



An Engine System Approach to Exhaust Waste Heat Recovery



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Program Objective

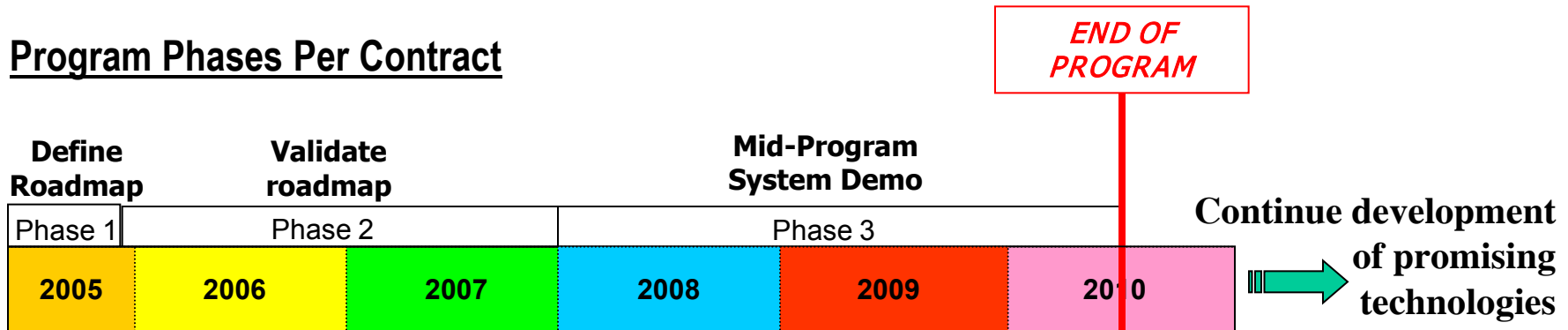
Develop components, technologies, and methods to recover energy lost in the *exhaust processes* of an internal combustion engine and utilize that energy to improve engine thermal efficiency by 10% (i.e. from ~42% to ~46% thermal efficiency)

- ❑ No increase in emissions rate
- ❑ No reduction in power density
- ❑ Compatible with anticipated aftertreatment



Program Timeline

Program Phases Per Contract

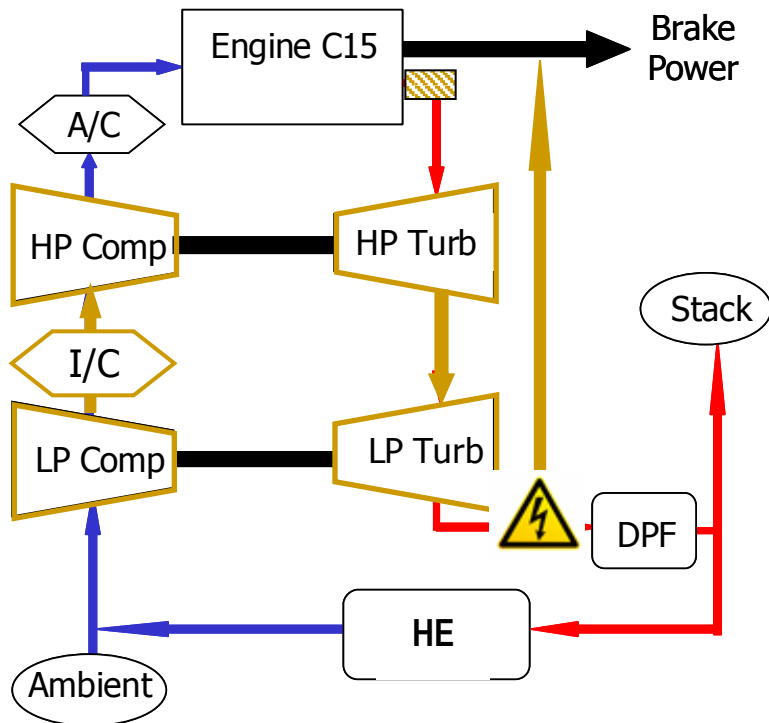


- ❑ Originally planned as a 5 Phase Program
- ❑ Truncated to 3 Phases – migration to Supertruck
- ❑ Final program report
 - ❑ Technologies developed
 - ❑ Key results & lessons learned



Approach

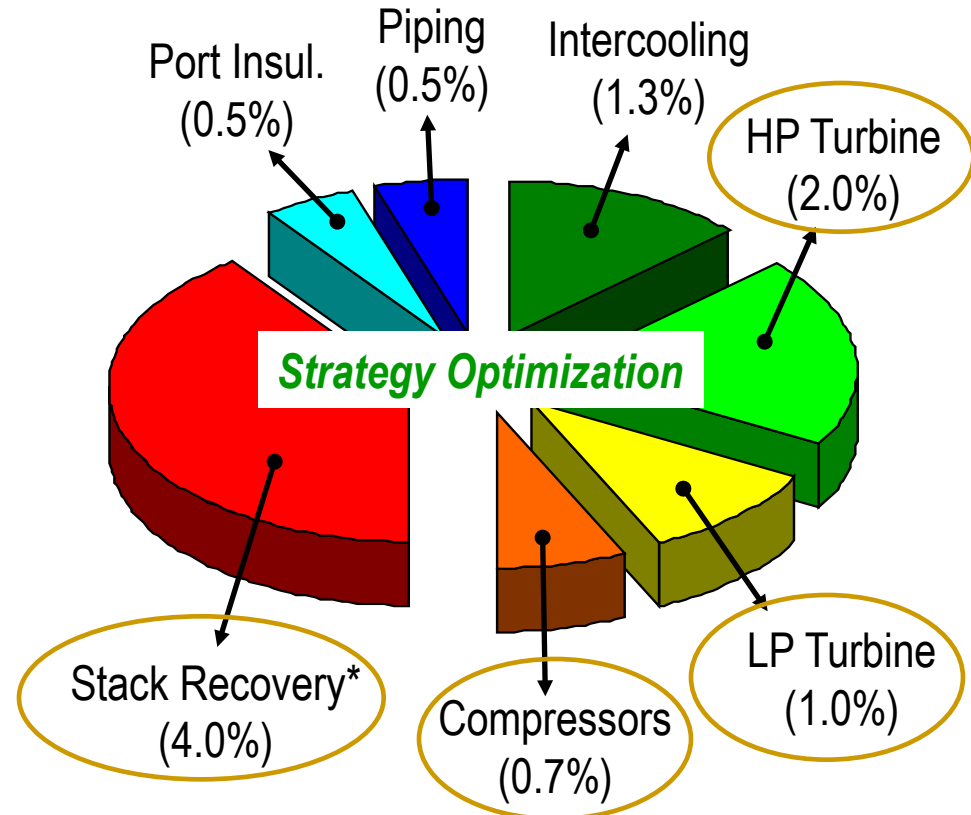
An integrated system solution to waste heat recovery



Baseline C15

15.2L On-Highway Truck Engine
LPL (low pressure loop) configuration

Numbers in () indicate % increase in thermal efficiency from this component



•Turbocompound or bottoming cycle: supplements engine power via electrical or mechanical connection to flywheel



Program Philosophy

- **“System” Solution**
 - Modular; “Best” elements can be carried to production
- **Production-Viable Technologies**
 - Cost, Packaging, Manufacturing
- **Broad Emissions Architecture Applicability**
 - Viable for HPL, LPL, or non-EGR solutions
 - Compatible w/ Aftertreatment

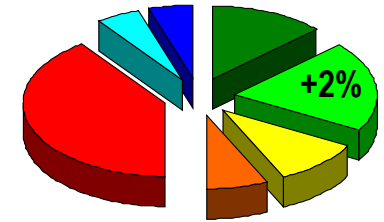


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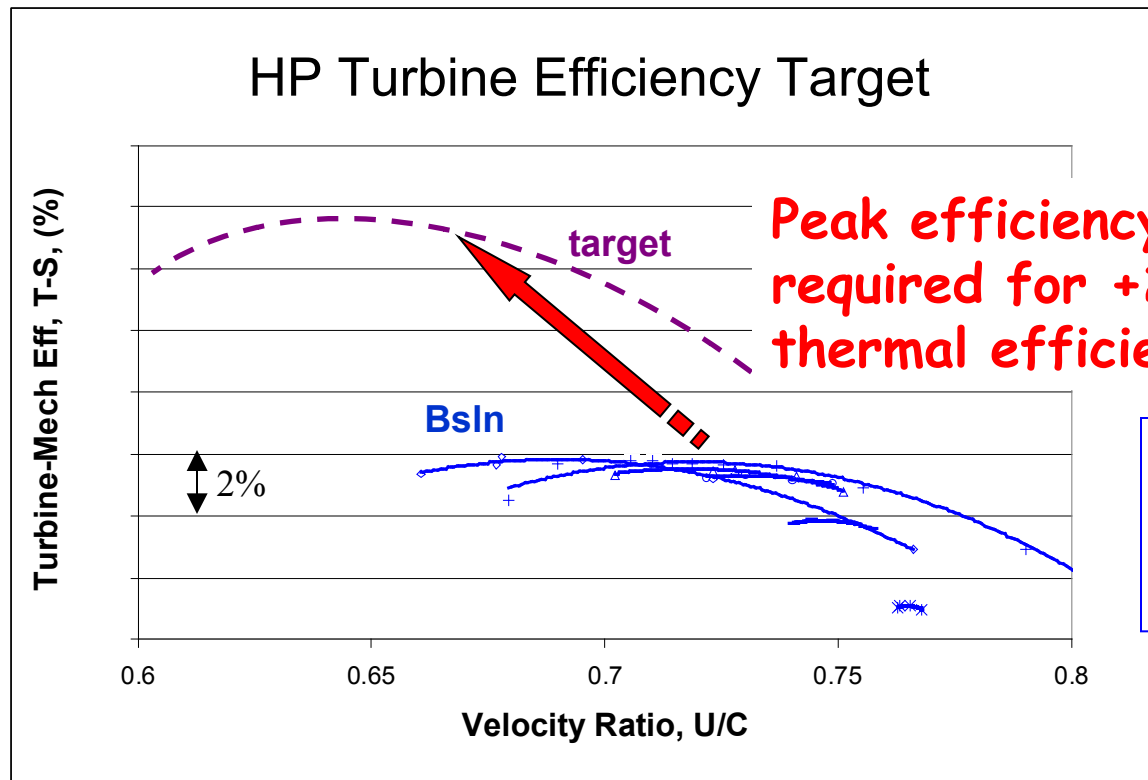


Technical Progress – HP Turbine



Target: + 2% Engine Thermal Efficiency:

- + 8% Turbine Stage Efficiency
- Improved Exhaust Pulse Utilization



Technologies

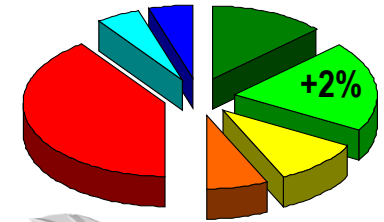
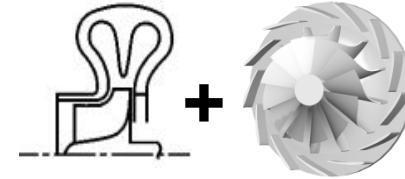
- RND turbine
- Mixed Flow turbine



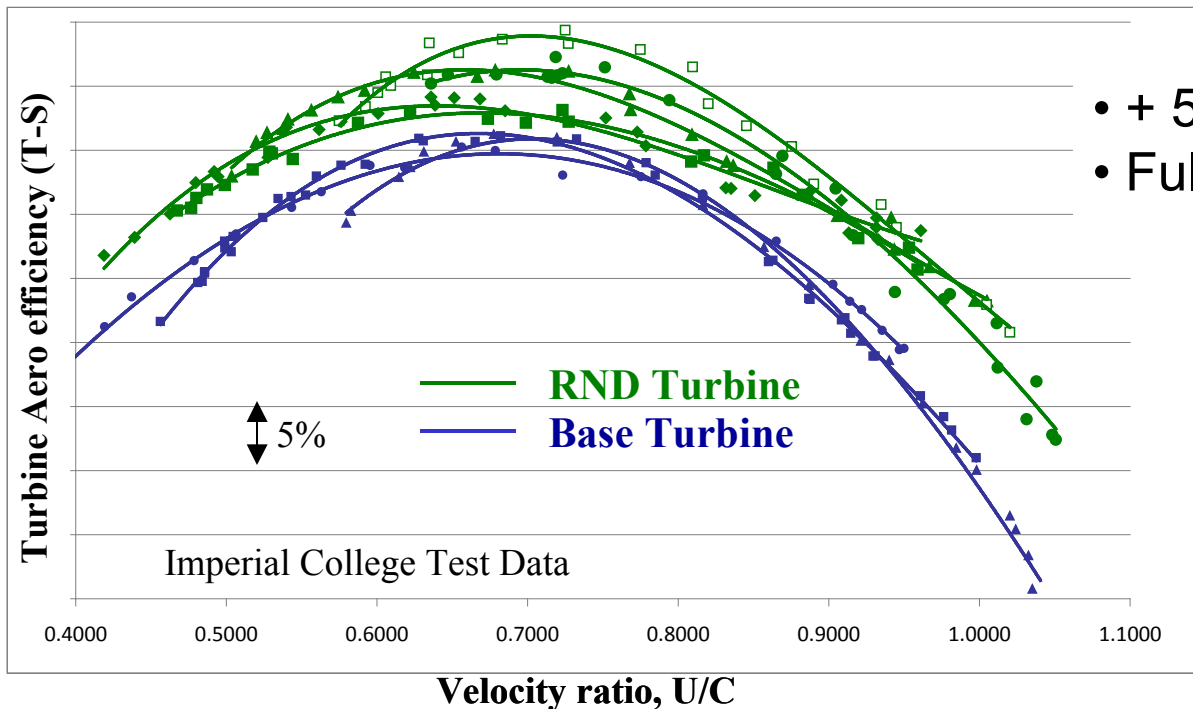
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- Nozzled and divided turbine housing



Gas Stand Test Results



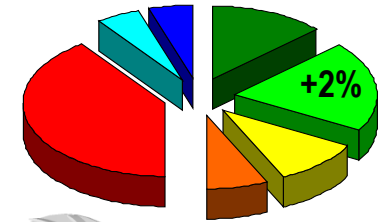
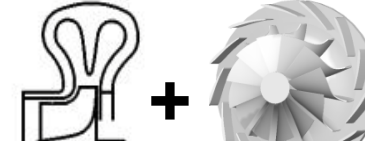
- + 5-6% turbine efficiency
- Full map width benefits



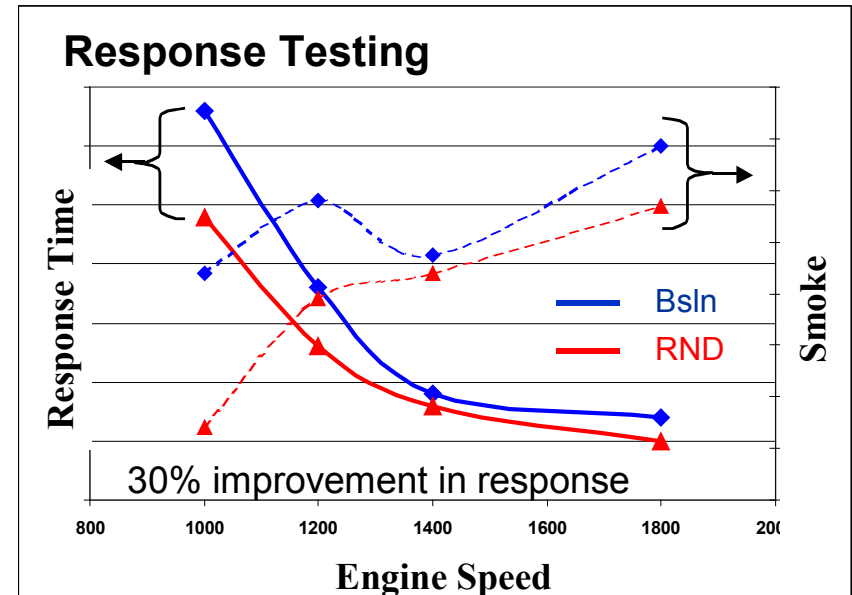
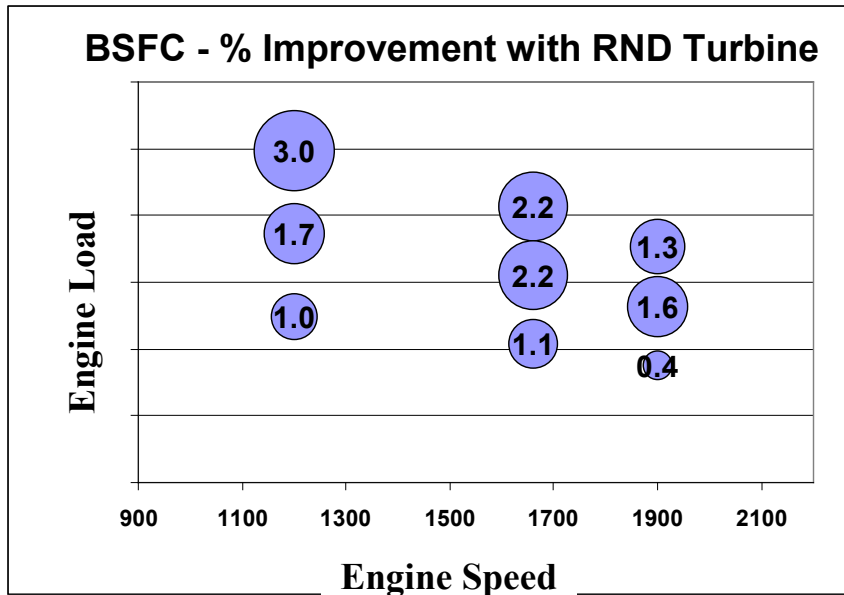
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On-Engine Test Results: Single-stage turbo HPL EGR engine



Durability testing underway

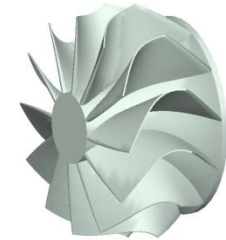
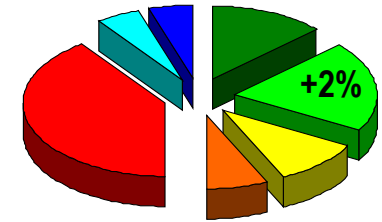
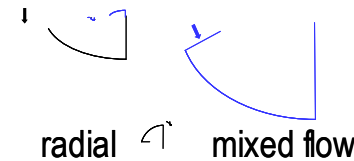
- Successful completion of nozzle ring thermal cycle test



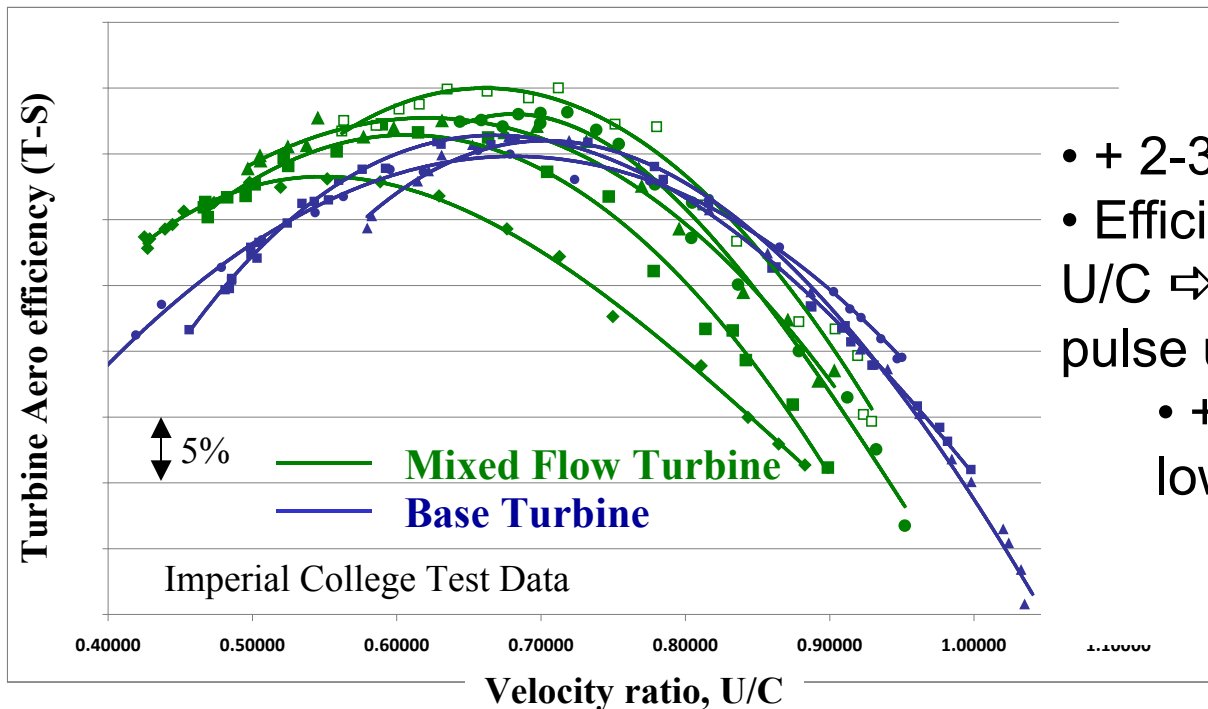
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first-pass



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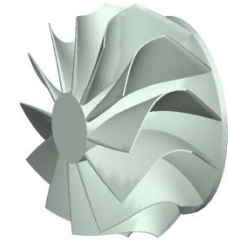
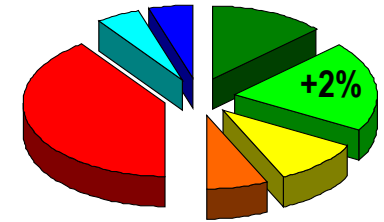
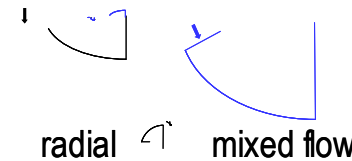
- + 2-3% turbine efficiency
- Efficiency peak at lower U/C ⇒ improved exhaust pulse utilization
 - + 5-6% efficiency at lower U/C



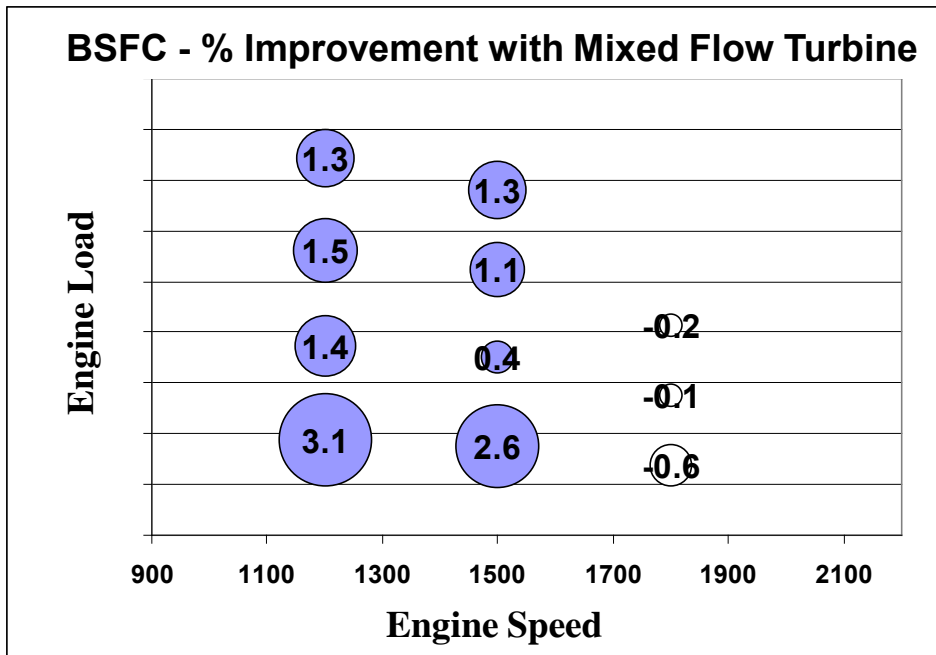
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On-Engine Test Results: Series turbo LPL EGR engine



- 1 to 1.5% fuel economy benefit at low and mid speed range where exhaust pulse energy is significant

Development of mixed-flow, nozzleed, divided turbine is underway



Technical Progress – LP Turbine

Target: + 1% Engine Thermal Efficiency:

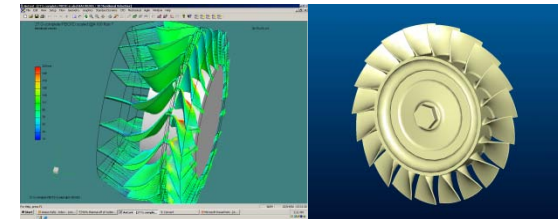
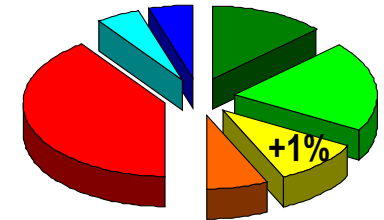
- + 6% Turbine Stage Efficiency

Technology 1 – High Efficiency Axial Turbine

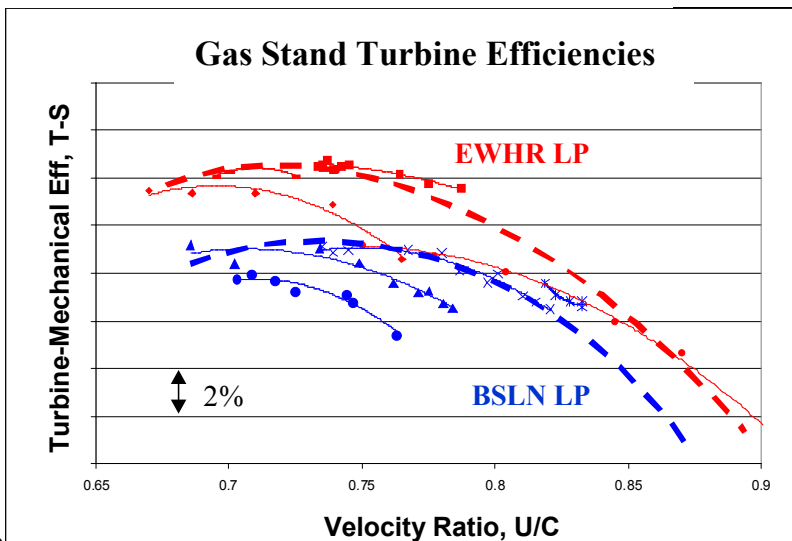
- +6% turbine efficiency verified – analysis, test
- Packaging concerns w/ series turbos

Technology 2 – High Efficiency, Nozzled, Radial Turbine

- Minimal impact on response – design freedom



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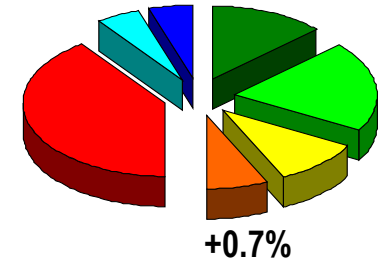
- + 4% peak turbine efficiency



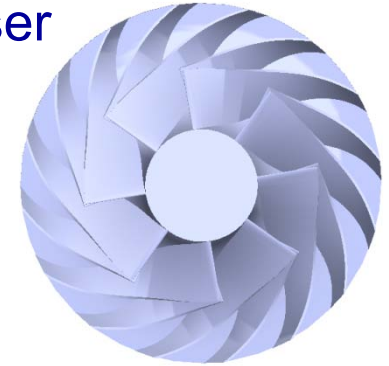
Technical Progress – Compressors

Target: + 0.7% Engine Thermal Efficiency:

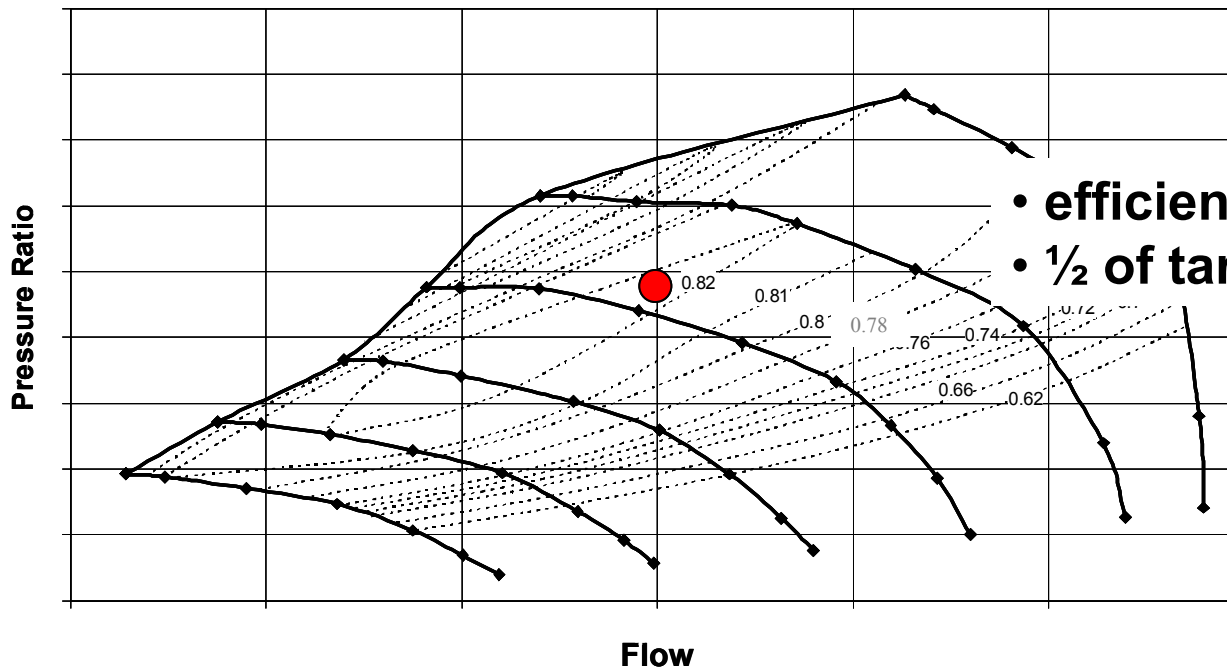
- + 2.5% Compressor Stage Efficiencies



HP Technology – Highly backswept wheel w/ vaned diffuser



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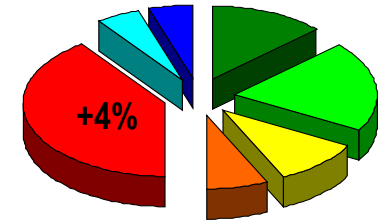
- efficiency 1-1.5% > production
- 1/2 of target achieved



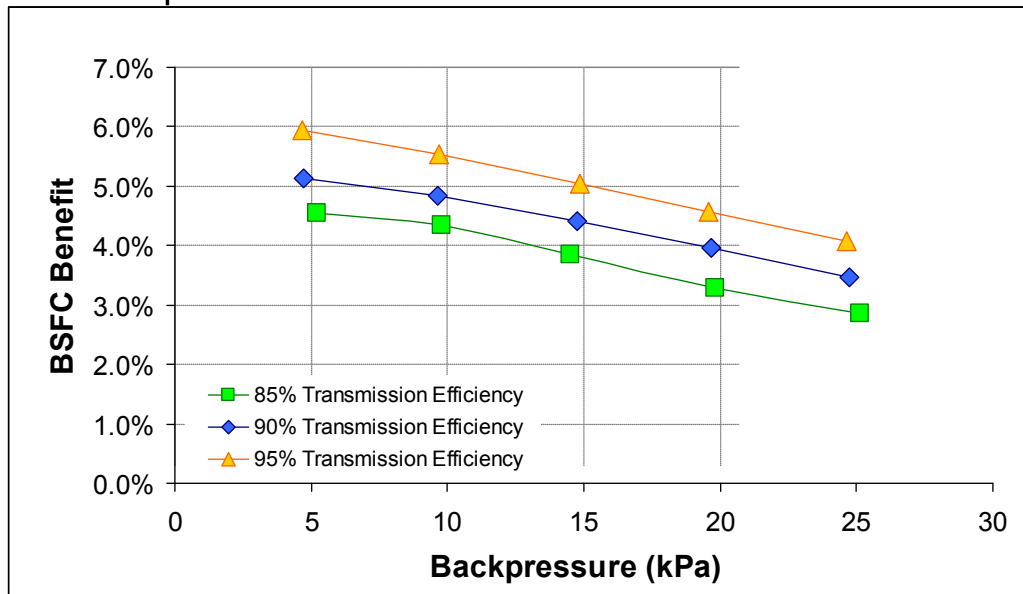
Technical Progress – Stack Recovery

Target: + 4% Engine Thermal Efficiency

- Stack recovery on baseline LPL engine
- Turbocompound downselected
 - Brayton Cycle investigated – packaging challenges

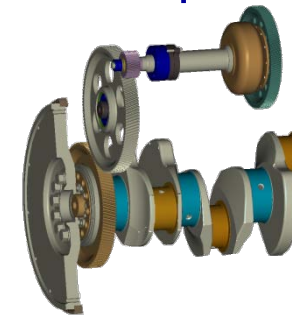
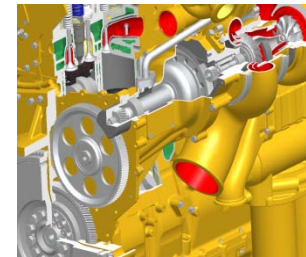


Engine Simulation Results
Peak Torque Conditions

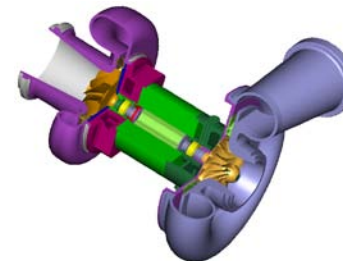


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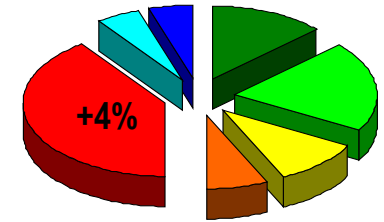
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- Electrical Turbocompound



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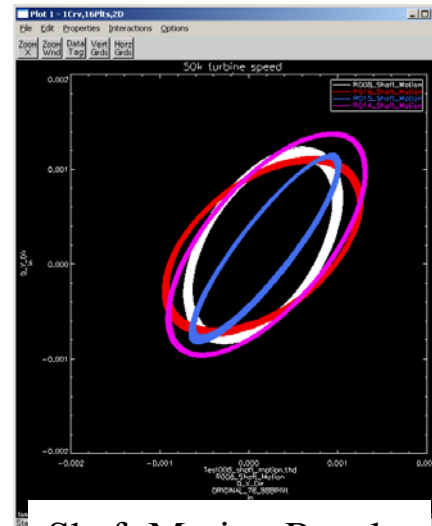
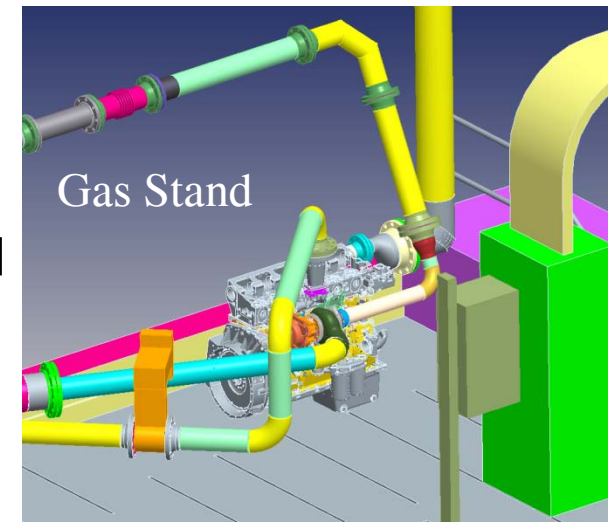


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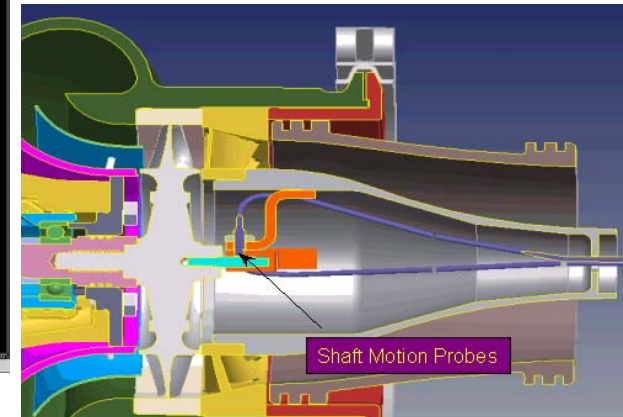
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Technology 1 – Mechanical Turbocompound

- Robust, high-efficiency bearing is challenge
- Developed power turbine gas stand test method
 - Detailed shaft motion measurements
- Test Conditions
 - 5 bearing systems
 - Speeds from 25-60krpm
- **Gas Stand Test Results**
 - < 0.002” shaft motion
 - 80-84% aero efficiency



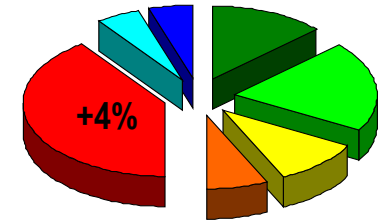
Shaft Motion Results



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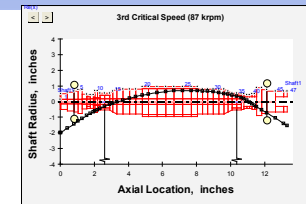
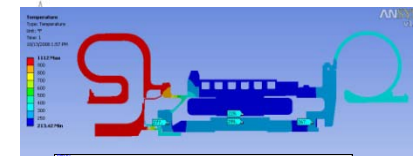
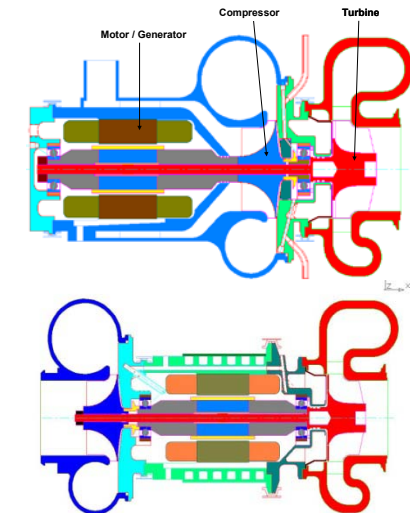
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Technology 2 – Electrical Turbocompound

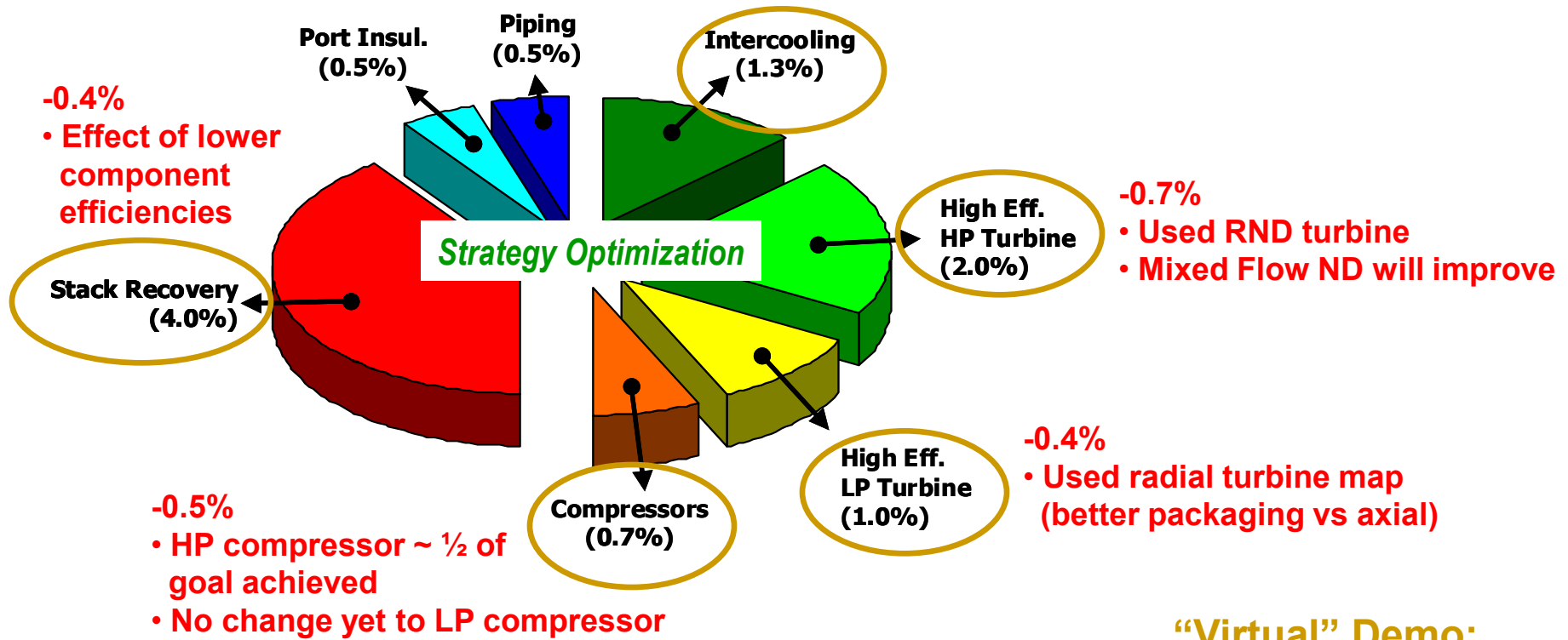
- Two concept designs developed / analyzed
 - **Concept 1:** Generator in front of compressor
 - Rotordynamic / packaging challenges
 - **Concept 2:** Generator between wheels
 - Thermal management challenges
- **Concept 2 analysis results**
 - Generator efficiencies > 96%
 - Peak rotor stress acceptable
 - Peak stator temperature acceptable
 - Peak magnet temperature acceptable
 - Bending critical speed acceptable



Development Ongoing: TSB-Funded Program



Summary



“Mid-Program” Proof-of-Concept Demo*

Design point demo - target:

+9.0%

Design point demo - achieved:

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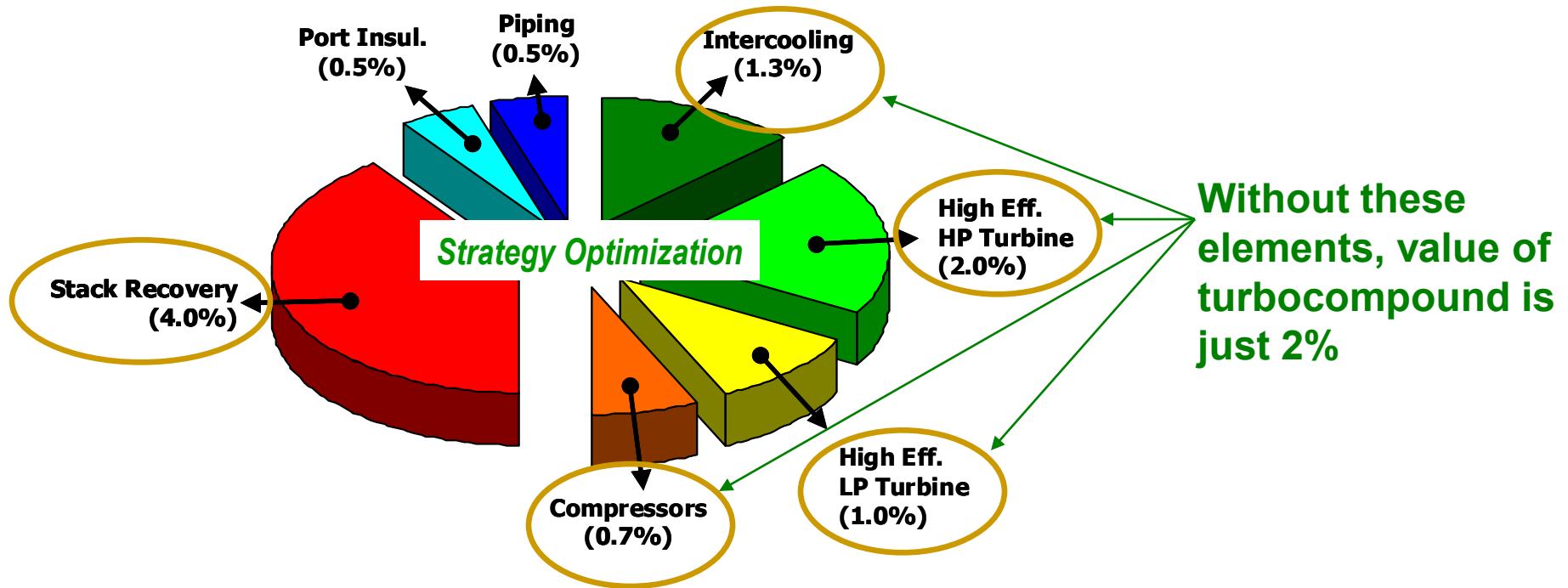
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