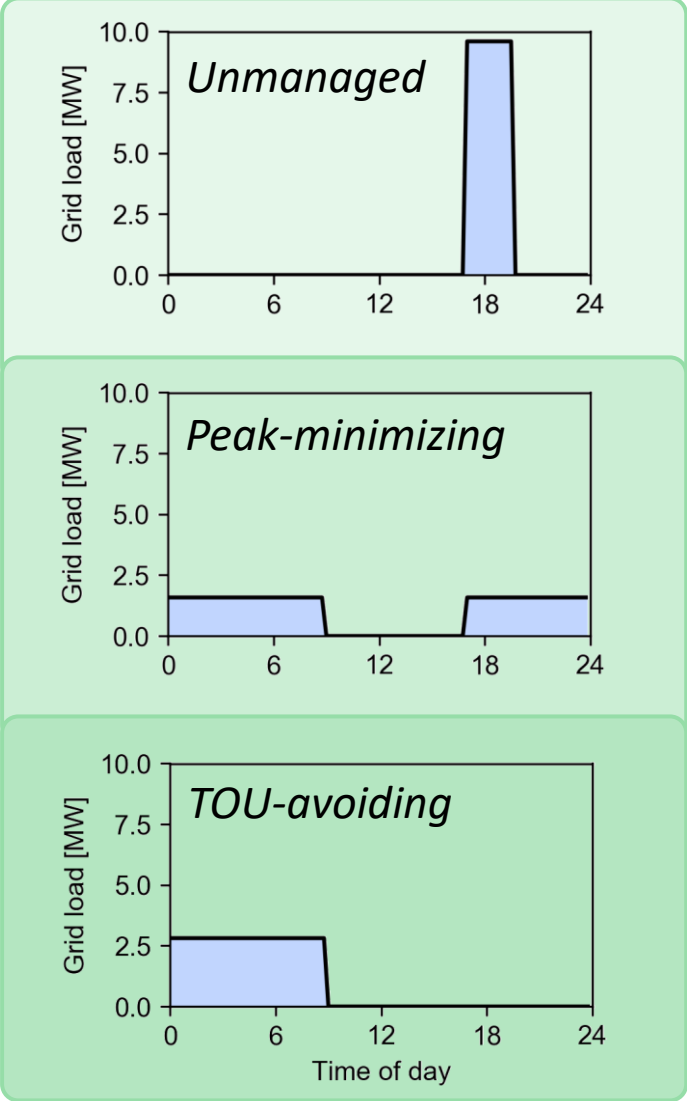


# Fleet charging loadshape can vary significantly

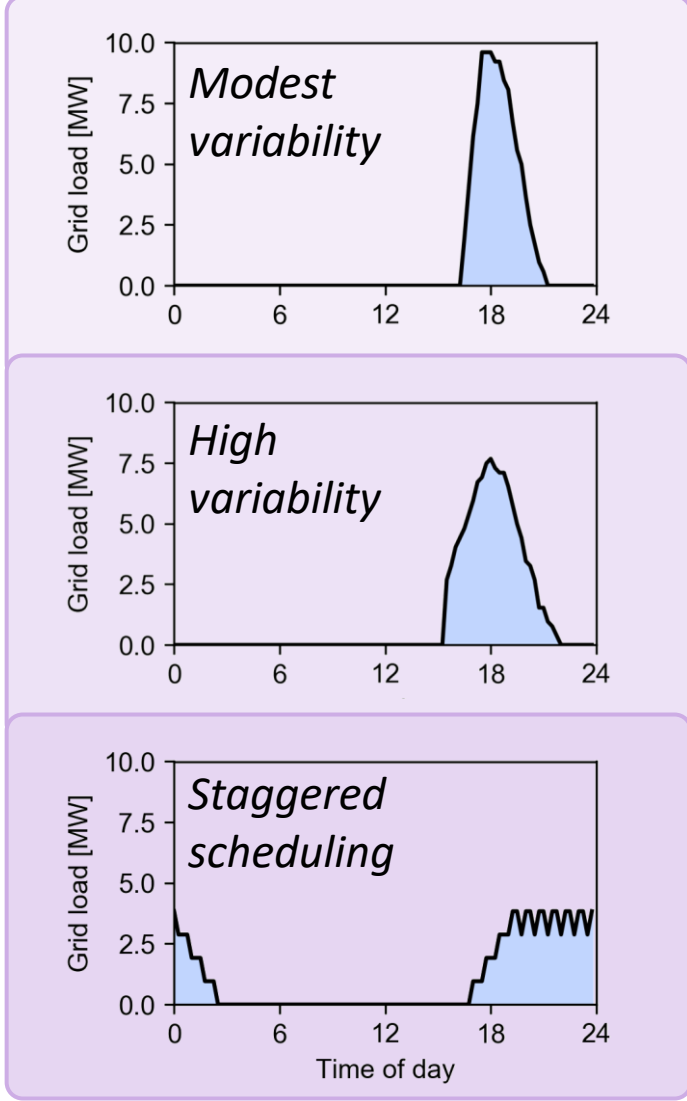
Loadshape can vary based on the **size of chargers**



Loadshape can vary based on the **load management strategy**



Loadshape can vary based on the **scheduling variability**



# On-Going Collaborative Project:

## Fleet Electrification Planning and Assessment

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**Objectives:** Supporting utilities in planning and preparing the grid for fleet electrification using advanced analytics and tools

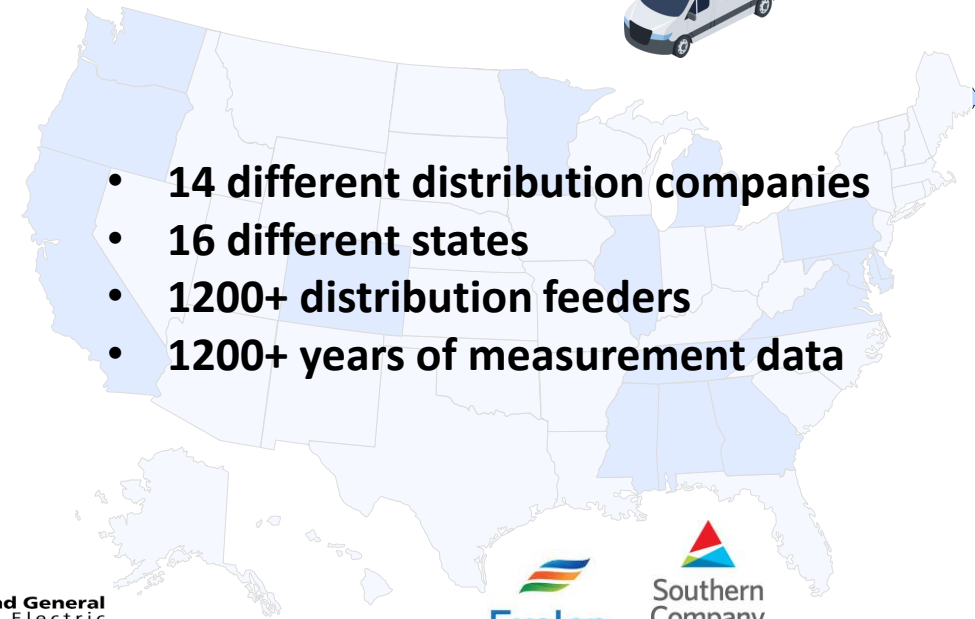
### Approach:

#### ■ Fleet Electrification Characterization

- *Fleet Travel Patterns and Needs Assessment*
- *Technology Maturity Assessment*
- *Charging Strategies and Applications*

#### ■ Grid Planning for Fleet Electrification

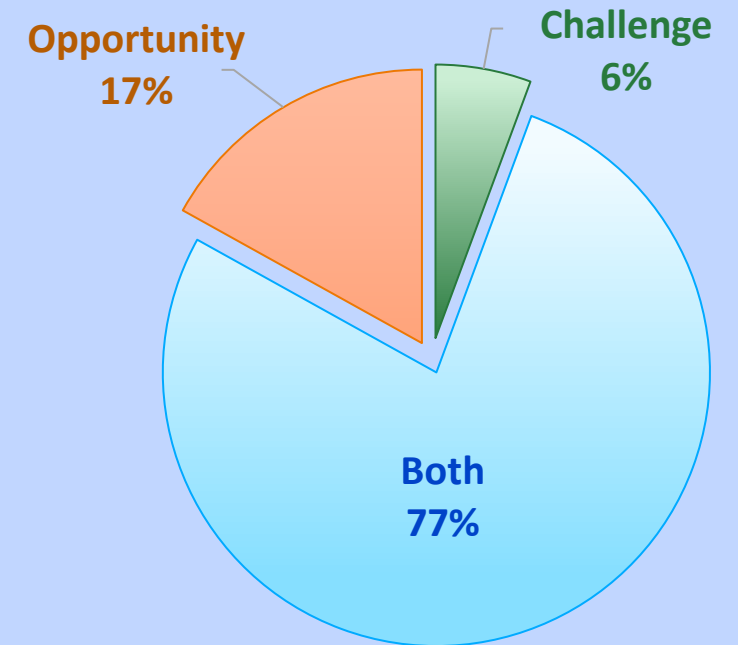
- *Assess system-wide grid electrification opportunity*
- *Future fleet electrification assessment*
- *Grid readiness and integration assessment*



# Final Thoughts

- Fleet electrification will **impact the grid differently** compared to traditional load growth.
- **Utility planning practices** may need to evolve to consider this flexible demand.
- Grid capacity may be available during off-peak hours.

DO YOU SEE FLEET ELECTRIFICATION AS A CHALLENGE OR AN OPPORTUNITY?



*Early customer / electric utility interaction will be paramount for an efficient and effective large-scale integration of electric vehicles.*



# Q & A / Discussion

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A blue-tinted photograph of four people standing in a row. From left to right: a man with curly hair and glasses wearing a white lab coat; a man with glasses wearing a white lab coat; a woman wearing a white hard hat and a dark polo shirt; and a man with glasses and a beard wearing a light-colored button-down shirt. The text 'Together...Shaping the Future of Energy®' is overlaid in white in the center.

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