



## Fuel Cell Electric Vehicle Evaluation

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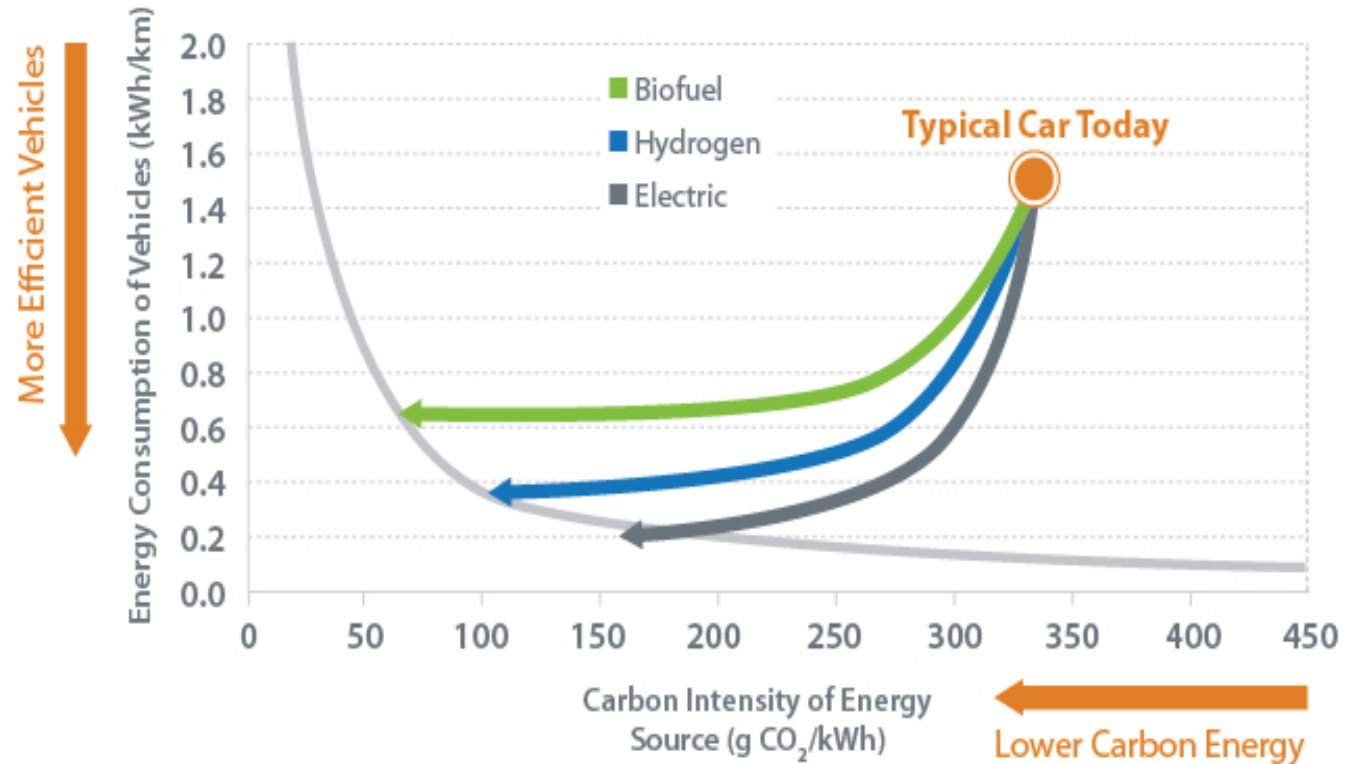
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# Sustainable Transportation Vision

NREL RD&D accelerates the process of bringing sustainable transportation technologies to the market with the ultimate goals of:

- Reduction of GHG emissions in the transportation sector to meet a 2050 goal of 80% below 2005 levels
- Diversification of transportation energy sources to reduce petroleum consumption and promote U.S. energy security



# Why Hydrogen Fuel Cell Electric Vehicles



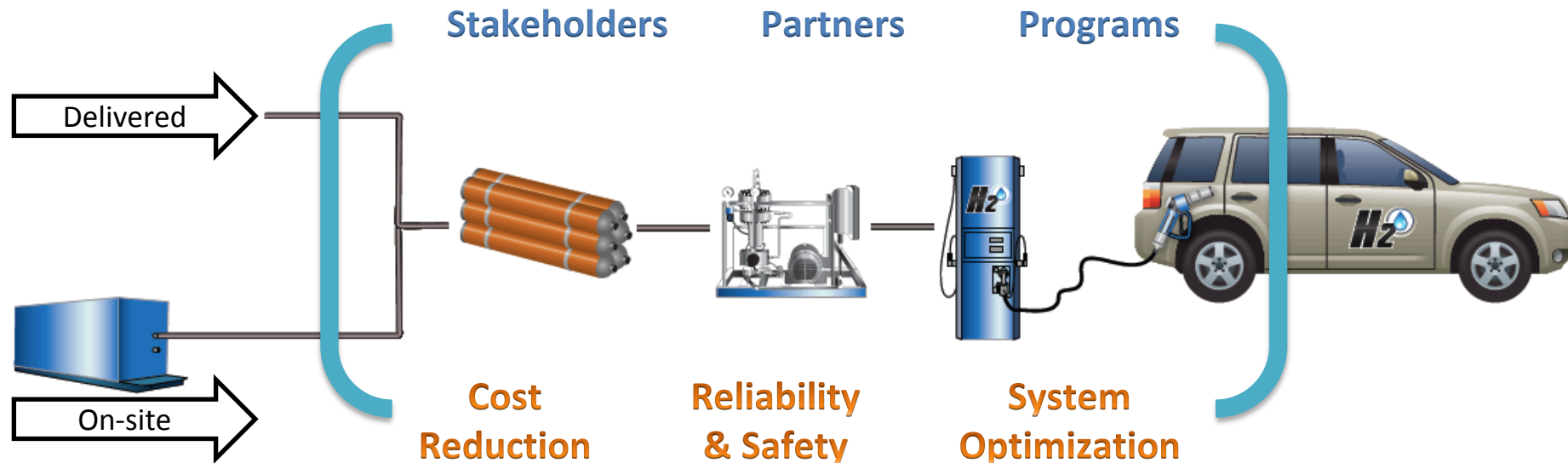
Hydrogen FCEVs are clean, efficient, refuel quickly, and provide long driving range

Challenges include hydrogen infrastructure cost & reliability, fuel cell durability & reliability

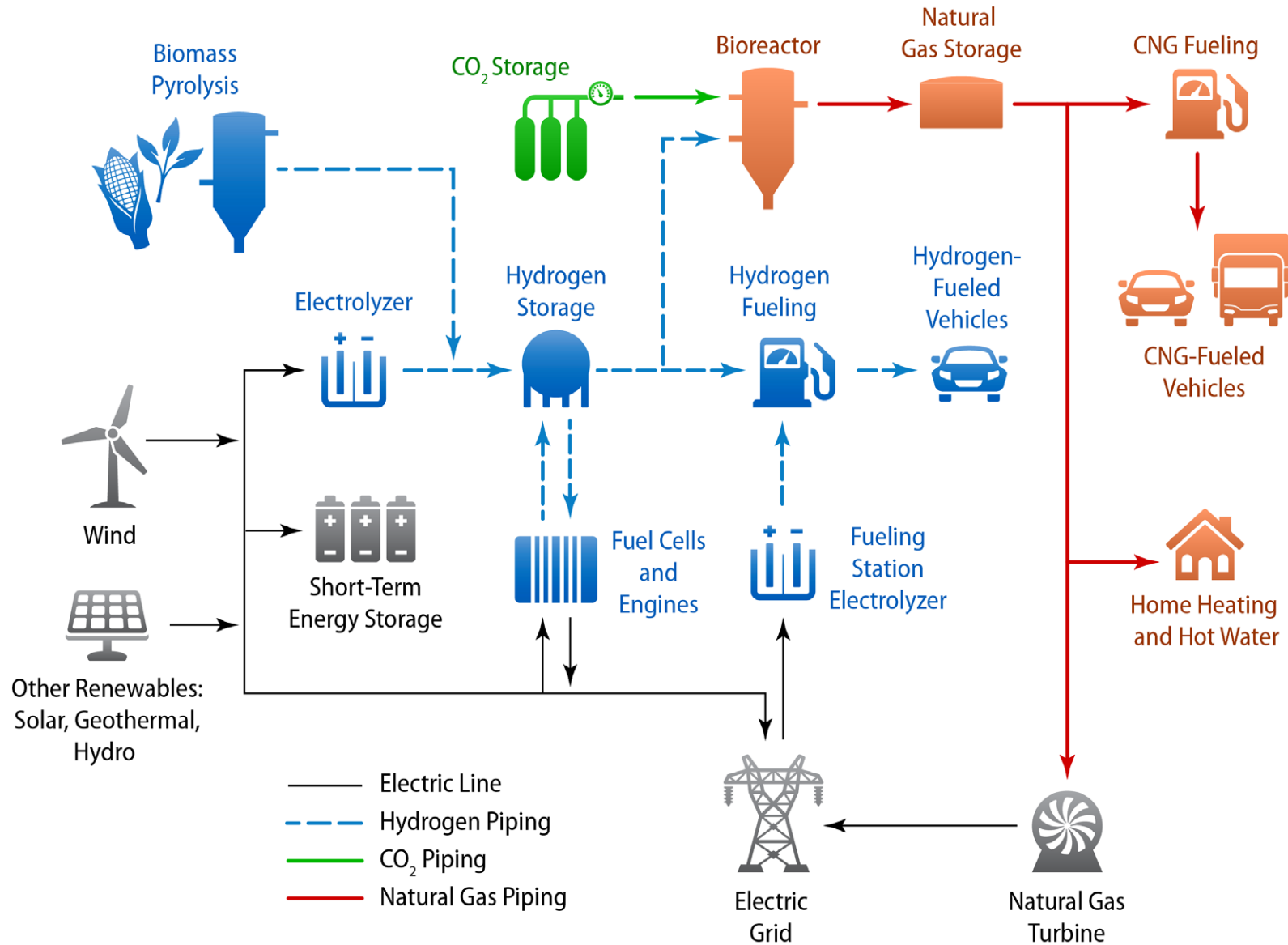
# The Hydrogen Fueling Research & Station Technology

Ensure that FCEV customers have a positive fueling experience relative to conventional gasoline/diesel stations as vehicles are introduced (2015-2017), and transition to advanced refueling technology beyond 2017.

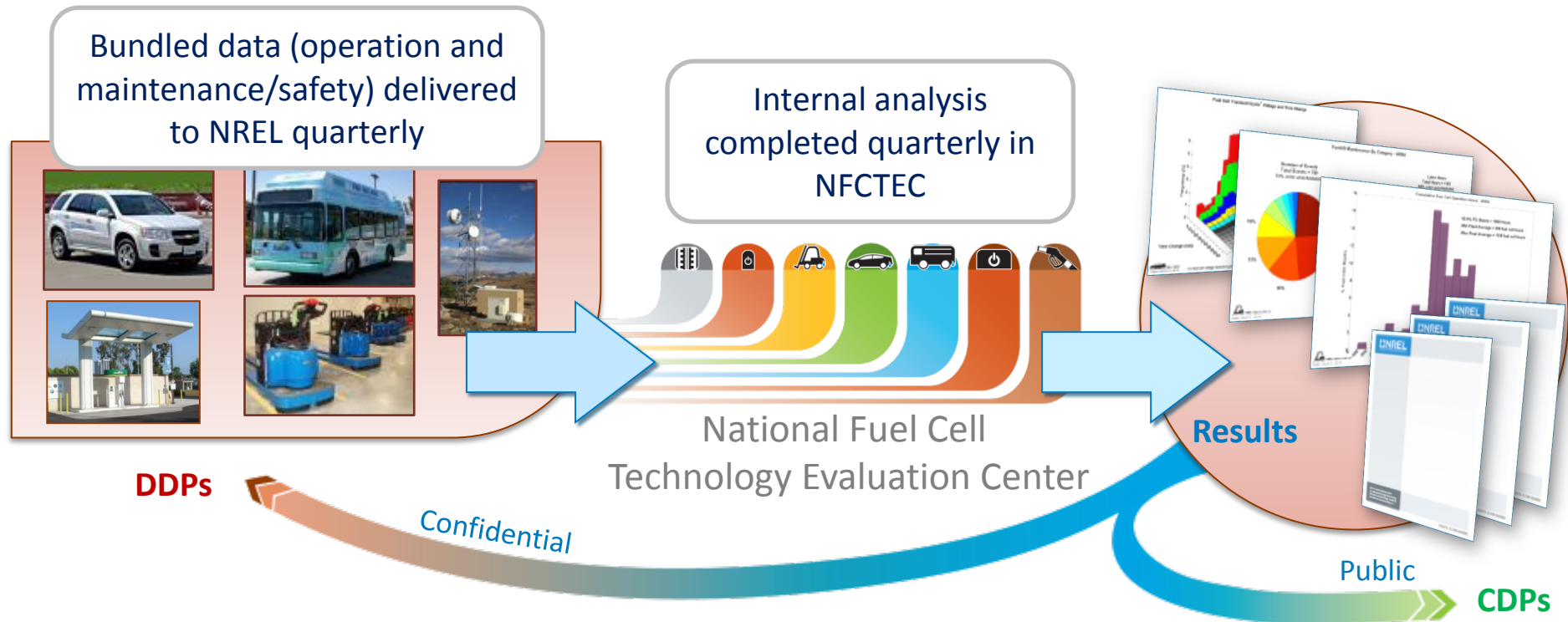
1. Reduce the installation cost of a hydrogen fueling station to be competitive with conventional liquid fuel.
2. Improve the availability, reliability, and cost while ensuring the safety of high-pressure components.
3. Focus a flexible and responsive set of technical experts and facilities to help solve today's urgent challenges and the future unpredicted needs.
4. Enable distributed generation of renewable hydrogen in a broader energy ecosystem.



# Renewable Hydrogen Options



# NFCTEC Analysis and Reporting of Real-World Operation Data



**Detailed Data Products (DDPs)**

- Individual data analyses
- Identify individual contribution to CDPs
- Shared every six months only with the partner who supplied the data

**Composite Data Products (CDPs)**

- Aggregated data across multiple systems, sites, and teams
- Publish analysis results every six months without revealing proprietary data

[www.nrel.gov/hydrogen/proj\\_tech\\_validation.html](http://www.nrel.gov/hydrogen/proj_tech_validation.html)

# On-road FCEVs & Partners

## Objectives

- Data analysis and reporting of hydrogen fuel cell electric vehicles (FCEV) operating in real-world setting
- Identify current status and evolution of the technology
- Publish performance status and progress from multiple FCEV models



Six Data Providers<sup>1</sup>



Range of FCEV Model Years



<sup>1</sup>DOE project overview:

- \$5.5 million DOE funding
- Data to be collected from up to ~90 vehicles

<sup>2</sup>Project managed by Electricore Award completed



# FCEV Deployment and Operation Through 12/2015

**55**

FCEVs total

**51**

Average on-road  
fuel economy miles/kg

**4,100**

Max fleet voltage durability  
(Hours to 10% degradation metric)

**24**

FCEVs retired

**> 3,052,000**

miles traveled

**> 190,300**

Max FCEV odometer miles



NREL Hydrogen Station Dedication 10/2015

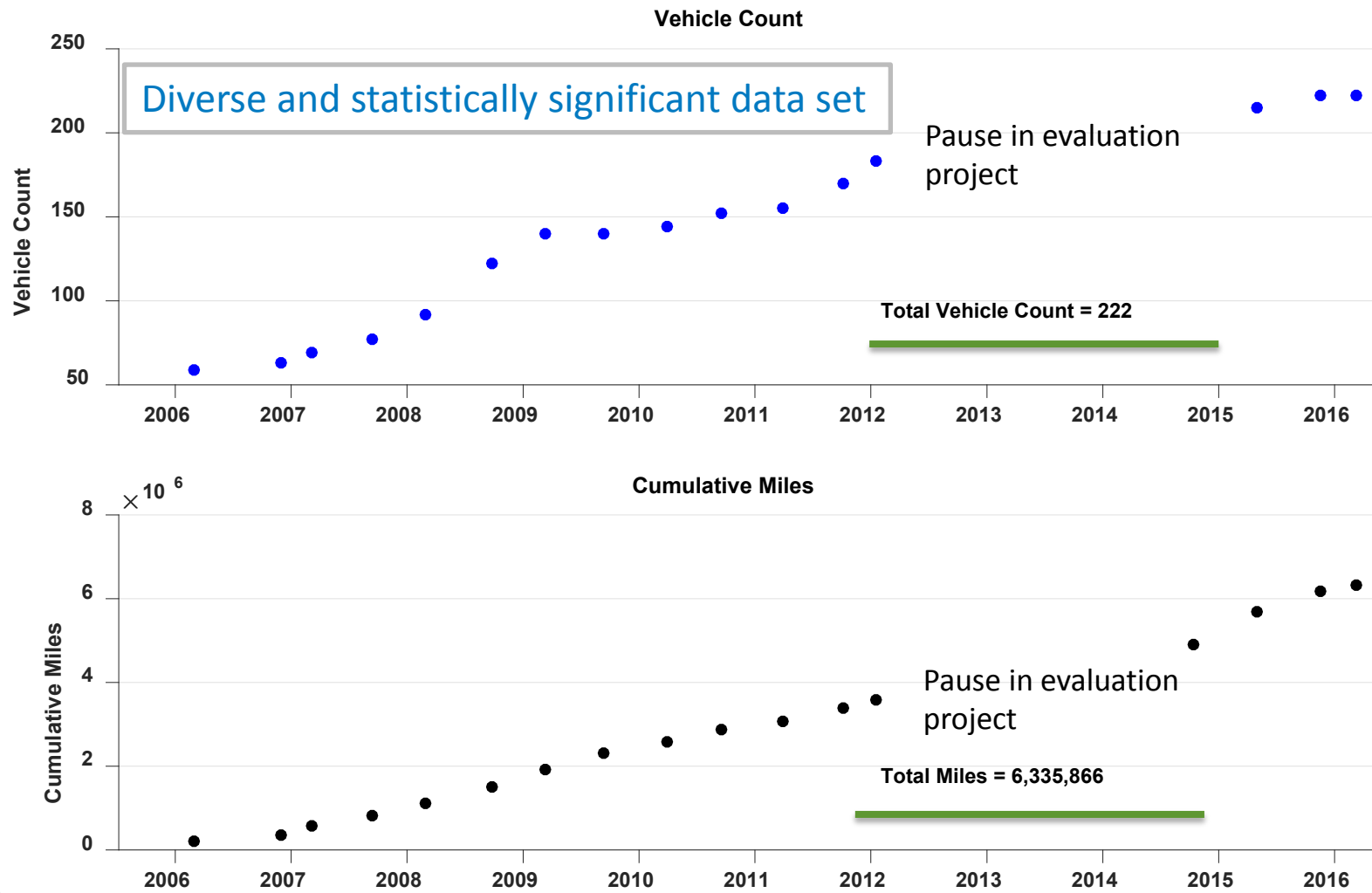
**> 101,400**

Fuel cell  
operation hours

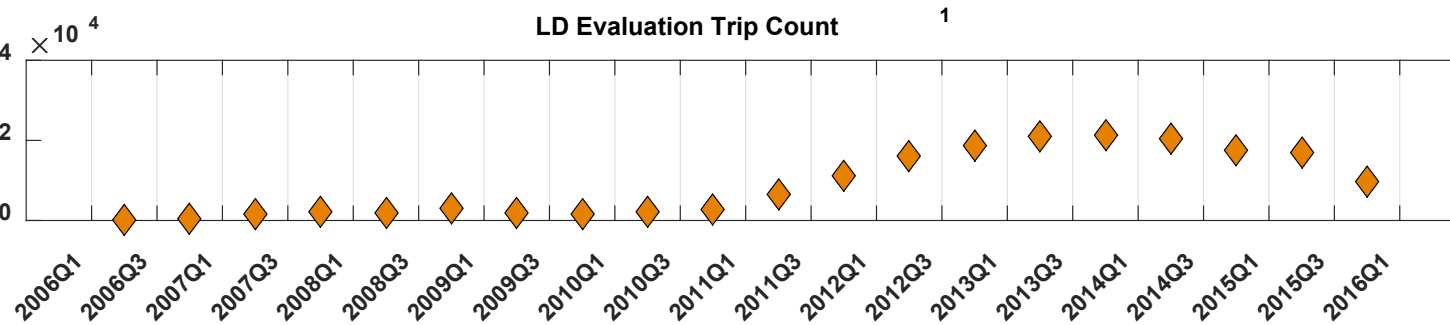
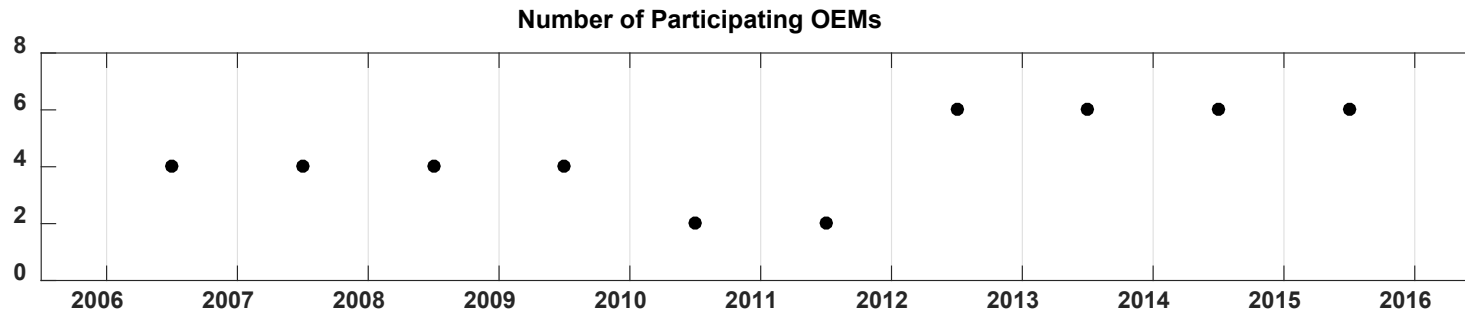
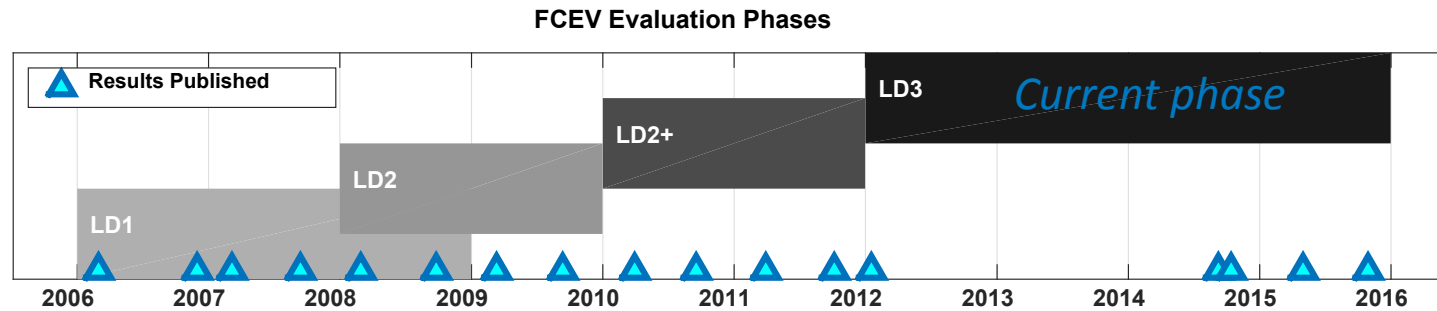
**5,600**

Max fuel cell  
operation hours

# Vehicle Count & Miles Since 2006

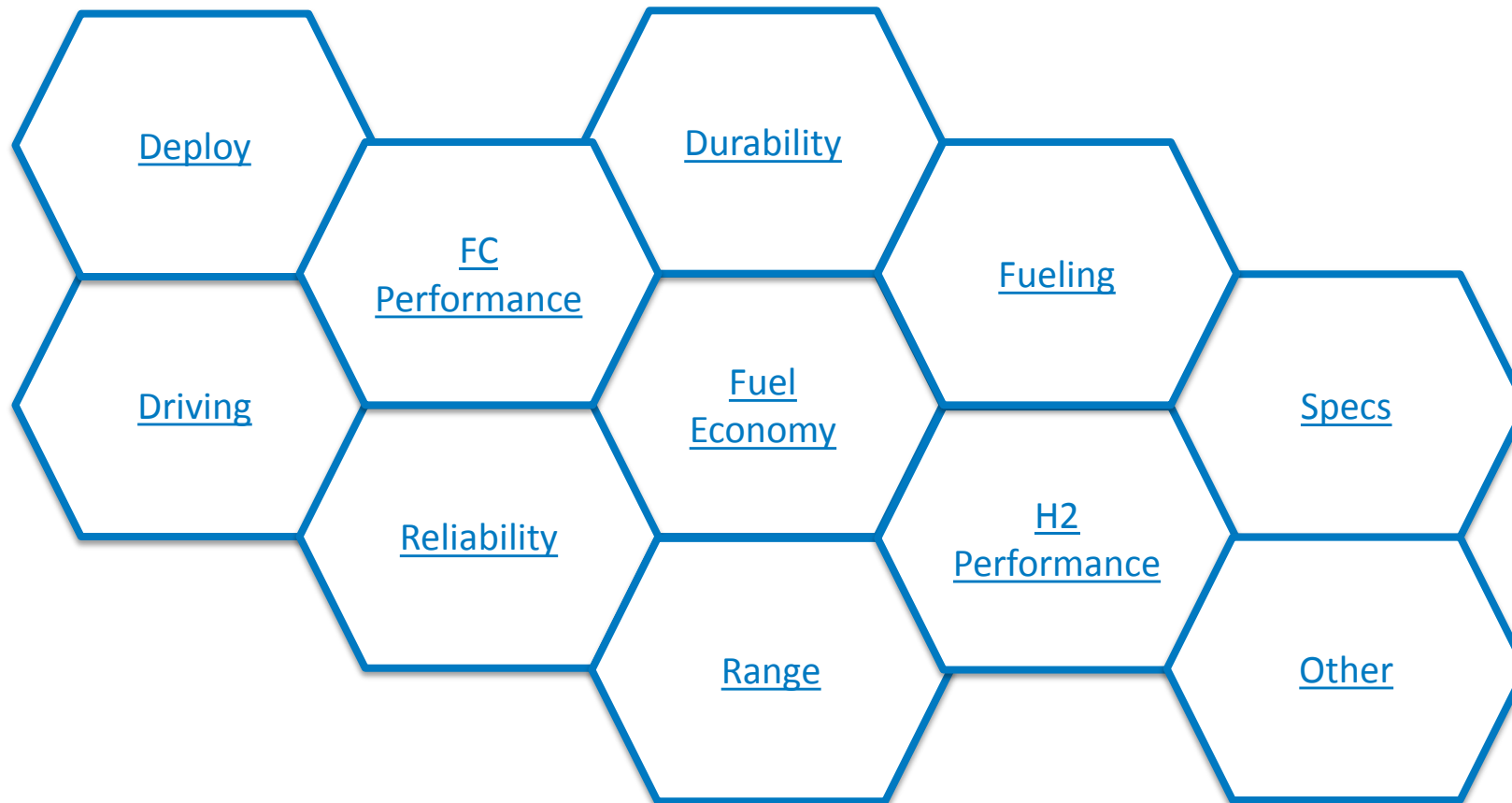


# Participants and Trips Since 2006



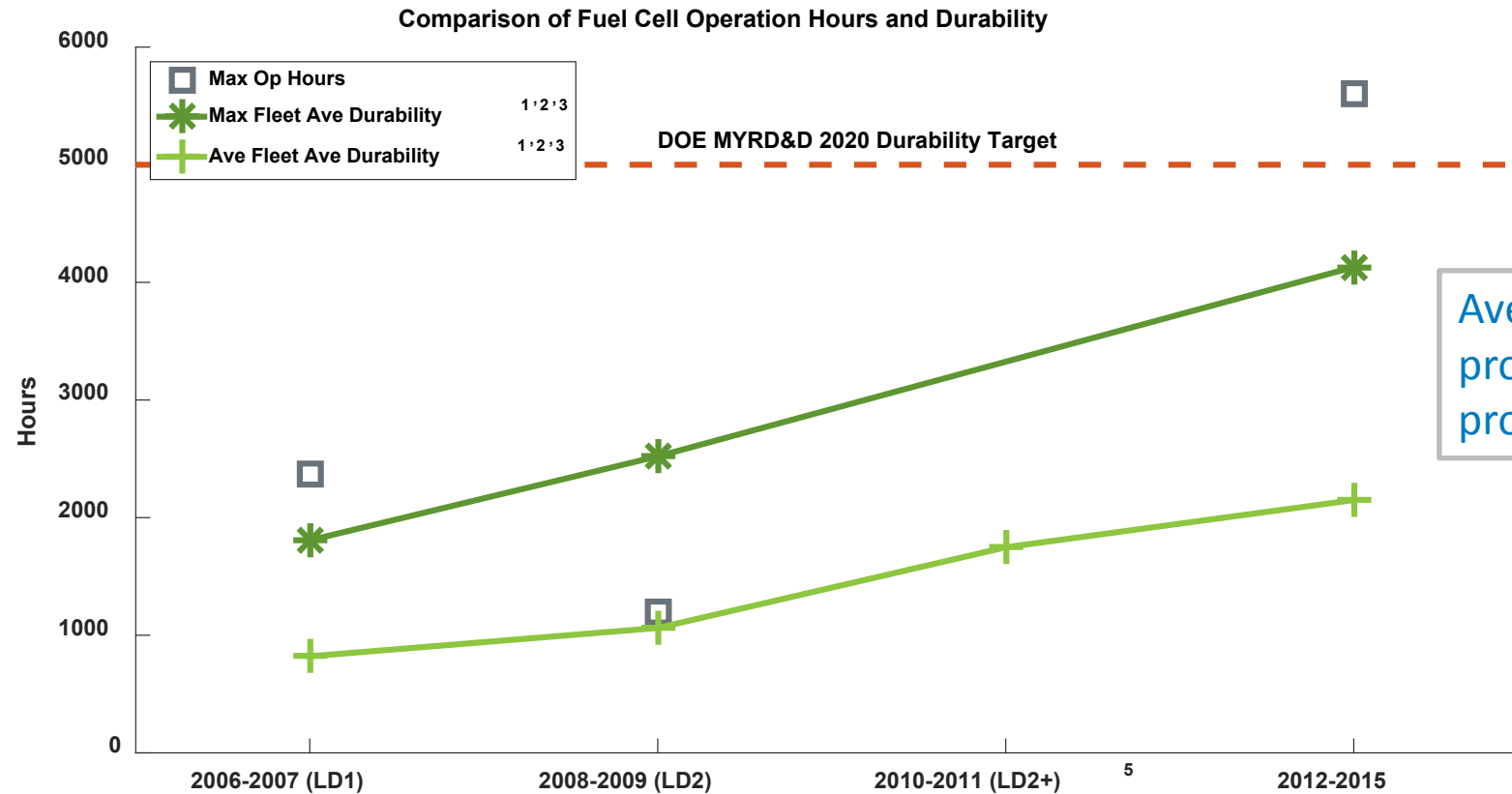
NREL analyzed trips decreasing due to planned vehicle decommissioning of older generation vehicles.

# FCEV Analysis Categories



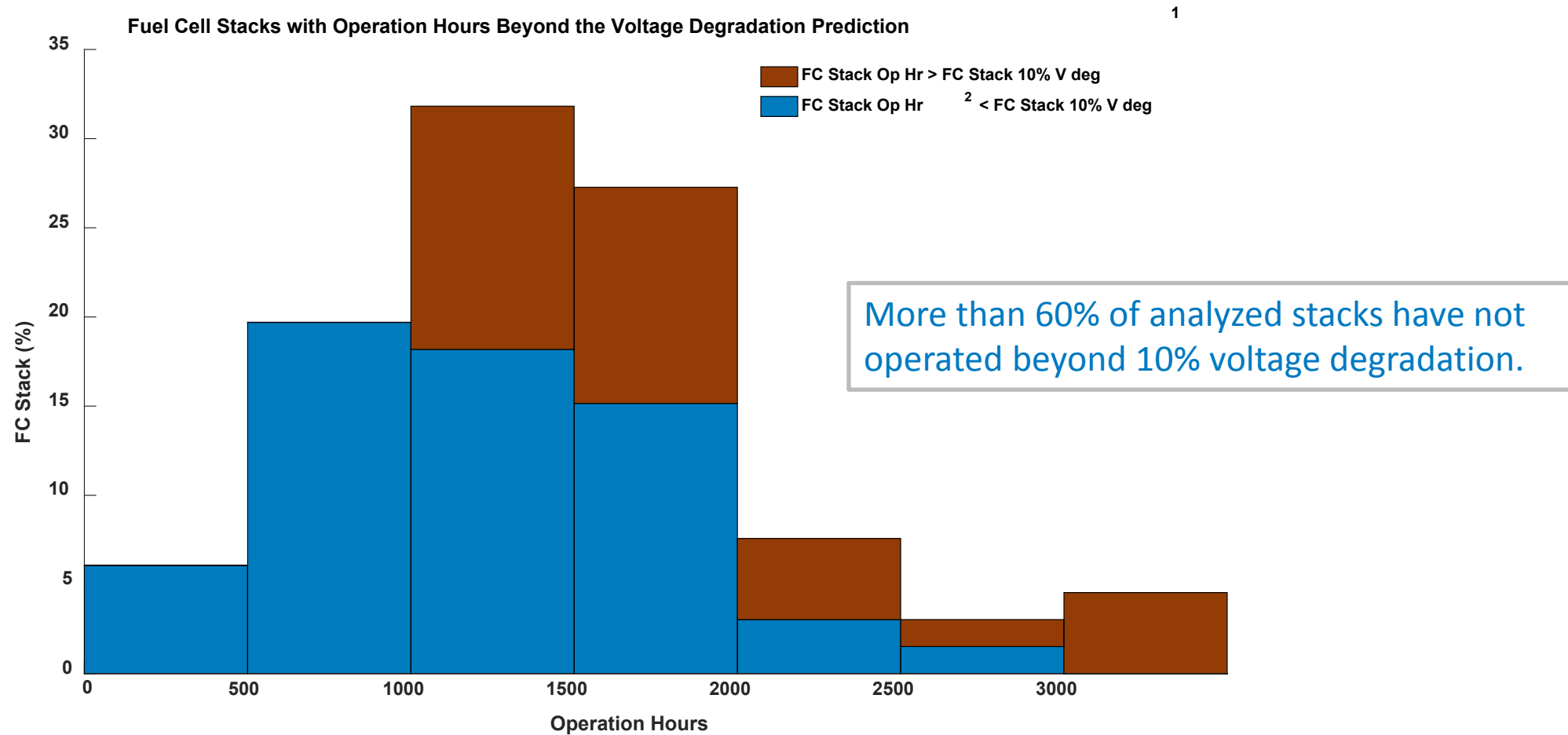
**Analyzed data through 12/2015**  
**All results not included here. All results available online at**  
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# FCEV Voltage Durability

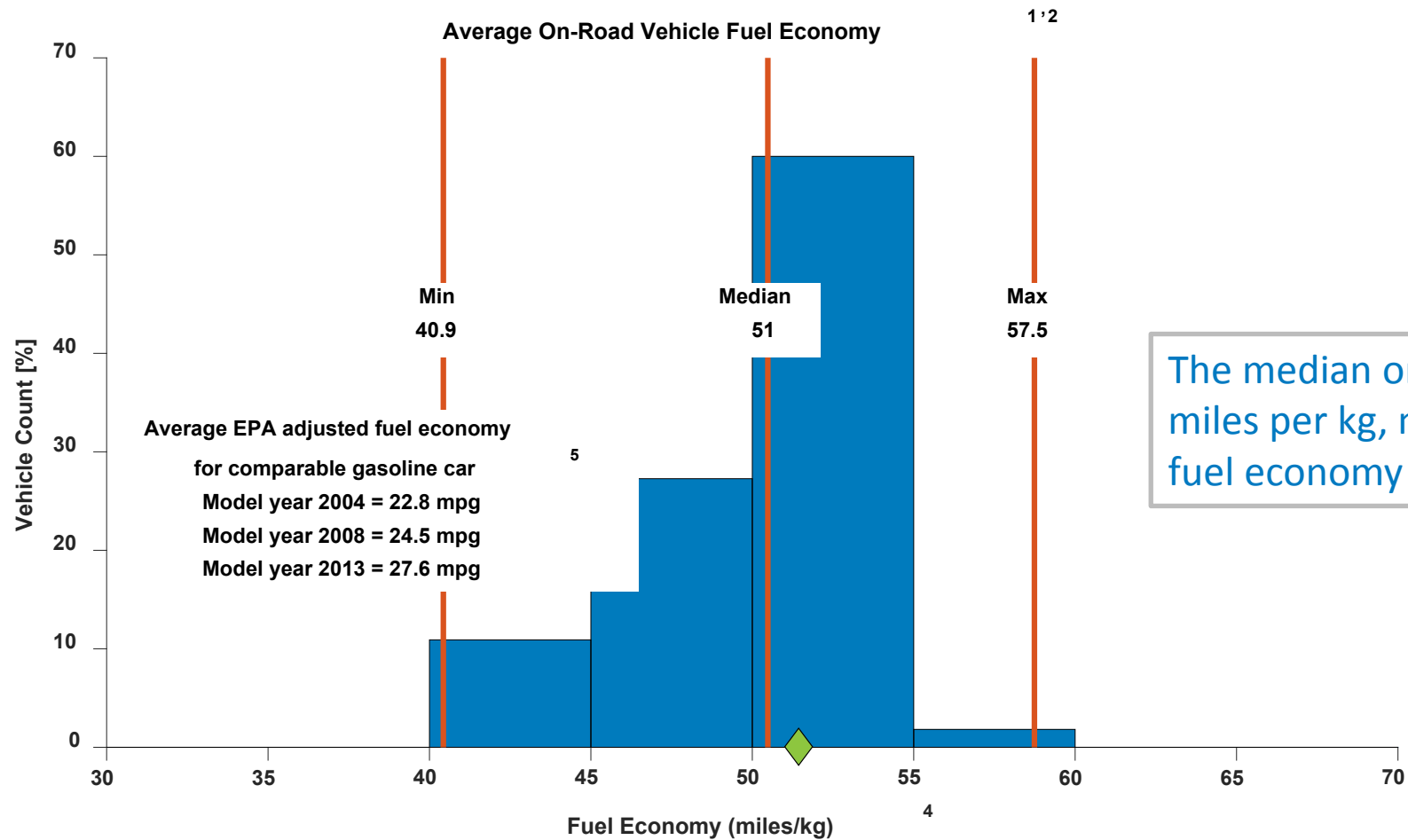


Average fleet voltage durability projection increased > 160% from initial projections in 2006 (CDP-FCEV-31)

# Comparison of FC Stacks Operated Beyond 10% Voltage Degradation

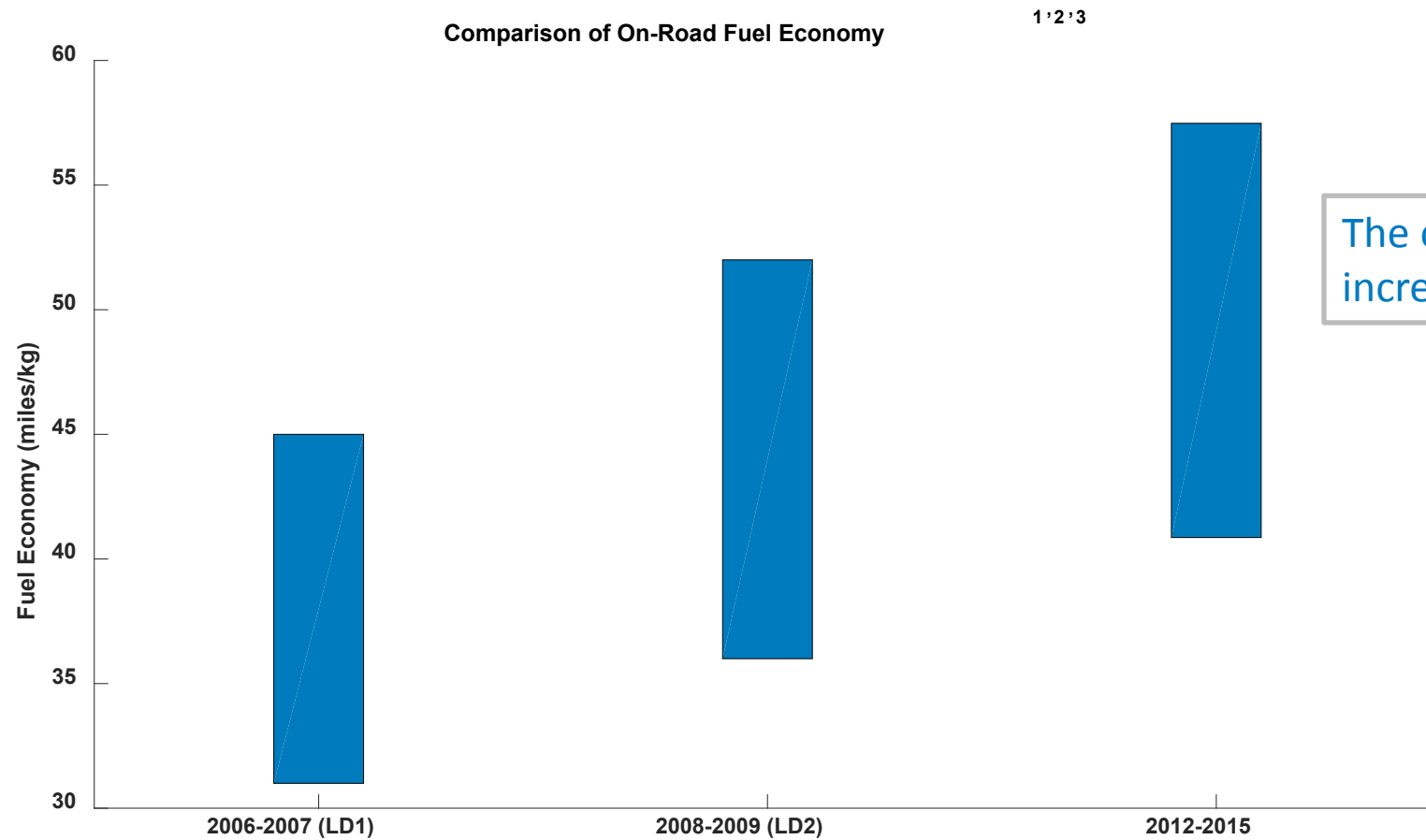


# On-Road Fuel Economy



The median on-road vehicle fuel economy is 51 miles per kg, nearly twice the 2013 EPA adjusted fuel economy for gasoline.

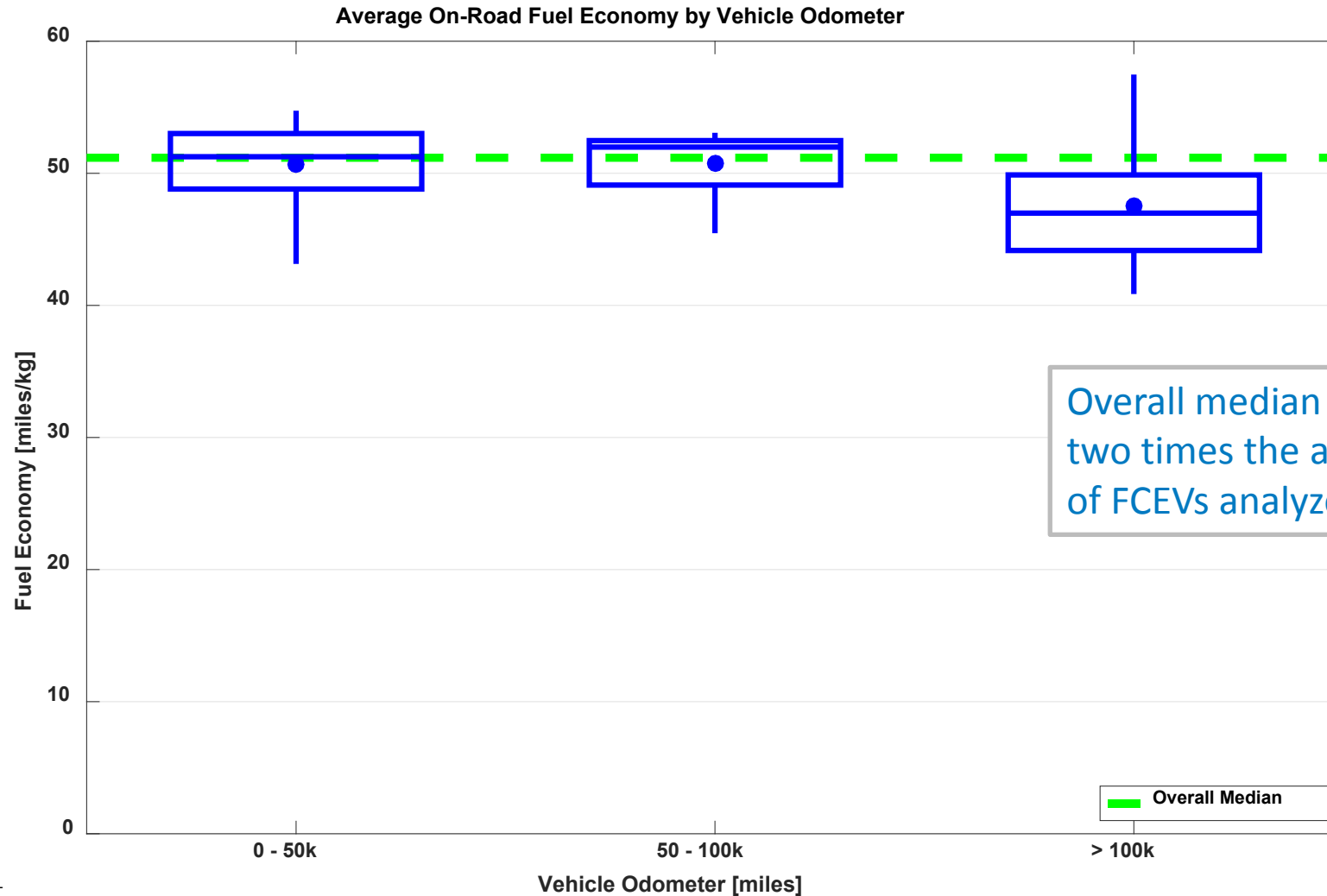
# Comparison of On-Road Fuel Economy



The on-road fuel economy has consistently increased over the last 10 years.

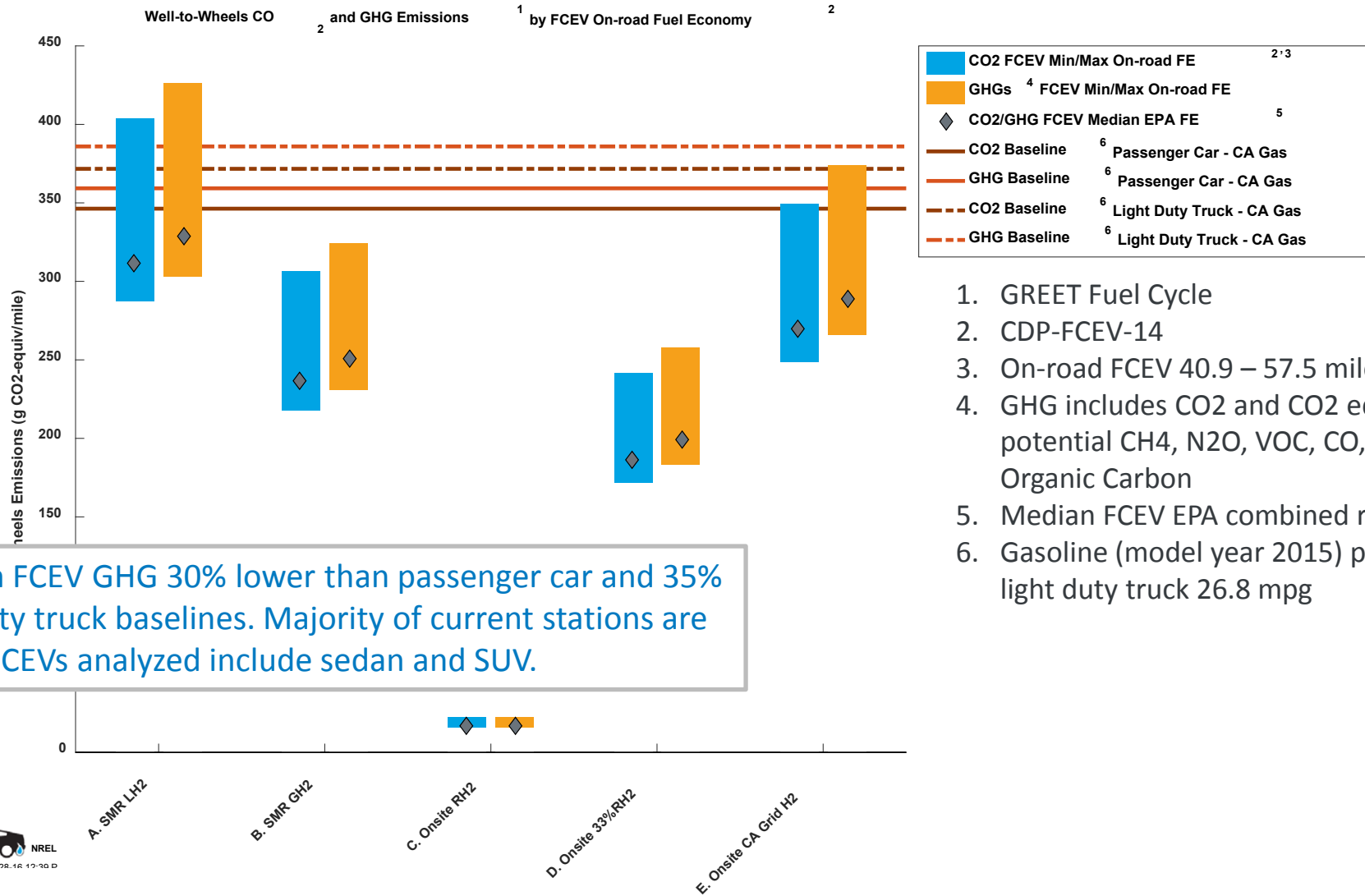


# Average On-Road Fuel Economy by Vehicle Odometer



Overall median fuel economy = 51 m/kg, more than two times the average 2008 (comparable model year of FCEVs analyzed) EPA car fuel economy.

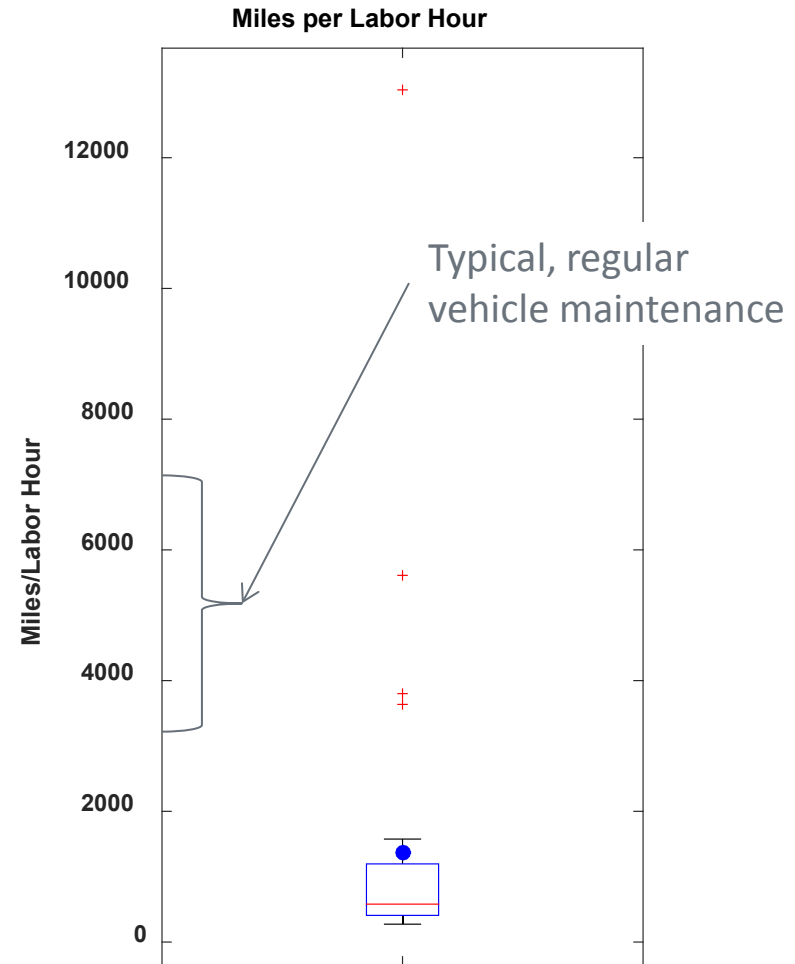
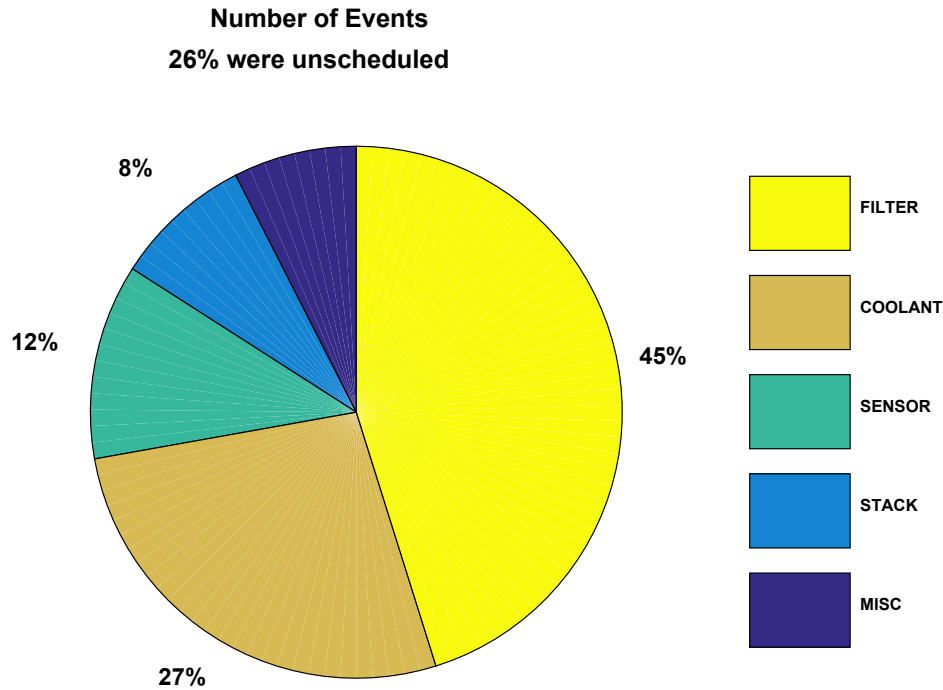
# GHG Emissions Comparisons



Scenario B: Median FCEV GHG 30% lower than passenger car and 35% lower than light duty truck baselines. Majority of current stations are delivered gas and FCEVs analyzed include sedan and SUV.

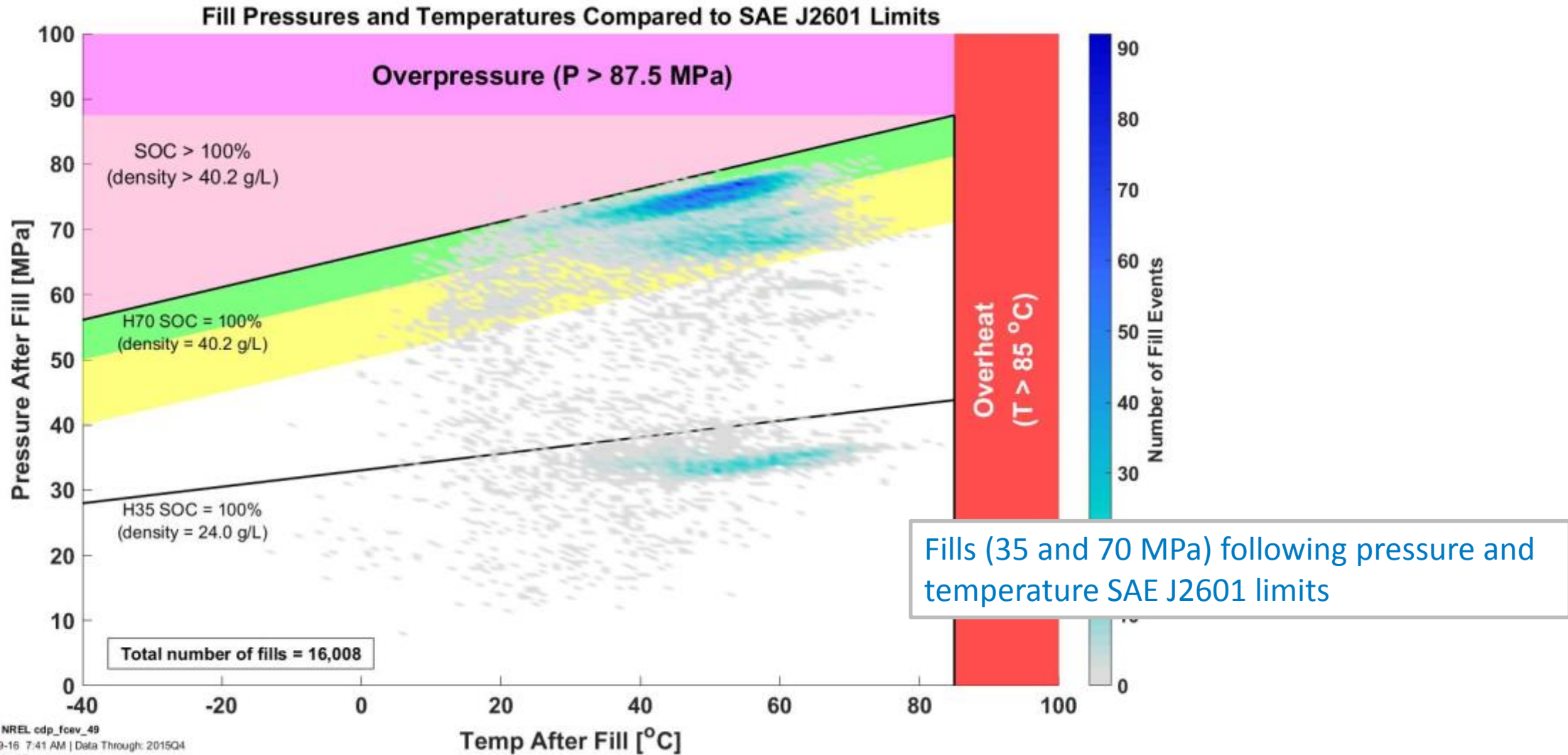


# FCEV Maintenance and Reliability



Majority of FCEVs are older generation without commercial grade maintenance expectations. Simple unscheduled maintenance (72%) filters and coolant fills. Only 3.5% of failures occurred on-road (CDP-FCEV-73). Average maintenance per vehicle decreasing since 2012 (CDP-FCEV-68).

# Comparison of Fills to SAE J2601 Temperature and Pressure Limits



# Summary of Key Metrics

Vehicle Performance Metrics		DOE Target (Year 2020) <sup>a</sup>	LD3 <sup>b</sup>	LD2+ <sup>c</sup>	LD2 <sup>c</sup>	LD1 <sup>c</sup>
Durability	Max Fuel Cell Durability Projection (hours)	5,000	4,130	--	2,521	1,807
	Average Fuel Cell Durability Projection (hours)		2,149	1,748	1,062	821
	Max Fuel Cell Operation (hours)		5,605	1,582	1,261	2,375
Efficiency	Adjusted Dyno (Window Sticker) Range		200 - 320 miles	--	196-254 miles	103-190 miles
	Median On-Road Distance Between Fuelings		123	98 miles	81 miles	56 miles
	Fuel Economy (Window Sticker)		51 mi/kg (median)	--	43 – 58 mi/kg	42 – 57 mi/kg
	Fuel Cell Efficiency at ¼ Power	60%	57% (average)	--	53% – 59%	51% – 58%
	Fuel Cell Efficiency at Full Power		43% (average)	--	42% – 53%	30% – 54%
Specs	Specific Power (W/kg)	650	240 - 563		306-406	183-323
	Power Density (W/L)	850	278 - 619		300-400	300-400
Storage	System Gravimetric Capacity (kg H2/kg system)	5.5%	2.5% - 3.7%			
	System Volumetric Capacity (kg H2/L system)	0.04	0.018 - 0.054			

a) Fuel Cell Technologies Office Multi-Year Research, Development, and Demonstration Plan (<http://energy.gov/eere/fuelcells/downloads/fuel-cell-technologies-office-multi-year-research-development-and-22>)

b) Current results are available at [http://www.nrel.gov/hydrogen/proj\\_fc\\_vehicle\\_evaluation.html](http://www.nrel.gov/hydrogen/proj_fc_vehicle_evaluation.html) (Updated 11/2015)

c) National Fuel Cell Vehicle Learning Demonstration Final Report (<http://www.nrel.gov/hydrogen/pdfs/54860.pdf>)

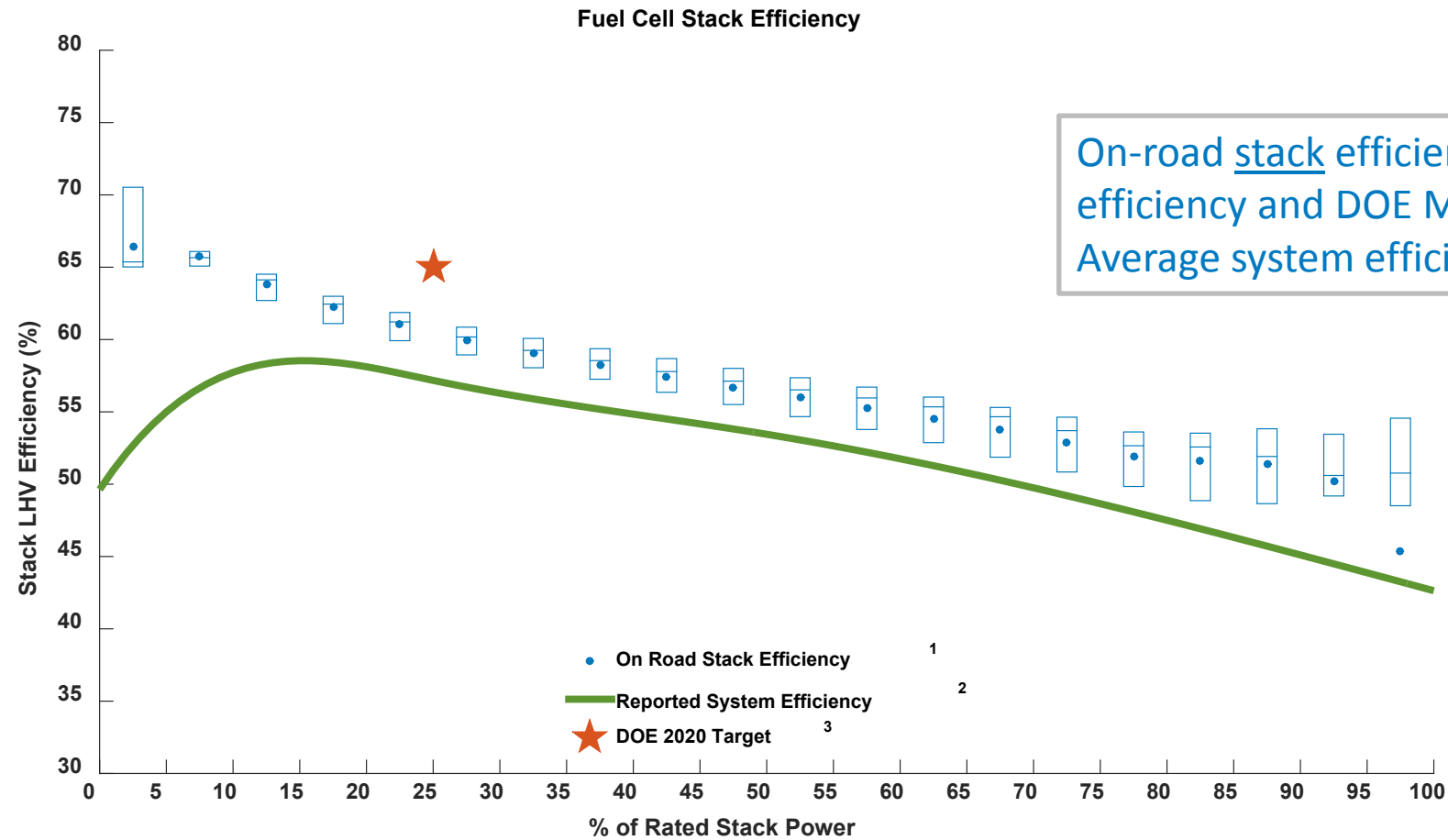
Updated values since 6/2015 report and continued progress demonstrated over the four evaluation periods with FCEV technology improvements especially in key technical areas like fuel cell durability, range, and fuel economy.



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# Technical Back-Up Slides

# On-Road Fuel Cell Stack Efficiency



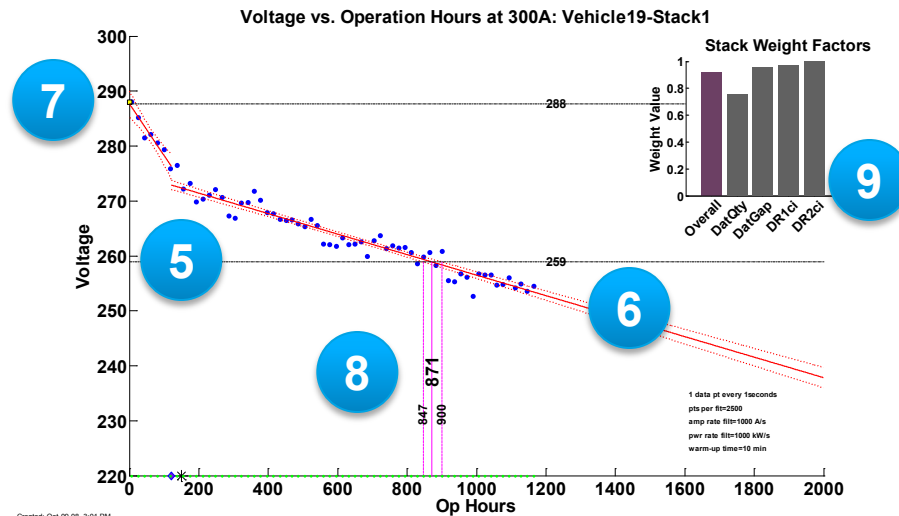
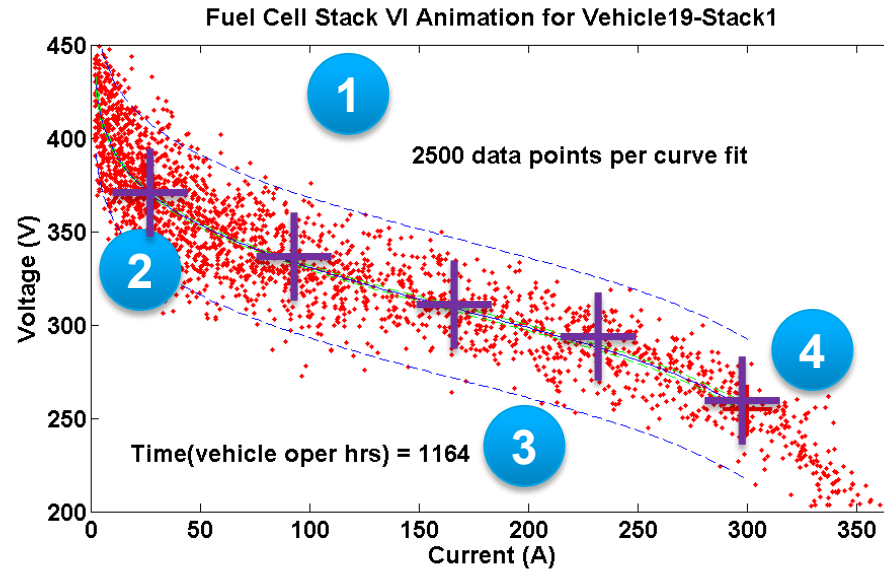
On-road stack efficiency compared with dyno system efficiency and DOE MYRDD 2020 Stack Target (65%). Average system efficiency at 25% power is 57%.



# Voltage Degradation Analysis Approach

## Analysis – EXAMPLE DATA

- 1 Voltage and current data
- 2 Apply polarization fit
- 3 Corresponding operation hour
- 4 Voltages from polarization fit at set currents
- 5 Fit voltage and operation data
- 6 Degradation linear fit
- 7 Y-intercept beginning of life voltage
- 8 Record operation hour when fit crosses 10% nominal voltage drop
- 9 Investigate fit quality



# Key Analysis Topics

## *Critical*

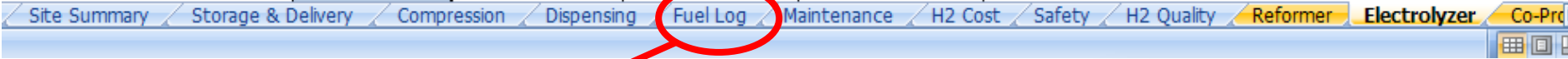
- Fuel cell durability
- Vehicle operation (hours, miles)
- Specs (power density, specific power)
- Range, fuel economy, and efficiency
- Fill performance
- Reliability

## *Important*

- Drive behaviors
- Fill behaviors
- Power management
- Energy
- Transients
- Comparisons to conventional vehicles

These key topics were selected based on review of past CDPs, targets, most commonly referenced topics, and DOE feedback.

# Data Templates and Tools



Infr Template Rev Dec02 2011 (company date).xlsx - Microsoft Excel

Home Insert Page Layout Formulas Data Review View Acrobat

Clipboard Font Alignment Number Editing

B5 insert calendar quarter

1 **Fuel Log**

2 Template last updated on December 02, 2011 (NREL)

3 Data should be from reporting quarter

4

5 Calendar Quarter insert calendar quarter

6 Site Name insert site name

7

Date/Time (m/d/yy HH:MM:SS)	Fuel Price (\$/kg)	Dispenser ID (if multiple)	H2 Filled (kg)	Fill Time (s)	Final Pressure	Veh Name or	Fill Rate (kg/min)
5/1/01 15:30:24	\$5.00	Disp350A	2.5	180			
5/1/01 15:30:24	\$5.00	Disp700B	15	480			
5/1/01 15:30:24	\$5.00	Disp350B	2	120			

Footnotes:  
(1) Refueling Rate: The capability of the on-site refueling system (from storage tank to on the vehicle) shall be tested to determine the hydrogen flow rate and reported qua Refueling time starts and stops upon fuel flow starting and stopping (i.e., set-up exc

NREL Fleet Analysis Toolkit

NREL HSDC  
National Renewable Energy Laboratory Hydrogen Secure Data Center

NREL Fleet Analysis Toolkit

Application Vehicle

Company EcoCars Add

Project H2 Coupe Add

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Utility MASTER: GIT SCC RUN BATCH TRANSMIT ARCHIVE CDP

Analysis Processing to Perform: New CD

- ProcessRaw
- GetTripInfo
- StackInfoFromExcel
- FuelEconomyRaw
- FuelEconomy
- DataCompleteRaw
- DataComplete
- RangeRaw
- Range
- FCDegRaw
- FCDeg
- TripData
- StackSummary
- DriveDetails

Templates enable collection of similar data from all the projects

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