

# Navistar SuperTruck II

## Development and Demonstration of a Fuel-Efficient Class 8 Tractor & Trailer

*Vehicle Systems (Project ID: ACE103)*

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Engine Chief Engineer: Jim Cigler

Vehicle Chief Engineer: Dean Oppermann



# Overview: Navistar & DOE SuperTruck II



## Timeline

Start Date	October 2016
End Date	December 2021
Percent Complete:	80%

## Technical Targets

- Greater than or equal to 55% engine brake thermal efficiency (BTE) while meeting prevailing emissions
- Greater than 100% improvement in vehicle freight efficiency (FE) (on a ton-mile-per-gallon basis)
- Development of technologies that are commercially cost effective in terms of a simple payback

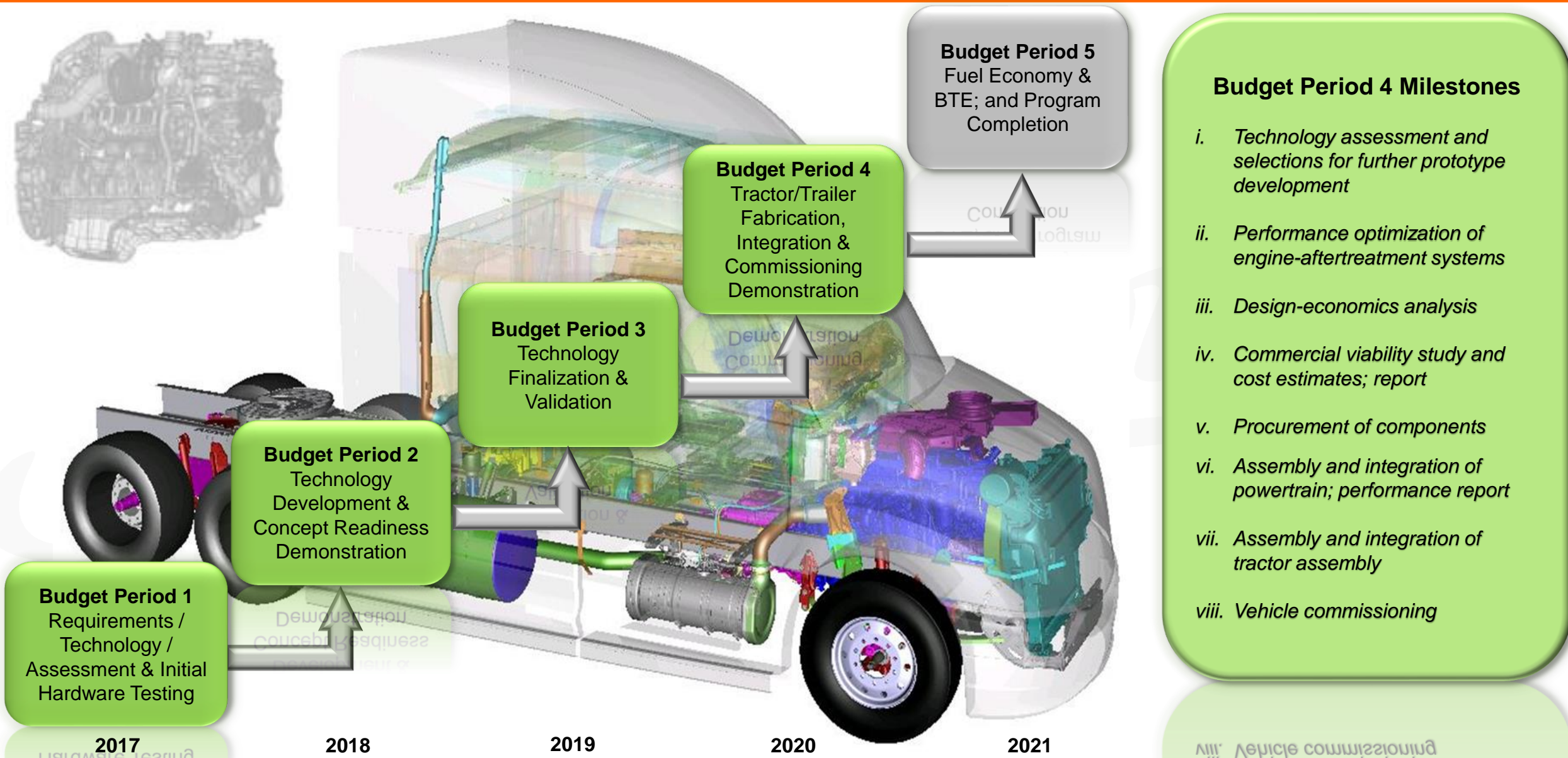
## Budget

Total Project Funding:	
DOE Share	\$20M
Navistar / Partners Share	\$35M

## Project Partners

- Argonne National Laboratory
- Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory
- Bosch
- TPI Composites
- Dana
- J.B. Hunt Fleet

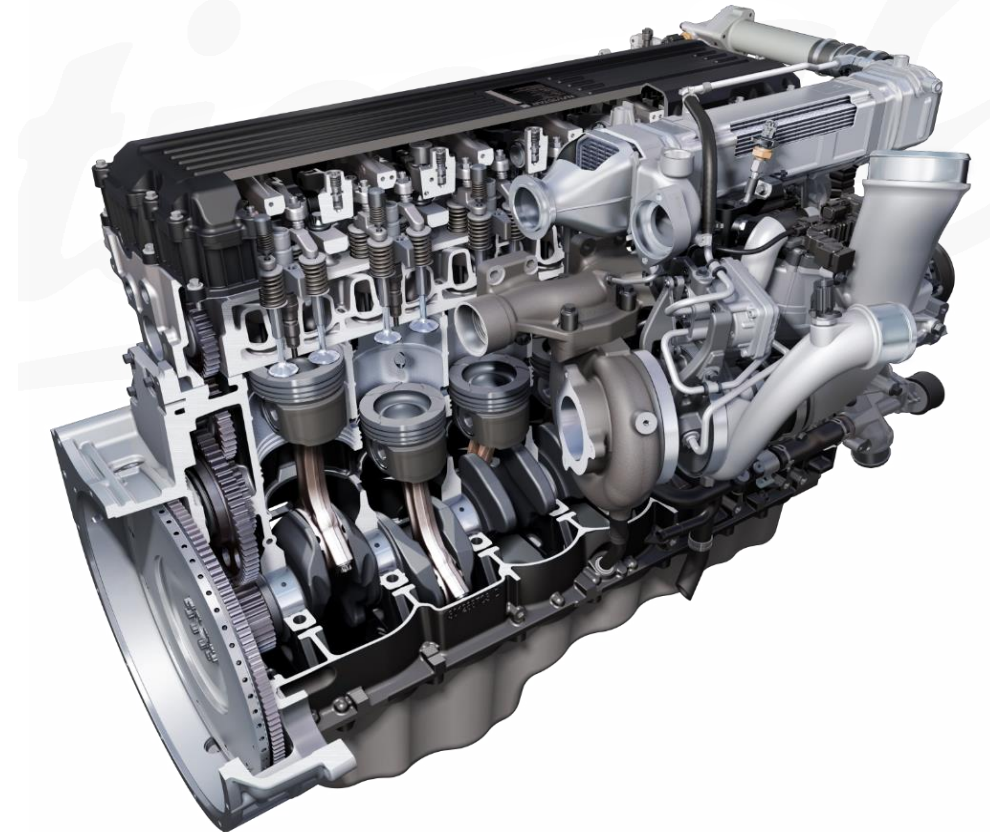
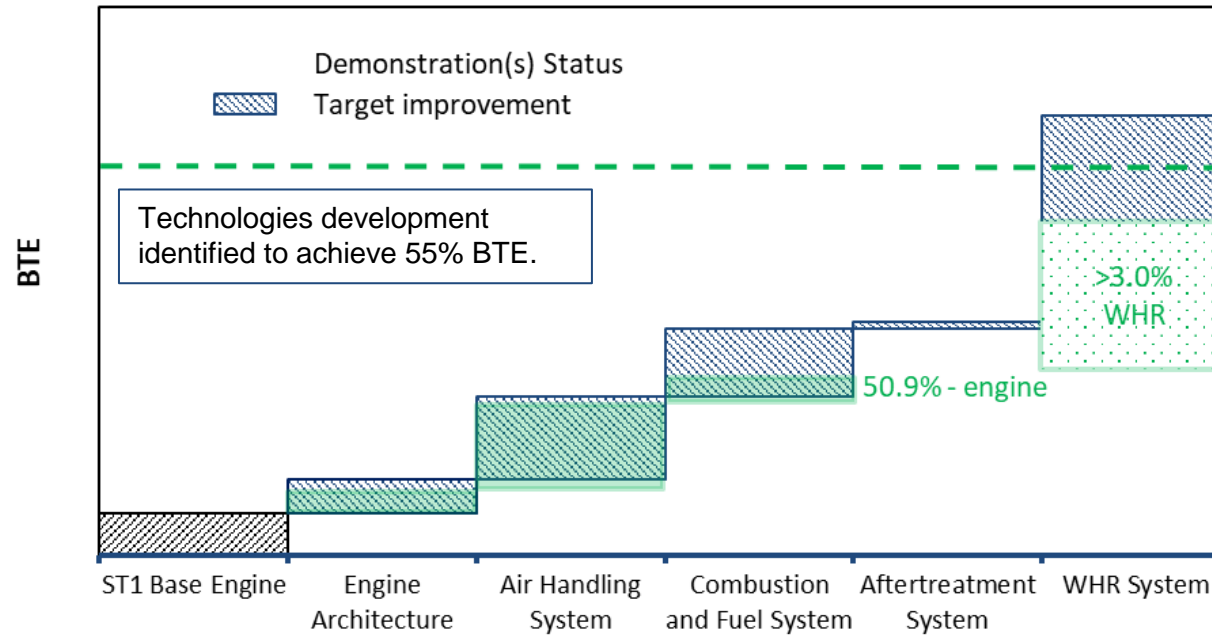
# Relevance: Program Milestones and Progress



# Engine: Objective & Approach

Chief Engineer  
Jim Cigler

- Attain greater than or equal to 55% BTE demonstrated in an operational engine at a 65-mph cruise point on a dynamometer while meeting prevailing emissions
- Develop engine technologies that are commercially cost effective
- Contribute to greater than 100% improvement in vehicle freight efficiency (FE) relative to a 2009 baseline



## Combustion & Fuel System, Friction

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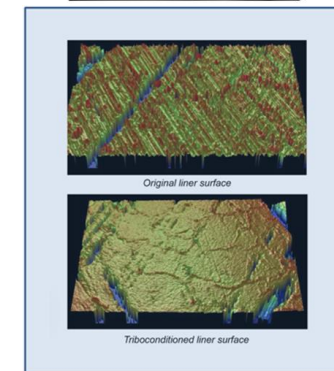
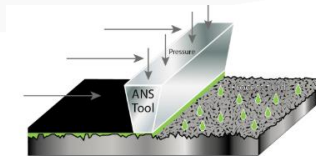
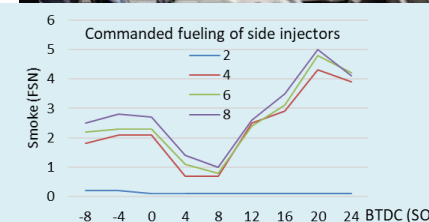
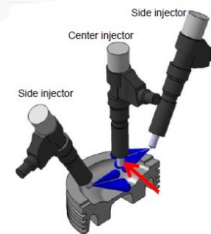
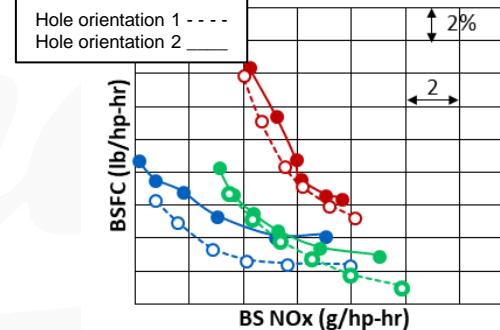
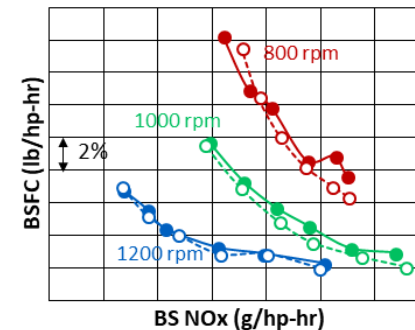
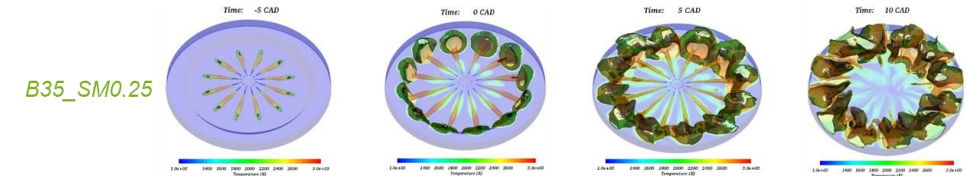
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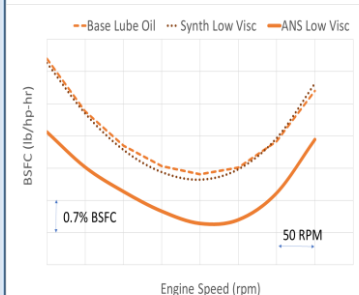
- Continued to incorporate measured results and testing feedback into combustion simulation process
- Utilized genetic algorithms for bowl geometry re-optimization
- Evaluated new fuel injectors with variation in number of holes, nozzle flow rates, and rate of injection including internal orifice modification
- Evaluated 3-injector/cyl. engine based on the work of Okamoto, T. and Uchida, N., SAE 2016-01-0729, with significant refinements required
- Evaluated surface treatments on power cylinder components to enable lower viscosity lubrication

### Next Steps

- Final bowl selection and evaluation
- New combustion system with high flow cylinder head



Applied Nano Surfaces



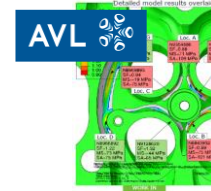
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### Accomplishments

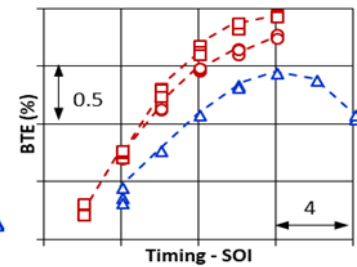
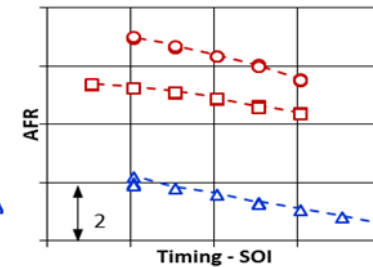
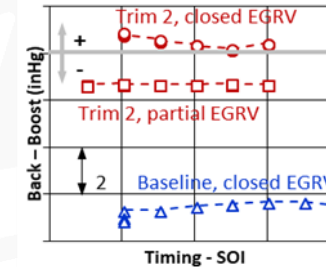
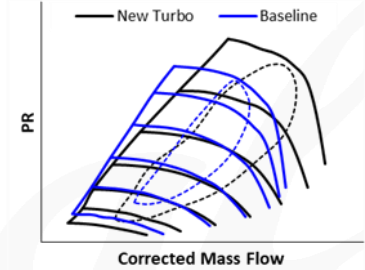
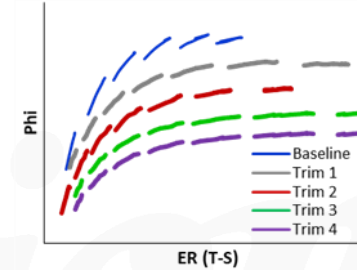
- Demonstration of improved flow cylinder head ports
- Updated cylinder head design and procurement
- Simulation of new intake valve timings to match new cylinder head flow and turbo performance
- Simulation of valve timing including Miller cycle
- Demonstration of re-matched turbochargers
- Simulation and demonstration of alternate EGR technology

### Next Steps

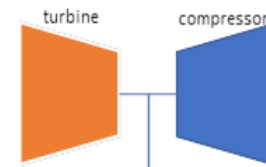
- Demonstration of updated cylinder heads
- Incorporate final turbocharger matches
- Assemble and calibrate new engines for 55% demonstration



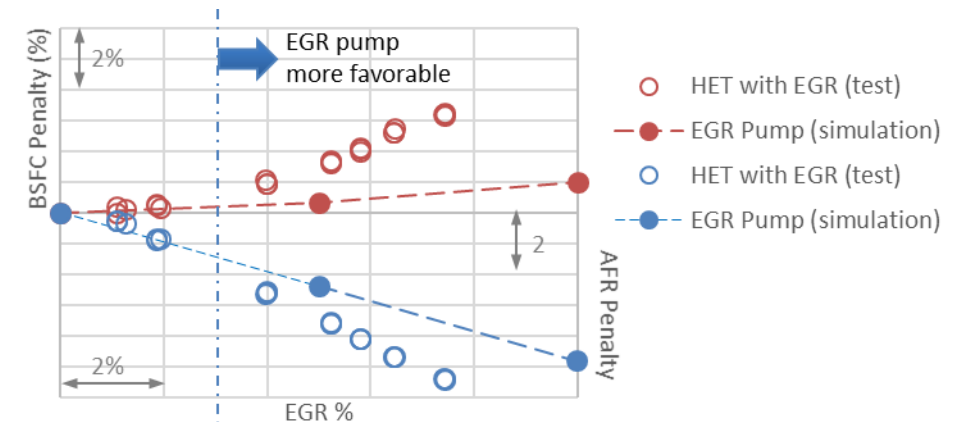
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ADVANCING MOTION



**BorgWarner**



To EGR Cooler



# Engine: Technical Accomplishments & Progress

## Cylinder Deactivation



### Accomplishments

- Assembled a High-Power Density (HPD)+Cylinder Deactivation Actuation (CDA) system with Active Decompression Technology (ADT) system on an ST2 engine
- System tuning and demonstration at Jacobs
- Evaluated controls updates for more precise transitions

### Next Steps

- Calibrate the system in a dyno test cell for truck demo operations
- Support ST2 final demonstrations



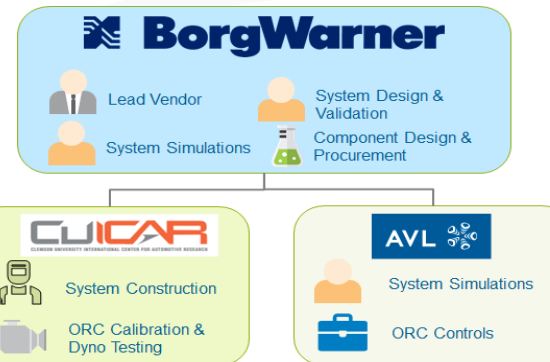
## WHR & System

### Accomplishments

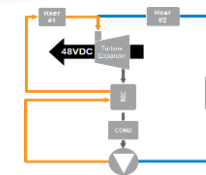
- Completed system control model calibrations
- Insulated critical components
- Demonstration at Clemson University was successfully repeated at Navistar (achieved >3.0% BTE contribution with the 55% BTE operational target boundaries achieved using a mule A26 engine)
- Updated hardware and software with final design specifications

### Next Steps

- Build lower restriction configurations and alternate match expanders
- Test a ST2 engine with the final design specifications of WHR system for the demo (target: total BTE of 55%)



### Dual Loop ORC





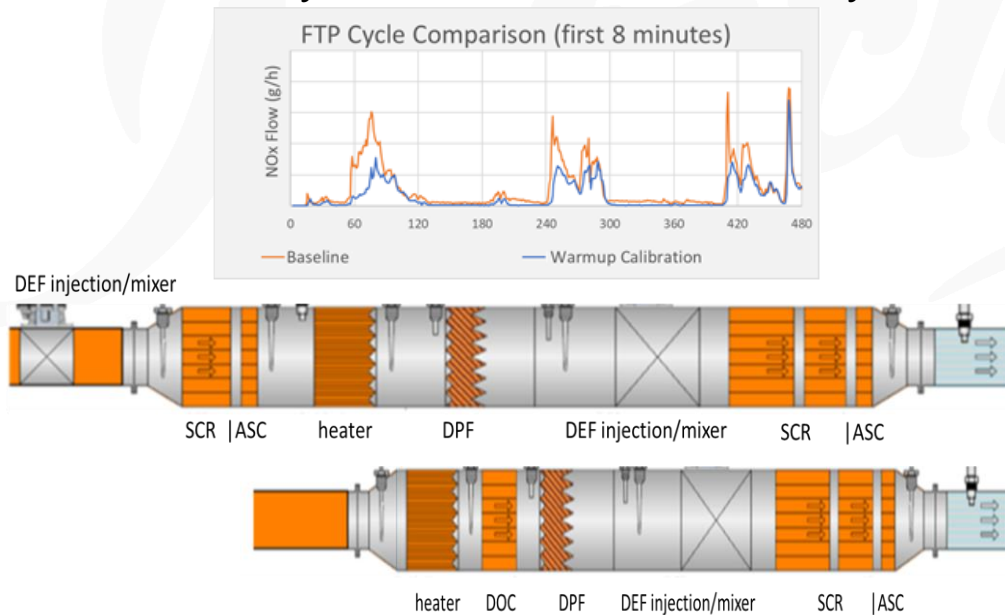
- Upstream SCR/AMOX combination required to minimize NH<sub>3</sub> slip
- High selectivity of N<sub>2</sub>O observed when NH<sub>3</sub> exposed to the DOC/DPF
- Improved cold start calibration to minimize TP NO<sub>x</sub>
- Electric heater provides earlier light-off for downstream SCR
- Heated DEF dosing allows earlier introduction of reductant
- Ultra-Low TP NO<sub>x</sub> can be achieved, but durability and fuel penalty not determined



# Aftertreatment: Technical Accomplishments & Progress

## Improved Cold Start Performance

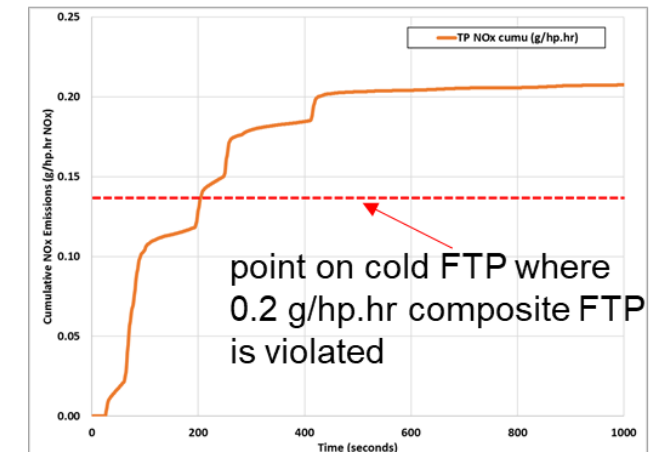
- Lower EO NO<sub>x</sub> during cold start
- Electric heater located after upstream SCR/ASC for dual DEF dosing layout
- Electric heater located upstream for single DEF dosing layout
- Benefit only for cold start / low load cycles



## Challenges for TP NO<sub>x</sub>

- Exhaust gas temperatures need to maintain SCR > 200°C for high conversion
- Minimizing EO NO<sub>x</sub> during the period where NO<sub>x</sub> conversion is < 90% or thermal management actions results in fuel penalty
- High EO NO<sub>x</sub> can meet 0.2 g/hp.hr
- Durability needs to be validated

Cumulative TP NO<sub>x</sub> on cold FTP



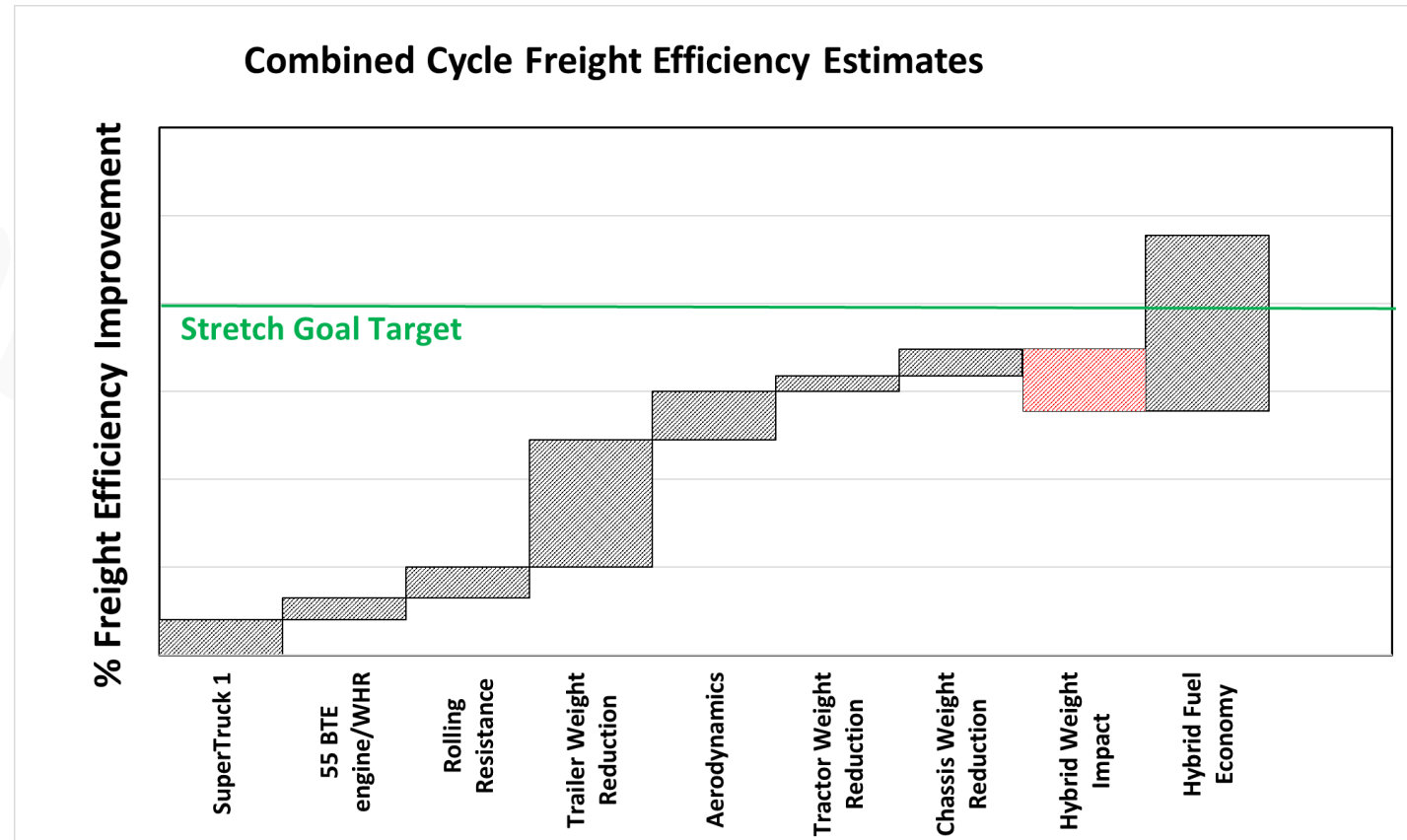
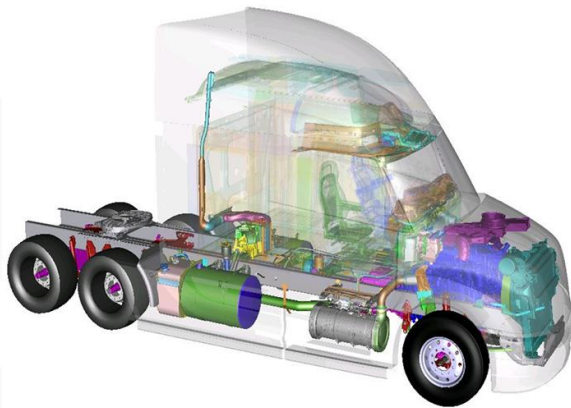
# Vehicle: Objective & Approach



Research, develop, and demonstrate a vehicle that achieves the following goals:

- Greater than 100% improvement in vehicle freight efficiency (FE) (on a ton-mile-per-gallon basis) relative to a 2009 baseline
- Stretch goal of 140% improvement
- Development of technologies that are commercially cost effective in terms of a simple payback

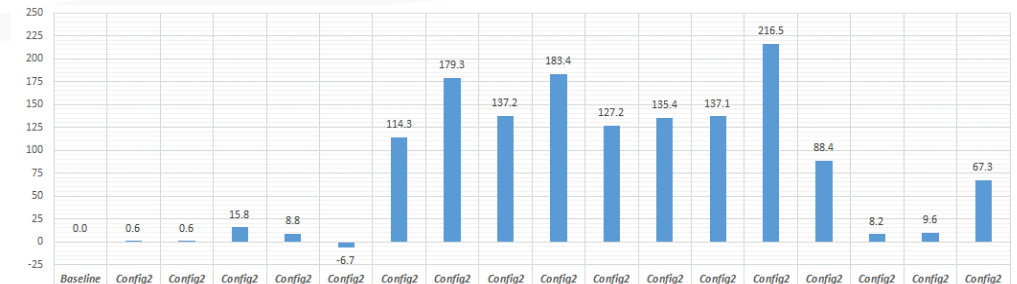
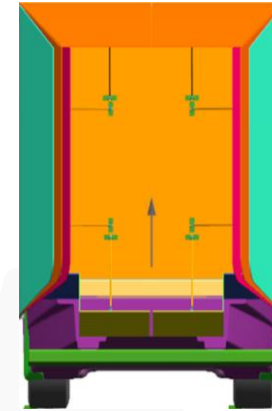
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# Vehicle: Technical Accomplishments & Progress

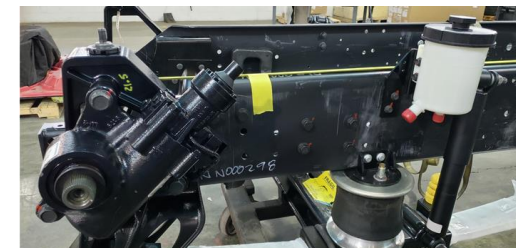
## Aerodynamics

- Completed CFD analysis of adjustable aerodynamic components for nominal targeting
  - Boat Tail
  - Cab side extenders
  - Drive wheel deflectors
- Completed component-level CFD evaluations for business case analysis of add-on aerodynamic devices
  - Trailer
  - Trailer underfloor aero devices
  - Boat tail comparison
  - Tractor aerodynamic components
- Completed attachment designs for tractor and trailer aero Surfaces



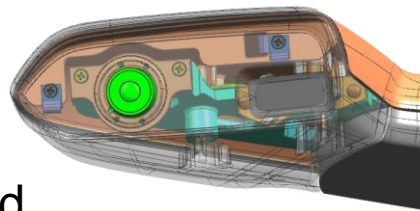
## Chassis Build Status

- Frame Ladder Assembly Completed
  - High strength steel frame rails with tuned form factor
  - Aluminum Multi piece cross members
  - 2-piece radiator brackets
- Suspension Installation Completed
  - Light weight Hendrickson HTB Rear Suspension
    - Prototype DANA down sped RAR
    - Light weight
  - Modified Hendrickson AirTech NXT front suspension
- Steering Installation In Process
  - Kinematic review completed
  - Design finalized
  - Electric assist steering gear and accessories installed



## Tractor Build

- Composite Cab/Sleeper
  - Cab/Sleeper assembly fabricated and delivered
  - Doors assemblies fabricated and delivered
  - Interior trim component design completed
  - Prototype trim components fabricated
  - Trim components dry fit (in process)
- Aero Devices
  - Chassis skirts fabricated and delivered
  - Hood components (molds in process)
  - Accessory devices (molds in process)
- Powerfold Camera design
  - Camera pod position frozen
  - Mounting provisions frozen
  - Bracket and cover design completed
  - Hardware fabrication (in process)



# Vehicle: Technical Accomplishments & Progress



## Trailer Build Status

- Box fabrication completed
  - Integrated/bonded cross members
  - Fiberglass composite with localized carbon reinforced
  - Aluminum rear door assembly
  - Steel king pin plate assembly
- Slider assembly installation
  - ULTRAA-K lightweight tandem slider
  - TABS controller module
  - Low RR super singles
- Solar panel assembly installation
  - Reconfigured panels for "Back Bone" harness
  - Wireless communication
- LED lights with Rowe iPDM power distribution

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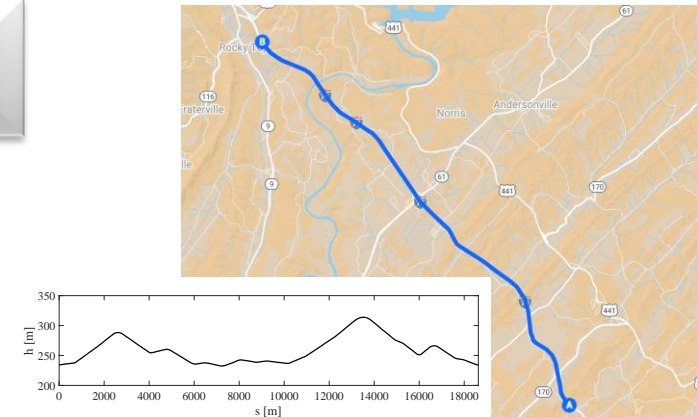


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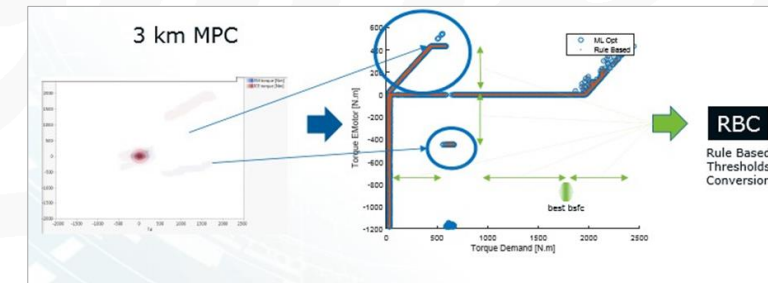


## Control Development and Integration

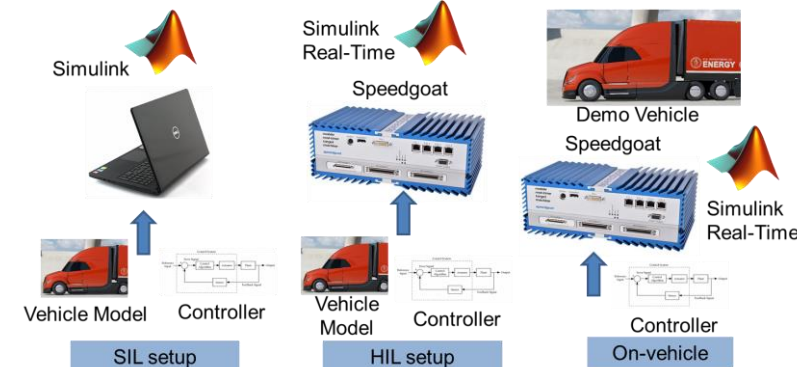
- Continued co-development of integrated PCC+ACC:
  - Road test with real traffic data using the mule vehicle
  - Performance analysis concluding
- Continued development and tuning of the hybrid powertrain control strategy
  - New Features developed:
    - MPC-based hybrid control strategy
    - Rule-based hybrid control (RBC) strategy
    - Integrated Predictive Cruise Control (PCC) + Adaptive Cruise Control (ACC)
- Established different levels of tuning and calibration and final integration
  - Software in the loop (SIL) for offline tuning
  - Hardware in the loop (HIL) for bench real-time tuning
  - On-vehicle tuning and calibration



Test route and elevation



MPC vs RBC hybrid strategy



## Budget Period 4 - Tractor/Trailer Fabrication, Integration & Commissioning Demonstration

Continue efforts:

- **Engine**

- ✓ Incorporating the late efficiency improvement hardware in the demonstration engine builds
- ✓ Waste Heat Recovery (WHR) system performance with final engine configuration
- ✓ Engine-aftertreatment system performance calibration/optimization
- ✓ 55% BTE demonstration while meeting prevailing emissions

- **Vehicle**

- ✓ Hybrid economy vs. weight tradeoff.
- ✓ Demonstration vehicle build and test:
  - ✓ Supply base challenges resulting from Covid-19
  - ✓ Resource availability due to Covid-19
  - ✓ Hardware availability due to technology shifts away from ICE
- ✓ Hybrid w/Predictive Cruise Control (PCC) strategy development and calibration

Any proposed future work is subject to change based on funding levels

# Responses to 2020 Comments



Categories	Reviewer Comments	Navistar Response
Approach to Performing the Work	<p>The project demonstrated approaches to attaining or exceeding FOA program goals. However, there are a significant number of system design selections or optimizations still in process at the engine level late in the project.</p> <p>The extensive use of carbon fiber for cab structure and trailer was described by the presenter as far from commercial viability due to the raw cost of carbon fiber for the foreseeable future.</p>	<p>The program is in Year 3 of a five-year program. As a result, we are still reviewing a number of options to optimize the system in order to achieve the best efficiency numbers.</p> <p>We are using a combination of different composite materials to minimize weight and cost.</p>
Technical Accomplishments and Progress toward Overall Project Goals	<p>Cylinder activation work results applied to representative city drive are an impressive 2.9% fuel consumption gain. But this vehicle application is likely to be longer haul. Overall, it would be advisable that Navistar applies the FE criteria for all their technology portfolio on the same cycle. This is important for assessing the overall FE impact.</p>	<p>We have assessed these performances through all three cycles: city, flatland, and hilly, as real-world driving conditions. We use these cycles to develop our commercial products.</p>
Collaboration and Coordination Across Project Team	<p>The project team includes a cross section of expertise as desired in the FOA with the exception of a tire manufacturer. Input from the trailer or fleet team members was not significantly discussed in the presentation...</p> <p>The trailer team member was not identified in the slides, only the composites manufacturer.</p>	<p>Continental is our tire supplier.</p> <p>The trailer is a collaborative development with TPI Composites and Transport Equipment, Inc.</p>



**Thank you**

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