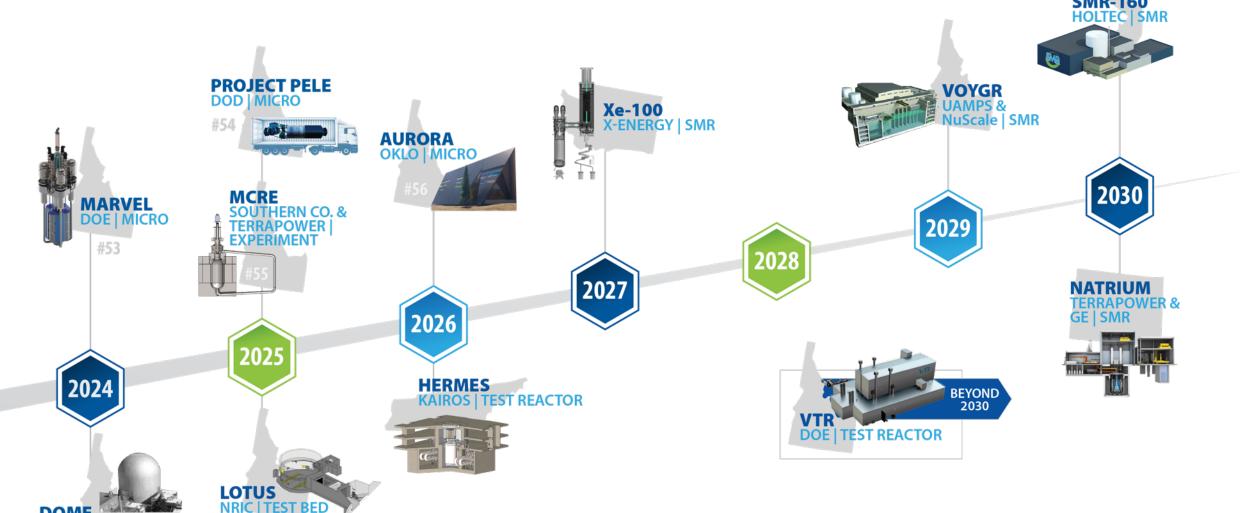


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## Setting the Stage: Notable Advanced Reactor Demonstrations and Deployments Over the Next Decade in the United States



NRIC | TEST BED

## National Laboratories Support Advanced Reactor Demonstrations

Private-public partnerships that combine privatesector development with laboratory expertise and

National Laboratory

capabilities.

Research performed by laboratories and universities under DOE Office of Nuclear Energy R&D programs provides base technology and capabilities.

Accelerator Laboratory

Establishing test beds to support reactor demonstrations and technology testing

National Laboratory

Sandia National Laboratories

Los Alamos National Laboratory



# Research and Development through DOE-NE R&D Programs Are Enabling Advanced Reactors

- Research and development through DOE R&D programs provide the fundamental technologies needed to support advanced reactor development
  - Reactor technology development, Fuels, Materials, Modeling and Simulation, Sensors and Instrumentation
- National Laboratory facilities and capabilities are supporting technology development and qualification
  - Fuel fabrication capabilities
  - Fuels and materials irradiation
  - Post-irradiation examination
  - Component and system testing
- National Reactor Innovation Center enabling reactor demonstrations

**Advanced Reactor Technologies Research and** Development

- Targeted R&D on advanced reactor technologies
  - Fast reactors
  - Molten Salt Reactors
  - High-temperature gas-cooled reactors
  - Microreactors
- Research focuses on:
  - Fundamental technologies and design methods
  - Interactions of diverse reactor coolants with materials and components
  - Advanced energy conversion
  - Research to enhance safety and reduce regulatory risk
  - Experimental validation of models



## **Nuclear Fuels, Materials and Sensor R&D**

- Advanced Materials and Manufacturing Technologies (AMMT)
  - Combined materials and advanced manufacturing program
  - Accelerate the use of new materials and production technologies in nuclear systems
- Nuclear Science User Facilities (NSUF)
  - Experiments awarded competitively to university, industry, and laboratory researchers in nuclear facilities at 20 partner institutions, including ATR, TREAT, HFIR, MITR, and BR2 reactors
- Advanced Sensors and Instrumentation (ASI)
  - Development/implementation of instrumentation for irradiation experiments and in-reactor applications
- Advanced Fuels Campaign and Fuel Testing Capabilities
  - Advanced Test Reactor Steady-State Irradiations
  - TREAT Transient fuel testing
  - Post-Irradiation Examination and Material Characterization
  - Accelerated fuel testing methodologies





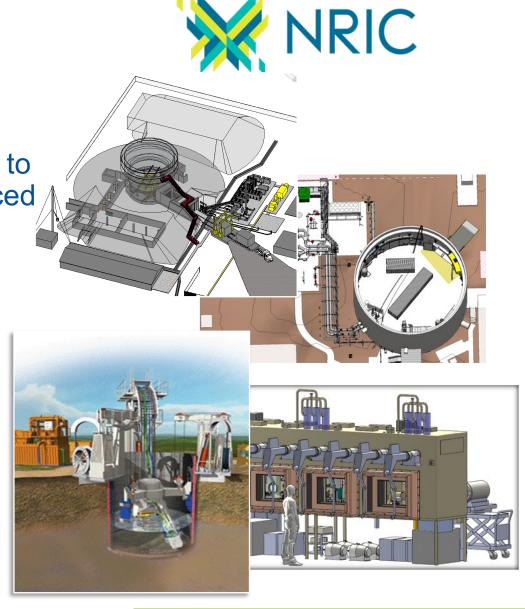




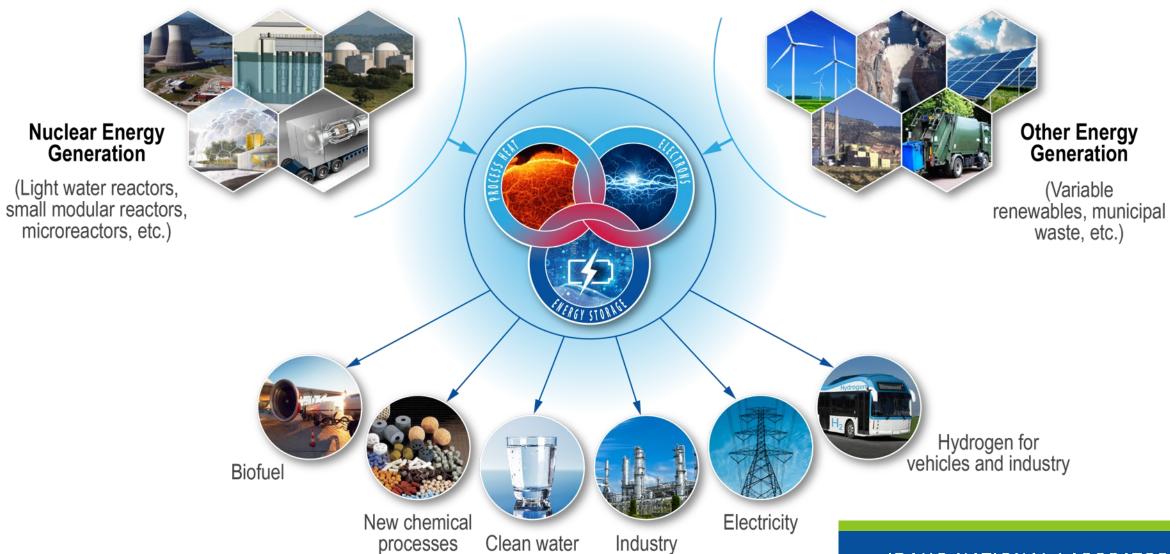
#### **National Reactor Innovation Center**

 Established in 2019 by the DOE Office of Nuclear Energy with the purpose to provide the capabilities to support development and demonstration of advanced reactors

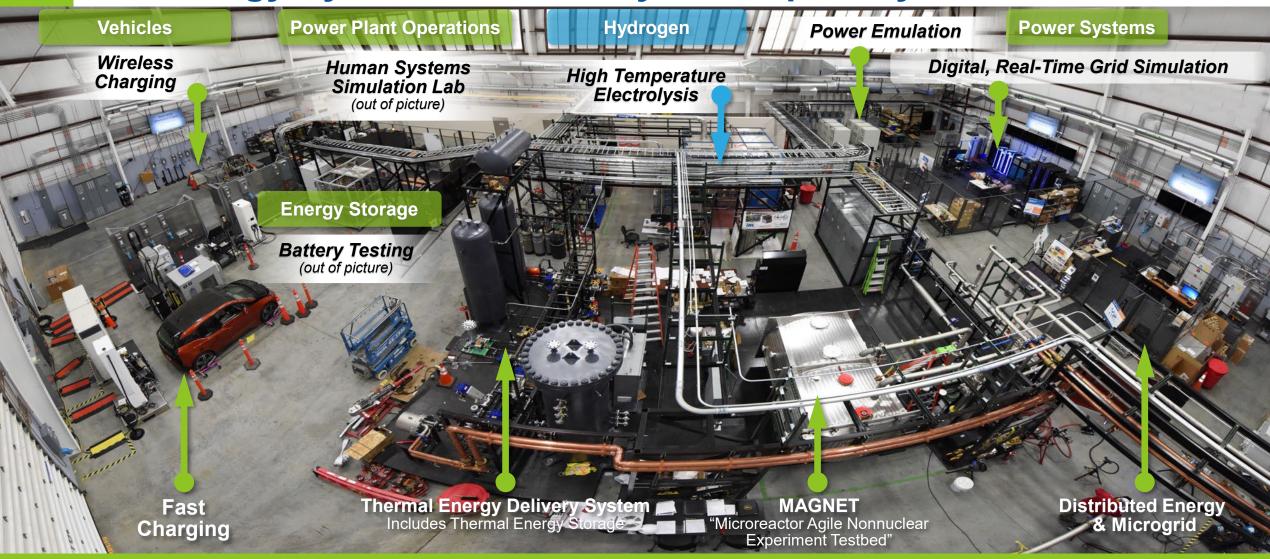
- Enabling reactor developers through:
  - Test beds
  - Demonstration Sites
  - Experimental Facilities
  - Resource team support
- Addressing cost and markets:
  - Advanced Construction Technologies
  - Integrated Energy Systems
  - Digital Engineering



### Integrated Energy System - Shifting the energy paradigm



## **INL Energy Systems Laboratory IES Capability**



#### **INL/JAEA Collaborations**

- Collaboration between INL and JAEA provide for significant sharing of information, data, and expertise
- Collaboration on fuels experiments provides access to facilities and data that supports development of ATF and advanced reactor fuels.
  - Advanced Reactor Experiments for Sodium Fast Reactor Fuels (ARES)
  - Irradiation tests of accident tolerant fuel (ATF) cladding in the Advanced Test Reactor (ATR) at INL
  - High Burnup Experiments in Reactivity Initiated Accident (HERA) in the Nuclear Energy Agency's Framework for Irradiation Experiments (OECD/NEA FIDES) international framework
- Improving high temperature gas-cooled reactor (HTGR) simulation methods and models

### Additional topics for consideration

- Energy transitions (e.g. coal-to-nuclear)
- Hydrogen production using nuclear energy
- High performance computing, modeling and simulation, applications of artificial intelligence
- Fuels and materials testing in JOYO

