

# Approach for Modeling Evaporative Emissions in MOVES

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## Evaporative emissions a combination of many processes

Non-Fuel Emissions

Fuel Vapor Venting

Refueling Vapor

Fuel Permeation

MOBILE6 estimates evap contributes roughly half of the on-road summer VOC inventory



Refueling Spillage

Liquid Leaks

# Objectives for MOVES evaporative component

- **Use most recent data**
- **Better allocation of evaporative emissions by space and time**
  - Evaporative emissions no longer coupled to VMT
- **Dynamically consistent activity information**
  - Trip starts, trip ends, soak times, trip times by hour
- **Explicit treatment of EtOH permeation**
  - Improve inventory
  - Energy Policy Act analysis

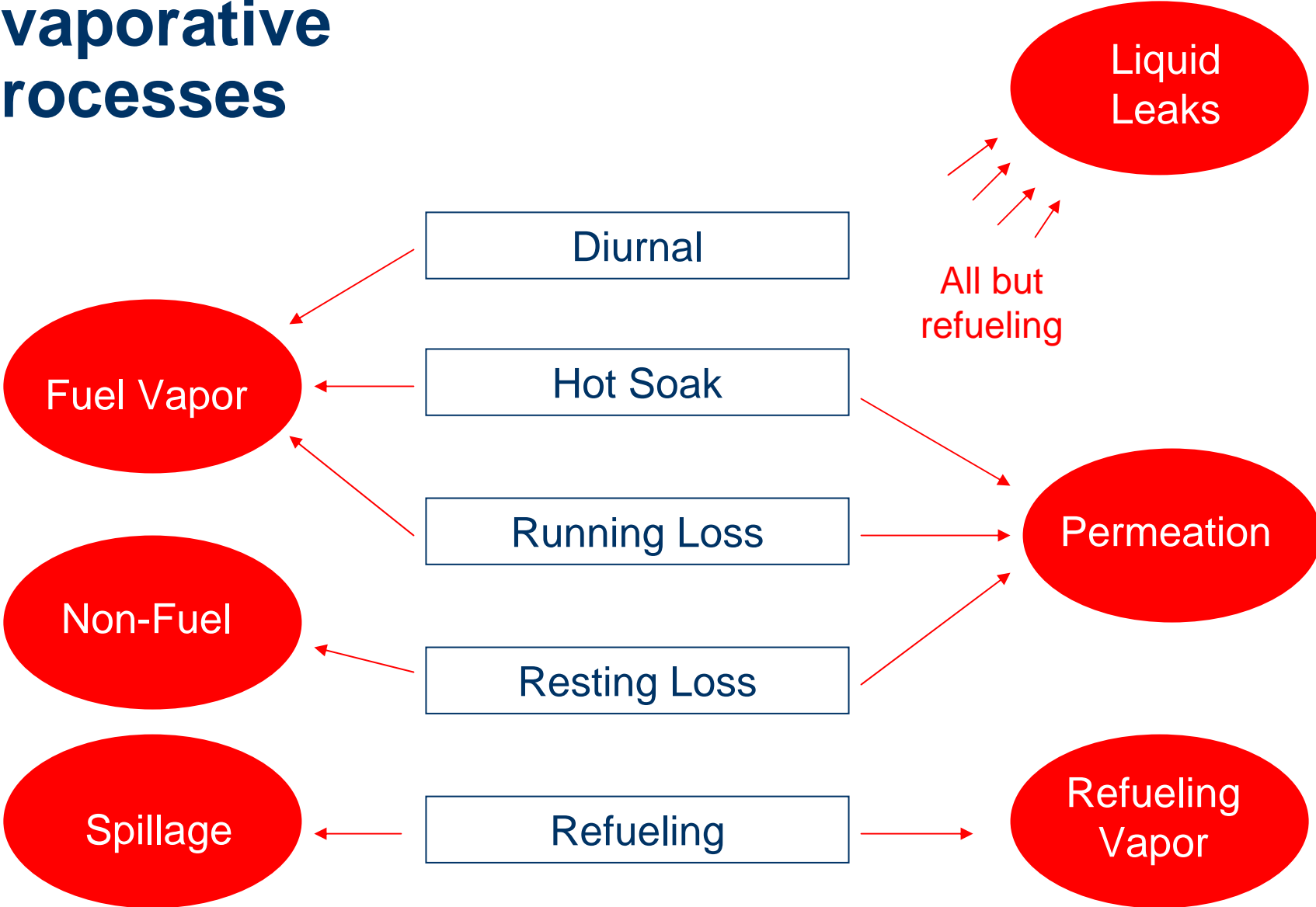
# Scope of MOVES evaporative component

- **Fleet average fuel tank temperature and emissions grouped by:**
  - Hour of the day
  - Vehicle classes (LDV, LDT, HDV>14K, HDV>14K)
  - Model year
- **Not attempting to model**
  - Individual vehicles
  - Real-time emissions
  - Canister loading and purge cycles

# Design Scoping

- **Contracted HH&A to recommend new approach**
  - “A New Approach to Modeling Vehicle On-Road Vehicle Evaporative Emissions”, June 2005
- **Key recommendations**
  - Redefine evaporative breakdowns to match physical processes
    - Increased focus on permeation
  - Use time-based emission rates instead of mile-based
  - Do more testing
    - New permeation test procedure
    - Better define the shape of the EtOH “curve”
    - Liquid leak rates
    - Non-fuel emissions (e.g. upholstery)

# Mapping Evaporative Processes



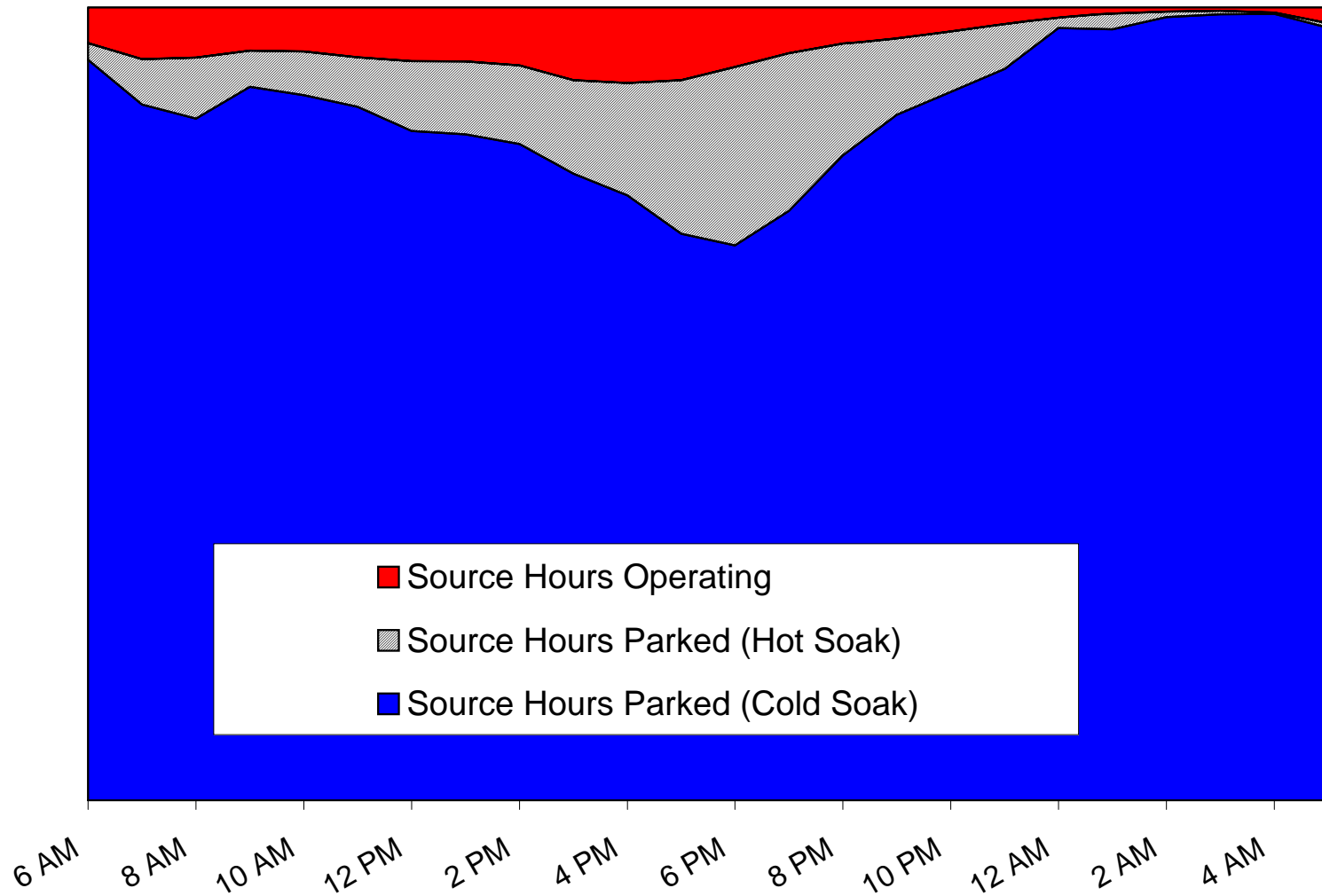
# Activity Approach

- **Time basis for activity**
  - Source hours parked (SHP)
    - Split into “cold soak”, “hot soak” modes
  - Source hours operating (SHO)
    - For “running” mode
- **Allocated independently of VMT**
  - Distribution of hours parked (when, how long) calculated within MOVES via sample trip data
  - Geographic allocation factor can account for commute and parking patterns



# Breakdown of Evaporative Mode Based on Sample Trips

Maricopa County, AZ Typical September Day  
Enhanced Evap Vehicles



## Fuel Tank Temperature is Central

- Fuel temperature main driver for permeation and vapor venting emissions
- Depends on day-to-day vehicle operating pattern
- MOVES will estimate real-world fuel temperature based on sample trips
- Hourly averages by mode (cold soak, hot soak, operating) will be used to calculate emissions

# Fuel Tank Temperature Algorithm

- **Permeation and Fuel Vapor Venting calculations will use estimated fuel tank temperatures averaged by:**
  - Hour of the day
  - Mode: Cold Soak, Hot Soak, Operating
  - Tank Temp Group: pre-enhanced LDV, pre-enhanced LDT, enhanced and later
- **To produce these averages first requires estimating temperature over individual trip patterns**
  - “Sample Vehicle Trip” input table contains summary information on individual vehicle trips from instrumented data (trip start time and end time)

# Cold Soak Fuel Tank Temperature

In theory:

$$\frac{dT_{Tank}}{dt} = k(T_{air} - T_{Tank})$$

- Newton's law of cooling: Rate of tank temperature change is directly proportional to difference between ambient and tank temperatures
- Ambient temperature changes in a non-linear fashion
- Used computational programs (Matlab® and Simulink®) to validate and find  $k$  to match MSOD data
- Allows us to model any temperature cycle

# Cold Soak Fuel Tank Temperature

MOVES must integrate numerically, quickly...

Euler integration:  $(T_{Tank})_{n+1} = T_{Tankn} + k(T_{air} - T_{Tank})_n \Delta t$

- *Initial tank temp = ambient temp*

- *k=1.4*

- *MOVES uses 15' time increments ( $\Delta t = 15'$ ) for this calculation, then averages by hour*

# Operating Fuel Tank Temperature

- Estimates temperature at beginning and end of each sample trip (or hour breakpoint if trip spans top of the hour)
  - $\Delta$ Temperature from Fuel Tank Temperature Profiles @ 95 deg
    - Pre-enhanced: CRC E-35; Enhanced: Certification FTTPs (thank you)
    - Pre-enhanced **LDV** = 35°, Pre-enhanced **LDT** = 29°; enhanced all = 24°
  - Need to scale  $\Delta$ Temperature to actual key-on temperature

$$\Delta T_{Tank} = 0.352(95 - T_{Tank,KeyON}) + \Delta T_{Tank95} \quad SAE 930078$$

- The higher the starting temperature, the lower the temperature increase
- Calculate key-off temperature assuming linear increase in temperature during trip (includes scaling back  $\Delta$ Temperature to 1 hour)

$$T_{Tank} = \frac{\Delta T_{Tank}}{4300 / 3600} (t - t_{keyON}) + T_{Tank,KeyON} \quad \begin{array}{l} SAE 930078 \\ Capped @ 140^\circ \end{array}$$

- Hourly average = average of key on & key off times weighted by sample trip length

# Hot Soak Fuel Tank Temperature

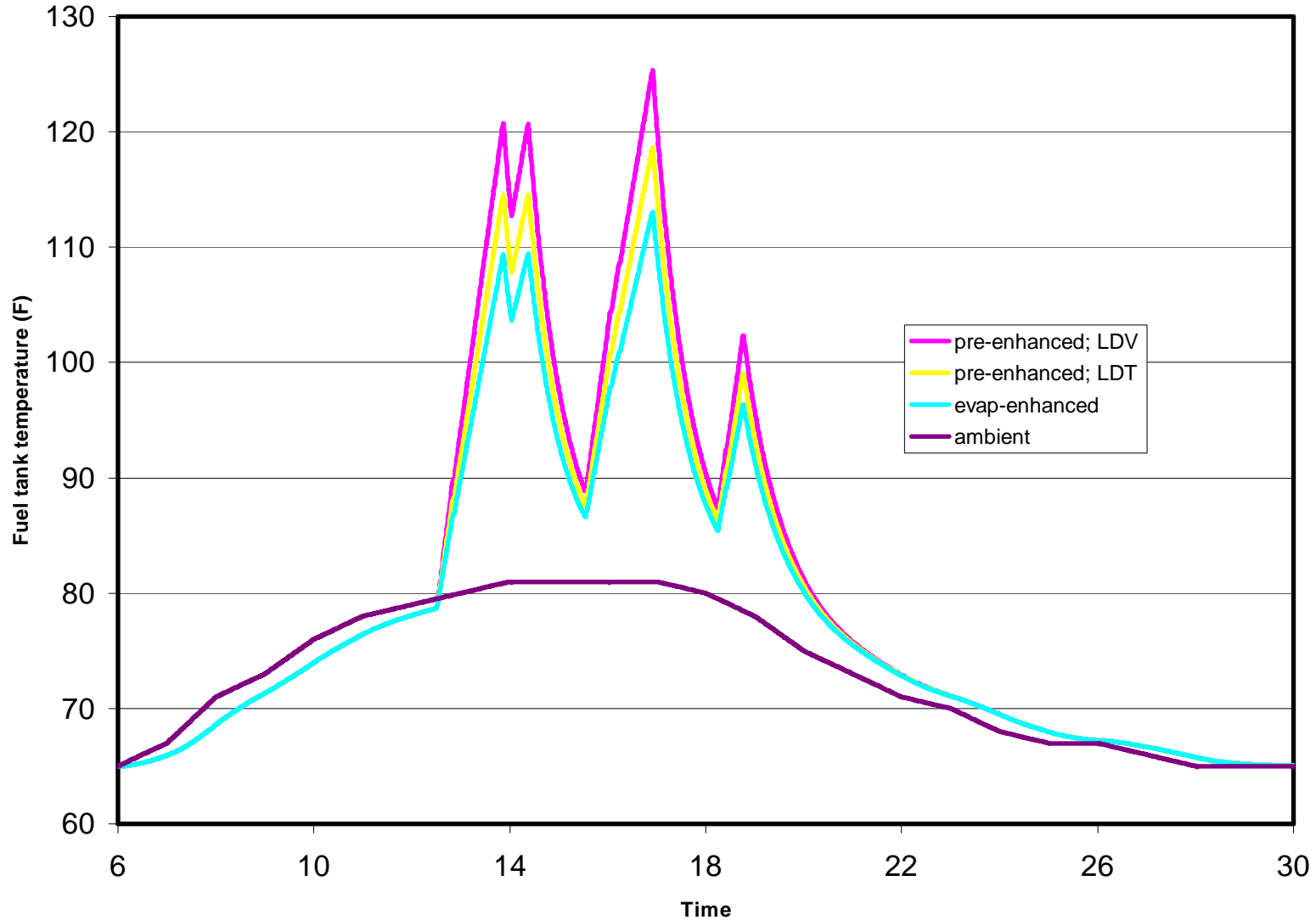
Euler integration,  
same method as  
cold soak:

$$(T_{Tank})_{n+1} = T_{Tankn} + k(T_{air} - T_{Tank})_n \Delta t$$

- $k=1.4$
- *Initial temp = key-off temp from previous trip*
- *MOVES uses 1' time increments for this calculation, then averages across each hour*
- *1' used since temperature drops rapidly during hot soak*

# Estimated Fuel Tank Temperature Profile For a Single Vehicle

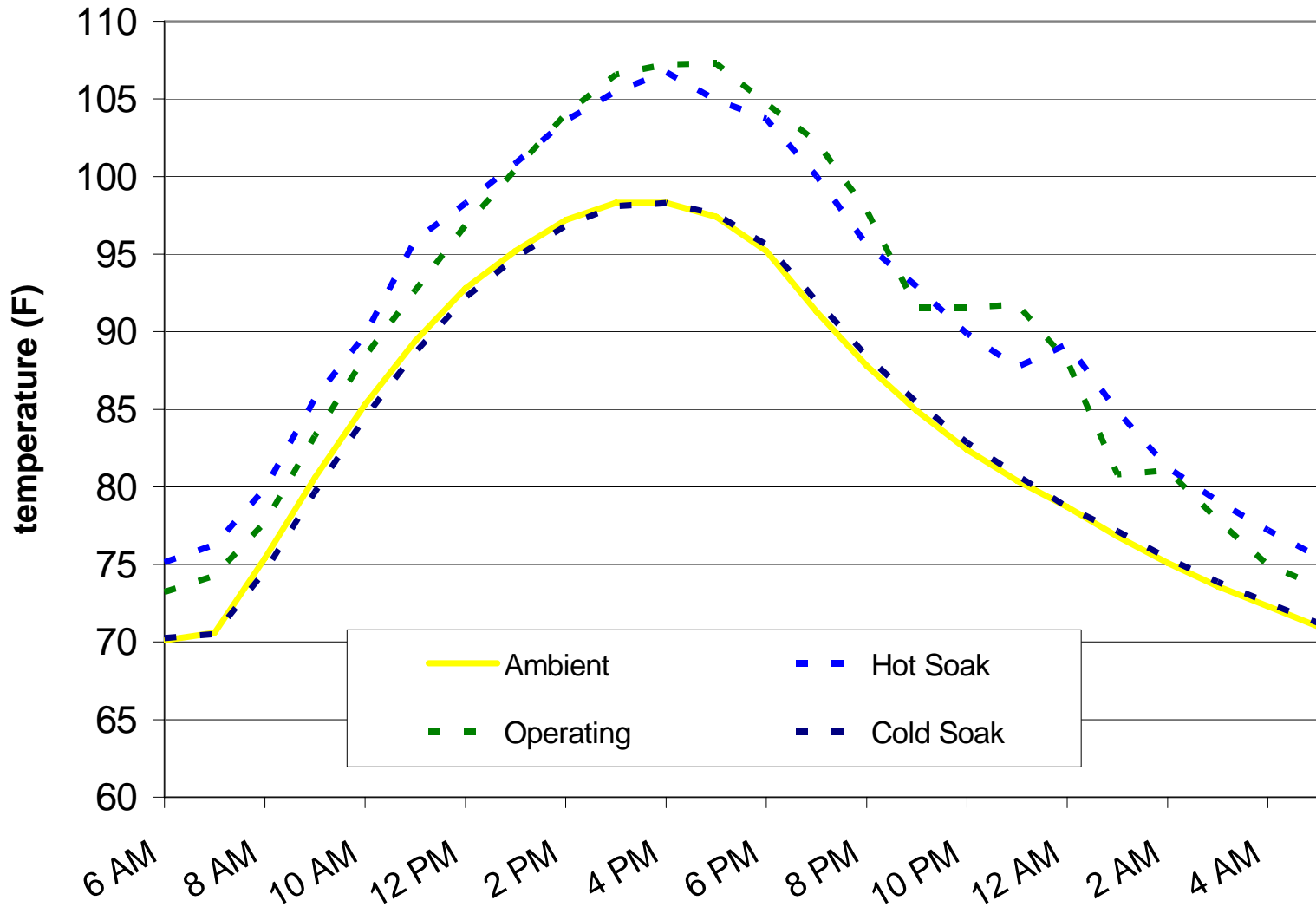
Washtenaw County Typical July Day





# Estimated Average Fuel Tank Temperature Based on Sample Trips

## Maricopa County, AZ Typical September Day Enhanced Evap Vehicles



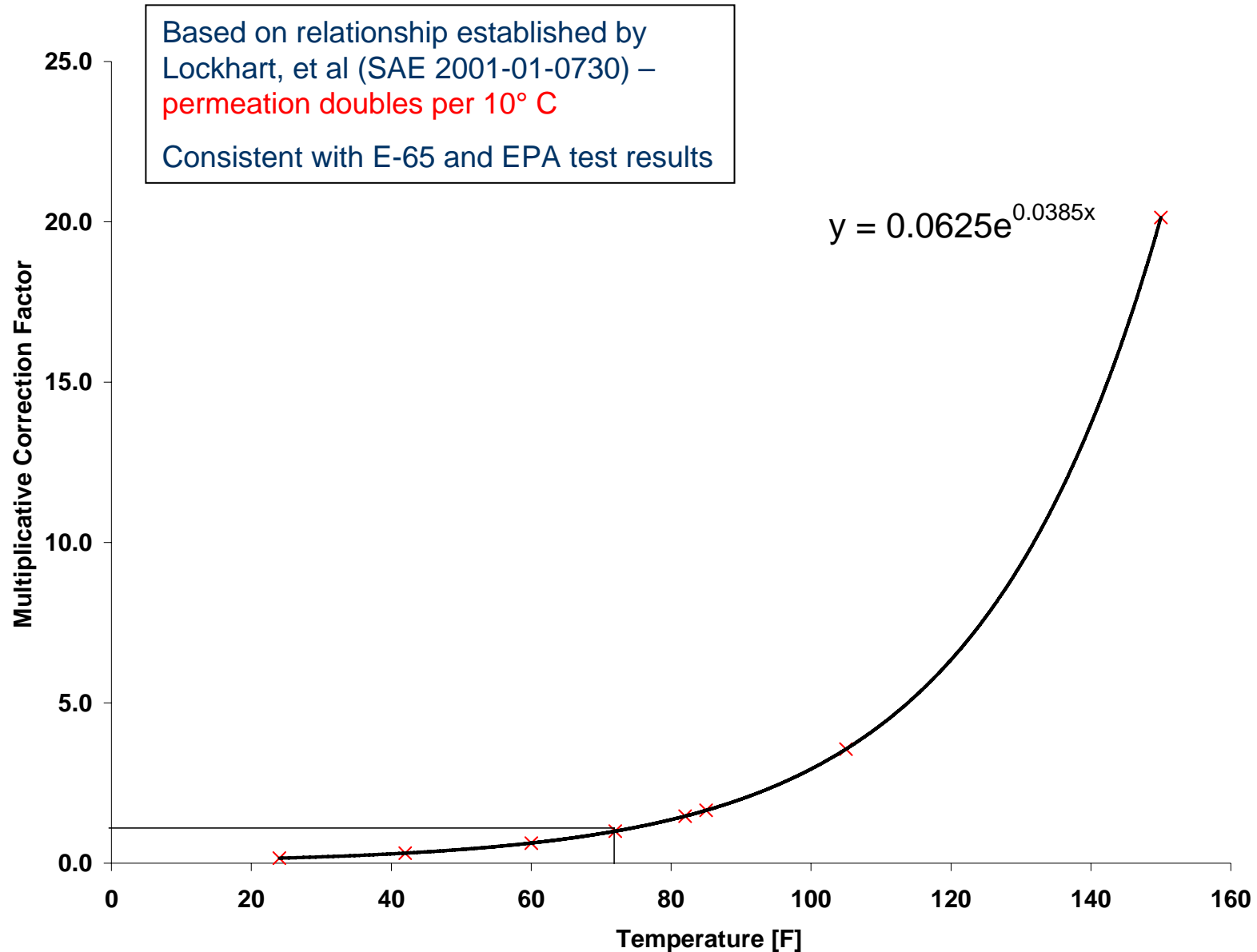
# Evaporative Emission Sources

- **Historical EPA Testing (MSOD)**
- **Recent CRC Programs**
  - E-9, E-35, E-41, E-65
- **EPA Compliance Data (enhanced evap)**
- **E-77 underway**
  - Pilot program to focus on aging enhanced vehicles
  - Includes permeation testing, “off-cycle” diurnal
- **EtOH effects**
  - E-65 & 65.3, EPA sponsored gas can program

# Permeation

- **Base rates @ fuel temp = 72°**
- **Stratified by model year group and age group**
- **Adjustments: fuel temp, EtOH**
- **Only difference in emissions over cold soak, hot soak and operating is fuel tank temperature**

# Permeation Tank Temperature Adjustment



## Future Assumptions - Permeation

- **No deterioration of permeation emissions on enhanced evaporative and later vehicles**
- **No reduction in permeation emissions with Tier 2 / LEV II standards (reduction attributed to fuel vapor venting)**
  - AAM has commented that permeation emissions should be reduced with standard
- **Will re-evaluate as new data becomes available, e.g. E-77**

# Fuel Vapor Venting

- **Hot Soak & Running**

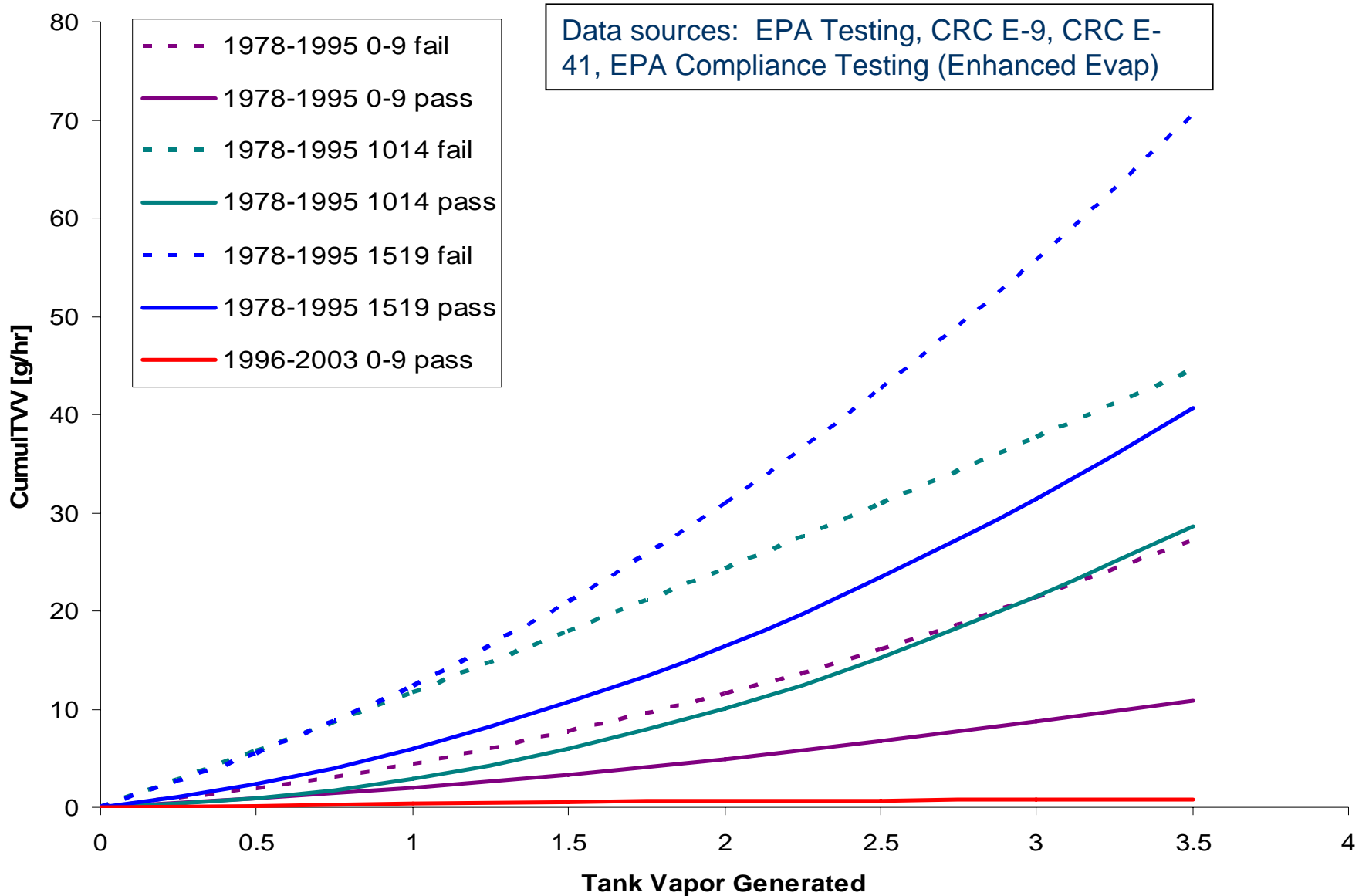
- Average available gram/hour emission test results
- Hot Soak Emissions<sub>hour</sub> = SHP \* hot soak rates
- Running Emissions<sub>hour</sub> = SHO \* running rates

- **Cold Soak (diurnal)**

- Tank Vapor Generated  $\approx f(\Delta \text{ temp, RVP, EtOH})$ 
  - Reddy, SAE Paper 892089 ( $A e^{B(RVP)} (e^{CT2} - e^{CT1})$ )
  - A,B,C depend on altitude and EtOH volume
- Cumulative HC emissions  $\approx f(\text{TVG})$
- Cold Soak Emissions<sub>hour</sub> =

$$\text{SHP} * \sum^{\text{Initial hour}} (\text{cumHC}_{\text{hour}} - \text{cumHC}_{\text{initial hour}}) * \text{fraction of soaks starting in initial hour}$$

# Cumulative TVV vs. Tank Vapor Generated



## Fuel Vapor Venting, cont.

- **Limited data requires weighting pressure test pass/fail strata outside MOVES to approximate representative rates**
- **Develop weightings based on pressure test failure, gas cap failure & non-gross liquid leak rates for pre-OBD vehicles**
  - Sources: BAR roadside studies, CRC E-9/35/41, API/CRC liquid leak survey
- **Develop weightings from OBD Evaporative MIL rates for OBD vehicles**
  - Look at “new” OBD IM programs where there is less chance of learning curve



# Future Assumptions – Fuel Vapor Venting

- **Passing vehicles**

- No deterioration of fuel vapor emissions on “passing” enhanced evap and later vehicles
- Reduction in fuel vapor emissions from LEV II standards based on ratio to standards

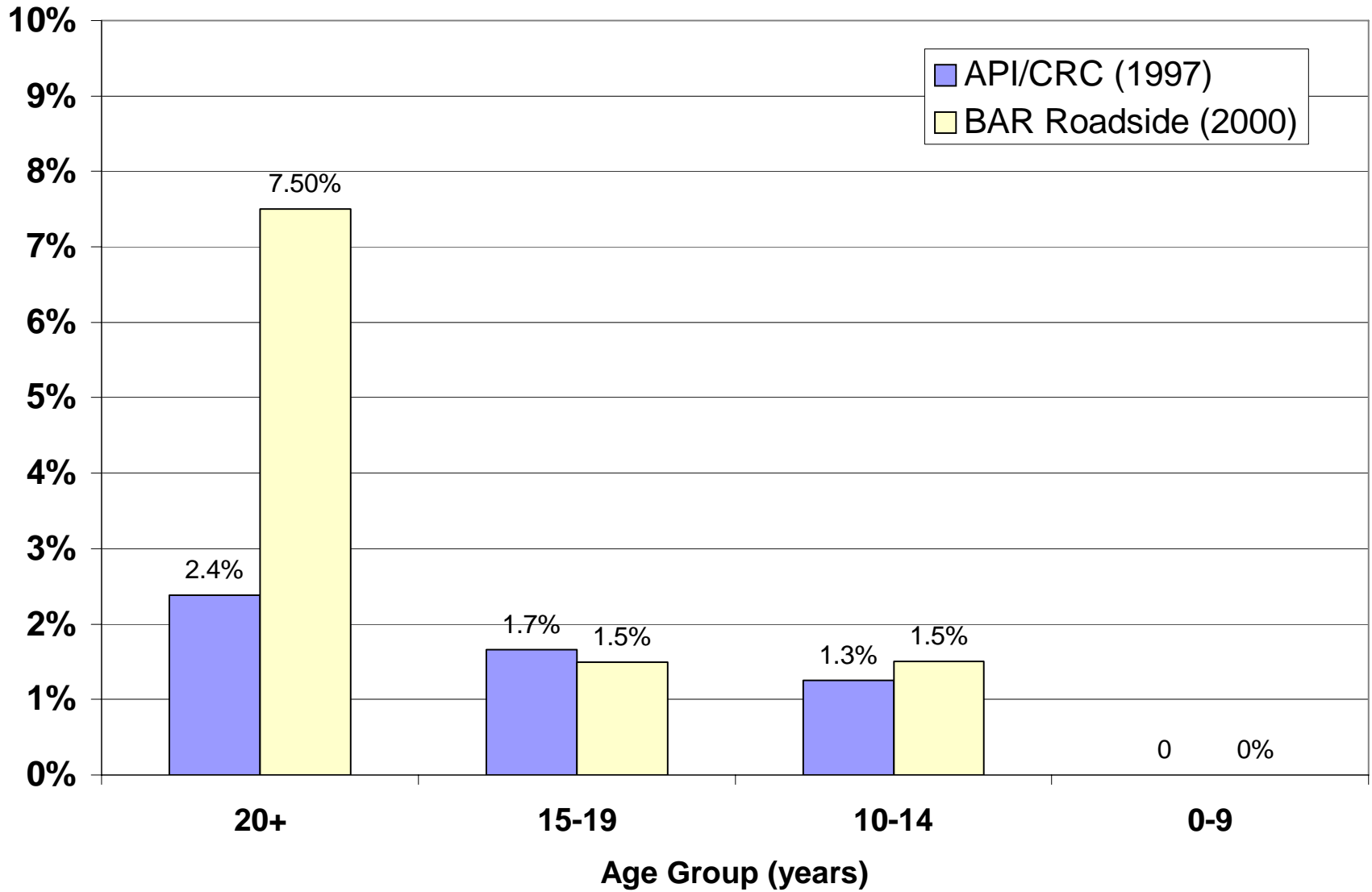
- **Failing vehicles**

- Emissions on failing vehicles same as pre-enhanced
- Failure rates based on “new” IM OBD program leak code rates (P0442, P0455, P0456, P0457)
- For ages for which OBD data doesn’t exist yet, assuming residual failures due to gas caps and non-gross liquid leaks

# Liquid Leaks

- **Gross leaks – i.e. dripping fuel**
  - Less severe leaks accounted for in FVV rates
- **Small frequency but very high emissions; could drive evap inventory even if < 1% of fleet**
- **Only data on emissions from 70-80's vehicles**
  - but a drop of fuel is a drop of fuel...?
- **Available data on frequency differs significantly**
  - Would be great to have an update of 1997 API/CRC study
  - Lower frequency of leaks on old fuel injected vehicles? Or will people inadvertently drill holes in fuel tanks at the same rate?
- **Assuming for the future that gross leak emissions and frequency rates are not affected by evap standards or OBD**

# Gross Leak Frequency



# Refueling

- **Split into spillage and vapor**
- **g/gallon emission rates \* fuel consumption**
  - allows refueling emissions to reflect changes in fuel consumption as estimated by MOVES
- **Varies by model year (ORVR), location (Stage II)**

# Non-Fuel Emissions

- **Combination of several things**
  - Fluids (e.g. wiper)
  - Tires
  - A/C refrigerant
  - Upholstery and adhesives
- **Will be encompassed in MOVES2006 permeation and fuel vapor emissions**
- **Will consider breaking out for MOVES2007**

# Possible Inventory Trends vs. MOBILE6

- ↓ **Current data on enhanced evaporative vehicles shows very low permeation and fuel vapor venting emissions; data on aging enhanced evap vehicles is needed**
- ↑ **EtOH permeation effects relative large; not included in MOBILE6**
- ↔ **Liquid leaks large in MOBILE6, may continue to drive inventory for MOVES**