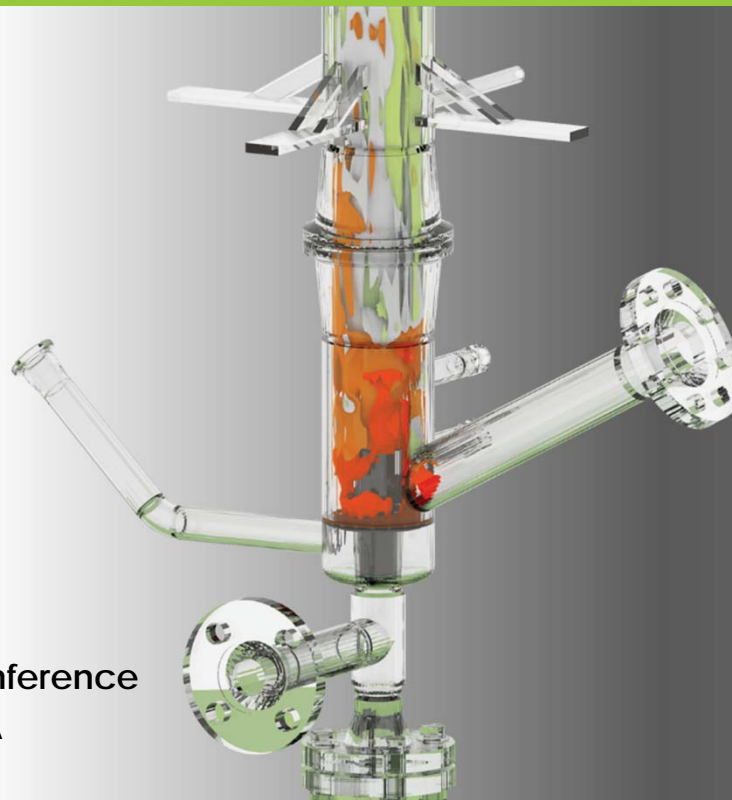


# Accelerating Breakthrough Innovation in Clean Coal Technologies

Solutions for Today | Options for Tomorrow



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## MISSION

Discover, integrate and mature technology solutions to enhance the Nation's energy foundation and protect the environment for future generations

- Effective Resource Development
- Efficient Energy Conversion
- Environmental Sustainability

## VISION

Be the Nation's renowned fossil-energy science and engineering resource, delivering world-class technology solutions today and tomorrow

- Technology Convener
- Knowledge and Technology Generation Center
- Responsible Steward



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**ENERGY**



# NETL Snapshot

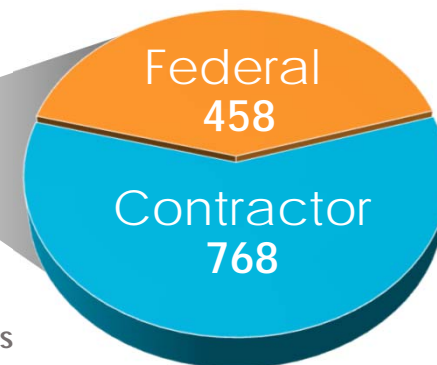


## By the Numbers

- 3 labs across U.S.
- 900+ R&D projects in 50 states
- \$6.3B total award value
- \$991M FY19 budget

## Workforce

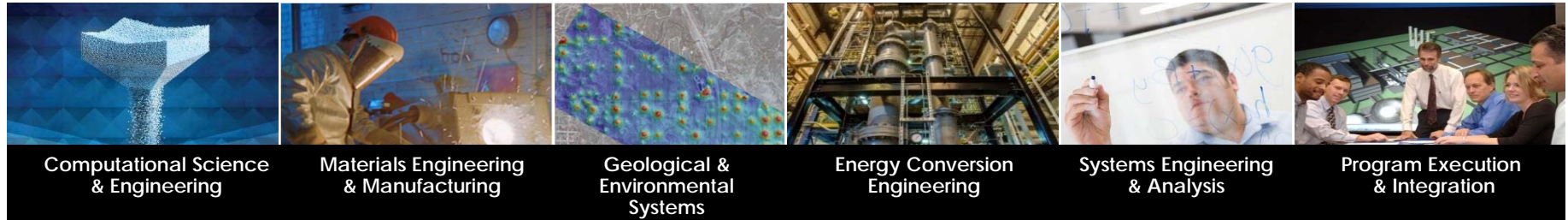
- 1,226 Full Time Equivalent Employees (FTEs)
- 70 Joint Faculty
- 109 Postdoctoral Researchers
- 54 Graduate Students
- 40 Undergraduate Students



### NETL possesses an array of authorities to manage & implement complex R&D programs

- Program planning, development, and execution
- Legal, Financial, Procurement and Head of Contracting Authority (HCA)
- Project Management Expertise

# Core Competencies & Technology Thrusts



	Carbon Storage	Carbon Capture	Sensors & Controls	Advanced Materials	Advanced Computing	Advanced Energy Systems	Water Management	Rare Earth Elements
	Enhanced Resource Production	Methane Hydrates		Offshore		Natural Gas Infrastructure		Unconventional
	Energy Efficiency & Renewable Energy (EERE)			Office of Electricity (OE)		Cybersecurity, Energy Security, and Emergency Response (CESER)		
	Vehicles	Solid State Lighting	Geothermal	Microgrid	Energy Storage	Energy Security & Restoration		Cybersecurity

# Coal Technology Thrusts



## Advanced Energy Systems

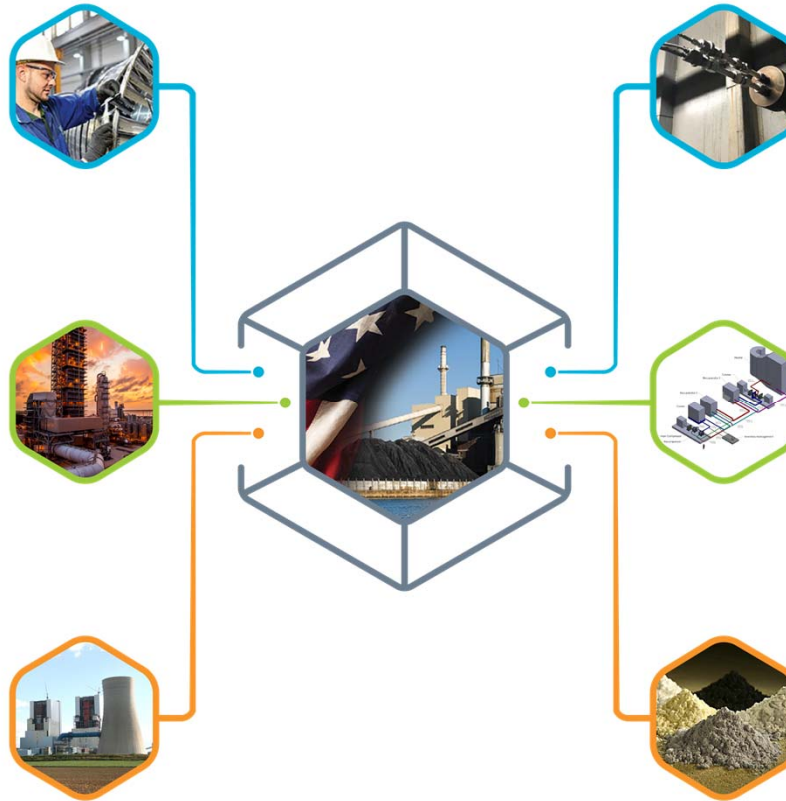
Developing & deploying advanced, more efficient, & robust coal-based power technologies to optimize the use of our abundant domestic fossil energy resources & leverage existing infrastructure.

## Carbon Capture, Utilization, & Storage

Advancing technologies & techniques to effectively capture, safely store, & economically utilize CO<sub>2</sub> derived from power generation & other industrial processes.

## Transformational Coal Pilots

Developing pilot-scale transformational coal technologies aimed at enabling step-change improvements in coal-powered systems accelerating their readiness for the marketplace.



## Crosscutting Research

Accelerating science & engineering-based solutions across multiple operational platforms to optimize plant performance, reduce O&M costs & water consumption, & develop the next-generation of structural & functional materials.

## STEP (Supercritical CO<sub>2</sub>)

Developing & modeling sCO<sub>2</sub> power cycles with the potential to achieve efficiencies greater than 50%, with broad applicability to fossil, nuclear, waste-heat, & concentrated solar energy power systems.

## NETL Coal R&D

Developing novel extraction, processing, & manufacturing technologies to produce a cost-competitive domestic supply of rare earth elements from U.S. coal & coal by-products to sustain our Nation's robust economy.

# Evolving Topics in Coal



## Upgrading the Existing Fleet



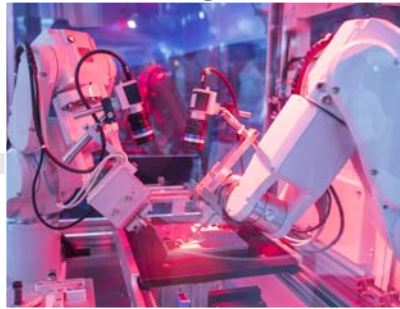
Improving the performance, reliability, & efficiency of the existing coal-fired fleet

## Advancing Next-Gen Power Plants



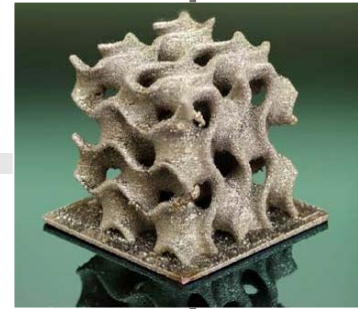
Advancing small-scale, modular coal plants that are highly efficient, flexible, & near-zero emissions

## Pioneering New Markets for Coal



Enhancing the value of coal as a feedstock & deriving new value-added products from coal

## Reducing the Cost of Carbon Capture



Developing advanced computational & simulation tools, & transformational technologies to reduce the cost of CO<sub>2</sub> capture

## Reducing Water Use in Energy Production



Addressing water quality, sustainability, & availability for power generation

# Upgrading the Existing Fleet



## NETL Focus Areas

- Sensors, Diagnostics, and Controls to Improve Prediction, Performance, and Reliability
- Power Plant Component Improvement
- Data Analytics Driven Controls

## Reduced Mode Sapphire Optical Fiber and Sensing System



- With sponsorship by NETL, Virginia Tech developed harsh environment sensing technology.
- Researchers demonstrated in a industrial environment, advancing the technology from TRL 1 to TRL 7.
- Sensor system will enable real-time, accurate and reliable monitoring of temperatures inside a power plant's boiler system, lowering operating costs through better operational control.

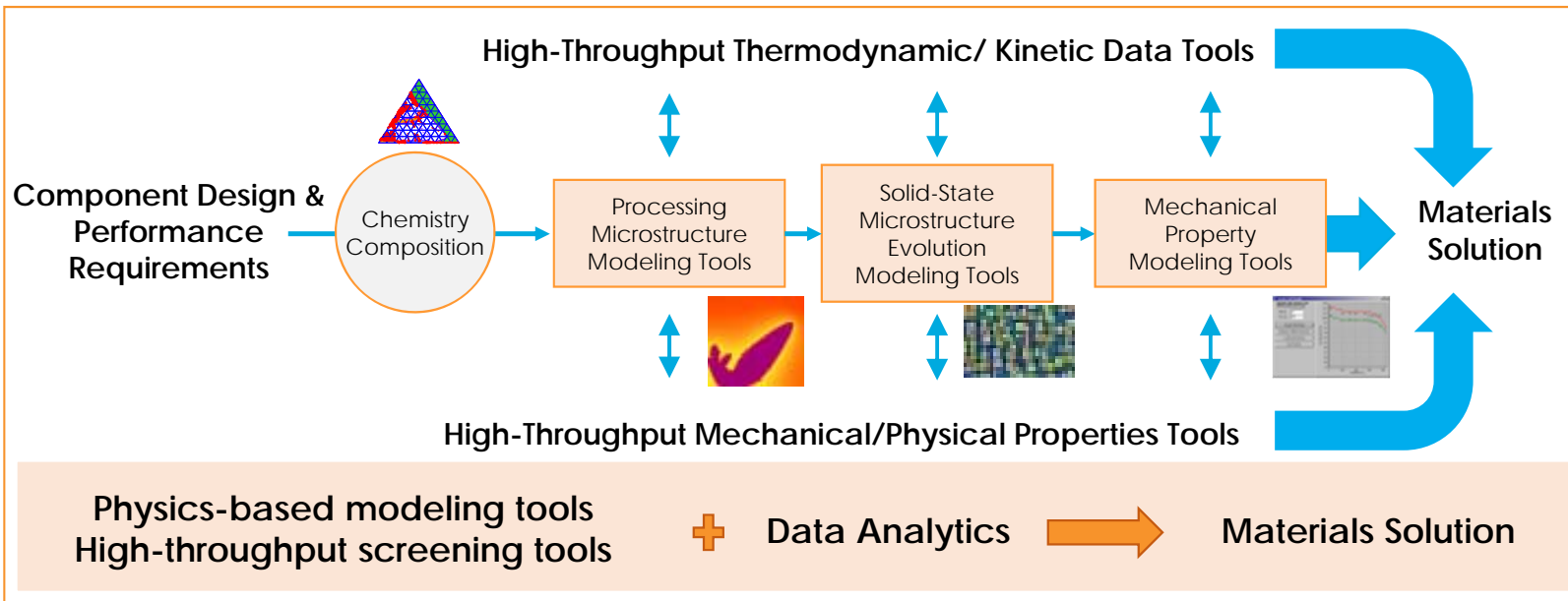
# Addressing Advanced Material Challenges

## eXtremeMAT



A joint research effort utilizing world-leading DOE National Lab resources:

- Materials design
- High performance computing power
- Advanced processing & manufacturing
- In-situ characterization
- Performance assessment at condition



## Research Goals

- Improving models to predict long-term materials performance
- Improving lower-cost, heat-resist alloys



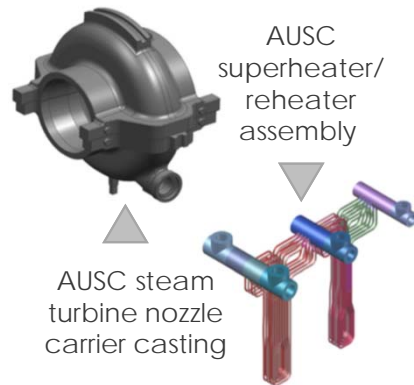
# Advancing Next-Gen Power Plants



## NETL Focus Areas

- Modular power plants
- Stable power generation
- Flexible and highly efficient operations
- Accommodate ongoing transitions from simple arrangement to complex energy systems

## Advanced Ultra-supercritical Technology



### AUSC ComTest Project:

- Validating technology applicable to fossil, nuclear, and renewable power generation
- Accelerating development of domestic supply chain
- Higher efficiency and lower emissions
- Minimizing risk for building AUSC plants
- Designed world's first integrated AUSC steam turbine at 760°C

# Coal FIRST Initiative



Providing secure, stable, and reliable power

The R&D under the **Coal FIRST** initiative will support future power plants



**F**lexible operations to meet the needs of the grid



**I**nnovative and cutting-edge components that improve efficiency and reduce emissions



**R**esilient power to Americans



**S**mall compared to today's conventional utility-scale coal plants



**T**ransform how coal technologies are designed and manufactured

Design criteria includes:

- High overall plant efficiency
- Unit sizes of ~50-350 MW
- Near-zero emissions
- High ramp rates and minimum loads
- Integration with thermal or other energy storage
- Minimized water consumption
- Reduced design, construction, and commissioning schedules from conventional norms
- Enhanced maintenance features
- Integration with coal upgrading, or other plant value streams
- Capable of natural gas co-firing

# Pioneering New Markets for Coal



## NETL Focus Areas

- Identify new manufacturing processes for converting coal into high-value products beyond traditional energy markets.
- Evaluate costs and technical performance of coal-based materials compared to derivatives of other feedstocks.
- Characterize the best markets for coal-based manufacturing and associated barriers.

## Recovering rare earth elements from coal and coal by-product streams

- NETL is extracting rare earth elements (REEs) from the full spectrum of coal and coal-based materials.
- Supports three first-of-a-kind, domestic extraction, separation and recovery facilities.
- REEs are in the form of oxides and/or salts, which can either be directly used or converted into rare earth metals for end-use commodity.



Development of Adv. REE Separations Concepts

Bench-Scale Facility for the Extraction, Separation and Recovery of REEs from Coal-Based Resources



# Domestic Coal to High-Value Products

Enabling Marketable Carbon Products and Manufacturing Technologies



## COAL FEEDSTOCKS

\$30-60/ton



Domestic Char  
(Sample from Virginia Carbonite)

Coal Processing  
Technology



Graphene-Enhanced  
Cement

## NEW ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES

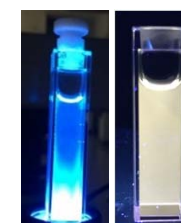
\$100,000/ton - \$100,000,000/ton



Engineered  
Plastics



Low Cost Graphene  
Inks/Fluids



Carbon  
Quantum Dots



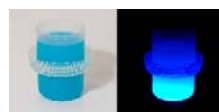
Stain & Water  
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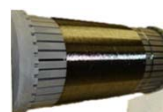
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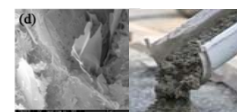
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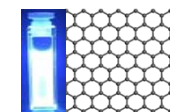
Photovoltaics  
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Carbon  
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Additives for  
Construction  
Materials



Carbon  
Nanomaterials



3D Printing  
Materials

# Reducing the Cost of Carbon Capture

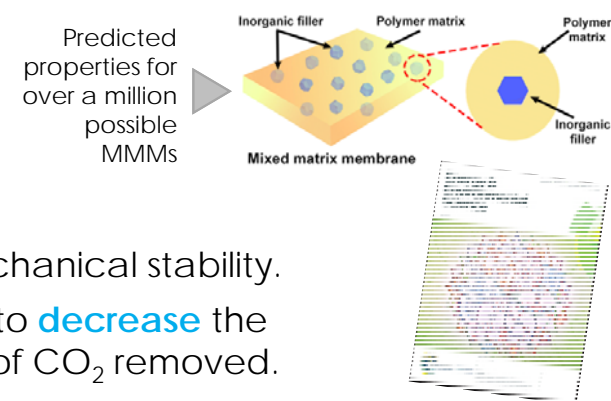


## NETL Focus Areas

- Post-combustion: remove CO<sub>2</sub> from the combustion flue gas.
- Pre-combustion: capture CO<sub>2</sub> prior to combustion.
- Compression to increase the pressure and reduce the volume flow, enabling efficient transport.

## Computational Tools to Rapidly Screening of Novel Carbon Capture Materials

- NETL in-house researchers used high-throughput computational methodology to screen over **1 million** possible mixed matrix membranes (MMMs).
- NETL-developed polymers were found to enhance mechanical stability.
- MMMs, with NETL developed polymer, were estimated to **decrease** the cost of carbon capture from **\$63 to \$48 per metric ton** of CO<sub>2</sub> removed.

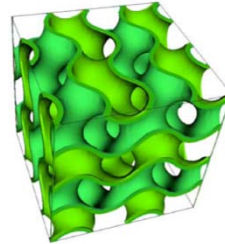


# Additive Manufacturing Utilizing 3D Printing

Advancing scale-up and commercialization of carbon capture technologies



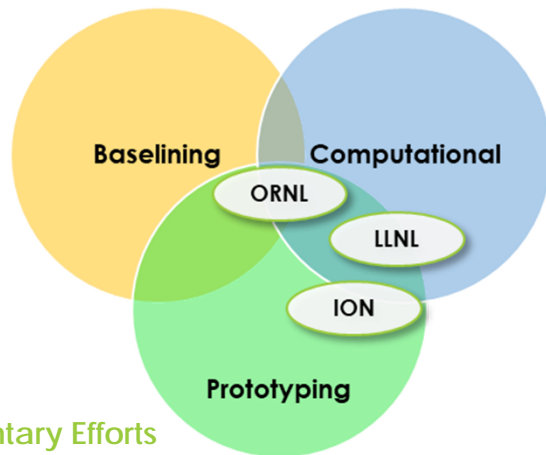
ORNL Prints Intensified Devices with Heat exchanger integrated into pack



LLNL creates silicon-based gyroid structures with one micrometer resolution



ION uses 3D Printing to develop internal absorber mass transfer and heat exchange



- Intensify thermodynamic operations
- Improve process performance
- Reduce equipment size
- Lowers capital and operating costs

Complementary Efforts

# Reducing Water Use in Energy Production

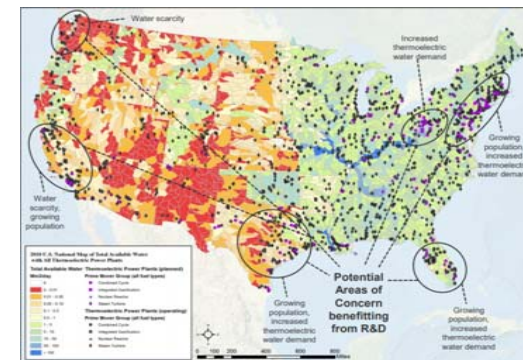


## NETL Focus Areas

- **Increasing** water efficiency and reuse to reduce water intake and lower overall operating costs.
- **Identifying** and treating alternative sources of water address energy-water system challenges.
- **Analyzing** energy-water system behavior to better inform decision-makers and scientists.

## 2018 Water Brief

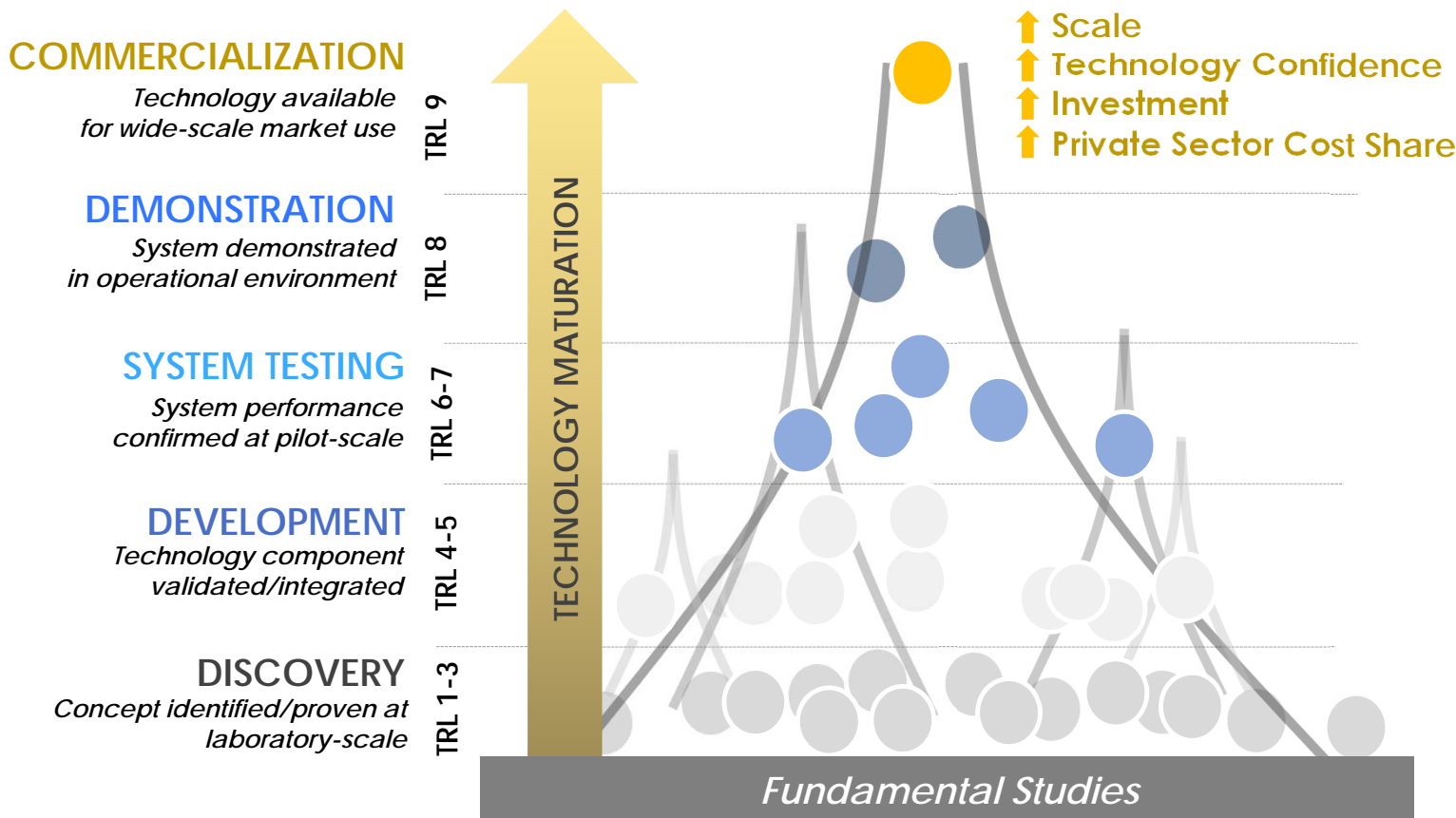
- Identifies regions of water scarcity with expected growth in thermoelectric power generation.
- Recommends R&D to curb thermoelectric water use in areas of concern.
- Predicts locations that would benefit from R&D deployment.



Six potential geographic Areas of Concern that require an R&D plan are shown on a graphic of total available water (2010) overlaid with thermoelectric power generation (2018).

# Technology Development Pathway

An Active Portfolio from Concept to Market Readiness



## KNOWLEDGE-BASED DECISION MAKING

- **Systems Engineering and Integration**
  - Engineering analysis
  - Pre-FEED/FEED studies
  - NEPA
- **Decision Science and Analysis**
  - Screening studies
  - Techno-economic analysis
  - Technology Readiness Assessments

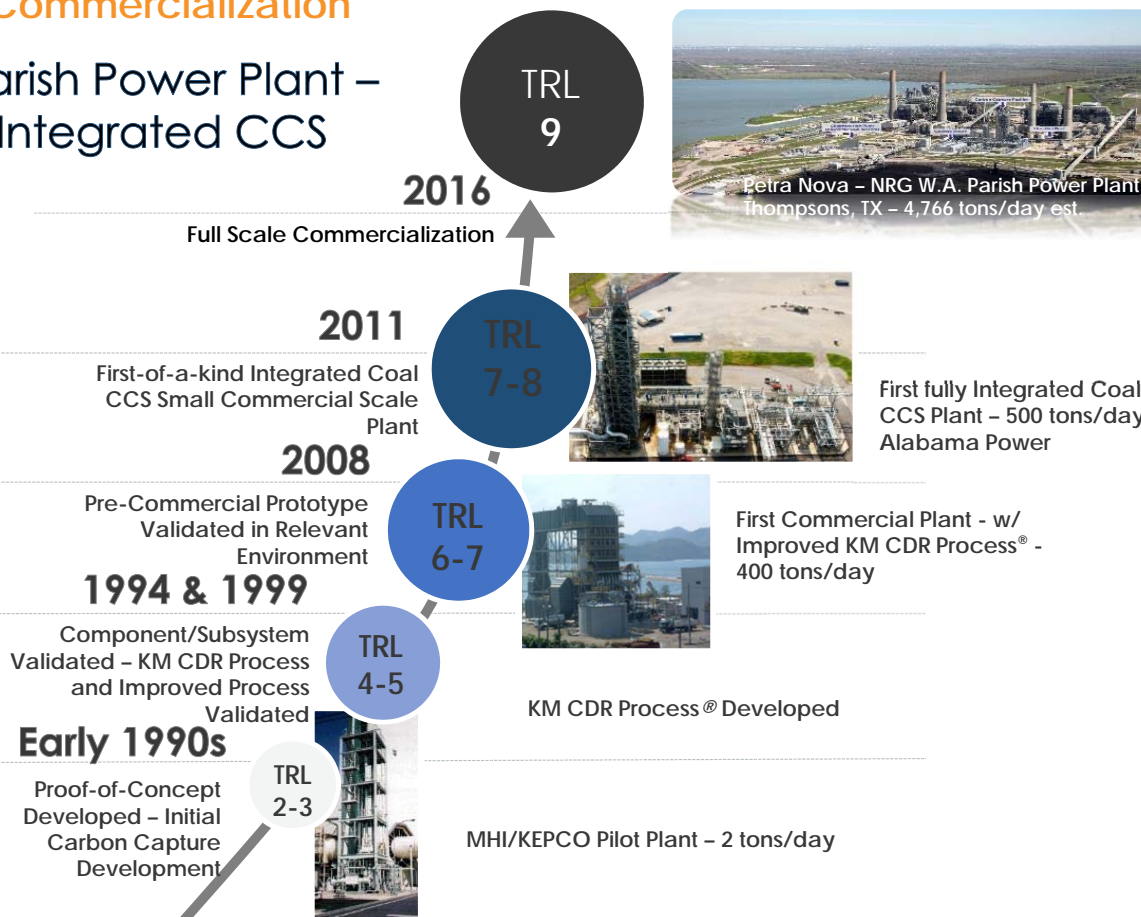
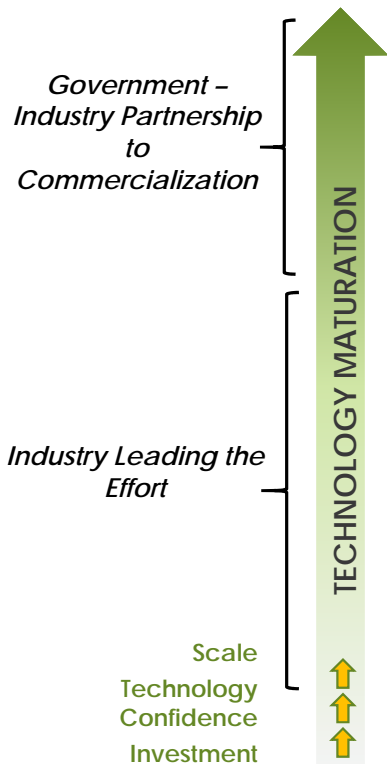


# Petra Nova CO<sub>2</sub> EOR CCS Plant



## From Discovery to Commercialization

NRG W.A. Parish Power Plant – Full Scale Integrated CCS



### TRL 9 COMMERCIALIZATION

*Technology available for wide-scale market use*

### TRL 8 DEMONSTRATION

*System demonstrated in operational environment*

### TRL 6-7 SYSTEM TESTING

*System performance confirmed at pilot-scale*

### TRL 4-5 DEVELOPMENT

*Technology component validated/integrated*

### TRL 1-3 DISCOVERY

*Concept identified/proven at laboratory-scale*

# Established & Expanding Partnerships



An Active Portfolio from Concept to Market Readiness

FE has **over 600 partnerships with industry and academia** and funds **nearly 900 R&D projects** nationwide.

## LARGE BUSINESS PARTNERSHIPS



## SMALL BUSINESS PARTNERSHIPS



## ACADEMIC PARTNERSHIPS



## GOVERNMENT PARTNERSHIPS



# How to work with NETL



The TOOLBOX



- Cooperative Research and Development Agreement (CRADA)
- Contributed Funds-In Agreement (CFA)
- Memorandums of Understanding (MOU)/  
Memorandums of Agreement (MOA)

- Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) & Small Business  
Technology Transfer (STTR) Programs
- Unsolicited Proposals (USP)
- Non-disclosure Agreement (NDA)
- Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA)

## Available Technologies

- NETL's technology portfolio contains a broad range of innovations that have resulted from research
- Technologies and IP available for licensing on NETL's website.

Available Technologies: <https://www.netl.doe.gov/business/tech-transfer/available-technologies>

## Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA)

- NETL uses FedConnect.net, Grants.gov and FedBizOpps.gov to post FOAs
- Proposals and applications are only accepted electronically through FedConnect.net or Grants.gov

Funding Opportunities:

<https://www.netl.doe.gov/business/solicitations>

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