

# Nuclear Science & Technology

## *Advanced Reactor Demonstration Project Opportunities in Idaho*

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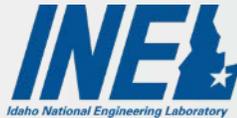
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# The Idaho National Laboratory – 70 Years of Groundbreaking Nuclear Energy R&D

*International Intellectual Leadership*

*Building a Laboratory*

**National Reactor Testing Station**



Energy Mission – Reactor Science, Safety and Sustainability Solutions



Environmental Management Mission



Idaho National Laboratory  
INEEL & ANL-W combined to create the new Idaho National Laboratory

**Nuclear Energy**

**National and Homeland Security**

**Energy and Environment**

**Advancing Nuclear Energy**

**Securing & Modernizing Critical Infrastructure**

**Enabling Clean Energy Systems**



**1949**

**1974**

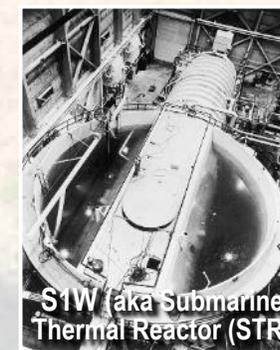
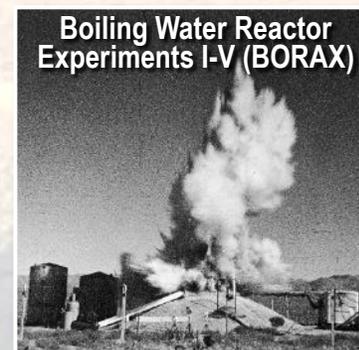
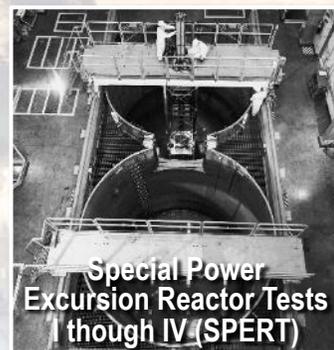
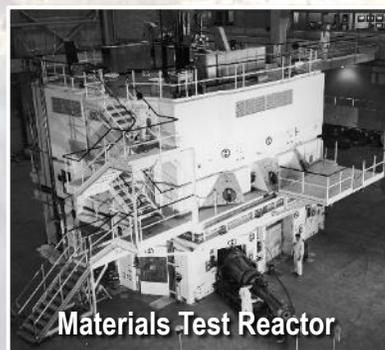
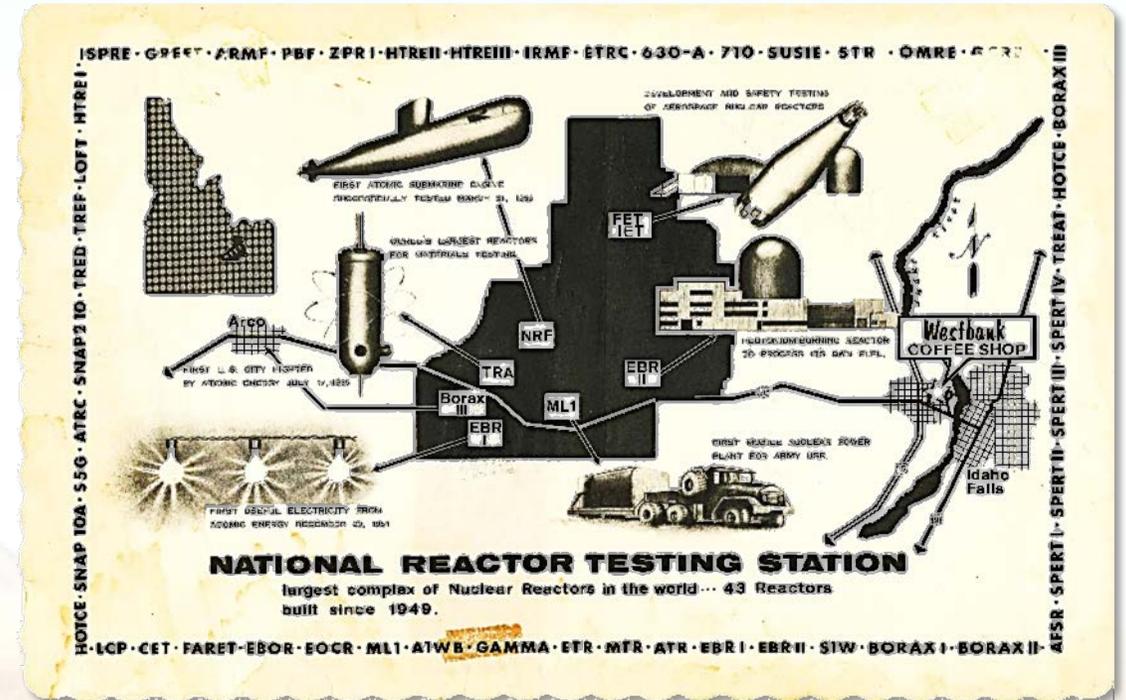
**1997**

**2005**

**2020**

# The National Reactor Testing Station drove nuclear innovation in the U.S. and around the world

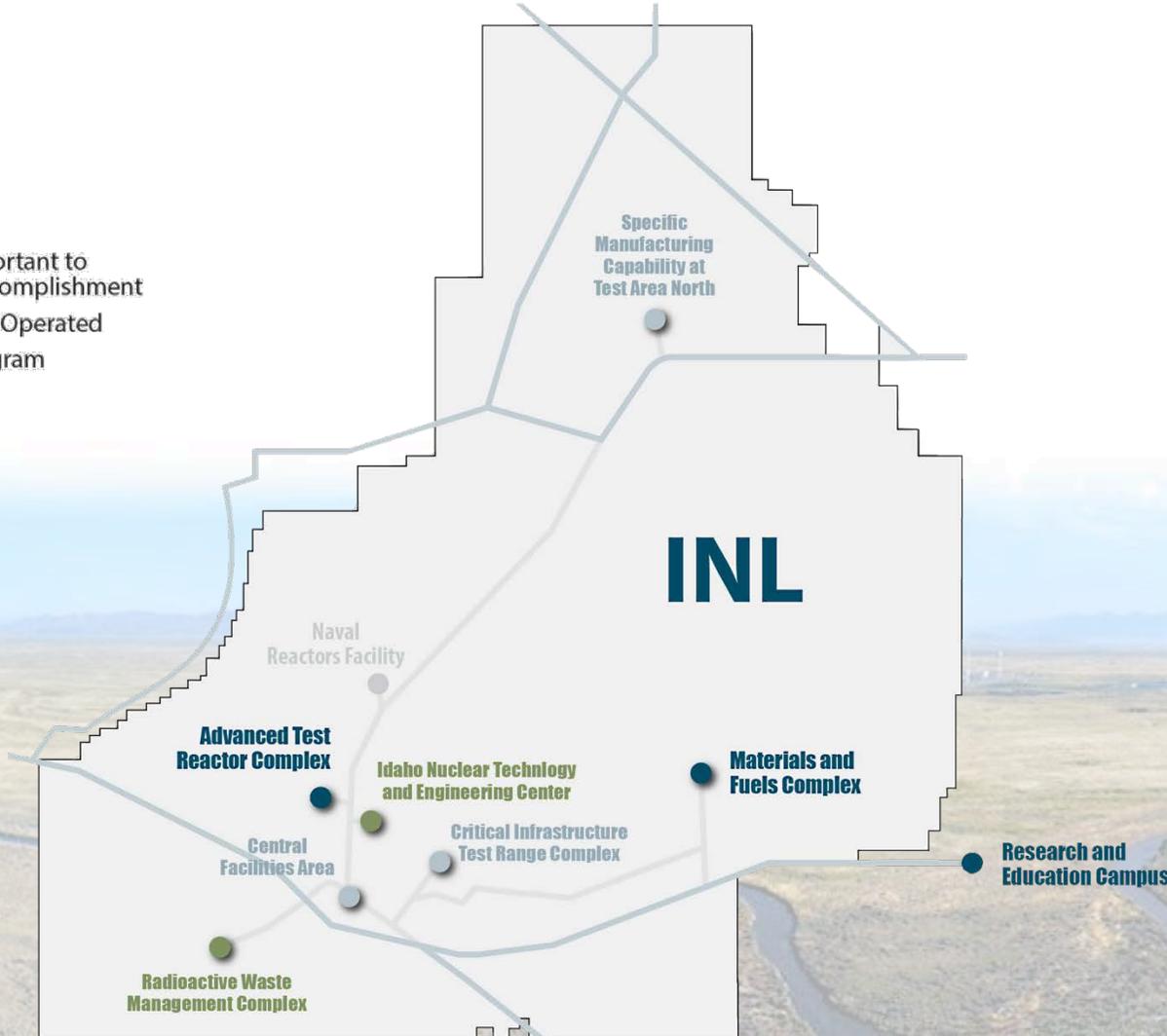
- First nuclear power plant
- First U.S. city to be powered by nuclear energy
- First submarine reactor tested; training of nearly 40,000 reactor operators until mid-90s
- First mobile nuclear power plant for the army
- Demonstration of self-sustaining fuel cycle
- Basis for LWR reactor safety
- Aircraft and aerospace reactor testing
- Materials testing reactors



# The Idaho National Laboratory Site – A Unique Capability for the Nation

**569,178 Acres**  
**890 Square Miles**

- Public Highways
- Main Site Roads
- Primary INL Campus Important to NE and other Mission Accomplishment
- Presently EM Owned and Operated
- Supporting INL Multiprogram Missions



- 16** Nuclear facilities (Haz Cat 1, 2 & 3)
- 44** Radiological facilities
- 4** Operating reactors
- 17.5** Miles railroad for shipping nuclear fuel
- 40** Miles primary roads (125 total)
- 7** Substations with interfaces to three power providers
- 112** Miles high-voltage transmission lines
- 3** Fire stations

4,927 Employees

FY19 Business Volume \$1.35 B

# Addressing the world's most challenging problems



## Nuclear S&T

- Nuclear fuels and materials
- Nuclear systems design and analysis
- Fuel cycle science and technology
- Nuclear safety and regulatory research
- Advanced Scientific Computing



## Advanced Test Reactor

- Steady state neutron irradiation of materials and fuels
  - Naval Nuclear Propulsion Program
  - Industry
  - National laboratories and universities



## Materials & Fuels Complex

- Transient testing
- Analytical laboratories
- Post-irradiation examination
- Advanced characterization
- Fuel fabrication
- Space nuclear power and isotope technologies



## Energy & Environment S&T

- Advanced transportation
- Environmental sustainability
- Clean energy
- Advanced manufacturing
- Biomass



## National & Homeland Security S&T

- Critical infrastructure protection and resiliency
- Nuclear nonproliferation
- Physical defense systems

# Nuclear Science & Technology

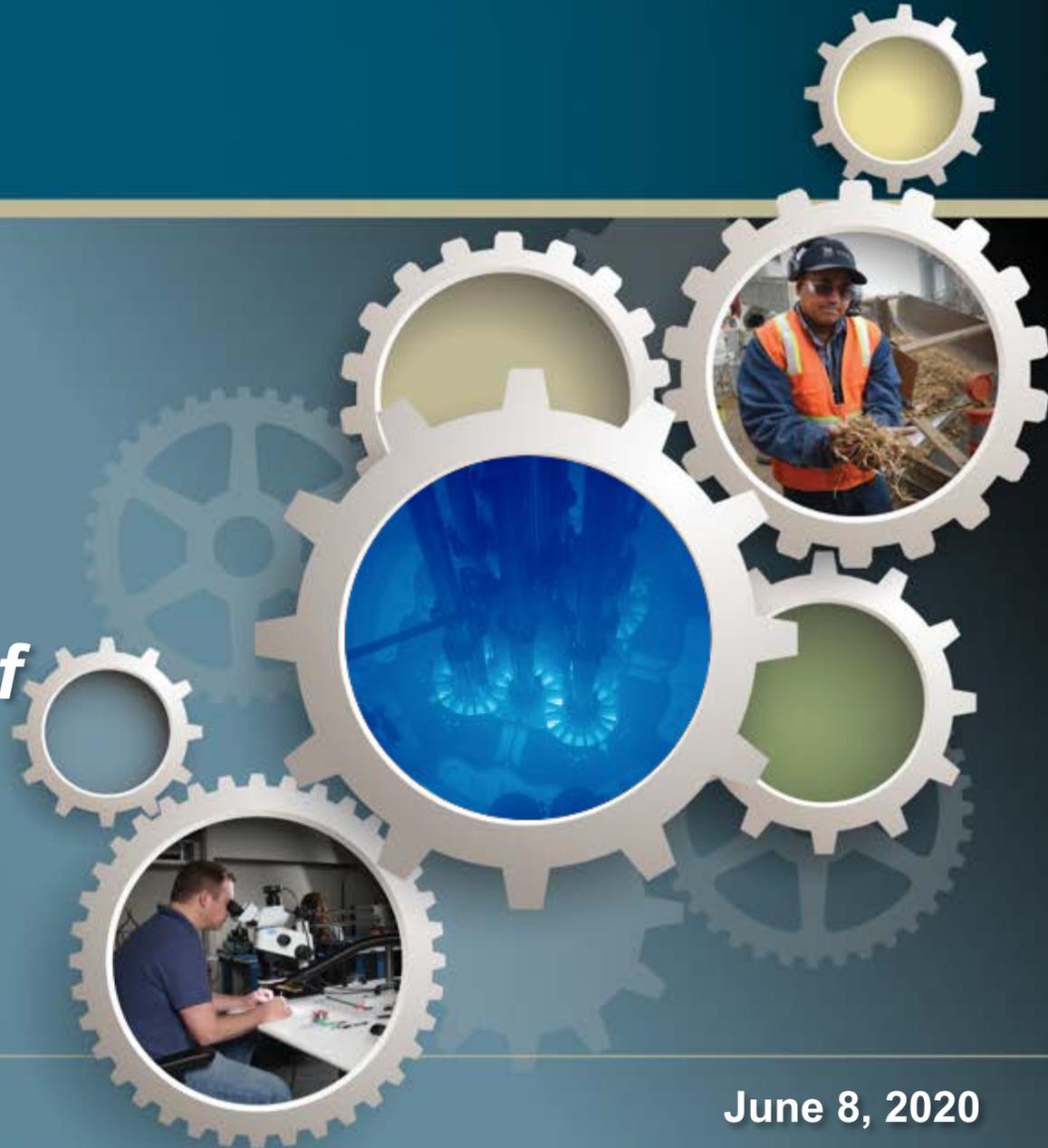
## *Nuclear Capabilities of the Idaho National Laboratory*

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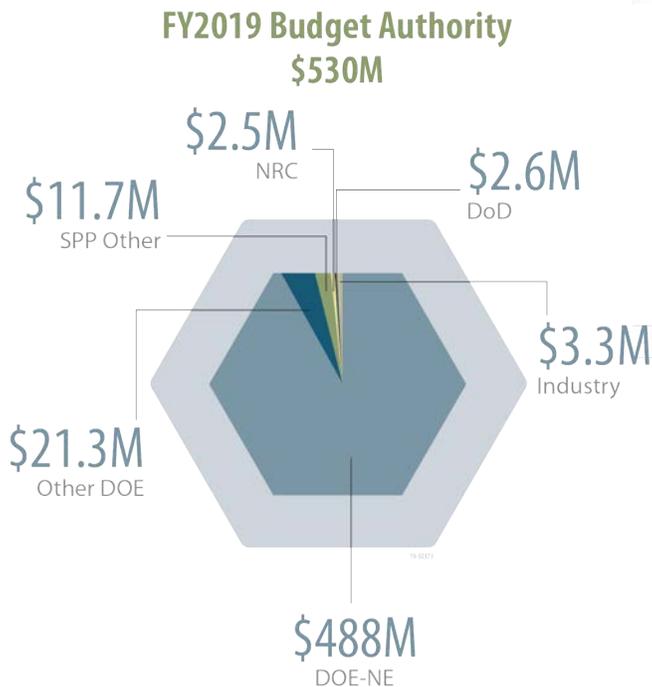
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# Nuclear RD&D Team at INL

**1559** staff working to revive, revitalize, and expand nuclear energy, enabled by unique research facilities, infrastructure & capabilities



## Nuclear Science & Technology

Change the world's energy future by advancing nuclear energy.

- Nuclear fuels and materials
- Nuclear systems design and analysis
- Fuel cycle science and technology
- Nuclear safety and regulatory research
- Advanced Scientific Computing

• 465 Employees    • 109 Master    • 6 Associate  
 • 178 PhD        • 119 Bachelor   • 19 Postdoc

## Materials & Fuels Complex

Experiments and engineering that drive the world's nuclear energy future.

- Transient testing
- Space nuclear power and isotope technologies
- Analytical laboratories
- Fuel Fabrication
- Post-irradiation examination
- Advanced characterization

• 671 Employees    • 79 Master    • 84 Associate  
 • 44 PhD            • 197 Bachelor   • 6 Postdoc

## Advanced Test Reactor

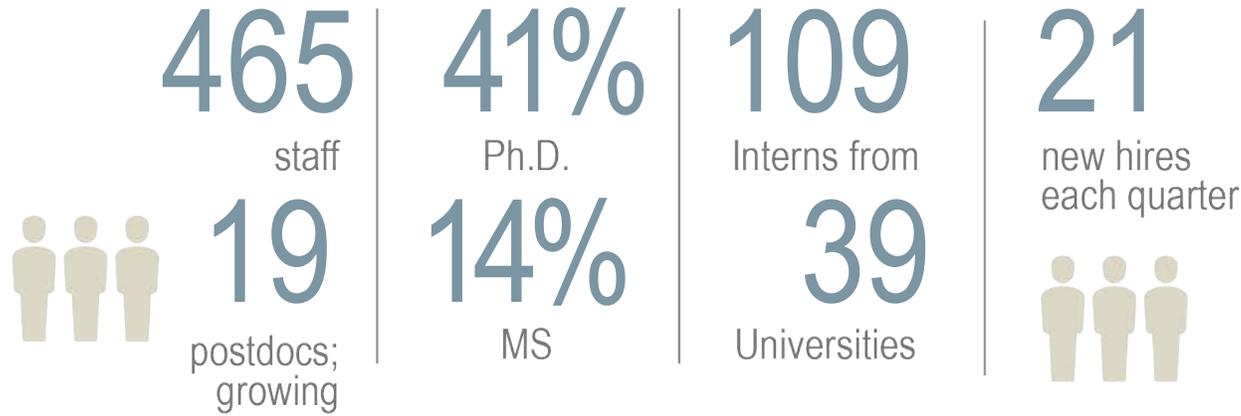
Provide unique irradiation capabilities for nuclear technology research and development.

Steady-state neutron irradiation of materials and fuels

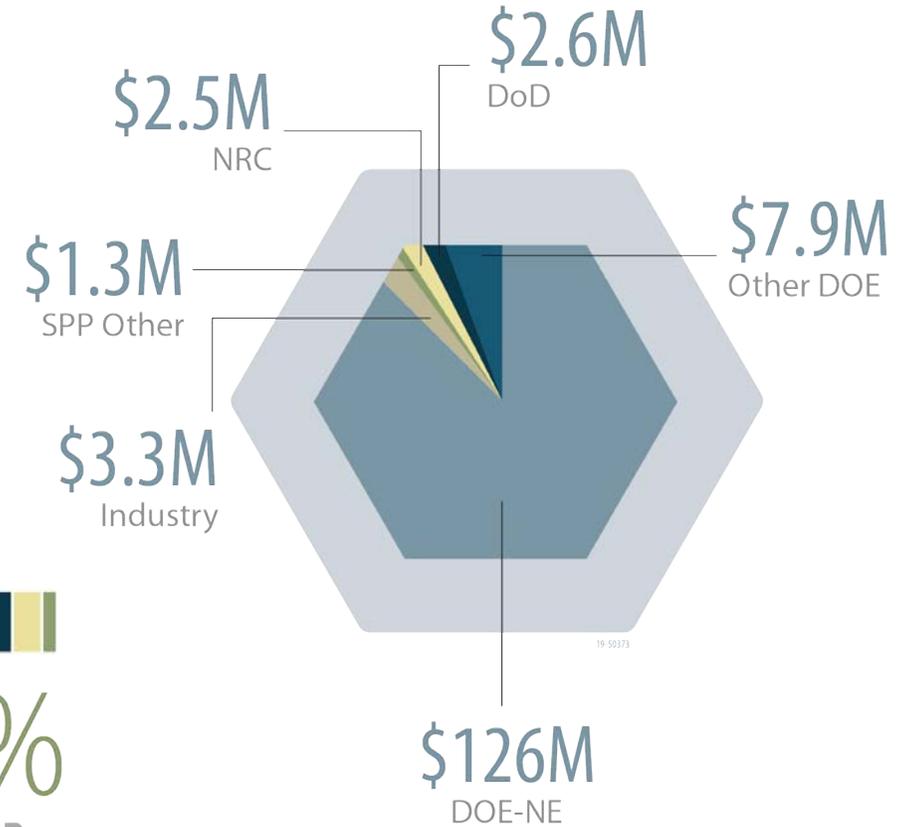
- Naval Nuclear Propulsion Program
- Industry
- National laboratories and universities

• 423 Employees    • 43 Master    • 44 Associate  
 • 2 PhD              • 133 Bachelor

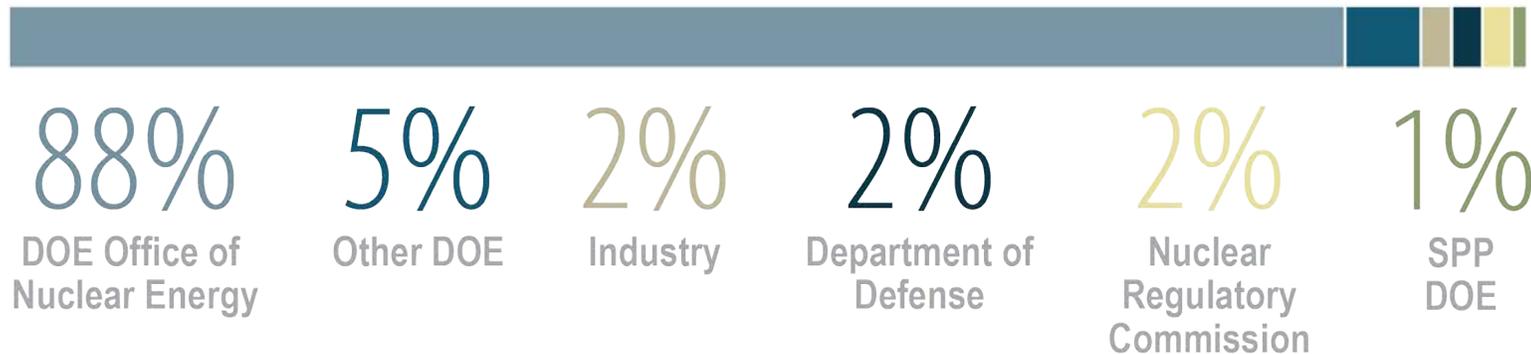
# Nuclear S&T Directorate



## NS&T FY 2019 Budget Authority

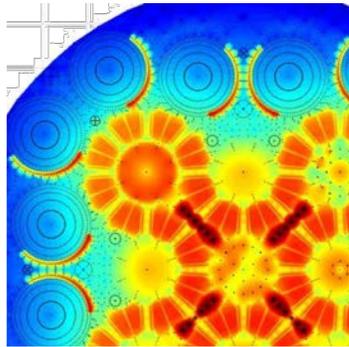


### SPONSORS



# Nuclear S&T Directorate

**Reactor Systems Design & Analysis**



**Nuclear Safety & Regulatory Research**



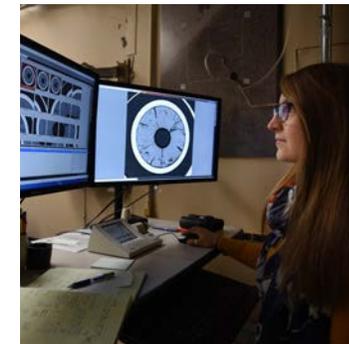
**Advanced Scientific Computing**



**Fuel Cycle Science & Technology**



**Nuclear Fuels & Materials**



## Leadership Positions in Major DOE-NE Initiatives/Programs



# Sustaining the existing LWR fleet: Vision for a Thriving Existing Fleet

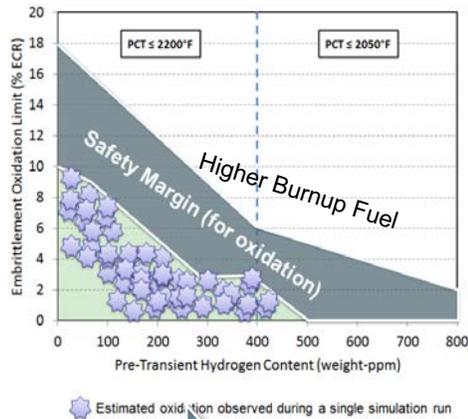
## Energy systems and market analyses

- Define attributes of zero-emission baseload energy for market recognition
- Establish vital relationships to other market and grid attributes – resilience, reliability, etc.



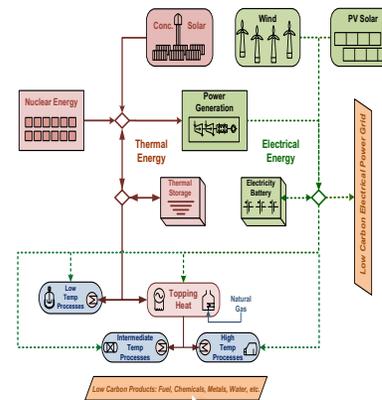
## Risk-informed tools and analyses to recover plant margins and reduce cost

- Employ advanced PRA tools and best estimate codes to reduce unnecessary conservatisms that drive costs
- Key to NEI and industry initiatives



## Integrated energy system testing

- Revenue and energy supply that addresses grid futures for US fleet
- CRADAs and industry engagement initiated to demonstrate technology



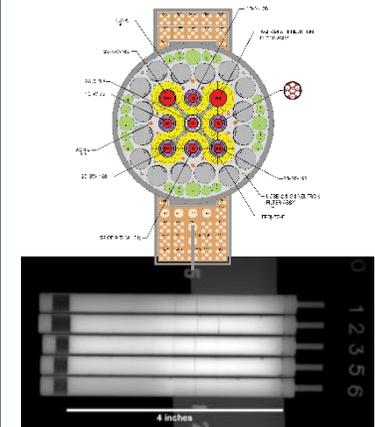
## LWR modernization and life extension

- Work with plant operators to implement digital I&C upgrades to modernize plant control rooms
- Provide scientific basis of long-term material performance of SSCs to support license extension
- Develop sensors and more efficient methods and systems for plant health monitoring



## Advanced Accident-Tolerant Fuel concepts

- Establish technical basis for licensing and deployment of accident-tolerant fuel concepts



2019

2020

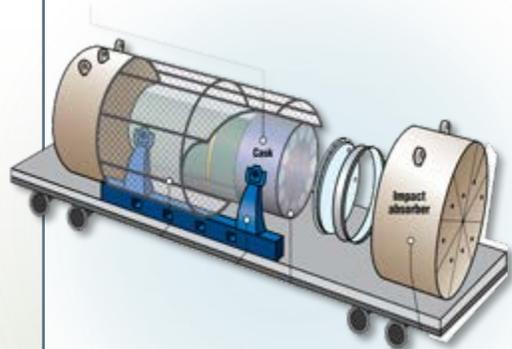
2021

2022

# Creating the Next-Generation National Reactor Testing Station: **Vision for Advanced Reactor Demonstrations and Deployment**

## Demonstrate first microreactor by early 2020s

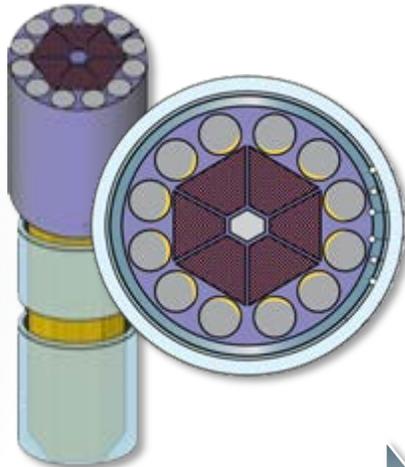
- Resolve key advanced reactor issues
- Open new markets for nuclear energy
- Provide a 'win' to build positive momentum



2024

## Commercial microreactors deployed

- Support deployment for remote site power and process heat customers
- RD&D to enable broader deployment



2025

## SMR(s) operating

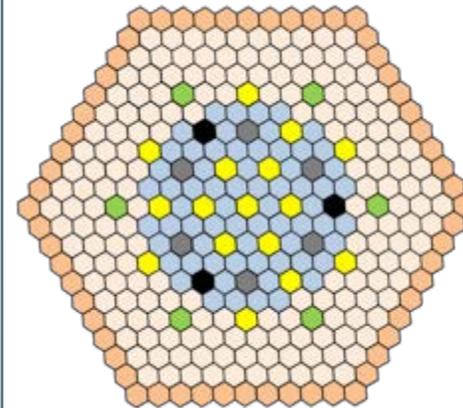
- Enable deployment through siting and technical support
- Joint Use Modular Plant for federal RDD&D



2026

## Versatile Test Reactor (VTR) operating

- Establish fast-spectrum testing and fuel development capability
- Support non-LWR advanced reactor demonstrations

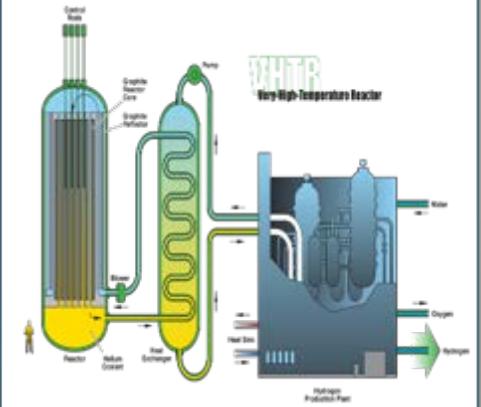


2030

## Non-LWR advanced demonstration reactor by 2030

**or before!**

- Demonstrate non-LWR technology replacement of US baseload clean power capacity



Enabling the nuclear energy future:

## ***Vision for Effective, Integrated Fuel Cycle Solutions***

### ***Availability of Special Nuclear Materials***

- Supply HALEU and other UNF to support advanced reactor start-ups
- Support development of HALEU transportation infrastructure



### ***Management of Radiological Materials***

- Develop computational tools to inform used nuclear fuel and waste management policy



### ***Reduce Risk of Nuclear Proliferation***

- Demonstrate direct immobilization of used nuclear fuel that increases proliferation resistance



### ***Management of Legacy Fuels***

- Develop technical and engineering modeling solutions to ensure safe and compliant storage of UNF



### ***Infrastructure Updates***

- Deploy test bed facilities that couple front and back-end fuel cycle processes with enhanced safeguards and security systems



# National Reactor Innovation Center Will Provide Capabilities to Accelerate Technology Readiness From Proof-of-concept Through Proof-of-operation

## NEICA

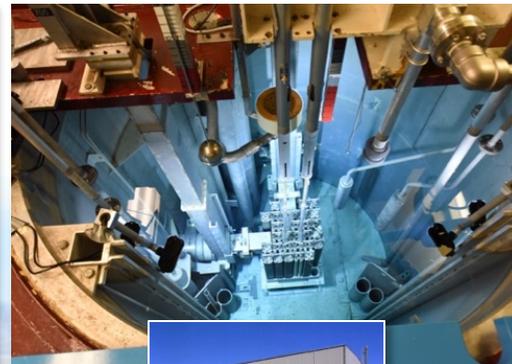
### Nuclear Energy Innovation Capabilities Act

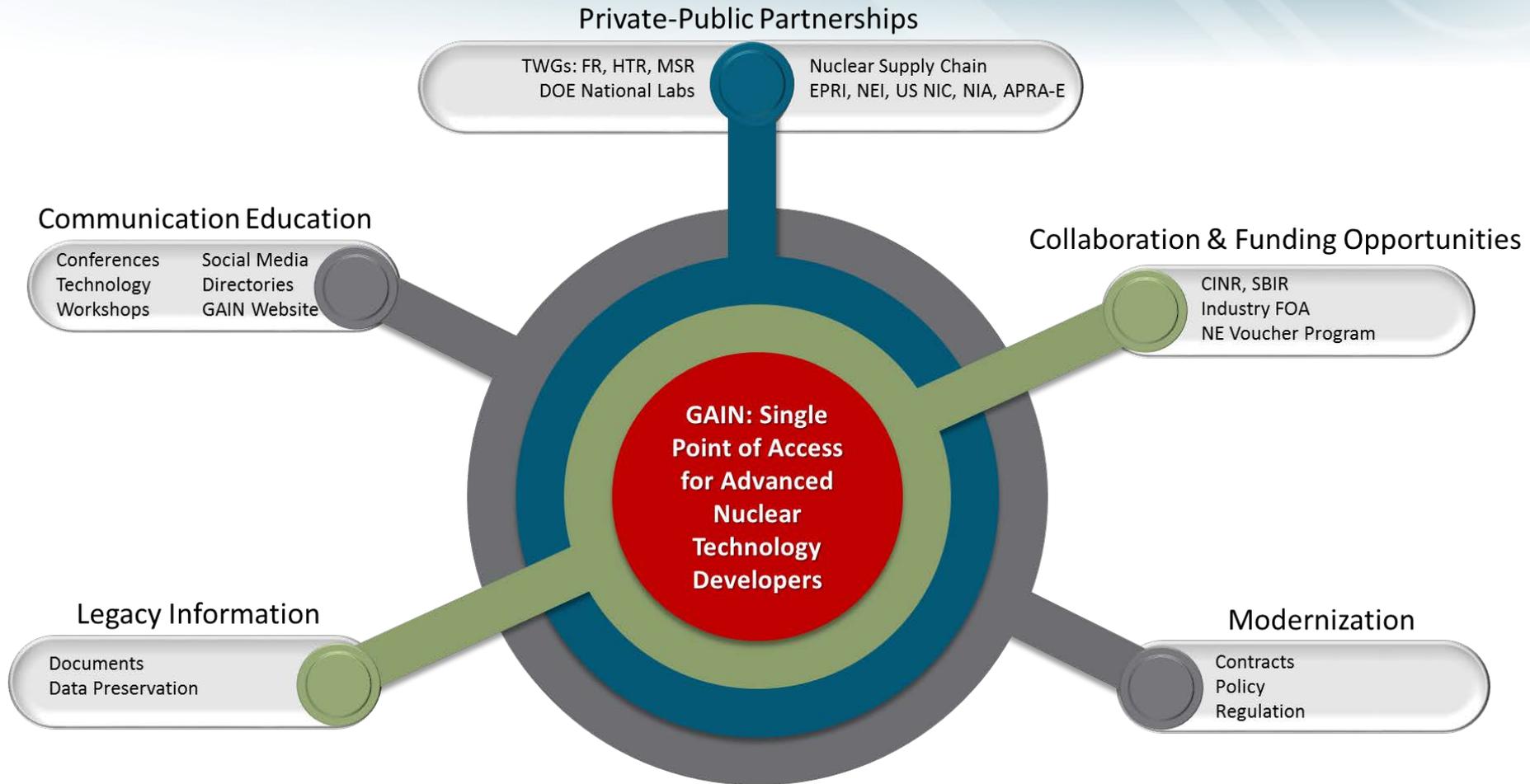
Signed into law September 2018, NEICA calls for the creation of a **National Reactor Innovation Center** to support demonstration of cost-shared private reactors.

## NRIC

### National Reactor Innovation Center

NRIC is a place where government and private companies can test and demonstrate new reactor designs, as well as materials, fuels, and other nuclear energy technologies.





## *Other NST Topics for Discussion*

- TRISO R&D (w/ ORNL)
- Microreactors (Jess Gehin)
- HALEU (Monica Regalbuto)
- Versatile Test Reactor (Kemal P.)
- Integrated Energy Systems (Shannon Bragg-Sitton)
- Others...

# DOE Microreactor Program

## Technology Development for Microreactor Development, Demonstration and Deployment

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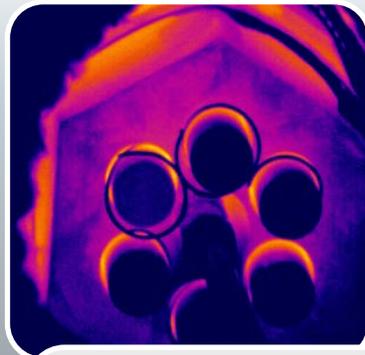
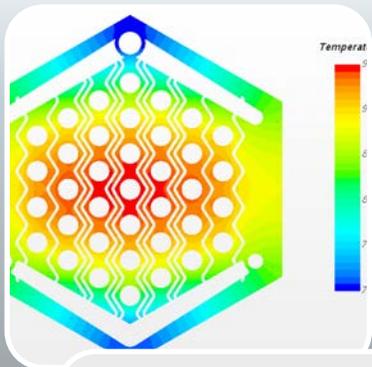
### Program Vision

**Through cross-cutting research and development and technology demonstration support, by 2025 the Microreactor Program will:**

- Achieve technological breakthroughs for key features of microreactors
- Empower initial demonstration of the next advanced reactor in the US
- Enable successful demonstrations of multiple domestic commercial microreactors.

### Program Objectives

- Engage with industry and private-sector developers to provide technologies
- Enable demonstration of microreactors
- Mature key technologies specifically needed by microreactor developers
- Assess microreactor specific regulatory and licensing issues



#### System Integration & Analyses

- Economics & Market Analysis
- Integrated Systems Analysis
- Applications of NEAMS computational Tools
- Technoeconomic Analyses
- Regulatory Development

#### Technology Maturation

- Advanced Heat Pipes
- Advanced Moderators
- Heat Exchangers
- Instrumentation & Sensors
- Advanced Materials and Material Code cases

#### Demonstration Support Capabilities

- Non-nuclear thermal and integration testing
- Microreactor Agile Non-nuclear Experimental Testbed (MAGNET)
- Microreactor Applications Research, Validation and Evaluation (MARVEL)

#### Microreactor Demonstrations & Applications

- Reactor Demonstrations
- Remote heat & power
- Hydrogen co-generation
- District heating
- Desalination

# R&D Capabilities to Support Microreactor Development

## MAGNET - Microreactor AGile Non-nuclear Experimental Testbed

- 250 kW General-purpose non-nuclear test bed for performance evaluation of microreactor components and integrated system testing (heat pipe, gas-cooled, other).
- Demonstrate integration with relevant power conversion units and control Co-located with the Thermal Energy Distribution System (TEDS) and the High-Temperature Steam Electrolysis System to enable application and microgrid testing



MAGNET Rendering  
Operational Fall 2020

## Microreactor Design, Component Design & Safety Analysis

- Design and independent verification of microreactor components and design concepts
- Neutronics, thermal-hydraulics, structural analysis safety analysis
- Consequence-driven Cyber-informed Engineering (CCE) methodology for critical infrastructure



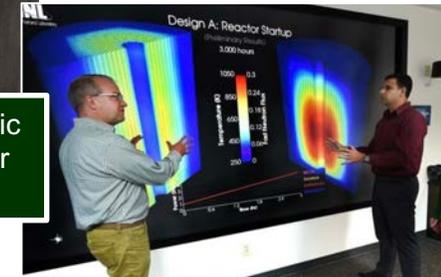
Human System  
Simulation Lab

## Instrumentation, Sensor and Control Development and Testing

- Sensor development and testing at High Temperature Test Lab (HTTL) for a wide range of sensors (flux, temperature, strain)
- Control systems, wireless instrumentation, prognostics and component health



Distributed Fiber Optic  
Temperature Sensor  
on Heat Pipe



Integrated Simulation  
of Microreactors

## HPC Access and coupled code systems

- National Computational Resource Center provided industry access to HPC and Codes
- Integrated Neutronics, thermal, structural simulation capabilities targeting microreactors



Sawtooth 6 PF Computer  
Available to Industry

# Nuclear Fuels & Materials

## Mission:

Develop and qualify nuclear fuel systems and materials for use in nuclear energy systems

## Major DOE Programs:

- Nuclear Technology Research and Development (NTRD, formerly FCRD)
- Accident Tolerant Fuels program (ATF)
- Advanced Gas Reactor Fuel Development and Qualification (AGR)
- Nuclear Energy Advanced Modeling and Simulation (NEAMS)
- High Performance Research Reactor (HPRR) Fuel Development
- Nuclear Scientific User Facility (NSUF)

## Other Major Programs:

- TerraPower
- Ki-Jang Research Reactor fuel qualification – Phase II
- Defense-related fuel programs
- Two EPRI pilot projects



# Fuel Cycle Science & Technology

## Mission:

Perform world-class separations research, from basic to applied, and complete demonstration activities to enable effective technology selection and implementation

## Major Programs and Focus Areas:

- Office of Nuclear Energy Nuclear Technology R&D Program—Material Recovery and Waste Form Development
  - HEU Recovery Project/Zr volatilization
  - Joint Fuel Cycle Studies (incl. ROK CRADA)
  - Material Protection, Accountability and Control Tech. (MPACT)
- National and Homeland Security
  - NNSA, DHS, DOD
- Critical Materials Institute Hub
- EBR-II Spent Fuel Treatment
- Spent Fuel Storage and Transportation



# Reactor Systems Design & Analysis

## Reactor Physics, Design & Analysis:

- Perform neutronics analysis, develop protocols and the verification & validation tools necessary to support design of advanced nuclear systems (reactors & fuel cycles) and the safe operation of INL test reactors.

## Nuclear Engineering Methods & Development:

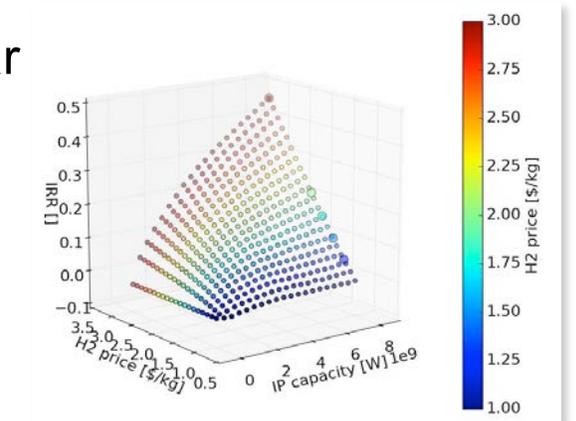
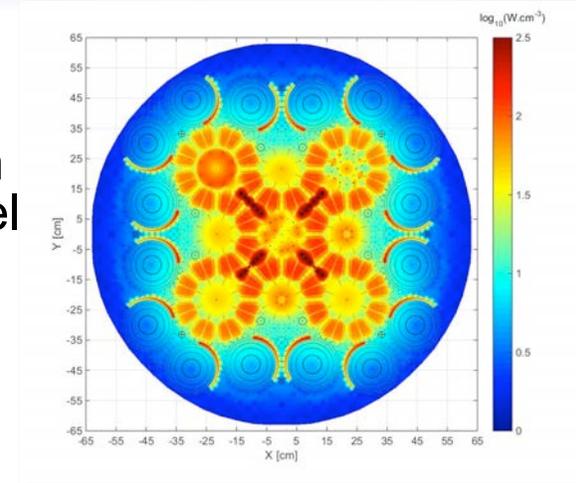
- Provide the next-generation set of tools and methods for design and operation of nuclear systems through the use of the most advanced computational frameworks and validation methodologies.

## Experiment Analysis:

- Support design, irradiation, shipping and post-irradiation examination of nuclear material experiments through efficient performance of neutronic, thermal-hydraulic and structural analyses.

## Systems Integration:

- Systems research analyses and nuclear systems integration across interfacing technologies, including economics, non-electric applications, civil/structural/seismic engineering, and siting, to inform policy and technology considerations.



# *Nuclear Fuels and Materials Capabilities for NRIC and ARDP*

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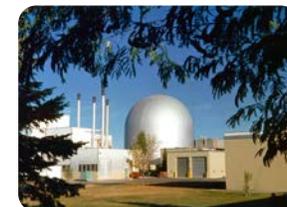
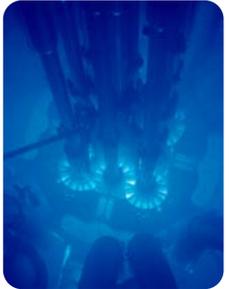


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# Unique World-Leading Capabilities for Nuclear Fuel R&D

- **Advanced Test Reactor (ATR)**
  - High flux, multi-position test reactor for burnup/dose accumulation, methods for local spectra hardening
  - Instrumentation lead-out capability for real-time fuel performance data
- **Transient Reactor Test facility (TREAT)**
  - Versatile power maneuvering ability for transients from milliseconds to minutes, nuclear-heated specimens for fuel safety and separate effects research
  - Accessible layout for high quantity of data via in-situ instruments, ex-core fuel motion monitoring system to quantify fuel motion in real time, opportunities for real time radioisotope release
- **Fuel Fabrication Facilities**
  - Metallic and advanced ceramic fuel fabrication and fresh-state characterization capabilities
  - Demonstrated agility in establishing new pilot scale fabrication equipment (e.g.  $U_3Si_2$  LTA)
- **Hot Fuel Exam Facility (HFEF) & Irradiated Materials Characterization Laboratory (IMCL)**
  - Hub for receiving, remanufacturing, and assembling experiments to/from TREAT, ATR
  - Engineering scale post irradiation exams (PIE) from macro-scale to optical metallography
  - Mechanical and furnace-based testing for properties and safety performance research
  - Various shielded instruments for characterizing microstructure and properties (e.g. thermal conductivity)
- **Irreplaceable fuel specimens irradiated in fast spectrum reactor (EBR-II)**
  - Metallic (U-Zr) & advanced ceramics (UN, UC), retained for future R&D opportunities
- **Unique personnel experience base**
  - Advanced fuel performance and reactor system modeling
  - Gathering/qualifying data under NQA-1, preparation of NRC topical reports



# Advanced Reactor Capabilities at ATR

- Diverse capabilities in neutronic conditions:**
  - 1.2 m long core, test positions up to 13 cm dia, enables large scale test specimens
  - Fluxes ranging from  $\sim 5E14$  n/cm<sup>2</sup>s (inner core) to  $\sim 5E13$  n/cm<sup>2</sup>s (outer reflector)
  - Water-moderated test reactor, well suited to thermal-spectrum advanced reactor irradiations, rich experience with TRISO-VHTR irradiations
  - Not a true fast reactor, but high flux positions enable respectable dose rates (5 dpa/yr in SST) on engineering-scale specimens (full diameter cladding tubes)
  - Spectral modification via flux boosting and thermal shrouds, fast-to-thermal ratio up to 40:1 achievable, mimics well fuel radial power profile in fast spectrum reactor (INL/EXT-17-41677)
  - Specimen geometry/enrichment scaling (paired with special fuel fabrication capabilities) for accelerated burnup accumulation (up to 10 at% per yr)
- Specimen temperature achieved via self heating and thermal resistance gap:**
  - Capsule gas gap set and forget method with passive temperature monitoring (measure in PIE), cost effective strategy with increased temperature uncertainty
  - Lead-out experiments for real time measurements (e.g. fuel centerline temperature, internal pressure), temperature control via gas blend adjustment, and radioisotope release spectroscopy
- Fluid chemistry control in flowing loops possible**
  - Vast majority of experience to date with pressurized water loops, but feasibility studies show viability of molten salt loop (INL/EXT-19-52917)

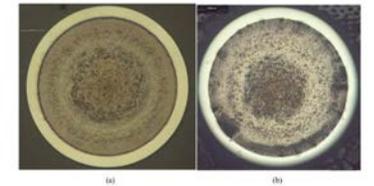
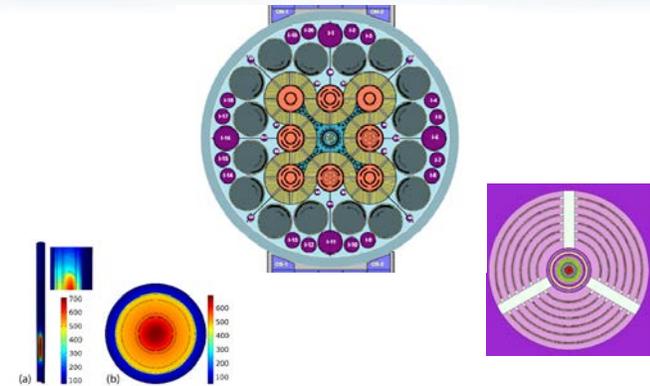
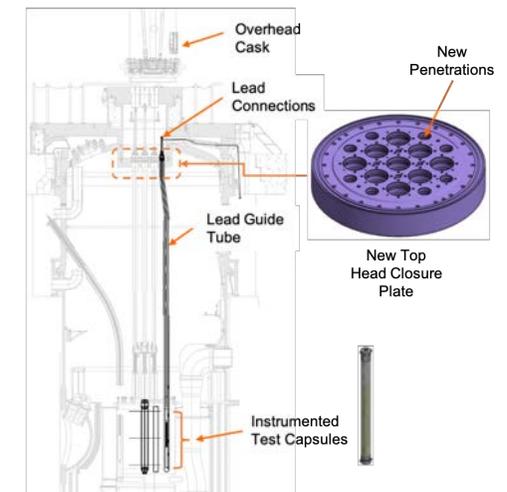


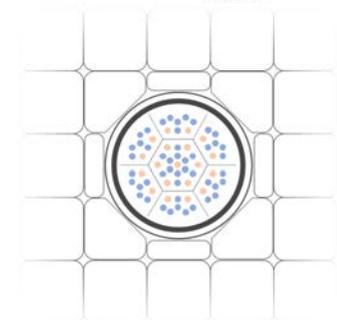
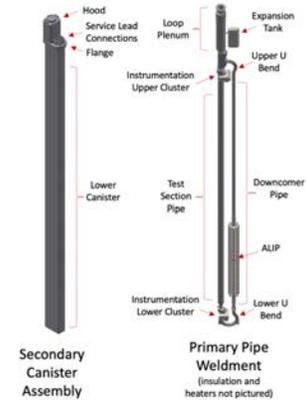
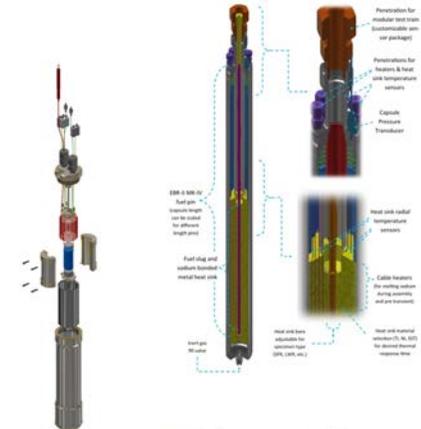
Figure 69. Metallography of Pu-12Am-40Zr irradiated to approximately 20% burnup in: a) Phénix fast reactor (FUTURIX-FTA DOE2), and b) cadmium-filtered position in ATR (AFC-ID R4).



Advanced Test Reactor

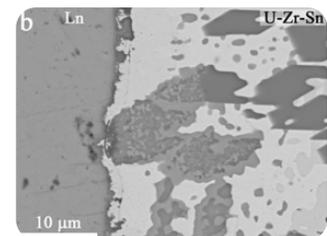
# Advanced Reactor Capabilities at TREAT

- **Inert gas test capsule (SETH)**
  - Helium filled capsule with specimen temperature instrument, cost effective testing for GFR overpower studies, recently used for fuel irradiations with SiC cladding
  - Modular heat sink holders with transient shaping for fuel thermomechanical studies (e.g. fuel fracture), to be used for first microreactor AM fuel tests in mere months
- **Sodium capsule (THOR)**
  - Larger capsule with single pin (EBR-II length) sodium bonded to heat sink, ideal for longer-term SFR transient overpower, first deployment 2021
  - Straightforwardly adaptable to other low temperature liquid metals (e.g. Pb, Pb-alloy)
- **Sodium loop (Mk-IIIR)**
  - Forced convection loop for single pins and 7-pin SFR bundles, highly prototypic for SFR transient overpower tests, first deployment 2022
- **Microreactor system scale benchmark experiments (NIMBLE)**
  - Large microreactor core lattice large enough for neutronics benchmarking, first deployment 2022
  - Nuclear-heated thermal-hydraulic and safety testing, modular for direct gas or heat pipe cooling
- **Gas Fast Reactor Loop**
  - Efforts underway for NASA H<sub>2</sub> loop in 2023, adaptation viable for inert gas GFR loop
- **Molten Salt**
  - Not designed in detail yet, but capsule and loop-based molten salt experimentation viable
  - FMMS uniquely equipped to measure salt volume expansion under nuclear heating



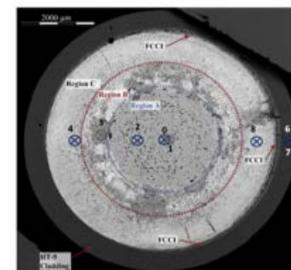
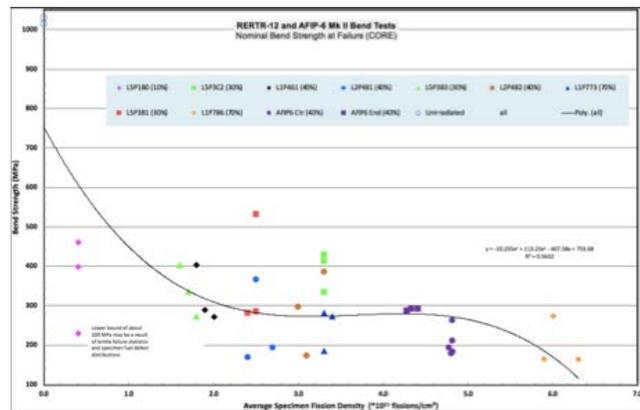
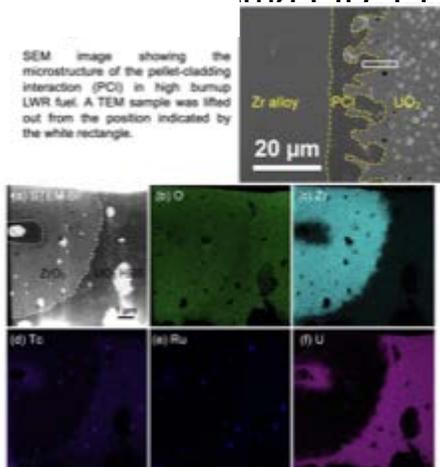
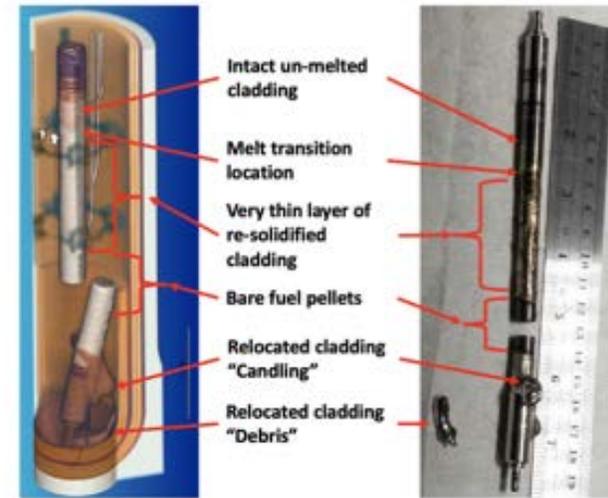
# Fuel Fabrication

- Hazcat III fuel fabrication facilities (<700 g <sup>235</sup>U)
  - **Ceramic/intermetallic fuels**
    - Lab-scale synthesis, direct metal nitridation, direct melting for carbide and silicide
    - Demonstrated agility for pilot scale production of U<sub>3</sub>Si<sub>2</sub> (hundreds of grams for LTAs)
    - Various presses, mills, & controlled atmosphere furnaces for conventional powder processing, sintering, and centerless grinding
    - Spark plasma sintering capability
  - **Metallic fuels**
    - Various alloying, casting, and post machining capabilities
    - Extrusion capabilities
  - **Cladding and assembly operations**
    - Pressure resistance, laser, and TIG end cap welding
    - Some experience with assembly of ceramic cladding (SiC)
    - Sodium bonding capability
  - **Reference material fabrication (large grain or single crystal material)**
- Hazcat II fuel fabrication facilities (<700 g <sup>235</sup>U and transuranic)
  - Similar as list above, except transuranic gloveboxes geometry constrain typically limits specimen size
- Fresh fuel characterization equipment
  - Microstructure: SEM/TEM, EPMA, APT, XRD
  - Thermal Characterization: DSC, TGA, Dilatometry, Laser flash diffusivity

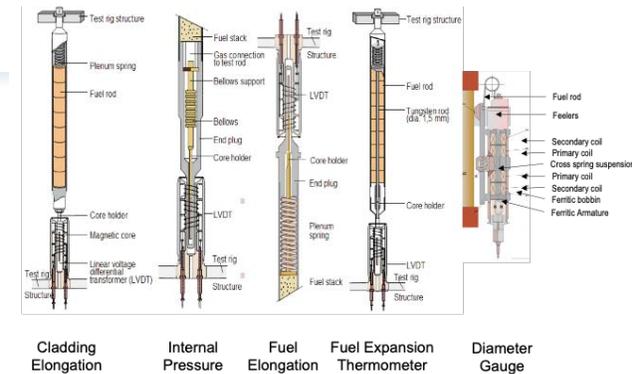
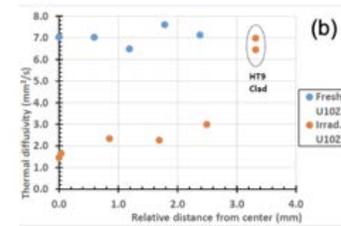


# Shielded Exam and Testing

- **Engineering scale PIE in HFEF, metrology down to optical metallography**
  - GASR – fuel rod puncture and fission gas release analysis
  - NRAD – neutron radiography and re-irradiation for short lived isotopes
  - FACS – furnace for TRISO high temp accident with real time fission product release testing
  - Mechanical properties testing
  - Planned construction of transient furnace (modern whole pin furnace) (burst, creep, fatigue, pressure differential)
- **Remanufacturing, instrumentation, and assembly of materials for testing in furnaces, TREAT, and ATR**
  - Target sections of interest for follow on irradiation or furnace testing with instrumented segments
  - Prototypic integral materials, seal welding at desired pressure
- **Microstructural PIE in IMCL, microstructure, properties, etc.**
  - ma FIR, FPMA, SEM, TEM, Thermal Conductivity Microscope



(a) SEM image of a polished section of the irradiated U-10 wt.% Zr fuel pin. The TCM measurement locations on the profile of the pin are marked along with the measurement number.



## Legacy Materials

- Lack of fast reactor testing capability is limiting for achieving long term goals for related technology
  - A lot can still be done with fabrication at MFC, out-of-pile experiments, and irradiation testing in ATR/TREAT
- Legacy materials originate from variety of programs including historical fast reactor programs as well as space program for UN
- Some material from small AFC rodlets from last ~15 years of DOE irradiations
  - U-Zr, U-Pu-Zr, MA-bearing Nitrides
- EBR-II/FFTF fuels and materials stored at INL are **"priceless"**
  - U-Fs, U-Zr, U-Pu-Zr
  - MOX
  - UN?, UC? (need to confirm)
- Includes variety of stainless-steel cladding alloys including austenitic, ferritic/martensitic; a few exotic materials (LANL)



*INL facilities at the  
Materials and Fuels  
Complex*

# Nuclear Science & Technology

## *Siting in Idaho for Advanced Reactor Demonstration Projects*

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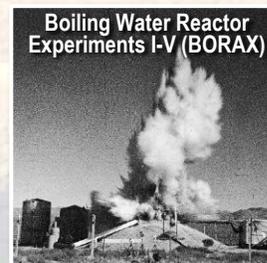
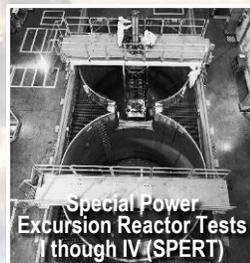
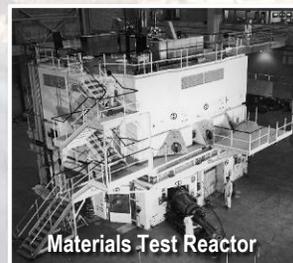
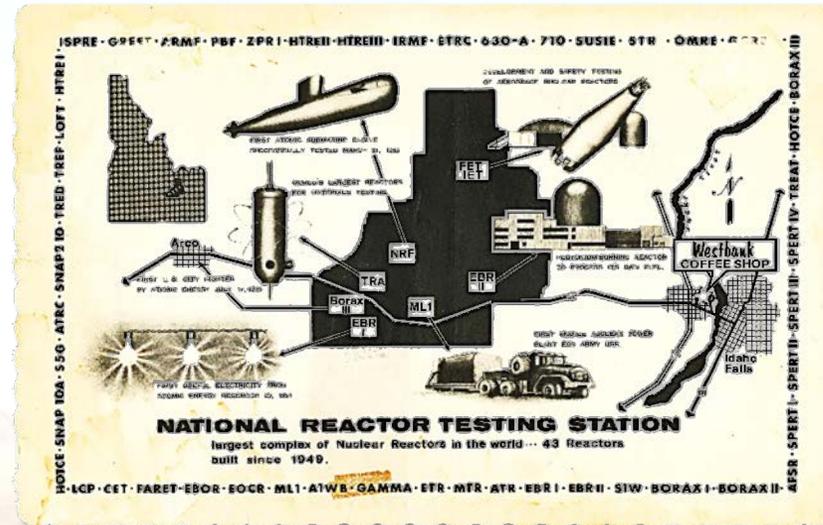
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## The National Reactor Testing Station drove nuclear innovation in the U.S. and around the world

- First nuclear power plant
- First U.S. city to be powered by nuclear energy
- First submarine reactor tested; training of nearly 40,000 reactor operators until mid-90s
- First mobile nuclear power plant for the army
- Demonstration of self-sustaining fuel cycle
- Basis for LWR reactor safety
- Aircraft and aerospace reactor testing
- Materials testing reactors



# The Idaho National Laboratory Site A Unique Capability for the Nation

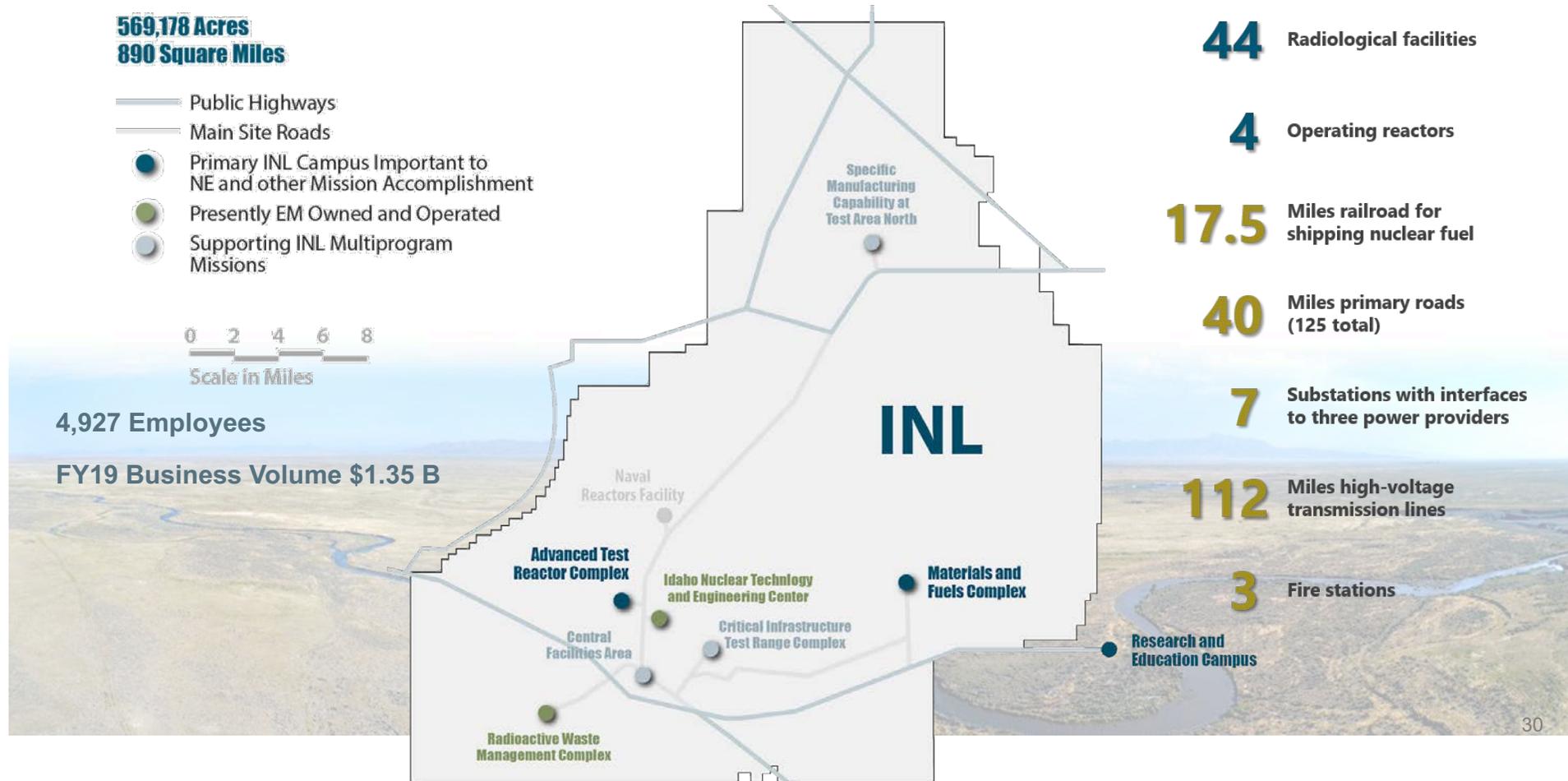
**569,178 Acres**  
**890 Square Miles**

- Public Highways
- Main Site Roads
- Primary INL Campus Important to NE and other Mission Accomplishment
- Presently EM Owned and Operated
- Supporting INL Multiprogram Missions

0 2 4 6 8  
Scale in Miles

4,927 Employees

FY19 Business Volume \$1.35 B



**16** Nuclear facilities  
(Haz Cat 1, 2 & 3)

**44** Radiological facilities

**4** Operating reactors

**17.5** Miles railroad for shipping nuclear fuel

**40** Miles primary roads (125 total)

**7** Substations with interfaces to three power providers

**112** Miles high-voltage transmission lines

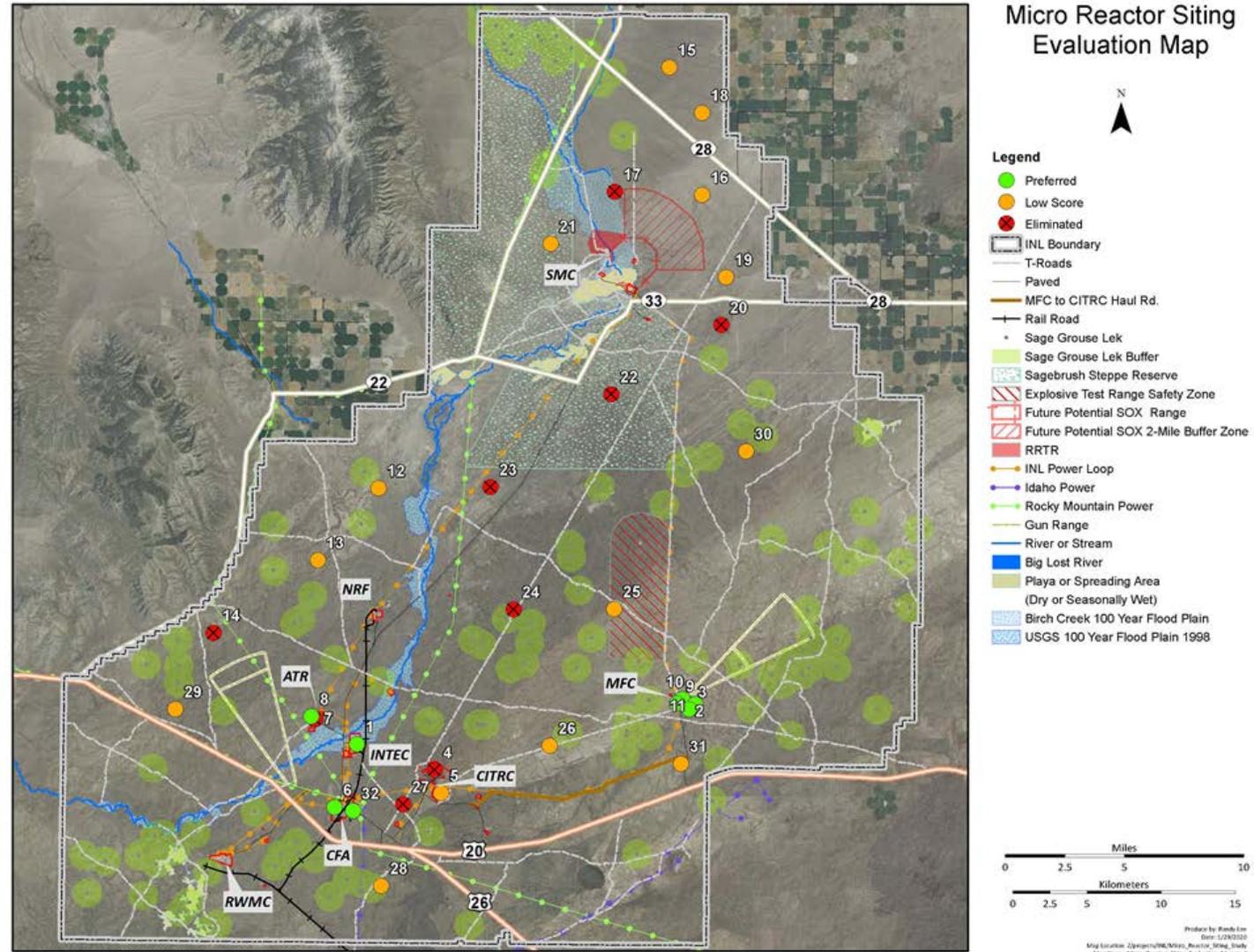
**3** Fire stations

## ***Siting Process has been Established and Used***

- INL and DOE have an established Site Use Permit.
  - A 99 year camping permit to access and develop a site
  - Provides separation of DOE and NRC regulation
  - Access to INL services as desired
- INL is the only DOE site to grant site use permits
  - NuScale (2017)
  - Oklo (2019)
- INL is developing the site to assist vendors

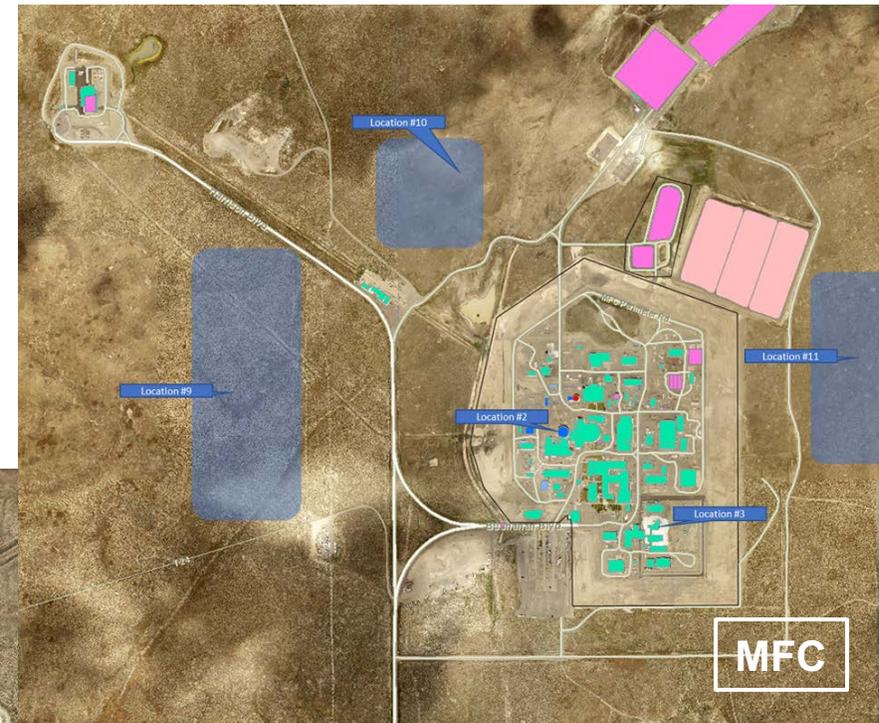
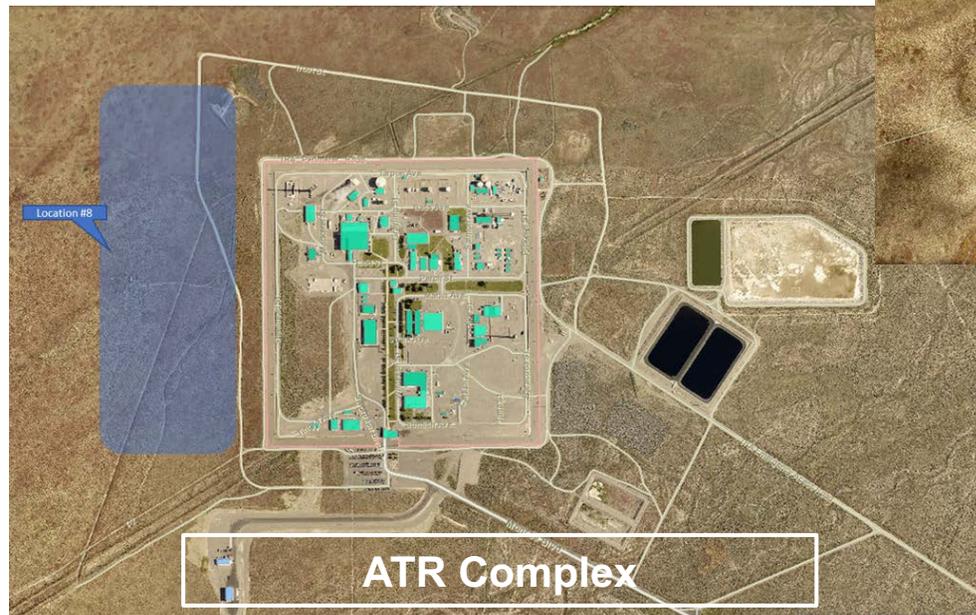
# Candidate Sites

- Nine sites failed “Must” criteria
- Twenty-three sites evaluated by team of INL subject matter experts using “Want” criteria



## Preferred Microreactor Sites – Green Fields

- Greenfield sites near MFC (#9, #10, #11) and ATR Complex (#8) ranked high based on existing site-specific characterization data, existing seismic hazard analysis data, and proximity to existing infrastructure (i.e., utilities, roads, security, etc.)



## *Integration with INL Site*

- INL is initiating a site wide NEPA analysis.
  - Supports NRC EIS submittals
- DOE is supporting multiple site upgrades
  - SSHAC Seismic Study started in 2019  
3 year/\$10m Study to provide probabilistic seismic hazard assessment
- LIDAR Study of INL site and surrounding area
  - Flooding, volcanic, seismic and cultural information
- Supporting multiple commercial siting activities are planned or started
  - Services established
  - Unique local studies on-going
  - Meteorology studies
  - Volcanology to support draft NRC methodology
- Electrical Grid Upgrades
  - 345keV upgrades
  - Commercial grid access

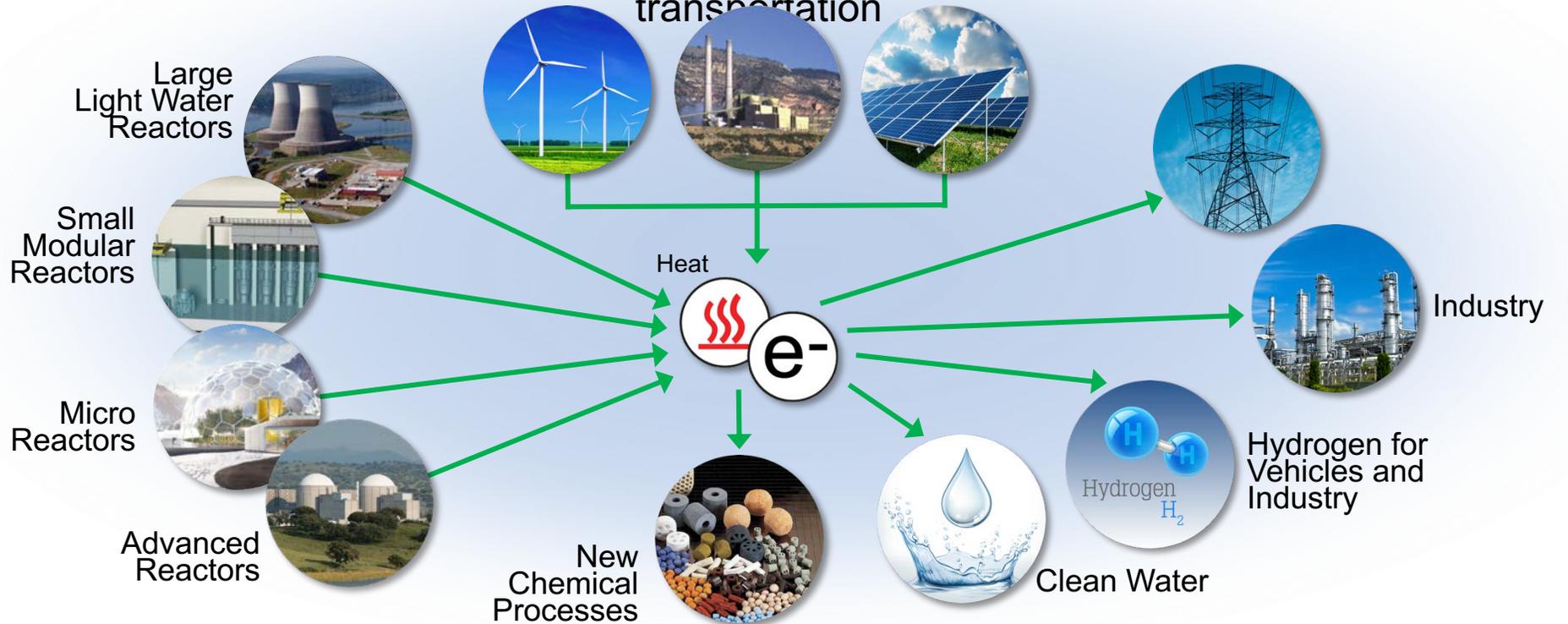
# Integrated Energy Systems: A Key Opportunity

**Today**  
Electricity-only focus



## Potential Future Energy System

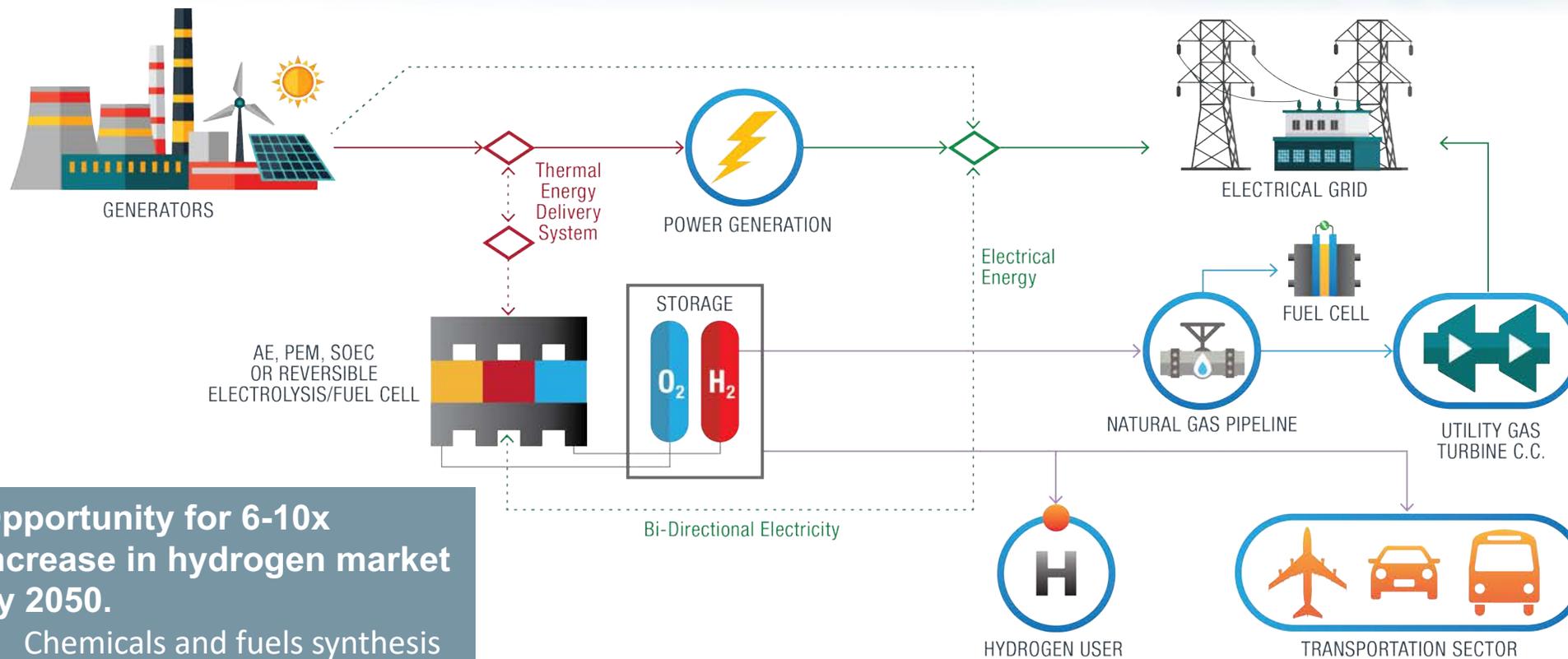
Integrated grid system that maximizes contributions from carbon-free energy generation for electricity, industry, and transportation



**Flexible Generators ❖ Advanced Processes ❖ Revolutionary Design**

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# Example: Hydrogen Production via Electrolysis



For details on upcoming LWR- $H_2$  demonstrations, see Part I of the Clean Nuclear Energy for Industry webinar series at <https://gain.inl.gov/SitePages/GAINWebinarSeries.aspx>

**Opportunity for 6-10x increase in hydrogen market by 2050.**

- Chemicals and fuels synthesis
- Steel manufacturing

- 1) Provides second source of revenue
- 2) Provides energy storage, for electricity production or hydrogen user
- 3) Provides opportunity for grid services, including reserves and grid regulation

# Meeting future **CLEAN** energy needs



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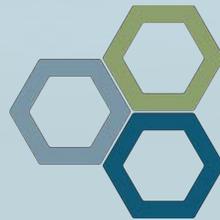
## ***INL is Open for Business to Support the Development, Demonstration and Commercial Deployment of your Reactor***

- Idaho's track record is unprecedented – 52 reactors and counting
- INL is the first (and only) site where DOE has granted site use permits to an SMR (NuScale) or an AR (Oklo) – in less than 16 months and 8 months respectively.
- Utilities in Idaho have expressed interest in meeting prospective ARDP applicants, INL can facilitate these introductions.
- INL can support IES demonstrations and licensing in Idaho.
  - Hydrogen, Desalination, District Heating, Integration with Renewables, etc.
- HALEU is available for reactors demonstrated in Idaho.
- Next Steps?
  - Request additional information on siting and/or technical collaborations
- This presentation, contacts and supporting information are updated here:

<https://inl.gov/inl-siting/>

# ***Questions / Discussion***

*we appreciate your feedback and input*



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