Sustainable Product and Process Design

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Sustainability: Common Definition

"development that meets the needs of the present generation without compromising the needs of future generations."

United Nations' World Commission on Environment and Development in their report "Our Common Future", 1987



Sustainability: Physical and Biological Limits



Sustainability's "Triple Bottom Line"

Sustainability is defined in three dimensions:

- Environmental
 - Destroying our resources will hurt us long term
 - Some materials already getting scarce
- Financial
 - Being bankrupt helps nobody
- Social
 - Quality of Life should go up
 - Workforce education and retention

Goal is to have win-win-win technologies and solutions

"Green Economy"



Grand Challenge: Need for a Systems Approach

Observations from 2001 National Science Foundation sponsored global study on Environmentally Benign Manufacturing:

- There was no evidence that the environmental problems from our production systems are solvable by a "silver bullet" technology.
- There is a need for <u>systems-based solutions</u>
 - which requires a comprehensive systems approach
 - where scientists, engineers, managers, economists, entrepreneurs, policymakers, and other stakeholders all work together to
 - address environmental issues in product realization and
 - achieve economic growth while protecting the environment.

Sustainability is a complex, multi-disciplinary problem that needs cross-cutting approaches in order to achieve true impact.

- Final Report: Environmentally Benign Manufacturing. WTEC Panel Report, Baltimore, MD, Loyola College, 2001.
- Online: http://itri.loyola.edu/ebm/ebm.pdf

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LCA Example: Natural vs Synthetic Rubber Design Dilemma

Impact of production of 1 kg of raw material – EcoIndicator99 versus EDIP 2003

- What now?
- It depends...

TWEEL® LCA



Bras, B. and Cobert, A., "Life-Cycle Environmental Impact of Michelin Tweel[®] Tire for Passenger Vehicle", SAE International Journal of Passenger Cars – Mechanical Systems, June, Vol. 4, No.1, pp. 32-43, 2011







Analyzing 1 kg 'Raw Materials'; Method: Eco-indicator 99 (E) V2.05 / Europe EI 99 E/E / single score



"Analyzing 1 kg 'Raw Materials'; Method: EDIP 2003 V1.00 / Default / single score

Does it matter...



- Land use discussion is irrelevant in the context of overall tire LCA results
- Discussion <u>IS</u> relevant in context of corporate choices and local impacts





Does it REALLY Matter...

- Many systems are overengineered
- Appropriate technology and sound engineering can go a long way towards sustainability
- Switching from Class 8 High Duty Diesel trucks to Ford F750 can provide significant savings.
- Ideas were triggered by quest for fuel savings.



TL Direct Lanes by Max. Wt.



Tire rolling resistance is meaningless compared to selecting appropriate vehicle

	Ford F-450/550	Class 6 Ford F-650	Class 7 Ford F-750	Class 8 (Freightliner Day Cab)	
MSRP (New)	\$42,295/\$45,240	\$54,167	\$55,448	\$140,000	
Price w/ Incentives	\$33,750/\$36,463	\$43,334	\$44,358	\$87,000	
Curb Wt.	17,950 – 19,000 lbs. (GVWR)	9,300 lbs.	9,300 lbs.	16,000 lbs.	
Gross Combined Wt. Rating	24,000 - 33,000 lbs.	50,000 lbs.	50,000 lbs.	80,000+	
Towing Wt.	24,800 lbs.	40,700 lbs.	40,700 lbs.	57,000 lbs.	
Max Payload	16,800 lbs.	27,700 lbs.	27,700 lbs.	44,000 lbs.	
Output	325-362 hp	325 hp	325 hp	410-550 hp	

REALLY? GHG Emissions for Imaging Systems

- GHG emissions for various imaging capture and print options
- Distribution has only real impact in DC (Digital Camera)
- Use phase dominates!



Imaging Scenarios	ABBR	Capture	Processing	Output
Film Capture to Retail Print	FC/R	Film	Retail	Retail
Film Capture to Wholesale Print	FC/W	Film	Wholesale	Wholesale
Digital Capture to CRT Retail Print	DC/CR	Digital	PC/CRT	Retail
Digital Capture to LCD Retail Print	DC/LR	Digital	PC/LCD	Retail
Digital Capture to CRT Wholesale Print	DC/CW	Digital	PC/CRT	Wholesale
Digital Capture to LCD Wholesale Print	DC/LW	Digital	PC/LCD	Wholesale
Digital Capture to CRT Inkjet Print	DC/CI	Digital	PC/CRT	PC / CRT Inkjet
Digital Capture to LCD Inkjet Print	DC/LI	Digital	PC/LCD	PC / LCD Inkjet
Digital Capture to Display CRT	DC/CD	Digital	PC/CRT	PC / CRT Display
Digital Capture to Display LCD	DC/LD	Digital	PC/LCD	PC / LCD Display



Improving Use Phase with Carbon Fibers

- CF used for "light-weighting"
 - Lighter vehicle = less fuel = lower environmental burdens
- BUT: Carbon fibers have energy intensive manufacturing processes with many emissions
 - Key problem: Disagreement in published data (100-600 MJ/kg)
- What if life cycle is not use phase dominated?
 - Rocket systems take months to manufacture and minutes to use
 - Does material or propellant selection dominate?
- What is the return on "energy" investment for rockets?







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Variability in CF Embodied Energy



Embodied energy as a function of

- air throughput during oxidation and
- nitrogen throughput during carbonization -

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needed



Rocket Science! Environmental Impact of Rockets



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- Metal depletion Natural land transformation Urban land occupation Agricultural land occupation
- Marine ecotoxicity

Fossil depletion

- Freshwater ecotoxicity
- Terrestrial ecotoxicity
- Freshwater eutrophication
- Terrestrial acidification
- Climate change Ecosystems
- Ionising radiation
- Particulate matter formation
- Photochemical oxidant formation
- Human toxicity
- Ozone depletion
- Climate change Human Health



Systems Design: Traditional Car + Home



• Car and Home only share the garage (and occupants)



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A little less traditional home...



• But still the same concept... Georgialnstitute of Technology



Home of the Future: Systems Connect



MyEnergiLifeStyle



Georgia Institute of Technology Collaborative project between Engineering and Architecture



Car and Home are connected. <u>Literally</u>.

Lee et al., The Integrated Electric Lifestyle: The Economic and Environmental Benefits of an Efficient Home-Vehicle System, SAE Paper 2013-01-0495, SAE World Congress, April 16-18, Detroit, MI

Scenario Investigation



- Scenario 1: Baseline
 - Mid 1990's appliances
 - 2 Gasoline vehicles
 - Flat rate electricity
- No Electric Vehicle
 - Scenario 2: Add 5 kW-rated PV system (to South roof)
 - Scenario 3: Replace Vintage appliances with New
 - Scenario 4: Add Smart Control (TOU)
- Electric Vehicle Included (replace 1 Gasoline Vehicle)
 - Scenario 5: Add 5 kW-rated PV system
 - Scenario 6: Replace Vintage appliances with New
 - Scenario 7: Add Smart Control (TOU)

House location: San Jose, CA

Data came from various industrial partners and public domain sources



Annual Energy Consumption (kWh)

*Including energy in gasoline and electricity



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More than ever, cars are sharing the same energy source as the home. The average American home uses over 11,000 kWh of electricity every year. But we can do something about it.

Recent technology advancements and utility trends have enabled a typical American middle-class family to significantly reduce their electricity bills and CO₂ footprint by integrating a plug-in vehicle, energy-efficient appliances and a renewable energy source.

Behind all these products is the power cloud computing that takes advantage of lower off-peak electric rates. Georgia Tech's modeling* predicts these green home improvements could result in:

0%

CO₂ WASTE

reduced by

ENERGY COSTS

reduced by

*Comparing 1995 appliances and a 25mpg vehicle to 2012 appliances and a Ford C-MAX Energi plug-in hybrid vehicle with Value Charging.





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EV on Renewables: Ford C-Max Solar Energi Concept



Can you recharge an electric vehicle with renewables without plugging it in?

Ford C-MAX Solar Energi Plug-in Hybrid Electric Vehicle (PHEV) at 2014 CES

http://www.cnn.com/interactive/2014/02/tech/cnn1 0-future-of-driving/?hpt=hp_c3

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More Synergistic System Improvements: Water Consumption in Automotive Manufacturing



A Biological Approach to Sustainable Manufacturing

- Nature has been sustainable for a long time.
- What can we learn from past & present biological systems?
 - Including extinct systems...
- Can we derive design guidelines from Nature that will result in inherently sustainable engineered systems?





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Using Ecology Metrics for Carpet Recycling Network Design



High correlation between traditional cost-based and bioinspired ecological community metrics-based objective function values for 100,000 randomly generated designs Copyright Georgia Institute of Technology, 2014

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48 Eco-Industrial Parks vs 144 Natural Eco-Systems – **Comparison** using Ecological Performance Metrics



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Comparison of Internal Materials and Energy Cycling



Kalundborg EIP

- Green arrows represent linkages which participate in a cycle, greyed out linkages do not.
- Actors highlighted in red are the acting detritus of the EIP

- Pomacle-Bazancourt EIP is best performer among 48 EIPs.
- Kalundborg is mediocre peforming EIP
- Difference is due to number of internal cycles



Pomacle – Bazancourt EIP



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Natural ecosystems have more cycling

In Closing

- Carefully consider system boundaries
- Relative improvements are good, but in the end we need (large) absolute improvements to reverse negative trends.
- To have true sustainability impact, design may have to move to designing "systems of systems"
- Multi-disciplinary collaborations are needed



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