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# Industrial Carbon Management Initiative (ICMI) – Chemical Looping Combustion

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# Industrial Carbon Management Initiative

## Innovative Options for Future Power

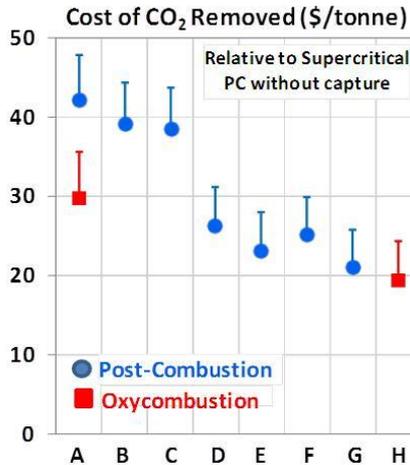
**Industrial boilers: smaller size enables early application of low-cost carbon capture.**

**Smaller CO<sub>2</sub> volume can be used in EOR, *future* enhanced gas recovery, or converted to niche chemicals with renewable/waste energy.**

### ICMI Research Areas

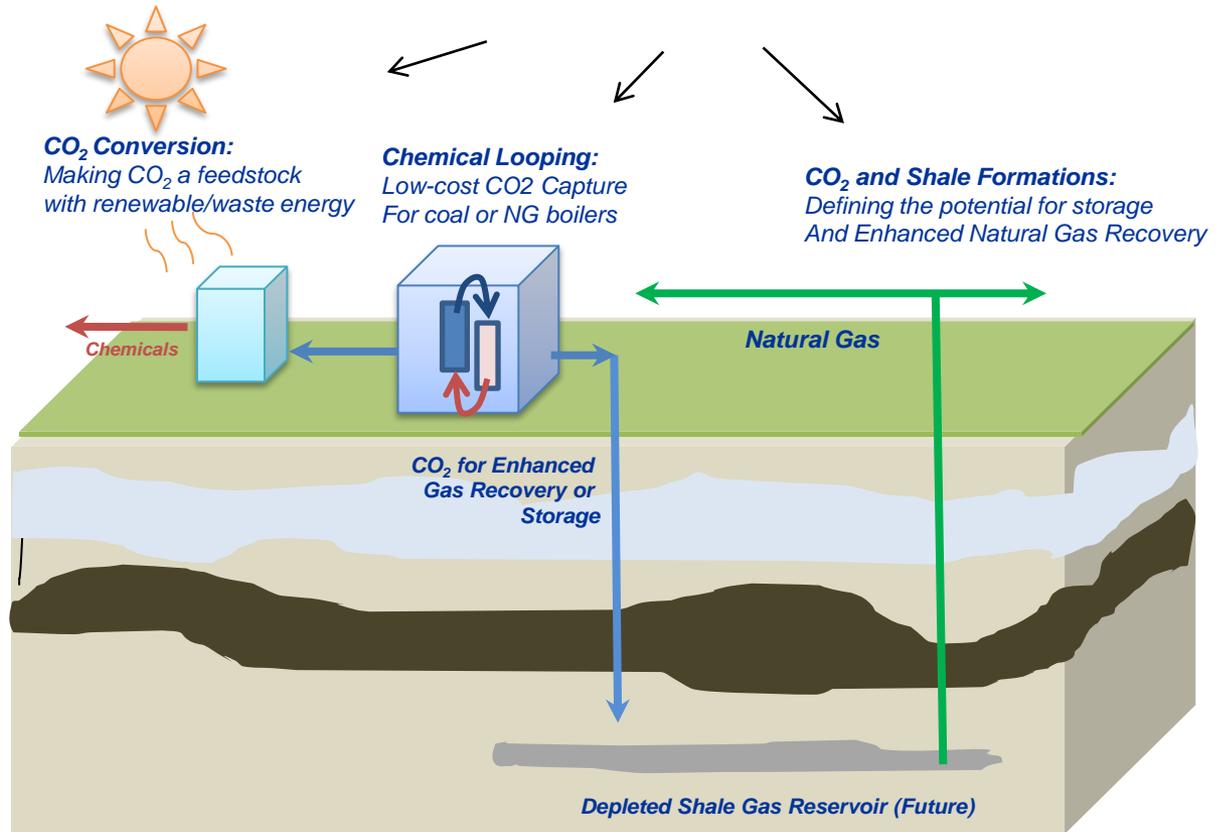
#### Comparison of CO<sub>2</sub> capture costs

Chemical looping eliminates the need for air separation in oxy-fuel systems.



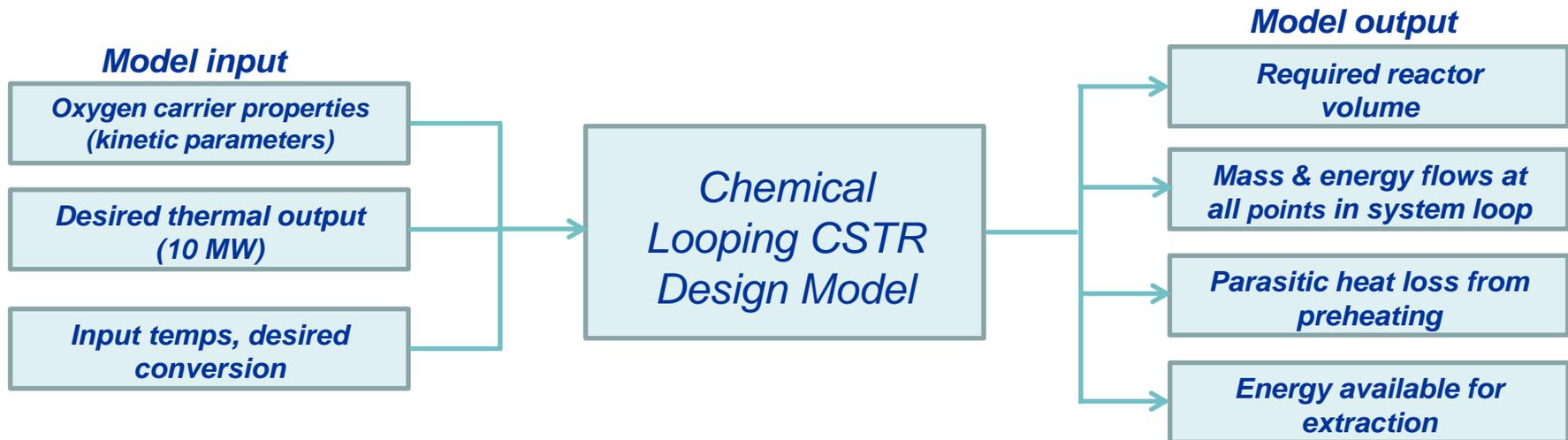
ICMI will quantify capture cost for industrial applications

- A – Supercritical PC w/Current Amine
- B – Ultrasupercritical PC w/Current Amine
- C – USC PC w/Amine + Adv. Compress
- D – USC PC w/Advanced CO<sub>2</sub> Sorbent + Adv. Comp.
- E – USC PC + Adv. CO<sub>2</sub> Membrane + Adv. Comp.
- F – Adv. USC PC + Adv. Sorbent + Adv. Comp.
- G – Adv. USC PC + Adv. Membrane + Adv. Comp.
- H – Advanced Oxycombustion Power Cycles

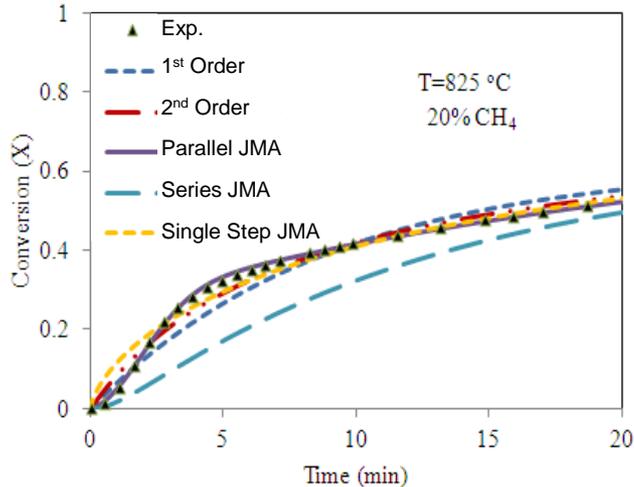


# Carrier Screening Model

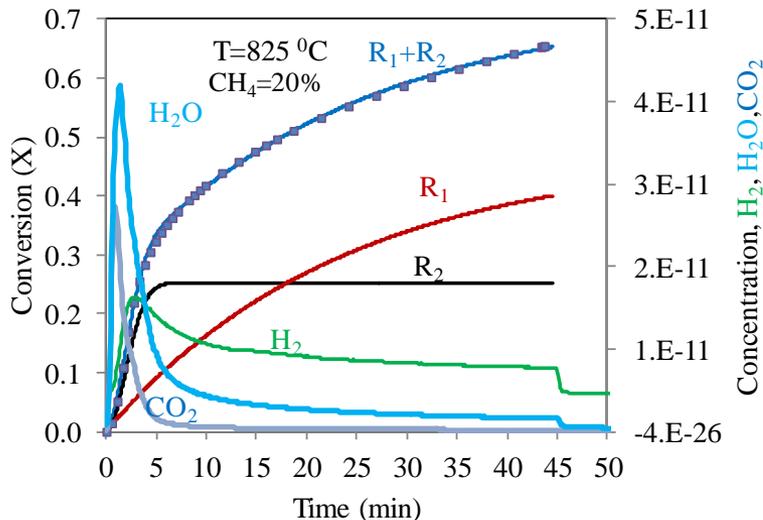
- Goal: Develop a simple model to estimate performance of various carrier materials in scaled Chemical Looping systems (10-100MW)
- Estimate reactor sizes, AR/FR Volumes, solids circulation rates using kinetic rate laws developed by NETL researchers
  - Compare scaled CLC systems to typical steam boiler systems
- Look at system tradeoffs, i.e. is it possible to decrease gas pre-heating without great losses in efficiency? How much useful heat can be extracted under scaled scenarios?
- Results will feed into techno-economic evaluation where the best end-use technology for CLC (steam generation for SAGD, EOR, etc.) will be selected
- Model uses reactor design equations for a Continuously Stirred Tank Reactor (CSTR), derived to include CLC reaction terms (Ex:  $R_o$  – oxygen carrying capacity)



# Hematite Kinetics for CL

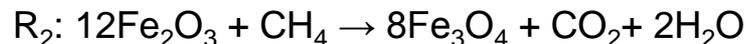
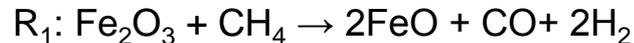


Best fit of kinetic data is parallel JMA reaction model



Solids conversion as a function of time,  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  show the speed and contribution of each reaction.

TGA kinetic testing was conducted in 2012 for reduction and oxidation of Hematite( $\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3$ ). For reduction (with  $\text{CH}_4$ ), a parallel reaction mechanism was determined:



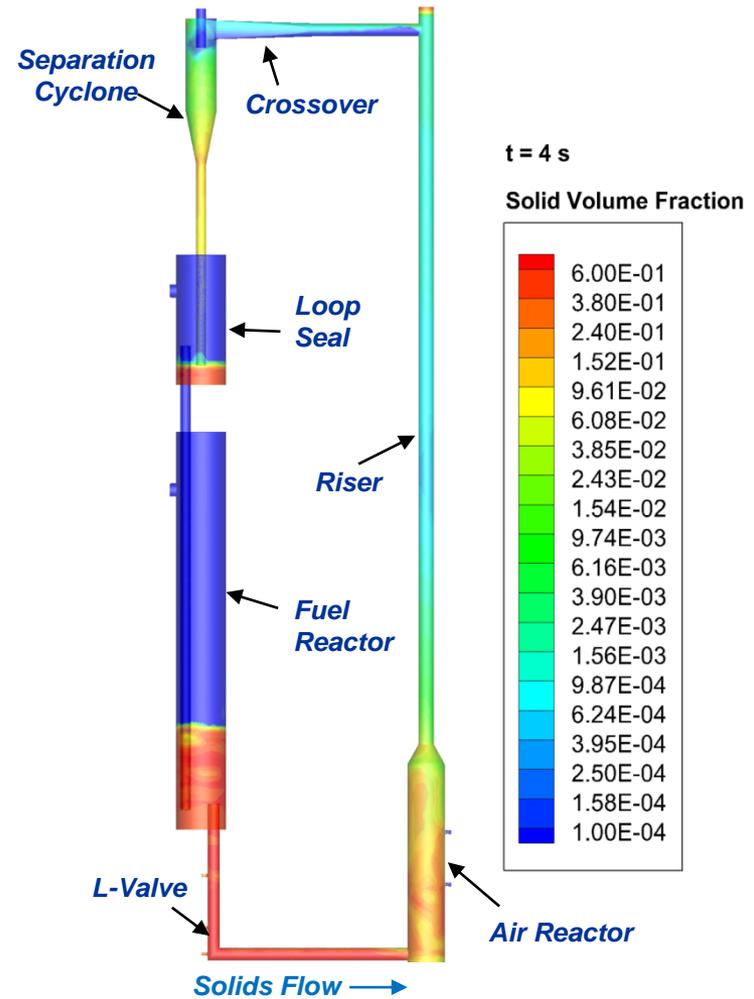
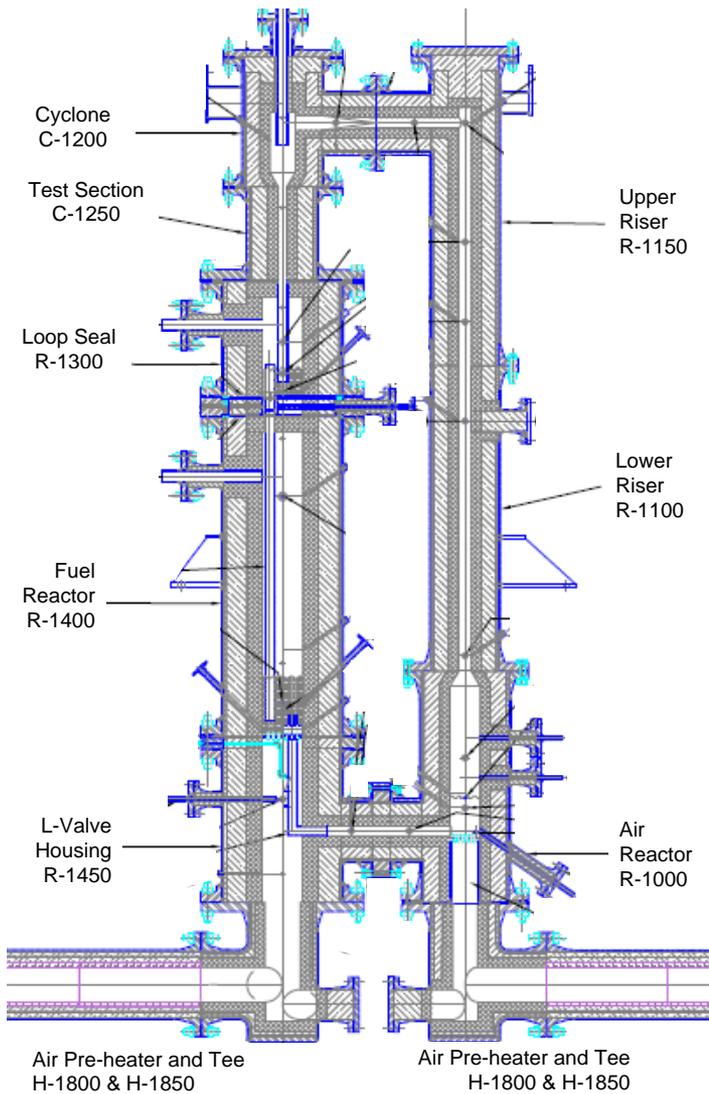
The interpretation of the kinetic mechanism and rate equations were determined from the data fit as well as mass spec analysis of products during reaction. The rate of solids conversion ( $X$ ) with time,  $dX/dt$ , is based on the nucleation model and is described by:

$$\frac{dX_t}{dt} \Big|_{R_1+R_2} = k_1 w_1 X_{\infty} - X_1 + 2k_2 w_2 X_{\infty} - X_2 \left( -\ln\left(1 - \frac{X_2}{w_2 X_{\infty}}\right) \right)^{1/2}$$

where,  $k_2 (1/\text{min}) = K_2^{n_2} = A_2 e^{-\frac{E_2}{RT}}$

Parameters such as  $w$ ,  $X_{\infty}$ , and  $n$  are the weighting factor of reactions  $R_1$  &  $R_2$ , maximum conversion possible, and shape factors for nucleation.

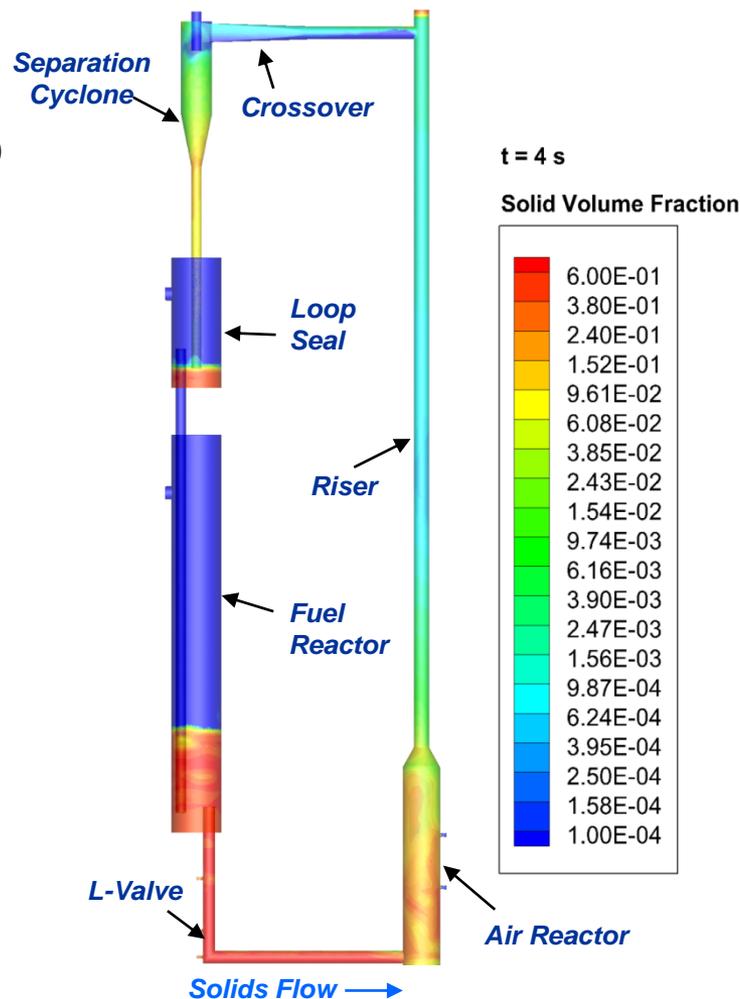
# High Fidelity Modeling of CLC in the CLR



CLR whole system – 3D, front view

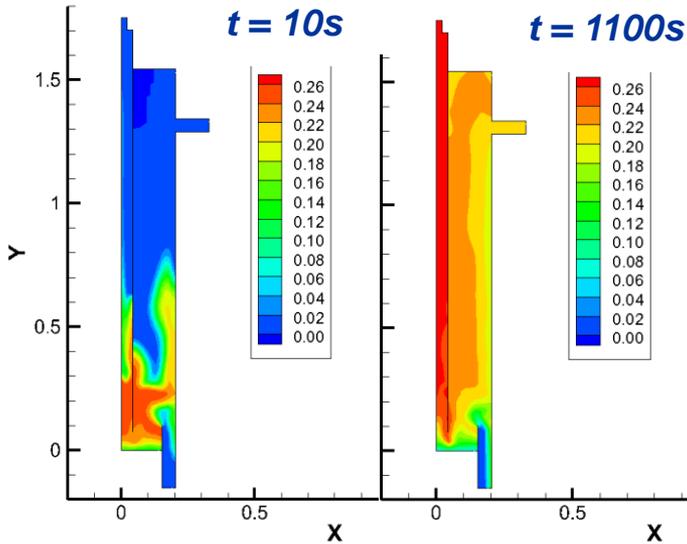
# Modeling the Chemical Looping Process

- **Modeling Efforts & Goals:**
  - Developing models/simulations to study CFD of hydrodynamics (w/reactions) for CL oxygen carriers. Using several CFD codes:
    - FLUENT
    - Barracuda
    - MFIX (open source - NETL)
    - Open FOAM
  - Support & guiding experimental program
    - Models help to guide experimental test plan development by narrowing down important variables
  - Verification & Validation
    - Working to validate models as experimental data becomes available
    - Includes tuning submodels (friction, turbulence) to more closely match reality, so that experimental and simulations results align
  - Evaluate conceptual designs for scale-up, look at cases involving fuels such as coal



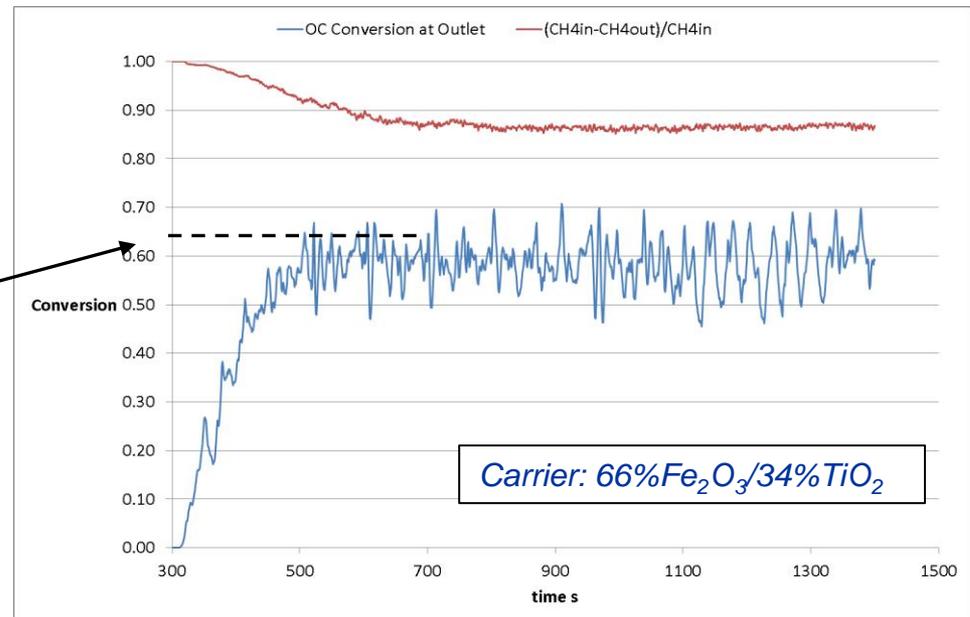
CLR whole system – 3D, front view

# Initial 2D and 3D Reacting Simulations Completed



**CLR Fuel Reactor - CO<sub>2</sub> mass fraction**

- Using early kinetic data from literature (ilmenite)
- Completed a sensitivity analysis on fuel conversion
  - Solids inventory (bed heights: 8, 12, 16 inches)
  - Solids circulation rates (800-1600 lbs/hr)
  - Fluidization gas flow rates
  - CH<sub>4</sub> concentrations (10, 15, 25, 100%)
  - Temperatures (1150-1225K)



*8-inch bed height with 800 lb/hr circulation rate predicts 86% conversion of fuel.  
CLR was designed for 12-inch bed height and simulations predict >99% fuel conversion for these conditions.*

# Summary of Experimental/Modeling Efforts

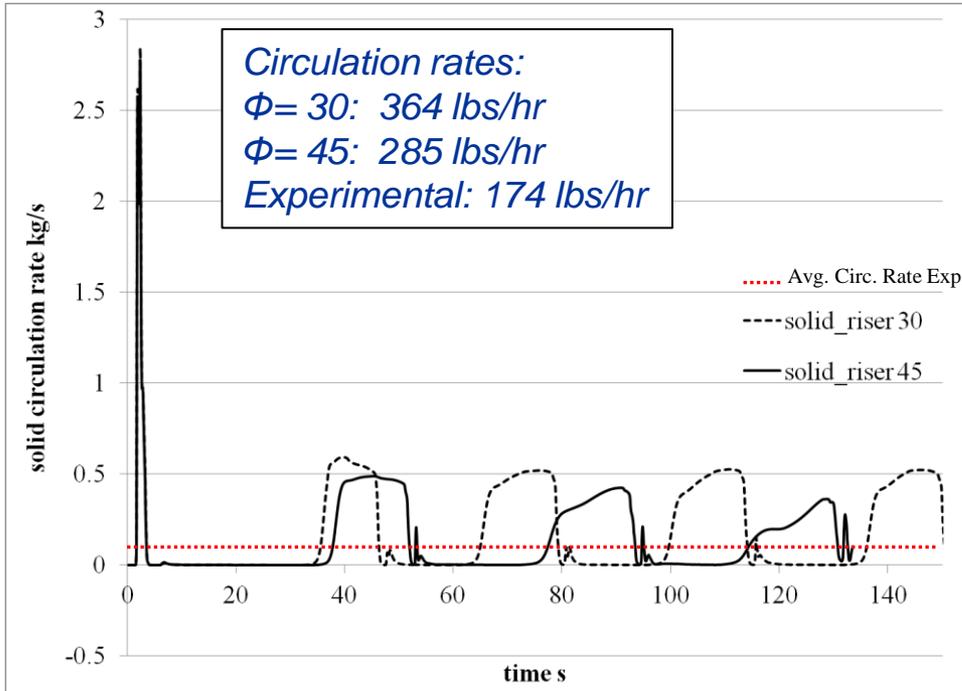
Simulation Geometry	Dimensions	Type of simulation	# of Variants	CFD Code used for simulations
Cold Flow Unit	3D	Hydrodynamics only	4 separate cases to match exp. conditions	Fluent, OpenFOAM
Single Fluid Bed	2D, 3D	Hydrodynamics w/ kinetics	w/Kinetics: Abad <sup>[1]</sup> Monazam <sup>[2]</sup>	Fluent, OpenFOAM
Fixed Bed	2D	Hydrodynamics w/ kinetics	w/Kinetics: Abad <sup>[1]</sup> Monazam <sup>[2]</sup>	Fluent, OpenFOAM
CLR (full loop)	3D	Hydrodynamics w/ kinetics	w/Kinetics: Abad <sup>[1,3]</sup>	Fluent, OpenFOAM Barracuda
CLR (Separate Fuel Reactor)	2D, 3D	Hydrodynamics w/ kinetics	w/Kinetics: Abad <sup>[1,3]</sup>	Fluent, OpenFOAM

[1] Abad, et al. *Chem. Eng. Sci.* (2011)

[2] Monazam, et al. *Energy & Fuels*, (2012) – in review

[3] Abad, et al. *Chem. Eng. Sci.* (2007)

# Cold Flow Unit – Exp. vs. Simulation Results



*Modifying the friction submodel has helped to dampen the oscillations in the simulations and created a 50% improvement in matching the average simulated versus experimental circulation rates.*

*Friction is calculated by the following:*

$$\mu_s = \mu_{s,col} + \mu_{s,kin} + \mu_{s,fr}$$

$$\mu_{s,fr} = \frac{P_s \sin(\phi)}{2\sqrt{I_{2D}}}$$

*Where  $\Phi$  is the internal friction angle. Friction angles of 30 and 45 degrees were evaluated.*

*Average pressures show good similarity between simulations and experiments in various parts of the cold flow unit.*

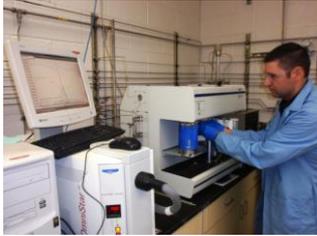
Pressure location	Simulation Avg. pressure (in H <sub>2</sub> O)	Experimental Avg. pressure (in H <sub>2</sub> O)
Air Reactor	14.97	15.85
Fuel Reactor	20.03	20.62
Loop Seal	5.45	4.05

# Experimental Units

## Carrier Screening Tests



TGA and  
Mass-Spec



Lab-scale  
Fixed Bed  
Reactor

## Small Batch Evaluation Tests



Attrition Test  
ASTM D5757



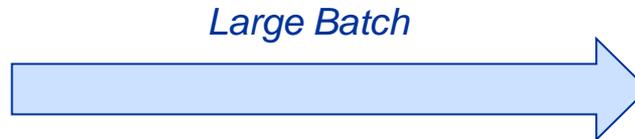
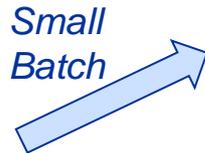
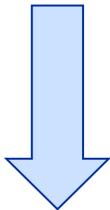
Single Fluidized  
Bed Reactor

## Large Batch Evaluation Tests



Integrated  
Cold Flow  
Unit

Integrated  
Reacting  
Unit



External  
Carrier  
Manufacturer

# Experimental/Modeling Efforts



Integrated Reacting Unit

Attrition Test  
ASTM D5757



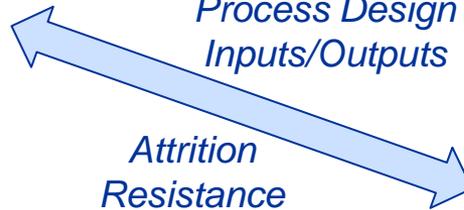
Attrition Resistance

Fuel Conversion  
CO<sub>2</sub> leakage

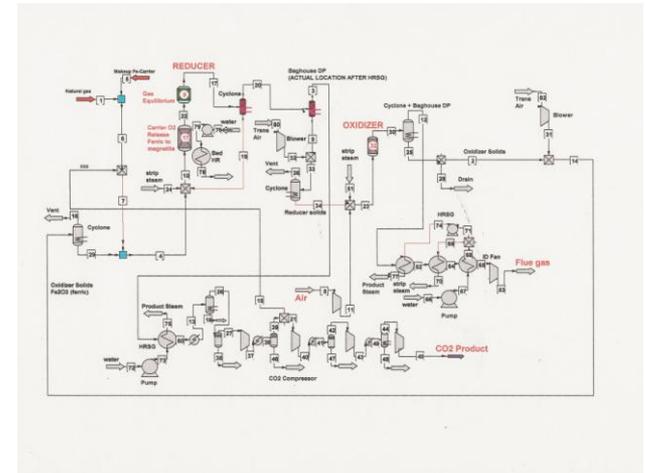
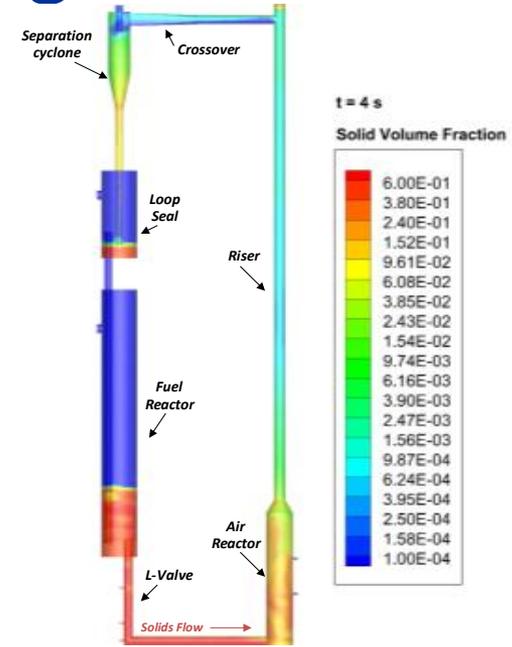


Solids Circulation Rates

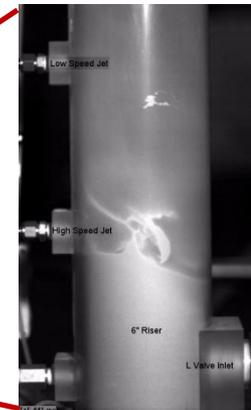
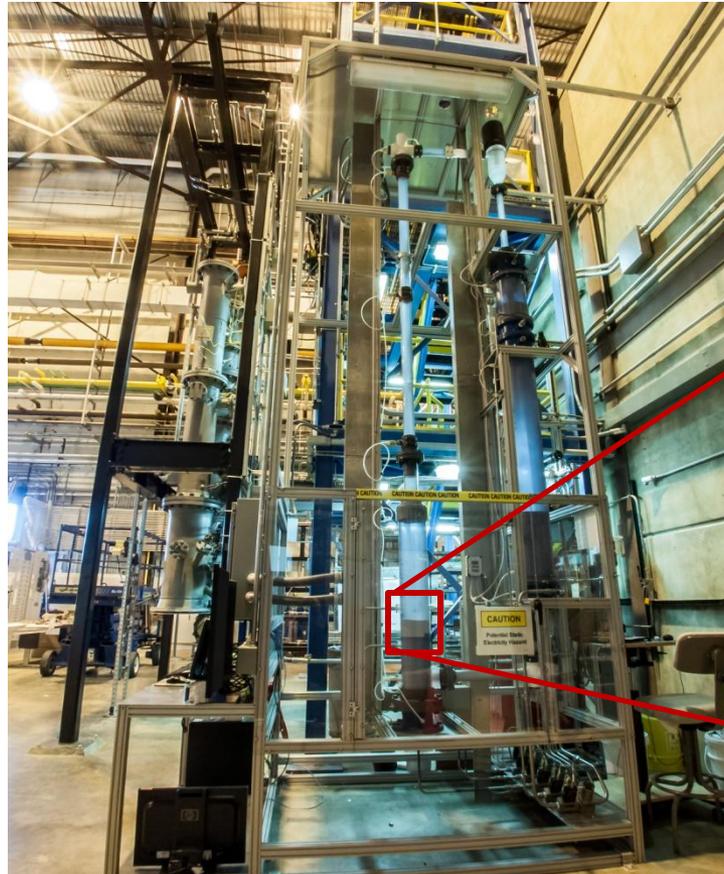
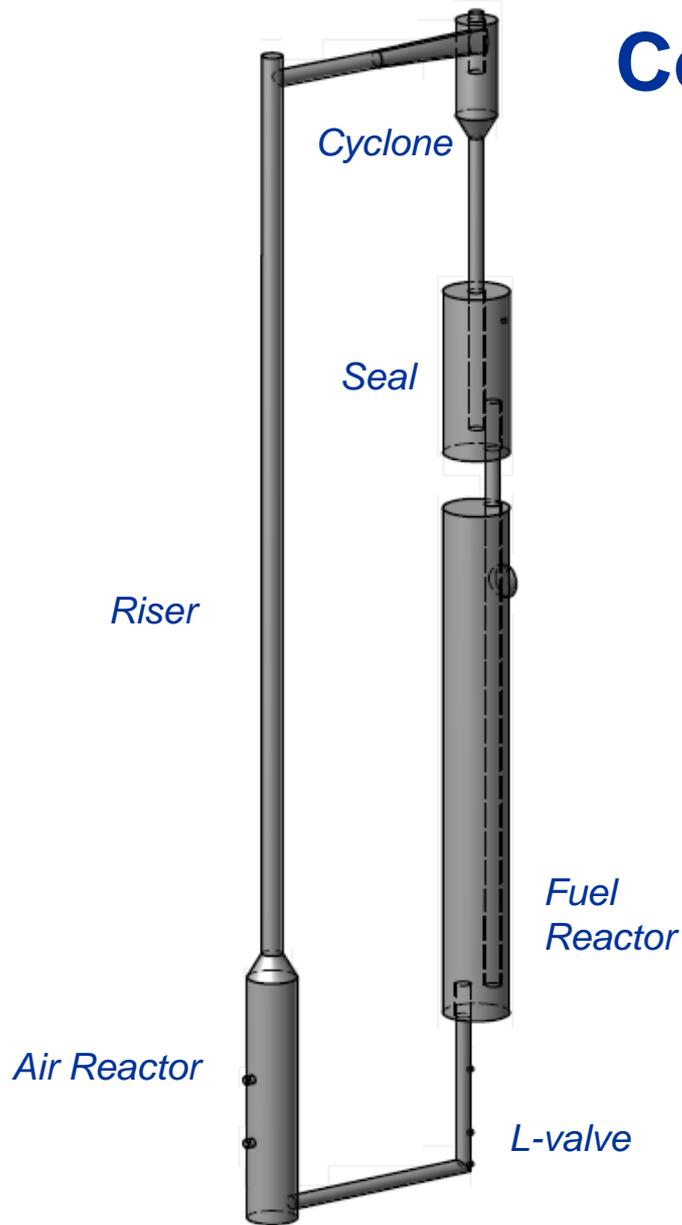
Process Design  
Inputs/Outputs



Attrition Resistance

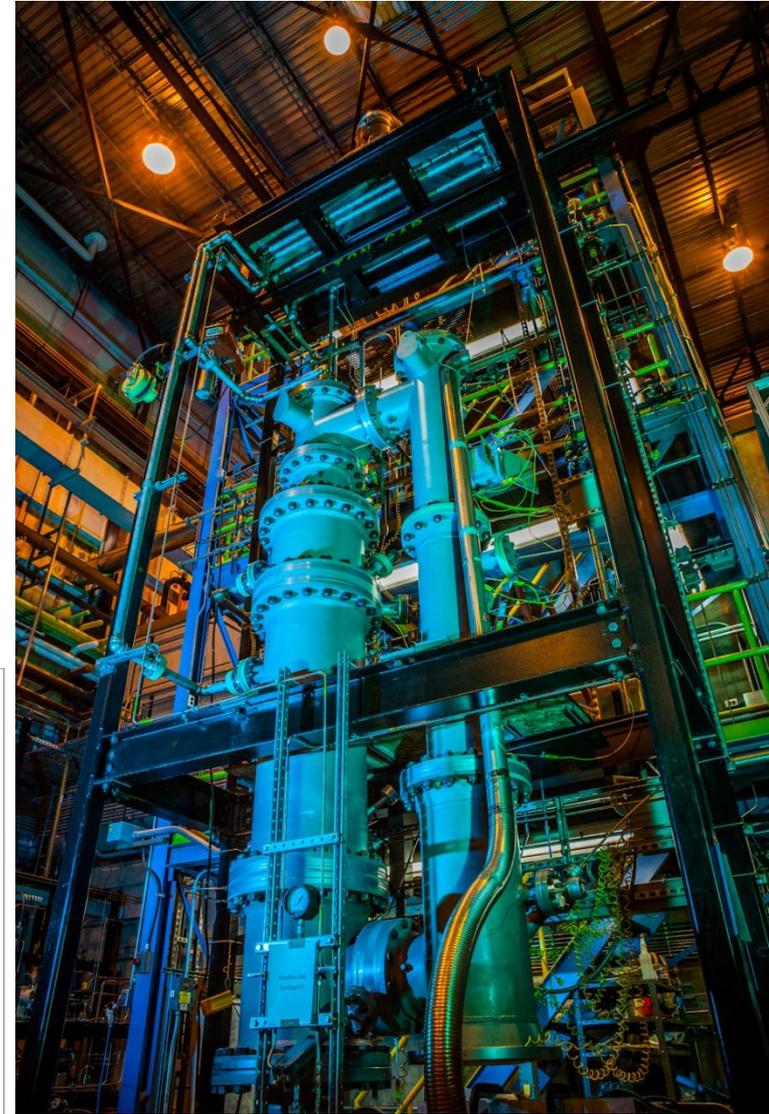
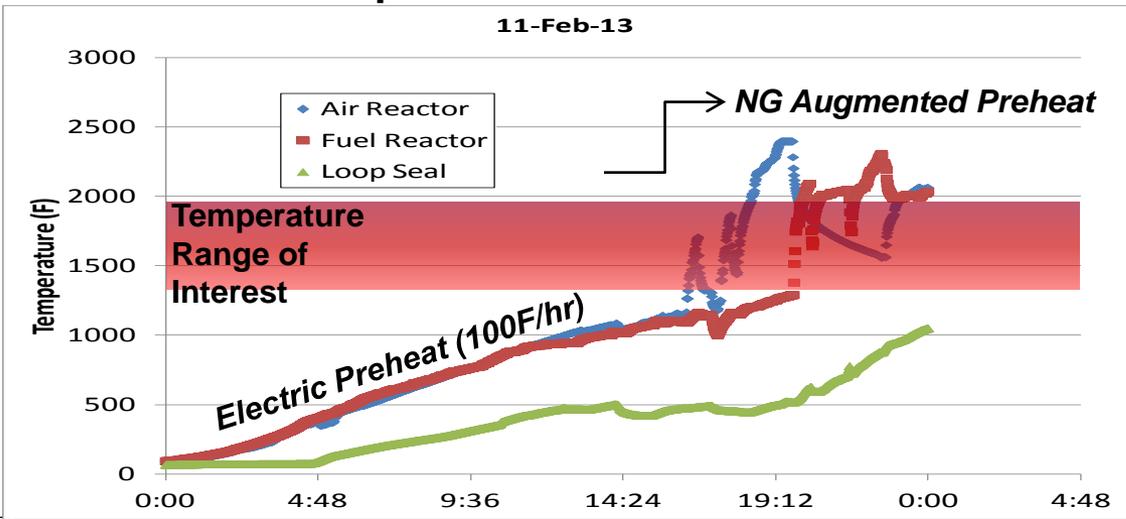


# Cold Flow Unit Is Operational



# Chemical Looping Reactor

- Potential range of operating temperatures is better than expected
- Operation at elevated pressure (20-30 psig) has been demonstrated in the electrical preheat mode
- Operating temperatures in excess of 1000C have been demonstrated in both the air and fuel reactors
- Carrier addition/makeup procedure will be improved
- Demonstrated solids heating and transport from air reactor to loop seal



# Microwave Solid Circulation Sensor Results Are Encouraging

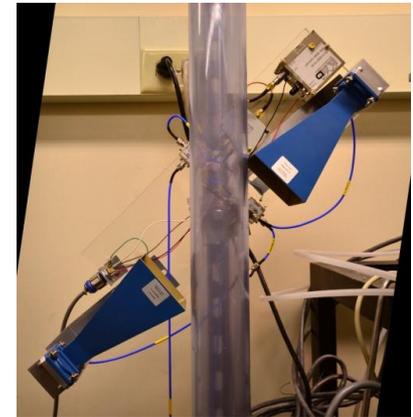
## *Commercial Sensor (SWR)*

- 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> high temperature unit built
- Uses single sensor oriented normal to flow path
- Calibration efforts underway
- Normal operation 200°C



## *CMU Sensor Development*

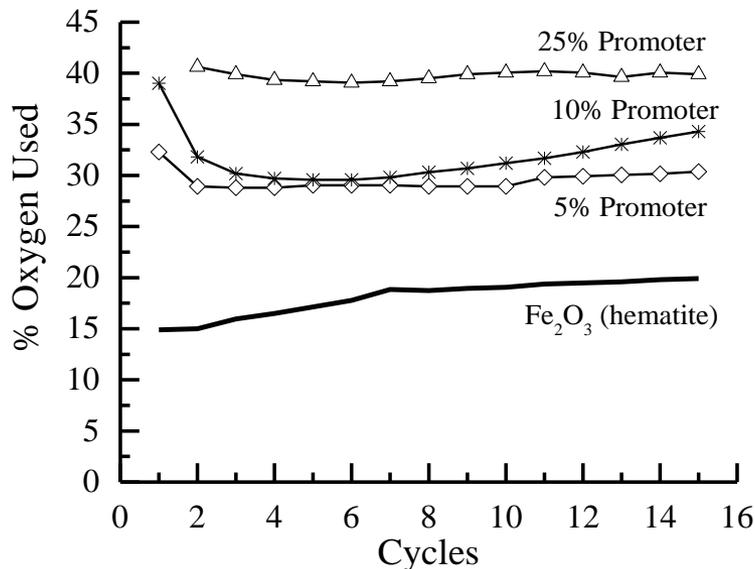
- Sensor is not normal to flow path
  - Doppler shift
- Single sensor (and pitch-catch sensors) are evaluated
- Encouraging results on single particles and realistic particles



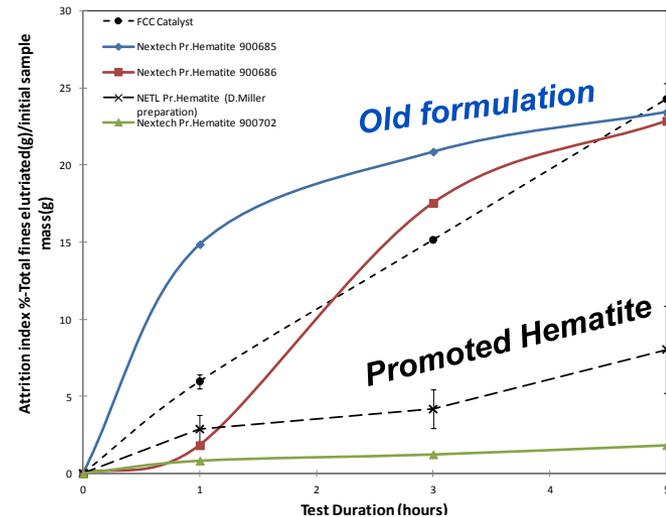
# Technical Challenges in Carrier Development

## Challenges

- High reactivity
- Low fragmentation and attrition
- Low tendency for agglomeration
- Low cost and environmentally benign
- Objective: develop new oxygen carriers with better reaction activity, less agglomeration and stable performance during cyclic tests



**Figure 2** TGA analysis on the Percentage O<sub>2</sub> utilized for the CLC reaction of methane over hematite and promoted hematite oxygen carrier; 15 reduction-oxidation cycles at 800 °C.



**Figure 1** Attrition analysis on the hematite and various formulations of promoted hematite oxygen carriers. Comparison is made to a standard FCC catalyst under the same operating conditions.

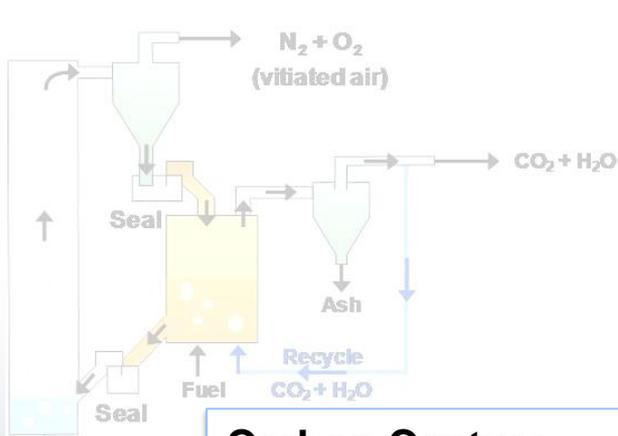
## Achievements

Our Fe-Cu and promoted oxygen carriers show:

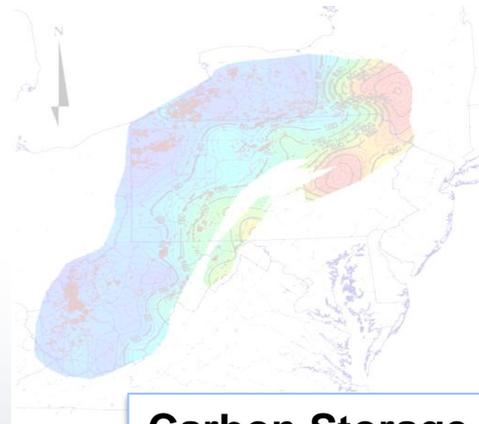
- Improved carrier reactivity
- Improved oxygen transfer capacity over the pure hematite carrier
- Good attrition characteristics

# ICMI Research Areas

*Focus is on “industrial” applications: NG or coal boilers, process heat, chemical production, others. Technical results expected to benefit coal power as well.*



**Carbon Capture**  
Chemical Looping Combustion

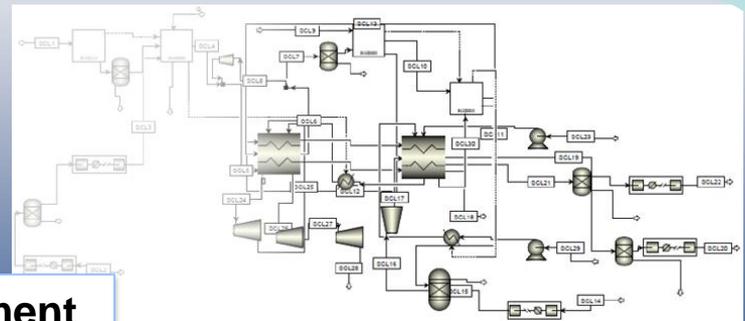


**Carbon Storage**  
Depleted Shale Fields



**Carbon Utilization**  
Photocatalytic Conversion

**CCUS for  
Industrial  
Applications**



**Industrial assessment  
and systems analysis**

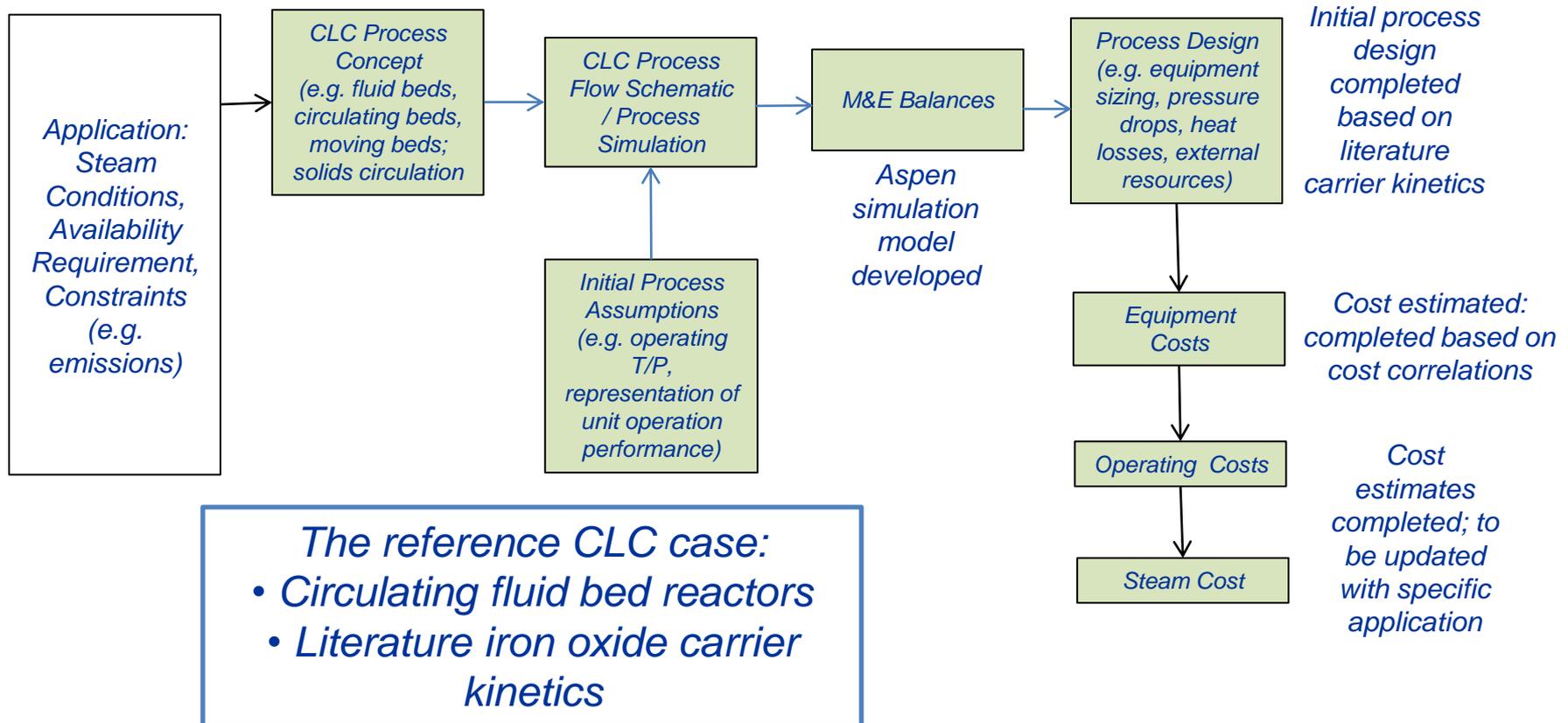
# Techno-Economic Analysis

- **Objectives**
  - Develop design basis and methodology for industrial boiler system studies
  - Project performance and cost for conventional natural gas industrial boiler with capture (today's technology)
  - Develop plant system model for chemical looping combustion industrial boiler and estimate plant performance and cost
- **Use system analysis results to**
  - Compare conventional natural gas industrial boiler with capture and chemical looping combustion boiler with capture
  - Inform R&D program (e.g. applicable test conditions and performance goals)

# CLC Analysis Overview

## Steam Generator Capacity

- 27,500 lb/hr (~10 MW Thermal) and 275,000 lb/hr (~100 MW Thermal)
- 600 psi with 100 F of superheat steam



# Sensitivity Analyses – Initial Findings

- **Plant capital cost represents ~ 10% of steam cost; fuel and variable operating costs represent ~90%**
- **CLC reactor vessels (i.e., reducer and oxidizer) estimated to represent ~ 9% of the plant capital**
- **Thus, developing reactor designs, with high reliability and modular design capability, represent a development program priority**
- **Capital cost reduction is important; potential opportunities will be evaluated by conducting integrated system analysis**
  - e.g. incorporate effect of selected set of changes (e.g. increase reactivity, carrier conversion and NG conversion) to understand costs for all affected system components.

# Summary for Chemical Looping

- **CLC focused on industrial applications**
- **Low and High Fidelity Models Developed to Advance Technology**
- **Models populated with parameters from experimental data**
- **Simulation results will be compared with test data on integrated CLR**
- **Successful oxygen carrier development at NETL**
- **Results feed into techno-economic evaluation**

# Back Up



Image from: Dan Soeder (2011)

## ICMI - CO<sub>2</sub> Storage in Depleted Shale Gas Reservoirs

- Experimental work
- Reservoir simulation
- Techno-economic screening

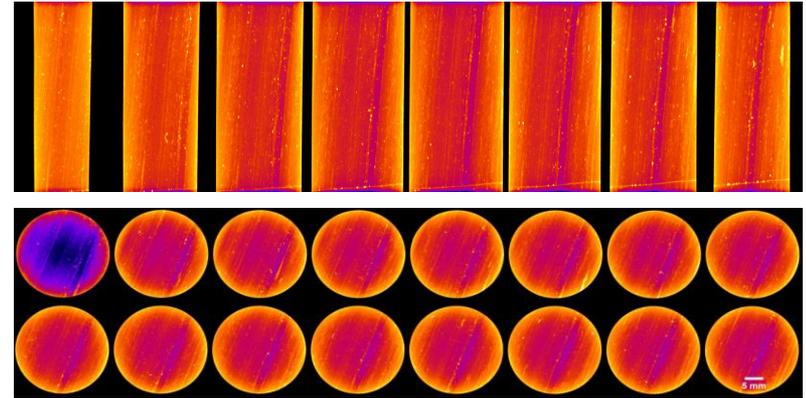
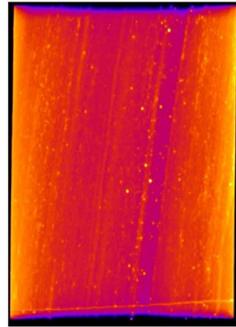
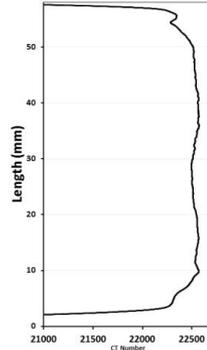
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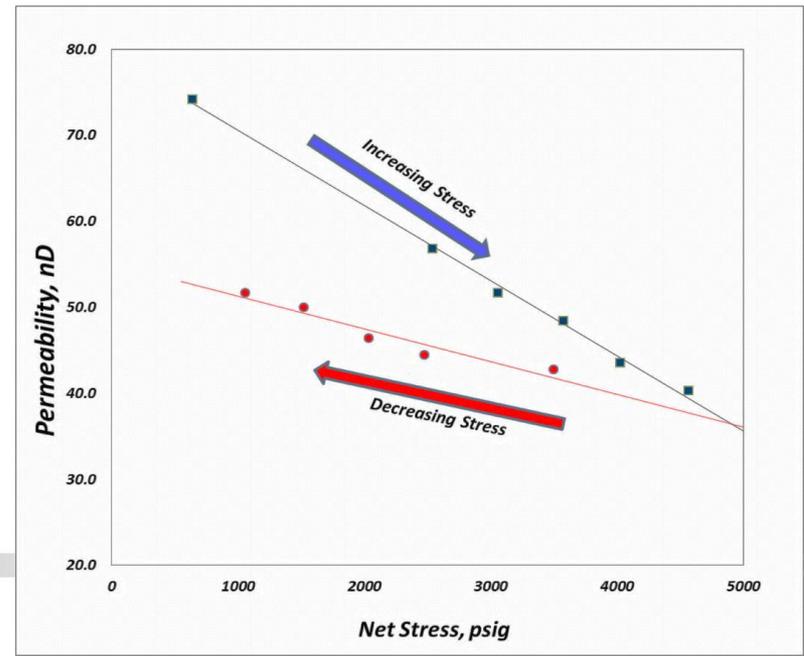
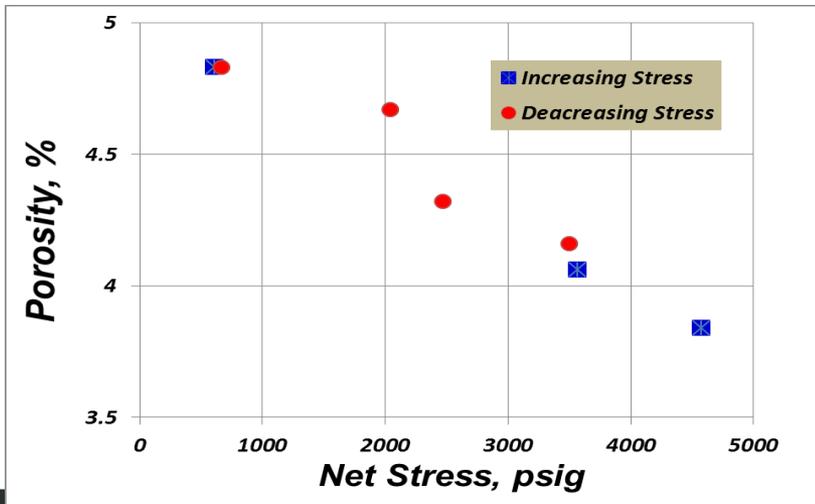


# Experimental Results: Cores/Plugs

**Computed Tomography:** Imaging a non-calcareous black shale with core plug oriented sub-parallel to bedding (sample F4HA)



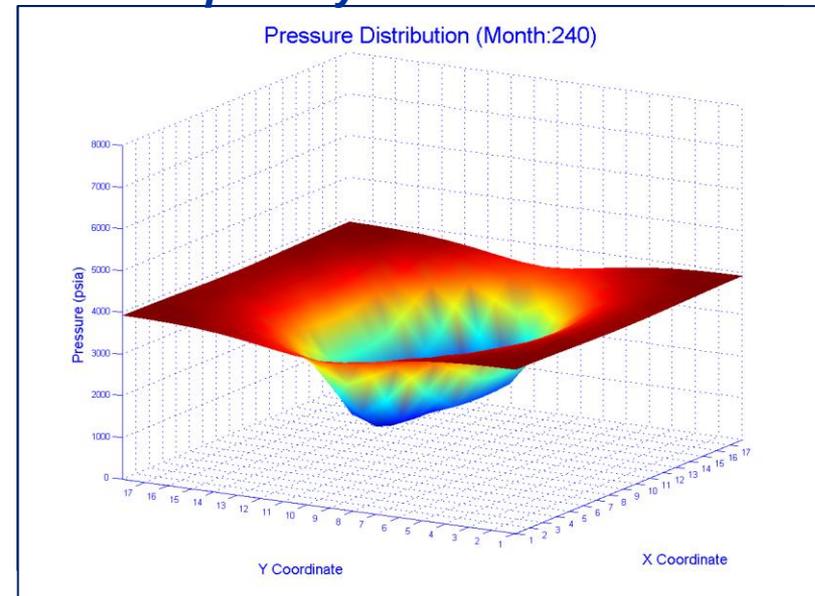
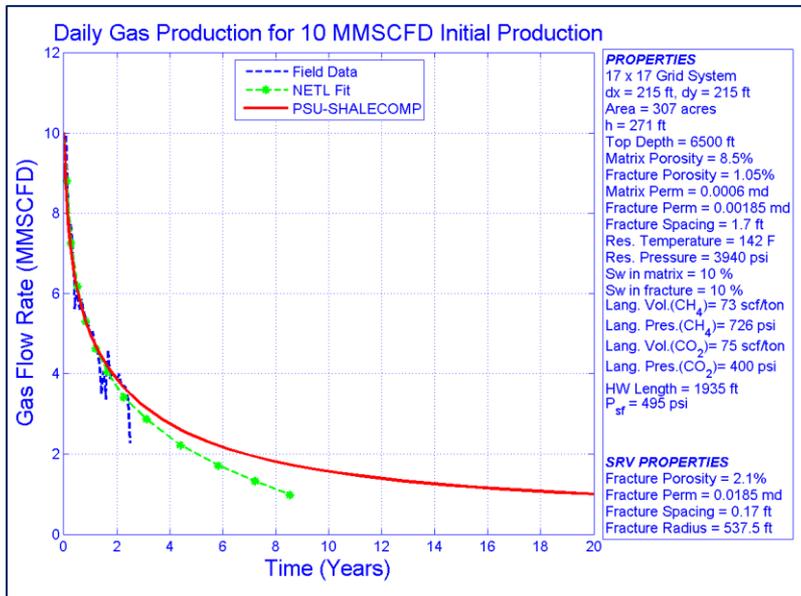
**Petrophysical Analysis:** Matrix porosity and permeability as function of net stress in a shaley limestone (sample F2HA)



# SHALECOMP model (Ertekin, PSU)

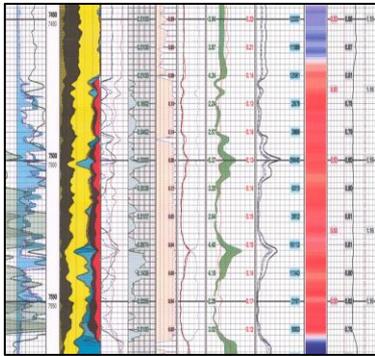
- Dual porosity, dual permeability, compositional model for fractured low permeability reservoirs
- Apply model data from ICMI DBD for history match on single lateral production for inter-model comparison
- Move forward with CO<sub>2</sub> storage and EGR scenario evaluation

*Single lateral, ~3000 ft stimulated lateral length  
NG Initial Production at 10 MMSCF per day*

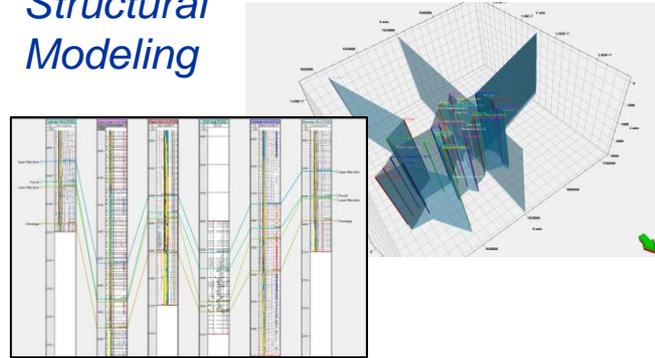


# Geo-modeling to Simulation workflow-Marcellus Shale

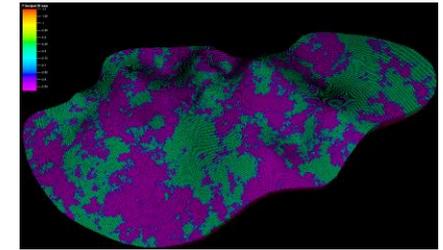
Well Logs



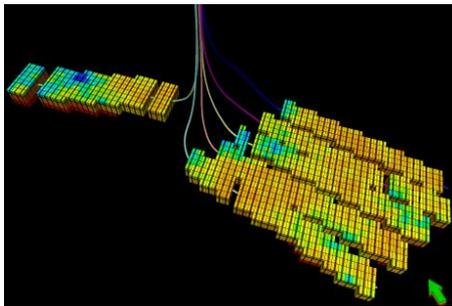
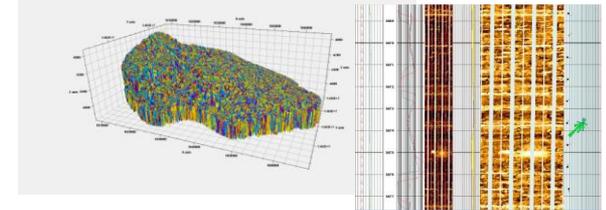
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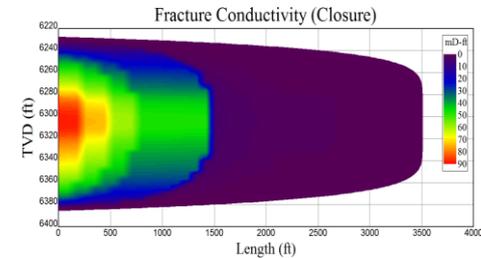
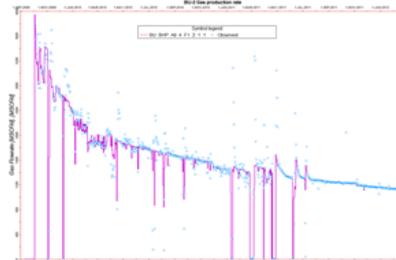
Property Modeling



Natural Fracture Modeling



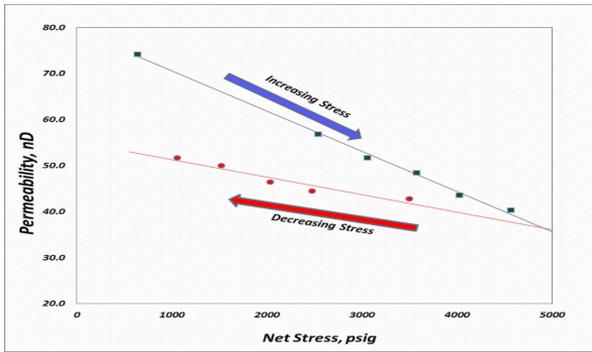
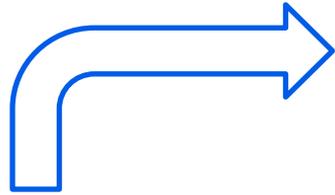
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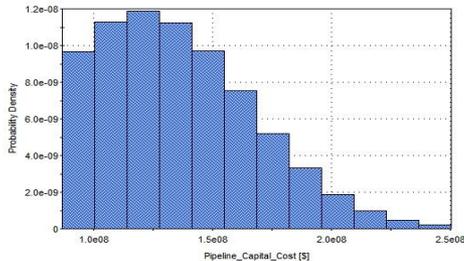
HF treatment modeling

# CO<sub>2</sub> Storage in Depleted Shale

Sand face pressure for CO<sub>2</sub> injection rates stcf/day (t = 30 years when injection ceases)

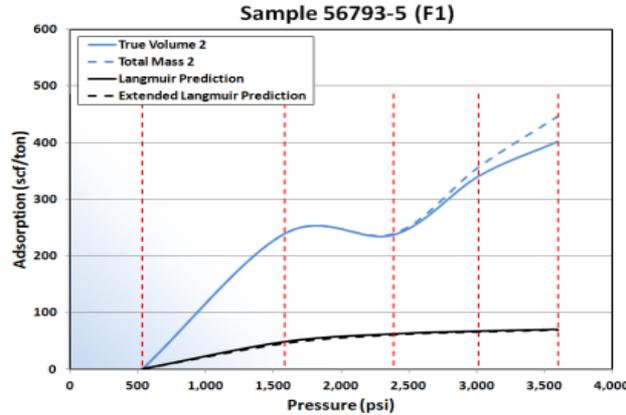


Impact of net stress on the average permeability of a shale were measured and factored into simulations of depletion of a reservoir and injection of CO<sub>2</sub>. Largest net stress (greatest depletion) at which permeability will be irreversibly reduced is critical.



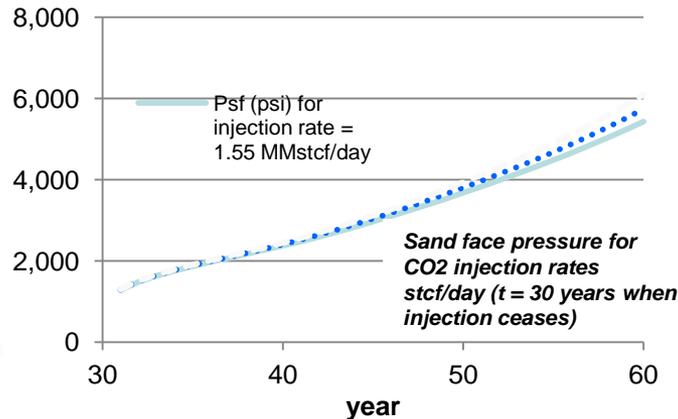
Capital cost for building CO<sub>2</sub> pipeline based on estimated tortuosity

ICMI Mixed-gas Isotherms  
 Total CO<sub>2</sub> Adsorbed at Each Step



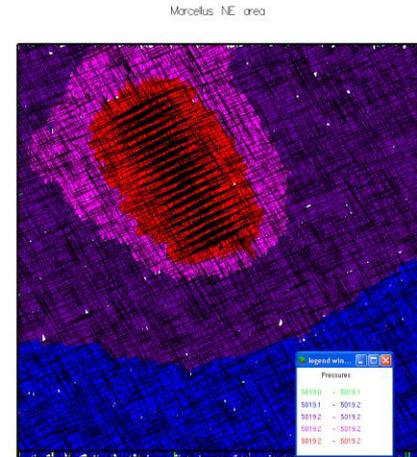
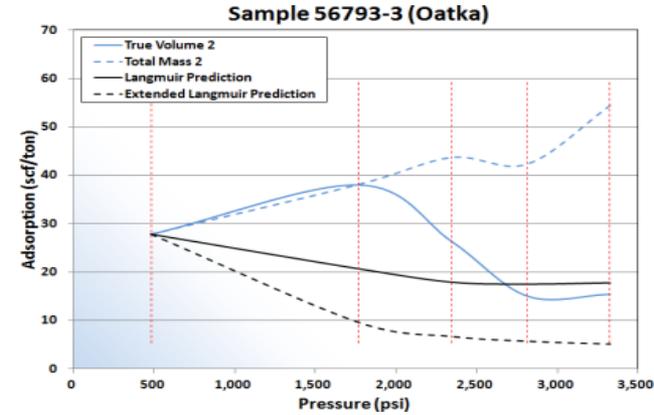
Mixed gas isotherms will be used to determine the relative attraction of CO<sub>2</sub> vs. CH<sub>4</sub> to shale, and will be used in numerical models to determine displacement of CH<sub>4</sub> by CO<sub>2</sub> leading to an assessment of enhanced gas production.

Graphs left and below tie in the physical tests, their use in the model and economics: tests feed the model, model yields parameters such as injection pressure, and pressure plus source-to-sink relationships yield economic assessment.



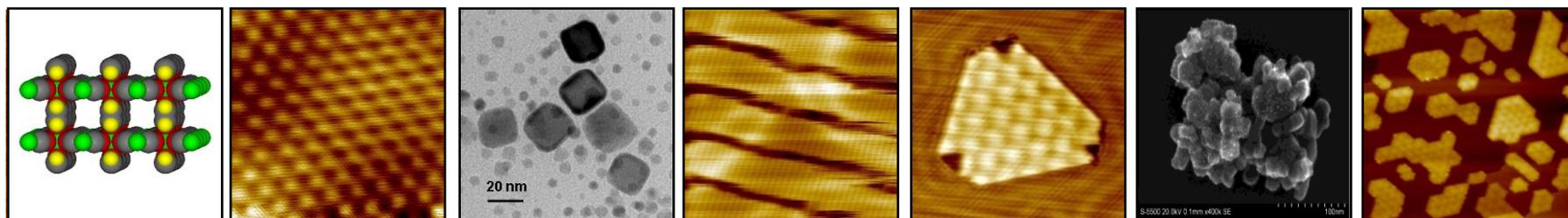
Sand face pressure for CO<sub>2</sub> injection rates stcf/day (t = 30 years when injection ceases)

ICMI Mixed-gas Isotherms  
 Total CH<sub>4</sub> Adsorbed at Each Step



2D view of FracGen/NFFlow realization for Marcellus shale. Engineered hydraulic fractures are introduced into a network of pre-existing natural fractures. NETL-ORD is simulations the interaction between CO<sub>2</sub> and natural gas shale to determine storage and enhanced gas production.





## CO<sub>2</sub> Conversion Catalysts

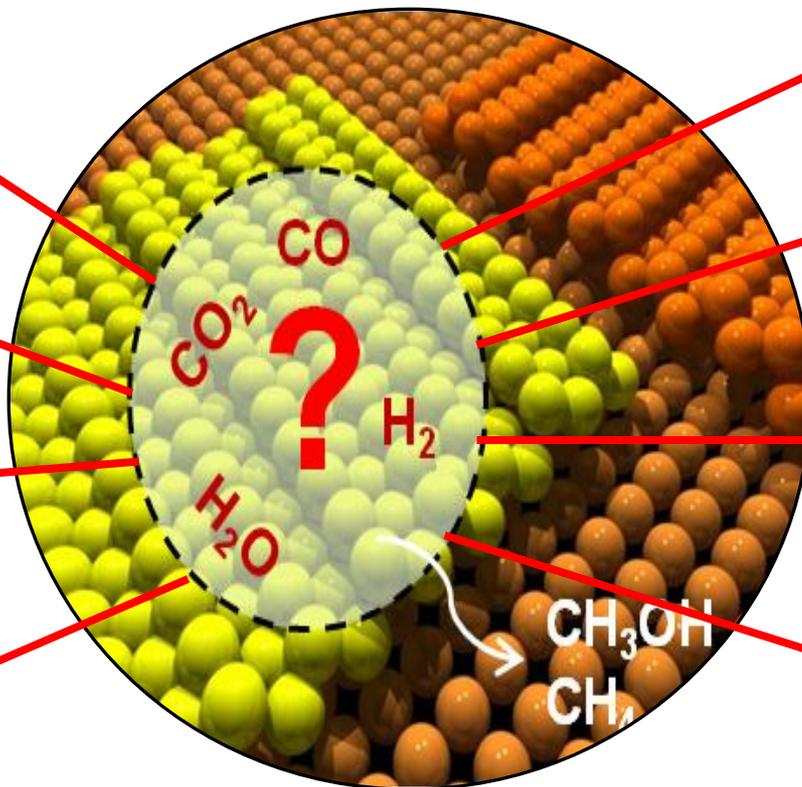
# Fundamental Surface Science Approach

Adsorption  
Configuration

Binding  
Sites

Rxn  
Intermediates

Role of  
Defects



Rxn  
Energetics

Diffusion

Intermolecular  
Interactions

Testing & Developing  
New Computational  
Methods

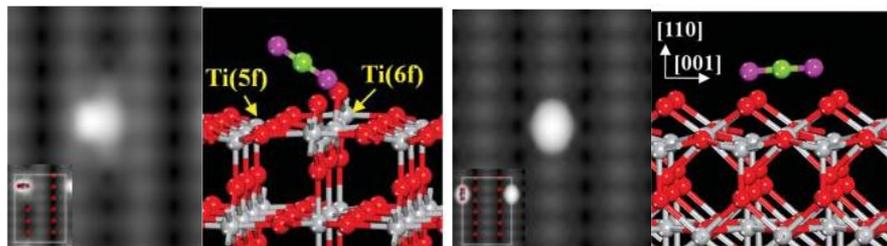


New Dispersion Corrected DFT Method Implemented  
by NETL-RUA (Jordan/Sorescu) Improve Agreement  
Between Experiments and Theory



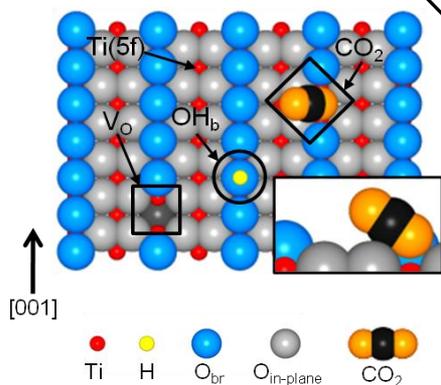
# Identifying Adsorption Sites and Diffusion Barriers of CO<sub>2</sub>

## DFT Theoretical Determination of CO<sub>2</sub> Adsorption Configurations

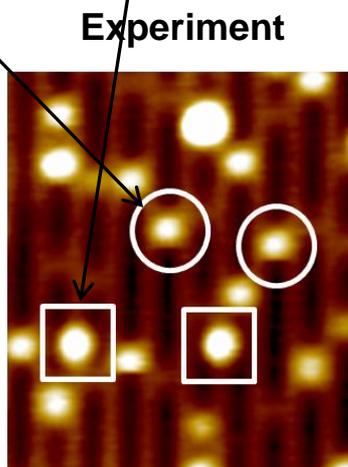


Tilted @ Defect

Flat on Ti Row



The most stable configuration:  
CO<sub>2</sub> at V<sub>O</sub> (10.21 kcal/mol)

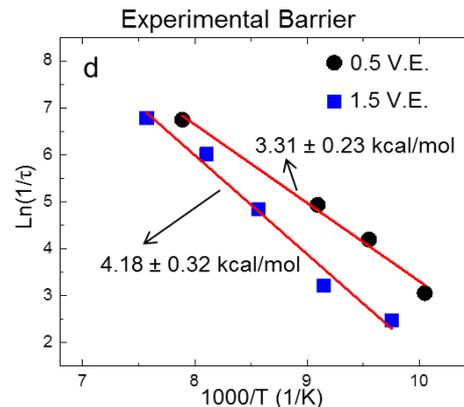


Experiment

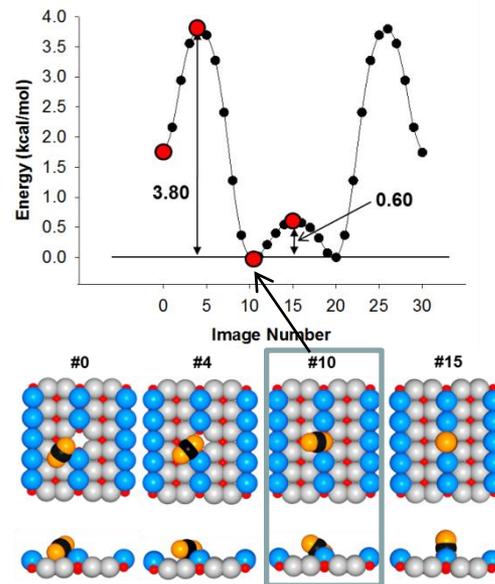
STM image  
CO<sub>2</sub> / TiO<sub>2</sub>(110)

Sorescu et al. *J. Chem. Phys.* **134**, 104707 (2011)

## Measurement and Modeling of CO<sub>2</sub> Diffusion Kinetics

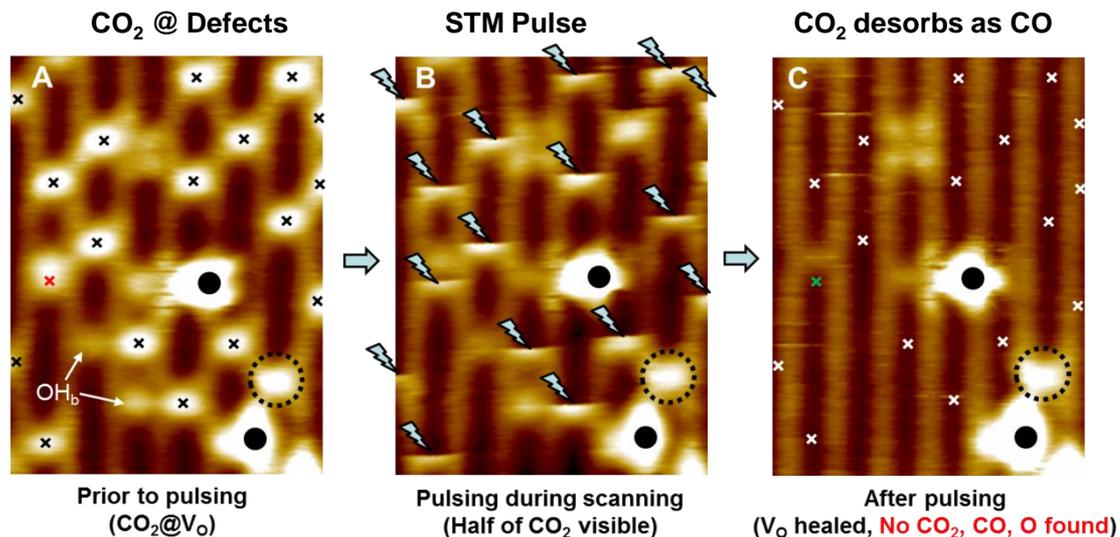


Theoretical Barrier (DFT, CI-NEB)



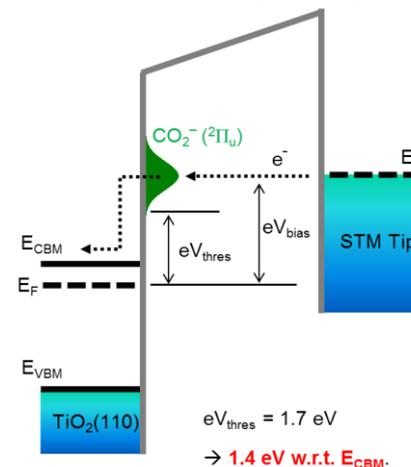
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# Identifying Dissociation Mechanism of CO<sub>2</sub>

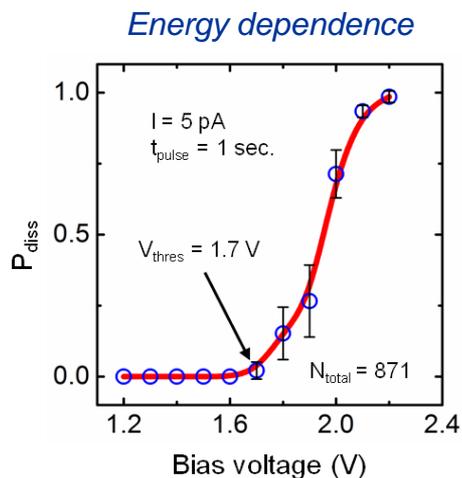
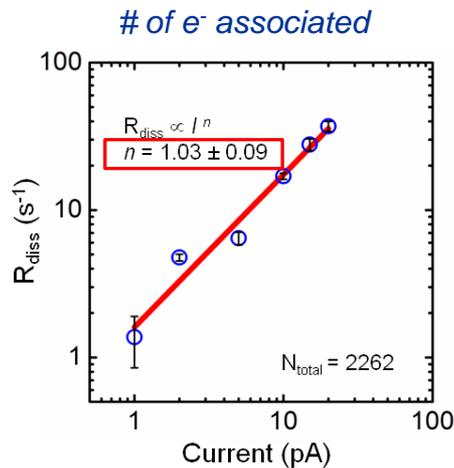


Formation of negative CO<sub>2</sub> ion is the key first step for CO<sub>2</sub> activation.

## Schematic Energy Diagram



Electron acceptor level of CO<sub>2</sub> lies 1.4 eV above the conduction band minimum. – An important guide for photocatalyst engineering.



## Theoretical Thermal Activation Barriers

