

**Hawkins Memorial Lecture**

**Energy Innovations in 21<sup>st</sup> Century:  
Role of ARPA-E**

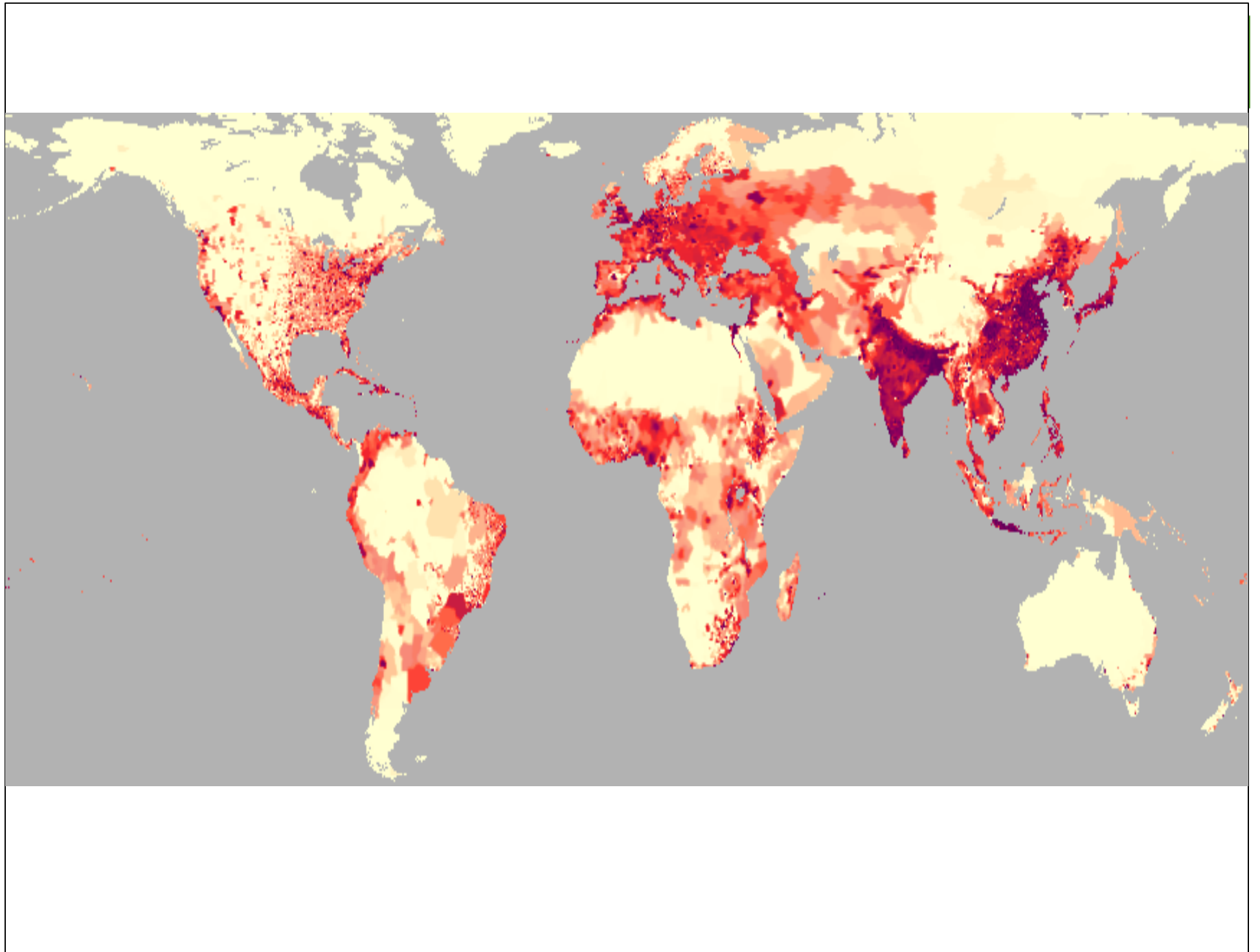
**Arun Majumdar**

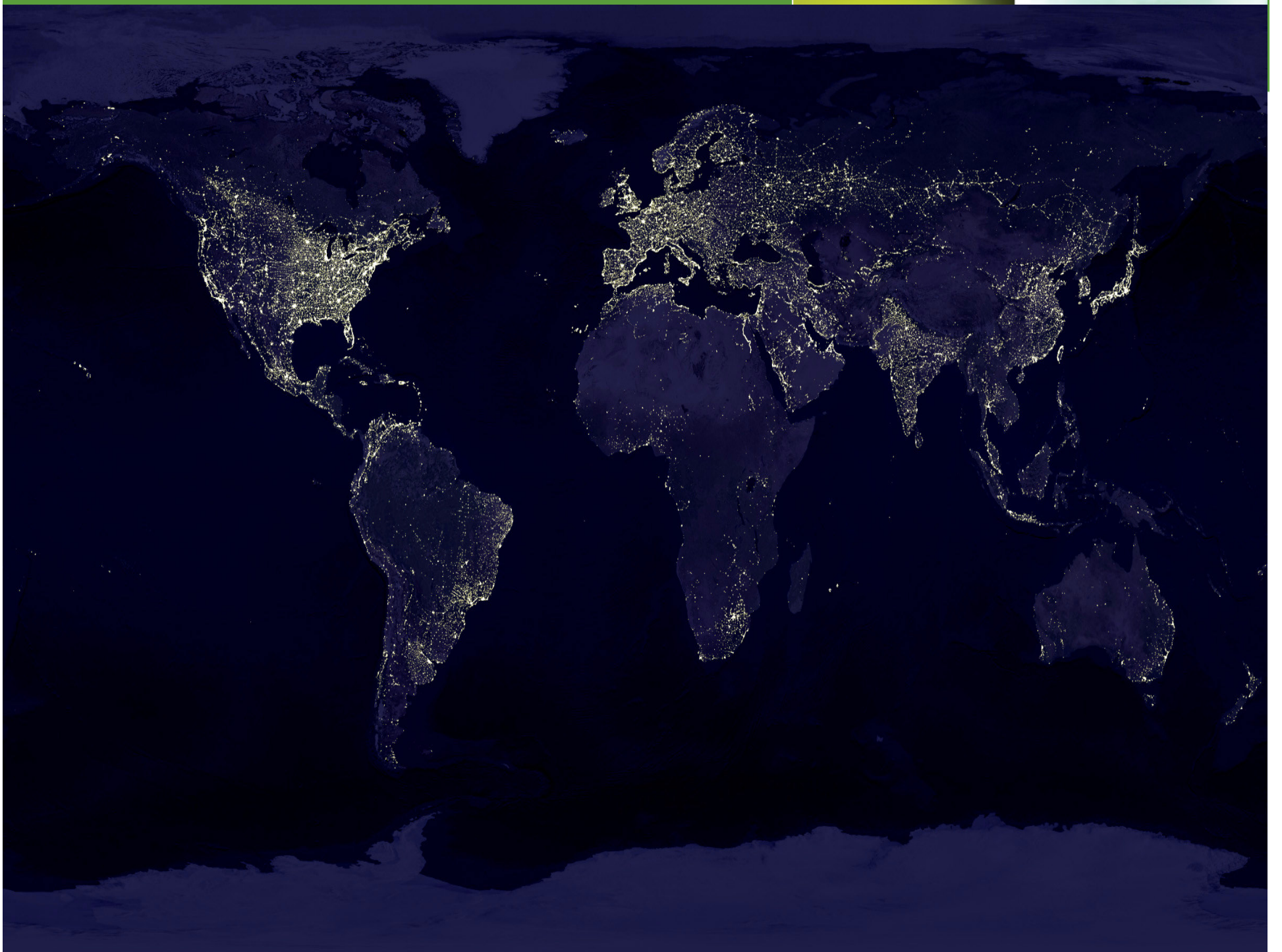
**Director, ARPA-E**

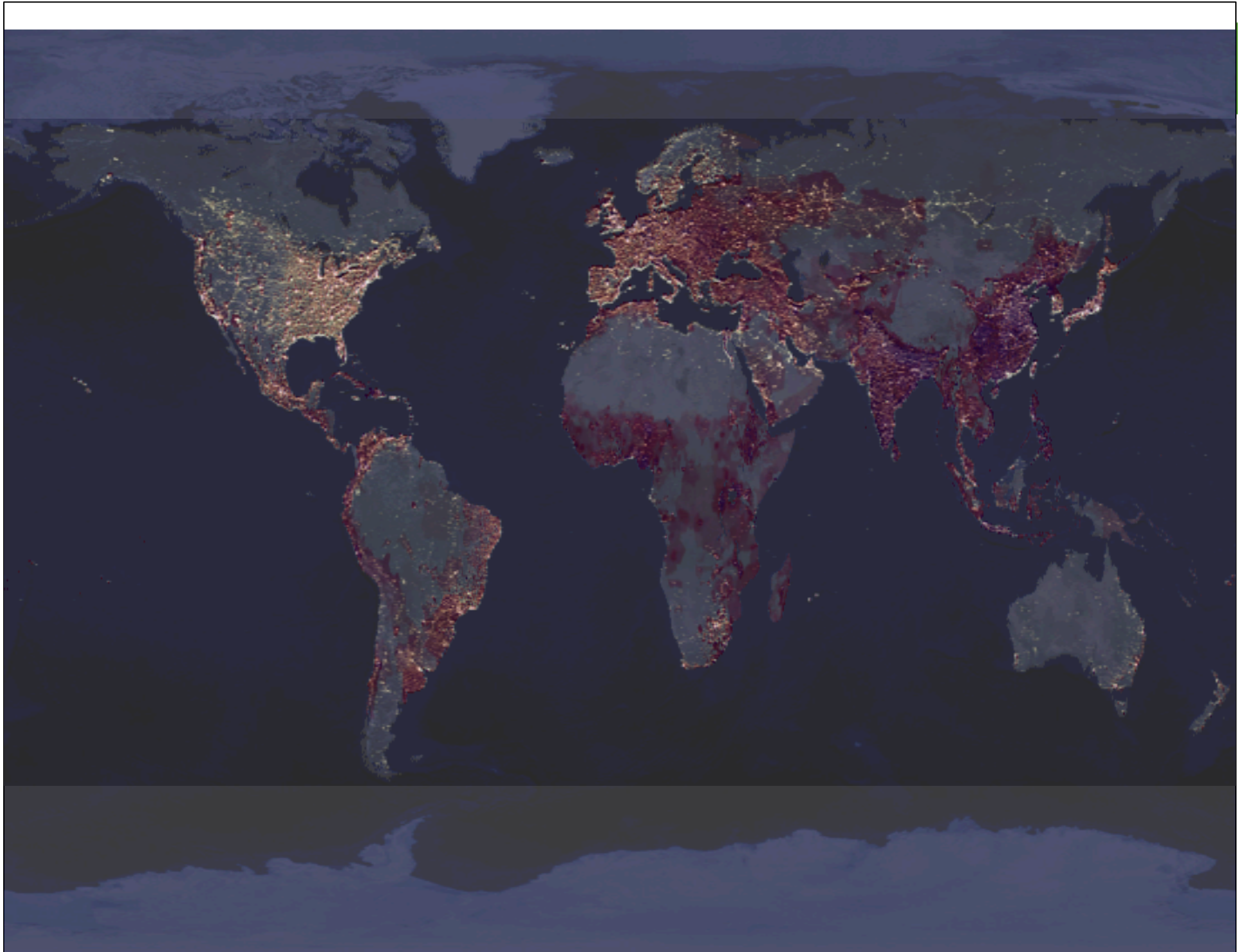
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**<http://arpa-e.energy.gov/>**

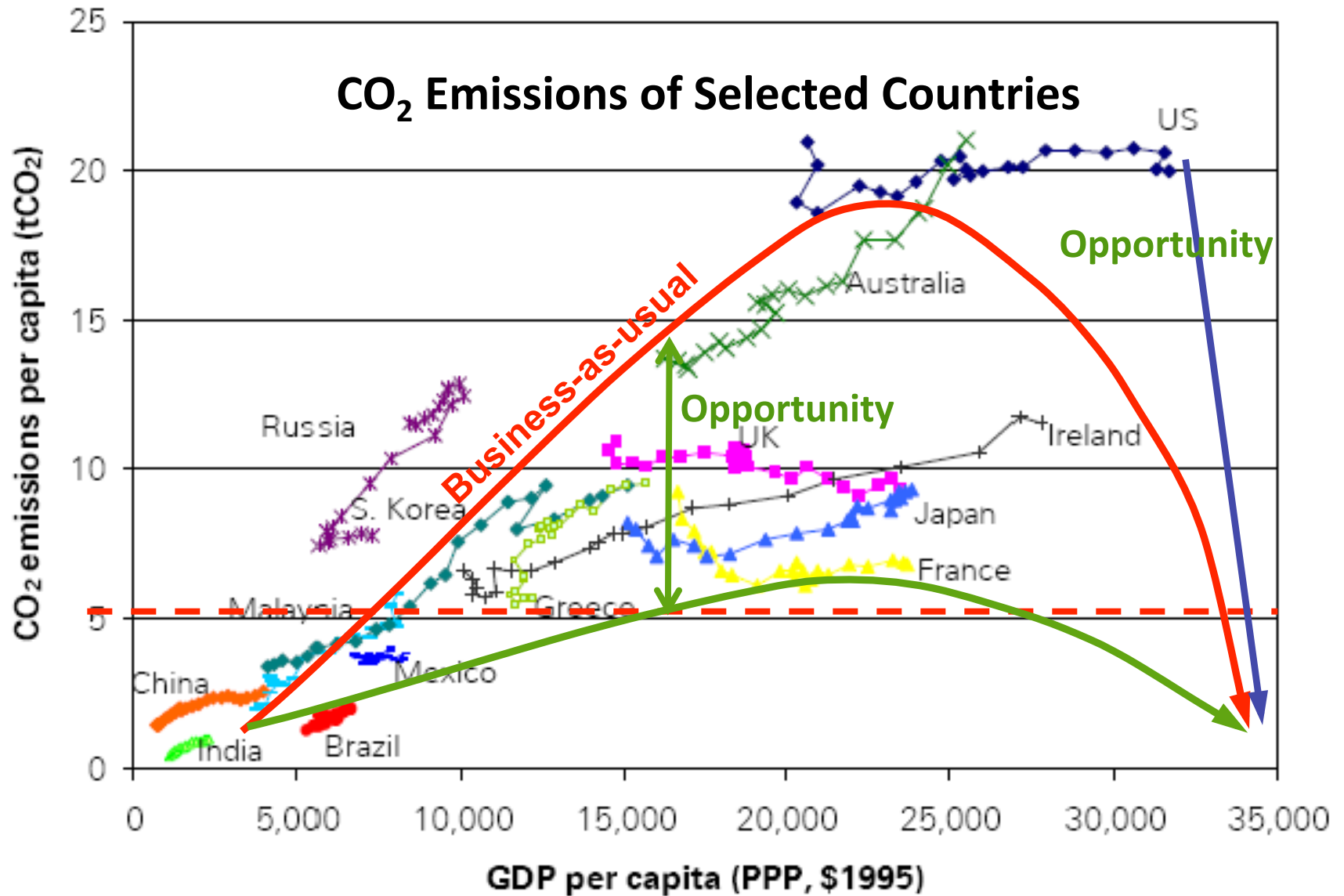








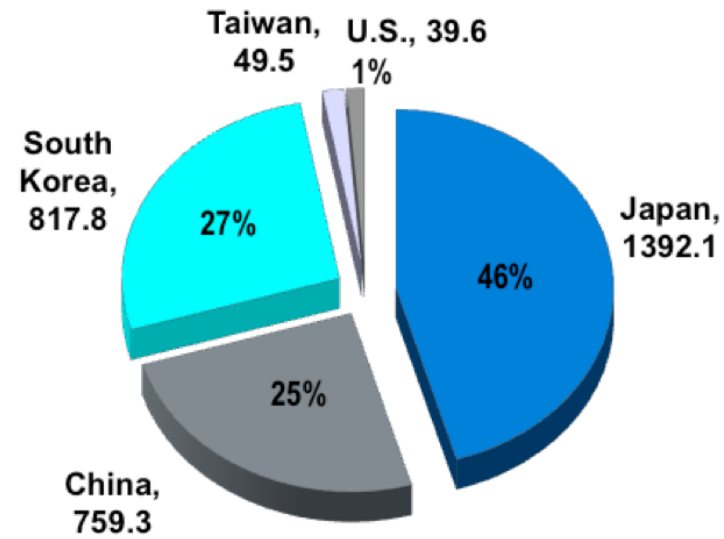
# OPPORTUNITY



# WAKE UP CALL



Lithium-ion battery manufacturing volumes in 2009  
(millions of cells/year)



THE ENRICO FERMI AWARD



2009

John Goodenough, U. Texas at Austin

# WAKE UP CALL



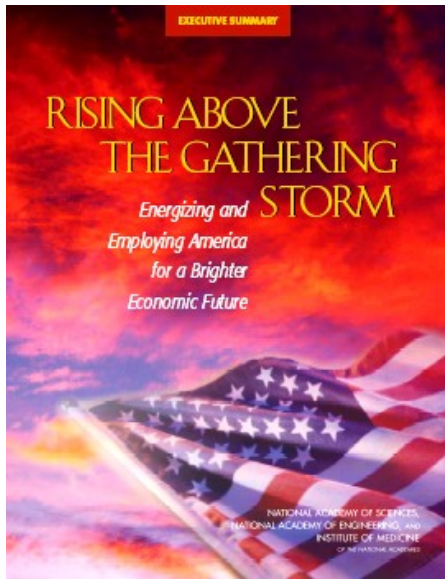
**We import 60% of our oil.  
Need to make that 0%!**

**Energy Innovation is at the core of our**

- **National Security**
- **Economic Security**
- **Environmental Security**



# CREATION OF ARPA-E

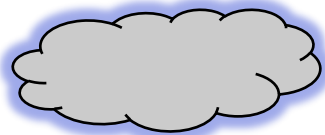


## American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Recovery Act)

2007  
America COMPETES Act

\$400M appropriated for ARPA-E  
President Obama launches ARPA-E in a speech at NAS on April 27, 2009

2006  
*Rising Above the Gathering Storm*  
(National Academies)







*Gathering Storm* committee concluded that a primary driver of the future economy and concomitant creation of jobs will be *innovation*, largely from advances in science and engineering.

While only 4% of the nation's work force is composed of scientists and engineers, this group disproportionately creates jobs for the other 96%.



# RISING ABOVE THE GATHERING STORM, REVISITED

Rapidly Approaching Category 5

By Members of the 2001  
"Rising Above the Gathering Storm" Committee

Report for the Presidents of the  
National Academy of Sciences,  
National Academy of Engineering,  
and Institute of Medicine

NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES,  
NATIONAL ACADEMY OF ENGINEERING, and  
INSTITUTE OF MEDICINE  
OF THE NATIONAL ACADEMIES

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The unanimous view of the committee members ..... our nation's outlook has worsened. While progress has been made in certain areas – for example, launching ARPA-E – the latitude to fix problems being confronted has been severely diminished by the growth of the national debt over this period from \$8 trillion to \$13 trillion.

Finally, many other nations *have* been markedly progressing, thereby affecting America's relative ability to compete effectively for new factories, research laboratories, administrative centers – and *jobs*. While this progress by other nations is to be both encouraged and welcomed, so too is the notion that Americans wish to continue to be among those peoples who do prosper.

The only promising avenue for achieving this latter outcome, in the view of the *Gathering Storm* committee and many others, is through *innovation*. Fortunately, this nation has in the past demonstrated considerable prowess in this regard.



# FACTOIDS & QUOTES



- Among the manufacturers of photovoltaics, wind turbines and advanced batteries, the top 10 global firms by market capitalization include 2, 1, and 1 US firms, respectively. The other firms are from China, Denmark, France, Germany, India, Spain, Taiwan and the U.K.
- A Japanese company produces over 75% of the world's nickel-metal hydride batteries used in vehicles
- US spends more on potato chips than energy R&D, and more on dog food R&D than the R&D in the electrical power sector

*“In today’s integrated and digitized global market, where knowledge and innovation tools are so widely distributed. . . . : whatever can be done, will be done. The only question is will it be done by you or to you.”* Thomas L. Friedman, Author, “The World Is Flat”

*“The greatest long-term threat to U.S. national security is not terrorists wielding a nuclear or biological weapon, but the erosion of America’s place as a world leader in science and technology.”* Gordon England, Former Deputy Secretary of Defense



“Gentlemen, we have run out of money. It is time to start thinking.”

*Sir Ernest Rutherford, Nobel Laureate (Physics)*

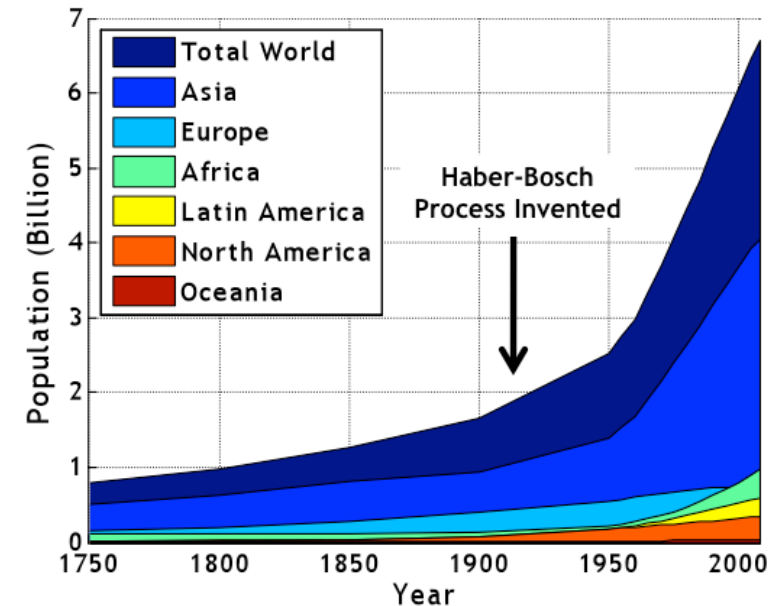
# HAS THE WORLD FACED SUCH A CHALLENGE BEFORE?



1898: “Calling upon Science to save the world from impending starvation,” Sir William Crookes, President, British Assoc. for the Advancement of Science.



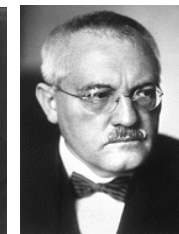
Guano Islands, South America



1908: Fritz Haber (Chemist) discovered a catalyst that would combine atmospheric nitrogen with hydrogen to form ammonia. Catalyst - Uranium!!

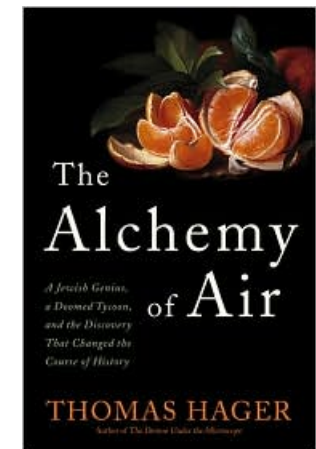


Haber



Bosch

1913: Carl Bosch (BASF) developed process to mass produce ammonia and made fertilizers.



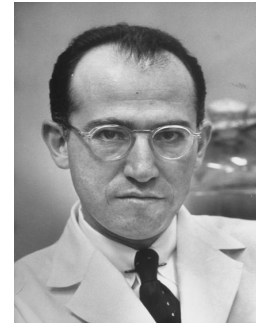
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**Norman Borlaug**



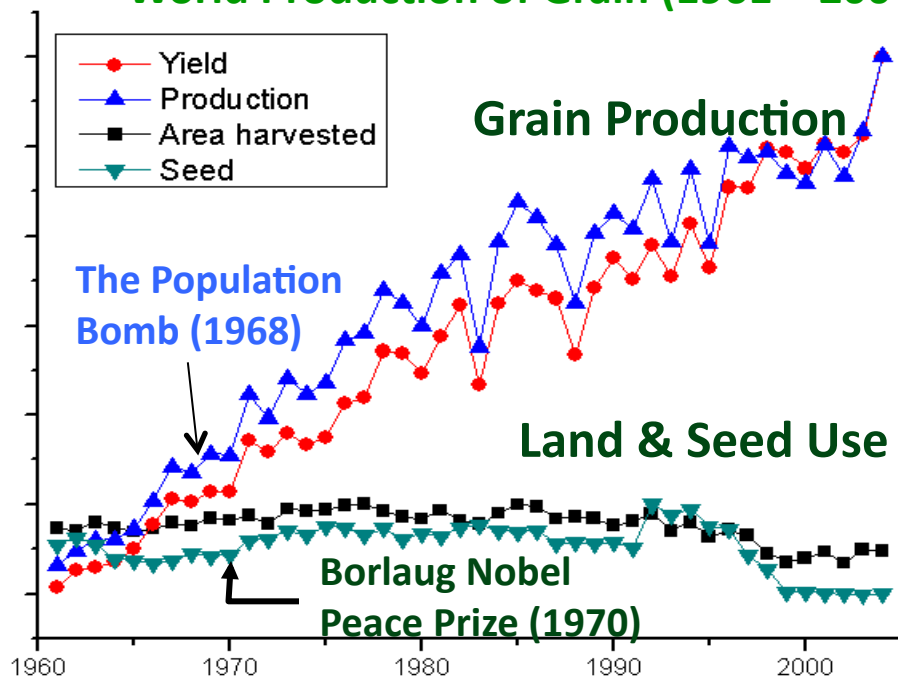
**Dwarf Strain of Wheat**



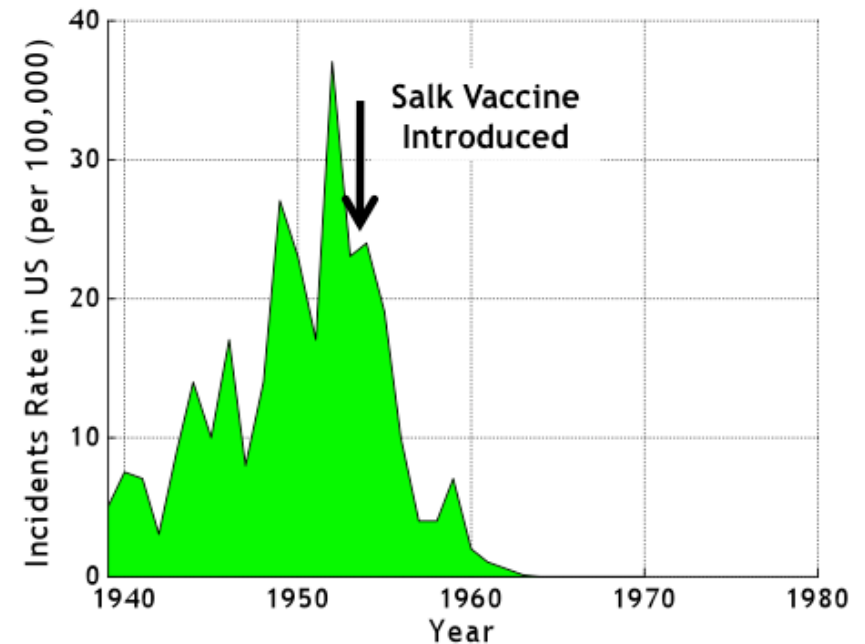
**Jonas Salk**

**Polio Vaccination**

## World Production of Grain (1961 – 2004)



Source: Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), United Nations



# PACE AND SCALE OF INNOVATIONS NEEDED IN ENERGY TECHNOLOGIES



## Game Changers from 20<sup>th</sup> Century



100 years

Artificial Fertilizers  
Green Revolution  
Polio Vaccination  
Antibiotics  
Airplanes  
Electrification  
Nuclear Energy  
Transistor  
Integrated Circuits  
Fiber Optic Communication  
Wireless Communication  
Internet

20 years

Imagine all of this happening in the next 20 years...

- Solar electricity generation at cost lower than that produced from fossil fuels (\$1/W fully installed)
- Real-time optimization, security and storage for grid with two-way dispatchable electric power
- Carbon capture and utilization at net cost lower than its market price
- Car batteries with 3X energy density and 4X lower cost
- Transportation fuels from sunlight, CO<sub>2</sub> and/or agricultural waste at cost lower than petroleum
- 50-80% reduction in energy consumption in homes and buildings with energy use awareness and behavioral impact
- Low-cost desalination of water
- Low-cost and safe nuclear energy



## ARPA-E Mission

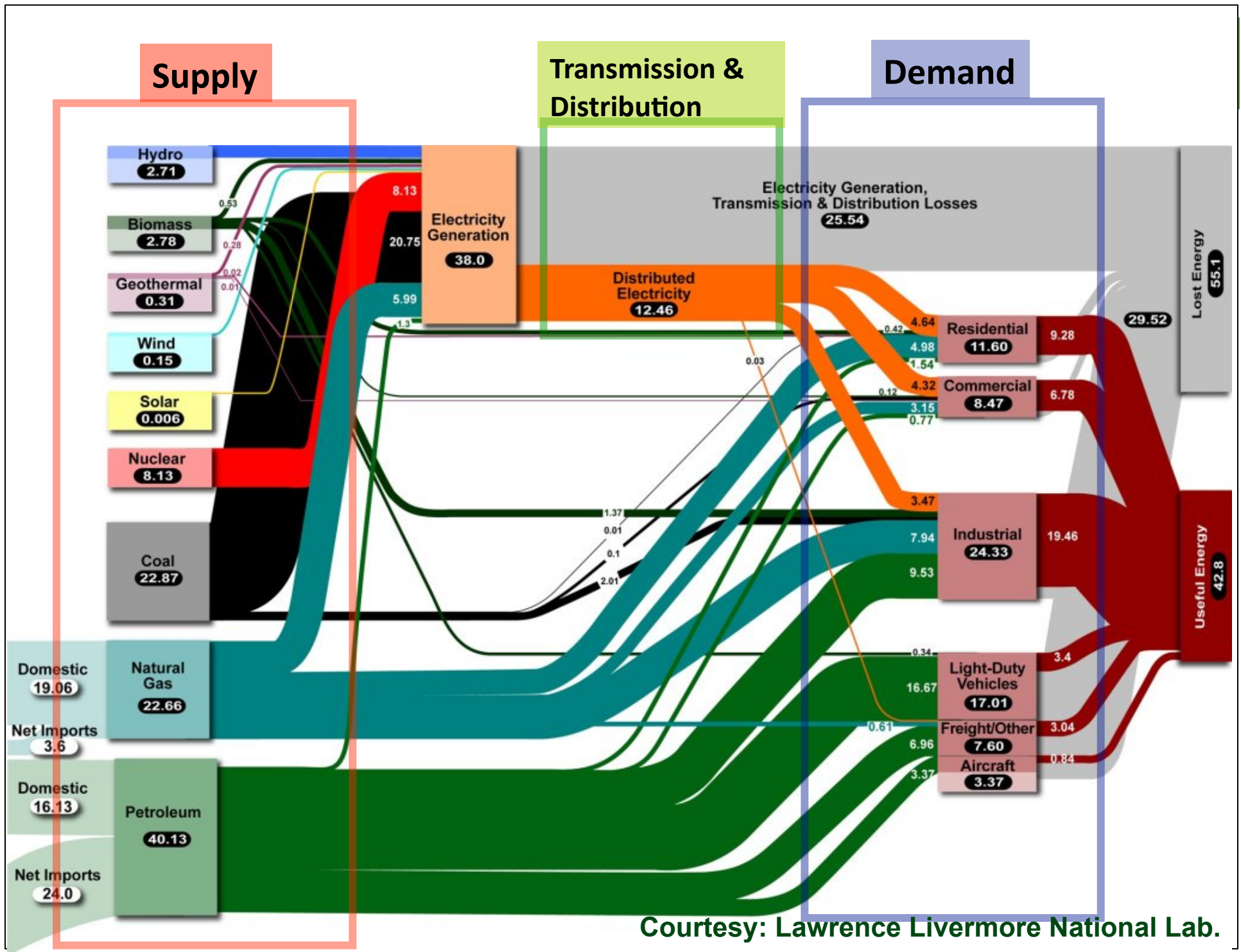


*To overcome the long-term and high-risk technological barriers in the development of energy technologies.*

**1. To enhance the economic and energy security of the United States through the development of energy technologies that result in—**

- *reductions of imports of energy from foreign sources;*
- *reductions of energy-related emissions, including greenhouse gases;*
- *improvement in the energy efficiency of all economic sectors;*

**2. To ensure that the United States maintains a technological lead in developing and deploying advanced energy technologies.**



Courtesy: Lawrence Livermore National Lab.

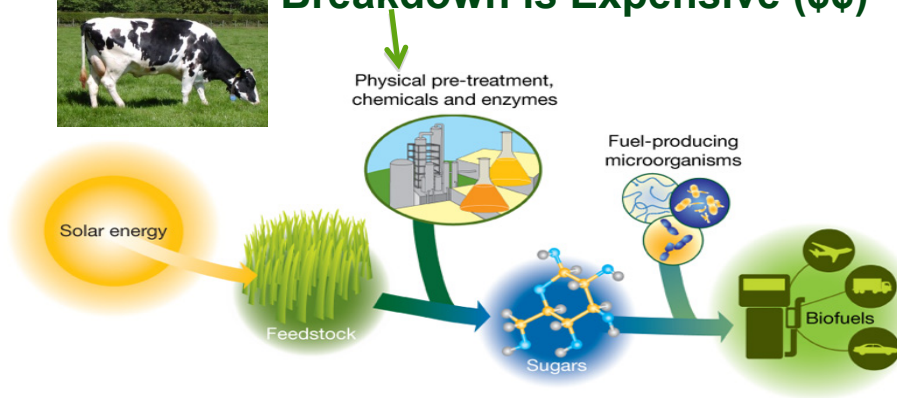
# EXAMPLES FROM FIRST ROUND OF FUNDING



## Cellulosic Biofuels



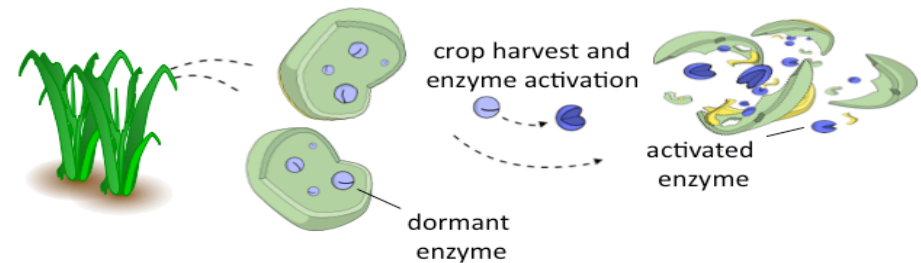
### Artificial Cellulose Breakdown is Expensive (\$\$)



## Agrivida

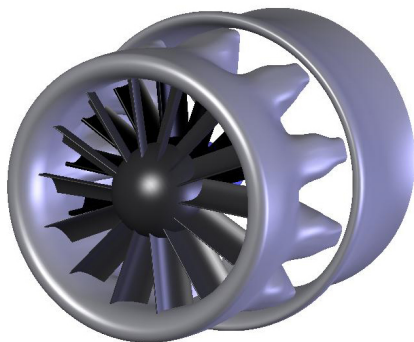
## GreenGenes™ Technology

### Putting the cow inside the plant!



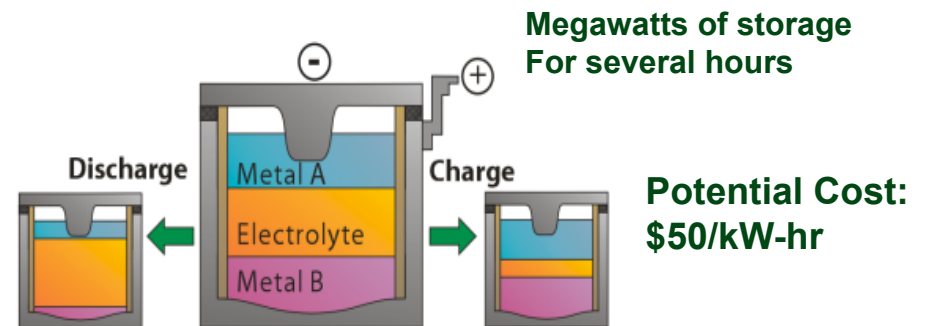
### Plant produces all the enzymes & chews itself from the inside!!

## Breakthrough High Efficiency Mixer/Ejector Wind Turbine (MEWT) – FloDesign Wind Turbine Corp.



- Mimic jet engines, not propellers, for wind turbine
- 40% lower cost expected vs. horizontal axis wind turbines (HAWT)

## Grid-Level Electricity Storage - MIT



Lithium Ion Laptop Battery: \$2000/kW-hr  
 Lithium Ion Car Battery: \$1000/kW-hr



# What is an ARPA-E Project



High impact on ARPA-E mission areas

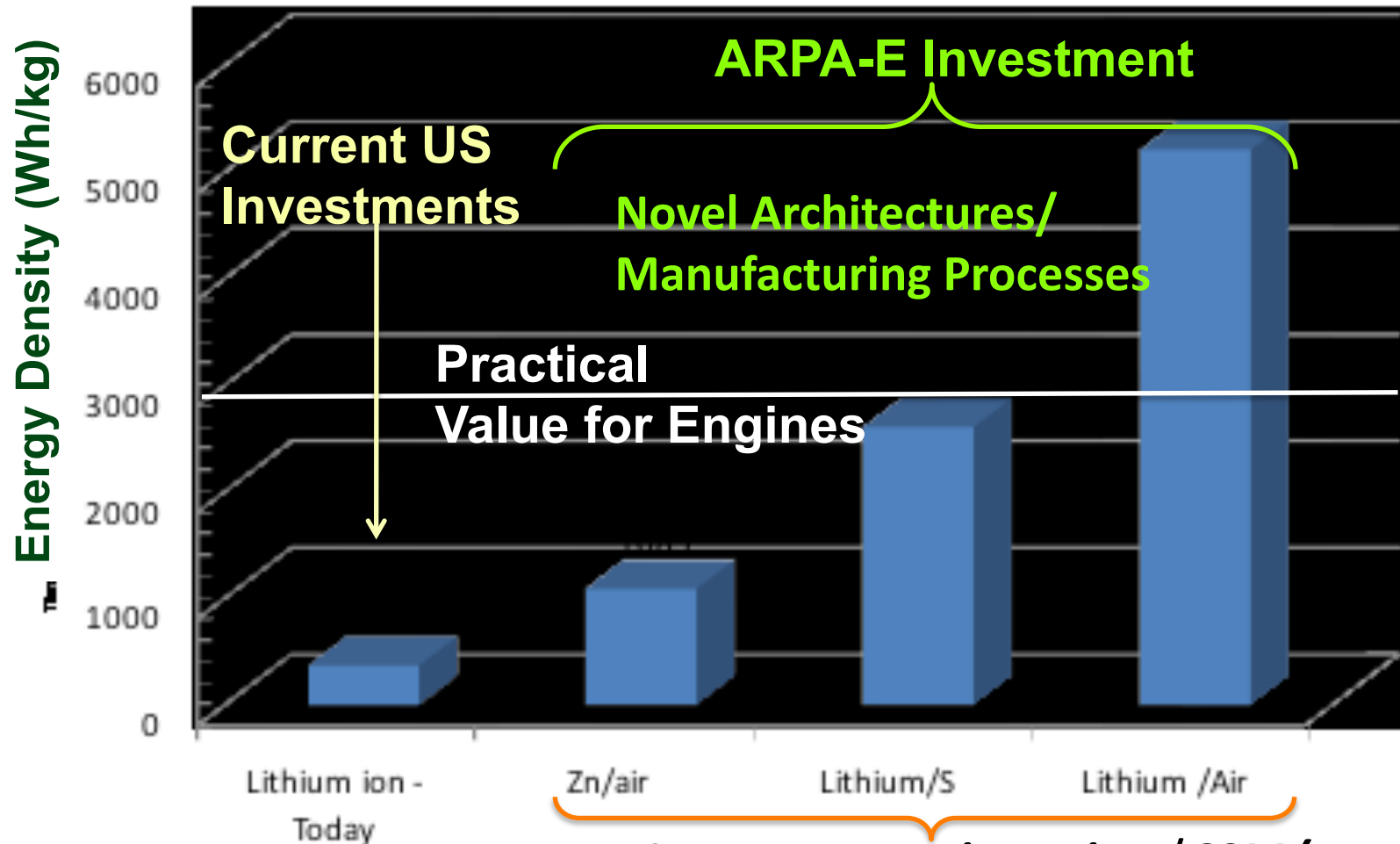
New technologies, devices and prototype systems that:

- do not exist in today's energy market;
- too risky for private sector investment;
- if successful:
  - *could make today's technologies obsolete;*
  - *could have large commercial impact;*
  - *could produce new learning curves and new markets;*

- Best-in-class people & teams containing scientists and engineers;
- Attract the US intellectual horsepower to energy R&D

Strong impact of ARPA-E funding relative to private sector

# Batteries for Electrical Energy Storage for Transportation (BEEST)

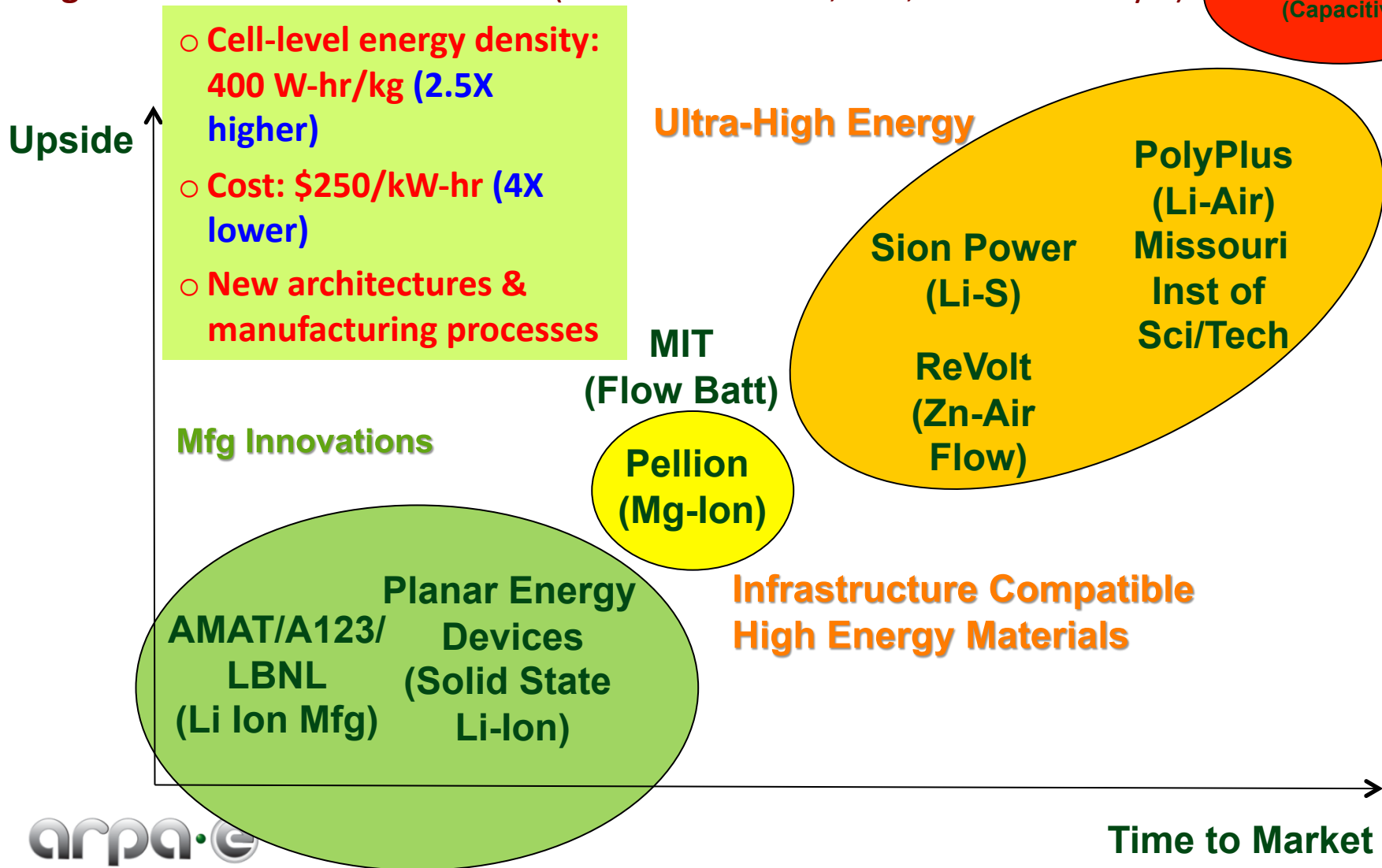


# BATTERIES FOR ELECTRICAL ENERGY STORAGE FOR TRANSPORTATION (BEEST)



**Program Director:** David Danielson (PhD Materials Sci, MIT; General Catalyst)

Recapping Stanford (Capacitive)



# LOW-COST CARBON CAPTURE



**Program Director:** Mark Hartney (PhD Chem Engr, UC Berkeley, DARPA, Lincoln Labs, Bell Labs, Flex Tech)

Today:

CO<sub>2</sub> +



Today's CO<sub>2</sub>  
Binding  
Chemicals

Bind, Isolate &  
Release

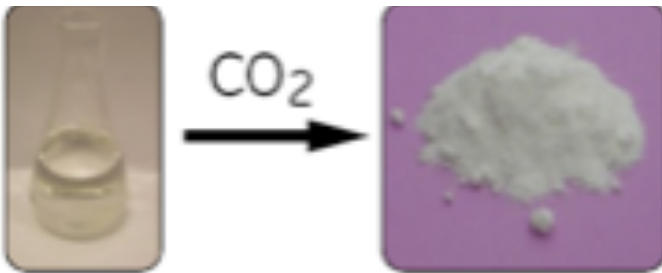
Cost: \$70-100/tCO<sub>2</sub>  
Cost Above Price =  
Loss!

High-Temperature Heat

Market Price of CO<sub>2</sub>: ≈ \$30/tCO<sub>2</sub>

## Carbon Capture in Solid Form

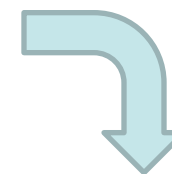
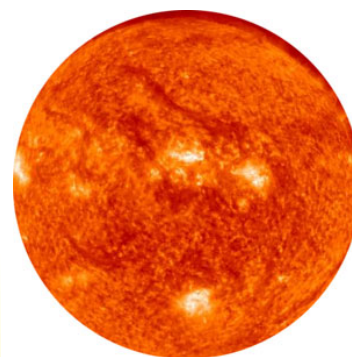
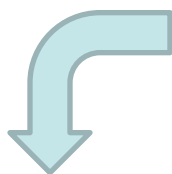
Potential Cost = \$25-30/tCO<sub>2</sub>



# Electrofuels Program



<1% efficient



Photosynthesis



Electrons/  
Reducing equivalents

Up to 90%  
efficient

Biomass

Algae

Chemical  
Catalysis

Biological  
Catalysis

EtOH  
Advanced  
biofuels

Pyrolysis  
oils

Biodiesel  
Advanced  
biofuels

Syngas  
CH<sub>3</sub>OH  
CH<sub>4</sub>  
Advanced fuels?

Advanced  
Fuels



# Electrofuels approach is non-photosynthetic, modular, and solutions can be mixed- and- matched



Assimilate Reducing Equivalents



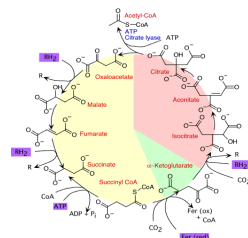
Reducing equivalents: *other than reduced carbon or products from Photosystems I & II*



Direct Current

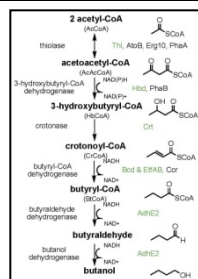


Fix  $CO_2$  for Biosynthesis

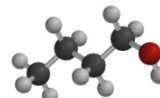


Pathway for carbon fixation: *reverse TCA, Calvin- Benson, Wood-Ljungdahl, hydroxpropionate/hydroxybutyrate, or newly designed biochemical pathways*

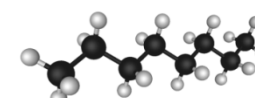
Generate Energy Dense Liquid Fuel



Fuel synthesis *metabolic engineering to direct carbon flux to fuel products*



butanol



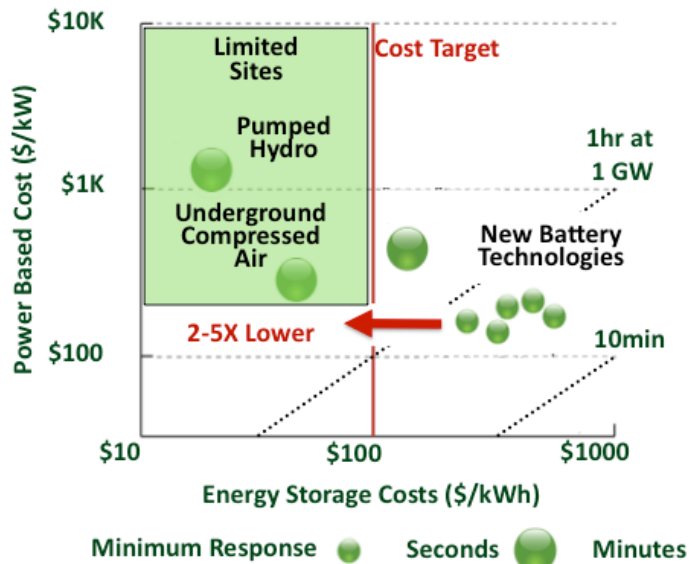
alkanes

+ numerous possibilities

# ROUND 3 PROGRAMS



## Grid-Scale Rampable Intermittent Dispatchable Storage (GRIDS)



**Program Director:** Mark Johnson  
(Prof. of Mat Sci, NCSU)

## Building Energy Efficiency Through Innovative Thermo-devices (BEETIT)



**Program Director:** Ravi Prasher (Formerly Intel, PhD-ASU)

## Power Electronics

*...results in low-cost, higher performance power electronics across many applications.*

Fully integrated, chip scale power converters (10-50W, >100V)




Solid State Lighting      Computers

Kilowatt scale package integrated power converters (3-10 kW, >600V)





Inverters      Motors

Lightweight, solid state, medium voltage energy conversion (1MW, 13kV)




Solid-state electrical substations      Wind turbines

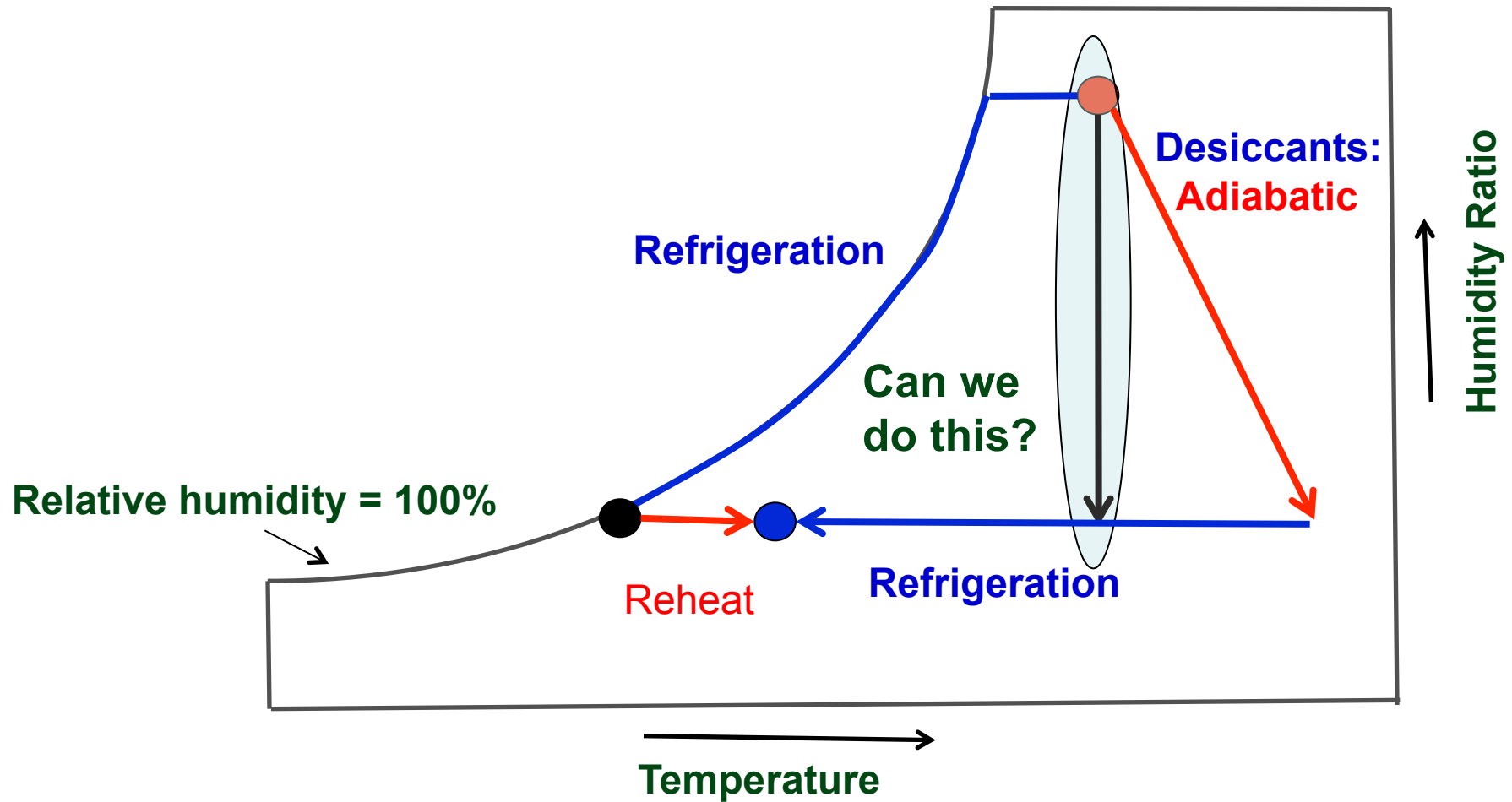
**Program Director:** Rajiv Ram (Professor, EECS Dept, MIT)



Announced: March 2, 2010  
Awardees Selected: July, 2010  
All Awards Made: September, 2010



# Current Cooling Practice



Can we achieve cost effective isothermal dehumidification?

# Air Conditioning System at Thermodynamic Limit



Primary Energy Use =  $Q_d + Q$

Latent Heat

$$COP_{latent} = \frac{Q_l}{Q_d} = \frac{Q_l}{W_l / \eta_{Carnot}}$$

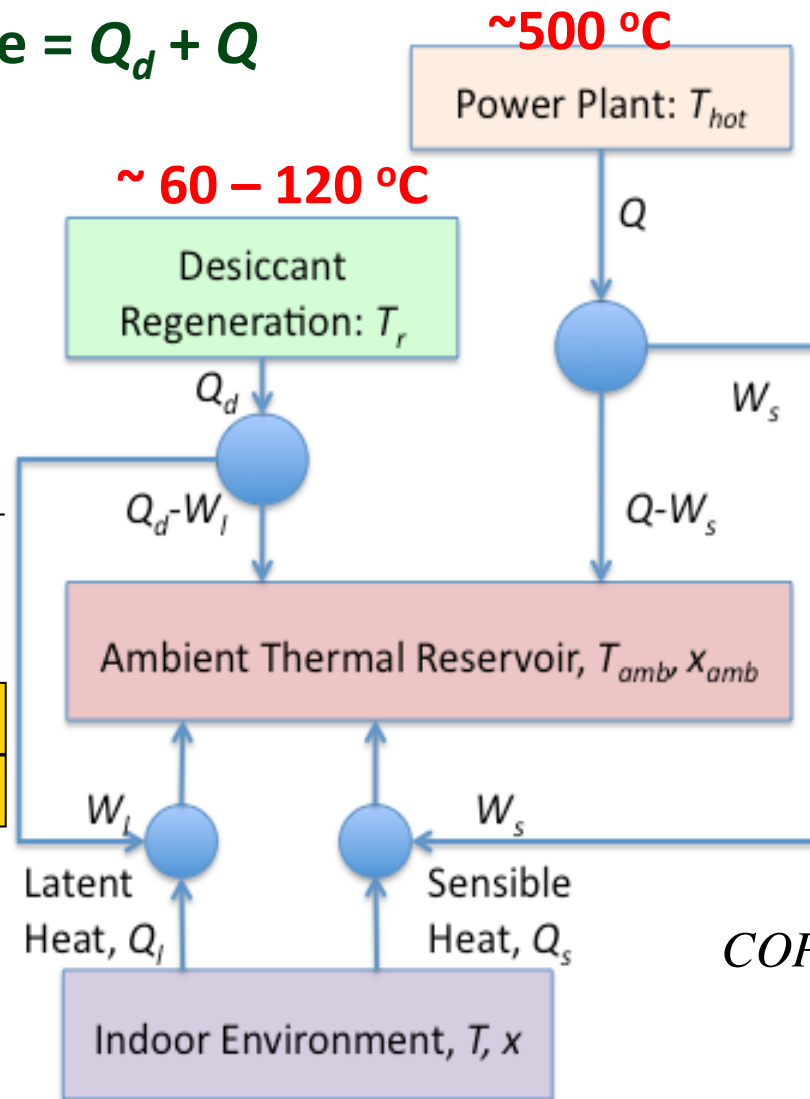
Ideal  $COP_{latent} = \sim 2.5-6.5$

Real  $COP = \sim 0.7 - 1.0$

Sensible Heat

$$\eta_{Carnot} = \frac{W_s}{Q} = 1 - \frac{T_{amb}}{T_{hot}}$$

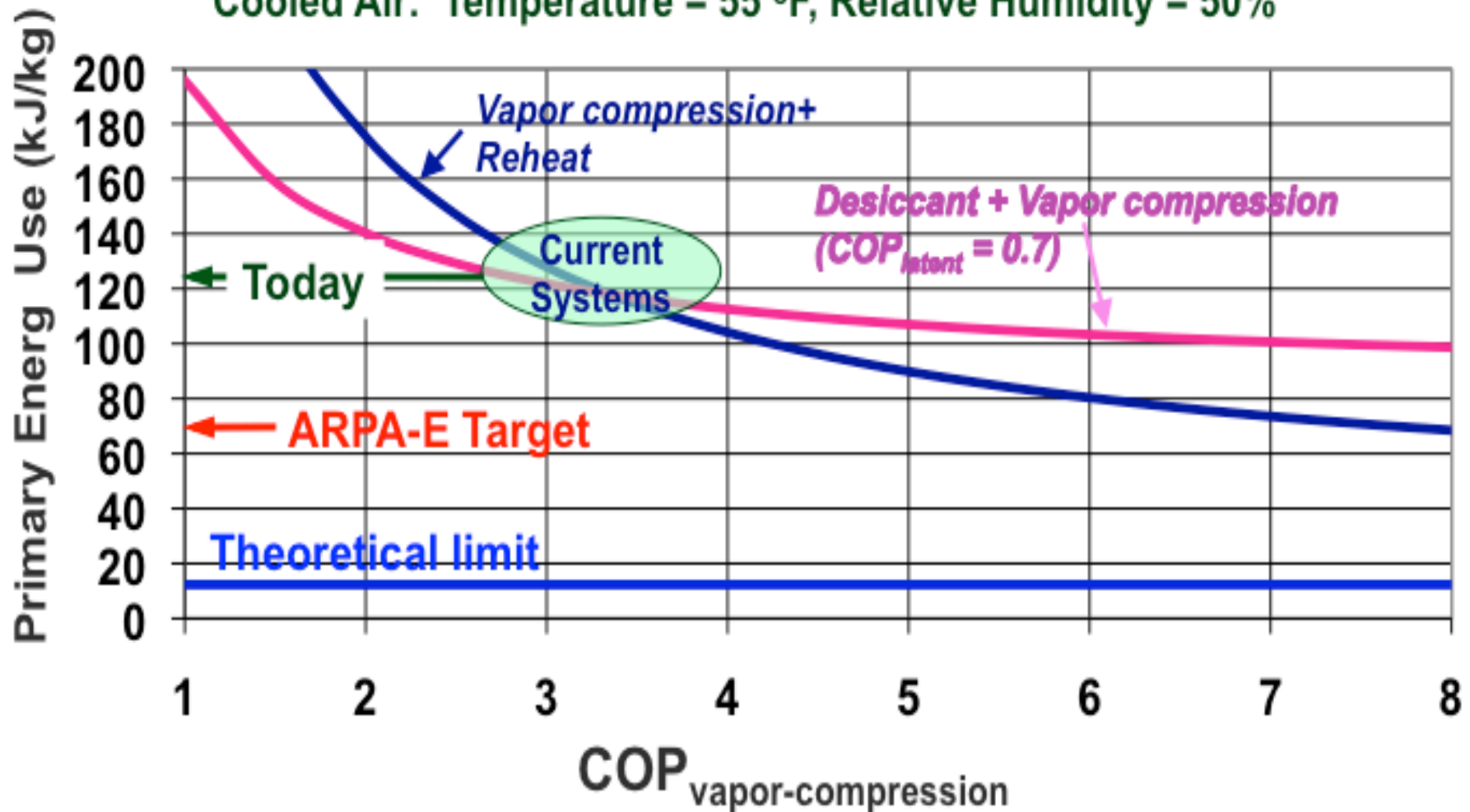
$$COP_{vapor-compression} = \frac{Q_s}{W_s}$$



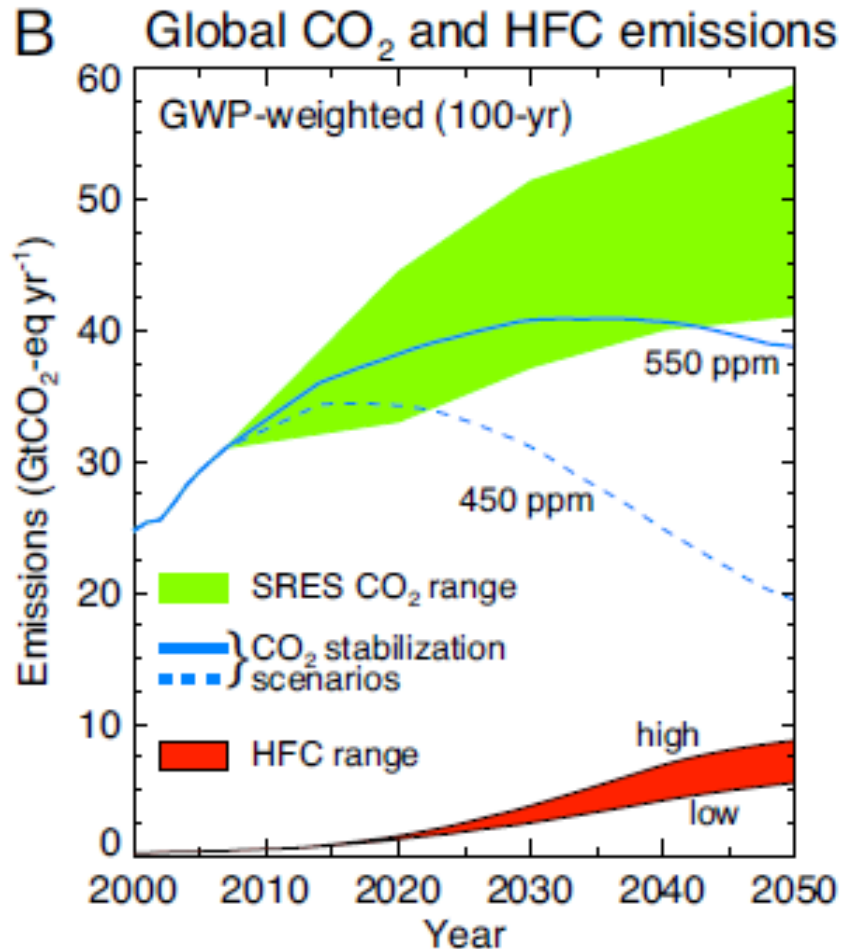
# How far are we from the limit?



Ambient: Temperature = 90 °F, Relative Humidity = 90%  
Cooled Air: Temperature = 55 °F, Relative Humidity = 50%



# HFC Emissions: Air conditioning & Refrigeration



Alternatives with GWP  $\leq 1$

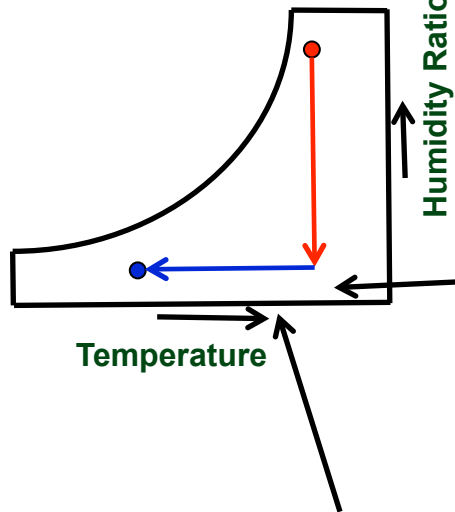
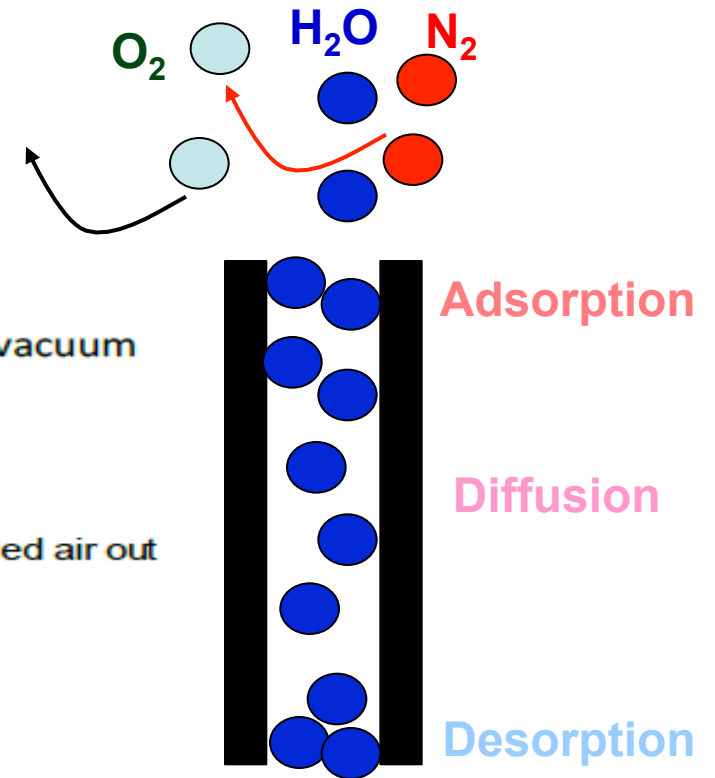
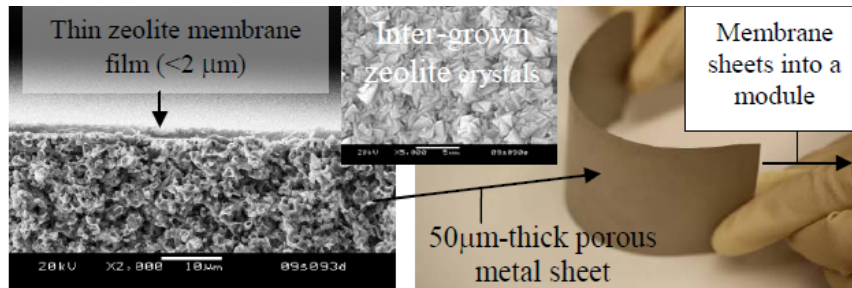
- CO<sub>2</sub>
- Magnetocaloric
- Thermoacoustic
- Thermoelectric
- .....

Source: Velders et al, PNAS **106**, 10949 (2009), <http://www.pnas.org/content/suppl/2009/06/22/0902817106.DCSupplemental/0902817106SI.pdf#nameddest=ST2>

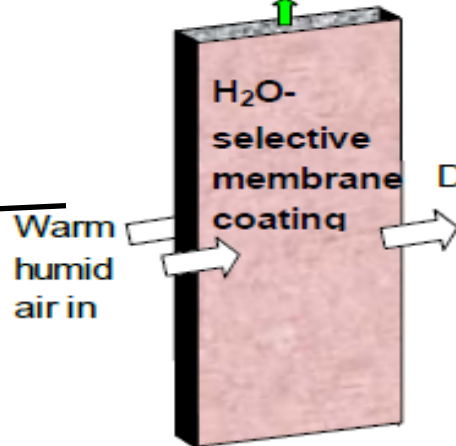
# High-Efficiency, on-Line Membrane Air Dehumidifier Enabling Sensible Cooling for Warm and Humid Climates



**Team** ADMA Products, Inc, PNNL, Texas A&M



Water vapor pulled out by vacuum



Refrigeration unit

Zeolite pore ( 0.3 – 0.4 nm)

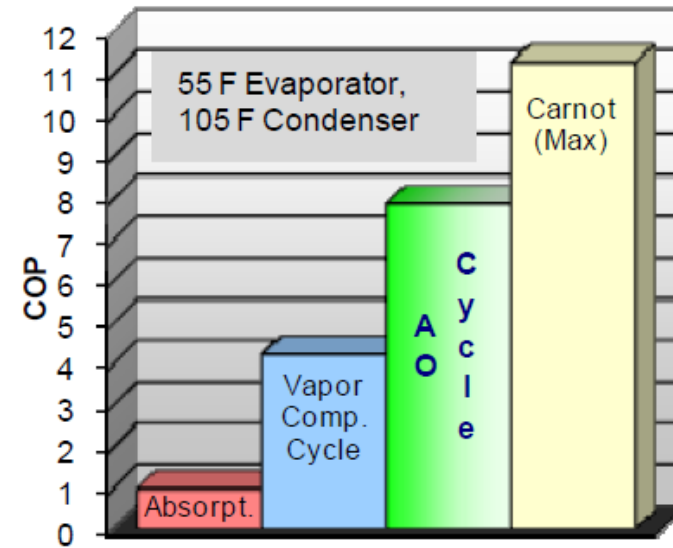
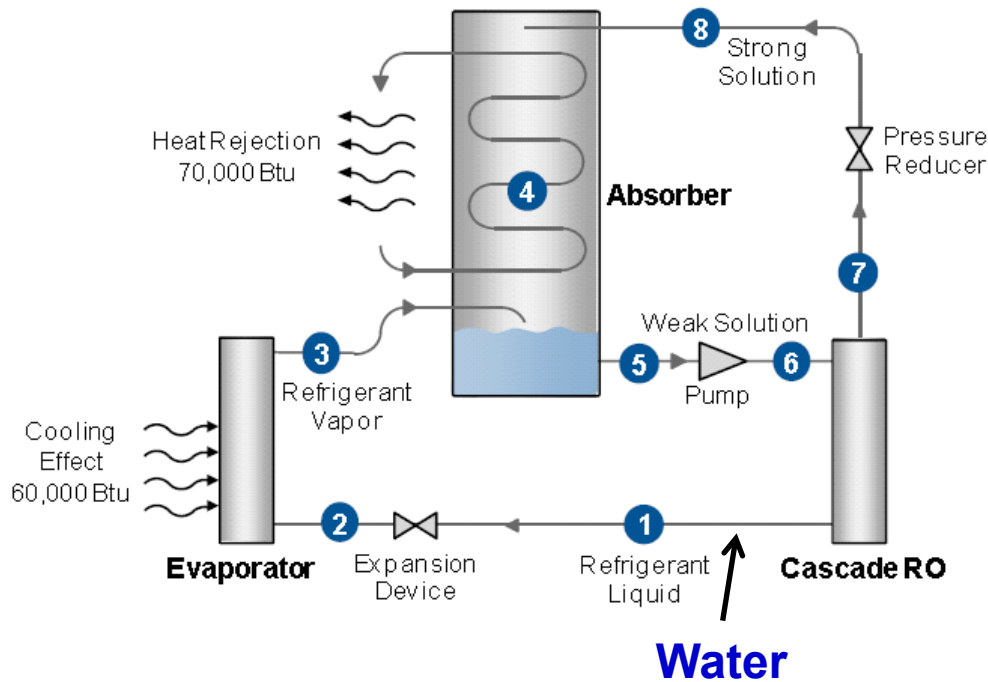
**Can potentially beat FOA target by ~50%**

# The Absorption – Osmosis Cooling Cycle



**Team** Battelle Memorial Institute, Dynamic Solutions, LLC

## LiBr strong solution



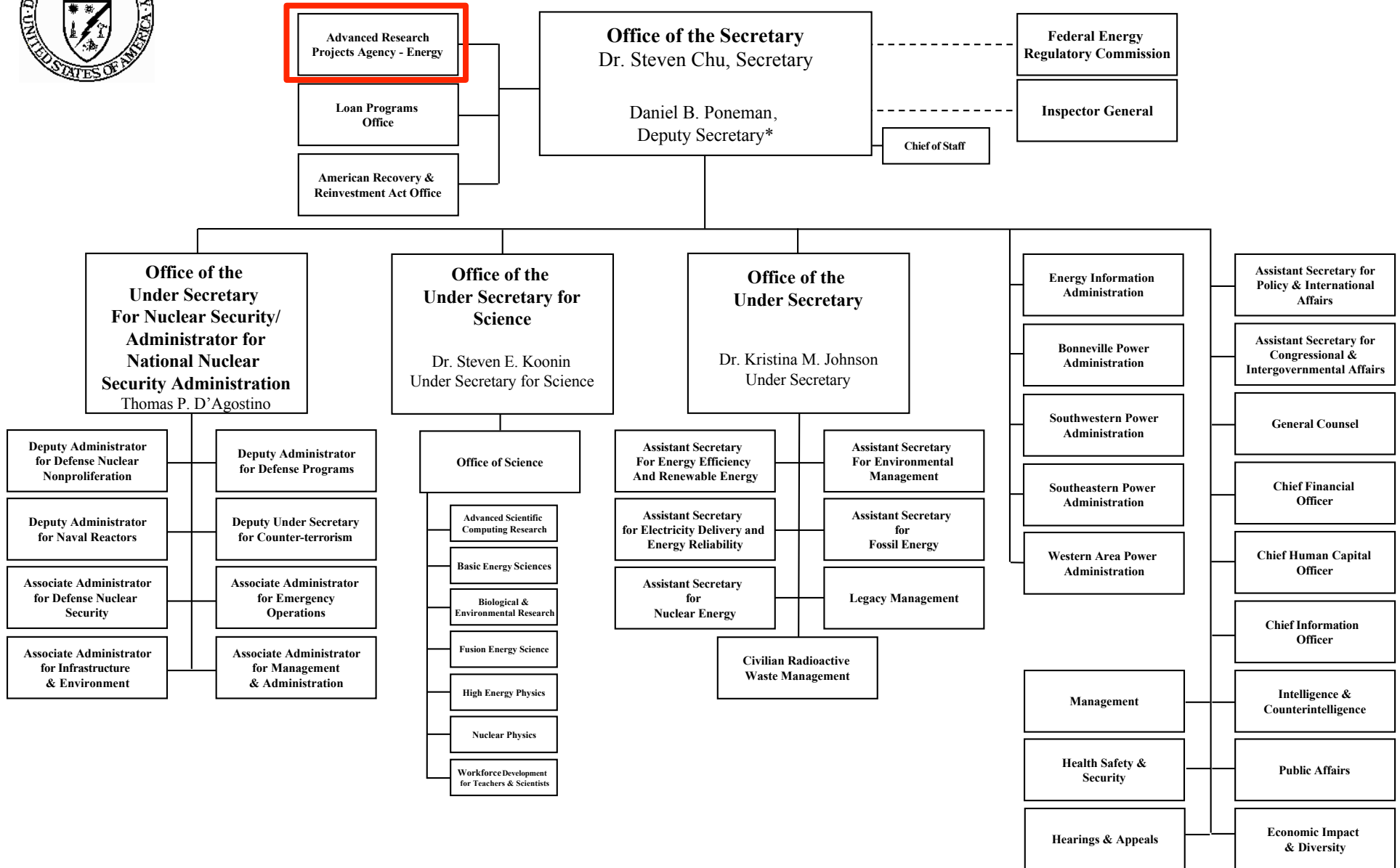
Water (Refrigerant) & LiBr (absorbent)

**Can potentially beat BEETIT target by > 50%**





# DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY



\* The Deputy Secretary also serves as the Chief Operating Officer

# ARPA-E Team (Now Recruiting)



## Program Team **3-4 yr term**



Eric Toone



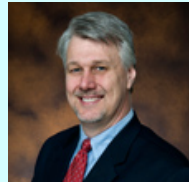
Dave Danielson



Mark Hartney



Rajeev Ram



Mark Johnson



Ravi Prasher

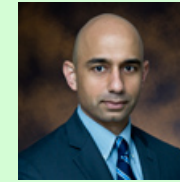


Karma Sawyer

## Commercialization Team



Sanjay Wagle



Srin Mirmira

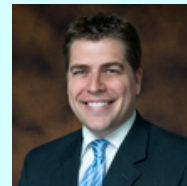
Leshika Samarasinghe

## Strategic Outreach



Shannon Barrett

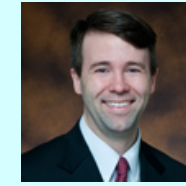
## Operations Team



Shane Kosinski



Tony DiGiovanni



Matt Dunne

# ARPA-E Fellows Program

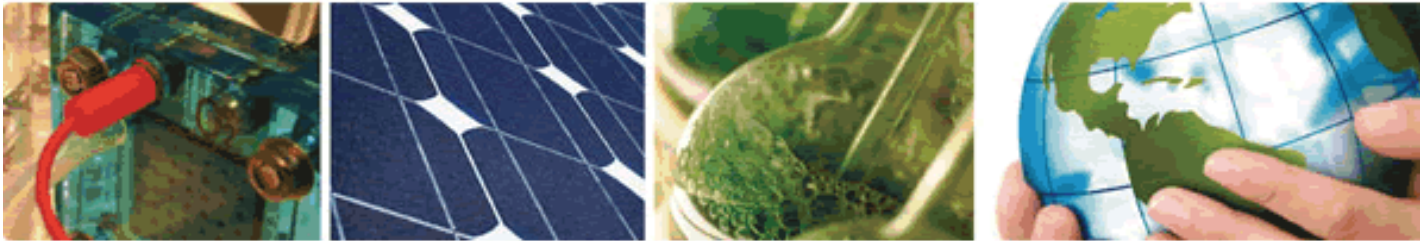


Recent best/brightest PhDs in science/engineering & technical entrepreneurs will form a think tank to identify new approaches and scenarios for technology/markets/social engagement

...engage with the next generation and get them excited and educated in energy and environment



**ARPA-E ENERGY INNOVATION SUMMIT** MARCH 1ST – 3RD, 2010  
GAYLORD CONVENTION CENTER  
WASHINGTON, DC



- **2 months preparation**
- **1700 attendees**
- **Integrating relevant communities**
  - *Scientists & engineers*
  - *Technology entrepreneurs*
  - *Other DOE Offices and federal agencies*
  - *Investors*
  - *State and regional clean tech incubators*
  - *White House, Congress and policy makers*

### **Technology Showcase**

- *ARPA-E Funded technologies;*  
**AND**
- *Finalists that ARPA-E could not fund*

# arpa-e Energy Innovation Summit

Supporting America's Breakthrough Energy Innovators

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The ARPA-E Energy Innovation Summit 2011 will convene the key players in the nation's energy innovation community to spur the networks that will bring about the next Industrial Revolution in clean energy technologies. » [read more](#)

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## Purpose

- Showcase the next generation of clean energy technologies
- Connect technologists, entrepreneurs, and investors
- Provide insights that enable entrepreneurs to commercialize breakthrough technologies
- Introduce ARPA-E's leadership, program areas, and initial breakthrough technology projects

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## Program Highlights

### Technology Showcase

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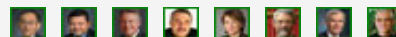
### Dynamic Speakers & Panelists

Bringing Disruptive Technologies to Market, Scaling and Financing Energy Technology, Views from the White House and the Hill, Building Regional Clusters, and more...

### Past Keynotes:



» [Steven Chu](#)  
Secretary of Energy  
U.S. Department of Energy



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## Participants

- Investment Professionals
- ARPA-E leadership and technical management staff
- Scientists and researchers
- Business Leaders and Entrepreneurs
- Political leaders and Congressional staff
- Energy and environmental science advocates
- DOE Applied programs and Office of Science Staff
- ARPA-E grantees/researchers
- ARPA-E non-selected "finalists"

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**Martin Luther King (1967) :**

**“...We are now faced with the fact, my friends, that tomorrow is today. We are confronted with the fierce urgency of now. In this unfolding conundrum of life and history, there is such a thing as being too late.”**

# How do we measure success and manage expectations?



**NOW**

**3 - 5 YRS**

**10+ YRS**

- Attracting the best minds to energy R&D
- Follow on investment post ARPA-E award (\$)
- Increase in enterprise value of company (\$)
- Companies created (#)
- Initiating new technology-business ecosystems
- Accelerated market entry - Products to market (#) / Product sales (\$)
- Patents filed and licensed (#)
- Papers published in top journals (#)
- World Record-setting “best-in-class” performance (#)

## Home Runs

- Domestic and global sales, US market share (\$)
- Avoided greenhouse gas emissions (tCO<sub>2</sub> equivalent)
- Reduced oil imports (barrels of oil equiv.)
- Creation of new technology/business or new industry ecosystem (#)
- Jobs created (#)
- Beating current projections and trajectories (Moving McKinsey GHG abatement cost curves, EIA & IPCC projections, etc.)

*Scientific Understanding Produces Improved or New Technologies*

**EFRCs**  
(small teams of scientists mostly at universities; medium term 5 years)

Addressing the Diversity of Science through EFRCs and Hubs

**Energy Innovation Hubs**  
(high-risk/high-payoff new & disruptive technologies; large teams of scientists & engineers ideally under one roof; long-term 5-10 years)

Creating a Portfolio of Competitive and Symbiotic Technology Options through Hubs and ARPA-E

**ARPA-E**  
(high-risk/high-payoff disruptive technologies; small teams from universities, national labs, industry; short term max. 3 years)

*Overcoming Technological Barriers Needs New Scientific Understanding*

Scale up of Business-Ready Technologies by Private Industry



Basic Science Research

Feasibility Research

Technology Development

Technology Demonstration

Small Scale Deployment

Large Scale Deployment

**Technology Readiness Level**



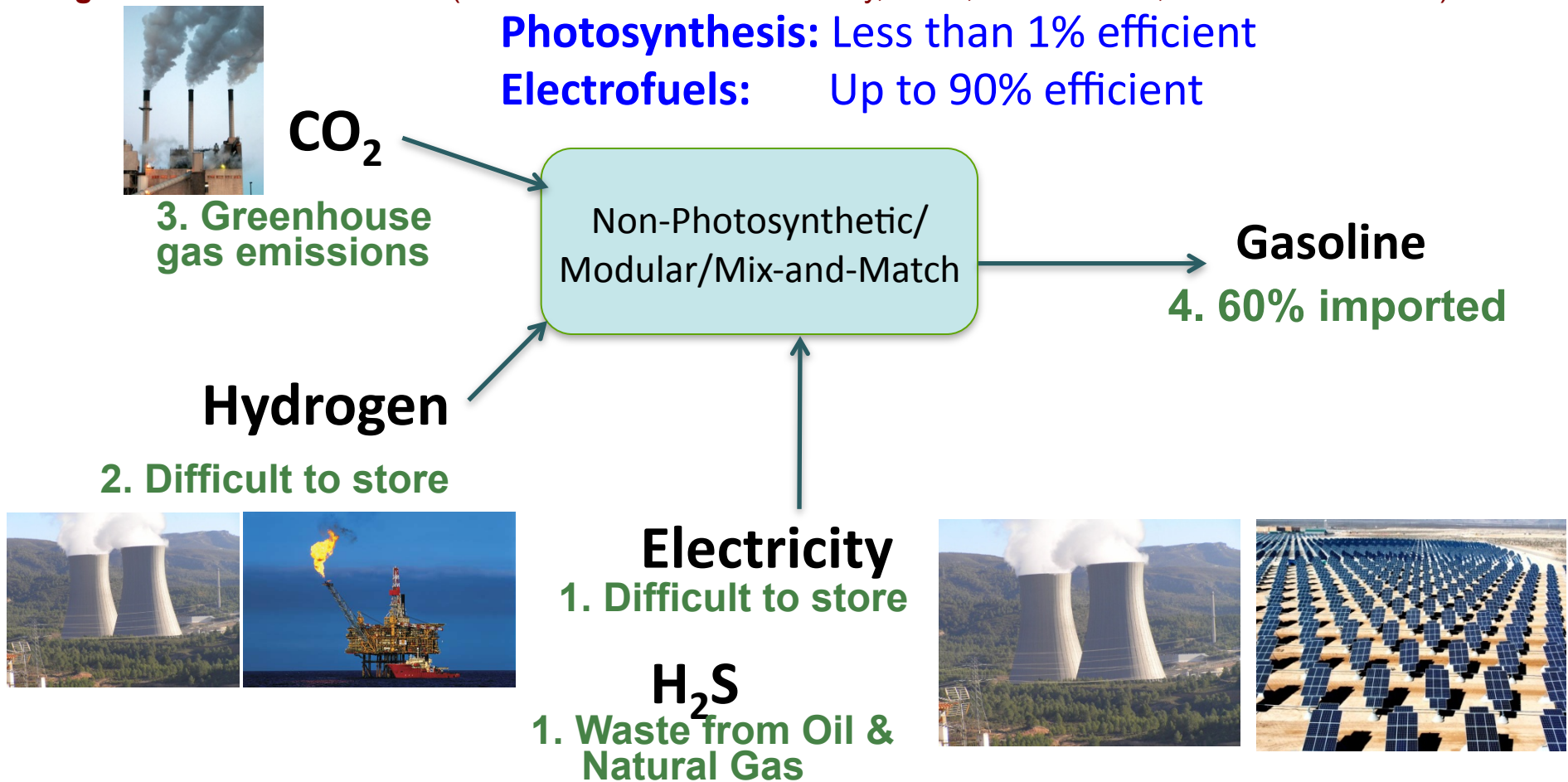
# ELECTROFUELS: SOLVING 4 PROBLEMS WITH 1 NOVEL SOLUTION



**Program Director:** Eric Toone (Robert Bass Prof of Chemistry, Duke; PhD-Toronto; Post-Doc - Harvard)

**Photosynthesis:** Less than 1% efficient

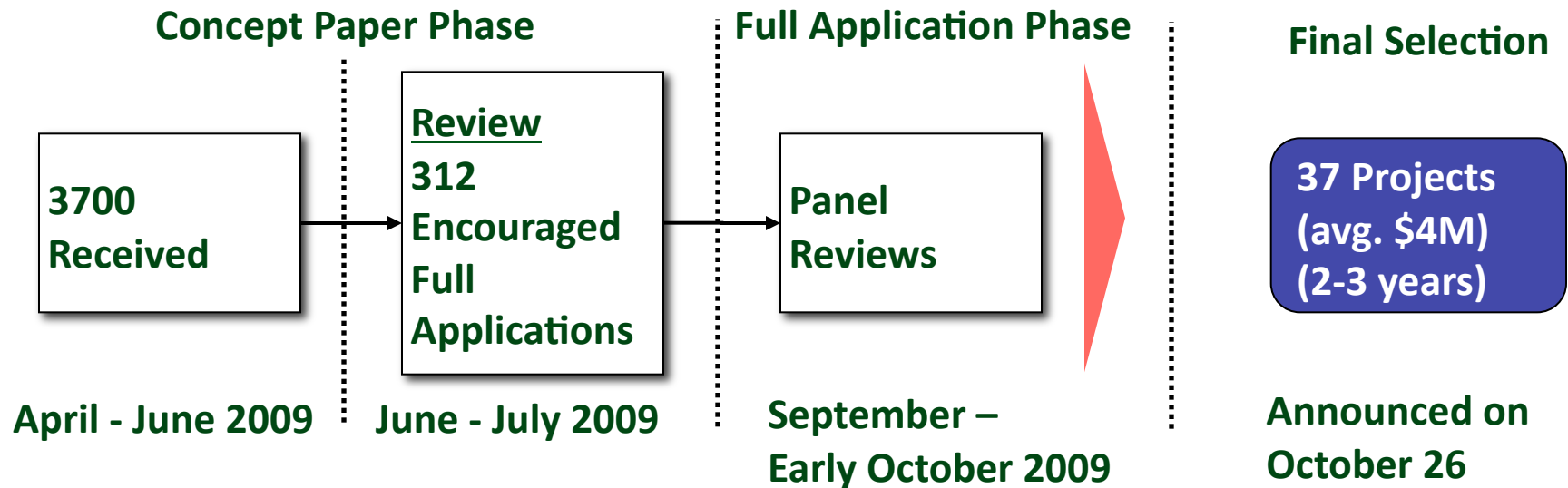
**Electrofuels:** Up to 90% efficient



**New PIs in Energy R&D:** David Baker (U. Washington), Pam Silver (Harvard), ....



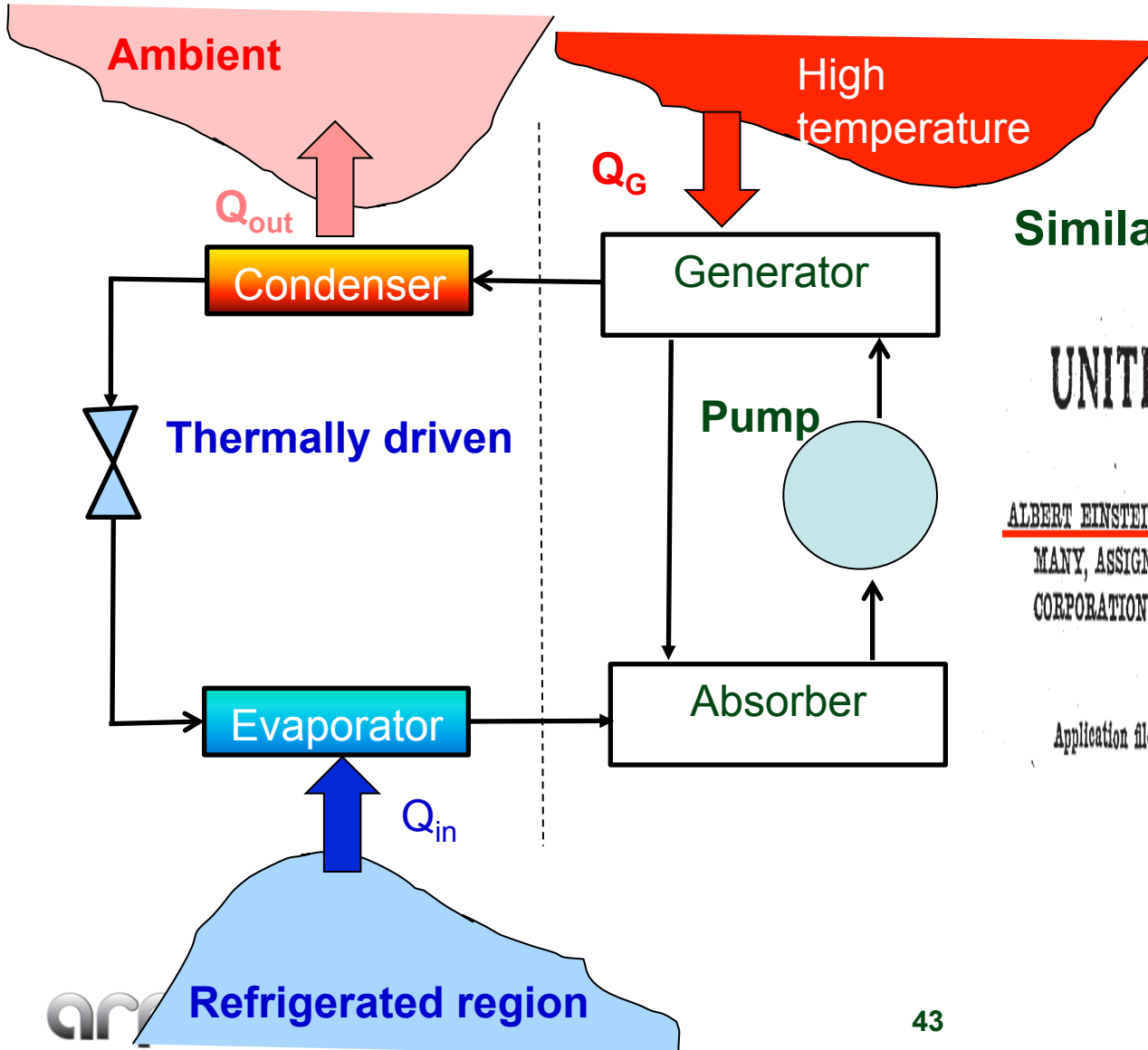
# FIRST ROUND OF FUNDING



**Award Negotiations Completed in 3 months including 3 Uses of Other Transaction Authorities**

**“In my 30 years of doing Government contracting.....I have never seen any government project move from selection to contracts and to actual work with such speed anywhere near what we are seeing out of ARPA-E.....” CEO, Diversified Energy Corporation, Gilbert, AZ - 01/27/10**

# Vapor Absorption Refrigeration Cycle



Similar to Einstein Refrigerator

UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE

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INVENTORS  
 REFRIGERATION BY *Albert Einstein*  
*Leo Szilard*

Application filed December 16, 1927, Serial No. 240,566, and in Germany December 16, 1926.

