

Operationalizing small Unmanned Aerial Systems (sUAS)

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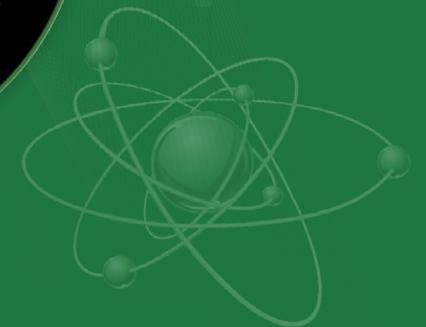
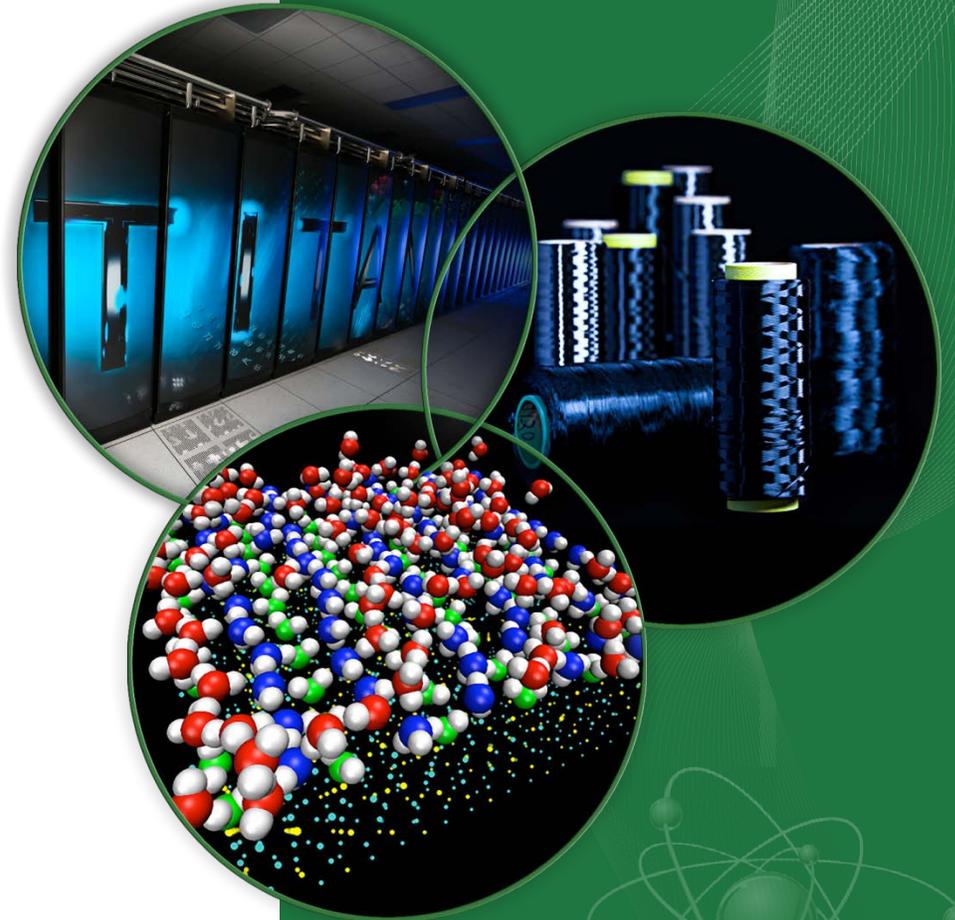
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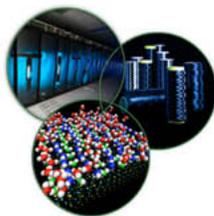
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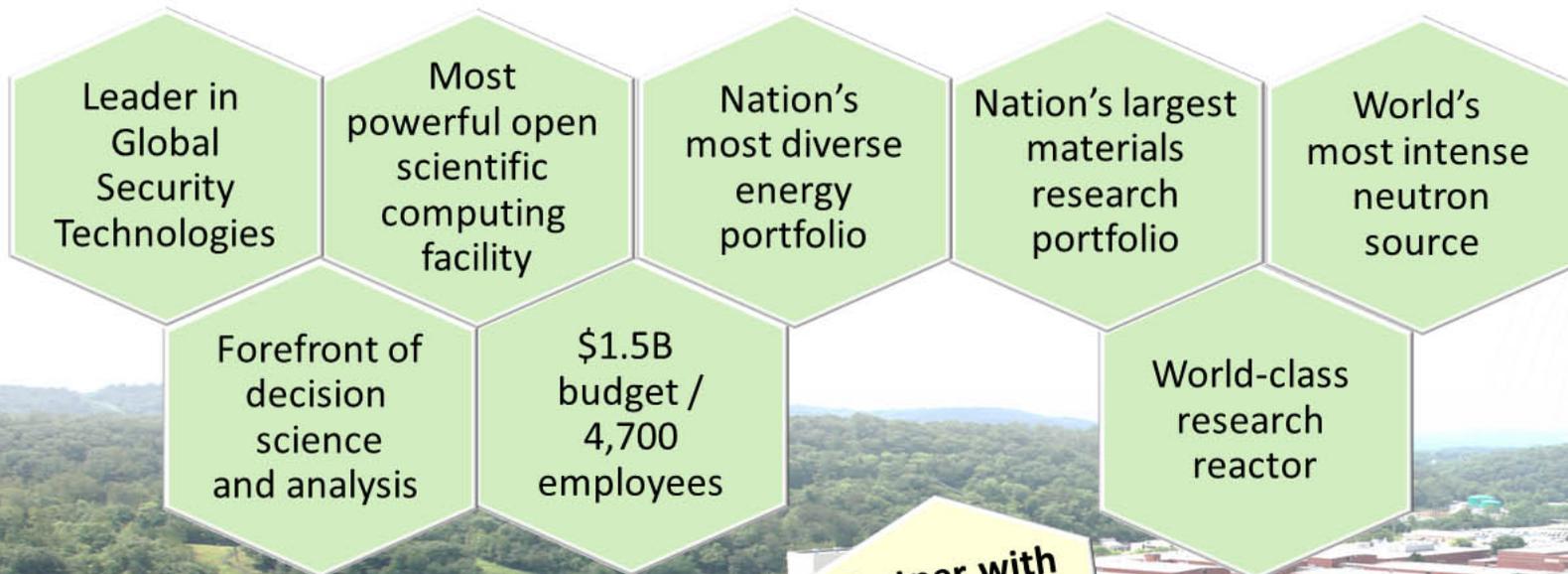
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DOE's Oak Ridge Leadership Computing Facility

- TITAN computer operating at >2.7 petaflops (World #1)
- 10-30 PF system in development (OLCF-3)
- Exascale system by 2017

NSF National Institute for Computational Sciences

- Cray XT5 Kraken operating at >1 petaflops
- Partnership with the University of Tennessee

Partner with academia, government, industry

NOAA National Climate Computing Research Center

- Cray XE6/XT6 Gaea operating at 700 teraflops
- Petascale

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Unmanned Aerial Systems Research Center



Platforms

Off the Shelf
Payloads
Batteries
Airframes
Engines
Avionics
3D Printing

Sensors

Off the Shelf
PAN
MSI
HSI
TIR
LIDAR
SAR

Computing

Off the Shelf
On Board
On the Ground
Low Power
Small Footprint
Solid State
CPU+GPU

Navigation

With GPS
Without GPS
Programmable
Data-Based
Sensor-Based
Learning-Based
Adaptive

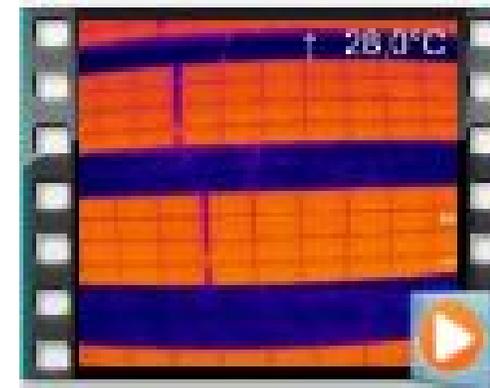
Analytics

On Board
On the Ground
Streaming
Learning-Based
Signatures
3D
Anticipatory

Operation

ISO
FAA
NSF
Universities
Training
Certification
Outreach

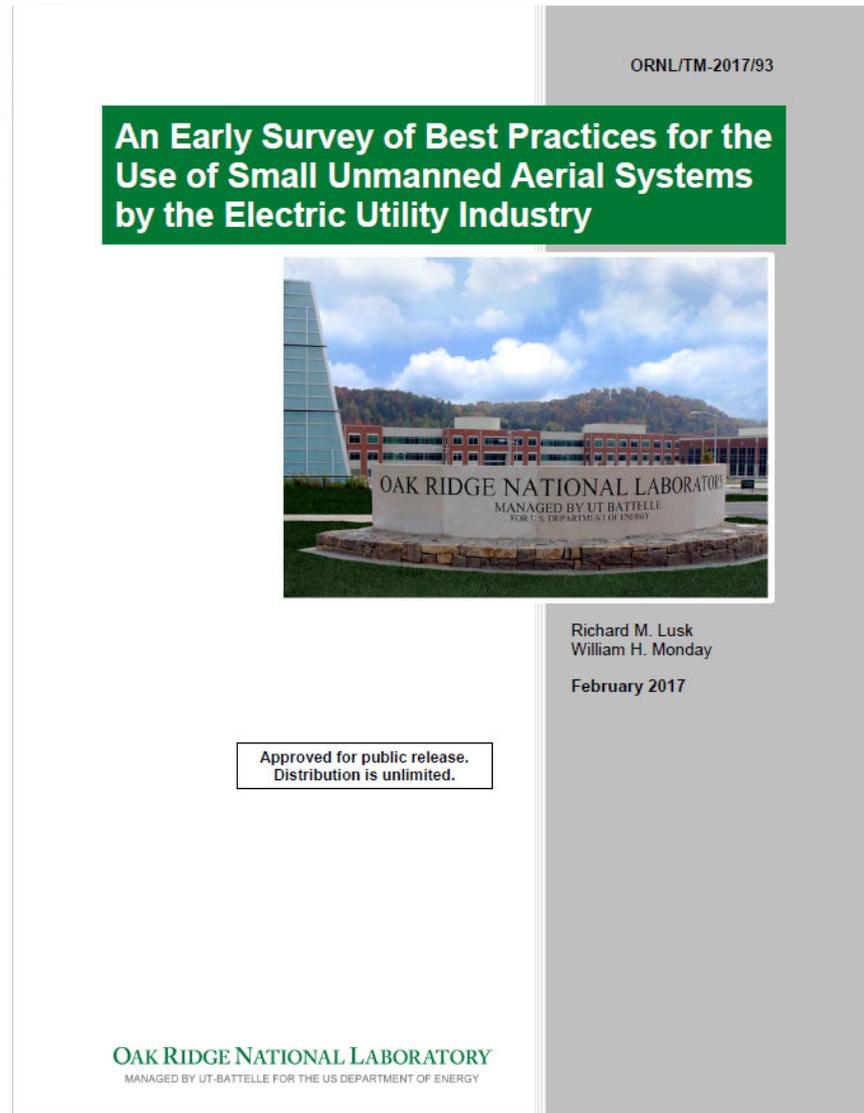
DOE Focused – Energy Applications



Application:

Maintenance and inspections of electrical, solar and wind power systems and also for thermographic surveys of buildings.

An Early Survey of Best Practices for the Use of Small Unmanned Aerial Systems by the Electric Utility Industry



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