The 21st Annual ACERC Conference







ACERC History

1976 – Combustion work at BYU, Doug Smoot lab director

Various contracts, including industrial consortiums

1986 – ACERC Founded by the NSF, directed by Doug Smoot

BYU/UofU joint center, \$2 million/yr NSF funding

1997 – NSF funding concludes, new director (Tom Fletcher)

• \$1-2 million/yr funding through individual grants (DOE, NIH, DOD)

2004 – U of U forms separate institute (ICES)

2007 – BYU funding at ~\$2 million/yr

New initiatives (GCEP, Utah Clean Coal Center, NSF ERC Proposal)

Current ACERC Mission

To develop advanced combustion technology through fundamental engineering research and educational programs aimed at the solution of critical national problems





Current Research Interests

Industries

- Electric power
- Chemical processes
- Forest products
- Forest Service
- Solid Waste
- Transportation
- Cement/Concrete
- Glass
- Military (safety)

Fuels

- Coal
- Biomass
- Black liquor
- Petroleum coke
- Hydrogen
- Municipal solid waste
- Natural gas
- Jet & diesel fuel
- Metallurgical coke
- Soot/model hydrocarbons

Subjects

- Combustion/ Gasification
- Ash
 Formation, Deposition, Corrosion, Use
- Soot/Aerosol formation
- NO_x, SCR
- Mercury emissions
- Heat transfer (convective, radiative)
- CFD, Fluid/Fixed

See Poster Session Titles (in program) for a Complete List of Active Projects

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Professors Involved

Larry Baxter* ChE

Tom Fletcher* ChE

• Dale Tree* ME

Merrill Beckstead ChE

Bill Hecker ChE

Jeffrey Bons ME

Calvin Bartholomew ChE

Fernando Fonseca CE

Hugh Hales ChE

Reed Izaat Chem

Matt JonesME

Matt Linford Chem

Dan Maynes
 ME

John Oscarson ChE

Dennis Tulley Stat

Brent Webb ME



Who Really Does The Work

(at BYU)

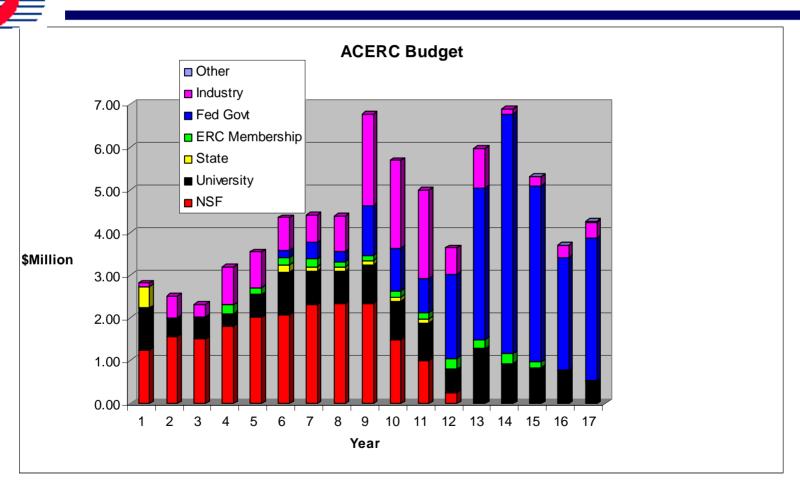
- 25 Graduate Students
- 23 Undergraduate Students
- 1 Postdoc & 1 Research Associate
- Carina Alleman (secretary)



Graduate students receiving degrees in 2006:

- Chunyang Wu, PhD ChE (REI) NO_x Formation from Biomass
- Hong Lu, PhD ChE (GE Global Research) Particle Reactivity
- Warren Roberts, MS ChE (ExxonMobil) Particle Reactivity
- Xiaoyu Guo, PhD ChE (Babcock & Wilcox) SCR Performance
- Brian Critchfield, MS ChE (ConocoPhilips) FT Catalysts
- Andrew Mackrory, MS ME (PhD-BYU) Black Liquor Spray
- Mark Woodruff, MS, ME (Textron) Fluidized Bed, Black Liquor

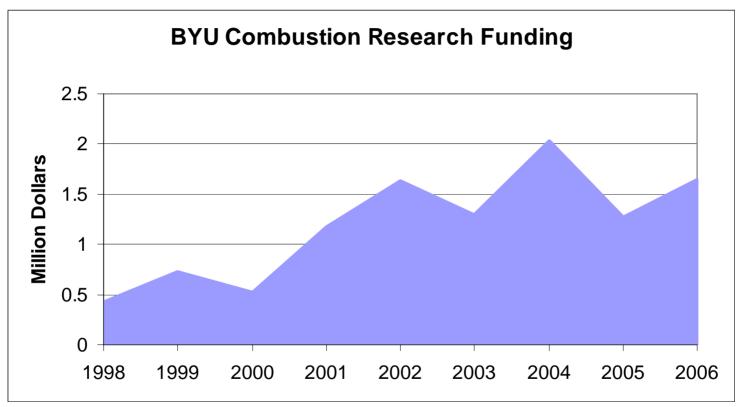
ACERC Joint Research Funds BYU & UofU, 1987-2002



Over \$75 million in research over 17 years!



BYU Combustion Funds 1998-2006



- Maintaining an active research program
- Most funding goes to students



Current Industrial Members

- American Air Liquide
- Alstom Power
- Babcock & Wilcox
- Praxair
- Reaction Engineering International



Membership Benefits

- Access to students
- Joint proposals
- Influence direction of large & energetic research program
- Receive rapid feedback regarding current work
- Use of facilities/computers as visiting scientist
- Copies of theses and dissertations
- Publication lists
- Student resumes
- Highly discounted license for software
- Coordination of student internships/co-ops
- Tax deductible
- Reduced fees to annual ACERC conference
- Voice at members' luncheon

Cost: \$5K/yr



Industrial Participants

(ACERC annual conference participants, 2005-2006)

Alion Science & Technology EPRI Reaction Engineering

International*

Alliant Energy Flying J Inc. RMT Inc.

Sandia National

Alstom Power* GCEP, Stanford University Laboratories

American Air Liquide* Headwaters Southern Company

ATK Thiokol Johnston Boiler Co. Stanford University

Los Alamos National

Babcock & Wilcox* Laboratory T.R. Miles

Battelle Energy Alliance (Emery Materials and Systems

Energy) Research, Inc. US DOE

CEntry Construction & Engineering Pacificorp UT Div of Public Utilities

Wheelabrator

Combustion Resources Praxair* Technologies

Detroit Stoker Co.

*Current ACERC Industrial Members



News



 Merrill Beckstead receives Utah Governor's Medal for Science & Technology 2006



- Cal Bartholomew honored with special session at ACS Meeting
 - Retiring in 2008
 - Starting Fischer-Tropsch Consortium



Jeffrey Bons (ME) moving to Ohio State, 2007





New Large Initiatives

1. NSF ERC Proposal

- Sustainable Energy
- Headed by Larry Baxter
- Stanford, U of Utah

2. GCEP

- Joint Stanford-BYU-U of U proposal accepted
- 3. U of Utah Clean Coal Center
- 4. Industrially-funded Fundamental Research
 - Deposition
 - Gasification
 - Biomass
 - Oil Shale

AIChE National Meeting



November 4-9, 2007 Salt Palace, Salt Lake City

Session	Chair	Co-Chair
Advanced Modeling Methods in Carbon Dioxide Sequestration	Milind Deo	Brian McPherson
Advances in Gasification Research	Kevin Whitty	Thomas H. Fletcher
Fluidization and Energy Production	Jennifer S. Curtis	Philip J. Smith
Mercury Abatement in Combustion and Gasification	Geoffrey Silcox	Jost O. L. Wendt
Oil Characterization and Thermodynamics as Related to Flow Assurance	Jules Magda	Milind Deo
Oil Shale and Oil Sands	Philip J. Smith	
Organic Solar Cells	Huisheng Peng	Lei Fu
Oxycombustion of Coal – Needs, Opportunities, and Challenges	Arun C. Bose	Eric G. Eddings



2007 Conference Agenda

Thursday Morning

Chair: Tom Fletcher

Towards Sustainable Energy

Thursday Noon

Member Luncheon

Thursday Afternoon

Chair: Matt Jones

- Towards Sustainable Energy
- Discussion of Future Directions (3-4 pm)

Thursday Evening

Student Posters (4-6 pm)

Friday Morning

Chair: Dale Tree

- Advances in Chemical Characterization
- Model Development & Application

Friday Afternoon

Chair: Larry Baxter

 Model Development & Application