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Some Observations on DOE's Role in "Megascience"

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As director of the Office of Energy Research (now Science) from 1981 to 1987, I had the opportunity to witness and influence the initiation of several projects that have given scientists in several fields new tools that now allow studies that have not been previously possible. I will offer some observations on what worked and didn't work in the process of gaining approval and funding for some of them, and some speculation on where we might go from here.