## The Exhaust Emissions Scandal ("Dieselgate")

take a deep breath into pollution trickery

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## Who are we?

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## Challenges

- Saturated market in the developed countries
- Growth only in BRIC
- Overcapacity / Segment explosion (niches)
- Social shifts ("freedom", status symbol)
- Urbanization ("Megacities")
- Technological shifts (electric mobility, self-driving cars, downsizing)

## Strategy

Reach a target ROCEOutperform the competition

## 11 million

11 million VW group cars affected world-wide

## 

## 1500 hard disks and USB sticks collected from 380 associates at VW

6.7 billion

## 6.7 billion € reserve for recall / legal cost

- Individuelles Fehlverhalten und persönliche Versäumnisse einzelner Mitarbeiter
  - Schwachstellen in einigen Prozessen
  - Haltung in einigen Teilbereichen des Unternehmens, Regelverstöße zu tolerieren
  - Individual misbehavior and personal neglect of particular associates.
    - Weaknesses in particular processes
    - Attitude in particular sub-partitions of the company to tolerate rule violations

Hans Dieter Pötsch, President of the VW supervisory board

https://www.volkswagen-media-services.com/detailpage/-/detail/.../view/2973811

Jones Day & Deloitte "Wir haben keine Erkenntnisse über die Involvierung von Aufsichtsrat oder Vorstand vorliegen."

"We have no findings on the involvement of the supervisory board or the board of management presented."

Hans Dieter Pötsch, President of the VW supervisory board

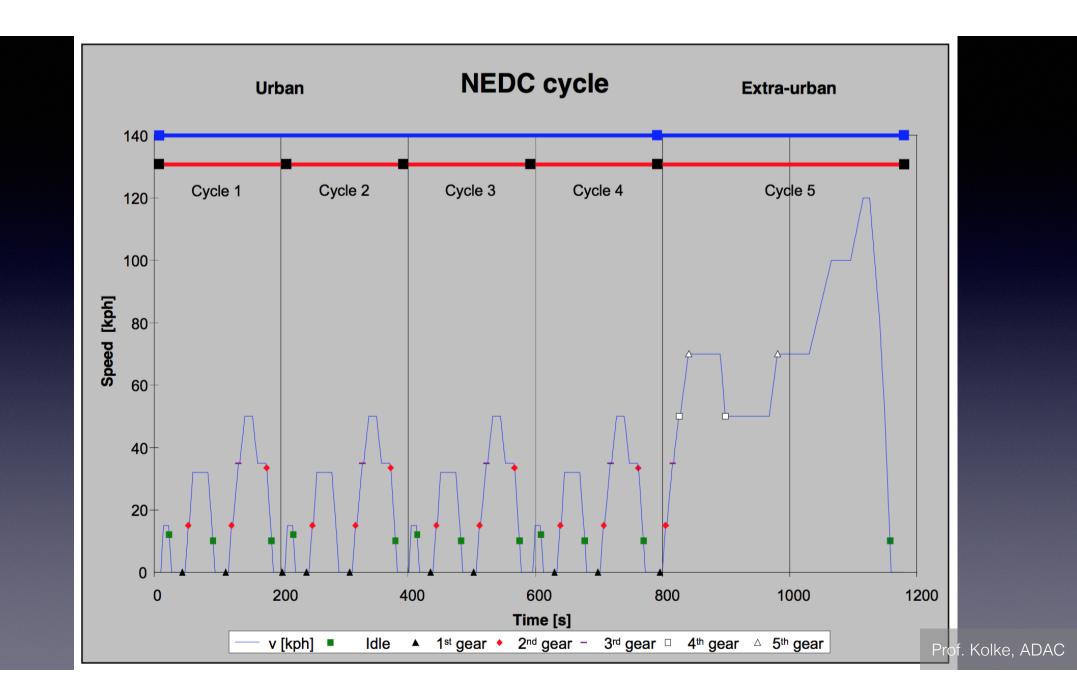
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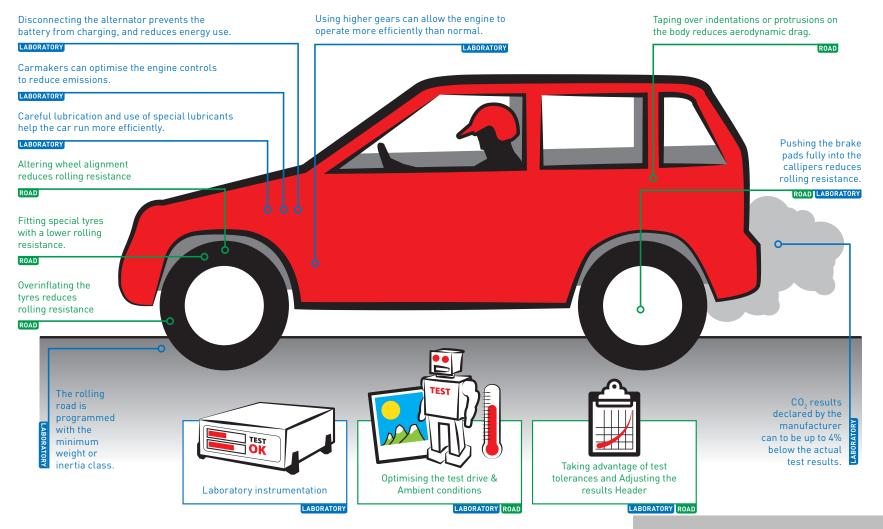
10 jet planes

## Lion Air Services

## George Town, Cayman Islands

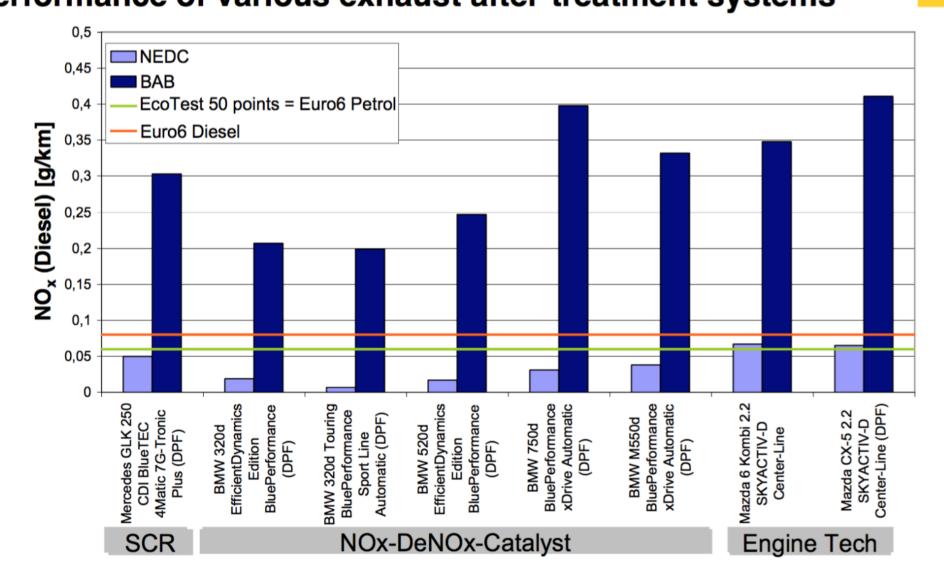


#### Common ways carmakers manipulate tests for CO<sub>2</sub> emissions and fuel economy

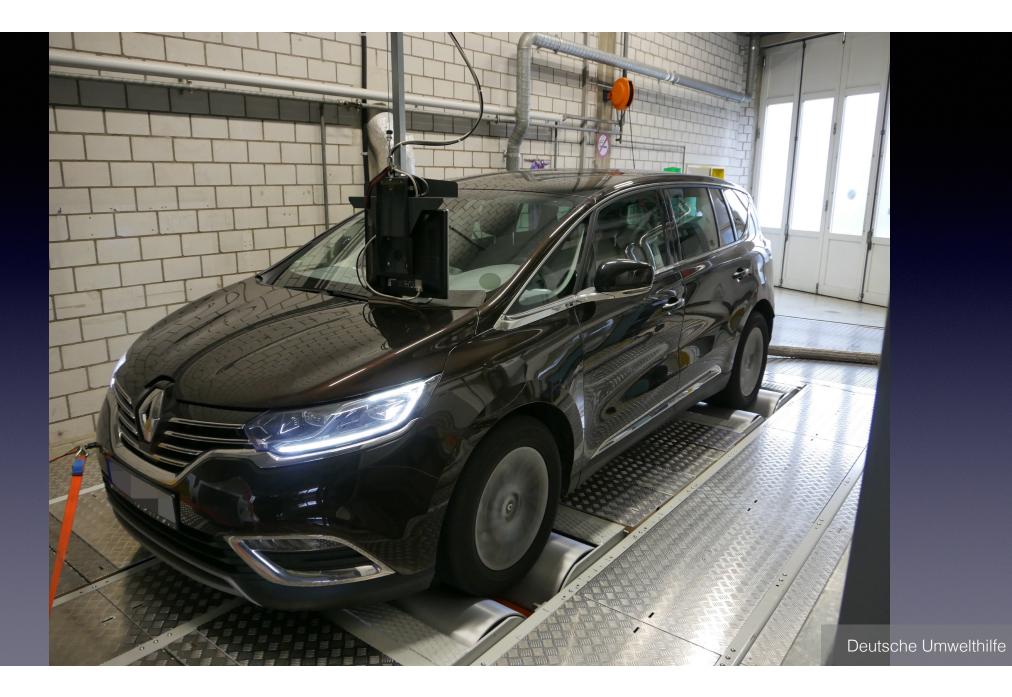


Transport & Environment, Mind the Gap report

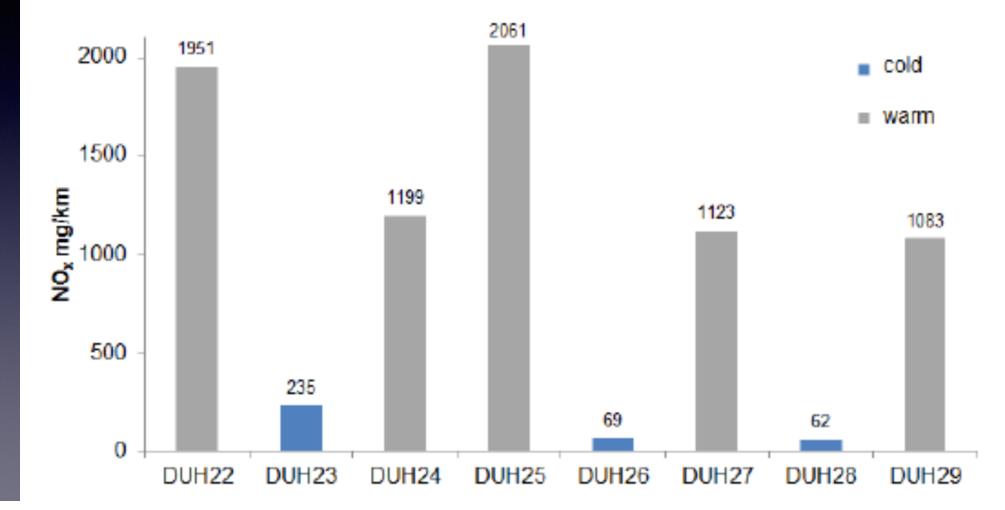
#### NO<sub>x</sub> emissions in EcoTest: Performance of various exhaust after-treatment systems



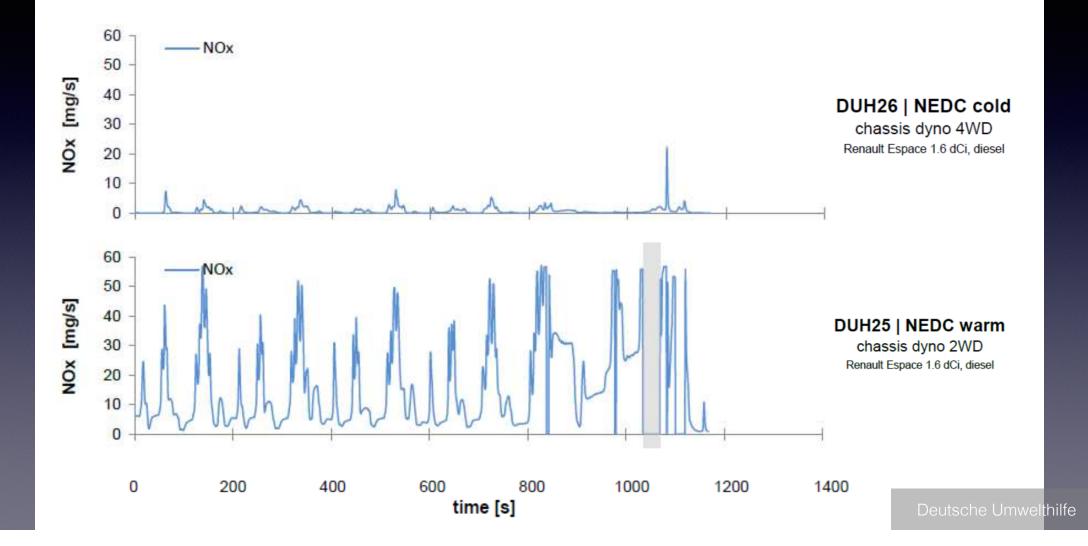
ADAC



### NO<sub>x</sub>-Ergebnisse im NEFZ



#### Vergleich zweier NO<sub>x</sub>-Messungen





## Statistics

- 59 (95% CI: 10 to 150) early deaths in the US
- social cost of ~\$450m 2009–2015
- recall by the end of 2016 will prevent:
  - ~130 early deaths
  - ~\$840m in social costs

Steven R H Barrett et al: Impact of the Volkswagen emissions control defeat device on US public health; Environmental Research Letters, Vol 10, No 11



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8. November 2015, 17:57 Uhr Abgas-Skandal

#### VW-Ingenieure manipulierten aus Angst vor Winterkorn



Der frühere VW-Chef Martin Winterkorn auf der Automesse IAA: Er wollte die

## VW-Engineers manipulate in fear of Winterkorn

## 15,9 million

15,9 million € Annual salary for Martin Winterkorn

Only for VW (Porsche etc. extra) Also to be paid in FY 2016. He negotiated well.



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18. Dezember 2015, 06:00 Uhr VW-Abgasskandal

#### Winterkorn bezieht offenbar weiter ein Millionengehalt



Der damalige VW-Vorstandschef

Winterkorn apparently continues to millions in salary

Martin Winterkorn bei rece

", Dieselgate' heißt es immer so schön. Ich bin der Meinung, man sollte es ,VW-Gate' nennen."

' 'Dieselgate' it's called nicely. I think it should be called 'WW-Gate'."

Hildegard Wortmann, SVP product management

http://www.handelsblatt.com/unternehmen/industrie/bmw-managerin-...-ich-finde-es-sollte-vw-gate-heissen/12630786-all.html

## SZ - The Court Circular

# 8. November 2015, 17:57 Uhr Abgas-Skandal

18. Dezember 2015, 06:00 Uhr VW-Abgasskandal



BMW F 650 GS with injection and computer-controlled catalytic converter.

Test cycle ECE 40: lowest emissions of the test.

Warm start: every motorbike produces the same result, but the BMW. It has the 34-fold carbon monoxide emissions against test bench results.

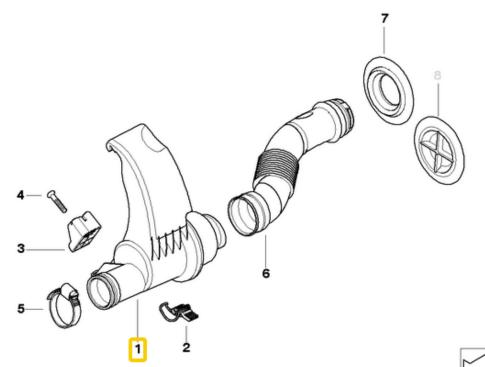
BMW detects the test cycle and switches to a different parameter set.

BMW argument: Testing has not much to do with real-life use. Also the engine runs more agile with the other parameter set.

http://www.motorradonline.de/vergleichstest/technik-abgasreinigung/105838

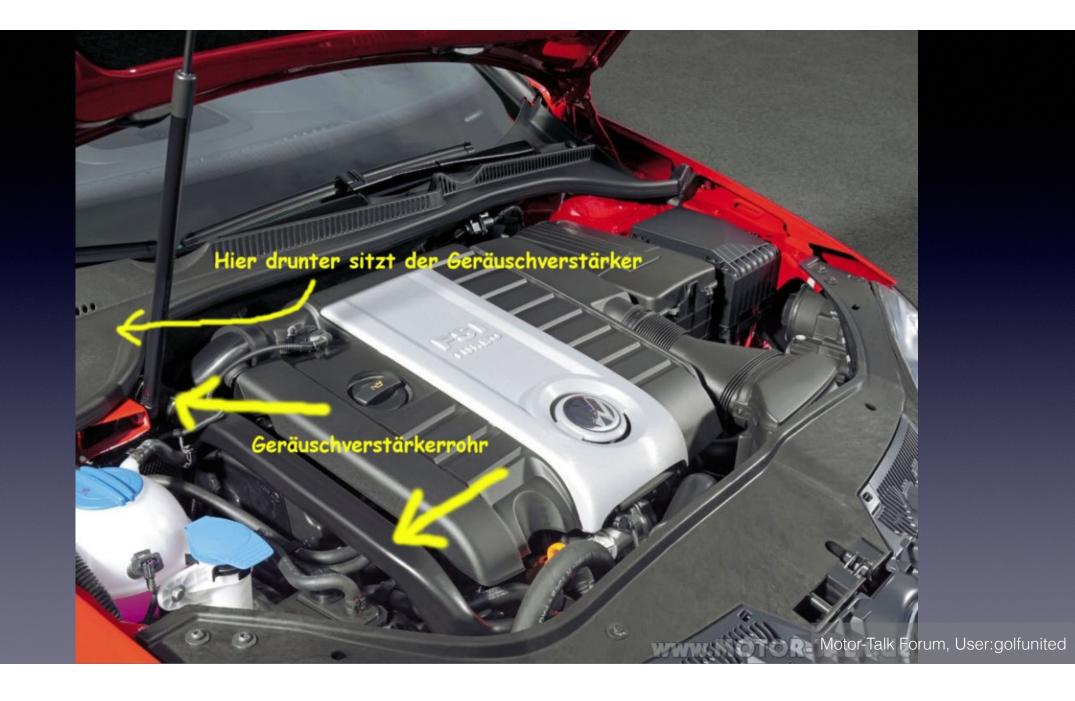
#### Z4 E85 Z4 3.0i Soundgenerator

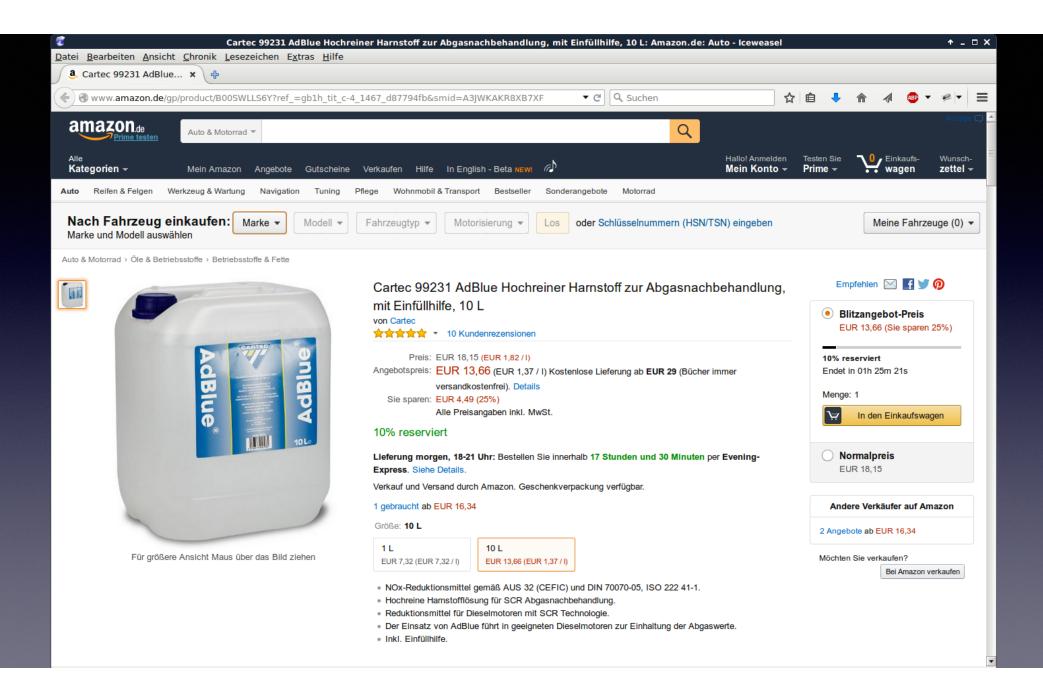
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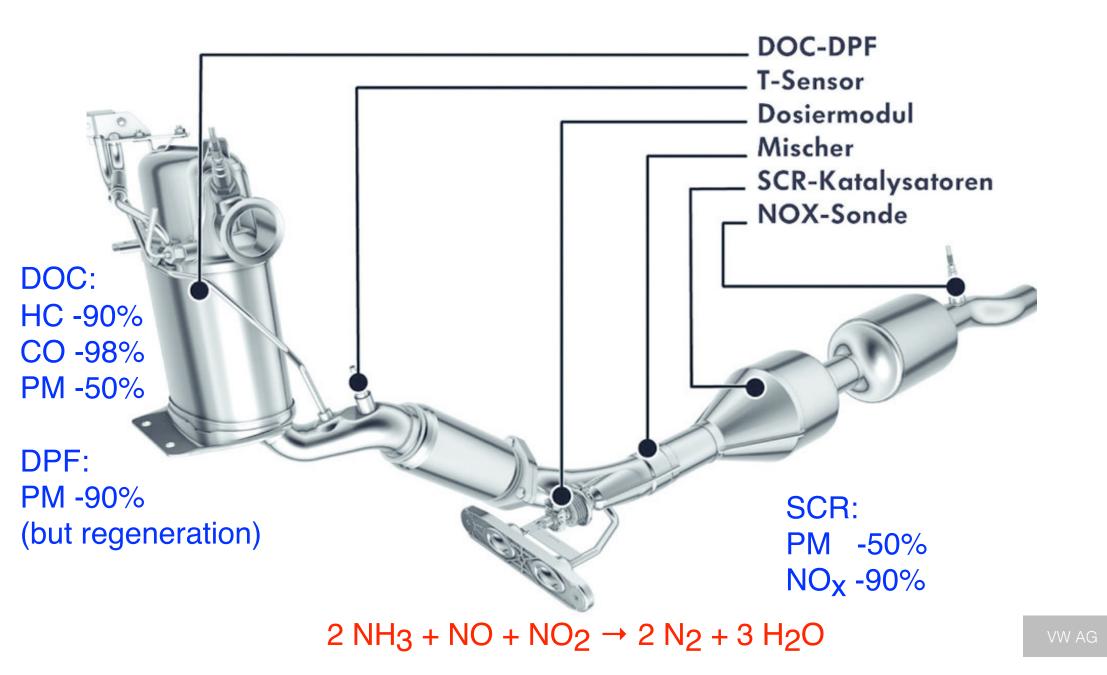
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02	Spannbügel		1			<u>13719071752</u>	\$2.07	
03	Lagerbock		1			<u>13747518282</u>	\$2.54	
04	Schraube	K60X22	1			<u>11617533331</u>	\$0.75	
05	Schlauchschelle	L=47-54MM	1			<u>07129952121</u>	\$1.42	
06	Soundleitung		1			<u>13747514864</u>	\$34.39	
07	Dichttülle		1			13717514865	\$4.82	





## Component development

- Lots of legal / industry frameworks
   (VDA yellow books, ISO, DIN, company norms, ...)
- Very structured process
- Every requirement documented in one tool
- Senior management review meetings biweekly .. monthly
- Every step is documented, often multiple times
- Q-Gates after every development phase
- Legal & purchasing involved with dedicated teams
- ~80% of the value created at suppliers (contracts)



# Engine ECU

- Physical model of the engine
- Proprietary code by Bosch, configuration by OEM
- Typically up to 20.000 knobs to turn / tune / play with
- Extensive documentation
- Simulator, in-the-loop and in-thecar verification for 3+ years



Wikipedia, User:Techie

# Google for info

bmw edc17c45 funktionsrahmen + hex & a2l	Threaded Mode   Linear Mode
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bmw edc17c45 funktionsrahmen + hex & a2l	
hi,	
i am selling bmw edc17c45 funktionsrahmen + hex and a2l if someone interested PM me	
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http://mhhauto.com/Thread-bmw-edc17c45-funktionsrahmen-hex-a2l

# The Exhaust Emissions Scandal Part 2

A Reverse-Engineer's Look into Practical Emissions Cheating

#### Motivation

Sources of Information





The truth is in the code!

#### What do we need?

affected VW



200123



/begin MEASUREMENT

Exh\_pMinStyPPFltDiff "Der gefilterte Wert des Differenzdrucks am Partikelfilter" SWORD Pres\_hPa 1 100 -32768.00 32767.00

FORMAT "%8.2"

ECU\_ADDRESS 0xD0000802

/end MEASUREMENT

A2L Files

b/r: Bosch

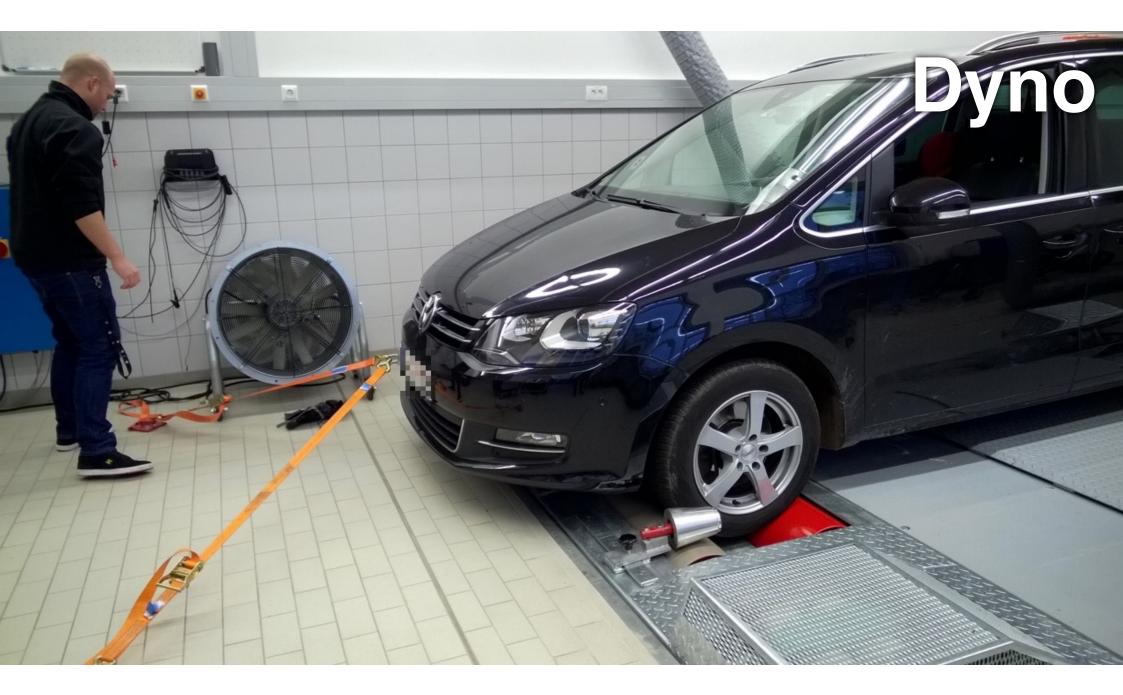
#### Volkswagen Sharan (7N), MY 2013

VIN: WVWZZZ7NZDV00xxxx

affected VM

- TDI 2.0 EA189 engine, CFFB, AWD
- affected by VW recall according to online tool

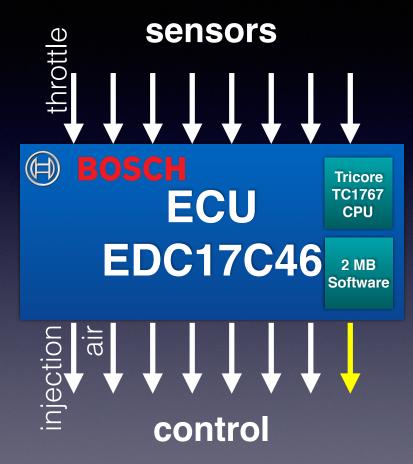
\*The car has an "abt Engine Control" chip tuning applied. This *should* not have any effect on exhaust after treatment.



- Bosch EDC17C46
- can be easily obtained (eBay)
- can be easily used on a desk
- same hardware, mostly-the-same software
- Flash dumped by exploiting 0-day hardware bug in TriCore chip
- 2MB binary, very data driven, almost no flow control

# extra ECU

#### What is an ECU?



Engine Electronic Control Unit (Engine ECU) Engine Control Module (ECM) Powertrain Control Module (PCM)

#### controls

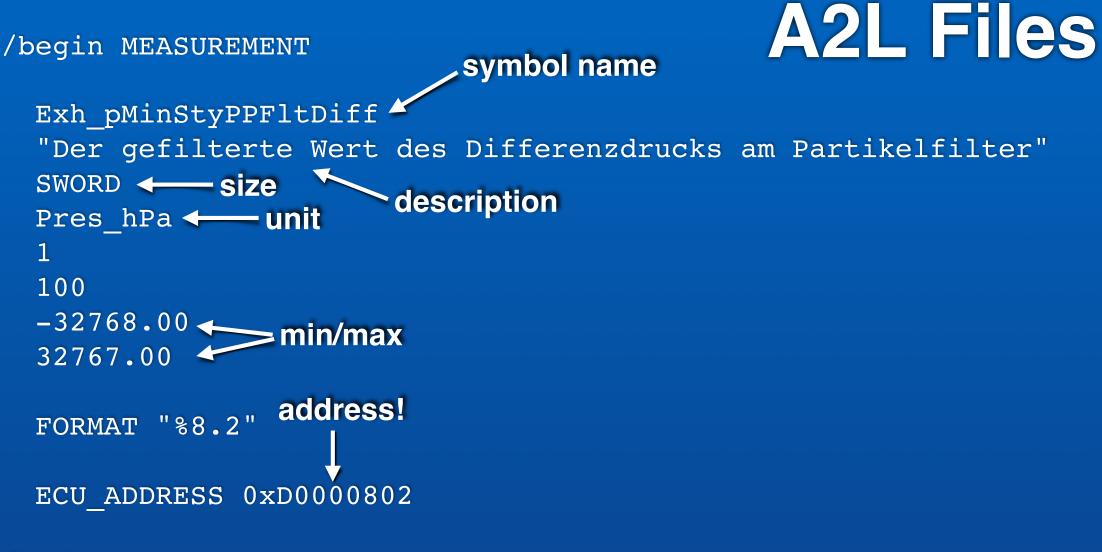
- air/fuel ratio
- ignition timing (gasoline)
- idle speed
- valve timing
- thermal limits
- lambda control

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emission control

## Realtime Logging

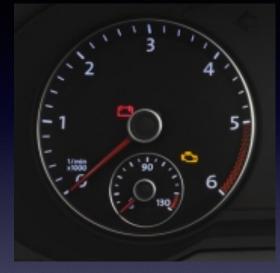
- Via Diagnostic Services (CAN subset of OBD-II), we can use UDS (Unified Diagnostic Services)
- Usually we can only read pre-determined variables ("Read By Id"), however we can also switch into a "Development Session" and do "Read By Address".
- Memory range we can read from is limited, but we can read all interesting data (security-related data is locked out.)



/end MEASUREMENT

Bosch

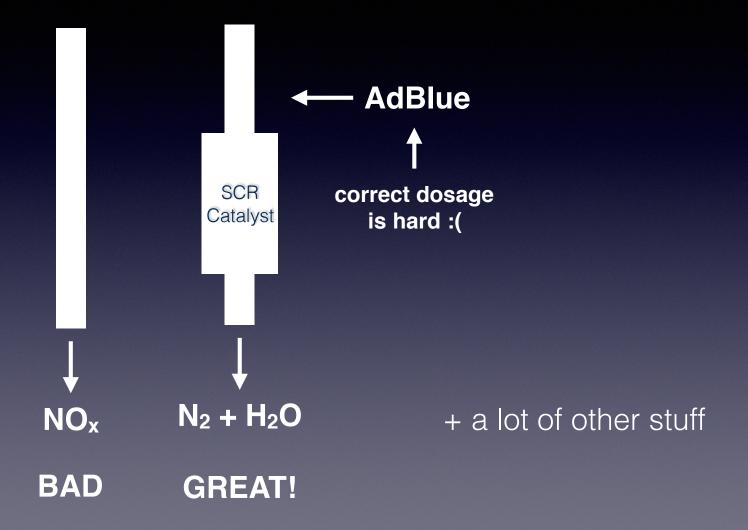
#### **ECU Complexity**



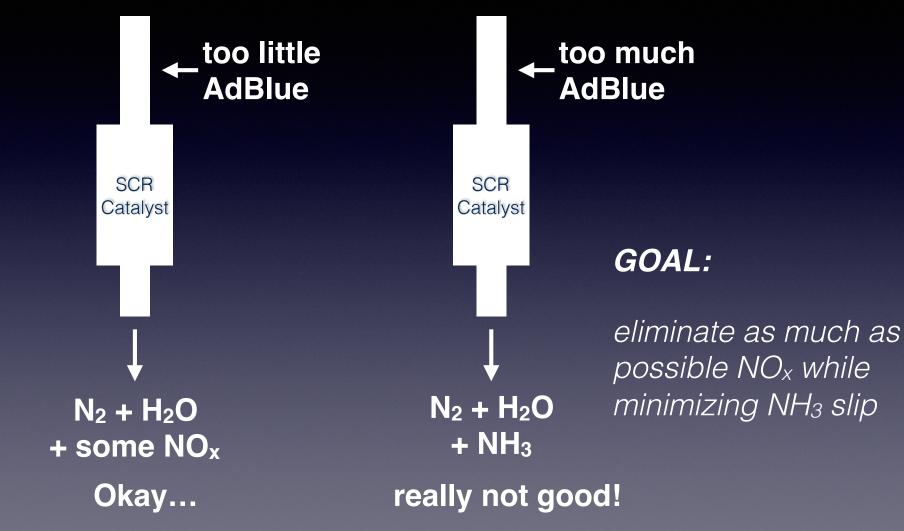
= f(RPM)?
= f(RPM, 20+ Signals)?

#### = f(RPM, 20+ Signals, 12 KByte Code with internal state)!

#### **Selective Catalytic Reduction**

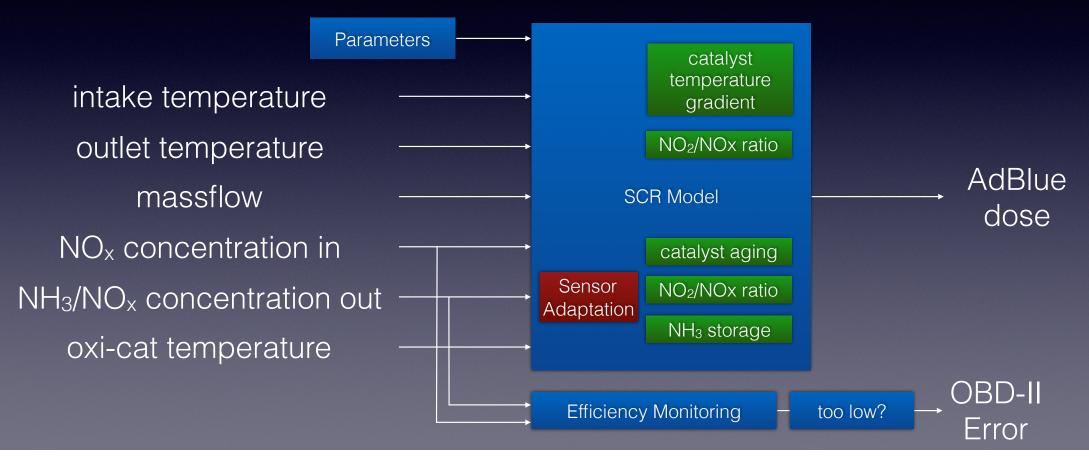


#### **Selective Catalytic Reduction**



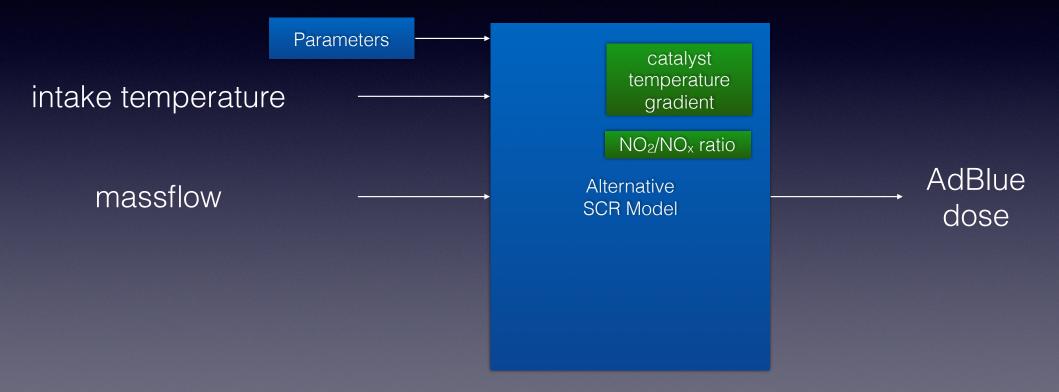
#### Main SCR Model

#### Primary Goal: Reduce NO<sub>x</sub> (while minimizing NH<sub>3</sub> slip)

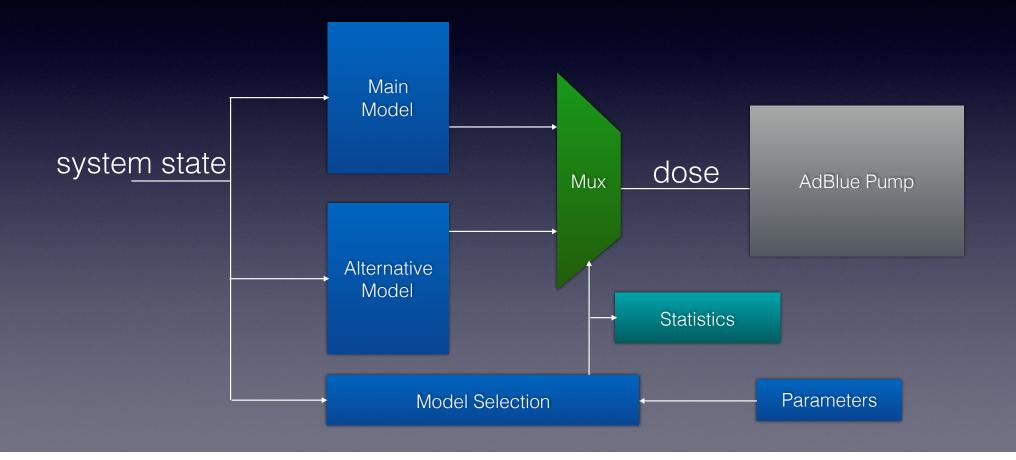


#### Alternative SCR Model

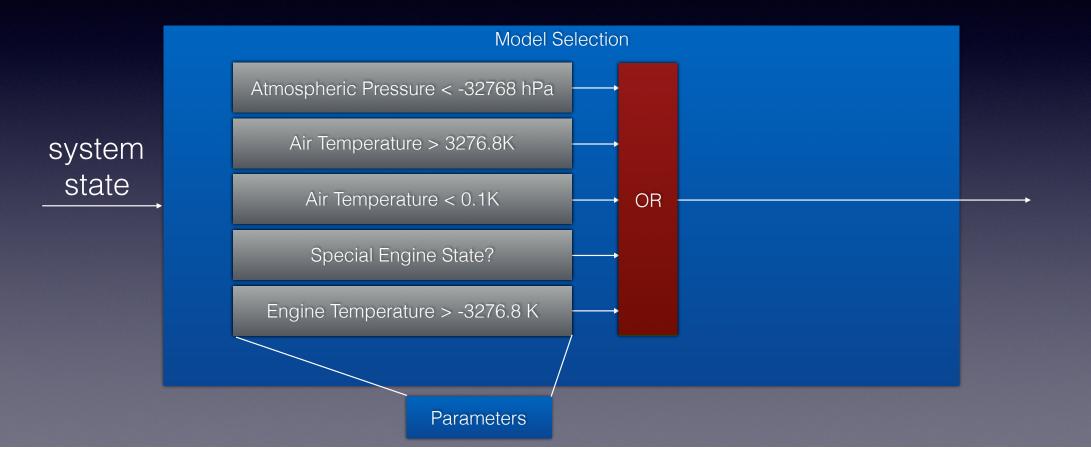
Primary Goal: Minimize NH<sub>3</sub> slip (while still reducing NO<sub>x</sub>)



## Model Switch



## Selection Criteria



#### Model Selection Tweaks

 Based on memory dump, we indeed see bit 4 ("too high temperature") set (little endian)!

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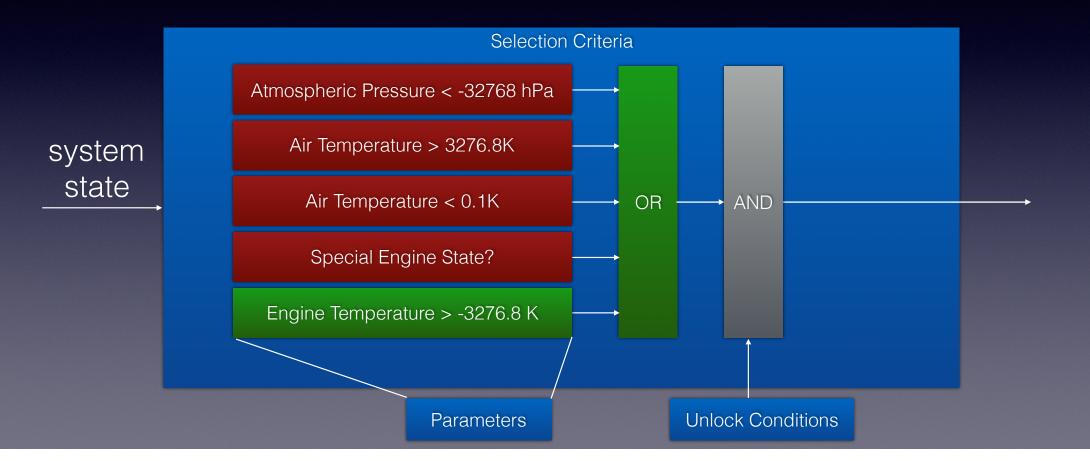
# Model Selection Tweaks

- Can this be true? This sounds fishy.
- Luckily, the ECU counts how often it is in each state, and saves that to EEPROM:

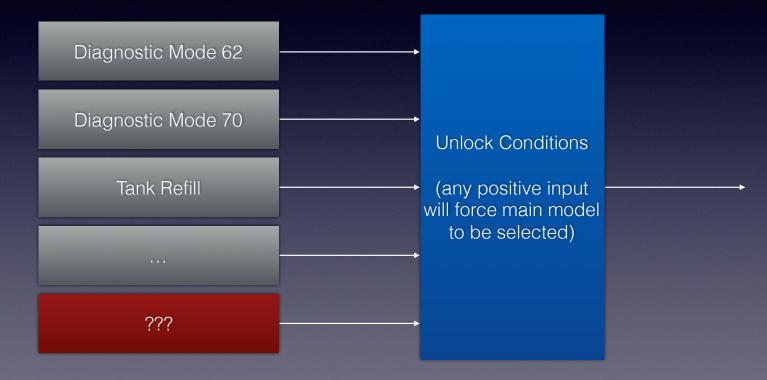


- Average AdBlue consumption is well below expectations as well. Alternative model tends to under-dose to avoid NH<sub>3</sub> slip (and, as a side effect, reduce AdBlue consumption)
- Averaged consumption on my car, as calculated by ECU, is ~0.6l/1000km. Expected for full efficiency would be around 2.5l/1000km.
- Ok, this is fishy. Let's investigate. (And how can the Regular Model still be selected sometimes?)

### Selection Criteria

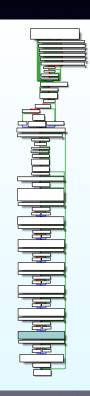


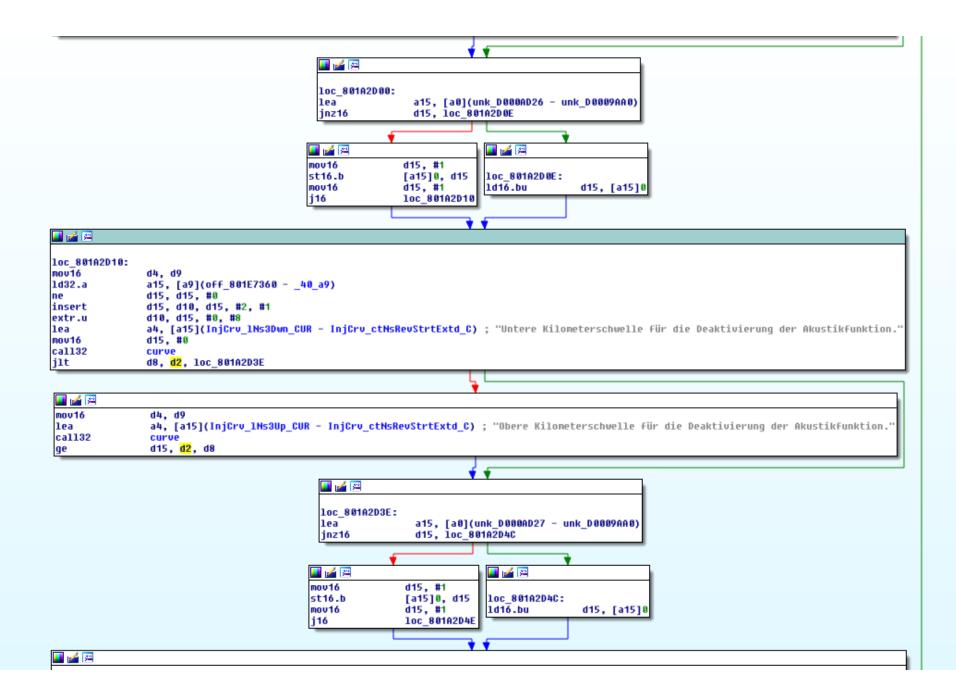
## Unlock Conditions?!

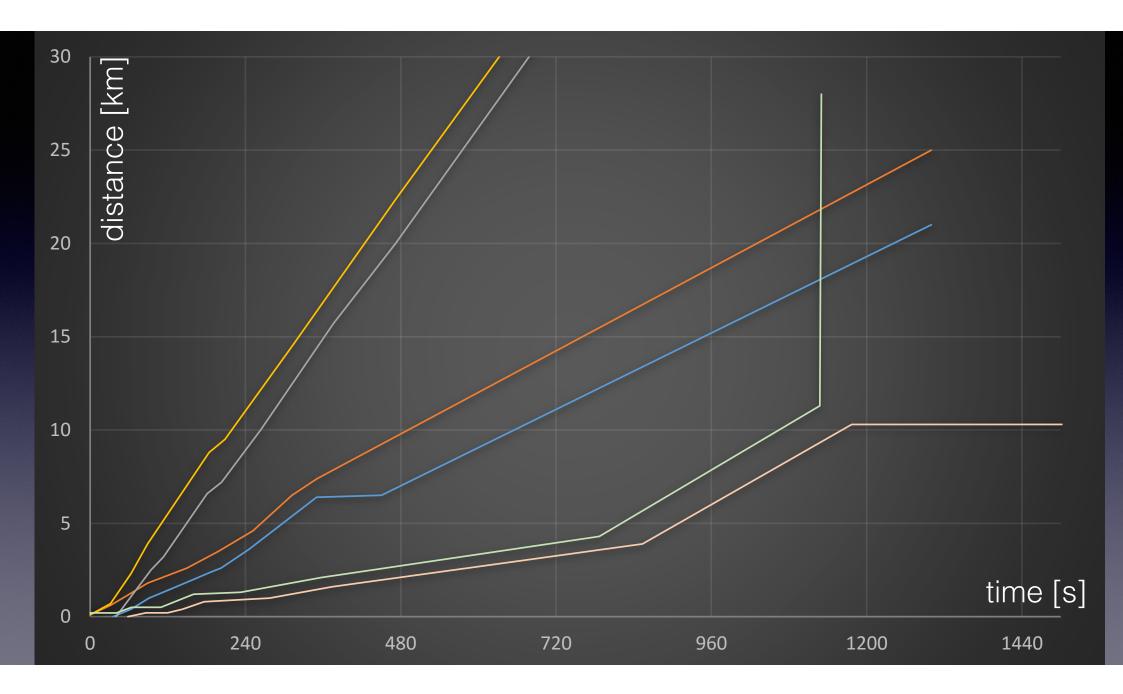


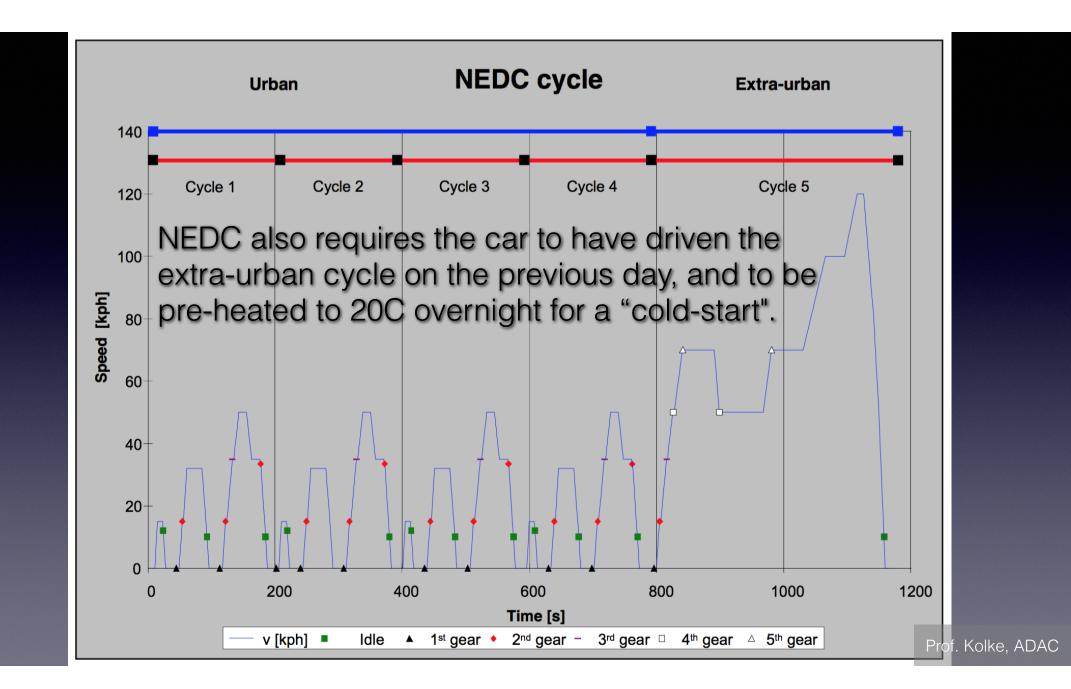
#### Weird Unlock Criteria

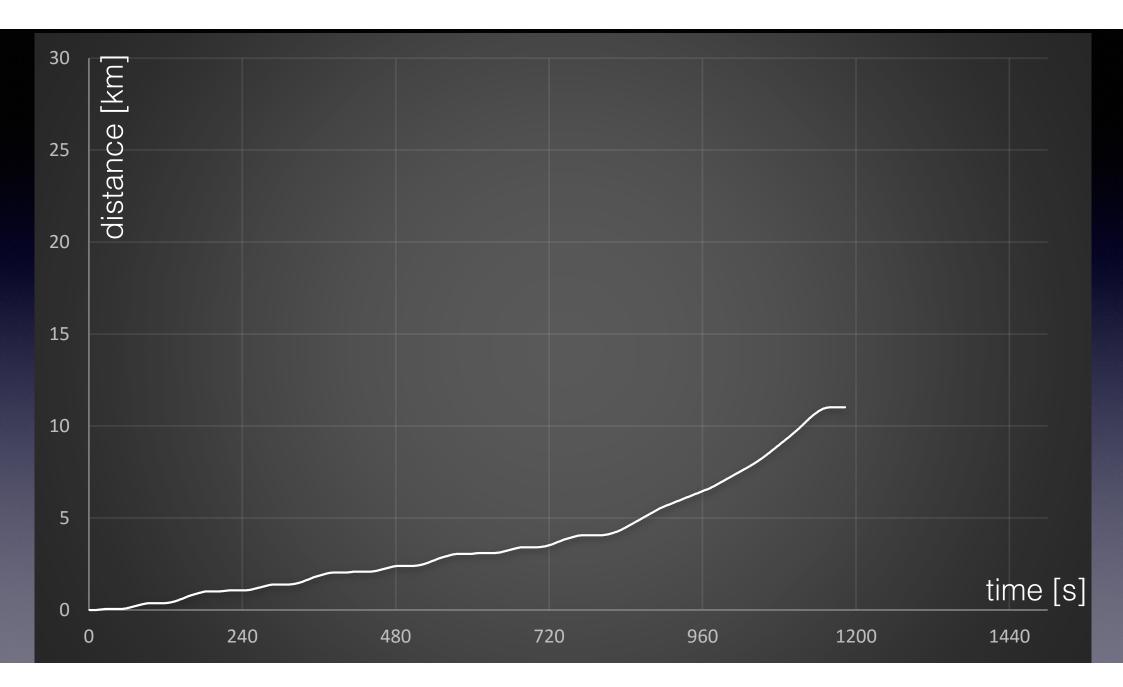
- Engine- and Fuel-temperature must be >15°C
- Atmospheric pressure must be >920 hPa (<~750m over sea level)</li>
- Driving profile must follow given limits.
- Limits are defined by 7 piecewise-linear min/max curves: distance-driven vs. time-since-motor-start.

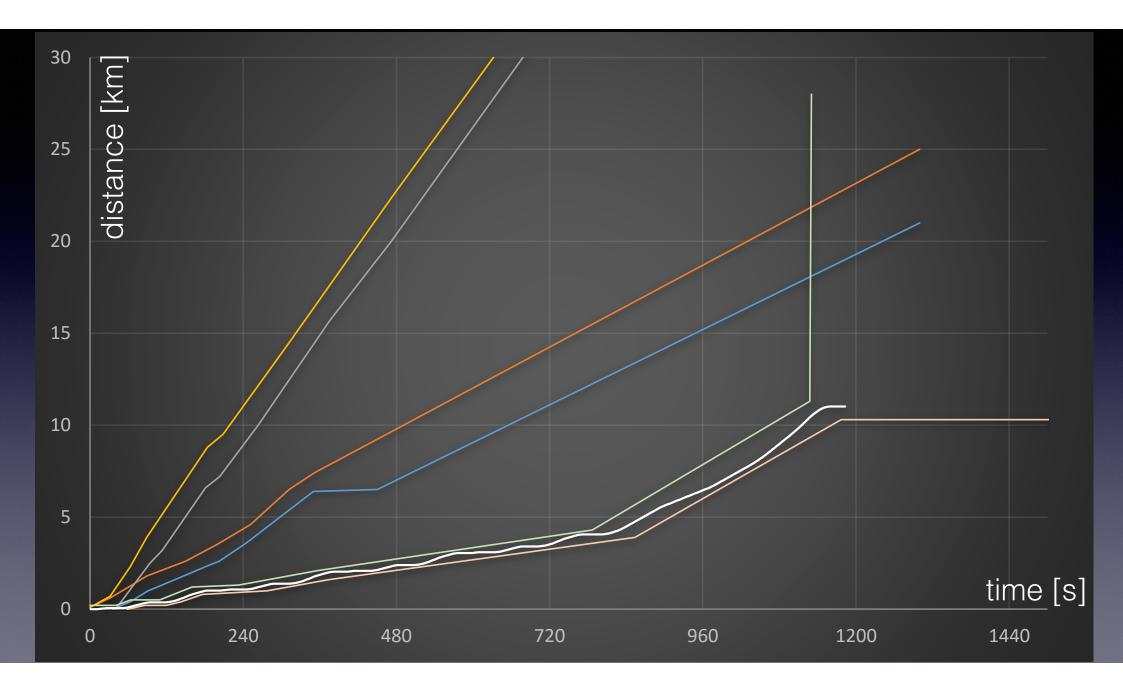


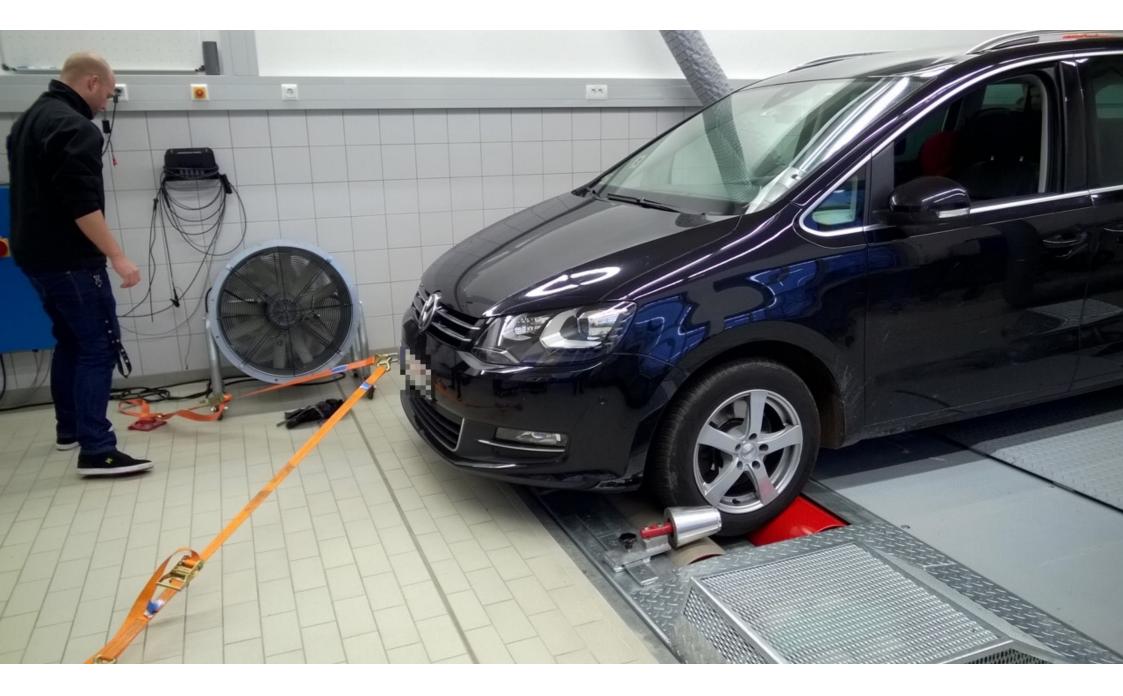


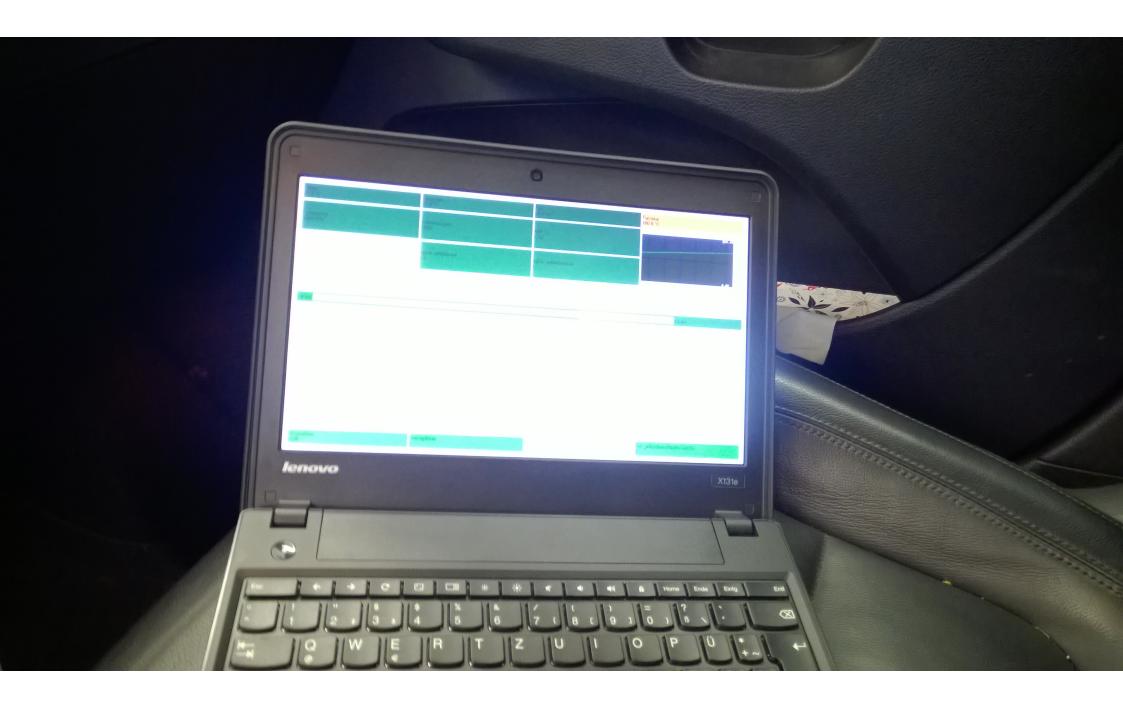




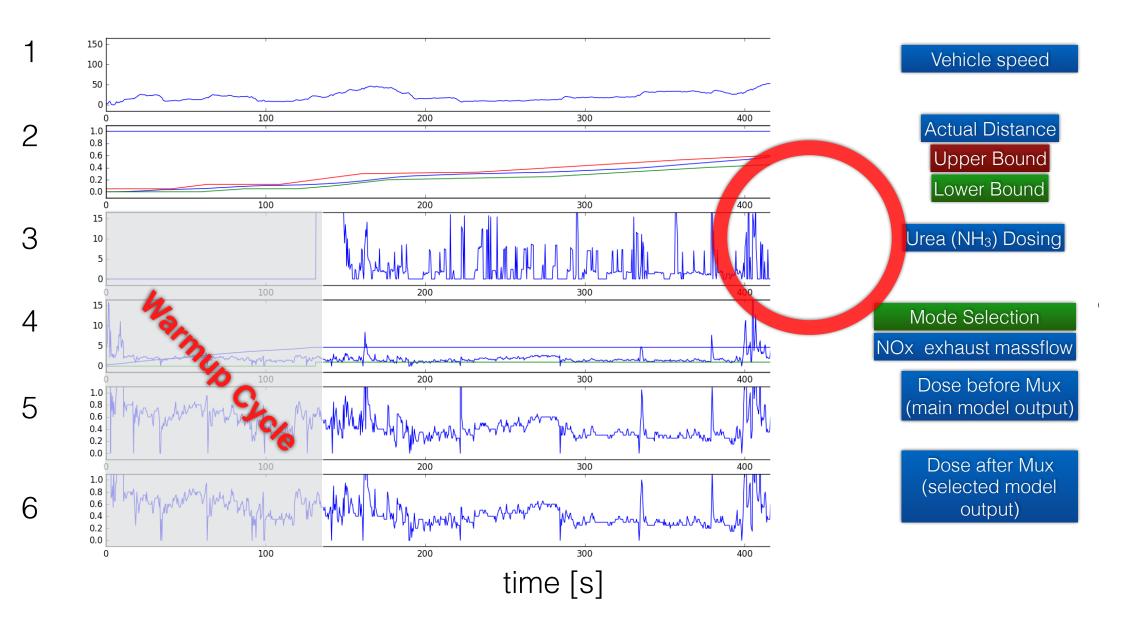








T <sub>Motor</sub>	Tkraftstoff	T <sub>ÕI</sub>	T <sub>SCRKat</sub>
85.4 °C	37 °C	90.1 °C	187.9 °C
P <sub>Umgebung</sub>	Umdrehungen	APP_r	100.00
1023 hPa	134	0	
InjCrv_tiNsRun	InjCrv_stNsReset	InjCrv_stNsCharCor	0.00
0 s	0 1 2 5	1	
VehV_v 0 km/h (NEFZ 0 km/h)	ASMod_ISumVehAct 0 km (NEFZ 0 km)	delta 0 / 0.2 / 0	
0 km			0.2 km
SCRFFC_dmNOxUs2S16_mp	SCRFFC_rPPMNOxUs	SCRFFC_stMskPreCtlMode2	CoEng_tiNormalRed
1.4 mg/s	131 ppm	336	10.08 s
SCRFFC_dmNH3PreCtlMode2_mp	SCRFFC_stMskNsPreCtlModDsbl	InjCrv_tiNormalRedStrtStop	SCRFFC_stPreCtlLck_mp
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3	0	COSCR_PRESSURECTL	
SCRFFC_dmNOxUs 1.4 mg/s	SCRFFC_dmNH3FdRat1 0.55 mg/s		
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#### Limitations

- All code-analysis is best-effort. We have not verified our findings with a third party yet. Take with a grain of salt.
- We couldn't do quantitative external NO<sub>x</sub> conversion measurements due to equipment availability.
- We have only looked at one particular affected car from the German market. It may not be representative for any other market or series.

#### Results

- Most of the time, a non-standard after treatment mode is active. We can show the code that's responsible ("negative temperature limit"), as well as logs (current state as well as counters for the SCR state).
- There is severe NH<sub>3</sub> under-dosing in this state, leading to inefficient NO<sub>x</sub> conversion; efficiency checks are disabled in this mode by design. This is indicated by absence of error messages while exceeding limits, and much-smaller-than-expected DEF consumption.
- Following the NEDC (environmental parameters and distance-over-time) will cause a switch to the main model. We can show the code that's responsible (driving cycle detection), as well as the effect on SCR state ("0x1" vs "0xB"). We can show the effect on DEF dosing.
- In the main model, all efficiency checks are enabled, enabling detection of bad Urea or catalyst.
- These results are in-line with VW press releases covering the manipulation.

# Thank you!

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