Ultra-Low Emissions from a Truck with Close-Coupled Emission Control System and Active Thermal Management using e-Fuels

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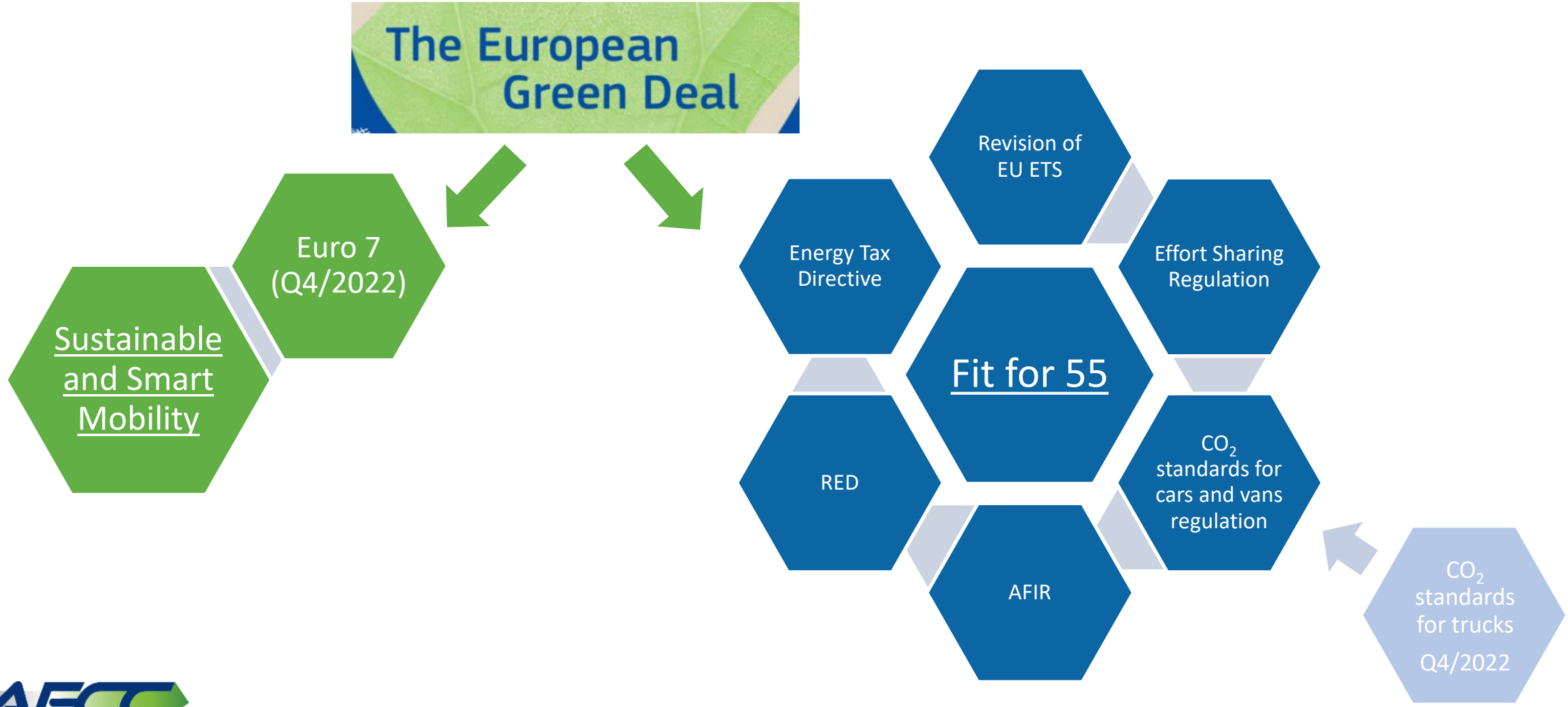


Euro 7 proposal for trucks & buses

- European Commission adopted the Euro 7 proposal on 10 November 2022
- Fuel-neutral limits
  - Emissions budget for trips < 3x WHTC
  - Extended conditions: limit x 2
  - No multiplier for additional lifetime
  - NOx idle limit, in case engine does not shut down after 300 sec of continuous idling operation: 5000 mg/h

	Cold emissions (MAW100) (/kWh)	Hot emissions (MAW90) (/kWh)	Emissions budget for trips less than 3xWHTC (/kWh)
NOx (mg)	350	90	150
PM (mg)	12	8	10
PN (10 nm, #)	$5x10^{11}$	$2x10^{11}$	$3x10^{11}$
CO (mg)	3500	200	2700
NMOG (mg)	200	50	75
NH_3 (mg)	65	65	70
CH_4 (mg)	500	350	500
N_2O (mg)	160	100	140
HCHO (mg)	30	30	

MAW: Moving Averaging Window, 90th or 100th percentile

Euro 7 proposal for trucks & buses

- Entry into force as of 1/7/2027
- Driving conditions
  - Focus on on-road driving
  - Definition of normal and extended area
  - Some differences with cars and vans
  - Procedures to be further defined by implementing legislation
- Lifetime
  - Main: up to 300k km or 8 years (<16t), 700k km or 15 years (>16t)
  - Additional: up to 375k km (<16t), 875k km (>16t)

	Normal	Extended
Ambient temperature	-7 to 35 °C	-10 to -7 °C or 35 to 45 °C
Ambient altitude	0 to 1600 m	1600 to 1800 m
Towing or aerodynamic modifications	Not allowed	Allowed according to manufacturer specifications and up to the regulated speed
Vehicle payload	>10%	<10%
Auxiliaries	Possible as per normal use	-
ICE loading at cold-start	Any	-
Trip composition	As per usual use	-
Min. mileage	5000 km (<16t) 10000 km (>16t)	3000 to 5000 km (<16t) 3000 to 10000 km (>16t)

* The same emission strategy shall be used when a vehicle is run outside those conditions, unless there is a technical reason approved by the type approval authority

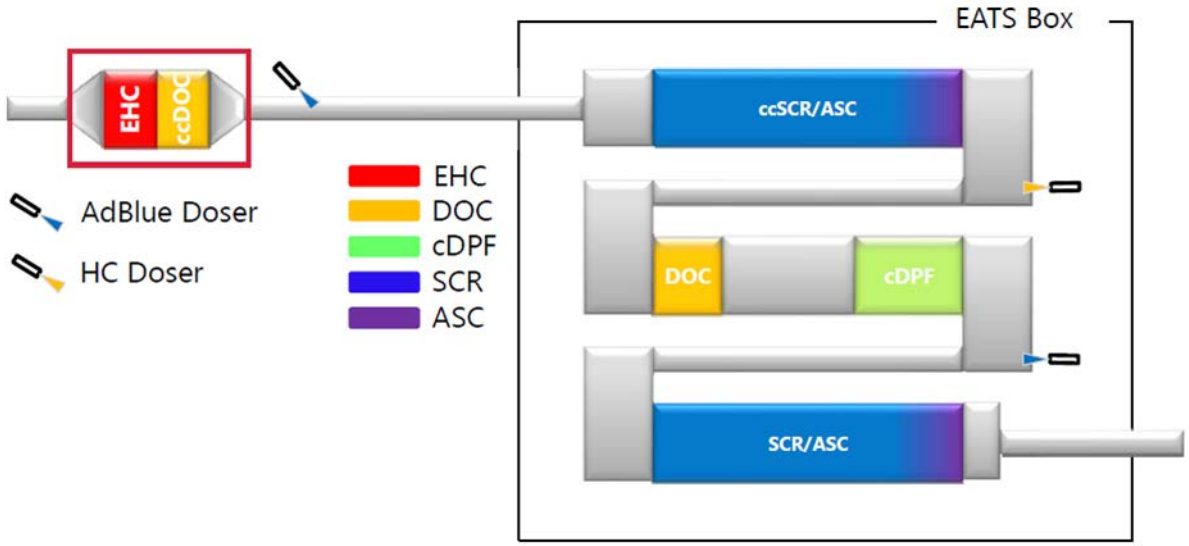
HD diesel demonstrator vehicle and project partners

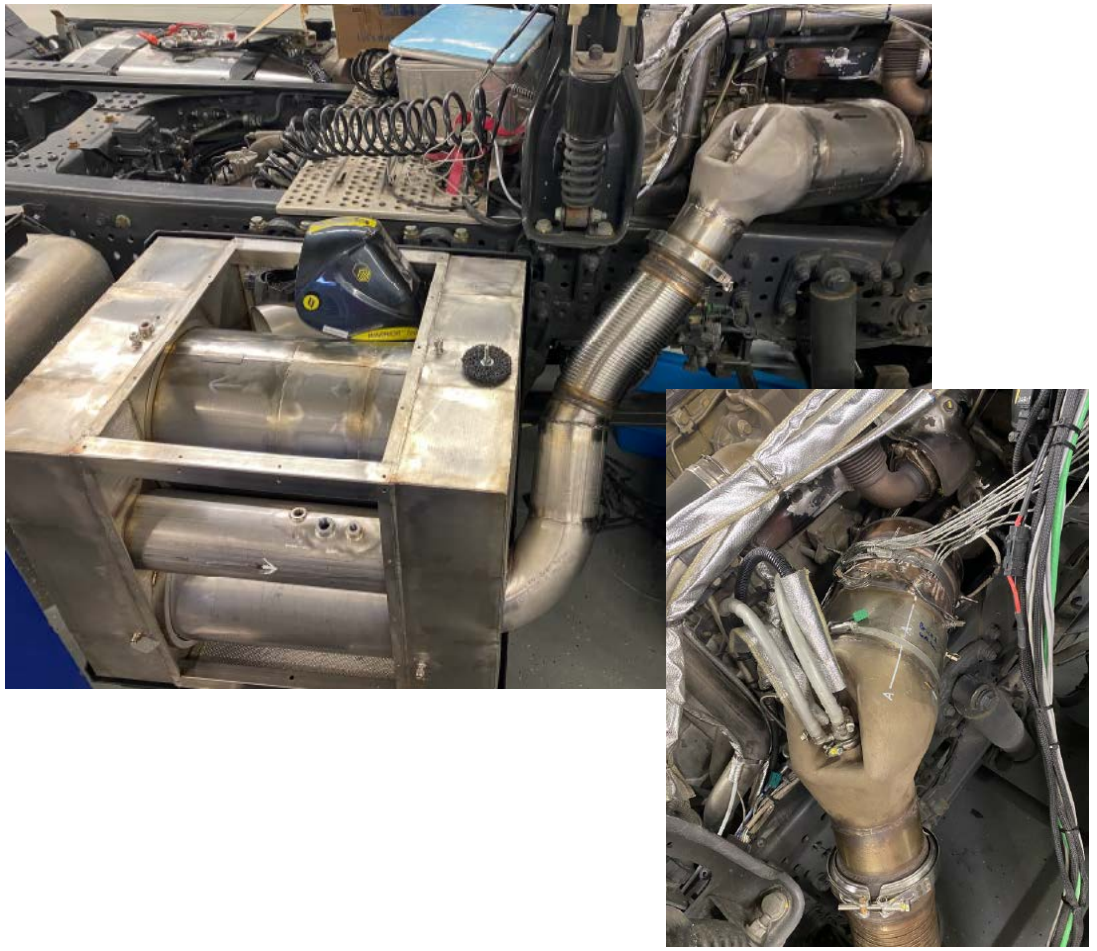
- Base vehicle description
  - MB Actros 1845 LS 4x2
  - Euro VI C certified
  - Engine OM 471
    - 12.8 liter, 6 cylinder in-line
    - High Pressure EGR
    - 450hp @ 1600rpm
- Project partners

Automotive Grade Urea Sector Group

HD diesel demonstrator concept

- AECC emissions control system
  - Phase 1: ccDOC, ccSCR/ASC+ ufDOC+cDPF+ SCR/ASC, twin AdBlue dosing and HC doser
  - Phase 2: additional EHC as part of the ccDOC
  - Components are hydrothermally aged targeting 500k km

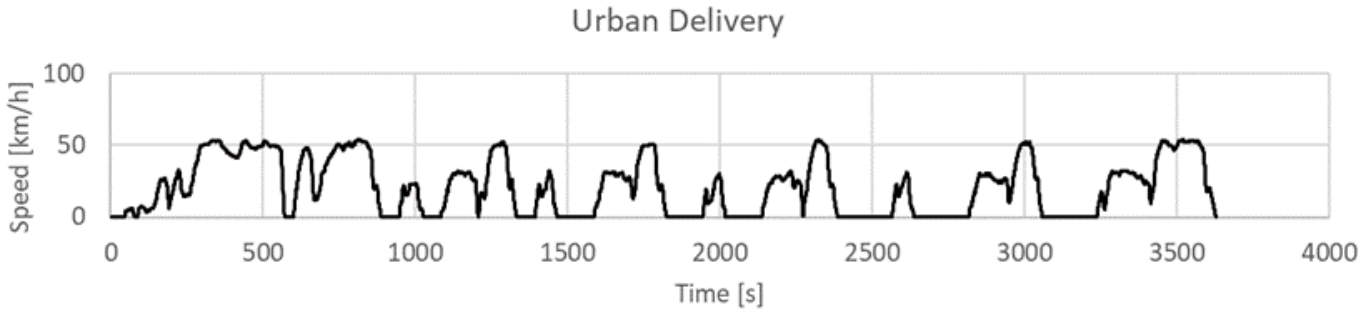




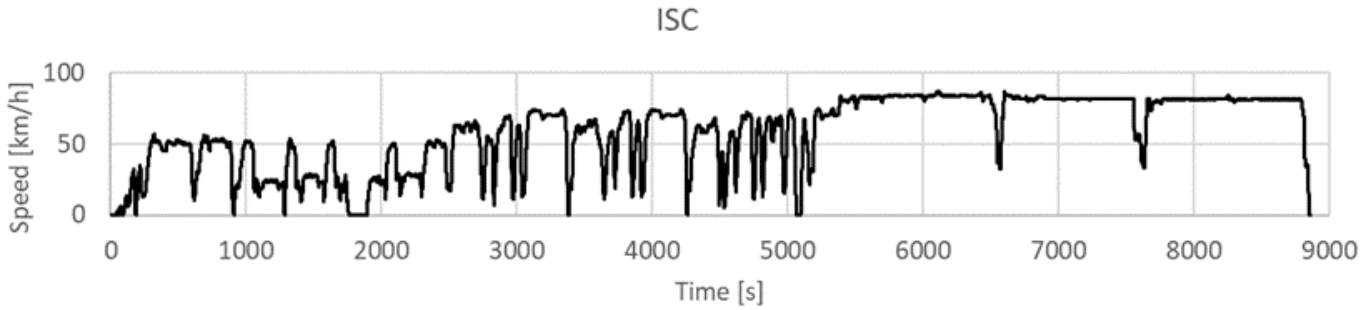
HD diesel demonstrator testing

- Overview of the on-road testing conditions (Phase 1 and 2)

- Urban delivery route

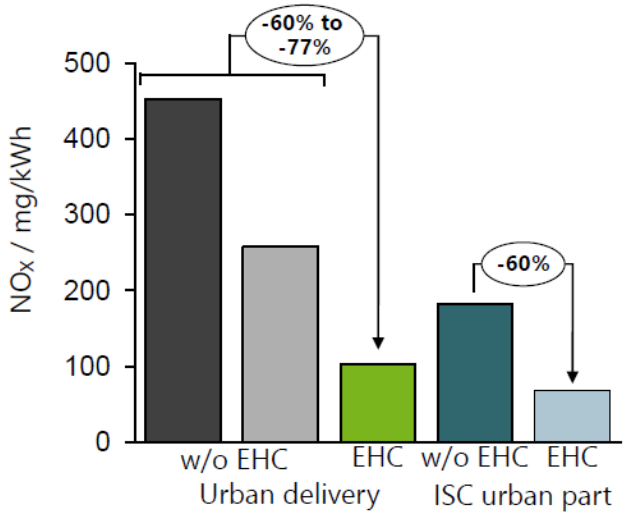


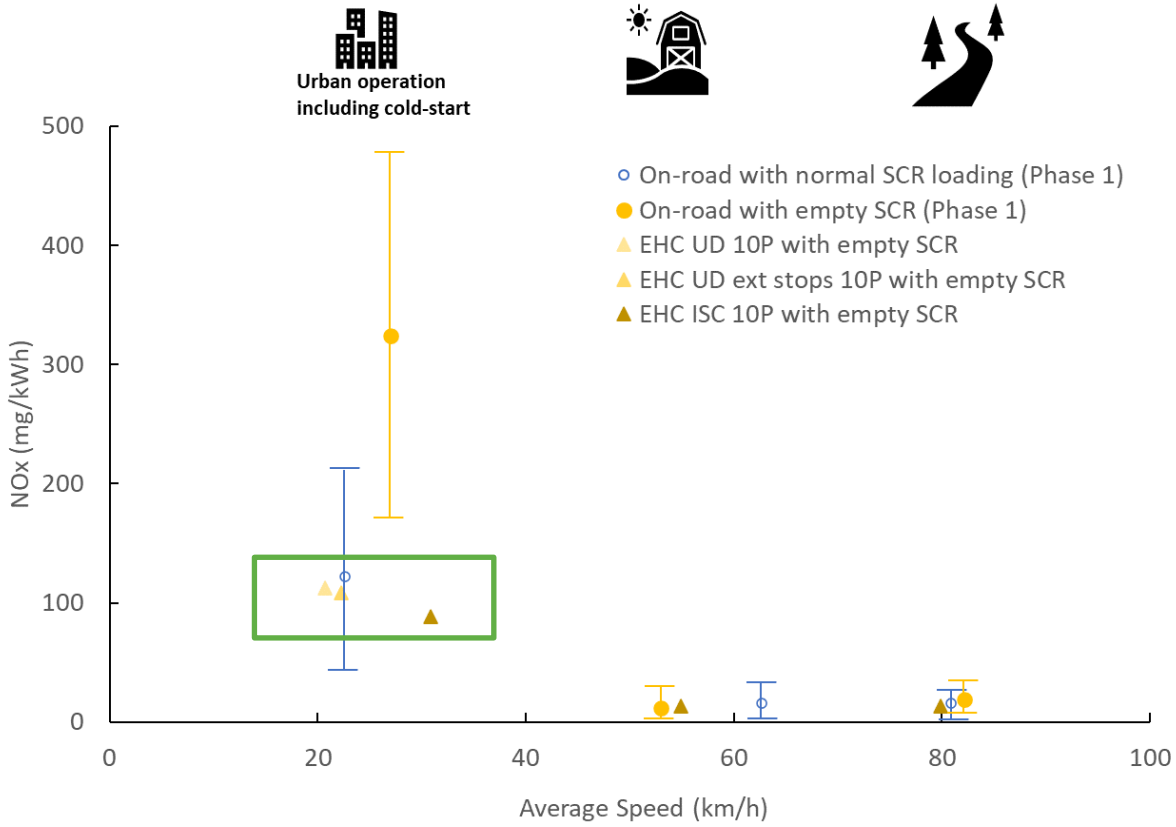
- On-road in-service conformity route



Reduction of initial cold-start emissions with EHC

- NOx emissions are reduced by 60-77% with EHC compared to first project phase[1, 2]
  - Faster heat-up during initial cold-start
  - Maintaining temperature during low-load or start-stop driving





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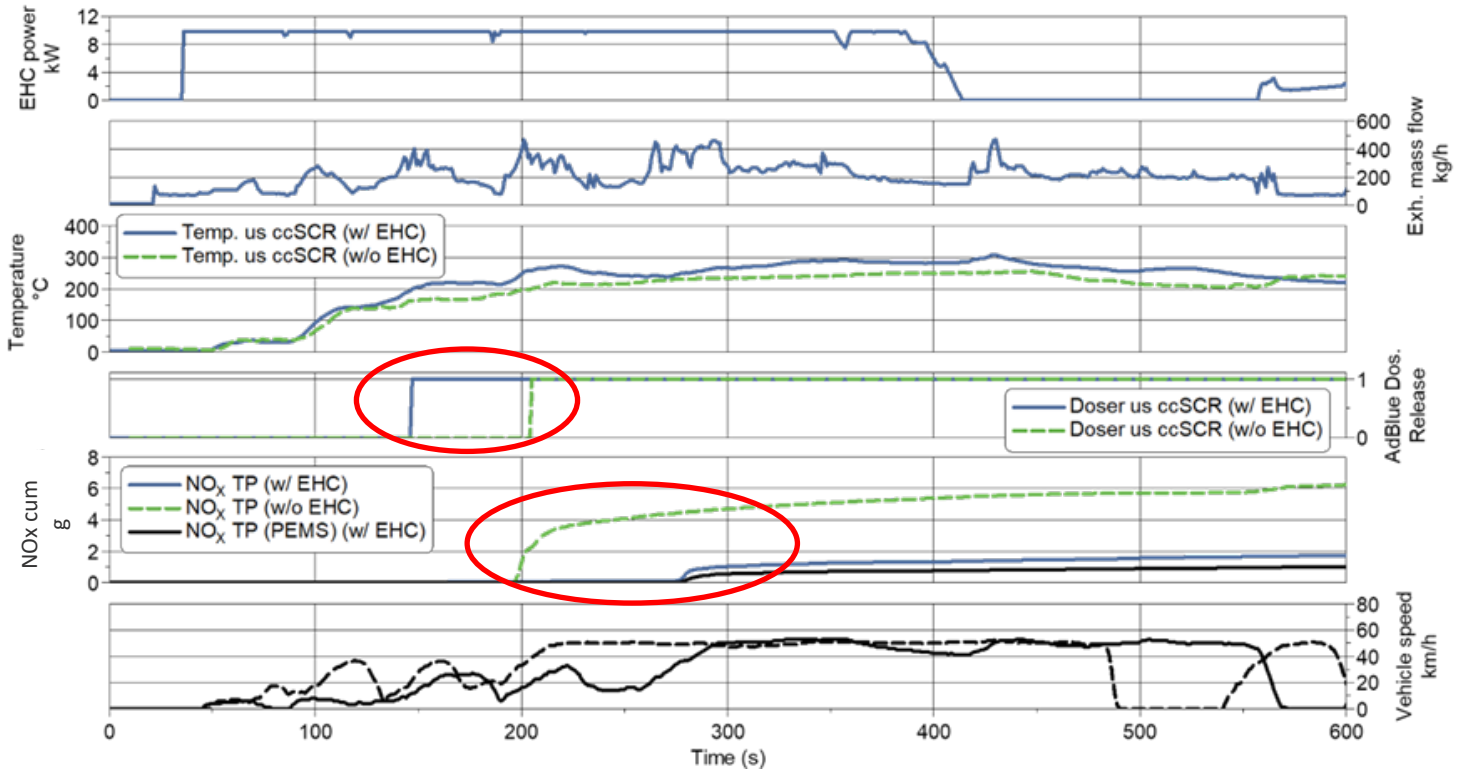
Reduction of initial cold-start emissions with EHC

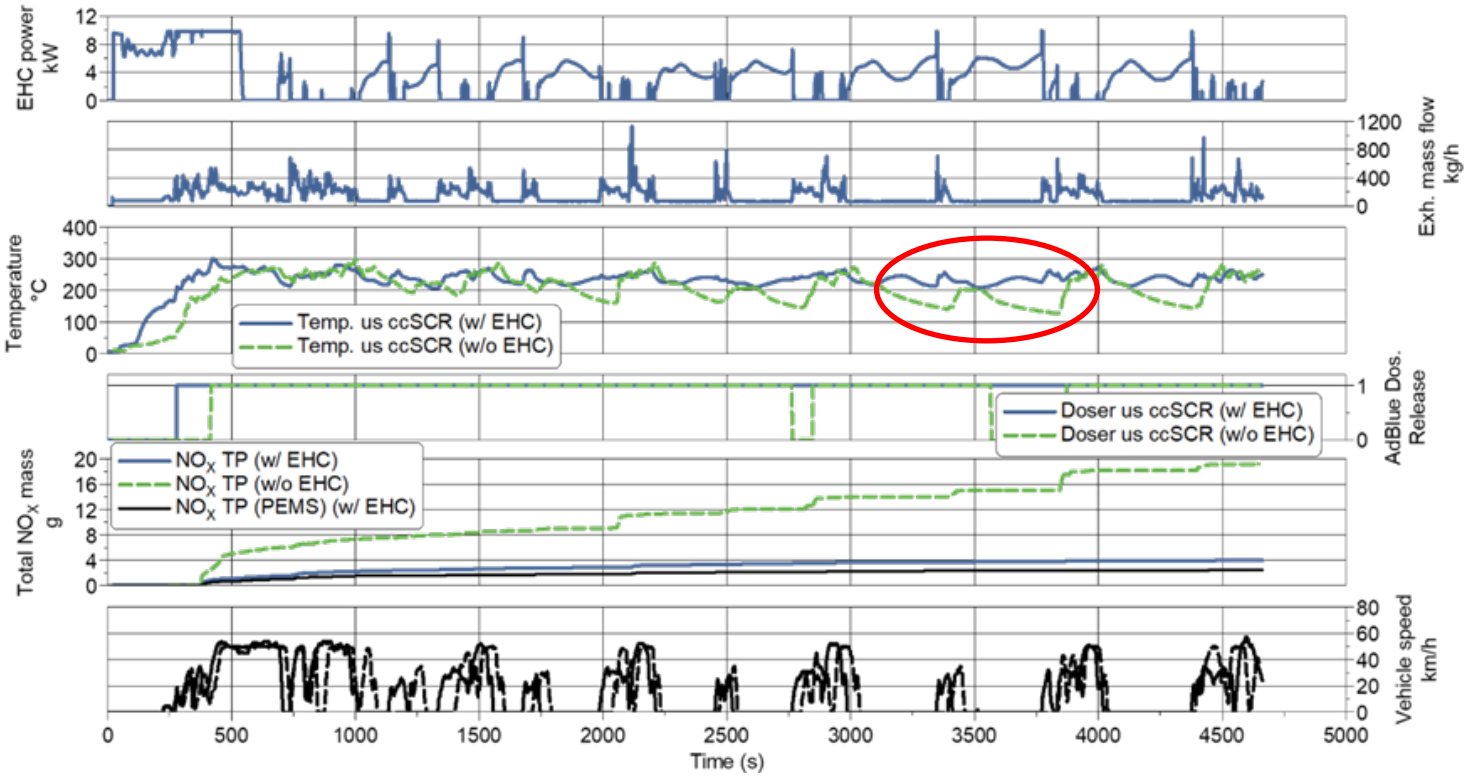
- Urban delivery trip[1,2] initial 600 s
- EHC control strategy and effect
  - AdBlue dosing release of ccSCR is advanced 60 s
  - Around 67% NOx emissions reductions in complete cycle
- CO_2 impact depends on EHC control strategy



[1] The results are reported as measured by NOx and temperature sensors instrumented in the exhaust system
[2] Tests were conducted with depleted SCRs' ammonia storage and passively regenerated DPF unless indicated otherwise, test conducted at 5°C, 10% PT

Near-zero emissions at longer idling stops with EHC

- Total urban delivery trip[1,2]
- EHC control strategy and effect
  - Keeps the ccSCR within the target temperature on a dedicated extended stops test (2, 4 and 6 min)
  - Around 67% NOx emissions reductions in complete cycle
- Emission slip during first acceleration is no longer present thanks to the use of the EHC



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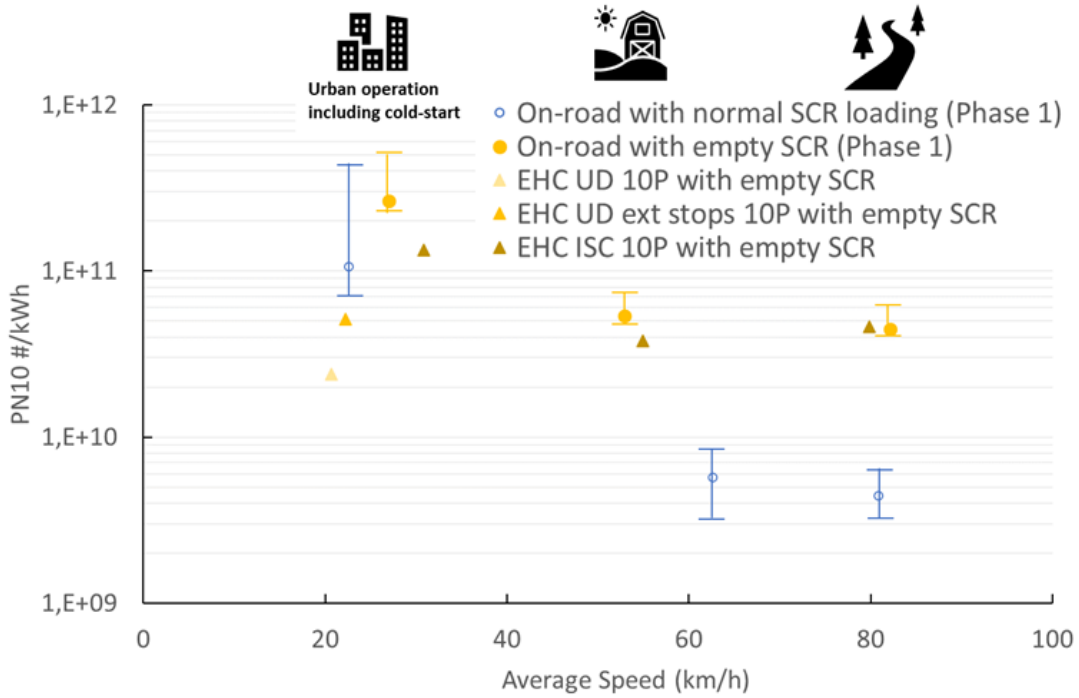
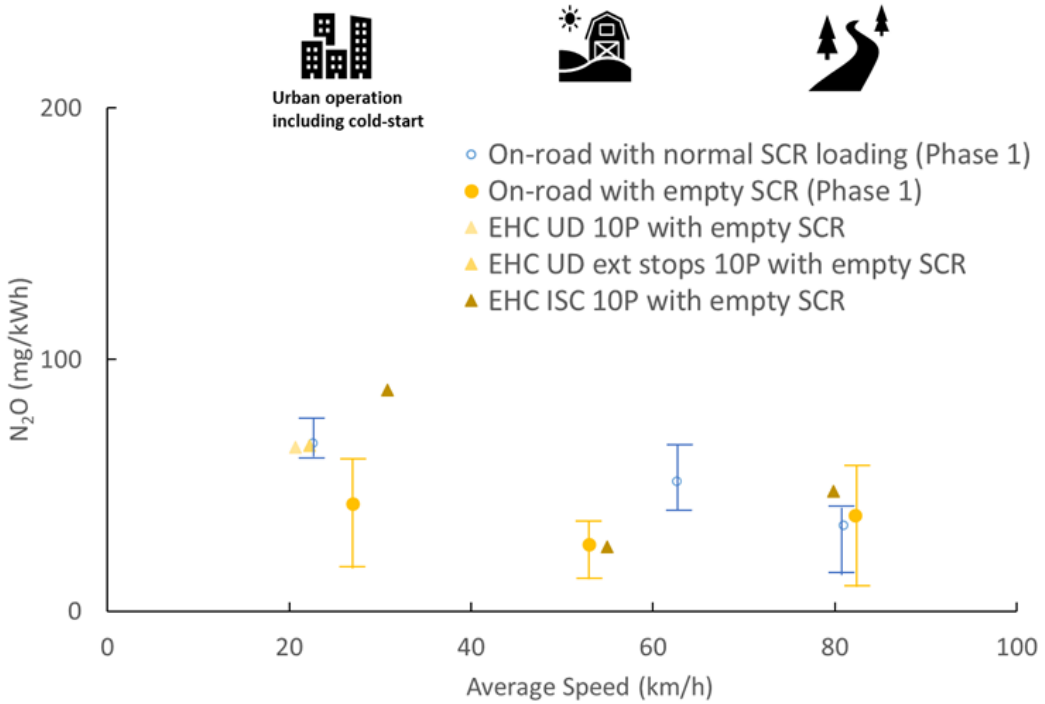
Good control of non-regulated emissions

- Low PN10[1,2] emissions are achieved overall, cold start particulates remain main emission event
- N_2O emissions are kept at low levels





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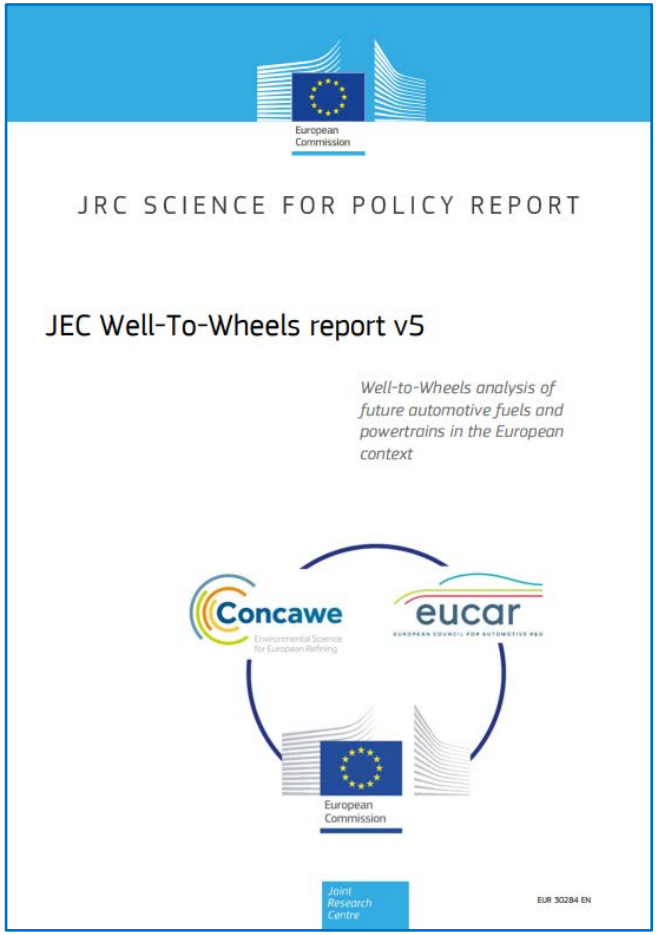
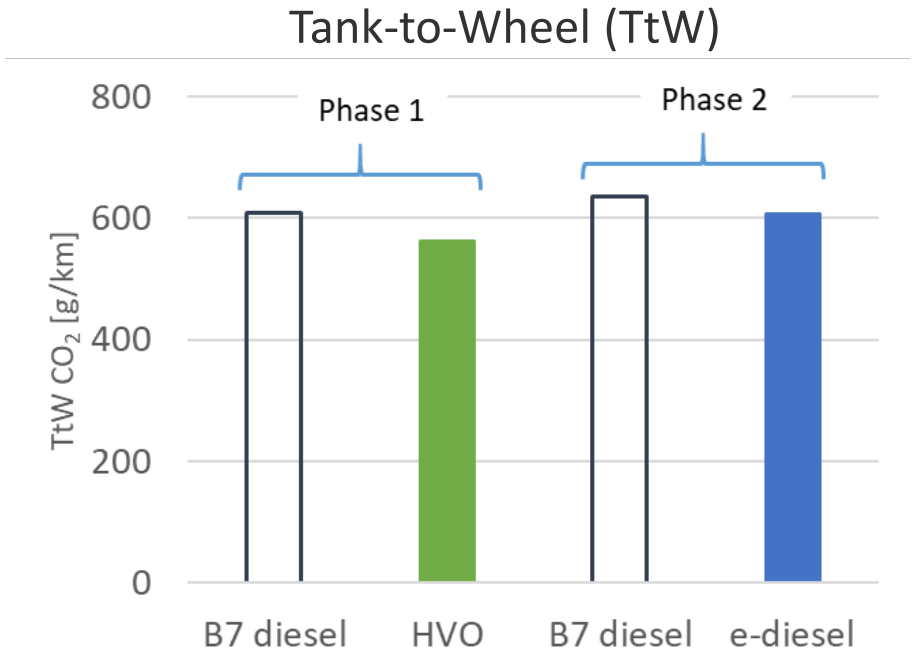
HD diesel demonstrator Well-to-Wheel CO_2 emissions

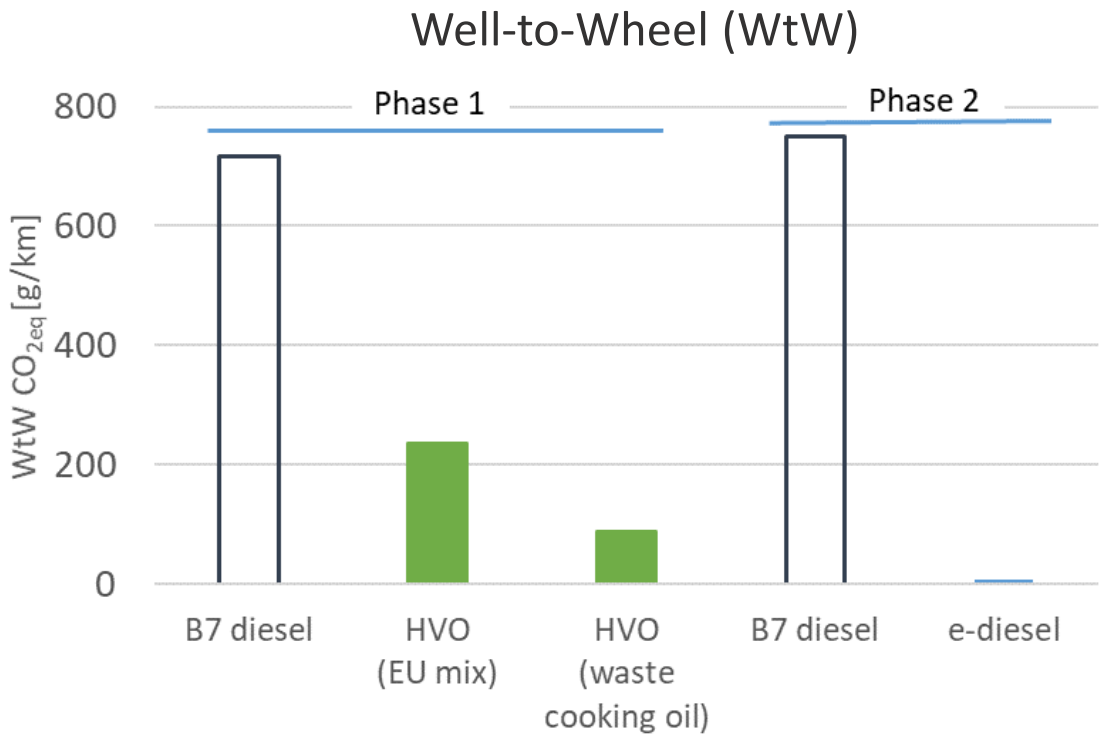
- JEC Well-To-Wheel report version 5 methodology has been used to calculate the WtW CO_2 emissions
  - Well-to-Tank (WtT) input data is coming from the JEC WtW report
  - Tank-to-Wheel input data is from the on-road testing performed and fuel properties provided by the fuel suppliers
- Following pathways are investigated
  - B7 market diesel
  - HVO
    - EU mix
    - Waste cooking oil
  - e-diesel



HD diesel demonstrator Well-to-Wheel CO_2 emissions

- HVO already offers today significant reduction of up to 90% WtW CO_2 reduction straight from the pump depending on the feedstock
- e-diesel has the potential to nearly eliminate WtW CO_2 emissions





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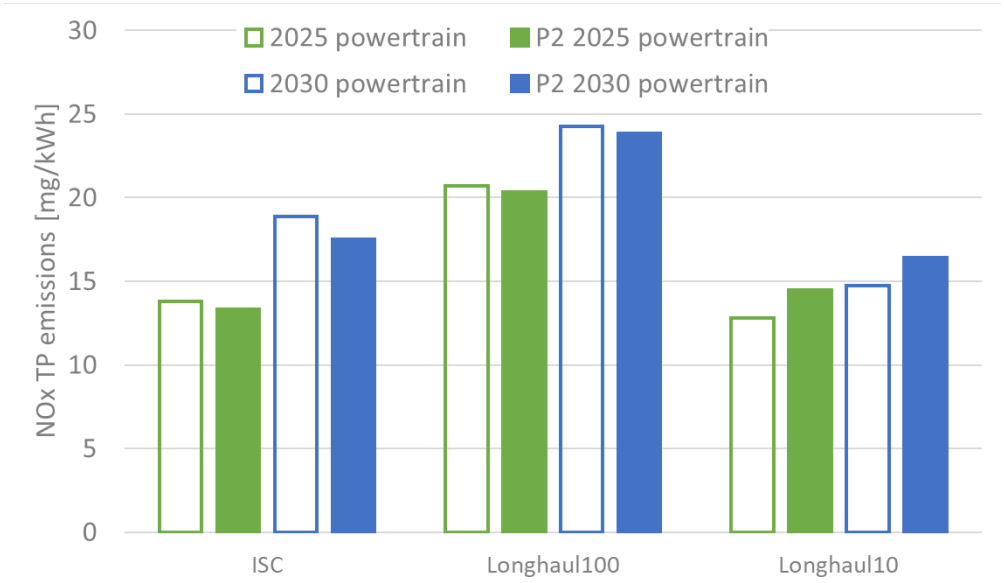
Additional simulations on NOx and CO_2 emissions

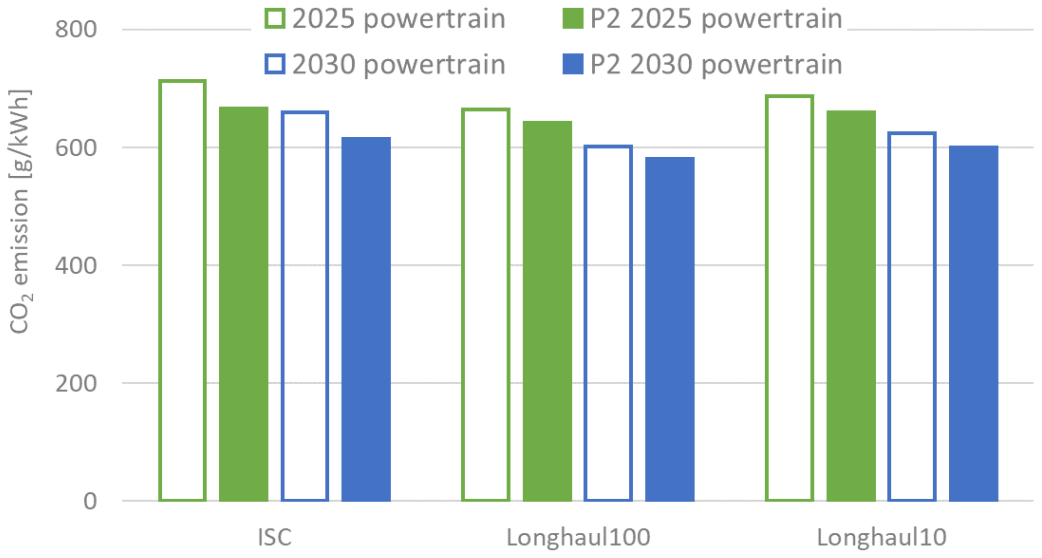
- Simulations conducted by FEV
  - Phase 2 emission control system
  - Model validated based on available measurement data
- Reference simulation for 2025 powertrain
  - In-Service Conformity test
  - VECTO long haul cycles
- Investigation of 2030 powertrain, focusing on following potential technologies (not exhaustive list of available technologies)
  - ICE with BTE of ~55%
  - P2 hybrid

	2025 powertrain	2025 P2 hybrid	2030 powertrain	2030 P2 hybrid
Low NOx mode (~2 g/kWh)	✓	✓	✓	✓
High efficiency mode (~5-8 g/kWh)	✓	✓	✓	✓
FEV 55% BTE engine			✓	✓
Increased peak firing pressure and compression ratio			✓	✓
Improve boosing system, friction layout and combustion system			✓	✓
Waste Heat Recovery			✓	✓
P2 hybrid system		✓		✓

Additional simulations about NOx and CO_2 emissions

- NOx tailpipe emissions remain between 15-25 mg/kWh
  - Despite up to 40% increase in engine-out NOx emissions, from 5 to 8 g/kWh
- Tailpipe CO_2 reduction potential of 11-14%
  - Further Well-to-Wheel reduction to come from running on a sustainable renewable fuel





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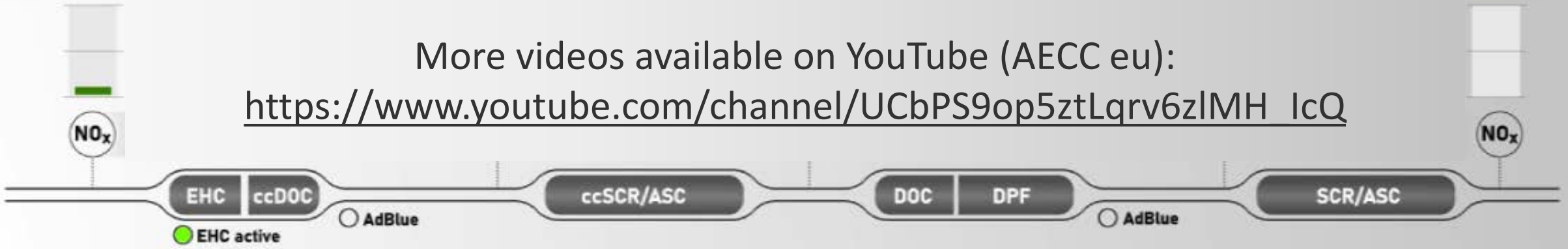

Summary

- Ultra-low gaseous and particulate emissions are technically feasible in a broad range of driving conditions thanks to the close-coupled catalysts and heating measures implemented on the truck
- Emission control technologies fully operating in combination with drop-in sustainable renewable fuels enable ultra-low pollutant emissions while contributing towards net-zero CO_2 emissions
- NOx-CO_2 simulations show 11-14% tailpipe CO_2 reduction can be expected with 2030 engine combustion technology improvements, additional WtW CO_2 reduction needed and to come from running on a sustainable renewable fuel

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