



Overview of the VTO Advanced Combustion Engine R&D Program

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Increasing Engine Efficiency

Increasing the efficiency of internal combustion engines (ICEs) is one of the most promising and cost-effective approaches to improving the fuel economy of the U.S. vehicle fleet in the near- to mid-term.

“The performance, low cost, and fuel flexibility of ICEs makes it likely that they will continue to dominate the vehicle fleet for at least the next several decades. ICE improvements can also be applied to both hybrid electric vehicles (HEVs) and vehicles that use alternative hydrocarbon fuels.” DOE QTR 2011¹

“The DOE-funded research in advanced engine combustion ... addresses important aspects for achieving an integration of advanced combustion processes that should be important enablers for achieving the 55 percent BTE goal as well as providing ongoing improvements.” - NRC Report 2012²

“...better understanding of the combustion process and emissions production can help to overcome a major barrier to more advanced ICEs, this work is important to the country. ...” NRC Report 2013³

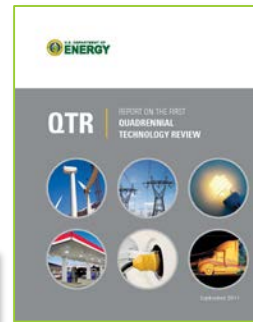
EIA AEO 2015⁴ reference case scenario - even by 2040, ***over 99% of vehicles sold will have ICEs.***

¹ Quadrennial Technology Review, DOE 2011

² Review of the 21st Century Truck Partnership: 2nd Report, NRC 2012

³ Review of the Research Program of the U.S. DRIVE Partnership: 4th Report, NRC 2013

⁴ Annual Energy Outlook 2015, April 2015.



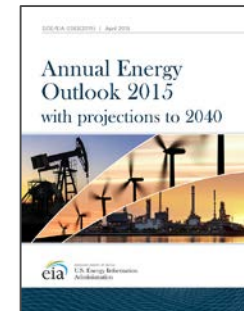
DOE 2011



NRC 2012



NRC 2013



DOE 2015

Outline

- ❑ State of technology today for ICE
- ❑ Overview of the Advanced Combustion Engine R&D Program
- ❑ Combustion and Emission Control
 - Engine Combustion Research
 - Low Temperature Combustion
 - Predictive Simulation for ICE Design
 - Emission Control R&D
 - High Efficiency Engine Technologies
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Passenger Vehicle Fuel Economy Trends

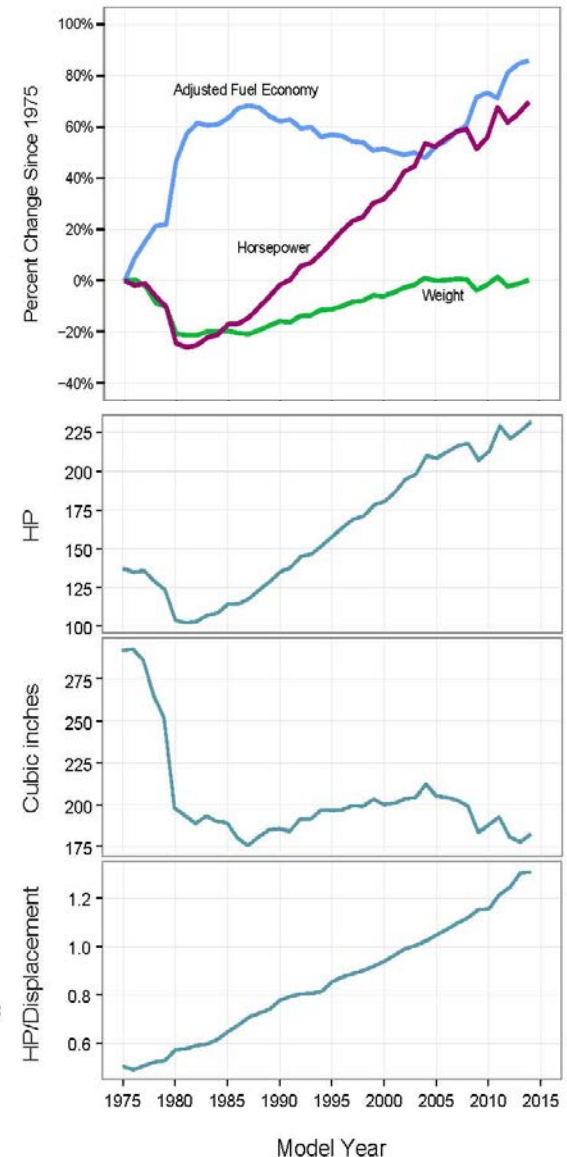
Increase in internal combustion engine performance has been largely responsible for significant fuel economy increases (in spite of increases in vehicle size and weight).



Engine Displacement and Power
Horsepower

Displacement

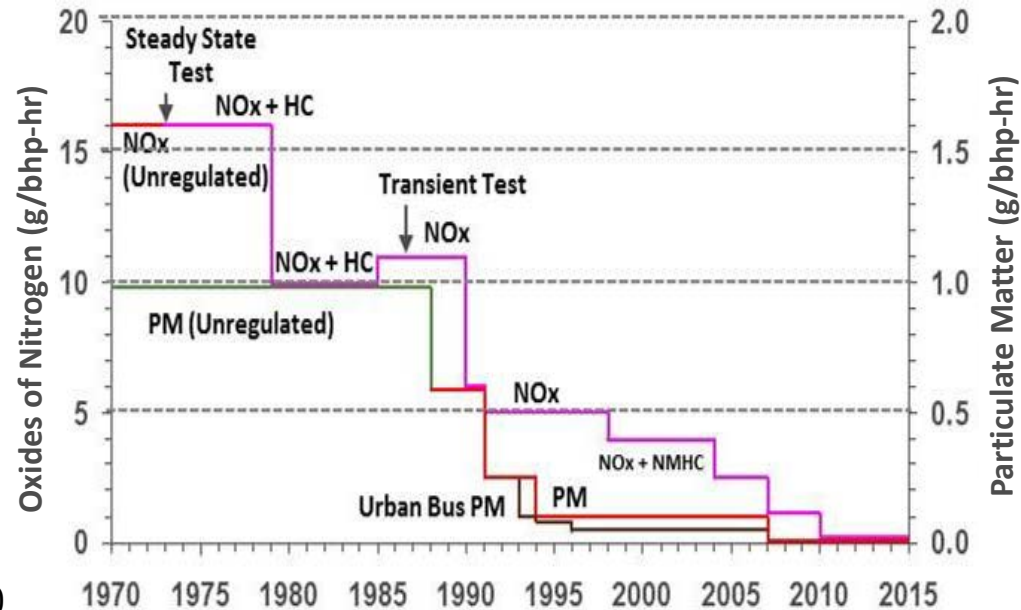
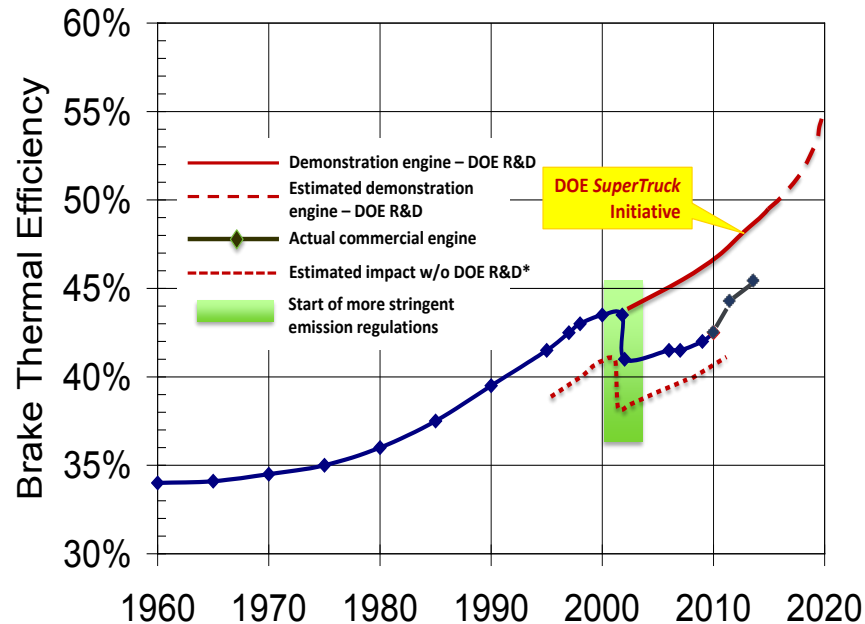
Average Specific Power



Source: EPA, *Light-Duty Automotive Technology, Carbon Dioxide Emissions, and Fuel Economy Trends: 1975 Through 2014*, October 2014.

Progress In Heavy-Duty Diesel Engine Efficiency and Emissions

Historical progress in heavy-duty engine efficiency and the challenge of simultaneous emissions reduction, illustrate positive impact from DOE R&D support.



- ❑ DOE R&D helped industry improve thermal efficiency of over-the-road heavy-duty diesel engines by over 4.5% .
- ❑ Benefits from heavy-duty vehicles alone (1995 – 2007) represent an over 70:1 return on investment (ROI) of government funds for heavy-duty combustion engine R&D - total savings of over \$70B.

[Source: Retrospective Benefit-Cost Evaluation of U.S. DOE Vehicle Advanced Combustion Engine R&D Investments: Impacts of a Cluster of Energy Technologies, U.S. DOE, May 2010]


Advanced Combustion Engine R&D

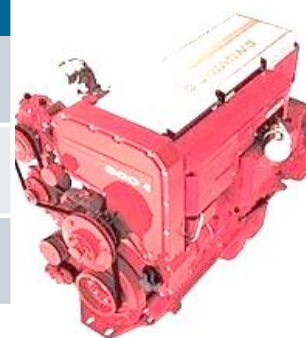
Strategic Goal: Reduce petroleum dependence by removing critical technical barriers to mass commercialization of high-efficiency, emissions-compliant internal combustion engine (ICE) powertrains in passenger and commercial vehicles

Primary Directions

- Improve ICE efficiency through **advanced combustion strategies**
- Develop efficient **aftertreatment technologies**
- Reduce **losses and recover waste energy**

Performance Targets*

	Light-Duty		Heavy-Duty	
	2015	2020	2015	2020
 Engine brake thermal efficiency	--	--	50%	55%
Fuel economy improvement	25 – 40%	35 – 50%	20%	30%
NOx & PM emissions	Tier 2, Bin 2	Tier 3/LEV III	EPA Standards	EPA Standards



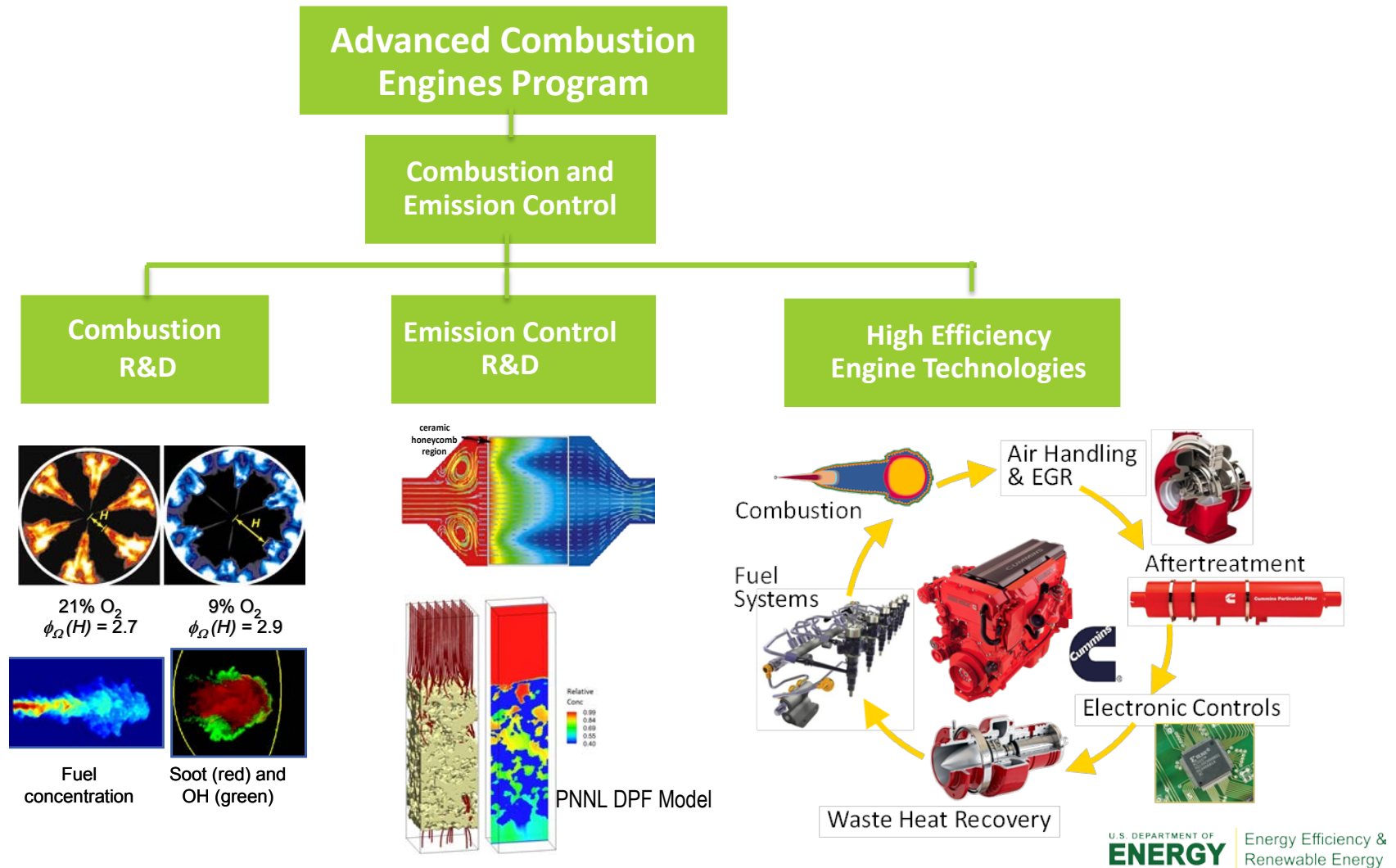
*compared to 2009 model year baseline

Advanced Combustion Engine R&D Program: *Budget by Subprogram*

Major Activities	FY 2014 Enacted	FY 2015 Enacted	FY 2016 Request
Advanced Combustion Engine R&D	\$49,970K	\$49,000K	\$64,500K
Combustion and Emission Control	45,723	49,000	64,500
Solid State Energy Conversion	4,247	0	0

Advanced Combustion Engine R&D

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Overall R&D Approach



Fundamental R&D

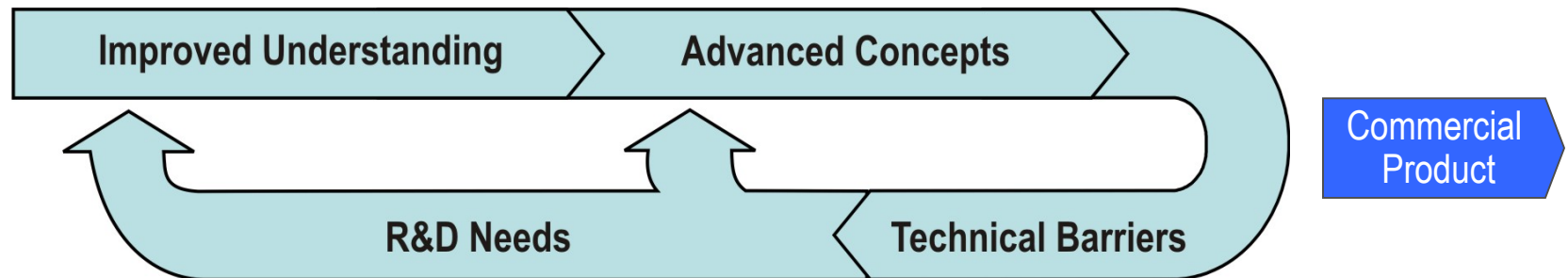
- SNL – Advanced combustion strategies (LTC, lean-burn gasoline, advanced diesel)
- LLNL – Chemical kinetics models (combustion, fuels and emissions)
- LANL – CFD modeling of combustion
- ANL – X-ray fuel spray characterization and modeling
- PNNL – Catalyst characterization (NO_x and PM control)
- Universities – Complementary research

Fundamental to Applied Bridging R&D

- ORNL – Experiments and simulation of engines and emission control systems (bench-scale to fully integrated systems)
- ANL – Fuel injector design, LTC engine experiments

Competitively Awarded Cost-shared Industry R&D

- Automotive and engine companies, – engine systems
- Suppliers – enabling technologies (sensors, ignition, VVA, WHR)



Combustion Research

Combustion and Emission Control

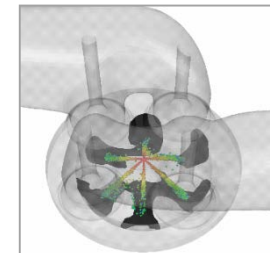
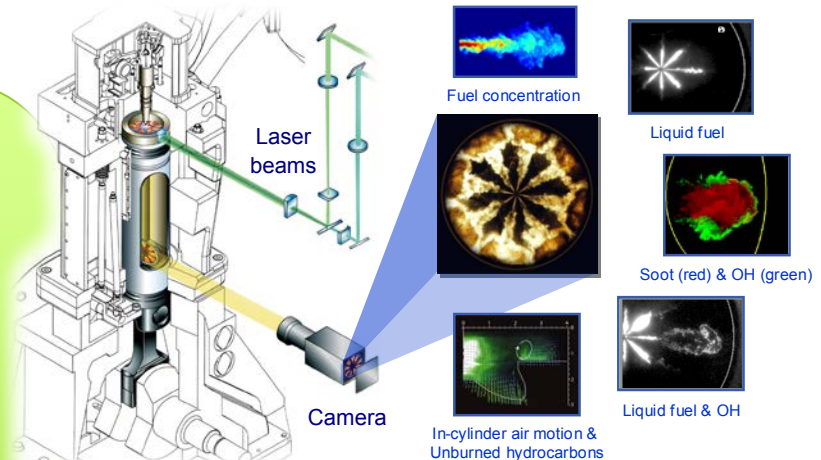
Combustion Research

Emission Control and Aftertreatment

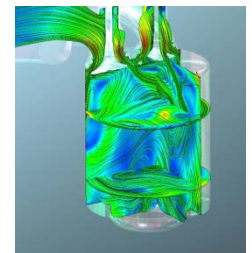
High Efficiency Engine Technologies



- ❑ Explore advanced combustion strategies to achieve higher engine efficiencies with near-zero emission of NO_x and PM.
- ❑ Develop greater understanding of engine combustion and in-cylinder emissions formation processes.
- ❑ Develop science-based, truly predictive simulation tools for engine design.



Engine Simulation



Combustion Research - *Directions and Challenges*

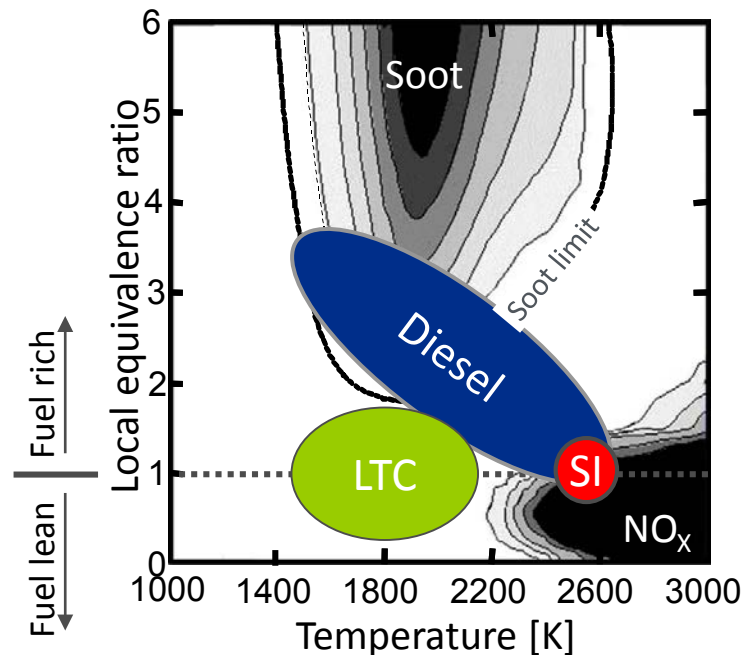
Combustion Strategies Enabling Improved Efficiency and Very-Low Emissions

❑ Low-Temperature Combustion (LTC):

- Premixed-Charge Compression-Ignition (PCCI), PPCI, PCI, MK, ... – “mixed enough”
- Homogeneous-Charge Compression-Ignition (HCCI) – “heterogeneous enough”
- Reactivity-Controlled Compression-Ignition (RCCI) – “dual fuel” combustion

❑ Dilute Gasoline Combustion: Fuel-air mixing, ignition and flame propagation in stratified mixtures, stochastic misfire and knock challenges, fuels, emissions, ...

❑ Clean Diesel Combustion: EGR, high-pressure and multi-pulse injection, lifted-flame combustion, post injections for in-cylinder and aftertreatment emission control, ...



➤ LTC Challenges:

- Combustion phasing
- Load range
- Heat release rate
- Transient control
- HC and CO emissions
- Fuel characteristics

Diesel and HCCI Combustion

- ❑ Conventional Diesel Combustion (movie of hot, glowing soot)

- ❑ Homogeneous Charge Compression Ignition (movie of combustion chemiluminescence)



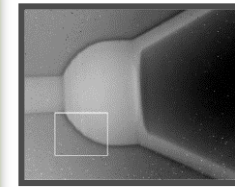
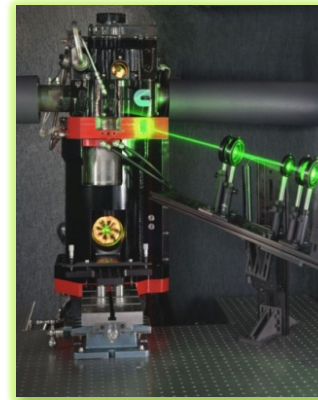
- Fuel injector (center) sprays 8 jets of liquid fuel into combustion chamber
- Compression-heating ignites fuel
- Soot forms in fuel-rich jets, and glows red/orange/yellow
- Some soot escapes combustion \Rightarrow soot emissions
- High-temperature combustion = high NO_x
- High efficiency

- Fuel is vaporized and premixed with air prior to compression
- Compression-heating ignites fuel
- Mixtures are fuel-lean so no soot forms, but combustion reactions emit light (blue)
- No soot emissions
- Low-temperature combustion = low NO_x
- High efficiency

Research Tools Bridge Fundamentals to Application

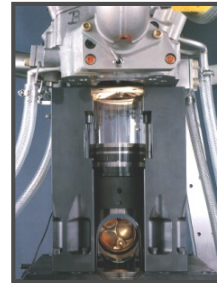
❑ Close coupled modeling and experiments

- Advanced diagnostics including optical, laser, x-ray, and neutron based techniques
- Multi-dimensional computational models and combustion simulators
- Fuel kinetics
- Multi- and single-cylinder engines

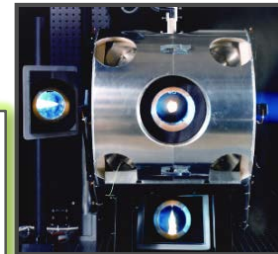


Nozzle Sac
X-Ray Image

Optical Engine

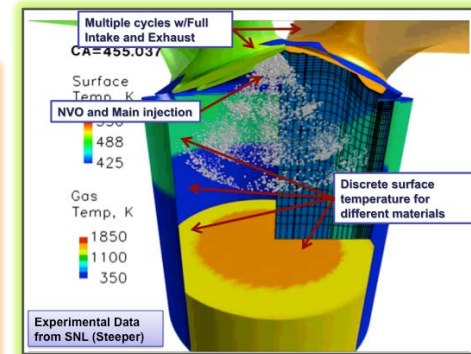
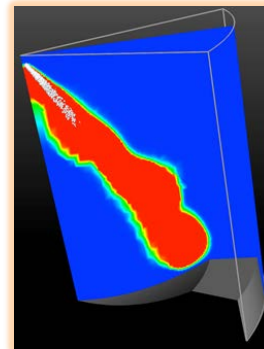


HCCI & Lean-
burn Gasoline

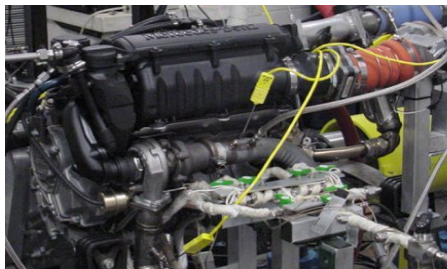


LTC Simulator

Chemical kinetic solver
interfaced to CFD code



Engine Simulation



- ❑ Close collaboration between industry, national labs and universities
- ❑ Cross-cuts light- and heavy-duty engine R&D

Leading to engine modeling tools widely used in industry

Advanced Engine Combustion Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

- ❑ **Goal:** To develop the knowledge base for advanced combustion strategies and carry research results to products.
 - Fundamental combustion research
 - Computational tools for combustion system design and optimization
 - Identify potential pathways for efficiency improvement and emissions compliance
- ❑ Close collaboration with industry through the Advanced Engine Combustion MOU led by Sandia National Labs carries research to products.
- ❑ Cross cuts light-duty and heavy-duty engine R&D



- ❑ University research* integrated with MOU



\$12M over 3 years, equally shared by each agency - Jointly funded by the DOE Vehicle Technologies Office of the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy and the National Science Foundation Division of Chemical, Bioengineering, Environmental, and Transport Systems, Directorate of Engineering

Combustion Research

- University of California, Berkeley - \$1.65M
- Michigan State University - \$1.30M
- Michigan Technological University - \$0.65M
- University of New Hampshire - \$0.60M
- The Pennsylvania State University - \$0.60M
- University of Connecticut - \$0.80M
- Stanford University - \$1.2M
- Clemson University - \$1.0M
- Yale University - \$0.60M

Emission Control Research

- University of Kentucky - \$0.90M
- University of Houston - \$1.20M
- Purdue University - \$1.50M

High Performance Computing Could Accelerate Engine Design and Optimization

Basic Science

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Fundamental expertise in combustion instability mechanisms and leadership in high performance computing including the world's fastest supercomputer



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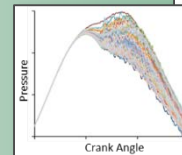
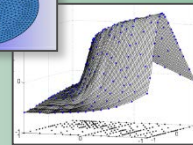
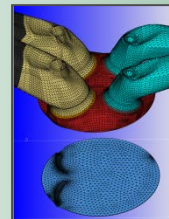
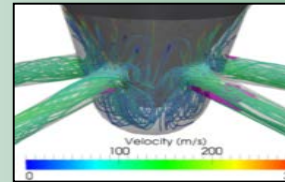


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Applied R&D

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Accelerating high-pressure fuel injector design optimization and providing new insights into combustion instability phenomena

Injector image
(source GM)



Manufacturing/Commercialization

GM/Ford/GE
Research in close collaboration with automobile and engine manufacturers will directly impact the development of the next generation of high efficiency engines



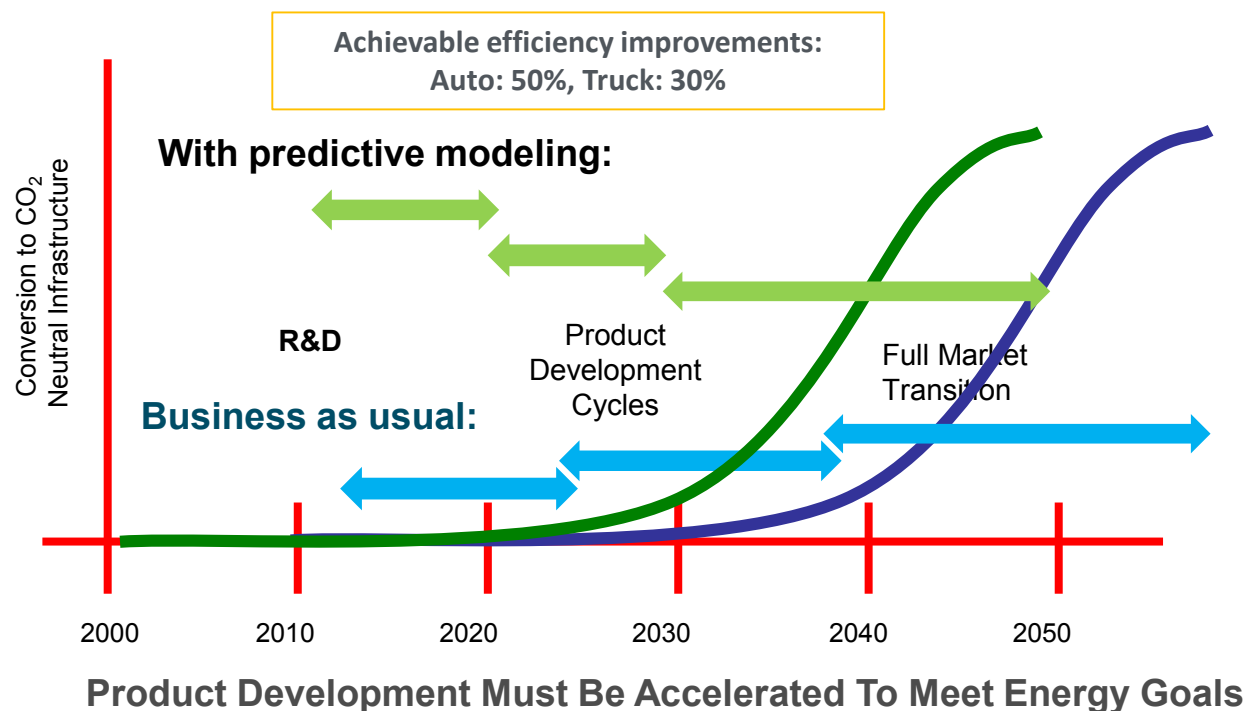
GE
Global Research



Making use of unique world class resources to address real-world challenges

What is the impact if new design simulation tools are developed?

- ❑ Design, testing, and calibration portions of the product development cycle can all be shortened and cheaper
 - Calibration savings alone could reduce the product development cycle time and cost by 25-50% (industry dependent)

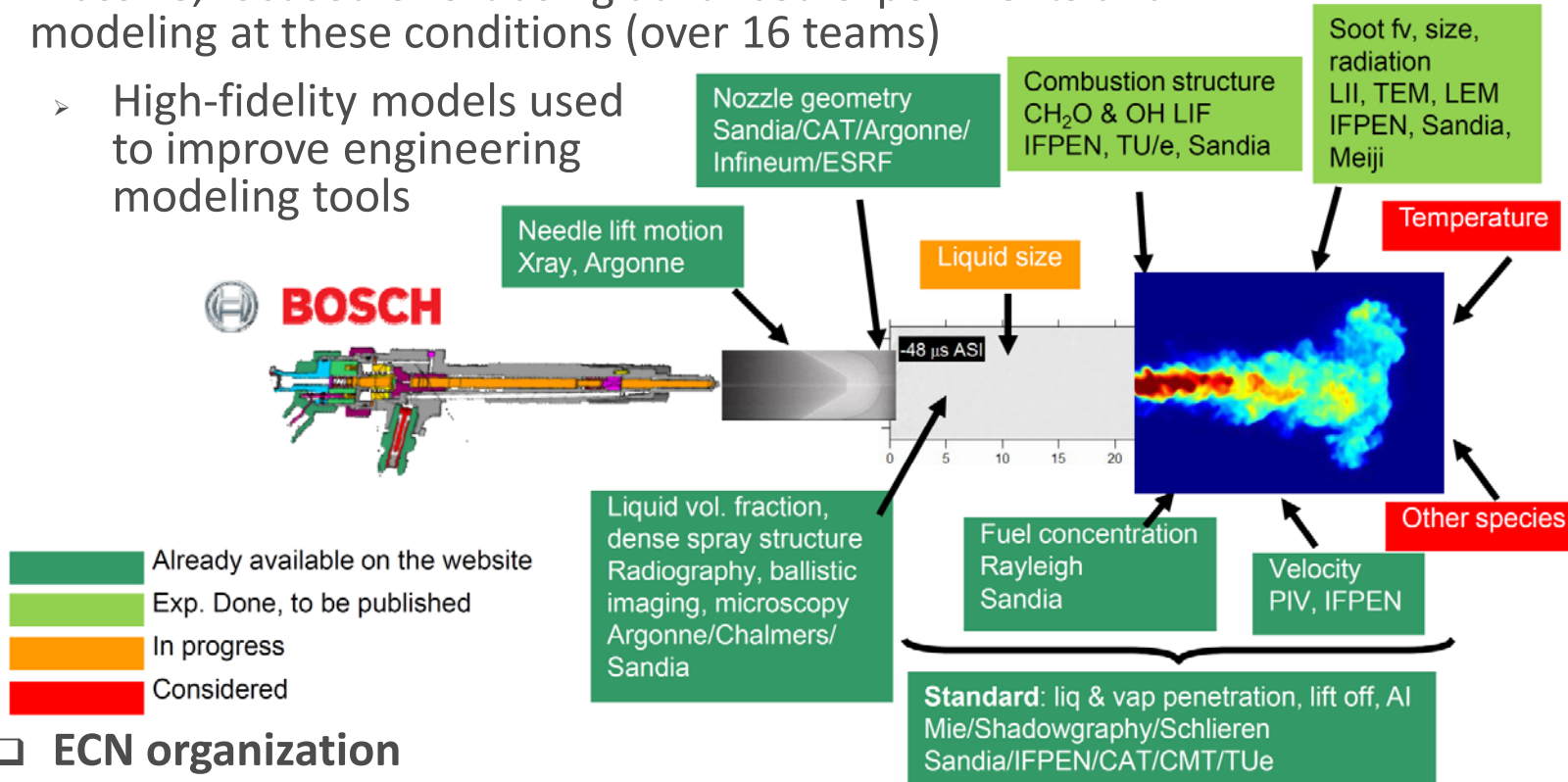


- ❑ Expand design space to broad range of design concepts
- ❑ Reach for the theoretical limits of thermodynamic efficiency
 - Potential for saving 4 M barrel of petroleum per day

Engine Combustion Network (ECN) – DOE/VTO-funded web-based collaboration to better CFD tools

- ❑ Spray A diesel experiment:
 - Over 40 different measurements by more than 10 institutions
 - Over 15 years worth of research performed in 3 years
- ❑ Massive, focused effort using advanced experiments and modeling at these conditions (over 16 teams)

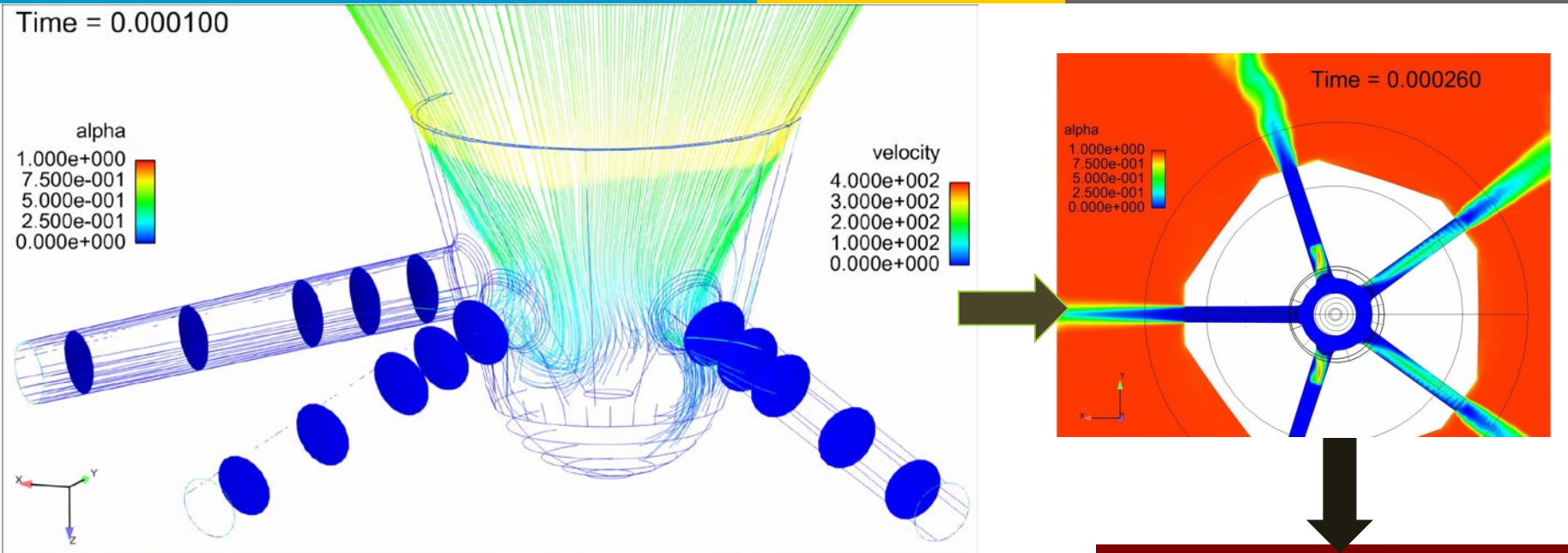
- High-fidelity models used to improve engineering modeling tools



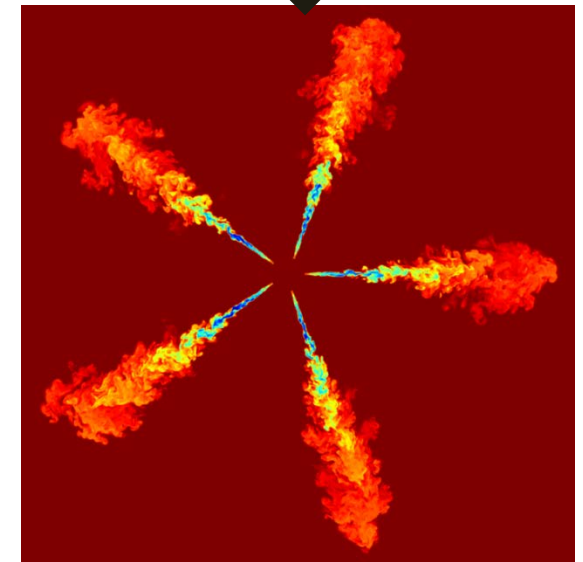
❑ ECN organization

- Monthly web meetings
- Workshop organizers gather experimental and modeling data, perform analysis, understand differences, provide expert review
- Very tight coordination because of target conditions

Multi-hole Nozzle Two-phase Flow Simulations (ANL)

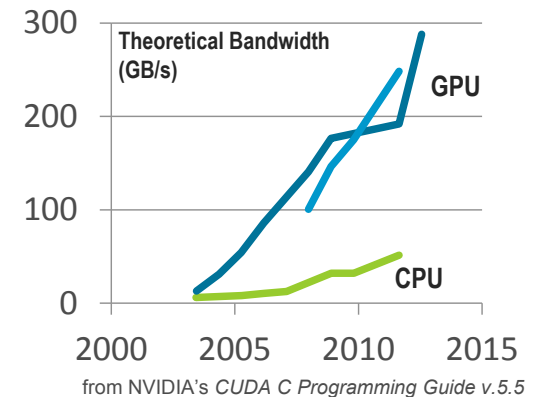
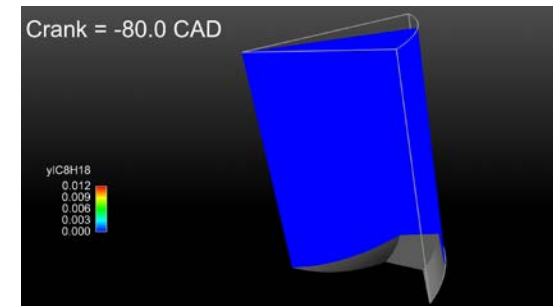
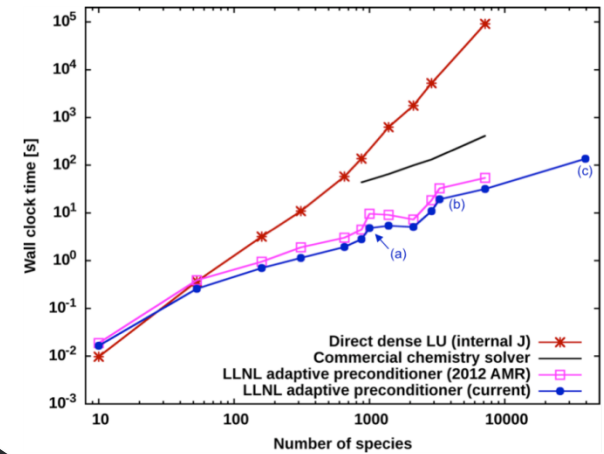


- ❑ High-fidelity calculations performed at Argonne National Laboratory in collaboration with Convergent Science Inc.
- ❑ Influence of **needle transients on fuel spray development** can now be predicted by a **dynamically coupled nozzle flow and spray** simulation approach
- ❑ **Cycle-to-cycle variations partly arising from shot-to-shot variations in the needle lift and wobble profile**
- ❑ **Plume-to-plume variations** in multi-hole nozzles can now be captured



Numerical tools and High Performance Computing Enable More Predictive CFD of Advanced Combustion Regimes (LLNL)

- ❑ New chemistry solver combining multi-zone and adaptive preconditioner speeds up detailed kinetic calculations orders of magnitude over traditional methods.
 - The new solver has interfaces to common CFD codes; licensed to Convergent Science Inc. whose ConvergeCFD code is used by many of the automotive and diesel engine MOU partners.
 - The new solver has been ported to the general purpose graphical processing unit (GPU).
- ❑ High Performance Computing (HPC) allows examining experimental and modeling uncertainties systematically.
- ❑ Incorporating graphics processing unit (GPU) algorithms into CFD codes ensures continued improvement in modeling capability as computing platforms move towards massively parallel architectures.



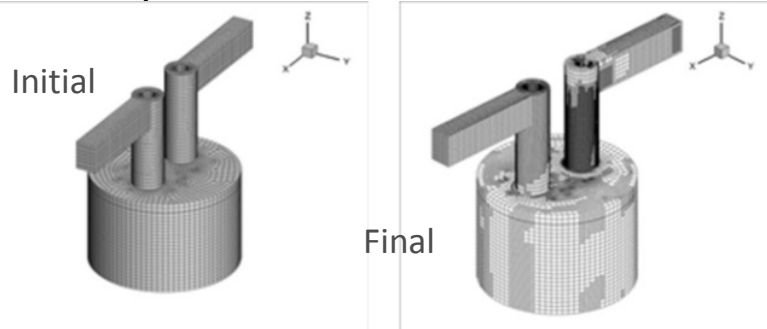
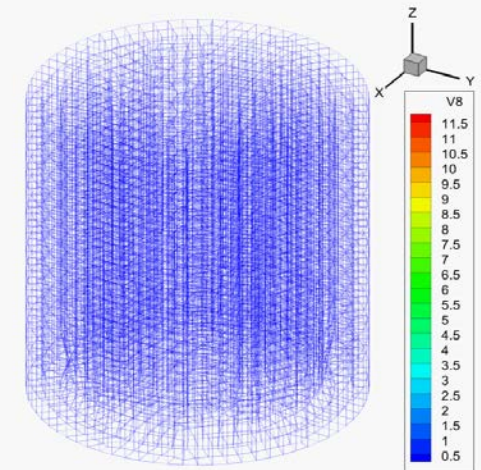
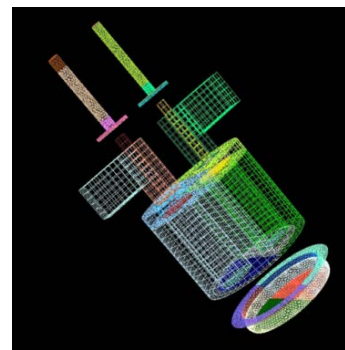
LANL's KIVA-hpFE: Toward Predictive Engine Modeling

New hp-adaptive Finite Element Method (FEM) for turbulent reactive flow modeling increases KIVA's accuracy, robustness, and range of applicability.

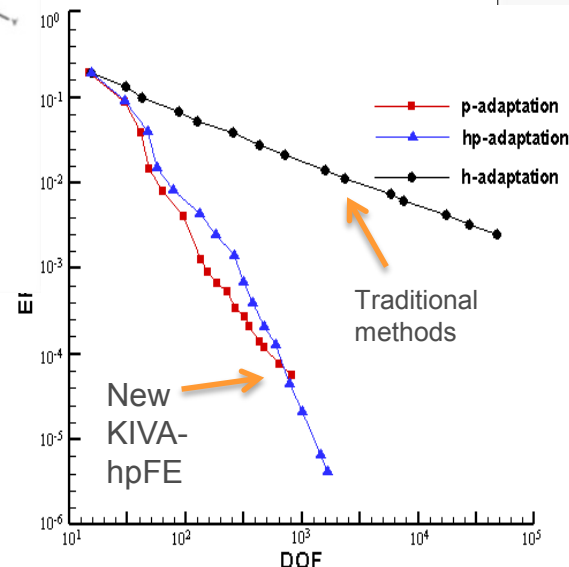
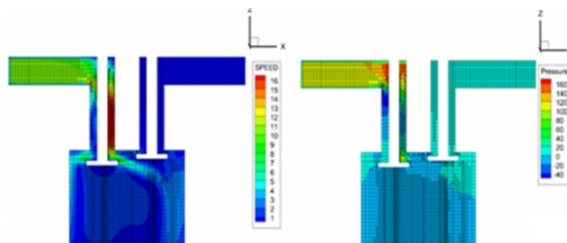
- ❑ Grid enrichment (h), polynomial order enrichment (p); *FEM error measure drives resolution* (numerical error is very near zero).
- ❑ Excellent spatial accuracy with minimal computational effort.

❑ Superior actuated parts movement

- New local-ALE is robust (no tangle) & accurate
- 2nd order spatial convergence having ~zero error



Initial and final grids at given crank angle



- ❑ KIVA-hpFE is accurate for all flow regimes with k- ω RANS, LES turbulence and thermal analysis.

Emission Control R&D

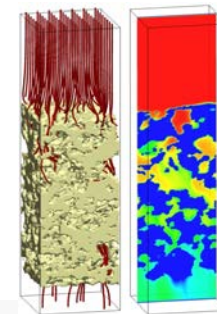
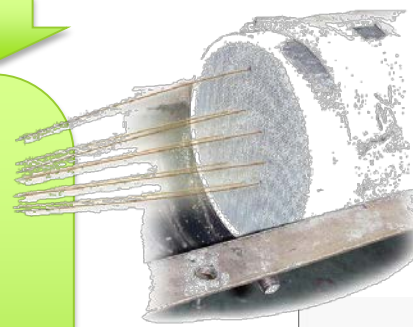
Combustion and Emission Control

Combustion Research

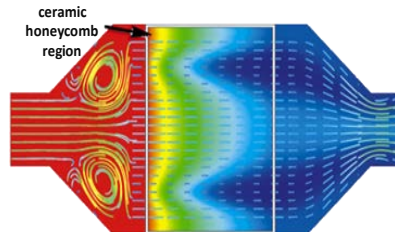
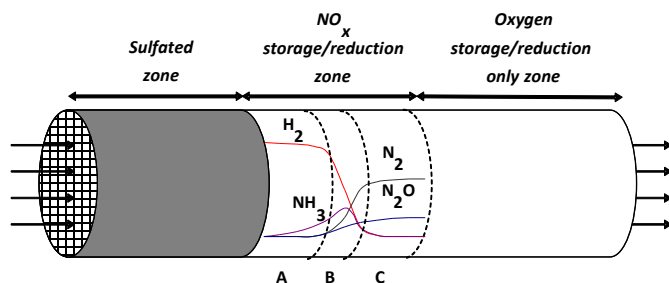
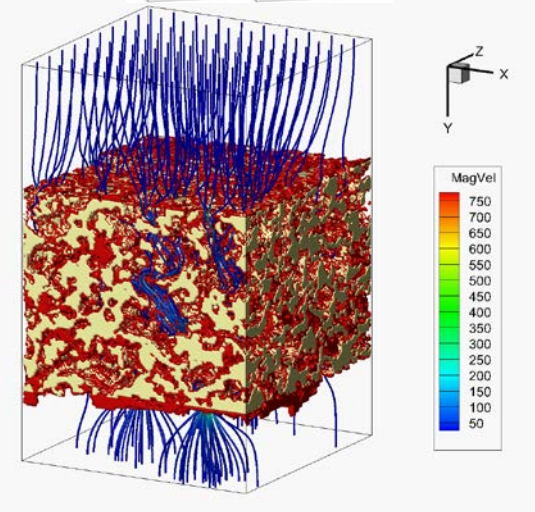
Emission Control and
Aftertreatment

High Efficiency Engine
Technologies

- ❑ Develop more efficient approaches for reducing NO_x, and oxidizing PM, HC, and CO in low temperature exhaust (150°C).
- ❑ Reduce energy penalty and cost of emission control systems.



PNNL DPF
Model

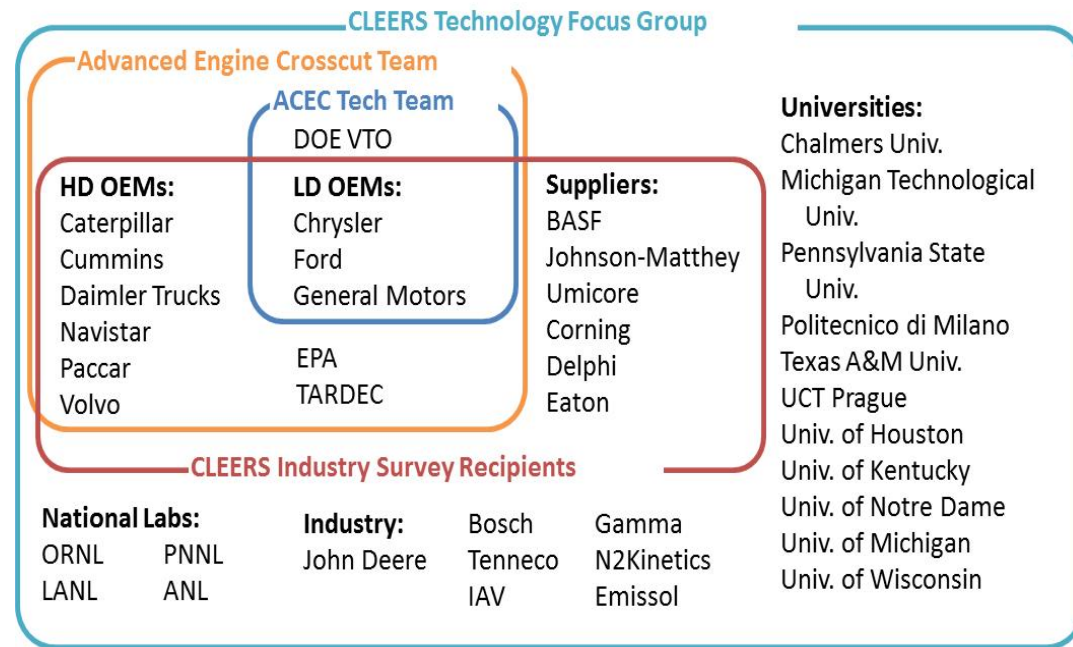


Flow and Temperature Computations
during Cold-start of a Catalytic Converter

CLEERS Enables Joint Development and Coordination of Emission Control Data and Models

❑ **CLEERS** (Cross-cut Lean Engine Emission Reduction Simulations)

- An R&D focus group of the DOE VTO Advanced Engine Cross-Cut Team
- Promotes collaboration and interactions among industry, national labs, and universities to achieve functional models for lean emission control devices and systems

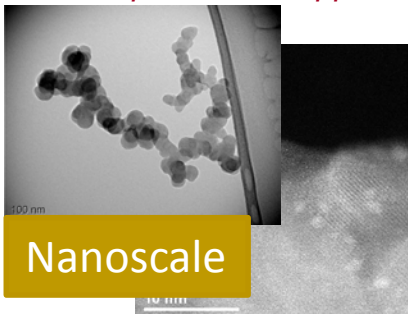


CLEERS Workshop

- ❑ Simulations range from fundamental surface-reaction based to component level models
- ❑ Key activities include: an annual workshop, monthly teleconferences, and a website (www.cleers.org) with an active database of models and experimental data
- ❑ Models are increasingly relied on by industry in product development and optimization

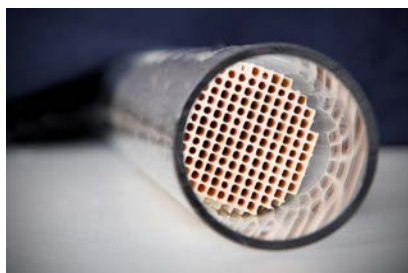
EERE VTO Catalysis Research for Vehicles Spans from Nanoscale to Full Scale

*TEM images of PM and
PGM dispersed on support*



Nanoscale

*Monolith supported
catalyst core*



Engine-catalyst system



Full Scale

Research Areas

Surface Chemistry

Defining surface moieties and intermediates with DRIFTS and other tools

PGM Characterization

Defining Platinum Group Metal (PGM) roles and understanding sintering processes

Poison Effects

Understanding effect of fuel- and oil-borne poisons/fouling agents on aging processes

Reaction Mechanisms

Characterizing reaction processes and measuring kinetics

Characterizing Formulation-Specific Chemistry

Understanding role of components of complex heterogeneous catalyst formulation

Performance and Selectivity

Measuring formulation affect on performance and selectivity (including differentiating regulated vs. unregulated products)

Controlling Unique Advanced Combustion Emissions

Studying combination of advanced catalysts with advanced combustion to achieve overall gains in fuel economy and cost-effective emission compliance

Minimizing Fuel Penalty during Active Regeneration

On-engine studies to minimize fuel use and optimize emission control

Characterizing Combustion-Specific PM and MSATs

Defining morphology, size distribution, and chemical composition of Particulate Matter (PM) and Mobile Source Air Toxics (MSATs)

Particulate Filter-Based Control of PM

Studying oxidation kinetics, thermal issues, and fuel penalty for particulate filters

Industry Benefits

Understanding
Catalyst
Fundamentals

Predicting
Degradation and
Defining Mitigation
Strategies

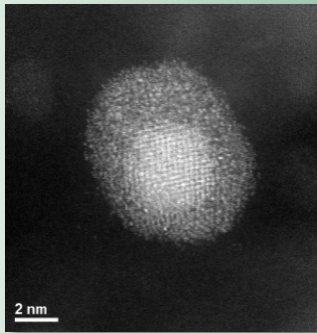
Developing and
Validating Models
for Product Design,
Controls, and OBD
Optimization

Achieving Cost-
Effective Emissions
Compliance while
Maximizing Fuel
Efficiency

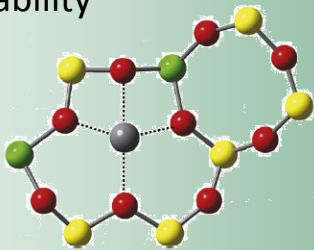
Low Temperature Catalysis Research Addresses New Challenges of Advanced Engines

Basic Science

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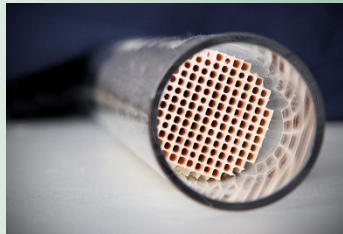


New materials showing excellent low temperature performance and durability

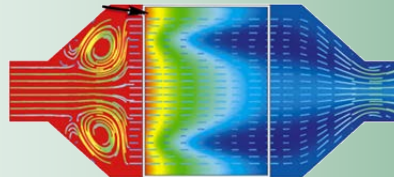


Applied R&D

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Materials being evaluated under real-world conditions to understand potential with high efficiency combustion strategies



Manufacturing/Commercialization

Industry



Supporting automobile and truck manufacturers in the development and execution of a path forward to address this critical enabler for high efficiency engines

Transitioning catalyst material breakthroughs to overcome critical barriers to high efficiency transportation

Low Temperature Emission Control Improvements Enabling Commercialization of Advanced Combustion

Catalyst invented in Basic Energy Sciences (BES) program leading to new discoveries in VTO program that may enable low cost emission control for advanced

**$\text{CuO}_x\text{-CoO}_y\text{-CeO}_2$ (CCC)
catalyst developed in BES
program contains no costly
Platinum Group Metals**

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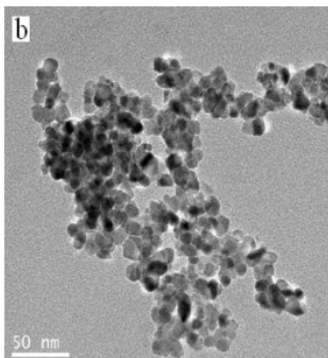
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Influence of calcination temperature on the structure and catalytic performance of $\text{CuO}_x\text{-CoO}_y\text{-CeO}_2$ ternary mixed oxide for CO oxidation

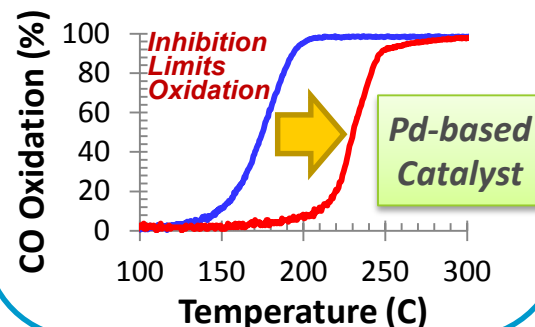
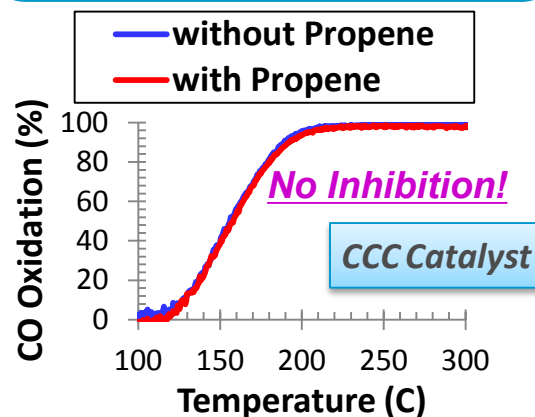
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**$\text{CuO}_x\text{-CoO}_y\text{-CeO}_2$
("CCC") Catalyst**

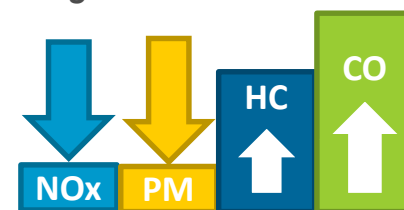


**Unlike Pd-based catalysts,
VTO studies show CCC's CO
oxidation not inhibited by HCs
(a unique finding)**

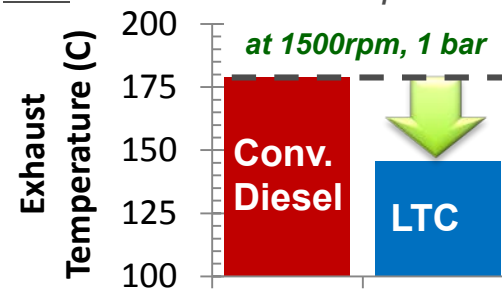


**Low-cost catalyst may
address LTC's higher CO and
HC emissions and lower
exhaust temperatures**

More fuel-efficient Low
Temperature Combustion (LTC)
gives higher CO & HCs**

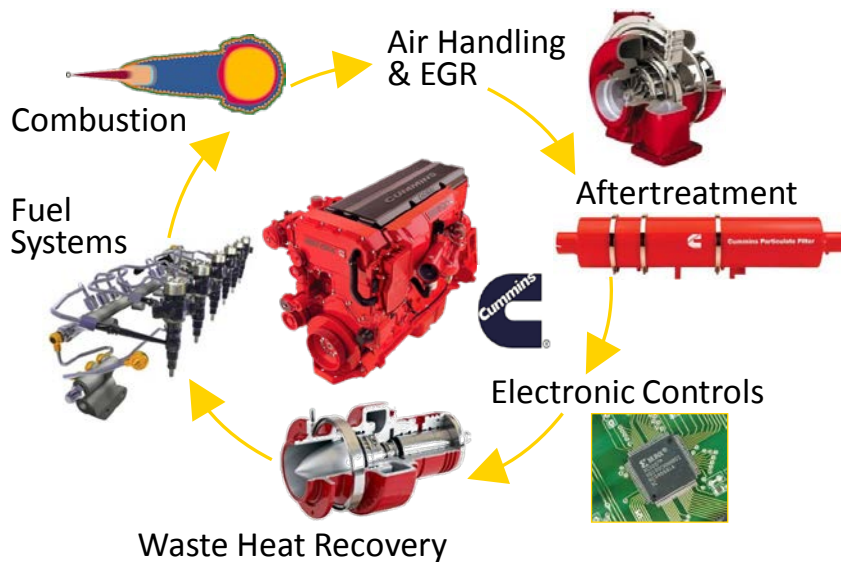
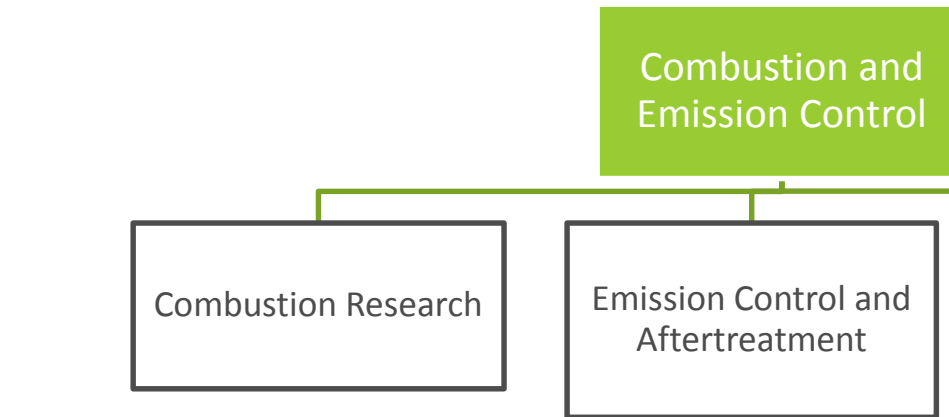


*And lower exhaust temperatures**



*vs. Conventional Diesel Combustion

High Efficiency Engine Technologies



Integration of Component Technologies

- ❑ Develop and demonstrate system level technologies to improve vehicle fuel economy through combination of combustion strategies, emission control, fuel injection, air handling, waste heat recovery, and control systems.

SuperTruck - Develop and Demonstrate System Level Technologies to Improve Long Haul Truck Freight Efficiency by 50%

❑ Heavy-Duty Engine for Class 8 Trucks - *Goals*

- 20% improvement in engine brake thermal efficiency (50% BTE)
- Modeling and analysis for pathway to 55% brake thermal efficiency



 Daimler Trucks North America **VOLVO NAVISTAR®**

❑ Status with respect to 50% engine efficiency goal:

- Cummins and Daimler have demonstrated over 50% engine efficiency.
- Navistar and Volvo have demonstrated over 48% engine efficiency; on track to achieve the 50% goal.



SuperTruck II planned for FY2016

Advanced Technology Powertrain for Light-Duty (ATP-LD) Vehicles

Goal: By 2015, develop and demonstrate system level technologies to achieve 25% and 40% fuel economy improvement for gasoline and diesel vehicles, respectively, over the baseline 2009 gasoline vehicle.

❑ Status

- Cummins achieved 60% fuel economy improvement with 4 cylinder diesel over comparable gasoline V-8 powered light truck;
- GM, Chrysler, and Bosch achieved a 25%, fuel economy improvement;
- Ford on track to achieve 25% fuel economy improvement;
- Delphi demonstrated 39% increase in fuel economy over FTP; emission standards were exceeded.



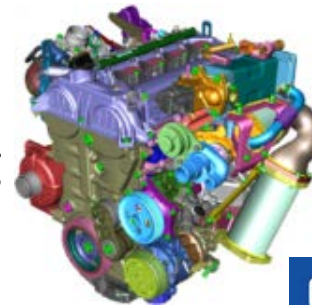
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Advanced Technology Powertrain for Light-Duty Vehicles – Phase 2 (ATP-2)

Goal: By 2020, develop and demonstrate system level technologies to achieve 35% fuel economy improvement for gasoline vehicles over the baseline 2009 gasoline vehicle.

❑ **Status:** Initiated two cost-shared cooperative agreements to demonstrate goal while meeting Tier 3 emissions.

- General Motors will develop a Lean Miller Cycle Gasoline Engine including various other technologies for integration in a Chevrolet Malibu.
- Delphi will continue developing a Gasoline Direct-injection Compression Ignition (GDCI) engine for integration in a Hyundai Sonata. Partners include Umicore, ORNL and U of Wisconsin.



Vehicle-ready Gen2 GDCI multi-cylinder with thermal management system, sensors, and actuators

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Enabling Technologies for Engine and Powertrain System

- MAHLE Powertrain LLC completed testing of **turbulent jet injection** (TJI) on single-cylinder engine (with boost rig) focused on pre-chamber design optimization and developing TJI operating strategy for the next-generation ultra lean burn engines



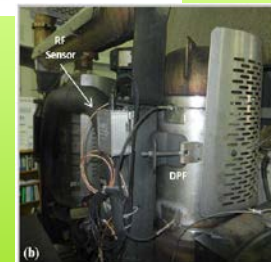
- Robert Bosch LLC improved thermal shock robustness and response time of **intake air oxygen (IAO2) sensor** and validated location for best performance and control of cooled exhaust gas recirculation (cEGR) for advanced engine concepts.



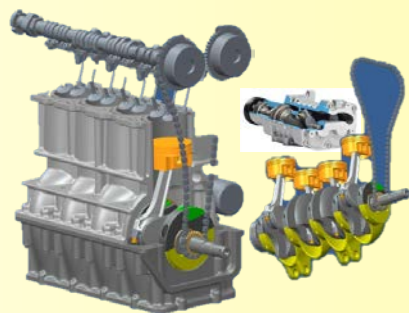
- LANL demonstrated capability of **HC, NOx, and NH₃ sensor** during engine dynamometer evaluations at ORNL-NTRC; successfully transformed LANL-patented mixed-potential sensor technology to a commercial manufacturing platform.

Enabling Technologies for Engine and Powertrain System

- ❑ Filter Sensing Technologies (FST) Inc. demonstrated a **RF sensor** that reduced diesel particulate filter regeneration-related fuel consumption by up to a factor of two for MY 2009 Volvo/Mack vocational vehicles, and demonstrated reduced regeneration duration from 15% to 30% on a modern (MY 2013) DD-13 engine relative to the stock control system. (Received R&D 100 Award)



FST RF-DPF™ sensor/control system on Volvo/Mack diesel aftertreatment system.



- ❑ Envera LLC is developing a **Variable Compression Ratio** engine using an Eaton supercharger with a high-speed clutch will demonstrate improved fuel economy while delivering needed torque and power with down-sized engine.

Summary

- ❑ Internal combustion engines are forecasted to remain the dominant power source for vehicles in the next several decades, hence increasing their efficiency is one of the most promising and cost-effective approaches to improve the fuel economy of the U.S. vehicle fleet and reduce transportation's energy and climate change impacts.
- ❑ EERE Advanced Combustion Engine R&D, in collaboration with industry and academia, using unique DOE national laboratory expertise and facilities, significantly contributes to dramatic increases in engine efficiency and performance leading to improvements in vehicle fuel economy and reduction in emissions.
- ❑ There is still significant potential for further improve internal combustion engine efficiency using advanced combustion strategies, engine optimization and efficient emission controls; potential for 50% and over 30% fuel economy improvement for passenger and commercial vehicles, respectively.
- ❑ Advanced combustion engine system modeling and predictive simulation offer the potential to further improve engine efficiency, reduce product development time and time-to-market.

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