

Chemical Sciences, Geosciences, and Biosciences Division: Strategic Planning Process & Progress

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Bruce Garrett CSGB Division Director Strategic planning activities address major recommendations from Committee of Visitors for CSGB Division

- 2014 COV recommends "that BES execute a strategic planning session at the division level to evaluate current directions and identify new opportunities and synergies. This type of strategic planning will facilitate communication and collaboration among the programs ..."
- 2017 The COV "commends CSGB's initial implementation of strategic planning and encourages broadening the scope to identify synergies and new research opportunities among various CSGB teams and with other BES divisions.



BES strategic planning activities provide the foundation for the CSGB strategy



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BES/CSGB strategic planning driven by mission/vision/goals

- Mission: BES/CSGB research focus is on gaining understanding leading to control of chemical transformations and energy flow, which provides foundations for new technologies to generate, store, and use energy and to mitigate its environmental impact
- Vision: Recognition of BES/CSGB for impact of scientific programs that are at the forefront of chemical sciences, geosciences and biosciences and advance DOE missions

Goals:

- Balance and synergy of discovery and use-inspired fundamental research
 - Advance ability to understand, predict, and ultimately control matter and energy
 - Surmount scientific barriers to advancing technologies
- Innovative management of science portfolios
 - Provide focus on key and evolving scientific challenges
 - Maintain balance and health of university and lab programs; demonstrate the value and distinction of both



Catalysis Science—Harnessing complexity in catalysis to create next-generation energy technology Strategic planning is essential to maintain health of the division's research portfolio





Chemical Sciences, Geosciences and Biosciences Division Bruce Garrett, Division Director **Fundamental** Chemical **Photochemistry** Interactions and Biochemistry **Transformations** Team Team Team Team Lead – Jeff Krause Team Lead – Gail McLean Team Lead – Raul Miranda Atomic, Molecular, **Photosynthetic** Catalysis **Science** and Optical **Systems Sciences** Viviane Schwartz Chris Bradley **Stephen Herbert** Tom Settersten **Gas Phase** Physical Separation **Biosciences** Chemical Science PM vacancy **Physics** Wade Sisk **Robert Stack** Chuck Peden **Condensed Phase** Solar Heavy PM vacancy and Interfacial Photo-Element Philip Wilk **Molecular Science** chemistry Chemistry **Gregory Fiechtner Fuels from** Computational Geosciences Chris Fecko **Sunlight Energy** and Theoretical **Innovation Hub** Chemistry

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Our strategic focus is on 5 synergistic research areas at the intersection of CSGB programs



Manipulating x-rays with visible light



Elucidating water-splitting by Photosystem II



Elucidating charge transfer and reaction at oxide-water interface



Understanding intense x-ray—electron interactions



Modeling interactions of ions in solution

Ultrafast chemistry:

Probe dynamics of electrons, understand energy flow, elucidate structural dynamics

Chemistry at complex interfaces:

Uncover emergent chemical phenomena at dynamic interfaces with structural and functional heterogeneity

Charge transport and reactivity:

Elucidate contributions of charge dynamics to energy flow and its coupling to reactions

Reaction pathways in diverse environments:

Discover the influence of nonequilibrium, heterogeneous, nanoscale environments on complex reaction mechanisms

Chemistry in aqueous environments:

Address unique properties of water in extreme environments and its role in chemical phenomena



Chemistry at Complex Interfaces



Catalysis: Solving the structure of nanoparticles during reaction



Solar Photo: Understanding surface recombination dynamics



JCAP: Revealing subsurface oxide is critical for CO₂ activation on Cu



Separations: Simulating ion gating to dynamically control gas separation



CPIMS: Unraveling mechanism of ion adsorption to aqueous interfaces



Geosci: Understanding ion exclusion in small pores of clay minerals



Quantum Information Science

Understand, control & exploit novel quantum behaviors

- Opportunities for chemical sciences to advance QIS
 - Design and create tunable qubits
 - Develop probes such as nonlinear, ultrafast x-ray spectroscopies of quantum phenomena
 - Contribute understanding of fundamental principles of quantum phenomena, ultimately leading to 'quantum control'
- Opportunities to exploit QIS for chemical sciences:
 - Quantum sensing of chemical processes (e.g., coherence in photosynthesis)
 - Quantum computing ("Chemistry is quantum computing's killer app" C&E News (Oct 30, 2017)



JPC Lett, 5, 2843, 2014 (Dorfman, Schlawin, Mukamel)

Classical



Opportunities in Data Science for Knowledge Discovery

- Recognition of data science needs
 - CSR workshop identified the need to move beyond prediction to develop understanding that can constrain data models
 - Catalysis BRN identify coupled data science, theory and experiment as a priority research direction: "caution is warranted when data science methods are applied without sufficient regard for the underlying scientific basis"
- Emergence of powerful data analytic tools







PNAS 49, 17492, 2014 Dashti, Schwander, Langlois, Fung, Li, Hosseinizadeh, Liao, Pallesen, Sharma, Stupina, Simon, Dinman, Frank, Ourmazd)



PNAS 2017 (Yan, Yu, Suram, Zhou, Shinde, Newhouse, Chen, Li, K. Persson, Gregoire, Neaton)



Comments/Questions?



Backup



Ultrafast Chemistry



AMOS: Revealing ultrafast photochemistry with x-ray spectroscopy



Photosyn: Taking snapshots of water splitting in photo-synthesis using an x-ray free-electron laser



GPCP: Tracking an electrocyclic reaction with ultrafast x-ray spectroscopy



CPIMS: Resolving strongly mixed intra- and intermolecular character of water vibrations



AMOS: Probing molecular motion with relativistic electrons



Catalysis: Elucidating intermediate hydrogenation reaction steps by ultrafast laser temperature jump



Charge Transport and Reactivity



CPIMS: Quantifying effect of structural and energetic disorder on charge transport



HEC: Investigating electron transfer in a plutonium material



EFRC: *Revealing mechanism of energy conservation by electron bifurcation*



Geosci: Understanding electron transfer pathways through an iron oxide nanoparticle



AMOS: Providing an atomic-scale perspective of ultrafast charge transfer at interfaces



Solar Photo: Elucidating protoncoupled electron transfer in a linked chromophore-base-phenol complex



Reactive Pathways in Diverse Environments



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mechanisms for PAH

formation in extreme

environments

Phys Bio: Understanding plant metabolic pathways for fatty acid synthesis



Catalysis: Developing a strategy to allow a wide variety of tandem reactions that involve incompatible catalytic transformations



Chemistry in Aqueous Environments



CPIMS: Stabilization mechanism of multi-charged metal cations in water



HEC: Chelating and stabilizing tetravalent Berkelium in aqueous solution



CPIMS: Understanding how local electric fields affect water



Catalysis: Enhancing the catalytic activity of hydronium ions via constraints





Geosci: Determining pressure dependence of polyborate species in aqueous solution



Phys Bio & Photosyn: Understanding proteinenclosed aqueous environments for CO₂ reduction and other chemistries 18