# **CMMI** Overview

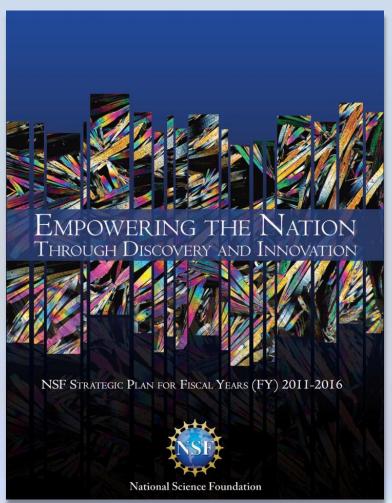
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# Context: NSF Strategic Plan, 2014-2018

- **Transform the Frontiers of S&E** -promotes the progress of science, creates opportunities for transformational advances.
- Stimulate Innovation emphasizes broader impacts to advance national health, prosperity, welfare, and to secure the national defense.

 Excel as a Federal Science Agency --emphasizes the importance of NSF as an exemplar of an agency that expects to attain excellence in all operational aspects.



http://www.nsf.gov/news/strategicplan,





### **CMMI** Historical Perspective (2006)

CMS (FY 2006) \$88.4 Million 12 Programs 10 Program Directors ~I 400 Proposals DMI (FY 2006) \$66.1 Million 7 Programs 7 Program Directors 1,126 Proposals

#### **CMMI FY 2009**

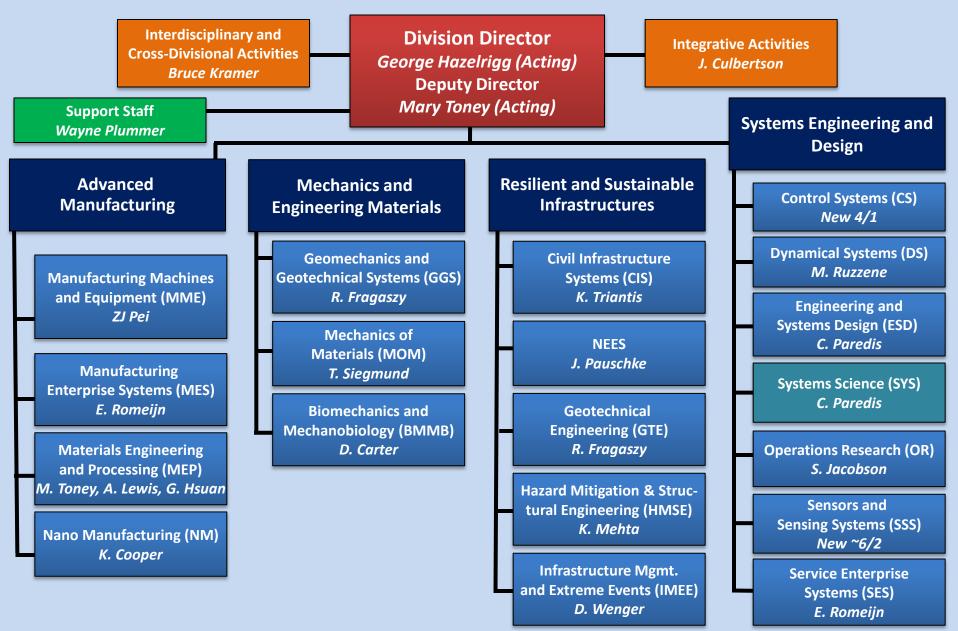
\$232.6 Million 4 Clusters 20 Programs 18 Program Directors 17 Staff Members 2,923 Proposals

### **CMMI FY 2014**

\$199.5 Million (FY13) 4 Clusters 18 Programs 18+2 Program Directors 12+3 Staff Members 3,165 Proposals



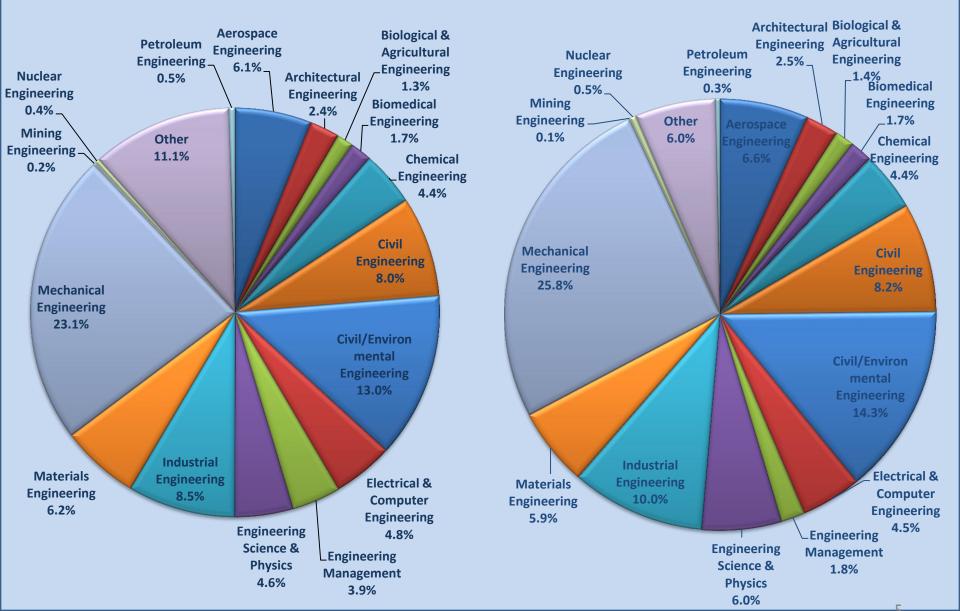
### **CMMI in 2014**



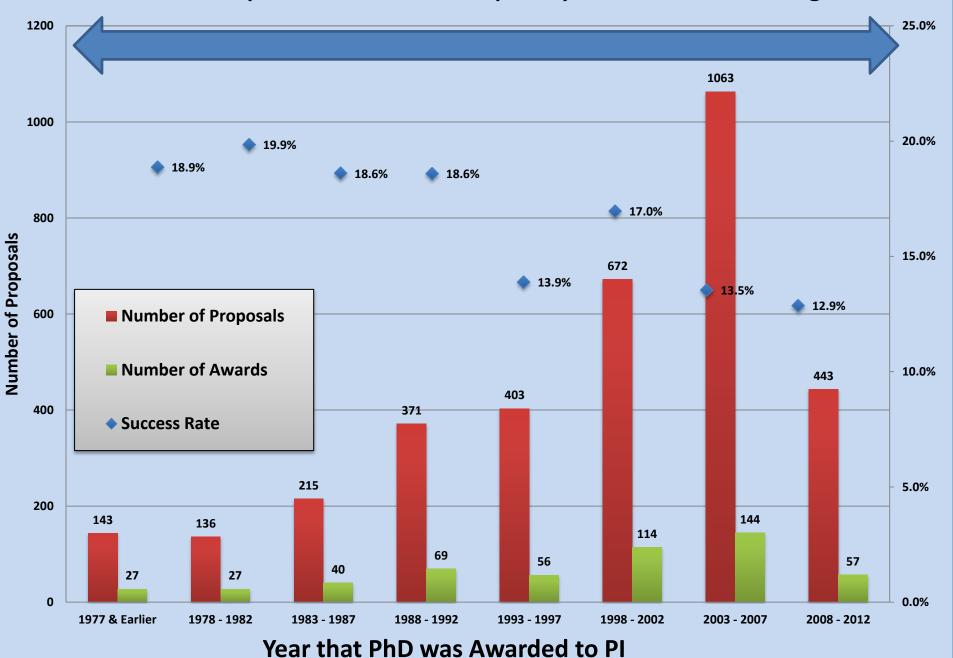
### **CMMI** Disciplinary Breadth

### **CMMI** Reviewers

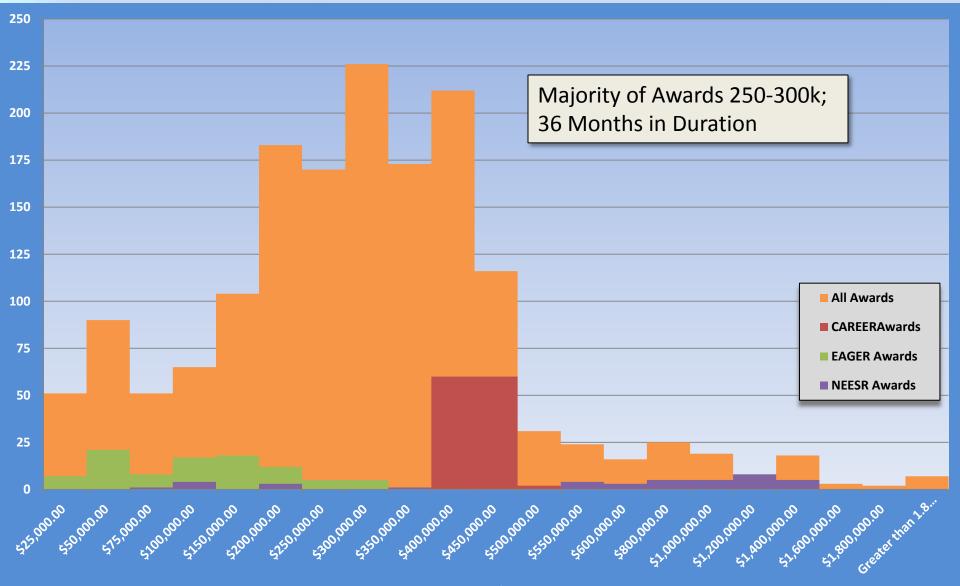
### **Principal Investigators**



#### CMMI Proposal & Award Frequency vs. PI Academic Age



# **CMMI** Award Profile



Amount of Funding

# **Advanced Manufacturing**

- MME—To accelerate the transition from skill-based to knowledge-based manufacturing
- MES—To enable efficient and effective strategic design, tactical planning, and operational control of manufacturing systems
- MEP—To uncover mechanisms responsible for processstructure-property-performance relationships for material systems driven by their end-use application
- NM—To advance manufacturing processes that enable novel nano-scale structures, devices and systems
- SNM To identify and overcome the fundamental scientific and engineering barriers to the large-scale production of nanoscale devices and systems



# **Mechanics and Engineering Materials**

- BMMB—To understand the role of mechanics in biological form and function
- GGS—To understand, predict, and improve the engineering properties of geologic materials for application to civil infrastructure
- MOM—To understand the fundamental processes in the deformation and failure of solid materials under external and internal forces
- DEMS—To establish methodologies for accelerated and performance metrics based design of engineering material systems



# **Resilient and Sustainable Infrastructures**

- CIS—To enable good decision making in an interdependent systems contexts where people are a part of the system
- NEESR—To enable performance-based design of multi-hazard resilient and sustainable civil infrastructure
- NEESOps—To provide experimental and computational tools and data sharing in support of multi-hazard resilient and sustainable civil infrastructure research
- GTE—To improve the resilience and sustainably of geostructures in civil infrastructure
- HMSE—To prevent natural and anthropogenic hazards from becoming disasters through innovative structural engineering of the civil Infrastructure
- IMEE—To enable resilient and sustainable disaster recovery linked to mitigation



# Systems Engineering and Design

- CS—To merge control theory with decision theory, accounting for differences in the time constant, sequential decision making and swarming
- DC—To improve modeling and simulation of large-scale systems
- ESD—To create and implement a framework for rational design decision making
- OR—To enable optimization of larger, more complex systems accounting for uncertainty
- SSS—To enable new sensing modalities and to better collect, interpret and use sensed data
- SES—To enable and promote the application of engineering principles in the service sector, with the goal of maximizing efficiency and effectiveness



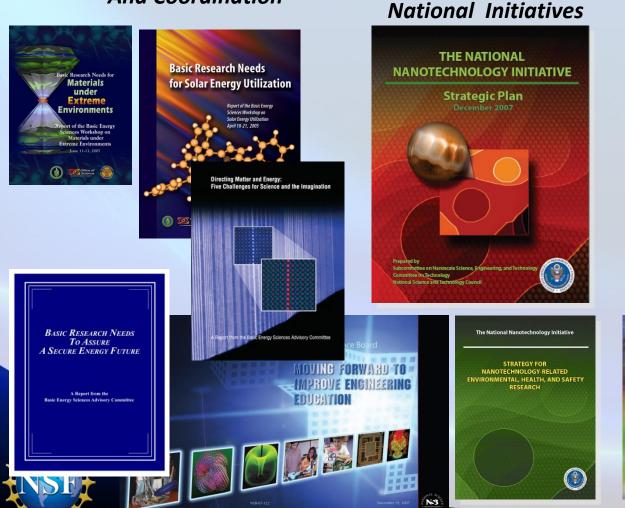
# Systems Engineering and Design

- SYS—To facilitate good decision making in the systems context
  - Understanding group processes through the application of game theory
  - The use of mechanism design to align preferences of engineers working together to design a system
  - Including design of the organization into the overall design process
  - Accounting for the life-cycle of a system—includes distribution/sales, operation/maintenance, disposal in the design process
  - Understanding supply chains in the context of systems engineering—cost vs. uncertainty factors
  - Define the limits of rationality in systems design
  - Determine approaches to limit bad decision making in group processes (damage control)
  - Improving common system design practices, e.g., continuous improvement
  - Proper use of models in systems decision making
  - Explore the mathematics of outsourcing
  - Theory of geometrical design and tolerancing
  - Prediction of system behavior



Planning For for CMMI of the Future: Influence of Community and Context (From 2009 timeframe)

#### Interagency Studies, Workshops, And Coordination





# **CMMI Success Rates**

- Depends on the proposal:
  - Well conceived and written proposals, 85-90%
    Poorly conceived and written proposals ~0%
- Divisional averages are meaningless
- There are clear dividing lines between well conceived and poorly conceived proposals



# Well Conceived Proposals

- Contain four elements:
  - A clearly stated research objective
  - A well thought out plan to accomplish the stated research objective
  - A convincing argument that the PI(s) can competently carry out the plan
  - A convincing argument that the research is worth doing (Intellectual Merit, Broader Impact)



# **NSF Funds Research**

- The research objective appears to be the hardest part—speaks to a general weakness of training in framing research
  - Most proposals we receive propose developmental activities
  - Proposals with developmental objectives almost always review poorly



# Research vs. Development

- Research is the process of learning something we don't already know—new knowledge
  - If the objective is knowledge, it's research
  - If the objective is an artifact (device, product, system, process, etc.), it's development
- A typical research objective is to test a valid scientific hypothesis—testable and falsifiable



# **Ethics**

- Persons submitting proposals to the Federal government are held to high standards of conduct
- Misbehavior can be dealt with quite severely
  - PI barred from submission to NSF up to 2 years
  - Permanently barred from proposal review
  - At least two cases of jail time (Grimes case, 42 months in Federal prison)



# Major Forms of Misbehavior

- Plagiarism—uncited reproduction of the work of others
- Falsification—intentional misrepresentation of data or results (progress reports)
- Fabrication—making up data
- Double charges—billing the government twice for the same work



# **Train and Verify**

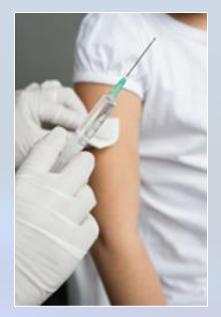
- Faculty and students should be trained annually—consequences should be made explicit
- Institutions need to perform oversight
- Institutions themselves need to operate in a culture of compliance



### CMMI Research: Engineering for Society



New mathematical models for the distribution of aid after disasters



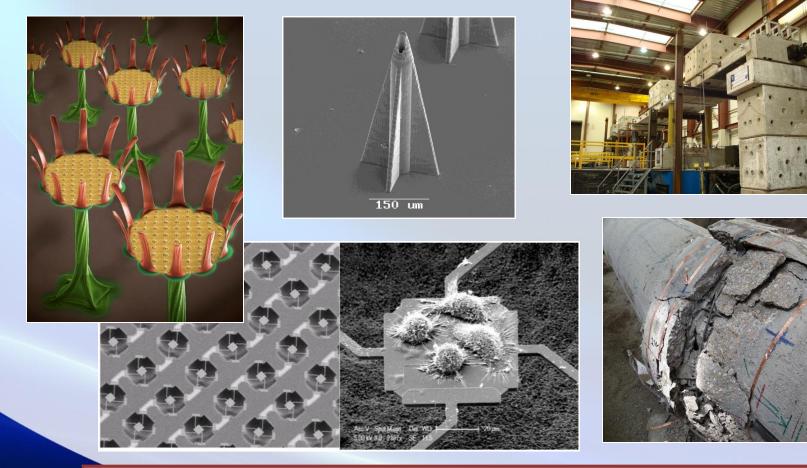
Optimizing the yearly design of the Flu Vaccine under uncertainty



Computer-driven disease models to plan optimal Diabetes Treatment



### CMMI Enabling the Frontiers of Research At all Scales



Nanoscale to Infrastructure Scale Research



# Thank you

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