



# ***Future Fuels***

## **Flag Officers & Senior Executive Service**

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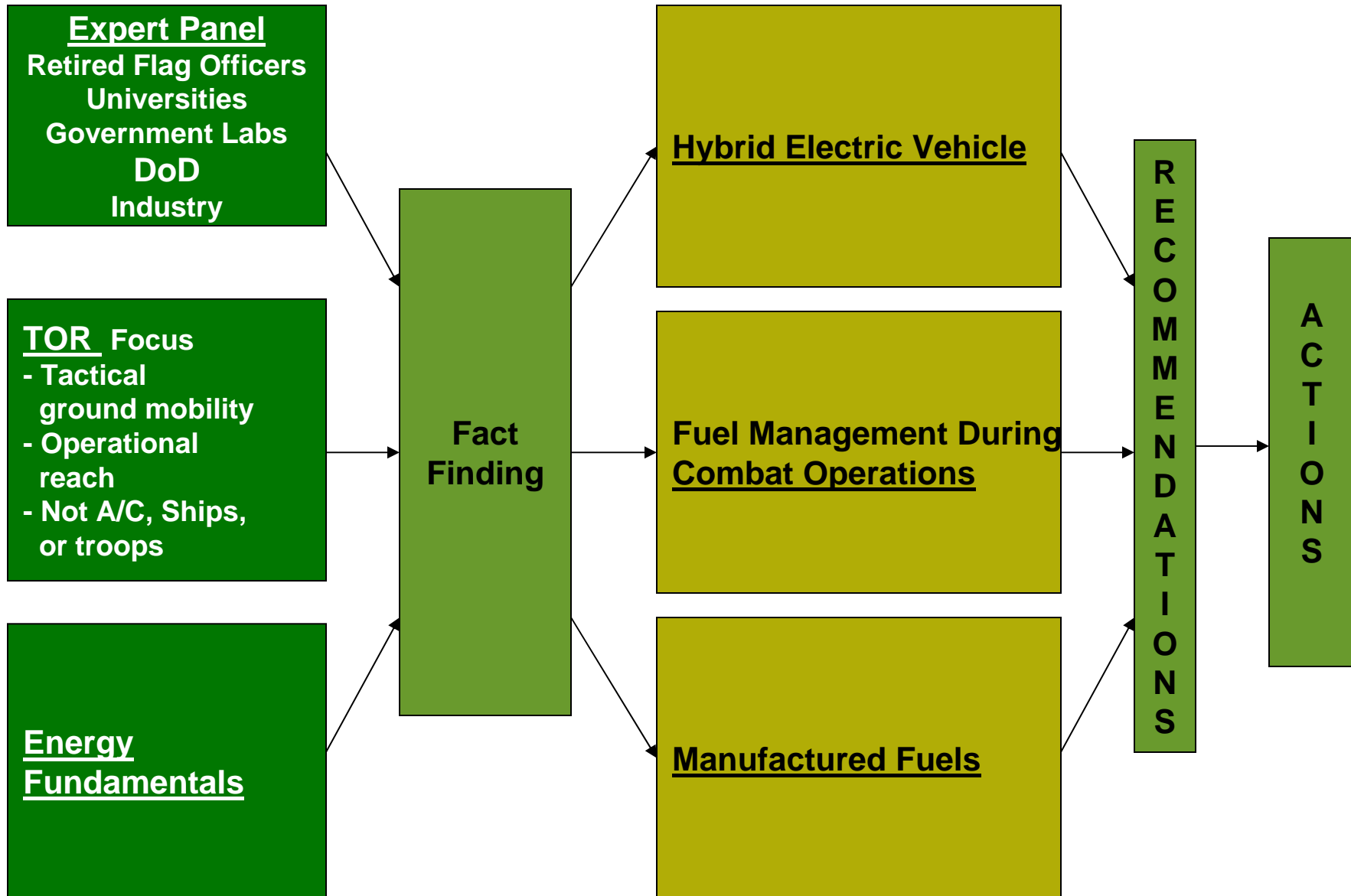
- ***Focus on tactical ground mobility and increasing operational reach***
- ***Identify, review, and assess***
  - ***Technologies for reducing fuel consumption, including alternative propulsion technologies***
  - ***Militarily useful alternative fuels***
- ***Recommend a strategy to leverage the cooperative research among DoD, DoE, and industry***

***“Unleash us from the tether of fuel.”***

***-LtGen James Mattis, USMC***



# Study Flow





# Fact-Finding Briefings from...

## Service Perspectives

MCCDC, HQMC  
DASN (RDT&E), ONR, NRL  
HQDA (S&T), TARDEC, Army PM (Unit of Action)  
USAF AFRL

## Energy & Emissions Policy

DoE, OSD, OPNAV N42

## Fuel Logistics

MCCDC, Army TRADOC, DLA/DESC

## Propulsion & Energy Storage Systems

Oshkosh, Caterpillar, General Dynamics LS  
U Wisconsin, Battelle, DoE NTRC, NRC  
ONR, TARDEC, ARL, NAVSEA, NAVAIR  
Japan: Toyota  
UK: Rolls-Royce, DSTL, Royal Navy

## Alternative Fuels & Fuel Manufacturing

DoE HQ, Oak Ridge National Laboratory  
OSD, DARPA, ONR, NRL, NSWC  
Shell Oil, Baard Generation, Rentech



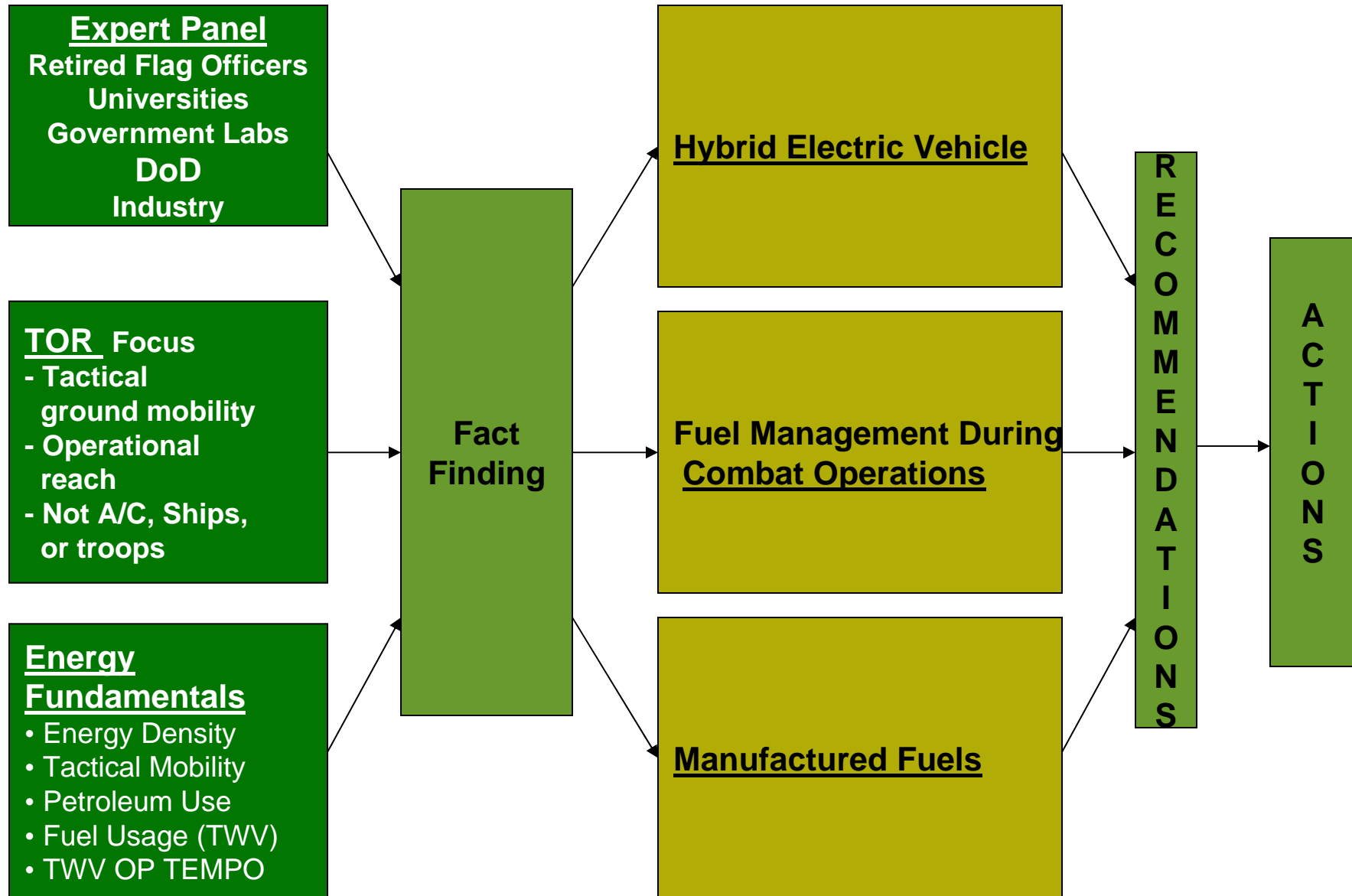
## ***Takeaways***

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- ***Fuel Economy is Combat Power ...  
a key performance parameter***
- ***Liquid hydrocarbons ...  
the ideal transportation fuel***
- ***No single “silver bullet” to 50% reduction in fuel  
consumption***
- ***Key actions:***
  - ***Commit to hybrid electric architecture for Tactical  
Wheeled Vehicles (TWV)***
  - ***Long term commitment to manufactured liquid  
hydrocarbon fuels from domestically abundant  
feedstocks***

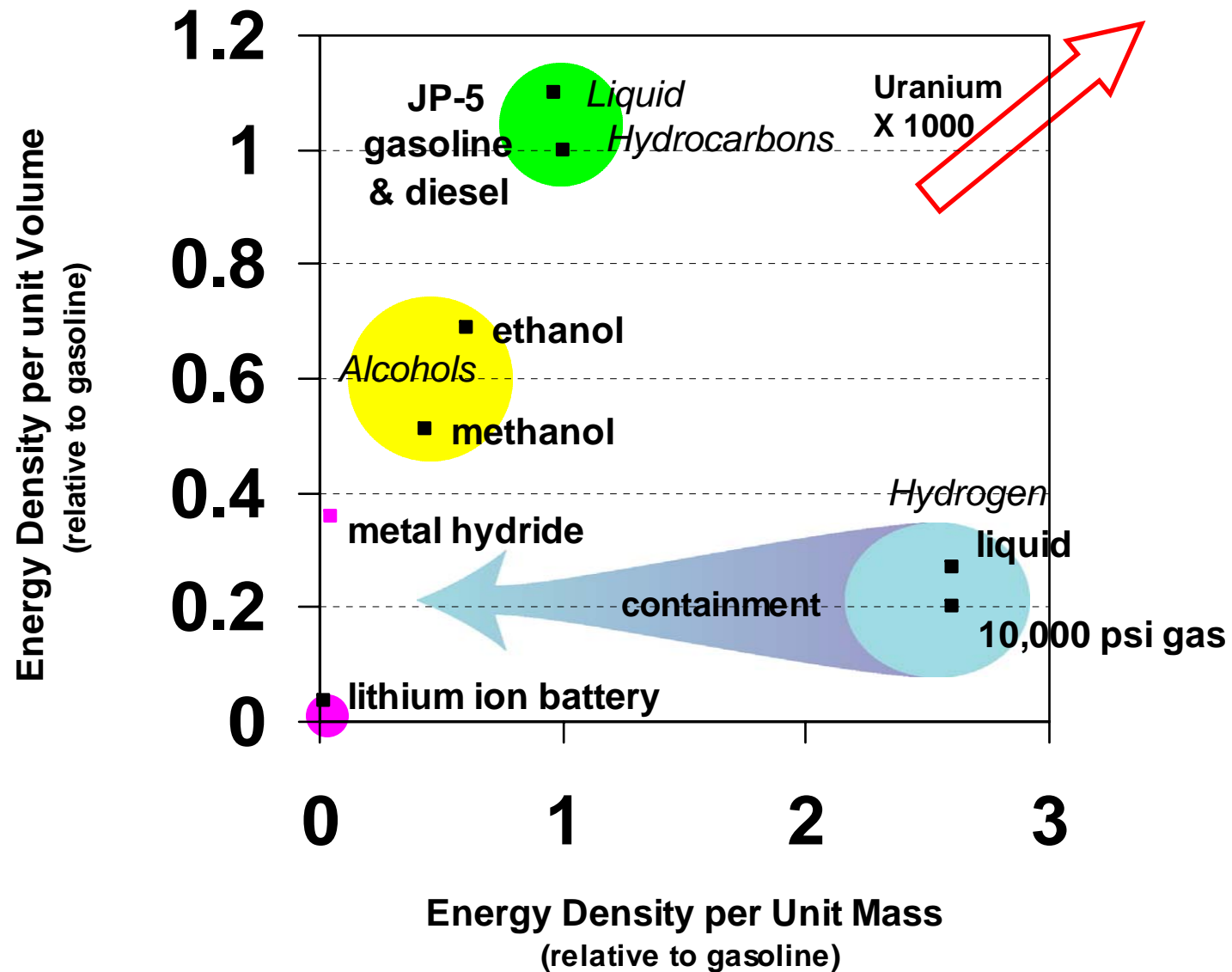


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# Energy Density of Fuels





# ***Tactical Mobility Fuel***

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- ***Tactical Vehicle designs impose severe limitations on volume and weight***
- ***Energy Density is therefore the primary figure of merit for transportation fuels***
- ***Hydrogen presently unsuitable for a tactical mobility fuel***
  - ***made using other fuels***
  - ***containment reduces energy density a factor of 10 to 20***

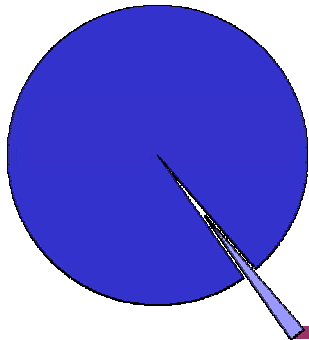
***Liquid Hydrocarbons are the ideal fuel for tactical mobility***



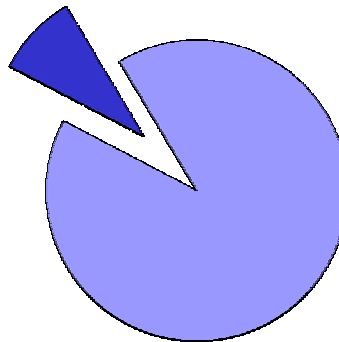


# Petroleum Usage 2003

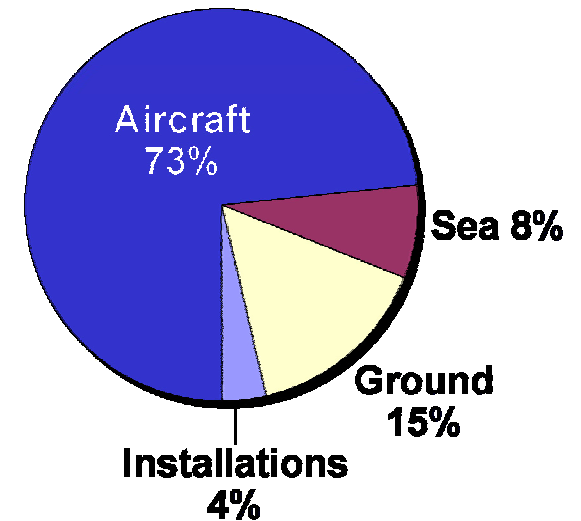
**National**  
**16,000,000 BPD**



**Federal Gov't (2%)**  
**330,000 BPD**



**DoD (91%)**  
**300,000 BPD**

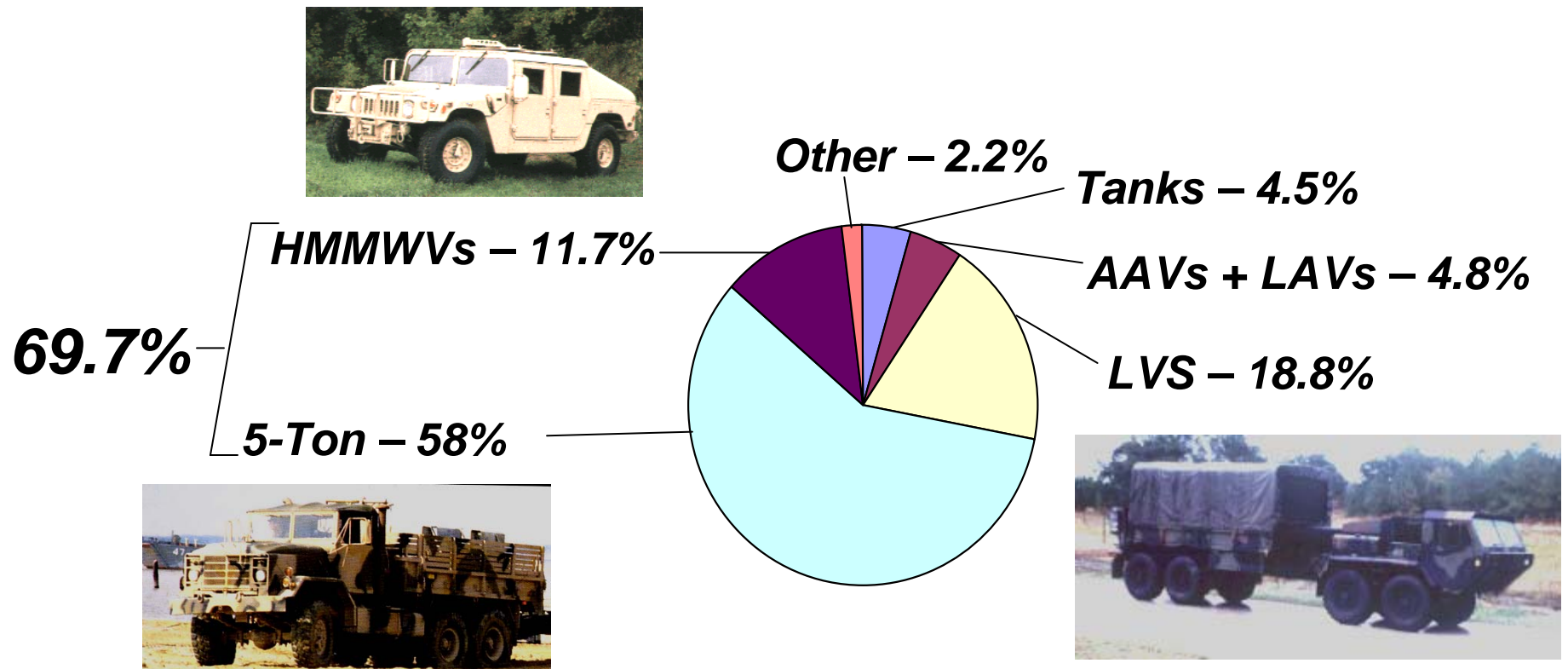


**DoD Is Petroleum-Dependent ...But Cannot Drive The Market**



# Fuel Usage

## Tactical Wheeled Vehicles (TWV)



**Tactical Wheeled Vehicles Account for 88.5% of Fuel Usage**



## ***TWV Operational Tempo and Mission Profile***

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- ***May 2005 IGMCM Findings from OIF:***
  - ***“The fleeting nature of insurgents demands highly responsive, highly maneuverable and highly agile ground combat power”***
  - ***All classes of TWV’s average 70-75% off road/unimproved roads***
  - ***Heavy reliance on Mobile Electric Power (MEP) throughout the AOR***
- ***Distributed Op’s further complicate TWV power & fuel***
- ***Electrical power requirements growing rapidly***

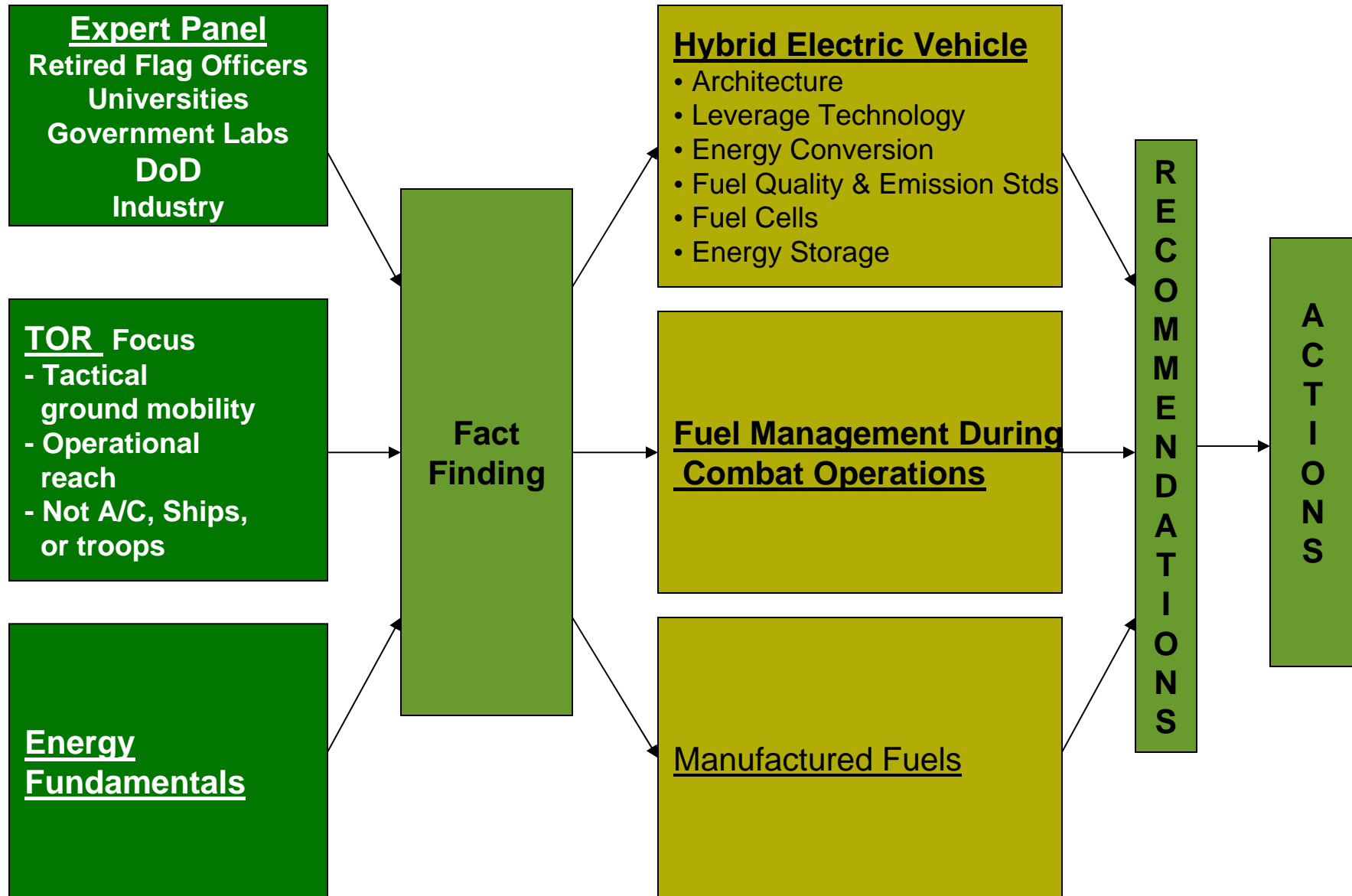
**Future TWV’s...off-road fuel efficient with power generation**

### ***Future battlefield mobility requires effective utilization of fuel***

- ***Nearer-term payoff (PR 07/POM 08)***
  - ***Vehicle architecture implementation***
  - ***Commander's fuel management***
- ***Longer-term payoff (2015 & beyond)***
  - ***Fuel manufacturing***

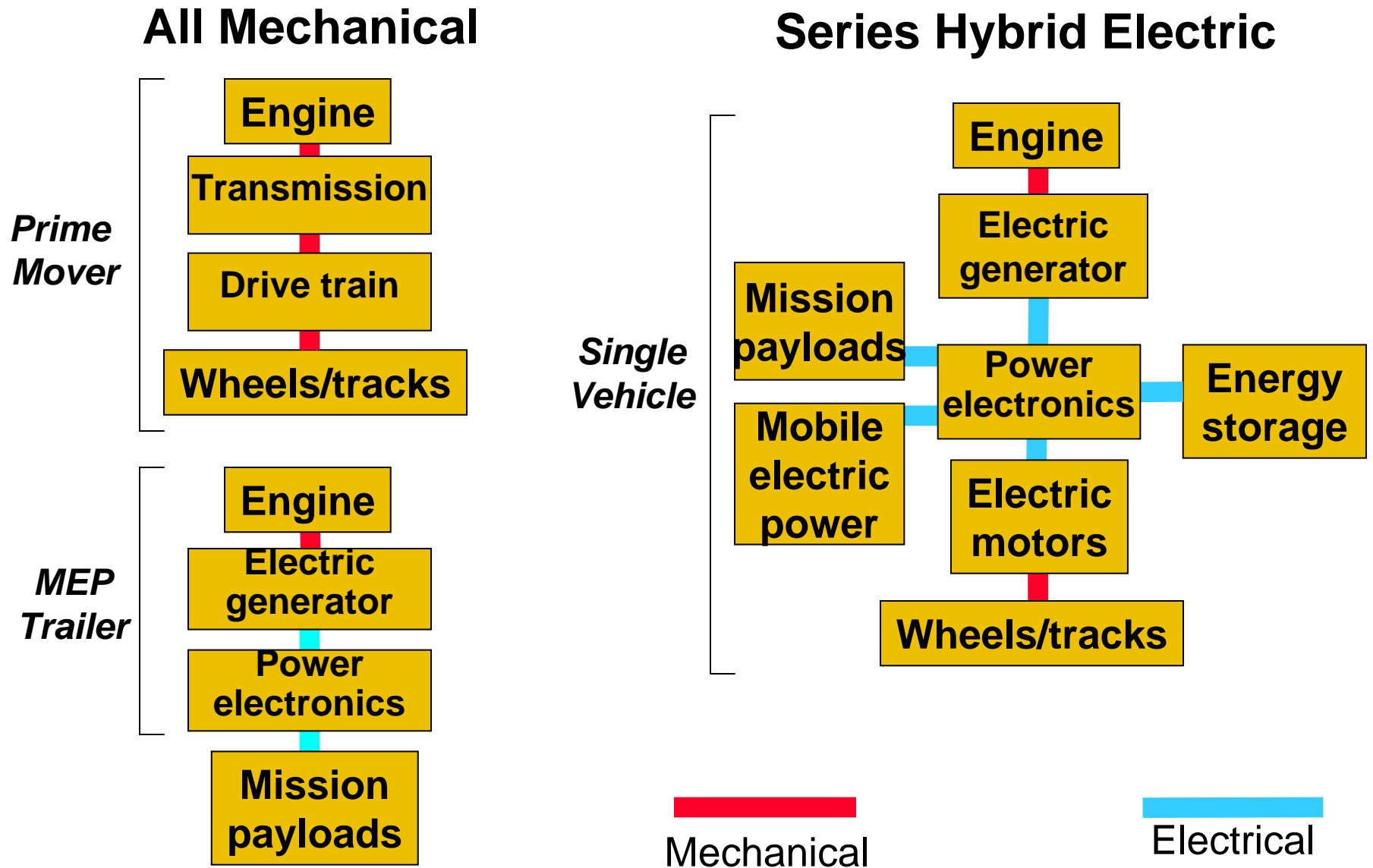


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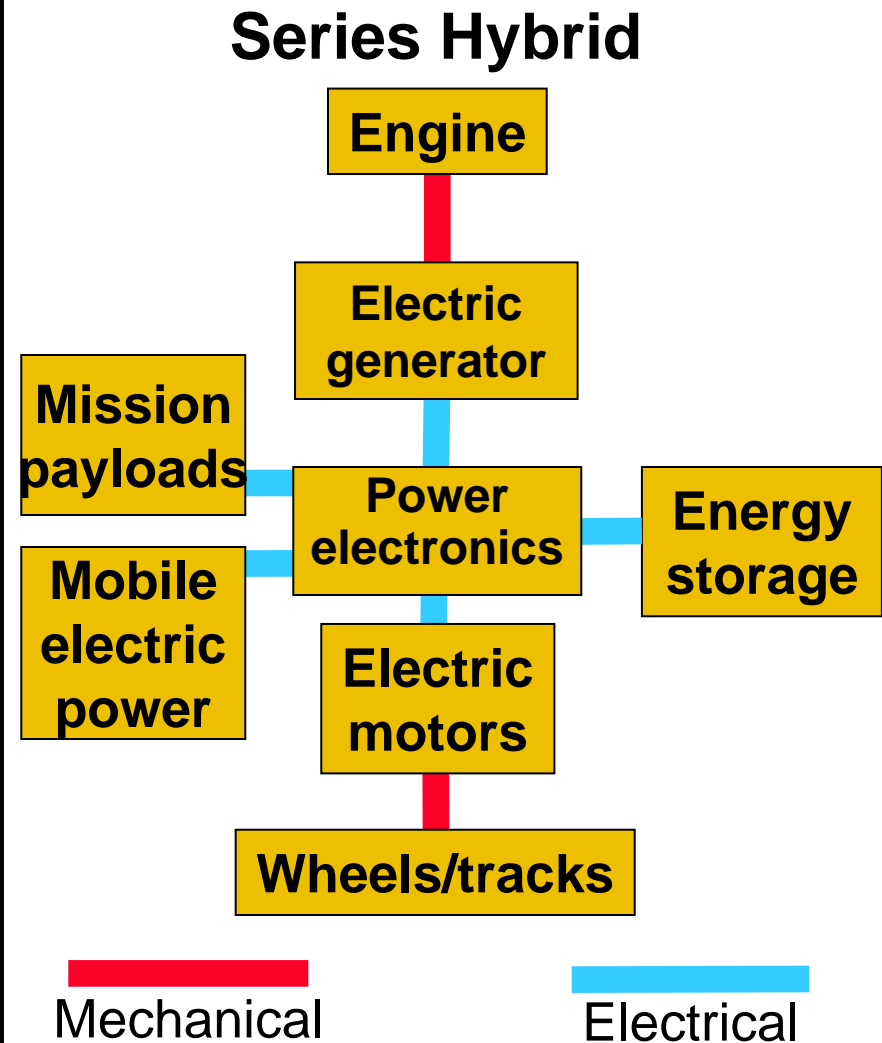
# Comparison of Vehicle Architectures





## Hybrid Electric Vehicle Architecture

- *Vehicle design flexibility*
- *Power distribution flexibility*
  - *traction power*
  - *mission payloads*
  - *mobile electric power*
- *Improved survivability*
- *Inherent modularity improves maintainability & upgradability (readiness)*
- *Design growth to emerging electric sources (e.g. fuel cells)*





# Opportunities to Leverage Technology

## Hybrid Electric Vehicles

<i>Technology/Action</i>	<i>Commercial</i>	<i>Army</i>	<i>Needed (Naval)</i>	
			<i>Fund</i>	<i>Adapt</i>
<i>Systems Engineering</i>	●	●	●	
<i>Power Electronics and Controls</i>				
– <i>Size</i>		●		●
– <i>Thermal Management</i>		●		●
<i>Energy Storage</i>				
– <i>Batteries</i>	●	●		●
– <i>Ultra-Capacitors</i>	●	●		●
– <i>Flywheels</i>		●		●
<i>Energy Conversion</i>				
– <i>Engines</i>	●			●
– <i>Fuel Cells</i>	●			●
– <i>Reformers and Desulfurization</i>		●		●
<i>Motors</i>				
– <i>Permanent Magnet</i>		●		●
– <i>Wound Rotor</i>	●		●	
<i>Series Architectures and Integration</i>				
– <i>Modeling and Simulation</i>		●		●
<i>Active Heavy-duty Suspensions</i>		●	●	
<i>Integration of Mission Systems</i>				
– <i>Weapons and Armors</i>		●	●	
– <i>Pulse Power Technology</i>		●		●
<i>Mobile Electric Power</i>		●	●	
<i>RST-V Demonstration</i>			●	





# ***Energy Conversion Diesel Engines***

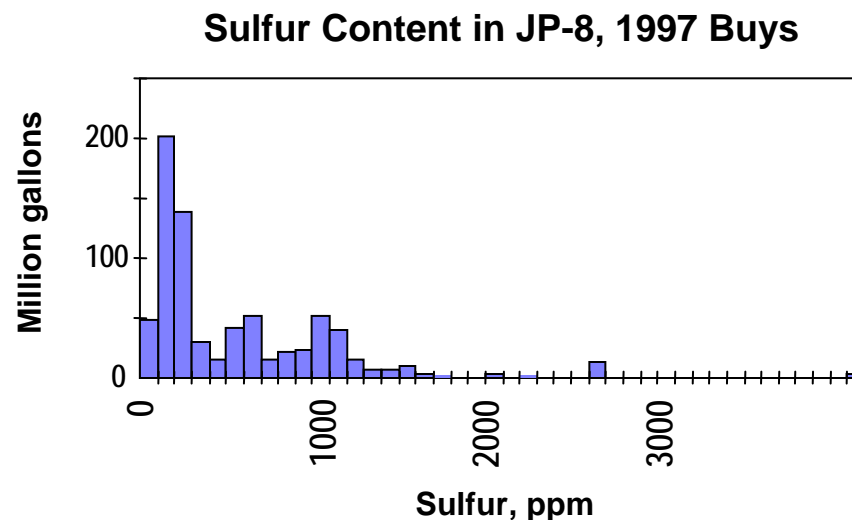
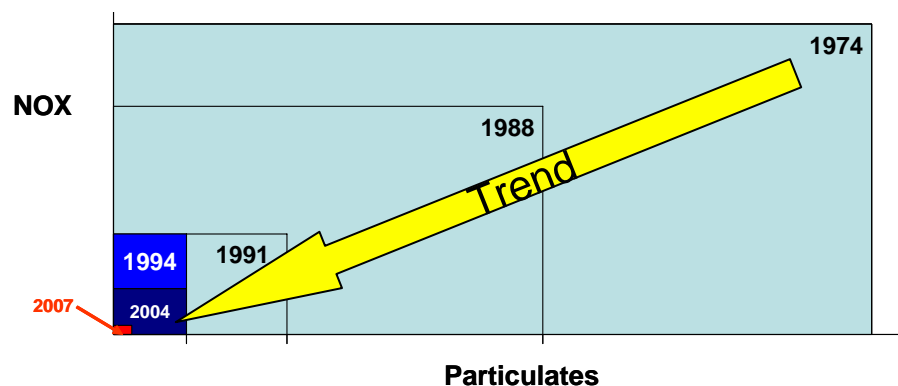
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- ***Most fuel efficient***
- ***Commercial engines (or derivatives) offer the most affordable choice***
- ***But... commercial sector emphasis on emissions reduction leads to problems by 2010***
  - ***Performance and RAM-D sensitivity to substandard fuels***
  - ***After-treatment emission control systems cause significant vehicle integration and signature issues***
  - ***Increased importance of emissions waiver***



# Emissions and Fuel Quality Impacts

- **2010 Emission Standards -- Drastic Impact on DOD Tactical Vehicles**
  - After-treatment system as large as engine
  - Cooling system 30% larger
  - Cannot use substandard fuels without technological fix



**EPA Emission Waivers Need Support**



# **Fuel Cells**

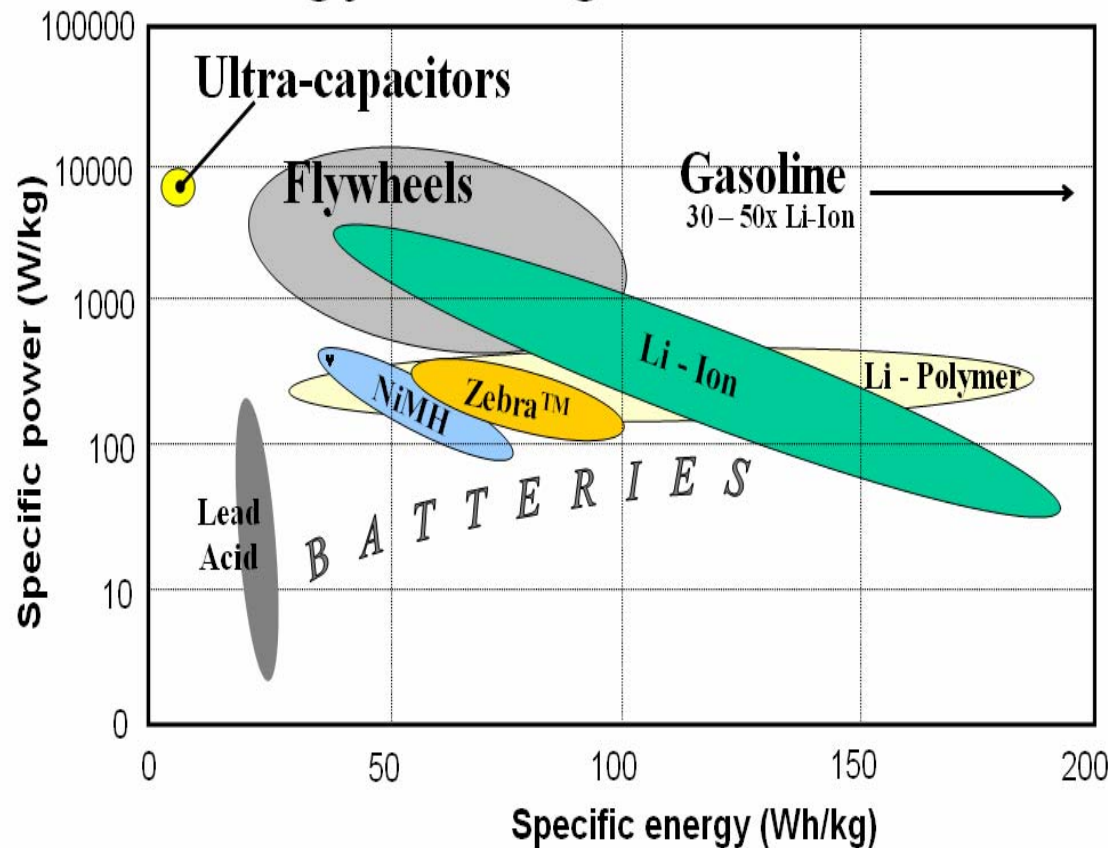
## ***Long Term Alternative to Engines?***

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- **Potential benefits**
  - *Efficiency*
  - *Pollution free, low signature*
  - *Electric power availability*
- **Commercial sector**
  - *primary source of technology for vehicle applications*
  - *focused on hydrogen fuel*
- **Military use: diesel fuel reformer / desulfurizer development critical**
- **Technical challenges include:**
  - *power density*
  - *cost*
  - *low temperature operation*
  - *start-up time, throttle response*
  - *durability*

***Not required for hybrid electric vehicles***

## Energy Storage Devices

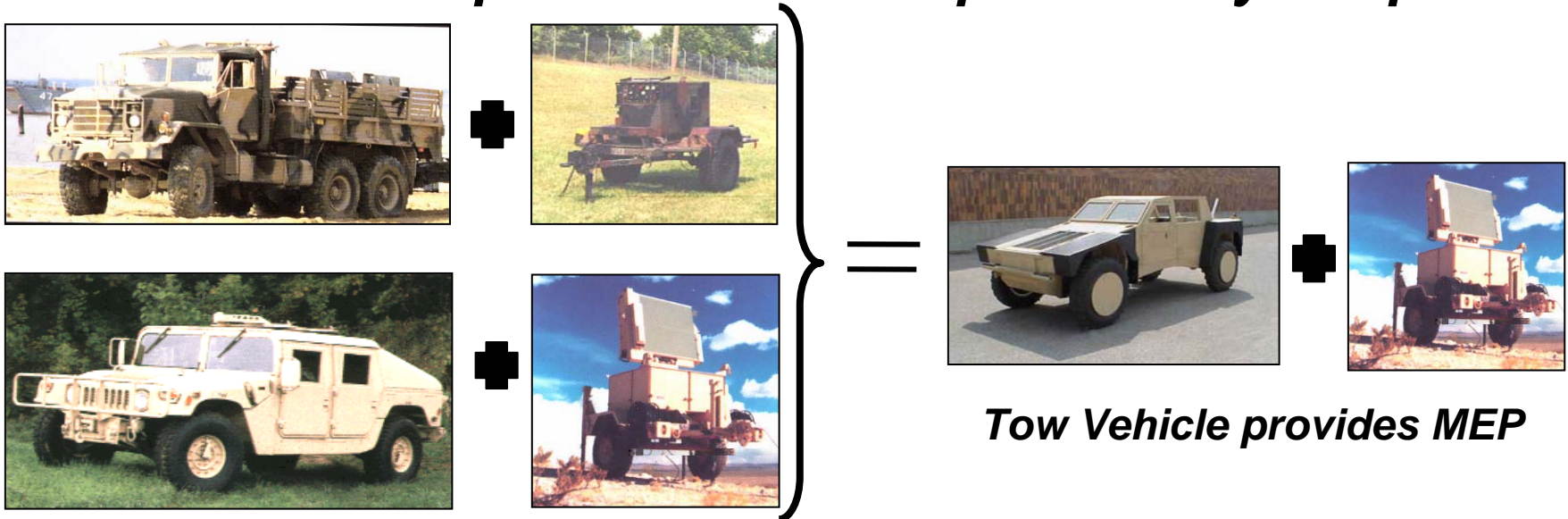


- **Increases fuel efficiency**
  - **Reduces engine power requirement**
  - **Regenerative braking**
- **Challenges:**
  - **Energy density**
  - **Cost**
  - **Durability**
  - **Safety**
- **DoE and industry: Lead**
- **DoN: Stay informed**



## Benefits of HEV

- **20% improvement in fuel economy can significantly reduce existing MEF transportation shortfall**
  - Up to 56K gal per day (12+ trucks @ 4,500 gals/ea )
- **HEV electrical power reduces expeditionary footprint**



**HEV Technology for TWV Replacements Can Improve Fuel Economy and Enhance Operational Capability**

## **Conclusion: Hybrid Electric Vehicle Architecture**



*GDLS/USMC/DARPA  
RST-V Program:  
Complete*

- 4 Prototypes in test
- 2 in OIF JAN 06

*GDLS/Army: Advanced  
Hybrid Electric Drive  
(AHED)*

- One demonstrator
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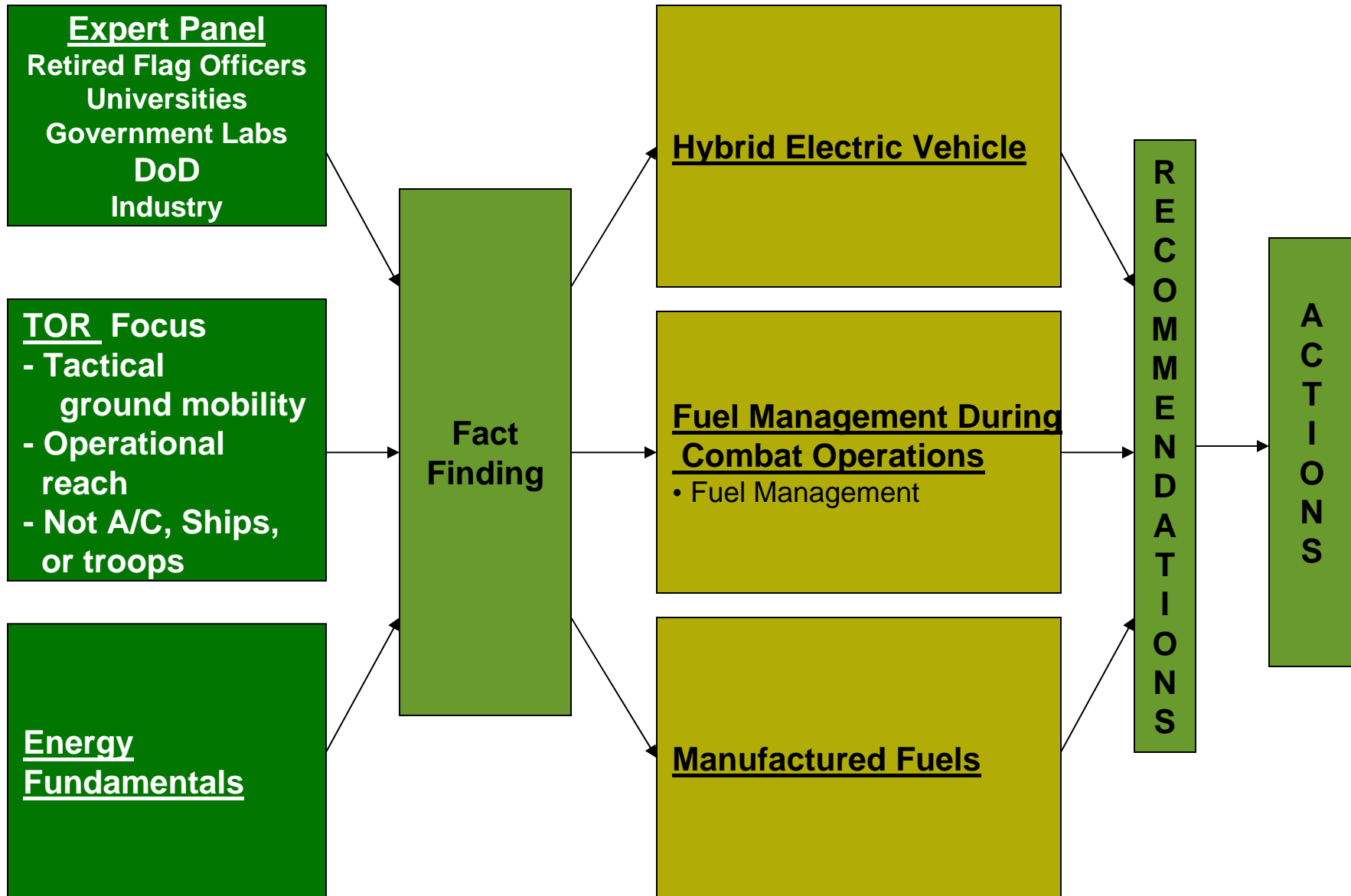
*Oshkosh/Army: HEMTT A3*

- 20% better fuel economy
- C130 interface
- Exportable AC power

- **Demonstrated Mission Profiles - - -**
  - **Traction Control for Maneuverability / Agility**
  - **On/Off Road**
  - **Overt/Covert**
  - **Mobile Electric Power**
- **Applicable to Unmanned Vehicles**
- **20 % - Improved Fuel Usage...but limited data**
- **Expanded Trade-offs - - Reach & Mobility versus Added Systems Capability**



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## ***Fuel Management During Combat Operations***

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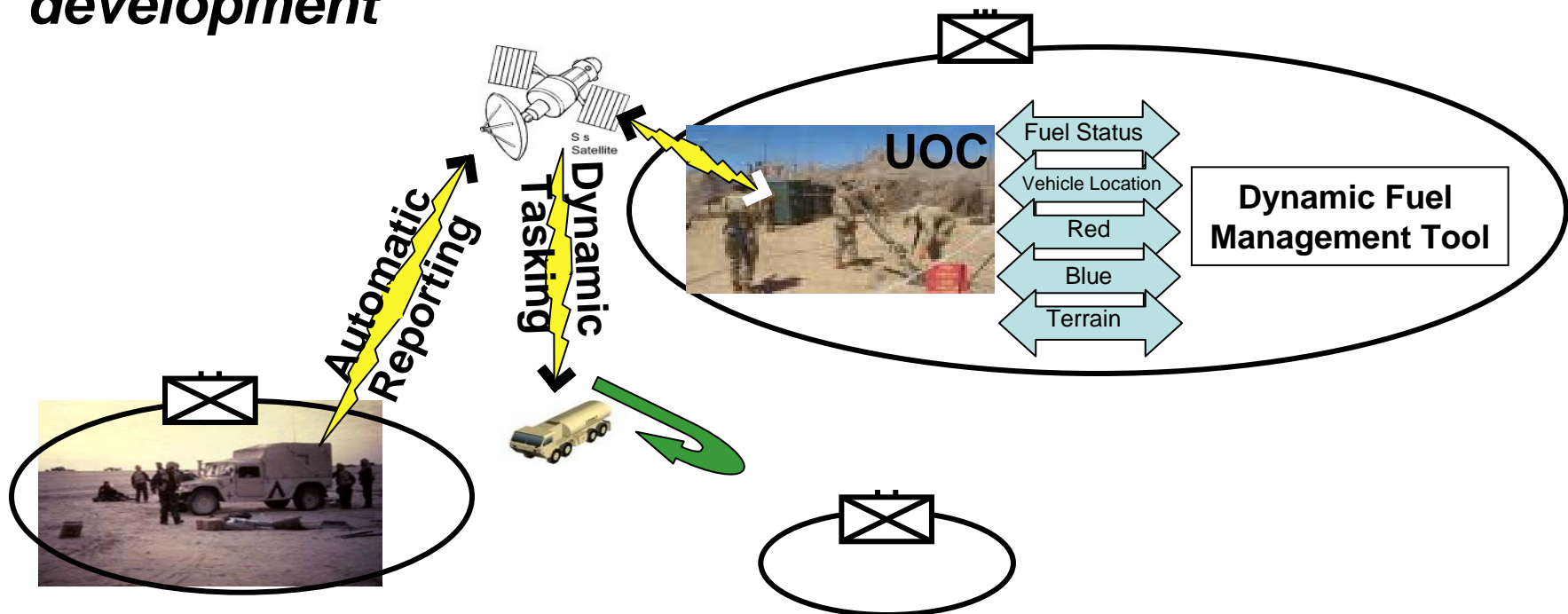
- ***Improved fuel management increases operational reach***
- ***Comprehensive fuel visibility/dynamic allocation:***
  - ***Conserves fuel and sustains op tempo***
  - ***Reduces the number/vulnerability of fuel trains***
- ***Marine Corps' macro fuel estimating tool needs two additional critical elements***
  - ***Automated vehicle fuel status and location reporting***
  - ***Dynamic tasking via Blue/Red/Terrain data fusion***

***Fuel is not simply a commodity or logistics issue –  
it is an operational imperative***



# ***NRAC Conclusion: Fuel Management***

- ***New tools to improve fuel management during combat operations***
- ***Automatic vehicle location/fuel status reporting is the first step & is near term***
- ***Dynamic allocation system requires substantial development***





## *Findings*

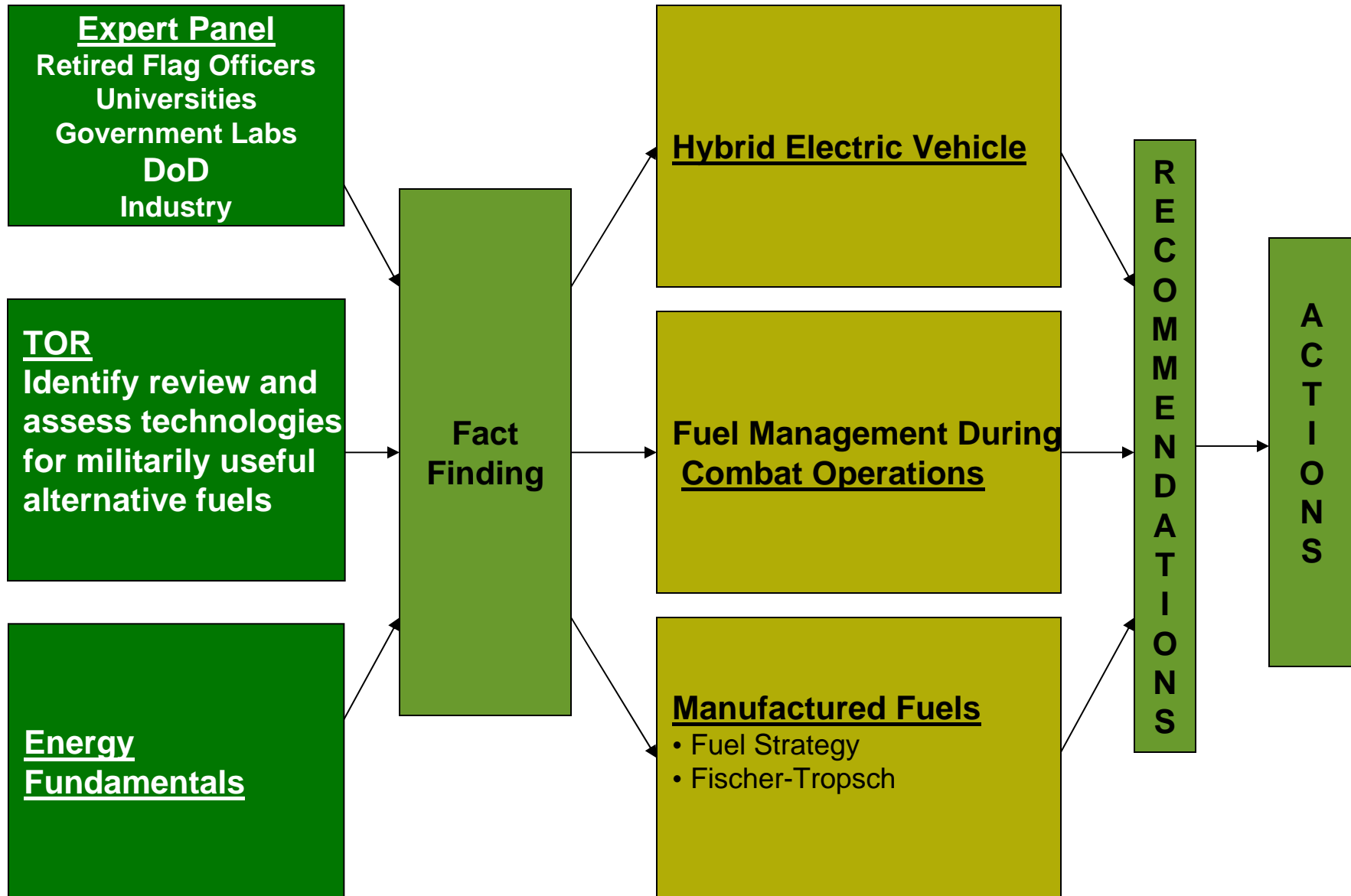
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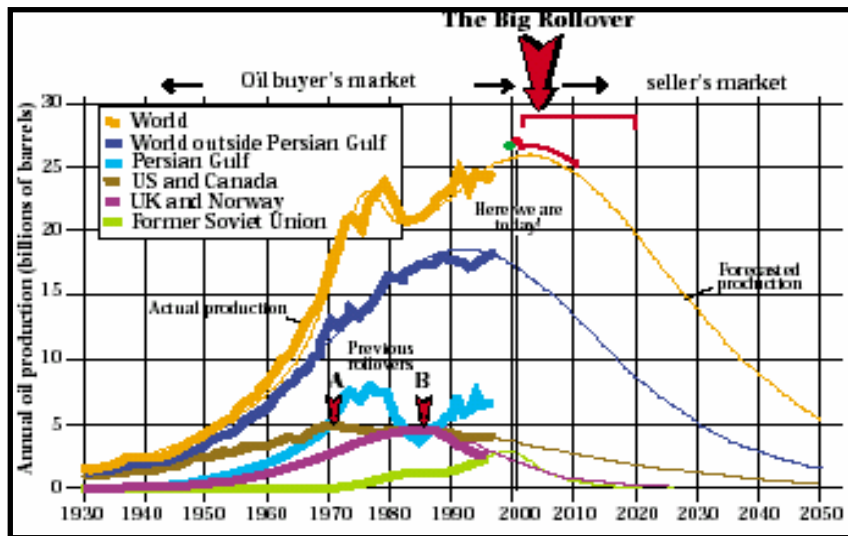
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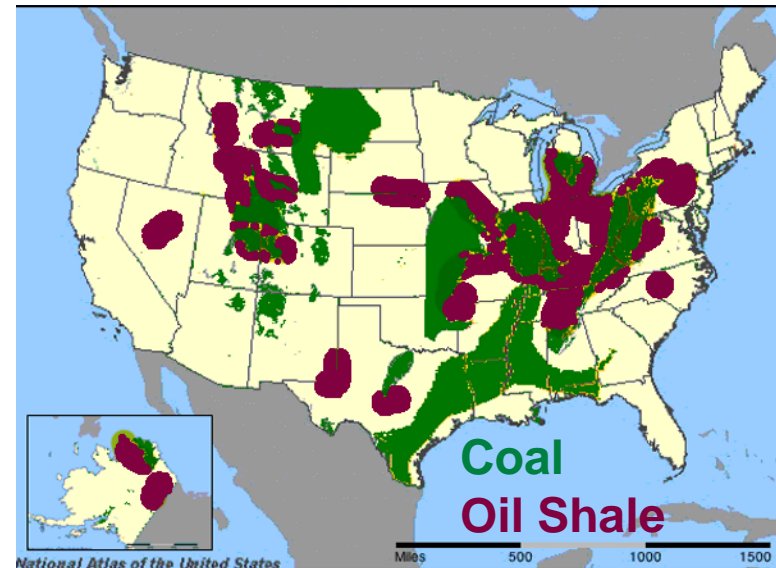


## Mid-to-Far Term Fuel Strategy

- *Liquid hydrocarbon fuels have ideal properties and are needed as transportation fuels for the foreseeable future*
  - *Oil-derived fuels primarily imported and will become increasingly scarce*
  - *Existing refinery infrastructure*
    - *Predominantly coastal and vulnerable*
    - *Operating at capacity*
- *Alternative: Fuel efficiency, domestic resources, interior production*



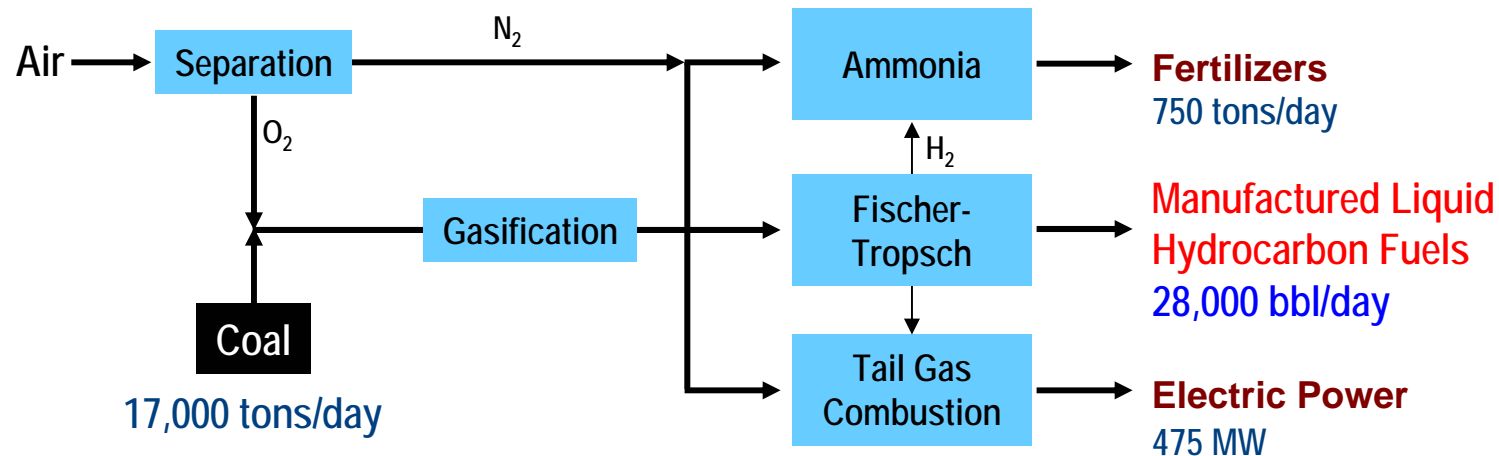
Median estimate of Hubbert's Peak  
based on 11 authoritative sources: 2010





# Manufacturing Fuel to Spec

- *Gasification + Fischer-Tropsch = Clean fuel from domestic sources*
- *Technology mature for natural gas, coal*
- *Significant development underway by South Africa, China, Gulf States*



Sasol Fischer-Tropsch Plant, Secunda, South Africa

- *~10 such plants would provide all DoD fuel*
- *Commercial financing of such plants viable, given DoD commitment to purchase manufactured fuels at attractive prices*



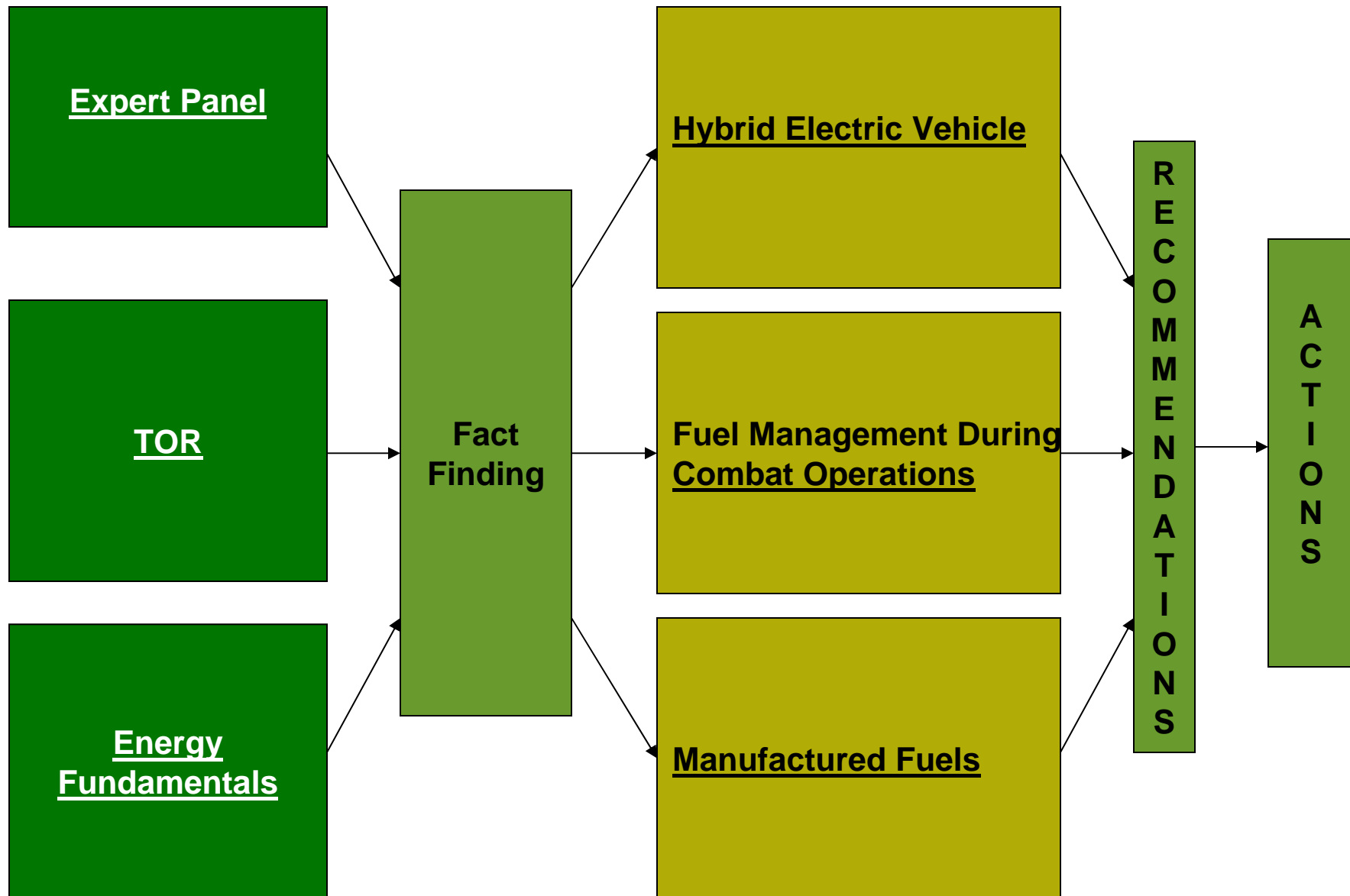
## ***Conclusions: Manufactured Fuels***

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- ***Liquid hydrocarbon fuel production using domestic energy sources is feasible***
- ***Commercial financing and infrastructure development will drive this process***
- ***DoD action needed to catalyze development & ensure US military takes advantage of manufactured fuels***
- ***Need to ensure military platforms can use manufactured fuels***

***Manufacture Fuel from Domestic Sources —  
Decrease Dependence on Imported Crude Oil***

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## **Recommendations**

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### **Nearer-term Payoff (PR 07/POM 08)**

- ***Fuel tether is still there, but...***
  - *Found a way to lengthen it (HEVs)*
  - *And untangle it (Fuel Management)*
- ***Commit to HEV technology for all future TWV***
  - *Establish an HEV development roadmap*
  - *Immediately initiate system engineering trade-offs*
  - *Invest in on-going HEV development projects*
- ***Develop prototype system to enable real-time, in-stride fuel allocation for the Operational Commander***

### **Longer-term Payoff (2015 & beyond)**

- ***DoD catalyze manufactured liquid hydrocarbon fuels infrastructure***
- ***Characterize the compatibility of manufactured liquid hydrocarbon fuels with DoN equipment***





## ***Actions (1)***

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- ***Commandant of the Marine Corps (CMC)***
  - ***Support application for emissions waiver submitted by Army***
- ***ASN (RDA)***
  - ***With Services, advocate the use of multiyear procurement authority granted SECDEF in 2005 Energy Bill to catalyze commercial financing of large-scale FT plants producing transportation fuels***
- ***CG MCCDC (Request of CNR via CMC )***
  - ***Establish new program elements (6.2 & 6.3) for HEV technologies***
  - ***Demonstrate technologies for real-time fuel asset visibility***
  - ***Develop real-time dynamic fuel allocation prototype system***
  - ***Develop conditioning technologies for substandard tactical fuels***



## **Actions (2)**

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- **CNR: Support these CMC tech investment requests**
  - **Complete RST-V Technology Program**
    - *Transition from DARPA to ONR for final maturation*
    - *Develop on-the-fly mission profile selection technology*
    - *Transition Mature Design to CG MARCORSYSCOM*
  - **Complete On-Board Vehicle Power Program**
    - *ONR Transition to CG MARCORSYSCOM*
  - **Conduct real-time fuels status tech demos**
  - **Develop Commander's real-time dynamic fuel allocation prototype system**
    - *Coordinate with DARPA to establish a joint program*
  - **Develop technologies for conditioning expeditionary substandard tactical fuels**
  - **Monitor status of FT Plant authorized by 2005 Energy Bill**
    - *Use fuel produced to conduct research on compatibility with current and future TWVs*



***QUESTIONS?***



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