



Status of U.S. FCEV and Infrastructure Learning Demonstration Project



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Outline

- Project Goals
- Vehicle and H₂ Station Deployment Status
- Critical Performance Compared to Targets
- Highlights of Latest Vehicle and Infrastructure Analysis Results and Progress
- Learning Demo Next Steps
- Other Relevant U.S. Activities
- Cross-Application Fuel Cell Analysis Results
- Summary



Fuel Cell Electric Vehicle Learning Demo

Project Objectives, Relevance, and Targets

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 - Validate H₂ FC Vehicles and Infrastructure in Parallel
 - Identify Current Status and Evolution of the Technology
- Relevance
 - Objectively 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

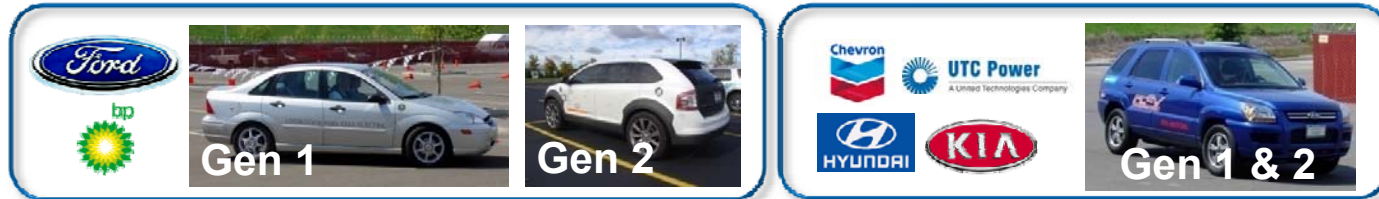
Note: Project extended 2 years through 2011



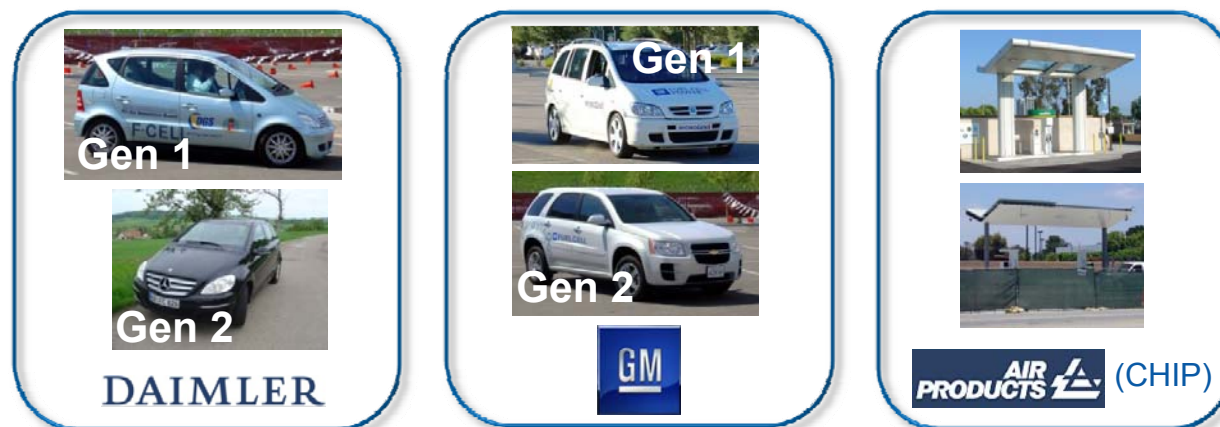
Burbank, CA station. Photo: NREL

Two Teams Concluded Their Projects in 2009, Three are Continuing through 2011

Ford/BP and Chevron/Hyundai-Kia Concluded in 2009

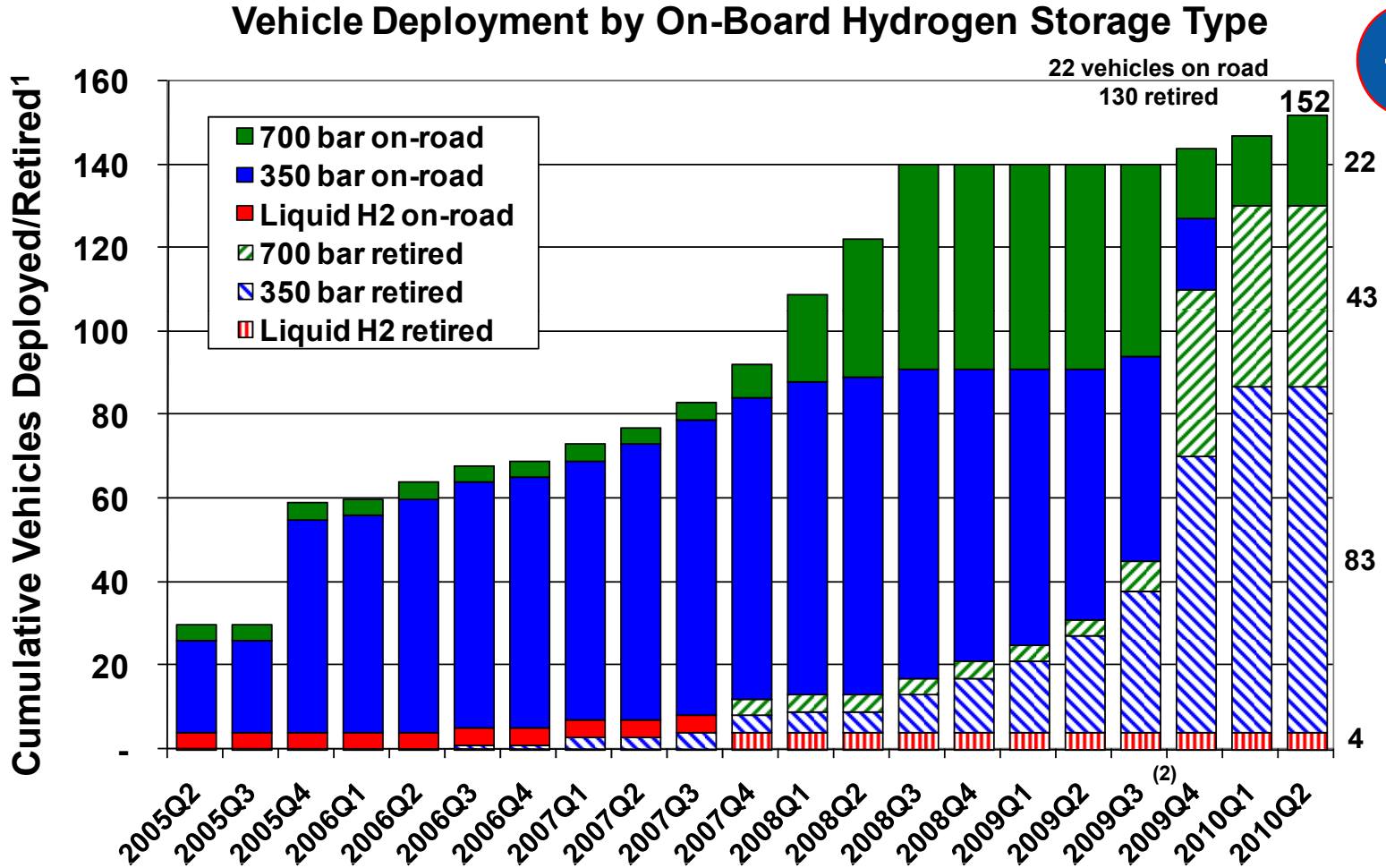


Daimler, GM, and Air Products Continue to Demonstrate Vehicles/Stations within Project through 2011



Vehicle Status: All 350 bar Vehicles Retired, Only 700 bar Vehicles Continuing

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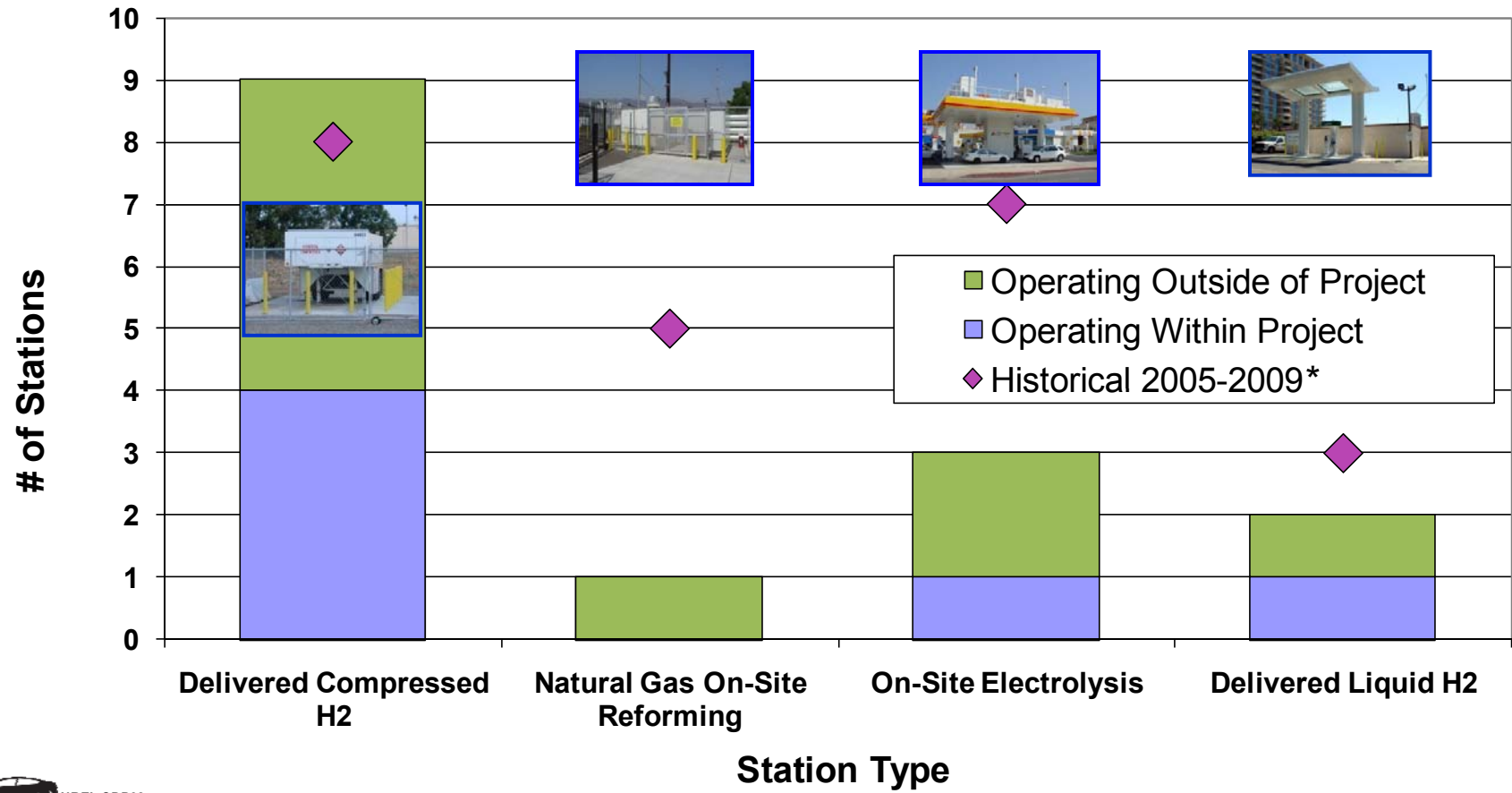
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(1) Retired vehicles have left DOE fleet and are no longer providing data to NREL
(2) Two project teams concluded in Fall/Winter 2009

Total of ~40 project vehicles expected on road in 2011, for total of ~170 deployed

Fueling Station Status: Stations that Continue to Operate are Mostly Delivered Compressed Hydrogen

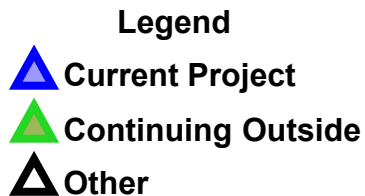
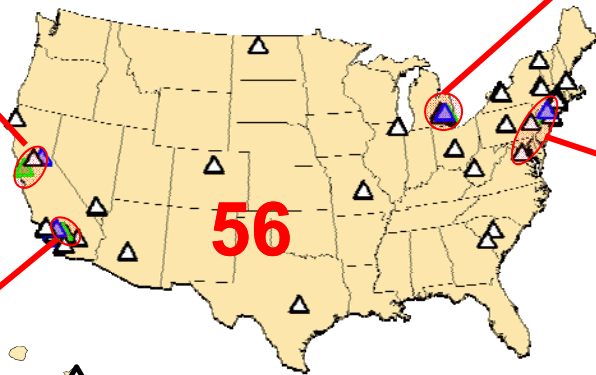
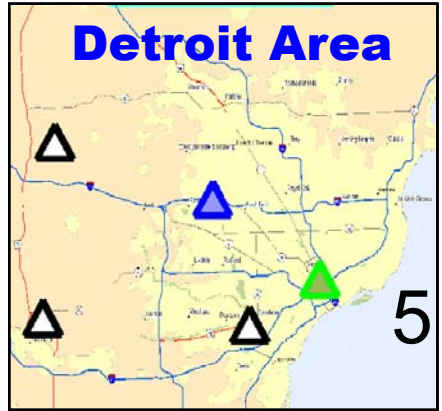
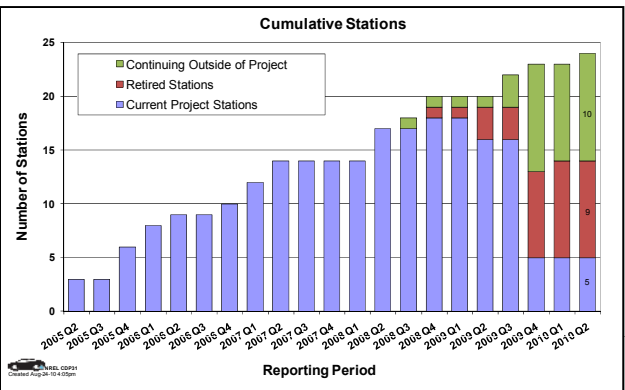
Learning Demonstration Hydrogen Stations By Type





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*Some project teams concluded Fall/Winter 2009. Markers show the cumulative stations operated during the 2005-2009 period

Out of 24 Project Stations, 15 Are Still Operational (2/3 are operating outside of DOE project)



Project Achieved Both Technical Goals; Outside Analysis Used for Cost Evaluation

Vehicle Performance Metrics	Gen 1 Vehicle	Gen 2 Vehicle	2009 Target
Fuel Cell Stack Durability			2000 hours
Max Team Projected Hours to 10% Voltage Degradation	1807 hours	<u>2521</u> hours 	
Average Fuel Cell Durability Projection	821 hours	1062 hours	
Max Hours of Operation by a Single FC Stack to Date	2375 hours	1261 hours	
Driving Range	103-190 miles	<u>196-254</u> miles 	250 miles
Fuel Economy (Window Sticker)	42 – 57 mi/kg	43 – 58 mi/kg	no target
Fuel Cell Efficiency at ¼ Power	51 - 58%	53 - <u>59</u> %	60%
Fuel Cell Efficiency at Full Power	30 - 54%	42 - <u>53</u> %	50%

Infrastructure Performance Metrics			2009 Target
H₂ Cost at Station (early market)	On-site natural gas reformation \$7.70 - \$10.30	On-site Electrolysis \$10.00 - \$12.90	\$3/gge
Average H ₂ Fueling Rate	0.77 kg/min		1.0 kg/min

Outside of this project, DOE independent panels concluded at 500 replicate stations/year:
 Distributed natural gas reformation at 1500 kg/day: **\$2.75-\$3.50/kg** (2006)
 Distributed electrolysis at 1500kg/day: **\$4.90-\$5.70** (2009)

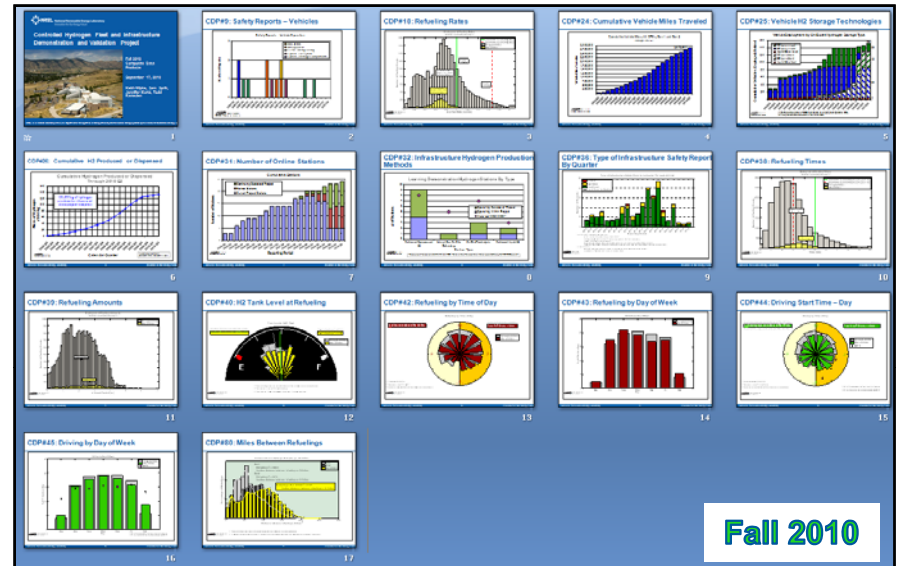


What are the Most Recent Project Results? Differences Between Spring & Fall 2010 CDPs



80 Spring 2010 Results

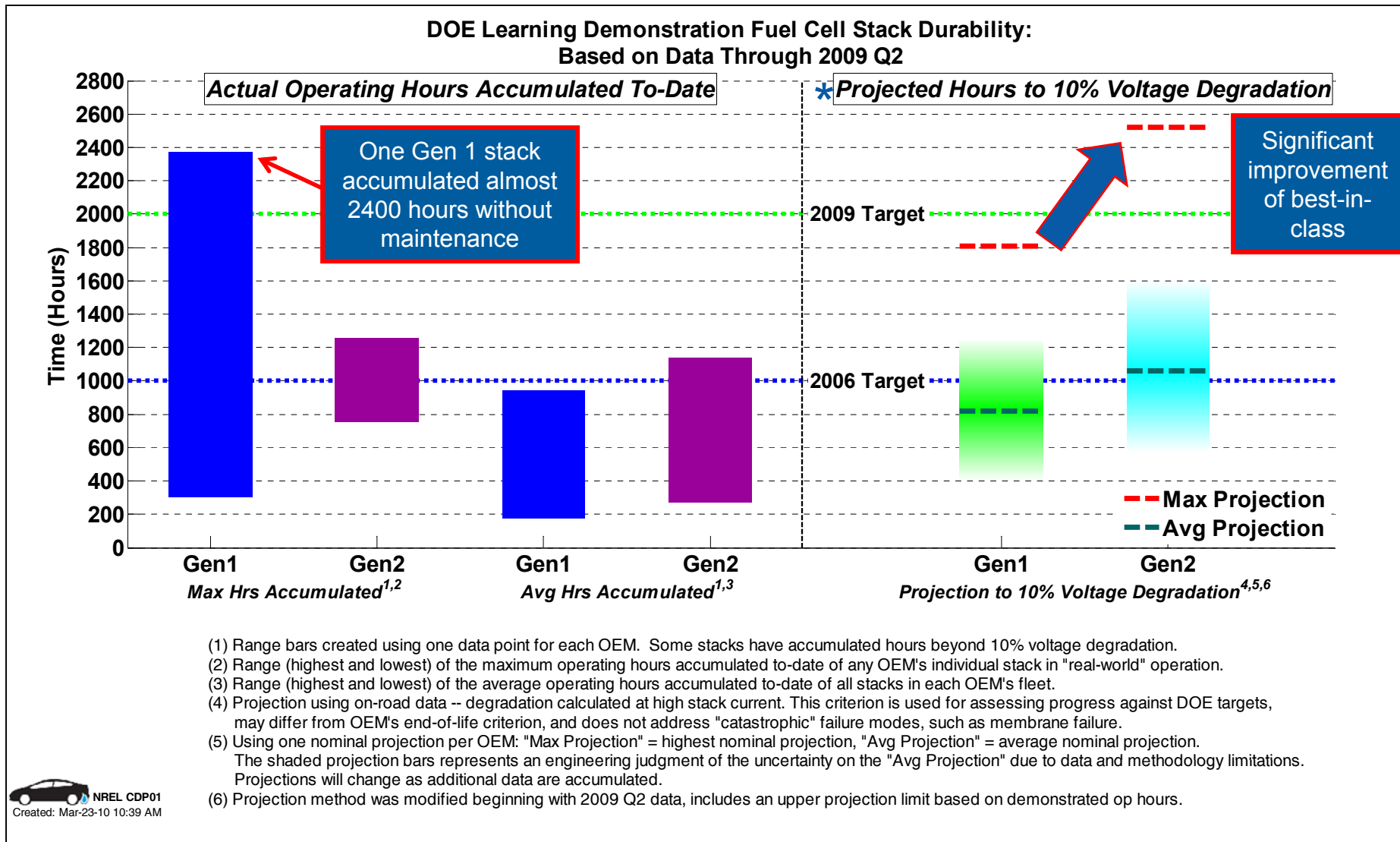
- Most comprehensive set we ever published
- Covers data from all 4 Learning Demo teams + CHIP project over 5 year period



16 Fall 2010 Results

- Covers data from 2 Learning Demo OEMs + CHIP project
- Emphasized changes observed in last 6 months through use of gray (old) and colors (new)

Quantified Gen 2 Fuel Cell System Durability* Improvement from Gen 1

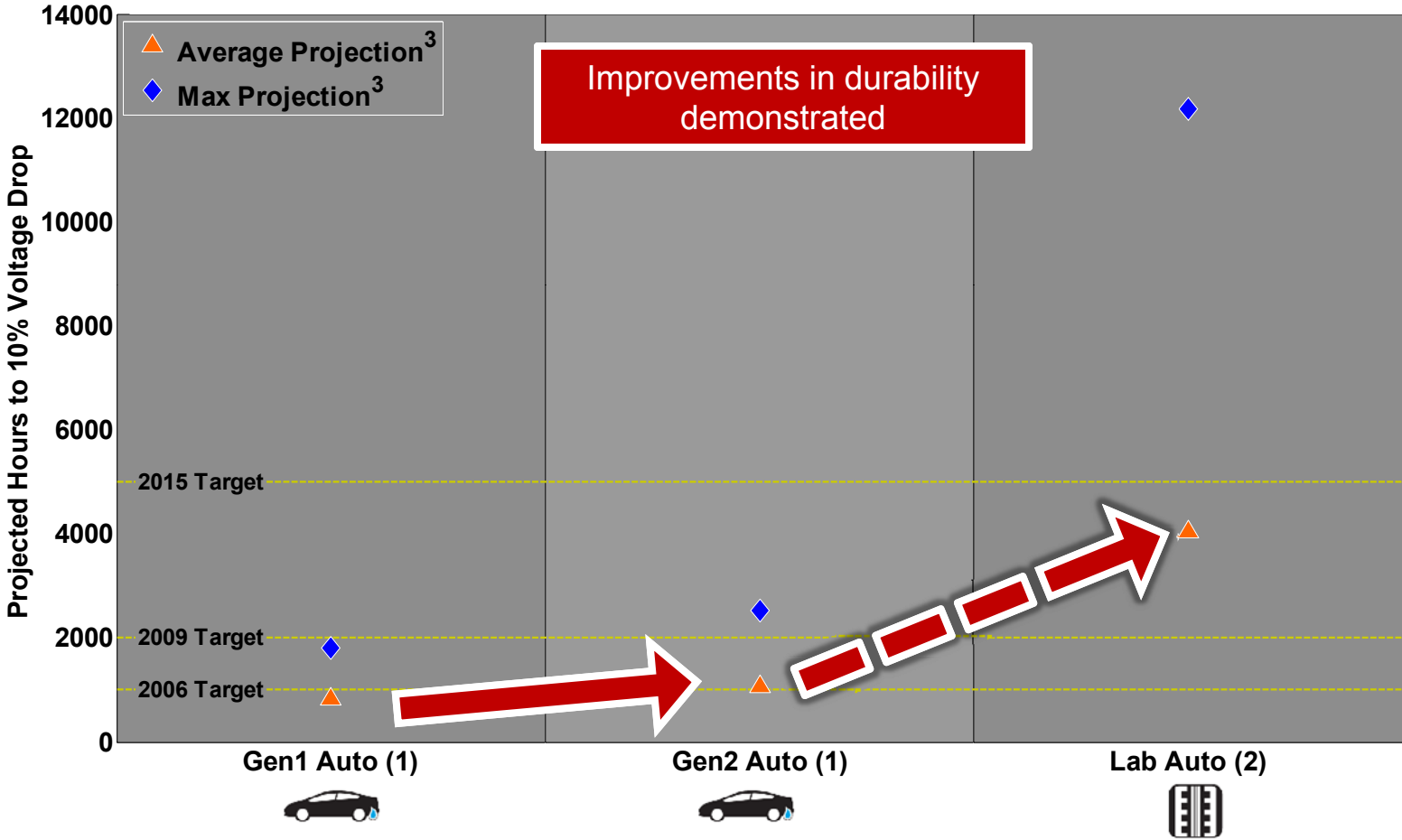


* Durability is defined by DOE as projected hours to 10% voltage degradation

Spring 2010

Fuel Cell Durability Comparison between Field and Lab Data Shows Potential Gains

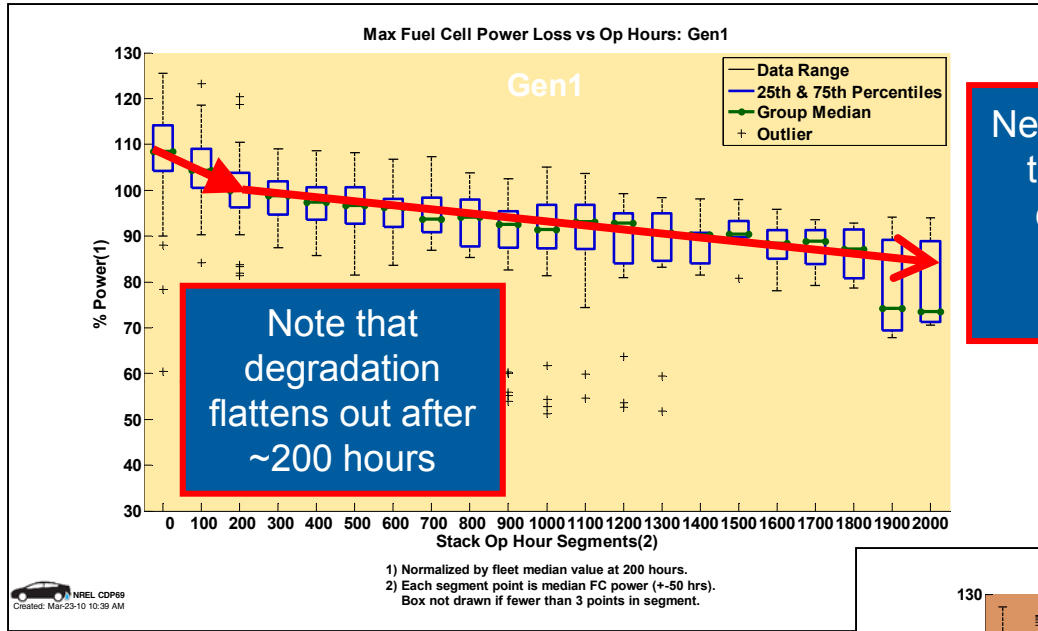
Comparison of Fuel Cell Vehicle Field and Lab Durability Projections



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(1) Gen1 and Gen2 Data from DOE's Learning Demonstration (2005 - 2010)
 (2) Lab data providers may not be the same as participants in DOE's Learning Demonstration. 56% of data are full active area short stacks.
 (3) The DOE 10% voltage degradation metric is used for assessing voltage degradation; it may not be the same as end-of-life criteria and does not address catastrophic failure modes.

Completed Final Analysis of Gen 1 Fuel Cell System Power Degradation

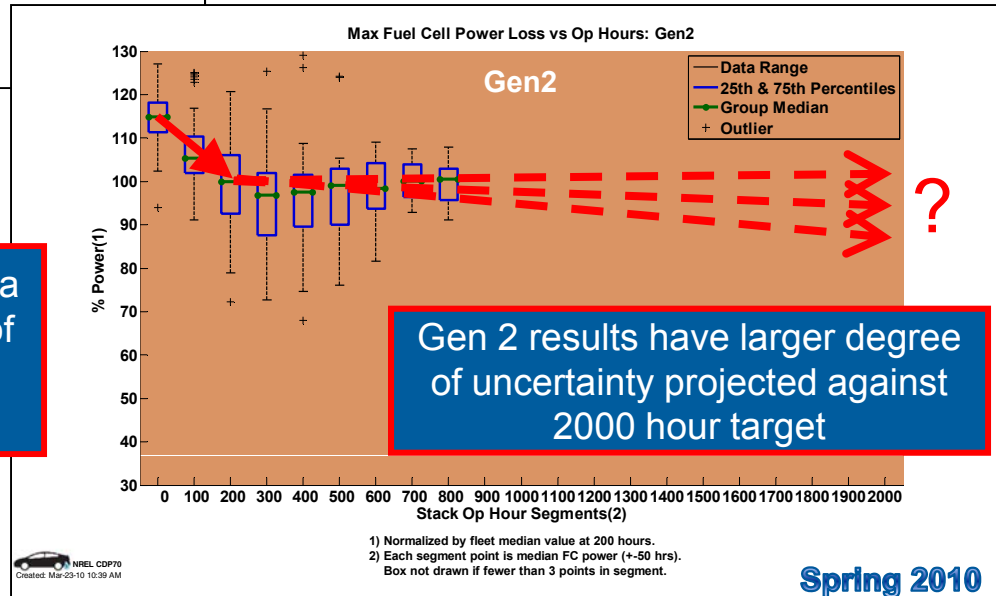


Note that degradation flattens out after ~200 hours

Need ~1000 hours to have higher confidence in slope of degradation

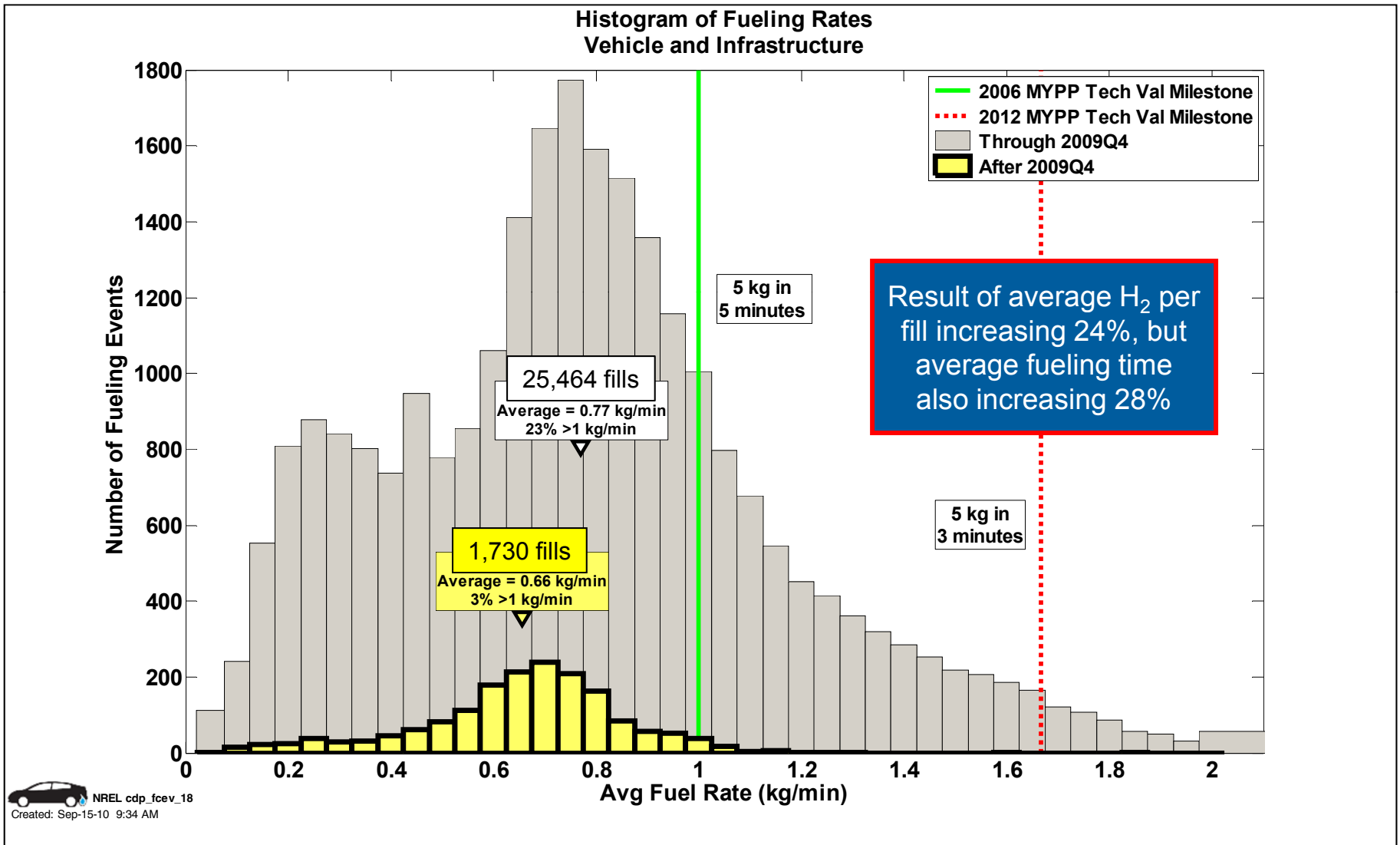
All vehicles continuing in the project will be Gen 2 vehicles

From limited Gen 2 data received so far, trend of flattening after 200 hours appears similar

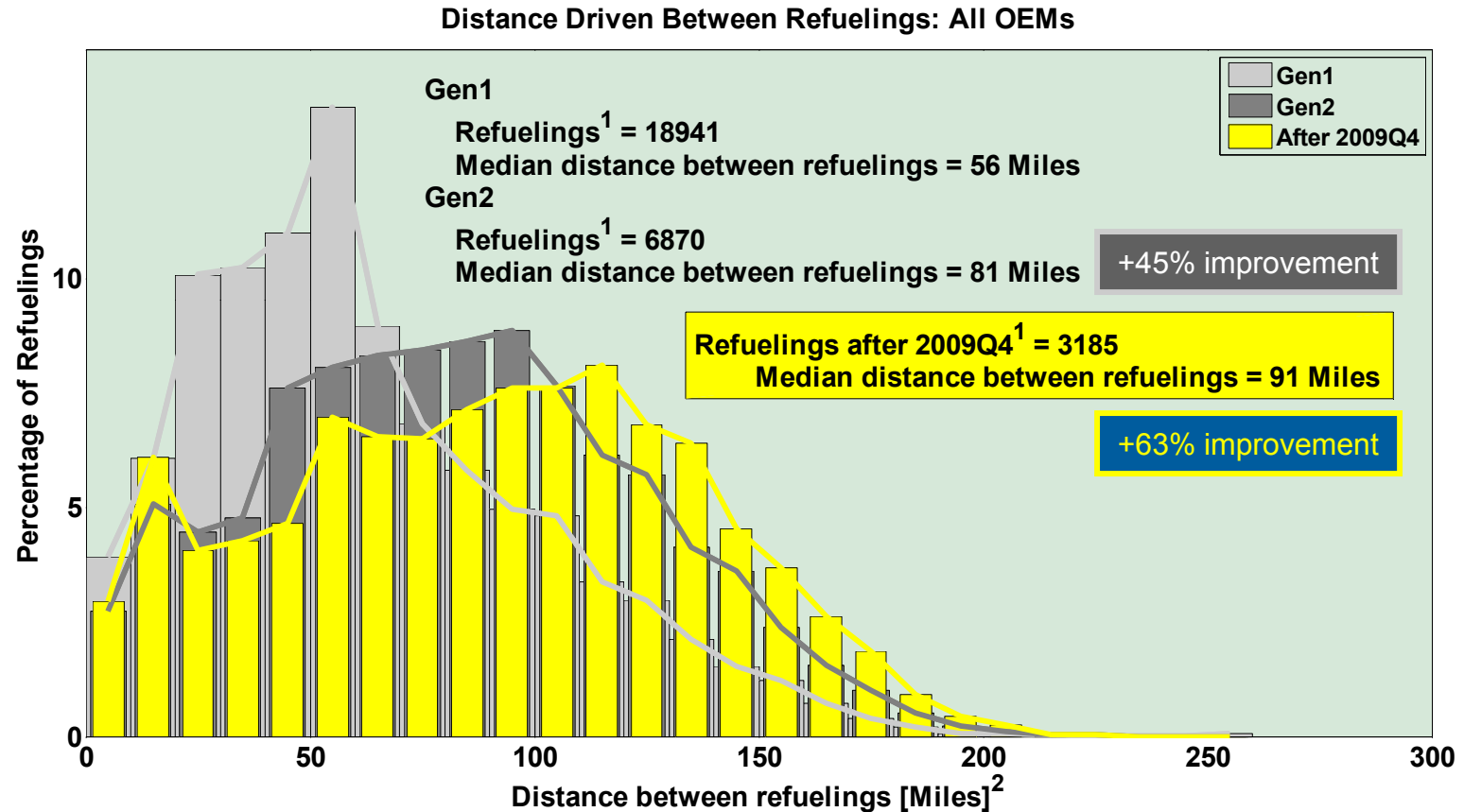


Gen 2 results have larger degree of uncertainty projected against 2000 hour target

Changes in Refueling Rate Trends: Average Refueling Rate Decreased 14%



Real-World Driving Range Between Fuelings Continues to Improve as Demonstration Progresses

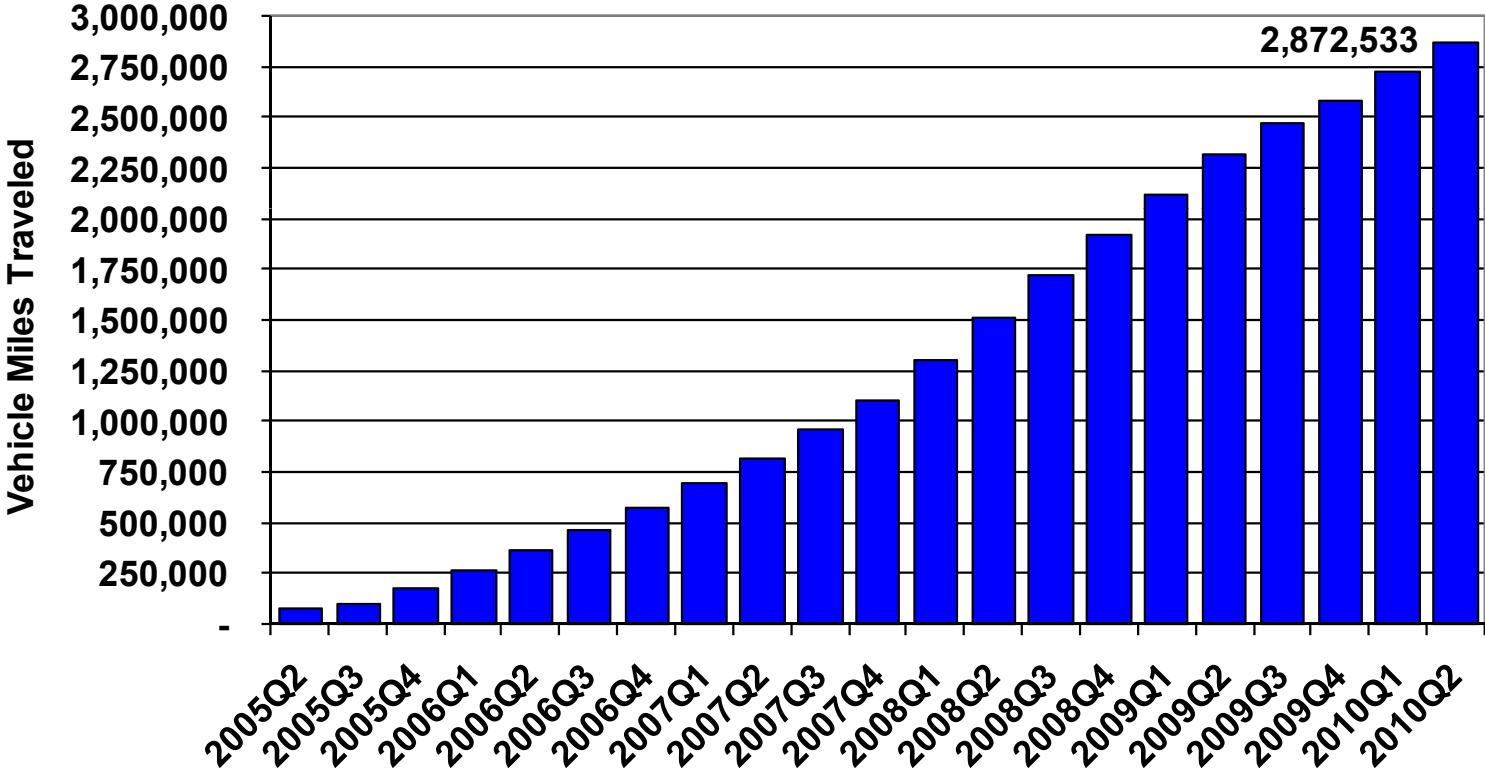


1. Some refueling events are not detected/reported due to data noise or incompleteness.
2. Distance driven between refuelings is indicative of driver behavior and does not represent the full range of the vehicle.

“window-sticker” range
from adjusted dyno
tests is 196-254 miles

Rate of Mileage Accumulation Has Decreased in the Last Year, But Vehicles Still Added 550,000 Miles

Cumulative Vehicle Miles: All OEMs, Gen 1 and Gen 2
Through 2010 Q2



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Driving Behavior (Timing) in Last 6 Months Much More Similar to U.S. National Average

Driving by Time of Day

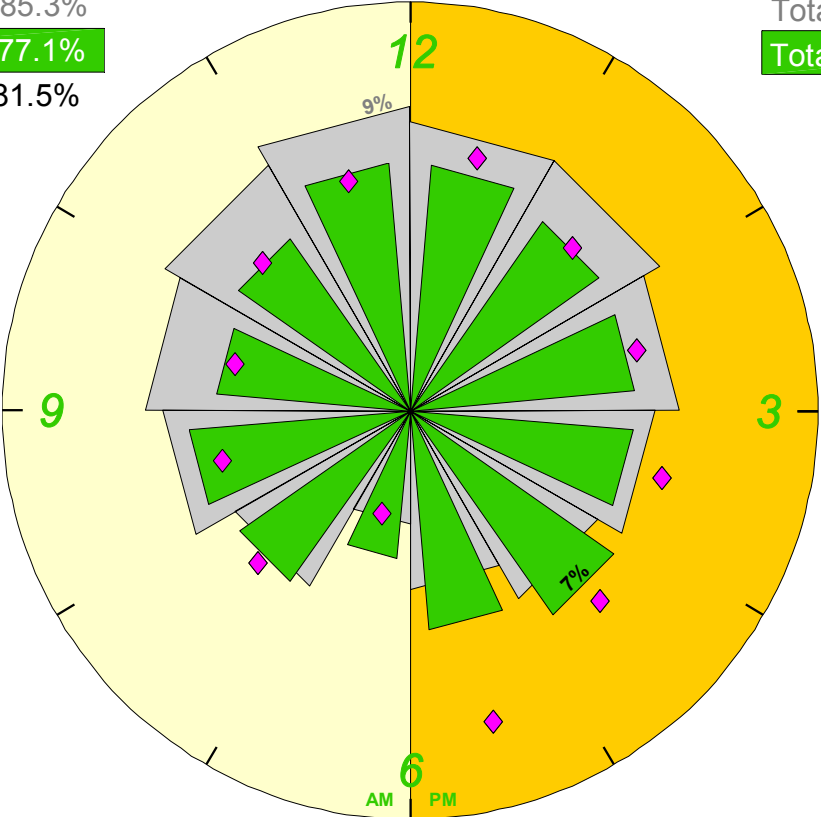
% of driving trips b/t 6 AM & 6 PM: 85.3%

% of driving trips b/t 6 AM & 6 PM: 77.1%

% of NHTS trips b/t 6 AM & 6 PM: 81.5%

Total Driving³ Events = 295222

Total Drive³ Events = 10646

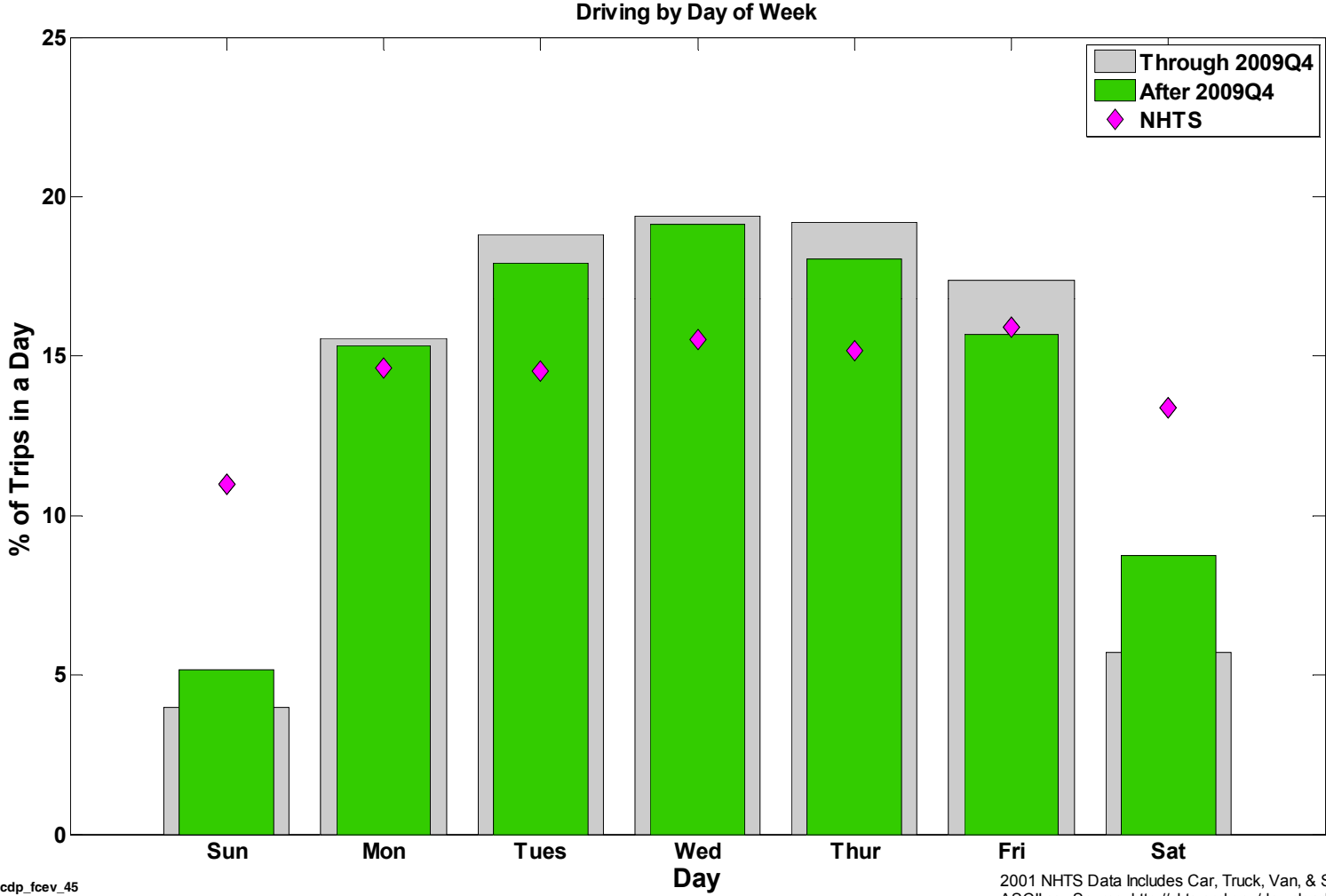


Through 2009Q4
After 2009Q4
NHTS

1. Driving trips between 6 AM & 6 PM
2. The outer arc is set at 12 % total Driving.
3. Some events not recorded/detected due to data noise or incompleteness.

2001 NHTS Data Includes Car, Truck, Van, & SUV day trips
ASCII.csv Source: <http://nhts.ornl.gov/download.shtml#2001>

More Weekend Driving Observed in Last Six Months – Still Much Less than National Avg.



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Learning Demo Next Steps



- Currently analyzing July – December 2010 data
- Spring 2011 CDPs published in March, presented at DOE AMR in May
- Publish one or two more Learning Demo CDP sets after that
- Begin receiving fueling data from Burbank station and others



- Partners scheduled to provide data through September 2011
- Participating in many other demonstration and pre-commercial activities outside of this project

Other Relevant U.S. Activities

GM – LOU for Hawaii Hydrogen Initiative



The New York Times

December 8, 2010, 2:11 pm
G.M. Has Hydrogen Hopes for Hawaii
 By JIM MOTAVALLI

Steve Fecht for General Motors The General Motors Fuel Cell vehicle on the coast of Oahu. The ideal early market for hydrogen fuel-cell cars is small, self-contained, facing exorbitant fossil fuel prices and has an abundant supply of renewable energy on tap, according to Charles Freese, executive director of General Motors' fuel-cell activities.

Iceland, which fits that description, had actually announced its intentions to be the world's first hydrogen energy economy, but access to fuel-cell cars proved to be a crippling barrier. The Hawaiian island of Oahu, with a population of one million, may be over that hurdle.

On Wednesday, G.M. announced the Hawaii Hydrogen Initiative (or H2I in marketing speak) in Honolulu. It's a new partnership with, among others, Aloha Petroleum (which operates filling



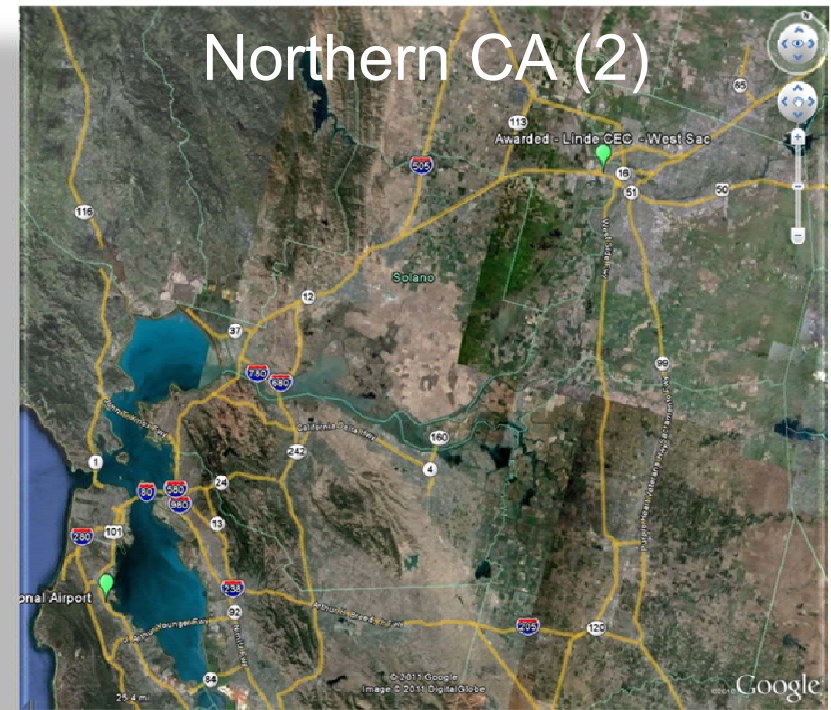
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The State of Hawaii		
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The U.S. Department of Energy		
National Renewable Energy Laboratory, managed and operated by Alliance for Sustainable Energy, LLC		
University of Hawaii		
The County of Hawaii		
University of California at Irvine		
FuelCell Energy		
The Louis Berger Group		
Aloha Petroleum		

Other Relevant U.S. Activities

State of California Supporting 11 H₂ stations



- 11 H₂ station awards announced by CEC in Oct.
 - 8 new stations, 3 upgrades
 - Air Products planning 8 stations: 7 new, 1 upgrade – all in Southern CA
 - Linde planning 3 stations: 1 new, 2 upgrades

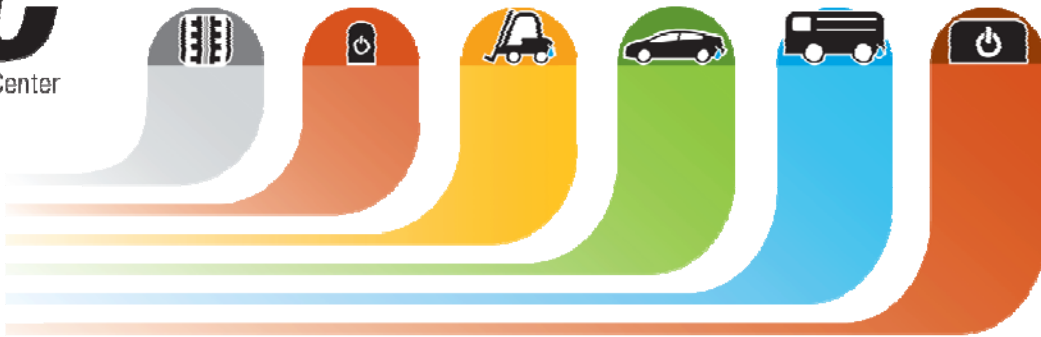


NREL Also Publishes Results from Analyzing Multiple Applications

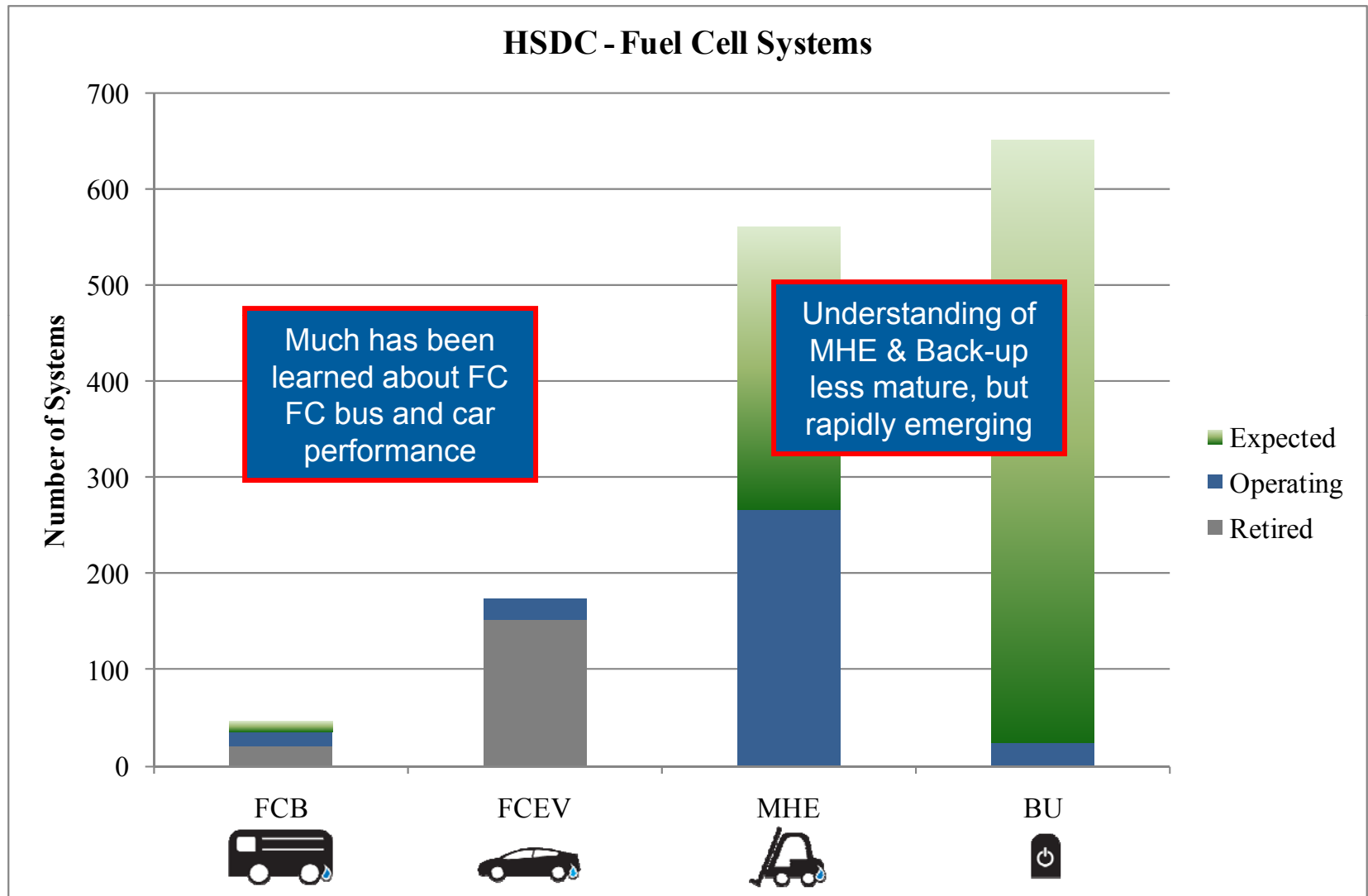
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NREL's Hydrogen Secure Data Center

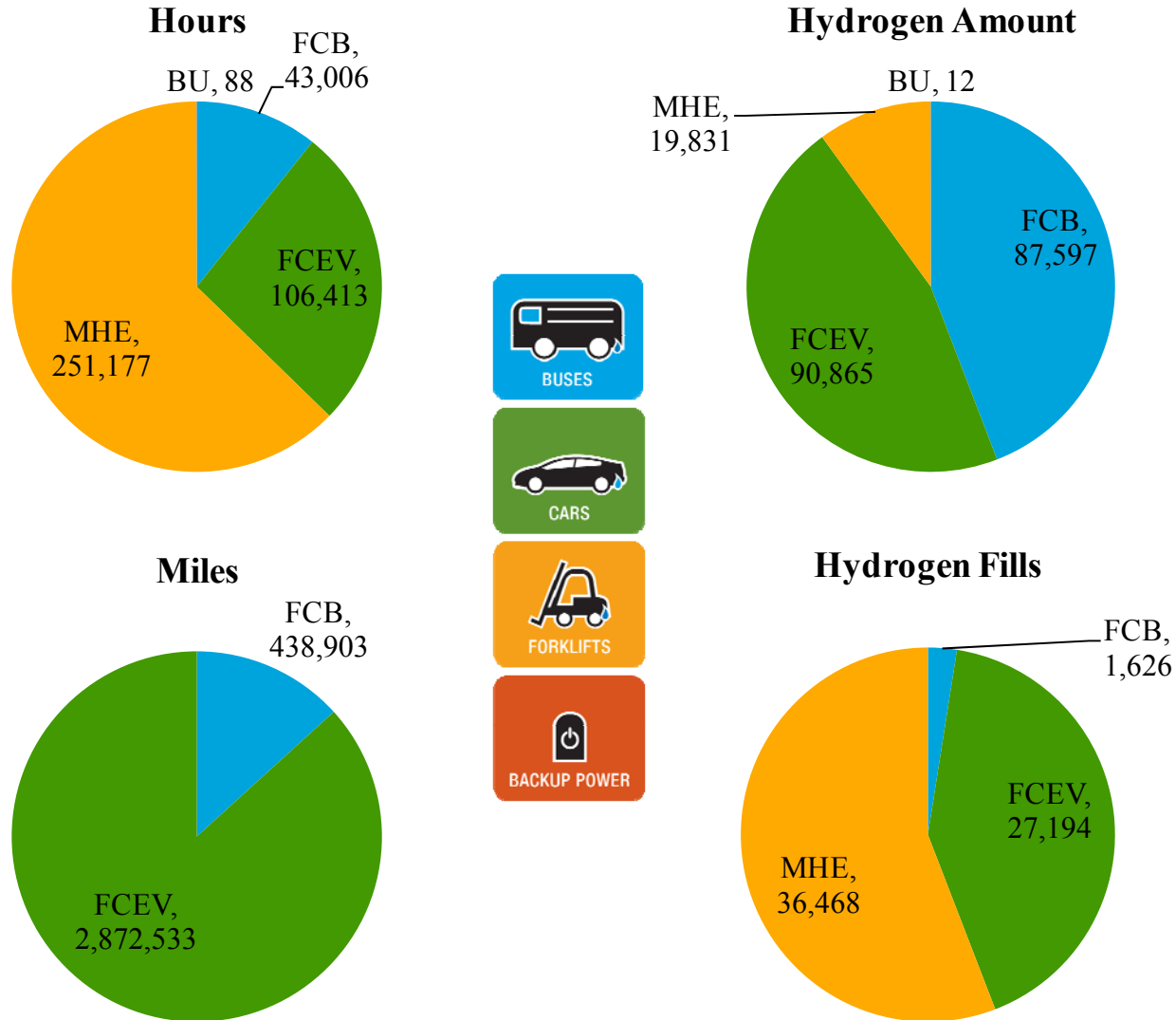
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FC CARS
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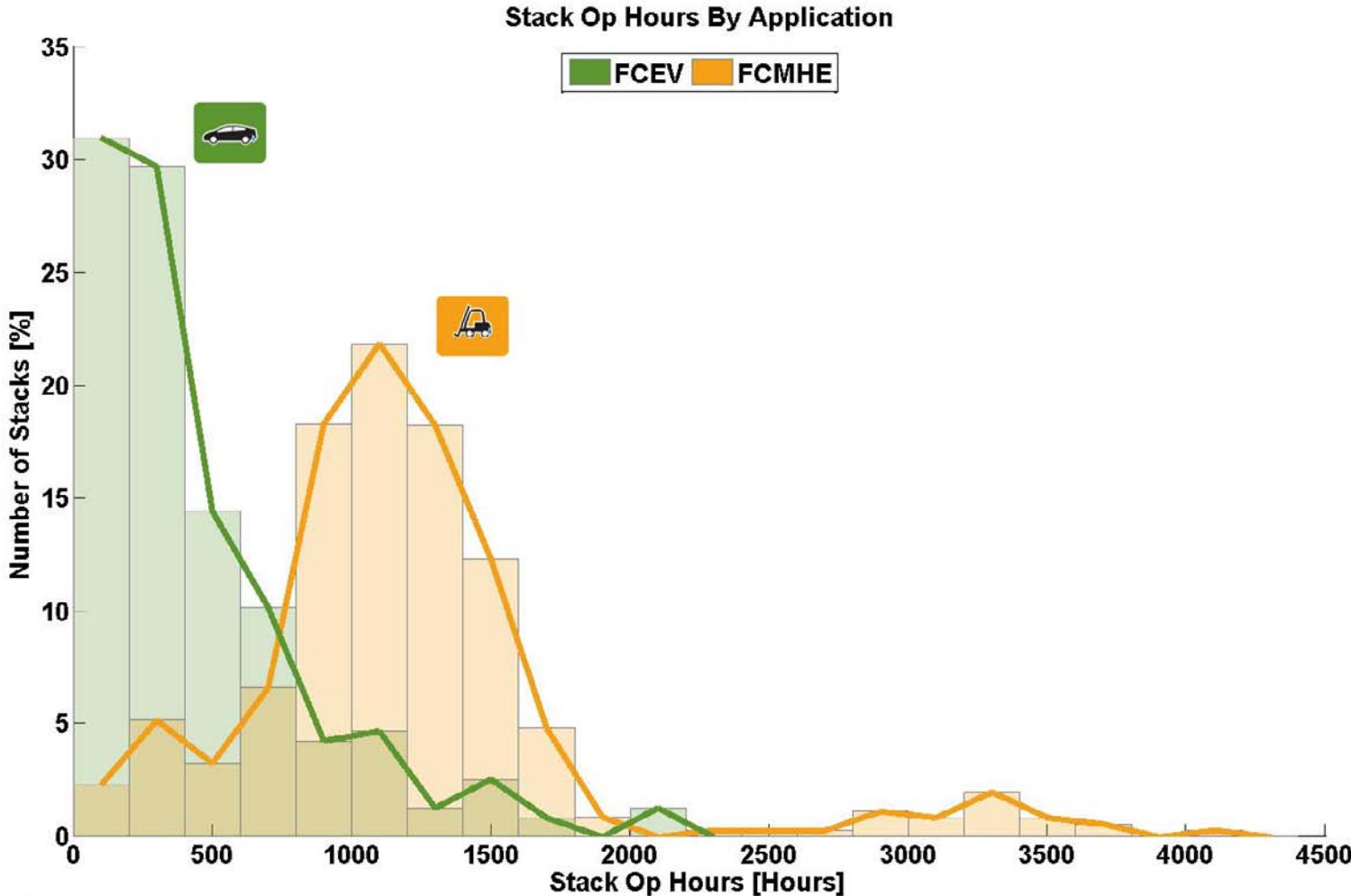
Number of Fuel Cell Units Being Evaluated and Providing Data to NREL



Each Fuel Cell Application Has Different Requirements and Operation

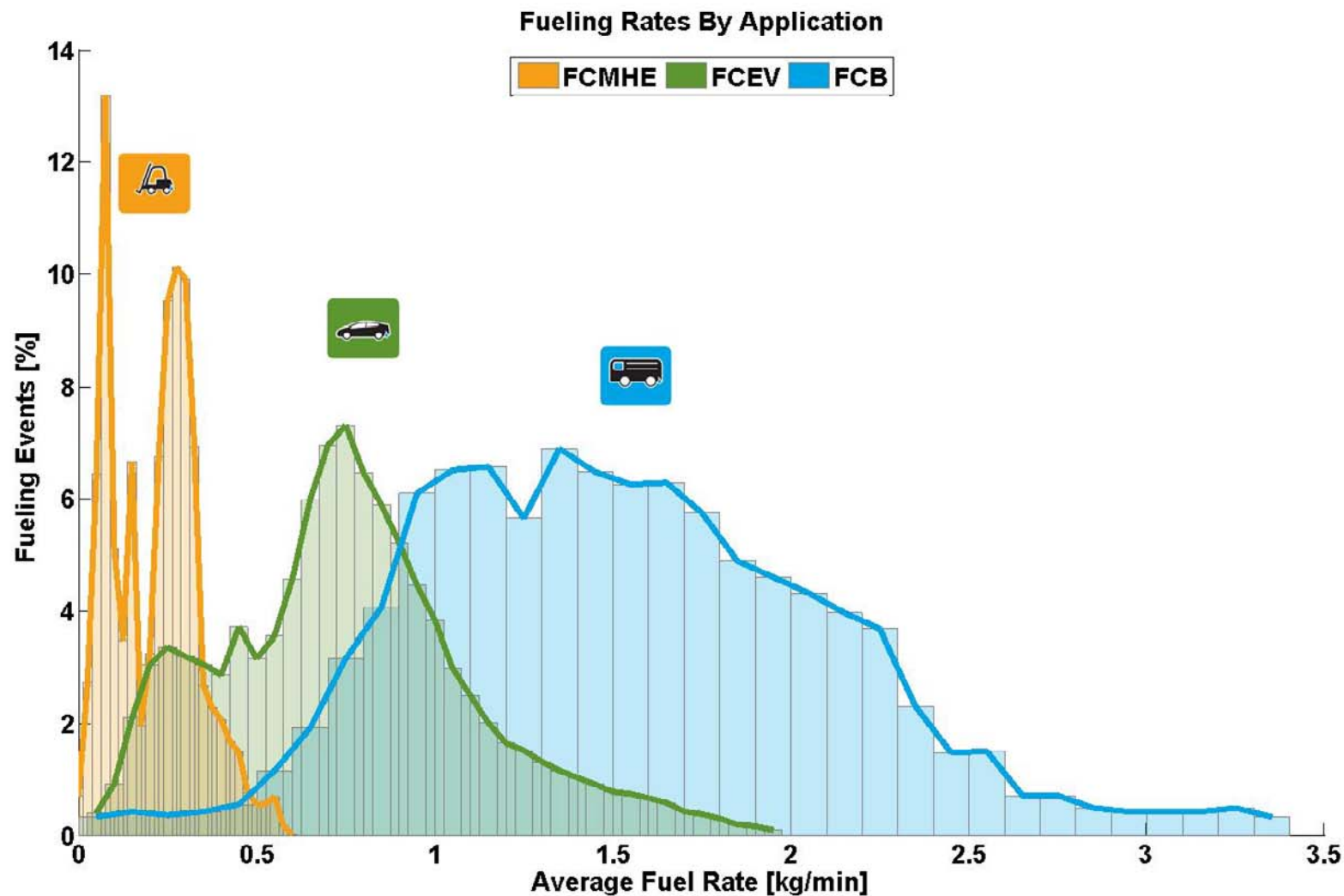


Forklifts Acquire Data Very Rapidly – Data from 5 Years of Cars, 2 Years of Forklifts



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Fueling Rates Vary By Application, Primarily Driven by Constraints on Pressure, Volume, Time



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Summary

- Project has completed ~6 years of validation
- Vehicle operation: 114,000 hours, 2.87 million miles, 436,000 trips
- H₂ station operation: 134,000 kg produced or dispensed, 27,000 fuelings
- DOE Key Technical Targets Met: FC Durability and Range
- Data reporting and analysis continues through remainder of this year
- New CA fueling stations planned for inclusion in future NREL infrastructure analysis as they come online and provide data

Contact Info. and Web Resources

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NREL's Renewable H₂ Station Now Stores
Over 250 kg H₂ and can dispense at 350 bar

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