

# Border Security and the Energy Grid

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# Scale of the problem: Border crossings



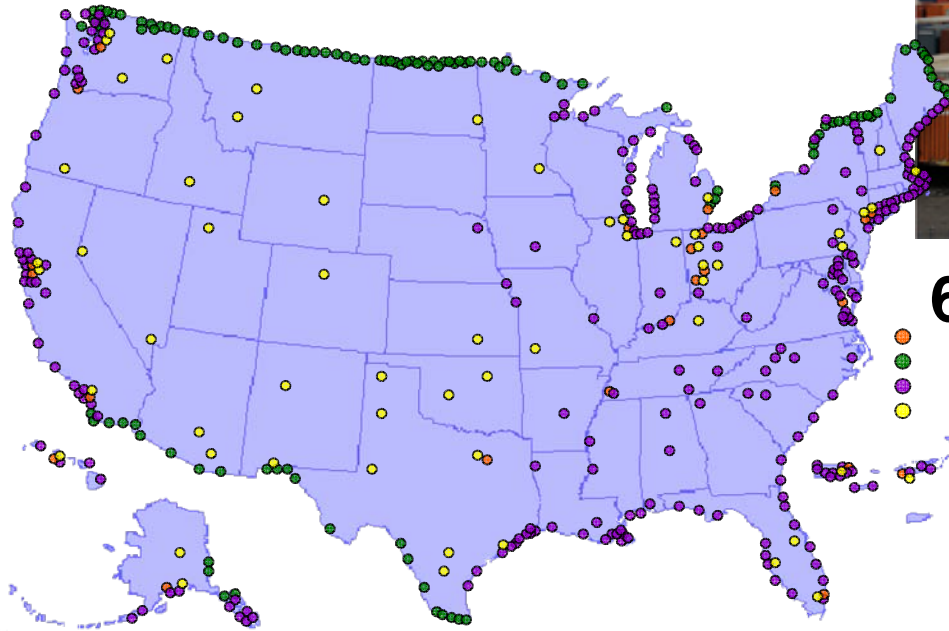
## Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach

Annual Container Volume:

~10 million TEUs (twenty-foot equivalent units)

Cargo Value: ~\$200 billion

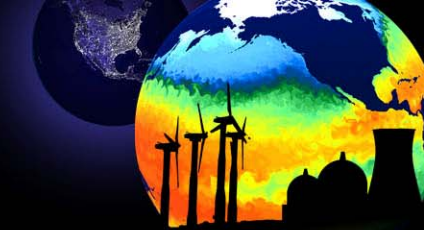
Rate:  
~1TEU/Sec



## 621 US Border Crossings:

- 360,000 vehicles
- 5,100 trucks/container
- 2600 aircraft
- 600 vessels

# Infrastructure: Against what are we protecting?

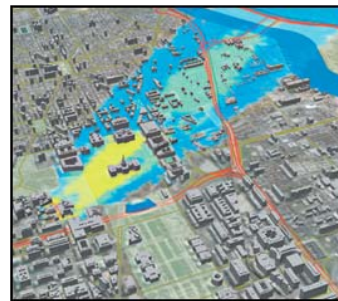


## ➤ Natural

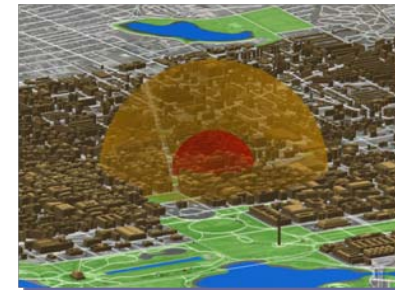
- Accident
- Drought
- Earthquake
- Flood
- Heat Wave
- Hurricane
- Ice Storm
- Landslide
- Pandemic
- Space Weather
- Tsunami
- Volcano
- Wildfire

## ➤ Terrorist

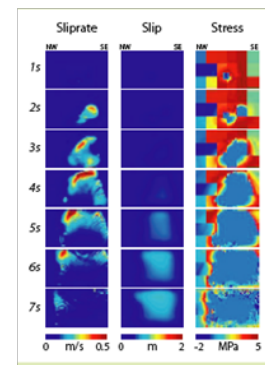
- Biological
- Chemical
- Cyber
- Explosive
  - IED
  - VBIED
  - Aircraft
- Insider
- Nuclear
- Physical Assault
- Radiological



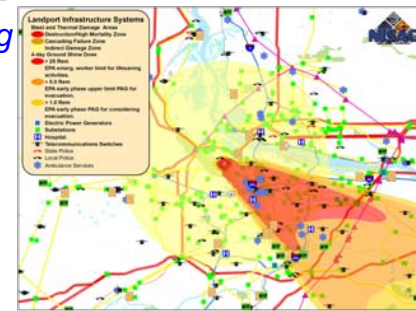
*CBR Dispersion Modeling*



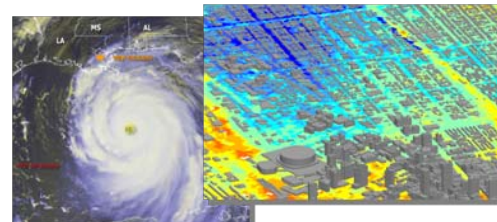
*Improved Nuclear Device*



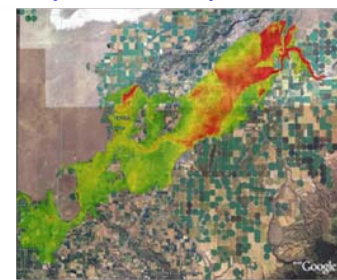
*Earthquake*



*Infrastructure and  
Population Impacts*



*Hurricane (flooding)*



*Dam Break*



# Infrastructure has many interdependent systems

- Agriculture & Food
- Banking & Finance
- Chemical
- Commercial Facilities
- Dams
- Defense Industrial Base
- Emergency Services
- Energy
- Government Facilities
- Manufacturing
- Nuclear Reactors, Materials & Waste
- Information Technology
- National Monuments & Icons
- Postal & Shipping
- Public Health & Healthcare
- Telecommunications
- Transportation
- Water

## 5. ENERGY

<b>5.1</b>	<b>ELECTRICITY</b>
5.1.1	Electricity Generation
5.1.1.1	Hydroelectric Generation
5.1.1.1.1	Hydroelectric Dams
5.1.1.1.2	Pumped Storage Facilities
5.1.1.1.3	Run-of-River Generators
5.1.1.2	Fossil Fuel Electric Power Generation
5.1.1.2.1	Coal-fired Generators
5.1.1.2.2	Natural-gas-fired Generators
5.1.1.2.3	Oil-fired Generators
5.1.1.3	Nuclear Electric Power Generation
5.1.1.3.1	Light Water Reactor Power Plants
5.1.1.3.2	Other Reactor Power Plants
5.1.1.4	Other Electric Power Generation
5.1.2	Electricity Transmission
5.1.2.1	Transmission Lines
5.1.2.2	Transmission Substations
5.1.2.3	DC Converter Stations
5.1.2.4	Generation Dispatch and Transmission Control Center
5.1.3	Electricity Distribution
5.1.3.1	Distribution Lines
5.1.3.2	Distribution Substations
5.1.3.3	Distribution Control and Dispatch Centers
5.1.4	Electricity Markets
5.1.4.1	Generation Markets
5.1.4.2	Transmission Markets
5.1.5	Other Electricity Facilities
<b>5.2</b>	<b>PETROLEUM</b>
5.2.1	Crude Oil Supply
5.2.1.1	On-shore Wells
5.2.1.2	Off-shore Wells
5.2.1.3	Crude Oil Production from Other Sources
5.2.1.4	Gas-Oil Separation Plants
5.2.2	Crude Oil Storage
5.2.2.1	Strategic Petroleum Reserve
5.2.2.2	Crude Oil Bulk Storage
5.2.2.2.1	Crude Oil Land-Based Terminals
5.2.2.2.2	Crude Oil Marine Terminals
5.2.3	Crude Oil Transport
5.2.3.1	Crude Oil Pipelines
5.2.3.1.1	Crude Oil Pipeline Segments
5.2.3.1.2	Crude Oil Pipeline Pumping Stations
5.2.3.1.3	Crude Oil Pipeline Control Centers
5.2.3.2	Crude Oil Marine Transport
5.2.3.2.1	Crude Oil Tankers
5.2.3.2.2	Ports Handling Crude Oil

# Capabilities support multiple national security missions



**Scientific  
Credibility**



**Agility and  
Innovation**

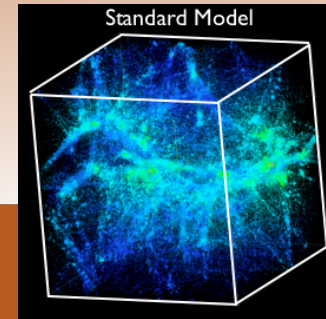
**Delivery of  
Product**

# FY 2010 Grand Challenges

## Beyond the Standard Model

Advances in nuclear and astrophysics at extremes, dynamics and composition of the universe and fundamental symmetries and force

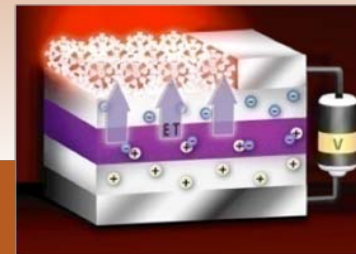
**Mission Impact: Sensitive instrumentation and tools to manipulate massive data volumes, in support of national security missions**



## Materials: Discovery Science to Strategic Applications

Advances in prediction and control of performance, extreme environments and emergent phenomena

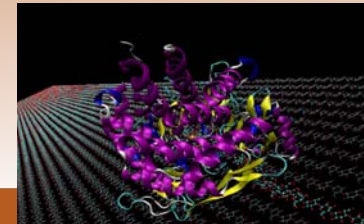
**Mission Impact: Energy sources, efficiency and storage; sensing for threat reduction; materials underpinnings of stockpile security**



## Complex Biological Systems

Advances in protection from pathogens, biology by design, understanding of the human brain and energy and climate impacts

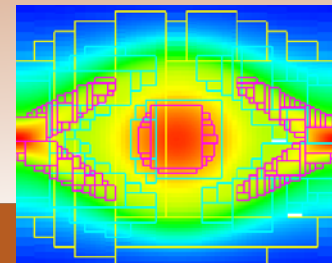
**Mission Impact: Energy, national security, health and the environment**



## Information Science & Technology

Advances in data intensive computing, inference/prediction, quantum information science and computing in extremes

**Mission Impact: Overarching capability supporting all Laboratory missions**



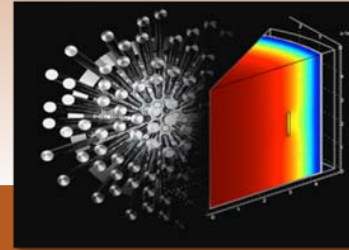


# FY 2010 Grand Challenges

## Energy & Earth Systems

Advances in energy storage, new fuels, nontraditional sources, sustainable nuclear power and managing energy byproducts

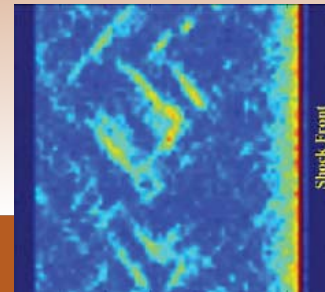
**Mission Impact: Energy and climate security**



## Nuclear Performance

Advances in performance of heterogeneous explosives, degradation of thermonuclear performance, feedback between nuclear and thermonuclear performance and effects of off-normal conditions

**Mission Impact: Stockpile safety, surety and reliability**



## Sensing & Measurement Science for Global Security

Advances in detection, forensics, signatures and movement/network characterization

**Mission Impact: Nuclear weapons of mass destruction, space situational awareness, global environmental treaty monitoring and emerging threats**



## Intelligent, Adaptive Engineered Systems

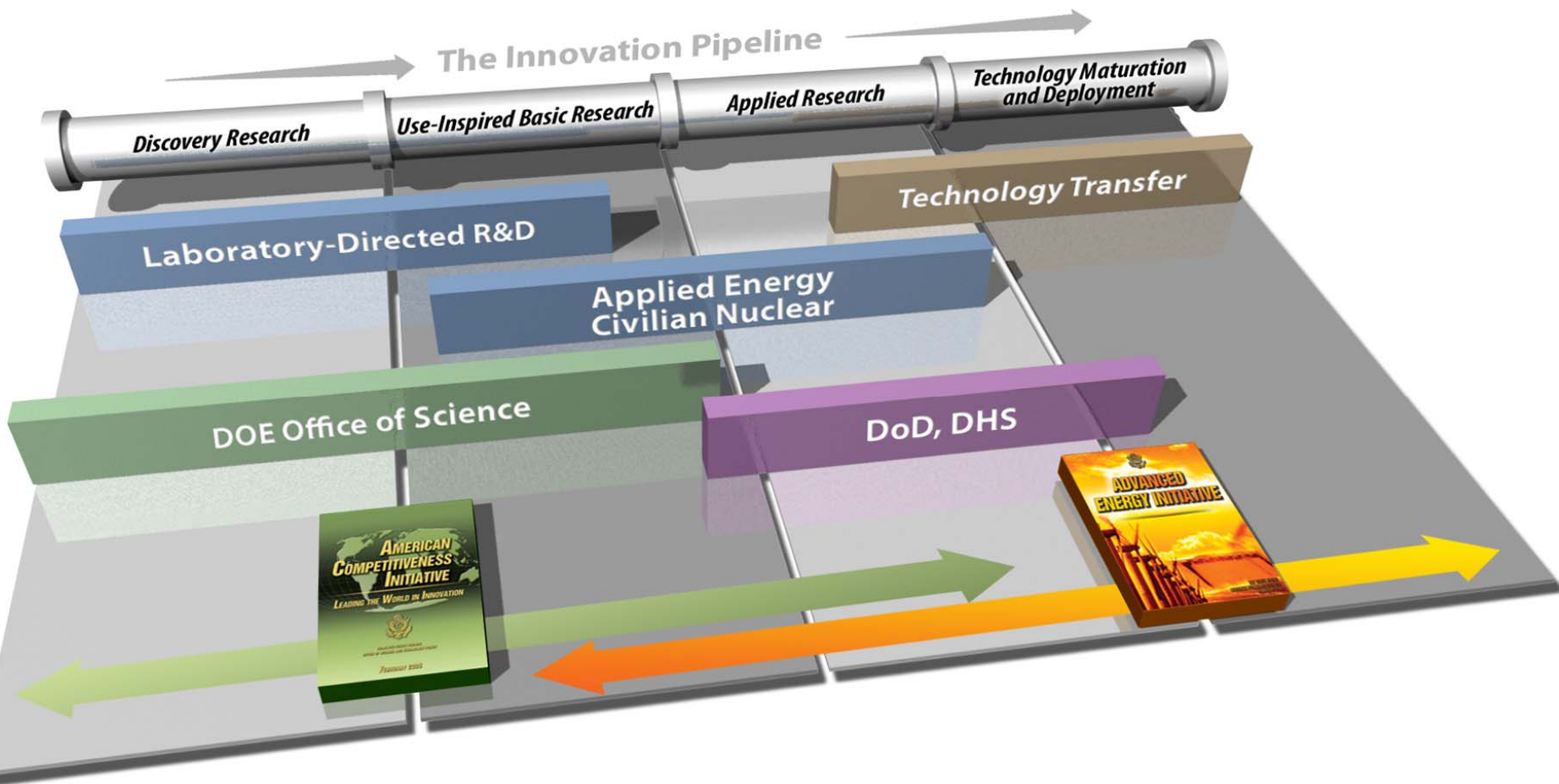
Advances in validated models and simulations, intelligent sensor systems and information collection

**Mission Impact: Overarching capability supporting all Laboratory missions**



# National Labs bridge from discovery to deployment

*Strategic investments targeted to accelerate innovation*



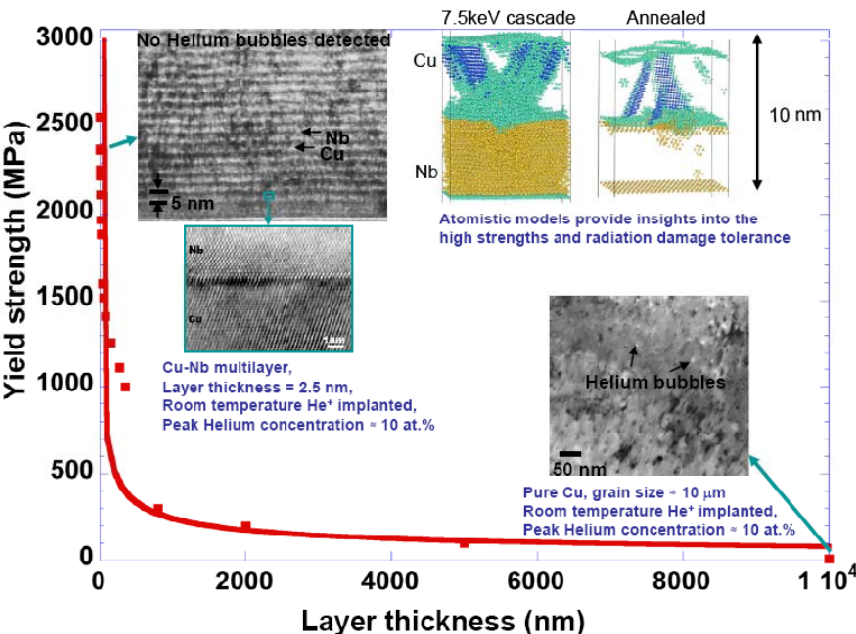


# Program development partnership with LDRD PIs leads to new programs.



J. Sarrao (mentor)  
Program Director, Office of  
Science Programs

DOE Energy Frontier Research Center  
***“Extreme Environment Tolerant Materials via  
Atomic Scale Design of Interfaces”***  
*M. Nastasi, PI*

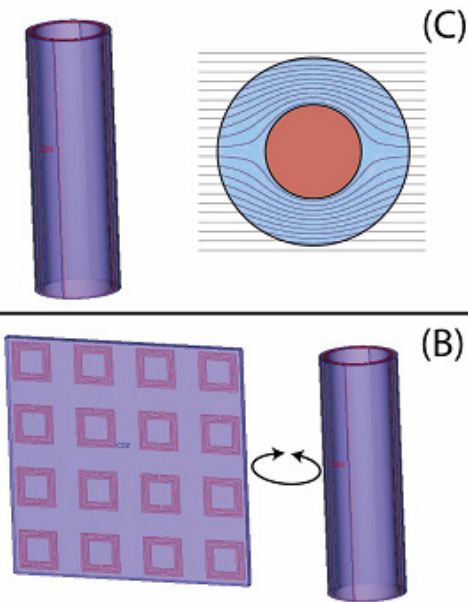


Nanolayered composites provide orders of magnitude increase in strength and enhanced radiation damage tolerance compared to bulk materials.

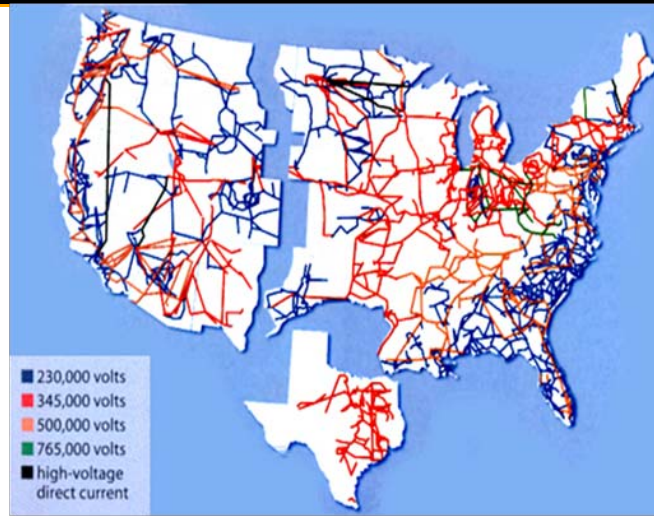
Potential applications as structural materials and coatings in nuclear power reactors.

**LDRD: Enhanced Radiation Damage Resistance via Manipulation of the Properties of Nanoscale Materials**

# Border security requires multiple scientific advances



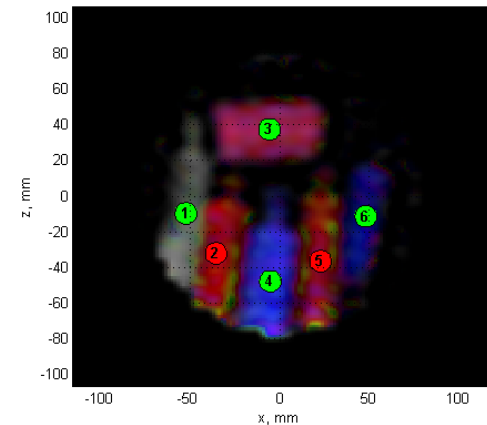
Materials Science



Network Science

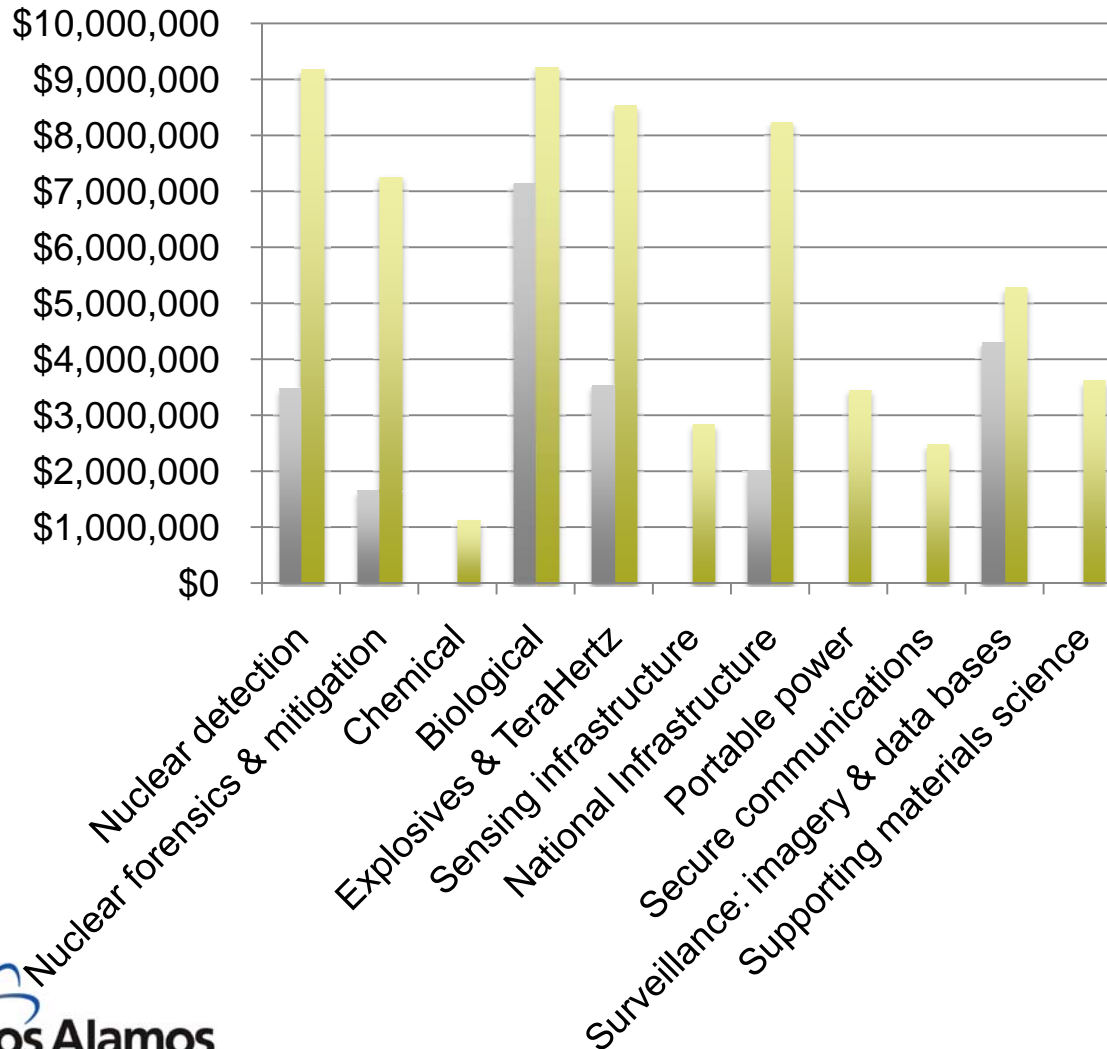


Image recognition



Sensing Science

# LDRD Investment in Homeland Security Research Areas



**Total = \$83M**

- Project addresses identified mission challenge
- Project builds underlying science & technology

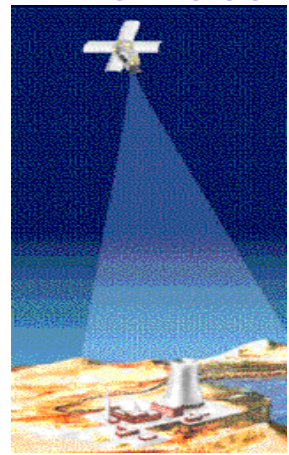


# Capability for Border Security - Image Recognition



**Real World  
Machine Learning**  
LDRD 20020054DR

**Initial idea:**

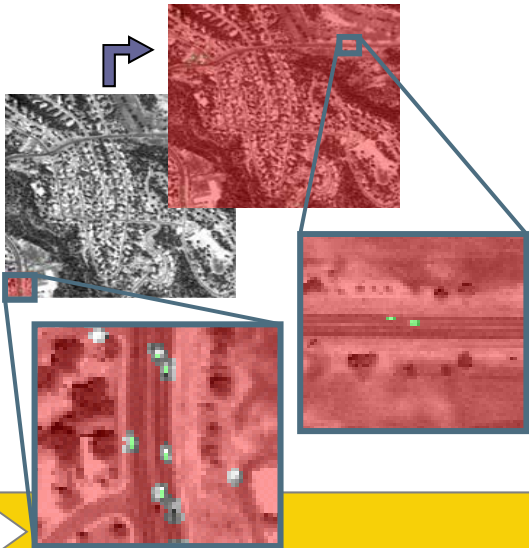


Automate analysis of  
remote sensing imagery

**NA-22  
Content Based  
Search**  
LA06-VV-CBS-PD06



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**Automated Change Detection**  
LDRD 20080040DR



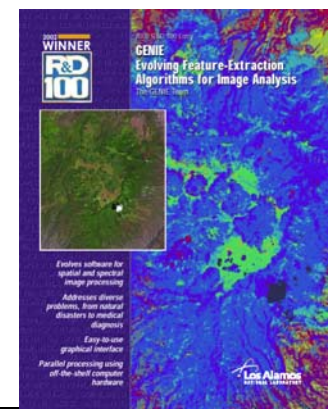
**Foundations for Practical  
Pattern Recognition  
Systems**  
LDRD 20080182ER



**Enhanced  
analysis of remote  
sensing imagery**

**NGA/DTRA  
Persistent  
Surveillance**  
(new start 2008)

**Synthetic  
Cognition through  
Petascale Models**  
(LDRD 20090004DR)



**Spinoffs:**  
Genie/  
Genie Pro  
Vista  
RaveGrid

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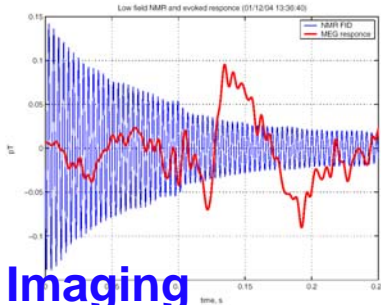


# Path to Mission Solutions: ULF-MRI Technology



## Simultaneous MEG/MRI

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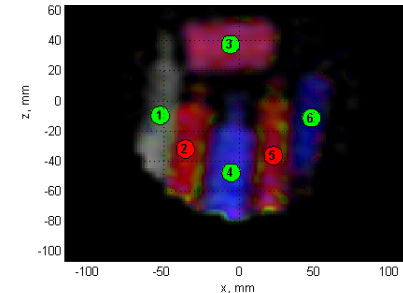


## Resonant Neural Current Imaging

LDRD Project 20070349ER

Homeland Security:  
Threat Material Detection

## Tissue & Material Discrimination



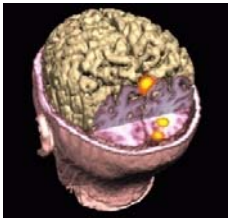
Function &  
Structure

New Physics:  
Resonant  
Detection

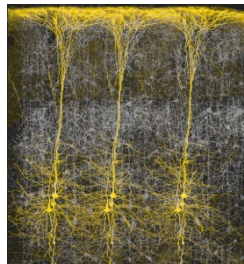
NIH Neural  
Current  
Modeling

ULF-NMR  
Detection  
of SNM ( $^{235}\text{U}$ )

Brain Imaging



DOE/BER Investment



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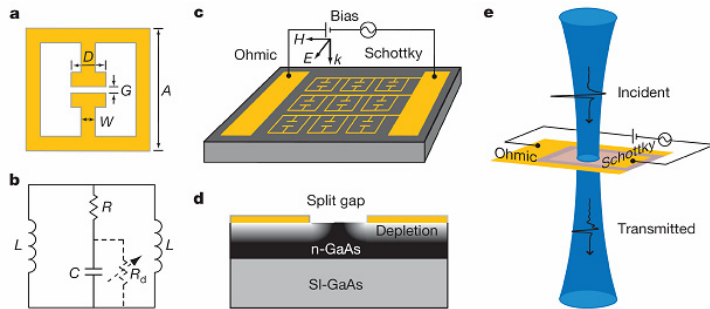
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# Metamaterials: Enabling Advanced Imaging, Signal Processing, and Cloaking

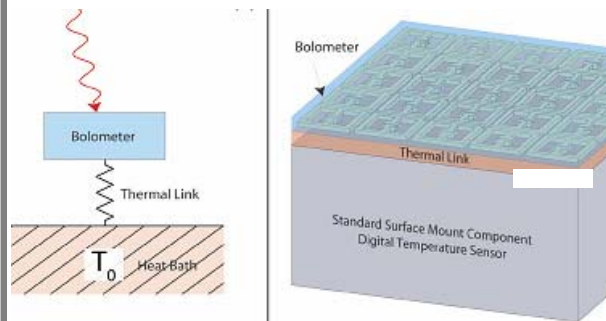


## Signal Processing



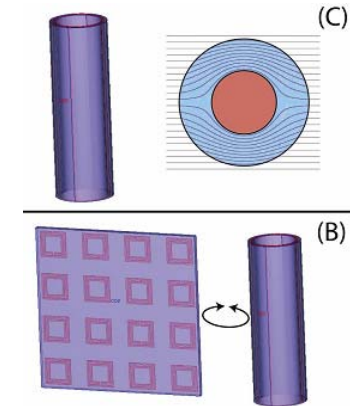
- Introduced the concept of *active* THz metamaterials
- Photonic/electronic control of material properties (e.g. index of refraction) on an ultrafast time scale
- Basis for coherent wave control over entire EM spectrum
- Applications: high-speed communications, THz radar

## Imaging



- Metamaterials enable perfect absorption of electromagnetic waves.
- Demonstrated metamaterials with nearly perfect absorption and transmission
- Enables high-frequency imaging (bolometric) arrays
- Applications: microwave/far-IR imaging, non-invasive spectroscopy and sensing.

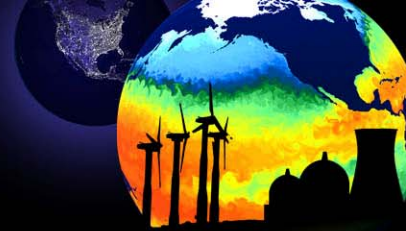
## Cloaking



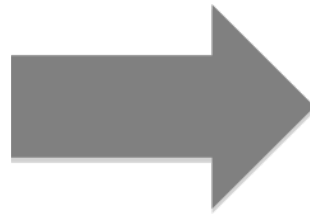
- Cloaking requires 3D, conformable materials with custom EM properties
- Demonstrated flexible, multi-layer THz metamaterials, the first steps in cloaking
- Applications: antenna shielding, basis for complex wave control devices (e.g. lenses).



# Space Situational Awareness: Global Monitoring of the Sky



RAPTOR telescope

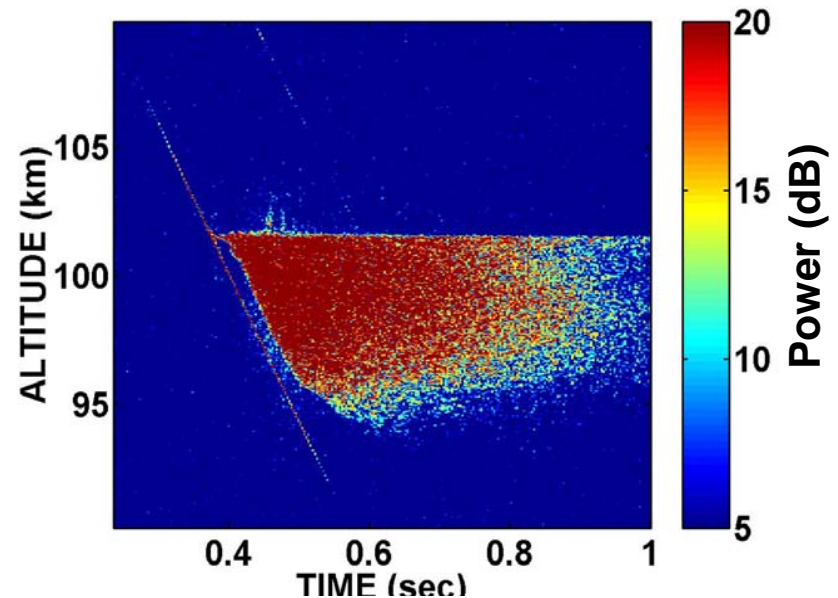
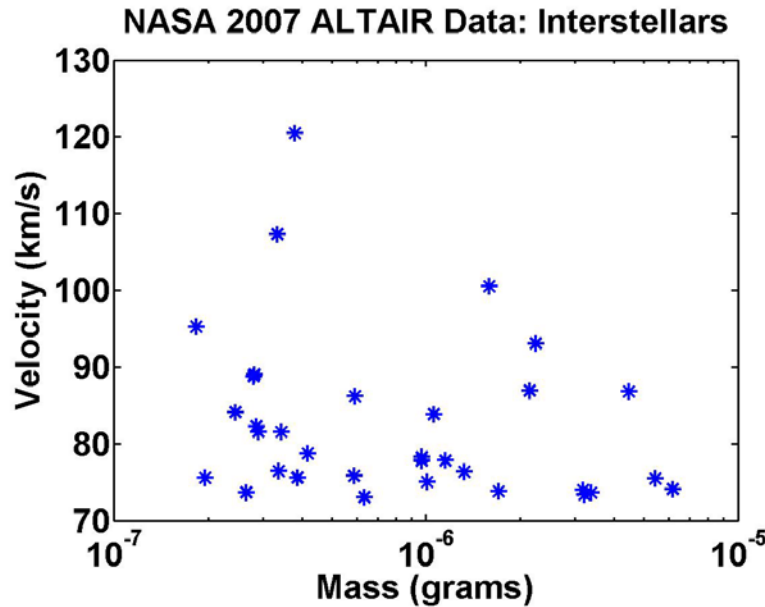


Gamma-ray burst

- LDRD investment to understand gamma-ray bursts demonstrates new mission solutions to detect and track objects in space.
- World's most advanced network of robotic instruments can image transient events within 10 seconds.
- "Thinking telescopes" help protect the national space infrastructure.

*New approach using automated, networked instrumentation for dynamic monitoring for Space Situational Awareness and ubiquitous sensing.*

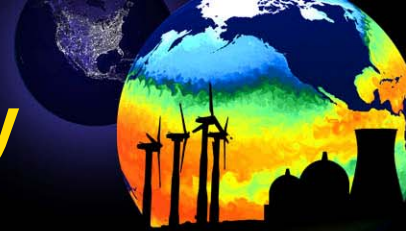
# Space situational awareness: The First Characterization of Large Interstellar Dust



## Mission relevance

- RF detection of dense plasma structures
- Modeling of ablation and plasma physics for atmospheric explosive events
- Dust detection for spacecraft and satellite safety and Space Situational Awareness
- Protects information infrastructure.

# National Convergence on Energy Security



“The challenge is so immense that existing energy approaches – even with improvements from advanced engineering and improved technology based on known concepts – will not be enough to secure our energy future. Instead, meeting the challenge will require new technologies for producing, storing, and using energy with performance levels far beyond what is now possible.”

DOE Basic Energy Sciences Advisory Committee, December 2008



“Just like the nation, to reduce its energy risks the DoD must significantly improve its energy productivity and use renewable sources where possible. Technologies that extract more capability from the energy we use improve our military capability and make our industries...increasingly more competitive in a global market that increasingly values efficiency.”

Defense Science Board Task Force on DoD Energy Strategy, February 2008



“Global climate change will have wide-ranging implications for US national security interests over the next 20 years.... The most significant impact for the United States will be indirect and result from climate-driven effects on many other countries and their potential to seriously affect US national security interests.”

Thomas Fingar, Chairman, National Intelligence Council, June 2008



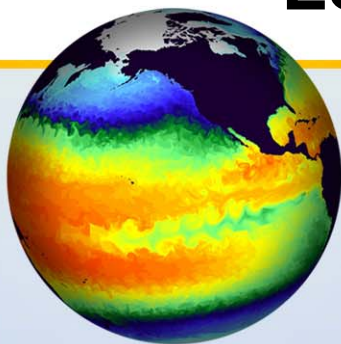
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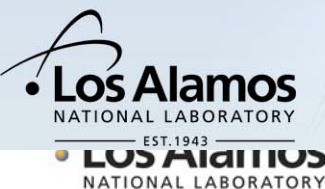


# Los Alamos Energy Security Focus Areas

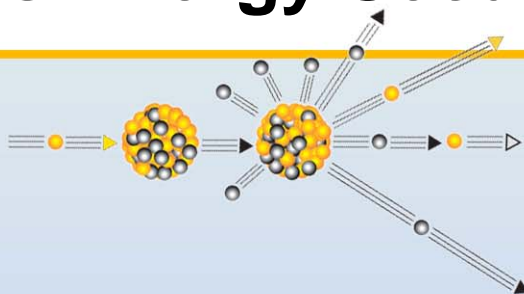


## Impacts of Energy Demand Growth

- Coupled predictive models for climate, infrastructure impact analysis
- Prediction of abrupt change at multiple scales (regional to global)
- Global security and policy implications

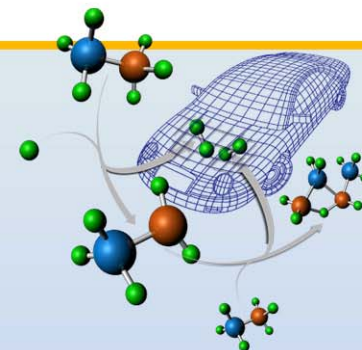


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## Sustainable Nuclear Energy

- Efficient extraction of energy content from fuel
- Nonproliferation & safeguards
- Effective waste management



## Concepts and Materials for Clean Energy

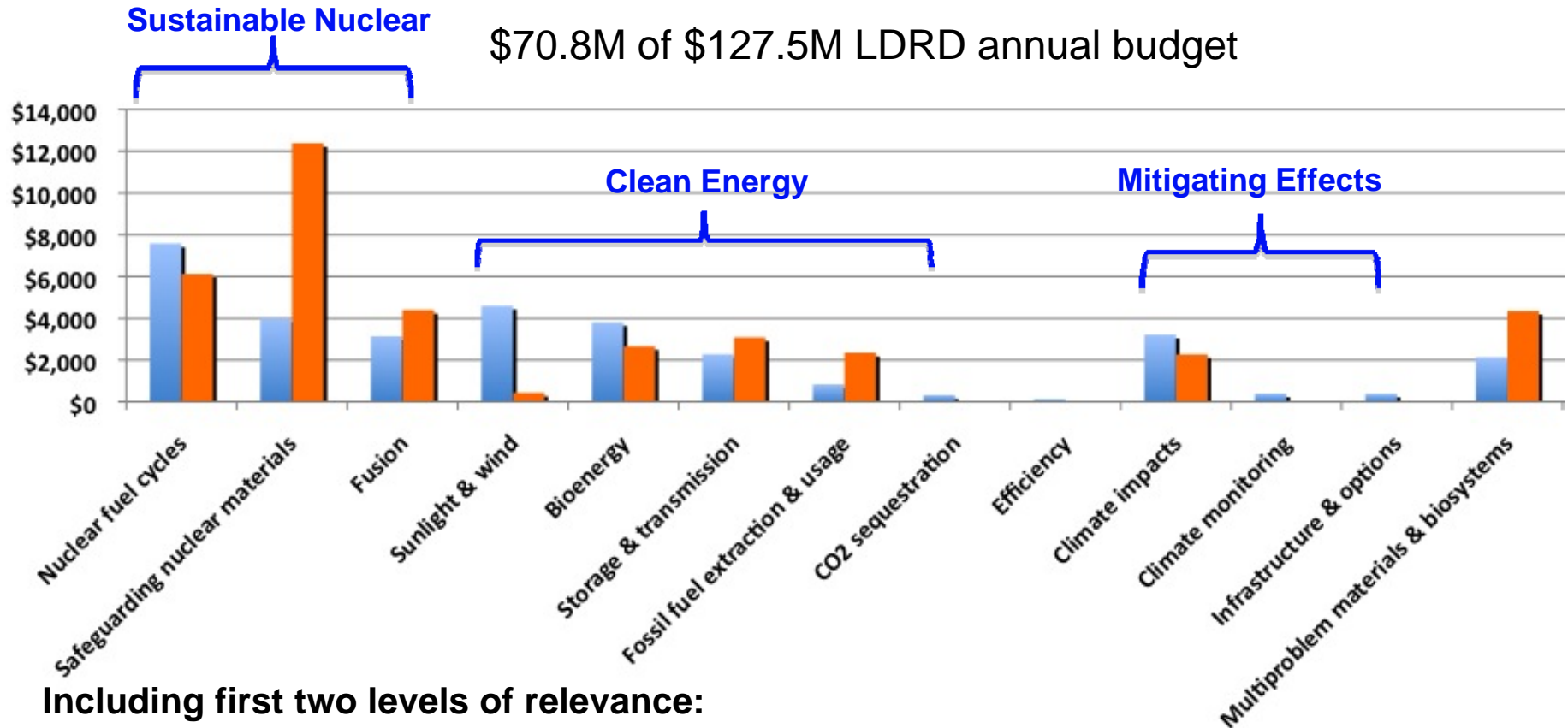
- Energy storage, generation, and transmission
- Revolutionary alternatives to petroleum
- Clean fossil energy



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# LDRD projects support Energy Security



Including first two levels of relevance:

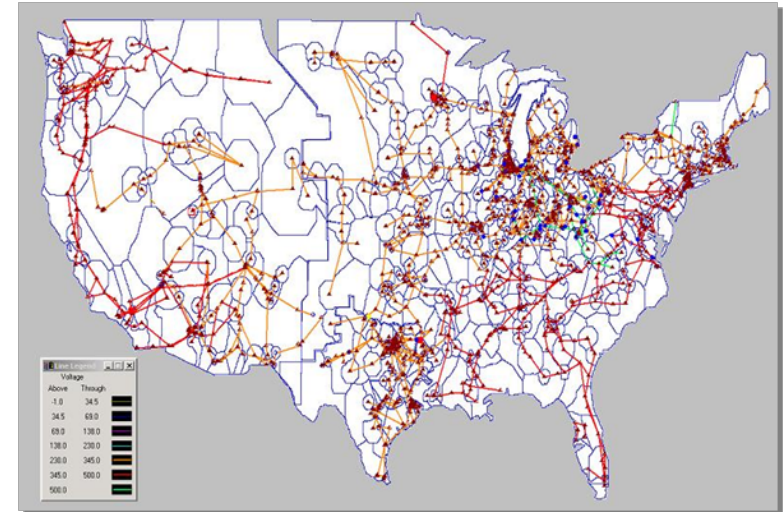
- Project directly addresses a well-defined, long-term concern
- Project performs fundamental research and development that underlies the science and technology

# Energy Grid Challenges of the Future



*Future electric grid requires integrating renewables and anticipating change.*

- Requires predictive simulation and rapid integration of new technologies for renewable generation, transmission, and storage.
- Integration is needed to maintain grid stability.
- Cost-effective investment requires predictive simulation.

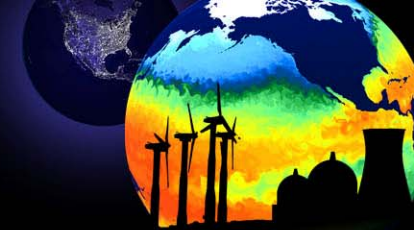


## Constraints:

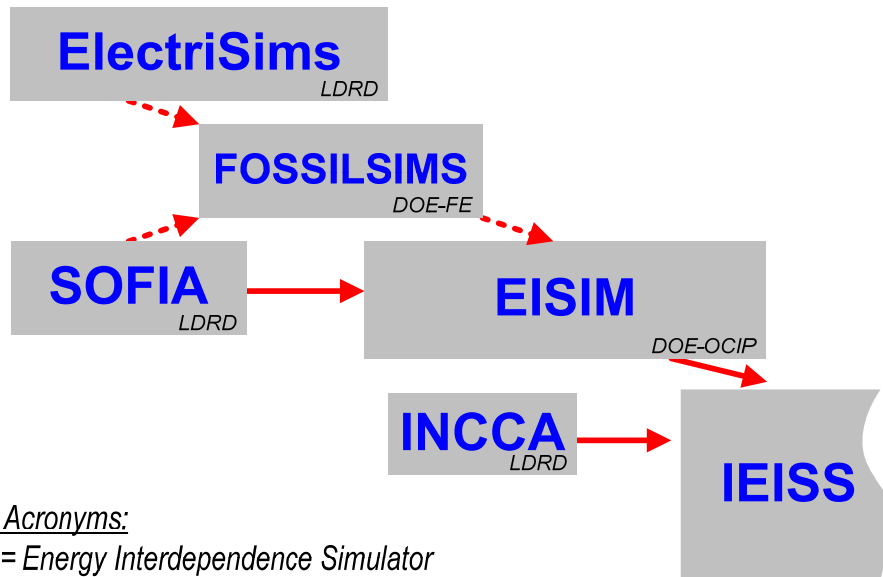
- Utilities manage centralized, slowly-variable resources.
- Transmission grids are not designed for unpredictable flow patterns.
- Utility-scale storage capacity currently are very low.
- Future technologies need an integrated plan today.



# LDRD investments fostered our infrastructure modeling capability



*Analyze scenarios affecting multiple networks and cascading interdependencies.*



## Key to Acronyms:

EISIM = Energy Interdependence Simulator

ElectriSims = EliSims = Electric Industry Simulation System

FOSSILSIMS = Fossil Energy Simulation System

IEISS = Interdependency Environment for Infrastructure System Simulation

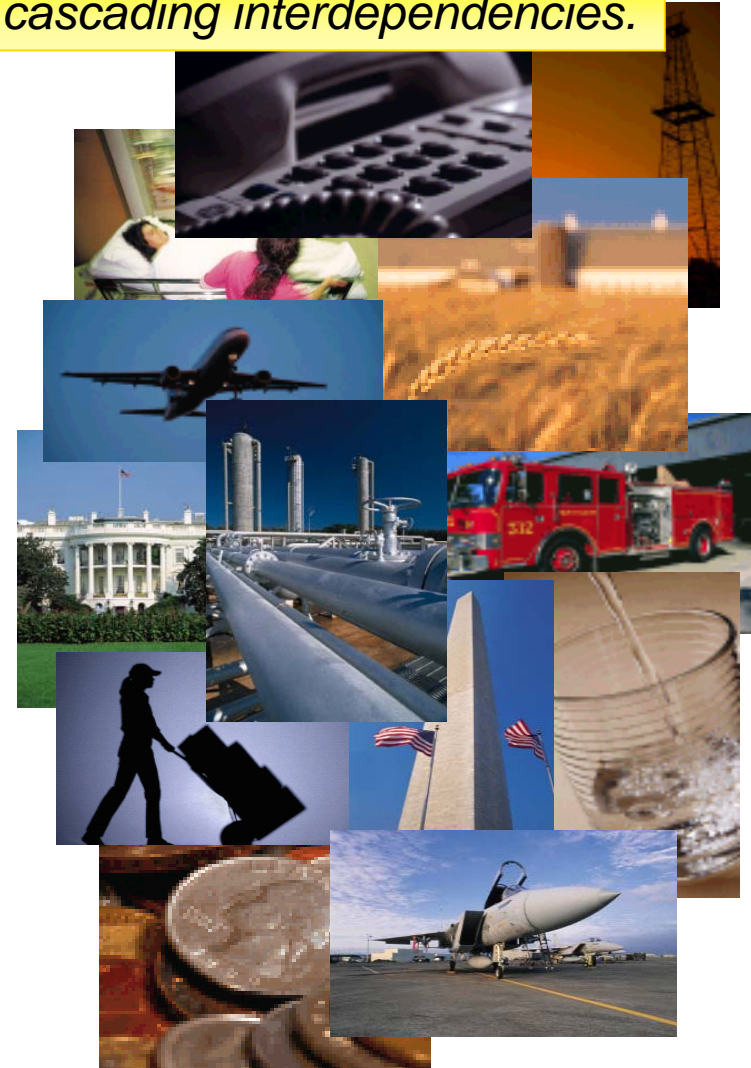
INCCA = Infrastructure Network Criticality and Causality Analysis

SOFIA = Simulation Object Framework for Infrastructure Analysis

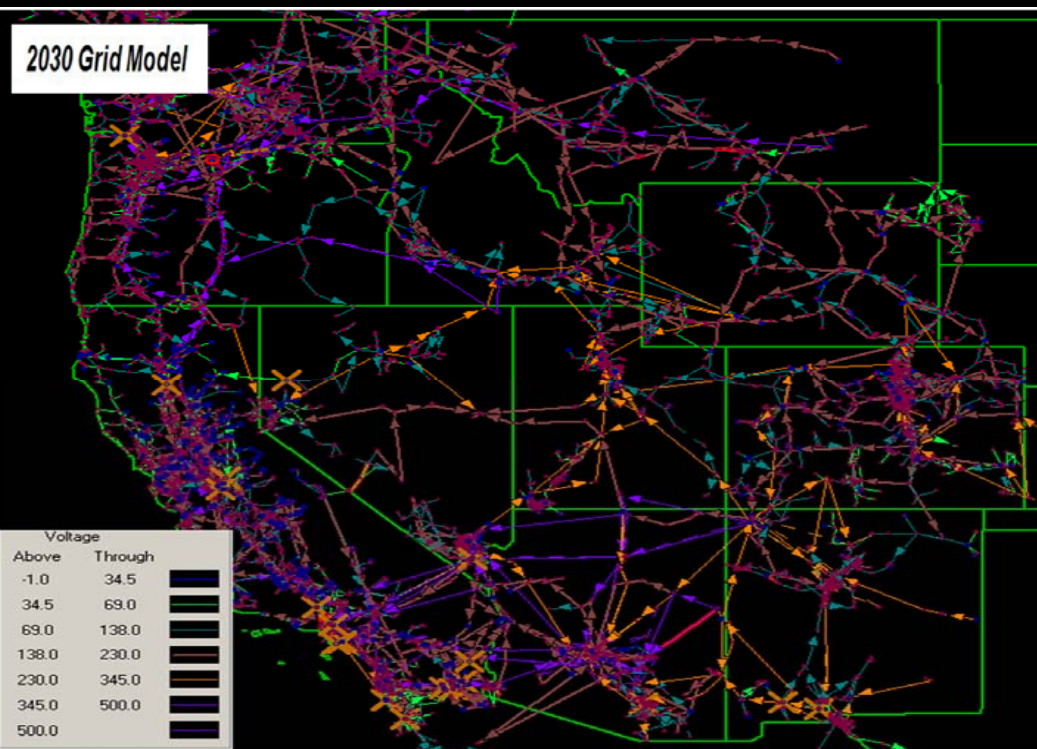


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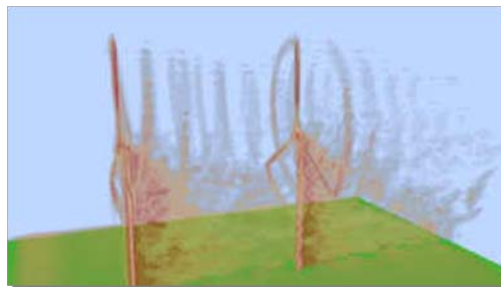


# Challenge: 20% wind energy integration



## LDRD Projects

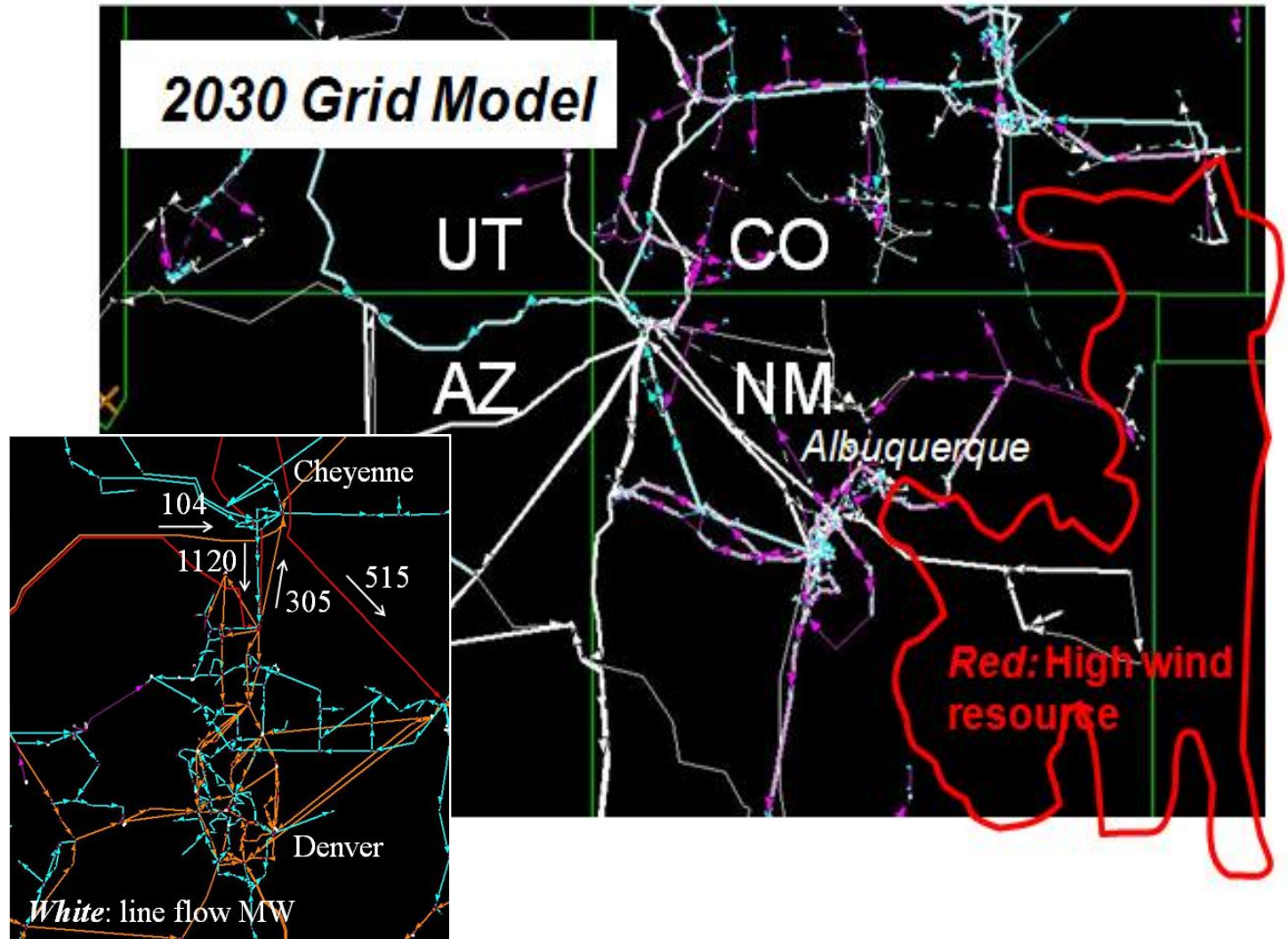
- Designing Intelligence into the Next Generation Wind Turbine
- Lagrangian Approach to Capturing Interactions between Wind-Energy Turbines and Atmosphere
- Intelligent Wind Turbines
- Science for a Robust Electrical Grid: Optimization and Control



## Institutional Computing Project

- Atmospheric Modeling for Wind Energy

# Complex flows in actual grid





# LANL Posters



- Protecting Our Space Enterprise
- Defense Against Pandemics
- Stronger Materials for the Infrastructure
- Science for a Robust Electrical Grid
- Magnetic Resonance Imaging to Understand the Brain and Protect our Borders

