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Key Focus Areas

• Power Architecture & Standards
• High and Low Temp Power Electronics
• Onboard Vehicle Management, Microgrid, and Hybrization
• Common and Open Vehicle Electronic Architectures & Frameworks
• Plug and Play Architectures
• Deterministic High Speed Data Bus
• Embedded Computing Resources in Electronic Components
• Advanced On-board Computing Technologies
• Condition Based Maintenance
Autonomous Platform Demonstrator (APD)

- Multiple CAN Busses & Gigabit Ethernet (GbE)
- COTS Data Radios – 802.11 Based
- Extensive COTS Components
- Max Speed - 50 mph
- Generator Output - 197 hp
- Battery Energy - 21.8 kW-hr
- Battery Max Power - 282 hp
- Power/Weight Ratio - 112 hp/ton
- Peak Torque - 41,368 ft-lb
- Vertical Obstacle - 39 in
- Trench - 39 in
- Fording - 20 in
- Gross Vehicle Weight - 9.3 ton
- Overall Length - 182 in
- Overall Width - 98 in
Vehicle Intelligence Areas of Interest

- **Vehicle Networks**: Ad-hoc, Inter-vehicular, Modular
  - Network Management: vehicles joining/leaving the group
  - System and Electrical Architectures
  - Security
  - Operating Environments

- **Wireless Technologies**
  - Sensor information sharing between vehicles and vehicle to Infrastructure
  - Digital Short Range Wireless Communications Integration
  - Wireless Security and Anonymity