

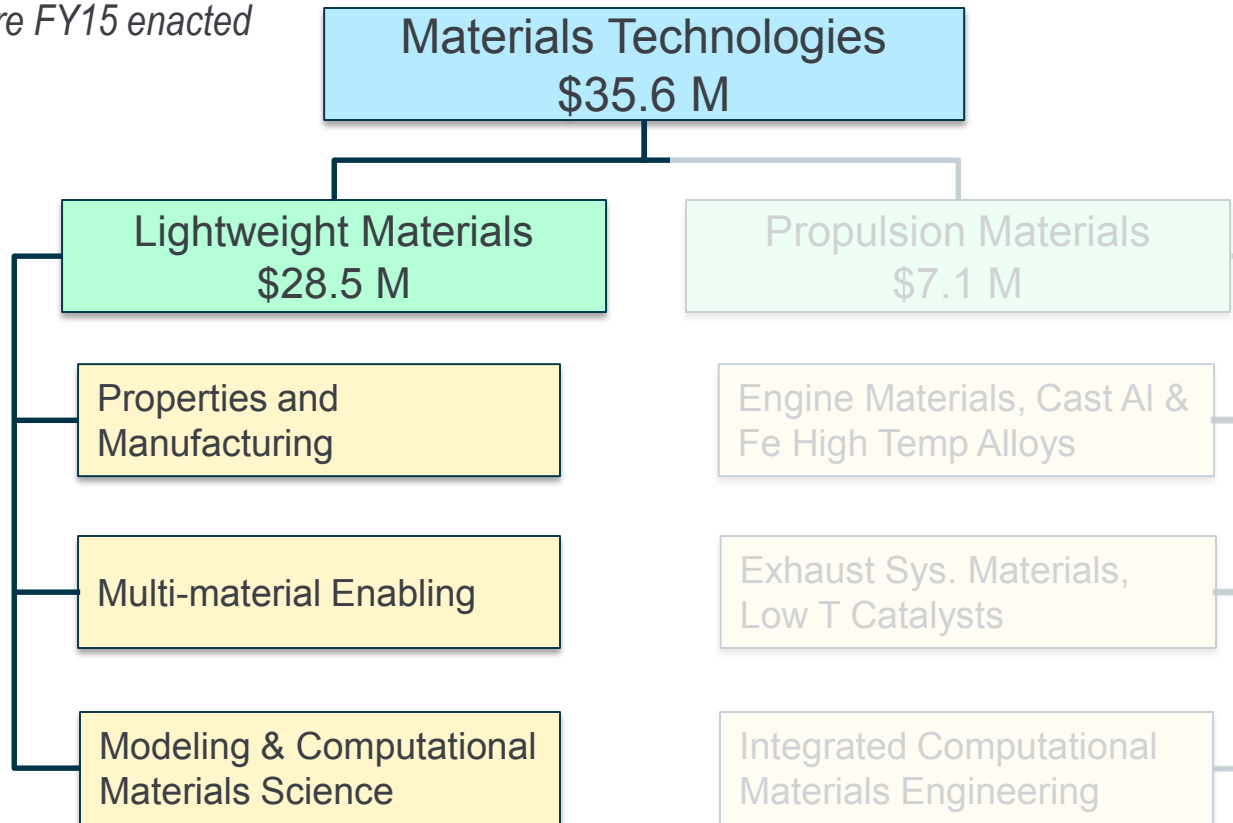


# *Lightweight Materials*

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LM999

Values are FY15 enacted



	Lightweight	Propulsion
FY13 Enacted	\$27.5 M	\$11.9 M
FY14 Enacted	\$28.0 M	\$8.9 M
FY15 Enacted	\$28.5 M	\$7.1 M

# Vehicle Weight Reduction



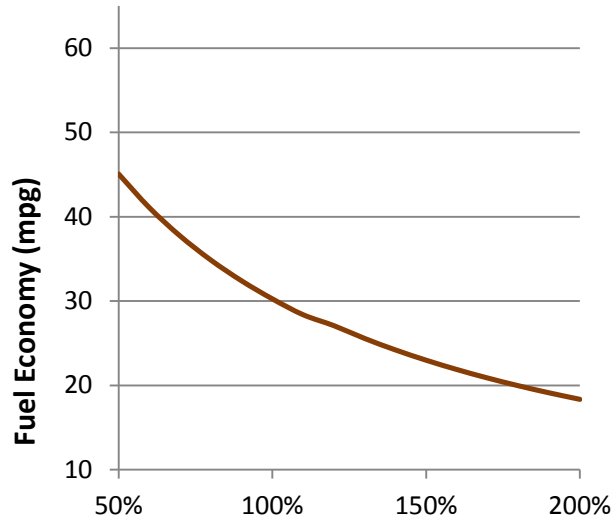
*Conventional ICE*



*Hybrid/Electric Vehicles*



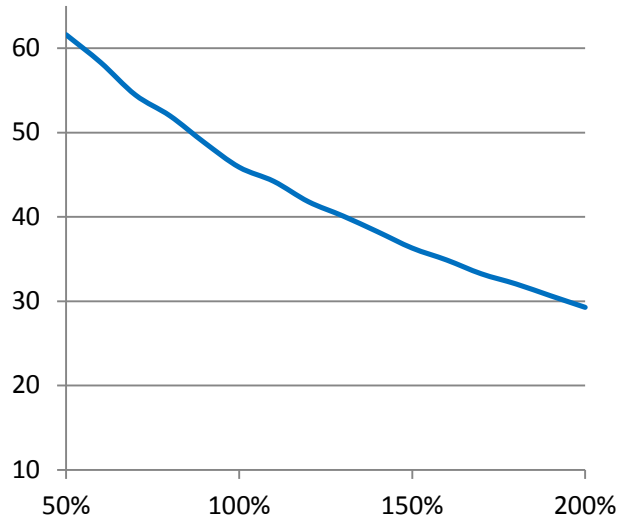
*Commercial/Heavy Duty*



Percent of Baseline Vehicle Mass

*NREL 2011*

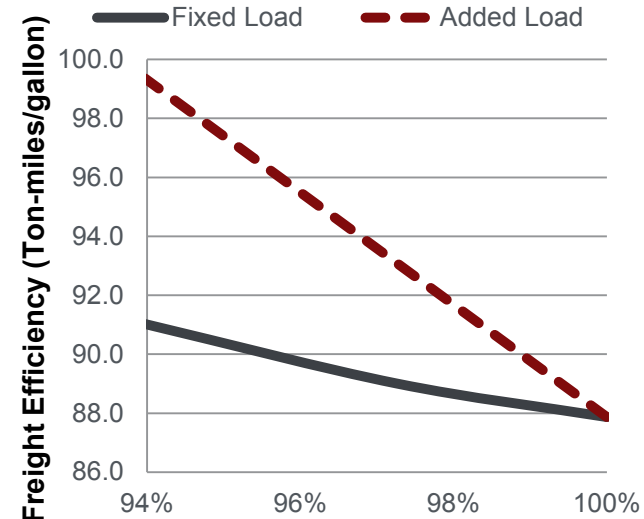
**6%-8% improvement in fuel economy for 10% reduction in weight**



Percent of Baseline Vehicle Mass

*NREL 2011*

**Improvement in range, battery cost, and/or efficiency**

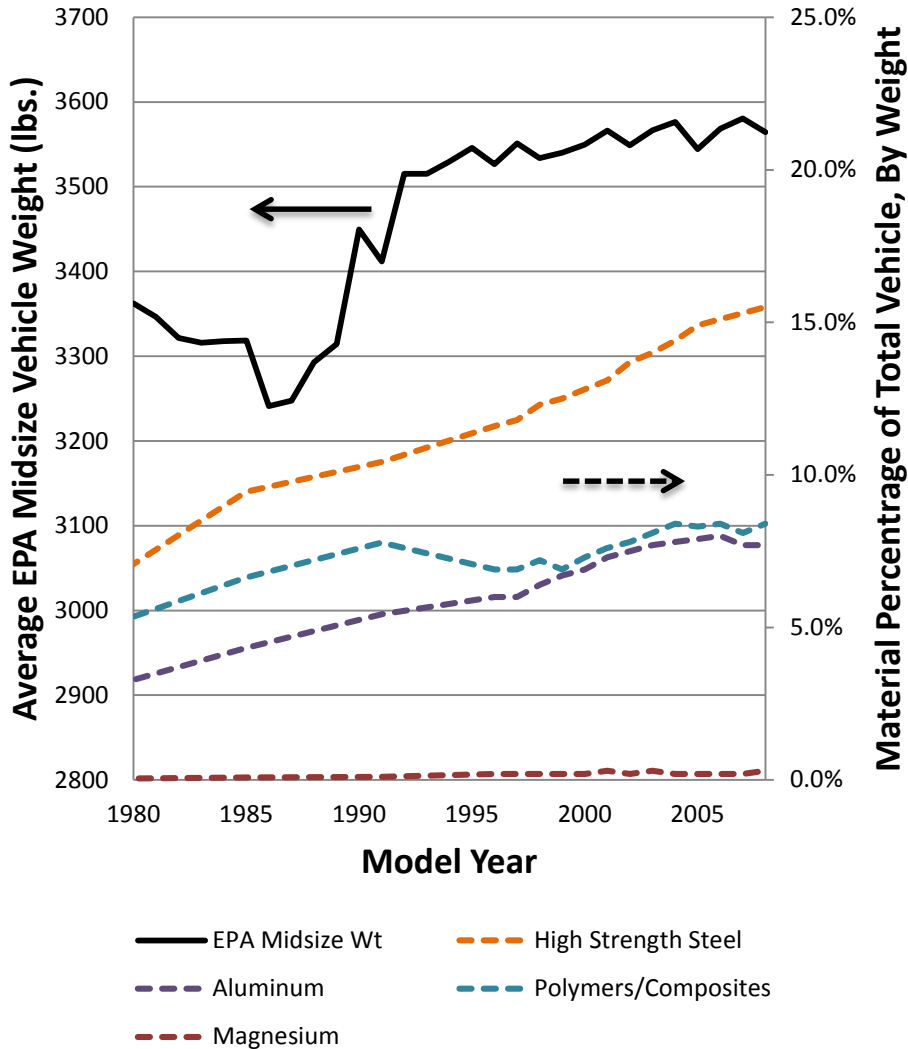


Percent of Baseline Vehicle Mass Without Cargo

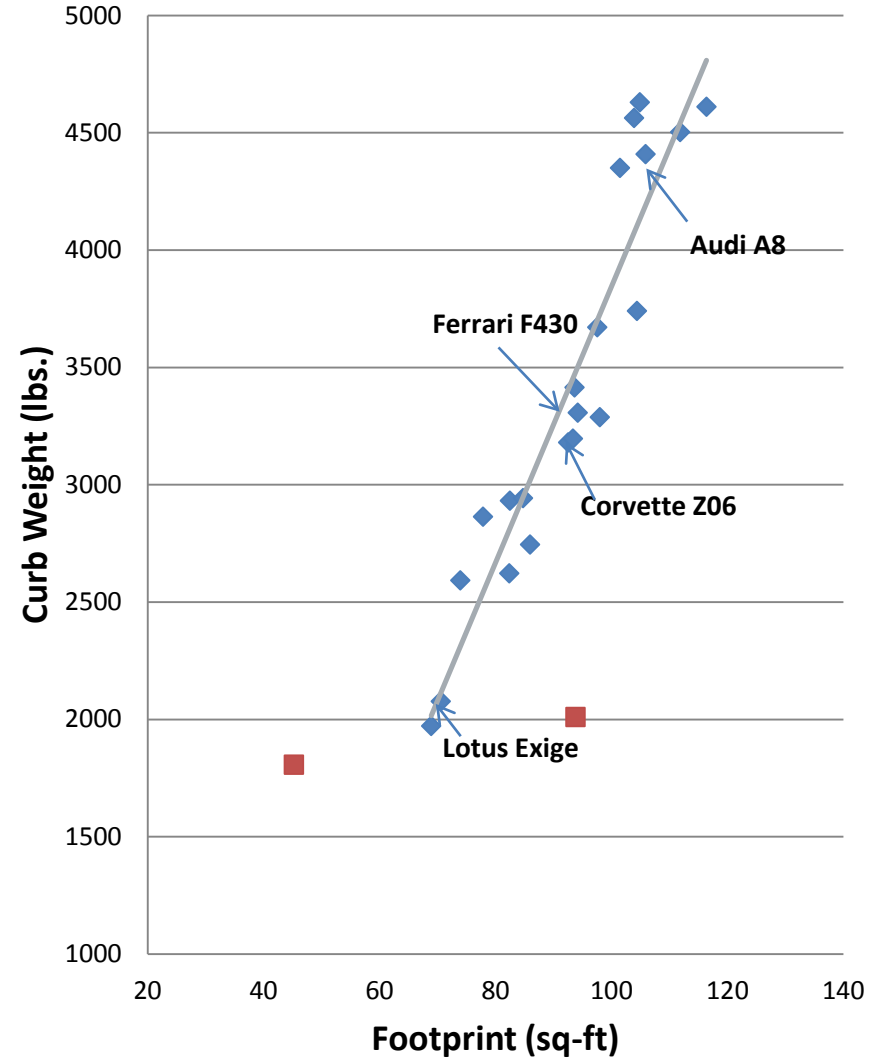
*Ricardo Inc., 2009*

**13% improvement in freight efficiency for 6% reduction in weight**

## Average Vehicle Weight and Material Content

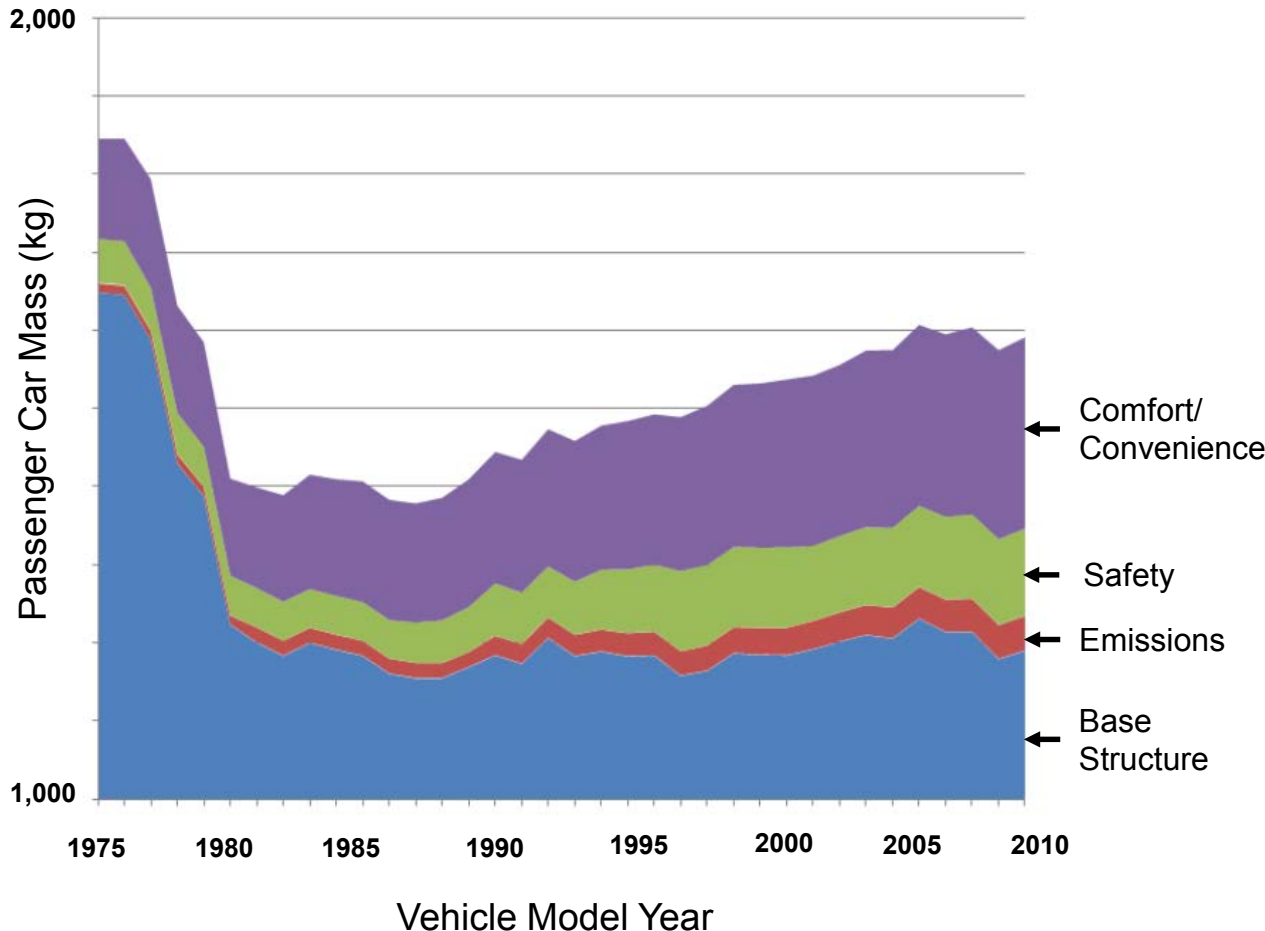


## Vehicle Curb Weight vs. Footprint



# Where's the Weight Reduction?

**Vehicle Weight Breakdown vs. Model Year**



- Comfort, safety, and emissions control have all improved
- Base structure weight has decreased
- *System and component weight reduction has been applied to performance and comfort rather than total vehicle weight reduction*

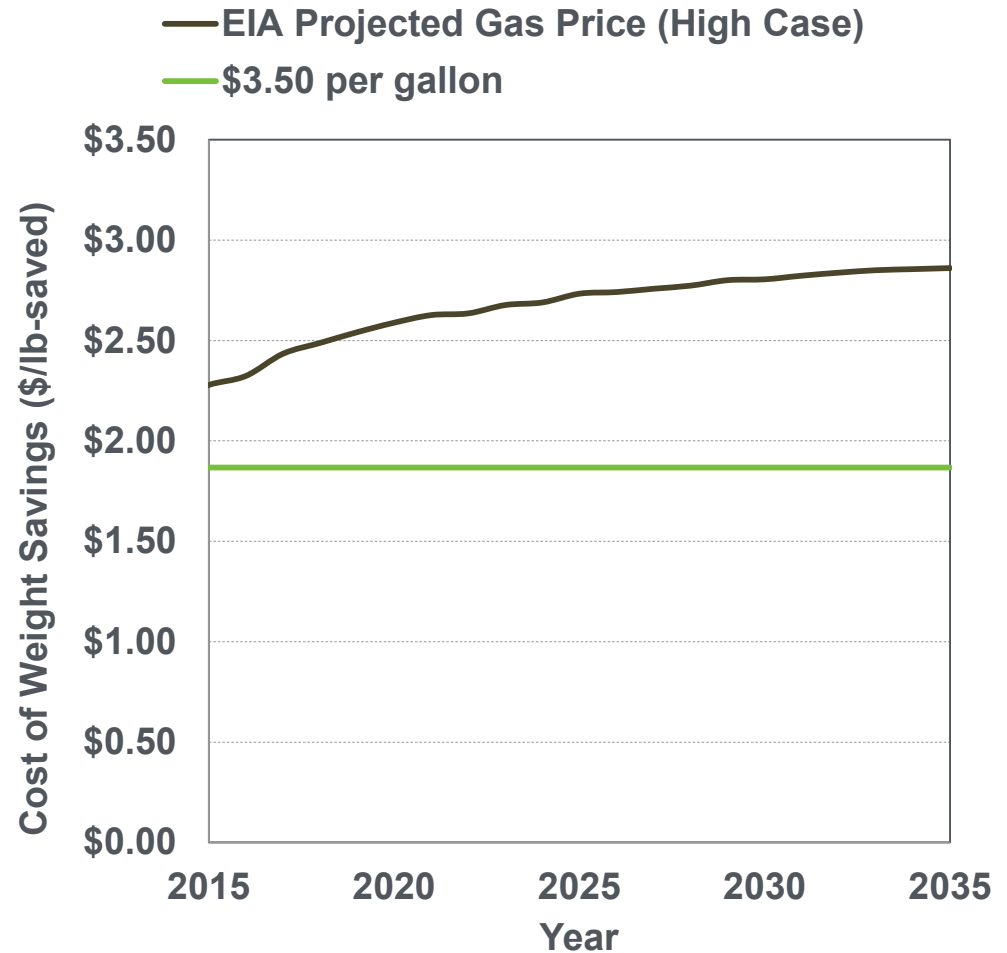
Stephen M. Zoepf "Automotive Features: Mass Impact and Deployment Characterization"  
MS Thesis, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, June 2011, page 36.



**Societal view:** Fuel efficiency improvement must pay back lightweighting cost over vehicle lifetime

- Model Input
  - Baseline weight: **3500 lbs.**
  - Baseline FE: **28.4 mpg**
  - VMT per year: **12,000 mi.**
  - Vehicle life: **15 yr.**
  - FE improvement per weight saved: **7%/10%**
  - Fuel Price
    - \$3.50/gal
    - EIA projection
  - Discount rate: **7%**

## Acceptable Cost Per Pound of Weight Saved



# Total Vehicle Weight Reduction Potential

Sources of weight are from three categories:

## Direct weight savings with lightweight materials

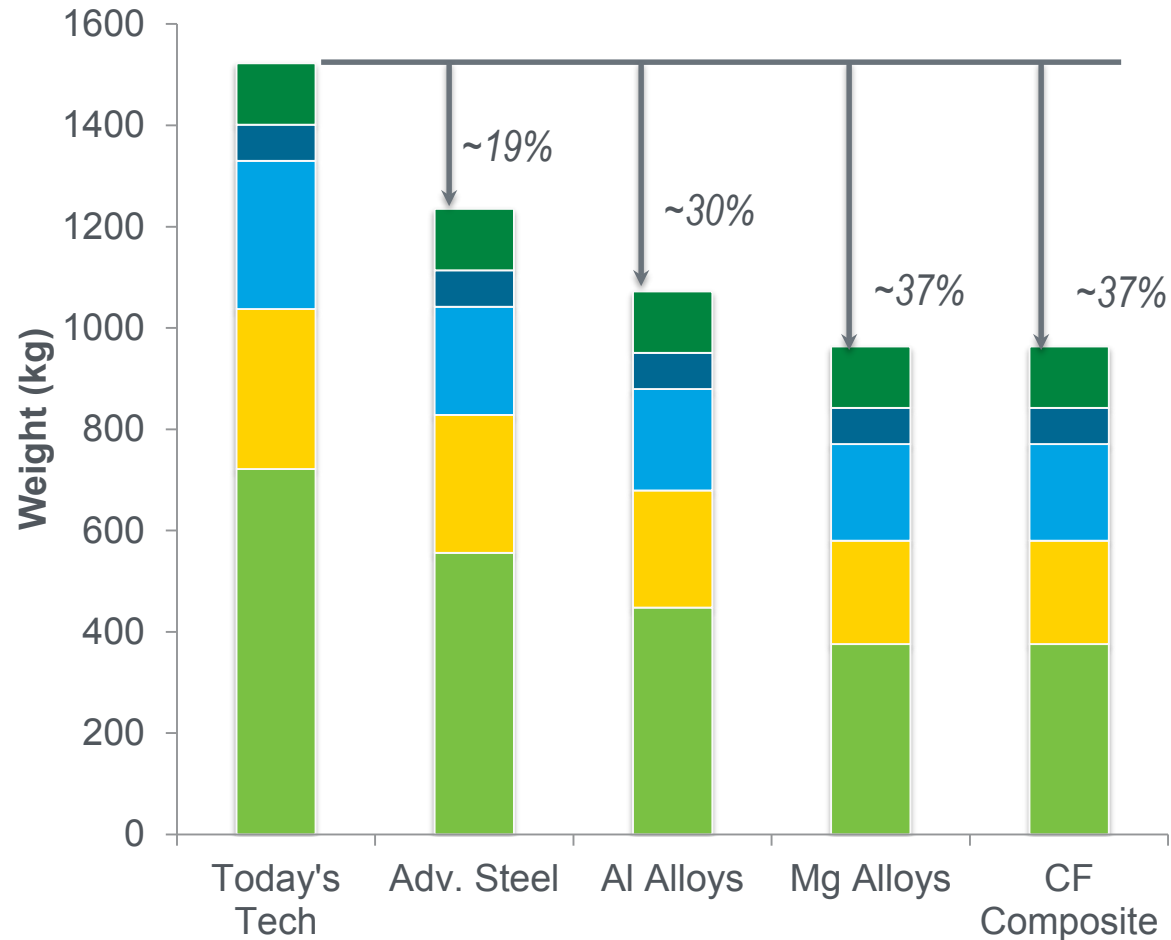
- *Body & Structure, parts of Chassis and Powertrain*

## Indirect weight savings by reducing requirements

- *Lighter vehicle can use lighter brakes, lighter suspension, etc.*
- *“Mass Decomponding”*
- *Powertrain and Chassis*

## No significant savings through lightweighting

- *Many systems are essentially a function of vehicle volume*
- *Windshield, wiring, headlights, HVAC, etc.*



## Light- and Heavy-Duty Roadmaps

### Properties and Manufacturing

- Reduce cost
  - raw materials
  - processing
- Improve
  - performance
  - manufacturability

### Multi-material Enabling

- Enable structural joints between dissimilar materials
- Prevent corrosion in complex material systems
- Develop NDE techniques

### Modeling and Simulation

- Accurately predict behavior
- Tools to optimize complex processes efficiently
- ICME: Developing new materials and processes

## Demonstration, Validation, and Analysis

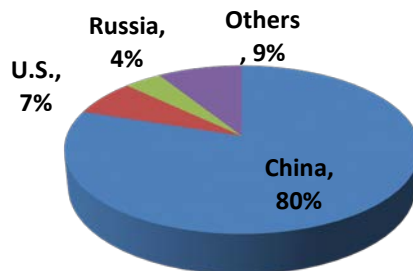


## Magnesium Alloys

When it “works” → 40-70% weight reduction

Otherwise → *Cost (~\$3-10/lb-saved)*

- Lack of domestic supply, unstable pricing
- Challenging corrosion behavior
- Inadequate strength, stiffness, and ductility
- Difficult to model deformation behavior



## Aluminum Alloys

When it “works” → 25-55% weight reduction

Otherwise → *Cost (~\$2-8/lb-saved)*

Otherwise →

- Insufficient strength in conventional automotive alloys
- Limited room temperature formability in conventional automotive alloys
- Difficult to join/integrate to incumbent steel structures

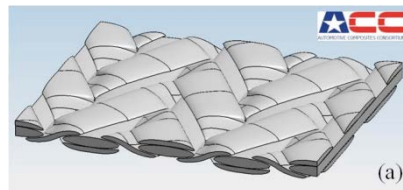


## Carbon Fiber Composites

When it “works” → 30-65% weight reduction

Otherwise → *Cost (~\$5-15/lb-saved)*

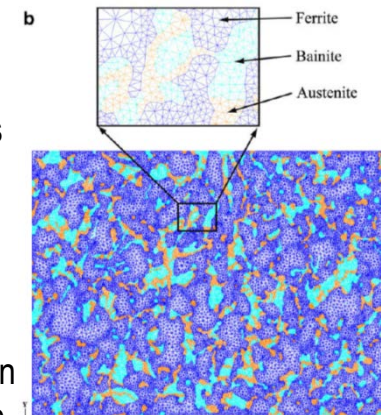
- High cost of carbon fiber (processing, input material)
- Joining techniques not easily implemented for vehicles
- Difficult to efficiently model across many relevant length scales



## Advanced High Strength Steel

15-25% weight reduction →

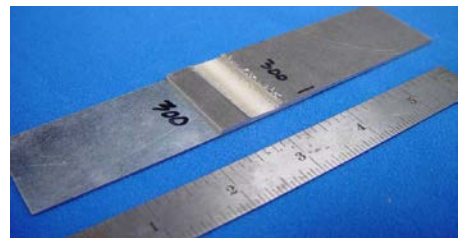
- Inadequate structure/properties understanding to propose steels with 3GAHSS properties
- Insufficient post-processing technology/understanding
- What other relevant properties should be considered? Hydrogen embrittlement, local fracture, etc.



Choi et. al., Acta Mat. 57 (2009) 2592-2604

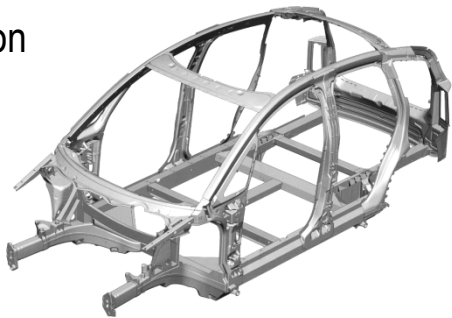
## Magnesium Alloys

- Corrosion (galvanic and general)
- Difficulty Joining
  - Mg-Mg
  - Mg-X
  - Riveted Joints
- Questionable compatibility with existing paint/coating systems



## Aluminum Alloys

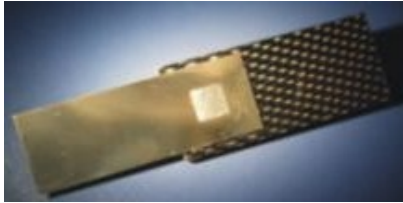
- HAZ property deterioration
- Difficulty joining mixed grades
  - Joint integrity
  - Joint formability
- Difficulty recycling mixed grades



	Mg	Si	Cu	Zn
5182	4.0 - 5.0	< 0.2	< 0.15	< 0.25
6111	0.5 - 1.0	0.6 - 1.1	0.5 - 0.9	< 0.15
7075	2.1 - 2.9	< 0.4	1.2 - 2.0	5.1 - 6.1

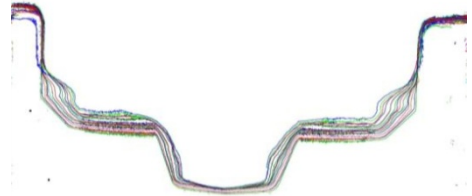
## Carbon Fiber Composites

- Corrosion and environmental degradation
- Some difficulty joining
- Questions regarding non-destructive evaluation



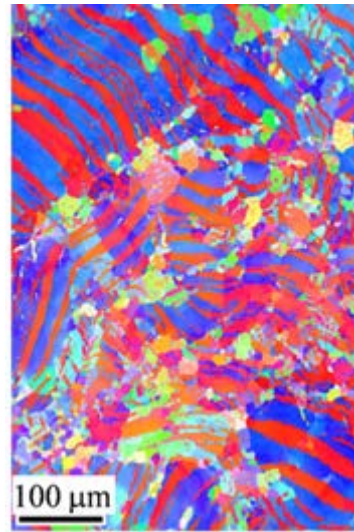
## AHSS

- HAZ property deterioration
- Limited weld fatigue strength
- Tool wear, tool load, infrastructure



## Magnesium Alloys

- Complicated deformation in HCP Mg alloys
  - Highly anisotropic plastic response
  - Profuse twinning
- Few established design rules for anisotropy
- Substantial gaps in basic metallurgical data



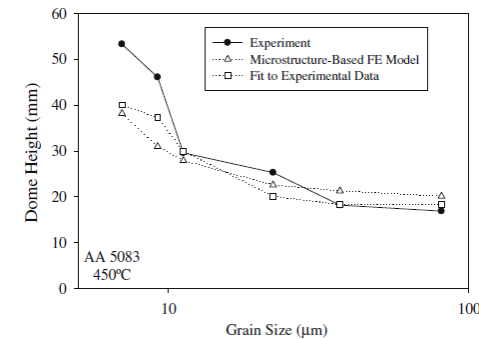
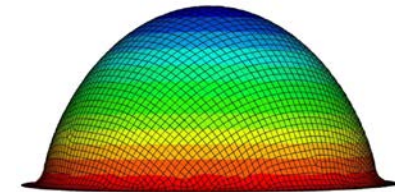
Q. Ma et al. *Scripta Mat.* **64** (2011) 813–816

## Carbon Fiber Composites

- Insufficient capability in modeling relationships between physical properties, mechanical properties, and ultimately behavior
- Lack of validated, public databases of CFC material properties
- Inadequate processing-structure predictive tools

## Aluminum Alloys

- Basic metallurgical models are well established
- Substantial fundamental data is available
- Useful predictive models established for some conditions
- Truly predictive, multi-scale models are still lacking

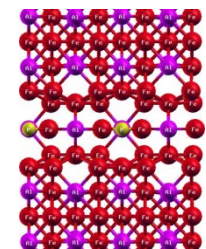


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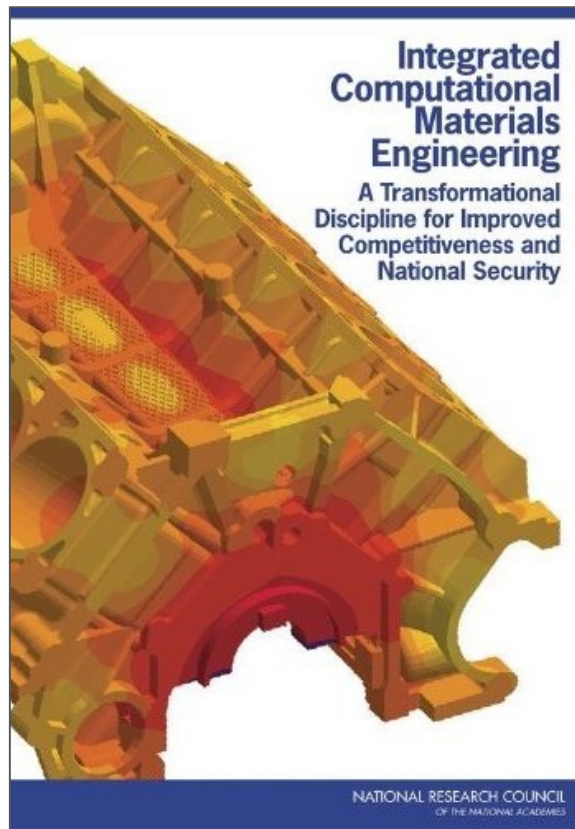
## AHSS

- General lack of understanding on structures, phases, and deformation mechanisms to achieve 3GAHSS properties
- Very complicated structures, phases, and deformation mechanisms likely

N.I. Medvedeva et al. *Phys. Rev. B* **81** (2010) 012105







**ICME:** A growing discipline in materials science and engineering

*Replace and/or augment conventional techniques with integrated experimentation and computation to generate material properties used for engineering analysis*



**MGI:** A White House Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP) Initiative

*Advance and integrate experimental tools, computational tools, and data to reduce the time from discovery to deployment for new materials*

## Integrating experimentation, modeling, and theory

- Developing new **models**
- Implementing models to develop new **tools**
- Integrating tools to develop new **frameworks**

## Building the foundation for a materials data infrastructure

- Developing best practices and standards for materials data
- Enabling and supporting data infrastructure

## Driving a fundamental shift in materials research culture

- Emphasizing cross-discipline, cross-agency, and industry-academic research
- Promoting data sharing, distribution, and citation

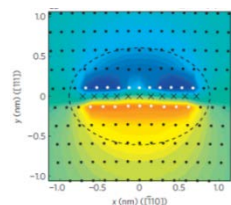
## Equipping the next-generation materials workforce

- Connecting early-career researchers with industry
- Developing curricular and training programs
- Establishing co-op/intern/detail opportunities

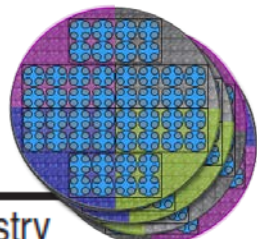
# Integrated Computational Materials Engineering (ICME)

**Start** "We want to reduce weight of a shock tower by 15% using Mg alloys while costing no more than \$18.50 to produce and integrate into the vehicle"

## Atomic Scale Models



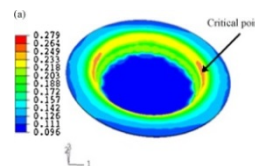
## Material Property Measurements



## Bulk Measurement



## Macro-scale Models



Chemistry  
Thermodynamics  
Diffusion

J. Allison, *JOM*, **63**, 15-18, 2011.

Manufacturing  
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Simulation

Quantitative  
Processing-  
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Relationships

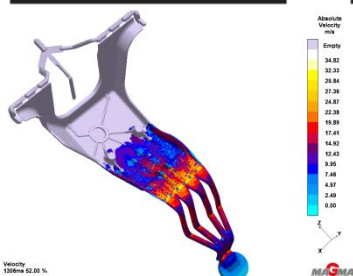
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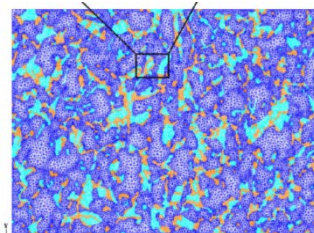
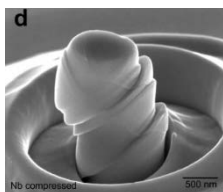
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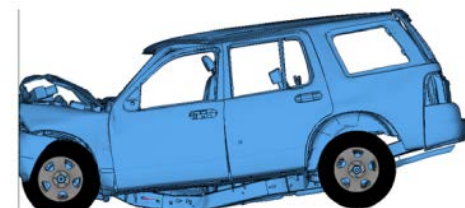
- Process & product optimization
- Innovation



## Fine-scale Measurement

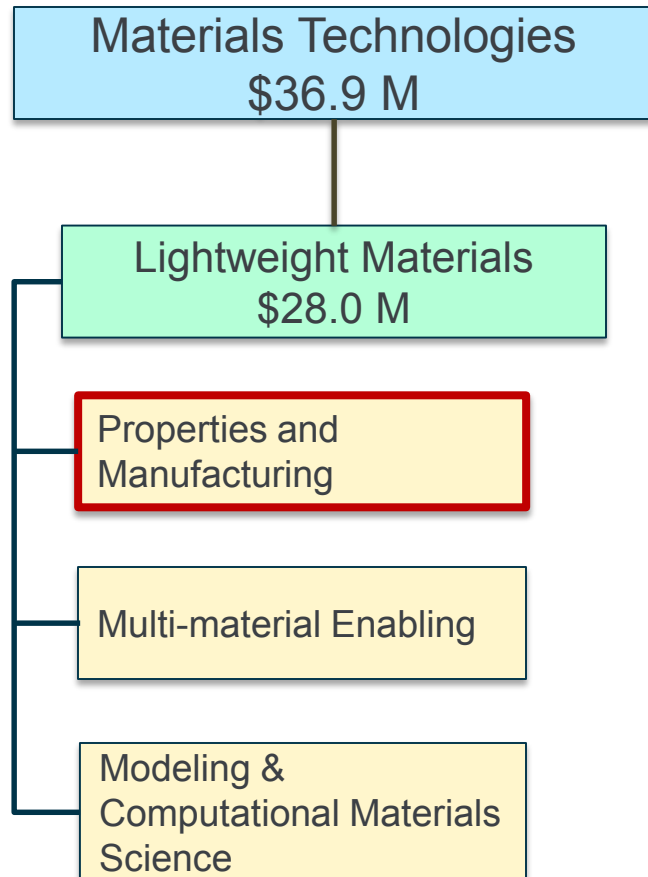


## Crystal/Grain Scale Models



## System Level Model





- Carbon fiber (CF)
  - **ORNL**: Advanced oxidation and stabilization of PAN-based carbon precursor fibers
- Light Metals
  - **U. Michigan, PNNL, Ohio State U., Arizona State U., Mississippi State U., ORNL**: Building the scientific foundation for advanced magnesium alloys
  - **INFINIUM**: Scale-Up of low-cost zero-emissions magnesium by INFINIUM electrolysis
  - **PNNL**: Processing and property improvements for aluminum and magnesium alloys, advanced steel microstructure development
  - **USAMP**: Mg Intensive vehicle front end R&D
  - **Xtalic**: High-strength electroformed nanostructured Al for lightweight automotive applications

# DOE Vehicle Technologies – Supporting the MII

*Objectives: Generate thermodynamic, kinetic, and corrosion data for automotive Mg die casting alloys to fill significant gaps in the reported properties and to enable design of high performance alloys. Partner with NIST to structure data and deliver via NIST Dspace repository.*



**PI: J. Allison**

Coupled modeling and experiment to determine liquid- and solid-state kinetics in die castings

DOE Funding: \$600k



**PI: K. Sieradzki**

Synthetic microstructures and atomistic modeling to explore microstructure effects on bulk corrosion

DOE Funding: \$500k



**PI: J.C. Zhao, A. Luo**

High-throughput measurement of binary, ternary, and quaternary Mg alloy kinetics in liquid and solid

DOE Funding: \$600k



**PI: M. Horstemeyer**

Model development and experimental validation for coupled H<sub>2</sub> evolution and corrosion damage model

DOE Funding: \$500k



**PI: A. Rohatgi**

Dynamic-TEM measurement of Mg liquid- and solid-state kinetics with ~500ns resolution

DOE Funding: \$500k



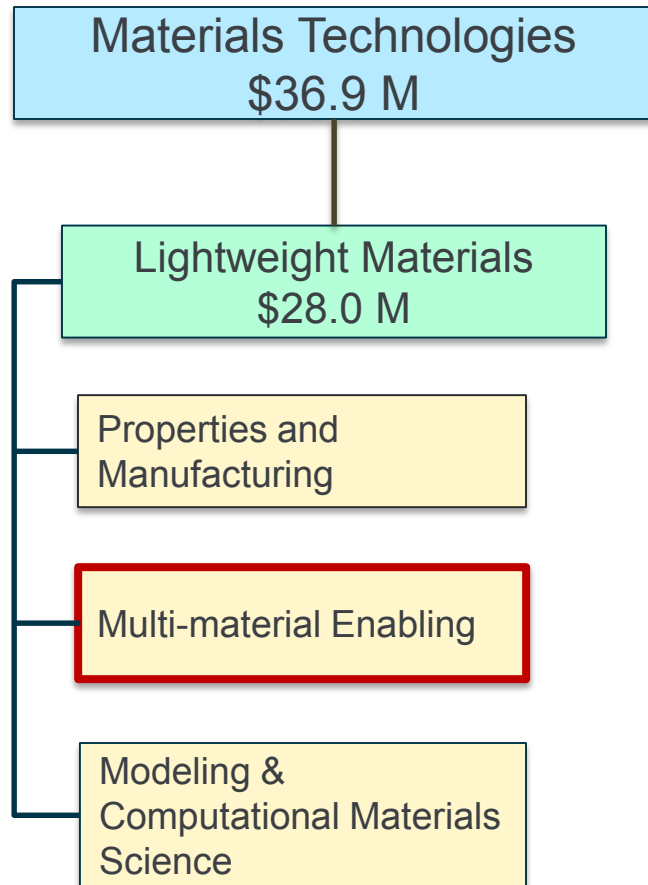
**PI: G. Song**

Systematic experimental test of passivation behavior for wide range of Mg-X solid solutions

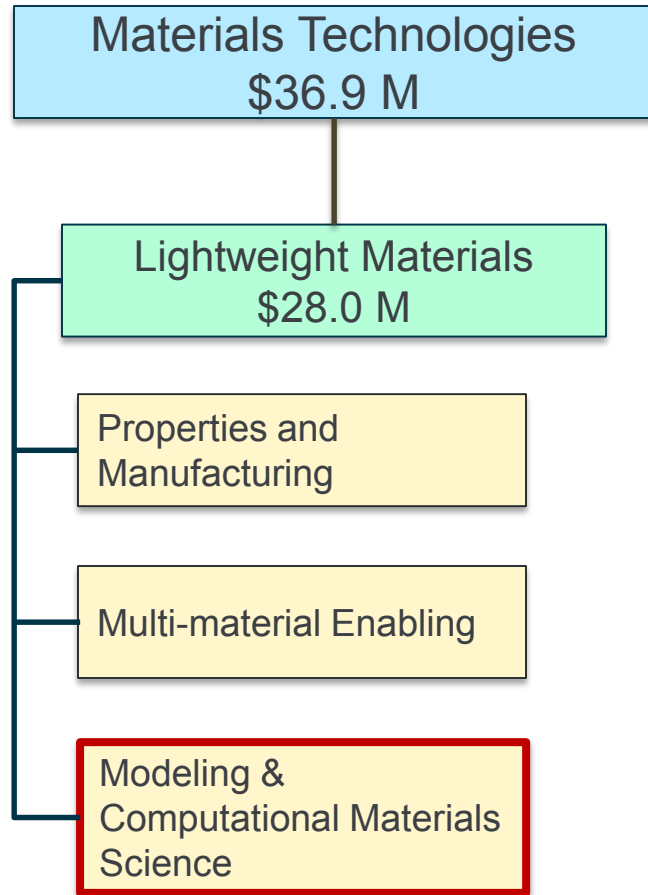
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- All PIs will work with NIST to determine best format, content, and meta-data
- All PIs will upload project data to a NIST repository where it will be publicly available, searchable, useable, etc.
- All data will be assigned a persistent identifier for citation and connection with publications

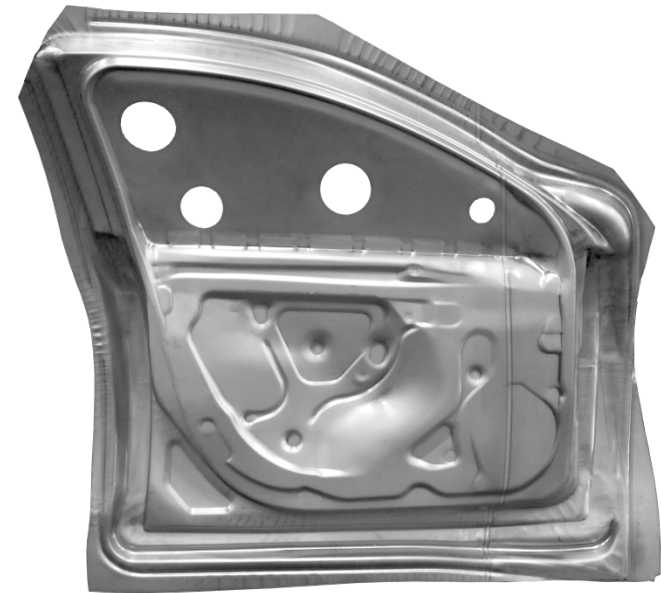


- Cross-cutting
  - **Vehma and Ford**: Multi-materials lightweight vehicle
  - **IBIS** : Technical cost modeling of lightweight vehicles
- Light Metals
  - **Chrysler, Ohio State, Johns Hopkins, ORNL, Michigan State**: Breakthrough concepts in multi-material joining
  - **ORNL**: Fundamentals of Mg corrosion in automotive-relevant environments
  - **ORNL**: Demonstrating techniques for AHSS and mixed material joining
  - **PNNL**: Demonstrating techniques for Al and Mg joining



- Carbon fiber (CF) and carbon fiber composites (CFC)
  - **USAMP** : Validation of material models for automotive carbon fiber composites
- Light Metals
  - **PNNL** : Mechanistic-based ductility predictions for complex Mg castings
  - **USAMP** : ICME development of advanced steel for lightweight vehicles

***Developed and deployed AI friction stir welded tailor welded blank process technology with weight reduction potential of up to 60% versus conventional techniques***

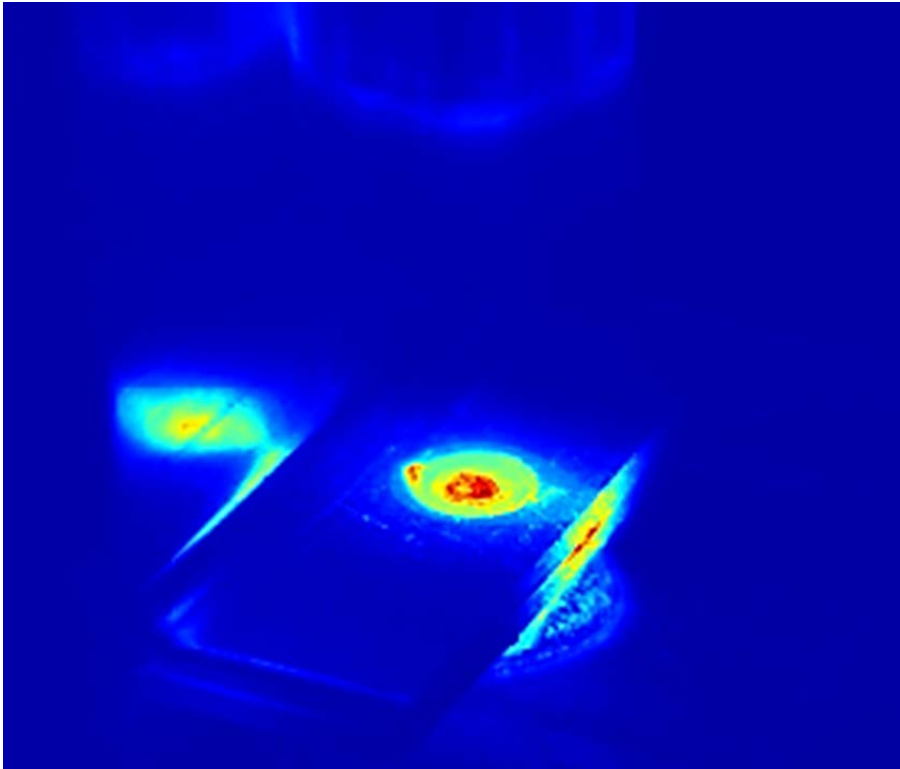


***This technology is now implemented in production at the TWB facility in Monroe, MI, with capacity of up to 250,000 parts per year***

***Pacific Northwest National Lab, General Motors, Alcoa, TWB LLC***



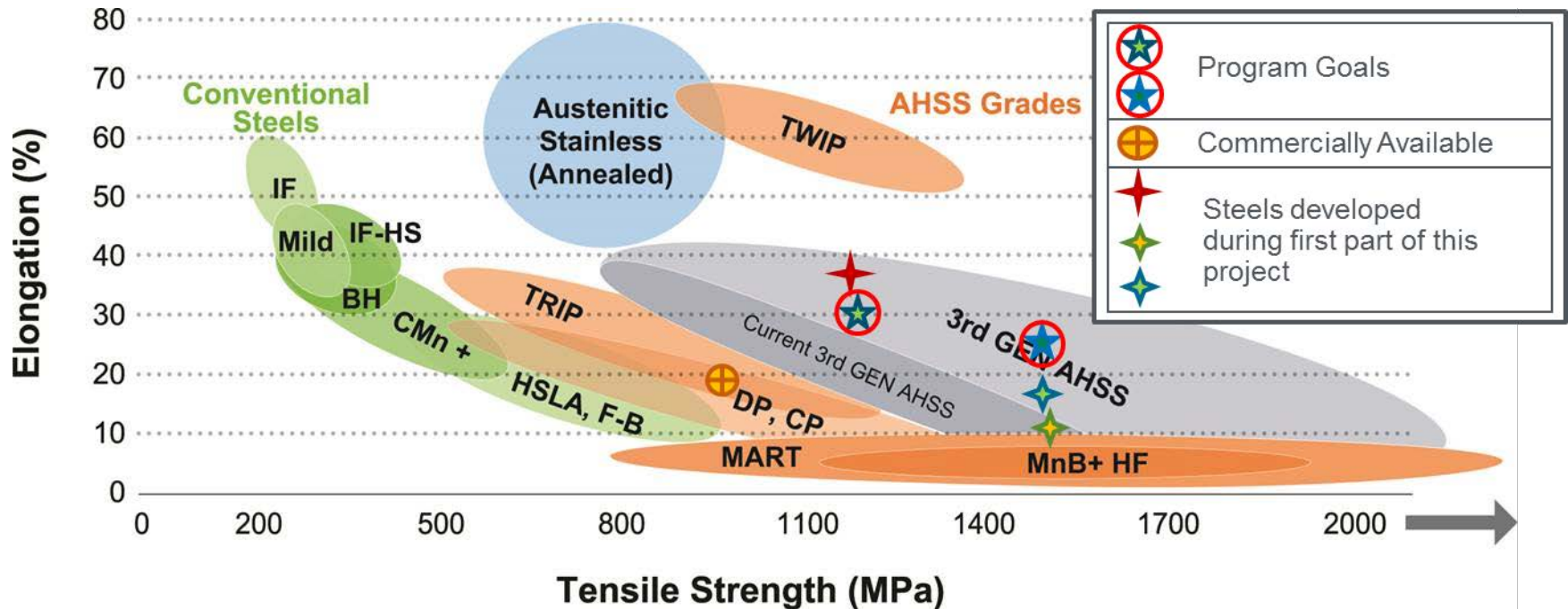
*Developed a non-contact, non-destructive infrared weld inspection technology suitable for use in a production environment. This technology is licensed by ALPAIR Manufacturing Systems for development into a commercial product.*



*Oak Ridge National Laboratory*



*Demonstrated the first version of new advanced high strength steels nearly meeting the program targets and enabling significant weight reduction*



*USAMP, AS/P, Brown U., Clemson U., Colorado School of Mines, Michigan State U., U. Illinois, PNNL, EDAG, LSTC*

***Completed prototype design, build, and testing of a multi-material lightweight vehicle (MMLV) demonstrating:***

- ***More than 23% weight reduction***
- ***16% reduction in GHG and primary energy in Life Cycle Analysis***
- ***Safety testing and consumer comfort requirements show promising results***
- ***2013 Ford Fusion baseline vehicle***



***Investigations and early testing of the MMLV carbon fiber wheels helped speed the development of the carbon fiber wheel for the new Mustang Shelby GT350R***

***VEHMA, Ford Motor Company***

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