

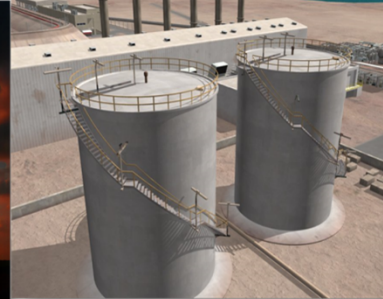


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## Crosscutting Research *Program Overview*

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*Driving Innovation ♦  
Delivering Results*

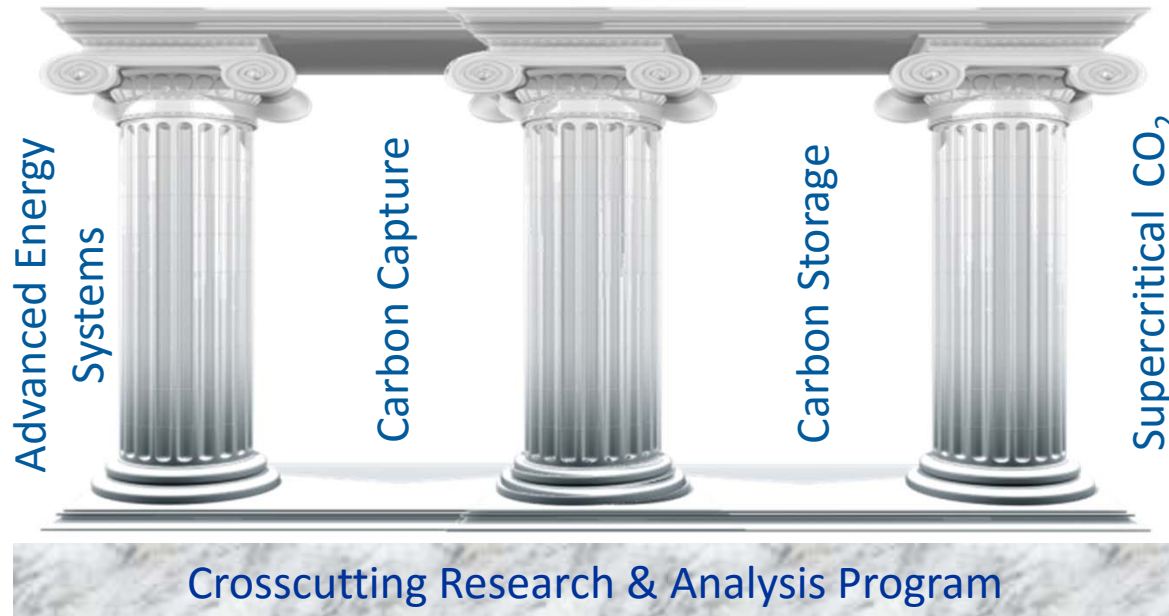
# Crosscutting Research & Analysis

*Targets Support Across Multiple Program Areas*

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National Energy Independence and Reduced Emissions



## Key Technologies

- High Performance Materials
- Sensors & Controls
- Simulation-Based Engineering
- Water Management R&D
- Innovative Energy Concepts

## Key Drivers

- Higher Efficiency
- Process Intensification
- Improve Design Tools
- Improve Process Control
- Lower Water Use

### Transformational Development For On-line Monitoring and Process Control *Faster Response, Improved Knowledge, Better Control*

#### Advanced Sensing and Remote Monitoring

- Harsh environment sensing concepts and approaches for low cost dense distribution of sensors
- Exploration of Sensor Networking using Passive & Active Wireless communication, Thermoelectric & vibration energy harvesting approaches

#### Distributed Intelligence

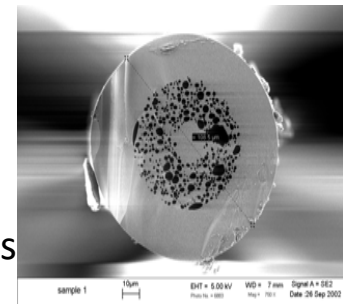
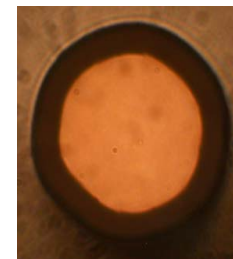
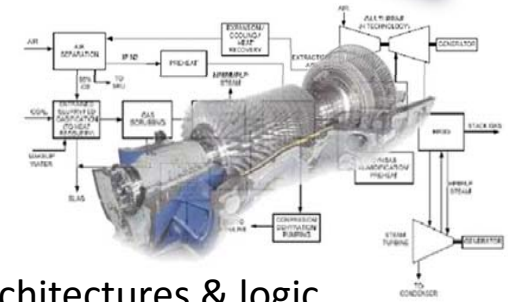
- Computationally driven approaches for novel control architectures & logic, information generation, sensor networking & placement
- Manage complexity inherent to Advanced Systems
- Achieve Performance with Competing Objectives

#### Advanced Manufacturing for Sensors

- Pressure, Strain, Temperature, Impedance Defect
- Basis for integrating sensors into systems, &
- Integration of sensors into design and fabrication of components
- AM techniques to lower cost and improve fabrication

#### Innovative Energy Concepts

- Direct Power Extraction (MHD)

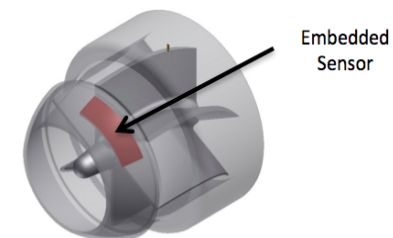
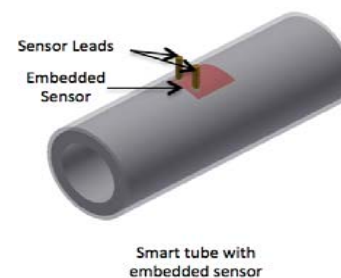
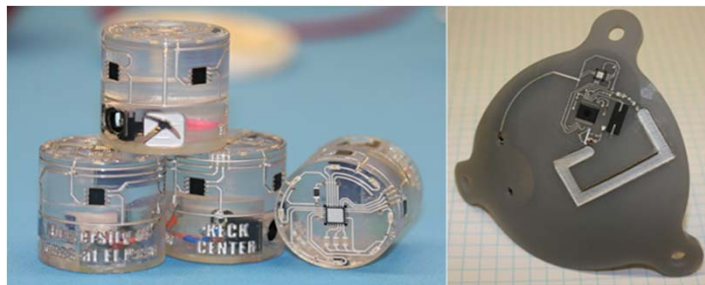
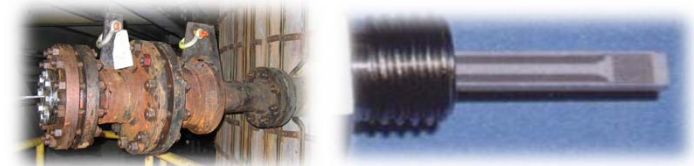


Digital Darwinian  
world reveals  
architecture of  
evolution  
(Nature Physics )

# Crosscutting Research & Analysis

## Motivation for Sensors and Control Technology Research

- **Low cost, high benefit technology**
- **Existing technology is inadequate**
  - Sensing in harsh conditions
  - Controls to manage complexities within plant and frequent changes (e.g set point, integration with renewables)
- **Boosts efficiency of existing facilities**
- **Contributes to higher reliability or reduction in forced outages**
- **Enables integration and coordination with all power generation technologies and related infrastructures**
- **Essential for operation of future ultra clean energy plant**



# Crosscutting Technology Research

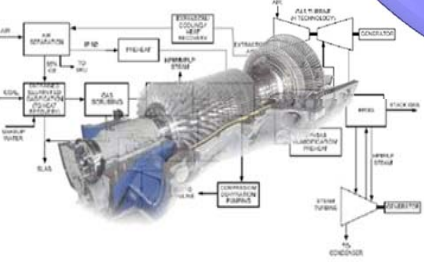
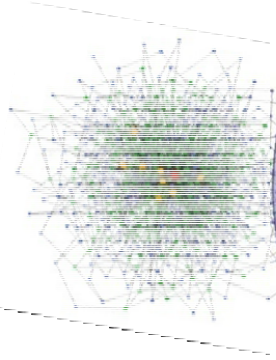
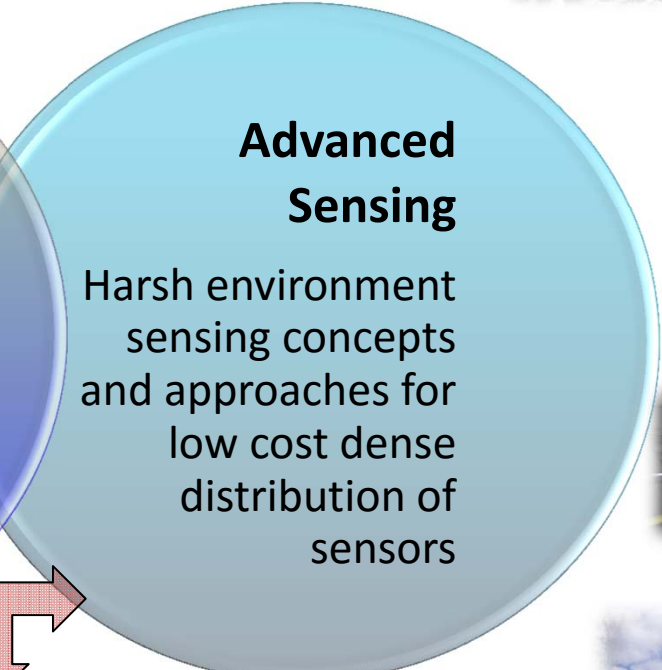
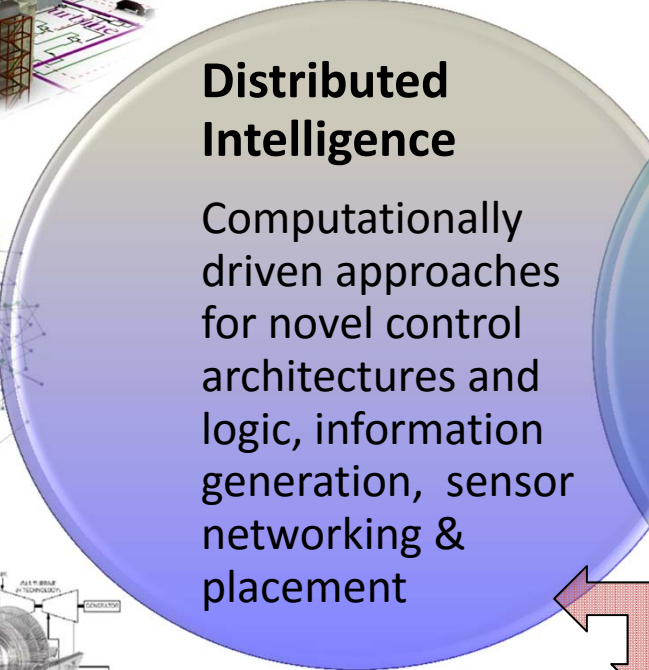
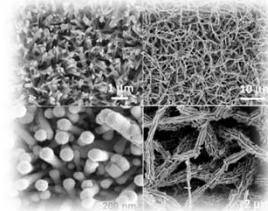
## Advanced Process Controls

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**Targeted to be  
Transformational Development  
In Process Monitoring and Control**



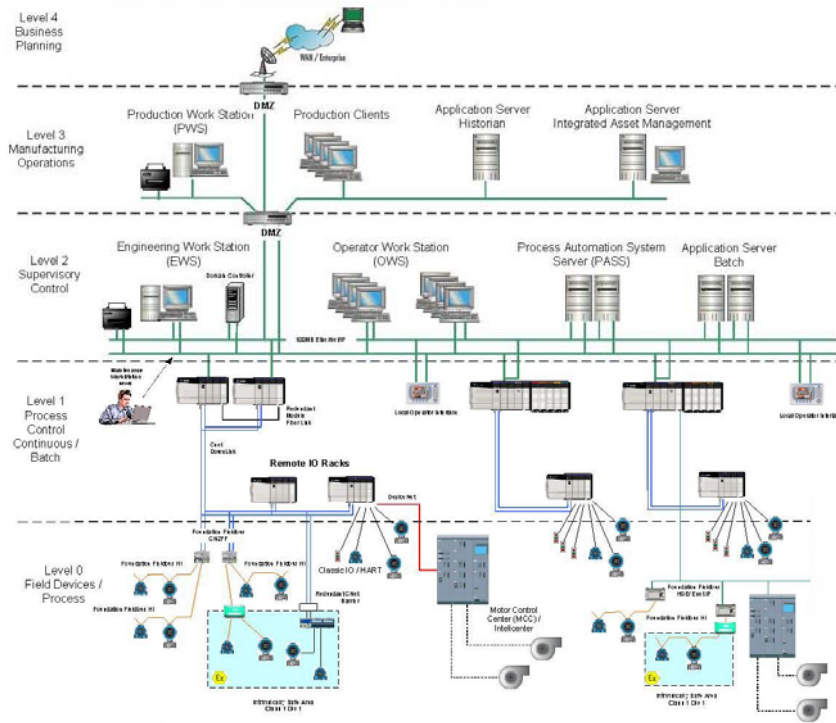
**Value derived from an Encompassing Approach,  
A purposeful applied development effort, and a  
Clear pathway for transitioning technology**



# Evolutionary vs Revolutionary Control

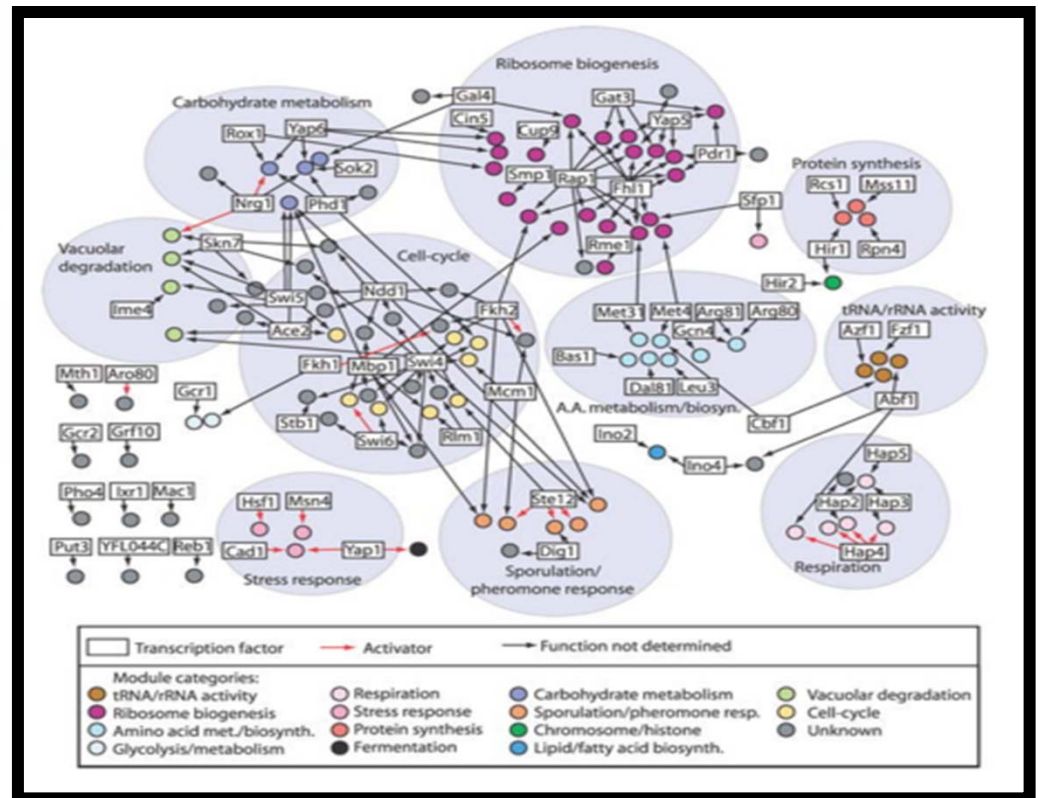
## Challenging conventional architectures to support advancements in computational intelligence

New approaches mimic biological systems, utilize distributed intelligence, and designed to handle complexity



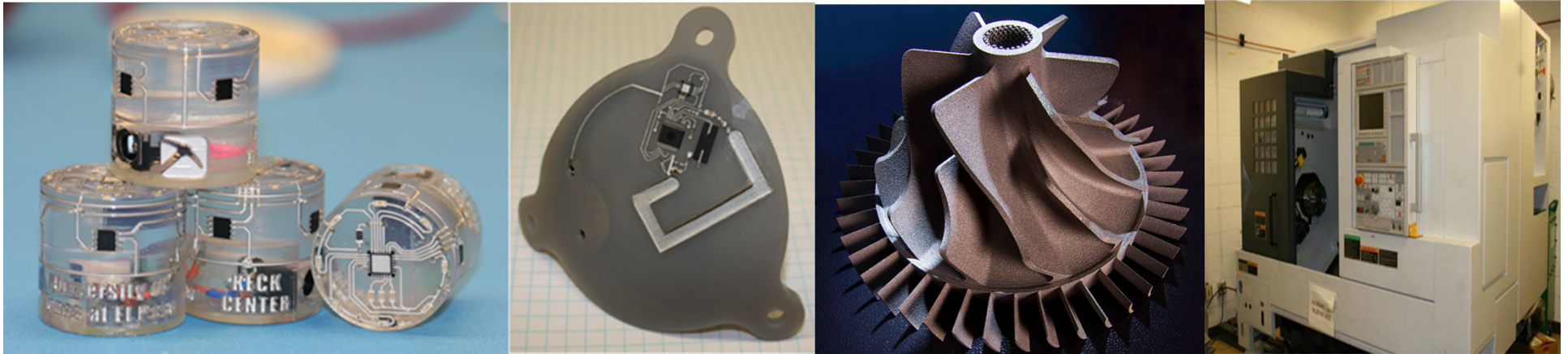
### Traditional Control Architecture For Distributed Control Systems (DCS)

- Linear and based on minimization of error and set points



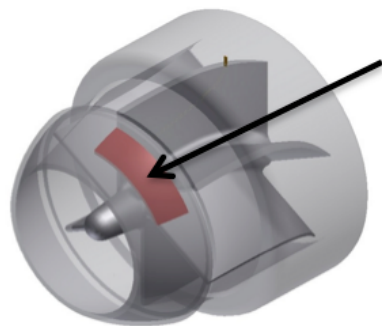
# Distributed Intelligence Approach





## Quantitative Evaluation of Embedded Sensing Capability

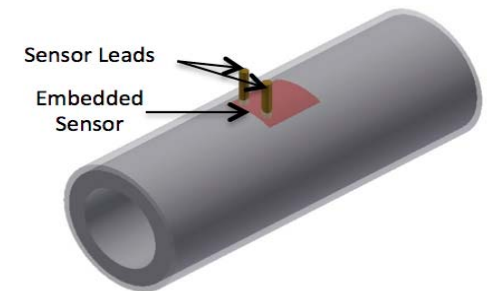
- Pressure, Strain, Temperature, Impedance Defect
- UTEP has a world class facility for Advanced Manufacturing
- Minority based Institution with excellent staff and students



Embedded Sensor

## Transformational effort

- Basis for integrating sensors into systems, and
- Integration of sensors into design and fabrication of components

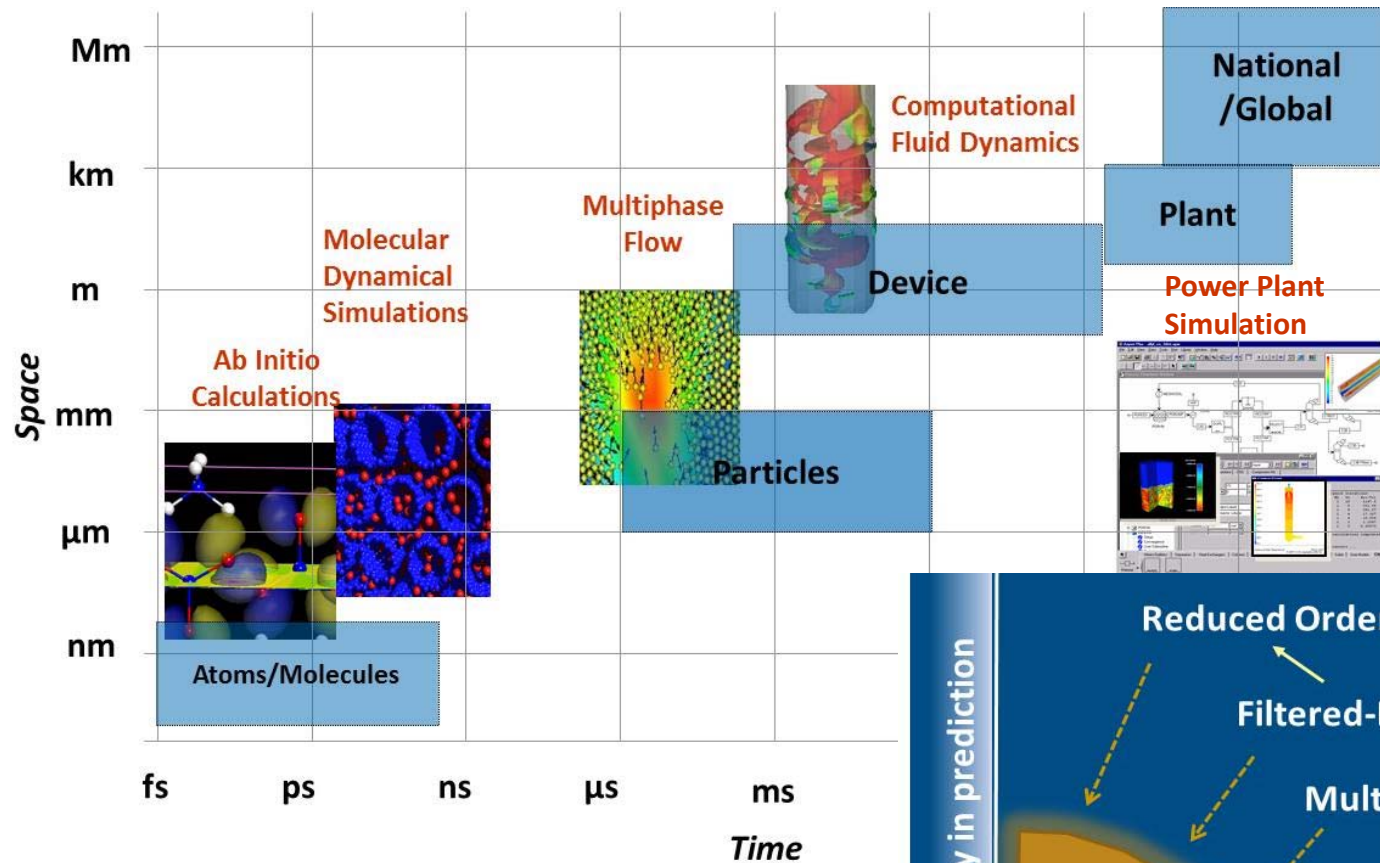


Smart tube with embedded sensor



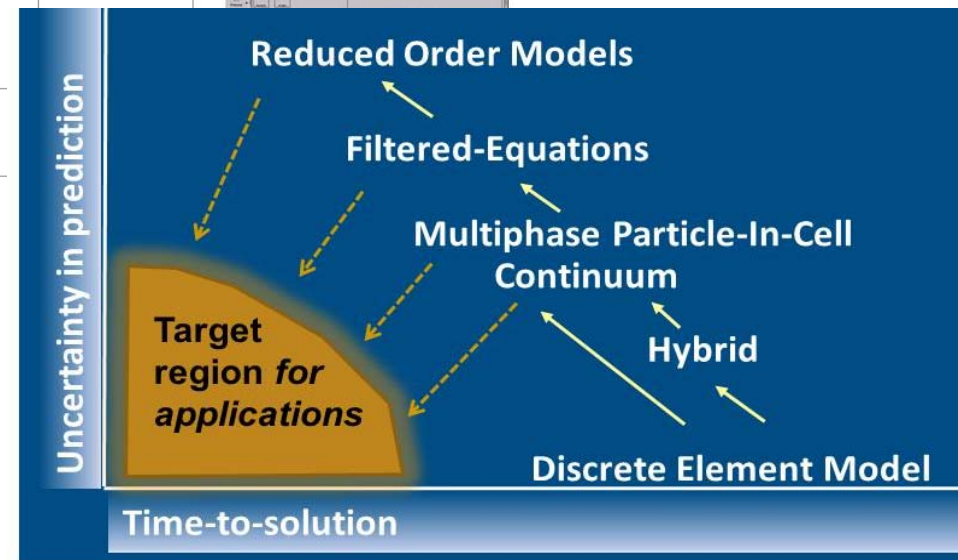
- **Operational and Reliability challenges at full scale...**
- **Start up, Shutdown, Load following and Cycling**
- **Integration of plant operation with grid, water, emissions, CO<sub>2</sub> capture and storage operations**
- **Competing and conflicting objectives for plant operation and control**
- **Complexity in plant design and control objectives is driving advancements in process control**
- **Harsh environments are driving advances in sensing**
- **Need for real time “actionable information” is driving low cost sensor networks**

# Computational Modeling: Scale Comparison



**Computational Tools and Analysis for a Broad Set of Applications**

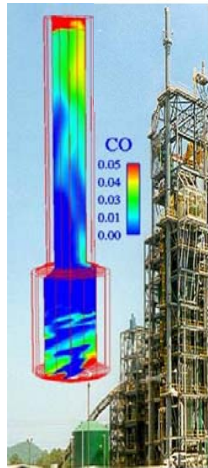
*All concepts, technologies and systems can and should be described in a computational format.*



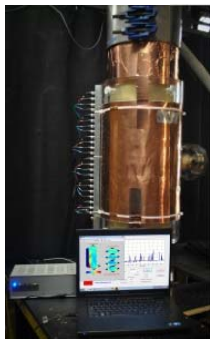
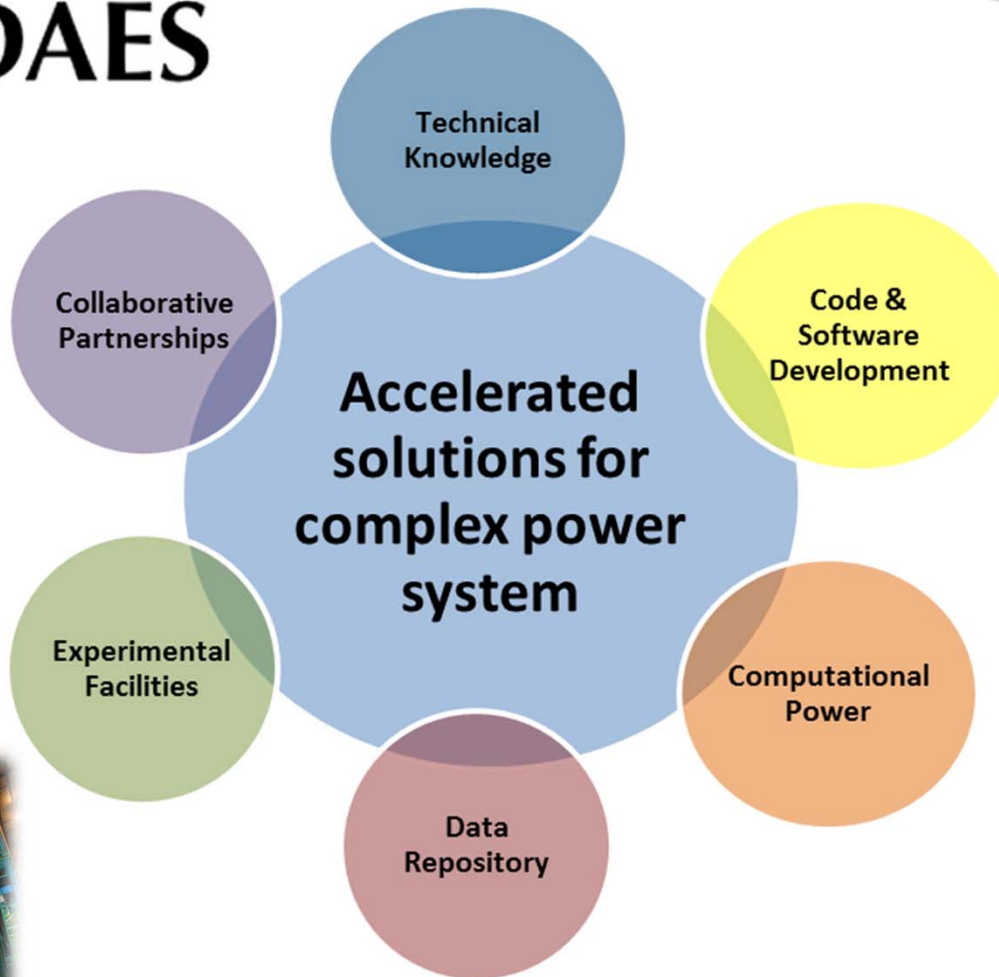
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## Simulation-Based Engineering

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# iDAES



- **Mission**

- Enable the development of innovative, advanced energy systems by developing and utilizing advanced process systems engineering tools and approaches

- **Energy System Applications**

- Fossil Energy: Chemical Looping, Transformational Carbon Capture Technologies, Supercritical CO<sub>2</sub>, Hybrid Systems, Gasification, Natural Gas Processes
- Other applications: Biofuels, Green Chemistry, Nuclear, Environmental Management

- **Technical Capabilities**

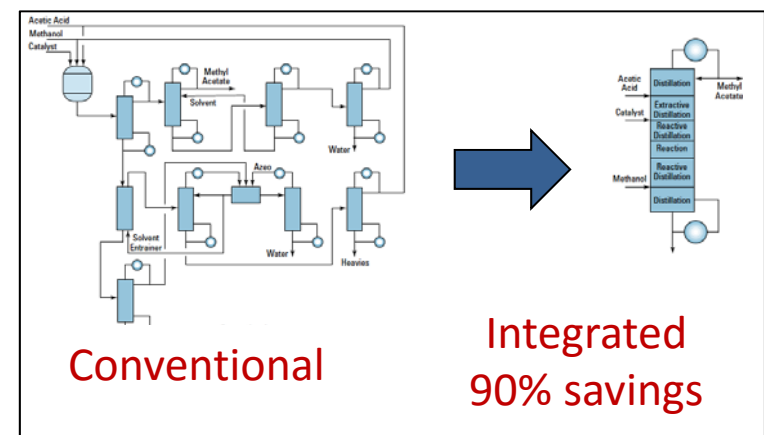
- Process intensification, conceptual design, process synthesis, optimization, and process integration
- Multi-scale simulation with uncertainty quantification
- Simultaneously identify material, equipment and process
- Dynamic optimization for flexible, resilient processes
- High resolution submodel development
- Utilizes supercomputers for large scale simulation

- **Benefits to DOE**

- Develop entirely new equipment and process designs for advanced energy systems
- Use advanced process systems engineering to better differentiate new technology concepts
- Support the development, scale up, and deployment of new energy technologies

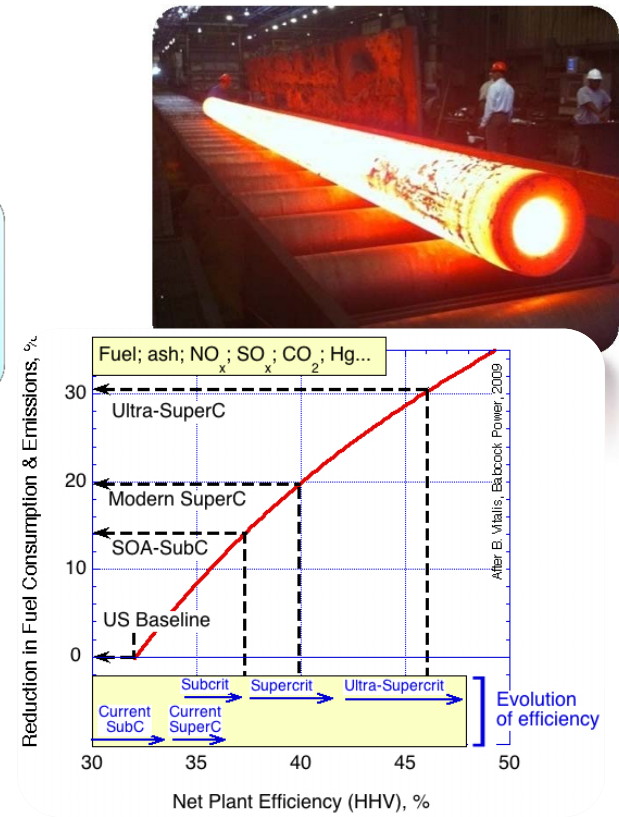
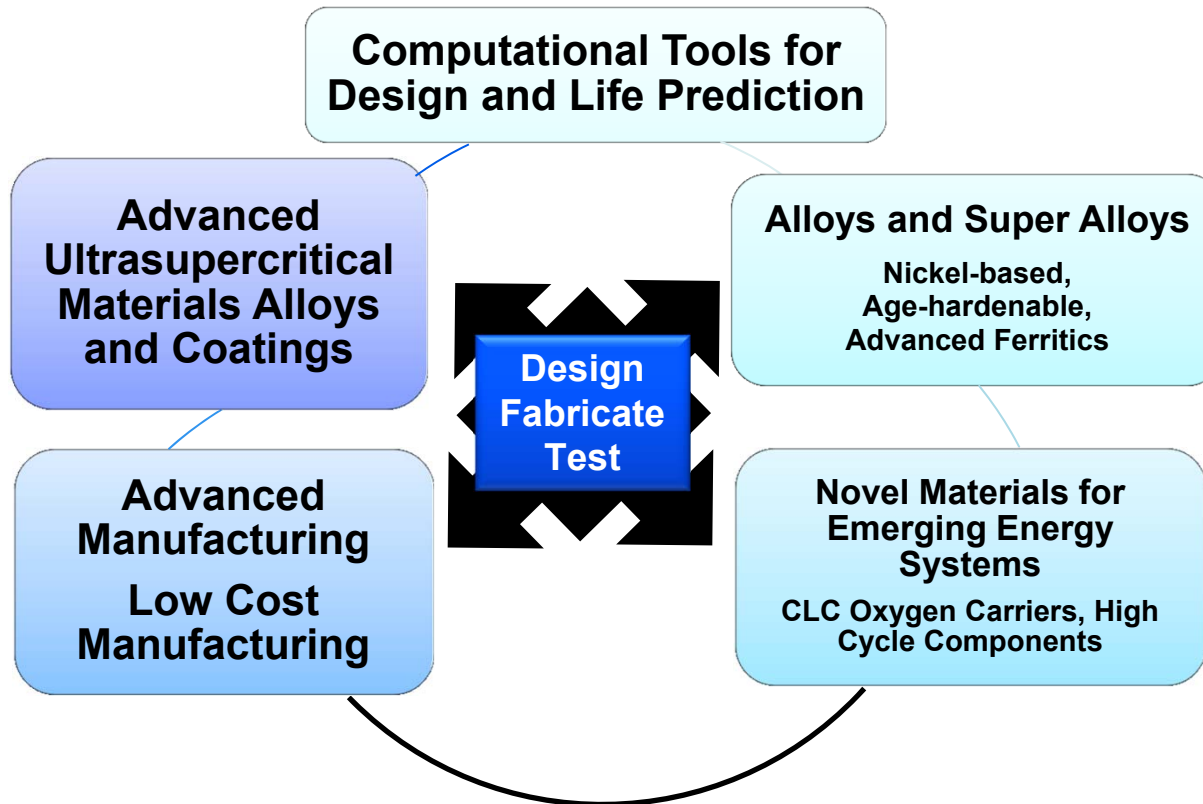
- **NETL Leadership**

- NETL and its partners are recognized world experts in Process Systems Engineering
- The experience, software and methods developed under CCSI will form the foundation of iDAES



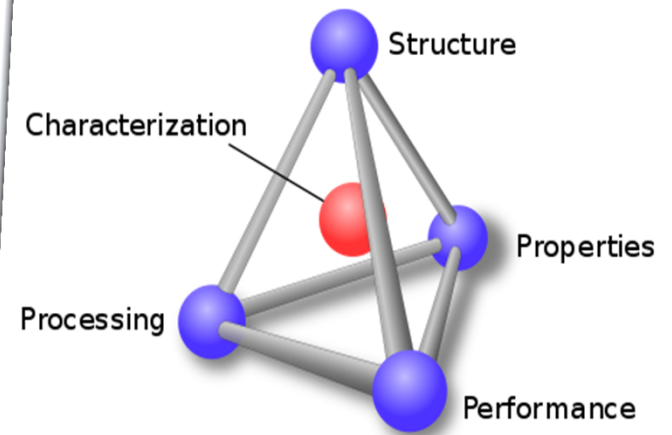
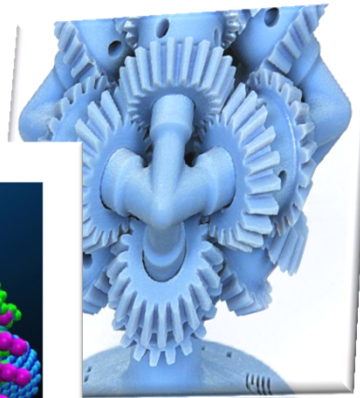
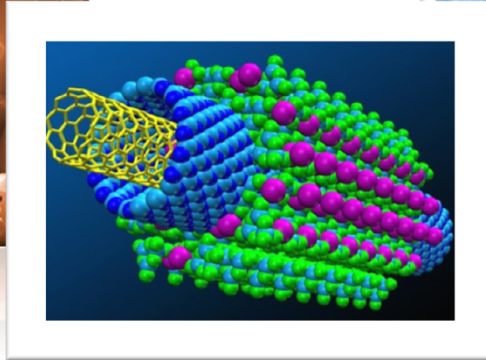
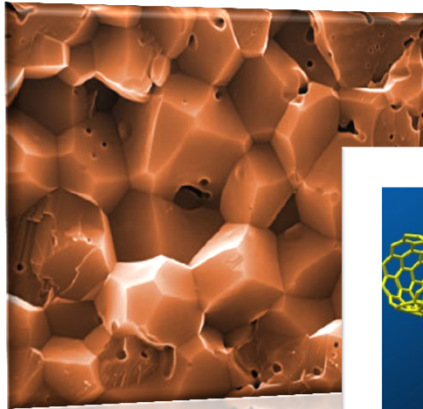
# High Performance Materials

- New materials are essential for advanced power generation systems with carbon capture and storage capability to achieve performance, efficiency, and cost goals.
- Materials of interest are those that enable components and equipment to perform in the harsh environments of an advanced power system.

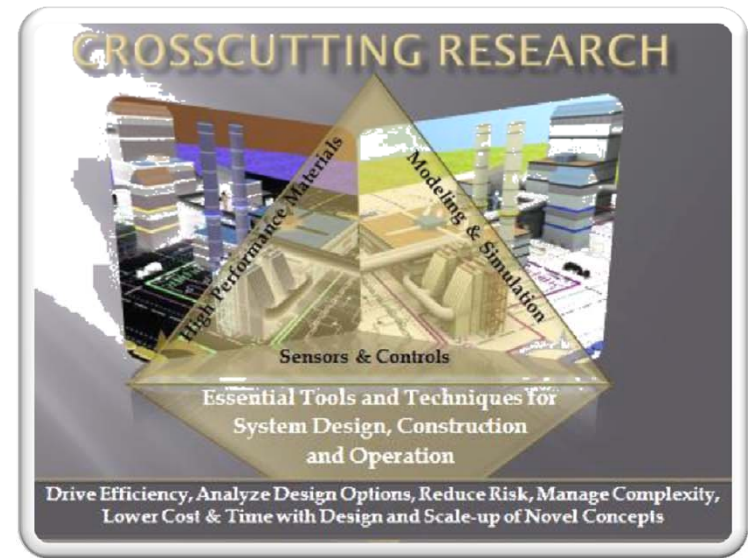


- Evaluate and develop materials technologies that allow use of advanced steam cycles in coal-based power plants operating at steam conditions of up to 760 °C (1400 °F) and 5,000 psi.
- New novel materials can allow for increased temperature and pressure, resulting in power plant efficiencies of 45-47%, and CO<sub>2</sub> emissions reduction of 15 to 20%.
- Developing materials to enable an oxygen fired A-USC plant would lower balance of plant cost due to less coal handling and smaller pollution control components for the same net plant output.
- Computational methods applied to the design, development, and optimization of materials accelerate creation of cost-effective, functional materials **deployable with less repetitive testing**; advanced plants go operational more rapidly.
- US/UK research collaboration on advanced materials

# What's Next in Materials?



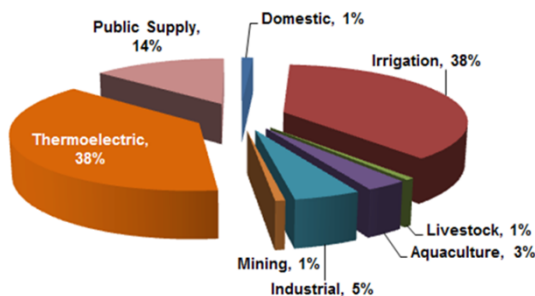
- Supply chain development of materials with greatest market value potential
- High temperature, high cycle materials for fast ramping
- Structured performance evaluation program of materials
- Optimization of Advanced Manufacturing for functional and structural materials
  - Rapid prototyping to support evaluation and design
- Transformational engineering of ceramics for high temperature functional applications
- Magneto Hydrodynamic & Rare Earth Materials



### New & Existing Power Plants must Optimize Water Use

- Optimize the freshwater efficiency of energy production, electricity generation, & end use systems for Today's & Tomorrow's Power Plant Systems
- Optimize the energy efficiency of water management, treatment, distribution, and end use systems
- Enhance the reliability and resilience of energy & water systems
- Increase safe and productive use of nontraditional water sources (e.g. MWT, Produced Waters)
- Promote responsible energy operations with respect to water quality, ecosystem, & seismic impacts
- Exploit productive synergies among water and energy systems

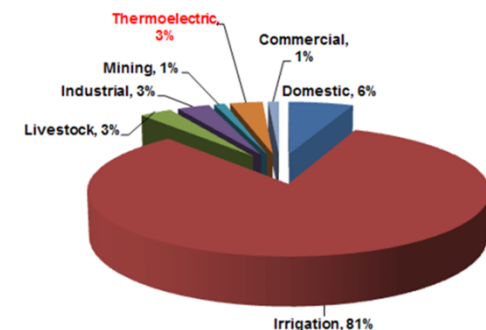
U.S. Freshwater Withdrawal<sup>1</sup>



**2010 Thermoelectric  
Freshwater Requirements:**  
Withdrawal: ~ 117 BGD  
Consumption: ~ 4 BGD

**80% Increase in water consumption for  
CO<sub>2</sub> Capture & Storage**

U.S. Freshwater Consumption<sup>2</sup>





- **Advanced / Novel Heat Transfer and Cooling Systems**
  - *Wet, Dry, Hybrid*
  - *Incremental & Step Change Improvements*
  - *Advanced Manufacturing of Recuperators for Combustion Turbines*
- **Water Treatment and Reuse**
  - *Economic Pathways for Zero Liquid Discharge*
  - *Treatment of high TDS Waters (promote greater Water Reuse – collaboration with CS)*
- **Process Efficiency and Heat Utilization:**
  - *Pathways for produce more power per unit of water withdrawn, consumed, and treated*
  - *Utilization of Low-Grade Heat*
  - *Bottoming Cycles*
- **Data, Modeling and Analysis**
  - *Tools to enable regional and plant level decision making*
  - *Develop a National Water Atlas*
- **Breakthrough or Out of the Box**
  - *Low / No water FE based Systems, Distributed Generation, Grid Upgrades*

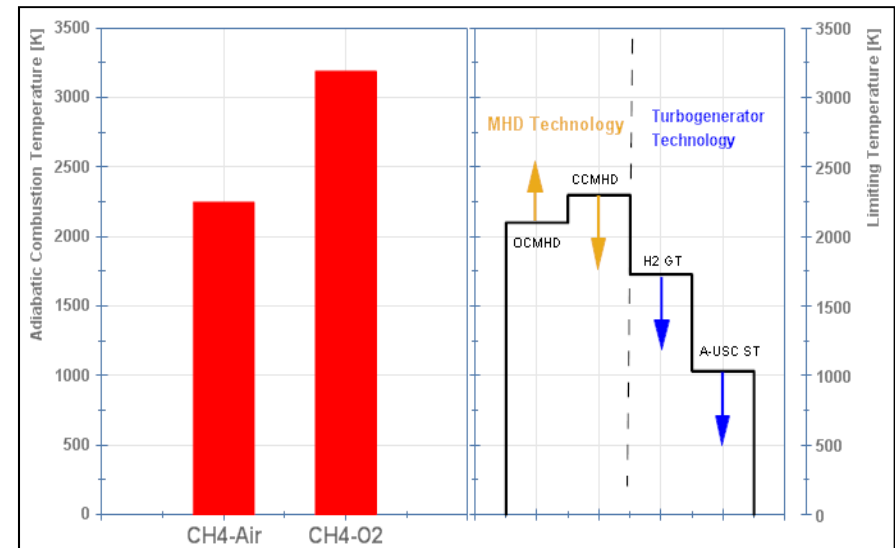
# Innovative Energy Concepts

## Direct Power Extraction – R&D Motivations & Benefits

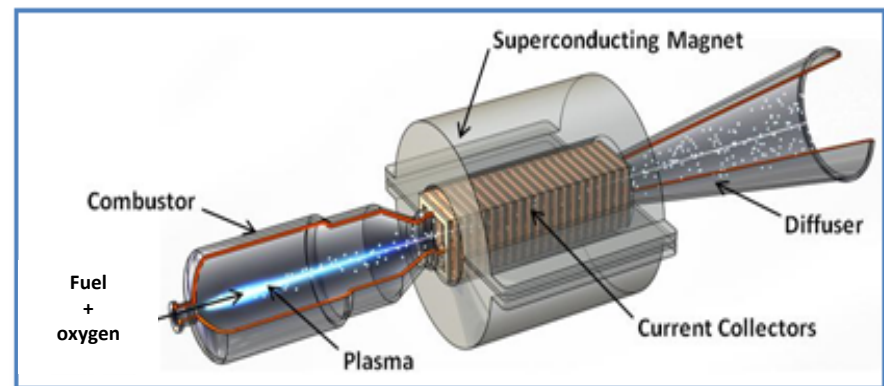
- To “Step Increase” power generation efficiency
  - By using much higher cycle temperatures

**Carnot Limit**  $n_{th} \leq 1 - \frac{T_C}{T_H}$

- Advantageous as topping cycles**
  - Non-disruptive to existing technologies
- Improved CO<sub>2</sub> capture performance**
  - Synergistic with oxy-fuel approach
- Flexible systems**
  - Coal + natural gas + bio-fuels
- Compact systems**
  - Small footprint & potentially portable
- Ancillary benefits to emerging technologies in**
  - Plasma processing technology
  - Field assisted material processing
  - Aerospace propulsion applications
  - High temperature materials



DPE MHD technology fits the oxy-fuel “temperature spectrum”



Oxy-fuel OCMHD Power Train. 200MW<sub>e</sub> channel ~ 0.5x0.5x10m

# University Training Research

## University Coal Research

Started in 1979, the program was designed to raise the level of competitiveness of universities in fossil energy research committed to improving the scientific understanding and environmental acceptability of coal while training new generations of research scientists and engineers.

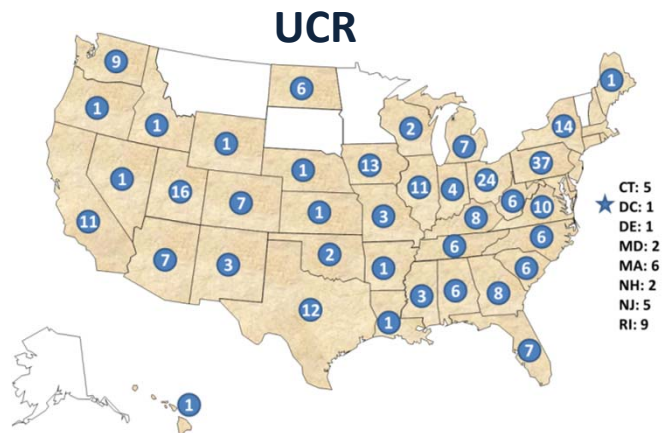
- ❖ Students are expected to present project progress at annual review meetings.
- ❖ Over 2500 students are estimated to have received degrees while conducting research under the program.

## Historically Black Colleges & Universities

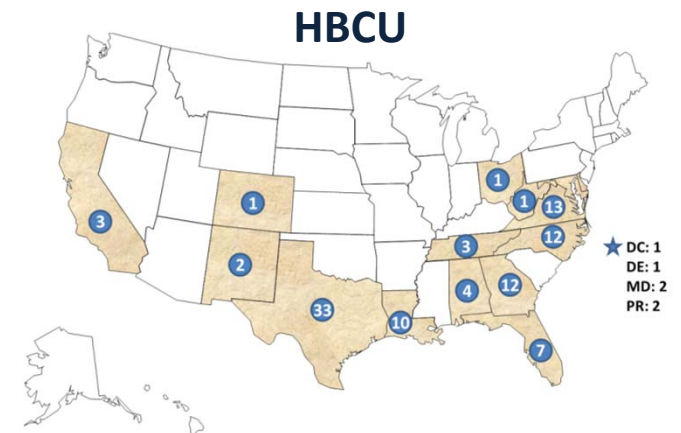
Started in 1984, the program was designed to raise the level of competitiveness of HBCU/OMIs in fossil energy research and tap an under-utilized resource by increasing opportunities in the areas of science, engineering, and technical management.

- ❖ Each grant typically involves **3-5 students** throughout the duration of the project.
- ❖ Students are expected to present project progress at annual review meetings.

### Grants Awarded – By State Period FY95 to FY14



- UCR Program Results:**
- ☐ 1000+ Technical Papers
  - ☐ 10+ Technical Awards
  - ☐ 7 Patents Issued to Date
- HBCU Program Results:**
- ☐ 500+ Technical Papers
  - ☐ 5+ Technical Awards
  - ☐ 2 Patents Issued to Date



# Opportunities for Work with NETL?

1. NETL Research Program uses the following sites:

- Fedconnect <https://www.fedconnect.net/FedConnect/>
- Grants.gov <http://grants.gov/>
- FedBizOpps <https://www.fbo.gov/>

to post solicitations/funding opportunity announcements, receive proposals/applications, and disseminate other information for competitive awards.

2. Cooperative Research and Development Agreements (CRADA) allow for joint research and development performed by NETL and CRADA participant researchers. Cost sharing between NETL and the CRADA participant is essential.
3. Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) is a U.S. government program in which federal agencies set aside a small fraction of their funding for competitions among small businesses only. Small businesses that win awards in these programs keep the rights to any technology developed and are encouraged to commercialize the technology.
4. The Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) is a program that expands funding opportunities in the federal innovation research and development (R&D) arena. The unique feature of the STTR program is the requirement for the small business to formally collaborate with a research institution in Phase I and Phase II.

# It's All About a Clean, Affordable Energy Future

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