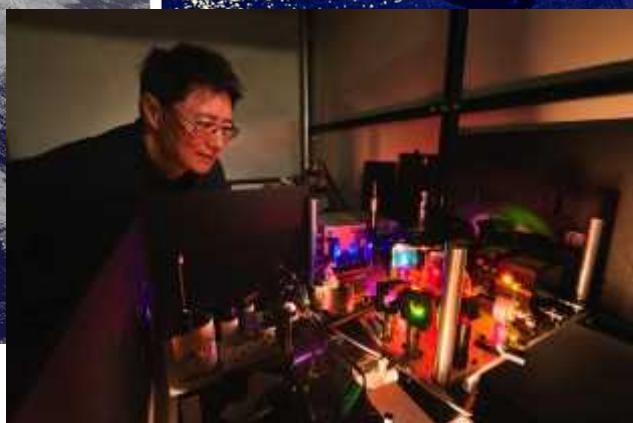
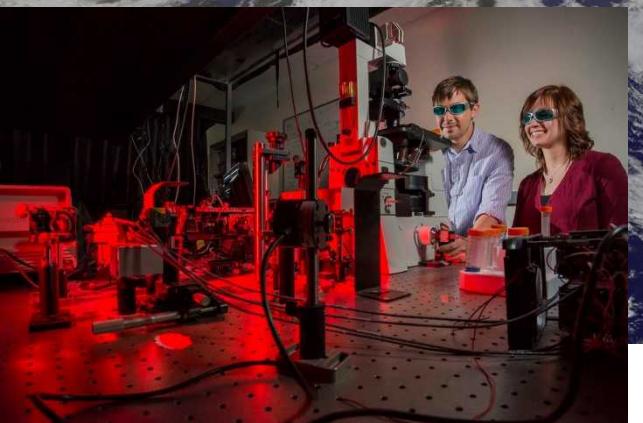


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# Energy Research at Sandia

*Babu Chalamala*

*May 6, 2016*

# Sandia National Laboratories

*Albuquerque, New Mexico*



*Livermore, California*

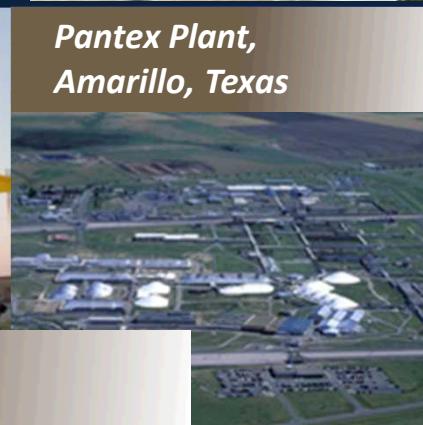


*Kauai, Hawaii*

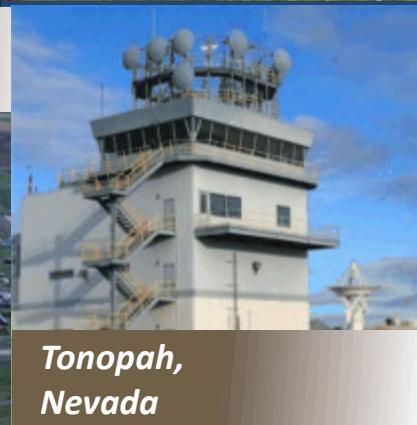


*Waste Isolation Pilot Plant,  
Carlsbad, New Mexico*

*Pantex Plant,  
Amarillo, Texas*



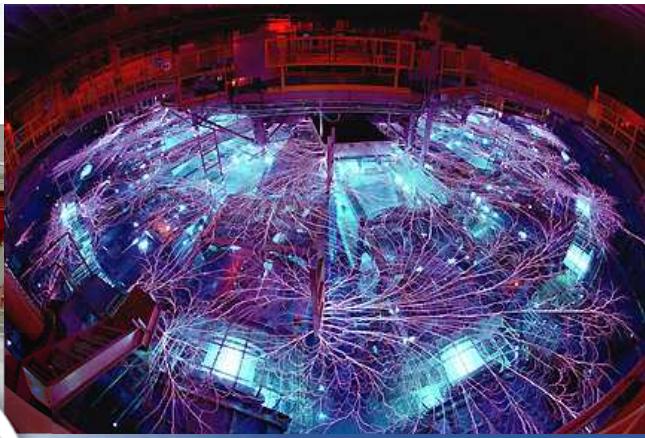
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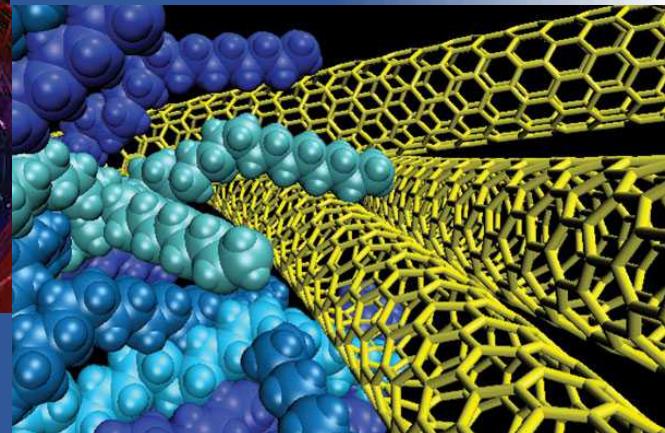
# Our Research Framework

*Strong research foundations play a differentiating role in our mission delivery*

## Computing & Information Sciences

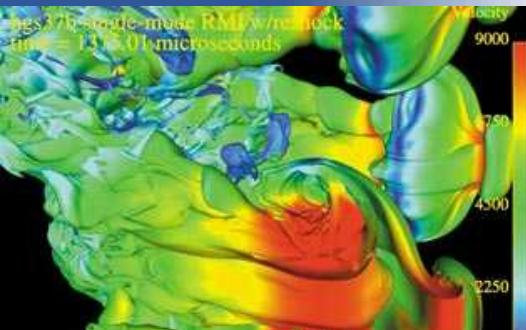


## Materials Sciences



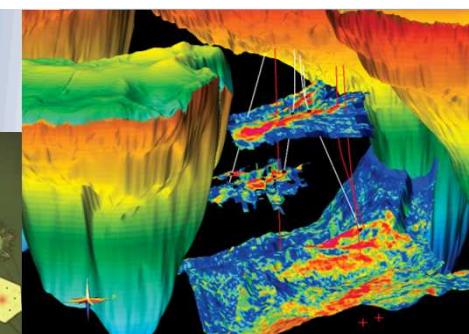
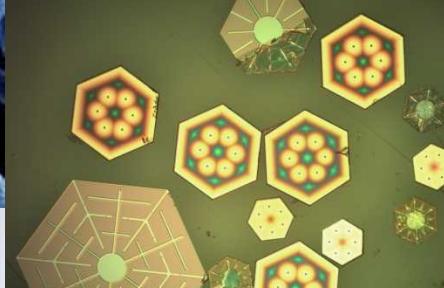
## Radiation Effects & High Energy Density Science

## Engineering Sciences



## Bioscience

## Nanodevices & Microsystems

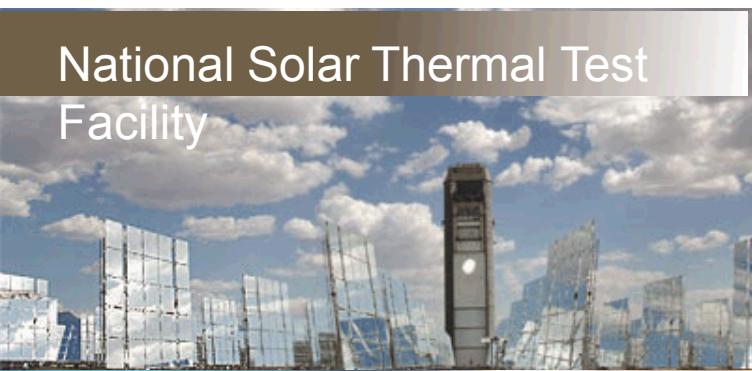


## Geoscience

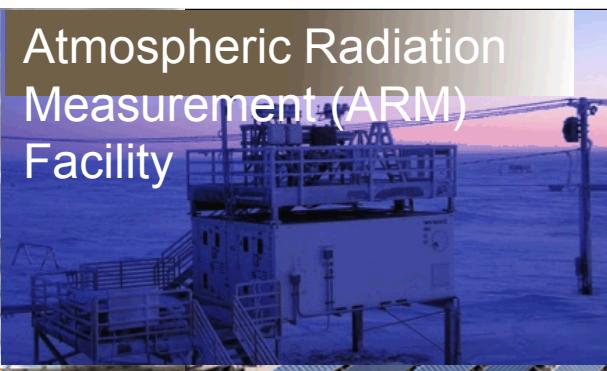
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# Sandia Differentiating Facilities

National Solar Thermal Test Facility



Atmospheric Radiation Measurement (ARM) Facility



Geomechanics Laboratory



Scaled Wind Farm Technology (SWiFT) Technologies Laboratory (DETL)



Nuclear Energy Systems Laboratory (NESL) Brayton Laboratory



Center for Integrated Nanotechnologies (CINT)

# MESA and Epitaxy

MicroFab for compound semiconductors

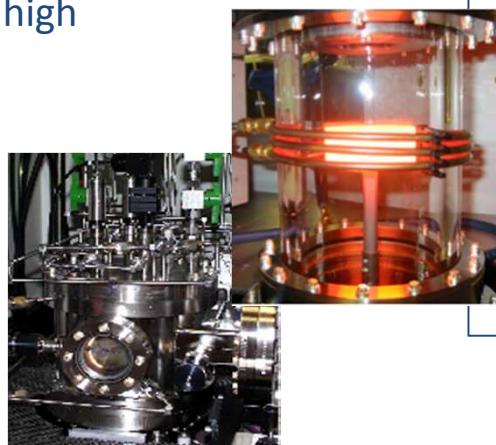
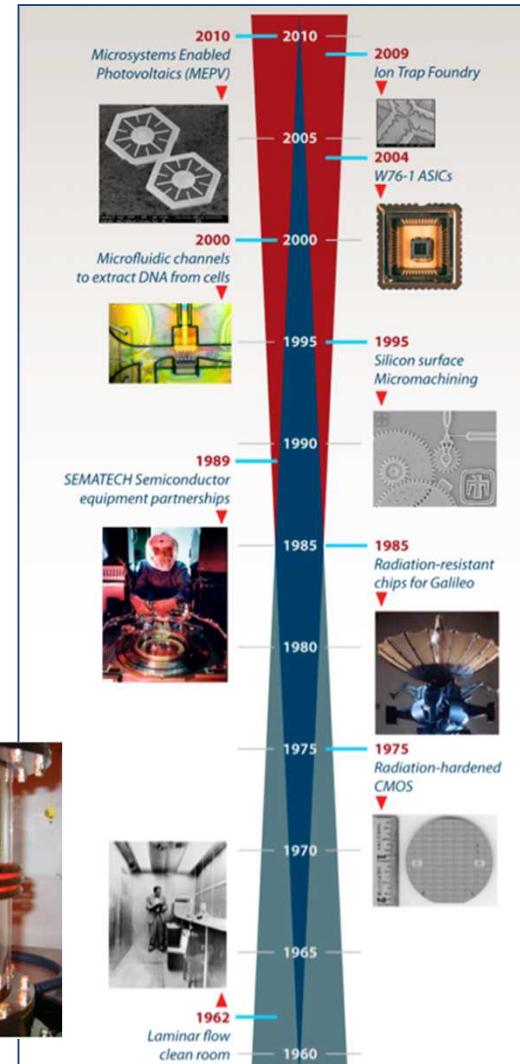
- Enables discovery science in materials and device sciences: very broad suite of tools, flexibility in materials sets
- 17,000 sq ft class 10 cleanroom space
- Complete fabrication capability incl. e-beam direct write and projection stepper, 2 to 6 inch wafer handling

Complemented by an exceptionally deep world-class capability in III-V epitaxy

- 2 MBE systems (As-P-Sb)
- 5 MOCVD systems (As-P, III-N)
- New \$2.5M investment enables ultra-high T<sub>g</sub>, high P<sub>g</sub> for high-Al and B alloys



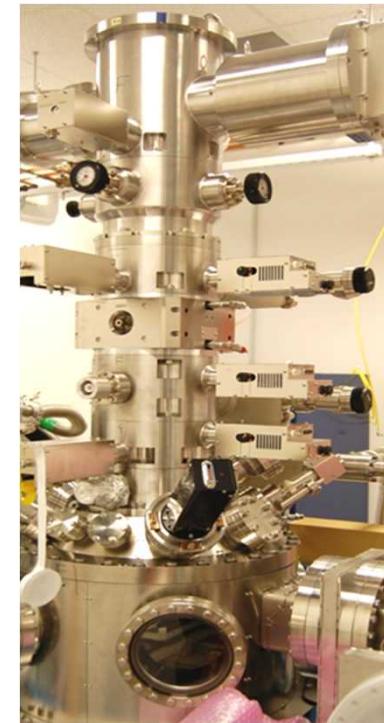
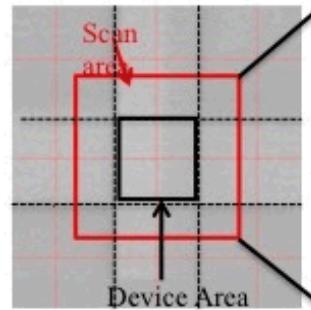
2020: CHIP<sup>2</sup> (new multi-\$B fab)



# Ion Beam Lab

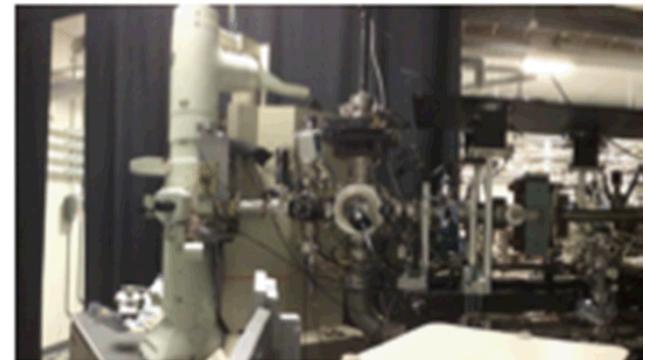
## Nanoimplanter – *single ion* implant capability

- Focused Ion Beam with liquid metal source  
*Ga, Au, Si, Sb, Cu, Pt, P, Li, Bi have all been run*
- 20keV to 200keV ion energy
- 20nm spot size on target
- Have deterministically implanted a single ion for quantum devices



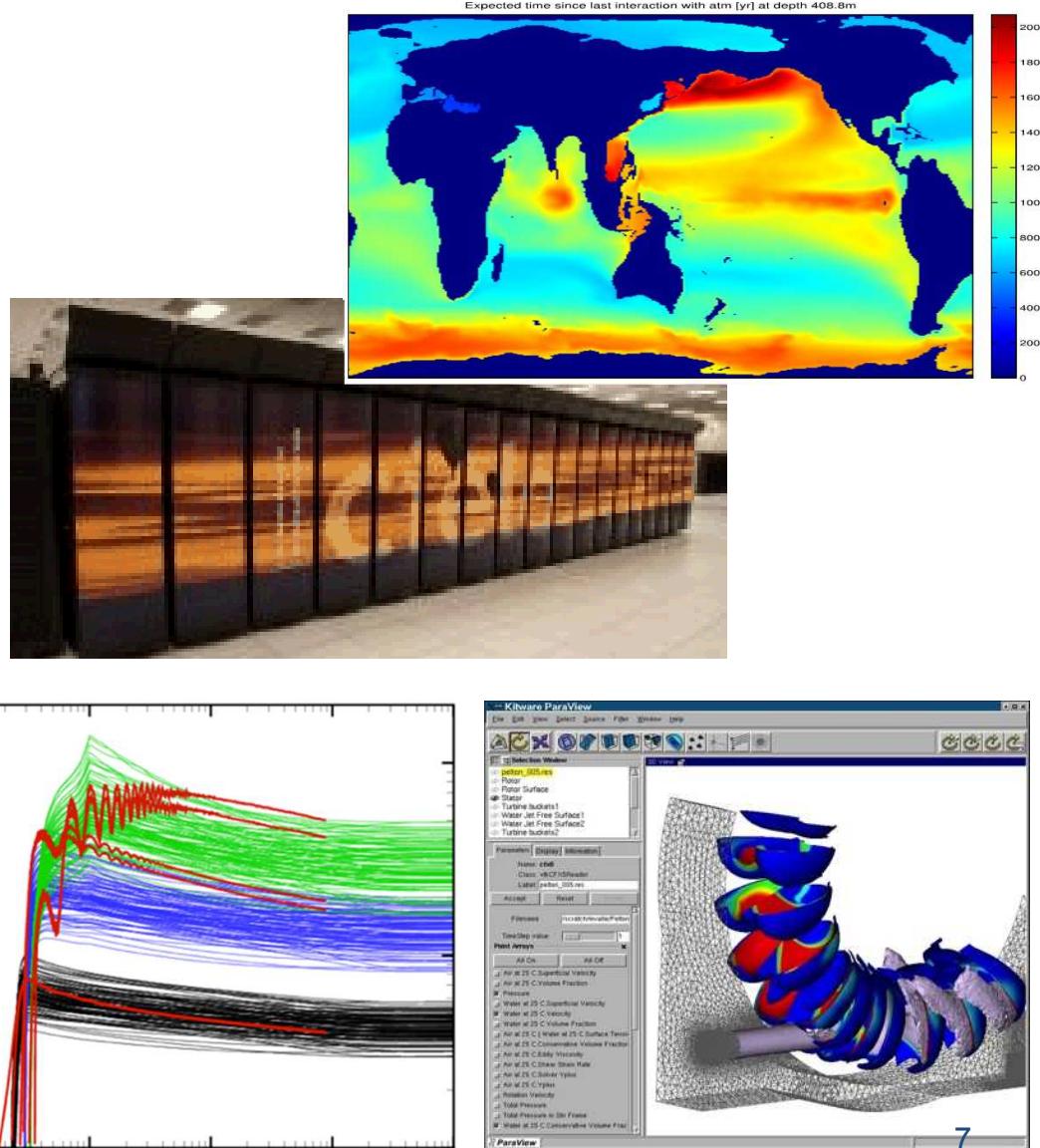
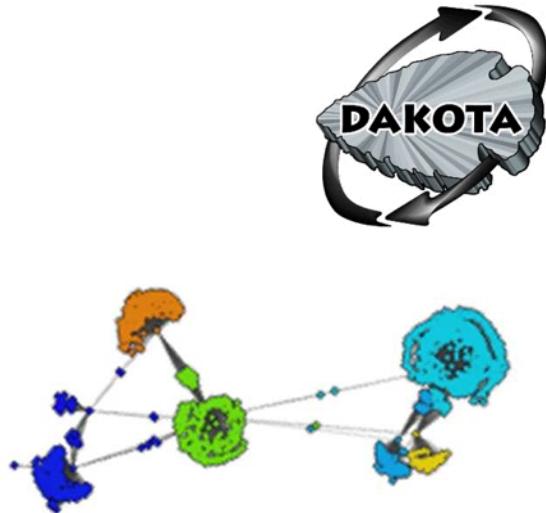
## I3 TEM – In-situ Ion Irradiation

- In situ mechanical, chemical, optical, and irradiation (keV – MeV) capabilities
- Precession electron diffraction
- Moving towards Dynamic TEM (DTEM) capability resulting in multiple, nanosecond-resolved snapshots



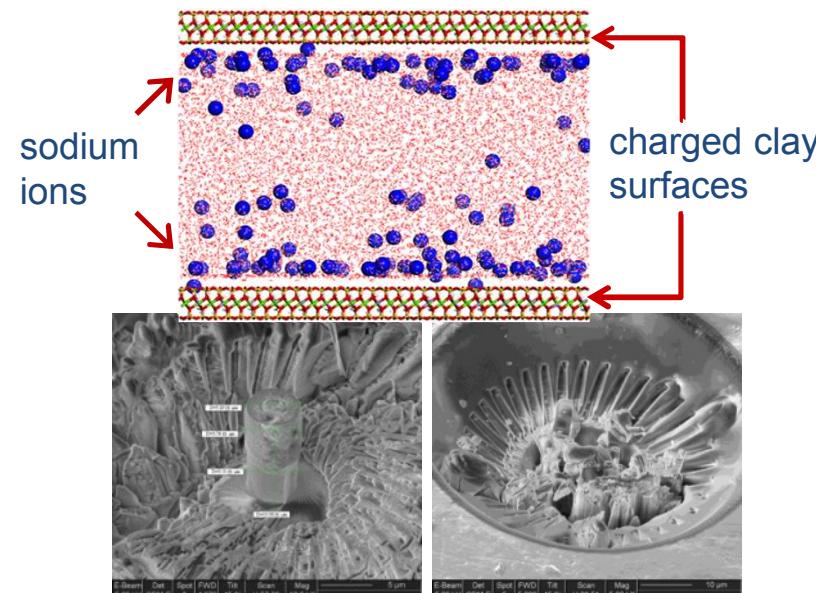
# Computing Capabilities

- Math & Algorithms
- Capability Computing
- Visualization
- Uncertainty Quantification
- Informatics & Data Analytics
- Architectures Testbeds & Miniapps
- Advanced Modeling



# Integrating Modeling/Simulation & Multiscale Experimental Efforts

- World-class geomaterials testing in all scales (nano to in situ), modeling, simulation, and imaging capabilities in partnership with 1400 and 1500
- Computational chemistry of environmental phases and materials and experimental and analytical capabilities for evaluating molecular mechanisms of geochemical and environmental processes
- JASON reports singled out Sandia Geomechanics experimental capabilities as differentiating capabilities that should be available as the future DOE user facility



# Center for Integrated Nanotechnologies (CINT)



"A DOE/SC user facility has unique world-class research capabilities and technologies which are available broadly to science community worldwide from universities, industry, private laboratories, and other Federal laboratories for work that will be published in the open literature."

- A DOE/SC national nanoscience user facility
- Jointly operated by SNL/LANL
- Capabilities include synthesis, fabrication, characterization and theory of nanostructured materials
- Number of publications (>200)
- Users (>450) annually



# Energy & Climate



## Energy Research

ARPAe, BES Chem Sciences, ASCR, CINT, Geo Bio Science, BES Material Science

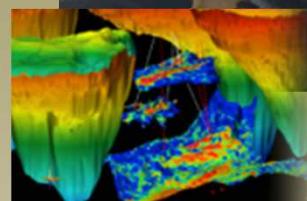
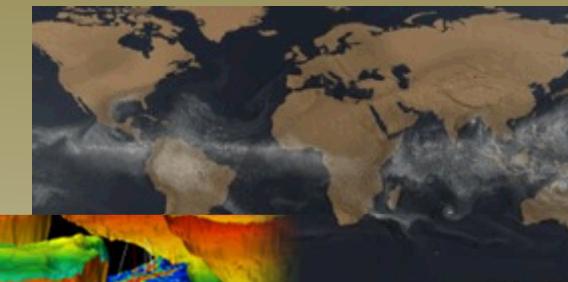
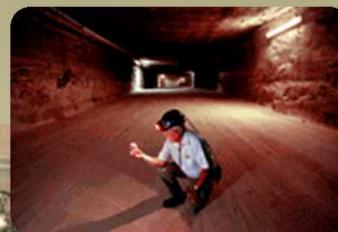
## Renewable Systems & Energy Infrastructure

Renewable Energy, Energy Efficiency, Grid and Storage Systems



## Nuclear Energy & Fuel Cycle

Commercial Nuclear Power & Fuel, Nuclear Energy Safety & Security, DOE Managed Nuclear Waste Disposal



## Transportation Energy & Systems

Vehicle Technologies, Biomass, Fuel Cells & Hydrogen Technology



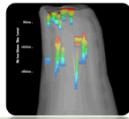
# History of Sandia Energy Programs



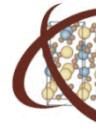
Sandia was born as a nuclear weapons engineering laboratory with deep science and engineering competencies

Energy crisis of the 1970s spawned the beginning of significant energy work

Strategic Petroleum Reserve – geological characterization of salt domes to host oil storage caverns



METAL HYDRIDE CENTER OF EXCELLENCE



DOE's Tech Transfer Initiative was established by Congress in 1991

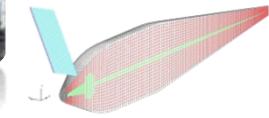


Advent Solar  
Energy Policy Act of 2005

Combustion Research Facility (CRF) & Cummins partner on their newest diesel engine



Joint BioEnergy Institute



Water Power Program

1950

1960

1970

1980

1990

2000

2007

2009

2010

Vertical axis wind turbine

NRC cask certification studies & core melt studies

Solar Tower opens

CRF opens to researchers



Power grid reliability study



Sunshine to Petrol Pilot Test

Consortium for Advanced Simulation of Light Water Reactors (CASL)



Climate study uncertainties to economies



Large-scale pool fire tests of liquefied natural gas (LNG) on water



Combustion Research Computation and Visualization (CRCV) opens

Our core NW competencies enabled us to take on additional large national security challenges



Distributed Energy Technology Laboratory (DETL) to integrate emerging energy technologies into new and existing electricity infrastructures

# Impact of Sandia Energy Programs



Strategic  
Petroleum  
Reserve



MELCOR  
computer code



CRF  
Collaboration  
with  
Wind  
Energy  
Wind Blade  
Design



Deepwater Horizon  
Response



WIPP & Yucca Mtn.  
Technical



Polycrystalline  
Diamond  
Compact



Fukushima Daiichi



Solid State Lighting



Hydraulic Fracture  
Mapping 12

# Stationary Power R&D

## Safety, security, and resilience of energy infrastructure and assets

- Next generation severe-accident modeling and analysis
- Understanding the vulnerability of grid infrastructure and nuclear plant safety and operational systems to sophisticated cyber threats



## High-efficiency conversion of low/zero-carbon energy sources to electricity

- Brayton-cycle (e.g. materials behavior under high temperatures and pressures)
- Solar-thermal efficient electricity generation (e.g. receivers- next gen coatings, high-temperature storage materials, wafer-scale fab processes for III-V)

## Back end of the nuclear fuel cycle

- Operational and long-term performance of salt as a disposal medium, especially for heat-generating waste
- Drilling technologies for deep borehole disposal

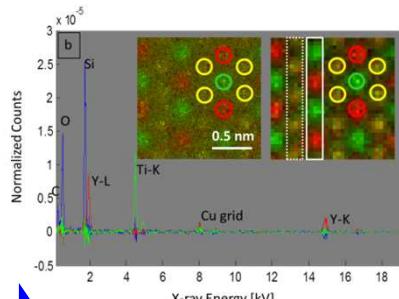
# SNL has extensive R&D capabilities in WBGs

## – materials, devices, and systems

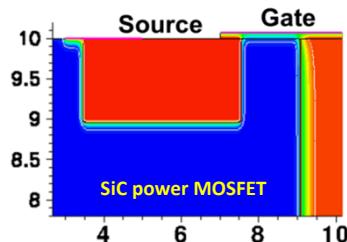
- 60+ years as DOE/NNSA mission lead in electronics
- 35+ years of compound semiconductor research
- 20+ years of wide band gap materials & device R&D
- Facilities: ~30,000 ft<sup>2</sup> clean room (MESA facility); Solid-State Lighting EFRC; microgrid testbed (DETL facility); ASIC design & fab; extensive reliability testing and failure analysis



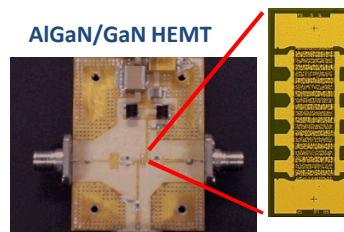
Atomic scale



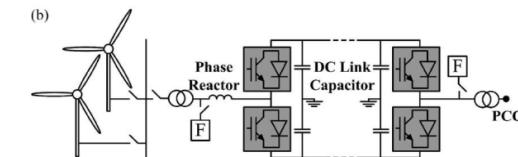
Atomic-resolution characterization



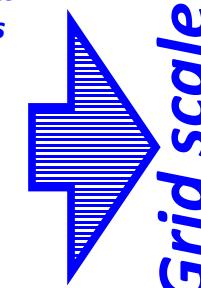
Material and device simulation



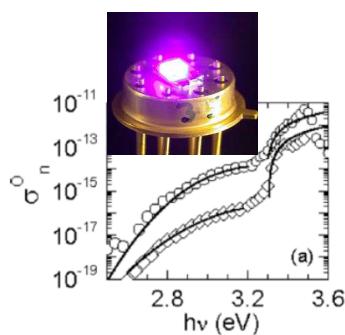
Device fabrication (MESA fab)



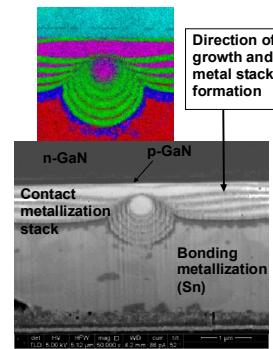
Power circuits and systems



Epitaxial growth



Defect spectroscopy



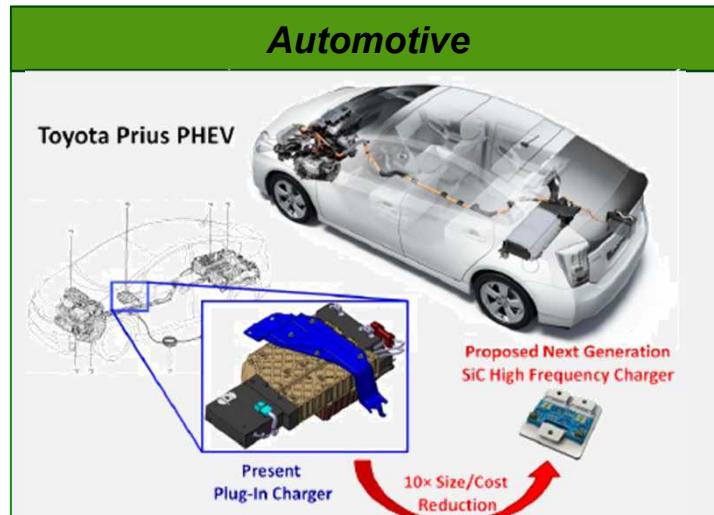
Reliability physics



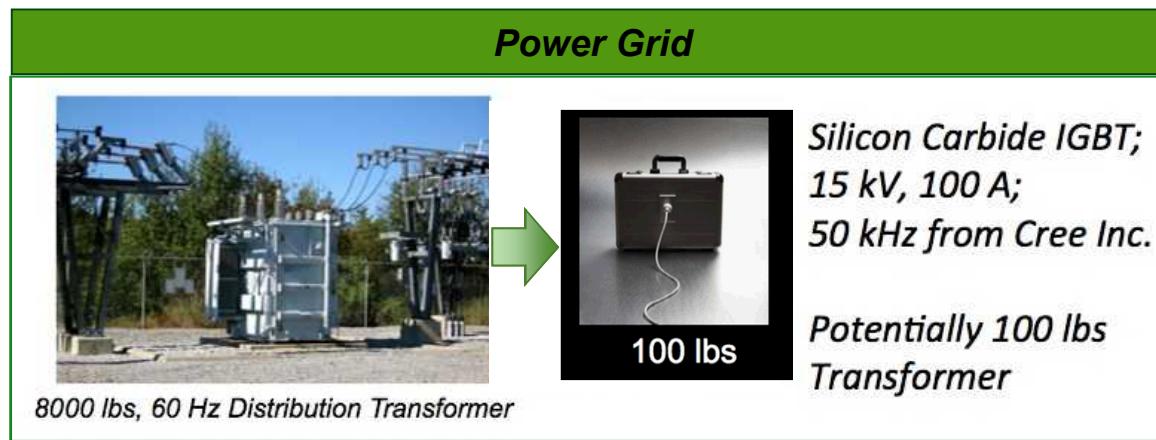
Grid-level power networks (DETL)

Grid scale

# WBG Power Electronics: SWaP reductions for electrical energy applications



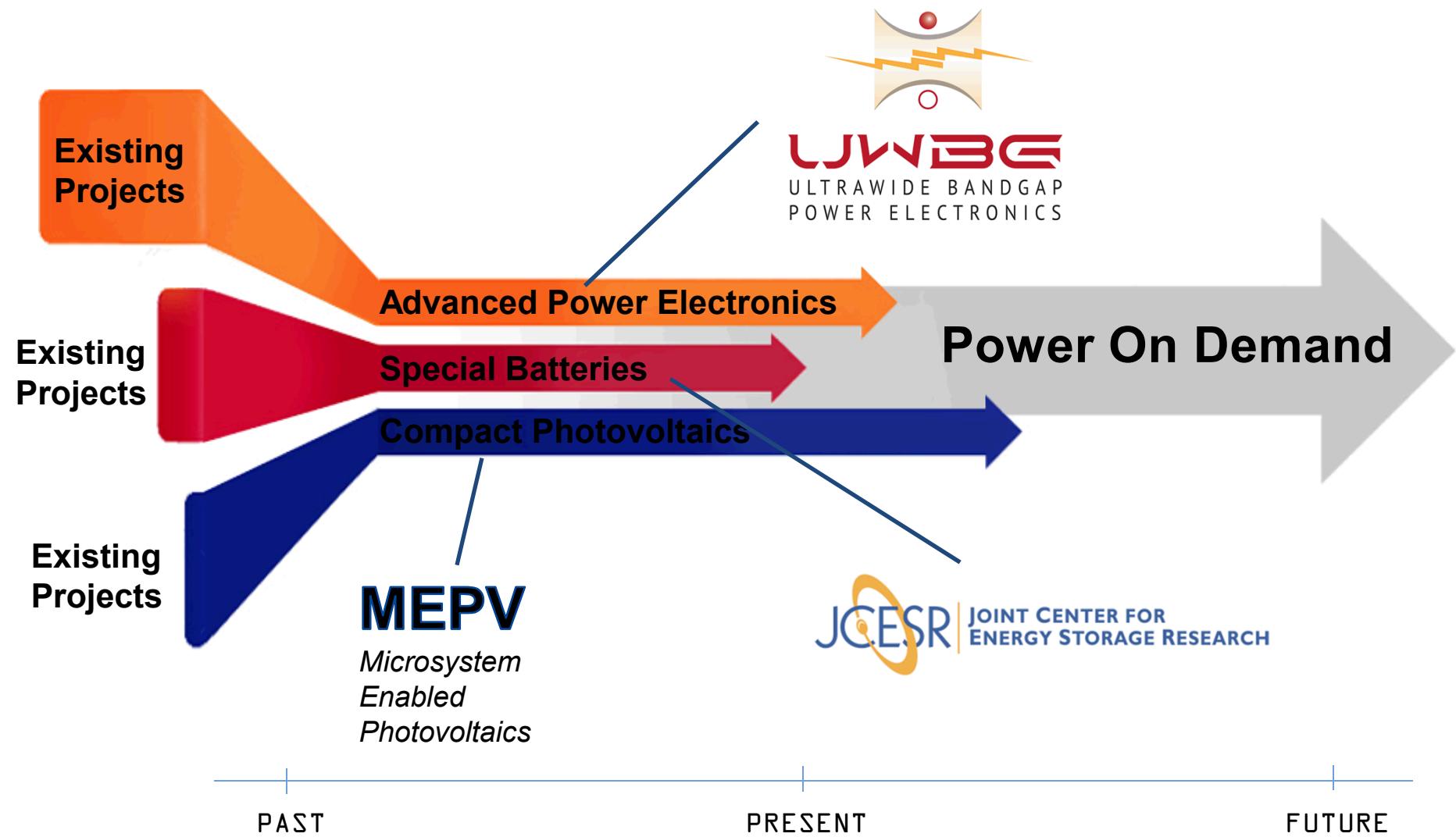
SiC is 10% the volume and weight of Si for equivalent capability (10 kV, 100 A)



80% of grid power expected to flow through PE by 2030

Ultra-WBGs will offer an *additional 10x SWaP improvement compared to SiC and GaN, as well as Ultra-High-Voltage (potentially 100's of kV)*

# Power on Demand – Research Challenge

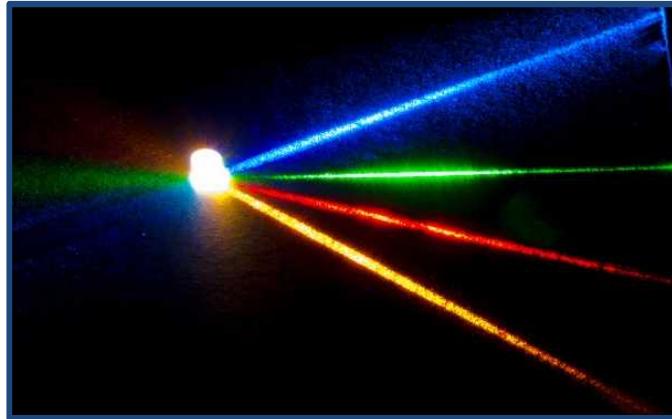


# EFRC for Solid-State Lighting Science

*Exploring energy conversion in tailored photonic structures*

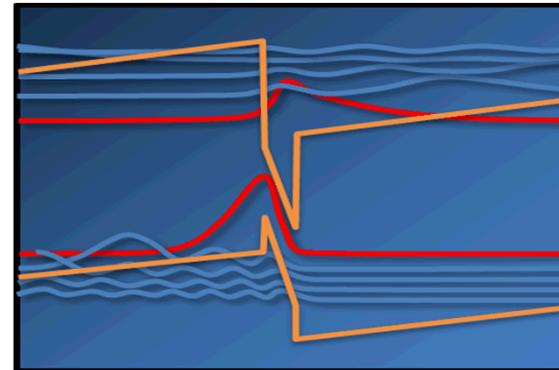


## New emission approaches

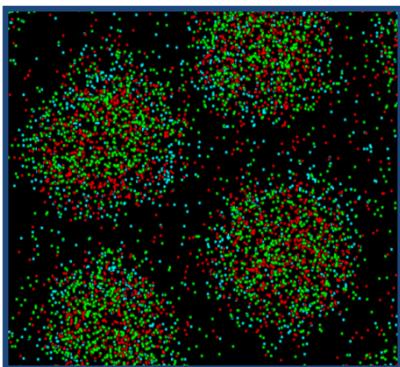


*Lasers for  
white lighting*

## Light emission physics

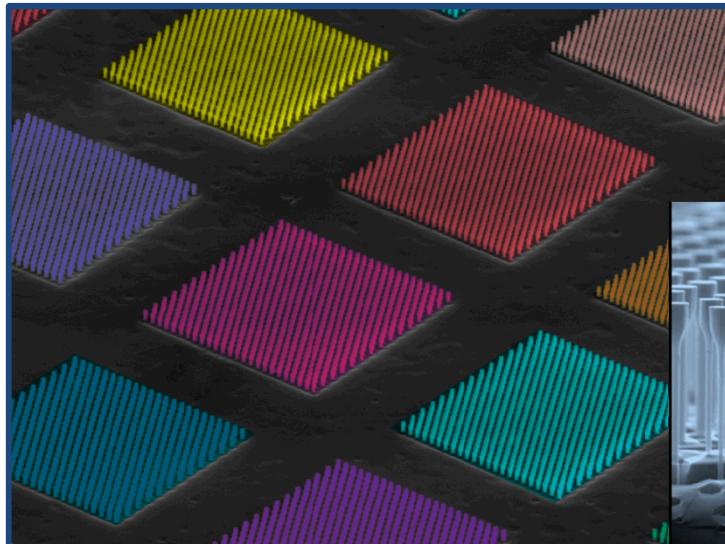


*Radiative  
recombination  
processes*

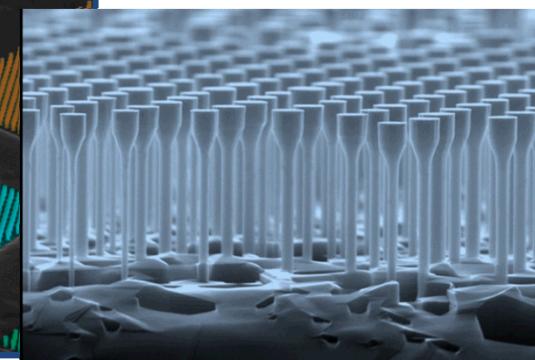


*Core-shell quantum dot  
emitters*

## Novel nanostructures



*Nanowire photonic  
crystal laser arrays*

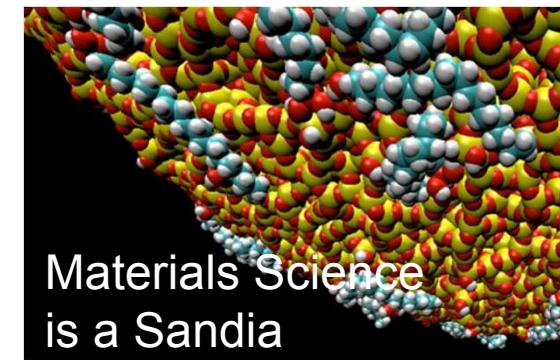
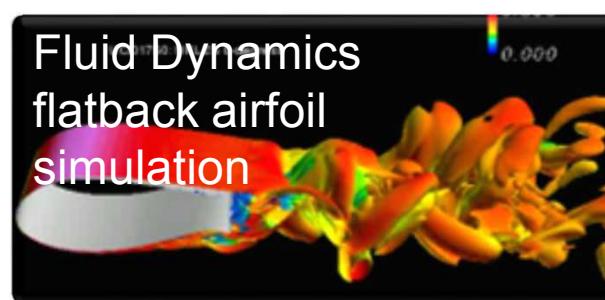


*Nanowire LEDs*



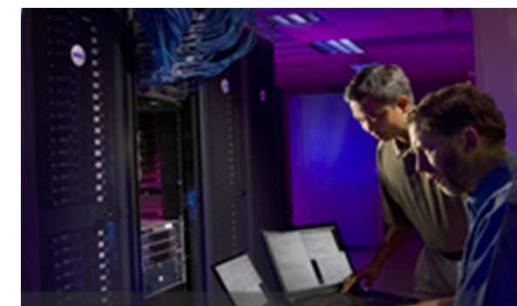
# Renewable Energy: Differentiating Capabilities

- **Unique R&D and test facilities:** Scaled Wind Farm Technology Facility (SWiFT), Photovoltaic Systems Evaluation Laboratory (PSEL), National Solar Thermal Test Facility (NSTTF), Microsystems and Engineering Sciences Applications (MESA), and the Center for Control System Security.
- **Differentiating expertise:** materials science, reliability analysis, modeling and simulation, cybersecurity, intelligence based threat analysis, microsystems, deep experience with the DOD.



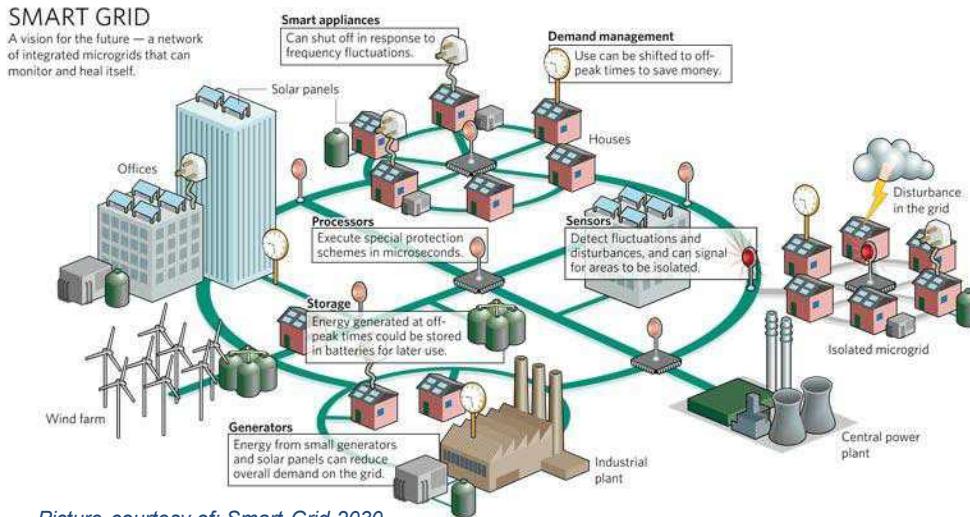
# Sandia Grid Modernization R&D

- Leveraging foundational expertise
  - Power electronics
  - Testing and Reliability
  - High Performance Computing
  - Cyber Security
  - Modeling & Simulation
  - Optimization
  - Uncertainty Quantification
  - Systems engineering for integrated infrastructures
- Internal Investment
  - LDRD investment (Microgrid GC, Resiliency, Optimization)
  - Targeted recruiting
- Stakeholder Outreach
  - Engage utilities, industry and consortia
    - standards development
  - Increasingly engage states (eg. NM, CA, AZ, VT, NJ, NY)



# Sandia's Grid Modernization Vision

A world of interdependent and variable distributed systems that are optimized at multiple scales to maximize local resources in providing secure, resilient, and clean energy to all users at all times.



Sandia capabilities support this vision:

- DER and renewable energy integration
- Power electronics and controls
- Secure and scalable microgrids
- Advanced grid analytics
- Infrastructure interdependencies
- Cyber and physical security
- Embedded sensors, information processing, and secure manufacturing
- Energy storage systems

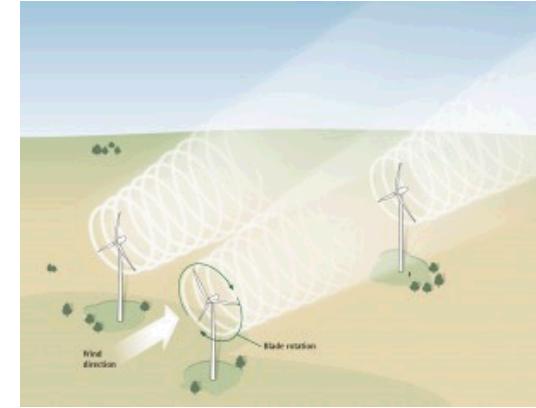
# Renewable Energy Grid Integration

## Key Concept

- Large-scale impact studies based on field data
- New technologies for advanced integration
- New rules and guidelines for high penetration integration

## Capabilities/Investment

- Several large-scale facilities: Scaled Wind Farm Technology Facility, National Solar Thermal Test Facility, Distributed Energy Technologies Laboratory, PV Regional Test Centers
- Represents DOE infrastructure investment of more than \$500M



## Relevant Sectors and Agencies

- Utilities, regulators, decision makers
- Manufacturers, developers, and system integrators

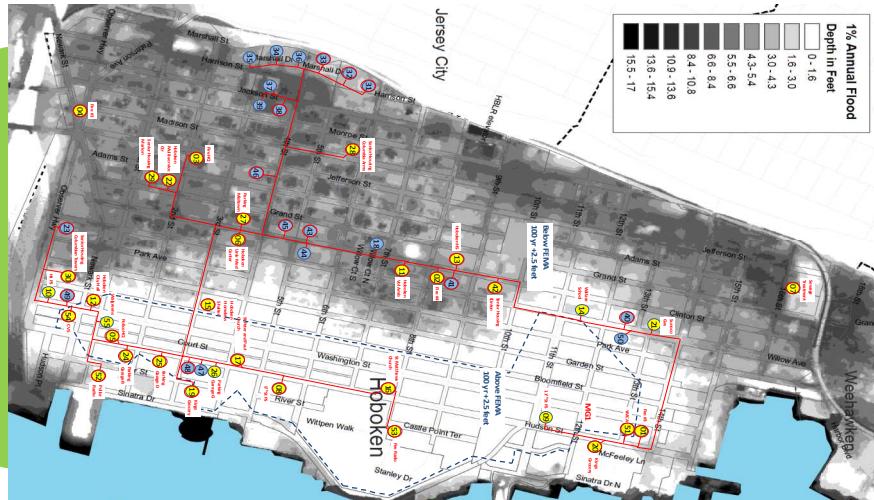
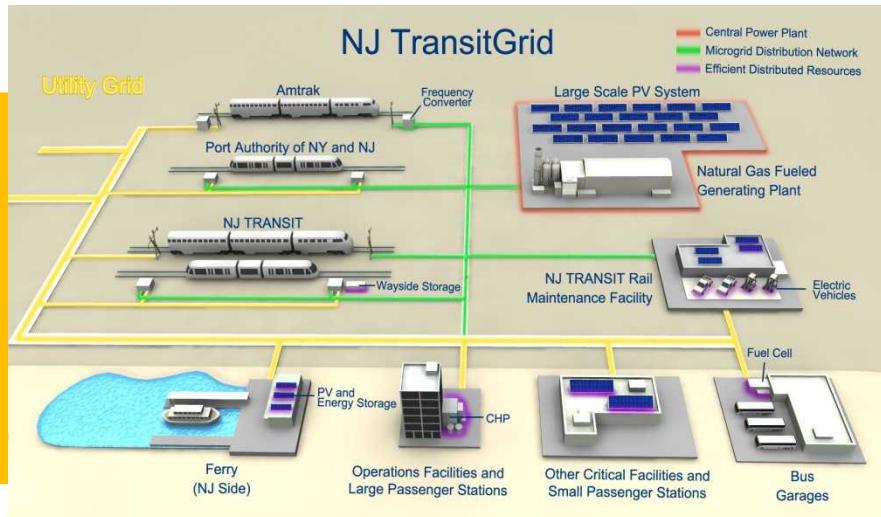
## Anticipated Impact/Importance

- High penetration RE can enhance grid operations:
  - Adaptable to environmental transitions
  - Distributed – less need for high investment on transmission



# Microgrids and Grid Resiliency

## NJ TransitGrid Transportation Microgrid



City of  
Hoboken, NJ  
Energy  
Resilience  
Microgrid

# Concentrating Solar Program

## UNIQUE CAPABILITIES

Broad portfolio of CSP testing capabilities including:

- Only major power tower test facility (heliostat field and solar tower - 6 MWt) available for customer testing in western hemisphere
- Solar furnace, high-flow-rate molten salt test loop, rotating platform (trough)

## COLABORATIVE PROJECTS

- Molten salt power towers with Gemasolar in Spain, Solar Reserve in Nevada
- Dish engine technology with Infinia
- Perform testing for Abengoa, Solar Reserve, NASA, Nooter/Eriksen, 3M, BP, eSolar

## IMPACT EXAMPLES

- Extending temperature range of CSP (>600C) to meet SunShot Goals of 6¢/kWh
- Developing key systems to reduce cost of CSP including heliostats, power block (advanced thermodynamic cycles), heat transfer fluid, storage materials, receiver
- World record solar to electricity conversion efficiency



# National Solar Thermal Test Facility (NSTTF)



## UNIQUE CAPABILITIES

This facility, unique in the United States, and the expansive co-location of highly experienced and world-renowned CSP researchers and technologists, has made the NSTTF instrumental in many significant developments:

- World record for solar-to-grid energy efficiency achieved on parabolic dish-Stirling systems
- First full-scale steam and molten salt receiver tests enabling Solar One and Solar Two and the current industry-standard technology
- Long shafted pump development eliminating the risk of high-head pumps
- Valve packing, flange gasket, and alloy compatibility salt testing that is the basis of current storage technology for the whole industry
- Enabling SunShot goals in concentrating photovoltaics (CPV), optics lab and associated tools
- World-class, forward-reaching, large-scale research
- Sunshine-to-Petrol first prototype demonstration
- Full-scale solid particle receiver test



# Scaled Wind Farm Technology (SWiFT)

*Increasing the performance of current wind farms to reduce wind power's costs*



## SWiFT exists to:

- Reduce turbine-turbine interaction and wind plant underperformance
- Develop advanced wind turbine rotors
- Public open-source to advance turbine technology and simulation via collaboration with commercial and academic entities

## Facilities:

- Three variable-speed variable-pitch modified wind turbines with full power conversion and extensive sensor suite
- Two heavily instrumented inflow anemometer towers
- Site-wide time-synchronized data collection

# Transportation Energy R&D

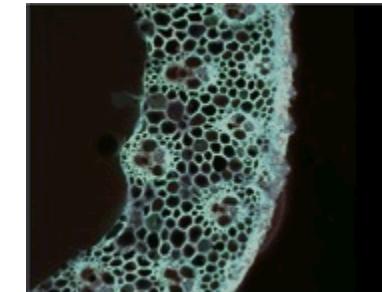
## Predictive simulation of engines

- Underlying chemistry and physics knowledge needed to inform predictive models of combustion
- High-fidelity, physically correct models for multiple-phase flow and chemistry relevant to engine sprays and multiple-fuel combustion



## Co-evolution of biofuels and engines

- Biofuels performance in combustion environments
- Development and production of biofuels at commercial scale



## Enabling a hydrogen fueling infrastructure

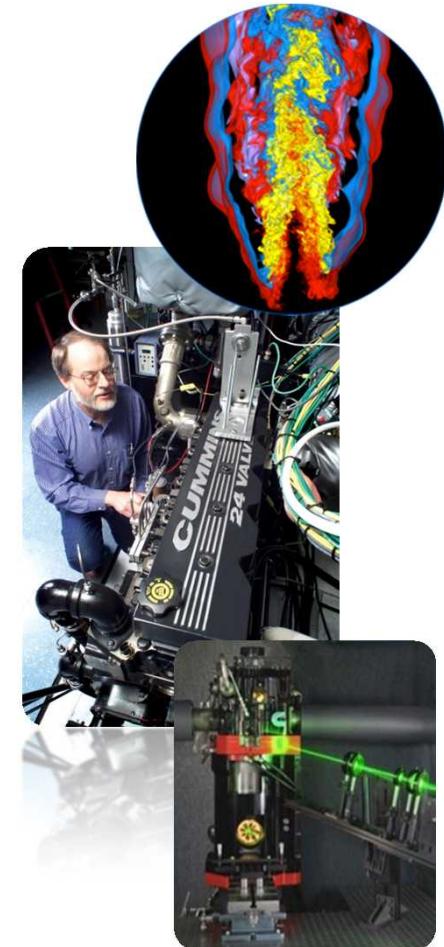
- Fundamental understanding of materials properties and reliability in the presence of high-pressure (70 MPa) hydrogen
- Predictive models for aging and reliability for systems design

## Safe & reliable energy storage components and systems

- New in situ analysis of materials and components
- WBG and UWBG semiconductor materials synthesis

# Combustion Research Facility (CRF)

- Basic and applied research to improve and control combustion processes
- 8 highly specialized optical engine research labs and high performance computing center
- Advanced optical and laser based diagnostics and high fidelity computational simulation tools
- Extensive academic and private sector collaboration
- Every modern vehicle is cleaner and more efficient due to CRF research
- Allows engine companies to meet increasingly stringent CAFÉ standards



# Power Sources Technology Group (PSTG)

## Unique Capabilities



### Batteries:

- **Test/Analysis**
  - *Battery Abuse Testing Laboratory (BATLab)*
  - *Thermal Test Complex (TTC)*
  - *Burn Site (Laurence Canyon)*
- *Cell Prototype Facility*
- *Battery Calorimetry*
- *Mod/Sim*
- *Materials Development R&D (NM & CA)*

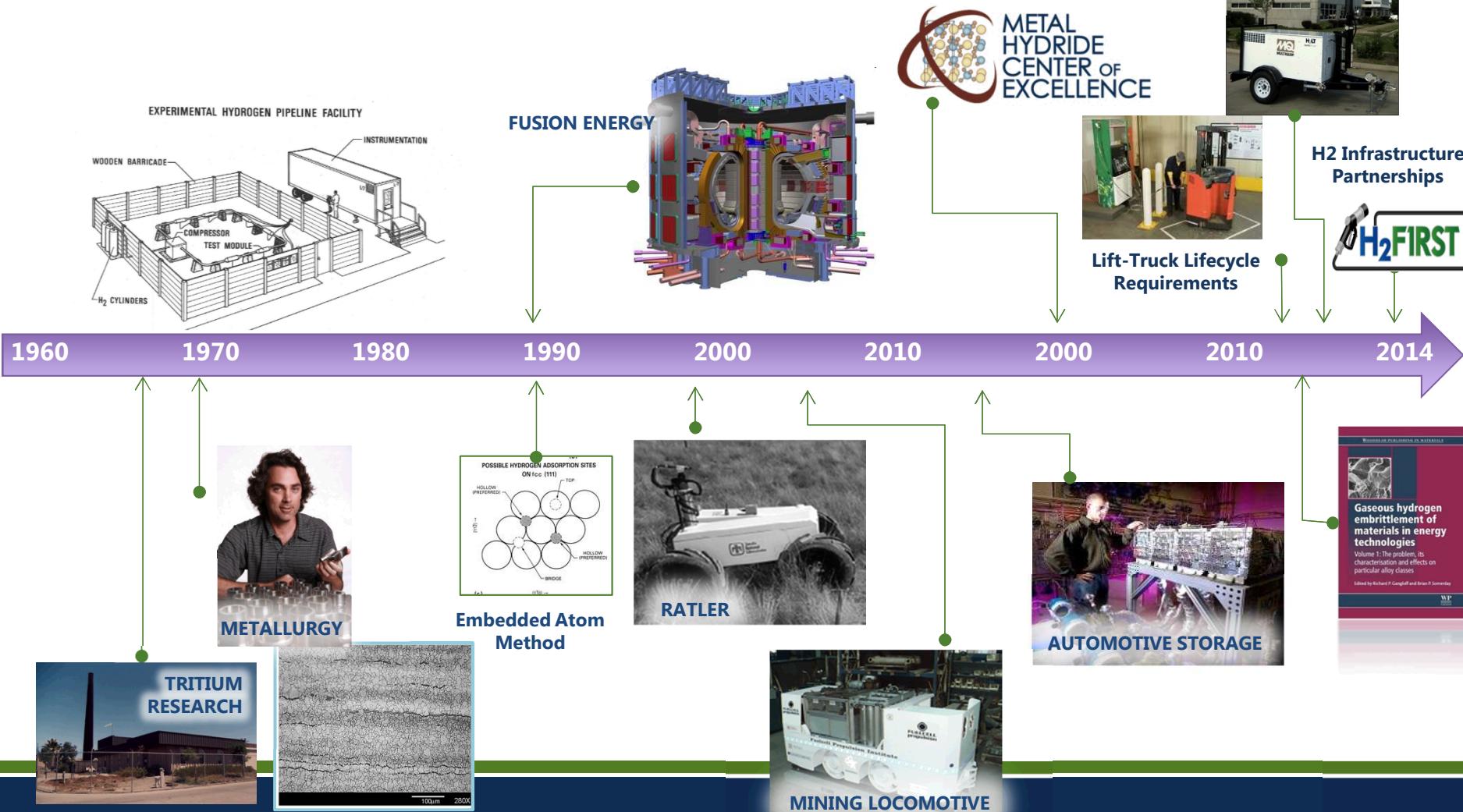
### Electric Drive:

- *MESA*
- *CINT*
- *AML*
- *Mod/Sim*
- *SNL/CA*

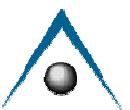
Thermal Test Complex (TTC)

# Hydrogen Science and Engineering

- decades of complementary missions
- 70+ staff involved in H<sub>2</sub> Science and Engineering



# Partnerships are Key to Our Strategy



AMES LABORATORY



BROOKHAVEN  
NATIONAL LABORATORY



JLAB



Pacific  
Northwest  
NATIONAL  
LABORATORY



NREL  
NATIONAL RENEWABLE ENERGY LABORATORY



SMUD™  
Powering forward.  
Together.



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