

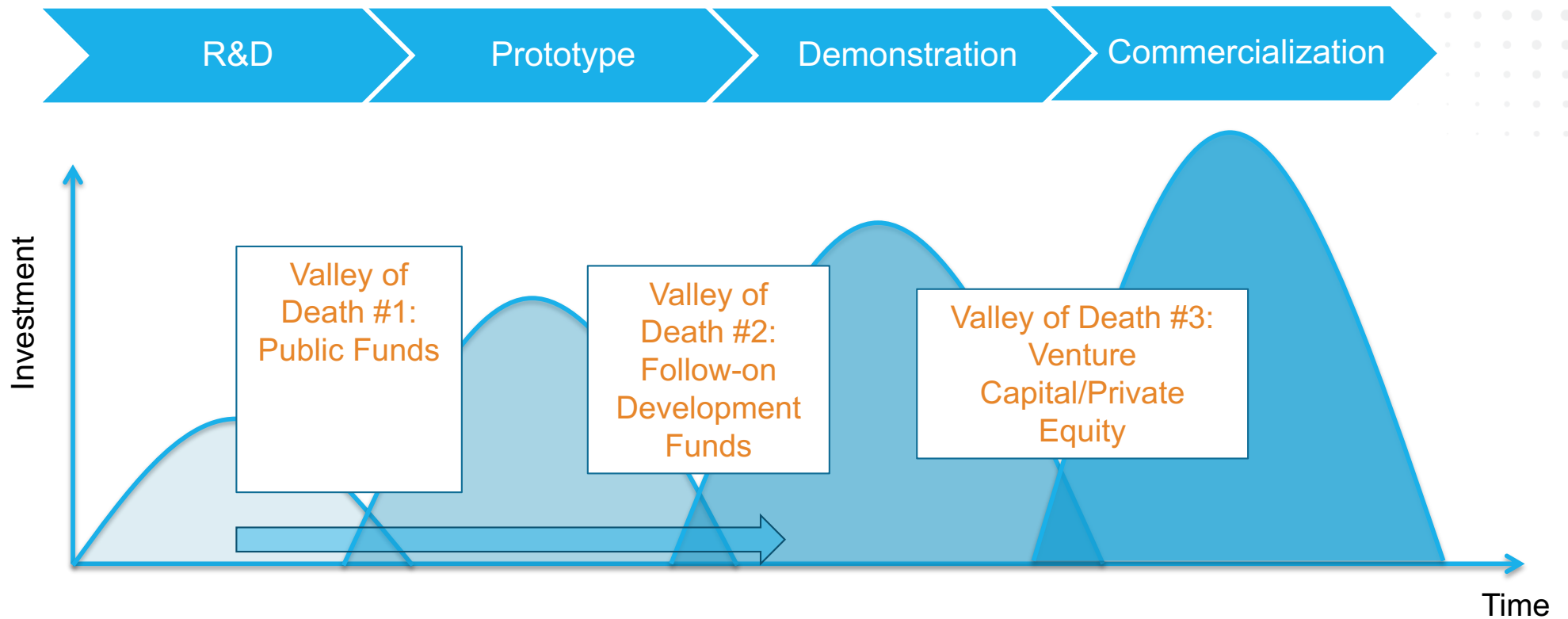


Growing Radical Innovation from Basic Research Insights

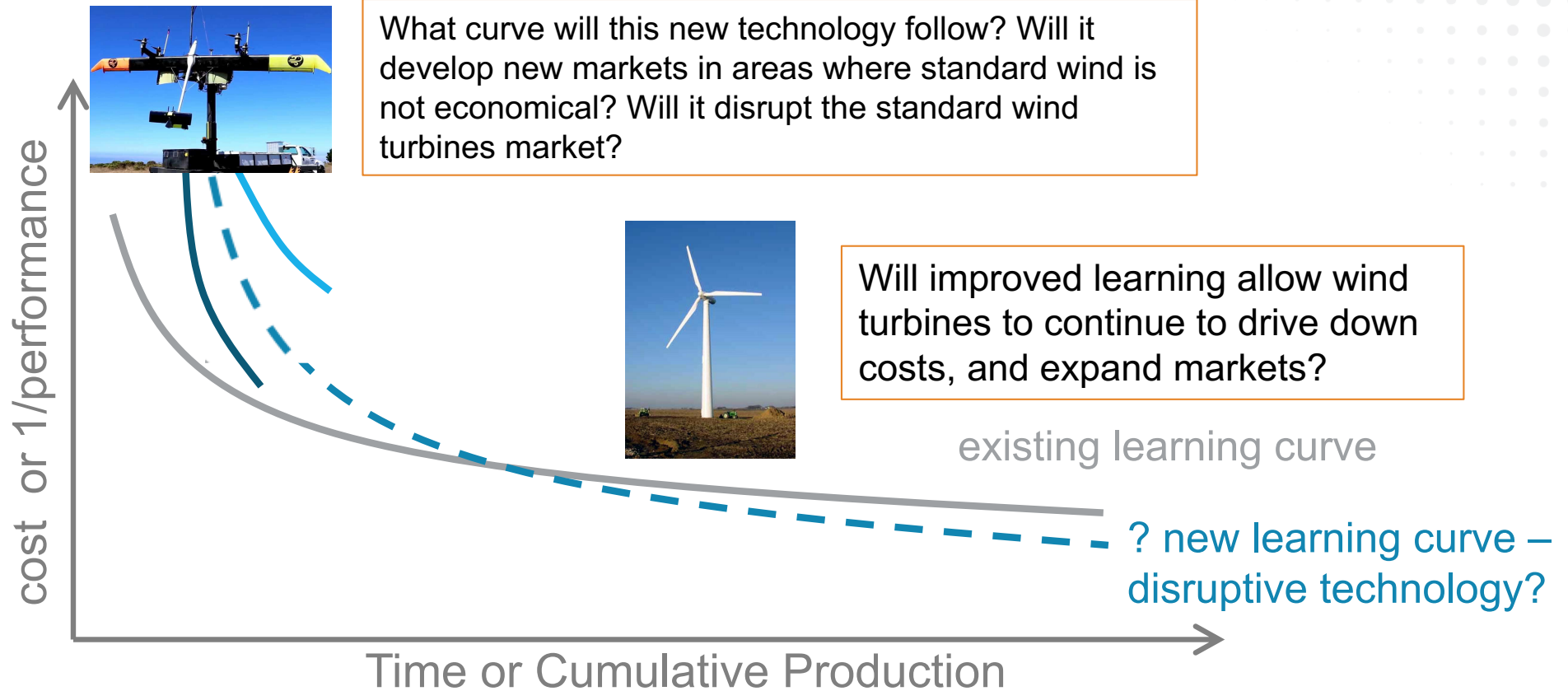
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Dr. Ellen D. Williams
Distinguished University Professor

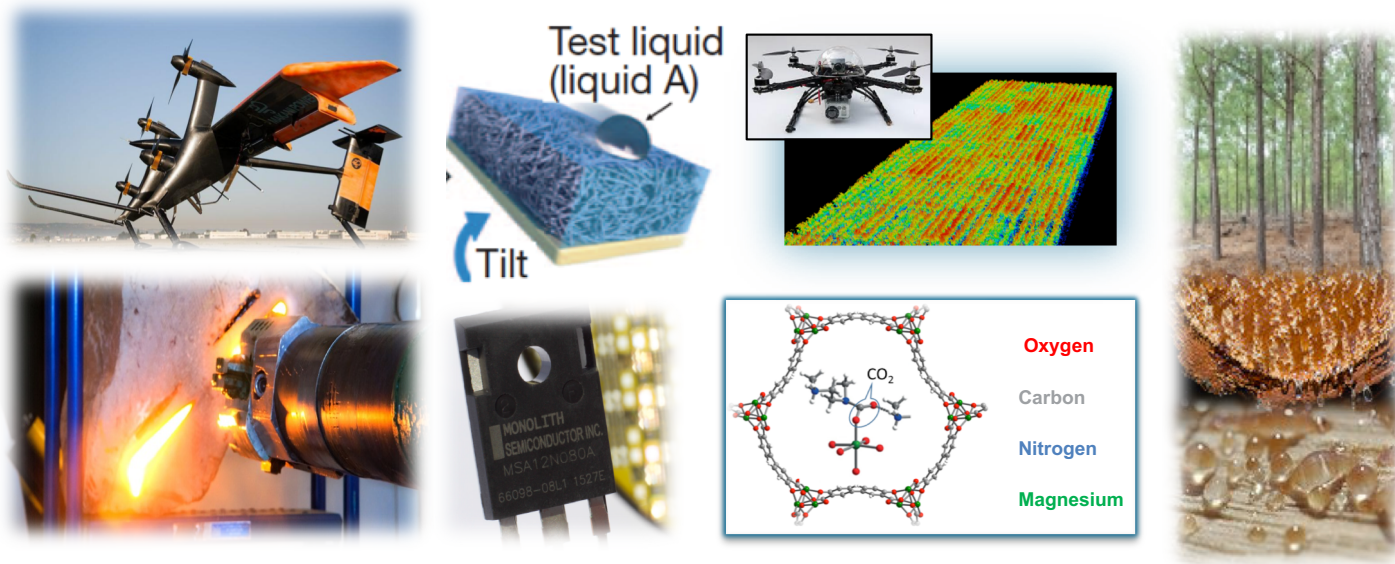
Transitions Toward Market Adoption



Pathways of Technology Advances

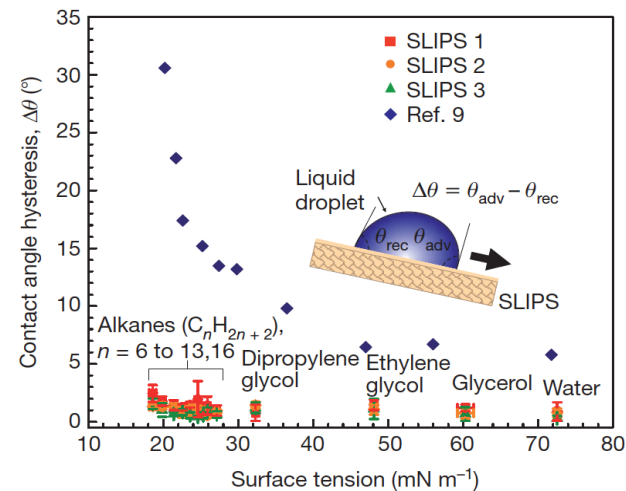
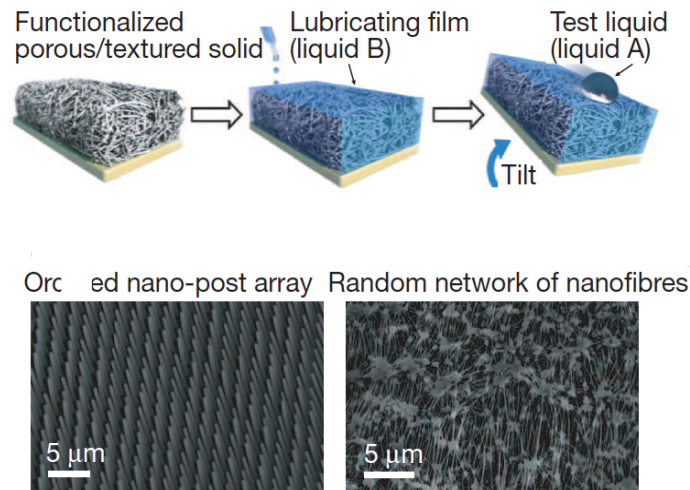


Innovation: the intersection of opportunity and application



SLIPS: Slippery Liquid-Infused Porous Surfaces

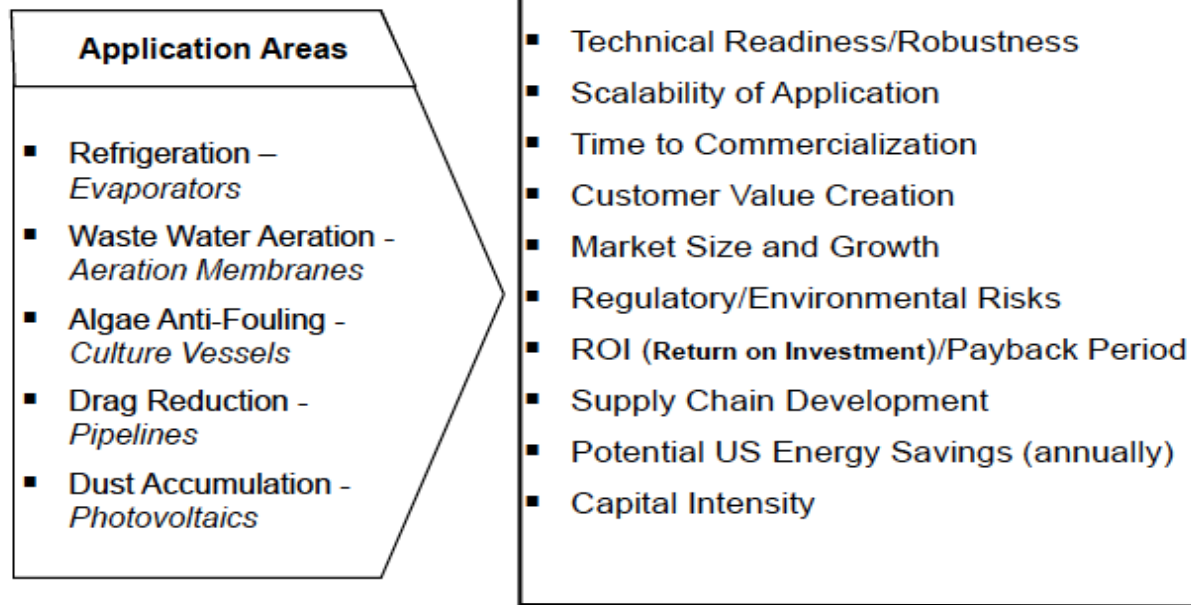
- “... instead of using [structured surfaces] to repel impinging liquids directly, systems such as the *Nepenthes* pitcher plant use them to lock-in an intermediary liquid that then acts by itself as the repellent surface. . . . In pitcher plants, this film is aqueous and effective enough to cause insects that step on it to slide from the rim into the digestive juices at the bottom by repelling the oils on their feet.”



Wong, et. al, *Bio-inspired self-repairing slippery surfaces with pressure-stable omniphobicity*, Nature 477, 443 (2011)

SLIPS: Product Definition

Techno-Economic Analysis



- ▶ Annual US defrost energy consumption:
 - (supermarket cases) \approx 6400 GWh
 - (residential) \approx 7178 GWh

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► Assessment: Technical Application to Ice Build-up and Defrosting

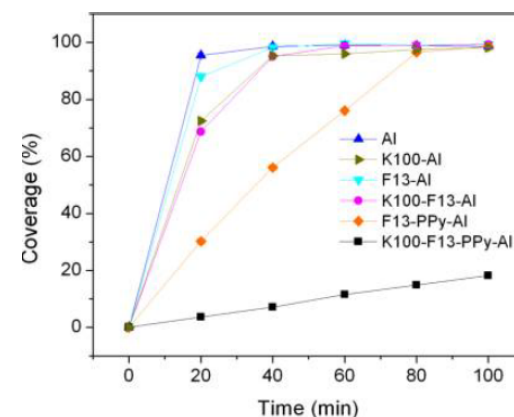
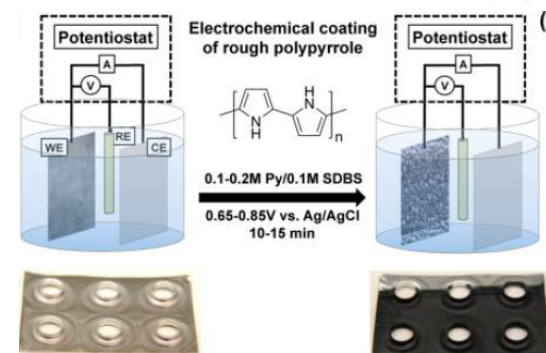
- Development of well-adhered porous, textured surface layer
- Development of infusion liquids that repel water, slow ice nucleation, and facilitate melting and water shedding
- *Liquid-infused nanostructured surfaces with extreme anti-ice and anti-frost performance*, ACS Nano 6, 6569, 2012.

► Slips Results

- Defrosting at 5°C
- Reduces defrost time by 22%
- Reduces total defrost energy by 38.2%

► Commercialization

- Scalable electrochemical process
- Established supply chain for materials



Ice formation at -2°C and 60% RH

SLIPS to AdaptiveSurface Technologies

- ▶ **Start-up company SLIPS technologies in 2014** <http://www.slipstechnologies.com>
- ▶ Private sector funding by 2014: \$3 million from investors including BASF Venture Capital and private investor/entrepreneur H. Wyss.
<http://www.bizjournals.com/boston/blog/startups/2015/03/liquiglide-competitor-slips-technologies-targets.html?page=all>
- ▶ Private sector funding 2017: Series B investment, \$5.65M from Wyss, BASF, Anzu Partners, Mass. Clean Energy Center

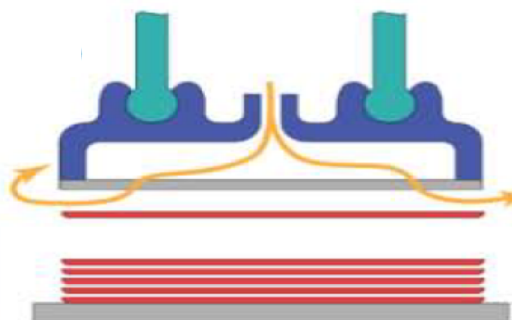
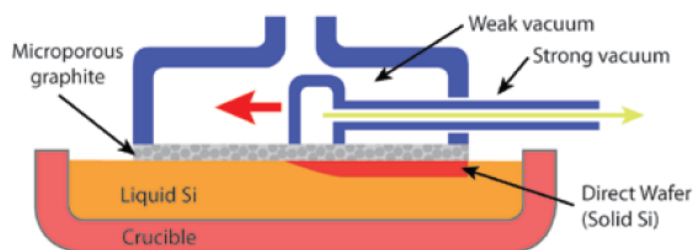
2017: Changed name to AdaptiveSurface Technologies <http://adaptivesurface.tech/>

2018 Product Releases



1366 Vision and Timeline

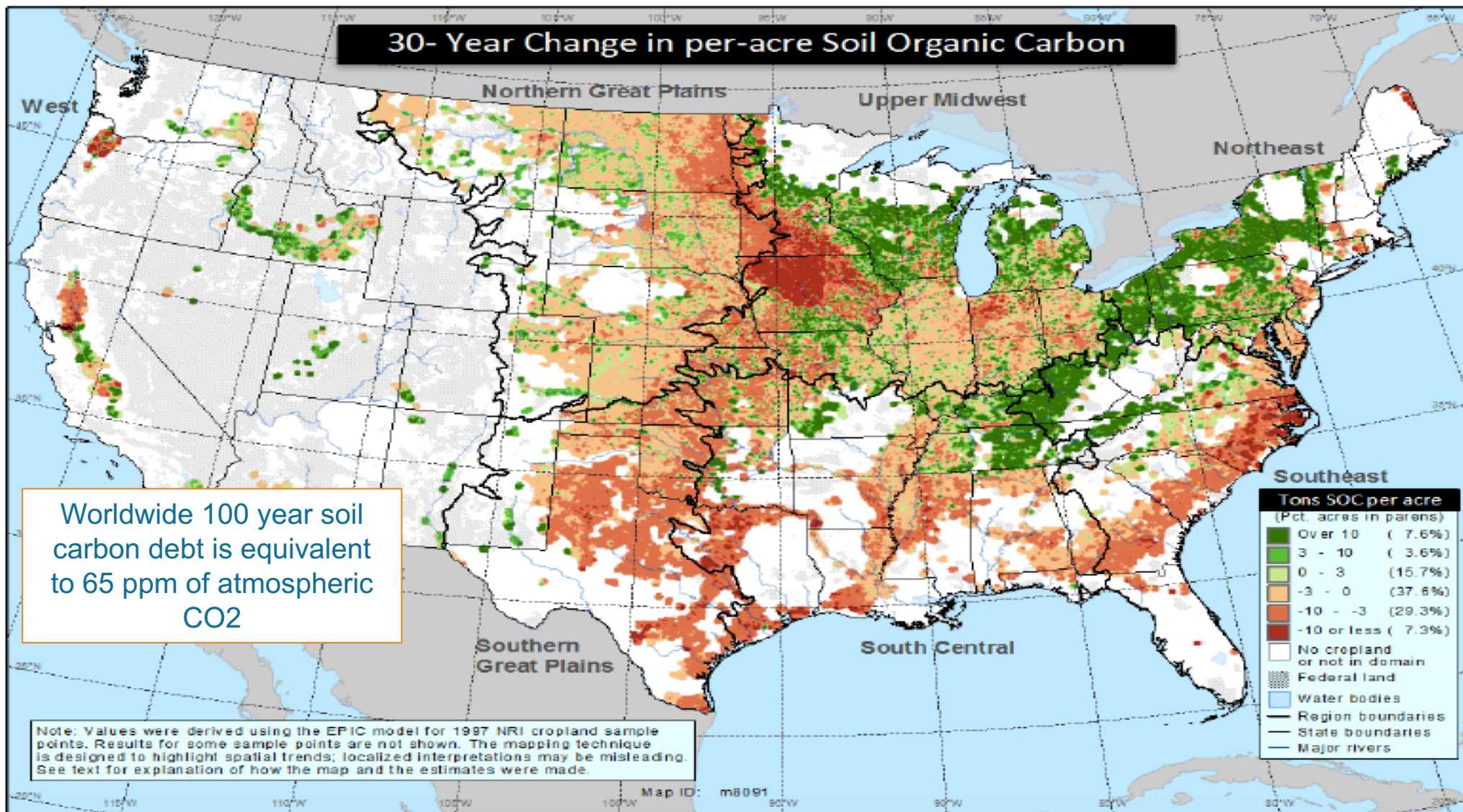
Kerfless Crystalline-Silicon PV



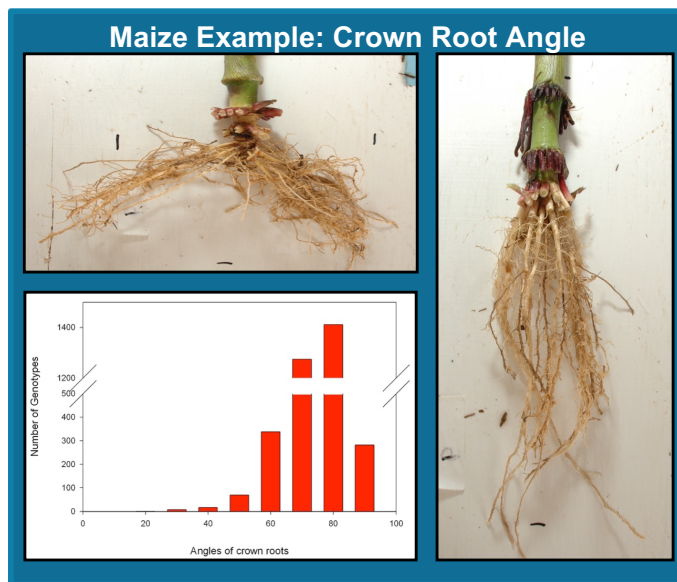
Timeline:

- ▶ 2008: Funding to Prof. Ely Sachs (MIT)/1366 from Northbridge/Polaris (Series A venture fund)
- ▶ 2007-9: DOE pre-incubator awards
- ▶ 2010: ARPA-E award
- ▶ 2010: Series B funding from Northbridge/Polaris
- ▶ 2010: Funding from GE/NRG/Conoco
- ▶ 2011: DOE Loan Guarantee award, \$150M
- ▶ 2012: DOE/EERE Award (SunShot)
- ▶ 2013: 25MW/yr demonstration facility
- ▶ 2015: 20 module field test with IHI (Japan)
- ▶ 2015: 19.1% full module efficiency demonstrated
- ▶ 2015: 3 GW plant announced in NY, with state incentives
- ▶ 2016: 700 MW sales agreement (Hanwha) announced, Funding (Series C) from Hanwha Solar (S. Korea) and Wacker Chemie
- ▶ 2017: 50kW commercial PV installation, in Japan
- ▶ 2017: DOE Loan status pending

30- Year Change in per-acre Soil Organic Carbon



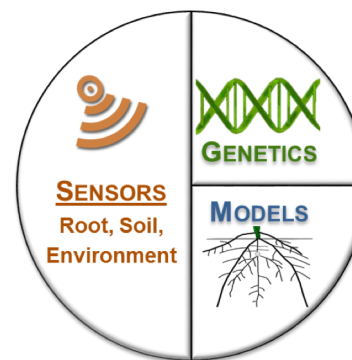
Phenotypes and Genomics



Courtesy of Jonathan Lynch, Penn State University

There is a large natural diversity of root phenotypes, which have not been addressed by breeders.

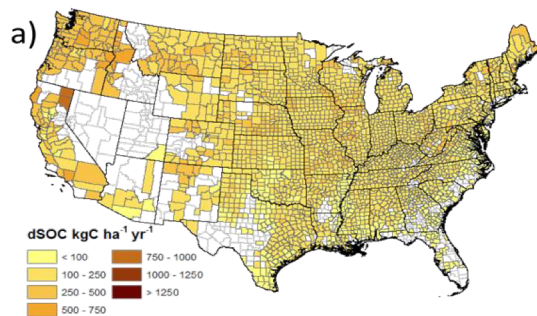
Researchers today employ “shovelomics” to evaluate crop roots.



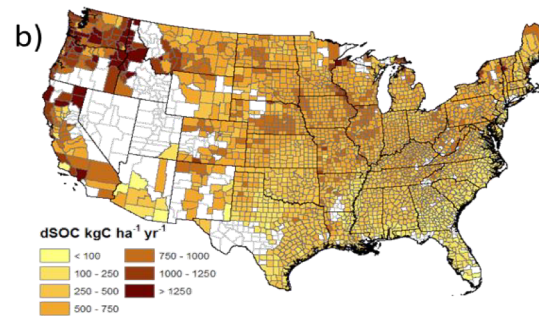
ROOTS research teams will develop new sensors for characterizing roots systems

Potential Soil Carbon Accumulation with Improved Crop Rooting Phenotypes

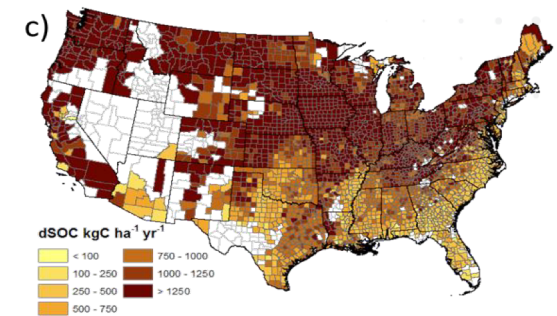
(kg C ha⁻¹ yr⁻¹ soil organic carbon over 30 years)



25% root C increase,
with no root shift downward



50% root C increase, w/ 20%
root shift downward



100% root C increase, w/ strong
root shift downward



Cumulative savings potential by 2100 up to 61 Gtonnes CO₂ by
US agricultural use

Program Metrics – monitored with quarterly milestones

Component A – Sensors

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| 2A.1 | Instrumentation Target | Instrumentation Target: CV< 10% of root or soil property R2 >.6 ground truth value |
| 2A.2 | Technical Repeatability | >90% |
| 2A.3 | Throughput / Coverage | 2 hectares with 2000 plant accessions each measured 3 times during growing season |

Component B – Models

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| 2B.1 | Improve Throughput | 25%-50% improvement of throughput in field breeding. |
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Component C – Genetics and Environment

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| 2C.1 | Genetic Basis of Root Traits | Traits with heritability: > 0.4, or predictive models accounting for >50% of heritable variation |
| 2C.2 | Genetic (G) and Environment (E) Interaction | Quantification of GxE influence on cultivar, by measurement in at least 3 environments |
| 2C.3 | Quantify Impact | Cultivar achieves >25% validated improvement of carbon sequestration, nitrous oxide reduction, or water productivity. |

ROOTS Performer Portfolio

(10 Integrated Systems Teams: Root Phenotyping, Plant Genetics, Soil Chemistry)



FULL SYSTEM TEAMS

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SENSOR FOCUS SYSTEM TEAMS

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What is changing for Energy Innovation?

- ▶ November 2015: Launch of Mission Innovation, under which 20 countries representing at least 80 percent of global clean energy research and development (R&D) budgets committed to double their governments' R&D investments in this domain over five years.
- ▶ Mission Innovation was implicitly connected with private sector commitments to provide 'patient' investments for commercializing promising clean energy technologies:
 - Oil and Gas Climate Investments (OGCI) – Ten year, \$1 Bn fund
 - First investments:
 - Econics Technology – CO₂ to plastic
 - Solidia Technologies – CO₂-cured cement
 - Achates - high-efficiency opposed-piston engines
 - Carbon capture and storage demonstration
 - Breakthrough Energy Ventures (BEV) – Ten year, \$1 Bn fund
 - Chosen focus areas: Grid-scale storage, liquid fuel, micro/mini-grids, alternative building materials, geothermal