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OVERVIEW

- Project background and description
- Investigation of codes and standards for hydrogen and CNG for fueling facilities, testing facilities, storage and infrastructure.
- ADVISOR modeling software
- CNG and HCNG vehicle performance and emissions testing.
- Next Steps

H₂ Transportation Project Description

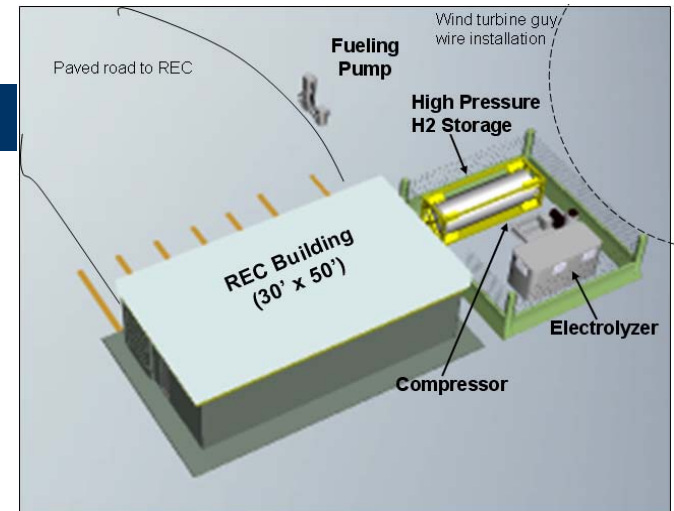
- Funded by NREL through the NSWEP Program.
- Investigate practical aspects of hydrogen production, storage and use in transportation applications.
 - Infrastructure assessments
- Investigate performance and emissions tradeoffs of CNG and HCNG.
- Collaborate with NREL to contribute data to technical data archive, update vehicle modeling tool.
- Collaborate with Washoe County Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) in their efforts to deploy hydrogen fueled fleet.
- Coordinate with NSWEP DRI REC project.

Partners/ Collaborators

- Washoe County Regional Transportation Commission (RTC)
 - Vehicles
 - Fuel (CNG)
 - Maintenance and Support
- Collier Technologies
 - HCNG conversion
 - Testing support and data analysis
- Jones West Ford
 - Use of chassis dynamometer
 - Maintenance

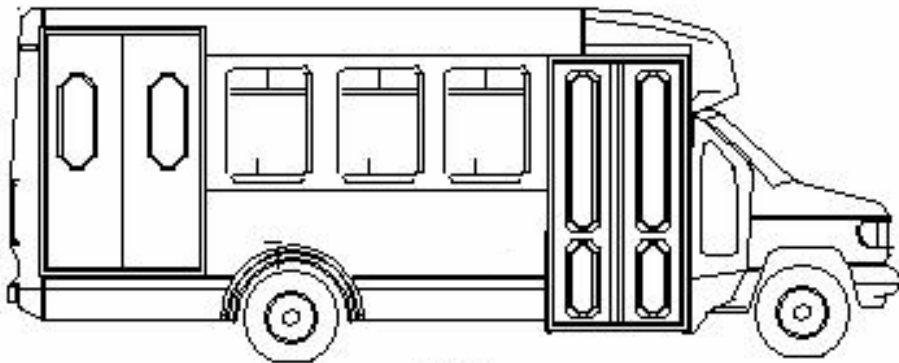
Infrastructure Assessment

- Infrastructure assessment for location of H₂ production, fueling or vehicle testing facility at DRI-REC
 - Permitting requirements
 - Codes and Standards
 - Station layout and suggested design
- Assessment of feasibility of various hydrogen production approaches at DRI-REC.
- Cost assessment and additional requirements for indoor testing facility.



Vehicle Description

- RTC donated two vehicles from their retired Paratransit fleet.
- 1998 Ford E-350 5.4L V8 ICE CNG, after-market conversion.
- 3,600 psi, 5 tanks store about 100 nominal gallons ~ 100-180 miles.
- Wheelchair lift requires additional 200 Amp alternator and 12 V battery.
- 250,000 + miles.



Testing and Modeling Overview

- 4 Phases of Performance and Emissions Testing
 - Two CNG vehicles “as-is”
 - Two baseline CNG vehicles with rebuilt engines.
 - One supercharged CNG vehicle.
 - One HCNG converted vehicle.
- Data collected will be interpreted into fuel and emissions maps that can be used in ADVISOR.
- Validate model with test results.



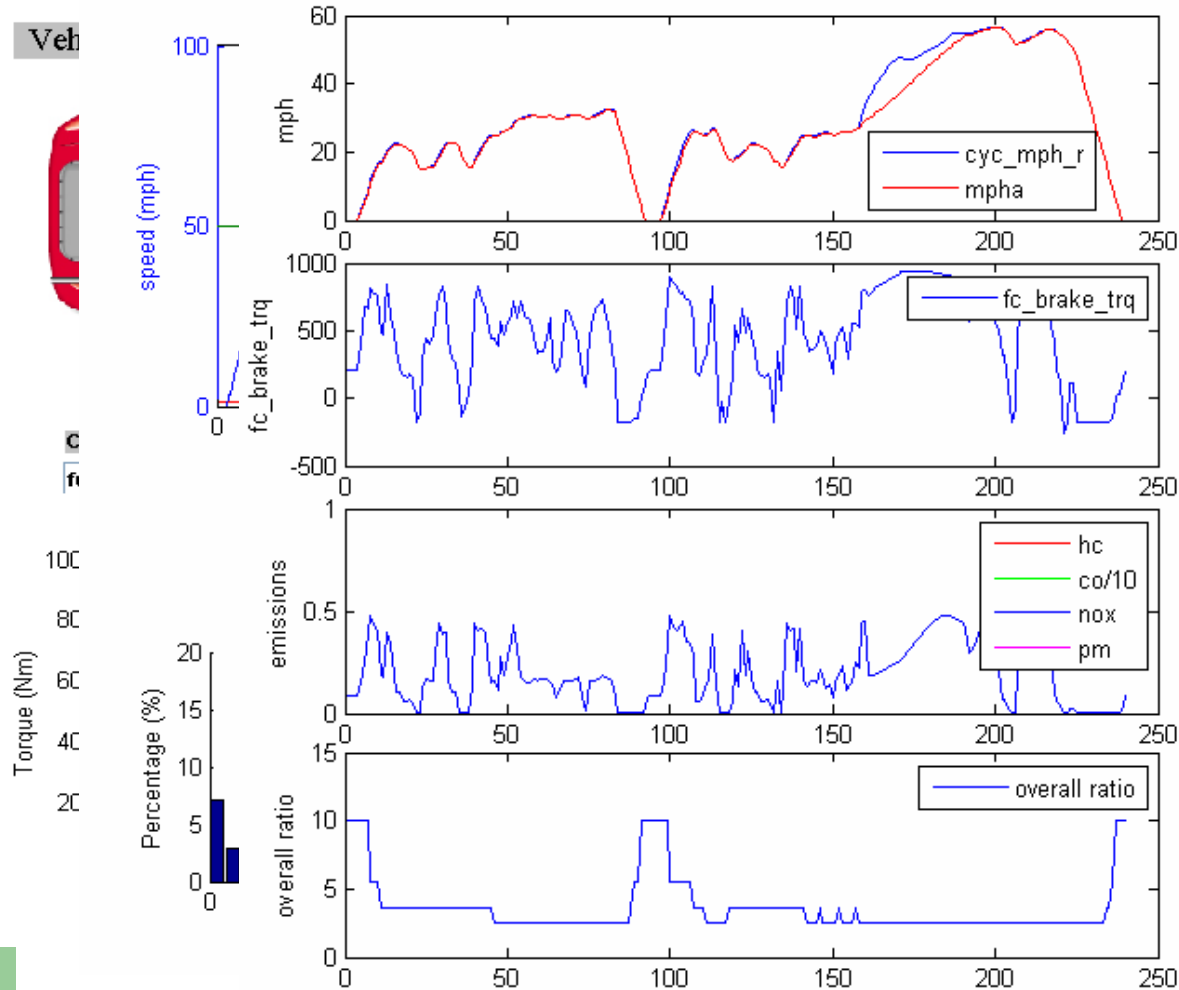
HCNG Conversion

- Collier Technologies
- HCNG– 30% Hydrogen by volume
- Supercharger w/ EGR, timing
- Emissions benefits, performance drawbacks.

Vehicle Modeling in ADVISOR



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Results figure

Compone

fuel_converter

Plot Variable (Select Axis)

fc_brake_trq # of plots

Fuel Economy (mpg)	1.6
Gasoline Equivalent	5.1
Distance (miles)	1.9

Emissions

Standards			
HC	CO	NOx	PM
0	0	24.962	0

Acceleration Test

0-60 mph (s):	n/a	Max. Accel.:	n/a
20-60 mph (s):	n/a	Distance in 5s:	n/a
40-60 mph (s):	n/a	Time in 0.25mi (s):	n/a
		Max. Speed (mph):	n/a

Gradeability: n/a %

Compare Results With:

Warnings/Messages

Missed Trace by > 2 mph (3.2 km/h)

Trace Miss Analysis:

Vehicle Modeling

- Preliminary CNG and HCNG modeling.
 - No data specific for 5.4L CNG
 - No data for HCNG
 - Data from an 8.1 L CNG/ HCNG converted engine was input and used.
- Update model with performance and emissions data from testing of both CNG and HCNG.
 - Fuel consumption/ efficiency maps
 - Emissions maps

Vehicle Testing

- Four phases of testing
 - Baseline testing of CNG vehicles prior to installation of rebuilt engines
 - CNG testing both vehicles with rebuilt engines
 - Supercharged CNG testing—one vehicle
 - HCNG testing— one vehicle
- Chassis dynamometer testing
 - IM240 drive cycle
 - Steady point tests to develop maps
 - Maximum power curve testing.
- Road testing –0-55 mph performance testing.



Testing Equipment

- AutoEnginuity OBDII Scanner
 - Vehicle Speed
 - Engine Speed
 - Mass Air Flow
 - Throttle Position
- 5 Gas Analyzer
 - CO₂
 - CO
 - O₂
 - NO_x
 - HC
 - Lambda
 - RPM
 - Exhaust Temp
- Dynamometer Software
 - Engine RPM (via tach.)
 - Horsepower (from rollers)
 - Vehicle speed (roller speed)



Results To-Date

- Testing of baseline CNG vehicle.
- Testing of supercharged CNG vehicle.
- Conversion to HCNG.

Next Steps

- Testing of HCNG vehicle.
- Developing engine and emissions map to update ADVISOR model
- Modeling hybrid vehicles.



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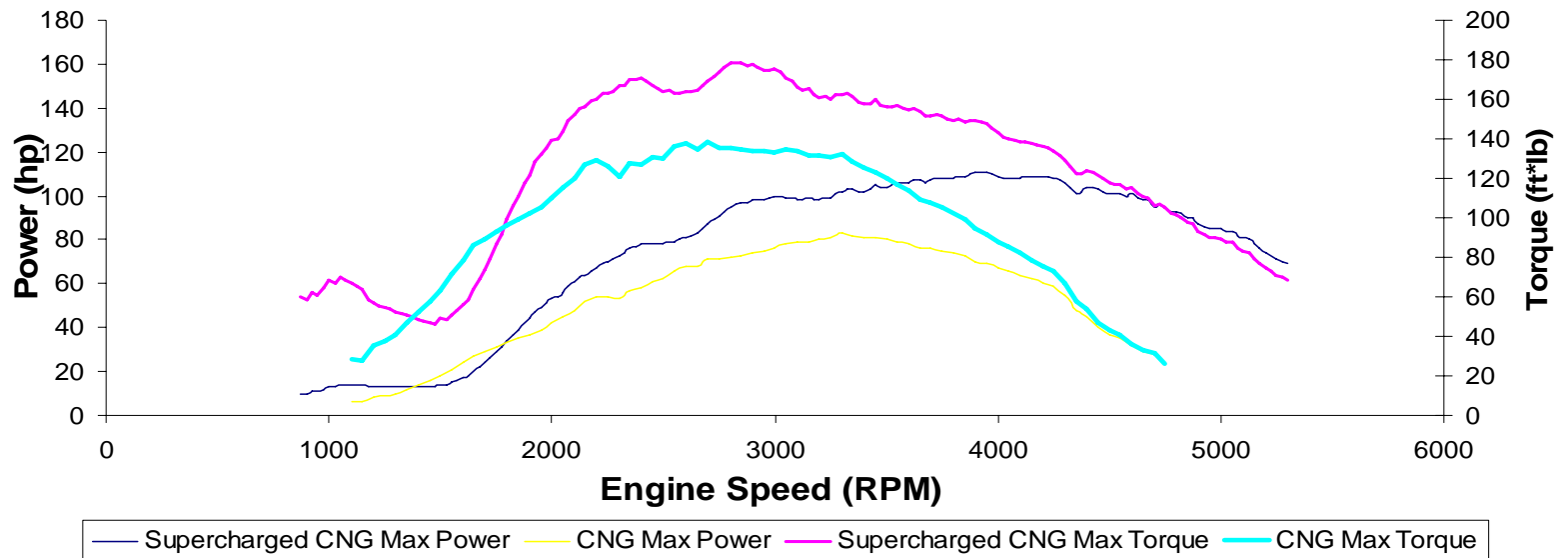


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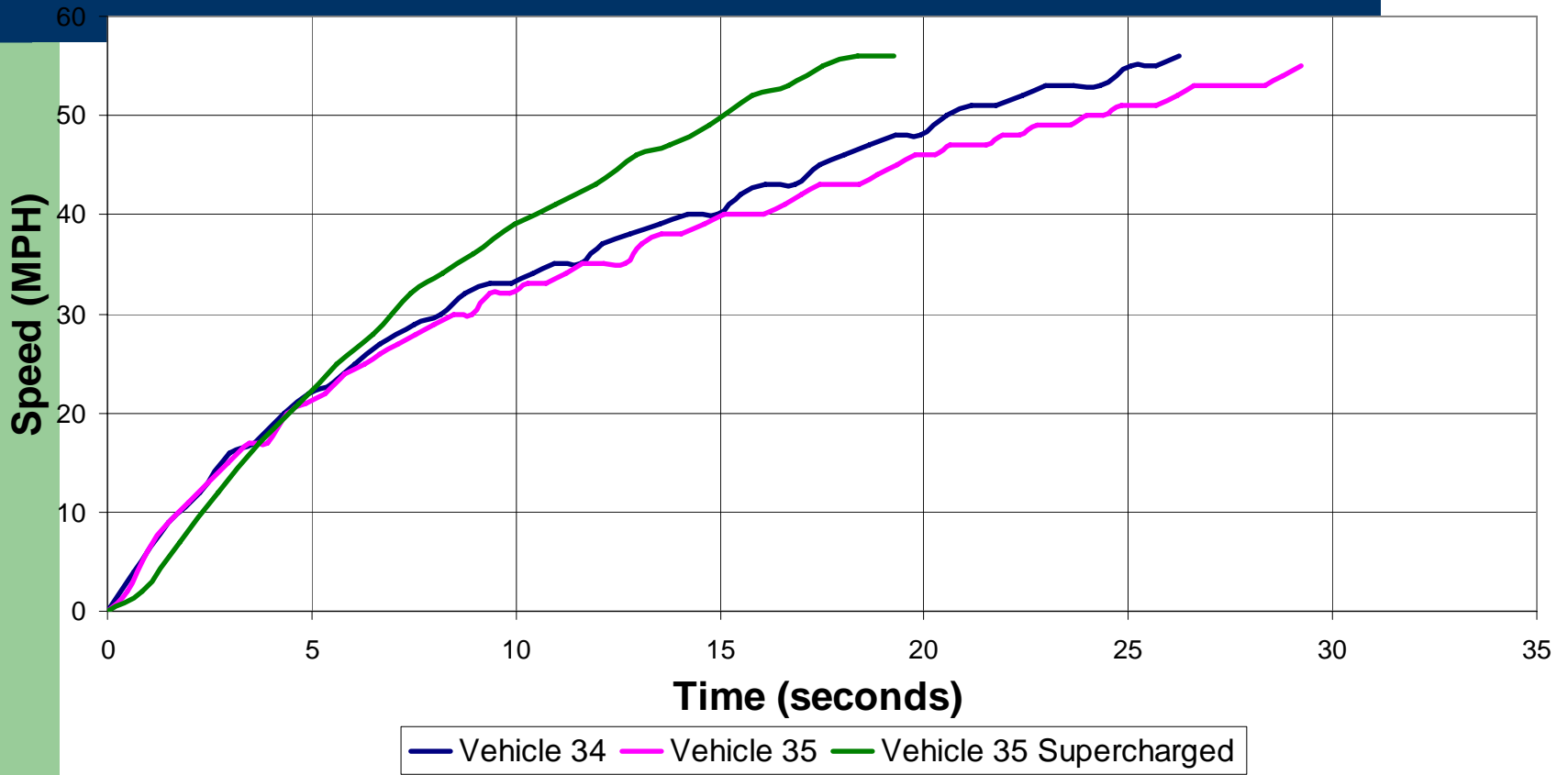
Maximum Power

Max Torque and Power Curves Supercharged CNG v. Baseline CNG

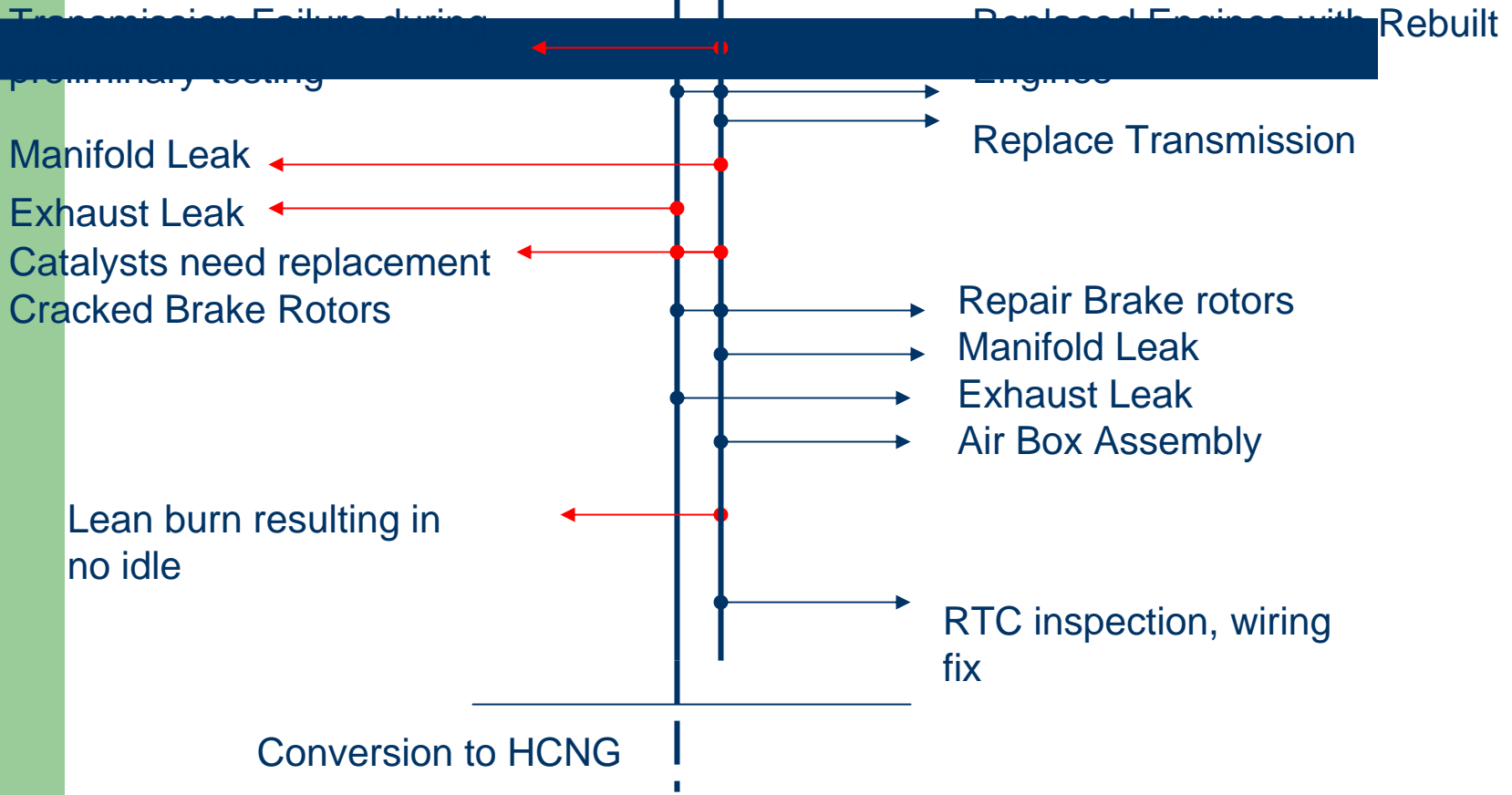


Performance Results

CNG v. Supercharged CNG 0-55 mph Acceleration Tests



Vehicle Maintenance



Additional Problems: Cold starts, batteries, ABS