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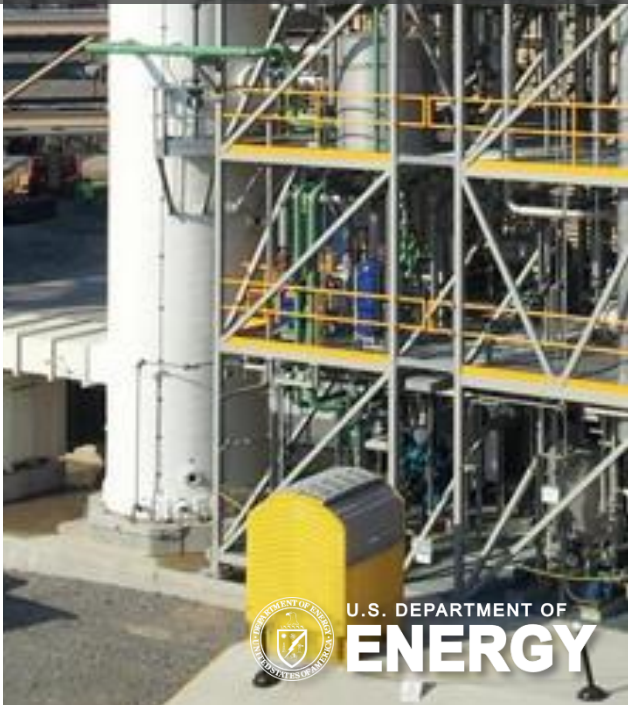
# Carbon Capture Program Overview



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Project Review  
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# Carbon Capture Program.. Mission

- **Mission**

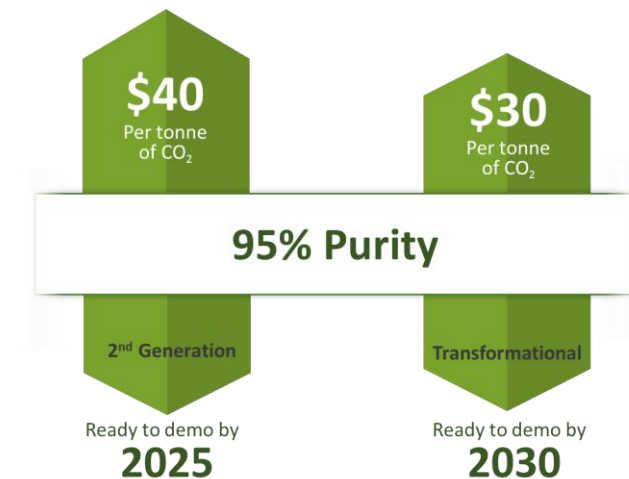
- Develop advanced cost-effect CO<sub>2</sub> capture technologies throughout the power-generation sector
- Ensure the U.S. will continue to have access to safe, reliable, & affordable energy from fossil fuels

- **Drivers/Challenges**

- Coal-based & gas-based power are the 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> largest stationary sources of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions
- Reduce CO<sub>2</sub> capital & operating costs
- Increase efficiency & reduce cost of CO<sub>2</sub> compression

- **Goal & Metrics**

- By 2030, COE at least 30% lower than a supercritical PC with CO<sub>2</sub> capture



National Carbon Capture Center  
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# Carbon Capture Program.. Evolution

## 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Generation Technologies

2025: \$40/tonne CO<sub>2</sub>



Petra Nova

2008 -

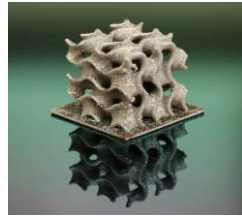
- ✓ Lower CAPEX/OPEX
- ✓ Reduced regeneration energy
- ✓ Increased working capacity

## Transformational Technologies

2030: \$30/tonne CO<sub>2</sub>



Hollow Fibers



3D Print



Biphasic Solvent

2015 -

- ✓ Water Lean Solvents
- ✓ Adv. Amines/Membranes
- ✓ Hybrid
- ✓ Process Intensification

## Scale-up



TCM

2018 -

- ✓ Engineering Scale testing
- ✓ FEED studies

## Negative Emissions Technologies & Industrial



Carbon Engineering, DAC

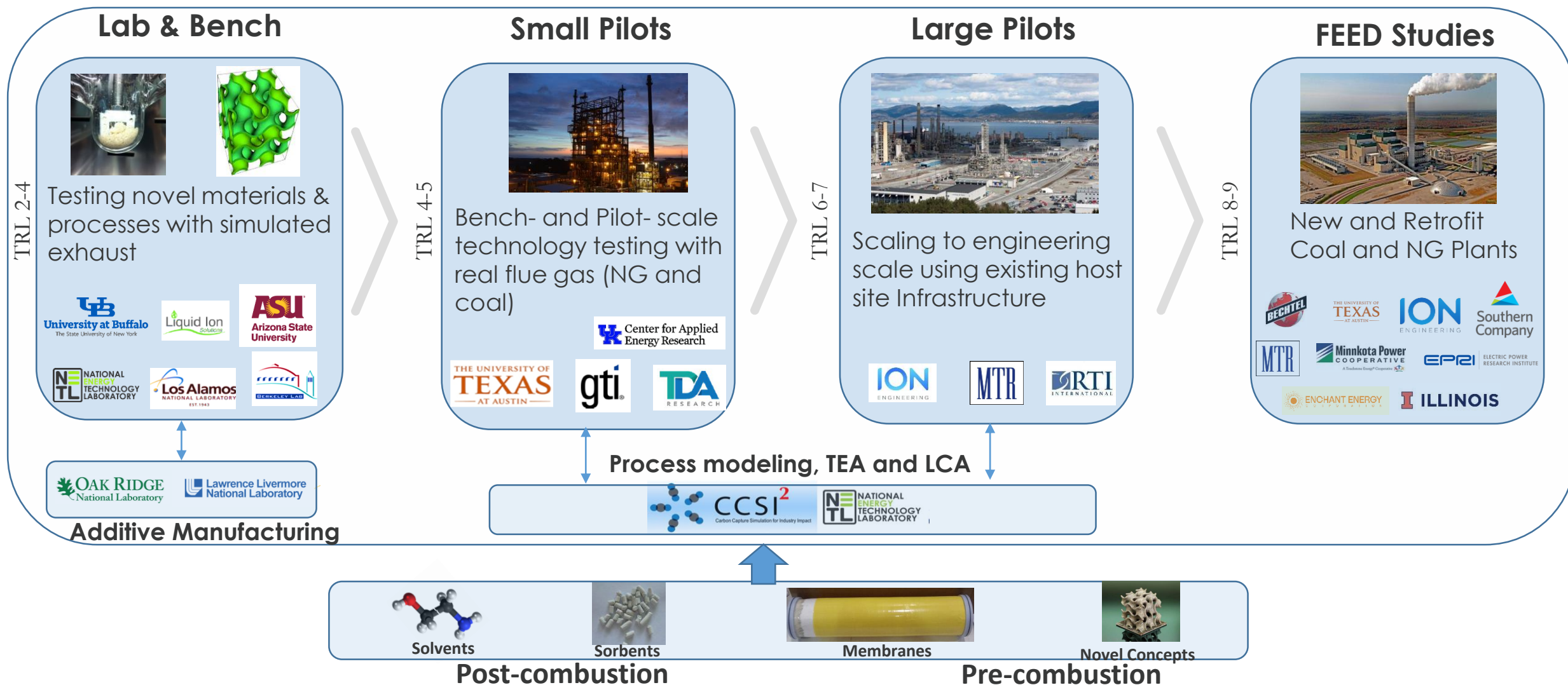


Ethanol Plant

2020 -

- ✓ Coal FIRST
- ✓ DAC & BECCS
- ✓ Industrial, NG

# Carbon Capture.. Program Structure

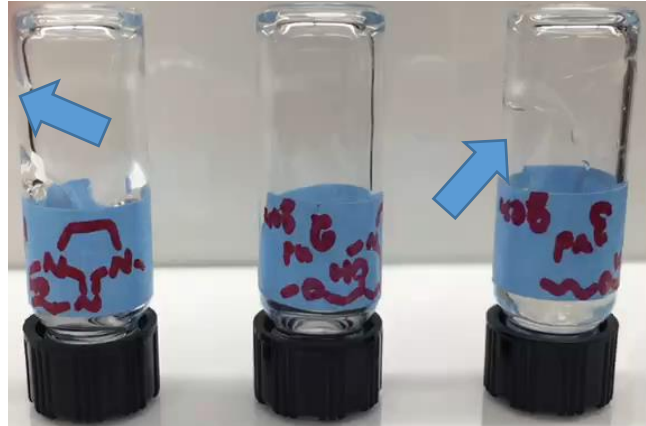


# Carbon Capture.. Challenges

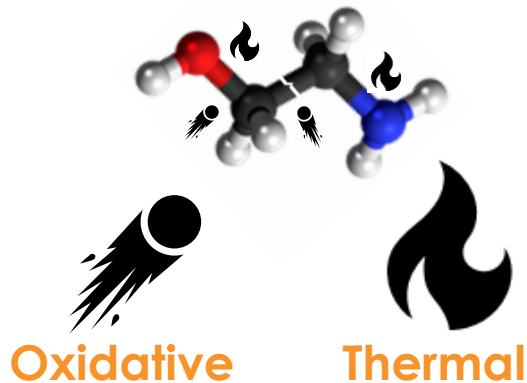
## Aerosols



## Viscosity



## Degradation



## Attrition



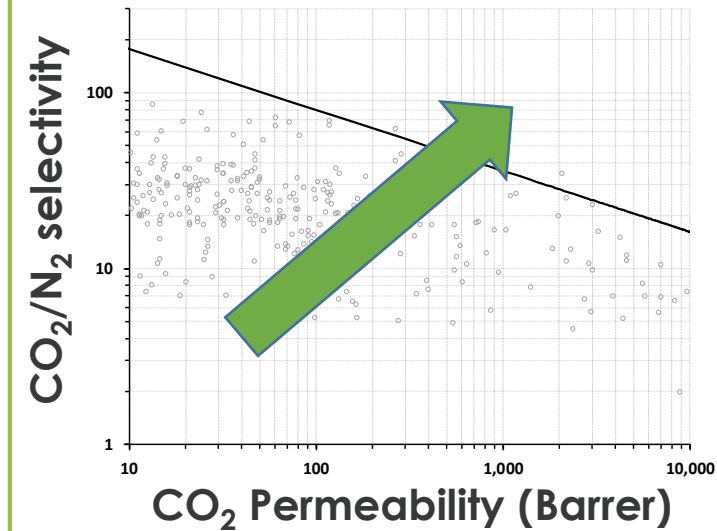
## Corrosion



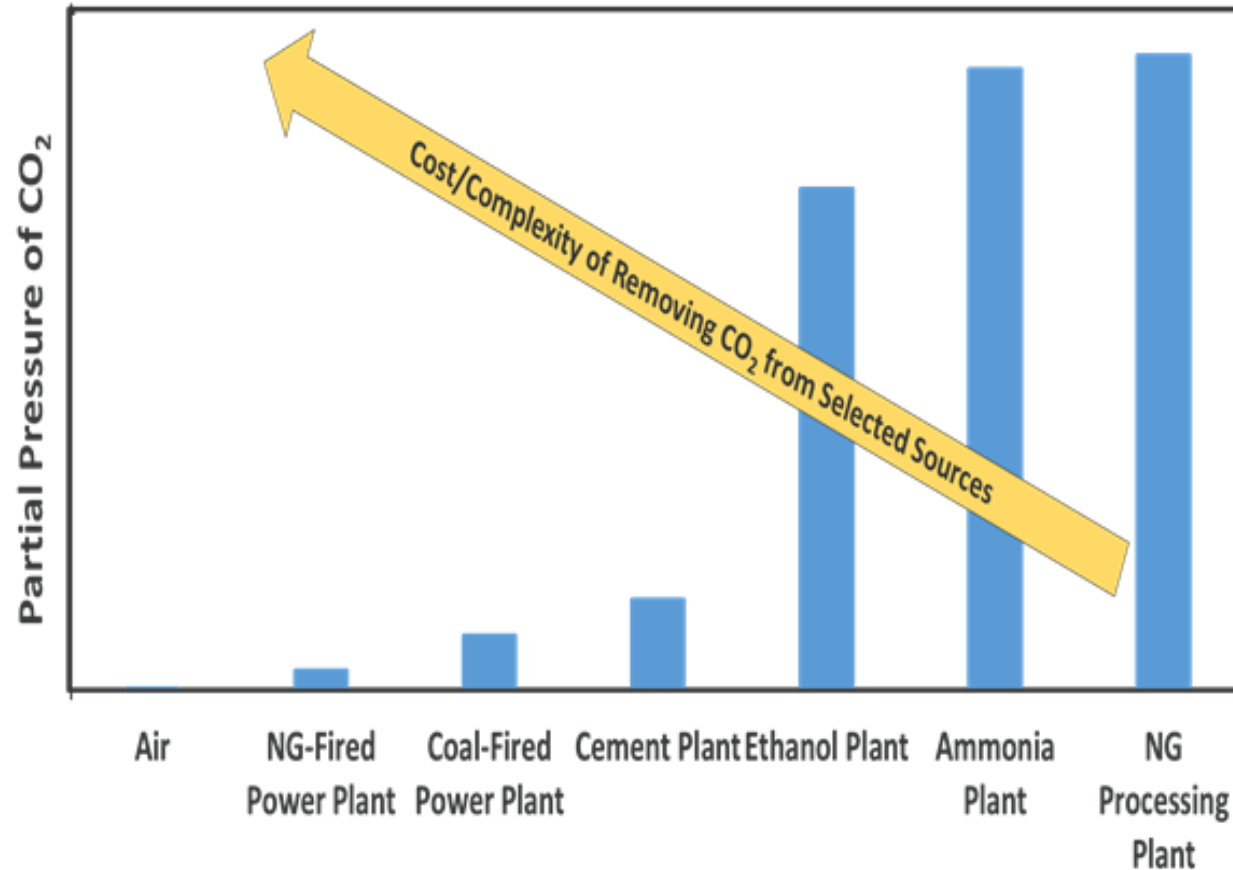
## Disposal & Loss



## Selectivity and Flux



# Carbon Capture.. New Challenges



- **DAC..** Increased cost and complexity due to low CO<sub>2</sub>
- **NGCC..** Increased oxidative degradation due to higher O<sub>2</sub>%
- **Industrial..** Heat integration & impurities
- **Coal FIRST..** Load following operation & low utilization factors



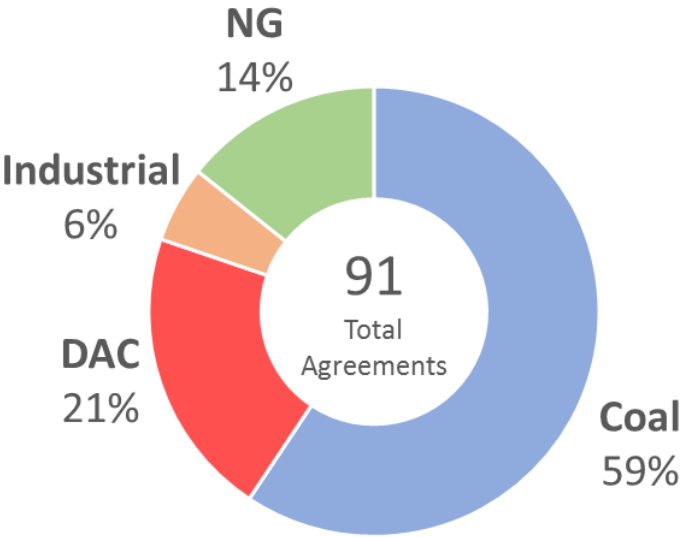
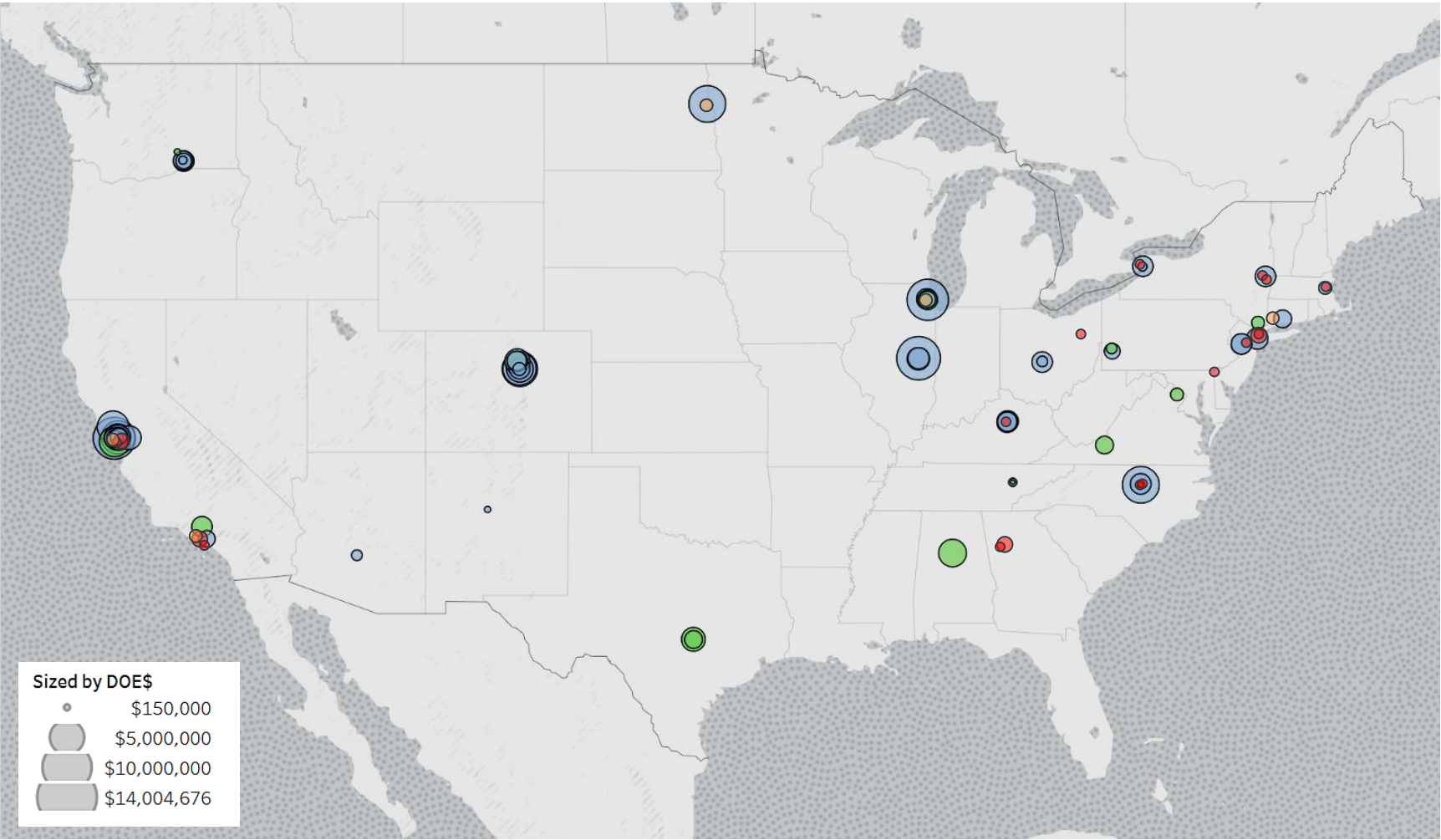
# FOAs Issued in FY19 and FY20

FOA Title/Awards	Issue Date
<b>Front-End Engineering Design Studies for Carbon Capture Systems on Coal and Natural Gas Power Plants</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• AOI 1: FEED studies for existing coal power plants (<math>\geq 150</math> MWe) with CCS (TRL <math>\geq 6</math>)</li><li>• AOI 2: FEED studies for installing CCS (TRL <math>\geq 6</math>) on new or existing domestic NGCC (375 MWe) or new PC <math>\geq 150</math> MWe)</li></ul>	3/13/2019
<b>Novel Research and Development for the Direct Capture of Carbon Dioxide from the Atmosphere</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• AOI 1: Lab-scale testing of <u>novel</u> materials (TRL 2) for direct air capture of CO<sub>2</sub></li><li>• AOI 2: Field testing of <u>existing</u> materials/components (TRL4) in integrated DAC system in a relevant environment</li></ul>	3/30/2020
<b>Carbon Capture R&amp;D: Engineering Scale Testing From Coal and Natural Gas-Based Flue Gas and Initial Engineering Design for Industrial Sources</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• AOI 1: Initial engineering design of technologies for CO<sub>2</sub> capture from industrial sources with CO<sub>2</sub> concentrations higher than coal-based flue gas</li><li>• AOI 2: Engineering-scale testing of transformational CO<sub>2</sub> capture technologies (TRL 4) on actual coal-derived flue gas and/or NGCC flue gas</li></ul>	4/23/2020



# Carbon Capture Program.. Project Distribution

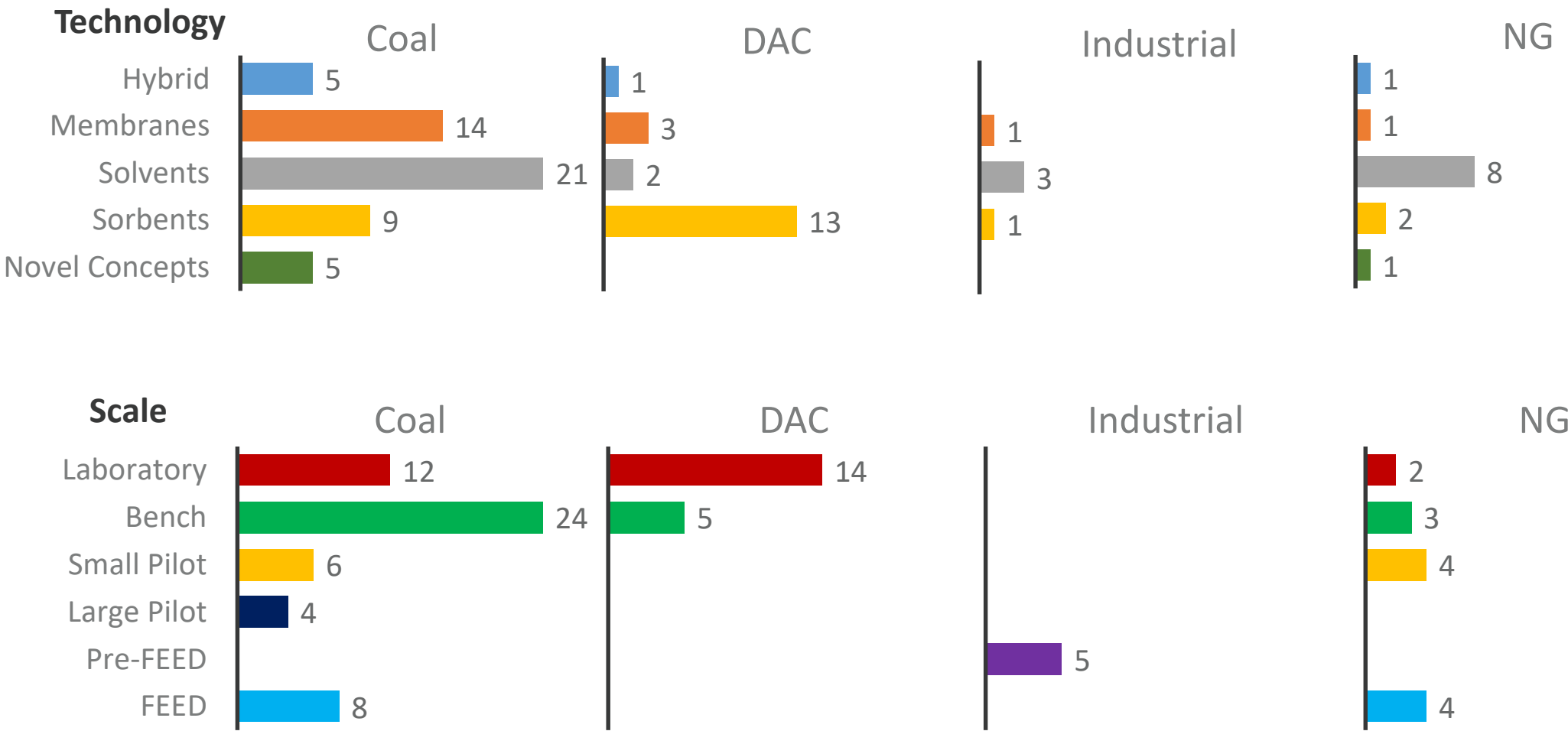
US Location – sized by DOE \$ & colored by application



# Carbon Capture Program.. Technology Area



Count by technology & scale



# Pre-Commercial.. Coal/NG FEEDS (TRL 6+)



DE-FOA-0002058

Closed 05/13/2019

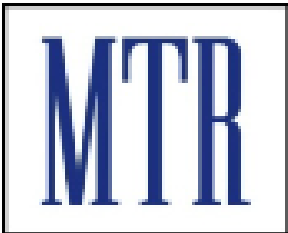
9 awards/\$54M total DOE funding

AOI 1: Retrofitting Existing, Domestic Coal Power Plants with Carbon Capture

AOI 2: Commercial-Scale Carbon Capture Units on New or Existing Domestic Gas-Fired Power Plants or New Domestic Coal Plants

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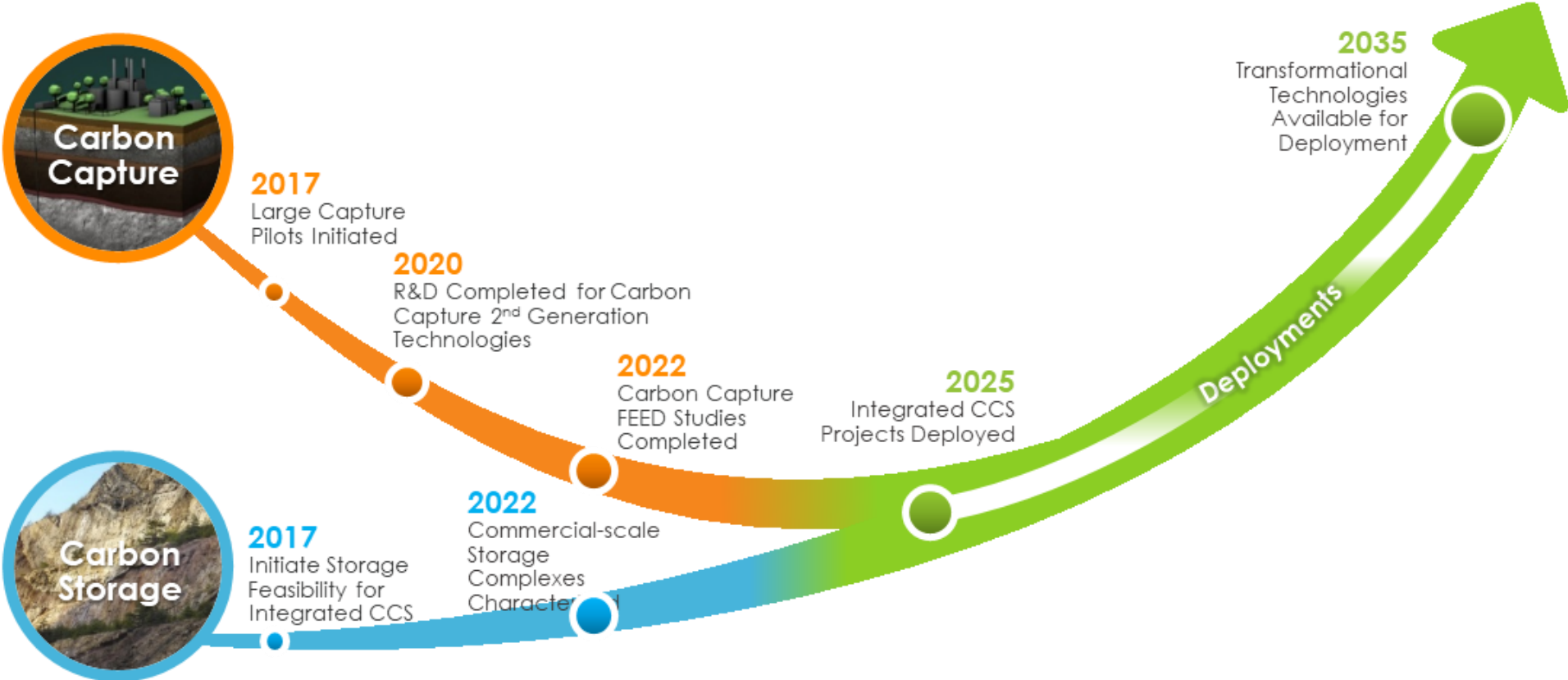
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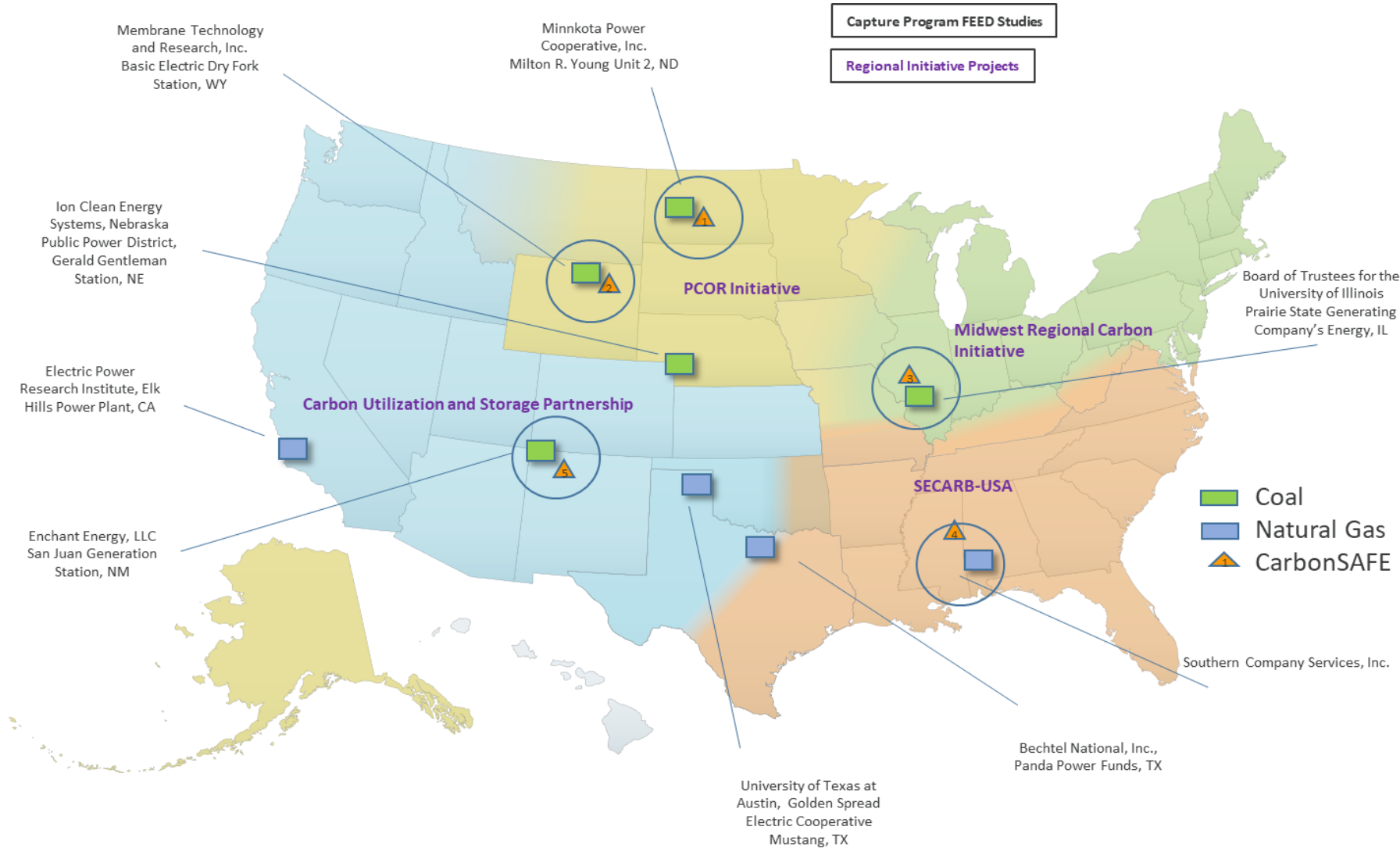
# Capture & Storage.. Timeline Integration



<https://netl.doe.gov/2020CCUS-proceedings>



# Capture & Storage.. Regional Integration



# 2<sup>nd</sup> Generation Solvents.. Water-Lean (TRL 6)

## Research Triangle Institute

### Water-Lean Solvent Process



Technology Centre Mongstad (TCM)

#### CHALLENGE:

- Current solvent technologies: ~30% amines & ~70% water (negative energy impacts)

#### SOLUTION:

- Replace water (for ~5-10% total) with a hydrophobic non-aqueous solvent

#### SIGNIFICANT RESULTS

##### Techno-economic analyses indicate:

- **Reduced Capital Costs:** Smaller columns, heat exchangers, & footprint
- **Reduced Operating Costs:** Lower energy requirements



#### Lab/Bench Scale Development – 2009

- Proof of concept/feasibility (2009)
- Lab-scale testing (2010)
- Bench-scale testing (2014)
  - TEA ~capture cost ≤ \$40/tonne



#### Scale-Up Testing – 2016

- SINTEF's Tiller Plant (60 kWe).. 1500+ hrs.
- NCCC (50 kWe).. 570 hrs



#### Large Pilot-Scale Testing – 2018

- ~12 MWe scale testing at TCM
- Additional operational testing with RTI solvent

# 2<sup>nd</sup> Generation Solvents.. Flash Stripper(TRL 6)



University of Texas

## Concentrated Piperazine Solvent Process



Pilot absorber/stripper system with high temperature flash skid

### CHALLENGE:

- Low MEA absorption rate, working capacity, & thermal stability

### SOLUTION:

- *Piperazine*.. Enhanced absorption kinetics, low degradation
- Flash stripper.. Increased working capacity & desorption pressure

### SIGNIFICANT RESULTS

#### Techno-economic analyses indicate:

- **Reduced Capital Costs:** Smaller reactors & Reduced compression
- **Reduced Operating Costs:** Reduced solvent make-up



#### Lab/Bench Scale Development – 2010-2017

- Proof of concept/feasibility (2009)
- Lab-scale testing (2010)
- Bench-scale testing (2014)
  - TEA ~capture cost ≤ \$40/tonne



#### Small Pilot-Scale Testing – 2018

- NCCC (0.5 MWe).. 2000 hours of testing
- Validated robustness of PZ solvent & adv. flash stripper process configuration



#### FEED Study– 2020

- NGCC Retrofit + Piperazine Solvent + Advanced flash stripper

# Transformational CCS at NCCC.. TRL 5

- 110,000+ test hours, 60+ technologies tested, Developers from 7 countries
- 16 technologies in queue to test
- 7 scaled up (or ready) to 10+ MW

## • **Process intensification**

- *Advanced contactors* (GTI, RPB)
- *Combined sorbents/HX* (Altex)

## • **Advanced materials**

- *Membranes..* NETL, GTI, MTR, OSU, RPI, SUNY Buffalo
- *MOF sorbents..* PCI
- *Water-lean solvents..* CCSL, ION, PNNL, RTI
- *Corrosion-resistant coating..* LumiShield

Current Programs



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<https://netl.doe.gov/events/20VPRCU>



# Coal FIRST / H<sub>2</sub> Generation.. Critical Components



## Modular Pre-combustion Capture System for Coal FIRST Poly-generation Process

Pre-combustion sulfur/contaminant removal & capture process based on integration of low temperature WGS with high temperature physical adsorbent from coal-based poly-generation system that produces power & ammonia

### Relevance and Outcomes/Impact

- Improve process efficiency by 3% by selectively removing CO<sub>2</sub> & trace contaminants
- Improves overall efficiency (net efficiency >40% on HHV basis) by reducing amount of water needed to shift equilibrium-limited reaction



Media and Process Technology Inc.

## Advanced Ceramic Membranes/Modules for H<sub>2</sub> Production/CO<sub>2</sub> Capture for Coal-Based Polygeneration Plants

Extend current multiple tube “candle filter” membrane configuration to dual end (open both ends) design for use as a permeate purgeable support for inorganic membranes in pre-combustion CO<sub>2</sub> capture & poly-generation



Commercial dual end tubular ceramic membrane modules

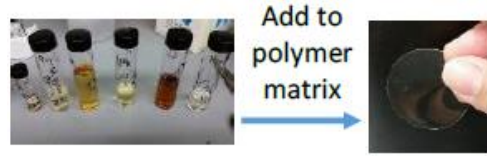
### Relevance and Outcomes/Impact

- Microporous ceramic membranes are low cost, stable material for high temperature applications in harsh environments
- Development of inorganic membrane with “permeate purge” capability offers a breakthrough for scale-up & commercialization of inorganic membrane technology

# Transformational CCS at NETL.. TRL 3-4

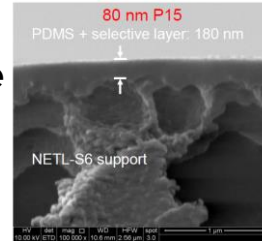
## Natural Gas Flue Gas/Industrial Capture

### Facilitated Transport Ion Gel Membrane



Add to  
polymer  
matrix

High Permeance  
Supports for Thin  
Film Composites



### Amine functionalized PIM polymer sorbent



## CO<sub>2</sub> Capture for Modular Scale Gasification

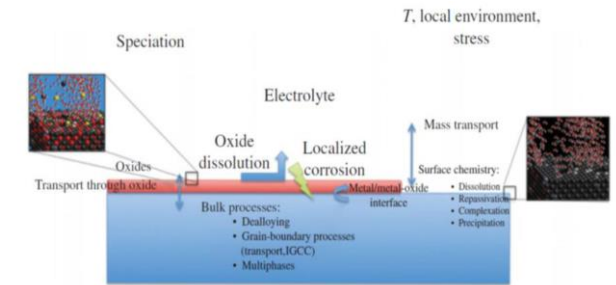


**Modular CO<sub>2</sub> Capture Processes for Integration with Modular Scale Gasification Technologies: Literature Review & Gap Analysis for Future R&D**

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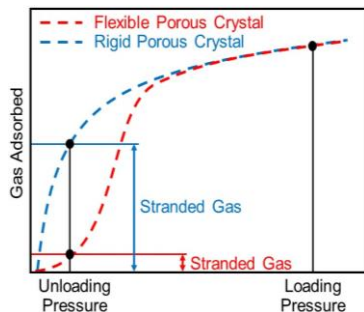
## Blue H<sub>2</sub> / Pre-combustion

### Corrosion of Steel in Pre-Combustion CO<sub>2</sub> Capture Absorption Equipment

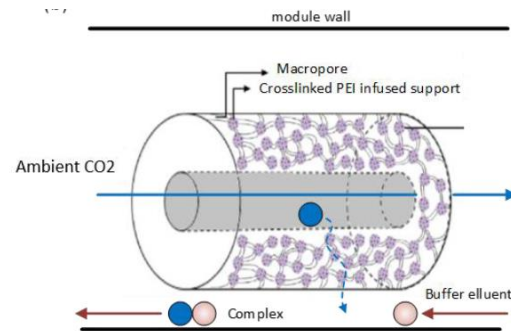


## Direct Air Capture

### Computational Screening of Sorbents for DAC

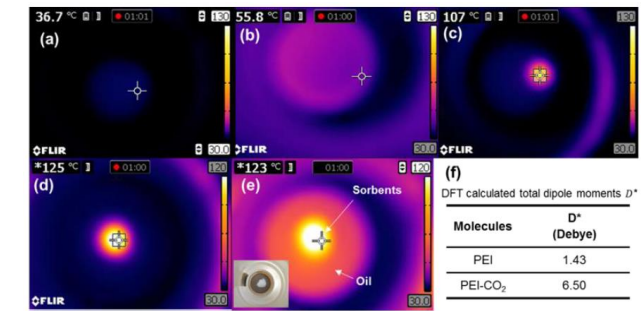
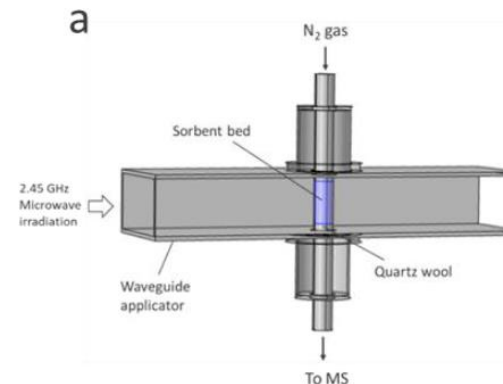


### Hollow Fiber BIAS Sorbent for DAC



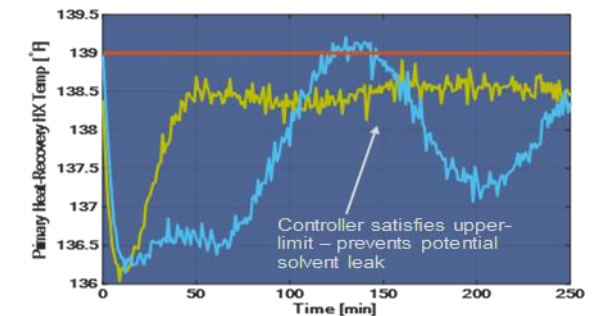
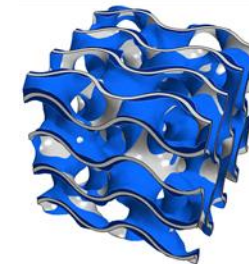
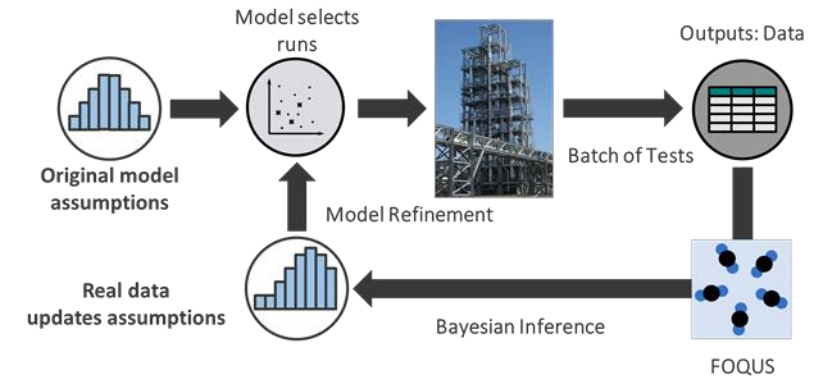
## Coal FIRST

### Microwave Assisted Sorbent Regeneration for Modular Scale CO<sub>2</sub> Capture



# Enabling Capabilities.. CCSI<sup>2</sup>

Technology Area	Primary Objectives	CCSI <sup>2</sup> Expertise
<b>Direct Air Capture</b>	Equipment/Materials design and Intensification; Pilot testing	<i>Machine Learning; Sorbent modeling; CFD/Equipment Design; Design of Experiments</i>
<b>Industrial Capture</b>	Optimize CCS integration; Process Intensification	<i>Process Optimization; CCS modeling; Equipment Design</i>
<b>Blue H<sub>2</sub></b>	Process Intensification & Optimization; Process Intensification	<i>Membrane/Sorbent/Reaction Modeling; Optimization; Multi-functional Equipment Design</i>
<b>Coal FIRST</b>	CCS load following; Process Intensification	<i>Dynamic/CCS Modeling; Polygen Optimization; Equipment Design</i>



Design of Advanced Energy Systems (IDAES)/Carbon Capture Simulation for Industry Impact (CCSI<sup>2</sup>) Stakeholder Workshop, Oct. 1-22 2020

[https://lblnl.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_T9X0KwA5RkGSPYUbKVGQWg](https://lblnl.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_T9X0KwA5RkGSPYUbKVGQWg)

# Enabling Capabilities.. TEA & LCA

## Historical Analysis Areas

### Coal & Natural Gas for Power

- Baseline (Rev 2, 3)
- LCA
- Retrofit Studies
- Retrofit Databases
- Membrane, Solvent, Sorbent Evaluations

## Current Analysis Topics

### Coal and Natural Gas

- Baseline (Rev 4)
- NGCC with EGR Study Update
- Flexible Operation
- Dispatch models

### Negative Emissions Technologies

- BECCS TEA and LCA
- Direct Air Capture Base Cases

### Industrial Capture

- Development of Cement Specific Study
- Hydrogen Production
- LCA



# Carbon Capture Program.. Outreach



Carbon Capture Newsletter



Carbon Capture Program R&D Compendium



Carbon Capture Program Website

# CONCLUSIONS

- **Carbon Capture needs to be nimble..** Low CO<sub>2</sub> concentrations & Low capacity factors
  - FE technology portfolio is being leveraged for NETS, NGCC, and Industrial
  - Need transformational carbon capture systems to support Coal FIRST (polygen, load following capabilities)
- **Many advances in CAPEx & OpEx reduction...**
  - Recent advances in simulation, materials & additive manufacturing can decrease the overall cost of capture
- **LCAs and TEAs remain critical evaluation tools..**
  - Need to validate dynamic models with pilot data; start evaluating CCS within capacity expansion models
- **Carbon Capture/Utilization/Storage integration** across DOE and international programs is critical



# Questions

<http://www.netl.doe.gov/research/coal/carbon-capture>

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