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## **Update of Science, Technology and Engineering at Los Alamos**

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The Laboratory provides science solution to the mission areas of nuclear deterrence, global security, and energy security. The strength of LANL's science is at the core of the Laboratory. The Laboratory addresses important science questions for stockpile stewardship, global security, and energy security.

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# Update of Science, Technology and Engineering at Los Alamos

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## LANL Mission

*Our mission as a DOE national security science laboratory is to develop and apply science, technology, and engineering solutions to:*

- Ensure the safety, security, and reliability of the U.S. nuclear deterrent
- Reduce global threats
- Solve Energy Security and other emerging national security challenges

**Our vision** is to be the premier National Security Science Laboratory.



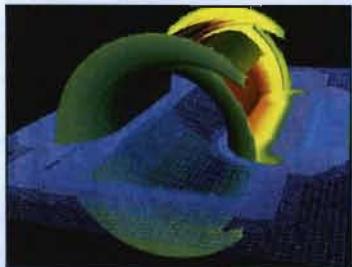
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# LANL Mission: National Security Science

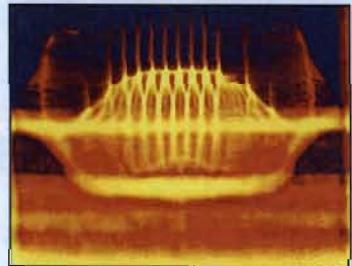
## Stockpile Stewardship



Large-Scale Simulation  
Stockpile Stewardship



B61-7/11 Strategic Bomb



Proton radiography



Pit Manufacturing



W76, W78, W88  
for Trident &  
Minuteman III

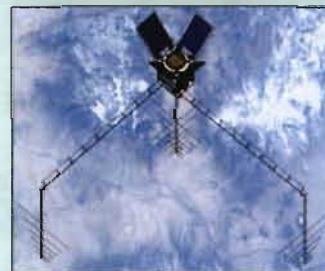
## Global Security



Non Proliferation



Intelligence Analysis



Space Systems  
Six other product lines

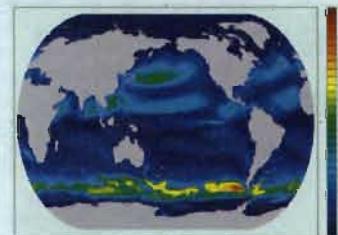
## Energy Security



Materials and Concepts  
for Clean Energy



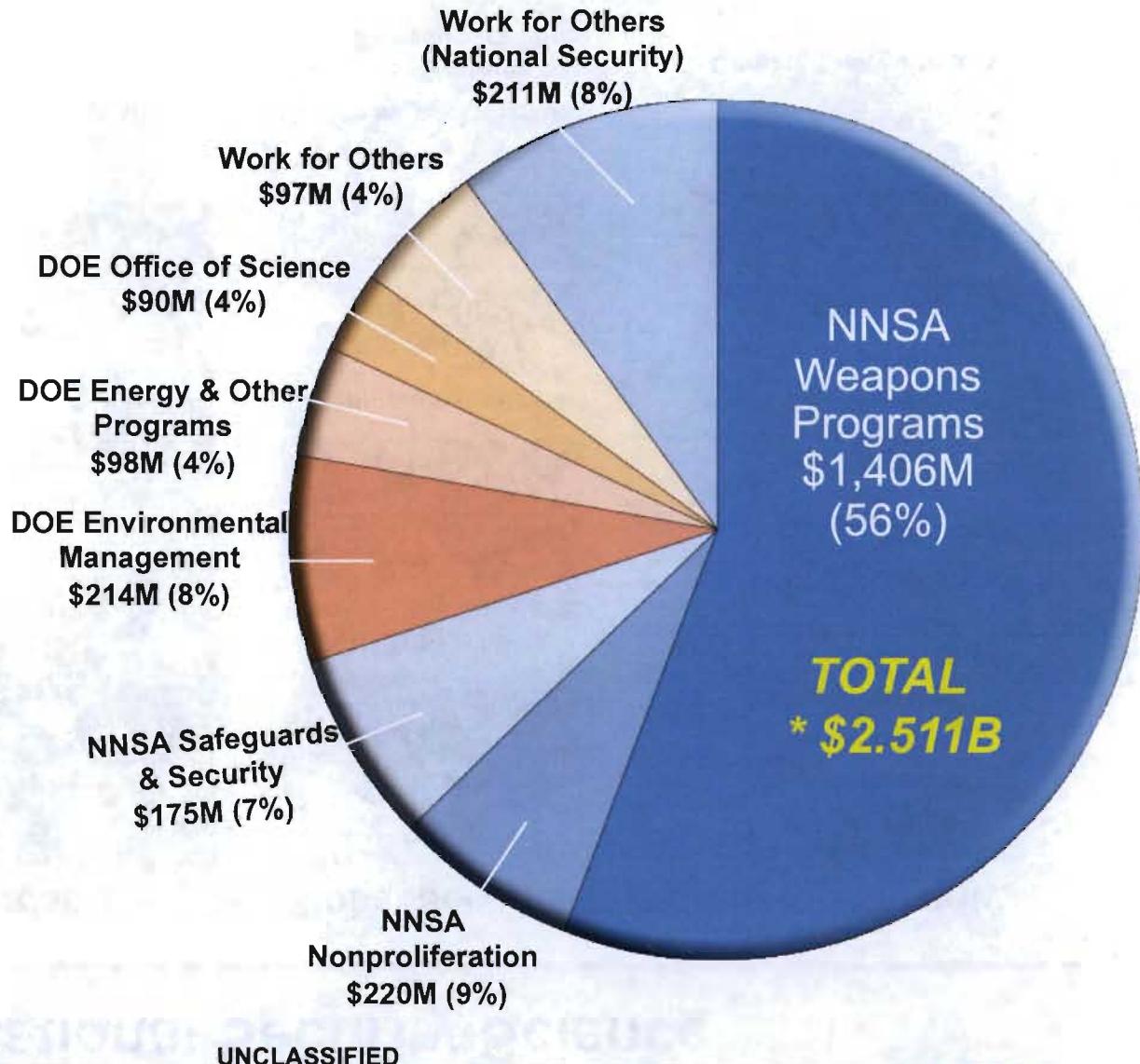
Nuclear Energy



Climate Energy Nexus

# Lab Budget

\*The Laboratory's FY11 annual budget is approximately \$2.5 billion.



# Capabilities

## The capabilities of the Laboratory serve program.

Computational Physics & Applied Mathematics

Accelerators & Electrodynamics

Nuclear Physics, Astrophysics & Cosmology

Information & Knowledge Science

Weapons Science & Engineering

Computer & Computational Sciences

High-Energy Density Plasmas & Fluids

Chemical Science

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Nuclear Engineering and Technology

Earth & Space Sciences

Biosciences

Energy Security

Global Security

Nuclear Deterrance

LANL Capabilities

Interfaces remove defects

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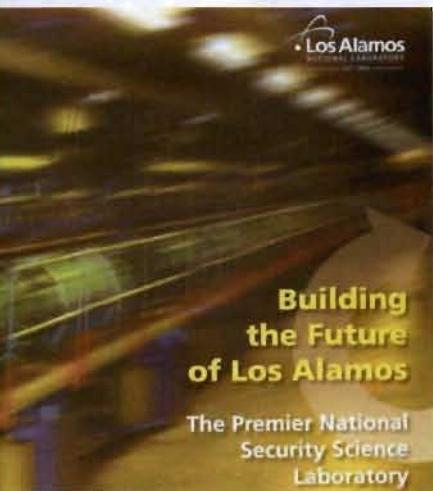
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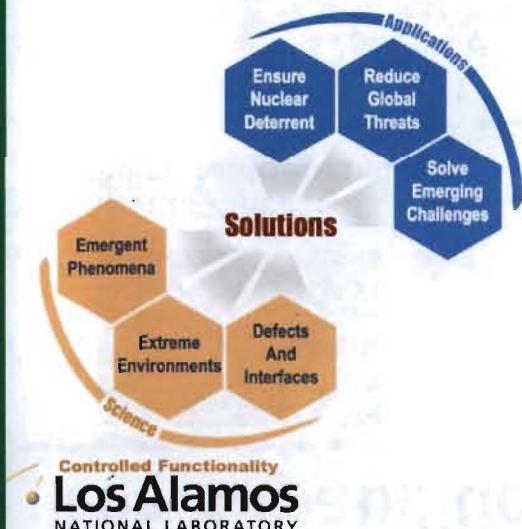
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# Capabilities

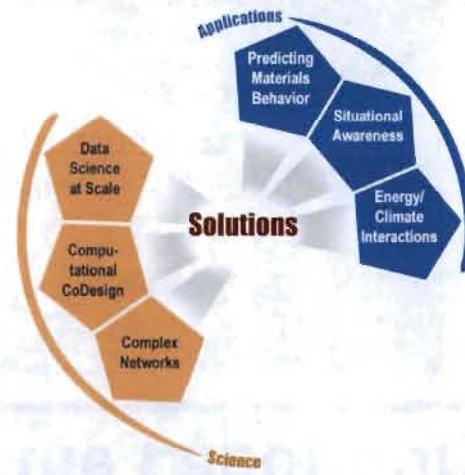


## Materials for the Future



- Experimental science focused on materials for the future
- Information science and technology enabling integrative and predictive science
- Science of Signatures for enduring national needs

## Information Science and Technology for Integrative and Predictive Science



## Science of Signatures



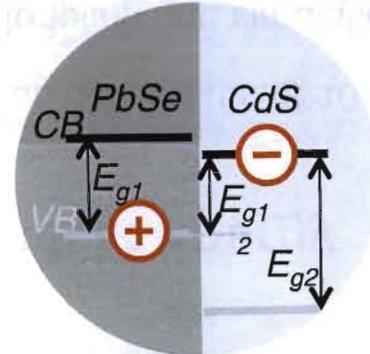
# Center for Advanced Solar Photophysics



## Novel Materials for Next-Generation Solar Cells

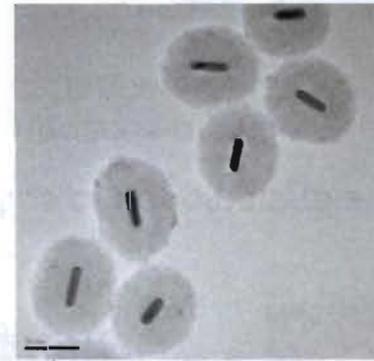
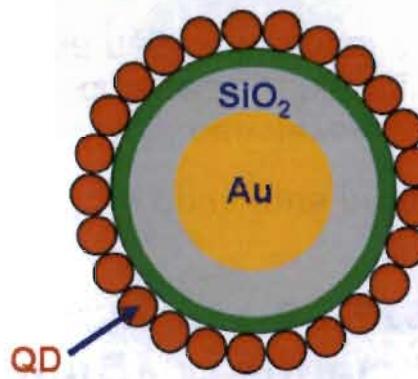
### Nanoscale Heterojunctions

- Spatially indirect" gap ( $E_{g12}$ ) tunable through infrared
- Pulls charges apart
- Increases time to extract and transport
- Potential use in photocatalysis and photovoltaics



### Semiconductor-metal hybrids

- Increased sunlight absorption
- Enhanced non-linear processes, such as two-photon absorption and carrier multiplication
- Potential use in ultrathin solar cells



## Los Alamos forms collaborations to address major energy security science issues.

### Biofuels



- National Alliance for Advanced Biofuels and Bioproducts Consortium
- National Advanced Biofuels Consortium
- LANL leads algal strain development, harvesting, extraction, catalyst development, commercialization.

### Green House Gas Information System



- Global climate models
- Monitoring and verification
- Infrastructure analysis



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### Energy Frontier Research Centers



- Focus on unique properties of nanomaterials
- CMIME: nanolayered composites provide increased strength and enhanced radiation damage tolerance.
- Center for Advanced Solar Photophysics: nanoscale structures boost solar-energy conversion efficiency.

### Nuclear Energy

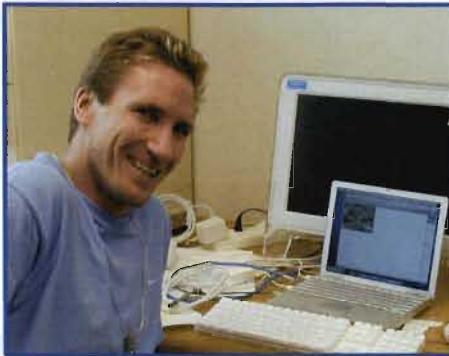


- Hub consortium of 10 principal partners
- Modeling and simulation to improve performance of nuclear power plants
- LANL leads material science and models and numerical methods areas.

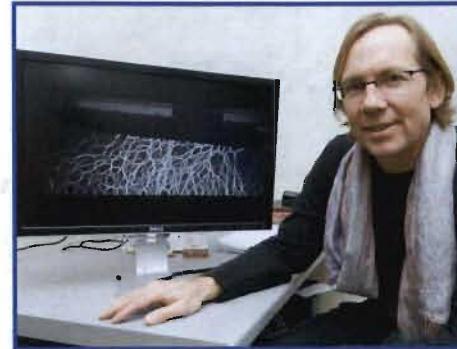
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# External awards recognize LANL researchers.



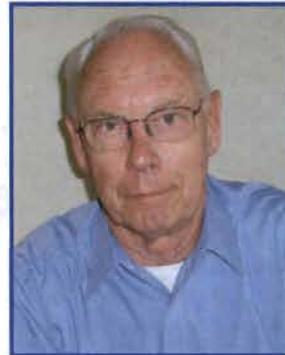
William Higdon  
Fellow of the American  
Statistical Association



Paul Johnson  
Fellow of the American  
Geophysical Union



Christine Anderson-Cook  
Outstanding New Mexico  
Woman  
Governor's Award



James N. Johnson  
George E. Duvall Shock  
Compression Science Award  
American Physical Society



Bill Press  
President  
American Association for  
the Advancement of Science



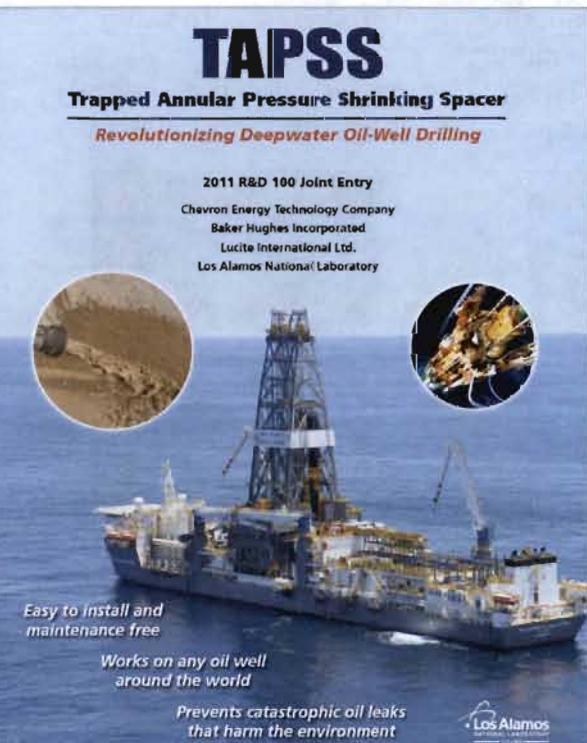
Joanne Wendelberger  
Chapter Service  
Recognition Award  
American Statistical  
Association

## R&D100 Awards recognize innovation.

**TAPSS**  
Trapped Annular Pressure Shrinking Spacer  
*Revolutionizing Deepwater Oil-Well Drilling*

2011 R&D 100 Joint Entry  
Chevron Energy Technology Company  
Baker Hughes Incorporated  
Lucite International Ltd.  
Los Alamos National Laboratory

*Easy to install and maintenance free*  
*Works on any oil well around the world*  
*Prevents catastrophic oil leaks that harm the environment*





2011 R&D100 Entry  
**NanoCluster Beacons**  
*Shedding light on specific nucleic-acid targets*

Hsin-Chu Yeh, Jaswinder K. Saini,  
Jennifer S. Martinez, and James H. Werner



*Light up upon binding pathogenic DNA targets for bioforensics*  
*Direct visualization of single-nucleotide polymorphisms, key enablers in personalized medicine*  
*Superior signal-to-background ratio*  
*Reusable, inexpensive, and easy to use*



2011 R&D100 Entry  
**Th-ING**  
**Thorium Is Now Green**  
Jagannath, Kippenberger and Thribut Central

Produces thorium materials that are safe, environmentally friendly, and cost effective

Enables the development of materials required for a thorium-driven nuclear-fuel cycle

Uses commercial products and can be applied at an industrial scale

Converts legacy radioactive waste into useful materials for peaceful thorium energy applications







In response to DOE's guidance, we are developing a pre-conceptual design proposal for MaRIE.



Current activities with NNSA and NE are key steps down the path:  
LANSCE → Linac Risk Mitigation → MTS → MaRIE

# Introduction and Summary

- DOE/NNSA has affirmed its commitment to LANSCE for the next decade.
  - Letter from 3 Under Secretaries recognized role of LANSCE at LANL.
  - Requested LANL to develop strategy for long term science facility development.
- LANL has identified a clear scientific need: prediction and control of materials in extreme environments.
  - The broader community has validated the science opportunity via workshops.
  - The workshop process identified needs and gaps relative to today's capabilities.
- A facility concept has been developed to meet this need: Matter-Radiation Interactions in Extremes (MaRIE).
  - The proposed set of capabilities is unique.
  - Ongoing investments at LANSCE are an important base for this strategy.
- The science case and facility concept for MaRIE are complete: next step is CD-0.
  - Mission need crosses DOE, including NNSA, SC (BES, FES), and Energy (NE).
  - Developing a plan and budget profile requires active engagement from these offices

**We request your support to pursue a broad, DOE-wide  
CD-0 under the leadership of S-4.**



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# NSA has launched a “New Facilities Committee” somewhat emulating the Orbach 2003 SC Facility Plan.

Dear Dr. Anastasio:

The Office of Defense Programs is developing a strategy for construction of new experimental science facilities. This strategy builds on the framework laid out in the Stockpile Stewardship and Management Plan and will be included in the next submission of this Plan to Congress. The goal of the strategy is to ensure that NSA and its national laboratories will have the capabilities to address future national security needs and to provide premier scientific user facilities for recruiting and retention. The strategy will also guide budgetary planning.

To prioritize construction of new facilities, a formal call for proposals will be announced. Submitted proposals will be presented to a review panel in a meeting

This process will focus on large facilities. Roughly, a large facility investment is taken to be one with costs exceeding \$100M. Smaller scale facilities that would be part of a technical roadmap for development of a large facility will also be considered.

send the name of the nominee to Dr. Christopher Deeney. As NSA would like to send out the proposal call by mid-summer, the Committee’s work should be completed within the next two months.

Sincerely,



DONALD L. COOK  
Deputy Administrator



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## New Facilities Committee

- **Jason Pruet, NSA**
- **Melissa Marggraff, LLNL**
- **Julia Phillips, SNL**
- **John Sarrao, LANL**

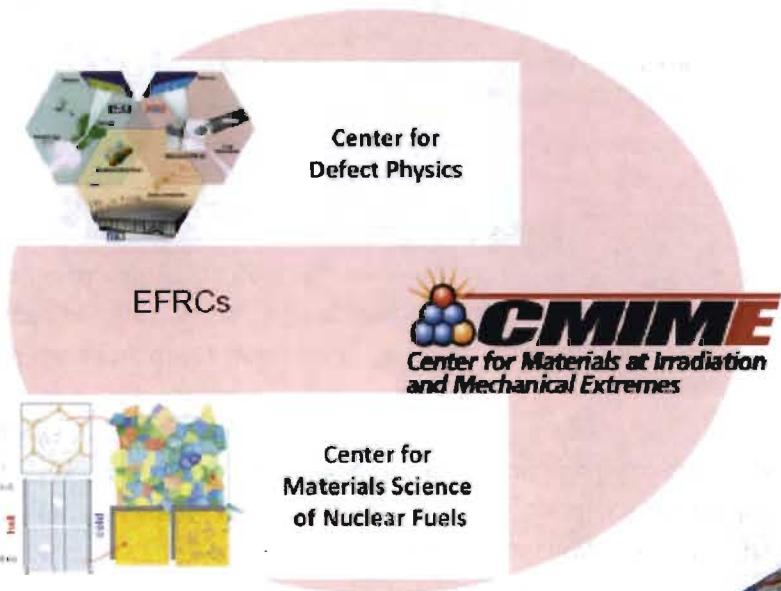
## Meetings

- **LLNL, 6/28**
- **Washington, DC, 7/14**

## Output

- **Define values, criteria, proposal content, review process.**
- **(NOT to perform actual review)**

Recent efforts to integrate theory and experiment through co-design for materials in extremes are succeeding and build on LDRD investments.



LDRD-DR: Dennis-Koller



LDRD-DR: Germann



LDRD-DR: Beyerlein

OSTP "Materials Genome Initiative"

*Materials in Extremes/Irradiation Resistant Materials (BES/FES/ASCR)/NNSA/NE*

# FY11 LDRD Reserve investments (~\$2.5M) targeted on materials in extremes accelerate science underlying MaRIE first experiments.

MaRIE	XFEL physics	Coherence Effects in X-ray Diffraction Imaging	Quinn Marksteiner John Barber
		Control of XFEL-Radiation Focusing through Electron-Beam Manipulation	Kip Bishofberger
	APS expts	Synchrotron X-ray Laue Diffraction and Phase Contrast Imaging of Fe and Explosive Simulants under Shock Loading	Shengnian Luo
	Advanced pRad	In-Situ Probing Monitoring of Microstructure Evolution During Annealing of Radiation Damage with High Energy Synchrotron X-ray Diffraction	Donald Brown
	Synthesis science	Three Dimensional Quantification of Metallic Microstructures in the Presence of Damage	Curt Bronkhorst
	Achieving the Ultimate Spatial and Density Resolution of 800 MeV Proton Radiography	Alexander Saunders	
	Developing and synthesizing epitaxial nanocomposites with controlled defect landscapes and desired functionalities	Quanxi Jia	
	Fluid Flow Imaging of Alloy Melts and In-situ Fundamental Solidification Experiments at Temperature Extremes	Amy Clarke	
	Microstructure Analysis for Extreme Events: A Stochastic Modeling Framework for Microstructure Datasets	John Bingert	
	Materials Certification	John Sarrao	

In 2009 we engaged more than 225 scientists from 80 institutions in 7 countries in a MaRIE-inspired dialogue (we continue to host workshops).

**Research Frontiers and Capability Gaps for Controlling and Designing Functional Materials**  
January 20-22, 2009  
Los Alamos National Laboratory  
Los Alamos Research Park  
Organizers: Mark McCleary and Tariq Lookman

**Decadal Challenges for Predicting and Controlling Materials Performance in Extremes**  
A Report of a Workshop held December 6-10, 2009  
Bishop's Lodge  
Santa Fe, NM  
April, 2010

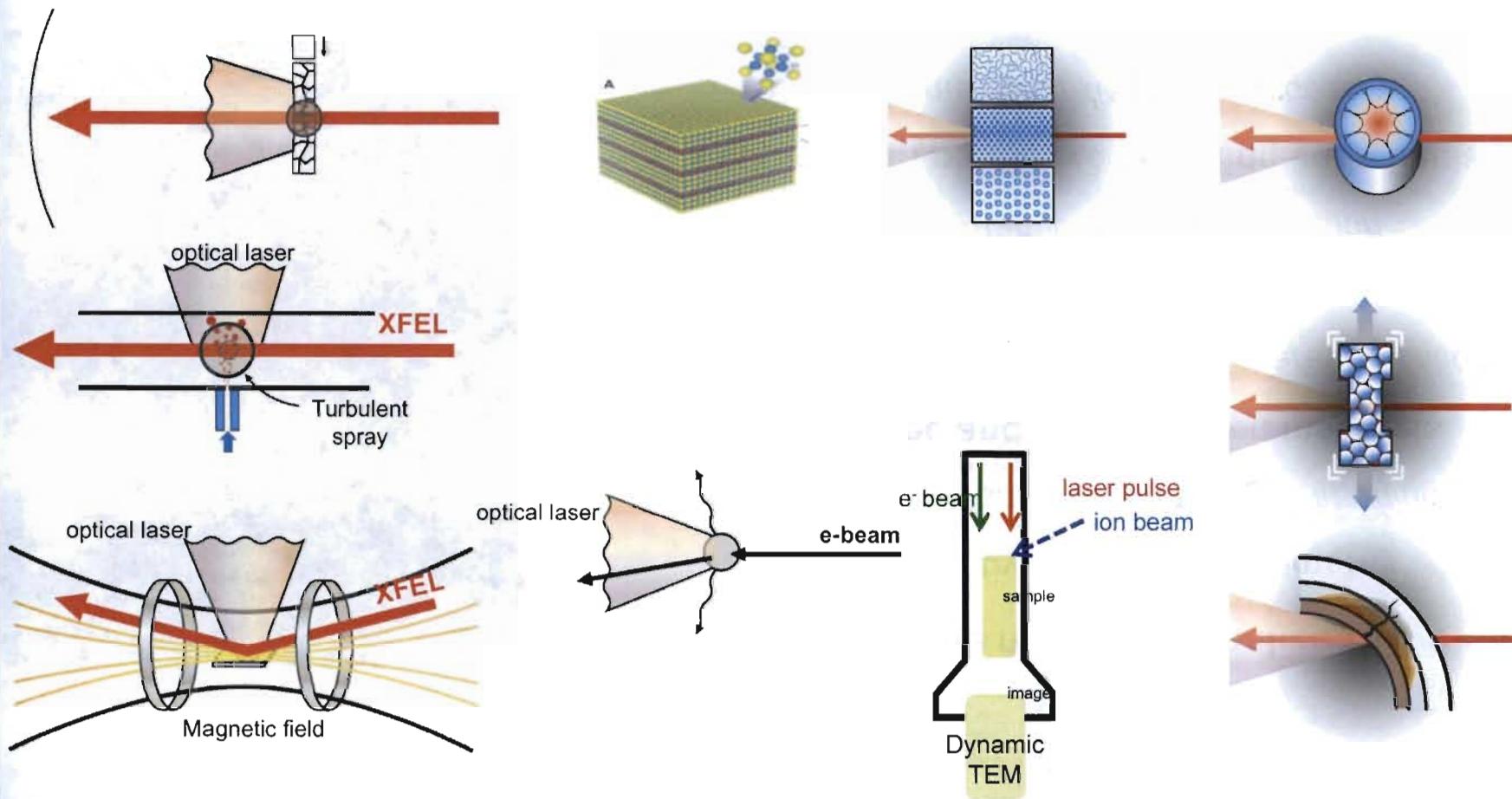
**Structural Materials Under Extreme Conditions**  
A MaRIE Workshop  
Los Alamos National Laboratory, July 29-31, 2009  
Workshop Chairman: Bob Field

**Workshop: Research Needs for Material Mixing at Extremes**  
La Fonda Hotel, Santa Fe, New Mexico  
January 9-12, 2011  
Workshop Chairman: Michael Asta  
Local organizers: James Tuck, Robert Gao, Fernando Grisolia, Katherine Hazzard, Christopher Jenkins, Caty Horne (Los Alamos National Laboratory).  
External organizers: Oleg Schilling (Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory), William Heid (Sandia National Laboratory), Dale Pohl (Carnegie Institute of Technology), Joseph Kao (Duke University).  
Los Alamos National Laboratory

**A Summary Report on the 21st Century Needs and Challenges of Compression Science Workshop**  
September 22-25, 2009  
Bishop's Lodge, Santa Fe, NM  
Organizers: David Funk, George T. (Buddy) Gray, Tim Germann, and Rick Mertens

**Research Needs and Opportunities for Characterization of Activated Samples at X-Ray and Neutron User Facilities**  
Bishop's Lodge, Santa Fe, NM  
September 20-22, 2009  
Workshop Chairman: Tom Hadden, Mark Bouche, and Stuart Matis

First experiment teams include ~170 scientists from ~ 60 institutions in 10 countries.

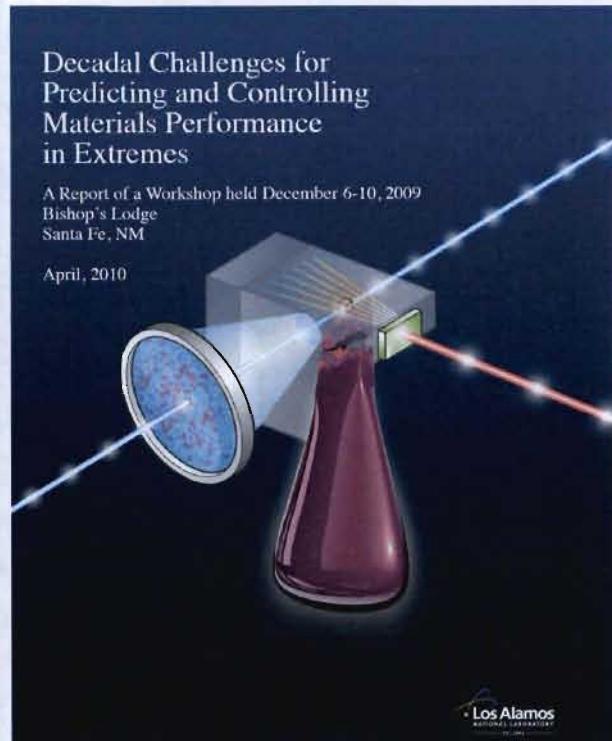


*We are laying the foundation for a robust MaRIE user community.*

# Materials research is on the brink of a new era – moving from observation of performance to control of properties.

The confluence of improved experimental capabilities (e.g. 4<sup>th</sup> generation light sources, controlled synthesis and characterization, ...) and simulation advances are providing remarkable insights at length and time scales previously inaccessible.

MaRIE



New capabilities will be needed to realize this vision:

**In situ, dynamic measurements**

*simultaneous scattering & imaging*

**of well-controlled and characterized materials**

*advanced synthesis and characterization*

**in extreme environments**

*dynamic loading, irradiation*

**coupled with predictive modeling and simulation**

*materials design & discovery*

# MaRIE builds on the LANSCE facility to provide unique experimental tools to meet this need.

First x-ray scattering capability at high energy and high repetition frequency with simultaneous charged particle dynamic imaging

(MPDH: Multi-Probe Diagnostic Hall)

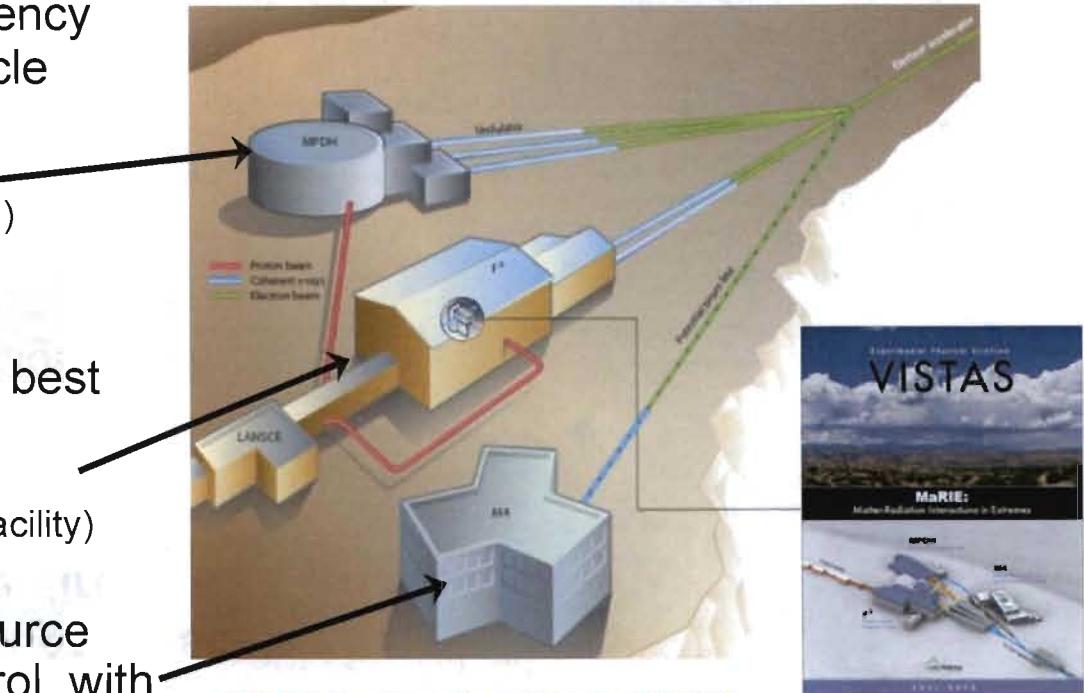
Unique in-situ diagnostics and irradiation environments beyond best planned facilities

(F<sup>3</sup>: Fission and Fusion Materials Facility)

Comprehensive, integrated resource for materials synthesis and control, with national security infrastructure

(M4: Making, Measuring & Modeling Materials Facility)

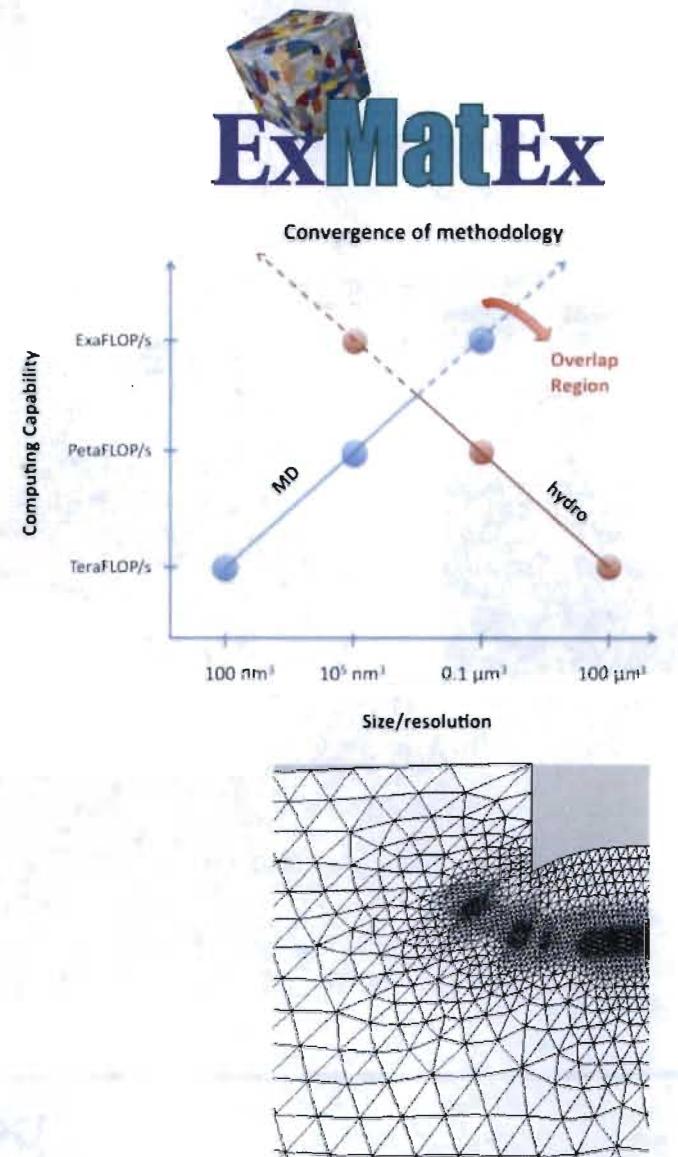
***MaRIE will provide unprecedented international user resources.***



- Unique very hard x-ray XFEL
- Unique simultaneous photon-proton imaging measurements
- Unique spallation neutron-based irradiation capability
- Unique in-situ, transient radiation damage measurements
- Unique materials design and discovery capability

# Co-design objective of the ExMatEx Center

- We will develop a multiphysics exascale simulation framework for modeling materials subjected to extreme *mechanical* and *radiation* environments.
- Our strategy is a UQ-driven *adaptive physics refinement* in which coarse-scale simulations spawn sub-scale direct numerical simulations as needed.
  - This task-based approach leverages the extensive concurrency and heterogeneity expected at exascale while enabling fault tolerance within applications.
  - The programming models and approaches developed to achieve this will be broadly applicable to a variety of multiscale, multiphysics applications.



## Co-design objective of the ExMatEx Center

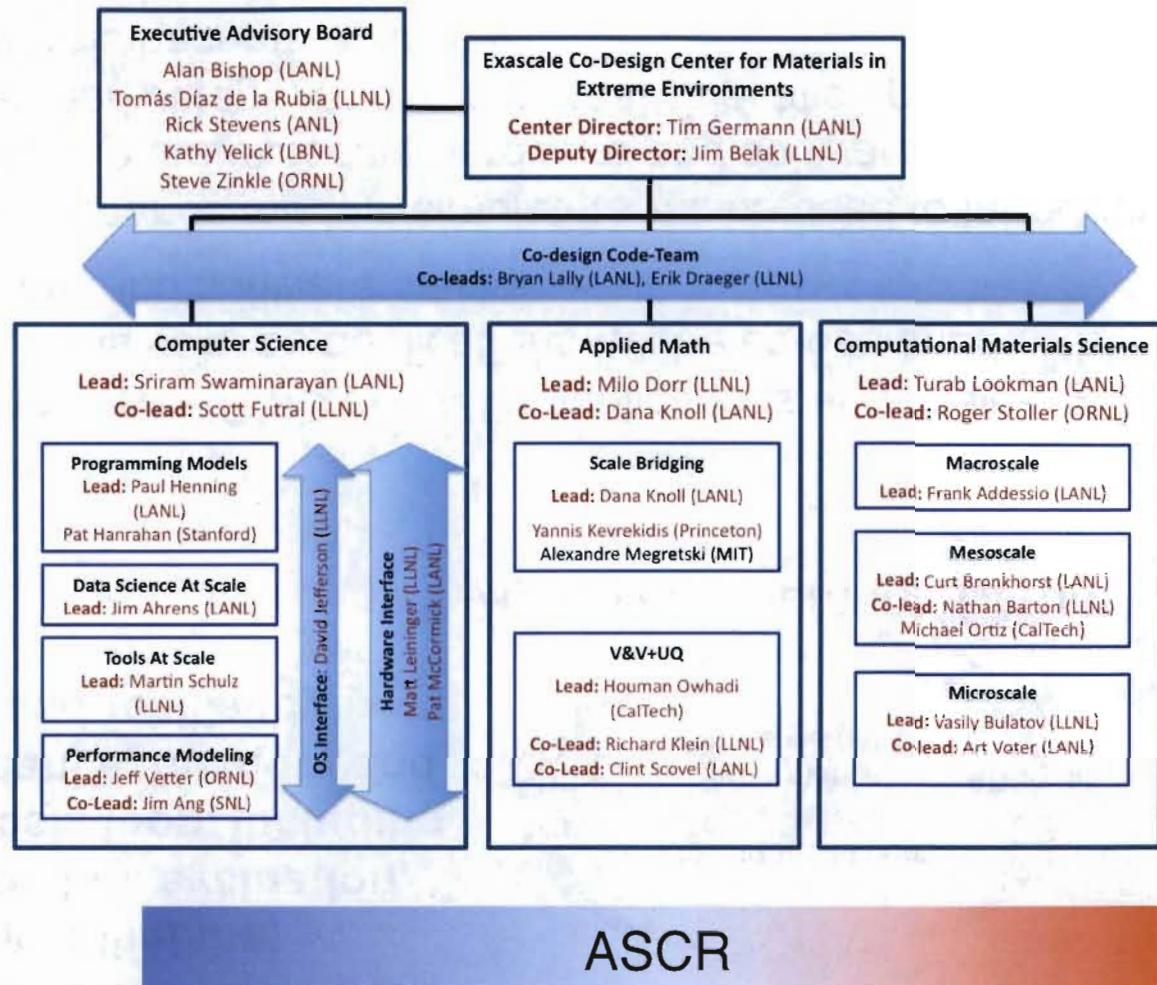
- We will establish and execute a continuous (i.e., throughout the project lifetime) algorithm/hardware modeling, evaluation, optimization, and synthesis loop, including optimization for performance, memory and data movement, power, and resiliency.



Agile Development “Scrum”

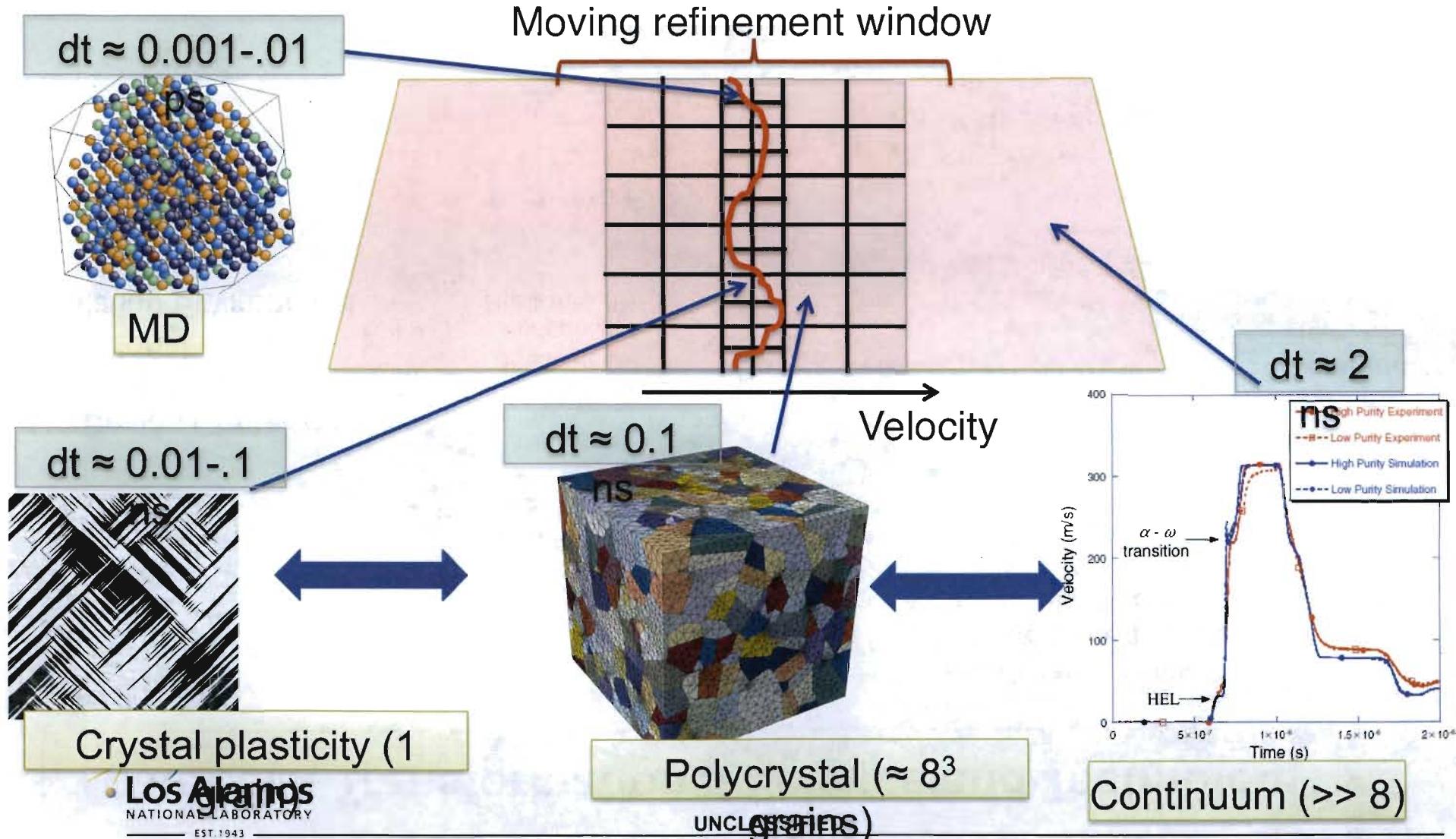
- Both single-physics (e.g. petascale QMD and MD) applications and scale-bridging multi-physics materials science applications will be co-designed with candidate exascale hardware and software stacks.
- Proxy applications and performance models/simulators will be used to introduce a realistic domain workload into the exascale hardware and software stack development process at an early stage, and enable real scientific applications ready when exascale platforms become available.

# We are planning the Exascale Co-Design Center for Materials in Extreme Environments (“ExMatEx”)



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# Adaptive Physics Refinement in the course of shock propagation



Crystal plasticity (1

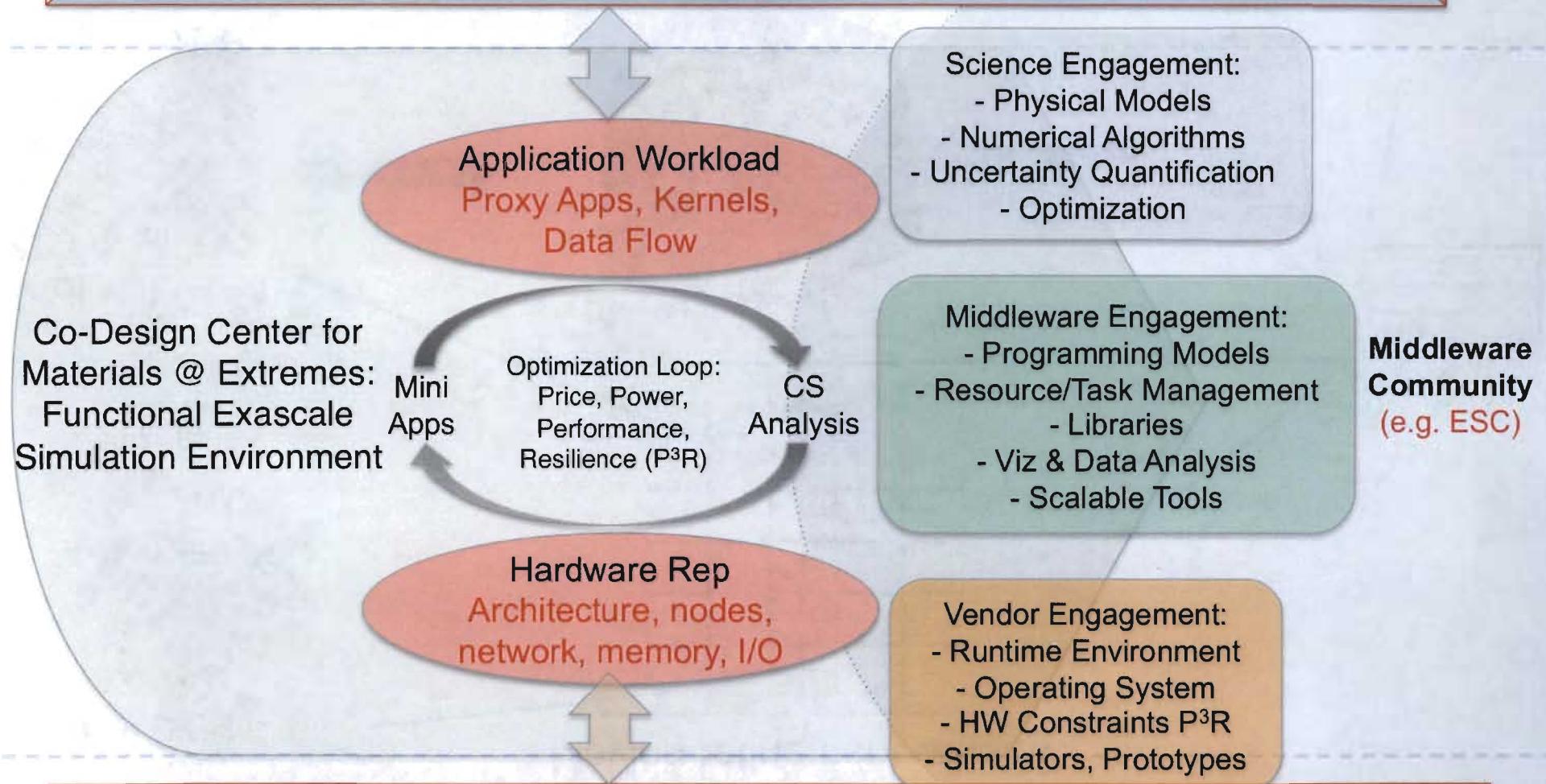
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Polycrystal ( $\approx 8^3$   
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Continuum ( $\gg 8$ )

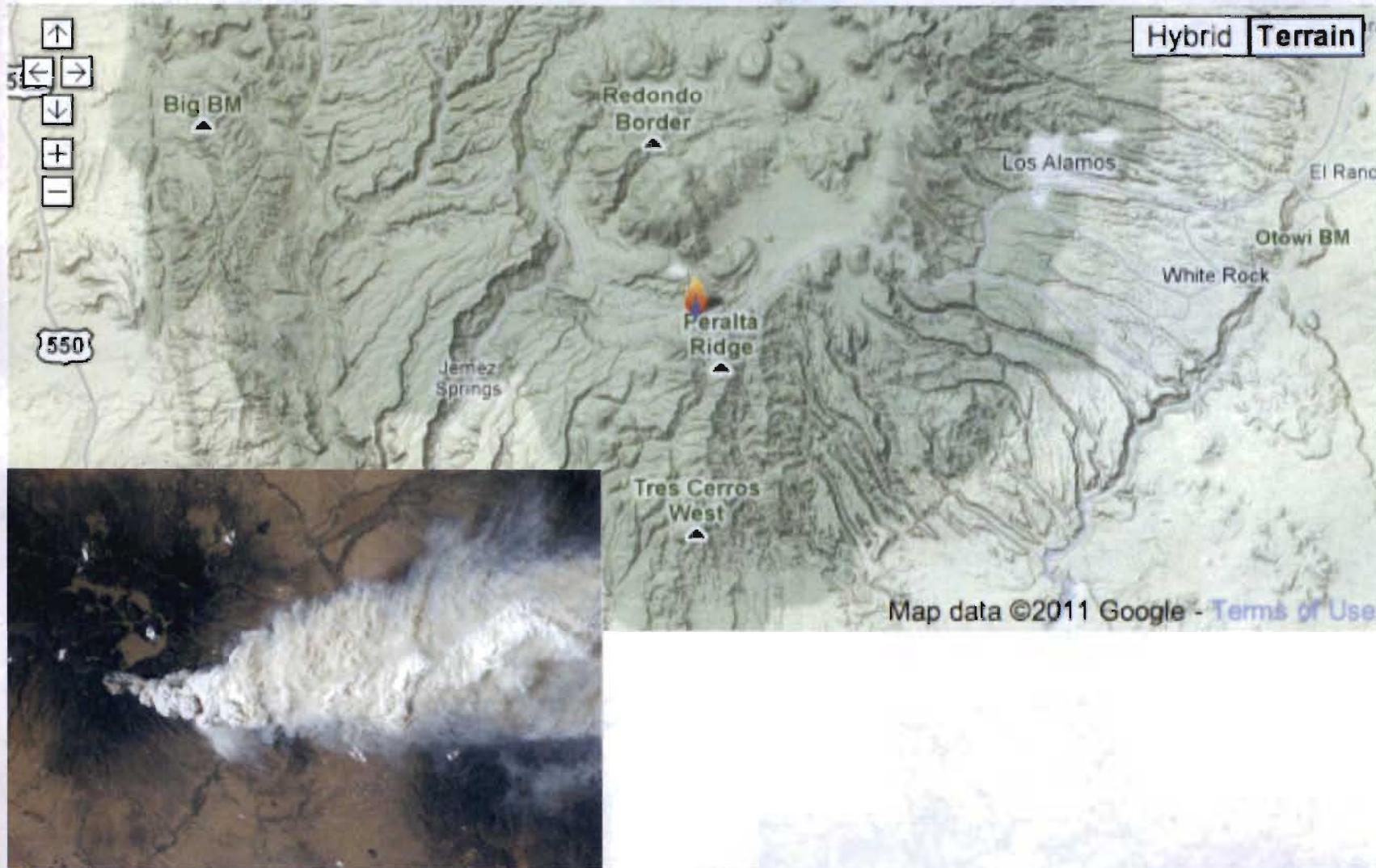
## Materials: Transformational Science and Technology



## Hardware: Innovative Technology Development e.g. IBM, Cray, Intel, Nvidia

## Las Conchas Fire

# Early Stages of the Fire



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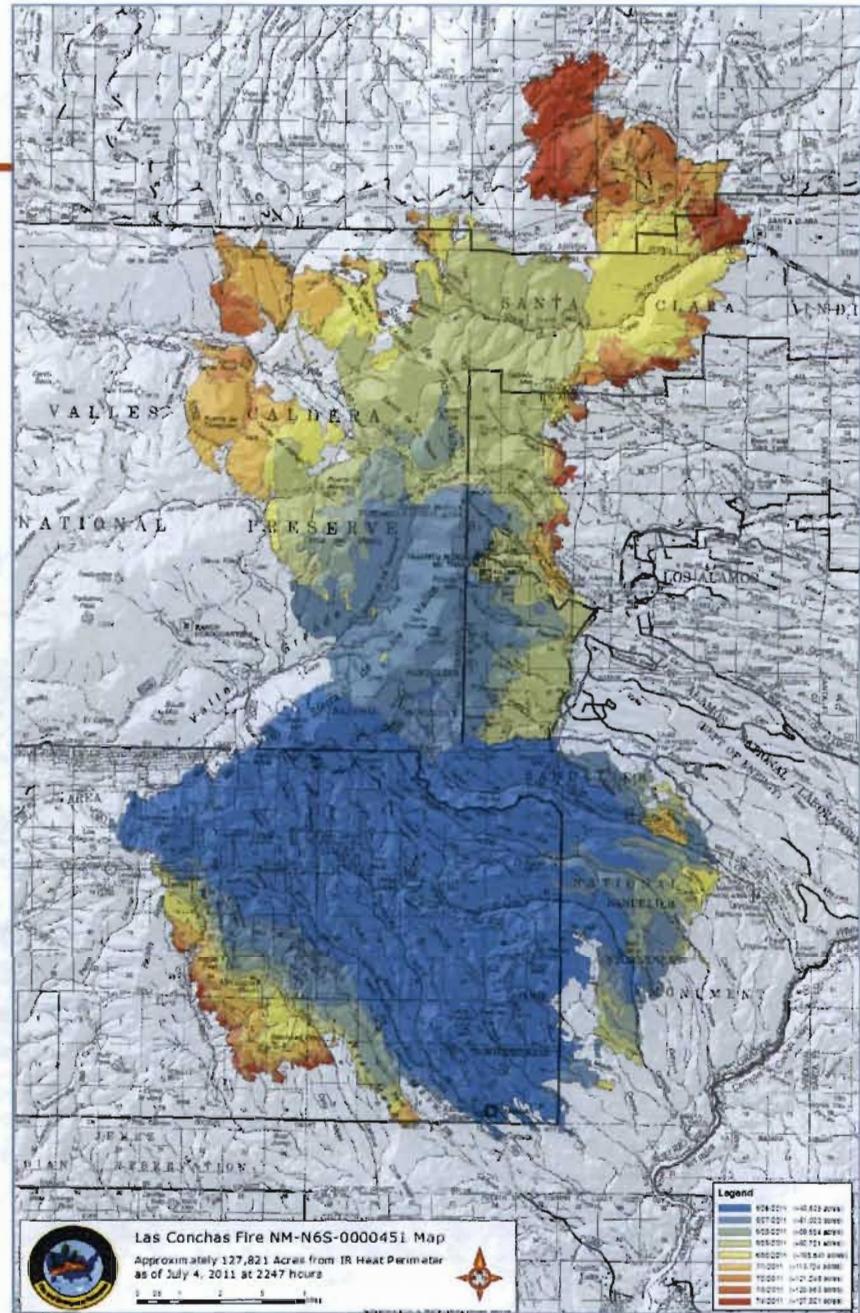
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## Fire Statistics as of July 6

- Acres burned: 130,691
- Percent contained: 30%
- Total Personnel: 2,557 includes 63 crews
- Resources
  - Helicopters: 20
  - Engines: 91
  - Water Tenders: 35
  - Dozers: 14
- Residences
  - Threatened: 410
  - Destroyed: 62
- Commercial Property
  - Threatened: 45
  - Destroyed: 0
- Outbuildings
  - Threatened: 110
  - Destroyed: 32



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## Las Conchas Fire

The fire formed an enormous smoke plume.



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