BES and the National Laboratories Advancing DOE Missions for 40 Years

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1977

The Founding of BES

Created to link federally funded fundamental research to energy technologies

Our World in 1977





Foundational Goals

- Explore fundamental phenomena
- Create scientific knowledge
- Provide unique user facilities necessary for conducting basic research

2017 BES Structure



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2017 Budget

\$1.87B

- Materials Sciences and Engineering Division
- Scientific User Facilities Division
- Chemical Sciences, Geosciences, and Biosciences Division

BES by the Numbers



BASIC ENERGY SCIENCES Nobel Prizes Nine since 1986

1986 in Chemistry

For the dy namics of chemical elementary processes including a new type of experiment that rev ealed the ev olution of a chemical reaction, step by step.

1987 in Chemistry

For the dev elopment and use of molecules with structure-specific interactions of high selectivity, including the incorporation of guest molecules into hollow host molecules.

1994 in Physics

For pioneering neutron scattering techniques, now widely used around the world to understand materials structure, chemistry, and properties.

1995 in Chemistry

For pioneering contributions to understand the formation and decomposition of ozone in the atmosphere, including the "hole" in the ozone lay er at the poles.

1996 in Chemistry

For discovery of a novel form of carbon consisting of 60 carbon atoms with a soccer ball-like structure, the first of a vast new class of carbon-structures with novel properties.

1997 in Chemistry

For rev ealing how enzy mes sy nthesize adenosine triphosphate (ATP), the molecule that stores energy to power cellular processes.

2003 in Physics

For adv ances in the theory of superconductors, materials that can conduct electricity with no energy losses, thus opening new av enues to energy technologies.

2005 in Chemistry

For dev ising new methods of organic synthesis, now used in the chemical, food processing, and biotechnology industries.

2009 in Chemistry

For mapping (with BES synchrotron light sources) the structure and inner workings of the ribosome, the cell's machinery for churning out proteins f rom the genetic code.

2016 Budget

12 national scientific user facilities







The National Laboratory System

Working together to address national needs and advance DOE missions



Annual Funding

57,000

Research & Support Staff





Peer-reviewed Publications

(Annually)



5.860

Active Licenses

(Cumulative)



Environmental Management

National Security



Enhance Economic Competitiveness

Operate Unique Facilities and Instrumentation



Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Disaster

Aliso Canyon Gas Leak

The National Labs and BES

Partnering to advance scientific discovery

The National Labs play a critical role in designing, constructing, and operating BES user facilities



Design





Build

Operate



X-Ray Light Sources



Stanford Synchrotron Radiation Light Source

Advanced Light Source



Advanced Photon Source

LINAC Coherent Light Source

National Synchrotron Light Source II BNL Nanoscale Science Research Centers



Center for Integrated Nanotechnologies SNL/LANL Center for Nanophase Materials ORNL





Center for Functional Nanomaterials BNL

2006 The Molecular Foundry

2007

Center for Nanoscale Materials

Neutron Scattering



High Flux Isotope Reactor ORNL



Spallation Neutron Source

EFRC Highlights



Energy Storage Material M. Thackeray, ANL

Energy & Environmental Science, 2011

Center for Electrochemical Energy Science: Scientists developed new electrode materials for energy storage--carbon particles and nanotubes.



Synthetic Ni Electrocatalyst R. Bullock, PNNL

Science, 2011

Center for Molecular Electrocatalysis: Scientists created a catalyst that is 10x faster than nature in hydrogen production.



Suppressing Rad. Damage Y. Zhang, ORNL

Nature Communications, 2015

Energy Dissipation to Defect Evolution: Chemically complexor high entropy alloys could lead to materials with suppressed damage accumulation under irradiation.

Materials Science and Engineering



Stripes in Superconductors

J. Tranquada, BNL

1995 highly cited paper in Nature

Scientists discovered striped phases in semiconductors; this discovery necessitated developing new principles that describe charge transport in materials able to conduct electricity without resistance.



Quantum Dots

A.P. Alivisatos, LBNL

1996 highly cited paper in Science

Quantum dots exhibit strong size-dependent optical electric properties. The ability to join the dots into complexassemblies creates many opportunities for scientific discovery in electron behavior plus opportunities in solar cells, tracking devices and more.



3-D Topological Insulators Z.X. Shen, SLAC

2009 highly cited paper in Science

By investigating the surface state of Bi_2Te_3 , scientists demonstrate that the surface state consists of a single nondegenerate Dirac cone. The discovery may provide new routes to generating novel materials, possibly finding uses in next-generation computing.

Chemical and Biosciences



Morphology of Water B. Kay, PNNL

1999 highly cited paper in Science

The morphology of water can be controlled by the angular distribution of condensing molecules, giving us insight into rare forms of water.



Combustion Kinetics O. Welz, SNL

2012 "breakthrough paper" in Science

CRF measurements of gas-phase reaction intermediates using photoionization mass spectrometry provide direct knowledge of poorly understood kinetics.



Formation of a Catalyst P. Wernet, SLAC

2015 highly cited paper in Nature

Light rearranges the outermost electrons of $Fe(CO)_5$ and turns it into an active catalyst. Light could be used to enhance active sites.

Geosciences: Discovery to societal impact



Envisioning the Future

Engaging the community in a time-tested strategic planning process

The BES Planning Process



Science for Discovery



Science for National Needs



The BES User Facilities

Basic Research Needs Workshops

- Quantum materials for energy-relevant technology
- Synthesis science for energy-relevant technology
- Innovation/discovery of transformative experimental tools
- Next-generation electrical energy storage*
- Catalysis science to transform energy technologies*
- Energy-water issues: new approaches to ensure robust and secure energy and water systems
- Basic research needs for future nuclear energy*



*REFRESH

BES and Computing

BES will use exascale simulation to make scientific discoveries in

- Quantum materials and chemistry
- Catalysis and combustion
- · Photosynthesis and light harvesting

BES will leverage its strengths to enable beyond-CMOS computing technologies





Creating our Energy Future











‡ Fermilab

Idaho National Laboratory



Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory







OAK RIDGE National Laboratory



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