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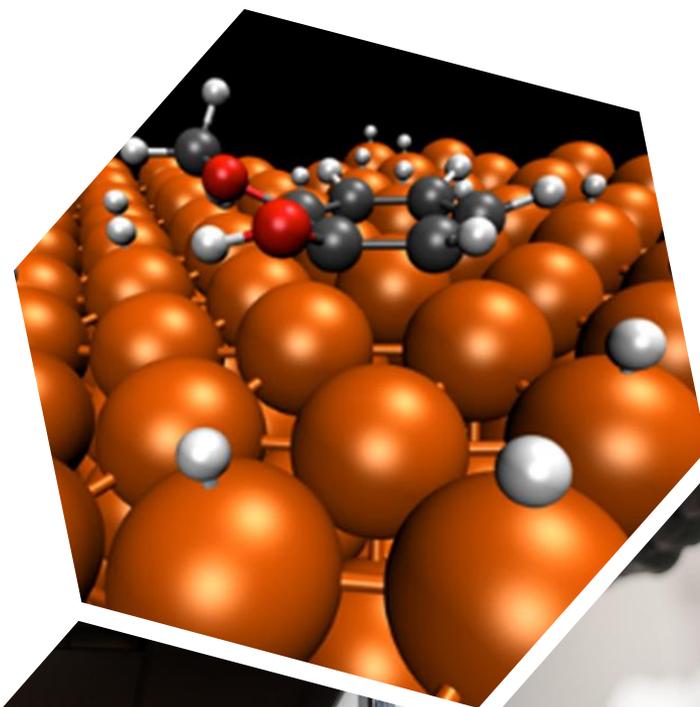


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# Consortium for Computational Physics and Chemistry (CCPC)



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*[full list of CCPC team on last slide]*



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BIOENERGY TECHNOLOGIES OFFICE

# ChemCatBio Foundation

## *Integrated and collaborative portfolio of catalytic technologies and enabling capabilities*

### **Catalytic Technologies**

**Catalytic Upgrading of Biochemical Intermediates**

(NREL, PNNL, ORNL, LANL, NREL\*)

**Catalytic Upgrading of Indirect Liquefaction Intermediates**

(NREL, PNNL, ORNL)

**Catalytic Fast Pyrolysis**

(NREL, PNNL)

**Electrocatalytic and Thermocatalytic CO<sub>2</sub> Utilization**

(NREL, ORNL\*)

### **Enabling Capabilities**

**Advanced Catalyst Synthesis and Characterization**

(NREL, ANL, ORNL, SNL)

**Catalyst Cost Model Development**

(NREL, PNNL)

**Consortium for Computational Physics and Chemistry**

(ORNL, NREL, PNNL, ANL, NETL)

**Catalyst Deactivation Mitigation for Biomass Conversion**

(PNNL)

### **Industry Partnerships (Directed Funding)**

Gevo (NREL)

ALD Nano/JM (NREL)

Vertimass (ORNL)

Opus12(NREL)

Visolis (PNNL)

Lanzatech (PNNL) - Fuel

Gevo (LANL)

Lanzatech (PNNL) - TPA

Sironix (LANL)

### **Cross-Cutting Support**

ChemCatBio Lead Team Support (NREL)

ChemCatBio DataHUB (NREL)

\*FY19 Seed Project

# Approach: Goal Statement

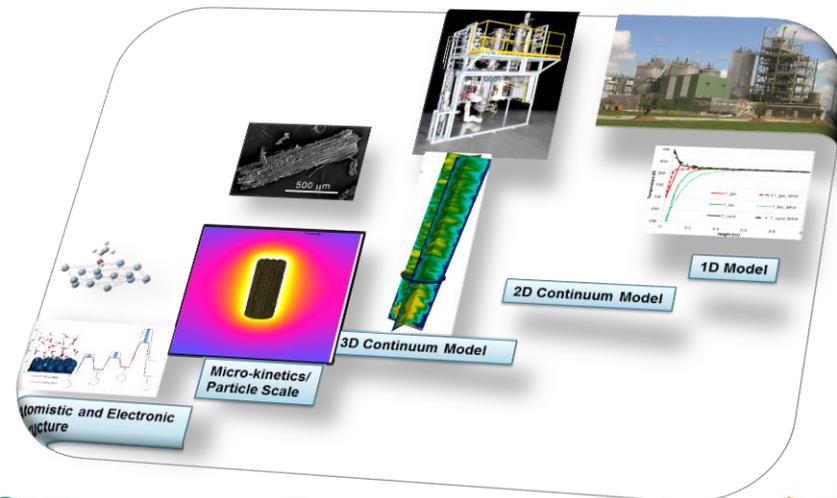
**Our Mission:** To utilize core computational capabilities across the US DOE national laboratory system *to enable and accelerate ...*

- (1) the development of new materials and
- (2) optimize process scale-up to advance the bioenergy economy.

**Our Vision:** The computational toolset developed by CCPC facilitates the modeling of biomass industrial technologies from atomic to process scales, thereby reducing the cost, time, and risk in commercializing bioenergy technologies.



*A multi-scale problem  
... A multi-lab solution*



# Approach: Quad Chart Overview CCPC-ChemCatBio

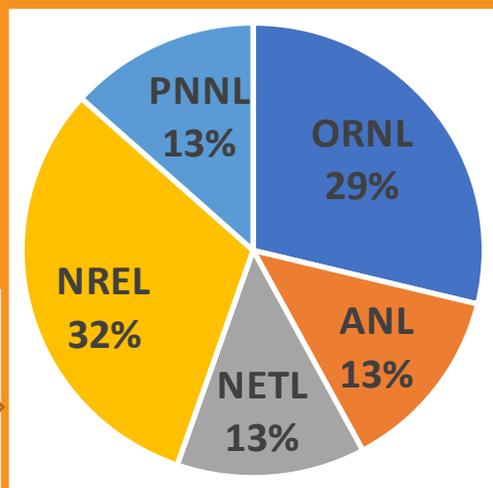
## Timeline

- Consortium Began in FY2013
- New AOP Began Oct. 1, 2018 (FY2019)
- Project end date: Sept. 30, 2021 (14% complete)

	Total Costs Pre FY17	FY 17 Costs	FY 18 Costs	Total Planned Funding (FY 19-Project End Date)
DOE Funded	\$11.8M	\$3.15M	\$3.28M	\$3.28M/yr, \$9.8M total

## Partners:

ORNL: \$945k (28.8%)  
NREL: \$1028k (31.3%)  
PNNL: \$437k (13.3%)  
ANL: \$437k (13.3%)  
NETL: \$433k (13.2%)



**FY19 Budget  
by Lab**

## Barriers addressed

Ct-N. Multiscale Computational Framework toward Accelerating Technology Development

Ct-F. Increasing the Yield from Catalytic Processes

Ct-G. Decreasing the Time and Cost to Develop Novel Industrially Relevant Catalysts

Ct-D. Advanced Bioprocess Development

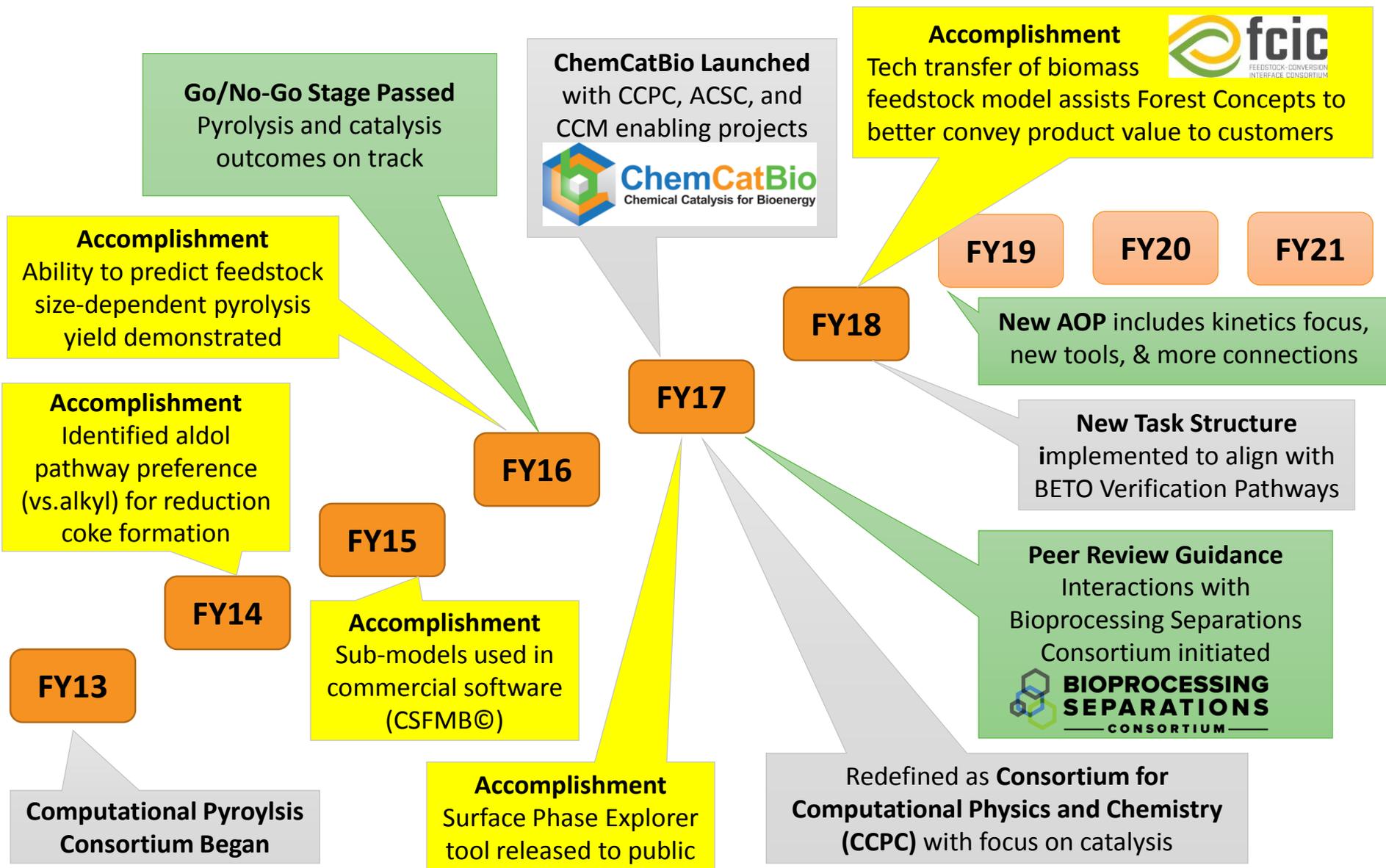
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- (3) Enable scale-up of bioenergy catalytic conversion technologies to process scales relevant to industry.

## End of Project Goals

- (1) Enable ChemCatBio to develop catalysts for verification of core BETO pathways and
- (2) Complete a scaling transfer function for at least one conversion technology

# Approach: Project Overview - Historic Timeline



# Approach: Pyrolysis Model Results Aid Industry

Go/No-Go Stage Passed  
Pyrolysis and catalysis  
outcomes on track

ChemCatBio  
with CCPC  
CCM enable



## Accomplishment

Tech transfer of biomass  
feedstock model assists Forest Concepts to  
better convey product value to customers

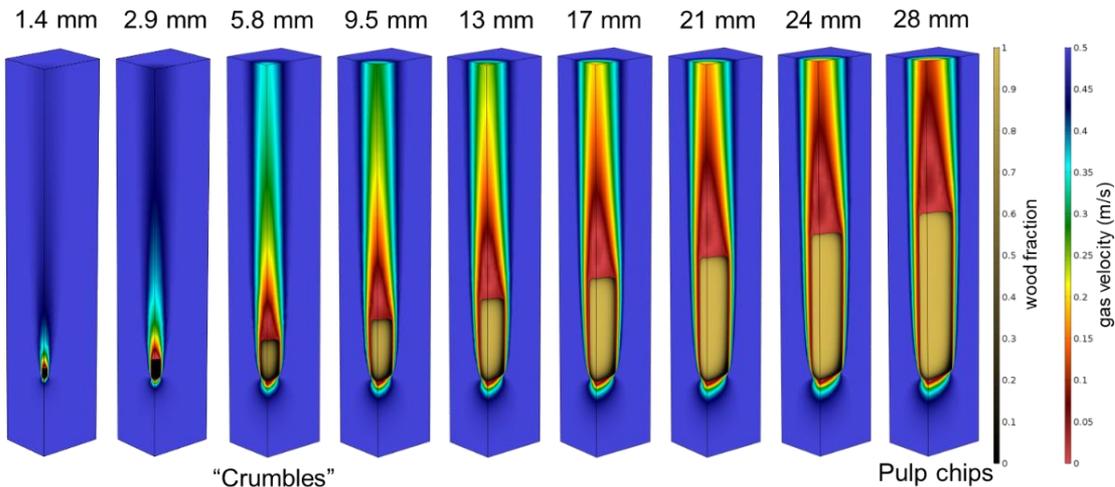


## Accomplishment

Ability to predict feedstock

FY19 FY20 FY21

### Pine chips pyrolyzing at 500°C, 30s mark



**Relevance:** "The modeling data developed by NREL gave our company an understanding of how our production engineers can co-optimize reactors and feedstock properties to improve functional performance. This conversion data will also help our customers select the optimal feedstock for their specific conversion process."

- James H. Dooley  
CTO, Forest Concepts

For more information, see **Additional Slides** or [www.nrel.gov/news/program/2018/bioenergy-scientists-collaborate-with-industry-to-convey-feedstock-value-improve-biomass-conversion-processes.html](http://www.nrel.gov/news/program/2018/bioenergy-scientists-collaborate-with-industry-to-convey-feedstock-value-improve-biomass-conversion-processes.html)

# Approach: CCPC Connects Across BETO Program



**Energy Materials Network**

U.S. Department of Energy



**ChemCatBio**  
Chemical Catalysis for Bioenergy

Accomplishment

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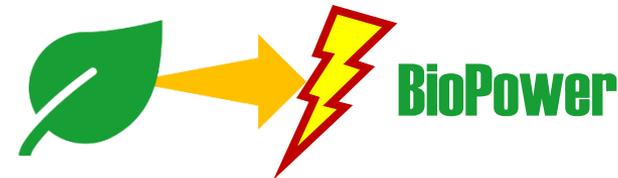


Accomplishment  
Ability to...  
size-dependent pyrolysis  
yield demonstrated

Accomplishment  
Identified aldol  
pathway preference  
(vs. alkyl) for reduction  
coke formation

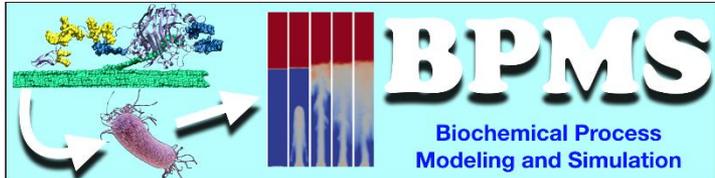


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NEW AOP includes kinetics focus, new tools, & more connections

Peer Review Guidance  
Interactions with  
Bioprocessing Separations



**Biochemical Process Modeling and Simulation**



Computational Physics and Chemistry (CCPC) with focus on catalysis

# Approach: CCPC-ChemCatBio Focus of Project



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**ChemCatBio**

Chemical Catalysis for Bioenergy



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***Focus of this presentation***

# Approach: Objectives, Challenges, and Success Factors

## Objectives (from Annual Operating Plan):

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## Challenges:

- Vast array of material possibilities and combinations (zeolite, metal oxide, metal carbide, crystalline vs. defect sites, etc.)
- Complex surface science, biomass-specific chemistry, and chemisorption/diffusion phenomena

## Approach: Tackle Challenges that Need Computation

- Density Functional Theory (DFT) simulation of catalyst surface chemistry and Molecular Dynamic (MD) simulation of diffusion in nanoscale pores
- **New!** Artificial Intelligence techniques for material screening to guide research being investigated

## Success Factors:

- Science-based understanding of catalysis
- Success of ChemCatBio projects discovering catalysts of industry interest

***Need experimental data including from Advanced Catalyst Synthesis and Characterization***

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## Challenges:

- A complex mixture of chemical and physical processes occur in catalyst particle **and** the particle is changing (coking) over time (in stream)

## Approach: *Tackle Challenges that Need Computation*

- Generate comprehensive particle model capturing all chemistry and physics in process conditions (using Finite Element modeling)
- Develop reduced-order particle models for translation into process scale models

## Success Factors:

- Catalysts that are practical for industry applications (optimal conversion with longevity)
- Sub-models and parameters to enable process scale simulations

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## Challenges:

- Multiphase flow and inherent chemistry and physics is highly complex
- Vast array of reactor designs & operational space
- Critical parameters like residence time are extremely difficult to measure experimentally

## Approach: *Tackle Challenges that Need Computation*

- Utilize MFIX & other open source codes to develop comprehensive multi-phase flow reactor models
- **New!** Determine kinetic rates with dedicated effort in collaboration with experimentalists

## Success Factors:

- Science-based prediction of conversion (demonstrates fundamental understanding)
- Successful scale up of industrial relevant catalysis and BETO Verification of pathways

***Need experimental data including from Advanced Development and Optimization teams***

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The CCPC leverages  
**DOE Basic Energy Sciences** program  
including **Catalysis Science** and  
**Advanced Scientific Computer  
Research (ASCR)** programs



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Office of  
Science

A **common shared risk** is the potential to be limited by computing resources.  
**New!** This risk is being mitigated by an emerging strategy to share resources across the national labs

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Our ***Most Impactful Success*** is the combination of these objectives that leads to translation of catalyst innovation to high conversion yield, selectivity, and longevity that is practical and cost-effective for industry

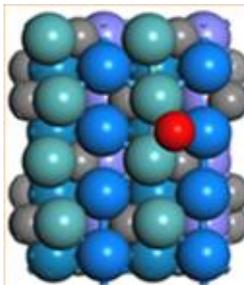
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the ***Science-Based Understanding*** that mitigates risk for the technology

# Approach: Task Structure (Adopted in FY2018)

## Task

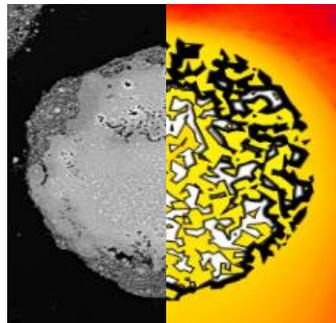
### Catalysis Modeling at Atomic Scales



*Investigating novel catalyst material combinations and understanding surface chemistry phenomena to guide experimentalists*

## Task

### Catalyst Particle Modeling at Meso Scales

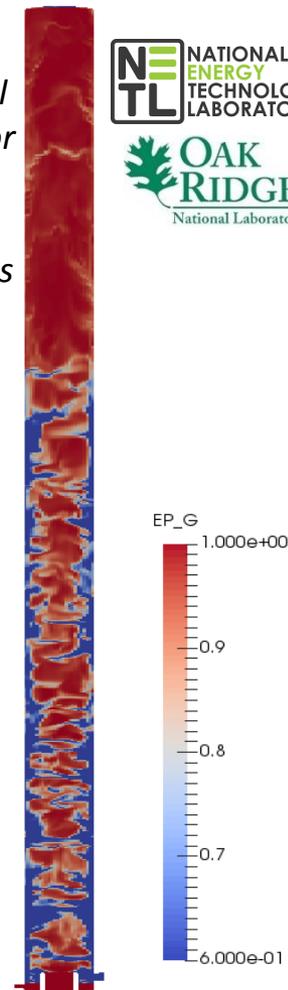


*Understanding mass transport of reactants/products, reaction kinetics, and coking and deactivation processes*

## Task

### Conversion Modeling at Process Scales

*Determining optimal process conditions for maximum yield and enable scale-up of ChemCatBio catalysts*



## Task

### Coordination, Integration, and Industry Outreach



*Coordinate R&D, outreach, & industry engagement*

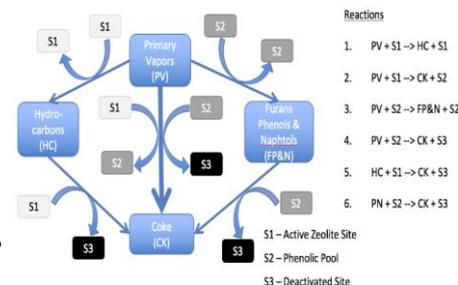
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## Task

### **New!** Kinetics: Fundamental Reaction Rates for Modeling

*Guide efficient technology scale-up, enabling performance gains achieved by ChemCatBio to be maintained at pilot scale*



# Approach: CCPC Connects Across ChemCatBio and BETO

Techno-Economic Analysis (TEA)

*TEA provides BETO-wide guidance*



**ChemCatBio**  
Chemical Catalysis for Bioenergy

ChemCatBio Industry  
Advisory Board

Catalytic Fast Pyrolysis

Catalytic Upgrading of Biochemical  
Intermediates

Liquid Fuels via Upgrading of  
Indirect Liquefaction Intermediates

**New!** Electrocatalytic and  
Thermocatalytic CO<sub>2</sub> Utilization

Advanced Catalyst  
Synthesis and  
Characterization

**New!** Catalyst  
Deactivation  
Mitigation for  
Biomass Conversion

Catalyst Cost Model  
Development



**Advanced Development  
and Optimization (ADO)**

ADO Process Scale Up for  
Production Environments

ADO Engineering of  
Catalyst Scale Up

Pilot-Scale Ex-situ CFP  
with DCR System

**Industry Stakeholders**  
CCPC Industry  
Advisory Panel

**Catalyst Innovation and  
Catalyst-Process Development**

**Accelerate and Enable**

**Verified Proof of Performance  
on Engineering-Scale Systems**

# Approach: Coordination, Integration, & Outreach

## Inputs

BETO Multi-Year Program Plan

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ChemCatBio Industry Advisory Board

BETO Peer Review

Literature Reviews

Invited Webinars



Quarterly Face-to-Face Meetings

Frequent sub-team conf calls

Participation in ChemCatBio events

**New!** Designated Liaisons for interfacing across BETO

## Outputs, Outreach, Tech Transfer

Peer-Reviewed Publications

Conference Presentations

Public Webinars

Industry Site Visits/Webinars

Website  
[www.cpcbmass.org](http://www.cpcbmass.org)

Public Open-Source Code  
[github.com/ccpcode](https://github.com/ccpcode)



Strategic Tech Transfer

**End Goal is Impact to Support the Bioenergy Industry**

# Progress: Atomic Catalyst Models Accelerate the Discovery and Optimization of Cost-effective Materials across ChemCatBio

## *New metal-doped zeolites*

- Catalytic upgrading of pyrolysis products
- Design new Ga-doped zeolites for dehydration reaction in CFP

## *Selectivity of metal catalyst*

- Selectivity of Ag/SiO<sub>2</sub>/ZrO<sub>2</sub> catalyst towards Ethanol Upgrading

## *Ethanol conversion in zeolites*

- Identify entropy contribution in ethanol conversion over zeolites

## *Diffusivity during CFP*

- Studied the diffusion in both micro/mesoporous zeolites to provide guidance that results in substrate access to catalyst active sites and remove coke precursors

## *Data Science*

- Started new machine learning capability for catalyst discovery applications

## *Bimetallic catalysts for selective carboxylic acid reduction*

- Catalytic Upgrading of Sugars
- Attribute selective reduction of carboxylic acids using RuSn

## *Catalyst screening for dehydrogenation*

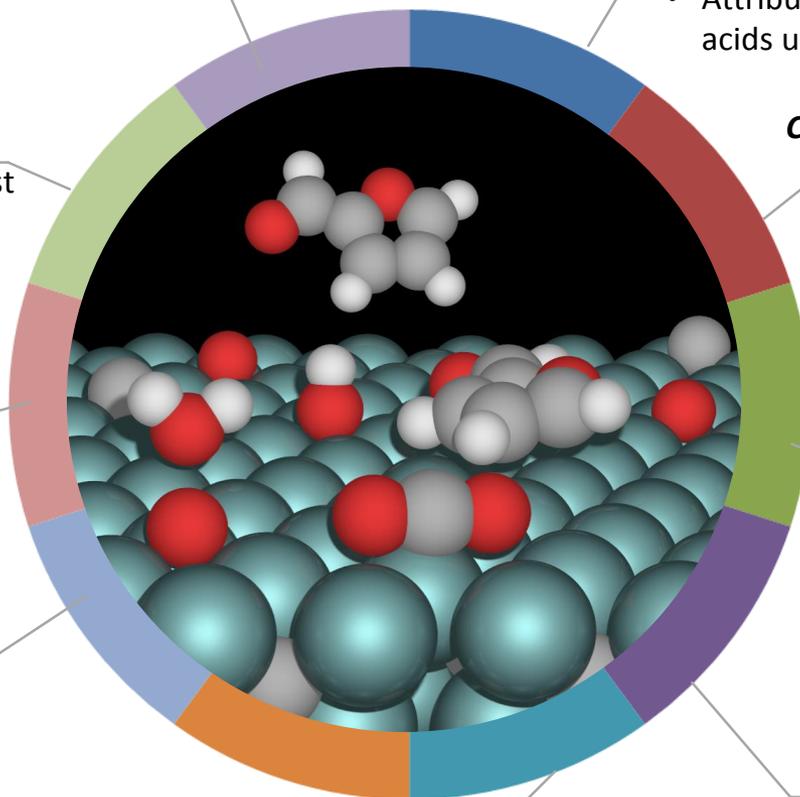
- Develop predictive alkyl zeolite model for dehydrogenation using metal-doped BEA zeolites

## *Optimize catalytic activity of Metal carbides*

- Design metal carbides catalysts with enhanced deoxygenation and stability via QM and screening descriptors

## *Co-adsorption of ketones and water on MgO surfaces*

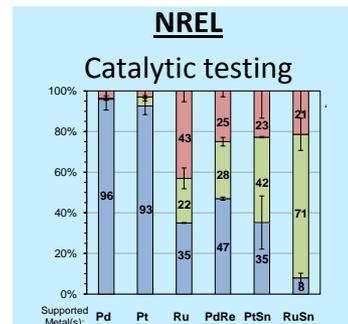
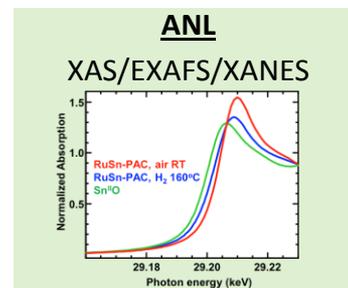
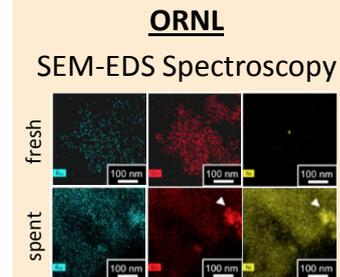
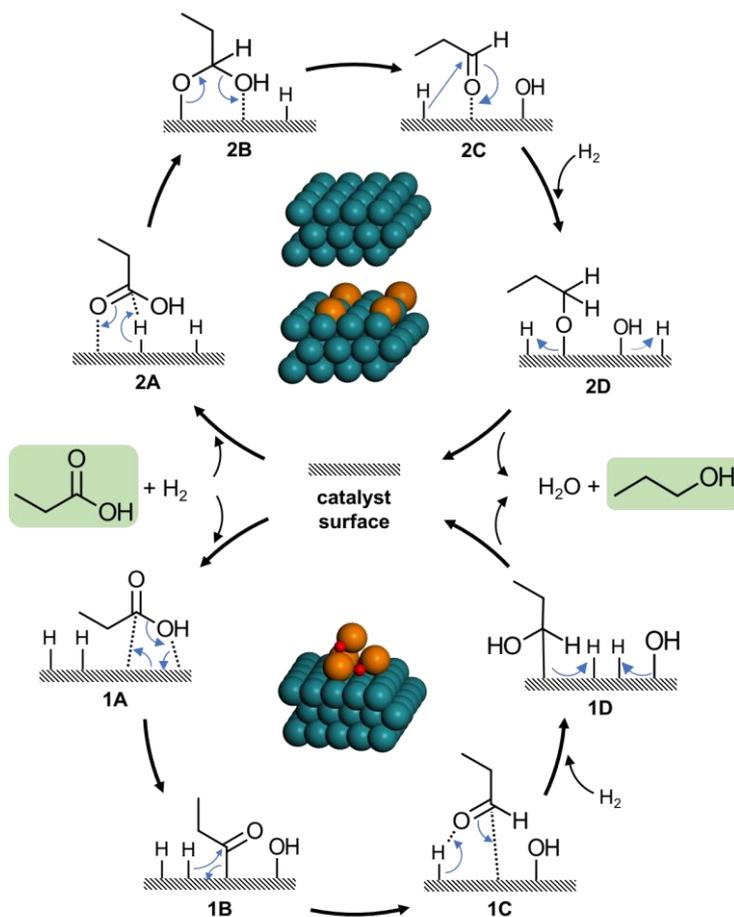
- Explain H<sub>2</sub>O effect on ketone self-condensation on MgO(111) and MgO(100)
- Develop new SPE (Surface Phase diagrams) tool for metal catalyst



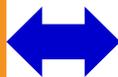
# Progress: Developing a Holistic View of Inverse Bimetallic Catalysts for Selective Carboxylic Acid Reduction

- Used density functional theory (DFT) to identify RuSn structure and function
- Determined driving forces in RuSn reconstruction, proposed alternative Ni-resistant formulations
- Revealed structure-selectivity relationships for the design of new catalyst motifs: *inverse bimetallic catalysts*

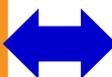
**Relevance: model predicts performance of catalytic sites by understanding structure-function relations.**



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[NREL, ORNL,  
ANL]

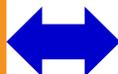
Vardon et al., *ACS Catalysis*, 2017, 7 (9), 6207-6219.  
Vorotnikov et al., *submitted* (target: *Nature Catalysis*)

# Progress: Ethanol Conversion Under Pore Confinement

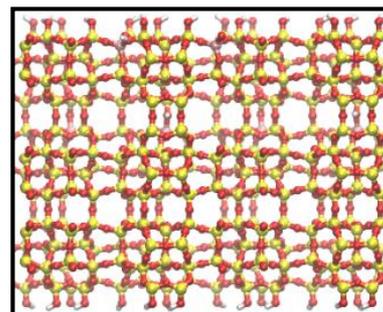
- Design of 2D-pillared MFI zeolite model
- Ethoxy-mediated conversion is energetically preferable at interior BAS at low T
- Double occupied cages predicted to be superior than single mitigating entropic bottlenecks
- Experimental validation of mechanism by DRIFTS/DSC in collaboration with Z. Li (IDL/ORNL)
- In progress: models of Y/Cu/Zn Zeolites for ethanol upgrading

**Relevance: CCPC identified that catalysis was limited by entropic penalties and suggested building double BAS catalysts to enhance conversion.**

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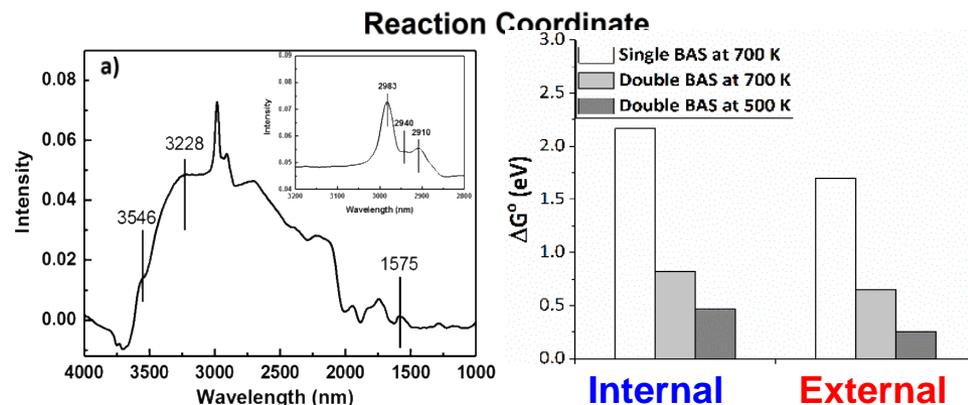
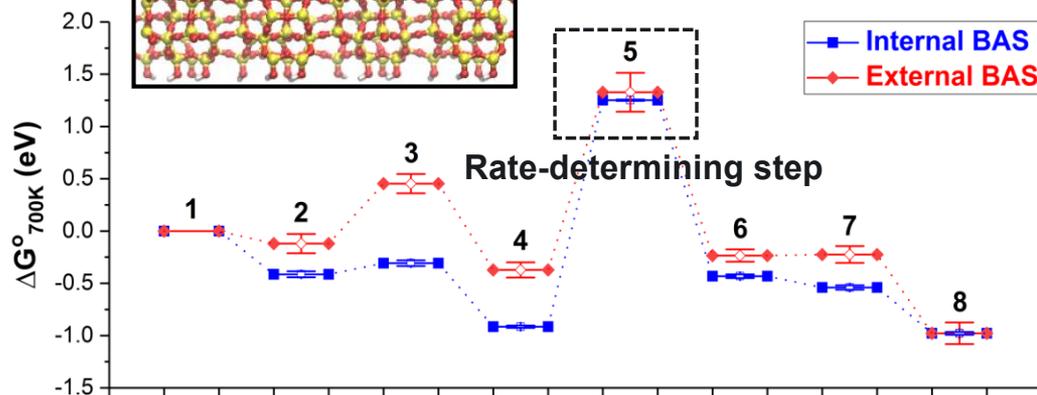


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*Rate-determining step in lamellar Zeolites*

**2D Zeolite Model**



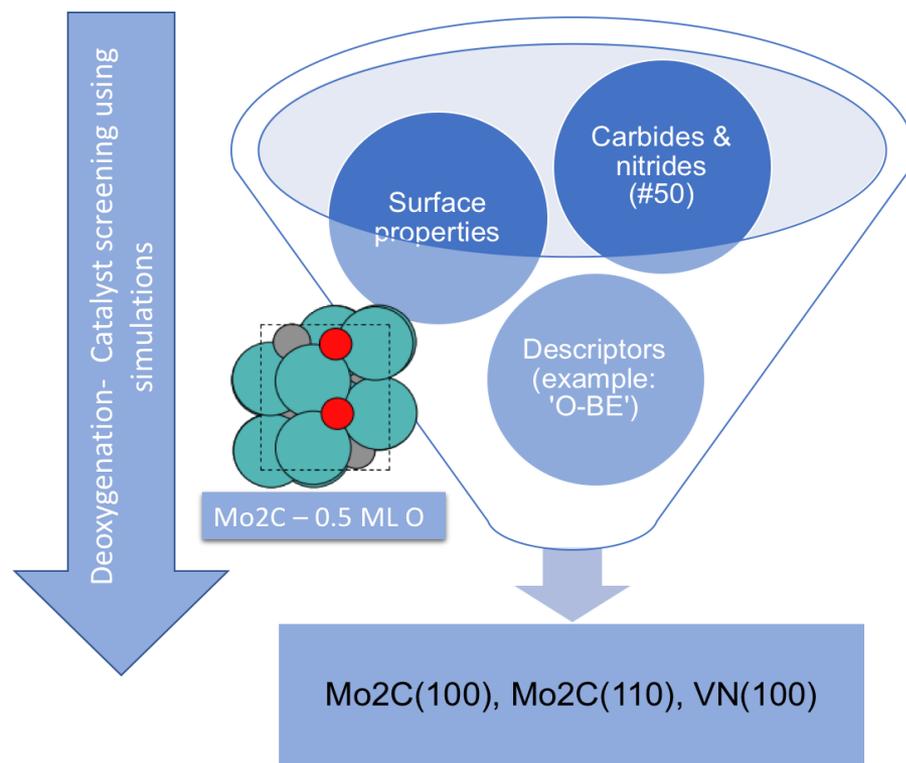
“Conversion of EtOH over 2D Zeolites” in preparation, 2019, Simuk, Lee, Li, Zhang, Akhade, Padmaperuma, Glezakou, Rousseau

# Progress: Design Catalysts with Enhanced Activity & Stability

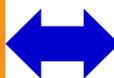
- Using quantum simulations, performed catalyst screening of 50 transition metal carbides/nitride surface catalysts and **two** best candidates were proposed ( $\text{Mo}_2\text{C}(110)$  &  $\text{VN}(100)$ ).
- At higher catalyst surface coverage, the carbon binding is exothermic due to the graphitic carbon formation, which is a significant cause of catalytic deactivation.

**Relevance: *A priori* identification of most active and selective catalysts for crucial deoxygenation reactions via reliable predictive modeling reduces the cost of the catalyst discovery**

Quantum chemical screening for catalyst discovery for deoxygenation



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[ANL, NREL]



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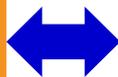
Assary et al. in preparation  
Assary et al, 255th ACS Meeting, New Orleans, LA, US

# Progress: Selective Ethanol Upgrading Using Ag/SiO<sub>2</sub>/ZrO<sub>2</sub>

- Understand how the size/shape of metal particles affects on butane/butene/butadiene production
- Oxidized Ag promotes selectivity of EtOH to butadiene, while reduced Ag (NP) favors the selectivity towards **butene** formation
- Validation of catalyst state/selectivity in collaboration with Dagle (IDL/PNNL)

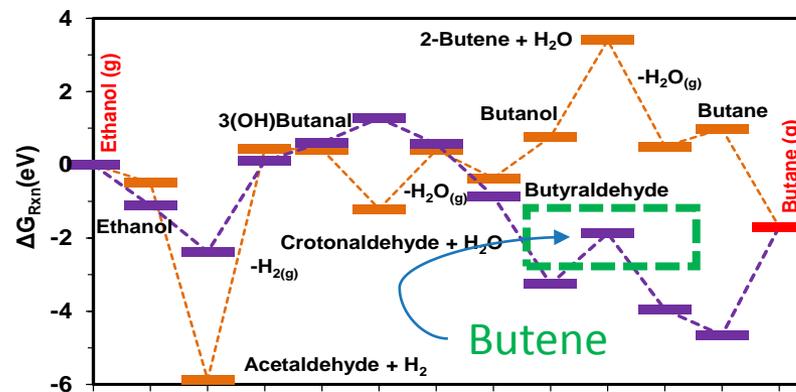
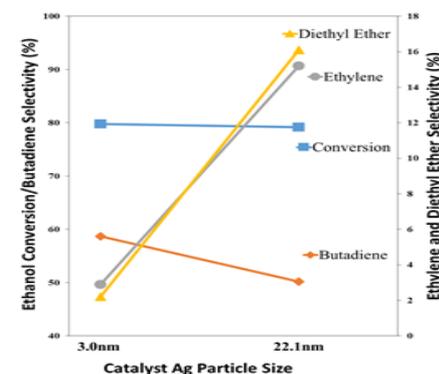
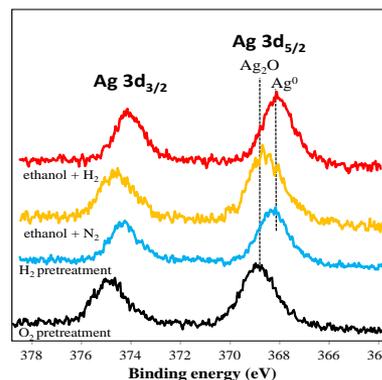
**Relevance: CCPC determine correlations between the catalyst composition, reactivity and product selectivity to validate, guide and improve catalyst design targeted to enhance control towards butadiene and/or butenes**

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Dispersed/Oxidized NP/Reduced



“Conversion of Ethanol to Butene/Butadiene over Ag/ZrO<sub>2</sub>/SiO<sub>2</sub> Catalysts” in preparation, 2019, Wilkeman, Akhade, Kovarik, Glezakou, Rousseau, Dagle, Dagle

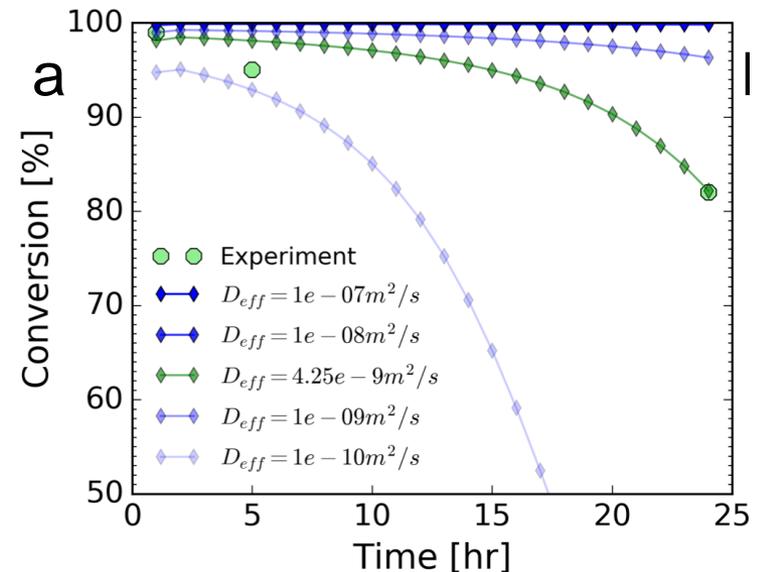
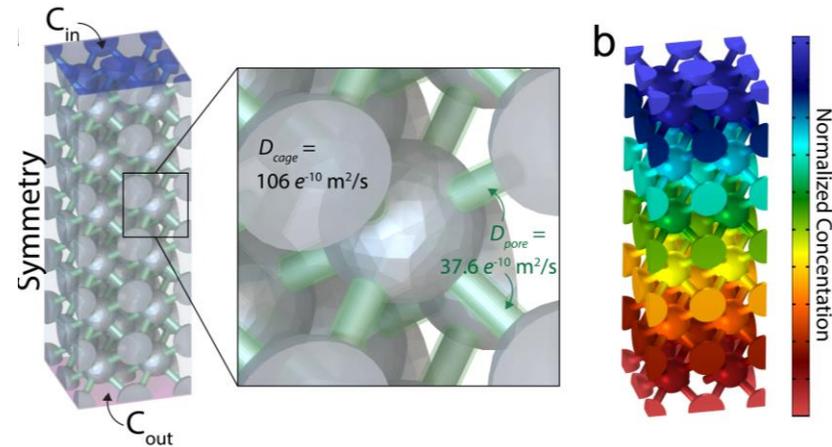
# Progress: Ag/SiO<sub>2</sub>/ZrO<sub>2</sub> Performance Further Optimized with Meso Scale Model of SBA-16 Support

**Objective:** Develop a multi-scale modelling approach to study deactivation in the ethanol to butadiene process and guide catalyst design by exploring catalyst architecture activity lifetimes

## Approach:

- Domain-specific diffusion coefficients for reactants and products are determined using Molecular Dynamics simulations and enable the calculation of effective diffusivities through the SBA-16 microstructure.
- Transport independent kinetic parameters for a simplified reaction scheme are estimated by fitting multiscale ethanol conversion simulations to experimental data.

**Relevance: Model predicts methods for increasing conversion and lifetime via reducing pore size and catalyst particle diameter (optimize architecture). IDL team pursuing experimental validation.**



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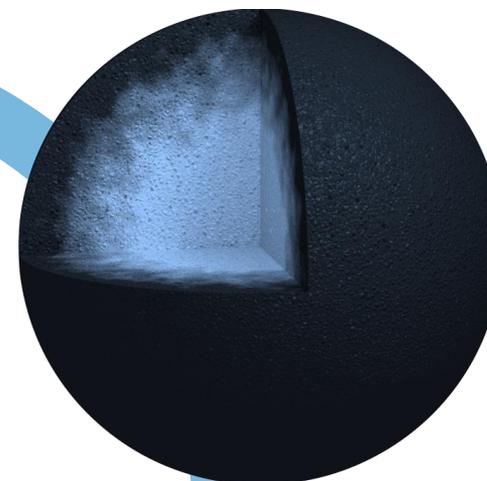
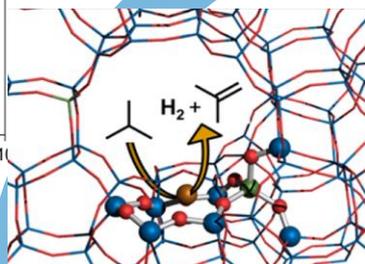
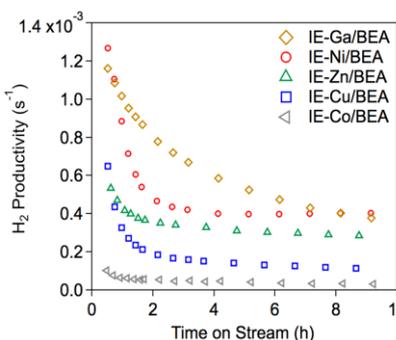
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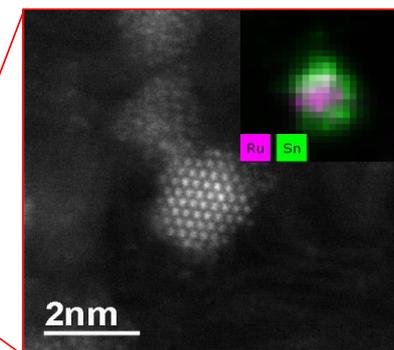
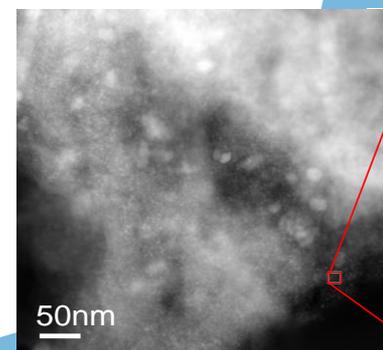
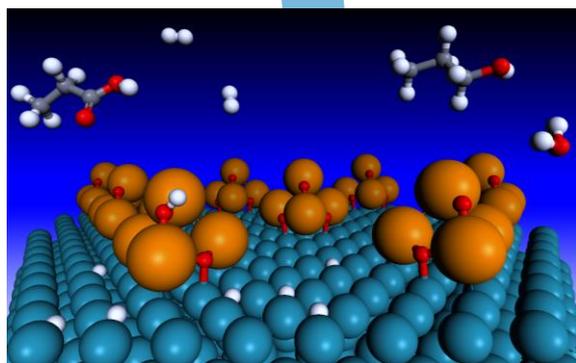
# Relevance: CCPC Atomic-Level Fundamental Calculations Support *A Priori* Catalyst Design Process

Provide guidance for next generation catalyst design

- Support architectures to enhance **selectivity** & **longevity**
- Identify key atomic-level descriptors that control catalytic **activity** & **selectivity**

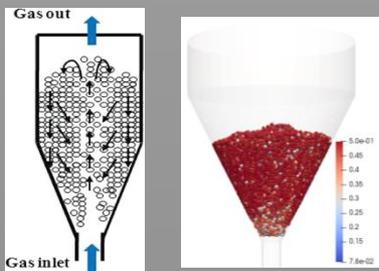


***A Priori* Design of Catalytic Processes**

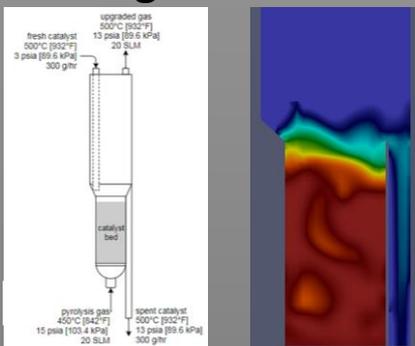


# Progress: Reactor Models Cover Wide Range of Scale and Type

## Spouted Bed (Kinetics)



## 2" Fluidized Bed Reactor Vapor Phase Upgrader (Bubbling Fluidized Bed)

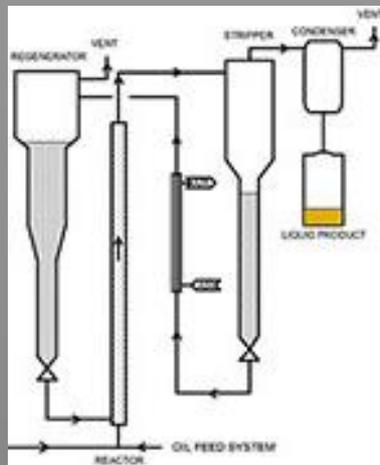


~883 sec Residence Time

500-900 micron particles

0.5 kg/hr flow rate

## Davison Circulating Riser (DCR)

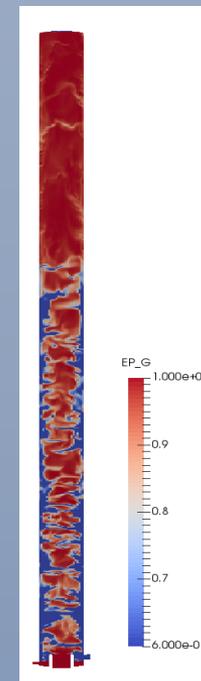


~3 sec Residence Time

80-100 micron particles

2 kg/hr flow rate

## R-Cubed Reactor (TCPDU)



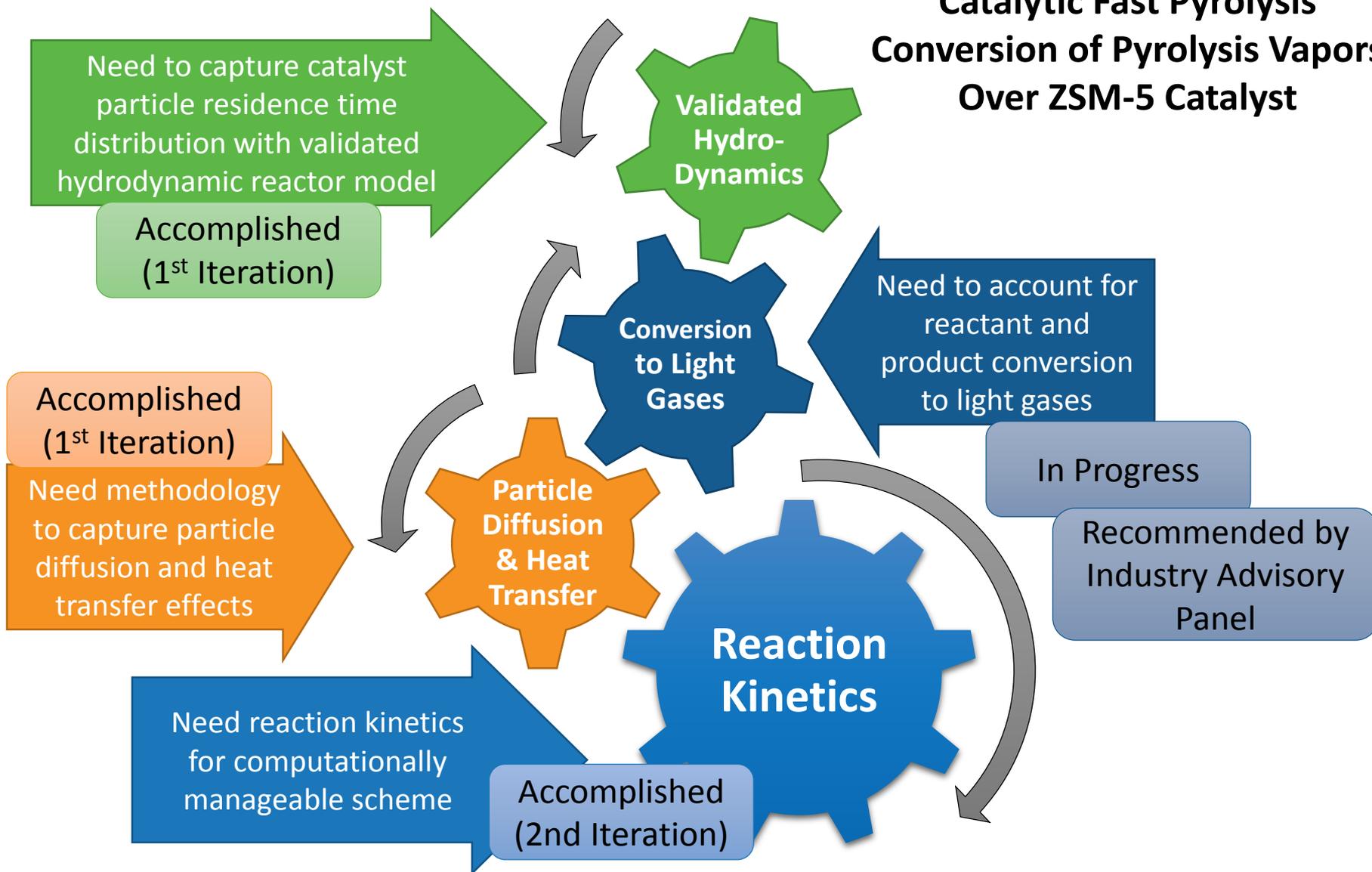
~10 sec Residence Time

80-100 micron particles

15 kg/hr flow rate

# Progress: Grand Challenge of Predicting Yield Requires Many Elements to Capture Physics & Chemistry

## Catalytic Fast Pyrolysis Conversion of Pyrolysis Vapors Over ZSM-5 Catalyst

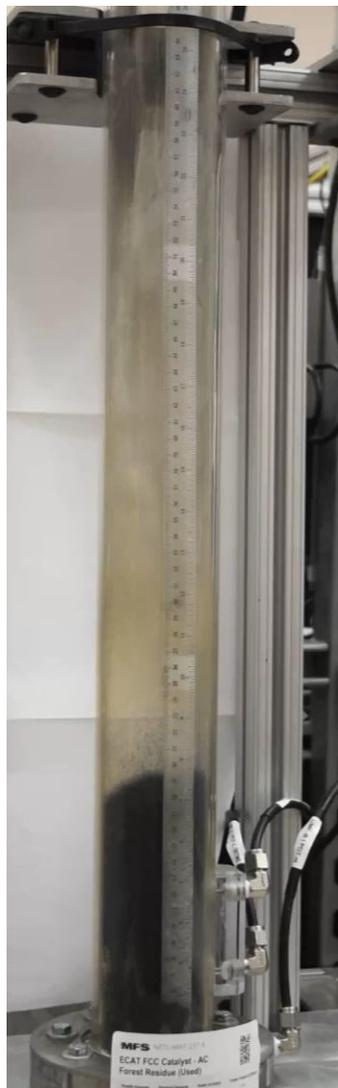


# Progress: Validation of R-Cubed Model Hydrodynamics

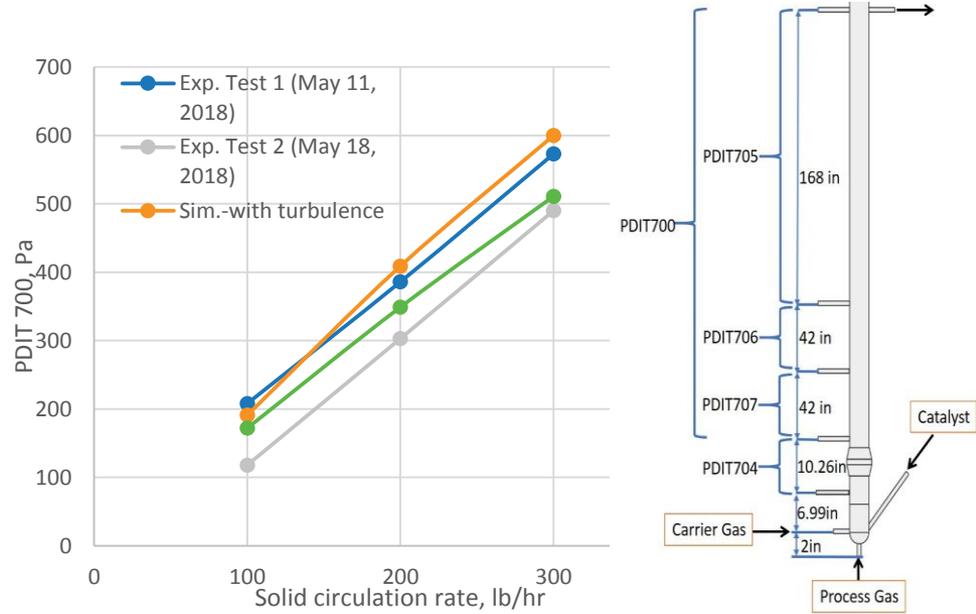
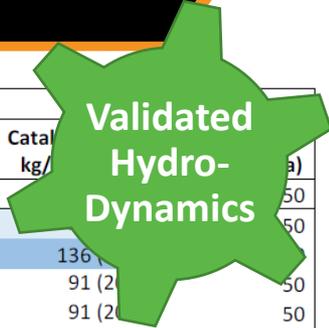
- MFiX Computational Fluid Dynamic models of upgrading reactors capture residence time of catalyst particles
- R-Cubed reactor team provided validation data over designed experimental matrix
- NETL cold flow reactor enables further validation of catalyst particle drag models

**Relevance: Model enables accurate capture of critical residence times of catalyst particles (experimentally very difficult to measure)**

## Cold Flow Reactor (NETL)



Experimental matrix						
No.	Process N <sub>2</sub> , SLM	Carrier N <sub>2</sub> , SLM	Heater temps, °C	Process gas temp, °C	Catal kg/	(a)
0	400	130	500	500		50
1	400	130	500	500		50
2	400	130	500	500	136	50
3	300	130	500	500	91 (200)	50
4	500	130	500	500	91 (200)	50
5	400	130	500	400	91 (200)	50
6	400	130	500	600	91 (200)	50
7	400	230	500	500	91 (200)	50
8	400	330	500	500	91 (200)	50
9	400	130	500	500	91 (200)	25
10	400	130	500	500	91 (200)	75



# Progress: Mesoscale Models of Reaction, Diffusion, and Deactivation in ZSM-5 Catalyst Particles

Particle Diffusion & Heat Transfer

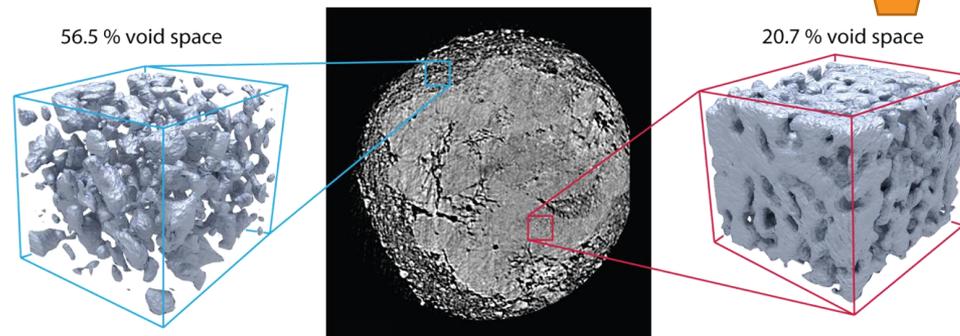
**Objective:** Develop a mesoscale simulation that decouples transport effects from kinetics of reaction and deactivation.

## Approach:

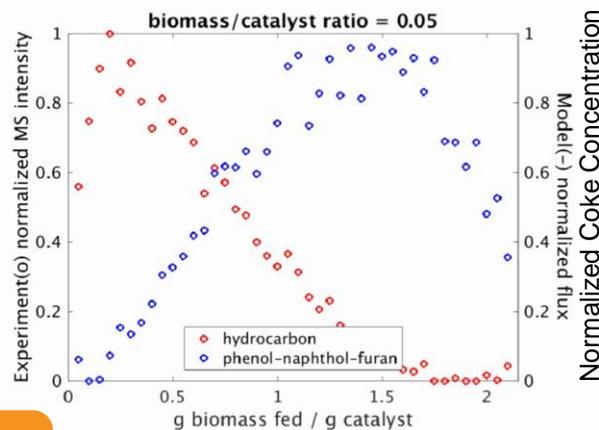
- Atomic modeling results (MD) simulations to determine molecular diffusion coefficients.
- Quantitative analysis of 3D image data (XCT) used to develop model for bulk transport in heterogenous porous media.

**Relevance: simulation tool enables computational investigation of catalyst architectural features such as porosity and particle size**

## Experimental Characterization via X-Ray Computational Tomography



## Reaction/Diffusion/Deactivation Model Compared to Experimental Results



Coke

Product Formation

Normalized Upgraded Product Concentration

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[NREL]

ChemCatBio  
CFP

ChemCatBio  
ACSC

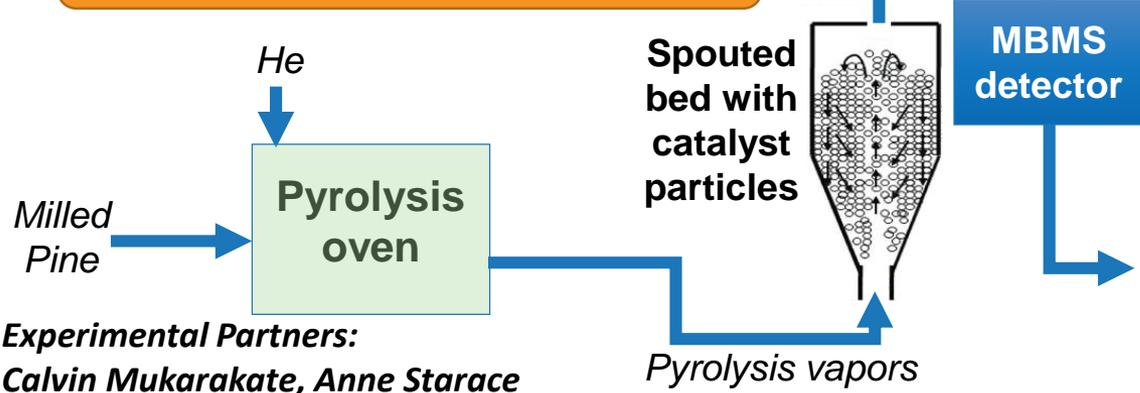
# Progress: Close Collaboration Between Experimentalists and Modelers Enables Kinetic Rate Parameters to be Determined



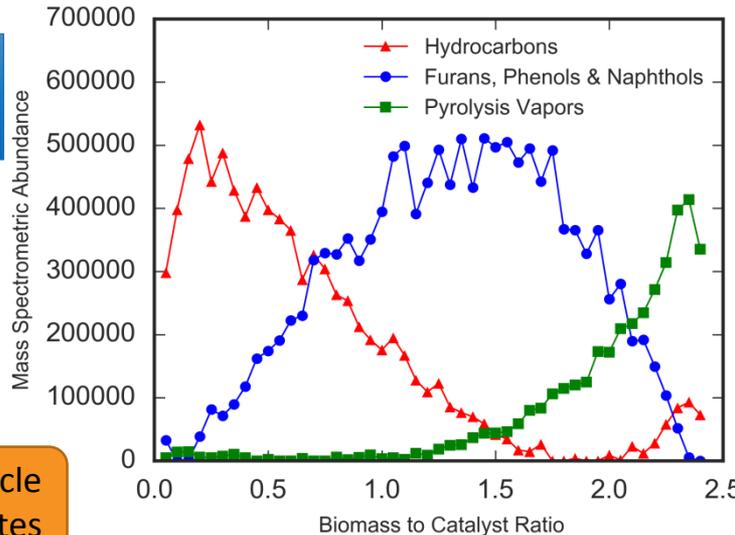
**Relevance: kinetics specific to biomass pyrolysis vapors and catalysts of interest are critical and fill void in technical literature**

Adjaye, Broadbelt, Klein, & others part of our search\*

**1** Experiment conducted in spouted bed reactor to capture product groups

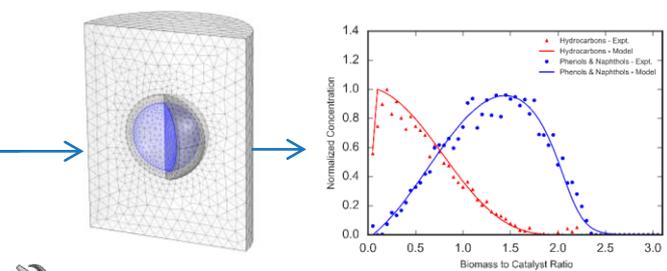


Experimental Partners:  
Calvin Mukarakate, Anne Starace

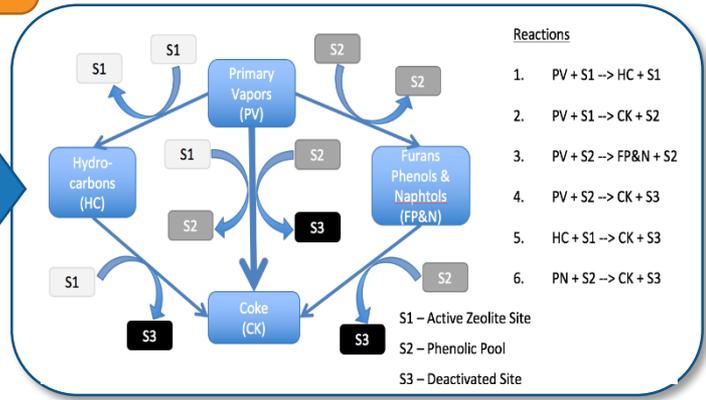


**2** Kinetic rates extracted by using particle scale model to analyze data & extract rates

- Species
- Experimental Yields
- Porosities
- Diffusivities
- Architecture
- Reaction Scheme
- Initial Guess
- Kinetic Rate Parameters



FEM simulation  
External optimization routine

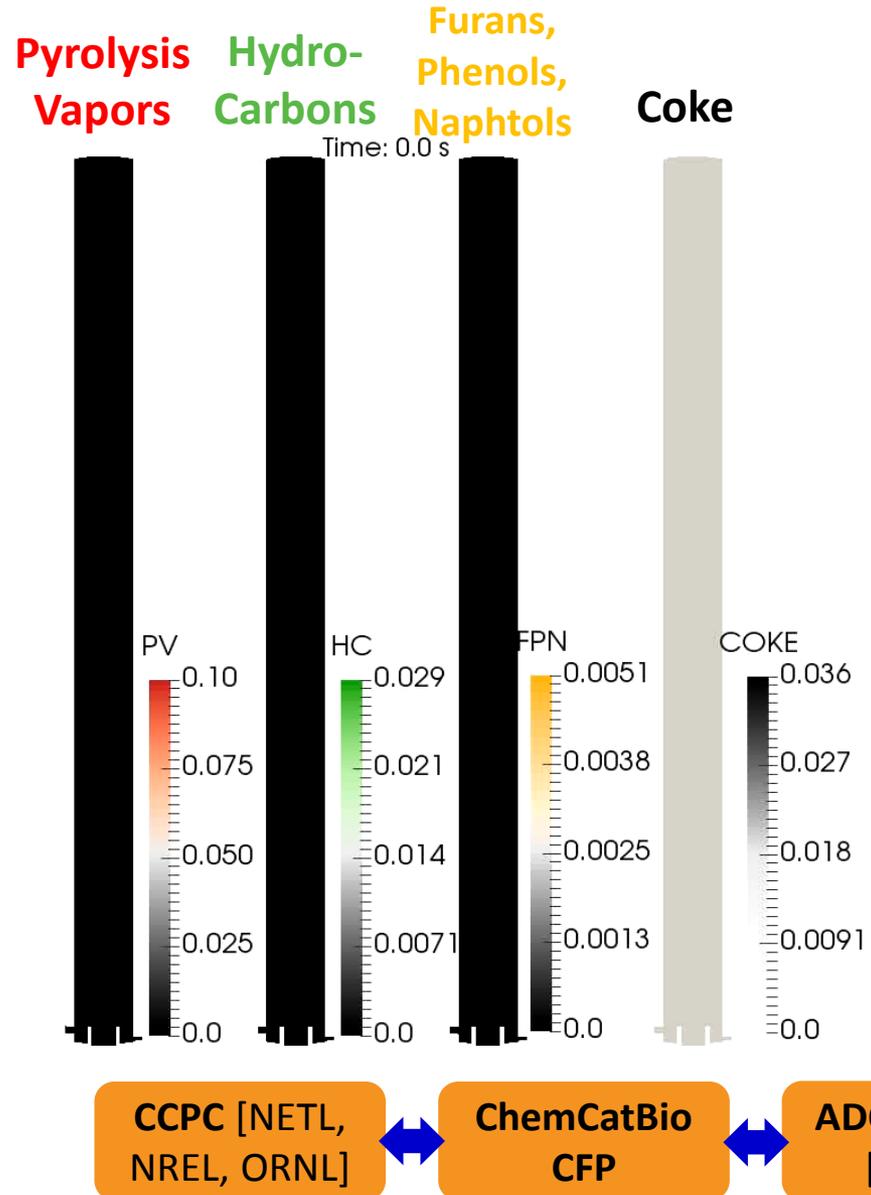


**Reaction Pathway with Kinetic Rates**

# Progress: Application of Kinetics to R-Cubed Riser

- Kinetics generated from spouted bed reactor experiments *and* particle scale diffusion and heat transfer effects *have been applied* to R-Cubed Riser MFiX model to predict product yield
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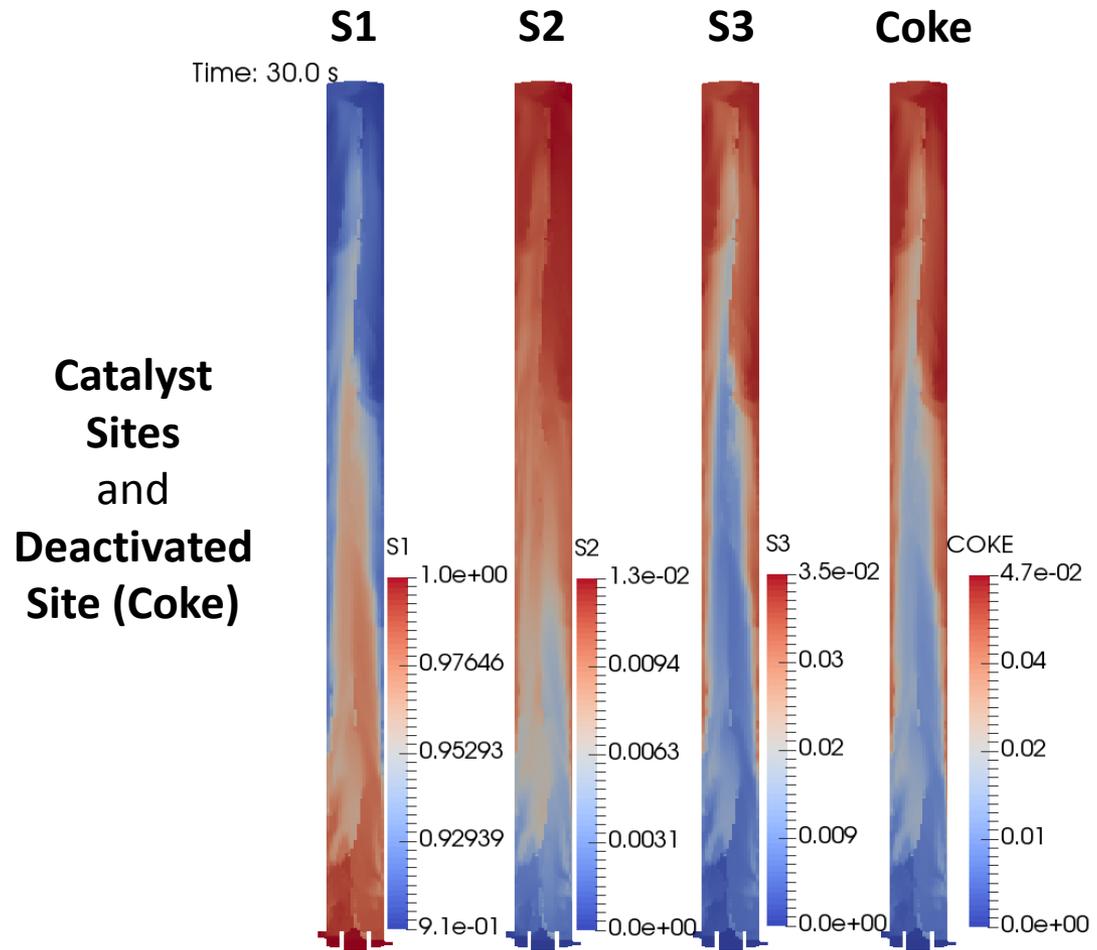
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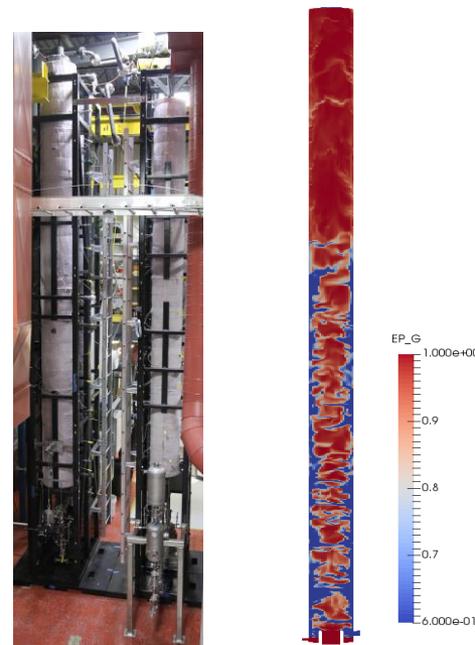
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ChemCatBio CFP

ADO-TCPDU [NREL]

# Relevance: Translation of ChemCatBio Innovations to Industry and BETO Program Verification Success

- **Goal:**  
provide state-of-the-art methodology for translating ChemCatBio bioenergy catalytic upgrading to industry-relevant scales
- **Approach:**  
CCPC modeling approach combines science-based tools to capture key phenomena across all scales
- **Relevance:**
  - CCPC-developed kinetics fill void in bioenergy community
  - Prediction of catalytic performance at industry-relevant scales
  - Bridging function between BETO programs (ChemCatBio to Advanced Development and Optimization)
  - Capability to design and optimize reactors to enable success for BETO Verification (Catalytic Fast Pyrolysis, 2022)



***Translate ChemCatBio catalysis innovations to industry-relevant scales***



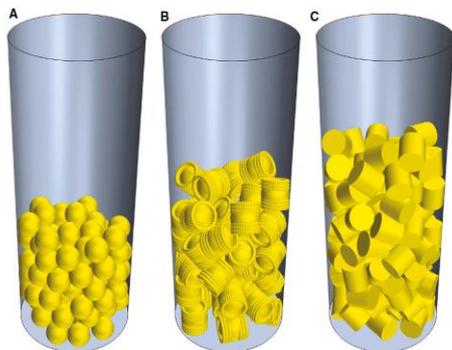
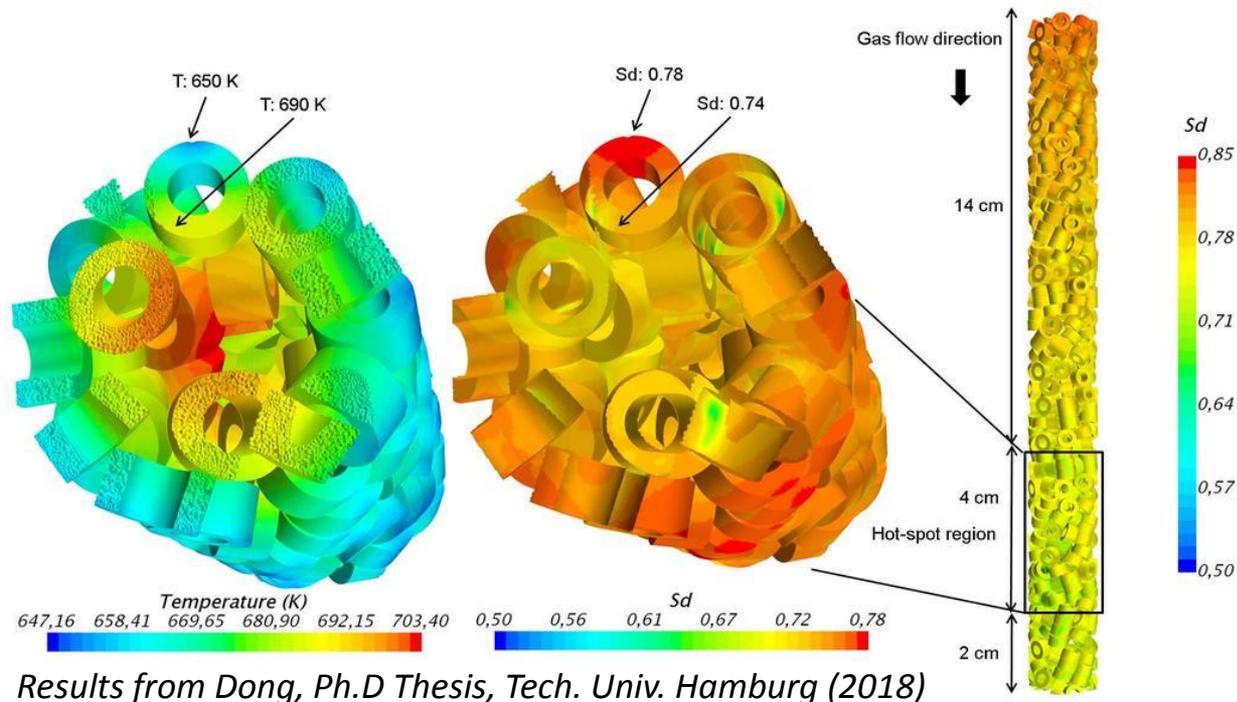
# Future Work: Enabling Catalytic Fast Pyrolysis (CFP) Verification

**Objective 1:** aid CFP team in design, operation, and optimization of fixed bed reactor

## Heat Transfer Effects

**Regeneration:** strongly exothermic. Models must be able to predict hot spots to avoid loss of catalyst activity

**Pyrolysis vapor deoxygenation:** information on heat of reaction is sparse but essential to successful modeling



## Spatial Effects

- Complex void space topology
- Porosity and intraparticle diffusion
- Flow uniformity & packing design

**Relevance: Comprehensive understanding of design and operational spaces is critical for Catalytic Fast Pyrolysis (CFP) Verification**

Jurtz [doi.org/10.1515/revce-2017-0059](https://doi.org/10.1515/revce-2017-0059)

# Future Work: Enabling Catalytic Fast Pyrolysis (CFP) Verification

**Objective 2:** develop kinetics to support fixed bed reactor modeling (Objective 1)

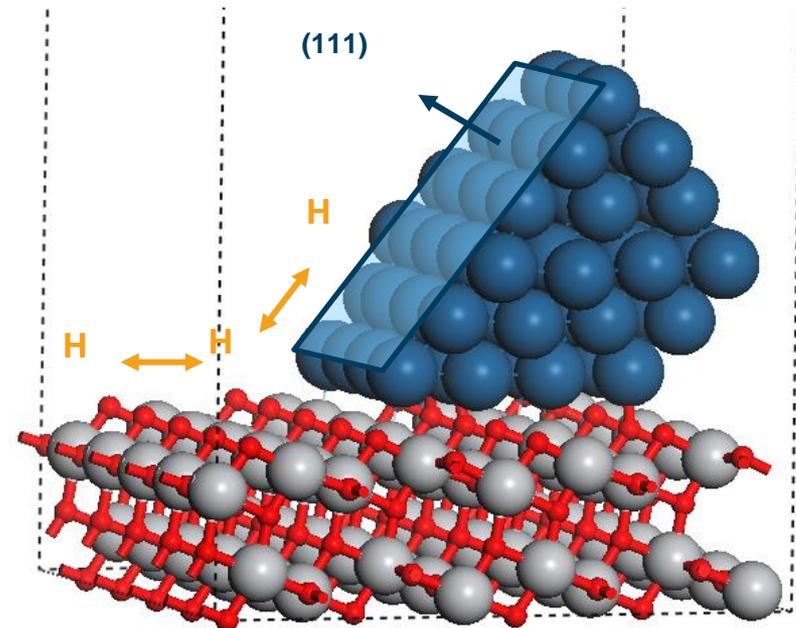
- Determine **kinetic rates** for Pt/TiO<sub>2</sub> catalysis to support fixed bed reactor models

**Relevance: kinetics are needed to enable scale-up and predict performance at reactor scale for CFP Verification**

**Objective 3:** understand strong metal surface interactions of Pt on TiO<sub>2</sub>

- Atomic scale** modeling of Pt/TiO<sub>2</sub> catalyst to understand H spillover and strong metal surface interactions that affect performance

**Relevance: fundamental understanding of complex interface between Pt and support enables mitigation of risks for CFP Verification**

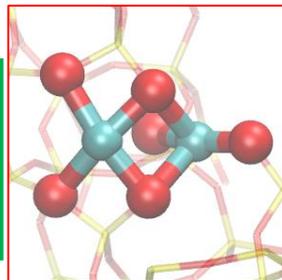
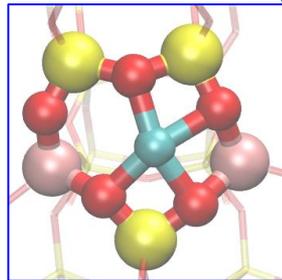
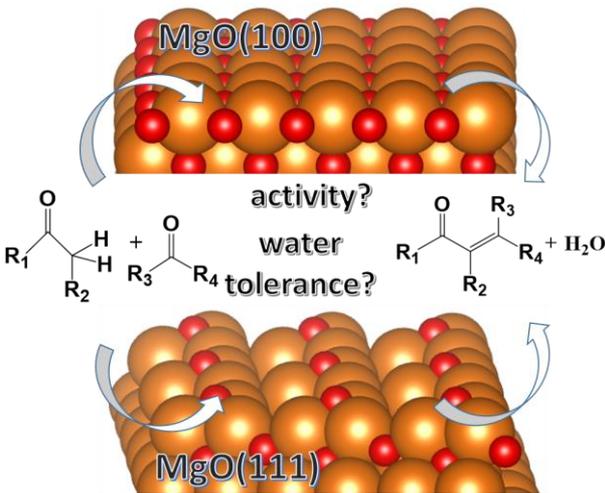
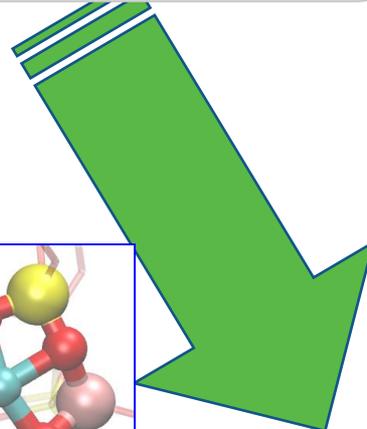
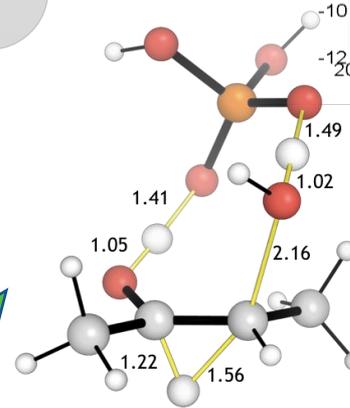
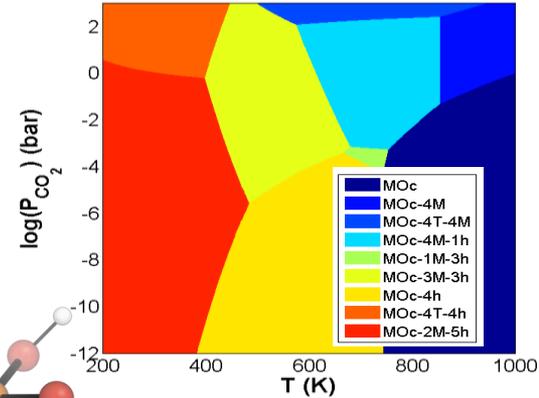


*Pt/TiO<sub>2</sub> catalyst model in progress (NREL)*

# Future Work: Design Catalytic Reactions for Catalytic Upgrading of Biochemical Intermediates (CUBI)

## Objectives:

1. Establish design principles for efficient catalysts
2. Assist experimental efforts to identify optimum conditions for reactions
3. Using verified descriptors, screen catalysts for experimental studies



**Relevance: simulations of wide range of materials accelerates catalyst R&D**

## Selected systems

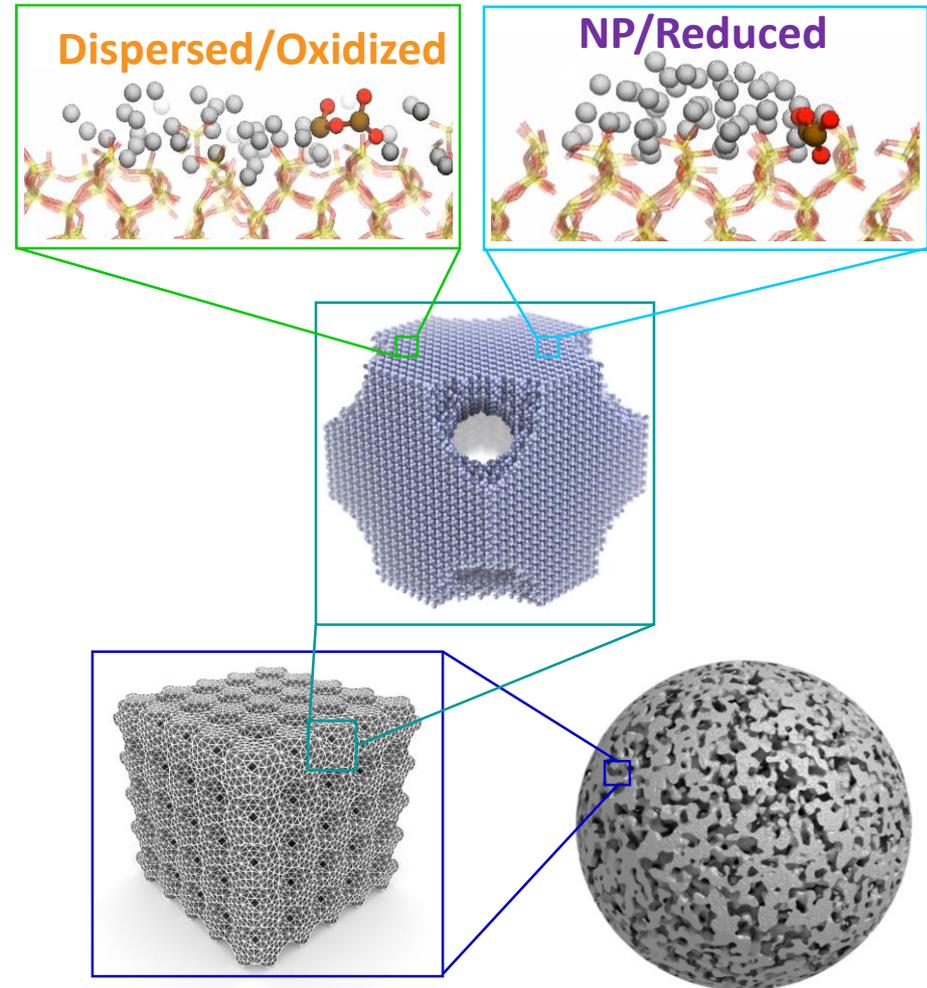
- Lewis acid -Furfural upgrading
- Metal phosphate BDO upgrading
- Metal oxide Ketone condensation
- HZSM-5 Dehydration

# Future Work: Couple Atomic and Meso Scale Phenomena to Optimize Ag/SiO<sub>2</sub>/ZrO<sub>2</sub> for Indirect Liquefaction (IDL)

## Objective:

improve Ag/SiO<sub>2</sub>/ZrO<sub>2</sub> catalyst yield and selectivity via optimization with atomic and meso scale simulations

- Leverage previous work from atomic scale and mesoscale simulations to develop multiscale simulation framework
- Elucidate the interplay of intraparticle transport phenomena and active site distribution in the bi-functional catalyst
- Use simulations to guide co-optimization of site density and support architecture to enhance yield and selectivity



**Relevance: control of coupling of atomic and meso scale effects can enable optimization of catalyst**

# Future Work: Go/No-Go Review in FY2020

**Kinetics Approach Assessment**  
demonstrate ability of process models to predict catalytic upgrading conversion efficiency and coking degradation rates

## “Go” Next Steps:

- Transfer toolsets to industry including providing open-source code to public
- Apply toolset to optimize catalyst architecture, process controls, and reactor designs

## “No-Go” Next Steps:

- Reassess approach

FY2019

FY2020

FY2021

**Catalysis Innovation**  
show acceleration of the catalyst innovation cycle with a net reduction in R&D cost and time

## “Go” Next Steps:

- Identify best approaches and keep using
- Consider new toolsets to further accelerate catalyst innovation (AI, machine learning)

## “No-Go” Next Steps:

- Reassess approach

# Summary: Consortium for Computational Physics and Chemistry (CCPC) for ChemCatBio

**Approach:** Utilize core computational capabilities *to enable and accelerate ...*

(1) the development of new materials and

(2) optimize process scale-up

*... to advance the bioenergy economy.*

**Atomic Scale** calculations of numerous catalyst material combinations have aided experimental pathway projects

**Meso Scale** catalyst particle models capture heat transfer and diffusion effects for wide range of architectures

**Process Scale** reactor models capture critical hydrodynamics and calculate conversion with bioenergy kinetics

Enables ChemCatBio teams to **accelerate** progress & provides **fundamental understanding** of catalyst surface science phenomena

Provides means to **optimize catalyst particle architecture** and enables determination of **kinetics** and other critical parameters

Methodology progressing for process **optimization and scale-up** to industry relevant scales and BETO Verification

## Future Work:

- Design/optimize fixed bed reactor system for Catalytic Fast Pyrolysis Verification
- Complete & validate reactor models with kinetics for pyrolysis vapor upgrading (ZSM-5)
- Optimize Ag/SiO<sub>2</sub>/ZrO<sub>2</sub> on SBA-16 support for ethanol conversion to butadiene/butene

Relevance

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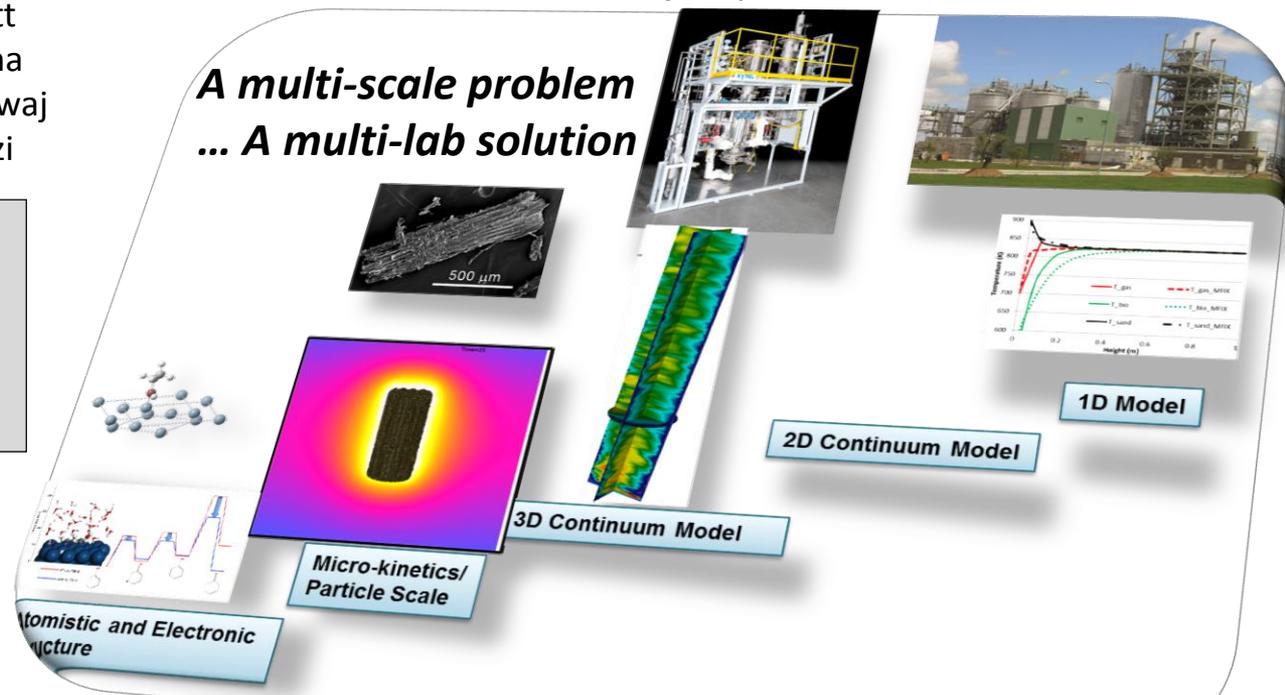
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## Additional Slides

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# Additional Slides: 2017 Peer Review - Reviewer Comments

## Overall Impressions:

- There is an impressive amount of work for programs. The budget is quite high but necessary for all teams to succeed and accelerate programs. Continue what the team is doing as they are doing well. Do not change anything. There is an impressive amount of publications as well since the last review. I applaud the team and their ability to influence and impact programs in such a complex set of programs. I give this team my highest ratings.
- There is a very high impact for the cost of the project. One wonders where the resources are coming from to accomplish all that was reported and if this can be continued in the future. Predicting the performance of process from small-scale experiments requires a strong modeling effort that can identify potential problems. The phase behavior in the converter and the effect of particle and reactor hold up as the scale increases are critical factors that can be predicted using the models developed by this group. It will be particularly important to access the effects of the reactor configuration, including the shape, size inlet design, etc.
- This is a great project with lots of valuable information available for other bioenergy projects. The industry advisory panel helps focus the work on areas that will accelerate the commercialization of bioenergy technologies. The project leverages several experts from multiple laboratories and organizations. This is exciting work.
- Overall, this is a solid program with a number of significant historical contributions, as well as quite a few potentially promising contributions in the future. Models are a critical component for both communication and commercialization. CCPC's high level of competency and expertise in this area is priceless for both BETO and the public. Focus on scalability, bio-complexity, and basic catalysis science is spot on and reflects good understanding of most of the major variables that drive commercialization in the bioenergy/biofuels industry.
- These are impressive project accomplishments to date. Congratulations! If the modeling tools can be successfully applied to the benefit of the catalytic project teams, this will have been a very valuable program.

*The text on this slide is a direct quote from the 2017 Project Peer Review of the U.S. Department of Energy Bioenergy Technologies Office final report available at [www.energy.gov/eere/bioenergy/downloads/2017-project-peer-review-report](http://www.energy.gov/eere/bioenergy/downloads/2017-project-peer-review-report) (pp. 291-3)*

# Additional Slides: Responses to Previous Reviewers' Comments

## Reviewer Comments

**General positive impressions & comments**

**Tech transfer of methodologies and models to commercial partners**

**Expanding scope to include separations**

## CCPC Responses

*The positive feedback is appreciated. We have continued practicing the highlighted approaches including: (1) use of the industry advisory panel, (2) alignment/collaboration with biomass conversion projects, (3) open-source code and tech transfer mechanisms, (4) emphasis on capturing biomass complexity in scalable models, and (5) study of zeolite catalysis transport and deactivation mechanisms.*

By design, we utilize open-source code and publish codes on GitHub (with a link accessible from our CCPC website) as well as results in peer-reviewed journals. This enables the potential for tech transfer of our models; however, the reviewer comments were quite useful as we have re-examined our approach for tech transfer and ways in which we can be more proactive. As a result, in FY2018, we added a specific milestone to transfer our biomass particle model (a mature model). We approached numerous entities with the intent to transfer the model. **Ultimately, we succeeded in transferring the model to Forest Concepts, and the results were a major highlight for our program** (see next slide and press release at [www.nrel.gov/news/program/2018/bioenergy-scientists-collaborate-with-industry-to-convey-feedstock-value-improve-biomass-conversion-processes.html](http://www.nrel.gov/news/program/2018/bioenergy-scientists-collaborate-with-industry-to-convey-feedstock-value-improve-biomass-conversion-processes.html)). We learned lessons in this process too. In this case, the industry partner was only interested in the model results (and not in being able to operate the model themselves). So, we ran the model for their case and needs.

*This recommendation from the review panel was extremely beneficial and insightful.* We responded by scheduling a series of web conferences with the Bioprocessing Separations Consortium (SepCon) in which we discussed CCPC modeling capabilities and SepCon modeling needs. The result was a vast array of opportunities where existing CCPC modeling toolsets and capabilities could be adapted to meet SepCon modeling needs. We initiated starter projects in FY2018 to begin progress in this area. We faced limitations early on due to the fact that no resources were identified in the BETO Separations program for modeling, and our CCPC-ChemCatBio resources are designated for supporting the ChemCatBio objectives. As a result, we have formed a more holistic strategy for the CCPC to serve and coordinate modeling needs across BETO. We are working closely with SepCon and BETO Technology Managers to specifically identify resources to support modeling for separations in the next AOP cycle for SepCon which begins in FY2020. And, we have designated a liaison to SepCon to foster the efforts.

*Three comment areas and associated responses on highlighted on this slide. Other comments and our responses can be found in the 2017 Project Peer Review of the U.S. Department of Energy Bioenergy Technologies Office final report available at [www.energy.gov/eere/bioenergy/downloads/2017-project-peer-review-report](http://www.energy.gov/eere/bioenergy/downloads/2017-project-peer-review-report) (pp. 291-3)*

# Additional Slides: Pyrolysis Model Results Aid Industry

**Objective:** Leverage validated pyrolysis models to support industry partners

**Approach:**

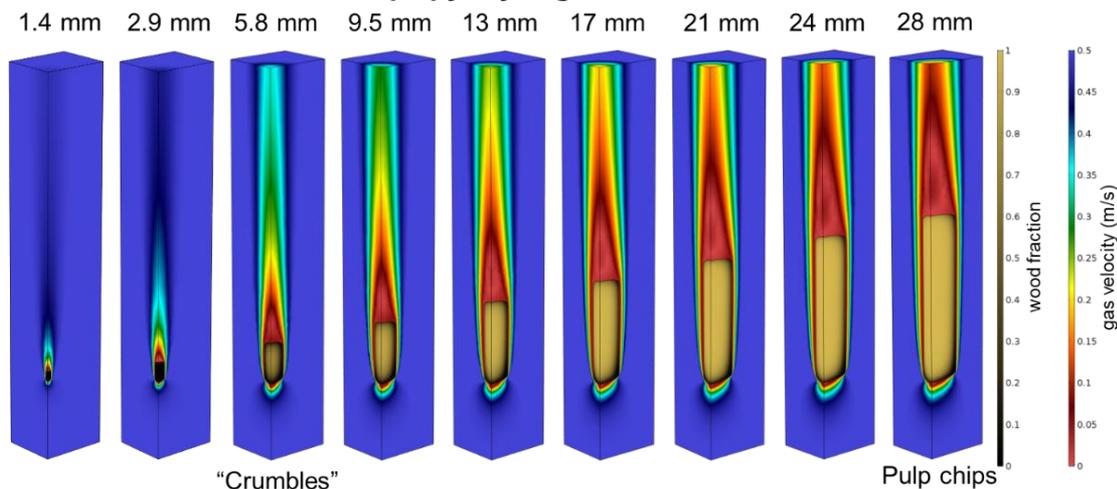
- Models were parameterized to represent a range of Forest Concepts' feedstock products
- FC used results to communicate value of precision feedstocks to customers

**Relevance:** *"The modeling data developed by NREL gave our company an understanding of how our production engineers can co-optimize reactors and feedstock properties to improve functional performance. This conversion data will also help our customers select the optimal feedstock for their specific conversion process."*

- James H. Dooley  
CTO, Forest Concepts

**Industry Partner: Forest Concepts**

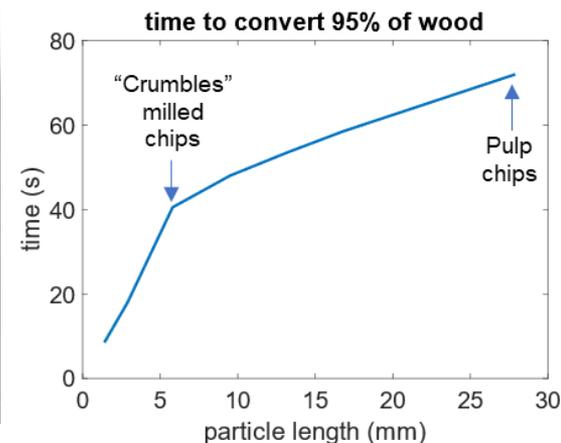
## Pine chips pyrolyzing at 500°C, 30s mark



## NREL scientists visualizing data



## Conversion times, particle size



## Additional Slides: Go/No-Go Reviews

- The last Go/No-Go Review for this project was in FY2016. The stage was passed (Go), and technical results were shared at the 2017 Peer Review.
- The next Go/No-Go Review for the project is scheduled for FY2020 and is summarized in the table below (verbatim from Annual Operating Plan).

Name	Description	Criteria	Date
<b>Kinetics Approach Assessment</b>	<p>Based on modeling at atomic, meso, and process scales, demonstrate a technique for predicting conversion at commercially-relevant scales for ChemCatBio catalytic upgrading processes.</p> <p>The outcome of this go/no-go decision will determine:</p> <p>(1) is the CCPC-CCB approach toward kinetics definition in highly complex bioenergy applications valid and feasible; should more extensive approaches be pursued such as micro-kinetics-based approaches.</p>	Using kinetics data extracted from data from designed experiments with ChemCatBio colleagues, demonstrate ability of process models to predict catalytic upgrading conversion efficiency and coking degradation rates.	4/30/2020
<b>Catalysis Innovation</b>	<p>In close collaboration with ChemCatBio experimentalists, modeling will be utilized to accelerate catalyst innovation.</p>	Using an experiment-only base case as reference, show acceleration of the catalyst innovation cycle (design to experimental results) with a net reduction in R&D cost and time to results.	4/30/2020

# Additional Slides: Publications, Patents, Presentations, Awards, and Commercialization - Slide 1 of 7

## Patents, Commercialization, Tech Transfer, and Open-Source Code

*Note: The CCPC by design produces open-source code models that are publicly available on GitHub ([github.com/ccpcode](https://github.com/ccpcode)) with a link to the site on the CCPC website ([www.cpcbiomass.org](http://www.cpcbiomass.org)). Therefore, our tech transfer output is primarily in the form of the open-source code, and we cite here the resulting commercial impacts and open source codes made publicly available.*

### Tech Transfer/Commercial Impact (since 2017 Peer Review):

- Tech transfer of biomass feedstock pyrolysis model to aid Forest Concepts in product characterization
  - The CCPC performed detailed thermochemical conversion simulations with our biomass feedstock particle model to characterize the fast pyrolysis yield of select Forest Concepts products. The results provided new information for performance and valuation of products for Forest Concepts and their customers in bioenergy applications. The commercial impact was acknowledged by Forest Concepts Chief Technology Officer James Dooley and was featured in a press release ([www.nrel.gov/news/program/2018/bioenergy-scientists-collaborate-with-industry-to-convey-feedstock-value-improve-biomass-conversion-processes.html](http://www.nrel.gov/news/program/2018/bioenergy-scientists-collaborate-with-industry-to-convey-feedstock-value-improve-biomass-conversion-processes.html)). [Peter Ciesielski et al.]

### Tech Transfer/Commercial Impact (since project inception):

- Surface Phase Explorer Website-Based Tool ([spe.nrel.gov](http://spe.nrel.gov))
  - The CCPC made a publicly available web-based tool called “Surface Phase Explorer” which enables: (1) construction of surface ab initio phase diagrams for single species adsorbing to a surface as well as coadsorption of two species to a surface and (2) visualization of the Wulff Construction of the surface at any temperature and pressure. [Vassili Vorotnikov et al.]
- Commercial Software Impact: CSFMB<sup>®</sup>/CeSFaMB<sup>™</sup>
  - The CCPC assisted Prof. de Souza-Santos (Brazil) in including biomass pyrolysis chemistry into new version of CSFMB<sup>®</sup> commercial software (see [www.csfmb.com](http://www.csfmb.com)) [C. Stuart Daw et al.]

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## GitHub Open-Source Code and Supporting Documentation (since 2017 Peer Review):

- [github.com/ccpcode/chemics-reactors](https://github.com/ccpcode/chemics-reactors)
  - A Python-based program for implementing network models of multiphase reactors (beta version) [Jonathan Sutton et al.]
- [github.com/ccpcode/kinetic-schemes](https://github.com/ccpcode/kinetic-schemes)
  - A repository of various kinetic reaction schemes for biomass pyrolysis based on the literature. The kinetics are presented in Python-based code and include the CCPC kinetics which are a combination of the Di Blasi (1993), Chan (1985), and Liden (1988) kinetic schemes. [Gavin Wiggins et al.]
- [github.com/ccpcode/docs-tcpdu](https://github.com/ccpcode/docs-tcpdu)
  - Supporting documentation for the NREL ThermoChemical Process Development Unit (TCPDU) [Gavin Wiggins, Katie Gaston et al.]
- [github.com/ccpcode/docs-2fbr](https://github.com/ccpcode/docs-2fbr)
  - Supporting documentation for the NREL 2" Fluidized Bench Reactor (2FBR) and associated Vapor Phase Upgrading reactor [Gavin Wiggins, Rick French et al.]
- [github.com/ccpcode/nrel-2fbr-particles](https://github.com/ccpcode/nrel-2fbr-particles)
  - Particle characterization data for catalyst particles used in experiments and models of the NREL 2" Fluidized Bench Reactor (2FBR) Vapor Phase Upgrading reactor [Gavin Wiggins, Rick French et al.]

## GitHub Open-Source Code and Supporting Documentation (since project inception):

- [github.com/ccpcode/low-order-reactor](https://github.com/ccpcode/low-order-reactor)
  - A low-order reactor model that utilizes a CSTR (continuously stirred tank reactor) modeling approach to estimate fast pyrolysis yields from bubbling fluidized bed reactors based on a give particle size distribution and associated low-order particle sub-model. [Gavin Wiggins, C. Stuart Daw et al.]
- [github.com/ccpcode/low-order-particle](https://github.com/ccpcode/low-order-particle)
  - Python-based low-order particle model for modeling heat transfer and pyrolysis as a function of particle size and shape. This sub-model was developed based on high-order models of particle pyrolysis with COMSOL and feeds the low-order reactor model above. [Gavin Wiggins, Peter Ciesielski et al.]

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## Awards

### Awards (since 2017 Peer Review):

- Poster Presentation Award to Emilio Ramirez for Second Place in the Student Research Poster Presentation category at the *Thermal and Catalytic Sciences (TCS) Symposium for Biofuels and Bioproducts*, October 8-10, 2018.

*Note: Emilio is a Ph.D. graduate student at the University of Tennessee who is conducting his dissertation research in multiphase modeling of fast pyrolysis in bubbling fluidized beds (anticipated graduation in May 2019). His poster was entitled "Computational study on biomass fast pyrolysis: Hydrodynamic effects in a laboratory-scale fluidized bed".*



*Emilio Ramirez (second from left) with poster presentation award from TCS2018*

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## Publications [26 since January 1, 2017; 55 Total since Project Inception]

### Publications (with publication date since January 1, 2017):

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## Publications [26 since January 1, 2017; 55 Total since Project Inception]

### Publications (with publication date since January 1, 2017) [cont. from previous slide]:

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## Publications [26 since January 1, 2017; 55 Total since Project Inception]

### Publications (with publication date since January 1, 2017) [cont. from previous slide]:

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21. Foust TD, Ziegler ZL, Pannala S, Ciesielski PN, Nimlos MR, Robichaud DJ (2017). Catalyst residence time distributions in riser reactors for catalytic fast pyrolysis. Part 2: Pilot-scale simulations and operational parameter study. *ACS Sustainable Chemistry and Engineering* 5(4): 2857–2866. DOI: 10.1021/acssuschemeng.6b02385
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## Presentations

**Presentations since January 1, 2017: 30**

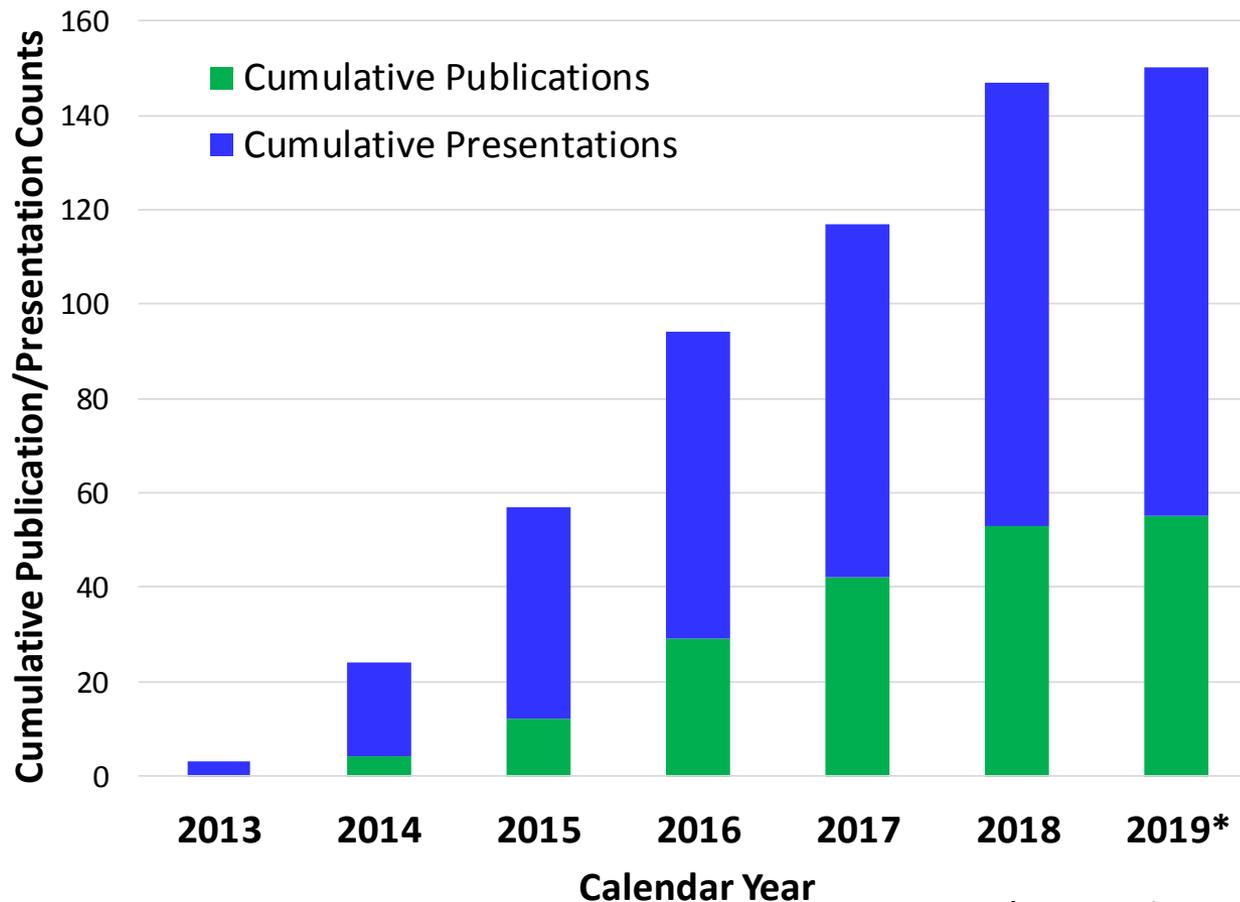
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## Publications and Presentations

### Summary Graph of Publications and Presentations To-Date for Project

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