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# US Department of Energy Vehicle Battery R&D: *Current Scope and Future Directions*



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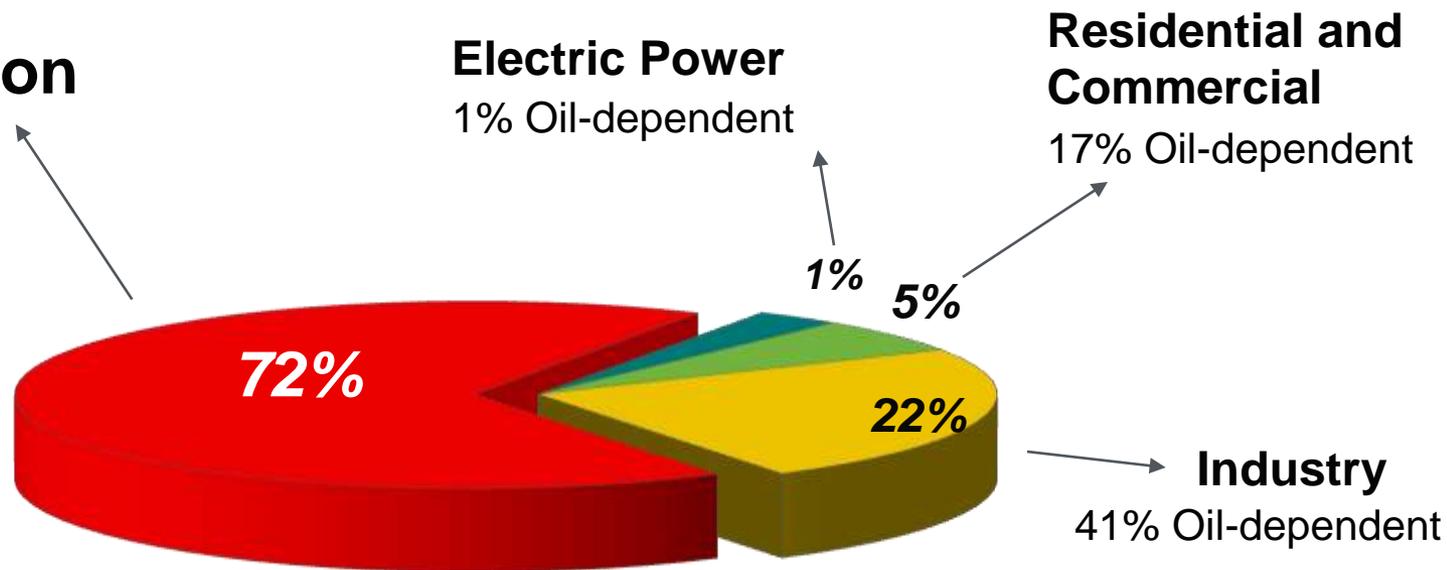
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## U.S. Oil Consumption by End-use Sector *19.1 Million Barrels per Day (2010)*

### Transportation

*94% Oil-dependent*

- On-road vehicles are responsible for ~80% of transportation oil usage



Source: DOE/EIA Annual Energy Review, April 2010

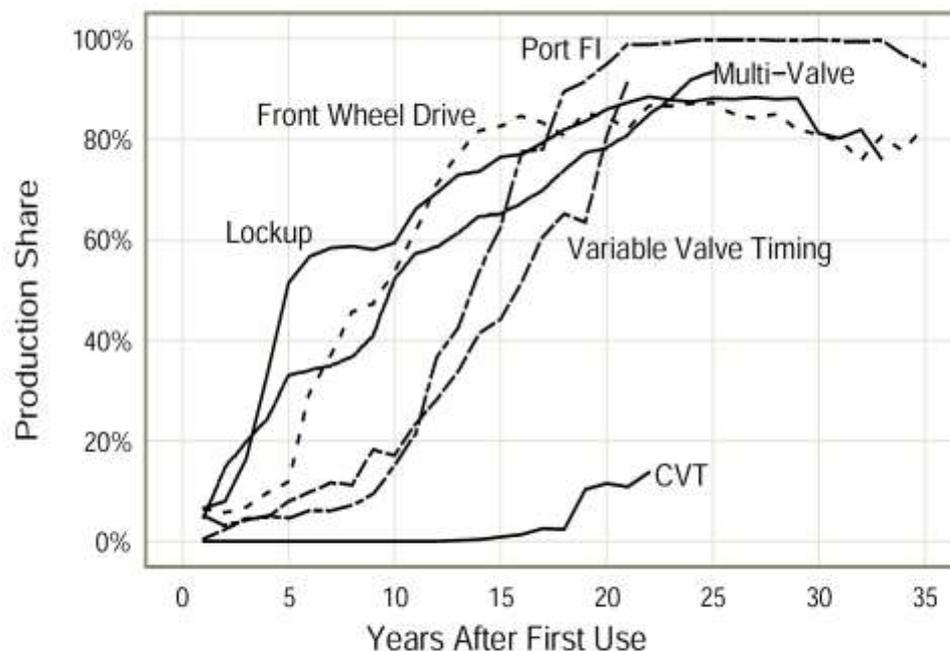
# Realizing Benefits of a Vehicle Technology Takes Time



## U.S. Vehicle Market

- About 240 million light-duty vehicles on the road
- Approximately 12 million new cars and light trucks sold in 2010
- *It has often taken about 15 – 20 years for a technology to reach maximum market penetration.*

## Vehicle Technology Penetration Years After Initial Significant Use



*Light-Duty Automotive Technology and Fuel Economy Trends: 1975 Through 2010, EPA420-R-10-023, November 2010, p. 69*

## Vehicle Types and Benefits

HEV



- Toyota Prius → ~50 MPG
- 1 kWh battery
  - Battery Power Rating: 25kW
  - Battery Cost: about \$1,200

PHEV



- Chevy Volt → ~100 MPGe
- 16 kWh battery
  - Battery Power Rating: 120kW
  - Battery Cost: about \$10,000

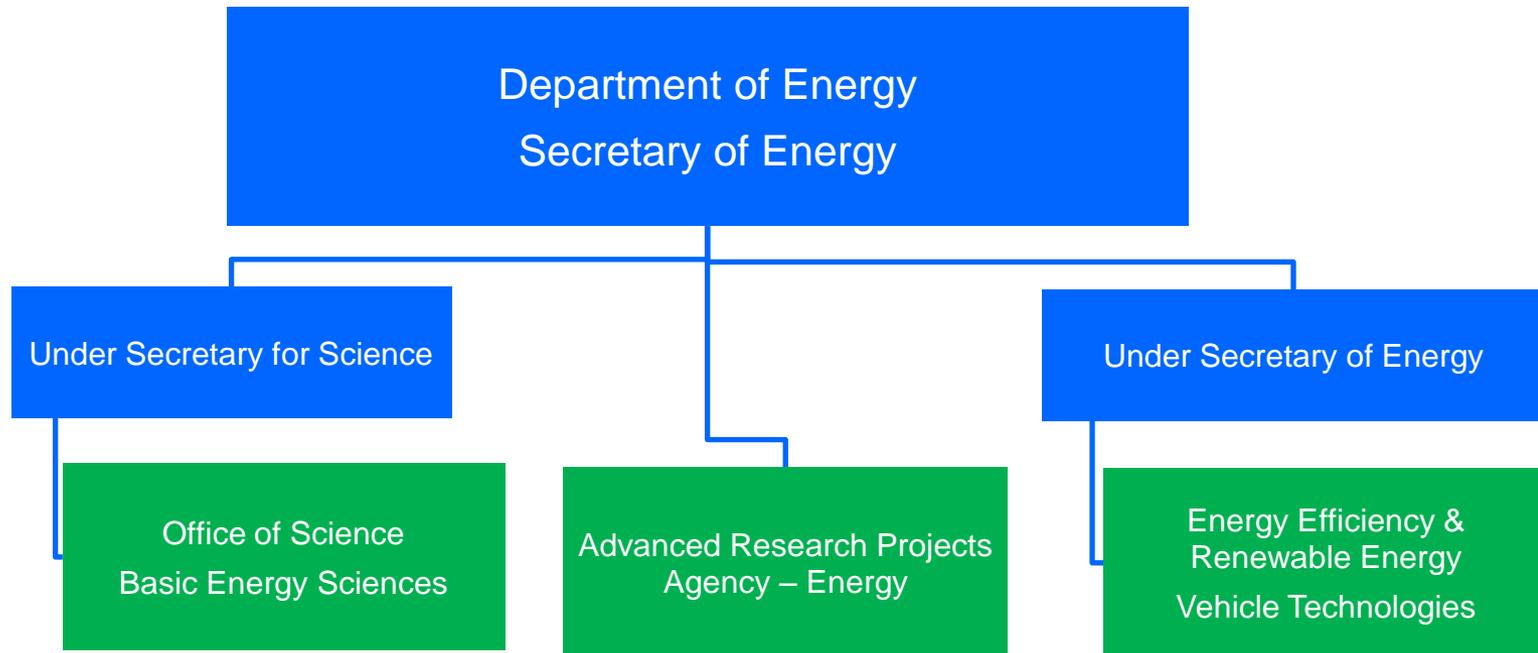
EV



- Nissan Leaf → All Electric
- ≥ 24 kWh battery
  - Battery Power Rating: ≥ 110kW
  - Battery Cost: about \$15,000

Achieving large national benefits depends on significant market penetration.

Battery affordability and performance are the keys.



- **Office of Science/Basic Energy Sciences (BES):** Fundamental research to understand, predict, and control matter and energy at electronic, atomic, and molecular levels.
- **Advanced Research Projects Agency – Energy (ARPA–E):** High-risk transformational research with potential for significant commercial impact.
- **EERE Vehicle Technologies (VTP):** Applied battery R&D to enable a large market penetration of electric vehicles.

ITT program management is performed by a Technical Advisory Board

## Technical Advisory Board

### ARPA-E

Dane Boysen  
David Danielson

### EERE/VTP

David Howell  
Pat Davis

### Science

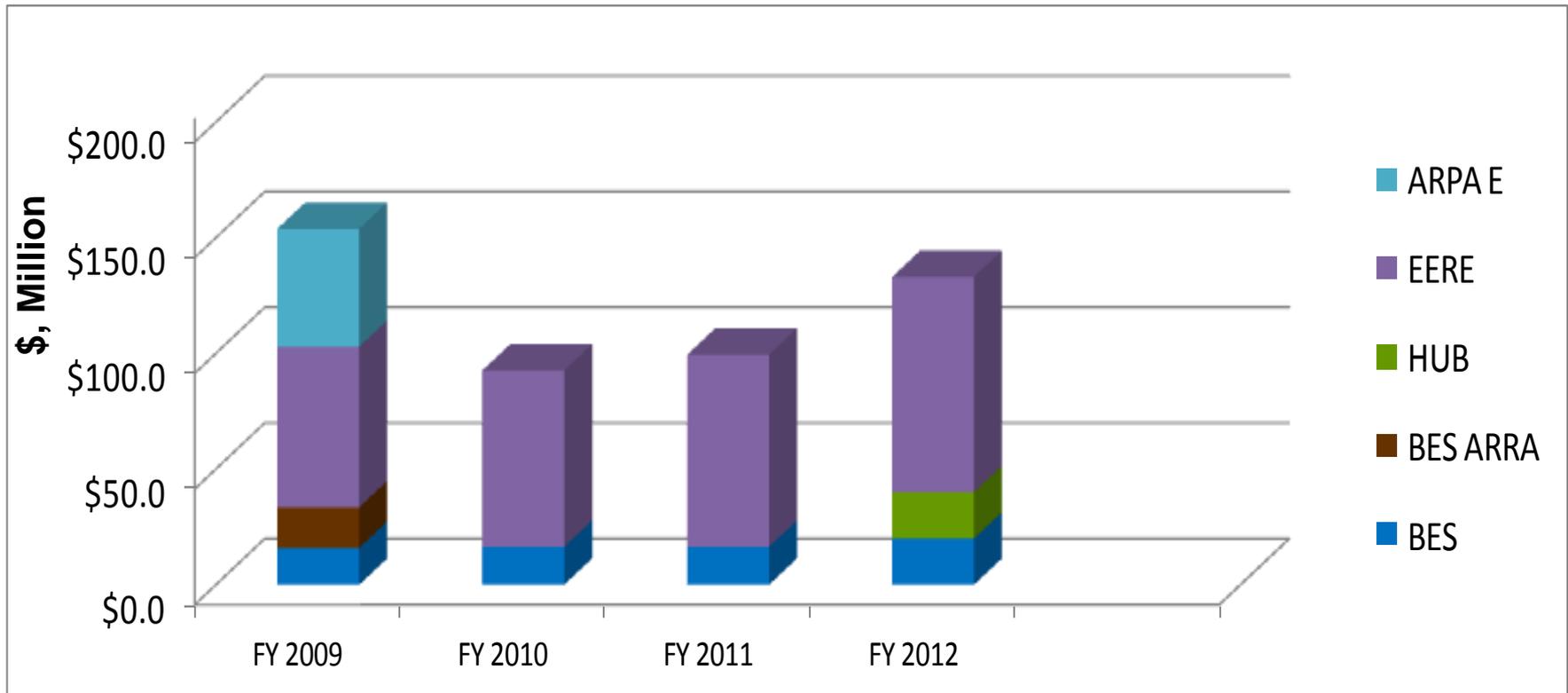
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## Activities

- Develop overarching techno-economic goals and provide advice regarding policy, programmatic direction, program goals and technical targets
- Conduct multi-year program planning and align projects with goals and objectives
- Guide and implement recommended changes through program reviews, R&D assessments, and stakeholder workshops
- Foster interactions among principal investigators across programs



# DOE Wide Transportation Battery R&D Funding



*FY2013 budget will be released in February 2012.*

This chart does not include ARRA funding for advanced battery manufacturing (\$1.5 B) or demonstrations (\$400 M for transportation).

### 1 penny a mile

*Initial cost goal*

- 1 penny/mile = battery cost / total electric miles driven
  - *Addresses consumers' concerns about battery life and up-front cost*
- Cost per mile varies based on vehicle architecture/battery size:

Vehicle	Battery	Lifetime range	Cost	Scaled cost
PHEV40	12 kWh	150,000 miles	\$1,500	1 cent/mile
EV100	24 kWh	150,000 miles	\$3,000	2 cents/mile
EV300	60 kWh	150,000 miles	\$7,500	5 cents/mile

*Note: The cost for each of these batteries is \$125/kWh*

This goal is focused on developing affordable, long-lived EV batteries for mass market adoption that alleviate lifetime and first-cost concerns.

### 10 miles per minute

*Fast-charge goal*

- 10 miles of range for each minute charging time
  - *Addresses consumers' concerns about vehicle range and charge time*
- Charge time varies based on vehicle architecture/battery size:

Vehicle	Battery	Recharge time	Rate (miles/min)
PHEV40	12 kWh	4 minutes	10
EV100	24 kWh	10 minutes	10
EV300	60 kWh	30 minutes	10

*Note: Using a nominal 120-180 kW charger*

This goal is focused on alleviating consumer range anxiety and charge-time inconvenience, major barriers to widespread commercial adoption of EVs.



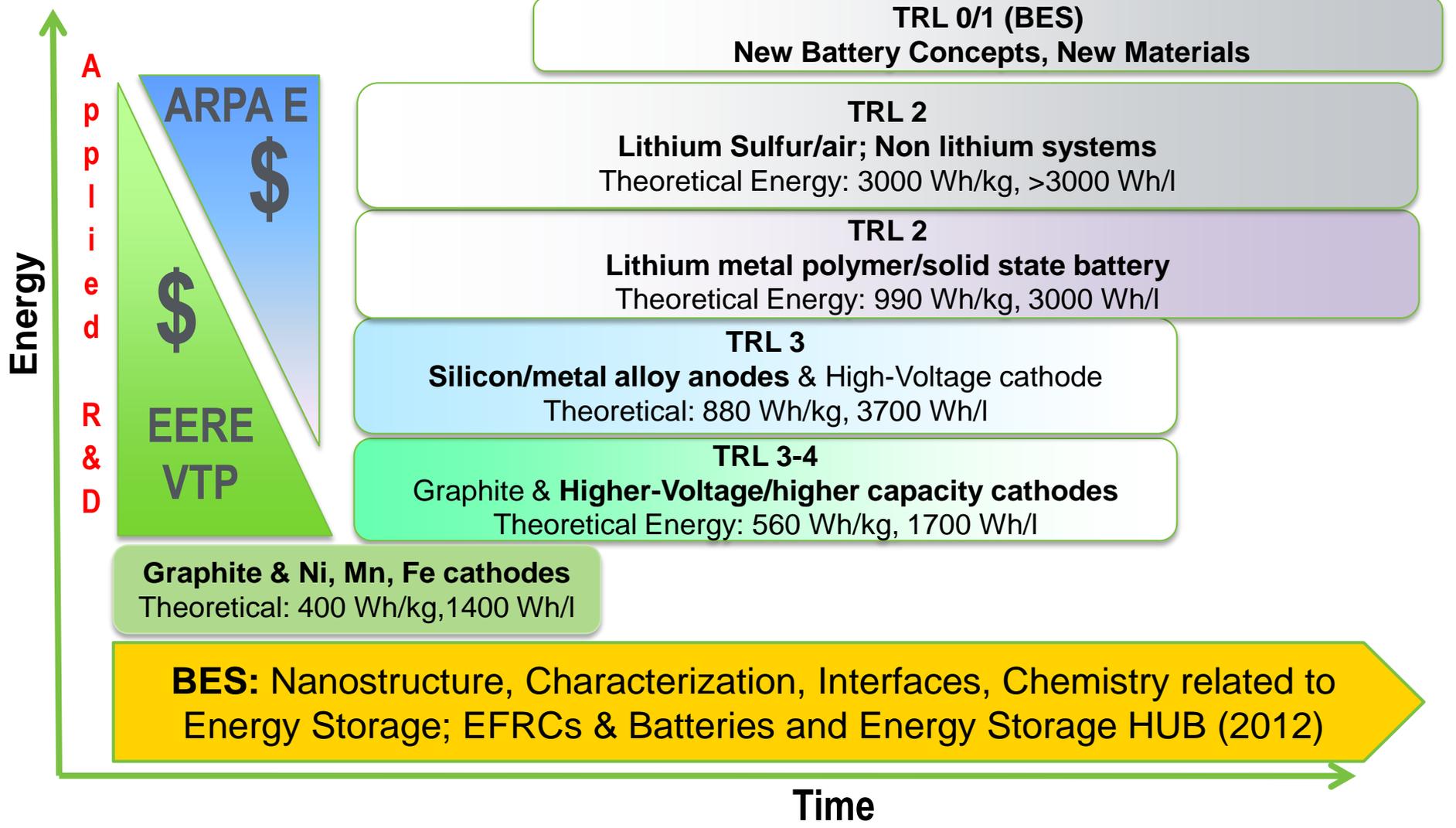
## Safe, Earth-Abundant, Recyclable

*Market-acceptance goals*

- Meet/exceed FMVSS and SAE–J2929 Battery Safety Standard
  - *Assure consumer confidence about vehicle safety*
- Constructed of earth-abundant materials
  - *Required for low cost*
  - *Minimize/eliminate foreign material dependencies*
- Recyclable
  - *Environmental stewardship*
  - *Ensure material availability and cost*

This goal is focused on speeding the market acceptance of new battery technologies and avoiding strategic material dependencies.

# Current R&D Focus and Associated 2011 Technology Readiness Levels



## Attributes of Battery Technologies

	Energy (Wh/kg)	Power (W/kg)	Life (cycles)	Energy Efficiency	Safety
Lithium-ion (current status)	80	500-1000	>3,000	> 90%	Meets SAE J2929
Lithium-ion (future generations)	200+	2,000	>3,000	> 90%	Meet SAE J2929
Lithium metal polymer	150-200	500	~1000	85%	Concern
Lithium metal / Sulfur	250-400	750	~100	85%	Concern
Lithium metal / Air	400-800	Poor	~10	<70%	Concern
DOE 2020 Goals	250	2,000	500-3,750	>90%	Meet SAE J2929

# VTP Battery Development

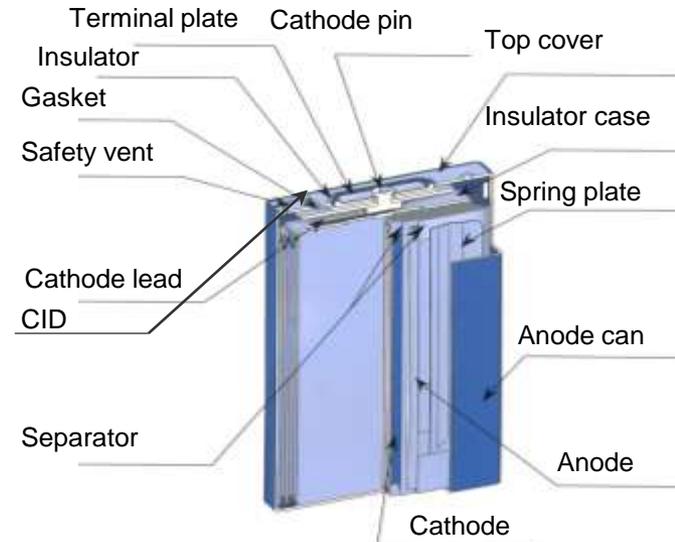


## ❑ Battery Performance Targets

- ❑ EV \$125/kWh (2020)
- ❑ PHEV40 \$300/kWh (2015)
- ❑ HEV \$20/KW (2010)

## ❑ Battery Cell /Pack Development

- ❑ Material Specifications and Synthesis
- ❑ Electrode Design, Formulation and Coating
- ❑ Cell Design/Fabrication
- ❑ Module & Pack Design/Fabrication
- ❑ Battery Control & Safety Devices
- ❑ Detailed Cost Modeling



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# VTP Advanced Battery Materials and Cell R&D



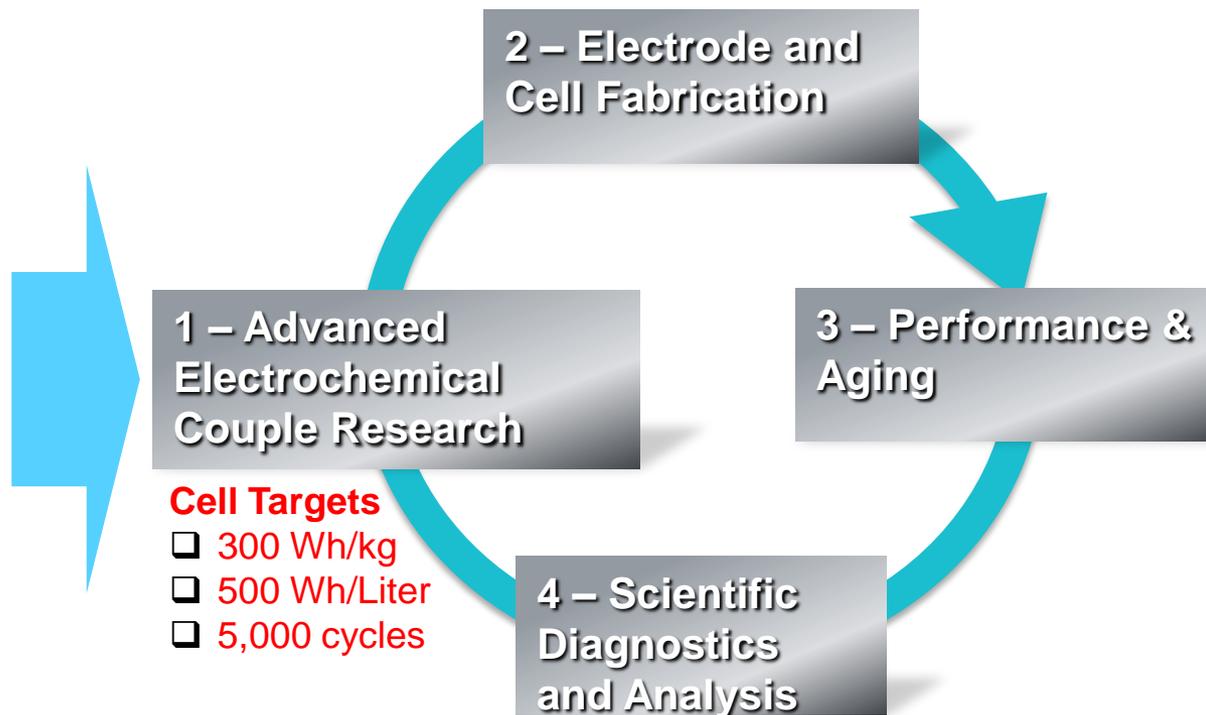
Goal: expedite commercialization of advanced materials and electrochemical couples for transportation based lithium-ion batteries

## Battery Materials Research

Advanced Anodes  
(600 mAh/g)

Advanced cathodes  
(300+ mAh/g)

Next Generation Electrolytes  
(5 volt)



**Supports R&D at 19 different Universities and 16 different Industry partners**

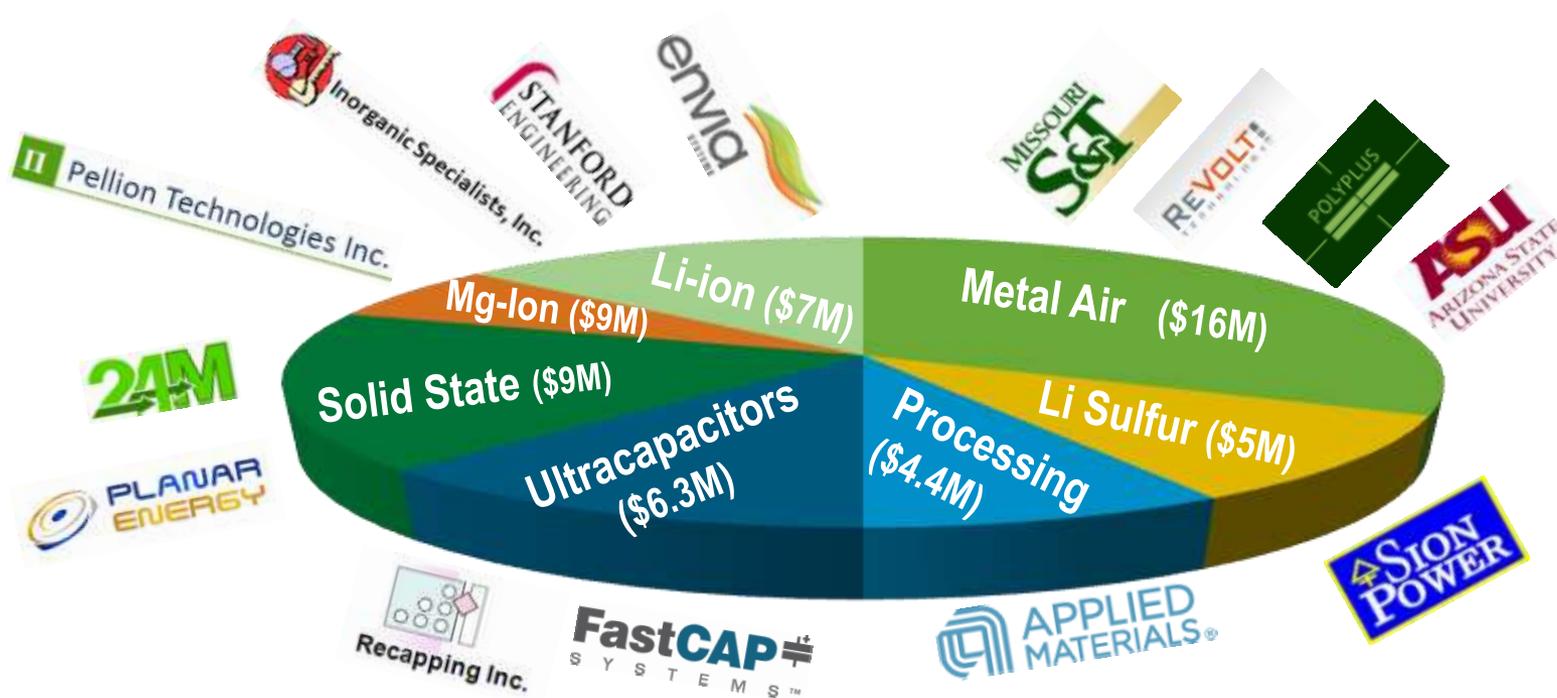
- Funding Opportunity Announcements (FOAs) through ARPA-E have included energy storage for both transportation and grid-scale applications.
- Projects are 1-3 years in duration and are currently being funded through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009 (\$57 million total in vehicle-battery R&D).

### ARPA E Energy Storage Targets for Transportation

Category	Target
Specific Power Density	400 W/kg (system, 80% DOD, 30s)
Volumetric Power Density	600 W/liter (system, 80% DOD, 30s)
Specific Energy Density	200 Wh/kg (system, C/3 discharge)
Volumetric Energy Density	300 Wh/L (system, C/3 discharge)
Cycle Life	1000 cycles (80% DOD)
Calendar Life	10 Years
Round Trip Efficiency	80% (C/3 charge and discharge)

ARPA-E awarded 14 transformational research projects to speed the development of revolutionary, “game-changing” electric drive vehicle energy storage technology.

## ARPA E Energy Storage Awards (\$57 M)

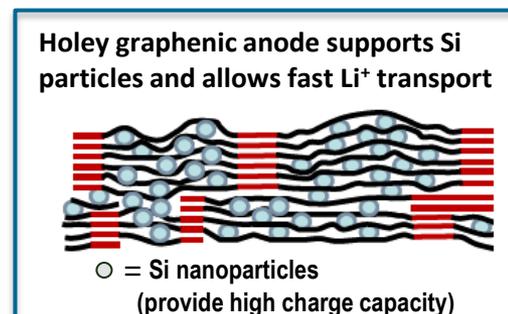
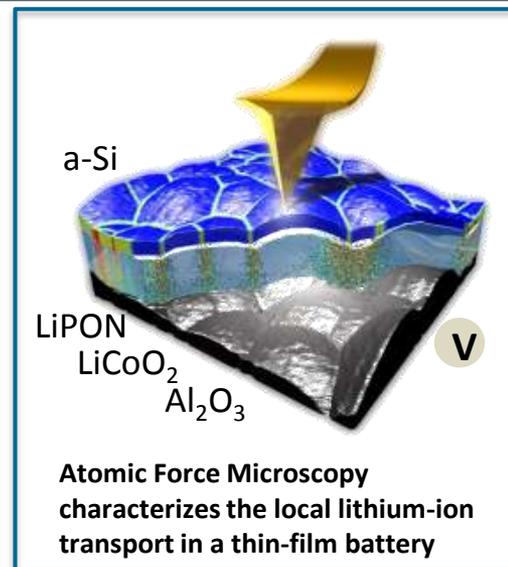


# Energy Storage Research in BES: Core Program and Energy Frontier Research Centers



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- Development of new in-situ measurement techniques
- Understanding electrolyte chemistry and behavior
- New materials for supercapacitors
- Novel materials and structures for electrode materials
- Understanding the Solid-Electrolyte Interphase (SEI) layer
- Influence of nanostructuring on behavior
- Synthesis and processing techniques including bio-inspired approaches
- Structural evolution and degradation during cycling



# Batteries and Energy Storage Energy Innovation Hub

## Electrify Transportation and Transform the Grid



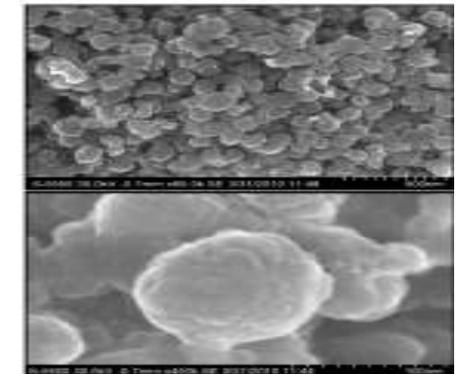
- \$20M in FY 2012 funding was appropriated for the Batteries and Energy Storage Hub
- A 5-year award is anticipated later in FY2012
- The Hub will develop electrochemical energy storage systems that safely approach theoretical energy and power densities with very high cycle life – and have the potential for economic and fundamentally new manufacturing
- These are systemic challenges requiring new materials, systems, innovative engineering, and enhanced scientific knowledge
- The Hub will link fundamental science, technology, and end-users, and it will collaborate with relevant BES, Energy Frontier Research Centers, ARPA-E EERE, and OE activities



- The Battery Integrated Tech Team (ITT) combines the technical leadership of the BES, EERE, and ARPA-E to guide DOE-wide RD&D on battery technology for transportation applications.

- Techno-economic targets assure that battery R&D activities are focused on developing EV batteries that are;
  - affordable,
  - long-lived ,
  - fast-chargeable, safe, and sustainable

- Action Plan
  - Conduct multi-year program planning and align projects with goals and objectives
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SEM of  $\text{Li}_2\text{FeSiO}_4/\text{C}$  nanospheres

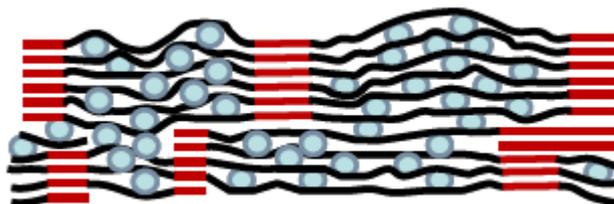


SEM pictures of  $\text{LiNi}_{0.5}\text{Mn}_{1.5}\text{O}_4$  made from  $\text{MnO}_2$ ,  $\text{MnCO}_3$  and hydroxide precursors

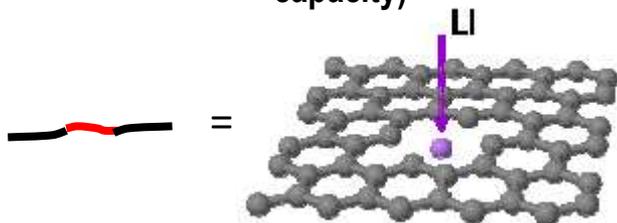
- Back-up slides

# High-Power Electrodes for Lithium-Ion Batteries

## Electrode composite:



○ = Si nanoparticles  
(provide high charge capacity)



graphene sheet of C with in-plane defects  
(provide high power)

**3-D graphenic scaffold with in-plane defects and Si nanoparticles between sheets:** A novel method of synthesis creates an anode with a stable structure of holey graphene layers propped up by intermixed Si nanoparticles

Work was performed at Northwestern University and supported by the Center for Electrical Energy Storage EFRC.

## Scientific Achievement

For novel 3-D anodes made of sheets of carbon (graphene) and silicon nanoparticles, transport studies found much shorter lithium diffusion paths throughout the electrode and fast lithiation/delithiation of the nanoparticles.

## Significance and Impact

This anode design hold a greater charge than conventional lithium-ion anodes and charge/discharge more rapidly while maintaining mechanical stability.

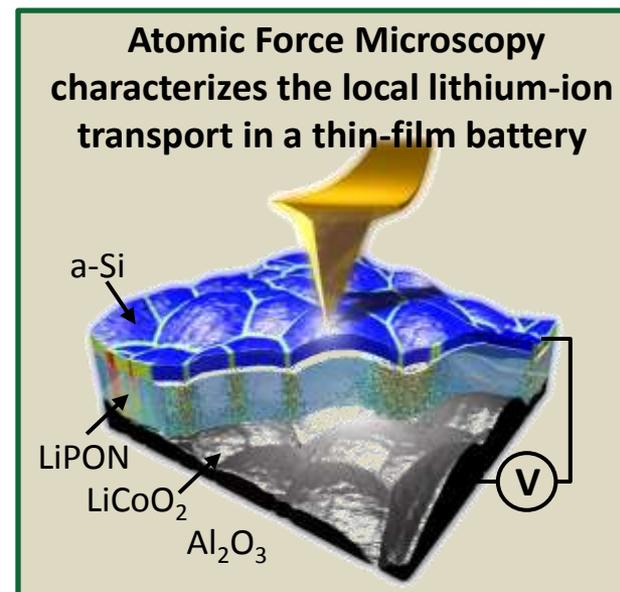
## Research Details

- Electrochemical studies: 83% of theoretical capacity (3200 mAh g<sup>-1</sup>) retained after 150 charge/discharge cycles at high power (1 A g<sup>-1</sup>).
- Anode material is prepared by a process expected to be scalable to commercial quantities.

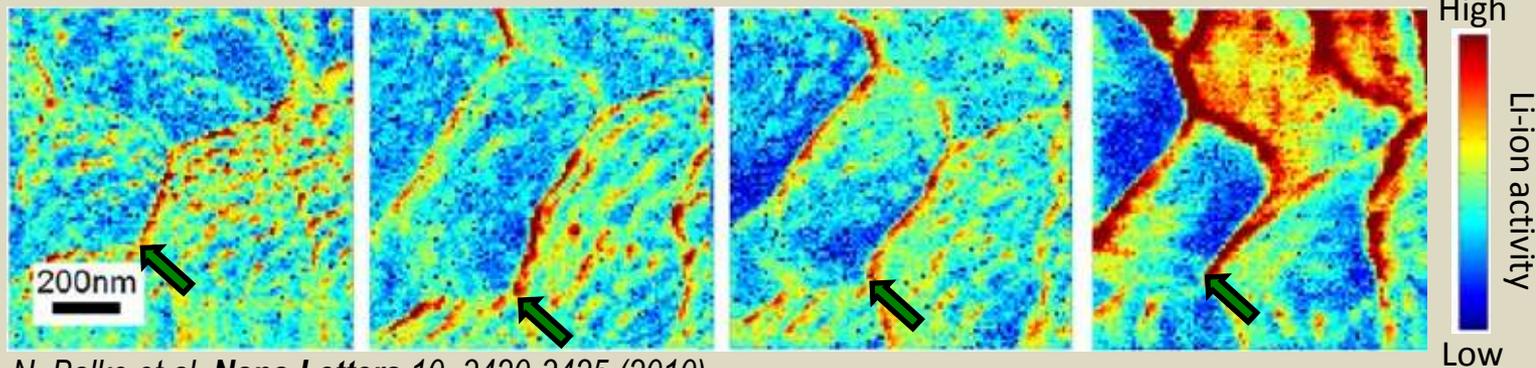
Xin Zhao, Cary M. Hayner, Mayfair C. Kung, and Harold Kung., *Adv. Energy Mater.*, **2011**, 1, 1079-1084

# EFRC Research Demonstrates Real Space Mapping of Lithium-Ion Transport in Anodes with Nanometer Resolution

- Understanding ionic flow on a local scale is key to improving battery technologies
- Atomic force microscopy detects local volume changes in heterostructures due to ionic flow induced by tip biasing
  - Probes lithium-ion transport by high frequency biasing
- Lithium-ion flow is correlated with the structure of electrodes and interfaces
- Performed by Fluid Interface Reactions, Structures and Transport (FIRST) EFRC led by Oak Ridge National Laboratory



Change in Li-ion kinetics in the Si anode with increasing charging state



The a-Si anode surface roughness induces localized Li-ion transport which is enhanced with increasing battery charging.

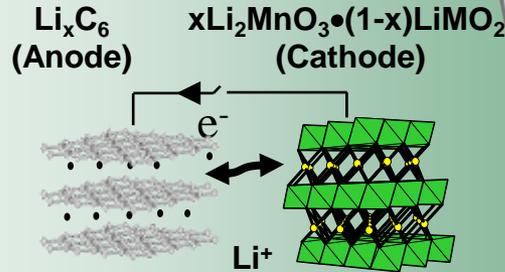
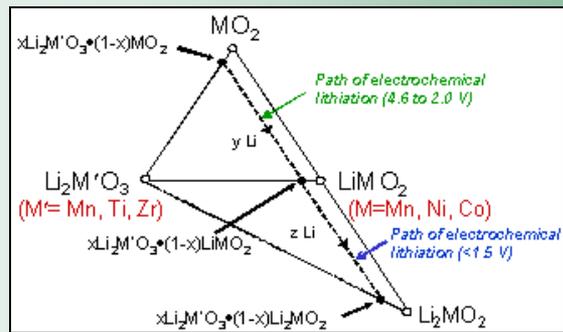
N. Balke et al, *Nano Letters* 10, 3420-3425 (2010).

# High-Energy Lithium Batteries: From Fundamental Research to Cars on the Road

## Basic Science

## Applied R&D

## Manufacturing/ Commercialization

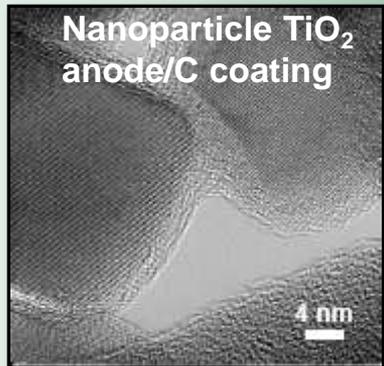


Discovered new composite structures for stable, high-capacity cathodes

Created high energy Li-ion cells...

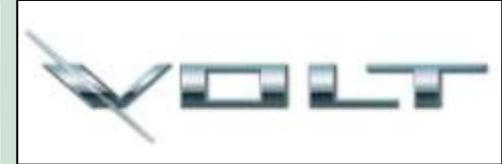
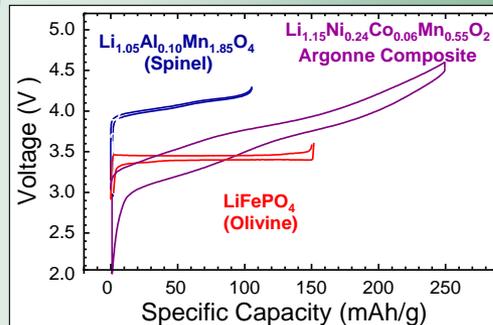


...with double cathode capacity, enhanced stability



EFRC research

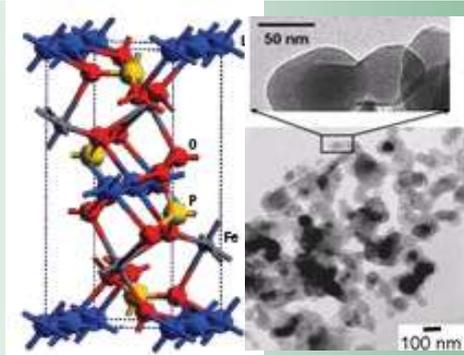
Tailored electrode-electrolyte interface using nanotechnology



Licenses to materials and cell manufacturers and automobile companies

# High Impact Basic Research: Nanotechnology Approach Leads to Commercial Batteries

## Basic Science



LiFePO<sub>4</sub> structural model  
and nanostructure

- Research at MIT over a decade ago led to the discovery that drastically refining the structure of ceramics enhanced their conductivity (DOE Office of Science)
- Minor chemical additions to the fine-grained LiFePO<sub>4</sub> further increased the conductivity by eight orders of magnitude

## Applied R&D

### Formation of A123 Start-up

### DOE Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR)

Enabled development of an A123 lithium-ion battery that

- Improved battery life by up to 10 times compared to other Li batteries
- Has more than twice the power density of high power NiCd and NiMH batteries
- Operates over a wide temperature range, from -30 to >60°C
- Charges to more than 90% capacity within 5 minutes

## Manufacturing/ Commercialization



Today - A123Systems' batteries have reached the commercial marketplace in power tools, hybrid and plug-in hybrid electric vehicles, and grid applications. A recent DOE-Vehicle Technologies grant paved the way for what is now the largest lithium ion automotive battery plant in North America.