

## 2017 Summer Professional Development Course Advanced Automotive Technology

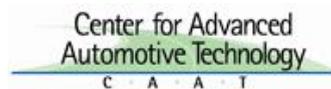
### Topic 3:

## Lightweight Materials for Automotive Applications

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### Introduction

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- Doctor of Engineering, University of Michigan-Ann Arbor, 1999.
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- Consultant to: ASRC Primus/TARDEC, 2007-present.
- University projects: NSF, DOE, DOL, DOC, 2003-present.

Series HEV project  
with TARDEC



Electric Propulsion Integration Lab  
– HIL (Hardware-In-the-Loop)

Full HEV project with  
TARDEC

## Outline

- **Background and Motivation**
- **Weight Effect on Fuel Consumption**
- **Light Weighting Material Implementations**
  - ✓ Lightweight Design
  - ✓ HSS, AHSS
  - ✓ Aluminum
  - ✓ Magnesium
  - ✓ Composites
- **Multi-Material Enabling**
- **Joining Processes - Current and Emerging**
- **CAE Tools and Methods for Material Choices**
- **Summary**

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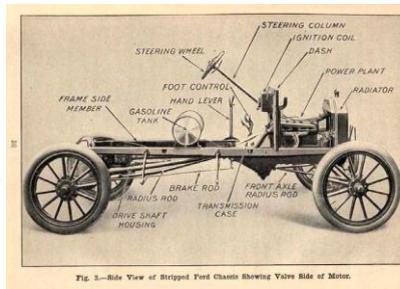
## Background and Motivation

- ✓ Automotive industry traditionally has reduced weight primarily by downsizing. Today, the strategy of downsizing vehicle has reached its limits.
- ✓ Automotive OEMs are facing substantial increases in Corporate Average Fuel Economy requirements in the US. Also the fuel economy requirements are increasing globally.
- ✓ Significant vehicle light weighing is needed, and appropriate use of a variety of lightweight materials will be necessary to meet the mass targets.
- ✓ OEMs are learning how to cost effectively weld, rivet, form and cast lightweight vehicles on a global platform.

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## Some Background...

- Cars at first were built entirely of wood, and later of wood frames with steel body panels.
- In the early 1900's, the idea of a body-on-frame design came about.
- These vehicles had a load-bearing chassis that supported all the mechanical parts and a body usual made of steel.



**Ford Model T**

Courtesy Car Body Design

<http://www.carbodydesign.com/articles/2005-04-13-chassis-history/2005-04-13-chassis-history.php>

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## Moving Forward...

- Today, most smaller vehicles such as small SUV's and sedans use a unibody (or monocoque) construction.
- Heavy-duty vehicles like trucks and busses still use the idea of body-on-frame.
- Regardless of the construction technique, steel is still the predominant material used in automotive frames.

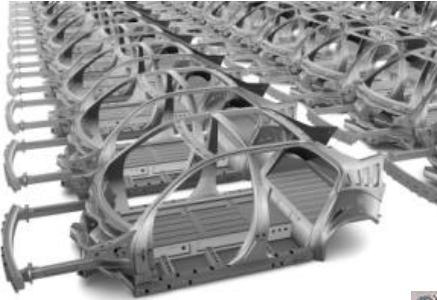


**Honda Civic Frame**

<http://automobiles.honda.com/images/2009/civic-sedan/safety/safety-header.jpg>

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## A Quick Comparison



**Monocoques**

**Typical Ladder Frame**



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## Lightweight Necessity

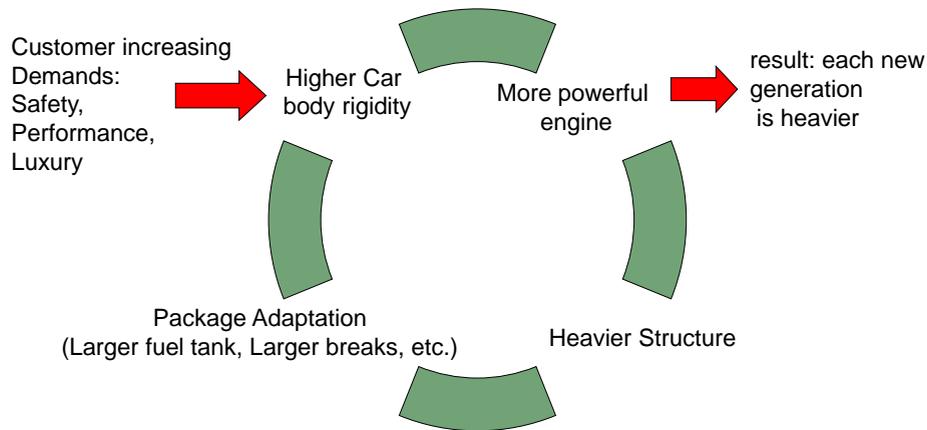
Medium sized vehicles are almost twice as heavy as 20 years ago.

### Volkswagen Golf

1976	2006
<p data-bbox="397 1463 679 1528">Golf GTI MKI (820kgs) 108 hp</p> 	<p data-bbox="782 1453 1074 1514">Golf GTI MKV (1340kg) 200hp</p>  <p data-bbox="859 1594 1041 1624">Polo (1194Kg)</p>  <p data-bbox="859 1705 1025 1735">Fox (1100kg)</p> 

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## Malicious Cycle of Weight

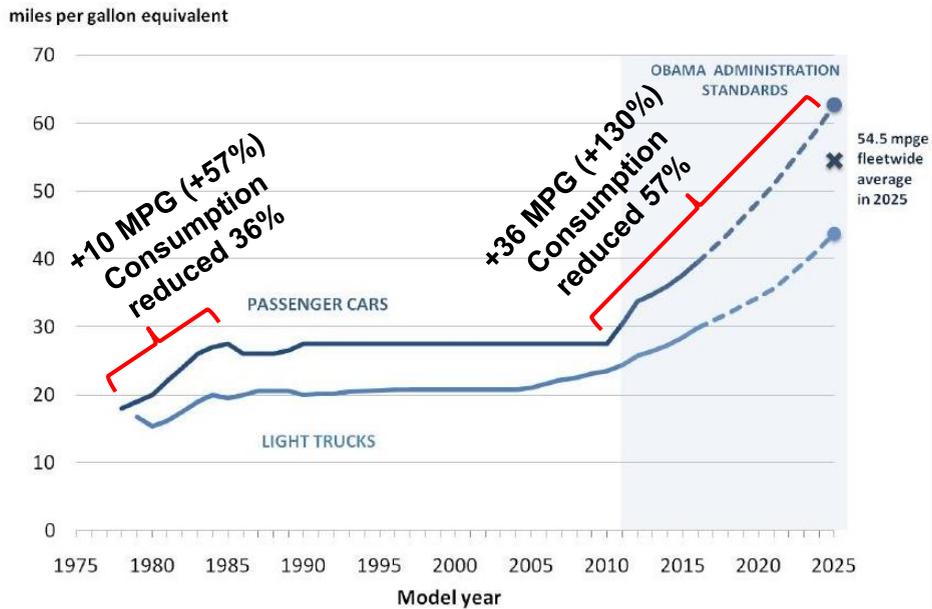


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## Value x Weight

- ✓ From the manufacturers point of view, adding weight is a way to add value - to make cars bigger and more comfortable and more powerful and raise the profit margins.
- ✓ “Small-vehicles – small profits”.
- ✓ We argue that to add value the increase in weight must not occur.

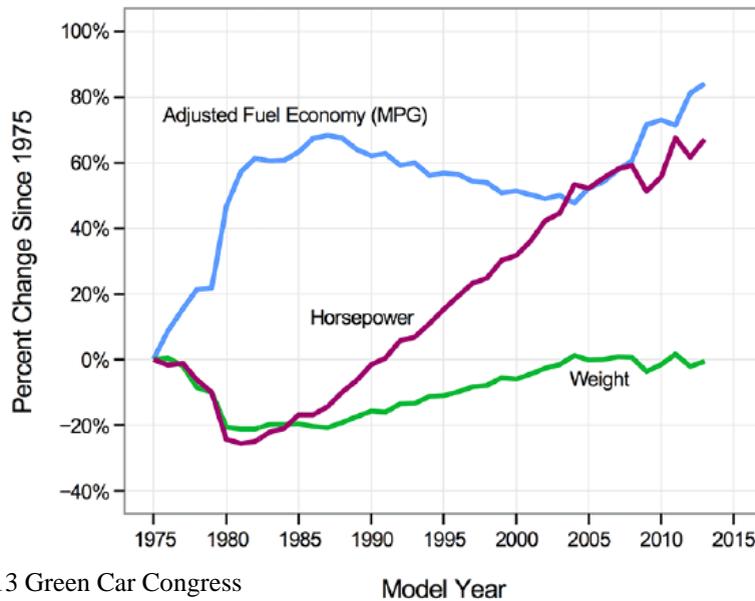
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MY1978-2011 figures are NHTSA Corporate Average Fuel Economy (CAFE) standards in miles per gallon. Standards for MY2012-2025 are EPA greenhouse gas emission standards in miles per gallon equivalent, incorporating air conditioning improvements. Dashed lines denote that standards for MY2017-2025 reflect percentage increases in Notice of Interest.

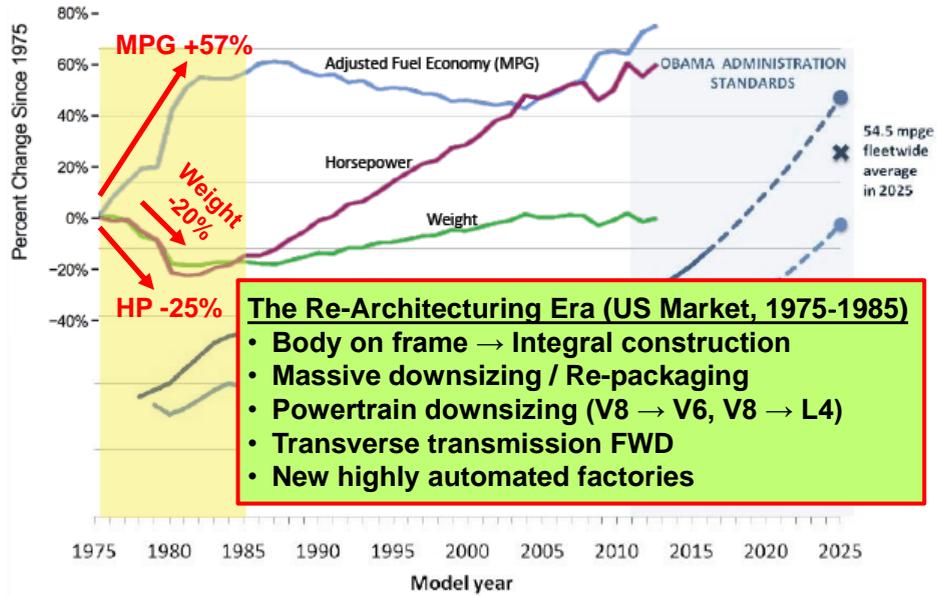
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### Change in Adjusted fuel economy, weight, and horsepower MY1975---2013

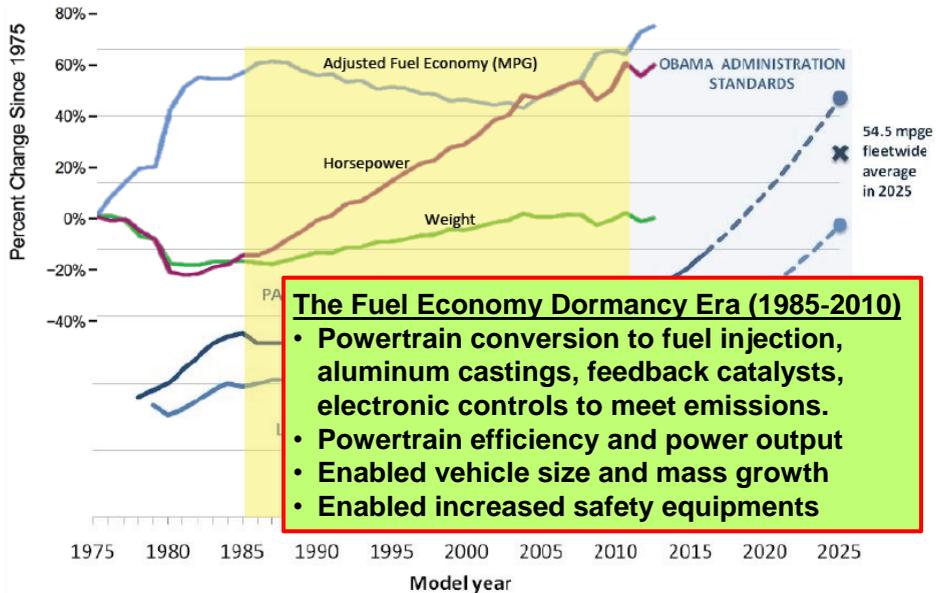


2013 Green Car Congress

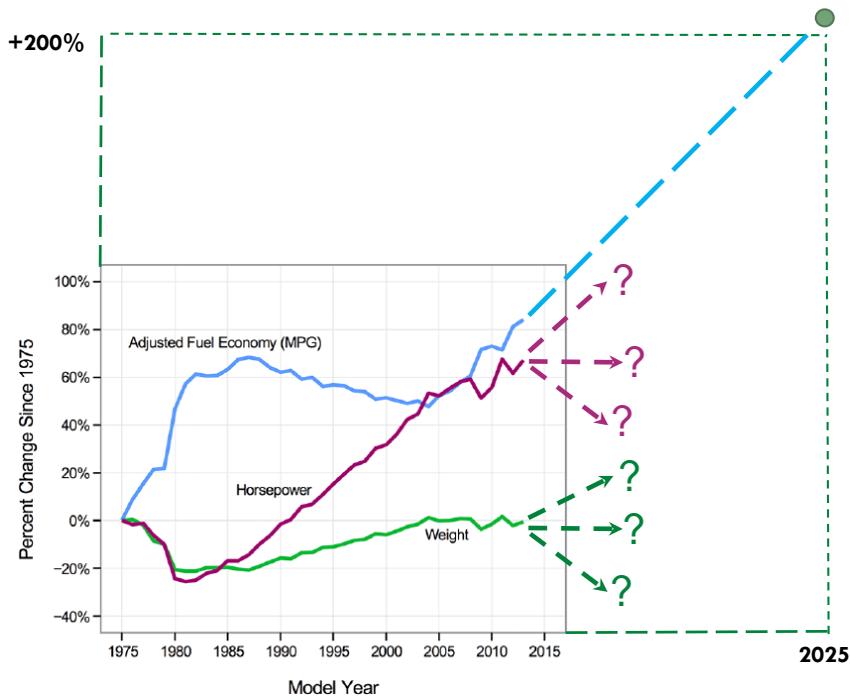
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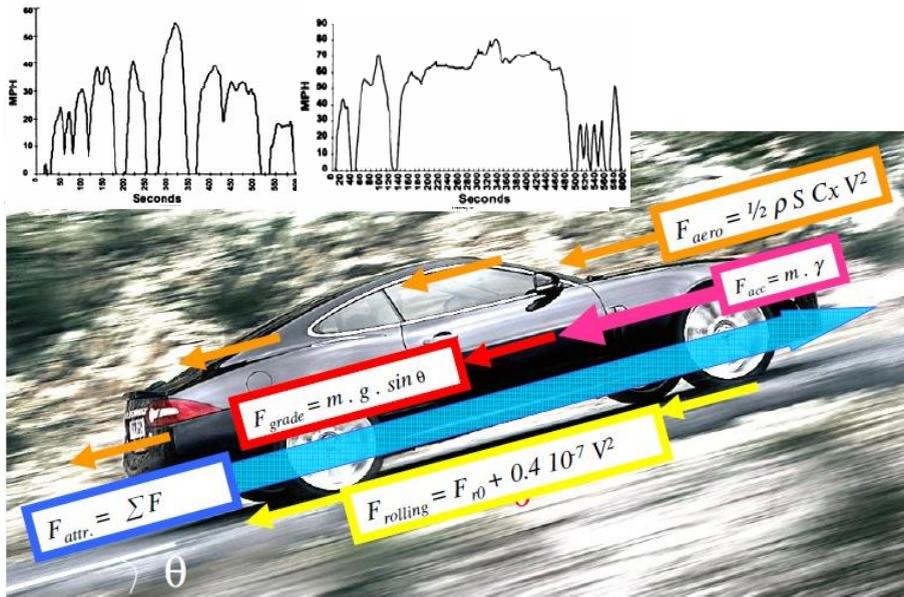


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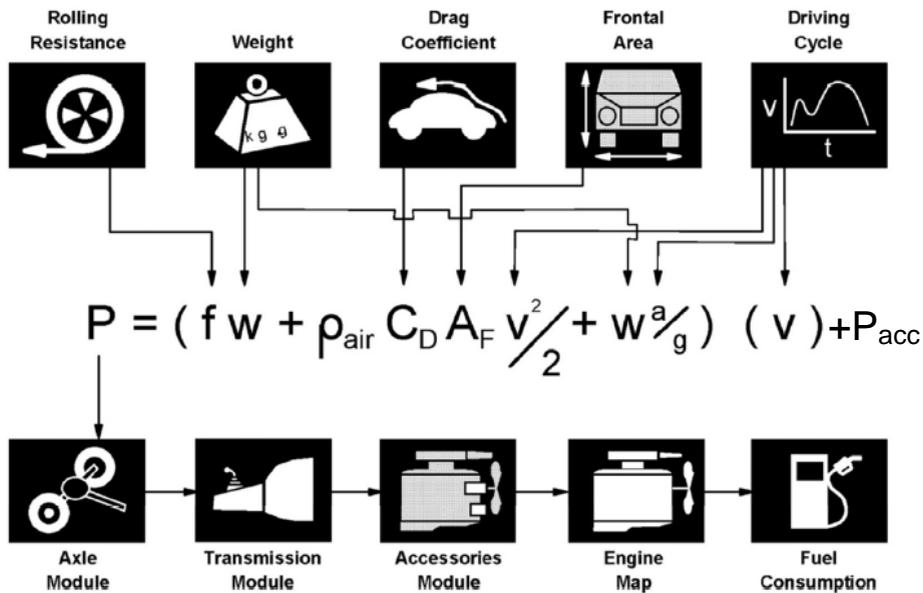


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## Weight Effect on Fuel Consumption



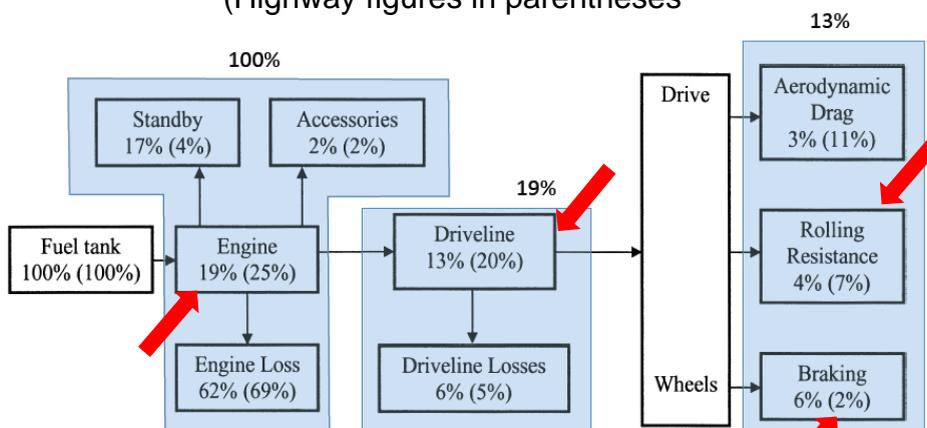
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## Uses and Losses of Fuel Energy in a Vehicle

Estimate of city and Highway usage  
(Highway figures in parentheses)



**Where is the Mass involved?**

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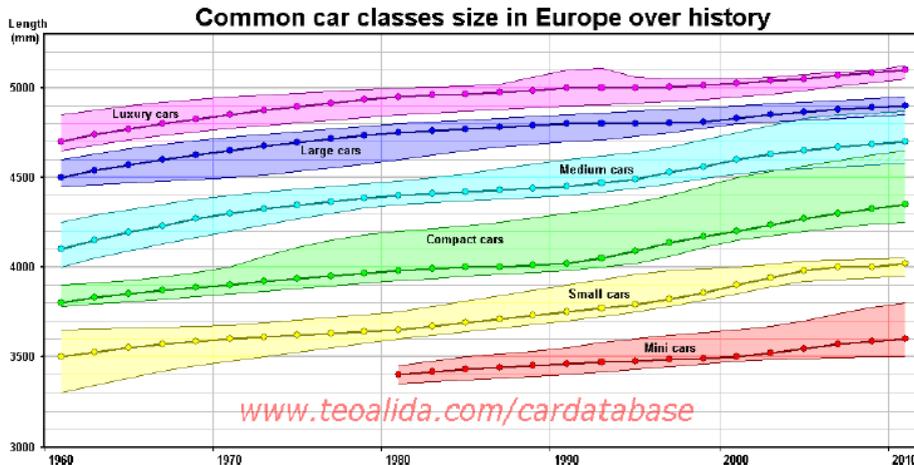
## WardsAuto Annual Survey of Industry Engineers on Fuel Economy Strategies

- ❑ Question: What technology is your company focused on to help the industry meet 2025 fuel economy standards (multiple answers permitted)?
  - 49%, light weighting
  - 39%, engine efficiency
  - 26%, vehicle electrification
  - 11%, downsizing
- ❖ For the 2011 survey, engine efficiency was the area of largest focus.

Source: 2014 WardsAuto, DuPont Automotive Trends Benchmark Study

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## Trend of Historical Vehicle Size Increases (Europe)



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## Example of the Old vs New Fiat 500



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## How Does Mass Reduction Achieve Fuel Economy Savings?

- Less energy required to accelerate the vehicle  
( $F = ma$ )
- Less rolling resistance at speed
- Light weighting begets light weighting:
  - ✓ Smaller powertrains
  - ✓ Lighter chassis and brake components
  - ✓ Smaller gas tanks
  - ✓ Smaller wheels and tires

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## Weight Facts

- **250 pound** of weight savings = 1 MPG savings
- **Weight breakdown** of a vehicle is 35% body, 34% chassis, 27% powertrain, and 4% other
- **Aluminum** can save 50% weight
- **Magnesium** can save 60% weight
- **Glass fiber composite** can save 25% weight
- **Carbon fiber composite** can save 60% weight

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## Materials Rank by Density (gm/cc)

<i>Material</i>	<i>d</i>	<i>Material</i>	<i>d</i>
Air	0.001	Aluminum	2.7
Water	1.0	Titanium	4.5
Plastics	1.1	Zinc	7.1
Carbon fiber composite	1.3	Iron	7.2
Glass fiber composite	1.8	Steel	7.9
Carbon fiber	1.8	Nickel	8.8
Magnesium	1.8	Copper	8.9
Glass Fiber	2.5	Lead	11.3

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## Materials Rank by Cost

<i>Material</i>	<i>Cost \$/lb</i>
<i>Iron</i>	<b>0.27</b>
<i>Steel</i>	<b>0.30</b>
<i>SMC</i>	<b>0.80</b>
<i>Aluminum casting</i>	<b>0.70</b>
<i>Plastics</i>	<b>0.90</b>
<i>Magnesium</i>	<b>1.2</b>
<i>Glass fiber composite</i>	<b>1.4</b>
<i>Aluminum Sheet</i>	<b>1.2</b>
<i>Carbon fiber composites</i>	<b>6.0</b>

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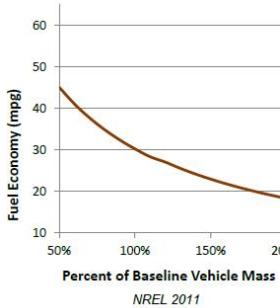
Conventional ICE



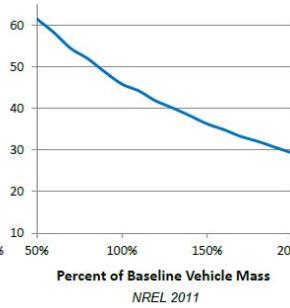
Hybrid/Electric Vehicles



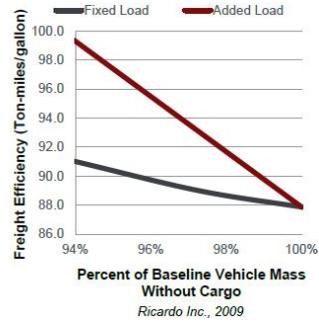
Commercial/Heavy Duty



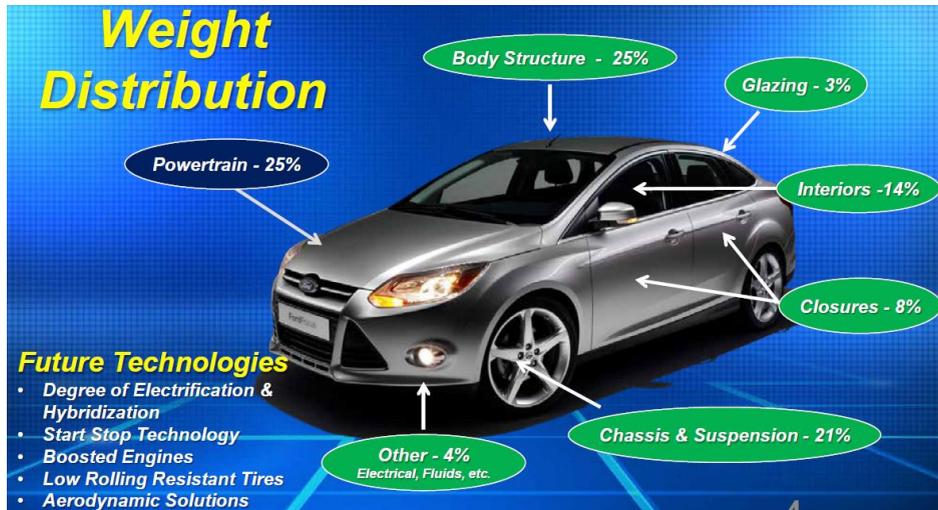
6% ~ 8% fuel economy improvement for 10% reduction in weight



Improvement in range, battery cost, and/or efficiency



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

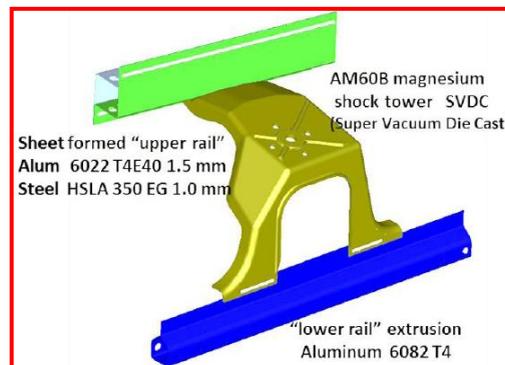




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## Light Weighting Material Implementations

- **Material Independent Lightweighting**
- **Steel**
  - ✓ Press Hardened Steel (PHS), Gen-3 High Strength Steel (HSS)
- **Aluminum**
  - ✓ Joining
  - ✓ Cost
  - ✓ Alternative Forming
  - ✓ “High Strength” sheet
- **Magnesium**
  - ✓ Die Casting
  - ✓ Sheet
- **Composites**
  - ✓ Closures
  - ✓ CF structure and closure



**Front-end structure employing dissimilar metals**

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## Automotive Lightweight Solutions

- Lightweight Materials
  - ✓ Material designed to have the best-in-class weight
- Alternative Lightweight Design
  - ✓ Component engineered to use lighter material and innovative design to replace traditional material
- Technology enabling reduced material usage
  - ✓ Technology which facilitates and allows for reduced material usage such as reduced sheet metal thickness or elimination of existing component without sacrificing functionality
- Technologies enabling lightweight vehicle system
  - ✓ Technology which facilitates the joining of lightweight materials such as aluminum to aluminum, aluminum to CFRP, steel to CFRP and other material combinations

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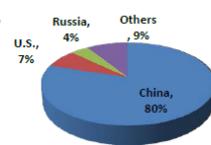
## Lightweight Automotive Materials

### 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)

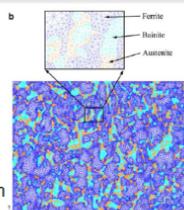
- Insufficient strength in conventional automotive alloys
- Limited room temperature formability in conventional automotive alloys
- Difficult to join/integrate to incumbent steel structures



### 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

### Carbon Fiber Composites

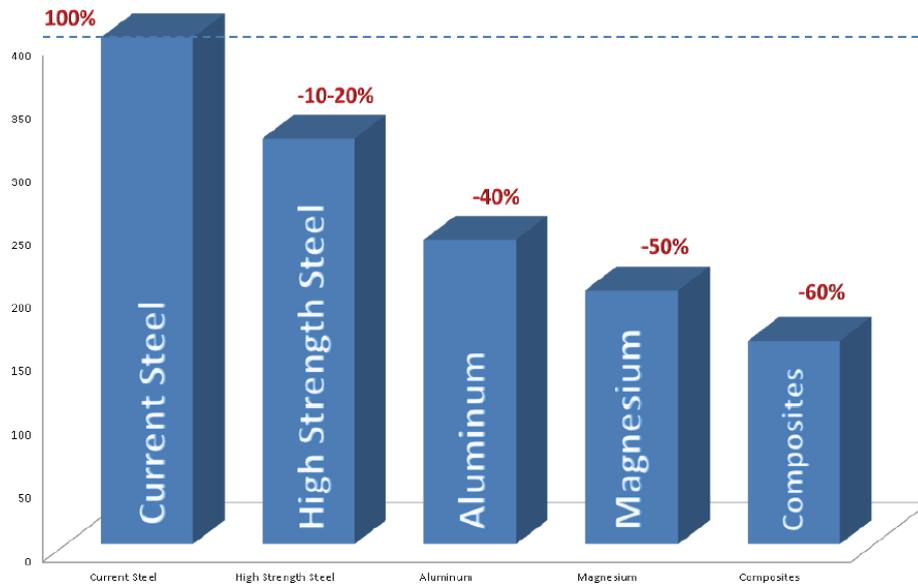
When it "works" → 30-65% weight reduction

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

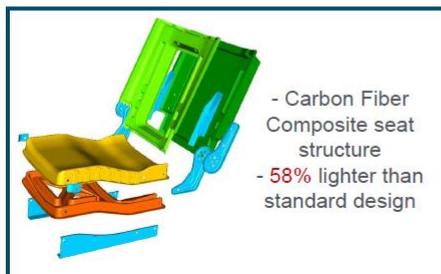
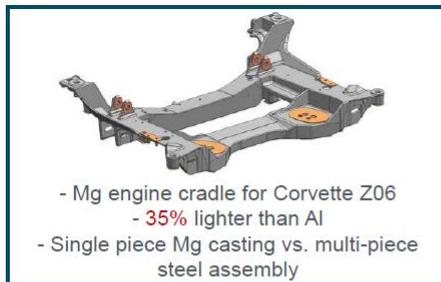


## Material Weight Reduction Potential



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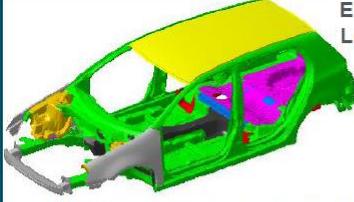
## Example Component Light Weighting



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## Example System Light Weighting

**EU Super Light Car**



- Multi-material vehicle, Al intensive
- **30%** weight reduction for BIW

**Energy Foundation - Lotus**



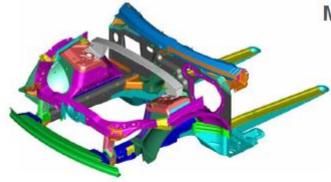
- AHSS intensive vehicle
- **16%** weight reduction for BIW

**PNGV**



- Multi-material vehicles
- **~25%** overall vehicle weight reduction

**Mg Front End**



- Mg intensive front end structure
- **45%** weight reduction compared to steel
- **56%** reduction in part count



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## Efficient Material Utilization



*(Lightening holes & scalloped flanges)*

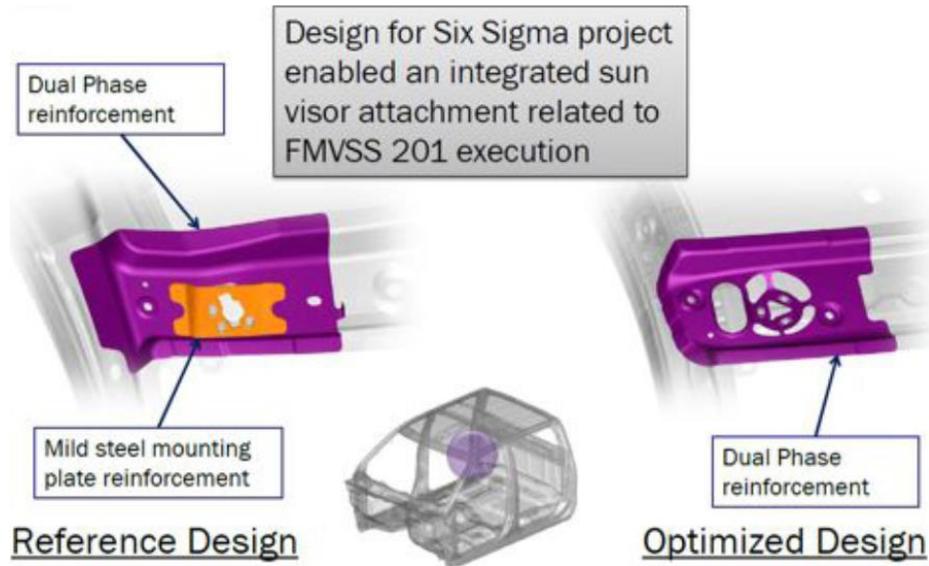
**2.8 kg eliminated**



*Cadillac ATS*

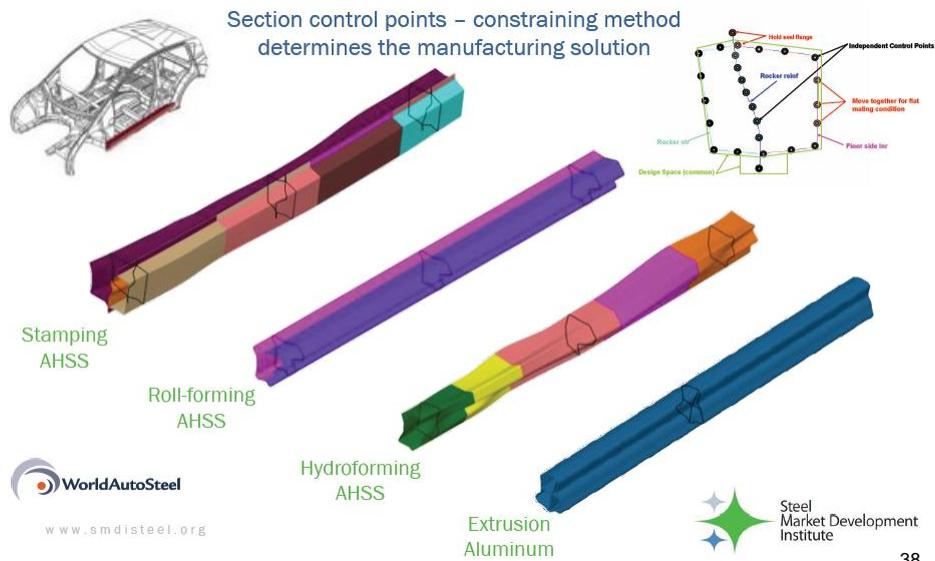
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## Mass Reduction – Part consolidation



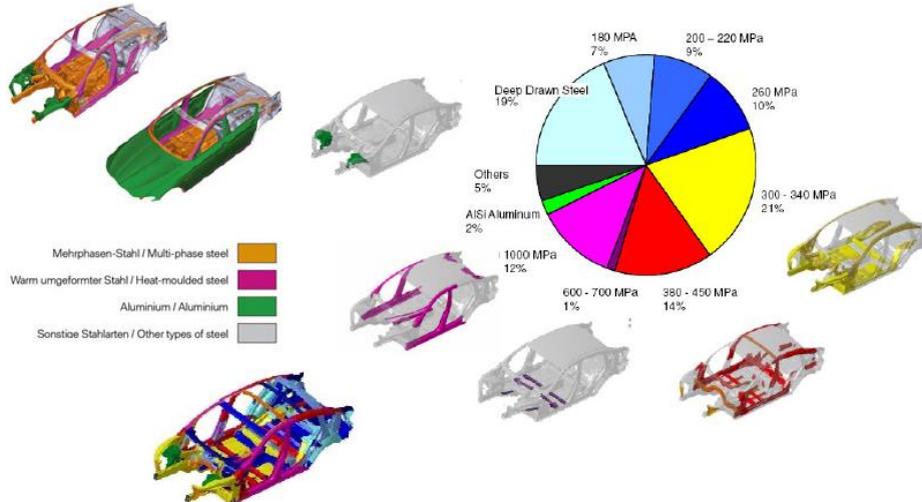
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## Mass Reduction Through Subsystem Optimization



# High-Strength Steel Applications

## Steel Body-in-White (BIW)



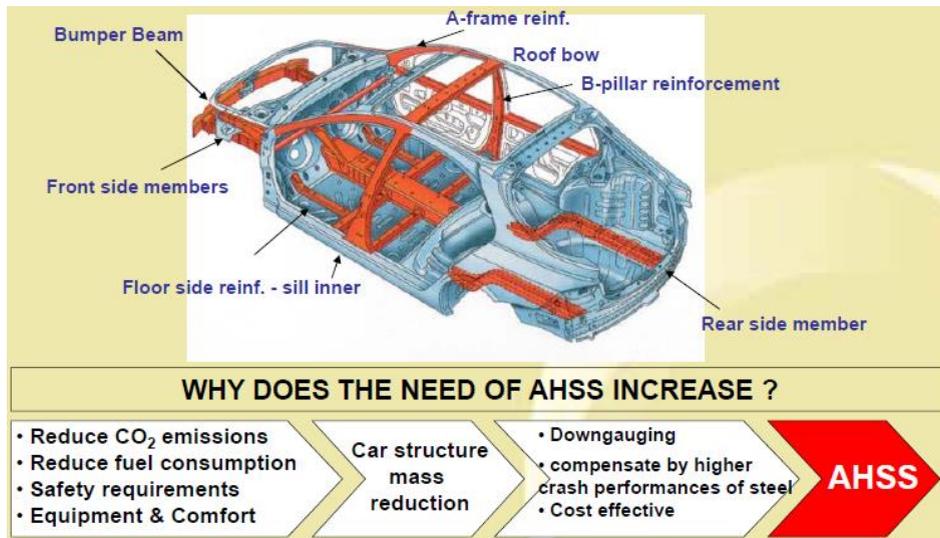
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## Automotive Steel Families

Family	Quality	AM offer	Eu Norm	Example of application
Drawing	DC01- DC07	ArcelorMittal 01-07 ArcelorMittal 51-57	EN10111 EN10130 EN10152 EN10327	Bodyside, roof, floor, hood panels, crossmembers
High Strength steels	IFHSS	IF180 – IF300	EN10268 EN10292 EN10152 EN10149	Door, hood, decklid outer panels Members, crossmembers
	BH	180BH – 300BH		
	Rephosphorized	H220 – H300		
	Isotropic	E220i – E260i		
	HSLA	CR HSLA 260 – 420 HR HSLA 320 -550		
Advanced High strength steels	Dual Phase Complex Phase TRIP Martensitic	DP450 -1180 DP HY and HHE TRIP 690 – 780 MS1200	EN10336 prEN10338	A, B, C Pillar R/F Member R/F Bumper, door beams Rocker panel
Press hardened steels	22MnB5 USIBOR	22MnB5 USIBOR1500AS		A Pillar, member, bumper beam
Composite steels	Vibration damping structural	Quietsteel smoosteel		Dash panel, engine cover, oil pan

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## AHSS: Dedicated to Structural Parts

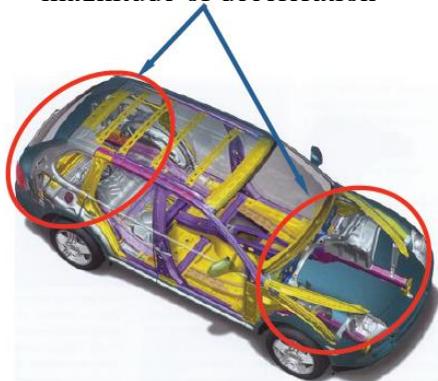


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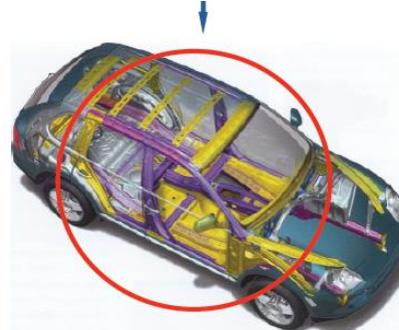
## Advanced High-Strength Steel (AHSS) Advancements for Crash

### Crashworthiness Fundamentals – Two Key Zones

Crumple Zones (engine compartment, trunk) deform to absorb energy and control magnitude of deceleration



Safety Cage (passenger compartment) resists deformation to prevent intrusion



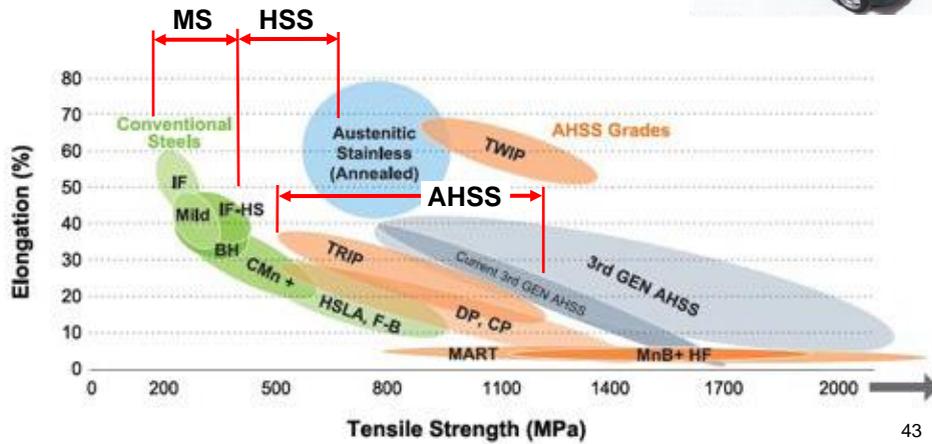
Source: AISI

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## AHSS Advancements for Crash

Steels for Safety Cage Zone

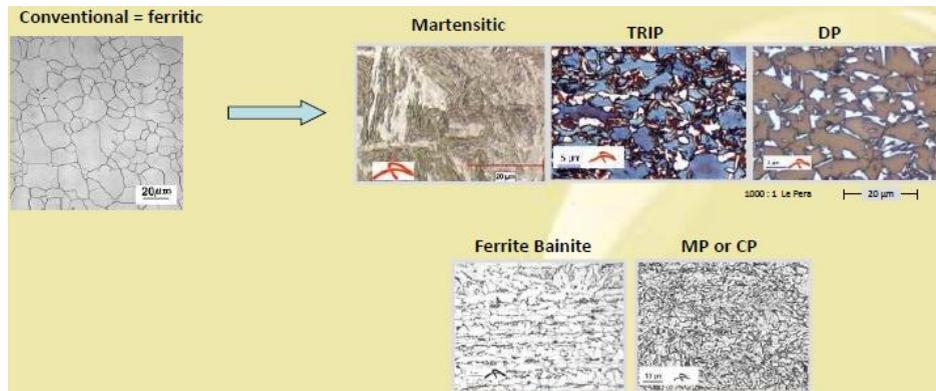
- Highest Strength
- Boron Hot Formed, Martensite, 3GAHSS



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## AHSS = Multiphase Steels

Strengthening by quenching generated hard phases: martensite, bainite, retained austenite

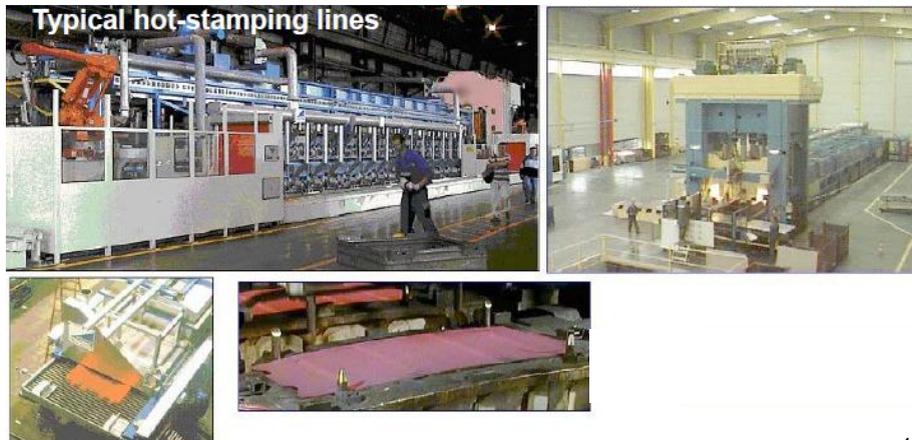
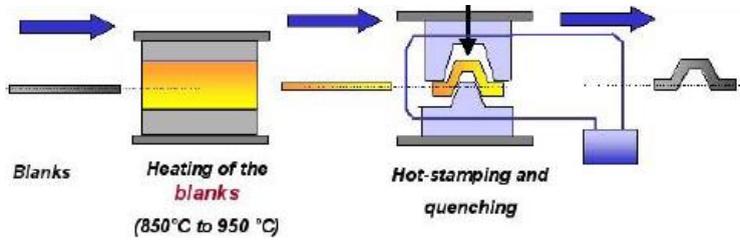


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# AHSS = produced by conventional process

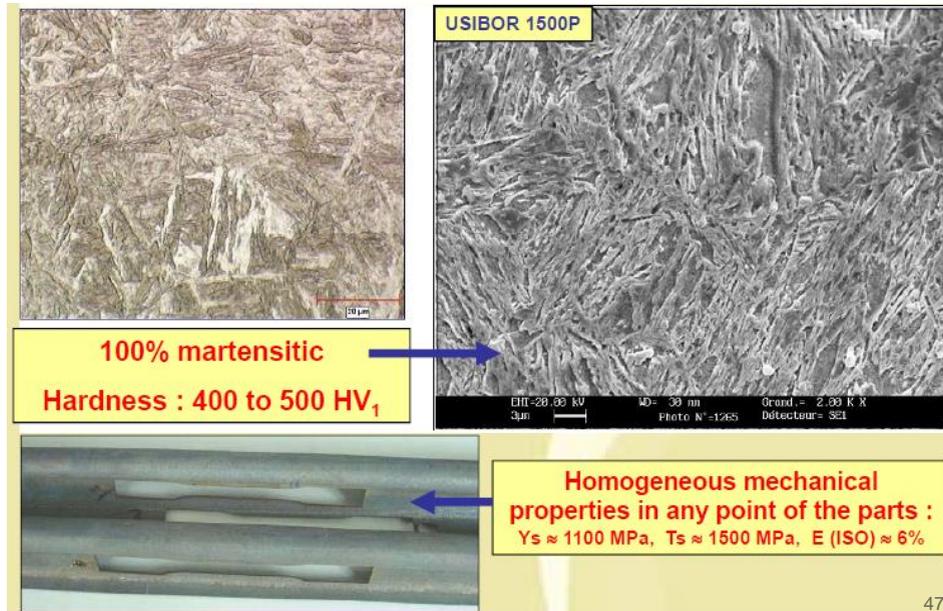


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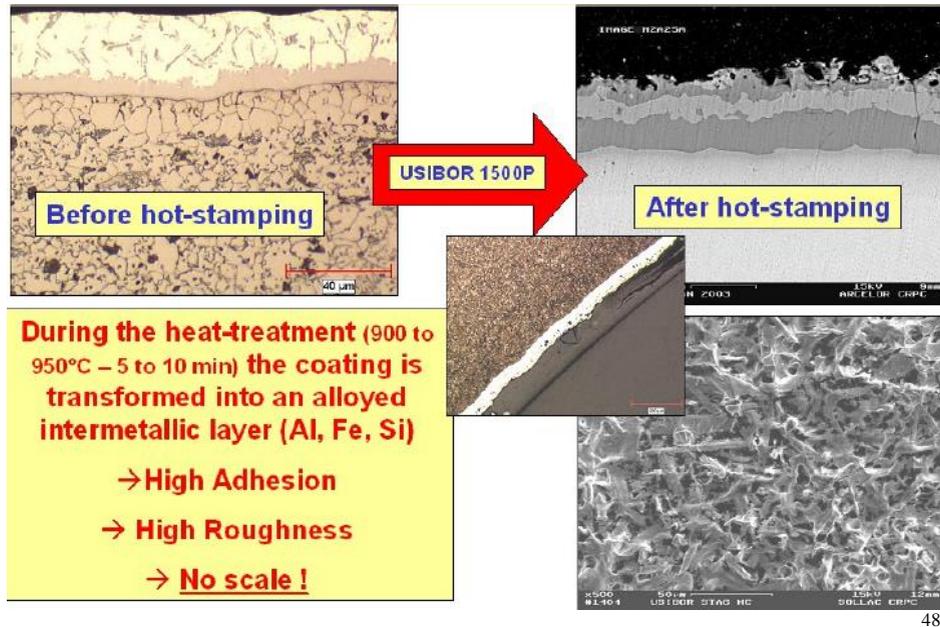


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## Metallurgical Structure after Hot-stamping



## AlSi Coating after Hot-stamping

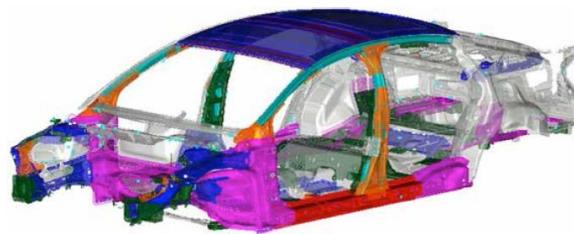
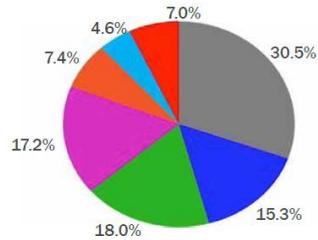




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## Material - BIW

- Mild Steel
- BH - HSLA (YS < 300)
- HSLA (YS > 300)
- DP 600
- DP 800
- DP 1000
- Boron - Martensitic



Average Yield Strength = 348 MPa

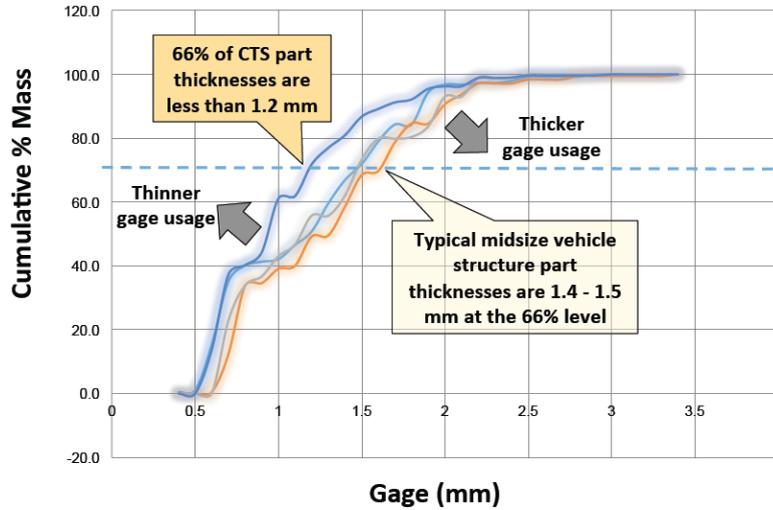


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### General Motors Cadillac CTS: '3G' Approach

- Gage
- Grade (Material)
- Geometry, CAE Tools and Methods

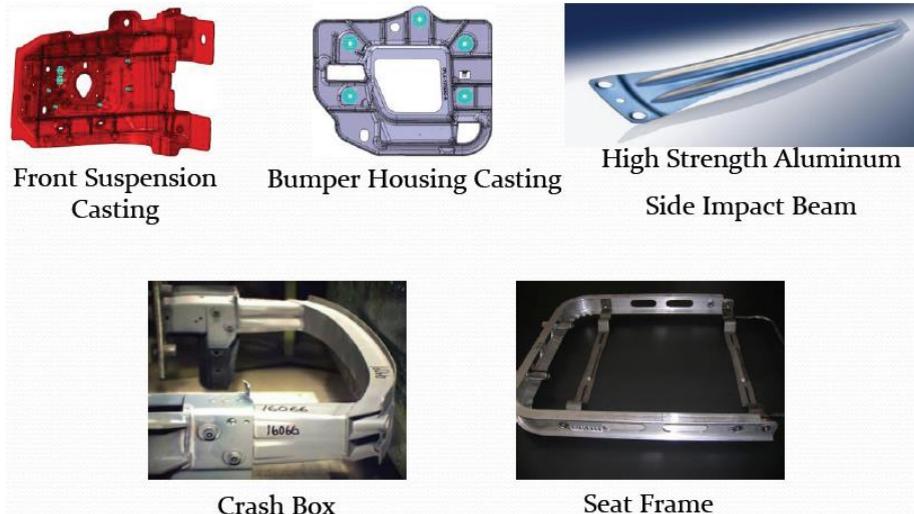


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## Aluminum Applications



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### The Move to Aluminum

- The first production vehicle to move to an Al frame was the Audi A8 in 1994.
- This allowed Audi to make their full-size car lighter than the competitions (BMW, Mercedes, Lexus...), thus giving them the edge in performance & handling.
- This comes at a price premium though, for instance compared to a Lexus LS460 (Steel framed) which costs around \$65,000. The A8 starts at \$75,000



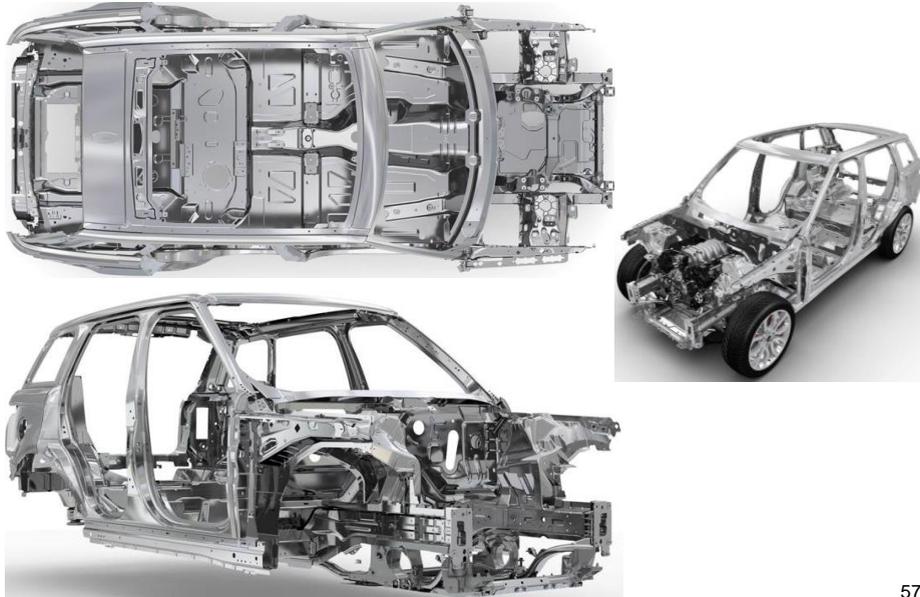
Audi A8



Lexus LS460

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## Range Rover Sport



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## Ford Takes a Leap: the New 2015 All Aluminum F150 Pickup Body

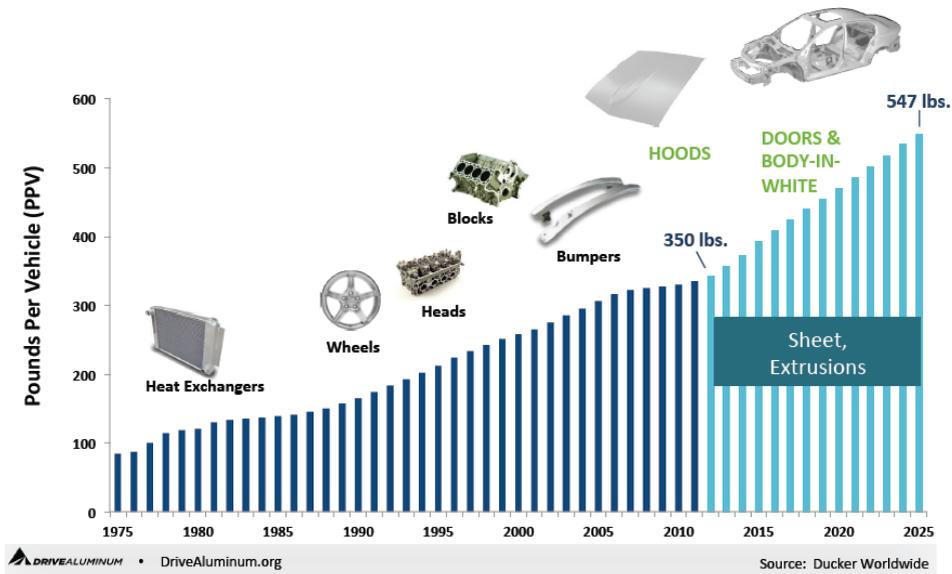


Total weight saved on new Ford F150 is reported as 700lbs  
Nearly 500lbs saved in the body by using aluminium alloys  
60lbs saved in the frame using HSS

The Ford F150 truck is the first high volume application of LWV technology in the USA  
Ford worked with aluminium suppliers & technology providers to ensure capacity is in place  
Further Capacity will be put in place in the USA as further models require LWV technology  
Shifts the aluminium need, but still less than 5% of total Auto Body Sheet requirement

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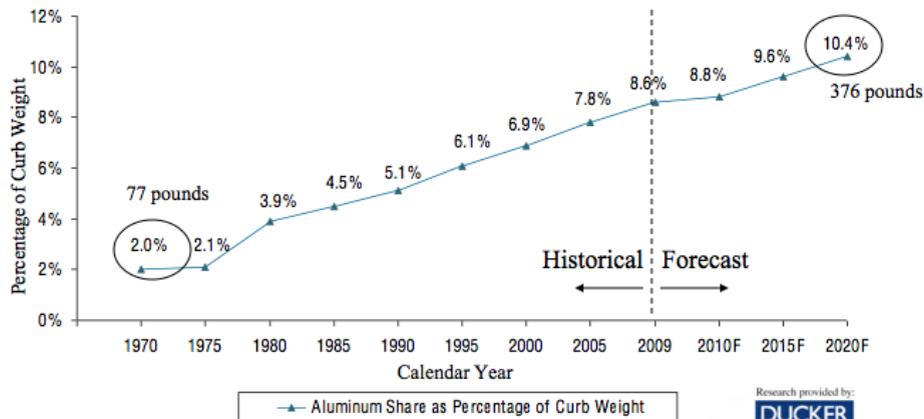
## 50 Years of Automotive Aluminum Growth



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## An Increasing Trend

### North American Light Vehicle Aluminum Content

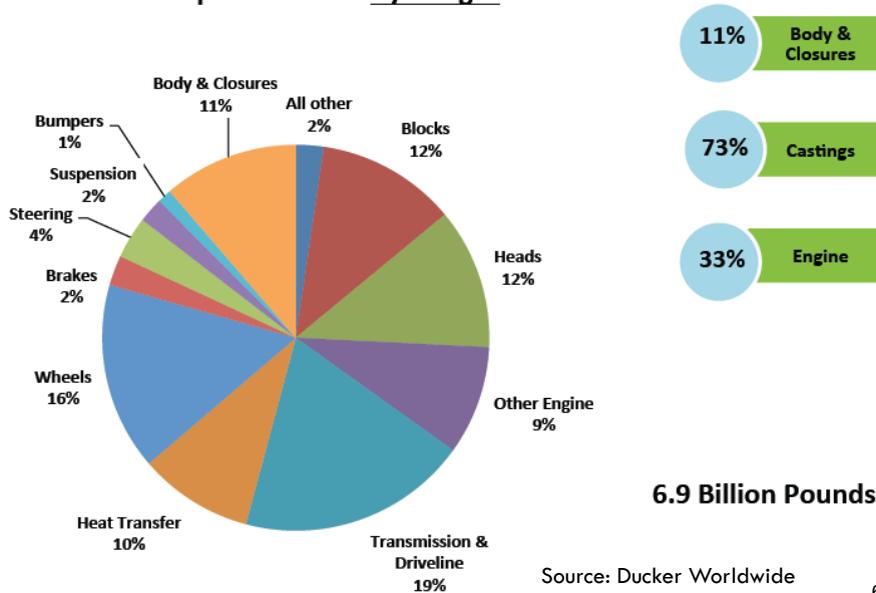


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## 2015 Total Aluminum Content

### Aluminum Component Share by Weight



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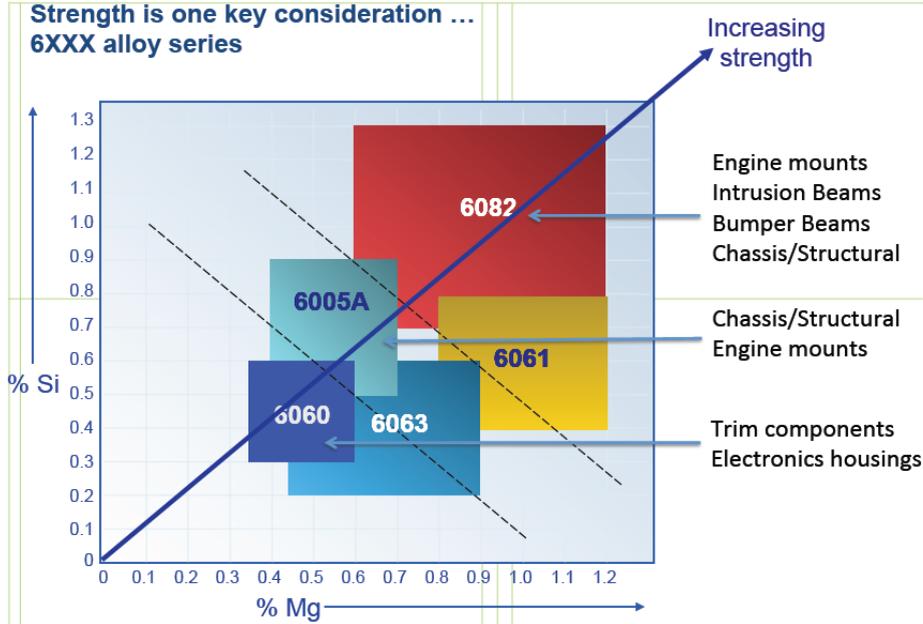
## Aluminum Joining Technology Opportunities

- CAE models for all welding technologies with improved representation of heat affected zones and weld nuggets and improved statistical predictions for failure.
- Steel to aluminum fusion welding
- Adhesive bonding with AHSS and composites
- Common / flexible solutions for multiple materials and processes

### MATERIAL TYPES:

- 6061 - T6
- 5000 Series 90 MPa
- 6000 Series 90- 115 MPa
- 6063 – T6
- 6111 – T4
- A5023 – H24
- EN-AW 6082
- BG- AlSi 12- 230

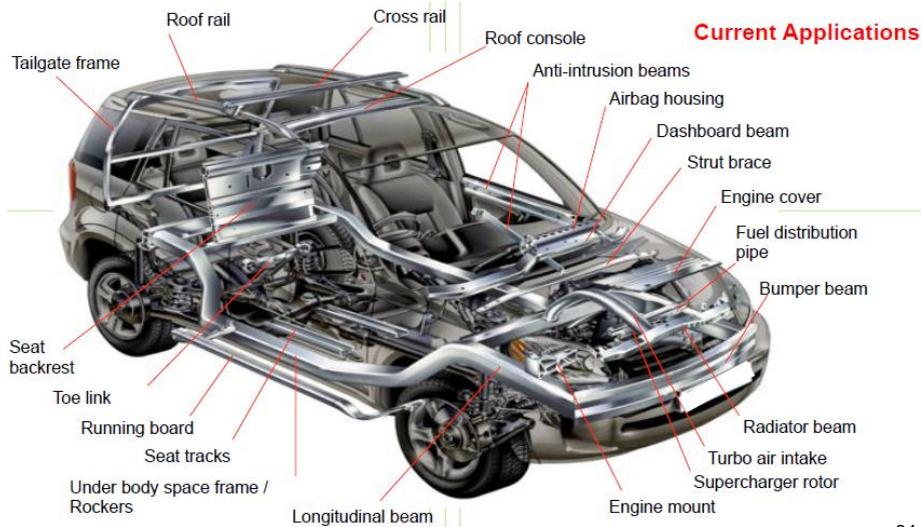
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## Application of Aluminum Extrusion to Light Weighting

*While most growth is projected for chassis/body applications, extrusions are being used in virtually all vehicle systems.*



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## Cases of Aluminum Extrusion Applications

### Trim for Mercedes Vehicles

- The Pillar Cover and Window Guides were initially roll formed and stamped steel products, requiring buffing before painting due to the high visual requirements

Pillar Cover

Window Guide



### Extruded Window Guide

- 35% weight reduction
- multiple parts incorporated into 1 extrusion
- polishing of Visual Surfaces eliminated
- Improved corrosion performance
- Tighter bend tolerances achieved



### Extruded Pillar Cover

- 40% reduction in weight
- Polishing of visual surfaces eliminated
- Separate plastic end-cap eliminated

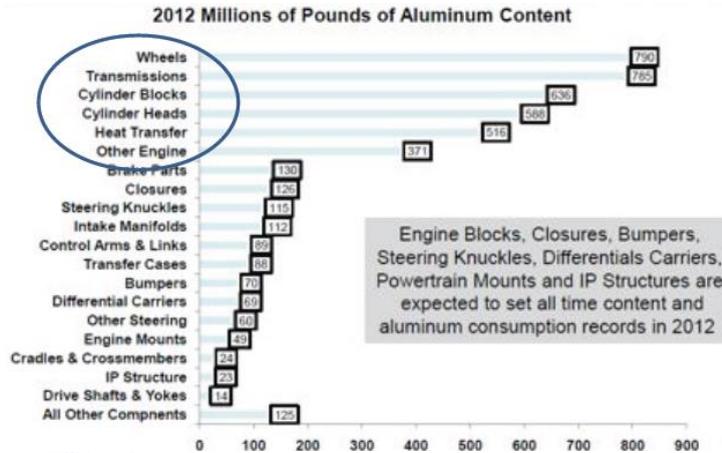
Plastic End-cap

Formed Aluminum Extrusion



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## Aluminum Castings



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## Continuous Casting

- Strip cast Al sheet implemented on narrow width low Mg 5XXX series alloys
- Demonstration trials complete with higher Mg alloys and 6xxx series alloys.
- Need to explore new alloys enabled by faster cooling rates.
- Need to explore economic opportunity

## Improve Formability

- Retrogression heat treatment
- Warm forming
- Super plastic forming
- Quick plastic forming
- Fast
- Hydroforming
- Perform annealing
- Electromagnetic forming

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## Aluminum Intensive Vehicles



Ford AIV



Ford P2000



Ford Contour



Jaguar XJ



Audi A2



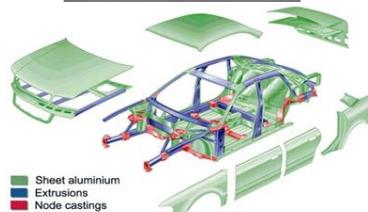
Audi A8



Jaguar XF



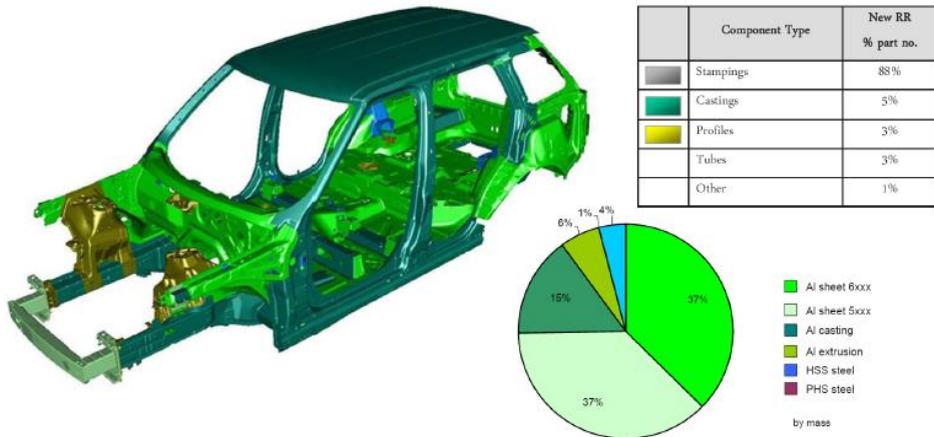
Jaguar XK



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## Range Rover Sport

Aluminum body, weight saving 300 kg vs. previous model  
39% = 180 kg lighter than the steel equivalent



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## Cars Utilizing Al Frames

Audi A8

Jaguar

XJ

Corvette

Z06

Honda

NSX

Audi A2

Audi R8



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## 2015 Aluminum Content by Segment



 • DriveAluminum.org

Source: Ducker Worldwide

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## Weight

- The most obvious advantage to using aluminum in place of steel in cars is aluminum weighs less.

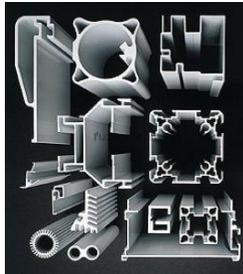
## Safety

- Not too many safety tests have been performed on Al framed vehicles due to their usually higher price.
- However, the Audi A2 is an inexpensive compact car that has been tested, and received overall favorable reviews compared to its steel bodies counterparts.

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### **Some other advantages...**

- There are some manufacturing methods that can only be done with aluminum, such as extrusions.
- These extrusions allows the Al Space Frame to have about half the amount of parts as a traditional steel monocoque.
- Because of all this, Al is already a cheaper material to use for low volume production cars (under 100,000 units a year or so).



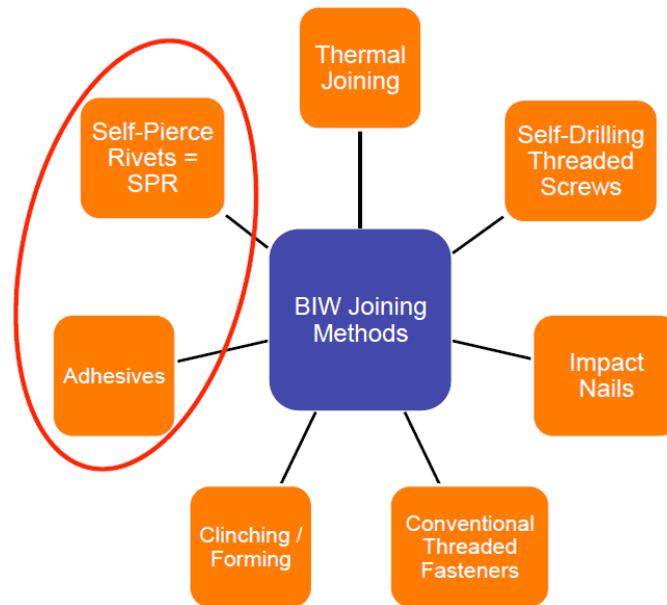
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### **A Few Other Facts...**

- Today, the average car contains about 200 pounds of aluminum parts.
- Aluminum space frames (like that from Audi), contain fewer parts and fewer connection nodes, which helps keep production costs lower.

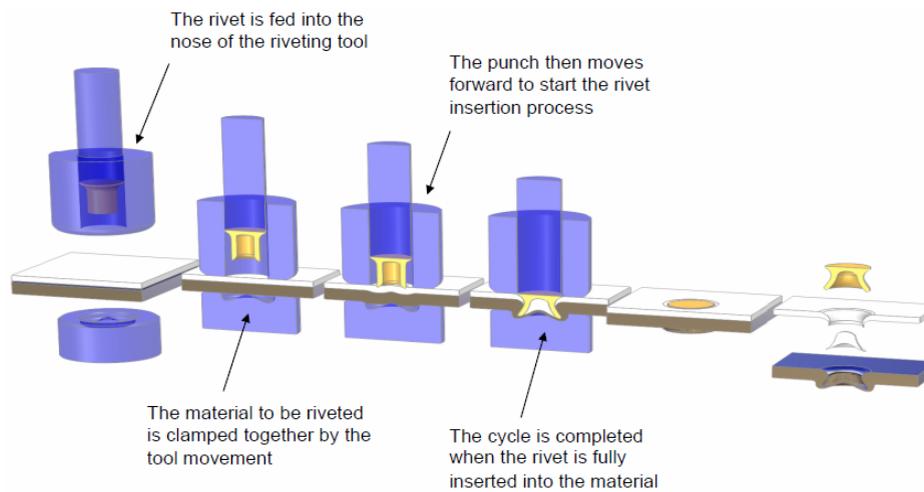
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## Mainstream Methods to Join Aluminum BIWs



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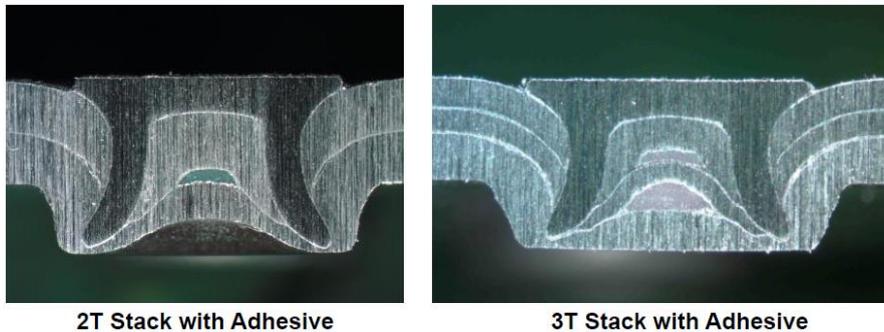
## Self-Pierce Riveting Process



Courtesy of Henrob Corp., USA

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## Self-pierce Rivets and Adhesive = Hybrid Joint



2T Stack with Adhesive

3T Stack with Adhesive



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## Aluminum Sustainability

- Lower cost material production
  - ✓ Continuous casting
  - ✓ Coordinate with mill capacity upgrades
- Facilitate closed loop recycling
  - ✓ Industry purity commonality
  - ✓ Uni-alloy
- Higher strength alloys
  - ✓ > 500 MPa with standard processing
- Design with aluminum
- Improved formability or forming processes
- CAE models for materials and joints



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## Magnesium Applications



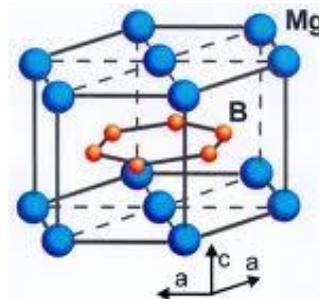
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- New interest in magnesium has been recently aroused due to the expansion of use of magnesium alloys in the 1990<sup>s</sup> and, especially, due to an appearance of high-strength magnesium matrix composites as lightweight advanced structural materials for automotive and aerospace.
- Magnesium alloys are considered as possible replacements for aluminum, plastics, and steels, primarily because of their higher ductility, greater toughness, and better castability.
- Production of magnesium almost tripled last decade, and the world production capacity reached 515,000 tons per year in 2009.

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## Characterization of Base Magnesium

- Magnesium is the eighth most abundant element and constitutes about 2% of the Earth's crust, and it is the third most plentiful element dissolved in seawater.
- Although magnesium is found in over 60 minerals, only dolomite, magnesite, brucite, carnallite, and olivine are of commercial importance.
- Magnesium and other magnesium compounds are also produced from seawater, well and lake brines and bitterns.



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- Magnesium is the lightest and one of the cheapest structural metals.
- Lighter than aluminum (only 2/3 of aluminum and 1/3 of titanium specific weights), better in heat dissipation and heat transfer due to high thermal conductivity of 51 W/m·K, and exhibit excellent ability in shielding electromagnetic interruption.
- Low density, ~1.75 g/cm<sup>3</sup>, in combination with relatively a high tensile strength of 228–290 MPa, heat resistance up to (450°C), and oxidation resistance up to 500°C make magnesium alloys attractive for various structures in the automotive industries.
- Especially attractive for various aerospace industries, as well as in textile and printing machines where lightweight magnesium parts are used to minimize inertial forces at high speed.
- Recyclable
- the surface of magnesium alloys should be protected because they corrode easily when exposed to atmosphere.

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- Mechanical properties (especially plasticity) of magnesium alloys depend on the fabrication parameters and the testing temperature. For example, a considerable change in mechanical properties was observed for Alloy AZ31 fabricated by casting, extrusion, and rolling.
- The strength weakening is accompanied by a remarkable increase in ductility. The elongation increased from 21.5% to 66.5% as the test temperature changed from RT to 250°C.
- Magnesium alloys with reduced aluminum content AM60, AM50, and AM20 are suitable for applications requiring improved fracture toughness. However, the reduction in aluminum results in a slight decrease in strength for AM alloys.
- Alloys AS41, AS21, and AE42 are employed for applications requiring long-term exposure at temperatures above 120°C and creep resistance.

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## Magnesium Properties

- Lightest structural metal (33% lighter than aluminum)
- Highest strength to weight ratio of light metals
- Better machinability than aluminum
- 100% recyclable

Material	Mass savings (% of vehicle)	Annual fuel savings (L/vehicle/yr)	Total energy savings (Q/yr)
Al	33%	328	2.58
Mg	41%	407	3.21
Ti	19%	188	1.48

Material	Strength to weight ratio
Steel	0.04 – 0.06
Al	0.11
Mg	0.13
Ti	0.12

Assumptions:

- 0.0036L/km fuel reduction per 100 kg reduced vehicle mass
- 20,000km traveled/car/yr (~12,500 mi)
- 239 million cars on the road (US 2012)
- 5MJ/L energy content of gasoline
- All steel replaced by light metal (equal bending stiffness/strength basis)

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## Magnesium Alloys Utilization (Mg content averaging 95%)

### Magnesium sheet

- ✓ Significant R&D and industrial runs have been done successfully in the last years
- ✓ Mg sheet fabrication processes are mature
- ✓ Mg sheet consumption is forecast to increase sharply

### Magnesium casting

- ✓ Magnesium remains a light metal of choice for cast parts, capable of thinner wall castings, and being much less aggressive on metal moulds.



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## Magnesium in Aluminum

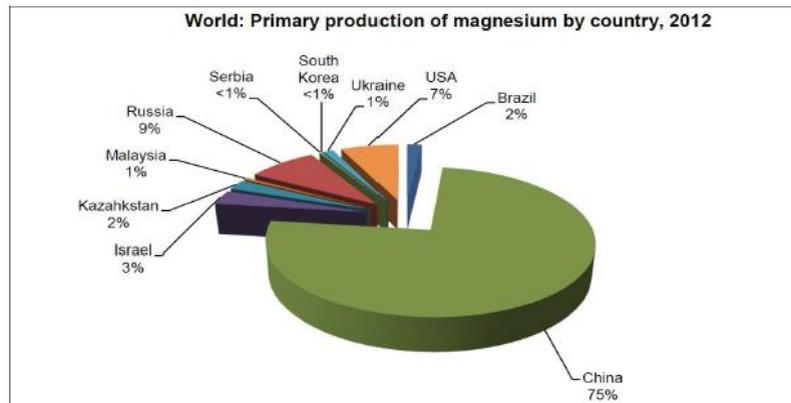
- Aluminum Alloys: Mg content from 0,15% to 10 %
- More non-ferrous lightweight metal used
  - ➔ more Mg consumed
- Non-ferrous light metals are the most promising solution for OEMs to meet the stringent fuel economy standards
  - ✓ Lighter and durable material
  - ✓ Infinite recycling capacity, for almost any mix of alloys.

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## Magnesium Production - Primary Metal

Primary production reached 905K MT in 2012

- Chinese Mg industry is still largely fragmented, where small plant production accounts for 33% of total Chinese output
- Mg is now listed as a strategic material by the US government



Source : *Magnesium Metal: Global Industry Markets and Outlook, 11<sup>th</sup> edition 2013, Roskill Information Services Ltd.*

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## Magnesium Die Casting on Corvette



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## Potential Growth of Mg Closures

High Volume Integration :  
2014 Ford Mondeo Lifegate / Hatchback



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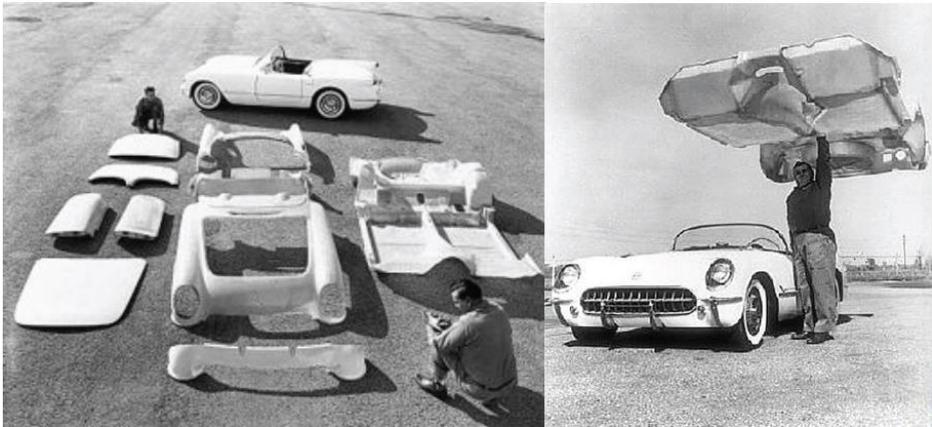
## Magnesium Sustainability

- Corrosion, Corrosion, Corrosion
- Innovative design to consolidate parts
- Room temperature formability or high volume forming process.
- Higher strength alloys
  - > 500 MPa with standard processing
- CAE models for materials and joints
- Lower cost raw materials



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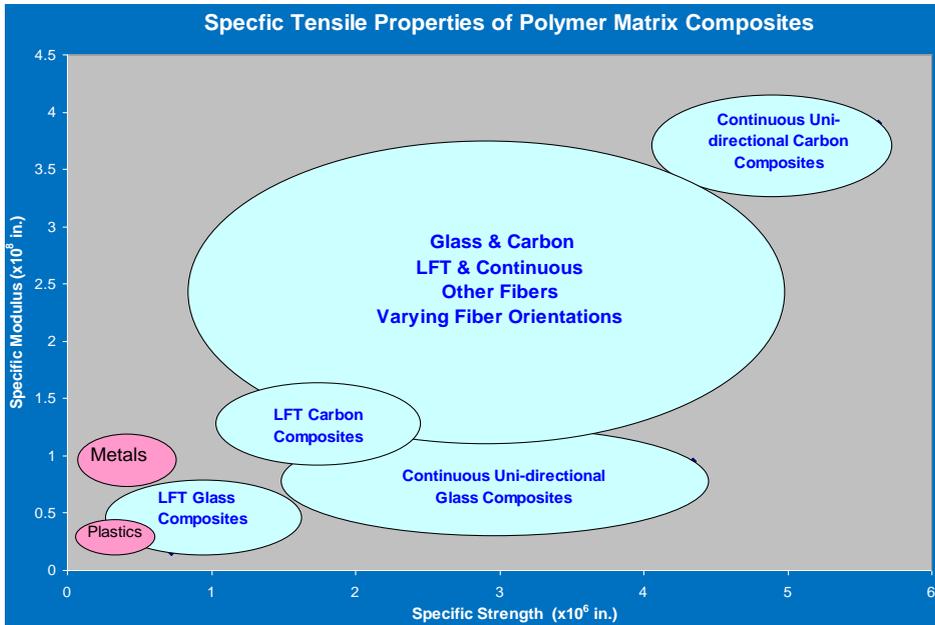
# Composites Applications



## Corvette Composites

Chevrolet Corvette Z06 & ZR-1

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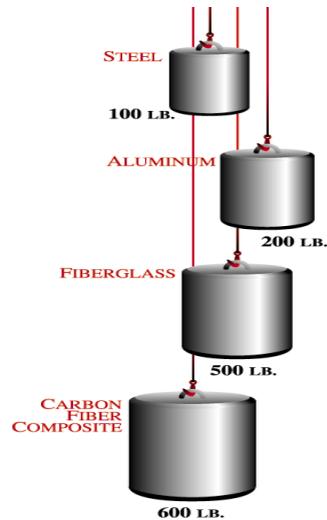


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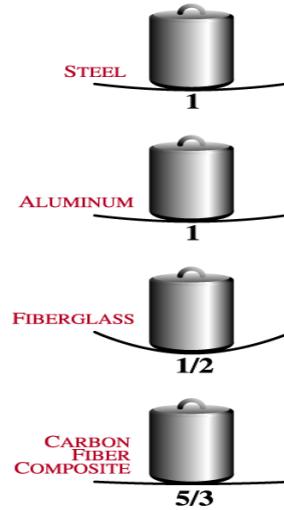
## **CARBON FIBERS –**

The 21<sup>st</sup> Century Material

### **Specific Strength**



### **Relative stiffness**



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## **Thermoplastic Composites**

### **Benefits**

- Unique properties
- Vibration dampening
- Light weight
- Potential for low cost
- Shelf life
- Recyclable
- Durability
  - Fatigue
  - Corrosion
  - Toughness

### **Limitations**

- Cost
- Materials
- Manufacturing
- Tooling
- Design know-how
- Manufacturing know-how
- Use temperature

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## Thermoplastic Composites

### Many Polymer Options

Polyethylenes  
 Polypropylenes  
 Nylons  
 Polycarbonates  
 Acrylics  
 Polyesters  
 Polyimides  
 Polysulfones  
 Polyketones  
 Polyurethanes  
 the list continues

### Many Property Options

ultimate strain > 100%  
 no microcracking  
 no delamination  
 dampening  
 no water uptake  
 low dielectric properties  
 melt formable  
 weldable  
 elastomeric - plastic -  
 elastic behavior  
 the list continues

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- Properties are fiber dominated
- Oriented long or continuous fiber reinforcement
- High volume fiber fraction (up to 65% by volume)

Key benefits:

- ✓ Reducing thermal limitations (e.g. creep) caused by the TP matrix system
- ✓ Reducing costs and weight and retaining toughness, formability, weldability, short cycle times, recyclability benefits of the thermoplastic matrix.

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## Commercial Materials

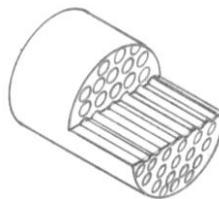
- GMT (Glass Mat Reinforced Thermoplastics)
- Pultruded Products
  - LFT (Long Fiber Reinforced Thermoplastics)
  - CFT (Continuous Fiber Reinforced Thermoplastics)
- Wire coated products
- Commingled fibers
- Powder coated materials
- Film sticking
- Slurry processes

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### Short Fiber, Long Fiber and Continuous Fiber Composites



Typical short fiber thermoplastic material, granules with fiber length of approx. 2 to 4 mm, resulting fiber length in a part of approx. 0.4 mm



Long fiber thermoplastic material, pellets of ½" and 1" fiber length, resulting fiber length in a part of approx. 4-6 mm in injection molding and approx. 20 mm in compression molding



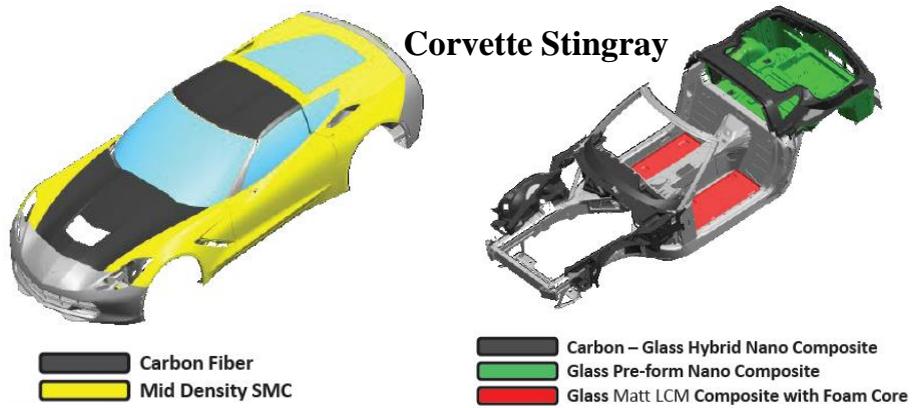
Continuous reinforced thermoplastic material, tape used for woven sheets (thermoforming), filament winding or pultrusion

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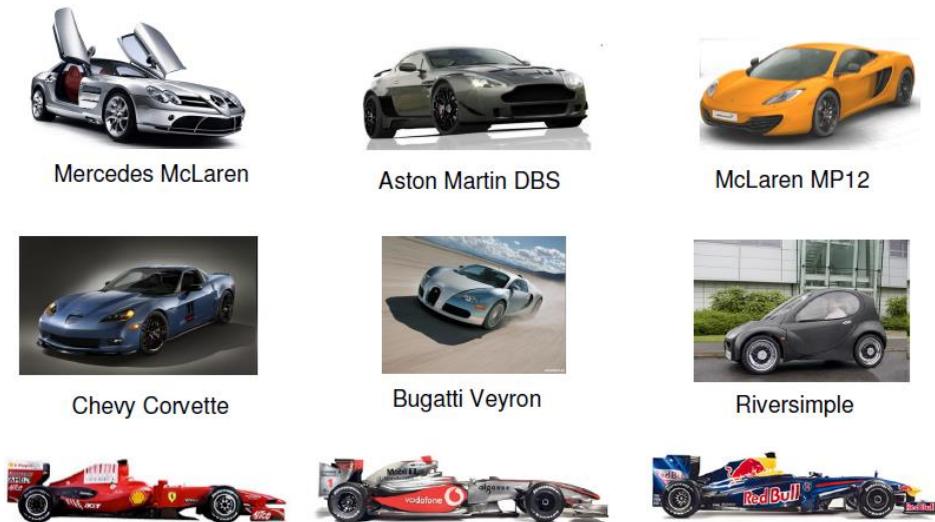
CFRP engine hood		 Valve cover		Nissan liftgate
Audi A8 front end structure		 Roof assembly		Nissan Leaf battery pack cover
Door trim panel		 Front grill		Diesel exhaust treatment
Seat panel		 Form-filled door frame		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Carbon fiber-reinforced composite hood that takes 17 minutes to produce.</li> <li>2. Valve covers. Courtesy of BASF.</li> <li>3. Nissan liftgate, featuring LyondellBasell material.</li> <li>4. Audi A8 front end structure. Courtesy of LANXESS.</li> <li>5. Roof assembly.</li> <li>6. Nissan Leaf battery cover. Courtesy of SABIC.</li> <li>7. Door trim panel. Courtesy of Bayer.</li> <li>8. In mold coloring in front grill.</li> <li>9. Ford Bosch diesel exhaust treatment. Courtesy of BASF.</li> <li>10. Lightweight seat pan.</li> <li>11. Form-filled door frame. Courtesy of Dow.</li> </ol>

## Some Body in Polymers Vehicle Concepts

			Chrysler 6000\$ concept
		Renault Matra Body in SMC (Polyester / GF)	
		MDI (Glass Fiber intensive structure)	



## Vehicles with Reinforced Carbon Fibers



## Navistar Defense Mine-Resistant-Ambush-Protected (MRAP) Vehicle

CFRP engine hood

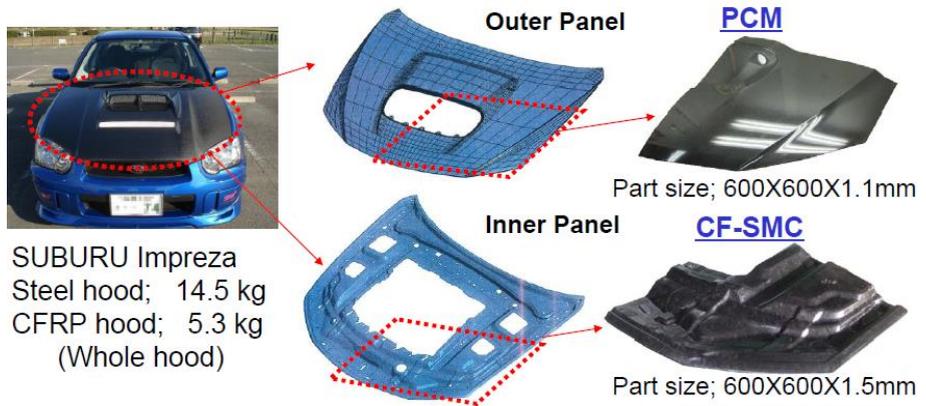


Toyota Prius V

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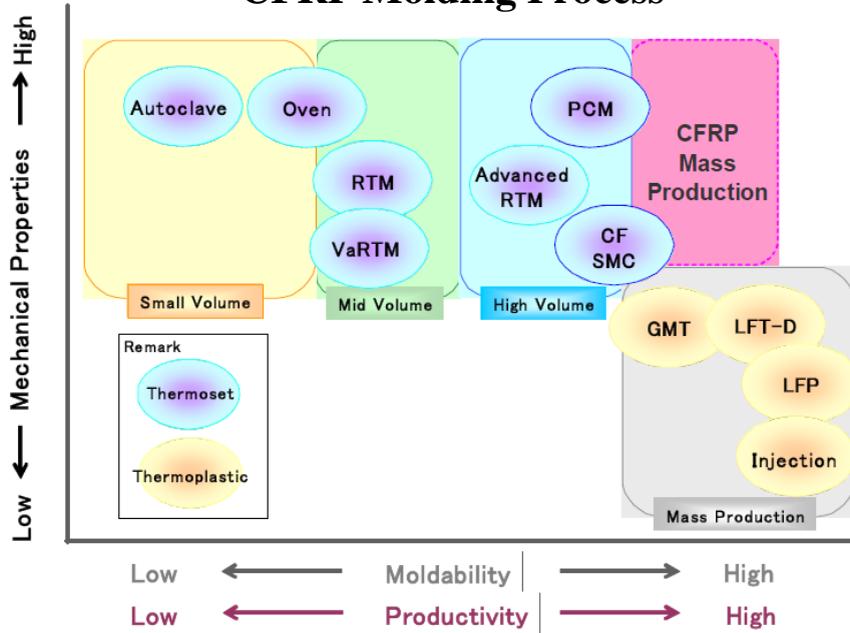
## Engine Hood Model Part Development

- A quarter part of engine hood was developed to demonstrate feasibility of PCM body panels.
  - PCM outer and CF-SMC inner panels were bonded to produce a body panel structure consisting of two parts.
  - CFRP engine hood is 63% lighter than steel hood.



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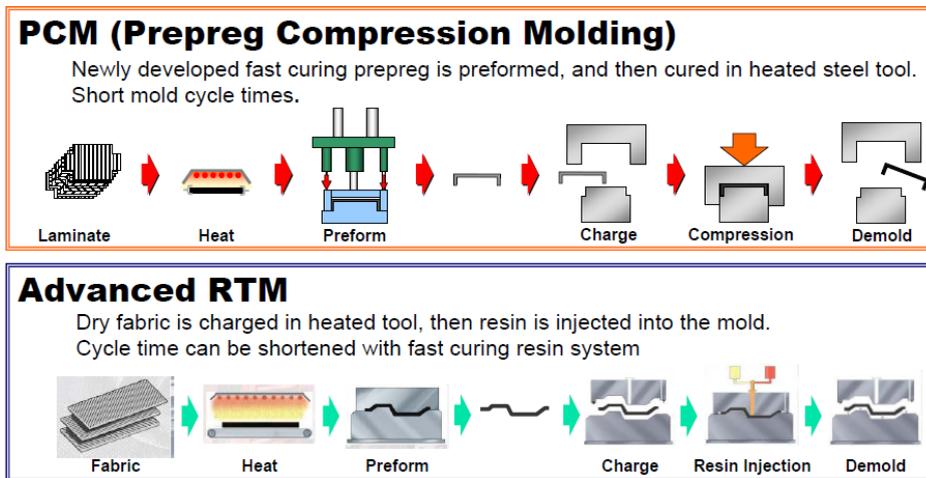
## CFRP Molding Process



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## High Cycle CFRP Molding Process

**PCM has a potential for CFRP mass production**

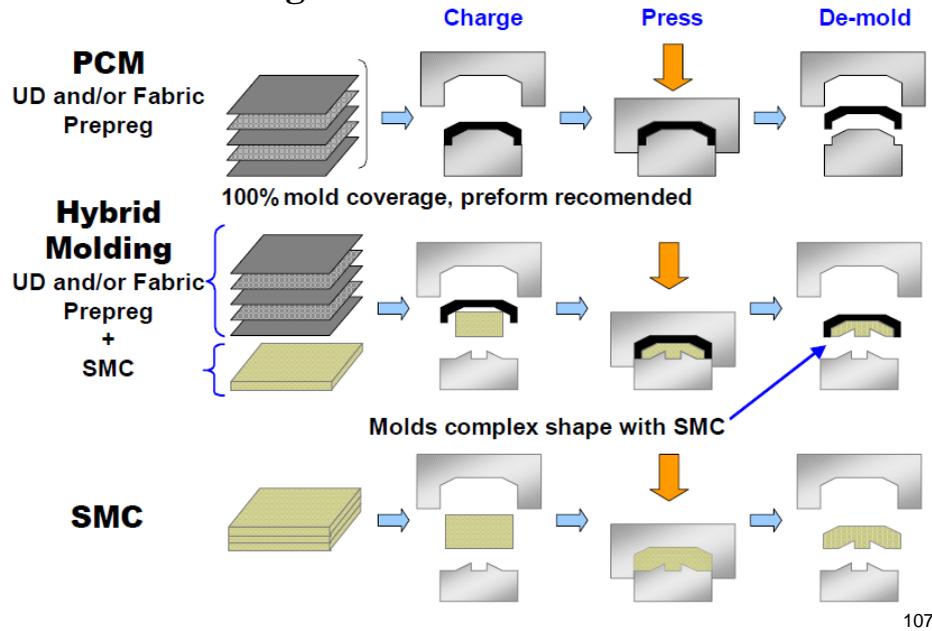


CFRP - Carbon Fiber Reinforced Polymer    SMC - Sheet Molding Composites

MDI - Methylene Diphenyl Diisocyanate

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## PCM Molding Process



## Composite Sustainability for Body/Closures

- Painting and repair solution
- Lower cost fiber production.
- Higher volume molding processes.
- Faster curing resins which don't trap gas / defects
- Improved forming process / cycle time.
- Damage detection and prediction.
- Increased ductility during deformation / crash
- Material models for defect / failure prediction

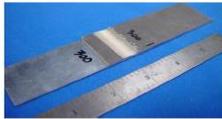


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## Multi-Material Enabling

### Magnesium

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



### Aluminum

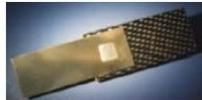
- HAZ property deterioration
- Difficulty joining mixed grades
  - Joint integrity
  - Joint formability
- Difficulty recycling mixed grades



	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



## Key Material Properties to Know

### Steel

- Stamping
- Welding
- Corrosion
- Easy repair

### Aluminum

- Extruding
- Riveting
- No Corrosion
- Difficult to repair

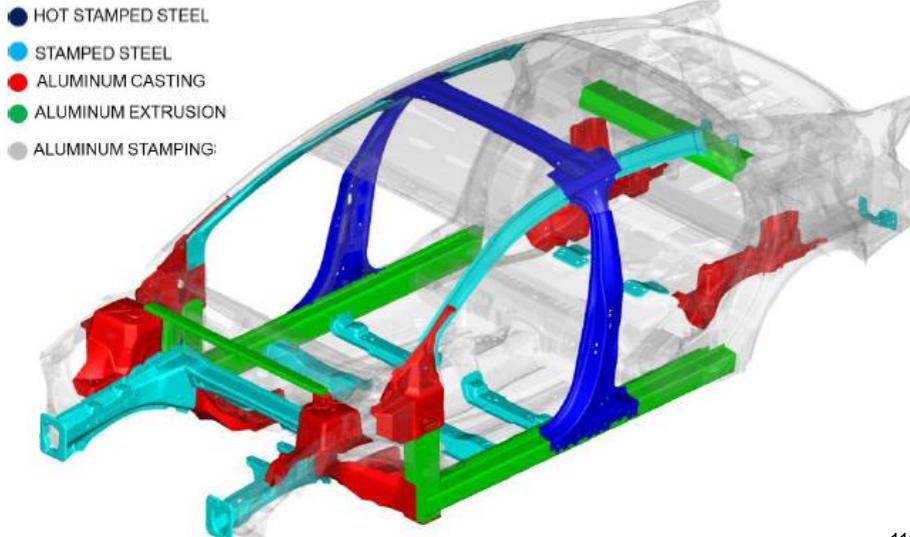
### Magnesium

- Die casting
- Bolting
- Sensitive to heat
- Difficult to repair

### Carbon Fiber

- Bag molding
- Bonding
- Breaks during crash
- Difficult to repair

## Multi-Material Lightweight Vehicle (MMLV) – Mach-I & II BIW Vehma International and Ford Motor Company, 2013/2014



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### MMLV - Powertrain



#### ENGINE – Weight reduction of 20% to 48% on components

- Cast aluminum engine block for 1.0 liter I3 engine with Powder Metal forged billet crackable bulkhead inserts.  
- saves 48%, 11.8 kg
- Carbon fiber structural oil pan.  
- saves 30%, 1.2 kg
- Carbon fiber front cover with mount.  
- saves 30%, 1.0 kg
- Carbon Fiber + Aluminum cam carrier.  
- saves 20%, 1.3 kg
- Forged aluminum connecting rods.  
- saves 40%, 0.7 kg



PA/CF Front Engine Cover



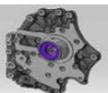
Forged Aluminum connecting rods



Bulkhead Insert in AL block



Magnesium valve body



Aluminum pump cover



PA/CF Oil Pan



Aluminum + Steel Clutch Hub

#### TRANSMISSION – Weight reduction of 30% to 60% on components for reduced torque automatic

- Cast magnesium (AZ91D) case and bell housing  
- saves 30%, 5.0 kg
- Aluminum pump cover  
- saves 55%, 1.8 kg
- Cast magnesium valve body  
- saves 35%, 1.0 kg
- Steel + Aluminum clutch hub (friction spin weld)  
- saves 60%, 0.4 kg

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## MMLV - Chassis



### SUSPENSION COMPONENTS – Weight reduction of ~30% on these components

- Tall, Narrow Tires 30% save  
- 155/70R19 new materials and constructions
- Wheels 19 inch x5 inch 30% save  
- cast aluminum or carbon fiber
- Delete Spare Tire/Wheel
- Aluminum Brake Rotors 35% save  
- Cast A356 Al, Thermal Spray Coated
- Coil Springs 35% ~ 55% save  
- hollow micro alloy steel with intensive shot peening, Glass Fiber composite
- Stabilizer Bars 35% ~ 55% save  
- high hardness steel, with internal and external shot peening



Aluminum brake rotor with thermally sprayed wear resistant coating



Carbon fiber wheels



Evaluate composite & hollow steel coil springs

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## MMLV - Interiors

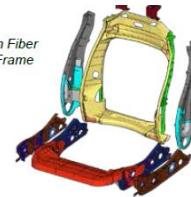


### INTERIOR COMPONENTS

- Carbon Fiber Seat designs save ~28 kg, Save 40%  
(driver -8 kg, passenger -8 kg, rear -12 kg)
- Carbon Fiber (or magnesium) Instrument Panel beam and ducts save ~8 kg, Save 35%
- MuCell and chemically foamed interior plastic trim saves 15% ~Save 40%



Carbon Fiber Seat Frame

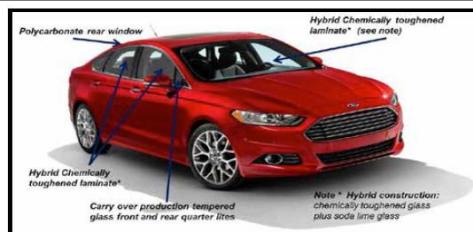


### GLAZINGS -

- Mix of Lightweight Glazings saves 14 kg Save 35%)
- Laminated chemically toughened\* windshield,
- Side door movable glazings,
- Polycarbonate Glazing Backlite (Rear Window)



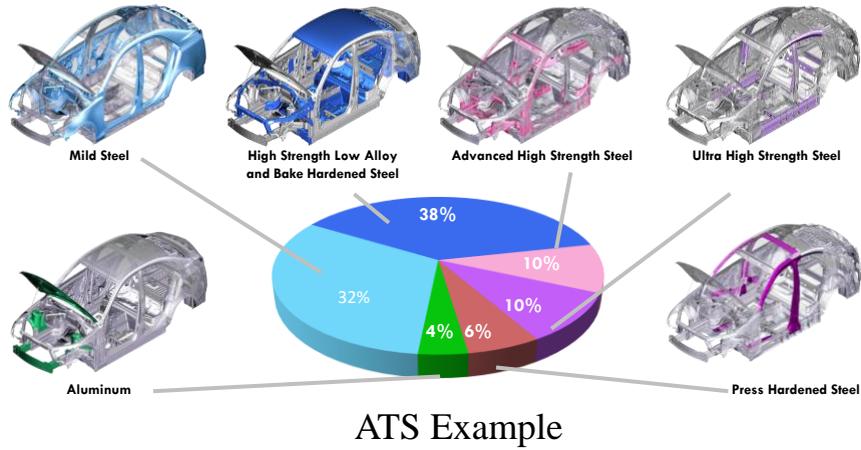
Side Door Glass - Door Slam Durability Test



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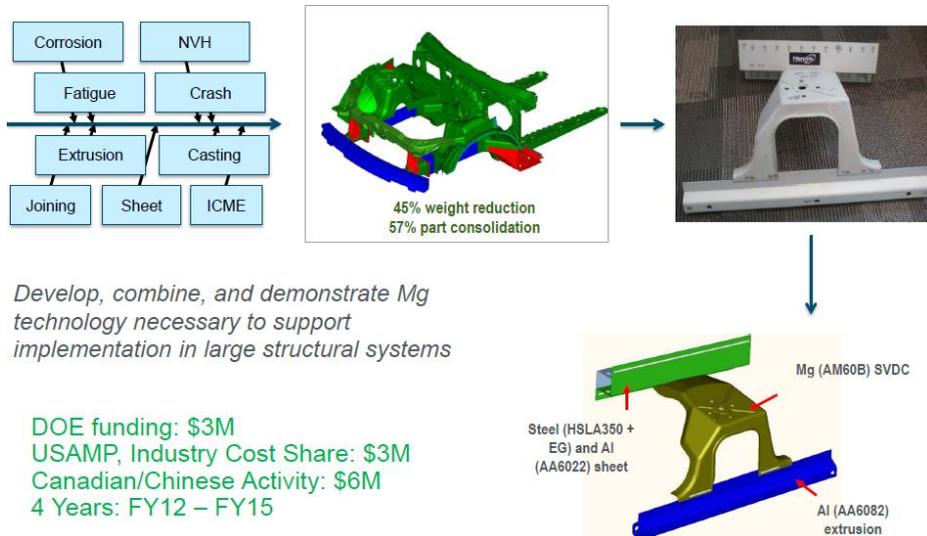
## Multiple Materials In Body-In-White

### Material Distribution as a Percent of BIW Mass



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## Magnesium Intensive Vehicle Front End



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## Hybrid Design

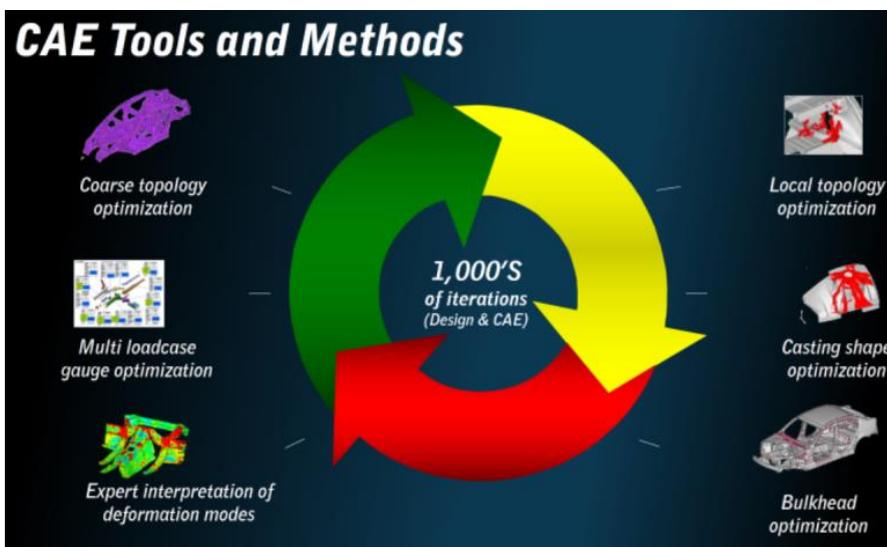
Alu Steel



Alu + Carbon fiber

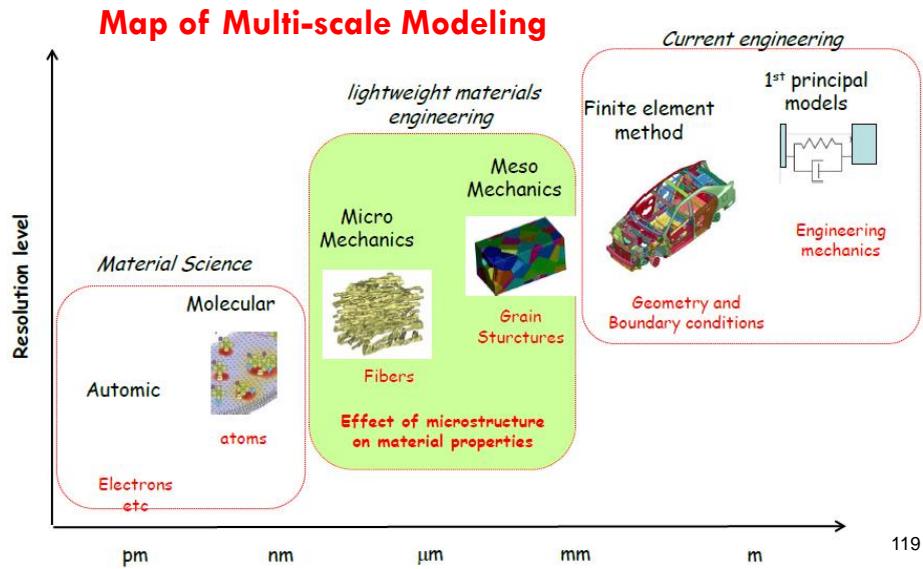
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## Enabling Computer-aided Engineering (CAE) Can Limit Material Choices

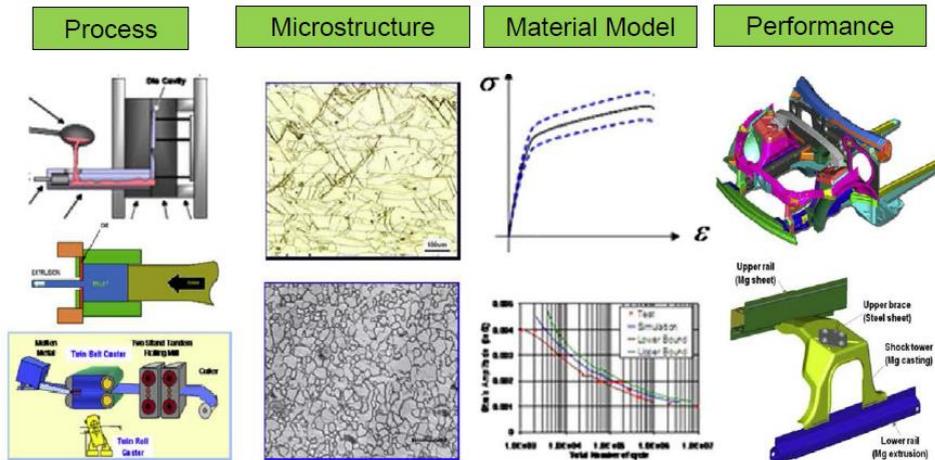


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## CAE analysis and simulation methods for modeling of lightweight materials



## Magnesium: Multi-scale Modeling Approach



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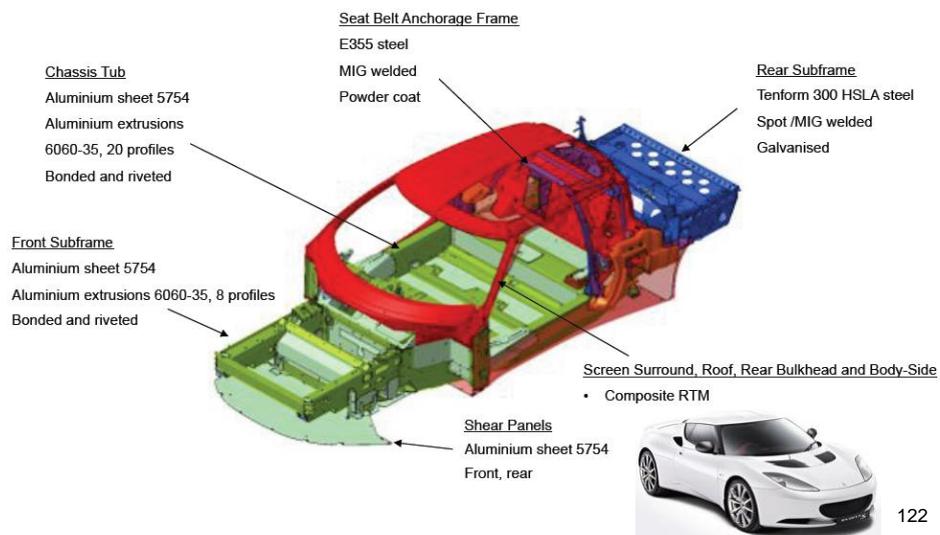
## Joining Processes - Current and Emerging

- RSW
- RPW
- Clinching
- Mechanical fastening
- Laser welding
- Continuous resistance welding
- Friction stir welding
- Friction spot joining
- Bonding (structural adhesives)
- Riveting
- EMP joining
- Other



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## Production Multi-Material Body Structure: Lotus Evora



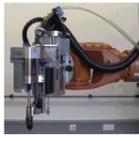
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# Assemblies of Advanced and Multiple Materials Complicate Joining

Joining technology		LSS: Low Strength Steels HSS: High Strength Steels (~780MPa) UHS: Ultra High Strength Steels, Hot Stamping Steels (980MPa~) AL: Aluminum					
Combination of materials	SPR Self Piercing Rivet	FDS Flow Drill Screw	FSW Friction Stir Welding	FSJ Friction Spot Joining	LSW Laser Screw Welding	adhesive	...
	Steel x Steel					○	○
AL x AL	○	○	○		○	○	
Steel (LSS,HSS) x AL	○	○	○	○		○	
Steel(UHSS) x AL			○	○		○	
AL x CFRP(Random)	○			○		○	
Steel (UHSS) xCFRP(Random)	○			○		○	
CFRP x CFRP	○			○		○	

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## Typical Rivet Types

<p><b>Self-Pierce Rivet.</b></p>  <p>Requires double sided access.</p>	 <p>Typical Gun and Robot Configuration</p>	 <p>Typical Gun shape and size</p>
<p><b>Flow Drill Screw.</b></p>  <p>Requires single sided access.</p>	 <p>Typical Gun shape and size</p>	 <p>Typical Gun and Robot Configuration</p>
<p><b>Self-Pierce Stud.</b></p>  <p>Requires double sided access.</p>	<p><b>Blind Rivet Stud.</b></p>  <p>Requires single sided access.</p>	 <p>Typical Gun shape and size</p>

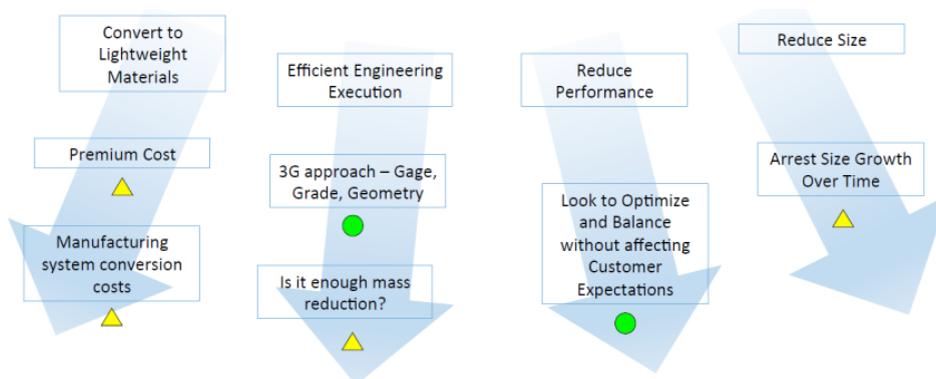
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## Summary

- Automobiles will be getting significantly lighter over the next 10 years.
- Good engineering and design cannot account for all mass reduction necessary.
- Appropriate use of a variety of lightweight materials will be necessary to meet the mass targets.
- Lightweight materials community needs to focus on:
  - Improving existing materials and forming processes.
  - Developing new materials with improved properties.
  - Resolving engineering issues during materials development.
  - Providing accurate CAE predictions with improved material models.

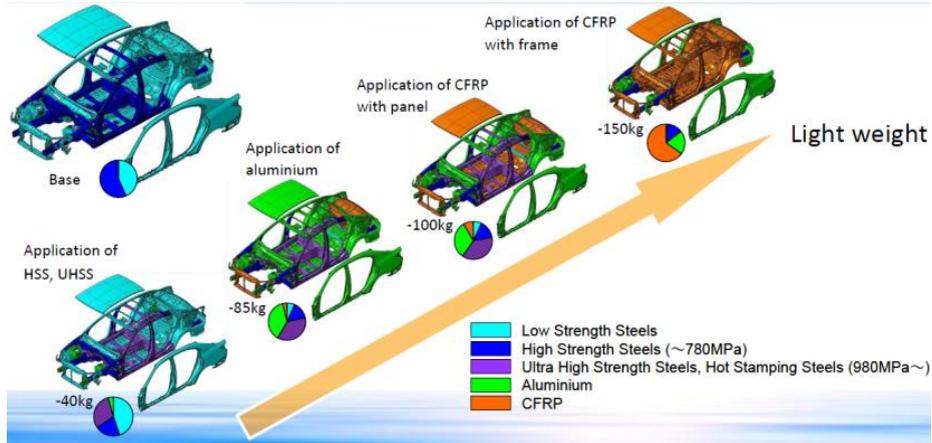
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## Mass Reduction Approaches for Body Structures and Closures



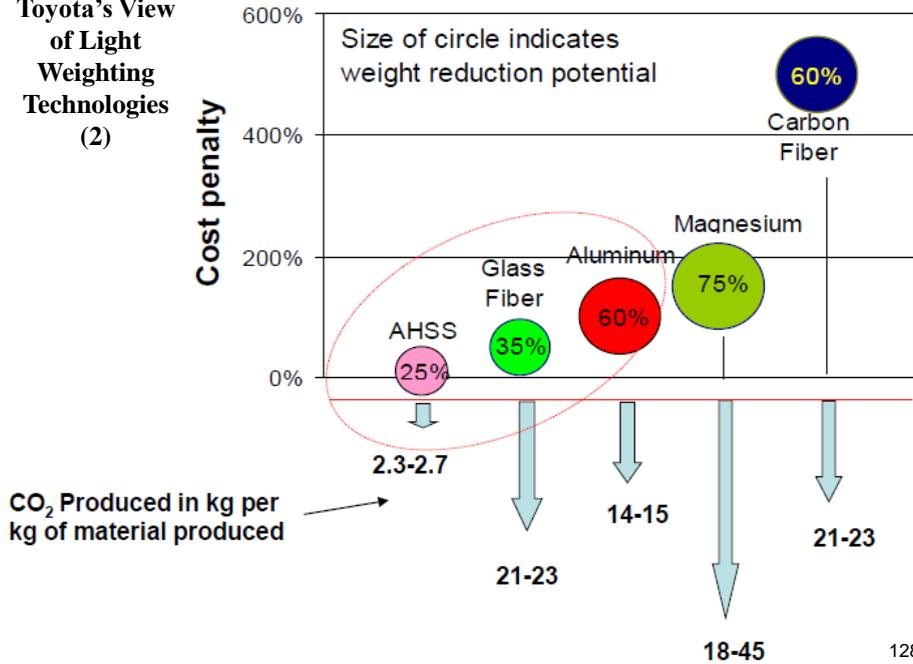
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# Toyota's View of Light Weighting Technologies (1)



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## Toyota's View of Light Weighting Technologies (2)



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## Material Deliver Weight Reduction

**Advanced High Strength Steel – Weight savings potential additional 7 to 10 %**

- Most mature technology
- Stamping, Joining & Assy Infrastructure Exists
- Lowest cost alternative
- Tooling upgrades required

**Aluminum - Weight savings potential 40 to 50%**

- Solid experience with Al Sheet (Closures)
- Material cost is higher than advanced steels
- Slight tooling upgrades required
- Castings & Hydroforming offer part consolidation opportunities

**Magnesium - Weight savings potential 50 to 60%**

- Casting is currently the only economically viable manufacturing process
- Corrosion can be an issue in some applications
- Material supply base in a state of flux
- Sheet development in research phase

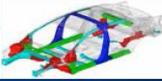
**Polymer Composites - Weight savings potential 10 to 60+%**

- Good supply base for Injection Molding & sheet molded composite (SMC)
- Class B surface and semi-structural applications
- Carbon Fiber only starts to look promising @ \$5 -8 / lb
- Infrastructure to make CF needs to grow significantly



Component level  
up to 30% Wt Save



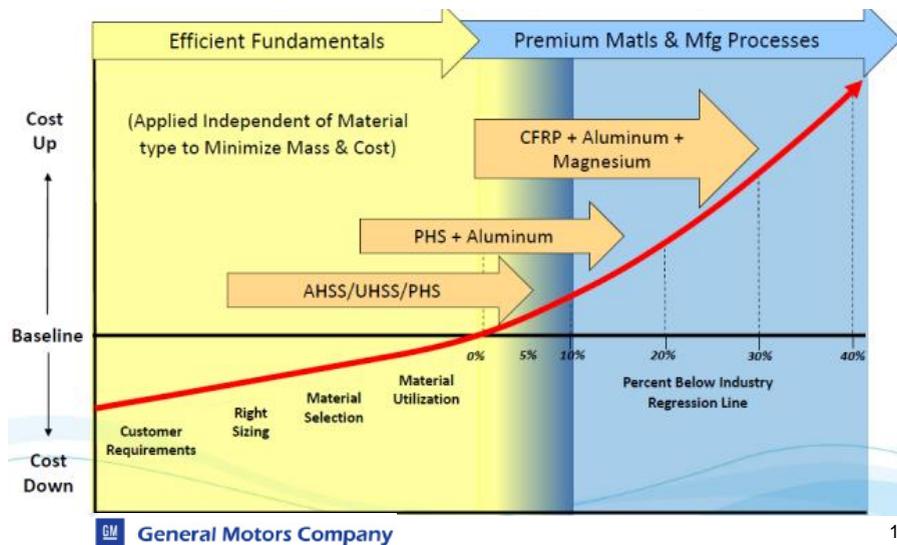


**Multi-Materials Lightweight Vehicles – Optimizing all materials systems**



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## Progression of Light weighting Strategies by Cost

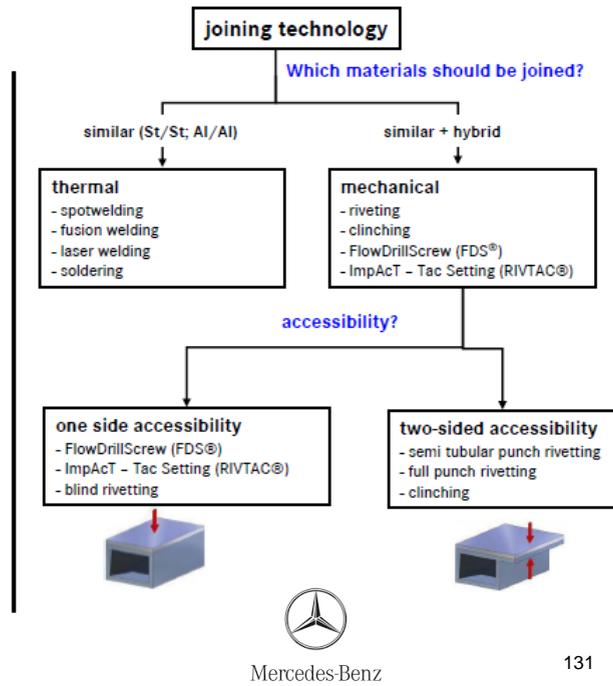


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- Increase of crash-performance and torsional stiffness
- Weight reduction by the use of highstrength steel and lightweight materials
- Cost reduction

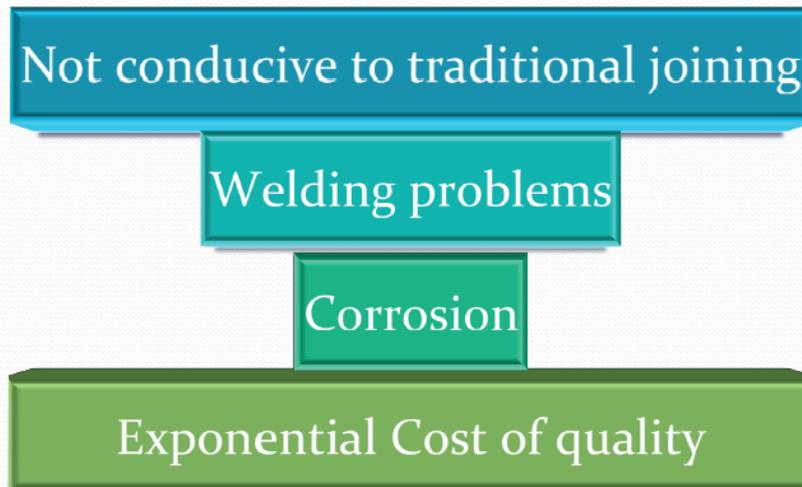


➔ New challenges for joining technologies



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## Lightweight Material Issues Impacting the Industry



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# Big Picture

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## *Energy and Vehicle Weight Reduction*

- U.S. transportation energy accounts for 28% of total consumption
- 94% of transportation energy is from petroleum
- The relationship between weight and energy savings is complicated...
- ...but significant fuel economy and energy savings are likely

## *Vehicle Weight Reduction Today*

- Lightweight materials (including steels) have seen wider application in vehicles...
- ...but vehicle weight has increased!
- Demand for improved safety, comfort, emissions control, etc. has offset weight reduction
- Development of lightweight materials provides a strong foundation for future weight reduction

## *Moving Forward with Lightweight Materials*

- Steel, Aluminum, Magnesium, Carbon Fiber Composites, and other materials will likely play a roll in continued weight reduction
- Significant unanswered questions exist in properties, manufacturing, multi-material enabling, and modeling/simulation of these materials
- **Where does steel need to go from here?**

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## Conclusion

- The issue of weight is likely to become more important to manufacturers and customers due to fuel economy.
- The economic feasibility of producing vehicles with alternative materials has been completely addressed.
- Consumers may not abandon large vehicles. The shift away from heavy cars can only come from alternative materials.
- Weight reduction involves all materials and components suppliers.

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