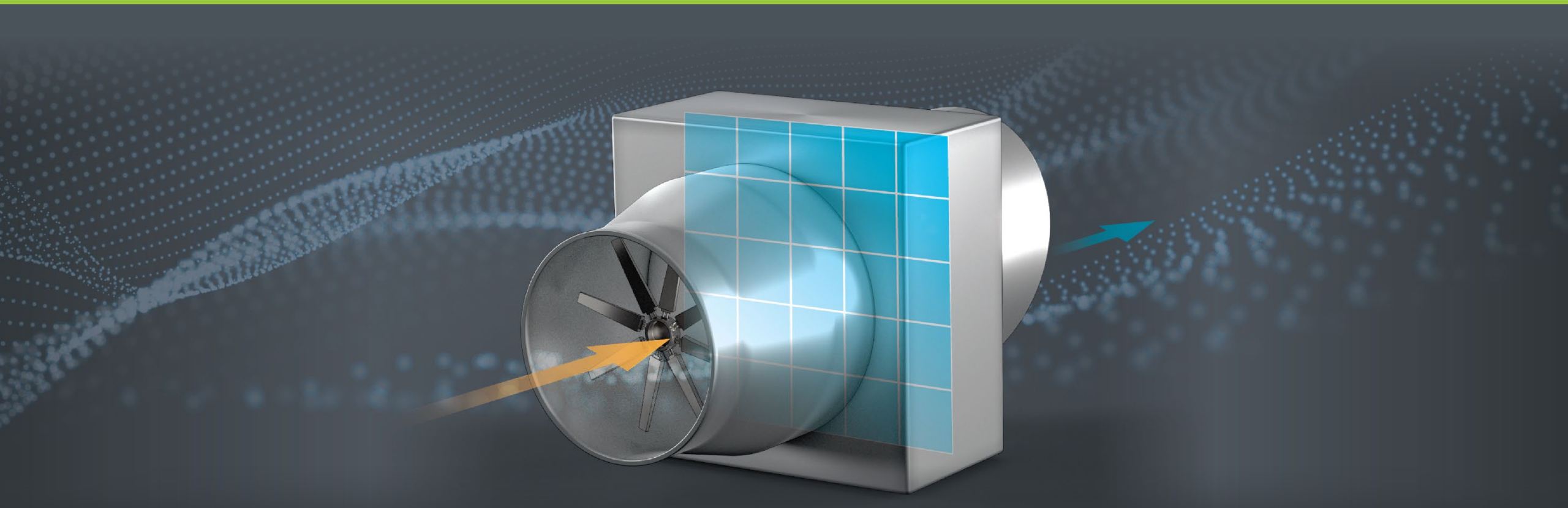


# NETL Direct Air Capture (DAC) Center



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# DAC Center Overview

- ✓ \$20M budgeted for NETL to create a National DAC Test Center, with \$25M authorized
- ✓ Test capture materials, integrate capture and regeneration processes, advance developer skids
- ✓ Integrated experimental and modeling facility to rapidly advance DAC technologies from TRL 2 to 6
- ✓ Capture data → test in model → test commercially viable processes



## CAPABILITIES

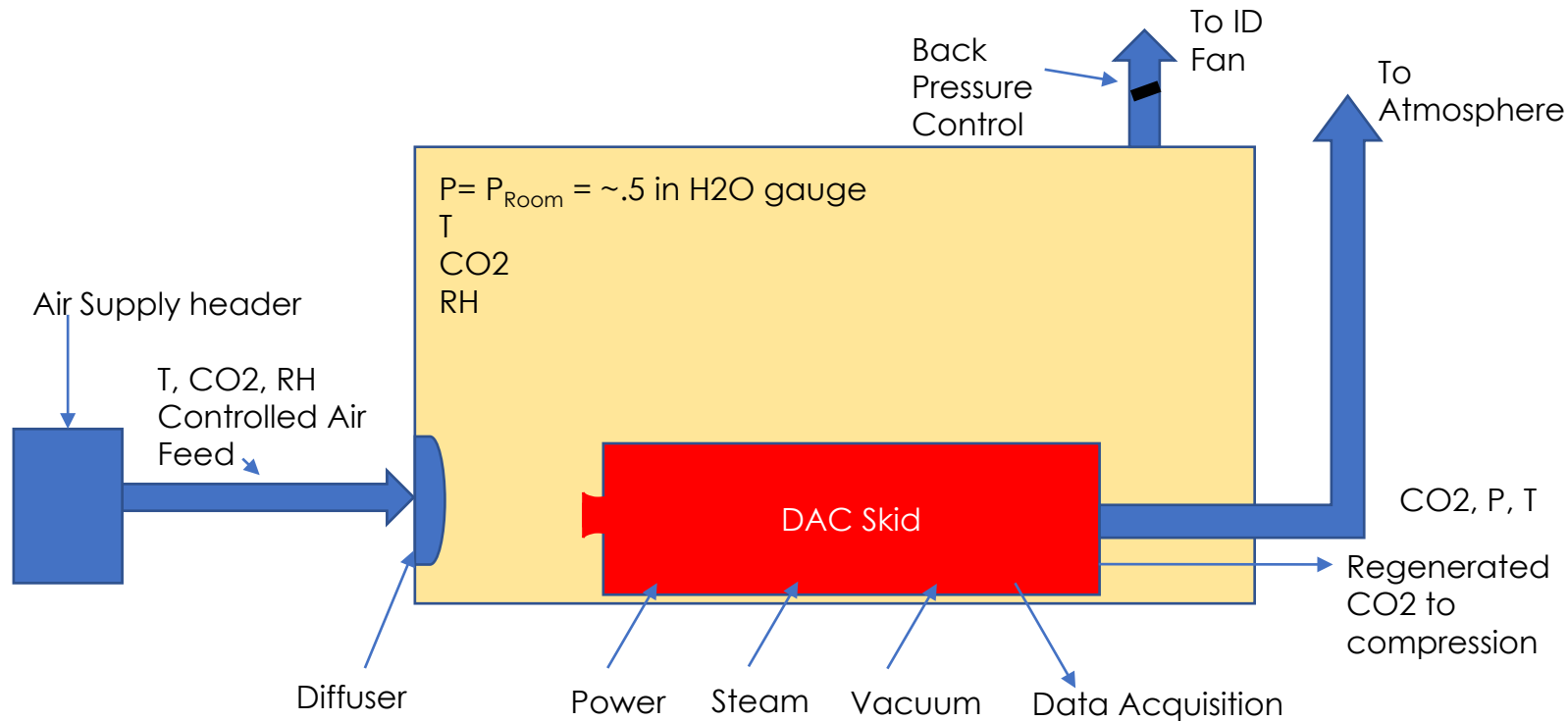
3-4 batch reactors for novel solvent and sorbent material development	2-3 reconfigurable test beds with flexible reactor designs	2 full test cells for evaluating developer-built DAC skids	Advanced instrumentation with remote and autonomous operation	Air feed with a wide variety of environmental conditions	Compression and storage equipment for reuse of captured CO <sub>2</sub> at NETL
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# DAC Center Test Capabilities

## Skid Rooms and Developmental Reactors

- Nominal air feed – 2000 to 3000 scfm
- Concentration– 400 to 600 ppm of CO<sub>2</sub>
- Humidity – RH= 20% to ~98 %
- Temperature – T = -10C to 40C
- CO<sub>2</sub> exit conditions – 50% to 90% reduction
- Utilities
  - Power
  - Steam
  - Vacuum
- Instrumentation and Controls
  - CO<sub>2</sub>, Temperature, Pressure (feed, effluent and numerous locations within the process loops)
  - Remote access for operational control
  - 24/7 operation

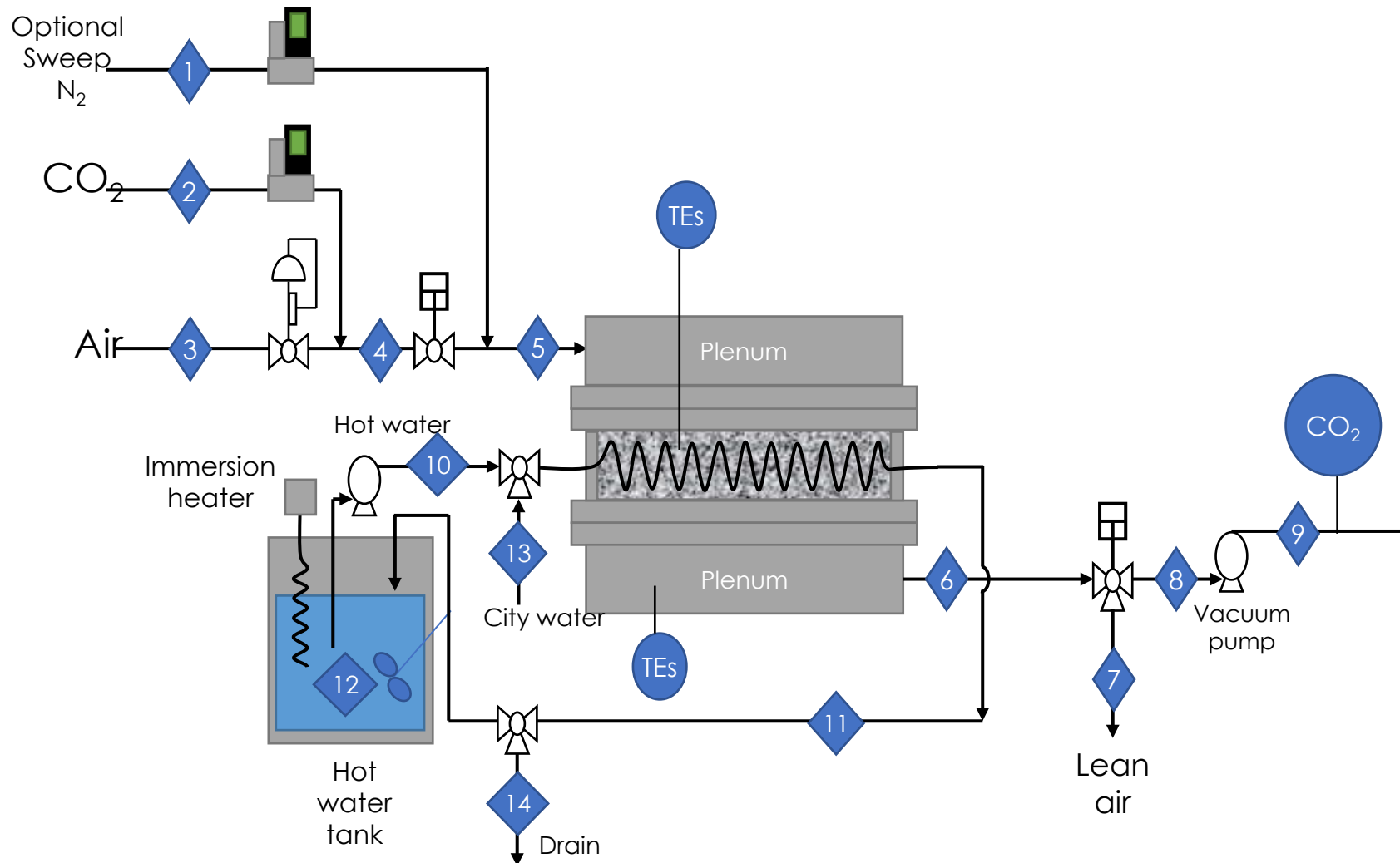
# DAC Skid Test Cell



## Features:

- Two identical test rooms
- Test cell supplied with 3000+ scfm of CO2, temperature and RH controlled air
- Cell maintained at 0.5 in water while feeding test skid at up to 3000 scfm of air to treat
- Power, steam, vacuum and data acquisition provided
- Private control room
- 24/7 operation with remote operator access and control

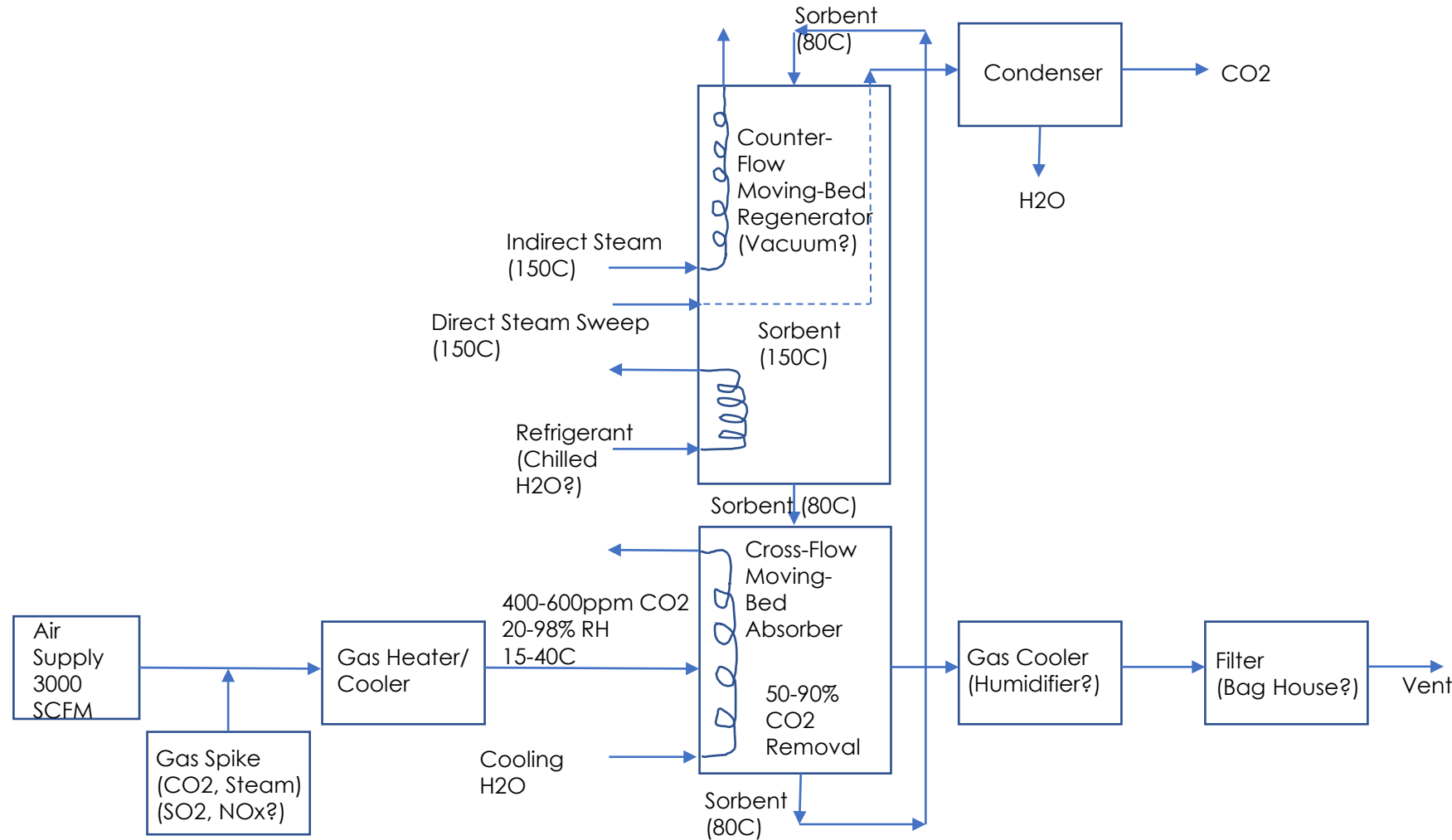
# Reconfigurable Cyclic Test Bed



## Features:

- Test bed supplied with up to 3000 scfm of CO<sub>2</sub>, temperature and RH controlled air
- Power, steam, vacuum and data acquisition available
- 24/7 operation with remote operator access
- Bed expandable from 6 inches to 36 inches
- Bed can be monolith, particles, or fiber mats
- In bed cooling and heating
- Ability for steam sweep

# Moving Bed Cross Flow Reactor for Continuous Removal

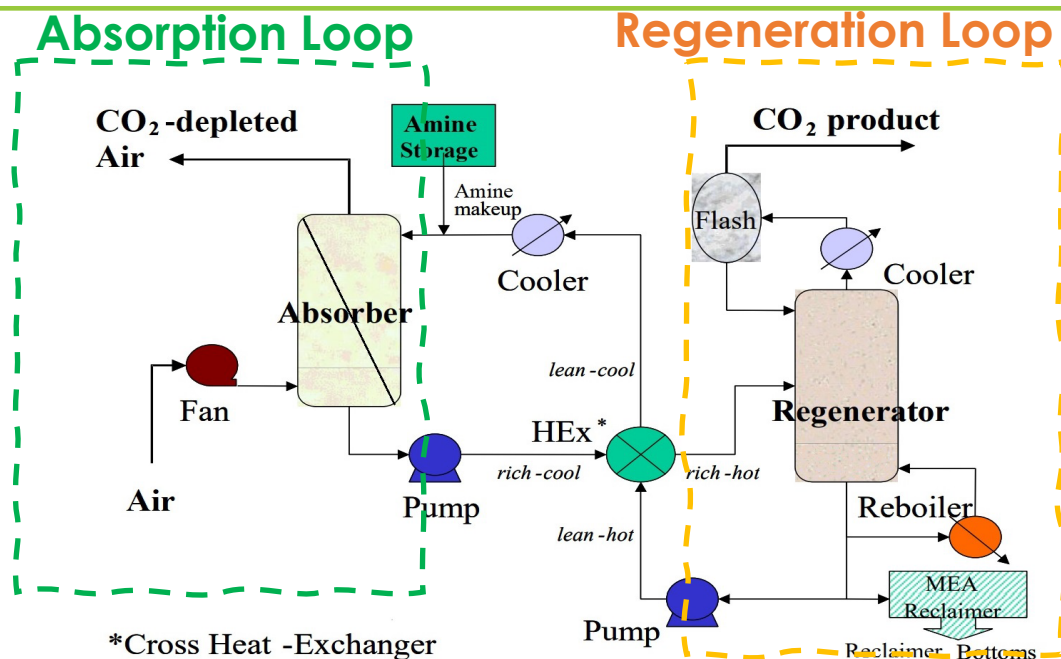


## Features:

- Test bed supplied with up to 3000 scfm of CO2, temperature and RH controlled air
- Power, steam, vacuum and data acquisition available
- 24/7 operation with remote operator access
- Bed expandable from 6 inches to 36 inches
- Various size sorbent particle capability
- In bed cooling and heating
- Ability for steam sweep



# Reconfigurable Solvent Based Systems

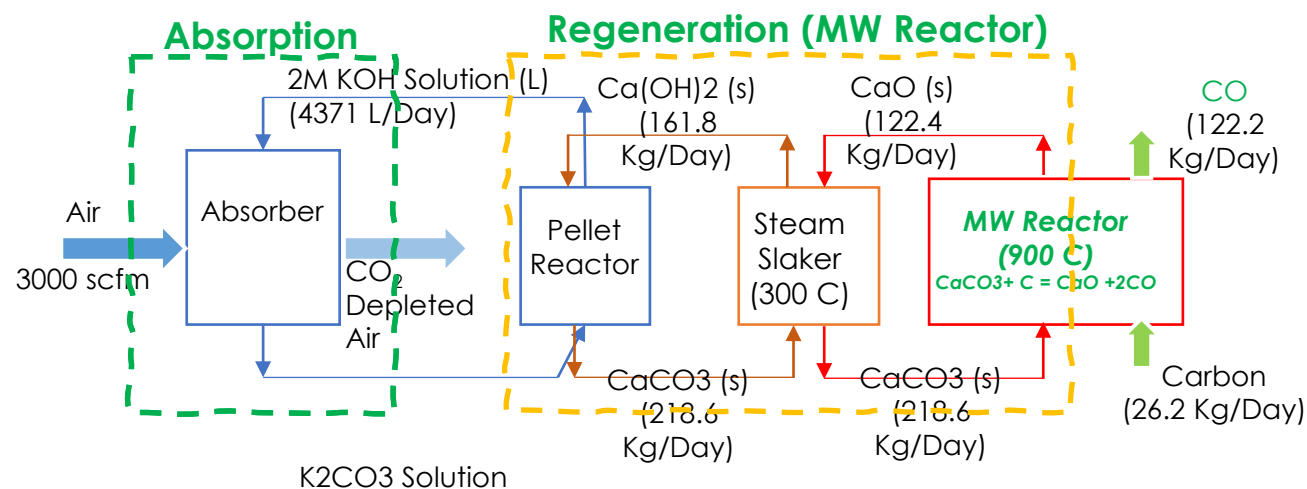


## Features:

- Absorber with up to 3000 scfm of CO<sub>2</sub>, temperature and RH controlled air
- Power, steam, vacuum and data acquisition available
- 24/7 operation with remote operator access
- Novel microwave regenerator

## Features:

- Absorber supplied with up to 3000 scfm of CO<sub>2</sub>, temperature and RH controlled air
- Power, steam, vacuum and data acquisition available
- 24/7 operation with remote operator access
- Low temperature amine regeneration



# Candidate Sites

## Option 1:

- Renovation/utilization of Building 84 high bay (PGH)



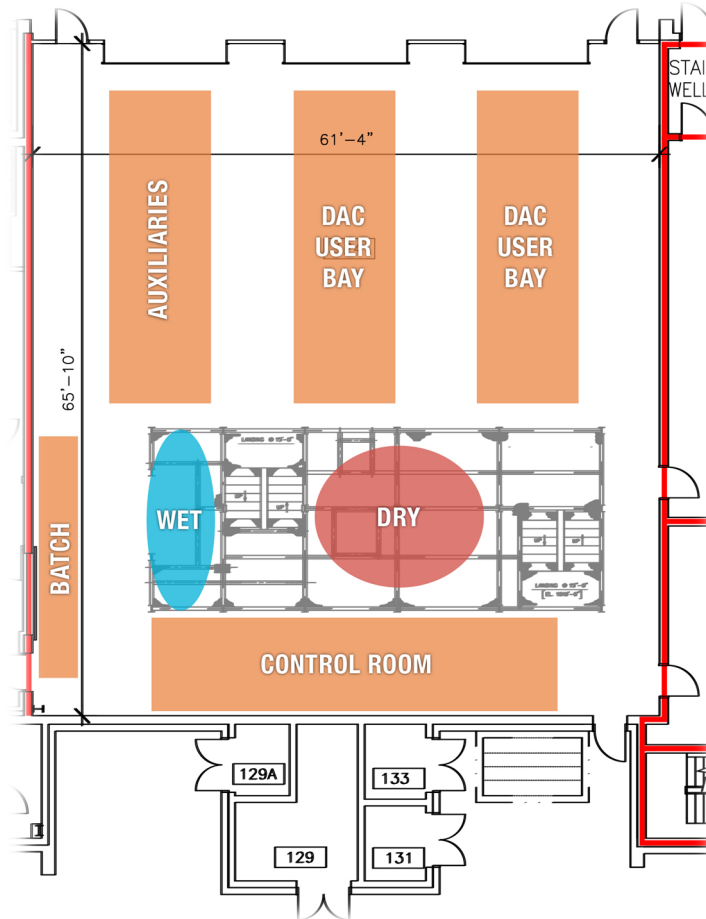
## Option 2:

- New Building east of the East Parking Area (MGN)



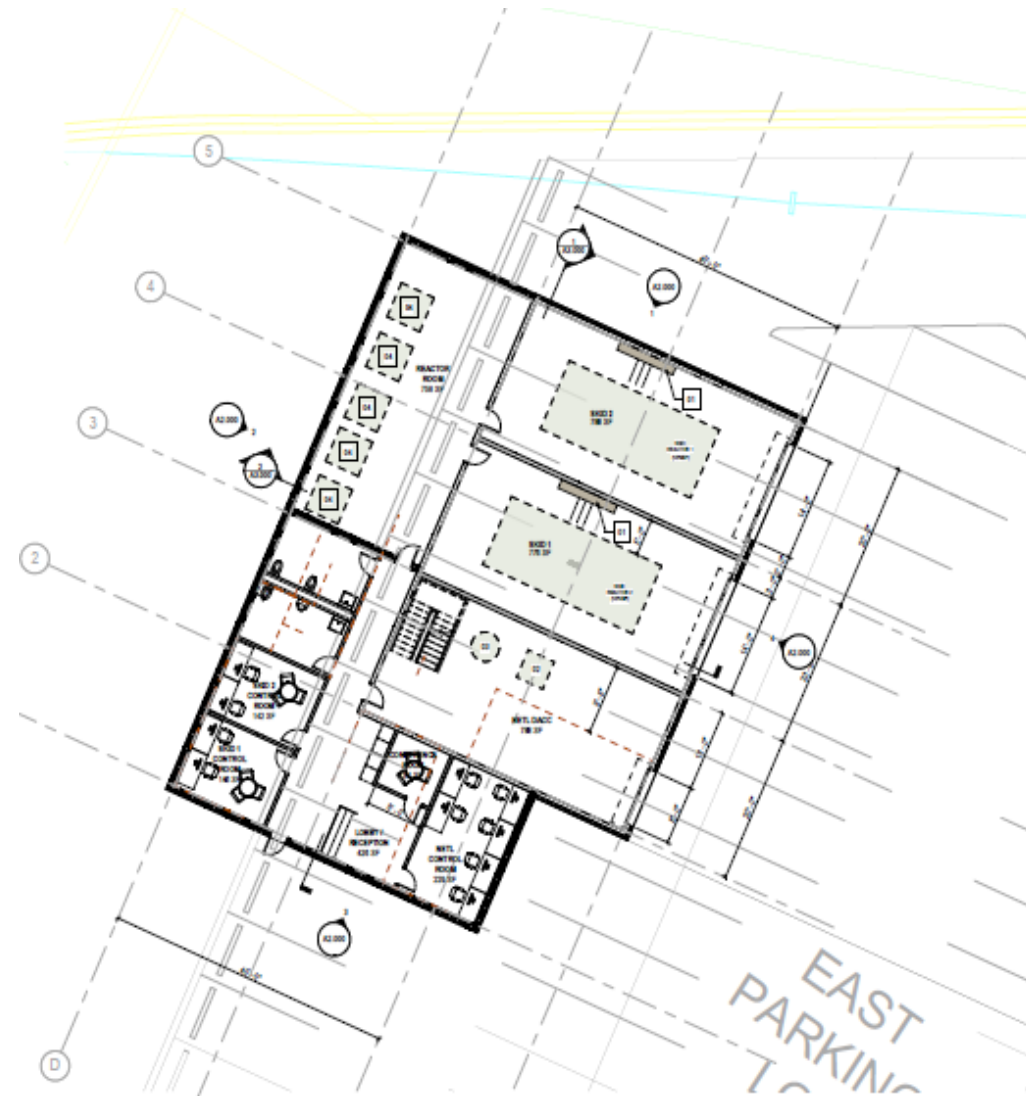
# B84 High Bay

- 64ft x 60ft
- Can accommodate the dry and wet reactors
- Space for 2 user bays
- Sufficient space for facility auxiliaries

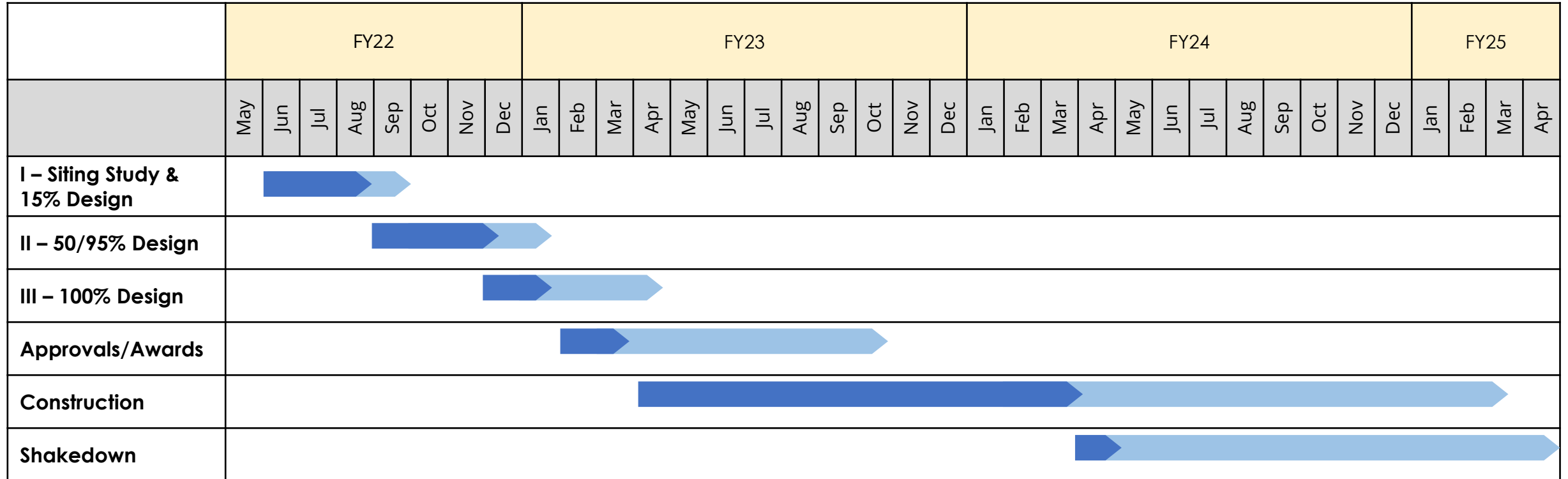


# New Facility Morgantown

- Better Layout
- Easier Access
- Fewer constraints on skids
- Built to size plus potential expansion

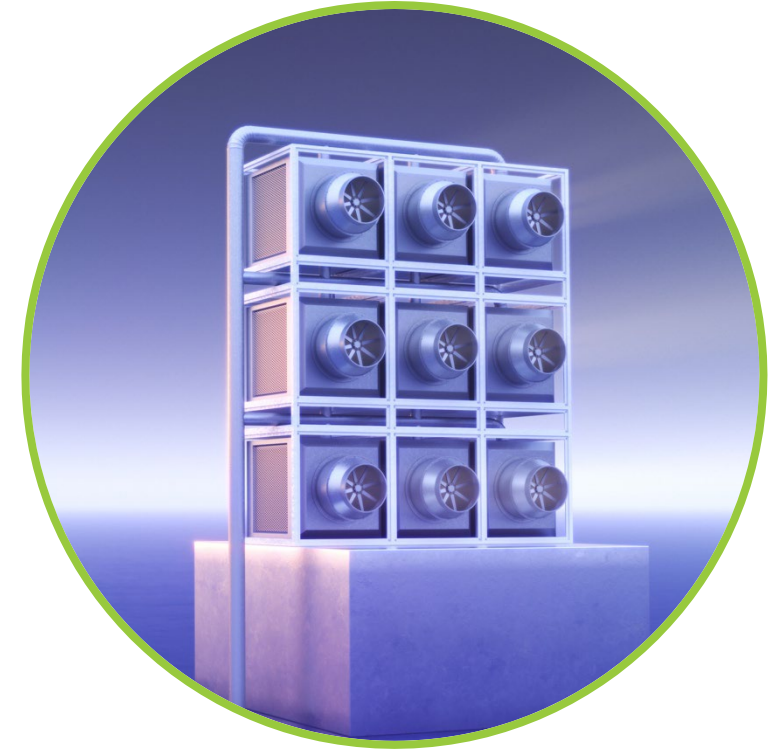


# Schedule for DAC Center



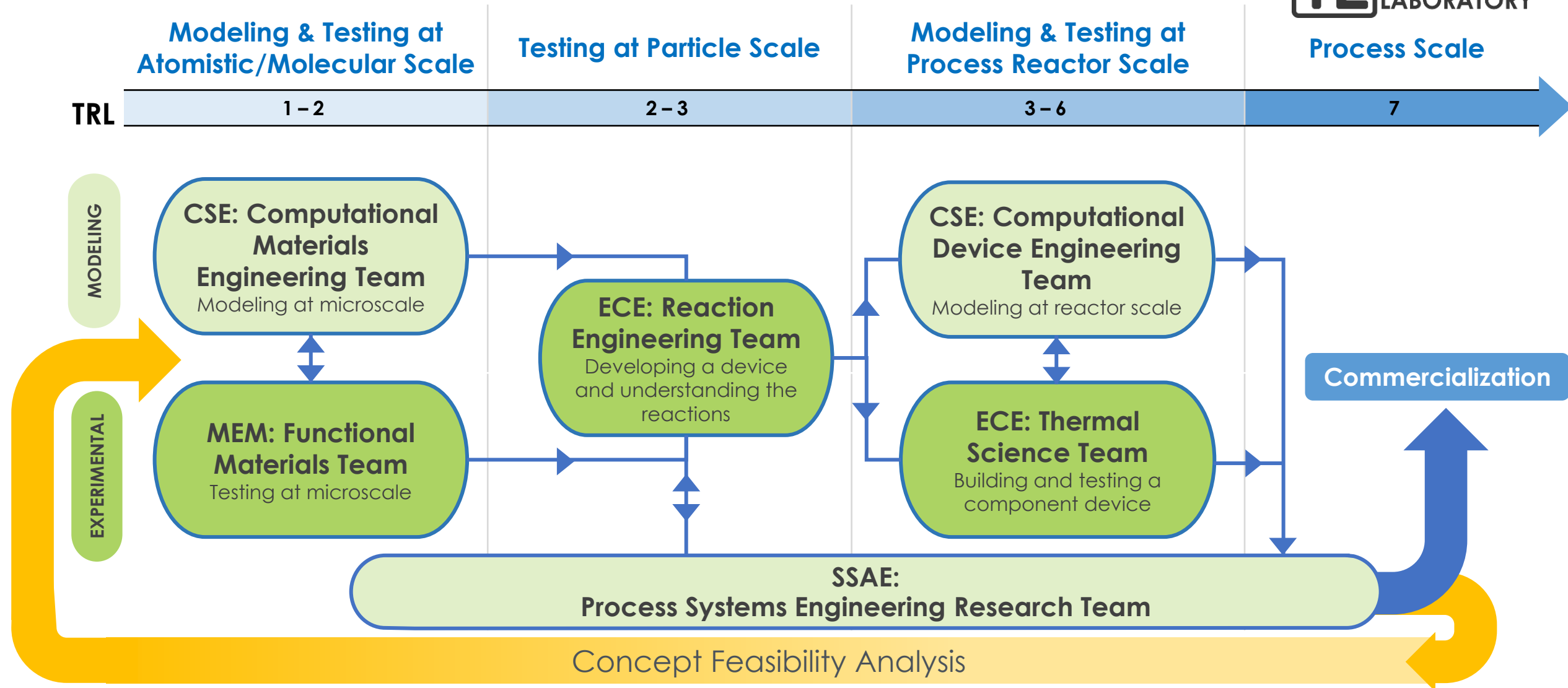
# 15% Design Schedule Status

- ✓ Contract signed
- ✓ Kick-off meeting held early June
- ✓ Completion expected late August





# Collaboration to Achieve Commercialization



- NETL is building a user-friendly DAC test center
- It will have 2 test cells for evaluating user developed test skids for a wide variety of climate conditions (Summers in Miami – winters in Chicago)
- It will have 3 user developmental test facilities for testing cyclic and continuous designs for a variety of sorbents from liquid solvents to solid monoliths.
- It will have between 4 to 5 (liter sized) batch reactor test facilities for developing new and novel sorbents and accessing sorbent life.
- It is expected to be operational in May of 2024
- NETL will have interim testing capability at the 3000scfm scale for testing cyclic systems as early as the summer of 2023.

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