## FLORIDA SOLAR ENERGY CENTER<sup>®</sup> Creating Energy Independence

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# **UCF's FSEC Leads in Energy**





**Electric Vehicle Transportation Center** 







Regional Test Centers Differentiating PV Quality



#### FEEDER Foundations for Engineering Education for Distributed Energy Resources





# EnergyWhiz Olympics & Expos



Hydrogen Challenge



**Energy Innovations** 



**Junior Solar Sprint** 



**Bright House Solar Energy Cookoff** 

**FSEC** Research



**Critter Comfort Cottage** 

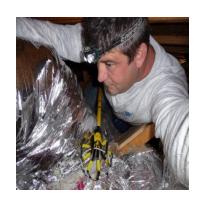


Electrathon

Curriculum Development, Professional Development Student Outreach

## Buildings – Code and Above Code Programs Changing Landscape

- New Codes and Programs Require
  Mechanical Ventilation Solutions
  - researching control mechanisms to reduce moisture and energy impacts
  - FSEC with Department of Building Regulation funding – starting project to determine issues and performance of residential systems installed during last ten years; also evaluating appropriate commercial code credit for ERVs
  - EnergyGauge Software allowing more options for mechanical ventilation systems and controls in residences



Building

U.S. Department of Energy



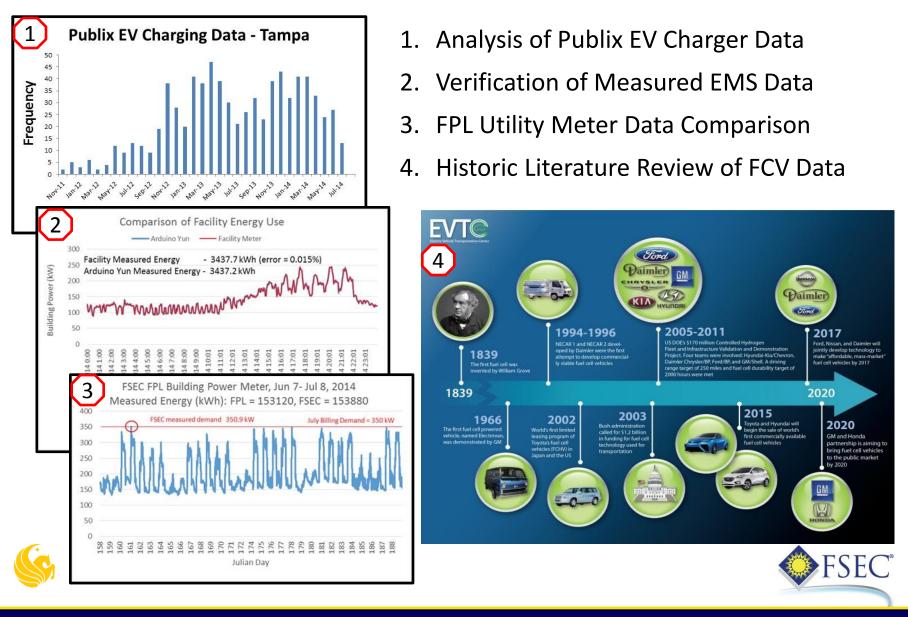




- 1. EVTC Student Day at Tuskegee University on November 7, 2014.
- 2. Nissan Fast Charging Station installation at FSEC.
- 3. EVTC laboratory at FSEC grid to load to vehicle communication.
- 4. Development of EV wireless laboratory. (w/ Utah State University).
- 5. Monitoring FSEC's office building power, EV charging & FSEC's PV.



### **EVTC Data Collection, Reduction, and Analysis**





## Unwind and Plug-in

#### Why your next car should be an electric vehicle



#### Put money back in your pocket

Electricity is cheaper than gasoline per mile. And fewer moving parts mean less maintenance and repairs, saving you money to spend on the things that matter most to you.



#### Fuel up the American way

Help reduce foreign oil consumption by switching to vehicles fueled by electricity, which is made largely from domestic sources of energy.



#### Help preserve Florida's natural beauty Going electric helps preserve Florida's environment now

and for the future.



#### Enjoy the ultimate convenience

Fuel your car at the most convenient place of all-your home! This means more time spent doing what you enjoy



#### Be an innovator

#### New & Events

Florida's six National Drive Electric Week events in September reaped roughly 3,500 attendees, 200 plug-in vehicles (owners and dealers alike), and over 625 test drives!



Find a charging station near you.



Did you know?

Most people drive less than

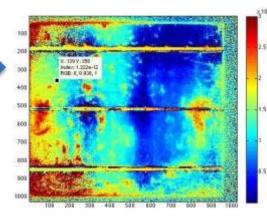
miles per day - well within the range of

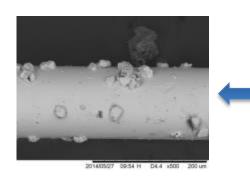
### U.S. Photovoltaic Manufacturing Consortium (PVMC)

- PVMC 6 year program out of the DOE's SunShot program
  - Program goal is to promote U.S. manufacturing through industry-led collaborative R&D throughout the entire PV manufacturing supply chain
  - Currently end of year 3
- FSEC/UCF is leading the \$10M c-Si component of the PVMC
- c-Si PVMC Program Areas
  - <u>Feedstock and Wafering</u>: Si purification, crystal growth, slicing Si ingot/bricks into wafers
  - <u>c-Si Metrology</u>: Measurements anywhere in the manufacturing process (ingot to module) can be investigated to improve US manufacturing

Saturation current map of a c-Si solar cell created by UCF graduate student using photoluminescence. Red areas indicate high recombination (high loss).





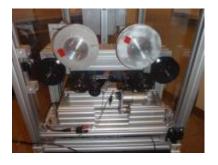


Diamond wire for sawing silicon wafers. Diamond particles are plated onto a steel wire using nickel



### c-Si PVMC Program Highlights

- Program activities expanding
  - 2014 had 4 projects planned and completed
  - 2015 has 14 projects planned and underway
- Information dissemination
  - >10 papers already published or submitted
  - Numerous presentations given at PV conferences
- Intellectual property (patents)
  - PVMC with Ultrasonic Technologies (Florida company) have submitted a provisional patent application for new wafering-based metrology method



Prototype tool to test IP

- UCF/FSEC infrastructure improvement (next slide)
  - Solar simulator obtained and placed at FSEC for high efficiency technology
  - New metrology lab created for materials and device measurements

All industry and university members are highly involved in collaborative projects

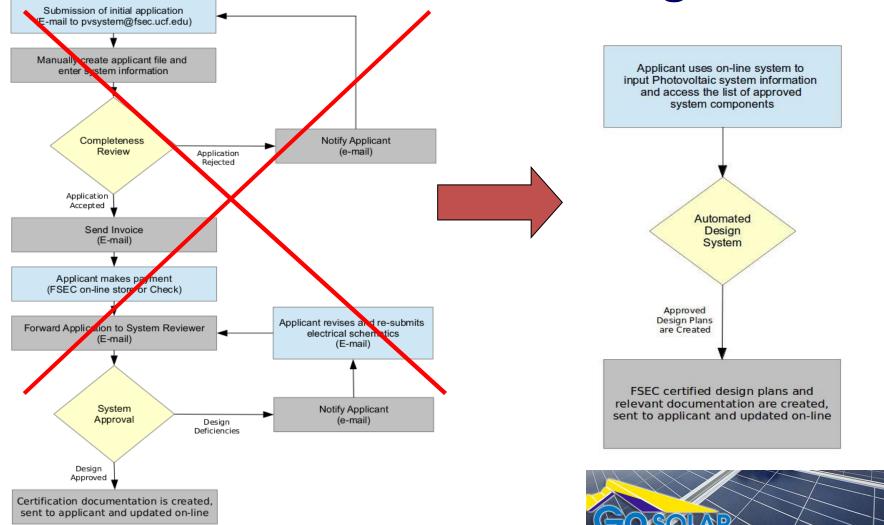


# **Regional Test Centers**

Supporting the DOE SunShot Initiative by helping accelerate technological evolution in the energy sector and increasing PV deployment



## Applicant Downloads application from FSEC Website Submission of initial application

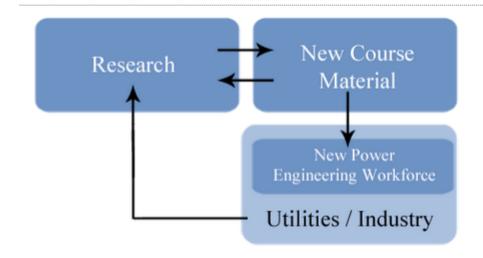


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### **EDUCATION & TRAINING**



#### ACTIVITIES AND OUTCOMES

FEEDER adopts several transformational approaches for power engineering education, including

- · Share delivery of courses among multiple universities
- Use modern information and communications technology for *multiple* delivery options
- · Provide students with more program options and career pathways
- · Implement course, credit, and tuition exchange agreements
- · Increase student throughput per course and per program
- · Better match faculty expertise with course teaching assignments

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