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Overview

FY 06

FY 13

33%

Timeline

- Project start date
- Project end date
- Percent complete

Budget

- Total Project Funding ~1M
 - DOE Share ~1M
 - Contractor Share* ~150K
- FY 08 200KFY 09 175K

* includes in-kind contribution by subcontractor

Barriers

- Barriers addressed FCVT/VT Heavy Vehicle Systems Barriers (3.1.2.8)
 - Safety, Durability, Reliability
 - Computational models, design and simulation methodologies
 - Higher vehicular operational demands

Partners

- Ricardo & University of Michigan
- Mahle
- Additive and Lubricant OEMs
- TARDEC (leveraged funds)



Relevance/Purpose/Objective of Work - more energy lost to friction that delivered to the wheels

- Reduce PARASITIC FRICTION to Increase FUEL EFFICIENCY and Reduce Use of Petroleum
 - Model development, technology development (materials, coatings, and lubricants), and validation



Energy In



Significant Reduction in Petroleum Consumption by Reducing Parasitic Friction Losses

	Petroleum Used (MBPD)	Engine Efficiency Potential (%)	Engine Petroleum Savings (kBPD)	Driveline Efficiency Potential (%)	Driveline Petroleum Savings (kBPD)	Total Savings (kBPD)
HVs	2.5	3/(10)	75/(250)	2/(4.2)	50/(105)	125/(355)
LTs	4.3	3/(10)	129/(430)	1.5/(2.7)	65/(116)	194/(546)
Cars	4.7	3/(10)	141/(470)	1.4/(2.5)	66/(118)	207/(588)
Total	12		345/(1150)		181/(339)	526/(1504)

Consumption of petroleum can be reduced by 0.5 to 1.5 MBPD
0.1 to 0.4 MBPD in HVs
0.2 to 0.5 MBPD in LTs
0.2 to 0.6 MBPD in Cars

•Parasitic Friction Technologies Applicable to ALL Vehicle Platforms



Project Milestones

- FY 08 (completed)
 - Application of lab-tribometers to screen and identify potential lowfriction solutions - superhard nanocomposite coatings and boric-acid based additives
 - Ring-on-liner studies of boric-acid based additive on friction commercial additive package reduced ring/liner friction

FY09

- Developed experimental technique to characterize piston-skirt/liner friction (on-schedule)
- Established collaborative interaction with parts supplier to model lab results using mechanistic friction codes - assembling experimental data package for input to computer code
- Complete single-cylinder validation tests (in-progress) [Go/no-Go Decision for Phase III additive and coating tests]



Approach

- Develop and Apply Mechanistic Models of Friction (Boundary and Viscous) Losses to Predict Parasitic Losses as a Function of Engine Conditions (Load & Speed), and Tribological Conditions (Boundary Friction and Oil Viscosity)
 - Scale fuel consumption as a function of FMEP and IMEP for a prototypical HD diesel engine
 - Predict the impact of low-friction (boundary-layer friction) and low-viscosity lubricants on fuel economy
- Evaluate/Screen the Potential of Candidate Surface Treatments and Additives to Reduce Boundary Friction Under Lab Conditions Prototypical of Engine Environments
 - Benchtop friction tests using prototypical engine components
 - Impact of materials, coatings, surface texture, and lubricant additives and viscosity
- Validate Codes/Models and High-Potential Solutions in Fired Engines Using In-Situ Friction Measurement Techniques
- Demonstrate efficiency improvements in multicylinder engines





Integrated mechanistic models of asperity and viscous friction to predict impact of friction on fuel economy



Load/IMEP (kPa)



- Reducing boundary friction alone (by low friction coatings and/or additives) will reduce fuel consumption up to 1 %
- Reducing viscosity alone will save approximately ½%
- Low boundary friction enables use of low viscosity lubricants to save up to 4%
- Fuel savings dependent on weighting factors assumed for each mode





Established collaboration with supplier to develop, test, and model the impact of advanced coatings and additives on ring & liner friction

- Modeling friction data obtained from lab rigs is crucial, especially when lab tests use engine lubricants where asperity and viscous friction mechanisms are present.
- Different regimes of lubrication depending on the degree of contact between sliding surfaces

 $\mu = \alpha \mu_a + (1 - \alpha) \mu_v$

- Boundary lubrication characterized by solid-solid contact – asperities of mating surfaces in contact with one another
- Full-film (hydrodynamic) lubrication in which mating surfaces are separated by an oil film.
- Example at right illustrates impact of nonsymmetric ring profile on predicted ring/liner friction
- Modeling needed to interpret experimental data





Identified Low-Friction Technologies that Enable Low-Viscosity Lubricants and Maintain Durability/Reliability

- The mechanistic engine friction models predict impact of lowering friction (asperity or viscous) on fuel economy....
- But... the models don't tell us <u>how</u> to lower friction, or, <u>how</u> to increase durability and reliability, or <u>what</u> options are available
- Therefore...the second objective of this project evaluates potential technologies to achieve the 30, 60, ... 90% reductions in friction.
 - Pin-on-disc configuration simple to use and provides quick evaluation of friction (and wear) under well-defined geometry
 - Ring-on-liner configuration more complicated, prototypic configuration, uses coupons obtained from standard components (rings)
 - Skirt-on-Liner configuration uses skirt and liner coupons obtained from ______ commercial pistons and liners





Previous studies identified boron-based additive technologies to reduce friction

- Based on extensive R&D at Argonne on layered structure of boric acid (BA)...
 - Initial studies on solid BSA films demonstrated dramatic friction reductions (dry sliding conditions)
-subsequent activities using ball-on-disc configuration examined performance as a lubricant additive (with liquid lubricant)

- Recent activities demonstrated low friction performance using components on ring/liner simulator
 - 50 % friction reduction







Current activities adapted ring-on-liner test rig to simulate piston-skirt-on-liner friction. Use segments of piston skirts sliding against cylinder liner segments

Reciprocating test rig was modified and test protocols developed to test segments of piston skirts that reciprocate against liner segments. Loads and speeds selected to mimic in-situ tribological conditions









Accomplishment - Demonstration of friction reduction in commercial diesel lubricant using an emulsion based boric-acid additive - 40 % reduction

- Skirt-on-liner tests
 - 105 C, 120 rpm, 250 N
- Boundary friction reduction
 - 20 % reduction for Mo based liquid additive
 - 40% reduction for an emulsion boric-acid based additive





- Area under the curves representative of friction work per cycle
 - Baseline (15W/40) is in boundary friction over entire transverse of skirt
 - Molybdate ester additive produces lower boundary friction
 - Emulsion BA additive providing lower boundary friction and transition to mixed lubrication as indicated by lower friction at midstroke



Previous studies using pinon-disc configuration identified potential additive solutions

Systematic studies at relatively low speeds provide detailed data on the impact of additives (commercial and experimental) on **boundary film lubrication**





- Quantitative 3-D imaging of test coupons provide detailed information on the impact of lubricants on wear/durability
- Tests initiated in FY09 to examine friction behavior using skirt-on-liner configuration.

Skirt on liner tests confirm low-friction behavior of additive under low-stress conditions...but modeling of experimental data required.

- Low-stress skirt-on-liner tests on commercial additives confirm lowfriction behavior obtained with high-stress (pin-on-disc) tests....
-however, the ranking of the friction curves (at right - friction at 50C is lower the friction at 70C) does not necessarily agree with the pin-on-disc data
- Future activities will include modeling of the skirt-on-liner configuration to include viscositytemperature effects coupled with low-friction boundary friction



skirt/liner



Next stage of model and technology validation incorporates a single-cylinder engine at UM for piston-assembly friction measurement - in-situ friction measurement



- Designed and fabricated the instrumented liner for direct measurements of the pistonassembly friction force
- Established a collaboration with MAHLE and obtained prototype steel pistons in order to create a configuration relevant for the medium and heavy-duty diesels



- Fabricated the new "jug" capable of accommodating the instrumented liner
- Worked with Ricardo to finalize the cylinder head assembly for future tests in a firing engine









Single cylinder Hydra engine with in-situ friction capability was assembled and is currently providing information on the impact of temperature (viscosity) on friction in advance of additive tests



Laboratory

Further details - VSS17 - Parasitic Energy Losses

Future activities will focus on modeling and technology validation

- Modeling modeling experimental data to delineate boundary and viscosity contributions
- Modeling impact of friction reduction on smaller engines comparable of those used in passenger vehicles (proposed)
- Technology validation using skirt-on-liner and in-situ ring/skirt/liner measurements (UMich/Ricardo)
 - Additives and low-friction coatings
- Characterization of boundary layer films of low-friction technologies
- Identify partners for multi-cylinder engine validation studies



Collaborations

- Parts supplier providing components for ANL tests, and Argonne providing coated components for evaluation
- Lubricant suppliers providing oils and additives to Argonne for use in tests
 - Separate DOE project developing advanced nanoadditives
- TARDEC leveraging activities on DOD contract to evaluate lubricants and additives under severe tribological environments
- Ricardo/UMich subcontract to develop in-situ single-cylinder engine
 - Considerable in-kind contribution to engineer engine and provide onof-a-kind components



Summary

- Mechanistic models of parasitic friction losses were developed and integrated to predict the impact of low-friction technologies on fuel efficiency
 - 3-5 % fuel economy savings (0.5 to 1.5 MMBD)
 - Established collaboration to model experimental friction data
- Lab-scale test protocols were developed and applied to evaluate candidate technologies capable of providing low-friction under boundary layer conditions
 - Pin-on-disc tests identified 2 additive technologies capable reducing boundary friction by 50 to 80%
 - Pin-on disc tests also identified 3-4 coating technologies that exhibit low-friction (30 to 90 % reduction in boundary friction)
 - Ring-on-liner and Skirt-on-Liner tests using prototypic ring, skirt, and liner segments confirmed low-friction properties of a boric-acid additive
 - Further ROL/SOL tests scheduled to evaluate NBA and a commercial additive
- Ricardo/UMich designed and engineered a fired, single-cylinder diesel test rig capable of in-situ ring/piston/liner friction measurements
 - System undergoing motored, and fired shakedown tests
 - FY09 tests scheduled to provide baseline friction data as a function of lubricant viscosity
- Good progress on proceeding from modeling friction impact to validating friction effects in lab/rig/engine tests



Low-Friction Technologies

Development of engineered surfaces with low-friction and improved durability & reliability

- Low-friction carbon coatings (NFC- ultralow friction carbon, CDCcarbide derived carbon, nanocrystalline diamond, and carbon-carbon composites
- Superhard nanocomposite coatings
- Borided steels
- Laser textured surfaces
- Additives

 Evaluation of Commercial Coatings & Materials







