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GVSC Planned Combat Vehicle Electrification and Mobility Programs (CVEMP)

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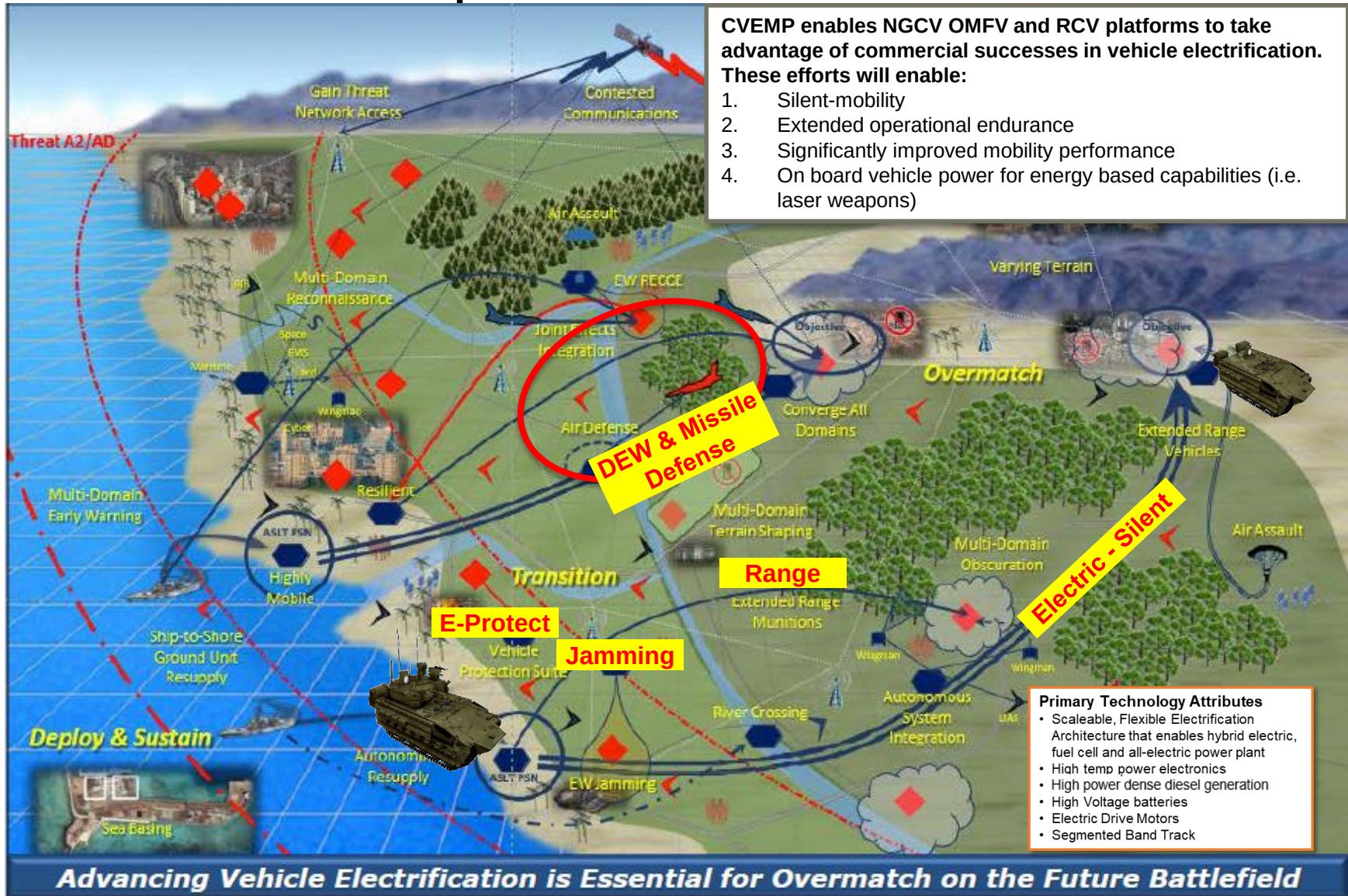


Electrification Motivation – Warfighter Capabilities



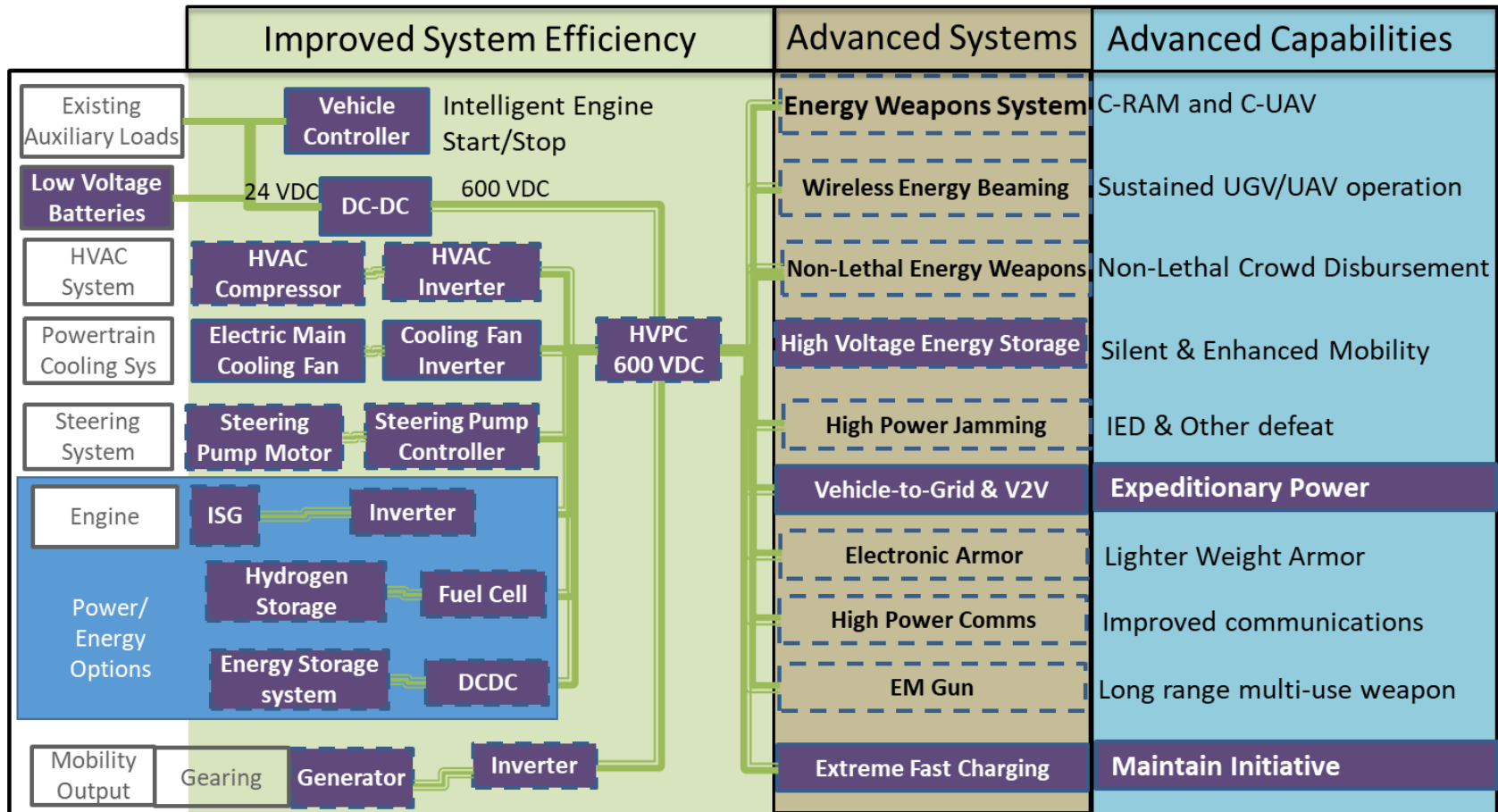
CVEMP enables NGCV OMFV and RCV platforms to take advantage of commercial successes in vehicle electrification. These efforts will enable:

1. Silent-mobility
2. Extended operational endurance
3. Significantly improved mobility performance
4. On board vehicle power for energy based capabilities (i.e. laser weapons)





Vehicle Electrification Enabling / Advanced Capabilities



Legend:

Existing Architecture

28VDC
600VDC

Mechanical
200 - 600VAC

Planned/Future Development

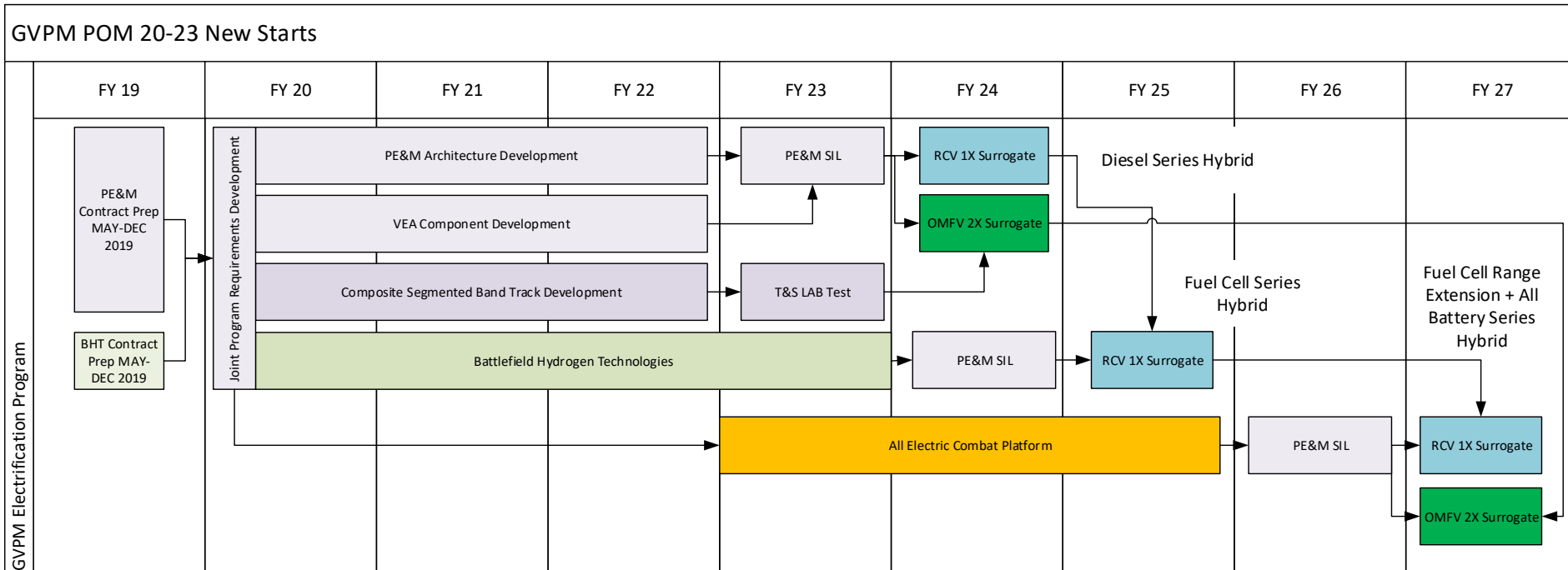
AC and VAC = Alternating Current
C-RAM = Counter Rocket, Artillery and Mortar
C-UAV = Counter Unmanned Aerial Vehicle
DC = Direct Current
DC-DC = HV/LV DC Power Conversion

HV = High Voltage
HVAC = Heating Ventilation and Cooling
HVPC = High Voltage Power Control
ISG = Integrated Starter Generator
LV = Low Voltage (24 VDC)

UAV = Unmanned Aerial Vehicle
UGV = Unmanned Ground Vehicle
VDC = Volts Direct Current
V2G = Vehicle to Grid
V2V = Vehicle to Vehicle



GVPM Combat Vehicle Electrification and Mobility Program (CVEMP)



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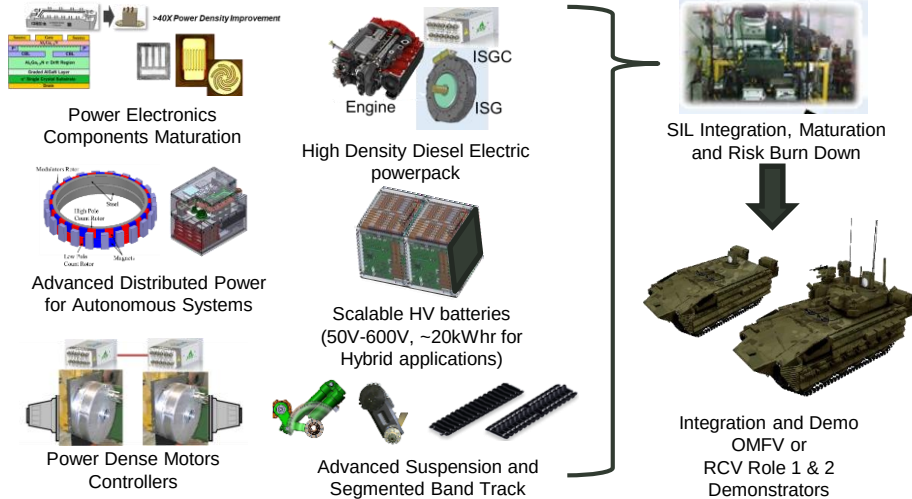
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Platform Electrification and Mobility



PROGRAM OVERVIEW



Timeline

Tasks	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24
Scaleable Electrification & Control Architecture			3			5	6
Electric Drive Motors. Pwr Controllers, Conv			4			6	
Diesel-Electric Power Generator			4		6		
High Voltage Modular Li-Ion Battery			3				4
Composite Track w/ Hydrostrut Suspension			4			6	
SIL Integration and Test			4				5
Vehicle Integration & Test					4		6

Overall Project Design

- Leverage recent successes in Silicon Carbide (SiC) for power electronics (15 kW/L and 105C capable), and modularizing energy storage, we will create a scalable electronics architecture meeting NGCV power density requirements
- Improvements in final drive, track segmentation, and high speed power generation will improve mobility performance and survivability
- An extensible advanced and flexible power and mobility system provides BGCV power and energy required for directed energy weapons, sensors, missile and active protection systems, communications, jamming, and fast-forming power grids.
- System will improve sprint 30% = 60% fewer hits and ~30x more electrical power for emerging capabilities, 40% increased range.
- Modular approach = highly re-usable power architecture for systems ranging from 15 to 40 tons.
- Foundation for future electrified platforms, enables transition to fuel cell and all-electric for full-time silent mobility, fewer hits, ~30x electrical power .



Platform Electrification and Mobility Combat Powertrain



Current Operational State

Future Operational State

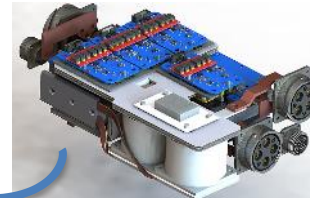
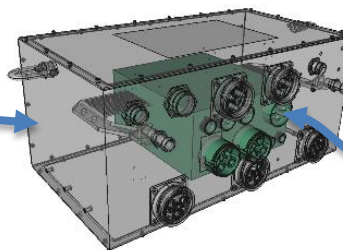


Bump-out for electronics



Current Inverters

Package Comparison



5x> Density & higher temp



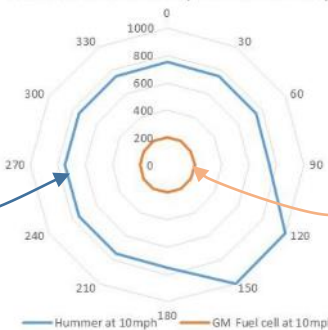
No bump-out for electronics



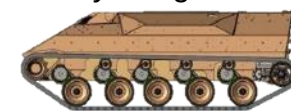
Band track difficult field repair

Today's Acoustic Detectability

Aural Nondetectability Results at 10mph



Future Acoustic Detectability



Ride and height adjustable



Segmented Composite Track



DEW Capable

Current Tracked Platforms:

1. No silent-mode capability
2. Low electrical power capability
3. Degraded range due to incremental weight gain
4. Degraded acceleration
5. Not readily capable of conversion to fuel cell or all-electric

Current Commercial Systems

1. Electronics - Operating temperature too low
2. Electronics - Power density restricts integration
3. Current OBVP (15kW) does not support future needs
4. Track - Band track not fieldable
5. Segmented track not durable or logistically feasible
6. Suspension is not ride-height adjustable

Future Tracked Platforms:

1. Silent-mode capable
2. High electrical power capability
3. Significantly improved range
4. Significantly improved acceleration
5. Conversion-ready powertrain for fuel cell or all-electric

Future MCOTS Systems

1. Electronics - Operating temp = engine coolant temp (105C)
2. Electronics - 5x to 7x more power density
3. Electrical power available 25x to 40x increase in OBVP
4. Segmented track fieldable and durable
5. Segmented track reduces maintenance and logistics burden
6. Suspension ride height adjustable for terrain and threat



PEM Community Context



Key Characteristics	Hybrid (Power Electronics)	
	Power Density	Temperature Threshold
Current / Army or Industry	3kW/L	85C Coolant
Future Army Requirement	12kW/L	105C Coolant Engine coolant
Improvement Required	4x *	24% *
Industry Gaps	High power density / high temperature power electronics is a military unique requirement not being developed by industry.	

* Silicon Carbide power electronics is the emerging capability that is closing the gap.



PEM Expected Performance/Trade-offs



Goals:

- Modular and Scalable Electrification Architecture supporting RCV and OMFV
- Power dense electrified drive and transmission capable of high temperature operation & silent mobility
- Power dense and low heat rejection diesel electric power generator
- Modular energy storage system capable meeting silent mobility range and providing electric magazine for DEW
- Segmented Composite Track with >30% less weight, low noise/vibration and favorable RAM characteristics
- Hydrostrut Suspension providing ride height management and semi-active damping

Expected Outcomes

- Mobility Improvements : 30% acceleration, 15% speed on grade, 25% off-road speed
- Available Electrical Power: 100% of prime power (~400 kW continuous)
- Silent Mobility: 3 kilometers (T) and 6 kilometers (O) @ 15 kph (4:1 (T) and 5:1 (O) reduction in detection distance)
- Range improvement – 25% (T) and 50% (O) reduced fuel usage
- SIL for early identification, maturation and risk burn down of UMT critical technologies and interfaces
- System Integration Lab demonstration of mobility and on-the-move available electrical power
- Vehicle integration/demonstration in a vehicle test lab evaluating the system against the high level vehicle performance requirements

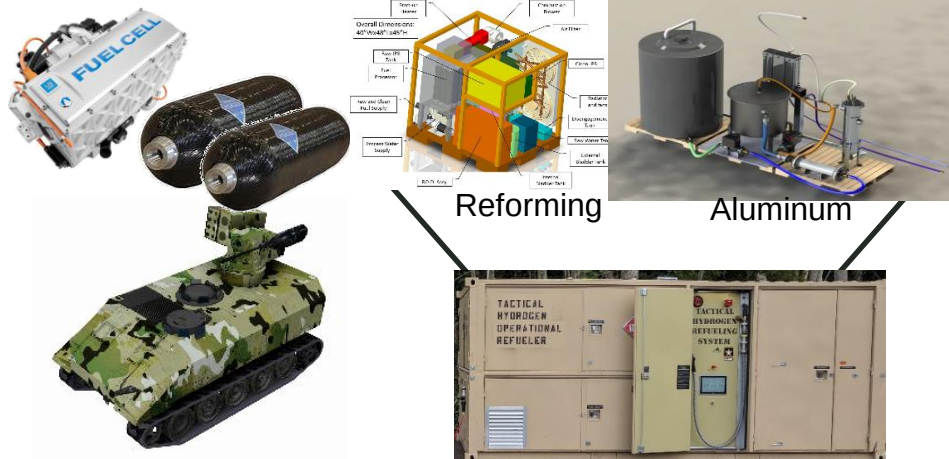
Significantly improved mobility, range, electrical power available, and silent mobility



Battlefield Hydrogen Technologies



PROGRAM OVERVIEW



Timeline

Tasks	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25
Hydrogen Generation in Varying Austerity Environments	4	5				6
Battlefield Hydrogen Logistics Equipment	4		5			6
On Vehicle Hydrogen Storage		3			5	
Multi-Platform Combat Fuel Cell System					5	
Subsystem Integration and Test						6

Develop and demonstrate battlefield hydrogen generation capability to enable increased survivability and lethality for platforms.

Overall Project Design.

- Hydrogen production, storage, and distribution technologies will be matured and adapted for military use enabling electrified combat vehicles with efficient and quiet fuel cell power generation. Hydrogen is usually attached to oxygen (water) or carbon (hydrocarbon fuels), and the challenge is to efficiently extract hydrogen on the battlefield.
- In current practice, hydrogen is produced as a by-product of industrial processes, electrolysis, or natural gas reformation at large fixed sites. Current liquid hydrogen generation processes are insufficient to meet the volumes of hydrogen needed for broad application for tactical and combat systems.
- The program will leverage commercial and Department of Energy investment in hydrogen production and distribution making it transportable. Advance the state of the art in solid and cryo-compressed hydrogen storage technologies on a vehicle with innovative research and partnerships to ease hydrogen logistics.
- Success enables H₂ fuel cell electrified vehicles to meet mission requirements



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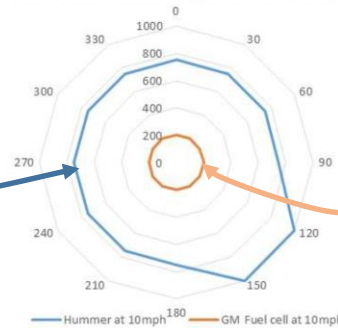
Current Operational State

Future Operational State



Today's detectability

Aural Nondetectability Results at 10mph



Future detectability



Extreme operating environments

RCV Surrogate

- 300 mile silent range
- Support directed energy weapons
- Fuel Cell range extension



Battlefield H2 Refueling

- 1-6+ MW
- 15-30 min recharge

Current Military Platforms:

1. No silent mobility capability
2. Limited electrical power export capability
3. Degraded range due to incremental weight gain
4. Degraded acceleration
5. Not readily capable of conversion to fuel cell
6. Not able to be refueled by H2 logistics

Current Commercial Systems:

1. Components have limited environmental requirements (temperature, shock/vib, sand/dust) – designed for on-road applications
2. Components power density restricts integration (limited range and operational capability)
3. Commercial auto and heavy duty trucking investments in H2 fuel cell
4. Commercial H2 generation at large sites, commercial refueling growing.

Future Fuel Cell Electric Military Platforms:

1. Continuous silent mobility unlimited range
2. High electrical power export capability
3. Significantly improved range with improved acceleration.
4. Enabler of new electrified weapon of defensive systems.
5. Scale-able architecture to enable new class of combat platforms that are capable of battery only or fuel cell/battery operation.
6. Able to refuel from H2 logistics system. Significant reduction in battlefield fuel consumption.

Focus of Army Investment (leverage commercial systems):

1. Develop militarized electrification components
2. Increase power density 5x to 7x more power dense to enable packaging in combat platforms
3. Develop modular fuel cell architecture to permit future fuel cell options for various platform applications
4. Develop H2 logistical refueling capability

Result – Improve lethality by increasing platform capability



BHT Community Context



Battlefield Hydrogen Technologies leverages past, present and future TARDEC, OGA, Industry, Academia, and other R&D technologies in this tech space that includes:

Industry & Academia

- Commercial automotive industry, such as General Motors, has invested billions of dollars in fuel cell technology development that use hydrogen as a fuel. Toyota, Honda and Hyundai all have fuel cell passenger vehicles for sale in California.
- Heavy duty trucking (Nikola, Toyota-Kenworth) has started to invest in fuel cell based Class 8 trucks. This pushes power levels and hydrogen storage requirements closer to military requirements.
- Shell, Air Products, Air Liquide, and Linde are all hydrogen suppliers addressing economics of hydrogen
- Several universities are developing hydrogen generation technologies that can be leveraged as they mature for military use.
- Gap to leverage: Cost, reliability, availability

Other DoD

- Army Research Lab, Naval Undersea Warfare Center, Navy Research Lab, Air Force Research Lab and CERDEC are all investing in hydrogen generation or storage.

Other Government Agency

- NASA has experience shipping and using liquid hydrogen as well as other vehicle hydrogen storage technologies.
- Department of Energy has multiple programs addressing hydrogen: H2@Scale, H2@Rail, H2@Port, and several specific consortiums addressing technical challenges at material levels



Commercial Hydrogen Generation



Commercial Heavy Duty Trucking Market



Commercial Hydrogen Filling

Exploits Emerging Electrification and Mobility Technologies for Urban Warfare Platform Application



BHT Expected Performance/Trade-offs



- Up to a 50% reduction in energy consumption, meeting strict diesel emission standards when operating in NATO countries without fines or restrictions, the ability to produce water at the point of need for Soldiers, increased vehicle silent range, extended silent watch capabilities and long duration subterranean operations without special filters or equipment to filter emissions.
- Midterm assessments will be focused on hydrogen generation and support equipment to demonstrate vehicles can be supported at a small scale in austere environments.
- Final demonstration of a robotic combat vehicle with adequate hydrogen storage potential and a generation capability to support multiple combat platforms.
- Progress will be measured through demonstrated performance of both hydrogen generation equipment and application of fuel cells on existing surrogate vehicles. Benefits to logistics and maintenance will be analyzed.

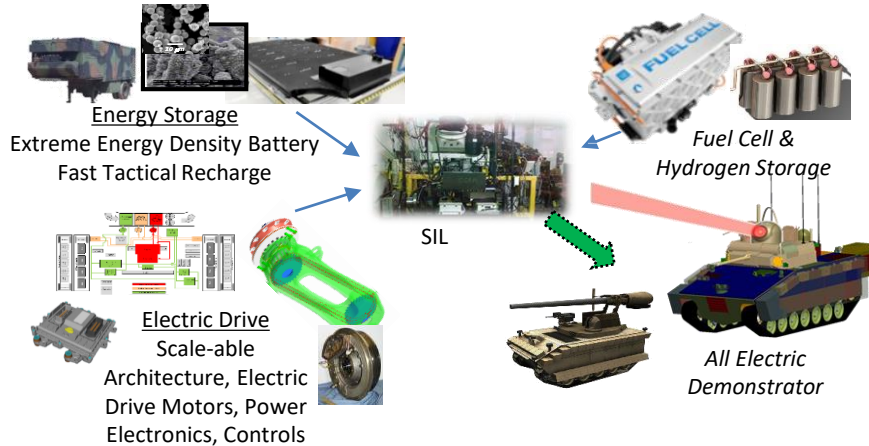
Focus on Increasing Hydrogen Production Scale and Efficiency



All-Electric Combat Overview



PROGRAM OVERVIEW



This project develops, integrates, and tests essential electrification technologies necessary to convert the series hybrid Next Generation Combat Vehicle (NGCV) platforms to All-Electric vehicles for soldier experimentation.

Timeline

Tasks	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27	FY28
Electric Propulsion System Design		4	6				
Advanced Electric Drive Development		4				6	
Extreme Energy Density Energy Storage		3			5	6	
Power Dense Fuel Cell Range Extender			4		5	6	
High Density Hydrogen Storage			3		5	6	
RCV or OMFV Vehicle Integration & Test					5		7

Overall Project Design.

- This effort will provide full time silent mobility, reduced acoustic and thermal signature (survivability), increased acceleration and mobility, enables of new electric weapons (high energy laser systems) or defensive capabilities, extension of operational range, and reduction in battlefield fuel consumption. Current commercial technologies must be improved by a factor of at least 4x and adapted to the military environment in order to enable all-electric combat platforms given volume and range needs.
- Currently there are no viable military all-electric combat platforms today and commercial technologies will not meet packaging and range needs.
- This approach will start with commercial components and focus on addressing deficiencies at meeting military requirements. The approach will result in scalable power architectures that will be adaptable to various military platforms which to reduce development time for future implantation.
- Success with this effort will result in a set of technologies that will enable an entire class of military combat vehicles that are capable of full time silent mobility and can support electrified weapons.



All Electric Combat Powertrain



Current Operational State



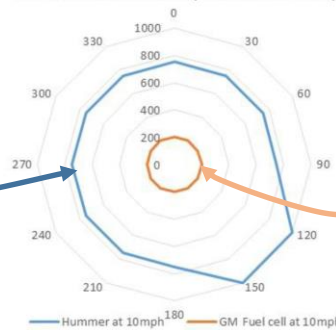
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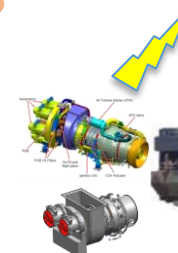
Future detectability

Aural Nondetectability Results at 10mph



OMFV/RCV Surrogates

- 300 mile silent range
- Support directed energy weapons
- Fuel Cell range extension



Battlefield Tactical Recharge

- 1-6+ MW
- 15-30 min recharge

Current Military Platforms:

1. No silent mobility capability
2. Limited electrical power export capability
3. Degraded range due to incremental weight gain
4. Degraded acceleration
5. Not readily capable of conversion to fuel cell or all-electric
6. Not able to be powered from host national grid

Current Commercial Systems:

1. Components have limited environmental requirements (temperature, shock/vib, sand/dust) – designed for on-road applications
2. Components power density restricts integration (limited range and operational capability)
3. Lack of common electrification components (customized for each platform)
4. No mobile electrical recharge capability exists to enable 30 min recharge.

Future All-Electric Military Platforms:

1. Silent mobility range up to 300 miles
2. High electrical power export capability
3. Significantly improved range with improved acceleration.
4. Enabler of new electrified weapon of defensive systems.
5. Scale-able architecture to enable new class of combat platforms that are capable of battery only or fuel cell/battery operation.
6. Able to recharge from host electrical grid for extended operation. Significant reduction in battlefield fuel consumption.

Focus of Army Investment (leverage commercial systems):

1. Develop militarized electrification components
2. Increase power density 5x to 7x more power dense to enable packaging in combat platforms
3. Develop scalable power architecture to permit future all-electric options for various platform applications
4. Develop mobile recharge capability

Result – Improve lethality by increasing platform capability



AECP Community Context



Key Characteristics	All-Electric (Energy Storage)		Fuel Cell
	Capacity (300 mile range)	Charge Rate	Hydrogen Storage
Current / Army or Industry	~0.15kW/L (best Li Ion)	100 kW	3.4MJ/L
Future Army Requirement	0.60 kW/L	6 MW	13.6MJ/L
Improvement Required	4x **	60x ***	4x ****
Industry Gaps	High power / high energy / temperature a military unique requirement not being developed by industry.	Industry also desires fast charging. DOE leading effort to satisfy future military requirement.	Industry not investing in leap ahead military requirement.

** Beyond Lithium Ion energy storage is required.

*** 6 MW = ½ hour fill rate. Desired fill rate is ¼ hour = 12 MW.

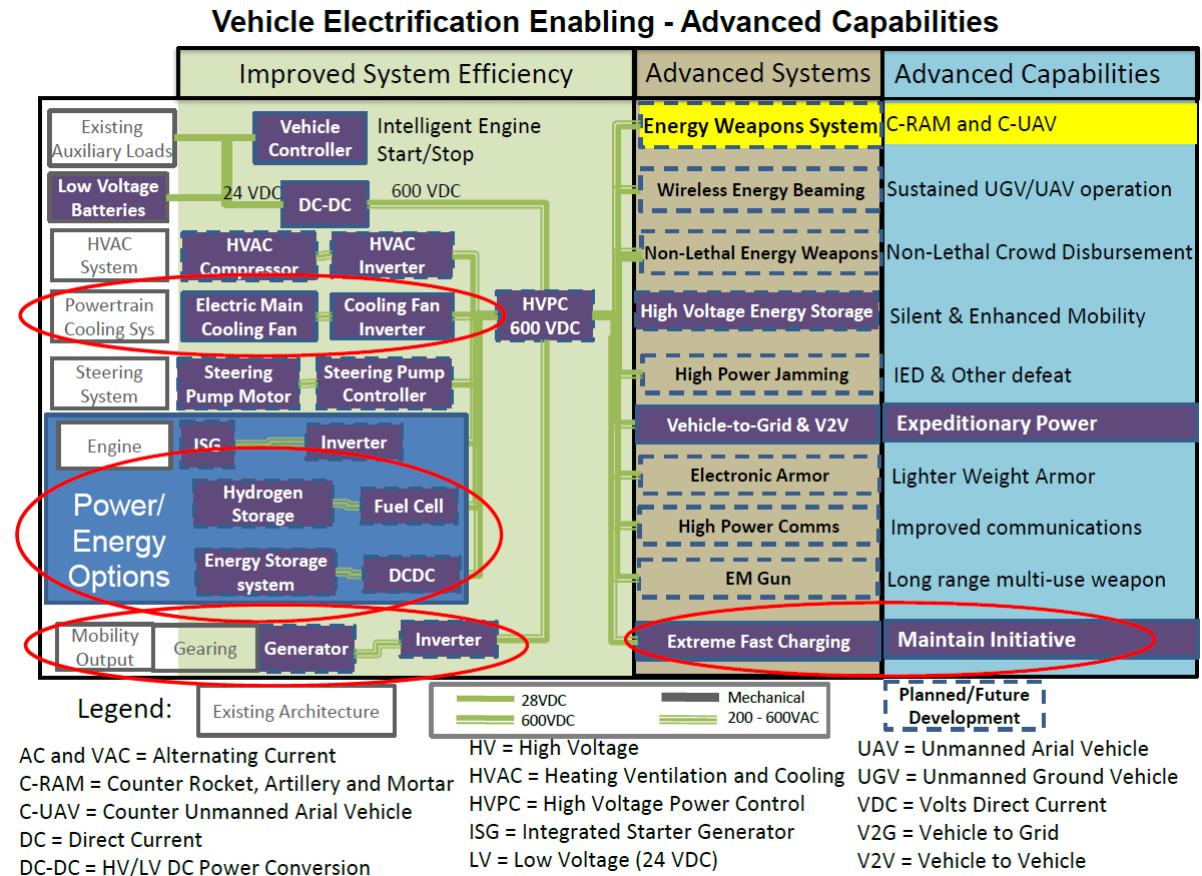
**** Aluminum powder is most promising future technology.

Current commercial technologies need 4x to 60x improvement to facilitate All-Electric Combat Powertrains.



AECP Expected Performance/Trade-offs **DEVCOM** GROUND VEHICLE SYSTEMS CENTER

- Full time silent mobility, increased silent watch duration, reduced acoustic and thermal signature enabling survivability, increased range, acceleration and mobility, and the ability to integrate advanced lethality and protection systems on future combat vehicles with a reduction in fuel consumption.
- Demonstration of an all-electric combat vehicle.



Effort focused on paradigm shifting capability improvements such as extended silent mobility and advanced warfighting capabilities