



# *Technologies to Improve Fuel Efficiency of Heavy Duty Trucks*

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## U.S. National Academy of Sciences Study

### *Legislative requirements*

- US Congress required DOT/ to engage NHTSA engage National Academies to develop a report that evaluates MD and HD vehicle fuel economy (Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007)
- EISA also requested NHTSA to conduct its own study on the fuel efficiency of commercial MD and HD on highway vehicles and work trucks leading to rulemaking.
- Rule making process was a join effort of NHTSA for fuel economy standards and EPA for GHG standards

### *NAS Committee objectives were to conduct assessment and develop report*

- Assessment of technologies and costs to evaluate fuel economy for MD and HD trucks
- Analysis of existing and potential technologies that may be used practically to improve MD and HD fuel economy
- Analysis of how such technologies may be practically integrated into the MD and HD truck manufacturing
- Assessment of how such technologies may be used to meet fuel economy standards
- Associated costs and other impacts on the operation of MD and HD trucks, including congestion



**TIAX retained by NAS to provide a comprehensive set of fuel savings technologies, their benefits, and their price**

- Developed detailed forecasts of fuel consumption reducing technologies
- Supported evaluation of MD & HD vehicle technologies by researching the technologies and their costs through intensive interviews of manufacturers, fleet owners and others to produce a detailed matrix relating technologies and vehicle types over time.
- Developed a detailed matrix of fuel saving technologies, their fuel consumption benefits, and their costs.
- Focused on ten-year timeframe
- Arranged specific site visits



**There are three approaches to reducing fuel consumption from the medium and heavy-duty fleet. TIAX’ s analysis focuses on characterizing fuel-efficient technologies**

Approach	TIAX analysis includes...	TIAX analysis does not include...
<b>Technology</b> Deploy fuel efficient technologies into the vehicle fleet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Identification of Technologies</li> <li>•Estimate of fuel consumption benefit</li> <li>•Cost estimates (RPE)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Breakdown of RPE</li> <li>•Analysis of manufacturing processes</li> <li>•Operations &amp; Maintenance (O&amp;M) Costs/Life Cycle Costing</li> </ul>
<b>Productivity</b> Increase the use of longer & heavier vehicles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Estimates of fuel consumption benefit</li> <li>•Identification of enabling technologies</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Cost analysis</li> <li>•Infrastructure analysis</li> <li>•Policy landscape</li> </ul>
<b>Operations &amp; Logistics</b> Optimize fleet management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•On-vehicle optimization tools (e.g., driver training, telematic navigation, etc)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Off-vehicle fleet optimization tools</li> <li>•Optimization of goods movement</li> </ul>



## Major Sources of Information and Data

- **Site Visits**
  - **Engine/Truck:** Cummins, Daimler/Detroit-Diesel, Navistar, Kenworth, Peterbilt, Volvo
  - **Supplier:** Allison, Arvin Meritor, Azure, Eaton, Great Dane, ISE
  - **End-User:** Wal-Mart
  - **Conferences:** UMTRI LCV Conference
  - **NAS Committee Meetings:** Con-Way, Aluminum Assoc, and others
  - **Testing Organizations:** ARC and TRC
- **Literature Review:** Journal articles and research reports; DOE vehicle technology research reviews; NAS Committee Presentations; 21<sup>st</sup> Century Truck Partnership; company data sheets, press releases
- **Original Analysis**
  - Extend the results of previous studies to other vehicle classes, adjusting for factors such as duty cycle, vehicle weight, and engine size

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## Scope of Analysis & Approach to Data Collection

Vehicle Classes	
•Class 8 Tractor-Trailer	•Urban Transit Bus
•Class 3-6 Straight Box Truck	•Motor Coach
•Class 3-6 Straight Box Truck	•Class 2b Pickups & Vans
•Class 8 Refuse Hauler	

Technology Categories	
•Aerodynamics	•Transmission & Driveline
•Engines	•Hybrids
•Tires & Wheels	•Driver Management & Coaching
•Weight Reduction	•(Overnight) Idle Reduction

Technology Attributes	
•Technology description	• Year of Introduction
•Baseline for comparison	• Effect on technology on weight, coefficient of drag, etc
•Fuel consumption benefit	
•Cost (RPE)	



**Variety of Trucks Analyzed**



**Tractor Trailer**



**Class 3-6**



**Refuse Hauler**



**40 ft Transit**



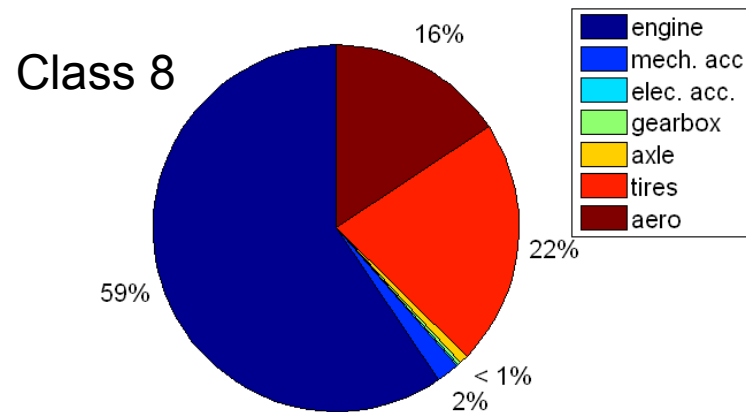
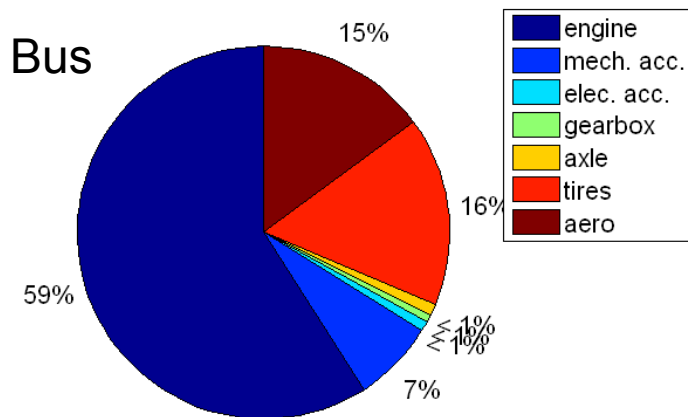
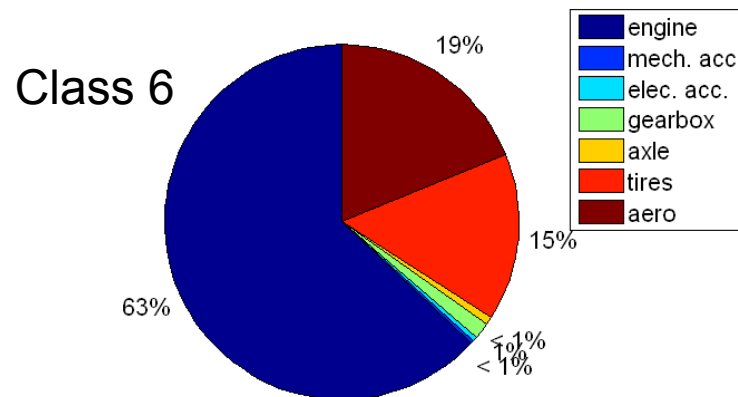
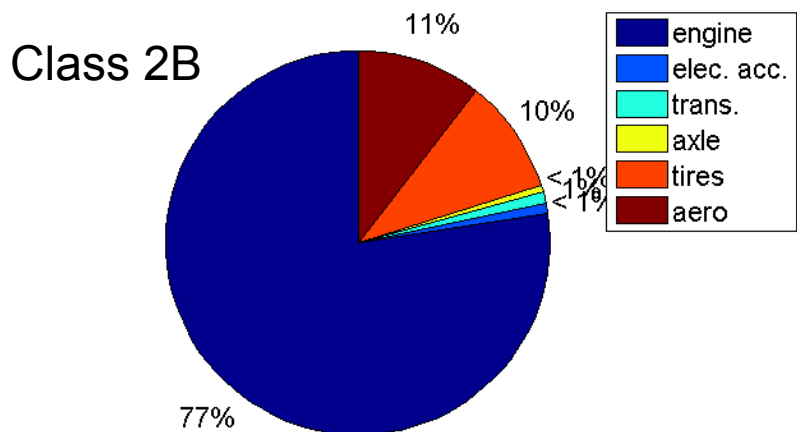
**Motor Coach**



**Class 2b**



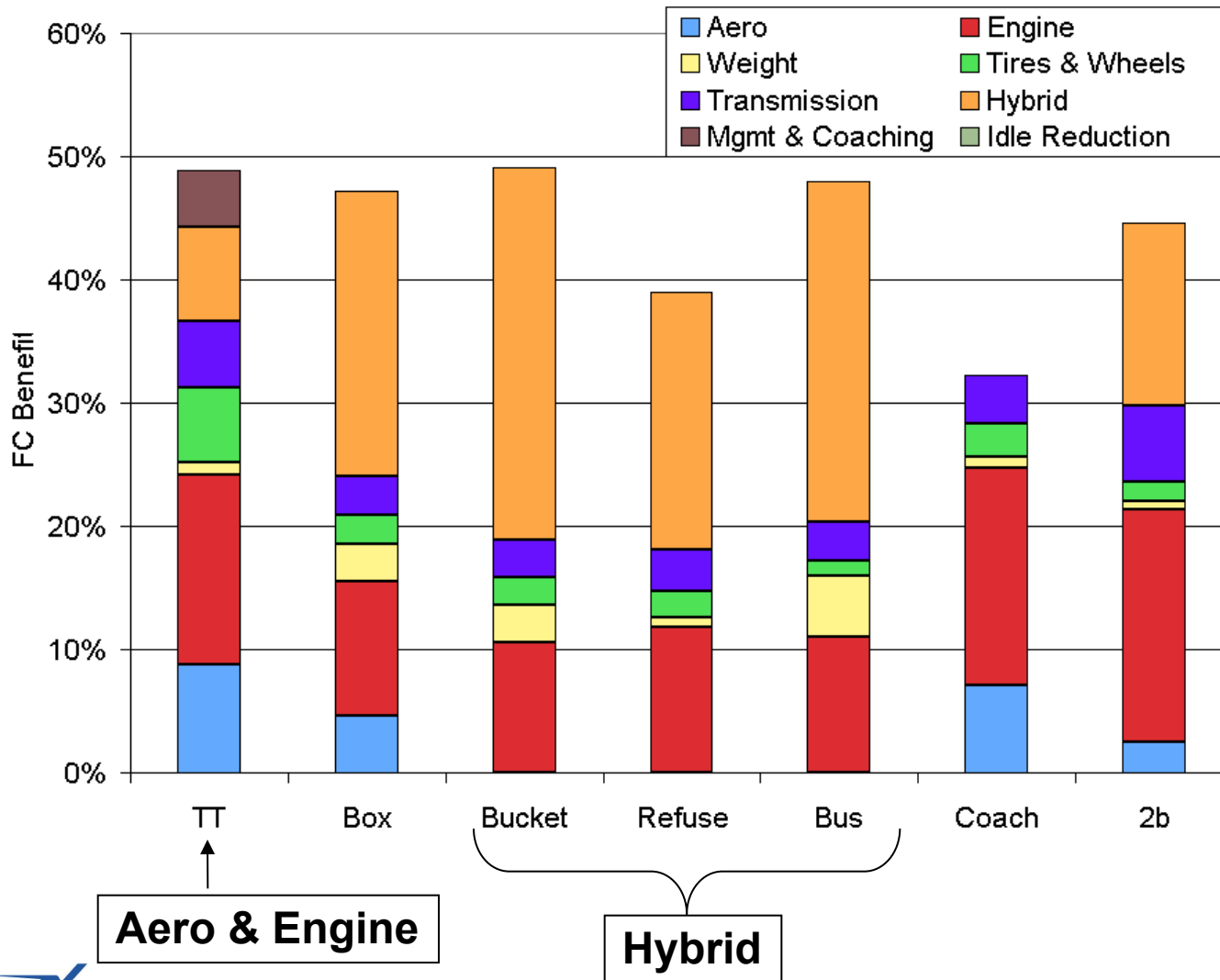
**Many opportunities to reduce fuel consumption but energy losses from engine, aerodynamics and tires dominate**



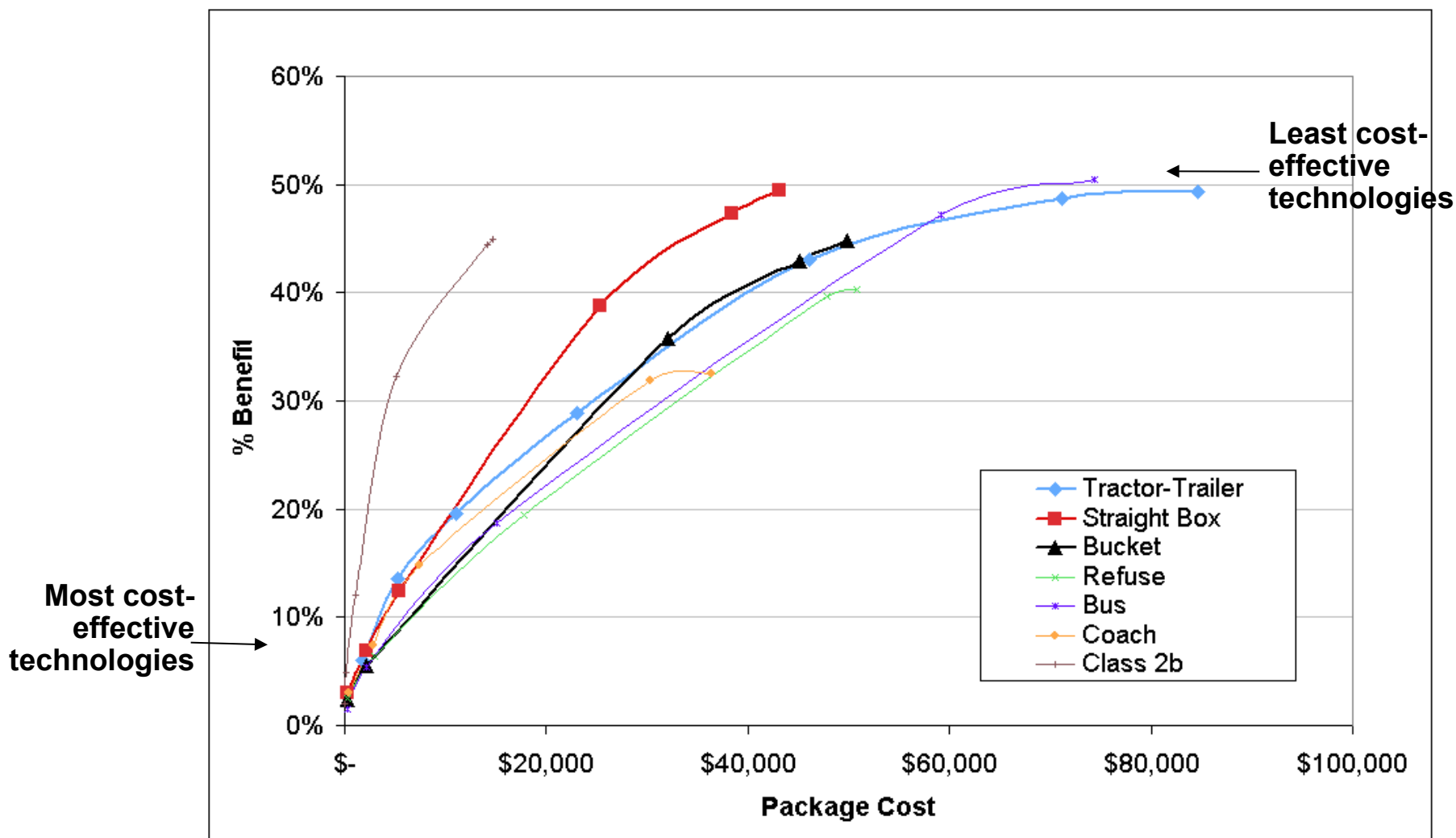
Vehicles at GVWR and 50 mph Steady State Speed



**The technologies used to achieve fuel consumption gains varies by market segment**



These results were used to develop cost curves for each vehicle class



**Aggressively deploying new technologies can reduce fuel consumption by 40 to 50% for most vehicle classes in a 2015 to 2020 time frame**

Category	TT	Box	Bucket	Refuse	Bus	Coach	2b
Aero	11.5%	6%	-	-	-	8%	3%
Engine	20%	14%	14%	14%	14%	20%	23%
Wt Reduction	1.3%	4%	4%	1%	6.3%	1.1%	0.8%
Tire	8%	3%	3%	2.50%	1.50%	3%	2%
Transmission	7%	4%	4%	4%	4%	4.5%	7.5%
Hybrid	10% <sup>1</sup>	30%	40%	25%	35%	-	18%
Mgmt & Coaching	6%	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idle Reduction	-1	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>49.3%</b>	<b>49.4%</b>	<b>51.3%</b>	<b>40.2%</b>	<b>50.4%</b>	<b>32.5%</b>	<b>43.2%</b>
Added Wt (lb)	2,500	1,100	1,050	1,500	2,000	1,500	750
<b>Adj. FC<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>48.9%</b>	<b>47.1%</b>	<b>49.6%</b>	<b>38.4%</b>	<b>47.8%</b>	<b>32.0%</b>	<b>44.5%</b>
<b>Cost</b>	<b>\$ 84,600</b>	<b>\$ 43,120</b>	<b>\$ 49,870</b>	<b>\$ 50,800</b>	<b>\$ 74,400<sup>2</sup> \$ 250,400</b>	<b>\$ 36,350</b>	<b>\$ 14,710</b>
<b>\$/% Benefit</b>	<b>\$ 1,731</b>	<b>\$ 916</b>	<b>\$ 1,006</b>	<b>\$ 1,322</b>	<b>\$ 1,556</b>	<b>\$ 1,136</b>	<b>\$ 331</b>

<sup>1</sup>The hybrid package includes ~4% credit for overnight idle reduction

<sup>2</sup>The lower cost includes an 80% federal subsidy for Diesel transit bus hybrids

<sup>3</sup>Fuel consumption benefit, adjusted for the added weight



## Major conclusions of TIAX assessment

- 50% reduction in fuel consumption possible in 2017 timeframe
  - MY2008-2009 diesel vehicles and MY2008-2009 gasoline vehicles
  - 2007 emissions compliant
  - But at relatively high costs (our estimates)
- Idle emissions could be eliminated in future
  - technology exists today and electrification will further enable eliminating idle emissions on all vehicles
- National maximum speed limit should be “hardwired” in all new trucks
  - Technology exists
  - Unifies at least one of the variables on truck specification



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**Many similarities between EU and US truck market/users**

EU Vehicle Segment	GHG Emissions by Segment (%)	% of MD/HD Fuel Consumed	US Vehicle Segment
Service	13	13	Class 2b
Urban Delivery	4	8	Class 3-6
Municipal Utility	5	5	Refuse/Service /Utility
Regional Delivery	15	61	TT
Long Haul	36		TT
Construction	11	5	Dump Trucks
Bus	9	1.4	Bus
Coach	7	0.5	Coach



**Cabover design dominates in Europe vs. US**

**MAN TGX**



**Peterbilt 386**



Tractor Characteristics	EU	US
Width (m)	2.55	2.6
Height (m)	4 (max)	4.09
Length (m)	~4.5-5.3	7.9
Frontal area (m2)	<10	10
No of axles	2	3
No of tires	6(dual)	10(dual)
Driveline conf	4x2	6x4
Weight (mt)	7	8.6

**Trailers and total vehicle length limited in EU compared to US**

<b>Trailer/Vehicle Characteristics</b>	<b>EU</b>	<b>US</b>
Width (m)	2.55	2.6
Height (m)	4 (max)	4.09
Length (m)	13.62	15.15
Tractor trailer gap (m)	0.87	1.02
Typical king pin distance (m)	1.668	0.914
No of axles	3	2
No of tires	6(single)	8(dual)
Tare weight (kg)	5650	6124
Payload (kg)	same	17240
Total vehicle GVW (mt)	40	36.3
Total vehicle Length (m)	16.5	21.3-22.9



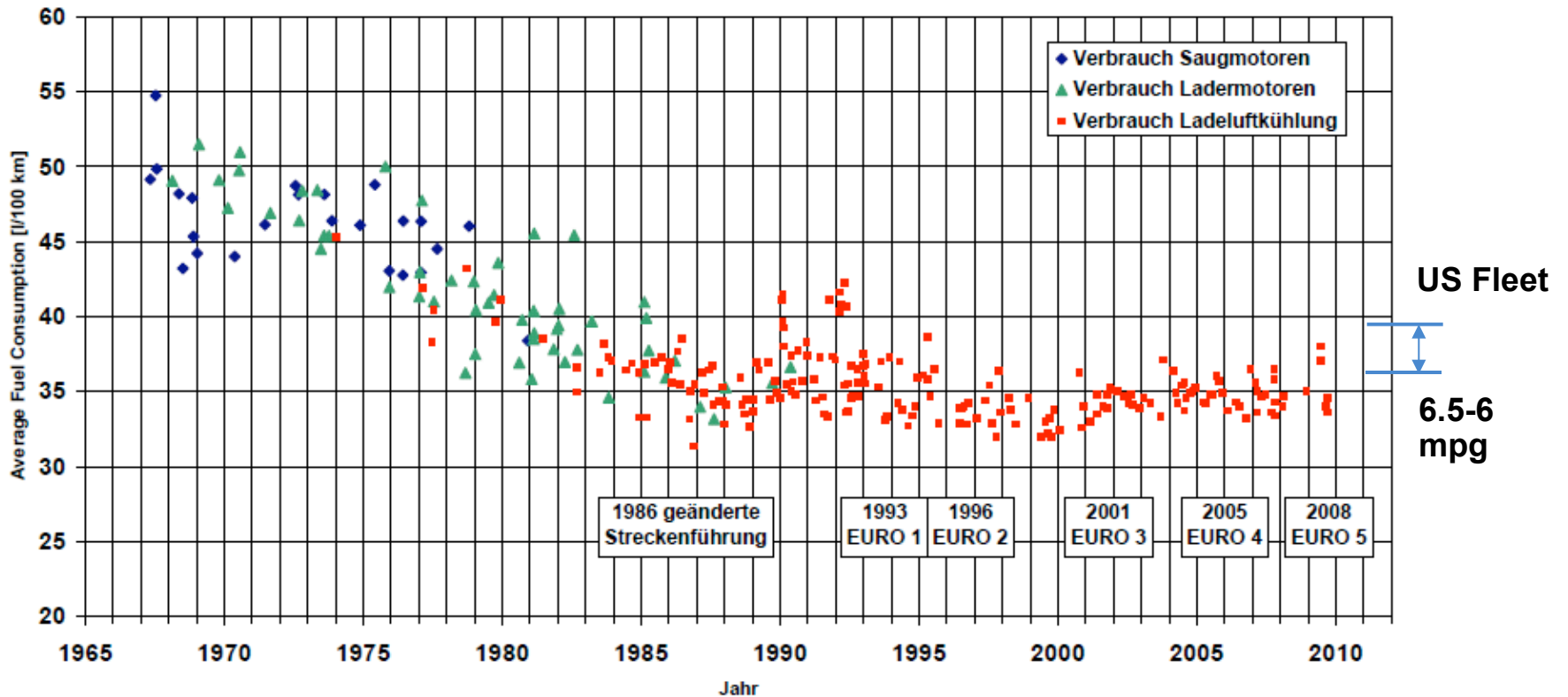
## Other important factors affecting fuel consumption

Parameter	EU	US
C <sub>d</sub>	<US	0.62-0.64
Trailer	13,6 m	53' Std Box
Engine	11-15L	11-15L
Transmission	Automated manual	10 speed manual
Governed speed	90 kph	75 mph
GVW	40-44 mt	80,000 lb
Fuel consumption (L/100km)	30-35 L/100km	6.5 mpg (36 L/100km)
Fuel Price	1.3 €/L	\$3.90/gal (0.75 €/L)

**Long haul fuel economy has improved and held relatively constant with increasing emission regulations**

**Average Fuel Consumption**

(Gross Vehicle Weight 38/40 t)

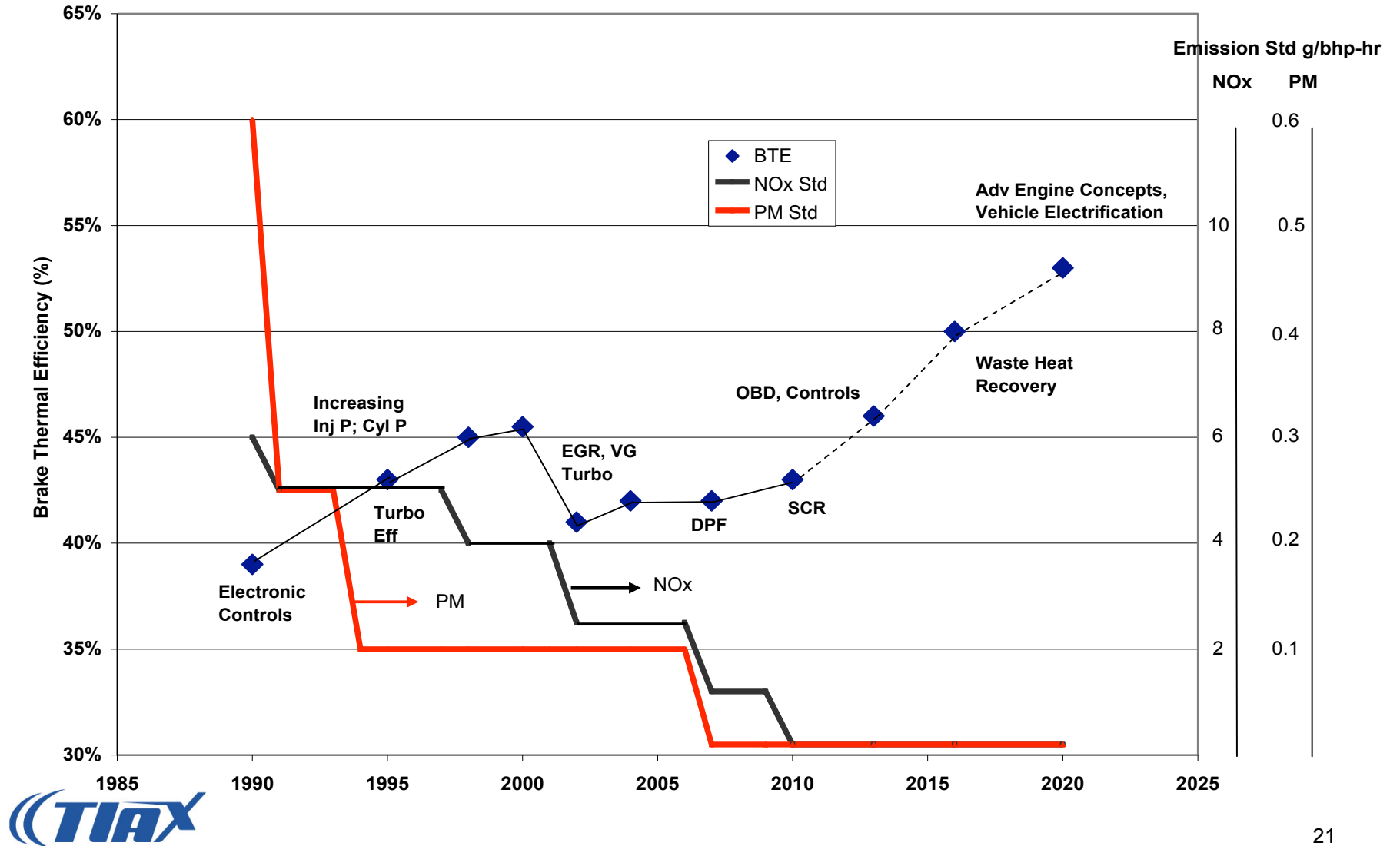


Source: Lastauto Omnibus  
Testreports 1967 - 2009

Status: 10/2009



## US Fuel Economy Suffered with EGR Engines in 2000's



## Apply Fuel Savings Technologies to European Market Segments

Technology		Vehicle Segment							
		Service	Urban Delivery	Municipal Utility	Regional Delivery	Long Haul	Construction	Bus	Coach
Aerodynamics	Aft box taper		✓						
	Boat tail				✓	✓			
	Box skirts		✓						
	Cab side extension or cab/box gap fairings		✓						
	Full gap fairing				✓	✓			
	Full skirts				✓	✓			
	Roof deflector		✓						
	Streamlining	✓							✓
Lightweighting	Material substitution	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Tires and Wheels	Automatic tire inflation on vehicle/tractor				✓	✓	✓		✓
	Automatic tire inflation on trailer				✓	✓			
	Low rolling resistance tires	✓		✓				✓	✓
	Low rolling resistance wide-base single tires		✓		✓	✓	✓		
Transmission and Driveline	Aggressive shift logic and early lockup	✓		✓				✓	
	Increased transmission gears	✓		✓				✓	
	Transmission friction reduction	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Engine Efficiency	Improved diesel engine	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Hybridization	Dual-mode hybrid	✓			✓	✓			
	Parallel hybrid		✓				✓		✓
	Parallel hydraulic hybrid			✓					
	Series hybrid							✓	
Management	Predictive cruise control				✓	✓			



## 11 to 15L Engines

Engine Technology	2007 Baseline	2010 Engine	2013 Engine	2015 Engine	2015 to 2020 Package
<b>Cylinder Pressure</b>	190-210 Bar	Increasing Cylinder pressure			
<b>Fuel system</b>	1,800 to 2,200 Bar Common rail or 33K psi Unit Injector	Common rail, multiple injections per cycle, Higher injection pressure			
<b>Emissions Control</b>	Med-rate EGR, DPF w/ active regen	SCR, low-rate cooled EGR, DPF w/passive regen	Improved cat conversion efficiency, advanced EGR		
<b>Aspiration</b>	VG Turbocharger	Improved VG Turbocharger		E-Turbo	
<b>Engine Controls</b>	Open-loop		Closed-loop	Improved Closed-loop	
<b>Waste-heat recovery</b>	None		Mech. Turbo-compound	Mech or Electric turbo-compound	Bottoming cycle
<b>Accessories</b>	Belt-driven mech.			Var disp pumps - or- elec acc	Electric accessories
<b>Weight</b>	2,200 to 3,100 lbs	+400 lbs	+450 lbs	Similar to 2013	+750 lbs
<b>Peak Efficiency</b>	41 to 42 %	43.2 to 44.2%	45.5 to 47.5%	47.9 to 51.4%	50.6 to 53.5%
<b>Package Cost</b>	-	\$10K	\$14K	\$16.5K	\$23.5K

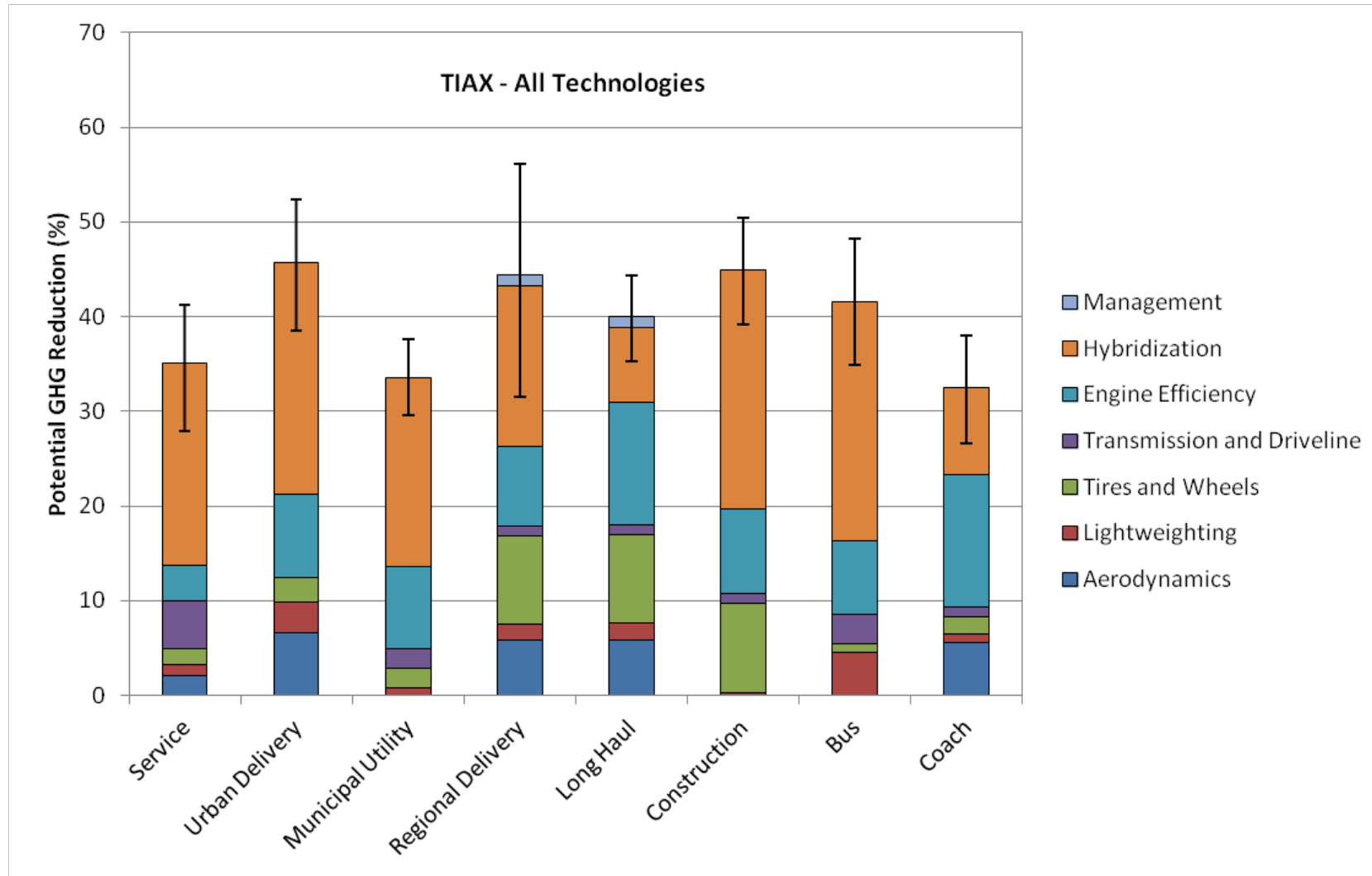




## Improved tractor and trailer aerodynamics



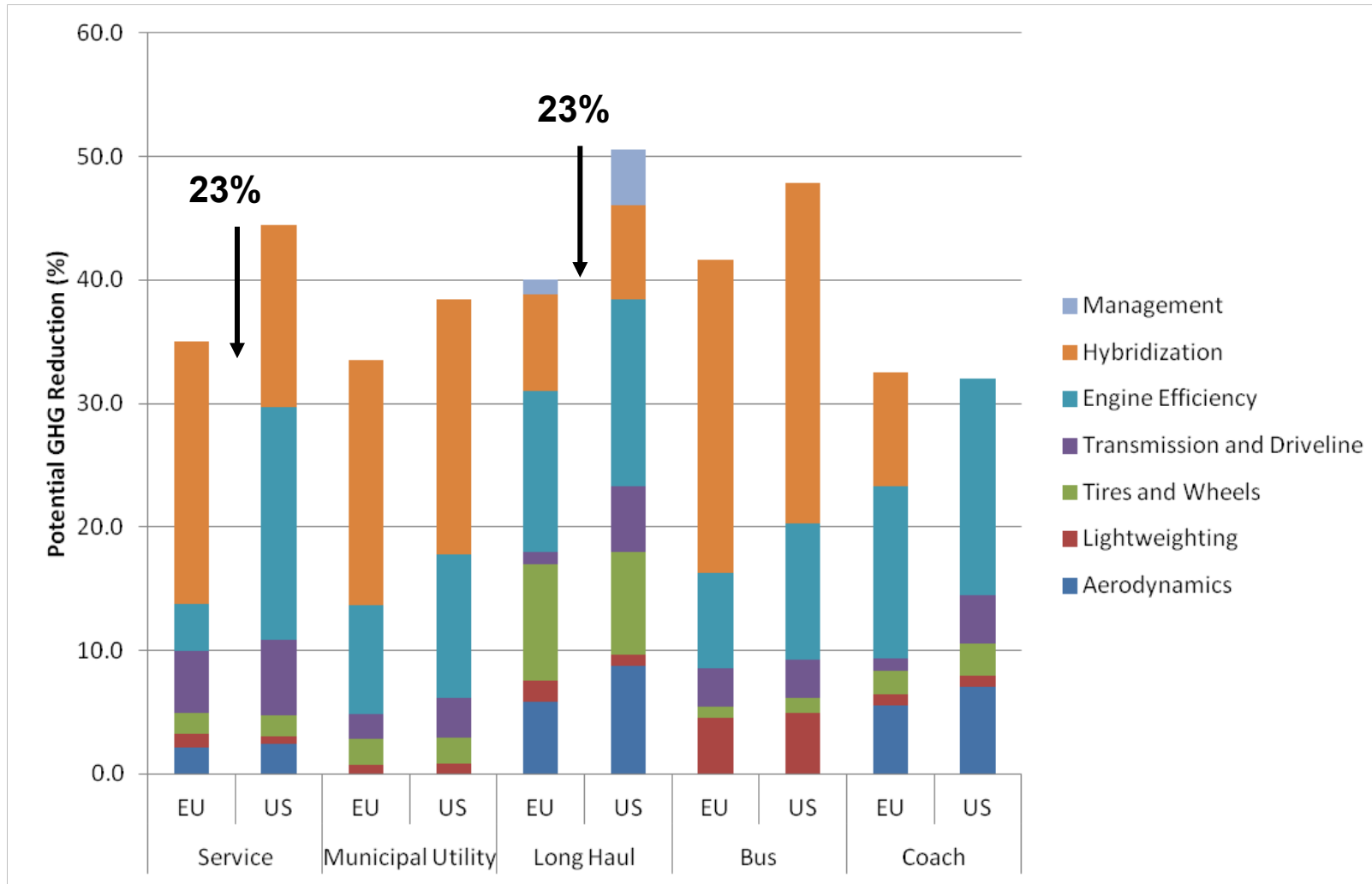
## Substantial GHG reductions possible across all EU market segments



## Comparison of EU results to NAS results

- Assume Long Haul EU technologies compared to NAS baseline TT
  - Aerodynamics Lower Speeds
    - Reduced from 105 to 90 kph; -0.3% fuel savings/kph
    - Fuel savings of 5%
  - Engine aftertreatment EGR and DPF (without SCR)
    - Fuel savings of 6%
  - Transmission and driveline
    - 4x2 tractor configuration and AMT
    - Fuel savings of 7%
  - Tractor and Trailer wheels and tires
    - Fuel savings of 3%
  - Total estimated EU Long haul vs. NAS TT fuel savings 19%
- Assumed service segment EU technology compared to NAS baseline
  - Replace gasoline with diesel engine
  - Fuel savings 19-24%

**Estimated EU GHG reductions lower due to market penetration of fuel savings technology**



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- Like the U.S. the EU has the potential to substantially reduce GHG emissions from heavy-duty vehicles
  - Off the shelf diesel technology exists with reasonable economics
  - Use of alternative fuels can also contribute to lower GHG emissions
- For most HDV segments powertrain improvements proves significant savings
  - Engine improvements
  - Hybridization for vocational or stop and go duty cycles
- Aerodynamics of entire vehicle important for long haul and duty cycles that have extended high speed driving
  - Need to improve both tractor and trailer
- The long haul, regional delivery, service, and bus/coach segments account for 83% of total HDV fuel consumption and therefore have the largest leverage
  - Segments also have common vehicle configurations
- Even at high fuel prices in Europe, GHG reductions will require regulations to move fuel savings technologies into the market

**Thank you for your attention**



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