

Controlled Hydrogen Fleet and Infrastructure Demonstration and Validation Project: Fall 2006 Progress Update

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- Process and Methodology
- Key Fall 2006 Results
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 - Net fuel cell system efficiency
 - Fuel economy and range
 - Fuel cell durability
 - Safety
 - High-level vehicle metrics
 - H2 Refueling Infrastructure
 - Refueling Rates
 - H2 station impurities
- Summary and Future Results

Project Objectives and Targets

- Objectives

- Validate H₂ FC Vehicles and Infrastructure in Parallel
- Identify Current Status of Technology and its Evolution
- Assess Progress Toward Technology Readiness
- Provide Feedback to H₂ Research and Development



Key Targets

Performance Measure	2009*	2015**
Fuel Cell Stack Durability	2000 hours	5000 hours
Vehicle Range	250+ miles	300+ miles
Hydrogen Cost at Station	\$3/gge	\$2-3/gge

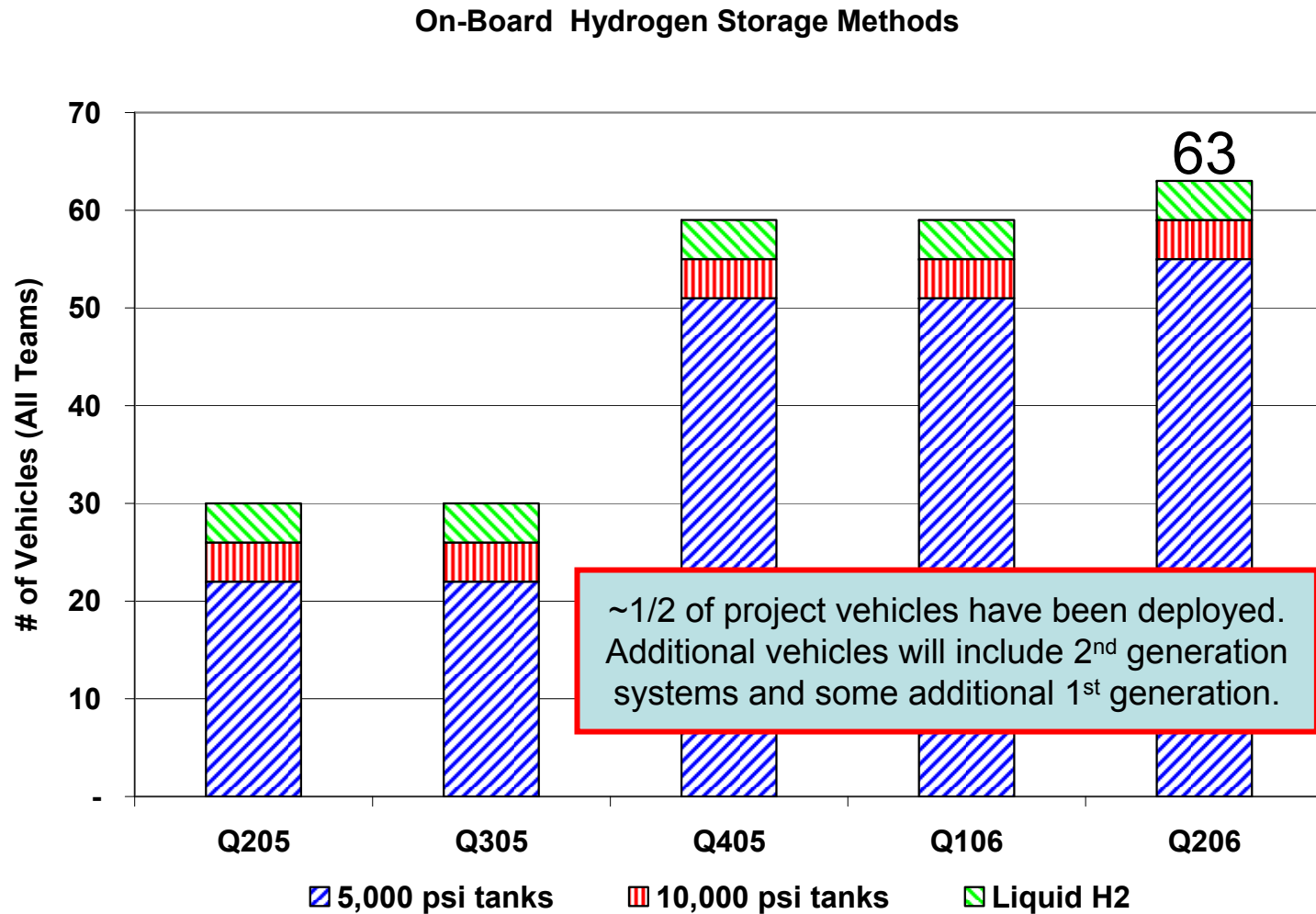
* To verify progress toward 2015 targets

** Subsequent projects to validate 2015 targets

Teams are Fielding Four Main Types of Vehicles



Number of Learning Demo Vehicles in Operation, 3 H2 Storage Technologies Used



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Representative Hydrogen Refueling Infrastructure Supporting Vehicles



DTE/BP Power Park, Southfield, MI



LAX refueling station

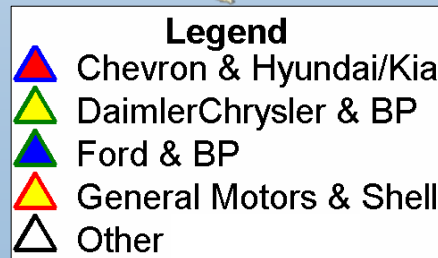
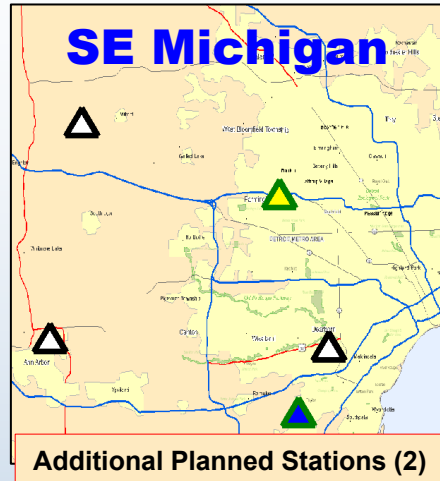
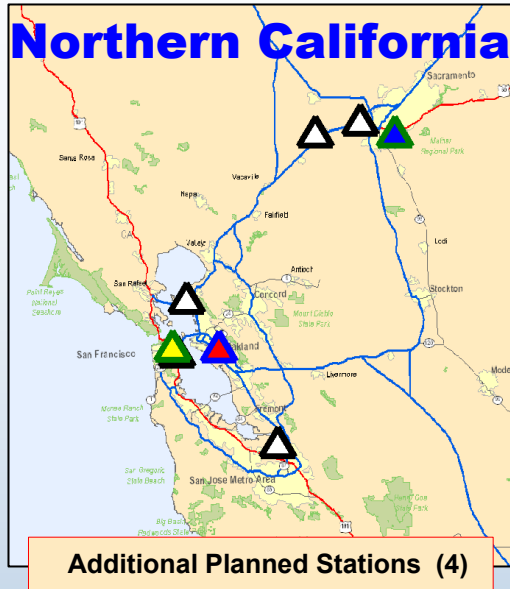


Hydrogen and gasoline station, WA DC



Chino, CA

Refueling Stations from All Four Teams Test Vehicle/Infrastructure Performance in Various Climates

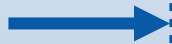


Providing Data Analysis and Results for Both the Public and for the Industry Project Teams

Hydrogen Secure Data Center (HSDC)

- Located at NREL: Strictly Controlled Access
- Detailed Analyses, Data Products, Internal Reports

Raw Data, Reports



Data is delivered to NREL's Hydrogen Secure Data Center (HSDC) on CD/DVDs



Data protected in HSDC for 5 years after data is developed under EPACK 2005, Sec. 810

Composite Data Products

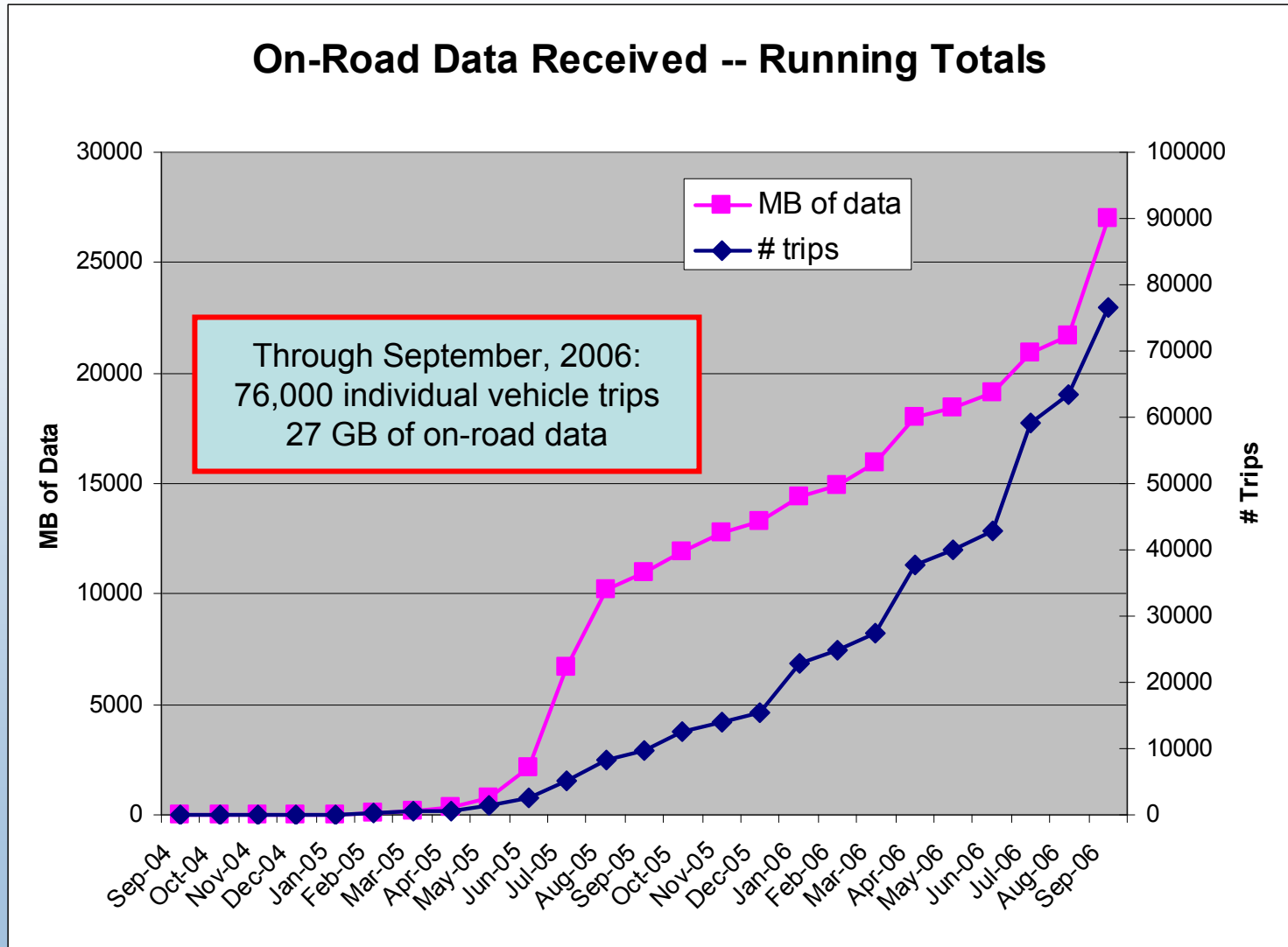
- Pre-agreed upon aggregate data results for public
- No confidential information

Detailed Data Products

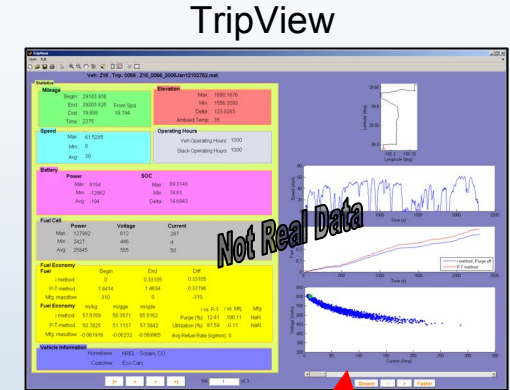
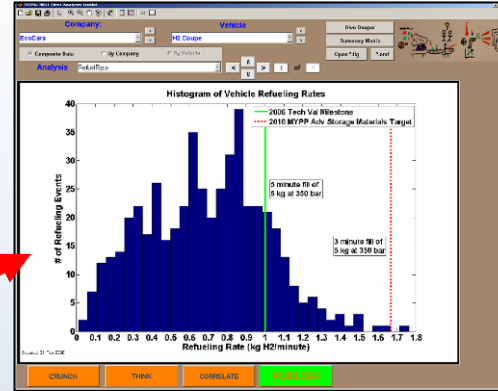
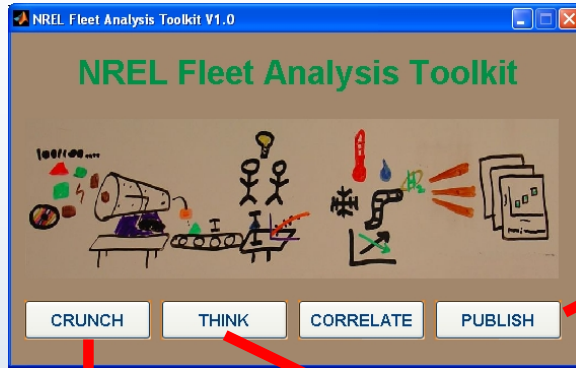
- Only shared with company which originated the data

Five Quarters of Data Analyzed To-Date

Current Status of Data Reporting to the Hydrogen Secure Data Center at NREL



Analysis Calculations and Results are from NREL-Developed GUI – Fleet Analysis Toolkit (FAT)



CRUNCH NREL Fleet Analysis Toolkit

Company: EcoCars
Vehicle: H2 Coupe

Processing to Perform: New CD, Selected Below

Archive Previous Results: Archive All Previous, Archive Selected, Fuel Economy, Range, % Complete, Stack Degradation, Range, FE

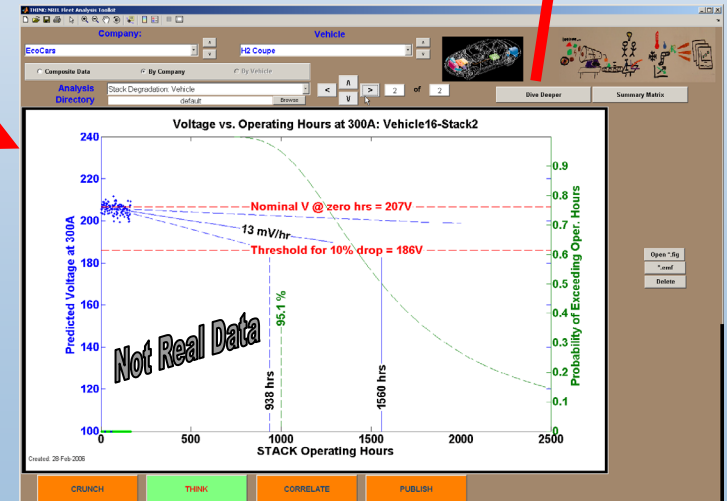
Raw Data Conversion: Convert to Matlab, Directory of CD/DVD data, Save Directory

Fuel Economy: Create Raw, Min Trip Length, Fleet, Trip Length Effect, Range, Create Raw, Vehicle

Stack Degradation: Create Raw, Vehicle, Combined Fleet Filter, Hours Accum, Start/Stops, Geographic, Create Raw, Include Stations

Fuel Cell System Efficiency: Curve Calc, Range, Fuel Econ from Excel File, Range, FE

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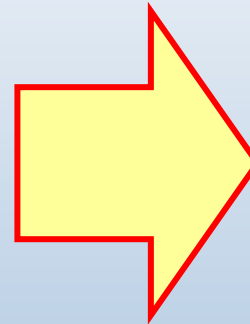
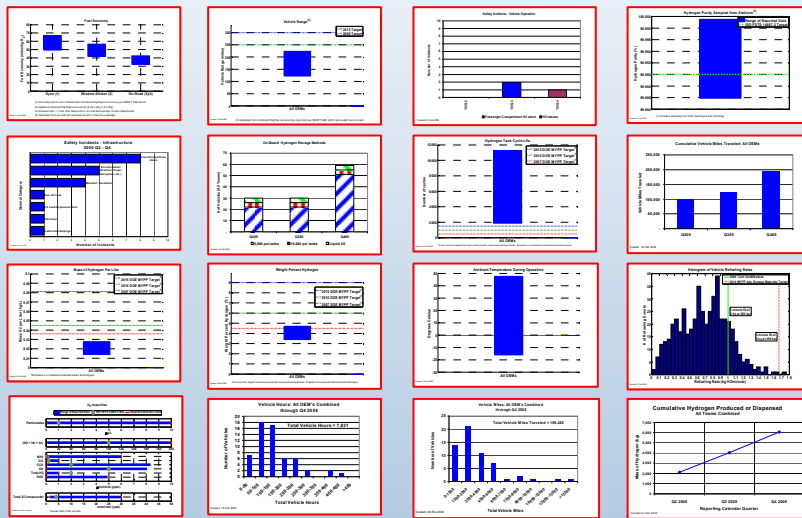
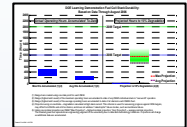


Quantity of Project Results Continues to Increase; Public Updates Every Six Months

25 Composite Data Products Have Now Been Published, Including Updating 10 of the 16 Published in Spring 2006

Fall 2006

Spring 2006



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National Hydrogen Association Conference
March 13, 2006

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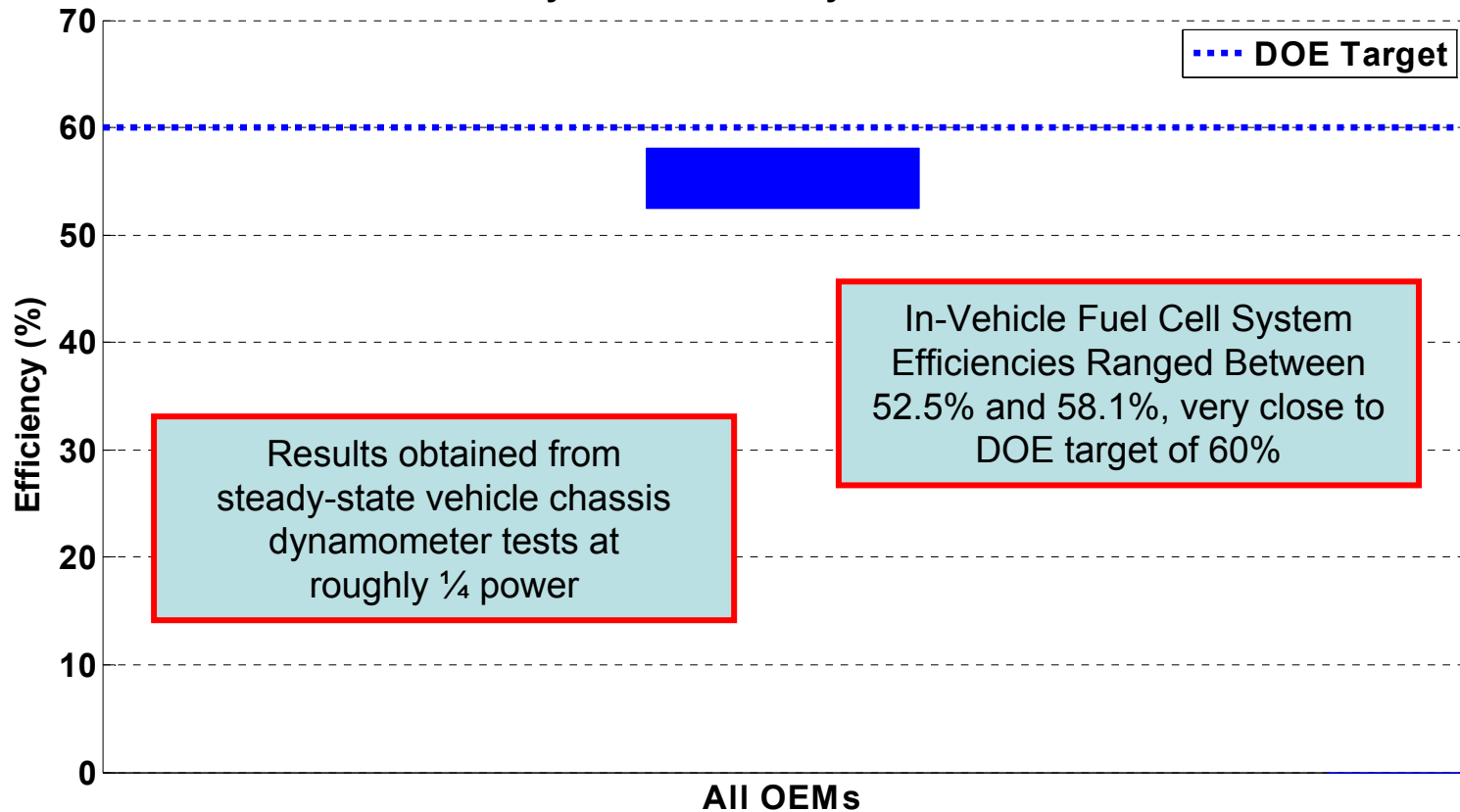
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Fuel Cell Seminar
November 15, 2006

RESULTS

Controlled System Tests Verify High Fuel Cell System Conversion Efficiency

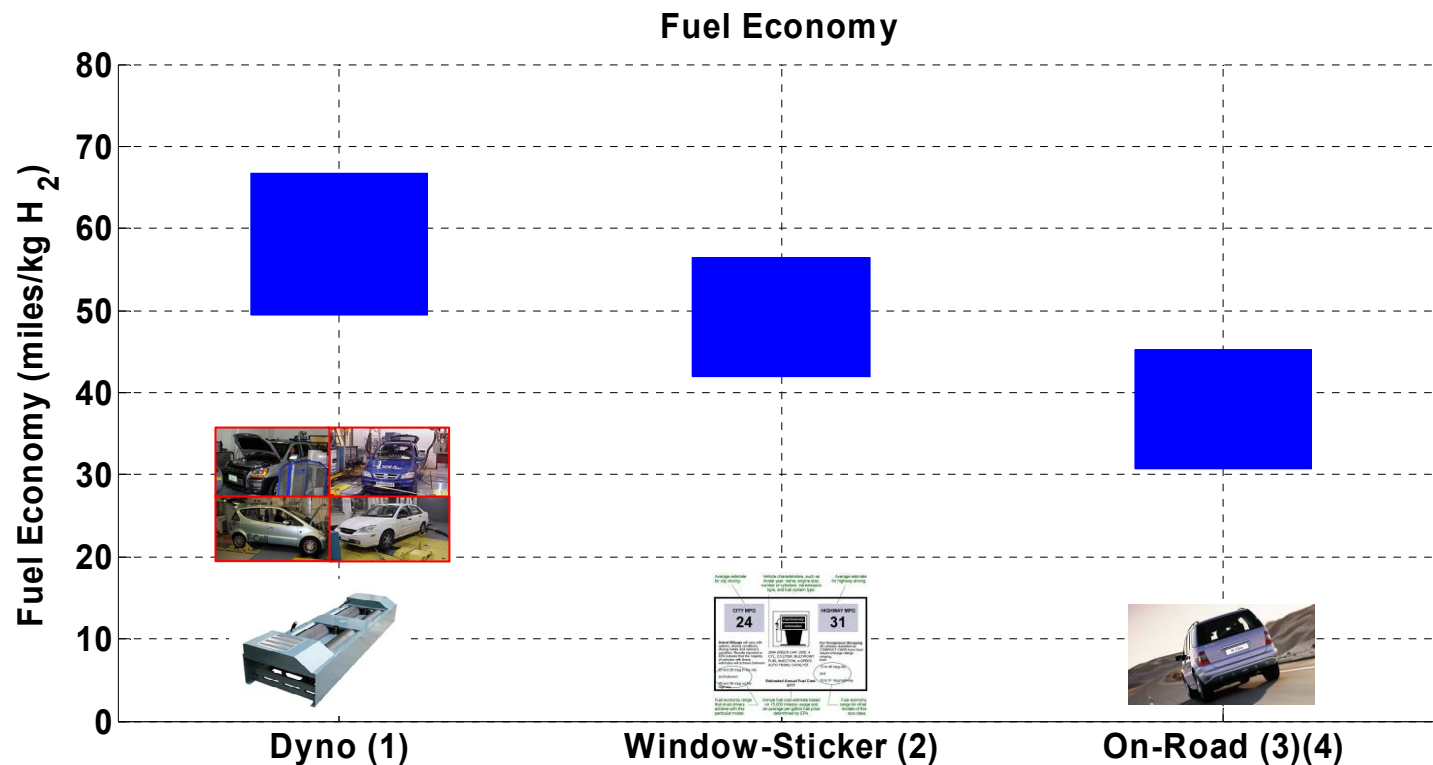
Fuel Cell System¹ Efficiency² at ~25% Net Power.



¹ Gross stack power minus fuel cell system auxiliaries, per DRAFT SAEJ2615.

² Ratio of DC output energy to the lower heating value of the input fuel (hydrogen). Excludes power electronics and electric drive.

Dynamometer and On-Road Fuel Economy from Learning Demonstration Vehicles



(1) One data point for each make/model. Combined City/Hwy fuel economy per DRAFT SAEJ2572.

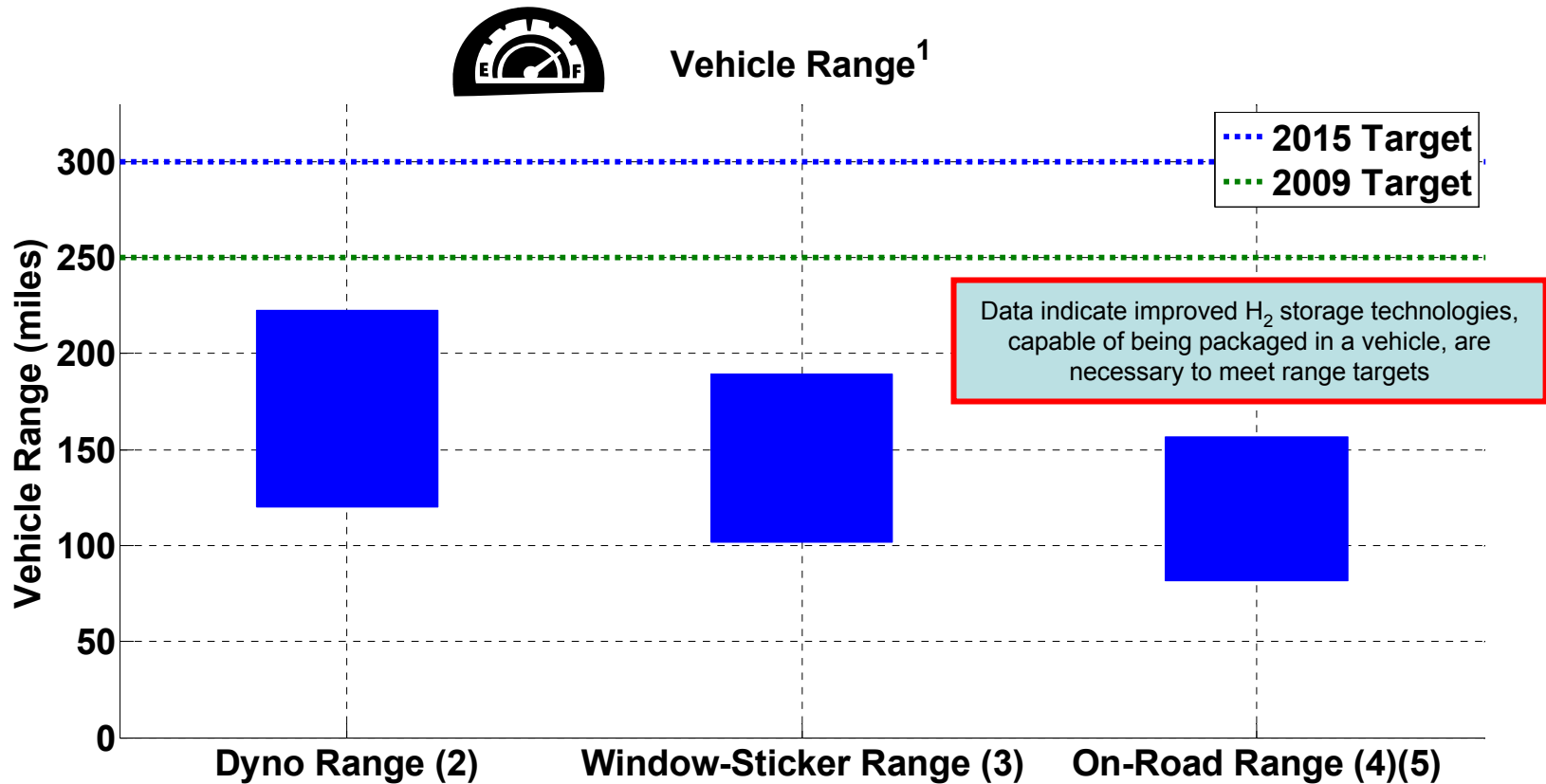
(2) Adjusted combined City/Hwy fuel economy ($0.78 \times \text{Hwy}$, $0.9 \times \text{City}$).

(3) Excludes trips < 1 mile. One data point for on-road fleet average of each make/model.

(4) Calculated from on-road fuel cell stack current or mass flow readings.

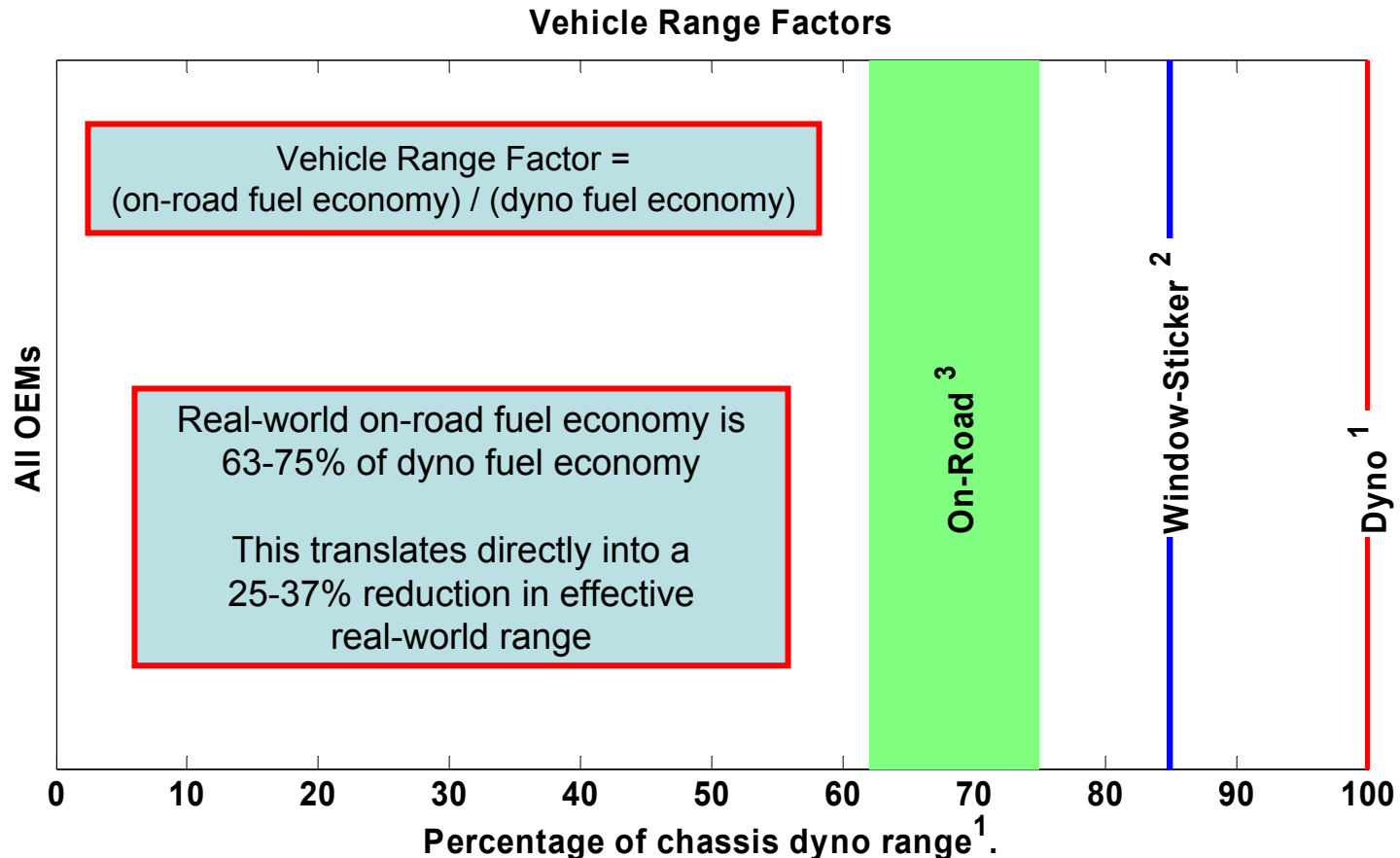
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Vehicle Range Based on Fuel Economy and Usable H₂ Fuel Stored On-Board



- (1) Range is based on fuel economy and usable hydrogen on-board the vehicle. One data point for each make/model.
- (2) Fuel economy from unadjusted combined City/Hwy per DRAFT SAEJ2572.
- (3) Fuel economy from EPA Adjusted combined City/Hwy (0.78 x Hwy, 0.9 x City).
- (4) Excludes trips < 1 mile. One data point for on-road fleet average of each make/model.
- (5) Fuel economy calculated from on-road fuel cell stack current or mass flow readings.

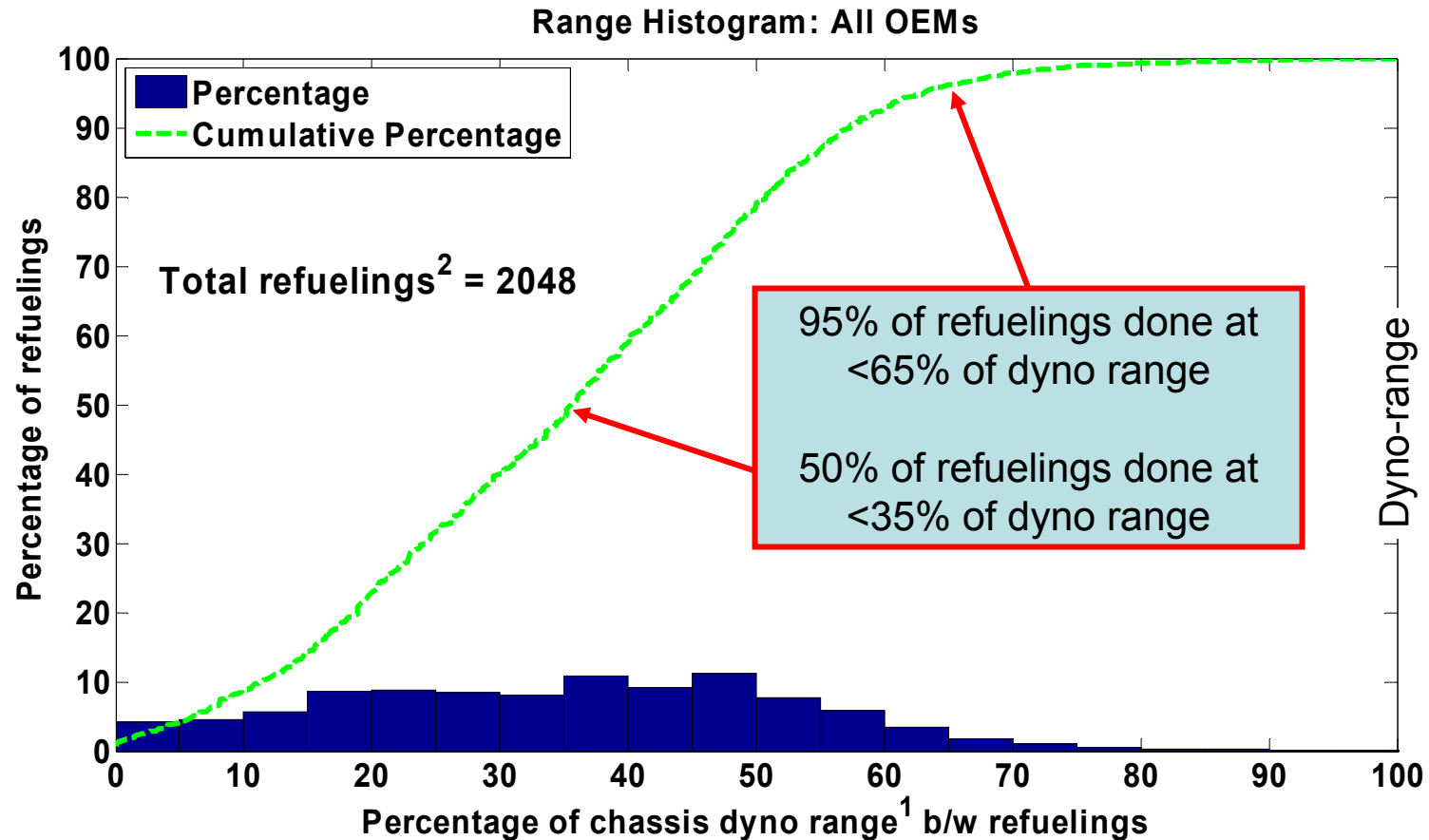
Effective Vehicle Range Reduced from Dyno Range by On-Road Fuel Economy



1. Calculated using the combined city/hwy fuel economy from dyno testing (non-adjusted) and usable fuel on board
2. Applying window-sticker correction factors for fuel economy: 0.78 x Hwy and 0.9 x City
3. Using fuel-economy from on-road data (excluding trips > 1 mile, consistent with other data products)

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Learning Demo Data Show Actual Refueling Behavior as % of Theoretical

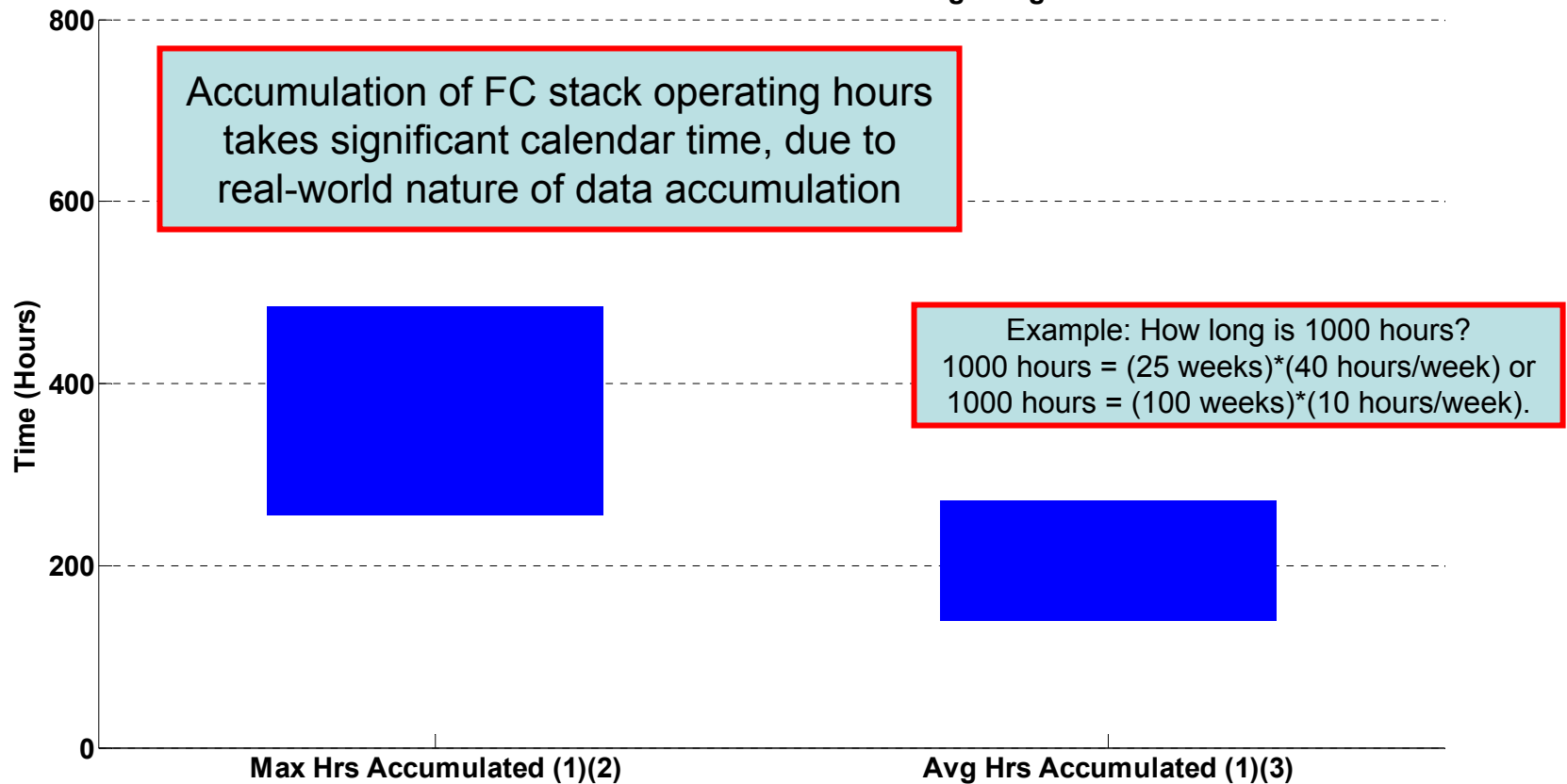


1. Range calculated using the combined city/hwy fuel economy from dyno testing (not EPA adjusted) and usable fuel on board.
2. Some refueling events are not detected/reported due to data noise or incompleteness.

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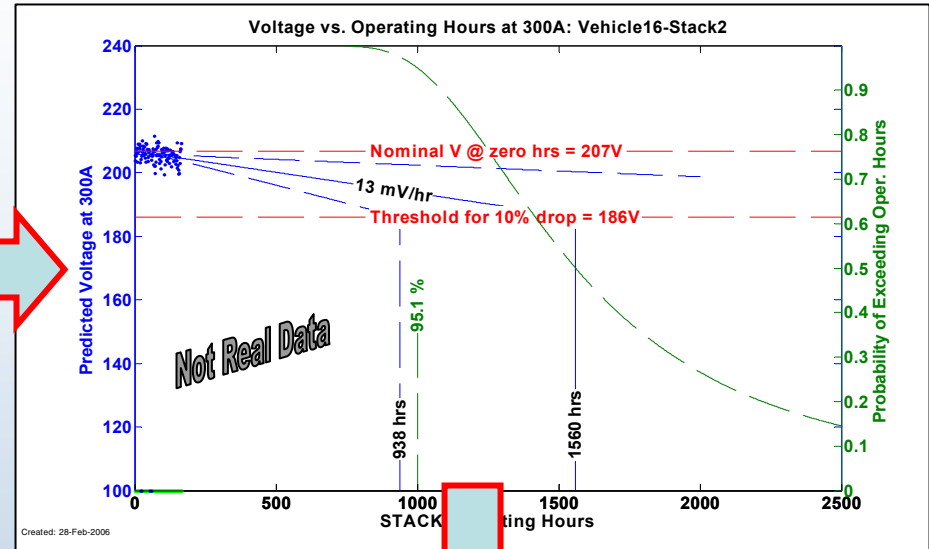
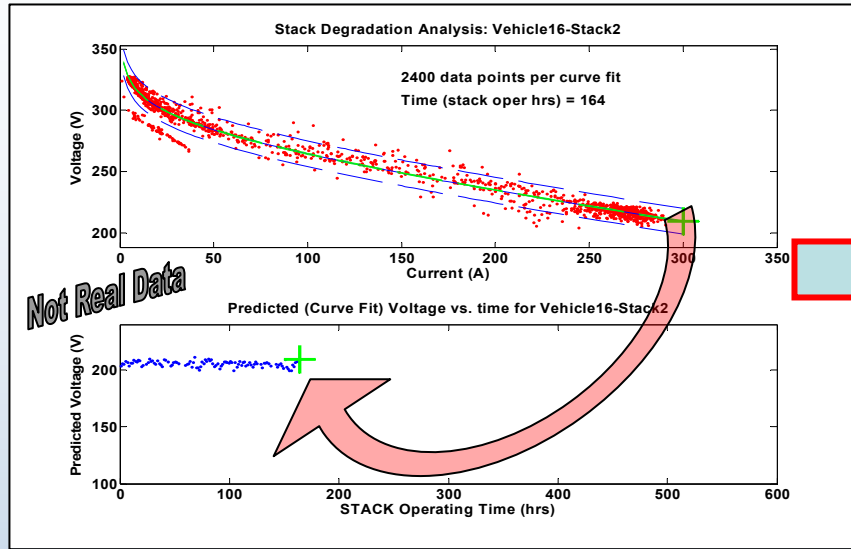
Learning Demo Fuel Cell Stack Hours Accumulated Through August 2006

DOE Learning Demonstration:
Fuel Cell Stack Hours Accumulated Through August 2006



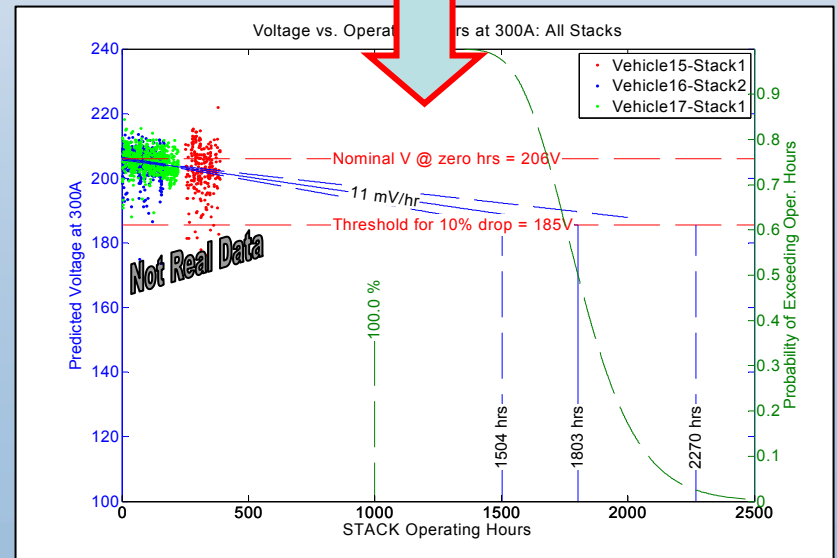
- (1) Range bars created using one data point for each OEM.
- (2) Range (highest and lowest) of the maximum operating hours accumulated to-date of any OEM's individual stack in "real-world" operation.
- (3) Range (highest and lowest) of the average operating hours accumulated to-date of all stacks in each OEM's fleet.

Limited Data Necessitated Projecting the Time to 10% Fuel Cell Stack Voltage Degradation



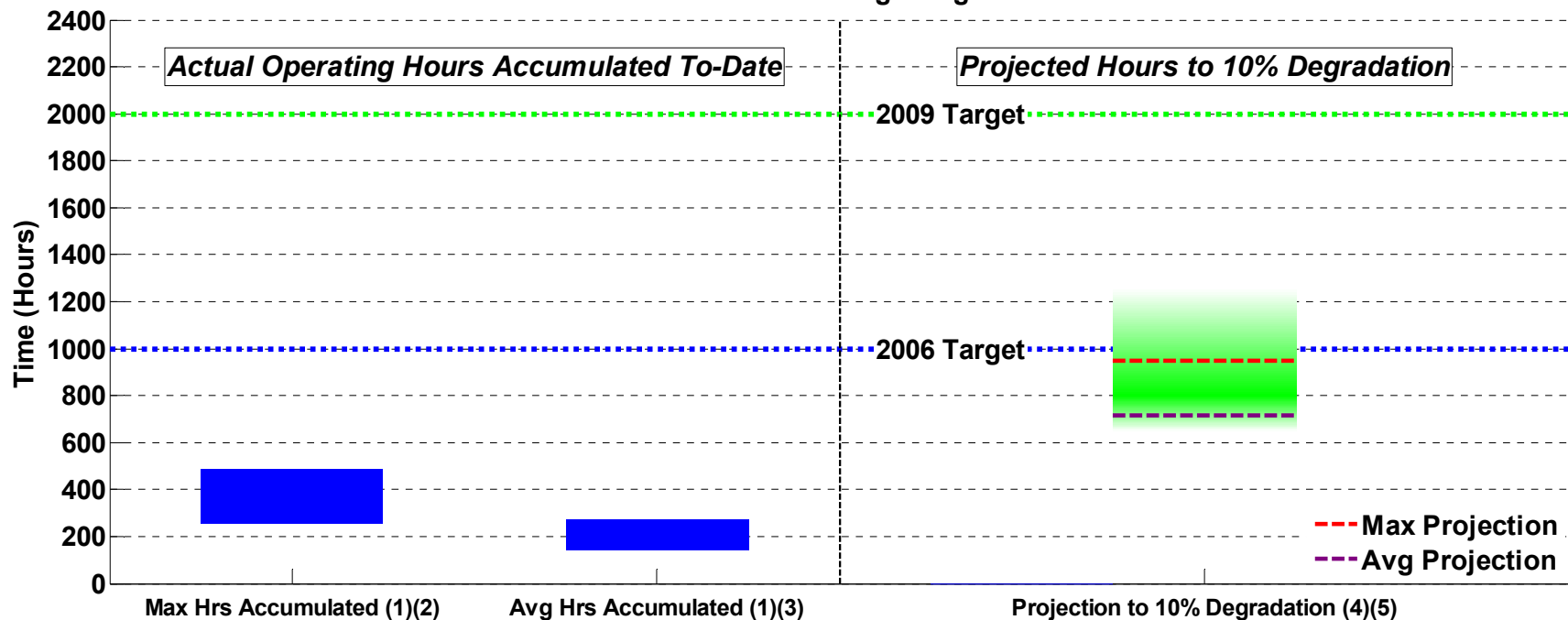
Note: 10% is an R&D metric for FC stack degradation. It does not necessarily indicate an end-of-life condition. OEMs may use other values or indicators.

Technique Makes Performance Projection Based on All Available FC Data; Includes Reporting Confidence in Results



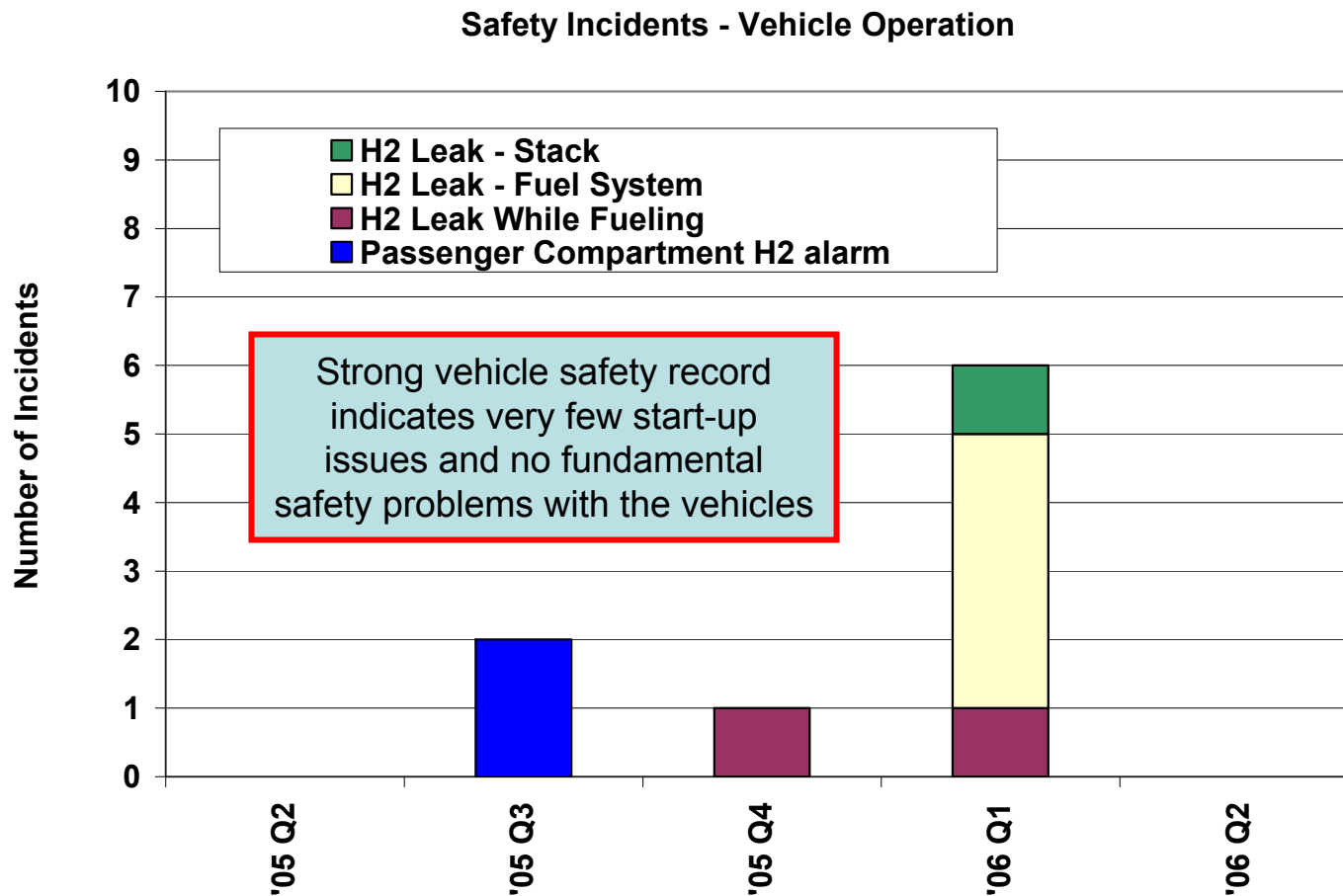
Hours Accumulated To-Date and Projected Hours to 10% Stack Voltage Degradation

DOE Learning Demonstration Fuel Cell Stack Durability:
Based on Data Through August 2006



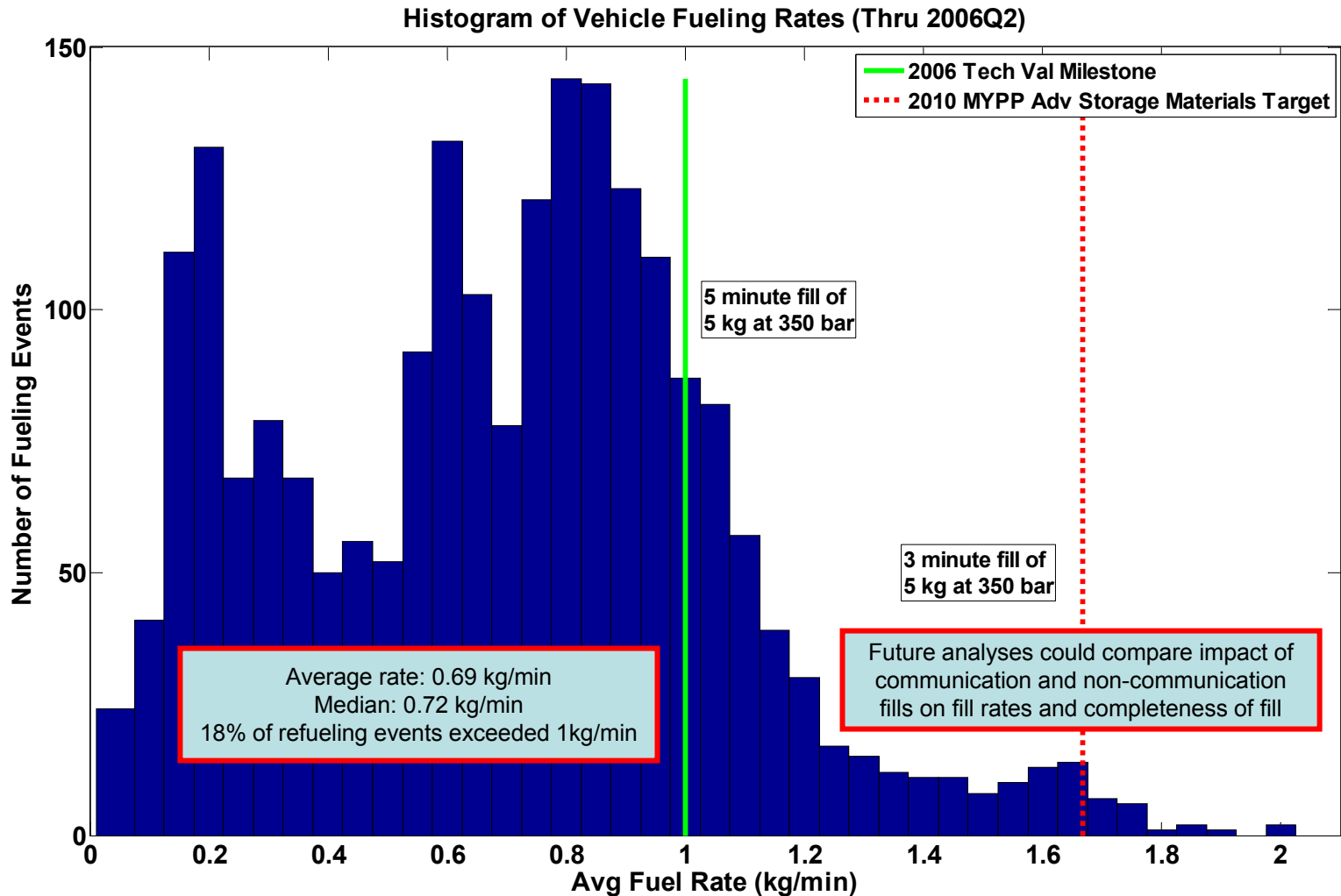
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- (4) Projection using on-road data -- degradation calculated at high stack current. This criterion is used for assessing progress against DOE targets, may differ from OEM's end-of-life criterion, and does not address "catastrophic" failure modes, such as membrane failure.
- (5) Using one nominal projection per OEM: "Max Projection" = highest nominal projection, "Avg Projection" = average nominal projection.
The shaded green bar represents an engineering judgment of the uncertainty due to data and methodology limitations. Projections will change as additional data are accumulated.

Safety Incidents – Vehicles



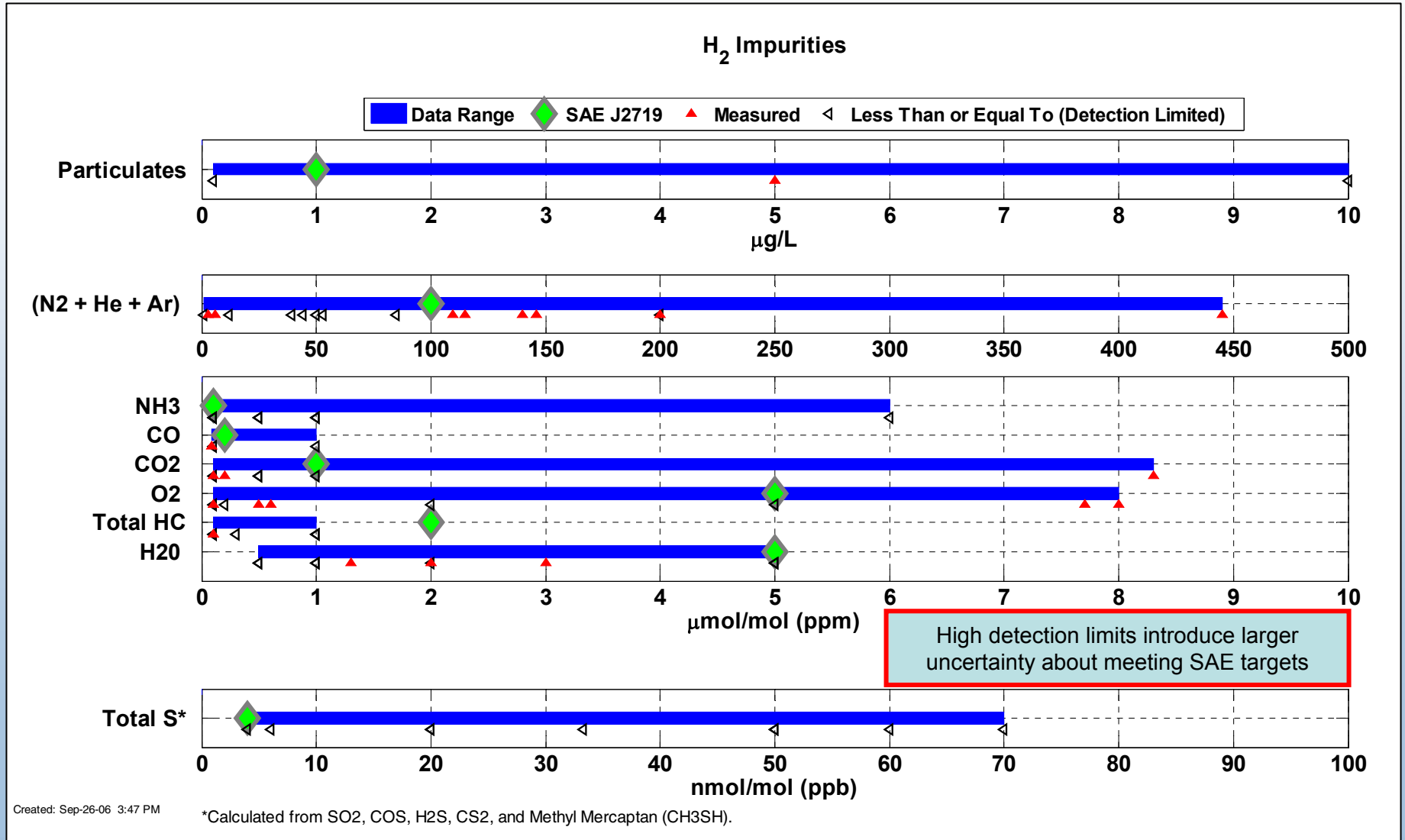
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Actual Vehicle Refueling Rates from >2000 Events: Measured by Stations or by Vehicles

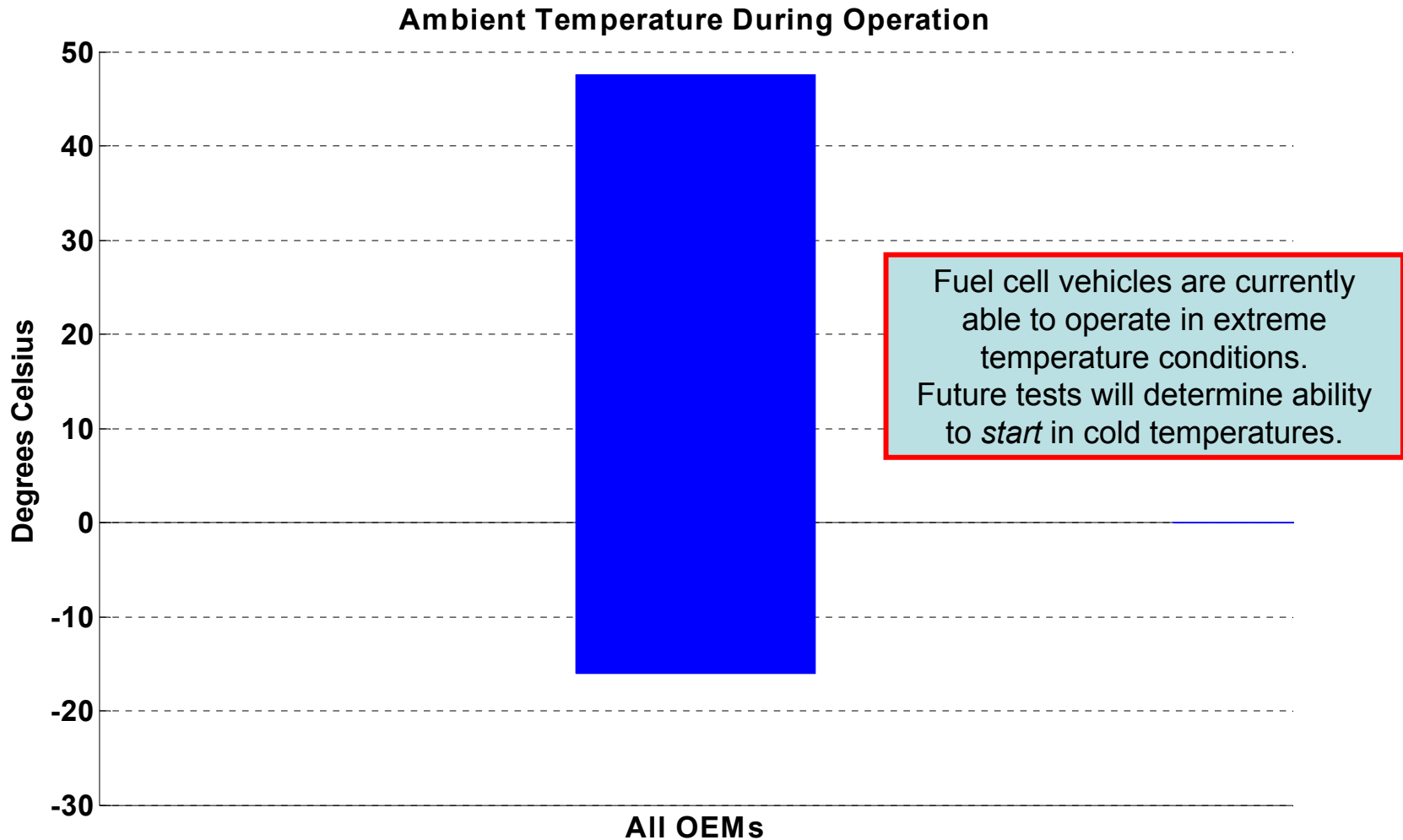


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Hydrogen Impurities Sampled from All Stations – Includes On-Site Reformation, Electrolysis, and Delivered H₂



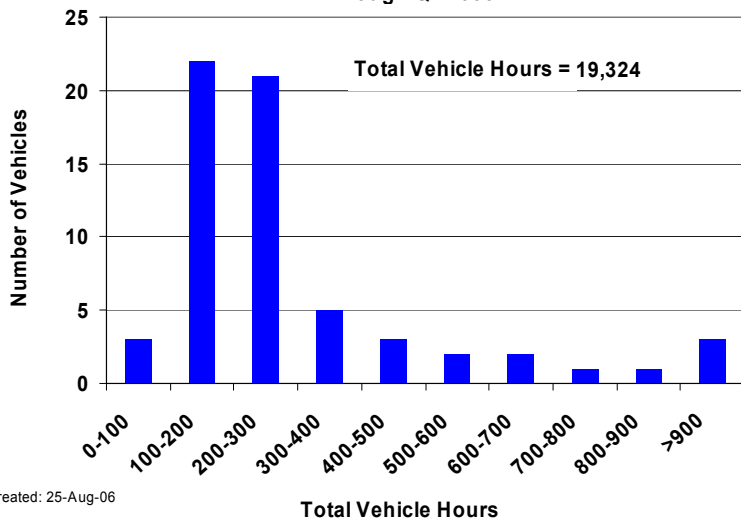
Range of Ambient Temperature During Vehicle Operation



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Vehicle Operating Hours and Miles Traveled Distribution

Vehicle Hours: All OEM's Combined
Through Q2 2006

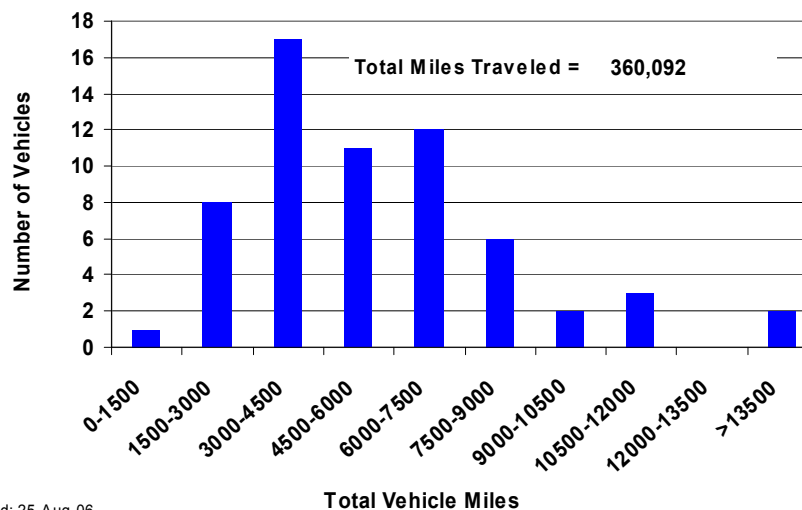


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The bulge of operating hours and miles traveled is now shifting to the right.

New Gen 1 vehicles continue to be introduced, but 2nd bulge will appear at left with Gen 2 vehicle introduction.

Vehicle Miles: All OEMs Combined
Through Q2 2006

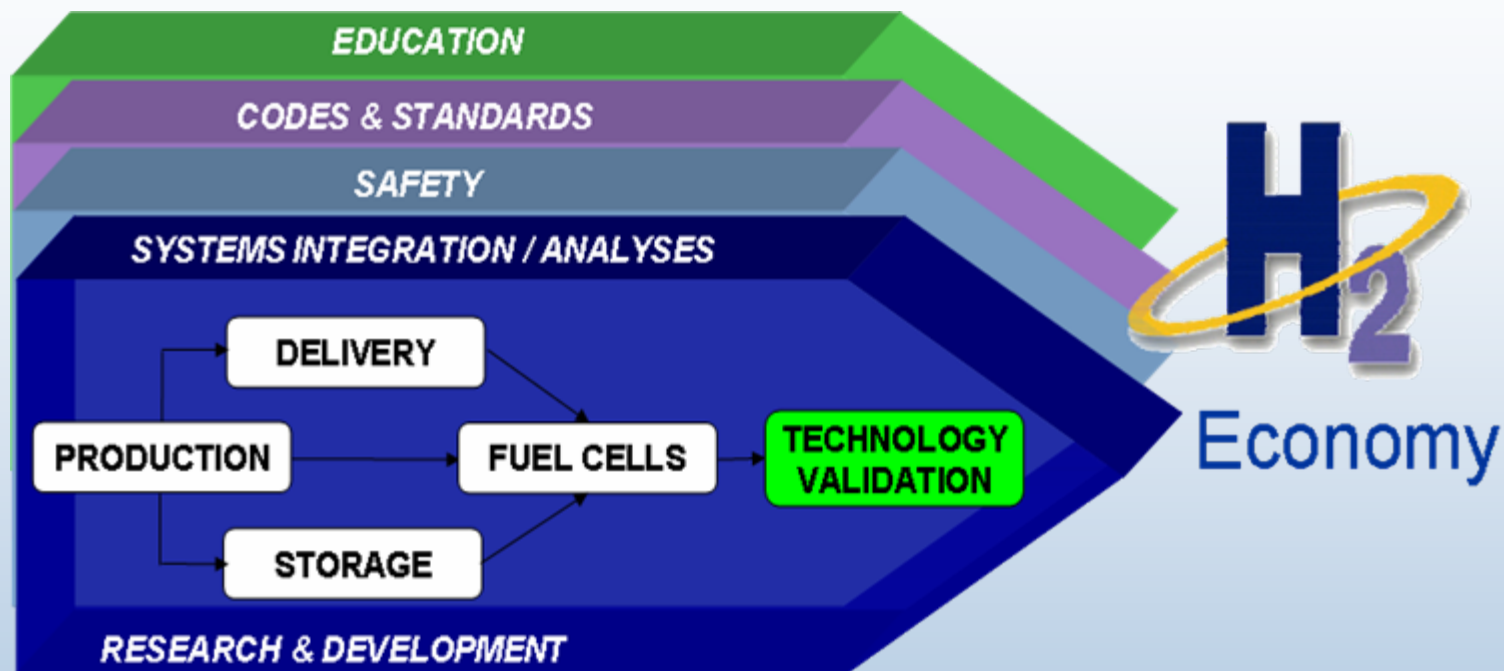


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Summary

- First 5-quarters of project completed
 - 63 vehicles now in fleet operation
 - 9 stations in operation to support project vehicles
 - No major safety problems encountered
 - Total of 25 composite data products published to-date
- Project has identified current technical status relative to program targets
 - Will track improvements from 2nd generation stacks/vehicles introduced mid-way through project
- Future public results will include:
 - 6-month updates to existing composite data products
 - Fuel cell cold start-up times
 - H₂ production cost and efficiency
 - Other composite data products created based on insights learned

Questions and Discussion



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All public Learning Demo papers and presentations are available online at http://www.nrel.gov/hydrogen/proj_tech_validation.html