



State-of-the-Art Fuel Cell Voltage Durability Status

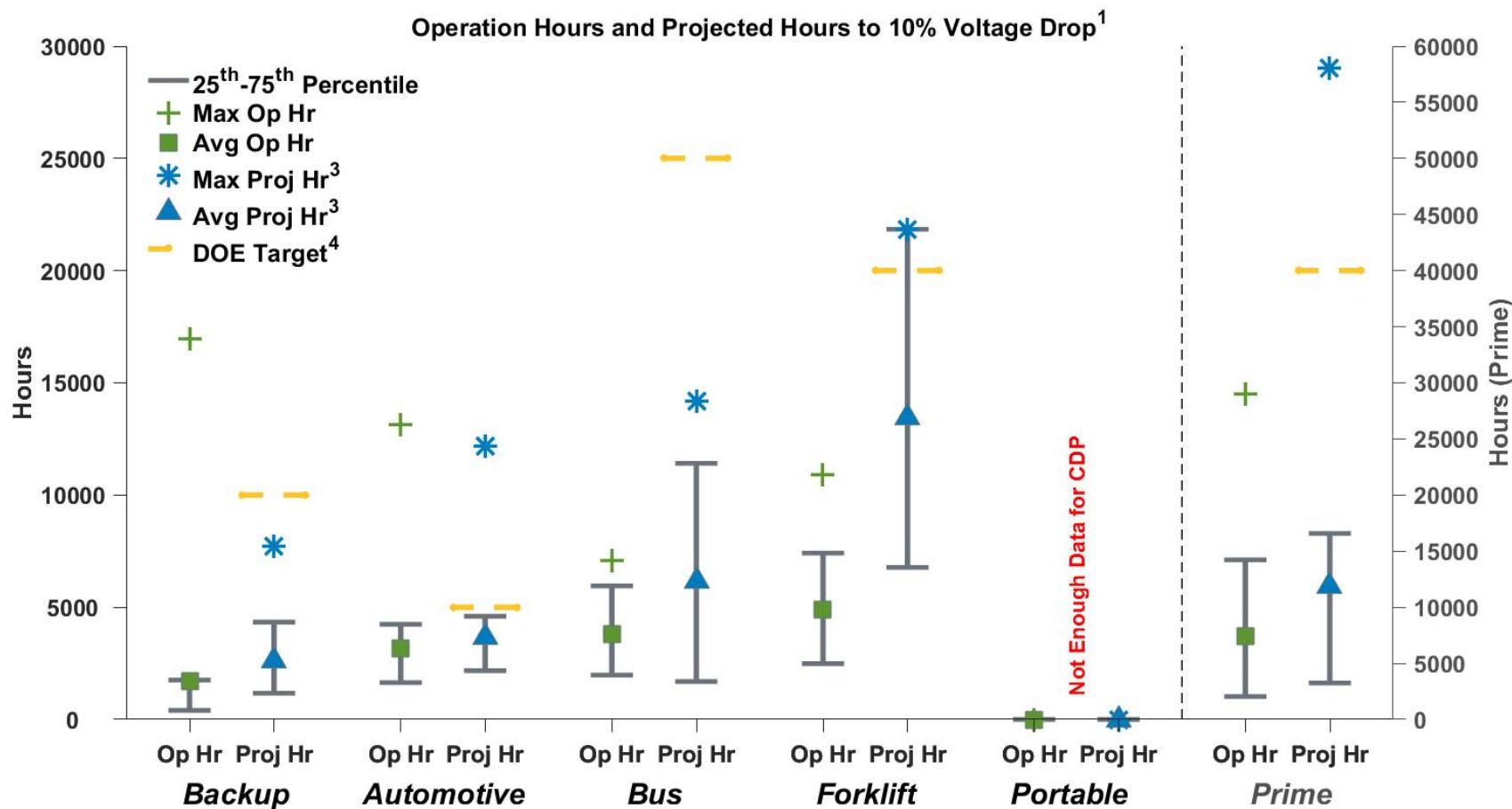
2017 Composite Data Products

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CDP-LAB-01: Lab Data Hours Accumulated and Projected Hours to 10% Stack Voltage Degradation



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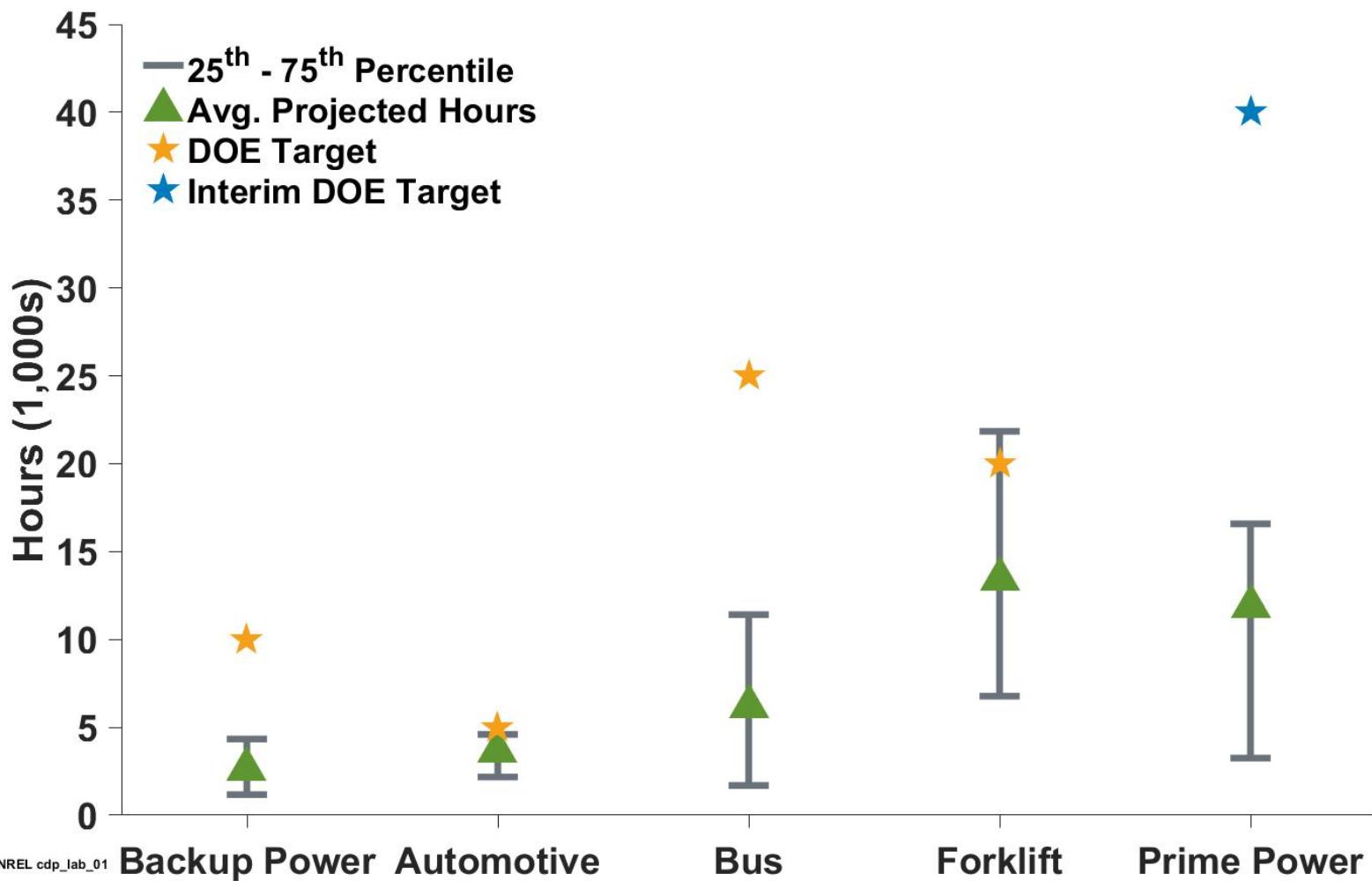
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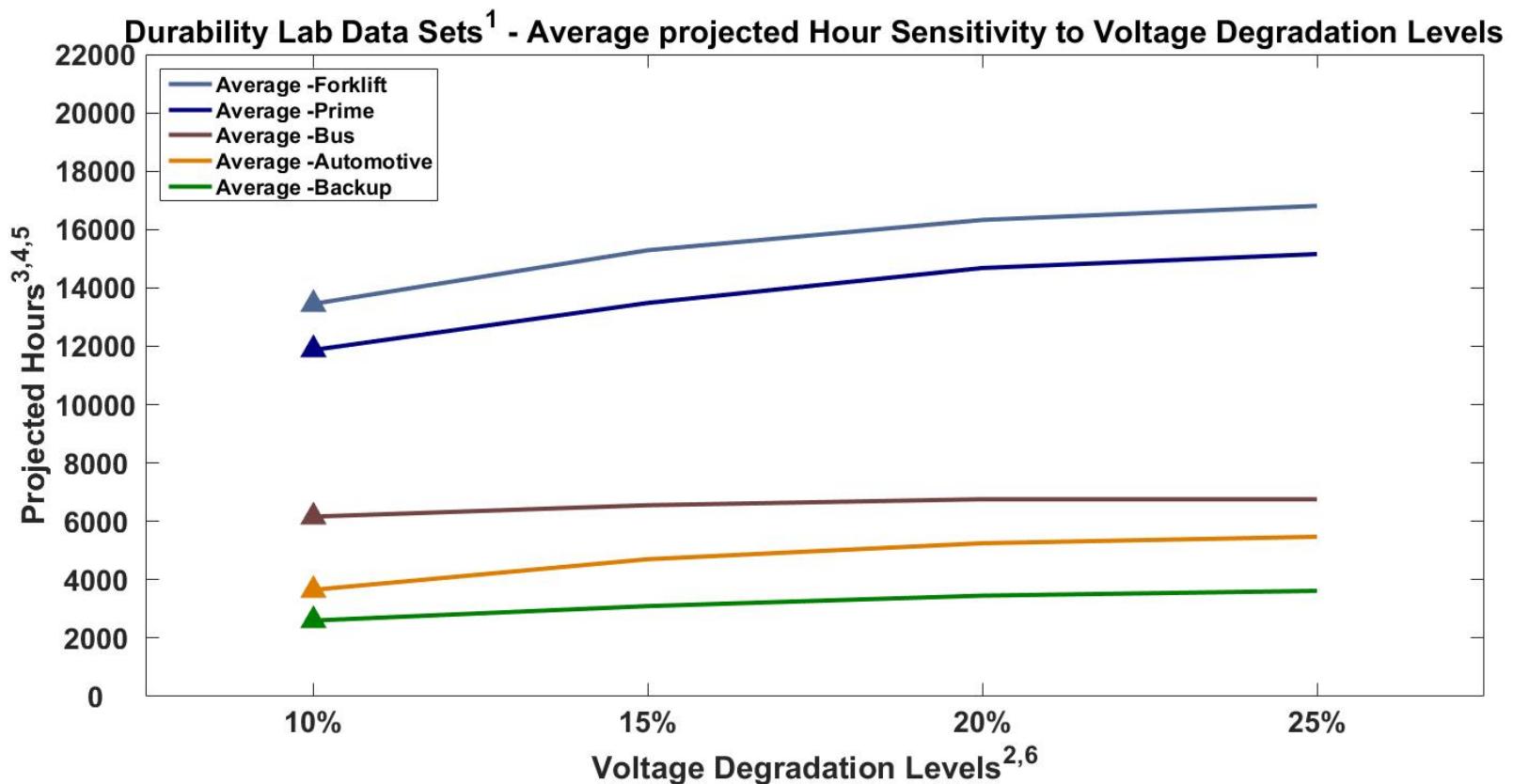
CDP-LAB-01: Lab Data Projected Hours to 10% Stack Voltage Degradation – Simplified



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CDP-LAB-02: Durability Lab Data Projection Sensitivity to Voltage Degradation Levels



- (1) PEM & SOFC data from lab tested, full active area short stacks and systems with full stacks. Data generated from constant load, transient load, and accelerated testing between 2004 and 2016.
- (2) 10% Voltage degradation is a DOE metric for assessing fuel cell performance.
- (3) Curves generated using the average of each application at various voltage degradation levels.
- (4) The projection curves display the sensitivity to percentage of voltage degradation, but the projections do not imply that all stacks will (or do) operate at these voltage degradation levels.
- (5) Projections may be limited by demonstrated operation hours to minimize extrapolations.
- (6) The voltage degradation levels are not an indication of an OEM's end-of-life criteria and do not address catastrophic stack failures such as membrane failure

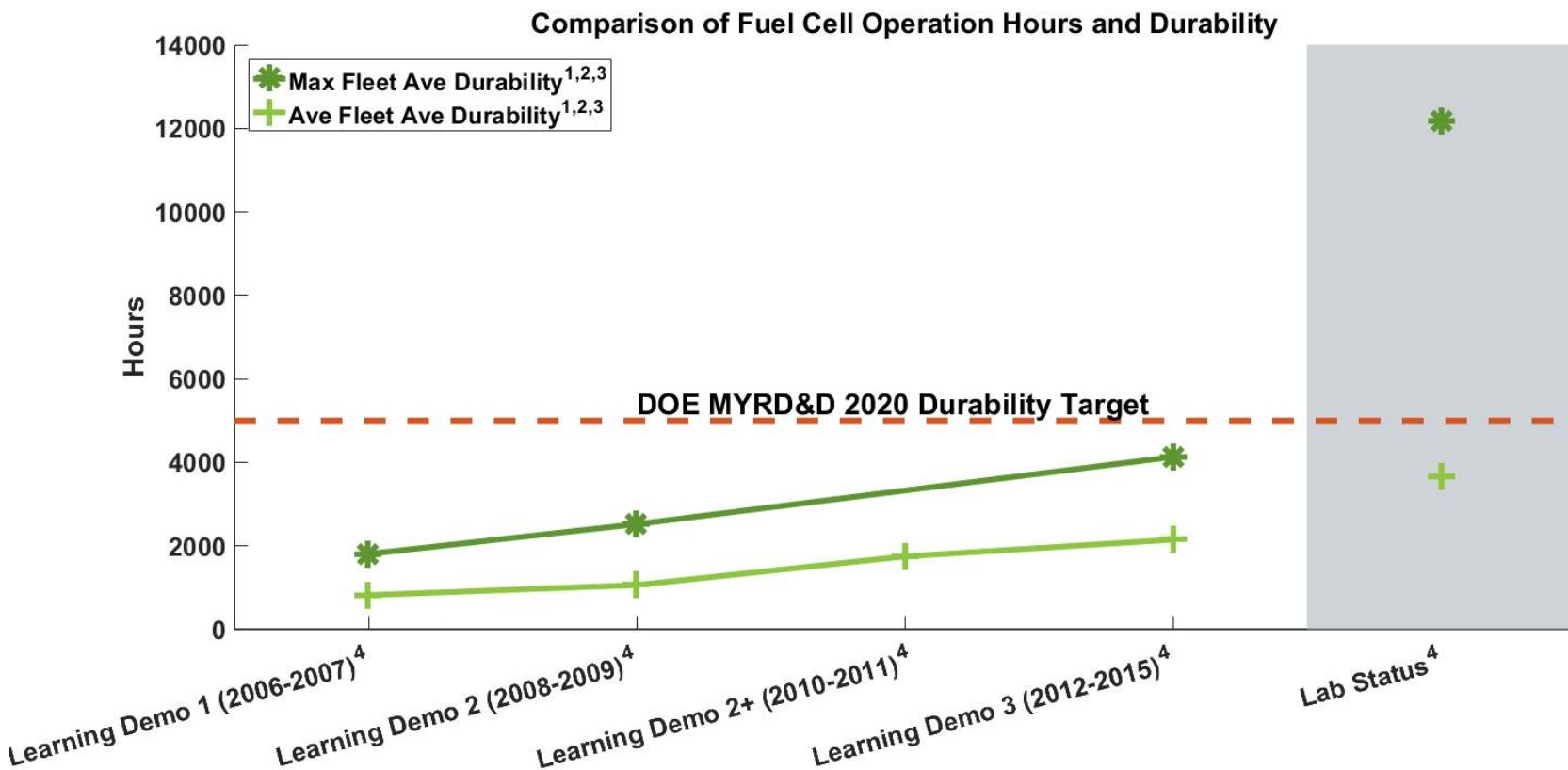


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CDP-LAB-03: Field and Lab Durability Projection Comparison

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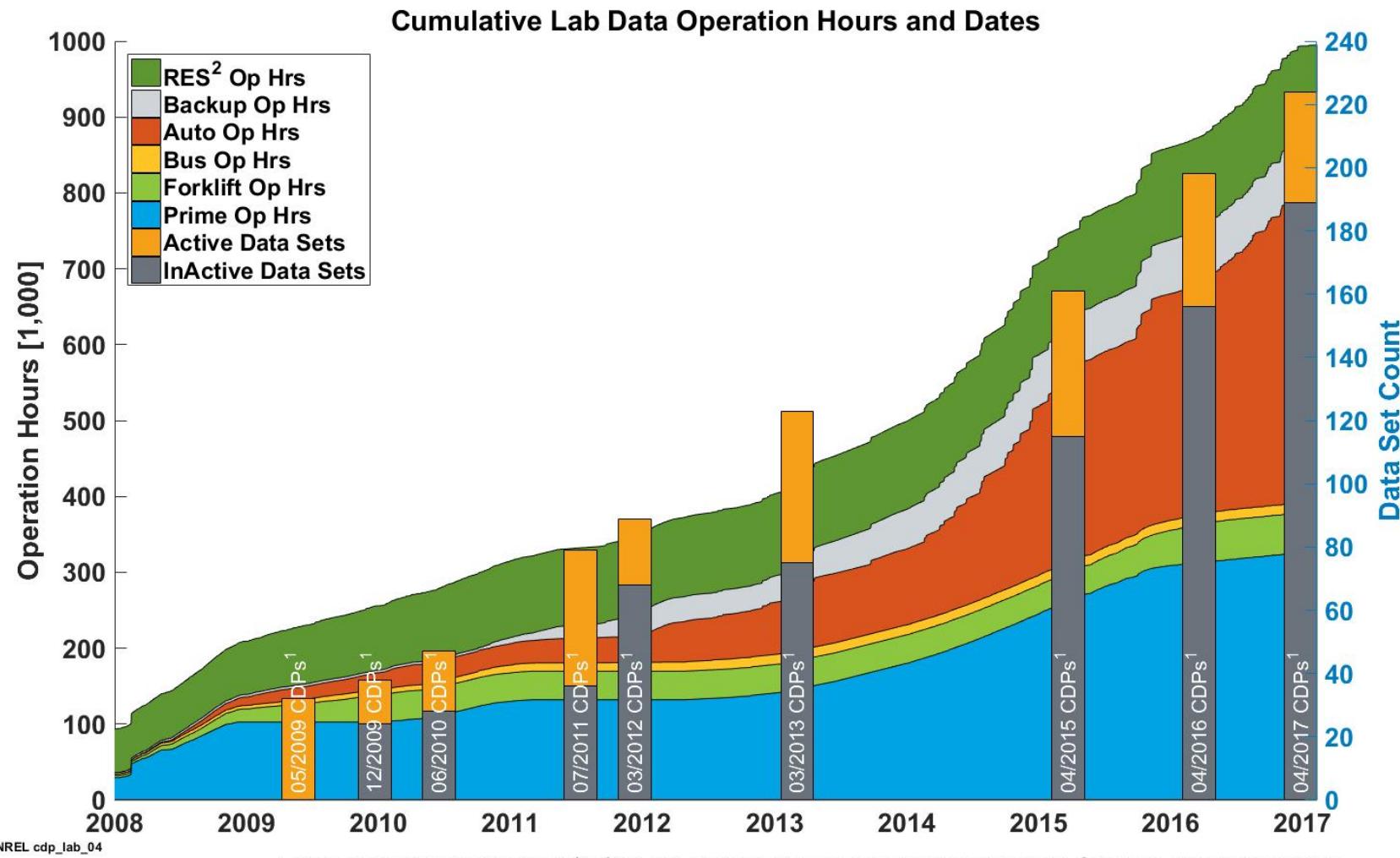
1. Durability based on voltage degradation to 10% lower than beginning of life voltage. 10% voltage drop level is a DOE metric for assessing fuel cell durability.
2. Projections using on-road data are calculated at approximately 55%-65% rated stack current.
3. 10% voltage drop is NOT an indication of an OEM's end-of-life criteria and projections do not address catastrophic stack failure.
4. Maximum operational hours: 2,375 (LD1); 1,200 (LD2); 5,648 (Current FCEV Analysis); 13,129 (Lab Status); Maximum operational hours not reported in Learning Demonstration 2 continuation (LD2+) (2010-2011).



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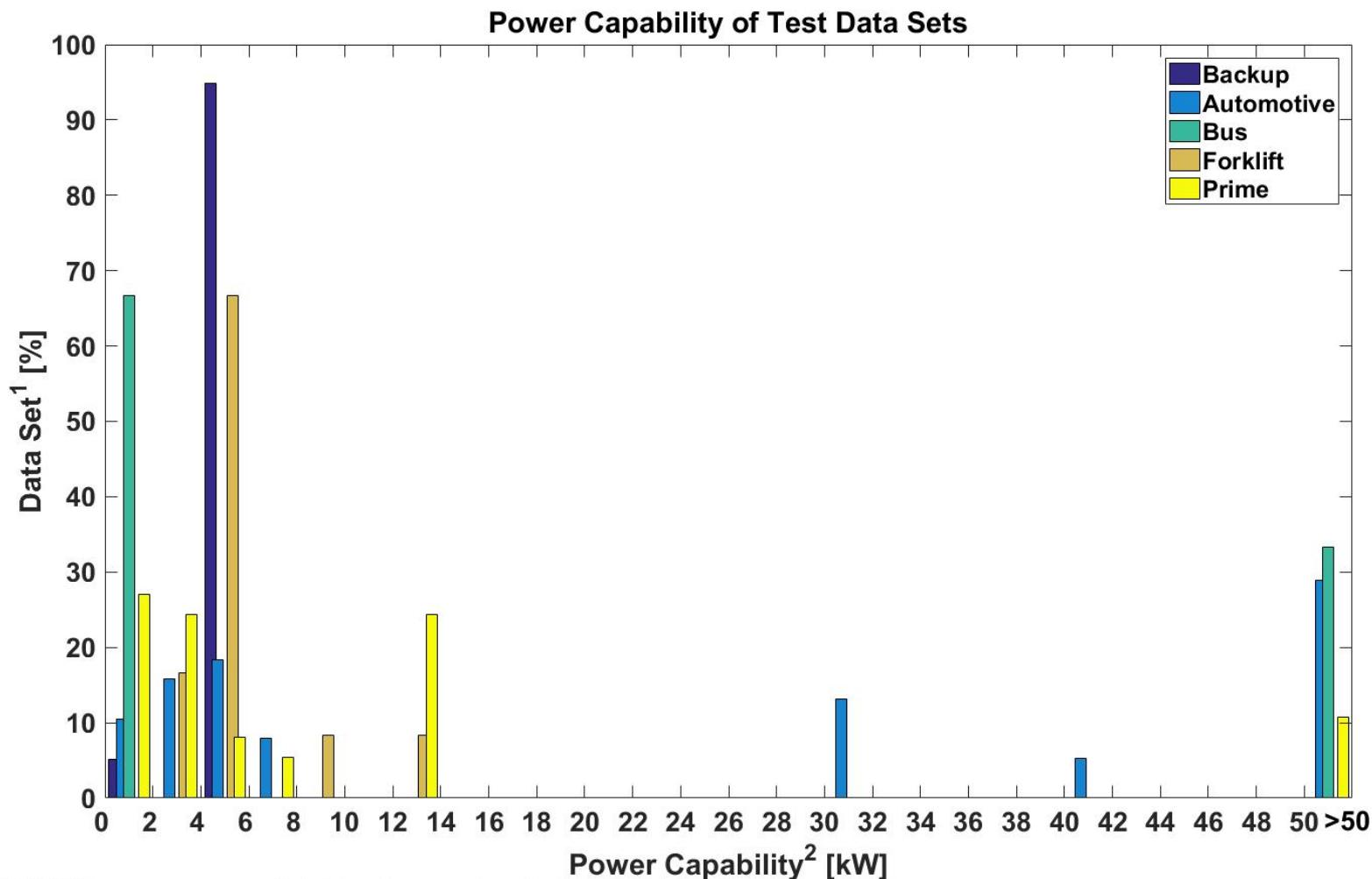
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CDP-LAB-04: Cumulative Operation Hours by Application and Number of Data Sets



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CDP-LAB-06: Data Set Power Capability



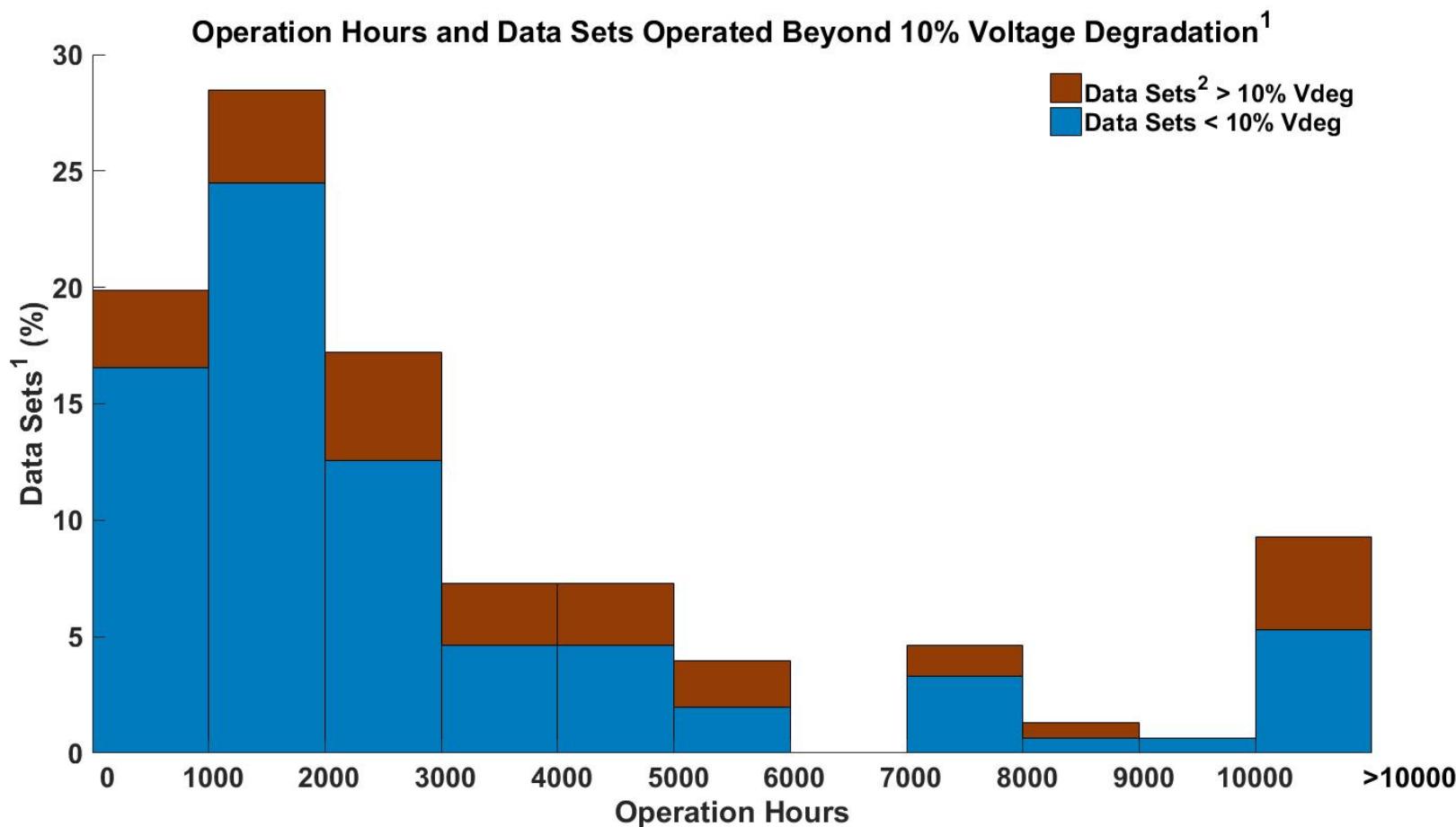
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1) A data set represents a short stack, full stack, or system test data.

2) Power capability represents the maximum power for a data set but not necessarily the load profile or time at a power level.

CDP-LAB-07: Data Set Operation Hours and the Percentage of Data Sets That Have Passed 10% Voltage Degradation



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2. The DOE 10% voltage degradation metric is used for assessing voltage degradation;

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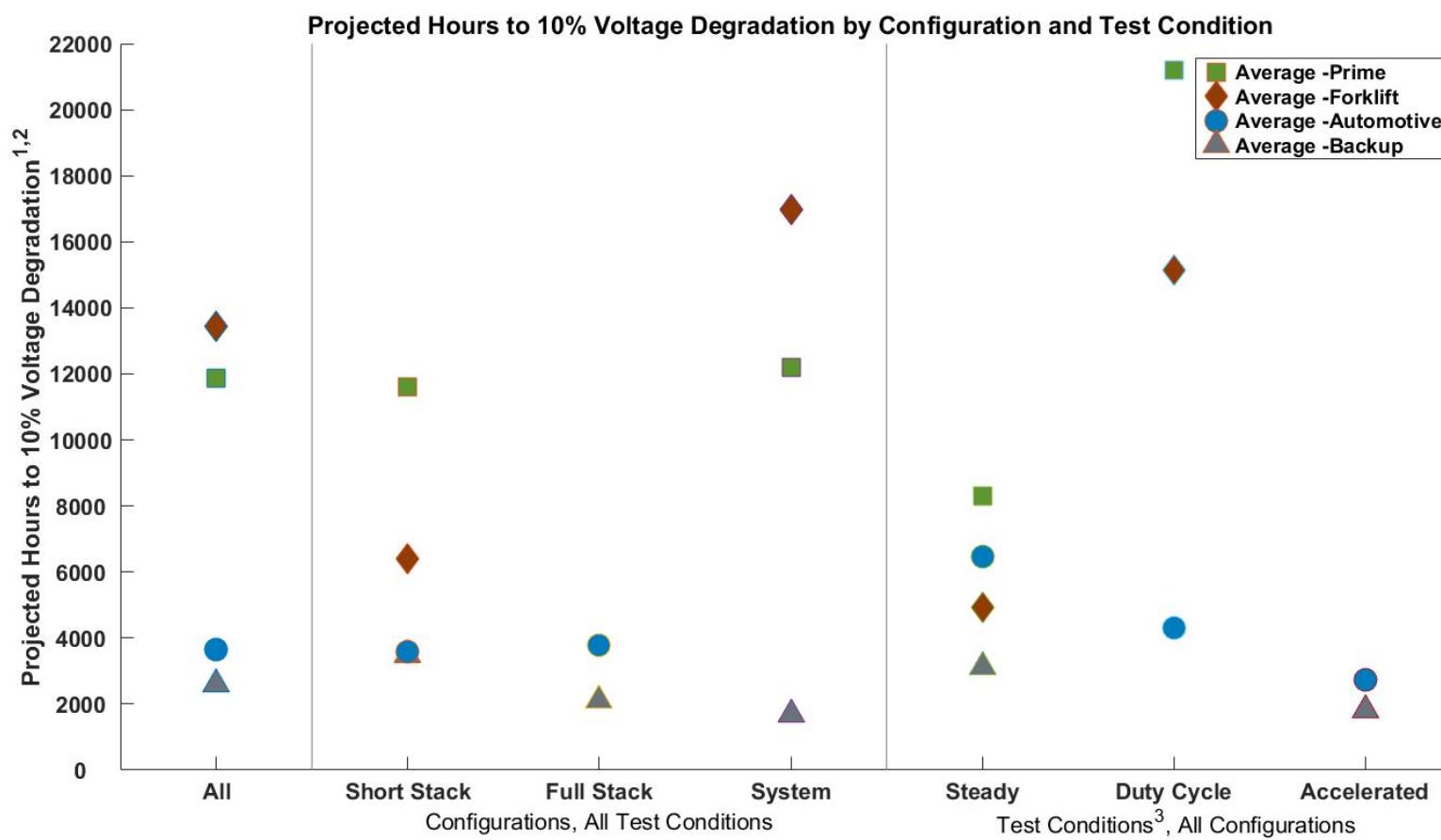
Some data sets have operated beyond 10% voltage degradation because they are able to satisfy the operating requirements at a higher percentage of voltage degradation or the test is designed to operate until a failure.



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CDP-LAB-08: Voltage Degradation by Configuration and Test Condition



1) The DOE 10% voltage degradation metric is used for assessing voltage degradation;
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- 2) Not all applications have data sets in each configuration or test condition group.
3) Steady - little or no change to load profile

Duty Cycle - load profile mimics real-world operating conditions

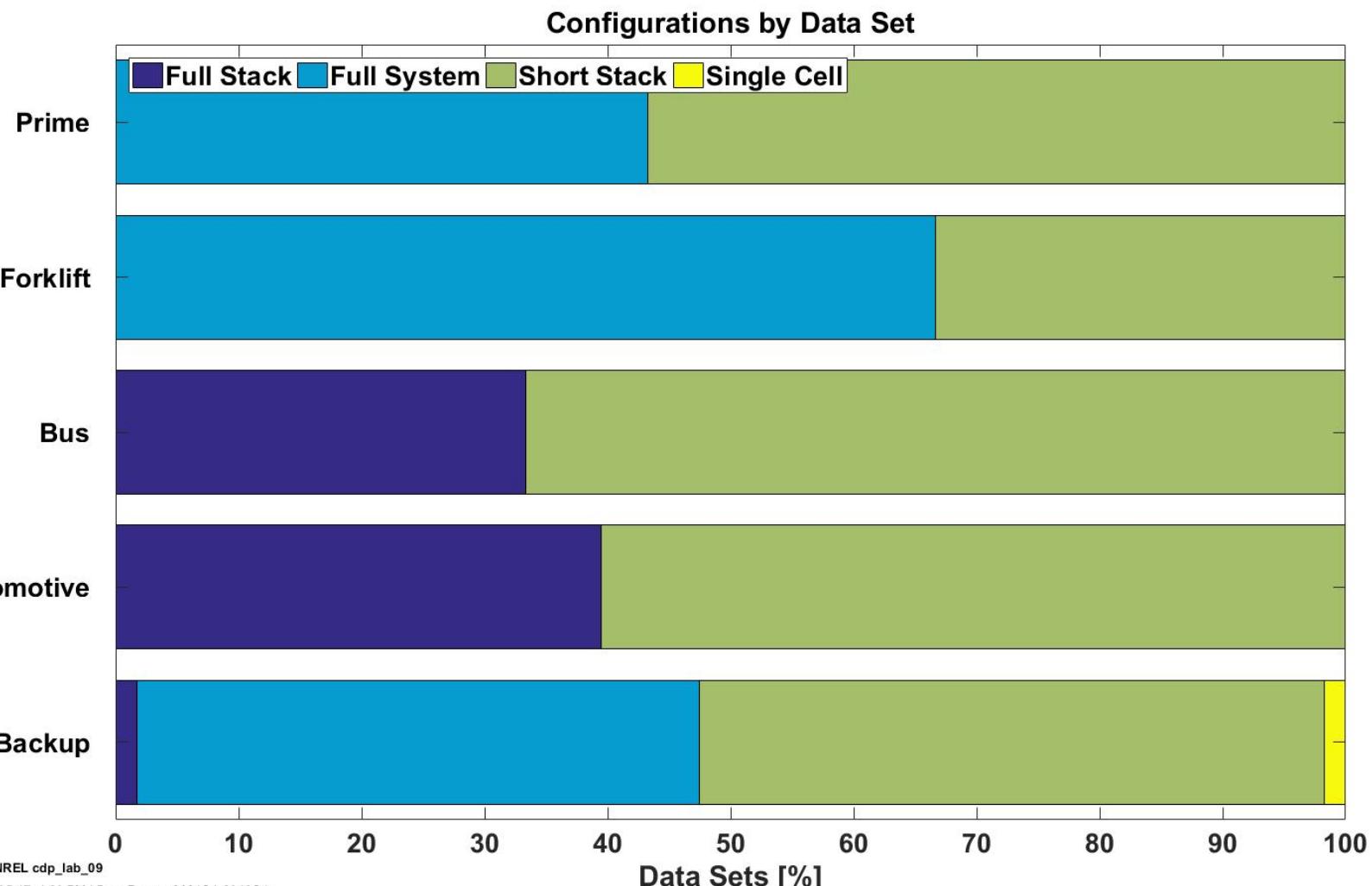
Accelerated - test profile is more aggressive than real-world operating conditions



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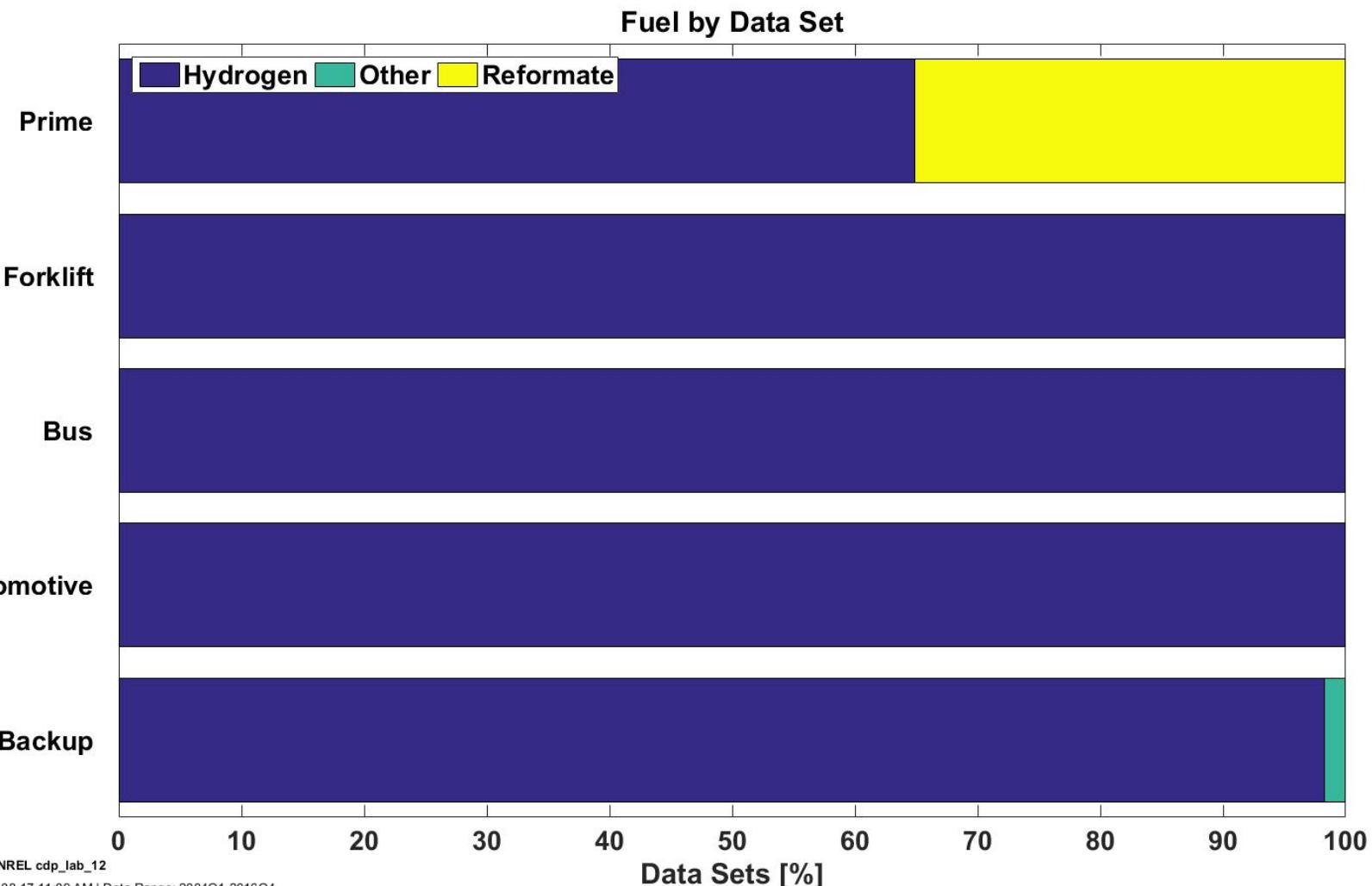
CDP-LAB-09: Data Set Configuration



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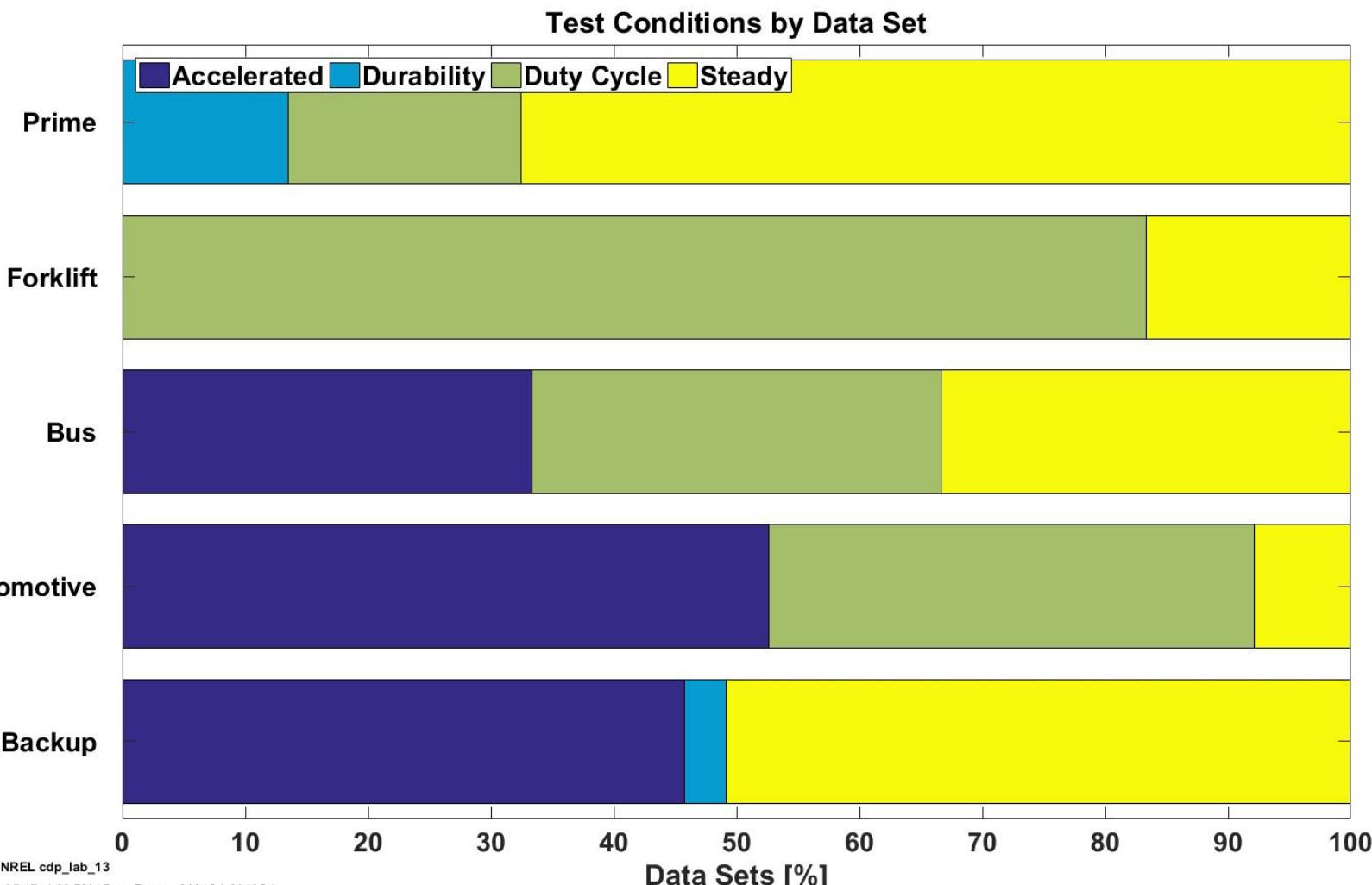
CDP-LAB-12: Data Set Fuel



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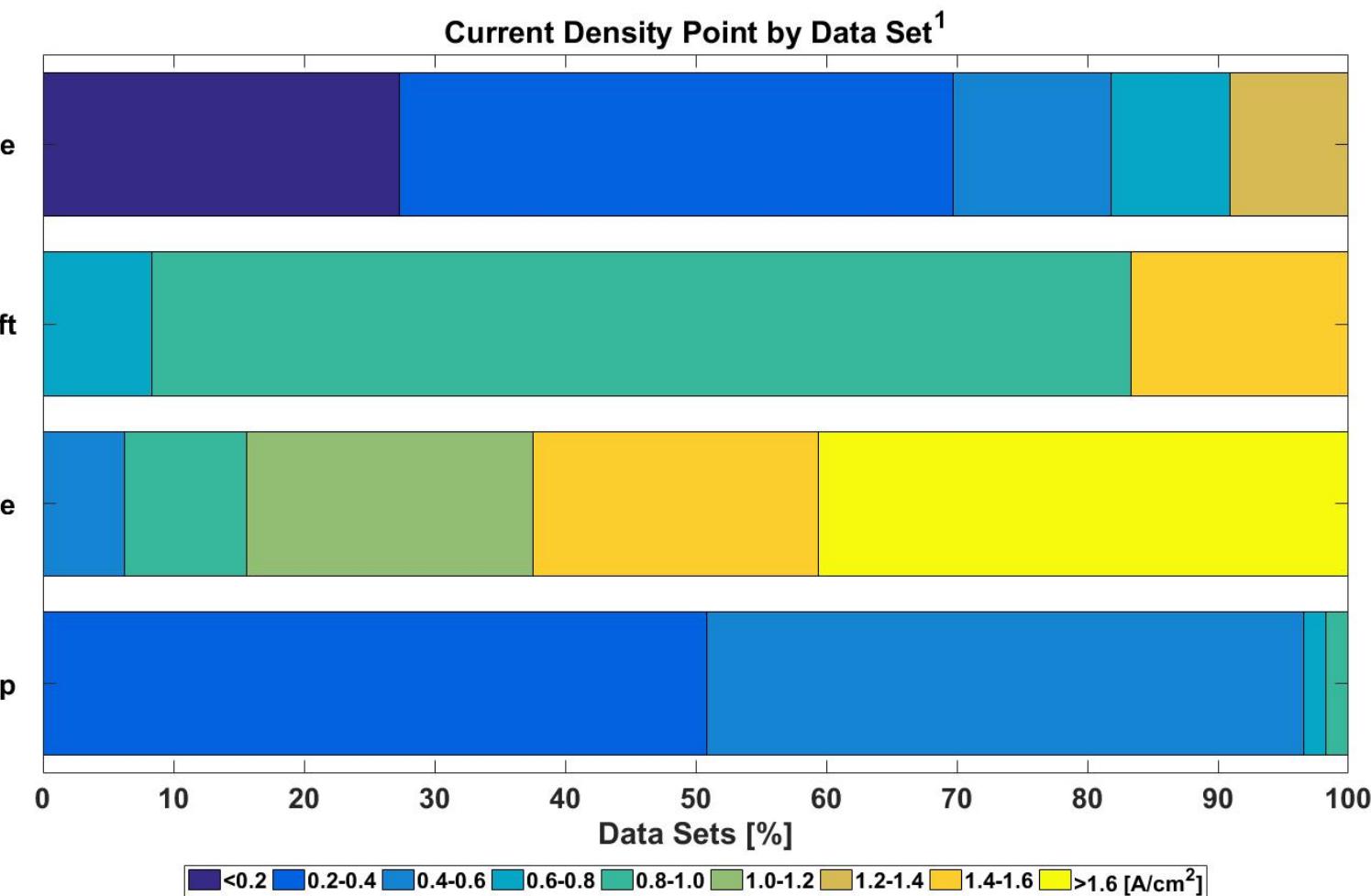
CDP-LAB-13: Data Set Test Conditions



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CDP-LAB-14: Current Density Points

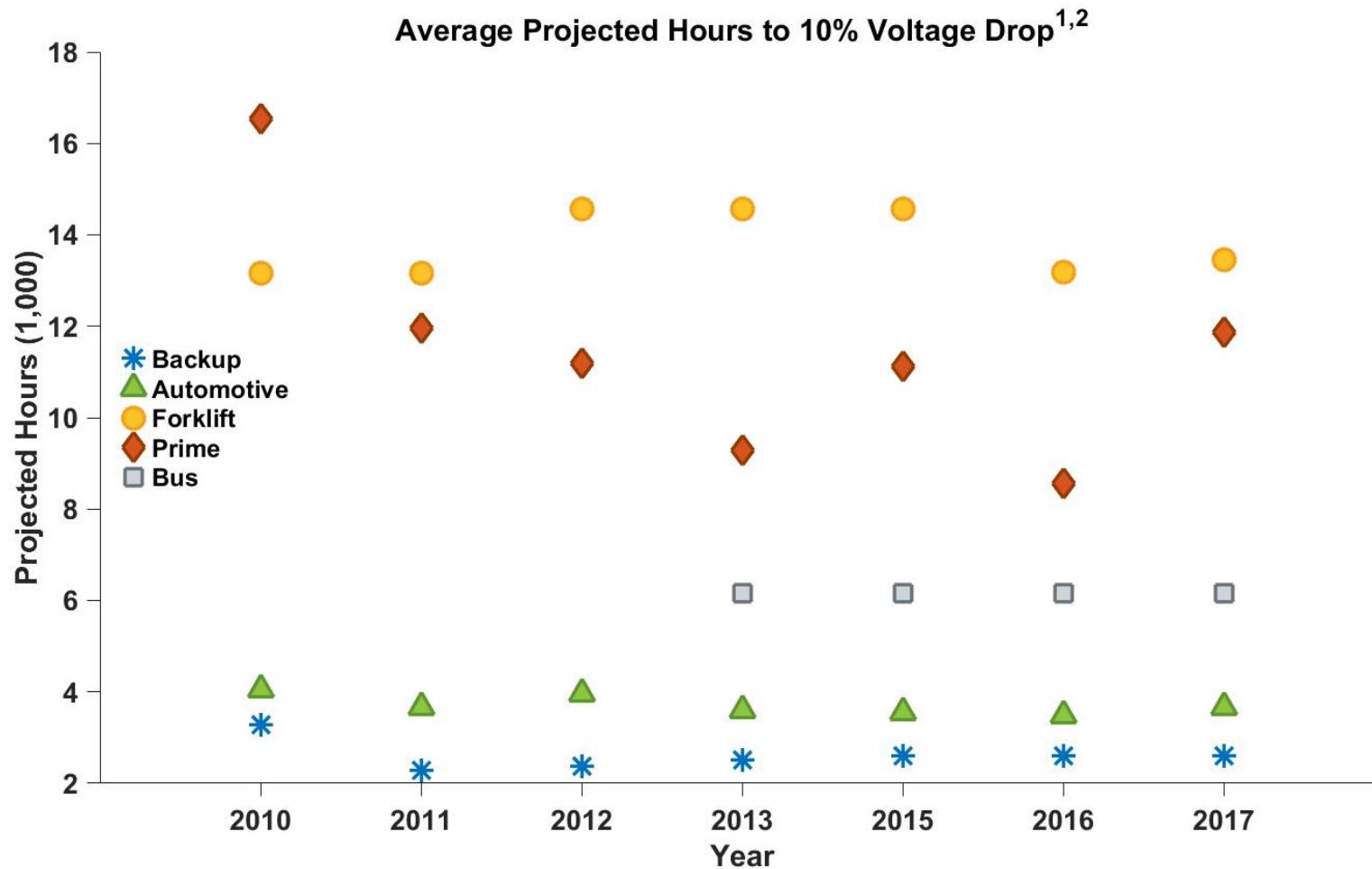


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1) Current density referenced are the points at which the voltage degradation is analyzed in CDP Lab 01

CDP-LAB-16: Average Projected Voltage Degradation by Year



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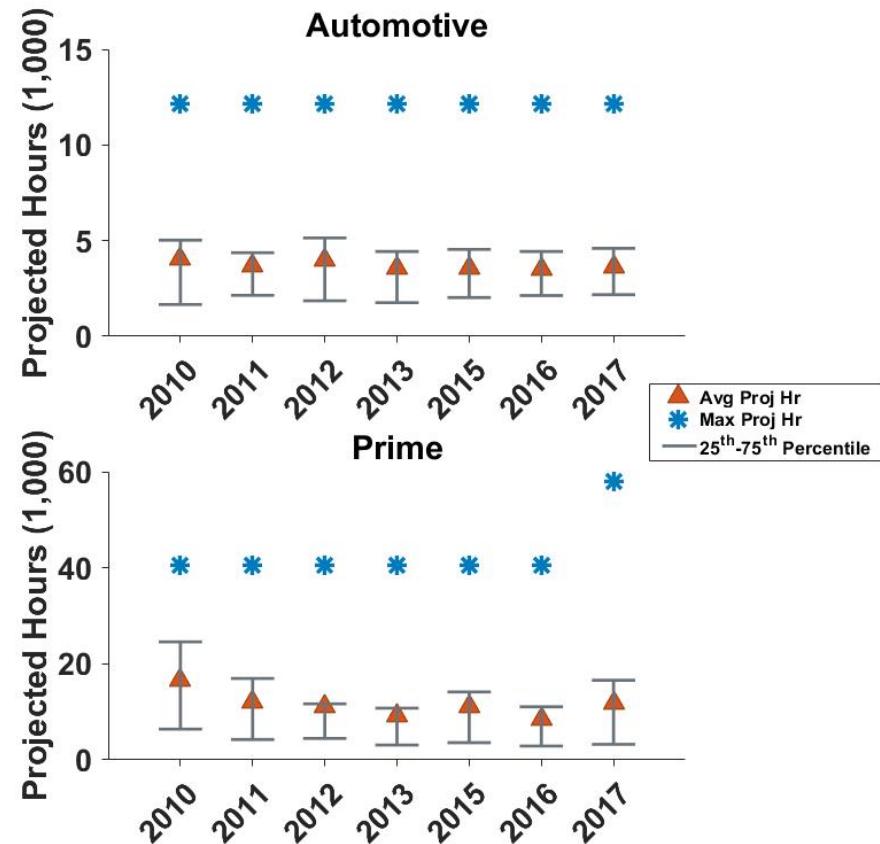
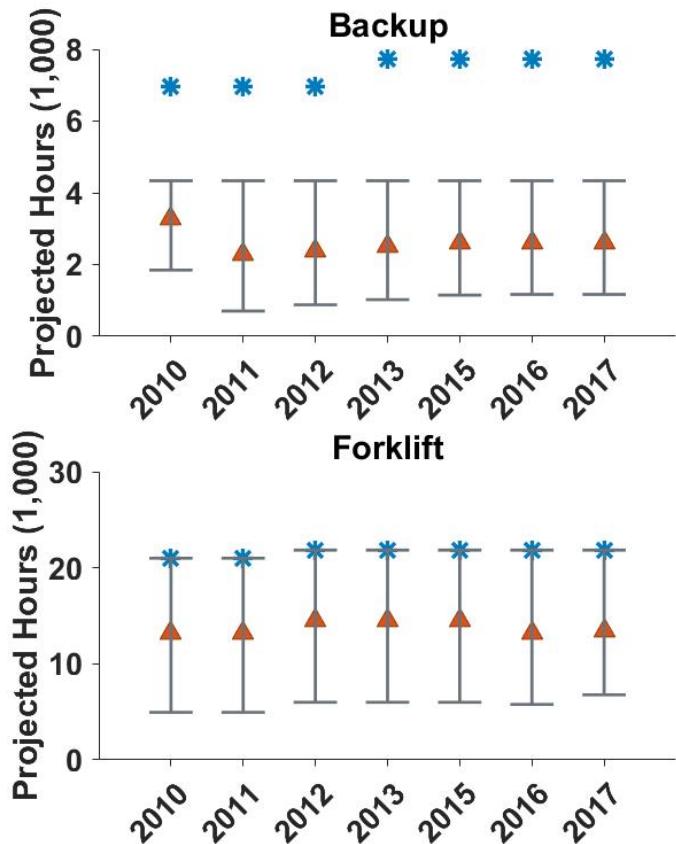
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CDP-LAB-17: Voltage Degradation by Year

Projected Hours to 10% Voltage Drop^{1,2}



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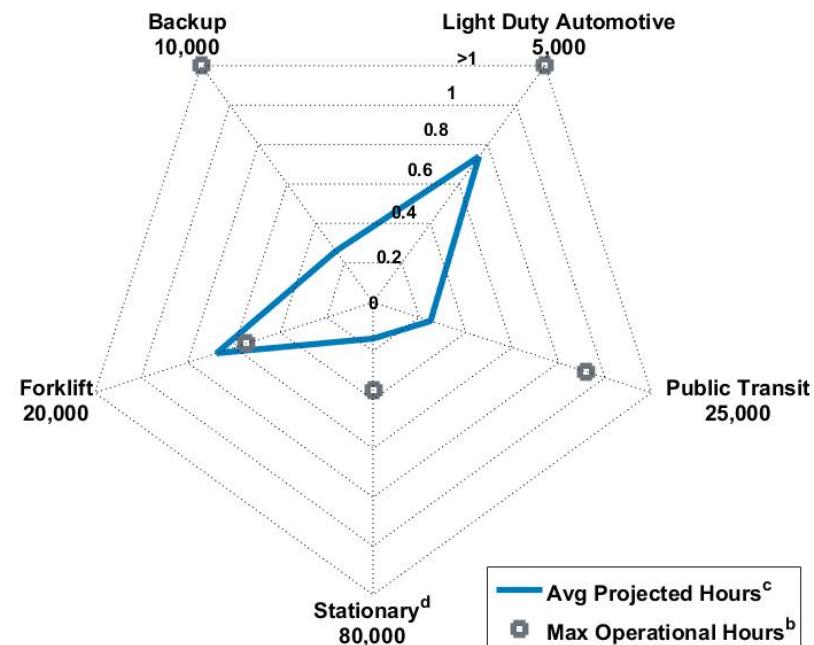
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CDP-LAB-19: Lab Durability Summary Table

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Application	2020 DOE Durability Target ^a	Lab Status - Ave Hrs to 10% Voltage Degradation ^b
Light Duty Automotive	5,000 Hours	3,700
Public Transit	25,000 Hours	6,200
Stationary	0.3%/1,000 Hours	11,900
100 kW - 3 MW	80,000 Hours	
Forklift	20,000 Hours - Target Under Review	13,500
Backup	10,000 Hours - Target Under Review	2,600



a. Fuel Cell Technologies Office Multi-Year Research, Development, and Demonstration Plan (MYRDD)

<<https://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/images/cdp_lab_01.jpg (Updated 04/2017) or from on-road results (2016 Annual FCB results www.nrel.gov/docs/fy17osti/67097.pdf)

c. Results are a fraction of the 2020 targets in the MYRDD.

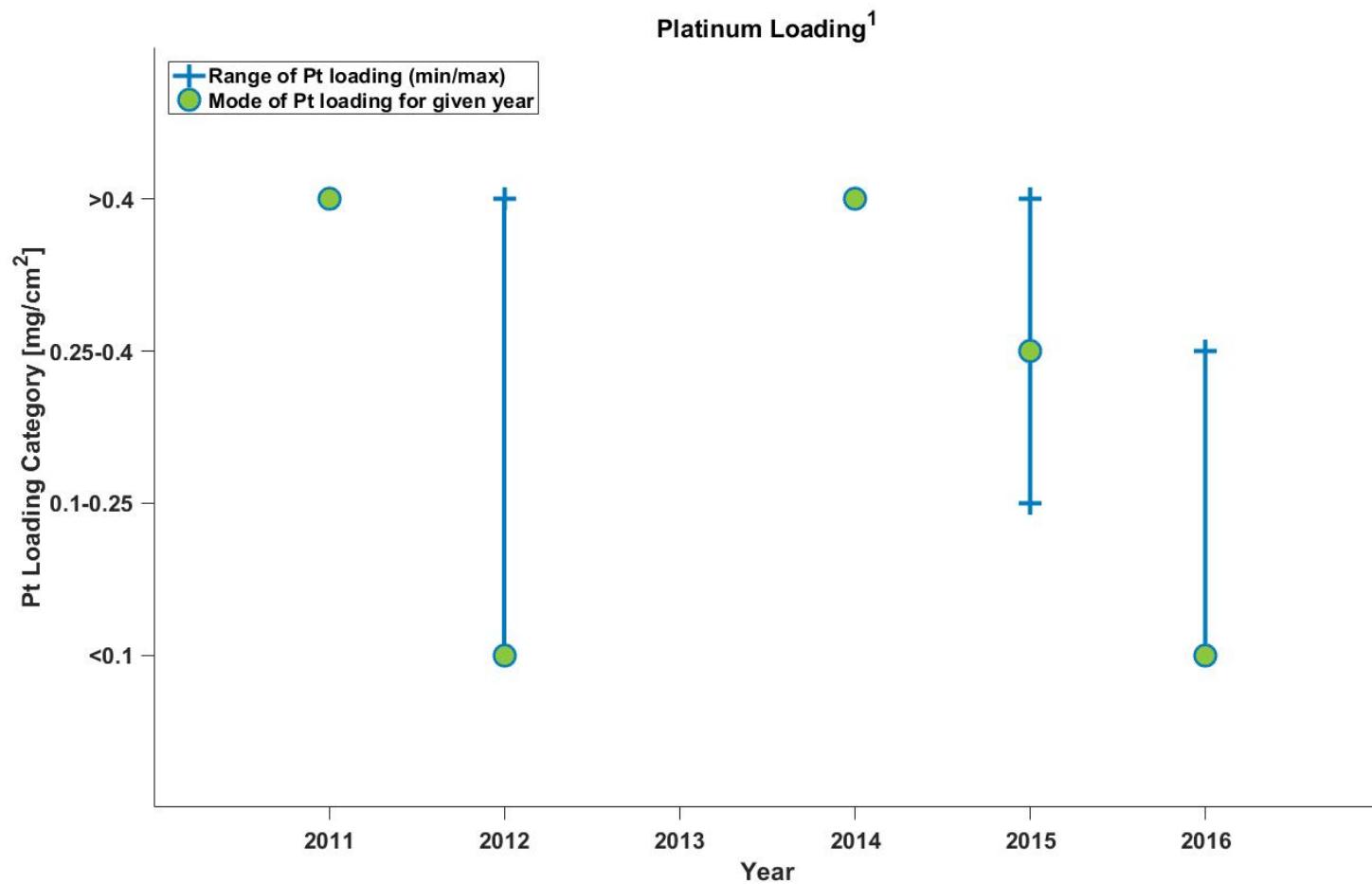
d. Stationary 100kW-3MW vs DOE target of 80,000 hrs.



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CDP-LAB-20: Platinum Loading

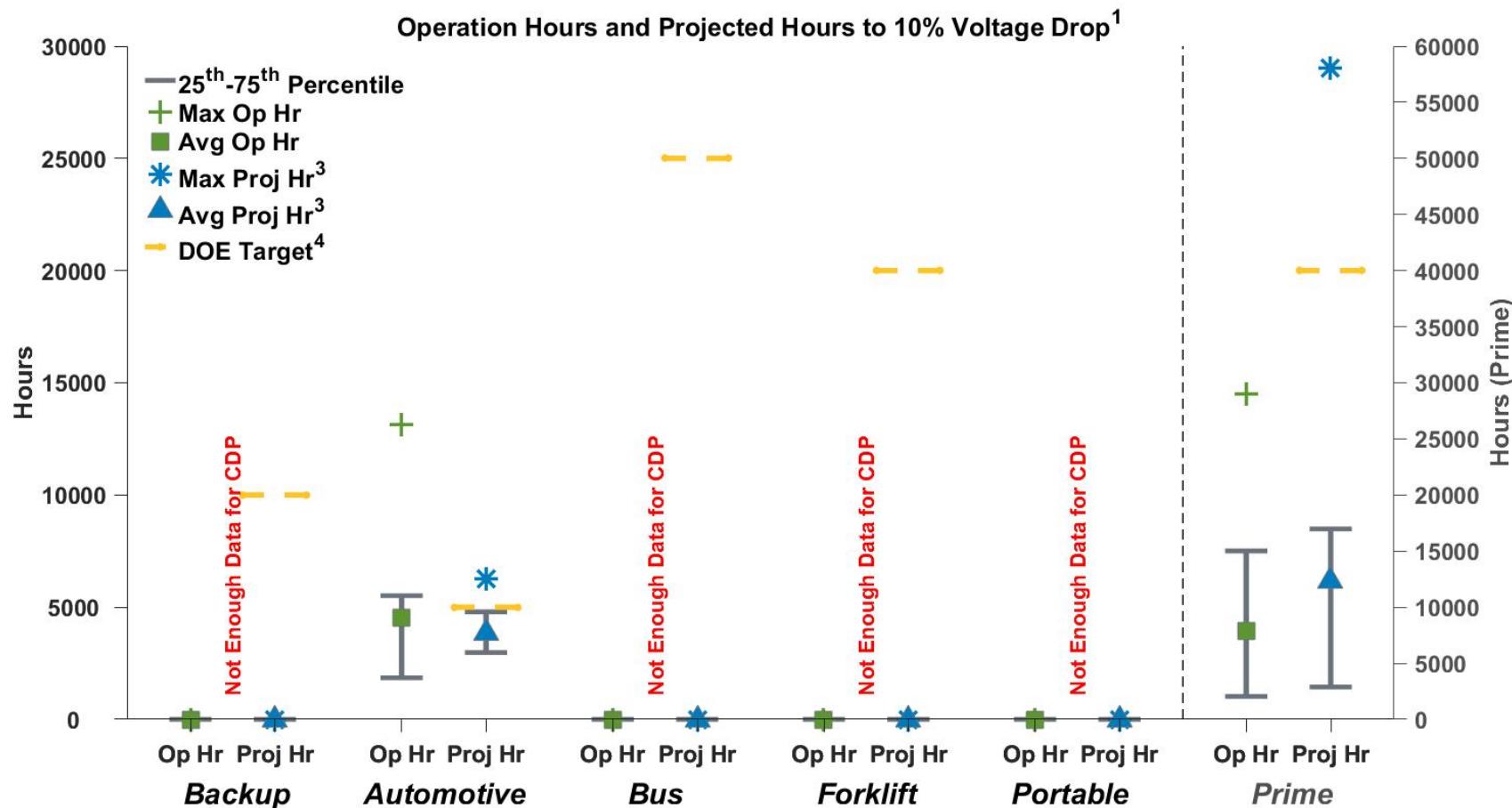


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1. Platinum loading is plotted in the year when lab operation started and aggregates all applications, configurations and test conditions for data sets that provided loading data.

CDP-LAB-21: Lab Data Hours Accumulated and Projected Hours to 10% Stack Voltage Degradation (2013–2016 Data)



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