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partnership between
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Vision: Develop Secure Sustainable Energy Solutions to 21st Century Challenges

A public/private partnership - BSU, ISU, INL, UI

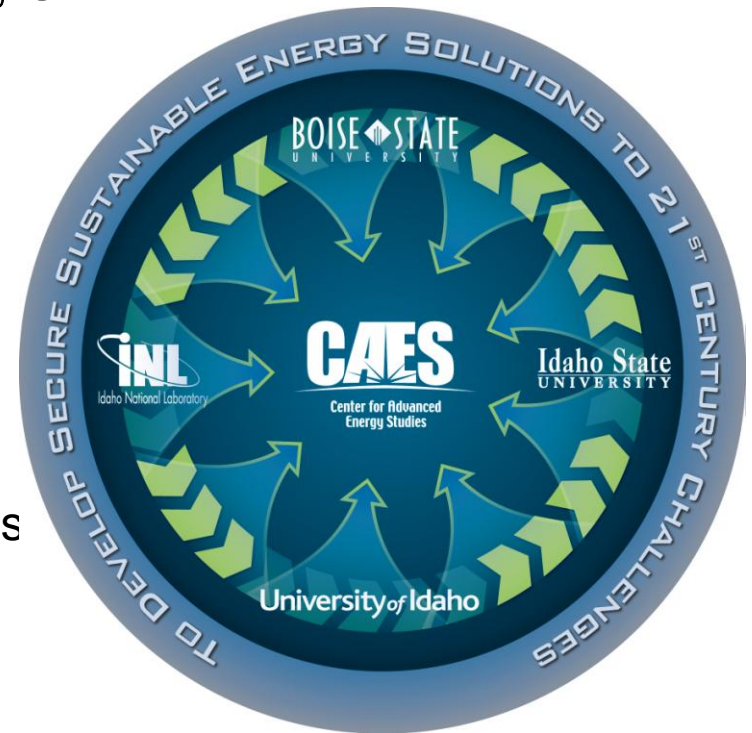
- Energy research
- Education
- Policy studies

Maximize resource utilization

- Expand researcher-to-researcher collaborations
- Improve access to research facilities & equipment
- Enhance student educational opportunities

Foster technology-based economic development

- Facilitate government, university, and industry collaboration (includes international)



CAES Research Initiatives



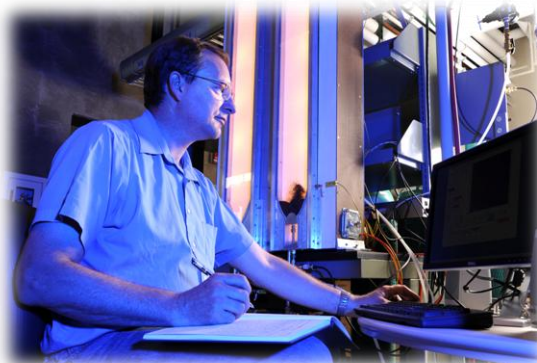
Energy Efficiency



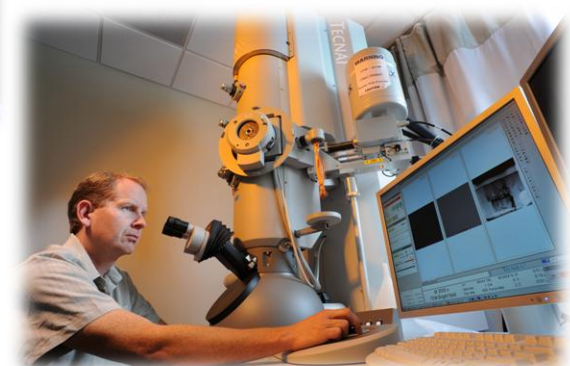
Geofluids Energy Science



Bioenergy



Nuclear Science & Engineering



Advanced Materials

Providing state-of-the-art tools to develop the economy



Local Electrode Atom Probe

Creates 3-D images of atoms in solids



Atomic Force Microscope

Measures mechanical properties on very small scale samples



Focused Ion Beam

Sections materials at micro- and nano-scales for TEM and LEAP microscopy.



Automated Hardness Tester

Measures and evaluates the micro-hardness of materials



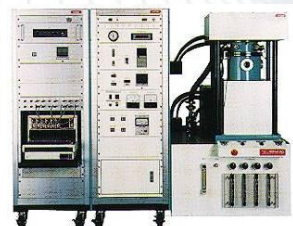
Transmission Electron Microscope

Images nano-scale material structures



Scanning Electron Microscope

Images material surfaces at the nano-scale



Spark Plasma Sintering

Creates fully dense metals, ceramics and metal-ceramic composites

Fabricate novel metals, ceramics and composites optimized for energy applications including fuels, vessels, piping, cladding, cellular solids and waste forms

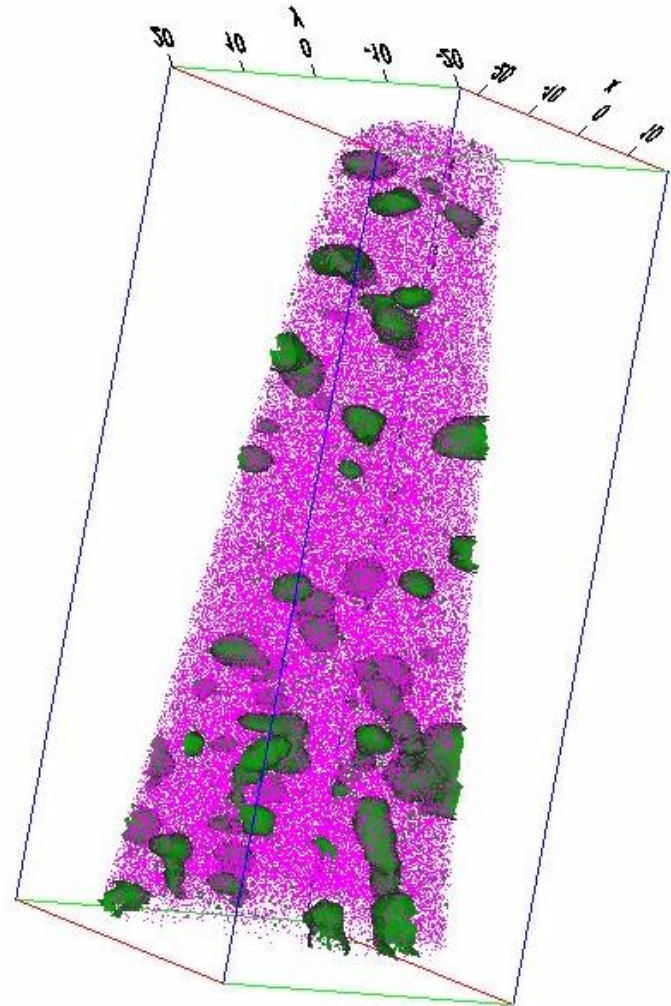
Condition materials with mechanical stress, heat and radiation (ATR)

Test material properties by destructive and nondestructive means

Characterize materials with state-of-the-art microscopy

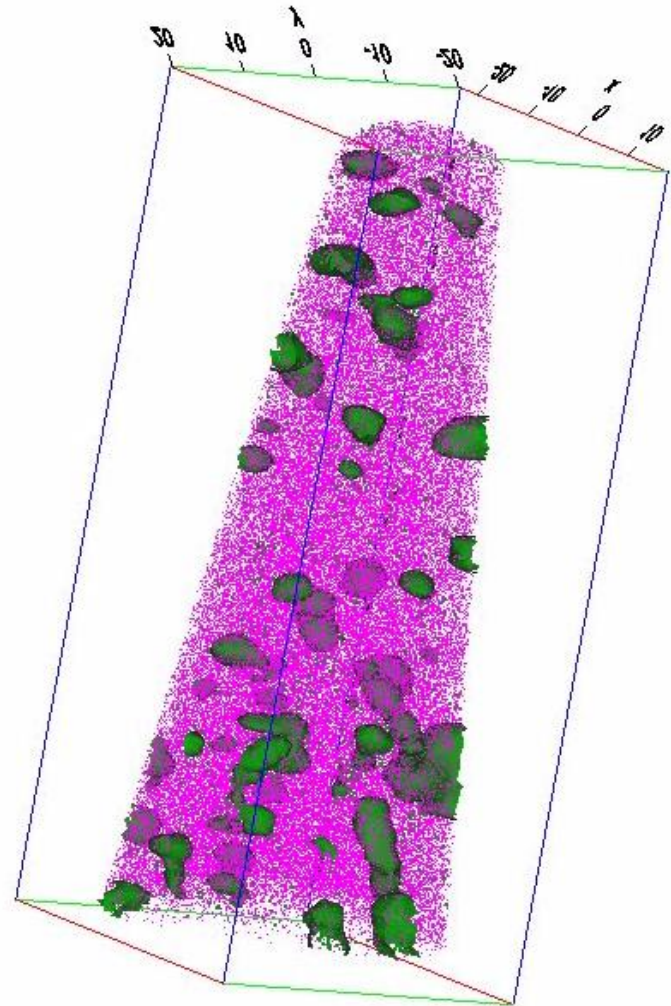
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Oxide-dispersion-strengthened steels (ODS alloys), containing nanosize oxide clusters.



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ODS alloys are very strong at very high temperatures and promise to enable new generations of energy technology



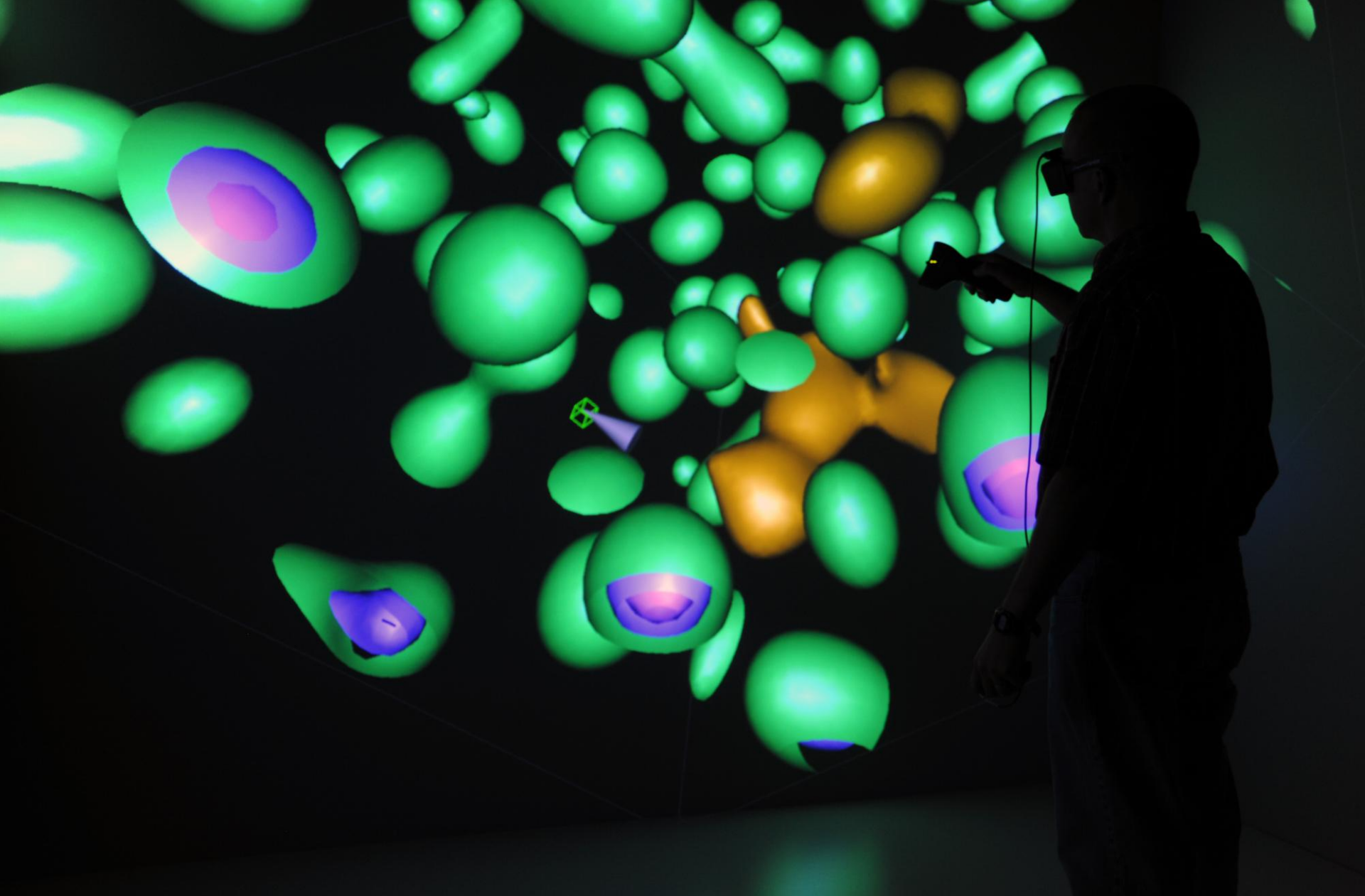
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■ **CAES four-wall 3D CAVE
enables transformative
research:**

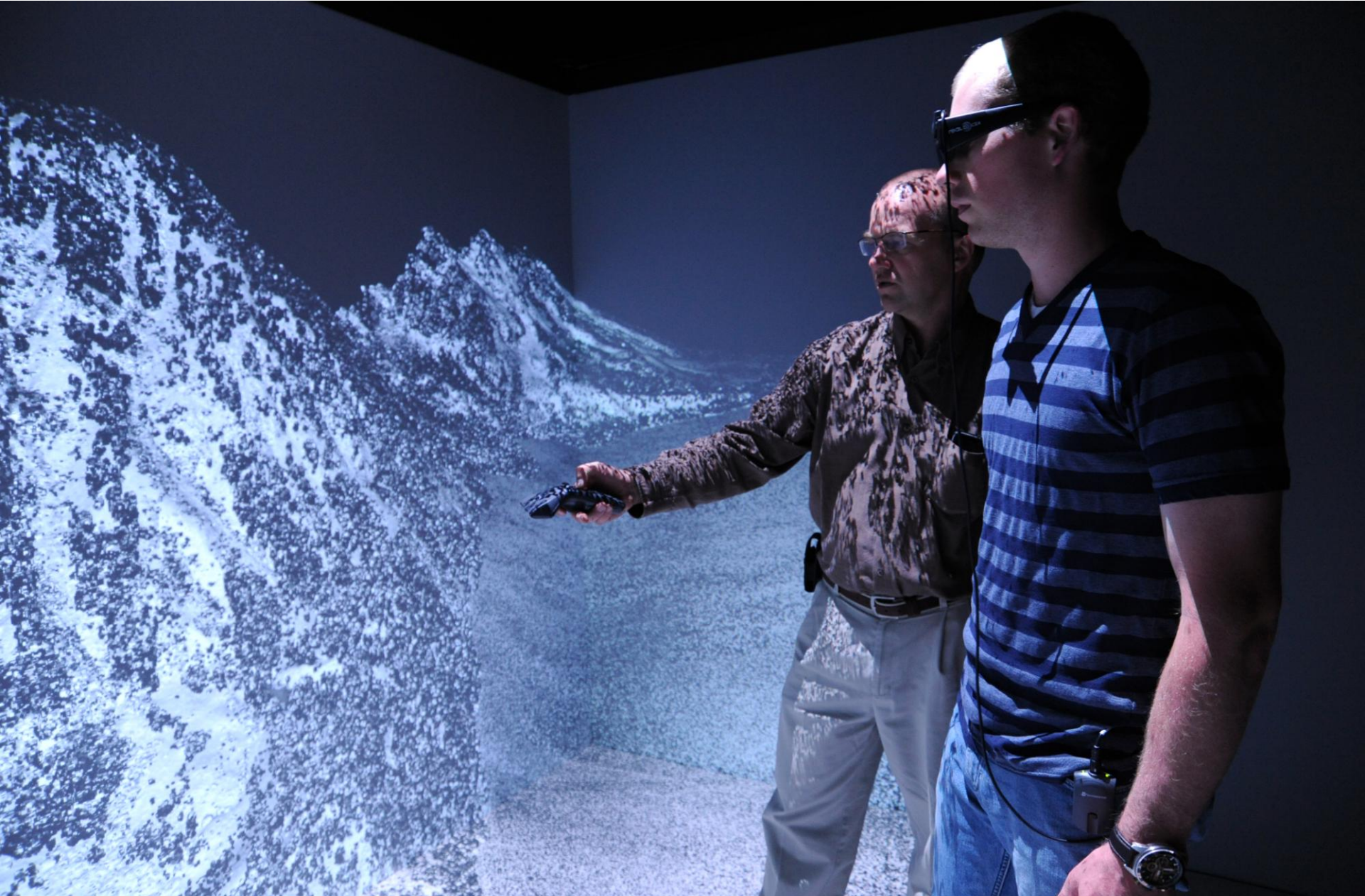
- **Biology**
- **Chemistry**
- **Physics**
- **Material Science**
- **Architecture**
- **Engineering**
- **Geology**



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CAES Update

- **Over \$45M won by CAES Affiliates :**
- **NS&E enrollments are up from a few dozen to near 500**
- **Industrial energy assessment: CAES Energy Efficiency Research Institute**
- **Leadership in energy siting and SMR analysis: CAES Energy Policy Institute**
- **Over 90 peer-reviewed publications in 2011 alone**

