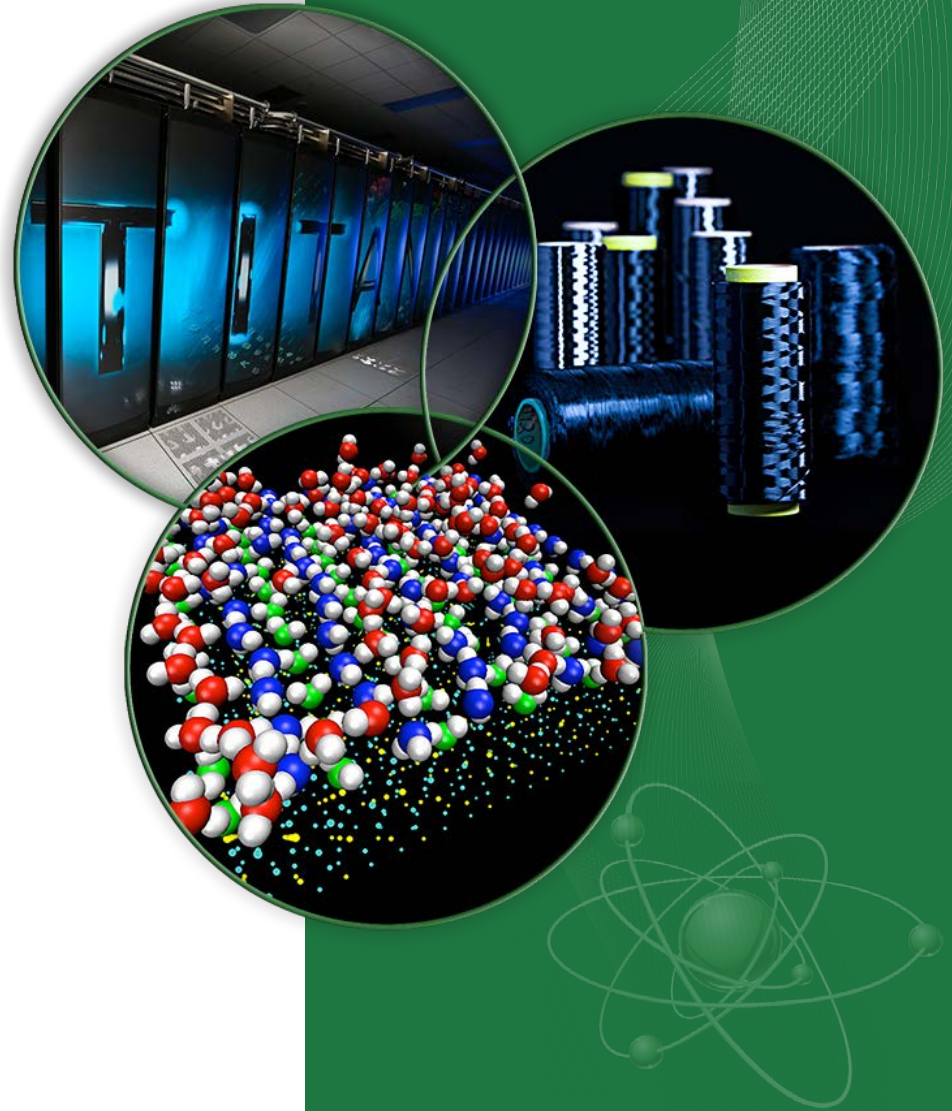


The Importance of Core Infrastructure

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Core infrastructure is important

Mission

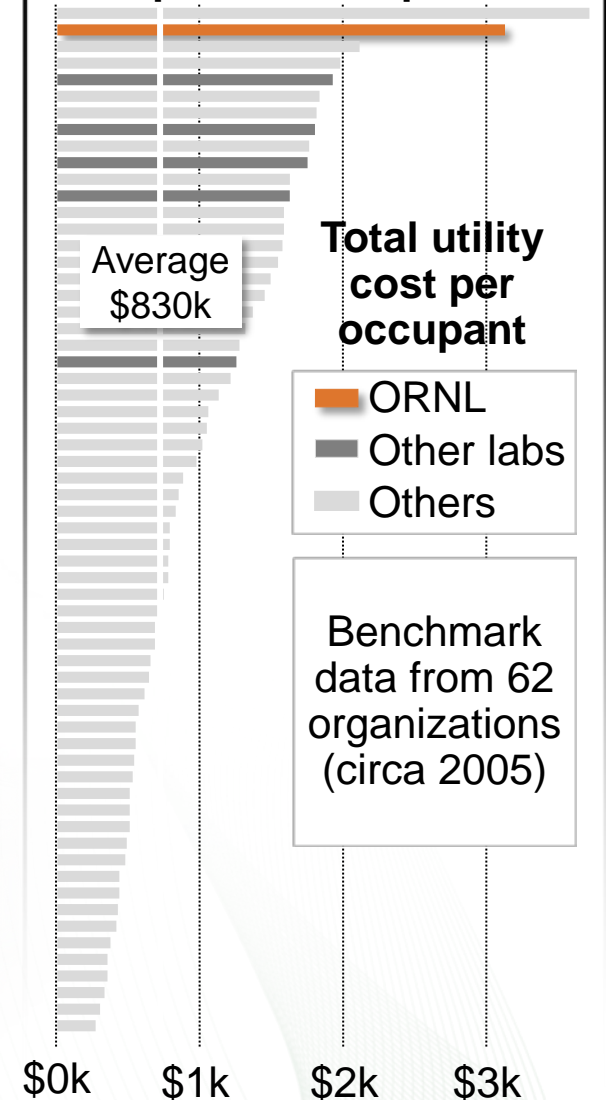
Inadequate functionality

No place for microscope
Can't do specific pathogen
free genetics
Unable to support
supercomputer

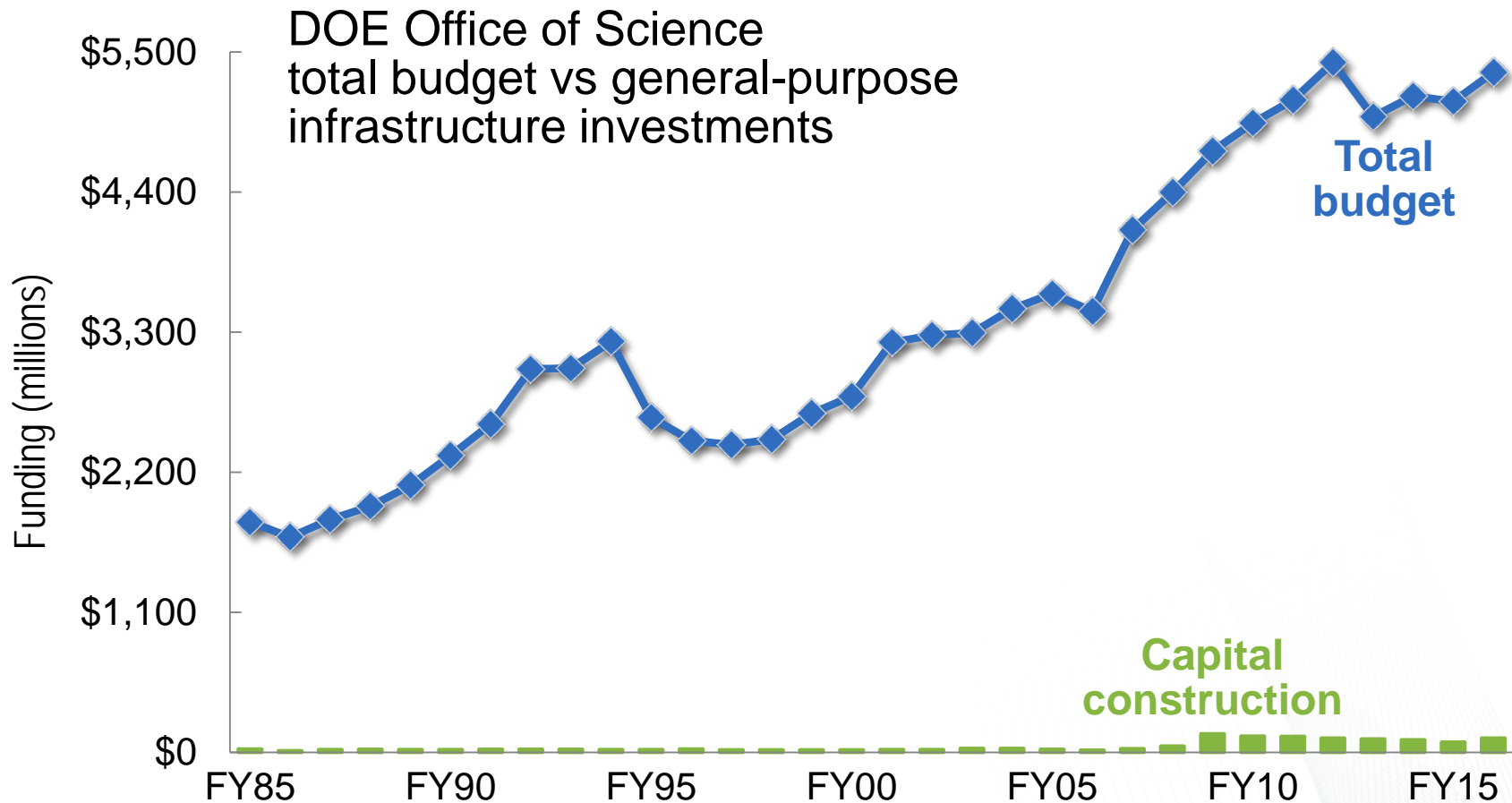
Safety ES&H impacts

Near miss occurrence –
fallen concrete
~25% of injuries
due to legacy issues
Failure in power
supply to
ventilation
fans

Cost Expensive to operate

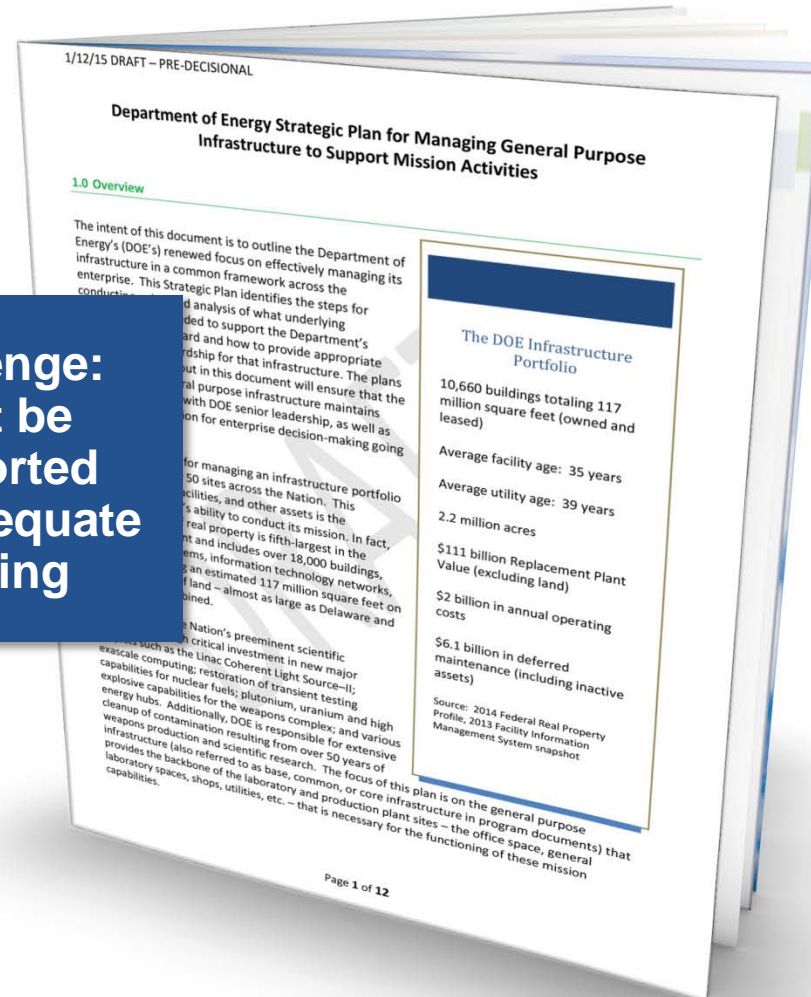


DOE's investment in core infrastructure has not kept up with needs



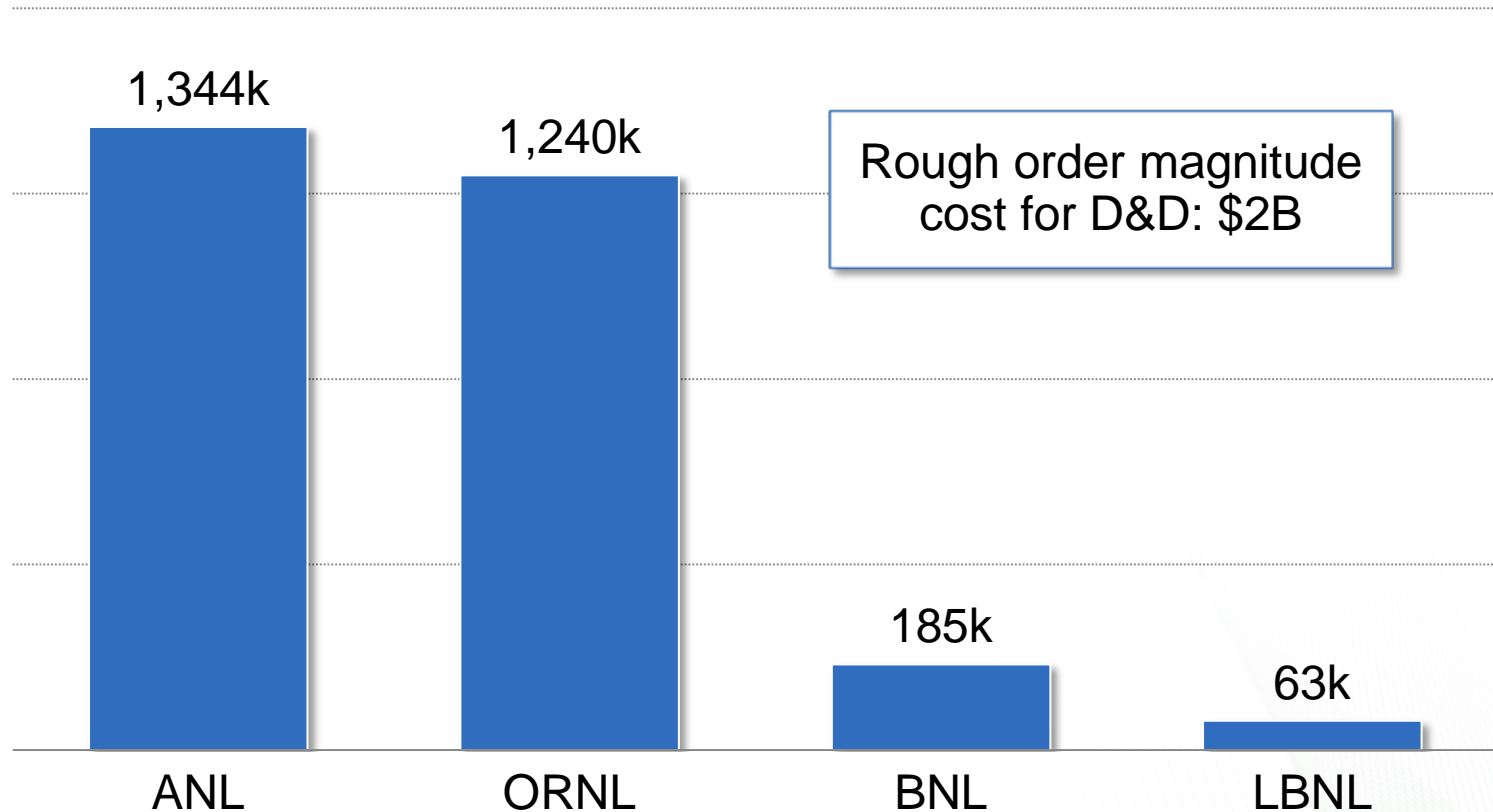
Recent efforts to develop Strategic Infrastructure Plan is right approach

**Challenge:
Must be
supported
with adequate
funding**



As a complex we still carry a significant burden of excess facilities

Gross square feet in the Office of Science



Who is accountable for life cycle cost of facilities?



Transformation is possible,
but it does take investment





ORNL in 2002

Alternative financing is only 1 tool and it has limited application

Private Sector

DOE

Cost/gross ft ²	\$210	\$322
Schedule	18 months	29 months
Safety	1 recordable injury	2 DART cases
Quality	 397,000 ft ²	 50,000 ft ²

UT-Battelle used a 3 part funding strategy to address aging infrastructure at ORNL

DOE



Major science facilities and infrastructure

- Pushing the edge of science and engineering
- Single-purpose “machines”
- Basic stewardship responsibility

State



Joint institutes with University of Tennessee

- Building collaborations for shared research opportunities
- Training of faculty and students
- Economic development for the state

Private Sector



Commercial laboratory and office space

- Public/private partnership enables government access to private financing
- Takes advantage of commercial practices – faster and cheaper

We have made substantial progress in updating ORNL's research campus

DOE Programmatic Investments		DOE Infrastructure Investments		Private Sector Investments			State of Tennessee Investments	
✓	Ultratrace Forensics Laboratory (\$14M)	✓	Advanced Microscopy Laboratory (\$5M)	✓	Computational Sciences Building	↑ \$72M total ↓	✓	Joint Institute for Computational Sciences (\$10M)
✓	SANS Guide Hall at HFIR (\$4M)	✓	Conference Center (\$16M)	✓	Engineering Technology Facility		✓	Joint Institute for Biological Sciences (\$12M)
✓	Center for Nanophase Materials Sciences (\$65M)	✓	High-bay area for fusion experiments (\$5M)	✓	Research Office Building			
✓	Spallation Neutron Source (\$1,400M)	✓	Chemical and Materials Sciences Building (\$95M)	✓	Multiprogram Research Facility (\$40M)		✓	Joint Institute for Neutron Sciences (\$8M)
✓	Guest House (\$9M)	✓	Numerous utility and hardscape projects (~\$15M/year)					
✓	MAXLAB (\$16M)							

ORNL's East Campus Today



But we have more to do

FY15 Lab Plan presented to the Office of Science

5 objectives drive our most pressing infrastructure needs

Sustain
world
leadership
in neutron
sciences

Sustain
world
leadership
in HPC

Preserve
core nuclear
capabilities

Revitalize
core
infrastructure

Reduce
impact of
legacies

Questions

