

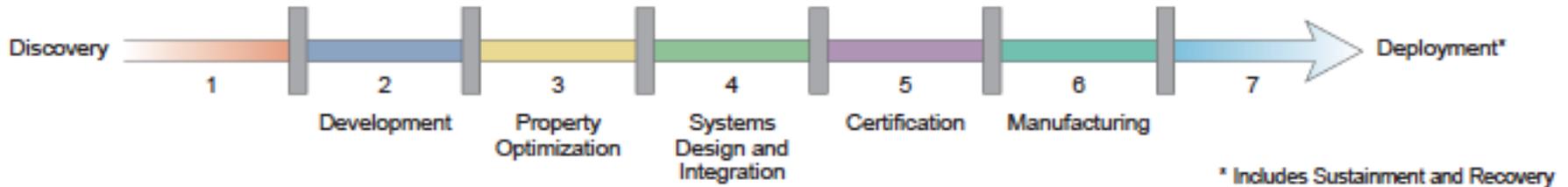
# Center for Hierarchical Materials Design

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# Materials Development

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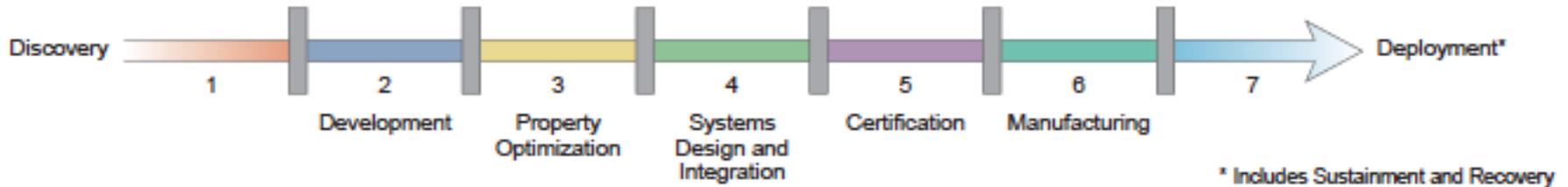


This is a very long and arduous (expensive) process:

- It typically requires 10-20 years to insert new materials in an application
- *Example:* It took 20 years to move Li-ion batteries from discovery to marketplace. Still ongoing today: automotive batteries

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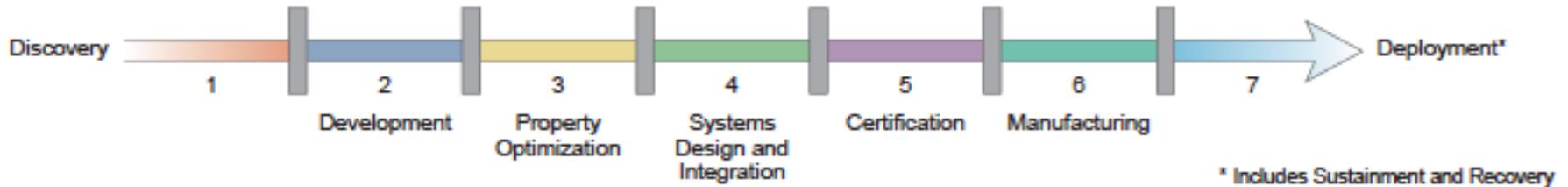


## Reason

- Intuitive development of new materials
- Trial and error experimentation
- Inability to predict material properties for a given composition and processing sequence

# Materials Development

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## Solution

- Integrate computations, experimental tools, and digital data to speed up the design

# Materials Genome Initiative for Global Competitiveness

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June 2011



Fundamental **databases and tools** enabling reduction of the 10-20 year materials creation and deployment cycle **by 50% or more**

National Science and Technology Council (NSTC)/  
Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP)

# MATERIALS GENOME TIMELINE

2004 NMAB  
Accelerating  
Technology  
Transition



2008 NMAB  
ICME



2011  
OSTP



Concurrent  
Engineered  
Systems

Alloys  
Polymers  
Ceramics  
Composites

2011  
Materials  
Genome  
Initiative

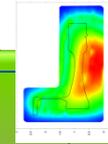


Integrated Computational Materials Engineering

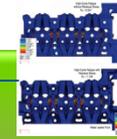
Computational Materials Design

Materials  
Genome

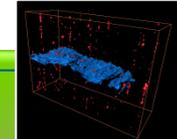
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AIM



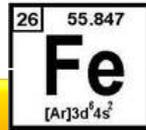
2003 Ford  
VAC



2005 ONR/DARPA  
D3D



1985  
SRG  
Systems  
Approach



Ferrous Alloys

1989  
NASAlloy



1997  
Ferrium C61™



2000  
Ferrium S53®



Refractories

2004  
Ferrium C64™



SMAs  
Al-base Alloys

2007  
Ferrium M54™

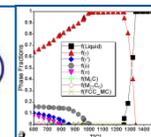


Cu-base Alloys

PrecipiCalc®

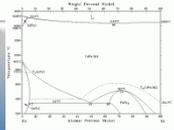


1990s  
DICTRA  
Pandat  
Thermotech



2000s  
DFT Integration

1956  
Kaufman & Cohen



1973  
CALPHAD



1979-84  
Thermo-Calc  
SGTE



Gen I

Gen II

Gen III

1950

1970

1980

1990

2000

2010

# NIST Center for Excellence in Advanced Materials

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- Center for Hierarchical Materials Design (CHiMaD)
- [Chimad.northwestern.edu](http://Chimad.northwestern.edu)



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Co-directors:

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CHiMaD

# Objectives of CHiMaD

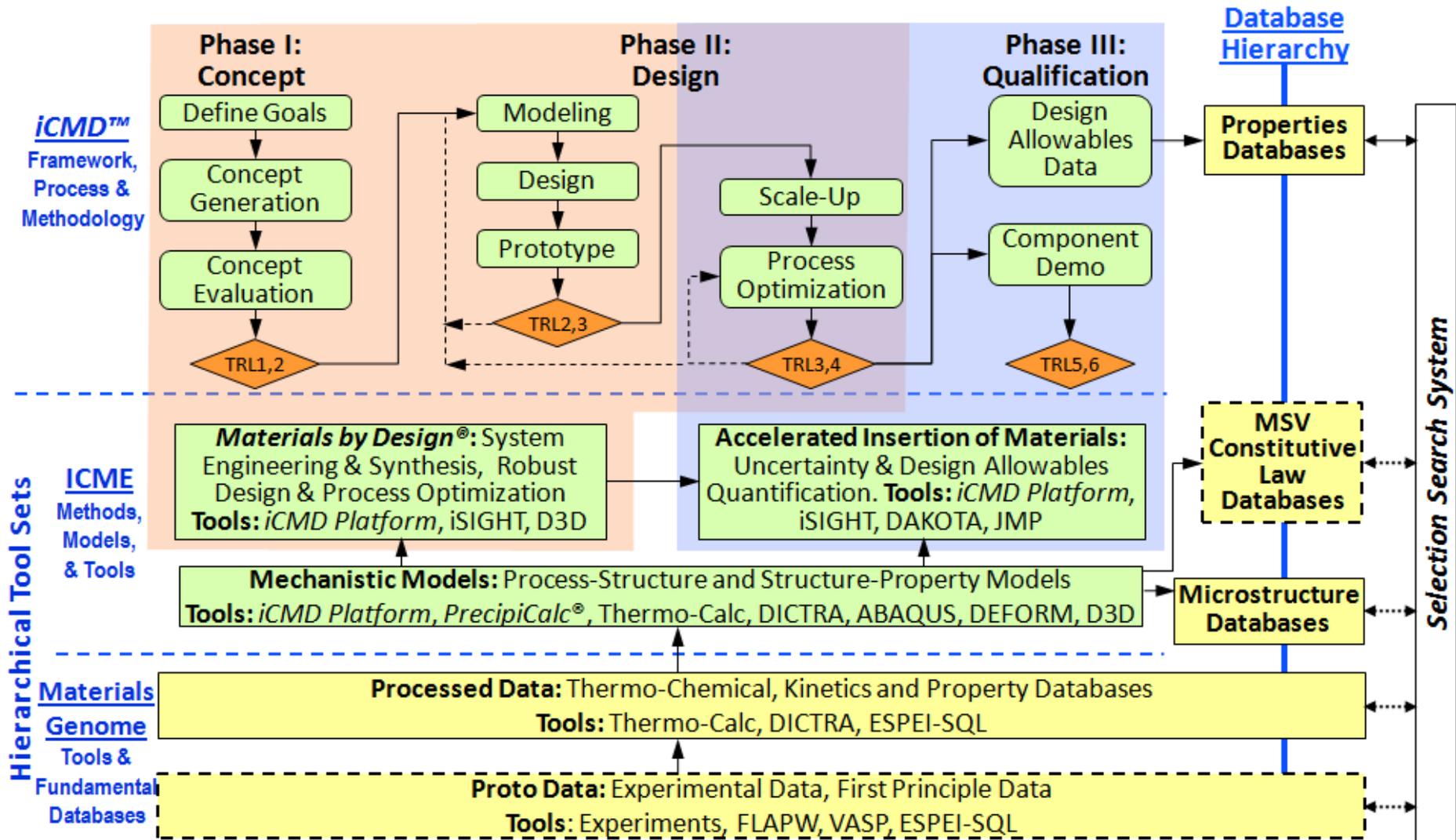
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- ***Create*** a collaborative environment and concentration of scientific and technical capability to accelerate materials discovery and development
- ***Provide opportunities*** to transition new breakthroughs in advanced materials to industry
- ***Convene*** multidisciplinary and multi-sector communities for in-depth discussions
- ***Provide training*** opportunities for scientists and engineers in materials metrology
- ***Foster*** the development of integrated computation, modeling and data-driven tools
- ***Foster*** the discovery of new materials
- ***Establish opportunities*** for extended collaborations with NIST

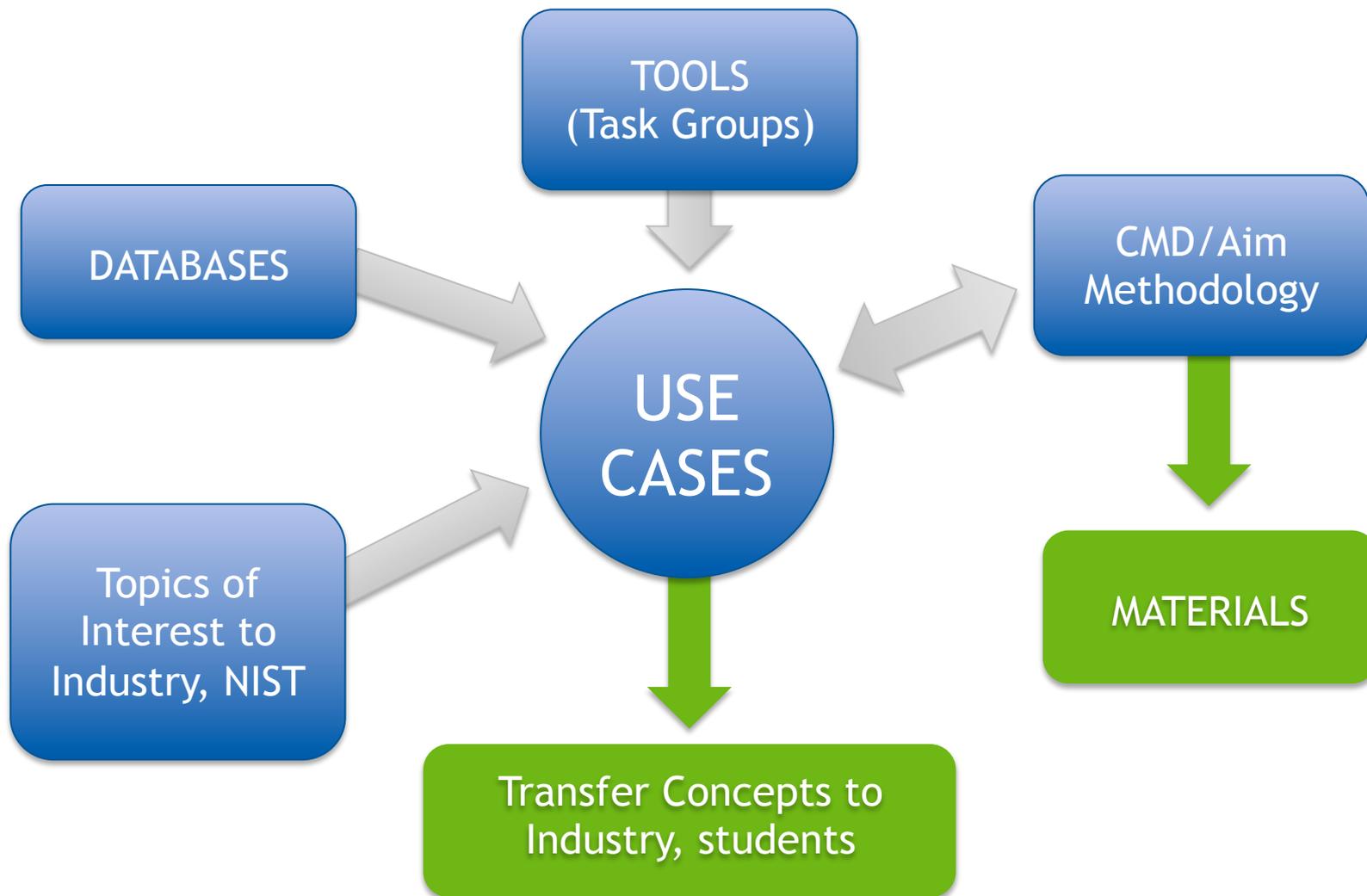
# How can we accomplish these goals?

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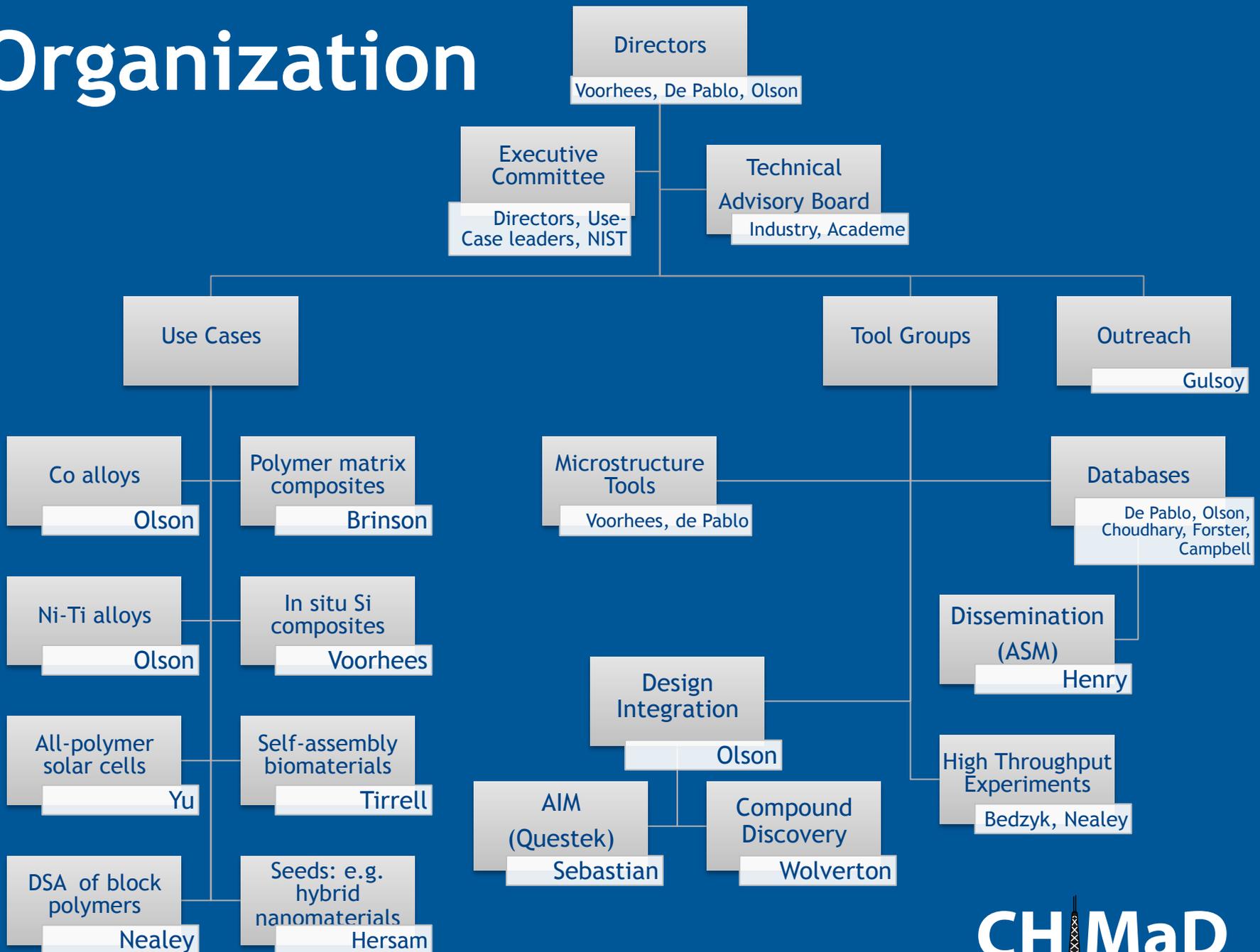
- Leverage our long history of materials design and collaborative research
- Use Case Groups
  - focus on particular materials of industrial and scientific importance
  - involve industrial collaborators
  - transfer the design methodology to industry and other stakeholders
- Tool development
  - Develop community standard codes for both hard and soft materials design
  - Develop materials databases that are motivated by topics of the use groups
  - Develop experimental methods for rapid assessment of materials properties
- Convene workshops on issues that are central to the implementation of the MGI
- Interact closely with NIST



# Implementation



# Organization



# Outreach

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- ASM Action in Education Committee, Materials Genome Toolset dissemination to materials UG programs
- Integration in NU ICME MS and Predictive Science & Engineering Design (PSED) doctoral programs
- Workshops with the community:
  - Databases: standards, coordination and composition
- First workshop at NIST:
  - Database development
- A MGI seminar series broadcast to NIST, jointly hosted by Northwestern University, University of Chicago, and Argonne National Laboratory
- Summer schools
- Yearly TAB meetings

# Tools

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- Microstructure development
- Theoretically Informed Coarse Graining and Evolutionary Design
- Rapid Throughput and High Resolution Characterization
- Integration - Accelerated Insertion of Materials

# Tools: Databases

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- Will contain CALPHAD protodata: tie lines, thermochemical data, elastic constants, as well as higher level data such as interfacial energies
- Start with metals relevant to the work group projects, and then extend to soft materials
- Standardized metadata describing error estimates that are needed in incorporation into higher level CALPHAD databases
- Unlike assessed CALPHAD databases, which can be proprietary, this will be open
- Thus, we hope to make this a repository for information on new systems in the future
- Statistical learning can be applied to this database to aid in material discovery

# Cobalt Alloy Design

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M. Stan (NAISE, ANL), C. Wolverton (NU)

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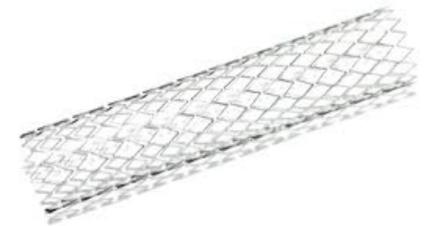
- Motivation:
  - Need turbine blade alloys that exceed the use temperatures of Ni-based superalloys
  - Wear resistant ambient temperature applications to replace Be-Cu
- Goals:
  - Near-term: Ambient temperature bushing alloy
  - Long-term: High-temperature aeroturbine superalloy



# Nanodispersion-strengthened Shape Memory Alloys

G. Olson (NU), D. Dunand (NU), W-K. Liu (NU), D. Seidman (NU),  
A. Umantsev (FS), C. Wolverton (NU)

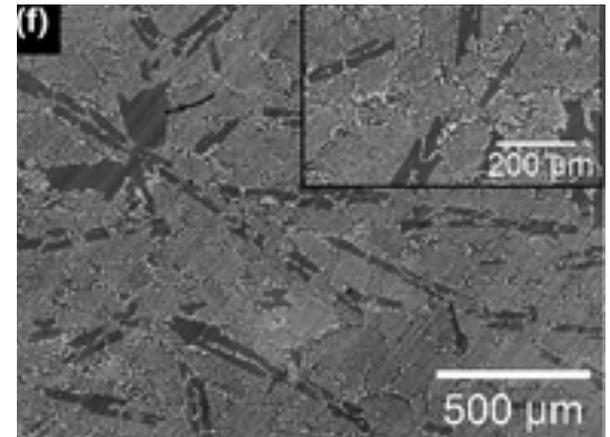
- Motivation:
  - Widely used in medical, aerospace and automotive sectors
  - Current alloys are susceptible to instability after many cycles
- Goals:
  - Near-term: Pd-stabilized alloys for medical devices
  - Long-term: High-temperature aeroturbine superalloy



# In-Situ Si Composite Materials

P. Voorhees (NU), J. De Pablo (UC), W. Chen (NU),  
S. Davis (NU), C. Wolverton (NU)

- Motivation:
  - Corrosion resistant, tough alloys
  - Avoid the complications of classical ceramic processing, such as sintering
  - Employ in-situ Si-composites
- Goals:
  - Near-term: A multicomponent eutectic growth model
  - Long-term: A tough, castable Si alloy



Si-CrSi<sub>2</sub> composite

(Fischer and Schuh, J. Am Ceram. Soc., 2012)

# Directed Self-Assembly of Block Polymers

P. Nealey (UC), J. De Pablo (UC), H. Jaeger (UC),  
M. Olvera de la Cruz (NU), S. Sibener (UC), L. Yu (UC)

## Motivation

### Lithography

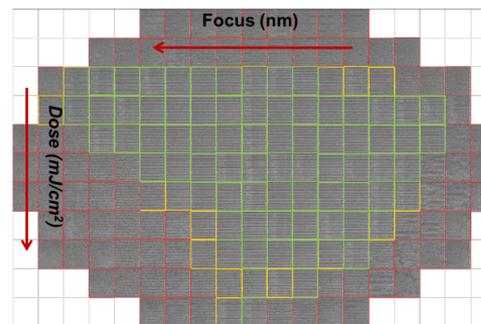
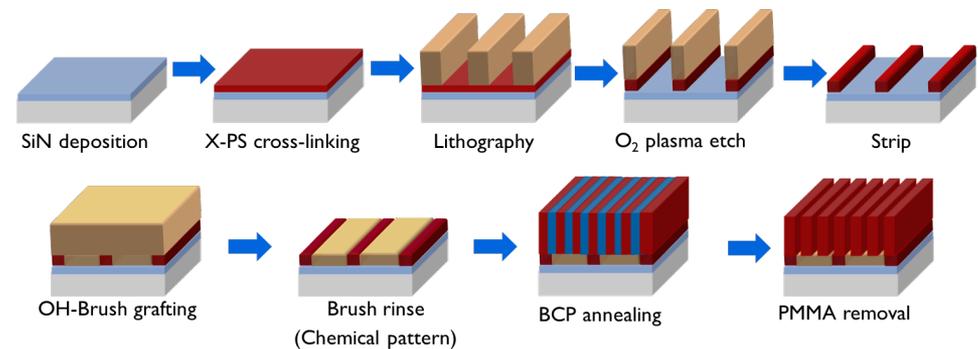
- Workhorse of semiconductor industry
- Important fraction of cost of electronic devices
- Need for new materials and processes for next-generation lithography
- Sub-10 nm patterning
- Need for metrology
- Need for design tool

### Initial Goals:

Robust, pilot-line validated directed self-assembly for sub-10 nm lithography

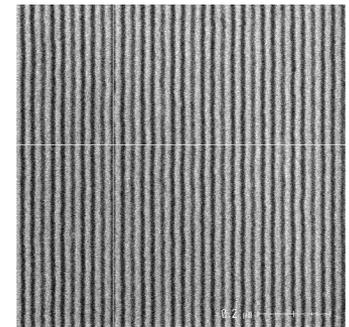
- Search for new polymers and processing techniques
- Design materials and processes
- Validate by comparison to experiment
- Develop metrology tools and advanced simulation tools for non-equilibrium assembly

### LiNe FLOW (LIU-NEALEY)



300 nm wafers  
Track processing

IMEC



CHMaD

# Polymer Matrix Composites

C. Brinson (NU), J. De Pablo (UC), E. Luijten (NU),  
J. Cao (NU), S. Keten (NU)

## Motivation

### Military

- Improved explosive devices (IEDs) cause severe blast and tissue loss injuries
- Improved body armor has improved survival rates and increased frequency of injury to limbs/digits

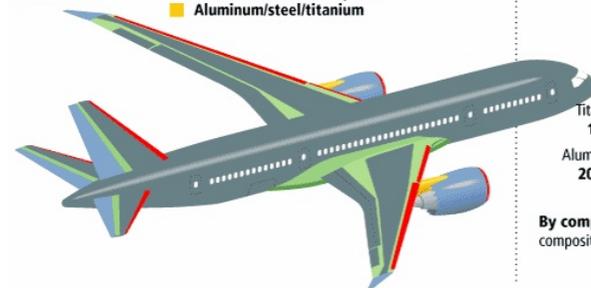
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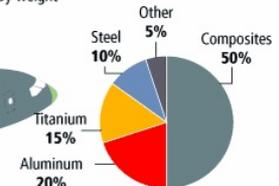
### Initial Goals: Create a self assembled matrix

- Injectable
- In situ gel formation
- Stiffness in range of neural tissue
- Promote growth and activity of Schwann cells

Materials used in 787 body



Total materials used  
By weight



By comparison, the 777 uses 12 percent composites and 50 percent aluminum.



# All-Polymer Organic Solar Cells

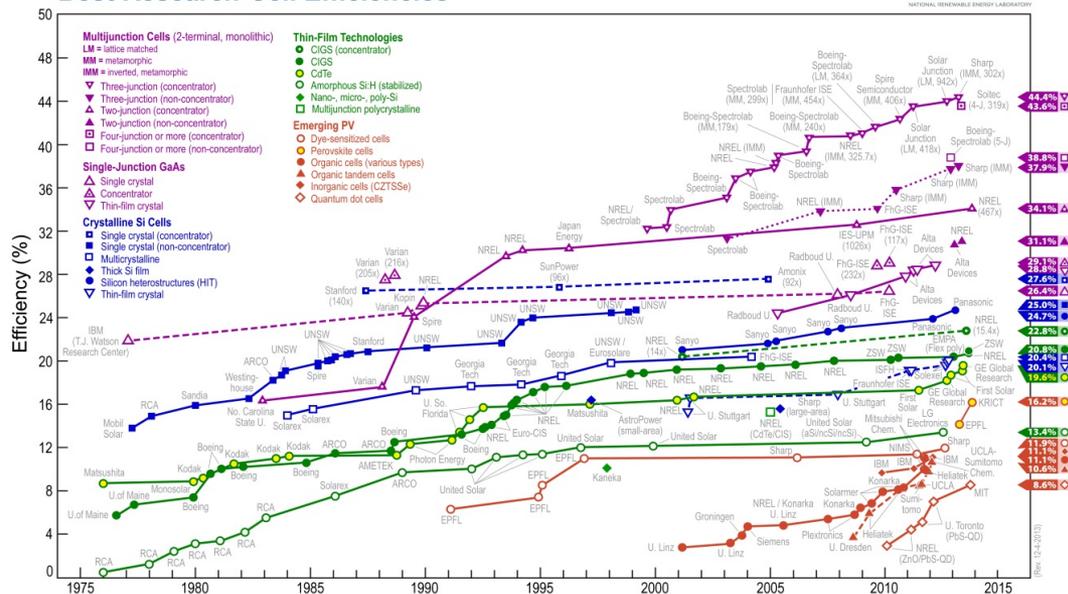
L. Yu (UC), J. De Pablo (UC), G. Galli (UC), M. Hersam (NU),  
H. Jaeger (UC), M. Olvera de la Cruz (NU), M. Tirrell (UC)

## Motivation

### Energy

- Inorganic solar cells currently exhibit higher efficiency
- Rapidly improving performance of organic cells
- Organic cells made from earth abundant materials, light weight, stable, processing, morphology optimization

Best Research-Cell Efficiencies



### Initial Goals: Create all organic solar cells

- Search for new design principles for electron accepting polymers
- Generate new materials with greater potential than fullerene derivatives as n-type materials
- Novel accepting polymers with high mobility for organic electronics

# Self-Assembly of Biomaterials

M. Tirrell (UC), J. De Pablo (UC), E. Luijten (NU),  
M. Olvera de la Cruz (NU), L. Yu (UC)

## Motivation

### Military

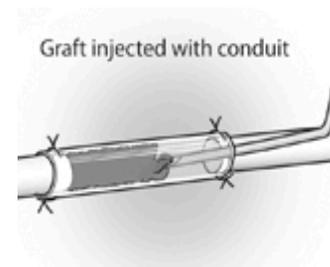
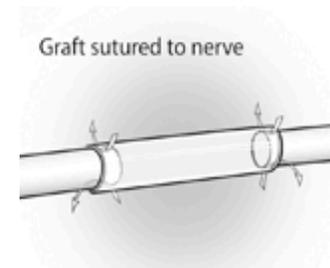
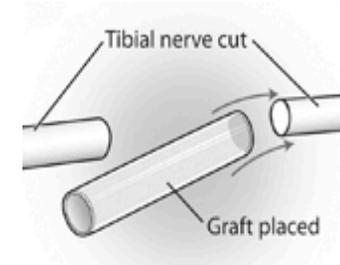
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# Seed Groups

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## **Solution Processed Nanomaterials and Heterostructures**

M. Hersam (NU), T. Marks (NU), L. Yu (UC), G. Galli (UC)

## **Non-planar Heterostructures**

L. Lauhon (NU)

## **Deformation Processing**

J. Cao (NU)

# Expectations from Co-PI's

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- Integration and collaboration is essential to the success of a use-case or tool group
- There will be a yearly review of the group's progress
- Decisions about seed groups will be made in year 3
- Research highlights should be submitted when papers are published