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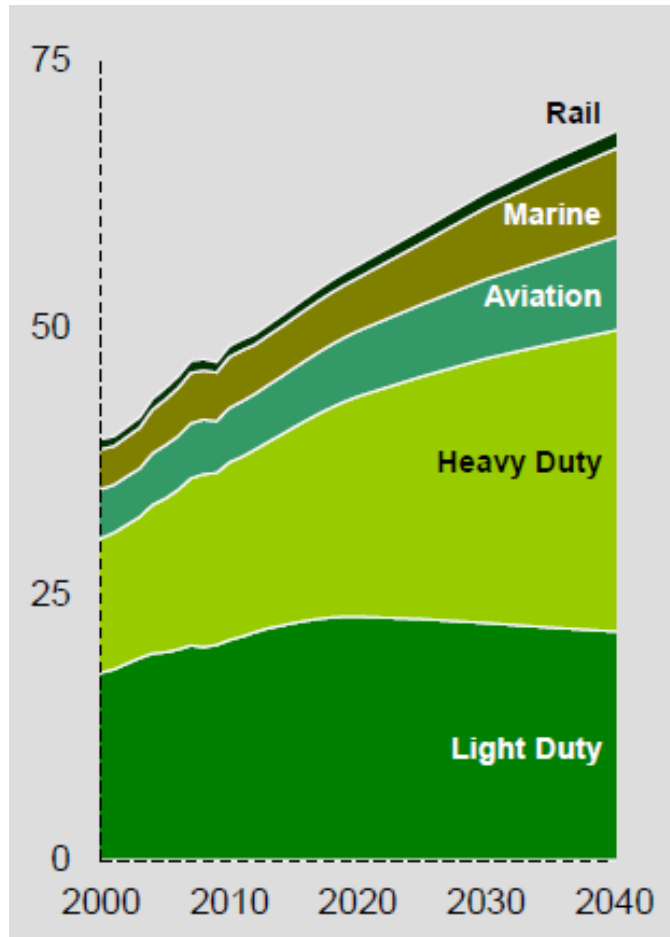
## ***SuperTruck* – An Opportunity to Reduce GHG Emissions while Meeting Freight Hauling Demands**

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# Why Develop Higher Efficiency Commercial Vehicles?

Transportation demand by sector  
Millions of oil-equivalent barrels per day



## 75 percent

Demand for diesel and jet fuel is expected to increase by 75 percent from 2010 to 2040.

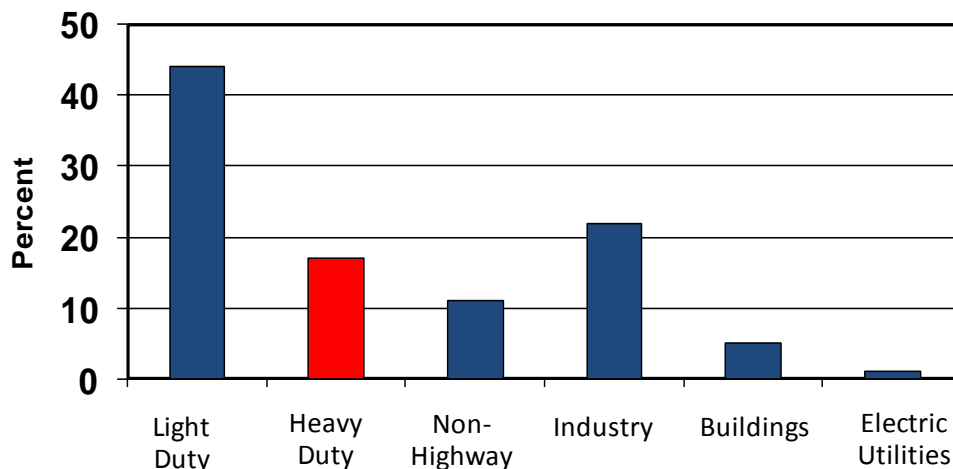
While global energy demand for personal transportation is expected to be relatively flat over the next few decades, demand for energy for commercial transportation — trucks, planes, ships and trains — will continue to grow significantly as economies expand and evolve.

Global demand for energy for commercial transportation is expected to rise by 70 percent from 2010 to 2040, driven by the projected increase in economic activity and the associated increase in movement of goods and freight.

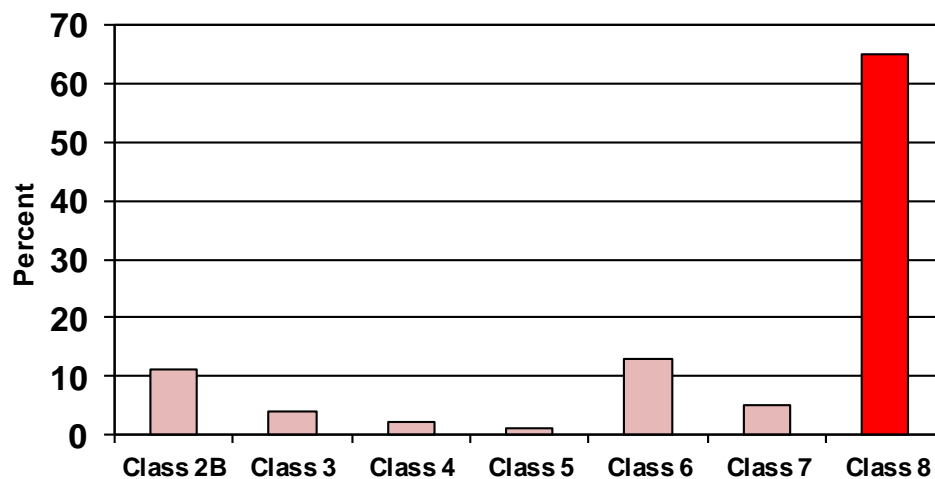
Source: The Outlook for Energy - A View to 2040, ExxonMobil Corporation, 2014

# Why Long-Haul Heavy-Duty Trucks?

- ❑ Near- to mid-term impact will be large
  - Heavy-duty trucks comprise 4% of on-road vehicles but 18% of fuel consumption
  - Heavy trucks move 73% of freight value, 73% of freight tonnage, and log 49% of ton-mileage
- ❑ High return on investment
  - Truck operators and
  - Federal Government
- ❑ Industry is ready and willing to adopt new technology
- ❑ Growing domestic and international markets
- ❑ Saves domestic jobs



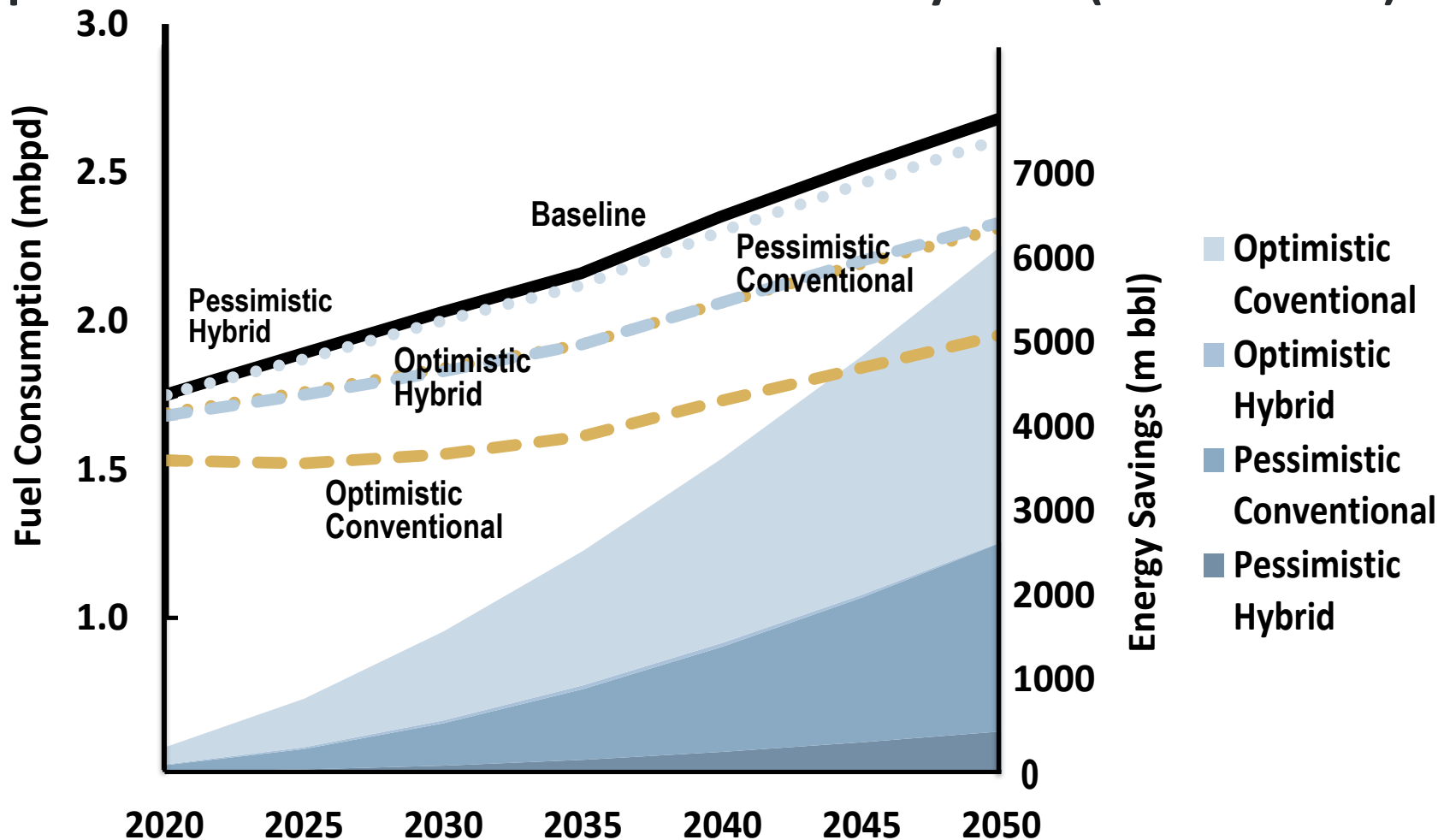
U.S. Oil Use in 2010



Fuel Use by Truck Class

# SuperTruck Technology Benefits Analysis

SuperTruck technologies could reduce fuel consumption nearly 30 percent and save 6 billion barrels of oil by 2050 (ROI of 500:1)



Source: DOE [SuperTruck Program Benefits Analysis Final Report](http://www.transportation.anl.gov/pdfs/TA/903.PDF)

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# SuperTruck Initiative

- ❑ **Goals:** Develop and demonstrate a 50% improvement in overall freight efficiency on a heavy-duty Class 8 tractor-trailer measured in ton-miles per gallon, achieve 50% engine thermal efficiency at 65 mph and show a pathway to 55% engine efficiency.
  - Vehicle target for freight efficiency (ton-miles per gallon) improvement based on 65,000 pound GVW
  - 40% of the total improvement is required from engine technologies (50% thermal efficiency) and the remainder from vehicle system technologies.
- ❑ **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 = \$284 Million



Daimler Trucks North America **VOLVO** **NAVISTAR**

# Cummins/Peterbilt SuperTruck Team

Cooling Package and  
Heat Exchangers



Power  
Distribution



Li Ion Start  
Batt & APU



Alum Hybrid  
Driveshaft



Route Display



Alum 5<sup>th</sup> Wheel



Ceramic Brake Drums



Downspeed-enabling  
Transmission



Light Steer Axle and  
Trailer Tandem



Advanced Light  
Wheels



Magnesium  
Crossmembers



Variable Gage  
Steel Frame Rails



6x2 Rear Tandem w/  
eTrac



Integrated Air  
Suspension Bags



DOE Share \$38.8M  
Contractor Share \$38.8M



# Cummins/Peterbilt *SuperTruck* Status and Highlights

**Cummins:** Highly efficient and clean diesel engine, advanced waste heat recovery

**Peterbilt:** Tractor and trailer combination, aerodynamic, lightweighting, battery powered auxiliary unit to reduce engine idling.

- ❑ Developed and demonstrated 51 percent brake thermal efficiency for an engine on a dynamometer:
  - Demonstrated waste heat recovery system improvements, including system simplification.
  - Compression ratio and peak cylinder pressure increased.
  - Engine system optimized and calibrated.
- ❑ Demonstrated 76% freight efficiency surpassing 50% freight efficiency goal:
  - Demonstrated 25% improvement in aerodynamics
  - Advanced Automated Manual Transmission (AMT)
  - The driver communication interface has been interlaced within the vehicle network and truck display systems. Cruise control in place.
  - Demo 2 truck – completed.



Cummins/Peterbilt *SuperTruck*

# Daimler SuperTruck Team

## Energy Management



## Hybrid



Mercedes-Benz



## Aero/Cooling



## Lightweighting



## Powertrain/Parasitics



Engine  
Transmission



## Fleet



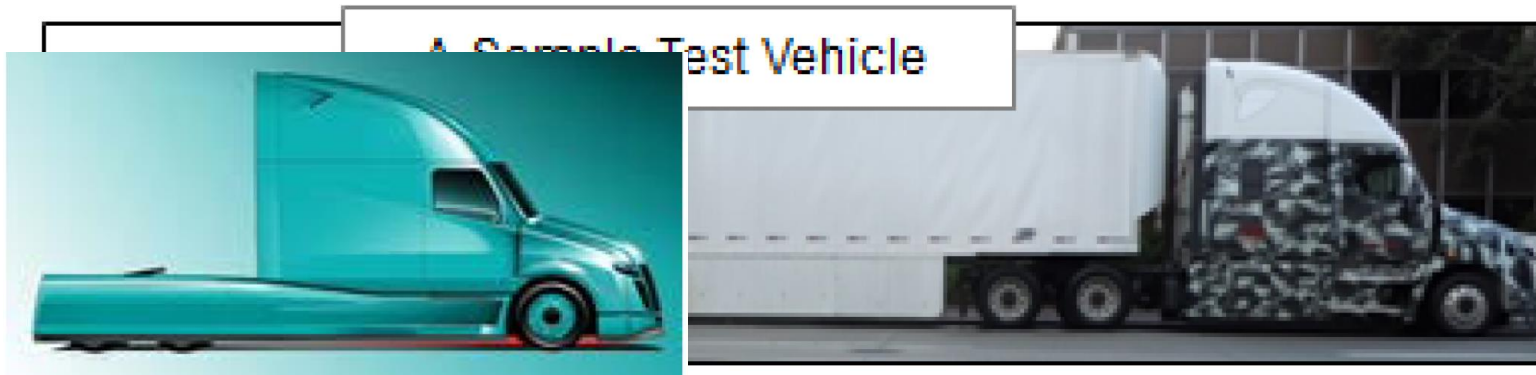
DOE: \$39,559,861

Daimler: \$39,559,898



# Daimler *SuperTruck* Status and Highlights

- ❑ **Achieved 115%** freight efficiency improvement significantly exceeding the 50% goal!
  - **ENGINE/POWERTRAIN:**
    - 50% Brake Thermal Efficiency target exceeded on engine dynamometer. Included; combustion improvements, turbocharging improvements, waste heat recovery, engine downsizing, controllable/electrified auxiliary systems, hybridization
  - **FREIGHT EFFICIENCY:**
    - Included: aerodynamic improvement (skirts, gap reduction, boat tail, active grill, tractor and cab redesign), 6X2 axles, single wide tires, solar roof on trailer, 1500 lb weight reduction and eCoast.



Final Demonstrator Vehicle

# Volvo SuperTruck Team

Organization	Key Contribution
Volvo Technology of America	Project lead & concept simulations
Volvo Group Truck Technology	Complete vehicle integration & vehicle testing
Volvo Group Powertrain Engineering	Efficient complete powertrain solutions
Ridge/Freight Wing	Advanced aerodynamic devices for trailers
Grote	Advanced lighting systems
Penn State University	Advanced combustion modeling & simulation
Hendrickson	Lightweight trailer axle & suspension components
ExxonMobil	Advanced fuels & lubricants
Alcoa Wheels	Lightweight wheels
Michelin	Advanced low-friction tires
Metalsa	Ultra-Light Frame Assembly



**Funding: Volvo (U.S.) - \$19,066,700**  
**DOE - \$18,929,194**  
**Sweden - \$15M**  
**Volvo (Sweden) - \$15M**

# Volvo SuperTruck Status and Highlights

**Priority: truck/engine efficiency integration;** engine efficiency, truck-trailer aerodynamics, waste heat recovery, idle reduction, and reduced rolling resistance tires.

## **ENGINE:**

- ❑ Demonstrated 48% brake thermal efficiency of integrated powertrain system in vehicle 1.5 years ahead of schedule
- ❑ Improvements include: turbocompounding, Rankine WHR, higher pressure fuel injection system, down-spiced engine, advanced aftertreatment, next generation axles, dual clutch transmission, etc.

## **FREIGHT EFFICIENCY:**

- ❑ Demonstrated on-road 43% freight efficiency improvement and determined pathway to achieve greater than 50%



**Demonstrator Truck**



**Concept SuperTruck**

# Navistar SuperTruck Team

**Priority: aerodynamics** truck-trailer aerodynamics, combustion efficiency, waste heat recovery, idle reduction, and reduced rolling resistance tires.

- **Navistar** - Principal Investigator, Vehicle Systems Integrator Controls Systems, Engine & Vehicle Testing
- Alcoa - Lightweight Frame & Wheel Materials
- AT Dynamics - Trailer Aerodynamic Devices
- Behr America - Cooling Systems
- Michelin - Low Rolling Resistance Tires
- TPI - Composite Material Structures
- Wabash National - Trailer Technologies
- Argonne National Lab - Simulation and Controls
- Lawrence Livermore National Lab - Aerodynamic modeling



<b>Project Funding: DOE</b>	<b>\$37,328,933</b>
<b>Navistar</b>	<b>\$45,000,000</b>

# Navistar SuperTruck Status and Highlights

## **ENGINE:**

- ❑ Demonstrating 48.3% Brake Thermal Efficiency without Waste Heat Recovery.
- ❑ Procuring the hardware needed to meet the 50% BTE and demonstrate a pathway to 55% BTE
- ❑ Waste heat recovery system assessment is underway to down select the optimal system

## **FREIGHT EFFICIENCY**

- ❑ Vehicle technologies improvements include; advanced aero, light-weighting and drive train optimization as well as system integration
- ❑ Vehicle level hardware is in the procurement phase
- ❑ Current wind tunnel results are showing positive results and demonstrating the proper trends
- ❑ Combined vehicle light-weighting efforts showing a weight reduction of greater than 2,000 pounds over the baseline



# SuperTruck Initiative On-Track

## Industry Team Leads

Cummins, Daimler, Volvo, and Navistar

### ❑ Status of 50% engine efficiency:

- Cummins and Daimler have achieved the 50% efficiency goal
- Volvo and Navistar has demonstrated 48% engine efficiency and is testing 50% BTE technologies in component test rigs

### ❑ Status of 50% freight efficiency improvement:

- Cummins has demonstration on-road 76% freight efficiency improvement
- Daimler has demonstrated 115% freight efficiency improvement
- Volvo has demonstrated 43% freight efficiency improvements and determined a pathway to achieve greater than 50%
- Navistar is on track to meeting efficiency goal.



UPI Photo

***Technologies developed under SuperTruck will begin to enter the market over the next decade.***



# Commercialization Potential

**Will not be able to buy a SuperTruck anytime soon at a dealership near you!**

- *Focus is on R & D and moving state-of-the-art forward, exploring new possibilities... consider SuperTruck beyond the regulations*

## **PROMISING TECHNOLOGIES**

SHORT TERM: downspeeding, downsizing, better match of engine size to vehicle, improved aftertreatment, intelligent torque, parasitic loss reduction, increased AMT usage... prerequisite to; downspeeding – torque management, predict cruise control.

Trailer skirts, gap improvement, boat tail, light weight drive shafts and frame rails, single wide tires (auto inflate, lower energy), predictive cruise control

# Commercialization Potential

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MID-LONG TERM: Dual clutch transmissions, controllable or electrified auxiliaries, mild hybridization, waste heat recovery, 55% efficient engine, increased peak cylinder pressure

Cab forward designs, further weight reduction (aluminum, carbon fiber), novel tire compounds, solar energy harvesting etc...

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