

# Achieving and Demonstrating Vehicle Technologies Engine Fuel Efficiency Milestones (ACE 16)

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# Overview

## Duration

- FY 2005 to 2010
- Consistent with VT MYPP

## Barriers

- Efficiency/combustion
- Emission control
- Engine management

## Budget

- FY 2005 \$0k (milestone met)
- FY 2006 \$400k (milestone met)
- FY 2007 \$400k (milestone met)
- FY 2008 \$750k (milestone met)
- FY 2009 \$750k (in progress)
- FY 2010 \$750k (path defined)

## Interactions / Collaborations

- Industry technical teams
- DOE working groups
- One-on-one interactions with industry
- Other ORNL activities



## Objective is to identify and demonstrate technologies for improving engine-system thermal efficiency while meeting emissions targets

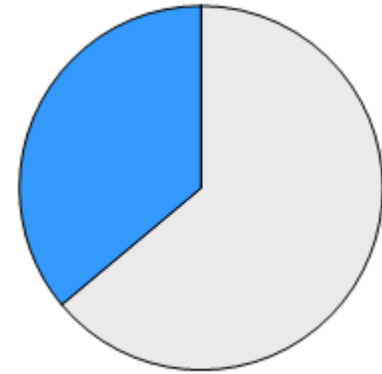
- Characterize current state-of-the-art light-duty engine technology.
- Improve understanding of ICE efficiency losses.
- Identify promising strategies to reduce losses.
- Implement proof-of-principle demonstrations of selected concepts.



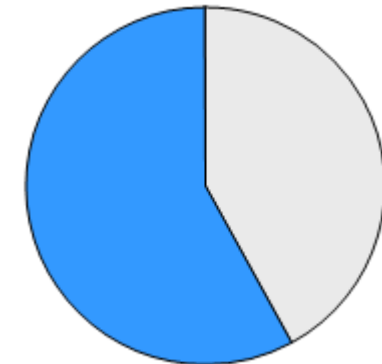
**Achieve and demonstrate  
Vehicle Technologies  
engine fuel efficiency and  
emissions milestones.**

**Current engines**

**Fuel Efficiency  
40 - 42%**



**Fuel Efficiency  
50 - 60%**



**Future engines?**



## Milestones consistent with demonstrating DOE Vehicle Technologies efficiency & emissions objectives

➔ *In progress*

Characteristics	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010
Peak Brake Thermal Efficiency (HC Fuel)	41%	42%	43%	44%	45%
Part-Load Brake Thermal Efficiency (2 bar BMEP @ 1500 rpm)	27%	27%	27%	29%	31%
Emissions	Tier 2 Bin 5	Tier 2 Bin 5	Tier 2 Bin 5	Tier 2 Bin 5	Tier 2 Bin 5
Thermal efficiency penalty due to emission control devices	< 2%	< 2%	< 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.



# Past, present, and path forward

## 2005

1999 MB 1.7-L engine

## 2006

- 1999 MB 1.7-L engine with modified operation.
- Development of 2<sup>nd</sup> Law thermodynamics for engine simulation software.

## 2007

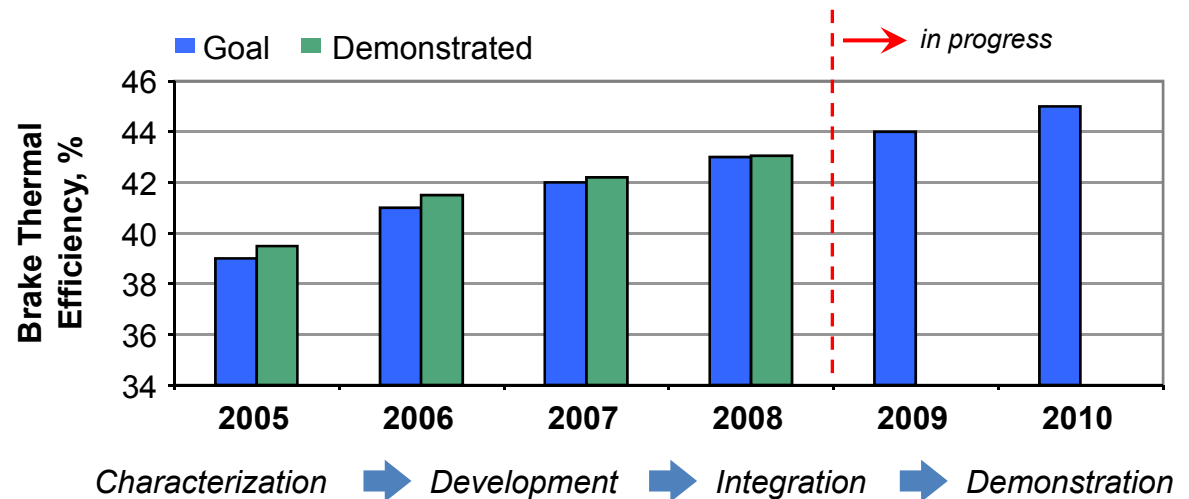
- 1999 MB 1.7-L engine with upgraded hardware VGT.
- 2005 GM 1.9-L engine.
- Modeling component-by-component evaluation of efficiency opportunities.

## 2008

- 2005 GM 1.9-L engine.
- Fuel properties, low viscosity oil, electrification, modified operation.
- Experimental component-by-component evaluation of efficiency opportunities.
- Modeling and hardware development of exhaust bottoming cycle.

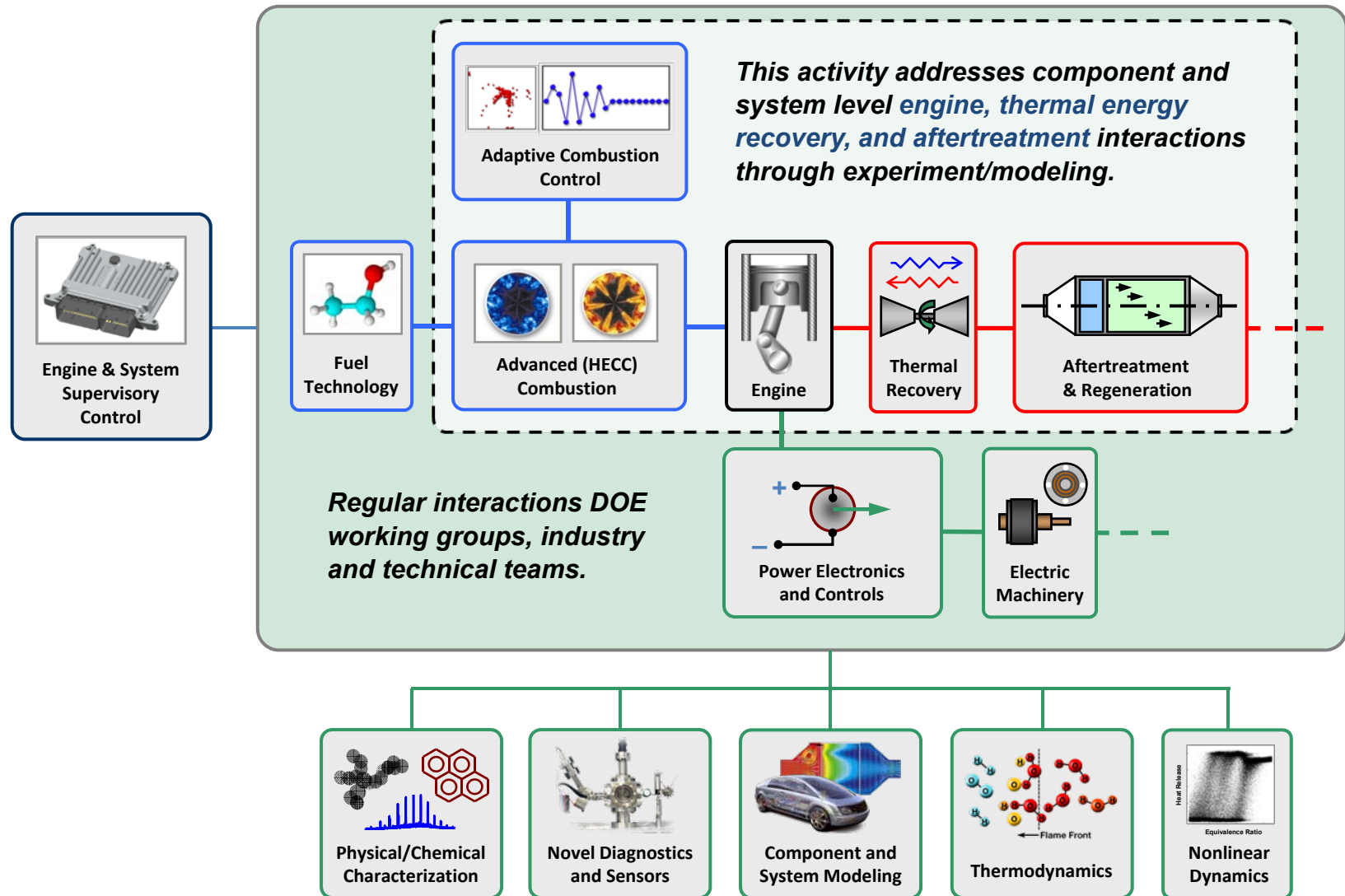
## 2009 / 2010

- » 2007 GM 1.9-L engine.
- » Low viscosity oil, electrification, modified operation, etc.
- » TER with integrated turbine/generator.
- » On-engine integration of advanced combustion and aftertreatment activities.
- » Demonstration/verification with FTP modal experiments and vehicle system drive cycle simulations.





# Comprehensive approach to system efficiency opportunities/issues builds upon on-going activities at ORNL and elsewhere

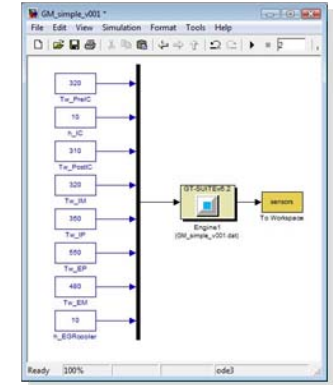




# Simulation + Experiment + Thermodynamics + Collaboration

## Simulation to characterize and evaluate efficiency opportunities.

- **Combustion modeling (In-house multi-zone models)**
  - » Guide experiments and interpret data.
- **Engine-system modeling (GT-Power & WAVE)**
  - » Characterize energy distribution and thermodynamic losses, design/evaluate auxiliary systems, evaluate combustion management strategies, etc.
- **Vehicle System modeling (PSAT & GT-Drive)**
  - » Evaluate technologies and operational strategies across simulated drive cycles.



## Experiments for development, integration, and demonstration of technologies.

- **GM 1.9-L diesel engine (2)**
  - » Open controls including flexible microprocessor based dSpace system.
  - » Instrumentation for combustion, thermodynamic, and exhaust characterization.
- **Thermal energy recovery (TER) development bench**
  - » Evaluate TER concepts and develop hardware in controlled environment before integration to engine-system.

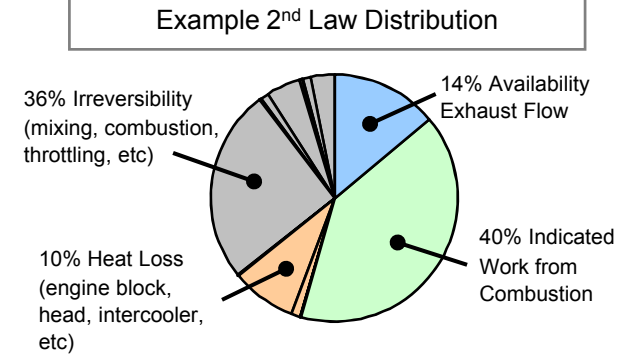




# Simulation + Experiment + Thermodynamics + Collaboration (*continued*)

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Law Thermodynamics perspective to identify efficiency opportunities.

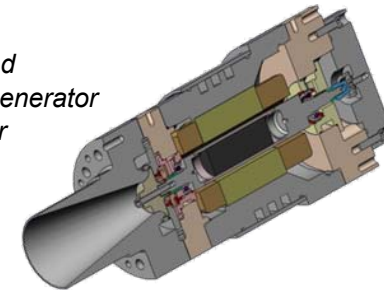
- **Integration into modeling packages**
  - » Provides component-by-component evaluation of thermodynamic losses/opportunities.
- **Evaluation of experimental data**
  - » Characterize recovery potential of thermal energy discarded to the environment and guide the development of TER system(s).
- **Thermal management of engine-system**
  - » Balance several technologies competing for the same thermal resources.



## Collaborations to make best use of available resources.

- **General Motors**
  - » Informal interactions on engine controls.
- **Woodward Governor**
  - » Turbo-compounding.
- **Barber Nichols**
  - » Development of integrated turbine/generator expander.

*Integrated turbine/generator expander*



*Woodward SuperTurbo*



*GM ECU/ETAS controller*



## Technical Accomplishments/Progress (since February 2008)

- Demonstrated 43% peak BTE and 27% part-load BTE.
- Characterized availability and potential of thermal energy discarded to the environment on a GM 1.9-L engine.
- Estimated potential fuel economy improvements of thermal energy recovery over FTP drive cycle using modal experiments.
- Developed and evaluated on-bench and on-engine a first generation organic Rankine cycle.
- *In progress* development of bottoming cycle model for GT-Drive to better understand benefits and/or operational issues for optimal efficiency.
- *In progress* development of turbine/generator system for improved bottoming cycle efficiency in collaboration with Barber-Nichols.



# More detail on FY 2008 milestone

Enabling technologies used to meet FY 2008 **43% peak** and **27% part-load** BTE milestones.

## Fuel Properties (~0.3% BTE)\*

*High CN within range of US market fuels.*

## Advanced Lubricants (~0.6% BTE)\*

*Low viscosity oils.*

## Engine Operation (~0.4% BTE)\*

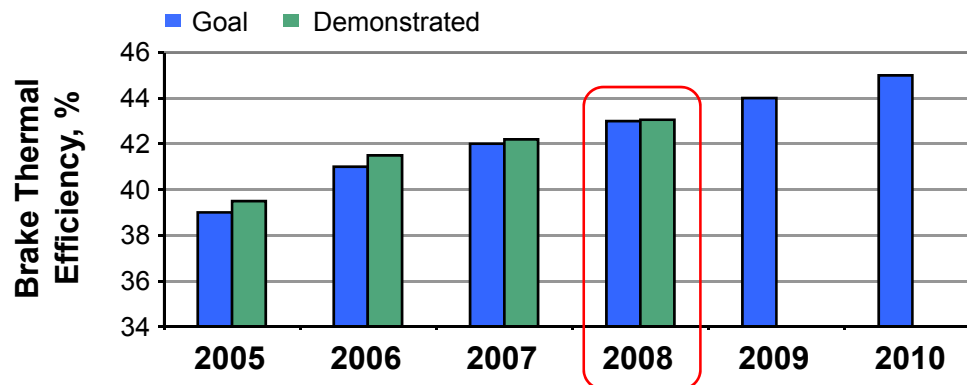
*Turbo-machinery and fuel parameters. Also contributed in part to 42% peak BTE in FY 2007.*

## Electrification of Components (~0.1% BTE)\*

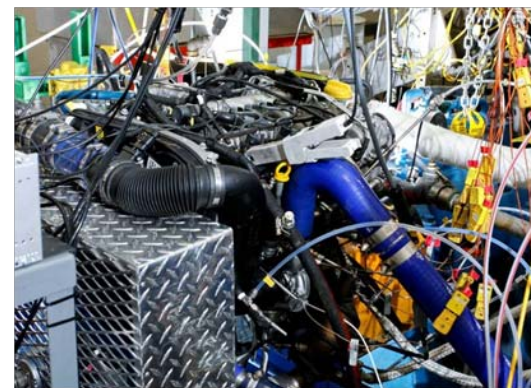
*Engine coolant pump.*

## Thermal Energy Recovery

*Modeling complete and experiments in progress for evaluating potential on exhaust and EGR systems. Not used toward 43%.*



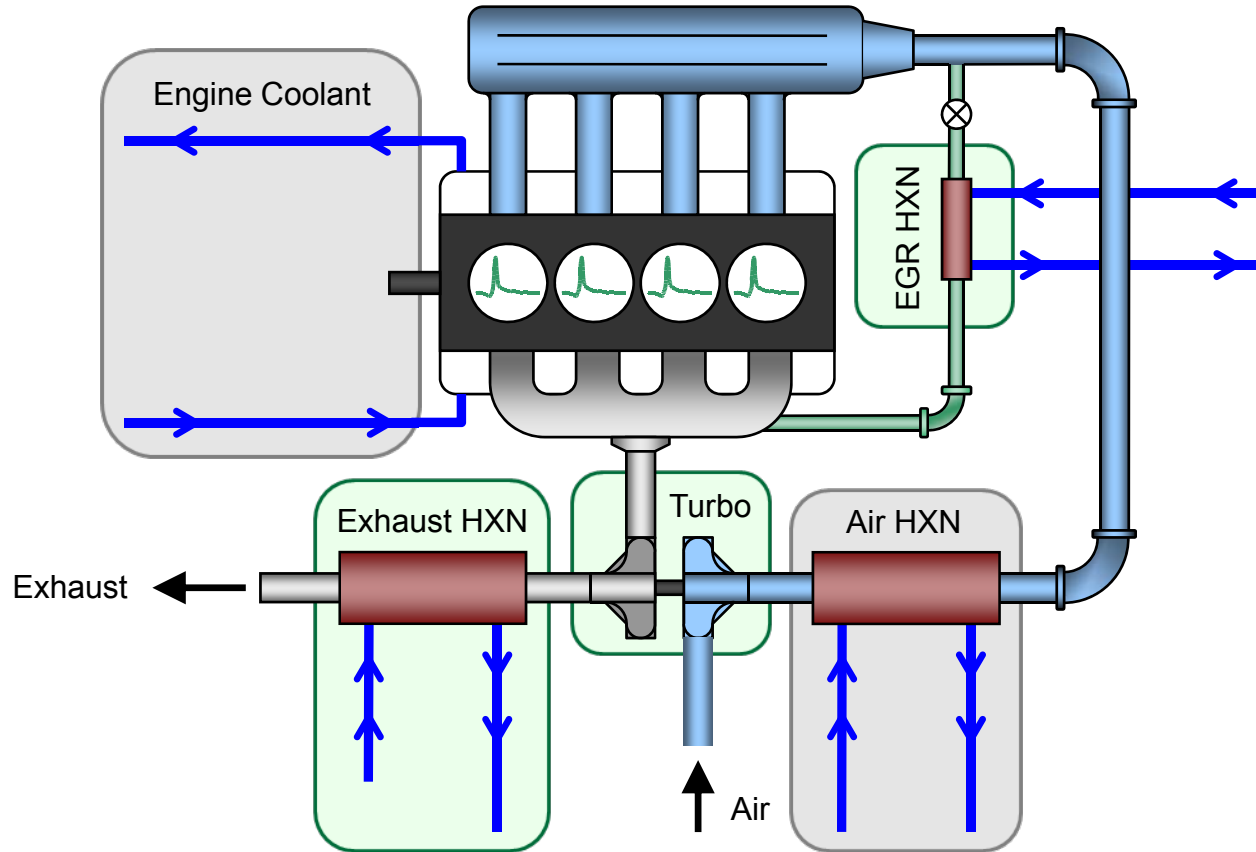
GM 1.9-L in ORNL Cell 4



\* BTE improvement relative to peak BTE of engine.

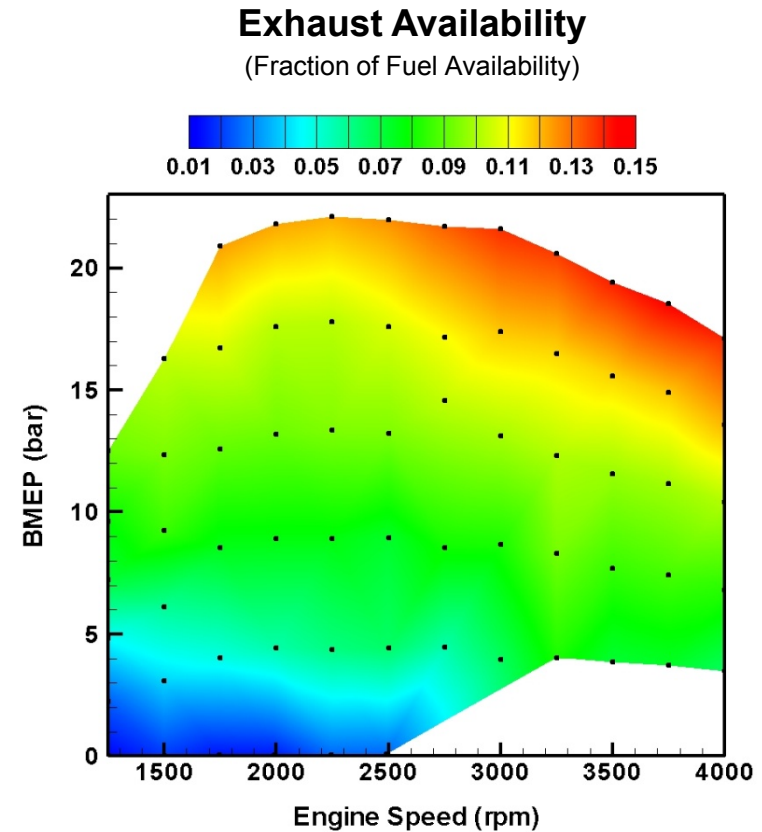
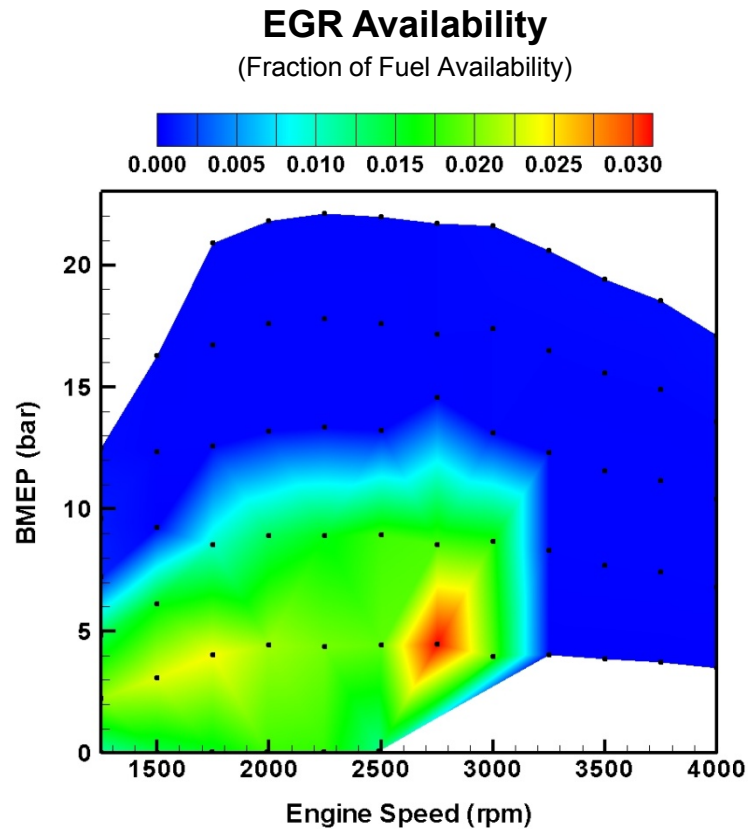


## Substantial improvements in engine efficiency will require a reduction in energy losses to the environment





## A 2<sup>nd</sup> Law thermodynamics perspective provides insight into the recovery potential of energy discarded to the environment

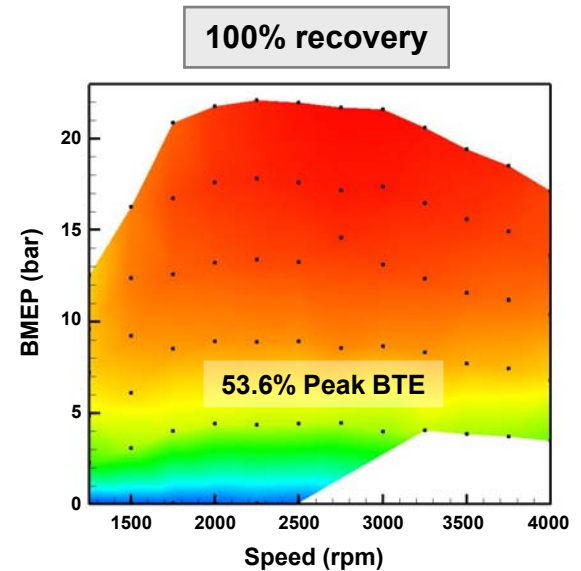
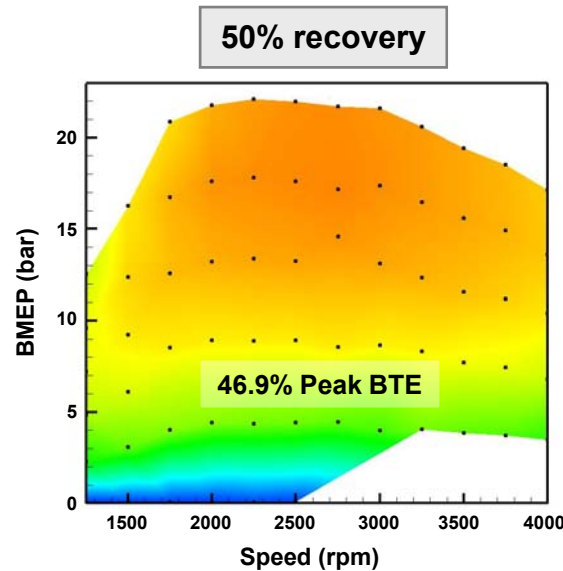
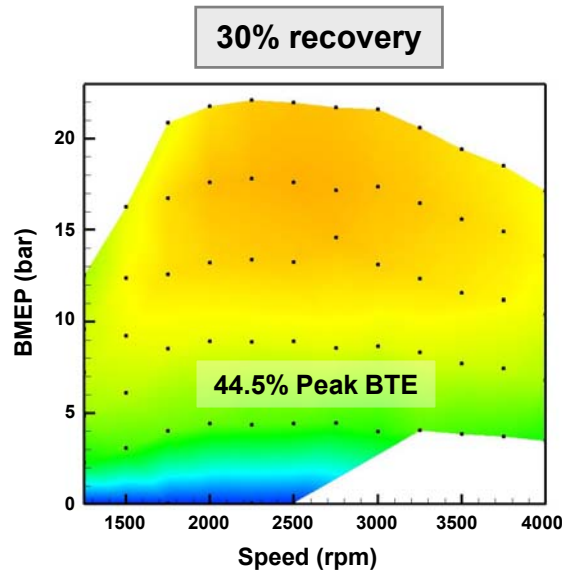
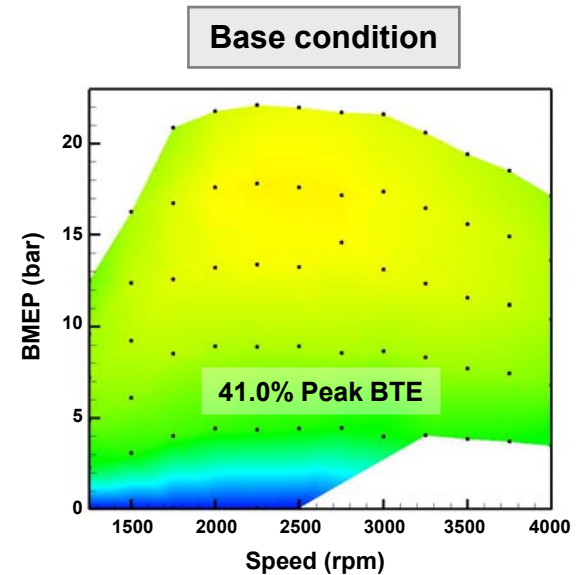


What about intercooler and engine coolant energy?



# Potential improvement in BTE makes thermal energy recovery (TER) a *must investigate technology* for transportation

- Source data from GM 1.9-L engine.
  - Estimates based on 2<sup>nd</sup> Law availability from exhaust and EGR systems.
  - TER efficiency is assumed fixed across the speed-load range to simplify estimates.
- ➔ Does this make sense for light-duty drive cycle?





# Fuel economy improvements over FTP drive cycle estimated using modal experiments and thermal energy recovery assumptions

- Estimates based on steady-state modal conditions (below) and experimental data.
- Assumptions do not account for cold-start, transient phenomena, aftertreatment regeneration, added mass of TER system, etc.
- TER system efficiency assumed constant over speed-load range.

Point	Speed / Load	Weight Factor	Description
1	1500 rpm / 1.0 bar	400	Catalyst transition temperature
2	1500 rpm / 2.6 bar	600	Low speed cruise
3	2000 rpm / 2.0 bar	200	Low speed cruise with slight acceleration
4	2300 rpm / 4.2 bar	200	Moderate acceleration
5	2600 rpm / 8.8 bar	75	Hard acceleration

For more information on modal conditions see  
SAE 1999-01-3475, 2001-01-0151, 2002-01-2884, 2006-01-3311 (ORNL)

2 <sup>nd</sup> Law (1 <sup>st</sup> Law) TER System Efficiency	Estimated Fuel Savings
30% (6%)	8.6%
50% (10%)	11.4%
100% (20%)	17.0%

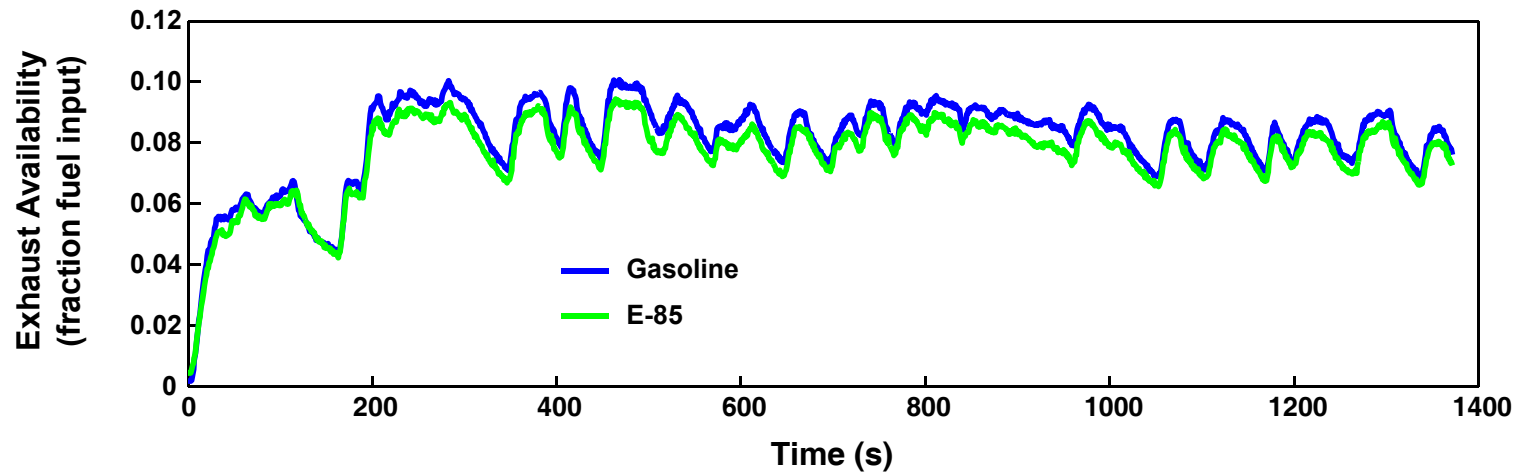
**Estimated drive cycle fuel savings  
with TER from exhaust and EGR  
based on GM 1.9-L engine data.**



# Vehicle system models used to assess issues and potential of thermal energy recovery on light-duty vehicles

- GT-Drive and/or PSAT with integrated transient capable TER models.
- Evaluation of thermal damper and/or capacitor technologies for damping thermal transients on energy recovery system.
- Assessment of TER system mass on fuel economy.
- Develop and evaluate strategies for managing technologies which compete for same thermal resources under real-world driving conditions.

Example Chassis Dynamometer Vehicle Data (Saab BioPower)





# Organic Rankine Cycle (ORC) model developed to better understand benefits and/or operational issues for optimal efficiency

- **Capable of modeling ...**

- » Steady-state operation with GT-Power engine model.
- » Transient (drive-cycle) operation using GT-Drive.

- **Working fluid**

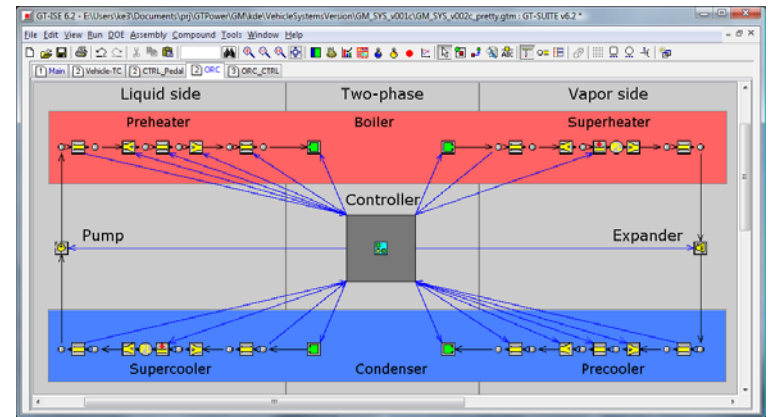
- » Initial model based on water using approach developed by Cummins (2006 Gamma Technologies NA User's Conference).
- » Transition to [R245fa](#) with introduction of two-phase flow support in GT-Suite 7.0 (release Q2 2009).

- **Transient control**

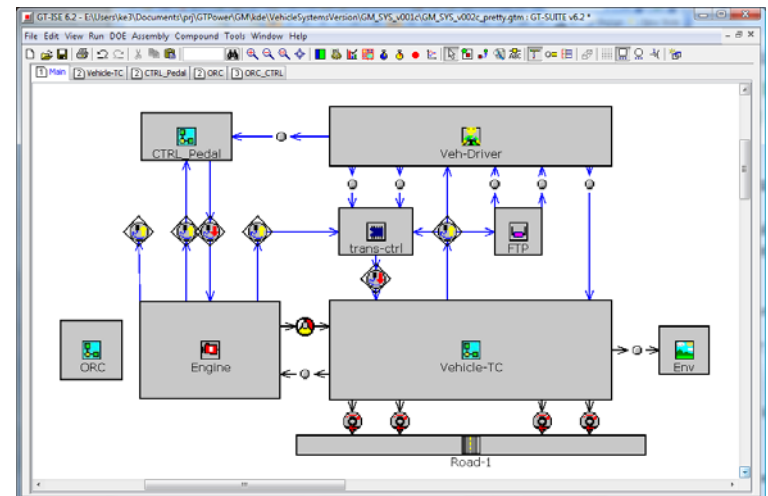
- » Coolant flow rate to prevent condensation in expander.

- **Next steps include ...**

- » Assess impact of ORC system mass on vehicle fuel economy improvements.
- » Investigate thermal damping and thermal management to *buffer* drive cycle transients.
- » Evaluate synergies and/or issues of TER and aftertreatment interactions.



*Organic Rankine cycle model*



*GT-Suite vehicle system model*

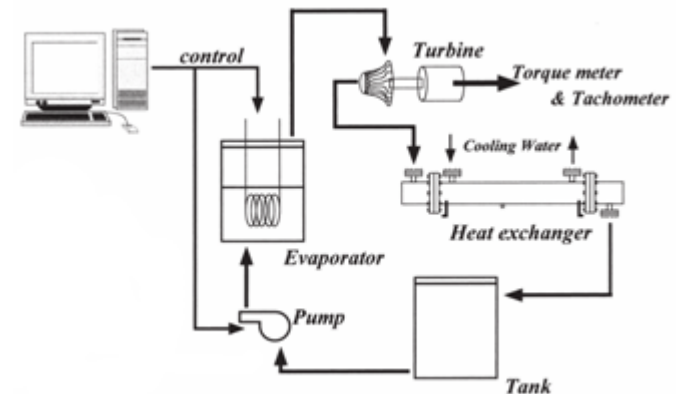


# A first generation organic Rankine cycle has been modeled, designed, built, and installed on a GM 1.9-L engine

- **Modeling and literature show potential for 45% BTE with exhaust energy recovery.**
  - » Requires ~10% 1<sup>st</sup> Law (30% 2<sup>nd</sup> Law) recovery efficiency.
- **Working fluid**
  - » R123 near-term for comparison with literature.
- **Component selection**
  - » Exhaust heat exchanger – From EGR system of HD diesel engine.
  - » Expander – *Multi-vane air motor* and scroll compressor (reverse) from auto AC system.
  - » Condenser – Simple shell-and-tube design.
- **Lessons learned**
  - » Systems requires higher outlet pressure pump than used in first pass.
  - » Off-the-shelf expander components did not meet expectations and exhibited too much leakage.
  - » Simple boiler and condenser designs appear adequate.
  - » Need improved bench evaluation capability for troubleshooting next generation system.



Air motor expander





# Expander selection is critical for efficient Rankine system

- Several options explored including piston, scroll, and turbine expanders.

## Piston

- Minimal sealing issues.
- Unknown refrigerant compatibility.

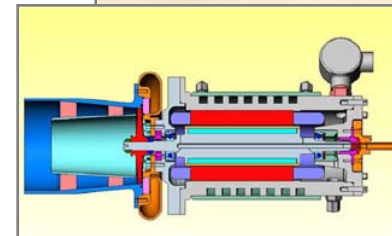
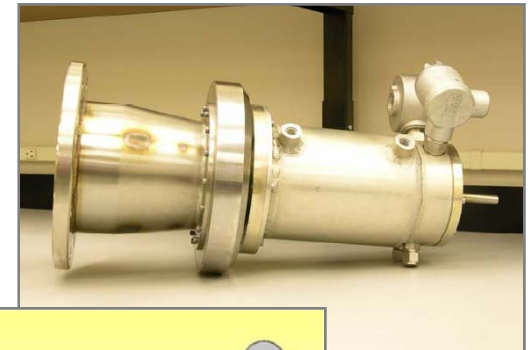
## Scroll

- Sealing challenges for power generation.
- Highly developed for refrigerant applications.
- Compatible with two-phase flow.

## Turbine

- Proven performance in HD TER applications.
- Not compatible with two-phase flow (control issue).

- ➔ ***In progress path*** is development of integrated **turbine/generator expander** in collaboration with Barber Nichols. Similar path as used by Cummins for HD applications – leverage DOE investment.
- ➔ Combine with 2008 improvements to demonstrate 44% peak BTE in FY 2009.
- ➔ Improved turbine blade design (budget constraint in 2009) to demonstrate 45% peak BTE in FY 2010.

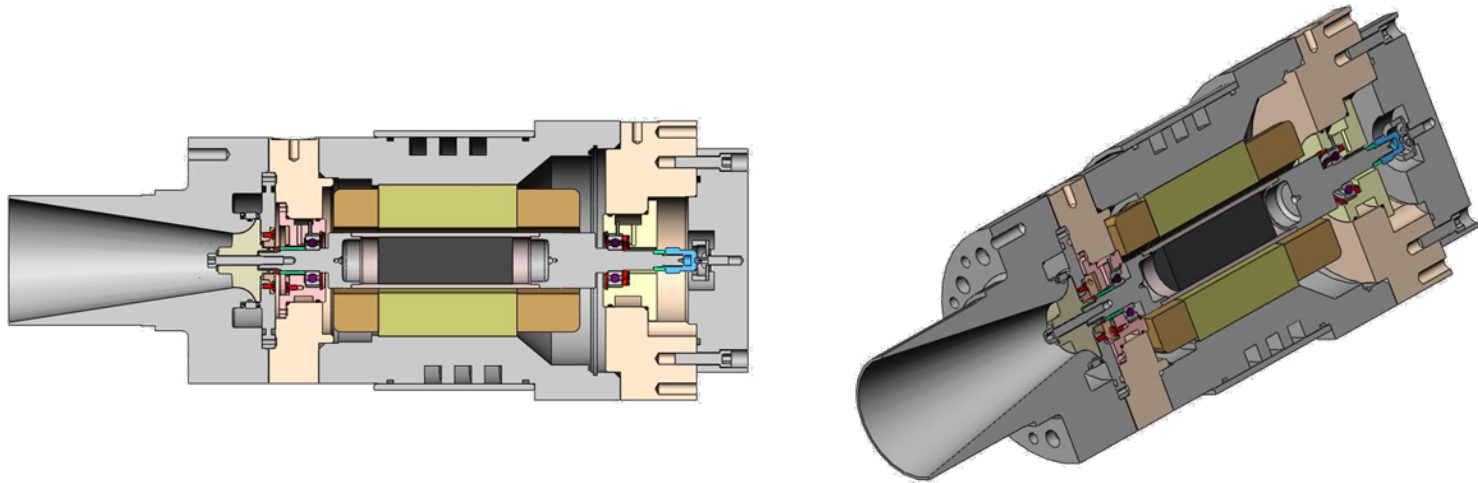


Images Source: Cummins,  
DEER 2006



## More detail on design and implementation of turbine/generator

- **Designed for peak BTE operation on GM 1.9-L engine.**
  - » Part-load BTE potential not fully known but under investigation.
- **Radial inflow turbine with direct-driving permanent magnet alternator.**
  - » Compatible with **R245fa** refrigerant.
  - » Simple power electronics and load bank will be used to measure electrical power.
- **BTE of engine-system based on shaft and electrical power.**

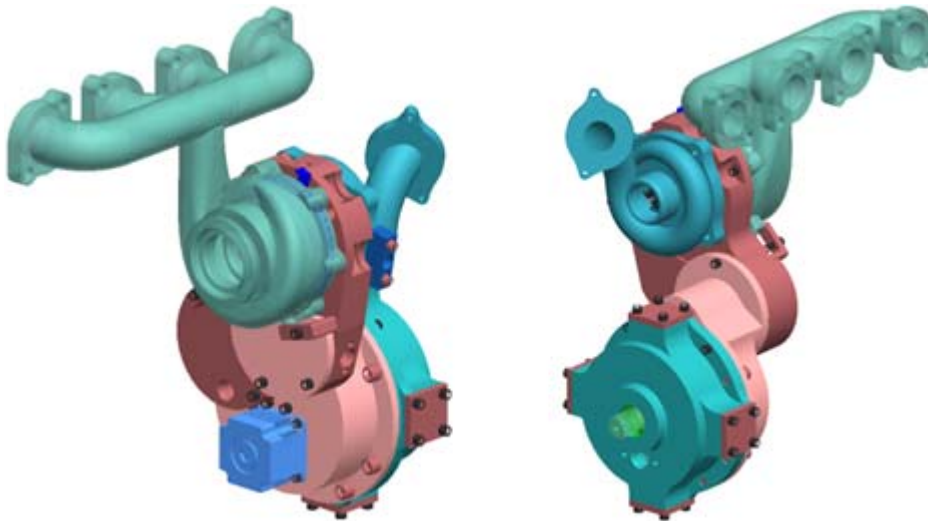


***Integrated turbine/generator system***  
*(figures courtesy Barber-Nichols)*

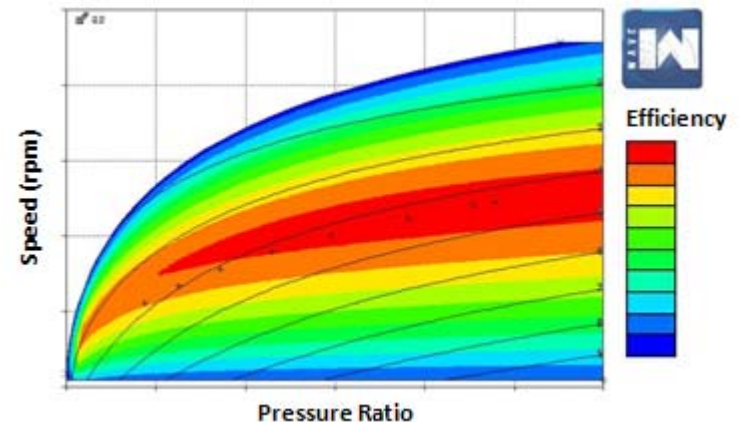


## Turbo-compounding also under investigation through informal collaboration with Woodward Governor

- Woodward Governor anticipates supplying ORNL with a prototype system in the Fall of 2009.
- SuperTurbo has potential for improved engine-system efficiency and backpressure control for high dilution operation.
- ORNL is developing GT-Power sub-model for sizing turbocharger components for GM engine and operational range of interest.



*Woodward SuperTurbo rendering*



*Turbocharger sizing with WAVE and GT-Power*



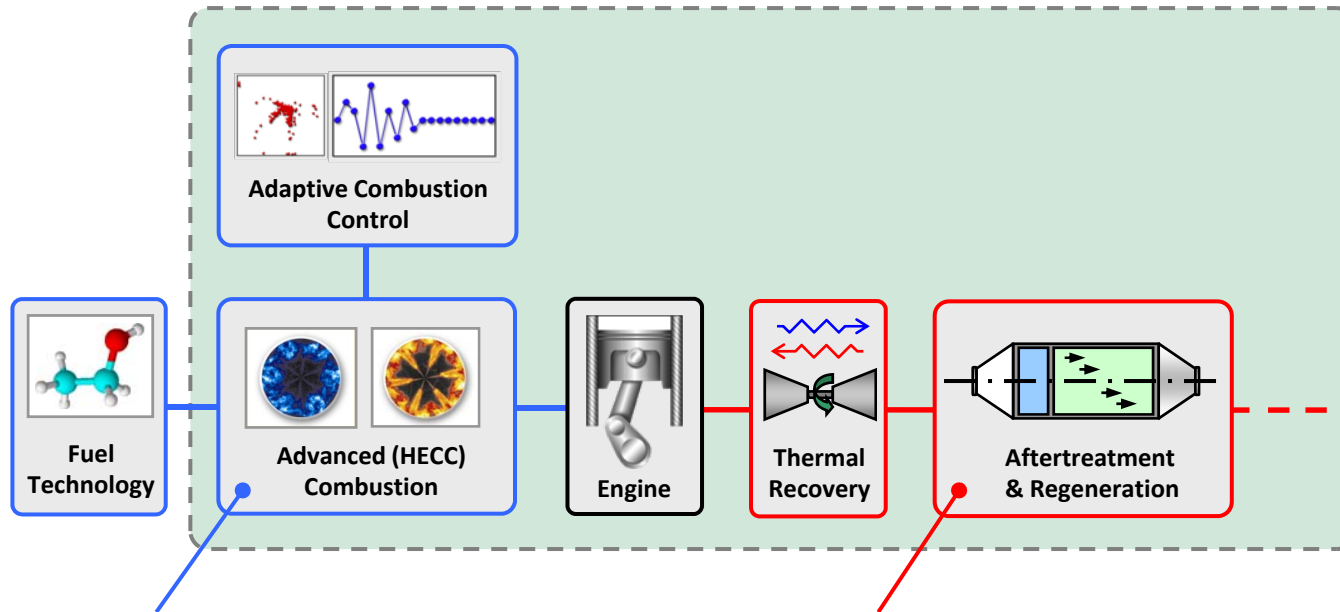
## **Parasitic losses are still significant and provide opportunity in modern engines**

- **High fuel injection pressures associated with advanced combustion operation require significant shaft energy.**
  - » Does improvement in emissions and reduction in aftertreatment offset efficiency cost?
- **New lubricants and coatings may provide significant reductions in frictional losses.**
  - » Several activities at ORNL on coatings, ionic liquids, etc.
  - ➡ +0.6% increase in peak BTE demonstrated with low friction lubricant.
- **Electrification of auxiliary components has potential for more efficient management of coolant and fuel systems.**
  - » Important for effective thermal management of next generation engines.
  - ➡ +0.1% increase in peak BTE demonstrated with electric engine coolant pump.



## What about emissions?

- **Advanced combustion** and **aftertreatment** are important part of meeting the Vehicle Technologies emissions and efficiency milestones.
- These activities are being presented separately at this review:



**ACE 17: next presentation**  
***Achieving High Efficiency Clean Combustion  
in Multi-Cylinder Light-Duty Engines***

**ACE 31: Dr. James Parks; May 21, 9:30 am**  
***Controlling NOx from Multi-Mode Lean DI  
Engines***



# Path forward to FY 2010 milestones

- **Brake Thermal Efficiency**

- » Thermal energy recovery principal path to peak and part-load BTE.
- » Improved turbo-machinery (Turbo-compounding prototype to be supplied by Woodward in FY 2009).
- » Low friction lubricants/coatings and reductions in other parasitic losses.

- **Emissions**

- » Advanced combustion operation to reduce in-cylinder emissions and corresponding aftertreatment requirements.
- » Integration of appropriate aftertreatment systems.

- **Demonstration & Verification of Milestones**

- » On-engine experiments with thermal energy recovery devices.
- » FTP modal experiments for drive-cycle emissions estimates.
- » Vehicle system modeling with GT-Drive and/or PSAT.



## Summary or take away points

- **Vehicle Technology Milestones Met**

- » FY 2008 peak and part-load BTE milestones met on time with well-defined path forward to FY 2010.
- » Progress made on emissions targets (separate presentation).

- **Technology Path & Demonstration**

- » Comprehensive path builds on several on-going activities at ORNL and elsewhere.
- » Thermal energy recovery necessary to meet 45% BTE without significant base engine modifications (constrained by budget).
- » Thermal energy recovery being investigated on-engine and with *transient realistic* models using GT-Suite. Modeling also allows for the evaluation of longer term technologies such as thermal dampers and capacitors.

- **Technology Transfer**

- » Aspects of this activity are regularly communicated to DOE, industry, and others through government working groups, technical meetings, and one-on-one interactions.

- **Longer Term**

- » *Need* for more emphasis on the development, integration, and evaluation of advanced transportation technologies to better understand synergies and/or operational issues for optimal efficiency AND lowest emissions.