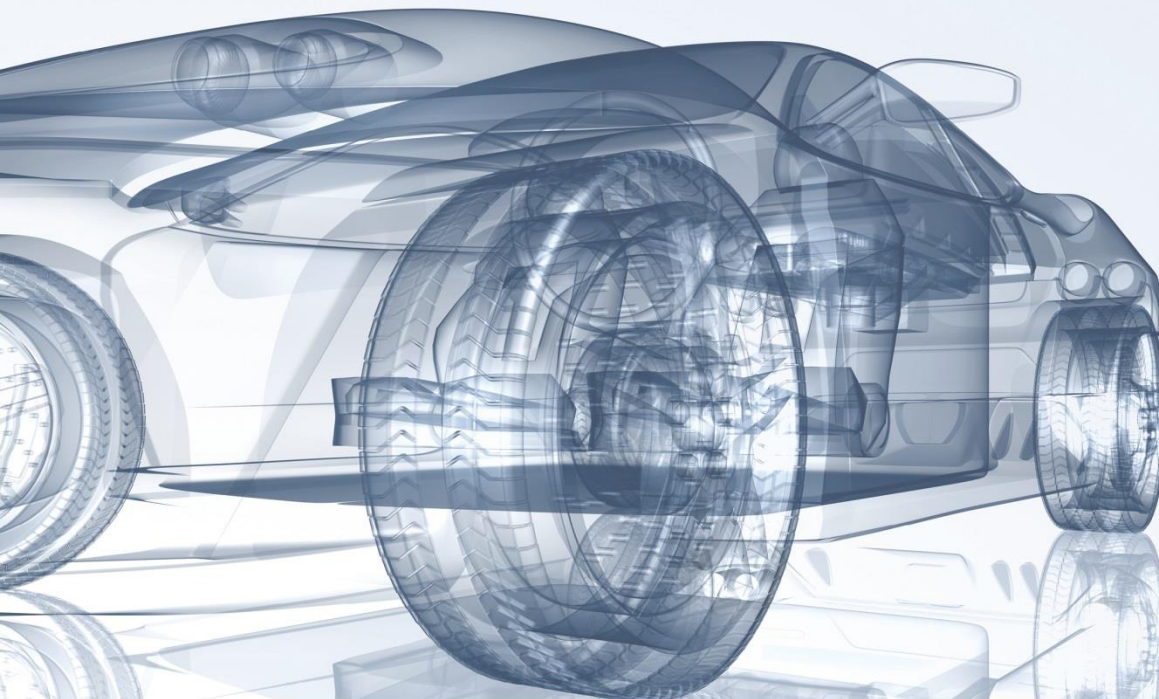


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Hyundai ix35 fuel cell electric vehicles: degradation analysis for driving and vehicle-to-grid usage

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Introduction – Fuel Cell Durability

- Fuel Cell Electric Vehicle (FCEV) → **Driving mode**

- U.S. Department of Energy (DoE) automotive fuel cell **durability (to 10% voltage drop):**
 - 4,100 hours¹ → **Today**, fleet **maximum** durability, real-world driving, no simulated drive cycle.
→ fleet average ~2,000 hours

 - 8,000 hours¹ → **Ultimate target**, in slow-speed driving conditions (e.g. city driving)
 - ≈ 241,000 km (150,000 mi)

¹) DOE Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Technologies Program Records #16019 - On-Road Fuel Cell Stack Durability – 2016

Introduction – Vehicle-to-Grid

- Fuel Cell Electric Vehicle (FCEV) → **Vehicle-To-Grid (V2G) mode**
- V2G → parked; produce power to electricity grid → Modification of existing Hyundai ix35 FCEV
- Future grid services: balancing intermittent renewables, converting seasonal stored hydrogen
- Fuel Cell durability in **Vehicle-To-Grid (V2G) mode?**
 - → **pricing future grid services?**
 - Relevant for manufacturer guarantees or scheduling maintenance



Introduction - Research question

- Fuel Cell durability in **Vehicle-To-Grid (V2G) mode?**

- **Possible** durability parameters V2G, % Voltage drop vs.;
- *Operating Hours* → What 'Vehicle-to-Grid' Cycle?
- *Driven distance* → not relevant if car is parked but producing power
- *Produced electricity* → What if idling & not producing power? → 'spinning reserve' grid service
- ... *Other?*

- **Research question:**

How can we analyze fuel cell stack voltage degradation

& are existing durability indicators still relevant in commercial FCEVs,

used for driving and vehicle-to-grid purposes?

Materials

- 4 Hyundai ix35 FCEVs
 - 3x FCEVs: Driving only ('FCEV1/2/3')
 - 1x FCEV: Driving & Vehicle-to-Grid ('FCEV2G')

- Vehicle to Grid set-up²

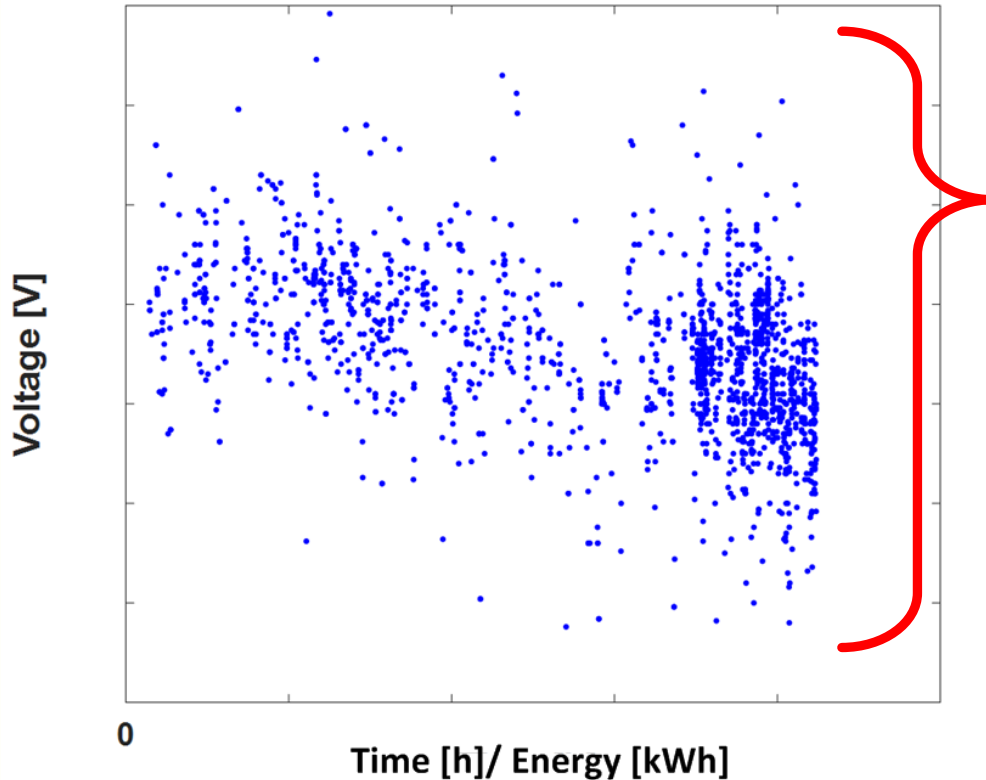
- CAN bus data logging;
 - Voltage Fuel Cell stack @ 1Hz-5Hz
 - Current Fuel Cell stack @ 1Hz-5Hz
 - Driving speed
 - .. many other parameters



²) V. Oldenbroek et al. Fuel Cell Electric Vehicle-to-Grid : Experimental feasibility & operational performance. 6th Eur. PEFC & Electrolyser Forum 2017

Method

Voltage measurements *@ specific current* vs. Time/Energy



- Real voltage data vs.
 - Operating time³
 - Produced energy⁴
- **'scattering'**
 - Transient phenomena
 - Different operating conditions
 - Specific operating routines

→ **Applying;**

- Fitting algorithm & filtering⁵

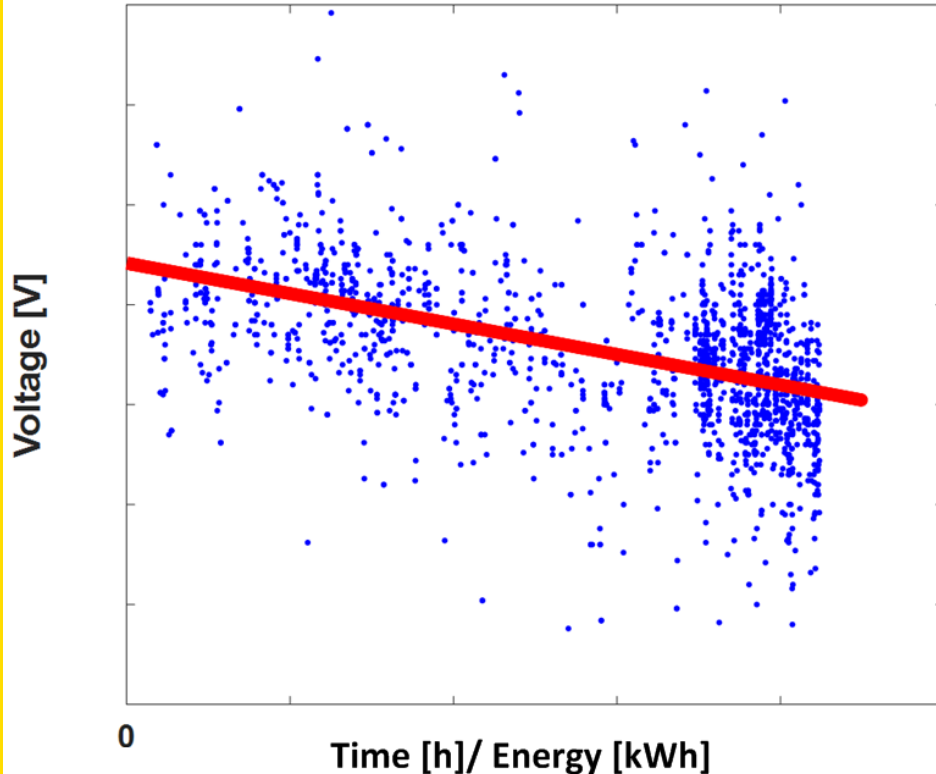
3) DOE Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Technologies Program Records #16019 - On-Road Fuel Cell Stack Durability – 2016

4) Jouin M, et al. Estimating the end-of-life of PEM fuel cells: Guidelines and metrics. Applied Energy. 2016.

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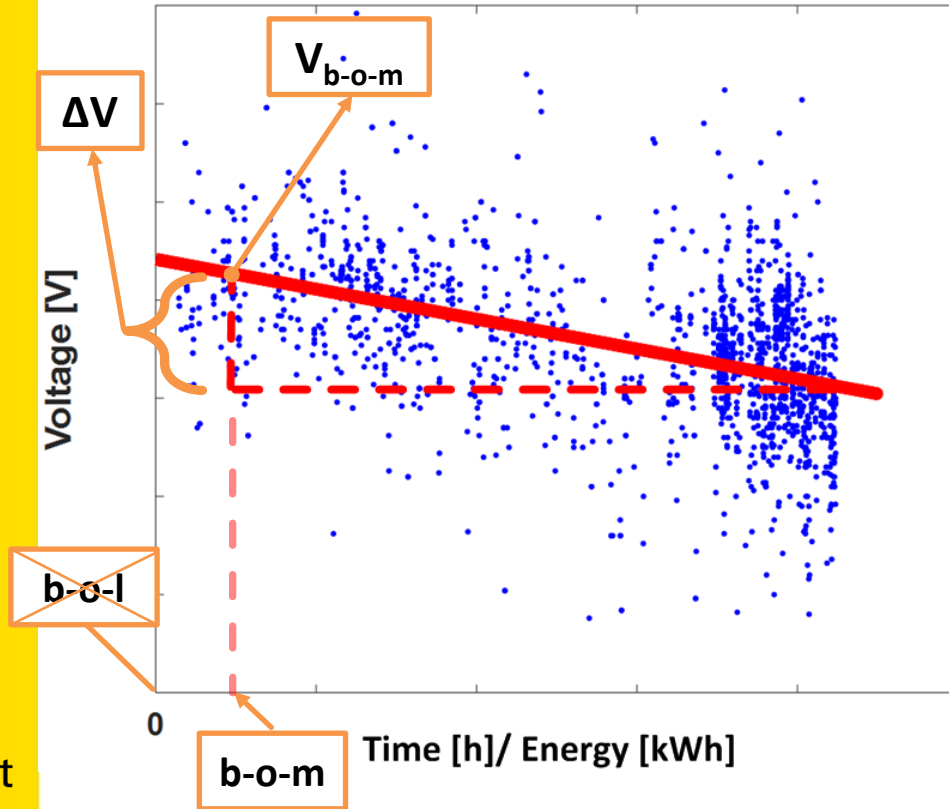
- 2 least squares regression analysis methods:
 - Linear
 - Robust linear

- Robust → reduce influence outliers from transient phenomena⁵

⁵) Least-Squares Fitting - MATLAB, <https://nl.mathworks.com/help/curvefit/least-squares-fitting.html>

Method

Voltage measurements @ specific current vs. Time/Energy



- Fuel cell stack voltage drop for specific current vs. begin-of-measurement (b-o-m)
- **NOT** begin-of-life (b-o-l)

Relative Voltage drop @specific current:

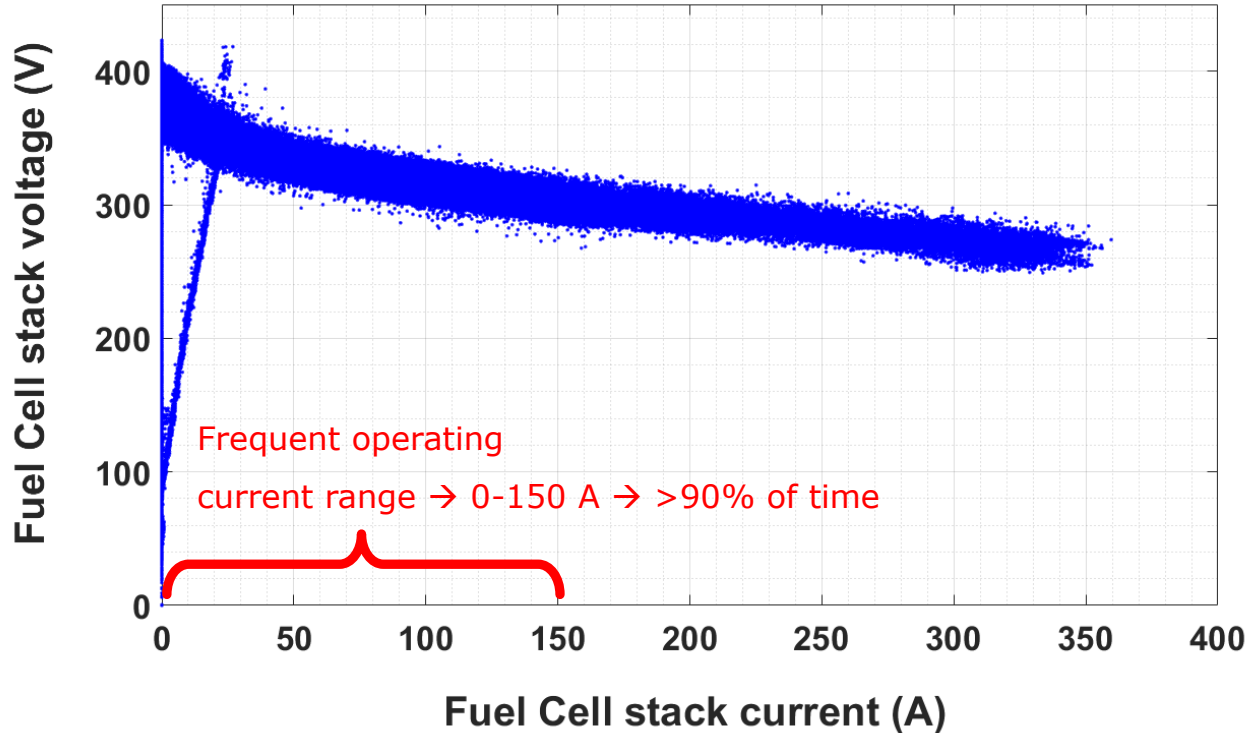
- $\%V_{@current} = \Delta V / V_{b-o-m} \times 100\%$

- **Mean Fuel Cell stack voltage drop:**

$$\overline{\Delta V}_{\%} = \frac{\sum_1^n \%V_{@current}}{\# currents}$$

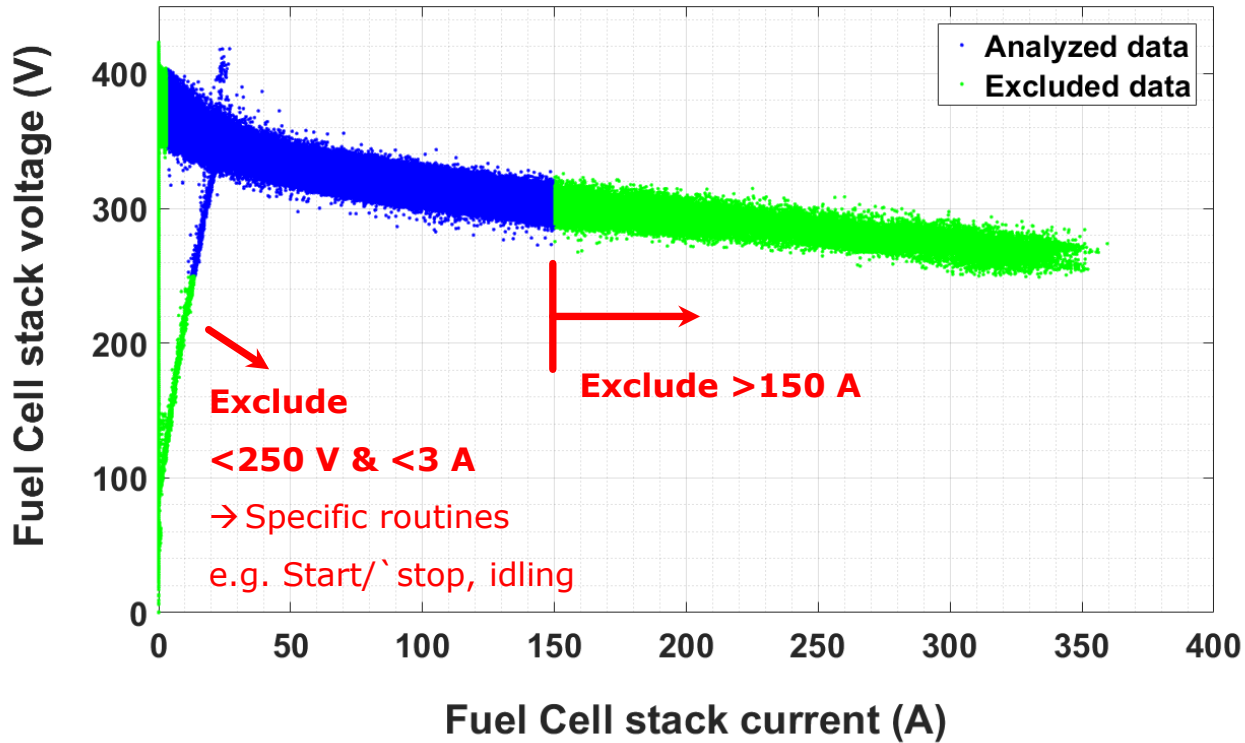
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Fuel Cell stack voltage vs. current - FCEV1



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Fuel Cell stack voltage vs. current - FCEV1



Results

- Result fuel stack voltage drop shows similar results for:
 - **Voltage drop vs.**
 - Operating time
 - Produced energy
 - **Least squares regression analysis methods:**
 - Linear
 - Robust linear

Results

	FCEV1	FCEV2	FCEV3	FCEV2G
FC stack voltage drop (%) - Mean	1.7%	2.0%	1.4%	<u>2.3%</u>

Results

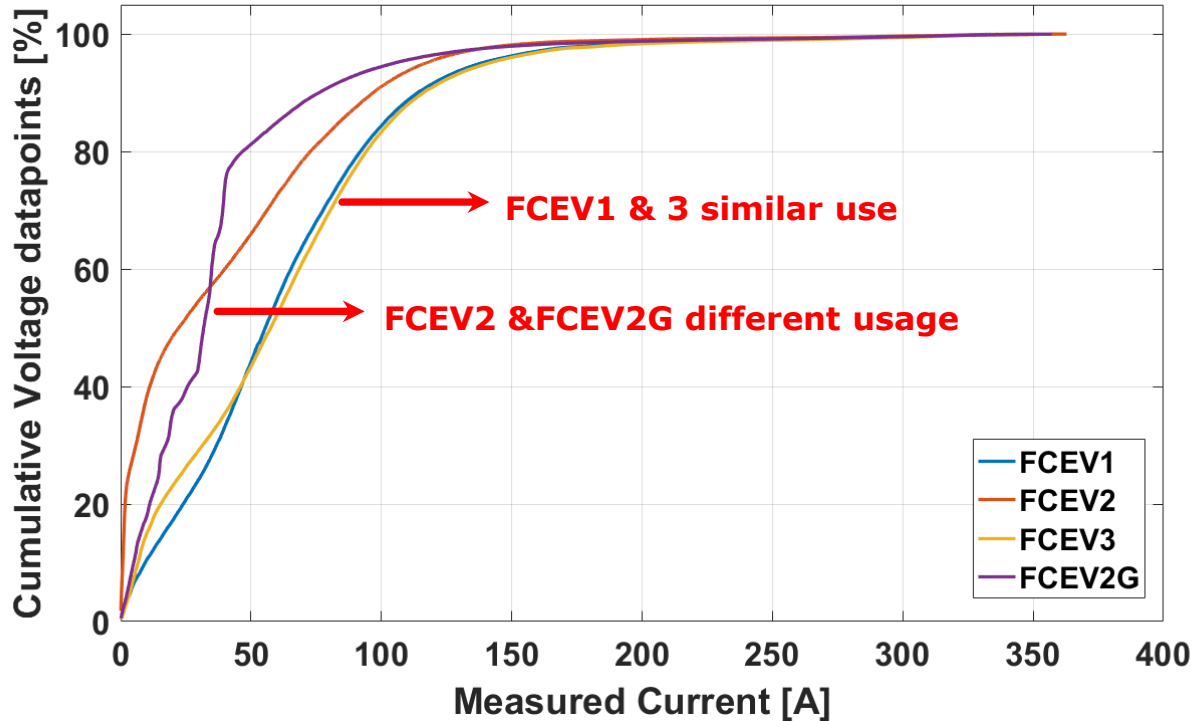
Estimated durability @ 10% Mean FC Voltage drop Based on:	FCEV1	FCEV2	FCEV3	FCEV2G
FC operating time (h)	2,550	920	2,250	3,710
Distance driven (km)	164,700	39,800	129,000	53,900
Fuel cell produced electricity (kWh)	35,000	9,500	30,900	18,600

- FCEV1, FCEV3 & FCEV2G estimated durability in hours in line with U.S. DOE FC Durability study¹
- FCEV1 estimated durability 920h very low → voltage drop with high standard deviation
- Durability indicator distance driven → relevant for driving only use.
- FC produced electricity consistent for FCEV1&3, low for FCEV2G (high zero current time)

¹) DOE Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Technologies Program Records #16019 - On-Road Fuel Cell Stack Durability – 2016

Results

Cumulative voltage datapoints for measured currents with >250V filtering condition - FCEV1,2,3 & FCEV2G



Conclusions

- **Research question:**

How can we analyze fuel cell stack voltage degradation

& are existing durability indicators still relevant in commercial FCEVs,

used for driving and vehicle-to-grid purposes?

- Developed method works, but accuracy sensitive to:
 - Amount of datapoints
 - Non-uniform distribution of data → use of weight factor?
 - Voltage drop similar for analysis based on operating time/energy or different regression methods
 - Durability parameter operating hours/distance/energy not relevant for driving & V2G usage
 - Suggestion; combination of operating & 'idling' hours, energy, distance, #start-ups/shutdowns.
 - Relevant for pricing V2G services, maintenance schedule
- Compare use based on detailed load pattern analysis (e.g. upward/donward ramps)

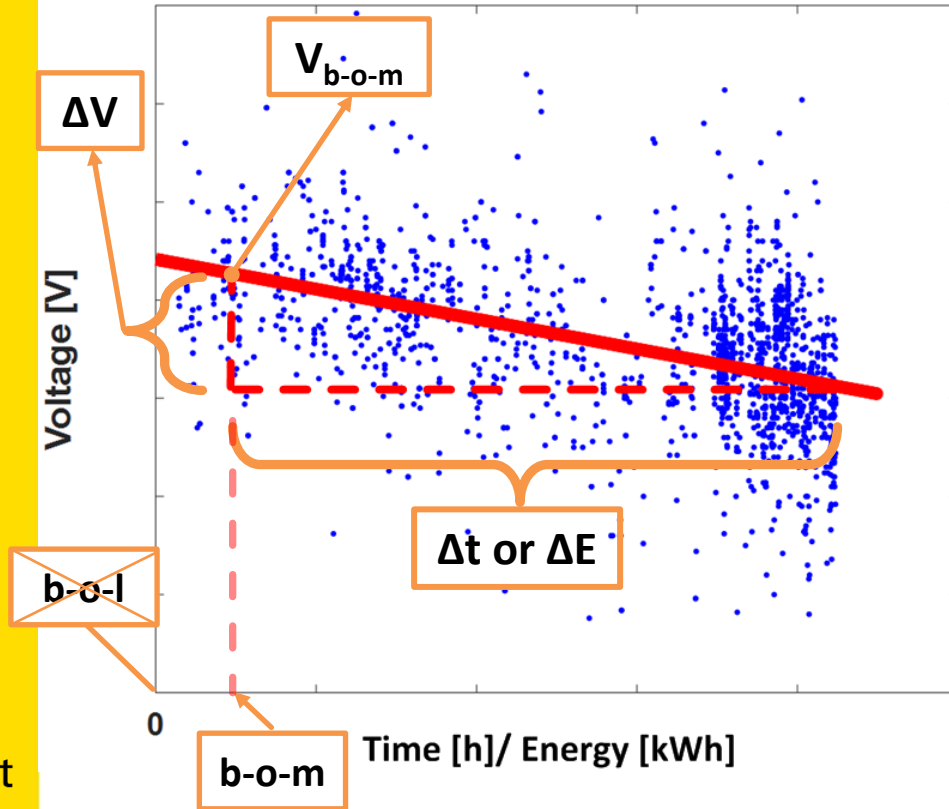
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Any questions?

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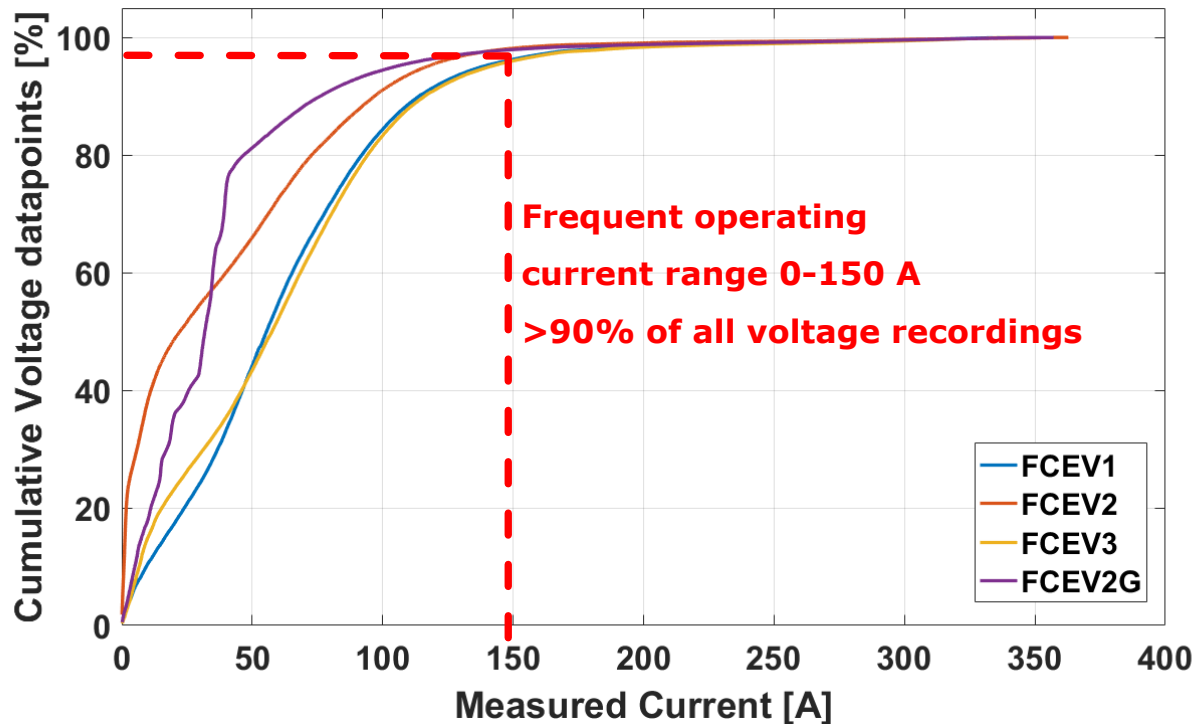
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- Fuel cell stack voltage drop for specific current vs. begin-of-measurement (b-o-m)
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- **Voltage vs. Time @ specific current**
- $V(t) = V_{b-o-m} - \Delta V / \Delta t \times \Delta t$
- **Voltage vs. Energy @ specific current**
- $V(E) = V_{b-o-m} - \Delta V / \Delta E \times \Delta E$

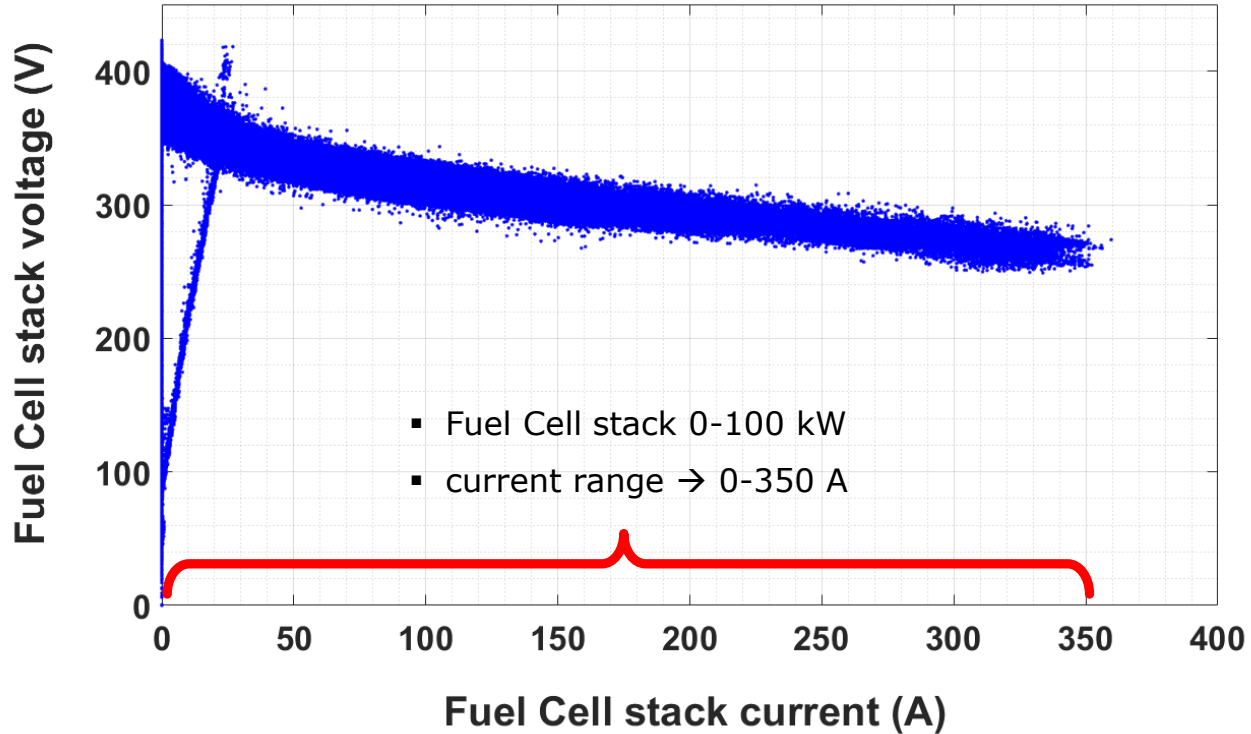
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Cumulative voltage datapoints for measured currents



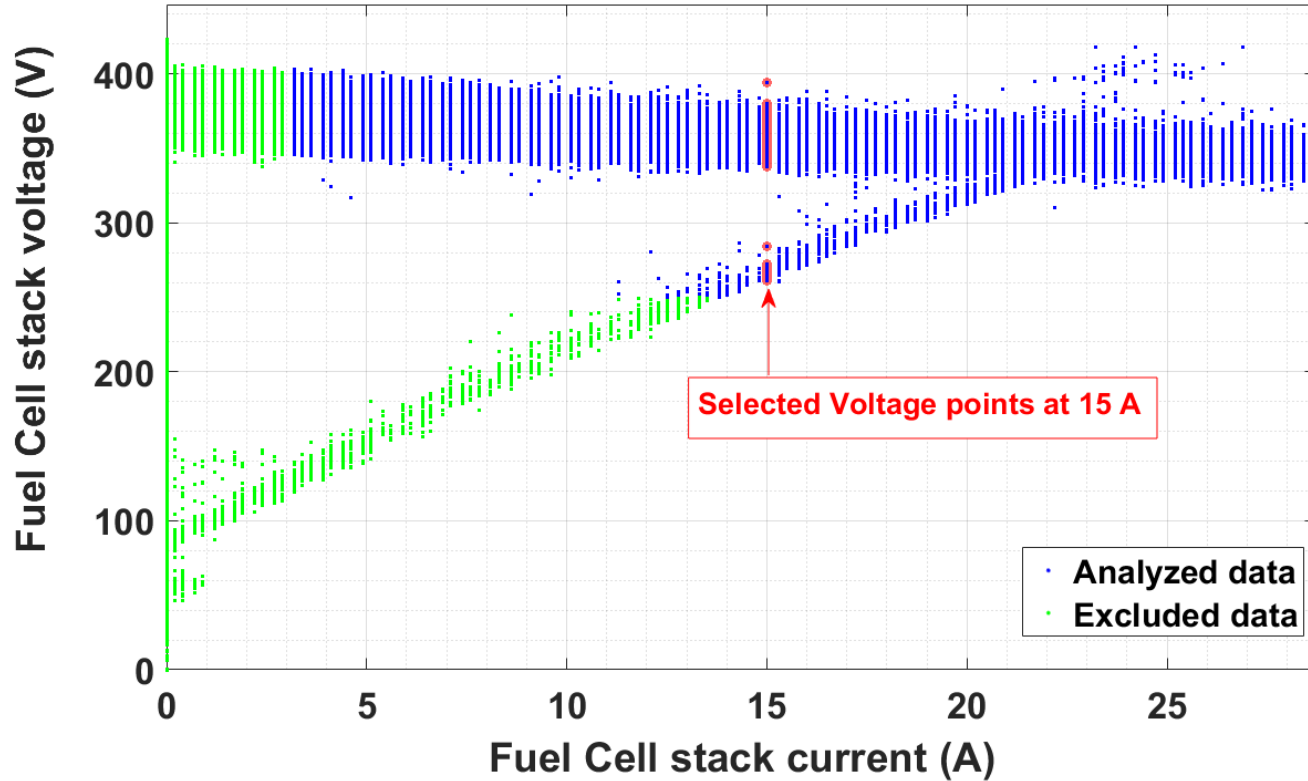
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Fuel Cell stack voltage vs. current - FCEV1



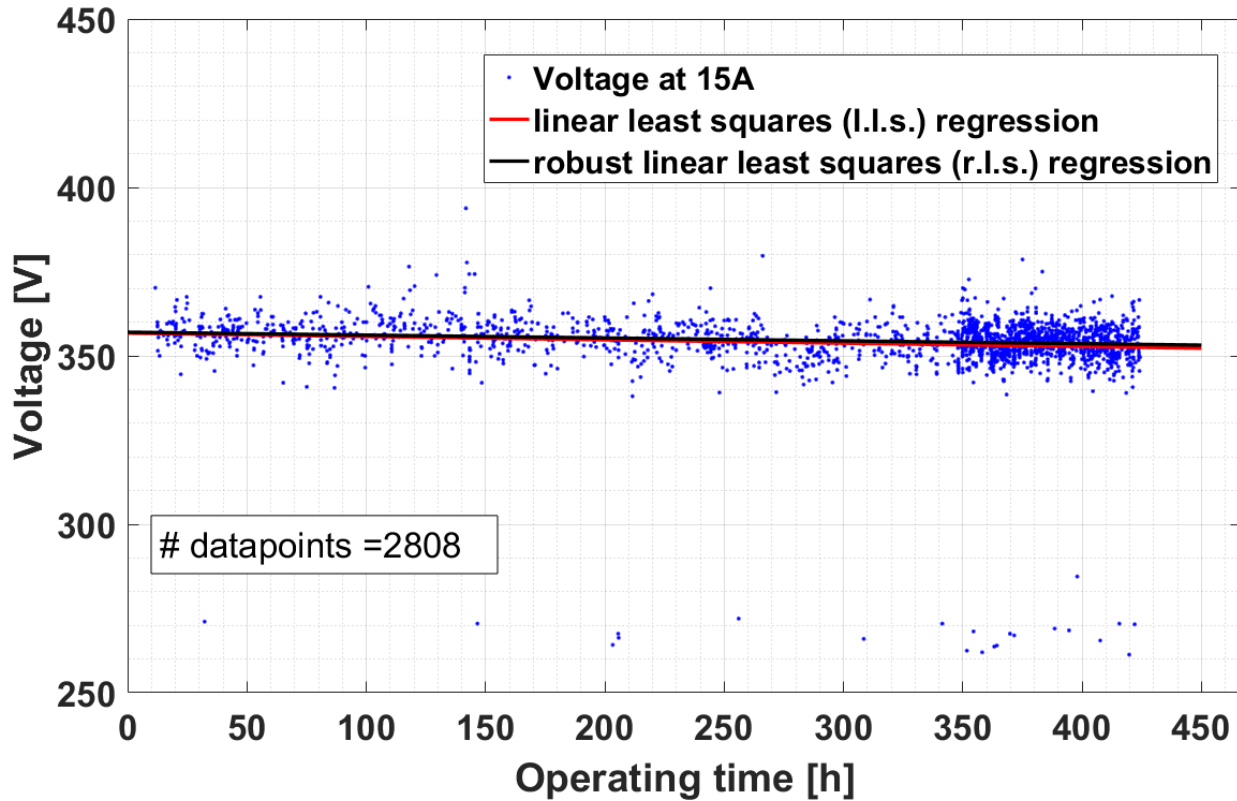
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Zoom in: Fuel Cell stack voltage vs. current - FCEV1



Method

Fuel Cell stack voltage vs. operating time at 15 A - FCEV1



Results

	FCEV1	FCEV2	FCEV3	FCEV2G
FC stack voltage drop (%) - Mean	1.7%	2.0%	1.4%	2.3%
Distance (km) (before datalogger installation)	16,276	4,924	<u>22,875</u>	6,299
Distance (km) (after datalogger installation)	27,459	7,917	18,004	12,649
Analyzed FC operating time (h) (incl. zero current)	424	184	314	872
Gross FC produced electricity (kWh)	5,610	1,970	4,230	4,487
Average FC Power (kW)	<u>13</u>	11	<u>13</u>	5
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