

Super Truck Program: Engine Project Review

Recovery Act – Class 8 Truck Freight Efficiency Improvement Project

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Timeline

- Project start: April 2010
- Project end: March 2015
- Percent complete: 40%

Budget

- Total project \$79,119,736
- Engine Budget \$31,633,001
 - DOE Share(*) \$4,494,000
 - DTNA Share (*) \$9,042,000

(*) Program total through Dec 2011 for engine R&D expenses only, vehicle R&D expenses reported separately

Barriers

- High efficiency SCR unit had higher than desired pressure drop. Design being iterated.
- Integrate electric power generating systems with hybrid power bus and controls

Partners

- Department of Energy
- Oak Ridge National Laboratory
- Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- Atkinson LLC
- Daimler Trucks North America
- Daimler Advanced Engineering

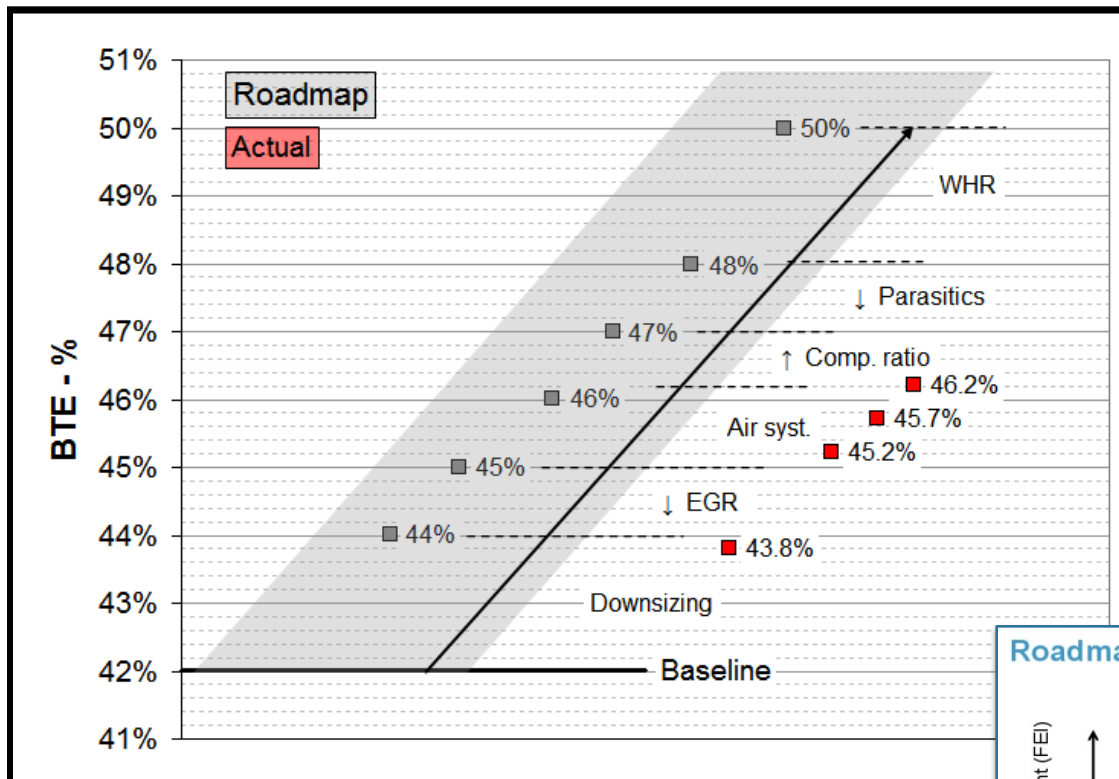
Objectives and Milestone

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

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

Timeline	Phase Description	Milestones
4/10–3/11	(1) Technology Modeling/Analysis and Initial Component Development and Demonstration	Develop analytical roadmap: •50% vehicle freight efficiency improvement • 50% engine brake thermal efficiency
4/11–3/12	(2) Experimental Demonstration of Technology Building Blocks for Intermediate Goals	Experimentally demonstrate technology building blocks: • 25% vehicle freight efficiency improvement (system level test) • 46% engine brake thermal efficiency
4/12–5/13	(3) Technology Identifications and Final Component Development and Demonstration	Identify and initially develop technology building blocks: •50% vehicle freight efficiency improvement (system level test & analysis) •50% engine brake thermal efficiency
6/13–6/14	(4) Experimental Demonstration of Technology Building Blocks for 50% Engine Thermal Efficiency and 50% Vehicle Efficiency	Experimentally demonstrate technology building blocks: •50% vehicle freight efficiency improvement (system level test) •50% engine brake thermal efficiency
7/14–3/15	(5) Final System Integration and Demonstration	Experimental demonstration: •50% vehicle freight efficiency improvement (entire vehicle test) •50% engine brake thermal efficiency (engine test) •55% engine brake thermal efficiency (engine analysis)

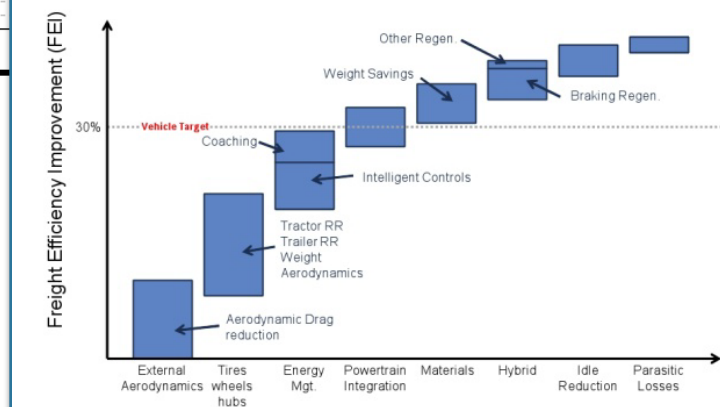
Super Truck Core Engine Development



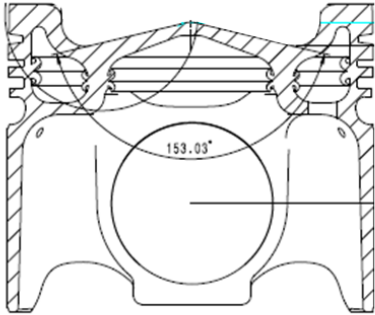
Demonstrate 50% brake thermal efficiency via:

- Engine downsizing (higher BMEP)
- Higher compression ratio
- Air system optimizations, reduced EGR
- Reduced parasitic
- Waste heat recovery

Roadmap: Vehicle-Side Technologies



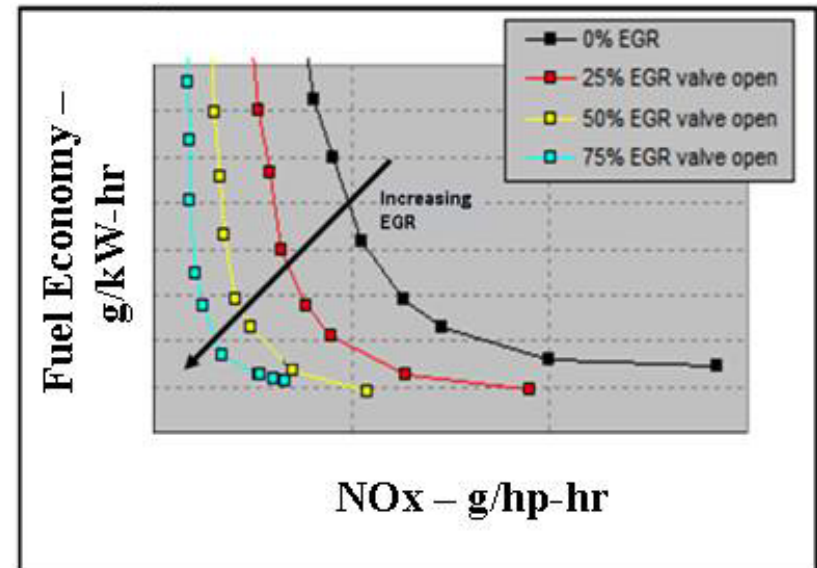
Higher Peak Firing Pressures



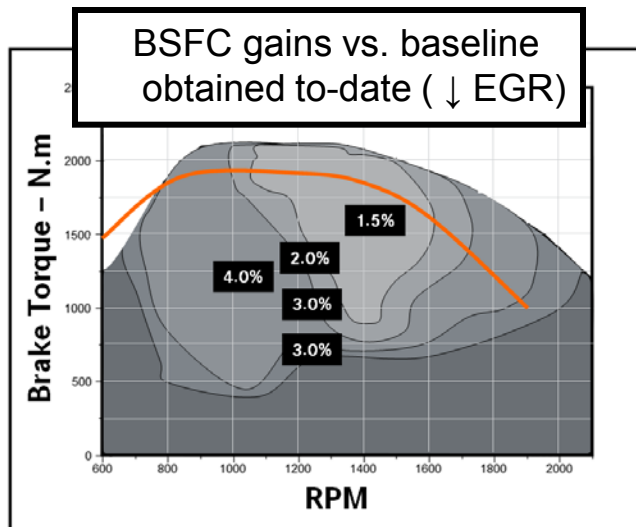
- Raised peak firing pressure by 10% in test. Will increase by 20% over baseline this year.
- Increase compression ratio by 2 points over the baseline
- Re-matching injector tip to new piston bowl

Air System Rematch

- Leveraging higher SCR conversion efficiency to reduce EGR rates
- Higher airflow rates requires a turbo rematch
- Prototype turbocharger on order
- Prototype turbocompound unit on order



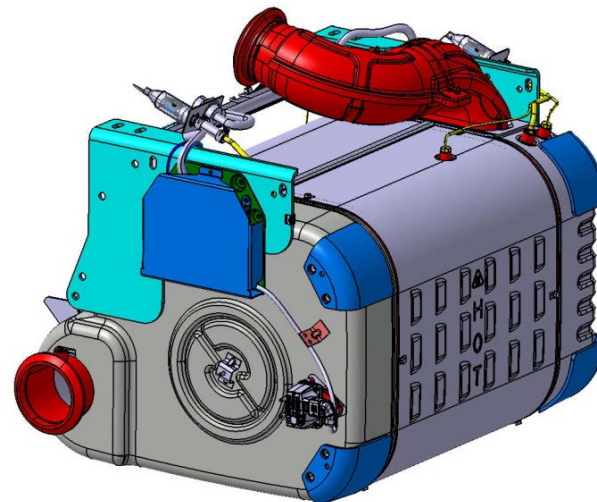
Increased Engine Out NOx



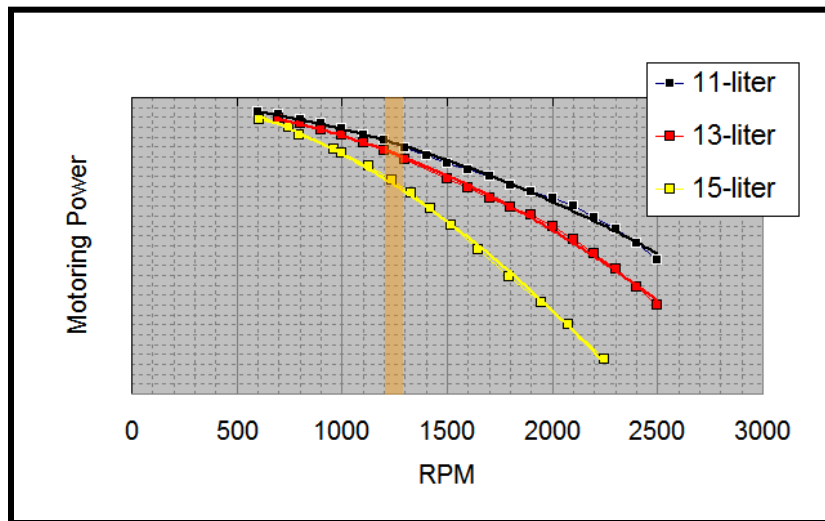
- Significantly reduced EGR
- Calibration adjusted to maintain good SCR temperatures
- Significant bsfc benefit measured

Aftertreatment

- Thinner wall DPF showed very low dP. DPF will benefit from higher NOx/PM ratio (low soot load)
- Increased SCR cell density and alternative catalyst material. Testing showed high SCR conversion efficiency (95 to 100%), but high SCR dP.
- Iterating SCR design



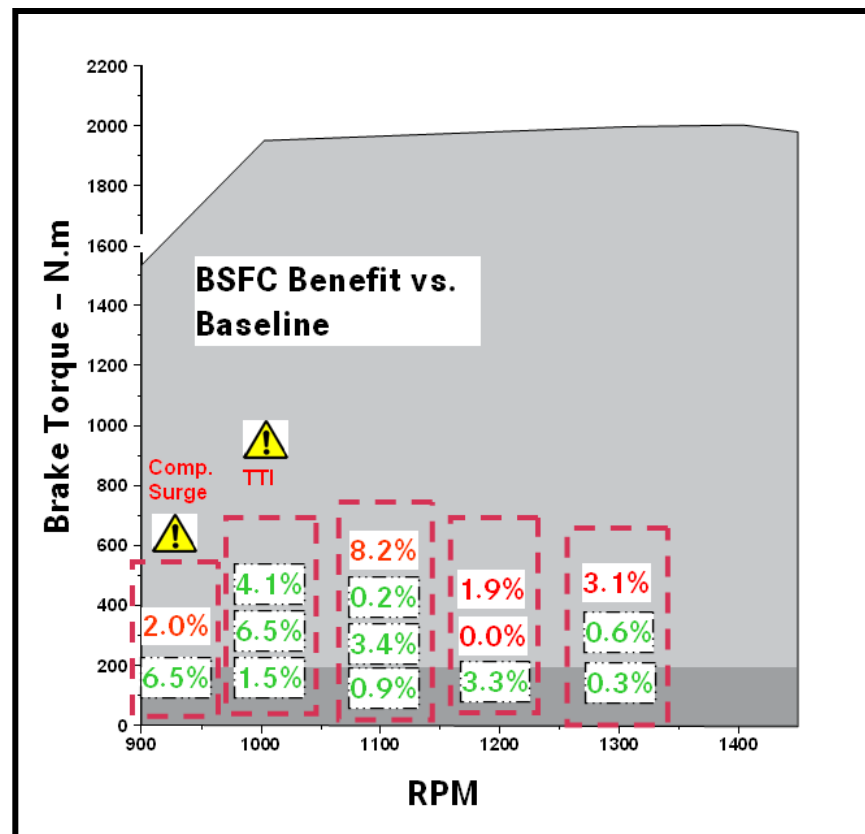
Engine Parasitic Reduction via Downsizing



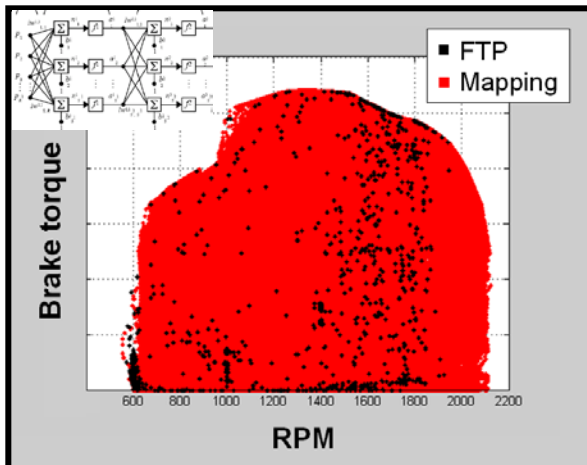
- 40% motoring power reduction at cruise RPM
- Higher BMEP at road load

Engine Downsizing Via Cylinder Deactivation

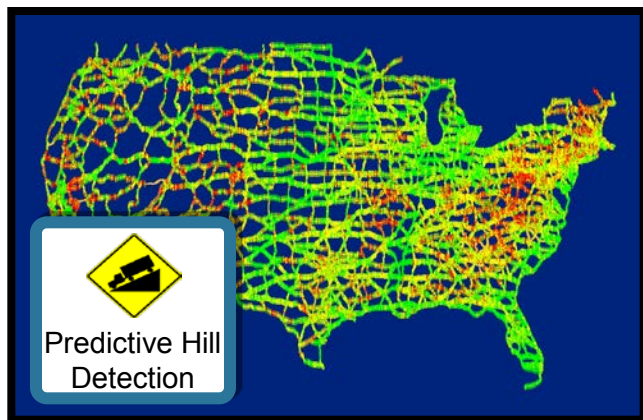
- Cylinder deactivation was evaluated as a way to increase BMEP
- Measurable BSFC benefit at low loads
- Limiting factors (namely exh. temperature and airflow) necessitate turbocharger rematch.
- Not being pursued further



SuperTruck Engine Controls – Objective

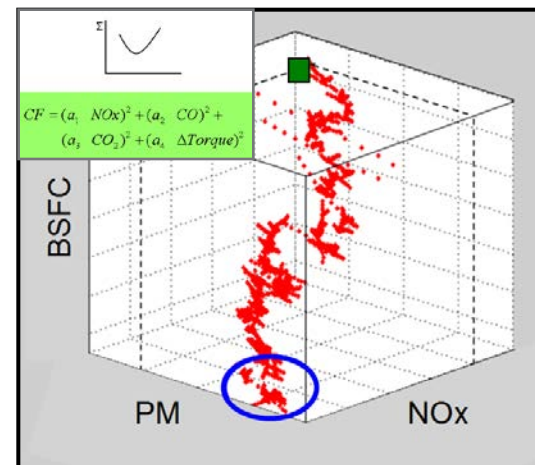


Extensive engine mapping is used in neural network model training



Predictive route information enables enhanced use of engine optimization.

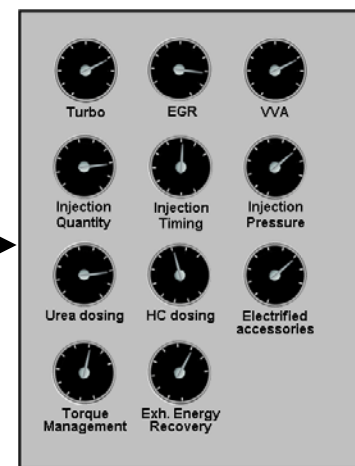
- Develop a **predictive** engine controller
- Include a fuel efficiency optimizer
- Integrate predictive vehicle information
- Reduce calibration complexity



Emissions & fuel economy models enable on-board BSFC optimization

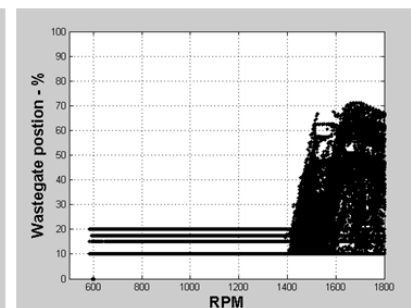
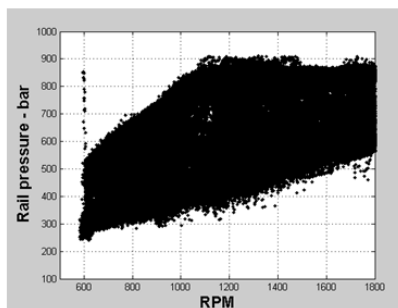
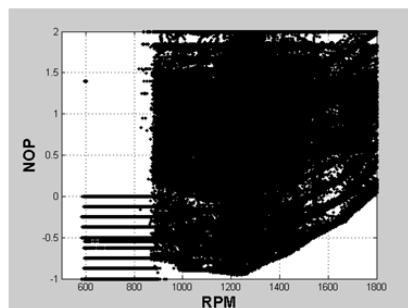
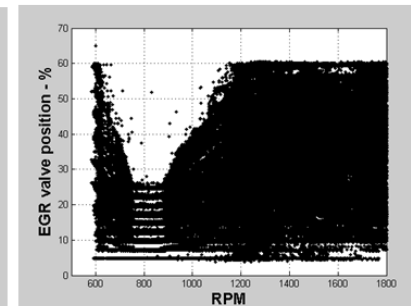
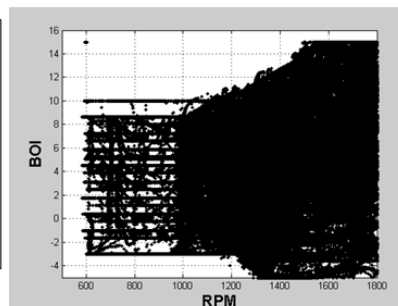
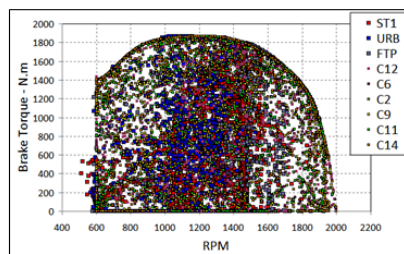
Calibration Constraints

- Drivability
- Durability
- Fuel economy
- Life-cycle cost
- NOx / PM / NMHC / CO₂
- OBD
- Exhaust temperature
- GPS / Route / Traffic info.

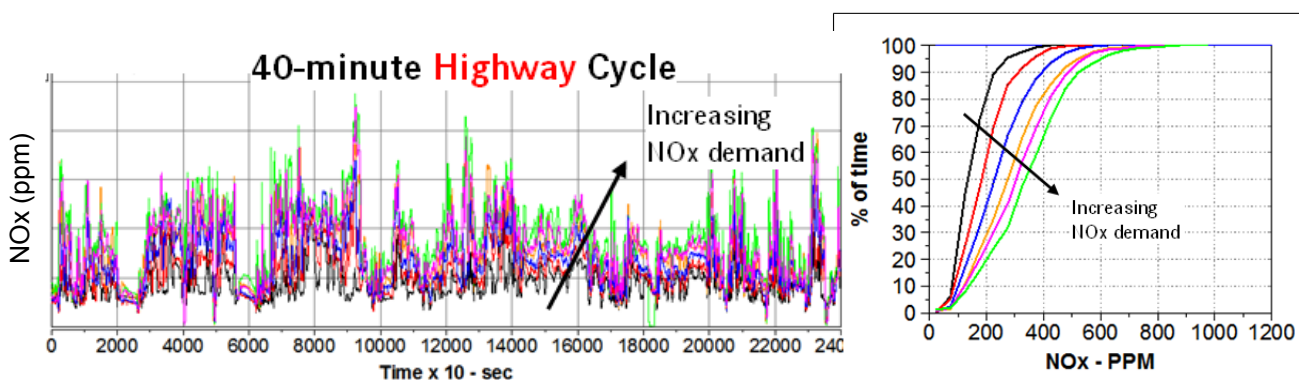


Engine Mapping

- Engine controller relies on extensive engine mapping
- Data is obtained under transient conditions

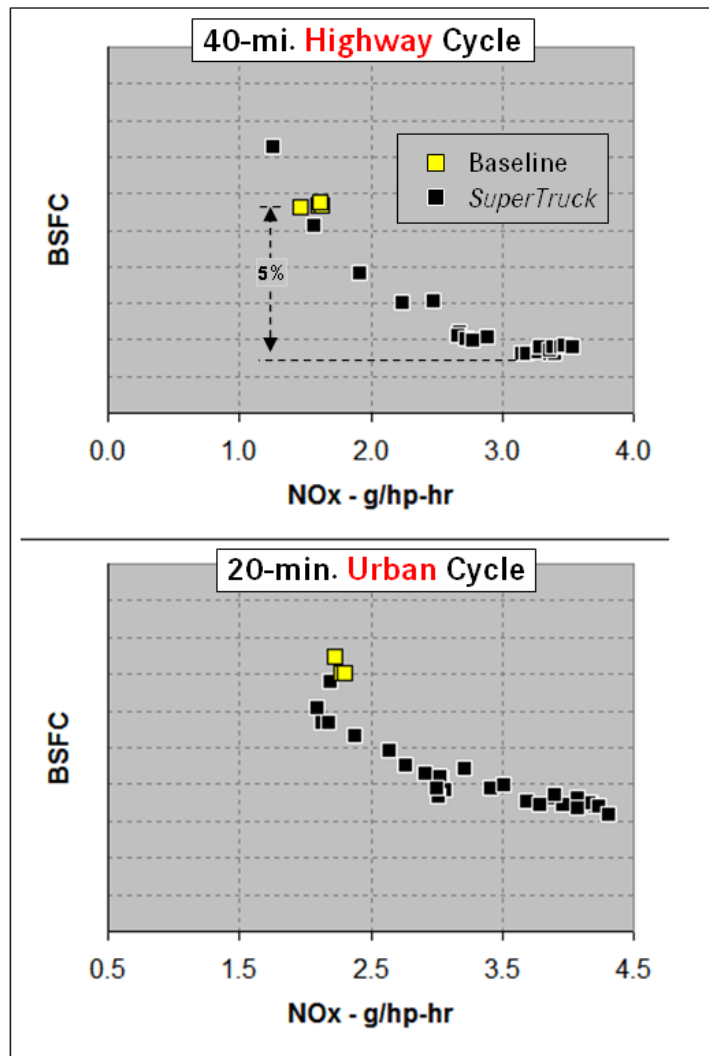


Controller Evaluation Over Transient Cycles

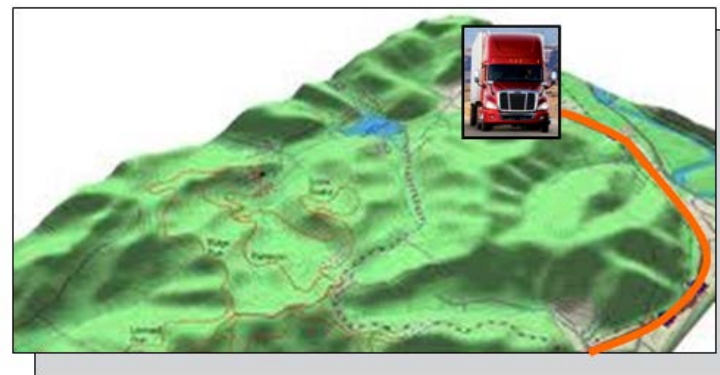


- Extended number of controlled variable
- Evaluated controller on SuperTruck routes (20 and 40-minute dyno cycles)
- Controller response is predictable and repeatable

Integrate With Super Truck's Predictive Capabilities



- Demonstrated controller's ability to modulate NOx in real-time
- 5% lower BSFC over highway ST cycle
- 4.8% lower BSFC over urban ST cycle
- Will use route information (GPS, terrain, traffic, etc.) to leverage the engine controller's ability to optimize the engine in real-time



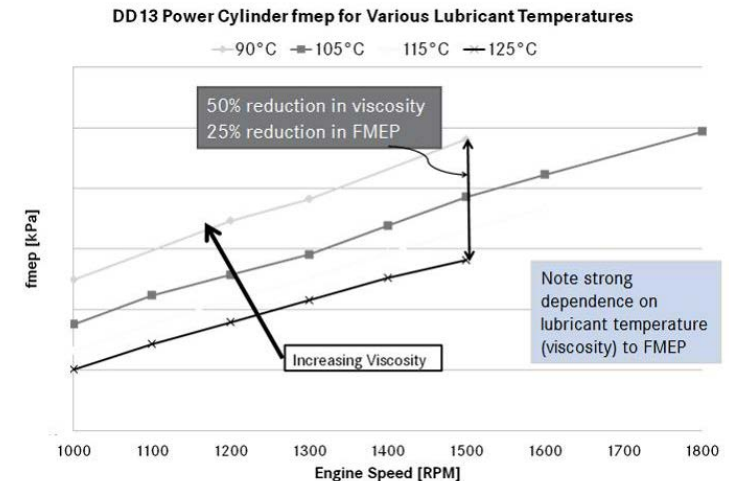
Reduced Engine Parasitics



- Water pump improvements completed, 0.5% BSFC improvement
- Development work on lower friction kit (piston, rings, liner) continues. Initial bench testing was positive, engine testing did not show same results. Development continues.
- Evaluating alternative oils

MIT Friction

- Evaluated where potential for friction improvement was largest with special attention to oil temperatures
- Looking at component optimizations for oil temperature control within system for friction reduction
- Significant modeling completed and effort continues



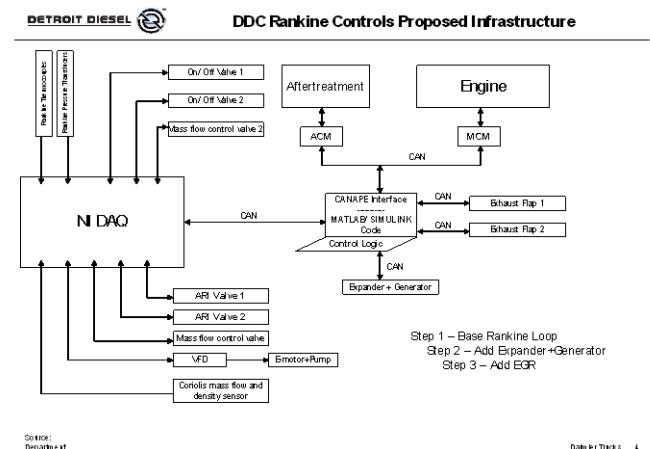
Waste Heat Recovery Test Bed



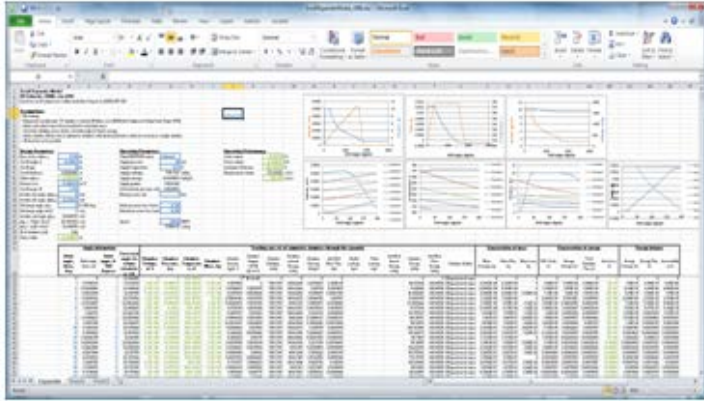
- Test fixture designed, and built
- Allowance for additional instrumentation and easy installation in a test cell
- Component location relative to each other same as planned for vehicle

Waste Heat Recovery Control System

- Test bed control system designed and functional
- Further refinement in process to allow for running on vehicle



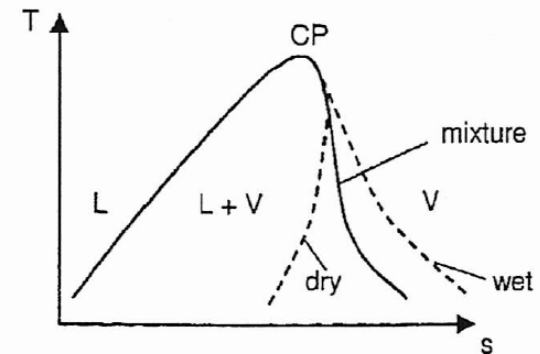
Waste Heat Recovery Modeling



- Modeling of waste heat recovery continues for both component sizing and overall system optimization
- Multiple models being utilized; Daimler in-house model and Oak Ridge National Laboratory model

Working Fluid

- Selection criteria considered:
 - Low environmental impact, thermodynamic performance, acceptable operating pressures, high thermal stability, etc.
- Ethanol selected

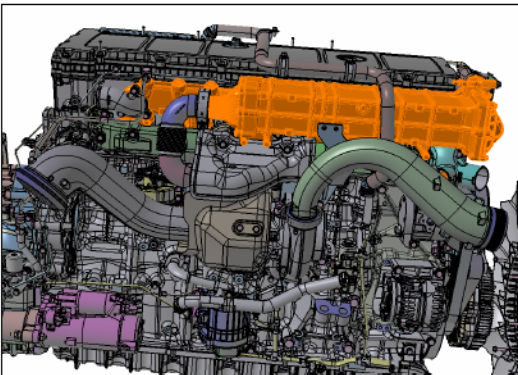


Waste Heat Recovery Testing

- Test fixture installed in dedicated waste heat recovery test cell
- Successful shakedown of fixture and controls
- Boiler and condenser evaluations in process
- Expander/generator in final assembly

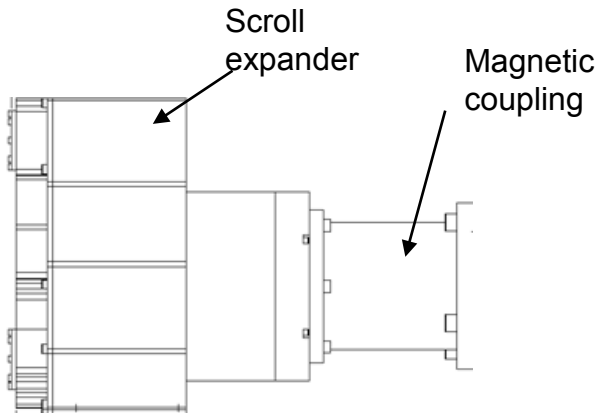


Waste Heat Recovery Packaging



- Current system using exhaust gas recovery only. Packaging and design of EGR recovery in process
- Packaging studies in vehicle underway. Significant studies into cooling system impact completed (DTNA lead)

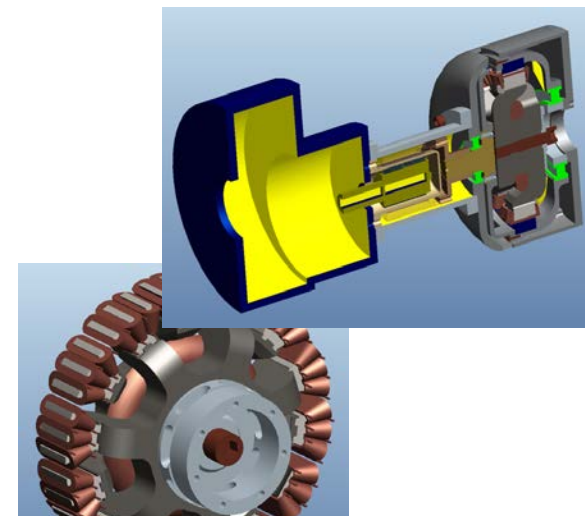
Expander



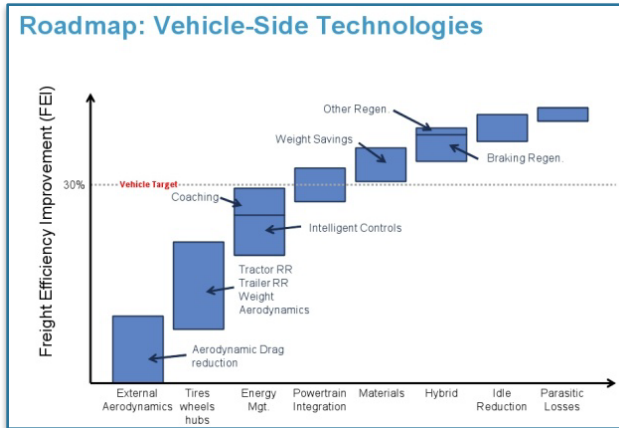
- Scroll expander selected as primary option for WHR
- Magnetic coupling to allow hermetic sealing of expander and simple interface to generator
- Expander in final assembly. Supplier will perform basic testing. Delivery expected April 2012.

Generator

- Partnered with Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL) for development of generator
- Utilized low cost wound field generator as opposed to permanent magnet machine.
- Prototype build in process with delivery expected April 2012. ORNL will perform performance testing.



Vehicle Only Benefits (not Thermal Efficiency)



- High NOx/PM → Passive only particulate filter regeneration
- Predictive engine controls
- Weight neutral design; added waste heat system, downsized the engine
- Engine geared for low rpm operation
- Clutched air compressor

Collaboration and Support

- **Department of Energy Head Quarters**
 - Gurpreet Singh
 - Roland Gravel
- **National Energy Technology Laboratory**
 - Carl Maronde
- **Oak Ridge National Laboratory**
 - Waste heat recovery system
- **Massachusetts Institute of Technology**
 - Low friction technologies
- **Atkinson LLC**
 - Advanced engine controls



Summary and Future Work



- Second year of Super Truck program complete
- Engine has demonstrated 46.2% brake thermal efficiency
- Plans firmly in place for next level of performance improvement:
 - Higher compression ratio including new piston bowl and injector tip
 - Iterate SCR design for lower pressure drop
 - Reduced engine parasitics
 - Continue controls development and refinement
 - Waste heat regeneration development
 - Expander and generator
 - Add EGR waste heat recovery
 - Integrate onto vehicle

