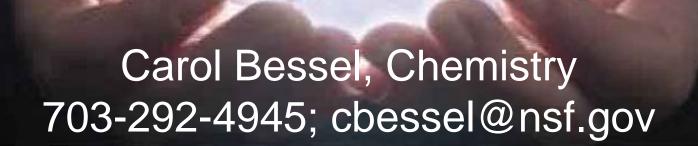
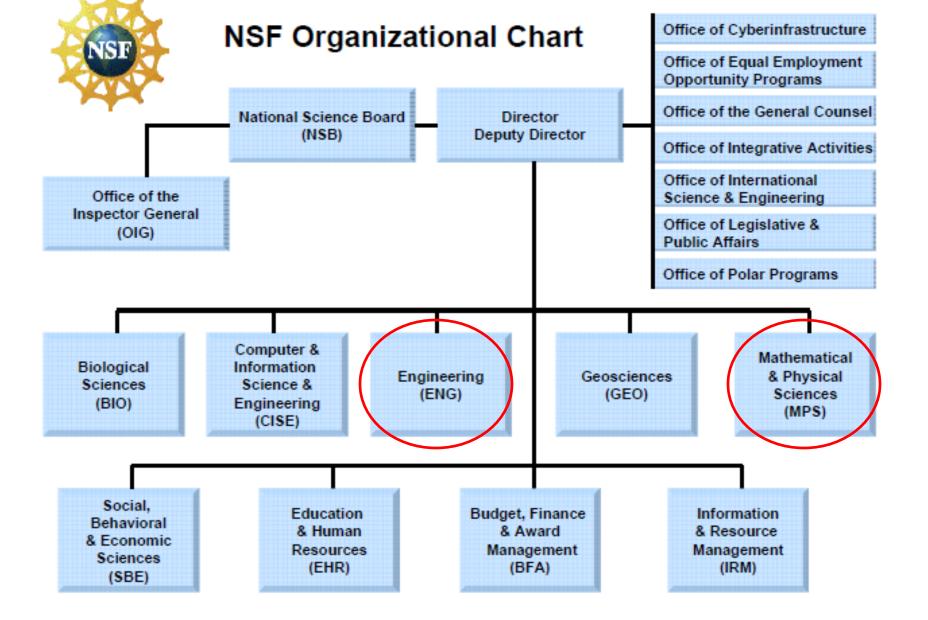
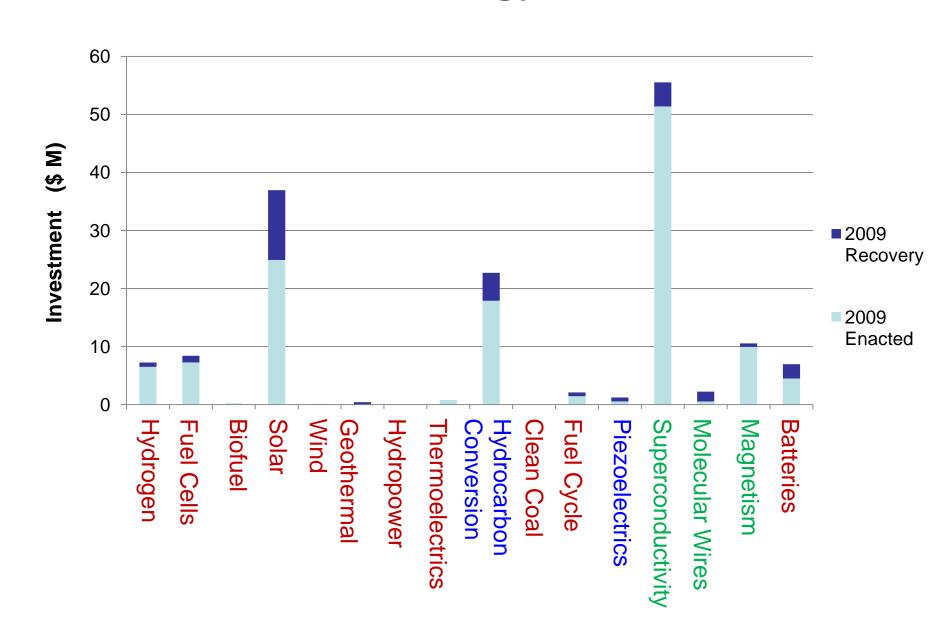
NSF Workshop on Catalyzing Innovation in PV Manufacturing: Mathematical and Physical Sciences





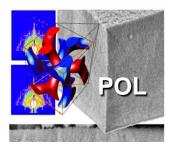
2009 MPS Energy Portfolio

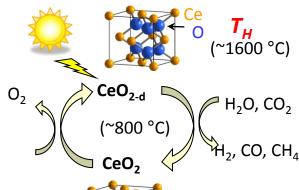


Solar Energy

Solid-state dye-sensitized solar cell: Wiesner Cornell U.

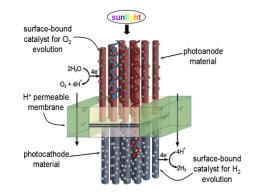






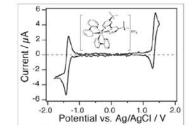


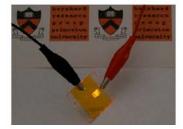
Thermochemical Production of Fuels Sossina M. Haile - Cal Tech





CCI: Powering the Planet: Harry Grey – Cal Tech





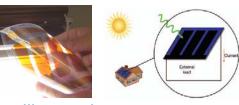
Photovoltaics Stefan Bernhard, Princeton U.

Renewable Energy Materials Research Science and Engineering Center (MRSEC)

Craig Taylor, Colorado School of Mines



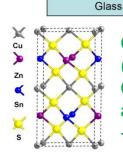
- U. Minnesota





Flexible silicon solar cell

Roof-top Solar Panels



~200 nm 50-100 nm

50-200 nm

1-3 µm

500 nm



Centers for Chemical Innovation (CCI)

Powering the Planet Center for Chemical Innovation (CCI Solar)

focuses the efficient and economical conversion of solar energy into stored chemical fuels.

Lead PI: Harry Gray

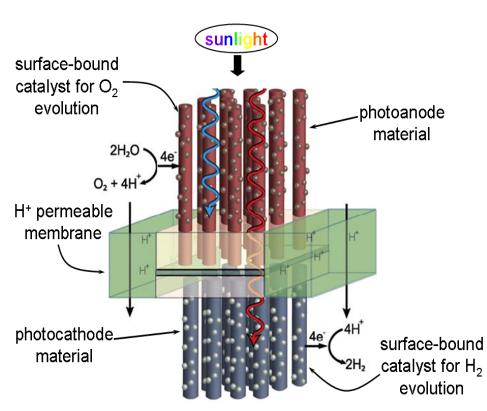
NSF Funding: \$8.0 million

Lead Institution:

California Institute of Technology

Duration: 2008-2013

Photocatalytic Water Splitting



http://www.ccisolar.caltech.edu

Renewable Energy Materials Research Science and Engineering Center

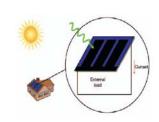
- MRSEC at the Colorado School of Mines (CSM), Sept. 2008, PI: Craig Taylor
- Focus on renewable energy applications: photovoltaic materials and fuel-cell membranes
- Education of the next generation of energy professionals
- * \$9.3M over 6 years: DMR and OMA
- Collaborations
 - NREL
 - 20 industrial companies













CHE-DMR-DMS SOLAR 2010

Goal: To create a new modality of linking the mathematical with the chemical and materials sciences to develop transformative paradigms in an area of much activity, but largely incremental advances.

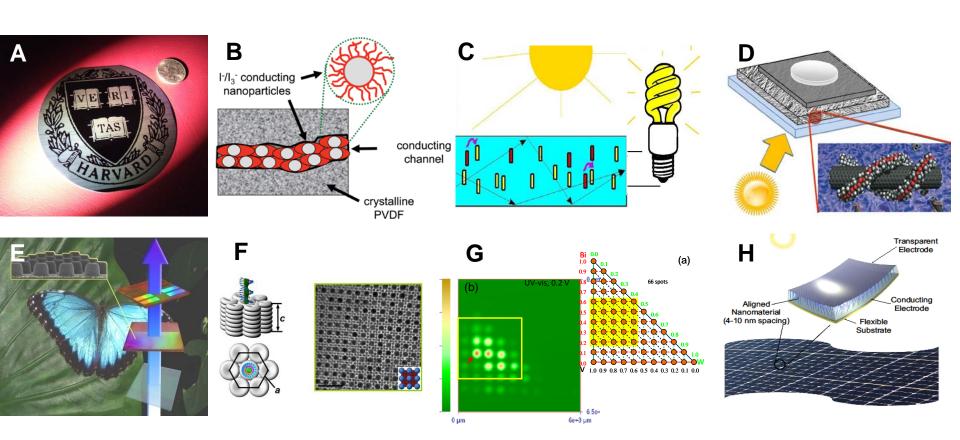
Requirements: Each group must include three or more PIs with demonstrated high expertise in chemistry, materials research and mathematical sciences. Pre-proposal submission has been required.

Awards: \$500 K/y for three years depending on scope of proposal. 3-10 awards per year dependent on availability of funds.



- Preliminary proposals: 2009: 126 reviewed / 31 encouraged (25%); 2010: 102 reviewed / 30 encouraged (29%)
- Full proposals: 2009: 8 proposals awarded (26%, increased by ARRA funding); 2010: to be determined

CHE-DMR-DMS SOLAR Energy Initiative



2009 Awardees: A. Optical hyperdoping: Transforming **semiconductor band structure** for solar energy harvesting: Mazur, Aspuru-Guzik, Brenner, Friend, Harvard Univ.; **B.** Design and development of efficient solid-state **dye-sensitized solar cells**: McCusker, Baker, Christlieb, Drzal, Promislow, Michigan StateUniv.; **C.** Luminescent **solar concentrators** based on semiconductor nanorods, Kelley, Leppert, Ilan, U. CA at Merced; **D.** Ultrabroad spectral bandwidth excitonic **thin-film solar cells** based on carbon nanotubes, Forrest, Krasny, Rosen, Thompson, Wang, U. Michigan Ann Arbor; **E.** Integrated electro-photonic development of **polymer solar cells**, Samulski, Lopez, Mitran, UNC Chapel Hill; **F.** Programming the **self-assembly** of matter for solar energy conversion, Kagan, Epstein, Ghrist, Murray, Percec, U PA; **G.** High-efficiency solar generation of **hydrogen fuel** from novel "tuned" electrocatalytic nanostructures, Bard, Gamba, Mullins, U TX Austin; **H. Novel nanomaterials** and mathematical analysis for ultrahigh efficiency photovoltaic systems: A new paradigm in solar cells, Pfefferle, Coifman, Ismail-Beigi, Osuji, Taylor, Yale Univ.

CHE-DMR-DMS SOLAR Program

- 2009 MRS Fall Meeting: Third-Generation Solar Technologies Multidisciplinary Workshop, Boston, MA; Nov. 30 - Dec. 4, 2009
- 2010 Joint Initiative of the North American Mathematical Institutions: Climate Change, Sustainability and the Mathematical Sciences, San Francisco, CA; Jan. 13-16, 2010
- 2010 MRS Spring Meeting: Third-Generation Solar Technologies Multidisciplinary Workshop, Boston, MA; April 5, 2010
- 2010 MPS/SBE Workshop "Solar Sustainability, Risk and Society" to be determined.







Science, Engineering and Education for Sustainability (SEES)

MPS is partnering with other NSF Directorates to invest in climate and energy research

- Energy
 - SOLAR program
 - Novel earth-abundant materials for solar energy harvesting, creating efficient solar cells
 - Efficient materials for direct conversion of photons into hydrogen via water electrolysis
 - Energy Storage
 - New battery materials could "charge in seconds"
- Climate
 - New algorithms improve atmospheric and ocean simulations with parameterized uncertainties in physical processes, which typically hamper climate change predictions

FY2010 Estimate: \$661 M FY2011 Request: \$766 M



