



# Creating a Sustainable Future for the IC Engine through Electrification

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# **The Challenge:**



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# **Massive Reductions in CO<sub>2</sub> are Required**

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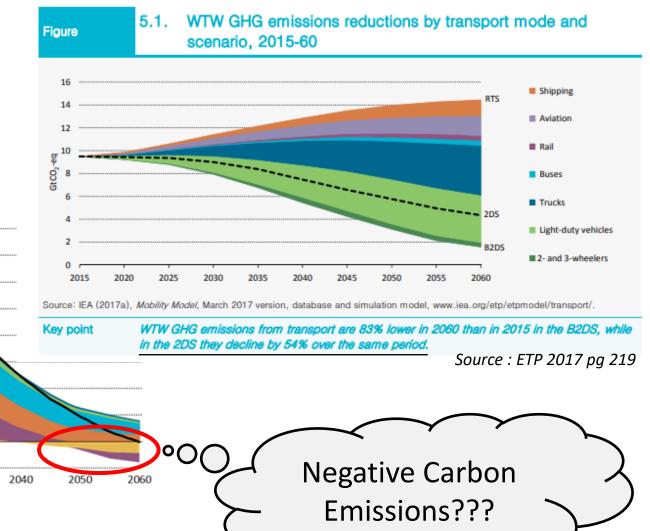
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2014 2020

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The  $CO_2$  reduction required for the 2 Degree Scenario is astounding (54%); the level required for Beyond 2 Degrees Scenario is even larger (83%)

Path to  $CO_2$  reductions is being driven by regulations



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2014 2020

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Other transformation

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#### How Do We Currently Evaluate Passenger Cars?

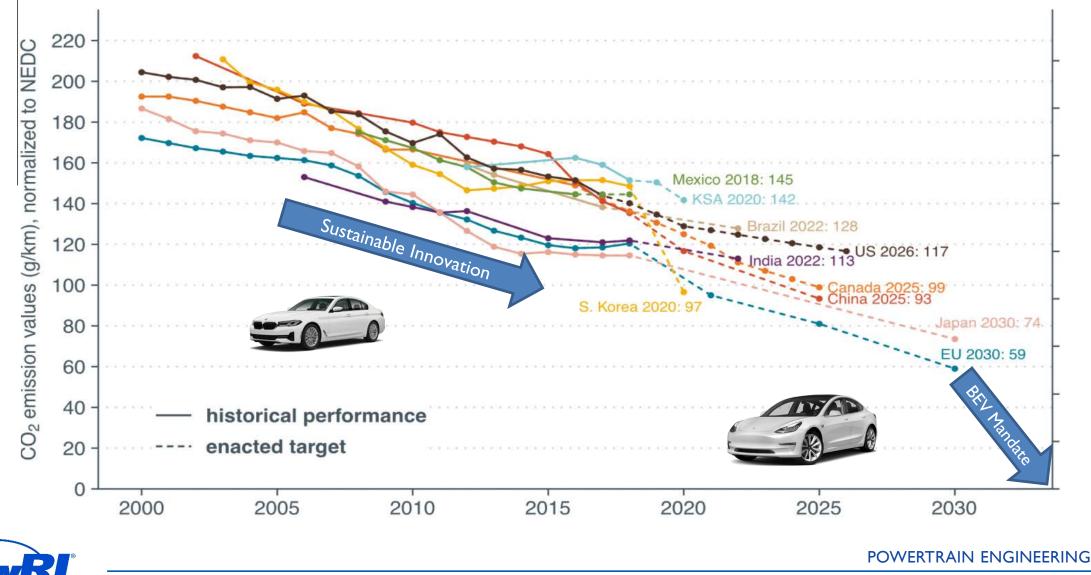
- GHG emissions are measured at the vehicle's tailpipe
- When the 'box' is drawn around the vehicle the conclusion is obvious
  - With no tailpipe, electric vehicles are defined as 'zero' emissions







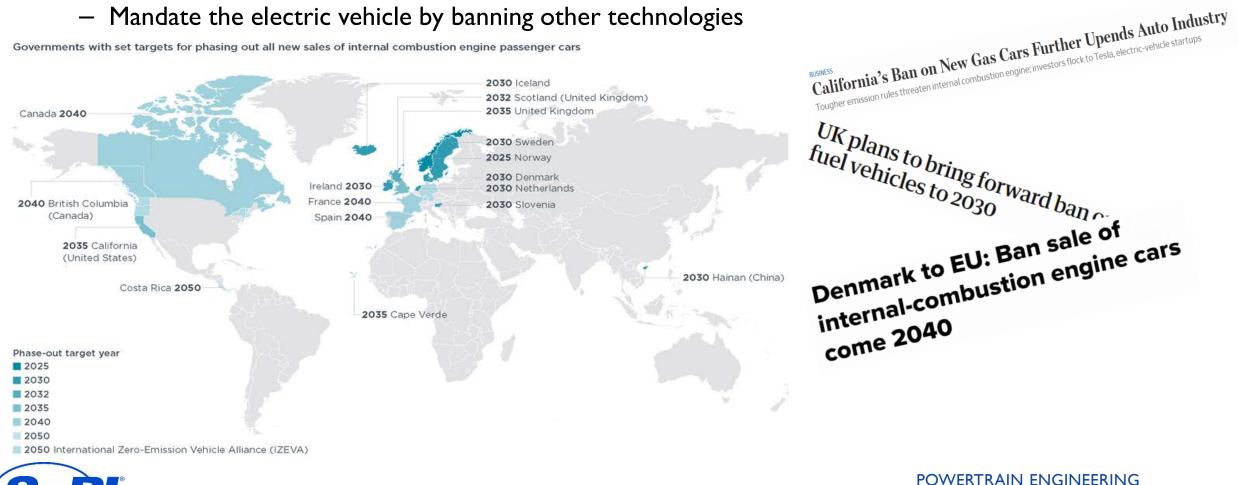
# **CO<sub>2</sub> Regulations (Tailpipe)**



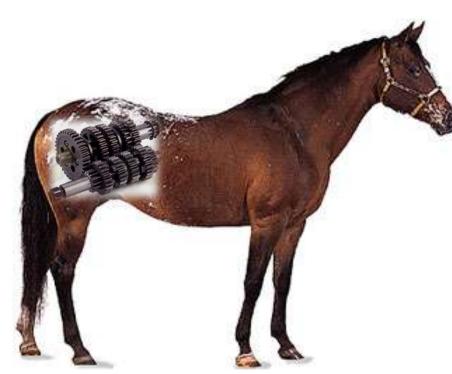
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## **Evolutionary Improvements Do Not Proceed at a Pace Fast Enough for Some Regulators**

By defining electric vehicles as 'zero emissions' the path forward is obvious to rule makers



# How Do We Determine What is Really Carbon-Neutral or "Zero $CO_2$ "?

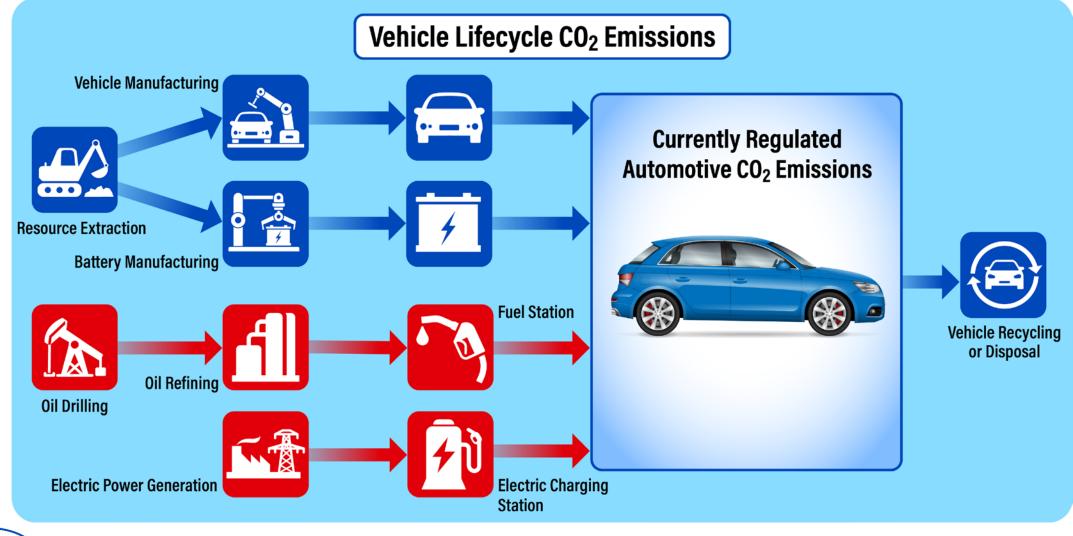


- Horse
  - 4 mph walk
  - 55 L lung capacity (11 L usable)
  - 36 breaths per minute
  - 5,940 liters per mile
    - CO<sub>2</sub> concentration 4.5% higher in exhaust
    - CO<sub>2</sub> density 1.98 g/L
  - 530 g/mile CO<sub>2</sub>
    - (16.8 mpg equivalent)
- Potential Improvement
  - 2-3 speed transmission could cut  $CO_2$  emission by 50%
- Is this a renewable resource? How can we understand what net  $CO_2$  is generated?



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#### Using Life Cycle Analysis to Minimize Net CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions





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#### **Embracing the Power of "and"** ...

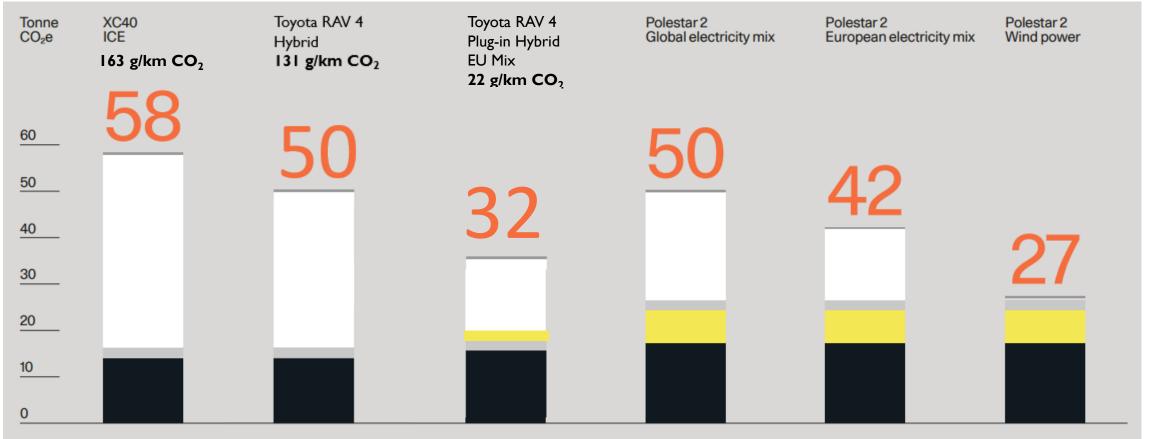








- Materials production
- Li-ion battery modules
- Manufacturing
- □ Use phase
- End-of-life



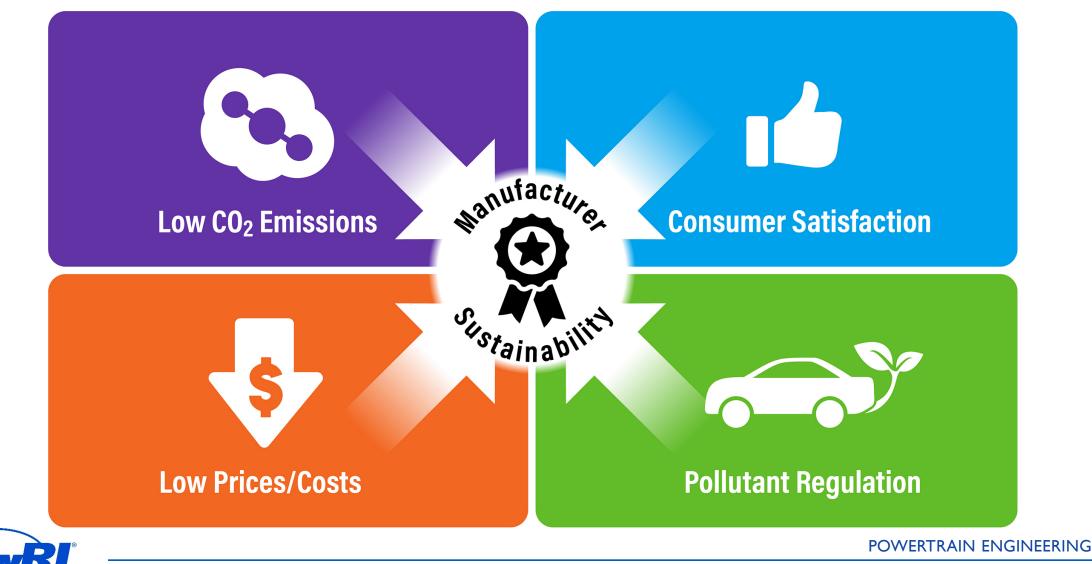


https://www.polestar.com/dato-assets/11286/1600176185-20200915polestarlcafinala.pdf HEV and PHEV added to original dataset based of fuel economy data https://www.toyota.co.uk/

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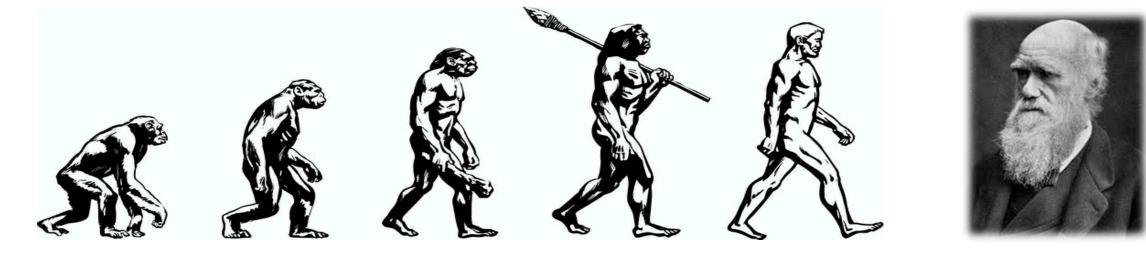
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#### Embracing "AND" Sustainability is not just about Low CO<sub>2</sub> technology



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#### **The Engine Must Evolve**





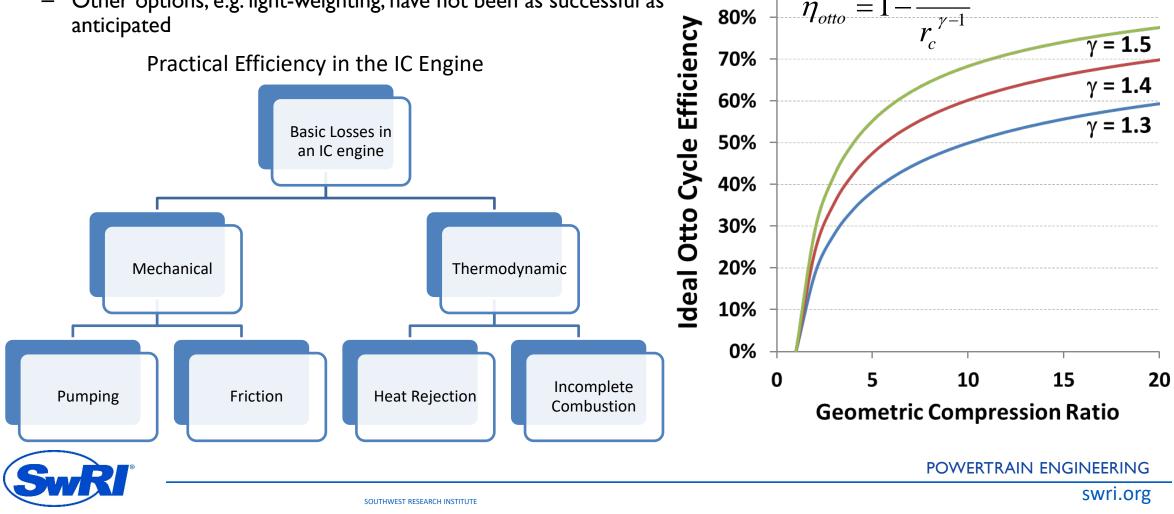
#### Its final form depends on the environment



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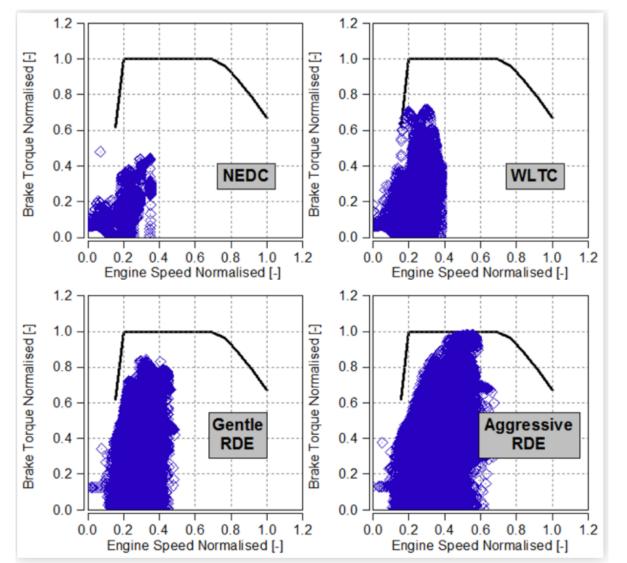
# **Can We Get to the Future with IC-Only?**

- Probably not
  - Reaching the point of diminishing returns on ICE efficiency improvements
  - Combustion options constrained to meet criteria pollutant targets
  - Other options, e.g. light-weighting, have not been as successful as anticipated

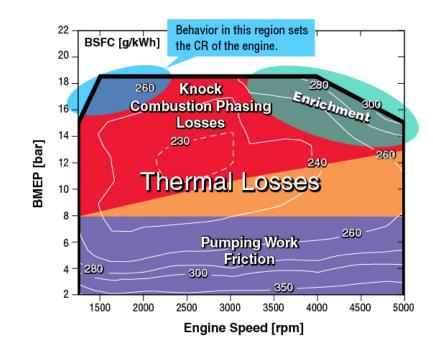


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# **Engine Utilization**



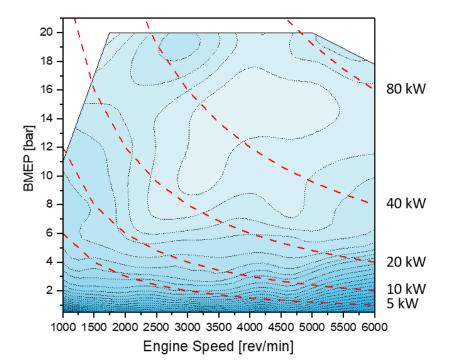
- High-load operation results in compromises that limit engine efficiency
  - Not employed very often
  - Is there another way?



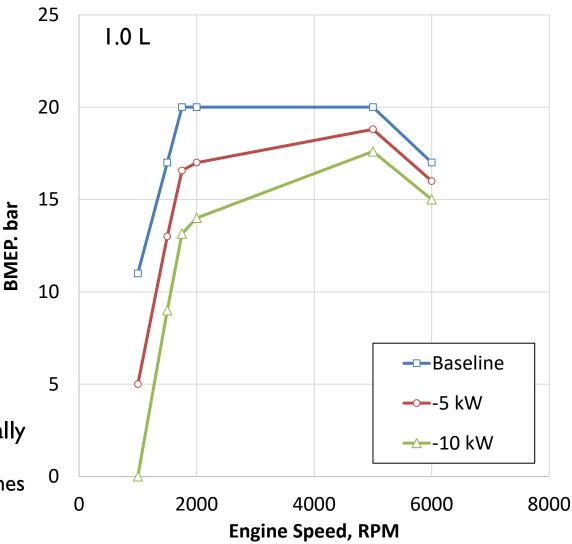
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#### Modify the Torque Curve for a Dedicated Hybrid ICE



- 48 V P2 MHEV can support around 25 kW power addition
- Just 5 kW of crankshaft power-assist can dramatically reduce the low end-torque requirement
  - The effect is greater for smaller displacement engines

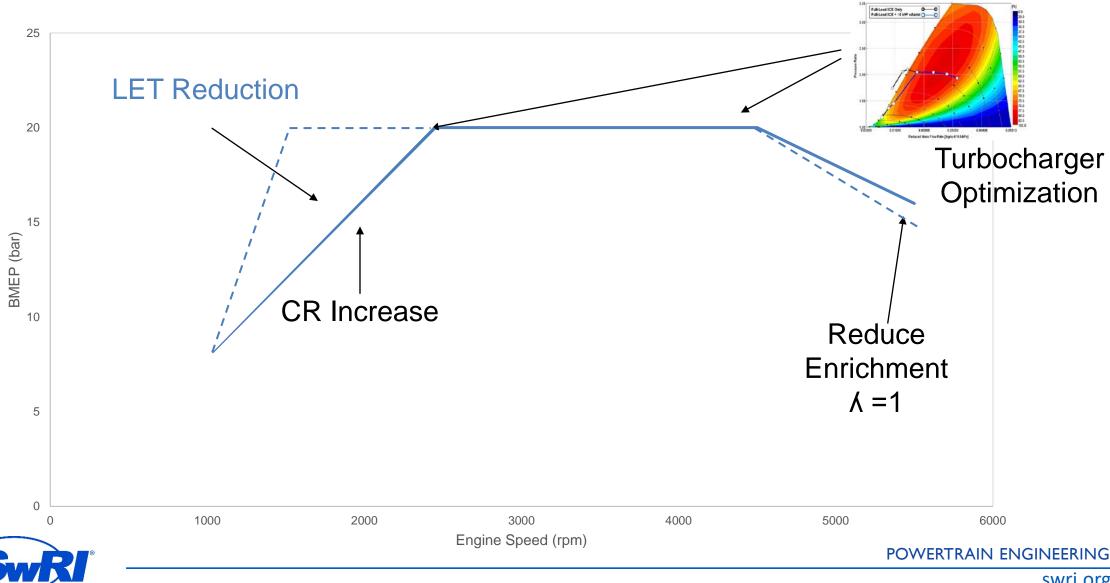




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#### **Efficiency Potential with the Dedicated Hybrid ICE**

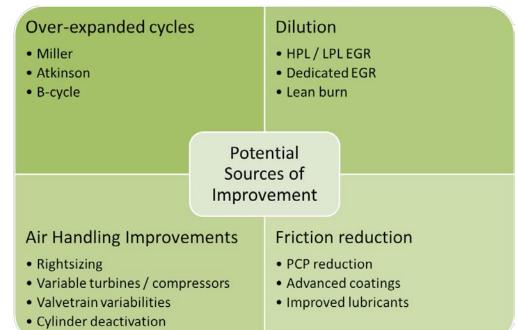


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# **Enabling Other Technologies**

- Over-expanded and Dilute applications often suffer from boosting challenges
  - Improved turbo match or electric-assisted boosting with a Dedicated Hybrid optimized torque curve
- Reduction in transient severity using electric machines may make alternative combustion modes possible
  - SACI, etc.
- Many other opportunities for synergies with electric machines and energy storage
  - Electrified components for reduced friction
  - WHR devices coupled to EST devices
- CAV applications will benefit from the flexibility offered by xHEVs



	Over-Expanded Cycles	EGR	Lean Burn
Knock	++	+++	+
Heat Transfer / $\gamma$ impact	0	++	+++
Pumping	++	+	+++
Emissions	0	++	



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## **Electrification is the KEY to UNLOCK ICE Potential**

- Regulatory environment is moving quickly to favor xEVs
  - ICE-only has significant regulatory challenges
  - Mass adoption of BEVs presents some challenges
    - Cost, customer acceptance, materials sourcing
- Combining an ICE with electric machines is the logical, most cost-effective path for high efficiency vehicles
  - Benefits of energy dense, relatively cheap petroleum combined with efficiency improvements from electrification
  - Significant room for innovation
- A low power density, high efficiency ICE designed to be mated with an electric machine and on-board energy storage may offer a sustainable combination of low life-cycle CO<sub>2</sub> and good performance at the lowest cost





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