



Medium and Heavy Duty Vehicle and Engine Testing



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Overview

Timeline

Barriers

Start date: FY02Hardware MaintenanceEnd date: on goingData Acquisition UpgradesPercent complete: on goingChanging Emissions Regulations

Budget

Partners

Each project funded independently through DOE R&D programs or work for others projects DOE Vehicle Technologies Program and work for others partners

Objectives

Operate and maintain a medium-duty and heavy-duty vehicle and engine dynamometer test facility for evaluating the performance, fuel economy, and emissions impacts of bio-fuels and electric and hybrid electric powertrains.



Approach - Chassis Dynamometer Test Cell

Test Range: 8,000–80,000 lb (Class 3-8)

- Twin 40" rolls (adjustable wheelbase)
- 380 hp DC motor

Features

- Programmable driver's aid
- Electrical / mechanical inertia simulation
- Augmented braking
- Grade simulation
- Automated warm-up & coast-downs

Data Acquisition

- Regulated emissions measurement for 2010 HD on-road engine technology (2007 CFR)
- High accuracy (+/- 0.5% reading) fuel metering





Approach - DC Engine Dynamometer Test Cell

DC Dynamometer (400 hp/300kw)

- Transient federal test procedure (FTP)
- Programmable steady state modal testing

Data Acquisition

- High accuracy fuel metering
- 24 channel high speed combustion analysis (in-cylinder pressure, needle lift)

Air Handling

- Meets 2010 HD on-road requirement (2007 CFR, including part 1065)
- Metered, conditioned intake and dilution air
- Flexible full-scale CVS system
- Altitude simulation (sea level to mile high)
- Air handling system capable of sea level transient operation





Approach - AC Engine Dynamometer Test Cell

AC Dynamometer (75 hp/ 56 kW)

- Programmable steady state testing
- Dynamometer speed up to 6500 rpm

Dynamometer Control and Data

Acquisition

- Sakor dynamometer controller
- Drivven engine controller (provides flexible engine control)
- AVL IndiModul high speed DAQ and combustion analysis

Fuel and Air Handling

- High accuracy critical orifice system for air flow control and measurement
- Customer designed high pressure fuel handling system providing fuel pressure up to 6000 psi, compatible for any bio-fuels







Approach- On-Road Emissions Measurement

Portable Emissions Measurement System (PEMS) Continuous Measurement of CO, NO, NO₂, THC, CO₂ & O₂

Ambient temperature, relative humidity, global positioning satellite (GPS) receiver, vehicle interface







Approach - Emissions Measurement

Continuous gaseous regulated

emissions measurement

- Horiba Mexa 7000 Emissions Bench
- Sensors-SEMTECH mobile emission analyzer
- CAI emission bench
- Pierburg emission bench

Non-regulated emissions measurement

- Fourier Transform Infrared (FT-IR) spectrometer
 - Unregulated HCs and aldehydes
 emissions measurement
- TSI Fast Mobility Particle Sizer (FMPS)
 - 5.6 to 560 nm particles
 - Continuous sampling up to 1Hz
 - Heated dilution system
- DNPH Cartridges Sampling and HPLC Analysis
 - Áldehydes/ Ketone
- 2010 level gravimetric PM measurement







Approach – Fuel Storage, Blending and PM Measurement

Fuel storage (48 drum) and blending Clean room for sample handling, storage, and gravimetric PM measurement

Other fuel and emission analysis equipments available -- GC-MS, IQT, HPLC







Accomplishments - Single Cylinder SIDI Engine Set-up

Engine Geometry

- Converted from GM LNF SIDI engine
- 86 × 86 mm, 9.2 CR--Higher CR pistons available

Fully Designed for Bio-fuels and Advanced Combustion Study

- P and T measurement and control
 - Spark plug and cylinder head integrated pressure transducer
 - Intake, exhaust, and fuel rail pressure measurement with Kistler transducers
 - Independent intake air, engine oil and coolant temperature control
- Fuel cart- 6000 psi
 - Compatible with any bio-fuels
- Drivven engine controller
 - Flexible fuel injection timing, spark timing, fuel pressure, and cam-phaser control
- Dedicated critical orifice air flow system
 - Accurate air flow measurement and control









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Accomplishment - Evaluated Emissions and Fuel Consumption Test Results from a Plug-In Hybrid Electric (PHEV) School Bus

HEVs add a disconnect between engine and vehicle operation PHEVs add two more complexities

- Fuel and electricity consumption
- Performance dependence on distance

Buses tested in this study (both 72 passenger, DPF equipped)

Baseline conventional: 2008 Bluebird

- 7.2 L Caterpillar Engine: 261 kW (350 hp)
- Test mass: 24,550 lbs

PHEV: 2007 IC Corp./Enova

- 6.4 L MAXXFORCE Engine: 149 kW (200 hp)
- Electric induction motor: 25/80 kW (cont./peak)
- 370 V Li-ion battery pack
- Test mass: 27,850 lbs

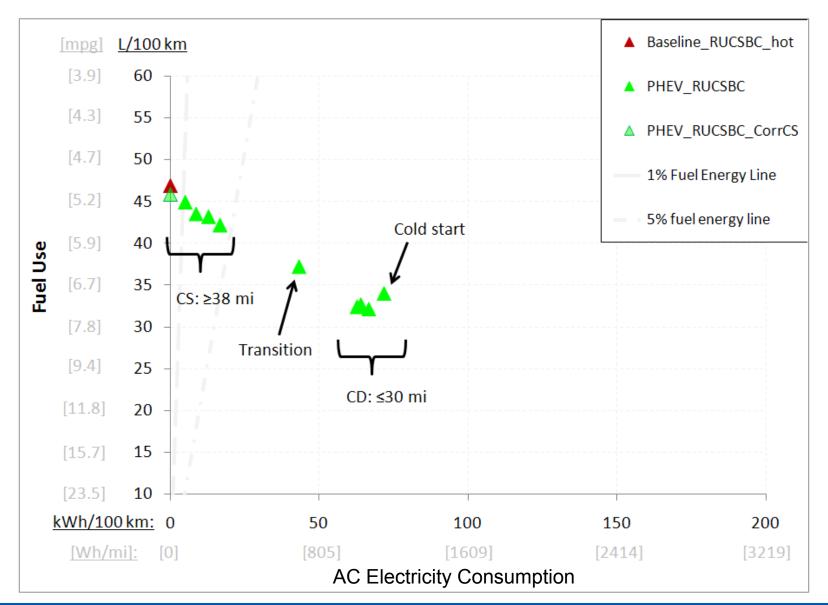
HEV = Hybrid electric vehicle; PHEV = Plug-in HEV







Accomplishments – PHEV School Bus Test Results, School Bus Cycle (RUCSBC)



Accomplishments – PHEV School Bus Testing Conclusions

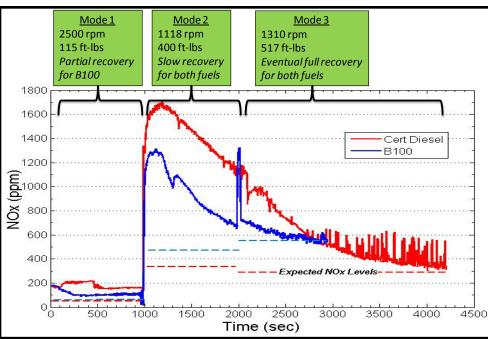
PHEV technology can save a significant amount of fuel

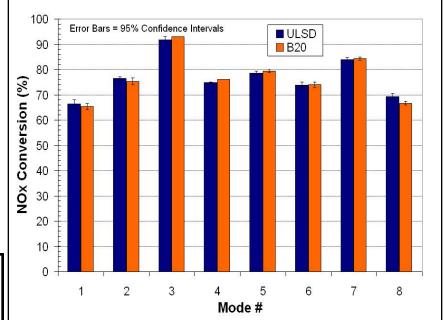
- Savings magnitude depends on both driving type and distance between charging
- Low PM emissions for diesel particulate filter (DPF)-equipped busses (≤0.01 g/mi)
- Improvement opportunities for tested PHEV school bus for fuel and emissions benefit
 - Implement a lower-NOx engine calibration
 - Improve CS (HEV) mode implementation (further reduce Knox and fuel use)



Accomplishments - Evaluated Urea SCR System on ISB Engine

- Retrofitted 2002 ISB with Fe-zeolite SCR
- Measure Knox reduction of system with ULSD and B20
- No difference in Knox reduction performance of B20





Significantly less HC inhibition for B100

- Lower engine out HC emissions
- Quicker recovery to steady-state
 Knox conversion after increasing
 temperature

Summary

Approach:

- Chassis dynamometer
- DC engine dynamometer
- AC engine dynamometer
- On-road emissions Measurement
- Emissions Measurement
- Fuel storage and blending

Accomplishments:

- Single cylinder SIDI engine set-up
- Evaluated Emissions and Fuel Consumption Test Results from a Plug-In Hybrid Electric (PHEV) School Bus
- Evaluated Urea SCR System on ISB



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