## **RIC Advanced Sensors & Controls FWP** Overview

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First a little about the Research & Innovation Center...



## Research Focus by Site









## NETL Core Competencies



#### EFFECTIVE RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT • EFFICIENT ENERGY CONVERSION • ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

COMPUTATIONAL SCIENCE & ENGINEERING	Materials Engineering & Manufacturing	GEOLOGICAL & Environmental Systems	Energy Conversion Engineering	Strategic Systems Analysis & Engineering	Research Planning & Delivery
High Performance Computing	Structural & Functional Materials	Geo-Analysis & Monitoring	Reaction Engineering	Energy Process & System Engineering	Technical Project Management
Multi-Scale Modeling Atomistic to Device	Design, Synthesis, & Performance	Reservoir Engineering	Design & Validation Thermal Sciences	Multi-scale Modeling, Simulations & Optimization	Business Management & Agreements
Artificial Intelligence & Machine Learning	Characterization	Geochemistry	Advanced System Engineering	Energy Markets Analysis	S



# Technology Development Pathway



#### An Active Portfolio from Concept to Market Readiness





## Power Generation Case Study: Texas freeze

- Storm Feb 11-19, 2021
- At coldest point, Feb 15-16, Houston had snow and temperatures as low as 15°F, and widespread subfreezing temperatures across Texas.
- Major generation failures after 11 PM Feb 15 due to cold
- Wind and solar decrease at onset of storm

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ERCOT hourly electricity by fuel, Feb. 3-16, 2021, MWh. Source: Hitachi ABB Power Grids (Power Magazine, 2/19/2021)





## **Changing Requirements for Fossil Energy Power**



### Increase Flexibility, Reduce CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions

# Executive Order 14008 includes a goal of a carbon pollution-free electricity sector by 2035

#### How do we get there?

Fossil power plants

- Improve dispatchable power flexibility
- Integrate operation with energy storage
- Integrate with carbon capture

This will require development of

- Sensors to increase actionable plant information
- Optimized plant and grid control strategies
- Integrated system dynamic controls
- Sensors to assure environmental safety of carbon storage



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Dispatchable power generation must flex better to coordinate with renewables to meet power demand while reducing CO<sub>2</sub> emissions.



## Technology Challenges for Sensors and Controls for Flexible Fossil Energy and Carbon Management





#### Carbon Storage and Subterranean chemistry

- Assure CO<sub>2</sub> storage stability
- At the Wellhead
- Downhole
- High pressure water or brine



# Hydrogen Production and Utilization

- Thermal gasification 1100 - 1500°C
- Microwave fuel reforming
- Chemical Looping
- Hydrogen GT
- SOFC/SOEC
- Ammonia systems



#### Hybrid Systems

- 800°C in fuel cell
- 1500°C in GT
- Transient controls
- + Storage or polygen



#### **Novel Systems**

- Direct Air Capture
- Supercritical CO2 cycles
- FE + storage
- FE + biomass
- FE + plastics



#### Cybersecurity



### Sensors & Instruments

- High temperature
  optical fiber sensors
  - Crystalline fiber
  - Sensing materials
  - Interrogation
- Real-time gas composition analysis
- LIBS for subterranean chemical sensing
- In-boiler temperature
  field measurements

### **Controls**

- Testing online system identification for detecting equipment problems
- Cyber-physical systems as a hybrid power plant development acceleration tool

### <u>Cybersecurity and</u> <u>Novel Concepts</u>

- VLC Alternative to WiFi
- Strengthening Cybersecurity with Fast Proxy Models in High Fidelity Digital Twins
- Al for screening and design of functional materials
- Quantum sensors for fossil energy applications



**Optical Fiber Sensing for Harsh Fossil Energy Applications** 

**Developing materials** and methods for fiber-based sensing concepts to provide spatially resolved chemical species and temperature measurements from an optical fiber at harsh conditions

(>800°C)

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Material modeling



Commercial and novel multipoint interrogation **High Temperature Reactors** 

Fossil energy relevant gases

#### Dr. Michael Buric at 10:10 ET



**Functional** 



## Multipoint Boiler Tube Temperature Monitoring







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## Fast Raman Gas Analyzer



- Applications to **power generation** and **chemical process control** •
- Prototype tested in pilot scale laboratory applications •
- Fast 1 second measurement time •
- Species concentrations measured to 0.1% •
- Optical waveguide technology boosts Raman signal more than 1000X •
- No recalibration needed in normal operation •
- EY21: Construction of new rack-mount size design •





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# Novel Methods for Boiler Temperature Mapping



**Engineered Reactive Particles** 



Implementation of temperature sensing particle into a boiler.





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Apply to boiler, HRSG, or large industrial process

# LIBS for Subterranean Sensing



• Objective: Development, optimization and testing of a deployable miniaturized LIBS system for subterranean chemical sensing





### Advanced Controls and Cyber-physical Systems

- Partner with Ames NL on design method and use of cyberphysical systems for accelerating research and technology maturation
- Demonstrate utility of online system identification for detection of tube leaks, and support technology transfer to industry



#### Model-Free Control (Agent-Based)

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- Reconfigurable on different power plants
- Multi-agents emulate intelligent control
- Agents can coordinate their behavior to achieve multiple objectives
- Load following was achieved while minimizing the transient impact on efficiency



# **Cybersecurity and Machine Learning**





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