21st Century Truck Partnership/SuperTruck Initiative

DOE Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Technical Advisory Committee

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The 21st Century Truck Partnership (21CTP) brings together four federal agencies (DOE, EPA, DOT, DOD) and fifteen heavy-duty OEM and supplier partners with the common goals of making trucks and buses safer, cleaner, and more efficient.

VISION: Our nation's trucks and buses will safely and cost-effectively move larger volumes of freight and greater numbers of passengers and emit little or no pollution while dramatically reducing the dependency on foreign oil.
MISSION: The 21st Century Truck Partnership (21CTP) provides analysis and information to the government and its industry partners concerning future research and development to ensure that the Nation’s economically vital truck freight transportation system is affordable, efficient, energy secure, and sustainable with minimal impact to the environment and human health.

INDUSTRY MEMBERS
- Allison
- Cummins
- Daimler
- DENSO
- Eaton
- Ford
- Meritor
- Navistar
- Oshkosh
- PACCAR
- Volvo

GOVERNMENT MEMBERS
- US DOD
- US DOE
- US DOT
- US EPA

21CTP has served as framework for a number of commercial truck research concepts
Overview of Motivation for 21CTP

**FUEL USE**
- Projected to increase for trucks
- Need efficiency improvements

**SALES**
- Truck sales are cyclical
- Unpredictable corporate R&D funding

**R&D**
- HD similar to LD in % of revenue invested in R&D, but fewer total dollars invested

**REGS**
- Regulations impact all areas of trucking industry
- R&D investment to meet these regulations

**NEED FOR INVESTMENT IN COLLABORATIVE R&D FOR THE TRUCKING INDUSTRY**
- Accelerate technology development
- Provide focus for R&D efforts
- Information exchange forum
Partnership Focus Areas

**IC ENGINE POWERTRAINS**

**GOAL**
Engine efficiency will approach 60%, with emissions levels moving toward zero while improving affordability

**ELECTRIFIED POWERTRAINS**

**GOAL**
Affordable and efficient electrified powertrains will be developed and optimized for diverse duty cycles via accelerated HPC methods and in-use data

**FREIGHT OPERATIONAL EFFICIENCY**

**GOAL**
Increased freight efficiency, mobility, and productivity will be achieved by exploiting connectivity and deep learning for MD/HD vehicles in the transportation system

**SAFETY**

**GOAL**
Synergistic benefits in technology for truck safety and efficiency will be discovered and implemented for greater productivity

**VEHICLE POWER DEMANDS**
Road loads and parasitics with potential for energy savings but activity is largely confined to industry space.

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SuperTruck I Initiative

Origins: Concept for SuperTruck (vehicle-level technology demonstration for Class 8) first developed by 21CTP members

**Vehicle Goals**

Demonstrate **50% Improvement** in Freight Efficiency versus 2009 Baseline Class 8 Tractor-Trailer

**Engine Goals**

Demonstrate **50% brake thermal efficiency engine** in the SuperTruck vehicle

Show pathway to **55% brake thermal efficiency**

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\text{freight efficiency} = \text{tons of cargo} \times \text{miles per gallon}
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\text{Brake thermal efficiency} = \frac{\text{Net work out of the engine}}{\text{Fuel energy into the engine}}
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Scope of SuperTruck Research

- Engine / powertrain system
  - Improved in-cylinder combustion
  - Engine mechanics
  - Friction reduction
  - Downsizing
  - Downspeeding
  - Waste heat recovery (turbo-compounding and organic Rankine cycle)
  - Emission control
  - Materials
  - Electrification and intelligent control of accessories
  - Reduced ancillary loads

- Engine and vehicle controls
- Hybridization
- Drivetrain efficiency
  - Advanced transmissions automated manual (AMT), dual clutch, etc.
  - Axles
- Fuels (non-food feedstocks)
- Lubricants
- Aerodynamic drag reduction
- Rolling resistance reduction
- Weight reduction
- Idle / hotel load reduction
SuperTruck I Awards

• Awarded 2009-2011
• Cooperative R&D Agreement Awards:
  – Cummins Inc. with Peterbilt (ARRA Funded)
  – Daimler Trucks North America (ARRA Funded)
  – Volvo Trucks North America
  – Navistar, Inc.
• Total project funding:
  – DOE + Industry = $260 Million
• Not intended for production but for development and demonstration.

Benefits analysis conducted indicated a savings of 6 billion barrels of oil in 2050 (a 500:1 return on investment) for SuperTruck I !!!
SuperTruck Advances Are Being Commercialized

**CUMMINS/PETERBILT**
- Cummins X-Series 2017 Engines

**DAIMLER**
- Freightliner Cascadia Evolution Efficiency Package

**NAVISTAR**
- International ProStar ES Efficiency Package

**VOLVO**
- Volvo 2017 Engines
  - Wave piston
  - Turbo compounding
  - Common rail fuel injection system
SuperTruck II Initiative (New)

**Vehicle Goals**

- Demonstrate *more than 100% Improvement* in Freight Efficiency versus 2009 Baseline Class 8 Tractor-Trailer

**Engine Goals**

- Demonstrate *55% or greater brake thermal efficiency engine* in the SuperTruck vehicle

- Maintain or improve performance

- Consider cost effectiveness

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**SuperTruck I** was 50% freight efficiency improvement

**SuperTruck I** was 50% brake thermal efficiency demonstration
Conclusions

• 21CTP serves as a forum for connecting key stakeholders in the commercial vehicle space in a pre-competitive manner to discuss common research needs

• SuperTruck I was highly successful – all teams exceeded the freight efficiency goal

• SuperTruck II represents an opportunity to build on the success and technology foundation of SuperTruck I
  – Goals that reach beyond those of SuperTruck I (freight efficiency and engine efficiency)
  – Teams identified areas for further efficiency gains
  – Additional focus on cost effectiveness is likely to bring technologies into SuperTruck II that are closer to commercial viability
Thank You!

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