

Basic Energy Sciences (BES) Office Hour

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Our Mission:

Deliver scientific discoveries and major scientific tools to transform our understanding of nature and advance the energy, economic, and national security of the United States.



More than **34,000** researchers supported at more than **300** institutions and **17** DOE national laboratories



Steward **10** of the 17 DOE national laboratories



More than **37,000** users of **28** Office of Science scientific user facilities



\$8.1B
(FY 23 enacted)

The Office of Science Research Portfolio

Advanced Scientific Computing Research

- Delivering world leading computational and networking capabilities to extend the frontiers of science and technology



Basic Energy Sciences

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

Biological and Environmental Research

- Understanding complex biological, earth, and environmental systems

Fusion Energy Sciences

- Supporting the development of a fusion energy source and supporting research in plasma science

High Energy Physics

- Understanding how the universe works at its most fundamental level

Nuclear Physics

- Discovering, exploring, and understanding all forms of nuclear matter

Isotope R&D and Production

- Supporting isotope research, development, production, processing and distribution to meet the needs of the Nation

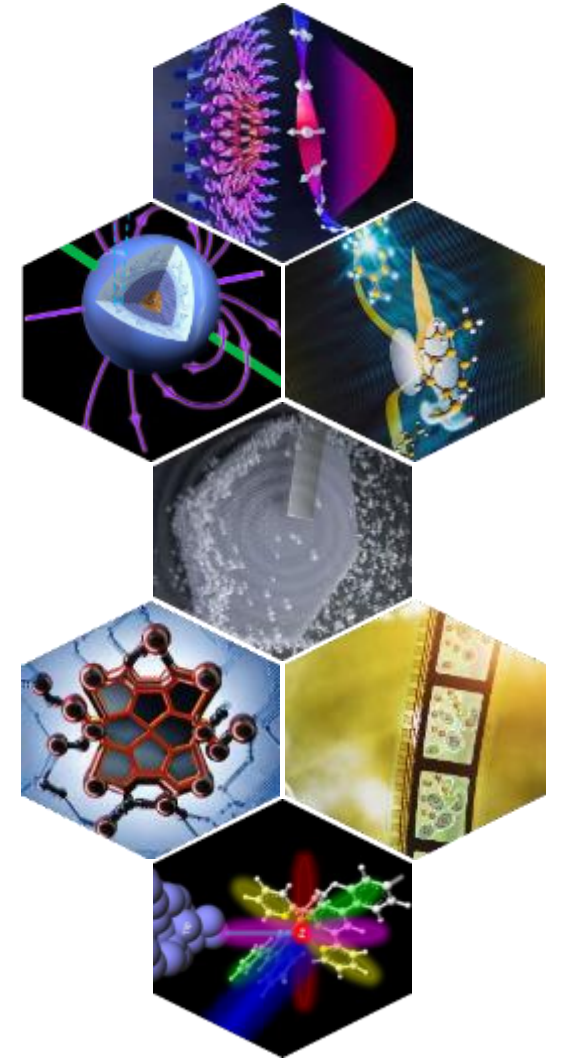
Accelerator R&D and Production

- Supporting new technologies for use in SC's scientific facilities and in commercial products

Basic Energy Sciences: Understanding Matter and Energy at Electronic, Atomic, and Molecular Levels

BES fulfills its mission through:

- Supporting **basic research in Chemical Sciences, Materials Sciences, Geosciences, and Biosciences**
 - “Grand Challenge” science
 - Discovery and design of materials and chemical processes that underpin a broad range of energy technologies
- Operating **world-class scientific user facilities** in X-ray, neutron, and nanoscale science
- Managing **construction and upgrade projects** to maintain **world-leading** scientific user facilities
- Ensuring **broad participation** in the research portfolio and user communities



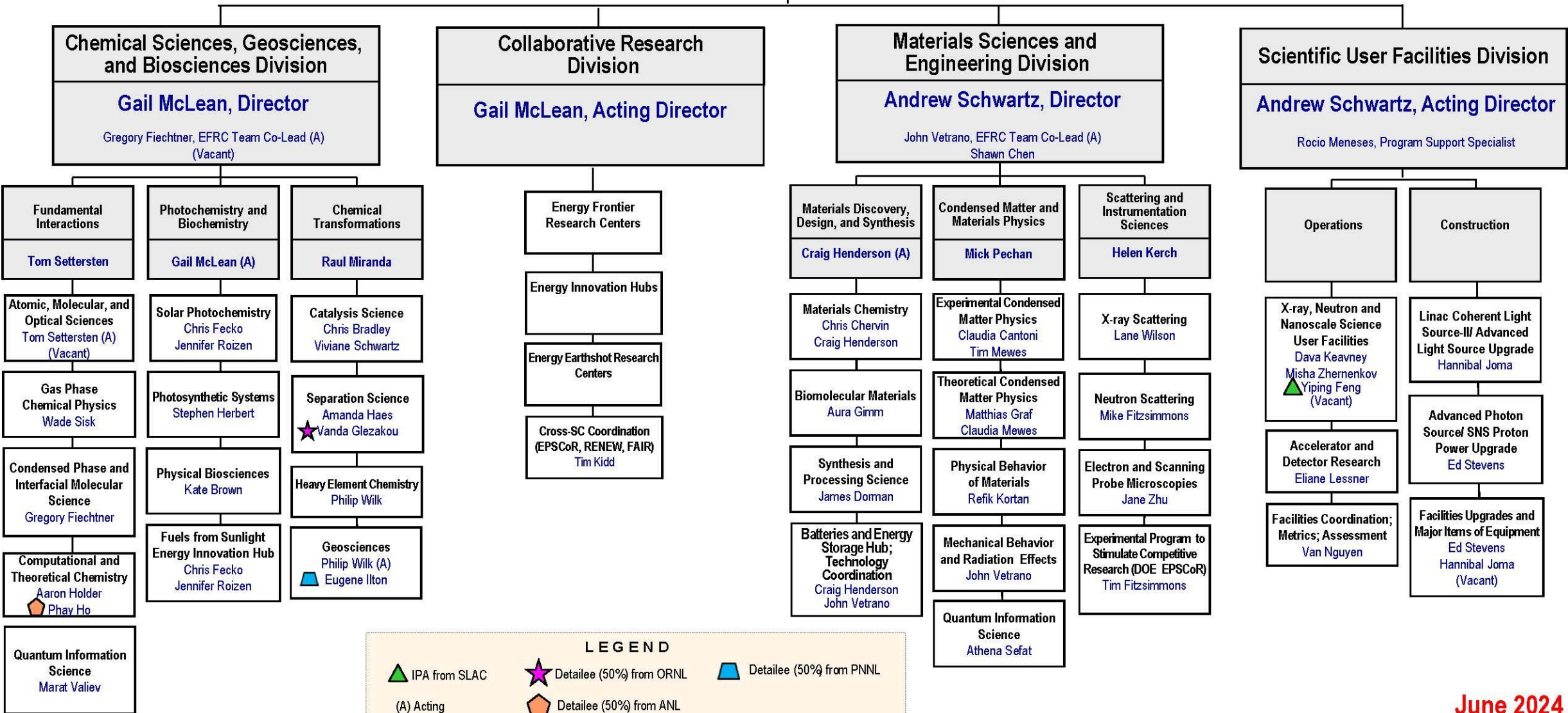
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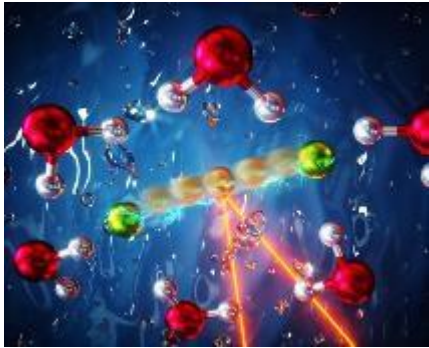
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- ▲ IPA from SLAC
- ★ Detailee (50%) from ORNL
- ▲ Detailee (50%) from PNNL
- (A) Acting
- ⬠ Detailee (50%) from ANL

June 2024

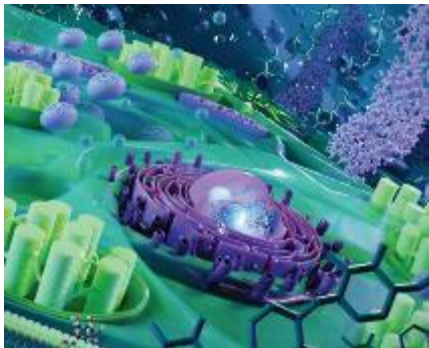
Chemical Sciences, Geosciences & Biosciences Research

Broad Portfolio of Grand Challenge and Energy Use-Inspired Fundamental Research



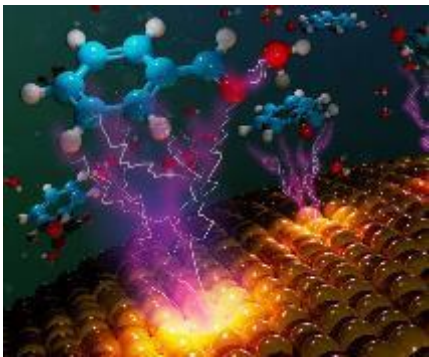
Fundamental Interactions

Control chemical reactivity and dynamics in gas and condensed phases and at interfaces



Photochemistry and Biochemistry

Molecular mechanisms of light energy capture and its conversion into chemical and electrical energy



Chemical Transformations

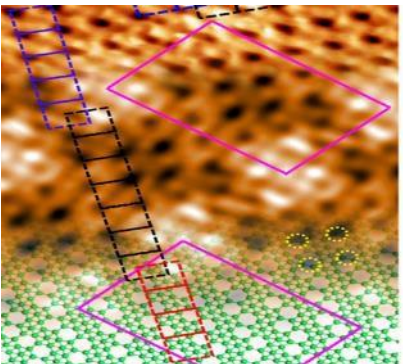
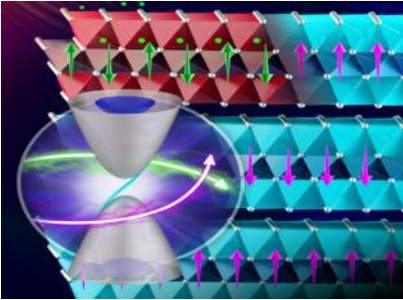
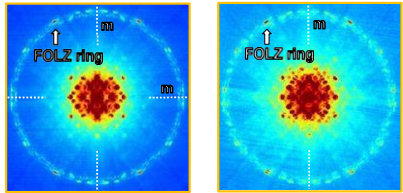
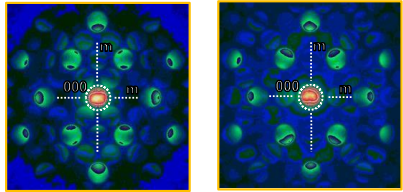
Chemical catalysis, synthesis, separation, stabilization, and transport processes, from atomic to geologic scales.

Crosscutting Research Themes:

Chemical Mechanisms for Clean Energy; Ultrafast Chemistry; Chemistry at Complex Interfaces; Charge Transport and Reactivity; Reaction Pathways in Diverse Environments; Chemistry in Aqueous Environments

Materials Sciences and Engineering Research

Broad Portfolio of Grand Challenge and Energy Use-Inspired Fundamental Research



Scattering and Instrumentation Sciences

Investigation of photon, neutron, and electron interactions with matter to characterize structures, dynamics, and functionality

Condensed Matter and Materials Physics

Exploration of phenomena in condensed matter, such as quantum behavior and response to environmental stimuli

Materials Discovery, Design, and Synthesis

Understanding synthesis and dynamics to discover/design new materials via innovative physical, chemical, and bio-molecular routes

Division-wide Themes

- Clean energy materials research
- Quantum materials
- Theory, computation and data science
- Materials synthesis
- Science across length and time scales
- Non-equilibrium dynamics
- In-situ, operando, and multi-modal characterization

Breakout Rooms Are Organized by BES Research Division Teams

Fundamental Interactions – Atomic, Molecular and Optical Sciences; Gas Phase Chemical Physics; Condensed Phase and Interfacial Molecular Science; Computational and Theoretical Chemistry; Quantum Information Science

Photochemistry and Biochemistry – Solar Photochemistry; Photosynthetic Systems; Physical Biosciences

Chemical Transformations – Catalysis Science; Separation Science; Heavy Element Chemistry; Geosciences

Materials Discovery, Design, and Synthesis – Materials Chemistry; Biomolecular Materials; Synthesis and Processing Science

Condensed Matter and Materials Physics – Experimental Condensed Matter Physics, Theoretical Condensed Matter Physics, Physical Behavior of Materials, Mechanical Behavior and Radiation Effects, Quantum Information Science

Scattering and Instrumentation Sciences – X-ray Scattering; Neutron Scattering, Electron and Scanning Probe Microscopies; Established Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (DOE EPSCoR)

Thank you

