

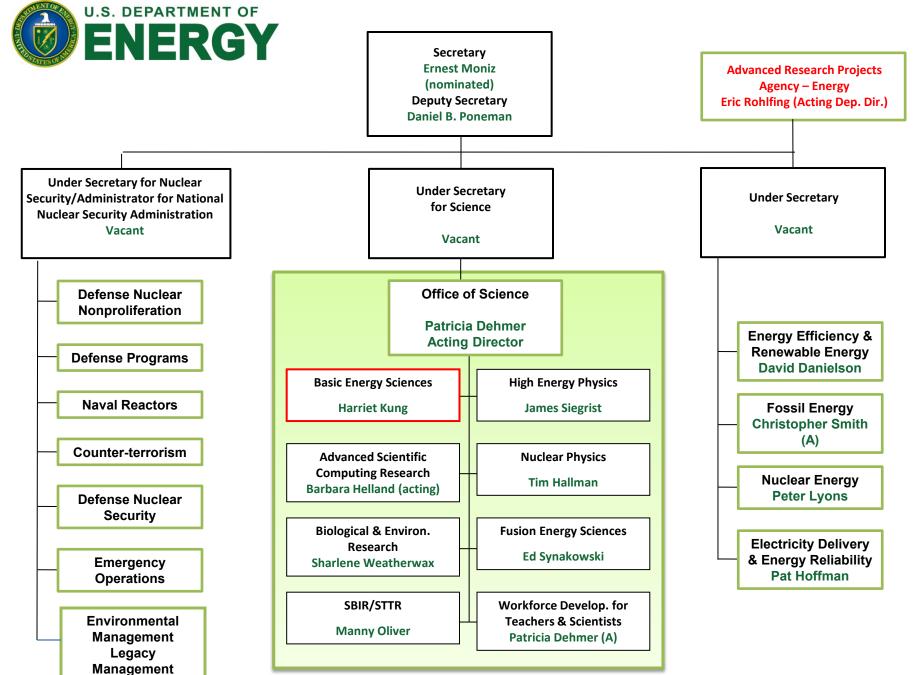
# **Basic Energy Sciences Research Priorities and Strategic Planning**

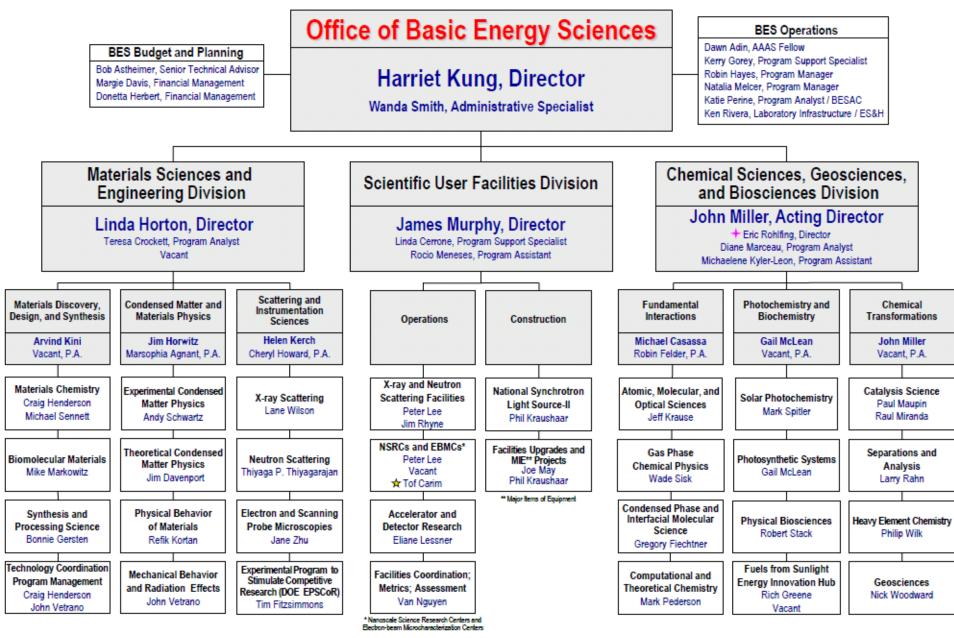
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# Basic Energy Sciences Overview



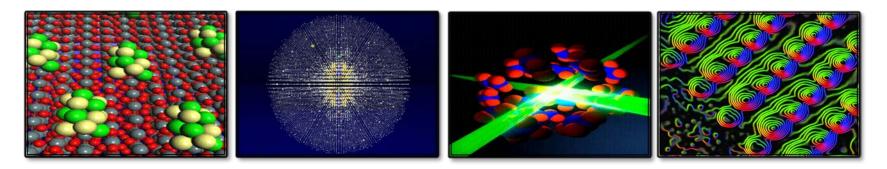


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# **Basic Energy Sciences Mission**

- Fundamental research to understand, predict, and ultimately control matter and energy at the electronic, atomic, and molecular levels
- Provide the foundations for new energy technologies to support DOE's missions in energy, environment, and national security
- Plan, construct, and operate world-leading scientific user facilities for the Nation





# BES Research — Science for Discovery & National Needs Three Major Types of Funding Modality

### Core Research

Single-investigator, small groups, and targeted larger programs

Enable seminal advances in the core disciplines of the basic energy sciences—materials sciences and engineering, chemistry, and aspects of geosciences and biosciences. Scientific discoveries at the frontiers of these disciplines establish the knowledge foundation to spur future innovations and inventions.

### Energy Frontier Research Centers

\$2-5 million-per-year research centers; multi-investigator and multi-disciplinary

Harness the most basic and advanced discovery research in a concerted effort to accelerate the scientific breakthroughs needed to create advanced energy technologies. Bring together critical masses of researchers to conduct fundamental energy research in a new era of grand challenge science and use-inspired energy research.
Started in FY 2009

### Energy Innovation Hubs

\$25 million-per-year research centers focus on co-locating and integrating multi-components, multidisciplinary research with technology development to enable transformational energy applications.

Started in FY 2010



# **Energy Frontier Research Centers Update**

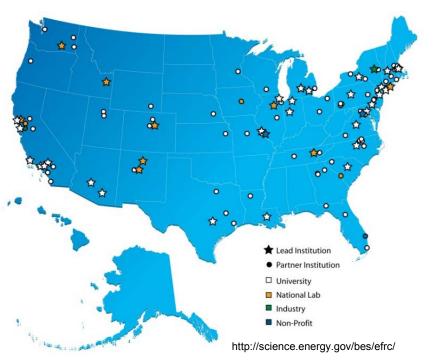
## Participants:

- 46 EFRCs in 35 States + Washington D.C.
- ~850 senior investigators and
  - ~2,000 students, postdoctoral fellows, and technical staff at ~115 institutions
- >250 scientific advisory board members from 13 countries and >40 companies

## Progress to date (~3.5 years funding):

- >3,400 peer-reviewed papers including
   >110 publications in Science and Nature
- 18 PECASE and 11 DOE Early Career Awards
- >200 patent/patent applications, plus an additional
   >60 invention disclosures and at least 30 licenses
- At least 60 companies have benefited from EFRC research
- EFRC students and staff now work in: >195 university faculty and staff positions;
   >290 industrial positions;
  - >115 national labs, government, and non-profit positions





# Energy Frontier Research Centers Recompetition in FY2014

- The initial 46 EFRCs were funded for 5-years beginning in FY 2009: 30 EFRCs were funded annually at about \$100M; 16 were fully funded by Recovery Act support
- For FY 2014, funding continues at \$100M plus one-time funding of \$68.7M
- Solicitation will request both renewal and new EFRC applications including:
  - Areas of energy-relevant research identified by recent BES and BESAC workshops
  - Research to advance the rate of materials and chemical discovery
  - Mesoscale science
- Selection of awards will be based on rigorous peer review of applications of the proposed research
  - Renewal awards will include assessment of the progress during the first 5-year award
- Renewal and new awards will maintain a balanced EFRC portfolio for grand challenge and use-inspired energy research





## Fuels from Sunlight Hub Joint Center for Artificial Photosynthesis (JCAP)

#### Mission

Develop a solar-fuels generator scalable to manufacture, from earthabundant elements, that uses only sunlight, water, and carbon dioxide in the robust production of fuels

#### JCAP Team

Carl Koval, Director (CalTech); Nate Lewis, Founding Director and Chief Scientist (CalTech); two Assistant Directors; about 150 staff

#### Space

- JCAP North at LBNL: 14,000 sq. ft. leased space
- JCAP South at Caltech: 18,500 sq. ft. in renovated Jorgensen Lab Building (by Caltech & initial startup funds from DOE)

### Funding & Oversight

- Up to \$122 million over five years
- External reviews in 2011, 2012; scheduled at both sites for April 2013

### **Goals & Lasting Legacies**

- Produce fuel from the sun 10x more efficiently than crops
- Library of fundamental knowledge
- Research prototype solar-fuels generator
- Develop the science and the critical expertise for a solar fuels industry

### Milestones

- **2013:** Establish benchmarking capabilities to compare large quantities of catalysts and light absorbers under standard conditions. Progress:
  - Benchmarking protocols established for thin films, plan to benchmark over 40 catalytic thin films.
  - As of March 2013, more than 20 films evaluated
- **2014:** Design the first prototypic devices for testing components (catalysts, light harvesters, membranes, interfaces, etc.) as an integrated system



#### Jorgensen Laboratory Building





## Batteries and Energy Storage Hub Joint Center for Energy Storage Research (JCESR)

#### Mission

Science to enable next generation batteries—beyond lithium ion—and energy storage for the grid and for transportation

### JCESR Team

George Crabtree, Director (ANL); 5 national labs, 5 universities, 4 industry partners, and 2 individual members' institutions

### Space

- ANL Electrochemical Discovery Laboratory will provide lab and office space for use by all JCESR Institutions.
- State of Illinois has provided \$5M for a new JCESR building with state-ofthe-art laboratory and meeting space

### Funding & Oversight

- Up to \$120 million over five years
- Management review (PY1), Annual external S&T reviews (PY2-5)

### Goals & Lasting Legacies

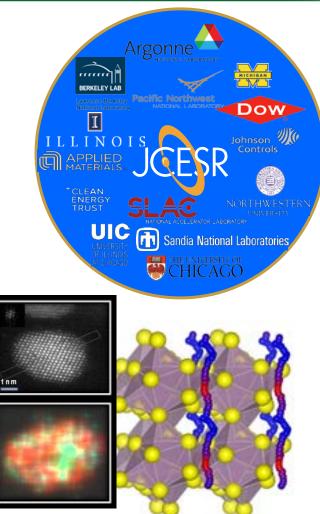
- 5x Energy Density, 1/5 Cost, within 5 Years
- Library of fundamental knowledge
- Research prototype batteries for grid and transportation
- New paradigm for battery development

### **Initial Milestones**

#### 2013-2014:

- Bring suite of experimental tools to full operation.
- Design new architectures of electrode/working ion combinations
- Begin the development of an electrolyte database to predict the design of new electrolytes





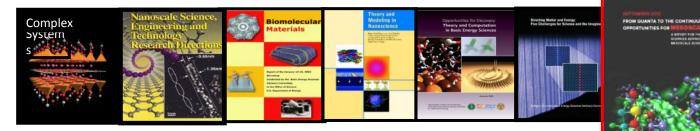
JCESR will use nanoscience tools and theoretical approaches to enable next generation energy storage



# **Strategic Planning in BES**

# **BES Strategic Planning Activities**

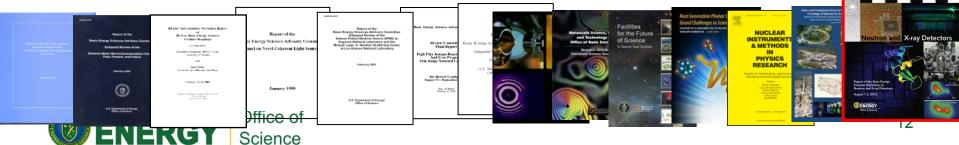
### Science for Discovery

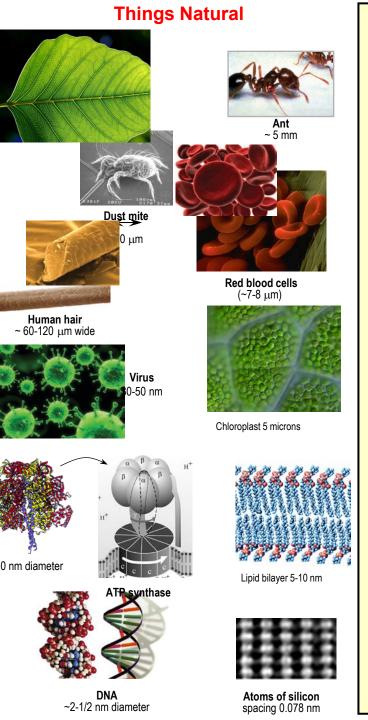


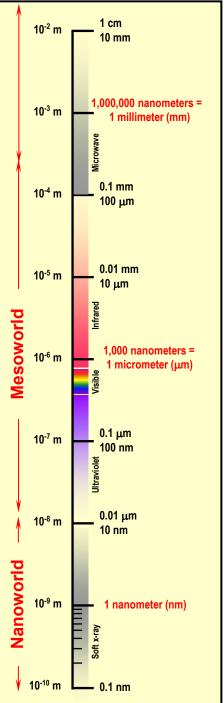
### Science for National Needs



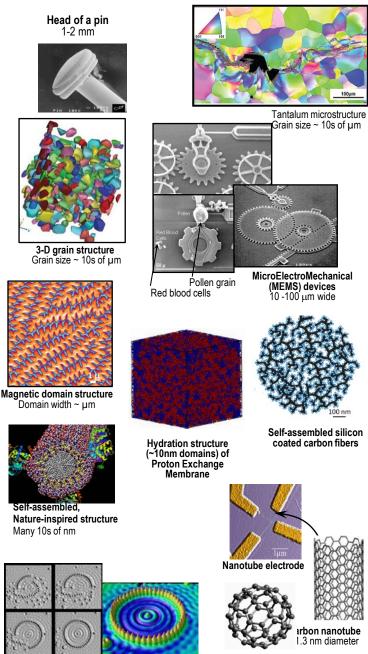
### National Scientific User Facilities, the 21<sup>st</sup> century tools of science







#### **Things Manmade**



Quantum corral of 48 iron atoms on copper surface positioned one at a time with an STM tip Corral diameter 14 nm

buckyball ~1 nm Office of Science, U.S. DOE 04-10-2013, pmd

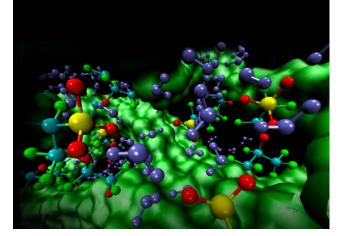
Carbon

## Why Mesoscale Science?



#### FROM QUANTA TO THE CONTINUUM: OPPORTUNITIES FOR **MESOSCALE SCIENCE**

A REPORT FOR THE BASIC ENERGY SCIENCES ADVISORY COMMITTEE MESOSCALE SCIENCE SUBCOMMITTEE



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"The great scientific advances of the last decade and more, especially at the nanoscale, are ripe for exploitation.

Seizing this opportunity requires mastering the mesoscale, where classical, quantum, and nanoscale science meet.

The functionality that is critical to macroscopic behavior begins to manifest itself not at the atomic or nanoscale but at the mesoscale, where defects, interfaces, and non-equilibrium structures are the norm.

The reward for breakthroughs in our understanding at the mesoscale is the emergence of previously unrealized functionality."



# **Mesoscale Science - From Quanta to the Continuum**

### Mastering Defect Mesostructure and its Evolution

Tracking, modeling and controlling the dynamic evolution of mesoscale defect patterns from their atomic origins to their macroscale impact is critical for extending materials lifetime, designing new generations of functional materials, and creating less expensive, more efficient advanced manufacturing.

Regulating Coupled Reactions and Pathway-dependent Chemical Processes Characterizing and controlling fluid flow and chemical reactions in mesoscale pathways are central to solving energy and environmental challenges such as carbon sequestration, groundwater contamination and cleanup, shale gas extraction, energy storage, separation membranes for fluid and gas purification, and subsurface geological processes.

### Optimizing Transport and Response Properties by Design and Control of Mesoscale Structure

Controlling the size and geometry of mesoscale architectures that mediate the interaction of electrons, photons and lattices allows new horizons in materials functionalities spanning thermoelectricity, light absorption and emission, spintronics, and multiferroics, building blocks for innovating next generation energy conversion and information technology.

### Elucidating Non-equilibrium and Many-Body Physics of Electrons

Controlling electronic correlation in artificial mesoscale architectures such as quantum dots and nanoparticle arrays adds new dimensions to exploiting functional behaviors from metal-insulator transitions to magnetism and high temperature superconductivity to produce entirely new levels of macroscopic functionality and advanced technology.

#### Harnessing Fluctuations, Dynamics, and Degradation for Control of Metastable Mesoscale

The inherent metastability of complex behaviors in mesoscale biological and human-engineered systems appears on multiple length and time scales that can be exploited to introduce smart, real-time responses to environmental cues, mitigate materials degradation due to defect accumulation, and dramatically extend useful technology life.

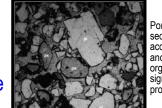
### Directing Assembly of Hierarchical Functional Materials

Directed assembly of functional materials in hierarchical mesoscale architectures requires the ability to model, synthesize, and assemble building blocks with motifs that embed information and behavior via anisotropies in chemical make-up, shape, and bonding strength. The integration of disparate material motifs by "top-down" design and "bottom-up" assembly creates a new paradigm in materials synthesis and advanced manufacturing.

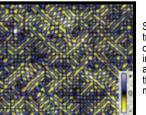




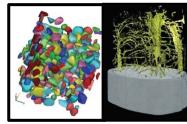
Scanning electron microscope image of pore coalescence in dynamically loaded Tantalum, showing defect evolution



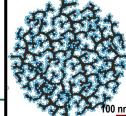
Pores in sandstone, a sedimentary rock formed by accumulation of many sizes and shapes of mineral and organic grains, may significantly influence transport properties.



Spectroscopic scanning tunneling microscope image of the electronic modulation in BSCCO superconductors – a correlated electron material that exhibits self-organized meoscale structure.



X-ray tomagraphy (left) and 3-D coherent imaging (right) are critical tools for mesoscale structural characterization.



Self-assembly of silicon coated carbon fibers for battery electrodes as an energy efficient synthesis approach with organized instead of random mesostructure.

# Materials Genome Initiative

- The Materials Genome Initiative will create a new era of materials innovation that will serve as a foundation for strengthening domestic industries... and offers a unique opportunity for the United States to discover, develop, manufacture, and deploy advanced materials at least twice as fast as possible today, at a fraction of the cost.
- Multiagency Initiative led by the Office of Science and Technology Policy
- DOE role:
  - Software development, building on theory and partnering (BES)
    - Robust, accurate and multiscale in both size and time
  - Validation of software and theory
    - User facilities and broad experimental materials science portfolio
  - Application specific R&D for manufacturing and to develop lightweight, high-strength alloys for automotive (EERE)
- Technical emphasis includes materials for clean energy

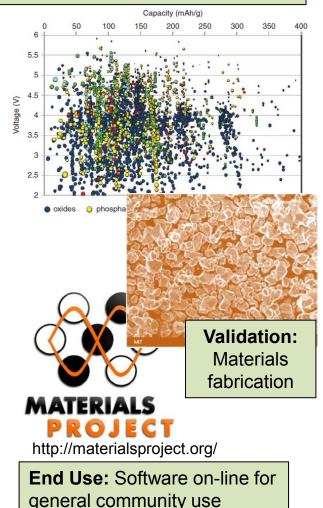


## Science for Innovation and Clean Energy

Materials and Chemical Processes by Design

- Research to establish design rules to launch an era of predictive modeling, changing the paradigm of materials discovery to rational design.
  - New software tools and data standards to catalyze a fully integrated approach from material discovery to applications
- Discovery of new materials has been the engine driving science frontiers and fueling technology innovations. Research would utilize the powerful suite of tools for materials synthesis, characterization, and simulation at DOE's world-leading user facilities
- Integrated teams to focus on key scientific knowledge gaps to develop new theoretical models
  - Long-term: realization in reusable and broadlydisseminated software
  - Collection of validated experimental and modeling data for broader community use

**Prediction:** New battery materials starting from first principles theory







# From Basic Energy Science to Technology

# **Cross-cutting Investments and Coordination**

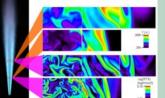
- DOE has increasingly emphasized cross-program communications and collaboration to ensure coordination of basic and applied research and effective integration of R&D results.
  - Technology Teams: working groups focused on specific technologies the meet to discuss R&D programs across the Department
  - Energy Innovation Hubs: working group to coordinate programmatic oversight and promote commonality across all the Hubs
  - ARPA-E: ad-hoc groups to identity "white space" where others are not making investments in energy technologies but that would be appropriate for ARPA-E support
  - Topical items of interest: working groups established to address current issues such as critical materials



# Science-Based Engine Design

An early example

### **Basic Science** Applied R&D BFS $BES \rightarrow EERE$ Sustained support in 2 areas Applications of chemistry and **Development of predictive** diagnostics to engines chemistry in model flames Predictive Computational chemical models kinetics and under realistic experiments conditions **Advance laser diagnostics** applied to model flames of diesel fuel Laser-based



chemical imaging

Laser diagnostics sprays in engine cylinders

### Manufacturing/ Commercialization

## Cummins and Dodge

Cummins used simulation tools and improved understanding of diesel fuel sprays to design a new diesel engine with reduced development time and cost and *improved fuel efficiency.* 



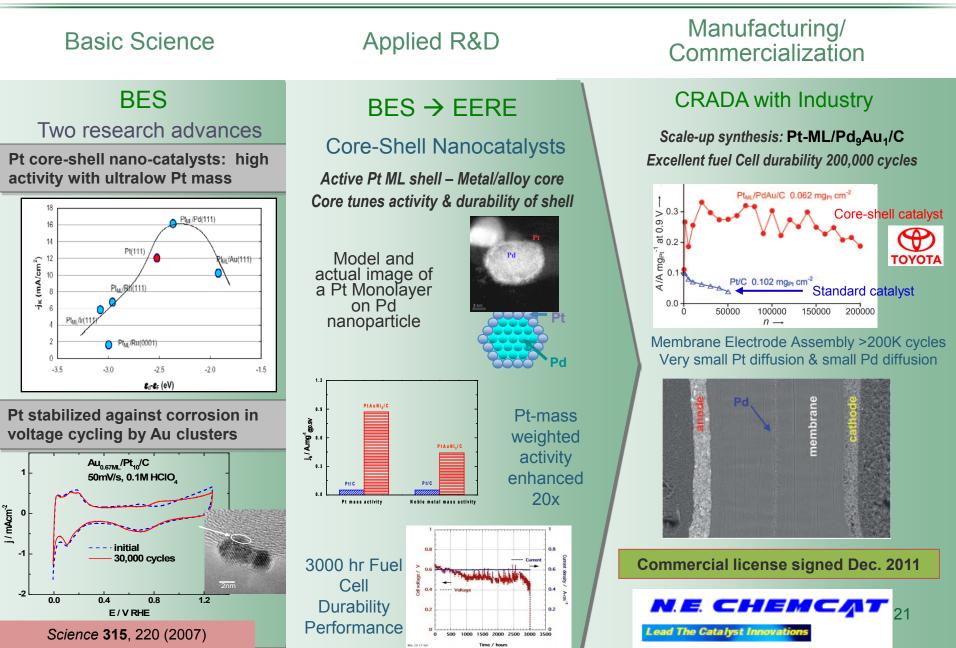


ISB 6.7 liter Cummins diesel engine first marketed in the 2007 Dodge Ram pickup truck; more than 200,000 sold



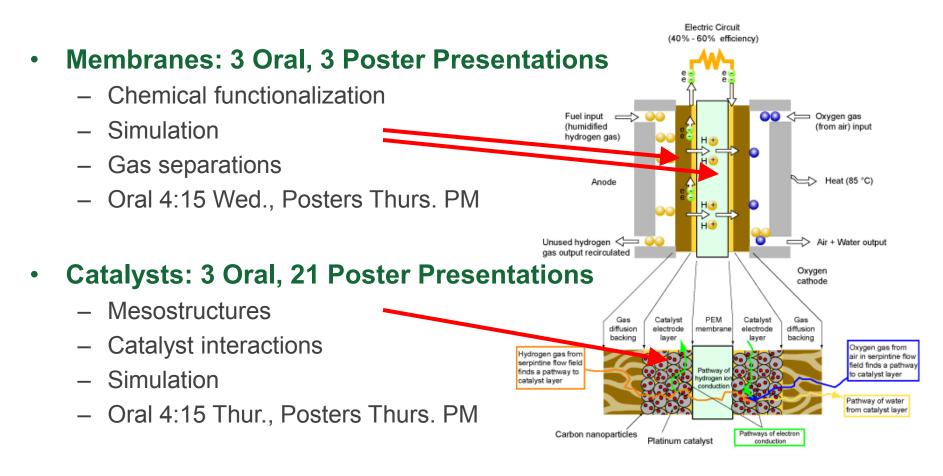
## Platinum Monolayer Electro-Catalysts:

Stationary and Automotive Fuel Cells



## **BES PI Participation in 2013 AMR Meeting**

• Relevant research in Basic Energy Sciences is found in the Catalysis Sciences and Separations and Analysis Programs







# **Thank You!**