Battery-electric trucks: The most affordable path to decarbonizing tractor-trailers

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Why long-haul tractor-trucks?

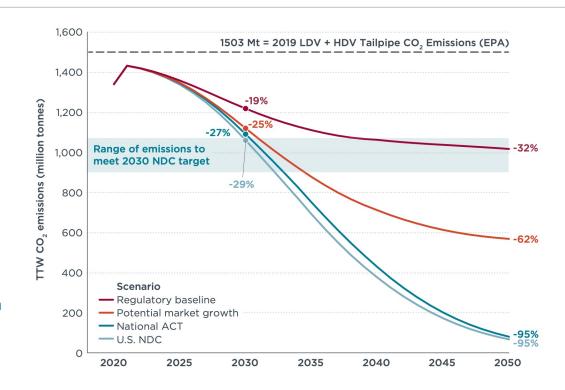
Tractors represent **30%** of the total population of class 4-8 regulated vehicles.

The share of long-haul trucks is around 62% of the tractor population.

Under the **Regulatory baseline** scenario:

- Tractors will produce 67% of the GHG emissions of class 4-8 vehicles through 2050.
- 49% of Class 4-8 emissions originate from combination long-haul trucks.





Use case and assumptions

Four powertrain technologies:









Diesel

Battery-electric

Hydrogen fuel-cell

Hydrogen combustion engine

• Daily mileage: **500 miles**

- On-route charging: **350 kW** until **2027 1 MW** afterward.
- Renewable electrolysis green hydrogen
- Holding period: 5 years

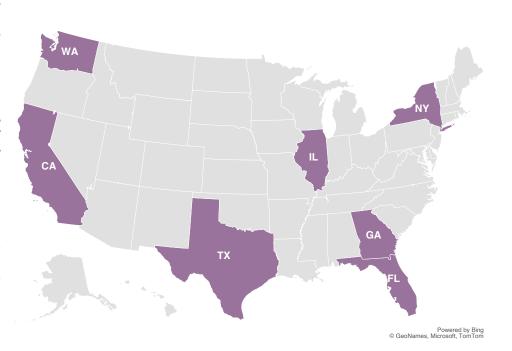




Georgraphic scope

- Ensuring comprehensive geographic coverage over the United States mainland.
- Focusing on states with the highest long-haul trucking activity in every region.
- Ensuring a comprehensive coverage of commercial electricity rates in the United States.

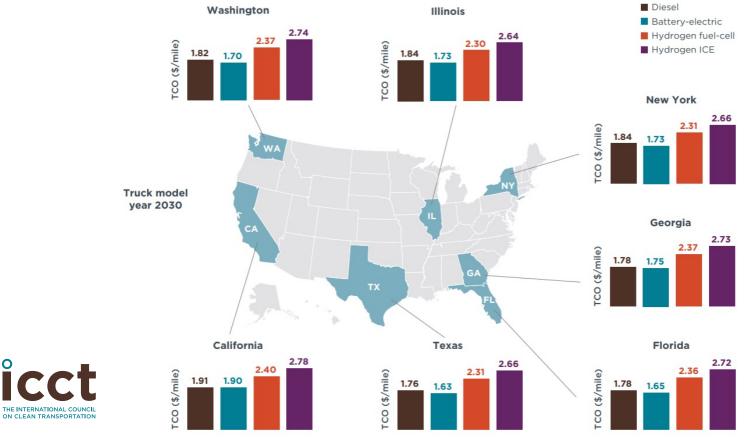




Key findings

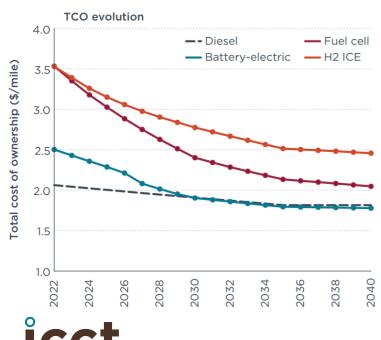


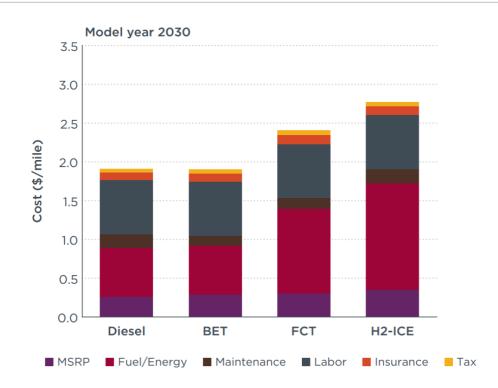
Battery-electric long-haul trucks are expected to record the lowest TCO by 2030 in most states



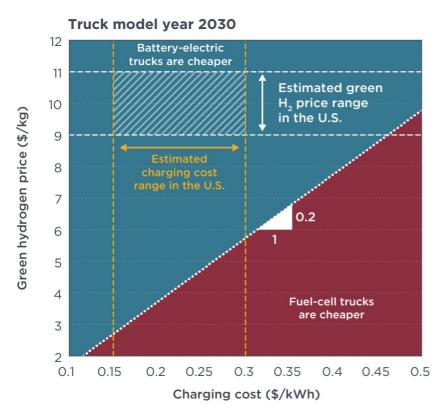
TCO breakdown for trucks operating in California

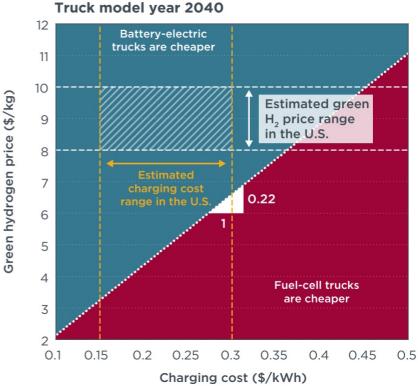
California





Battery-electric trucks are expected to achieve a lower TCO than fuel-cell trucks





Battery-electric trucks can still achieve a better TCO at high daily mileages, given that their day-to-day mileage variability is low

Average daily mileage vs mileage variability

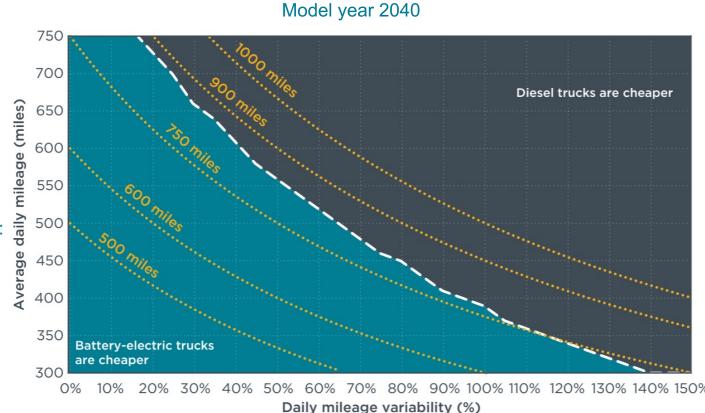
High average daily mileage:

- Bigger battery (-)
- More miles (+)

High daily mileage variability:

Bigger battery (-)





Q&A

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