

Super Truck Program: Vehicle Project Review

Recovery Act –Class 8 Truck Freight Efficiency Improvement Project

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Project ID: ARRAVT080



Timeline

- Project start: April 2010
- Project end: March 2015
- Percent complete: 60%

Budget

- Total project \$79,119,736
- Vehicle budget \$47,486,735
 - DOE share^(*) \$10,430,000
 - DTNA share^(*) \$10,430,000

(*) through Feb, 2013 for vehicle R&D expenses only, engine R&D expenses reported separately

Barriers

- Resolve thermal & fluid dynamics tradeoffs between aero & cooling
- Rejecting more heat in a smaller, aerodynamic hood & engine compartment
- Development of safe and efficient high voltage power distribution, integrating multiple HV energy sources
- Making tradeoffs between efficiency, cost and weight
- Vehicle controls integration (aux, hybrid, powertrain, waste heat, predictive)

Partners

- Detroit Diesel
- Schneider National, Walmart
- National Renewable Energy Lab
- Oregon State University
- Strick Trailer
- Michelin
- ...



Objectives and Milestone

Develop and demonstrate a 50% total increase in vehicle freight efficiency:

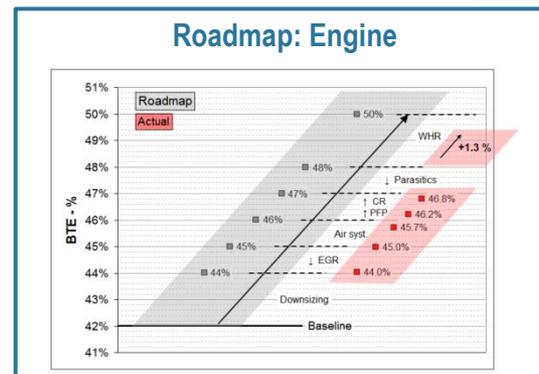
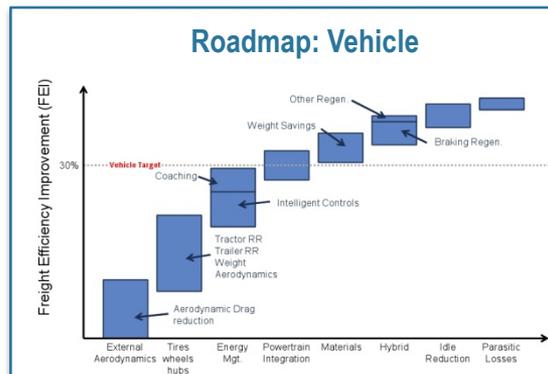
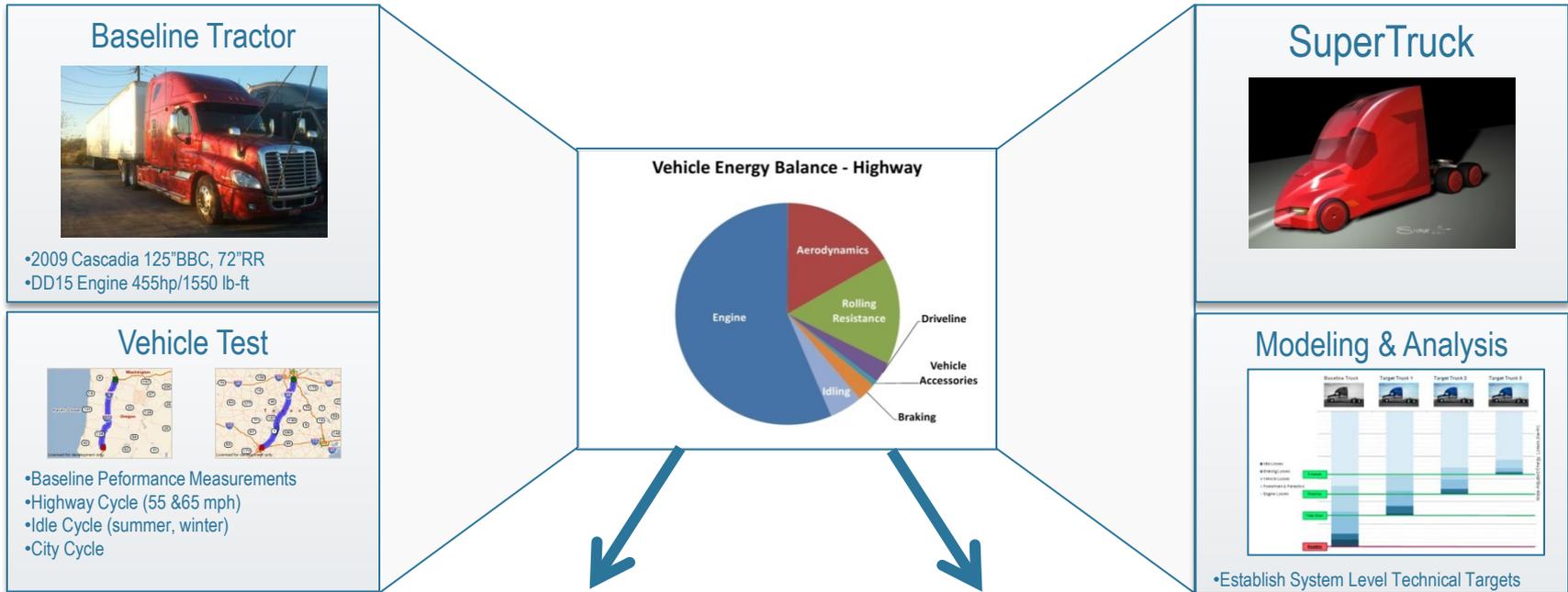
- At least 20% improvement through a heavy-duty diesel engine capable of achieving a 50% brake-thermal efficiency
- Identify key pathways towards achieving 55% through modeling and analysis

Timeline	Phase Description	Milestones
4/10–3/11	Analysis: (1) <i>Technology Modeling/Analysis and Initial Component Development and Demonstration</i>	Develop analytical roadmap: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 50% vehicle freight efficiency improvement • 50% engine brake thermal efficiency
4/11–3/12	Specification: (2) <i>Experimental Demonstration of Technology Building Blocks for Intermediate Goals</i>	Experimentally demonstrate technology building blocks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 25% vehicle freight efficiency improvement (system level test) • 46% engine brake thermal efficiency
4/12–5/13	Design: (3) <i>Technology Identifications and Final Component Development and Demonstration</i>	Identify and initially develop technology building blocks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 50% vehicle freight efficiency improvement (system level test & analysis) • 50% engine brake thermal efficiency
6/13–6/14	Build: (4) <i>Experimental Demonstration of Technology Building Blocks for 50% Engine Thermal Efficiency and 50% Vehicle Efficiency</i>	Experimentally demonstrate technology building blocks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 50% vehicle freight efficiency improvement (system level test) • 50% engine brake thermal efficiency
7/14–3/15	Test: (5) <i>Final System Integration and Demonstration</i>	Experimental demonstration: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 50% vehicle freight efficiency improvement (entire vehicle test) • 50% engine brake thermal efficiency (engine test) • 55% engine brake thermal efficiency (engine analysis)



Phase I Milestone Completed ✓

Analytical roadmap development to 50% vehicle FEI & 50% engine BTE

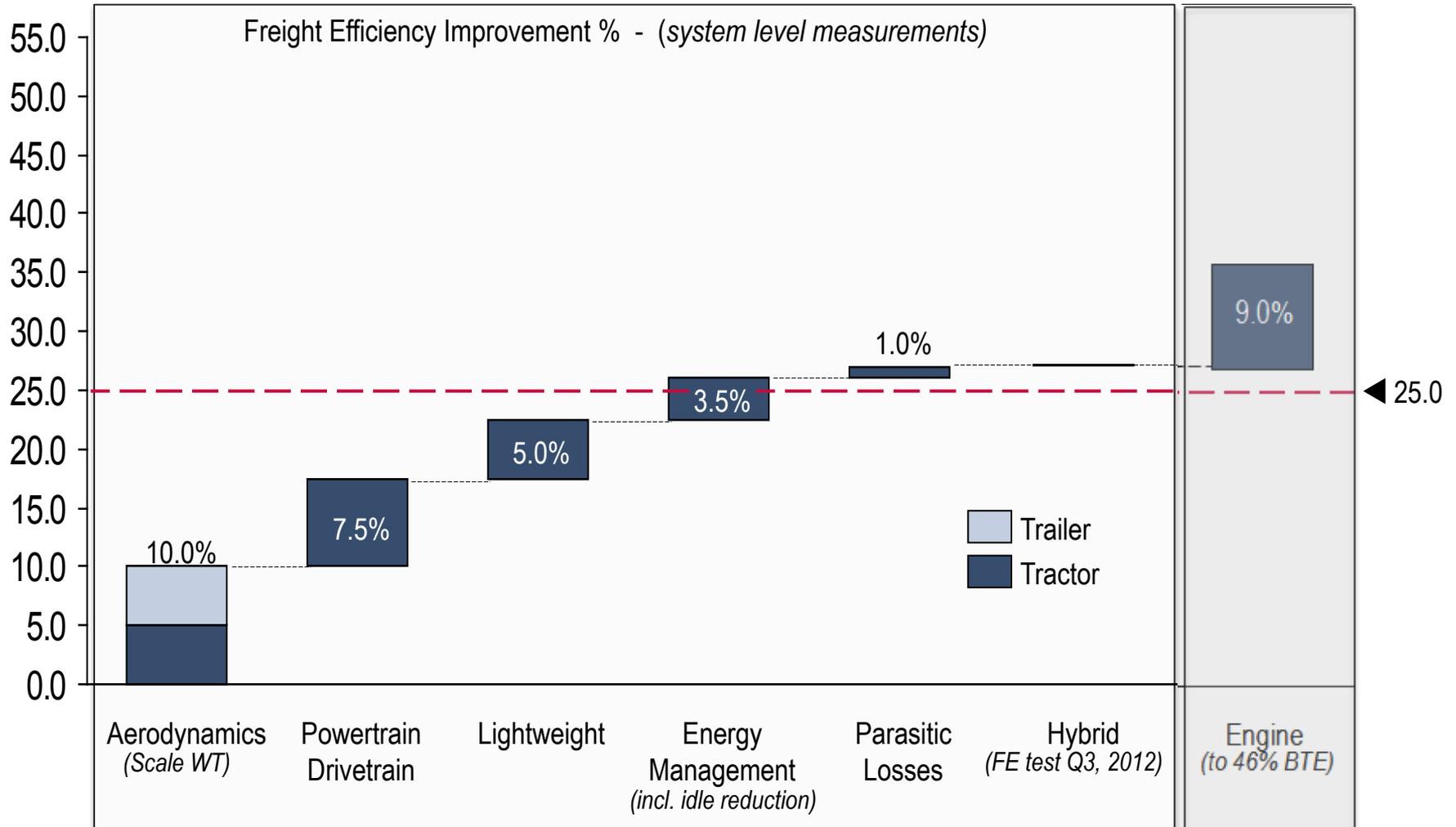


(Engine topics covered in separate session)



Phase 2 Milestone Status ✓

Experimental testing to 25% vehicle freight efficiency*



* Covered in last year's (2012) Annual Merit Review



Phase II Accomplishments*

April 2011 – March 2012

- Tractor/ trailer preliminary aerodynamics analysis and testing
- Cooling integration (engine, waste heat, a/c, hybrid)
- Lightweight frame concepts
- Transmission and axle ratio analysis (engine downspeeding)
- Tire, wheel & hub optimization
- Hybrid A-sample buildup
- eHVAC & fuel cell APU testing and down-selection
- Parasitic load reduction for air compressor & power steering
- Predictive technologies and eco-driver feedback testing

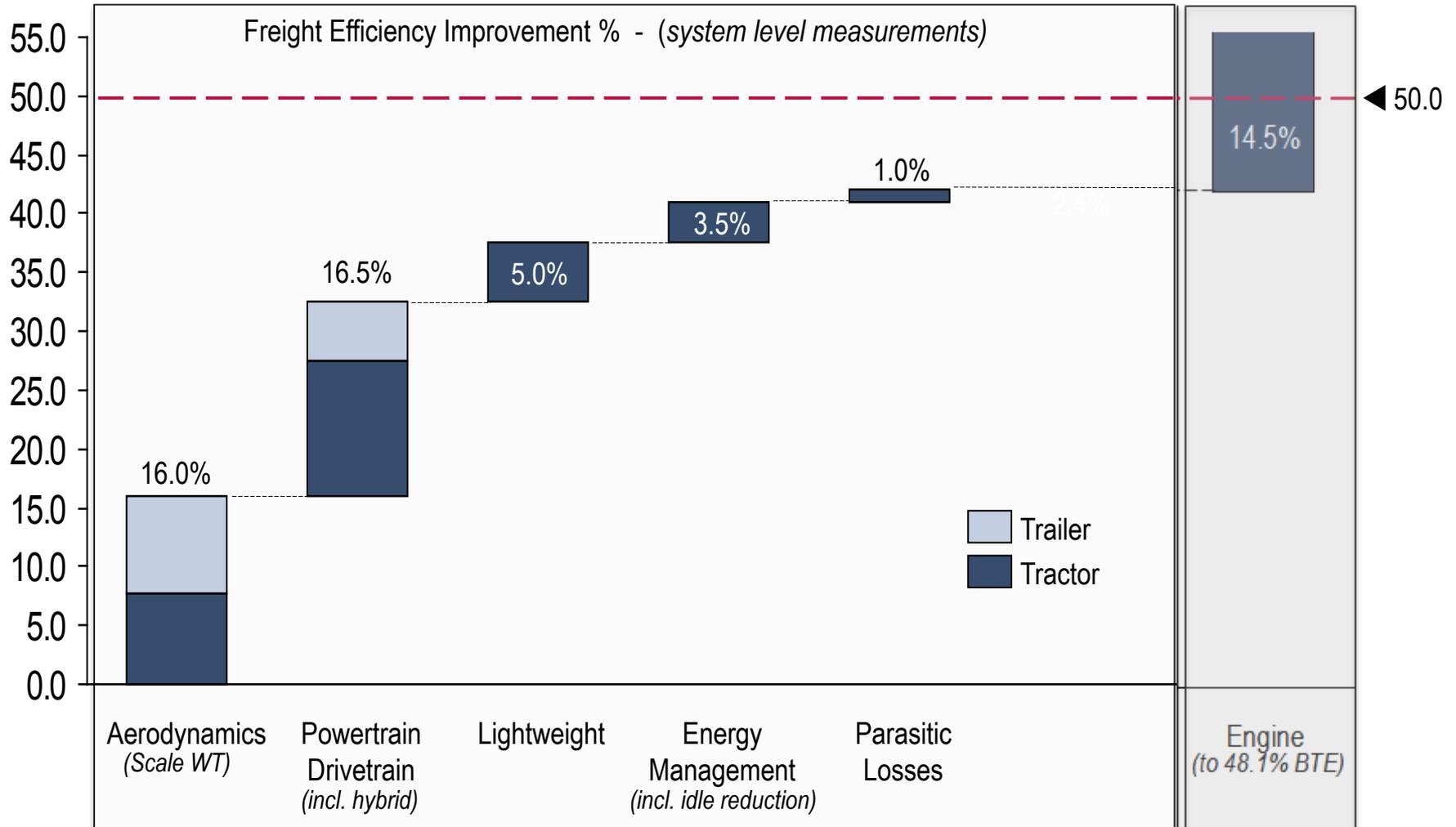
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Phase 3 Milestone Status ✓

Experimental testing to 50% vehicle freight efficiency

➔ **NEXT STEP:** build the truck



Hybrid Development & Integration Activities

Vehicle: ZZ2210

A-Sample Hybrid System

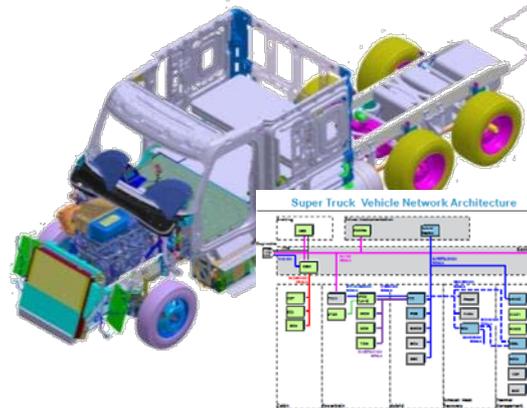
- Base system design and HV vehicle integration
- Functional testing & 5000 mile shakedown complete
- eHVAC testing completed
- FE test completed



Vehicle: ZZ2215

B-Sample Hybrid System

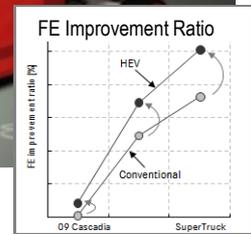
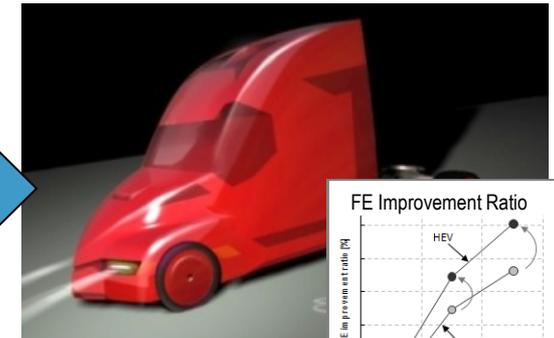
- Upgraded HEV components
- WHR in-vehicle integration
- High voltage interfaces
- Thermal interfaces
- Integrated in-vehicle cooling



Vehicle: ZZ2660

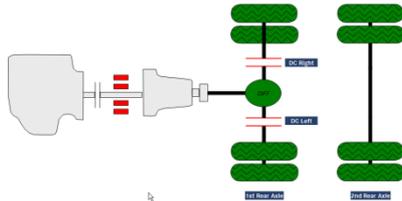
DoE Demonstrator Vehicle

- Calibration for lower drag torque losses
- Weight optimization



Powertrain Integration Activities

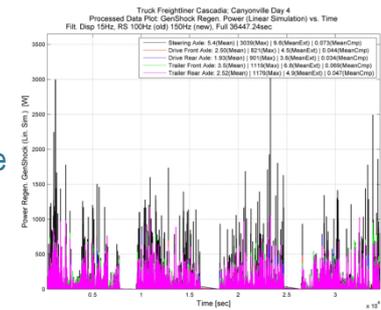
Coasting / Freewheeling



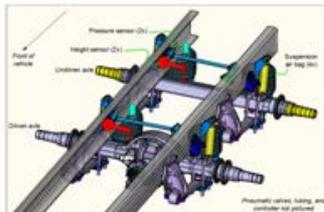
- Shift in neutral under zero torque conditions
- Adaptation to hybrid functionality
- Drag torque reduction through differential disengagement

Damping Recuperation

- Measured damping forces on baseline route
- Calculated energy losses
- Energy loss too minor to pursue

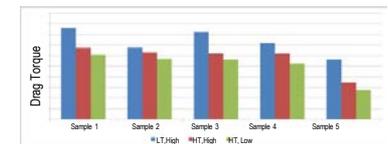


Smart 6x2 Axle Configuration



- Incorporating weight shifting:
- 'Traction' mode –for increased traction
 - 'Eco' mode –for improved efficiency

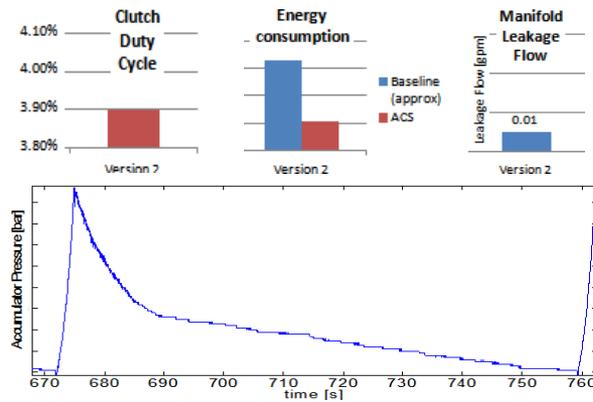
Gear Oil Management



- Base oils/ additive package evaluation for drive axle
- Temp, level & oil formulation

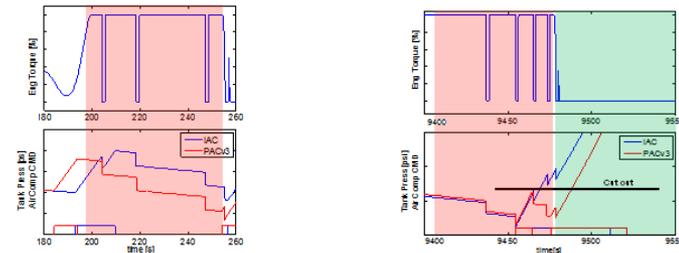
Parasitic Losses

AccuSteer



- Closed center steering gear / hydraulic accumulator
- Iterated the design to reduce steering effort
- Installed & completed on-highway performance and efficiency

Instantaneous / Predictive Air Control



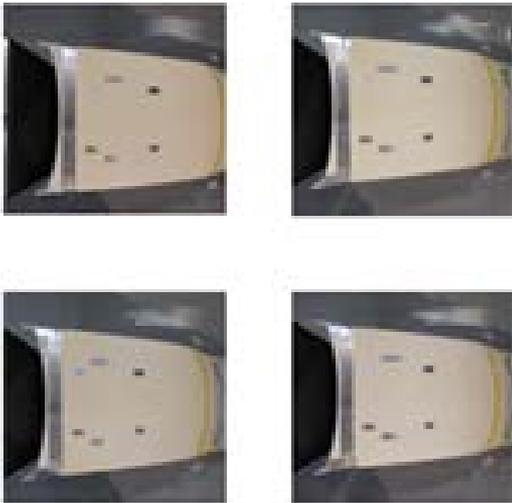
- Intelligent adjustment of cut in / cut out pressures based on predicted torque demand
 - Maximize activations during coasting
 - Minimize activation at full torque

Aerodynamics Analysis of truck exterior systems

Roof, side extender & spoiler, etc...

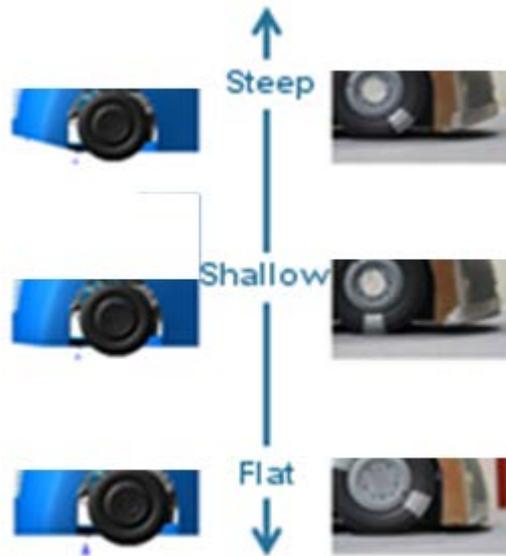
Side Extender/Roof Spoiler

- Evaluation side extenders & roof spoiler angles
- Swept several degrees from nominal



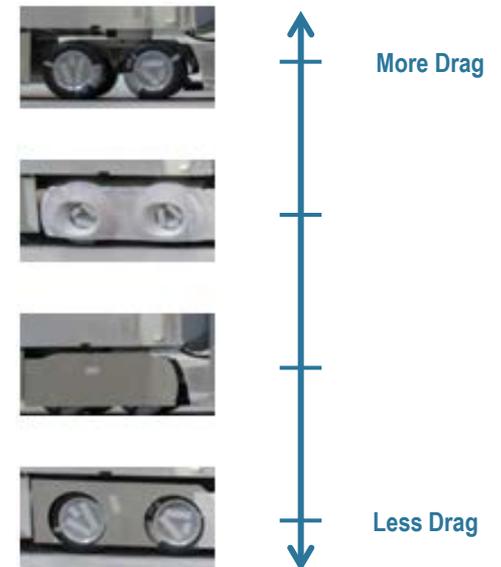
Ramp Angle

- Adjusting ramp angle has a large effect on drag



Drive Wheel Fairings

- Provides cover for turbulence created from drive wheels
- Streamline sides of vehicle



Truck Exterior Concept Refinement

Basic Shape

Evaluation, selection and refinement

Styling Themes

multiple styling themes ideated based on engineering surface

Basic Shape Analysis Outcomes

	Notional 1	Notional 3
		
Aerodynamics		Slight Advantage
Thermodynamics <i>(Ambient Capability)</i>	Advantage in full engine load	
	Equal Performance under partial load	
WHR <i>(Power Gain)</i>	Equal Performance	
Weight	Equal Performance	
Chassis Packaging		Slight Advantage
Cab Impact		Advantage
Technical Risk		Advantage



- Basic shape analysis complete
- Truck theme selected

→ 23% drag reduction measured on tractor in scale wind tunnel / CFD

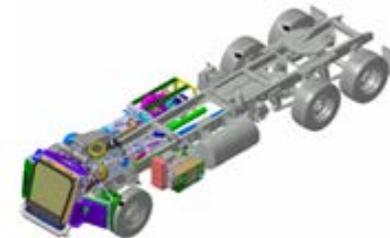
Vehicle Integration

Exterior Engineering Surface



- Phase 1 - Space claim and initial packaging check
- Phase 2 – A pillar modification, windshield wiper check, door cutline & swing, mid-chassis modifications, underhood airflow optimization
- Phase 3 – Cab roof and sidewall, hood tilt, bumper development, grill, headlights

Chassis Package

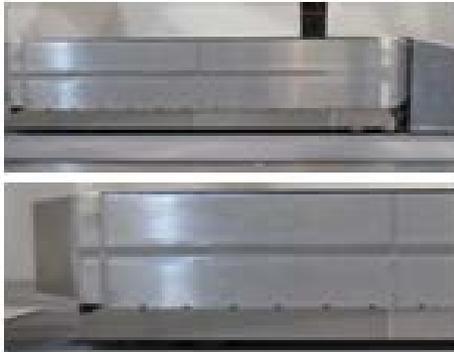


- Package engine compartment systems under aerodynamic hood and with proper ground clearance
- Powertrain components including hybrid
- High voltage electrical systems including routing, cooling & HVIL
- Integration of hybrid, waste heat systems mid chassis
- Optimized airflow for engine & a/c intake air, airside exit paths for heat exchangers
- Extensive mechanical analysis incl. FEA
- Lightweight frame rail and cross member assembly

Defining Optimal Aerodynamic Trailer Configuration

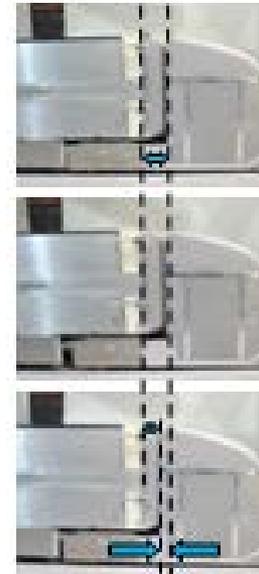
Trailer Treatments

- Full length trailer skirts
- Front of trailer device
- Rear of trailer device



TT Gap Strategy

- Shorten tractor wheelbase
- Reduce tractor / trailer gap from
- Bridge remaining gap with tractor trailer treatments



→ 25% drag reduction measured on trailer in scale wind tunnel & CFD

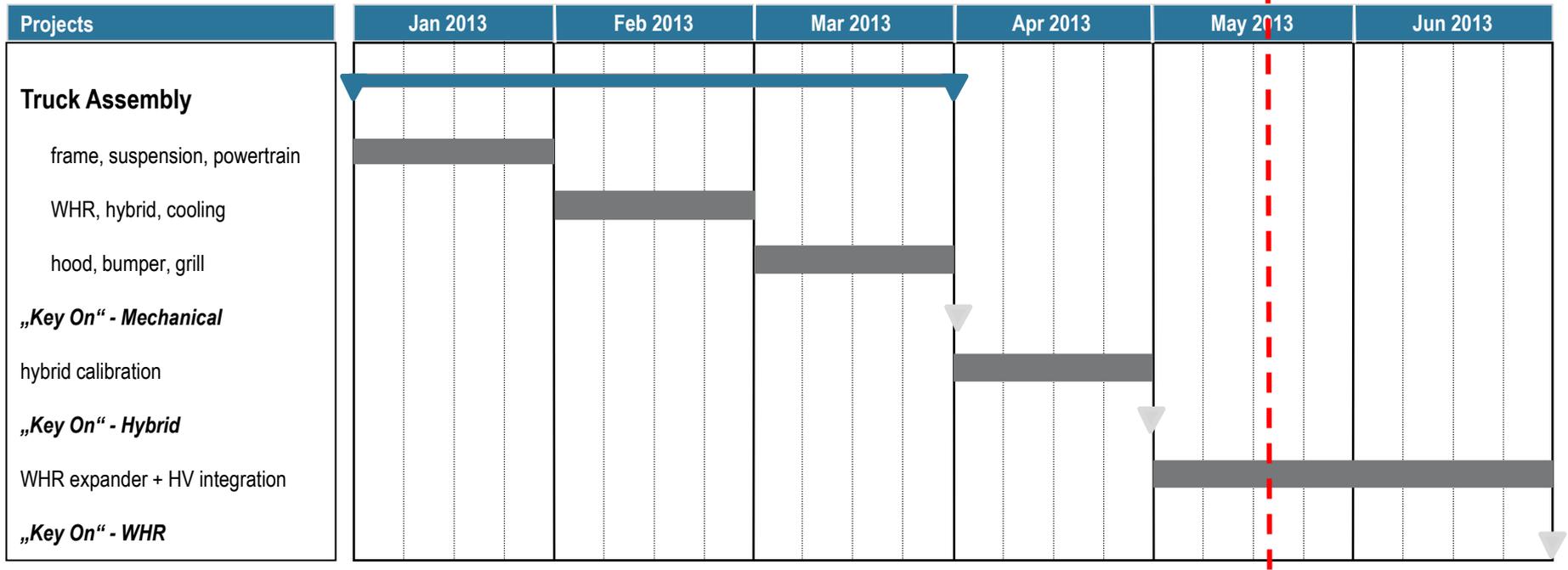


Preliminary SuperTruck Build



Scope & Schedule

- Engine, waste heat, A/C & hybrid cooling
- High voltage power distribution
- Powertrain / drivetrain optimization
- Shift optimization
- Routing & plumbing





SuperTruck Partnerships and Collaborations



Department of Energy:

- Roland Gravel
- Gurpreet Singh

- Ken Howden
- Carl Maronde

Energy Management

Hybrid

Aero/Cooling

Lightweighting

Powertrain/Parasitics

Fleet



Vehicle Summary and Future Work

Successful completion of phase 1&2; Phase 3 targets met

Technology building blocks from 25% to 50% FEI based on system-level measurements through additional improvements in:

- Aerodynamics
- Powertrain / Parasitics / Hybrid
- Engine / Waste Heat Recovery
(Engine topics covered in separate presentation)

Next Steps

- Complete the vehicle integration of ENG, WHR, HYB, PT
- Complete buildup of A-sample SuperTruck
- Initiate the buildup of 2 final demonstrator vehicles

SuperTruck Project Plan and Milestones

