

# SuperTruck 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: 60%

## Budget

- Engine Budget \$31,633,001
  - DOE Share\* \$8,802,373
  - Detroit Share\* \$8,802,373

\* Program spending through February 2013 for engine R&D; vehicle R&D expenses reported separately.

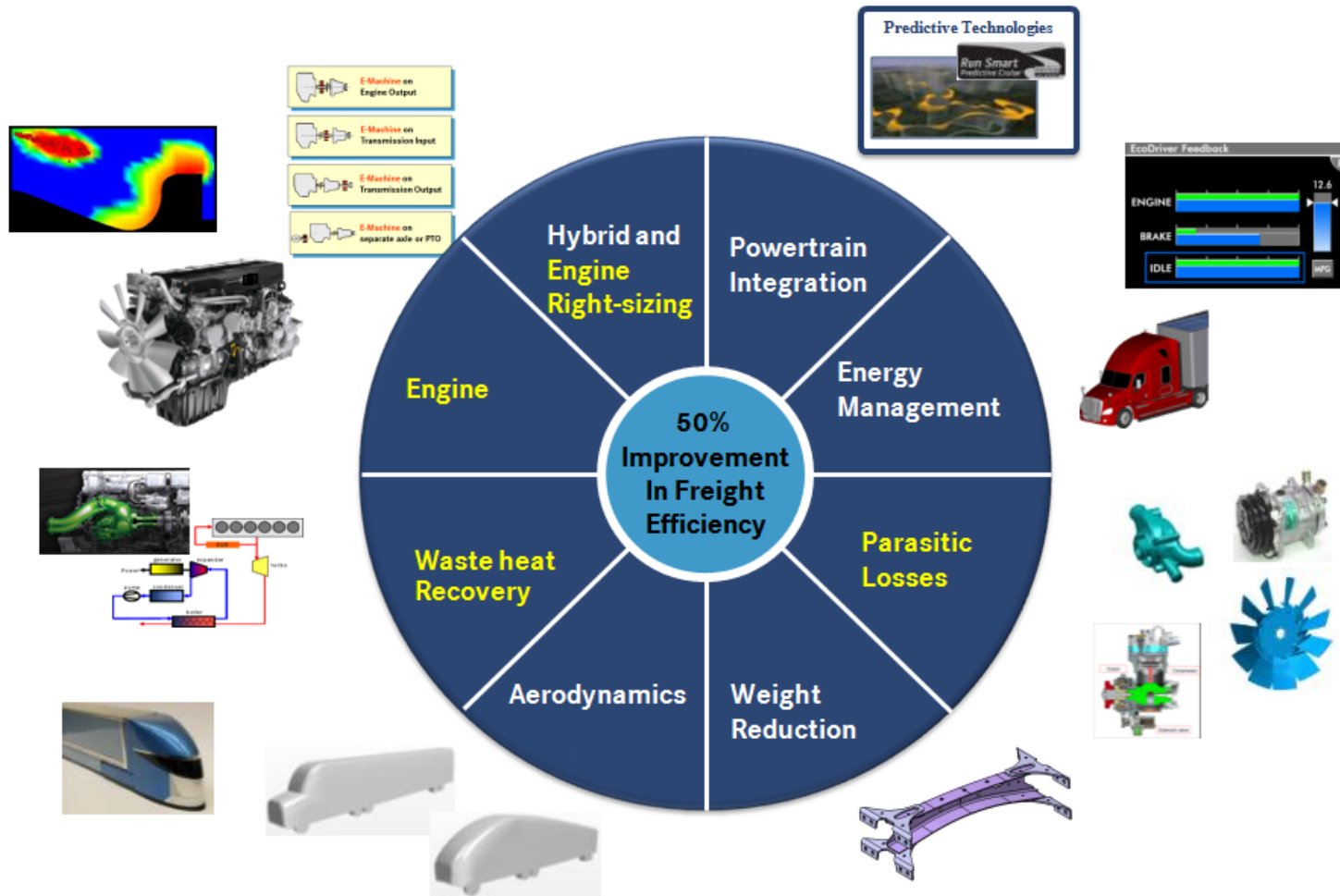
## Challenges

- Getting systems to work together in vehicle; new vehicle, new cooling system, hybrid, new controllers for engine and vehicle, downsized engine, new combustion system , new turbocharger, high efficiency aftertreatment, waste heat recovery, etc.

## Partners

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

## Daimler Truck SuperTruck Program



- ARRAVT080 – DTNA SuperTruck vehicle program; PI – Derek Rotz, reported @ Crystal Gateway
- ACE058 – Detroit Diesel SuperTruck engine; PI – Kevin Siskin, reported @ Crystal City

# SuperTruck Objective

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

- 30% increase via vehicle improvements.
- 20% increase via engine improvements; specifically 50% brake thermal efficiency.
  - Identify pathway to 55% brake thermal efficiency via modeling and analysis.

## Status

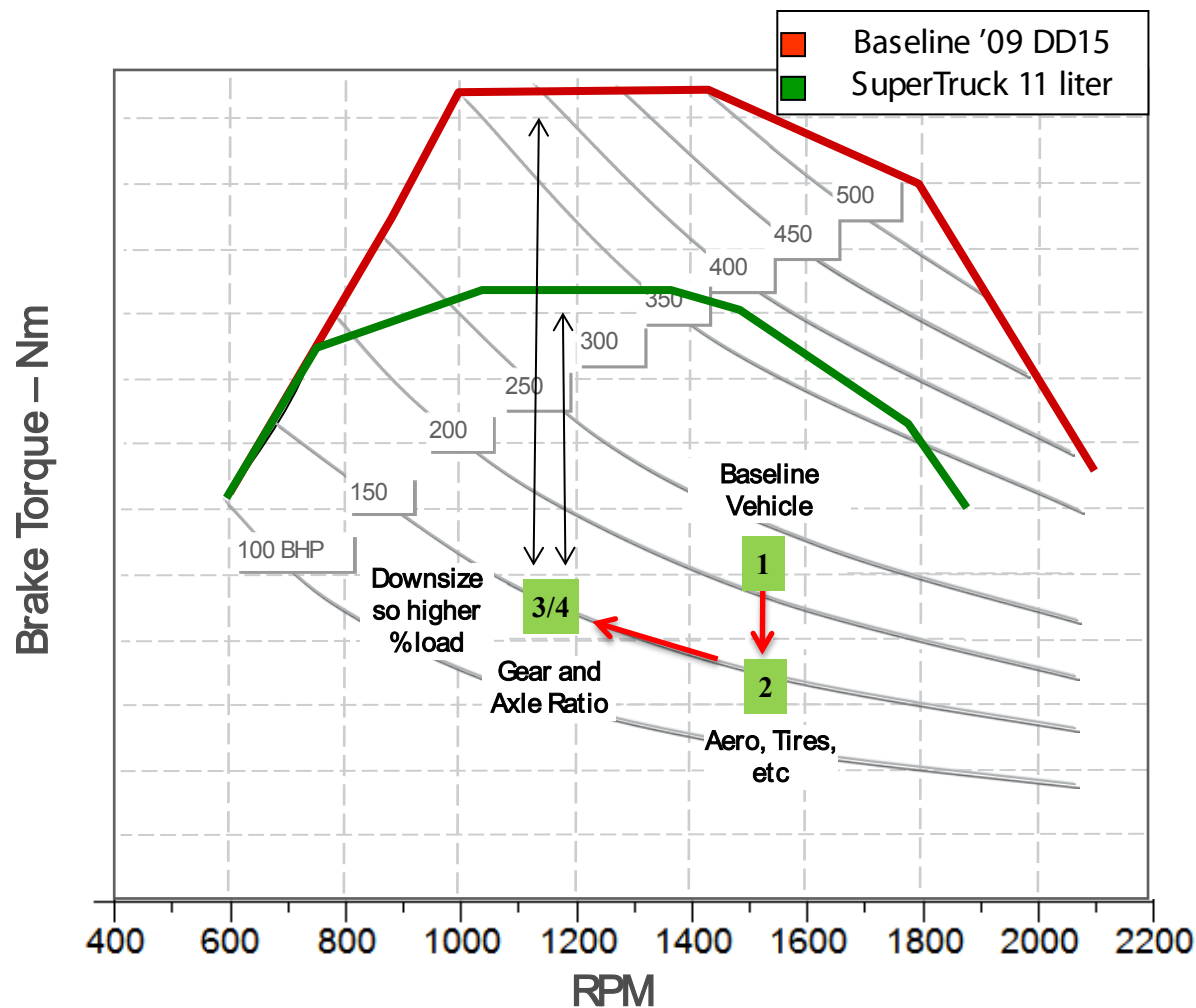
**Vehicle:**

- 42% measured on system level; currently implementing into demonstration vehicle.

**Engine:**

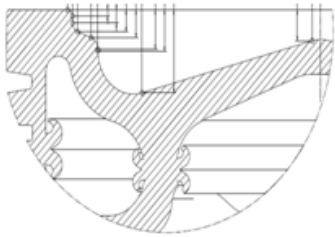
- 15% gain via engine improvements.
  - 48.1% BTE demonstrated (46.8% engine + 1.3% WHR).
  - Hardware in hand to demonstrate 50% BTE.
- Pathway to 55% BTE has been initiated (results end of year 4).

# Engine Down-speed and Down-size

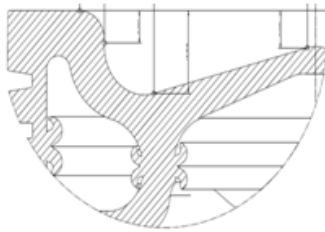


- 1 → 2
  - Impact of vehicle getting more efficient .
- 2 → 3
  - Change gear and axle ratio to drop cruise rpm toward higher BSFC points.
- 3 → 4
  - Downsize from 15L to 11L to increase BMEP at road load, giving better mpg at road load.

## Piston and Compression Ratio



Step Bowl

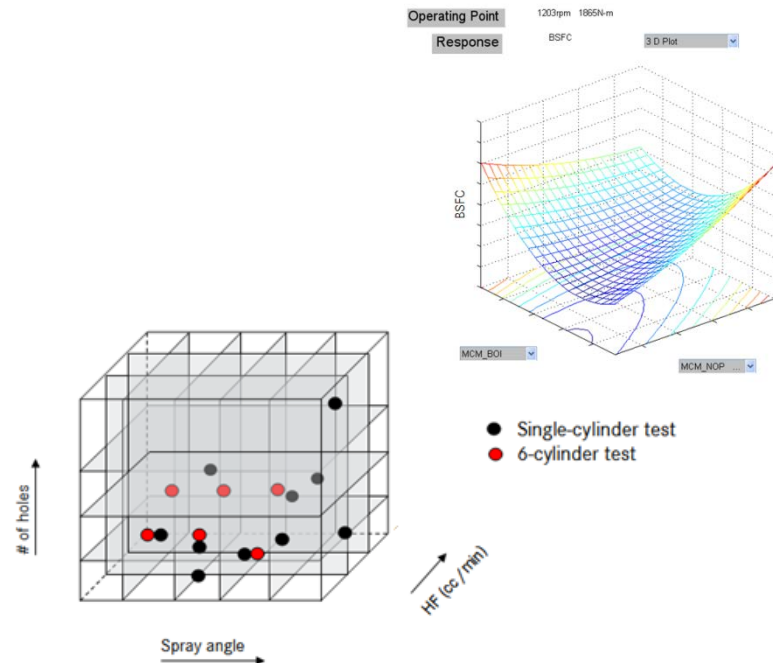


Omega Bowl

- New piston bowl shapes based on extensive single cylinder testing; engine hardware now available.
- Compression ratio being increased.
- Firing pressure will be increased up to 20% over baseline engine.

## Fuel Injection System

- Best combinations of injector tip, bowl, and compression ratio determined via single cylinder testing; best combinations being engine tested.
- Design of experiments being utilized to optimize injection and engine parameters.

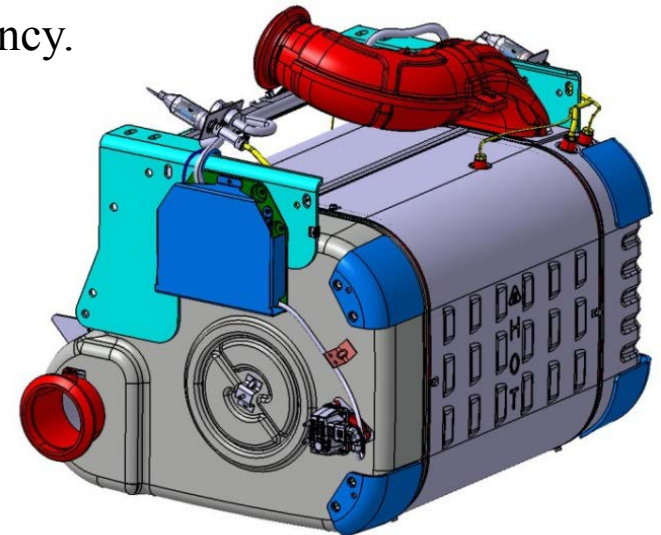


## Increased Engine Out NOx

- Combustion system being optimized with engine out NOx lightly controlled (3-5 times higher than baseline engine).
- Good for thermal efficiency; increased demand on SCR system.

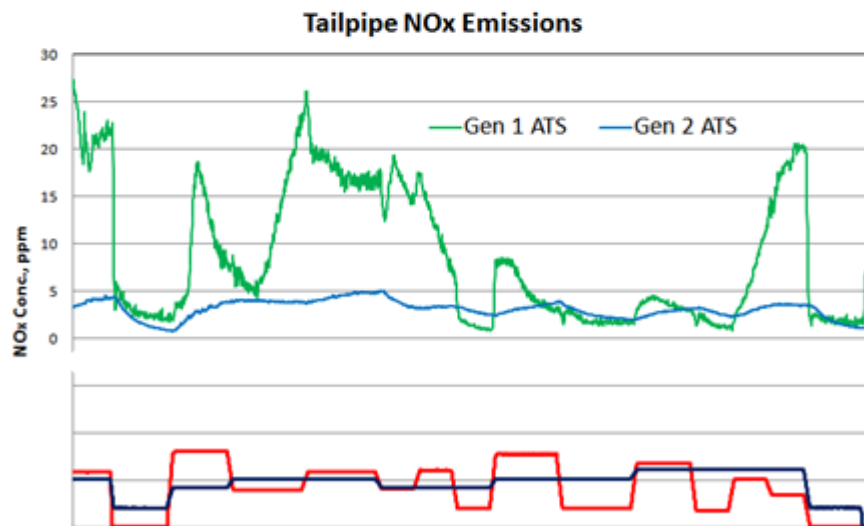
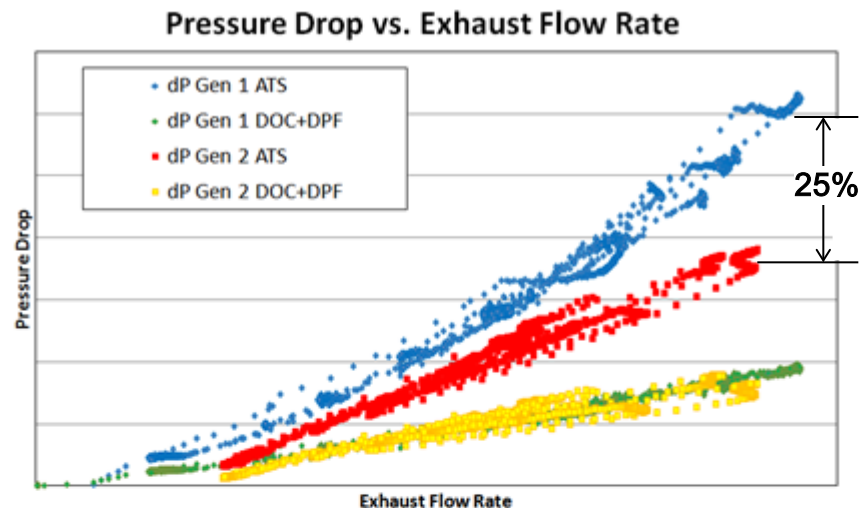
## Aftertreatment

- Require very high NOx conversion efficiency.
- System resized for high NOx flux (substrates and DEF doser).
- Backpressure must be reduced for high engine efficiency.



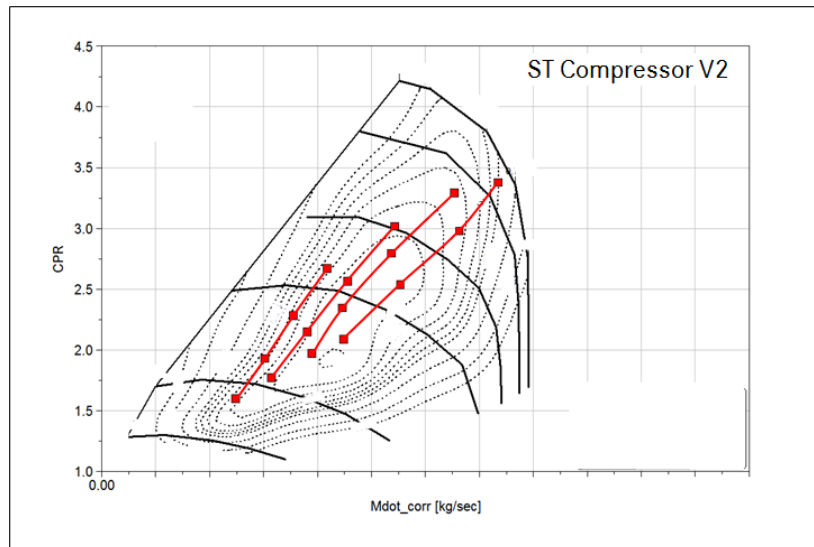
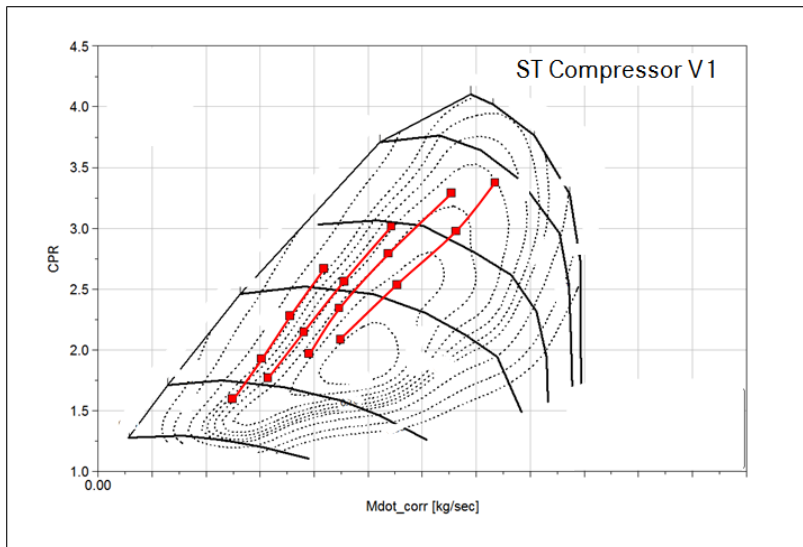
## Two Generations of Aftertreatment Hardware

- Generation 1 has new DOC, DPF, and SCR.
  - DOC and DPF met expectations; SCR had room for improvement.
  - $\Delta P$  and NO<sub>x</sub> conversion efficiency below target.
- Generation 2 has new SCR. DOC and DPF largely unchanged.
  - Gen 2 has lower pressure drop and better SCR conversion. Performs well at high NO<sub>x</sub> flux.
- Generation 2 will be on the SuperTruck demonstration vehicle.



# Air System Rematch

- Best BTE → higher engine out NO<sub>x</sub> → lower EGR rates → turbocharger rematch
  - Down-speed engine offers rematch opportunities.
  - Baseline turbocharger provides back pressure for high EGR rates.
- Turbocharger V2 has well matched compressor map.
  - EGR valve still partially closed to reduce EGR rates.
- Turbocharger V3 being delivered with reduced turbine backpressure.

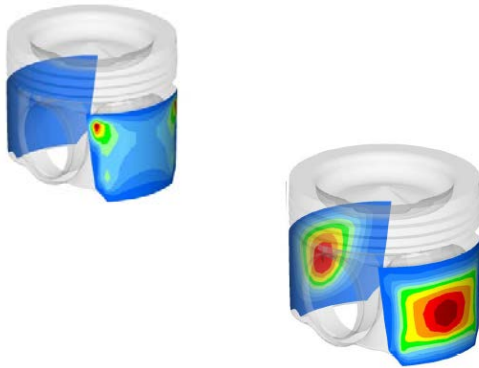


## Parasitic Reductions – Implemented

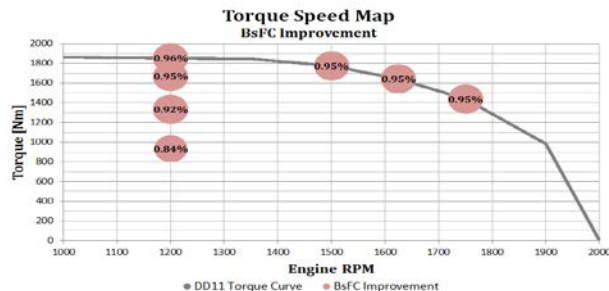
- Water pump, lower viscosity oil, and ring modification included in 48.1% BTE demonstration.



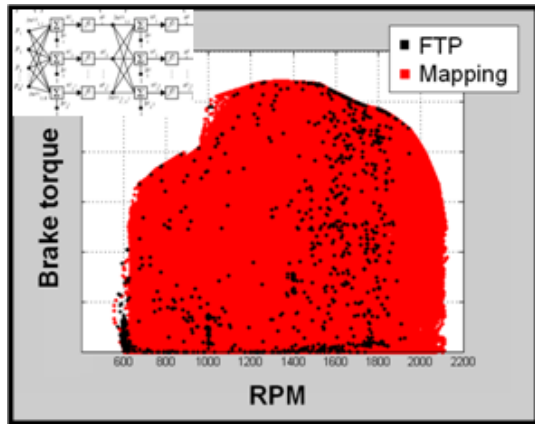
## Parasitic Reduction – Planned



- Modifications to be tested include :
  - Altered cooling to mid-stroke area of the liner (MIT).
  - Oil circuit and pump optimizations (MIT).
  - New lubricant formulation (MIT + oil supplier).
  - Bundled cylinder kit improvements.

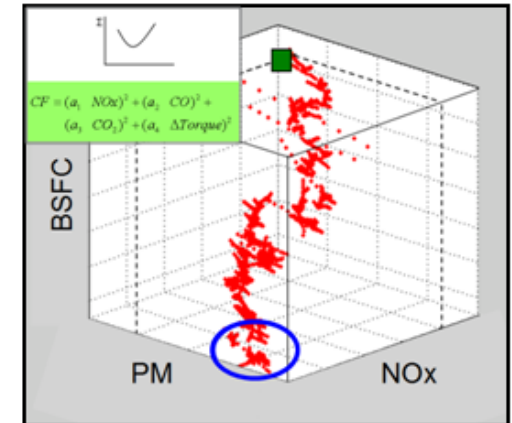


## SuperTruck Engine Controls – Objective

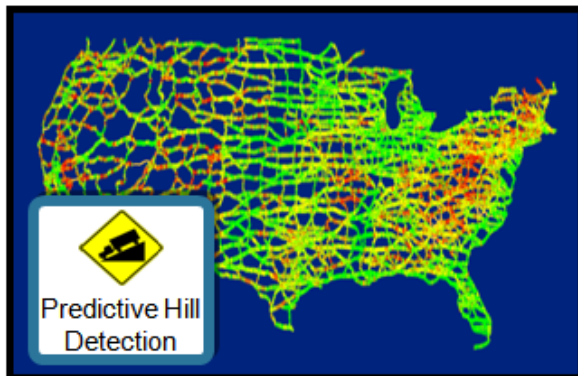


Extensive engine mapping is used in neural network model training

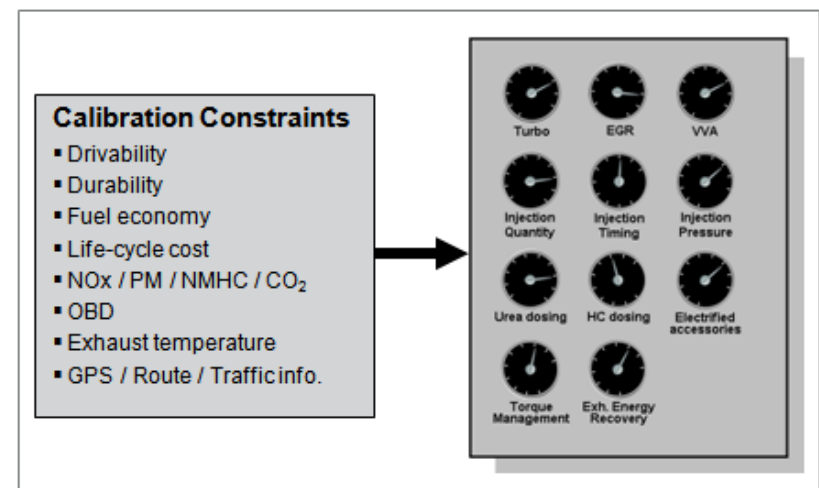
- Developed a **predictive** engine controller.
- Includes a fuel efficiency optimizer.
- Integrates predictive vehicle information.
- Reduced calibration complexity.



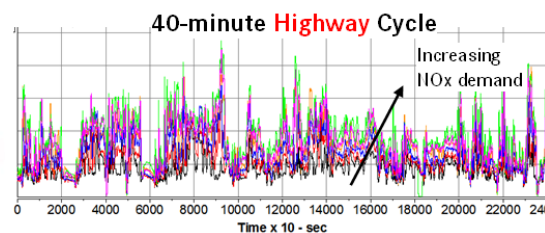
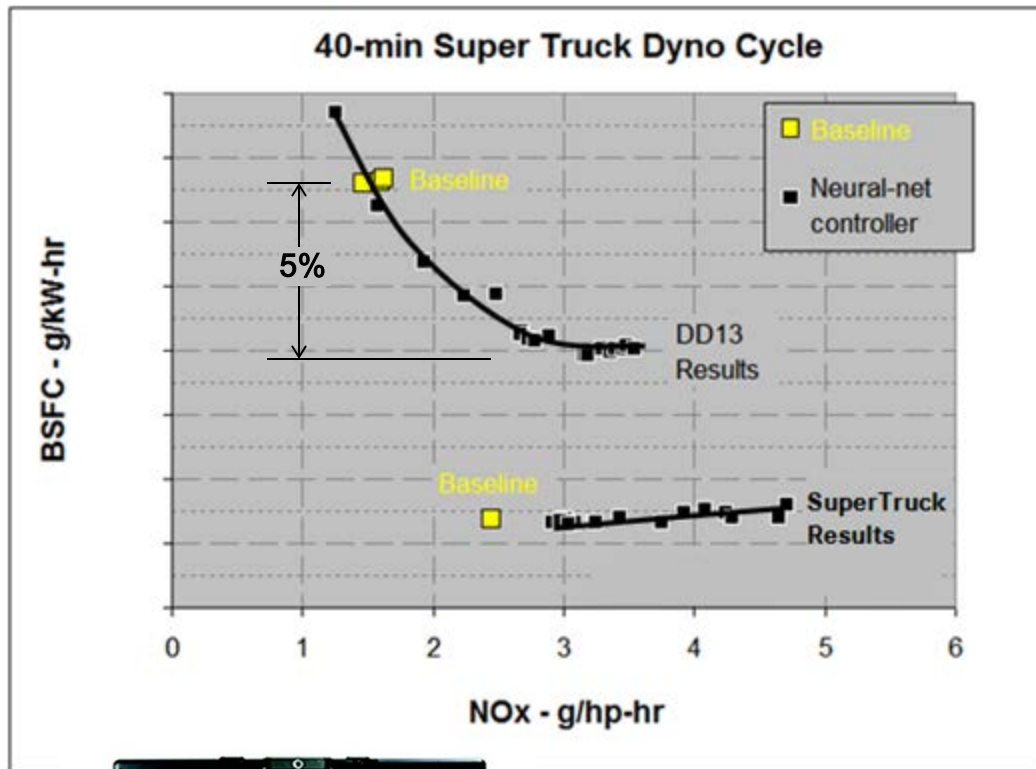
Emissions & fuel economy models enable on-board BSFC optimization



Predictive route information enables enhanced use of engine optimization.



## SuperTruck Engine Controller Results

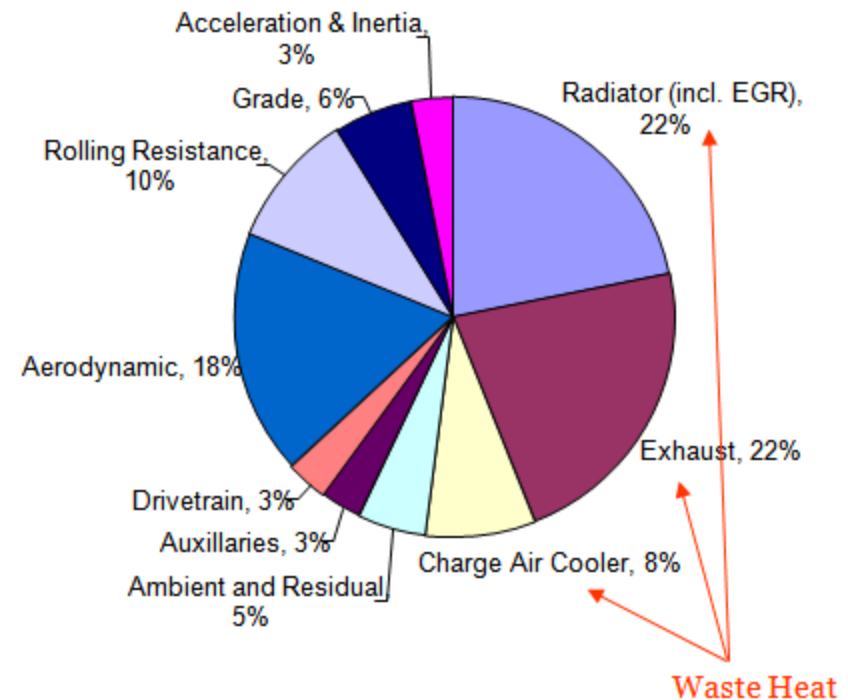


- Controller continues to performed well on DD13.
- System prepared for vehicle implementation.
- Recalibrated for SuperTruck engine in late 2012.
  - Controller showed no NOx vs. BSFC trade-off.
  - Table based calibrations did improve BSFC at high NOx.
  - Lesson learned: model was not trained over a wide enough range of actuator positions.
- Will re-train controller with finalized set of engine hardware (pistons, turbo, etc.).

## Waste Heat Recovery (WHR)

- Waste heat recovery has significant potential for meeting efficiency goals.
  - Rankine cycle has the most potential among available options.
- Will recover energy from exhaust and EGR.
- SuperTruck objective: demonstrate 2% BTE improvement via WHR.
- Current Status: demonstrated 1.3% BTE with exhaust heat only. EGR boiler on engine and will be evaluated for BTE shortly.

Waste Heat Sources	Quality	Quantity
<b>Exhaust</b>	<b>High</b>	<b>High</b>
<b>EGR</b>	<b>High</b>	<b>Low</b>
<b>CAC</b>	<b>Low</b>	<b>Low</b>
<b>Coolant</b>	<b>Low</b>	<b>High</b>



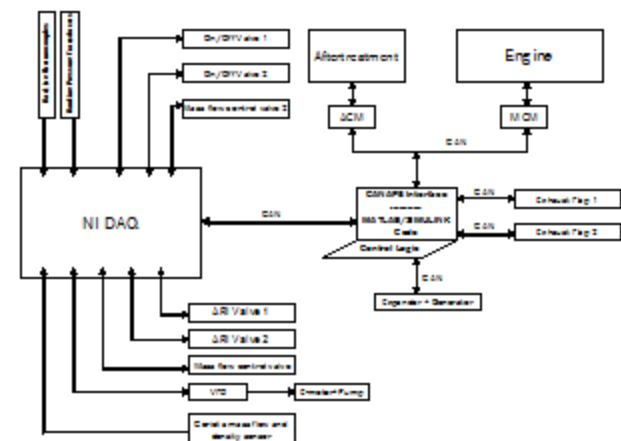
## WHR -- Test Bed



- Test stand functional with ethanol as the working fluid.
- Initial system characterization complete.
- EGR energy recovery now added to engine.
  - Targeting  $> 2\%$  BTE with this configuration.

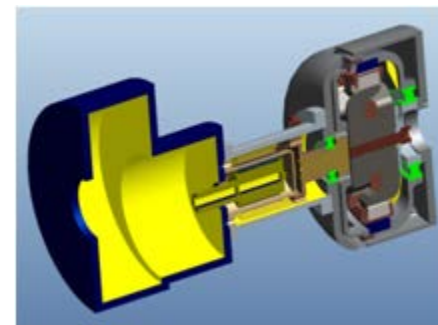
## WHR -- Control System

- Test bed control system fully functional.
- Model refinements, diagnostics, and integration with other control systems ongoing.



## Generator Development

- ORNL developing new design generator for WHR.
  - Low cost wound field generator.
  - No inverter required, simple controls for voltage regulation, brushless, air cooled.
- Iteration 1 could only generate 20% of desired power.
- Iteration 2 generates desired power; mapping in process.



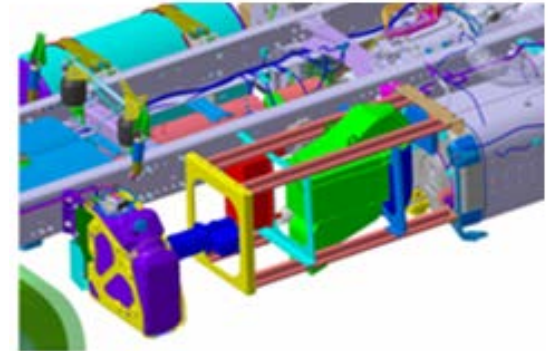
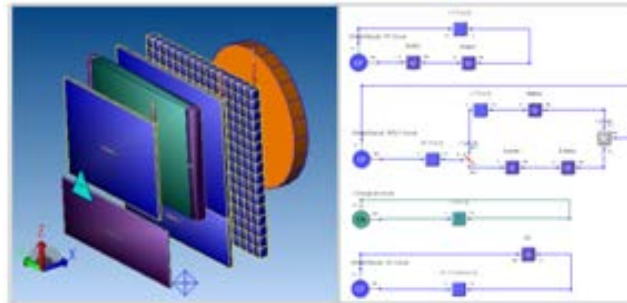
## Generator Controls



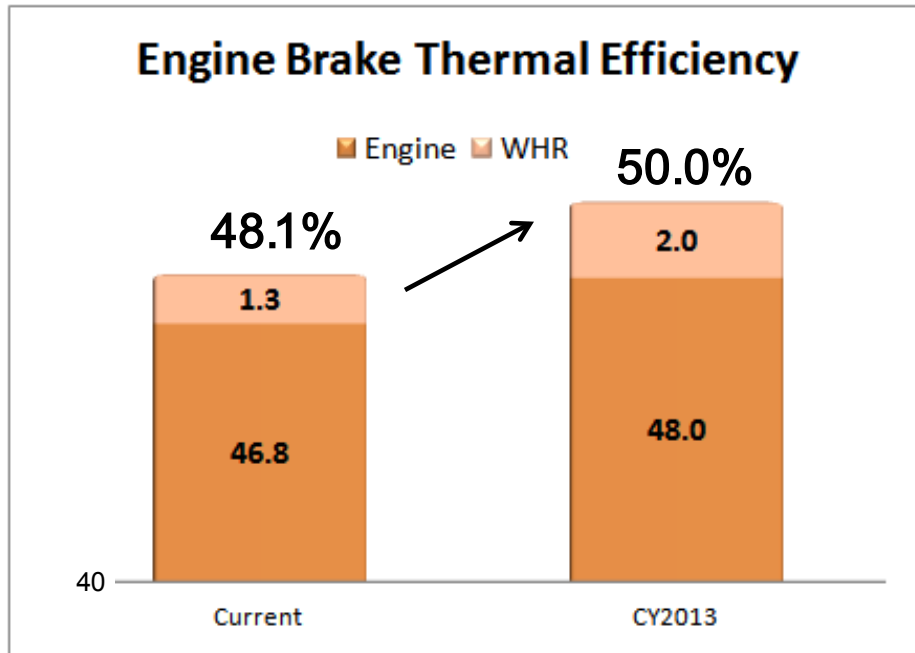
- Controls development and performance testing of the integrated expander and generator ongoing at ORNL.
- Demonstrated expander speed control and load dumping.

## Waste Heat in Vehicle

- Vehicle packaging of Rankine components complete; system assembly in process.
- Build and test in 2013.

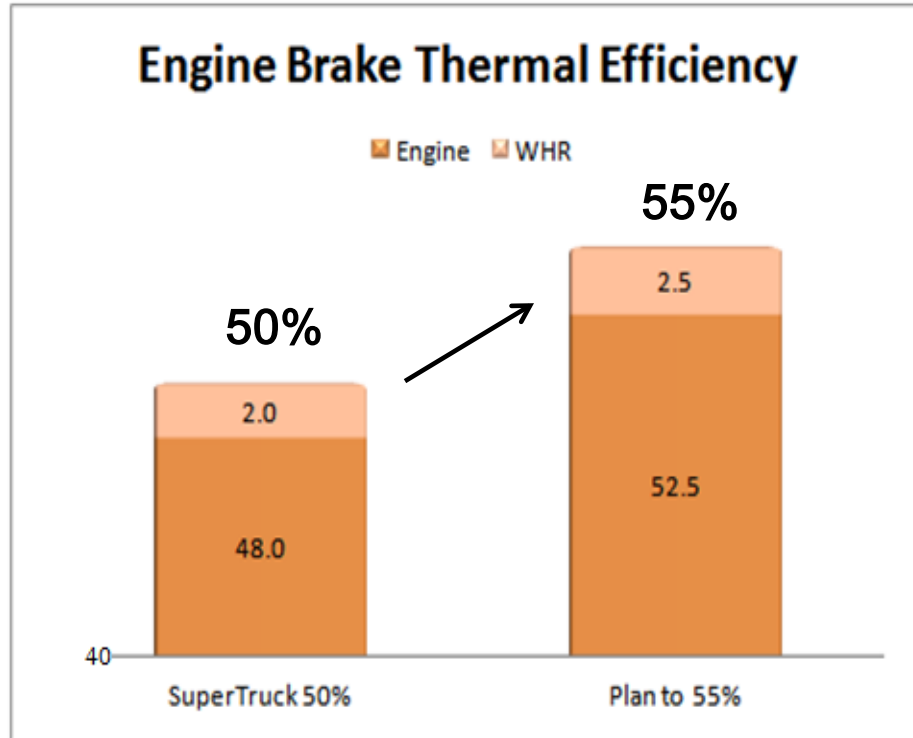


## Plan to 50% BTE → Need 1.9%



- Engine → need +1.2%
  - Combustion system: new bowl shape, higher CR, higher PFP, fuel system optimized via DOE.
  - Turbo with reduced back pressure.
  - Parasitic reductions: liner cooling, cylinder kit improvements, oil system improvements, new oil.
- WHR → need +0.7%
  - Addition of EGR boiler.
  - Minor component optimizations (plumbing, etc.).

## Plan to 55% BTE → Need 5.0%



- Engine → need +4.5%
  - Baseline model calibrated, will be refined for latest and greatest hardware when data is available (summer 2013).
  - Turbocompound will be engine tested.
  - Over 15 engine improvement items will be evaluated.
- WHR → need > +0.5%
  - System refinements.
  - Potential for coolant and/or charge cooler WHR.
    - WHR >> 2.5% BTE
- Results at end of year 4

# SuperTruck Partnerships and Collaborations



Department of Energy: → Roland Gravel → Gurpreet Singh  
→ Ken Howden → Carl Maronde

## Engine



Massachusetts  
Institute of  
Technology

Atkinson LLC



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# SuperTruck Program Summary

- Achieved significant increase in performance; baseline 42% BTE, currently 48.1% BTE.
- Remaining 2 years of SuperTruck.
  - In the next 6 months, demonstrate 50% BTE.
    - Combustion system (pistons, CR ratio, fuel injection, etc.), new turbocharger, further reduced parasitics (liner cooling, cylinder kit modification, etc.) and WHR including from the EGR system.
  - Move to final engine validations and implementation into SuperTruck vehicle.
  - Define building blocks for 55% BTE.
  - Continued system refinements (controls, WHR including generator, etc.).

