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INNOVATING THE ENERGY TRANSITION

Electric vehicle charging sessions generator based on clustered driver behaviors



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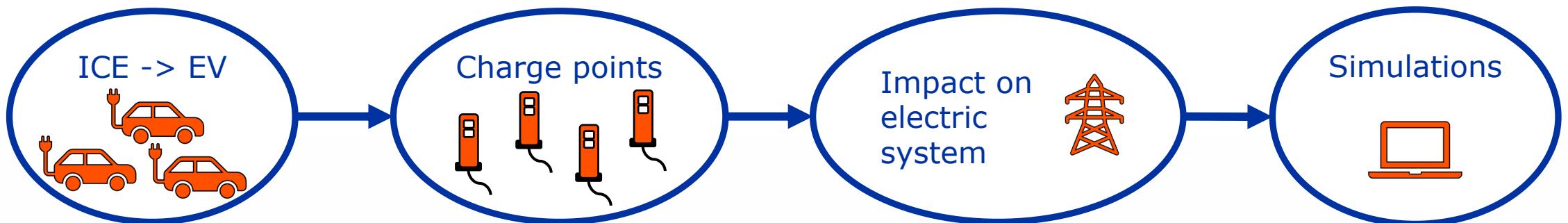
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## 1) CONTEXT

### PROBLEM AND OBJECTIVE



Problem to tackle:

- Simulations require data -> In particular for drivers' behavior (= charging events)

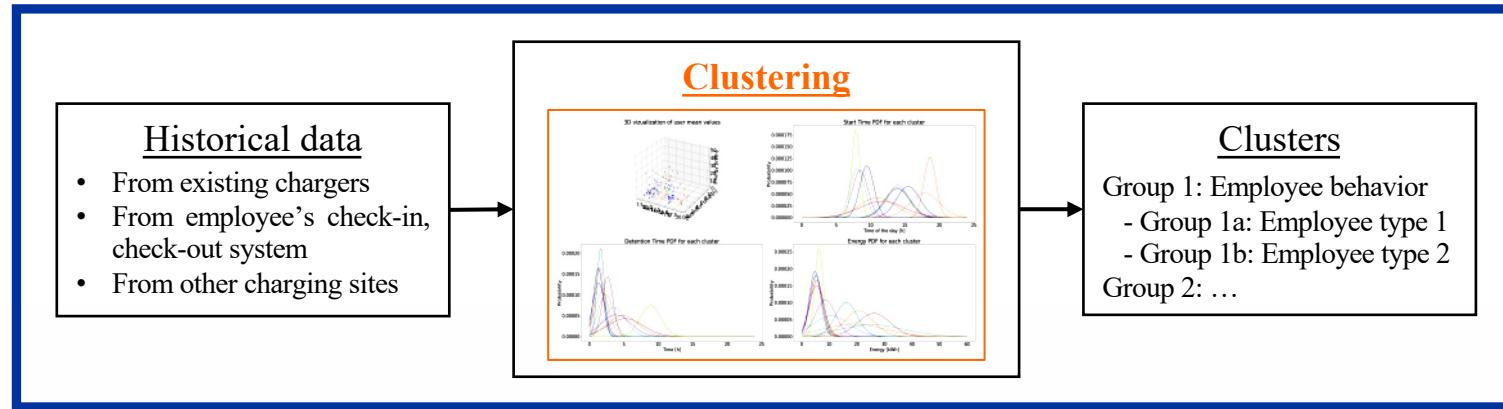
Goal of this research:

- Generate **electric vehicle charging sessions** for **particular charging sites** with particular **driver profiles** as input data for simulations

## 2) METHODOLOGY

### IN TWO STEPS

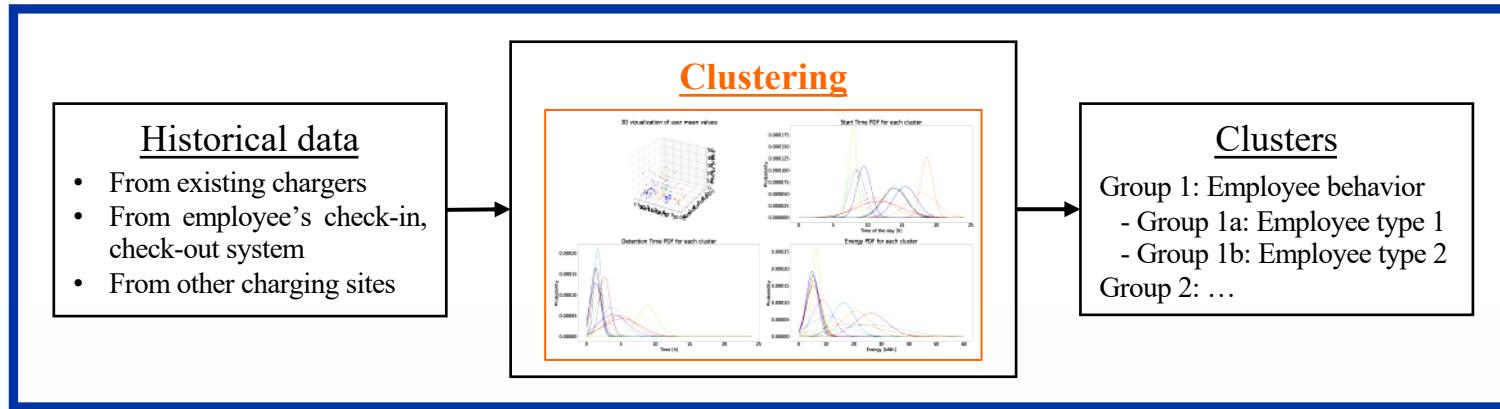
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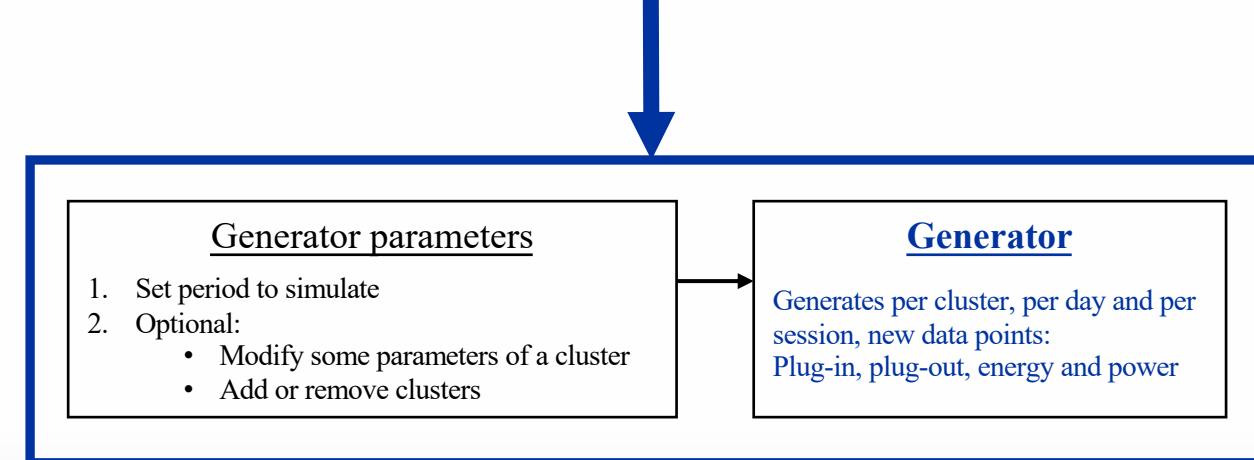
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### IN TWO STEPS

#### STEP 1: Analysis



#### STEP 2: Generator



## 2) METHODOLOGY

### A) ANALYSIS - CLUSTERING

Goal of the analysis:

- Identify types of drivers (=groups of drivers) with similar charging behavior

How:

- Using k-means clustering algorithm

Two levels clustering:

- Level 1) Cluster plug-in time, parking time and energy consumed
  - These three parameters are usually available in OCPP protocol
- Level 2) Cluster the frequency of charging
  - To differentiate drivers with different frequency of charging

## 2) METHODOLOGY

### B) GENERATOR

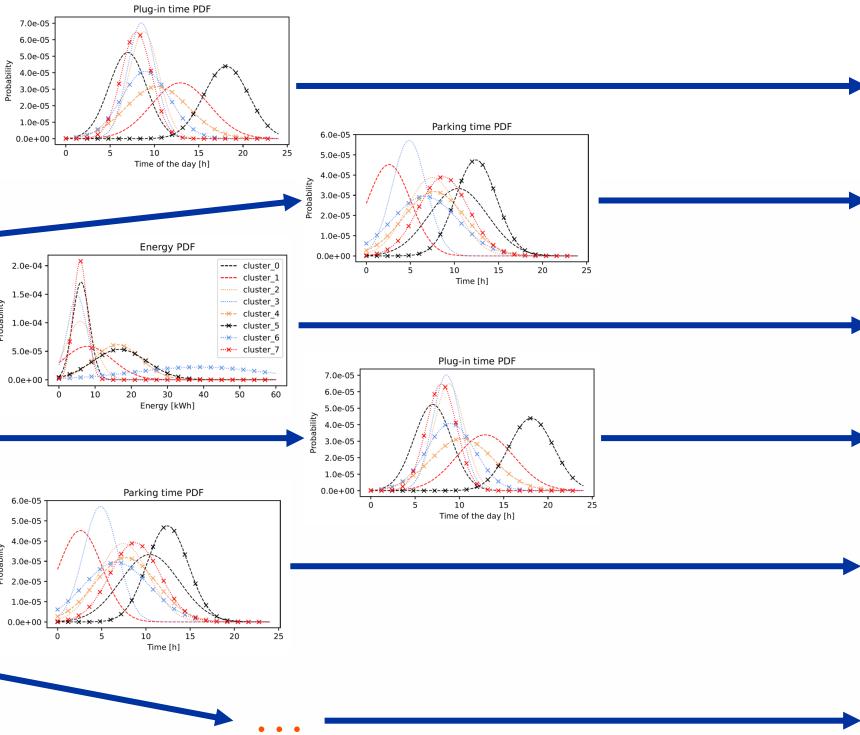
#### EXTRACT CHARACTERISTICS

CLUSTERS

1

2

...



Generates charging sessions:

- 1) Per day
- 2) Per cluster
- 3) With associated plug-in time, parking time and energy needs

## 3) RESULTS

### A) USE CASE OF A HOSPITAL PARKING

Use case:

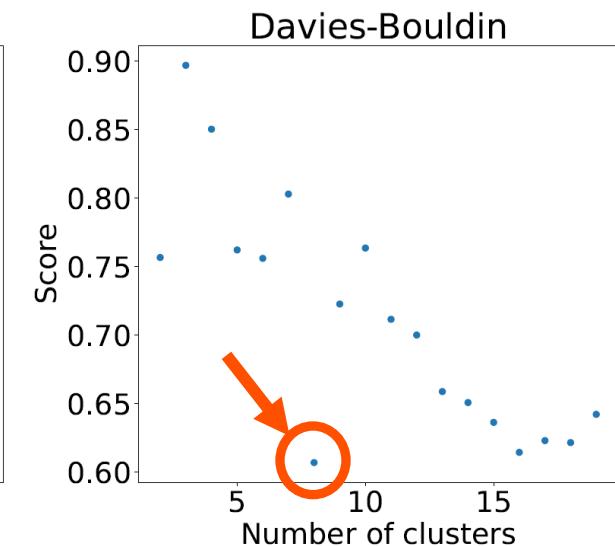
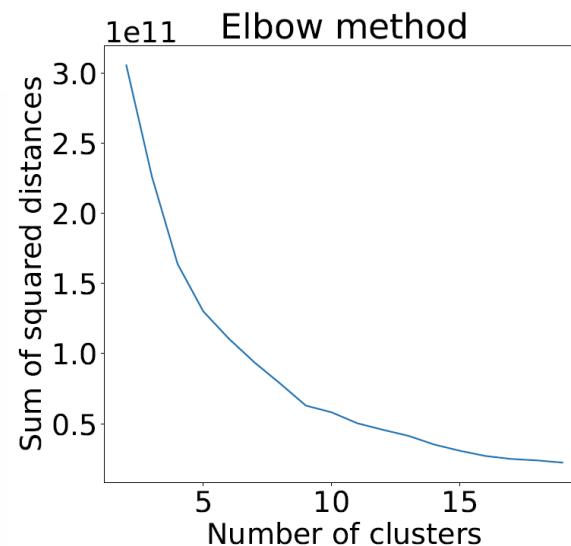
- Hospital parking
  - 6 chargers of 2 times 22 kW maximum charging power (Type 2)
  - Existing historical data between mid 2018 and beginning 2020
- Objective:
  - Assess impact of adding new electric vehicle drivers to the hospital parking lot

## 3) RESULTS

### B) CLUSTERING OF DRIVERS

Find number of clusters using specific scores

- Elbow method = not straightforward
- Davies-Boudin score = lowest score is 8 clusters



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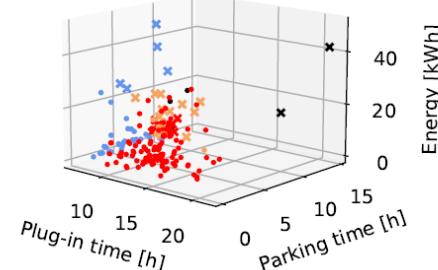
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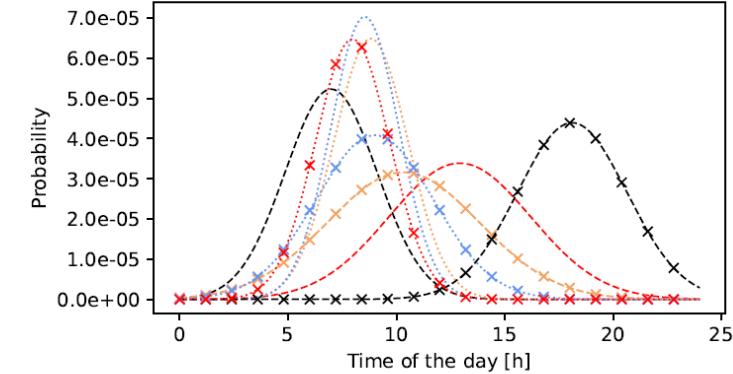
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Check and analyze the clusters

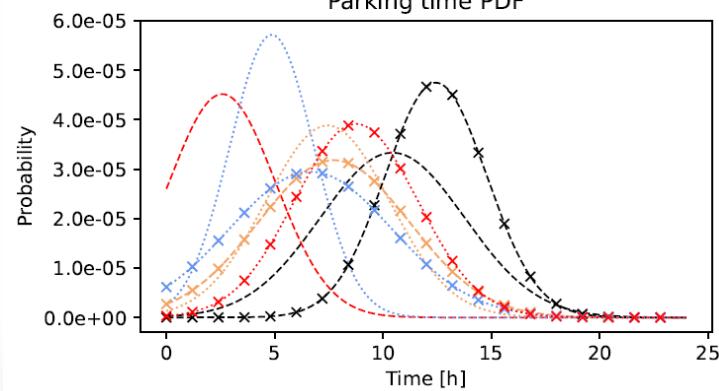
Clustered data points



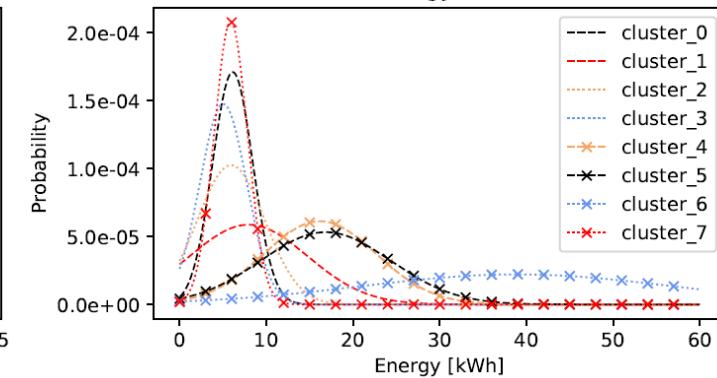
Plug-in time PDF



Parking time PDF



Energy PDF



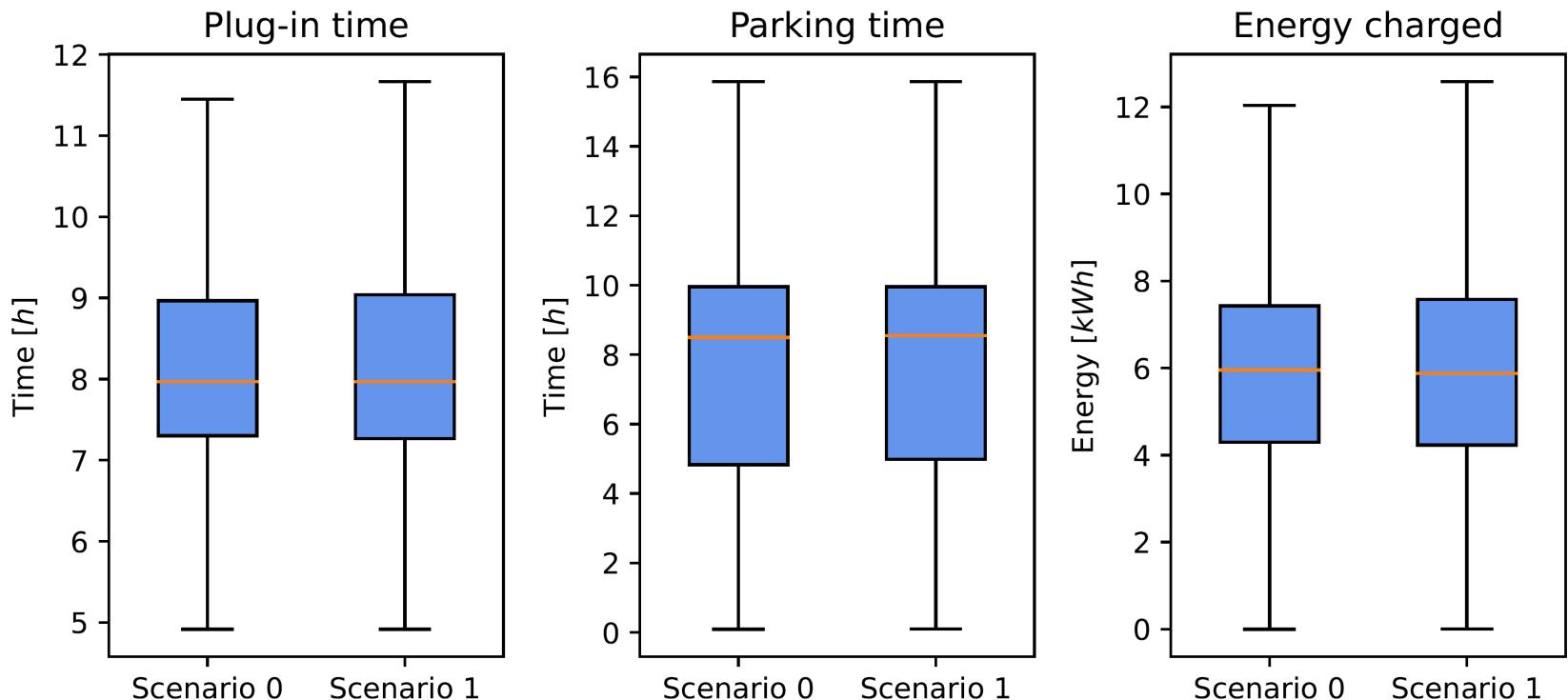
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### B) VALIDATION

#### Scenarios:

- Scenario 0: Real historical charging sessions data
- Scenario 1: Recreating scenario 0 with the generator

Figure: Boxplot analysis for scenario 0 and scenario 1



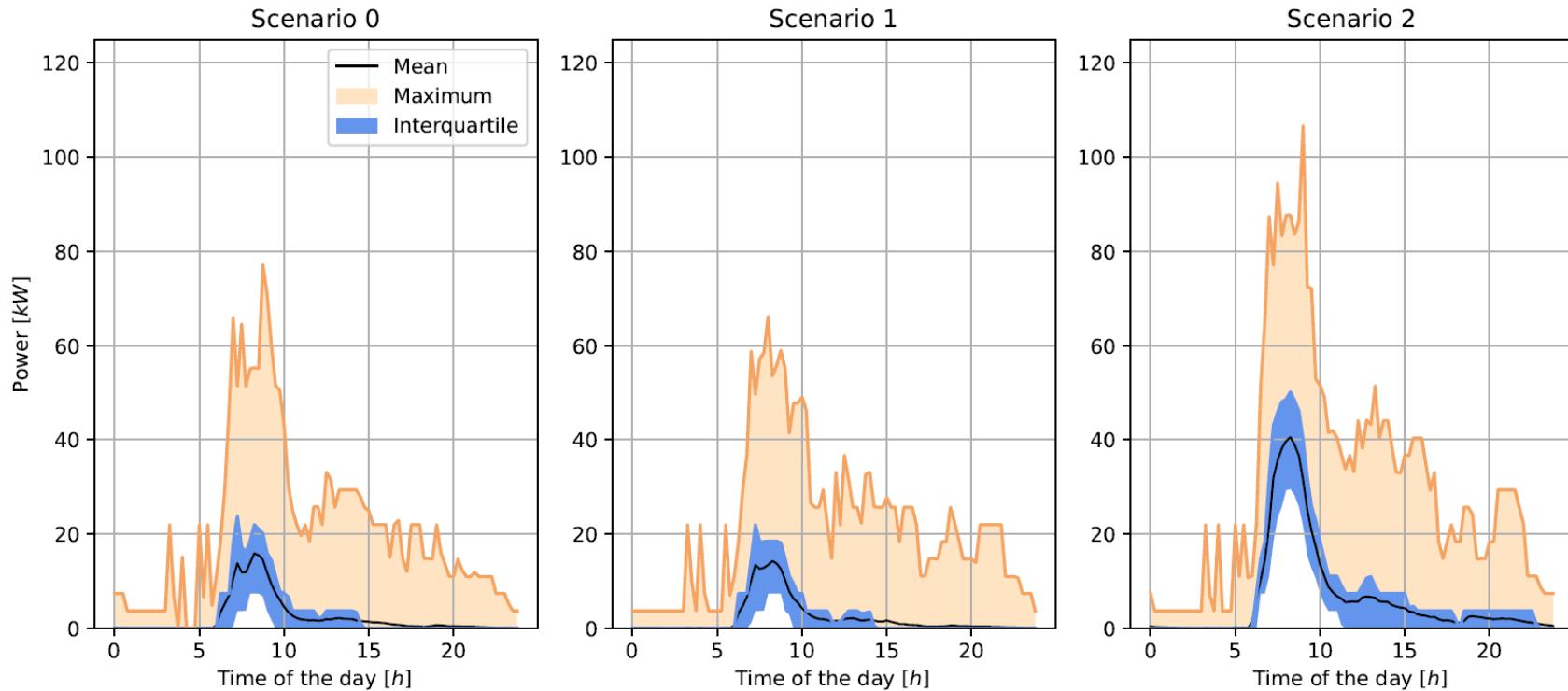
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### C) SIMULATION EXAMPLE

#### Scenarios:

- Scenario 0: Real historical charging sessions data
- Scenario 1: Recreating scenario 0 with the generator
- Scenario 2: Double the number of drivers of specific clusters

Figure: Yearly power demand, averaged over one day, using uncoordinated charging



# CONCLUSION

- Methodology to generate electric vehicle charging sessions for particular charging sites
  - Using historical data
  - Differentiates between driver profiles
- Methodology is applied to a use case
- Results show:
  - Good fit between generated and historical data
  - Methodology is able to calculate future EV transition scenarios
  - Can be used as input for simulations



## QUESTIONS ?



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### 3) RESULTS

#### B) CLUSTERING RESULTS

- Many morning arrivals but with different parking time and energy consumption
- The number of subclusters is shown in last column

Cluster ID	# of sessions	# of drivers	Plug-in time (mean value)	Parking time (mean value)	Energy (mean in [kWh])	Sub-Clusters
Cluster 0	350	4	Morning (06h59)	Very long (10h25)	Low (6.11)	2
Cluster 1	458	105	Afternoon (12h55)	Short (02h34)	Low (7.59)	3
Cluster 2	782	10	Morning (08h49)	Long (07h26)	Low (5.92)	3
Cluster 3	419	29	Morning (08h32)	Mid (04h52)	Low (5.02)	4
Cluster 4	170	10	Morning (10h19)	Long (07h43)	Mid (16.18)	2
Cluster 5	40	2	Afternoon (18h06)	Very long (12h26)	Mid (16.83)	2
Cluster 6	39	5	Morning (09h00)	Long (06h39)	High (38.88)	2
Cluster 7	1664	14	Morning (07h58)	Long (08h45)	Low (5.89)	4