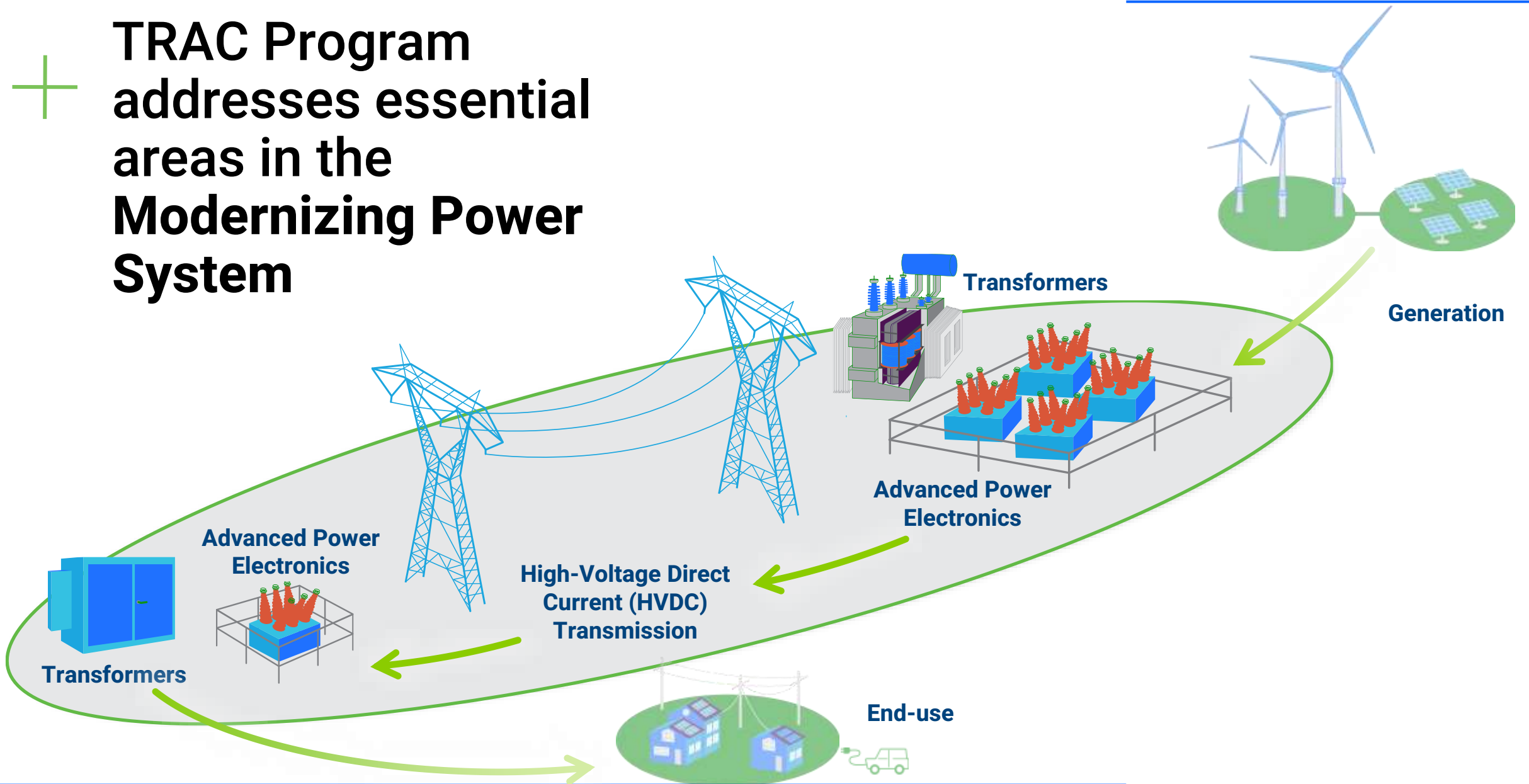


**Transformer Resilience and Advanced Components (TRAC) Program  
Peer Review  
&  
Power Electronics Accelerator Consortium for Electrification (PACE)  
Annual Meeting**

**Andre Pereira**

6/27/23

+ TRAC Program addresses essential areas in the Modernizing Power System



# TRAC Program Strategy Enabling Research to Application

Component Design  
and Development

## R&D Applications

- Advanced Power Electronics
- High Voltage Direct Current (HVDC)
- Advanced Transformers
- Grid Enhancing Technologies (GETs)
- Switchgear, Breakers, & Protection Equipment

Market and Systems  
Analysis

## R&D Applications

- HVDC
- SSPS
- Transformers
- GETs
- Conductors

Advanced Materials

## R&D Applications

- Semiconductor Devices
- Dielectric Insulators
- Passives: Magnetics & Capacitors
- Cables & Conductors

# TRAC Portfolio

TRAC Technology Areas		
Component Design and Development	Market and System Analysis	Advanced Materials
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27 Projects: 19 presentations , 9 Posters

# What is PACE?

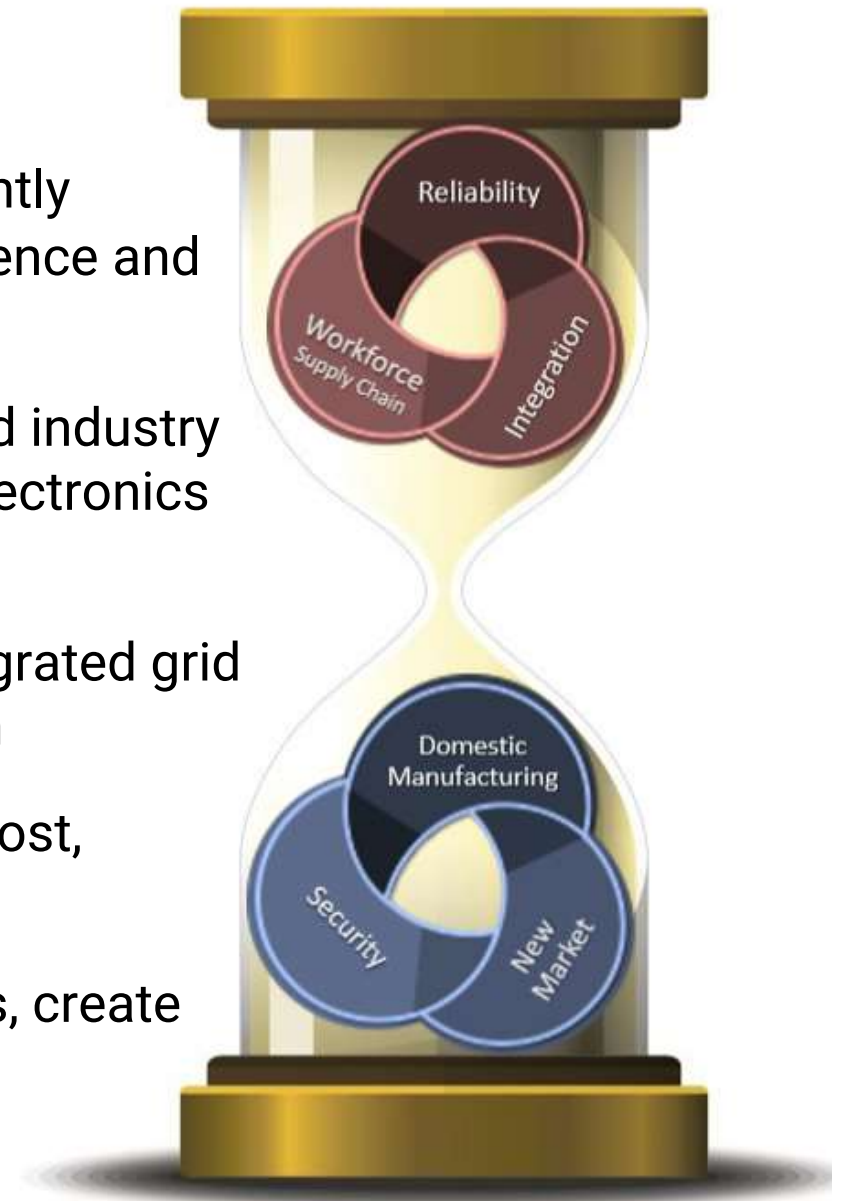
PACE is a U.S. Department of Energy cross-cut initiative, currently supported by the DOE Office of Electricity's Transformer Resilience and Advanced Components (TRAC) program.

PACE is a coalition of partner research institutions, utilities, and industry manufacturers working to take innovative research in power electronics to grid-level pilot demonstration.

**Vision:** Accelerate the development and demonstration of integrated grid systems with power electronics technologies for electrification

**Focus:** Solve power electronics and grid hardware barriers of cost, integration, and reliability

**Impact:** Increase in adoption of power electronics technologies, create domestic manufacturing, and enable new market opportunities



# Increasing role and Opportunities for power electronics

## + **Interfacing**

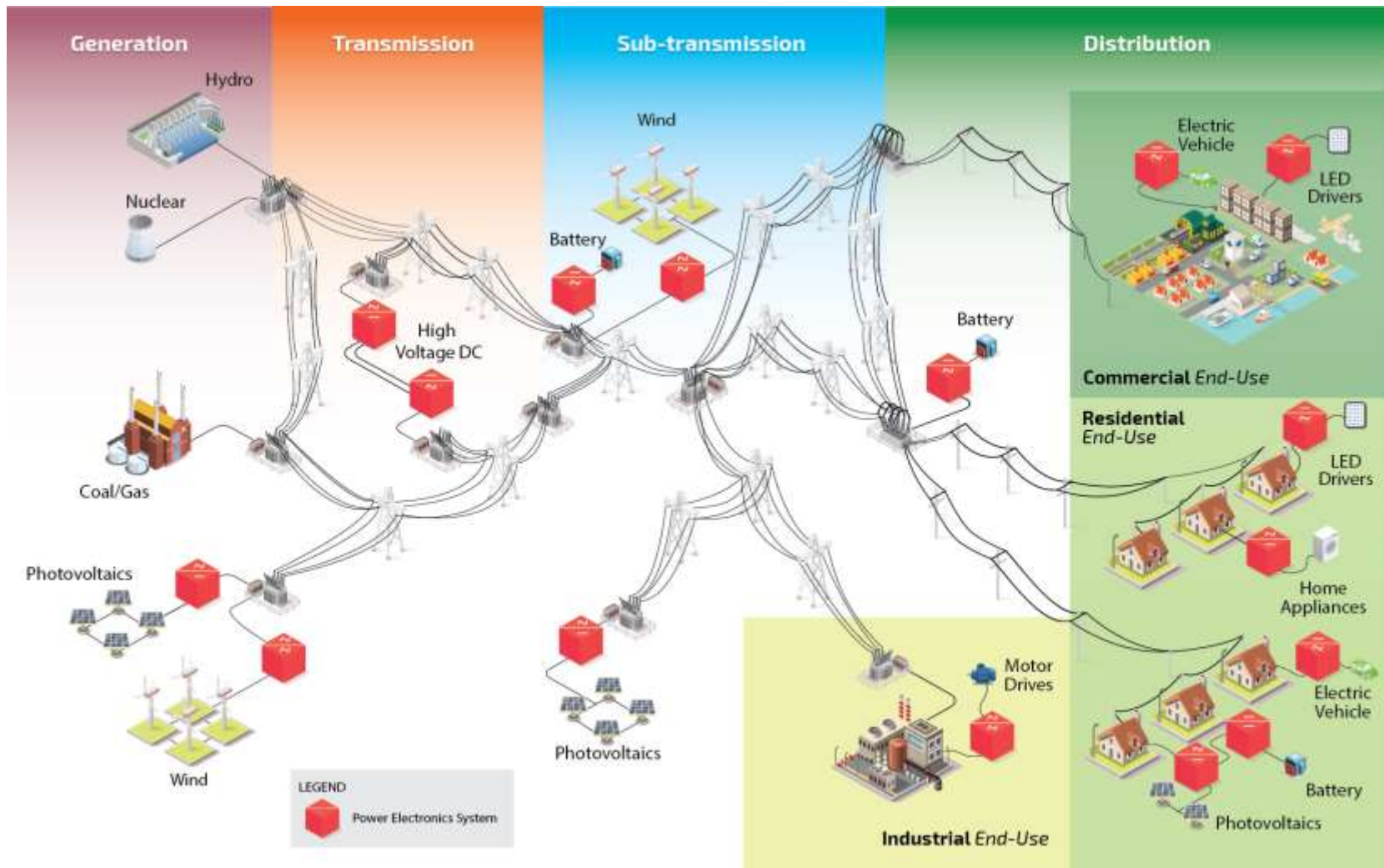
Power conditioning and grid integration: DER and energy storage

## + **Delivery**

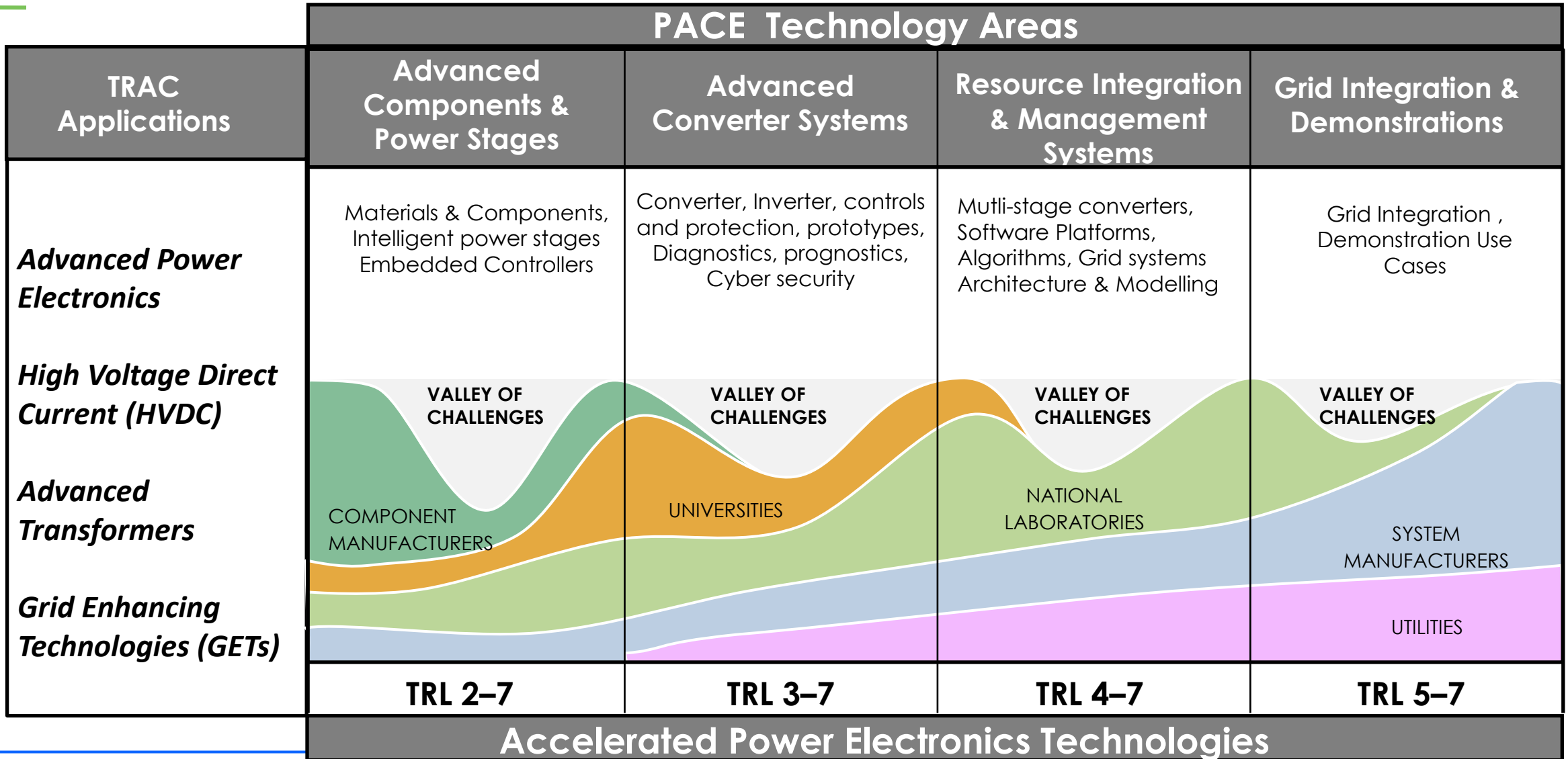
Long distance power transfer: Off-shore wind, utility-scale solar

## + **Management and conversion**

Megawatt-scale charging infrastructure, industrial processes and equipment



# PACE Framework and Collaboration

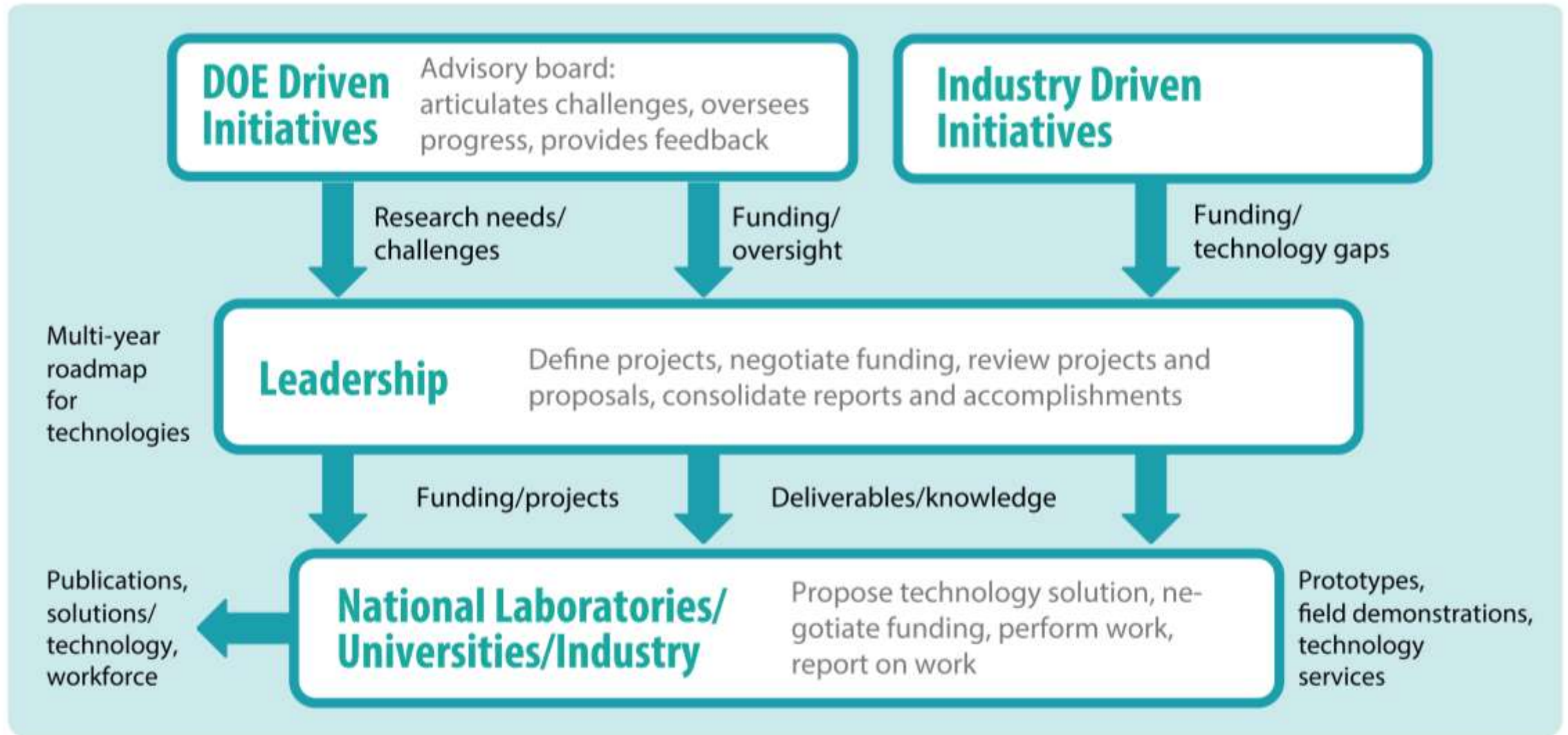


# TRAC Portfolio and PACE



PACE Technology Areas			
Advanced Components & Power Stages	Advanced Converter Systems	Resource Integration & Management Systems	Grid Integration & Demonstrations
Materials & Components, Intelligent power stages Embedded Controllers	Converter, Inverter, controls and protection, prototypes, Diagnostics, prognostics, Cyber security	Multi-stage converters, Software Platforms, Algorithms, Grid systems Architecture & Modelling	Grid Integration , Demonstration Use Cases
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# PACE Execution Framework



# PACE Engagement & Funding Opportunities: DOE Initiatives



# DOE TRAC Initiatives: Transformers

**Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA):** FY18 \$7.5M FOA focused on the development of LPT prototypes that are more flexible and adaptable

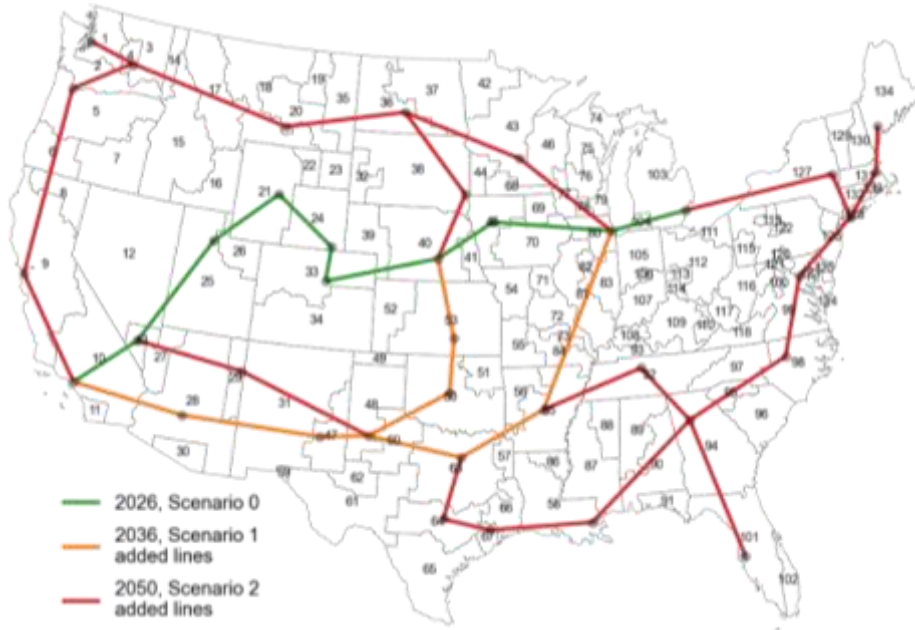
**RFI Issued – April 2023:** A Request for Information (RFI) for Innovative Advanced Transformers to obtain public input regarding a potential future Funding Opportunity Announcement seeking the research, development, and demonstration of innovative advanced transformers that can be readily utilized across a range of distribution to transmission scale applications

**OE Transformer Technologies Workshop – May 2023:** The goal of the workshop was to identify research, development, and demonstration (RD&D) opportunities for both distribution and power transformers



# DOE TRAC Initiatives: HVDC

National Labs R&D, Annual Operating Funds



Models and methods for HVDC Technologies 2016-2019

Scalable Hybrid Large-Scale dc-ac Grid Analysis Methods:  
2021-2024

## Activities

- + **HVDC Workshop (2022 : TRAC+WETO)**
  - + ORNL,PNNL,NREL,EPRI
- + **HVDC Technology Roadmap**
  - + ORNL,PNNL,NREL,EPRI
  - + Anticipated Release December 2023
- + **HVDC Prize Competition**
  - + Winner Announcement – August 26th
- + **HVDC Moonshot (TRAC+WETO)**
  - + Focus : HVDC Stations, HVDC Systems
  - + ORNL,PNNL,NREL,EPRI
  - + Currently working on drafting metrics
    - + Cost: BOS \$/MVA
    - + System reliability
    - + System Ratings
    - + Standardization

# DOE TRAC Initiatives: Advanced Power Electronics and SSPS

## Solid State Power Substation Technology Roadmap

*U.S. DOE Office of Electricity  
Transformer Resilience and Advanced Components (TRAC) Program  
June 2020*



**Workshop 2018**

**Roadmap 2020**

**National Labs R&D, Annual Operating Funds**

SSPS 1.0 Architecture Development-  
2020-2021

SSPS 1.0 Hardware Prototype  
Development – 2021-2023

Total. no. of publications ~ 20

Total. No. of. Patents – 5

# DOE Initiatives: GMLC

## PACE Lab Call: Medium Voltage subsystem development

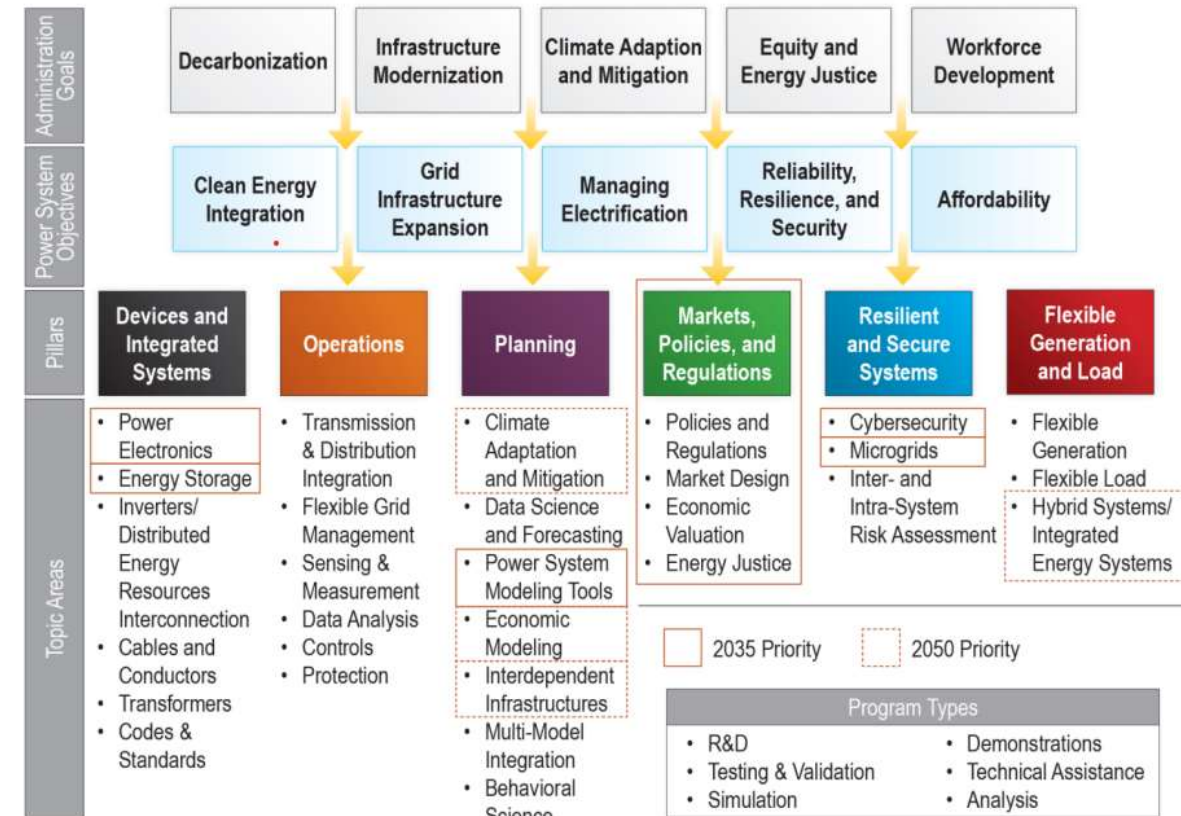
Supporting Offices: EERE, OE

Funding: \$13.75 M

The focus is on addressing gaps in 'smart' medium-voltage (MV, 4.16kV-34.5kV) electrical interfaces critical to a modernized grid through development of a medium voltage power and control electronics sub-system approach that is modular, scalable, and cost effective.

## National Labs R&D

Partners: Industry and Academia



# + DOE Initiatives: GETs

- + **GETs FOA: Increasing Utilization and Reliability of Electric Infrastructure with Grid-enhancing technologies (GETs) (Feb 2023)**

Supporting Offices: EERE, OE. **Funding: \$6.5 M**

The FOA aims to fill gaps in information on the real-world benefits and usage of GETs through at-scale field demonstrations. The FOA is focused on Power Flow Controllers (PFCs) and Dynamic Line Rating (DLR)

- + **Grid-Enhancing Technologies: A Case Study in Ratepayer Impact (March 2022)**
- + **Transmission Optimization with Grid Enhancing Technologies (TOGETs) Project**
- + **Advanced Transmission Technologies Report (December 2020)**



# TRAC's Success is founded in its diverse, strategic Domestic Partnerships



*TRAC support maintains US competitiveness in the science and technology – fundamental to this sector through funds to national labs, universities and industry partners.*



# Questions?

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# + Why a Consortium?

## Benefits to DOE

- + Provides single point of contact for all aspects of the technical focus
- + Provides one stream of accountability
- + Provides streamlined reporting

## Benefits to Utilities/Vendors/Labs/Universities

- + Single blended funding stream
- + Less administrative burden, more focus on delivery
- + Reduced need to interact with DOE by individual project owners
- + Results are owned and shared among consortium
- + Risk is reduced through extensive collaborations.



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