

# **Laboratory Directed Research and Development (LDRD) Day Symposium and Awards for Excellence**

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*CTO and VP of ST&E SMU*



# LDRD Day is an opportunity for communication and recognition

- **Showcase wonderful LDRD accomplishments**
- **LDRD is the ‘seed corn’ for Sandia’s S&T**
  - Nurture the core
  - Support the missions
  - Drive the future
- **Staff participation in LDRD is key to success**
  - High technical risk R&D with potential impact
  - Innovative support of Labs’ mission needs
  - Engagement with internal/external community



# Last year, we articulated 3 goals for LDRD \*

## 1. More creative, high-risk, leading edge R&D

- Improve the balance across R-D-A
- Elevate technical excellence in driving project selection

## 2. More effective and efficient process

- Reduce internal stove-piping
- Be intentional about project size and staff fragmentation
- Reduce politics and complexity of proposal process

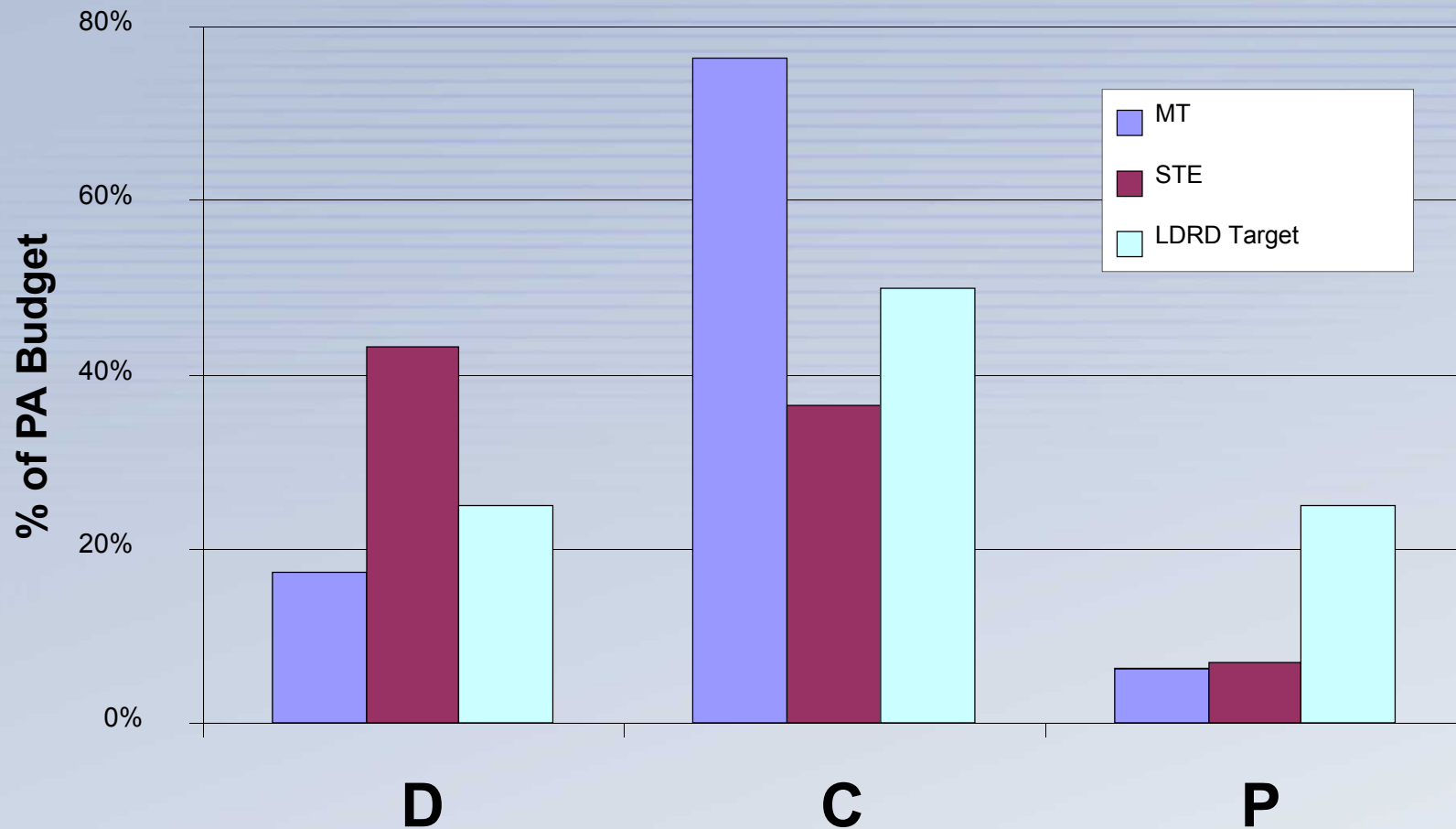
## 3. Greater external impact and innovation

- Reputation with customers & external S&T community
- Fully leverage R&D to mission application



# Progress Report:

## Strategic intent of new projects are evaluated



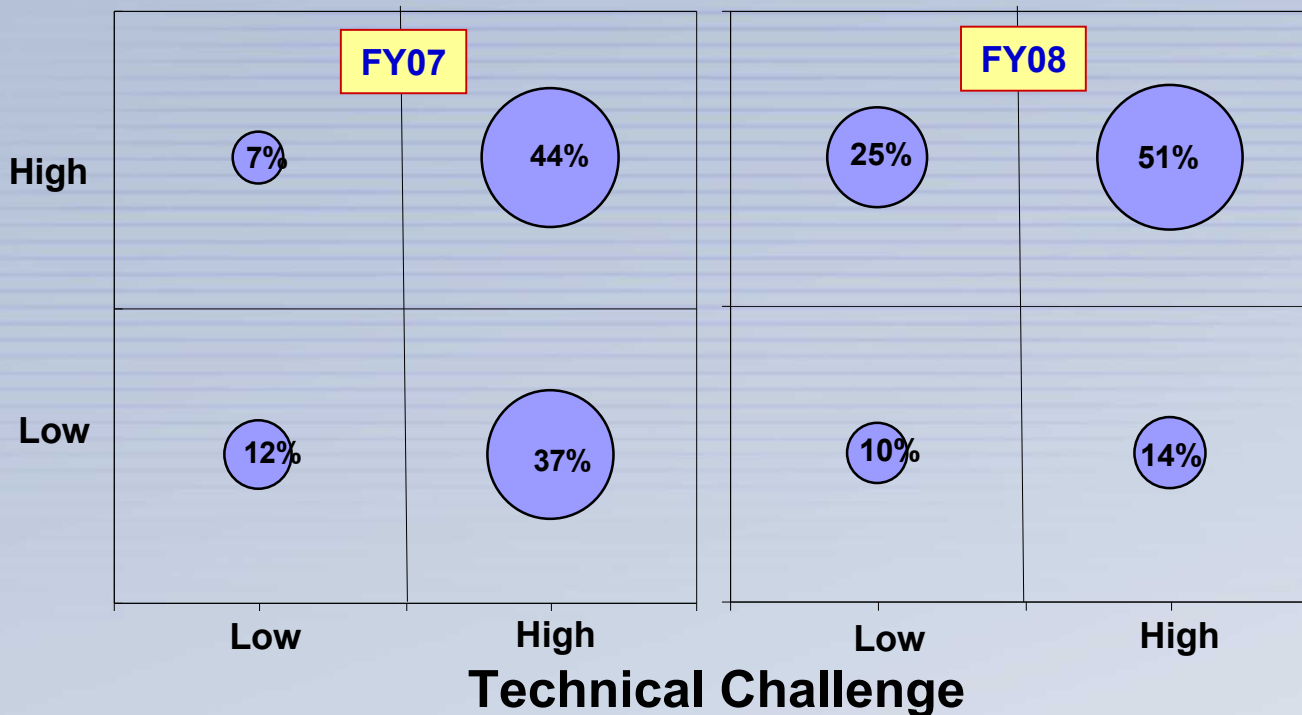


# Progress Report:

## LDRD is investing in high-risk, leading edge R&D

% of LDRD program new start projects

Scientific Challenge



### Scientific Challenge

High: Significant advance in existing or creation of a new scientific framework or field

Low : No change or incremental change in existing scientific framework or field

### Technical Challenge:

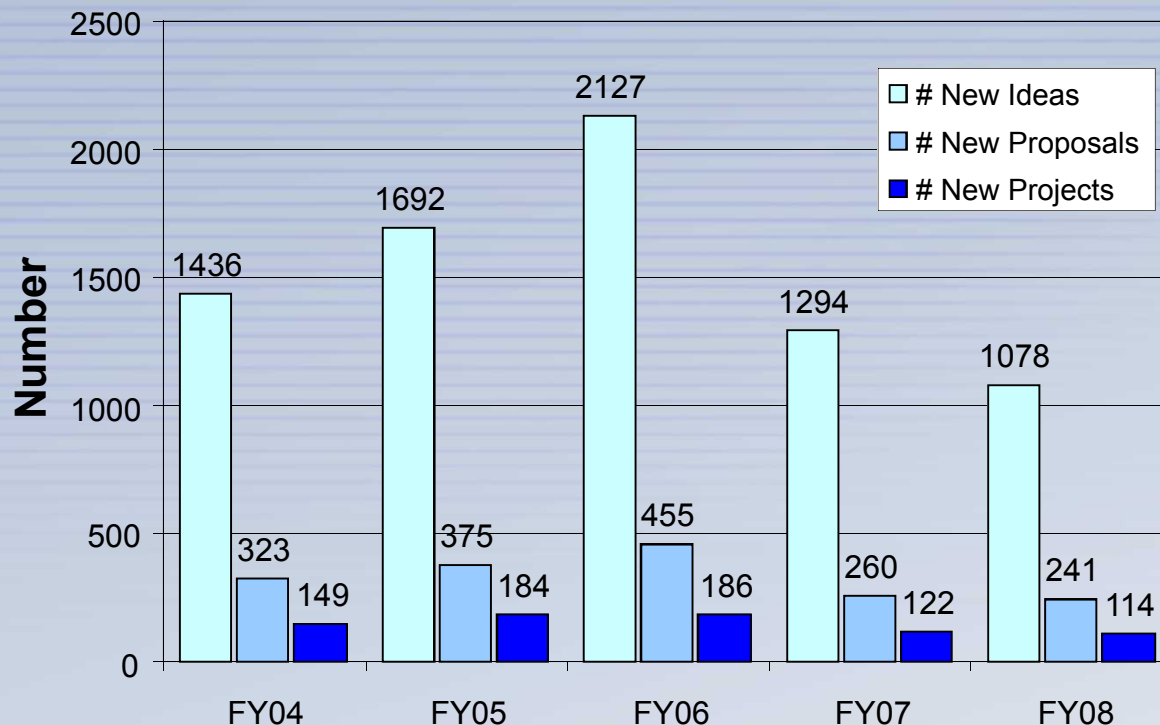
High: Significant improvement of or a first ever product/technology of its kind

Low : No change or incremental refinement or customization of an existing product/technology



# Progress Report: LDRD process is more effective and efficient

**Process is reducing  
level of effort for  
both IA team and PIs**



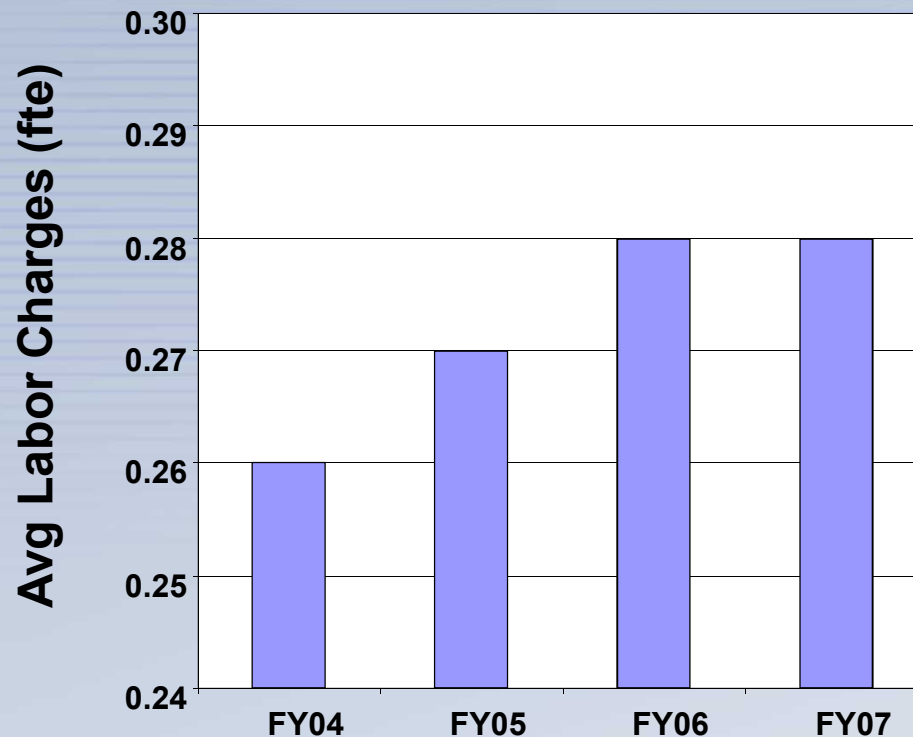
## **Technical excellence considered during project selection**

- Inclusion of technical staff on all IAs
- Review comments provided to PI for use in oral interview



# Progress Report:

## PIs are devoting more time to R&D



### Senior Steering Committee reduces stove piping and politics

- Integrate strategy and management
- Communication and standardization

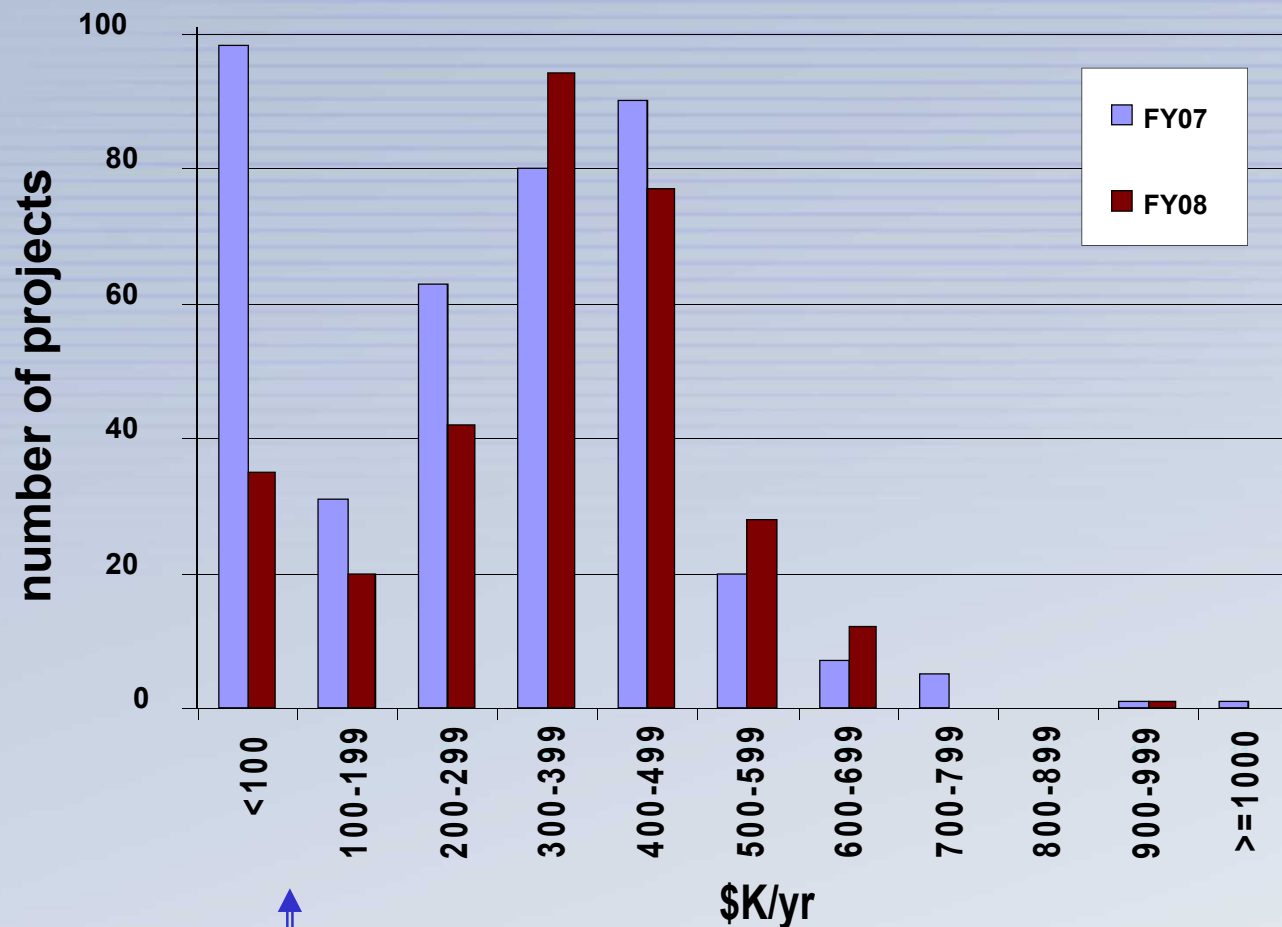




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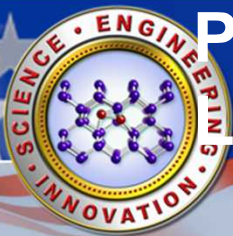
## LDRD budgets are uniformly distributed

### FY07-08 Projects by Size



Many Late Starts





# Progress Report: LDRD focuses on external impact and innovation

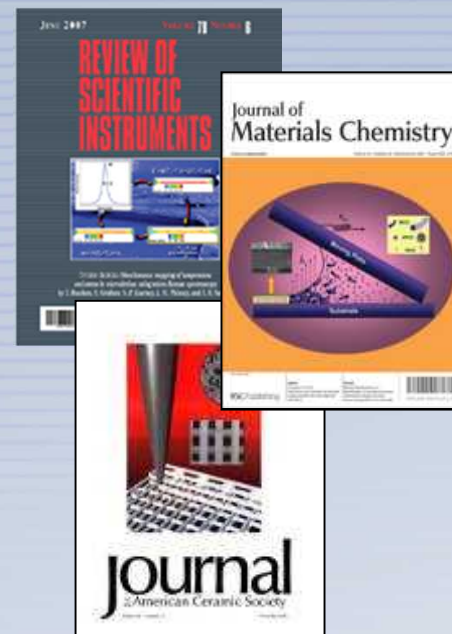


## Publications

Five of SNL's top ten most highly cited publications in 2002-2006 were supported by LDRD

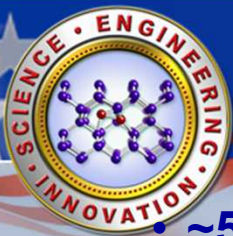
## Innovation

60% of SNL's R&D 100 awards since 1992 were supported by LDRD



## Managing Outcomes

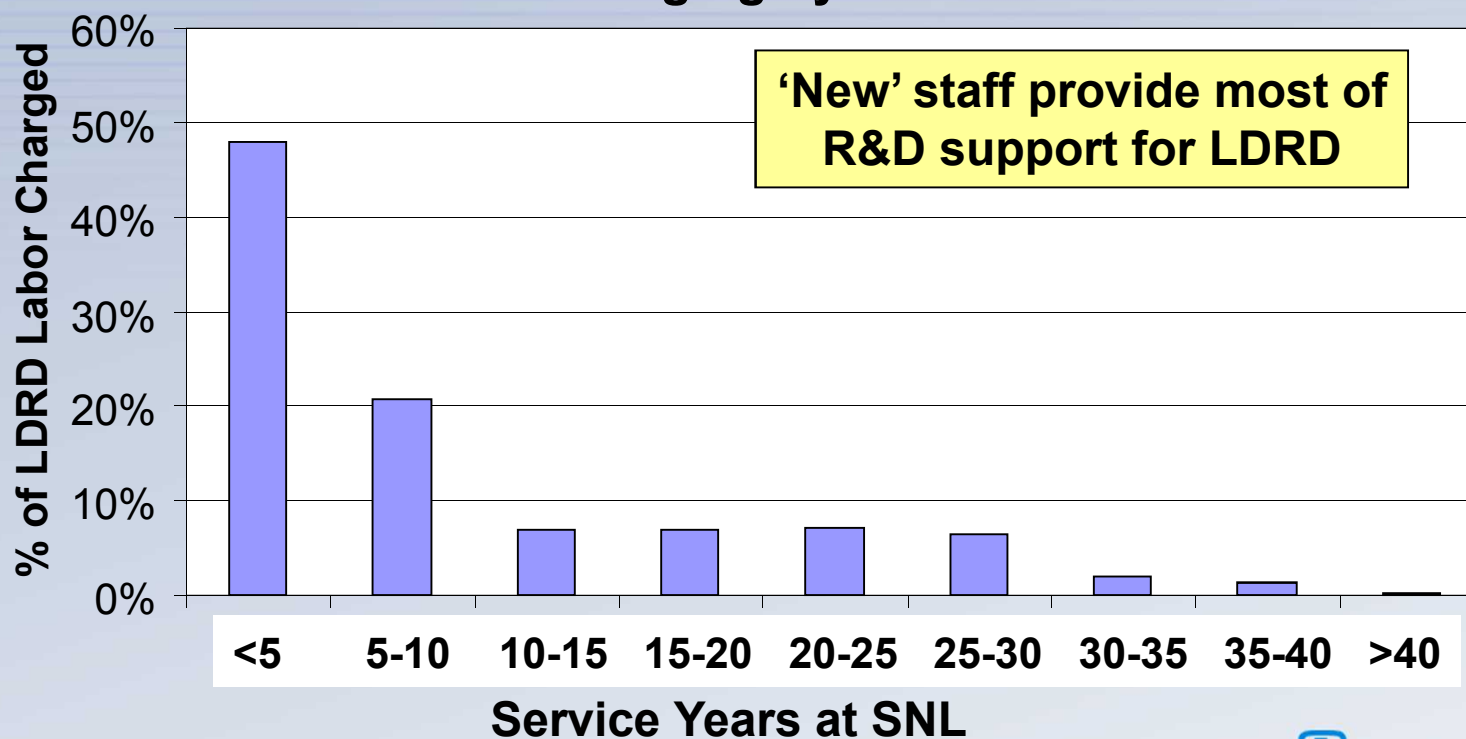
- Single Project Manager for similar projects
- Annual milestone for PI to communicate results
- Annual IA review of terminating LDRD projects



# LDRD supports the Labs' future workforce

- ~50% of postdocs and ~30% of technical LTEs are supported by LDRD, which is more than any other program at SNL.
- >50% of postdocs and technical LTEs converted to full-time staff were supported by LDRD

**FY06 Charging by Service Years**





# **LDRD Program impact far exceeds its 8% Assessment**

## **LDRD program is responsible for**

- Over 40% of SNL's total number of technical advances**
- Almost 50% of the patent applications**
- About 35% of issued patents**
- 80% of SNL's R&D 100 Award winners in FY07**
- About 20% of SNL's refereed publications during 2002-2006**
- SNL's leadership position relative to other national labs in optoelectronics, electrical engineering, and applied physics**
- 50% of SNL's top-ten most highly cited papers were supported by LDRD**



# **End of Introduction**

# **Begin Individual Talks**



# LDRD Day Agenda

- **8:30-8:45AM** Introduction (*Hank Westrich, LDRD Program Manager*)
- **8:45-9:00AM** LDRD Strategic View (*Rick Stulen, CTO*)
- **9:00-9:30AM** Fiber Laser Grand Challenge (*Dahv Kliner*)
- **9:30-9:50AM** Managing thermal emission w/subwavelength diffractive optics (*Shanalyn Kemme*)
- **9:50-10:10AM** Epitaxial growth of single crystal semiconductor materials (*Hongyou Fan*)
- **10:10-10:30AM** Break
- **10:30-10:50AM** Modeling Catastrophic Geologic Events (*Mark Boslough*)
- **10:50-11:10PM** Data Mining on Attributed Relationship Graphs (*Tammy Kolda*)
- **11:10-11:30PM** Titanium *Cholla* - Optimized, Lightweight, High Strength Structures for Aerospace Applications (*David Gill*)
- **11:30-12:00PM** LDRD Awards for Excellence (*Rick Stulen, CTO*)
- **12:00-12:45PM** Pizza Lunch
- **12:00 - 3:30PM** Poster Session



# LDRD Awards for Excellence

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# LDRD Award for Excellence

**These Awards recognize excellence in R&D in the three LDRD project categories: Discover, Create, and Prove. The award process brings recognition to our best researchers, and a nomination for the LDRD Award is an acknowledgment of the outstanding nature of their R&D.**

**To be eligible for an award, an LDRD project must have finished in one of the last three fiscal years (FY2005-FY2007). Nominations are submitted by Investment Area leads, and they are evaluated for their embodiment of “National Laboratory Challenge, Risk and Creativity,” and of “National Laboratory Relevance and Impact.”**





# 2007 LDRD Award for Excellence Winners

- **Nanolithography Directed Materials Growth and Self-Assembly**

**PI: Julia Hsu**

*For pioneering work on controlled growth and assembly of oxide nanostructures on surfaces and for furthering the understanding of heteroepitaxial growth of dissimilar materials*

- **Microwave to Millimeter Wave Electrodynamic Response and RF Applications of Semiconductor Quantum Nanostructures**

**PI: Mark Lee**

*For opening a new frontier in high frequency nanotechnology by exploiting the quantum mechanical properties of semiconductor nanostructures for microwave and millimeter-wave applications.*

- **Controlled fabrication of nanowire sensors**

**PI: Francois Leonard**

*For developing a fundamental understanding of nanowire-based sensors: synthesis, assembly, characterization and modeling.*



# 2007 LDRD Award for Excellence Winners

- **Just in Time Jamming of Enemy Detonation Signals**  
**PI: Larry Bacon**  
*For developing a responsive RF jammer that selectively jams in narrow frequency range*
- **Nanoporous Films for Epitaxial Growth of Single Crystal Semiconductor Materials**  
**PI: Hongyou Fan**  
*For developing photolithographically defined and self-assembled carbon nanostructures to provide first-of-a-kind hierarchical growth templates for defect reduction in wide bandgap semiconductor heteroepitaxy.*
- **Bead-based Multiplexed, Orthogonal, BW/ID BioWarfare/Infectious Disease Detection Microsystem and Technologies**  
**PI: Paul Galambos**  
*For leading a multidisciplinary team in a high-risk, innovative approach to the simultaneous detection of chemical/biological agents and radionuclides in raw samples.*



# LDRD Award for Excellence Honorable Mentions

- **MEMS-based Arrays of Micro Ion Traps for Quantum Simulation Scaling (Matt Blain)**
- **Robust Manufacturing of Gel-based Components for Nuclear Weapons (Phil Cole)**
- **Development of Advanced UV Light Emitters and Biological Agent Detection Strategies (Mary Crawford)**
- **Characterizing the Emissivity of Materials Under Dynamic Compression (Dan Dolan)**
- **Titanium Cholla: Lightweight, High Strength Optimized Structures (David Gill)**
- **Investigation of Liquid Jet Break-up and Dispersion (Richard Jepsen)**
- **Multiphase Dynamics of Soft Biological Tissues (Reese Jones)**
- **Noncontact Surface Thermometry for Microsystems (Sean Kearney)**
- **Novel Mechanisms of Nanomechanical Actuation (Kevin Leung)**
- **Thermo-physical Properties of Shocked Water for Modeling Pulsed Power Switches and Other HEDP Systems (Thomas Mattsson)**
- **DNA-Based Intelligent Microsensors for Genetically Modified Organisms (GMO) (Elebeoba May)**
- **Development of design and simulation model for large scale hydrogen production using nuclear power (Sal Rodriguez)**
- **Micro- and Meso-Scale Detonics of Explosives (Alex Tappan)**
- **Functionalized Nanoparticles for Sensor Applications (Dave Wheeler)**