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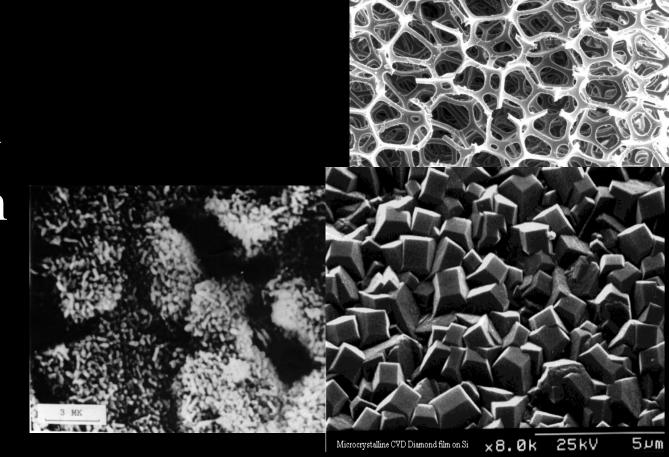


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"Nanotechnology needs a grand challenge . . . "

James Von Ehr, Zyvex

- Production
- Conversion
- Application
- Storage



### Sustainable and Renewable Energy – the Next Grand Challenge

Nanotechnology in nearterm applications towards

- Solar / Thermal Voltaics
- Batteries / Storage Technological
- Wind Systems / Energy Capital
- Fuel Cells / "Hydrogen Econom

#### Major Nanotechnology Enabled Energy Applications Related Domains of Interest

- Nanostructured materials in reversible hydrogen fuel storage, high density electrical storage
- Mesoporous 3D structural manifolds in catalysis, storage, and conversion
- hybrid materials consisting of inorganic semiconductors and organic polymers, other variations of organic semiconductors in solar conversion
- Nanocatalysts, membranes, nanostructured materials in fuel cells
- Superconductive and "ultraconductive" nano-materials



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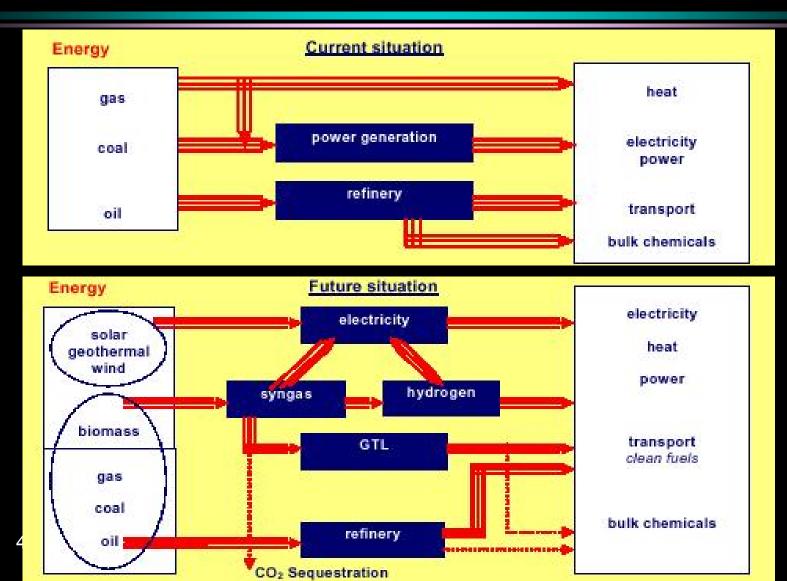
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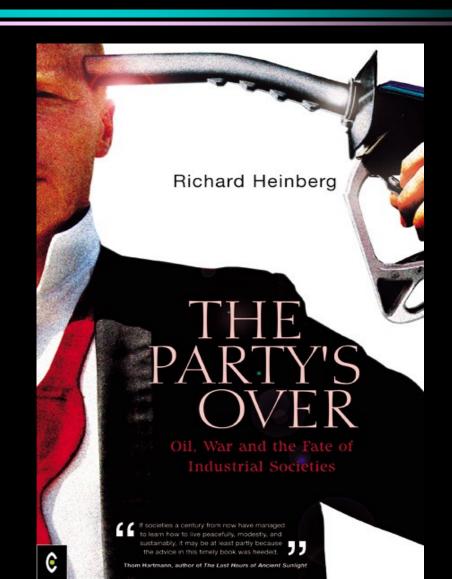
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- Utilizing Biology as a Foundry System

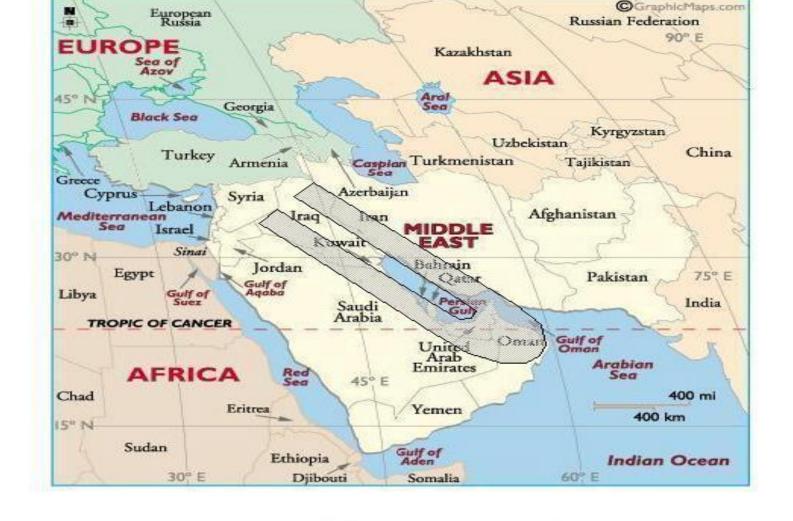
### Current and Future Energy Situation - Catalysis Enabled Evolution



### Peak Oil Threshold – at the Event Horizon

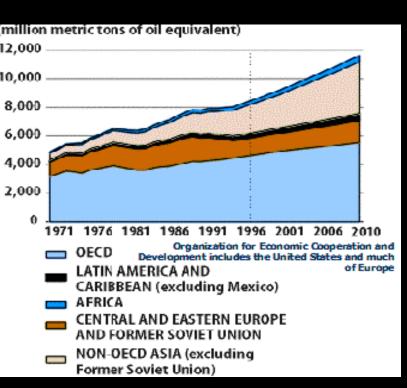
The Party's Over Richard Heinberg

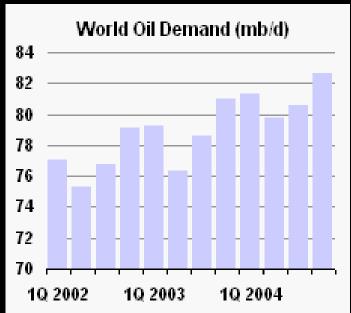


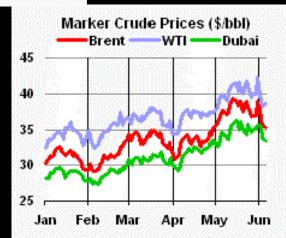


### MAP OF MIDDLE EAST OIL RESERVE DISTRIBUTION

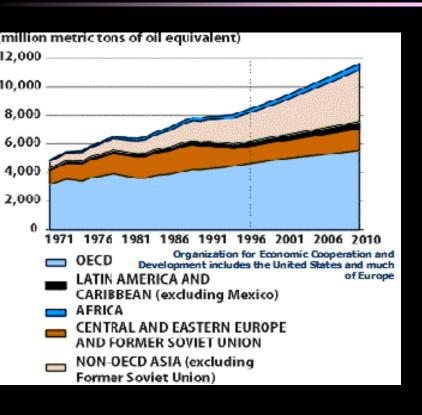
### World Oil Demographics – Upward Consumption Vectors







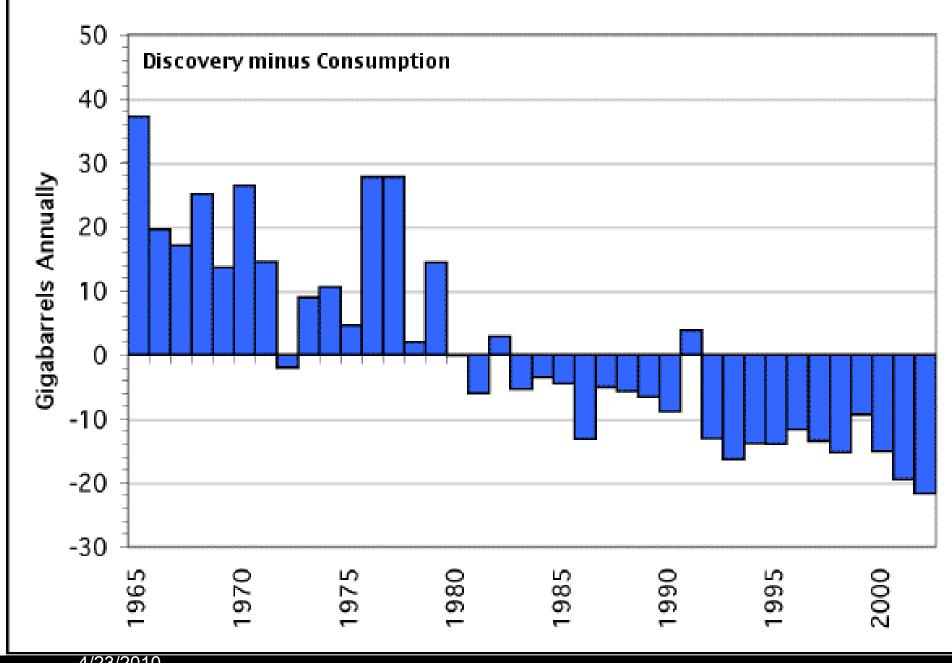
# World Oil Demographics – Upward Consumption Vectors Downward Resource Drivers



- Geo-Political Complexities
- Sporadic Supply Logistics
- Exotic Extraction Technologies and Processes

Exotic Solutions – Next Generation Oil Rig . . .





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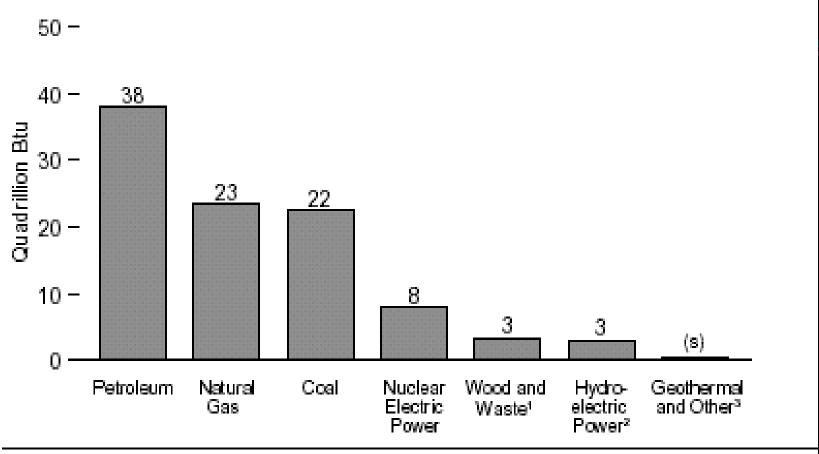
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Though many of these alternative and sustainable energy concepts are not new, recent breakthroughs in technology, in particular, **nanotechnology**, which enables a broad new spectrum of **materials systems** and **manufacturing processes**, dramatically changes the potential cost of development and deployment of **alternative energy options** 

#### US energy consumption by source



¹ Includes ethanol blended into motor gasoline.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Conventional and pumped-storage hydroelectric power.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Solar and wind.

## Renewable energy as share of total US energy consumption

Hydro-Electric 46%

Wood 38%

Waste 8%

Geothermal 5%

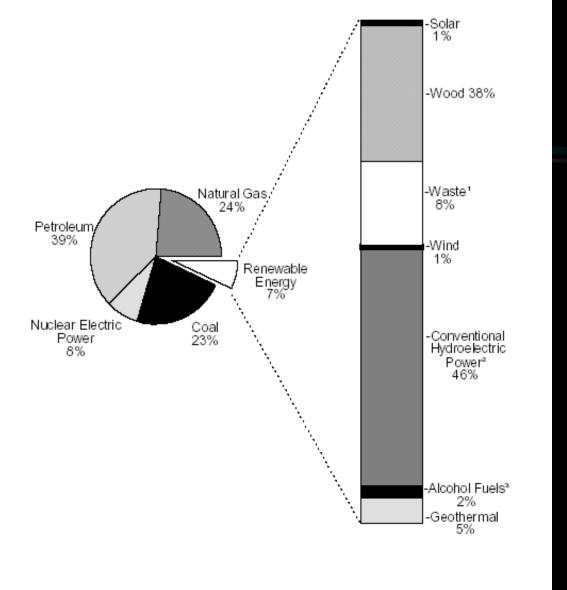
Alcohol Fuels 2%

Solar 1%

Wind 1%

Source: US Energy Information Agency

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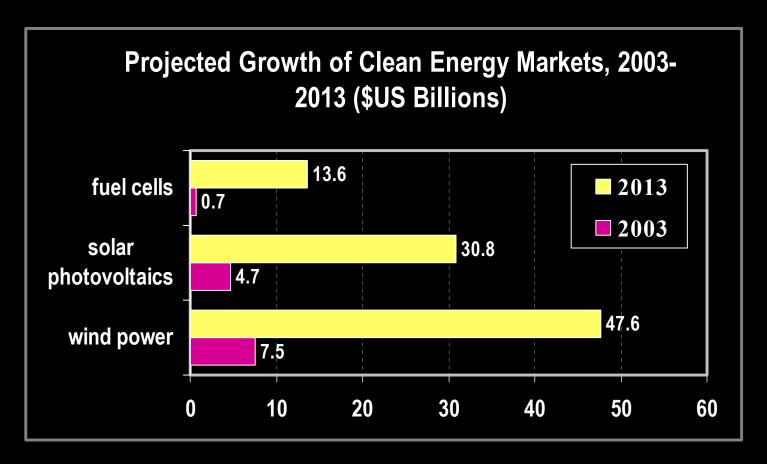
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Municipal solid waste, landfill gas, methane, digester gas, liquid acetonitrile waste, tall oil, waste alcohol, medical waste, paper pellets, studge waste, solid byproducts, tires, agricultural byproducts, closed loop biomass, fish oil, and straw.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Includes electricity net imports derived from hydroelectric power. Before 1989, includes net imports derived from all resources.

## Distributed / Decentralized Power Specific Solution Sets for Specific Situations

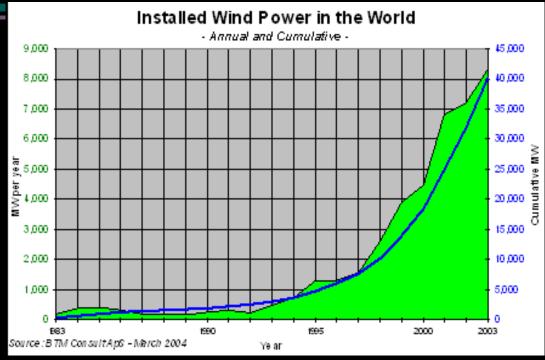
- relatively low insertion cost to bring energy capture and conversion into many diverse and remote situations
- encourages localized ownership of energy technology
- allows for independent deployment of solutions for immediate energy needs without the requirement of compliance to large complex energy systems, and highly centralized socio-economic regulatory authorities

### Renewable Energy: A Small But Rapidly Growing Market Segment



Source: Clean Edge 2004

### Installed Wind Capacity is Rapidly Growing, Especially in EU and US

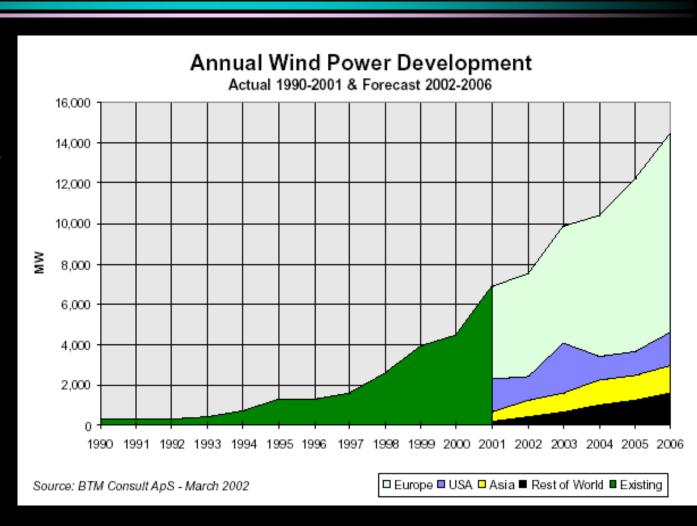


6,361 MW of wind currently installed in U.S.

Year:	Installed MW	Increase %	Cumulative MW	Increase %
1998	2,597		10,153	
1999	3,922	51%	13,932	37%
2000	4.495	15%	18.449	32%
2001	6,824	52%	24,927	35%
2002	7,227	6%	32,037	29%
2003	8,344	15%	40,301	26%
Average	growth 5 years	26.3%		31,7%

### Aggressive Growth in Wind Installations is Expected to Continue

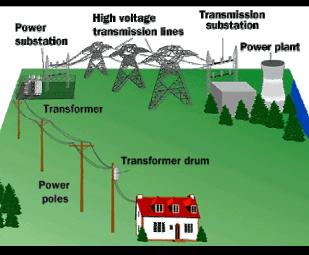
- 8,344 MW of new wind installations in 2003 represents >\$8 billion in sales
- 14,000 MW of expected 2006 installations represents ~ \$14 billion of sales

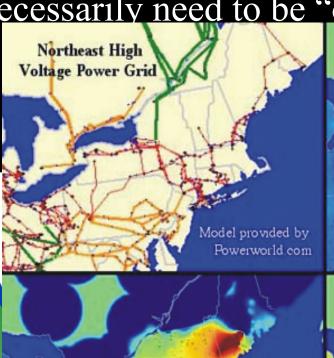


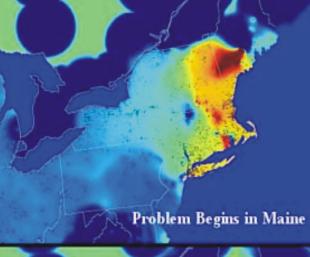
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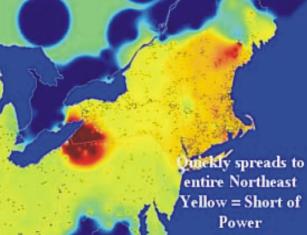
uses?





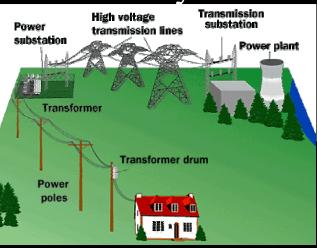






#### Fundamental Questions

- Does electricity necessarily need to be "on the grid" for all uses?
- Does fuel for transportation necessarily have to come from refined hydrocarbons / biomass?





#### Define "Alternative" Fuel . . .

• Production of ethanol as an alternative fuel source, derived from corn as an example, requires more energy to grow and refine, than the actual fuel energy yield





### Hydrogen – A Second Look – What if . . .

- Nanostructured materials, such as carbon nanotubes, and other mesoporous materials being developed for reversible storage
- Hydrogen production can become a new industrial infrastructure
- Modification to existing transportation vehicles relatively minor
- Wind generated electrical energy to create the hydrogen nanostructured materials, as in lubricants and composite materials, can be applied to improved wind turbine performance, MTBF



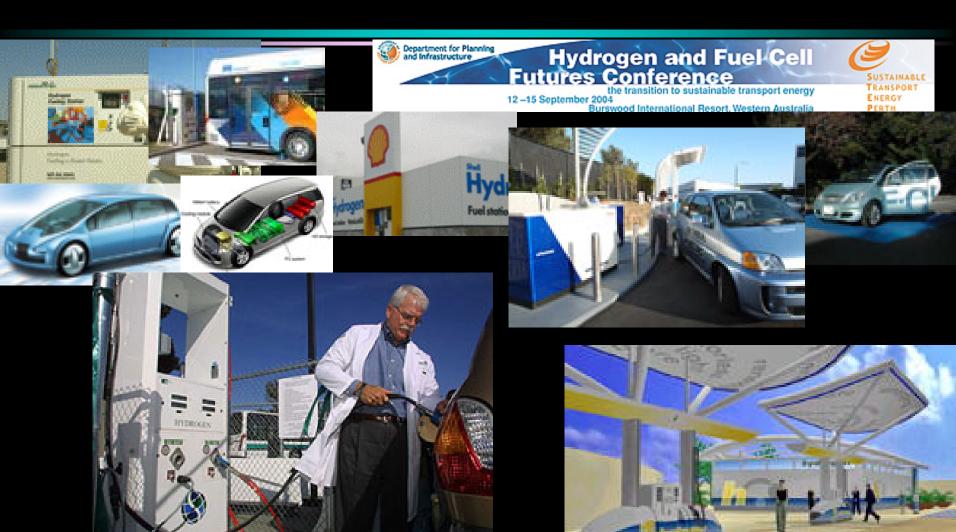
Hydrogen fueling dispenser at the Las Vegas Energy Station - Air Products and Chemicals, Inc.

#### Hydrogen – Purported Arguments Against

- Requires enormous investments in electrical energy, such as from nuclear power plants, to create the hydrogen
- Dangerous, difficult to store and retrieve
- Disruptive to an already existing petroleum / ethanol fuel production infrastructure

# Hydrogen Fuel Cells in transportation.

#### Hydrogen Infrastructure – Current, Future



Congressman George Miller, (D-CA) testing the new hydrogen fuel pump at AC Transit's bus operating

Division in Dichmond CA

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Figure 1. Xcellsis (Ballard) ZEbus



Figure 2. Mercedes-Benz NeBus

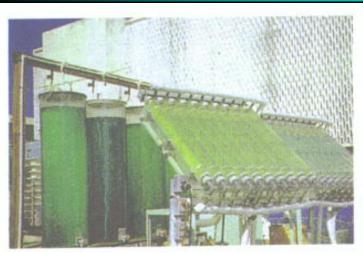


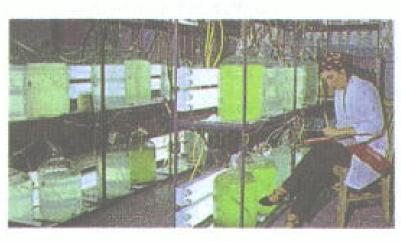
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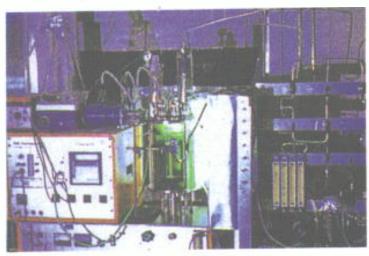


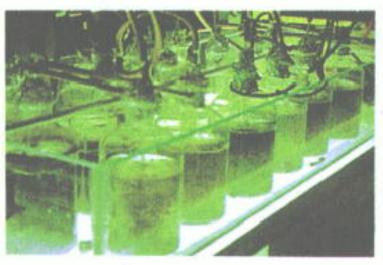
#### Bio Hydrogen

### - can we Grow Energy Efficiently?









#### Genomes for Energy: Harnessing Genome Power to Serve DOE Missions



#### scientific foundations





In 1987 the DOE Office of Science launched the international Human Genome Project through its Biological and Environmental Research program. In 1994 BER began the Microbial Genome Program to apply the new technologies to further serve DOE missions.

Genomics technologies now produce a great diversity of data on genes. Genes control the synthesis of proteins responsible for the vast array of physical capabilities of life on earth-seen and unseen.



To achieve the full potential of the revolutionary advances in genomics and other biotechnologies, BER teams with the Advanced Scientific Computing Research program to take on an even greater challenge:

· To understand how genes, proteins, and, ultimately, cells work and how to put them to use.

GTL will use "nature's catalog" of microbial gene capabilities to develop an innovative, costeffective tool kit for carrying out DOE missions.



payoffs

Reduce global warming





Clean up toxic waste from nuclear materials production

1987 1994 2001

the next step

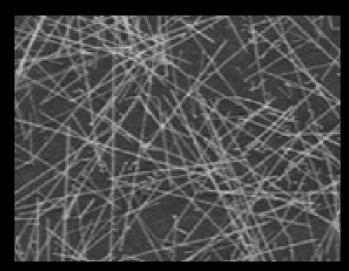
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### Nanofoundry – Nanostructured Materials

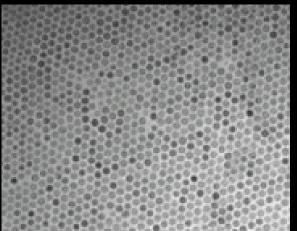
Foundry processes / fabrication techniques enabling mass

production of nanoparticles

Broad range of functionality

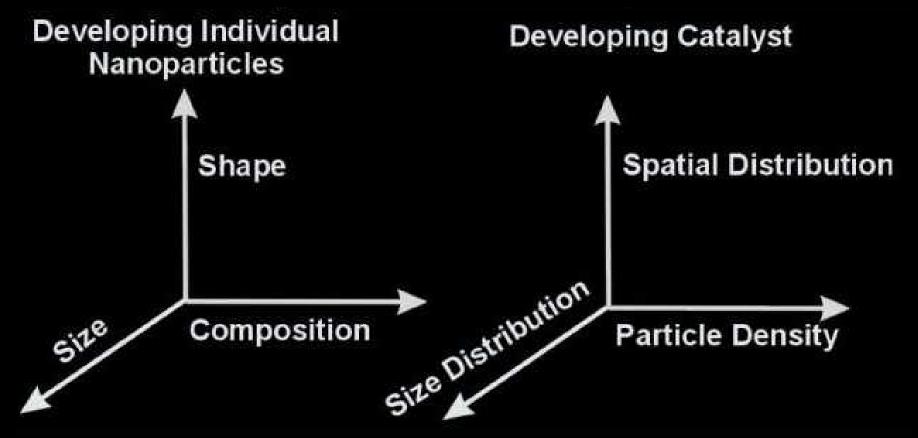


Courtesy NanoSys



#### Nanostructured Catalysts

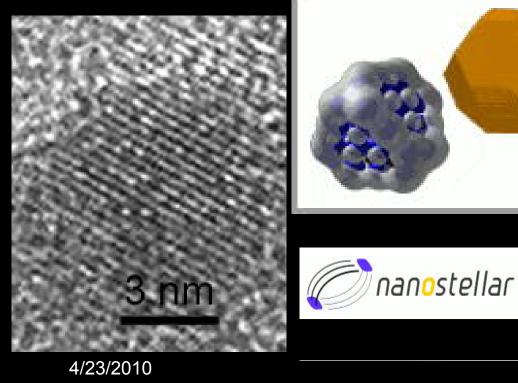
• Precise control of size, shape, spatial distribution, surface composition, and surface interface of atomic structure of the individual nanocomponents.

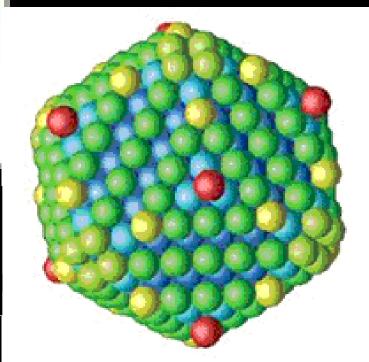


### Quantum Modeling of Nanostructured Materials

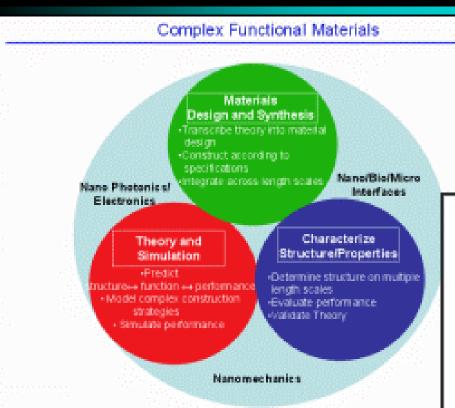
• Quantum Modeling of meta-scale nanostructured catalysts, nanocrystals, and membranes enables investigation into unique molecular forms with substantial cost savings over "conventional" material /

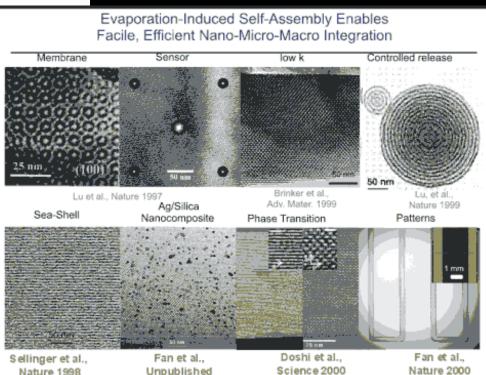
chemical solutions





# Integration of Nano Micro Macro Materials Regimes





### Nanotechnology Enabled Defense Development Domains Potentially Re-purposed Toward Energy Applications

- Extreme high density energy storage and discharge systems
- "Smart" membranes, molecularly selective filters
- Aerogels, nanocrystals, composite nanostrcutured materials

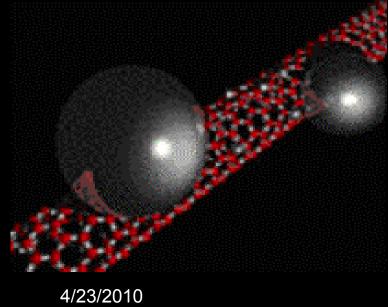


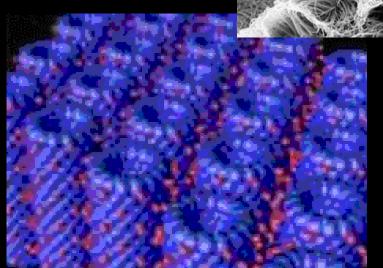
### Carbon Nanotubes and Nanostructures

 PEM (Polymer Electrolyte Membrane / Proton Exchange Membrane) Fuel Cells

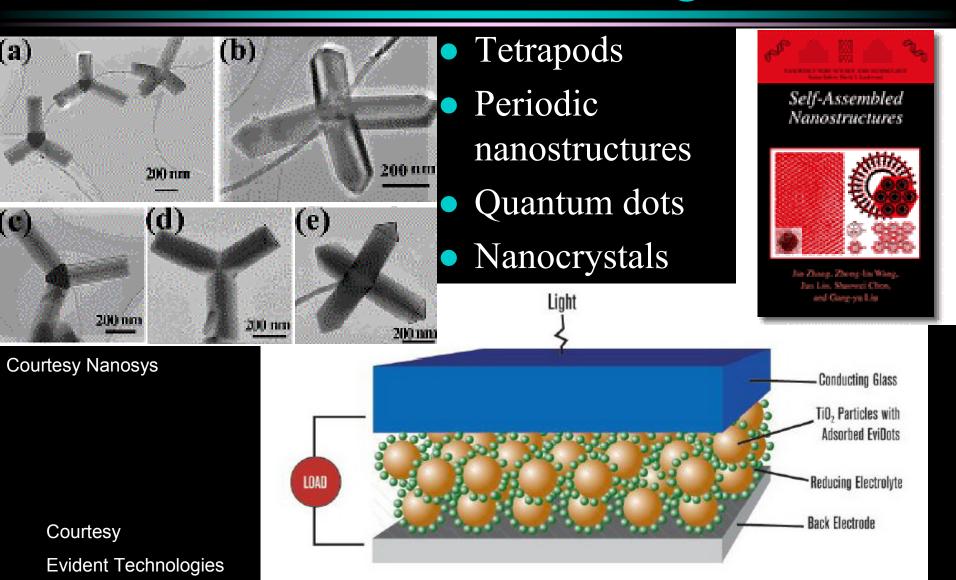
Reversible Hydrogen Storage

Ultra-Capacitors, Batteries





# Self Assembly – An Industrial Paradigm

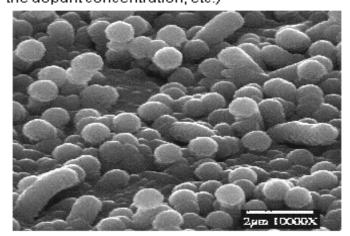


# Self Assembly as a Foundry Process

**Self-assembly** is the most practical and realizable approach to fabricate arrays of nanodevices with the sub-100nm size features in short-term (the conventional lithographic methods of microsystem processing offer very limited control over the fabrication on the sub-100 nm scale)

#### Spontaneous self-assembly

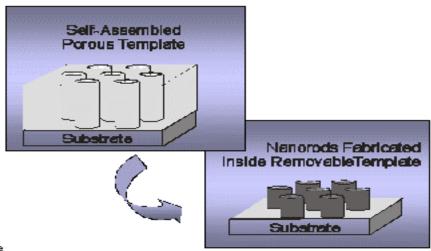
This approach relies on structural disorder at the interface between the two materials with different physical properties (heteroepitaxy, fluctuations of the dopant concentration, etc.)



Self-assembled Si nanowires grown by magnetron sputtering

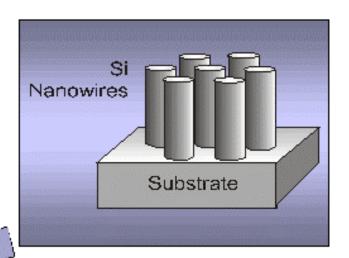
(E.A. Guliantsand W.A. Anderson, "A Novel Method of Structure Control inSi Thin Film Technology",97" Meeting of The Electrochemical Society Toronto, ON, May 2000) Controllable self-assembly

Involves self-assembly of the tools for fabrication of nanostructures and nanodevices such as masks or templates.

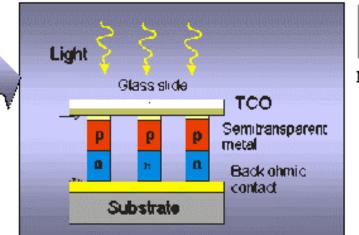


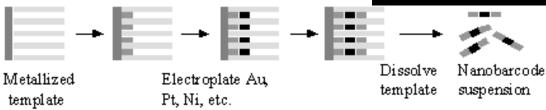
## Periodic Nanostructures

#### Some of the potential applications of periodic nanostructures are:



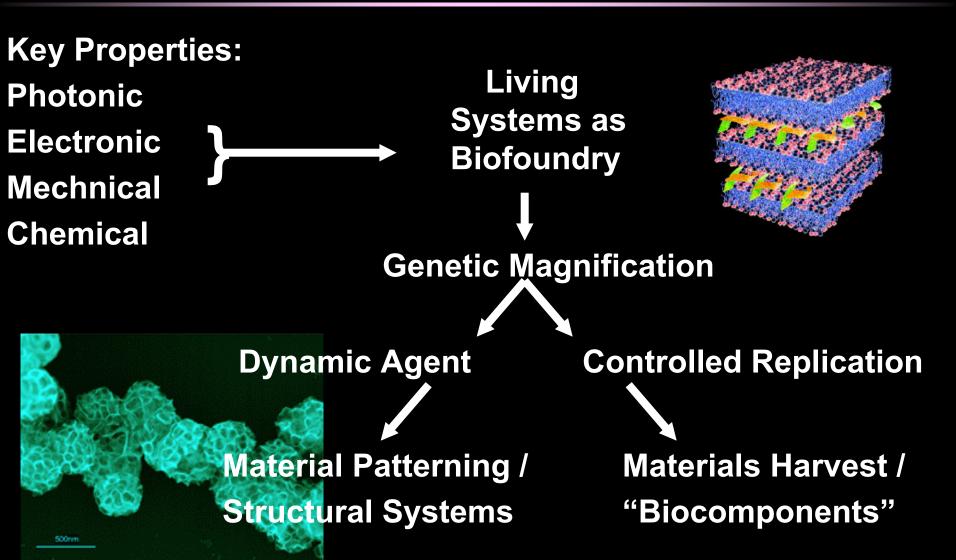
- Quantum effect dots
- · Resonant tunneling diodes
- Single-domain/bit magnetic storage media
- Single electron transistors (SETs)
- Light-emitting diodes (LEDs)
- Photodetectors
- Quantum well optoelectronic devices
- Quantum cellular automata.
- High-density memory



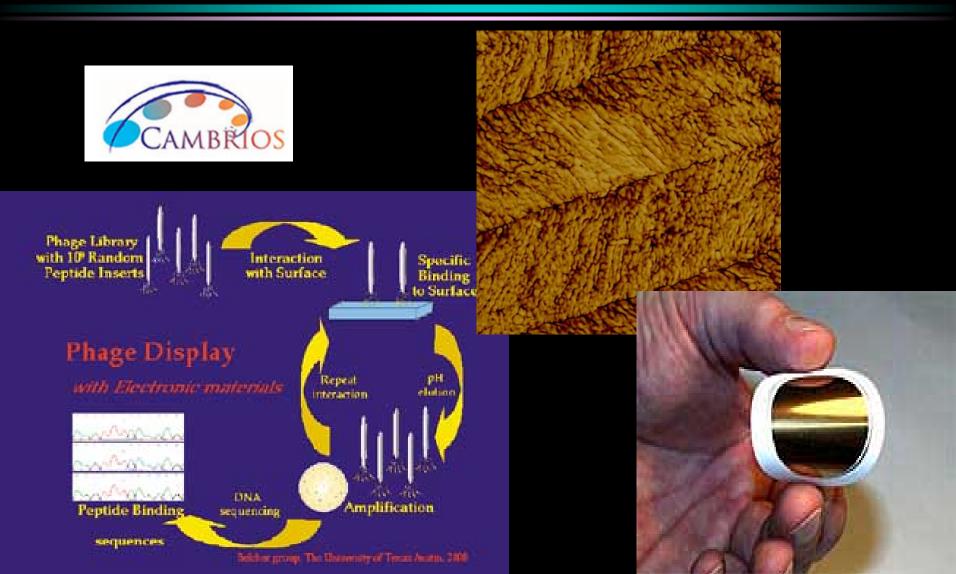


Schematic of a Si photodetectorarray fabricated on periodicSi nanowires

# Biology as a mechanism for material production, patterning, and fabrication

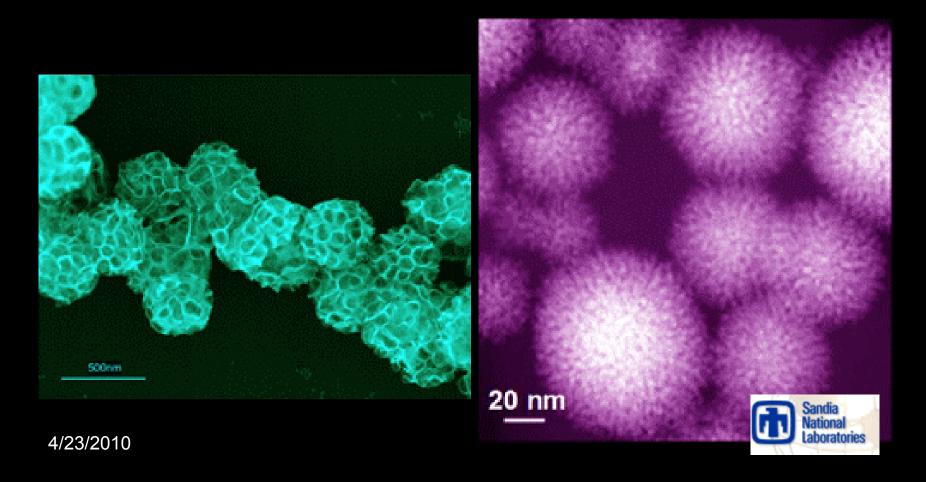


# Define Foundry - BioFoundry



# Biofoundry approach to cost effective catalysis and related functionalities

Mimicking Photosynthetic Proteins to Manipulate Platinum

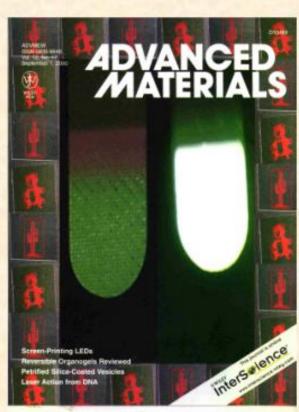


## NanoElectronic Photovoltaic Circuitry Printed on Paper, Cloth, Plastics



Screen Printing for OLEDs and Flexible Solar Cells





Sep 2000

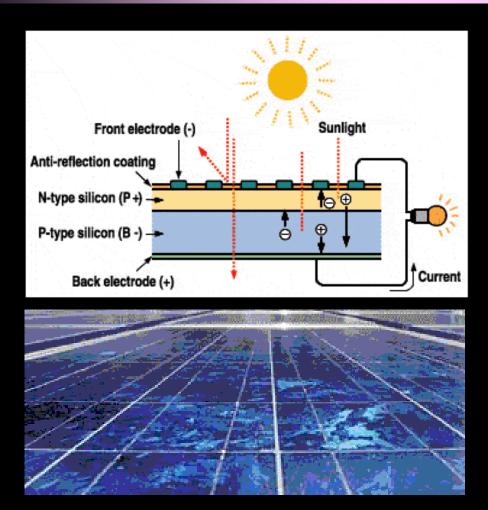


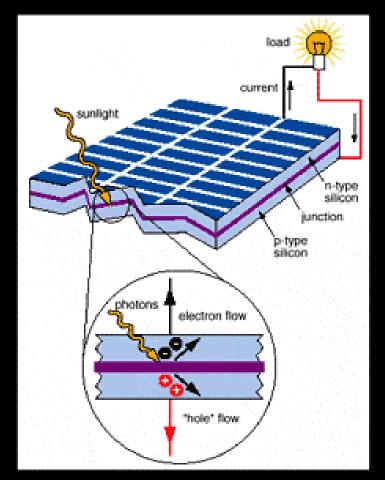
Wall-to-wall power Solar cells printed like wallpaper. Nature, 6 November 2001

On a roll: solar panels could soon be as cheap and easy to print as wallpaper.

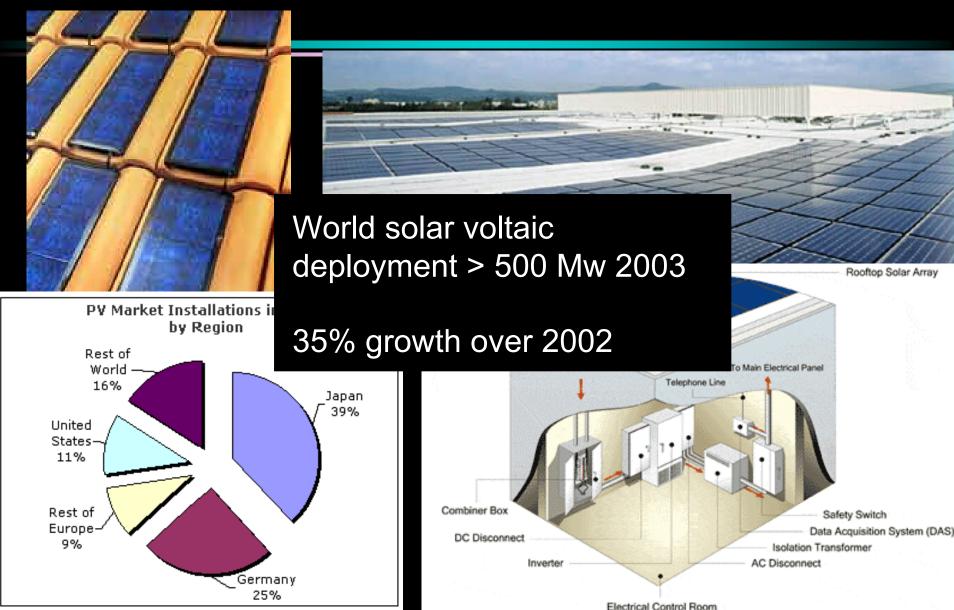
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## "Traditional" Crystalline Silicon Solar Voltaics

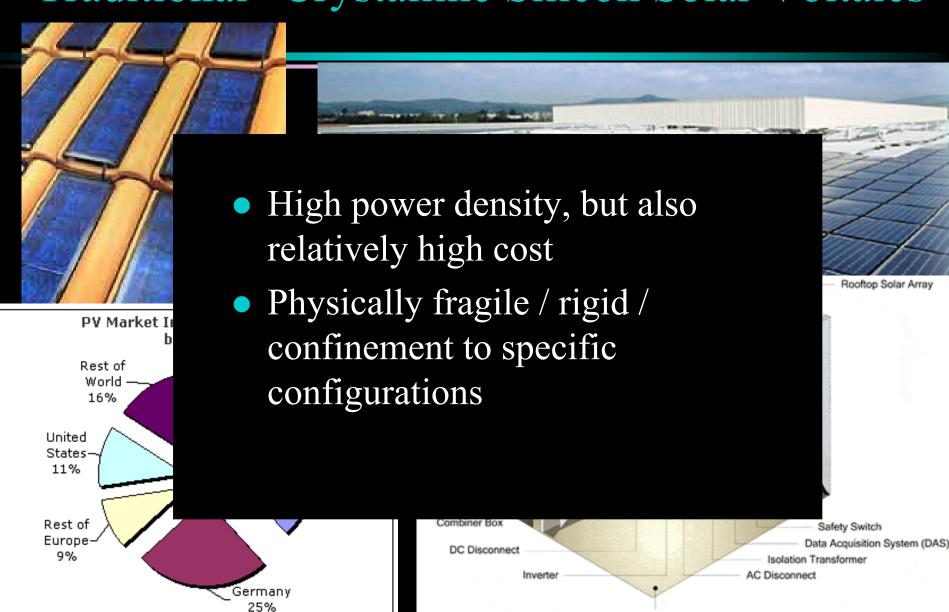




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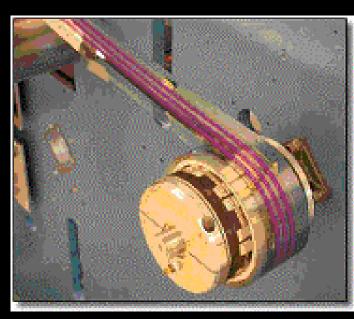
Electrical Control Room

# Organic Semiconductors in Solar Voltaics



Concept image of Organic/Nanosolar manufactured product from Nanosolar.com

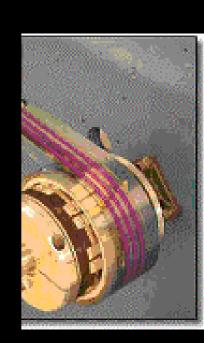




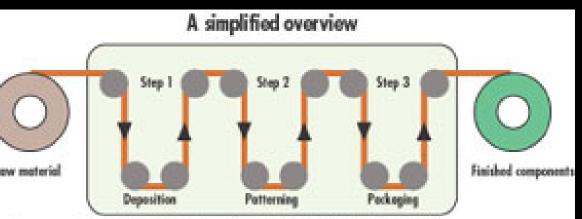
# Organic Semiconductors in Solar Voltaics



- Lower power density, but also relatively much lower cost
- Physically flexible / can be applied to many configurations, surfaces
- Can suit applications not feasible with crystalline silicon



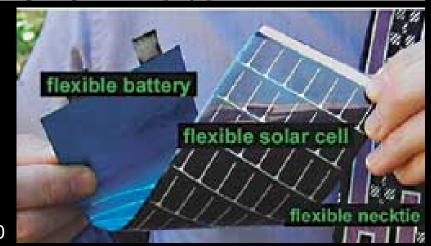
# NanoElectronic Photovoltaic Circuitry "Printed" on Multifunctional Laminates



The process begins with rolls of plastic or thin metal up to 3-ft wide and >1,000-ft long.

The media passes through processing chambers as silicon is layered on the surface.

Finished goods might include memory, display, RFIDs, batteries, CPUs, and more.





### What is R2R manufacturing, and what does it have to do with electronics?



Thin film processing on a moving web of flexible substrate. A complete device may require several chambers.

#### **Typical web properties:**

Width: 0.3 - 3 m Length: up to 50 km

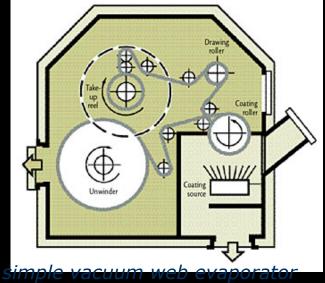
Thickness: 0.6 to 300 microns Speed: 0.1 – 1000 m/min.

#### **Coating properties:**

Thickness: <0.1 to 100 microns

Processes: evaporation, sputtering, PECVD (vacuum);

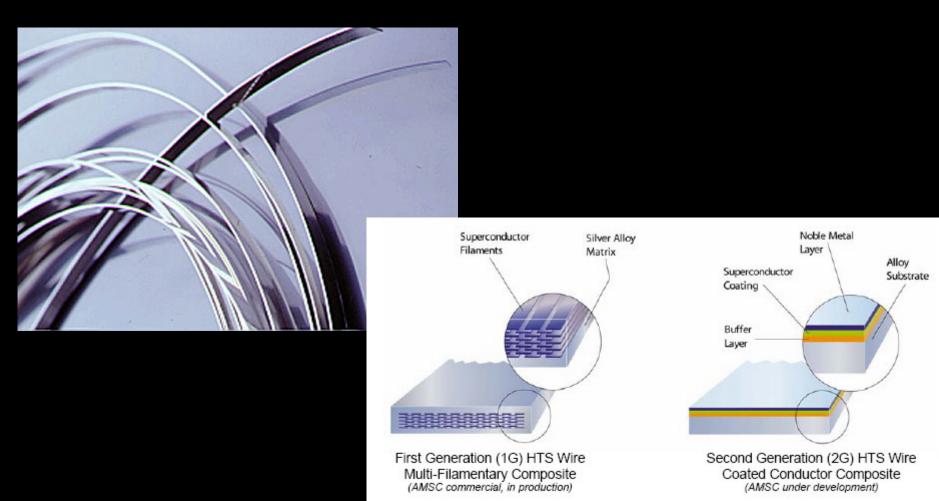
gravure, slot die, etc. (liquid); inkjet



For further technical details, see: J.R. Sheats, SPIE Proceedings, Vol. 4688 (2002), paper#27

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# HTS Wires / Conductors – New Approaches



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Fig. 1: High Temperature Superconductor (HTS) 1G and 2G wire architectures

# HTS Wires / Conductors – New Approaches

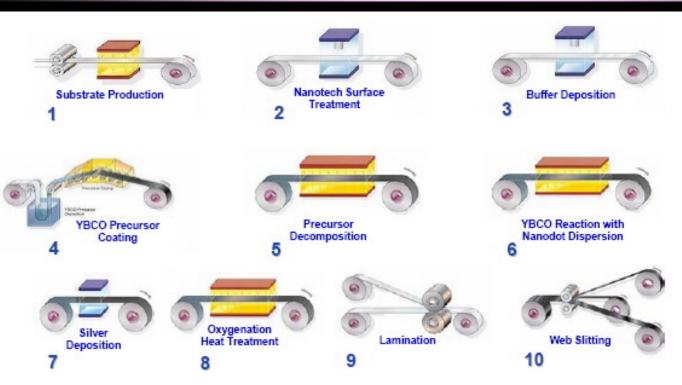
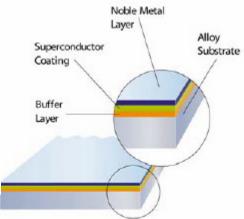
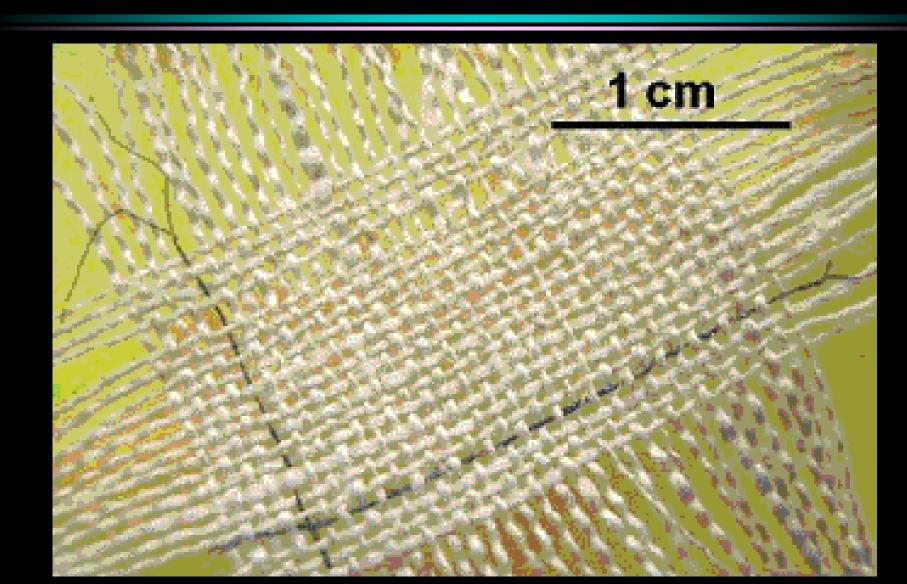


Fig. 5: 2G HTS wire manufacturing process



Second Generation (2G) HTS Wire Coated Conductor Composite (AMSC under development)

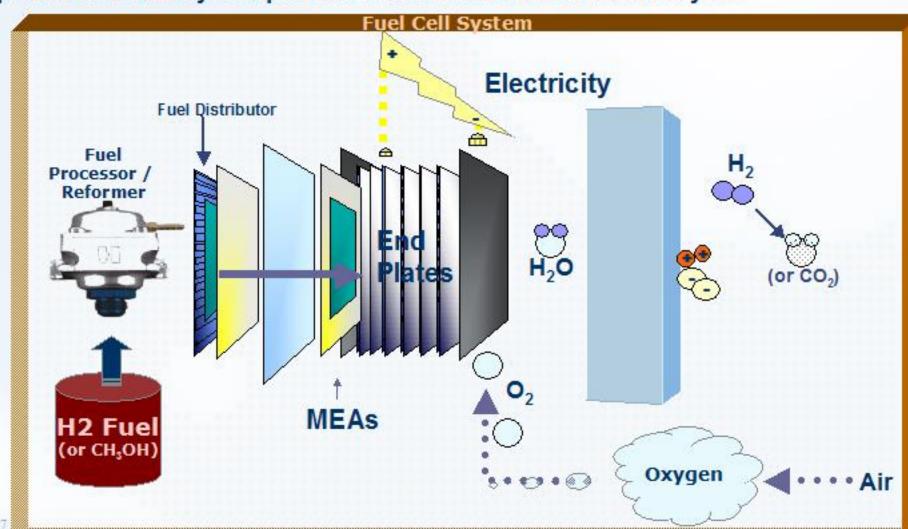
# Ultra High Efficiency Conductors / Storage New Approaches



#### What is a Fuel Cell?

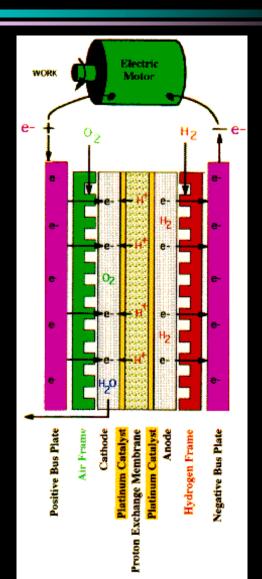


A Fuel cell uses chemical reaction, rather than combustion (burning a fuel), to produce electricity in a process that is the reverse of electrolysis.



### Hydrogen Fuel Cells

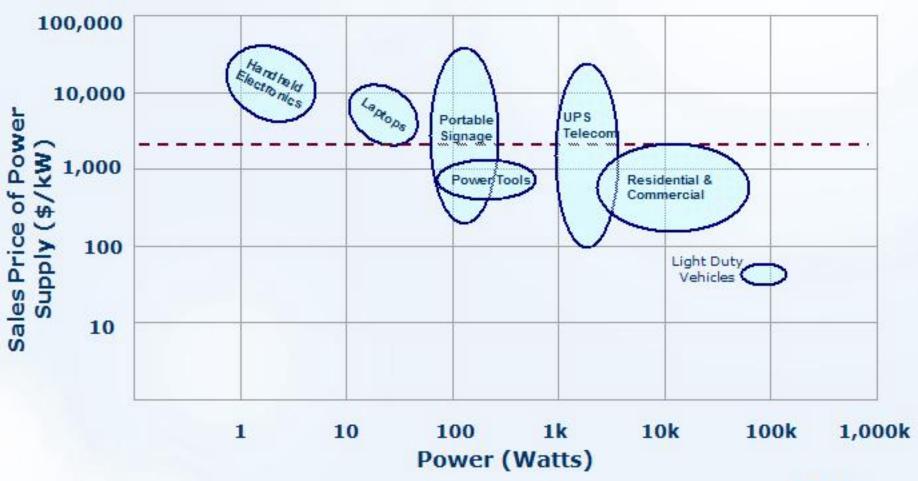
• A fuel cell consists of two electrodes—a negative electrode (or anode) and a positive electrode (or cathode)—sandwiched around an electrolyte. Hydrogen is fed to the anode, and oxygen is fed to the cathode. Activated by a catalyst, hydrogen atoms separate into protons and electrons, which take different paths to the cathode. The electrons go through an external circuit, creating a flow of electricity. The protons migrate through the electrolyte to the cathode, where they reunite with oxygen and the electrons to produce water and heat



#### **Price Points**



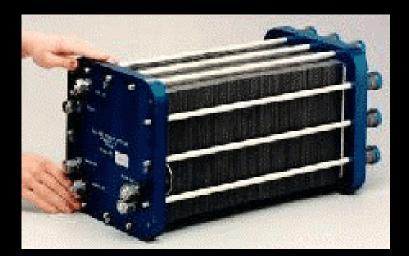
#### Applicability in the premium price markets

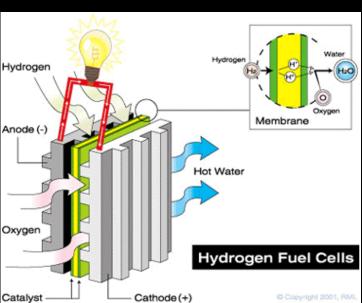


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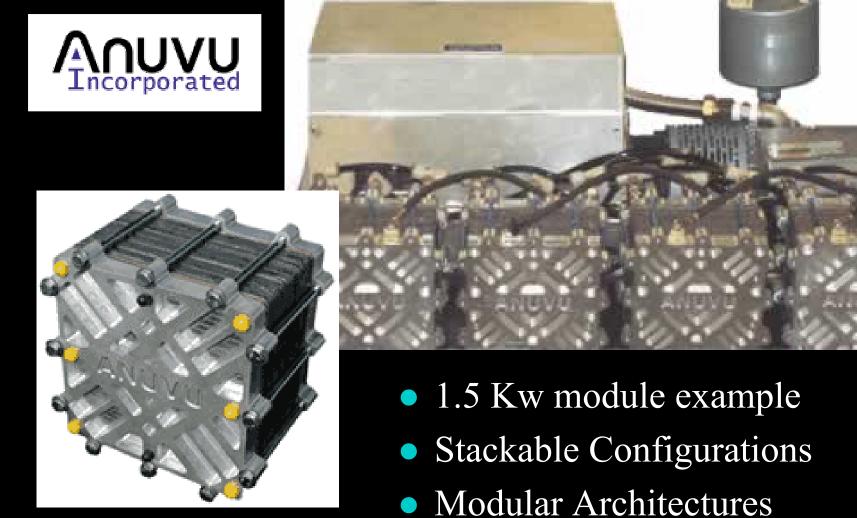
### Examples of Hydrogen Fuel Cell Types

- Proton-Exchange Membrane Fuel Cells
- Phosphoric Acid Fuel Cells
- Solid Oxide Fuel Cells
- Molten Carbonate Fuel Cells
- Regenerative or Reversible Fuel Cells
- Alkaline Fuel Cells





# Fuel Cells From the laboratory, into markets



# Traditional Perfluorinated Fuel Cell Membrane

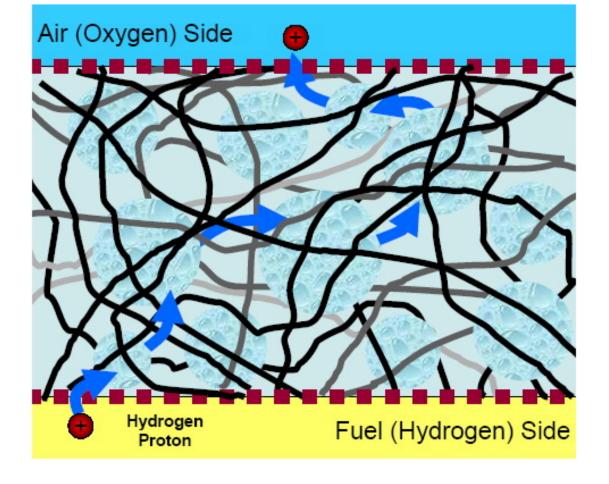




TEFLON
BACKBONES



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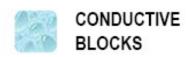
- The backbone of the membrane is formed from relatively weak Teflon®-like polymer fibers.
- Conductive clusters of water form at the ends of side chains (not shown) sprouting from the Teflon backbones.
- A proton follows a long and winding road from cluster to cluster while crossing the membrane. Between clusters, it is forced to use less conductive free water molecules as a pathway.
- Since the conductive clusters are relatively far apart, large amounts of free water (i.e, a higher level of humidification) is required to keep conduction going.
- At elevated temperatures the Teflon-like backbone expands, pulling the conductive groups farther apart. Some of the free water also evaporates. Together these two effects act to reduce membrane conductivity.

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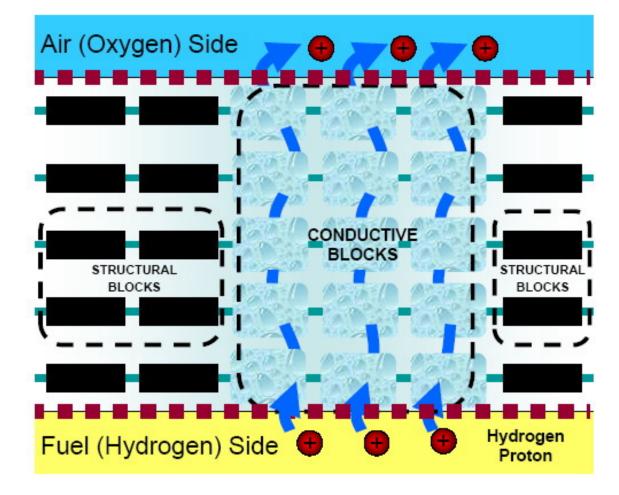




HYDROCARBON BACKBONES



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- The PolyFuel membrane consists of alternating nano-sized conductive blocks and structural blocks.
- The structural blocks bind together causing the conductive blocks to automatically line up.
- Water is attracted to the conductive blocks because of their molecular structure, and forms a continuous column from the fuel side of the membrane to the air side. This column acts like a superhighway for the protons.
- The nature of the hydrocarbon backbone structure makes the PolyFuel membrane 16 times stronger than perfluorinated membranes, even at elevated temperatures.
- Because the conductive blocks are closely aligned, less water is required to achieve good conductivity, i.e., the membrane performs well even at low humidification as well as at higher temperatures.

# Option 1: "Big" / Grid Compliant Wind Characteristics

- 1) Geographically tied to peak usage density logistics
- 2) Complex control and regulatory mechanisms and electronics
- 3) Substantial MTBF impact





## Option 2:

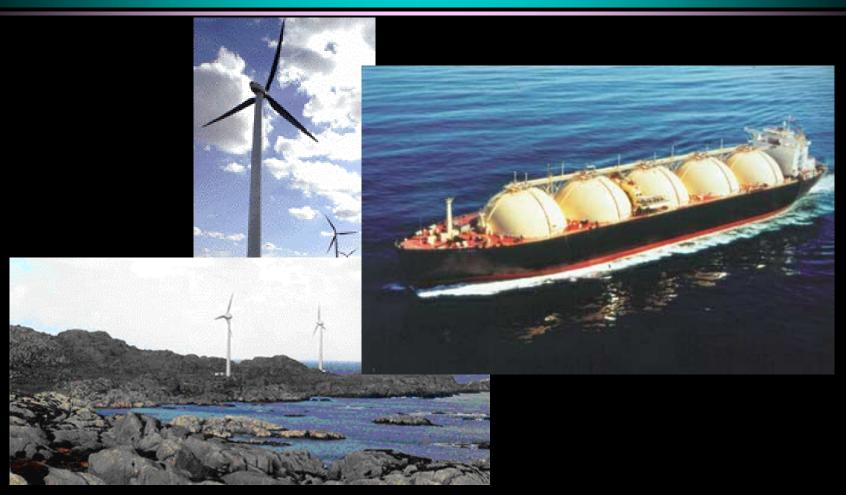
## "Small" / Distributed Wind Characteristics

- 1) small wind systems can be deployed in many situations where big wind systems would not be viable
- 2) small wind systems can also be installed in parallel with big wind installations to re-capture low altitude surplus wind and turbulence activity not recognized by the big systems
- 3) small wind systems are highly mobile, can be constructed "on the fly" to suit localized phenomena and momentary energy

requirements

# Option 3: "Big" and "Small" Wind Combined with Energy Storage

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# Wind Energy Resources Throughout the United States of America

Kansas leads the nation in potential for renewable energy. The state of Kansas has enough wind energy potential to produce almost one-third (1/3) of the total electricity needs of the United States.

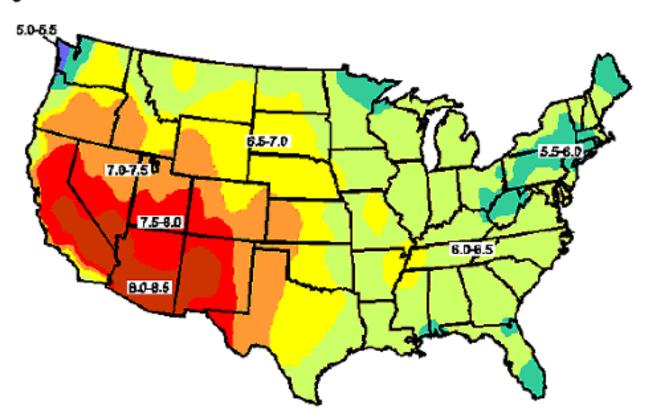
 Numbers measured in terawatt hours per year from wind, geothermal, biomass, and landfill gas.



Source: Public Interest Research Group, 2002

# Solar Energy Throughout the United States of America

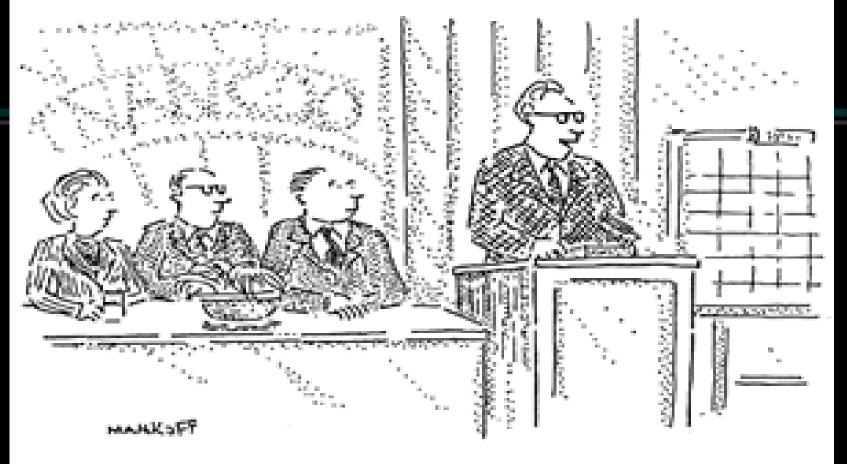
Figure 2. U.S. Solar Resources



Note: Measurements indicate the average radiation received on a horizontal surface across the continental United States in the month of June as measured in kilowatthours per square meter.

Source: National Renewable Energy Laboratory.

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"And so, while the end-of-the-world scenario will be rife with unimaginable horrors, we believe that the pre-end period will be filled with unprecedented opportunities for profit."

### The New "Mission Critical" Imperative

• When JFK declared we would have men on the moon in a decade, many thought this was impossible. Today the mission could be

energy independence in 10 years.

• Ten years of development time now is very different than ten years of development time four decades ago.



# The New "Mission Critical" Imperative – Concluding Statement

- Cheap, clean, sustainable, universally available energy in abundance -- is the single most important technical problem facing the world in the 21st century.
- If we solve this energy problem we can help solve most of the other top problems we face in this century: water, food, pollution, greenhouse gases, poverty in the developing nations and the over-population and lack of education that make them such potent breeding grounds for religious fanaticism, terrorism, and war.
- Conversely, if we don't solve the energy problem, there may not be an acceptable answer to any of these other problems.



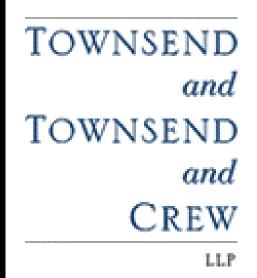




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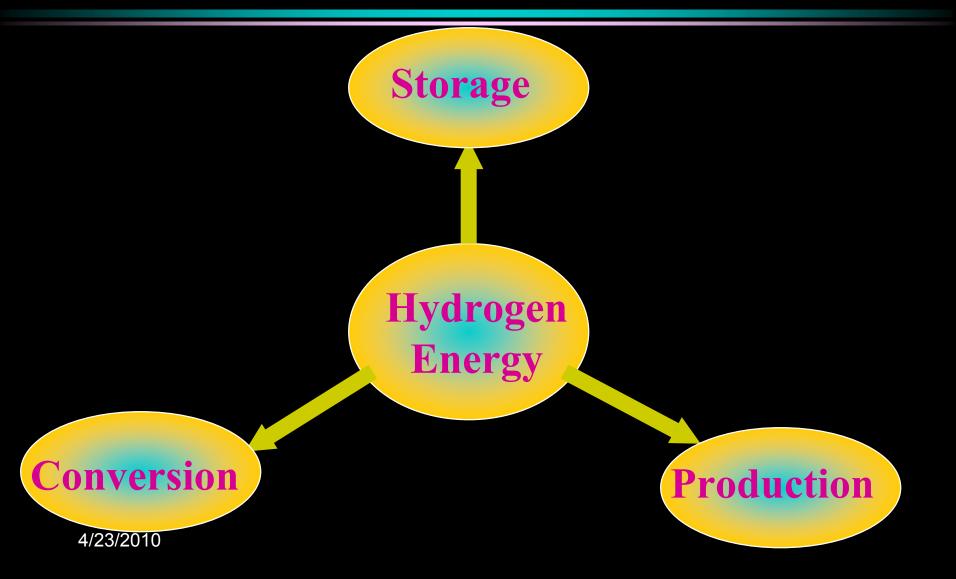
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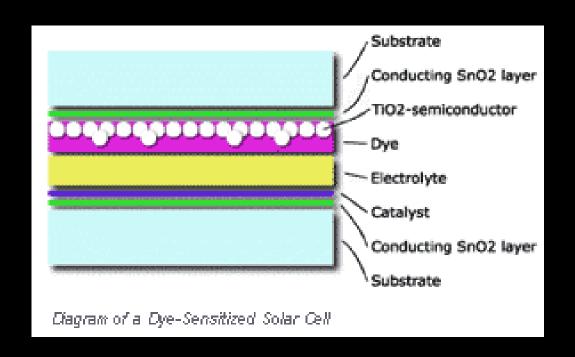
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# Nanotechnology in Hydrogen Energy Development



### Next Generation Solar Voltaics

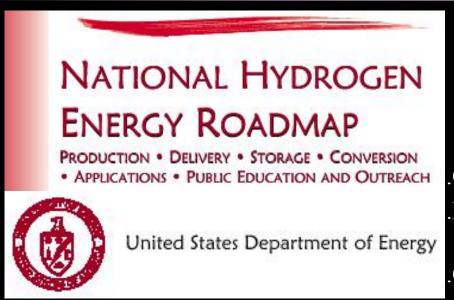


# Examples of Nanostructures Enabling Energy Conversion

- Inorganic energy conversion devices which can be fabricated to mimic biological processes at the nanoscale
- Pore solid 3D architectures enabling continuous molecular transport for energy storage and conversion



## DOE - National Hydrogen Energy Roadmap Workshop Event Wash DC April 2-3 2002



A product recognition tag, similar to EnergyStar ®, should be developed, and hydrogen success stories should be touted. Other public relations and outreach activities would include:

- Construction of traveling exhibits on hydrogen
- Expansion of online hydrogen databases and information center
- Creation of compact disks and Internet marketing materials

Hydrogen needs to be "branded" and "personalized" for the consumer; safety needs to be stressed. Messages need to be consistent (e.g., "Hydrogen is the Freedom Fuel," "Hydrogen—It Works," or "Hydrogen is 'The Power"").

In addition, industry should work with filmmakers to include product placement in movies. Community models and exhibits should also be developed to promote consumer participation and action. 4/23/2010

### Example Web Resources

http://www.awea.org/

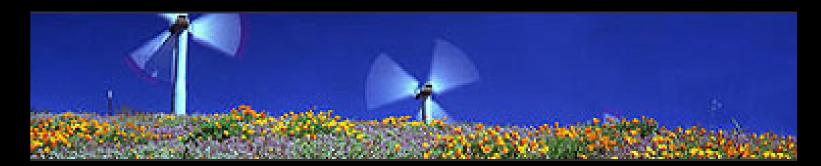
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http://www.fuelcells.org/sitemap.htm



#### Example Companies Currently Developing Energy Related Nanostructured Materials and Fabrication Processes - partial list

- Carbon Nanotechnologies, Inc.
- Hyperion Catalysis International
- MicroCoating Technologies
- NanoPowder Enterprises, Inc.
- Superior MicroPowders
- Quantum Polymers
- MicroCoating Technologies, Inc
- Next Generation Energy Corp.
- Millenium Chemicals
- Monsanto Company
- Nanopowder Enterprises, Inc.
- Aerogel Composite, LLC
- Applied Nanotechnologies, Inc
- Ntera Ltd
- Nanosys
- Hydrocarbon Technologies Inc
- Nanomix 0

