The Future of Heavy-Duty Powertrains

Issues, technical and financial challenges, outlook 2007 and beyond.

A unique study designed to comprehensively explore the future.



Open Summary for CLEERS









The scope of this study includes heavy-duty powertrain systems in Western Europe, U.S., and Japan in the 2007–2020 time frame.



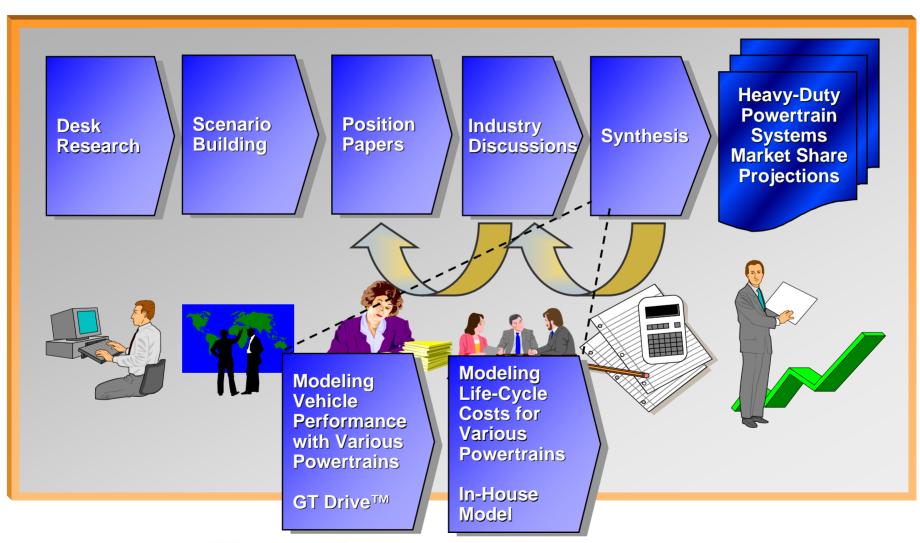
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- Western Europe, U.S., and Japan are technology leaders
- Years 2007 to 2020
- Primary heavy-duty (>5 t) powertrain technology areas
 - » Power units
 - » Hybrids (electric, hydraulic)
 - » Exhaust gas treatment (EGT)
 - » Transmissions
 - » Alternative fuels
- Describe each technology and its costs
- Assess market share projections under each scenario - and why?
- What is the sensitivity of these to each scenario?





The market share projections were developed in six steps.







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Three key tools were used to develop the future powertrain forecasts for each segment and region.

GT-DRIVE™	 A vehicle fuel efficiency model developed by Gamma Technologies was used to estimate: Fuel efficiencies of each vehicle segment in each geographical region Impact on fuel economy of rolling resistance, aerodynamics, advanced IC-engines, and advanced transmissions for all segments in all three regions 			
Spreadsheet Model of Hybrid Benefits	A post-processing model developed to assess the impact of hybridization on fuel economy and brake savings for selected vocations			
Spreadsheet Financial Model	 Determined the impact of each powertrain technology on the life-cycle costs of each on-highway truck segment in each region, considering impacts of powertrain technologies on capital costs, fuel costs, finance costs, operating and maintenance costs. The powertrains offering the best economics for each on-highway duty cycle was forecast as the long term winner for that vocation and ramped up in accordance with the standard rate of industry technology acceptance. Off-highway markets will follow the dominant on-highway technology 			



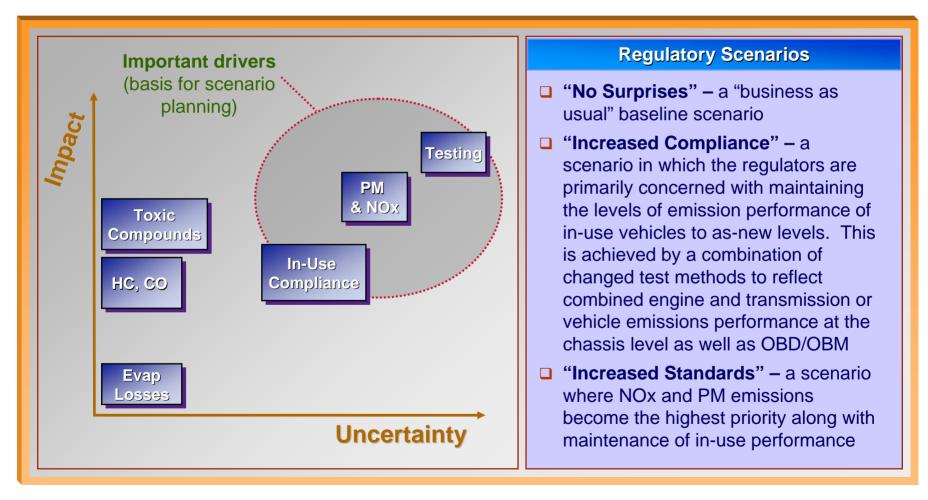




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Focusing on the high-impact, high-uncertainty regulatory issues, three regulatory scenarios with varying constraints on particulate matter (PM) and NOx and/or in-use compliance were developed.





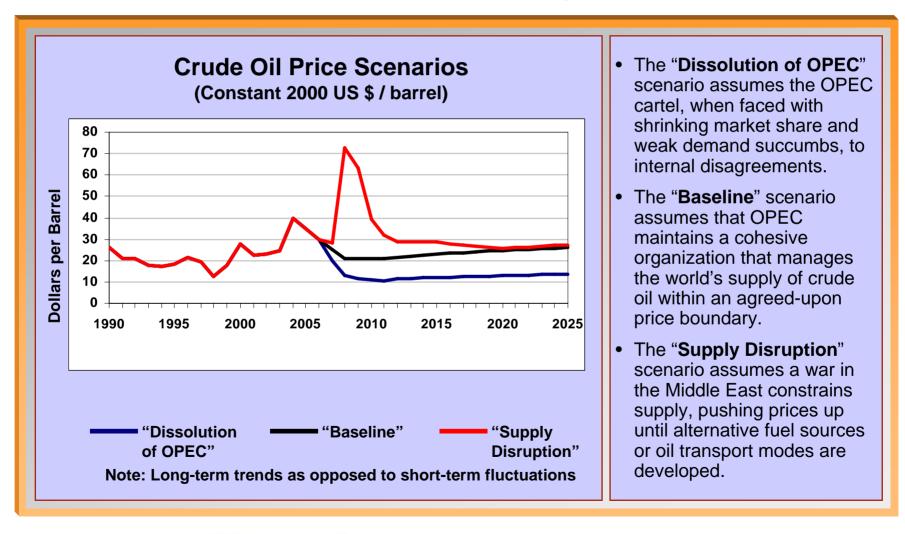




Future Scenarios



All energy scenarios indicate a plentiful supply of petroleum and imply that alternative fuels will not be mainstream through 2020.



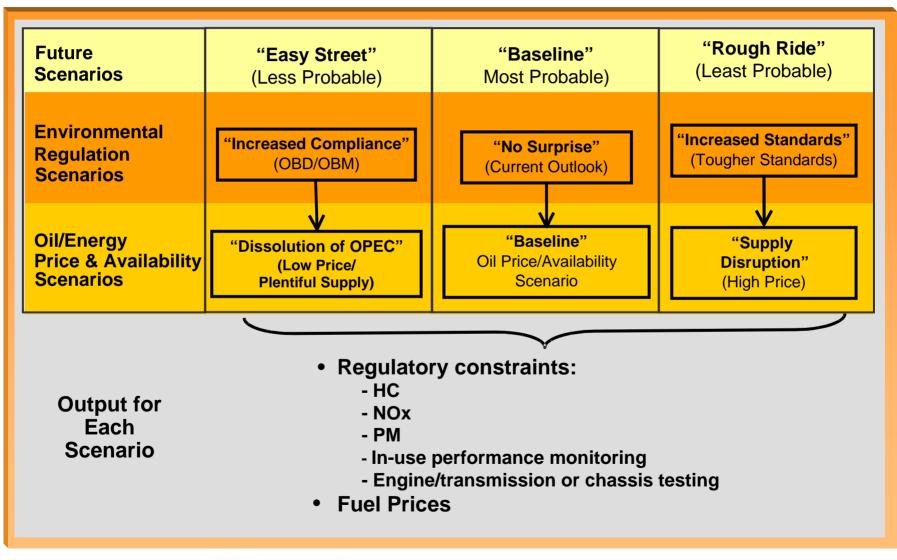




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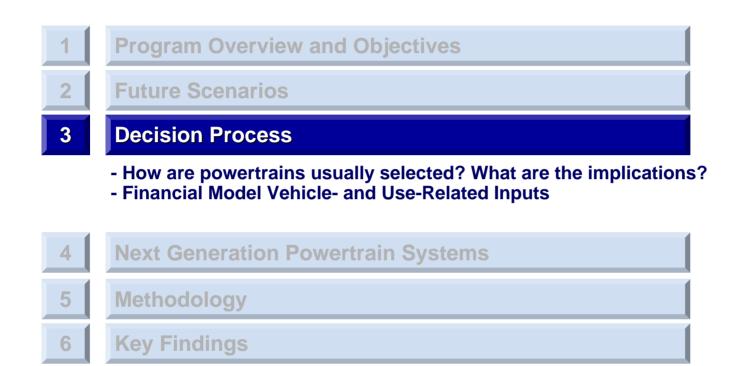


Three major scenarios bound the plausible future.





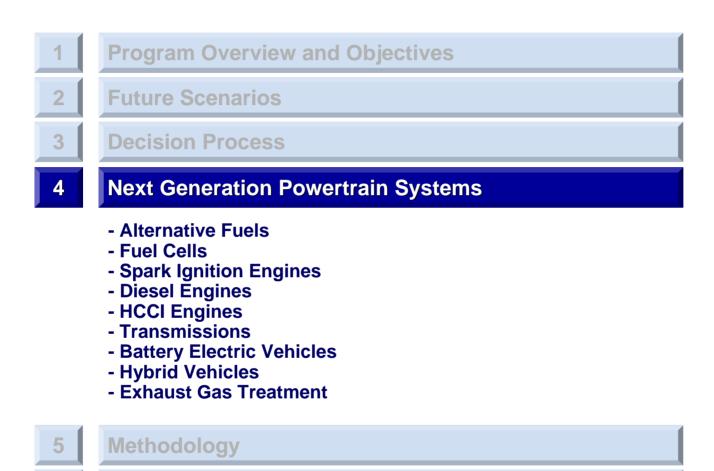










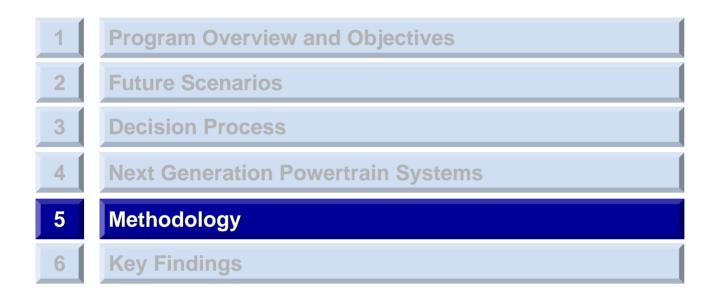


Key Findings



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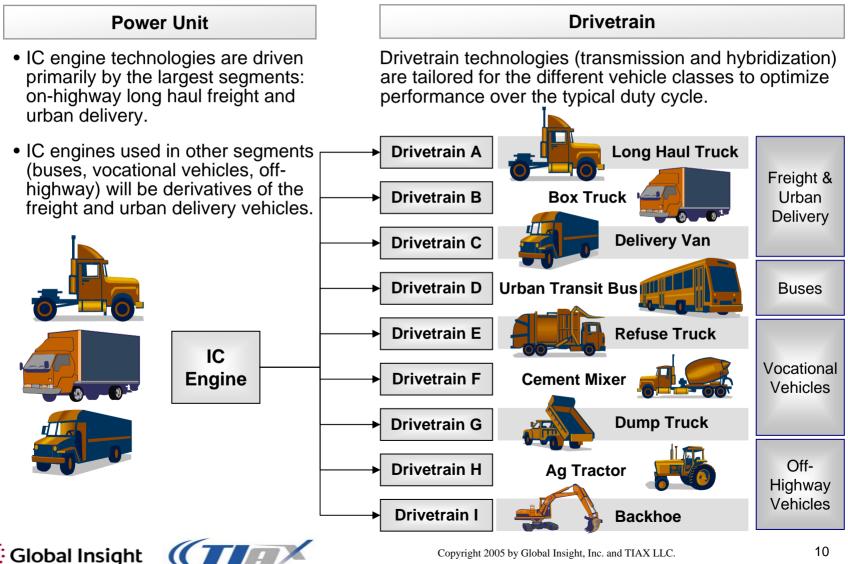








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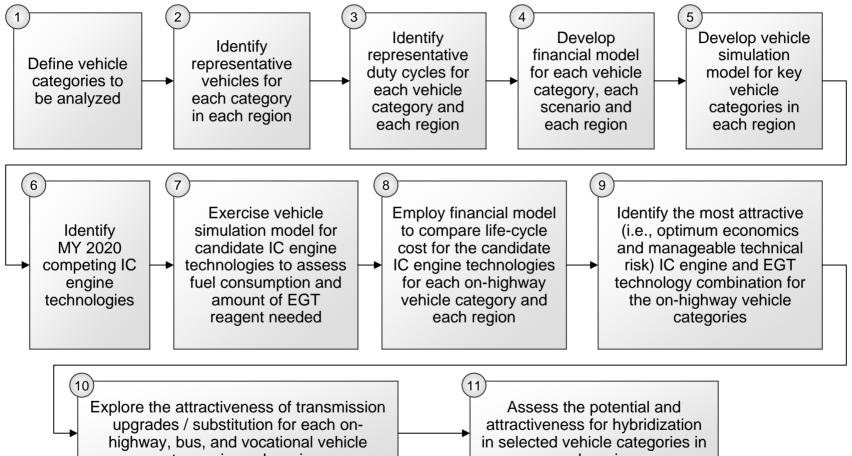




Methodology



Eleven steps yield key findings and conclusions --



category in each region

each region





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Promising future technologies will continue to be promising ...

In other words, many technologies capture the imagination of the public, governments and even industry, but few are serious solutions to the challenges of the next 2 decades, including...

Continuous combustion

- » Stirling engine
- » Gas turbines
- » Steam engines

• Alternative configuration

- » Wankel
- » Scotch yoke
- » etc.

• And except for niche applications:

- » Fuel cells (demonstration fleets or APU)
- » Battery electric
- » Alternative fuels





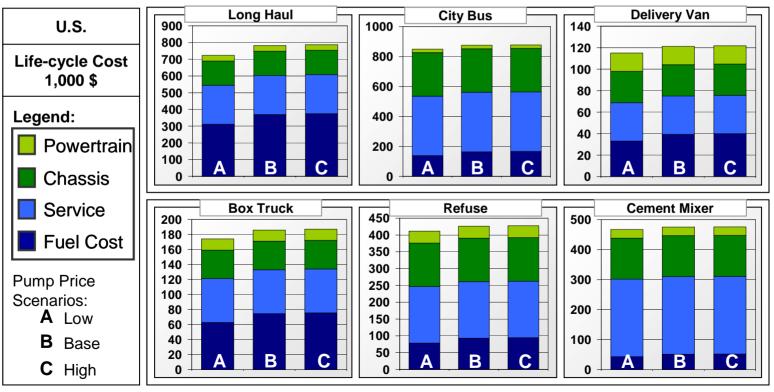


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Financial modeling shows that in the largest segments, fuel and service drives life-cycle cost in all three 2020 scenarios (U.S. shown)

- Given the crucial importance of fuel cost, the fuel consumption impact of competing IC engine technologies were assessed by computer simulation (GT-Drive[™]).
- In sharp contrast, powertrain capital cost is not critical to the life-cycle cost it is included in the analysis but does not deserve the same amount of attention as fuel economy.
- In the start-stop segments (bus, delivery and refuse), service cost dominates, which in turn is driven by brake maintenance; this presents a business opportunity for hybridization.



2020 powertrain specific cost assumptions: (1) CIDI + Manual Transmission; \$60/kW, (2) CIDI + Automatic Transmission; \$75/kW

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All three diesel engine technologies will compete for market share as the industry makes the transition to full-mode HCCI.

What It Is	Key Features						
Three Compression Ignition Diesel-Fueled Contenders							
This is the baseline engine, representing a progressive evolution of today's CIDI engine.	Ongoing refinements in the areas of fuel injection, air management, advanced controls, and variable valve timing will enable a continuation of the historical rate of fuel efficiency and emissions improvement. Fuel efficiency is expected to improve by 3% over the next 15 years, and NOx emissions by 10%.						
Electric turbocompounding is a key feature of the advanced CIDI.	Electric turbocompounding and electric torque assist via a starter-alternator will help improve the fuel economy by 1-5% over typical drive cycles. NOx emissions are similar to the 2020 CIDI engine.						
Based on the advanced CIDI, and with HCCI operation at loads below 10 bar BMEP (i.e., 50% load and lower).	Virtually zero engine-out NOx emissions when in HCCI-mode (which is most of the time for typical drive cycles). Fuel efficiency is similar to the 2020 CIDI engine.						
Otto Engine Being Used in CNG Applications							
This is a turbocharged stoichiometric Otto engine with electric turbocompounding and intake valve throttling.	The heavy-duty Otto engine is a light-fuel flame propagation engine. Tailpipe emissions can be nearly eliminated by the use of affordable TWCs. Fuel economy will suffer significantly however, and even more so will well-to-wheels CO_2 emissions.						
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All engine types will continue to compete in the foreseeable future, but the transition to full-mode HCCI is virtually inevitable.

Engine Market Shares: All Scenarios							
Engine	2007	2010	2015	2020			
Conventional CIDI	85%	75%	50%	30%			
Advanced CIDI	5%	15%	35%	25%			
MM HCCI	<5%	<5%	10%	15%			
HCCI	0%	0%	0%	25%			
SI	5-10%	5-10%	5-10%	5-10%			

NOTE: MM HCCI = Mixed-mode HCCI HCCI = Full-mode HCCI

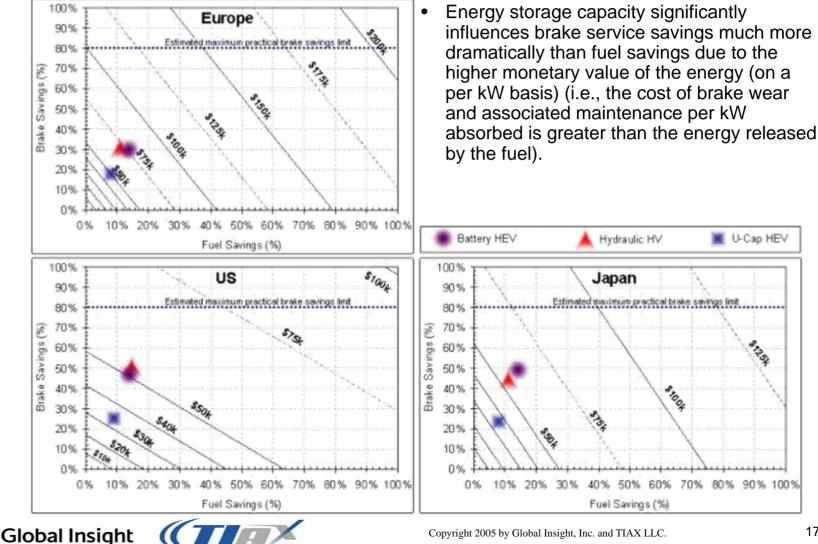








Analysis of the commercial viability of hybrids must include brake savings.





The IC engine will remain the dominant prime mover through 2020 (and beyond!).

- Even under the "Increased Standards" scenario, several competing approaches to EGT have very high probabilities of success, enabling diesel engines to meet future standards.
- At the same time, the diesel engine is rapidly evolving towards HCCI combustion, reducing the challenge presented to the EGT system.
- HCCI combustion is clearly the long-term winning engine technology.
 - » Life-cycle costs are reduced
 - » Inherently robust emission control ensures in-use compliance
 - » Will likely drive the use of self-shifting transmissions to keep the engine in the HCCI operating range
- Electric turbocompounding will likely be universally used in all diesel engines but the conventional CIDI.







Our conclusions point to the instrumental but temporary importance of exhaust gas treatment for future heavy-duty powertrain.

- By 2010, exhaust gas treatment for NOx reduction will be required.
 - Competing NOx reduction systems are too close to call with certainty based solely on technical merits in the medium term.
 - Western Europe and some individual OEMs have already made the decision to go with urea-based SCR in the short term.
 - We expect that the U.S. and Japan will go with NOx traps in the medium term
- After 2010, HCCI development will enable more and more of the duty cycle to be driven with sufficiently low NOx and PM to obviate the need for EGT.
 - » As long as the engine can move into the diesel mode, lean NOx and PM EGT will be required.
 - » If diesel operation can be avoided via HCCI, the need for lean NOx and PM EGT could be eliminated.
 - This would eventually make obsolete any investment in reagent support infrastructure made in the 2004 –2010 time period.
 - Any reagent infrastructure put in place will have a very long but steadily declining "tail", as it must remain in place to service the in-use fleet.







The complete study includes:

- ✓ Independent assessments of the Heavy Duty (~ 5 tons and above) vehicle powertrain technology trends against which to compare your own investments and strategies.
- ✓ The sensitivity or robustness of certain technologies to different alternative futures.
- Insights into possible business or technical threats and opportunities associated with future heavy vehicle powertrain (including exhaust gas treatment) technologies.
- Indications of end-user benefits associated with different powertrain technology choices.
- ✓ An understanding of possible alternative futures

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