# Greenhouse Gases and Light-duty Vehicles

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# Many technology options available to reduce Light Duty vehicle GHGs

- Tendency is to focus on the "big hitters"
  - Hybrids (and PHEVs) like the Prius, "2-Mode", and the Volt
  - Advanced Clean Diesels
- However, there are many "small hitters" that remain available to the fleet to reduce vehicle GHGs at very affordable costs
  - Better **<u>engines</u>** (for efficiency, not just improved performance)
  - Advanced transmissions
  - Improved <u>vehicle and accessories</u>

Care must be taken when combining these technologies, so appropriate benefits are predicted

# Vehicle Technologies available to reduce GHGs from Light Duty

#### • Engines

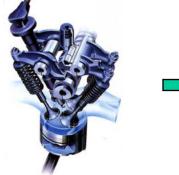
- Reduced Engine Friction & Improved Lubricants
- Variable valve timing and lift
- Cylinder deactivation
- Gasoline direct injection
- Turbocharging with engine downsizing
- Clean Diesels
- Transmissions
  - 6-speed automatic
  - Automated manual
- Hybrids ("mild", "medium" and "full" electric, plug-ins and series hydraulic)
- Vehicle and Accessories
  - Reduced aerodynamic vehicle drag, through design
  - Improved low rolling resistance tires
  - Weight reduction
  - Halting or rolling back the "performance race"
  - Improved alternators, electrical & A/C systems and other accessories
  - Electric power steering

# **LD Technologies Entering Fleet**

	1998	2008
Multi-valve engine	40%	77%
Variable valve timing	negligible	58%
Cylinder deactivation	0%	7%
Turbocharging	1.4%	2.5%
Manual transmission	13%	7%
Continuously variable trans	0%	8%
Hybrid	0	2.5%
Diesel	0.1%	0.1%

#### • Variable Valve Timing & Lift (VVT & VVL)

- Also known as cam phasing
- Precise control of valve opening & closing and how much they open and close.
- Reduces pumping losses, allows for improved power output which allows for engine downsizing
- Widely used by imports (4-cyl); starting on V6 & V8
  - ~45% MY2007 fleet
- 4-7% CO<sub>2</sub> reduction for \$260 \$700



Variable valve timing & lift



Honda Accord

#### Cylinder Deactivation

- Shut-down several cylinders during low load operation; only used on V8 & V6 engines
- Reduces pumping losses & allows for more optimal operation of still-active cylinders
- GM & Chrysler primarily use on V8; Honda on V6
- $4-8\% CO_2$  reduction for \$260 \$525



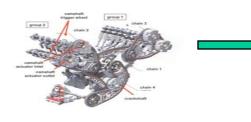
Cylinder Deactivation



2005 Chrysler 300C Hemi

#### • Gasoline Direct Injection (GDI)

- Fuel injected directly into cylinder
- Lean-burn or stoichiometric control
  - Stoich only w/ current gasoline sulfur
- Efficiency through some engine downsizing & higher compression ratio
- VW, Toyota, Mazda, BMW & recently GM
  - Applied to 3% of MY2007 fleet
- 1-3% CO<sub>2</sub> reduction for \$120 \$525 Gasoline Difect Injection

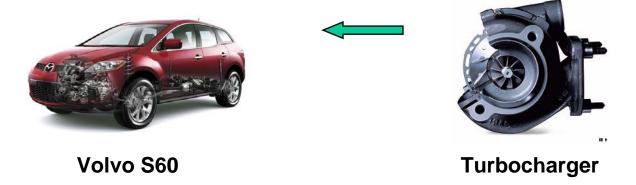




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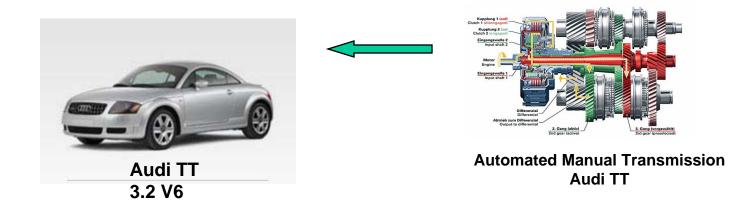
#### • Turbocharging with Engine Downsizing

- Turbocharging allows the use of smaller engine without loss in performance
- Currently sold as performance technology, but also offers fuel efficiency improvements
- Utilized by Audi, Ford-Mazda-Volvo, GM,
   Mercedes, Mitsubishi & VW (<1/2% MY2007 sales)</li>
- 5-7 % CO<sub>2</sub> reduction for \$120 \$810



## **Transmission Technologies**

- Automated Manual "Dual Clutch" Transmission
  - Like a 6-speed "clutchless" (or automatic) transmission without torque converter
  - No torque converter losses & optimum shift points
  - Utilized by numerous mfrs on several models
  - 6-10 %  $CO_2$  reduction for \$140



## "Micro-Hybrid" Technology

#### **Belt-Starter-Generator or "Stop-Start"**

- Shuts-off engine during idle Integrated Starter/Generator
- May provide some power assist during acceleration
- Requires electrical system upgrade (42V & battery)
- Utilized on several models
- 5-10% CO<sub>2</sub> reduction for \$500-\$600 per vehicle



Saturn VUE Greenline



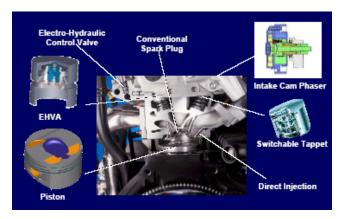
2005 Chevrolet Silverado

## Improved Electrical Accessories, Aerodynamics & Tires

- Improved Accessories (~1-2% CO<sub>2</sub> reduction, \$125-\$165/veh)
  - Alternators that charge more efficiently and at higher rates during deceleration
  - Air Conditioning compressors that charge the system during deceleration
- Weight Reduction
  - Each 1% in weight reduction yields 0.6%-0.7% CO<sub>2</sub> reduction, \$1.00-\$2.40/lbs
- Tires that have lower Rolling Resistance (~1-2% CO2 reduction, \$6/veh)
- Aerodynamic enhancements (~2-3% CO<sub>2</sub> reduction, \$75/veh)
  - Underbody fascia, wheel skirts, air dams, recessed features, improved grill, hood, headlight and panel fit, removable "luggage racks"

#### **Mid-Term Engine Technologies**

- Gasoline Homogenous Charge Compression Ignition (HCCI)
  - Allows a gasoline engine to operate like a compression ignition engine under low loads
  - Still a concept; 5+ years
  - -3-20% CO<sub>2</sub> reduction for \$250-700 per vehicle

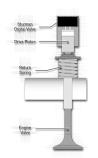


**AVL Homogeneous Charge Compression Ignition** 

### **Mid-Term Engine Technologies**

#### Camless Valve Actuation

- Eliminates Camshaft and its drive system
- Allows optimum valve position & lift for CO<sub>2</sub>
   reduction over full range of operation
- Still a concept; 5+ years
- 8-15% CO<sub>2</sub> reduction for \$330-700 per vehicle

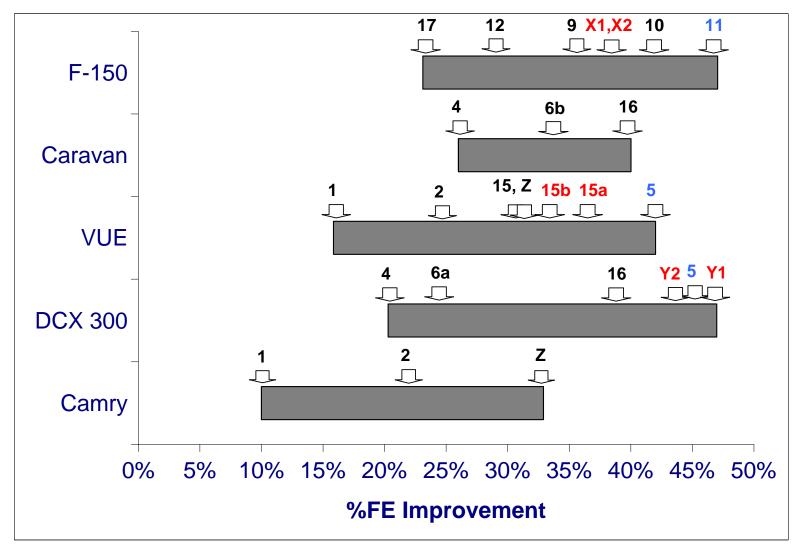


Sturman camless valve actuation

#### Using Vehicle Simulation to predict the additive potential of these "small-hitters"

- Five vehicles selected for vehicle simulation were chosen to be • representative for a class and were anticipated to see no significant technology package changes before MY2010
  - Toyota Camry
    Standard Car
- - Chrysler 300
     Full Size Car
  - Saturn Vue Small Multi-Purpose Vehicle
  - Dodge Grand Caravan Large Multi-Purpose Vehicle
  - Ford F-150 Large Pickup Truck
- Twenty six technology packages ullet
  - Representative of a range of options manufacturers might pursue to reach ~25% CO<sub>2</sub> reduction.
  - Applied the same package to different classes, where vehicle attributes might affect benefits (e.g., power-to-weight ratio)
  - 28 different vehicle technologies considered
  - Conventional gasoline/diesel vehicles; no HEVs
- Evaluated to achieve equivalent drivability performance •
  - 0-60 mph, launch, passing and gradeability performance

#### Summary of Results from Vehicle Simulation



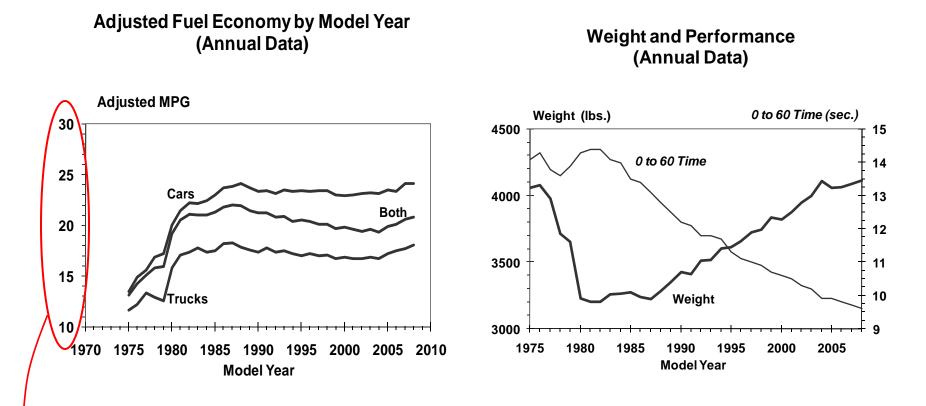
# Summary of Results from Vehicle Simulation Report

- Significant GHG reductions and vehicle efficiency improvements are available without depending on hybrid technologies
- Performance and vehicle attributes (size, weight, utility) can be preserved using these technologies
- Technologies are proven and available in current production
  - (with exception of HCCI and camless)
- Technology packages delivered 11-47% GHG reductions (depended on vehicle class and technology compatibility)
- Details & cost projections for technologies in the packages can be found in *Staff Technical Report: Cost and Efficiencies Estimates of Technologies Used to Reduce Light-duty Vehicle Carbon Dioxide Emissions* (EPA420-R-08-008, March 2008)

# Low GHG Air-Conditioning

- Historically no incentive to reduce A/C HFC refrigerant leakage or A/C-related CO2
  - Thus, significant opportunities for cost effective reduction using available or near term technologies
- Leakage reduction: Tighter seals, less permeable and more durable materials/designs, electronic monitoring
- A/C-related CO2: Variable-displacement compressors, system layout and controls
- Overall, potential for about 5% CO2-equivalent reduction
  - About \$110/veh (\$70/veh for leakage reduction and \$40/veh for A/C-related CO2)
- Longer term potential for reducing both leakage and CO2 with alternate refrigerants

#### **Efficiency, Weight and Performance**



"Adjusted MPG" is EPA's Window Sticker fuel economy that reflects "real world" driving conditions. Recall manufacturers meet today's 27.5 mpg CAFE. CAFE fuel economy is a "laboratory number" that is much higher than EPA's label – "CAFE of 35 mpg in 2020" will be 27-28 mpg "real world" economy. 18

#### **Full-Series Hydraulic Hybrids Vehicles**

#### • Under development at EPA

- Similar to an Hybrid Electric Vehicle, but uses hydraulics
- Extremely efficient power transmission, particularly well suited for pick-ups, SUVs and medium-duty trucks
- 30-40 % CO<sub>2</sub> reduction for \$800-1300



Series-Hydraulic Hybrid an a Ford Expedition

Large 4WD SUV	Medium Engine Package	Small Engine Package
Diesel Engine	3.8-liter (170 kw)	1.9-liter (95 kw)
Accumulators	15 gals	22 gals
Weight Increase	360 lbs (163 kg)	125 lbs (57 kg)
	Fuel Economy – label values	Fuel Economy – label values
City	32 mpg	33 mpg
Highway	22 mpg	23 mpg
Combined	27 mpg	28 mpg
	Performance	Performance
o-60 mph acceleration (at test weight)	8.9 seconds	11.4 seconds
Max sustained speed (at GVWR)	108 mph	90 mph
Max sustained grade (at 70 oph at GVWR)	9.1%	3.5%
GVWR plus towing (at 63 mph at 3% grade)	12,000 lbs	6,900 lbs

Projected Design Examples

# Substantial vehicle GHG reductions remain untapped

- GHG reductions will be realized as just some of these "small hitter" technologies are applied to the LD fleet to meet EISA
- The known and proven "big hitter" technologies remain available for significant further GHG reductions
- A changing LD fleet mix (smaller-size, lower-weight, "just maintaining" performance) provides potential for much more GHG reduction
  - The market response to \$4/gal fuel demonstrates the lack of resistance to these changes
- Beyond HEVs and Clean Diesels, other vehicle technologies are being aggressively explored and considered by OEMs -- for even greater petroleum consumption reductions and potential GHG reductions
  - Plug-In Hybrid Electric Vehicles (PHEVs)
  - Battery only Electric Vehicles
  - Series Hydraulic Hybrid Vehicles
  - Dedicated alternative-fuel vehicles (E85)