### Driving the Technology Innovation Ecosystem through Applied Research and Collaboration Solutions for Today | Options for Tomorrow



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# MISSION

Discover, integrate and mature technology solutions to enhance the Nation's energy foundation and protect the environment for future generations

- Effective Resource Development
- Efficient Energy Conversion
- Environmental Sustainability

# VISION

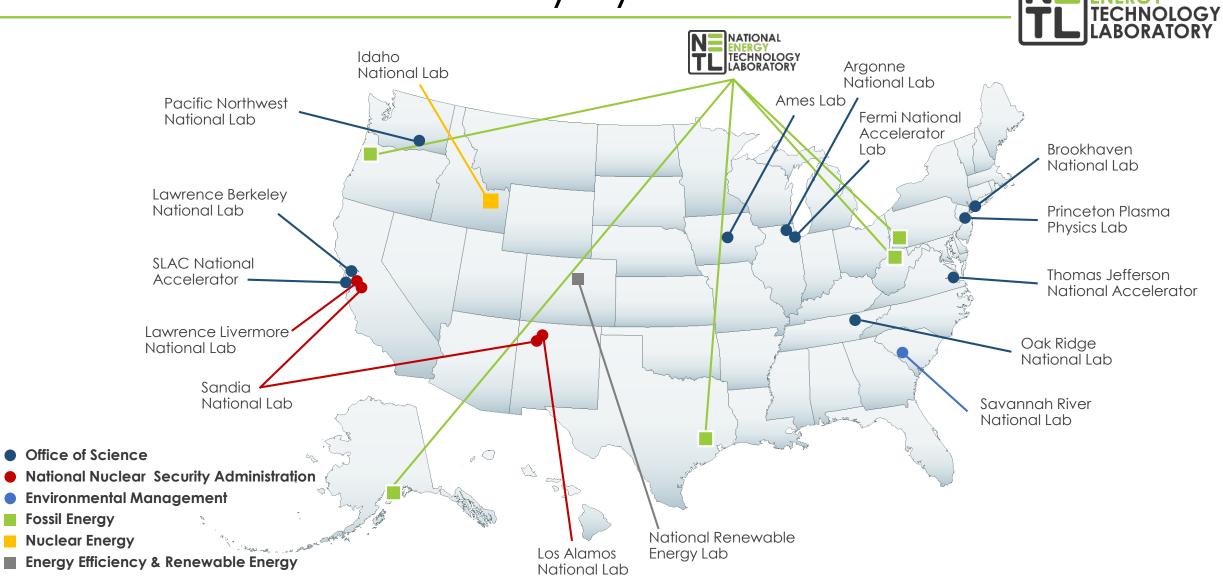
Be the Nation's renowned fossil-energy science and engineering resource, delivering world-class technology solutions today and tomorrow

- Technology Convener
- Knowledge and Technology Generation Center
- Responsible Steward





# The National Laboratory System

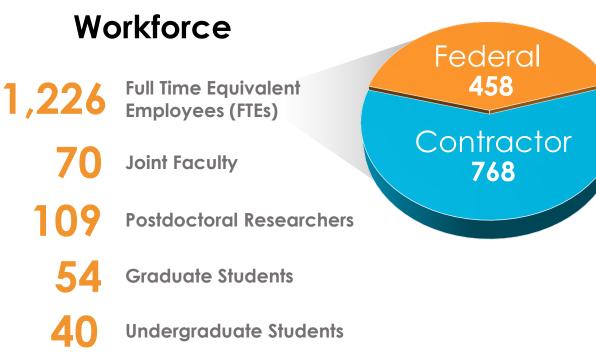




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# By the Numbers 3 labs across U.S. 900+ R&D projects in 50 states \$6.3B total award value \$991M FY19 budget



### **NETL** possesses an array of authorities to manage & implement complex R&D programs

- Program planning, development, and execution
- Legal, Financial, Procurement and Head of Contracting Authority (HCA)
- Project Management Expertise



### Core Competencies & Technology Thrusts





# Evolving Topics in Coal

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Upgrading the Existing Fleet



Advancing Next-Gen Power Plants



Improving the performance, reliability, & efficiency of the existing coalfired fleet Advancing small-scale, modular coal plants that are highly efficient, flexible, & nearzero emissions Enhancing the value of coal as a feedstock & deriving new value-added products from coal

**Pioneering New** 

Markets for Coal

Reducing the Cost of Carbon Capture

Reducing Water Use in Energy Production



Developing advanced computational & simulation tools, & transformational technologies to reduce the cost of CO<sub>2</sub> capture



Addressing water quality, sustainability, & availability for power generation



## Upgrading the Existing Fleet





### **NETL Focus Areas**

 Sensors, Diagnostics, and Controls to Improve Prediction, Performance, and Reliability

Wireless Sensors for Improved Condition-Based Monitoring

- Power Plant Component Improvement
- Data Analytics Driven Controls

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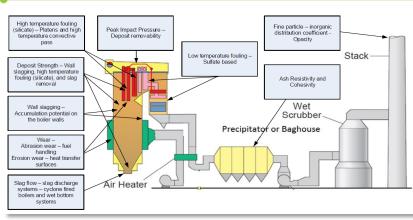
- With sponsorship by NETL, University of Maine developed harsh environment sensing technology and installed a prototype at Longview Powerplant
- Surface acoustic wave sensors are able to operate wirelessly inside a furnace up to around 1000°C.
- Technology offers advantages for inline monitoring of coal-based power generation systems including accurate, battery-free, maintenance-free wireless operation.



# Machine Learning in Energy Conversion

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Process Control & Fault Diagnostics

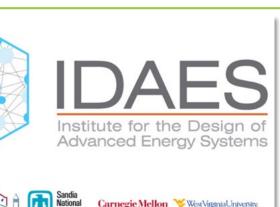


Microbeam Technologies, Inc.

Develop real-time health monitoring for gas turbines and predictive maintenance techniques Using machine learning to identify data as input for models and accelerating innovation, prioritize R&D at low TRLs, multi-scale

**Process Synthesis**,

**Optimization**, & Intensification



Discovery High-Throughput Thermodynamic/ Kinetic Data Tools Component Design & Solid-State Processing Mechanical Materials Chemistr Performance Microstructure Property Evolution Solution Modeling Tools Modeling Tools Requirement Modeling Tools High-Throughput Mechanical/Physical Properties Physics-based modeling tools Data Analytics Materials Solution High-throughput screening tools Design Born Qualified Manufacture **Materials** Performance

**Materials** 

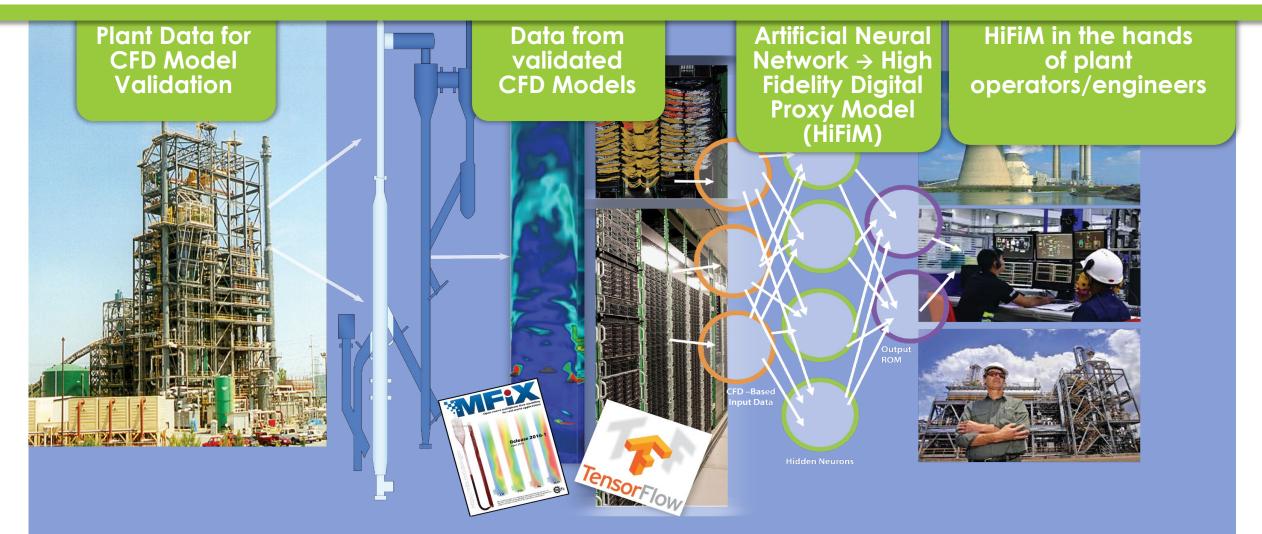
Using machine learning to enable advanced materials and tools to predict alloy behavior



### **Optimize Part-Load Operation of Plants**



### Using Computational Fluid Dynamics (CFD) and Machine Learning





# CFD to HiFiM Development

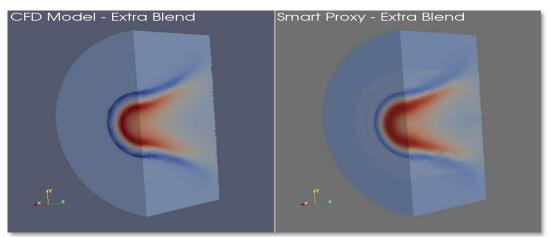
### **HiFiM's Using Machine Learning and Data Analytics**

#### Transformational Technologies for Existing Plants

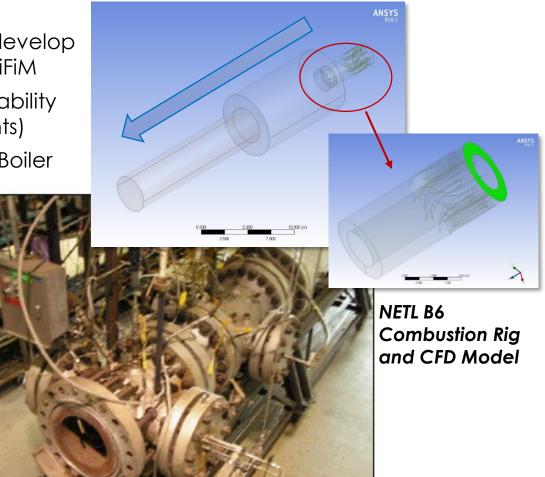
**Project Objective:** Apply machine learning and data analytics to develop the capability to systematically reduce detailed CFD data into a HiFiM

**Project Status:** NETL and WVU have successfully demonstrated the ability to produce a HiFiM from CFD data (NETL B6 combustion experiments)

**Next Steps:** Apply methodology to the Tri-State/Escalante 285 MW Boiler under turn-down operations.



Gas temperature of NETL's B6 combustion rig predicted by the CFD model (left) and the HiFiM (right)







### Advancing Next-Gen Power Plants





Advancing small-scale, modular coal plants that are highly efficient, flexible, & nearzero emissions

### **NETL Focus Areas**

- Modular power plants
- Stable power generation
- Flexible and highly efficient operations
- Accommodate ongoing transitions from simple arrangement to complex energy systems

### Advanced Ultra-supercritical (AUSC) Technology



#### AUSC ComTest Project:

- Validating technology applicable to fossil, nuclear, and renewable power generation
- Accelerating development of domestic supply chain
- Higher efficiency and lower emissions
- Minimizing risk for building AUSC plants
- Designed world's first integrated AUSC steam turbine at 760°C



# Coal FIRST Initiative



#### Providing secure, stable, and reliable power

The R&D under the Coal FIRST initiative will support future power plants



Flexible operations to meet the needs of the grid



**nnovative** and cutting-edge components that improve efficiency and reduce emissions

**Resilient** power to Americans



**Transformative** coal technologies designed and manufactured

### Design criteria includes:

- High overall plant efficiency
- Unit sizes of ~50-350 MW
- Near-zero emissions
- High ramp rates and minimum loads
- Integration with thermal or other energy storage
- Minimized water consumption
- Reduced design, construction, and commissioning schedules from conventional norms
- Enhanced maintenance features
- Integration with coal upgrading, or other plant value streams
- Capable of natural gas co-firing

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### Pioneering New Markets for Coal





Enhancing the value of coal as a feedstock & deriving new value-added products from coal

### **NETL Focus Areas**

- Identify new manufacturing processes for converting coal into highvalue products beyond traditional energy markets.
- Evaluate costs and technical performance of coal-based materials compared to derivatives of other feedstocks.
- Characterize the best markets for coal-based manufacturing and associated barriers.

#### Recovering rare earth elements from coal and coal by-product streams

- NETL is extracting rare earth elements (REEs) from the full spectrum of coal and coal-based materials.
- Supports three first-of-a-kind, domestic extraction, separation and recovery facilities.
- REEs are in the form of oxides and/or salts, which can either be directly used or converted into rare earth metals for end-use commodity.



Development of Adv. REE Separations Concepts

Bench-Scale Facility for the Extraction, Separation and Recovery of REEs from Coal-Based Resources





# Reducing the Cost of Carbon Capture



Predicted

possible MMMs

over a million



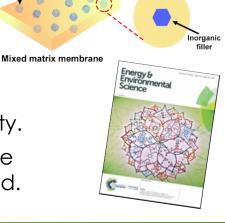
Developing advanced computational & simulation tools, & transformational technologies to reduce the cost of CO<sub>2</sub> capture

### **NETL Focus Areas**

- Post-combustion: remove  $CO_2$  from the combustion flue gas.
- Pre-combustion: capture CO<sub>2</sub> prior to combustion.
- Compression to increase the pressure and reduce the volume flow, enabling efficient transport.

#### **Computational Tools to Rapidly Screen Novel Carbon Capture Materials** properties for

- NETL in-house researchers used high-throughput computational methodology to screen over 1 million possible mixed matrix membranes (MMMs).
- NETL-developed polymers were found to enhance mechanical stability.
- MMMs, with NETL developed polymer, were estimated to **decrease** the cost of carbon capture from 63 to 48 per metric ton of CO<sub>2</sub> removed.





# Reducing Water Use in Energy Production





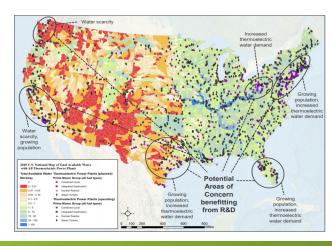
Addressing water quality, sustainability, & availability for power generation

### **NETL Focus Areas**

- Increasing water efficiency and reuse to reduce water intake and lower overall operating costs.
- Identifying and treating alternative sources of water to address energywater system challenges.
- **Analyzing** energy-water system behavior to better inform decision-makers and scientists.

### 2018 Water Brief

- Identifies regions of water scarcity with expected growth in thermoelectric power generation.
- Recommends R&D to curb thermoelectric water use in areas of concern.
- Predicts locations that would benefit from R&D deployment.



Six potential geographic Areas of Concern that require an R&D plan are shown on a graphic of total available water (2010) overlaid with thermoelectric power generation (2018).



# Evolving Topics in Oil & Gas



Enhancing Recovery



Transformational technologies to more effectively characterize and produce natural gas and oil resources Natural Gas Utilization



Lower-cost technologies for capturing and utilizing natural gas that would be otherwise vented or flared at the field or well-pad level Fracturing Water Reuse



Reduce cost and improve efficiency of systems for treating fracturing flowback or produced water for beneficial reuse **Data Analytics** 

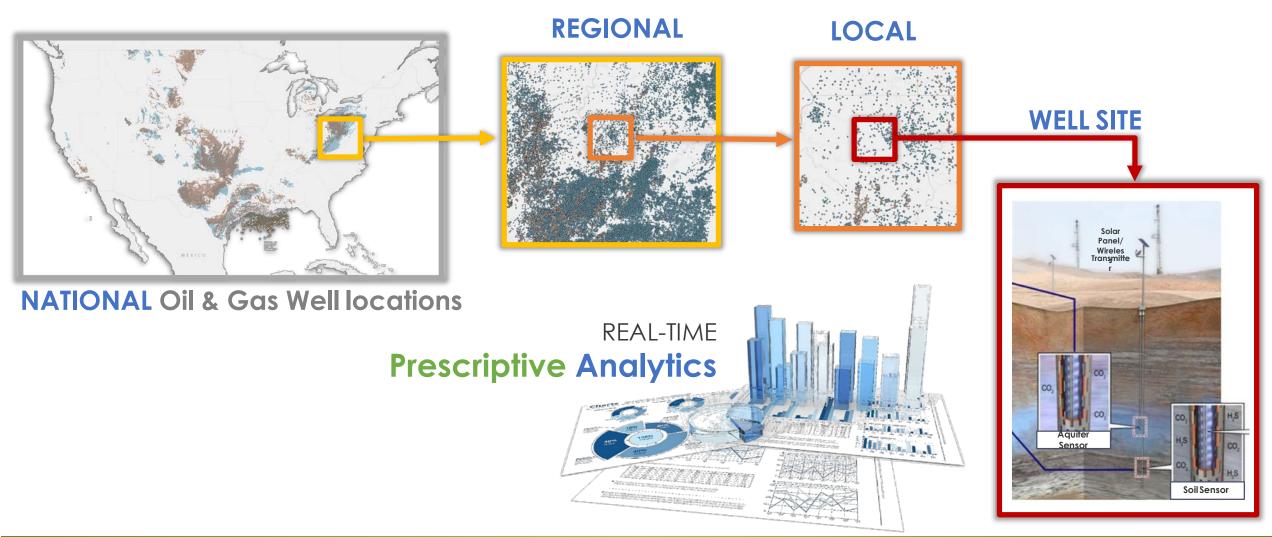


Addressing critical knowledge gaps in the use of data analytics and machine learning to optimize reservoir management and production operations



### Real-Time Decision Science for the Subsurface

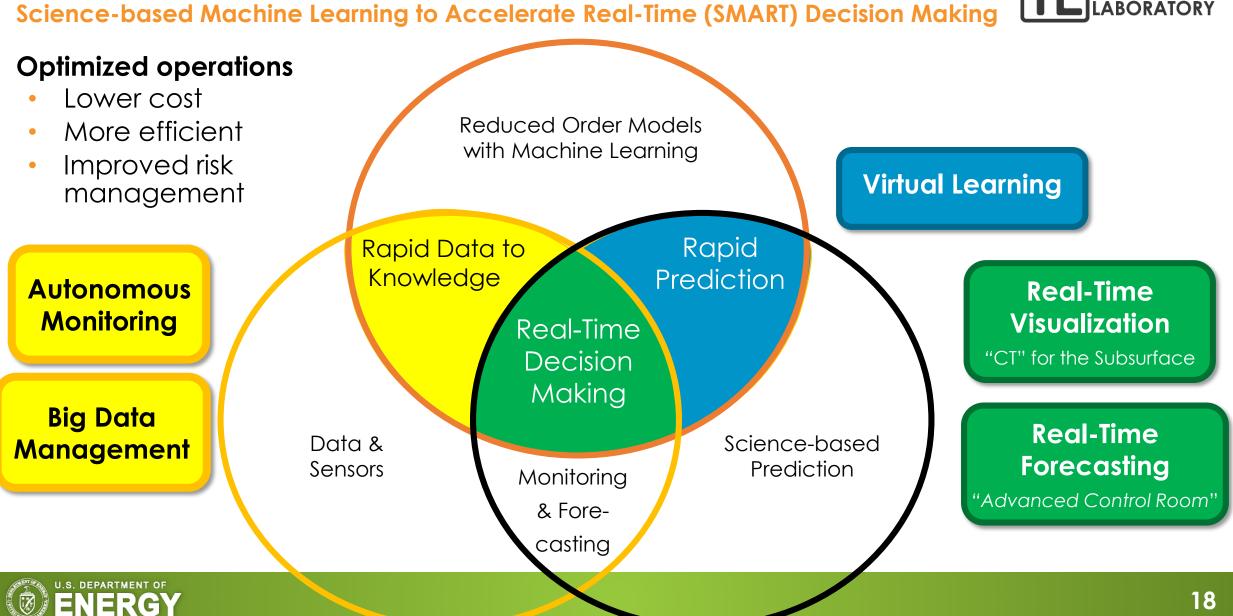






# Al Potential in the Subsurface





Marcellus Shale Energy and Environmental Laboratory (MSEEL)



### **Data Analytics and Machine Learning at NETL Field Sites**

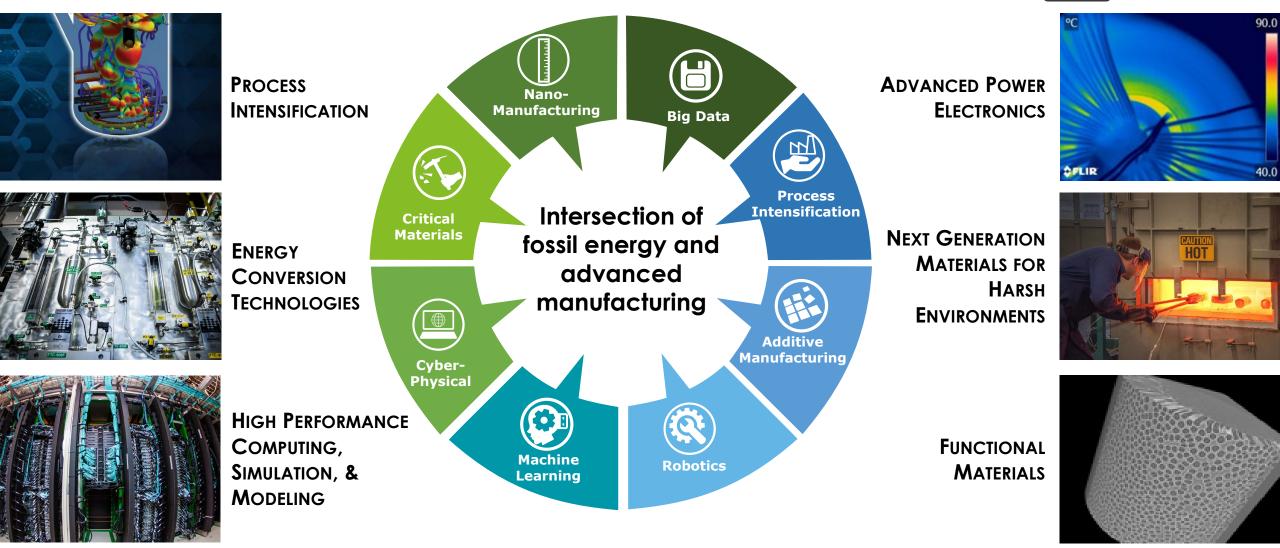
- Lessons learned from the first two MSEEL wells at the Morgantown Industrial Park site guided more extensive testing at the new well site near Core, WV.
- WVU and NNE will develop engineered stimulation designs that will be monitored using advanced fiber-optic distributed acoustic and distributed temperature technologies.
- Data generated during stimulation will provide future machine learning algorithms to be developed that can be used by all operators working in the Marcellus to develop more productive wells.





### An Innovative Approach to Advanced Manufacturing

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# Advanced Manufacturing: A Regional View



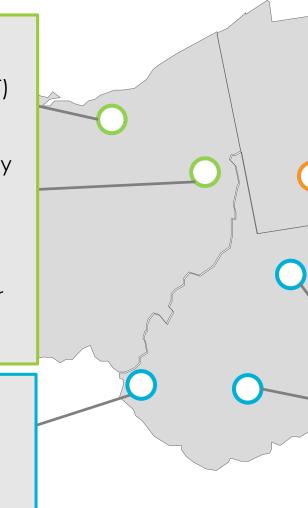
#### The Tri-State Area's Major Organizations

#### Northern OH:

- The Manufacturing Advocacy and Growth Network (MAGNET)
- Ohio Manufacturing Extension
  Partnership
- Case Western Reserve University
  Northeastern OH:
- America Makes
- Northeast Ohio Additive Manufacturing Cluster
- Youngstown Business Incubator
- Team NEO/Jobs Ohio
- Youngstown State University

#### Western WV:

- Robert C. Byrd Institute for Advanced Flexible Manufacturing
- Marshall University



#### Southwestern PA:

- Carnegie Mellon University
- The Advanced Robotics for Manufacturing • (ARM) Institute •
  - Catalyst Connection
- University of Pittsburgh
- Innovation Works

- General Electric
- Alcoa
- Covestro
- Westinghouse
- Ansys
- Arconic
- ExOne
- Robert Morris University

### North-Central WV:

- West Virginia University
- WV Manufacturing Extension Partnership

#### South-Central WV:

- Mid-Atlantic Technology, Research, and Innovation Center
- West Virginia Manufacturers Association
- TechConnect West Virginia



### Accelerating Regional Advanced Manufacturing

#### **NETL's Role**

- Innovating, maturing, and deploying technologies
  - Designing new standards and research procedures
  - Advancing technologies to market readiness
  - Bringing complementary organizations together industry, academia, government, non-governmental organizations
  - Connecting technology with workforce development needs
  - Systematic decision-making techniques
  - Addressing market and policy drivers
  - Technology systems integration







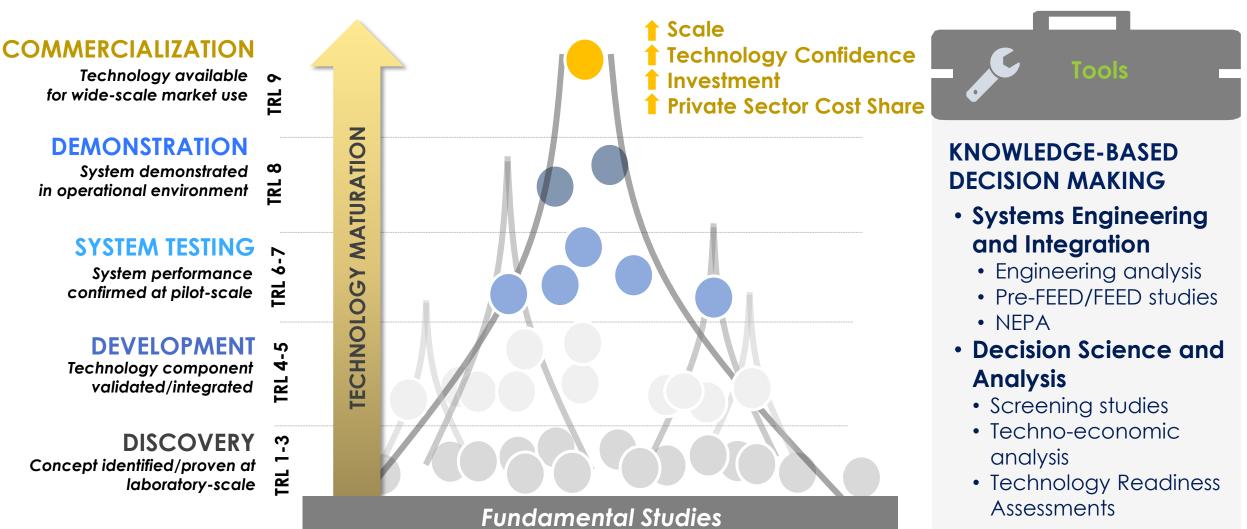


# Implement



# Technology Development Pathway

An Active Portfolio from Concept to Market Readiness





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# Established & Expanding Partnerships

An Active Portfolio from Concept to Market Readiness



# FE has over 600 partnerships with industry, academia and other government organizations and funds 900+ R&D projects nationwide.





# How to work with NETL



The TOOLBOX

- Cooperative Research and Development Agreement (CRADA)
- Contributed Funds-In Agreement (CFA)
- Memorandums of Understanding (MOU)/ Memorandums of Agreement (MOA)

- Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) & Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) Programs
- Unsolicited Proposals (USP)
- Non-disclosure Agreement (NDA)
- Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA)

### Available Technologies

- NETL's technology portfolio contains a broad range of innovations that have resulted from research
- Technologies and IP available for licensing on NETL's website.

Available Technologies: <a href="https://www.netl.doe.gov/business/tech-">https://www.netl.doe.gov/business/tech-</a>

transfer/available-technologies

### Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA)

- NETL uses FedConnect.net, Grants.gov and FedBizOpps.gov to post FOAs
- Proposals and applications are only accepted electronically through FedConnect.net or Grants.gov

#### Funding Opportunities:

https://www.netl.doe.gov/business/solicitations



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