

# Life Cycle Implications of Zero Emission Heavy Duty Vehicles

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# NREL at a Glance

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**460**

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# Scope of Mission



## Energy Efficiency

Residential Buildings  
Commercial Buildings  
Personal and Commercial Vehicles



## Renewable Energy

Solar  
Wind and Water  
Biomass  
Hydrogen  
Geothermal



## Systems Integration

Grid Infrastructure  
Distributed Energy Interconnection  
Battery and Thermal Storage  
Transportation



## Market Focus

Private Industry  
Federal Agencies  
Defense Dept.  
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International

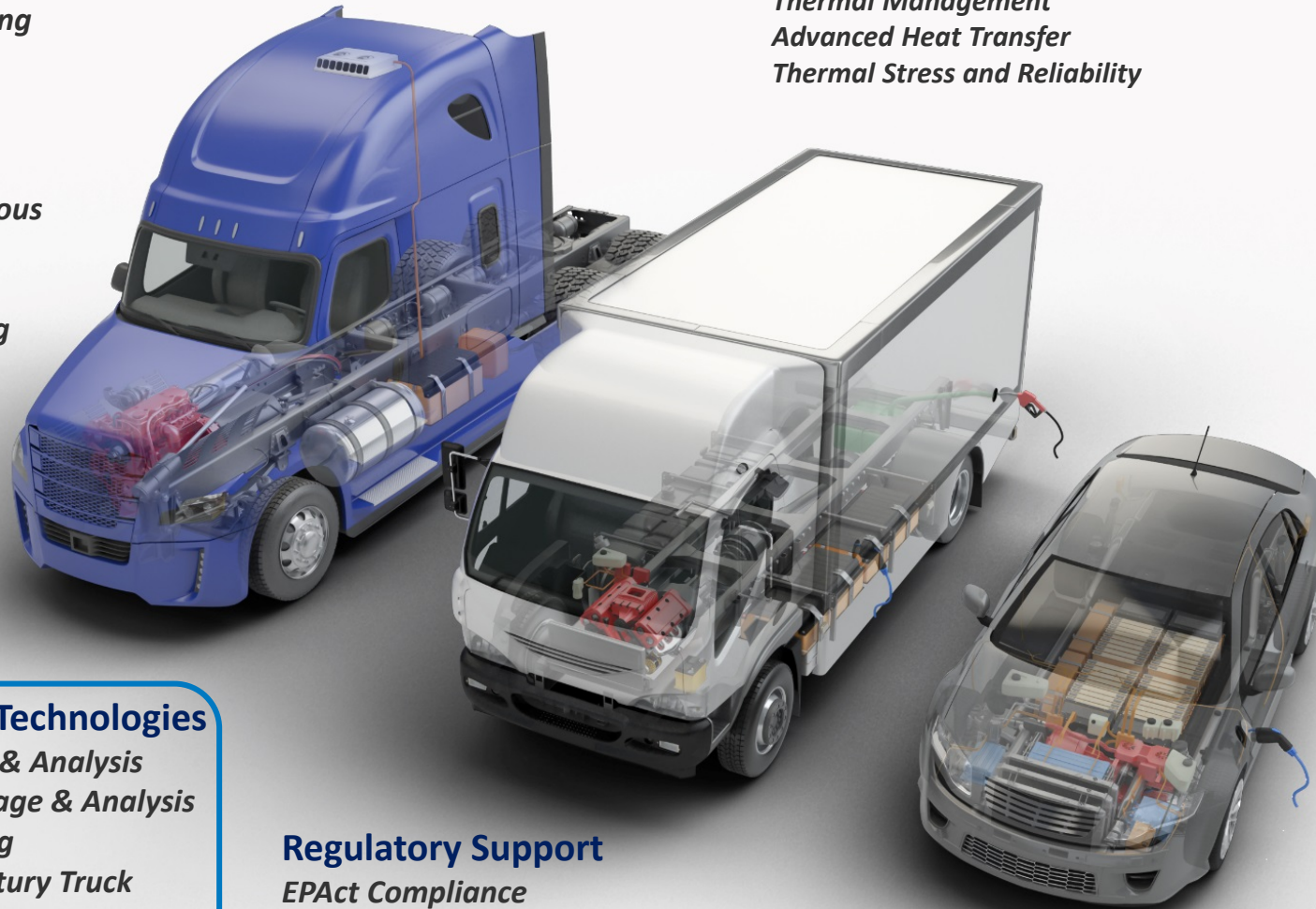
# NREL Transportation and Vehicle R&D Activities

## Advanced Combustion / Fuels

*Advanced Petroleum and Biofuels  
Combustion / Emissions Measurement  
Vehicle and Engine Testing  
Co-Optima*

## Mobility Systems

*Connected and Autonomous  
Vehicles  
Multi-Modal Freight  
Vehicle Systems Modeling  
Technology Adoption  
Total Cost of Ownership  
Modeling*



## Commercial Vehicle Technologies

*Technology Field Testing & Analysis  
Big Data Collection, Storage & Analysis  
Vehicle Systems Modeling  
Super Truck and 21<sup>st</sup> Century Truck  
Vehicle Thermal Management*

## Regulatory Support

*EPA Act Compliance  
Data & Policy Analysis  
Technical Integration  
Fleet Assistance*

## Advanced Power Electronics and Electric Motors

*Thermal Management  
Advanced Heat Transfer  
Thermal Stress and Reliability*

## Advanced Energy Storage

*Thermal Characterization / Management  
Life/Abuse Testing and Modeling  
Computer Aided Engineering  
Electrode Material Development*

## Infrastructure and Impacts Analysis

*Vehicle-to-Grid Integration  
Integration with Renewables  
Charging Equipment & Controls  
Fueling Stations & Equipment*

## Hydrogen and Fuel Cells

*Fuel Cell Electric Vehicles  
Fuel Cell Buses  
Fueling Infrastructure  
Hydrogen Systems and Components  
Safety, Codes and Standards*

## Technology Integration

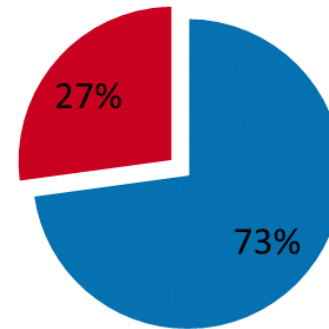
*Clean Cities  
Guidance & Information for Fleet Decision  
Makers and Policy Makers  
Technical Assistance  
Online Data, Tools, Analysis*

# Motivation

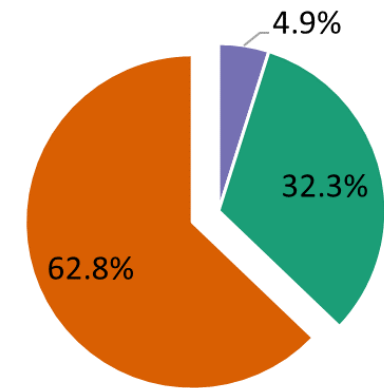
## Medium-, heavy-duty (MHD) vehicle electrification

- MHD vehicles have substantial energy requirements
  - 4.5% of U.S. vehicles
  - 27% of fuel use
  - Avg. 24,000 miles annually (~39,000 km)
- Impact per vehicle
  - @ 6.4 MPG = 3,744 gal/year
  - 83,500 lbsCO<sub>2</sub>/year
- Fleet: 510million tonsCO<sub>2</sub>/year
- 30% of NO<sub>x</sub> & PM

Percent of Fuel



Heavy Duty Fuel



■ Light Duty ■ Heavy Duty ■ Bus ■ Single Unit ■ Comb. Unit

<https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/policyinformation/statistics/2017/vm1.cfm>

**Large per-vehicle impact**



# Life Cycle Analysis



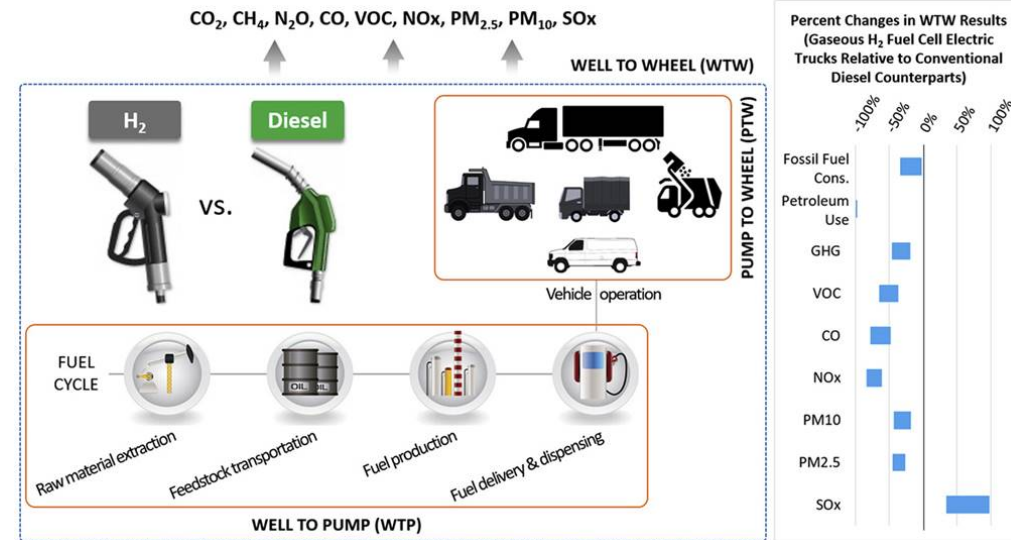
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF  
**ENERGY**

- Internal combustion alternatives
  - Battery electric trucks (BET)
    - Higher efficiency
    - Low cost fuel
  - **Hydrogen fuel cell**
    - **Higher energy density**
    - **Faster fueling than BET**
  - Benefits
    - Effectively no heat rejection
    - No tailpipe emissions
- D.O.E. Fuel Cell Technology Office
  - Contract: DE-AC02-06CH11357
  - Examine real-world LCA

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Transit Buses (not covered here):

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0301421519300217>

# Battery Electric Challenges

Challenges exist with battery technology in certain heavy vehicle application

- Use simplified EV model
  - Charges when stopped for > 50 min
  - 90% conversion eff. - No Regen
- Data from Fleet DNA
- Limited penetration in EV's under existing technology

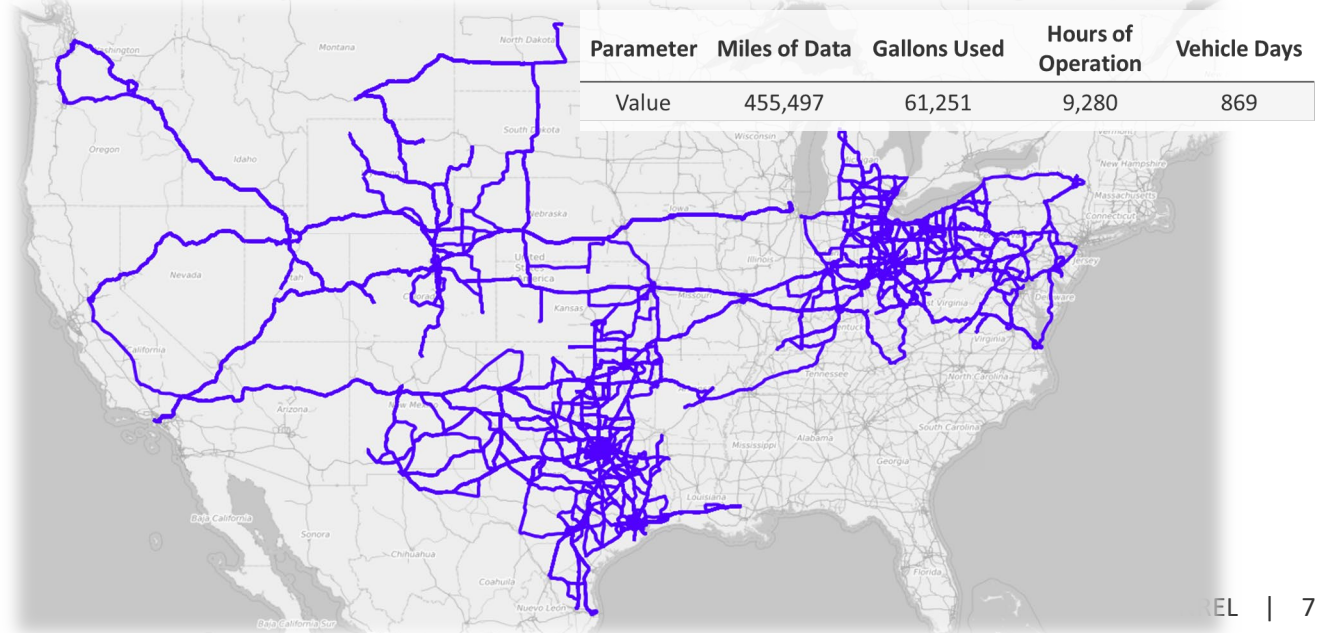
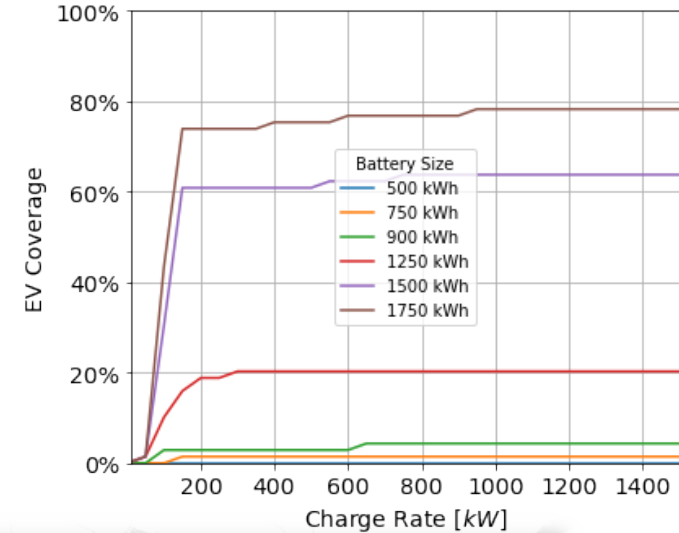
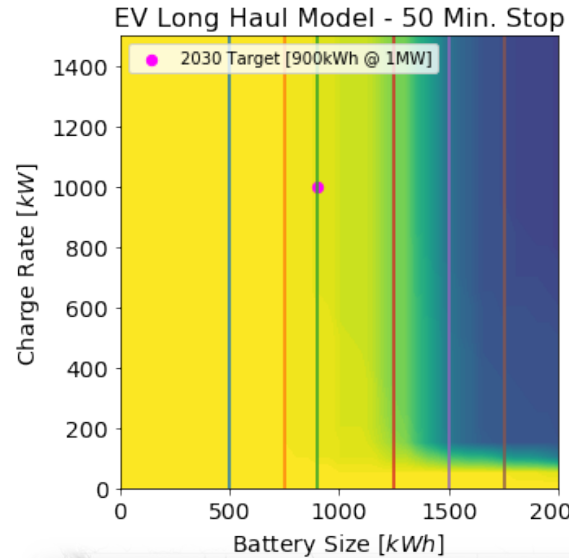
**There is a need for higher energy density and faster refill times to reach zero-emissions**



**Fleet DNA**

## Example: Class 8 Long Haul EV

NOTE: This is preliminary modeled data



# Methodology

- Use EPA GHG Phase 2 Cycles
  - Spatio-temporal adjustment
- Develop vehicle dynamics model with and simulate with real-world operational data
- **GREET used for wheel-to-pump (WTP) analysis**
- **EPA MOVES for pump-to-wheel (PTW) tailpipe, tire and brake wear**

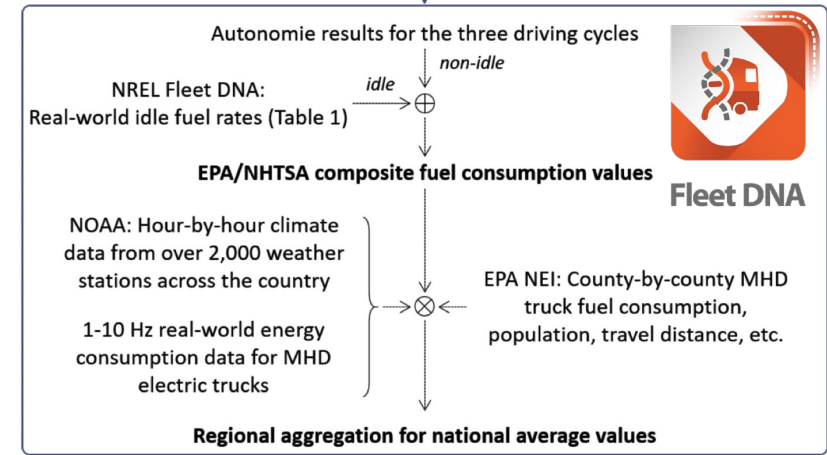
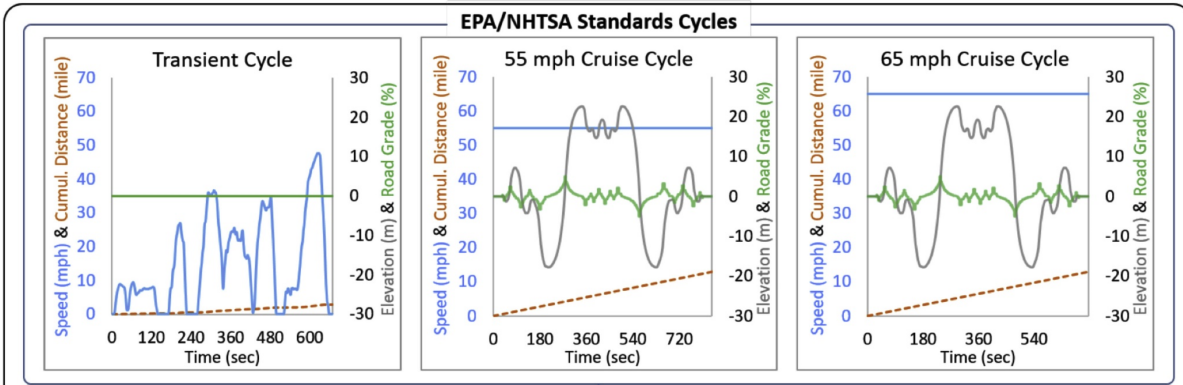
$$FC_{composite} = FC_{NI} + \frac{1}{\alpha_I \bar{V}_{moving}} FR_I \quad (1)$$

$$FC_{NI} = w_{NI,Transient} \left( \frac{G_{Transient} C_{climate} + \bar{P}_{ESS,Out,HVAC} T_{Transient}}{D_{Transient}} \right) + w_{NI,55mph} \left( \frac{G_{55mph} C_{climate} + \bar{P}_{ESS,Out,HVAC} T_{55mph}}{D_{55mph}} \right) + w_{NI,65mph} \left( \frac{G_{65mph} C_{climate} + \bar{P}_{ESS,Out,HVAC} T_{65mph}}{D_{65mph}} \right) \quad (2)$$

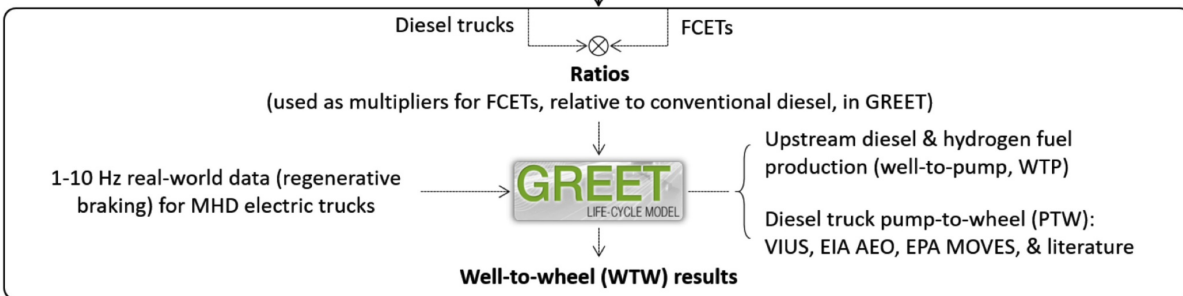
$$FR_I = w_{I,drive} (\bar{FR}_{I,drive} + \bar{P}_{ESS,Out,HVAC}) + w_{I,parked} (\bar{FR}_{I,parked} + \bar{P}_{ESS,Out,HVAC}) \quad (3)$$

$$\bar{P}_{ESS,Out,HVAC} = \frac{\bar{P}_{HVAC}}{\bar{\eta}_{FuelCell}} \quad (4)$$

Adjusted EPA/NHTSA method for estimating load-specific fuel cons. (LSFC, fuel/payload-mile) of MHD vehicles



Well-to-wheel analysis





# PTW Results for Regulatory Drive Cycles

## Modeling Background

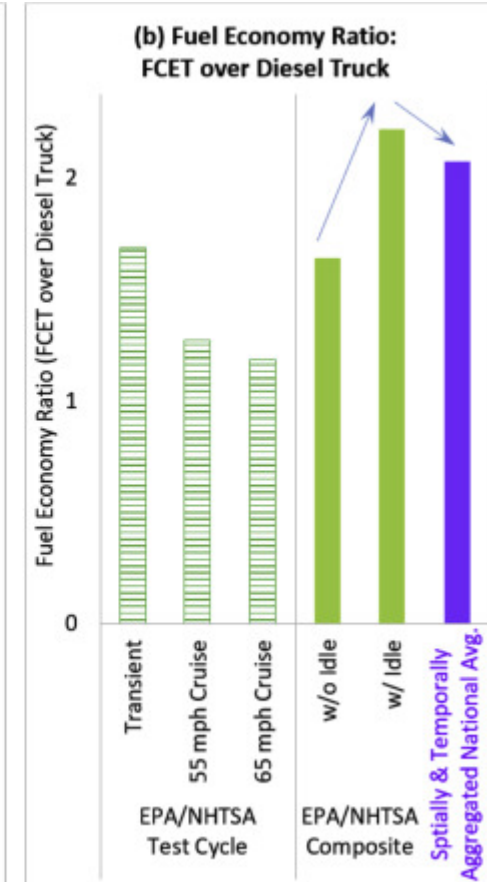
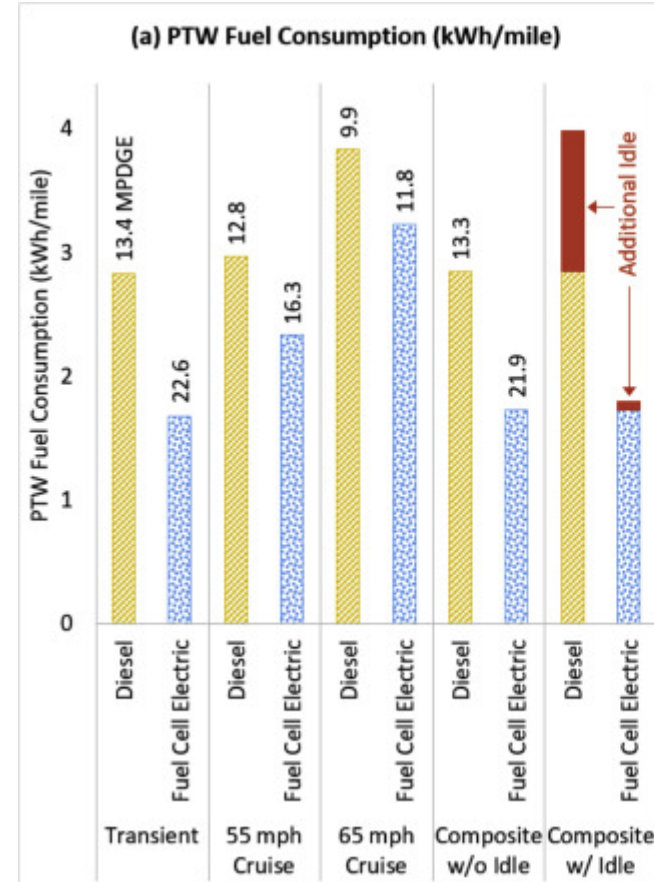
- Fuel economy generated over three cycles using Autonomie
- Fleet DNA used for idle fuel
  - Extensive in-use data



Fleet DNA

## Example

- Class 4 straight truck
  - Idle fuel has larger impact on diesel - increases FCEV advantage
  - Spatiotemporal aggregation decreases ratio
    - HVAC power demand



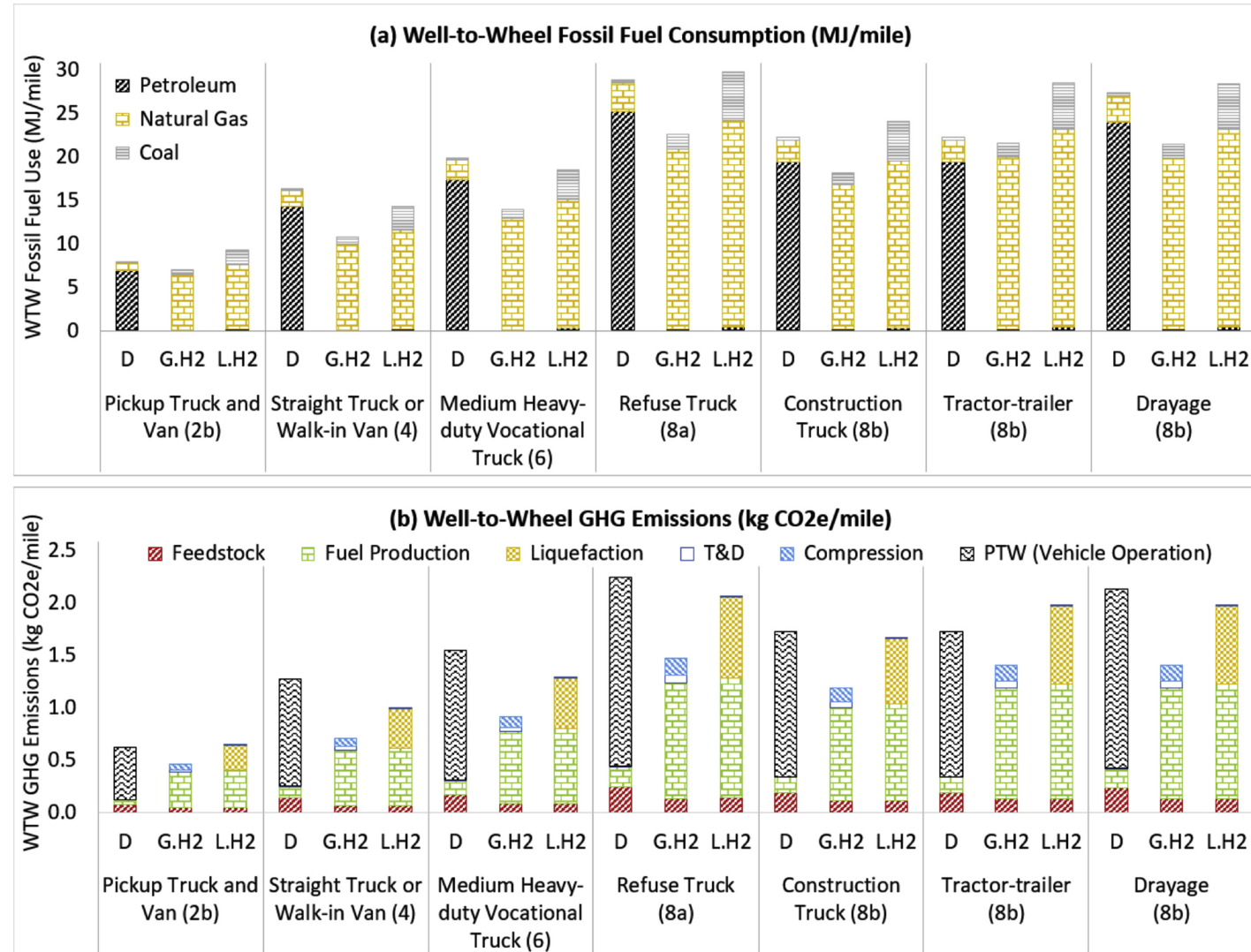
# Carbon & Energy

## Examine three fuels & seven vehicles

- Diesel (baseline)
- Gaseous hydrogen (G.H2)
- Liquified hydrogen (L.H2)
- *Assume steam methane reforming (SMR)*

## Results

- Hydrogen eliminates petroleum
  - Shift to natural gas
  - Some increase in energy use
    - Drive cycle dependent – highway speed more efficient
- G.H2 provides largest CO<sub>2</sub> reduction
  - 19-45% reduction
- L.H2 provides mixed CO<sub>2</sub> benefit
  - Energy for liquefaction



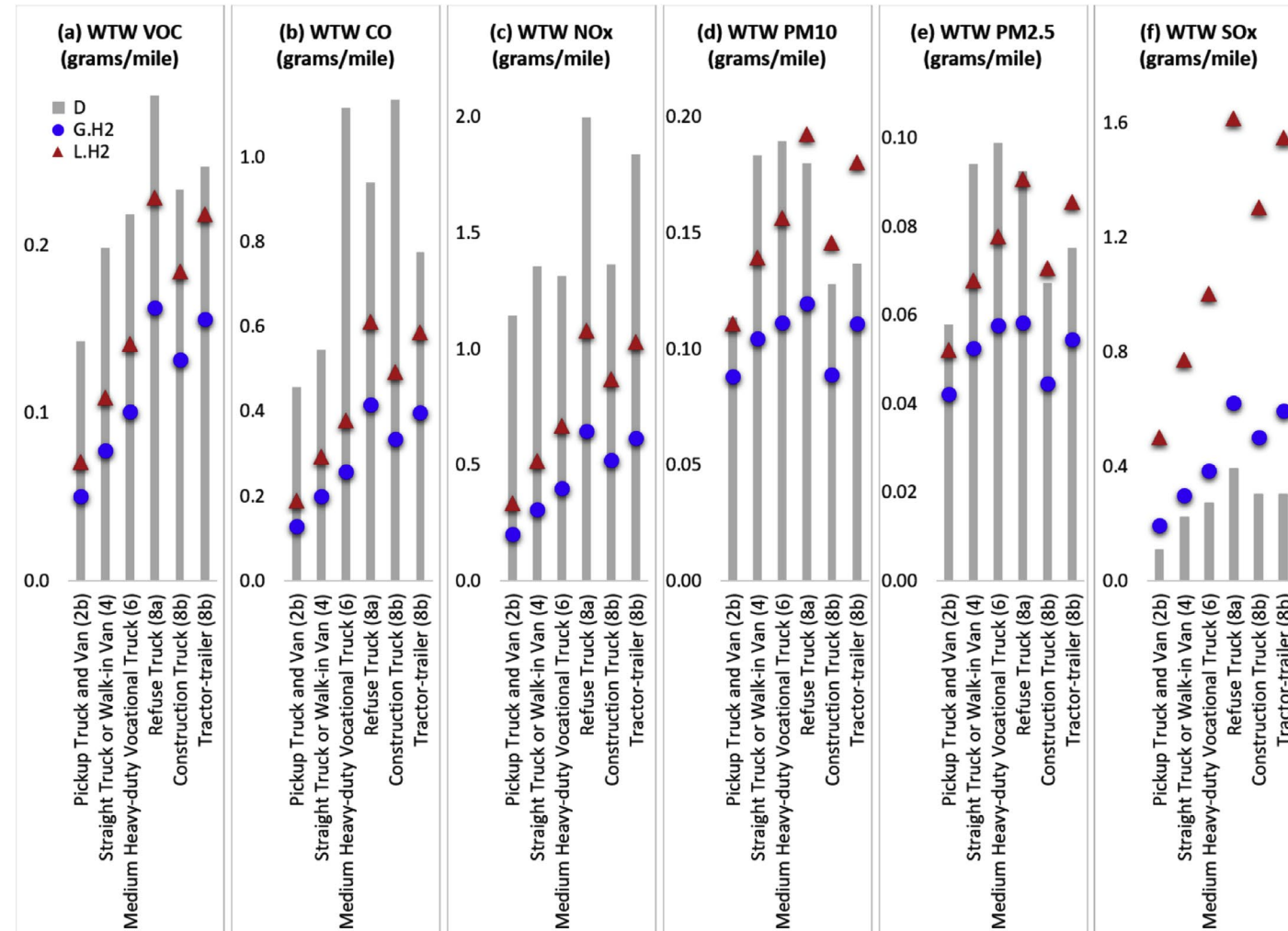
# Criteria Pollutants

## VOCs, CO, NO<sub>x</sub>, PM 2.5 & PM10

- G.H2 provides largest reduction
- Lesser reductions for L.H2
  - Increase for construction & tractor-trailer
- Results vary based on duty cycle
- Can provide major SMOG reduction in non-attainment area
  - Ex) Los Angeles, Denver

## SO<sub>x</sub>

- Increases for hydrogen
  - Use of ultra-low sulfur diesel
  - **Electricity use for compression**
- Shift from tailpipe to fuel production electricity

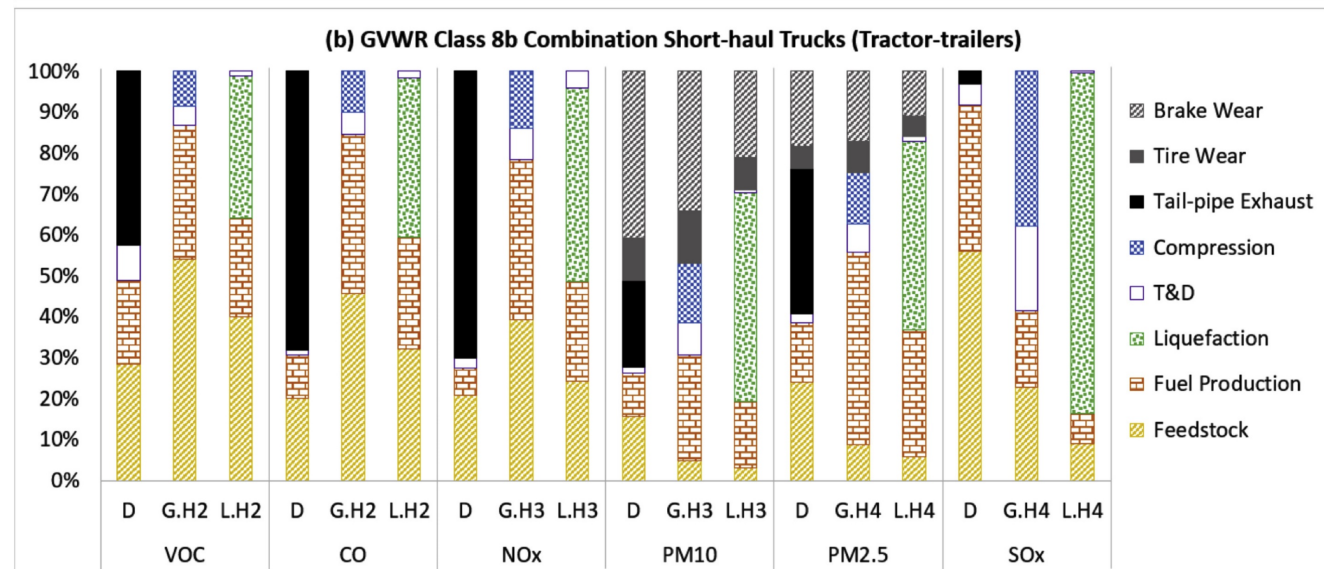
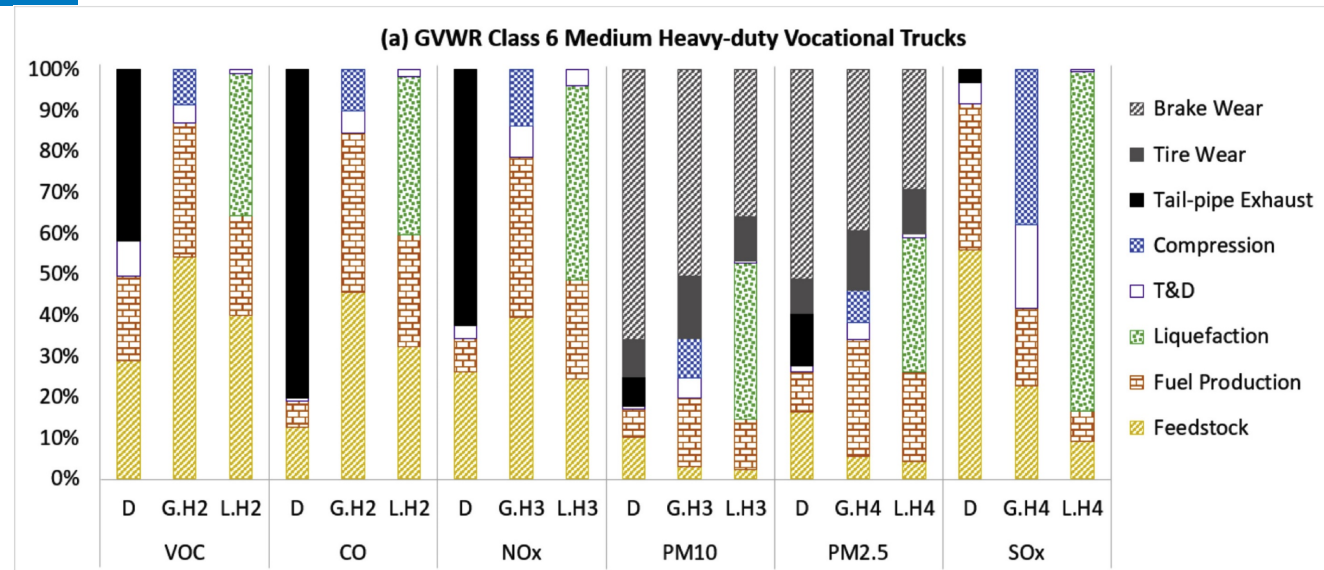


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# Emissions by Source

- Less benefits for PM
  - Brake and tire wear + upstream fuel production
  - Diesel particulate filters (DPFs)
  - On-road low speed PM 2.5 reductions significant
    - 71% reduction for Refuse
      - 70% tail, 30% b&t wear
- SO<sub>x</sub> higher
  - Electricity for liquefaction & compression
  - Dependent on grid mixture



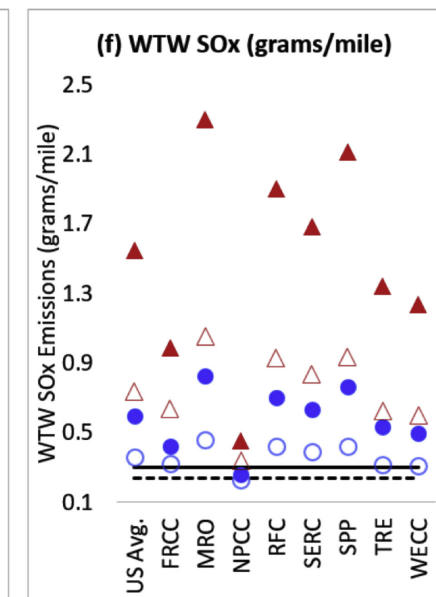
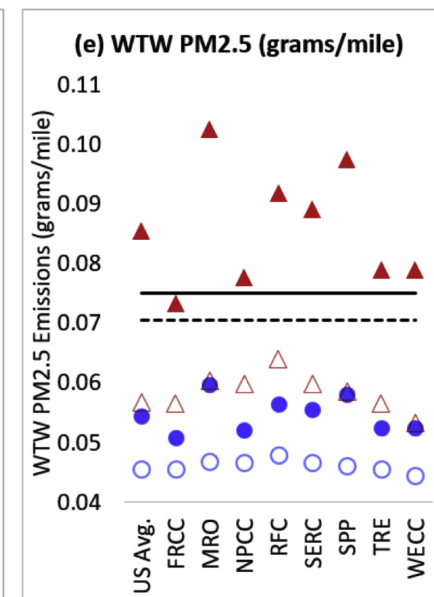
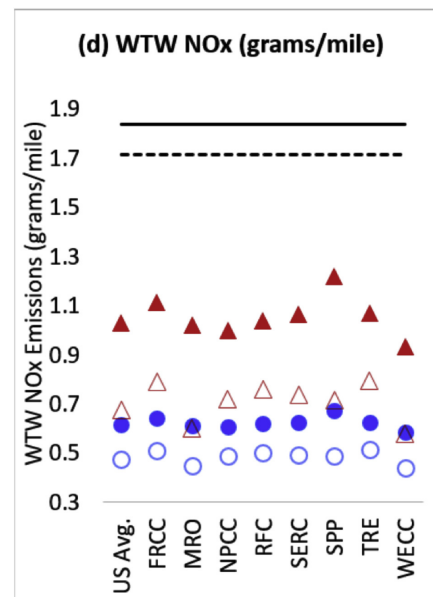
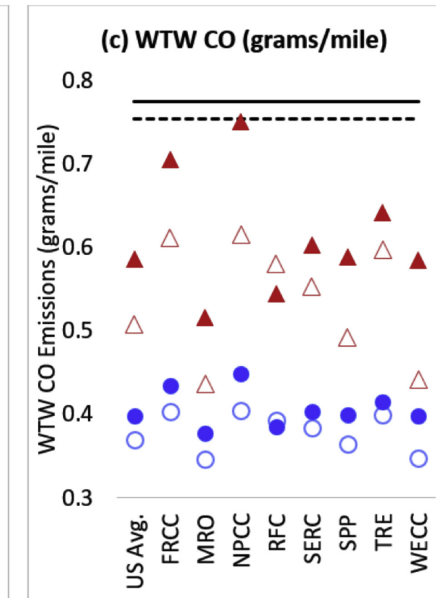
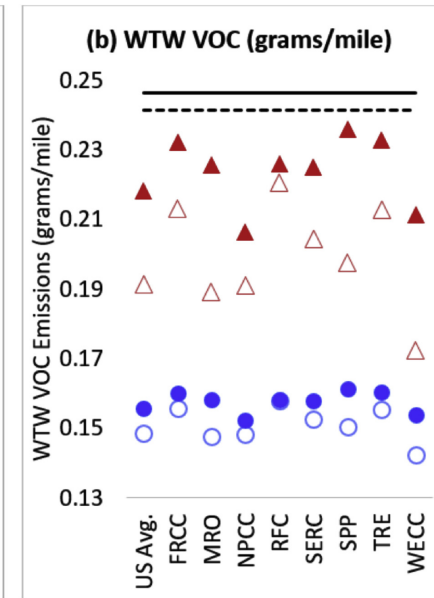
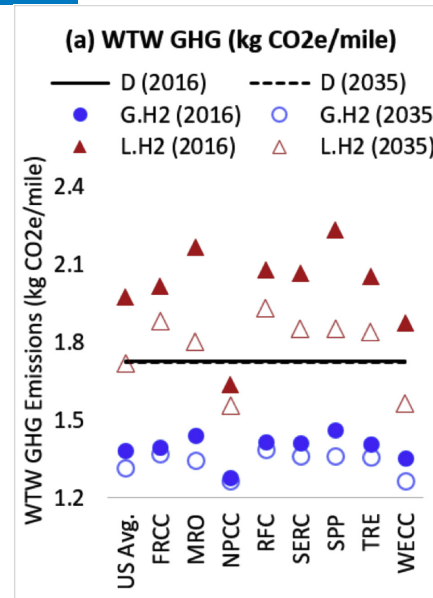
# Grid Implications

## Electric grid plays a major role in upstream emissions for production

- Anticipated shift to low-emission grid from 2016 – 2035
- Limited effects for diesel production
- Larger current benefit for:
  - WECC & NPCC
    - Includes CA where first FCET being deployed
  - CO increase on RFC grid in 2035
    - Increased natural gas use
- **Still assumes SMR in 2035**

## Other notes

- Production plants located in less populated areas
  - Higher perceived benefit



# Grid Impacts BETs Too

## EV Class 8 Long Haul Example

Fuel economy benefit of battery electric trucks (BET)

- 2.5X improvement

Price:

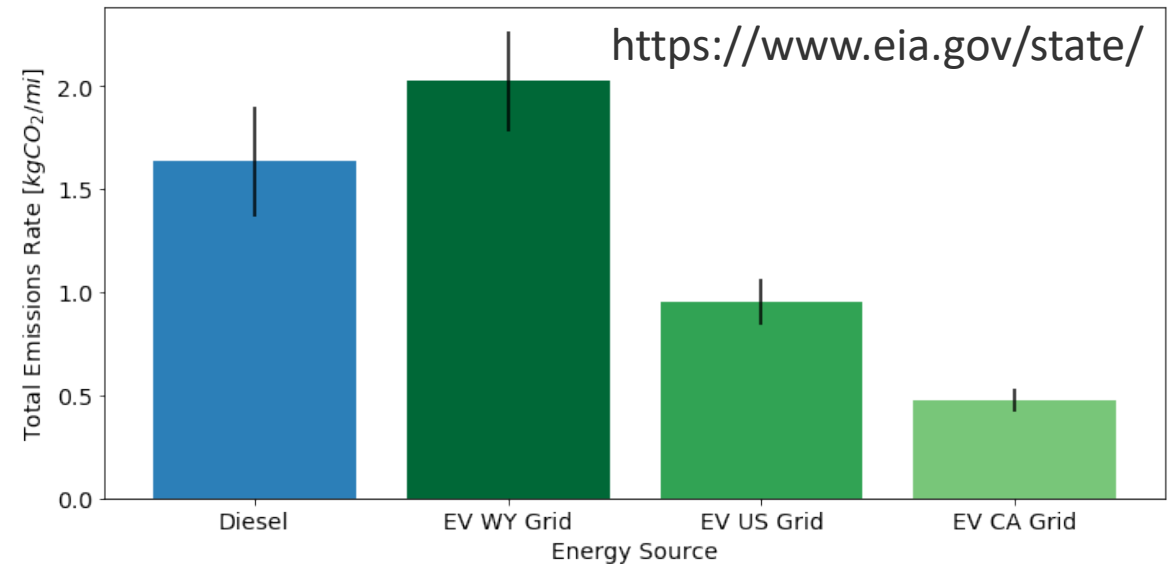
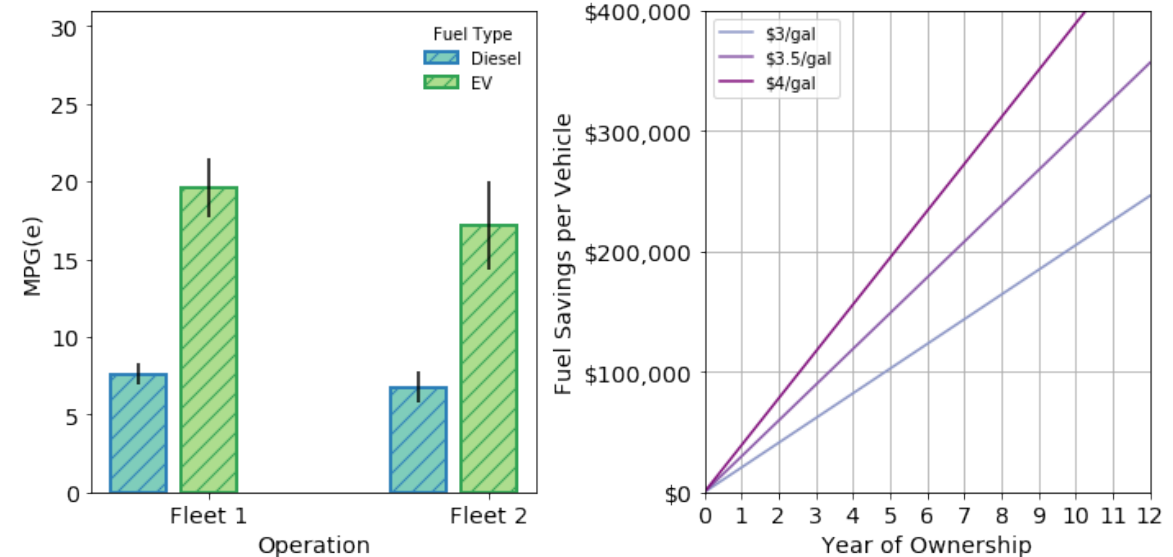
- Assume \$0.12/kWh
- 135,855 miles per year @ 7.38 MPG
- 5 days per week

## Emissions benefit depends where charged

- Assumptions
  - All carbon  $\rightarrow$  CO<sub>2</sub> (10.1 kg/Gal)
  - Diesel production: 1.84 kgCO<sub>2</sub>/Gal
  - US avg. grid: 0.448 kgCO<sub>2</sub>/kWh
  - CA grid: 0.223 kgCO<sub>2</sub>/kWh
  - WY Grid: 0.952 kgCO<sub>2</sub>/kWh

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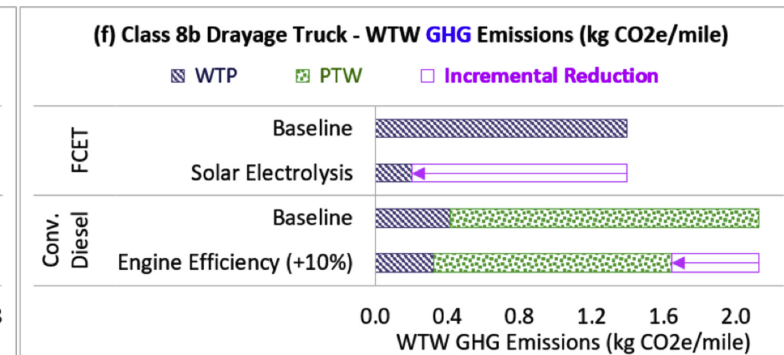
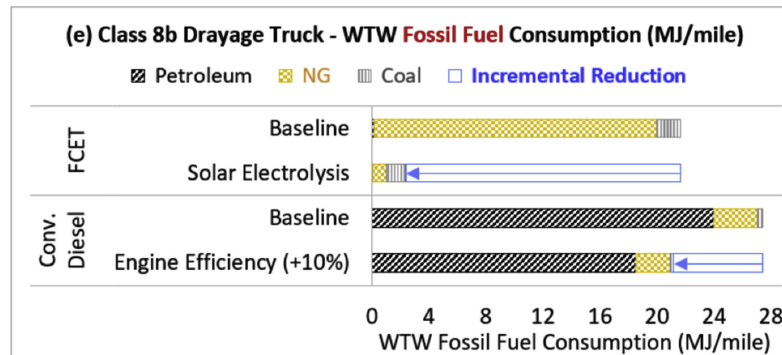
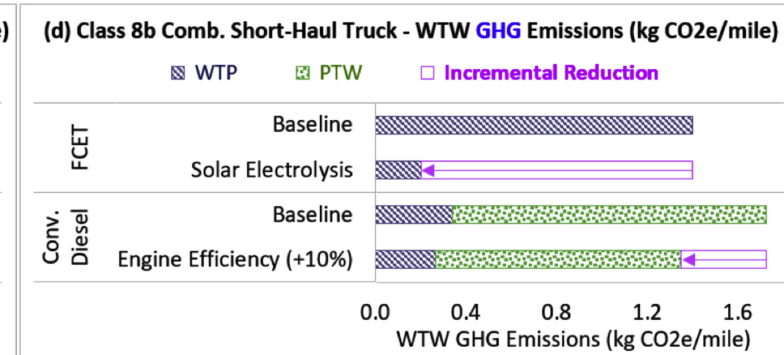
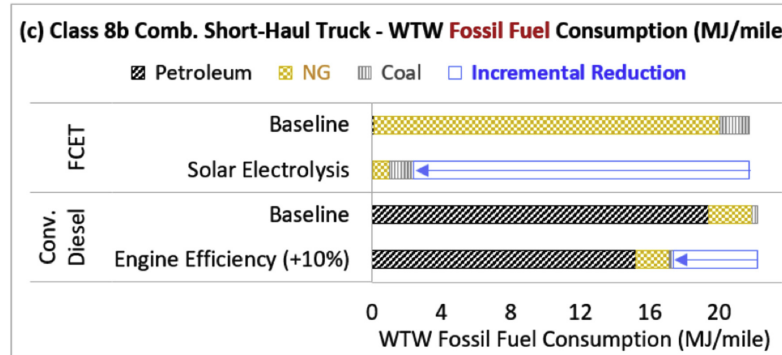
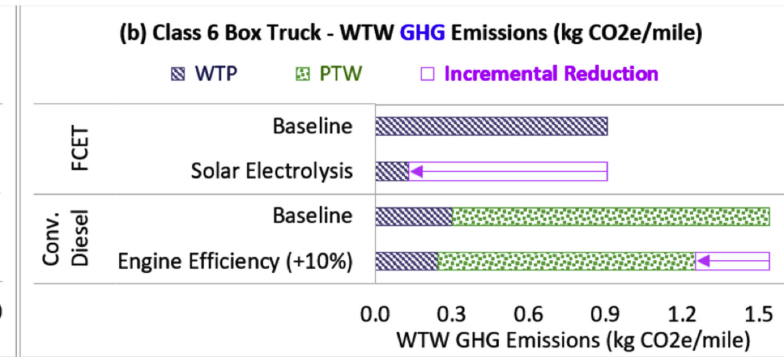
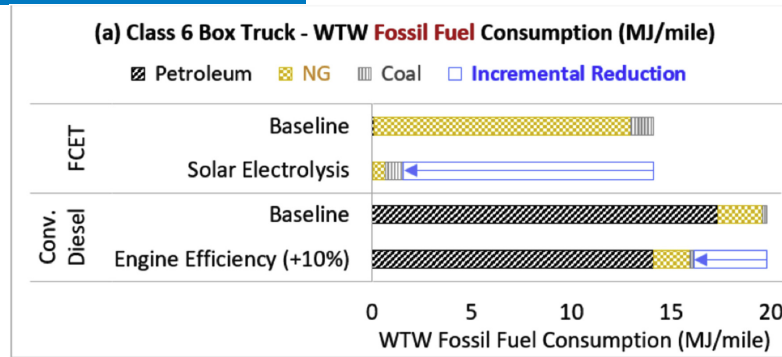
# Technology Improvement

## Examine powertrain improvements

- Chassis technologies work for both powertrains
- Diesel - 10% thermal efficiency improvement
- FCETs - Electrolysis via solar

## Simulate using FASTSim

- Examine 3 vocations
- FCET Reductions:
  - 90% Fuel, 86% GHG
  - Grid used for compression
- Diesel Reductions:
  - 20% Fuel & GHG



Larger potential reduction for FCETs

# Summary

## Overview

- Vehicle dynamics modeling software was used to estimate energy use based on real-world data
- GREET & EPA MOVES used for WTW emissions
- Explore GHG, criteria pollutants, grid electricity and impacts from technology advances

## Key Findings

- FCET provide substantial benefit over conventional diesel
  - Nearly eliminate petroleum
  - Electricity use for liquefaction and compression adds to life-cycle emissions
    - Electric grid is important in WTW emissions & future grids can reduce these emissions
  - Technological improvements will increase benefit of FCETs
  - Emissions shifted from tailpipe to production
    - Usually in less populated areas

# Thank you

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