

Sandia National Laboratories: Energy Programs, Research and Development



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Energy Program Areas & Approach

Energy Program Areas

- Renewables
- Grid Energy Storage
- Fossil
- Nuclear
- Hydrogen
- Biofuels
- Transportation
- Analysis

Approach

- De-risk low Technology Readiness Level (TRL) technologies
- Test & Verify Technologies (components, systems)
- Teaming with Technology Standards Institutions
- Partner with Industry
- Energy Security and Resilience

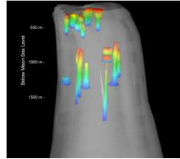
Sandia's Energy Programs Have Grown from Our Core Capabilities



Sandia's Energy Program Dates to the 70'S



BORN 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

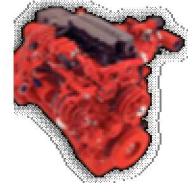


SYNTHETIC DIAMOND DRILL BIT

WASTE ISOLATION PILOT PLANT (WIPP) EVALUATION



NUCLEAR REACTOR SAFETY & RELIABILITY



CRF & CUMMINS PARTNERSHIP

JOINT BIOENERGY INSTITUTE



SCALED WIND FARM TECHNOLOGY (SWIFT) FACILITY COMMISSIONED



CRUDE OIL CHARACTERIZATION RESEARCH STUDY



3-D PRINTING, ADDITIVE MANUFACTURING, AND PROCESSES TO CREATE MOLDS FOR WIND TURBINE BLADES.

1950s

1960s

1970s

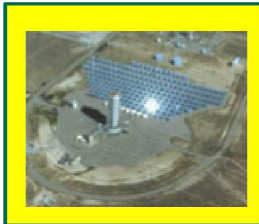
1980s

1990s

2000-2010

2010-2018

OUR CORE NW COMPETENCIES ENABLED US TO TAKE ON ADDITIONAL LARGE NATIONAL SECURITY CHALLENGES

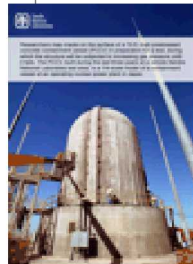


SOLAR TOWER OPENS

BATTERY SAFETY & RELIABILITY PROGRAM



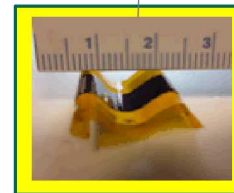
COMBUSTIONS RESEARCH FACILITY (CRF) OPENS



MELCOR COMPUTER CODE RELEASED



IDENTIFIED AS LEAD LAB FOR YUCCA MOUNTAIN



MICROSYSTEM-ENABLED PHOTOVOLTAICS



LARGE-SCALE POOL FIRE TESTS OF LIQUEFIED NATURAL GAS (LNG) ON WATER



HIGH TEMPERATURE FALLING-PARTICLE SOLAR RECEIVER



200% IMPROVEMENT IN ENERGY CAPTURE FROM WECS THROUGH ADVANCED CONTROLS



PV REGIONAL TEST CENTERS ESTABLISHED

Our Energy Facilities



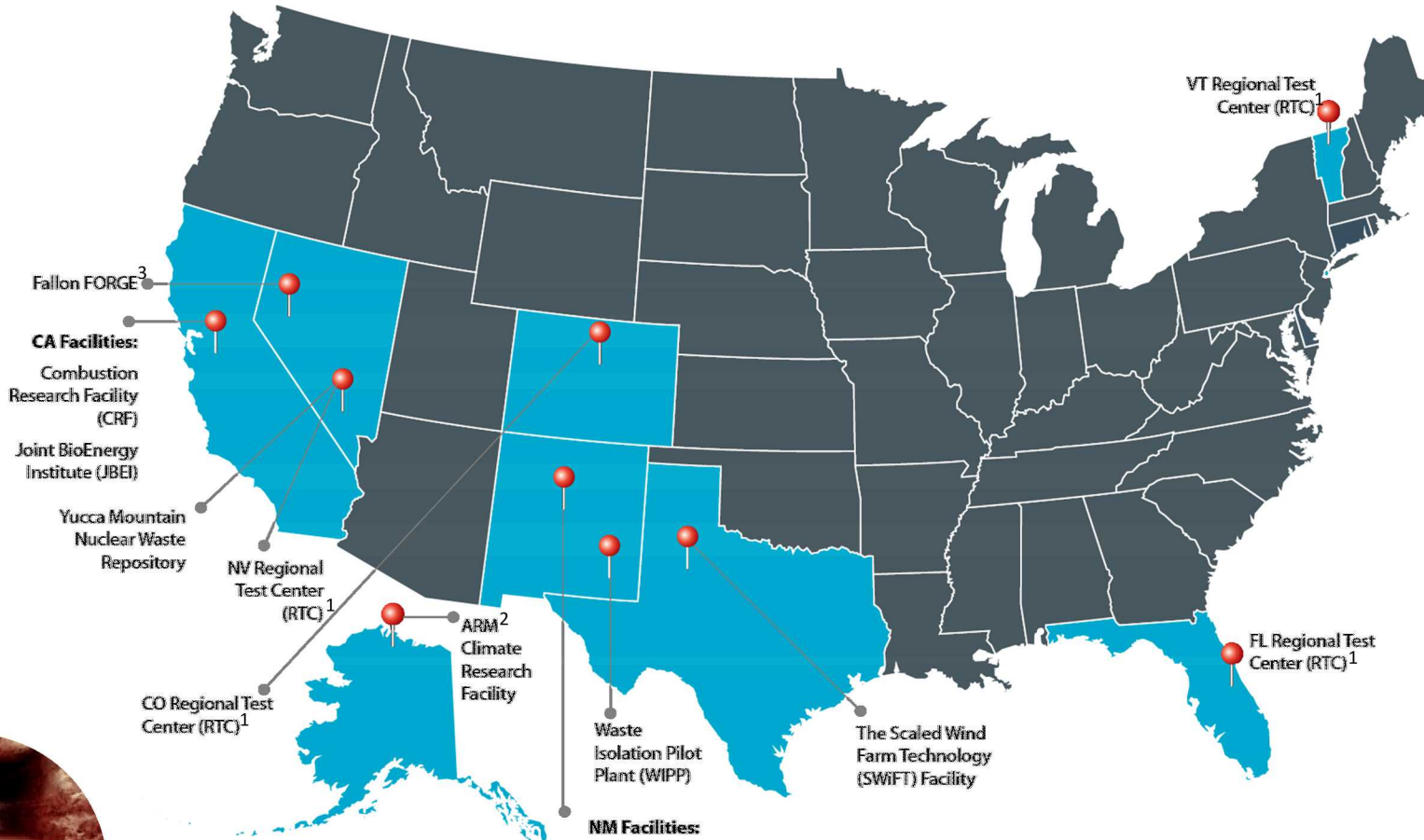
FORGE



Brayton Cycle Lab



Waste Isolation
Pilot Plant (WIPP)



NM Facilities:

Center for Integrated Nanotechnologies (CINT)
 Distributed Energy Technologies Lab (DETL)
 Photovoltaic Systems Evaluation Lab (PSEL)
 Control & Optimization of Networked Energy Technologies (CONET)
 Battery Abuse Testing Laboratory (BATLab)

NM Regional Test Center (RTC)¹

National Solar Thermal Test Facility (NSTTF)
 Geomechanics Lab
 Brayton Cycle Lab
 National Infrastructure Simulation & Analysis Center (NSAC)



National Solar
Thermal Test
Facility (NSTTF)



Geomechanics
Lab



The Scaled Wind
Farm Technology
(SWIFT) Facility

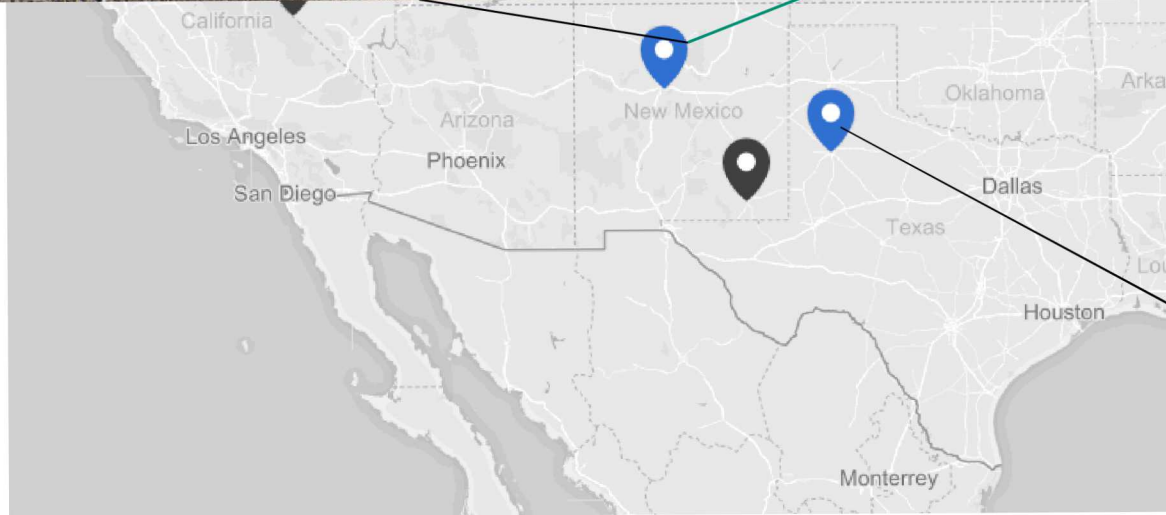
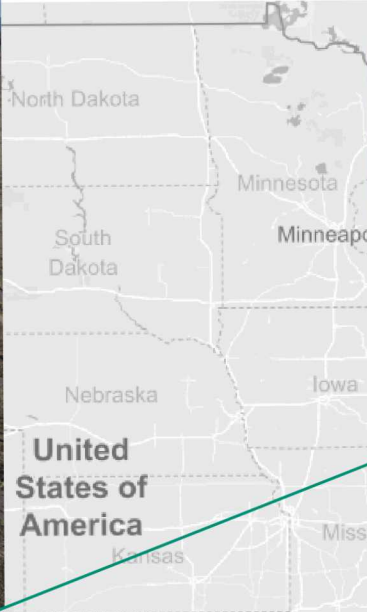


ARM Climate
Research Facility

¹ Regional Test Centers (RTCs) provide high fidelity testbeds for US solar companies to evaluate their technologies in varied climates.

² The Arctic Radiation Measurement (ARM) Climate Research Facility supports climate modeling, search & rescue operations, and other national security work.

Unique Large-Scale Renewable Energy Facilities: NSTTF, PSEL and SWIFT



Our National Impact



PDC Drill Bits

Sandia contributed to the development of polycrystalline diamond compact (PDC) bits, one of the most important material advances for drilling tools in recent years. PDCs have allowed for the **significant increase in shale oil production**



Improving WECs

Sandia developed and integrated advanced controls algorithms for Wave Energy Converters (WEC): this **increased experimental WEC output by 200-300%.**



Wind Turbine Blade Manufacturing

Sandia worked with TPI to reduce the time required to manufacture blades and reduce the scrap rate which **made it economical to manufacture blades in the US.**



PV Systems Evaluation Lab (PSEL)

Researchers at PSEL have **accelerated the adoption of new PV technologies** by providing highly accurate, comprehensive performance characterization of cells, modules, arrays, and balance of system components in real world scenarios.



Every commercial CSP power-tower plant in the world has **used technologies developed and tested at the National Solar Thermal Test Facility (NSTTF)**



Recent R&D 100 Awards

- 2017:** Sandia's Microgrid Design Toolkit
- 2016:** Falling Particle Receiver for Concentrated Solar Energy
- 2015:** New High Voltage Switch (SNL & United Silicon Carbide, Inc.)
- 2013:** Solar Glare Analysis Tool (SGHAT)
- 2012:** Microsystems Enabled Photovoltaics

Renewables: Floating Offshore Wind Energy

Floating offshore wind plants

- More components than land-based machines

Turbine costs

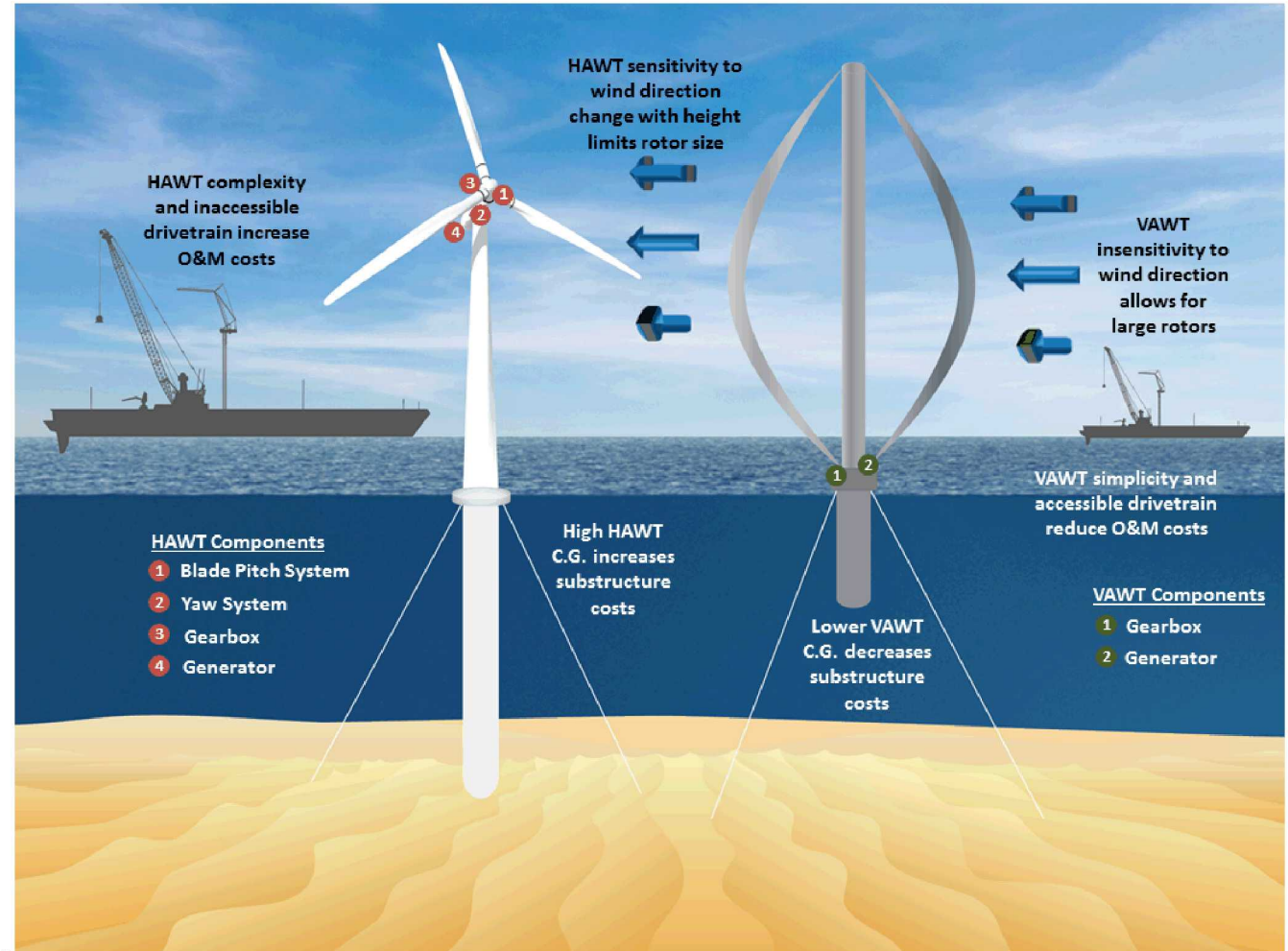
- 65% of wind plant costs for land-based sites compared to around 20% for floating offshore sites

Platform costs

- largest single contributor to LCOE

Vertical-axis wind turbines (VAWT)

- Lower center of gravity, reducing platform costs
- Improved efficiency over HAWTs at multi-MW scales
- Reduced O&M costs via reduced active components, platform-level placement of drivetrain



Renewables: Water Power Technologies

Water Power Device Testing & Robotics: Advanced Dynamics & Controls testing w/DOD, DOE, others



MASK Wave Basin Tests:
Increased power absorption by 200%+

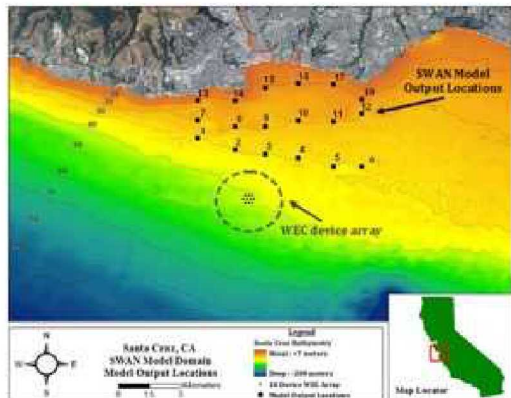


Power Take Off Design & Testing



Mobile Lab Capability:
Software & Hardware Device Co-Design & Testing
[Demo Video: https://youtu.be/IQgPLUfttN8](https://youtu.be/IQgPLUfttN8)

Deployment Support



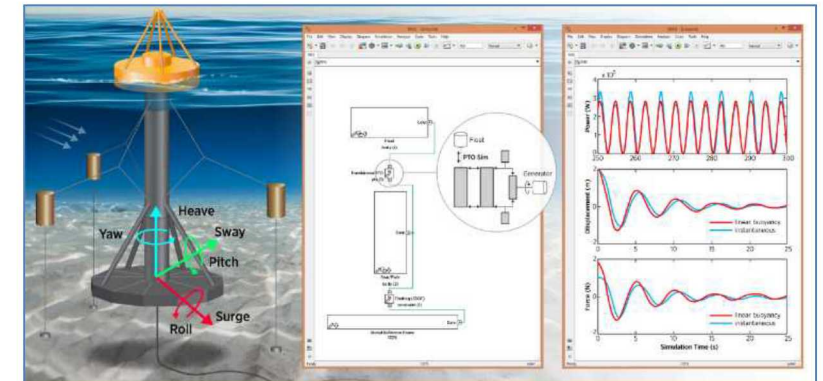
Device Array

Materials Testing SNL, PNNL, NREL



Lab & Field Testing

Design SNL & NREL Partnership



Software

Renewables: Water Power Reference Model

10 MW Installed Capacity

Wave Energy Converters (WECs)

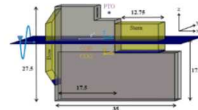
- $\approx \$0.98\text{-}1.53/\text{kWh}$
- At 10 MW structural mass is the largest contributor to LCOE.

Point Absorber
dual absorber



Floating OWC
BBDB

Floating Surge
Pitching Flaps



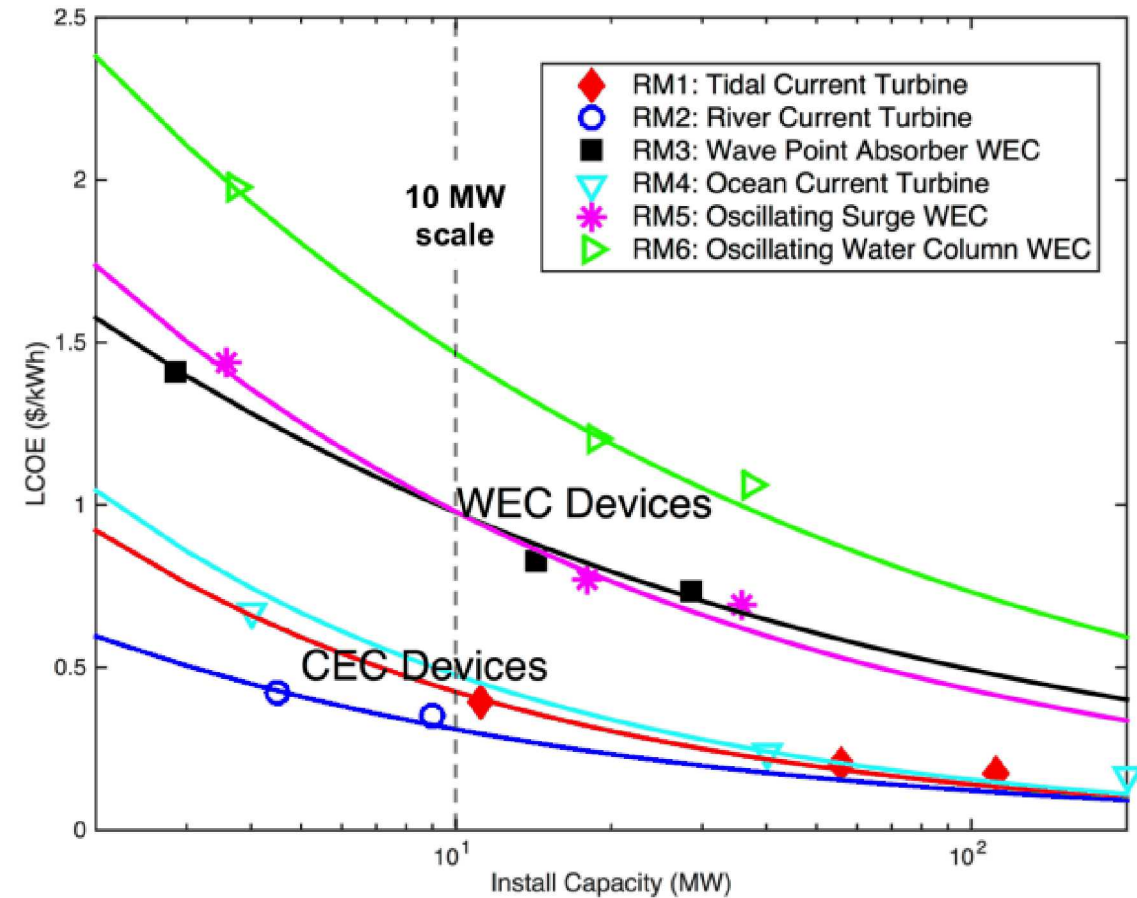
Current Energy Converters (CECs)

- $\approx \$0.31\text{-}0.45/\text{kWh}$
- Varying resource conditions impact installation, permitting, capacity factors, etc.

Tidal Turbine
horizontal axis



River Turbine
vertical axis



Technology Build out will help verify Cost reductions

Energy Storage Safety and Reliability

- Cell and module level safety test and analysis.
- Engineered safety of large systems.
- Predictive models for ES safety.
- Storage safety standards and protocols.

Power Electronics and Power Converters

- Reduce cost/kW (PCS accounts for 20-60% of capital cost)
- Increase reliability (Downtime is \$\$)
- Increase efficiency (Loss is \$\$)
- Enhance control over power flow in ESS

Energy Storage Analytics and Controls

- Developing analytics and controls for integration of utility class storage systems.
- Software tools for optimal use of energy storage across the electricity infrastructure.
- Standards development.
- Engineering analysis for demo projects

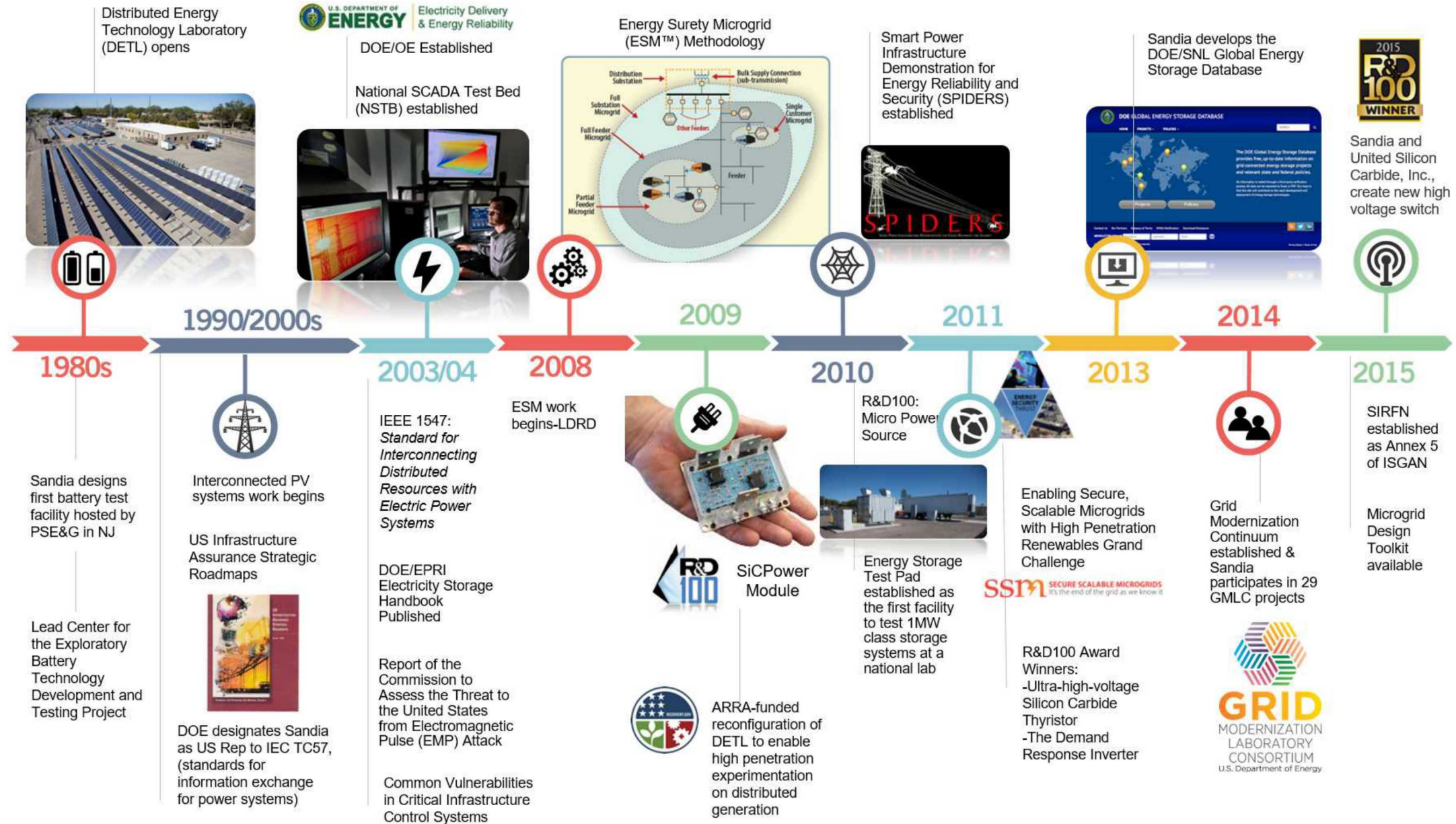
Energy Storage Demonstration Projects



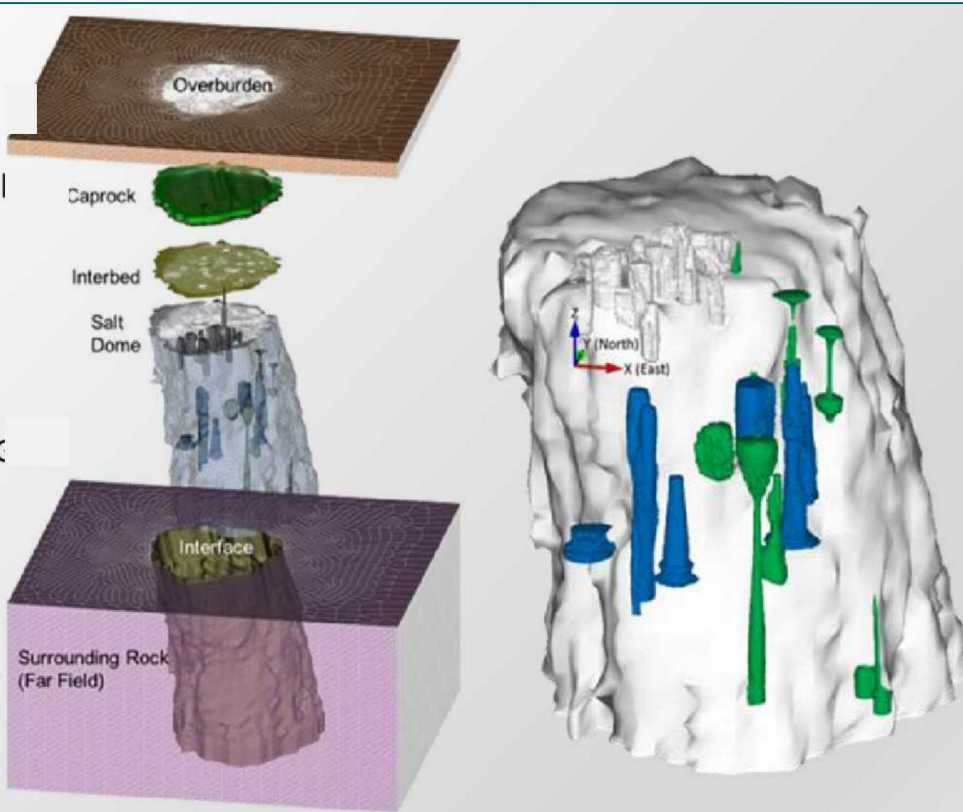
Open-source, Python-based
Energy Storage Analysis Suite



Sandia Grid Modernization



U.S. Strategic Petroleum Reserve (SPR)

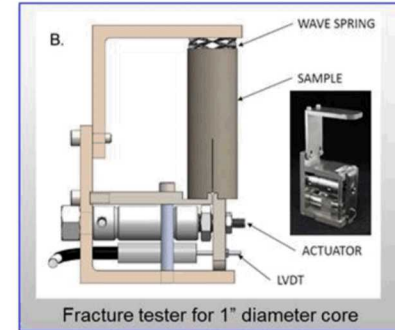


SPR Bayou Choctaw salt dome 3D rendering and accompanying geomechanical model

Clean Coal and Carbon Management Carbon Storage and Sequestration

Geomechanics of CO₂ Reservoir Seals

An in-situ fracture tester was developed to examine the effects of CO₂ injection on Caprock integrity by measuring the effects of different solutions and their concentrations on fracture velocities.



SWP: Southwest Regional Partnership on Carbon Sequestration

SWP has completed an initial characterization of the potential to store CO₂ in geologic formations and a validation of the most promising storage opportunities. Current work is underway at the Farnsworth Unit, Texas, enhanced oil recovery site using CO₂ captured from ethanol and fertilizer plants that is injected into the underground oil reservoir.

Chemical-Mechanical Effects on Fracture

This work focuses on developing a fundamental atomistic-level understanding of the chemical-mechanical processes that control subcritical cracks in low-permeability geomaterials. This links atomic-scale insight to macroscale observables, with applications to fracking as well as deep geologic disposal of CO₂. Work sponsored by SNL LDRD program.

Phoenix Series Large Scale LNG Pool Fire Experiments



Blanchat, T., SAND2011-4850C

Fossil Energy

Crude Oil Characterization Research Study

- Objective: Evaluate whether crude oils currently transported in North America, including those produced from “tight” formation exhibit:
 - physical or chemical properties that are distinct from conventional crudes
 - how these properties affect parameters required to assess thermal hazard distances

Crude transport by rail poses risks recognized by US & Canadian regulators & stakeholders



Casselton, ND, Dec 30, 2013

“Bakken crude may be more flammable than previously thought: U.S. regulator”

Reuters: January 2, 2014

Numerous high-profile train accidents in the US and Canada

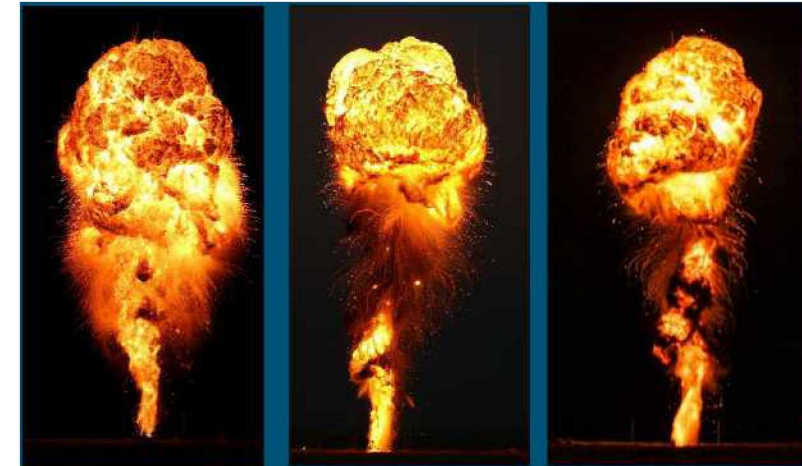
Open debate whether type of crude (tight vs. conventional) contributes to accident severity

Thermal Hazard Distances



**Lac-Mégantic, Canada accident site
July 6, 2013**

Pool Fire and Fireball Tests (For Comparative Purposes only)



Bakken

SPR

Texas Shale



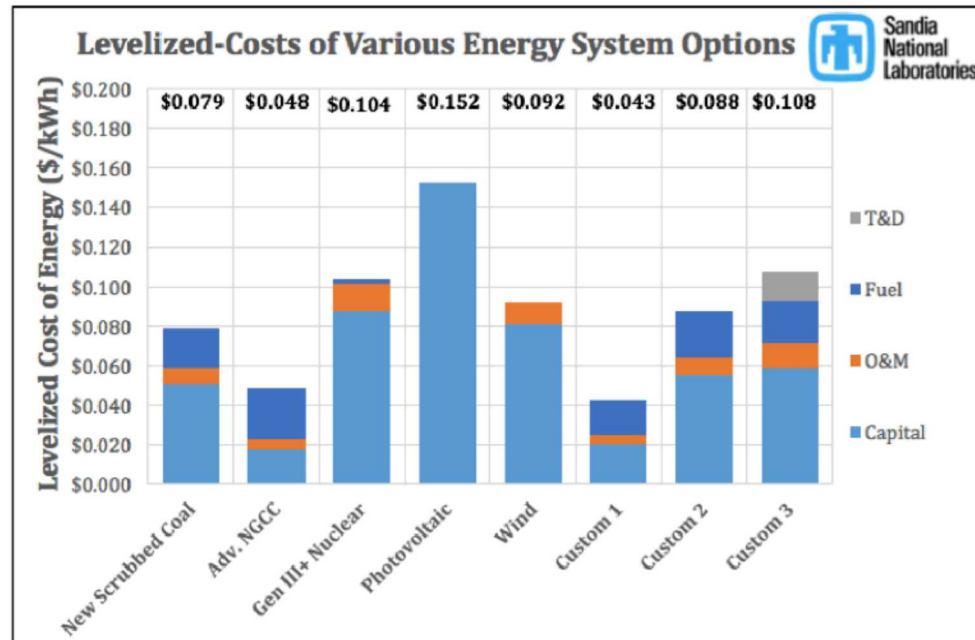
Custom 1000-gallon pressure vessel

Nuclear Energy / Clean Coal / Energy

Brayton Cycle

Sandia has been developing the Supercritical Carbon Dioxide (sCO₂) Closed Brayton Cycle. Brayton Cycles can achieve higher energy conversion efficiencies at 1/10th the cost of comparable steam Rankine cycles. The technology is being demonstrated in the Nuclear Energy Systems laboratory/Brayton lab.

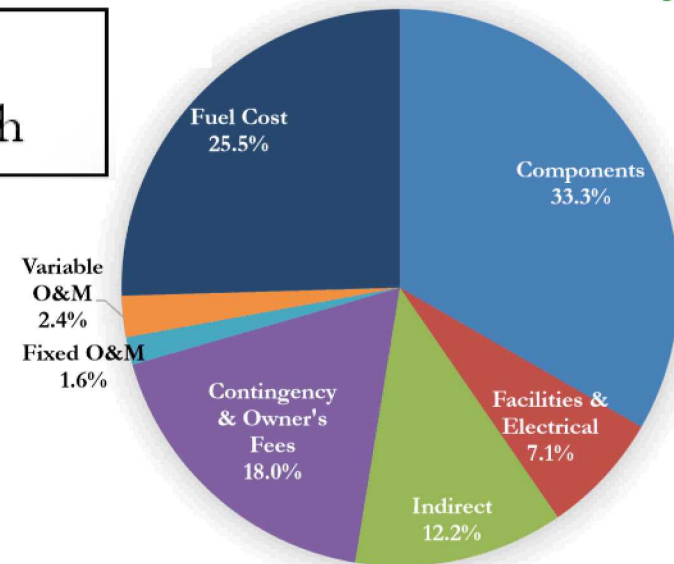
An Integrated Techno-economic Modeling Tool for sCO₂ Brayton Cycles



Drennen and Lance, 2019, SAND2019-8738.

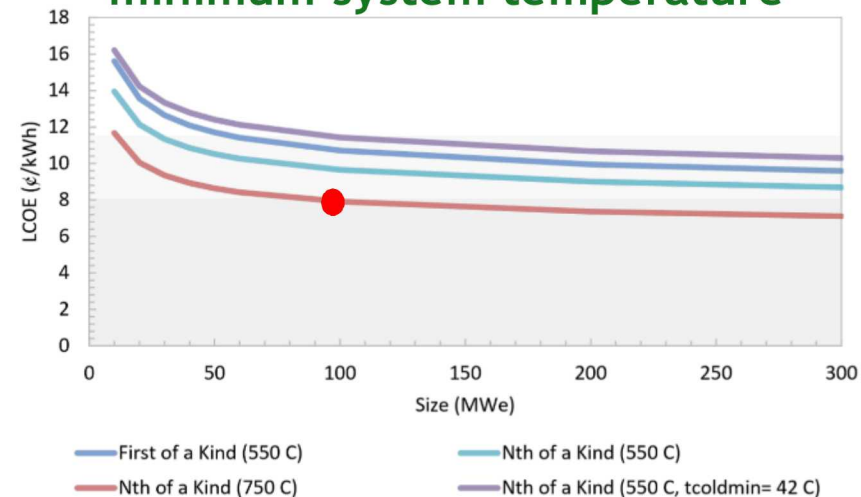
Estimated LCOE for an nth-of-a-kind, 100 Mw_e RCBC w/dry cooling

LCOE:
0.083\$/kWh



Leveraging NETL Expertise & Approaches

LCOE as a function of plant size, turbine inlet temperature, & minimum system temperature



Hydrogen: Research in Materials, Safety, Costs

Materials – for hydrogen production, storage and utilization

Safety – risk analysis and the creation of risk-informed standards

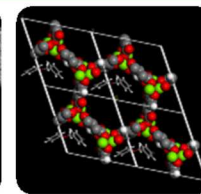
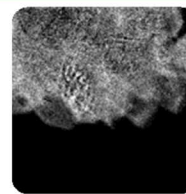
Hydrogen Production from Renewables



Advanced water-splitting materials and technologies for large-scale H₂ production

Hydrogen Storage Materials and Solutions

Discovering the behavior and performance of solid storage materials



Hydrogen-Materials Compatibility



Low-cost, hydrogen-compatible materials and the science basis for their qualification

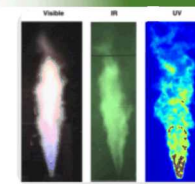


Fuel Cells



Membrane systems for enhanced electrochemical performance

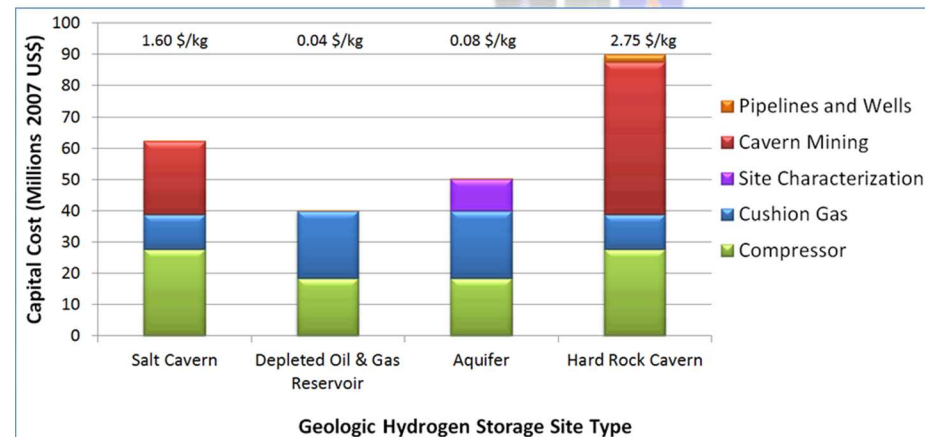
Hydrogen Fueling Infrastructure



H₂ release behavior and risk assessment to define the safety envelope for storage & delivery

Technologies for Non-Vehicle Applications

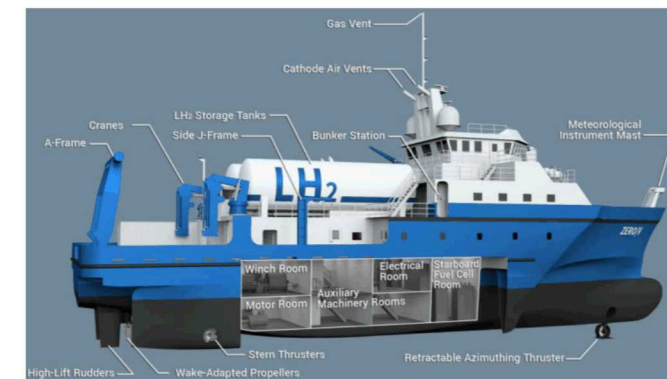
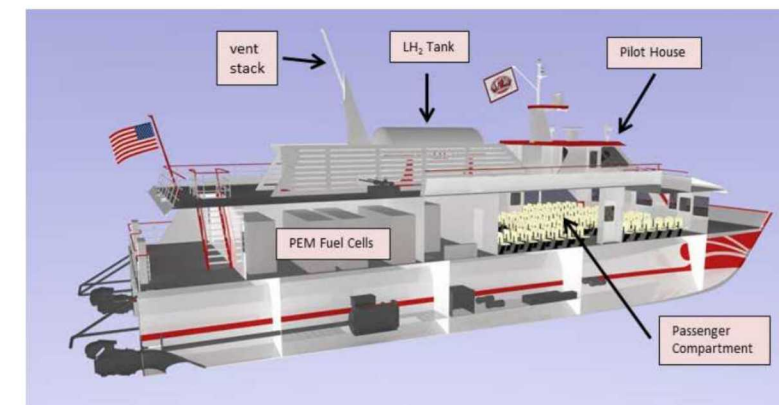
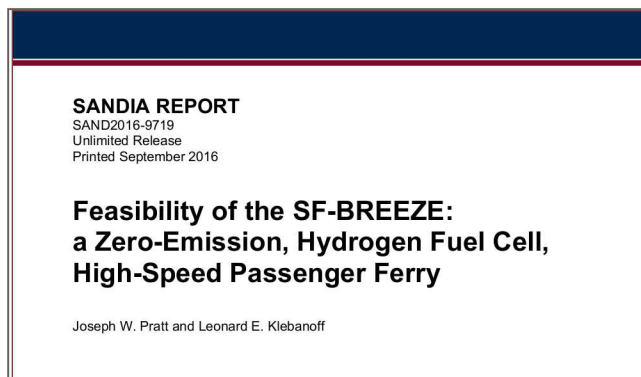
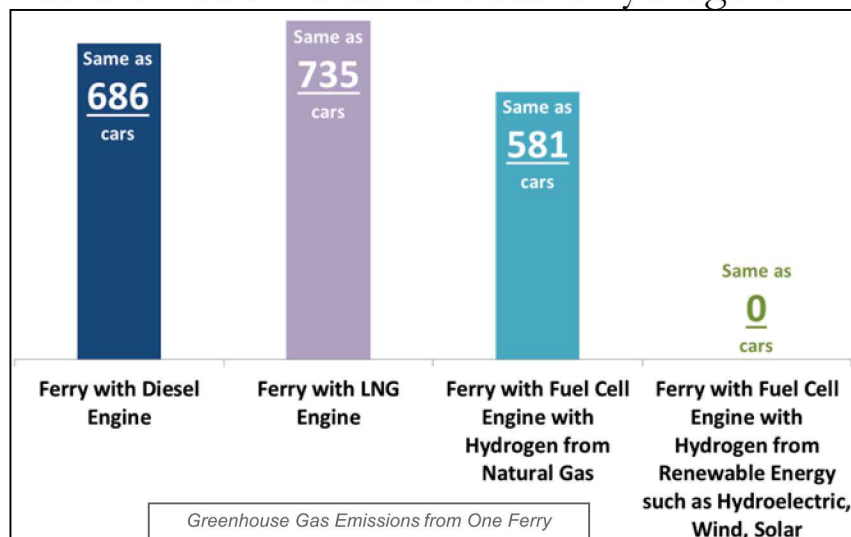
Marine and rail applications



Hydrogen

Feasibility of Hydrogen Fuel Cell-Powered Maritime Vessels

- Are hydrogen powered marine vessels feasible considering technical, economic and regulatory factors?
- SF-BREEZE high-speed passenger ferry
 - Catamaran design has similar capacity to existing ferry service.
 - Analysis shows modest emissions reduction with SMR-produced hydrogen, zero emission with renewable hydrogen.



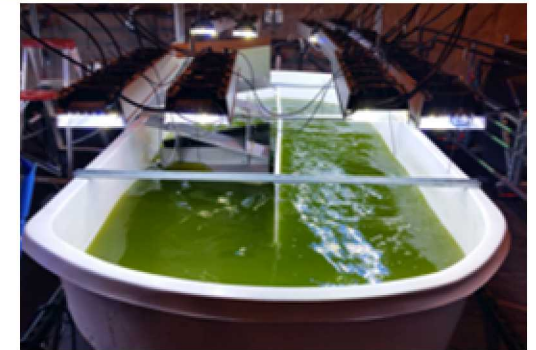
- Zero-V coastal research vessel
 - Feasibility was found for a vessel able to perform 14 Scripps science missions with a 2,400 nautical mile range.

Biofuels

Algae

Sandia is achieving success and recognition in three specific areas:

- Turf Algae
 - Robust polycultures grown on polymer mats to treat ag runoff and other nutrient-loaded surface water, and to produce algal biomass for energy / fuel / feed applications.
- The “Crash Lab”
 - Understand causes of pond crashes in algal monoculture systems
 - Develop response & prevention strategies
- Genomics
 - Leveraging expertise & capabilities to develop advanced, more productive strains of algae and cyanobacteria.



Biofuels & Bioproducts:

- Genomics / Metabolomics / Microbiomics
- Algae – Attached “Turf” Algae & Algal Pond Stability
- Discovery Tools
 - imaging, novel sensors, micro-fluidics, field-test sites, relationships, etc.
- Biomass (pre-) Treatment & Fermentation

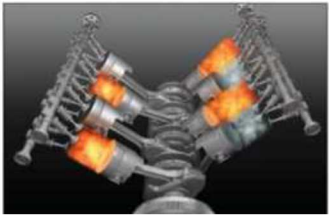


DOE Secretary's
Achievement Award
Pretreatment &
Process
Development Team

Transportation

Co-Optimization of Fuels and Engines

What fuels do
engines
really want?



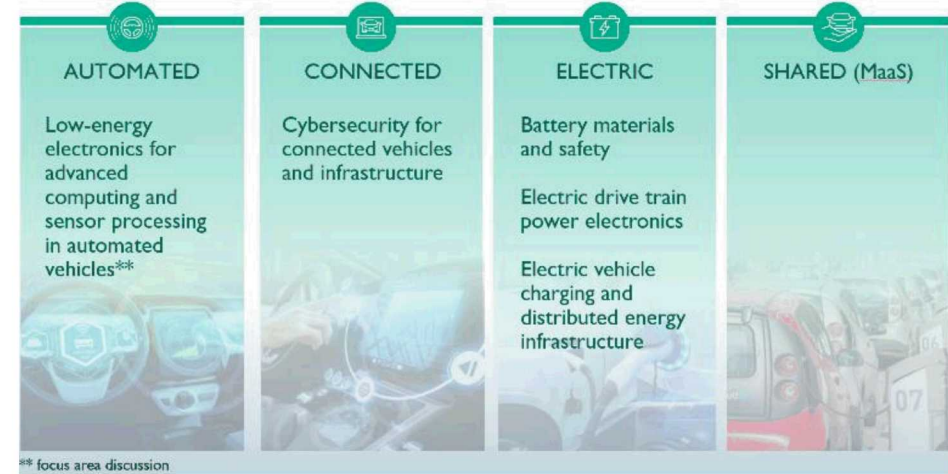
What fuels
should we make?



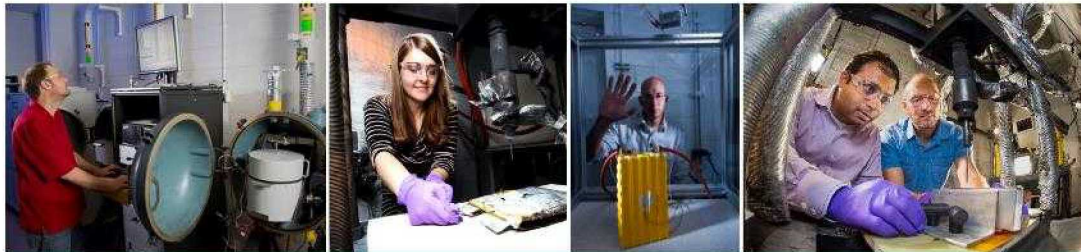
What will work
in the real world?



On-Road Transportation Trends



Battery Safety and Extreme Fast Charging



BATTERY SAFETY SCIENCE
MATERIAL FAILURE &
PROPAGATION

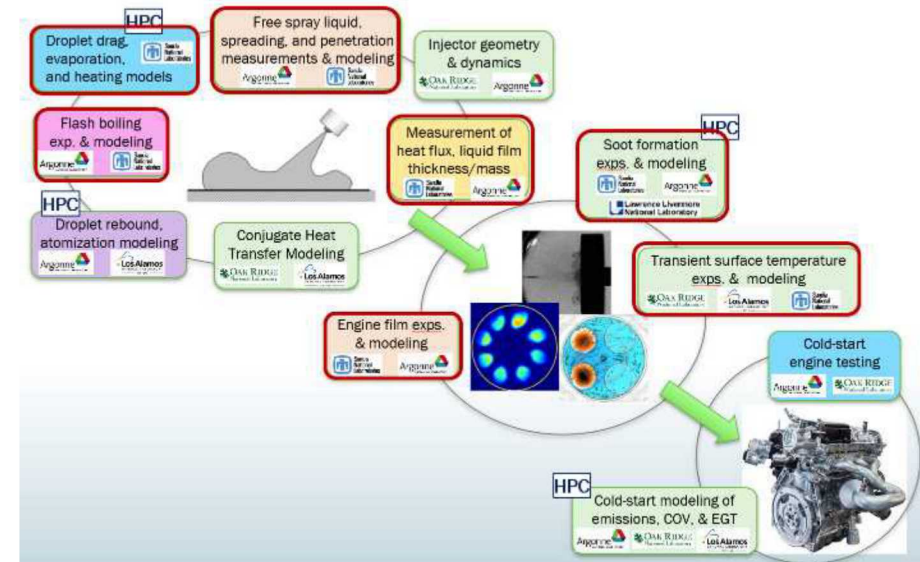
BATTERY
PERFORMANCE
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BATTERY ABUSE
TESTING

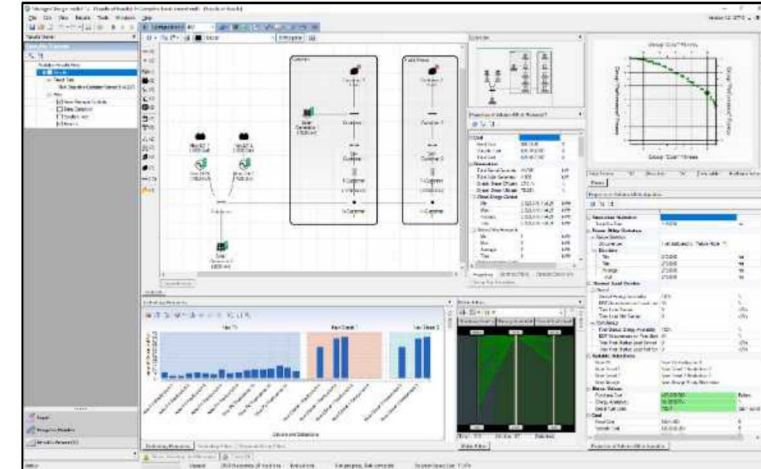
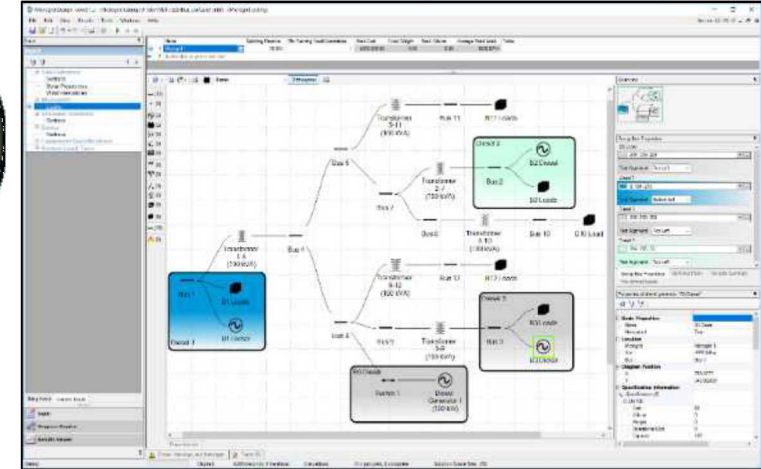
ADVANCED ANODE MATERIAL
DEVELOPMENT

OFFICIAL USE ONLY

Fundamental Model Development Supported by High Performance Computing - Multiple National Labs



Analysis: Sandia's Microgrid Design Toolkit (MDT)



- Produces a Pareto frontier:
 - Efficient alternative Microgrid designs and visualizations
 - To help a designer understand system trade-offs.
- Unique capability to:
 - Optimize topology, generation, and asset sizes
 - Over multiple measures of performance.
- Toolkit Attributes allow for optimized scenarios focusing on:

Performance

Reliability

Operations

Renewables

Service

History



SPIDERS (2011)



v1.0 Publicly Released (2016)



Use for GMLC and Others (2017-*)



DOE OE Funding (2014)



USMC SYSCOM Funding (2016)

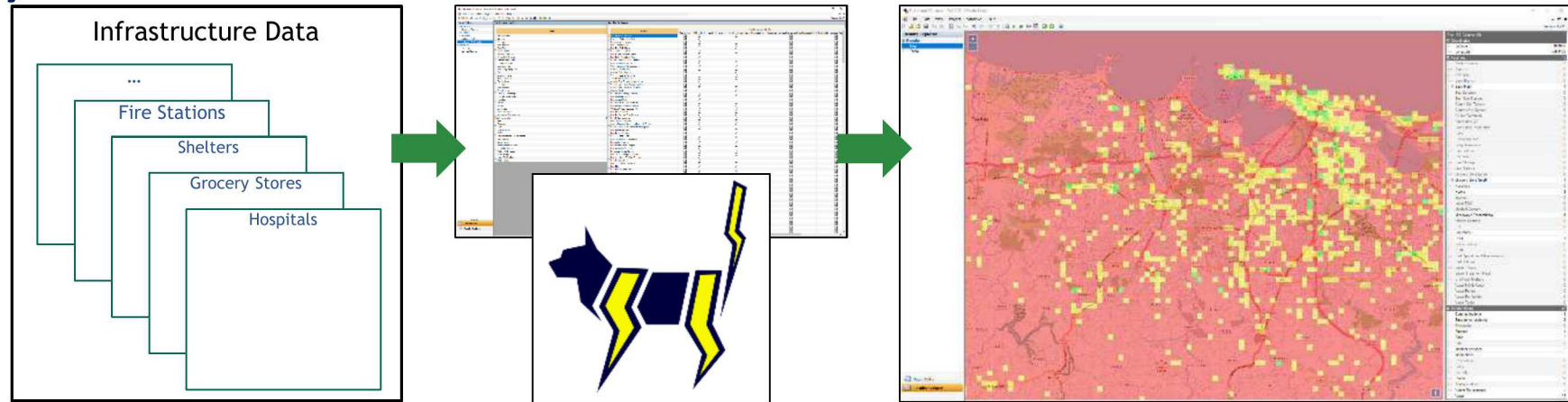


R&D 100 Award (2017)

Analysis: Resilience Node Cluster Analysis Tool (ReNCAT) 1.0



Determines Potential
Microgrid locations



- ReNCAT takes infrastructure data and determines potential microgrid locations in an urban area based on high-density clusters of critical services subject to design basis threats (DBTs)
- Users can include any number of infrastructure sectors and threats, and may specify both the desired area size for microgrids and the minimum service level required
- ReNCAT displays results in report form and as a color-coded interactive map showing potential locations & service levels

- ReNCAT has been used to suggest portfolios of microgrids for the city of New Orleans and the island of Puerto Rico
- Version 1.0 is in the final stages of the copyright process and will be available for use by U.S. entities
- Version 2.0 is under development and will utilize optimization to locate potential microgrids that best serve the community based on the distribution system layout, population location, asset services/service levels, and cost

Summary

- Sandia works across all major energy carrier types & select infrastructure
 - Renewables, Grid Energy Storage, Fossil, Nuclear, Hydrogen, Biofuels, Transportation, Analysis
- Sandia partners with other National Labs and Industry Partners to ensure relevance
 - Analysis capabilities, Technology Integration to existing Infrastructure

Thank You

