



U.S. Army's Ground Vehicle Energy Storage R&D Programs & Goals



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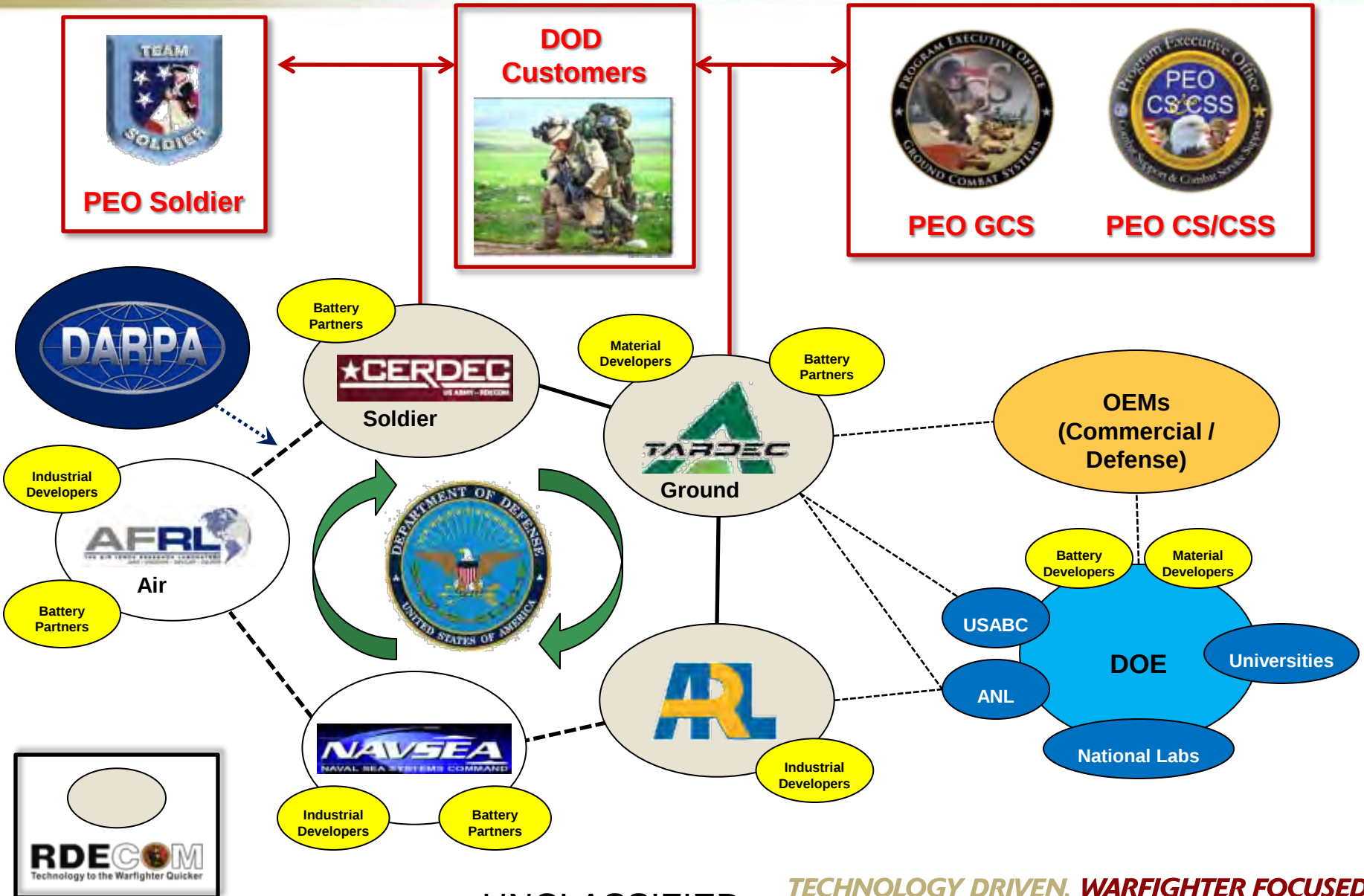
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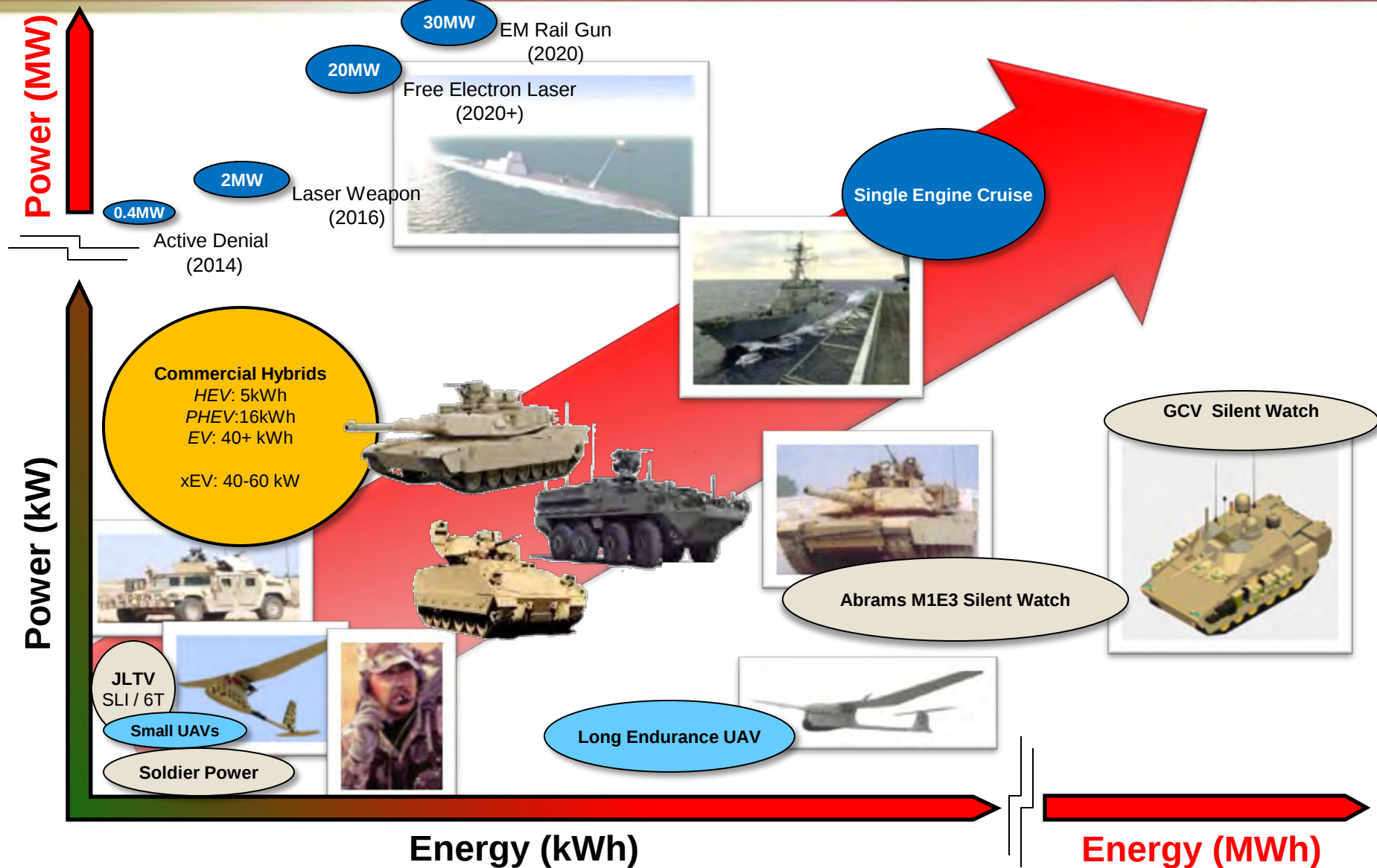
Energy Storage Goals

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





Major Applications

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



Targeting Systems



Hit Avoidance



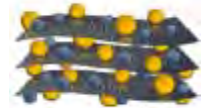
Challenges we have:

- Delivering reliable battery solutions in standardized military form factors
- Safety – Understanding thermal runaway process and its control, improved BMS and alternative cell technologies.
- Developing energy storage systems with higher energy and higher power densities (focus on designs and chemistries).
- Manufacturing process development, quality and cost control.

Where we need your help:

- Identify materials/designs/technologies to significantly improve safety
- Develop technologies to improve both energy and power density as well as life (calendar and cycle).
- Develop energy storage systems that focus on standardized form factors (6T, 4HN, Group 31 and Group 34).
- Cost reduction technologies

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)

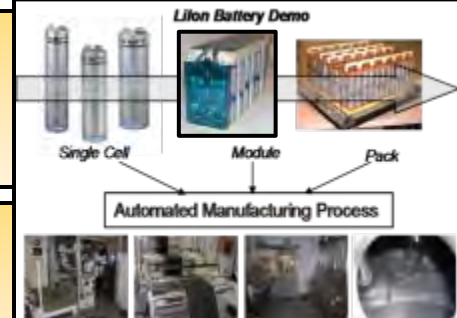
Applied / Applications Research

- 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**



- | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 |
|--|------|--------------------------------|------|--|------|------|------|
| High Power, High Energy
Li-Ion Battery ATO-M | | Advanced battery manufacturing | | Silent Operations Power Source | | | |
| Alternative Chemistry 6T
Deliverables | | | | | | | |
| Advanced lead Acid Research | | | | | | | |
| PEO GCS Battery Management
Specification | | | | | | | |
| Battery Management System (BMS)
Hardware-in-the-Loop (HIL) – BMS Evaluation | | | | | | | |
| EM Armor Power Brick | | | | | | | |
| Advance Battery Material R&D & Material
Scale-up Facility | | | | Silent High Power, High
Energy Efficient Power Source | | | |
| Battery Thermal Stability and Electrochemical Properties Testing & Evaluation | | | | | | | |
| Alternative System Evaluation & Development – Safety, Capability,
Performance | | | | | | | |
| Key: Alternative Chemistry
Battery | | Lead Acid Battery | | Li-ion Battery | | | |



Military Lead-Acid 6T Batteries

40Wh/kg
400W/kg
~\$350-400/kWh

Baseline



Advanced (Ni-Zn or Li-ion) 12V 6T Battery

50-60Wh/kg
400-450W/kg
>\$2000/kWhr

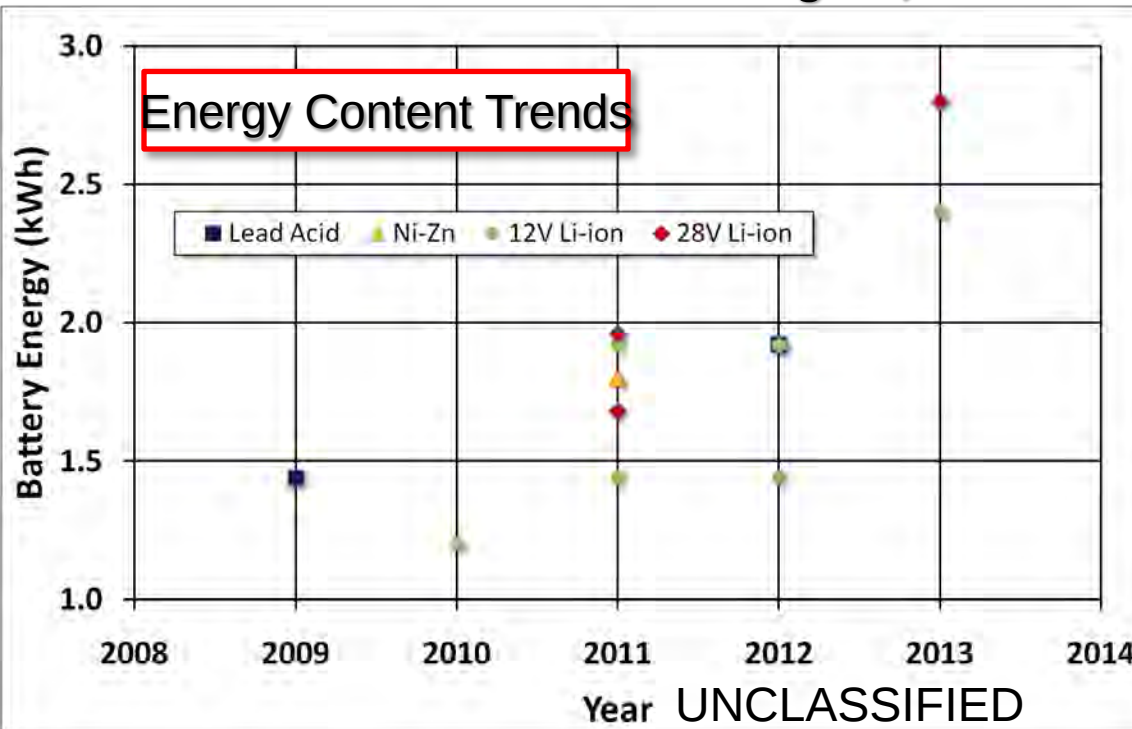
Lighter, 33% More Energy



Li-ion Military Battery Pack Target

>90Wh/kg
>920W/kg
<\$800/kWhr

**2-for-1 Drop-in
Replacement
½ Volume**



Advanced Battery Technologies Price Targets

Battery Technology	Near-Term	Mid-Term Production	Long-Term High Volume
Lead Acid (12V)	\$400/kWh	\$350/kWh	\$250/kWh
Ni-Zn (12V)	\$500/kWh	\$350/kWh	\$200/kWh
Li-ion (12V or 28V)	\$5,000/kWh	\$1,000/kWh	\$500/kWh

Current Capability



Battery Testing &
Pre-Qualification



Advanced Battery Testing and R&D

- **Lead Acid Battery Laboratory (Bldg 7)** - Supports testing and pre-qualification for military lead acid batteries; 6 water baths, 31 circuits, 1 thermal chamber
- **Electrochemical Research & Analysis Lab (EARL)** - Supports small scale testing for advanced battery chemistries (Li-ion, Ni-Zn) at the cell and module level & battery R&D projects; Walk-in fume hood for safety, 2 explosion resistant thermal chambers, 15 circuits.

GSPEL

Ground Systems Power
and Energy Laboratories

Battery Technology Roadmap

Future Capability



Battery Pack Storage
& Shelf Life Testing



Battery Management
Electronics Laboratory



GSPEL
Battery
Test
Chambers

- **GSPEL Battery Chambers** – 3 Interior & 3 Exterior for safe testing from battery cell to pack level.
- **Battery Management Electronics Lab** – TRL BMS evaluation, Hardware-in-Loop simulation.
- **Battery Storage & Shelf Life Testing** – storage capacity for 26 battery packs or 600 6T batteries

Federal Business Opportunity Website:
www.fbo.gov

- Broad Agency Announcement
- CRADA (Cooperative R&D Agreement)
- Education Partnership Agreement
- Ground Vehicle Gateway
- National Automotive Center
- Patent License Agreement
- SBIR Program
- Test Services Agreement

Thank you – This concludes my presentation



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