## BNL Discovery to Deployment: Chemistry for Sustainable Energy

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a passion for discovery



## **Topics**

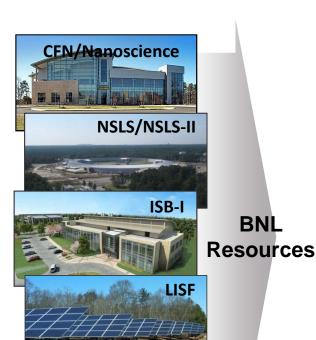
- BNL Energy Research in Sustainable Chemical Conversion
- Fuel Cell Electrocatalysis: Discovery to Deployment

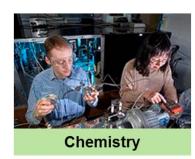


### **Brookhaven Energy R&D**

BNL

Basic Research, Applied Research, **Collaboration** 









**BNL Programs DOE Priority Research Directions** 

#### **ENERGY CHALLENGES. Focus Areas**

- **Research for Sustainable Chemical Conversions**
- Science and Technology for Electric infrastructure

#### **Collaborators/Joint Appointments**





















## Chemistry for Sustainable Energy R&D

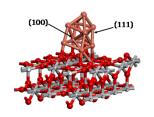
#### **Sustainable Fuel Production**

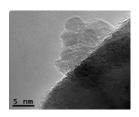
#### Catalysis & Photocatalysis for renewable fuels

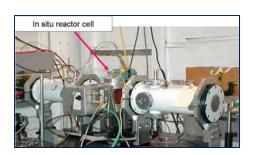
- Activate CO<sub>2</sub> for fuel synthesis
- Selective synthesis of C1 or higher Cn oxygenates
- Biomass thermochemical conversion to biofuels

#### Hydrogen as a fuel

- Water splitting catalysis electrocatalysis & photocatalysis
- Natural gas reforming scalable local hydrogen generation







#### **BNL Contributions**

- Molecular and Nanostructured catalysts chemical and materials synthesis
- Mechanistic studies and In-situ characterization
  - · Synchrotron Catalysis Consortium
- Computational catalysis for improved design
  - Solar Water Splitting Simulation Team (SWaSSiT)





























## Sustainable Fuel Use Fuel cell electrocatalysis

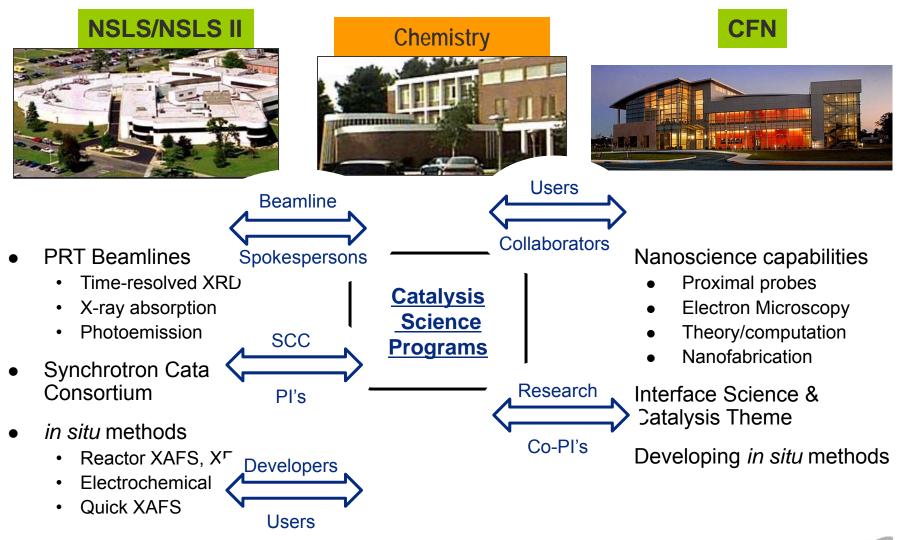


 Reduce platinum, increase durability and efficiency

#### **BNL Contributions**

- Nanostructured electrocatalysts – design, synthesis and application
- In-situ experiments for fundamental understanding and improved design

## Critical links to BNL User Facilities: Catalysis





### Catalysis Synergy

#### **Coordinated research - World class capabilities**

**NSLS** 



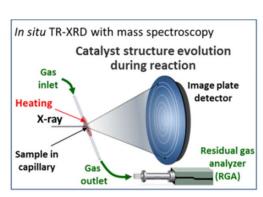
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**CFN** 



In Situ photon science



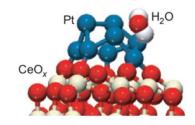


Catalyst Model System

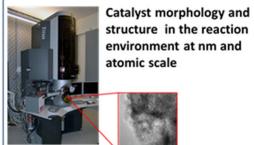




**Computation** 



In situ transmission electron microscopy







**Theory & Computation New York Blue** 



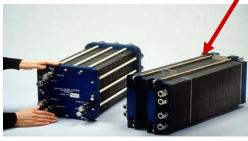


## Nanostructured catalysts for improved fuel cells

#### Fuel Cell: 'Ideal' Energy Conversion

- Direct energy conversion
  - Fuel + O<sub>2</sub> → electrical energy
- High conversion efficiency
- H<sub>2</sub>O product in H<sub>2</sub> O<sub>2</sub> cells
  - Pollution-free with H<sub>2</sub>
- Continuous, silent operation





#### **Obstacles**

1. Cost

Goal: \$30/kW

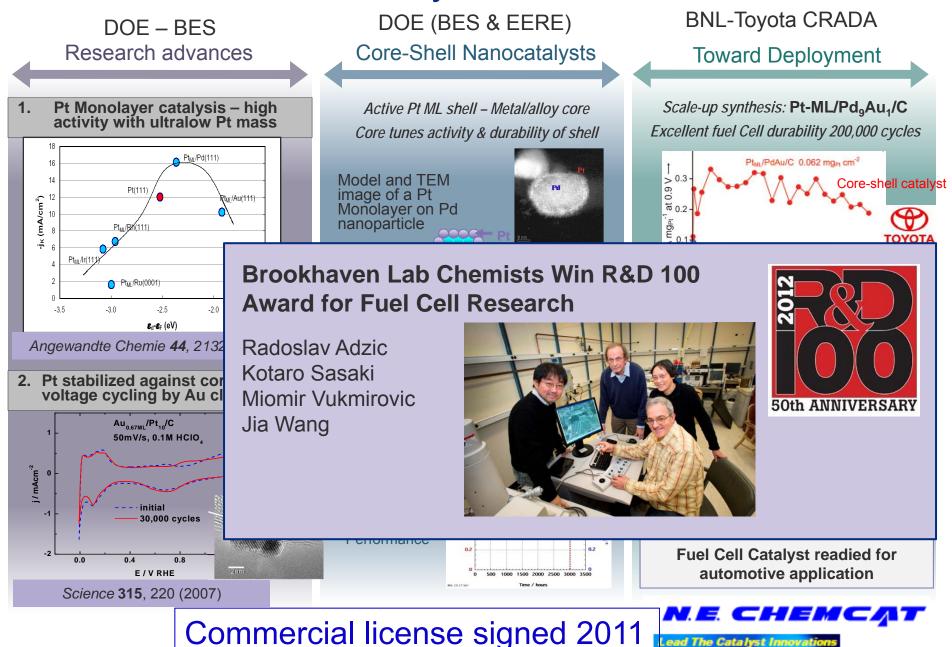
Durability
5,000 hours, 150K miles

#### **Require Improved Electrocatalysts**

- 1. Decrease platinum content
  - in particular in O<sub>2</sub> cathodes
- 2. Increase efficiency
  - enhance CO tolerance (anode)
  - enhance O<sub>2</sub> reduction kinetics (cathode)



### Sustainable Fuels: Catalysts for Fuel Cells



## Core-shell electrocatalyst development

- Basic Research: DOE Basic Energy Sciences from 1990's
  - Catalytic activity of monolayer/submonolayers of metals
  - Discovered path for fuel cell electrocatalysis breakthrough: tuning monolayer activity, and doping to increase stability.
- Basic-to-Applied Research: DOE BES & EERE 2002-2012
  - Methods for low-Pt core-shell nanoparticle electrocatalysts (3-6 nm)
  - Fuel cell testing: LANL, commercial collaborators
- Applied Research: DOE EERE & Commercial (CRADA) 2005-2012
  - Scale-up synthesis for larger tests.
  - Testing with commercial OEM and catalyst partners.
- Development: commercial licensing to NECC 2011.
  - Successful commercial synthesis at development scale
  - Sampling to automotive OEMs for FCV (e.g., to GM, Toyota, others)



## Extra Slides



## Hydrogen Economy - Status

- Tremendous progress worldwide in technologies for production and use during the past decade – fundamental and practical advances.
- Recent signs of commercial viability for key products
- Auto OEMs remain committed to early commercial production in 2015/2016
- Japan, Germany and others continue to plan for refueling infrastructure to meet 2015 need.
- US administration has recently indicated increased support, following a period of intense focus on battery solutions.



#### **Worldwide Commitment to FCEVs**



The world's leading automakers have committed to develop FCEVs. Germany and Japan have announced plans to expand the hydrogen infrastructure.

#### **Major Auto Manufacturers' Activities and** Plans for FCEVs



2010-2013: U.S. demo fleet of 100 vehicles

· 2015: Target for large-scale commercialization

· "FCHV-adv" can achieve 431-mile range and 68 mpgge



Honda

· Clarity FCX named "World Green Car of the Year"; EPA certified 72mpage: leasing up to 200 vehicles

· 2015: Target for large-scale commercialization

DAIMLER Daimler Small-series production of FCEVs began in 2009

 Plans for tens of thousands of FCEVs per year in 2015 -2017 and hundreds of thousands a few years after

· In partnership with Linde to develop fueling stations.

Recently moved up commercialization plans to 2014



General Motors

· 115 vehicles in demonstration fleet

2012: Technology readiness goal for FC powertrain

2015: Target for commercialization



Hyundai-Kia

2012-2013: 2000 FCEVs/year

2015: 10,000 FCEVs/year

· "Borrego" FCEV has achieved >340-mile range.



Volkswagen • Expanded demo fleet to 24 FCEVs in CA

· Recently reconfirmed commitment to FCEVs



SAIC (China) • Partnering with GM to build 10 fuel cell vehicles in 2010



 Alan Mulally, CEO, sees 2015 as the date that fuel cell cars will go on sale.



· BMW and GM plan to collaborate on the development of fuel cell technology



H<sub>2</sub>Mobility - evaluate the commercialization of H<sub>2</sub> infrastructure and FCEVs

- Public-private partnership between NOW and 9 industry stakeholders including:
  - Daimler, Linde, OMV, Shell, Total, Vattenfall, EnBW, Air Liquide, Air Products
- FCEV commercialization by 2015.



UKH<sub>2</sub>Mobility will evaluate anticipated FCEV roll-out in 2014/2015

- 13 industry partners including:
  - Air Liquide, Air Products, Daimler, Hyundai, ITM Power, Johnson Matthew, Nissan, Scottish & Southern Energy, Tata Motors, The BOC Group, Toyota, Vauxhall Motors
- 3 UK government departments
- Government investment of £400 million to support development, demonstration, and deployment.

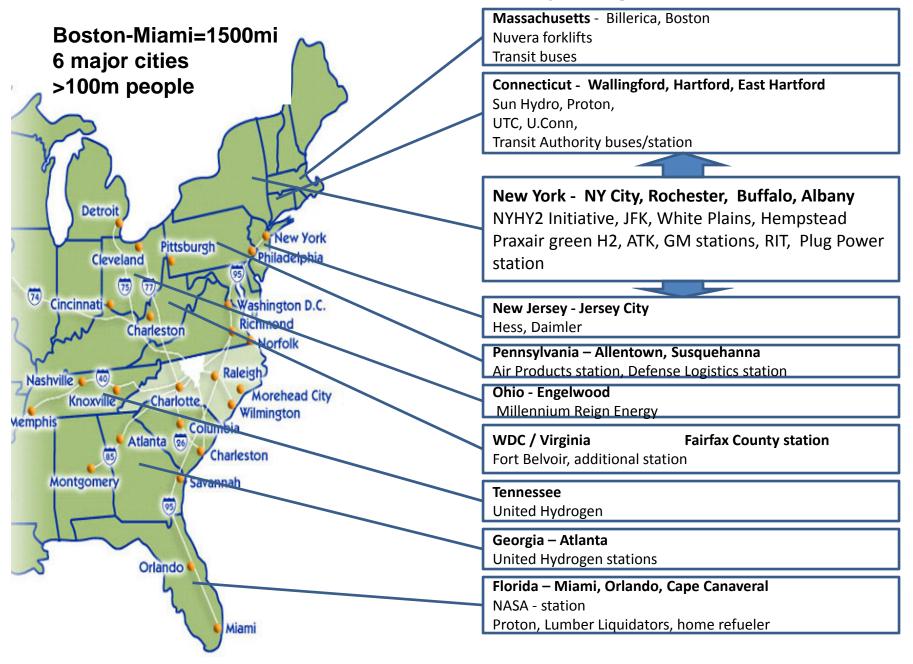


13 companies and Ministry of Transport announce plan to commercialize FCEVs by 2015

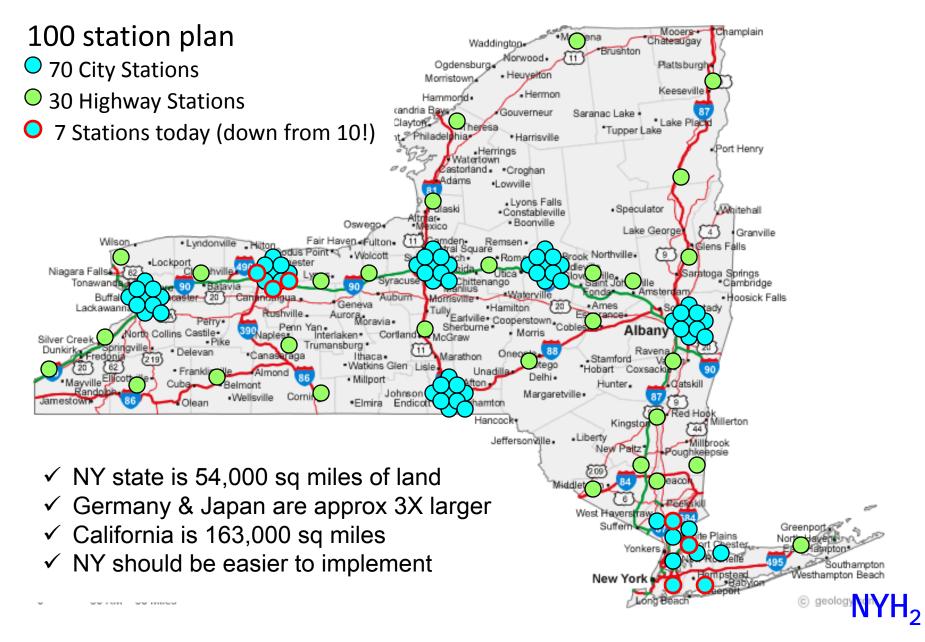
100 refueling stations in 4 metropolitan areas and connecting highways planned, 1,000 station in 2020, and 5,000 stations in 2030.

Based on publicly available information during 2011

### North East/East Coast/National Hydrogen Infrastructure



## Plan for New York State Hydrogen Highway and Connecting City Plan in Support of early FCEV Deployment – 2015-2020



## State of States

#### Fuel Cells in America 2012

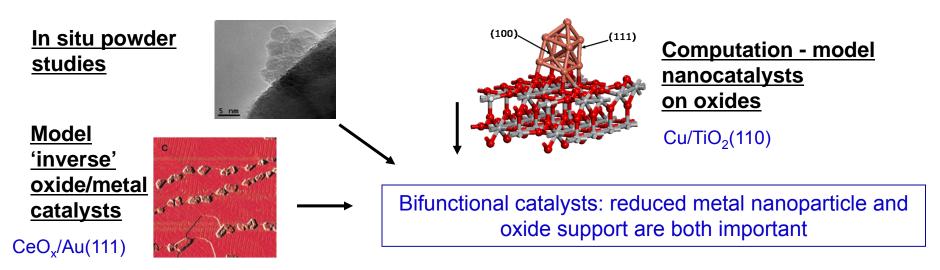


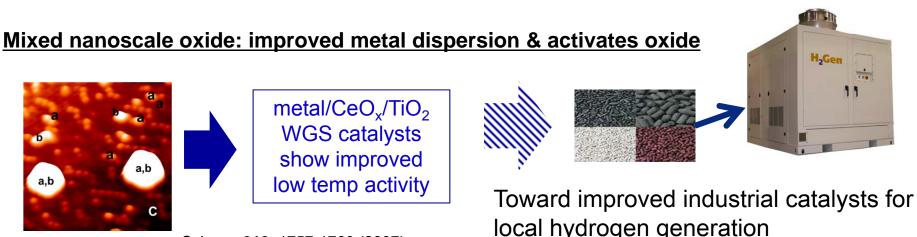
# Chemistry for Sustainable Energy: Recent Highlights

- Recent advances in catalysis for a hydrogen economy
  - Hydrogen use: Ultralow platinum fuel cell electrocatalysts
  - Hydrogen production:
    - Hydrocarbon reforming: hydrogen purification catalysis
    - Water electrolysis new ultralow and zero platinum electrocatalysts for hydrogen evolution
  - Hydrogen storage: new catalyst for CO<sub>2</sub> ↔ Formate interconversion to store hydrogen chemically
- BNL catalysis capabilities and expertise for the future
  - Preparing for NSLS-II
  - Scientific Recruiting

### Hydrogen as a Clean, Efficient Fuel

**New water-gas shift catalysts** for high purity hydrogen from abundant natural gas: Promising metal-doped reducible oxides  $(TiO_x, CeO_x)$ 





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