### The Great Lakes Energy Institute:

Where we are and where we're going

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## The Great Lakes Energy Institute @ Case Western Reserve University

Vision: Empowering our faculty, students and partners to catalyze breakthroughs in energy sustainability that address the most pressing problems facing our world.



## GLEI is distinct among institutions... leading to a 4X increase in energy research \$ at CWRU in 5 years

Prioritizing... identifying areas of strength and growth

Connecting... across stakeholders to encourage partnerships and opportunities

Empowering...

supporting stakeholders with core services that break down barriers to success



Educational impact

Breakthrough discoveries

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GLEI over-arching goal: \$20+ million/year in energy funding by 2020



## GLEI focuses efforts at the intersection of CWRU strengths and the most pressing problems facing our world

analytics

and

science

data"

"Big

Future power – getting energy from the right source to the right place reliably, securely, optimally and efficiently

**Energy storage** – building on decades of electrochemical and materials research to develop innovative storage solutions

**Solar energy** – enabling innovation by diagnosing lifetime and degradation issues using data science and analytics



**Wind** – building capabilities for fresh water installations of turbines



Oil & gas – enabling enhanced and sustainable exploration and production





#### Seven years of GLEI success... and growing...



#### **Funding**

~\$70 million dollars won and raised

4X increase in energy research

Strong history of success with ARPA-E

~50% "hit rate" on proposals

#### Stakeholders

90+ faculty engaged with GLEI

100+ industry and national lab partners

70+ students in Energy Entrepreneurship with \$200k in follow up \$

#### **Impact**

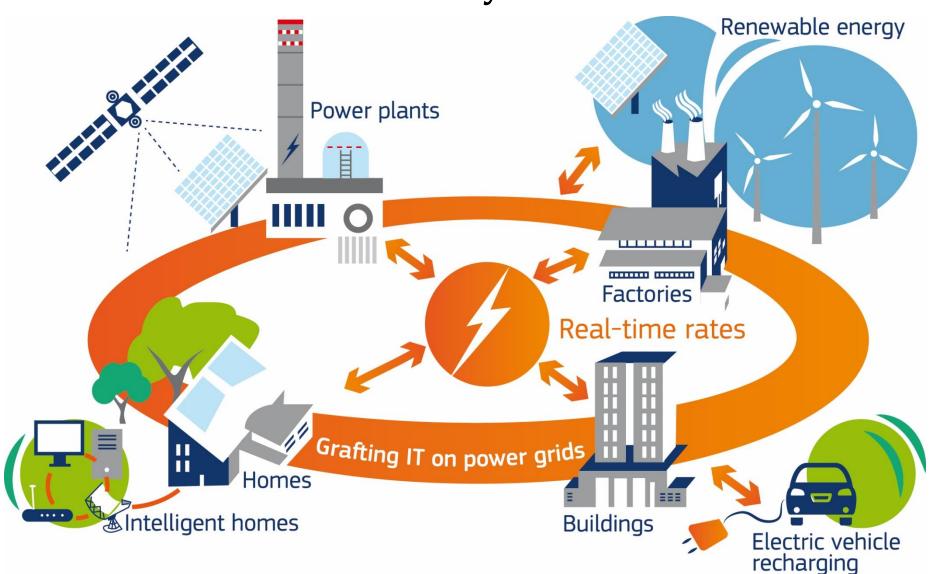
Breakthrough energy storage discoveries, including flow battery

Solar Durability and Lifetime Extension Center

Wind energy awards: blades, magnets, offshore wind in Lake Erie

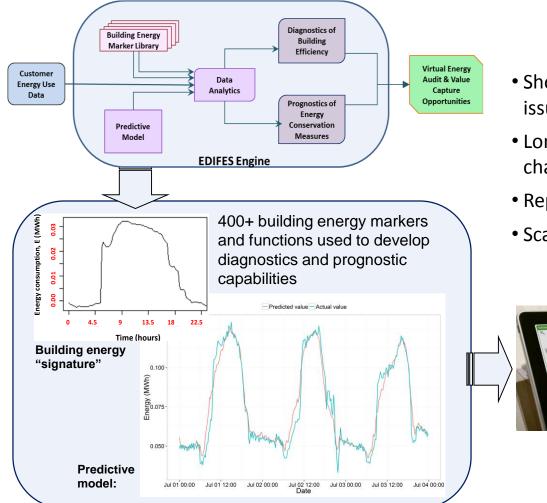


# Grid Demonstration: A smart, distributed and connected energy ecosystem



#### Building Energy Efficiency





- Short term returns on scheduling, equipment issues
- Long term analyses/predictions of policy changes, efficiency upgrade ROIs
- Replicable to new data, sites, partners
- Scalable to include, e.g., water, gas



City, County, and Suburb dashboards

















#### Think Energy. Building an Energy Ecosystem

Think *Energy* connects students with energy topics, faculty, companies, financiers, and local, national and international communities



