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Bio

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John Sarrao became SLAC National Accelerator Laboratory's sixth director in October 2023. The lab's ~2,000 staff advance the frontiers of science by exploring how the universe works at the biggest, smallest, and fastest scales and invent powerful tools used by scientists around the globe. SLAC's research helps solve real-world problems and advances the interests of the nation. SLAC is operated by Stanford University for the U.S. Department of Energy's Office of Science. It is home to three Office of Science national user facilities: the Linac Coherent Light Source (LCLS), the world's most powerful X-ray laser; the Stanford Synchrotron Radiation Lightsource (SSRL); and the Facility for Advanced Accelerator Experimental Tests, (FACET-II). SLAC hosts thousands of users each year and manages an annual budget of ~$700M. In addition to his role as lab director, John is a professor of photon science, and by courtesy, of materials science and engineering at Stanford University, a senior fellow at Stanford's Precourt Institute, and dean of SLAC faculty.

John came to SLAC from Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) in New Mexico, where he served as the deputy director for science, technology, and engineering. In that role, he led multiple directorates, including chemistry, earth and life sciences, global security, physical sciences, and simulation and computation. He also stewarded technology transitions and served as LANL's chief research officer in support of its national security mission. Before becoming deputy director, he served as associate director for theory, simulation, and computation and division leader for materials physics and applications at LANL.

John's scientific research focus is superconductivity in materials. He studies the synthesis and characterization of correlated electron systems, especially actinide materials. He won the 2013 Department of Energy's E.O. Lawrence Award and is a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the American Physical Society, and LANL. John received his PhD and master's degree in physics from the University of California, Los Angeles, and a bachelor's degree in physics from Stanford University.

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- Professor, Photon Science Directorate
- Senior Fellow, Precourt Institute for Energy
- Professor (By courtesy), Materials Science and Engineering

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Department of Energy Secretary's Achievement Award - The Science and Technology Risk Matrix Team, U.S. Department of Energy (2020)
- Department of Energy Secretary's Appreciation Award - Technology Convergence Working Group, U.S. Department of Energy (2017)

- E.O. Lawrence Award, U.S. Department of Energy (2013)
- Fellow, Los Alamos National Laboratory (2010)
- Fellow, American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) (2009)
- Fellow, American Physical Society (2005)
- Fellows Prize for Outstanding Research, Los Alamos National Laboratory (2004)
- Director's Development Program, Los Alamos National Laboratory (2003)

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

- Ph.D., University of California Los Angeles , Physics (1993)
- M.S., University of California, Los Angeles , Physics (1991)
- B.S., Stanford University , Physics (1989)

Publications

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- **Progress and Achievements in Materials Research over the Past Decade** *FRONTIERS OF MATERIALS RESEARCH: A DECADAL SURVEY (2019)*
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