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Physics and life at the US DOE National Labs

Clark S. Snow

Some great advice

- Never trust a dog to watch your food. - Patrick, age 10
- When your dad is mad and asks you, "Do I look stupid?" don't answer him. - Michael, 14
- Never tell your mom her diet's not working. - Michael, 14
- When your mom is mad at your dad, don't let her brush your hair.- Taylia, 11
- Don't sneeze in front of mom when you're eating crackers.- Mitchell, 12
- Don't squat with your spurs on. – Jason, 9
- Don't pick on your sister when she's holding a baseball bat.- Joel, 10
- When you get a bad grade in school, show it to your mom when she's on the phone. - Alyesha, 13
- Never try to baptize a cat. – Elaine, 11

Personal Background

- Southern California native, go **Dodgers!**
- BS, MS Brigham Young University, go **Cougars!**
- Accepted twice to UIUC
- PhD with Lance Cooper in 2003

Starting UIUC

Graduation Day



My Research at UIUC



- Strongly correlated electron systems
- High-pressure Raman scattering at low-T and B-Field

Pressure-Tuned Collapse of the Mott-Like State in $\text{Ca}_{n+1}\text{Ru}_n\text{O}_{3n+1}$ ($n=1,2$): Raman Spectroscopic Studies

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We report a Raman scattering study of the pressure-induced collapse of the Mott-like phases of $\text{Ca}_3\text{Ru}_2\text{O}_7$ ($T_N=56$ K) and Ca_2RuO_4 ($T_N=110$ K). The pressure-dependence of the phonon and two-magnon excitations in these materials indicate: (i) a $T \sim 0$ pressure-induced collapse of the antiferromagnetic (AF) insulating phase above $P^* \sim 55$ kbar in $\text{Ca}_3\text{Ru}_2\text{O}_7$ and $P^* \sim 5$ -10 kbar in Ca_2RuO_4 ; (ii) a surprising insensitivity of the exchange interaction to pressure in both systems; and (iii) evidence for persistent AF correlations above the critical pressure of Ca_2RuO_4 , suggestive of phase separation involving AF insulator and ferromagnetic metal phases.

PACS numbers: 71.30.+h; 75.30.Kz; 75.50.Ef; 78.30.-j

Quantum Melting of the Charge Density Wave State in 1T-TiSe₂

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(Dated: June 19, 2003)

We report a Raman scattering study of low-temperature, pressure-induced melting of the CDW phase of 1T-TiSe₂. Our Raman scattering measurements reveal that the collapse of the CDW state occurs in three stages: (i) For $P < 5$ kbar, the pressure dependence of the CDW amplitude mode energies and intensities are indicative of a "crystalline" CDW regime; (ii) for $5 < P < 25$ kbar, there is a decrease in the CDW amplitude mode energies and intensities with increasing pressure that suggests a regime in which the CDW softens, and may decouple from the lattice; and (iii) for $P > 25$ kbar, the absence of amplitude modes reveals a melted CDW regime.

PACS numbers: 71.30.+h; 71.45.Lr; 78.30.-j

My Job Search

On-Line Applications

- ~50 Applications
- 2 phone interviews
- 1 invitation for interview

China Lake NWC
Ridgecrest, CA

Direct Contact

- 2 Discussions
- 2 invitations for interview

Post-Doc at LANL
Staff at Sandia

Referrals

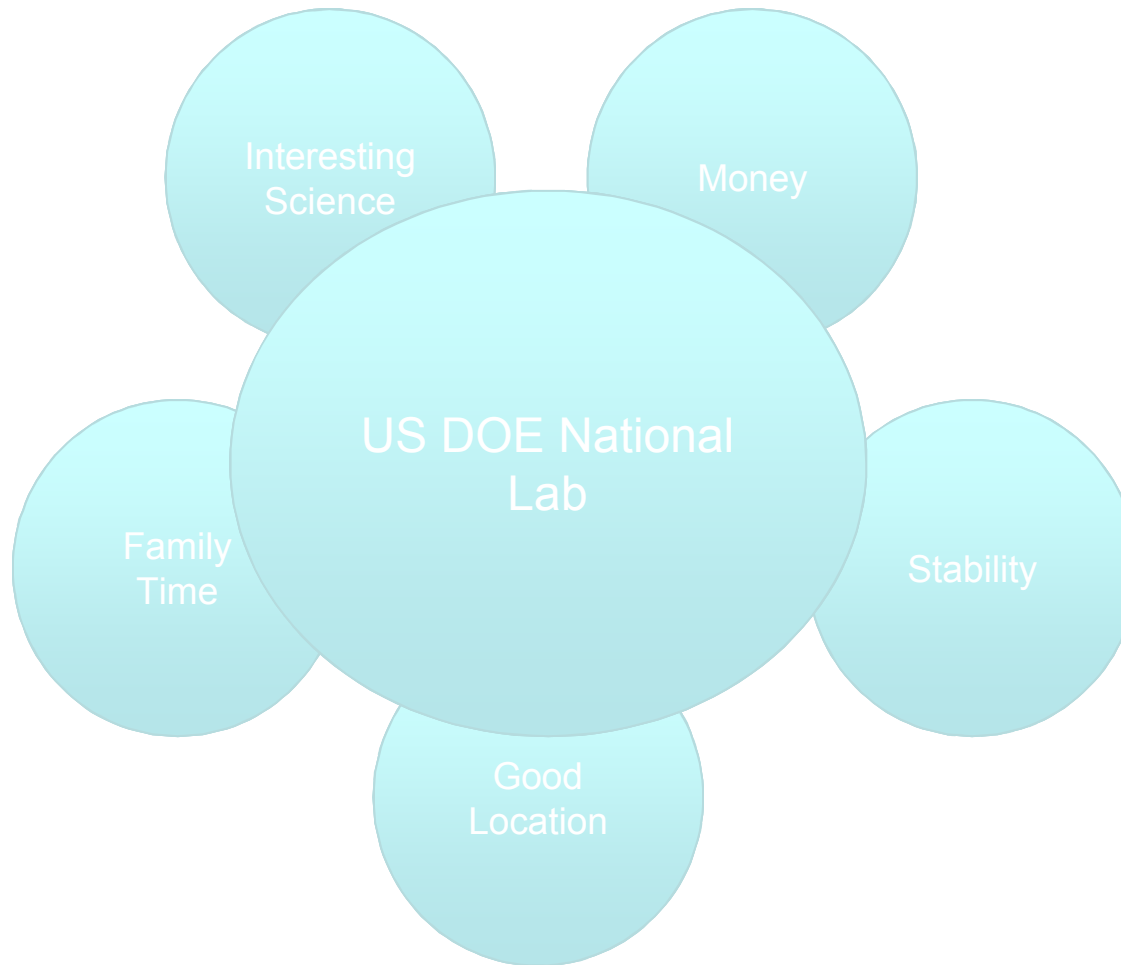
- 2 Referrals
- 2 phone interviews
- 2 invitations for interview

UC Santa Barbara
ATK Thiokol (Utah)

Job offers:

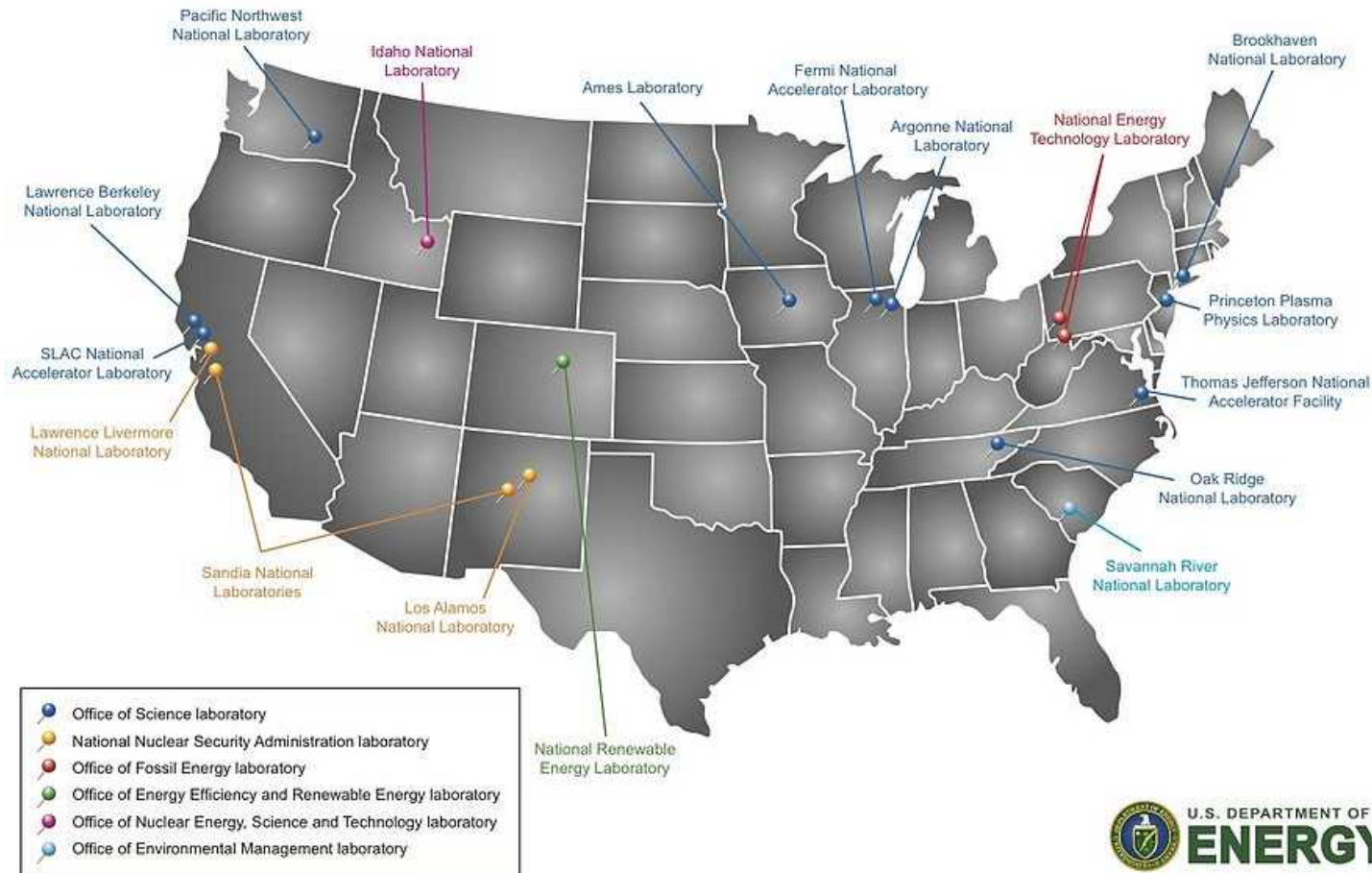
1. Post-Doc at LANL
2. Staff at Sandia
3. Staff at ATK Thiokol

What I wanted in Life



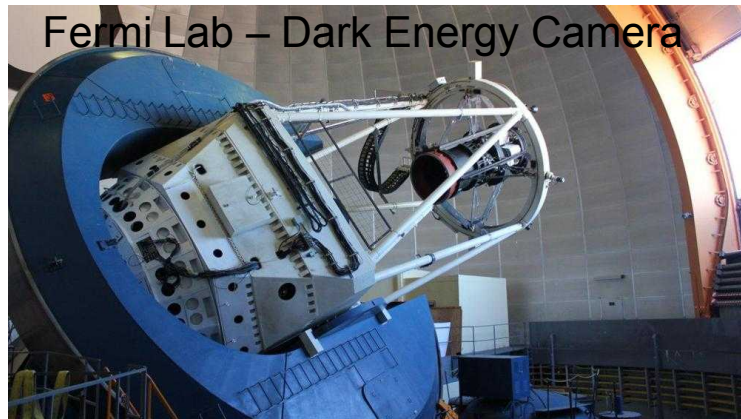
Overview of the US DOE system

Department of Energy National Laboratories

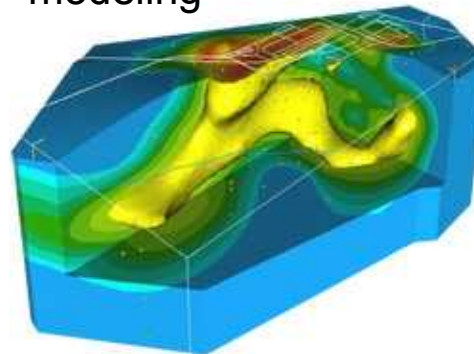


What do the DOE labs do?

- **Everything!**
- Nuclear Weapons
- Homeland Security
- Basic Science
- Energy Science
- Environmental Science



SRNL – ground water modeling

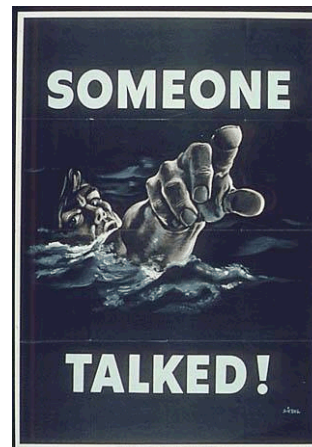


Sandia – z-machine



DOE Lab Culture

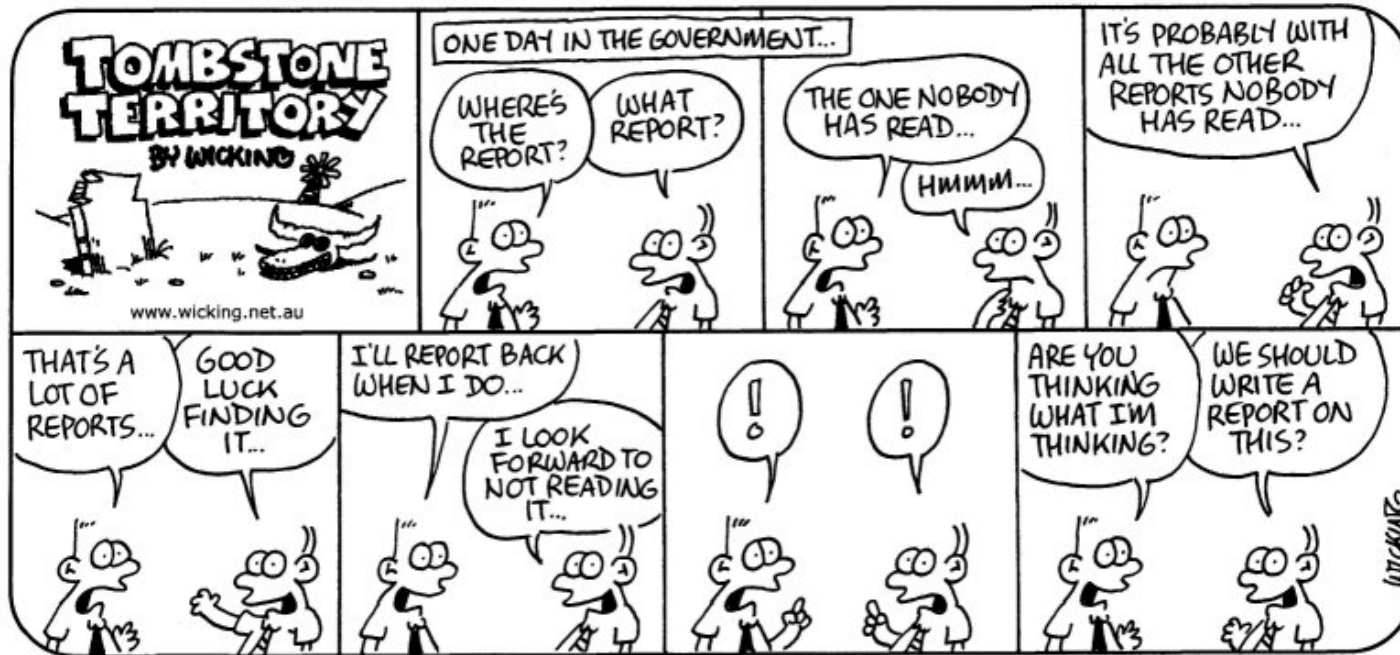
- Safety – ES&H (Environment, Safety and Health)
- Paperwork – goes with Safety
- Team work
- Meetings – goes with Team work
- Reports
- Funding
- Security



Safety is Everywhere



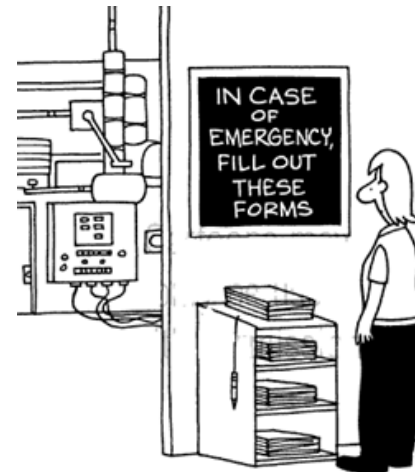
Paperwork is Everywhere



PAPERWORK

No job is finished until the paperwork is done

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Meetings are Everywhere

Are you lonely?

Tired of working on your own?

Do you hate making decisions?

HOLD A MEETING!

You can –

- See people
- Show charts
- Feel important
- Point with a stick
- Eat donuts
- Impress your colleagues

All on company time!



MEETINGS

THE PRACTICAL ALTERNATIVE TO WORK



MEETINGS

If there weren't some way to round-up the incompetent people and have them waste each other's time, the workers would never be able to get anything done.

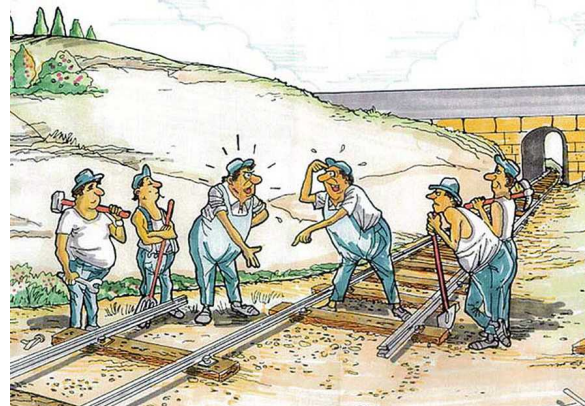
SlackPak.com 'A Step in the Face With a Met Pak'



MEETINGS

NONE OF US IS AS DUMB AS ALL OF US.

- Labs typically tackle larger problems
- Work with technologists, financial and budget analysts, other scientists



What do you work on (money)?

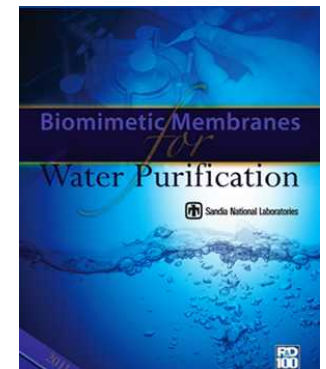
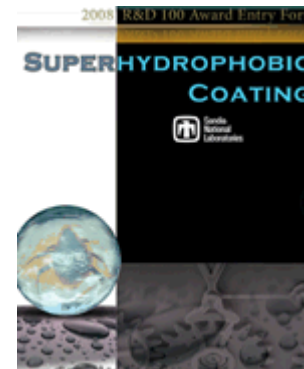
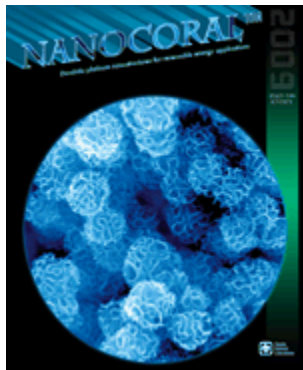
LDRD

LDRD projects must be in the forefront areas of science and technology relevant to DOE/NNSA missions. Normally LDRD projects will be relatively small and will also include one or more of the following characteristics—

- (1) advanced study of hypotheses, concepts, or innovative approaches to scientific or technical problems;
- (2) experiments and analyses directed towards “proof of principle” or early determination of the utility of new scientific ideas, technical concepts, or devices; and
- (3) conception and preliminary technical analyses of experimental facilities or devices.

b. Normally LDRD projects will be limited to a maximum period of performance of 36 months. Exceptions may be granted by the (CSO)/Deputy Administrator, NNSA, or his/her authorized designee.

c. The maximum funding level established for LDRD must not exceed 8 percent of a laboratory’s total operating and capital equipment budgets, including non-DOE funded work, for the year. The system for accrual of these funds, to a reasonable extent, must provide for equitable pro rata contributions by all sources of operating and capital equipment funding.



WFO

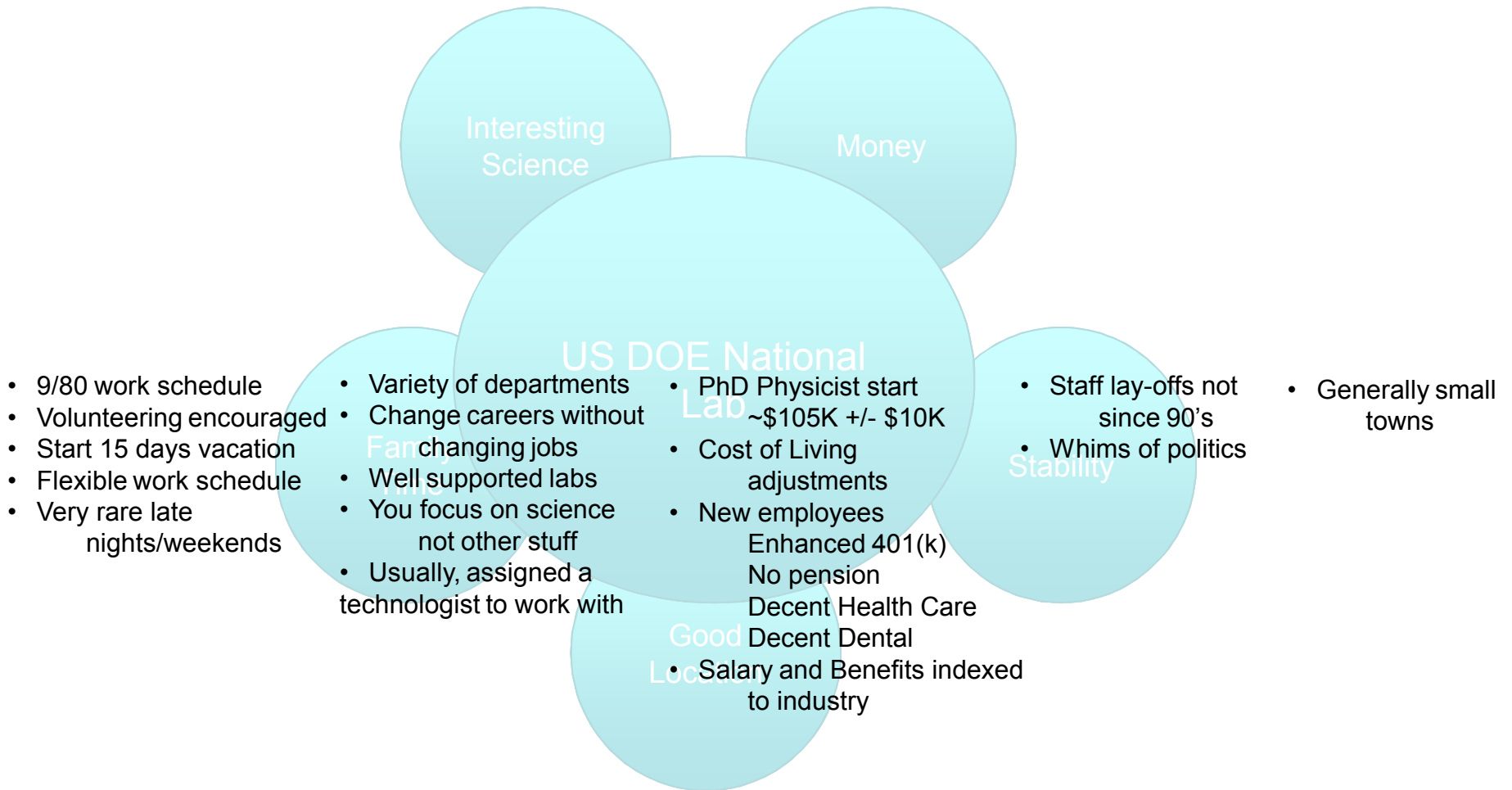
Industrial partners
Other Gov't agencies

NSF
DHS
DTRA
DARPA
ARPA-E
etc.

Programmatic

Existing programs funded
by someone already or
mandated by Congress.

What I wanted in Life

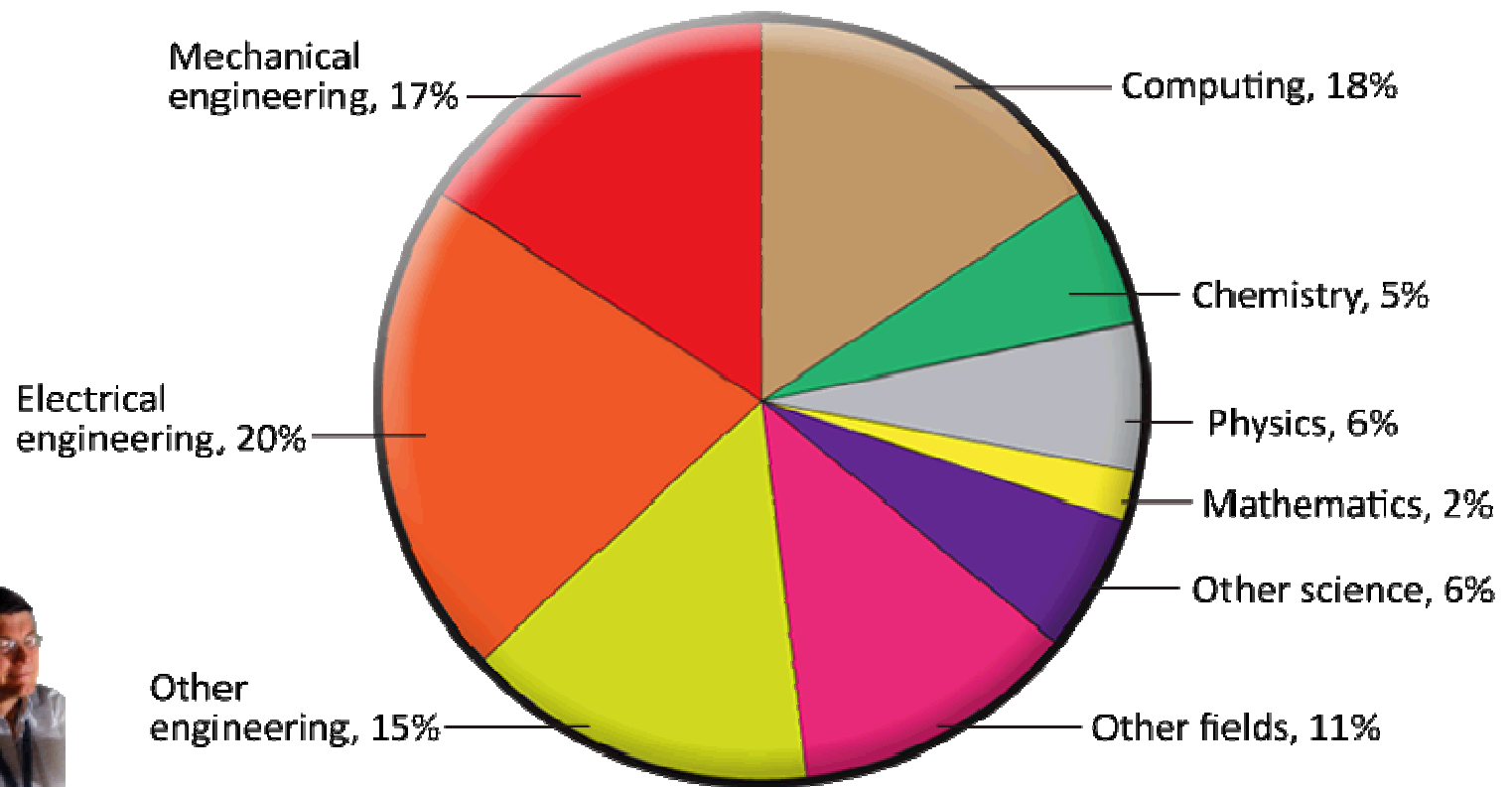


The Sandia Workforce

- Onsite workforce: 11,554
- Regular employees: 8,949
- Gross payroll: ~\$515M

Data for FY12 through the end of March

Technical staff (4,419) by discipline

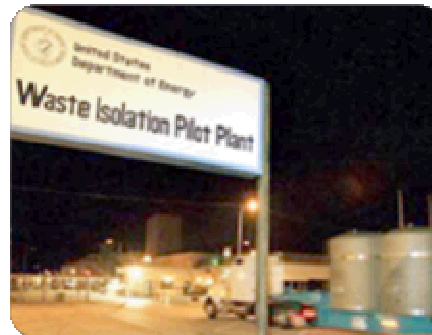


Sandia's Sites

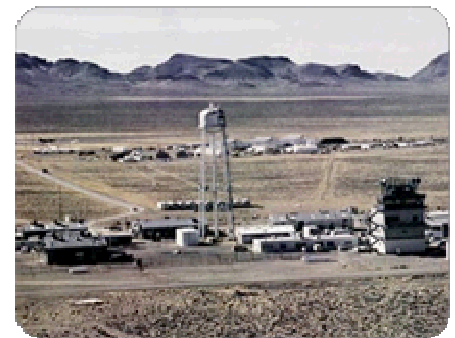
Albuquerque, New Mexico



Carlsbad, New Mexico



Tonopah, Nevada



Livermore, California



Amarillo, Texas



Kauai, Hawaii



Sandia in the Community

- United Way in 2011
 - New Mexico: >\$4.6M
 - California: >\$265,000
 - Participation
 - 2011 – 71.8%
 - 2010 – 70.3%
- Lockheed Martin donations to nonprofit organizations – \$1.4M
- Volunteer hours in 2011– 108,000
- K-12 education partnerships
- Began work on our 12th Habitat house in April 2012



National Security Challenges

1950s

Nuclear weapons

Production and
manufacturing
engineering



1960s

Development
engineering

Vietnam conflict



1970s

Multiprogram
laboratory

Energy crisis



1980s

Missile defense
work

Cold War



1990s

Post-Cold War
transition

Stockpile
stewardship



2000s

Post 9/11

National security



2010s

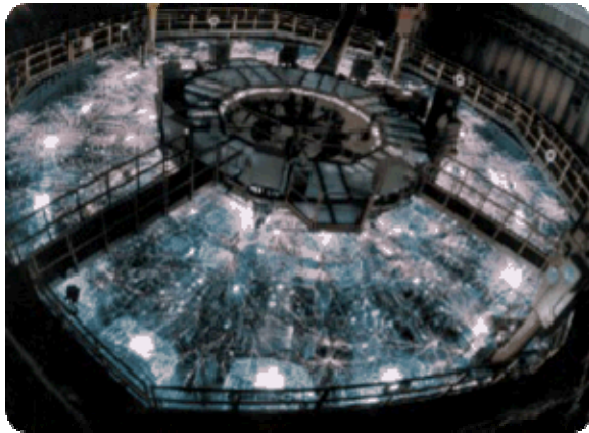
Life Extension Programs
START

National
security challenges



Nuclear Weapons

Pulsed power and radiation effects sciences



Design agency for nonnuclear components

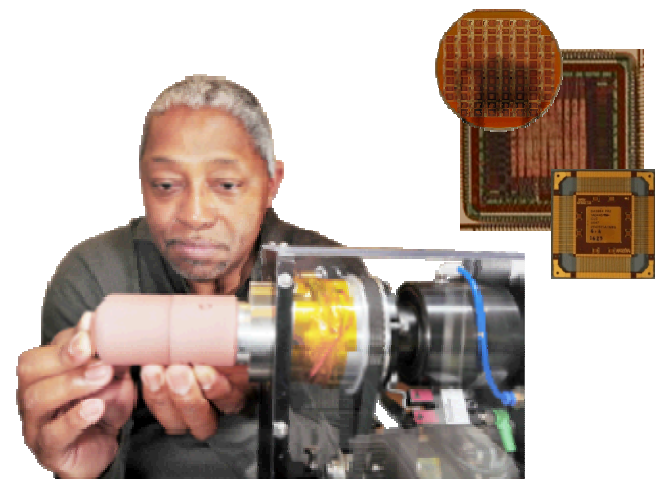
- Neutron generators
- Arming, fuzing and firing systems
- Safety systems
- Gas transfer systems



Warhead systems engineering and integration



Production agency



Defense Systems and Assessments

Synthetic aperture radar



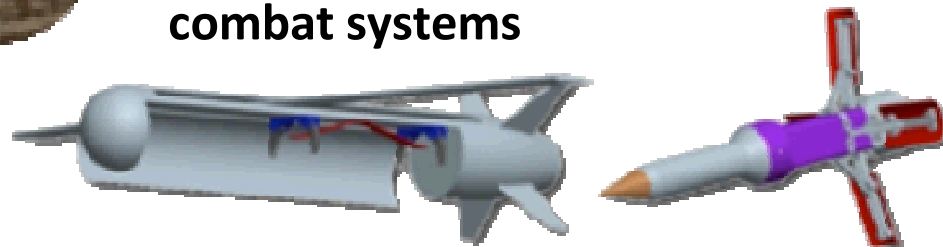
Support for NASA



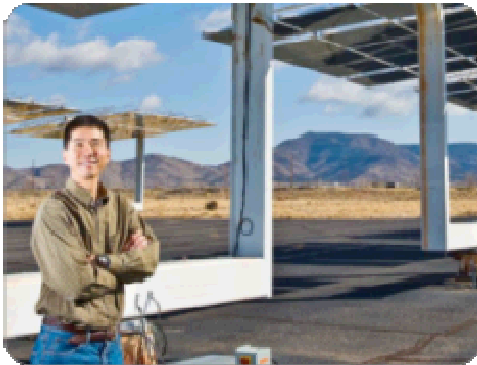
Support for ballistic missile defense



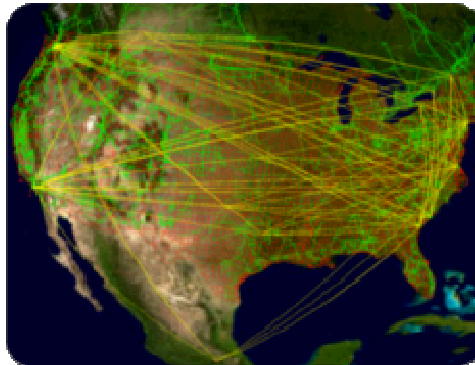
Ground sensors for future combat systems



Energy



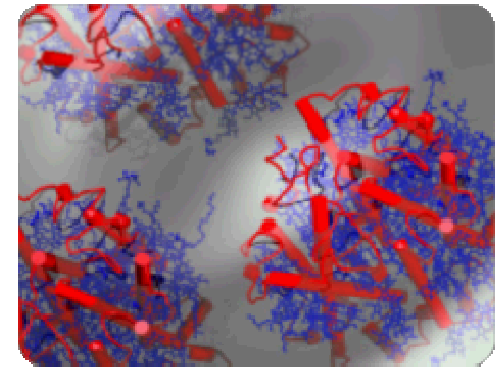
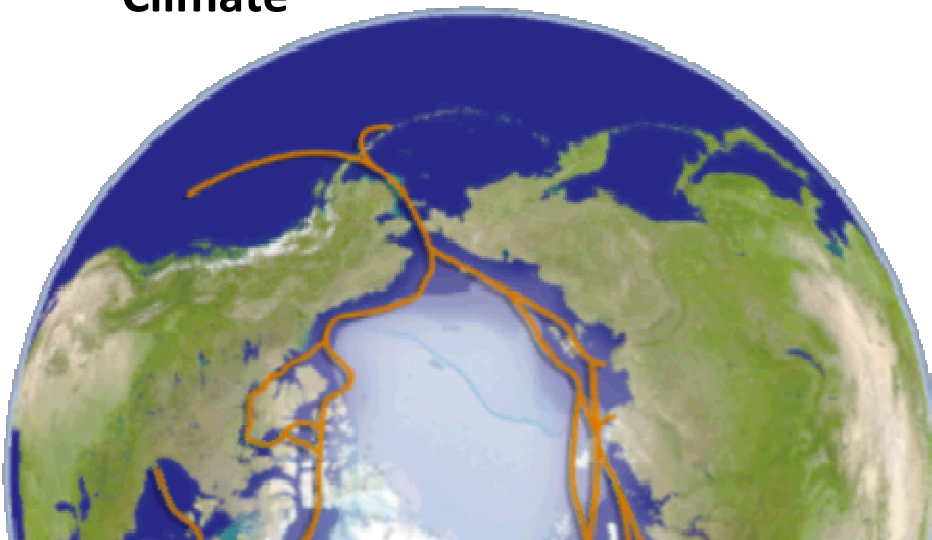
Infrastructure



Crosscuts and enablers



Climate



International, Homeland, and Nuclear Security

Critical asset protection



Homeland defense and force protection



Homeland security programs



Global security

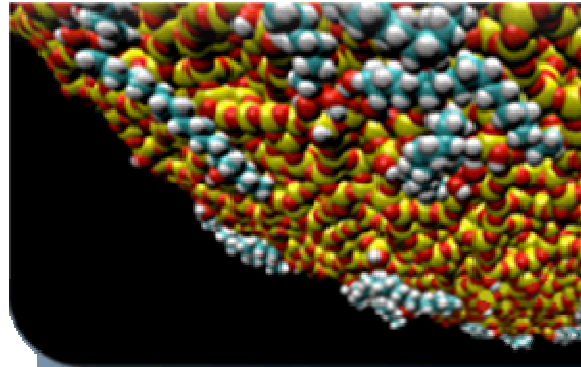


Science and Engineering Foundations

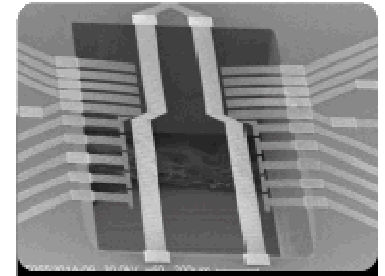
**Computing and
information science**



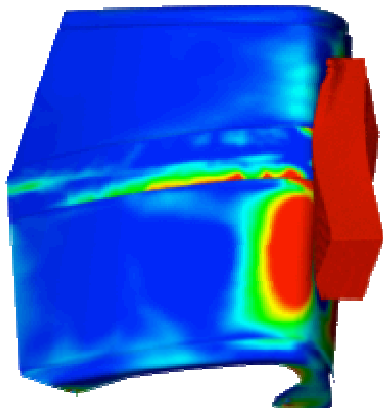
Materials science



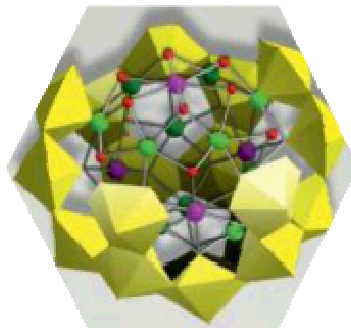
**Nanodevices and
microsystems**



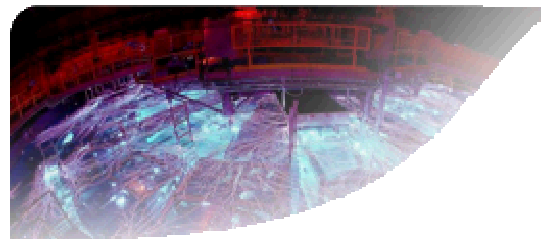
**Engineering
sciences**



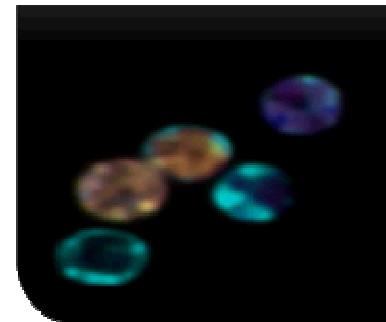
Geoscience



**Radiation effects
and high-energy
density science**



Bioscience

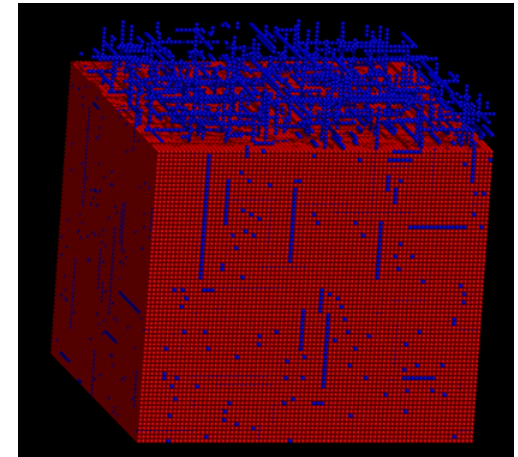
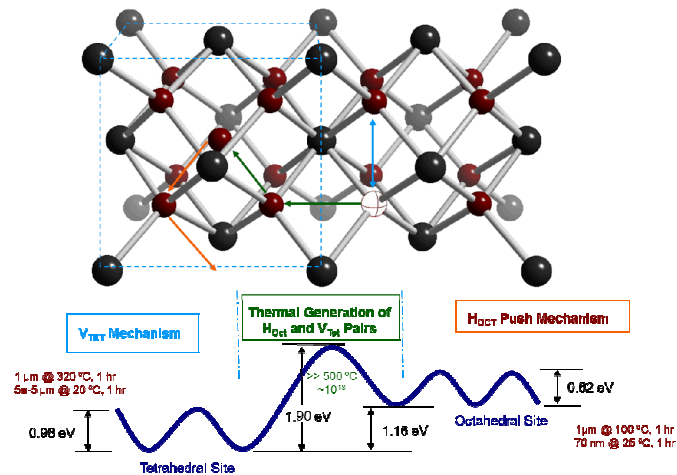


What I do at Sandia

Radiation Damage in Materials Metal-Hydrogen Interactions

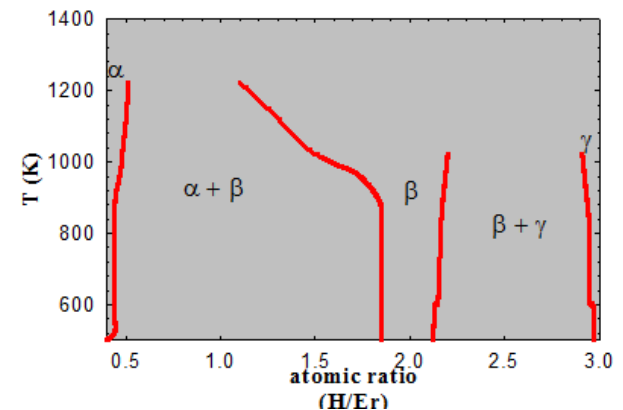
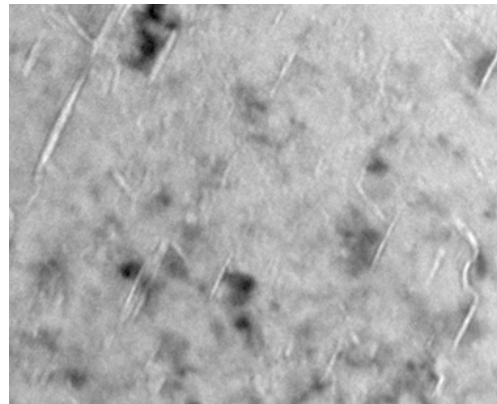
Modeling

- DFT
- KMC

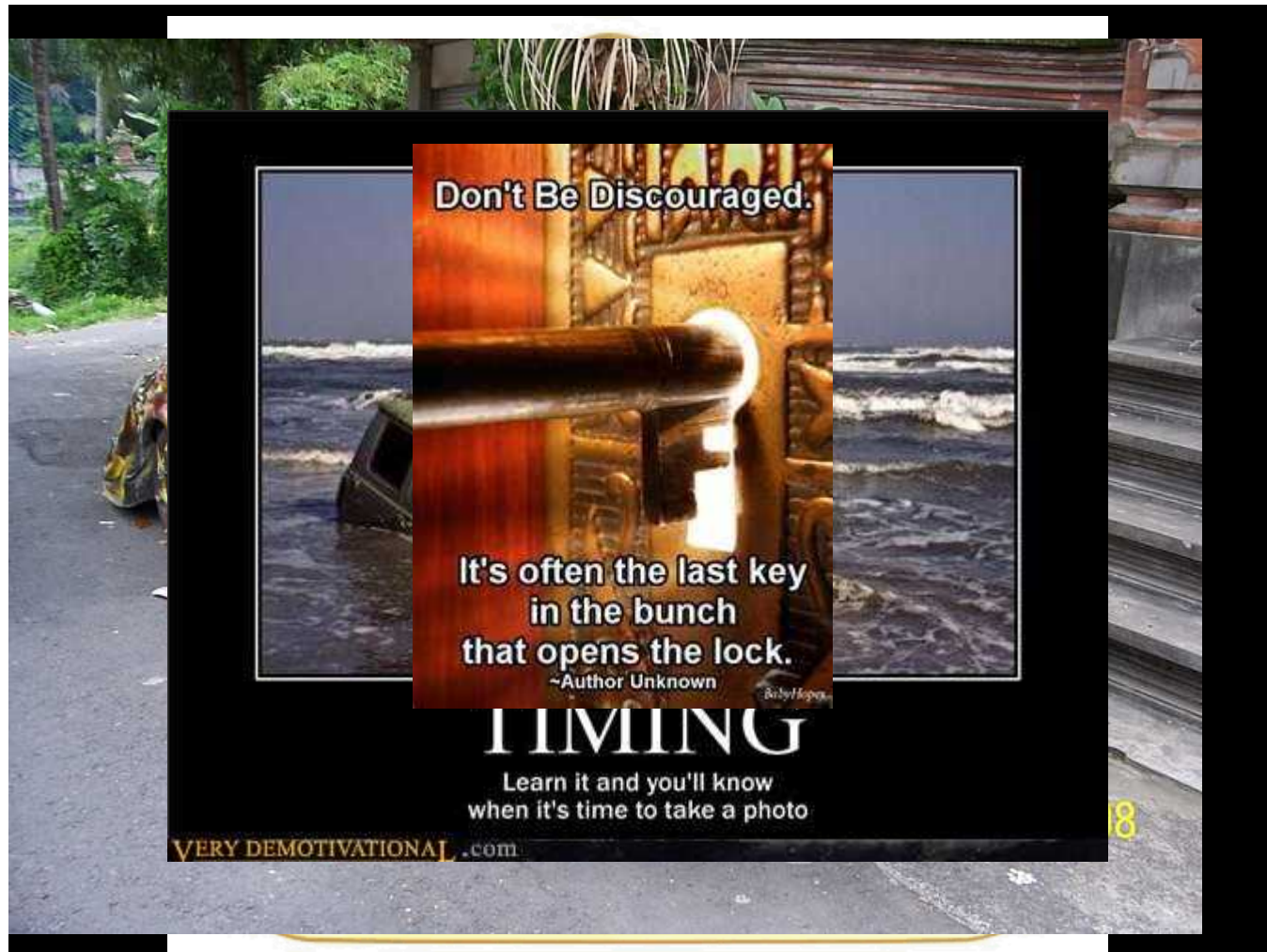


Experiments

- Thermodynamics of M-H systems
- Structure-Property changes with time



How to get hired



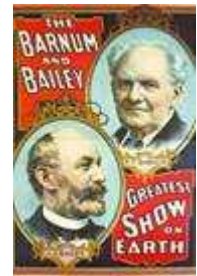
Being successful in a DOE Lab

Focus on problem, not technique

- Great opportunity to learn what you need to.
- Focuses effort.

Sell your work and yourself

Every good scientist is half B. F. Skinner and half P. T. Barnum.
-- Principal Skinner, on Bart's science project, "Duffless"



Make yourself invaluable

- Volunteer for programmatic work.
- Tackle the hard problems.

Final words of advice

I always pass on good advice. It's the only thing to do with it. It is never any use to oneself. ~Oscar Wilde, *An Ideal Husband*, 1895

- Enjoy Grad School
- Be confident
- Have Fun
- Join us at a US DOE National Lab