



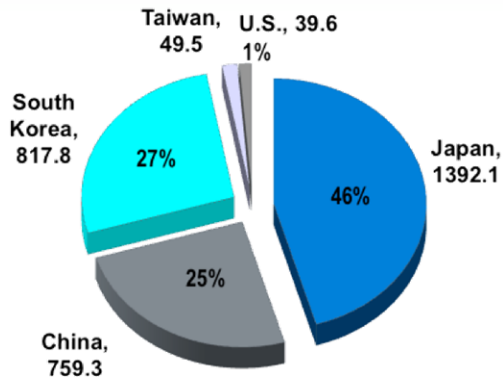
# **Emerging Renewable Energy Technologies for On-Site Power**

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**FEDERAL FACILITIES COUNCIL  
Renewable Energy Workshop  
April 15, 2011**

# Wake Up Call

Lithium-ion battery manufacturing volumes in 2009  
(millions of cells/year)



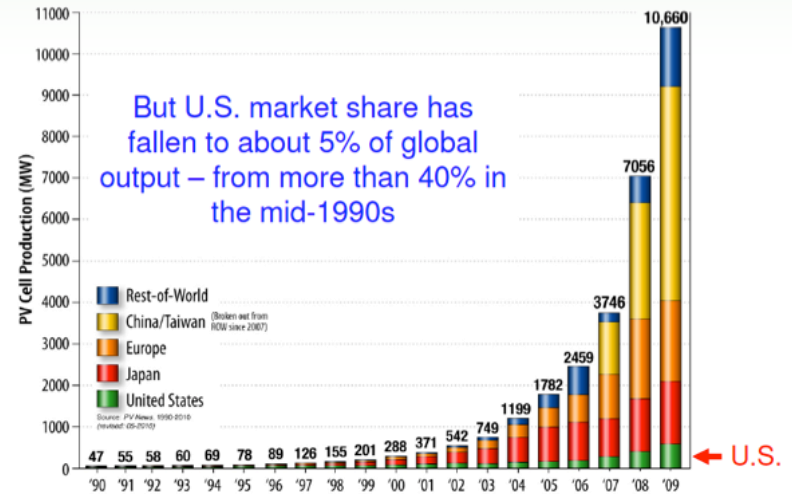
THE ENRICO FERMI AWARD

2009

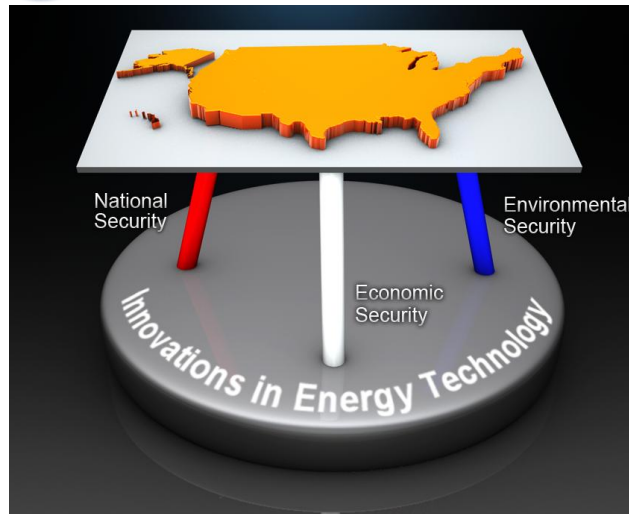
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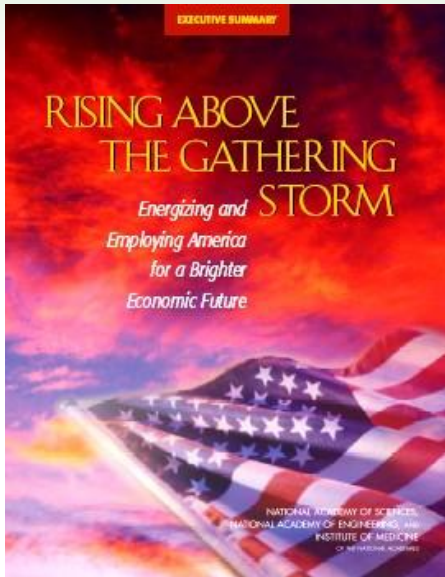
## Solar PV is a booming global industry



Worldwide production of solar photovoltaics – in Megawatts



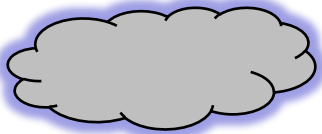
# Creation & Launching of ARPA-E



**2009**  
**American Recovery and Reinvestment Act**  
(\$400M appropriated for ARPA-E)

**2007**  
**America COMPETES Act**

**2006**  
***Rising Above the Gathering Storm***  
**(National Academies)**

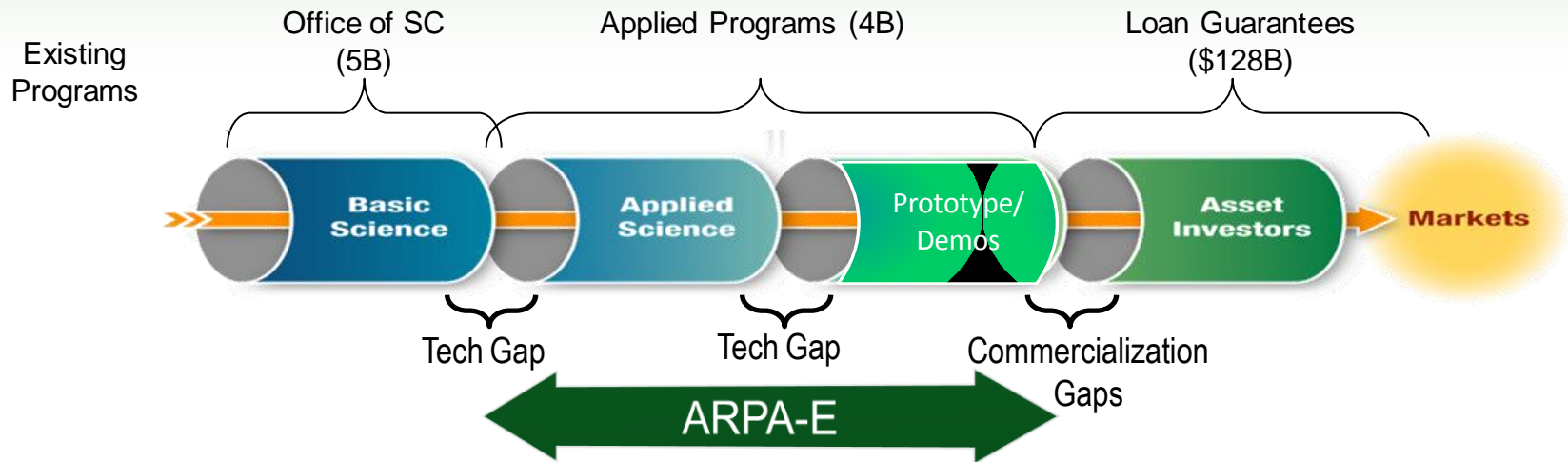


Innovation based on science and engineering will be primary driver of our future prosperity & security

President Obama launches ARPA-E at National Academies on April 27, 2009



# ARPA-E was created with a vision to bridge gaps in the energy innovation pipeline



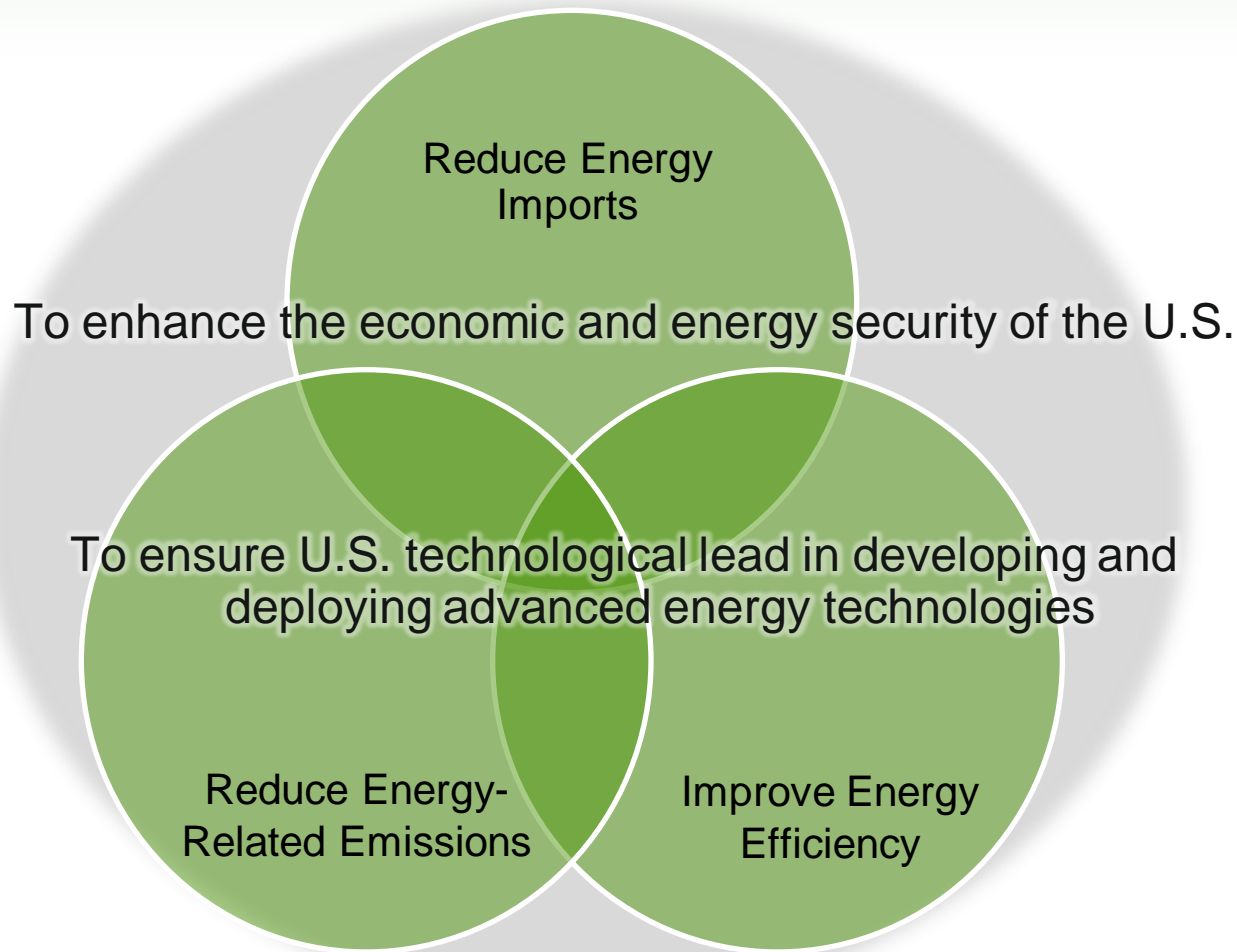
## what ARPA-E will do

- Seek high impact science and engineering projects
- Invest in the best ideas and teams
- Will tolerate and manage high technical risk
- Accelerate translation from science to markets
- Proof of concept and prototyping

## what ARPA-E will *NOT* do

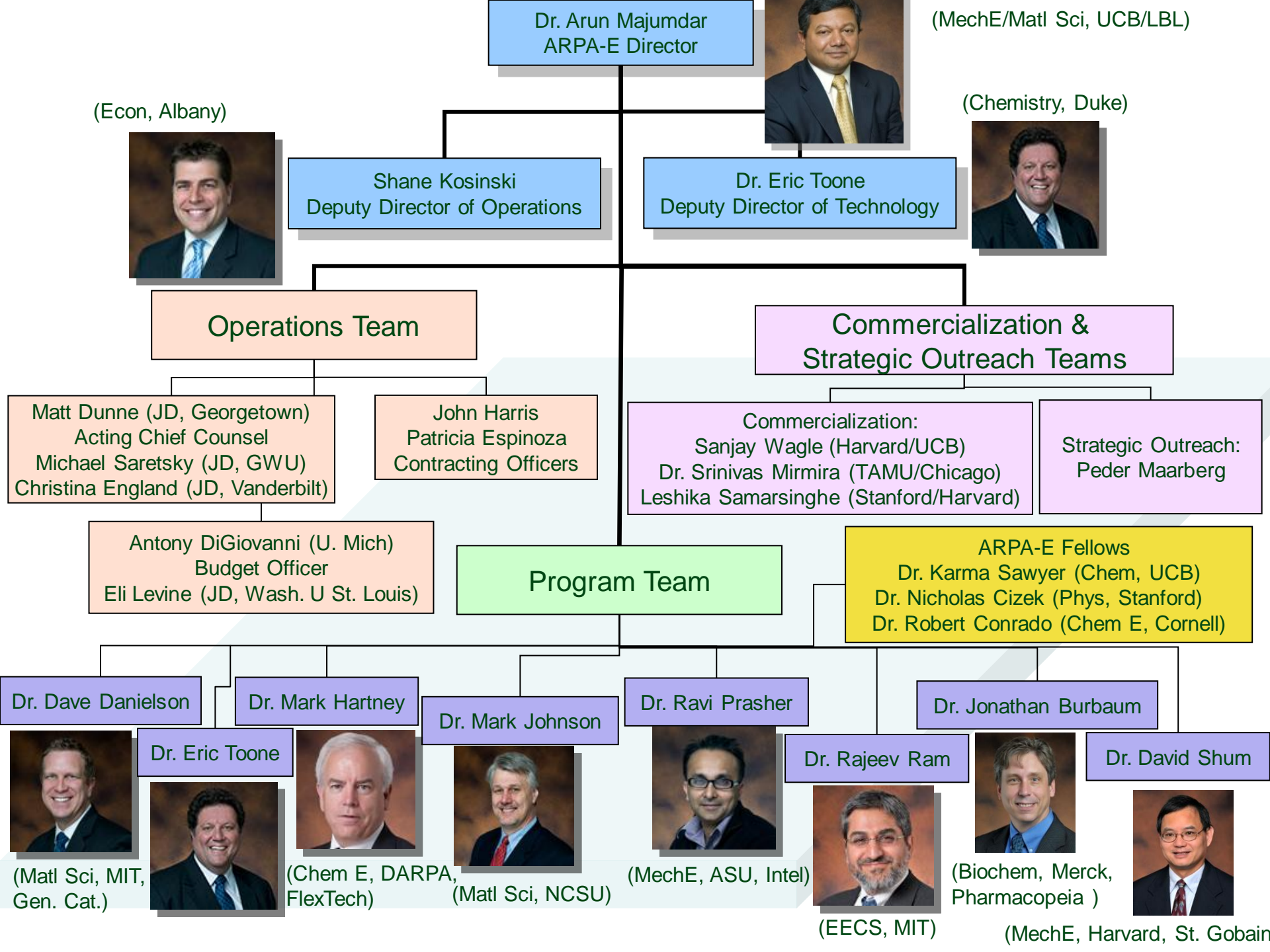
- Incremental improvements
- Basic research
- Long term projects or block grants
- Large-scale demonstration projects

# ARPA-E's Mission and Means

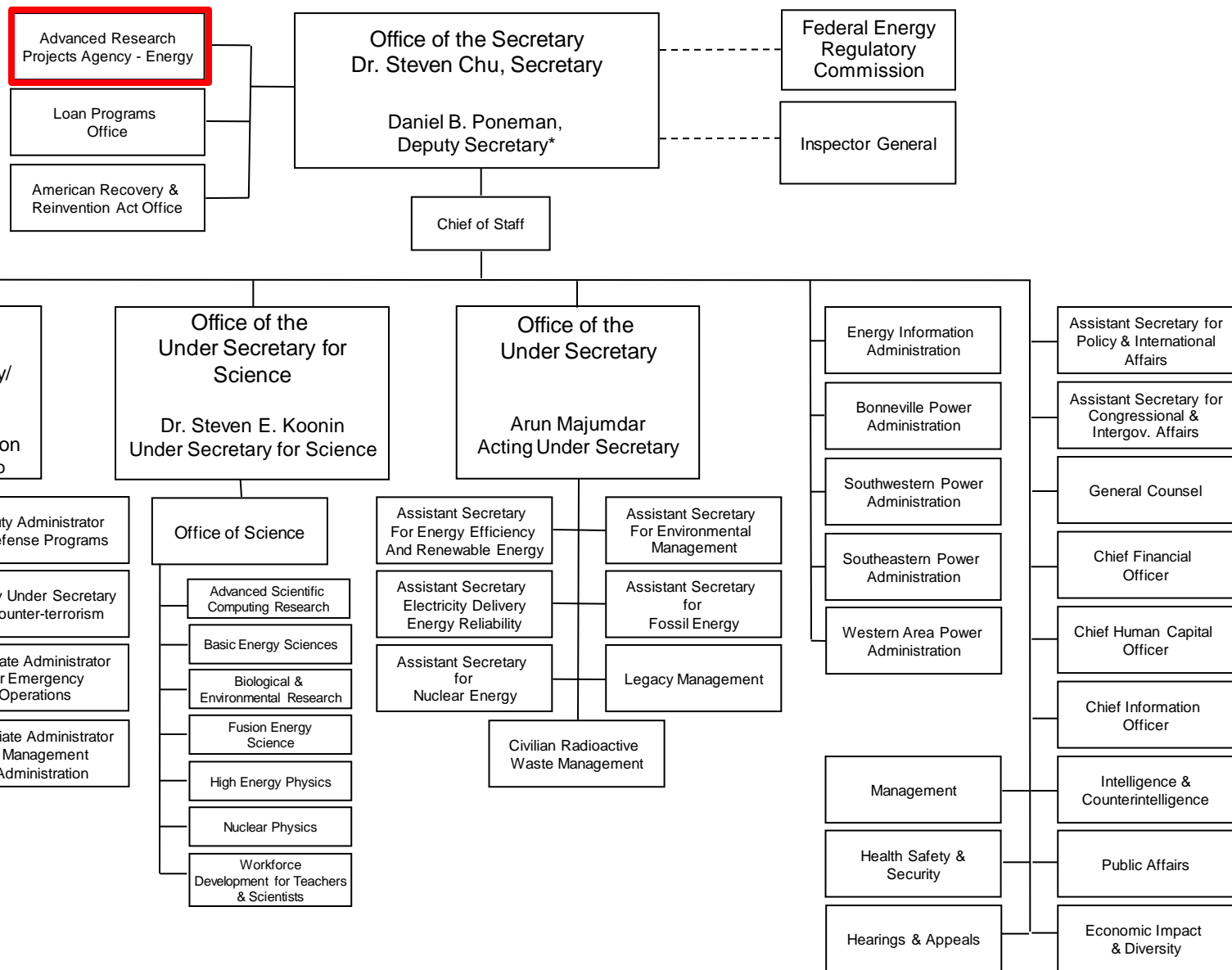


To overcome the long-term and high-risk technological barriers in the development of energy technologies.

- (A) identifying and promoting revolutionary advances in fundamental sciences;  
**AND**
- (B) translating scientific discoveries and cutting-edge inventions into technological innovations;  
**AND**
- (C) accelerating transformational technological advances in areas that industry by itself is not likely to undertake because of technical and financial uncertainty.

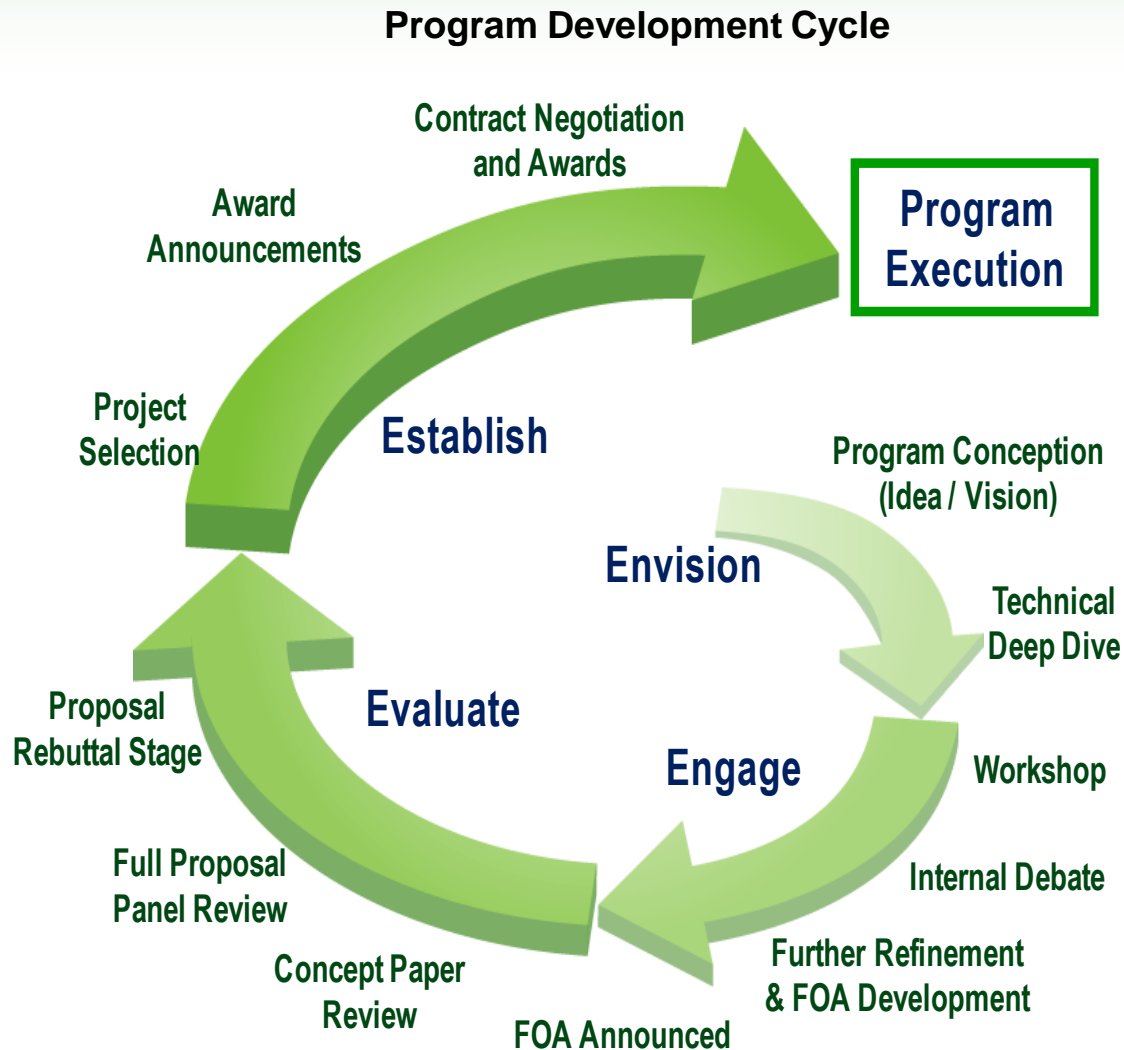


# DOE ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



\* The Deputy Secretary also serves as the Chief Operating Officer

# ARPA-E's program development process is extremely fast



**From Program  
Conception to  
Execution in 6-8  
Months**

# An ARPA-E Project has four main attributes

## IMPACT

If successful, project could have:

- High impact on ARPA-E mission areas
- Large commercial application

## BREAKTHROUGH TECHNOLOGY

Technologies that:

- Do not exist in today's energy market
- Are not just incremental improvements; could make today's technologies obsolete

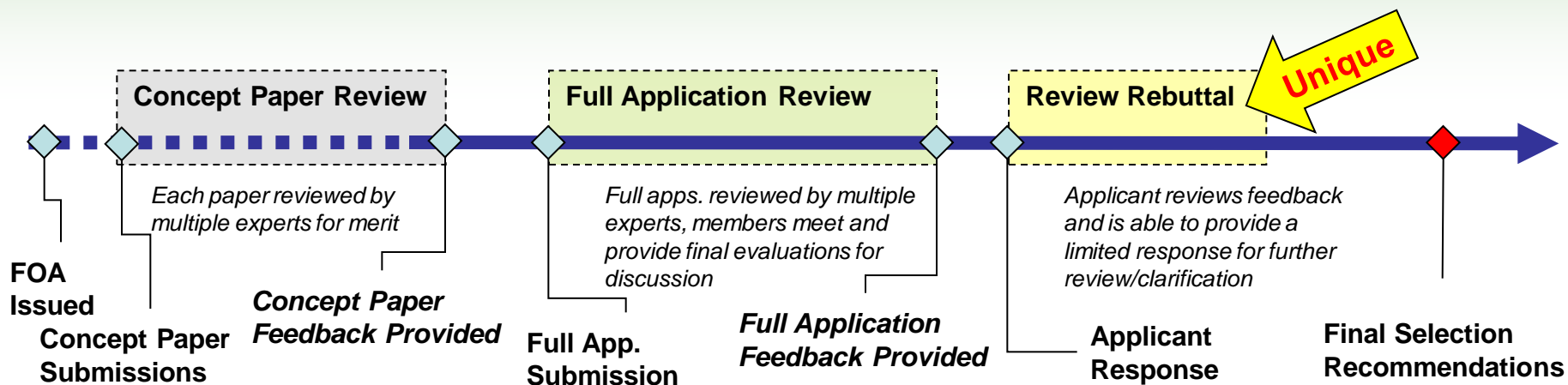
## ADDITIONALITY

- Difficult to move forward without ARPA-E funding
- But able to attract cost share and follow-on funding
- Not already being researched or funded by others

## PEOPLE

- Best-in-class people
- Teams with both scientists and engineers
- Brings new people, talent and skill sets to energy R&D

# The Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) process is fast-paced, but deliberative

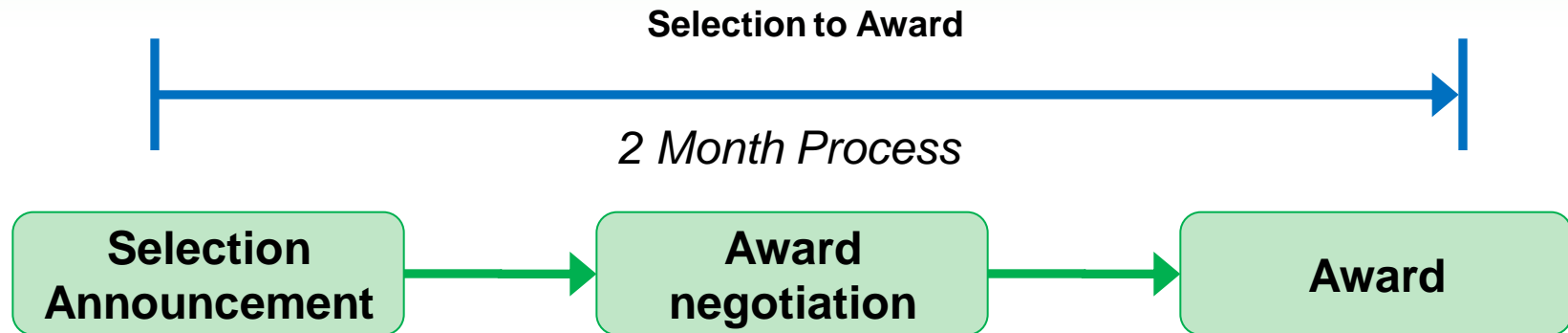


- ▶ 5-7 page summary
- ▶ Limits applicant expenses
- ▶ Reviewer comments provided to applicants

- ▶ Review by external, leading experts in the field
- ▶ External reviews critical to decision making – but scores do not get rack and stacked

- ▶ Applicants respond to reviews before selections
- ▶ Clarification improves final decisions

# A streamlined contract negotiation and award process allows projects to begin promptly



- ▶ Aggressive internal and external deadlines established – move at the pace of business
- ▶ ARPA-E Technical, Contracting and Legal teams co-located – limits bureaucracy
- ▶ ARPA-E developed user-friendly negotiation guide and materials provided
- ▶ Jointly develop challenging technical milestones

“ARPA-E has consistently impressed and surprised us with the speed of their evaluation and contracting process, and the high caliber of their staff...We wish all R&D programs could adopt this degree of efficiency and professionalism” – ARPA-E Performer

# ARPA-E's active program management promotes eventual project success

## Program Management Tools

### SCHEDULE



### COST



### TECHNICAL NOTES

#### Task 1: Chip Fabrication

	Subtask	Milestone	Technical Notes
	1.1: Deposit high capacitance materials	Q3: 20 microfarad capacitance achieved on 45 cm <sup>2</sup> sample	Best capacitance to-date is 12 µF; new oxide material was proposed at last meeting to achieve target
	1.2: Improve etch performance	Q4: New etching tool installed	On-track: PO made last week, delivery set for Nov.

## Active Program Management

- ARPA-E has a vested interest in the success of the project, we do not just provide a check
- Regular contact – at least two site visits per year, and formal quarterly reviews
- Help identify and resolve technical issues
- Annual community meetings

# ARPA-E Currently has six focused programs plus a broad portfolio of projects from its first solicitation

Broad Solicitation



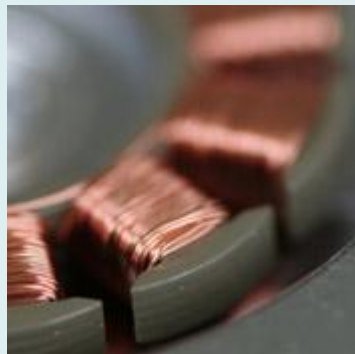
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End-Use Efficiency  
BEETIT



Stationary Power  
ADEPT      IMPACCT

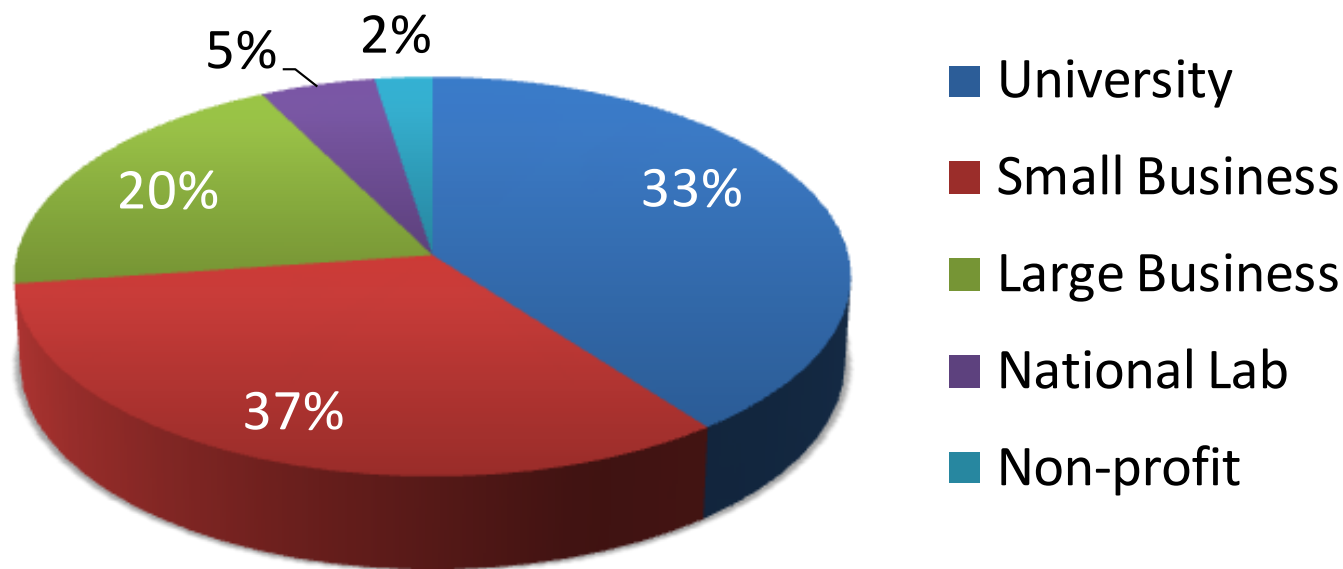


GRIDS



To date ARPA-E has made 121 awards from seven FOAs to a wide variety of organizations

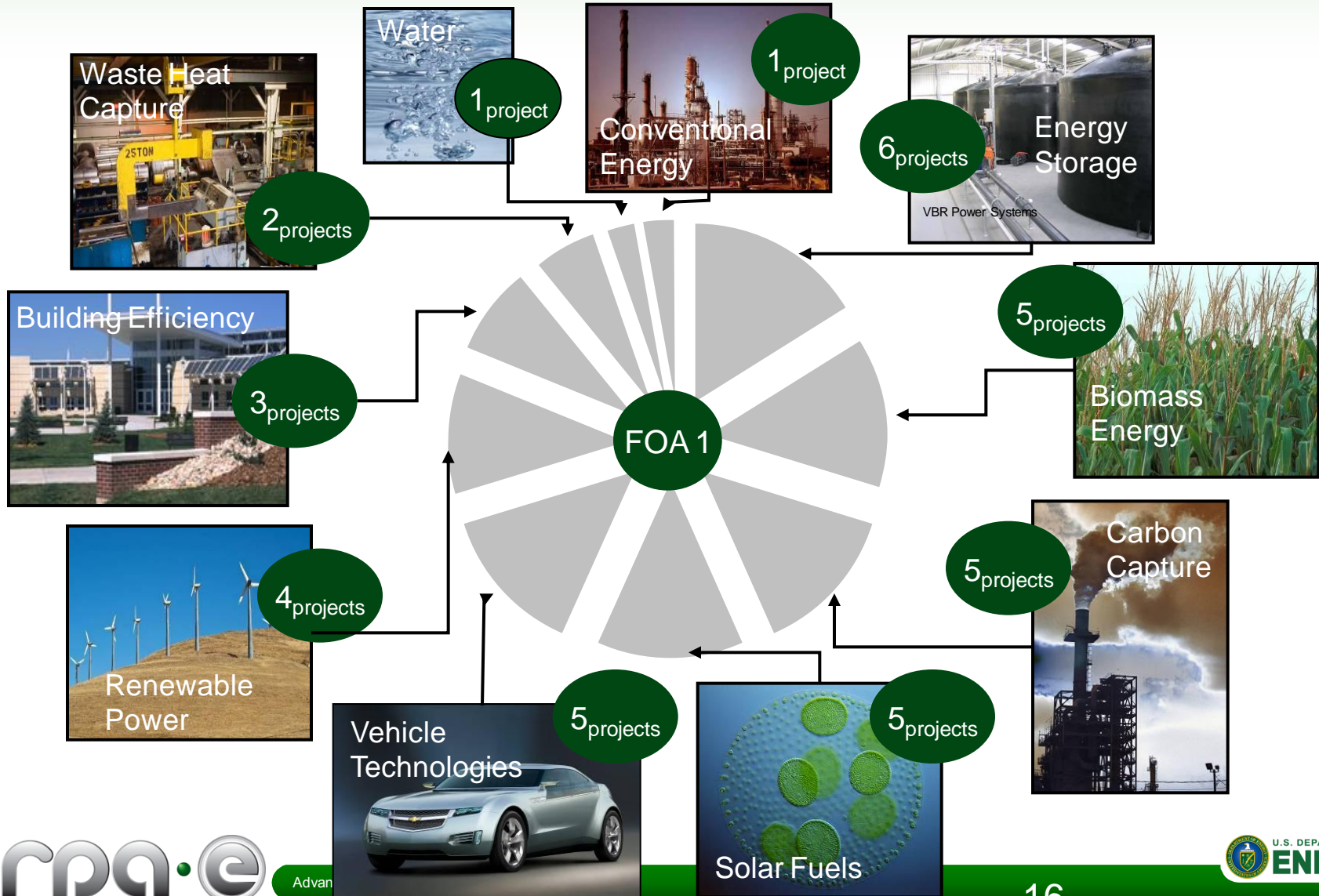
**Project Breakdown by Lead Organization Type  
(% based on award value)\***



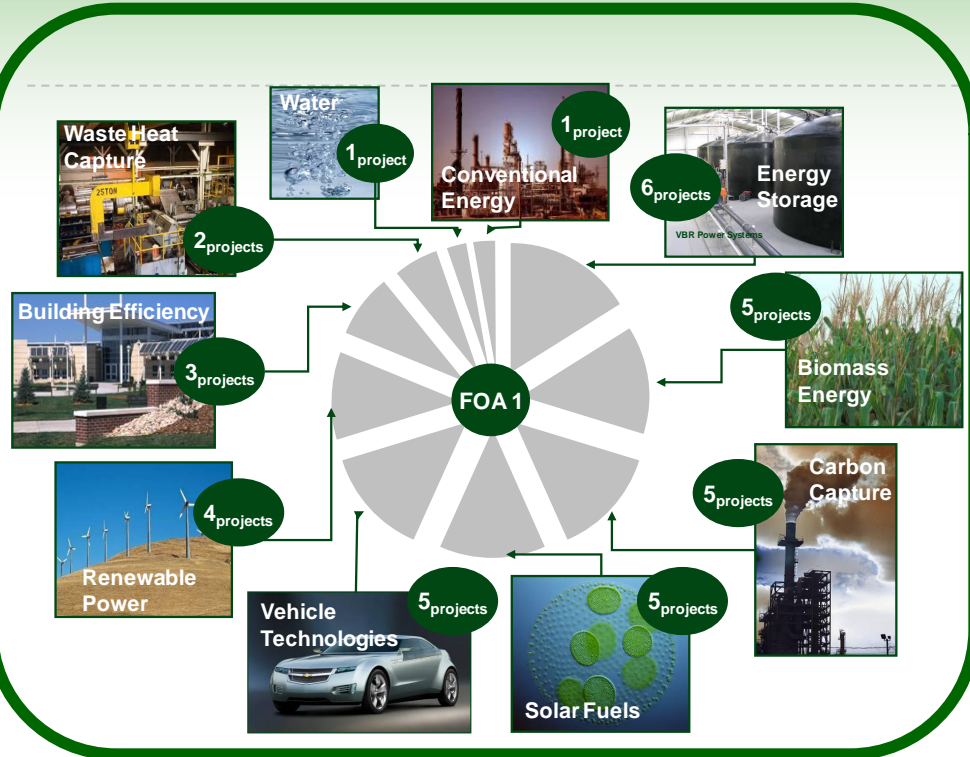
**\*Total Value of Awards = \$366 million**

# Currently Funded Programs

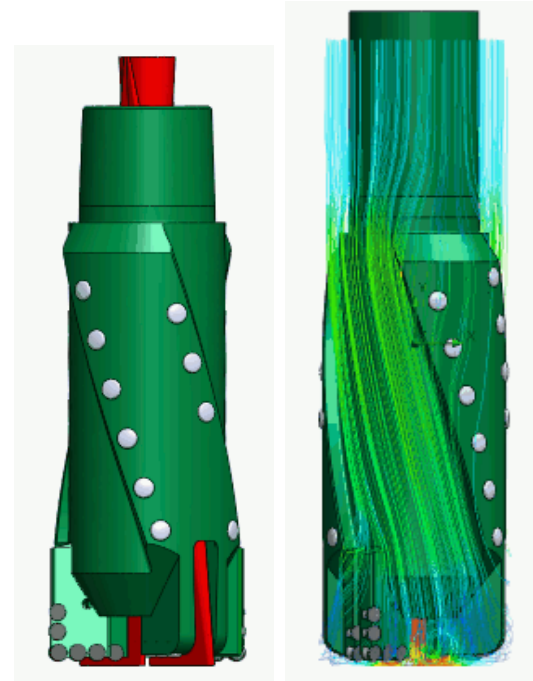
# ARPA-E FOA 1 projects can be categorized into one of ten energy technology areas



# FOA1



Low-contact drilling technology to enable economical geothermal wells



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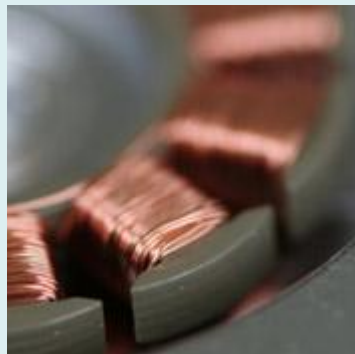
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GRIDS



# ARPA-E programs that enable on-site renewables

## Grid-Scale Rampable Intermittent Dispatchable Storage (GRIDS)



12 projects

Developing affordable, large-scale energy storage that enables the widespread use of two key renewable energy sources: wind and solar power

These technologies will position the U.S. to lead the technology and manufacturing of stationary electricity storage infrastructure in the emerging global market

## Agile Delivery of Electrical Power Technology (ADEPT)



14 projects

Exploring materials that will increase performance and lower costs of power conversion equipment

Could reduce energy consumption by up to 30 percent – or 12 percent of total U.S. energy consumption

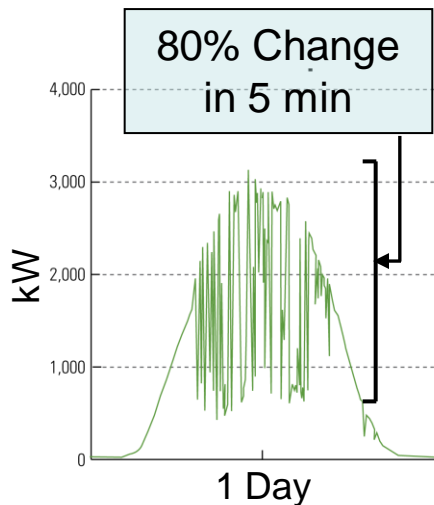
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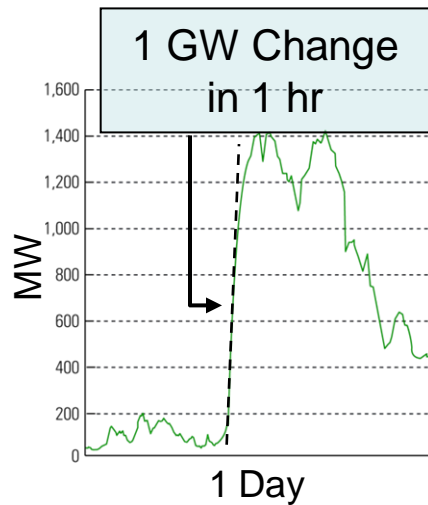
## Renewables Today



Solar PV in AZ (TEP)

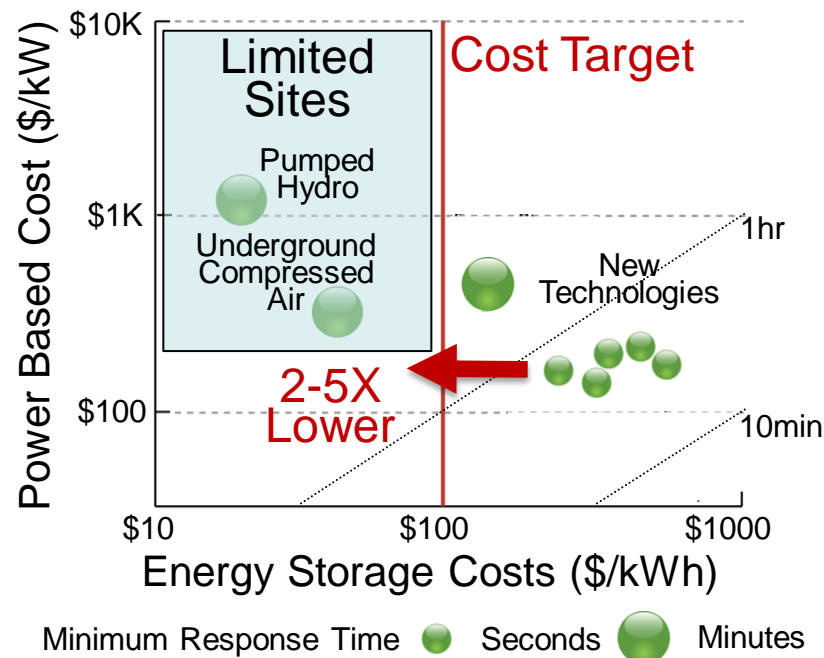


Wind in OR (BPA)



**Problem:**  
Minutes-to-Hours Changes in Power

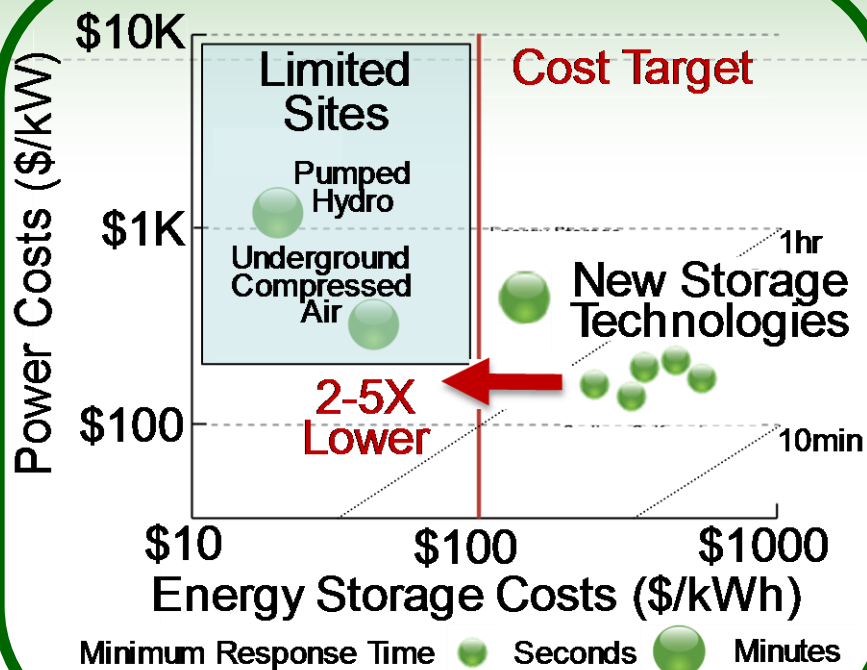
## Storage for Renewables Tomorrow



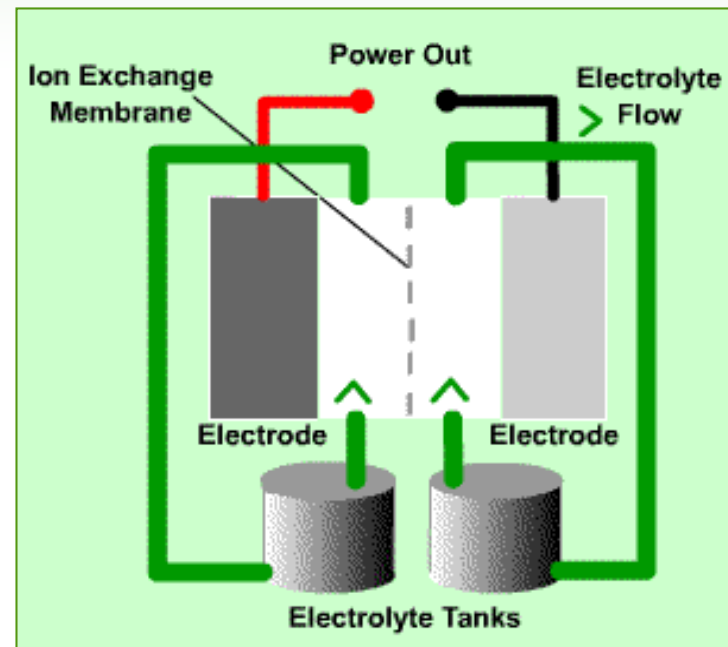
**Need:** Innovative Technologies for  
Cost-Effective Energy Storage

**Goal:** Grid storage that is dispatchable and rampable  
**ARPA-E Focus:** Transformational approaches to energy storage  
to enable wide deployment at very low cost

# GRIDS



## Transformative Electrochemical Flow Storage System



Dr. Mark Johnson

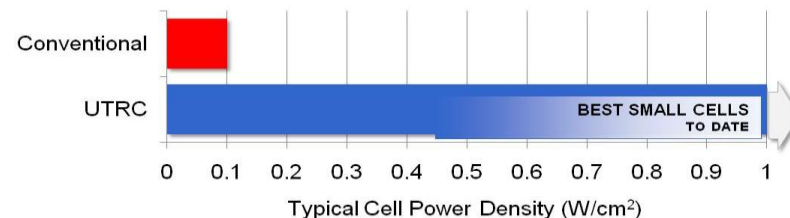


**United Technologies  
Research Center**



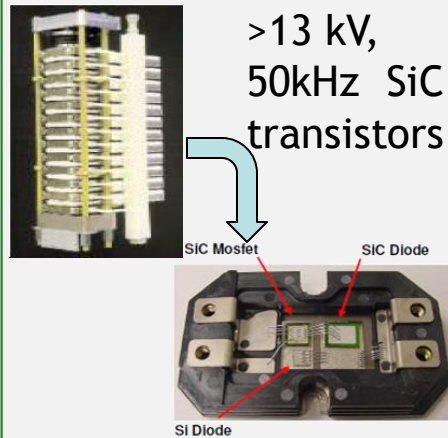
**Pratt & Whitney**  
A United Technologies Company

Pratt & Whitney Rocketdyne, Inc.

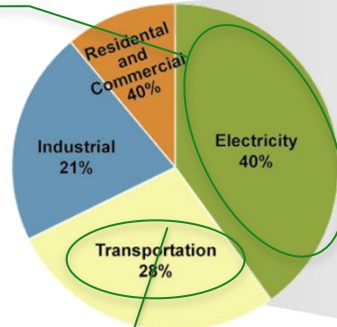


# Power electronics need improvement in applications across the entire energy sector (ADEPT)

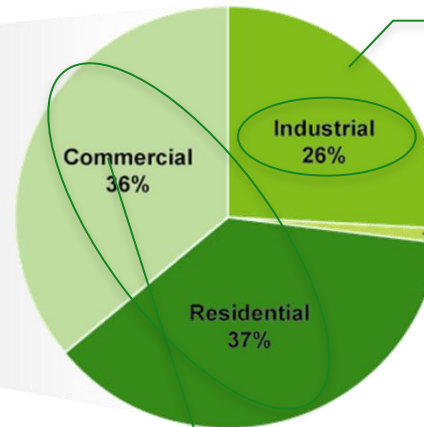
## Distribution & Transmission



Primary Energy Use by Sector, 2008



Share of Electricity Consumed by Major Sectors of the Economy, 2008



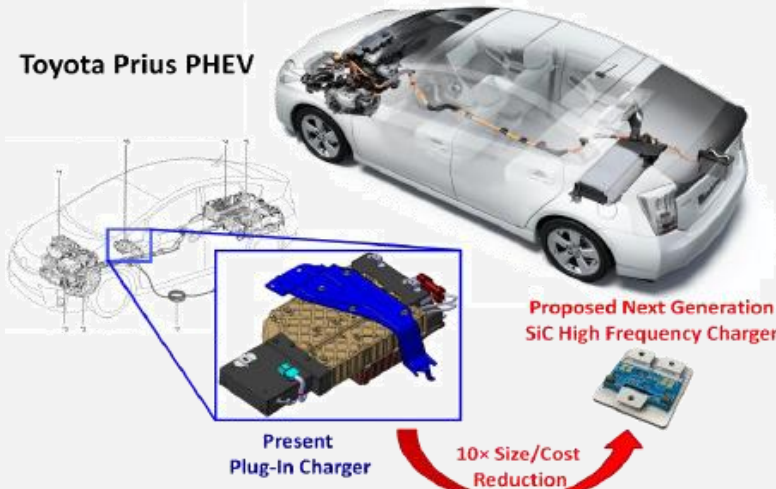
## Industrial

Inverter drives motor



## Automotive

Toyota Prius PHEV



## Lighting

Existing 25 W AC-DC SSL Driver

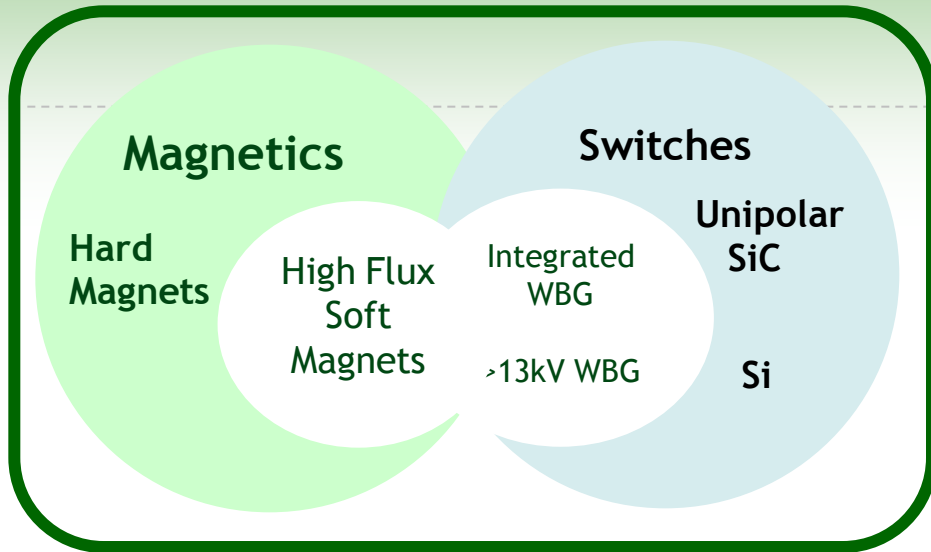


EMI Filter      Power Stage:  
130 mm x 45 mm x 25 mm

300X reduction in  
power stage volume

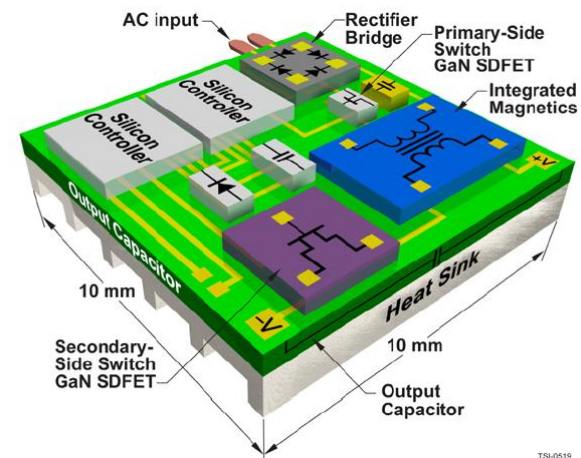


# ADEPT



## Chip-scale LED Driver for Commercial Lighting

### 25 Watt LED Electronics



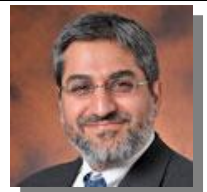
**300x reduction in power stage volume**

## Integrated Circuits for Power Systems

- On-chip inductors and transformers
- High-voltage transistors
- High-energy capacitors

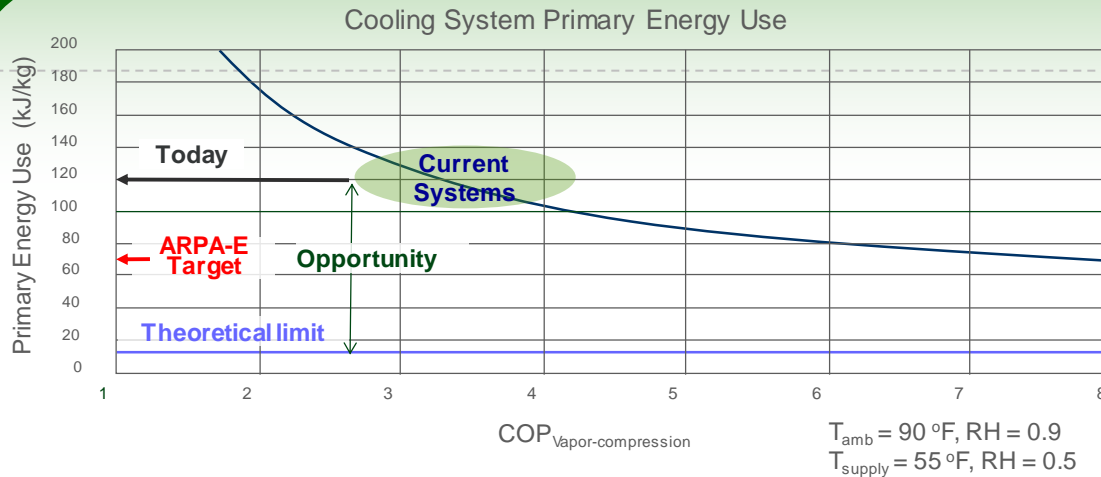
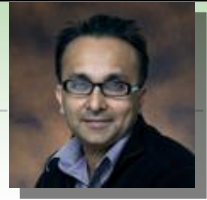


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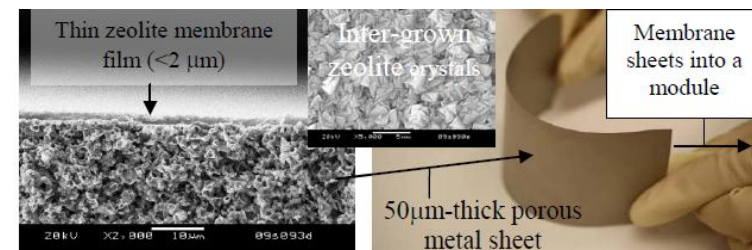
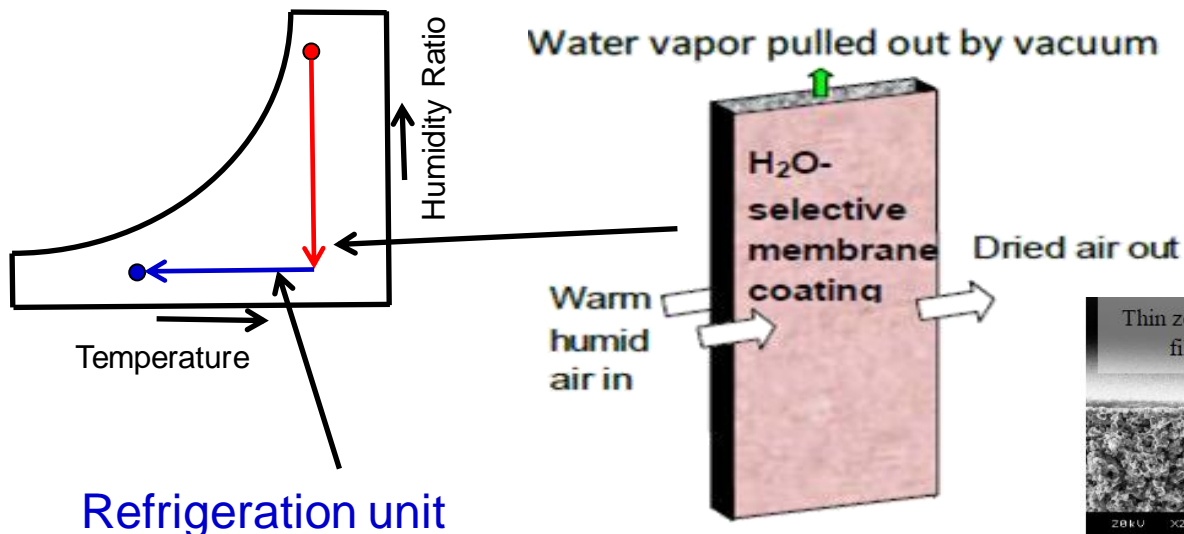
# BEETIT

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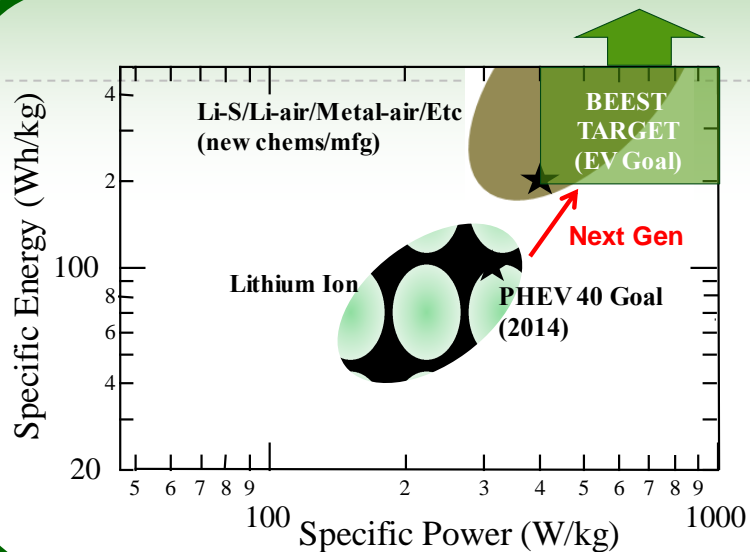


Reduce primary energy consumption by ~ 40 – 50%

**High-Efficiency, on-Line Membrane Air Dehumidifier Enabling Sensible Cooling for Warm and Humid Climates**



# BEEST



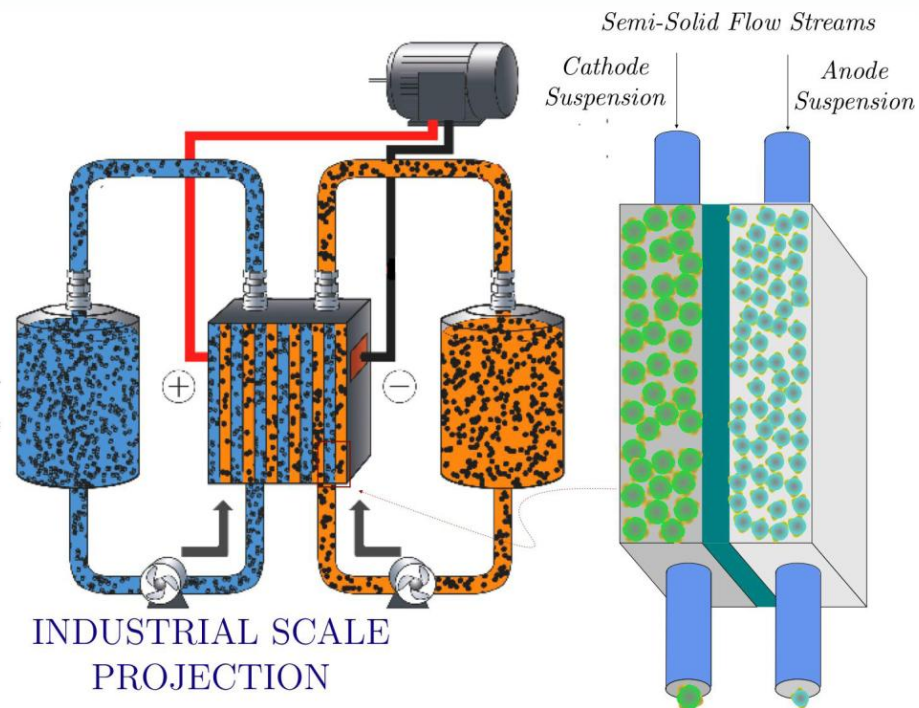
**24M**



Dr. Dave Danielson



## The Semi Solid Flow Cell (SSFC): Flow Batteries meet Solid Batteries



	Redox Density (M)	Voltage (V)
Aqueous Flow Battery	~ 2	~1
50% Solids SSFC	10-25	~3.5

# Electrofuels

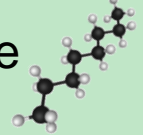
1. Assimilate Reducing Equivalents



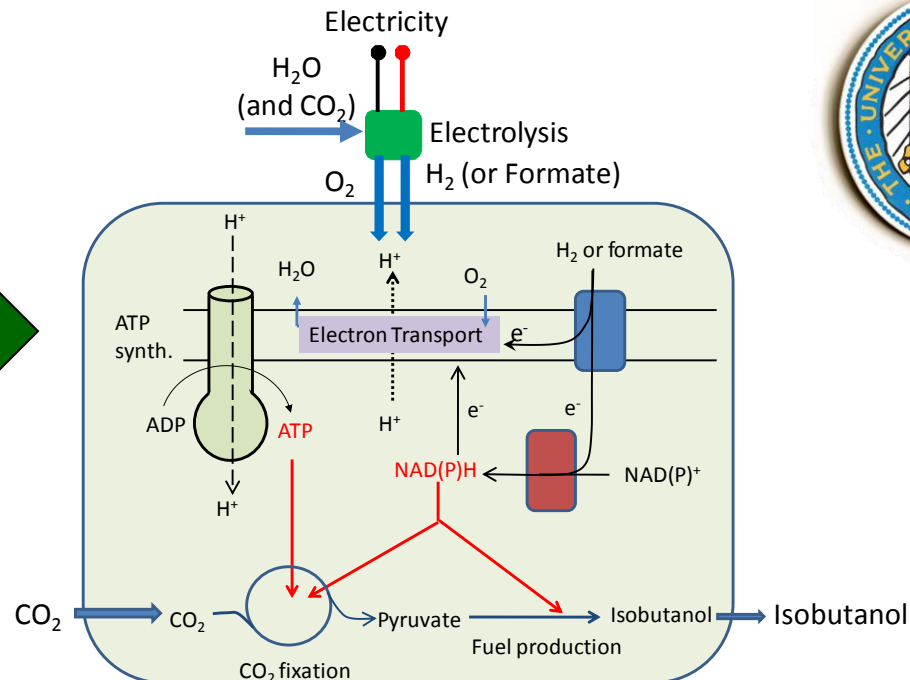
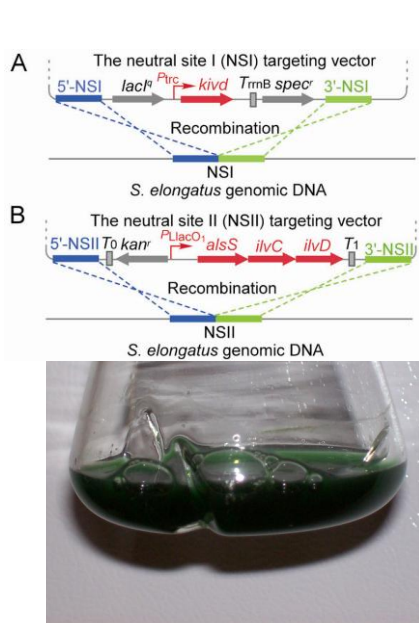
2. Fix CO<sub>2</sub> for Biosynthesis



3. Generate Energy Dense Liquid Fuel



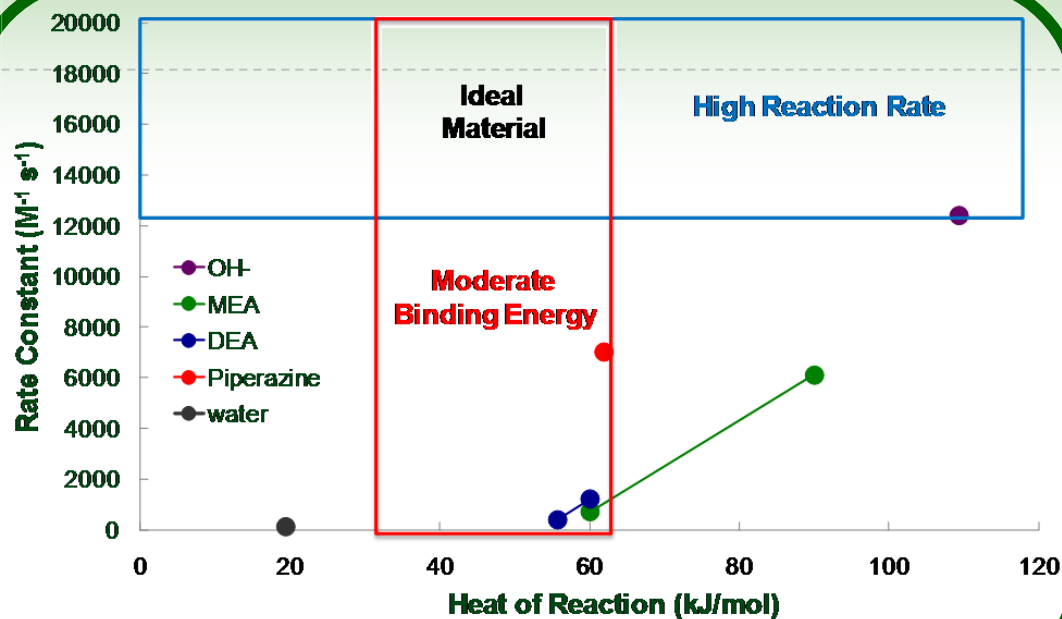
## Electro-Autotrophic Synthesis of Higher Alcohols



Dr. Eric Toone

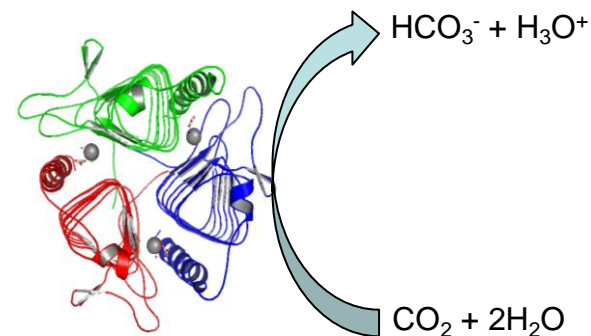


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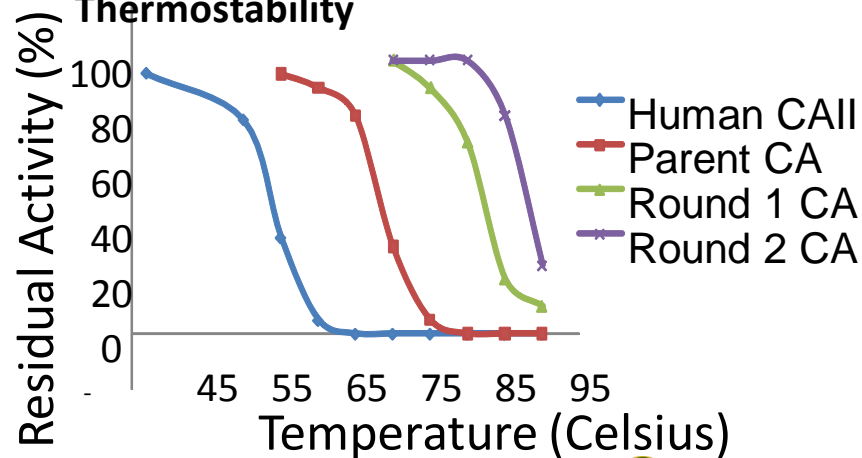
MEA = monoethanolamine, DEA = diethanolamine

## Low-Cost Biological Catalyst to Enable Efficient CO<sub>2</sub> Capture

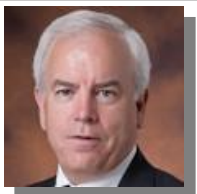


### Carbonic Anhydrase (CA)

#### Thermostability

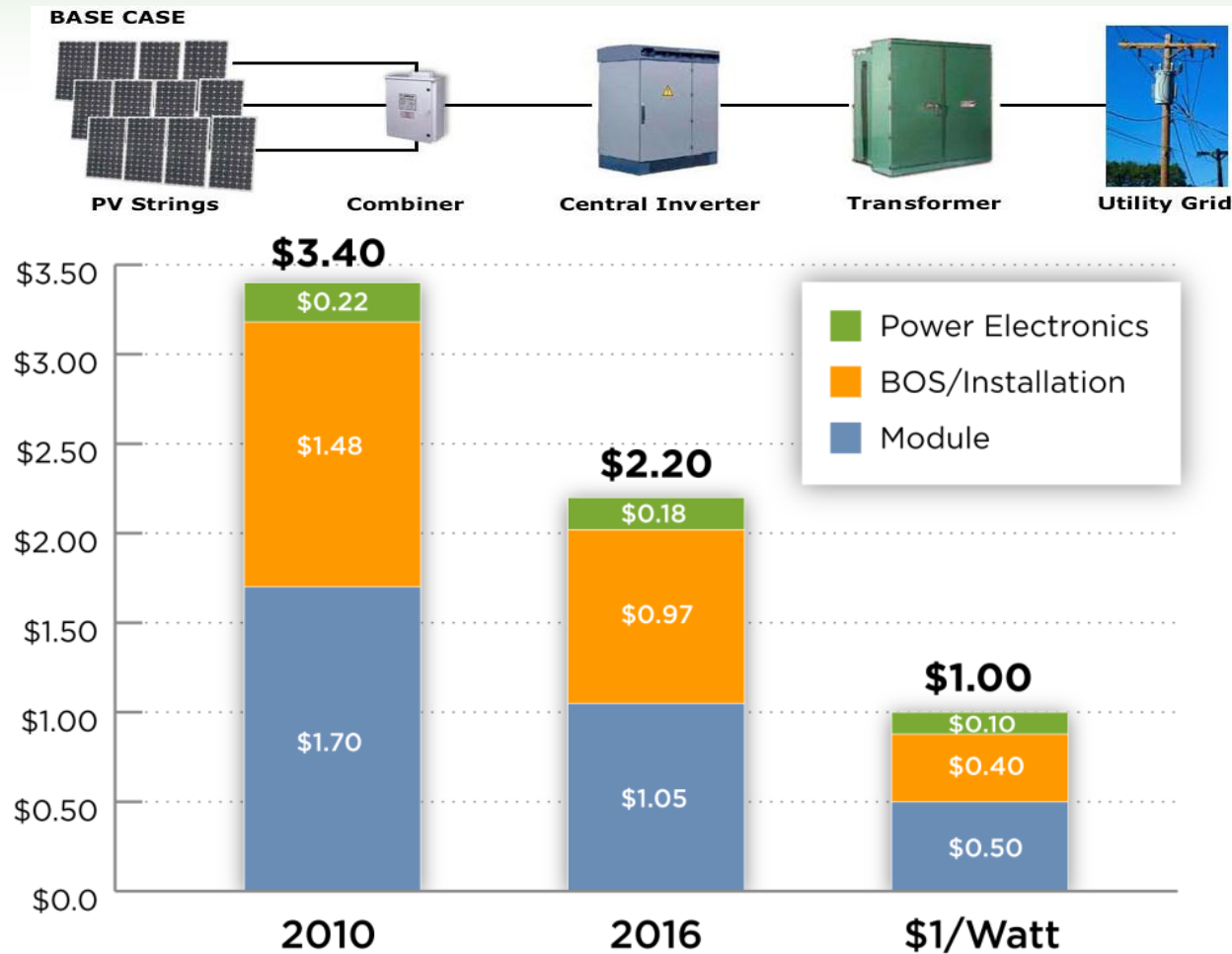


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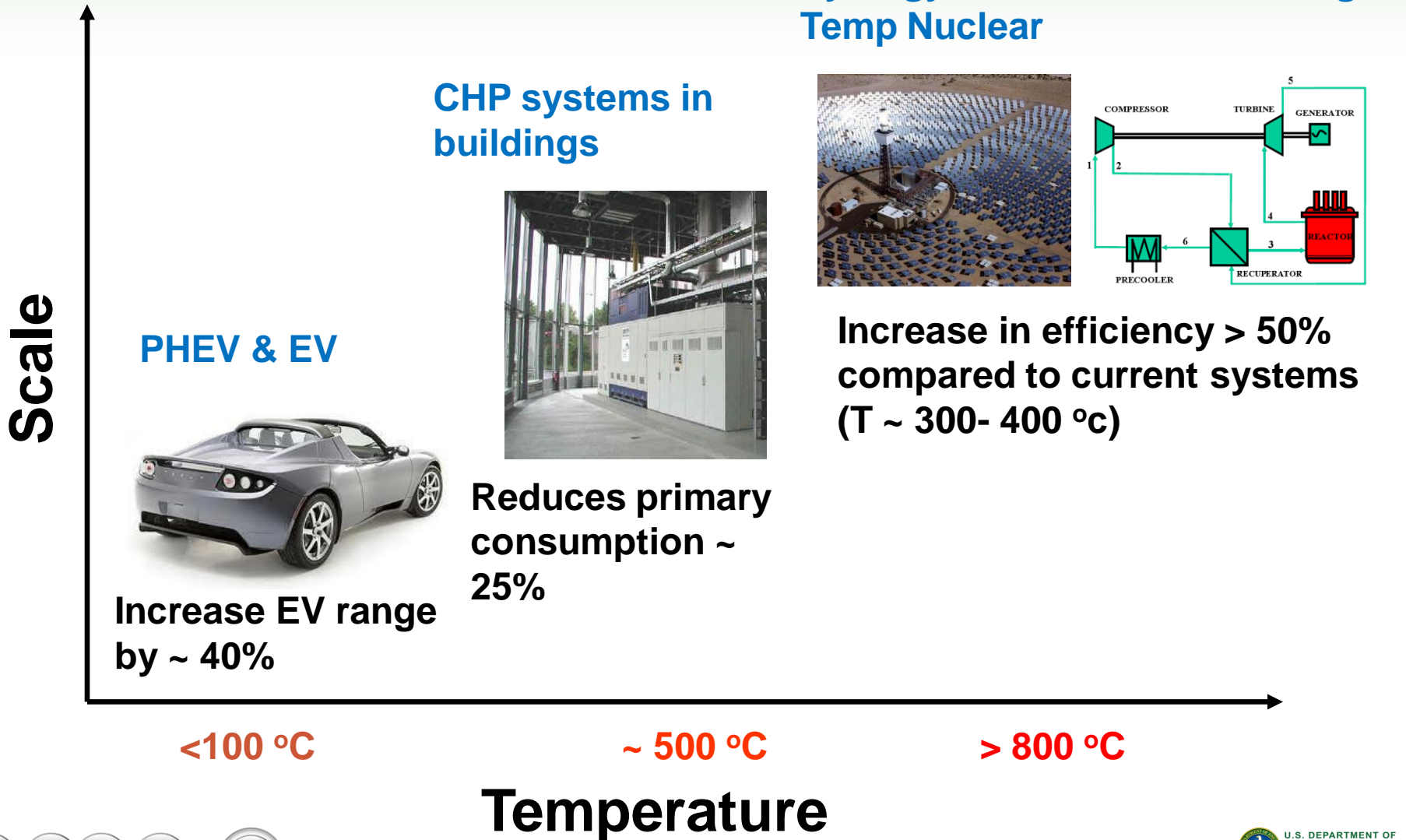
# Workshops

# Power Electronics in Photovoltaic Systems (2/8/11)



**5-6¢/kWh fully installed at the MW scale by 2020**

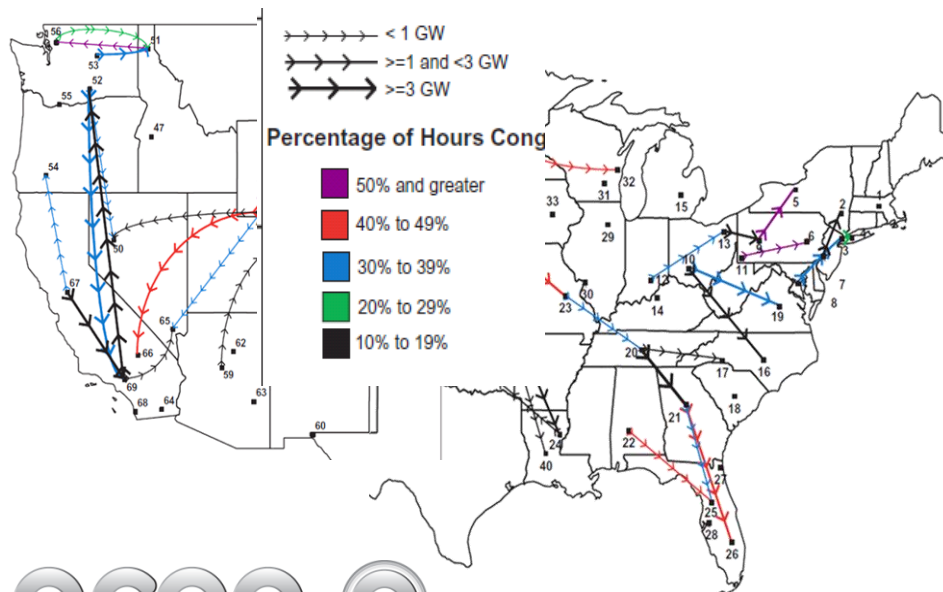
# High Density Thermal Energy Storage (1/31/11)



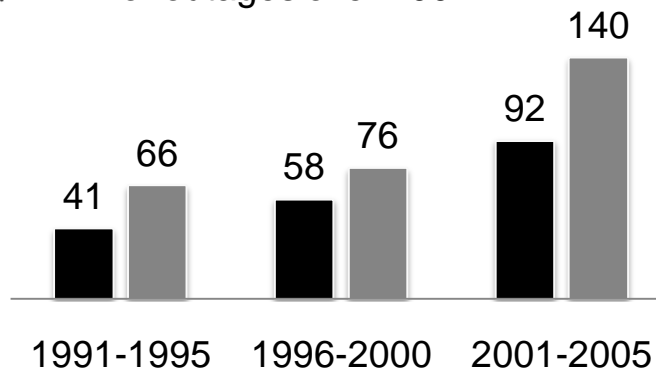
# Green Energy Network Integration (12/13/10)

- Congested Lines
- Aging Infrastructure
- Increasingly unreliable
- Increasingly unpredictable

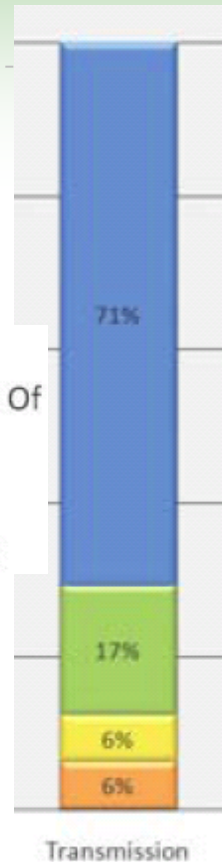
“Today, the average age of a substation transformer is 42, two years more than their expected life span.”



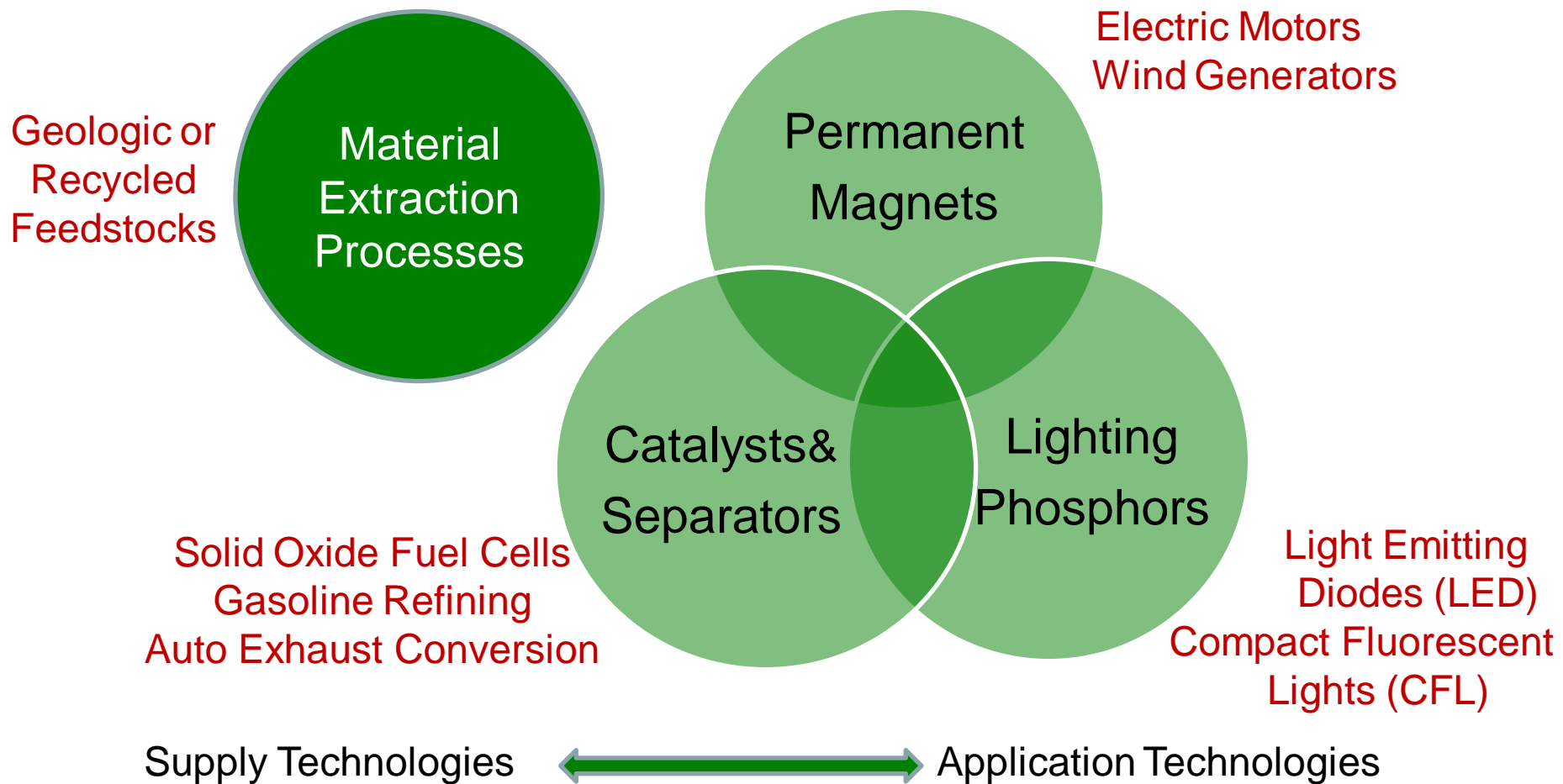
- # of US power outages affecting 50K of more
- # of outages over 100MW



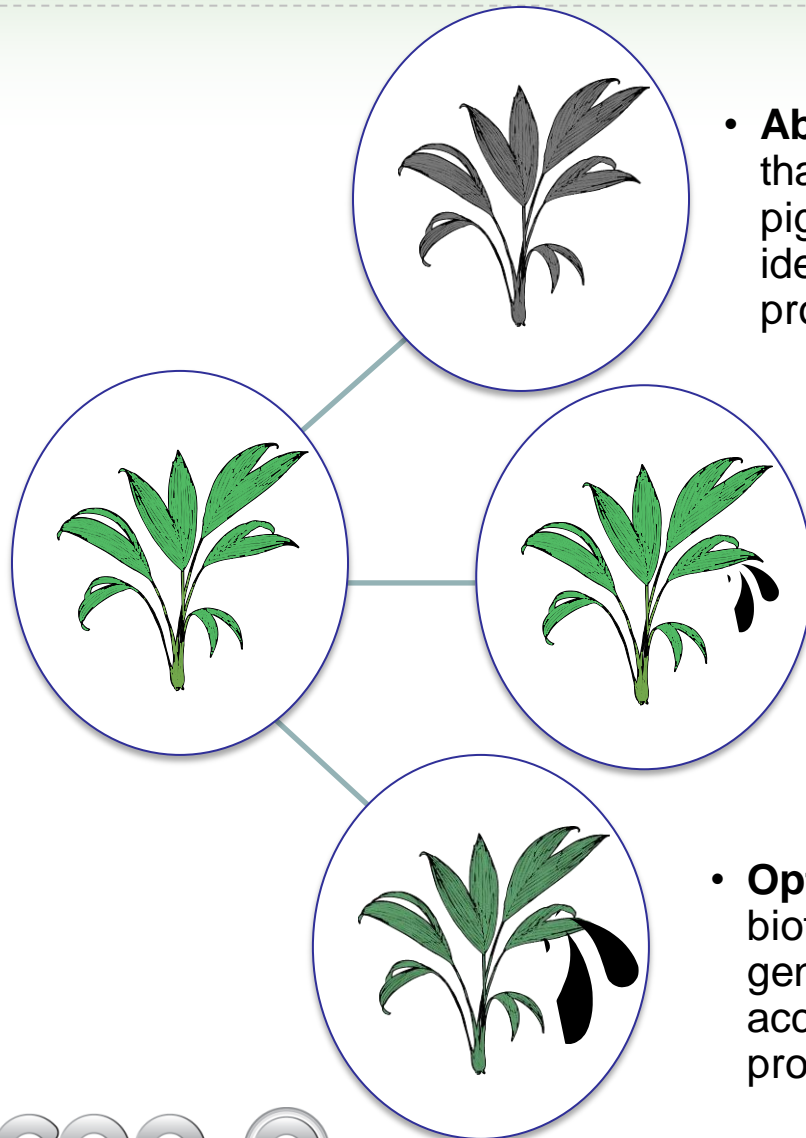
- Within
- Near End Of
- At End
- Past
- Well Past



# Critical Materials Technology (12/6/10)



# Applied Biotechnology for Transportation Fuels (12/2/10)



- **Absorption:** Ordinary photosynthesis uses less than half of the incident light energy. Biological pigments that absorb more energy have been identified, but have not been used in biofuel production.

- **Metabolism:** Currently, biofuels are fermented from biologically created materials. The two biological processes are able to be combined into a single process to generate fuel directly.

- **Optimization:** A dedicated source of biofuel is an agricultural crop. Rapid genetic selection can be used to accelerate the development of viable production strains.

# Questions