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# Performance Characteristics of Coal-to-Liquids (CTL) Diesel in a 50-State Emissions Compliant Passenger Car

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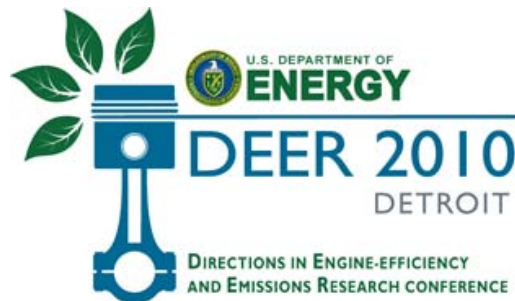
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# Objective and Presentation Overview

## Objective

Address a gap in tank-to-wheels criteria emissions and CO<sub>2</sub> data for coal-to-liquids fuels for use in life-cycle analyses

## Overview

- Test Programme
- Test Vehicle
- Test Fuels
- Results
- Conclusions and Recommendations

# Test Programme

## Vehicle

- 2009 VW Jetta Tdi (diesel)
- 50 State Compliant
- 4 000 miles preconditioning

## Test Cycles (Triplicate Tests)

- Cold Start FTP
- HWY
- US06
- NEDC

## Fuels

- US ULSD
- LTFT diesel
- HTFT diesel
- European EN590 diesel



# Vehicle / Engine Specifications

## Vehicle

Description : Four door compact sedan

Curb Mass : 1 480 kg

## Engine

Cylinders : 4 in-line

Displacement : 1 968 cm<sup>3</sup>

Bore : 81.0 mm

Stroke : 95.5 mm

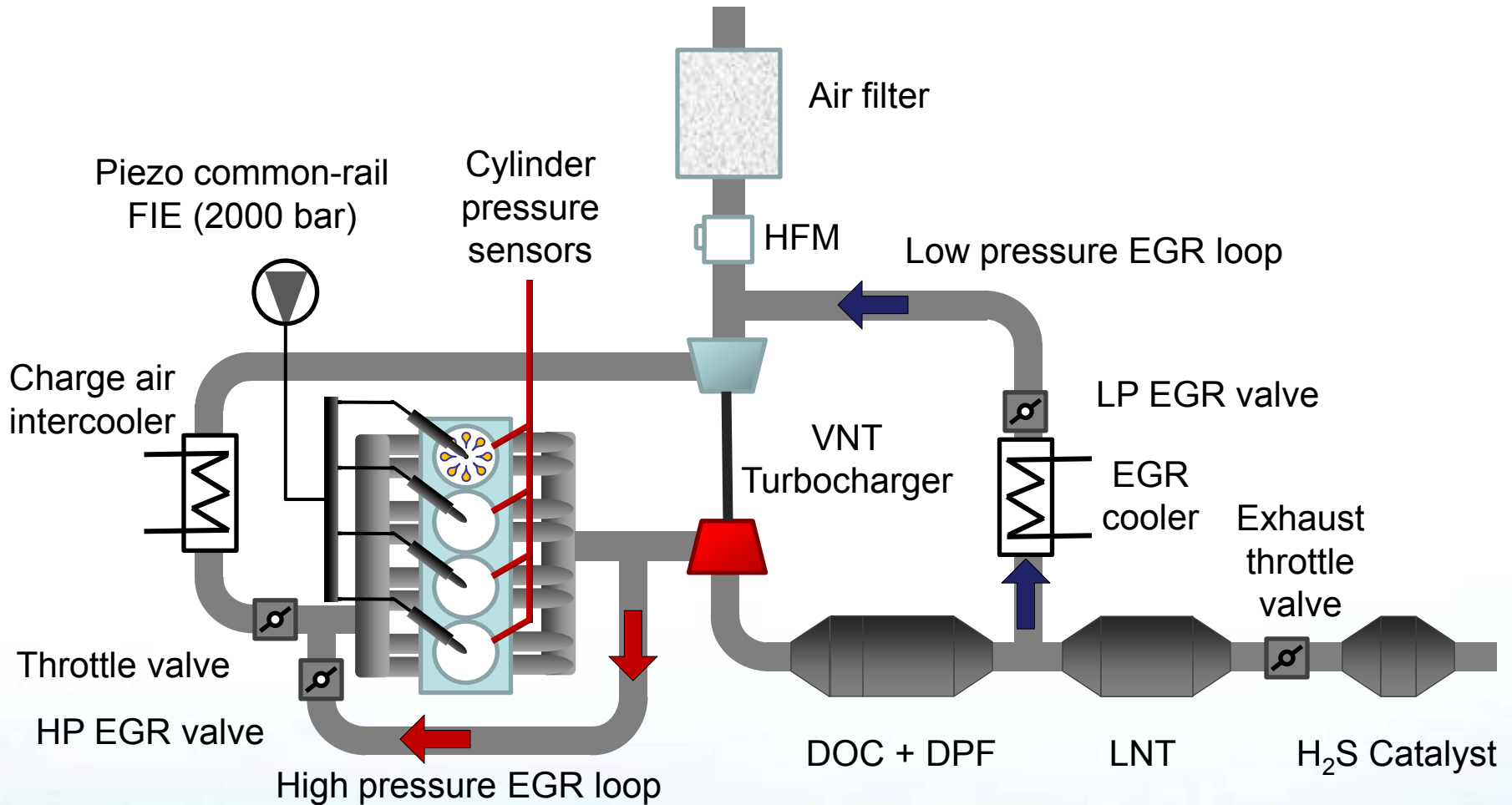
Compression Ratio : 16.5:1

Maximum Power : 103 kW @ 3750-4150 min<sup>-1</sup>

Maximum Torque : 320 Nm @ 1750-2800 min<sup>-1</sup>

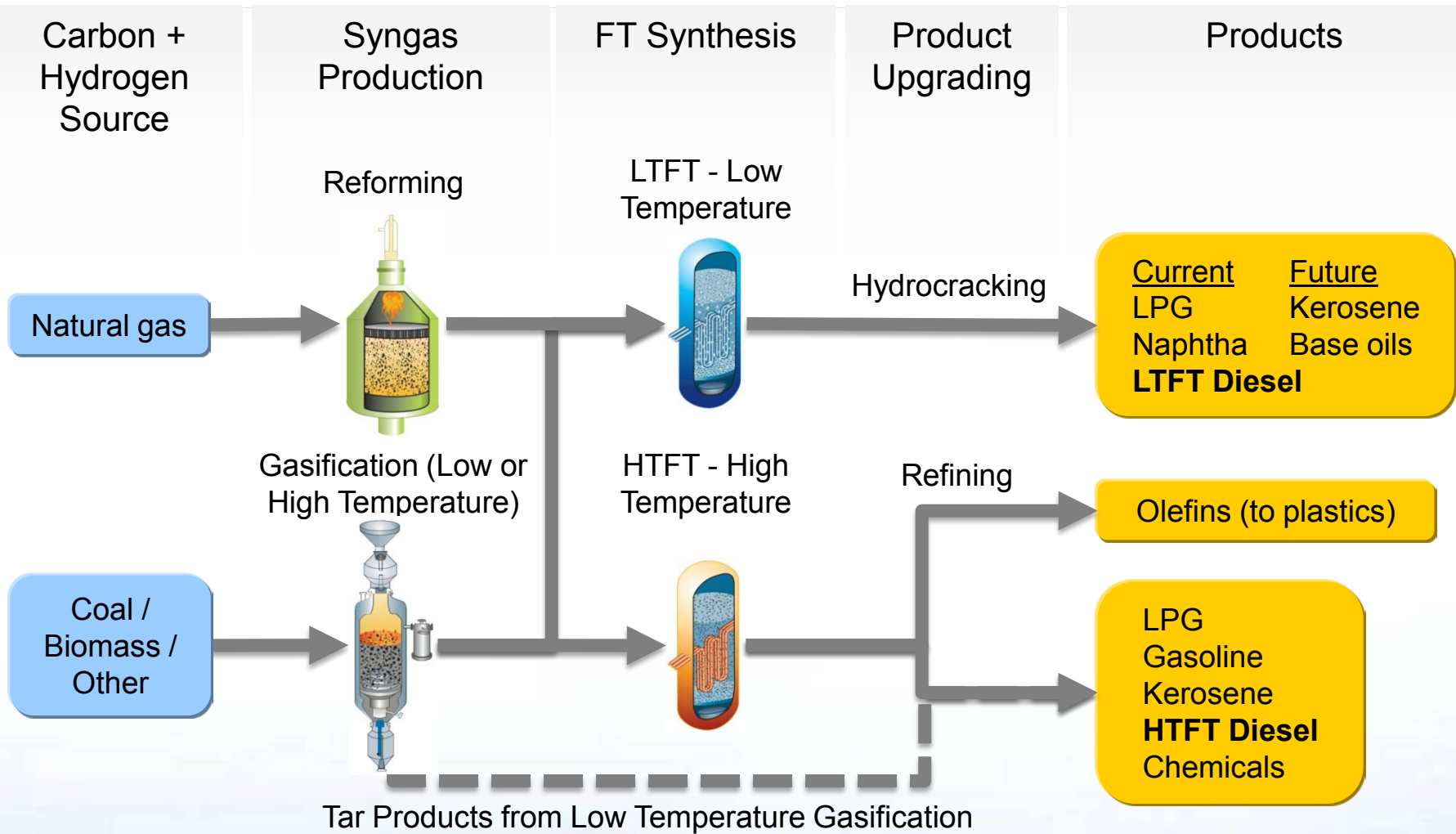


# Emission Control Technology



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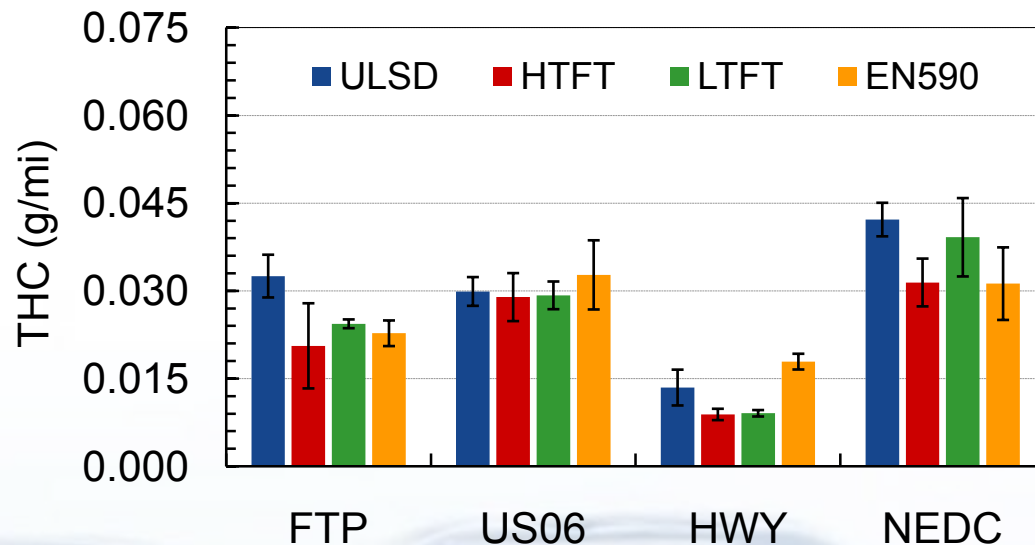
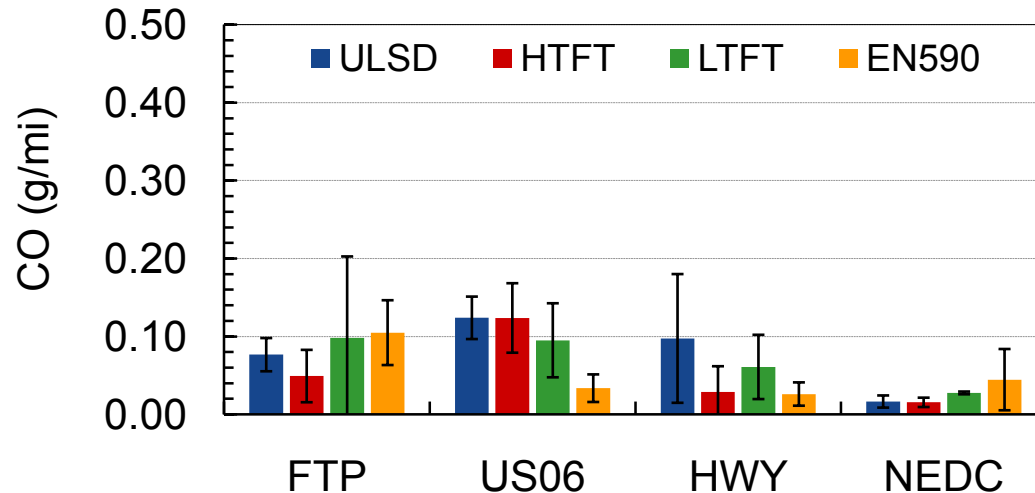
# Fischer-Tropsch (FT) Technology



# Test Fuels

Fuel Property		ULSD	EN590	HTFT	LTFT
Density @ 15 °C (kg/l)		0.854	0.832	0.810	0.773
Distillation (°C)	10%	208	185	210	213
	50%	262	255	235	271
	90%	320	325	340	347
Flash point ( C)		67	62	60	63
Kin. Viscosity @ 40°C (mm <sup>2</sup> /s)		2.73	2.30	2.16	2.64
CFPP (°C)		-28	-25	-2	-5
Sulphur (mg/kg)		9	4	2	1
Cetane Number		48.8	53.6	58.4	>73
Carbon content (%m/m)		86.8	86.2	85.9	85.0
Hydrogen content (%m/m)		13.2	13.8	14.1	15.0
H/C ratio (mol/mol)		1.81	1.91	1.96	2.10
Aromatics (%m/m)	Monocyclic	28.1	18.6	22.8	<0.1
	Polycyclic	3.1	4.3	1.8	<0.1
	Total	31.2	22.9	24.6	<0.1
Heating value (nett) (MJ/kg)		42.7	42.9	43.1	43.7
Heating value (nett) (MJ/l)		36.5	35.7	34.9	33.8

# Results : CO and THC Emissions

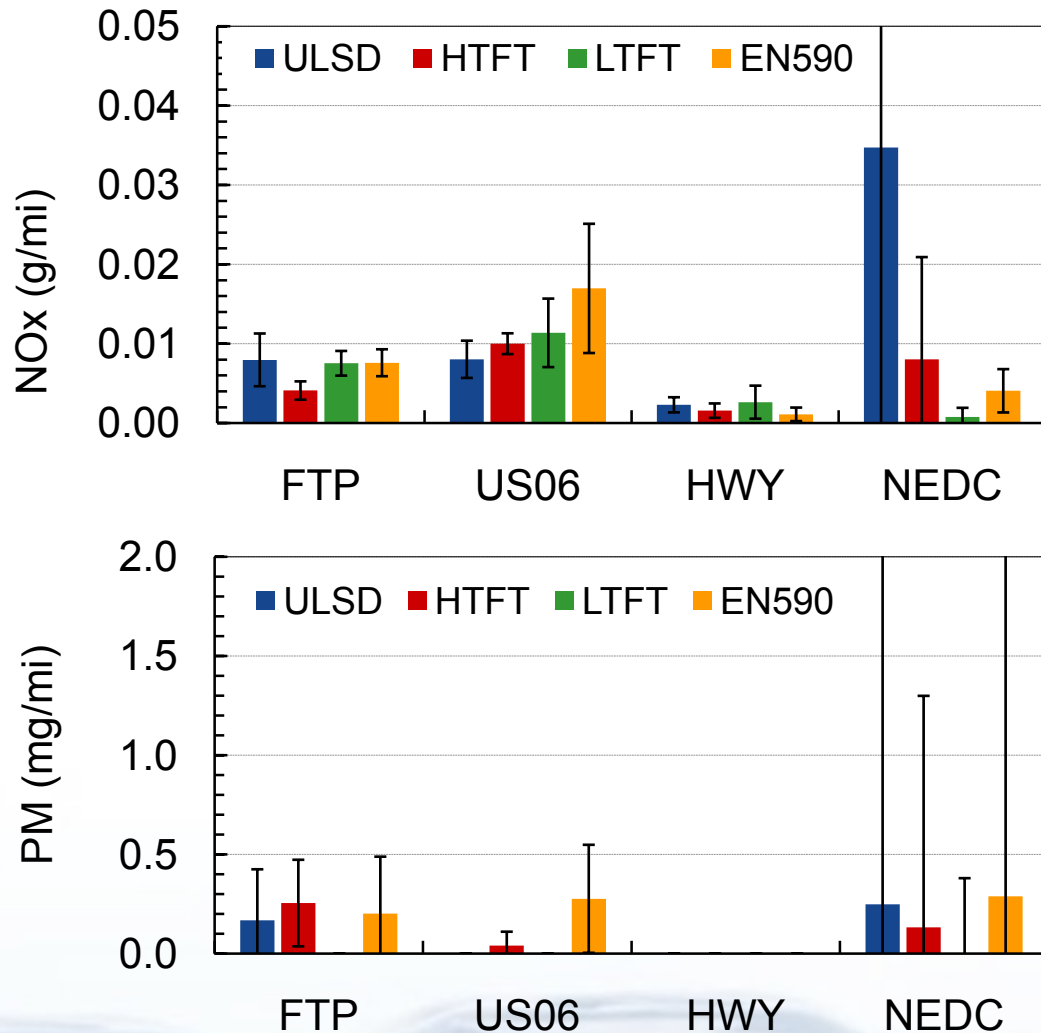


- CO and THC well below Tier 2 Bin 5 limits (3.4 and 0.075 g/mi resp.)
- Differences between fuels mostly not statistically significant

Averages of triplicate tests, error bars indicate +/- 1 standard deviation



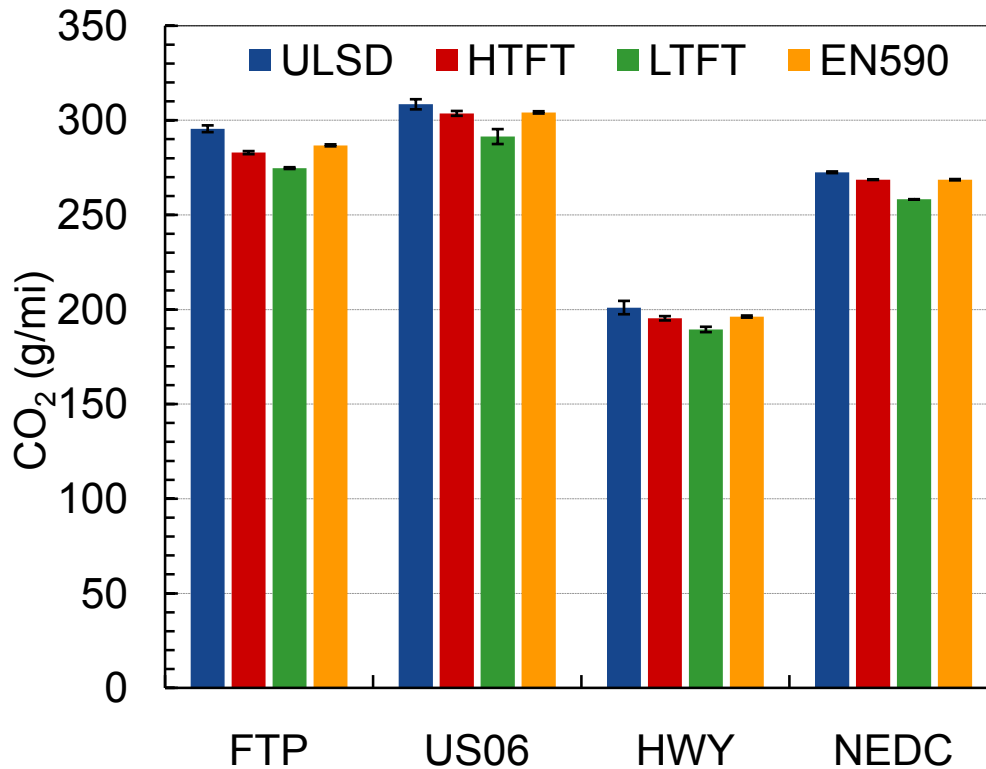
# Results : NOx and PM Emissions



- NOx well below Tier 2 Bin 5 limit (0.05 g/mi)
- PM extremely low, below detection limit in some cases (e.g. HWY test).
- NOx and PM differences between fuels not statistically significant

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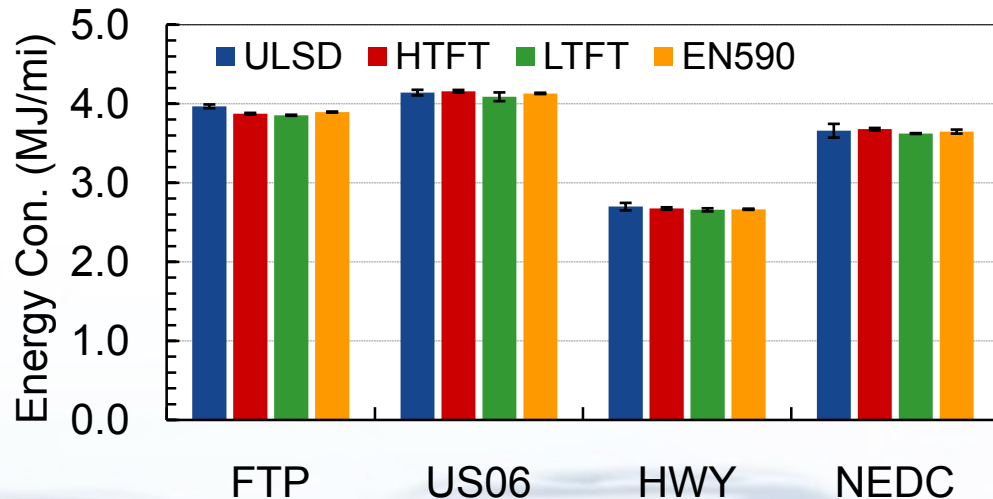
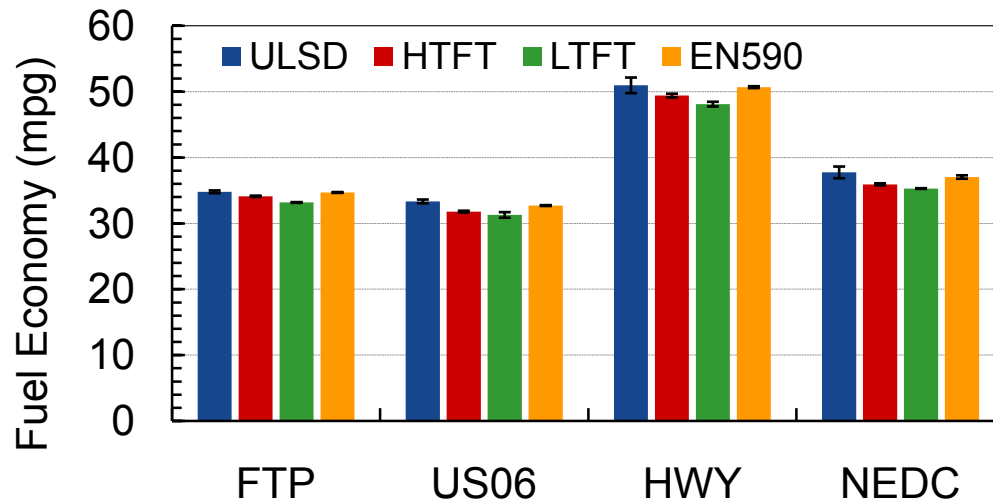
# Results : CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions



- Statistically significant differences with HTFT, LTFT, and EN590 fuels in FTP test.
- Statistically significant differences with LTFT fuel in US06 and HWY tests.
- Differences primarily due to difference in carbon content of fuels.

Averages of triplicate tests, error bars indicate +/- 1 standard deviation

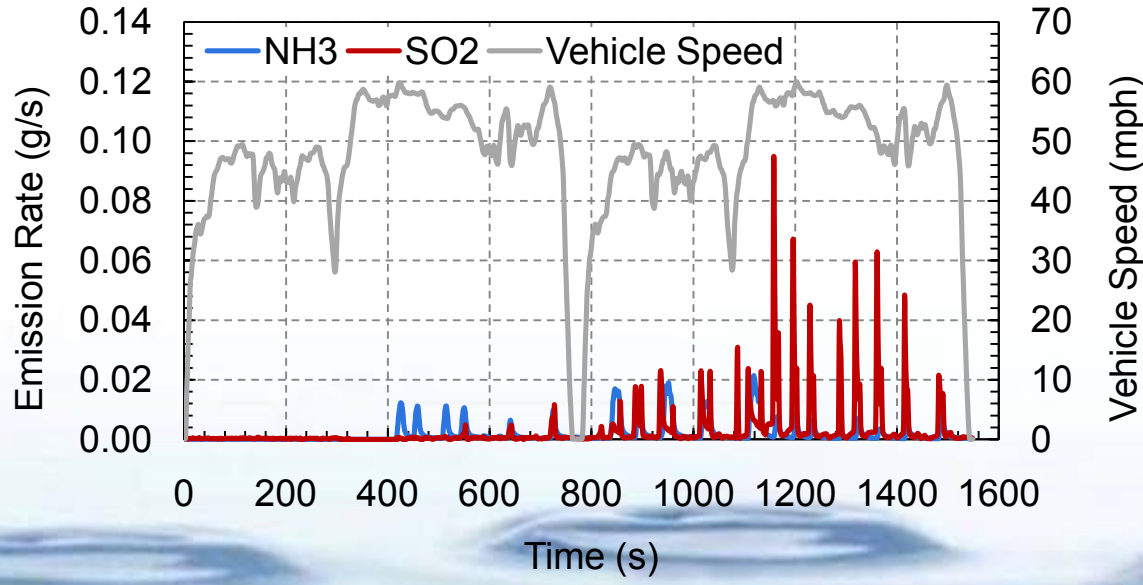
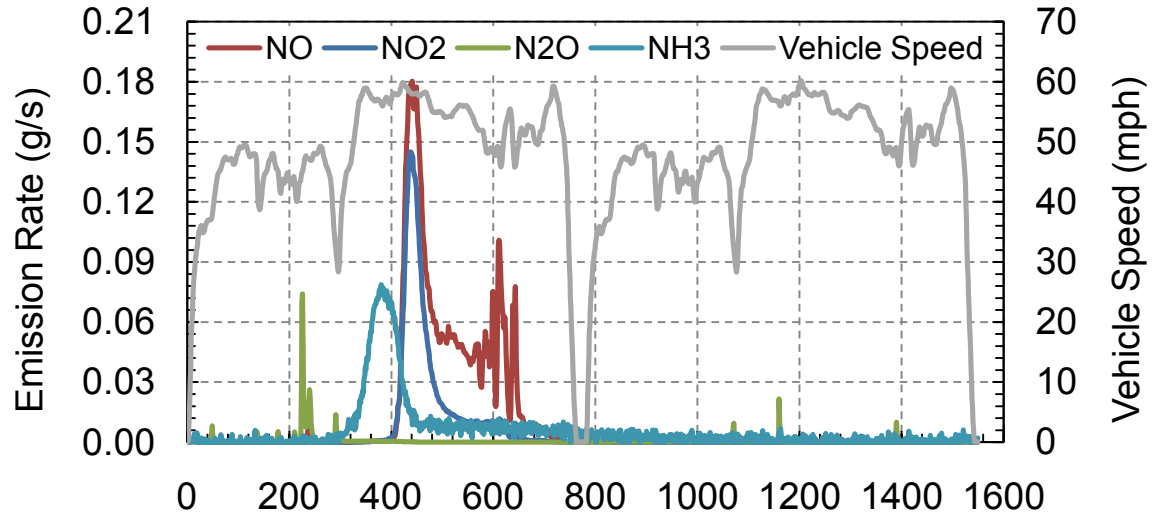
# Results : Fuel Economy



- Fuel economy with FT fuels lower due to lower density
  - ~ 2% with HTFT diesel
  - ~ 5% with LTFT diesel
- Small increase in energy efficiency with FT and EN590 fuels in FTP cycle

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# Aftertreatment Regeneration



Expected regeneration modes:

- LNT NO<sub>x</sub> and SO<sub>x</sub>
- DPF

Characterized by:

- NH<sub>3</sub>, N<sub>2</sub>O, SO<sub>2</sub>, NO and NO<sub>2</sub> emission
- Temperature increase

Test cycles during which regenerations occurred were discarded

# Summary and Conclusions

- Significant differences in fuel properties did not appear to affect vehicle operation.
- Highly effective aftertreatment system (DOC + DPF + LNT) resulted in very low emissions. Low mileage on aftertreatment and non-inclusion of regeneration emission factor may result in unrealistic data.
- Differences in exhaust emissions between fuels were mostly not significant, except for CO<sub>2</sub> emissions which were lower with lower carbon fuels.
- FT fuels showed decreased fuel economy due to lower volumetric energy density, but tendency towards slightly higher energy efficiency.

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