

Super Truck Program: Vehicle Project Review

Recovery Act –Class 8 Truck Freight Efficiency Improvement Project

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Project ID: ARRAVT080



Timeline

- Project start: April 2010
- Project end: March 2015
- Percent complete: 100%

Budget

- Total project \$79,119,736
- Vehicle budget \$47,486,735
 - DOE share \$ 19,228,552
 - DTNA share \$ 19,228,552

Barriers

- Resolve thermal & fluid dynamics tradeoffs between aero & cooling
- Rejecting more heat in a smaller, aerodynamic hood & engine compartment
- Development of safe and efficient high voltage power distribution, integrating multiple HV energy sources
- Making tradeoffs between efficiency, cost and weight
- Vehicle controls integration (aux, hybrid, powertrain, waste heat, predictive)

Partners

- Detroit Diesel
- Schneider National, Walmart
- National Renewable Energy Lab
- Oregon State University
- Strick Trailer
- Michelin
- ...



Objectives and Milestones

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

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

Timeline	Phase Description	Milestones
4/10–3/11	Analysis: <i>(1) Technology Modeling/Analysis and Initial Component Development and Demonstration</i>	Develop analytical roadmap: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 50% vehicle freight efficiency improvement • 50% engine brake thermal efficiency
4/11–3/12	Specification: <i>(2) Experimental Demonstration of Technology Building Blocks for Intermediate Goals</i>	Experimentally demonstrate technology building blocks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 25% vehicle freight efficiency improvement (system level test) • 46% engine brake thermal efficiency
4/12–5/13	Design: <i>(3) Technology Identifications and Final Component Development and Demonstration</i>	Identify and initially develop technology building blocks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 50% vehicle freight efficiency improvement (system level test & analysis) • 50% engine brake thermal efficiency
6/13–6/14	Build: <i>(4) Experimental Demonstration of Technology Building Blocks for 50% Engine Thermal Efficiency and 50% Vehicle Efficiency</i>	Experimentally demonstrate technology building blocks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 50% vehicle freight efficiency improvement (system level test) • 50% engine brake thermal efficiency
7/14–3/15	Test: <i>(5) Final System Integration and Demonstration</i>	Experimental demonstration: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 50% vehicle freight efficiency improvement (entire vehicle test) • 50% engine brake thermal efficiency (engine test) • 55% engine brake thermal efficiency (engine analysis)



Phase 5: Road to 50%

A-Sample (Performance Test, April 2014)

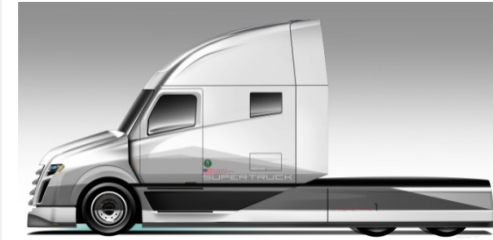
- Aero hood, bumper, active grille
- Stock DD11 Engine, DT12 DD Trans. + eCoast
- Waste Heat Recovery (electrical expander & vehicle cooling)
- 6x2 Axle Config., 2.28:1 RAR + oil baffle
- GHC Hybrid B-sample (120kw eMotor, 360v, 2.4 kw-hr Li-Ion Bat)
- eHVAC (HV compressor, remote condenser, electrical fan)
- eMotor engine start
- Cab insulation package
- Clutched air compressor / electronic air control
- AccuSteer (closed center steering gear + accumulator)
- Low rolling resistance wide based single tires
- Thermal mgt. (variable speed fan, water pump)
- Trailer aero., lightweighting and solar



A-Sample



Tinker Trucks



ST Final Demonstrator

Final Demonstrator (FE Test, Oct 2014 – Jan 15)

A-Sample Technologies, plus...

- Full Tractor Aero
 - cab/sleeper, underbody, drive wheel fairing, mirror cam, steer wheel, full side extender
- 50% BTE DD11 Engine + WHR
- Predictive hybrid controller
- Predictive engine controller
- New final drive active oil management with FE gear oil
- Lightweight Aluminum Frame and cross members
- Ultra Lightweight Air Suspension
- Advanced Loadshift 6x2
- Solar reflective paint
- Enhanced Trailer aerodynamics



SuperTruck Final Demonstration Test

October 2014 – January 2015

Gross Vehicle Weight (lb)	
Total	65,000
Tare	34,000
Payload	31,000

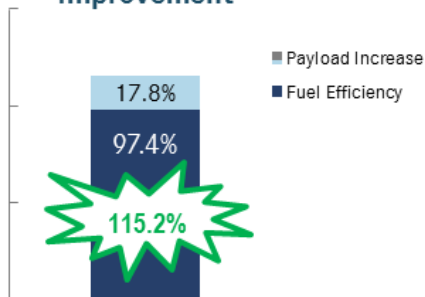


Gross Vehicle Weight (lb)	
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Tare	31200
Payload	33,800

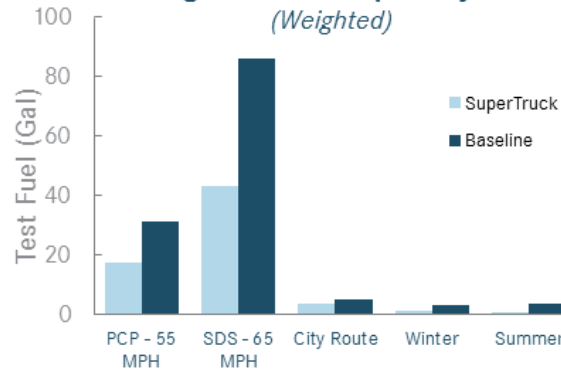


➔ 12.2 mpg average over 5 days of testing on the San Antonio – Dallas Route

Freight Efficiency Improvement



Average Fuel Consumption by Route (Weighted)



3 Drive Cycle Routes + 2 Parked Tests

San Antonio Dallas



Portland Canyonville



Portland City





Torque Reduction: A-Sample vs Final Demonstrator

Comparison of A-Sample and Final Demonstrator on the same section of road

- Similar weather conditions between each run.
- Large reduction in torque on flat ground.

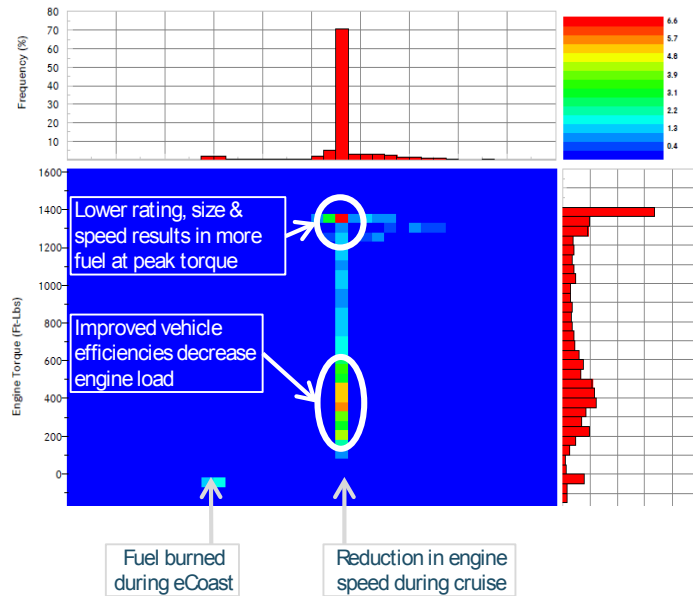


➔ Significant reduction of road load observed in lower engine torque levels

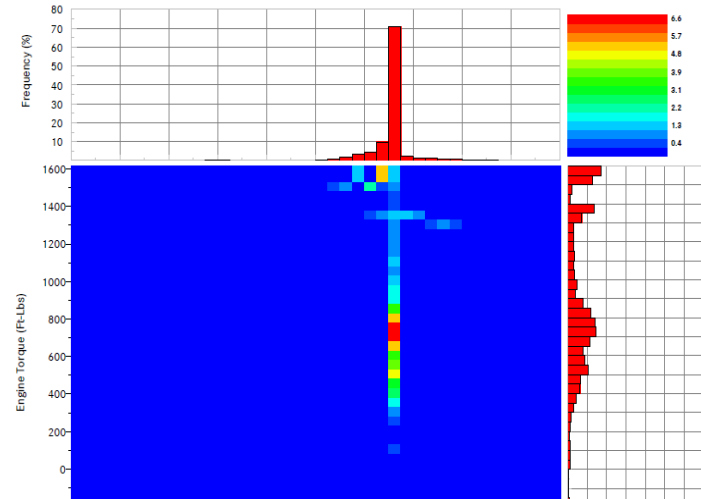


Engine Operations on Portland Canyonville Route

SuperTruck Final Demonstrator



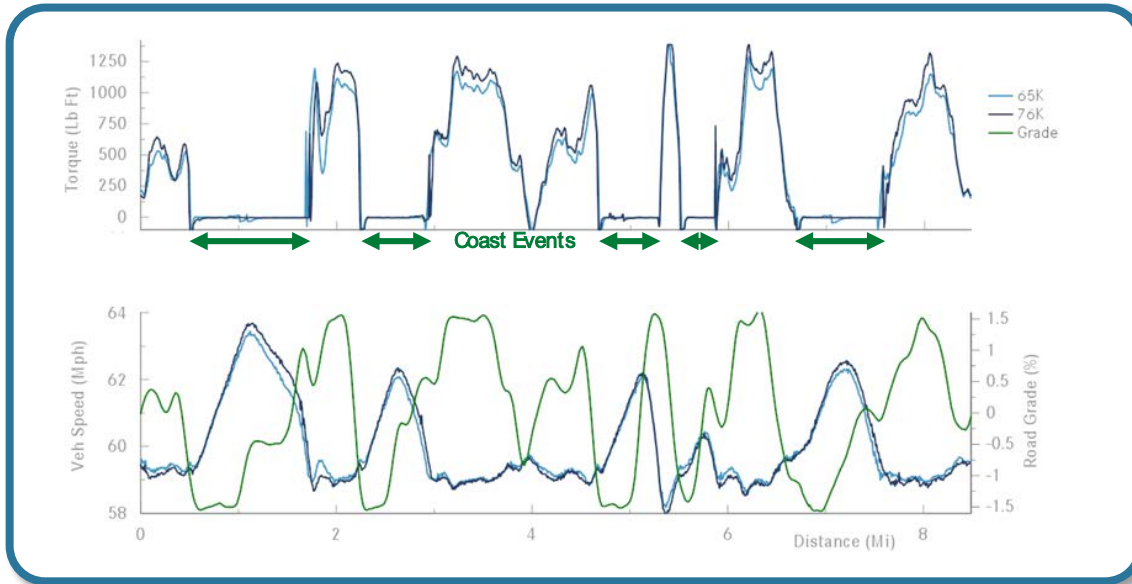
Baseline 2009 Cascadia



➔ Performance enhancements based on smaller engine spec, improve vehicle efficiency and eCoast



eCoast Benefits Enhanced on SuperTruck



Highway Test evaluation *San Antonio – Dallas Route*

eCoast Performance		
	%Drive time <i>(green)</i>	eCoast Mode
Final Demo		Predictive
A-Sample		Standard
Baseline		N/A

Closed Test Track

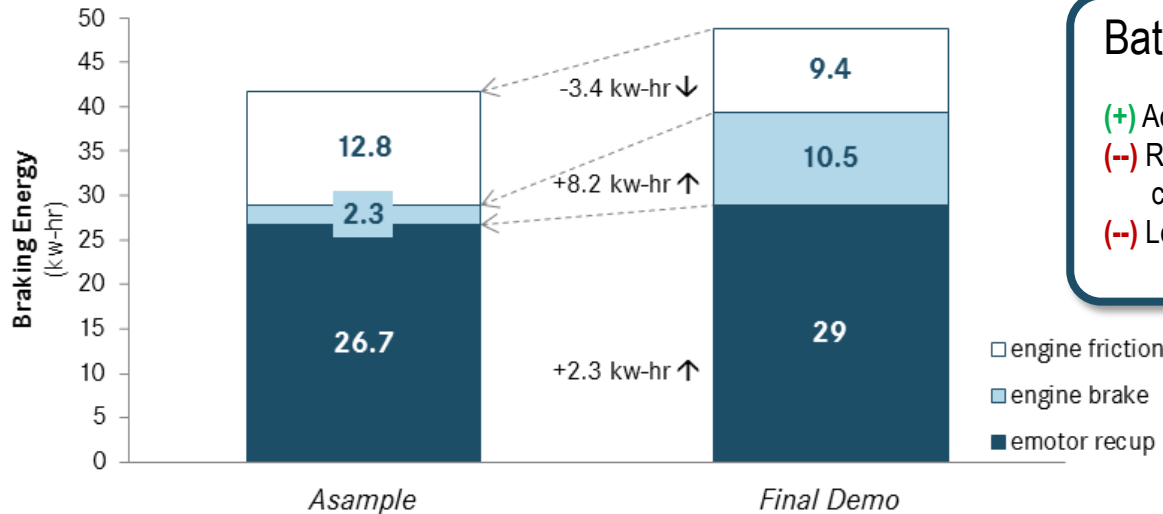
- 5 Coast Sections: 40%– 43%Coast time
- Improved vehicle extends eCoast intervals
- Hybrid enabled, but seldom used

eCoast performance enhanced

- Lower vehicle drag provides more eCoast opportunity
- Predictive Technologies enhance eCoast with 3D map data

Brake Energy Evaluation

A-Sample vs. Final Demonstrator Vehicles on San Antonio – Dallas Route



Battery Performance Results

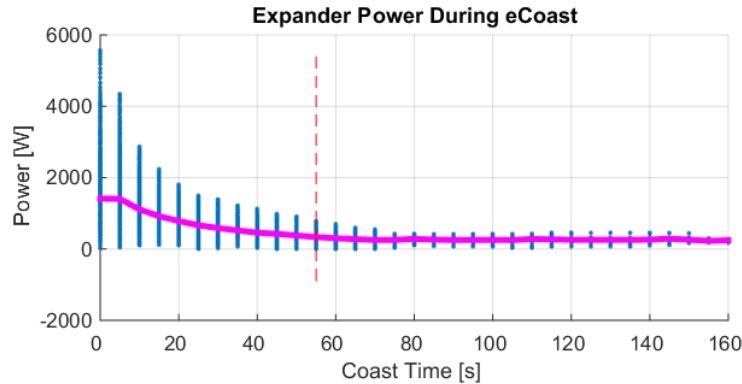
- (+) Adequate Battery Sizing (sufficient SoC)
- (-) Required braking power exceeded battery charging limits
- (-) Long braking duration caused battery derate



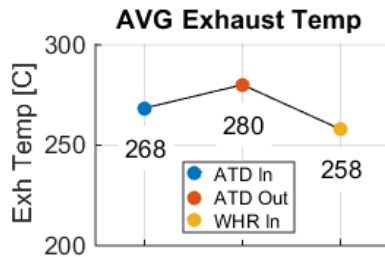
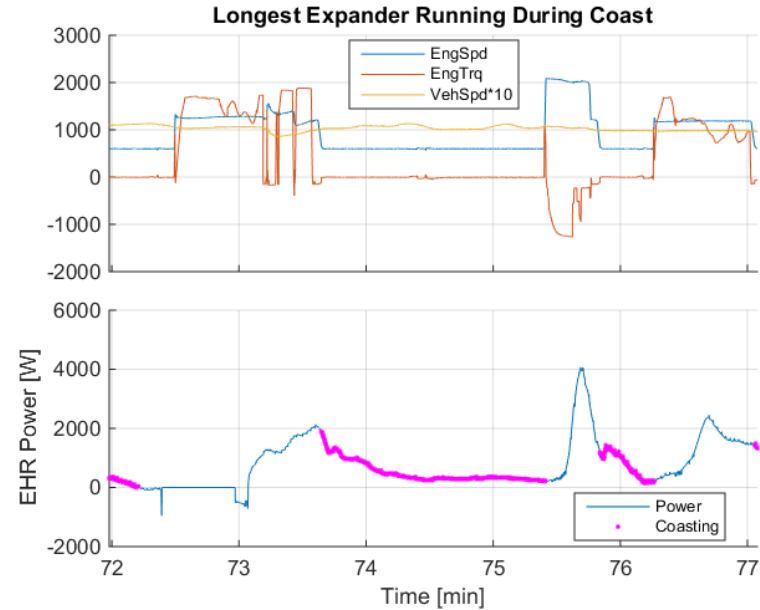
➔ An increase in brake energy on the final demonstrator translates into more engine braking, rather than hybrid recuperation



Exhaust Heat Recovery Performance Dependent on Vehicle Design and Operations



➔ Tradeoff observed: expander *'loses steam'* during coasting



➔ Exhaust insulation needed to minimize temperature loss to the EHR boiler



SuperTruck Technology Evaluation

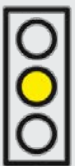
Commercially viable technologies



- Engine *(e.g. variable water pump, rating, downspeeding)*
- Predictive Tech. *(e.g. cruise control, shifting)*
- Powertrain *(e.g. direct drive AMT, eCoast)*
- Aerodynamics *(e.g. cab/ chassis side extenders, bumper, windshield seals)*
- Tires *(e.g. energy efficient, wide based singles)*
- Trailer *(e.g. EPA Smartway aerodynamics)*

Commercialization hurdles remain

(e.g. regulatory, economic and/ or technical)



- Engine *(e.g. higher compression ratio, peak firing pressure)*
- Aerodynamics *(e.g. drive wheel fairing, under body cover, active grille)*
- MirrorCam
- Auxiliaries *(e.g. clutched compressor, power steering pump)*

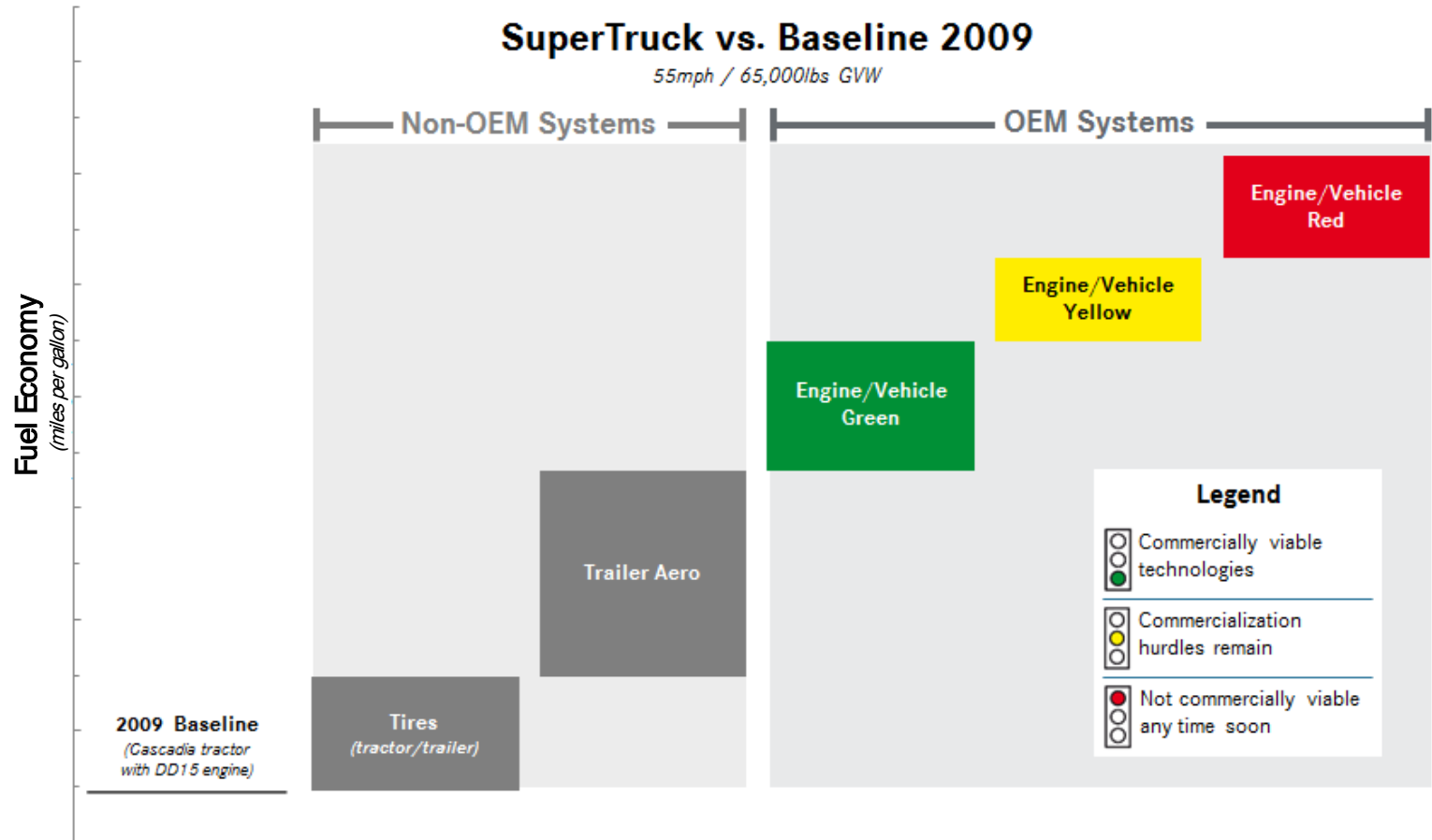
Not commercially viable any time soon



- Hybrid Electric Powertrain *(predictive technologies - alternative low cost solution)*
- Exhaust Heat Recovery
- Lightweight Materials *(e.g. carbon fiber)*



Breakdown of Fuel Economy Improvements





SuperTruck Partnerships and Collaborations

Department of Energy:

- Roland Gravel
- Gurpreet Singh

- Ken Howden
- Carl Maronde

Energy Management

Hybrid

Aero/Cooling

Lightweighting

Powertrain/Parasitics

Fleet



Summary and Future Work

Successful completion of phases 1-5; Phase 5 targets exceeded

- ✓ 50% Vehicle Freight Efficiency target exceeded on Final Demonstrator vehicle through testing on Portland-Canyonville, San Antonio-Dallas, Portland City and Idle cycles
- ✓ 50% Engine Brake Thermal Efficiency target exceeded in engine test cell

Mission Accomplished



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Backup

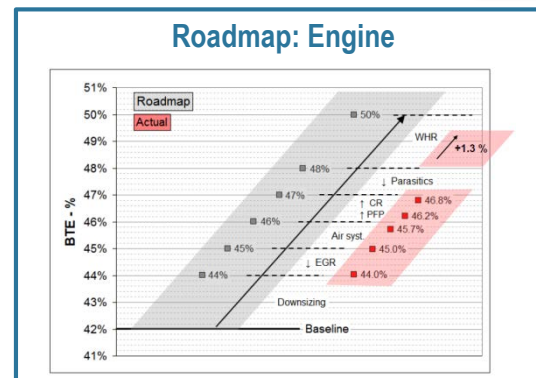
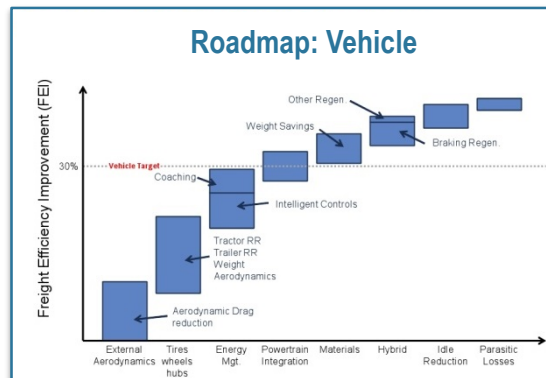
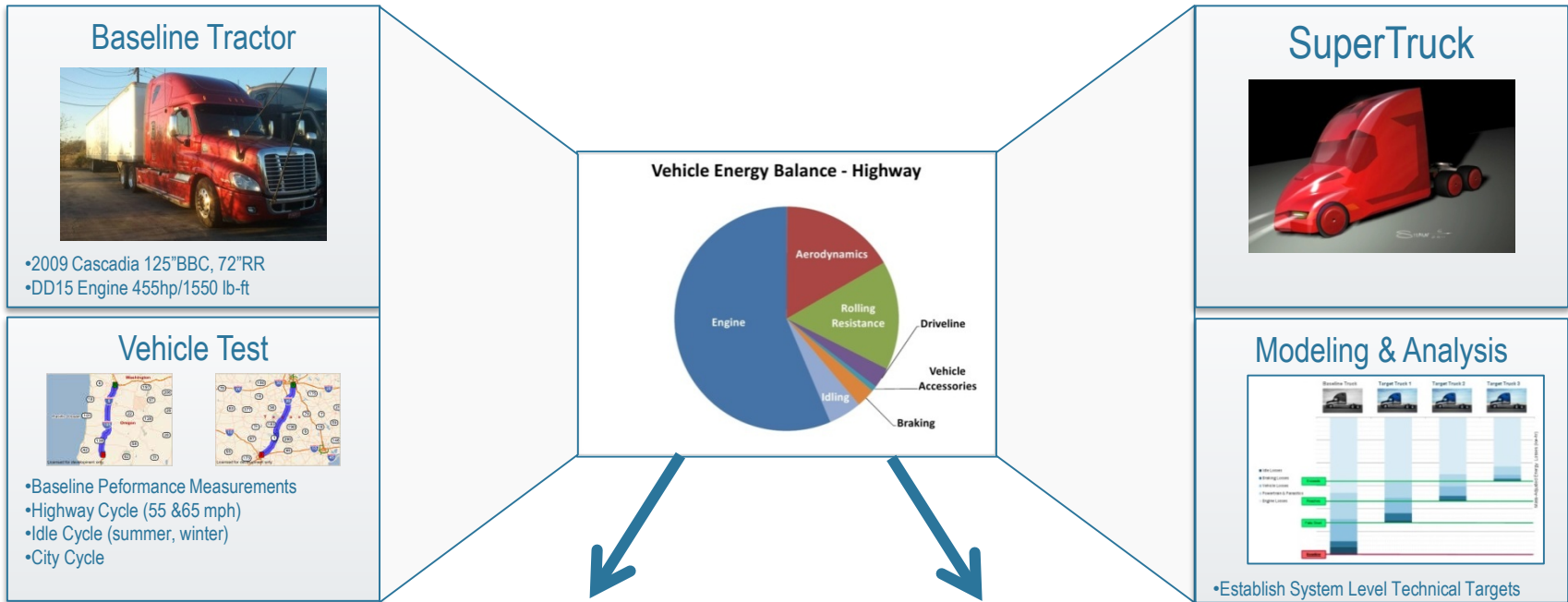


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Phase I Milestone Completed ✓

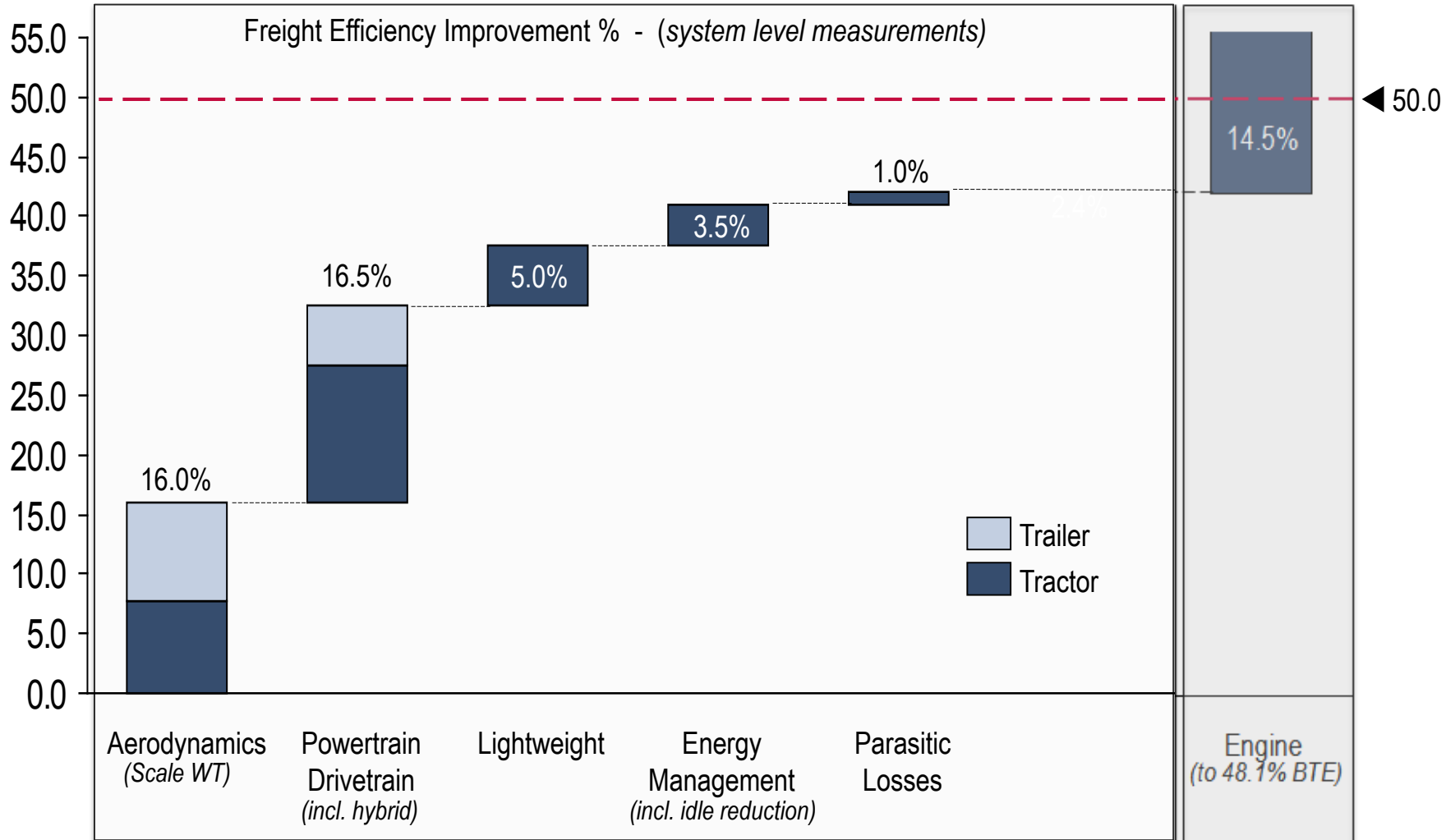
Analytical roadmap development to 50% vehicle FEI & 50% engine BTE





Phase 2 & 3 Milestone Status ✓

Experimental testing to 25% & 50% vehicle freight efficiency*



* Technical Accomplishments covered in the 2012-2013 Annual Merit Reviews



Vehicle Level Performance Test ✓

March-April, 2014: On Highway Fuel Economy Test

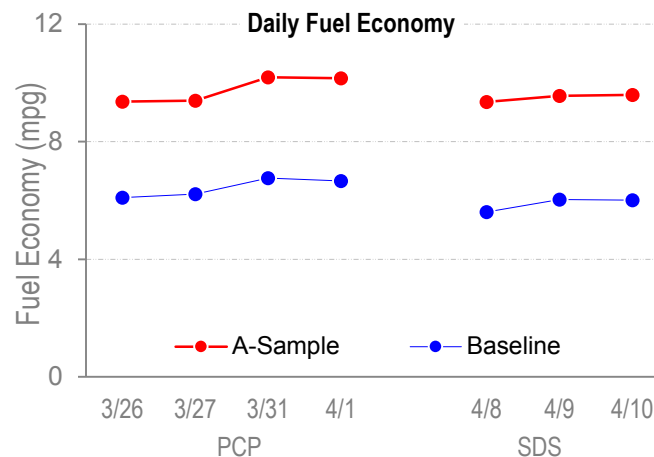
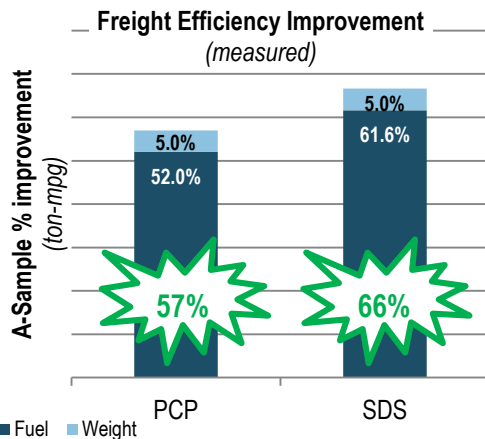
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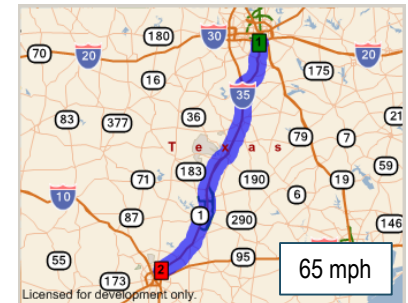
Gross Vehicle Weight (lb)	
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Tare	32,450
Payload	32,550



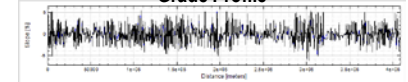
1550 lbs. additional freight on A-Sample → 5% Freight Efficiency Improvement



San Antonio Dallas (SDS)



Grade Profile



Portland Canyonville (PCP)



Grade Profile

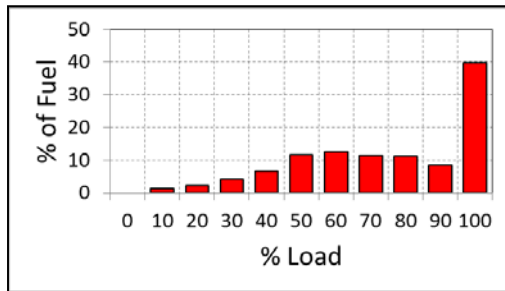




SuperTruck Engine – Final Results

- 50.2% BTE
- Large fuel economy improvement at part load relative to 2009 baseline -- resulting from optimized, downsized, down-spced SuperTruck engine
- Technical focus since last year's AMR
 - Engine & WHR hardware and design freeze
 - Software and calibration freeze
 - Model based engine controller commissioned on the SuperTruck demonstrator vehicle
 - SuperTruck vehicle integration
 - 55% BTE scoping activities
- SET: 6.9 g/bhp-hr E.O. NOx -- 0.15 g/bhp-hr T.O. NOx
- FTP: 3.0 g/bhp-hr E.O. NOx -- 0.50 g/bhp-hr T.O. NOx

Baseline on Texas route



SuperTruck on Texas route

