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Outline



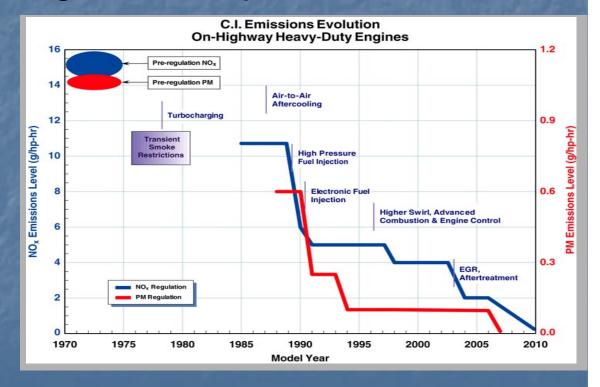
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Background/History

Diesel engine efficiency gradually improved from the early 1900s to the 1970s, when emissions became a focus of engine development

- Early emissions reductions came with efficiency improvements
- Latest emissions reductions resulting in efficiency losses





Background/History

- Non-vertically integrated HD truck industry
 - Vehicle advances delayed somewhat from engine development
- Vehicle development traditionally directed towards comfort/convenience more than fuel economy
- Fleet vs. owner/operator trends
 - Fleets lead fuel economy developments in trucks
- Vehicle technology for improved fuel economy is available but not highly desired in the market Fuel prices have large impact on desire







Current Project Objectives

- With the near-term 2010 emissions objectives within reach, what can be done to improve HD truck fuel economy while maintaining extremely low tailpipe emissions?
- Determine the most feasible and cost-effective technologies for improvement of real-world fuel economy on the over-the-road HD truck fleet
- Quantify the potential magnitude of improvement that can be obtained with respect to initial cost and other market drivers



Project Approach

Select a baseline HD truck/engine combination to serve as reference

Kenworth T600

Volvo D13

10 speed transmission

Consider and select a number of potential fuel economy improving technologies for both engine and vehicle

 Build these technologies into a limited number of technology packages for evaluation

Build engine and vehicle computer models of the baseline

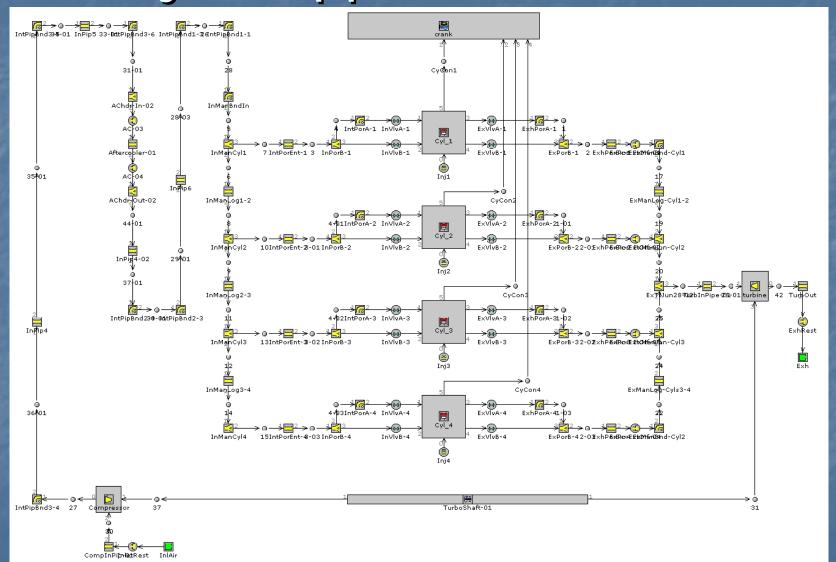
Analyze the technology packages with the models



- GT-Power will be used for engine modeling
 - 1-D cycle simulation code
 - Calculates every pressure, temperature and mass flow rate through the system at every time step, typically ¼ to ½ crank degree
 - Includes everything from air filter to tailpipe
 - Manifolding
 - Turbomachinery
 - Valve events
 - EGR loops
 - Aftercooler
 - Heat release (combustion) and in-cylinder heat loss

Will be used to generate fuel consumption maps for the engine with various engine technology packages applied





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- The engine model provides the most accurate results when baselined to the closest available engine data
- SwRI is conducting a HD engine benchmarking program from which we are able to utilize results for baseline calibration of the engine model to a 2007MY configuration
- After baseline matching, the model will be adjusted to provide expected 2012 emissions solution and relevant engine performance characteristics



- Of the appropriate engines, this data is first available for the Volvo D13 so that is the engine that will be modeled and used for the study
 - This engine not actually available in the selected truck commercially, but representative of the general class of engines that are available
- This closely-related baseline of very new data provides the best accuracy of the model predicting forward



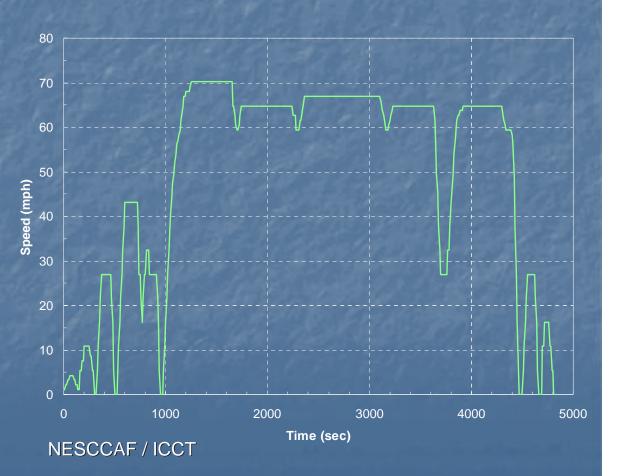
- Raptor[®] will be used for vehicle modeling
 - Simulates any definable drive cycle
 - Uses engine performance maps (derived from GT-Power), and takes into account
 - Rolling resistance
 - Aerodynamic drag
 - Grade
 - Powertrain losses
 - Hybridization

Produces predictions for vehicle fuel consumption and emissions over defined drive cycle



Project Approach – Drive Cycle

- Drive cycle selection is critical parameter in driving best real-world improvements
- Modification of CA HDD Highway Line Haul Drive Cycle
- Increased speed by 8%
- Additional segments at high speed





Technology Examples (with fuel consumption reduction estimates)

Engine technologies

- Engine friction reduction (1%)
- Controls refinements (1%)
- Improved air handling
 - Turbocompound (-1 to +4%)
 - 2-stage with intercooling (0 to 2%)
 - High efficiency turbocharging (0 to 2%)
 - EGR pump (0 to 2%)
 - Variable valve actuation (1 to 4%)
- Alt. combustion strategies (0 to 2%)
 - HCCI/PCCI
 - LTC
- Thermal management
 - Insulated ports/manifolds (0 to 1%)
 - Bottoming cycle (10-40%)



Technology Examples (with fuel consumption reduction estimates)

Vehicle technologies

- Drivetrain
 - **CVT (0%)**
 - Automated manual (4 to 5%)
 - Hybridization (3 to 15%)
- Accessory electrification (1 to 2% per accessory)
- Efficiency
 - Lubricants, parasitic drag (up to 2%)
- Aerodynamic drag (up to 5%)
- Mass reduction (up to 4%)
- Rolling resistance (2 to 3%)
- Other
 - Routing, increased GVW, etc. (up to 10%)



Technology Ranking

In order to reach a manageable number of combinations to model, technologies were ranked
Full group discussion with input from steering committee

Considerations

- Potential fuel economy gains (estimated)
 - Fuel economy gains obtainable in key operating areas
- Initial cost
- Packaging
- Adverse effects on drivability, ability to complete mission
- Avoid including very similar technologies to allow inclusion of wider variety of approaches



Technology Packages

- After the individual technologies are selected, they are grouped into technology packages
- Scope of project allows ~8 packages to be modeled and quantified
- Look for synergies between engine and vehicle technologies
- Try to provide a few different, internally consistent packages
 - Lower initial cost, more conservative effort on both engine and vehicle side
 - Higher initial cost, more aggressive effort on both engine and vehicle side
 - Infrastructure considerations



Technology Packages Example package (moderate) to show synergies and other considerations Vehicle improvements Moderate aero package Reduced rolling resistance (super single tires) Reduced drag (lubricants, brakes, bearings) Electrified accessories (limited to 24VDC-capable items) **Engine Improvements** Turbocompound Exhaust port liners High efficiency turbo



Technology Packages

Synergies/rationale for moderate package selection

- Turbocompound with high efficiency turbo provides maximum turbocharger performance and power reclamation while still providing negative delta P required for EGR flow
- Exhaust port liners maximize heat to turbines that can now be captured via turbocompound
- Turbocompound could be electric and provide energy to drive accessories
- All pieces of package are available technology that have been applied in limited fashion to production engines/vehicles
 - Common risk/initial cost level across engine and vehicle
 - Other packages are higher or lower risk, but attempt to be consistent risk level within a given package



Technology Packages

Final package will be "best of"

Will include learning from evaluation of other packages and intended to be a very aggressive grouping of technologies that provide a large magnitude benefit

Likely technologies:

- Variable valve timing
- Bottoming cycle
- Exhaust port liners
- Electrified accessories
- Full aero package
- Low rolling resistance

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Objective is to determine best achievable performance

Status



Initial engine data from benchmarking program available mid-February for D13 Engine and vehicle model construction in process Cost estimating in process Maintain communication with industry and steering committee throughout to insure that the correct effects and magnitudes are captured

Next Steps



Baseline engine model against 2007MY data

- Adjust to 2012MY performance for project baseline
- Apply technology packages and generate fuel consumption, emissions maps
- Use maps in vehicle model, with vehicle improvements applied, to generate fuel consumptions and emissions results over the driving cycle
- Make conclusions re: most effective fuel consumption and emissions reductions strategies and quantify the benefits for a 2017 approach



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