



NextFlex

THE FLEXIBLE FUTURE OF
ELECTRONICS

iMAPS New England 43rd Symposium & Expo
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America's Flexible Hybrid Electronics Manufacturing Institute

Building a National Network of Institutes

Network Status

ESTABLISHED INSTITUTES

- Nearly **\$500M** Federal funding catalyzed over **\$1.2B** cost share from consortia
- Institutes have attracted hundreds of companies and universities as active partners from across the country

NEXT FLEX

Flex. Hybrid Elec.
San Jose, CA



DMDII

Digital Mfg & Design.
Chicago, IL



Light/Modern Metals
Detroit, MI



Albany & Rochester, NY



America Makes
Additive Mfg.
Youngstown, OH

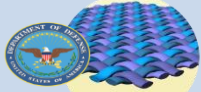


Adv. Composites
Knoxville, TN



POWER AMERICA
Electronics
Raleigh, NC

INSTITUTES IN COMPETITION/DEVELOPMENT



Revolutionary
Fibers &
Textiles
Proj. Award:
FQ2/2016



Smart Mfg.
for Energy
Efficiency
Proj. Award TBD



Topic
TBA

Other Institutes in Planning:



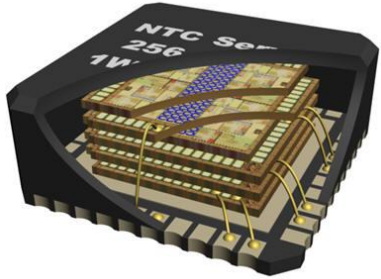
Open topic competition – addressing “white space” between mission agency topics



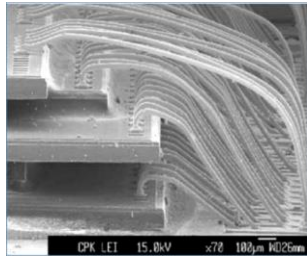
Selected topic competitions supporting Agency mission – using agency authorities and budgets

Broad Spectrum of Electronic Packaging

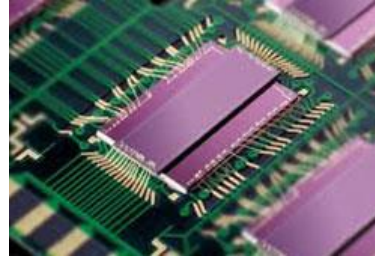
2.5D and 3D Die stacking Component/Devices



Prof. David Wentzloff Univ Michigan EECS



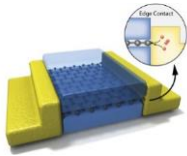
<http://www.palomartechologies.com>
Stack Die (3D IC) Assembly
Traditional Wire-bonding



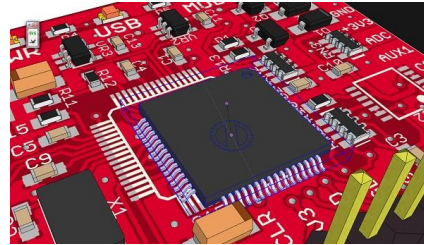
OPTOMECC
Advanced Manufacturing Systems — from Micro to Macro™
3D Additive Die interconnects

Electronic Manufacturing Technologies that deliver DoD Systems

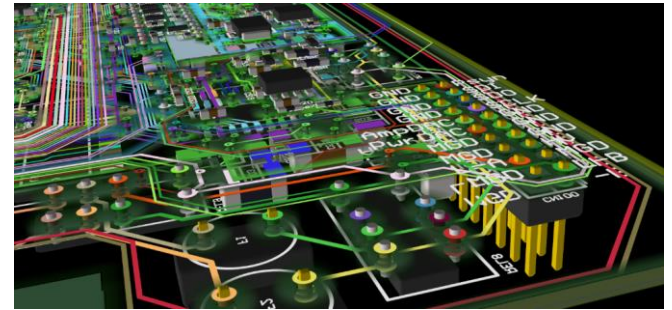
Longer-term RD (Low TRL)



- 2D materials that support future components (processors, memory, etc)
- Printed electronics: Longer term for Active Components

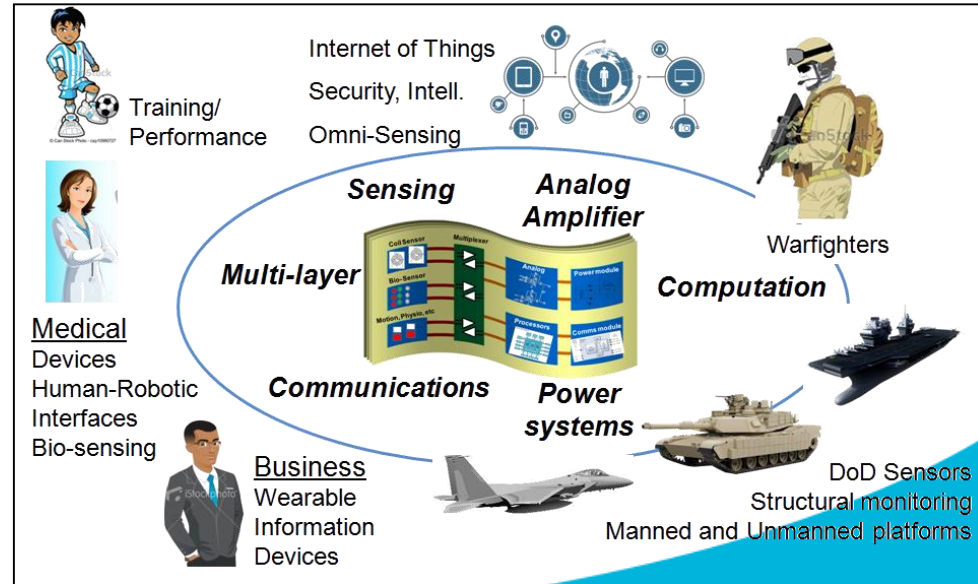


Printed Circuit Board Layouts Multi-layer thru-vias



What is Flexible Hybrid Electronics?

- Integration of electronic components onto non-traditional flexible, stretchable substrates
- Intersection of high performance printing industry with thinned CMOS using EMS supply chain
- Medium density / medium area electronics which can bend / conform / or even stretch.
- Increased functionality through integrated electronics which measure or act at the point of interest
- Use novel materials, components, interconnects and designs while adopting existing electronics manufacturing processes and tools as much as possible.



Flexible Hybrid Electronics

IMPACT

- **Novel Form Factors**
- **Light-weight, rugged**
- **Low-cost approaches through new manufacturing**
- **Enabling novel-sensing capabilities**

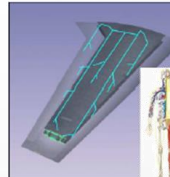
NextFlex is supporting a wide Range of DoD missions



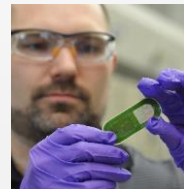
DOD EXAMPLES



Flexible ubiquitous Sensors



Conformable, compact, lightweight, flexible, low-power electronics and sensors

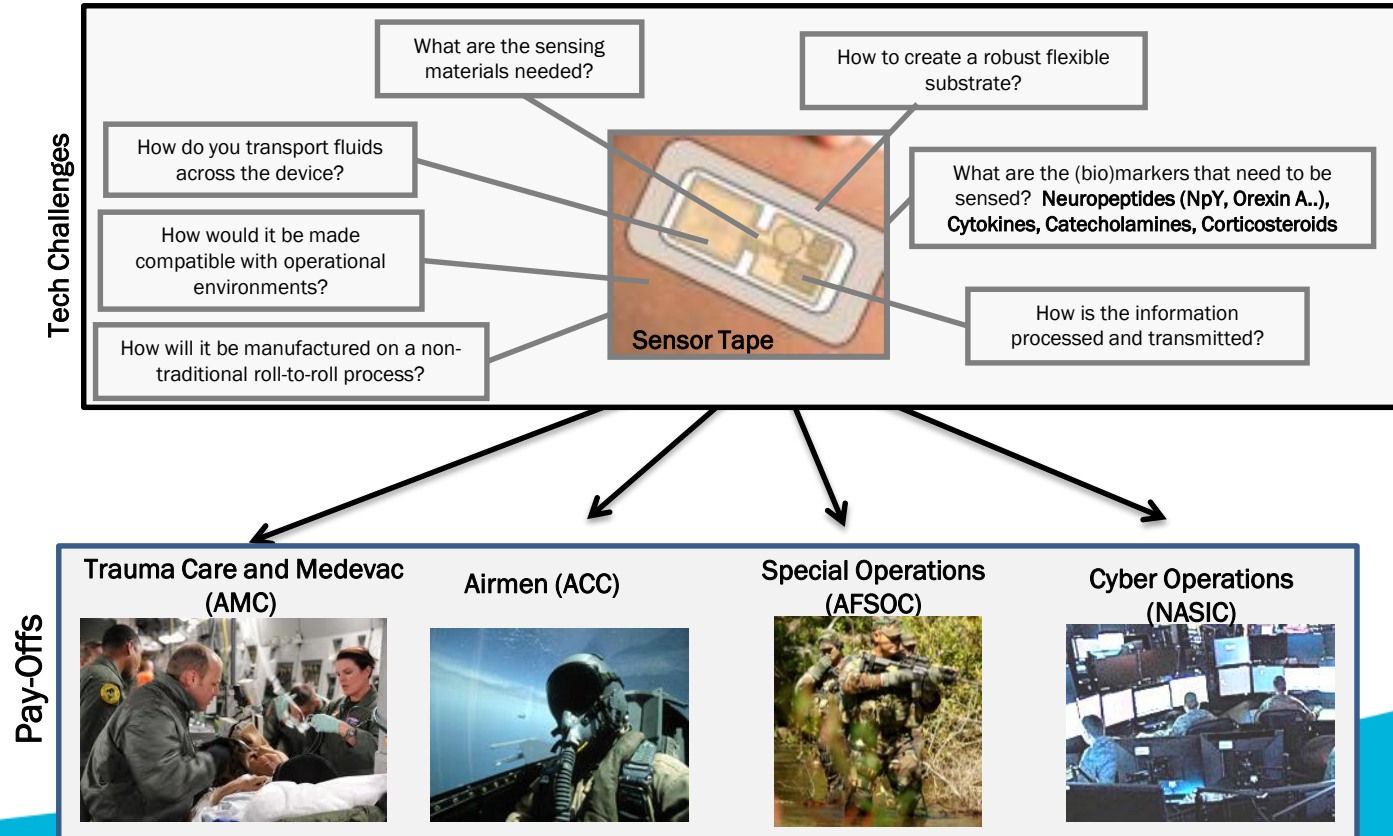


Bio-marker sensors (AFRL)

Future Vision Example - Human System Platforms

Detecting Biomarkers in Sweat

Goal: <\$2, 24-72 hr, non-invasive, tailorable, common mfg platform, integrated with local network



Flexible Hybrid Electronics

Commercial Manufacturing Ecosystem

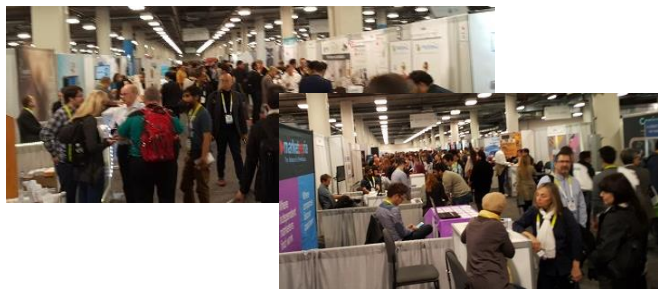
Enabling a Manufacturing Eco-system...

...to support technology

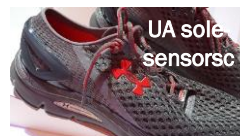
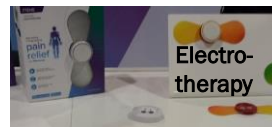
Sensors Floor Images



Start-up Floor



Examples



DoD Technology Examples

	Flexible ubiquitous Sensors
	Wearable Soldier Sensing, Performance and Training
	Conformable, compact, lightweight, flexible, low-power electronics and sensors
	Distributed media



Nobo (N0360) Hydration



Manufacturing core investment

Agency or IRD investment

Established: 28 August 2015

Lead: FlexTech Alliance

Hub location and fab: San Jose, California

Proposed Members: 145+ in 27 states

Federal Funding: \$75M

Gov't agency engaged: 17 DOD and OGAs

Focus: Combining the entrepreneurial & innovative culture of Silicon Valley with a national network of regional & technology nodes to commercialize FHE technology through manufacturing advancements in integrated printing & packaging, system design tools, materials scale-up, thinned device processing, and reliability testing & modeling.

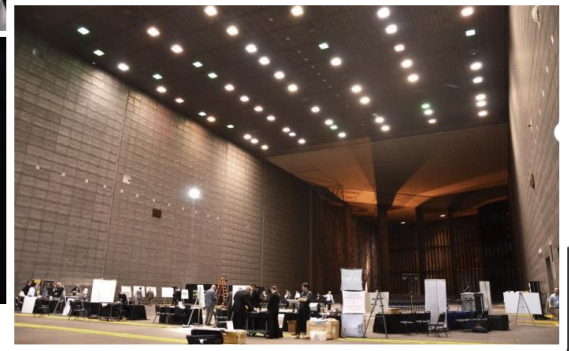
Manufacturing development for technology Applications



Catalyzing a robust and innovative manufacturing ecosystem at the intersection of the electronics and high performance printing industries.

Announcement Day

AUGUST 28, 2015



Building a Robust Public-Private Partnership

Current Membership

Corporate

Tier 1



Tier 2



Tier 3



Observer



Academic/Non-Profit

Tier 1



Tier 2



Tier 3



Associations



Economic Development

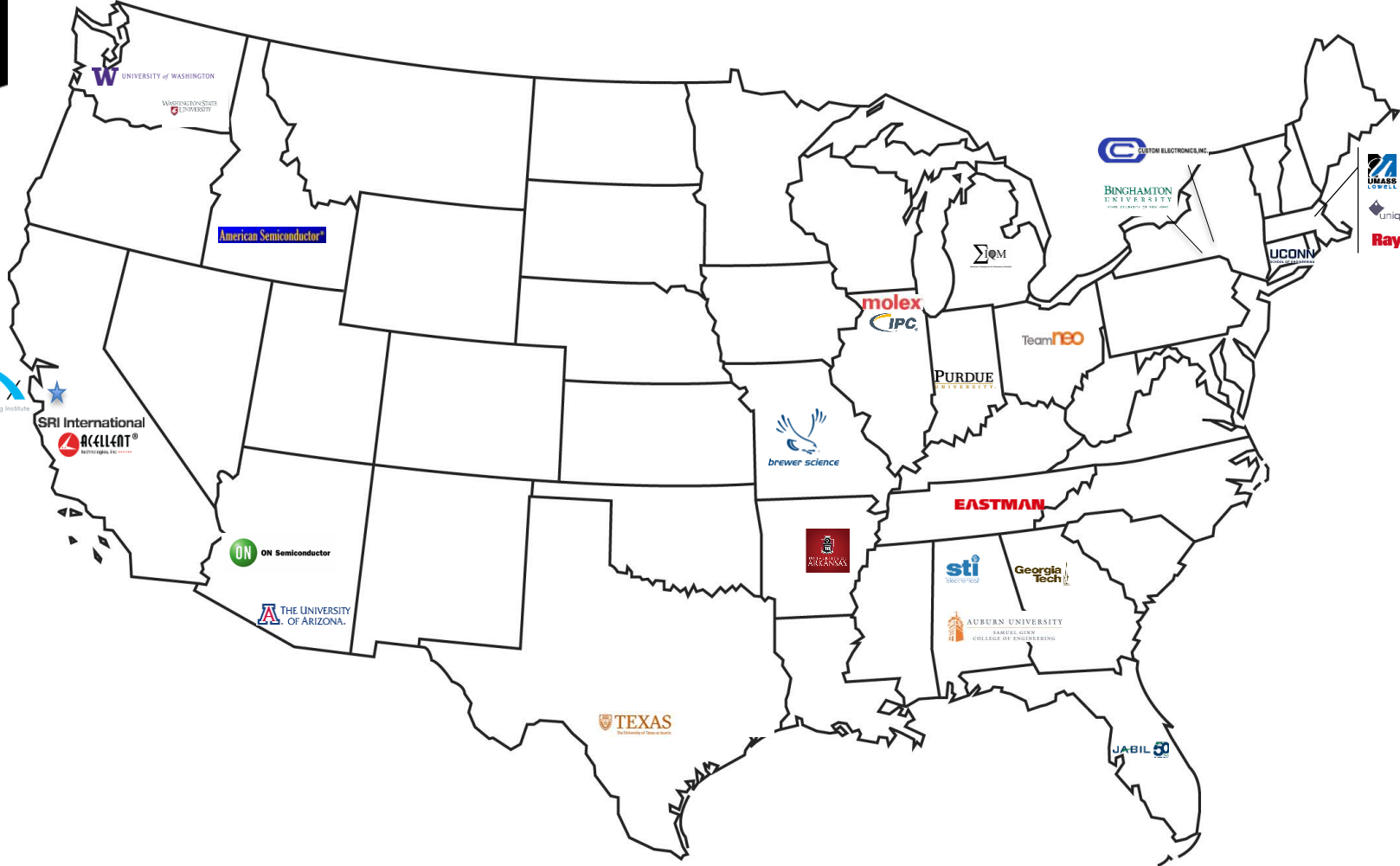


Federal Government

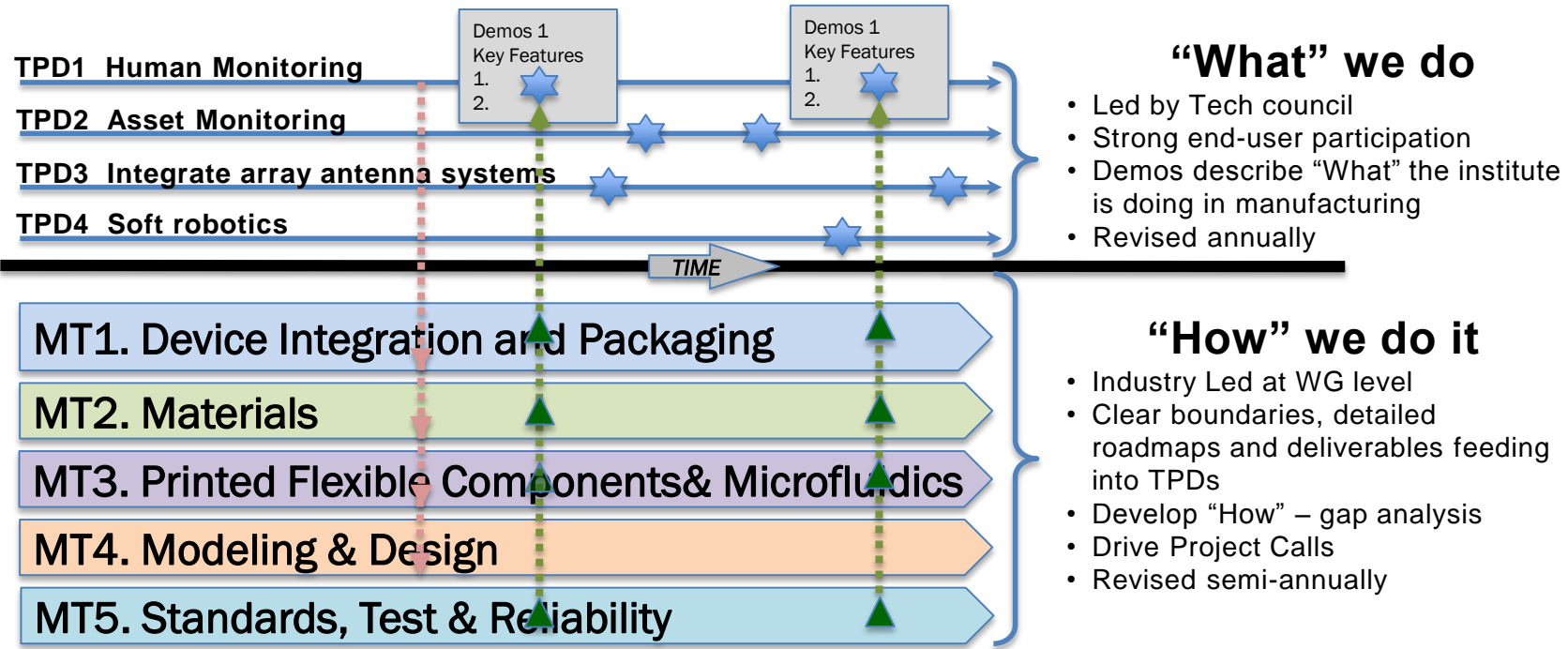


State/Local Government





Strategic Roadmapping Framework



Last week we had 660 attendees at FLEX2016 from Industry, academia, government (FTA run) Technical Working Groups: 140 participants focused on the Roadmapping

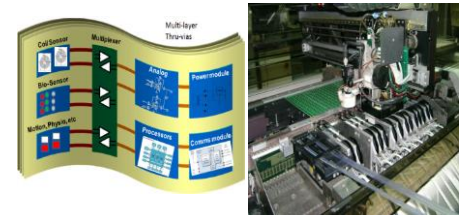
Technical Development Approach

Manufacturing Thrusts

- **Five** Manufacturing Thrusts
- The manufacturing thrust are **demonstrated** through four “Technology Platform Demonstrations”

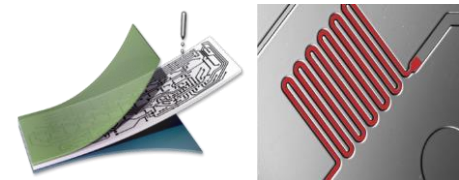
MT1- Device Integration & Packaging

Development of new tools for testing, slicing, and thinning of silicon wafers as well as for electronic device and sensor integration on flexible, stretchable, and/or foldable substrates. Leveraging advanced precision printing and high-speed automated pick & place for integration of device components, interconnects, and data lines.



MT2-Printed Flexible Components & Microfluidics

Developing and maturing contact and non-contact printing processes that support hybrid device concepts, including sensors and discrete device components. Printing & integration of microfluidic channels and fluidic control elements.

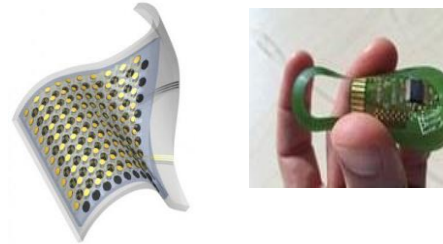


Technical Development Approach

Manufacturing Thrusts (cont.)

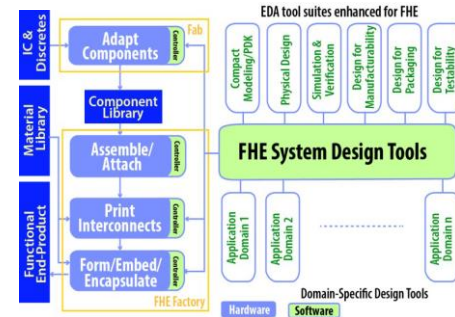
MT3- Materials

Manufacturing scale-up of conductive and dielectric inks and pastes, adhesives, encapsulant materials, and flexible substrates.



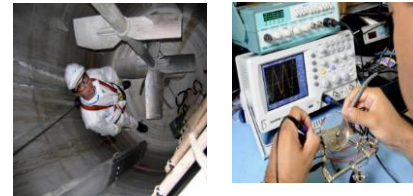
MT4- Modeling & Design

Leveraging existing software & hardware design capabilities, simulation techniques, and manufacturing process control tools while also integrating novel manufacturing design rules for FHE.



MT5- Standards, Testing, and Reliability

Developing tools and test protocols to evaluate device-level and system-level FHE performance as well as reliability in both commercial and military environments. Partnering with standards organizations and professional societies to develop specifications & standards.

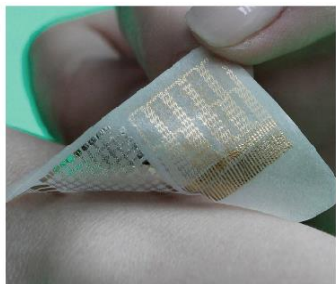


Technology Platforms Demonstrations



1

Human Monitoring
Systems



2

Asset Monitoring
Systems



3

Integrated Array Antenna
Systems



4

Soft Robotics



Technical Development Approach

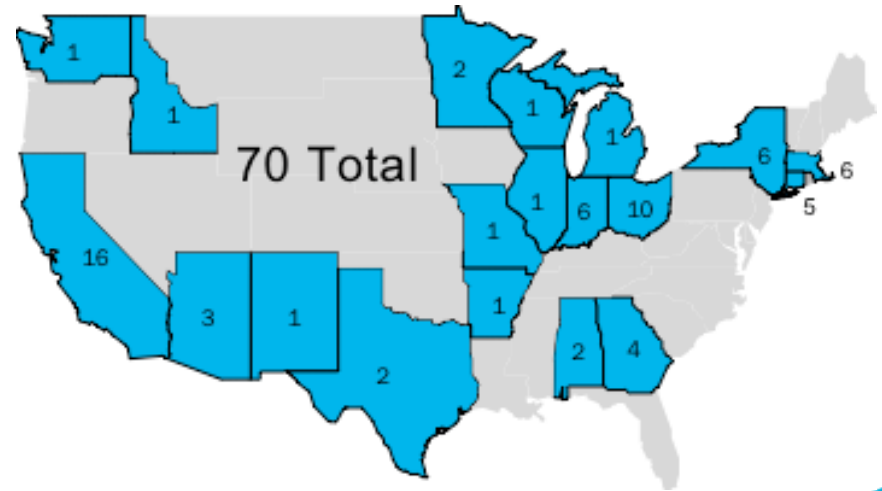
Institute has Five Major Programmatic Thrusts

1. **Institute Acquisition Process** Develop FHE manufacturing ecosystem through Industrial-led Projects
2. **Pilot-scale manufacturing facility** in San Jose, CA for FHE integration
3. **Trained STEM work force** from K-12 outreach through workforce development and re-training
4. **Collaborative discussions** between industry, government and academics to focus the FHE ecosystem
5. **Rapid acquisition vehicle** for agency FHE funding
 1. Open competition for government funding
 2. Leverage NextFlex review government-private expert structure
 3. Agencies control their own funding, final funding authority & management
 4. Rapid project award through existing Open Project Call process

Project Call 1.0 Distribution



- “Fast Start” - delivers fastest path to first Project Call
 - 67 days from award to PC1.0 release
- Enthusiastic response
 - 70 Pre-proposals
 - Broad geographic diversity in lead institutions
 - 21 Industrial leads
 - 70 Industrial partners
- 18 Full proposals Received
- 11 Reviewers/Category
 - (3 Industry, 3 Academic)

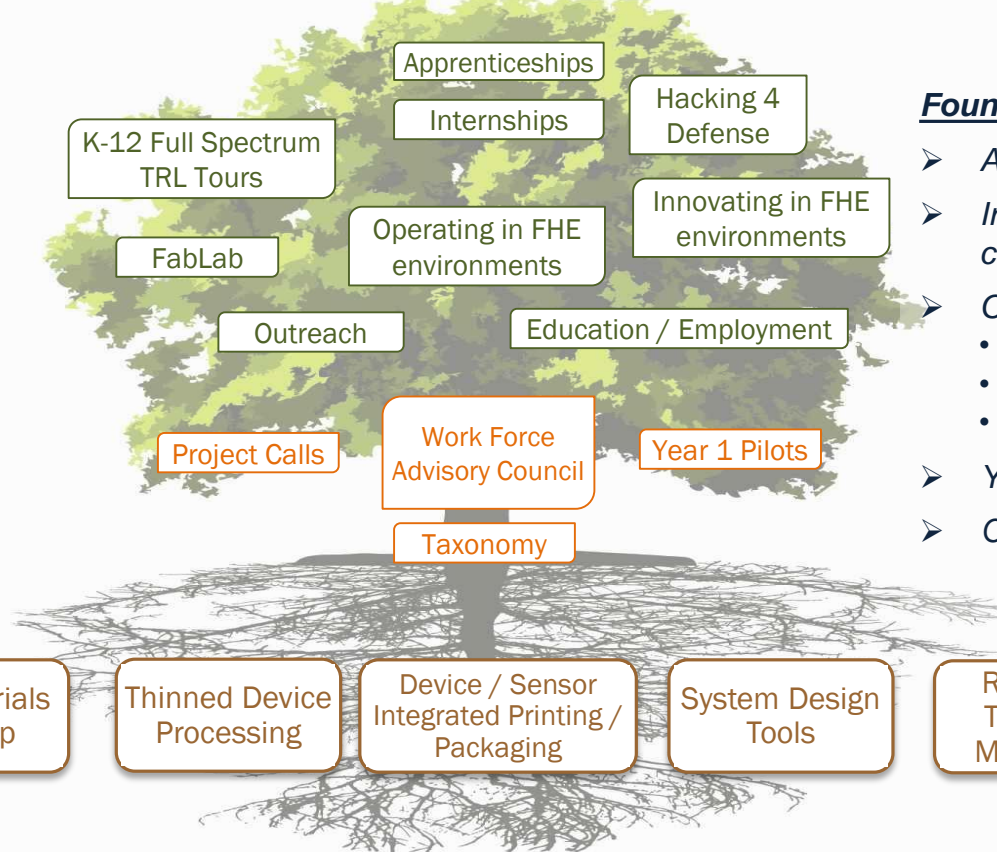


Workforce Development

Growing a Lean and Flexible Program

Mission

Facilitate and enable the outreach, education, and employment of the FHE talent pipeline with partnered companies and schools and with the support of government and non-profit organizations.



Foundational Tenets

- Accurate workforce taxonomy
- Investment through project call process
- Council to help synchronize:
 - Industry demand
 - Educational alignment
 - Talent pool outreach
- Year 1 pilot programs
- Out year iterative sustainment

Key WFD Activities to Date

Initiated Taxonomy Study

- Employment and Employer demand
- Wages
- Trends
- Education and Skills needs
- Program completions
- National and Regional viewpoints

Hacking 4 Defense pilot programs

- Helping to solve national security problems at SV speed with young technologists
- Collaboration with DIUx,
- Graduate level course using Lean LaunchPad and the Mission Model Canvas
- 14 x agency problems tackled by over 50 x students applicants in first iteration

Kicked off coordination for Internship and Apprenticeship Pilots in OH and CA

- Internships
 - NE Ohio / Loraine County Community College Advanced Manufacturing Technician (Mechatronics) consortium
- Apprenticeships
 - San Jose area ICW San Jose City, Manex, ATCs, SRI, and local companies

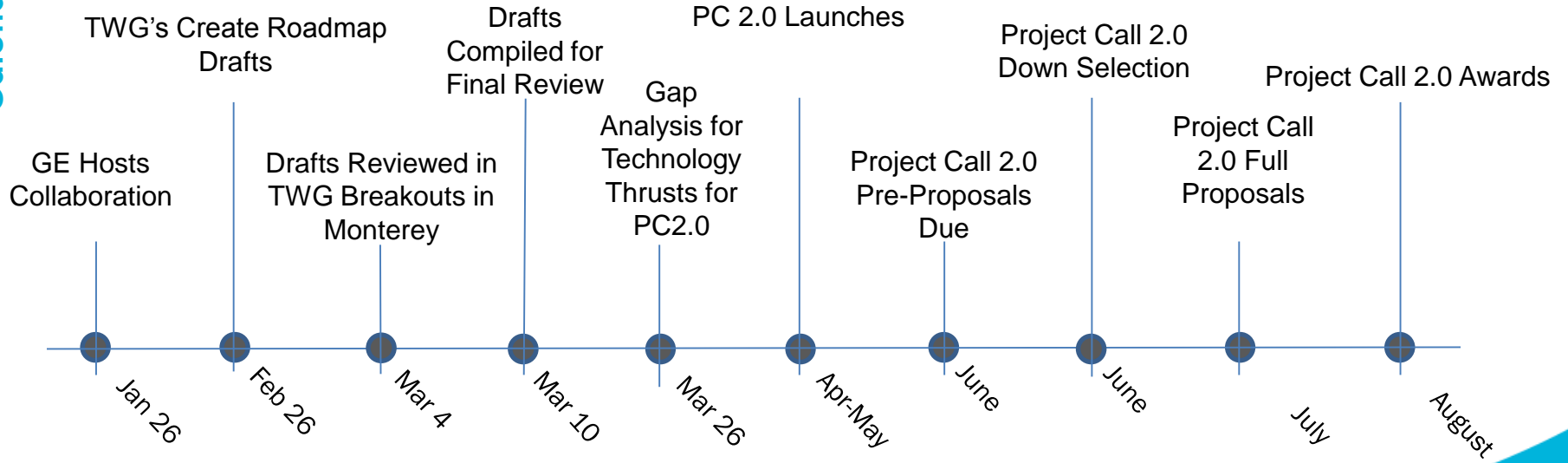
Commenced Outreach Tours within the Hub Region

- Informing, inspiring, attracting HS students and veterans into FHE pathways
- Full spectrum facility tours
 - Research and Development
 - Production and Manufacturing



Roadmap & Project Call 2.0 Process

Calendar



More Information

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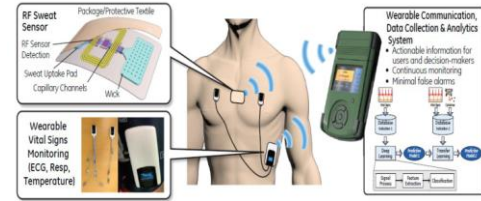
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Technical Strategy Development Approach

Technology Platform Demonstrations

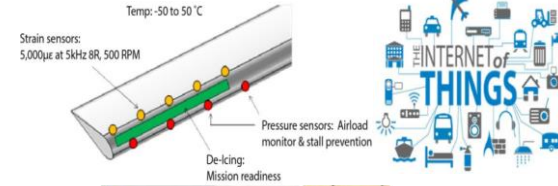
TPD1- Human Monitoring Systems

Wearable, unobtrusive, and non-invasive devices for sensing and reporting physiological state of warfighters, athletes, geriatric populations, and medical patients in varied environments.



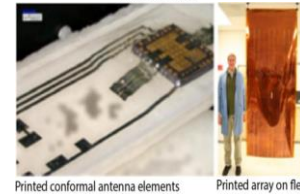
TPD2- Asset Monitoring Systems

Conformal or integrated devices for sensing and reporting the state of infrastructure, vehicles, logistics, or the environment. Networks of sensors or devices for Internet of Things concepts.



TPD3- Integrated Array Antennas

Patterning of efficient printed wideband array elements on flexible or conformal surfaces and integration of thinned electronics with printed wideband array elements.



TPD4- Soft Robotics

Soft, compressible sensors and devices for robotic functionality, enabling active clothing, wearable robots or robotic tools, advanced prosthetics. Improved robot-human interactions for surgery, manufacturing, and consumer electronics.

