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## Fiber Reinforced Polymer Composite Manufacturing Workshop

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# Breakout Instructions

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# Breakout Objectives

## Let's dig deeper:

- **Manufacturing Process Technologies - Blue Teams A and B** (e.g. lay-up techniques, out of the autoclave, novel cure techniques, resin infusion, pultrusion, SMC, tooling, machining)
- **Enabling Technologies and Approaches - Red Team** (e.g. design methods and databases, analytical tools, nondestructive evaluation, damage tolerance, joints, repair, other)
- **Recycled and Emerging Materials - Green Team** (e.g. recycling carbon fiber, renewable precursor materials, advanced glasses, nanomaterials)

# EERE 5 Core Questions

- **Impact:** Is this a high impact problem?
- **Additionality:** How will EERE make a significant difference relative to what other entities are doing?
- **Openness:** Are we focusing on the broad problem we are trying to solve and open to new ideas, new approaches and new performers?
- **Enduring Economic Benefit:** Will this result in enduring economic benefit to the United States?
- **Proper Role of Government:** Why is what we are doing a proper high impact role of government versus something best left to the private sector to address on its own?

# Main R&D Areas for Low-Cost Composites

- **Manufacturing throughput** without degrading performance
- **Energy use** for composite materials and structures fabrication
- **Recyclability** for both in-process scrap and end-of-use.
- **Enabling technologies and approaches** to support improvements to composite manufacturing.

# Proposed Objectives for Composites

- **Cost:**
  - Reduction of the production **cost of carbon fiber composites** for targeted applications (vehicles, wind, high-pressure gas storage) **by >25% in five years**, on a pathway to a reduction of **cost >50% over 10 years**;
- **Energy:**
  - Reduction of **life cycle energy and greenhouse gas emissions** by more **than 50% for fiber reinforced polymer composite applications** over a ten year time frame;
  - **Reduction of the embodied energy** and associated greenhouse gas emissions of carbon fiber composites **by 50%** compared to today's commercial **thermoplastic** technology and **75%** to today's commercial **thermoset** technology **in five years**; and
- **Recyclability:**
  - Demonstration of innovative technologies at sufficient scale for **80% recyclability of both glass and carbon fiber** reinforced polymer composites **in five years**, and **>95% in ten years** into useful components with projected cost, quality and production volumes at commercial scale competitive with virgin materials.

# Application Areas and CFC Targets

Application	Current CFC Cost	CFC Cost Reduction (2018) <sup>1</sup>	CFC Ultimate Cost <sup>a,b</sup>	CFC Tensile Strength <sup>c</sup>	CFC Stiffness <sup>c</sup>	Production Range/Cycle Time
Vehicles (Body Structures)	\$26-33/kg	35%	<\$11/kg by 2025 <sup>63</sup> ~60%	0.85GPa <sup>d</sup> (123ksi)	96GPa <sup>d</sup> (14Msi)	100,000 units/yr <3min cycle time (carbon) <5min cycle time (glass) <sup>63,64</sup>
Wind (Blades)	\$26/kg	>25% <sup>64</sup>	\$17/kg ~35%	1.903 GPA (276ksi)	134GPa (19.4Msi) <sup>6</sup> 7	10,000 units/yr (at >60m length blades using carbon fiber) <sup>64</sup>
Compressed Gas Storage (700 bar – Type IV)	\$20-25/kg	30% <sup>64</sup>	\$10-15/kg ~50% <sup>68</sup>	2.55 Gpa (370ksi)	135 Gpa (20Msi) <sup>69</sup>	500,000 units/yr (carbon fiber) <sup>64</sup>

# Key Questions

- Identify a **specific key technology** that has the potential to help achieve these objectives and the **target application areas** or whether the technology is cross-cutting.
- What is the **state of the art** for this technology? Notional Technology Readiness Level/Manufacturing Readiness Level (TRL/MRL) - basic research, applied, pilot scale, commercial?
- What are the **current limitations/challenges** to this technology, in particular ...for use in clean energy and industrial applications?  
...that prevents industry from doing this on their own?



# Report Out - Example

Identified Technology	Application Area	State of the Art	Limitations/ Challenges
<p>ICME - Integrated Computational Materials Engineering</p> <p>The <u>integration</u> of materials information, captured in computational tools, with engineering product performance analysis and manufacturing process simulation.</p>	<p>Cross Cutting</p>	<p>Generally TRL 3-4, with selected (few) examples at TRL 7 and beyond</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Need for open demonstrations of the integrated approach</li> <li>• Democratizing tools and especially integration approaches</li> <li>• Developing open datasets, data management approaches and standards</li> <li>• Growing the small community of specialists trained in ICME techniques</li> </ul>

“Don’t you need to be like, making something in order to create jobs”

- Neil DeGrasse Tyson