

# Energy Research at Brookhaven National Lab

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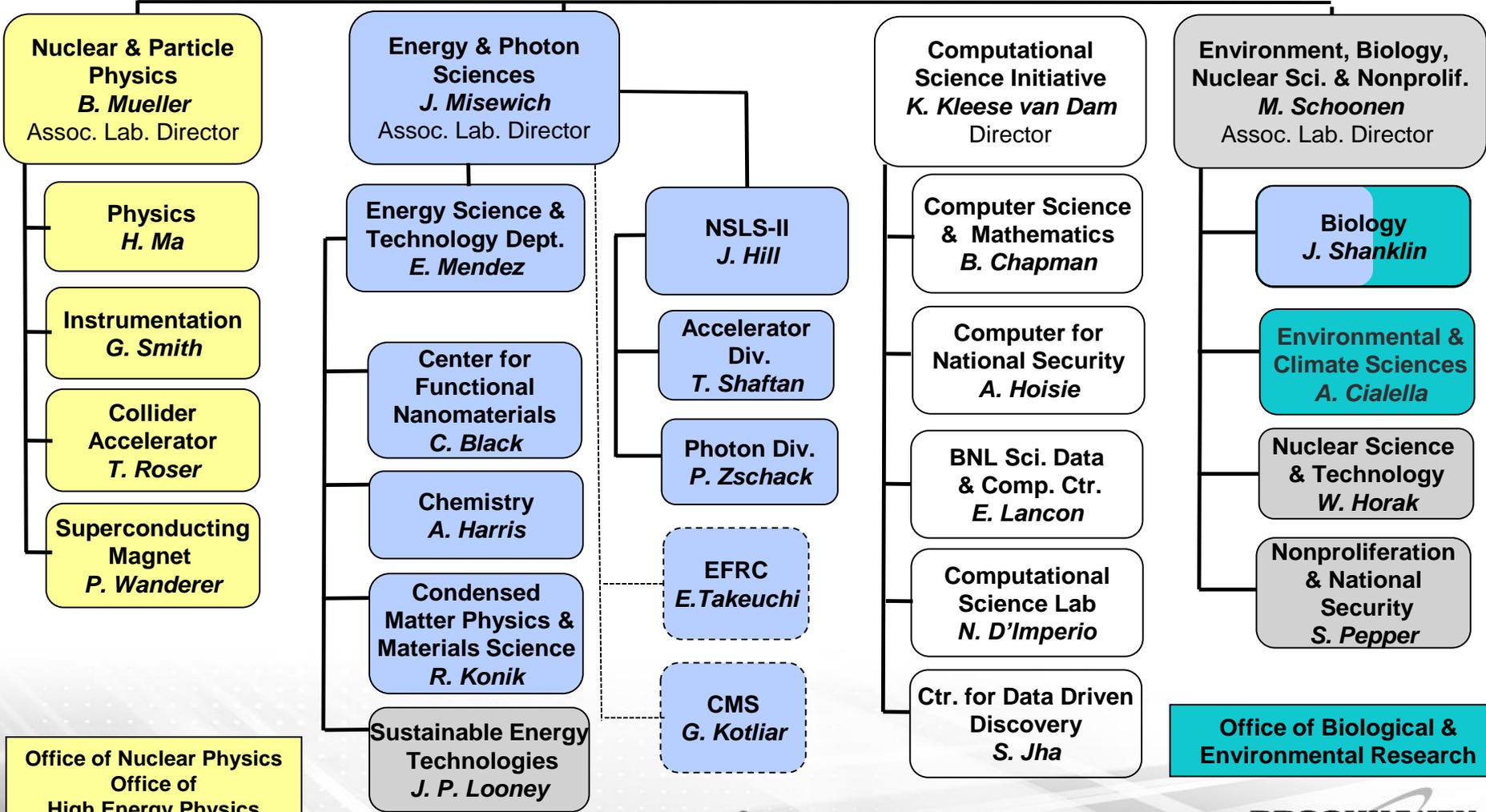
**70** YEARS OF  
**DISCOVERY**

A CENTURY OF SERVICE



# BNL Scientific Organizations 2018

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Office of Basic Energy Sciences

Office of Biological & Environmental Research

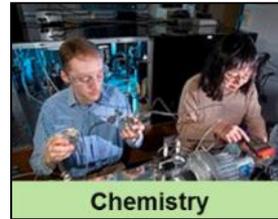


# Energy and Photon Sciences Snapshot

## EPS by the numbers (2017)

- People: >600
- Budget: ~\$171M
- Publications in Peer Reviewed Scientific Journals: 789
- Patents/Applications: 17
- Users (1600 in 2017; about 1900 in 2018)

# DOE Energy Sciences Mission



## BNL Core Programs

- **Brookhaven Focus: Materials for Energy Systems**
  - Materials for Energy (including Quantum Materials)
  - Complex Catalysts for Chemical Conversion
  - Energy Storage (partnership with Stony Brook University)
  - Energy Efficiency and Electric Grid R&D

## Partners/Joint Appointments

University

National Lab

Industry

New York State



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Facilities

# World-Leading Facilities

NSLS-II and CFN

# NSLS-II

World leading synchrotron light source

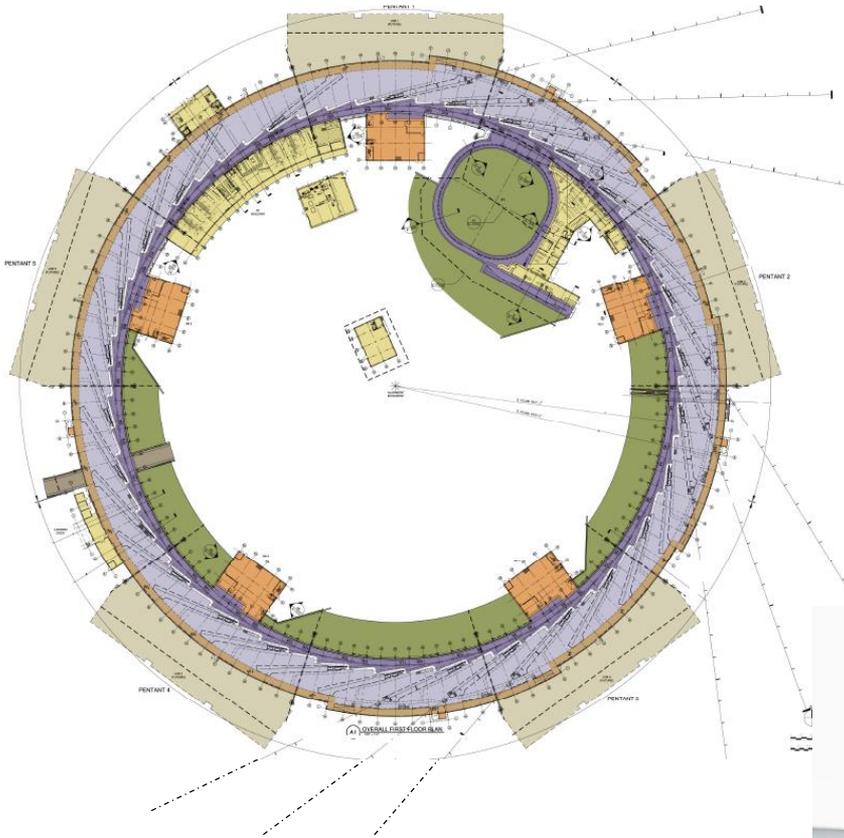
# NSLS-II: World Leading Synchrotron X-Ray Facility

Delivered On-Time Under-Budget

- \$912M Construction (7 beamlines)
- 28 operating beamlines in FY19
- 30 more to build for full capacity

Scientific frontiers

- Imaging science (including complementary x-ray and cryo-EM for biomaterials)
- Spectroscopy and scattering

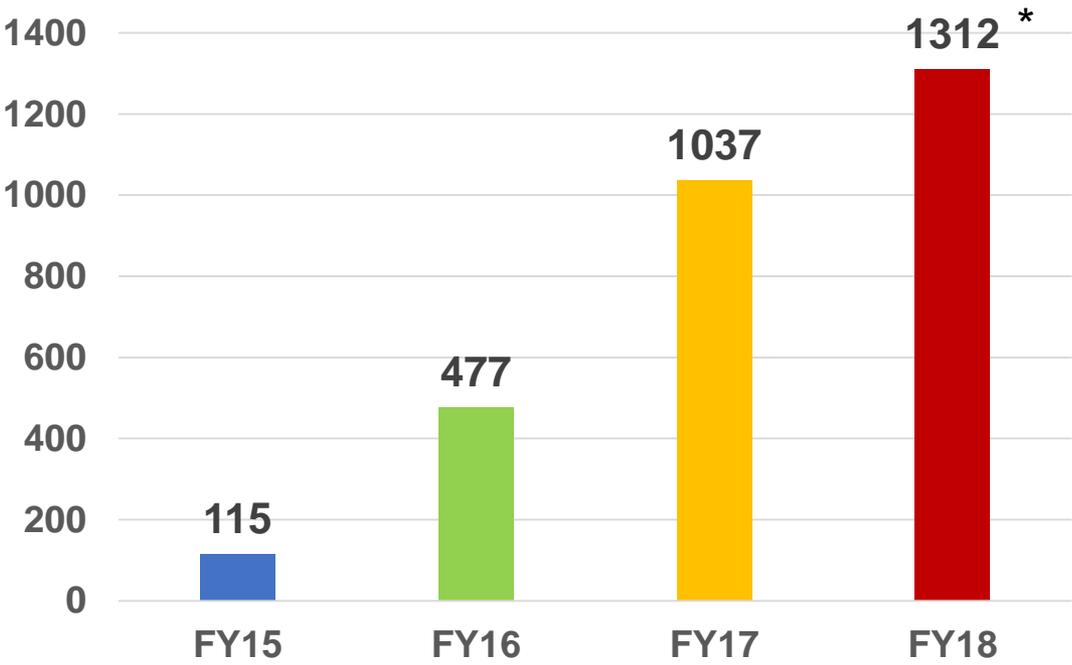


**>1300 Users in 2018**



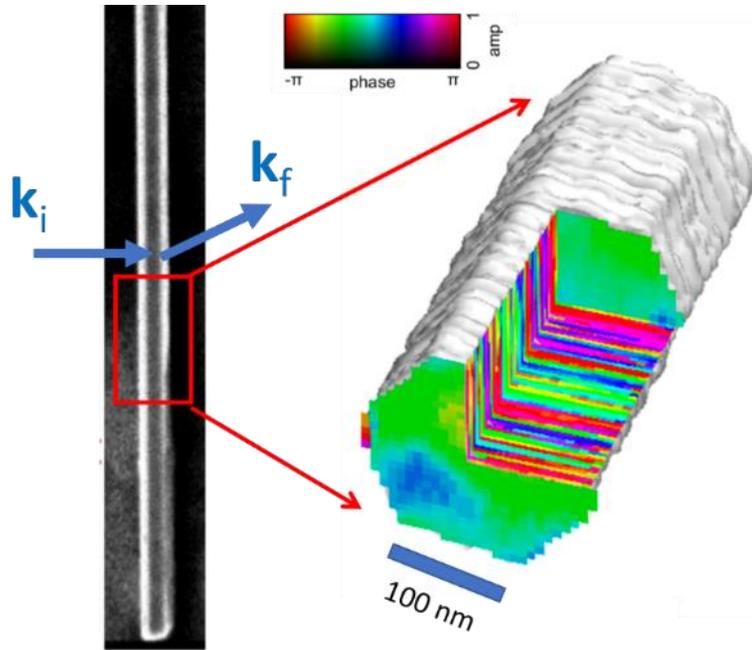
# NSLS-II has a strong and productive User program

- > 1300 Users in FY18
- 30% of whom used more than 1 beamline (one used 5!)
- 55% had never used NSLS-II before
- Beamlines oversubscribed by up to a factor of 4
- Synchrotron course taught at Yale and 5 MSIs
- Innovative access modes: BAGs and multi-facility proposals (NSLS-II – CFN and NSLS-II – ORNL)



\* As of August 30, 2018

# Imaging of strain and stacking defects in a III-V nanowire



## Scientific Achievement

In a single III-V nanowire, the 3D distribution of both strain and stacking defects was measured using coherent x-rays with 3nm resolution, revealing structural heterogeneity from nano- to micro-meter scales.

## Significance and Impact

Structural features that determine the performance of advanced optoelectronic nanodevices can be imaged by a new coherent x-ray Bragg ptychography method suitable for studies in operando.

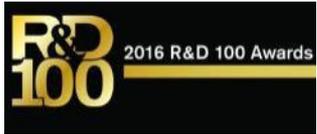
*SEM image of nanowire with diffraction geometry (left) and cutouts from 3D images sensitive to stacking defects (right).*

M.O. Hill et al.. Nano Letters. (2018)

# X-ray Imaging

## Award Winning MLL design

Smallest spot in working x-ray microscope in the world (12 nm x 12 nm resolution)!



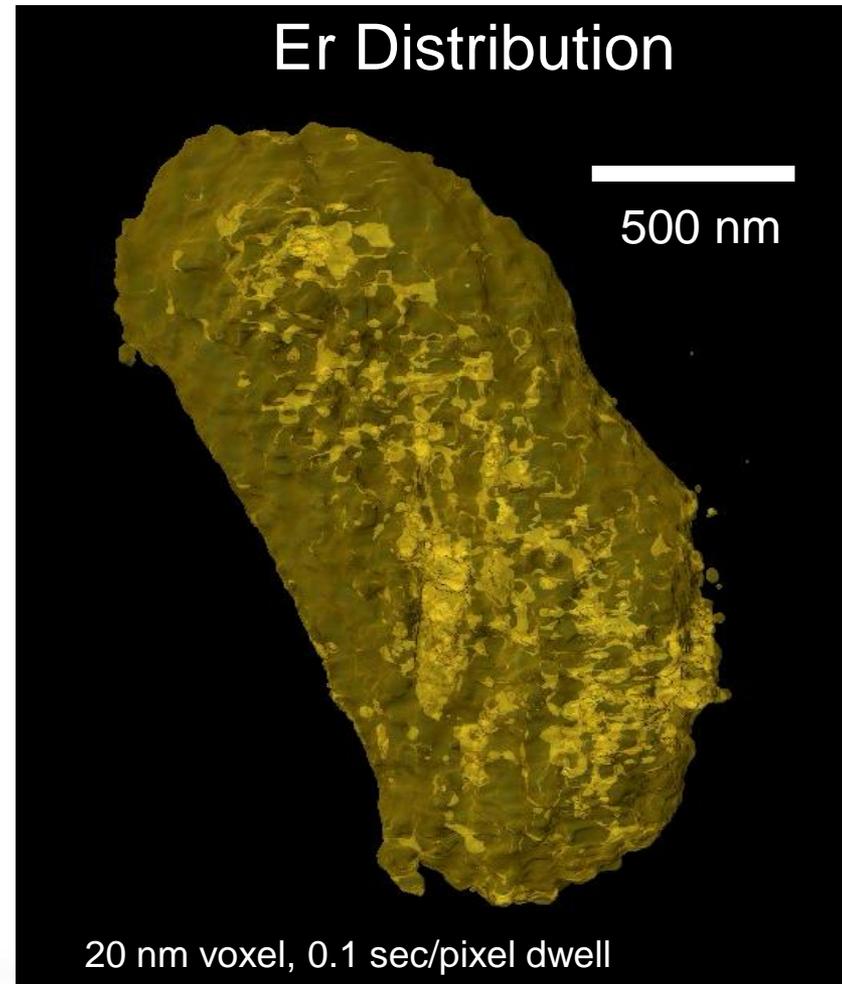
**Microscopy**  
TODAY  
2016 Innovation Award



E. Nazaretski, Y. S. Chu, *et al.*

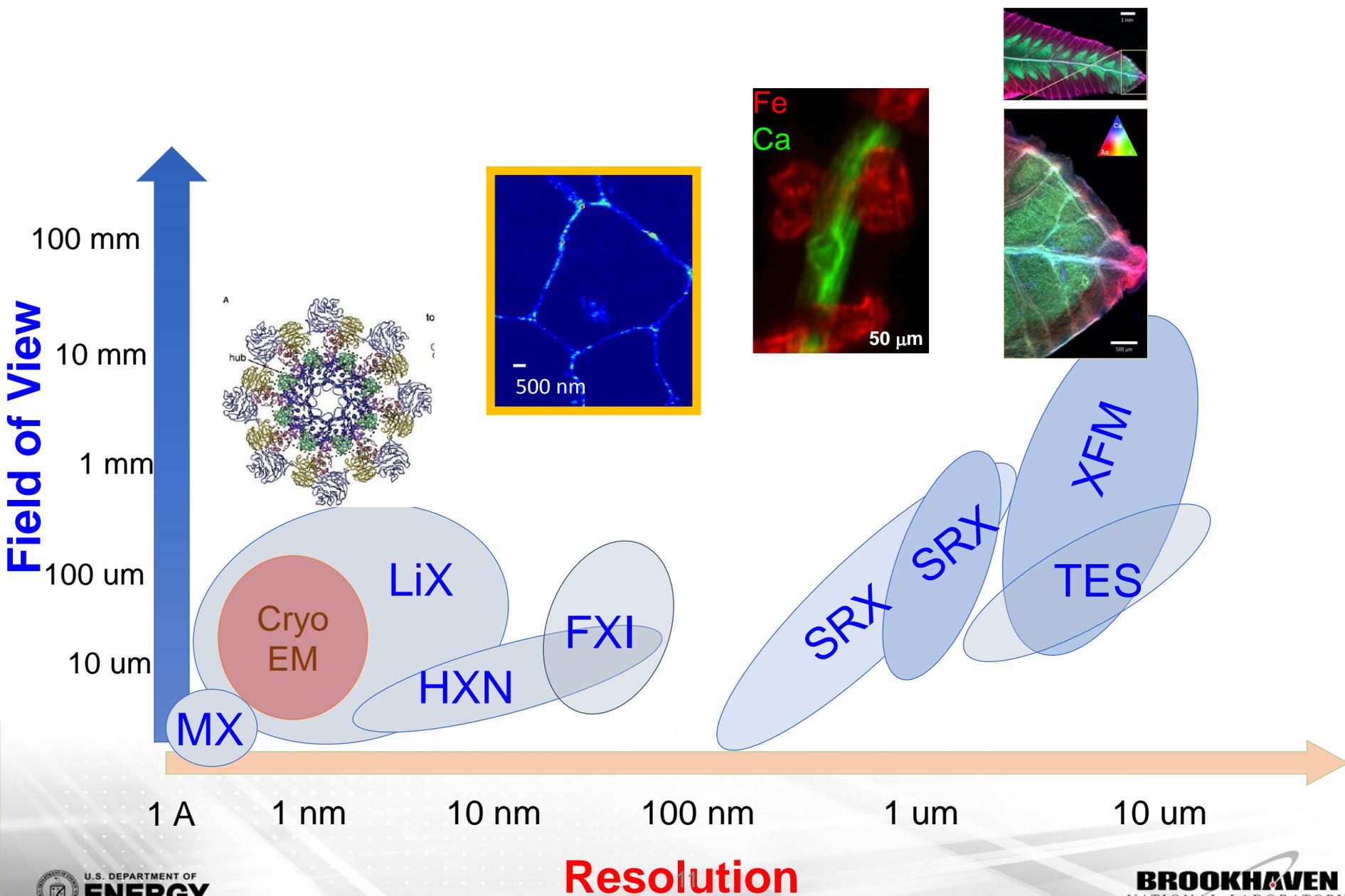
- Collaboration between NSLS-II, MIT and BU achieved the highest resolution 3D x-ray image ever taken of a life science sample.
- Showing Er tag on surface of E-coli bacterium

E. Coli Bacterium



K. Allen (Boston Univ), B. Imperiali (MIT), L. Miller (BNL), whole HXN Team

# IMAGING SCIENCE: Multi-scale, multi-energy range, multi-modal

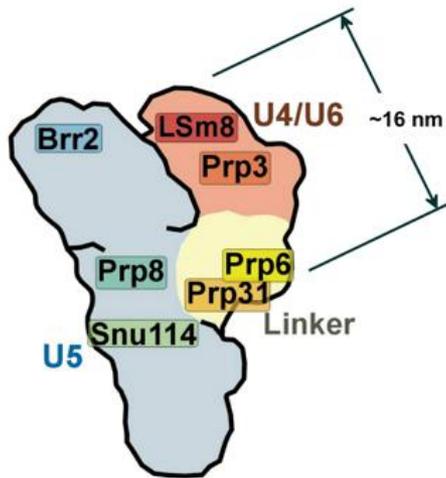


# The EM Revolution

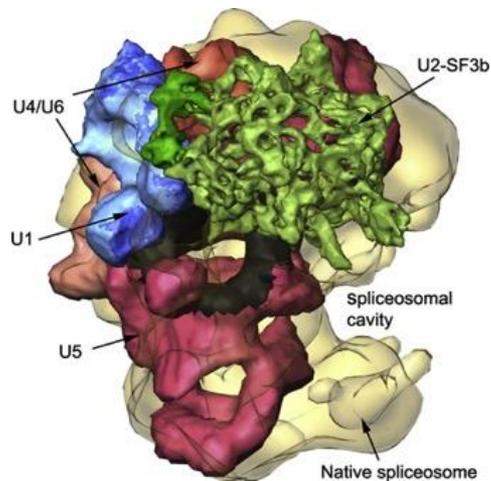
In the past three years, it has become feasible to obtain atomic resolution with cryo-EM for the first time. This is sparking a revolution in structural biology.

Ex: Spliceosome

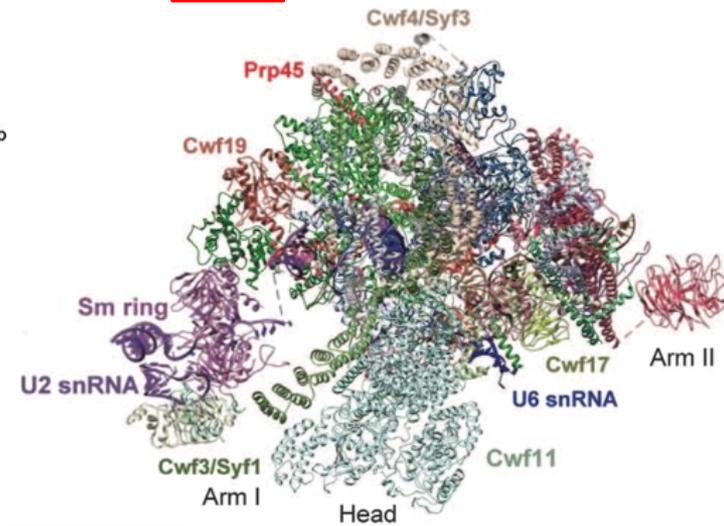
2008



2012



2015



Hacker *et-al*, *Nature Structural & Molecular Biology*  
15, 1206 - 1212 (2008)

Frankenstein *et-al* *Structure*  
(2012), 6, 1097-1106

Yan *et-al* *Science* (2015), 349,  
1182-1191

# NY gives \$15M for cryo-electron microscope at Brookhaven lab

Updated May 18, 2017 8:12 PM

By Delthia Ricks [delthia.ricks@newsday.com](mailto:delthia.ricks@newsday.com)

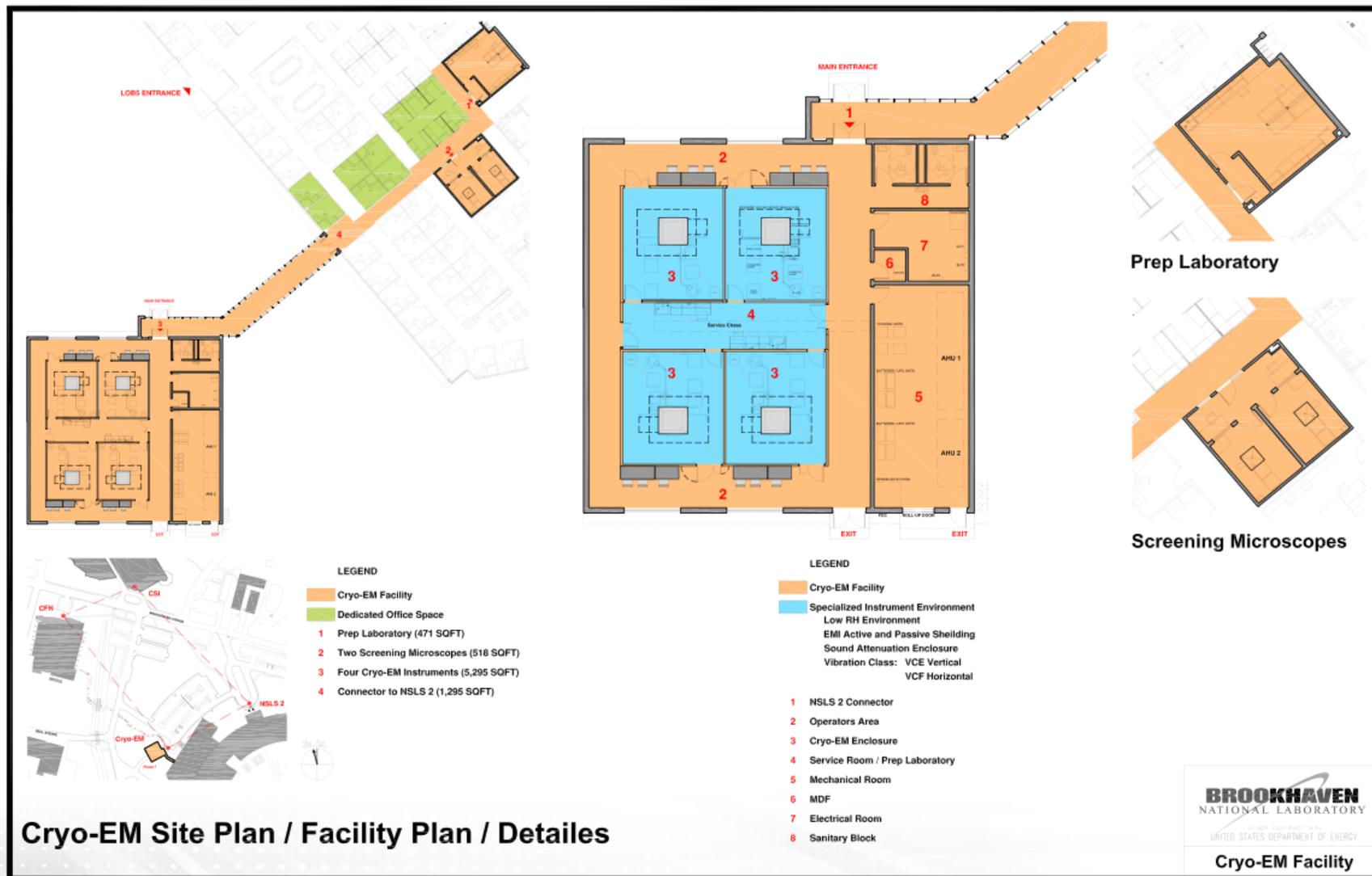
New York is with us  
and we are building our plans and team.



Brookhaven National Laboratory on Thursday, May 18, 2017, announced that the state will allocate \$15 million for a state-of-the-art cryo-electron microscope at the lab. The advanced imaging technology is expected to increase scientists' understanding of disease, with the microscope helping to discover new treatments, and boost Long Island's biotechnology and pharmaceutical industries, officials said. (Credit: Newsday)

New York State is allocating \$15 million for a cryo-electron microscope at Brookhaven National Laboratory as part of a collaborative effort involving three Long Island scientific powerhouses, officials at the lab announced Thursday.

The state-of-the-art imaging technology is at the heart of a new center, the Long Island Facility for Electron Microscopy, which is to be established on the Brookhaven...



## Cryo-EM Site Plan / Facility Plan / Details

# Center for Functional Nanomaterials (CFN)

Synthesis, assembly, fabrication of materials at the nanoscale

# The Center for Functional Nanomaterials is a national nanoscience user facility

## State-of-the-art capabilities for nanoscience

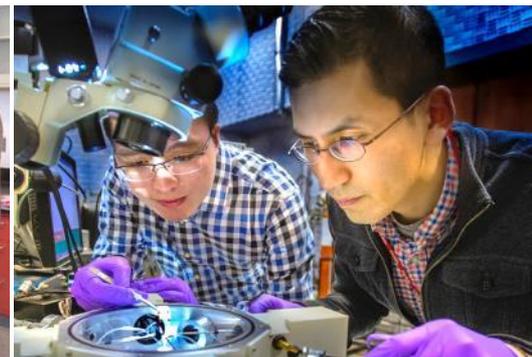
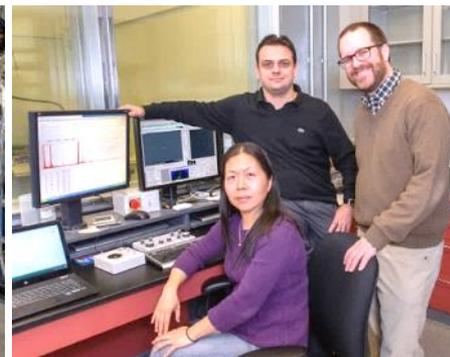
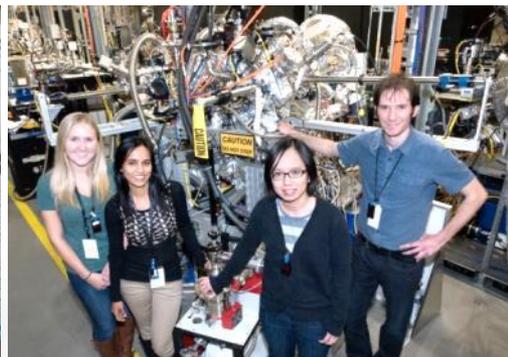
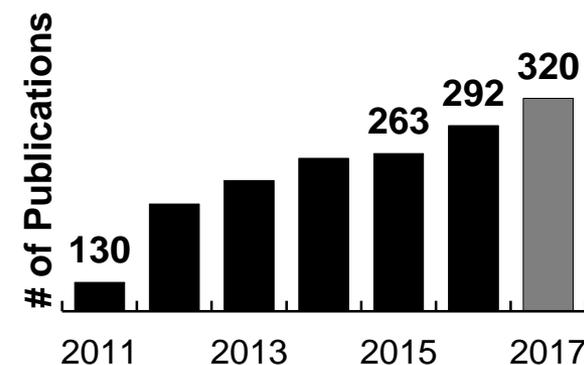
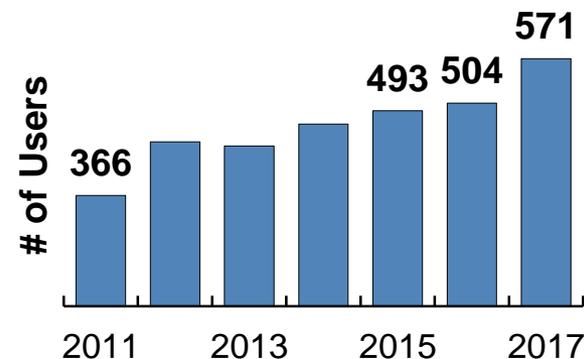
- Electron Microscopy
- Nanofabrication
- Advanced Optics
- Theory and Computation
- X-ray Nanoscience Instruments
- Nanomaterial Synthesis
- Proximal Probes

The CFN supported **571 external users** in 2017

>93% highly satisfied or satisfied

CFN users and staff produced a **record 320 scientific publications** in fiscal year 2017

> 1/3 in high impact scientific journals



# CFN researchers develop record-breaking, first-of-their-kind instruments for nanoscience

**Forbes**

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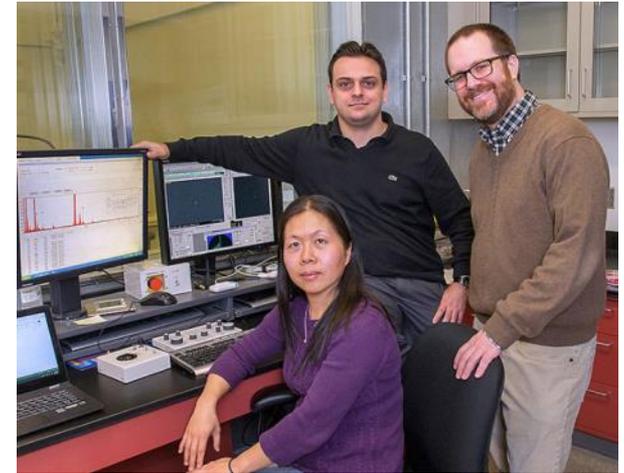
There's A New Record For Tiny Structures

**EE Times**

News & Analysis

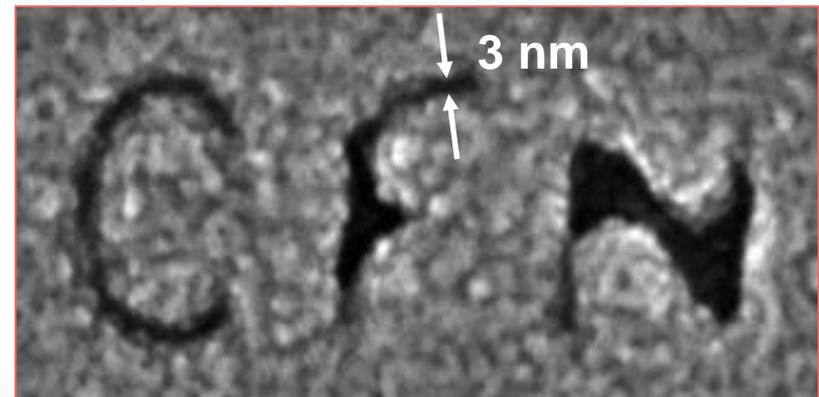
**DoE Claims 1nm Fab Record**

Electron litho unearths new properties



CFN scientists have set a world record for highest-resolution e-beam lithography

- A critical tool for the IT hardware industry
- A tool for patterning materials at 1 nanometer sizes (a few atoms across)
- **CFN offers this one-of-a-kind capability for use by scientists worldwide**

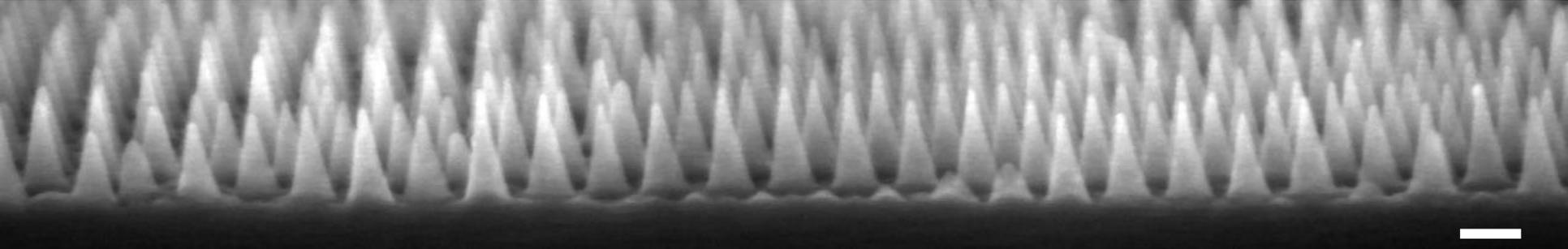


Manfrinato *et al.*, *Nano Letters* (2017).

# CFN 'synthesis-by-assembly' of water-repellent nanotextures

A. Checco, A. Rahman, *Adv. Mat.* (2014).

Self-assembled nanotextures endow surfaces with extreme water- and fog-repellency

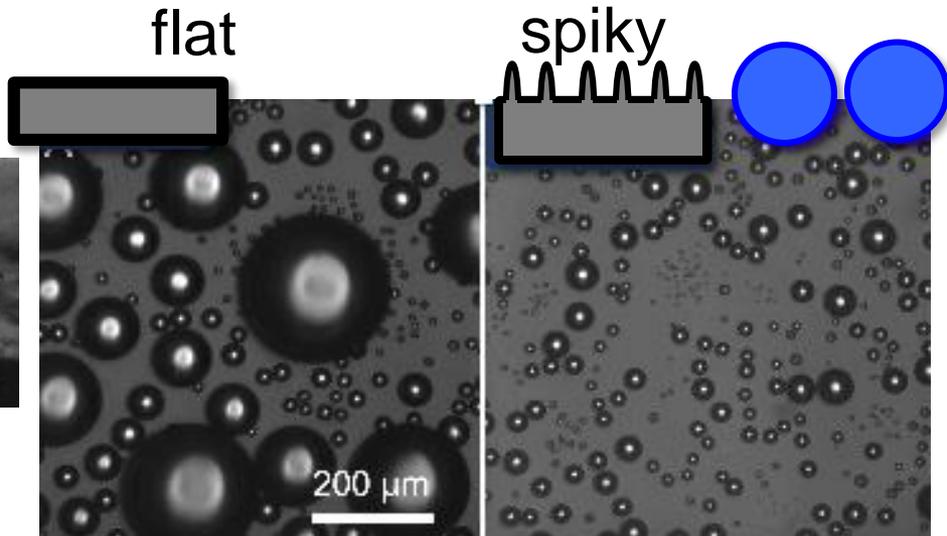


Dense nanotextures created on silicon, glass, and some plastics



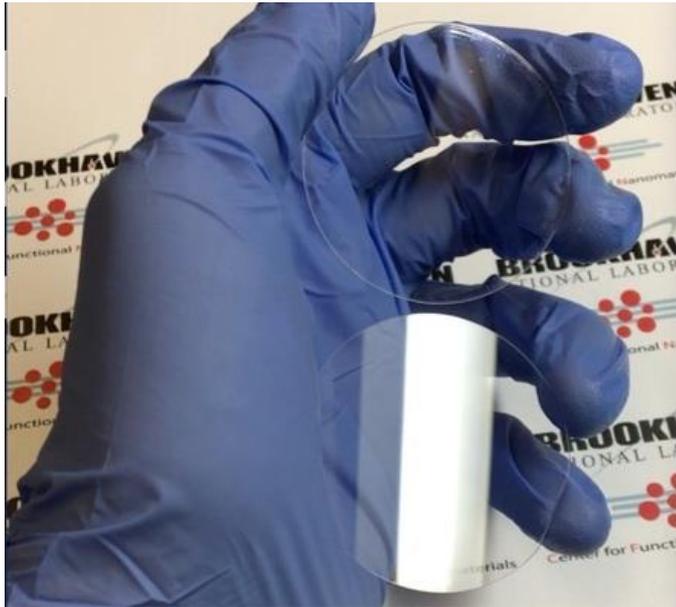
e.g., falling raindrops with terminal velocity ~10 m/s

CFN User: A. Checco (SBU)



Fog repellent nanotextures  
CFN User: D. Quéré (ESPCI)

# Can you see the invisible glass?



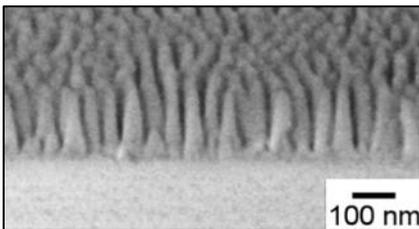
## Scientific Achievement

Self-assembled surface nanotextures reduce light reflections from glass windows to  $<0.2\%$  across the visible and IR, making the glass essentially invisible

## Significance and Impact

These ultra-transparent windows can enhance the user experience of consumer devices, improve solar cell performance, and enable higher-power, pulsed laser applications

CFN 'invisible glass' technology optioned to start-up company (Edgehog Technologies) in 2018.



(Top) Photograph of a piece of regular glass (lower), showing the reflection of an overhead light, and a similar piece of 'invisible glass' without any reflection (upper). (Bottom) SEM image of the surface nanotexture.

*Applied Physics Letters* (2017)

2018 Grand Prize Winner:



# Science

What do we DO at these facilities and in our core programs?

# Catalysis

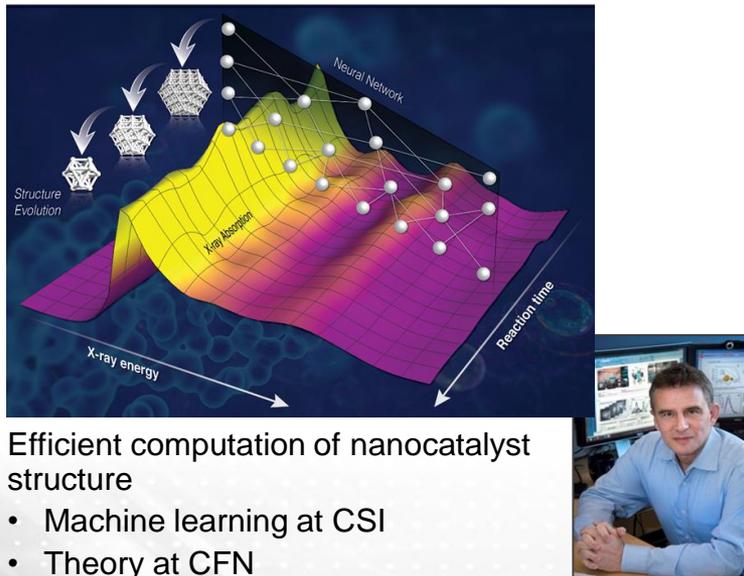
## Goal

- Develop the fundamental knowledge for designed catalysts enabling sustainable chemical conversion processes – e.g., fuel synthesis from CO<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>4</sub>.

## Approach

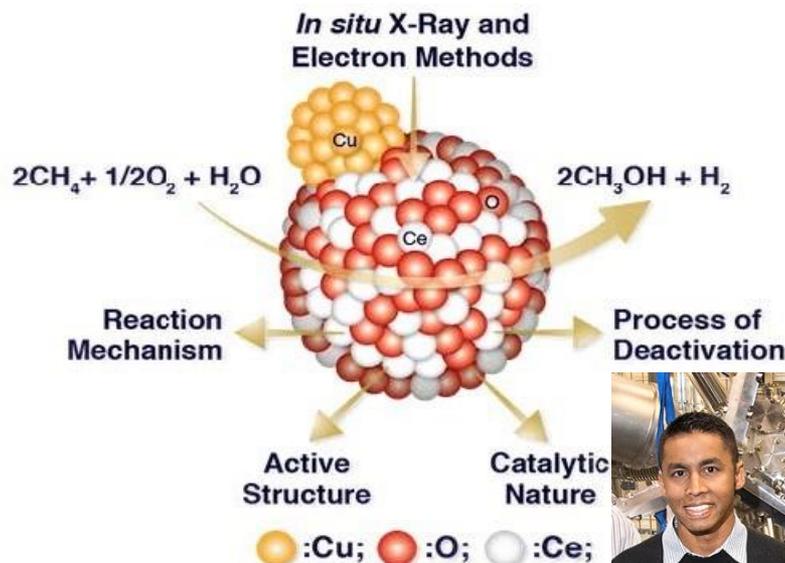
- Build on BNL's discovery of enhanced heterogeneous catalysis with active metal:oxide interfaces and leadership in mechanistic studies of homogeneous photocatalysis

### Determination of Nanocatalyst Structure “on-the-Fly” by Supervised Machine Learning



J. Phys. Chem. Lett. (2017) Anatoly Frenkel

### Develop Multi-modal Methods for Catalysis

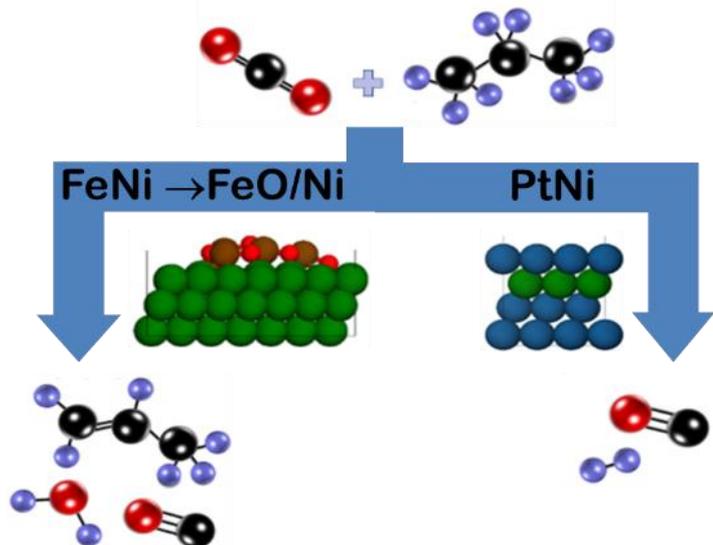


Multi-modal studies for structure and mechanism (Early Career 2017)



Sanjaya Senanayake

# Rational Design of Catalysts for C-H vs C-C Bond Cleavage



Reaction pathways over Ni bimetallics

- FeNi for C-H cleavage to produce propylene
- PtNi for C-C cleavage to produce syngas

E. Gomez, S. Kattel, B. Yan, S. Yao, P. Liu & J. G. Chen, *Nat. Commun.*, (2018) 9:1398

**Scientists used catalyst synthesis, *in-situ* measurements and theory to design and understand different catalysts for distinct conversion routes.**

## Scientific Achievement

Theory & Experiment for rational control of CO<sub>2</sub> reduction with propane. Reaction pathways over Ni catalysts can be tuned by bimetallic formation for propylene (C-H cleavage) vs syngas (C-C cleavage) product.

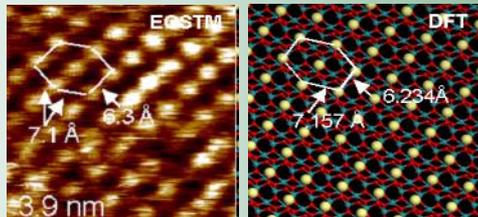
## Significance and Impact

New routes to propylene are desired due to changing feedstocks. Catalytic control of C-H vs C-C bond enables production of beneficial propylene while consuming the greenhouse gas CO<sub>2</sub>.

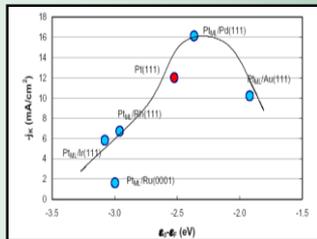
# Advanced Fuel Cell Electrocatalysts

## BES Basic Science

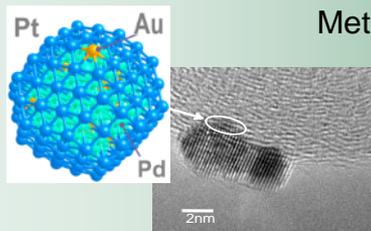
Principles and methods for monolayer electrocatalysis.



In-situ electrochemical studies of structure and catalytic activity of single atomic layers



Discover and develop high activity monolayer platinum catalysts.

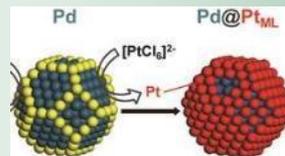


Metal alloys to improve durability

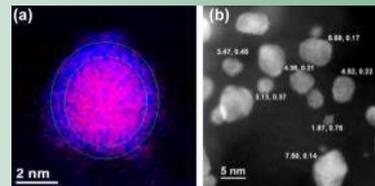


## EERE Fuel Cell Office Applied Research

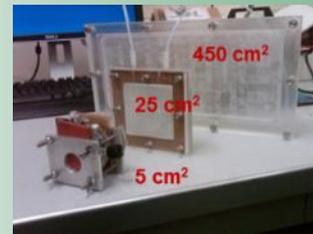
Core-shell electrocatalysts developed for high activity and durability with ultralow Pt mass.



Developed syntheses for nanoscale core-shell catalysts with monolayer control.



Enhanced Pt-mass weighted activity 10x. Scale-up synthesis led to membrane electrode assemblies with good performance.



>15 US Patents

R&D 100 Award

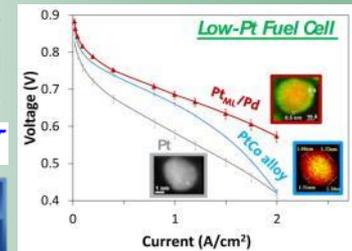
## Industrial Collaboration Toward Deployment

Performance and durability in subsystem membrane electrode assemblies, licensing, manufacture methods

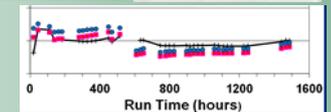
Licensed for commercial development



Excellent low-Pt fuel cell performance



Excellent electrolyzer performance, >10x reduced Pt mass.



High performance, low Pt electrocatalysts ready for applications in fuel cell vehicles and hydrogen generation.



Core-shell electrocatalysts  
>130 publications 2001-17  
>12000 citations

# Quantum Materials

## Goal

- Leverage BNL's leadership in correlated-electron science to discover and understand the next generation of quantum materials, including those valuable for Quantum Information

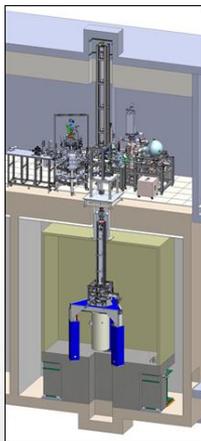
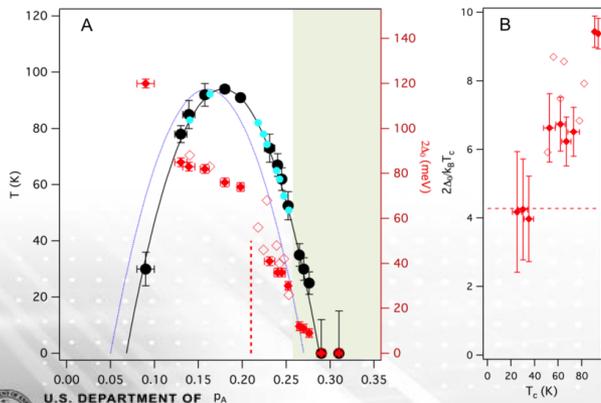
## Approach

- Exploit world-leading capabilities of OASIS and NSLS-II

### First Science from OASIS

Systematic study of  $\text{Bi}_2\text{Sr}_2\text{CaCu}_2\text{O}_{8+\delta}$

- Well-studied dome now accurately calibrated to peak at 0.18 doping
- First studies of highly overdoped regime allowing detailed studies of the pairing mechanism in this regime.



OASIS

### Topology and Qubits

- Customized heterostructures for topological superconductivity and quantum information science
- Resonant Inelastic X-ray Scattering of measurements of topological phonons and magnons at the SIX beamline



Engineered heterostructures

# Nanomaterials Synthesis by Assembly (CFN)

## Goal

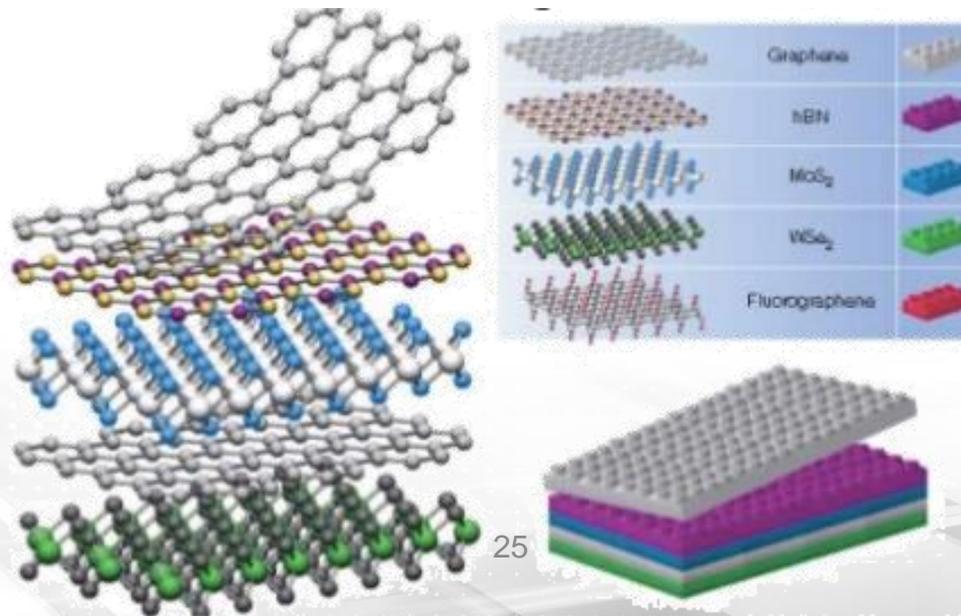
- Advance the science of materials “synthesis by assembly” from components, for creating multi-functional systems with precisely defined architectures for targeted properties, including those valuable for QIS

## Approach

- Employ leading scientific programs in self-assembly of soft materials and advanced nanoscience characterization at CFN and NSLS-II, especially *in situ* and *operando* measurements

## Quantum Material Press (QPress)

**Goal:** First-of-its-kind facility for robotic synthesis of layered 2D material heterostructures by assembly; quantum properties studied at CFN and NSLS-II



(with Harvard, MIT)

# Energy Storage

Goal: Leverage BNL's facilities and expertise to understand, control and design complex battery systems

Approach: Exploit world-leading capabilities in electron microscopy and NSLS-II

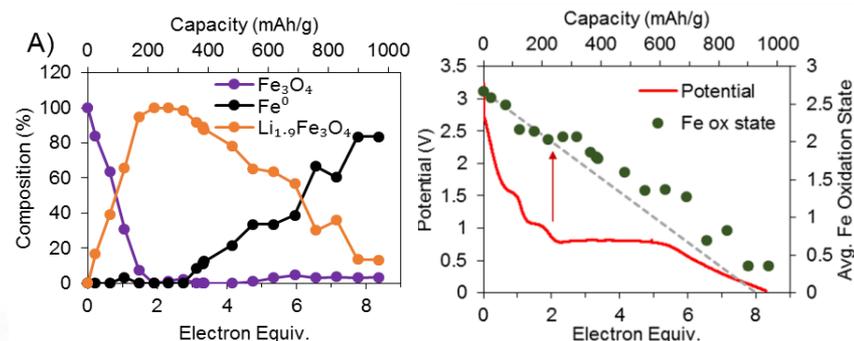


Prof. Esther Takeuchi  
Stony Brook University Distinguished Prof.  
BNL EPS Chief Scientist Energy S&T

## Center for Mesoscale Transport Properties

*Operando* lithiation of  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$  revealed:

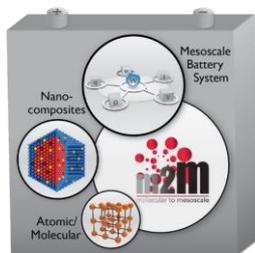
- Onset of parasitic reactions forming surface electrolyte interphase (SEI)
- Allowed determination of contributions to heat dissipation



# Energy Storage: SBU and BNL Leadership



## Energy Frontier Research Center Center for Mesoscale Transport Properties



**\$10.4 M, 4 Y award**  
**Mission:** understand and control battery transport, molecular to mesoscale



## NYSENERDA-NYSTAR Match to



**10% match to in-state award**

**Mission:** establish pouch cell prototyping capability at BNL



Coin Cell  
~2 mAh



Pouch Cell  
0.1 – 2.0 Ah

## Industrial Program

**Mission:** high capacity anodes for EVs

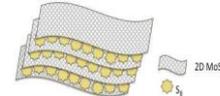


## EERE Program Portfolio



**Mission:** support high impact projects to develop more energy efficient and environmentally friendly highway transportation technologies that enable America to use less petroleum

Lithium Sulfur Batt500  
Seedling Project



Self-forming Self-healing Solid State Lithium Battery



## Enabling Extreme Fast Charging for Electric Vehicles



**Target:** charge in 6 minutes

Map Source: DOE Alternative Fuels Data Center's Electric Vehicle Station Locator

# Co-location with Offshore Wind R&D On Long Island



Basic Research

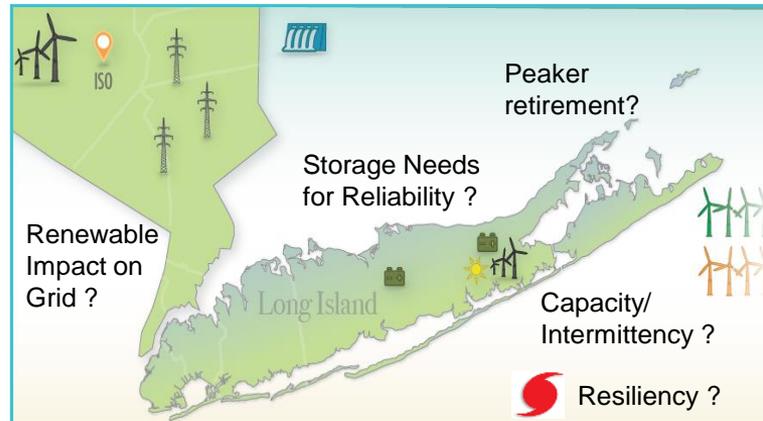
Proof of concept

Early Stage Prototype

Product Development

Commercialization

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Research and Technology Center  
AT STONY BROOK UNIVERSITY



  
**Stony Brook University**

**BROOKHAVEN**  
NATIONAL LABORATORY



NY Offshore Wind Center



NY-ESI Energy Storage Institute

  
**CIEES**  
CENTER FOR INTEGRATED ELECTRIC ENERGY SYSTEMS  
AT STONY BROOK UNIVERSITY

NYS-CAT Center for Advanced Technology

  
Clean Energy Business Incubator Program  
AT STONY BROOK UNIVERSITY  
Manufacturing and Technology Resource Consortium (MTRC)  
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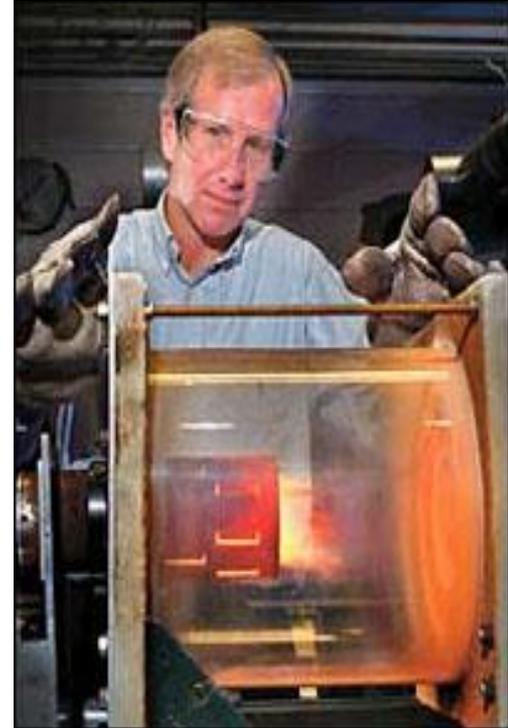
Manufacturing Support

# Energy Efficiency: Heating and Combustion Systems

BNL has made major contributions to NYS energy and environmental challenges

BNL has helped increase efficiency of heating systems in the Northeast since the late 1970's

- demonstrated energy savings of new oil burners - 100% market penetration and savings Nationwide of \$25 billion
- transition to ultralow sulfur heating oil – a 99% reduction in fine particulates with major health impacts
- developed new biomass heating system test protocols adopted by NYDEC and US EPA



*For 40 years, Dr. Butcher has been a leader in research and development of building energy systems including advanced fuels, heating and cooling systems, and advanced controls.*

# Energy Efficiency in Buildings

BNL is increasing its focus on building energy efficiency

## Buildings applications:

- Joint DOE/NYSERDA project on performance of cold-climate air-sourced heat pumps (proposal stage)
- Energy savings potential of evaporative cooling at a DoD data center
- Thermal distribution efficiency and test methods
- Water harvesting from flue gas using a novel thermosiphon technology (ARPA-E Project w/ SBU, United Technologies)
- Hybrid condensing boiler/solar thermal system at BNL
- Advanced controls in heating systems.
- Solid oxide fuel cells for building and data center applications
- Energy savings potential of modern integrated hydronic systems with low idle losses. Field tools for predicting energy savings are now in use.



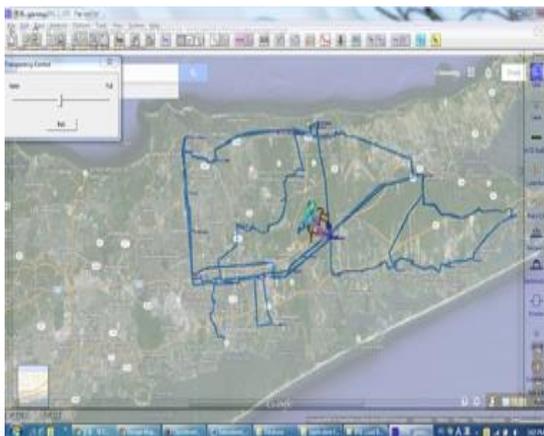
**A 60% fuel-to-electric solid oxide fuel cells under test at BNL**

# BNL Grid Research: focused on NYS challenges

## smart, resilient, efficient

- BNL Expertise

- Utility operations, power-flow modeling
- DER systems engineering
- Meteorology and cloud science
  
- Data-intensive computing
- Open source software development
- High-performance computing



- Applying our capabilities to:

- Power flow modeling and analysis (efficiency)
- Storm damage prediction (resilience, restoration)
- Automated restoration tools
- DER, Microgrid design/optimization (resilience)

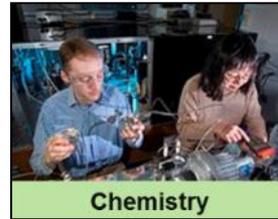
- DOE Program Efforts

- Advanced Grid Modeling
- Cybersecurity for Energy Systems
- Building Technologies Office
- Solar Energy Technologies Office
- APRP-E

- NYS and NE Partnerships

- NYS Utilities, NYSERDA, ESDC
- SBU, U Conn, Purdue
- MIT Lincoln Labs
- NYS Smart Grid Consortium

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Facilities**