

## Hydrogen Industry Leaders@ MIRA Tech Park

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### Welcome to HORIBA MIRA and MIRA Tech Park where our purpose is to improve lives ...

## Global-leader in engineering, research and product testing, and a strategic location for transport R&D



Vehicle Engineering Consultancy



Test Engineering Services



Technology Park

### Our story

1946 -The Motor Industry Research Association formed

1948 - RAF Lindley chosen for research laboratory and proving ground

2012 - MIRA Tech Park awarded Enterprise Zone status

2015 - Acquired by HORIBA & business renamed to HORIBA MIRA

2023 - £63m of high value employment on-site with over 90% people living in Midlands



### Our cluster

Guiding industry through rapid change with single location for product development and verification

- 1 million sq. ft specialised R&D floorspace
  - 300k sq. ft under construction
- £500m+ vehicle engineering & testing facilities
  - Over 100km of proving ground test track
  - Euro NCAP accreditation
- 77 years of technical expertise
  - Development, integration, and verification



### Our campus

Enabling business growth:

\$22 billion venture capital raised by tenants since 2012 Talent development pipeline

#### Competitive path to Net Zero:

Virtual simulation and prototypes Sustainable location: energy, waste, water, wildlife King's Award for Sustainable Development

#### Provide market opportunity:

Over £150m in Innovate UK projects 40 global tenants: corporate, spinout, high growth



### £20m+ investment in hydrogen

'Hydrogen ready' vehicle development facilities:

**Climatic chambers** 

Passive safety

Thermal testing

Electromagnetic compatibility

#### Green hydrogen infrastructure:

7MW solar array producing green hydrogen Hydrogen refuelling Hub (350 / 700bar)

Specialised R&D workspace for hydrogen developers:

Commercial vehicles

Energy optimisation



### One HORIBA Group

## HORIBA



### Our potential

Site potential 4 million sq. ft incubator to production

#### Expanding customer base:

- Zero emission vehicle manufacturers Enabling technology developers
- Clean energy production

#### Supporting next generation of scale-ups:

- Flexible property
- Energy security
- Decarbonised heat
- New skills technology and chemistry





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### **MIRA Technology Institute**

Lisa Bingley Operations Director









## Welcome to the MTI

## What is the MTI?

- Unique collaboration between North Warwickshire and South Leicestershire College, and our partners, HORIBA MIRA, the University of Leicester, Loughborough University and Coventry University.
- Built with investment from the UK Government's Growth Fund via the LLEP, it's a specialist facility to train the next generation of Transport and Energy Engineers
- We provide specialist skills training in some of the emerging technology areas including electrification and driverless cars, ensuring a sustainable supply of future technical specialists and engineers.



### Why do we need the MTI?

- The automotive and transport sector faces an electric future
- Autonomous, connected, electric and shared vehicle technology
- Electrification, cyber security and the latest emissions technology.
- Coventry is a hub for Connected Autonomous Vehicle development
- Technology role-out threatens to outstrip the pace of skills development



## **Our Mission and Vision**

- To be the national and international centre of excellence for training in the automotive sector and beyond
- Working in partnership with industry and education to develop critical skills to support the development of sustainable transport infrastructures
- To create bespoke and relevant training for emerging technologies

All contributing to the achievement of net carbon zero targets.

 We have welcomed 50,000 students and delegates in 5 years, over 18,000 of those being professionals in professional development activities.



## Curriculum















Importantly we are employer led - it's essential we work with YOU

## **Founding Partners**









Loughborough



Technical engineering apprenticeships Levels 1 – 4 and Electric Vehicle courses Delivering short technical and non-technical training courses using industry specialists and using the on-site test facilities Bringing Masters Level Connected Vehicle courses and Automotive Degree Apprenticeships at Level 6+ and commercial industry updating

Offering short modules on automotive Postgraduate Certificates – links to the Hydrogen IOT

Focusing on Continuous Professional Development modules

### What do we offer?

#### **CPD Short Courses**

#### Vehicle Safety and Security

- ISO 26262 Engineer Contents
- Introduction to Cybersecurity
- SOTIF Safety of the Intended Functionality Principles and Practice
- ISO26262 Safety Analysis Techniques
- Functional Safety / ISO 26262 Awareness Course
- ISO 26262 Process Auditing
- Independent Safety Assessment
- Automotive Safety Case Development

#### Electric and Hybrid Vehicles

- IMI Electric and Hybrid Vehicle Awareness
- IMI Electric and Hybrid Vehicle System Repair and Replacement
- L4 Award in the Diagnosis, Testing and Repair of Electric/Hybrid Vehicles and Components
- Advanced Hybrid Electric Vehicle Awareness
- xEV Control Systems Architecture
- Basic Hybrid and Electric Vehicle Safety Awareness
- Battery System and Technologies
- Basic and Advanced Hybrid Electric Vehicle Awareness
- Electromobility Awareness
- EV Thermal Awareness
- General EV Architecture Awareness

#### Automotive Engineering

- IMI Air Conditioning Accreditation
- IMI Pre MOT Tester
- IMI CPD MOT Tester
- IMI CPD MOT Manager
   Introduction to Vehicle
- Dynamics
- Measurement Uncertainty
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#### Business and Leadership

- Essentials Engineering Project Management
- Lean Six Sigma
- Lego Serious Play
- Manual Handling
- Fire Marshal

#### Emissions

• Hydrogen Fuel Cells and Their Applications

#### Apprenticeships, Under-graduate Post-graduate Courses

#### Level 2

- Autocare Technician
- Engineering Operative (Maintenance)

#### Level 3

- Engineering Technician (Product Design and Development Technician)
- Engineering Technician (Technical Support Technician)
- Motor Vehicle Service and Maintenance Technician

#### Level 4

- HNC General Engineering
- Propulsion Technician
- Engineering Manufacturing Technician

#### Level 6

- BEng (Hons) Automotive Engineering
- MEng (Hons) Automotive Engineering
- Product Design and Development Engineer Degree Apprenticeship
- Manufacturing Engineering Degree Apprenticeship

#### Level 7

- Postgraduate Certificate Intelligent Vehicle Systems
- MSc in Connected and Autonomous Vehicle Systems
- Postgraduate Engineer: Product Design and Development Apprenticeship



### **Hydrogen Courses**

- The Impact of Hydrogen HGV to the World of Logistics and Automotive Level 3 (3 days) due Q4
- Understanding Hydrogen HGV Awareness and Behaviours Level 1 (1 day) due Q2
- Hydrogen Fuel Cells and their Applications (1 day) available
- IMI Hydrogen Vehicle Awareness Level 1 (1 day) available
- New Toyota MIRAI Rig and training rigs to demonstrate on



### Electric Vehicle Courses

- Level 1 IMI Electric and Hybrid Vehicle Awareness
- Level 2/3 IMI Electric and Hybrid Vehicle System Repair and Replacement
- Level 4 IMI Award in the Diagnosis, Testing and Repair of Electric/Hybrid Vehicles and Components
- IMI Hybrid Basic and Advanced Electric Vehicle Awareness
- EV Thermal Awareness
- Electromobility Awareness
- Battery System and Technologies



### Case study - JLR

- Bespoke course created by both education and industry partners
- Practical course to convert mechanical engineers to electrical engineers
- Over 600 delegates on the fundamentals course to date





## **The Facility**







Loughborough





### World Class Facility

- Classrooms
- Workshops
- Public working space
- Canteen costa
- Conference room 100+
- Hospitality
- Charge points

Tour of the facility



## Achievements



Working with all local authorities



Welcomed 50,000 students and delegates in 5 years



Over 15,000 delegates have taken part in professional development activities



100% success rate with our learners on our EV courses



Active STEM work with schools, councils and employers. Over 2000 Students visited the MTI



Supported Internships since 2021





East Midlands Chamber Education and Business Partnership Award 2019 Finalist and 2021 Winner

## Why choose MTI?

Unique collaboration between industry and education to deliver essential skills for the global automotive sector and beyond

Developing specialist skills in key areas of emerging technology

Augmented training, utilising industry expertise and the world class HORIBA MIRA facilities

Broad curriculum and flexible delivery to meet the needs of employers and their staff

Located within Europe's leading automotive technology cluster at MIRA Technology Park, right at the heart of the UK Auto Industry

## The future of skills development

- No quick fix to the skills gap developing talent takes time. MTI students will have access to emerging technology, that's sector specific training at all levels
- Single collaborative organisation
- Transforming skills locally, regionally and globally particularly at high levels locally regionally and globally
- MTI represents the future of technical training but it relies on the support of all employers to take advantage of our offer



## **Thank you – Any Questions?**

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### **Project ICE Breaker**

Host: Simon Dunnett Technical Sales Manager - Net Zero <u>& Vehicle Propulsion</u> IRA

### Who am I?





### Simon Dunnett CMgr CMI

Technical Sales Manager - Net Zero & Vehicle Propulsion

Over 25-years of electrified powertrain engineering experience



### Who are we?



Vehicle Engineering Consultancy



Test Engineering Services



Technology Park

### Hydrogen at HORIBA MIRA





### Problem: 100-year Powertrain History



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### So, what's the solution?





### Introduction



Collaborative project between Viritech, HORIBA MIRA and Intelligent Energy

APC Funding to develop a 44T Hydrogen Fuel Cell Demonstrator





Tri-volt technology

Hydrogen Storage and Handling



Vehicle Engineering

System Integration

**Digital Twin Technology** 



Fuel Cell technology supply

### Project Aims – HORIBA MIRA





Demonstrate our vehicle engineering, integration and test engineering prowess

Create a test platform for further engineering development



Adaption of our vehicle control software for fuel cell applications



Showcase the vehicle at the Cenex Expo 2024 (Early September)



Development of a correlated Fuel cell powertrain digital twin to complement our existing HEV and BEV digital twins



Add a correlated Fuel cell powertrain digital twin into our Total Cost Optimisation (TCO) tool chain

### **Outline Vehicle Specification**





### Project Content

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### Next Stage

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### **Project Outcomes**

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Demonstrate our vehicle engineering, integration and test engineering prowess

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Create a test platform for further engineering development

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Adaption of our vehicle control software for fuel cell applications

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Showcase the vehicle at the Cenex Expo 2024 (Early September)

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Development of a correlated Fuel cell powertrain digital twin to complement our existing HEV and BEV digital twins

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Add a correlated fuel cell powertrain model into our Total Cost Optimisation (TCO) tool chain

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## Questions?

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# Transforming industry for a sustainable world

MTC overview with hydrogen focus

For HIL Meeting

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#### About us

### mtc

- Opened in 2011
  Independent RTO
  To bridge the valley of death
- Prove innovative ideas
- Manufacturing system solutions

£120+ million turnover
900+ members of staff incl. 450 engineers
90+ industrial members
Part of the HVM Catapult Network
Innovate UK

Our founders:

UNIVERSITY<sup>OF</sup> BIRMINGHAM Loughborough

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### How MTC is helping Net Zero technologies develop

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#### How MTC can help (at any stage or as a development)

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### Hydrogen support activities

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#### **Project WhiskHy – Supercritical electrolyser**

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MATERIALS DEVELOPMENT

Supercritical has solved the biggest inherent problem of membraneless electrolysers, gas separation, achieving over **99% purity** in both the oxygen and hydrogen outlets, with the system running at as low as **42 kWh/kg of H**<sub>2</sub> and delivering **220 bar of pressurised gases**, without gas compressors

- 220 bar high pressure separated oxygen and hydrogen
- >50% emission reduction vs PEM
- Planet first no iridium, no PFAS (forever) chemicals
- <€2 /kg of hydrogen, this decade
- Use case is whisky distilling

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### Project WhiskHy - demonstrator

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MTC is supporting the manufacture of elements of the plant utilising advanced manufacturing laser processing

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### **Project Shylo**

DESIGN, PROTOTYPE, TEST

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- CONSORTIUM led by H2GO awarded £4.3m by the UK former department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy (BEIS now DESNZ)
- GREEN HYDROGEN produced by wind and tidal power stored in H2GO's proprietary hydrogen system and fed into the local system
- SAFER and lower cost alternative to compressed hydrogen stored as a metal hydride
- H2GO's HyAI software will optimise and manage the hydrogen hub
- **PROJECT COMMENCED** in February 2022 with build just

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#### Immaterial

DESIGN, PROTOTYPE, TEST

- Project funded under Hydrogen Supply 2
- Investigating the opportunity for metal organic frameworks (MOFs) as a technology for hydrogen storage for a use case within transport solutions
- Specifically MOFs utilised in conjunction with cryogenic processes have potential to create a volumetric advantage over pressurised gas by a factor of over 10x
- The vehicle system will require new storage methodologies and new onboard processes – one of these will be the storage tank
- MTC is supporting the collaboration on the design and build of this new pressure vessel to hold the MOFs for the on-board H2 storage
- The use case demonstrator is aiming at a medium sized HGV e.g. equivalent size to a rubbish cart

#### Metal-organic frameworks (MOFs)

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Metal-organic TI frameworks (MOFs) are synthesised from s **metal clusters** and volu organic linkers. th

They form regular lattices with significant pore volumes, giving them the largest surface areas of any material. MOFs are highly tunable and can be designed to allow molecules to be **selectively adsorbed** onto this surface.

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#### **Rolls-Royce liquid hydrogen gas turbines**

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**DESIGN, PROTOTYPE, TEST** 

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ATI Funded £31.4m programme through to September 2025

A consortium led by Rolls-Royce, including Cranfield University, easyJet, Heathrow Airport, MTC, Reaction Engines, UCL and University of Oxford to develop gas-turbine control system technologies that will enable aircraft engines to operate on liquid hydrogen.

The programme and wider work is covering technologies to control and transport the fuel from the aircraft's liquid hydrogen fuel tank to the engine combustor, including cryogenic pumping, fuel metering, system thermal management, intelligent control systems and component life optimisation.

Here we can see initial tests taking place, focused on pressurizing low-pressure liquid Nitrogen to understand behaviour at cyrogenic conditions.

#### HS2 – case study

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SUPPLY CHAIN

#### Feasibility of hydrogen HGV fleet for HS2

#### Assessing the hydrogen HGV supply chain for HS2

- HS2 through the HS2 innovation programme is investigating the use of hydrogen as an alternative fuel for HGVs for construction, starting with a dual-fuel system.
- MTC has supported this by mapping the hydrogen landscape and supply chain and developing a strategic business case for the use of hydrogen in HGVs, considering both risks and benefits of entering into an emerging market.
- **FUNDED** by HS2
- Hydrogen HGVS In Construction (the-mtc.org)

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### **Optimisation of metallic porous structures**

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MANUFACTURING PROCESS AND MATERIALS DEVELOPMENT

#### **Drivers**

- THE TAILORING of porous structures (including graded features) is becoming of greater interest in thermal management and gas separation technologies
- APPLICATIONS include filtration systems, heat exchanges and porous transport layers (electrolysers and fuel cells)

#### **Demonstrator project**

- CREATION of material demonstrators showcasing MTC's capability to manufacture porous structures
- **FOCUS** on metals
- INVESTIGATION using field-assisted sintering technology, additive manufacturing and laser drilling

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#### Laser technology - metallic bipolar plates

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MANUFACTURING PROCESS AND MATERIALS DEVELOPMENT

#### **Application of laser technology**

- Laser texturing of the bipolar plates to improve adhesion to thermal coating/e-coating
- Laser cleaning of the plates to remove oxides, oils, that would otherwise interfere the good adhesion of coatings and improve the fuel cell efficiency
- High-speed laser welding of bi-polar plates
- Laser structuring to help increasing the efficiency of conventional water electrolysis processes

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#### Laser cleaning of the bipolar plates

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Laser welding bipolar plates

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#### Laser structuring of electrolysis

### **Dissimilar-material joining**

### MANUFACTURING PROCESS AND

MATERIALS DEVELOPMENT

#### Drivers

- THE JOINING of dissimilar materials requires development in many applications for enhanced sealing and joint integrity, and tailored heat and electrical conductivity
- APPLICATIONS include fusion, type-IV hydrogen tank storage and electrical powertrains

#### **Demonstrator project**

- CREATION of two demonstrators showcasing MTC's capability to join dissimilar materials
- POLYMER-METAL adhesive free joining
- COLLABORATING with the National Composites Centre (NCC) on applications

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Our mission is to accelerate critical technologies and supply chains in the UK for the fast-growing global hydrogen economy.

HII is working with >200 companies and 10 sector bodies in the UK, to coordinate innovation in 9 critical technology areas across:

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HII is working with industry to drive innovation and supply chain development, working across UK industry and with support from our Industrial Advisory Board:

bp, Airbus, Cummins, GKN Aerospace, H2Go, Hydrogen Energy Association, Hydrogen UK, Johnson Matthey, National Gas, ZeroAvia

HII is generating **technology roadmaps**, forecasting **sector demand** and **markets**, and mapping **UK capability**.

#### **HII partners:**

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### The UK Hydrogen Innovation Opportunity and supporting reports

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The UK Hydrogen Innovation Opportunity

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# Thank you & look forward to future collaboration