# China's Energy-efficient Vehicles Technology Roadmap<sup>1</sup>

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# Energy-efficient Vehicles Technology Roadmap<sup>1</sup>

# **General Strategy**

- Focus on hybrid technologies, support powertrain optimization and upgrades, friction reduction and advanced electronic and electrical technologies, and comprehensively enhance energy-saving technologies and fuel economy in traditional vehicles.
- Combine structural and technical energy conservation, and accelerate promoting compact cars and smaller to significantly increase the proportion of small cars.
- Target natural gas vehicles as an initial initiative, moderately develop the alternative fuel vehicles, and increase low carbon and diversification in fuels to reduce China's dependence on petroleum.

### Energy-efficient Vehicles\_ Goals, Paths and Priorities

## **Development Goals**

# Average fuel consumption of passenger cars:

2020: 5.0L/100km

2025: 4.0L/100km

2030: 3.2L/100km

# Average fuel consumption of commercial cars compared to 2015:

• 2020: reducing 10%

2025: reducing 15%

• 2030: reducing 20%

#### Market share of energyefficient cars:

• 2020: 30%

• 2025: 40%

• 2030: 50%

### **Technology Paths**

# **Energy-efficient passenger** cars:

- Improve the engine thermal efficiency
- Optimize the powertrain match
- Reduce heat loss
- Reduce energy loss
- Improve the efficiency of hybrid systems

# Energy-efficient commercial cars:

- Improve the thermal efficiency of diesel engines
- Reduce energy loss
- Hybrid systems

### **Development Priorities**

- Combustion mechanism of advanced ICEs\*
- Autonomous control systems
- Entirely variable valve technologies
- Waste energy recovery
- Engine thermal management
- Automation, high efficiency and core-component technologies of transmissions
- Low friction
- Superchargers and their applications
- Advanced fuel injection systems
- 48V systems
- Hybrid engines
- Hybrid electromechanical coupling technologies

#### Remark:

\*: ICE is the abbreviation of Internal Combustion Engine



## Energy-efficient Vehicles\_ Pathways to Energy Conservation

**Six pathways to energy conservation for passenger cars**: lightweight and miniaturization, vigorously develop hybrid engines, powertrain optimization and upgrade, electronic and electrical conservation, friction reduction, and alternative fuels.

#### **Lightweight and Miniaturization:**

- Over 55% in 2020, 60% in 2025, and 70% in 2030 of the compact cars and the smaller
- Accelerate the application of lightweight products, technologies and processes.

#### **Vigorously Develop Hybrid Engines:**

- Market share up to 8% and fuel consumption as low as 4.0L/100km in 2020
- 20% and 3.6L/100km in 2025
- 25% and 3.3L/100km in 2030





#### **Powertrain Optimization and Upgrade:**

- Engine thermal efficiency up to 40% in 2020
- 44% in 2025
- 48% in 2030 by HCCI\* technology

#### **Electronic and Electrical Conservation:**

- Develop 48V system
- Standardize the electric air conditioning, EPS technology etc.
- Study on sustained electricity loss

#### **Friction Reduction:**

- Lower rolling resistance in the short term
- Lower inner resistance in the middle term
- Lower wind resistance in the long term

#### **Alternative Fuels:**

- Mainly use natural gas
- Up to 8% in 2030

#### Remark:

\*: HCCI is the abbreviation of Homogeneous Charge Compression Ignition



# Energy-efficient Vehicles\_ Pathways to Energy Conservation

**Six pathways to energy conservation for commercial cars**: powertrain optimization and upgrade, gradually develop hybrid engines, aerodynamic optimization, energy reduction, alternative fuels and continuously promote lightweight.

#### **Powertrain Optimization and Upgrade:**

- Engine thermal efficient up to 50% through developing highpressure, low-speed and high-twist engines, optimizing electric control, reducing rear axle ratio
- 52% through engine thermal management technologies
- 55% through the Rankine cycle

#### **Alternative Fuels:**

- Moderately and stably use natural gas
- Demonstration and pilot applications

#### **Continuously Promote Lightweight**

#### **Aerodynamic Optimization:**

- Low rolling resistance in the short term
- Streamlined design and optimization in the mid-long term

#### **Gradually Develop Hybrid Engines:**

- Study on system configuration and core components
- Gradually extend to commercial cars with lower cost in the mid-long term





#### **Energy Reduction:**

- Track the new energy-saving technologies, such as lined up vehicles and improved transport efficiency
- Gradually applied when the intelligent network technology is mature



# Energy-efficient Vehicles\_ Technology Innovation Requirements

Project Types	Technology Innovation Requirements	Priority Measures
Foundation	<ul><li>New engine combustion theory</li><li>New optimized engine structure design</li><li>New fuel application</li></ul>	<ul> <li>New optimized engine structures and combustion theory</li> <li>High efficient powertrains</li> <li>Advanced electronic and electrical technologies</li> <li>Promotion and demonstration of the advanced energy-saving cars</li> <li>Common platforms with electronic control, test and calibration</li> </ul>
Application	<ul> <li>New engines and the core components</li> <li>High efficient transmissions and the core components</li> <li>Hybrid engines</li> <li>Commercial powertrains carrying medium and large diesels</li> <li>48V systems and the core components</li> <li>Vehicle power management systems</li> <li>Intelligent, electronic and low-energy accessory systems</li> <li>Key electronic and electrical equipment to improve the operating efficiency in commercial cars</li> </ul>	
Demonstration and industrialization	<ul> <li>Industrialization and application of key technologies and key assemblies</li> <li>Promotion and demonstration of the advanced energy-saving cars</li> </ul>	
Common platform	<ul> <li>Develop platforms with electronic control, test and calibration</li> <li>Develop the control strategy software, models, hardware-in-the-loop testing, intelligent calibration</li> </ul>	

