

# CCSI

Carbon Capture Simulation Initiative

# Data Management and Simulation Support Accelerating Carbon Capture through Computing

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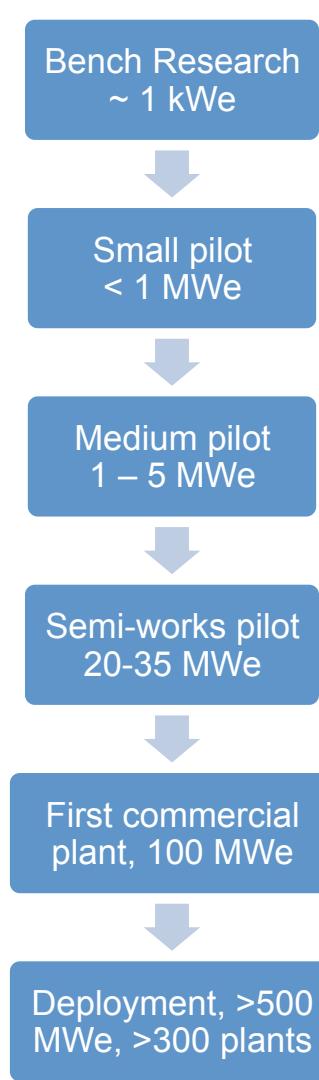
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# Carbon Capture Challenge

- 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>



# CCSI 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



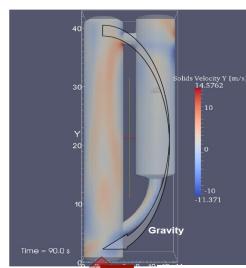
Essential for accelerating commercial deployment

# CCSI Integrated Process Design Environment

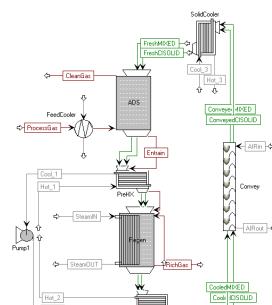
Bench-scale  
Experiments



Particle-scale  
Simulations



Process  
Simulations



Small-scale  
Deployments



Uncertainty  
Quantification,  
Decision  
Support,  
Optimization,  
etc

Knowledge, Information, &  
Integrated User Environment

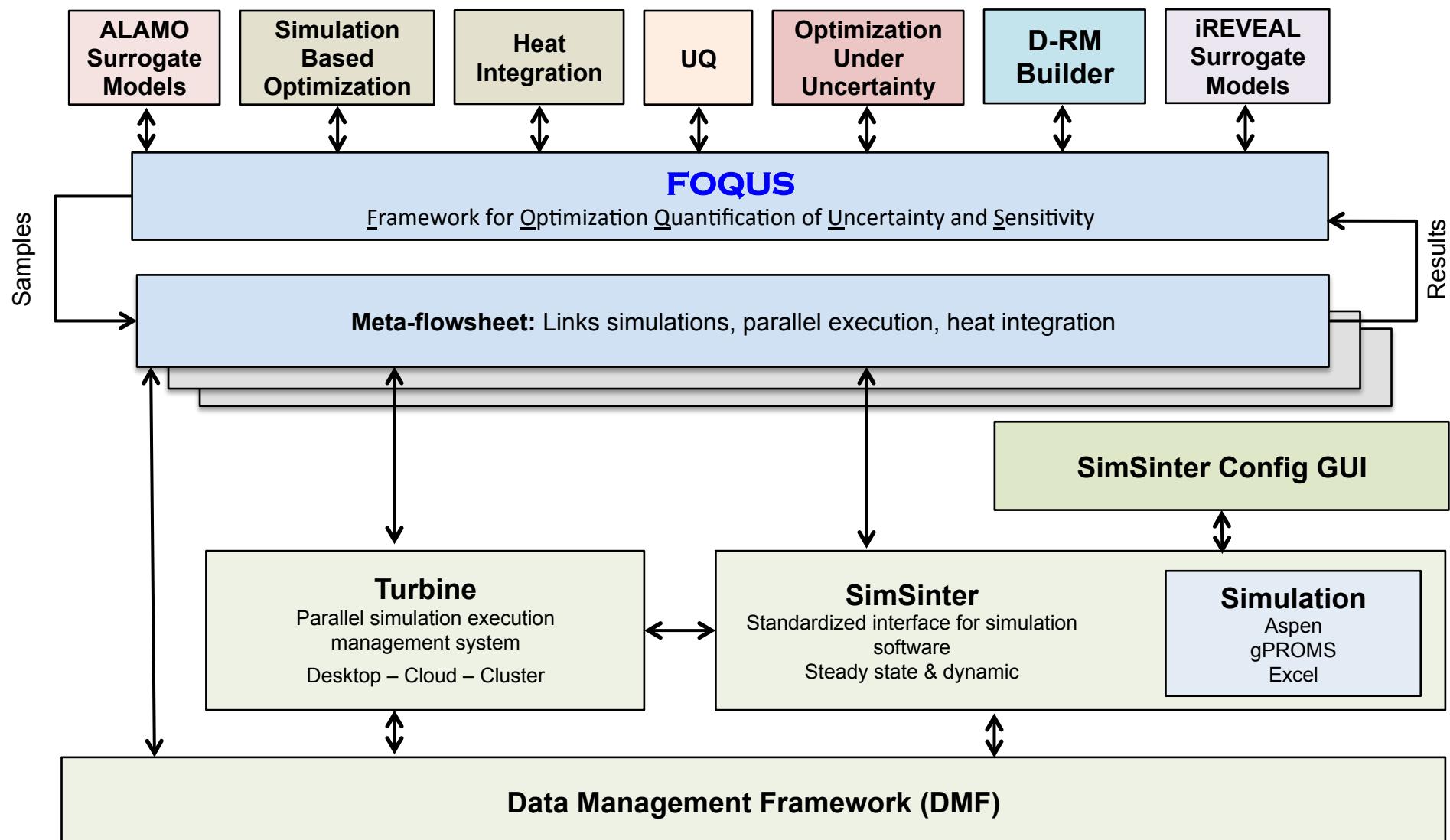
Decision  
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# CCSI Toolset

- 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: FOCUS
  - Process simulation framework: Turbine, SimSinter, DMF

# CCSI Toolset Architecture



# FOQUS



- 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 graphical user interface (GUI) with the following components:

- Left Panel:** A flowsheet editor showing a process flow from a "Mix" unit to a "React" unit, which then feeds into a "Sep" unit. The units are represented by gray squares with blue arrows indicating flow direction. A legend on the left identifies icons for Session, Basic Data, Flowsheet, Heat Int., Uncertainty, Optimization, and OUU.
- Middle Panel:** An open "Node Edit" dialog for the "Sep" unit. It includes fields for Name (Sep), Error Status (Code: -1, Message: Did not finish), Model (Type: None), Input Variables (FA\_1: 1.0, FB\_1: 1.0, FracA: 0.1), and Output Variables.
- Top Bar:** A toolbar with icons for Session, Basic Data, Flowsheet, Heat Int., Uncertainty, Optimization, OUU, Surrogates, DRM-Builder, Settings, and Help. The title bar shows the path "FOQUS - C:\Users\jeslick\work\foqus\examples\Recycle\Mass\_Bal\_Test\_01.foqus - Last saved: 2015-02-25T14:08:49".
- Right Panels:**
  - Optimization Solver Messages:** A log window showing solver iterations from 490 to 504, detailing elapsed time, objective values, and iteration counts.
  - Best Solution Parallel Coordinate Plot:** A plot showing scaled values for variables Rosebrock.x[0] through Rosebrock.x[5].
  - Objective Function Plot:** A line plot showing the objective function value over 500 iterations, starting at approximately 130,000 and dropping to near zero.

# 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 FOCUS 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

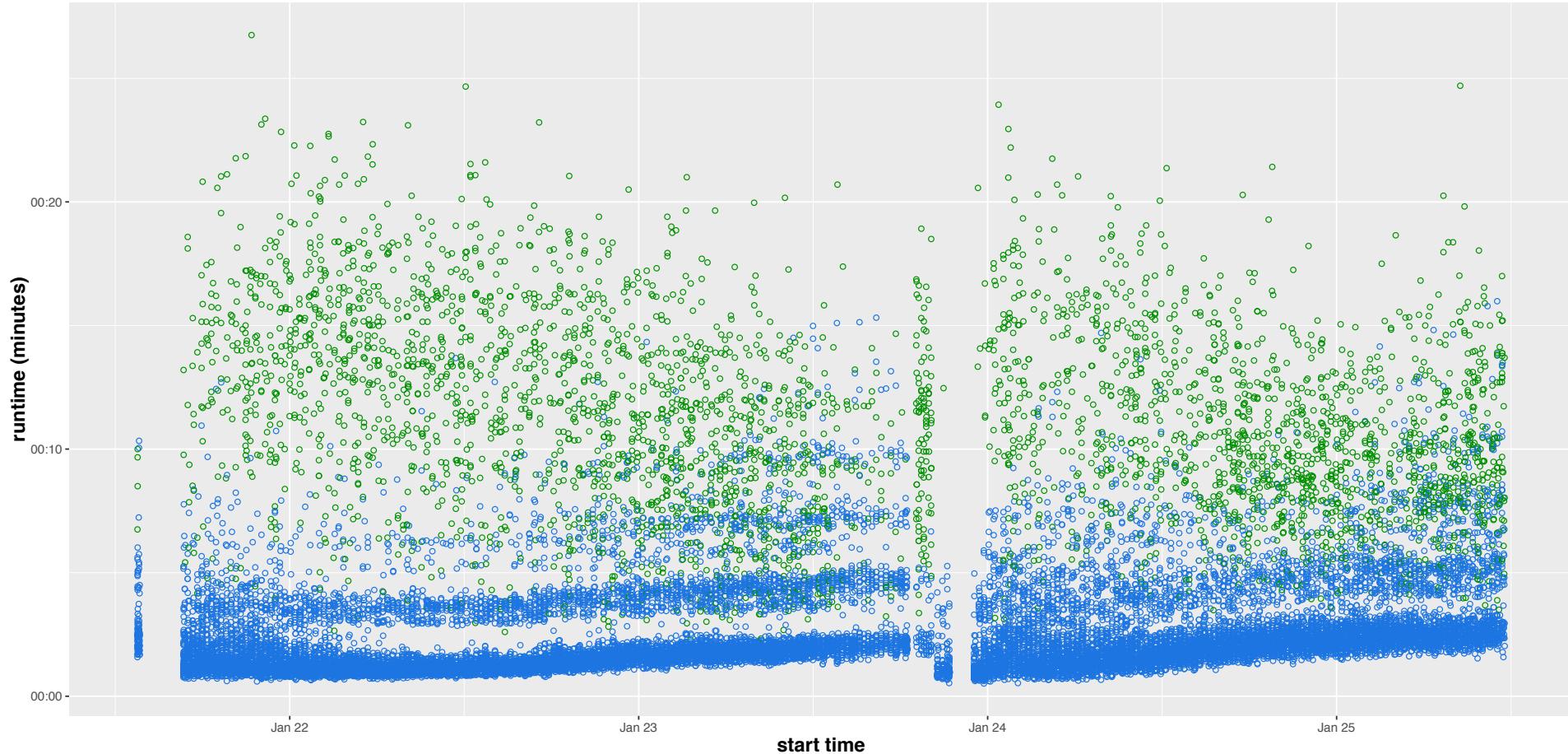
# Turbine Server Experiences

- 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

NETL Optimization: Successes and Failures



- 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

The screenshot displays three windows of the SimSinter Config GUI:

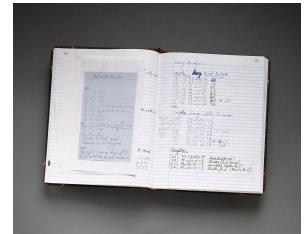
- SimSinter Save Location:** Shows the path: C:\aspenfiles\SimSinter1\trunk\Master\test\Flash\_Example\trunk\Aspen\_Plus\Flash\_Example\_AP.
- Simulation Meta-Data:** Contains fields for Title (Flash Example), Description (Simple ethanol/water flash calculation), Author (John Eslick), and Date (Aug 2012).
- SinterConfigGUI Variable Configuration Page:** This is the active window.
  - Selected Path:** \Data\Blocks\FLASH\Input\BYPASS
  - Variable Tree:** A tree view of configuration variables, expanded to show the **FLASH** block and its **Input** sub-block.
  - Preview Variable:** A table showing a variable named **BYPASS** with type **double**, value **0**, and path **\Data\Blocks\FLASH\Input\BYPASS**.
  - Selected Input Variables:** A table listing input variables with their types, default values, and descriptions:

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:** A table listing output variables with their types, units, descriptions, and paths:

Name	Type	Units	Description	Path
vapor.F	double		Vapor stream flow (lbmol/hr)	\Data\Streams\VAPOR\Out
vapor.etOH.molefrac	double		Vapor ethanol mass fraction (lbmol/lbmol)	\Data\Streams\VAPOR\Out
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

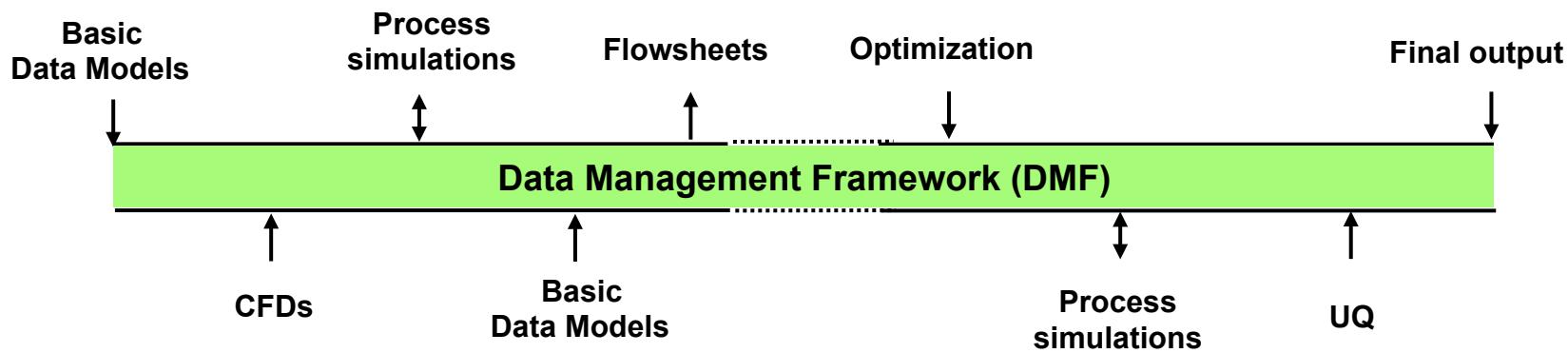
# DMF: Motivation

- 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

Search Repository Logout

Create Folder  Edit Properties   Upload...  Download  Lock

Name	Size	Kind	Date Modified
Shared		-- Folder	3/02/2016 2:03 PM
Simulations		-- Folder	12/08/2015 2:07 PM
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BFB_cost_v6_sinter_config.json	11 kB	Document	9/16/2015 5:56 PM
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Dependency Graph

Test.fokus

BFB\_sinter\_conf...

BFB\_cost\_v6

BFB\_cost\_v6\_sin...

Dock dependency graph

**Test.fokus**

Version 32.0 31.0 30.0 29.0 28.0 27.0 26.0 25.0 24.0 23.0 22.0 21.0 20.0 19.0 18.0 17.0 16.0 15.0 14.0 13.0 12.0 11.0 10.0 9.0 8.0 7.0 6.0 5.0 4.0 3.0 2.0 1.0

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Mimetype: application/ccsi+foqus  
Confidence: experimental  
Creator: ycheah  
Creation Date: 10/15/2015 11:11 AM  
Modified Date: 10/22/2015 1:45 AM

# 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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