

# **NREL & DOE Activities: Update**



#### HTUF 2009 Fleet Experience and Needs Session

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# **MD & HD Hybrid Fleet Testing at NREL**













- Funded Through DOE's Vehicle Technology Program
- **Goals/Objectives:** 
  - Real-world feedback: new technology vs conventional (under same conditions)
  - 6-12 month, on-road evaluations
  - Obtain and analyze data:
    - Operating cost/mile
    - Fuel economy
    - Maintenance costs
    - Warranty issues
    - Reliability (miles between failure)
    - Implementation issues from a fleet's perspective
    - Duty cycle analysis
    - Subsystem performance
  - Provide data to help fleets, manufacturers and other R&D organizations who might be considering similar technology – Publish data

    - Acquire data for vehicle modeling activities
    - Identifies additional barriers to energy efficient vehicles

### Recent Projects: Fed Ex (DOE, CALSTART, SCAQMD)

- Azure HEV Delivery Vehicles
  - <u>Status</u>: Dyno testing and on-road evaluation -April 2009 thru April 2010
  - <u>Technology</u>: Azure Gen I gasoline HEV in Southern CA vs conventional diesels
  - <u>**Data</u>**: Interim report in late 2009, Final report in mid 2010; Include both on-road and chassis dyno data</u>

#### • <u>Results</u>:

Chassis Dyno Data:

- MPG: -2 to +20 % improvement in MPG (dge) (gasoline engine vs diesel)
- Emission Reductions:
  - Much cleaner!
  - NOx = 75-89% HTUF4 10.45 11.36

NYCC

• PM = 99.9% OCTA Bus 8.61 9.36 9.52 -1.7%

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7.34



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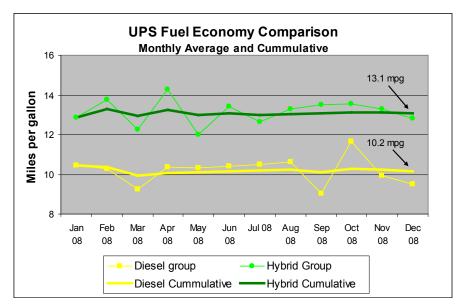
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## Recent Projects: UPS

- Eaton Hybrid Delivery Vehicles
  - <u>Status</u>: Dyno testing and on-road evaluation began in 2008. Now complete.
  - <u>Technology</u>: Gen I diesel HEV inuse in Phoenix, AZ vs conventional diesels
  - <u>Data</u>: Final report in Nov 2009 will include on-road eval + chassis dyno data
  - Results:
    - 29% on-road fuel economy improvement for hybrids
    - 31-37% improvement in-lab (CILCC/CBD/WVU City)
    - Diesel = \$0.53 per mile operating costs
    - Hybrid = \$0.43 per mile operating costs



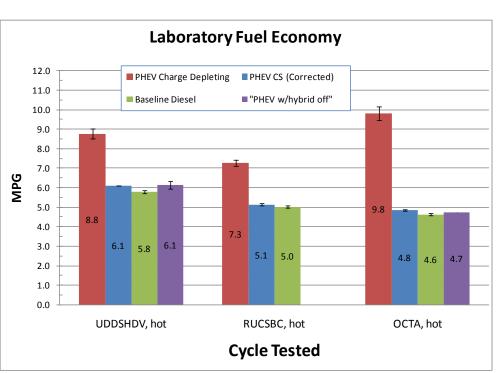


## Recent Projects: PHEV School Bus

#### PHEV School Bus / Enova-IC Corp

- <u>Status</u>: Dyno testing and on-road evaluation completed for 4 sites (Austin, Napa, Wake County NC, Manatee FL)
- <u>Technology</u>: Diesel Plug-In HEV (Enova charge-depleting) school buses in-use in various locations
- Data: Final report in Dec 2009
- <u>Results</u>:
  - 44-113% improvement in CD
  - But...3-39 miles possible in CD
  - Slight improvement in CS
  - On-road MPG:
    - 6.5-7.1 mpg diesels
    - 8.0-9.1 mpg hybrids
  - Good reliability and low maintenance costs





### FY10 Planned Projects: More Hybrids!

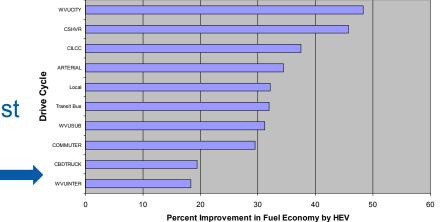
- Recently announced DOE funded grants (still under negotiation):
  - Navistar:
  - SCAQMD:

- Expanded, next-gen PHEV school bus 378 trucks and shuttle buses with Eaton
- Navistar: 400 EV Delivery Trucks
- Smith Electric: ~100 Transit Connect EV and 'Newton' MD trucks

- FY10 Evaluations and Interests (being planned now thru DOE's Vehicle Technologies Program):
  - Class 7-8 HEV
  - Day Cab HEV tractors
  - Lithium battery buses various locations, in-depth battery data
  - Next generation, improved HEV systems for MD Package Delivery
  - Plug In Hybrid Trucks
  - Hydraulic Hybrids

### **Key Findings & Considerations**

- Business Case and Payback?
  - Duty Cycle drives fuel use and % improvement
  - The 'most urban' route not always best place for HEV's and other advanced technology vehicles
  - Fuel Price Driven
- Green Initiatives?
  - CO2 Credits / Cap & Trade
- Future of Hybrids Market Penetration?
  - Depends on Fuel Prices, hardware costs (battery costs), incentives



### For More DOE / NREL MD&HD Hybrid Info

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