

# Data Management and Simulation Support Accelerating Carbon Capture through Computing

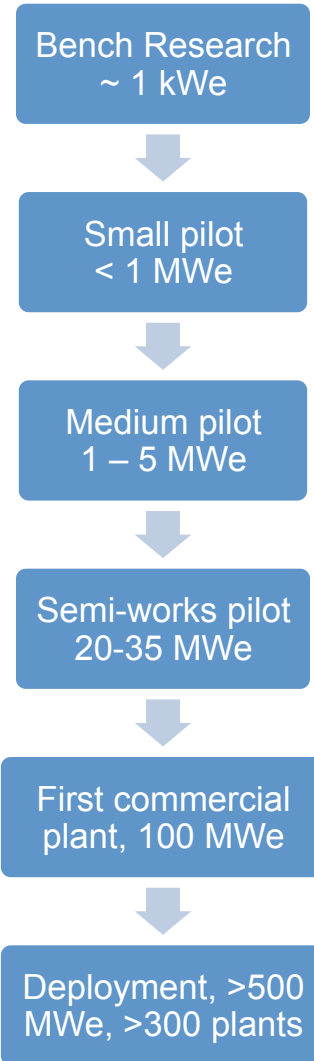
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# Carbon Capture Challenge

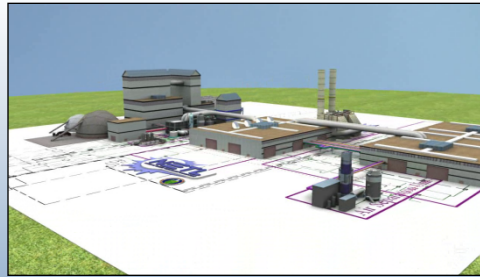
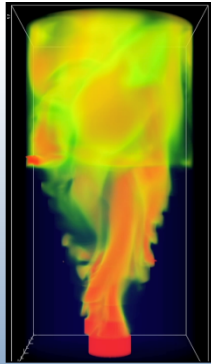
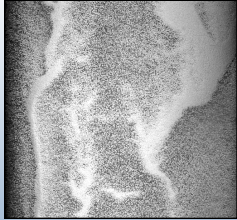
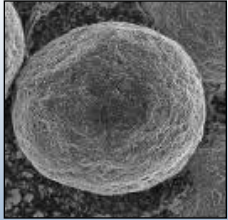
- The traditional pathway from discovery to commercialization of energy technologies is long<sup>1</sup>, i.e., ~ **20-30 years**
- President's plan<sup>2</sup> requires that barriers to the widespread, safe, and cost-effective deployment of CCS be overcome **within 10 years**
- To help realize the President's objectives, new approaches are needed for taking concepts **from lab to power plant, quickly, at low cost and with minimal risk**
- Carbon Capture Simulation Initiative (CCSI) designed to accelerate the development of CCS technology, from discovery through deployment, with the help of **science-based simulations**



1. International Energy Agency Report: Experience Curves for Energy Technology Policy,” 2000

2. <http://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/presidential-memorandum-a-comprehensive-federal-strategy-carbon-capture-and-storage>

# Carbon Capture Simulation Initiative



Identify  
promising  
concepts



Reduce the time  
for design &  
troubleshooting



Quantify the technical  
risk, to enable reaching  
larger scales, earlier

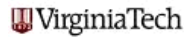


Stabilize the cost  
during commercial  
deployment

## National Labs



## Academia



## Industry



Essential for accelerating commercial deployment



# CCSI Integrated Process Design Environment

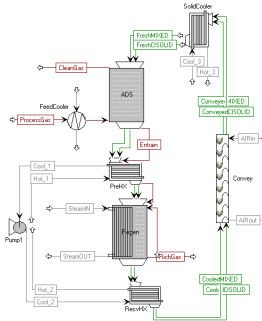
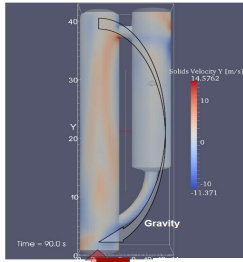
*Bench-scale  
Experiments*

*Particle-scale  
Simulations*

*Process  
Simulations*

*Small-scale  
Deployments*

*Uncertainty  
Quantification,  
Decision  
Support,  
Optimization,  
etc*



*Knowledge, Information, &  
Integrated User Environment*

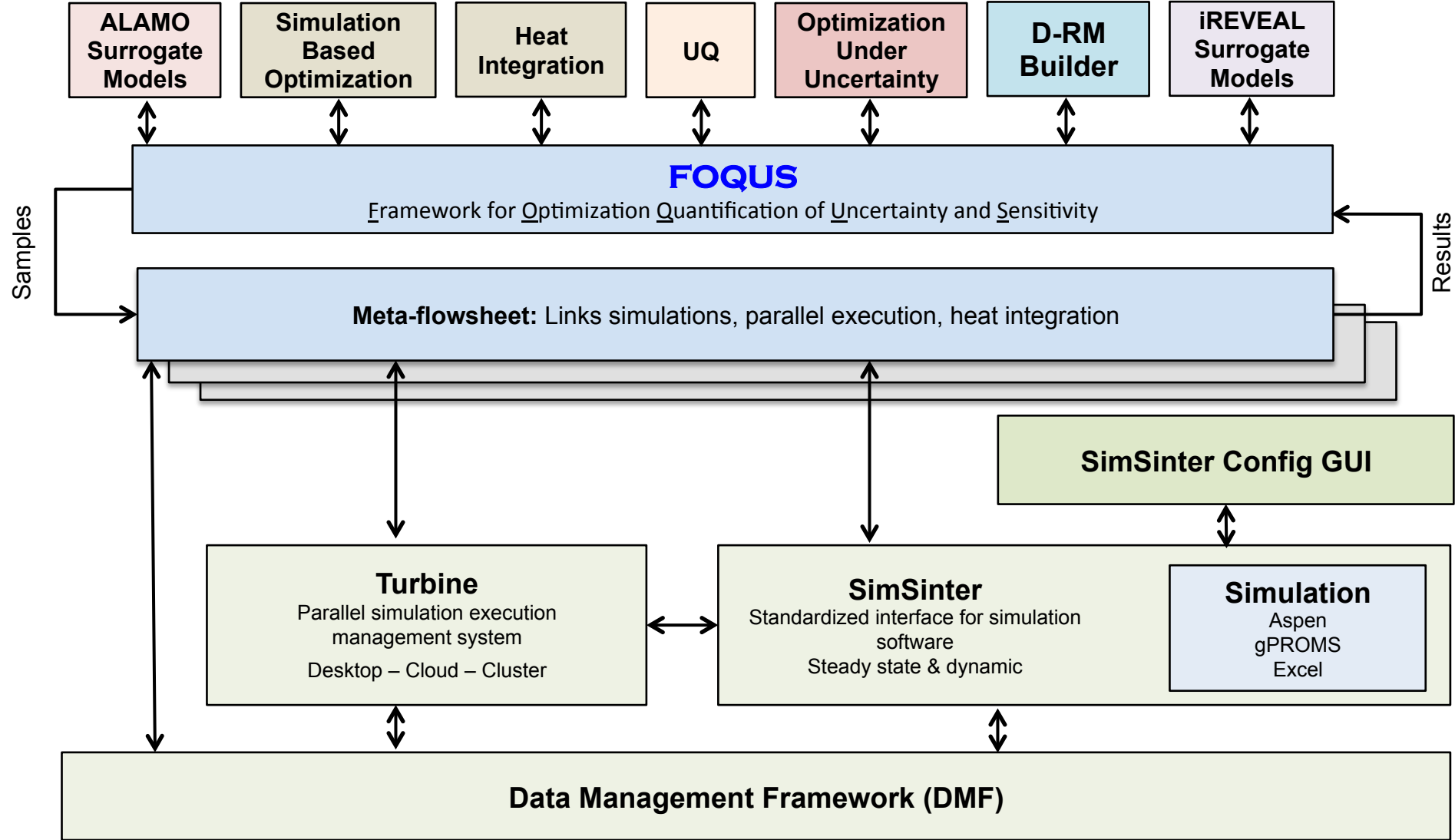
*Decision  
Makers*



# CCSI Toolset

- Comprehensive, integrated suite of validated science-based computational models
- Modular design that leverages existing software components
- Simulation and data management support provided through CCSI Integration Framework
- Components:
  - Core capabilities for optimization, modeling and uncertainty quantification
  - Orchestration: FOQUS
  - Process simulation framework: Turbine, SimSinter, DMF

# CCSI Toolset Architecture





- Framework for Optimization and Quantification of Uncertainty and Sensitivity
- Serves as the primary computational interface in the CCSI Toolset.
- Interface to simplify running complex modeling and UQ studies
- Modular design involving plugin system
- *Flowsheet*: Composite model, *Meta-Flowsheet*: Combination of flowsheets
- Provides GUI and platform for flowsheet analysis tools
- Developed in Python/PyQt/PySide

# FOQUS: GUI

The screenshot displays the FOQUS (Framework for Optimization and Quality User Interface) software interface. The main window shows a process flow diagram with three units: Mix, React, and Sep. The 'Node Edit' panel on the right shows the 'Sep' unit details, including its name, error status, code, message, model, and input variables.

**Node Edit Panel:**

- Name: Sep
- Error Status: Code: -1, Message: Did not finish
- Model: Type: None
- Input Variables:
 

Name	Value	Unit
1 FA_1	1.0	None
2 FB_1	1.0	None
3 FracA	0.1	None
- Output Variables: (empty)
- Settings: (empty)

The 'Optimization Solver Messages' window shows the following data:

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Elapsed Time: 18.6580263693s

Solution
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Best Objective: 6.12746458272e-10
Iterations: 505
Samples per iteration: 6
Total samples: 3030
Total failed samples: 0

Best inputs are stored in graph

ITERATION 504: 6/6 Err: 0 TOTAL Complete: 3030 Err:0
  
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The 'Best Solution Parallel Coordinate Plot' shows the scaled values for the variables: Rosenbrock.x[0], Rosenbrock.x[1], Rosenbrock.x[2], Rosenbrock.x[3], Rosenbrock.x[4], and Rosenbrock.x[5].

The 'Objective Function Plot' shows the objective value versus iteration, with the value decreasing from approximately 140,000 to near zero over 600 iterations.



# Turbine Science Gateway



- Scaling up experiments
  - Solving large scale simulations (particles, CFD)
    - Dense phase, reactive flows with complex submodels
  - Multiple simulation runs (optimization, UQ)
    - Multiple scales (Particle, Device, System)
- Batch system providing staging of input and output files
- Generic solution that can be extended to process modeling and simulation packages
- Integrated with FOQUS to schedule and scale-up simulation runs

# Turbine Science Gateway: Components

- Designed to operate primarily in Windows
- Turbine Web application:
  - Windows service
  - RESTful, HTTP API
  - Five resources in API: Application, Simulation, Job, Consumer, Session
  - Python library for interfacing with other tools
- Turbine Client
  - Platform independent
- Turbine Database
  - SQLite
  - Stores state and results
- Turbine Server
  - Executes and manages simulation process through use of SimSinter through Turbine Workers
  - Multiple workers can be used to form Turbine Cluster

# Turbine Server Experiences

- Framework can be used with single machines, clusters, Cloud computing resources
- Scale simulations to allow computations in thousands
- Successfully executed 400 instances of Aspen Plus simulations using Amazon EC2
- Harnesses Amazon EC2 spot instances vs owning a cluster of computers
- Parallelization increases application throughput and decreases time to solution
- Integrated Mass Transfer Model
  - Local optimization (single processor) 12 hours
  - Cloud optimization (4-6 consumers) 2.75 hours

# Turbine Science Gateway: Use case

Plot of simulation runtime versus start time of simulation execution



- Provides extensible support with various commercial simulation tools
  - Aspen Custom Modeler, Aspen Plus, gProms, Microsoft Excel
- Standard Interface library for driving single-process Windows based process simulation software
- Based on .NET and Microsoft COM interface
- Connects Turbine Science Gateway with process simulation tools
- Sinter configuration files:
  - Created by model creators
  - Identify simulation input and output variables
  - JSON format

# Simsinter Config GUI

- SimSinter Config GUI: Allow easier creation and editing of Sinter configuration files

**SinterConfigGUI Simulation Meta-Data**

SimSinter Save Location  
C:\aspenfiles\SimSinter1\trunk\Master\test\Flash\_Example\trunk\Aspen\_Plus\Flash\_Example\_AP

Simulation Meta-Data  
Meta-Data parsed from input Sinter Configuration file. Please update the meta-data and proceed.

Title: Flash Example  
Description: Simple ethanol/water flash calculation  
Author: John Eslick  
Date: Aug 2012

**SinterConfigGUI Variable Configuration Page**

Selected Path  
\\Data\Blocks\FLASH\Input\BYPASS

Variable Tree

- Data
  - Setup
  - Pure Databanks
  - Other Databanks
  - Components
  - Properties
  - Flowsheet
  - Streams
  - Blocks
    - FLASH
      - Input
        - Unit Set
        - User Table
        - User Tree
        - ADDINPUT
        - ALWAYS\_INST
        - AUTO\_COMPS
        - AUTO\_COMPS\_T
        - AUTO\_PHASE
        - AUTO\_PHASE\_T
        - BLKOPFREWAT
        - BOUND\_TYPE
        - BYPASS
        - CHECK\_FREE\_W
        - CHEMISTRY
        - CHEM\_METHOD
        - COMMENT
        - COMPRAI

Preview Variable

Name	Type	Units	Value	Path
BYPASS	double		0	\\Data\Blocks\FLASH\Input\BYPASS

Make Input Make Output Cancel Preview Remove Variable

Selected Input Variables

Name	Type	Units	Default	Min	Max	Description
feed.T	double	degF	100	80	80	Feed temperature (F)
feed.P	double	psia	50	40	40	Feed pressure (psia)
feed.F	double	lbmol/hr	48.7488	39	39	Feed flow rate (lbmol/hr)
feed.etOH.molefrac	double		0.08905	0.07124	0.07124	Feed ethanol mole fraction (lbmol/lbmol)
feed.H2O.molefrac	double		0.91095	0.72876	0.72876	Feed water mole fraction (lbmol/lbmol)
flash.T	double	degF	150	120	120	Flash block temperature (F)
flash.P	double	psia	20	16	16	Flash block pressure (psia)

Selected Output Variables

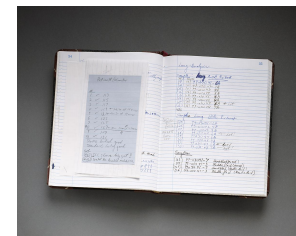
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vapor.H2O.molefrac	double		Vapor water mass fraction (lbmol/lbmol)	\\Data\Streams\VAPOR\Out
liquid.F	double		Liquid stream flow (lbmol/hr)	\\Data\Streams\LIQUID\Out
liquid.etOH.molefrac	double		Liquid ethanol mass fraction (lbmol/lbmol)	\\Data\Streams\LIQUID\Out
liquid.CO2.molefrac	double		Liquid water mass fraction (lbmol/lbmol)	\\Data\Streams\LIQUID\Out

**SinterConfigGUI Vector Default Initialization**

Vector Name	Size	Vector Data
TimeSeries	1	1
cbt	41	0.0440132115907988 0.0438313900077048 0.0424376
b size	41	1 0.644340140216059 0.579518993529454 0.55547
length	41	0 1 12 23 34 36 37 38 39 40 2 3 4 5
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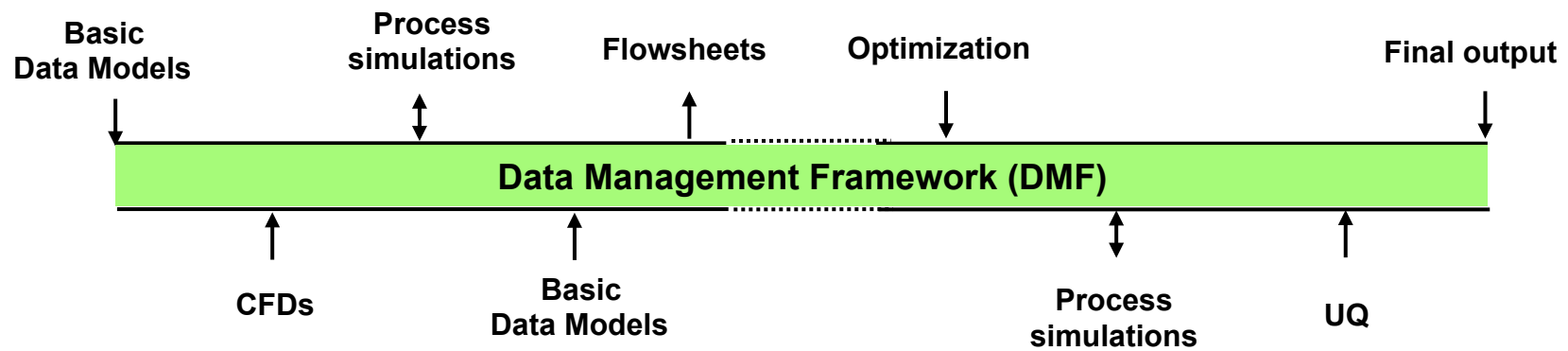
# DMF: Motivation



- Recognition that computational experiments are an important resource
- Financial decisions based on computational experiments
- Need for system to permanently store information about computational experiments:
  - Complete specification of the computational experiment (all the inputs)
  - Significant results files (outputs)
  - Metadata (who, when, what)
  - Dependencies of inputs and results (provenance)

# DMF: Requirements and Impact

- Data management capabilities for CCSI data:
  - Browsing
  - Searching
  - Versioning
  - Metadata tracking
  - Dependency/Provenance tracking
  - Facilitate sharing
- Integration with other CCSI tools to provide better workflow



# DMF: Components

- Developed in Python 2.7
  - Needs to run on both Windows & Linux platforms
- Two versions of the DMF:
  - DMF Lite: Git backend <http://git-scm.com/>
  - DMFServ: Alfresco repository backend <http://www.alfresco.com/>
- DMF Browser
  - GUI supporting both versions of DMF
  - Developed using PyQt / PySide
  - D3 for provenance visualization
- Command line tools
  - Basic Data uploader
  - Simulation uploader

# DMF Browser: Provenance

Create Folder

Edit Properties

Upload...

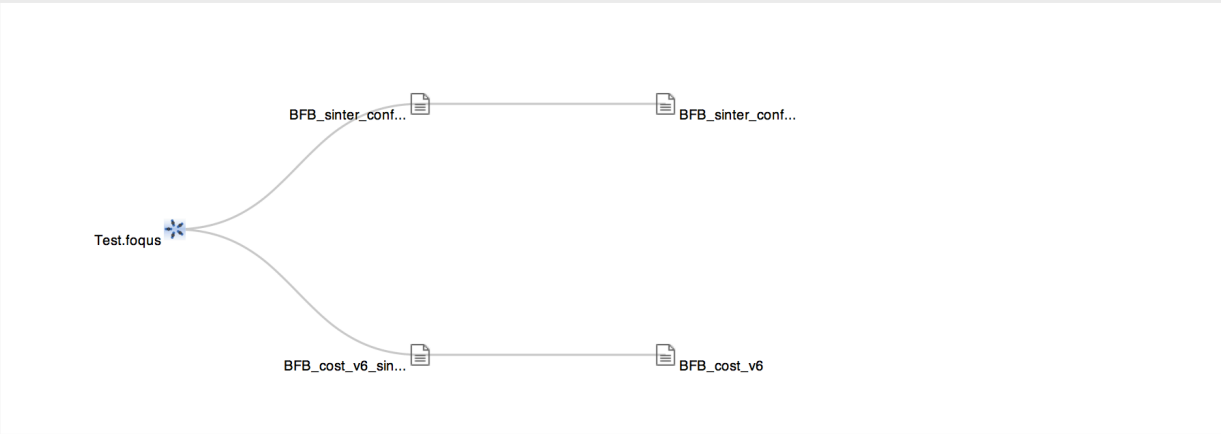
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Dependency Graph

Dock dependency graph



Test.foqus

Version 32.0

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Confidence  
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Creator  
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# Conclusions & Future Work

- Traditional end-to-end process for carbon capture takes decades
- The CCSI toolset integration framework is designed and deployed to scale simulations and facilitate the science for carbon capture simulation
- CCSI Phase I is completed
- Augmenting existing CCSI Toolset with tools to help
- Implementation of dashboard to present and integrate existing data in an effective manner





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