From atoms to systems, we innovate.

We collaborate to solve key technical challenges that will unleash better distributed-energy storage and generation, and accompanying power-management systems.

We research and develop higher-performance and lower-cost materials and devices for energy generation, storage and conversion.

We partner with innovators on electric vehicles, microgrids, photovoltaic panels, wind turbines, wearable power devices and more.

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We train and mentor our students to become tomorrow's workforce for sustainable energy.

Engage and recruit students working at the cutting edge of materials genome computation and design, real-time monitoring of energy devices, scalable nanomaterials manufacturing methods, recycling and reuse of materials, and economic analysis of new and disruptive energy technologies.
“As most of the world continues to transition from an industrial to an information-driven society, the technological, sociological, and environmental requirements placed upon our energy infrastructure have become increasingly demanding. Renewable energy, distributed energy, portable power, and smart energy systems are reshaping a future that will be more complex and potentially more volatile than the fossil fuel-based systems currently in place. Nonetheless, this future may bring with it far lower energy prices and improved sustainability.”

— Y. Shirley Meng, Ph.D. Sustainable Power and Energy Center Director

**NANOENGINEERING**

**Jinhye Bae**
Polymeric materials for energy harvesting/storage systems, flexible and printable materials and devices

**Zheng Chen**
Nanostructured and polymeric materials for electrochemical energy storage and conversion

**David Fenning**
Defect engineering for high efficiency solar cells and solar-to-fuels

**Darren Lipomi**
Ultra-flexible and stretchable solar cells and inexpensive, large-area graphene

**Ping Liu**
Materials and architectures for energy conversion and storage systems

**Jian Luo**
Novel materials processing methods and interfacial engineering of materials for energy-related applications

**Sheng Xu**
Soft inorganic materials for energy harvesting and storage devices

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Advanced X-ray microscopy of ionic, magnetic and electronic materials

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Silicon nanotechnology, surface chemistry and coatings, silicon-lithium anodes, photonic crystals

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Bioinorganic and biophysical chemistry; metalloprotein structure, function and biosynthesis; biomaterials

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Modeling and control of distributed energy resources, Internet of Things infrastructure

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Ultra-low-energy memory, processing elements and architectures

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Solution processing and printing methods, flexible electronic devices

**Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering**

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Materials and devices for thermal energy transport and conversion

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Networked system control, distributed optimization algorithms, decision making for autonomous systems

**Structural Engineering**

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Low-grade heat, energy harvesting, green cement, energy efficiency, thermal runaway in batteries

**Economics**

**Graham Elliott**
Market specific algorithms to construct realistic estimates of the direct economic value of the energy storage device

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