

The Electrification of the Automobile

Electric Drive Systems and Components

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>1 billion vehicles
~3% annual growth worldwide

96% Dependence on Petroleum



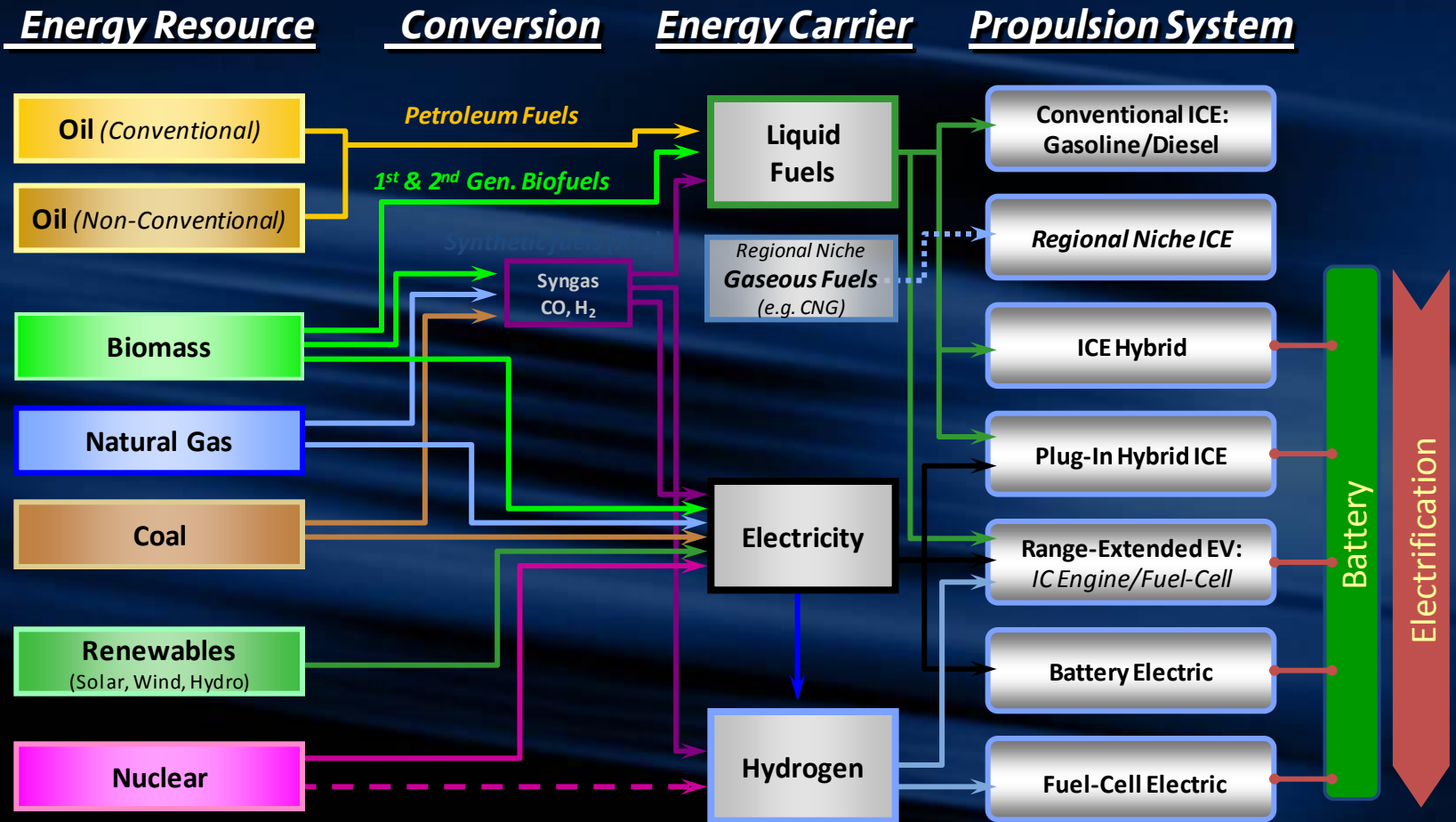
35% of World's Energy Comes from Petroleum



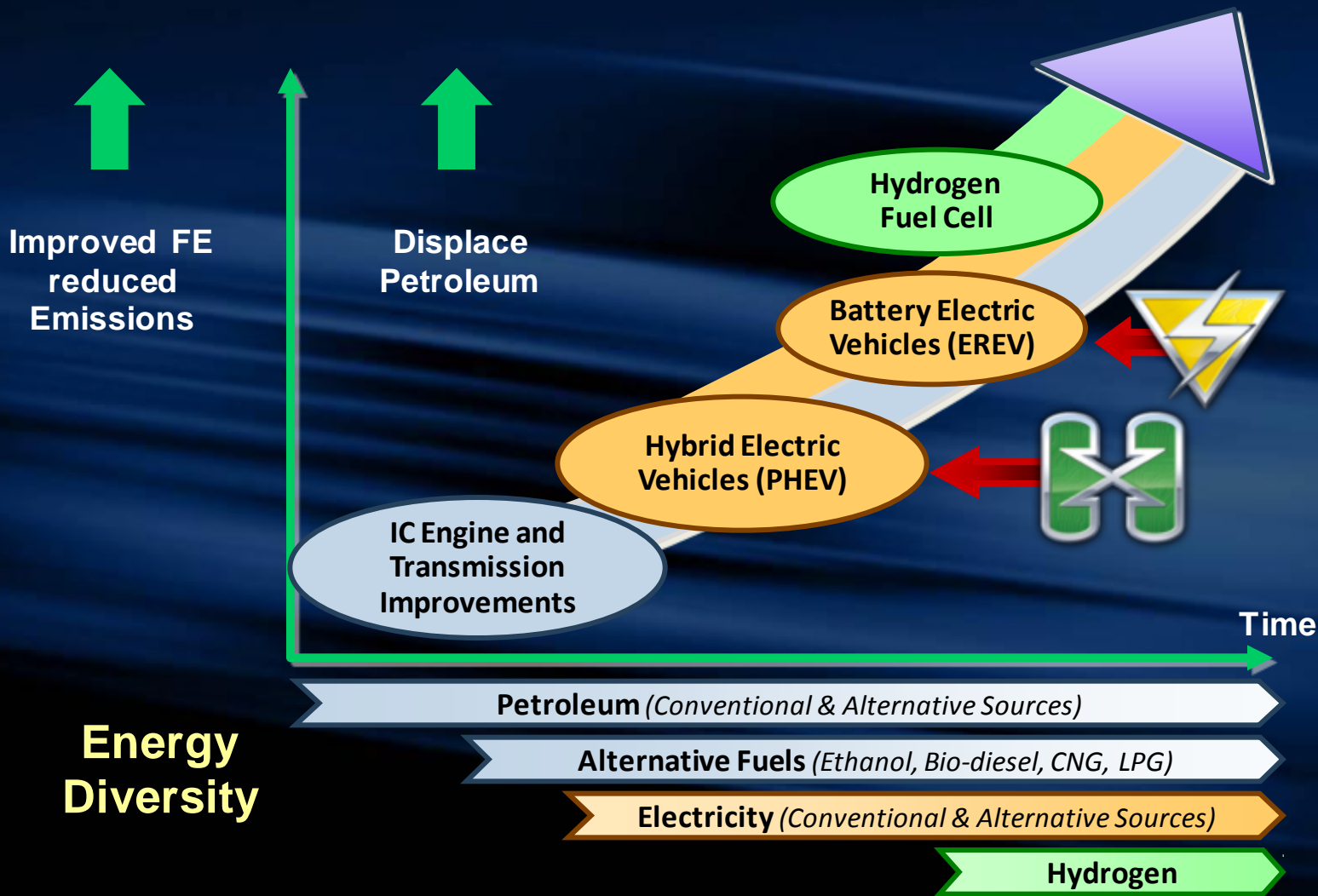
***GM Strategy:* Displace Petroleum
Through Energy Diversity**

Energy Diversity – Blending Strategy

“Liquid Fuels/Electricity/Hydrogen” as the In-Vehicle Energy Carriers



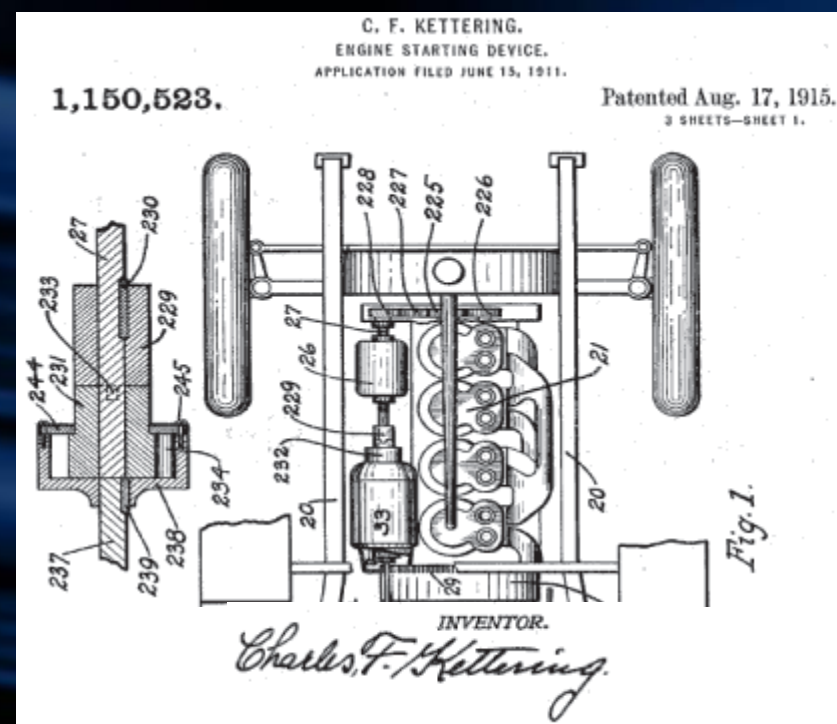
GM Advanced Propulsion Technology Strategy



Electrification Begins: 1912 Cadillac



Geared Starter / Generator



Electrification Emerges Again: 1997 EV1



Power Electronics
54 liters



Electric Drive

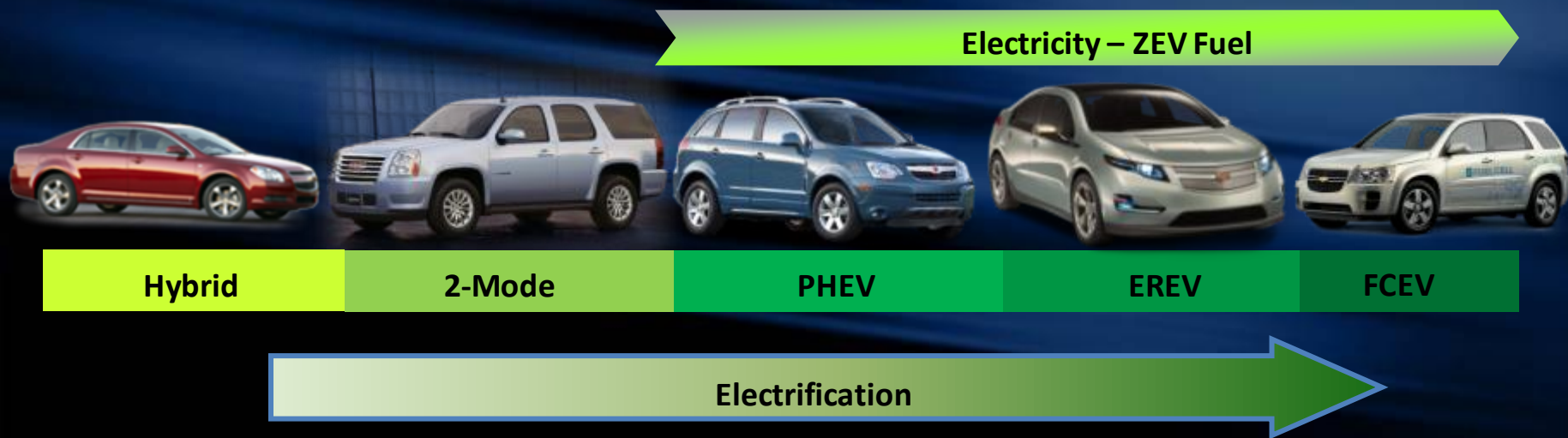
Induction Motor
103 kW peak; 35 kW cont.
10.9 single gear reduction

- Great Car
- Great Drivetrain
- Enthusiastic Customers
- Limited by “Range Anxiety”

Today's Electrification Opportunities

Portfolio of Solutions for a Full Range of Vehicles

- Mild Hybrid – BAS
- Full Hybrid – 2-Mode
- PHEV – 2-Mode
- EREV – Voltec
- FCEV – EV Drive

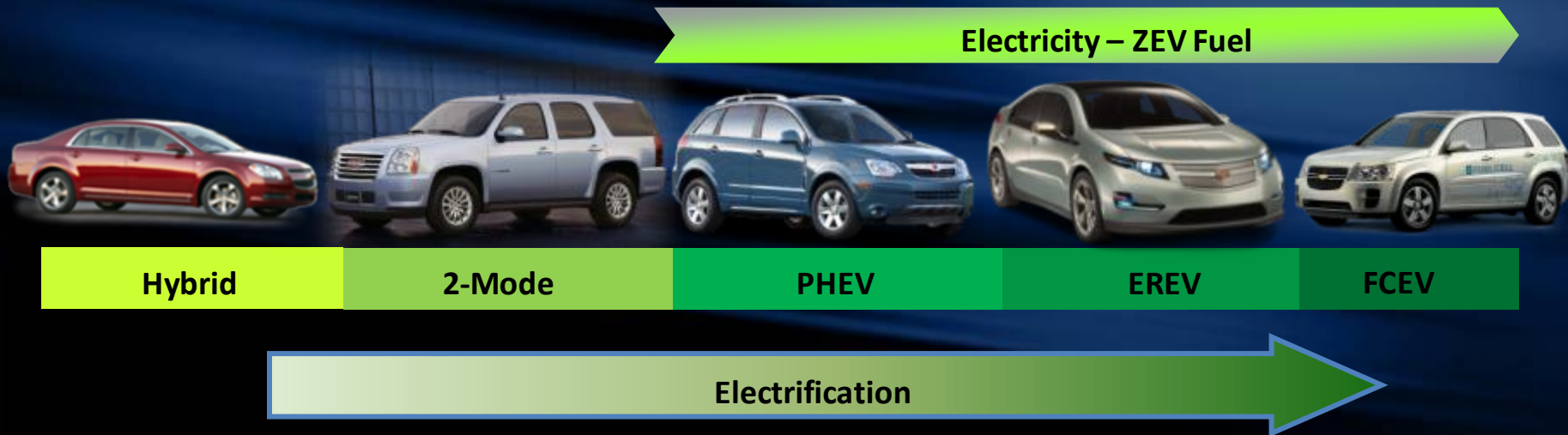


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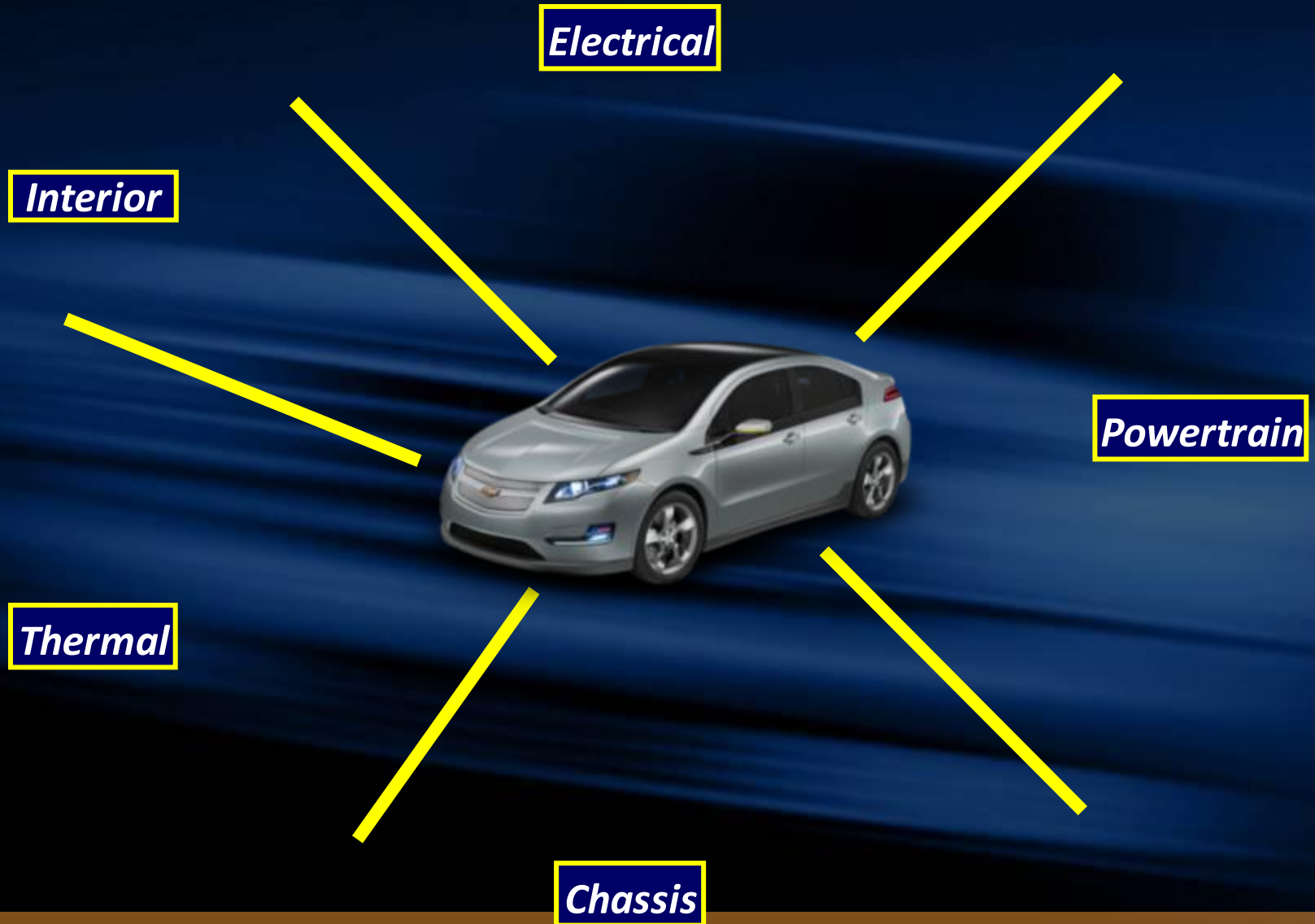
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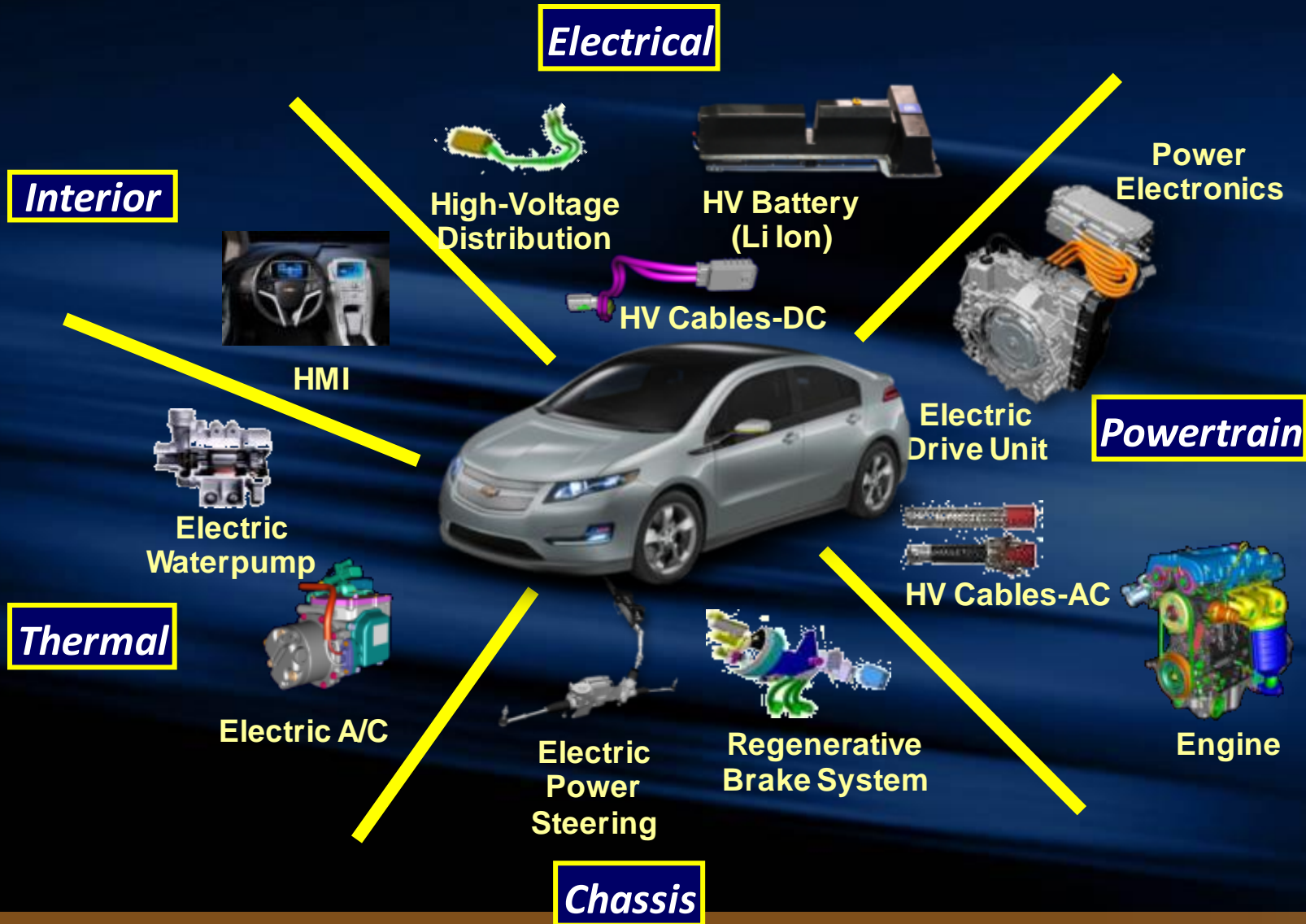
- 1 or 2 Large Electric Motors
- 1 or 2 Large Power Inverters
- High power or high energy battery
- "By-wire" controls of propulsion and braking



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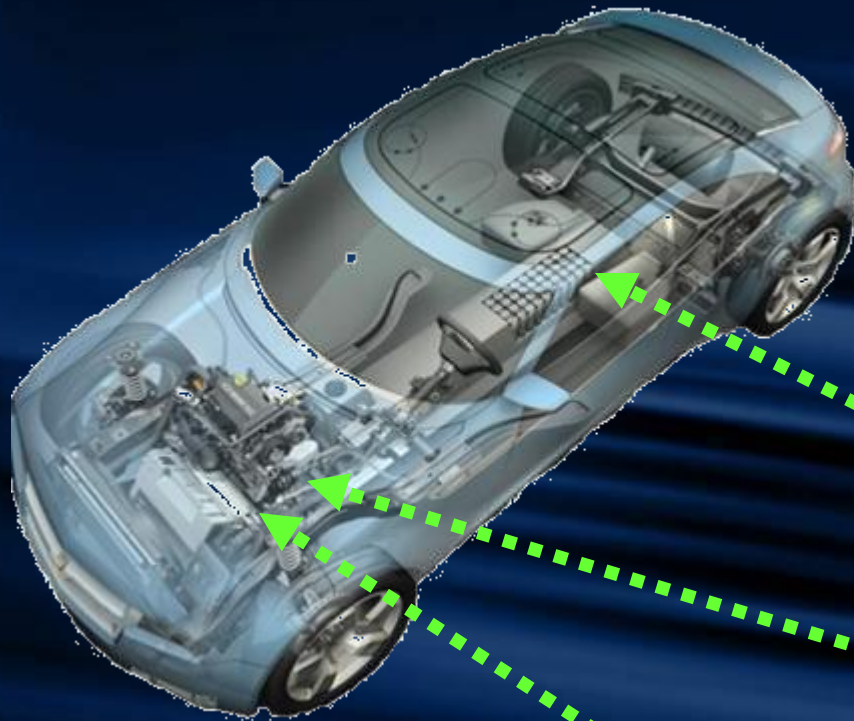


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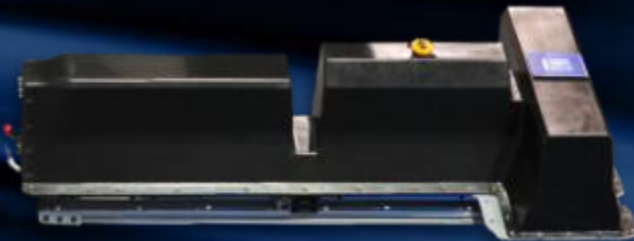


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Key enablers for
Automotive Electrification



Electric Drive with
Integrated Motor



Traction
Battery



Power
Electronics

Software
Controls

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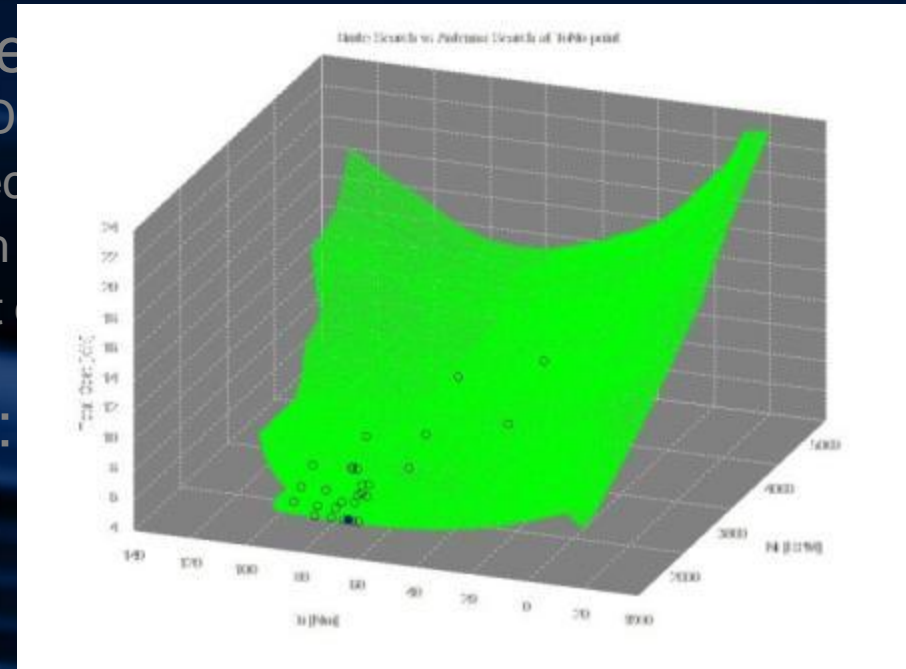
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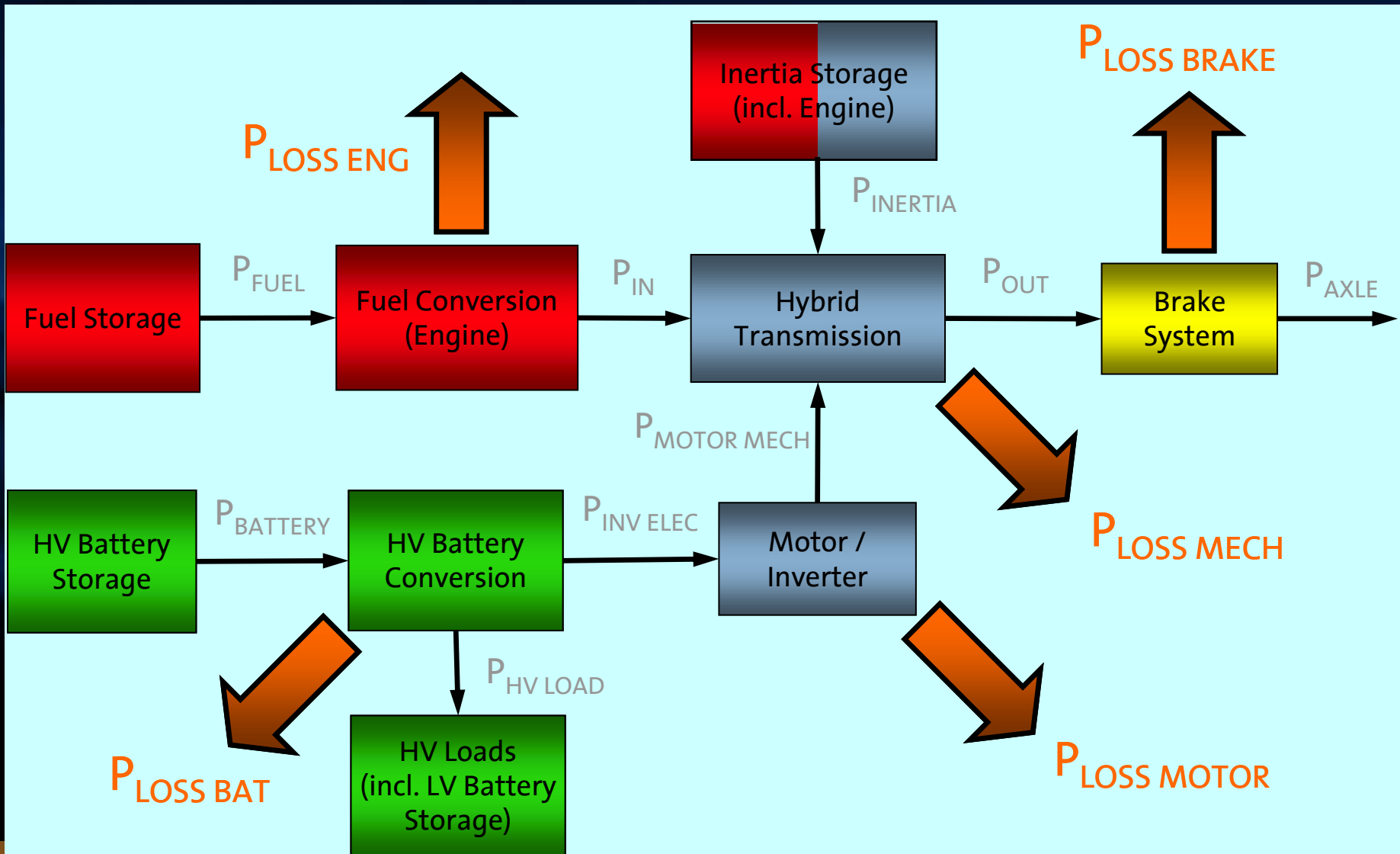
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- Hybrid System Functional Domain
 - Real time optimizer – engine, motors, battery, drive unit
 - Engine Start/Stop control
 - By-Wire blending of regenerative and friction braking
 - Actively dampen driveline
 - Switch current to motors for best torque/efficiency

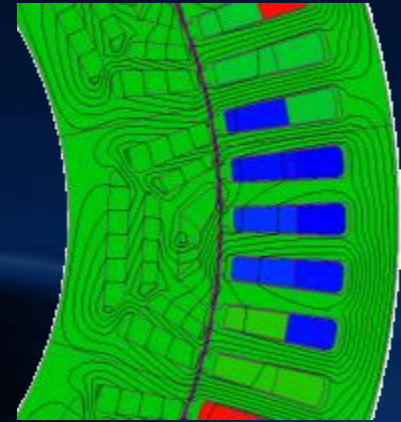


Hybrid Control System Loss Optimization



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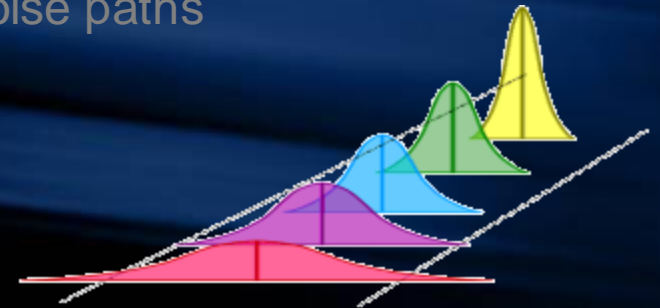


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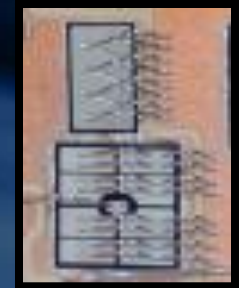
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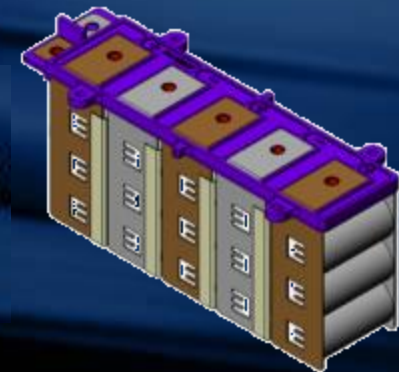
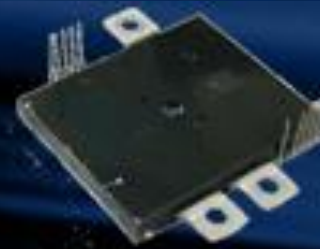


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 - Connector and cables
 - Power module construction
 - Film capacitor size and package



Chevrolet Volt - Advanced Battery Technology

Creating the "Practical EV"



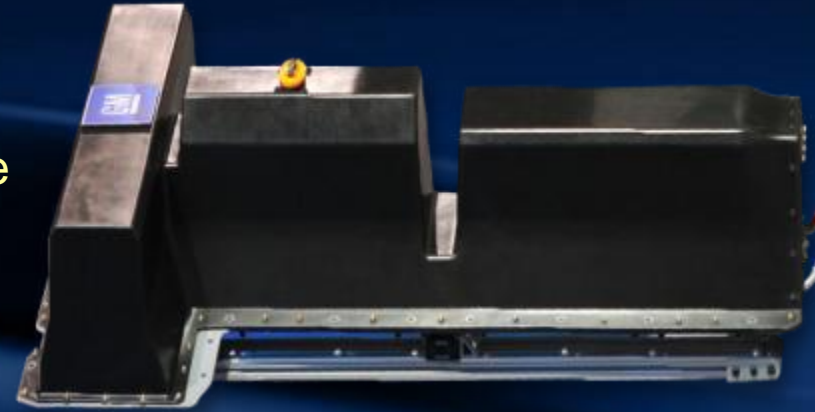
- 16 kWh (~8 kWh usable)
- 40 miles of EV driving
- High energy, high power for EV
- Charging:
 - ~ 3 hours @ 220 Volts
 - ~ 8 hours @ 110 Volts
- Life: >10 years/150,000 mi



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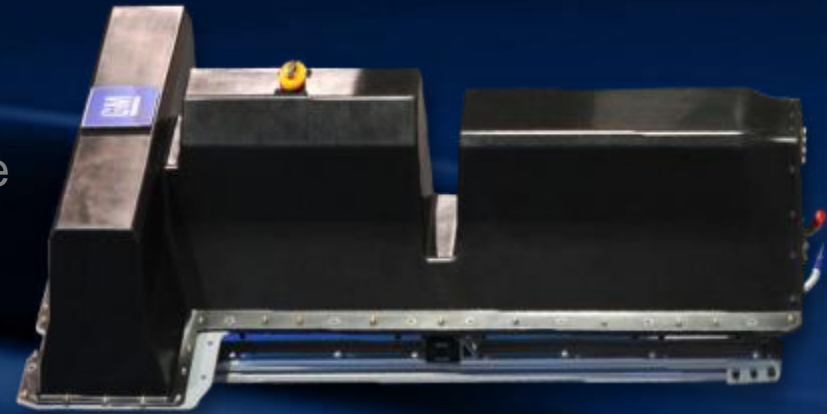
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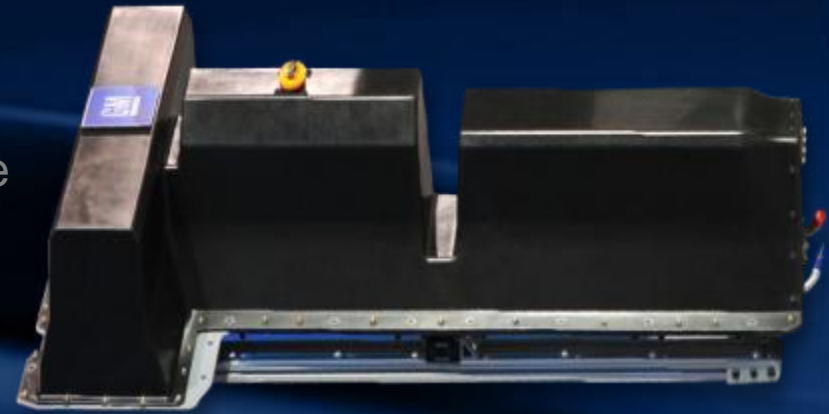
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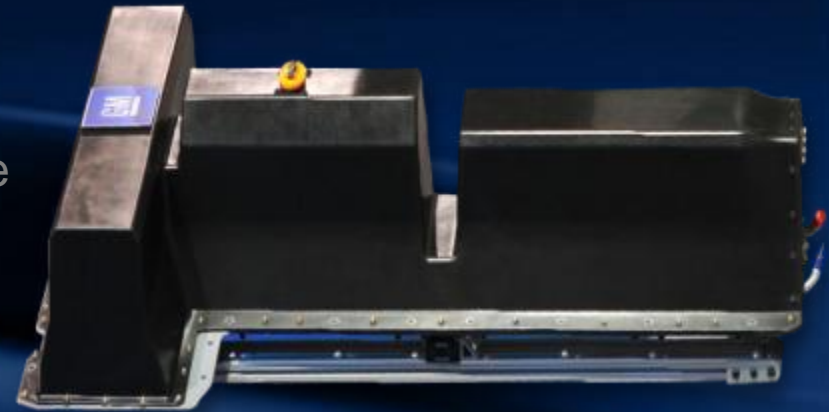
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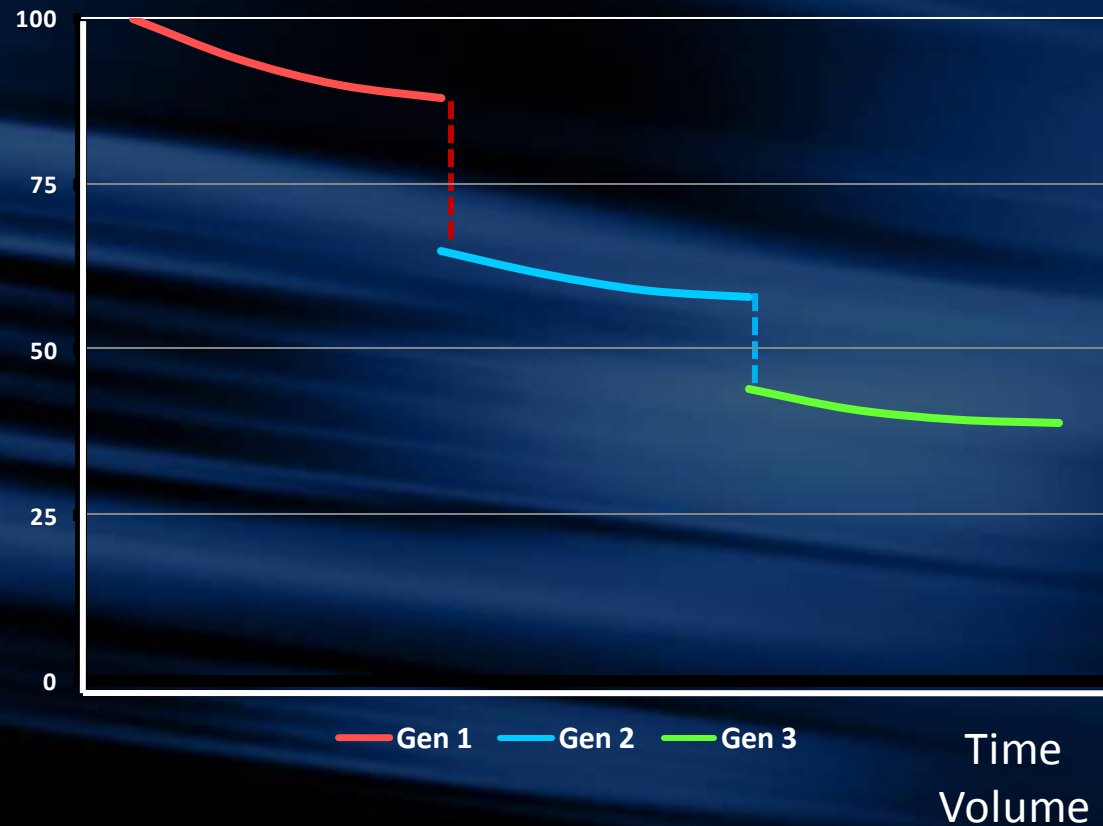
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- Supplier / OEM / R&D teamwork



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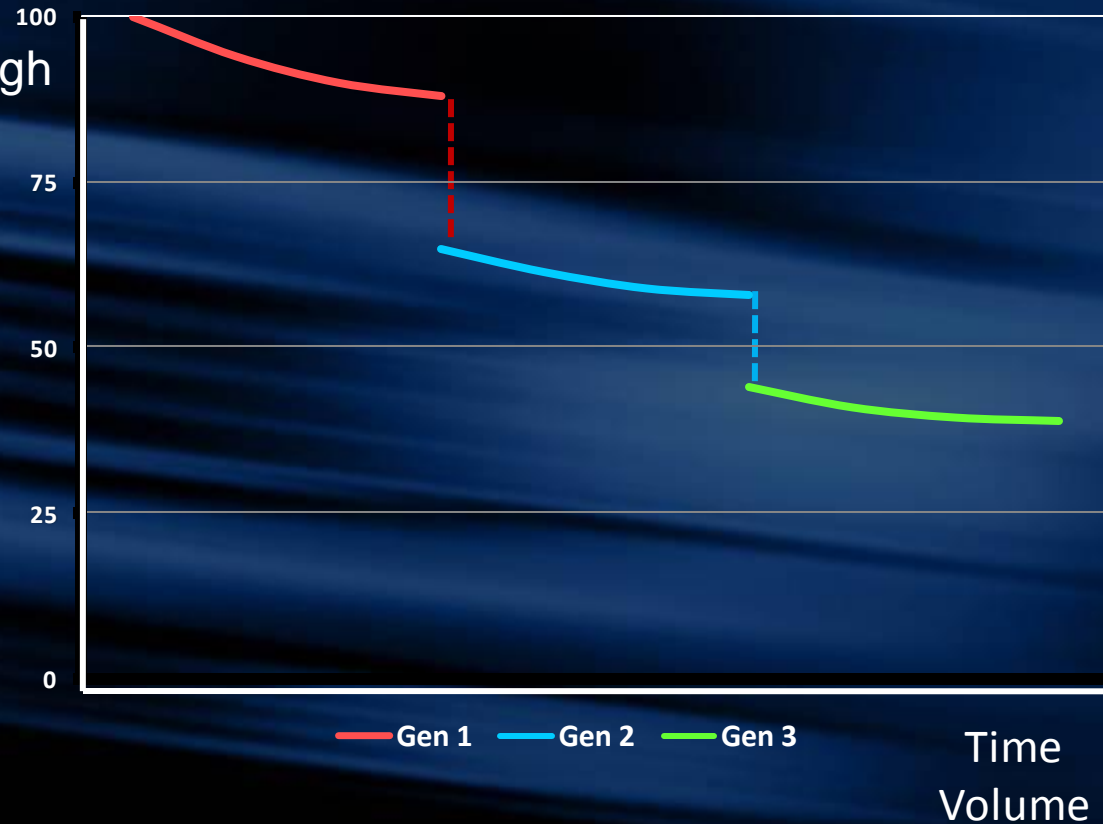
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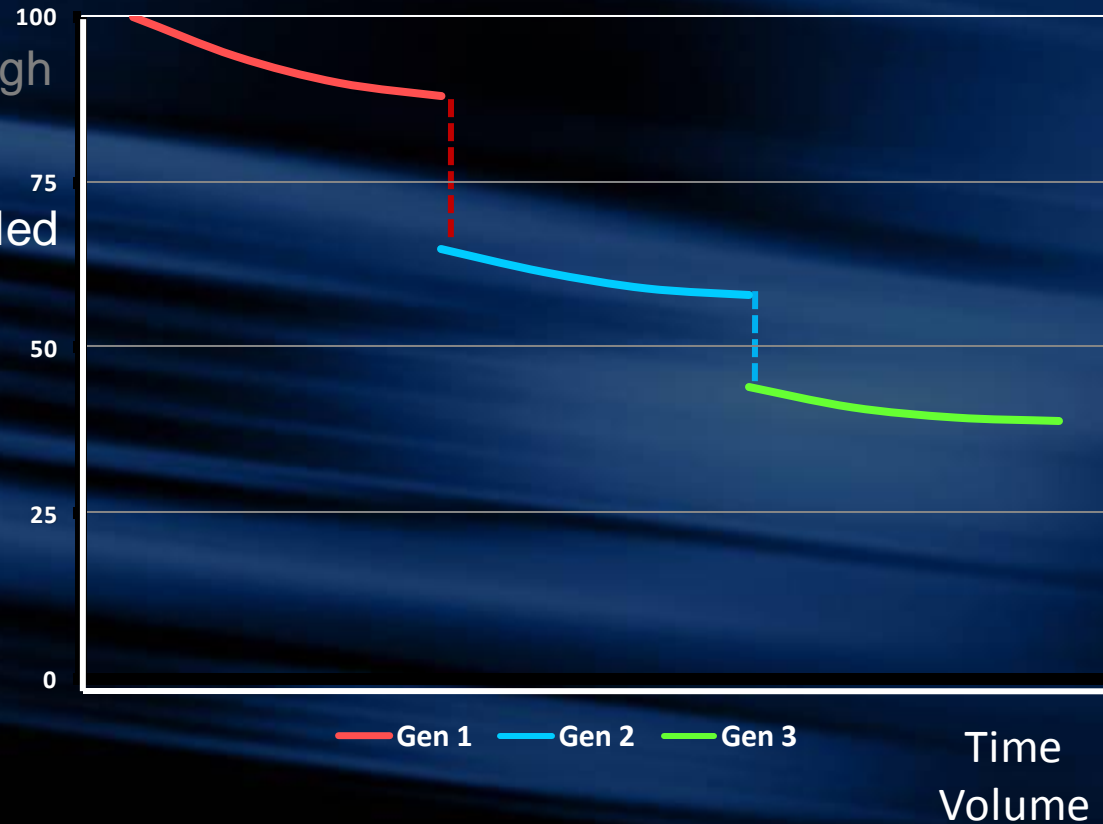
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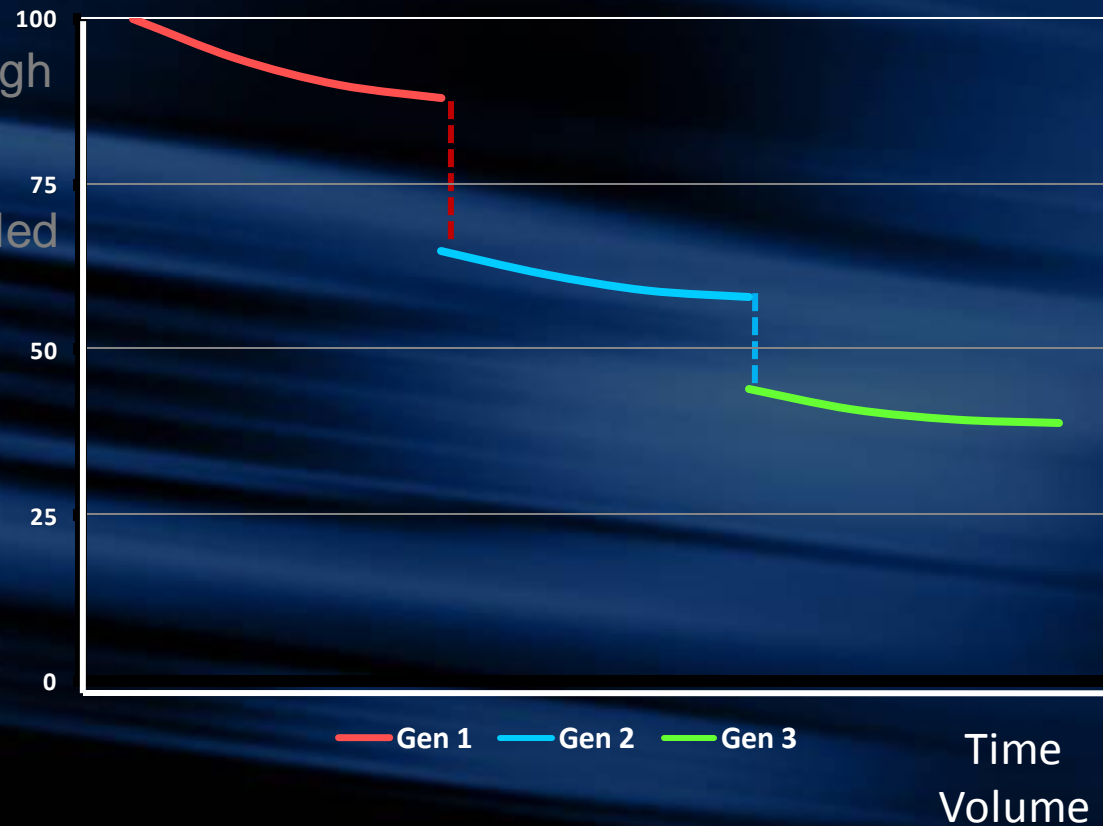
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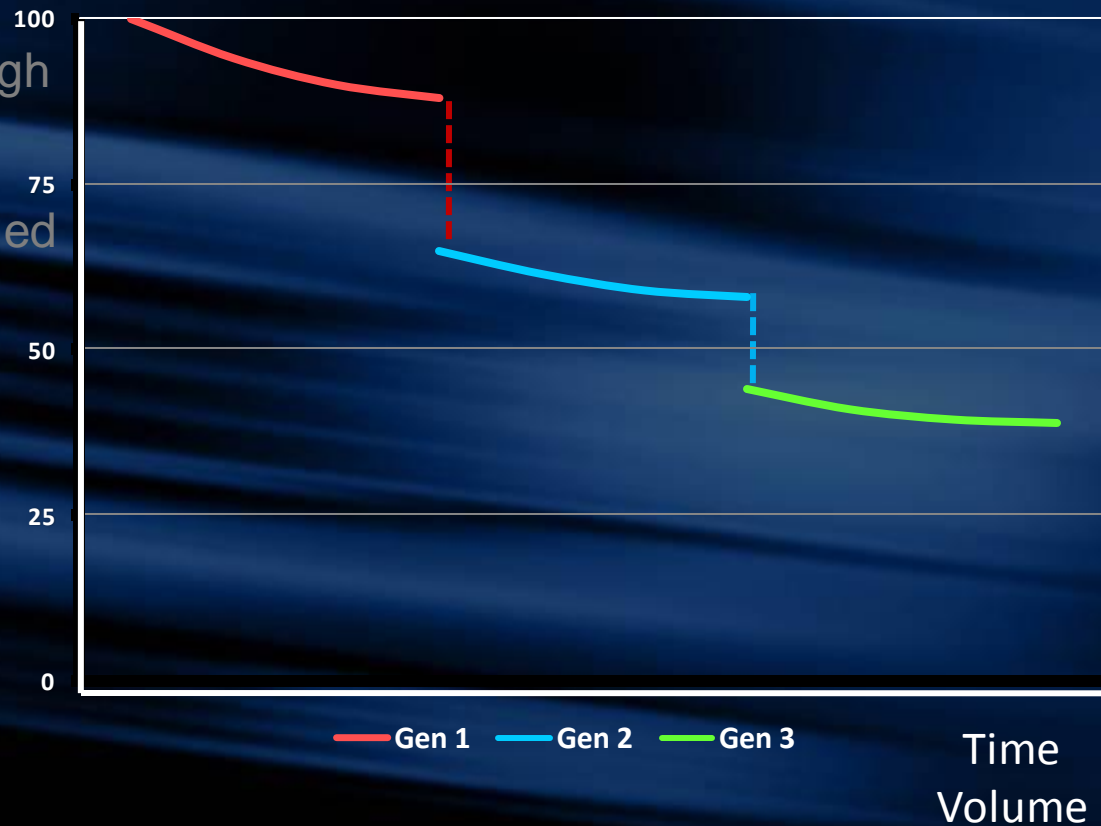
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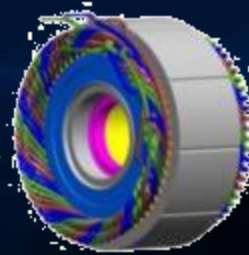


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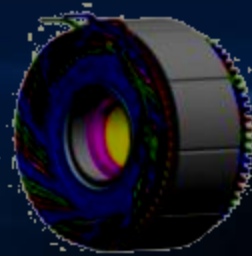


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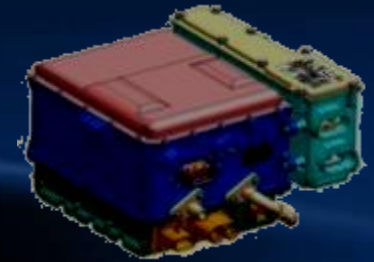
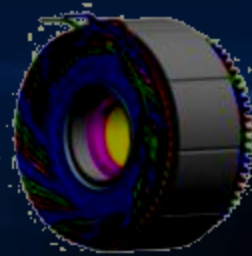
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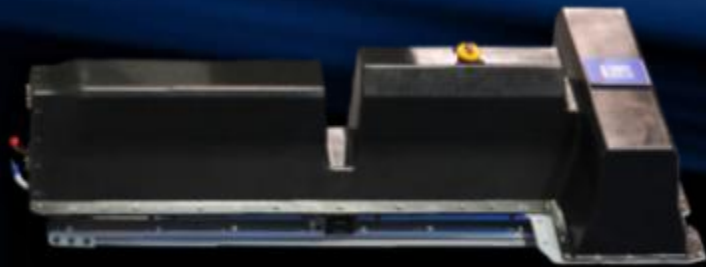


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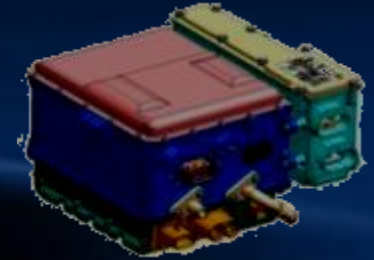
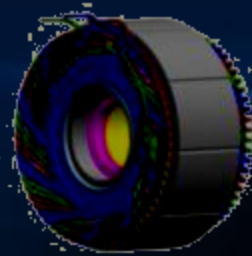


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➤ Controls

- Energy systems, safety, LV electrical, optimization, communications, electric machine complex vector / sensor-less





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17 Participating Universities

- Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
- Georgia Tech
- Howard University
- Michigan Technological University
- Mississippi State University
- Missouri Univ. of Science and Technology
- North Carolina State University
- The Ohio State University
- Ontario Institute of Technology
- Pennsylvania State University
- Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology
- Texas Tech University
- University of Victoria
- University of Waterloo
- University of Wisconsin
- Virginia Tech
- West Virginia University



Sponsors



Electrification of the Automobile – Summary

- GM is committed to Advanced Propulsion Technologies
 - No one solution - today and tomorrow
 - Conventional Improvements
 - Electrification (Hybrid, PHEV, EREV, Fuel Cell EV)
- Electrification is an area of Intense Focus and Opportunity
 - Volume with planned Generations of technology will develop cost effective products, a mature supply base, and satisfied customers
 - Significant cost reduction - technology shifts
 - Volume alone will not markedly improve the cost basis
 - Must begin the significant investment now
- GM is dedicated to the Electrification of the Automobile
 - Engineering talent is being deployed
 - Industry, Government and Academia must help prepare the next generation engineers to support this new competitive reality



Thank you for your attention

