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#### Swiss Competence Center for Efficient Technologies and Systems for Mobility (SCCER Mobility) SCCER Summer School, Möschberg







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# Political Background

- **2011** Swiss Federal Council and parliament: Decision to phase out nuclear power by 2035 (legislative process ongoing)
- **2012** Swiss Federal Council: Energy Strategy 2050 and Coordinated Energy Research in Switzerland Action Plan
  - → Long-term energy policy to restructure the Swiss energy system
  - Strengthen energy research in Switzerland
- 2013 Commission for Technology and Innovation (CTI): Call for proposals for Swiss Competence Centers for Energy Research (SCCERs)
  - Total funding 2014-2016: 72 Mio CHF





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## The Swiss Competence Centers for Energy Research

#### **Purpose and Institutional Structure**

- **Promote innovation** required to implement the Energy Strategy 2050
- Develop solutions for technical, social and political problems
- Bundle the energy research activities of Swiss universities and work closely with industry (virtual consortia)

SCCER Leading House (University A)			
University of Applied Sciences A		Research Institute	University B
University of Applied Sciences B		University of Applied Sciences C	
Cooperation Partners from Industry and Public Administration			





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## The Swiss Competence Centers for Energy Research

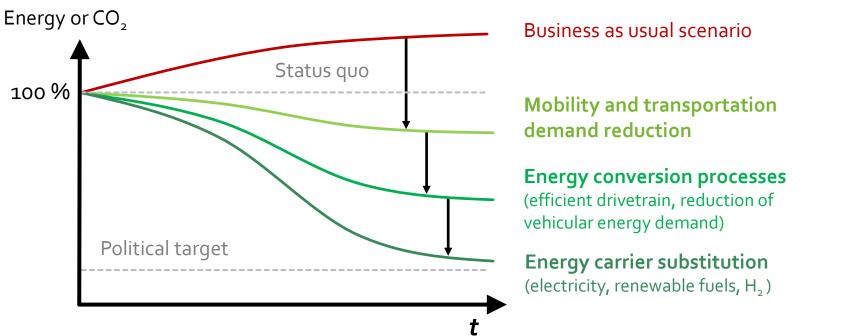
- 7 Action Areas and 8 SCCERs
- Efficiency of the building sector and industrial processes
- Grids and their components
- **Storage** of electrical, chemical and mechanical energy
- Power supply (hydropower and geothermal energy)
- Economy, environment, law, behavior
- Efficient concepts, processes and components in Mobility
- Biomass





#### **SCCER Mobility Mission**

Developing the knowledge and technologies essential for the **transition of the current fossil fuel based transportation system to a sustainable one**, featuring minimal CO<sub>2</sub>-output and primary energy demand as well as virtually zero-pollutant emissions.









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# SCCER Mobility Objectives

- Capacity expansion in academia
- Encouragement and expansion of basic and applied research and development
- Development of teaching and advanced training capacities
- Transfer of research results to the market
- Embedding of other energy relevant innovation activities
- Involve the industrial and public cooperation partners early in the process



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## **Members**

#### 23 Research Groups affiliated to



#### Leading House: ETH Zurich

#### Partners from Industry and Public Administration

ABB Turbosystems AG • Bcomp Ltd. • Bombardier • BRUSA Elektronik AG • Bucher-Schörling AG • Carrosserie HESS AG • CTI National Network Carbon Composites Schweiz • Designwerk GmbH • ESRI Schweiz AG • FPT Motorenforschung AG • FVV Forschungsvereinigung Verbrennungskraft-maschinen • Kistler Instrumente AG • Kummler & Matter AG • LEM SA • Liebherr Machines SA • myStromer AG • Protoscar SA • SBB AG • St. Gallisch-Appenzellische Kraftwerke AG • Swiss Center for Electronic and Microtechnic • Volkswagen AG • Verkehrsverbund Luzern VVL



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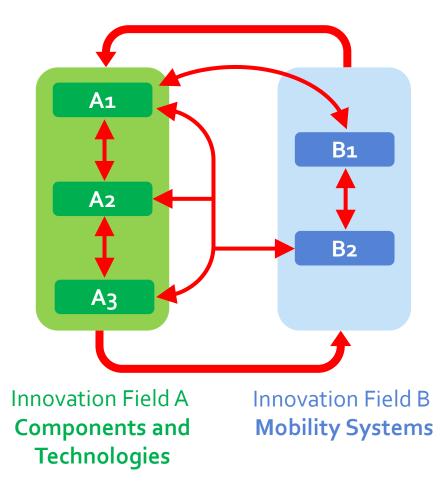
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## **Capacity Areas**

- A1 Systems and Components for E-Mobility
- A2 Chemical Energy Converters
- A<sub>3</sub> Minimization of Vehicular Energy Demand
- B1 Integration, Operation and Optimization of Mobility Systems
- B2 Integrated Assessment of Mobility Systems







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## **Capacity Areas**

#### Innovation Field A: Components, Devices and Processes

- A1 Swiss Battery Research Platform (E-Mobility)
  - Battery systems for rail, bus, construction, agricultural and utility vehicles



#### A2 Chemical Energy Converters

- Cost reduction for fuel cell systems
- Internal combustion engines: renewable fuels, efficiency increase, zero pollutants



- A<sub>3</sub> Minimization of Vehicular Energy Demand
  - High volume lightweight thermoplastics and bioinspired composites
- Thermal management





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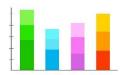
## **Capacity Areas**

#### **Innovation Field B: System Aspects of Mobility**



#### **B1** Integration, Operation and Optimization of Mobility Systems

- Infrastructure and new urban transport
- Urban planning and environmental impact
- Spatio-temporal data Acquisition and analysis, monitoring devices and user communication



#### **B2** Integrated Assessment of Mobility Systems

- Technology assessment and energy economics
- Socio-economic aspects of mobility



## **Education and Training**

#### MAS | CAS ETH in Mobilität der Zukunft (Future Transport Systems)

- Approved by ETH Zurich (January 2016)
- Starts in January 2017 (spring term)
- Interdisciplinary MAS includes 3 CAS:
  - Systemic Aspects of Future Transport
  - Future Transport Systems: Technology Potential
  - Future Transport Systems: New Business Models

#### **Other Activities**

- Seminar Series (started in 2015)
- SCCER Summer School (started in 2016, together with SCCER HaE)
- Young Talent Development Workshops (started in 2015)



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# Research Projects (Examples)

- SwissTrolley+
- SUNCAR Solarbagger
- Horizon 2020 Project GasOn
- GoEco!



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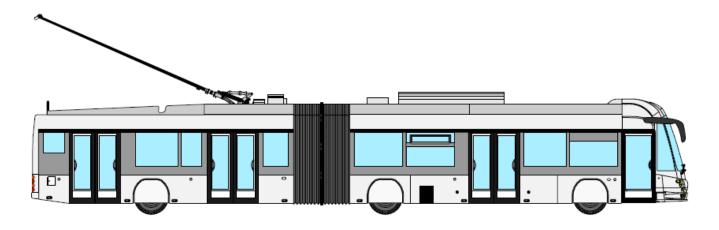
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## SwissTrolley+

#### **Partners**

- Carrosserie HESS AG
- Verkehrsbetriebe Zürich (VBZ)
- Institute for Dynamic Systems and Control, ETHZ
- BFH-CSEM Energy Storage Research Center
- Bundesamt für Energie BFE





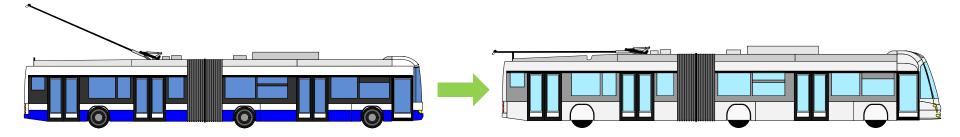


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## Concept of SwissTrolley+



- Reduction of noise and pollutant emissions
- Increased energy efficiency by a novel energy management system
- Drives without overhead wires
- **Grid support** is now possible
- Maintenance cost savings by not utilizing the overhead wire network



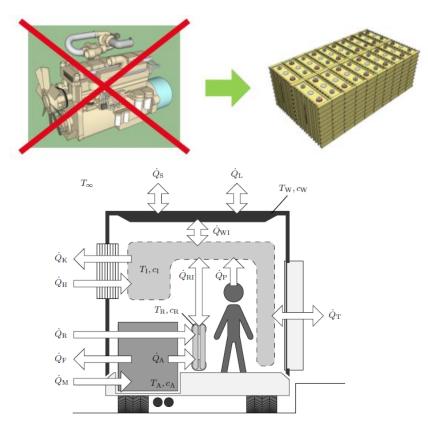


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## **Relevance for the Energy Transition**

- 15% reduced energy demand
  - Regenerative braking always possible
  - Predictive optimal energy management strategy
- Optimized heating and air conditioning systems
  - HVAC equals ca. 50% of total vehicle energy demand







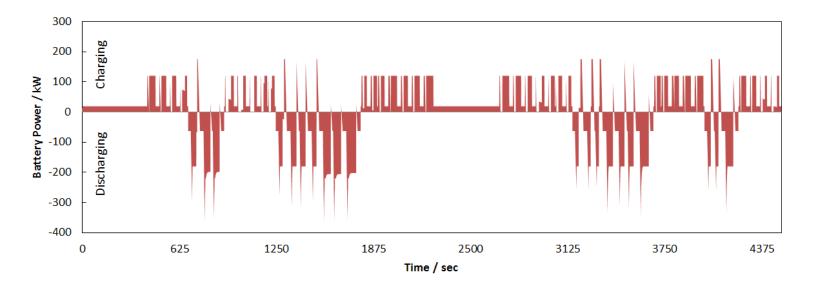
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#### **Relevance for the Energy Transition**

#### Battery lifetime models

- Incentive for novel business models by engineers and decision makers
- Proper management of the battery for higher energy savings and return on investment





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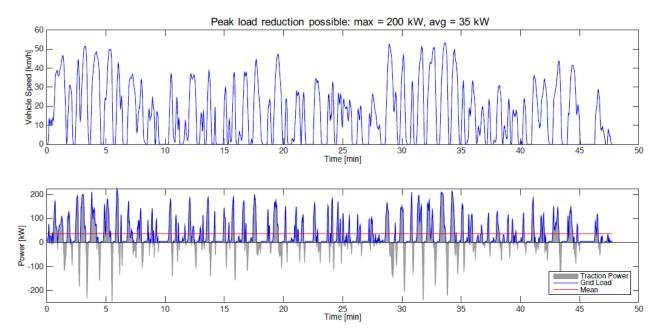
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## **Relevance for the Energy Transition**

- Reduced peak loads on electric grid
  - Less grid stabilization energy is required
  - Peak load is a main driver of electricity pricing







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## SUNCAR Solarbagger

#### Partners

- Institut f
  ür Werkzeugmaschinen und Fertigung, ETHZ
- Institut f
  ür Entwicklung Mechatronischer Systeme, NTB





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## SUNCAR Solarbagger

- Fully autonomous E-excavator (16 t, 9 h/d)
- Li-Battery 190 kWh
- Power of diesel engine 70 kW
- Power of E-motor 75 167 kW
- Less fuel costs 21 kCHF/a
- Pay back time 8.5 years





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## **Relevance for Energy Transition**

- Reduction of energy consumption by factor 5
- CO2 reduction 40 t/a; significant noise reduction
- 3.7 % power consumption of the shown PV (Affentranger Bau AG)
- E- mobility technology is suitable for heavy duty applications
- Profitability is given within 8-9 years (bisection by reduction of battery costs within the next few years)









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## Strategic Fit to SCCER Goals

- **Cooperation** between ETH Zurich and NTB Buchs
- Developed by 19 students within teaching project
- New research focus on high capacity batteries
- New business case: start up of SUNCAR HK AG at Oberbühren SG, 1.5.2015
- Knowledge for other applications with mobile high capacity batteries
- Awareness by Swiss Solar Award 2015







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## GasOn Project (Horizon 2020)

#### Partners

- Institute for Dynamic Systems and Control, ETHZ
- Aerothermochemistry and Combustion Systems Laboratory, ETHZ
- Automotive Powertrain Technologies, Empa
- VW, Ricardo, Continental









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#### GasOn Project (Horizon 2020)

- Development of CNG-only high efficiency engines
  - Improvement in efficiency and range compared to existing systems
  - Use of low-carbon fuels, reduction of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions
  - Compliance with post-Euro 6 NOx emissions regulations
- Focus at ETHZ and Empa (SCCER Members)
  - Ignition and combustion fundamentals as well as on engine prototyping









#### Relevance to the Energy Transition: Why CNG?

- Use of low-carbon fuels: Methane combustion produces 25% less
   CO2 emissions than combustion of gasoline or diesel
- Allow the use of renewable fuels (bio-methane, synthetic natural gas from power-to-gas processes, CH<sub>4</sub> or hydrogen mixtures, etc.)
   without change in the technology or infrastructure
- SCCER Mobility Contribution
  - State of the art for passenger cars with methane combusted in gasoline-like engines and gasoline-like efficiencies are achieved
  - 20% fuel consumption reduction compared with today's technology, 600 km driving range
  - Improvement of fundamental understanding of ignition and combustion in gas engines for future developments





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## GoEco!

#### **Partners**

- Institute for Applied Sustainability to the Built Environment, SUPSI
- Institut für Kartographie und Geoinformation, ETHZ







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## GoEco! A Community Based Eco-Feedback Approach

- Current mobility patterns still dominated by car use
- How to encourage people to rely on alternatives or even avoid traveling all together?
- Investigate how information feedback and social interaction effectively foster changes in personal mobility behavior







#### Living Lab and GoEco! Mobile Application

- Living lab experiment involving real-life users in real-world settings
- In 2016, 800 users in Zurich and Ticino test a smartphone application tracking their trips and using game elements to challenge them to modify their mobility behavior
- Identification of main opportunities and impediments to change and policy recommendations for public authorities















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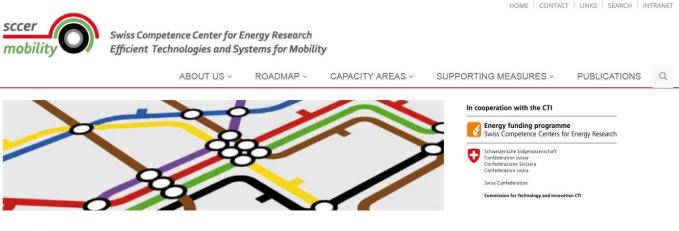


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#### **SCCER Mobility**

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Innovation Field A deals with components and devices: Capacity Area CA A1 aims at new battery technologies, CA A2 at optimal use of renewable chemical energy carriers for fuel cells and combustion engines and CA A3 at the minimization of vehicular energy demand (lightweighting and thermal management). Innovation Field B composes of CA B1 targeting infrastructure, logistics and ICT-systems and CA B2 covers the assessment of the transportation system.

The program aims at creating synergies at the interfaces of these five Capacity Areas serving as virtual research teams, composed of new and rededicated key research positions from ETH-Domain and the Universities of Applied Sciences. Many relevant Swiss and foreign companies are actively involved in various SCCER Mobility research projects.

#### Events

#### System Models in Life Cycle Assessment

September 5, 2016 Summer school on system models in life cycle assessment, - September 5-9, ...

#### Energy Storage in Batteries: Materials, Systems and Manufacturing

July 11, 2016 Summer School 11-15 July 2016 in Möschberg, Switzerland organized by SCCER ...

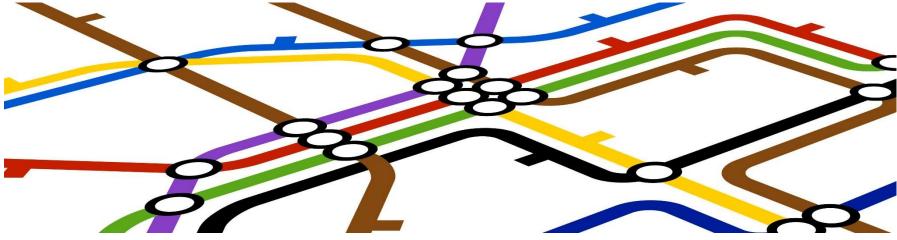


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