

# EPA's Technology Assessment for the 2025 GHG Standards

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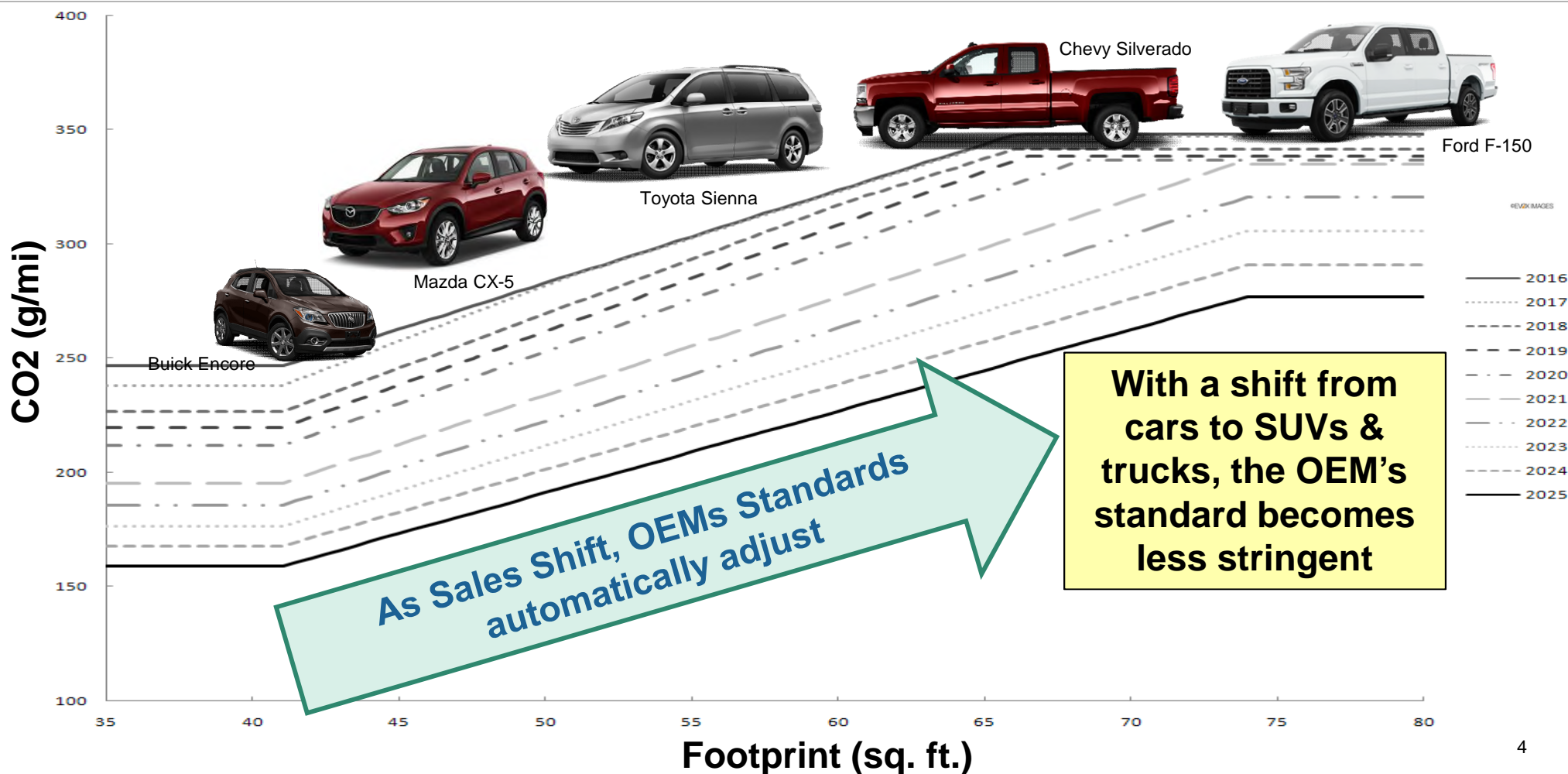
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# How the EPA GHG Standards Work

# Footprint-based CO<sub>2</sub> Target Curves for Trucks – “The Standards”

[separate footprint curve for Cars]



# So What is the 2025 EPA Standard?

## Projections for Model Year 2025 Fleet CO<sub>2</sub> Compliance Target Fuel Prices/Fleet Mix Affect EPA's PROJECTION of 2025 Standard

	2012 Projection	Summer 2016 Projection	Fall 2016 Projection
Fuel Price (\$/gallon)	\$3.87	\$2.95	\$2.97
Car/truck mix	67/33%	52/48%	53/47%
2025 Fleet CO <sub>2</sub> Compliance Level (g/mi, 2-cycle)	163	175	173
MPG-e (2-cycle)	54.5	50.8	51.4

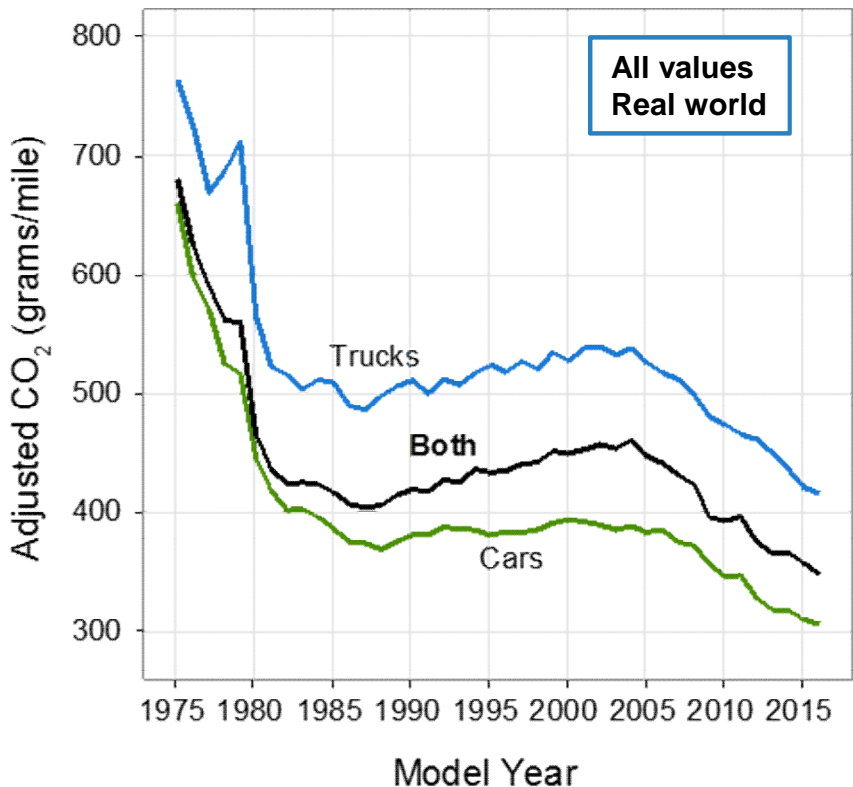
EPA DOT Fuel Economy and Environment Gasoline Vehicle

**These are industry compliance values.**  
For consumers, the 2025 average real-world value is  
**~ 36 MPG**

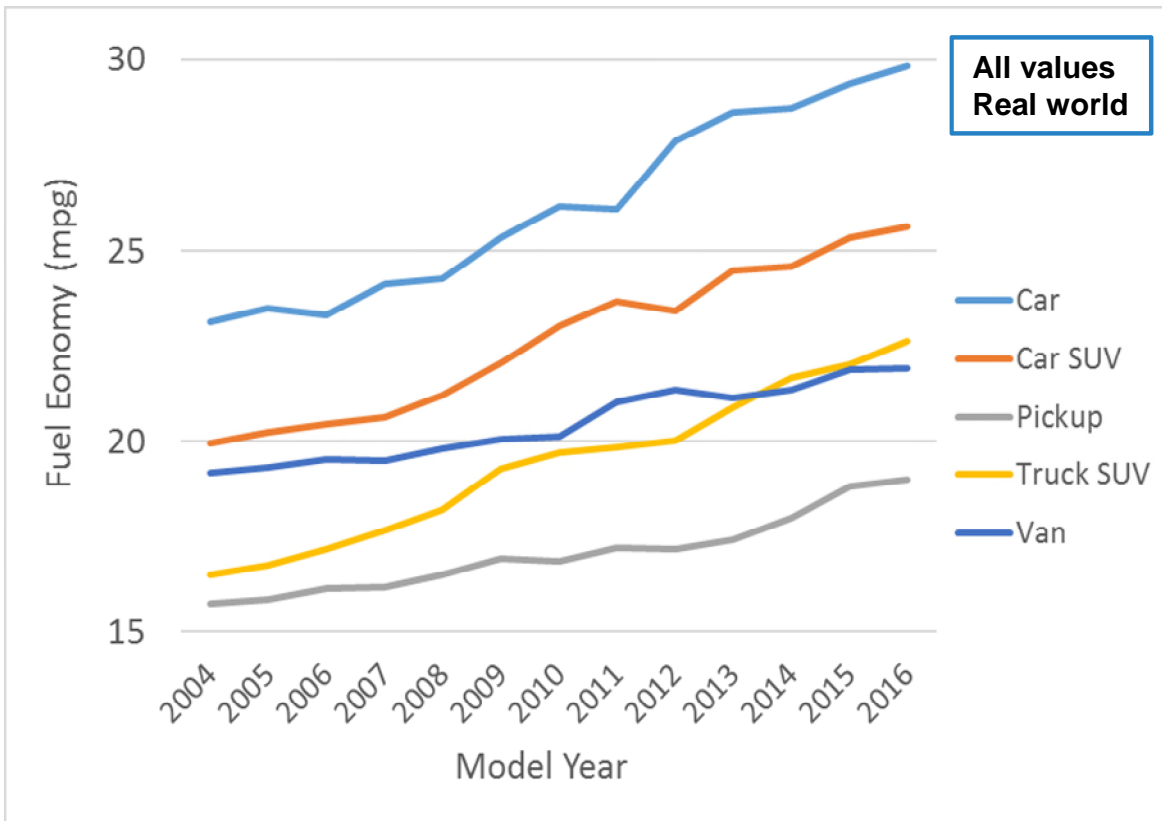
emissions are a significant cause of climate change and smog.  
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# **Industry Progress-to-Date and Contribution of Powertrain Improvements**

# Vehicle CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions at Record Low – every major vehicle category improving



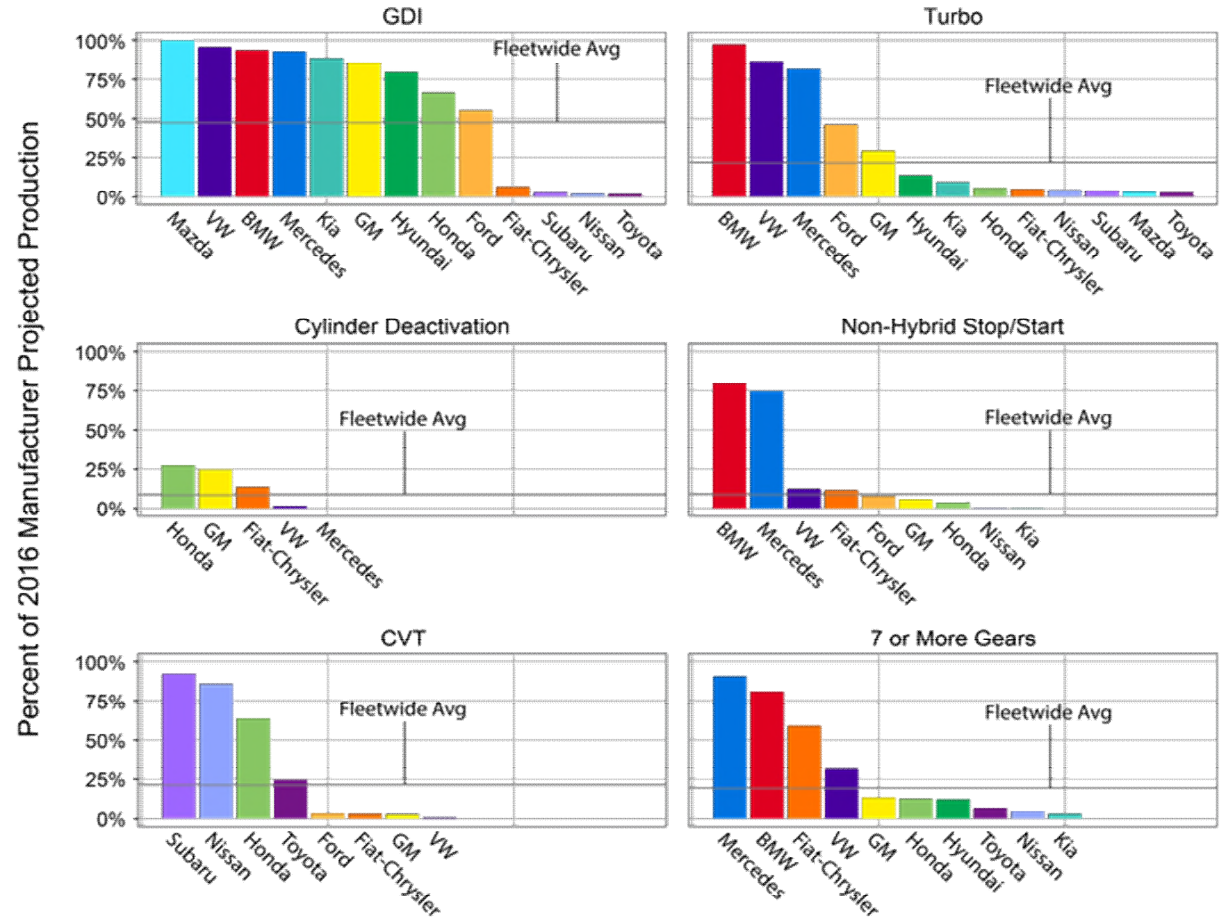
**MY2015: 358 g/mi CO<sub>2</sub> (24.8 mpg)**  
**MY 2016 Projected : 25.6 mpg**



**Truck SUVs highest % improvement since 2004, up 33%**  
**Pickups improved most in past year, up 0.8 mpg to 18.8 mpg**

# Automakers Adopting a Wide Array of Technologies at Rapid Rates

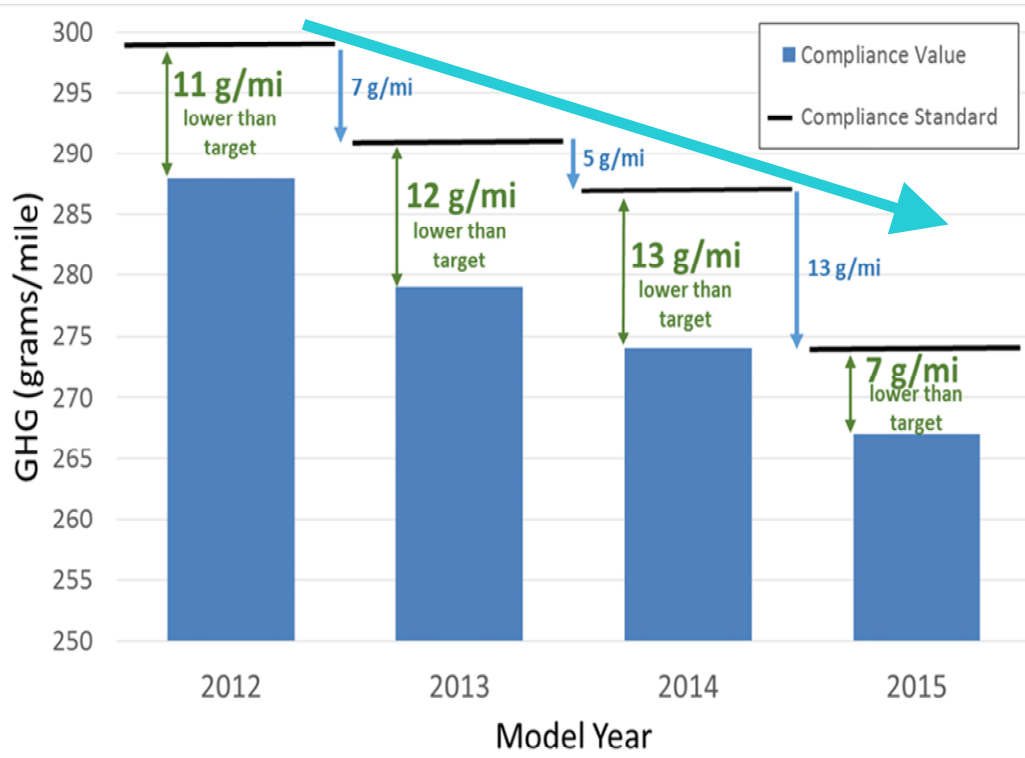
- **GDI** use on nearly half of all vehicles (up from 3% in MY2008), with Mazda at 100%, 6 more OEMs above 75%
- ~20% fleet use **7+ speed transmissions**, led by Mercedes, BMW, and Fiat-Chrysler
- >20% fleet use **CVTs**, led by Subaru, Nissan, and Honda





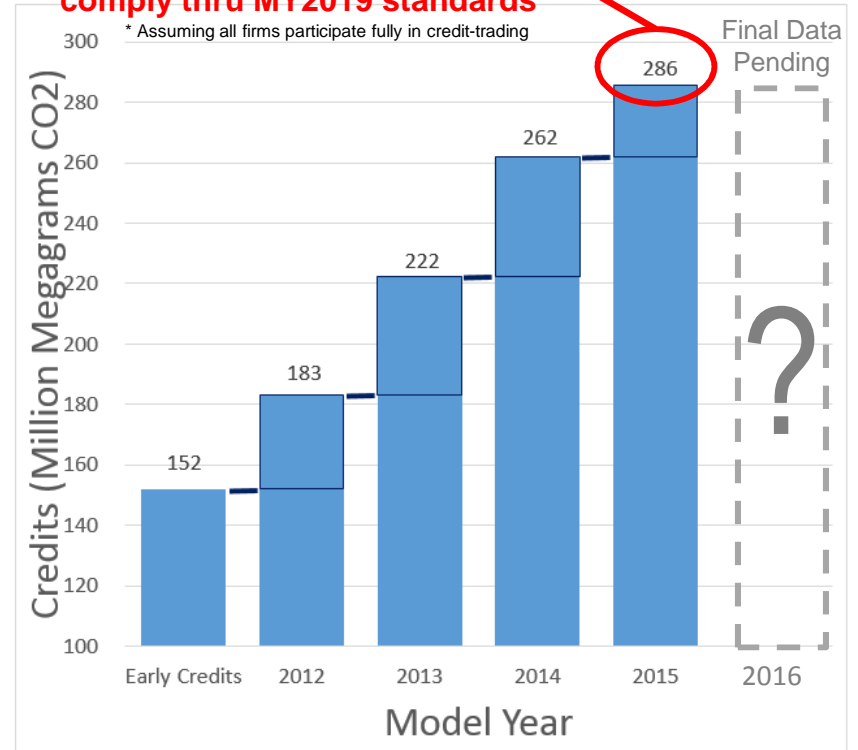
# Early Years of Program Producing Positive Results

## Industry Outperforming Standards



## Large Industry-wide Bank of Credits

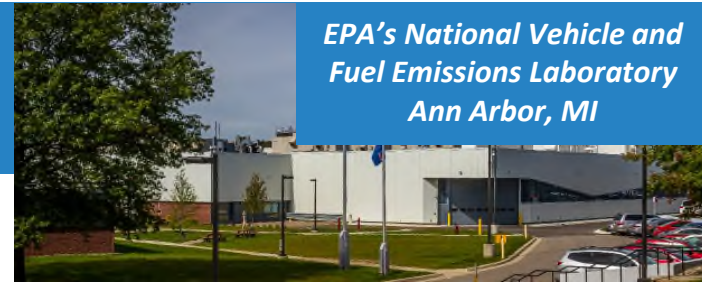
Enough credits for MY2015 fleet to comply thru MY2019 standards\*



# How EPA Considers Transmission Technologies for 2025 Time-Frame

# Overview of Technology Assessment

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## • **Midterm Evaluation**

- Review of Final Rulemaking assessment of MY2022-2025 standards
- Technology assessment has been ongoing since 2012

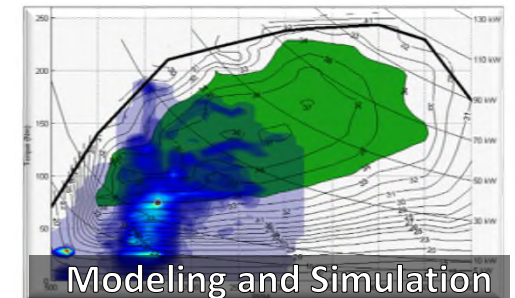
## • **EPA made significant investment in new tools and studies**

- Laboratory benchmarking of 30 of the most efficient vehicles in the world, allowing us to generate engine and transmission maps
- In-house ALPHA vehicle simulation model allowing physics-based projections of effectiveness of various technology packages
- Cost teardown studies of key powertrain components by contractor used by automakers



## • **Supplemented by more intensive information collection and sharing**

- Hundreds of meetings with automakers and suppliers
- Review of hundreds of technical papers and reports
- EPA authorship of 30 peer-reviewed papers and technical reports



# Transmission Data Sources for Latest EPA Technology Assessment

## EPA Vehicle level benchmarking

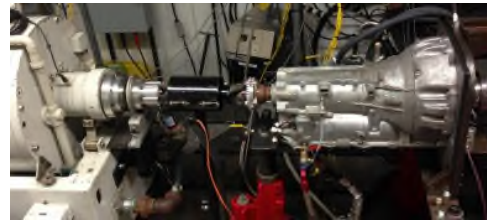
- Analyzed solenoid control signals during driving maneuvers on road
- Determined main line pressures as basis for bench testing
- Characterized transmission shift schedules, torque convertor lock-up, and overall transmission effectiveness
- Vehicles: 2013 GM Malibu – 6-speed, (2) 2014 Dodge Chargers – one equipped with a 5-speed, the other with an 8-speed, 2015 Volvo S60, Ford F150, GM Silverado, Ram 1500 HFE, 2016 Honda CVT, 2016 ILX 8 speed DCT with TC, and more than a dozen other late model vehicles

## Transmission Maps provided by outside sources

- DCT 6-speed (from supplier), DCT 7-speed (from supplier), CVT (from OEM), Jatco CVT8 (from supplier), Toyota CVT (from supplier)

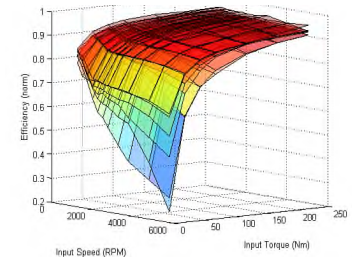
## EPA Component benchmarking

- Implemented transmission controls observed in vehicle to control transmission on test bench
- Eliminated TCM in the controls
- Vehicles: GM 6T40 6-speed AT from 2013 Malibu, GM 6L80 6-speed AT from 2014 Silverado, FCA 845RE 8-speed AT from 2014 Ram 1500, Jatco CVT7 from 2013 Nissan Altima
- Assessed transmission efficiency at various loads, speeds, and temperatures



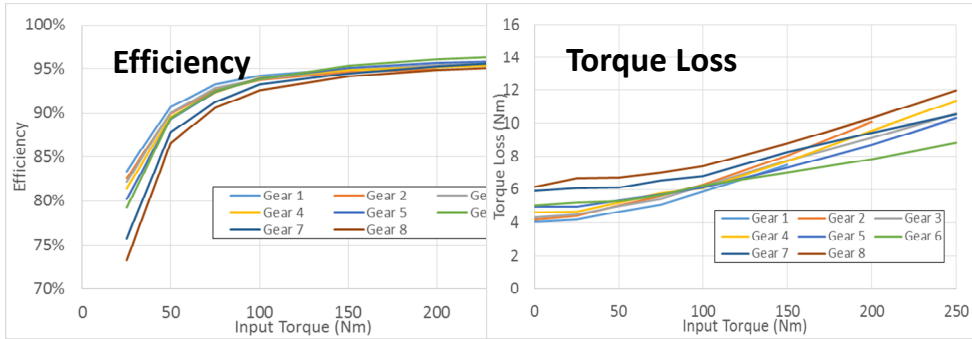
Quantity	Range
Torque	0 Nm to 250 Nm
Speed	500 rpm to 5000 rpm
Temp.	35°C, 60°C, 100°C

Resultant Torque/Speed/Efficiency Curve

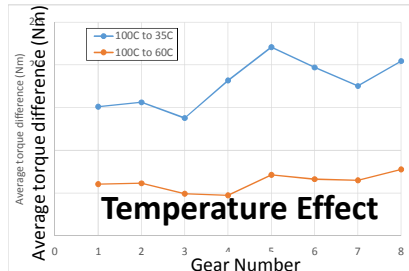


# EPA Modeling of Transmissions: ALPHA simulation

- **AT, DCT, and CVT architectures**
- **Built from modular sub-models, with control algorithms unique to each architecture**
- **Allows incorporating benchmarking data and future improvements**



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## Launch Clutch Model

- Captures effects of accelerating upstream inertias
- Manage clutch slip where appropriate

## Torque Converter Model

- Simulation of lockup
- Torque multiplication and resulting engine load

## Gearbox Model

- Torque and rotational inertia scale through ratio change
- Torque loss and efficiency in each gear from dynamic lookup tables

## Gear Selection (ALPHAshift)

- Rule based, considering engine torque curve, fuel map
- Minimize fuel consumption with constraints for engine speed and torque reserve

## Key justification for EPA's performance neutral approach:

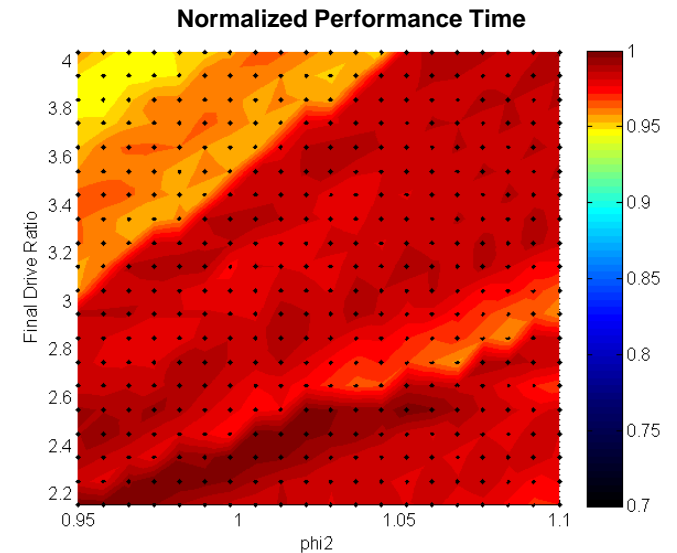
*“Estimating the cost of decreasing fuel consumption requires one to carefully specify a basis for comparison. The committee considers that to the extent possible, fuel consumption cost comparisons should be made at equivalent acceleration performance and equivalent vehicle size” (National Academy of Sciences, 2011)\**

## Various efficiency technologies tend to improve performance

- Transmission improvements (efficiency, gear count, ratio spread)
- Load reduction (mass, aero, tire improvements)

## Two possible “tuning” methods

1. Alter rear end ratio
2. **Resize engine** EPA Approach
  - Maintain performance of baseline vehicle by resizing engine
  - Overall performance is calculated from the sum of the 0-60 time, ¼ mile time and passing times (30-50MPH and 50-70MPH)



# **What might 2025 look like: EPA technical assessment (thus far)**

# EPA Most Recent Assessment –

## Standards can be Met Mostly with Advanced Gasoline Technologies

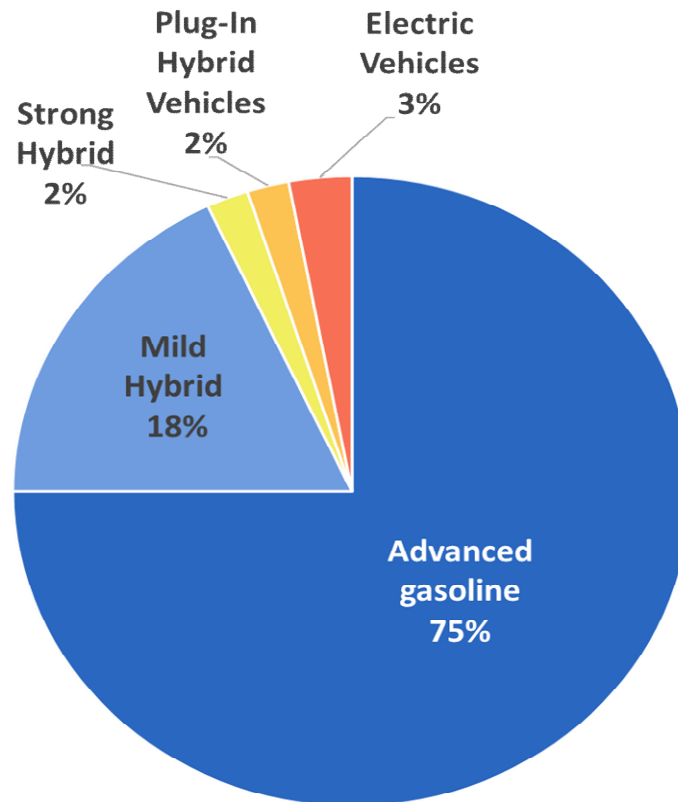
### Cost estimate of \$875/vehicle

- ✓ Advanced engines and transmissions
- ✓ Vehicle light-weighting
- ✓ Improved aerodynamics
- ✓ More efficient accessories
- ✓ Low rolling resistance tires
- ✓ Stop-start technology
- ✓ Mild hybrid (e.g., 48 volt systems)
- ✓ Small levels of strong HEV, EV, PHEV

### Fuel Savings Offsets Cost increase

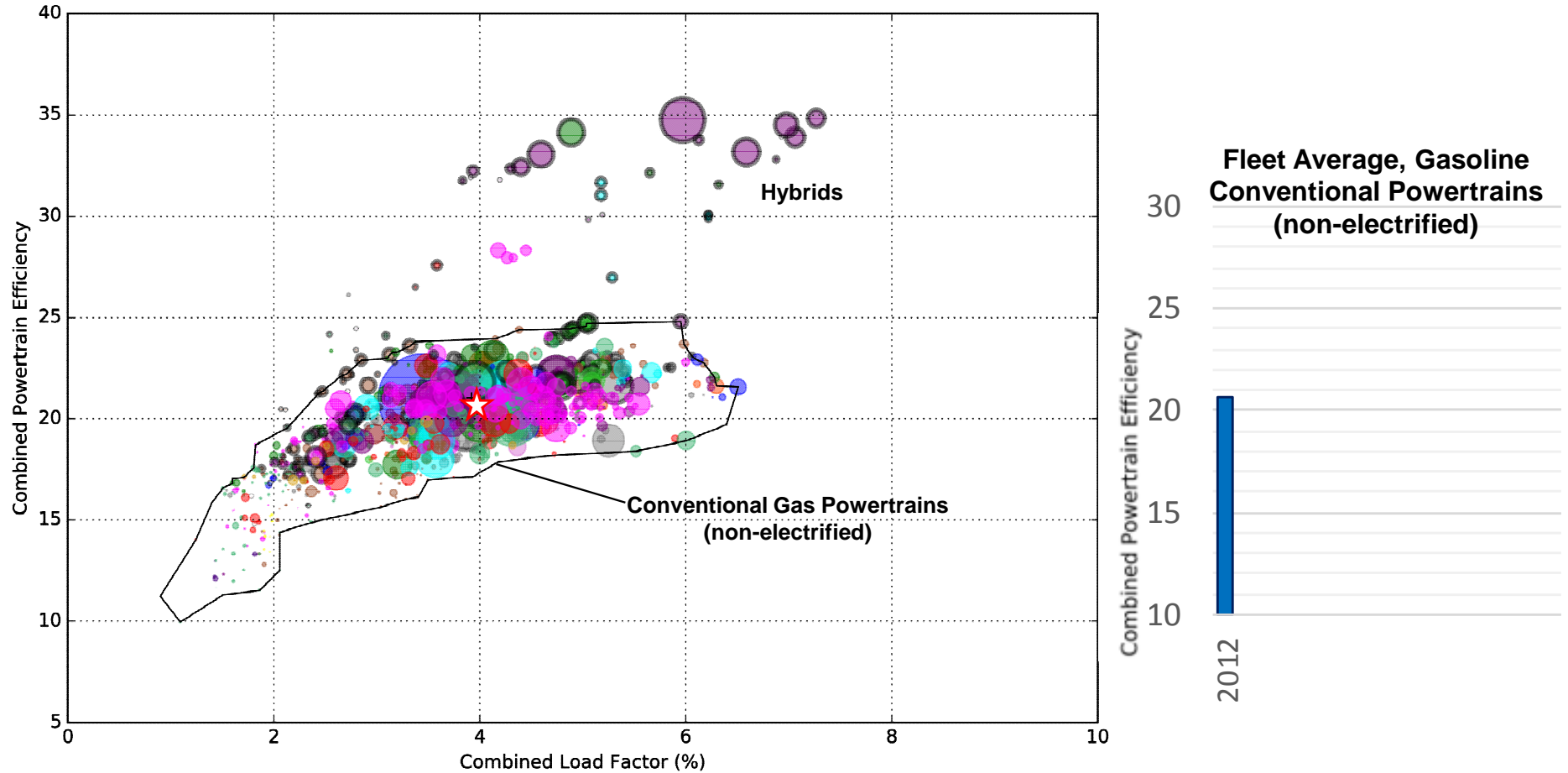
- ✓ Net lifetime savings of \$1,650

### One possible powertrain pathway

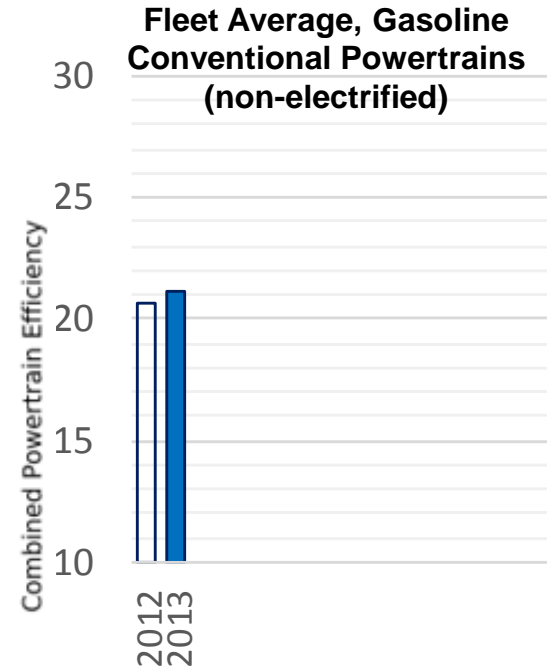
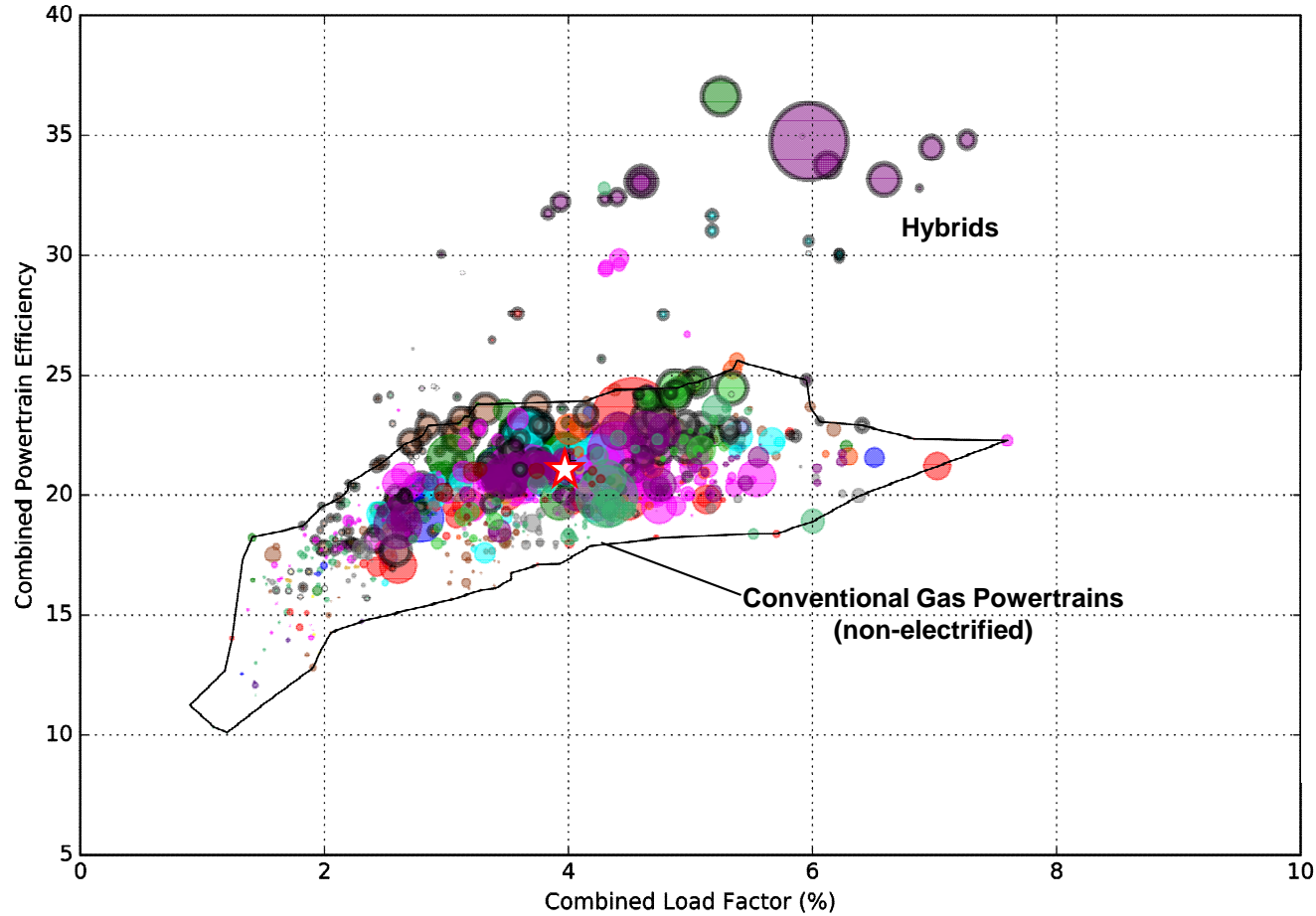




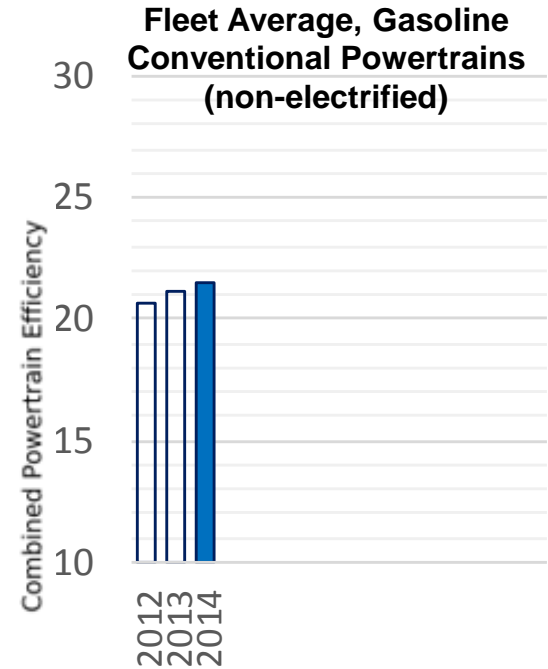
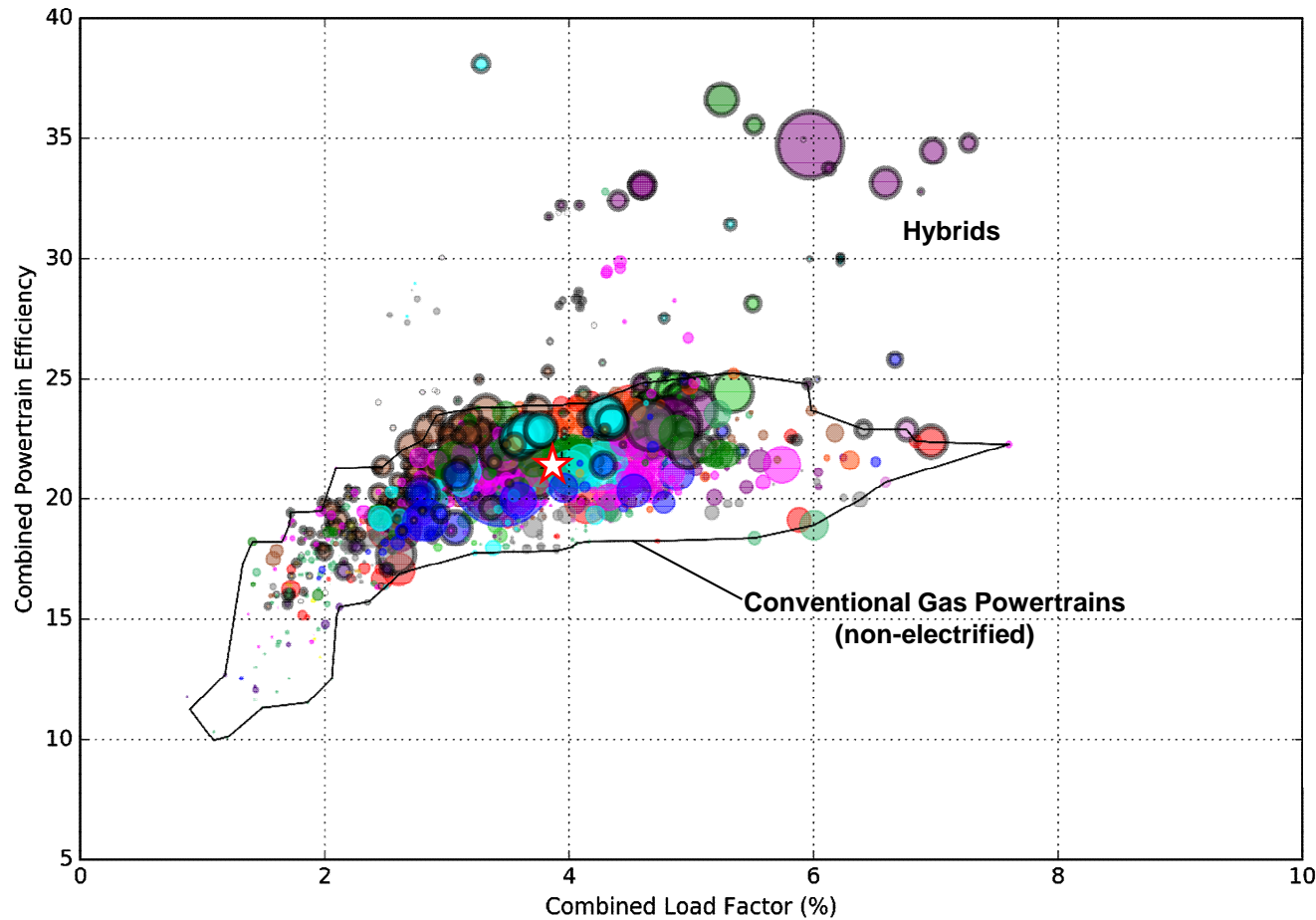
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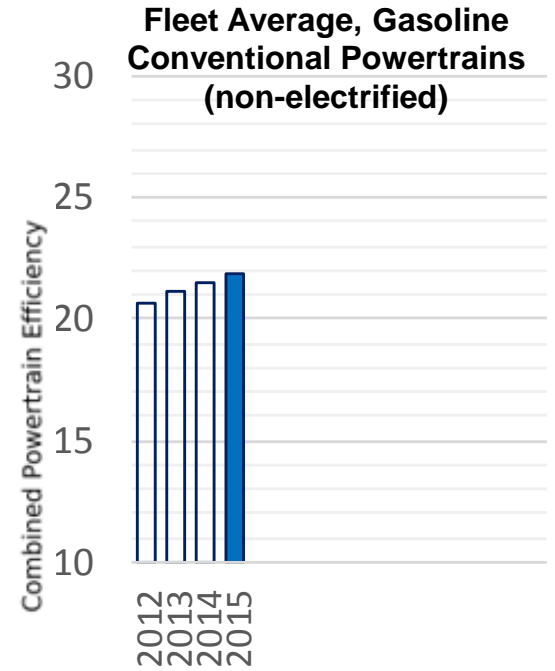
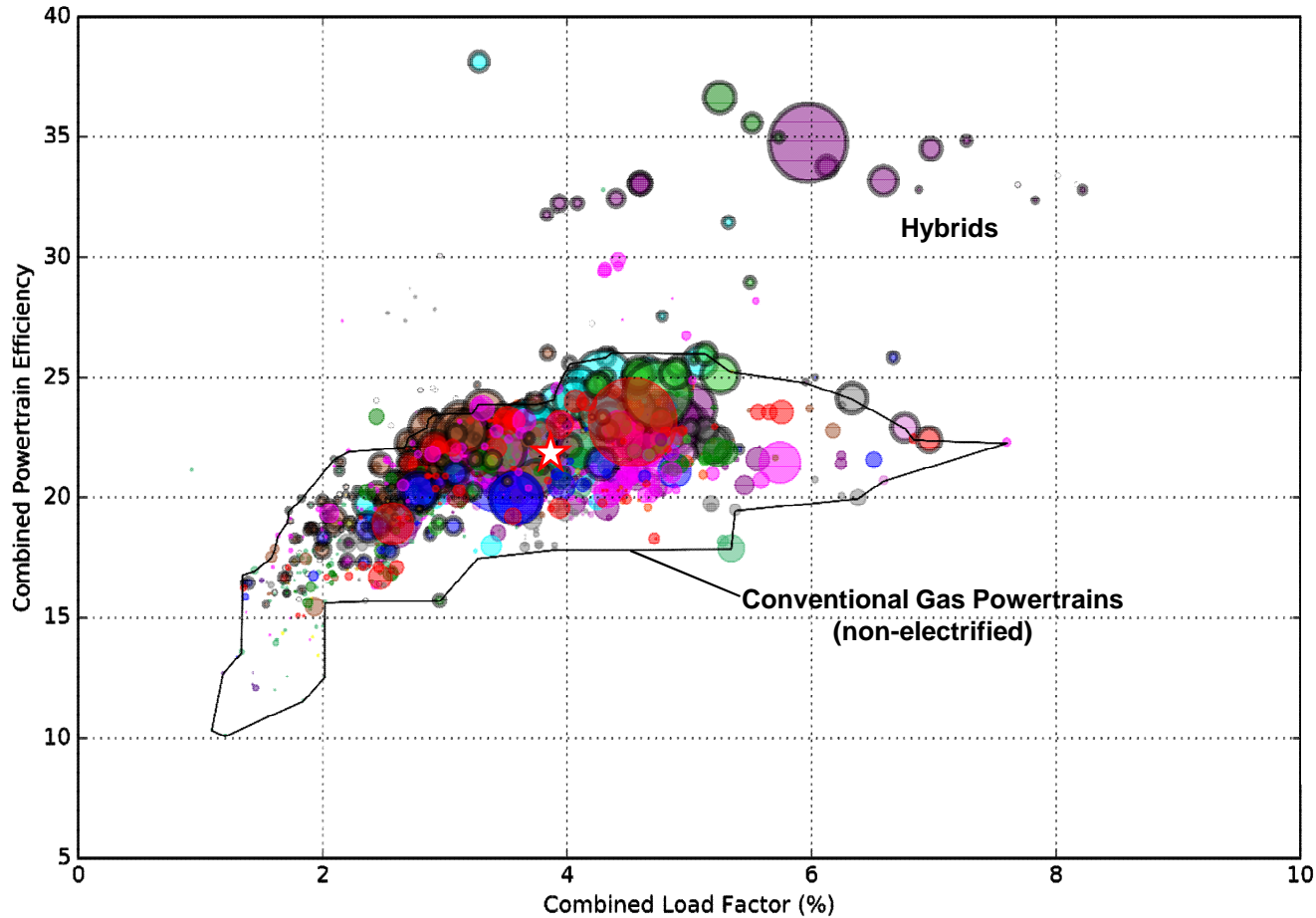
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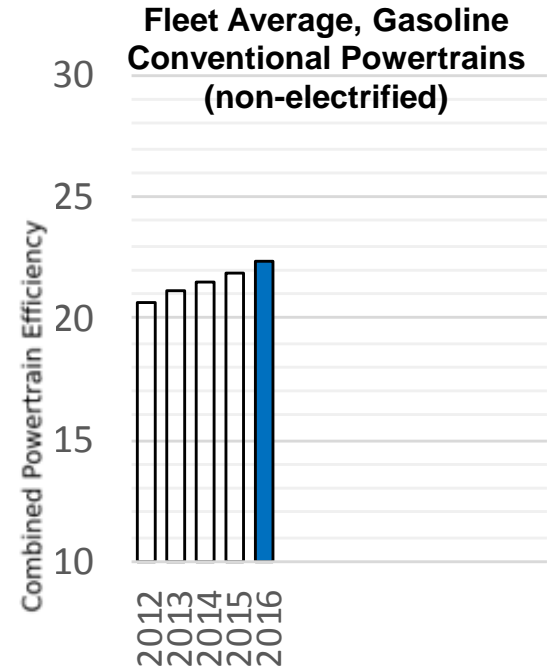
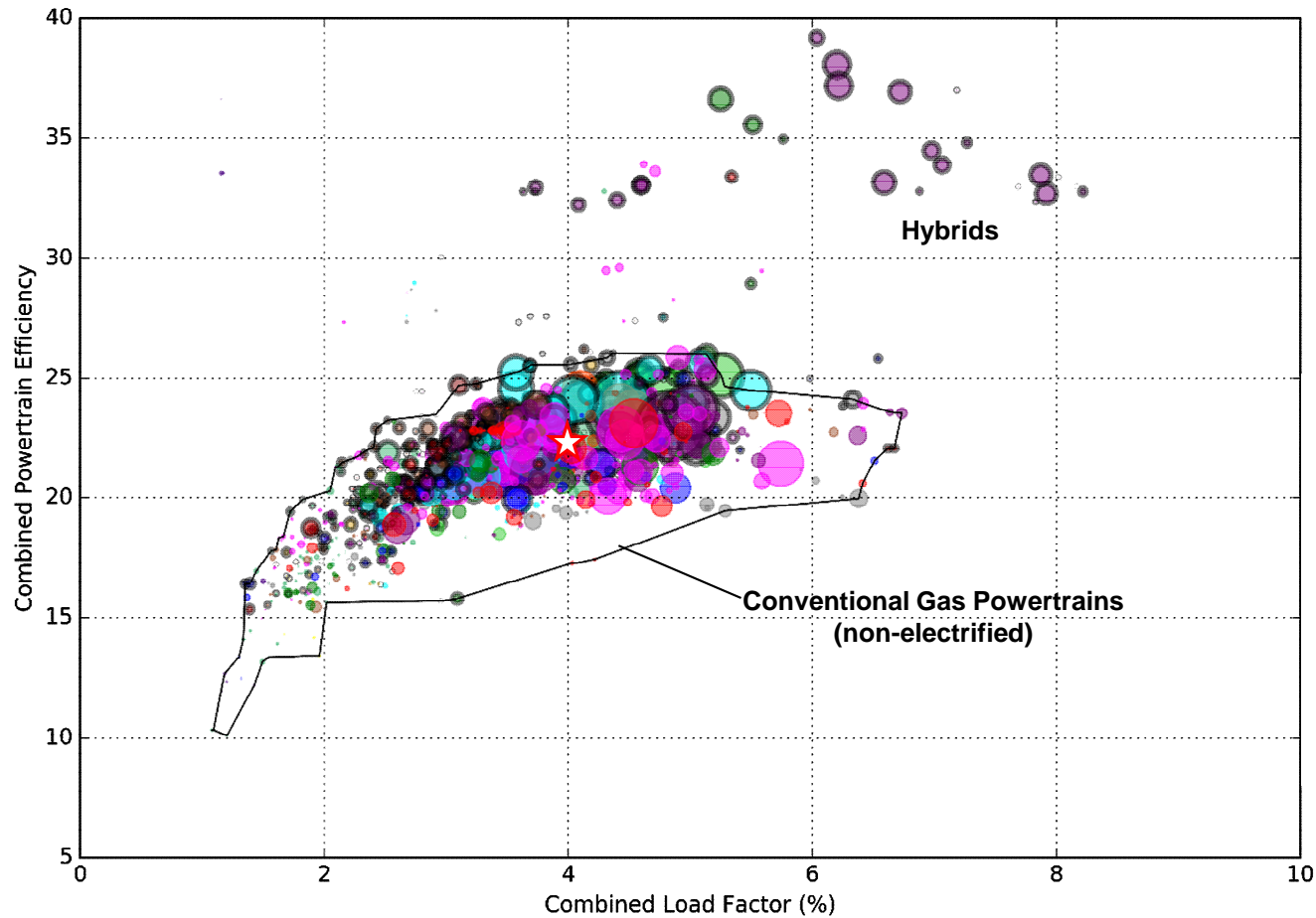
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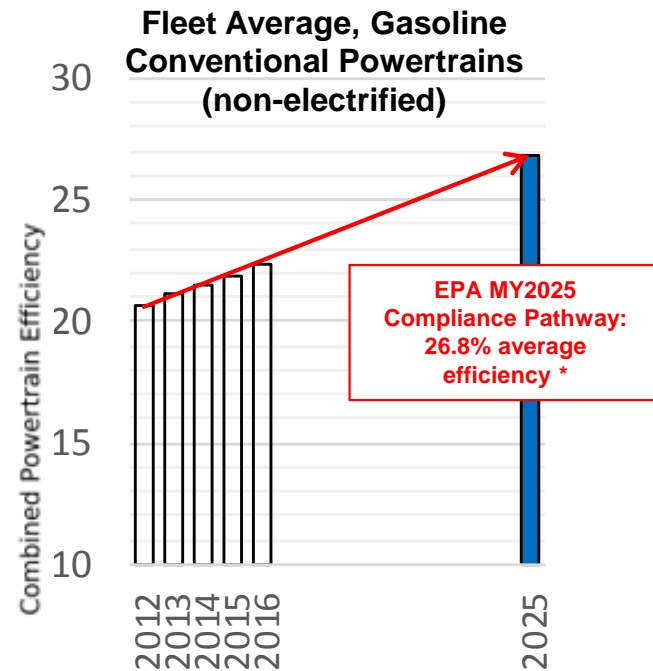
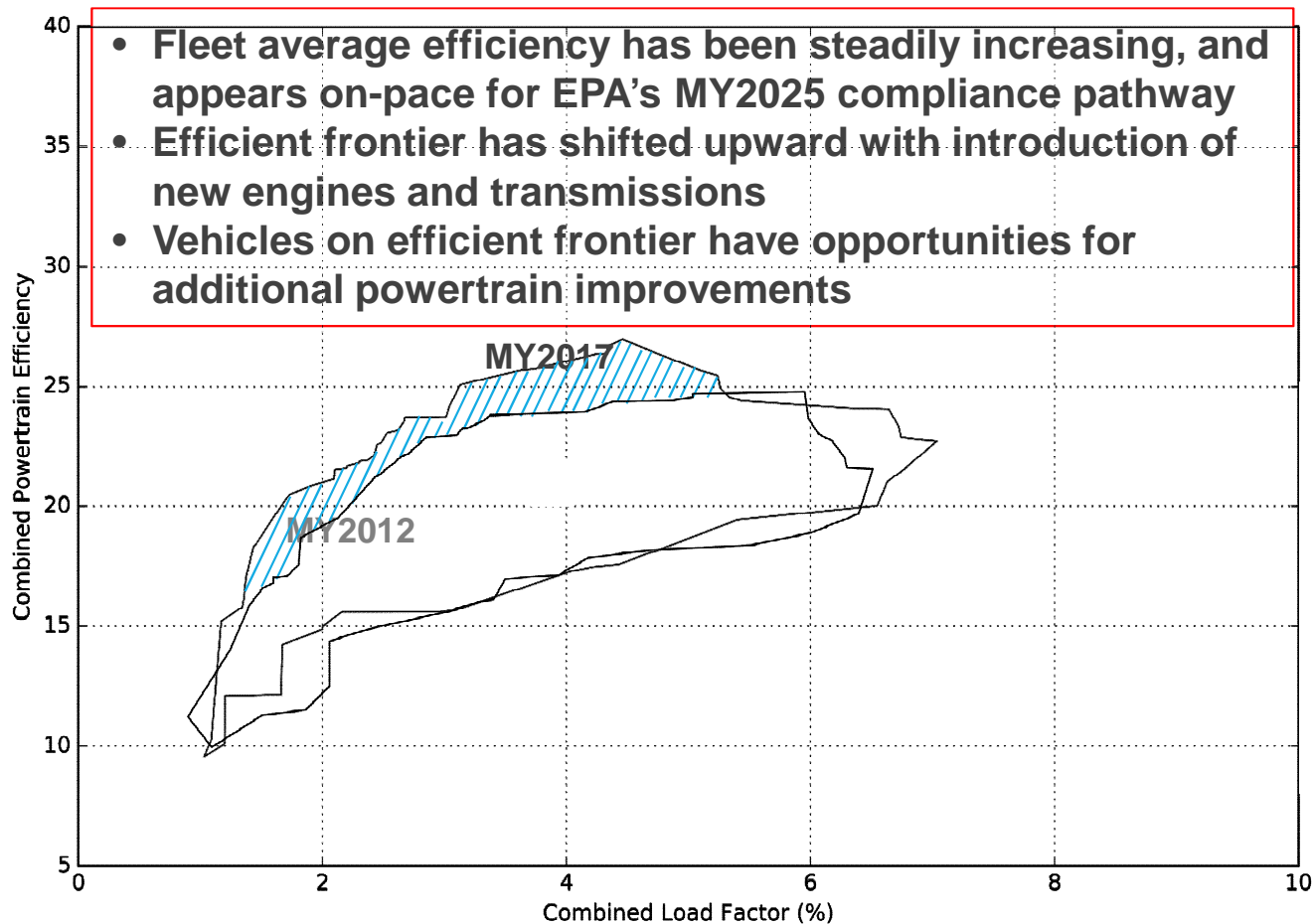
# Distribution of Fleet Powertrain Efficiencies MY2015



# Distribution of Fleet Powertrain Efficiencies MY2016



# Rate of Improvement in Fleet Powertrain Efficiencies MYs 2012 - 2016



\* EPA November 2016 Proposed Determination

**What comes next?**

# EPA's Reconsideration of the MTE Final Determination

**March 15, 2017** - EPA Administrator Pruitt issued a Notice announcing he will reconsider the EPA Final Determination published in January 2017:

*“ ... EPA has concluded that it is appropriate to **reconsider its Final Determination** in order to **allow additional consultation and coordination with NHTSA** in support of a national harmonized program.”*

*“In accord with the schedule set forth in EPA’s regulations, the **EPA intends to make a new Final Determination** regarding the appropriateness of the MY 2022-2025 GHG standards **no later than April 1, 2018.**”*



# EPA Continues its In-depth Evaluation of Advanced Powertrains

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## Component benchmarking efficiency maps:

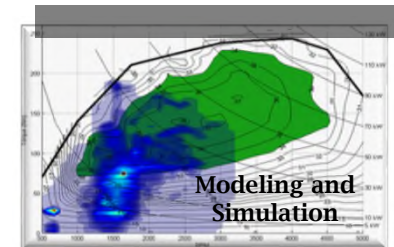
- MY2016 Mazda CX-9 2.5 liter GDI-turbo-charged w/ 6-speed AT
- MY2016 Honda Civic 1.5 liter GDI-turbo-charged 10.6:1 w/ CVT

## Vehicle level benchmarking:

- MY2016 Acura ILX w/dual-clutch transmission with torque converter
- MY2017 Ford F150 w/10 speed AT
- MY2016 Chevy Malibu w/1.5 liter GDI-turbo-charged w/ 6-speed AT

## Demonstration and Modeling:

- Demonstration of cooled EGR on a modified European Mazda 2.0 liter GDI-naturally-aspirated 14:1 CR engine
- GTPower modeling of a MY2012 PSA 1.6 liter GDI-turbo-charged engine with cooled EGR and an advanced turbo
- GTPower modeling of a MY2016 Honda Civic 1.5 liter GDI-turbo-charged 10.6:1 CR engine
- ALPHA model comparison of several CVTs
- ALPHA modeling of all vehicles included in above component and vehicle benchmarking



*Modeling and Simulation*

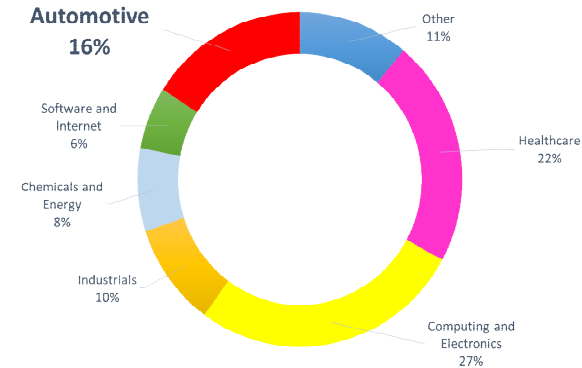
# Example technologies EPA has not yet considered in our on-going technical assessment.

## Potential to Consider New Technologies:

- Variable Compression Ratio – Nissan
- Electric supercharging – Valeo, Eaton, Audi
- 48 volt P2 hybrids – near strong HEV effectiveness at lower cost
- Lean-burn operation – several manufacturers are investigating
- Increased thermal management (e.g., waste heat recovery)
- Additional friction reduction:
  - Cam and crank roller bearings
  - Plasma Vapor Deposition (PVD) cylinder coating – already in production
- Water injection for knock mitigation – BMW
- Ball-based Continuously Variable Transmissions (Dana)

## Auto Industry 3<sup>rd</sup> largest sector for global R&D investment

> \$100 Billion/year, >\$270 Million/day



Source: Booz & Co.

## Thompson Reuters lists Fuel Economy among the 5 “hottest areas” of automotive innovation

- based on assessment of publications/inventions/patent filings



# Additional EPA Work Underway in Many Areas

- **Technology cost teardowns with FEV:** modern GDI turbo-downsized engine, advanced diesel engine, CVT
- Updates to OMEGA **cost-effectiveness optimization model** and ALPHA **full vehicle simulation model**
- Ongoing work to evaluate the **willingness to pay (WTP) for vehicle attributes** (e.g., power, fuel economy, size, etc).
  - Our review of 50+ papers from the last 20 years found very wide variation in these WTP values. Ongoing work evaluates what factors may contribute to this variation.
- **Ongoing evaluation of automotive reviews of MY2015 vehicle fuel efficient technologies**
  - Building upon EPA's study of MY2014 vehicles, we continue to find that positive evaluations for all technologies (70%) exceed negative evaluations of the technologies (18%)
- **Ongoing work to evaluate the vehicle miles traveled (VMT) rebound effect**
- Collaboration with Transport and Environment/Climate Change Canada on **mass reduction** and **aerodynamics**
- Continued evaluation of the vehicle fleet each year to assess technologies, emissions, and compliance
  - supporting EPA's forth-coming **MY2016 Manufacturer GHG Performance Report** and **2017 CO2/Fuel Economy Trends Report**