

# What Plug-in Hybrid-Electric Vehicles Can Do for the Grid?

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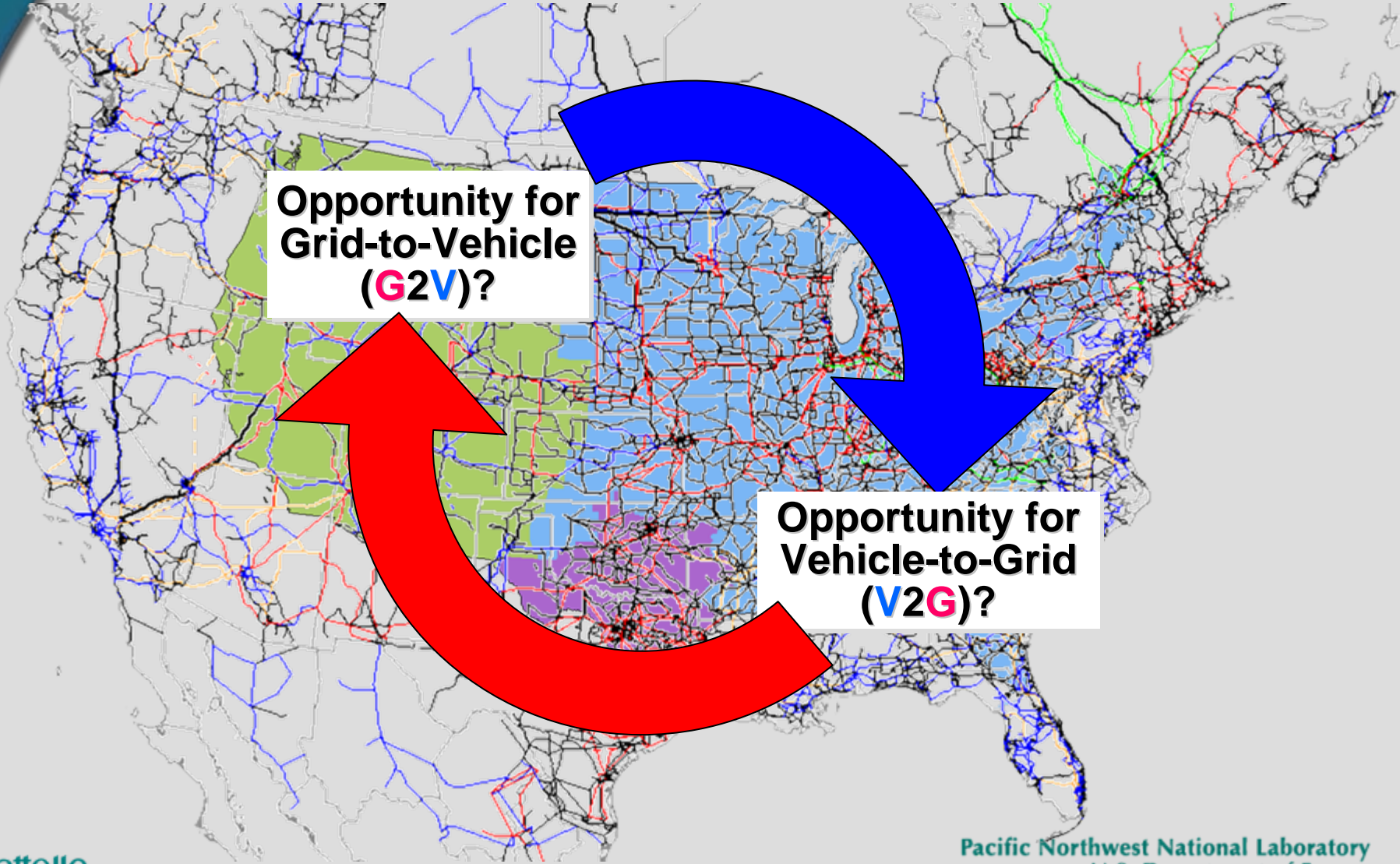
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# What is the Opportunity for PHEVs and EVs?



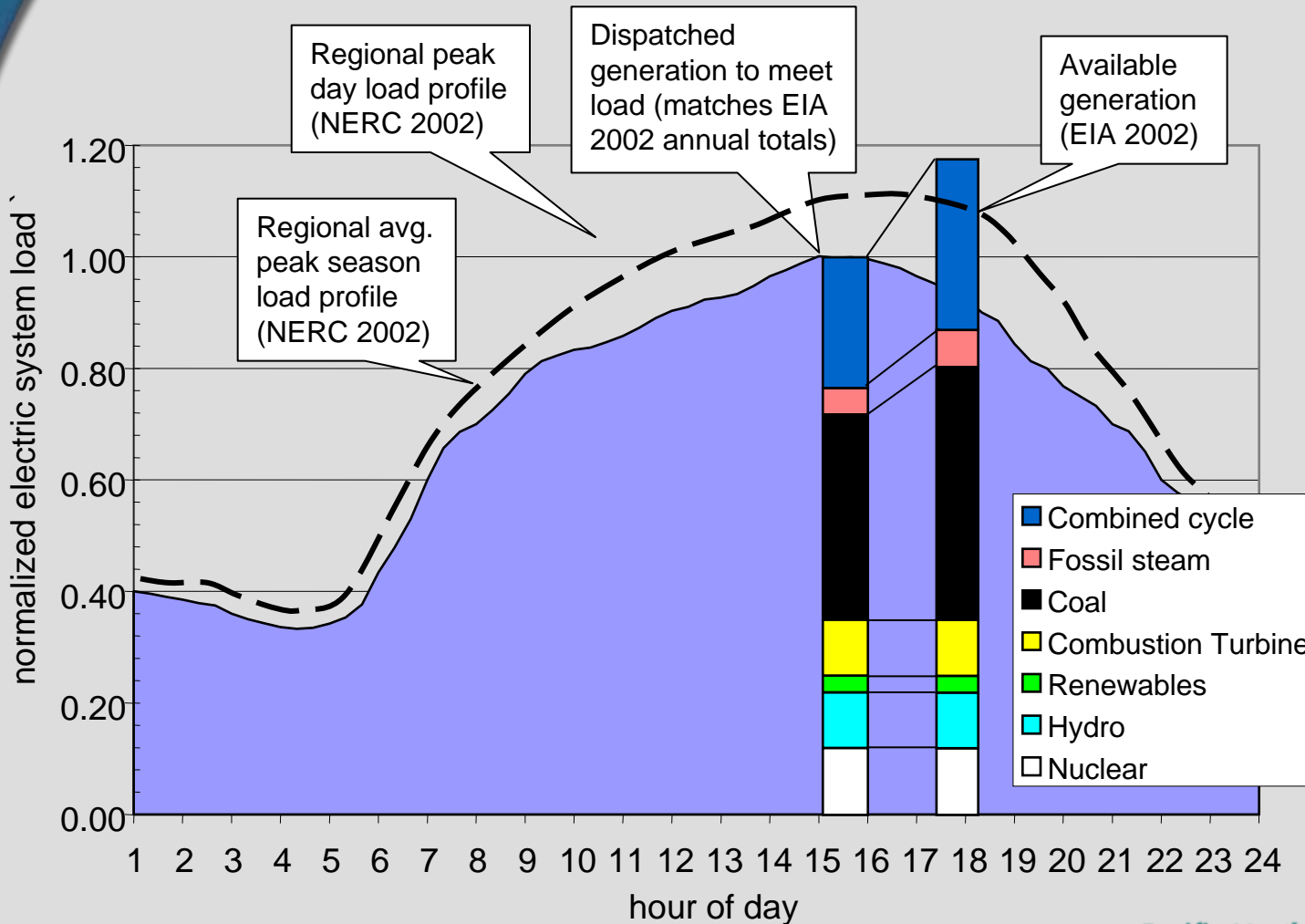
# Grid Impact Study\* of High Penetration Scenarios for PHEVs

*Can the U.S. electric grid become a strategic national asset for addressing our dependence on foreign oil?*

- ▶ How much energy could the idle capacity of the grid deliver for the U.S. light duty vehicle fleet (cars, pickups, SUVs, vans)?
  - assume grid looks much like today's (worst case; likely to be cleaner)
  - assume vehicle mix is unchanged (worst case; likely to be lighter)
  - i.e., don't allow outcome to be driven by assumptions about the future power plant mix or vehicle fleet
  
- ▶ What would be some of the impacts be on:
  - gasoline/crude oil displacement
  - emissions
  - utility revenue requirements

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# Fundamental Approach 1: Determine Available Marginal Generation

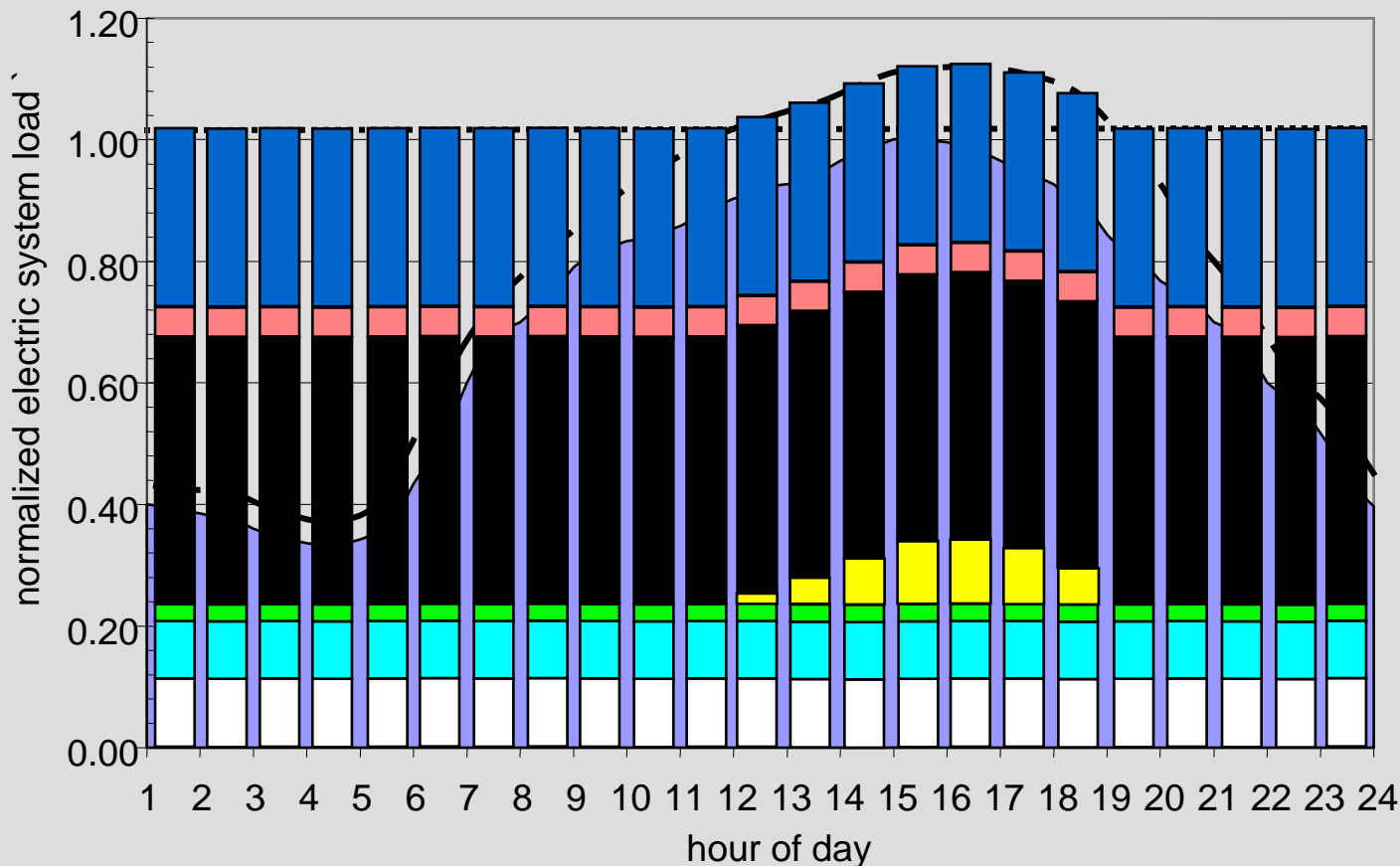


## Assumptions:

No additional generation from existing:

- Nuclear
- Hydro
- Renewables
- Combustion Turbines (peaking plants)

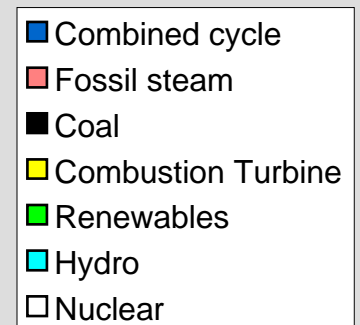
# Fundamental Approach 2: “Fill the Valley” in the Load Shape



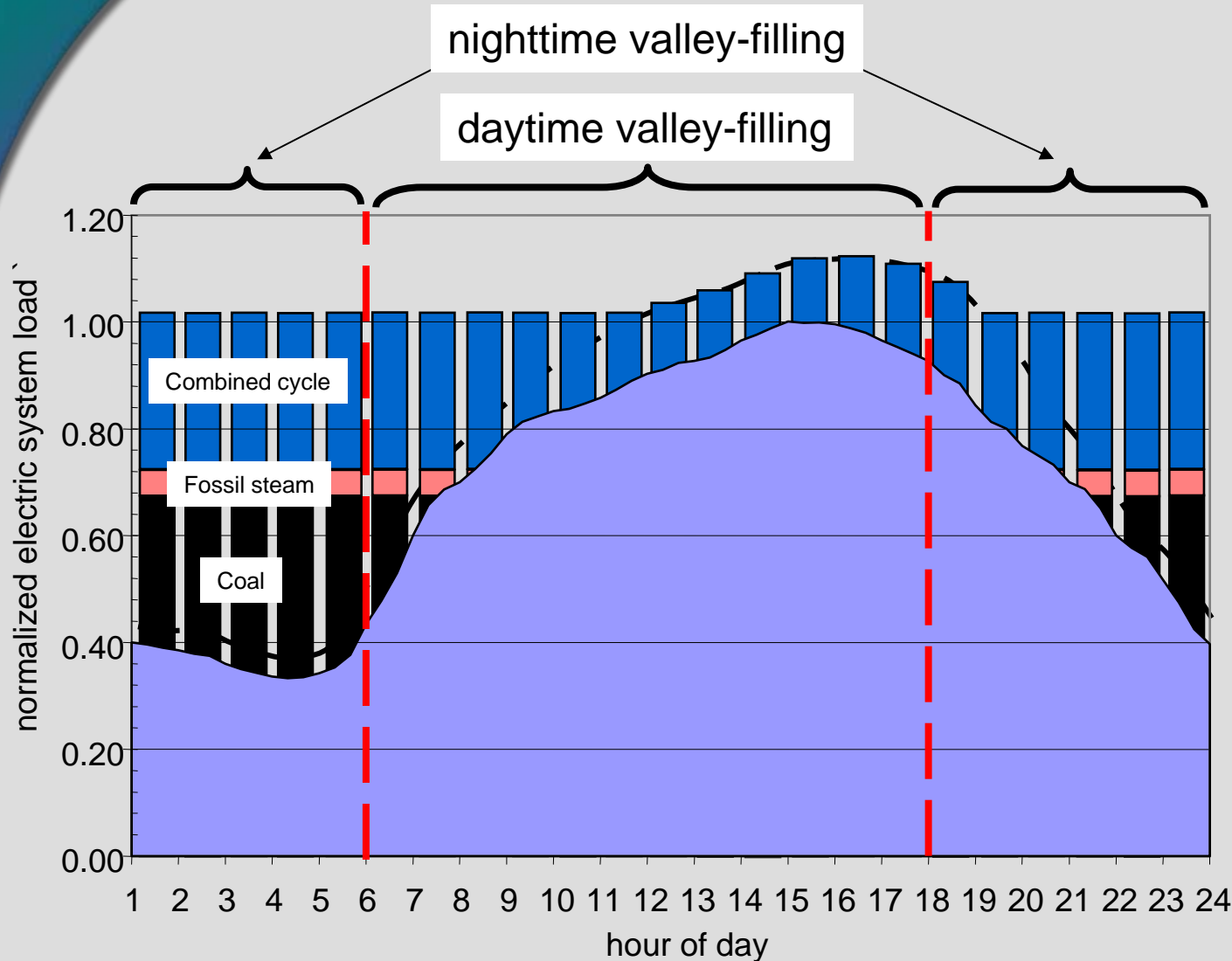
## Assumption:

Additional valley-filling generation constrained to lesser of:

- Available marginal generation @ 85% capacity factor
- Peak load



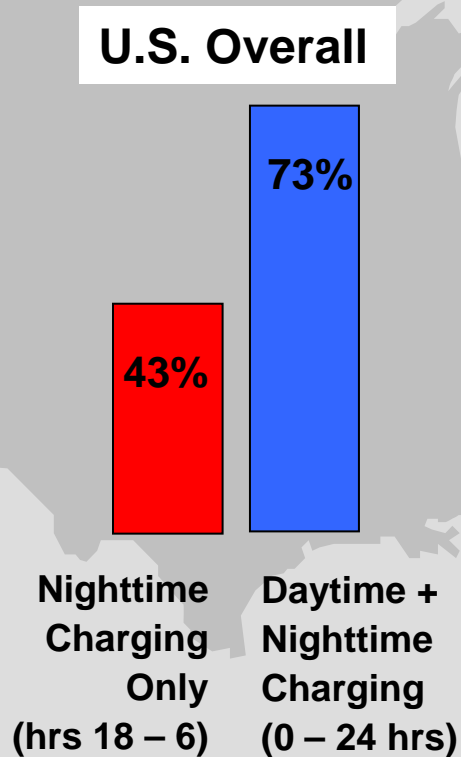
# Coal, Nat. Gas Power Plants Fill the Valley



## Summary

- ▶ Determine size of valley in MWh
  - Floor: average day in the peak season
  - Ceiling: lesser of available marginal generation @ 85% or peak load
- ▶ No marginal added generation in valley from:
  - Hydro
  - All other renewables
  - Nuclear
  - Peaking plants

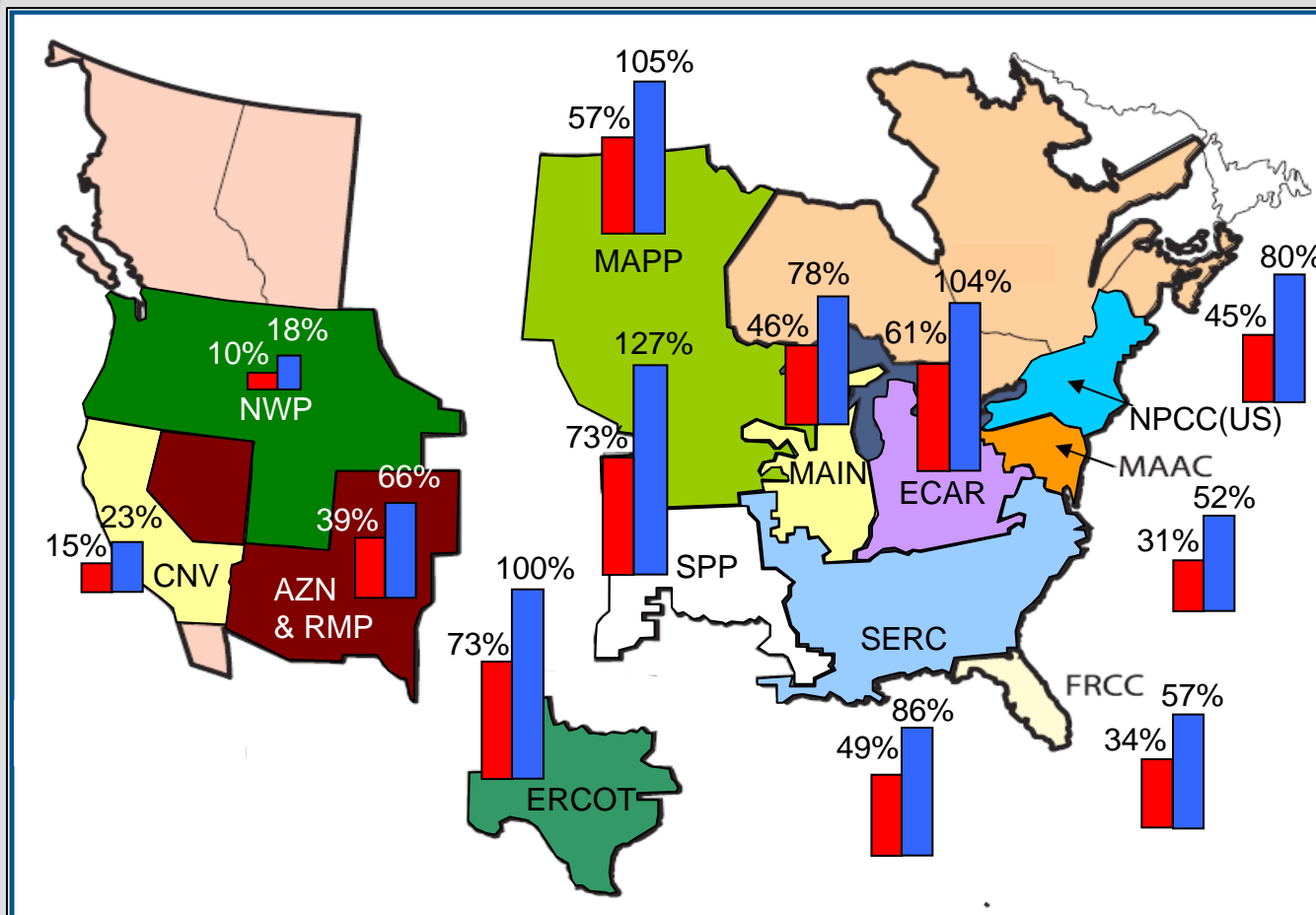
# Over 70% of the existing U.S. light-duty vehicle fleet (if PHEVs) could be fueled with available off-peak electric capacity



## Assumptions

- ▶ PHEV specific energy requirements (EPRI 2004):
  - Compact 0.26 kWh/mi
  - Mid-size 0.30 kWh/mi
  - Mid-size SUV/Vans 0.38 kWh/mi
  - Full-size SUV 0.46 kWh/mi
- ▶ 87% charger efficiency
- ▶ 85% battery efficiency
- ▶ 8% T&D loss

# Analysis by NERC Region\*



## Summary

- ◆ Midwest: support almost the entire LDV fleet
- ◆ East: somewhat smaller potential
- ◆ West: supports fewer vehicles

% figures denote the percentage of LDV fleet supported by idle electric capacity

# Increased Sales of Electricity from PHEVs Produce Downward Pressure on Electricity Rates\*

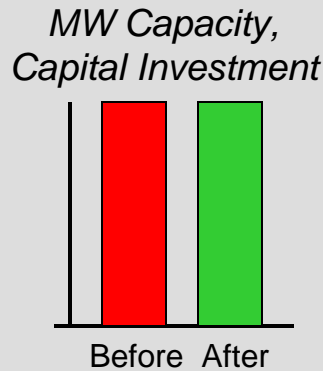
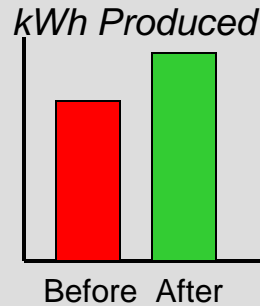
Increased sales

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Same infrastructure, same capital investment

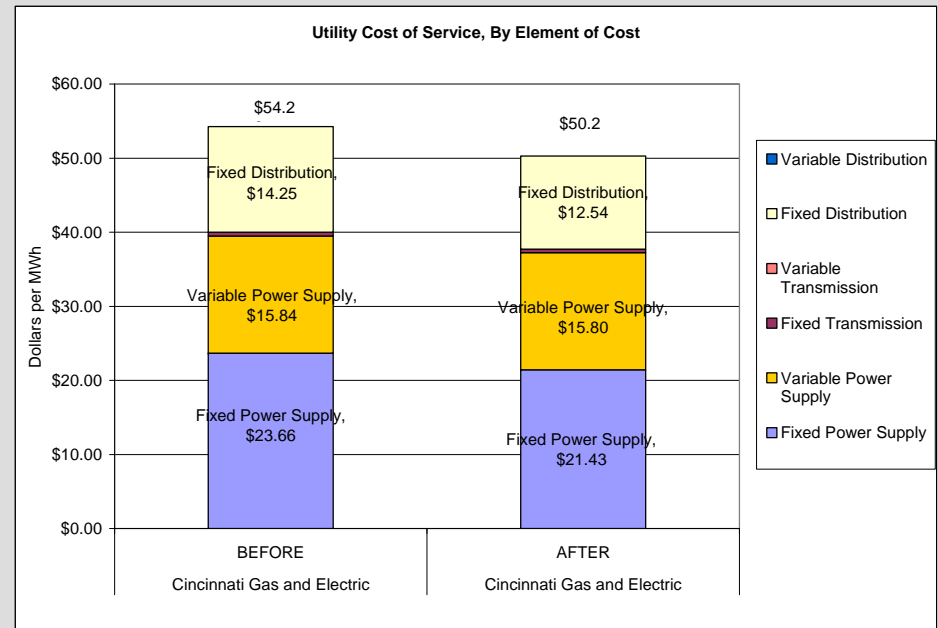
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Lower electricity rates



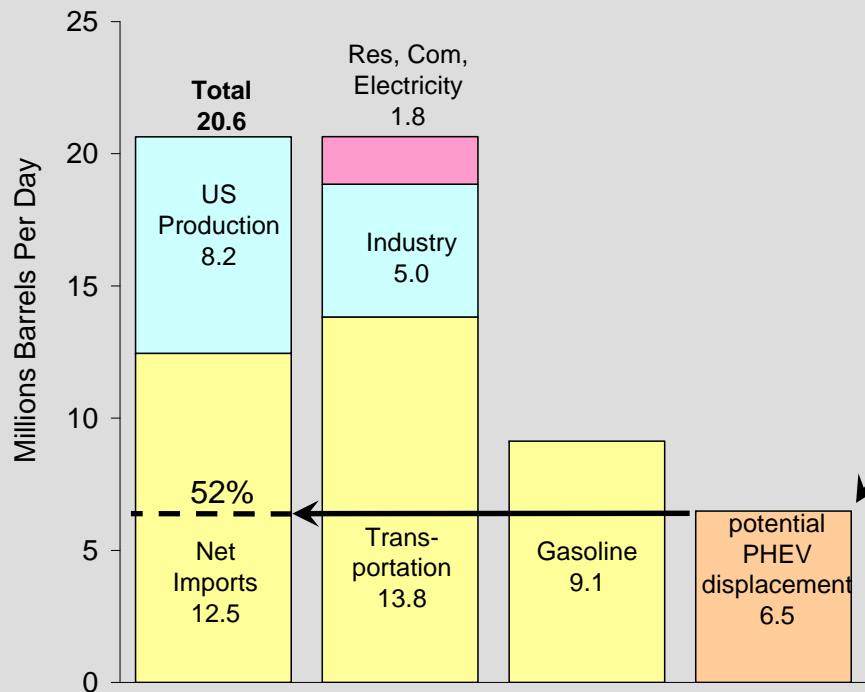
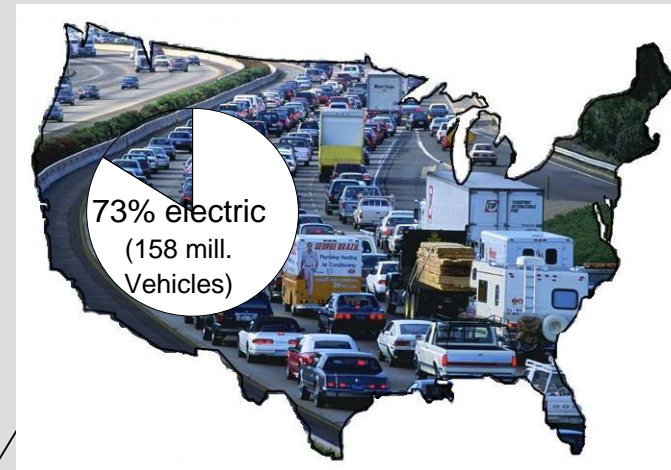
\* analysis of Cincinnati Gas & Electric and San Diego Gas & Electric

*Cincinnati Gas & Electric Costs/MWh with PHEV Valley Filling*



# Opportunity of National Significance

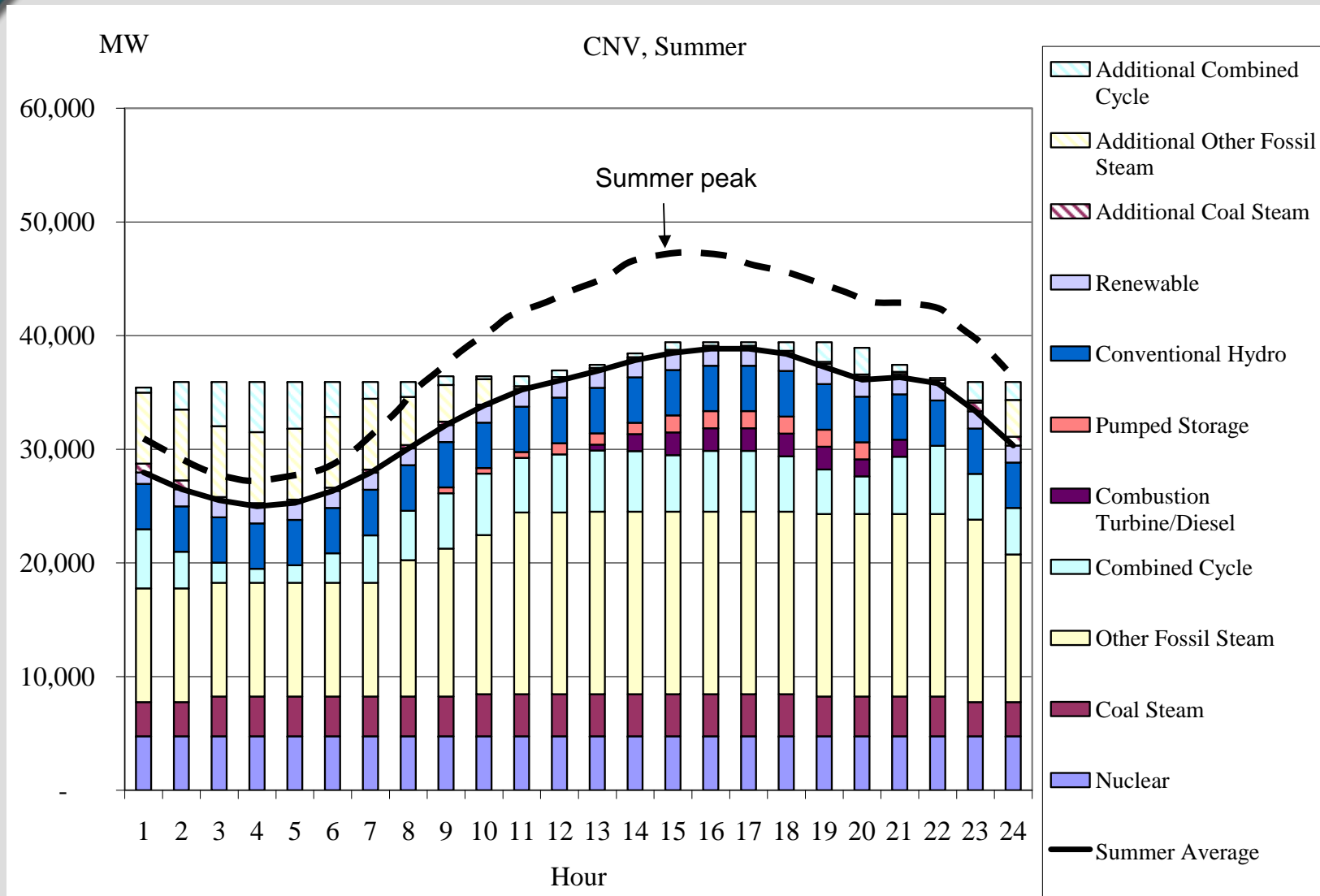
The idle capacity of the U.S. grid could supply 73% of the energy needs of today's cars, SUVs, pickup trucks, and vans...  
without adding generation or transmission



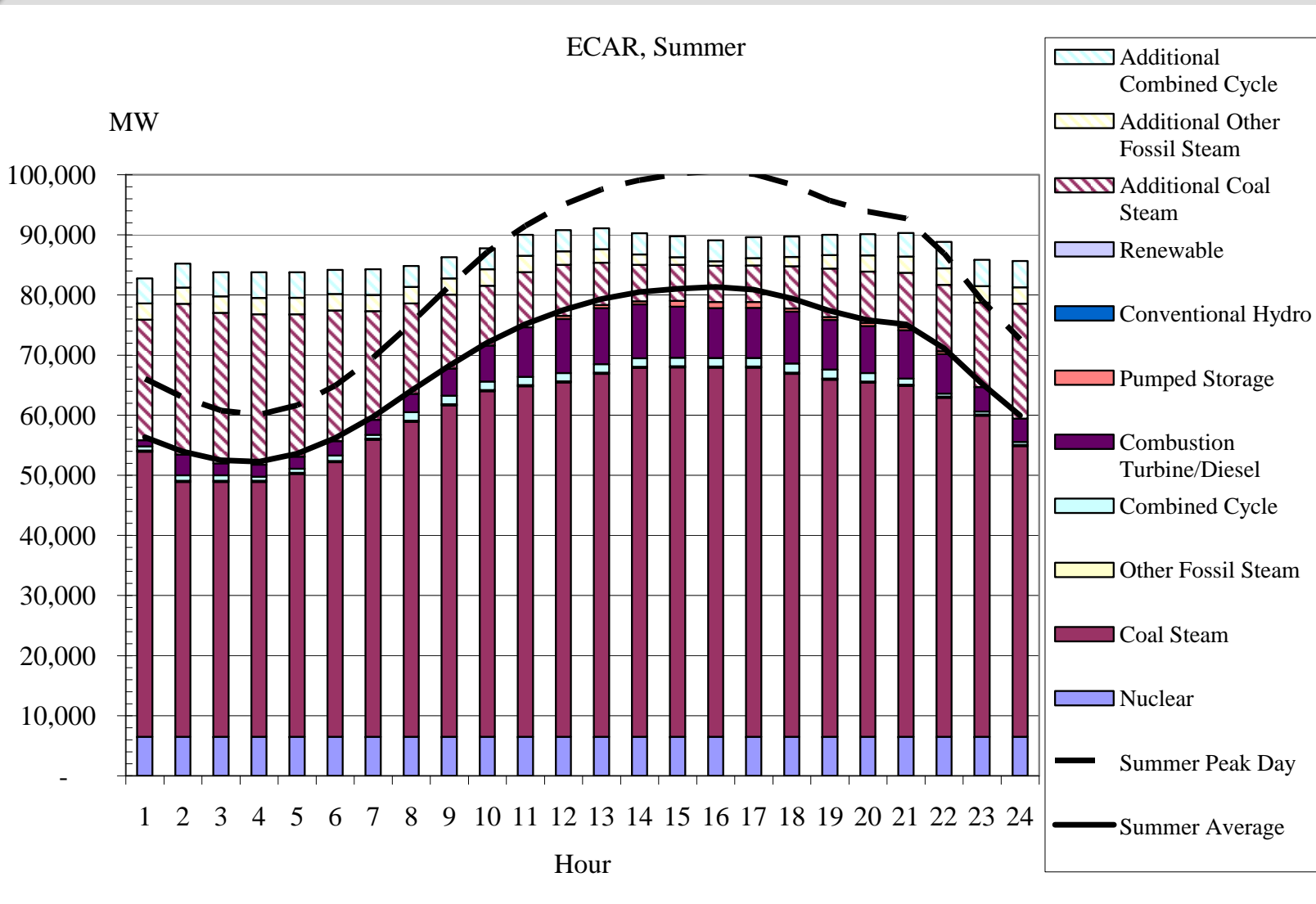
Source: EIA, Annual Energy Review 2005

- ▶ Potential to displace 52% of net oil imports (6.7 MMbpd)
- ▶ More sales + same infrastructure = downward pressure on rates
- ▶ Reduces CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by 27%
- ▶ Emissions move from tailpipes to smokestacks (and base load plants) ... cheaper to clean up
- ▶ Introduces vast electricity storage potential for the grid

# Current Generation and “Valley-Filling” CNV, Summer



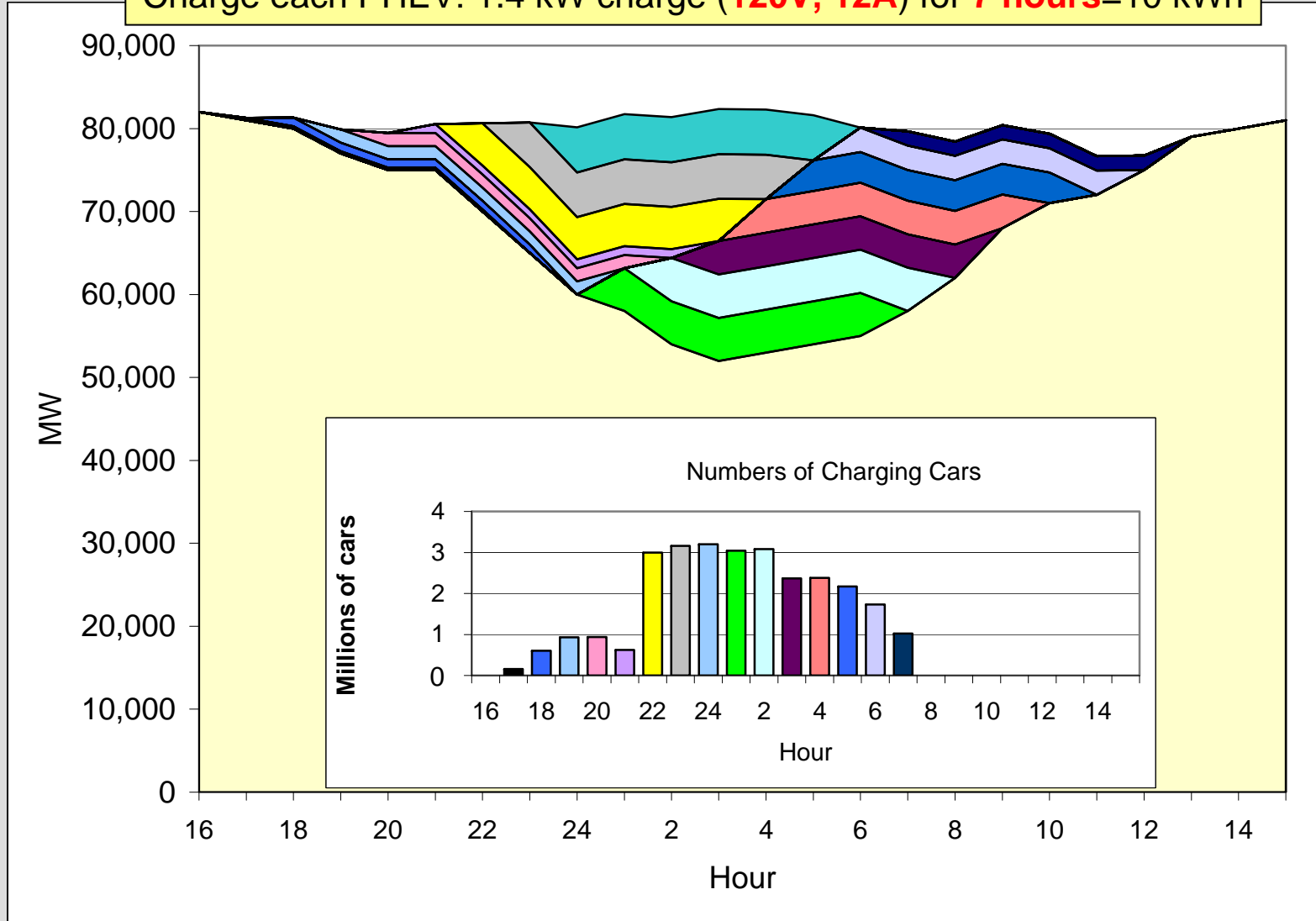
# Current Generation and "Valley-Filling" ECAR, Summer



# Perfect Valley Filling

## ECAR Summer Load Profile

Charge each PHEV: 1.4 kW charge (**120V, 12A**) for **7 hours**=10 kWh



# Smart Grid Can Deliver Electricity to Millions of PHEVs

## ELECTRIFYING THE TRANSPORTATION SECTOR WITH Plug-in Hybrid Electric Vehicles

*The Smart Grid Can Deliver*



"It's in our vital interest to diversify America's energy supply – the way forward is through technology.... We need to press on with battery research for plug-in and hybrid vehicles...." – *George Bush*

"Unused off-peak U.S. grid capacity could supply 70% of the energy for today's light vehicles and reduce foreign oil imports by 50%, without adding generation or transmission." – *Pacific Northwest National Laboratory*

"Nationwide adoption of plug-in hybrids will increase the use of domestically produced electricity and can ultimately reduce greenhouse gas emissions by up to 800 million tons per year." – *EPRI*

"Rarely in history has an emerging technology offered such an attractive opportunity ... as both a new load and resource, to enhance overall performance of the electric power infrastructure." – *National Renewable Energy Laboratory*

"Working with automakers and local utilities, we need to understand how large numbers of PHEVs will be used, and their effect on the grid." – *University of Michigan*

# Why Is There So Much Talk About V2G?

## ▶ Customer's perspective:

- PHEV economics are unclear given other competing alternatives. Revenue (cash-back) for grid-services may provide more economic incentives for rapid market growth
- V2H (vehicle-to-home) provides backup power

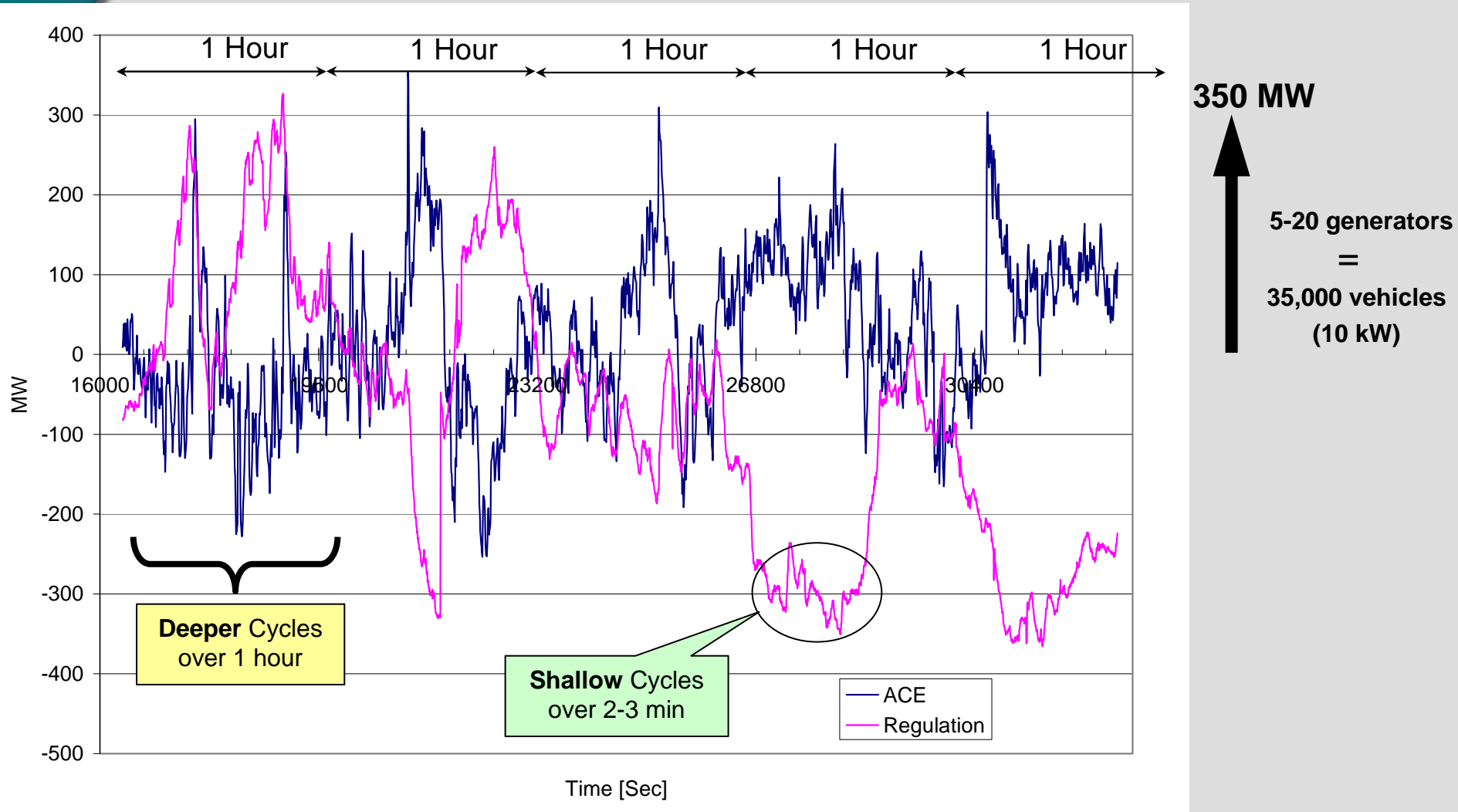
## ▶ Utility's perspective:

- Energy storage is desirable for grid operation
  - Regulation and spin reserve purpose
  - Economic dispatch
- Meeting growing ancillary services requirements because of RPS
  - CAISO: Current regulation: 350 MW, with RPS: 500-700 MW
  - BPA: Current regulation: 150 MW, with RPS: 500+ MW
- Innovative ownership model of PHEV batteries
  - Leasing to Owner
  - Re-purposing batteries after life for transportation
- Carbon credits

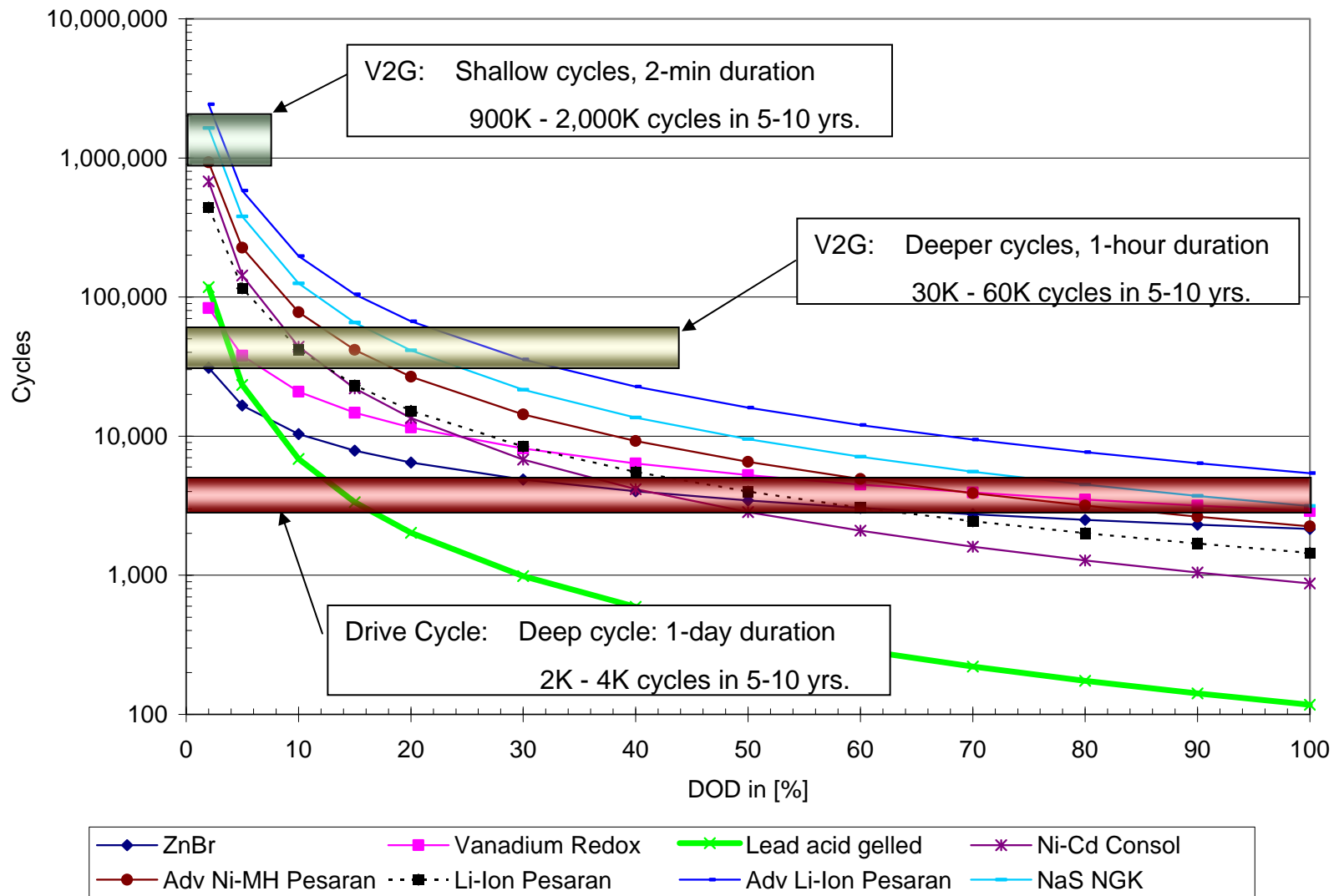
# Migration from Smart Charging to V2G

- ▶ Smart charging is:
  - Grid-aware
  - Cash-back from regulation services (\$2 - \$5K) to offset the higher first cost of
  - Batteries
  - Communications
  - Metering

# Regulation Signals for California

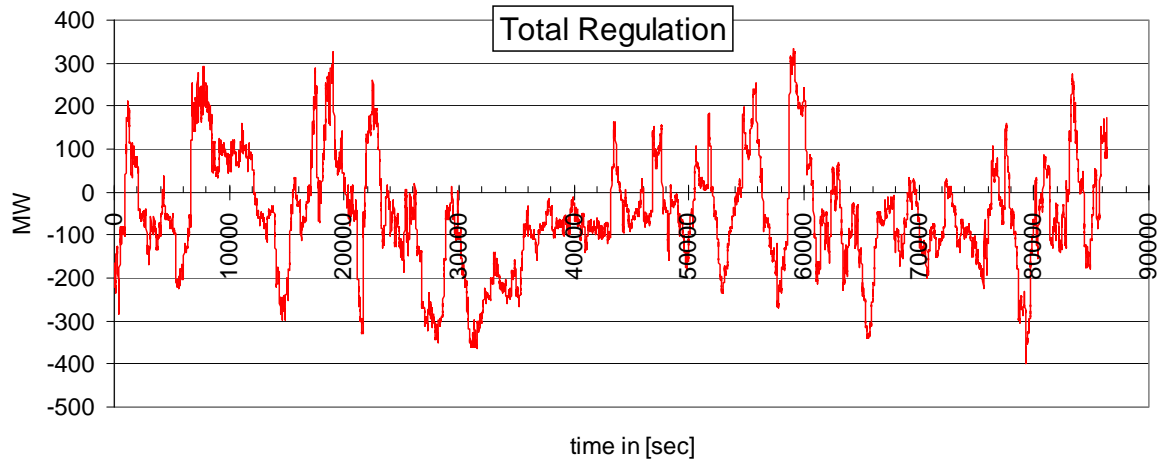


# Multi-Use of Batteries Impacts Life

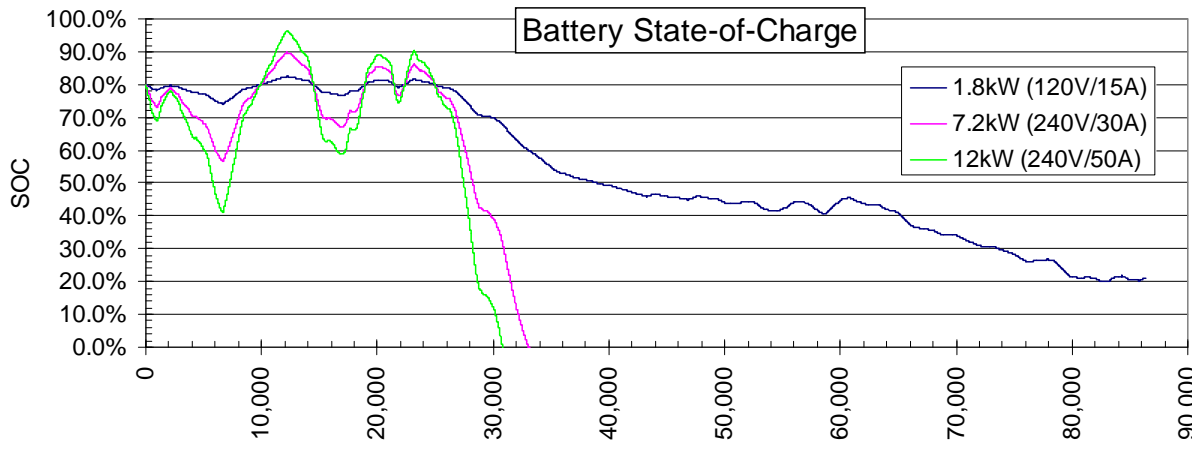


Assumed: resource availability (acc. AC Propulsion): 5 days/week, Home: 5:30pm-7:30am, Work: 8:00am – 5:00pm

# V2G Control Strategies Need To Be Developed



- ▶ Battery needs to be first topped off to provide maximum swing. SOC is expected to be low when arriving
- ▶ lower/upper bounds need to be set by customer and communicated to grid-operator (impact to resource size)
- ▶ Integral of regulation up/down may not be zero during duration of service (home/work) leading to drainage of battery. Normalization of regulation up/down with zero energy exchange required.

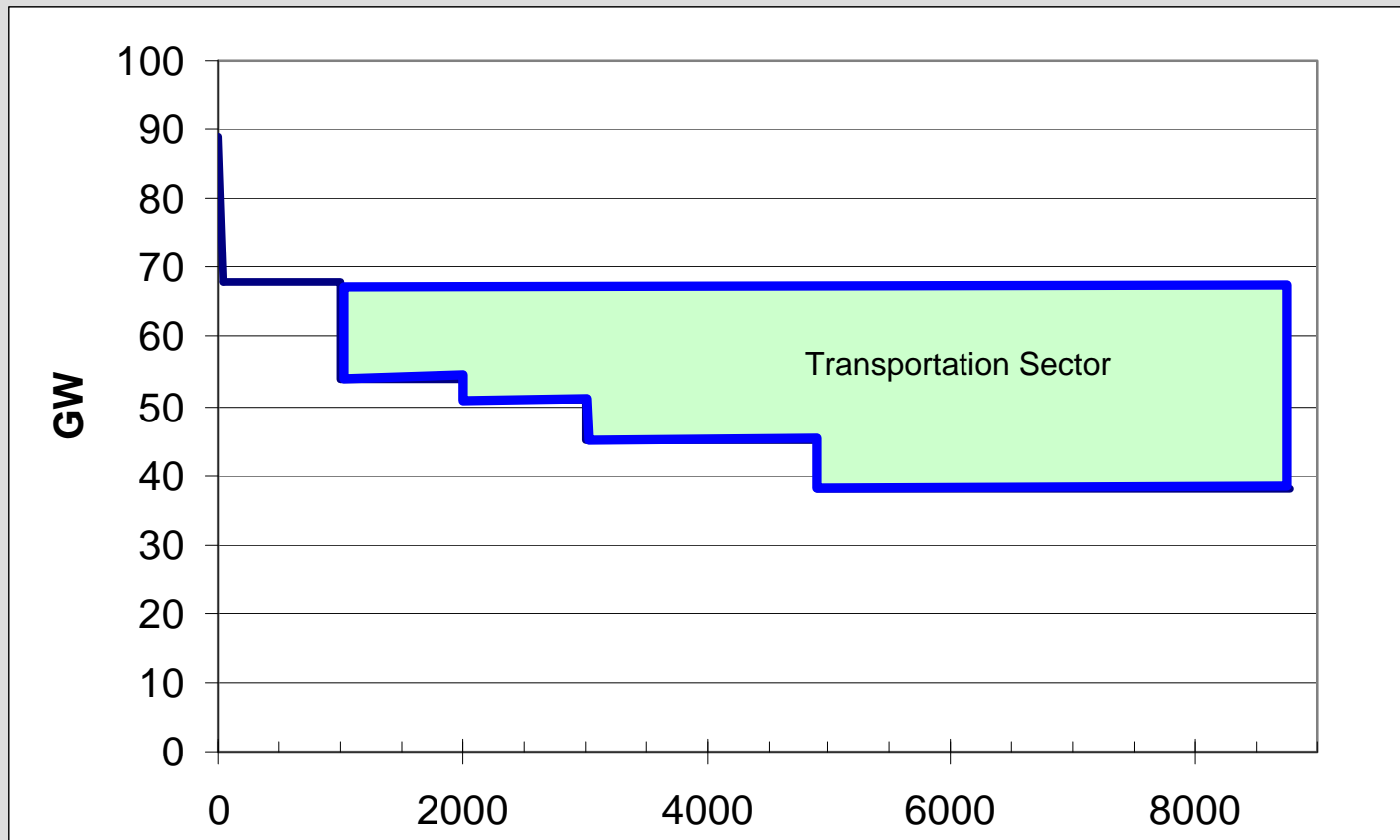


# Workshop Questions

- ▶ Where are the major inefficiencies and losses in the power system (excl. generation and end-use)?
  - Insufficient load participation in ancillary services
    - Operationally, load resources are much faster responding to contingencies than generators
    - Economically, loads can be cost effective
  - Low utilization of entire electric infrastructure
    - 50% for the generation \*
    - <50% for T&D

\* EIA, for 2006. Total generation 4096 TWh, total capacity: 930 GW

# How Could the Grid of the Future Be Operated ?



# Workshop Question (cont.)

- ▶ What are breakthroughs are needed?
  - Low cost electric energy storage
  - New control paradigms (migration from central control to hybrid central/distributed control)
    - Integration into Microgrid
  - New analytical tools for complex infrastructure development
- ▶ What are the enabling technologies
  - Ubiquitous communications

# Additional Slides