

DOE Heavy Vehicle Systems Optimization

peer review

21st Century Locomotive Technology (locomotive system tasks)

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21st Century Locomotive (system) Technology

Solicitation Technical Goal:

Locomotive efficiency improvements

Project Objectives

• Locomotive system developments for 15-20% fuel usage reduction through energy management and fuel optimization:

- capturing and storing regenerative braking energy
- fuel optimization control (route, terrain, and train characteristics)

FY 2003-2005 Focus

- develop and test advanced energy storage system modules
- demonstrate advanced hybrid locomotive energy management system
- develop and demonstrate locomotive consist manager
- develop and demonstrate trip optimizer

Planned Duration

January 2003 to December 2007

DOE Funding/Industry Cost Share

FY03: \$799k/799k FY04: \$355k/355k FY05: \$575k/575k FY06: \$335k/335k

Railroad modality: 2.5% national fuel usage

Project's 20% fuel reduction gives **0.5% impact on national fuel usage**

Project deliverable Advanced hybrid energy management demonstration on GE's "on-board" proof-of-principle hybrid locomotive demonstrator



Project deliverable

Consist manager demonstration on Class 1 RR 2x1740mi mission

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Accomplishments

- 1: Accomplishment – Selected high-energy-density, temperature-insensitive Na-NiCl₂ energy storage technology
- 2: Project Deliverable – Demonstration of hybrid locomotive on test track with advanced EMS controls, February 2005
- 3: Project Deliverable – Track demonstration of locomotive consist fuel optimizer using one degree of freedom controls, February 2004
- 4: Accomplishment – developed interactive fuel optimizer demo simulator and demonstrated trip optimizer to railroads

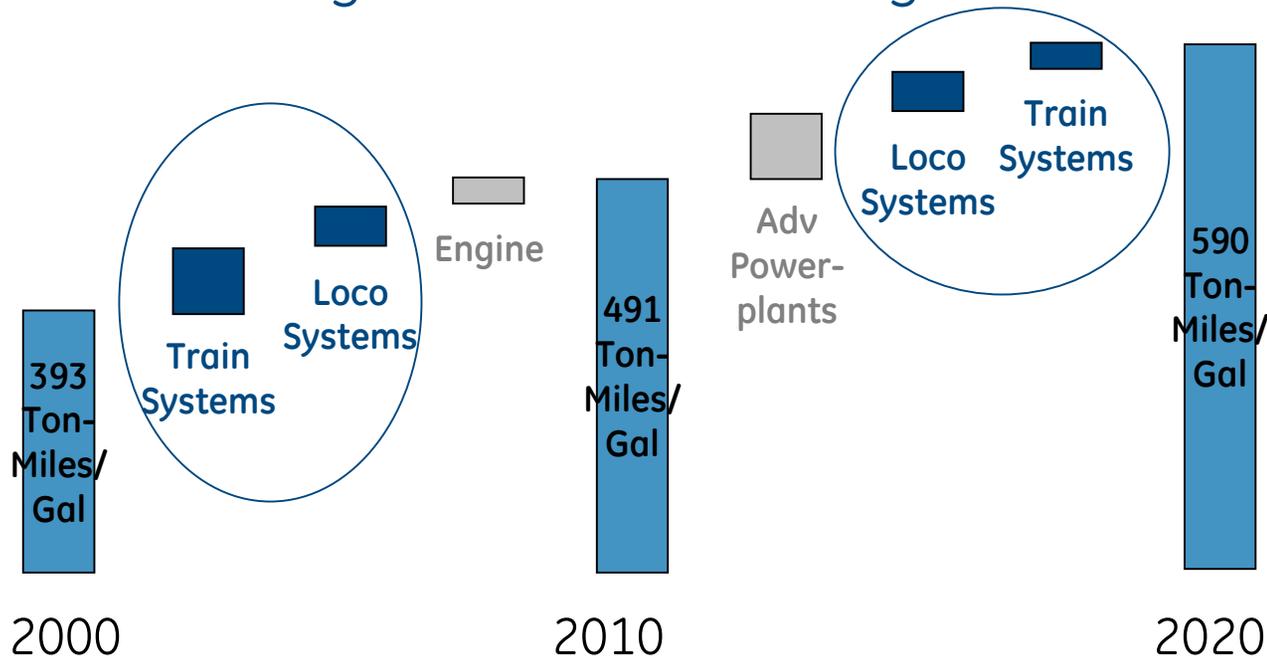
Significant Future Milestones

Project Deliverable – Hybrid locomotive test track demonstration incorporating the integrated fuel optimization controls – December 2007

Project ID/Agreement ID	Program Structure	Sub-Program Element	R&D Phase	Date
15455	HVSO	Enabling Technologies	Exploratory Research	4-06

21st Century railroad efficiency vision

speed up locomotive and train efficiency rate-of-change, to move from 400 ton-miles/gal to 600 ton-miles/gal



- Hybrid energy storage
- Consist & trip fuel optimization

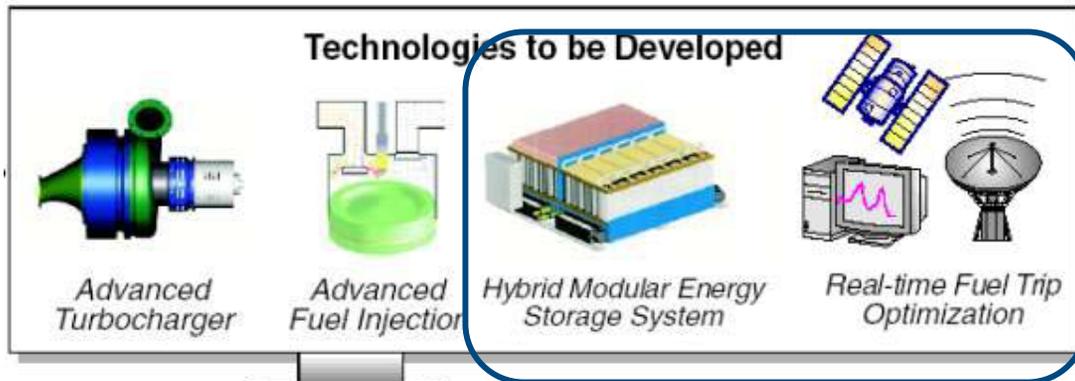
21st Century Locomotive Technology project

Freight locomotives 25% lower fuel usage by 2010 (incl. engine tech)

20% fuel reduction from systems technologies:

0.5% national total

Four-Year, \$10 Million Project to Develop and Demonstrate 21st Century Locomotive Concepts



systems technologies



21st Century Locomotive Features

- Tier II compliant
- Up to 25% reduction in fuel consumption

Benefits

•Energy reduction:

Fuel savings of 750-950 million gal/yr

•Environmental impact:

Reduction of HC+NO_x by 232 million lb/yr

•Competitiveness

20-25% annual savings in fuel consumption after meeting the regulatory requirements of Tier II, which result in a more competitive rail industry

•Economic:

Lowers U.S. dependence on foreign oil

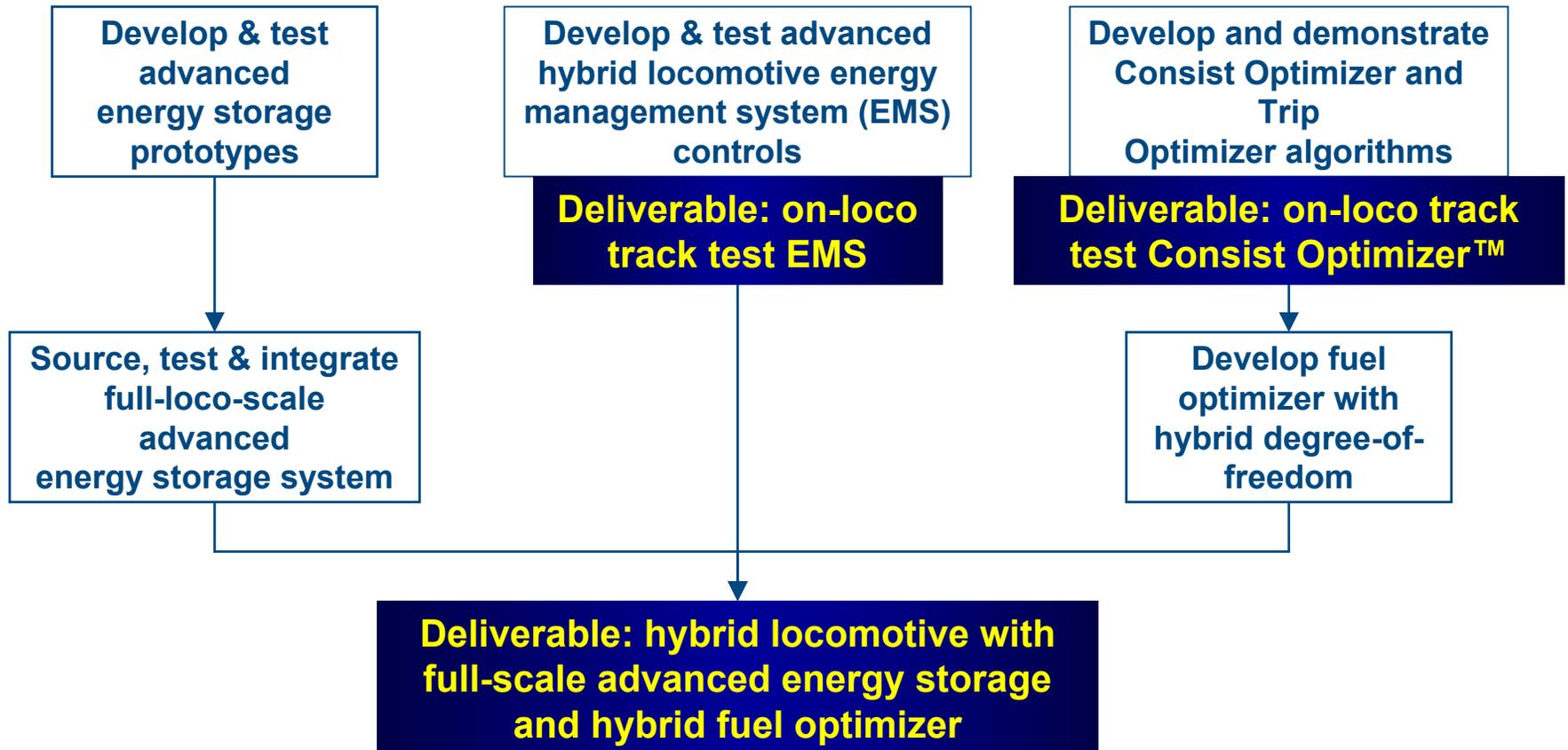
Project Deliverables

- Development and demonstration of hybrid energy storage, fuel optimizer, advanced fuel injection and turbocharger system
- Final report

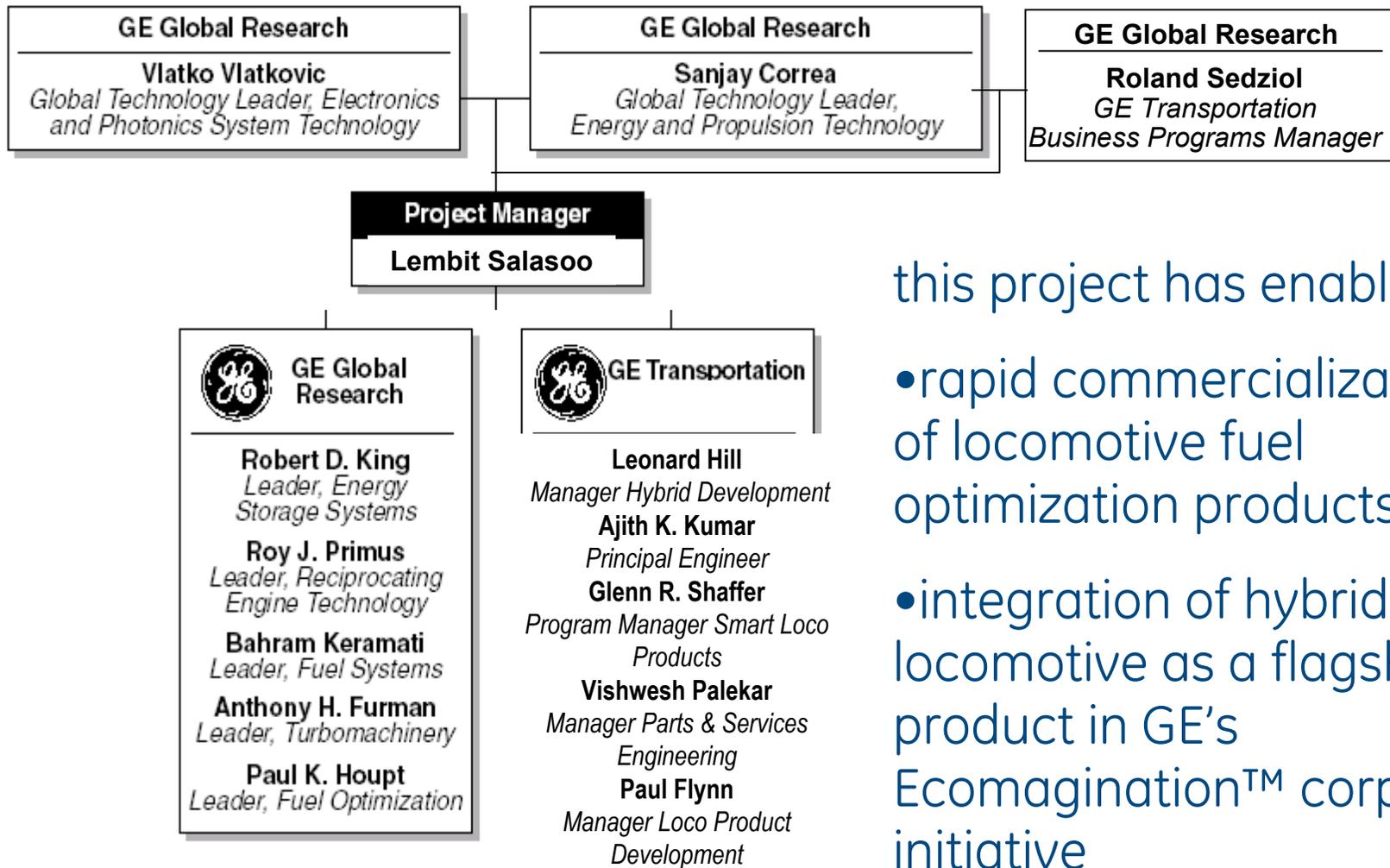


Project approach:

- parallel technology tasks enabling integrated field validations
- early optimization deliverable: quick commercialization for fuel impact



Tight coupling to GE Transportation business



this project has enabled:

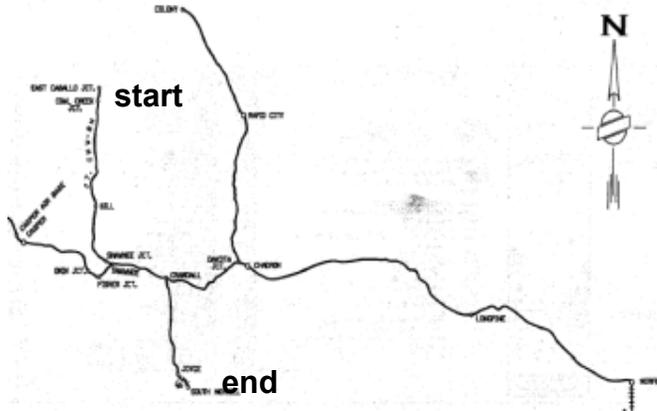
- rapid commercialization of locomotive fuel optimization products
- integration of hybrid locomotive as a flagship product in GE's Ecomagination™ corporate initiative

Accomplishment summary: 20% railroad fuel savings = 0.5% national fuel savings

- 1) Accomplishment – selected high-energy-density, temperature-insensitive Na-NiCl₂ energy storage technology
 - Vendor is developing locomotive-worthy system
- 2) Project Deliverable – Demonstration of hybrid locomotive on test track with advanced EMS controls, February 2005
 - Controls ready for integration with advanced energy storage and hybrid degree-of-freedom fuel optimizer on hybrid locomotive prototype
 - **GE announces Hybrid Locomotive in 2004 Annual Report 15% fuel savings**
- 3) Project Deliverable – Track demonstration of locomotive consist fuel optimizer using one degree of freedom controls, February 2004
 - Consist Manager™ **Commercialization**: several installations. **1-2% fuel savings**
- 4) Accomplishment – developed interactive fuel optimizer demo simulator and demonstrated Trip Optimizer™ to railroads
 - New algorithms for Trip Optimizer™ optimal planning designed & implemented in simulation environment: **fuel savings > 4%**

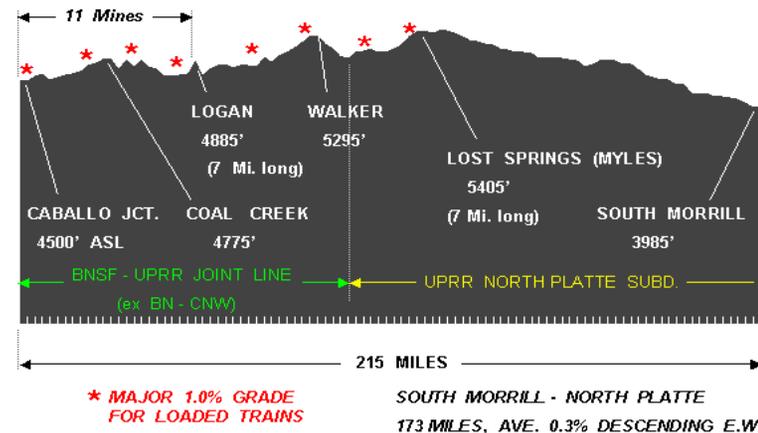


Accomplishment : select hybrid energy storage technology: develop requirements



Analyze multiple missions

UPRR S.P.R.B. Topography



Performance Requirement

- 1,500 kW continuous charge/discharge power
- 1,000 kWh useable energy

Mechanical and Environmental

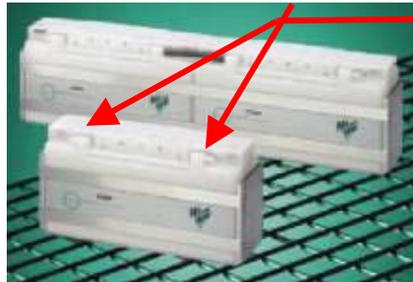
- Ambient temperature specification - 40C to +55C
- Locomotive shock/vibration specification

Life

- 7 year useful life (any combination of storage or service)

Accomplishment: select hybrid energy storage technology: concept studies by battery vendors

Ni-MH concept (A1)



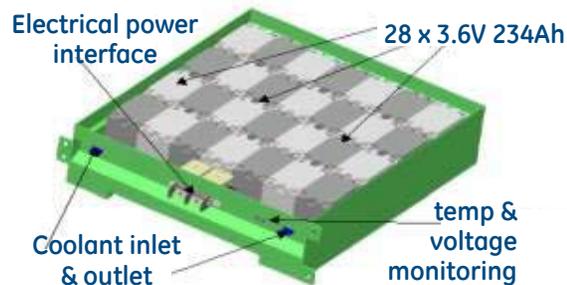
Liquid-coolant input/output

- Module > pack > rack
- Liquid-cooled modules
- Heater/chiller required
- Module-level monitoring

Sub-pack or module

Li-ion concept (A2)

- Module > pack > rack
- Liquid-cooled modules
- Heater/chiller
- Cell-level monitoring

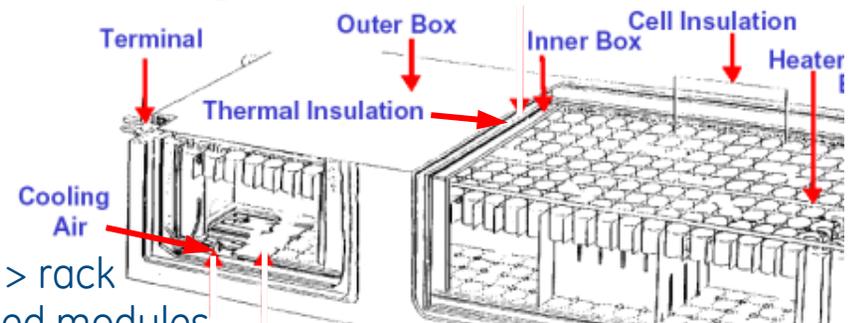


Ni-MH concept (B)



- Module > pack > rack
- Air-cooled modules
- Heater/chiller required
- cell-cell cooling plates
- Complex inlet air manifold
- Module-level monitoring

Na-NiCl₂ module & concept (C1)



- Module > rack
- Air-cooled modules
- Forced ambient air fans
- 300C operating temperature
- Environmentally sealed, thermally insulated module
- Module-level monitoring

Accomplishment: select hybrid energy storage technology: Battery tradeoff: NaNiCl₂ selected

Hybrid locomotive battery tradeoff



Pass

1

Marg

0.5

Fail

0

System						Reliability
relative weight	relative volume	cooling medium	battery management	cooling impact on size & weight	# Batt. Sets per 20 yr.	
2	1	3	4	2	2	
3	3	3	5	3	3	
1	1	1	1	1	2	
1,3,9	1,3,9	1,3,9	1/3/9	1/3/9	Batt Sets	
3	5	5	3	5	2.2	
3	5	5	9	3	2.2	
9	9	3	3	9	3.3	
3	3	1	1	1	2.9	
3	3	1	1	1	2.9	

No.	Concepts	Score
<input type="checkbox"/> 1	NiMH; Co. A1	1.00
<input type="checkbox"/> 2	Li ion; Co. A2,	0.75
<input type="checkbox"/> 3	NiMH; Co. B	0.88
<input type="checkbox"/> 4	Na-NiCl ₂ , energy design; Co. C1	1.75
<input type="checkbox"/> 5	Na-NiCl ₂ , power design; Co. C2	1.75



Accomplishment. Select hybrid energy storage technology: Lab evaluation of advanced energy storage prototype and system

Develop data for GE Transportation hybrid locomotive design

- ✓ aging effects (cell level) => control design
- ✓ ripple current effects (cell level) => power circuit design
- ✓ shock and vibration (module level) => iterate module design

Risk reduction

- Validate functional performance of improved modules (module level)
Electrical, thermal & vibration (vendor together with GE Transportation)



accelerated vibrate test of COTS Na-NiCl₂ module, prior to finalize loco-specific module detailed design

Conclusion: cells OK, vendor will redesign battery system assembly

Project deliverable Design & test hybrid loco energy management system (EMS) controls, integrate to loco & track test

- Developed & lab tested secondary SOC estimation algorithm (correct long-term drift & data corruption). Challenging, 2 algorithm iterations
- **Track tests** performed on “on-board” hybrid proof-of-principle locomotive, November 2004 – January 2005

• **Successful validation**

- robust acquisition of battery temperature & electrical data in noisy loco environment
- estimation of nickel-metal hydride SOC

• **Benefits for Hybrid Locomotive**

- avoid battery degradation due to out-of-range operation
- maximize utilization of battery capacity: improved fuel benefits and reduced battery footprint

• **Next steps**

- Apply capability and algorithms to combined field validation of advanced energy storage and fuel optimization in Task 5



Technology commercialization: Hybrid Locomotive

Energy Storage Technology task identified and developed advanced battery system technology for GE's breakthrough Hybrid Locomotive

15% fleet-wide fuel savings = 580Mgal p.a.

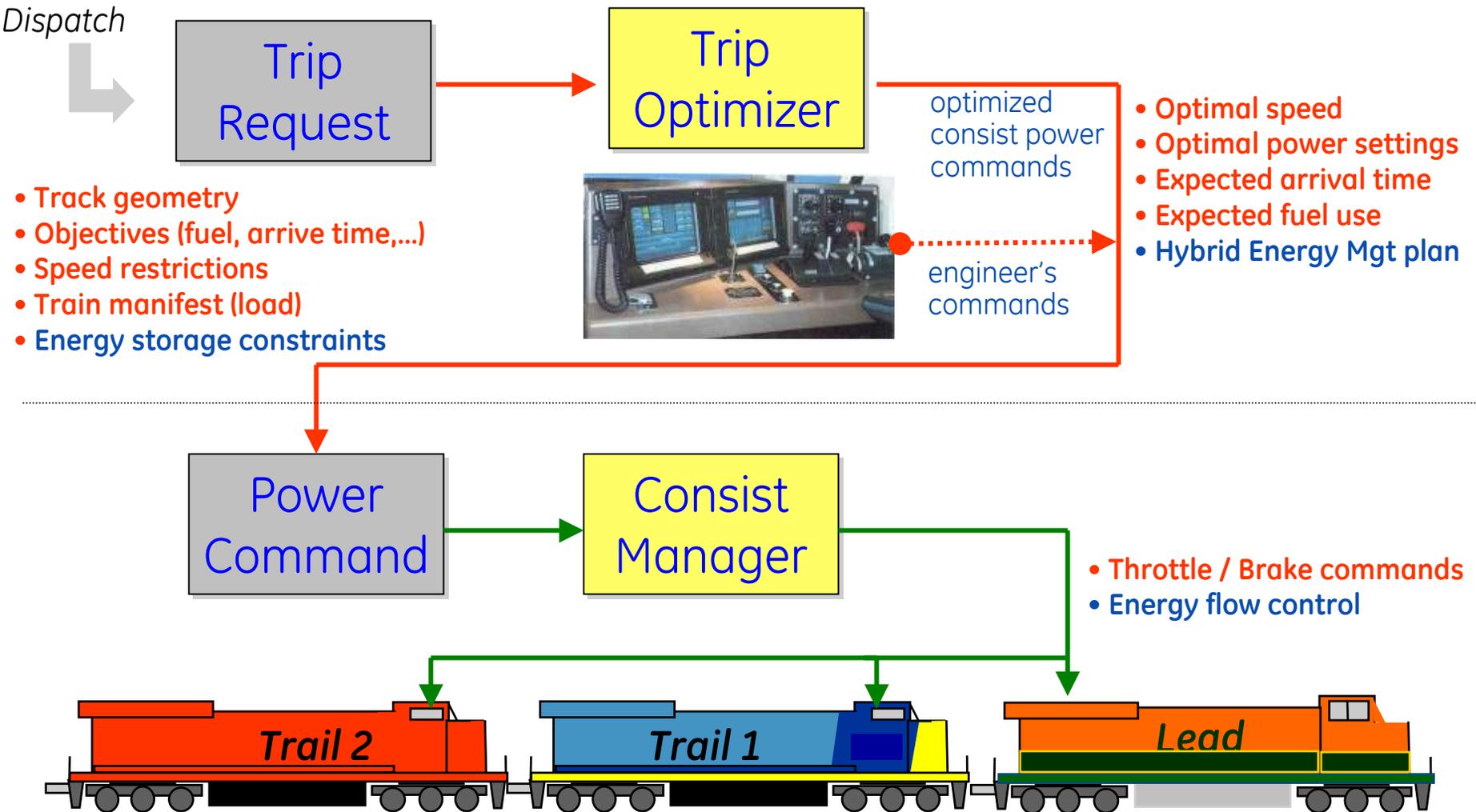
sodium nickel-chloride system applicable to other vehicles



“... a locomotive that could capture [dynamic braking] energy and store it in batteries for later use could generate a 2,000-horsepower boost and use up to 15% less fuel...and reduce emissions another 10%... GE is working to unleash this potential to drive future performance and growth” - GE 2004 Annual Report, p34

Fuel use optimization concepts

Find speed and throttle to minimize fuel use in a trip

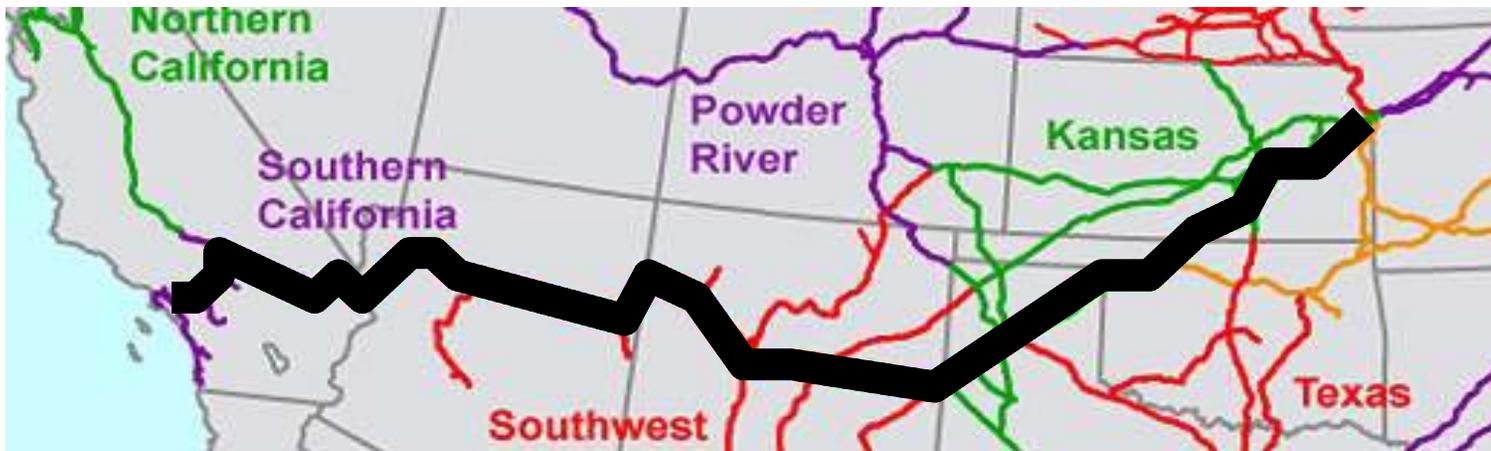


Divide power among consist for best efficiency

Project deliverable Consist manager™ Class 1 Railroad demonstration

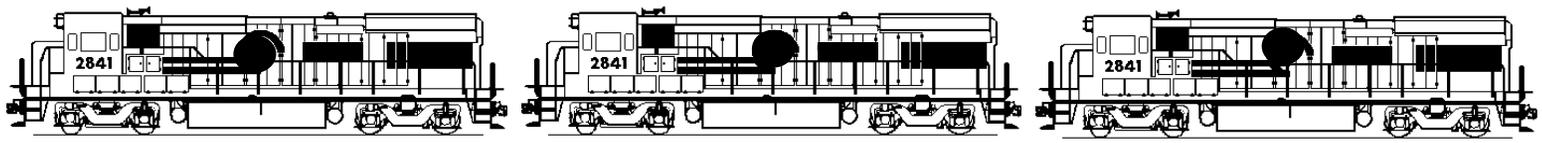


- 3400 Mile cross country revenue service trip, Kansas-City to Los Angeles and back
- Fuel savings > 2% possible
- Average of 1-1.5%



Technology commercialization: Consist manager™

Fuel Optimization Technology task enables GE's Consist Manager™ product introduction



Optimally assign power between locomotives

...2% fleet-wide savings = 76Mgal p.a.

Further savings through combination with hybrid

Excerpt from GE Transportation brochure:

GE offers a comprehensive portfolio of fuel savings solutions

<p>Consist Optimization</p>	<p>Consist Manager² – optimizes fuel and horsepower per locomotive within consist</p>	<p>1 to 3% for each locomotive in consist</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crew comfort and ease of use • Emissions reduction
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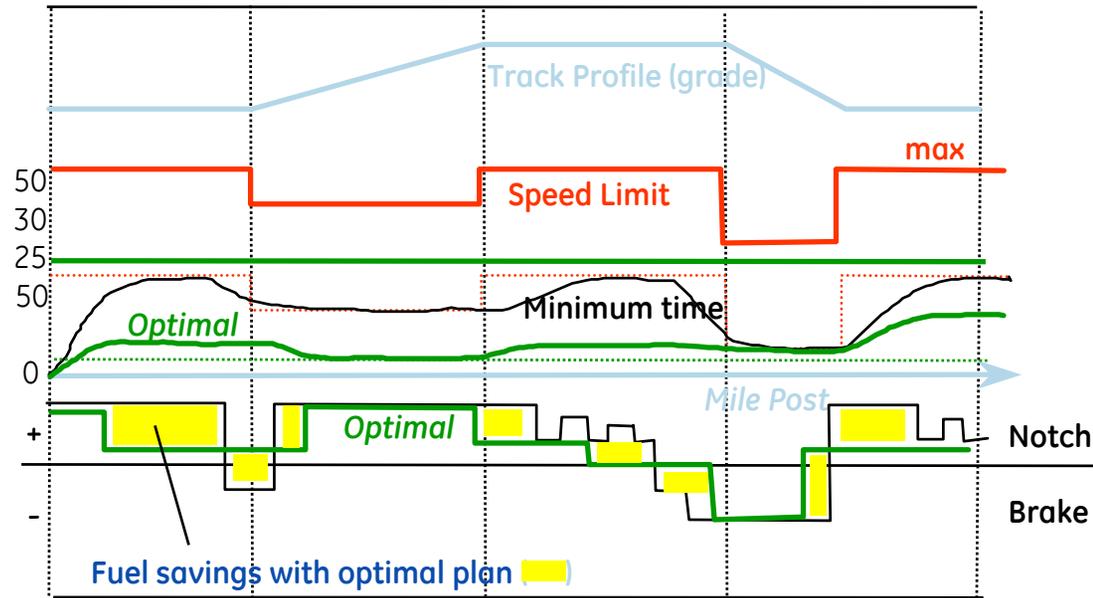
Accomplishment Trip Optimizer™ demonstration: concept outline

Computes, displays and executes **driving plan** to minimize fuel, subject to constraints

trade fuel vs trip time, exploiting slack time

Requirements

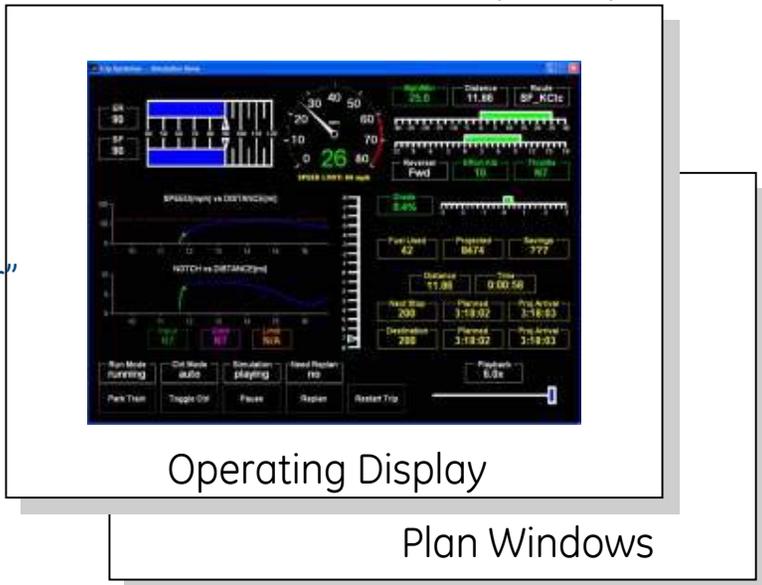
- Minimize fuel consumption, with and without hybrid storage
- Achieve travel time objectives or constraints
- Minimize journey-to-journey fuel usage variability
- Get savings benefit on every locomotive, new & installed base



" ... We want to ensure every engineer performs like the best engineer every day, and we are providing incentives to do so..."
Craig Hill, BNSF at GE GRC 3/27/02

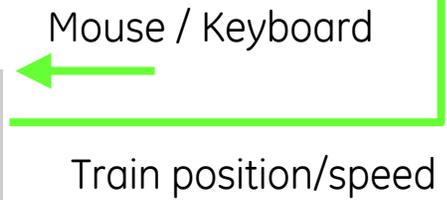
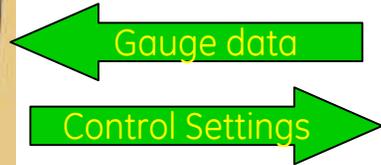
Accomplishment : Trip Optimizer™ demonstration: Real-time demo lab shows trip optimizer to railroads

- Plan a trip
 - pull from library
 - Build scratch
 - Zoom/edit
- Drive a trip real-time
 - opt 1: Manual “advisor”
 - opt 2: Closed loop
 - opt 3: Fast fwd/replay
- Re-plan interactively
- Evaluate fuel use / time alternatives



Graphics CPU

PC workstation



21st Century Locomotive Technology – future work

Next 12 months

- Vendor supplies locomotive-worthy advanced battery modules supplied by vendor
- Validation testing of advanced battery modules
- Supply full-locomotive set of advanced battery modules and install to prototype hybrid locomotive
- Design and bench test fuel optimizer controls with hybrid degree-of-freedom

2007

- Project culmination – field validation of hybrid locomotive with full scale advanced energy storage system and hybrid degree-of-freedom fuel optimizer controls





imagination at work