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# FY 2017 Budget Request to Congress for DOE's Office of Science

BERAC Meeting, March 22, 2016

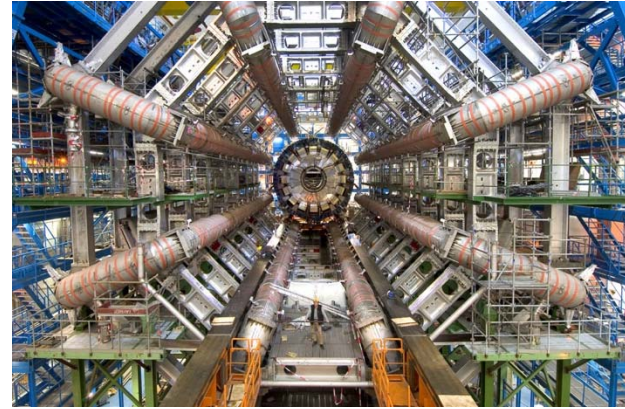
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# Department of Energy Mission Areas

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## Science



## Nuclear Safety and Security

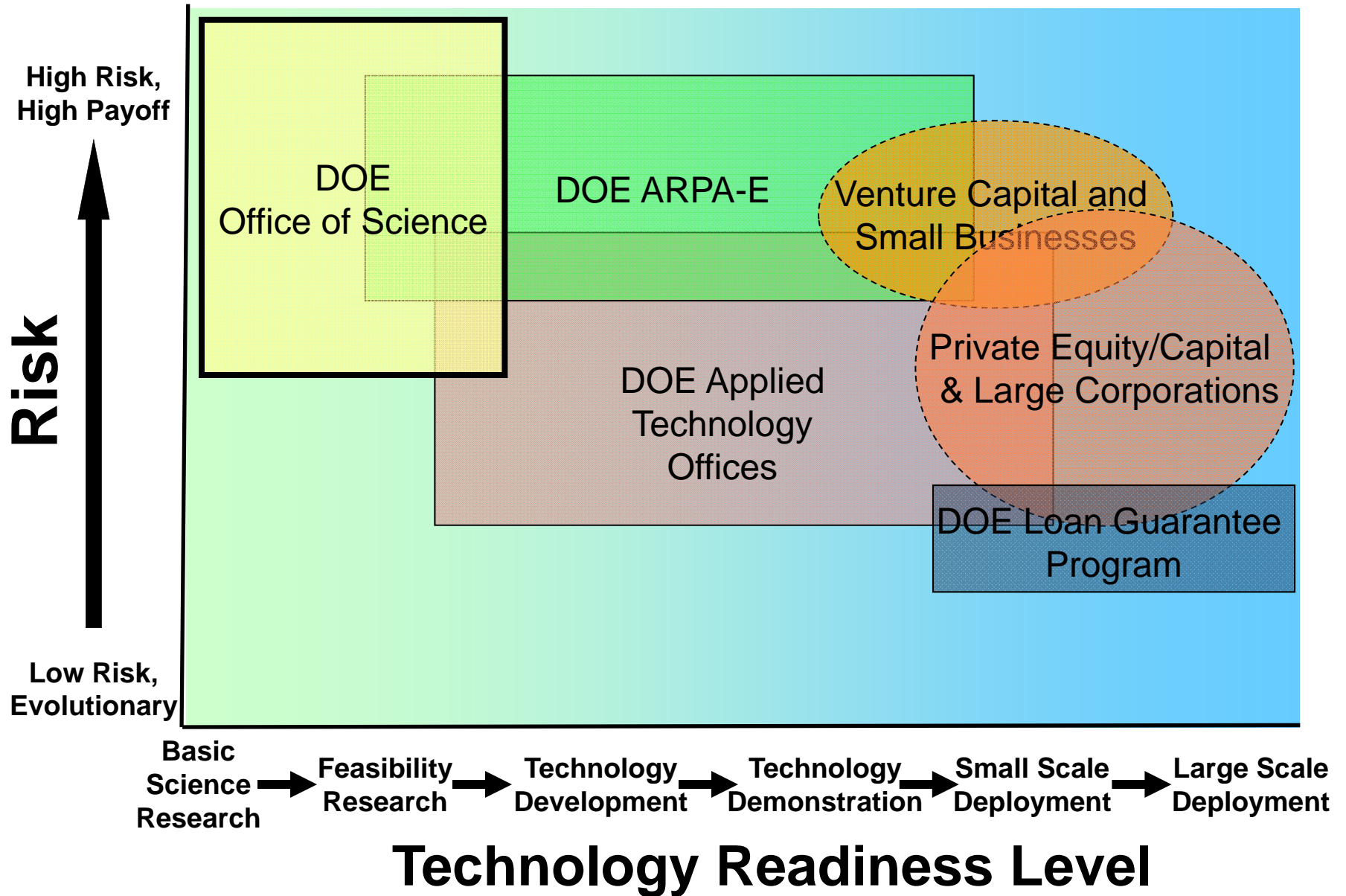


## Environmental Cleanup

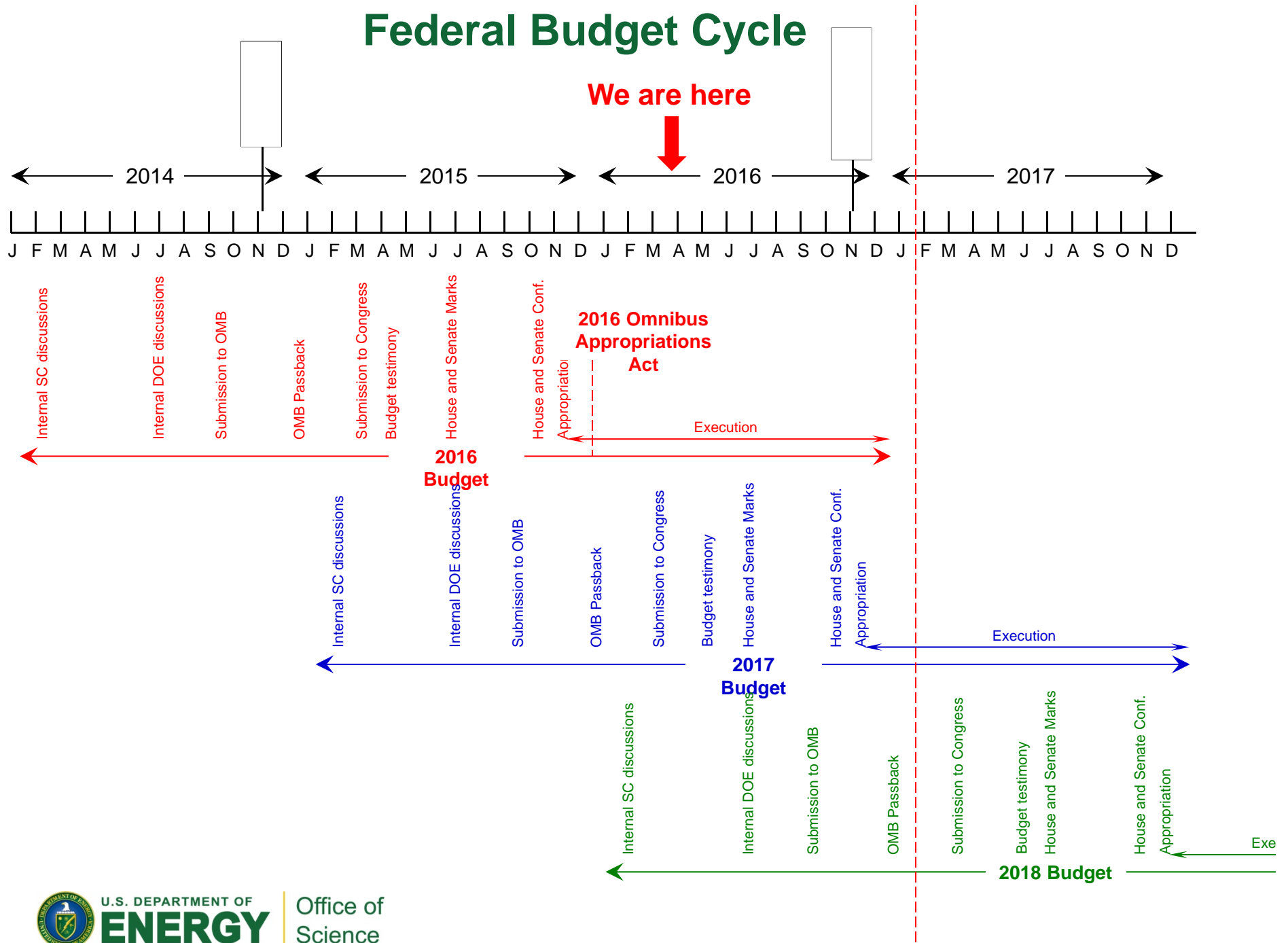


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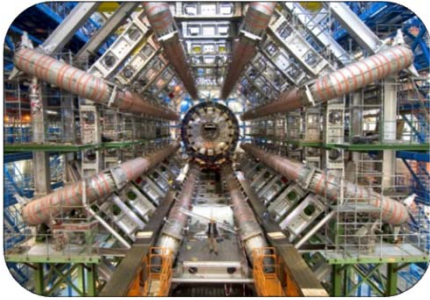
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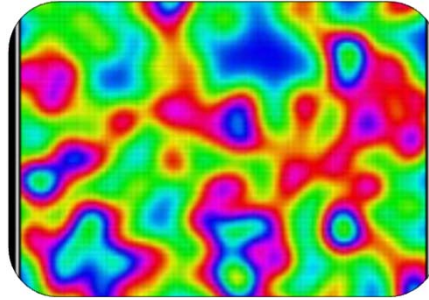
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# Office of Science FY16 - \$5.35B



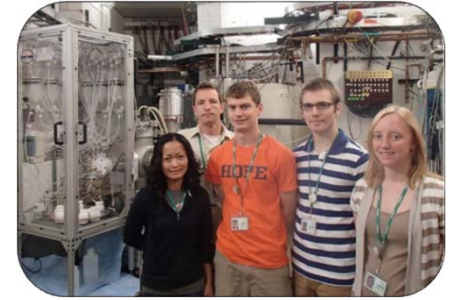
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Research: 42%, \$2.2B



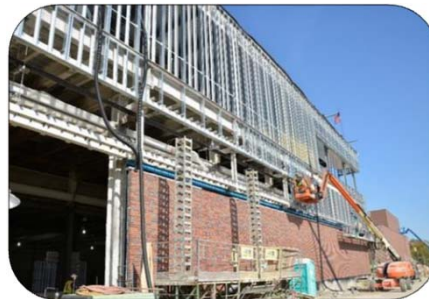
~40% of Research to Universities



> 20,000 Scientists Supported



Funding at >300 Institutions including all 17 DOE Labs



Construction: 13.5%, \$723M



Facility Operations: 38%, \$2.02B



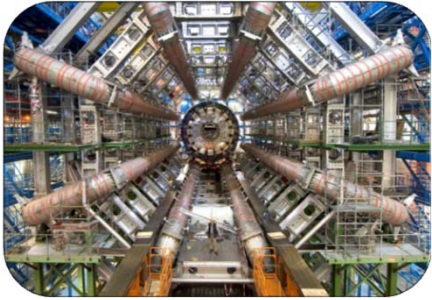
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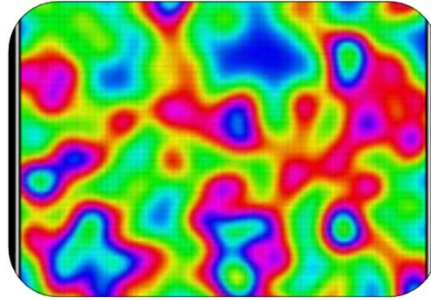
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# Office of Science FY17 Request: \$5.67B, +6.1%



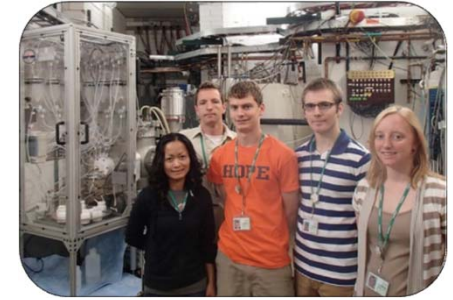
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Research: 42%, \$2.4B



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Facility Operations: 36%, \$2.06B



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\$1.8B Mission Innovation



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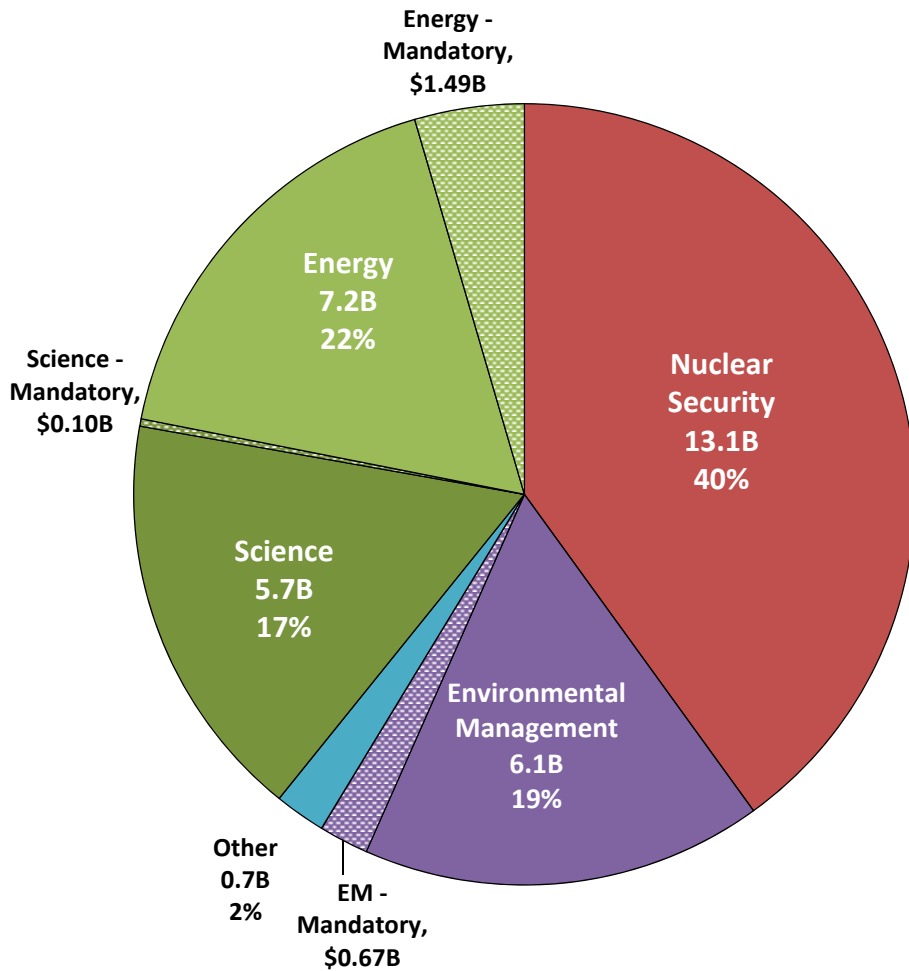
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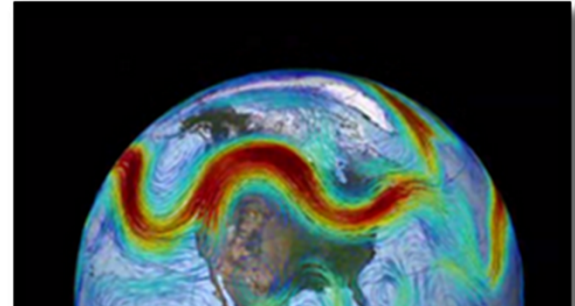
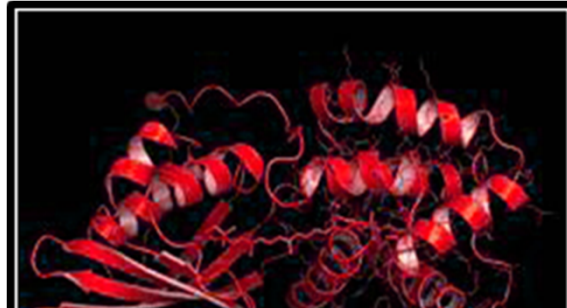
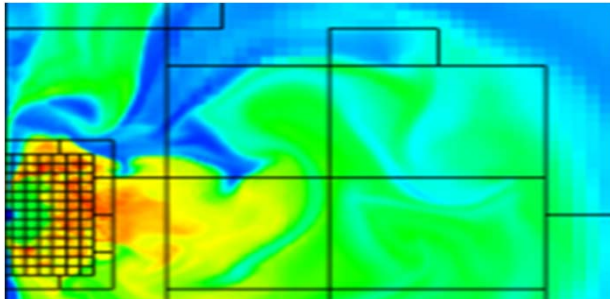
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<b>Science</b>						
Advanced Scientific Computing Research	541,000	523,411	621,000	663,180	+42,180	+6.8%
Basic Energy Sciences	1,733,200	1,682,924	1,849,000	1,936,730	+87,730	+4.7%
Biological and Environmental Research	592,000	572,618	609,000	661,920	+52,920	+8.7%
Fusion Energy Sciences	467,500	457,366	438,000	398,178	-39,822	-9.1%
High Energy Physics	766,000	745,232	795,000	817,997	+22,997	+2.9%
Nuclear Physics	595,500	580,744	617,100	635,658	+18,558	+3.0%
Workforce Development for Teachers and Scientists	19,500	19,500	19,500	20,925	+1,425	+7.3%
Science Laboratories Infrastructure	79,600	79,600	113,600	130,000	+16,400	+14.4%
Safeguards and Security	93,000	93,000	103,000	103,000	.....	.....
Program Direction	183,700	183,700	185,000	204,481	+19,481	+10.5%
University Grants (Mandatory)	.....	.....	.....	100,000	+100,000	.....
Small Business Innovation/Technology Transfer Research (SC)	.....	132,905	.....	.....	.....	.....
Subtotal, Science	5,071,000	5,071,000	5,350,200	5,672,069	+321,869	+6.0%
Small Business Innovation/Technology Transfer Research (DOE)	.....	65,075	.....	.....	.....	.....
Rescission of Prior Year Balance	-3,262	-3,262	-3,200	.....	+3,200	-100.0%
<b>Total, Science</b>	<b>5,067,738</b>	<b>5,132,813</b>	<b>5,347,000</b>	<b>5,672,069</b>	<b>+325,069</b>	<b>+6.1%</b>

# President's DOE FY 2017 Proposed Budget





# Office of Science Programs



FY2017 Request +0.0%

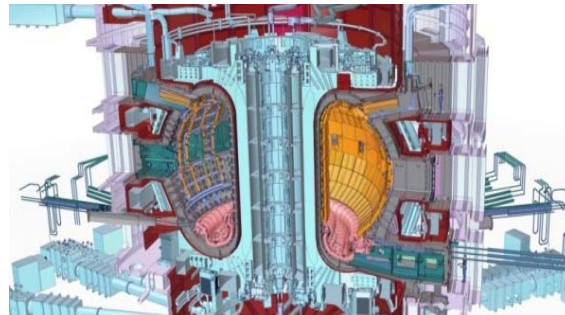
FY2017 Request +0.0%

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## High Energy Physics

FY2016 \$795M

FY2017 Request +2.9%



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# SC Investments for Mission Innovation

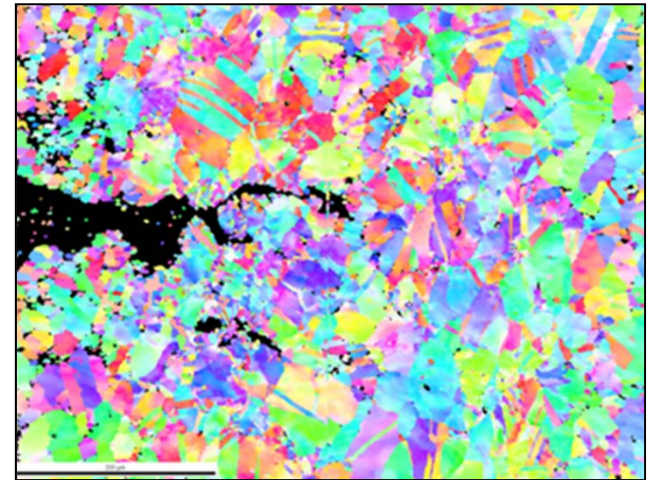
\$100M in new funding in FY 2017

## ASCR (+\$10M)

- Computational Partnerships with EFRCs on solar, CO<sub>2</sub> reduction, catalysis, storage, subsurface, and biofuels; possibly new partnerships in wind and nuclear (\$10M)

## BES (+\$51M)

- Energy Efficiency: Catalysts, modeled after nature's enzymes, that can operate at low-temperature and under ambient conditions; lightweight metallic materials; thermocaloric materials (\$34.4M)
- Materials for Clean Energy: Self-healing materials for corrosive and high radiation environments (next-gen corrosive-resistant materials based on experiments and multi-scale modeling; chemistry under harsh or extreme environments) (\$16.6M)



Analysis of cracks at the nanoscale

## BER (+\$35M)

- Biosystems design (computationally design and then bio-engineer biosystems) to introduce beneficial traits into plants and microbes for clean energy applications (\$20M)
- Bioenergy Research Centers: New investments to translate 10 years of BRC research to industry (\$15M, \$5M per BRC)

## FES (+4M)

- Whole-device fusion modeling and simulation using SciDAC partnerships (\$4M)

## SC Increases Academic Research by \$100M (Mandatory) in FY 2017

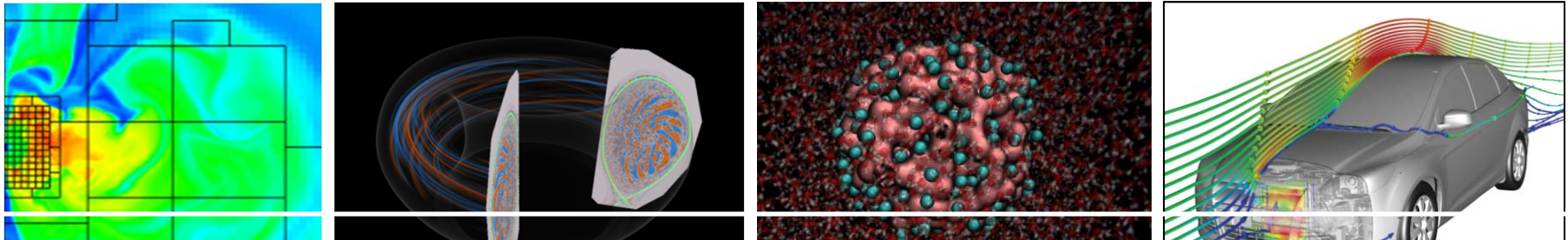
Investments are made in all of the SC programs, emphasizing emerging research areas, especially those recently identified by Federal Advisory Committees or other community activities. A few examples are:

- **ASCR:** Applications software, applied mathematics, and computer science for capable exascale computing; mathematics for large-scale scientific data; neuromorphic computing architectures and information processing for extreme and self-reconfigurable computing architectures
- **BES:** Topics described in the 2015 BESAC Report *Challenges at the Frontiers of Matter and Energy: Transformative Opportunities for Discovery Science*, including hierarchical architectures, non-equilibrium matter, non-ideal systems, coherence in light and matter, modeling & computation, and imaging across multiple scales.
- **BER:** New platform microbes for biofuels and bioproducts engineering; biofuel crop modeling for incorporation into a predictive framework.
- **FES:** Plasma/fusion research centers emphasizing the results of the 2015 community workshops, including for example low-temperature plasmas, plasma measurements, and verification & validation for magnetic fusion.
- **HEP:** Topics described in the 2014 HEPAP Long Range Plan and also topics that span multiple SC programs, including quantum information sciences/the entanglement frontier and quantum field theory across disciplines.
- **NP:** Topics described in the 2015 NSAC Long Range Plan, including research to accelerate discovery at FRIB, fundamental nuclear structure and nuclear astrophysics, fundamental symmetries, and super-heavy elements.

# Advanced Scientific Computing Research

Computational and networking capabilities to extend the frontiers of science and technology

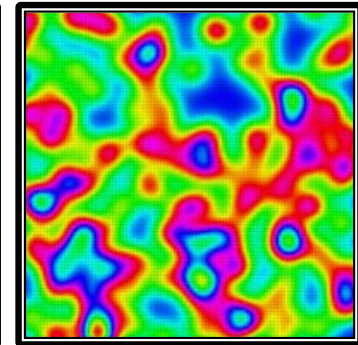
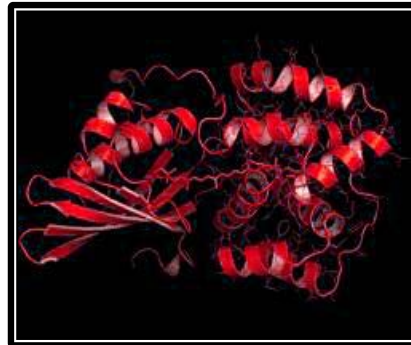
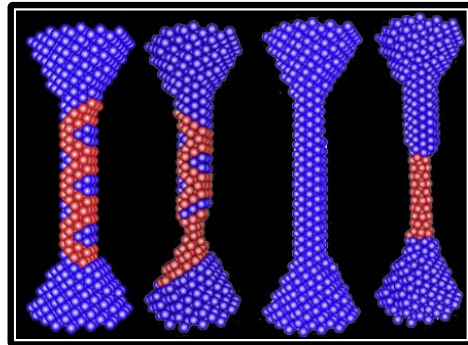
- **Exascale Computing Initiative (ECI) and Exascale Computing Project (ECP).** The ECP is initiated as a joint ASCR/NNSA partnership using DOE's formal project management processes. A new budget line is created for the ECP.
- **Facilities** operate optimally and with >90% availability; deployment of 10-40 petaflop upgrade at NERSC and site preparations for NERSC-9; upgrade of high traffic links on Esnet; and continued preparations for 180-200 petaflop upgrades at ALCF and OLCF.
- **SciDAC partnerships** will be recompeted in FY 2017 with new activities to include accelerating the development of clean energy technologies.
- **Applied Mathematics research** addresses challenges of increasing complexity and **Computer Science research** addresses exploration of "beyond Moore's law" architectures and supports data management, analysis, and visualization techniques.
- The **Computational Sciences Graduate Fellowship** is funded at \$10,000K.



# Basic Energy Sciences

Understanding, predicting, and controlling matter and energy at the electronic, atomic, and molecular levels

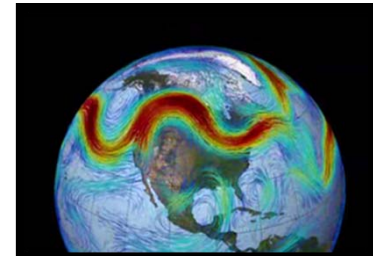
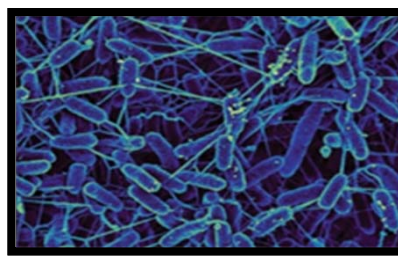
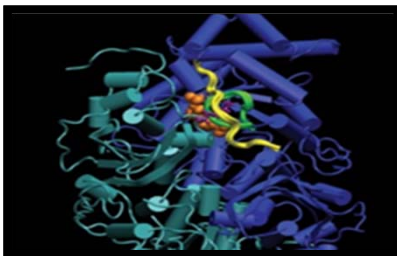
- Increased funding for **Energy Frontier Research Centers (EFRCs)** will fully fund up to five new awards in the area of subsurface science, with an emphasis on advanced imaging of geophysical and geochemical signals.
- A new activity in **Computational Chemical Sciences** will leverage U.S. leadership in computational chemistry community codes for petascale and in anticipation of exascale computing.
- Core research increases to advance the **Mission Innovation** agenda, targeting materials and chemistry for energy efficiency and for use in extreme environments.
- Both **Energy Innovation Hubs** continue. Joint Center for Energy Storage Research (JCESR) will be in its 5<sup>th</sup> year. Joint Center for Artificial Photosynthesis (JCAP) will be in its 3<sup>rd</sup> year of renewal.
- To maintain international competitiveness in discovery science, support continues for the **Linac Coherent Light Source-II (LCLS-II)** construction project and the **Advanced Photon Source Upgrade (APS-U)** major item of equipment project.
- **BES user facilities** operate at optimal levels.



# Biological and Environmental Research

Understanding complex biological, climatic, and environmental systems

- **Genomic sciences** supports the Bioenergy Research Centers, new microbiome research, and increases efforts in biosystems design for bioenergy and renewable bioproducts.
- **Mesoscale-to-molecules** research supports the development of enabling technology to visualize key metabolic processes in plant and microbial cells at the subcellular and mesoscale.
- **Climate and Earth System Modeling** supports development of physical, chemical, and biological model components to simulate climate variability and change at regional and global scales.
- **Atmospheric System Research (ASR)** addresses major uncertainties in climate change models: the role of clouds and the effects of aerosols on precipitation, and the atmospheric radiation balance.
- **Environmental System Science** supports research to provide a robust, predictive understanding of terrestrial surface and subsurface ecosystems. Includes Next Generation Ecosystem Experiments targeting climatically sensitive terrestrial ecosystems not well represented in models.
- **Climate and Environmental Data Analysis and Visualization** employs server side analysis to simplify analysis of large scale observations with model-generated data.
- **User facilities operate at optimal levels:** **ARM** continues measurements at fixed sites, and mobile facilities deploy to the Arctic, Antarctic, and the Atlantic Ocean. **JGI** provides genome sequence data, synthesis, and analysis. **EMSL** continues novel research using the High Resolution and Mass Accuracy Capability.



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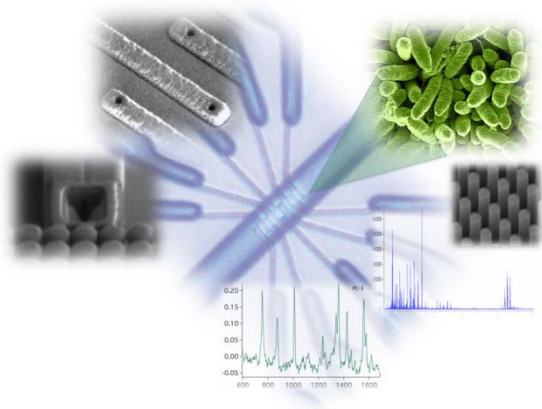
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<b>Biological Systems Science</b>						
Genomic Science						
Research	99,490	99,490	101,635	129,681	+28,046	+27.6%
Computational Biosciences	16,395	16,395	16,395	16,395	...	...
Bioenergy Research Centers	75,000	75,000	75,000	89,550	+14,550	+19.4%
Total, Genomic Science	190,885	190,885	193,030	235,626	+42,596	+22.1%
Mesoscale to Molecules	9,680	9,680	9,623	10,623	+1,000	+10.4%
Radiological Sciences	5,074	5,074	2,000	...	-2,000	-100.0%
Biological Systems Facilities and Infrastructure						
Structural Biology Infrastructure	14,895	14,895	10,000	10,000	...	...
Joint Genome Institute	69,500	69,500	69,500	70,463	+963	+1.4%
Total, Biological Systems Facilities and Infrastructure	84,395	84,395	79,500	80,463	+963	+1.2%
SBIR/STTR	9,858	...	10,118	12,339	+2,221	+22.0%
<b>Total, Biological Systems Science</b>	<b>299,892</b>	<b>290,034</b>	<b>294,271</b>	<b>339,051</b>	<b>+44,780</b>	<b>+15.2%</b>
<b>Climate and Environmental Sciences</b>						
Atmospheric System Research	25,892	25,966	26,392	26,392	...	...
Environmental System Science	67,567	67,567	63,242	63,242	...	...
Climate and Earth System Modeling	71,195	71,121	98,672	103,531	+4,859	+4.9%
Climate and Environmental Facilities and Infrastructure						
Atmospheric Radiation Measurement Climate Research Facility	67,429	67,429	65,429	65,429	...	...
Environmental Molecular Sciences Laboratory	45,501	45,501	43,191	45,552	+2,361	+5.5%
Data Management	5,000	5,000	7,066	7,066	...	...
Total, Climate and Environmental Facilities and Infrastructure	117,930	117,930	115,686	118,047	+2,361	+2.0%
SBIR/STTR	9,524	...	10,737	11,657	+920	+8.6%
<b>Total, Climate and Environmental Sciences</b>	<b>292,108</b>	<b>282,584</b>	<b>314,729</b>	<b>322,869</b>	<b>+8,140</b>	<b>+2.6%</b>
<b>Total Biological and Environmental Research</b>	<b>592,000</b>	<b>572,618</b>	<b>609,000</b>	<b>661,920</b>	<b>+52,920</b>	<b>+8.7%</b>

# Biological Systems Science

**Biological Systems Science** supports basic research and technology development to achieve a predictive, systems-level understanding of complex biological systems.

Foundational knowledge in genome science with advanced computational and experimental approaches serves as the basis for the confident redesign of microbes and plants for sustainable biofuel and bioproducts production from renewable biomass and improved understanding of carbon/nutrient cycling and contaminant transport in the environment.



- Funding increases in Genomic Science support efforts in clean energy research including:
  - Increased efforts to speed bioenergy research results to commercial development.
  - Increased Biosystems Design efforts to underpin biotechnology advances for a bio-based economy.
  - New effort in Microbiome research for bioenergy.
- Increases in Mesoscale to Molecules will broaden the development of new bioimaging technology.





# Bioenergy Research Centers—Innovation for Clean Energy



*Feedstock Development*  
Develop crops with cell walls optimized for deconstruction and biofuel production.

*Biomass Deconstruction*  
Improve enzymes and microbes that break down biomass into sugars.

*Fuel Synthesis*  
Engineer metabolic pathways in microbes to produce diverse biofuels.

- **Established in 2007**

- 795 invention disclosures/ patent applications
- 32 patents awarded
- 116 licensing agreements
- 2108 peer-reviewed publications

- **Renewed for 5 years following merit review in September 2012.**

**FY 2017 is the final year in the funded period.**

**BioEnergy Science Center (Oak Ridge National Lab)**

- Strategic focus on overcoming biomass “recalcitrance”
- Goal of “Consolidated Bioprocessing” – one-microbe or microbial community approach going from plants to fuel

**Great Lakes Bioenergy Research Center (U. of Wisconsin, Michigan State U.)**

- Goal of re-engineering plants to produce more starches and oils
- Using high throughput technologies to optimize chem/bio process for biomass deconstruction
- Major research thrust on sustainability of biofuels

**Joint BioEnergy Institute (Lawrence Berkeley National Lab)**

- Experimenting with new pretreatment process using room temperature ionic liquids
- Engineering *E.coli* and yeast to produce hydrocarbons, “green” gasoline, diesel, jet fuel

- **Increased funding accelerates innovation and translation of research results to industry (\$5M for each BRC).**

- **A competitive FOA will be issued in FY 2016 for merit review and selection in FY 2017.**

# Accelerated Climate Model for Energy (ACME)

ACME is a DOE multi-laboratory project to accelerate the assimilation of advanced software, numerical methods, and high resolution physics for the study of extreme phenomena

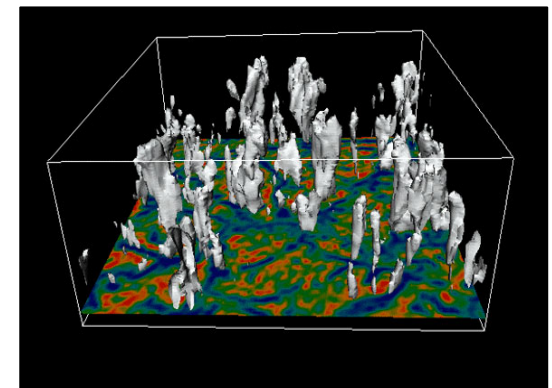
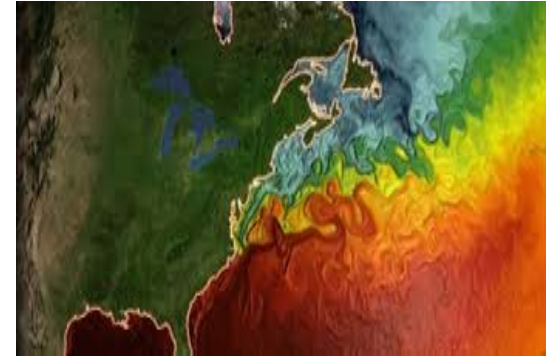
## World-leading capabilities

- Highest spatial resolution of all climate models in the world
  - Resolution at 15-25 km in fully coupled mode
  - Resolution below 10 km using advanced adaptive-mesh for specific regions
- Will be first climate model compatible with next generation computer architectures

## New science will be assimilated into ACME

- Carbon cycle, with dynamic ecology, biogeochemistry, and land-atmosphere fluxes
- Detailed studies of the cryosphere: permafrost; ice sheets
- Detailed validation of ecosystem component models, using data from SC field projects in the Arctic and Tropics
- Uncertainty quantification for full system and its components

Focus in FY 2017: Testing with Large-Eddy-Simulation, based on high resolution details obtained from the Atmospheric Radiation Measurement Facility to better predict extremes.



Begun in 2014, involves 8 National laboratories and the National Center for Atmospheric Research (NCAR).



## FY 2017 SC Contributions to DOE Crosscuts

	Adv Mat	ECI	Sub-surface	EWN	Cyber-security	Total
Advanced Scientific Computing Res.	0	154,000	0	0	0	154,000
Basic Energy Sciences	17,600	26,000	41,300	0	0	84,900
Biological and Environmental Research	0	10,000	0	24,300	0	34,300
Safeguards and Security	0	0	0	0	27,197	27,197
<b>Total, SC Contribution Crosscuts</b>	<b>17,600</b>	<b>190,000</b>	<b>41,300</b>	<b>24,300</b>	<b>27,197</b>	<b>300,397</b>

**Adv Mat:** Advanced Materials Crosscut  
**ECI:** Exascale Computing Initiative Crosscut  
**Subsurface:** Subsurface Technology and Engineering RD&D Crosscut  
**EWN:** Energy-Water Nexus Crosscut  
**Cybersecurity:** Cybersecurity Crosscut

# SC Contributes to Five FY 2017 DOE Crosscuts

**Advanced Materials (Adv Mat):** Identified as a priority in both the 2015 QTR and the QER, activities in the Adv Mat crosscut address faster development of new materials and reductions in the cost of materials qualification in clean energy applications, from discovery through deployment. New activities emphasize DOE-wide efforts in (1) materials design and synthesis, (2) applied design, (3) process scale-up, (4) qualification, and (5) digital data and informatics.

**Exascale Computing Initiative (ECI):** Activities in the ECI crosscut, a partnership between SC and NNSA, address accelerating R&D to overcome key challenges in parallelism, energy efficiency, and reliability, leading to deployment of exascale systems in the mid-2020s. In addition to underpinning DOE's missions in science and national security, the computational capabilities developed in the ECI also will support R&D in DOE's applied energy technology areas, as described in the 2015 QTR.

**Subsurface Technology and Engineering RD&D (Subsurface):** Activities in the Subsurface crosscut address coordinated research in Wellbore Integrity, Stress State and Induced Seismicity, Permeability Manipulation, New Subsurface Signals, and Risk Assessment Tools. Over 80 percent of our total energy supply comes from the subsurface; the goals of this crosscut are enhanced energy security, reduced impact on climate change via CO<sub>2</sub> sequestration, and significantly mitigated environmental impacts from energy-related activities and operations.

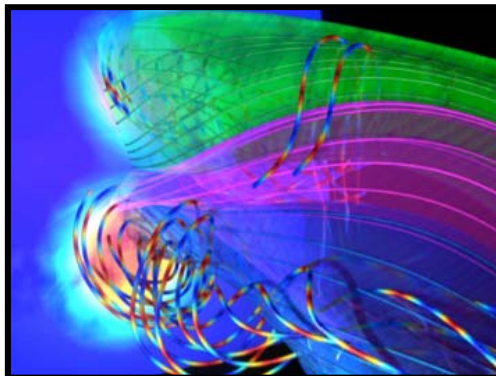
**Energy-Water Nexus (EWN):** The EWN crosscut addresses the transition to more resilient energy and coupled energy-water systems. The EWN crosscut supports: (1) an advanced, integrated data, modeling, and analysis platform to improve understanding and inform decision-making; (2) investments in targeted technology research offering the greatest potential for impact; and (3) policy analysis and stakeholder engagement designed to build from and strengthen the two preceding areas while motivating community involvement and response.

**Cybersecurity:** The Department of Energy (DOE) is engaged in two categories of cyber-related activities: protecting the DOE enterprise from a range of cyber threats that can adversely impact mission capabilities and improving cybersecurity in the electric power subsector and the oil and natural gas subsector. The cybersecurity crosscut supports central coordination of the strategic and operational aspects of cybersecurity and facilitates cooperative efforts such as the Joint Cybersecurity Coordination Center (JC3) for incident response and the implementation of Department-wide Identity Control and Access Management (ICAM).

# Fusion Energy Sciences

Matter at very high temperatures and densities and the scientific foundations for fusion

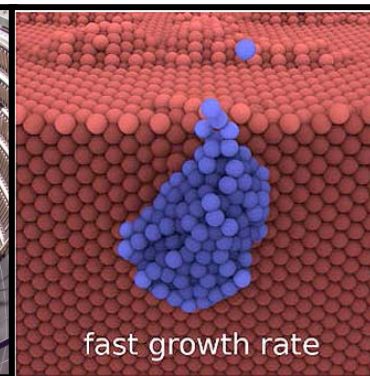
- Research is supported for the DIII-D and NSTX-U national programs.
- NSTX-U operates for 16 weeks; DIII-D operates for 14 weeks; Alcator C-Mod ceases operation as scheduled and MIT scientists collaborate full-time on domestic and international facilities.
- Support continues for U.S. research involvement on international machines EAST (China), KSTAR (Korea), and W7-X (Germany).
- HEDLP research is focused on the MEC instrument at LCLS.
- General plasma science activities continue, including the partnership with NSF for discovery-driven plasma science and engineering research.
- U.S. contributions to ITER support US ITER Project Office; the US direct contribution; and progress on hardware contributions, including fabrication of the central solenoid magnet modules and structures and the toroidal field magnet conductor.



Magnetic reconnection driven by 3-D flux-rope interaction in the Large Plasma Device



New central solenoid magnet inside NSTX-U upgrade



Growth of helium bubbles that degrade tungsten performance

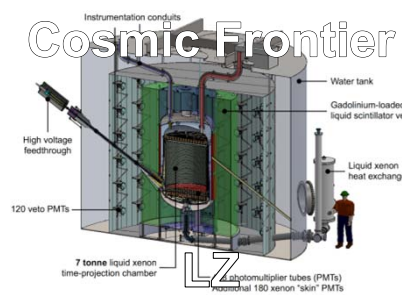
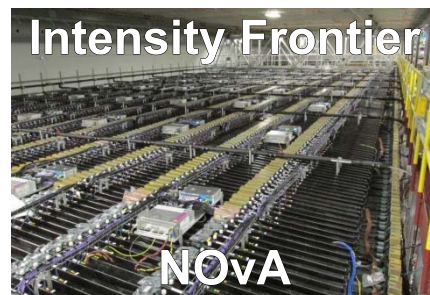
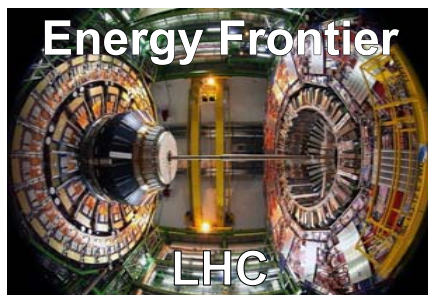


Gyrokinetic simulation of energetic ions in tokamak plasma

# High Energy Physics

Understanding how the universe works at its most fundamental level

- The FY 2017 HEP budget reflects the way the P5 plan has evolved as the U.S. and international community have adopted and responded to it
- Energy Frontier: Continue active engagement in highly successful LHC program
  - Initial LHC detector upgrade project funding ends in FY 2017
  - Scope being determined for high luminosity(HL)- LHC, P5's highest priority near-term project; CD-0 in 2016
  - The U.S. will continue to play a leadership role in LHC discoveries by remaining actively engaged in LHC data analysis of world's highest energy particle collider data, at 13 TeV
- Intensity Frontier: Solidify international partnerships for U.S.-hosted LBNF/DUNE
  - Rapid progress on LBNF/DUNE has attracted attention from interested international partners, and FY 2017 investments in site preparation and cavern excavation aim to solidify formal agreements
  - Fermilab will continue improvements to accelerator complex while serving high-intensity neutrino beams to short-and long-baseline experiments enabling full utilization of the FNAL facilities
- Cosmic Frontier: Advance our understanding of dark matter and dark energy
  - Fabrication funding ramp up in FY 17 supports key P5 recommended Cosmic Frontier projects to study dark matter and dark energy: LSSTcam, DESI, SuperCDMS-SNOLab, and LZ

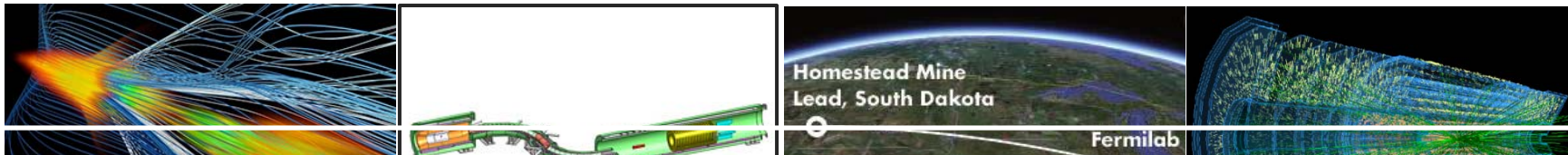


	Energy Frontier	Intensity Frontier	Cosmic Frontier
Higgs Boson	●		
Neutrino Mass		●	●
Dark Matter		●	●
Cosmic Acceleration			●
Explore the Unknown	●	●	●

# High Energy Physics

## The technology and construction needed to pursue to physics

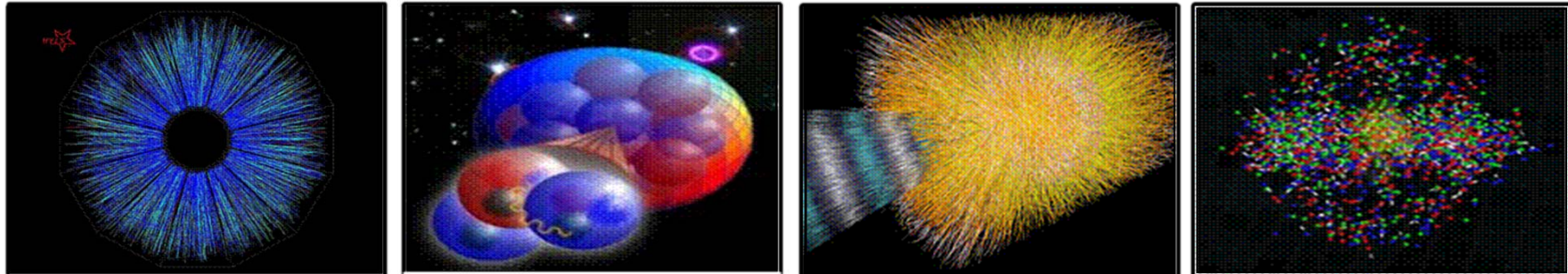
- Construction & project support increases to implement the P5 strategy:
  - LBNF/DUNE aims to solidify partnerships with FY 2017 investments in site preparation and excavation of caverns for the neutrino detectors and cryogenic infrastructure
  - LHC ATLAS and CMS Detector Upgrade projects continue fabrication; HL-LHC upgrades begin
  - Muon g-2 completes project funding profile and will begin receiving beam at Fermilab
  - Dark energy: LSSTcam and DESI fabrication support increase according to planned profiles
  - Dark matter: LZ will continue fabrication as SuperCDMS-SNOLab proceeds to final design
  - Construction continues for the Muon to Electron Conversion Experiment (Mu2e)
  - FACET-II support begins, in order to create a new facility that will enable accelerator R&D aimed at dramatically improved capability and cost-effectiveness in future high-energy colliders
- Accelerator Stewardship
  - AS works to make particle accelerator technology widely available to science and industry by supporting use-inspired basic research in accelerator science and technology
  - FY17 Request supports research activities at laboratories, universities, and in industry for technology R&D areas such as laser, ion-beam therapy, and accelerator technology for energy and environmental applications
  - FY17 Request supports Brookhaven Accelerator Test Facility (ATF) operations and the continuation of the Accelerator Stewardship Test Facility Pilot Program



# Nuclear Physics

Discovering, exploring, and understanding all forms of nuclear matter

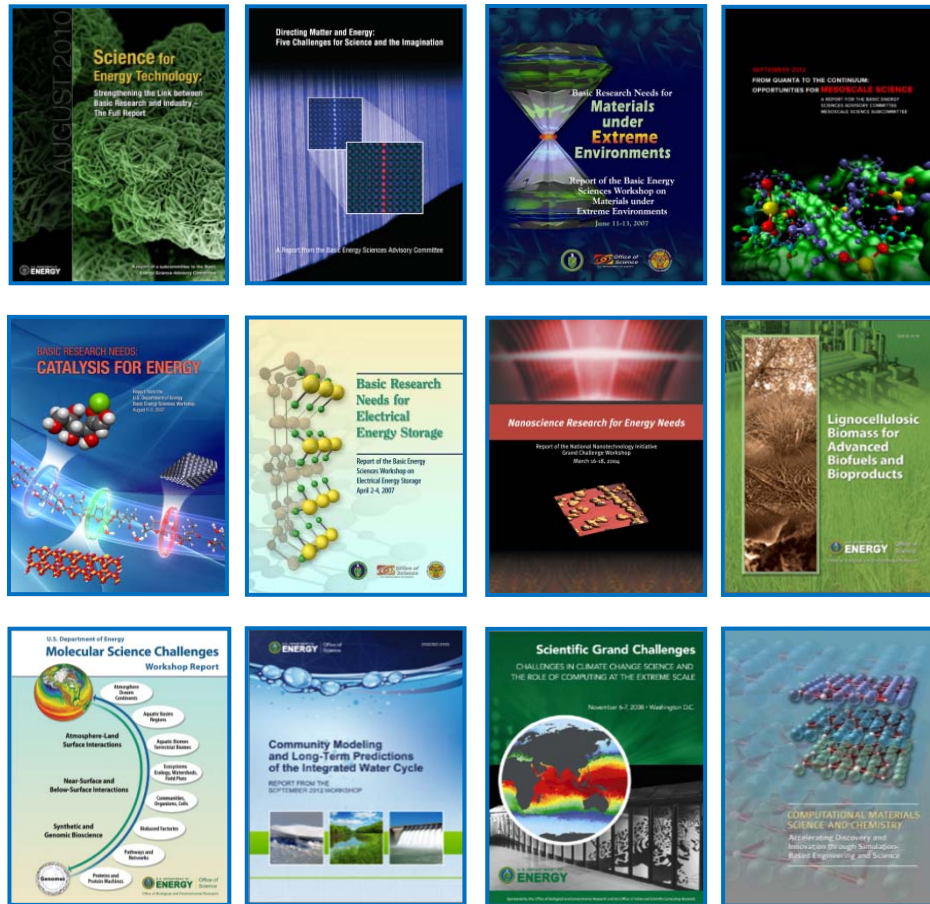
- Funding for **research** increases to advance activities across the program, including R&D to develop new approaches for isotopes not currently available in sufficient quantities.
- A **graduate traineeship** is initiated in radiochemistry and nuclear chemistry with an emphasis in isotope production (\$1M).
- Operations at **RHIC** increase to explore the properties of the quark gluon plasma first discovered there and to enable studies of spin physics.
- The **12 GeV CEBAF Upgrade** is completed in FY 2017 and the scientific program is initiated promising new discoveries and an improved understanding of quark confinement.
- Construction continues on the **Facility for Rare Isotope Beams**. The **Gamma-Ray Energy Tracking Array (GRETA)** MIE is initiated to exploit the scientific potential of FRIB.
- Fabrication begins for a **Stable Isotope Production Facility (SIPF)** to produce enriched stable isotopes, a capability not available in the U.S. for almost 20 years.





# Office of Science Workshops

*We use workshops, such as the Basic Research Needs Workshops in BES, Federal Advisory Committee Reports and National Academies Studies to engage the scientific community in planning.*



# BERAC New Charge on Strategic Research Directions

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Department of Energy  
Office of Science  
Washington, DC 20585

March 3, 2016

Dr. Gary Stacey  
Endowed Professor of Plant Science  
Divisions of Plant Sciences and Biochemistry  
271E Christopher S. Bond Life Sciences Center  
University of Missouri  
Columbia, Missouri 65211

Dear Dr. Stacey:

The Office of Biological and Environmental Research (BER) science programs continue to be driven by The Department of Energy's (DOE) basic science, energy, and environmental mission needs. BER increasingly uses a complex systems science approach to advance these science missions. This involves studying complex biological and environmental processes that range from molecular to global scales over time horizons of nanoseconds to centuries and beyond. Our goal is to obtain a holistic and predictive understanding of key biological and environmental systems to address DOE's scientific challenges of the future.

In 2009, the Biological and Environmental Research Advisory Committee (BERAC) was charged to develop a long-term, strategic vision for BER, identifying scientific opportunities and grand challenges for BER in the coming decades. The BERAC response culminated in the 2010 report (DOE/SC-0135), "Grand Challenges for Biological and Environmental Research: A Long-Term Vision." Given the breadth of scientific and technological advances that have occurred since the issuance of that report, and the scientific workshops held addressing targeted research needs and opportunities across the BER portfolio, I charge you to revisit that report and provide an updated assessment of the grand challenges for BER. Your report will advise BER in its future development of focused, effective research strategies for sustained U.S. leadership in science innovation and energy and environmental research.

I ask BERAC to consider the following questions in formulating the assessment of past and future grand challenges:

- To what extent has DOE BER successfully met, or positioned itself to meet, challenges outlined in the 2010 report that are within mission objectives of the Office of Science?
- To the extent that such predictions can be made, what are the greatest scientific challenges that DOE will be facing in the long term (20 year horizon) and for which of these should BER take primary responsibility?

- How should we position BER to address those challenges? For example, what continued or new disciplines of BER-relevant science are needed to achieve its future mission challenges?
- What new tools should be developed to integrate and analyze data from different disciplines, including the advancement of system science?
- What unique opportunities exist to partner with, or leverage assets from other programs within the Office of Science, or with other federal programs?
- What scientific and technical advances are needed to train the workforce of the future in integrative science, including complex system science?

With these questions in mind and others that may occur to you, we request that BERAC establish a subcommittee to develop an updated, overall strategy for drafting an assessment of future capabilities for BER. The BERAC subcommittee should exercise the full range of options in preparing this updated report, including discussions to determine the extent to which an update is necessary, and coordinating workshop(s) to discuss specific topics in more detail. This updated strategic assessment will support the evolution and sustained development of leading edge, transformational science programs in bioenergy, climate, and the environment.

I would like to receive a progress report on this charge at the fall 2016 meeting and an updated strategic plan by the fall 2017 meeting. Many thanks for your contributions to this important effort.

Sincerely,

C. A. Murray  
Director, Office of Science

cc: Sharlene Weatherwax



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## FY2017 Issues and Priorities

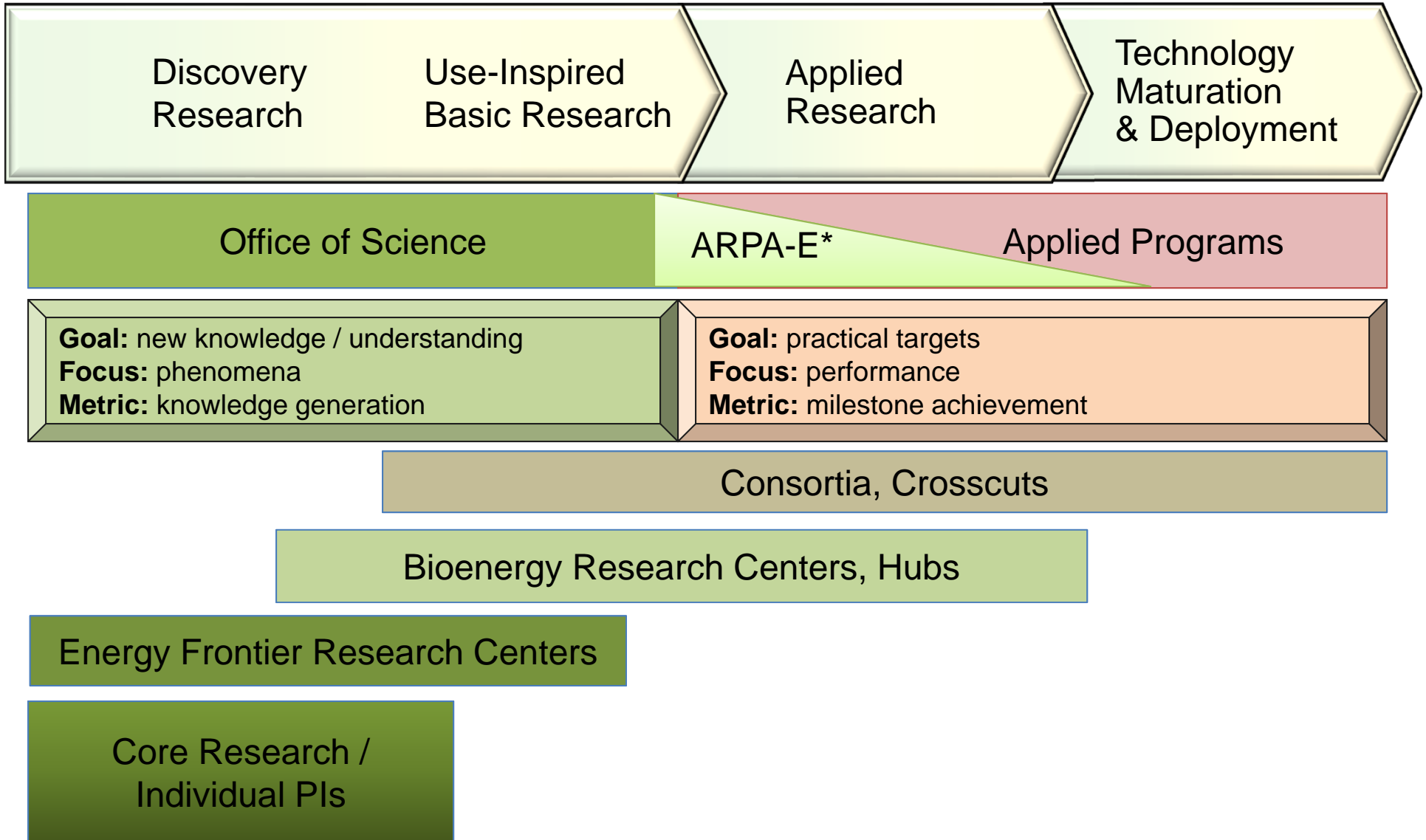
- **BALANCE - Discovery research vs science for clean energy and departmental crosscuts**
- **BALANCE - Research funding vs scientific user facilities construction vs operation**
- **Exascale computing Project! National Strategic Computing Initiative**
- **International partnerships in Big Science**
  - **Defining moment in fusion sciences**
  - **LHC CMS, ATLAS upgrades at the same time as LBNF/DUNE**
- **Enhance communications with Congress and research universities**
- **Best practices in national lab management**



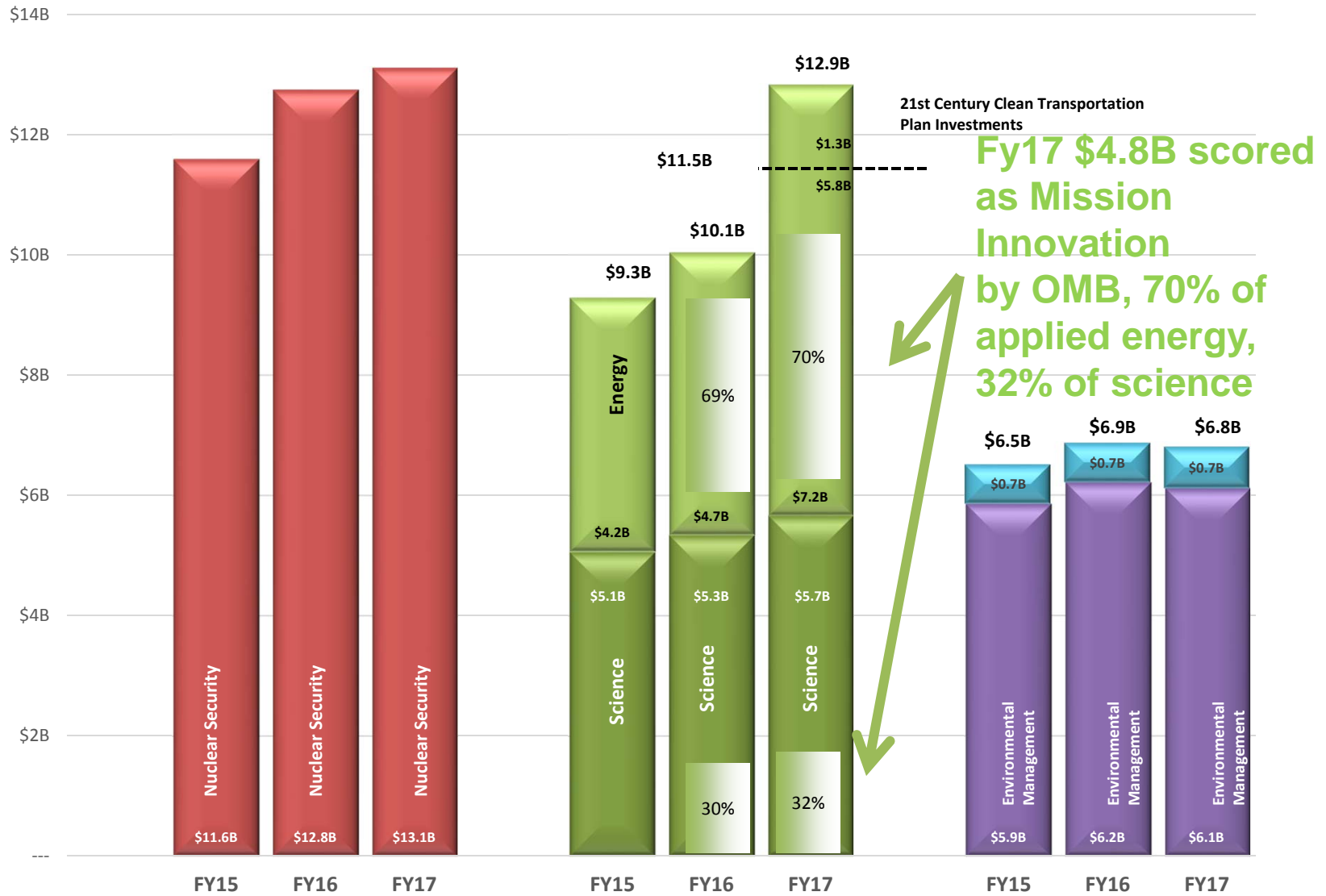
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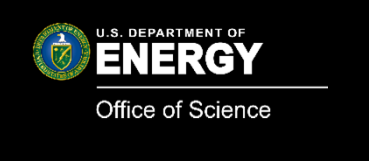
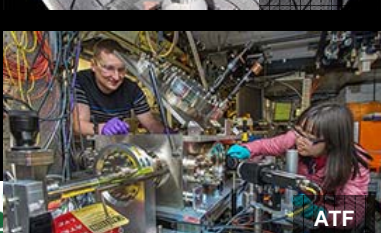
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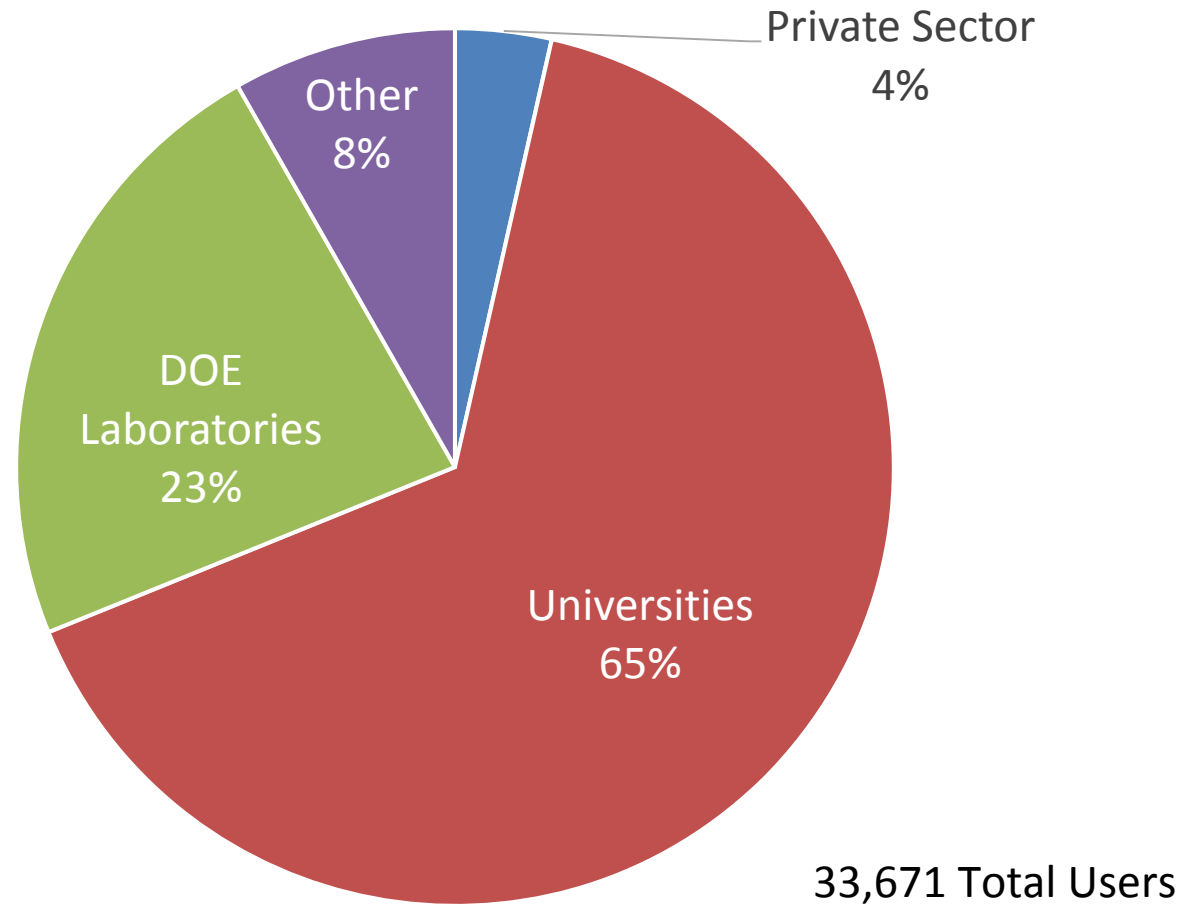
# DOE Mission Innovation R&D, FY 16 and 17



**FY 2016  
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# Office of Science User Facility Statistics FY14



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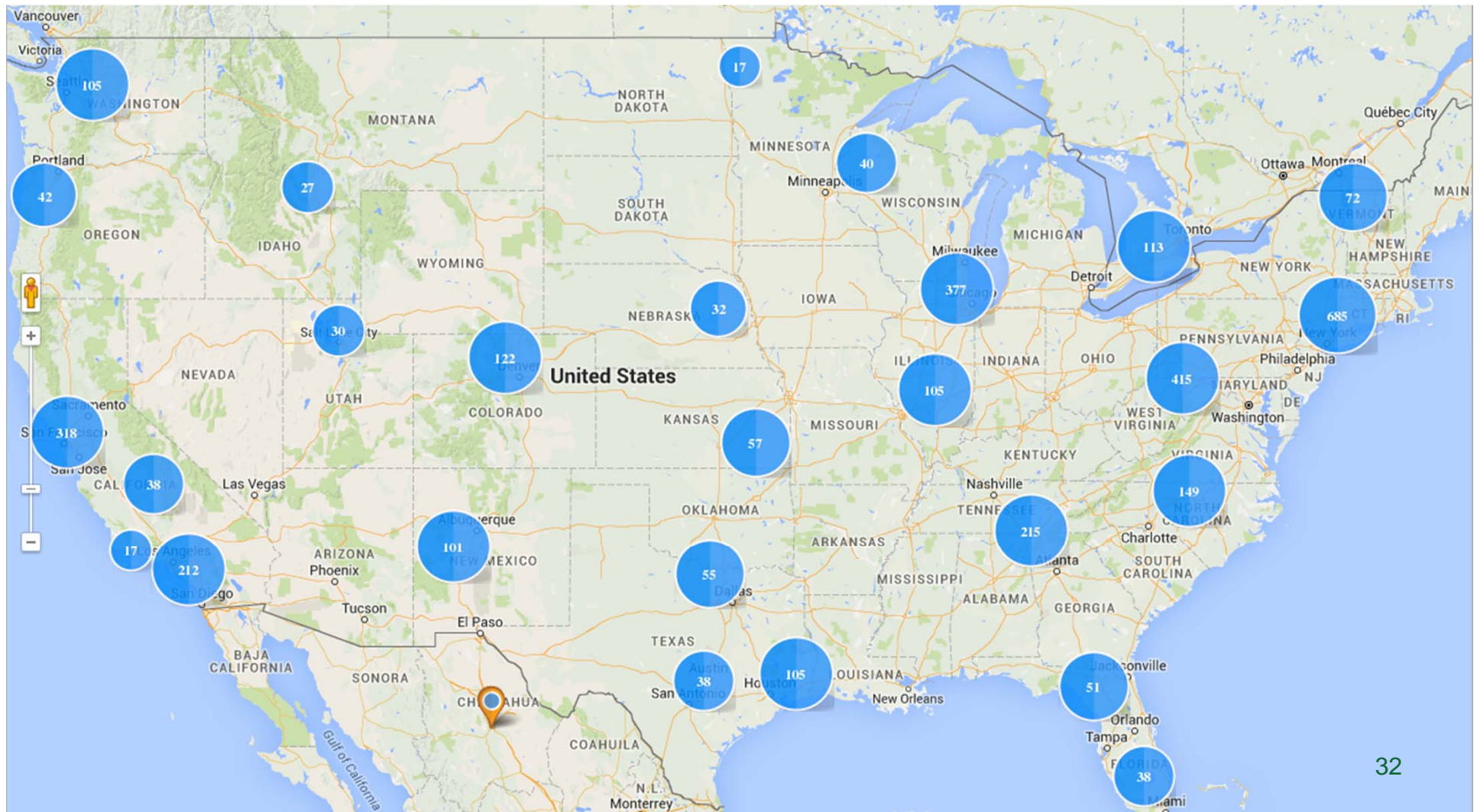
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Other includes many institutions, such as: non-DOE labs, federal agencies, research hospitals, K-12 students, and international institutions

# Data on University Grants and Users Across Country

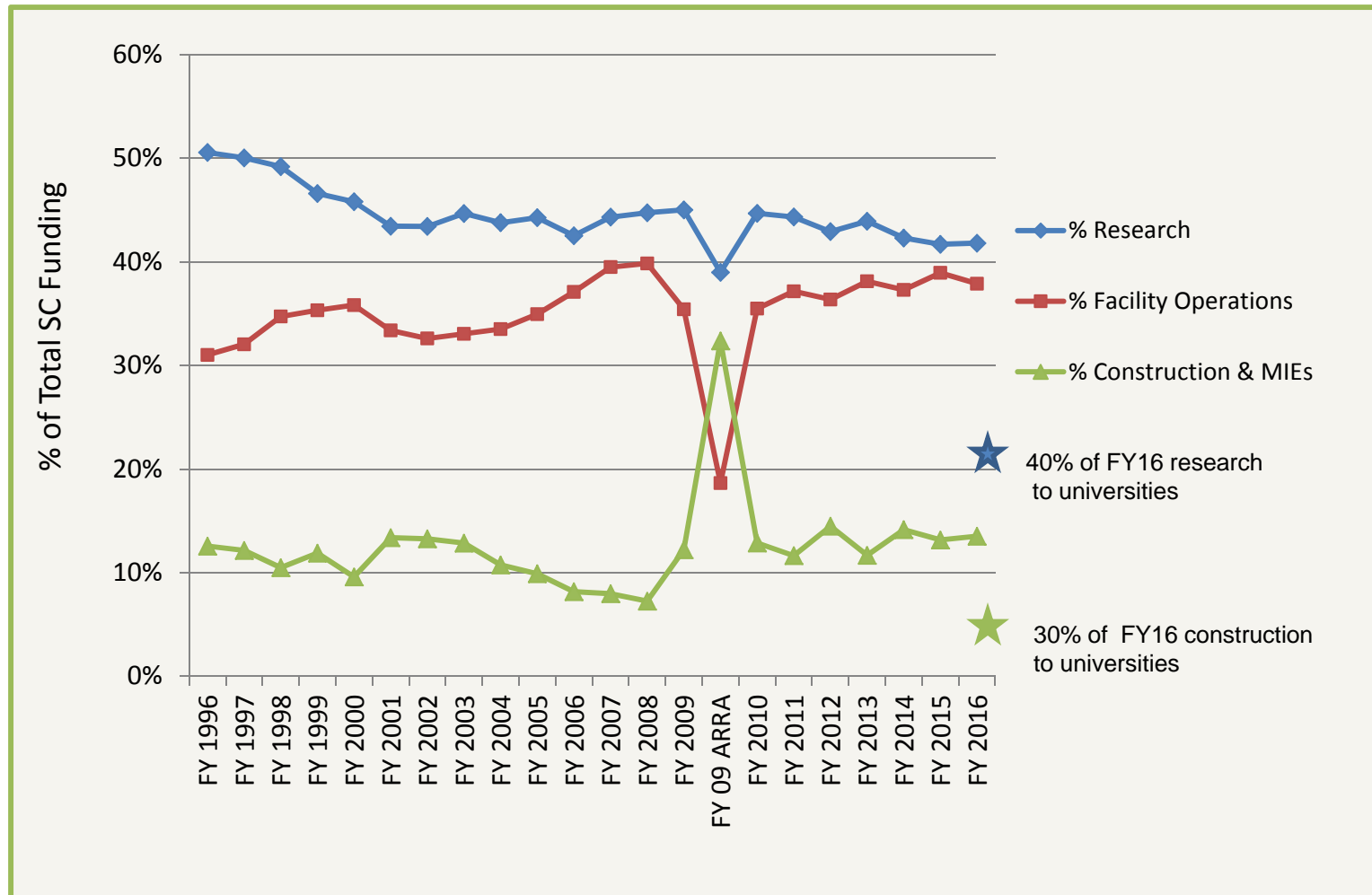
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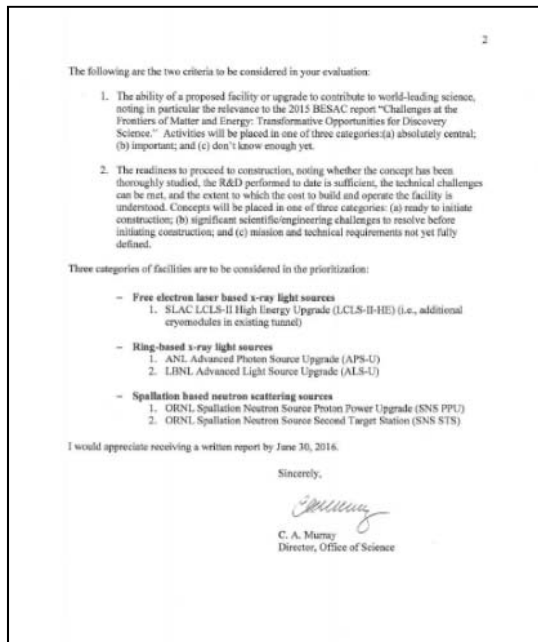




# SC Investments in Research, Facilities, and Construction



# BESAC New Charge on Prioritization of Facility Upgrades



From: Dr. Cherry A. Murray (Director, Office of Science)

I am writing to present a new charge to BESAC, related to the prioritization of upgrades of existing user facilities and major construction projects for new user facilities.

The following are the two criteria to be considered in your evaluation:

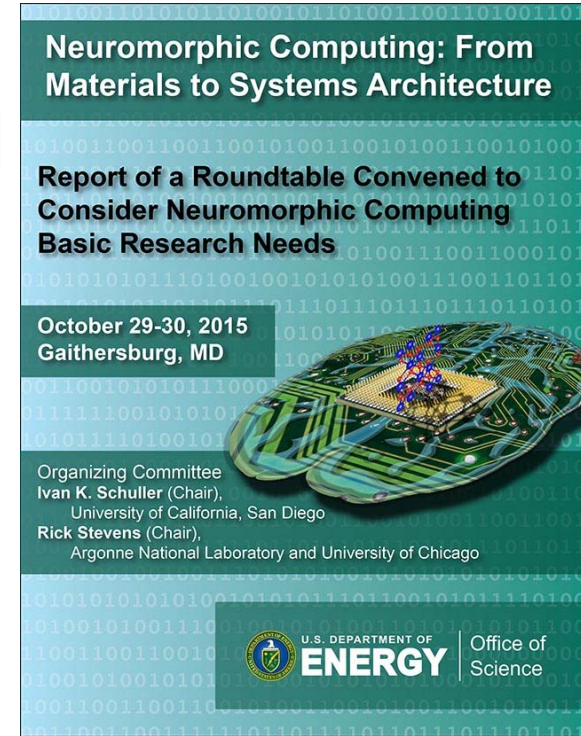
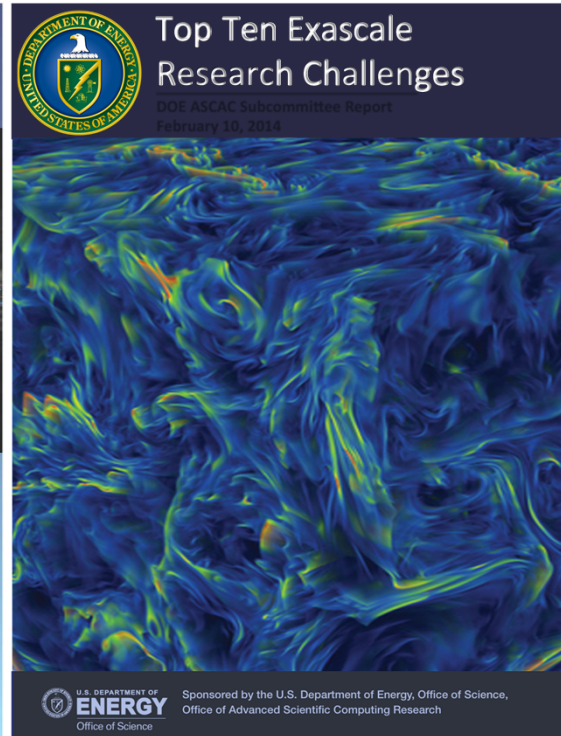
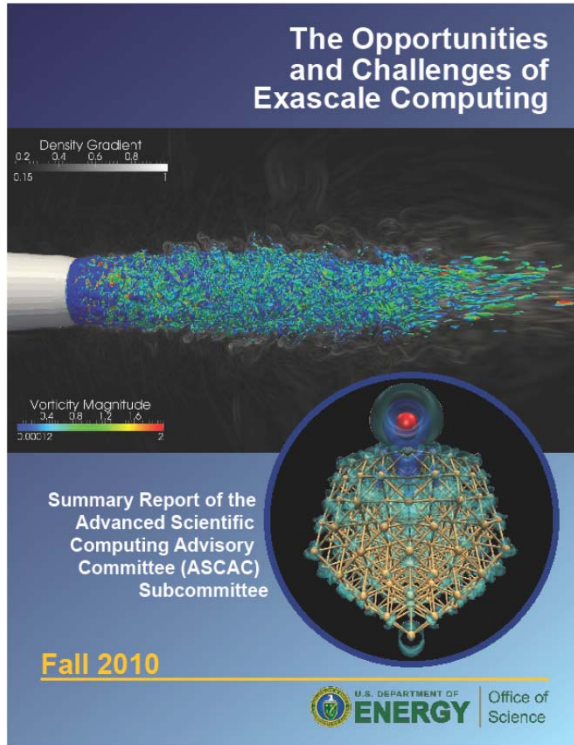
1. The ability of a proposed facility or upgrade to contribute to world-leading science, noting in particular the relevance to the 2015 BESAC report "Challenges at the Frontiers of Matter and Energy: Transformative Opportunities for Discovery Science." Activities will be placed in one of three categories: (a) absolutely central; (b) important; and (c) don't know enough yet.
2. The readiness to proceed to construction, noting whether the concept has been thoroughly studied, the R&D performed to date is sufficient, the technical challenges can be met, and the extent to which the cost to build and operate the facility is understood. Concepts will be placed in one of three categories: (a) ready to initiate construction; (b) significant scientific/engineering challenges to resolve before initiating construction; and (c) mission and technical requirements not yet fully defined.



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# Exascale Computation Grand Challenge



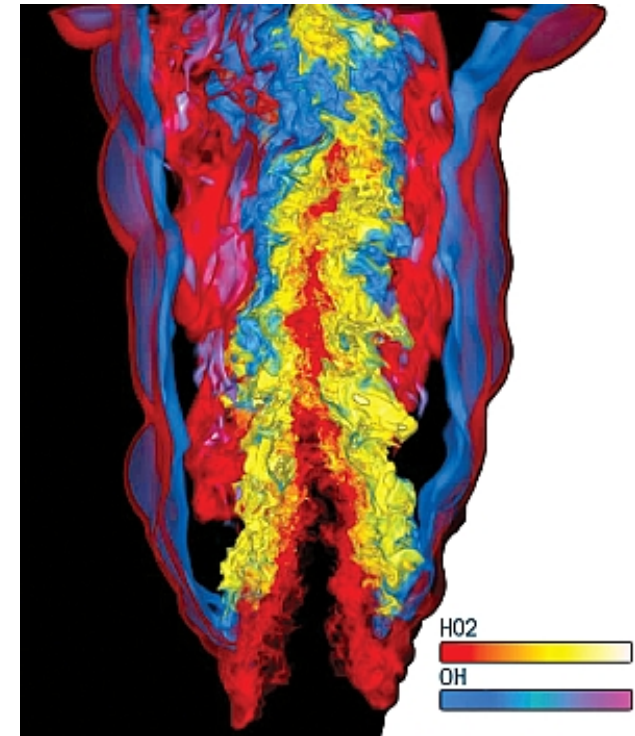
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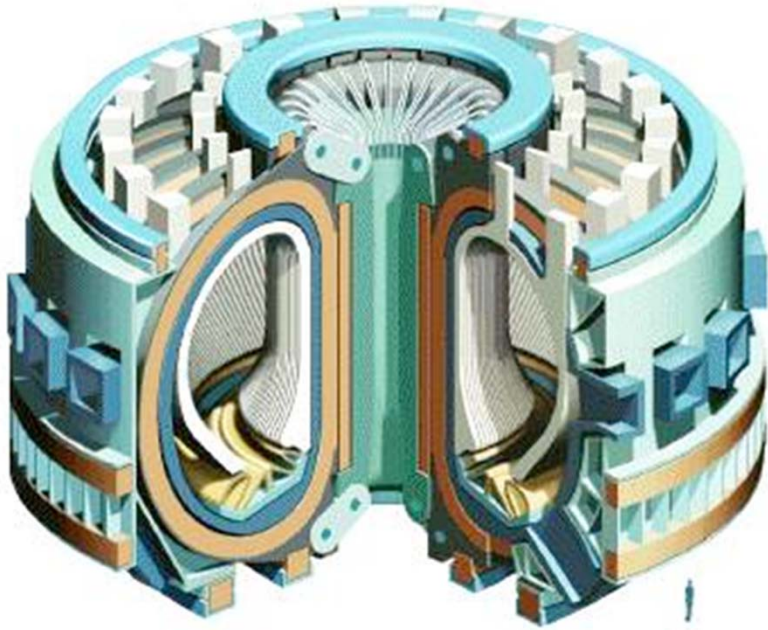
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# DOE's Exascale Computing Initiative: Next Generation of Scientific Innovation

- **Departmental Crosscut – In partnership with NNSA**
- **“All-in” approach: hardware, software, applications, large data, underpinning applied math and computer science**
- **Supports DOE's missions in national security and science:**
  - Stockpile stewardship – support annual assessment cycle
  - Discovery science – **next-generation materials; chemical sciences**
  - Mission-focused basic science in energy – next-generation **climate software**
  - Use current Leadership Computing approach for users
- **The next generation of advancements will require Extreme Scale Computing**
  - 100-1,000X capabilities of today's computers with a similar physical size and power footprint
  - Significant challenges are power consumption, high parallelism, reliability
- **Extreme Scale Computing, cannot be achieved by a “business-as-usual,” evolutionary approach**
  - Initiate partnerships with U.S. computer vendors to perform the required engineering, research and development for system architectures for capable exascale computing
  - Exascale systems will be based on marketable technology – Not a “one off” system
  - Productive system – Usable by scientists and engineers



# ITER Congressional Report



*“...not later than May 2, 2016, the Secretary of Energy shall submit to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress a report recommending either that the United States remain a partner in the ITER project after October 2017 or terminate participation, which shall include, as applicable, an estimate of either the full cost, by fiscal year, of all future Federal funding requirements for construction, operation, and maintenance of ITER or the cost of termination.”*

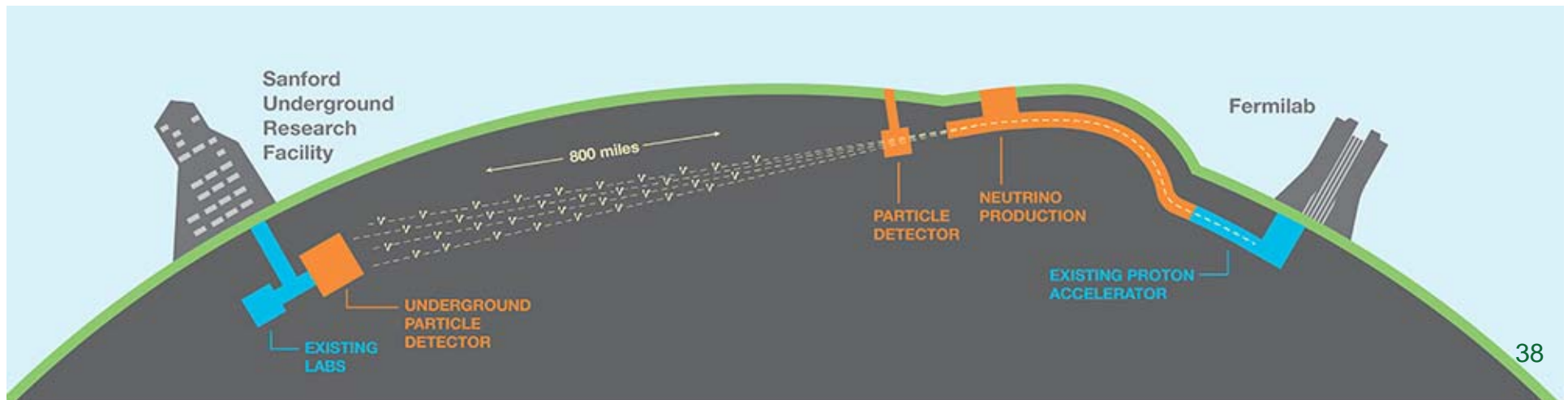


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# Long Baseline Neutrino Facility



- **P5 recommended LBNF as the centerpiece of a U.S.-hosted world-leading neutrino program**
  - P5 recognized LBNF as the highest-priority large project in its timeframe
- **The world's most intense neutrino beam will be produced at Fermilab and directed 800 miles through the earth to Lead, South Dakota**
  - Fermilab will lead this effort with a few international partners, most notably CERN
- **A very large (40 kiloton) liquid argon neutrino detector will be placed in the Homestake Mine in Lead, SD**
  - An international collaboration has been established for the Deep Underground Neutrino Experiment (DUNE)
  - The U.S. will contribute to the detector as part of the LBNF project





# Office of Science Laboratories Total FY15 \$5.5B, SC funding \$3.4B

**Berkeley, California**  
202 acres and 90 buildings  
3,232 FTEs  
950 students & postdocs  
9,484 facility users  
[www.lbl.gov](http://www.lbl.gov)



**Richland, Washington**  
346 acres and 20 buildings  
4,308 FTEs  
628 students & postdocs  
2,022 facility users  
[www.pnnl.gov](http://www.pnnl.gov)



**Ames, Iowa**  
8 acres and 12 buildings  
310 FTEs  
162 students & postdocs  
[www.ameslab.gov](http://www.ameslab.gov)






**Batavia, Illinois**  
6,800 acres and 366 buildings  
1,760 FTEs  
46 students & postdocs  
2,340 facility users  
[www.fnal.gov](http://www.fnal.gov)

**Argonne, Illinois**  
1,517 acres and 100 buildings  
3,412 FTEs  
620 students & postdocs  
7,396 facility users  
[www.anl.gov](http://www.anl.gov)

**Menlo Park, California**  
426 acres and 147 buildings  
1,422 FTEs  
230 students & postdocs  
2,913 facility users  
[www.slac.stanford.edu](http://www.slac.stanford.edu)



**Oak Ridge, Tennessee**  
4,421 acres and 195 buildings  
4,525 FTEs  
1,429 students & postdocs  
2,987 facility users  
[www.ornl.gov](http://www.ornl.gov)




**Newport News, Virginia**  
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673 FTEs  
62 students & postdocs  
1,380 facility users  
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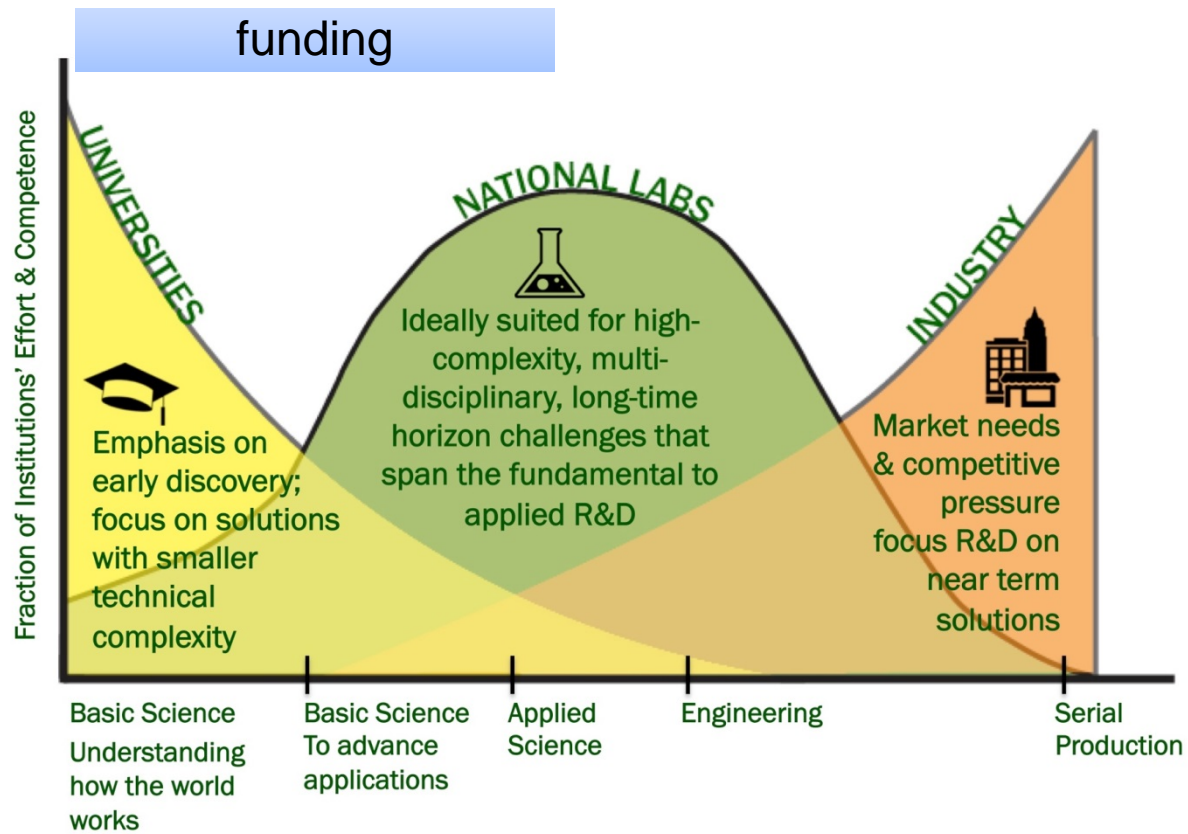

**Princeton, New Jersey**  
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431 FTEs  
59 students & postdocs  
290 facility users  
[www.pppl.gov](http://www.pppl.gov)

**Upton, New York**  
5,322 acres and 319 buildings  
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# National Labs Address Multidisciplinary S&T Challenges

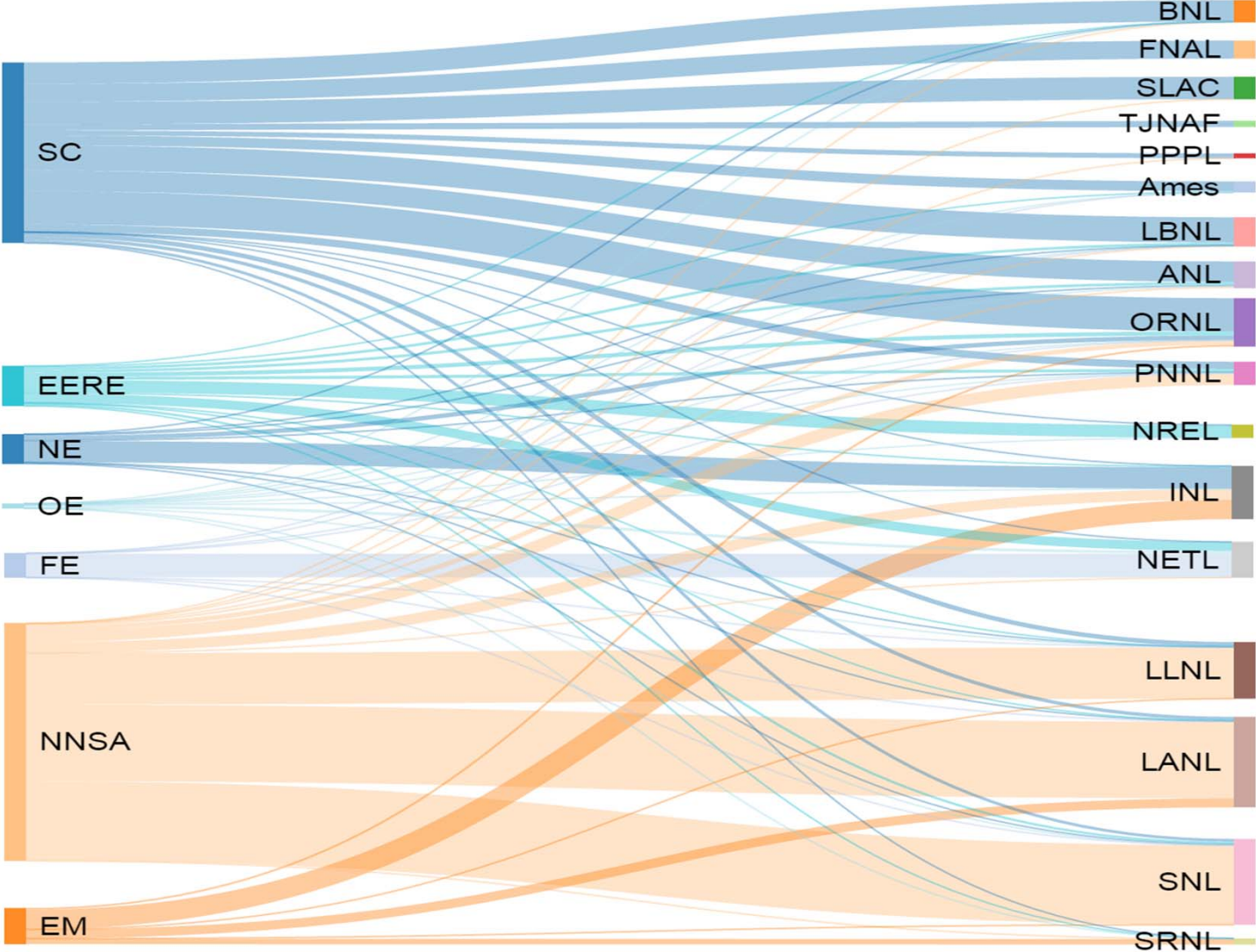
Most of the national labs have broader scope than Office of Science



National Laboratory Directors Council



# Flow of Funds between DOE Programs to Labs, 2015



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