

# The Evolving R&D Model: International Trends and U.S. Competitiveness

***Global R&D Trends – Implications for Materials Science***

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# Advances in materials and engineering have changed the balance of power

**50,000 BCE**

Cro-Magnons overwhelm the Neanderthal

Shaping of stone and bone (ceramics later)



**6000–1800 BCE**

Rise of city-states with armies in Asia, Europe & Mesopotamia

Copper and bronze



**1500 BCE (?)**

Kingdoms and empires in Asia, Near East and Southern Europe

Iron and steel



**1300–1800 CE**

European wars and colonial expansion

Gunpowder and firearms



**1850 CE**

Modern warfare

Mass production of iron and steel



**1945 CE**

Nuclear weapons

Graphite, uranium and plutonium



**1956–2000 CE**

Submarine-launched ballistic missiles

Molybdenum, tantalum, niobium and tungsten



**2000 CE**

Network-centric warfare

Silicon, electronic and photonic materials



1929

1940s

1965

1970s–1980s

1990s

2000s

Today

# 1929

## Battelle Founded



1929



**1940s**



1965



1970s–1980s



1990s



2000s

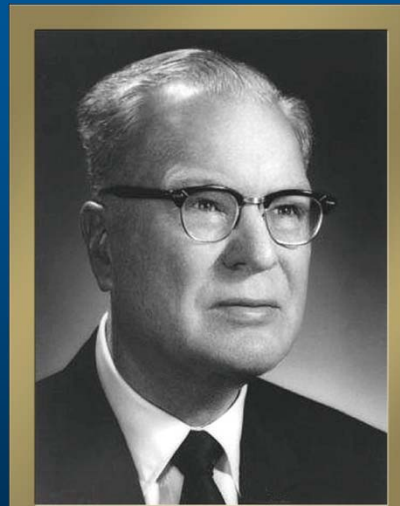


Today



# 1940s

## Xerography



1929



1940s



**1965**



1970s–1980s



1990s



2000s



Today



# 1965

## First Major Lab Contract



1929



1940s



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1970s–1980s



1990s

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Today

# 1970s–80s

UPC, Compact Disk,  
Cruise Control



1929



1940s



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1990s



2000s

Today

# 1990s

## Lab Management Leader



1929



1940s



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1970s–1980s



1990s



2000s

Today

# 2000s

## Further Growth and International Expansion



UK National  
Nuclear Laboratory



Lawrence Livermore  
National Laboratory



# Solving today's and tomorrow's challenges requires materials science

1929



1940s



1965



1970s–1980s



1990s



2000s



Today



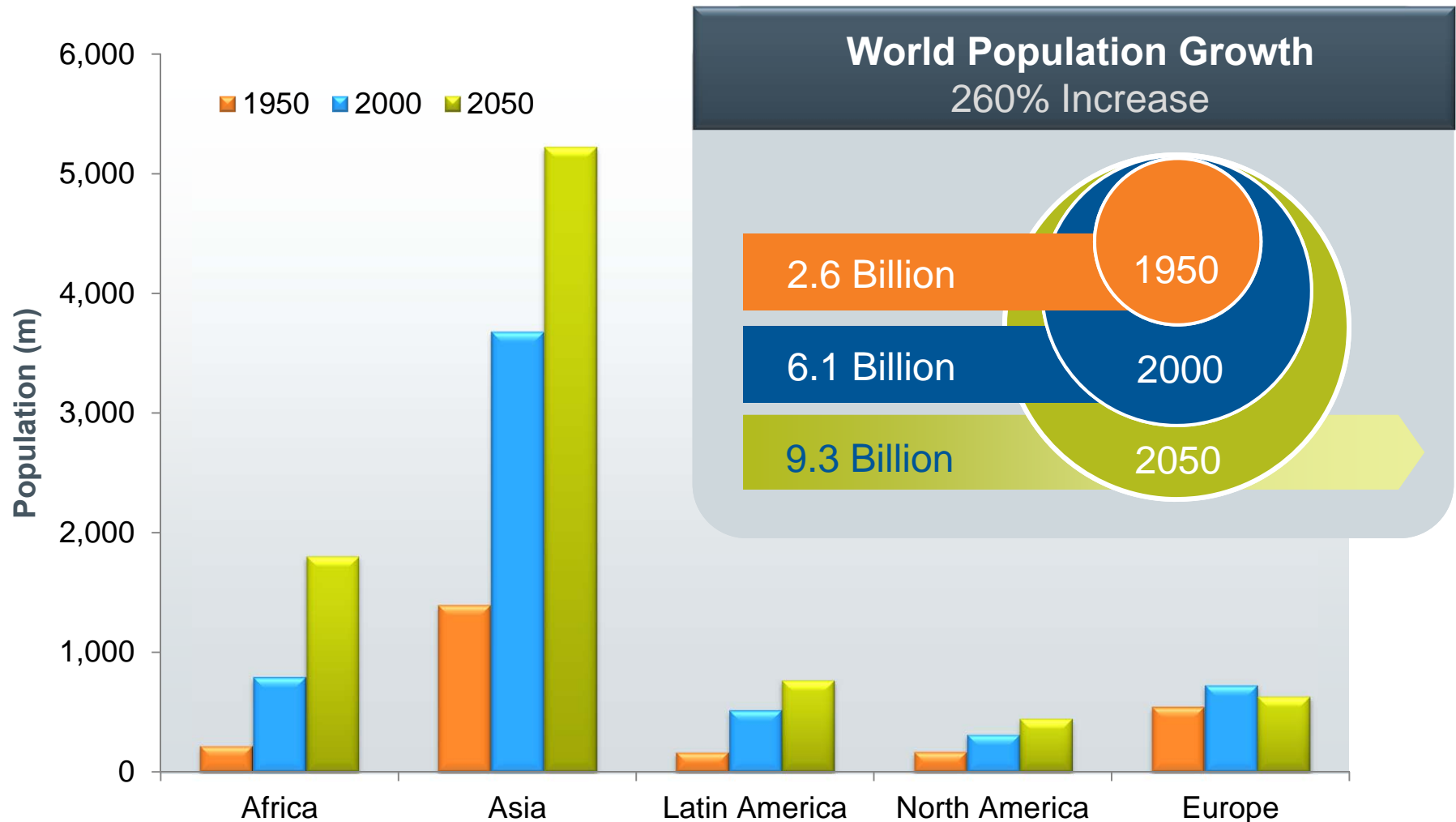
- Drug and biologic delivery systems
- RareCyte cancer detection
- BrainGate neural interface
- Fiber-optic technology
- Cost effective energy solutions
- Liquid bottle screener
- Armored vehicles and boats



# How Battelle approaches today's global challenges



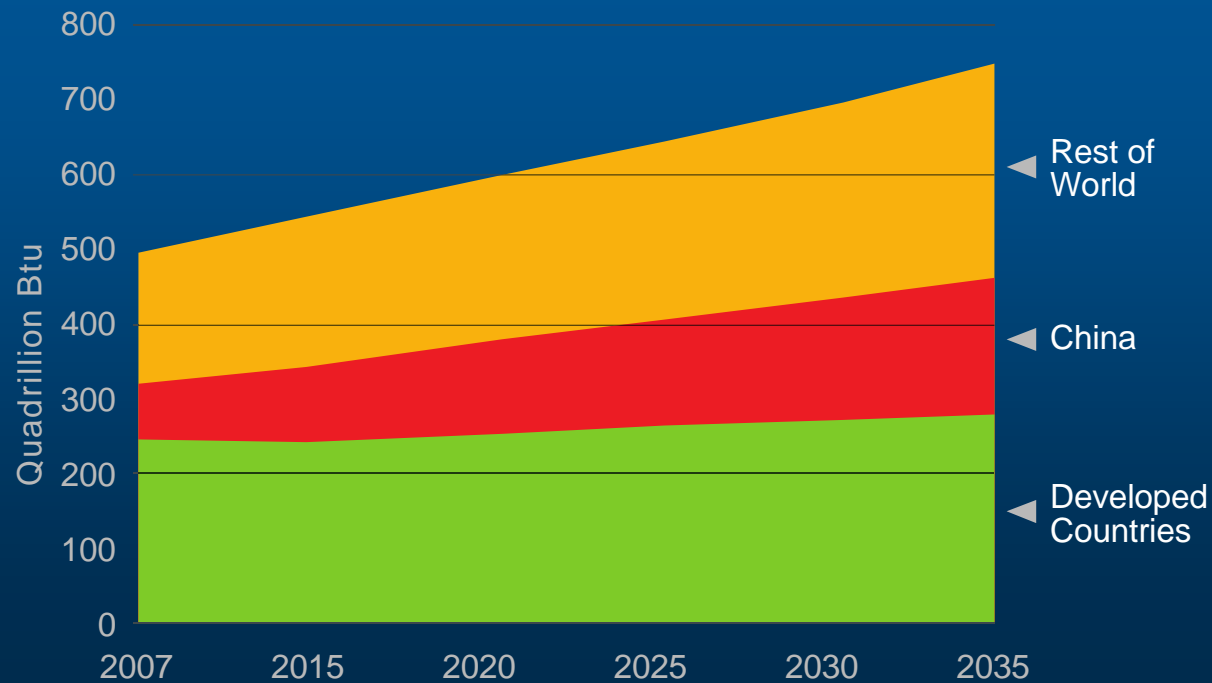
# The world is undergoing unprecedented population changes



Source: Scientific American and United Nations and Population Reference Bureau

# Global energy demand poses many challenges

## Global Energy Consumption



Source: IEA & World Energy Outlook

# The global health care crisis has led to uncontrollable and spiraling costs



Emerging infectious diseases (e.g. SARS, influenza, biotreats)



Global aging is unprecedented

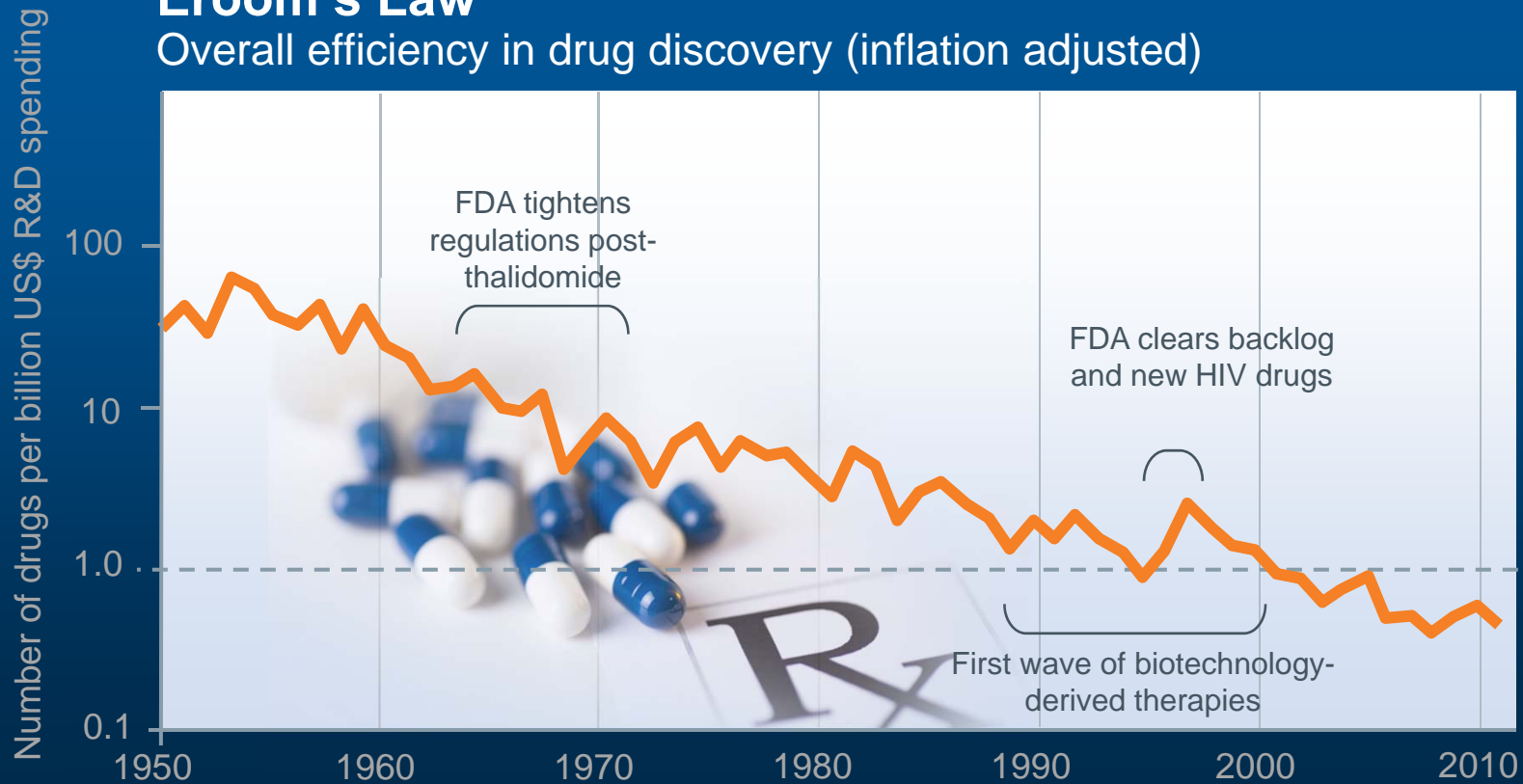


Rapid increases in chronic diseases (obesity, heart disease, diabetes, cancer, etc.)

# It is increasingly expensive and difficult to develop and market new drugs

## Eroom's Law

Overall efficiency in drug discovery (inflation adjusted)



Source: NIH and Science Magazine  
Inflation adjusted

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# The evolution of U.S. R&D

1865-1900

## Era of the Heroic Inventor

- Self trained
  - Edison
  - Bell
  - Eastman

1900-1940

## Industrializing Innovation

- Corporate research labs
  - Kodak
  - DuPont
- Immigration

1940-1990

## Nuclear Weapons/ Big Science

- U.S. leads world with big science
  - NSF & DoD
  - National Labs
- Expansion of corporate research
  - Bell
  - Xerox
- Venture capital

1990+

## Globalization

- R&D no longer sole domain of U.S.
- Open and systematic innovation
- R&D moved beyond product to process and business model innovation



# Innovation still starts with an innovator and a good idea

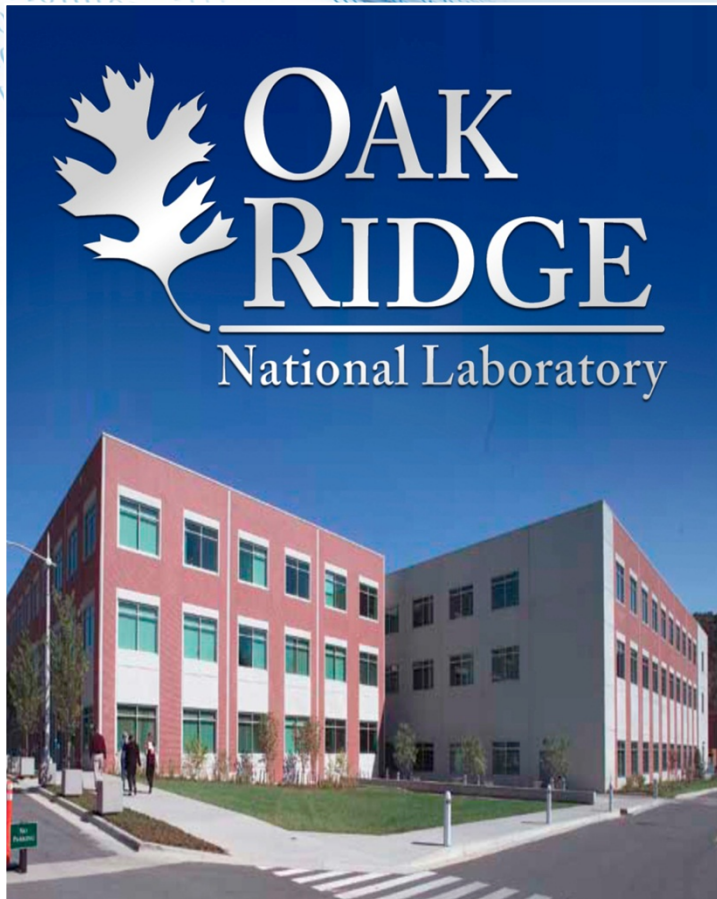
**Sheffield University's Advanced Manufacturing Research Centre is a high-speed, high-performance machining breakthrough to take metals technology into the 21<sup>st</sup> century**



- **Ti alloys → exotic metals → composites → nuclear materials**
- **Works with about 60 the world's leading aerospace and advanced manufacturing companies**
- **Similar centers opening in United States, Asia, Europe and Australia**



# Business innovations led to the world's most powerful computing complex



## DOE Titan

**#1**

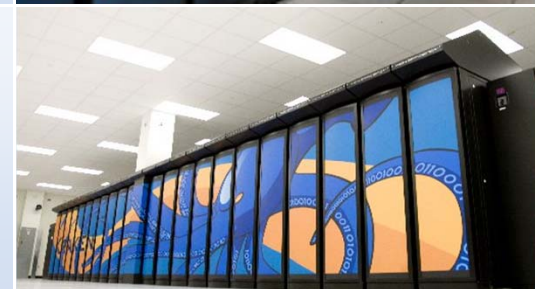
Fastest Computer  
in the World and Third in  
Energy Efficiency



## NSF Kraken

**#25**

National Science Foundation's  
most powerful computer



## NOAA Gaea

**#40**

National Oceanic and  
Atmospheric Administration's  
most powerful computer



# The iPad is an example of how innovation is constantly changing

## Old Mainframe Versus New Handhelds

### ILLIAC IV Super Computer 1975

150 MFLOPS  
\$31 Million



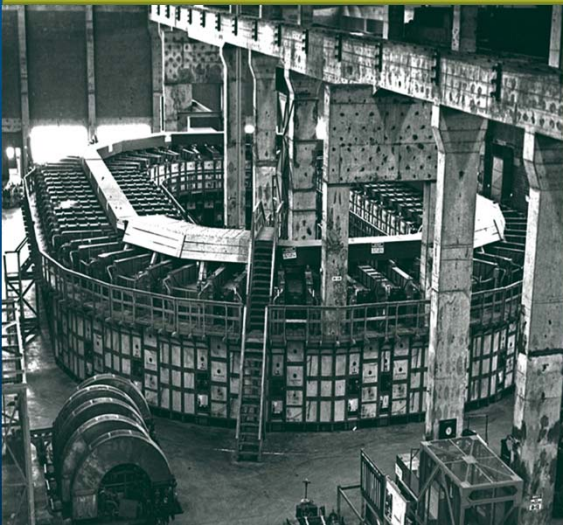
### Apple iPad2 2010

169 MFLOPS  
\$499



# The U.S. has traditionally led big science projects

**Manhattan Project**



**Space Race**



**Human Genome**



What country will be best positioned to solve tomorrow's materials science challenges?

**Skolkovo in Russia**



**ITER in France**



**Large Hadron Collider in Europe**



**RIKEN Computational Science in Japan**



**Biopolis in Singapore**



# While science is expensive, we need to evaluate spending priorities



Source: Milken Institute and Center for Responsive Politics

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Education is key to economic prosperity so we need to inspire all young people



U.S. Educational Attainment	Median Weekly Earnings in 2011	Unemployment Rate in 2011
Less than a high school diploma	\$451	14.1%
High school diploma	\$638	9.1%
Some college, no degree	\$719	8.7%
Associate's degree	\$768	6.8%
Bachelor's degree	\$1,053	4.9%
Master's degree	\$1,263	3.6%
Professional degree	\$1,665	2.4%
Doctoral degree	\$1,551	2.5%



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor

Battelle is also playing a leading role in the transformation of education

**Ohio** STEM Learning Network



# At Battelle, innovation still starts with an inventor and a good idea, but now includes...

- Not just technical, but new business and process innovations
- Potentially going beyond the R&D cycle to manufacturing
- A portfolio approach to R&D, capital, and venture investments in increasingly complex deals
- Leading the development of STEM education and related concepts

