

# ***Solid State Lighting: A Bright Opportunity for Nanotechnology to Impact Energy Efficiency***

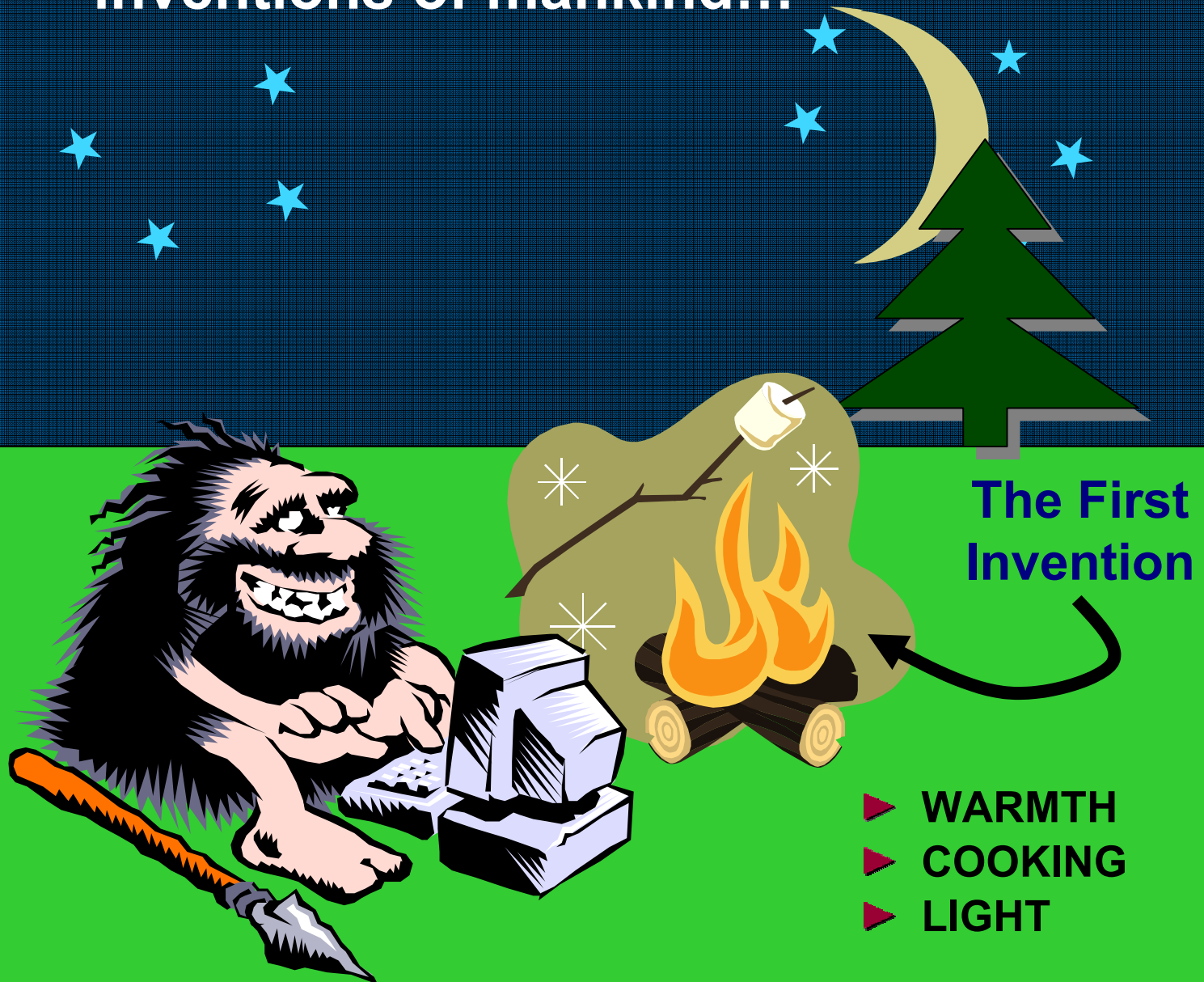
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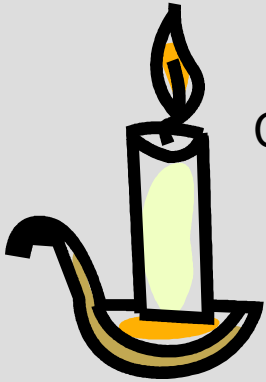
# Items for Discussion

- ▶ Solid state lighting as a high payoff research area in energy efficiency
- ▶ The Department of Energy's Basic Research Needs Report in Solid State Lighting
- ▶ The role of nanoscience in optimizing next generation solid state lighting

# Artificial lighting was among the first inventions of mankind...



**Each subsequent improvement in lighting led to  
major lifestyle improvements  
and improvements in the energy efficiency of the light**



Candle: 0.05 lumens per watt



Gaslamp: 0.5 lumens per watt



“Incandescent” Lightbulb  
15 lumens per watt  
(5% efficient)



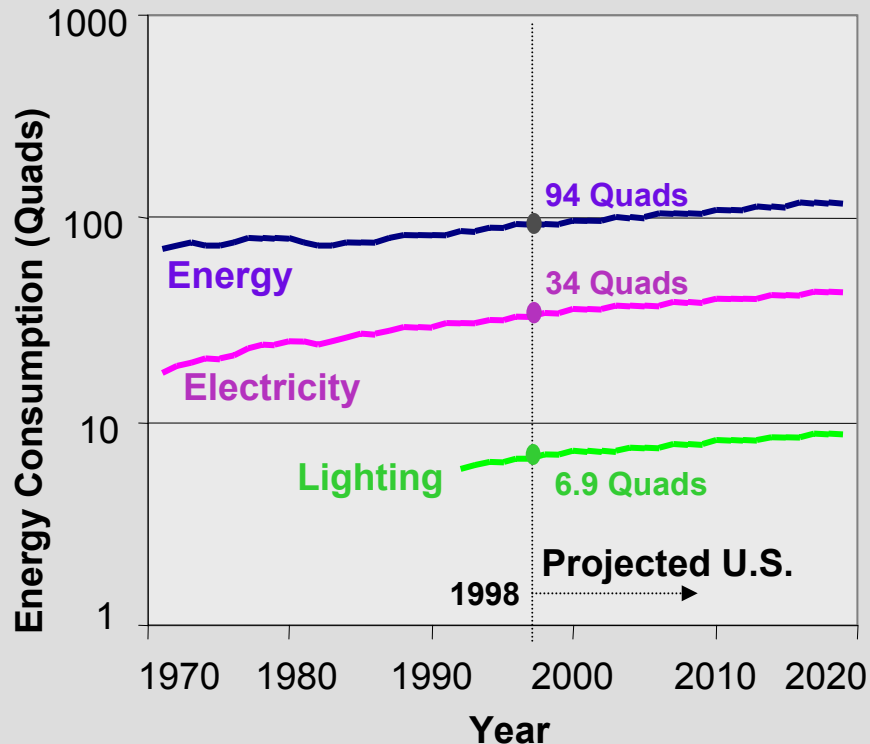
# Why does lighting impact energy conservation?

- ▶ Lighting consumes 22% of the electricity generated in the U.S.A.
- ▶ That's 8% of the total energy consumption
- ▶ Costs \$50 billion per year
- ▶ Releases 150 million tons of CO<sub>2</sub> into the atmosphere each year
- ▶ Much of it is 19<sup>th</sup> century technology with poor efficiency



# We should be able to do better

- ▶ **Lighting is a highly attractive target for reducing energy consumption!**



## Efficiencies of energy technologies in buildings:

Heating: 70 - 80%

Elect. motors: 85 - 95%

Fluorescent: **20%**

Incandescent: **5%**



# ***Basic Research Needs for Solid State Lighting***

## ***May 22-24, 2006***

**Workshop Chairs:** Julia Phillips (Sandia National Labs)



**Paul Burrows** (Pacific Northwest National Lab)

**LED:**

**Science Panel Chairs:**

Jerry Simmons (SNL)

Bob Davis (Carnegie Mellon U)

**OLED:**

Franky So (U of Florida)

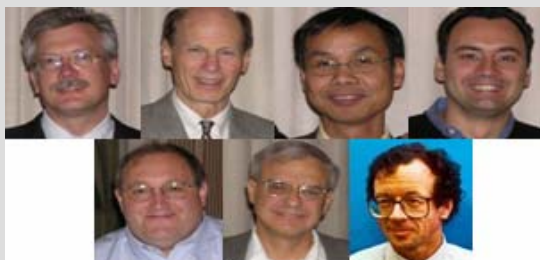
George Malliaras (Cornell)

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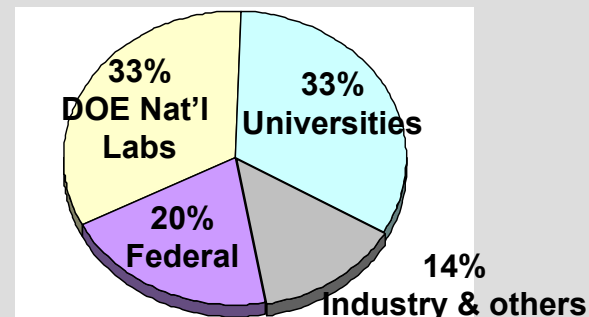
Jim Misewich (BNL)

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**Total 79 participants**



**Charge: identify transformational science**

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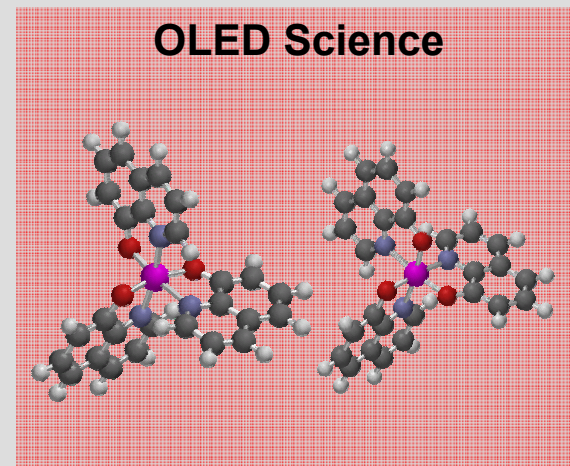
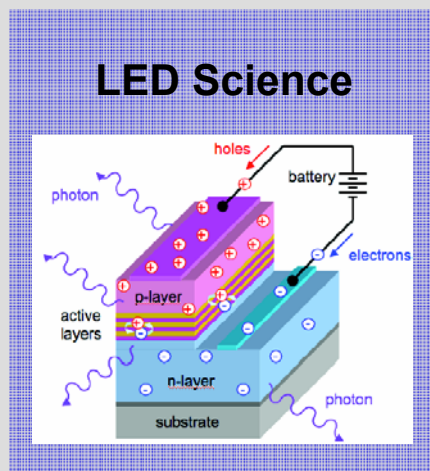


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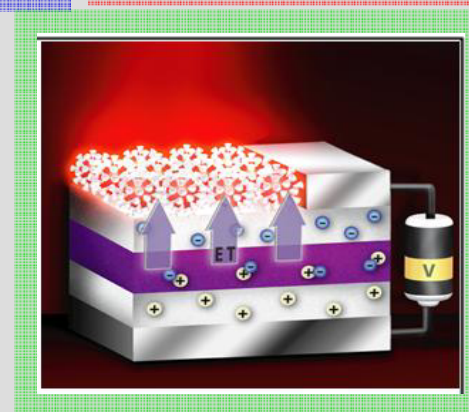
- 12 Priority Research Directions (PRDs), each specific to an individual panel
- 2 Grand Challenges (GCs) which overarch all panels



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## Cross-cutting Science



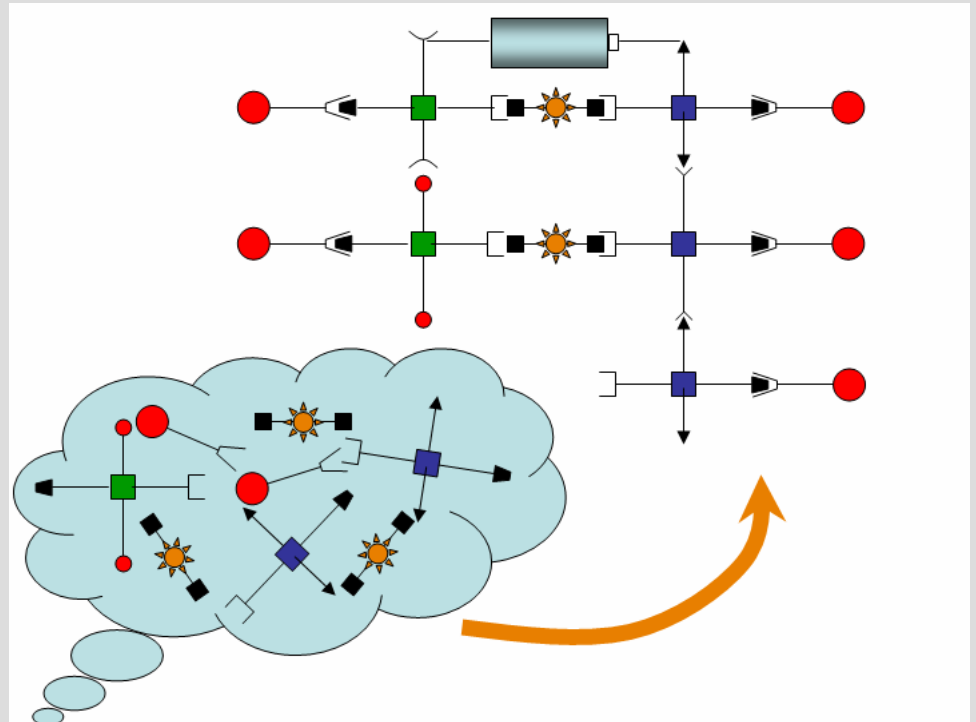
# GRAND CHALLENGE 1:

## Rational design of solid-state lighting structures

Today, light-emitting solid state materials are discovered rather than designed.

### The CHALLENGE:

Can we design optimized device components that assemble into a high efficiency charge-to-light conversion system?

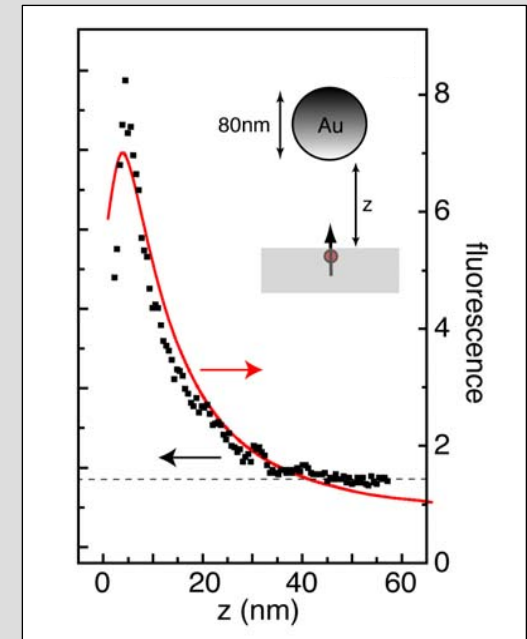
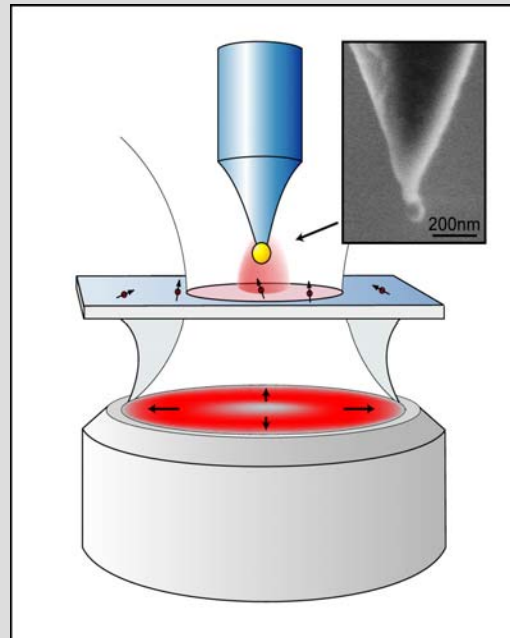


# GRAND CHALLENGE 2: Control of radiative and nonradiative processes in light-emitting materials

Light-emitting efficiency is determined by competition between radiative and non-radiative processes.

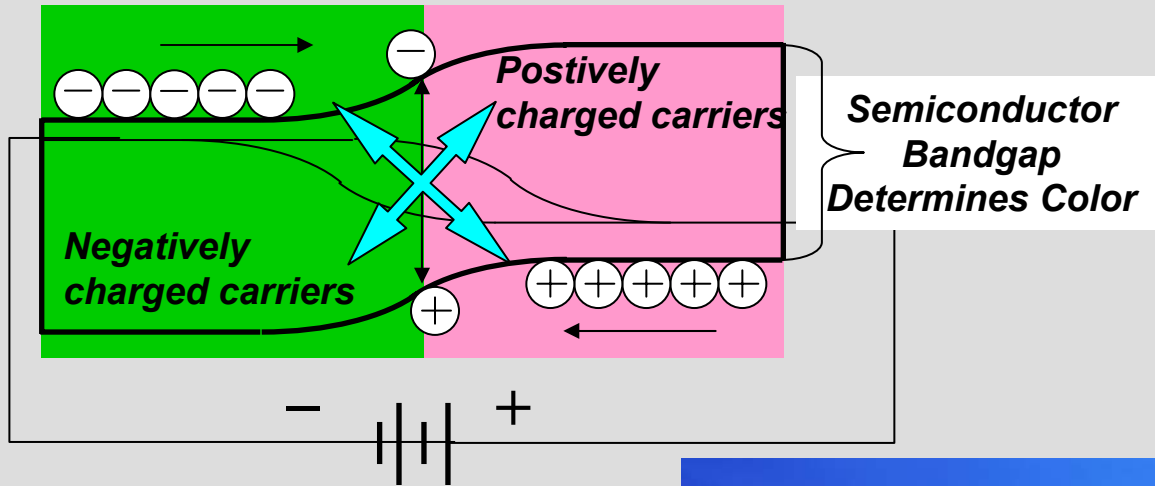
## The CHALLENGE:

Can we understand and control the physics of photon generation and emission?



# Inorganic solid state lighting

## Composition and nanostructure determine color



### Colored LEDs:

**Red, Yellow** - AlInGaP

**Blue, Green** - InGaN

### White LEDs:

**Red + Green + Blue**, or  
**Blue + phosphor**

- With applied voltage positive and negative charge carriers recombine
- Energy may be released as light or heat
- **Theoretically they can be 100% efficient with unlimited life!**  
(compared to incandescent which is 5% efficient, 2000 hour life)
- Commercial LEDs can be expected to reach 50% efficiency and possibly more



**Buckingham Palace, London, England**  
**Lit by Lumileds LEDs**

*Courtesy George Craford, Philips Lumileds*

