Overview of DOE
Emission Control R&D

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The Federal Role

- Undertake High-Risk Mid- to Long-Term Research
- Utilize Unique National Lab Expertise and Facilities
- Help Create a National Consensus
- Work Cooperatively with Industry
Strategic Goal: Reduce petroleum dependence by removing critical technical barriers to mass commercialization of high-efficiency, emissions-compliant internal combustion engine (ICE) powertrains in passenger and commercial vehicles

Primary Directions

- Improve ICE efficiency for cars, light- and heavy-duty trucks through advanced combustion and minimization of thermal and parasitic losses
- Develop aftertreatment technologies integrated with combustion strategies for emissions compliance and minimization of efficiency penalty
- Explore waste energy recovery with mechanical and advanced thermoelectrics devices
- Coordinate with fuels R&D to enable clean, high-efficiency engines using hydrocarbon-based (petroleum and non-petroleum) fuels and hydrogen

Performance Targets

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<th>Light-Duty</th>
<th>Heavy-Duty</th>
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<td>2010</td>
<td>2015</td>
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<td>Engine brake thermal efficiency</td>
<td>45%</td>
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<td>Powertrain cost</td>
<td>&lt; $30/kW</td>
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<td>NOx &amp; PM emissions</td>
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<td>Fuel economy improvement</td>
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Focus on improving understanding of aftertreatment systems for LTC and lean-burn gasoline.

- Mechanisms of catalyst deactivation at high temperature and by sulfur
- Computer models to predict aftertreatment performance
- Control strategies to optimize efficiency
- Discovery of new, lower cost catalyst materials

Technology areas:

- NOx adsorbers
- Urea and HC SCR
- Oxidation Catalysts
- Particulate filters
Emission Control Research Approach

Fundamental R&D
- SNL – Advanced Combustion Engine-Out Emissions
- PNNL – Catalyst and DPF Fundamentals
- ANL – Heavy Duty DPF CRADA
- LLNL – Chemical kinetics models (LTC and emissions)
- Universities – Connecticut, Houston, Michigan Tech

Fundamental to Applied Bridging R&D
- ORNL – Experiments and simulation of emission control systems (bench-scale to fully integrated systems)

Competitively Awarded Cost-shared Industry R&D
- Vehicle and engine companies – engine/emission control systems
- Suppliers – enabling technologies (Catalysts, Substrates, NOx/PM control devices, sensors)
CLEERS* started in 2001, encompasses DPF, LNT, SCR (Urea and HC)
- Govt/Industry/University research coordination www.cleers.org
- Thousands of NOx catalyst formulations studied
- Emphasis on minimizing “fuel penalty” while achieving emissions levels
- Integration of advanced combustion regimes with aftertreatment
- Creation of “kinetics maps.”
- Reduce need for precious metals

*Crosscut Lean Exhaust Emissions Reduction Simulation
Emission Control
Technical Barriers

- Deficiencies in fundamental understanding and modeling capabilities
- Degradation from sulfur in fuels (even at 15 ppm) and lubricants and thermal processes
- High platinum group metal content, high cost
- Need high effectiveness over broader temperature range
- Inefficient engine management for regeneration and desulfation (LNT) and poor reductant utilization (LNC)
- Inadequate sensors for process control or diagnostics;
- Inadequate methods for rapid-aging
- Cost/Packaging constraints on the vehicle
Emission Control Challenges

- Achieving an efficient, durable, low-cost emission control system complementing new combustion strategies

  - Oxidation catalysts and NOx adsorbers: fuel penalty, efficiency versus temperature, platinum group metal content, sulfur poisoning
  - Urea Selective Catalytic Reduction (SCR): catalyst deactivation, incomplete reaction products
  - Hydrocarbon SCR: conversion efficiency temperature window, early development stage
  - PM: regeneration strategy, DI gasoline, future regulation of particle number and size distribution
## Advanced Combustion Engine R&D Budget by Activities

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<th>Major Activities</th>
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<td>Advanced Combustion Engine R&amp;D</td>
<td>$44,591K</td>
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<td>Combustion and Emission Control *</td>
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<td>Solid State Energy Conversion**</td>
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*Includes Heavy Truck Engine and Health Impacts.  
**Formerly Waste Heat Recovery
Future Awards

Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) - Near and mid-term projects in technology areas that support the vehicle technologies mission and goals.

Area of Interest 4 - Advanced Thermoelectrics and Enabling Technologies for Energy Efficient Powertrains
Strategic Goal: To provide the science base for combustion and emission formation needed to develop more efficient, cleaner engines for transportation.

- Supports FreedomCAR mid-term program goals
  - Light-duty
    - peak efficiency of 45%, emissions compliant, by 2010
    - improve fuel economy by 25 to 40% by 2015
  - Supports 21st Century Truck Program goal
  - Heavy-duty
    - engine efficiency of 50%, emission compliant, by 2015
    - engine efficiency of 55%, emission compliant, by 2018

Key customers: the U.S. vehicle and engine industry.

Strong interactions and collaborations between industry, suppliers, universities, and national labs.