Recovery Act – An Interdisciplinary Program for Education and Outreach in Transportation Electrification

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Overview

Timeline
- Start: Nov 2009
- Finish: Oct 2012
- Status: 55% Complete

Budget
Funding Total
- DOE: $2.978M
- Industry: $0.750M

Technical Targets
- Graduate and Undergraduate Interdisciplinary Engineering Instruction
- Targeted to on-campus and distance-learning
- Hands-on laboratories for all participants

Partners
- Project Lead
  - Michigan Technological University
- Industry
  - 3M
  - AVL
  - Argonne National Laboratory
  - Carter Brothers
  - Detroit Diesel
  - Halibrand
  - Eaton
  - EMP Engineered Machine Products
  - Engineering Society of Detroit
  - GM
  - Horiba
  - Kohler
  - MathWorks
  - Michigan Green Jobs
  - National Instruments
  - Pace
  - Phoenix International
  - Schweitzer Engineering Laboratories
  - Wineman Technologies
  - Woodward

Barriers and Risks
- Lack of established curriculum
- Lack of established books & reference materials
- Industry needs not clearly defined
Hybrid Electric Drive Vehicle Engineering

Primary objectives:

• Development of an **interdisciplinary curriculum** that can lead to a professional master’s degree with a focus on preparing students to work in industry and train those already in industry.

• **Undergraduate and graduate certificates** in Advanced Electric Vehicle Engineering; with the graduate certificate focused on **distance learning for engineers working in industry and displaced engineers**.

• Development of a **mobile laboratory** that includes subsystem learning stations, electrified vehicle software and hardware in the loop systems, a portable vehicle chassis dynamometer, and will utilize HEV’s provided by GM. **This laboratory serves as a key enhancement to the distance learning laboratories and to established university outreach activities.**
Curriculum Development and Outreach

Hybrid Electric Drive Vehicle Engineering

Program Goals:

1. Develop courses that lead to an Undergraduate Certificate
2. Develop courses that lead to a Graduate Certificate
3. Develop a Program of Study Leading to a Professional Masters with a certificate in Hybrid Electric Drive Vehicle Engineering (M.Eng.)
4. Design and Fabricate a Mobile Laboratory for Instruction and Outreach

The Interdisciplinary Curriculum is Offered Both On-Campus and Through Distance Learning
Objectives

Three-Year Objectives:
• Develop a master of engineering degree, and graduate and undergraduate certificate programs in Advanced Electric Drive Vehicles
• Target enrollment of 120 graduate students with an expected 50% split of on campus and distance students
• Address work force needs and competencies in emerging electric vehicle technologies for US based industries
• Promote and raise awareness for transportation sustainability through electric propulsion systems with outreach programs

Year 2 Objectives:
• Curriculum Development: Course development and course modifications
• Mobile Laboratory: Completed, learning stations integrated, and ready for Summer 2011
• Collaborate with industry partners to identify work force needs and potential students
• First round of courses delivered and course assessments
• Delivery of “Introduction to Propulsion Systems for Electric Vehicles Laboratory” course on campus Spring 2011 via Mobile Laboratory Summer 2011
• Develop Outreach (Public Education) materials and begin outreach activities
VT ARRA Program Relevance

Relevance to VT program goals:

- Create an education program to **retrain the existing workforce and create the next generation of engineers** to:
  - Develop energy efficient and environmentally friendly technologies
  - Develop EDV to reduce dependence on fossil fuels and increase energy security,
- Conduct outreach to K-12 to attract youth to engineering and science education
- Educating the public on the technologies and benefits of vehicle electrification

Relevance to the ARRA goals include the creation of new jobs as well as save existing ones, spur economic activity and invest in long-term economic growth:

- Electric Drive Vehicle related Engineering & Design jobs (TBD)
- GRA’s - 18 person years of employment (new jobs)
- Other university positions – 9 person years of employment (existing jobs saved) + 3 person years (new job)

**This program is directly relevant to and will impact the VT ARRA program:**

- Retrain displaced engineers
- Educate incumbent engineers in **Vehicle Electrification Technologies**, which will impact jobs in transportation related industries.
- Educate the next generation of engineers trained in innovative vehicle technologies
## Milestones

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Overall Project Approach

Curriculum Development for Advanced Electric Drive Vehicles

• Create 8 New Courses
• Modify 9 Existing Courses to integrate HEV content
• Leverage Existing Courses
• Deliver courses both on-campus & distance learning

Mobile Laboratory

• Develop a Mobile Laboratory that includes HEV subsystems to full vehicle development process.
• Develop instruction and outreach activities with universal educational platforms for hands-on discovery based learning.
Overall Project Approach

• Development of two key **Interdisciplinary Courses in Propulsion for HEDV**: Create and implement these courses to provide students with background knowledge in propulsion systems

• Development of two associated **Laboratories**: Create and provide learning opportunities through hands-on laboratory experiences

• New Course Development: **New courses** pertaining to electro-mechanical systems, energy conservation, and battery management in electric vehicles

• Enhancing Existing Courses: **Improving current courses** in electrical, chemical, materials, and mechanical engineering to provide cross access to respective departmental students
Objective-Specific Approaches
Curriculum Development

• An **Interdisciplinary team** of faculty and staff in four engineering departments to develop and teach the courses.

• Courses are dual listed among four departments to attract a **diverse** student pool

• **Industry guided curriculum development:**
  • Partnered with Michigan Academy for Green Mobility Alliance (MAGMA) a organization lead by the automotive industry in partnership with the state and training providers
  ◦ MTU persons serve on the directors, advisory, curriculum and funding committees
  ◦ MTU certificate program was the first of the DOE sponsor programs that received full MAGMA approval for our certificate as assessed by industry experts
    
      www.sae.org/training/magma/
    ◦ MAMGA has and is identify students, both incumbent and displaced engineers to participate in the program. Funding for tuition covered through State/Federal Grants
  ◦ Preparing short courses with hands-on laboratories to be delivered on-sight via the mobile laboratory (HEV introduction, E-Machines, Batteries, Embedded software, …)
# Objective-Specific Approaches

## Curriculum Development

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### Schedule of new course development, modifications and delivery

| Distance Learning Enrollment | 64 | 29 | 6 |
| Traditional Campus Enrollment | 22 | 92 | 51 |

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### Distance Learning Enrollment

| Distance Learning Enrollment | 9  | 15 | 38 |
| Traditional Campus Enrollment | 105 | 40 | 196 |

### Key

- **D** = Develop
- **T** = Teach
- **M** = Modify
- **RE** = Distance Learn
- **EE** = Elect Eng
- **ME** = Mech Eng
- **CM** = Chem Eng
- **MP** = Mat Sci Eng
- **UC** = Mech Eng
- **UO** = Grad
- **ENT** = Enterprise
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**Distance Learning Enrollment** | 46 | 73 | 59
**Traditional Campus Enrollment** | 348 | 520 | 215
Objective-Specific Approaches
Mobile Laboratory

**Vehicle Development Process**
Model ⇒ Design ⇒ Develop ⇒ Test ⇒ Validation

**Mobile Laboratory**
Summer 2011

- HEV Powertrain Test-bed
- Configurable HEV’s
- Powertrain HIL (Batteries, E-Machine, Engine, etc.)
- PCM SW & HIL
- On-Road with Production HEV’s

**Powertrain & Vehicle Simulation**

Classroom Space
33’ x 16’
Objective-Specific Approaches
Mobile Laboratory

Mobile Laboratory Development:

- Four Universal Learning Stations for hands-on laboratories in subsystems
- Two HEV Powertrain laboratories: ICE+E-Machine+Battery+Drives with embedded software development
- Configurable hybrid vehicles with full model-based software development and calibration and rapid hardware modifications – Full HEV Development cycle
- Production HEVs couple with Mobile Chassis Dynamometer
- HEV Simulation Gaming for outreach and education
- HEV Themed outreach displays and demos
Renovations Required:
• Convert Mezzanine to all grad student offices
• Convert factory lunchroom to classroom / conf room w/ snack bar
• Install external fuel farm & Gas bunker

Component Environmental Chamber

Torque converter dynamometer consisting of the hydraulic pump, input dynamometer, test fixture, and output dynamometer

Acoustic Chamber

Mobile Lab: HEVs to Grid

55,000 sq ft Center
Objective-Specific Approaches
Mobile Laboratory

Mobile Laboratory Development:

- Senior Design Teams: Developed Configurable Hybrid Electric Learning Vehicles (CHELV) as learning stations within the mobile laboratory. This vehicle is an integral part of EDV Laboratory experiments at both undergraduate and graduate levels.

- Enterprise Teams: Developing an interactive software and game package to serve as education tools for electric vehicle technology and operation.
Objective-Specific Approaches

Outreach

Mobile Laboratory is our key to outreach and educational activities:
• Simulation, Embedded Software, Subsystem and System laboratories for on-campus and distance learning students

Development of outreach and educational materials
• Implement an outreach program with audio and visual material developed by Senior Design and Enterprise Engineering students
• Develop an interactive hybrid electric drive vehicle software and game package to serve as educational tool for electric vehicle technology and operation

Outreach Activities
• Secondary School Visits
• Summer Youth Programs
• NSF Research Education for Undergraduates
• NSF Research Experiences for Teachers
• Short Courses for training displaced and incumbent engineers
Objective-Specific Approaches
Course Delivery

A interdisciplinary team of thirteen experienced educators and researchers with different but complimentary technical expertise to:

• Establish innovative, effective and engaging teaching and delivery methods for current and developing courses

• Work closely with OEMs and suppliers to ensure the program meets work force needs

• Distance Learning courses delivered with the same material and quality of instruction as traditional classroom based courses

• Deliver hands-on instruction with simulators and laboratories at the subsystem and vehicle level

• Target to concentrated locations (e.g, South East Michigan) by partnering with Engineering Society of Detroit
ME/EM4295-4296 Intro to Propulsion for HEV

- Introduction to HEV/EV history, hybrid architecture for series and parallel systems
- Model based design in Simulink, IC engines, electric machines, electric drive systems, regeneration braking, power electronics, battery models as RC circuits,
- Introduction of drive cycles and driver controls, effects of road conditions and energy efficiency over a specified drive cycle.
- The final HVM included torque blending between the IC Engine and E-Motor, Engine-stop, transmission gear selection based on ICE torque request and fuel usage in each available gear, regeneration during braking and over-all fuel economy for a given drive cycle. The IC Engine model contained the torque, fuel flow rate and engine speed from a current production engine.

The HVM modeled in Simulink, this particular student included "extras" such as a Power Electronics module, a Friction Brake module with a complete front/rear brake bias algorithm for regeneration and determination of vehicle jerk for drive quality comparison.

The target velocity (drive cycle) and the vehicle velocity for a HEV with torque blending, a finite ratio transmission and a shift criteria to minimize fuel usage. The vehicle modeled is a large SUV.
ME/EE 5295/5296 Advance Propulsion for HEV

Model Based: Analysis ➔ Design ➔ Control

- Matlab/Simulink
- Controls
- Vehicle Dyn
- Drive Cycles
- Regulations
- HEV Controls
- Batteries
- E-Machines
- HEV Safety
- ICE
- Labs
- Mid Term
- Weeks 1-7
- Weeks 6-13
- Chiefs Challenge

Corporate Average Fuel Economy

- Cafe Requirements (MPG)
- Honda’s Fleet CAFE combined (MPG)

Individual Vehicle Cost

- Honda Pilot-LX
- Honda Accord-LX
- Honda Crosstour-EX
- Honda Civic Coupe-LX

Fuel Economy in MPG

- Year: 2011, 2016, 2020, 2025
- Values: 27.5, 37, 47, 55
- Values: 32.34, 40.34, 51.99, 59.08

Cost of Vehicle in USD

- Year: 2011, 2016, 2020, 2025
- Values: $15,000, $17,000, $19,000, $21,000
- Values: $23,000, $25,000, $27,000, $29,000
- Values: $31,000, $33,000, $35,000, $37,000

Cycle FC Reduction (%)

- ACC Loss: 1.0%
- Drag: 0.7%
- RR: 1.8%
- Mass: 4.0%
- BSFC: 10.0%
- US/DS: 0.8%

Lab: Students testing software on configurable HEV
Objective-Specific Approaches
Course Delivery

Course Delivery Fall 2010

New Courses
- EE/ME 4295 (9 DL / 42 Campus) Intro Propulsion Systems for HEDV
- EE/ME 4296 (13 Campus) Intro Propulsion Systems for EDV Laboratory
- EE 5221 (15 DL / 30 Campus) Advanced Electric Machines
- MY/CM 5760 (5 DL / 7 Campus) Vehicle Batteries, Cells, and Systems

Modified Courses
- EE 4227 (15 DL / 26 Campus) Power Electronics
- EE 4228 (14 Campus) Power Electronics Laboratory

Existing Courses
- Thirteen existing courses; of those six were taught via distance learning in addition to on campus. (73 DL / 520 Campus)

Total Enrollment Fall 2010: 117 DL / 652 Campus
Course Delivery Spring 2011

New Courses
- EE/ME 5295 (6 DL / 20 Campus) Advanced Propulsion Systems for HEDV
- EE/ME 5296 (4 Campus) Adv. Propulsion Systems for EDV Laboratory
- EE/ME 4750/5750 (27 Campus) Distributed Embedded Control Systems

Modified Courses
- EE 3221 (56 Campus) Intro to Motor Drives
- EE 4223/5223 (29 DL / 26 Campus) Power System Protection
- EE 4224/5224 (16 Campus) Power System Protection Lab
- EE 4224/5250 (11 Campus) Distribution Engineering
- ME 4220 (9 DL / 87 Campus) Intro to IC Engines

Existing Courses
- Seven existing courses; of those four were taught via distance learning in addition to on campus. (59 DL / 215 Campus)

Total Enrollment Spring 2011: 103 DL / 462 Campus
Task 1
- New course content / material developed
- Industry guided curriculum based on workforce needs
- Enrollment of students into Certificate Programs, student recruitment

Task 2
- Mobile Lab trailer completed and delivery of class 8 tractor
- Mobile Lab learning stations configured and assembly in progress
- Mobile lab scheduled to launch May 2011

Task 3
- Four Senior Design teams developed a Configurable Hybrid Electric Learning Module
- Enterprise teams developing first phase of Learning Station Software

Task 4
- First round of course delivery completed
- Course and instructor evaluations completed
Technical Accomplishments & Progress - Task 1
Curriculum Development

• Course content and materials developed for 7 of the 8 new courses

• Course content and materials developed for 5 of the 9 modified courses
  o Improving courses to integrate HEV material and provide interdisciplinary access to the respective departmental students
  o Collaboration with MAGMA and industry to identify current and future workforce needs,
  o Working with industry and state to identify distance learning students.

• Undergraduate and Graduate Certificates in place, actively recruiting new students both on campus and distance learning
  ◦ Graduate certificate focused on distance learning for engineers working in industry and displaced engineers.
Technical Accomplishments & Progress - Task 2
Mobile Laboratory Development

- Mobile Lab Trailer built by Kentucky Trailer Technologies (a Michigan company) and delivered to Michigan Tech Dec 2010.
- Detroit Diesel provided, on a 10 year no charge consignment, a class 8 Freightliner Tractor for towing mobile lab
- Tractor bed extended by G-Tech of Dearborn, MI to accommodate Kohler 80 kW generator which has also been installed
- Mobile Lab Team has finalized configuration and started assembly of learning stations. Mobile lab launch Summer 2011.
- Four Senior Design Teams completed design and build of the prototype Configurable Hybrid Electric Learning Module (CHELM) for the Mobile Laboratory. The vehicle operates as an HEV with torque blending between the motor and engine, regenerative braking, and engine auto-stops.
- Two Hybrid Enterprise Teams engaged to develop Interactive Electric Drive Vehicles Software for Education and Outreach activities. Teams have created a project management plan, acquired an open-source vehicle gaming engine, and have begin incorporating various HEV solid and physics based vehicle models into the game.
The Mobile Laboratory is our key to established outreach activities, maximizing the educational experience with hands-on learning experiences for all levels of students (K-12, Undergrad & Graduate).

- Enhancement of NSF Research Experiences for Undergraduate Students (EEC-1062886): 3 year program for undergraduate research on Advanced Propulsion and Fuel Technology for Sustainable Transportation - **Starts summer 2011**

- Enhancement of NSF Research Experiences for Teachers (EEC-10009617): 3 year program providing high school teachers research educational activities in Sustainable Transportation Technologies - **Starts summer 2011**

- Undergraduate student teams involvement in Outreach Development:
  - Four Senior Design Teams completed building **Configurable Hybrid Electric Learning Module** for the Mobile Laboratory.
  - Hybrid Enterprise Teams developing **Interactive Electric Drive Vehicles Software** for Education and Outreach activities. The program is specifically targeted at 8th – 12th grade students, general public, community college, and non-degree seeking undergraduates to raise awareness for hybrid vehicles.
Technical Accomplishments & Progress - Task 4
Course Delivery and Evaluation

• Course delivery to date:
  ◦ 7 Newly developed courses
  ◦ 8 Modified courses
  ◦ 19 existing courses that are program electives delivered

• Enrollment to date:
  ◦ 339 distance learning
  ◦ 1589 traditional on campus

• Distance Learning conducted with the same content and quality of materials as on campus courses.

• Courses taught by interdisciplinary team of faculty
  ◦ Mechanical, Electrical, Materials Science & Engineering, and Chemical Engineering Departments.
Technical Accomplishments & Progress - Task 4
Course Delivery and Evaluation

- Traditional MTU survey of teacher effectiveness for each course taught each semester for both on campus and distance learning students

- Additional surveys were given –
  - Permission obtained from Michigan Tech’s Institutional Review Board for program survey under protocol M0672
  - Survey distributed Fall 2010
  - 3 classifications of questions
    - Introduction and general questions (4 questions)
      - Students had prior knowledge of hybrid and electric vehicle systems, which improved over the duration of the course
    - Course-based questions (6 questions)
      - Students were highly supportive of classroom content, teaching methods, and laboratory experiences
    - Program-based questions (4 questions)
      - Significant numbers liked distance learning component
      - Students expressed strong interest in graduate certificate
Team Collaborations

• Project Lead
  ◦ Michigan Technological University – Education Provider, Program Developer

• Industry
  - 3M – graphic package for mobile laboratory
  - AVL - *HEDV instrumentation, HIL components, controls expertise*
  - Argonne National Laboratory - *graduate student internships*
  - Carter Brothers – *chassis for CHELM*
  - Detroit Diesel – *class 8 2006 Freightliner tractor*
  - Halibrand - *CHELM components, engineering support*
  - Eaton - *power management software and controls, battery technology expertise*
  - EMP Engineered Machine Products – *engineering support and coolant pumps*
  - Engineering Society of Detroit - *marketing, student recruitment, classrooms*
  - GM - *vehicles/vehicle components, student recruitment*
  - Horiba - *automotive test systems and expertise*
  - Kohler - *engines, engineering support*
  - MathWorks - *software and software expertise*
  - Michigan Green Jobs - *marketing, student recruitment*
  - National Instruments - *hardware for the data acquisition and control of the test cells*
  - Pace - *computers and monitors for mobile lab*
  - Phoenix International - *electric motor, motor drives, engineering support*
  - Schweitzer Engineering Laboratories - *electric power systems and expertise*
  - Wineman Technologies - *software for the data acquisition and control*
  - Woodward - *energy controllers, controller software and controls expertise*
Future Work

Remainder of FY11

• Finalize development of remaining 1 new course (August, 2011)
• Finalize modifications to 5 courses (August, 2011)
• Launch Mobile Lab (May, 2011)
• Delivery of MEEM 4295 Intro & 5296 Adv. Propulsion for EDV Laboratory via mobile lab (Summer, 2011)
• Begin outreach activities with Mobile Lab (June, 2011)
• Enterprise teams integrate first stage simulators into mobile laboratory (May, 2011)
• Enterprise teams continue development of 2nd Stage Simulators (ongoing)
• Continue marketing HEV certificates and recruiting students at both undergraduate /graduate level (ongoing)
• Course Assessments and continuous improvements (ongoing)

Goals for FY12

• Enterprise teams integrate final stage simulators to Mobile laboratory and provide web versions (May, 2012)
• Final outreach during funding period complete (August, 2012)
• All course modifications including DL portions and courses and repeating outreach, senior design, and enterprise activities have been taught at least once. (August, 2012)
• Program running in a sustainable mode. (August, 2012)
Summary

- Full Curriculum offering and certificates approved
- Enrollments to date: 1589 on campus, 339 distance learning
- Mobile lab for course delivery and outreach rolls out this summer