## **FSEC Advisory Board Meeting**

## October 24, 2024





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## **FSEC VISION**

Promote the rapid transition to a sustainable energy economy through renewable energy, energy efficiency, and sustainable transportation research, demonstration, and education.





## **FSEC MISSION**

Develop, research, and evaluate energy technologies that enhance the environment and economy, and transfer the results to the public, students and practitioners.



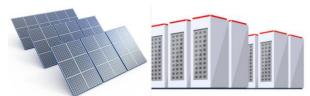
## FSEC Principal Energy Programs



**Energy Efficient Buildings** 



Grid Modernization/Energy Systems Integration



Solar Energy/Storage Systems





Hydrogen/Catalysis



Education, Service, Workforce Training, Policy



## **Advisory Board Partners**



## **FSEC Project Current Partners**





## **NEW CONTRACT AWARDS**

## Department of Energy: R&D to Decarbonize Buildings Under the DOE BENEFIT (Building Energy Efficiency Frontiers & Innovation Technologies) Program

• Topic 2: Innovative, Replicable Low-Cost Roof and Attic Retrofits. *"Improving Energy Efficiency and Moisture Control Using Lower-Cost Construction Methods to Unvent Attics in Hot Humid Climates."* 

This project aims to simplify and reduce costs for attic retrofits by demonstrating and validating the concept of *burying ducts with blown-in insulation while converting the attic from a vented to unvented (sealed) attic without the need for more costly spray foam in hot-humid climates*.

Partners: Owens Corning & St. Johns Housing Partnership | \$1.2 million | PI: C. Withers



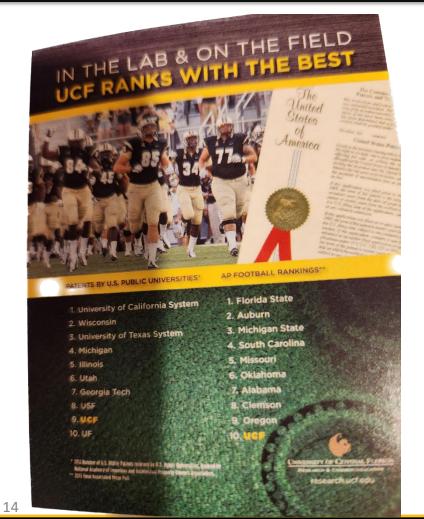
## Department of Energy: R&D to Decarbonize Buildings Under the DOE BENEFIT (Building Energy Efficiency Frontiers & Innovation Technologies) Program

 Topic 3: Building Resilience and Electricity Capacity Constraints Subtopic 3B: Resilient Cooling Solutions for Overheating Protection in Buildings "Mitigating Extreme Heat Events in Hot Humid Climates."

The University of Central Florida and partners will develop and demonstrate an *affordable, energy-efficient, portable cooler to maintain indoor thermal comfort and survivability during extreme heatwaves*.

Partners: Transaera and Southeast Energy Efficiency Alliance | \$1.4 million | PI: D. Chasar





## FSEC Ranks in Top 10

- UCF Number one Money Making Patent FSEC Gossamer Wind Ceiling Fan
- Number 2 in US Universities in Solar
- Number 1 in US in Buildings Research



- "Validated Automation of 90.1 PRM and S-PRM in Commonly Used Simulation Tools" | Karpman Consulting | Subcontract | 1/1/25 - 12/30/2027 |Budget \$466,281 | PIs: B. Nigusse & M. Swami
- "Establishing and Testing a Building Codes and Resilience Field Study Methodology" | National Association of State Energy Officials (NASEO) | 1/2025-6/2029 | Subcontract |Budget \$415,000 | PI: K. Fenaughty
- "A Novel MAZE Connection Technique for Optimal Performance Floating Solar PV System" | Florida High Tech Corridor's Industry Innovation (Duke Energy) Program | 10/1/24 - 9/30/25 | \$75,000 | M. Matam
- "Optimal Design and Integration of Hydrogen Energy System with Solar and Peaker Plants" | Florida High Tech Corridor's Industry Innovation (Duke Energy) Program | 10/1/24 - 9/30/25 | \$75,000 | Y. Wang
- Team-up on Tackling Crises of Energy and Climate | Albany State University | 4/1/2024-12/31/2024 | \$30,000 | H. Seigneur



### **New Awards**

- Energy Assessments in Assisted Living Facilities | Florida Natural Gas Association | 7/30/2024-12/31/2024 | \$13,500 | C. Withers
- Update and maintenance of RESNET National Building Registry schemas | Residential Energy Service Network, Inc. (RESNET) | 6/18/2024-12/31/2024 | \$20,401 | P. Fairey
- Review and Consider Technical Changes Incorporated in HB 267 with respect to section R402
  Energy Conservation Code Compliance with R20 Sealed Attics | State of Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation | 7/1/2024-6/30/2025 | \$25,000 | R. Vieira
- Trane Trace 3D Plus Software Development Support Task Order #1 | S.E.I Associates | 7/17/2024-7/16/2025 | \$170,397 | R. Raustad
- 2024 IECC Code Study (Task Order #6) | Residential Energy Service Network, Inc. (RESNET) | 9/18/2024-12/31/2024 | \$21,581 | P. Fairey
- Zero Carbon Performance Code Implementation | City of Fort Collins | 9/24/2024-9/30/2025 | \$116,222 | K. Fenaughty





## **CURRENT PROGRAMS**

**Current DOE-Funded Collaborative Partnerships** 



Energy Efficiency & Renewable Energy

**Buildings Technology Office** 

- Investigation of the Prevalence and Energy
  Impacts of <u>Residential Comfort System Faults</u>
   Hot Humid and Hot Dry Climates
  E. Martin
- PV-GEMS: <u>Photovoltaic Powered, Grid</u>
  <u>Enhanced Mechanical Solution</u>, Phase 2
  *E. Martin*

- <u>EnergyPlus Software</u> Development and Technical Assistance L. Gu
- "Automation of Performance-based Compliance Quality Control and Reporting"
   B. Nigusse



#### Buildings

- "Automation of Performance-based Compliance Quality Control and Reporting" | Karpman Consulting | Subcontract | 10/1/2024 - 6/30/2025 | Budget \$204,746 | PIs: B. Nigusse & M. Swami
- EnergyPlus Software Development and Technical Assistance: Task Order 03 | Alliance for Sustainable Energy, LLC (NREL) | 1/12/24 - 12/15/24 | \$210,000 | PI: Lixing Gu, Co-PI's: R. Raustad and B. Nigusse
- Updating AGDF Model Costs and Equipment for the Associated Gas Distributors of Florida | Associated Gas Distributors of Florida | EOC: 12/31/2024 | \$9,920 | R. Raustad
- Valencia College Energy Transition Plan | Hanson Professional Services Inc. | EOC: 12/30/24 | \$15,000 | C. Kettles
- Florida Energy Investment Collaborative | Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services | 10/12/2022-4/30/2025 | C. Withers
- Lab and Field Evaluation of Condensation Potential in Buried Ducts in Vented Attics Located in the Hot and Humid Climate Zones | Owens Corning Corporate Services | 10/20/2020-2/28/2025 | \$57,500 | PI: J. Sonne, Co-PI's: C. Withers



#### **Buildings**

- Trane Trace 3D Plus Software Development Support Task Order #1 | S.E.I Associates | 7/17/2024-7/16/2025 | \$170,397 | R. Raustad
- Buildings Upgrade Prize Technical Assistance | Alliance for Sustainable Energy LLC/ National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) | 2/7/2024-9/30/2025 | \$9,908 | E. Martin
- Energy Analysis and Performance Testing of Multifamily Dwellings | Atlantic Housing Partners | 1/1/2019-12/31/2024 | PI: D. Chasar, Co-PI: K. Fenaughty
- Florida Energy Investment Collaborative | Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services | 10/12/2022-4/30/2025 | C. Withers
- **FSEC Support to Ventamatic Phase 2** | Ventamatic, Inc. | 11/1/2022-12/31/2024 | PI: J. Sonne, Co-PIs: D. Chasar, E. Martin, C. Withers



#### Solar

- 2023 Solar Roof Installation Research Project FSEC Flexible Residential Test Facility | GAF Energy LLC | 5/17/23-10/31/25 | J. Sonne
- PV Module Testing for Degradation | Florida Power & Light Company | EOC: 12/31/2024 Dates | \$100,000
  |H. Seigneur
- Developing PID susceptibility models for Bifacial PV module technologies | U.S. Department of Energy | 8/1/2021-12/31/2024 | H. Seigneur
- Gaining Fundamental Understanding of Critical Failure Modes and Degradation Mechanisms in Fielded Photovoltaic Modules via Multiscale Characterization | U.S. Department of Energy | EOC: 2/28/2027 | \$62,076 | H. Seigneur
- Materials Data Science for Stockpile Stewardship | Case Western Reserve University | 9/15/2022-9/30/2027 | \$81,600 | M. Li

#### Battery

• Controller design and demonstration of Integrated battery-Inverter storage system | A.F. Mensah | 8/19/2021-12/31/2024 | I. Batarseh



#### Transportation

Equitable Mobility Powering Opportunities for Workplace Electrification Readiness (EMPOWER) |
 U.S. Department of Energy | EOC: 6/30/2025 | \$73,000 | C. Kettles

#### Workforce

- FLEXIBLE Load Adaptation Training for Energy Services Professionals | The Association of Energy Services Professionals (AESP) | EOC: 5/31/2025 | \$30,000 | C. Kettles
- Pathways to Career Opportunities Grant (PCOG) Program | Florida Department of Education | 7/1/2023 12/31/2024 | \$254,317 | PI: C. Kettles, Co-PI: S. Schleith

#### Hydrogen/Catalysis

- Demonstration of Integrated Hydrogen Production and Consumption for Improved Utility Operations | Orlando Utilities Commission | EOC: 2/28/2027 | J. Fenton
- Benchscale Methanol Synthesis Process Development & Testing | M2X Energy | EOC: 12/29/2024 | N. Muradov
- Next Generation Process Development for Stranded Gas Conversion to Low-Carbon Fuels and Chemicals | M2X Energy Inc. | 4/5/2024 – 3/31/2025 | \$267,916 | N. Muradov





### **Energy Systems Integration**



- PV GEMS: PV-Powered, Grid-Enhanced Mechanical Solution Partners:
- \$4.4M (\$3.6M + \$885k cost share)
- Focus is on manufactured housing application.
- Planning demonstrations in MA, CO, TX, OR, NC and GA.
- Current activity:
  - First demonstration community visited and audited/ instrumented first house for pre-retrofit data collection.
  - One down, 11 to go...

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COOLING THE AMERICAS





Pl's: Eric Martin and Carlos Colon

## **Pilot: Government Building Sustainability**

- Objective: Enable local governments to identify and prioritize cost-effective opportunities for Energy Efficiency Measures (EEMs) and on-site solar energy
- Pilot project with FDACS to test objective
  - Identify EEM and solar feasibility
  - Created replicable process
  - Provided technical assistance on sustainable energy improvement
  - Perform Measurement and Verification (M&V)
  - Created best-practices guidebook
  - Principal Investigator: Chuck Withers









- Florida Solar Energy Apprenticeship Program
- Moss & Associates Solar Apprenticeship
- Solar For All Workforce
  Development

MOSS

### Solar Workforce Initiatives



Apprenticeship Program

## **EVENTS & NEWS**





### **Spark STEM Fest**

Presented by: UCF Office of Research

Next Event Date: February 14-17, 2025

**IGNITE INNOVATION** 



# Middle School Science Bowl



*When?* Saturday, February 22, 2025 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. *Where?* Florida Solar Energy Center (FSEC) 1679 Clearlake Road Cocoa, FL 32922

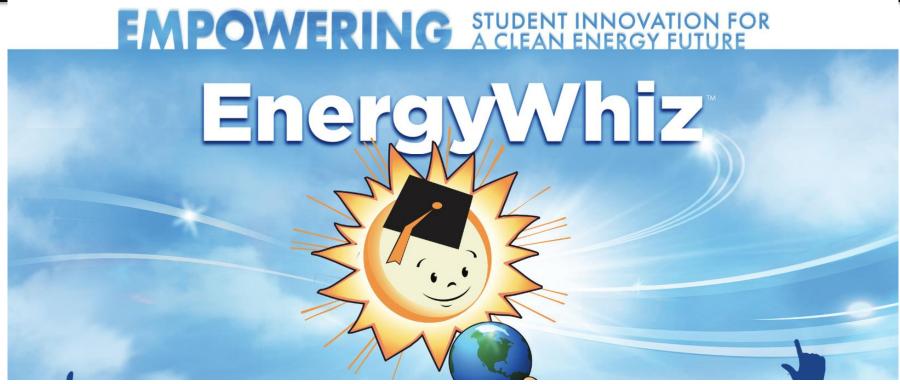


The **National Science Bowl for Middle School** is an activity of the U.S. Department of Energy's Office of Science, which encourages middle school students to excel in mathematics, science and engineering.

For more information: https://science.osti.gov/wdts/nsb

The Space Coast Science Education Alliance (SCSEA) Florida Middle School Science Bowl is one of 50 regional qualifying middle school science bowl competitions held throughout the U.S. The winning team from this regional event will then compete in the National Science Bowl Finals held April 24 - April 28, 2025.





## **April 26, 2025 at FSEC**

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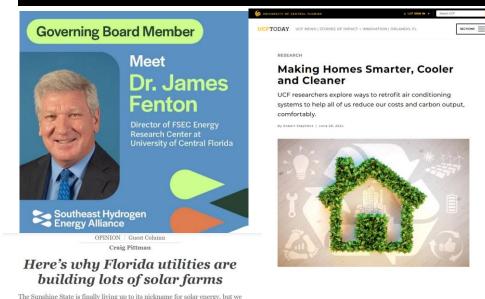
## 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY – 2025



### In the News

## <u>Dr. Jim Fenton joins the SHEA</u> <u>Governing Board</u>

- <u>Making Homes Smarter, Cooler</u> and Cleaner
- <u>Here's why Florida utilities are</u> <u>building lots of solar farms</u>
- <u>DOE Invests \$32 Million to Help</u> <u>Eliminate Natural Gas Flaring at</u> <u>Oil Production Operations</u>



could be doing much more.



### In the News

- More electric school buses are coming soon to Central Florida
- **Discussion with Energy Leaders** Hanson Professionals
  - Part 1 YouTube
  - Part 2 YouTube
- **UCF** mechanical engineering student receives FEWC's inaugural scholarship
- Space Coast community honors Brevard County's top science teacher with awards



#### BREVARD BUSINESS NEWS nline at BrevardBusinessNews.com

UCF mechanical engineering student receives FEWC's inaugural scholarship; nonprofit oraanization

By Sherri Shields sherri@fsec.ucf.edu Director Communications & Marketing Florida Solar Energy Center

ORLANDO (Aug. 26, 2024) - The Florida Energy Workforce Consortium launched a new scholarship this year promoting careers in energy. Timothy Gallagher, a mechanical engineering student at the University of Central Florida, is one of two recinients of this inaugural award. Each recipient received a check for \$2,000 to further engineering is in my blood," said Gallagher. "Working at FSEC has given me an opportunity to see first-hand the variety of jobs in the energy sector, and I'm excited about my future in this industry." About FEWC The Florida Energy Workforce Consortium Inc. is a

nonprofit organization committed to informing people in their communities about the stable, rewarding, and wellcompensated careers in the energy industry. The Consortium strives to lead the effort to support the energy sector stakeholders by creating organized approaches to identify and meet the current and future workforce needs, by

leveraging all available resources of government, industry, education, and labor in the state. To learn more, visit https://www.getintoenergyflorida.com. About ESEC The Florida Solar Energy Center® (FSEO®), a research

institute at the University of Central Florida, is the state's premier energy research institution. Created by the Florida Legislature in 1975 to advance research, development, and education in solar energy, FSEC's focus includes renewable energy, energy efficiency, and sustainable transportation research, demonstration, and education. For more informa tion, call (321) 638-1015 or visit energyresearch.ucf.edu.

In 2023, Orange County Public Schools became Florida's first school district to start operating electric school buse

#### BREVARD BUS e at BrevardBusinessNews.c

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Space Coast community honors Brevard County's top science teachers with awards — four educators recoanized

By Sherri Shields sherri@fsec.ucf.edu Director

Communications & Marketing Florida Solar Energy Center

COCOA (Sept. 17, 2024) - Each year, the Space Coast Science Education Alliance (SCSEA) honors the ton science teachers in Brevard County. The Exemplary Science Teacher Award is given in recognition of teachers who go

above and beyond to foster a love of learning and develop science literacy among their students. This year, four teachers received the distinguished

"It is a true honor to celebrate four of the most dedicated and talented science teachers in Brevard County," said Kevin Smith, president, SCSEA. "We are grateful for their contributions and the opportunity to recognize their hard

work The 2024 Exemplary Science Teacher Award winners are

 Elizabeth Youngs, Viera High School Nicole Nelson, South Lake Elementary School Alexandria Wicker, DeLaura Middle School Kayla Wildenthaler, Mila Elementary School Additionally, award winner Youngs was also inducted into the SCSEA Science Teacher Hall of Fame. This cognition pays tribute to science teacher leaders with a long and distinguished record of inspiring excellence in science among their students and colleagues

"The impact these educators have on their students and the schools they serve is invaluable," said Smith.

#### More electric school buses are coming soon to Central Florida

Central Florida Public Media | By Molly Duerig Published January 13, 2024 at 7:00 AM EST

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Orange County Public Schools (OCPS) and Seminole County Public Schools (SCPS) are two of four Florida public school districts recently selected for federal funding to buy electric school buses, according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

OCPS gets \$5 million to expand the district's electric school bus program, after launching Florida's first such program last year. SCPS gets \$525,000 to buy more than 15 clean school buses for its growing fleet, according to the EPA.

Jim Fenton, director of the Florida Solar Energy Center (FSEC) at the University of Central Florida (UCF), says just like all electric vehicles. electric school buses are healthier and more energy efficient than their gas-powered counterparts. But electrifying school buses can be a particularly pragmatic choice, he says, because school bus routes

### **Resilient Homes**

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PREMIUM DESIGN TECH WORK LIFE NEWS IMPACT PODCASTS VIDEO INNOVAT

#### 10-11-2024 | IMPACT

# Why this Florida neighborhood still has power

Florida's disaster-proof community of Hunters Point withstood yet another hurricane.



"Residents who stayed through both hurricanes told CNN they suffered little to no damage. Neither the heavy surge flooding from Helene nor the strong winds from Milton devastated their homes. Solar power and battery storage kept the lights on all night and the following days."

FSEC technical assistance covered all aspects of building science, solar system design and component selection, and above-code program certifications — started in conceptual design and ended with analysis and design development roadmap.



### **FSEC New Positions**

- Dylan Colvin, Assistant Professor 08/08/2024
- Hamed Haggi, Assistant Professor 08/08/2024
- Manjunath Matam, Assistant Professor 09/27/2024

### **FSEC New Hires**

- Christian Lopez, Student, Solar Division 06/07/2024
- Jason Szekely, Student, Solar Division 09/16/2024
- Collin West, Student, Solar Division 05/16/2024
- Ahmad Esmaeilzadeh, Research Associate, Buildings 01/03/25
- Erfan Asadipour, Post Doc, Special Projects 01/03/25
- Alireza Shantia, Assistant In, Buildings 01/03/2025



### **FSEC Staff for Decarbonization Research**

Randy Cragle, OPS, Special Projects 09/06/24

- XSM 💦
- Daniel Ramirez, Post Doc, Special Projects 05/10/24
- Veronica Rigo, Research Program Coordinator, Special Projects 05/10/24
- Jose Solorzano, OPS, Special Projects 09/09/24
- Ayden Weil, OPS, Special Projects 08/16/24



U.S. CLEAN ENERGY EMPLOYMENT by sector 2024											
Clean Energy Jobs	CE Jobs per Capita	Share of all Energy + MV Jobs	Renewable Energy Jobs	Storage & Grid Jobs	Energy Efficiency Jobs	Biofuels Jobs	Clean Vehicle Jobs				
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# **Vision for Florida**

Spend Little to No Funds on Imported Transportation Fuels Keep the Jobs and Wealth in Florida!

#### **100%** Renewables Using Florida Energy

- Building Energy Efficiency Improvements
- Utility & Rooftop Solar
- Energy Storage
- Transportation Electrification
- Smart-charging Electric Vehicles (V2G)

#### 100% Renewables & Net Zero Emissions

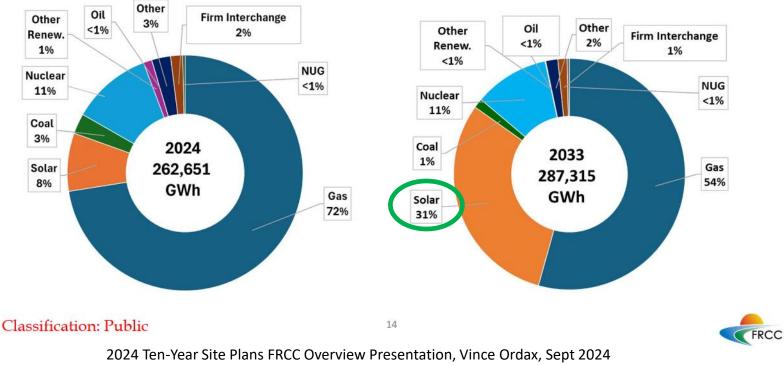
- Sustainable aviation fuels
- High-speed electric trains
- Hydrogen as a fuel and feedstock

#### **Clean Energy Workforce Development**

Apprenticeship Programs



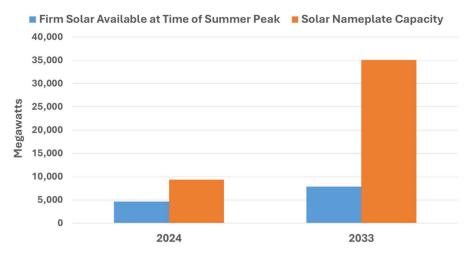
## Florida Forecasted Generation Mix Net Energy for Load (GWh)



UCF

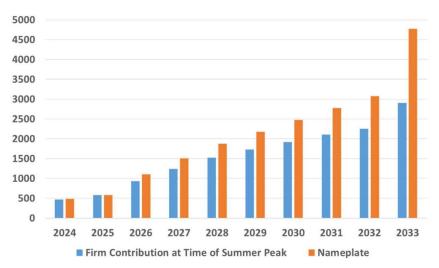
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### Solar and Battery MWs



#### 2024 TYSP Cumulative Solar Capability

#### 2024 TYSP Battery Capability (MW)



2024 Ten-Year Site Plans FRCC Overview Presentation, Vince Ordax, Sept 2024, Page 18 and 20 https://www.floridapsc.com/pscfiles/website-

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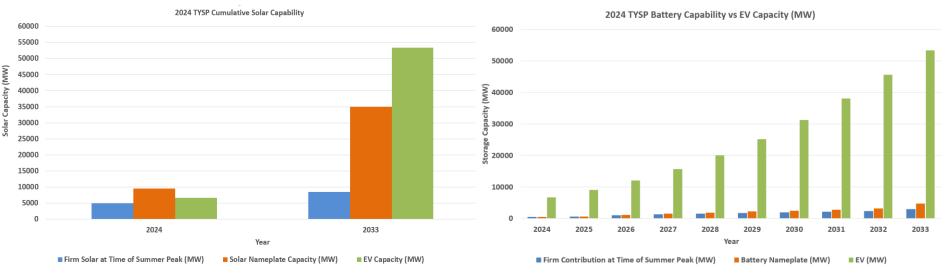
### Solar, Battery and EV MWs

#### **Opportunity for Virtual Power Plants and V2G**

#### 2024 TYSP Cumulative Solar and EV Bat Capability

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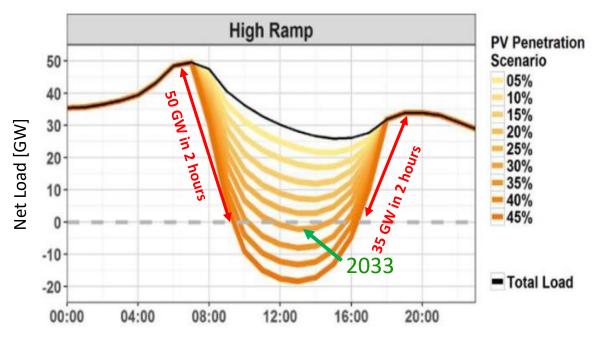
#### 2024 TYSP Battery Capability (MW)



#### 12.5 More Battery Power and Energy in EVs than Utility Batteries.

2024 Ten-Year Site Plans FRCC Overview Presentation, Vince Ordax, Sept 2024, Page 18 and 20 (orange & blue) <u>https://www.floridapsc.com/pscfiles/website-files/PDF/Utilities/Electricgas/TenYearSitePlans//2024/FRCC\_Presentation.pdf</u> 2023 PSC 10 year Site Plan, Nov 2023, Page 18 Table 2 (green) https://www.floridapsc.com/pscfiles/website-files/PDF/Utilities/Electricgas/TenYearSitePlans//2023/Review.pdf

### **Increasing Renewable Penetration**

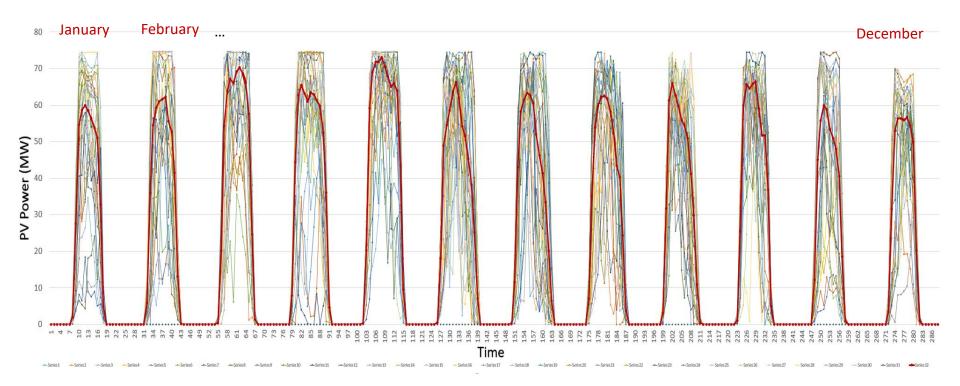


Solution to steep ramp: Batteries and Hydrogen production at utility scale can provide both long and short duration capacity as a controllable load. Need PV as base load Powerplant?

\*Duck curve in Florida during a day based on Florida Reliability Coordinating Council



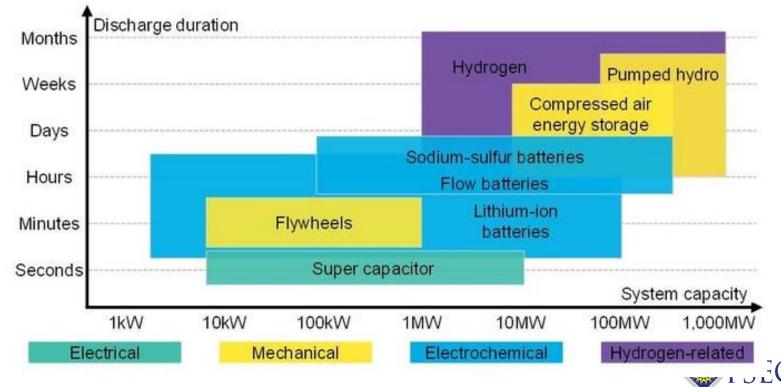
### 75 MW<sub>AC</sub> Florida Solar Field



Solid red line is the representative day of each month

>12 hours of storage is required every day to operate as baseload powerplant!

# Size and discharge durations by storage technology



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75 MW<sub>AC</sub> Solar Baseload Power Plants

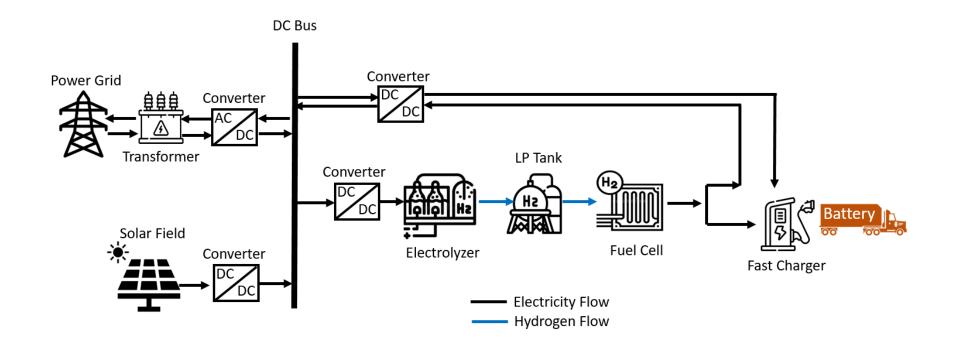
Provide 100% Renewable 75 MW<sub>AC</sub> Electricity 24-hours a day 365 days a year (PV BPP)

- Amounts and at what costs using PV + Electrolyzers + Hydrogen Storage + Fuel Cells (PV BPP H2)?
- Amounts and at what costs using PV + Li-ion Batteries (PV BPP Bat)?
- What is most valuable use of the 100% Renewable Electricity?

EV range 220 miles, 68.7 kWh battery capacity (3.2 miles/kWh) Gasoline car 24.2 mpg

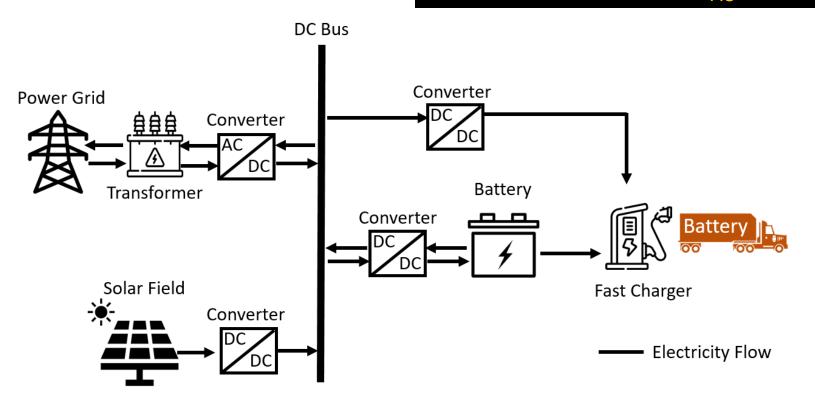


### Baseload 75 MW<sub>AC</sub> PV H2

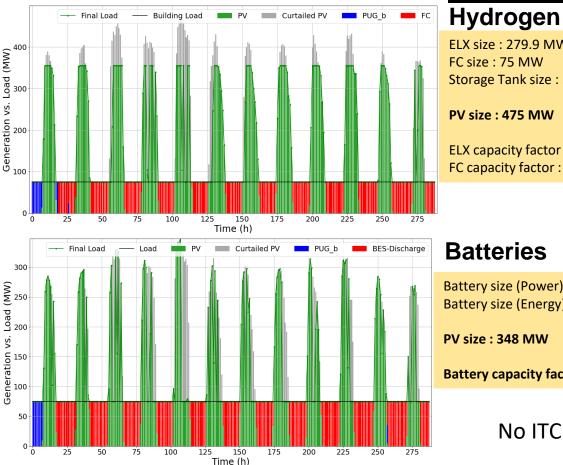




### Baseload 75 MW<sub>AC</sub> PV Bat







### 75 MW BPP Using Hydrogen or Batteries

#### (low pressure)

ELX size : 279.9 MW FC size : 75 MW Storage Tank size : 58415 kg

PV size : 475 MW

ELX capacity factor : 31.81% FC capacity factor : 49.86 % Average electricity price 2020 : \$84.52 /MWh Average electricity price in 2030 : \$46.21/MWh Average electricity price in 2050 : \$ 33.53/MWh

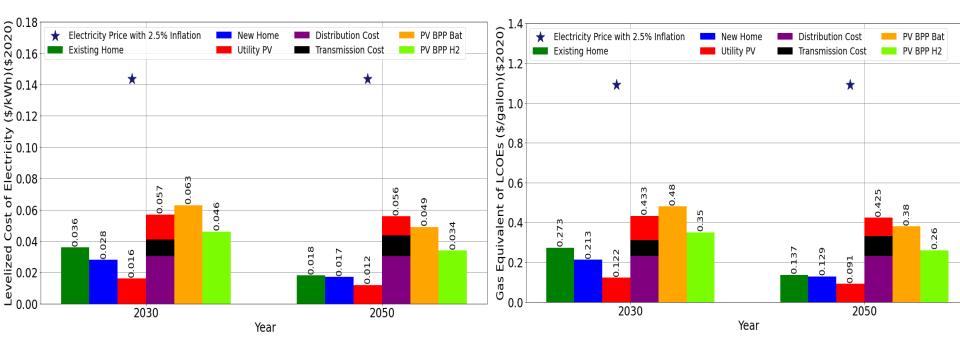
Average H2 cost today : \$ 2.03 /kg Average H2 cost in 2030: \$ 1.07/kg (~DOE Target) Average H2 cost in 2050: \$ 0.68/kg

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Batteries (4-hour)	
Battery size (Power) : 372.75 MW Battery size (Energy) : 1491 MW PV size : 348 MW Battery capacity factor : 12.75 %	Average electricity price today : \$95.17 /MWh Average electricity price in 2030 : \$63.21/MWh Average electricity price in 2050 : \$49.43/MWh
No ITC	FSEC <sup>®</sup>

### Florida Wins as Solar Replaces Gasoline

Rooftop, Utility, and Utility BPP PV LCOE and Gasoline Equivalents



All owners of Solar PV make money off of Transportation Fuel at less than \$1 per gallon. Utilities provide 100% Renewable Truck Stops which serves as Baseload Power Plants with no impact on the grid.



## **STRATEGIC PLAN KPIs**

## FSEC Strategic Plan (2020-2025)

## **KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS FY 2024**

July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024

#### Vision Statement

Promote the rapid transition to a sustainable energy economy through renewable energy, energy efficiency, and sustainable transportation research, demonstration, and education.

#### **Mission Statement**

Develop, research, and evaluate energy technologies that enhance the environment and economy, and transfer the results to the public, students and practitioners.



Goal I: Enhance FSEC's prominence in core programs of sus		1			
Metric	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024
	Baseline				
1.1 The three-year rolling average of C&G and other	106%	92%	100%	124%	123%
external salary funding will equal or exceed 200% of					
current year E&G salary funding by 2025.					
1.2 Achieve at least five new funding sources by 2025	N/A	5	(3) 8	(3) 11	(2) 13
(results are cumulative).					
1.3 Create 12 secondary joint appointments at FSEC by	3	6	6	6	6 + 4 in
2025.					progress
1.4 Recruit four energy faculty jointly with academic units	0	0	0	0	2
by 2025.					
1.5 Convert five post-doctoral students to assistant	0	0	0	2	2
research professors by 2025.					
1.6 Increase the number of faculty serving as new PIs or	0	0	0	0	1
Co-PIs to two per year.					
1.7 Invest 2% of annual expenditures in research and	<1%	<1%	<2%	<2%	<2%
educational equipment.					



Goal II: Deploy FSEC's distinctive assets to support the clean energy sector's response to society's greatest challenges as underscored by the United Nation's First Assessment Report and UCF's Campus Master Plan

Onted Nation's First Assessment Report and Oct's Campus Master Fian					
Metric	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024
	Baseline				
2.1 Assist at least two local governments per year in	1 (one)	2	0	0	1
identifying and quantifying sustainable energy goals.					
2.2 Decrease non-renewable (NR) per capita (PC) energy	194.4 MBtu per	187.3 MBtu	169.3 MBtu	178.7 MBtu	178.1 MBtu
consumption in Florida by one percent per year (as	capita	per capita	per capita	per capita	per capita
annual compound rate of change).		(-3.7%/year)	(-6.7%/year)	(-2.8%/year)	(-2.2%/year)
2.3 Publish an annual "Research You Can Use"	0	0	0	4	2
compendium of key findings and replicable programs					
developed by FSEC.					
2.4 Increase the yearly number of Publications,	50	130	166	159	109
Presentation of Professional Papers and Other					
Presentations to two per each research & teaching faculty					
FTE.					
2.5 Increase the number of intellectual property	5	5	1	~1	1
developments to one per 15 faculty FTE per year.					



Goal III: Maintain FSEC's broad base of academic and industry affiliations and stakeholders that support and inform our research, development, education and training initiatives

Metric	FY 2020 Baseline	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024
3.1 Lead one statewide clean energy event each year.	None	1	2	2	1
3.2 Increase number of external partnerships relevant to the FSEC mission by 50% by the year 2025.	50	121	69	57	114
3.3 Establish a 50% industry, 25% academic/NGO, and 25% government representation on the FSEC Advisory Board by 2025.	71%/10%/19%	74%/13%/13%	85%/3%/12%	72%/11%/17%	83%/7%/10%
3.4 Increase intra- and inter-university research collaborations by 20% by the year 2025.	35	236	56	61	81



Goal IV: Elevate and expand FSEC's educational programming					
Metric	FY 2020 Baseline	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024
4.1 Increase access to energy education and training opportunities for 20,000 students, teachers, and workers over the next five years.	10,600	3,752	5,579	8,730	10,793
4.2 Support the increase of clean energy jobs in Florida to 200,000 by the year 2025.	166,032	149,624	158,467	165,857	172,115
4.3 Increase experiential opportunities at FSEC for undergraduate, graduate and post-doctoral students to a rate of 10 per year by 2025.	4	64	28	35	51
4.4 Contribute to the creation of an Energy Sustainability certificate or graduate program by Fall 2025.	0	1	1	Completed	NA



Goal V: Increase stakeholder and constituent awareness of FSEC and its programs, services and training offerings					
Metric	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024
	Baseline				
5.1 Increase website visits by 10% per year through 2025.	334,006	324,672 (-3%)	583,062	680,732	603,336
			(70.1%)	(16.8%)	(-12.8%)
5.2 Increase media coverage of FSEC by 10% per year	13	40 (362%)	44 (10%)	63 (43%)	135 (114%)
through 2025.					
5.3 Produce four short videos per year through 2025.	1	4	8	8	18
5.4 Add 1.00 FTE staff dedicated to information and	N/A	0	1	0	0
outreach in 2020.					
5.5 Produce a Florida Energy Research and Education	V1	V2	V3+	V4+	V5+
Capabilities document and update on a regular basis.					
5.6 Distribute an FSEC annual report (hard copy and	0	0	0	In progress	In progress
electronically) to 5,000 stakeholders by the year 2025.					



Goal VI: Nurture an inclusive and diverse FSEC faculty, staff, and stakeholder base					
Metric	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024
	Baseline				
6.1 Increase engagement of PhDs and PhD Students in	11	40	48	42	12
FSEC research activities to 14 by 2025.					
6.2 Increase diversity by hiring more women, minorities	28 (43%)	20 (32%)	39 (62%)	50 (62%)	48 (61%)
and multi-cultural faculty, staff, and students.					
6.3 Appoint additional women, minorities and multi-	13 (38%)	12 (40%)	15 (44%)	16 (44%)	13 (45%)
cultural members to the FSEC Advisory Board.					



## FSEC Strategic Plan (2025-2030)

- Current FSEC Strategic Plan adopted by the FSEC Advisory Board on April 16, 2020 for the 2020 – 2025 timeframe
  - FSEC Executive Committee drafted the plan
  - Advisory Board Task Force appointed to refine the plan
- Updated plan for the period 2025 to 2030 is needed
  - Draft plan developed by FSEC Executive Committee (2/28/2025)
  - Advisory Board Task Force refines the plan (3/28/2025)
  - Plan to be adopted at Spring 2025 AB Meeting (TBD)



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- We are planning ways to celebrate
- We are also partnering with the UCF Foundation to provide an opportunity to invest in FSEC







# **High Visibility Fundraising**

- Goal: People can donate for infrastructure with high visibility
- Consistent with FSEC mission
- Front parking lot solar canopy
- Expanded charging area with solar canopy



# **Solar Canopy in Front Parking Lot**

- Canopy approximately 45' x 140'
- 115 to 130 kW
- At \$3/W cost might be \$350,000 to \$400,000



picture from https://bungalower.com/2015/02/22/i-wish-thiswas-a-solar-parking-lot-2/



## **Solar Canopy and Expanded Charging Area**

- Current: Two working public charging level 2 parking spots
- Vision: additional
  - o two level 2,
  - o two fast level 3 (150kW+) chargers,
  - o two hyper-fast (350kW) chargers
- Able to recharge busses when students visit
- Also provides some research opportunities for customer peak reduction with batteries
- New charging: \$600,000
  Solar canopy: \$120,000



Special thanks to Roger Messenger and Mindy O'Neil of LLC Engineers for volunteering electrical engineering services



# What great ideas do you have?

 Do you have suggestions of companies or individuals who may provide substantial gifts that we can approach?





### **Donating to FSEC**

Website: https://foundation.ucf.edu/givenow

In the areas of impact, type "FSEC". and select "Florida Solar Energy Center (FSEC) General"

### **UCF Foundation – FSEC Account**

#### **Direct your gift**



#### Choose your area(s) of impact

- Select -		~
Or		
FSEC		
Florida Solar Energy	y Center (FSEC) General	~
Choose amount		
\$50	\$100	\$250
\$500	\$1.000	<b>\$</b> Other

\$50	\$100	\$250
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NEXT



## 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Opportunities

- Feb. 10<sup>th</sup>: ASHRAE Winter
  Conference, Tour FSEC (3-5pm)
- Feb. 14-17<sup>th</sup>: SPARK STEM FEST at Orlando Science Center
- Feb. ??: EEBA Training @ FSEC (Coincide w/ Big Event?)
- April 10<sup>th</sup>: UCF Day of Giving (Online Fundraising Event)
- April 26<sup>th</sup>: EnergyWhiz (Celebration of Earth Day too)

- May 12-14: FlaSEIA Summit
- Spring Advisory Board Meeting June 5 (*Big Event June 6*)
- July 24-25, 2025: Southeast Building Conference, Orlando
- September 8-11, 2025: SEIA
  RE+ 2025 conference, Las Vegas, NV
- October: National Energy Awareness Month (*Big Event?*)
- Feb. 17-19, 2026: Int'l Builders Show in Orlando



## 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

## Suggestions for speakers:

- UCF President Cartwright
  Bill Nelson
- Larry Kazmerski
- Dave Block
- Buddy Dyer
- Clint Bullock
- Chris Castro
- Kevin Lynn
- M.J. Soileau

- Others?





10-minute

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Chief Technology Officer, M2X



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# MANJUNATH MATAM

Assistant Research Professor, FSEC

# **REBECCA HERNANDEZ**

Associate Professor of Ecology, Energy, and Sustainability, UC Davis



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# **Next Advisory Board Meeting**

## Meeting: Thursday, June 5, 2025 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Event: Friday, June 6, 2025



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