

**U.S-China  
Clean Energy Research Center on  
Clean Vehicle Collaboration**

## Overview of CERC-CVC

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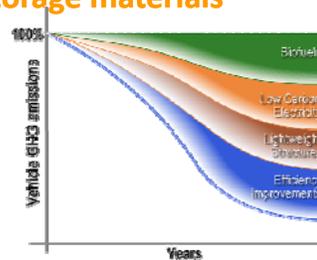
### US-China Clean Energy Research Center: Clean Vehicle Collaboration (CERC-CVC)

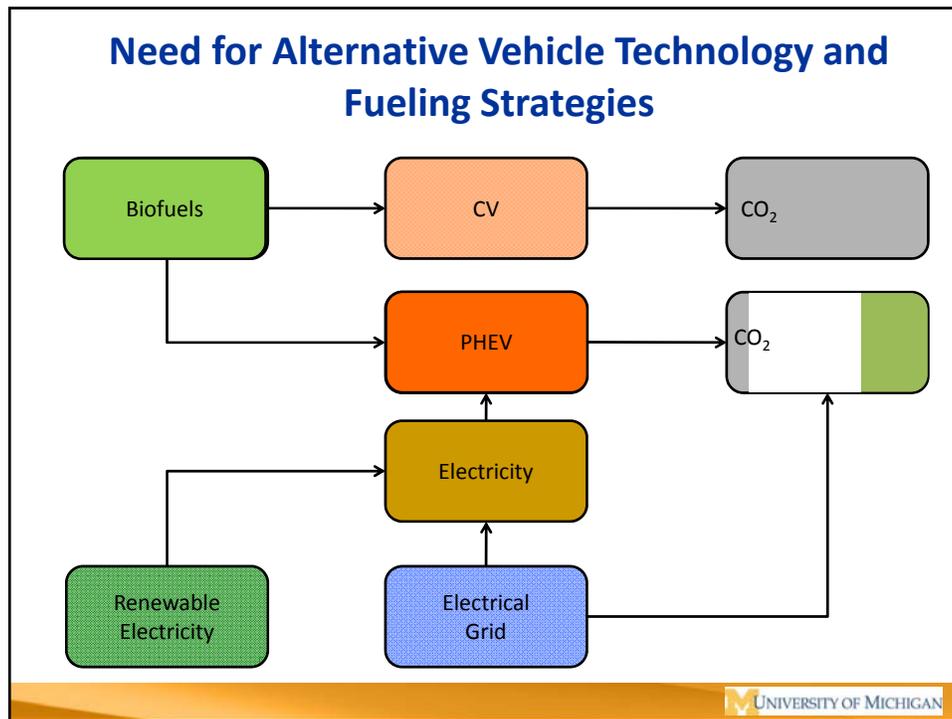
“The objective is to contribute to *dramatic improvements in technologies* with the potential to *reduce the dependence of vehicles on oil* and/or improve vehicle fuel efficiency”

through the synergy of:

- **Vehicle electrification**
- **Novel energy harvesting and storage materials**
- **Next-generation biofuels**
- **Lightweight structures**
- **Efficient energy conversion**

guided by a holistic life cycle design and optimization framework





### Building The Dream Team

- Academic Partners in US and China
  - UM, OSU, M.I.T.
  - Tsinghua, SJTU, China Academy of Sciences, Beijing Institute of Technology, Wuhan University, Tongji University, Tianjin University
- Government/ State Entities
  - DOE, MOST, ORNL, SNL, JBEI, ANL, EPA, City of Ann Arbor, MEDC
- Committed Industry Partners in US and China
  - U.S. Charter Members: Cummins, Fraunhofer, Ford, GM, Toyota
  - Members: A123, Chrysler, BorgWarner, Delphi, Transportation Research Center, First Energy, MAGNET, American Electric Power, PJM, Dayton P&L, Huntsman
  - Chinese Members: Beijing Hyundai Automotive, DongFeng Motor Corporation, Chongqing Changan Automobile Co. Ltd, Geely Automotive
- \$50M of funding over the next five years



## CERC-CVC Thrust Areas

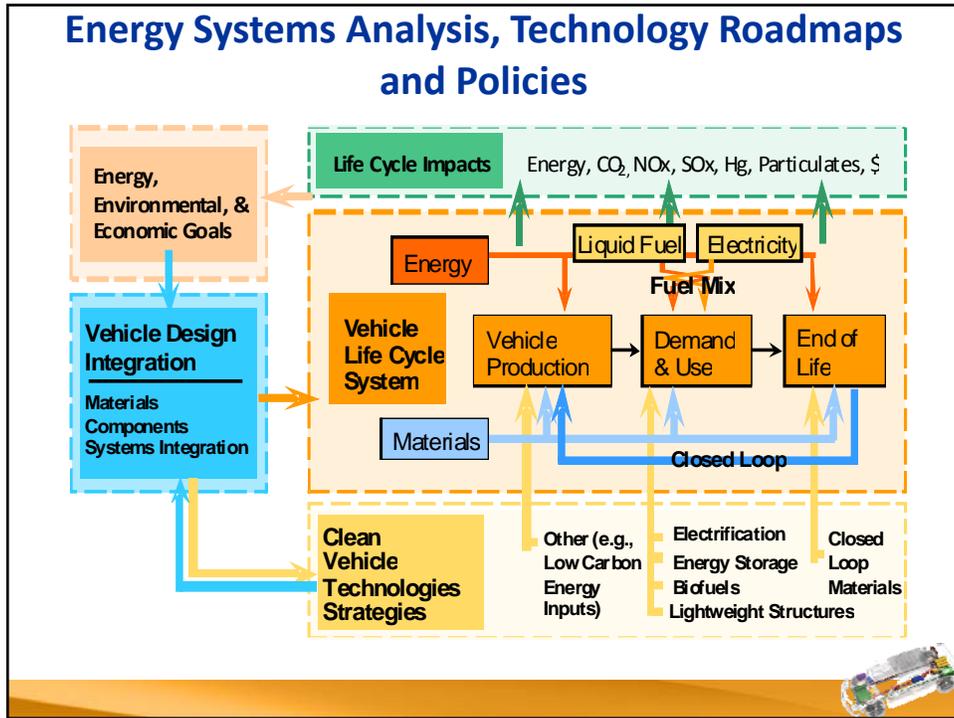
- Energy Systems Analysis, Technology Roadmaps and Policies
- Vehicle-Grid Interface
- Vehicle Electrification
- Batteries and Energy Conversion
- Advanced Biofuels and Clean Combustion
- Lightweight Structures



## Energy Systems Analysis, Technology Roadmaps and Policies

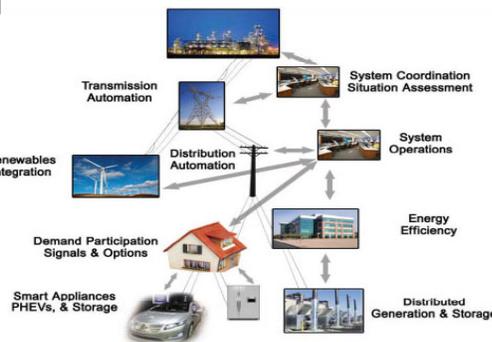
1. Energy Systems Analysis
  - a. Set CV Technology Performance Targets
  - b. Develop vehicle life cycle model to guide design
2. Optimize Fuels and Electricity Blends for Vehicle Propulsion given driving and charging patterns
  - a. Develop regional fueling strategies
  - b. Identify optimal vehicle technology combinations
3. Vehicle, Market and Policy Analysis
  - a. Develop Technology Roadmaps and inform policy and standards for CV deployment
  - b. Integrate CV Technologies and Optimize Vehicle System Design with Applications to Vehicle Test Beds





## Vehicle-Grid Interface

- Develop control strategies, protocols and communications requirements for vehicle – grid interactions.
  - Address local (distribution) and system-wide impacts.
  - Support renewable generation.
- Develop recommendations on electricity infrastructure protocols and standards for accelerating electric vehicle deployment in U.S. and China
  - in collaboration with energy systems analysis, technology roadmaps and policies thrust.



## Vehicle Electrification Goal

- To develop new concepts, models, methodologies, and tools to construct, analyze, design and simulate key components of electrified vehicles, and to study their controls and integrations.



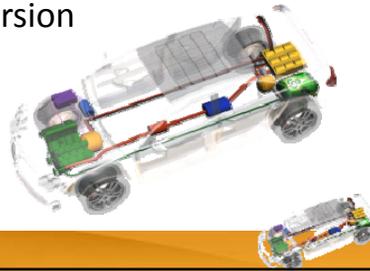
## Vehicle Electrification Projects

- Energy Conversion (electric motors and traction transmissions)
- Waste Heat Recovery
- Configuration design, component sizing and control of hybrid vehicles
- Integrated Fault Diagnosis and Prognosis for Hybrid and Electric Vehicles



## Batteries and Energy Conversion - Goals

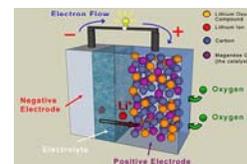
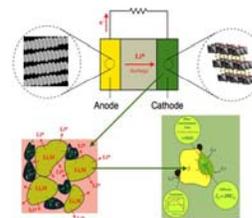
- To develop fundamental understanding of degradation mechanisms in Li-ion batteries at all relevant length scales
- To develop the next generation of high energy density batteries based on Li-air and Li-sulfur chemistries
- To develop novel thermoelectric materials for highly efficient energy conversion



DA1

## Batteries and Energy Conversion projects needs updating LI-Su in China and Thermoelectrics

- Li-ion focus:
  - Modeling and control for battery health management
  - Generation of Energy Storage Devices with Controlled Aging
  - Multi-scale Characterization
  - Thermal Modeling
  - Fundamental study of degradation mechanisms
  - Fundamental Studies of Solid Electrolyte Interface
- Li-air focus:
  - Characterization of the catalyst microstructure and morphology during charge/discharge cycles
  - Identification of the rate limiting mechanisms to understand the origin of the high charging potential
  - Identification of mechanisms by which cathode catalysts facilitate discharge and recharge
  - Screen for optimal catalyst compositions and morphologies



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**DA1** needs updating to include Li-sulfur work and thermoelectrics  
Dennis Assanis, 1/10/2011

## Biofuels and Clean Combustion - Goals

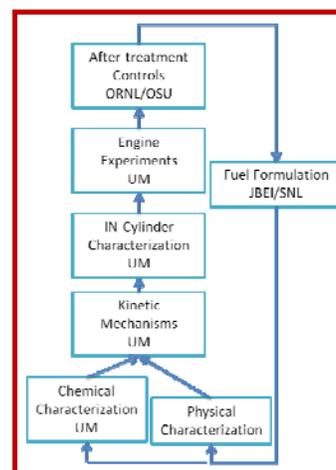
- Create and demonstrate a comprehensive and broadly applicable framework for synthesis of next generation biofuels and blends, and combustion of these biofuels in advanced engines.
- Uniqueness of the effort: the interconnected technical goals between synthetic biology and combustion chemistry and engines.



## Advanced Biofuels – Projects

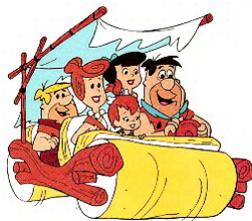
needs a figure that shows China contributions

- Chemical and Physical Characterization of Biofuels
- Development of Chemical and Physical Models for Novel Fuels
- In-Cylinder Characterization of Biofuels and LTC Engine Experiments
- Integrated powertrain and aftertreatment system control for clean vehicles
- Tailored Biofuels for Next-Generation Engines



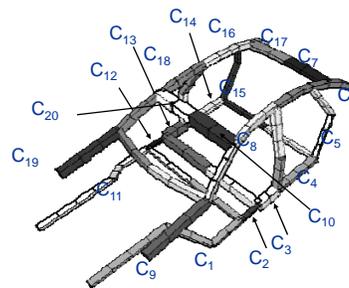
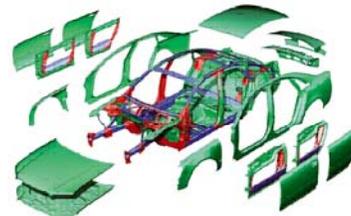
## Lightweight Structures - Goals

- Develop guidelines, methodologies, and tools to design and manufacture low-cost, energy efficient, high-performance, ultra lightweight vehicle body (and other) structures.



## Lightweight Structures - Projects

- Computational Design of Strong Lightweight Alloys
- Low-Cost Production of Carbon-Polymer Composite Components
- Robust Forming Processes of Lightweight Alloys
- Robust Joining Processes of Lightweight and/or Dissimilar Materials
- Lightweight, Multi-Material Vehicle Structure Design and Optimization



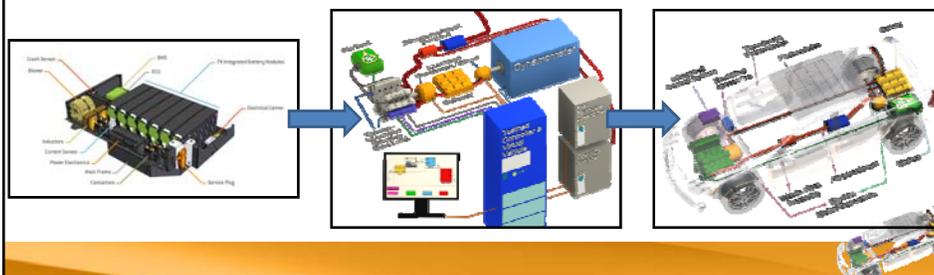
## Key Scientific and Technological Innovations

- New electrified vehicle architectures with optimized power management and controls
- Control strategies, protocols and communications requirements for vehicle – grid interactions
- Novel materials for energy harvesting, storage and conversion
- Combustion science for novel biofuels and its application to symbiotic design of innovative engine cycles and processes
- Breakthrough structural designs that provide substantial weight savings
- Life cycle design methodologies to guide system development that meets renewable resource constraints



## CERC-CVC Test Beds

- Sub-system:
  - Initial demonstrations in the CERC-CV laboratories
- Powertrain-in-the-loop testbed:
  - Key to early integration and demonstration of sub-systems (new biofuels, energy materials, waste heat recovery, sensors, controllers, and hybrid concepts)
- Fully integrated vehicle testbed:
  - Full scale integration of propulsion, energy harvesting and ancillary systems through University/Industry/International partnerships



## High Level CERC-CVC Metrics

- Joint conferences, workshops and symposia organized
- IP disclosures filed; US, China, and international patents issued
- Commercialization of CERC-CVC IP by OEMs, suppliers and start-ups
- Journal and conference papers published
- Students graduated and students hired by CERC-CVC members and affiliates
- Post-doctoral fellows trained
- Number, frequency, duration of personnel exchanged/collocated among organizations
- Awards received (individual, team, technology)
- Prestigious lectureships/keynotes given at national and international conferences

