# Energy-Related Research and Education at NC State



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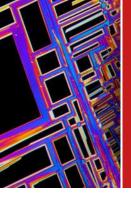
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## **Overview**

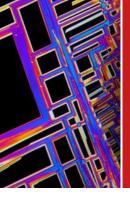
- History of Energy Research and Education at NC State
- Energy-Related Research
- Energy-Related Educational Programs



## History



- NC State is a National Leader in Energy Research & Education
- From power electronics to nuclear reactors, from wind-and-sundriven sources to fuel from resource extraction and sweet potatoes....NC State is on the leading edge of energy research, education and economic development
- 1953 NC State commissioned the world's first nuclear reactor designed, built and operated by an academic institution
- 2014 NC State selected to lead the \$140M Next Generation Power Electronics National Manufacturing Innovation Institute



## **Energy-Related Research**

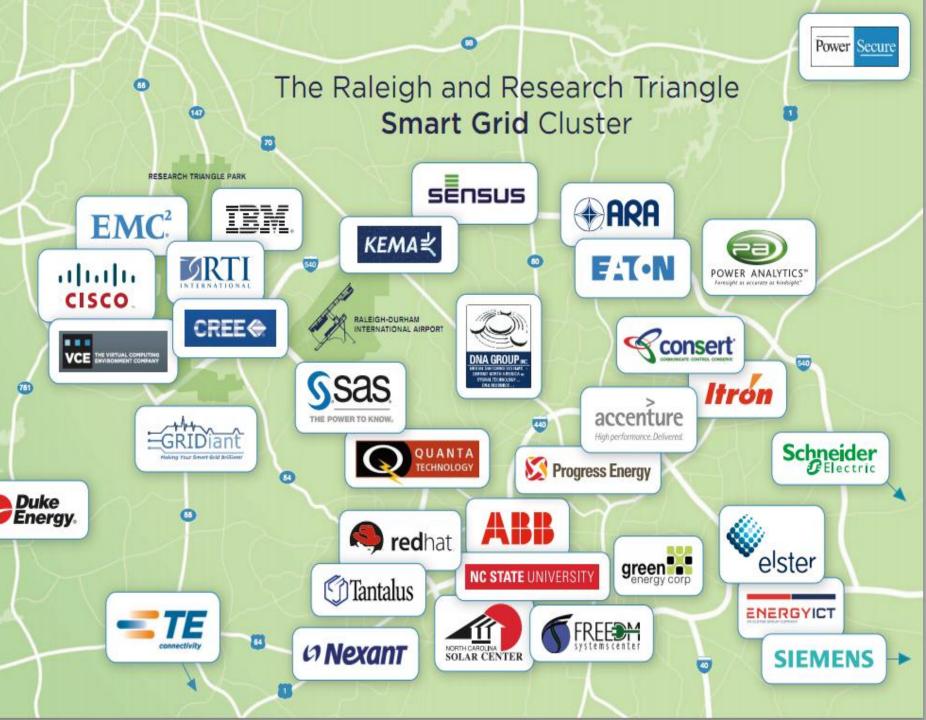


- Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency
  - FREEDM ERC, NC Clean Energy Technology Center, Integrated Biomass Research Initiative, Renewable Ocean Energy Program, Wind Energy Program, Efficient Solar Cells, Energy Management Program...
- Nuclear Energy
  - CASL National Modeling and Simulation Hub, Nuclear Energy Facilities and Structures Center, Nuclear Reactor Program
- Other Areas
  - Plasma Combustion and Chemistry, Biofuels, On-Shore and Off-Shore Resource Extraction, Off-Shore Energy Storage, Energy Conversion & Systems,.....

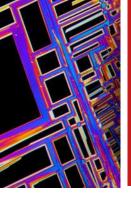
## Engineering Research Center (ERC) – Class of 2008 Future Renewable Electric Energy Delivery and Management (FREEDM) Systems Center



The smart solid state transformers being developed at the NSF FREEDM Systems Center have been named to MIT *Technology Review*'s 2011 list of the world's 10 most important emerging technologies.



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## NC Clean Energy Technology Center



- Created in 1988 as the NC Solar Center
  - Resource for renewable energy programs and information, training, technical assistance and applied research
    - □ Funded by NC State Energy Office and other federal and state grants
- Major Program Areas
  - Renewable Energy, Clean Power and Efficiency, Clean Transportation, Economic Development, Energy Policy, Workforce Development, Education & Outreach
- Partner Affiliations
  - US DOE Southeast Clean Energy Application Center, Southeastern Regional Resource Center (RRC) for Wind Energy

## CASL: The Consortium for Advanced Simulation of Light Water Reactors

A DOE Energy Innovation Hub for Modeling & Simulation of Nuclear Reactors

#### **Core University Partners**

- NC State University (Lead)
- University of Michigan
- MIT

#### Core National Lab Partners

- Idaho National Laboratory
- Los Alamos National Laboratory
- Oak Ridge National Laboratory
- Sandia National Laboratories
- Electric Power Research Institute

#### **Core Corporate Partners**

- Tennessee Valley Authority
- Westinghouse Electric Company



### Vision

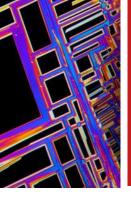
Create a virtual reactor for predictive simulation of Light Water Reactors

#### **NC State Leaders**

Chief Scientist for CASL:

Dr. Paul Turinsky

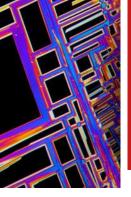
Education Chairman: Dr. John Gilligan



## Center for Nuclear Energy Facilities & Structures



- Created in 1991
  - Premier University-Based Research Center in the areas of structures, equipment and piping in Nuclear Power Plants
  - Research on Innovative and Rigorous Solutions that:
    - Reduce Uncertainty, Increase Safety and reduce Cost of Operations
  - Industry Oriented Existing and New Nuclear Power Plants
  - Wide range of Short Courses and Training Programs
    - Construction Management for Nuclear Facilities, Seismic Analysis and Design of Equipment and Piping, Reliability-Based Design, Regulatory & Design Requirements for Future Nuclear Power Plants



## Energy-Related Educational Programs and Offerings



- BS, MS and PhD programs in:
  - Electrical & Computer Engineering, Nuclear Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Civil, Construction & Environmental Engineering, Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering, Biological & Agricultural Engineering, Materials Science & Engineering, Chemistry, Physics, Biology, Natural Resources, Social Sciences and other relevant areas
- Over 200 courses in:
  - Energy Theory, Production and Efficiency, Energy Distribution and Storage, Energy and the Environment, Energy Policy and Economics
- New Degree Programs related to Energy
  - MS in Electric Power Systems, Graduate Certificate in Renewable Electric Energy System