

# Achieving and Demonstrating FreedomCAR Engine Fuel Efficiency Goals (Agreement 13704)



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# Purpose of Work

**Established in ACEC Tech Roadmap and Vehicle Technologies Multiyear Program Plan in support of DOE objective of petroleum displacement**



Characteristics	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010
Peak Brake Thermal Efficiency (HC Fuel)	43%	44%	45%
Reference Brake Thermal Efficiency	32%	34%	35%
Part-Load Brake Thermal Efficiency (2 bar BMEP @ 1500 rpm)	27%	29%	31%
Emissions	Tier 2, Bin 5	Tier 2, Bin 5	Tier 2, Bin 5
Thermal efficiency penalty due to emission control devices	< 2%	< 1%	< 1%

Activity supports a “Joule Milestone” that is recorded in the DOE budget narrative as well as the FreedomCAR partnership goals. Effort is performed in close communication with the ACEC Tech Team.

# Activity addresses multiple barriers from VT MYPP

- **Market Challenges and Barriers**

- **A. Cost.** “... Better use of advanced LTC modes to reduce the formation of emissions in-cylinder will reduce aftertreatment system requirements and associated costs.”

- **Technical Challenges and Barriers**

- **B. Fundamental knowledge of engine combustion.** Engine efficiency improvement ... understanding of ... thermodynamic combustion losses ... in-cylinder combustion/emission formation processes over a range of combustion temperature regimes of interest ...
- **C. Emission control.** Meeting EPA requirements for oxides of nitrogen and particulate matter emissions standards with little or no fuel economy penalty ...
- **D. Engine controls.** Effective sensing and control of various parameters will be required to optimize operation of engines in advanced LTC regimes over a full load-speed map ...

- **Strategies for Overcoming Barriers/Challenges**

- Activity objectives are well aligned with the strategies outlined in the MYPP.

# Guidance from FY 2007 review

## Positive comments ...

- Project is well-aligned with improving performance to meet DOE goals on brake thermal efficiency and fuel efficiency.
- Team has taken a practical approach for real systems.
- Thermodynamic availability analysis is a good way to understand the operation and efficiency performance of the engine.
- Excellent interaction with several OEMs.

## Areas for improvement ...

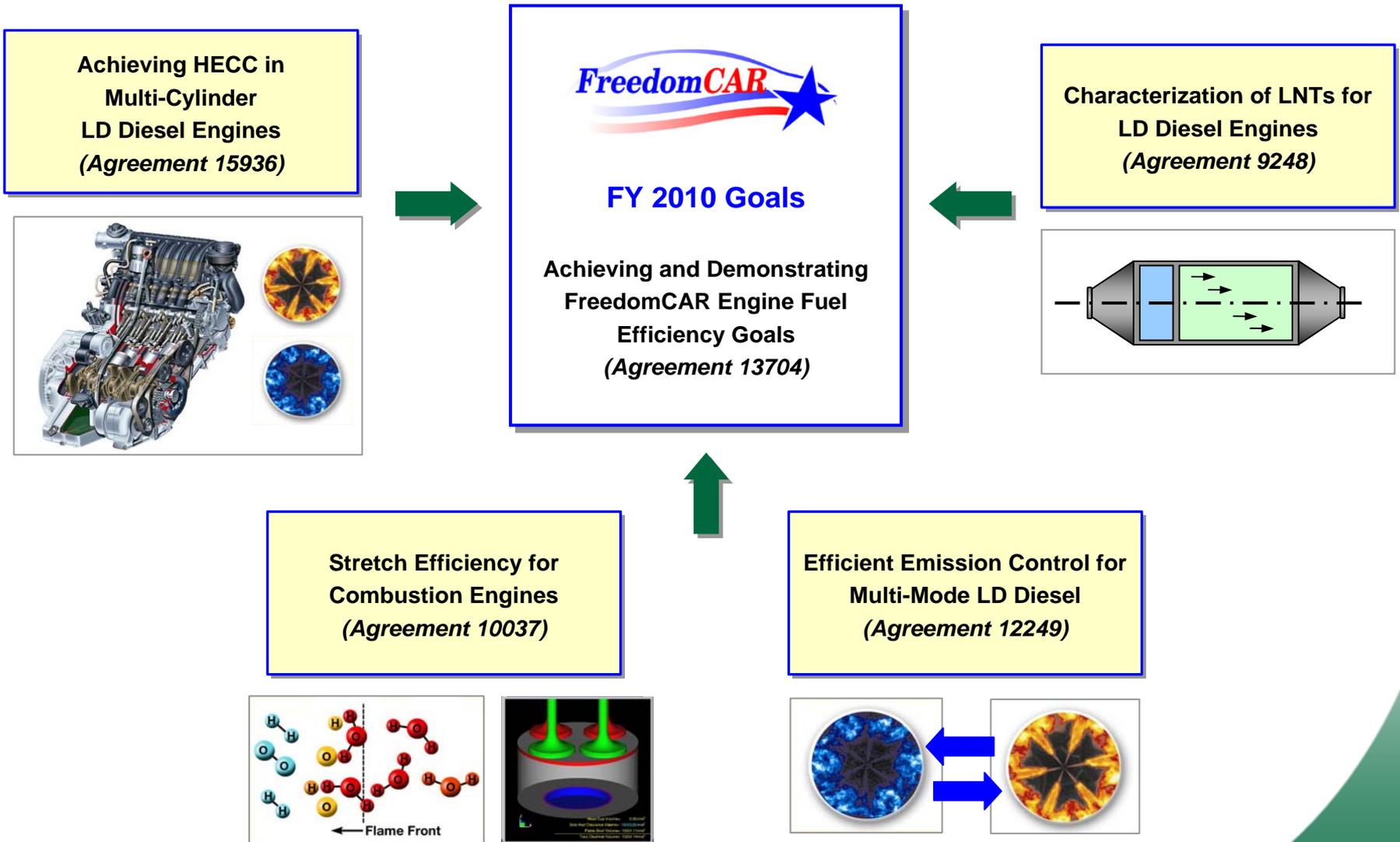
- Information on waste heat recovery was not supported by sound analysis and/or explanation.
  - ➔ We were exploring WHR options while in the process of developing analysis tools & models.
- Need to identify potential tools to enable efficiency soon ...
  - ➔ Technologies are now being developed for implementation on the engine.
- Team should expand industry interaction.
  - ➔ Several new industry interactions and potential collaborations since June meeting.
- Need to focus on cost/benefit of heat recovery.
  - ➔ Cost/benefits is outside of the scope of this activity.



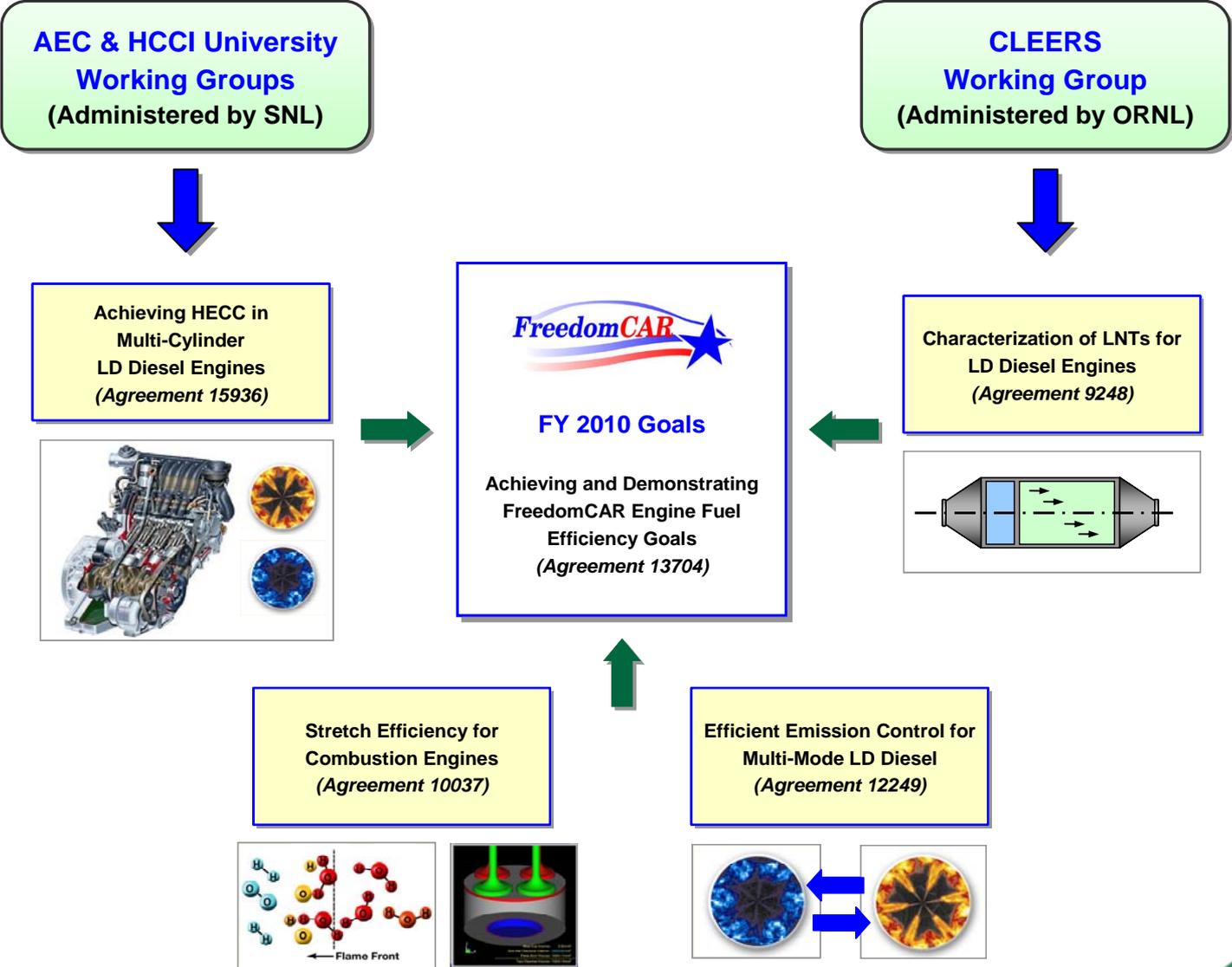
# Approach

- **Establish baseline on modern common-rail light-duty diesel engine.**
- **Develop models and analysis routines to better understand loss mechanisms and corresponding efficiency opportunities.**
- **Develop and evaluate promising technologies (e.g., WHR, VVA, etc.) and strategies with models and on engine, leveraging with industry when possible.**
- **Develop thermal management strategies for engine-system, which may include a combination of technologies competing for the same resources.**

# Approach includes the integration of many ORNL activities



# Findings from AEC Working Group, CLEERS, and other forums also integrated into approach



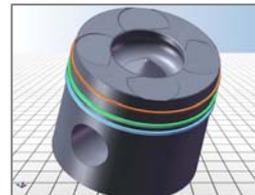
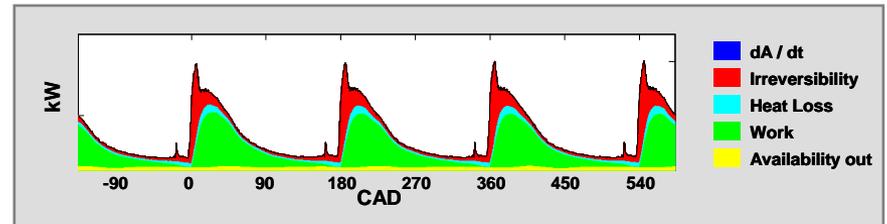
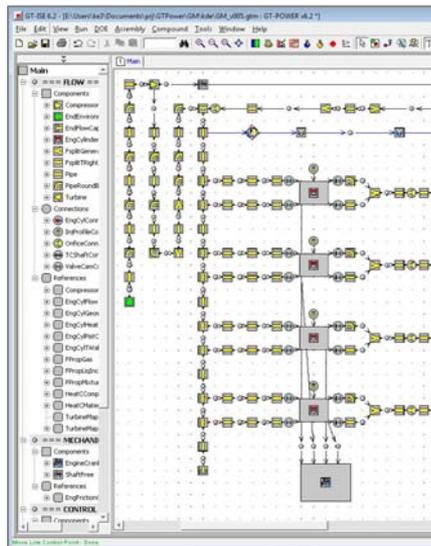
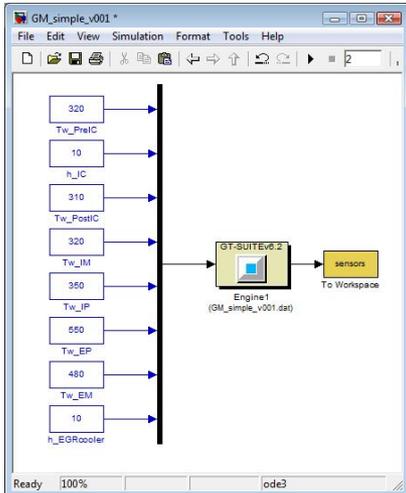
## Summary of technical accomplishments (since June 2007)

- ✓ **Achieved and demonstrated 2007 FreedomCAR goal of 42% peak BTE on two light-duty diesel engines.**
- ✓ **Commissioned more flexible control system for GM engine which allows the integration of custom control algorithms.**
- ✓ **Characterized availability of exhaust stream, EGR system, intercooler, etc. of a GM 1.9-L across the entire speed-load map.**
- ✓ **Extensive literature review and modeling of WHR for estimating potential efficiency improvements and selection of working fluids.**
- ✓ **Construction of bench-top WHR system which will be transferred to GM engine later this FY.**
- ✓ **Continued and new interactions with industry on turbocharger technology, turbo-compounding systems, and controls.**

# Modeling & analysis

To evaluate potential technologies for improving efficiency and to better understand loss mechanisms.

- **GT-Power and WAVE models of engine and components.**
  - Allows evaluation and provides guidance for strategies such as turbo-compounding and waste-heat recovery before entering the laboratory.
  - Organic Rankine Cycle (ORC) model being integrated into engine system model.
- **Routines for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Law thermodynamic analysis of experiments and model results.**



# GM engine & controls

- GM 1.9-L engines installed in ORNL Cells 2 & 4.
- Instrumentation for combustion and thermodynamic analyses.
- Comprehensive exhaust characterization.
- Two flexible control systems in use.
  - ECUs donated by GM are capable of monitoring and manipulating base calibration.
  - Discussions with Bosch to obtain customer neutral calibration.
  - More flexible microprocessor based dSpace systems for improved control and integration of custom algorithms.



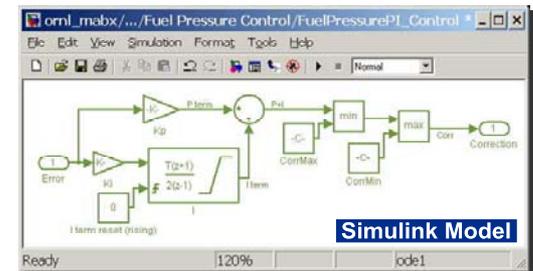
*GM 1.9-L in ORNL Cell 4*



*ECU/ETAS controller*



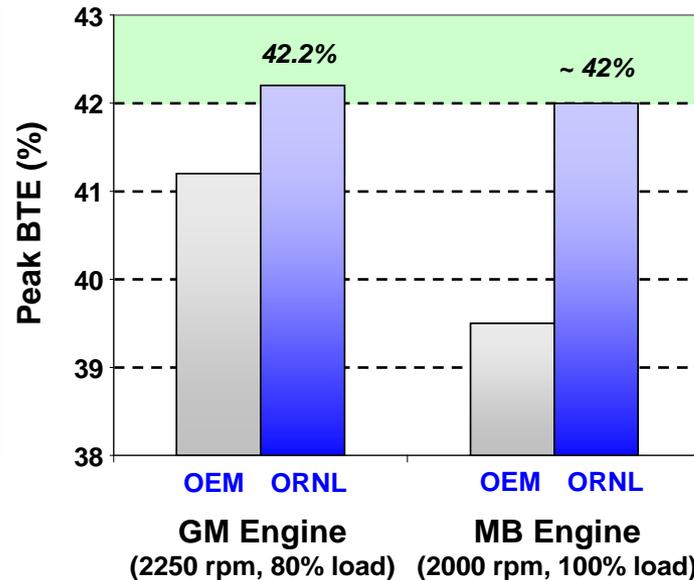
*dSpace based controller*



*Simulink control model*

# Demonstrated 2007 FreedomCAR engine efficiency milestone of 42% Brake Thermal Efficiency (BTE)

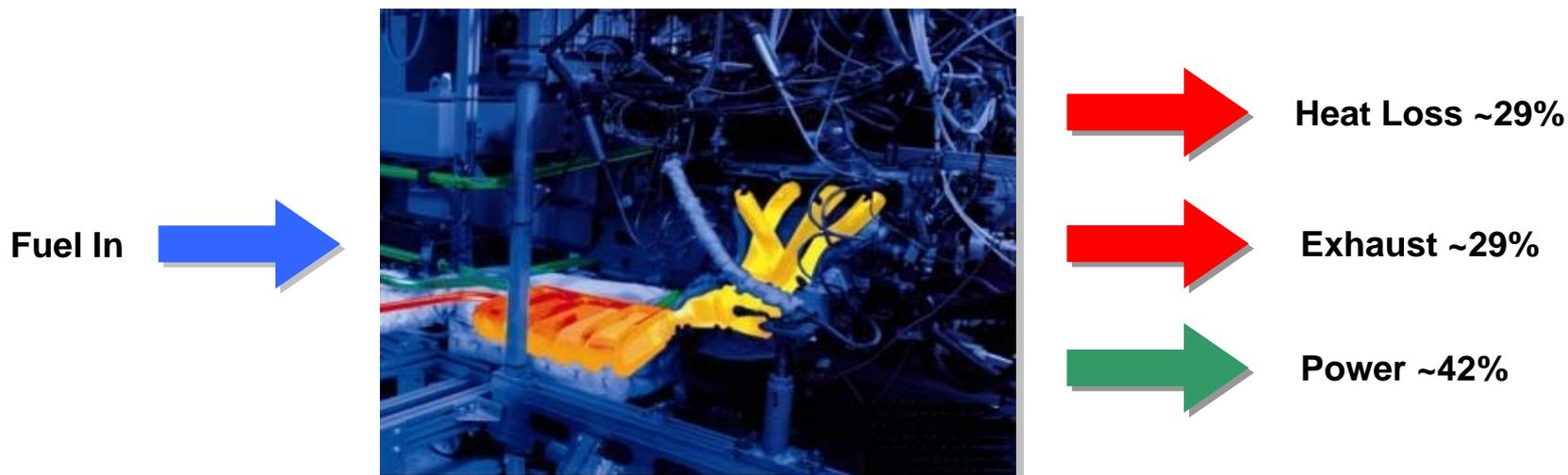
- Milestone achieved on a modified 2005 GM 1.9-L diesel engine and a modified 1999 Mercedes 1.7-L diesel engine.
- Approach included improved thermodynamic analysis, full-engine simulation, and modifications to engine hardware and/or calibrations.
- Enablers included variable geometry turbochargers (VGT), revised fuel injection parameters, and more aggressive combustion phasing (as compared to OEM calibration).



# Meeting 2010 and interim BTE milestones will require some form of energy recovery

## Issues to consider with respect to energy recovery:

- **Source, quality, recovery method.**
- **Potential benefits across speed-load range of engine.**
- **Integration with other technologies such as LTC operation, turbochargers, variable valve actuation, aftertreatment, etc.**
- **Making use of recovered energy.**



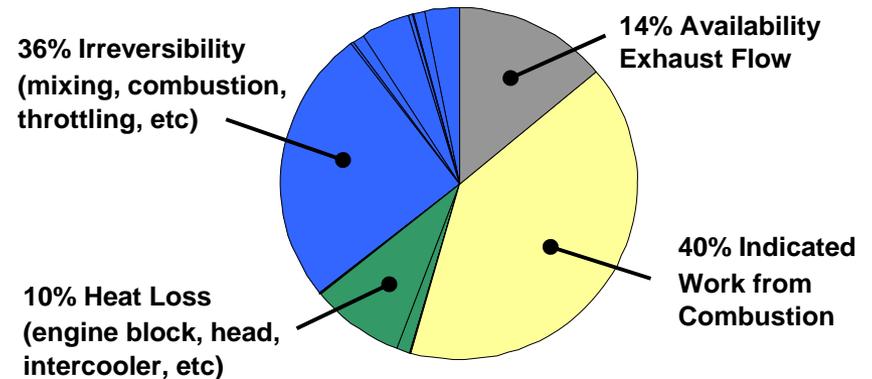


# Second Law perspective (*i.e.*, Availability) used for evaluating efficiency opportunities

- Evaluate recovery potential of waste energy sources (experiments & simulation).
- Analysis routines developed for use with GT Power & WAVE engine simulation codes to compute availability & help identify loss mechanisms.
- Essential in thermal management of complicated engine-system, which compete for the same thermal resources.
  - Low temperature combustion, bottoming cycles, variable valve actuation, turbo-compounding, aftertreatment, etc.

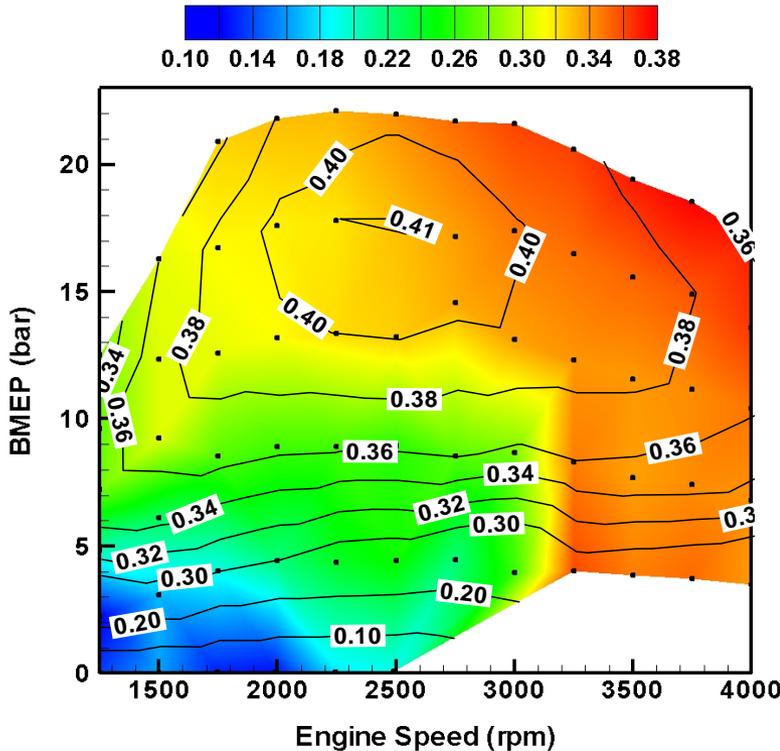
**Working Definition:** *Availability* (a.k.a. *exergy*) is a measure of a system's potential to do useful work due to physical ( $P$ ,  $T$ , etc.) and chemical differences between the system and the ambient environment.

MB Engine – Simulation 2000 rpm, 100% load

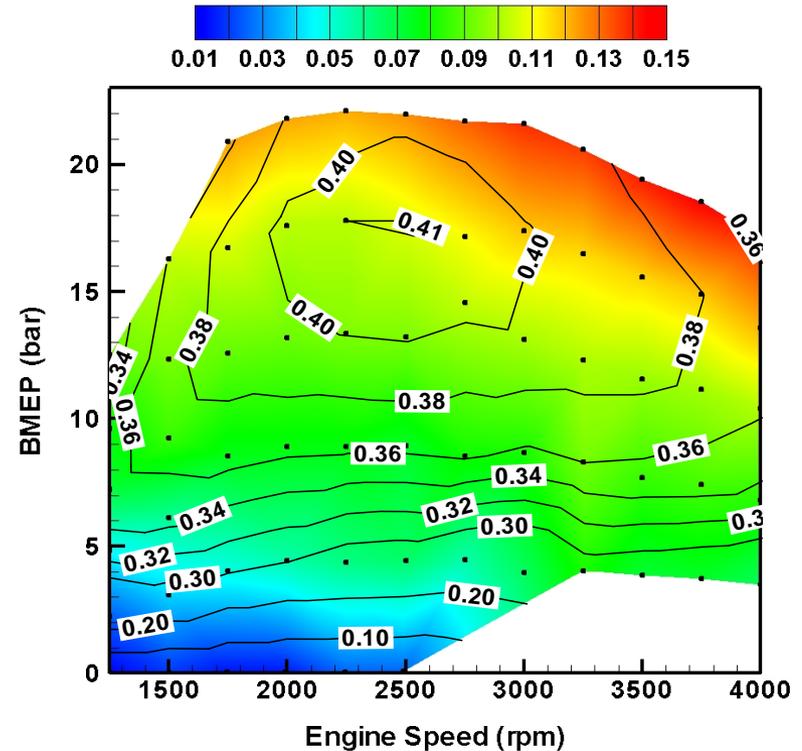


A significant amount of the fuel energy is exhausted to the environment, particularly under high BMEP conditions

**Exhaust Energy**  
(Fraction of Fuel Input)



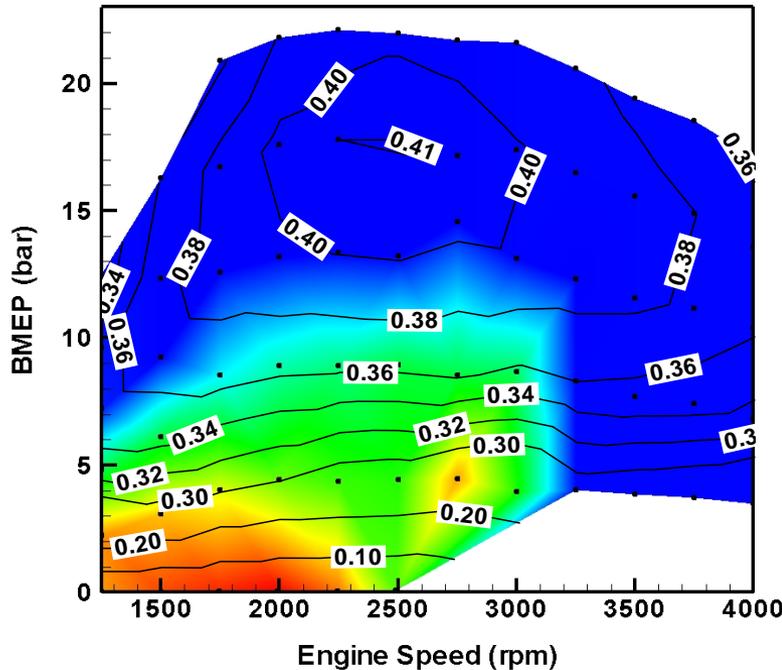
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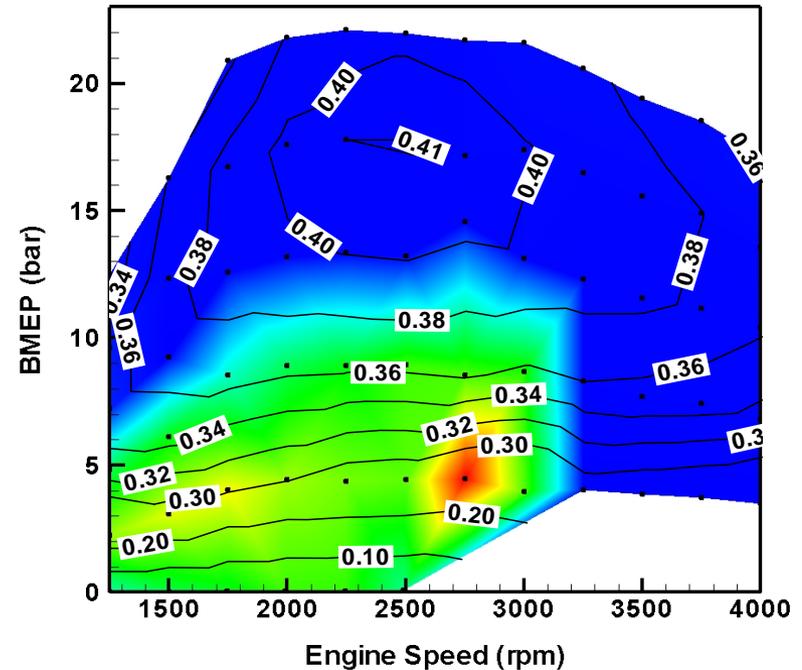
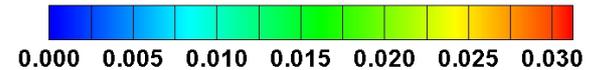
Solid contour lines correspond to BTE.

For low BMEP operation a non-negligible fraction of fuel energy is rejected through the EGR system

**EGR Energy**  
(Fraction of Fuel Input)



**EGR Availability**  
(Fraction of Fuel Availability)



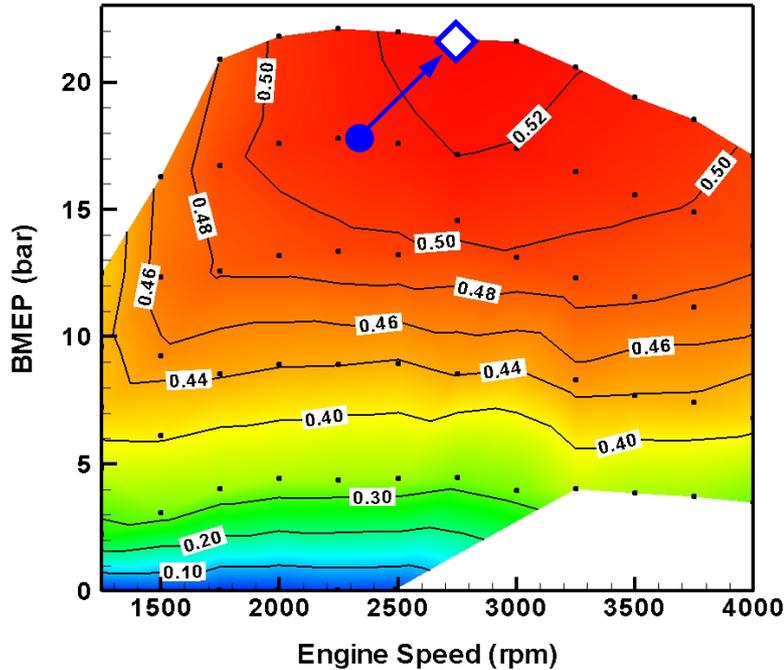
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# Potential improvements in BTE estimated with exhaust availability

- **Estimated BTE of combined engine/WHR system using exhaust availability estimations from across the speed/load range.**
- **Assumptions/disclaimers for estimations ...**
  - Engine system efficiency improvements estimated based on BTE and availability.
  - Reference BTE is for OEM engine configuration.
  - WHR efficiency is assumed fixed across the speed/load range for simplification of the estimates.
- **Note that WHR may change the BTE/speed/load relationship.**

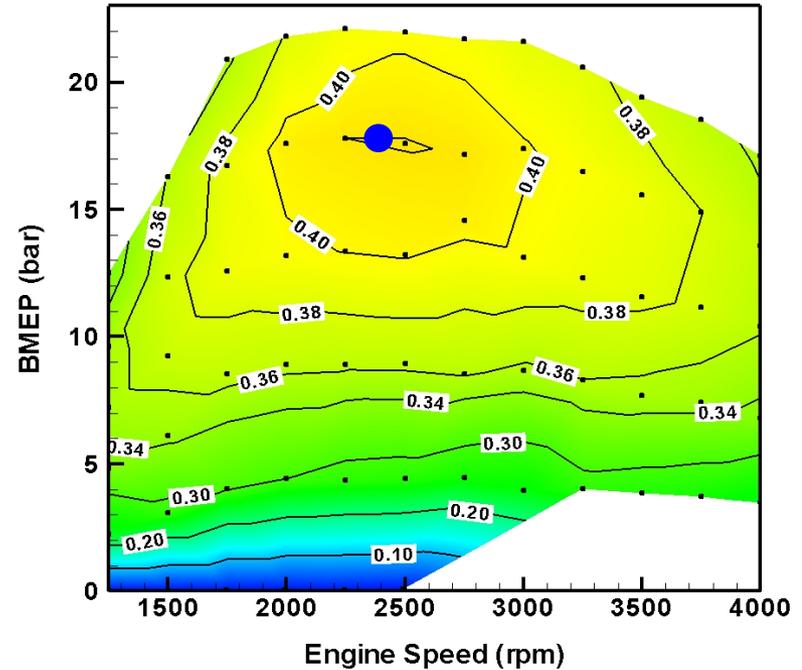
# Maximum BTE location is different for combined system

Combined BTE assuming 100% of exhaust availability is recoverable



- Peak BTE location, no WHR
- ◆ Peak engine+WHR BTE location.

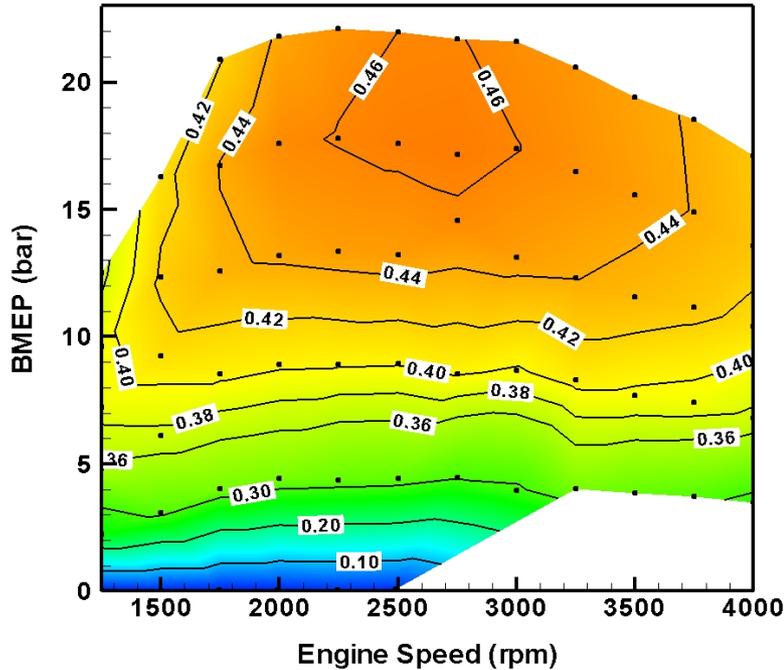
Engine BTE based on experimental data & OEM calibration



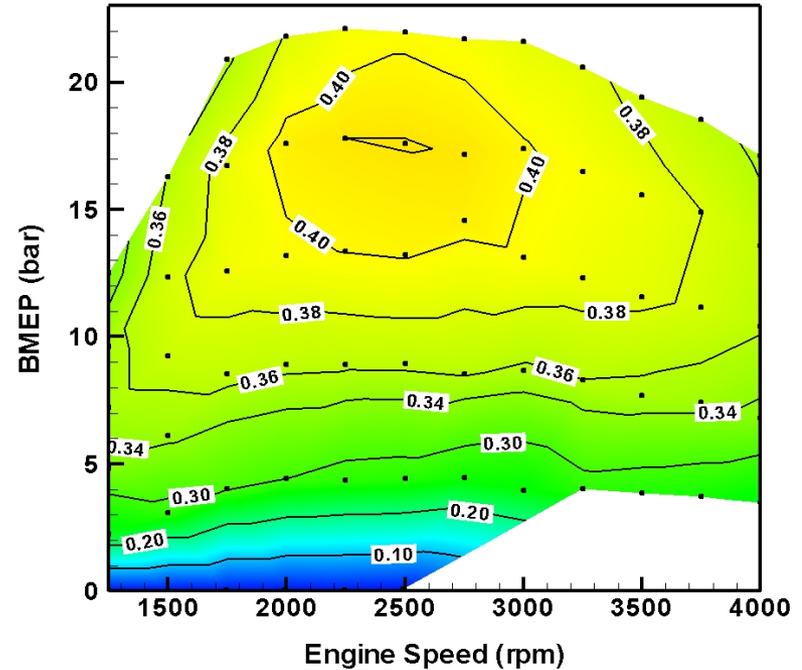
BTE data based on OEM calibration which has a peak BTE of ~41.0% as compared to the ORNL calibration which has a maximum of 42.3%.

# Combined BTE estimates for 50% availability recovery

**Combined BTE assuming 50% of exhaust availability is recoverable**



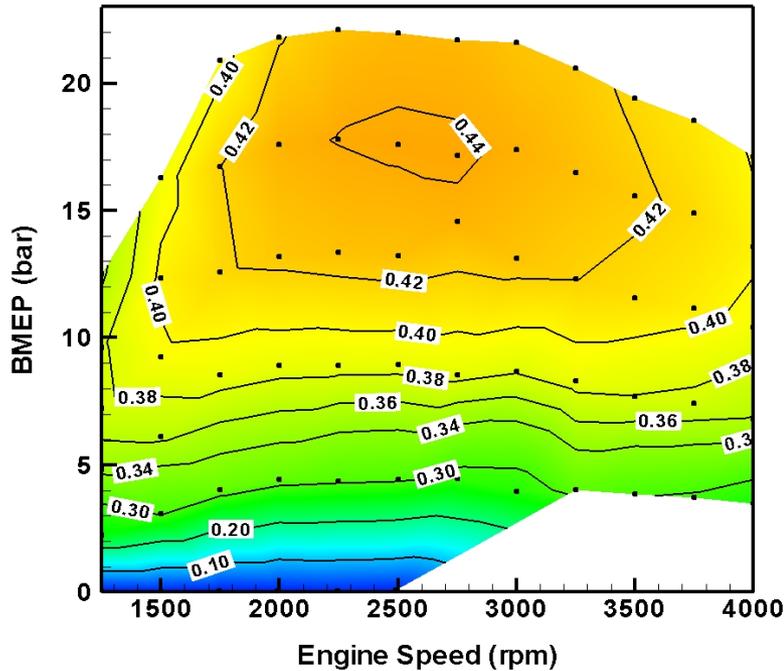
**Engine BTE based on experimental data & OEM calibration**



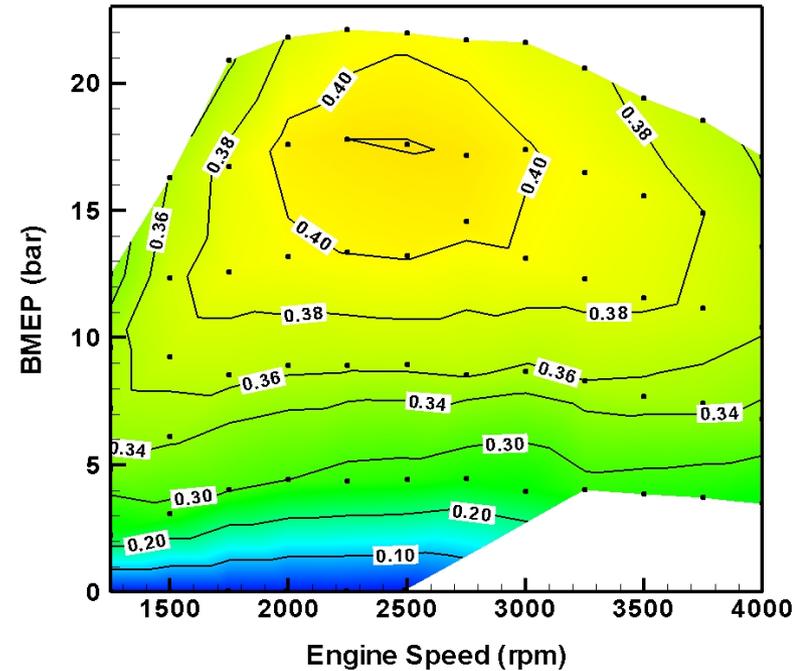
**Similar approach used to estimate potential BTE improvements with energy recovery from EGR system, intercooler, etc.**

# Final example for 30% availability recovery

**Combined BTE assuming 30% of exhaust availability is recoverable**



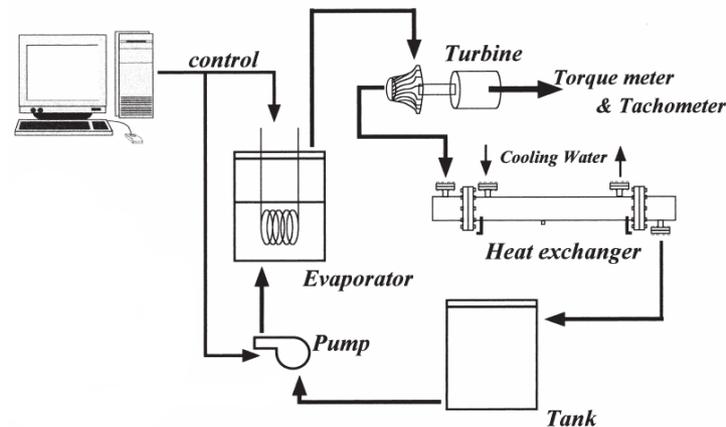
**Engine BTE based on experimental data & OEM calibration**



**Recall that the modified calibration has a maximum BTE which is approximately 1.3% higher than the OEM calibration.**

# WHR system will make use of an Organic Rankine Cycle (ORC) on the exhaust system and EGR HXN (next FY)

- Literature review shows significant prior research in the heavy-duty industry and much less from light-duty industry.
- Model shows possibility of achieving 45% BTE with exhaust energy recovery.
  - Benchmarked against literature with working fluids R134a, R123, and R245fa.
- Working fluid selection based on efficiency and environmental considerations.
  - R134a significantly less efficient than R123 and R245fa.
  - R123 to be used for benchmarking against published studies but is being phased out.
  - R245fa is long-term candidate fluid with high efficiency, low global warming potential, non-flammable, good heat transfer characteristics, low viscosity, and compatible with AC tool sets in service shops.
- Bench top system is undergoing preliminary experiments and evaluation.



# ORC system will be transitioned to the GM 1.9-L engine

- **Initial focus (FY 2008) is on exhaust energy recovery for peak BTE operation.**
- **Issues include ...**
  - Frictional losses in pump and expander.
  - Backpressure of exhaust heat exchanger and effect on BTE.
  - Insufficient heat transfer in heat exchanger.
- **Component selection**
  - Exhaust heat exchanger – EGR HXN from medium duty diesel engine.
  - Expander – Scroll compressor (in reverse) from automotive AC system.
  - Power measurement – Small water-brake dynamometer with computer control.
- **Installation on engine will begin in May 2008.**



Exhaust HXN

Scroll compressor from automotive AC system

# Other relevant FY 2008 activities not yet mentioned

- **Thermal Management**
  - Balancing of systems competing for same thermal resources for maximum efficiency with acceptable emissions.
- **Friction Reducers**
  - Multiple projects at ORNL and elsewhere to evaluate coatings for advanced combustion and novel lubricants including ionic fluids.
- **Turbocharger Technology (resource limited)**
  - Informal collaborations with BorgWarner on multi-stage turbochargers and Woodward on hydraulically coupled turbo-compounding. ORNL is NOT developing these technologies but simply making use of them as appropriate.
- **Variable Valve Actuation (resource limited)**
  - Potential of this approach for improved efficiency is being evaluated with engine simulation models. Implementation would most likely be cam phase system.

# On-going and future plans

- **FY 2008 and beyond**
  - Remove auxiliary components from engine to “bound” maximum and part-load BTE potential of engine.
  - Complete bench evaluation of ORC for WHR of the exhaust system.
  - Transition ORC to engine and evaluate recovery potential on the exhaust stream.
  - Continue development and/or evaluation of WHR, turbocharger options, turbo-compounding, VVA, and thermal management concepts on GT Power model of GM engine.
  - Complete FTP estimates of HECC modes on GM engine.
  - Continue to interact with advanced combustion, aftertreatment, stretch efficiency, and friction reduction teams to ensure collaborative path toward achieving FCVT 2010 efficiency & emissions milestones.
- **Anticipated path to 2010 goals**
  - WHR of exhaust and EGR streams.
  - More aggressive combustion strategies.
  - Coatings and/or lubricants (moderate improvements).
  - Advanced combustion for low-load efficiency and emissions.
  - Aftertreatment on some level for HC/CO, NO<sub>x</sub>, and PM.

Results from this activity are regularly discussed with industry and the DOE

- **One-on-one industry/university interactions.**
  - **BorgWarner** on turbocharger technology and low pressure EGR.
  - **Woodward Governor** on turbo-compounding.
  - **Caterpillar** on energy recovery methods and thermodynamic analysis.
  - **Gamma Technologies** and **Ricardo** on engine model software improvements.
  - **General Motors** on preparation of USCAR/ACEC presentations and support of GM engine at ORNL.
  - **University of Wisconsin** on GM engine setup and controls.
- **Presentations to DOE/industry technical teams and merit reviews.**
  - **Advanced Engine Combustion (AEC) Working Group.**
  - **Advanced Combustion & Emissions (ACEC) Technical Team.**
  - **Diesel Cross-Cut Team.**



Members of **AEC Working Group** (admin by Sandia)

# Sources for more information

- **FY 2007 Progress Report**  
[http://www1.eere.energy.gov/vehiclesandfuels/resources/printable\\_versions/fcvt\\_reports.html](http://www1.eere.energy.gov/vehiclesandfuels/resources/printable_versions/fcvt_reports.html)
- **Recent conference publications/presentations**
  - SAE 2008-01-0293
  - 2007 Ricardo Software North American Users Conference
- **DOE highlights ...**
  - ACEC Technical Team Highlight.
  - FreedomCAR Technical Highlight.
  - DOE EERE Weekly Report.
- **Other relevant presentations at this review**
  - ➔ “Achieving High-Efficiency Clean Combustion in Multi-Cylinder Light-Duty Engines”  
(immediately following this presentation)
  - ➔ “Stretch Efficiency – Thermodynamic Analysis of New Combustion Regimes”  
(Today, 8:50 am, this room)
  - ➔ “Measurement and Characterization of Lean NO<sub>x</sub> Adsorber Regeneration and Desulfation”  
(Today, 9:40 am, Salon G)
  - ➔ “Controlling NO<sub>x</sub> from Multi-Mode Lean DI Engines”  
(Today, 10:00 am, Salon G)

# Project Summary

- **Purpose**

Demonstrate fuel efficiency & emissions milestones established in Vehicle Technologies multiyear plan in support of DOE objective of petroleum displacement.

- **Approach**

Modeling & analysis for improved understanding and design of WHR system. Leveraging of ongoing LD diesel activities on advanced combustion, aftertreatment technologies, and stretch efficiency concepts.

- **Technical Accomplishments**

Achieved FY 2007 efficiency milestone. Established path for meeting FY 2008 and beyond milestones.

- **Technology Transfer**

Results from this activity are regularly communicated to DOE, industry, and others.

- **Future**

Demonstrate 43% BTE by end of FY 2008 using WHR of exhaust stream and 45% by end of FY 2010. Potential technologies to be used in meeting 2010 milestones include WHR, friction reducers, improved turbocharger technology, advanced combustion, aftertreatment, etc.