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TITLE: Energy Materials Network Lab Consortia Overview

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### The Materials Genome Initiative (MGI)





### Materials Genome Initiative

Goals

Examples News & Announcements **Federal Programs** 

To help businesses discover, develop, and deploy new materials twice as fast, we're launching what we call the Materials Genome Initiative. The invention of silicon circuits and lithium-ion batteries made computers and iPods and iPads possible -- but it took years to get those technologies from the drawing board to the marketplace. We can do it faster.

- President Obama, June 2011 at Carnegie Mellon University



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External Stakeholder Activities

### Targeting a 2x acceleration of the materials-to-market process

### Leading a culture shift in materials research to encourage and

facilitate an integrated team approach that links computation, data, and experiment and crosses boundaries from academia to industry;

### Integrating experiment, computation, and theory and equipping

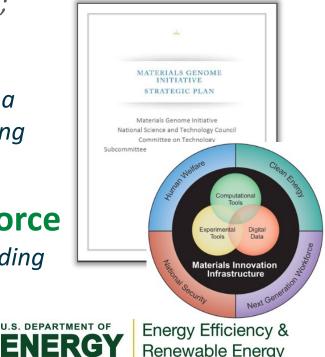
the materials community with the advanced tools and techniques to work across materials classes from research to industrial application;

# Making digital data accessible including

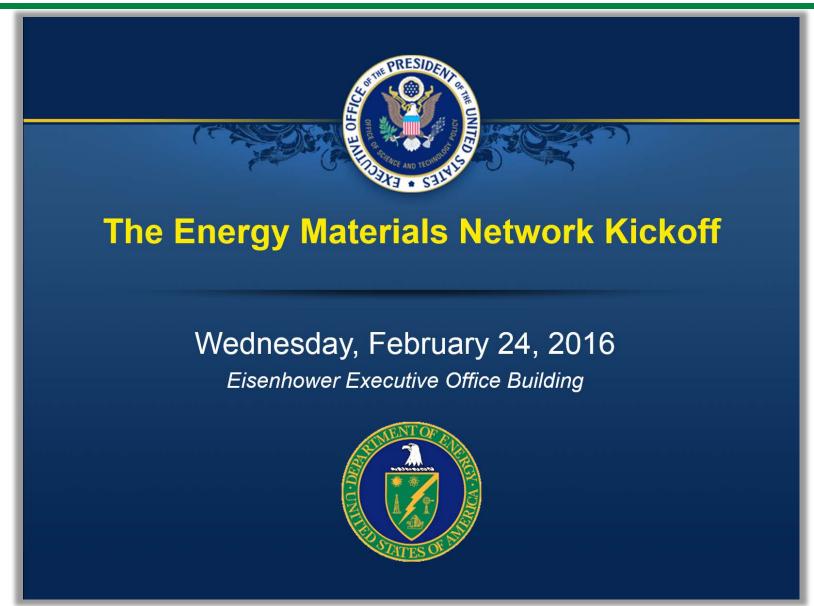
combining data from experiment and computation into a searchable materials data infrastructure and encouraging researchers to make their data available to others;

### **Creating a world-class materials workforce**

that is trained for careers in academia or industry, including high-tech manufacturing jobs.

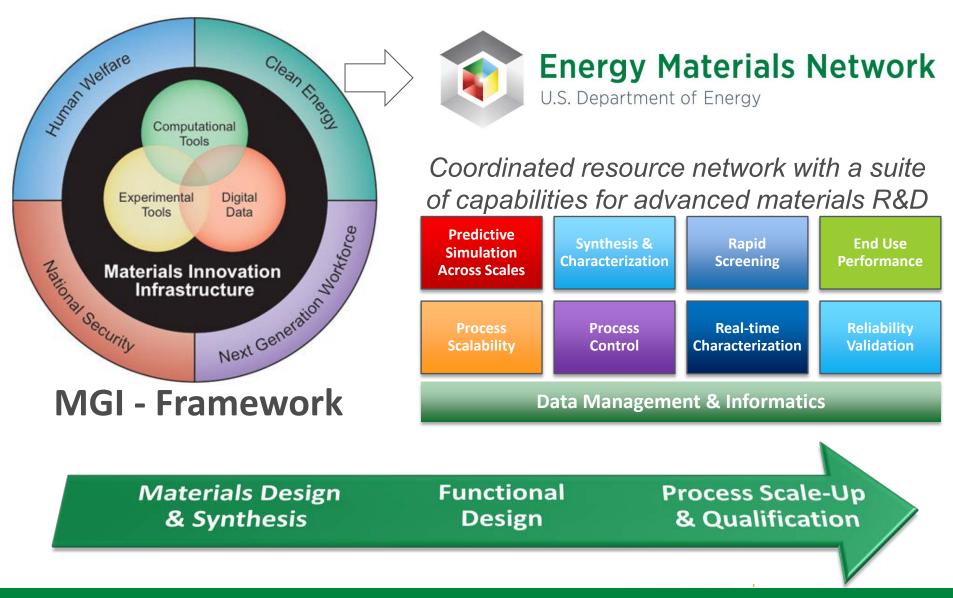


### **EMN: Leveraging MGI to Advance Clean Energy Technologies**



http://www.energy.gov/eere/energy-materials-network/energy-materials-network

## **The Energy Materials Network Initiative Vision**



New material innovations for clean energy 2X faster and 2X cheaper

## National Lab Consortia Leveraging World-Class Capabilities





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# Energy Materials Network Consortium Services

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How do I find the right resource to accelerate a solution to my materials challenge?



How do I engage with the National Labs quickly and effectively?

The EMN offers a common yet flexible RD&D consortium model to address key materials challenges in specific high-impact clean energy technologies aimed at accelerating the tech-to-market process





- World Class Materials Capability Network: Create and manage a unique, accessible set of capabilities within the DOE National Laboratory system
- Clear Point of Engagement: Provide a single point-of-contact and concierge to direct interested users (e.g. industry research teams) to the appropriate laboratory capabilities, and to facilitate efficient access.
- Data and Tool Collaboration Framework: Capture data, tools, and expertise developed at each node such that they can be shared and leveraged throughout the EMN and in future programs. Establish data repositories and, where appropriate, distribute data to the scientific community and public. Accelerate learning and development through data analysis using advanced informatics tools.
- Streamlined Access: Facilitate rapid completion of agreements for external partners, and aggressively pursue approaches to reduce non-technical burden on organizations seeking to leverage the EMN for accelerated materials development and deployment.
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# Create network

- ➤ Technical Capabilities Expert from each lab identifies light materials capabilities that are unique and accessible → Network Nodes
- Nodes include standard R&D facilities and user facilities (User Facility access protocol not affected)

# Manage network

- > Technical Capabilities Expert from each lab monitors resource loading to avoid overcommitting resources
- Steering committee conducts workshops, industry outreach, and network assessments to identify capability gaps, accessibility gaps, and necessary upgrades



### What is a Node?

#### A combination of

- A Tool → microscope, code/software, test stand, etc.
- A Technique → An approach to using the tool for accelerated material development
- People and Expertise → The scientists, engineers, and knowhow to combine the tool and technique to accelerate materials development

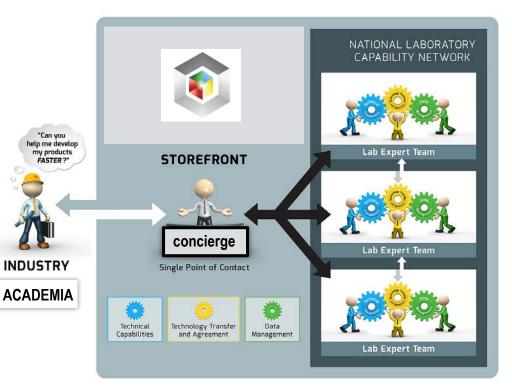
EMN nodes must be unique with respect to at least one of these characteristics!



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- EMN Concierge is one-stopshop for learning about and accessing the network
- Match-making industry needs with resources across the network
- Conducting outreach activities
- Facilitating rapid IP, NDA, and contract agreements
- Coordinating movement, storage, and analysis of project data







### Simplify agreement process to the greatest extent possible

- Maintain a catalog of short-form or rapid CRADAs, ACT agreements, Strategic Partnership Projects, etc. for use whenever possible
- > Develop a single, pre-approved, mutual NDA between all consortium partners
- > Use exploratory licenses whenever possible

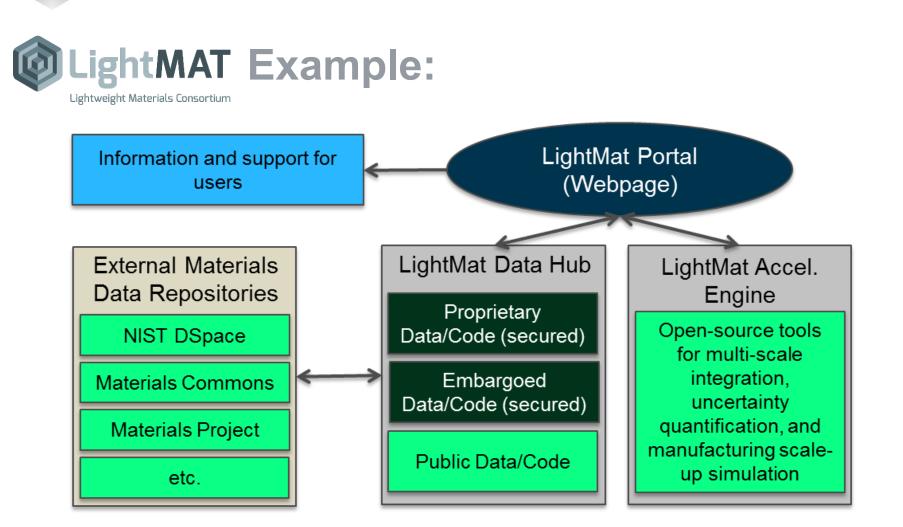
### Facilitate agreement process when complexity is unavoidable

- > Concierge provides support throughout the agreement process
- Steering committee reviews completed agreements to implement new approaches and new best practices for reducing complexity



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**Data Management** 

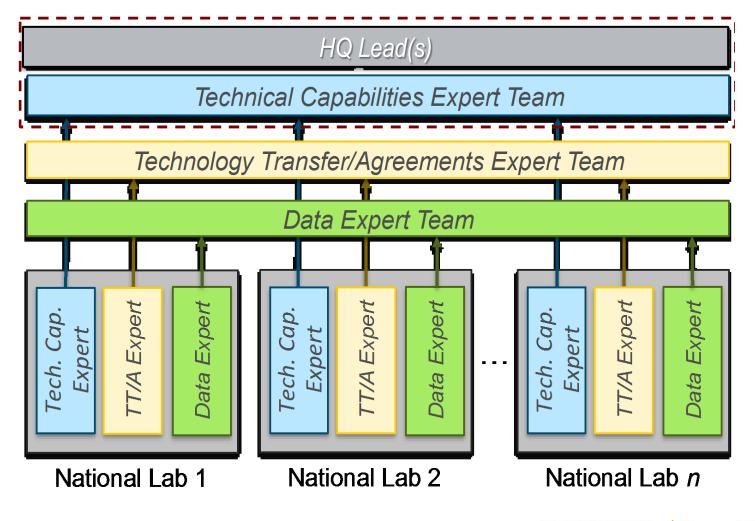




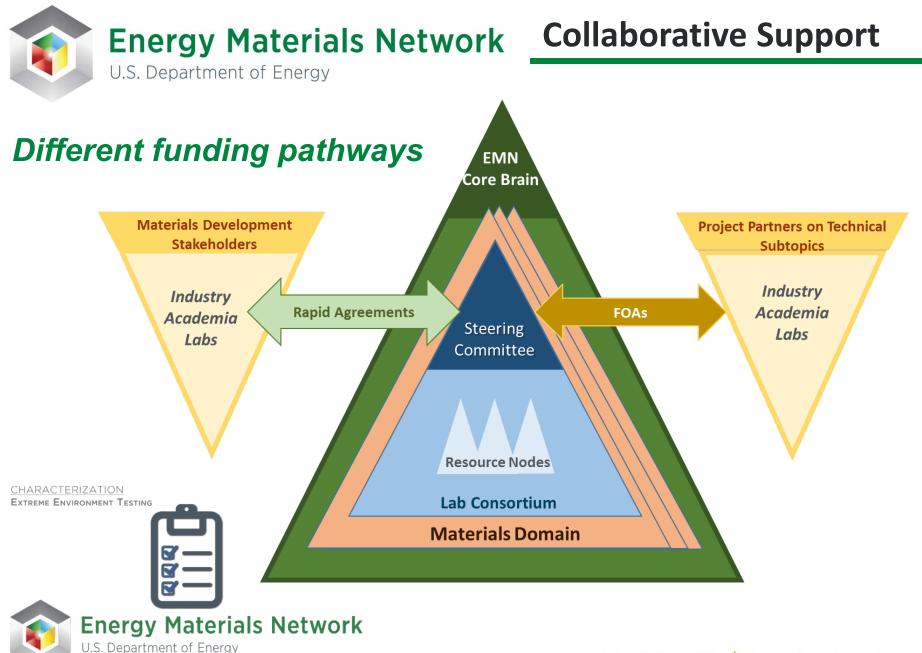
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### **Consortium Steering Teams**









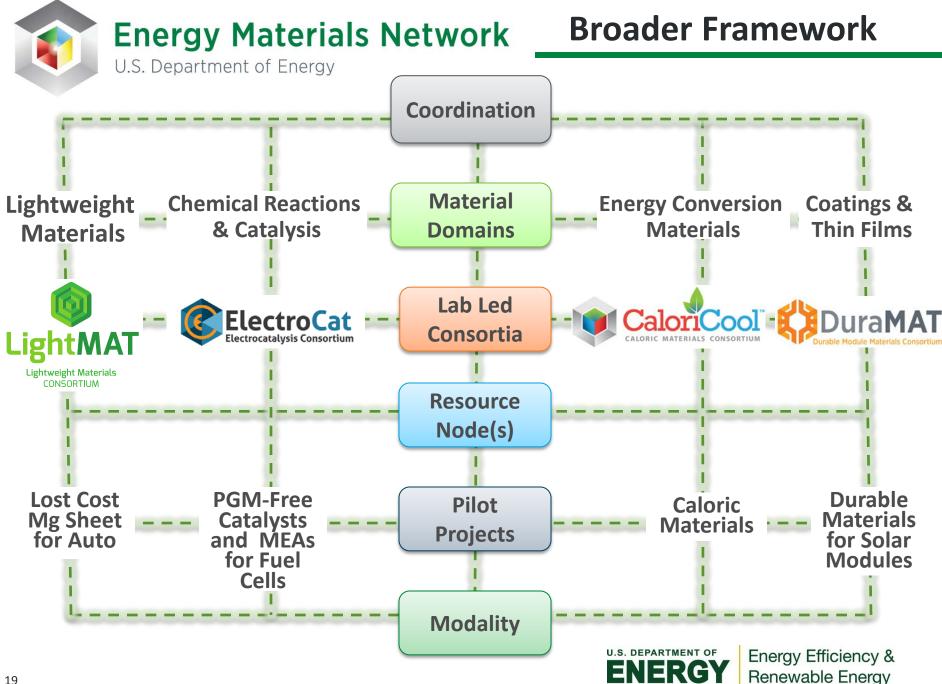


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Funding Modality	Purpose
1. Consortia Infrastructure Support	<b>Funds used to pay for operation of the</b> <b>consortium.</b> Includes the time of the Lab Lead, cost of workshops and industry outreach, the web portal, and the data repository, and investments in new equipment and capabilities
2. FOAs	<b>Competitive funding to work with consortia.</b> Ex. Competitively-selected projects in innovative materials RD&D involving industry, academia and national lab partners
3. Consortia FOA Partnered Support	<b>Funds used to pay for consortium activity as part of a FOA awarded program.</b> Ex. pay for all lab costs associated with the FOA awarded projects
4. Direct Funded Support	Funds use to pay for CRADA's and other work with the consortia





## **Building Momentum...**



#### Energy Materials Network

The Energy Materials Network (EMN) aims to dramatically decrease time-to-market for advanced materials that are critical to many clean energy technologies.

#### WORLD-CLASS INNOVATION

EMN is fueling U.S. industry with leading scientific and technical capabilities, data, and tools, and helping deliver innovative clean energy products to the world marketplace through its network of national lab-led consortia.

#### **CLEAR POINTS OF ENGAGEMENT**

In building an enduring, accessible network, EMN offers industry clear points of engagement and streamlined access to national lab resources by providing technical support, collaboration tools, and data platforms.

#### **RAPID SCALE-UP**

EMN is addressing market deployment barriers and getting new technologies to market faster by better integrating all phases of the materials development cycle, from discovery through deployment.



PROPELLING CLEAN ENERGY MATERIALS DEVELOPMENT FORWARD, 2X FASTER AND AT HALF THE COST

EMN's initial consortia are focusing on targeted materials tracks aligned with some of industry's most pressing clean energy materials challenges.

LIGHTWEIGHT MATERIALS FOR VEHICLES

DURABLE MATERIALS FOR SOLAR MODULES CALORIC MATERIALS FOR HEAT PUMP TECHNOLOGIES NEXT-GENERATION ELECTRO-CATALYSTS FOR FUEL CELLS





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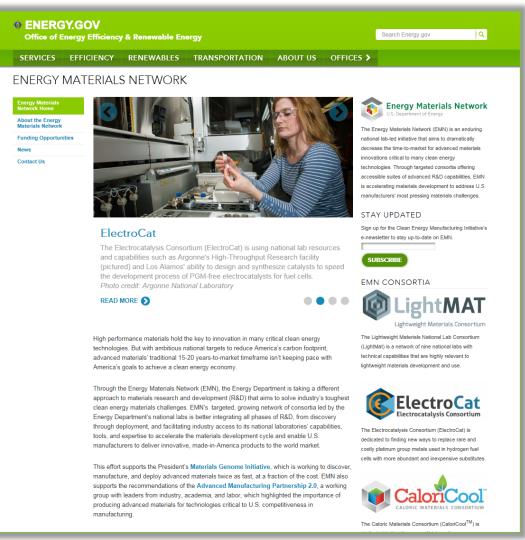
Caloric MATERIALS CONSORTIUM	Website launched ( <u>www.CaloriCool.org</u> ). Data informatics handled by Citrine (through Ames subcontract). Industry workshop on capabilities to be held in Q1 FY17.
Chemical Catalysis for Bioenergy	Website launched on Oct 1 ( <u>www.chemcatbio.org</u> ) . Existing materials portals under review for data infrastructure (HubZero, Dspace, Materials Project, etc.). Industry Stakeholder workshop to be held Q1 FY17.
DuraMAT Durable Module Materials Consortium	DuraMat selection notification & award negotiations in Q4 FY16. Website Launched ( <u>www.duramat.org</u> ) Aggregating large amount of existing data into consistent and workable format. Existing materials portals under review for data infrastructure.
ElectroCat Electrocatalysis Consortium	Website launched ( <u>www.electrocat.org</u> ). Expanded to 4 labs, and kick-off workshop held in Q3 FY16.
HydroGEN Advanced Water Splitting Materials	Website launched Oct 7 ( <u>www.h2awsm.org</u> ) with about 80 nodes from 6 labs and JCAP. Existing materials portals under review for data infrastructure.*
	NDA complete. Website near completion. Identifying types of data and data formats for data infrastructure.
Lightweight Materials Consortium	Mg sheet FOA project awarded and kicked off, with LightMAT resources at PNNL and ORNL included. \$1.3M of direct funding allocated for new LightMAT call in Nov/Dec 2016. Data Hub engineering underway for Q4 2017 release.



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# **Common RD&D Interests: Different Implementations**



One of the first two EMN pilots, for accelerated RD&D of PGM-free catalysts for fuel cells



Previous consortium on RD&D of materials-based H<sub>2</sub> storage, being welcomed in the EMN fold





The AWSM EMN consortium on **HydroGEN** *Fine AWSM EMIN consortium on renewable hydrogen production* has been rolled-out





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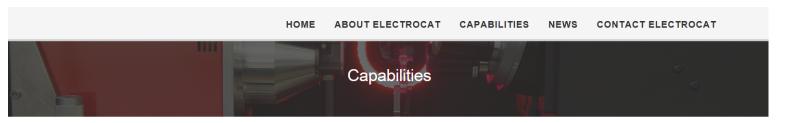
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#### Synthesis, Processing & Manufacturing

ElectroCat has numerous techniques available for synthesis and post-synthesis processing of PGM-free catalysts in high-surface-area form or as planar model systems, and fabrication of electrode layers and membrane electrode assemblies.

#### High Surface Area Catalysts

Synthesis of PGM-free catalysts using methods such as tuning of precursor solution chemistry, spray-pyrolysis, electrospinning, freeze drying, controlled synthesis of carbon nanostructures, high-temperature pyrolysis, sputtering onto high surface area supports, and implanting heteroatoms into powders

#### Model Systems Synthesis

Synthesis of planar model electrocatalyst systems using techniques such as doping of heteroatoms into graphite



#### **Characterization & Testing**

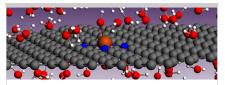
ElectroCat has a wide array of capabilities characterize the composition, structure, and performance of highsurface-area PGM-free catalyst powders, catalystionomer inks, electrode layers, membrane electrode assemblies, and thin film model catalysts.

#### Materials Characterization

Instruments and expertise to characterize the elemental composition, phase composition, atomic structure, surface area, particle size and pore size distributions, and oxidation state of PGM-free catalyst precursors and catalysts in powder form, catalyst synthesis solutions, and catalyst-ionomer inks

#### Electrode/Cell Characterization & Diagnostics

Equipment and expertise in catalytic activity in a fuel cell and electrode performance, composition and composition spatial distribution, and nano- and micro-structure characterization



#### Computation, Modeling & Data Management

ElectroCat's experimental synthesis and characterization efforts are guided and complemented by computational and modeling capabilities at the catalyst, electrode, and membrane electrode assembly levels, as well as by data management expertise.

#### Catalyst Modeling

Modeling structure-function relationships, including active site identification and modeling of structural characterization results

#### Electrode/Fuel Cell Performance Modeling

Computational methods and models are available to characterize the kinetic and transport behavior of PGMfree electrodes and to design experiments and characterization to provide cell voltage loss analysis

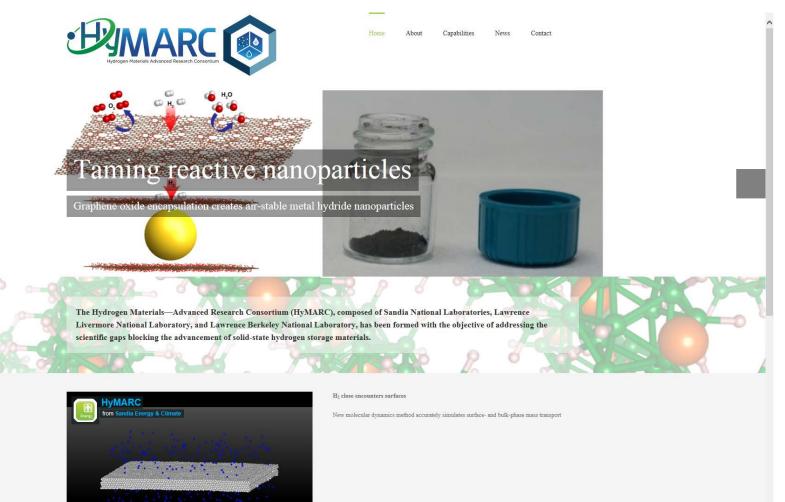
#### Data Management





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#### Capabilities

HydroGEN offers a suite of unique capabilities in the photoelectrochemical, solar thermochemical, low-temperature electrolytic, and high-temperature electrolytic water splitting pathways.

Furthermore, HydroGEN has the technical expertise and understands the issues related to these advanced water splitting materials. Partners can leverage capabilities and expertise in these areas:

- · Computational tools and modeling
- · Material synthesis
- · Process and manufacturing scale-up
- Characterization
- · System integration
- Analysis

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Access to HydroGEN capabilities is currently available through standard lab agreements, including cooperative research and development agreements (CRADAs) and strategic partnership projects, as well as partnered support through Fuel Cell Technologies Office funding opportunity announcements. Short-form, rapid versions of these agreements are in development.





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### Some nodes are 'plug-and-play', while others require more investment



#### HydroGEN Advanced Water Splitting Materials

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#### Node Readiness Category

Each capability represents a resource node—a combination of a tool, technique, and expertise—that is unique to the national laboratory system. Each resource node is assigned a node readiness category that describes the readiness of the capability node for use in the water splitting pathway listed.

- **Category 1:** the node is fully developed and has been used for research projects in the pathway listed.
- Category 2: the node will require some development for the pathway listed. An example is a computational model that has been developed for one pathway but will require R&D to be adapted to another pathway.
- **Category 3:** the node requires significant development for the pathway listed. An example is a characterization technique that has been developed for fuel cells but that requires significant R&D to be adapted for hydrogen production research.

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#### **Technology Abbreviations**

- HT: Hybrid Thermochemical
- HTE: High-Temperature Electrolysis
- LTE: Low-Temperature Electrolysis
- PEC: Photoelectrochemical
- STCH: Solar Thermochemical



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# **Upcoming Webinars on FCTO EMN Consortia**

Webinar	Links to register for webinar	Date and Time
FCTO Lab Consortia Overview: ElectroCat and HyMARC	https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register /3649324550654845697	Tuesday, November 8th, 2016; 12 – 1 PM EST
FCTO's HydroGEN Consortium Webinar Series, Part 1 of 3: Photoelectrochemical (PEC) Water Splitting	https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/42 54096628056359684	Thursday, November 10th, 2016; 4 – 5 PM EST
FCTO's HydroGEN Consortium Webinar Series, Part 2 of 3: Electrolysis	https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/12 1390860037074948	Tuesday, November 15th, 2016; 4 – 5 PM EST
FCTO's HydroGEN Consortium Webinar Series, Part 3 of 3: Solar Thermochemical (STCH) Hydrogen Production	https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/39 8336948352956164	Thursday, November 17th, 2016; 4 – 5 PM EST



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