



# PA Discussion Topics

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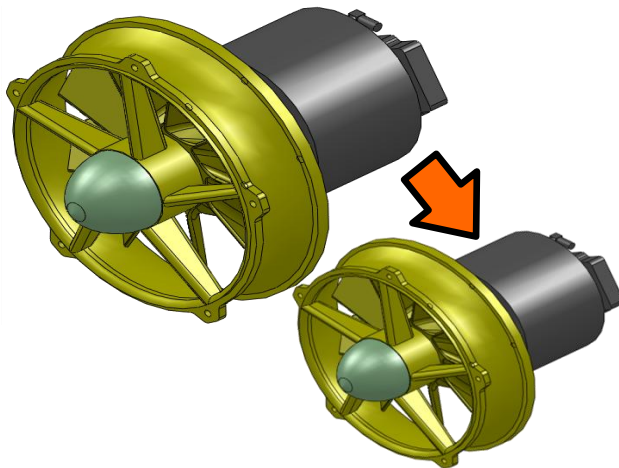
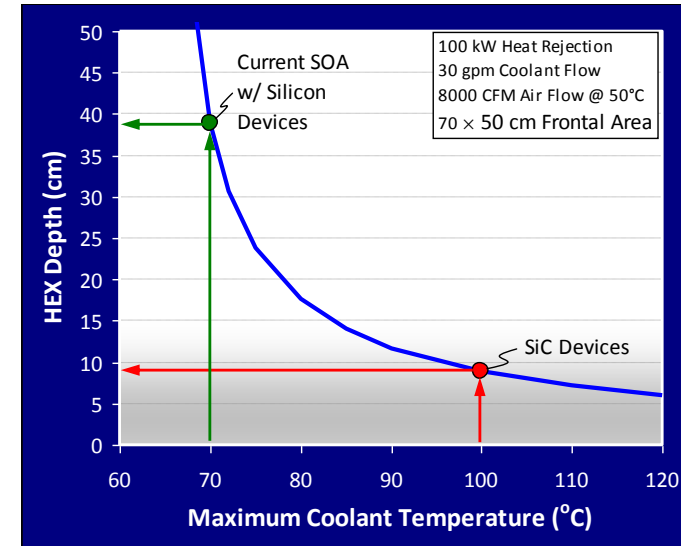


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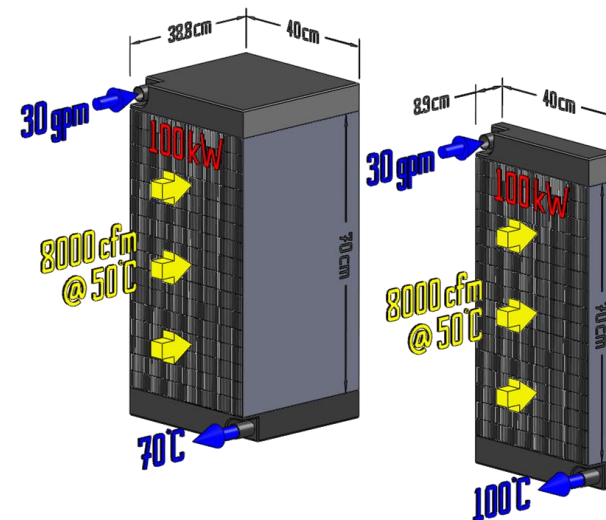
| Organization | Title                                                            | TARDEC Position                                                                       |
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| ADD-TARDEC   | High Performance Power Electronics Based on SiC(Silicon Carbide) | TARDEC has a program – Continue discussion                                            |
| ADD-TARDEC   | Thermal Management System for Hybrid Electric Vehicles           | TARDEC has a program – Continue discussion                                            |
| ADD-TARDEC   | Electro-Mechanical Transmission                                  | TARDEC has interest, skills and personnel, but no program – lower priority discussion |
| ADD-TARDEC   | Network Centric Military Energy Control (NCMEC)                  | Future discussion                                                                     |
| ADD-TARDEC   | M&S for Hybrid Electric Vehicles                                 | Future discussion                                                                     |
| TARDEC-ADD   | Battery Research                                                 | TARDEC has a program – Continue discussion                                            |
| TARDEC-ADD   | Fuel Cell Based Auxiliary Power                                  | TARDEC has a program – Continue discussion                                            |
| TARDEC-ADD   | Fuel Cell Based Robot Power                                      | TARDEC has a program – Continue discussion                                            |

Si based power electronics require coolant inlet Temperature not to exceed 70°C resulting in large cooling system size

SiC can operate at much higher temperatures ( $\geq 100^{\circ}\text{C}$ ) thus reducing the size of the cooling system by half



Advanced SiC Components will Reduce the Power Electronics Cooling Burden

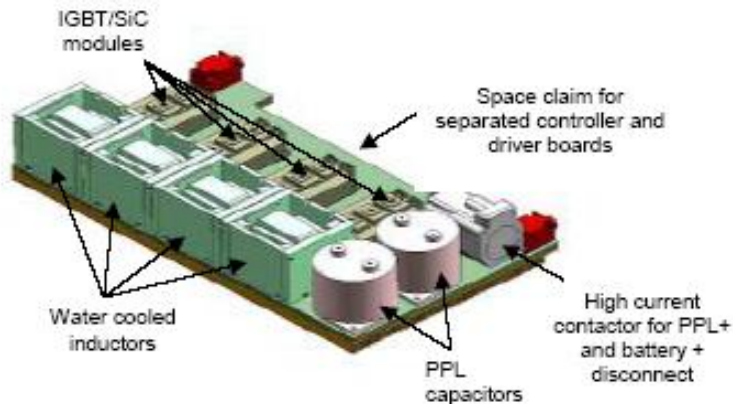


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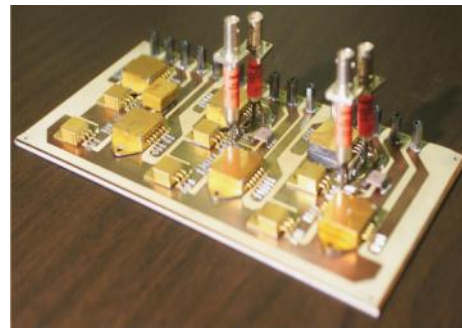
Thrust is SiC to overcome:

- Thermal issues
- Efficiency
- Low frequency requiring large capacitors
- Low power density

Approach: Develop power devices using SiC diodes as an interim step  
Develop All SiC motor drives and DC-DC converters as the device technology matures



100 kW Si/Si-C hybrid  
DC-DC converter



All-Si-C motor-drive  
inverter



SiC PiN Diode Module

Battery Bus Bars



Controller Board

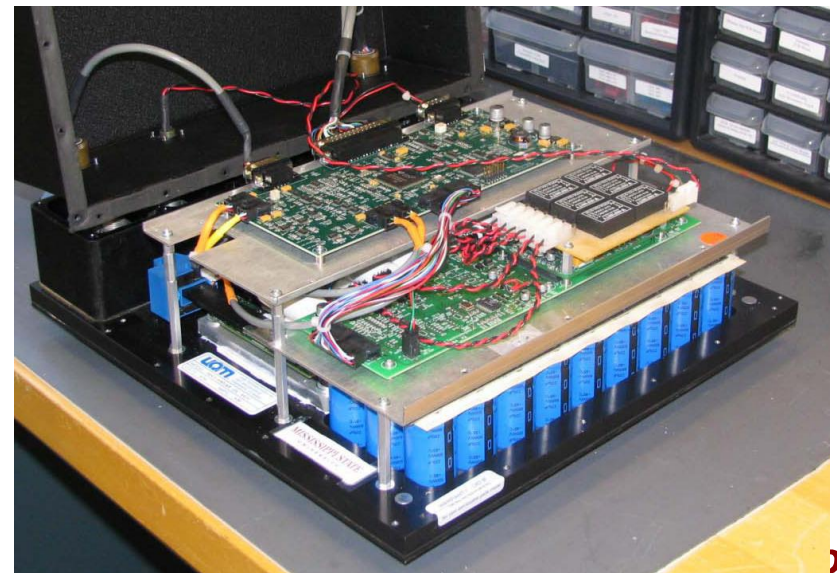
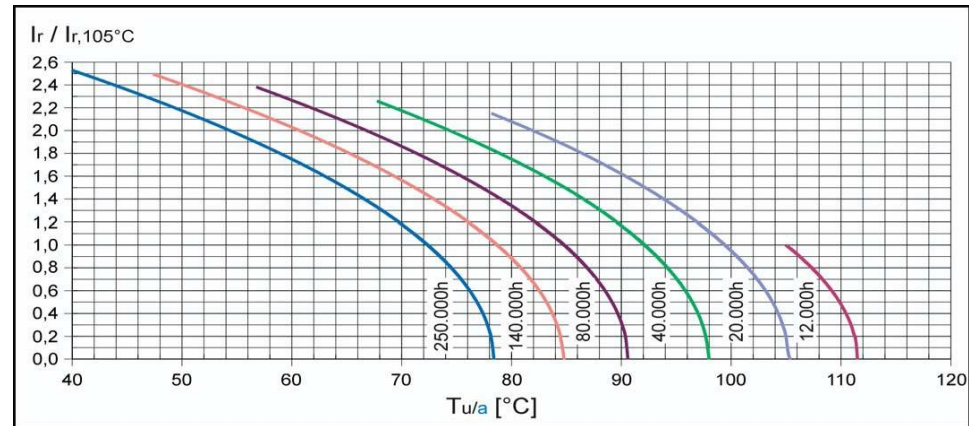
PPL Bus Bars

Power, Signal and Cooling Connection Area

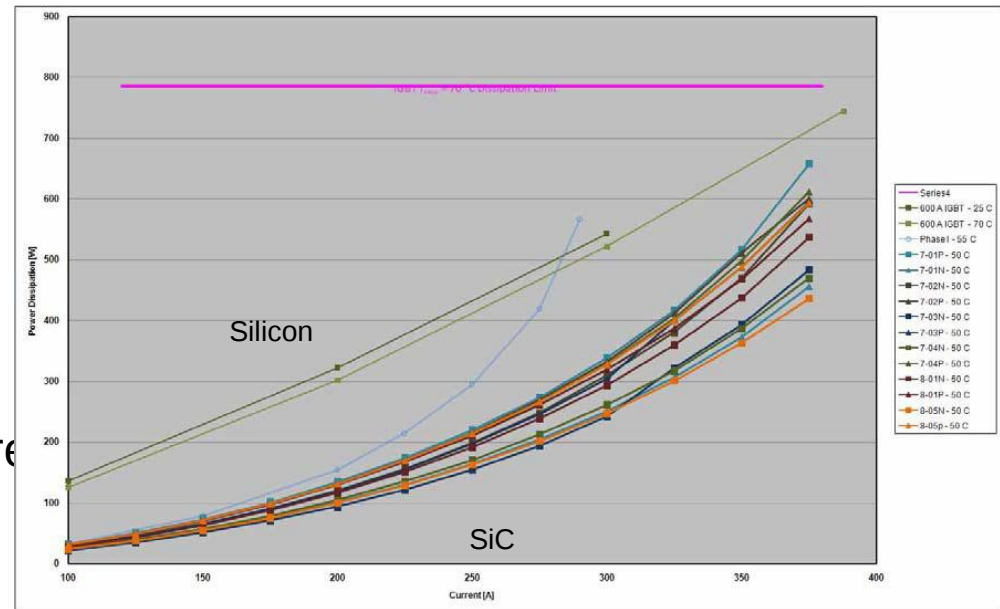
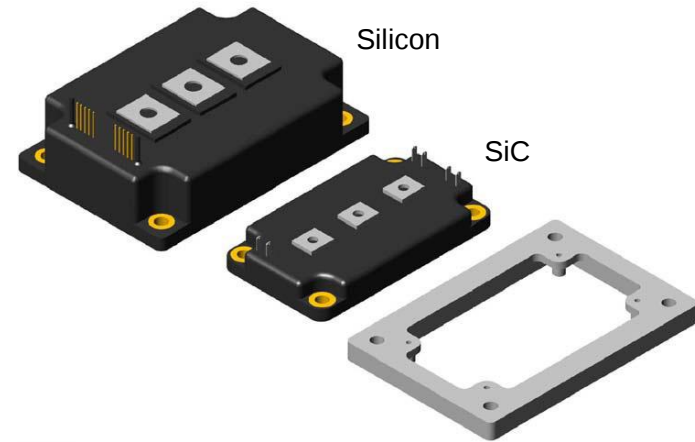
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- **Military export power applications require high capacitance when available energy storage is minimal or absent**
  - High temperature electrolytic power capacitors – progress in this area shown to the right
  - Address capacitance per unit volume for power density
- **Other required high temperature devices**
  - Integrated circuit chips
  - Current sensors
  - Signal capacitors

Capacitor Life/Temp Curves



- **Technology successfully demonstrated by UQM/MSU team:**
  - 30 kW of power from SiC JFETs
  - Reduced losses compared to silicon IGBT technology
- **Next Generation devices now available**
  - 1200 V enhancement-mode JFETs (“normally off”)
  - Larger die size ( $<0.1 \Omega$ )  
Leading to manufacturing improvement
  - Maximum junction temperature of 200 degrees C





# Silicon Carbide Development Issues



## ▪ Material Quality and Size:

- SiC material has high concentrations of dislocation defects
- Micropipe density is still routinely 2-5/cm<sup>2</sup> which limits current carrying capacity to about 20 Amps  
(material with fewer defects is available at higher cost)
- Material improvement is essential to improve yield and reduce costs
- Significant cost reduction possible if size can be increased to 150 mm. diameter

## ▪ Device Development

- MOSFETS: Historically have reliability issues at high temperatures.  
Cost and yield are still issues
- JFETs: no known critical reliability issues
- BJTs: unreliable due to basal plane defects, but material has been improved
- Thyristors: may be useful for very high power applications (utilities and pulsed power)

## ▪ Current Ratings

- 20A SiC MOSFETS are commercially available
- 20A – 50A SiC diodes are commercially available
- 15A Normall-off JFETs are available now (higher current devices are not yet available)

Ultimately 50-200A individual switches and 300A-1400A switch modules are required

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- **OBJECTIVES:**

- Reduce Thermal Burden on Vehicles*
  - Reduce Converter Operating Power*

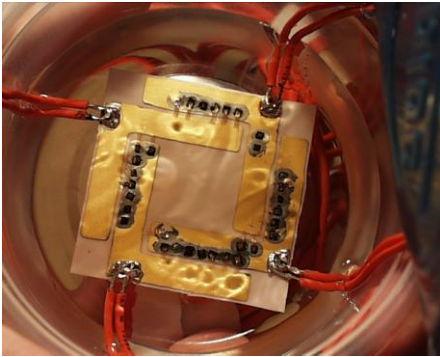


- **APPROACH:**

Develop compact, efficient, lightweight, high-temperature power converters using advanced SiC semiconductor power modules at power ratings needed for high-power military applications

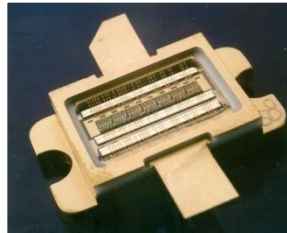
- **TARGET APPLICATIONS:**

- 200 kW Traction Motor Drive Inverter
  - 50 kW Motor Drive Inverter for pumps, fans
  - 30 kW Bi-directional DC-DC converter (300Vdc to 28Vdc)
  - 180 kW Bi-directional DC-DC converter (300V Battery-to-600V Bus)
  - 30 kW AC Export Power Inverter 300Vdc-to -60Hz  
@ 110Vac, 220Vac & 208Vac (3-phase)



2.7kV, 25kW  
SiC Rectifier

SiC JFET



MOSFET



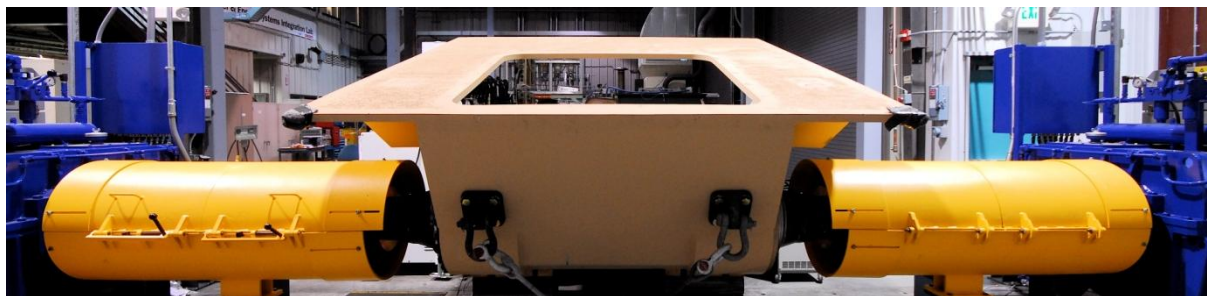
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The SIL provides capability to accelerate the integration and maturation of critical hybrid system technologies in order to meet advanced vehicle performance within weight and volume constraints



**System Integration**

**System integration into vehicle platform**



**HOTBUCK platform with FCS hardware**

**TECHNOLOGY DRIVEN. WARFIGHTER FOCUSED.**

- **Energy Storage Goals & Mission**
- **DOD Power & Energy Requirements**
- **DOD Energy Storage R&D Challenges**
- **Vehicle Applications & Approach**
- **Army Ground Vehicle Energy Storage R&D Programs**
  - Roadmap
  - Functional Breakdown/ Highlighted R&D Programs & Projects
- **Summary**

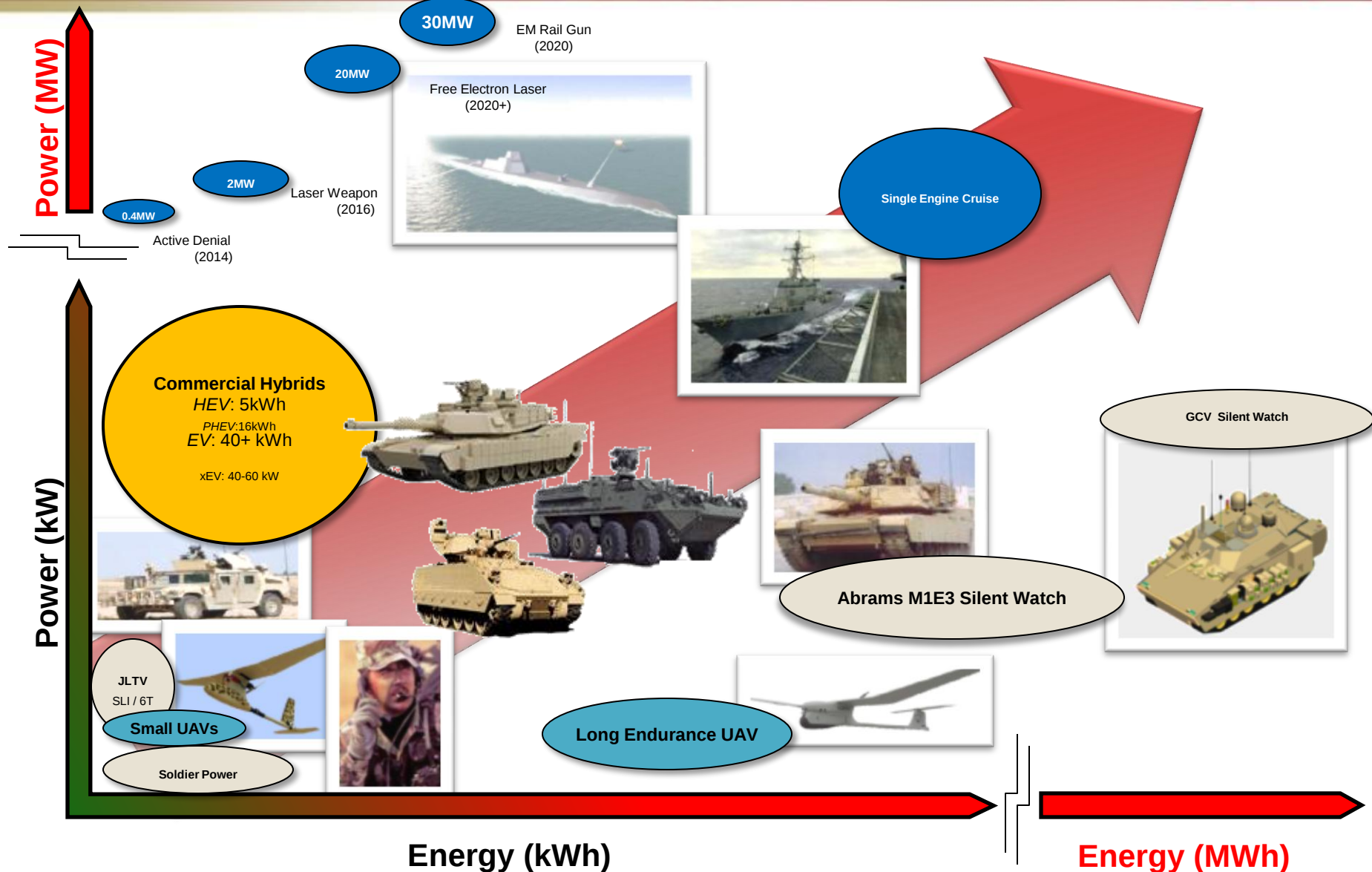
## Energy Storage Goals

- Develop **safe, reliable and cost** effective energy storage systems
- Reduce **battery weight & volume burden** (Increase Energy & Power Density)
- Reduce logistics and fuel burdens
- Enhance performance, extend **calendar and cycle life**

## Energy Storage Mission

- **Develop** and **mature** advanced ES technologies for transfer to vehicle platforms
- Test & evaluate ES technologies for prequalification and to **assess TRL (Technology Readiness Level)**.
- Identify **technology barriers** and develop technical solutions
- Be recognized as the team of experts in ES components and systems
- Provide technical support to customers, other teams and government agencies for all ES requirements
- Provide **cradle-to-grave** support for all Army ES systems

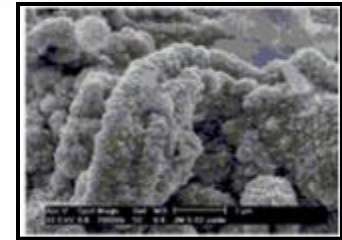




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## Energy Storage Challenges:

- Cell & system safety & reliability
- Higher energy / higher power designs & chemistries
- Power vs. energy trade-off design optimization
- Manufacturing process development and cost control
- Thermal management
- System control and cell & battery management systems
- Alternative electrochemical improvements
- Thermal runaway process and its control
- Standardization of cells, modules and packs (logistics)



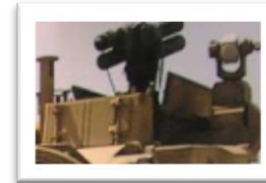
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## • Army Applications/Drivers:

### TARDEC - Ground

#### – Major Applications

- Robotics
- Survivability
- Weapons Systems
- Electromagnetic Armor (EM Armor)
- Starting, Lighting and Ignition (SLI)
- Hybrid Vehicle Acceleration and Silent Mobility
- Silent Watch



Hit Avoidance



Targeting Systems

#### – Approach

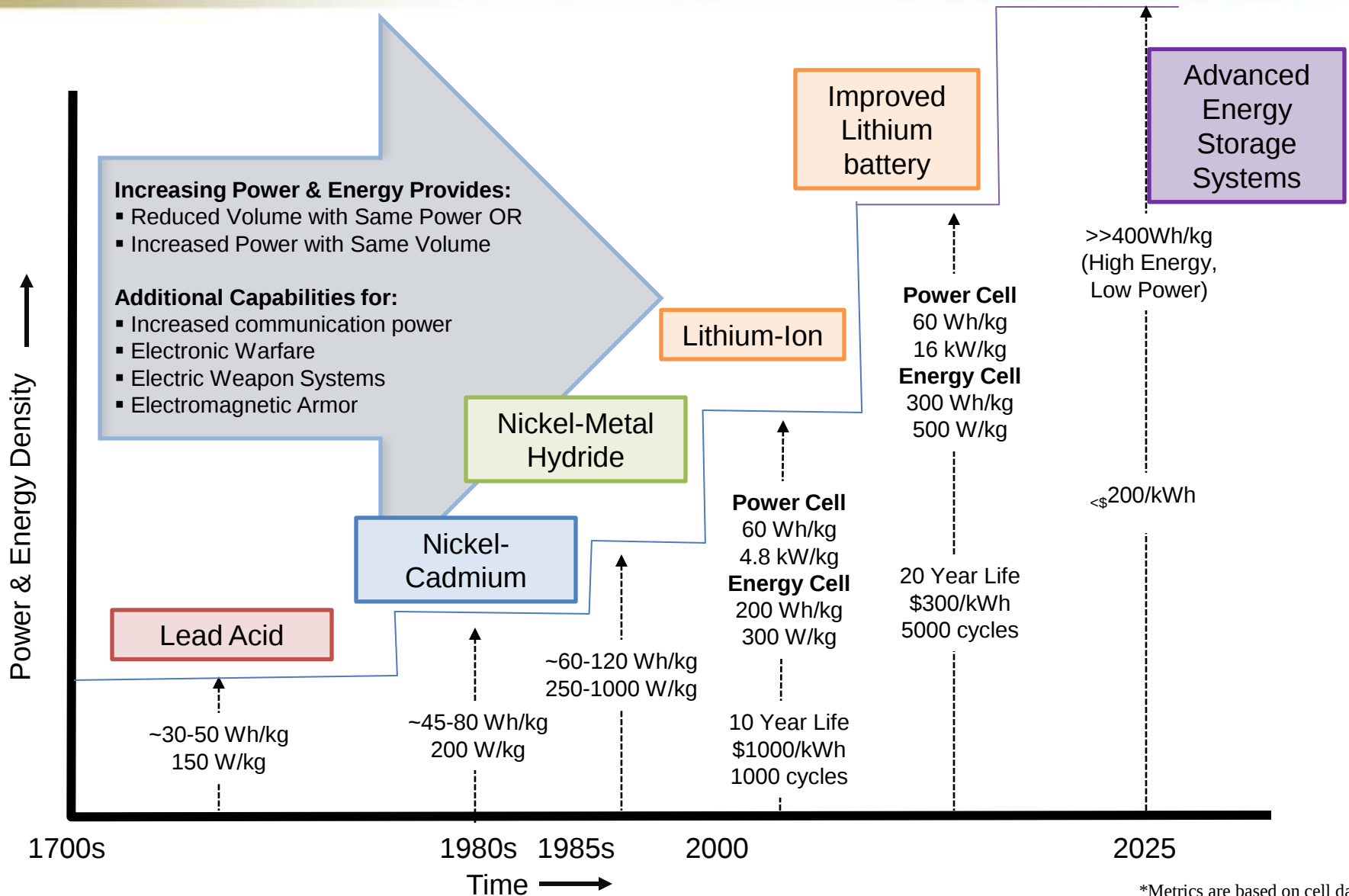
- Standard Form Factor (6T)
- Ultra-capacitor/Battery/Fuel Cell Hybrid Power Sources

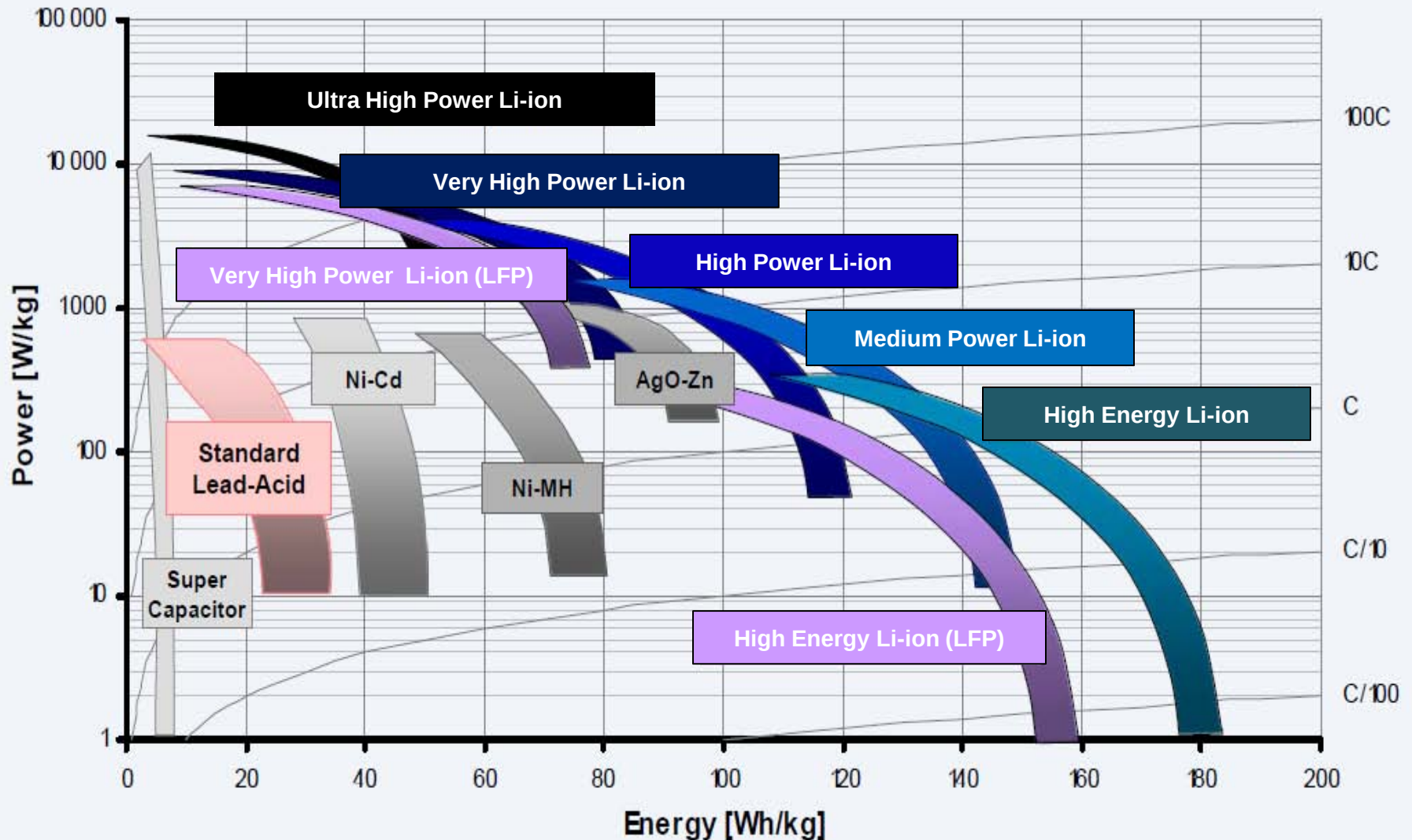


#### – Energy Storage Team Focuses on Batteries:

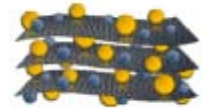
- True silent watch and silent mobility
- Serves as reservoir to store energy to meet power demands and manage platform power
- Provide power source for advanced weapons.

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## Energy Storage Functional Breakdown



### Basic Research

- Lithium plating phenomenon in Li-ion batteries
- **Study on the mechanism of thermal runaway in VRLA Batteries and Methods of Suppression**
- Study of electrode/current collector interface & safe separator for Li-ion batteries
- Development of high energy density anode materials for improved Li-ion batteries
- Alternative electrolyte for use in lithium-ion batteries (higher voltage, improved performance)

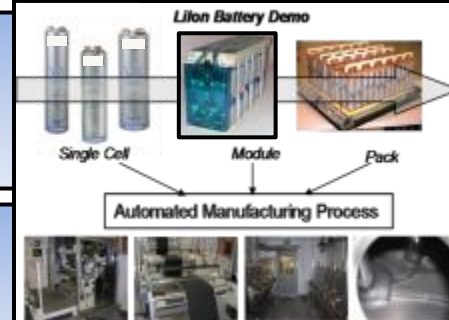
### Applied / Applications Research

- Electromagnetic Armor Power Maturation
- Nickel-Zinc 6T Battery Development
- **Development of 6T battery for SLI and silent watch using Li-ion chemistries**
- Absorbed Glass Matt lead acid battery for 24V military 4HN battery



### Manufacturing

- High Power, High Energy Density Li-Ion Battery Manufacturing Program
- **Lithium-Ion Cell/Battery Pack Manufacturing**
- Advanced battery material scale-up facility

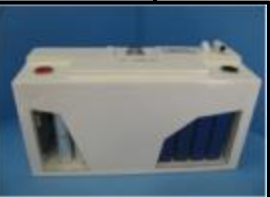


### Battery Management / Safety

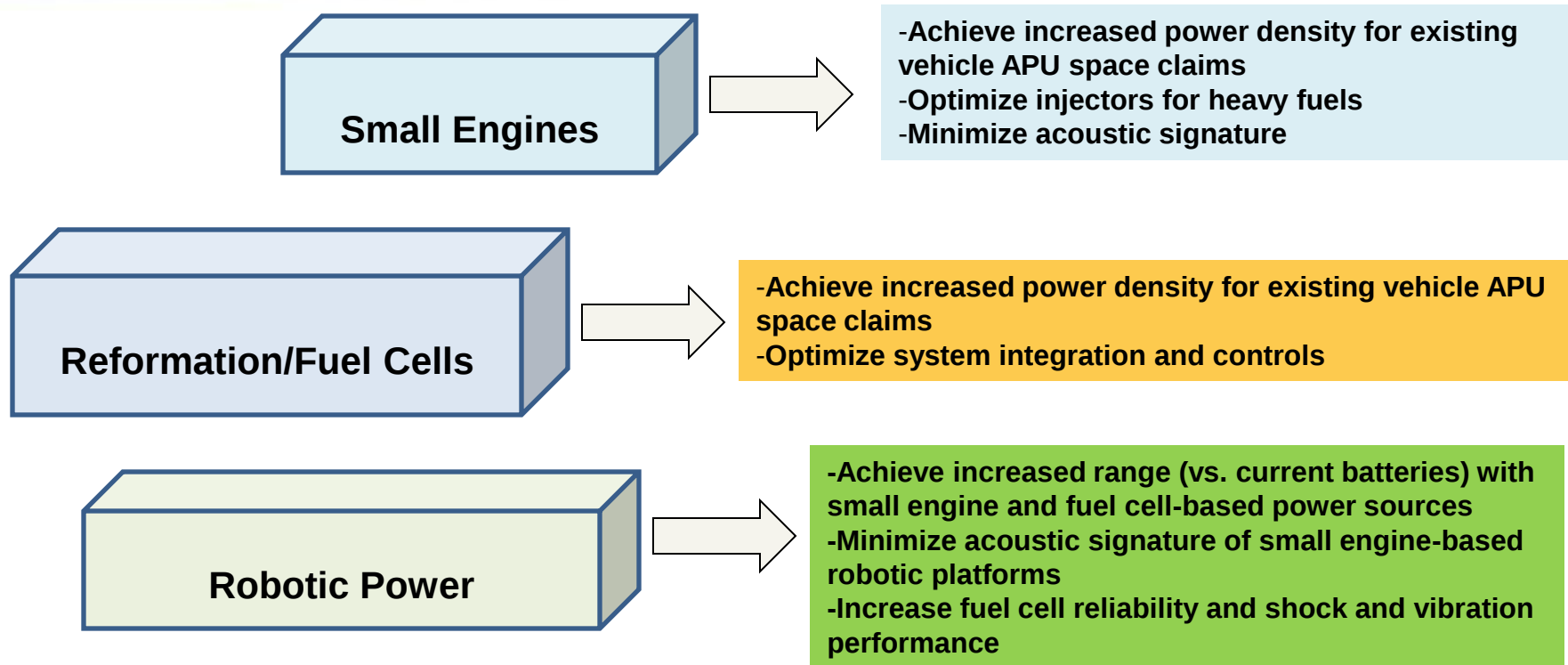
- **In-House BMS evaluation for PM HBCT & new laboratory**
- Universal BMS using novel algorithms for battery health
- Ballistic and abuse tolerance studies on cells, module and packs
- Development of advanced diagnostic tools for cycled cells

### Alternative Systems

- Hybrid Power Module
- Lithium-Titanate Hybrid Vehicle Pack Integration
- **Characterization of ultra-capacitors for SLI and high power applications**



- **Army has a diversified energy storage portfolio supporting a wide-range of customers**
- **Army has and is actively seeking collaboration with other Government Agencies, and Commercial & Military OEM's**
- **Army has projects supporting several different functional areas in Energy Storage including: basic research, applied research & applications, manufacturing, battery management & safety, and alternative systems**
- **Army labs currently perform a wide variety of testing activities and has an established program for technology maturation and technology readiness level verification**
- **Army is actively involved in the development of battery standards and standard vehicle battery products**



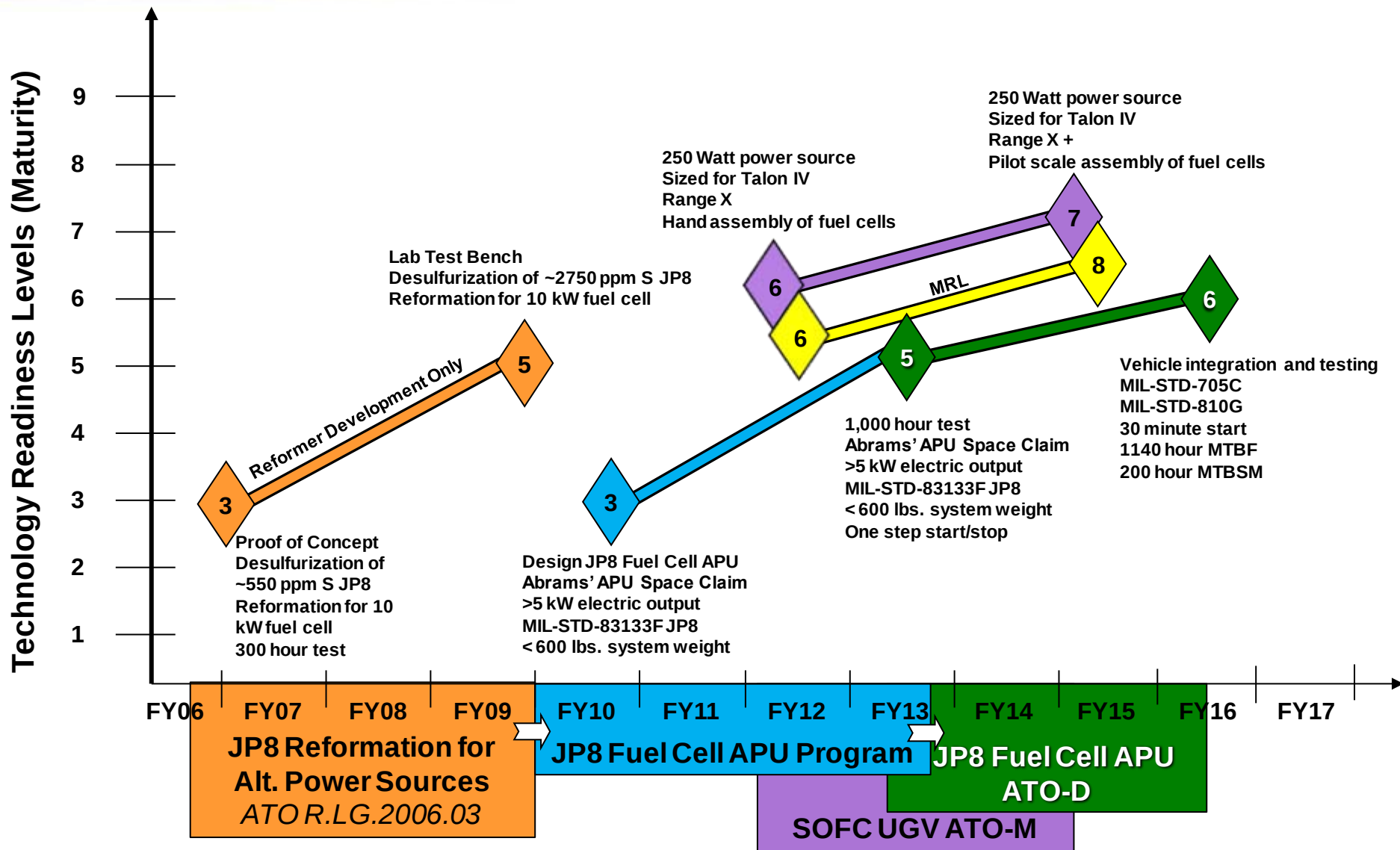
## Mission Goals for each Focus Area:

- High Power Density Engine APU that can provide up to 45 kWe auxiliary power to meet increasing onboard vehicle power demands without reducing mobility.
- Silent Watch (undetectable at 50m) through the use of a fuel cell based APU that powers mission equipment with main engine off while the vehicle is stationary, with reduced acoustic and thermal signature.
- Small UGV power through small engine and fuel cell based solutions that can extend the mission duration and range of UGVs, reducing risks to soldiers.

- Obtain 45kW in current or smaller space claim
- 2.5 gallon/hr for 25kW output
- Undetectable at 50 meters
- Mean time between failure 1140 hours

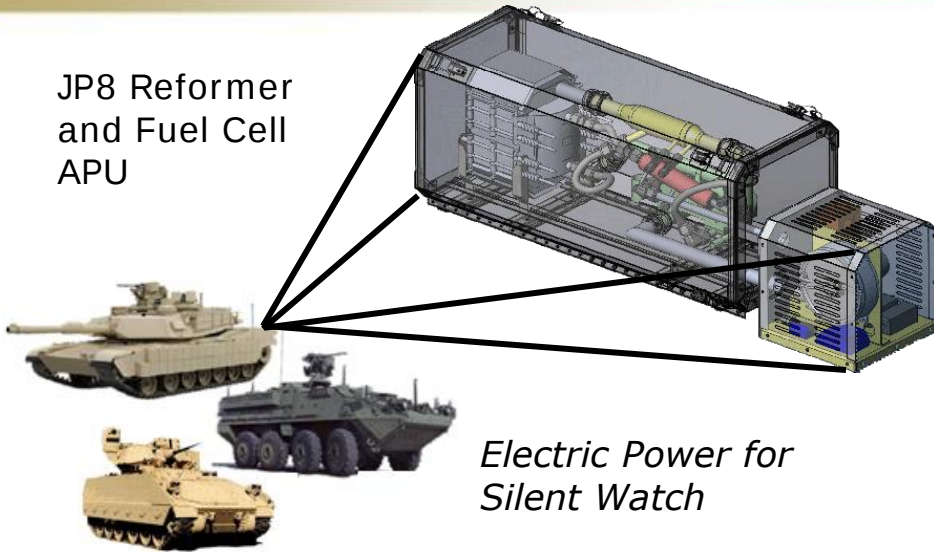


# TARDEC Fuel Cell Roadmap



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JP8 Reformer  
and Fuel Cell  
APU



*Electric Power for  
Silent Watch*

## Purpose:

Provide quiet, continuous, non-primary electrical power for extended engine-off operation with reduced acoustic and thermal signatures in a ground-breaking fuel cell based APU.

## Products:

- JP8 Reforming fuel cell-based Auxiliary Power Unit (APU) that delivers 5 kWe (Threshold), 10 kWe (Objective) of vehicle electrical power demonstrated at TRL 5.
- System designed to fit into an existing military ground vehicle APU space claim of approximately 225 liters.
- Line Replaceable Unit (LRU) for plug and play integration for legacy fleet vehicles.

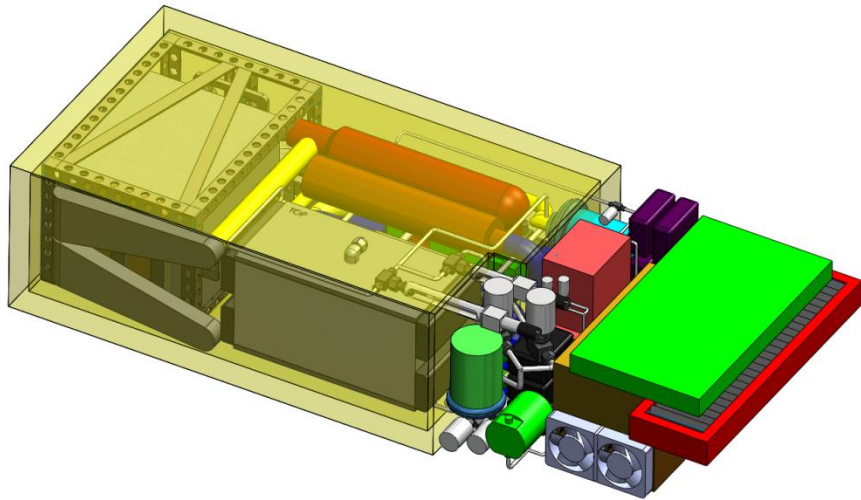
## Payoff:

- Provide low signature, non-primary vehicle power generation for C4ISR and auxiliary systems (engine off).
- Increase the warfighter's survivability and lethality through decreased signature during extended silent watch missions.
- Increase overall vehicle fuel efficiency to reduce fuel logistics burden.
- Provide power for soldier equipment during transport and watch mission scenarios.

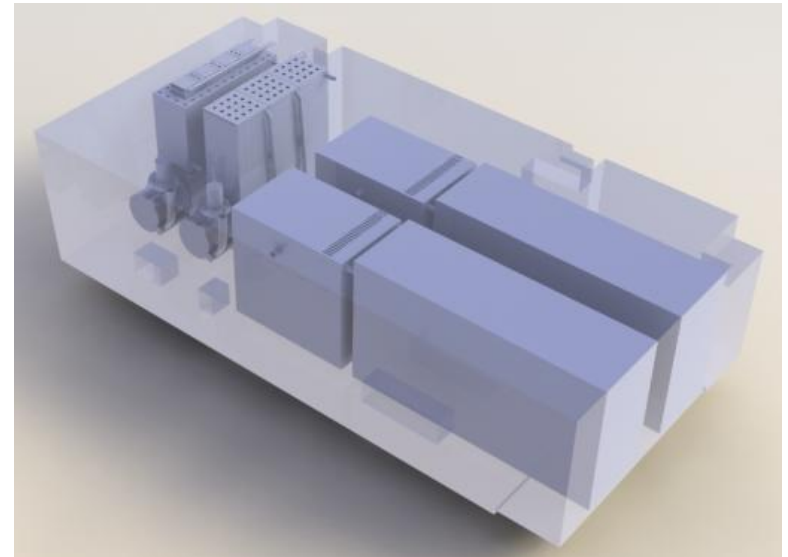
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| MILESTONES                                               | FY10 | FY11 | FY12                                                                      |
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| Feasibility assessments, preliminary concept development | 3    |      | Parallel development with multiple contractors, followed by a down-select |
| System model development for M&S                         | 3    | 4    |                                                                           |
| Reformer Refinement                                      | 4    | 5    |                                                                           |
| Reformer Fuel Cell system assembly                       |      | 3    | 4                                                                         |
| Component testing in lab environment                     |      | 3    | 4                                                                         |
| Breadboard demo                                          |      |      | 4                                                                         |

## Solid Oxide Fuel Cell Approach



## High Temperature PEM Approach



JP-8 Fuel

Liquid Phase  
Desulfurization

Autothermal  
Reformation

7 kWe at  
28 V DC

Solid Oxide  
Fuel Cell

JP-8 Fuel

Fractionation

Gas Phase  
Desulfurization

High  
Temperature  
PEM Fuel Cell

Water Gas Shift

Steam  
Reformation

10 kWe at  
28 V DC

## Project Purpose/Goals

- To integrate a 250 Watt Solid Oxide Fuel Cell system onto an existing Unmanned Ground Vehicle (UGV)
- Analyze current manufacturing process and perform a low rate initial production of 20 units
- Analyze production cost and unit variability
- Test 5 units at contractor facility for 2000 hours or failure
- To test the system with expected shock and vibration loads typically seen on a UGV
- Perform a user/safety assessment with experienced users

## Challenges:

- Limited shock and vibration testing
- Meeting limited space constraints
- Manufacturability



## Technology Description:

- 250 Watt Solid Oxide Fuel Cell System
- Uses commercially available propane
- Fits into existing battery compartment
- Power system can be used as stand alone power source
- Increases mission duration over batteries

## Schedule

|                                 | FY10 | FY11 | FY12 |
|---------------------------------|------|------|------|
| 250 Watt Sub-system analysis    |      |      |      |
| UGV SOFC system configuration   |      |      |      |
| Environmental testing shock/vib |      |      |      |
| Design for Manufacture Study    |      |      |      |
| LRIP Mfg plan and execution     |      |      |      |
| User/safety assessment          |      |      |      |
| Delivery of SOFC power systems  |      |      |      |



## SCHEDULE

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | FY11 | FY12 |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|------|
| <b>Manufacturing Prototype SOFC System Design</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Concept Analysis and Design Review</li> <li>•Design Battery Maintaining System</li> <li>•Design air handling, fuel handling, fuel cell core, and user interface</li> <li>•Design multi-purpose housing</li> <li>•Test complete system</li> </ul>                                 |      |      |
| <b>SOFC Manufacturability</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Perform a 'Design for Manufacturability' study</li> <li>•Perform industrial base assessment</li> <li>•Design and implement a manufacturing plan for LRIP</li> <li>•Operate/Test 5 units for 2000 hours</li> <li>•Safety / User Assessment in relevant environment</li> <li>•Deliver units</li> </ul> |      |      |

## IROBOT PACKBOT FUEL CELL

*developed under previous effort with AMI*

- Hybrid fuel cell system is designed to replace the existing batteries on a packbot with a Solid Oxide fuel cell and Lithium Ion battery (~150 watts)
- Enables extended mission durations
- 12 hours of full power; 30 hours of silent watch.
- Operates on commercially available propane as fuel Plug-and-play design, easily replaces batteries
- Hybrid setup removes any need for removal of batteries for charging; only requires propane fuel canister replacement.
- Startup in under 20 minutes
- Significantly increases mission duration while adding minimal weight. (5.7 kg with batteries)
- Fills 2 payload spaces

## QINETIQ TALON

*Current effort*

- Hybrid fuel cell system is designed to replace the existing lead-acid batteries with an upgraded Solid Oxide fuel cell and Lithium Ion battery (~250 watts)
- Development to include system upgrade to 250 watts, optimization of battery maintaining system and design system to fit TALON battery space claim
- Manufacturability study to be conducted to optimize system components to lower costs and decrease part variabilities.
- 20 units to be built; 5 units will be tested at AMI for 2000 hours or until failure (with a study on the failure, if any), and 15 units to be sent for users to test in a relevant environment.
- All 20 units to be delivered to TARDEC at the end of the effort.

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