

# There's Much More to Nuclear than Electricity

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# Out of Montana . . .





# . . . to California and Beyond

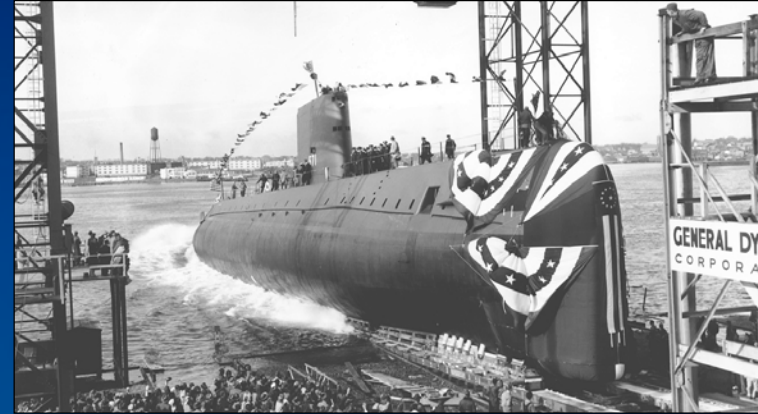




# Admiral Hyman G. Rickover



*ADM Hyman G. Rickover  
"Father of the Nuclear Navy"*



*USS Nautilus (SSN-571)*



*Shippingport Atomic Power Station*

# How I Got Here



*LT Zabrina Johal, aboard USS Carl Vinson (CVN-70), in the Persian Gulf*

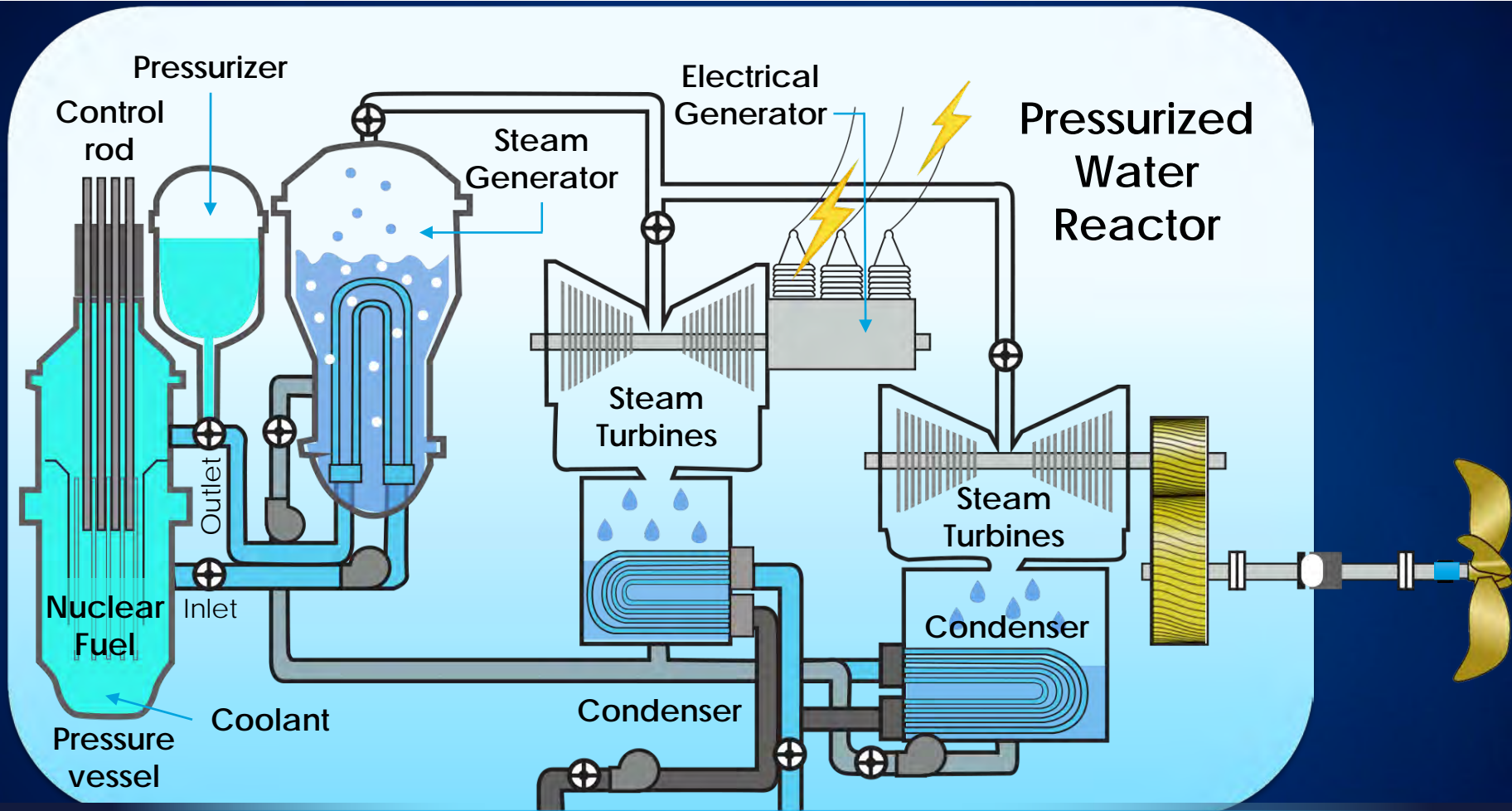


# Navy Nuclear Plants Power a Floating City



- Launch aircraft
- Provide electricity
- Motive force for turning propellers
- Seawater → drinking water

# How Navy Nuclear Plants Work



*Not shown: Steam off-takes for catapults, evaporators, auxiliary systems, etc.*



# General Atomics



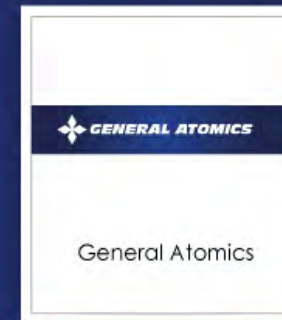
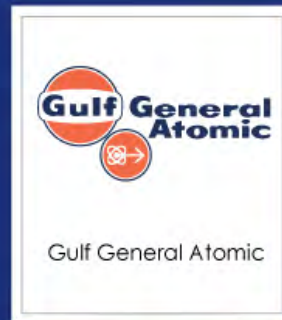
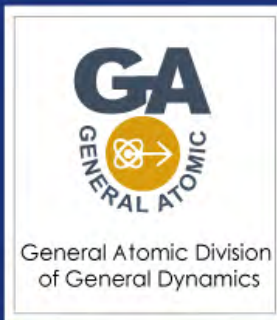
## TORREY PINES GENERAL ATOMICS

LOCATION: San Diego

FOUNDED: 1955 by General Dynamics

STATUS: Privately held corporation

BUSINESS: High-technology research, design, manufacturing and production for industry and government worldwide



1955 - 1967

PRESENT



# "Atoms for Peace"



*Eisenhower delivering his "Atoms for Peace" speech to the UN General Assembly in December 1953*



*1955 UN Conference on the Peaceful Uses of Atomic Energy in Geneva*



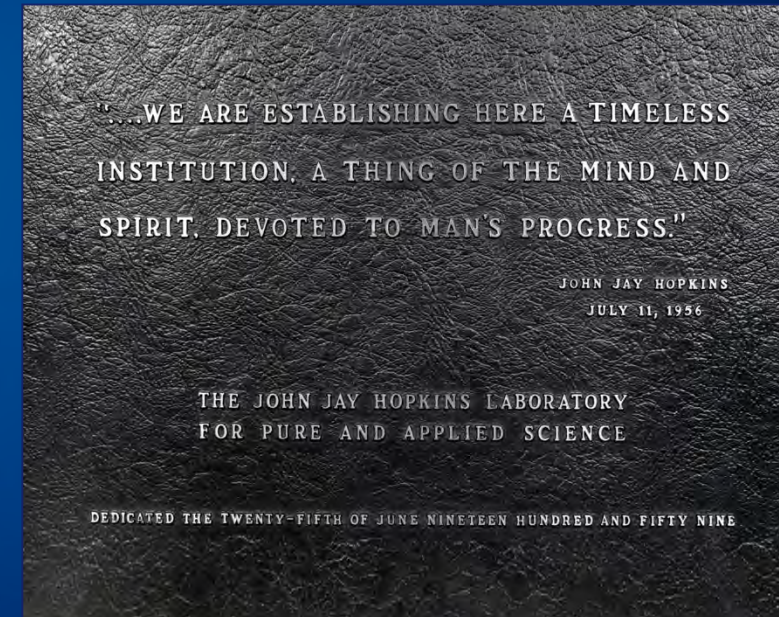
# Out of an Old Schoolhouse



*The schoolhouse that served as GA's first home*



*John Jay Hopkins, San Diego Mayor Charles Dail, and Fred de Hoffman dedicating the facility in July 1956*

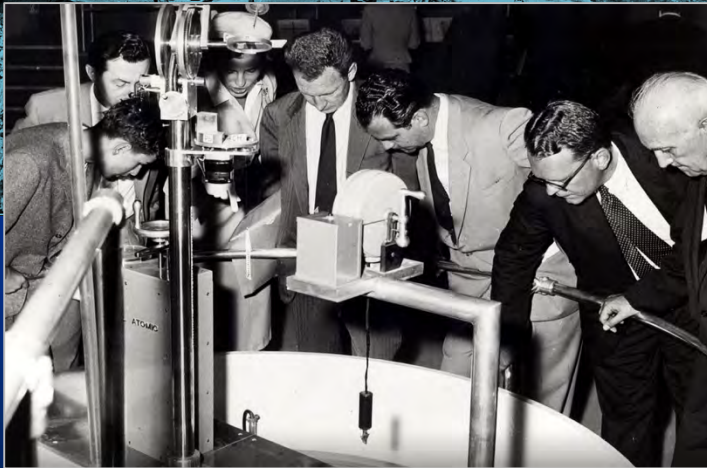




*“What the world needs is a safe reactor.”*

– Edward Teller, San Diego, 1956

- Developed at General Atomics in San Diego
- First reactor started up in 1958 – three years after GA was founded
- 66 TRIGAs built in 23 countries
- Inherently safe  $UZrH_x$  fuel



*One of the first TRIGAs on display at the second UN Conference in 1958*

Training Research Isotopes  
General Atomics



 **GENERAL ATOMICS**



**Providing Solutions at the Nexus of  
National Security + Nuclear Interests**

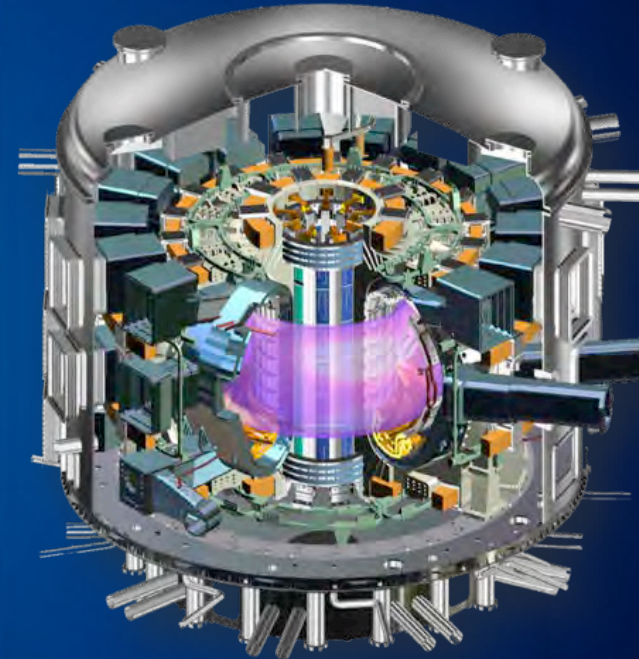


# Magnetic Fusion Energy

GA hosts the DIII-D National Fusion Facility and is a major contributor to the success of ITER



**DIII-D:**  
Nation's premier fusion energy  
facility



**ITER:**  
Rapid progression to  
burning plasma

# Providing the Heart of ITER

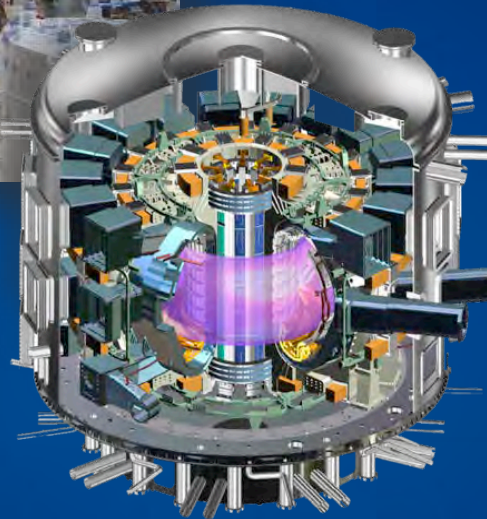


GA ITER Central Solenoid Facility

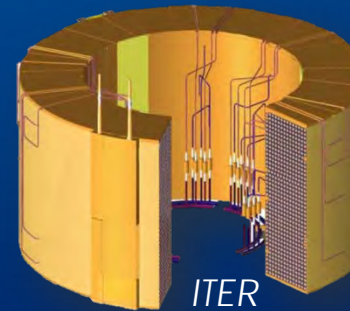
GA is building ITER's Central Solenoid – the world's most powerful pulsed electromagnet



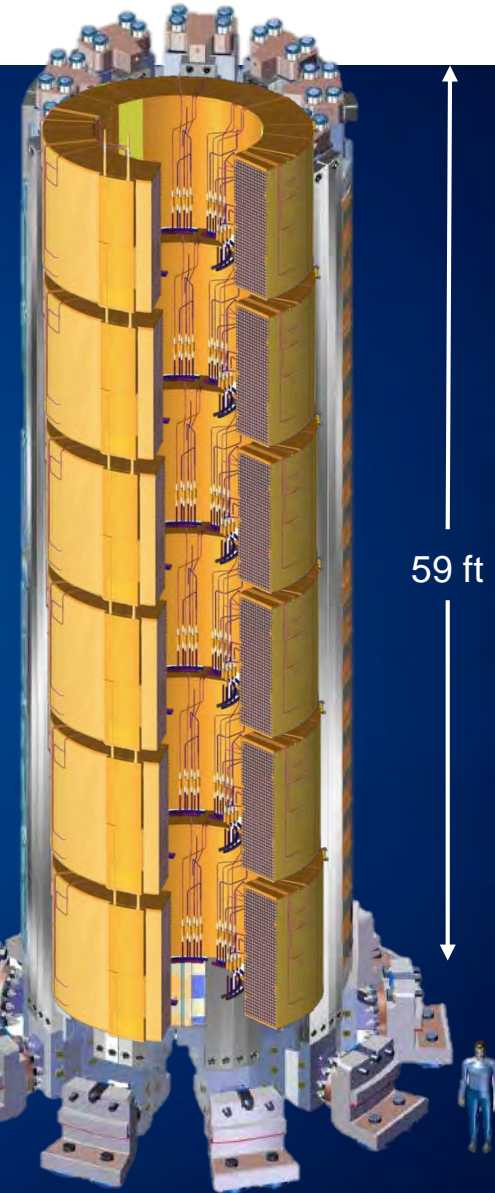
Magnet winding process



ITER

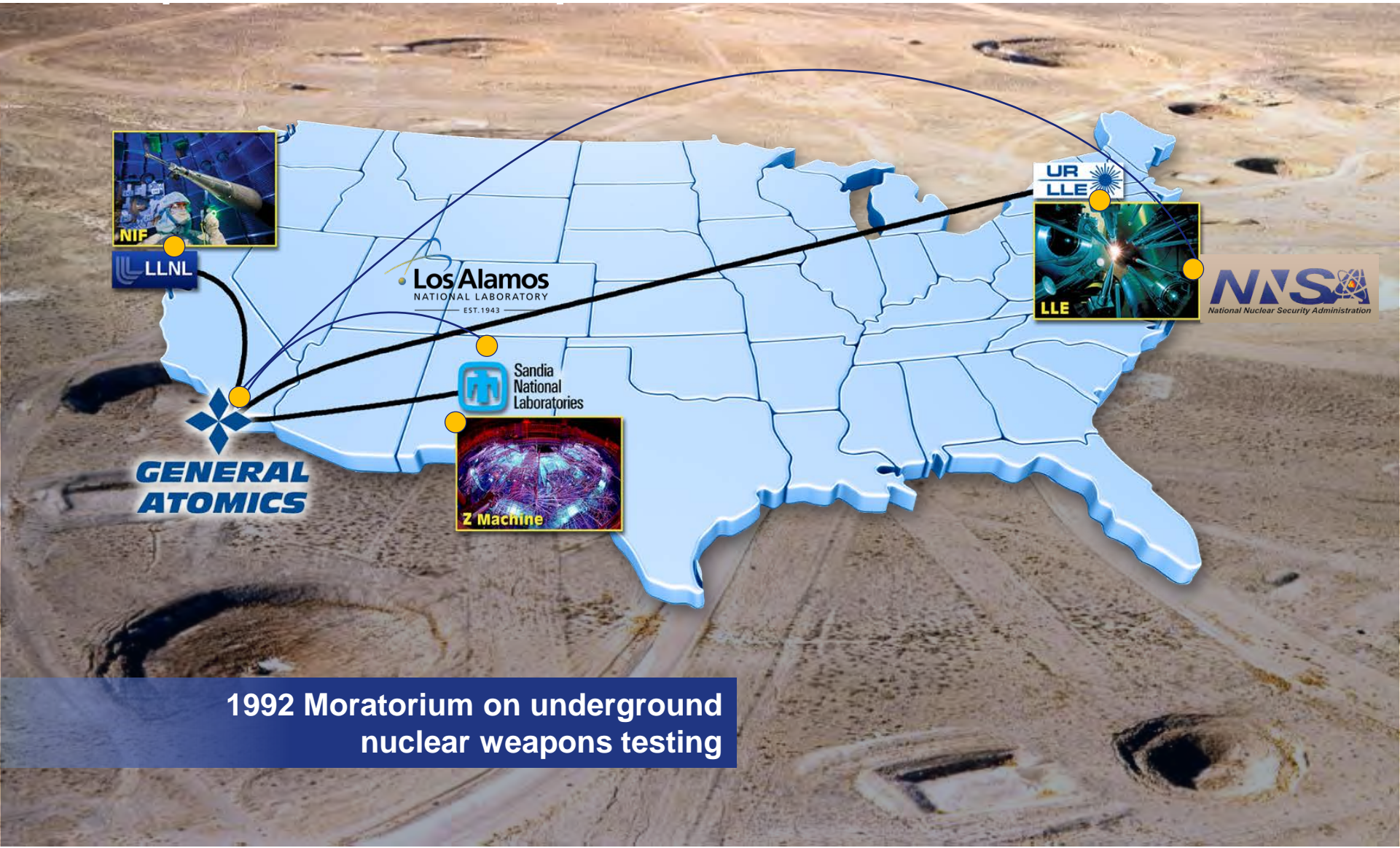


ITER Magnet



59 ft







# Precision Fabrication Enables HED Experiments





Transformational technology solutions for sustainable global growth



Nuclear Reactors

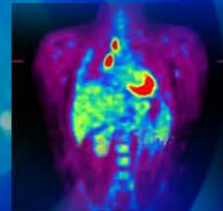
Over 60 Years of Core Capabilities



Nuclear Processing



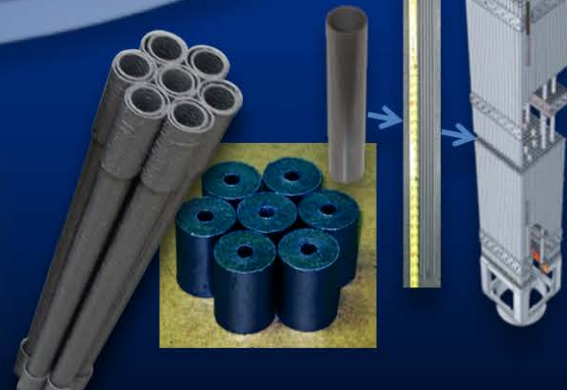
Isotopes



Engineered Materials

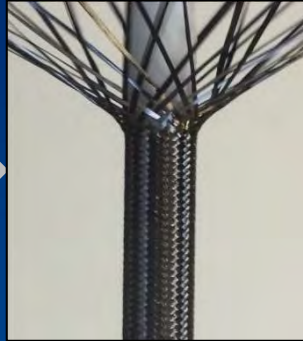


Nuclear Fuels

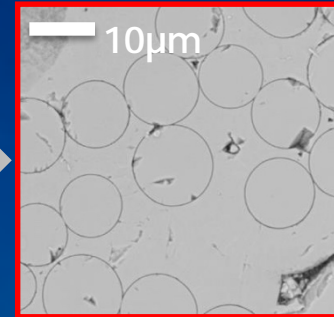




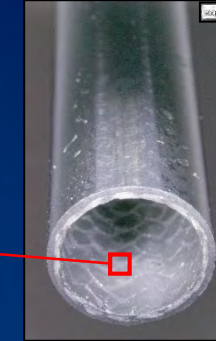
Crystalline SiC fiber



Fiber braided to precise tolerances



Fiber infiltrated with SiC matrix



SiGA™ composite

- Silicon-carbide fiber reinforces silicon-carbide composite to create innovative matrix material (SiGA™)
  - SiC fibers reinforce the composite like rebar in concrete
  - Exceptional strength retention to 1800°C (3x higher than Zircaloy)
  - Extremely stable in harsh environments



# Addressing Nuclear Safety Needs Post-Fukushima

SiGA™ composite is a revolutionary ATF cladding material

- Highest safety, performance and economic reward
- Steady DOE support required to meet schedule
- Strong industry demand for deployment



Development from 2011 to 2030





- **Modular design**  
265 MWe increments  
as needed
- **Site flexibility**  
no need for water source
- **Provides grid stability**  
supports solar and wind  
renewable energy
- **Passively safe**  
no need for emergency  
power or operator actions
- **Cost competitive**  
>50% efficient



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# Questions?

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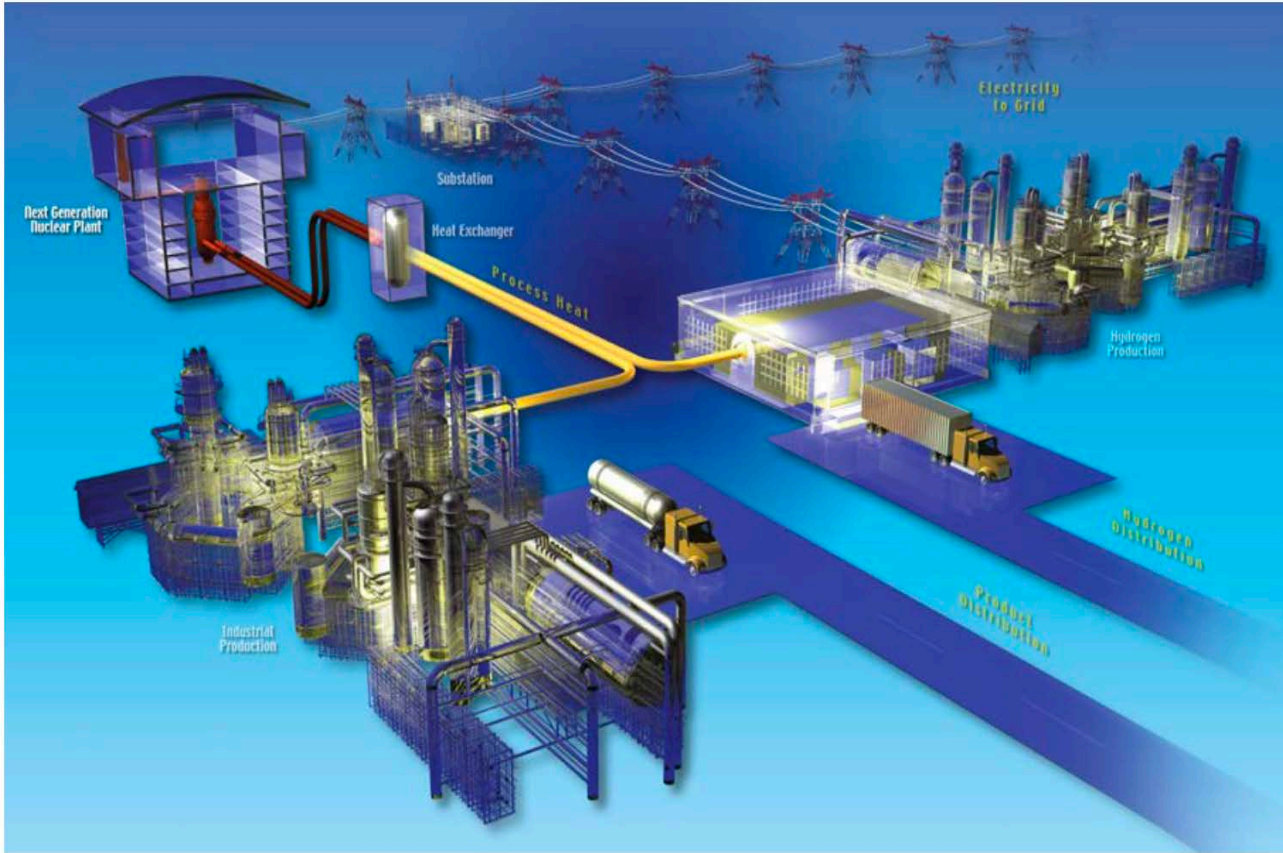
# Prospects for A Nuclear/Hydrogen Future

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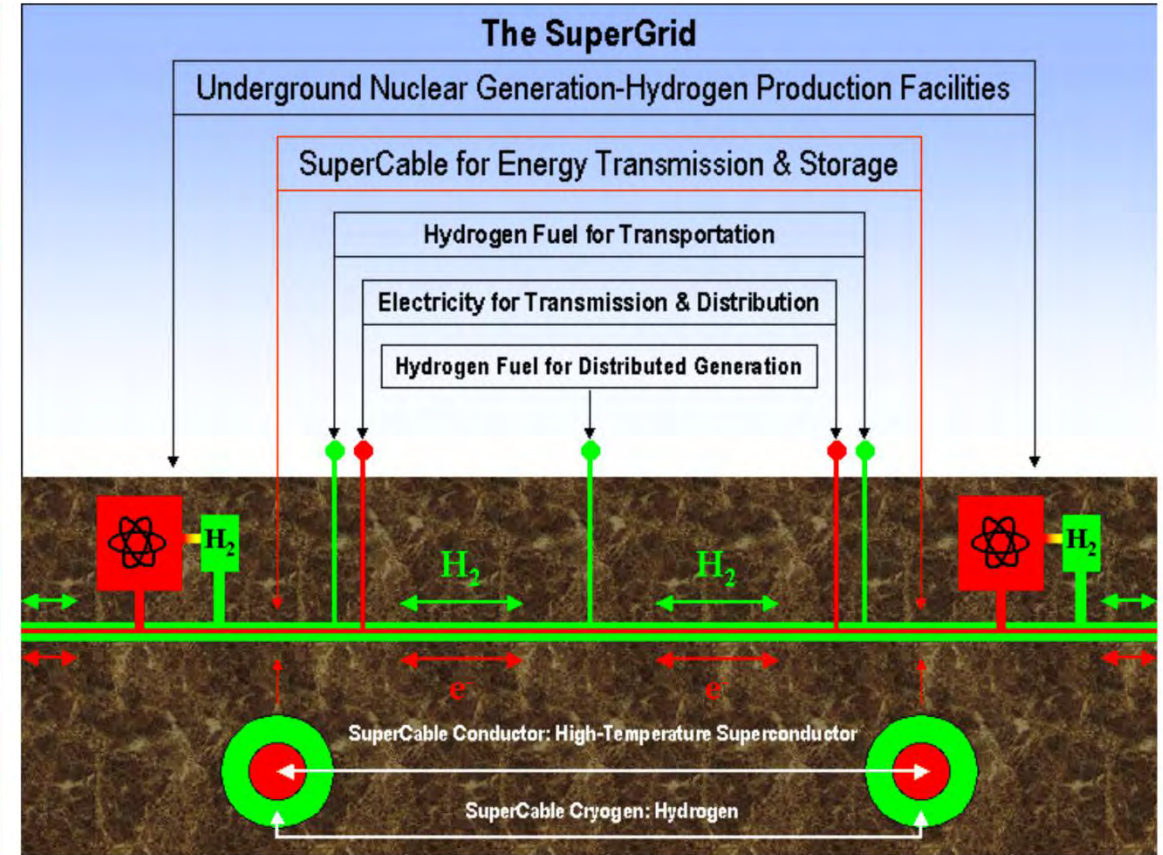




# Back to the Future?

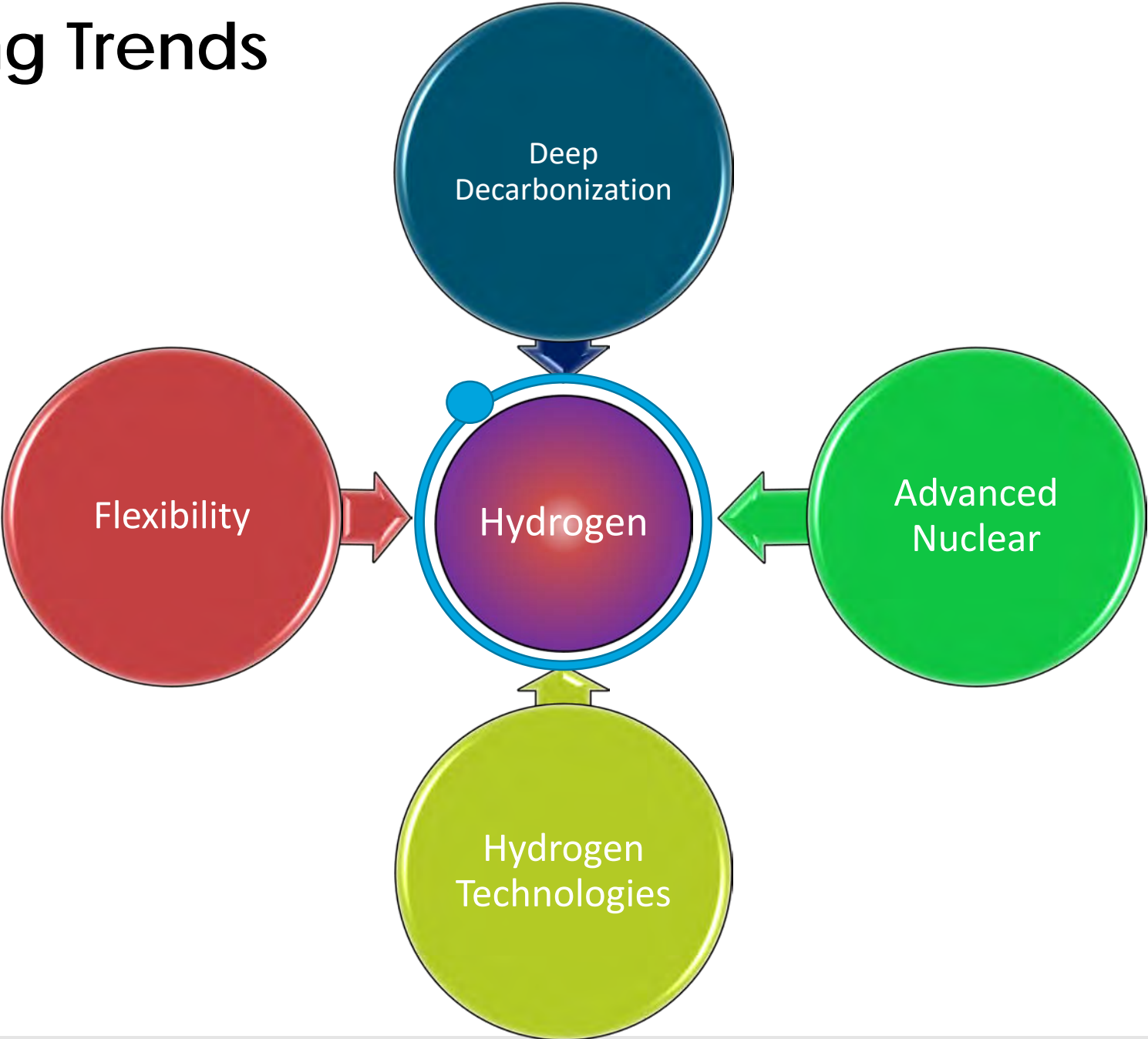


Next Generation Nuclear Plant, Image: Idaho National Laboratory



SuperGrid – The Next Steps, EPRI Report 1011746, March 2005

# Converging Trends

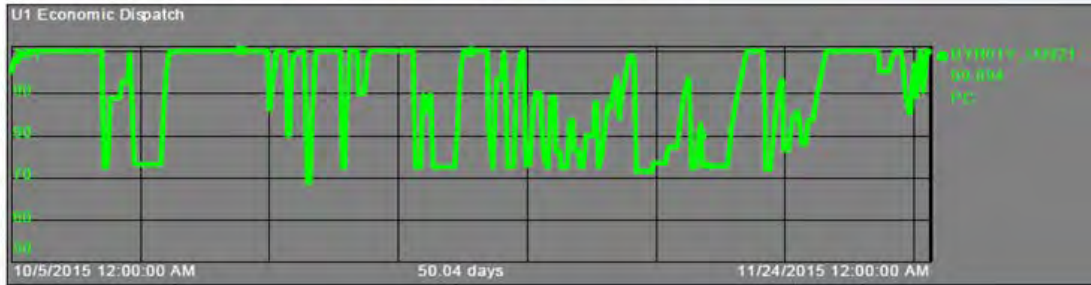




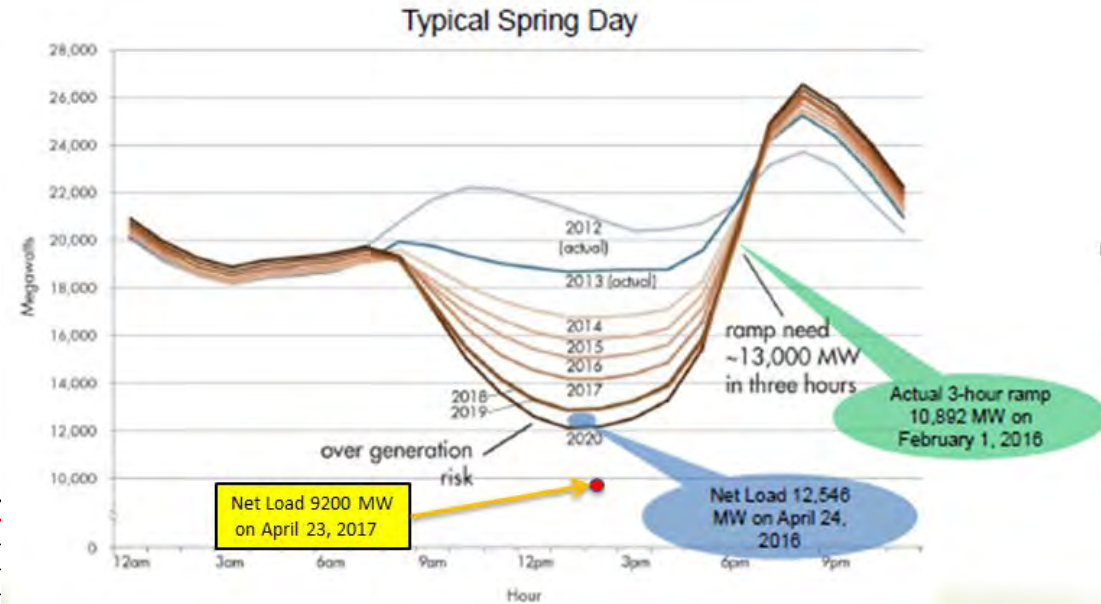
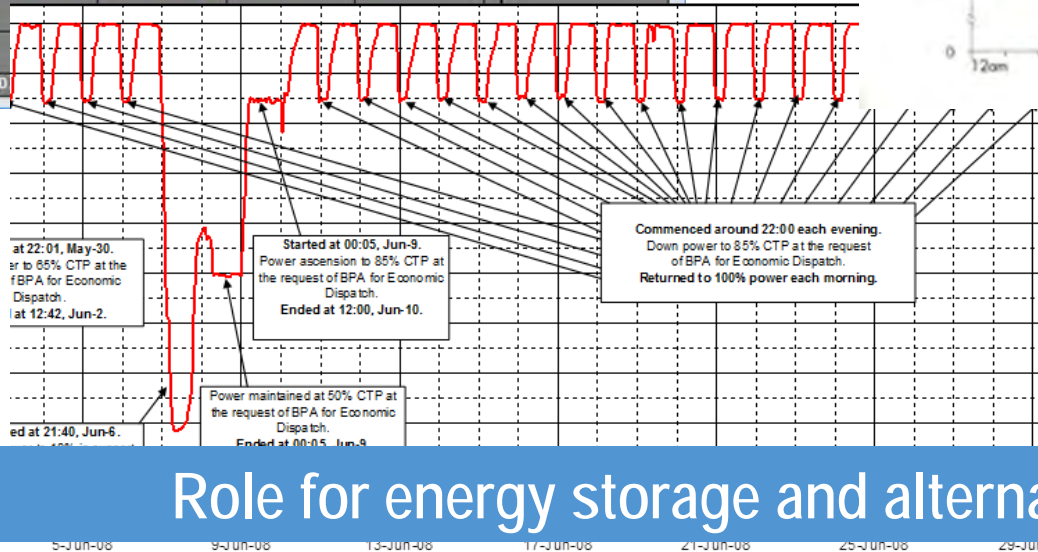
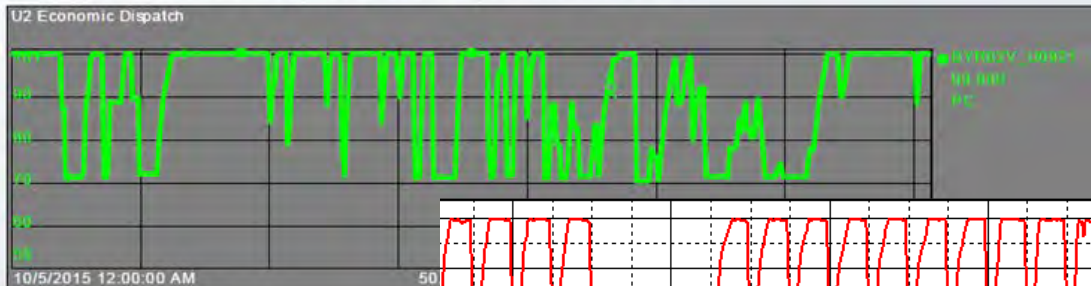
# Flexibility

# Managing Flexibility

Unit 1 Economic Dispatch over past 7 weeks



Unit 2 Economic Dispatch over past 7 weeks



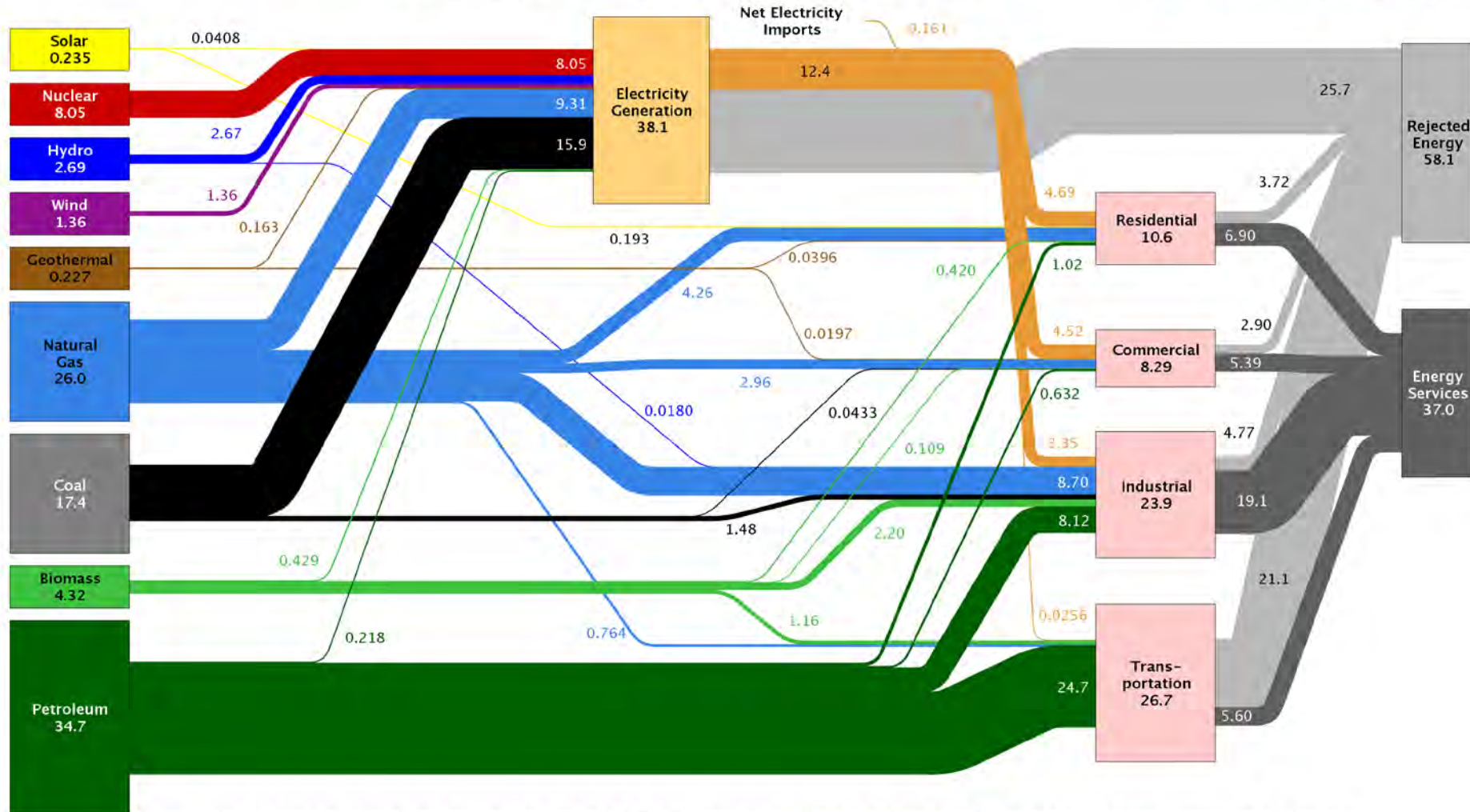
Role for energy storage and alternate products



# Deep Decarbonization

# US Energy Use & Decarbonization

Estimated U.S. Energy Use in 2012: ~95.1 Quads



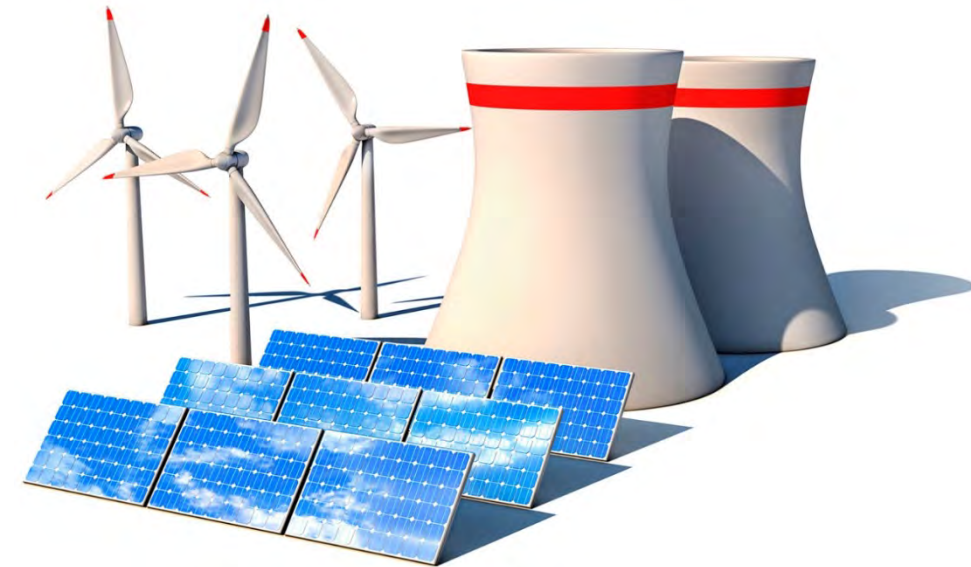
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# Advanced Nuclear Technologies

# Advanced Nuclear

- Inherent safety
- Robust, competitive, sustainable economics
- Scalable, dispatchable, zero carbon energy
- **Diversified products and market access**
- Flexible operation
- Secure fuel supply



Advanced nuclear energy systems offer unique options for dispatchable, energy dense and non-emitting generation.



# Hydrogen: Advanced Reactors' role

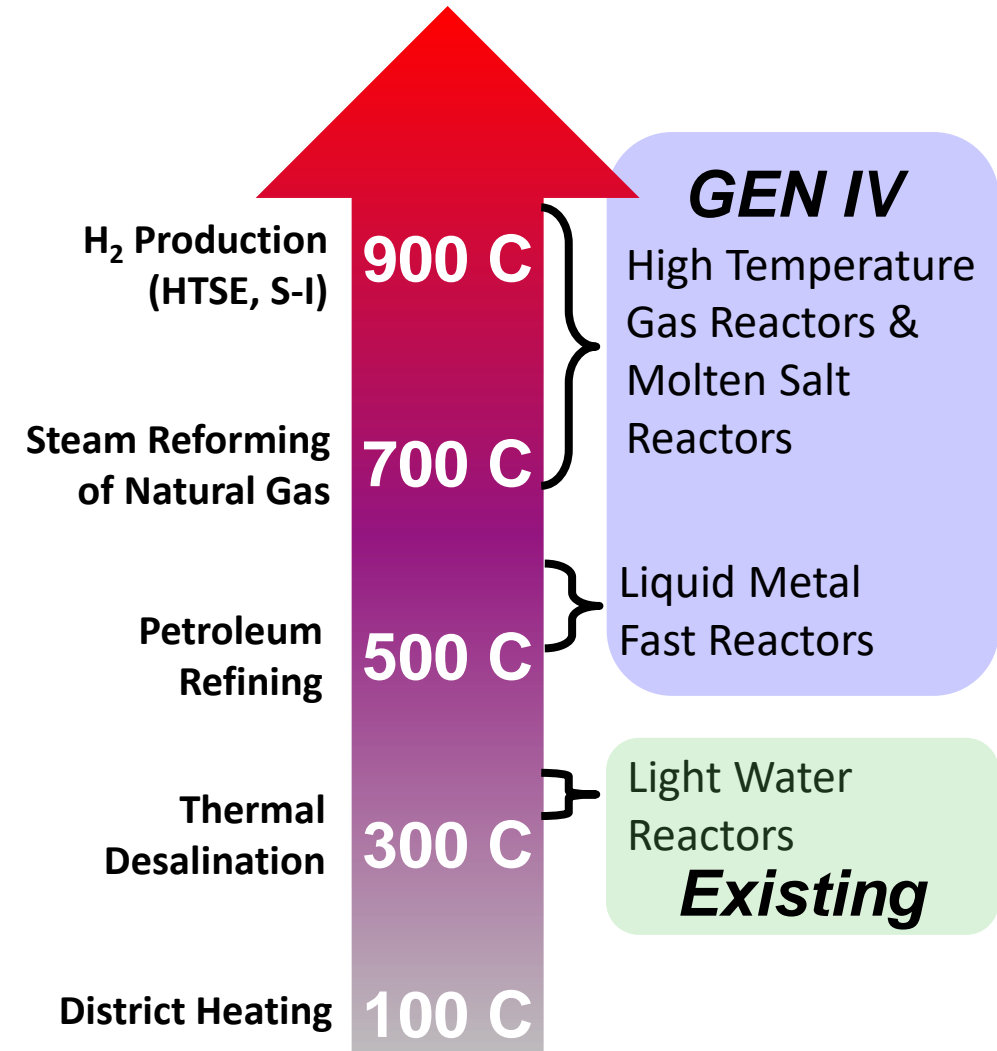
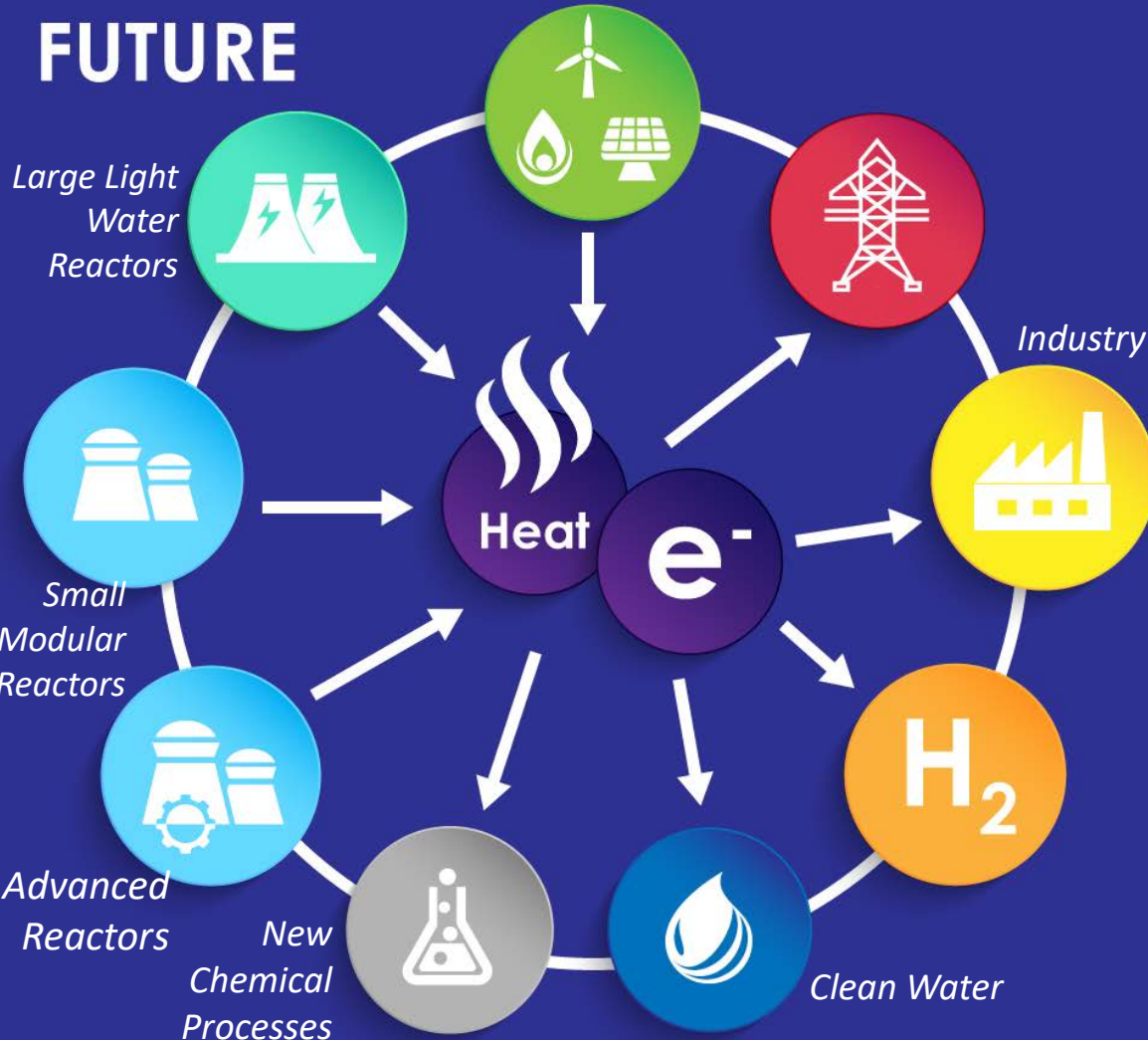
## Nuclear Energy Reimagined:

Maximizing energy utilization through novel systems integration and process design.

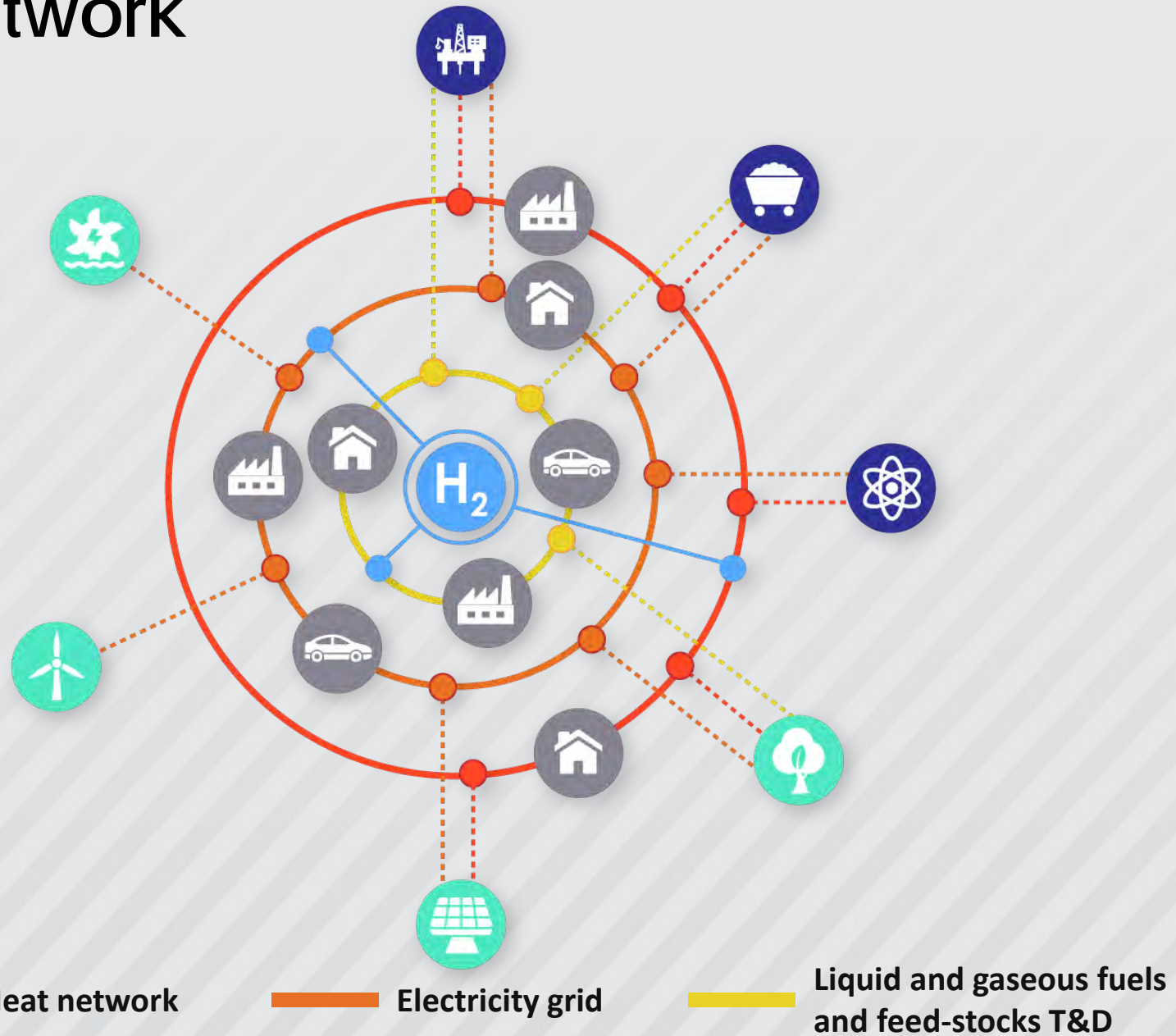
**NOW**



**FUTURE**

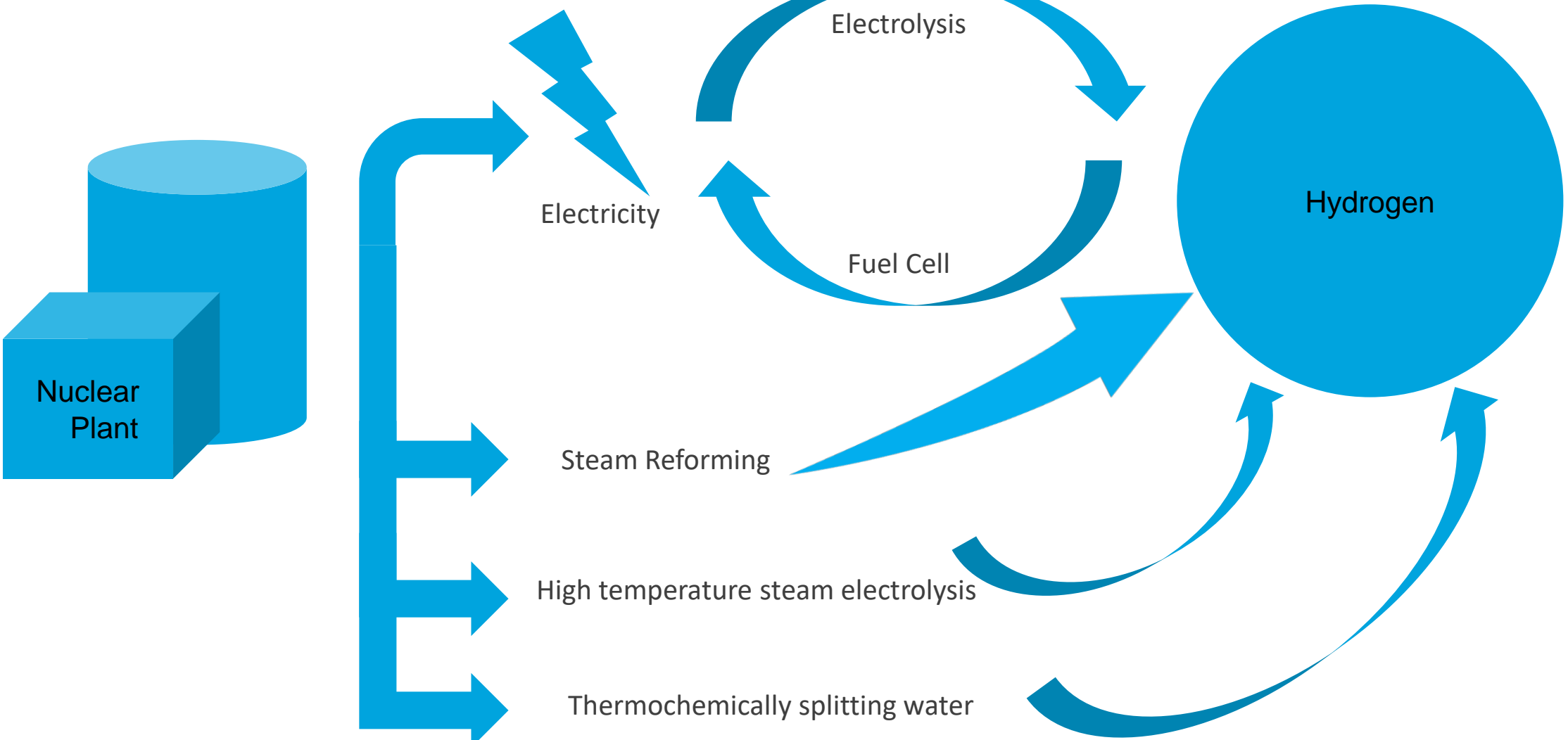


# The Energy Network





# Nuclear -> Hydrogen



# Hydrogen Technologies



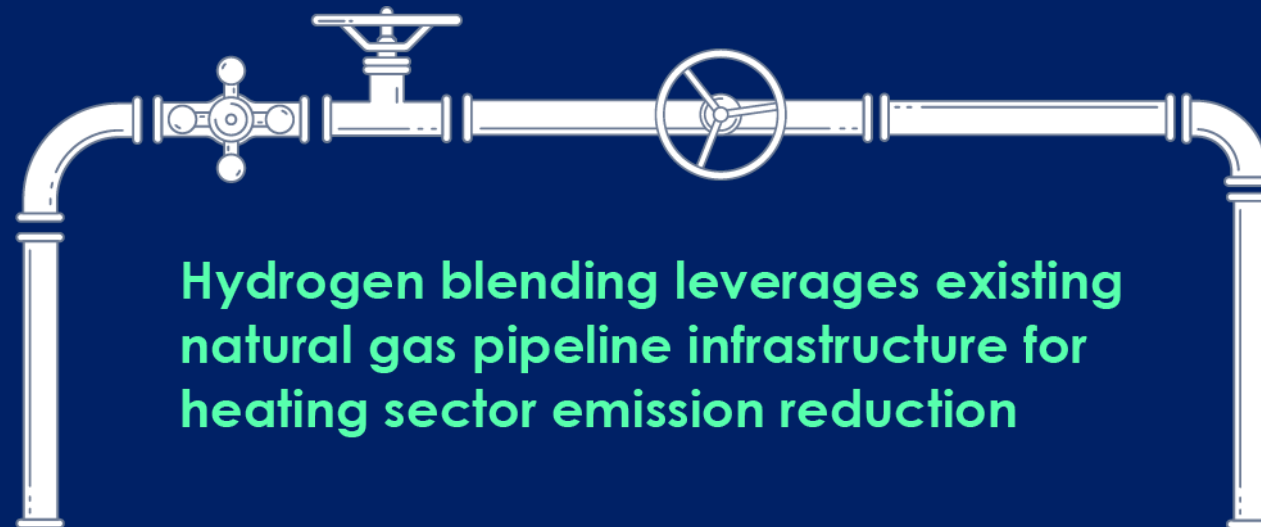
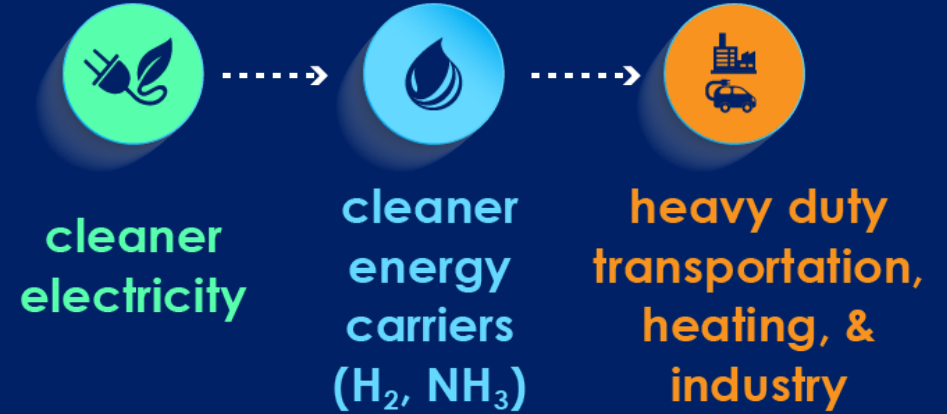
# Additional Key Technologies in A Very Low-Carbon 2050

## Zero-Carbon Electric Generation

- Carbon Capture & Storage
- Advanced Nuclear



## Low Carbon Fuels:



Hydrogen blending leverages existing natural gas pipeline infrastructure for heating sector emission reduction

# Advances in Hydrogen

## Electrolyzer cell stacks



## Proton Exchange Membrane Electrolyzer



- Hydrogen as the dominant energy carrier for transportation
  - displacing petroleum
  - leap frogging battery technology

The Mirai, the world's first fuel cell vehicle for the mass market

Approx. **650 km\***

The Mirai's cruising range is on par with a conventional gasoline-fueled vehicle, letting you enjoy day trips without stopping.

\* Toyota measurements based on JC08 test cycle performance, as measured by Toyota when refueling at a hydrogen station supplying hydrogen at a pressure of 70 MPa under the SAE J2601 Standard conditions (ambient temperature: 20° C, hydrogen tank pressure when fueled: 10 MPa). Differing amounts of hydrogen will be supplied to the tank if refueling is carried out at hydrogen stations with differing specifications, and the cruising range will therefore also differ accordingly. It is estimated that a cruising range of approximately 700 km can be achieved when fueled at new hydrogen stations scheduled to begin operation after FY2016. Possible cruising range may vary considerably due to usage conditions (weather, traffic congestion, etc.) and driving methods (quick starts, air conditioning, etc.).

[http://www.toyota-global.com/innovation/environmental\\_technology/fuelcell\\_vehicle/](http://www.toyota-global.com/innovation/environmental_technology/fuelcell_vehicle/)

“Toyota sees great potential in hydrogen and fuel cell vehicles.”



# What's possible with Hydrogen?





# Together...Shaping the Future of Electricity





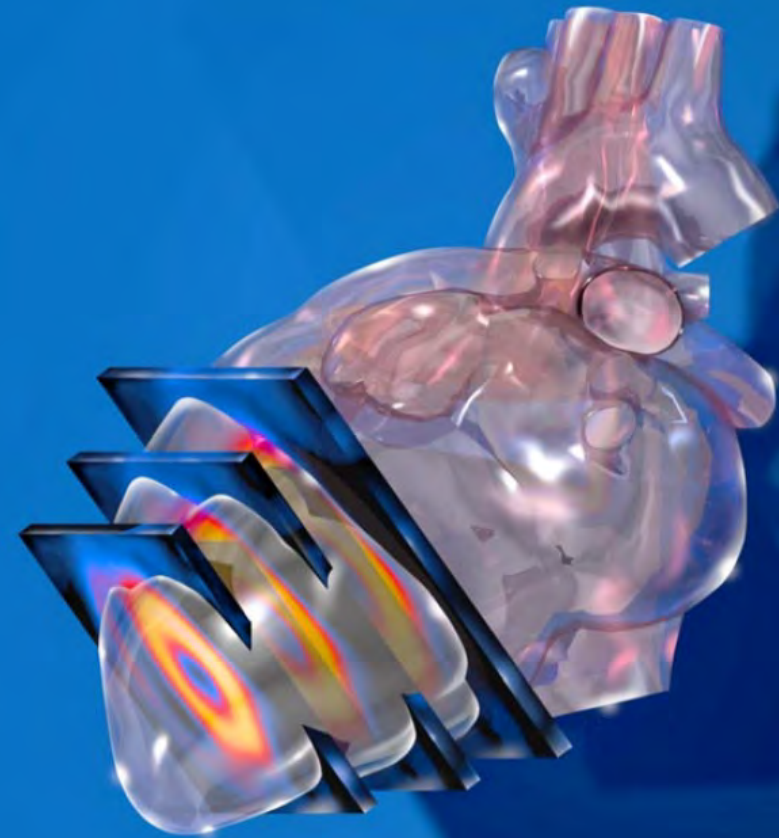
## NAYGN Presentation

SHINE Medical Technologies | June 2019

Health. Illuminated.™

# Mission

Dedicated to being the world leader in the safe, clean, affordable production of medical tracers and cancer treatment elements.



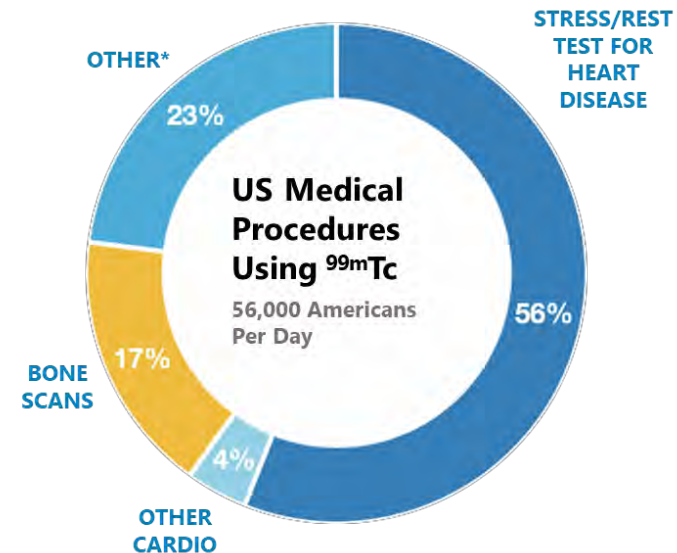
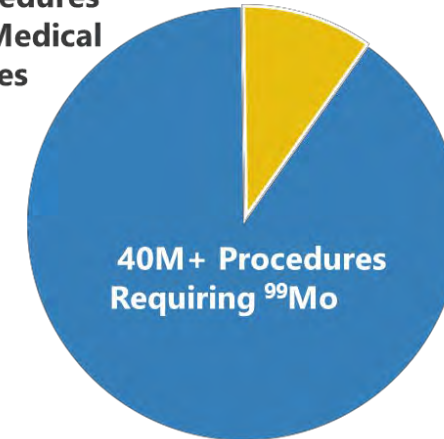


# Medical Isotopes

Medical isotopes allow doctors to diagnose and treat a wide range of diseases

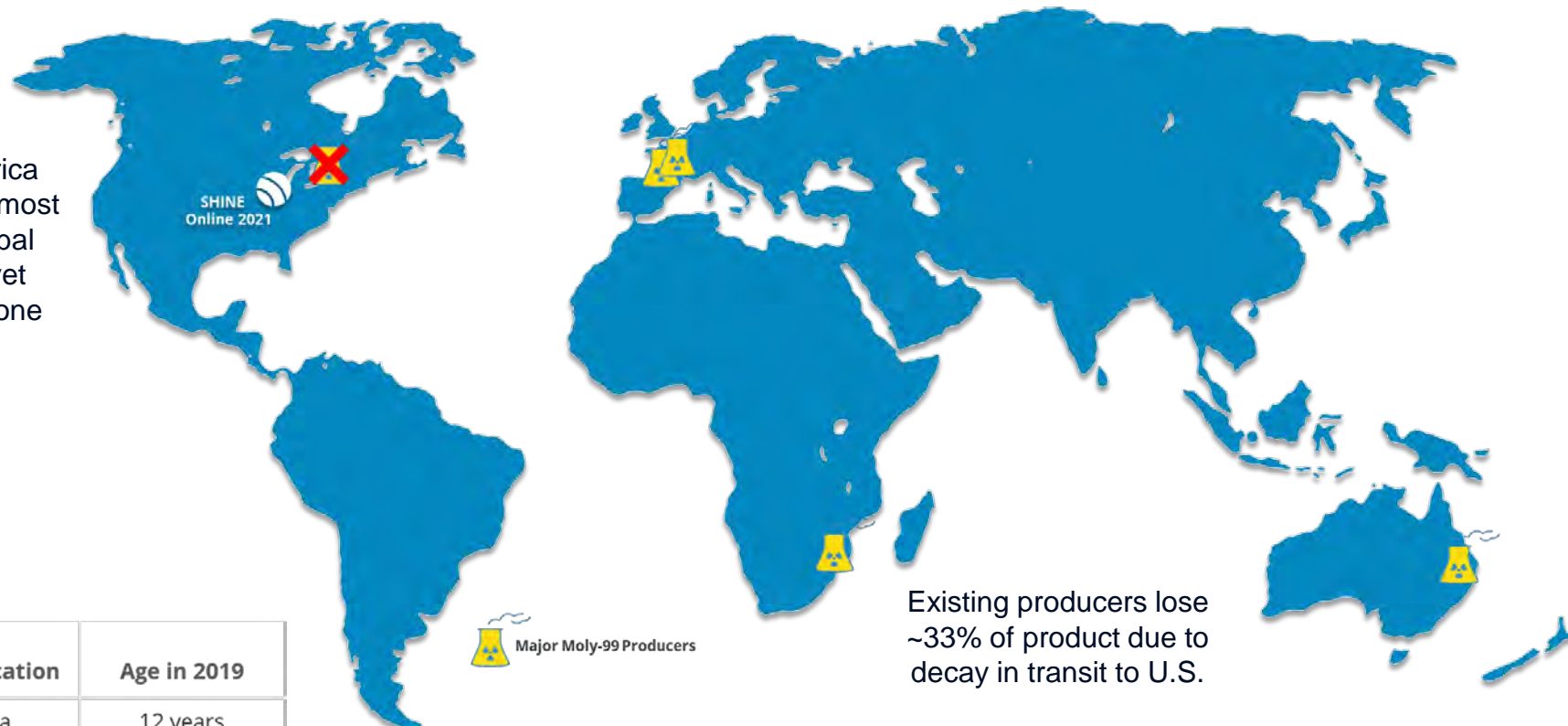
- Molybdenum-99 (Mo-99), the most widely-used medical isotope, decays into technetium-99m, which is used in more than 40 million doses annually
- “Workhorse” of nuclear medicine
- SHINE’s process will also generate the valuable isotopes iodine-131 and xenon-133

50M+ Procedures Requiring Medical Isotopes



# Mo-99 decays at ~1% per hour, making proximity to patients critical

North America consumes almost 50% of global demand, yet produces none



Reactor Location	Age in 2019
Australia	12 years
Belgium	58-62 years
Netherlands	45-58 years
South Africa	54 years
Canada	Decommissioned

**The Mo-99 supply chain is increasingly vulnerable**



# Proven Technology

Technology proven by US National Laboratories and GE Healthcare



GE Healthcare

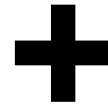
Argonne NATIONAL LABORATORY

SRNL™

Los Alamos NATIONAL LABORATORY  
EST. 1943

OAK RIDGE National Laboratory

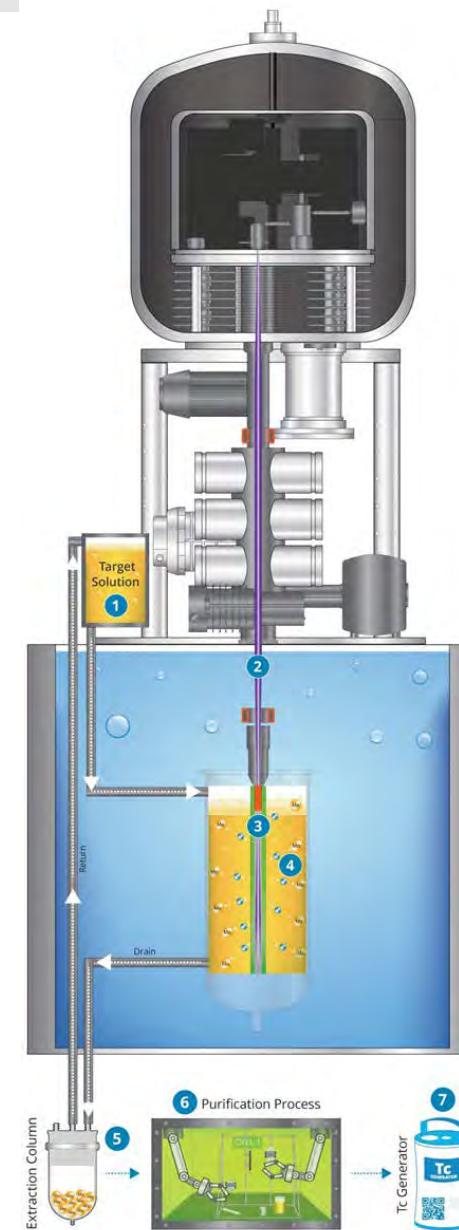
**ACCELERATOR  
(ELIMINATES  
REACTOR)**



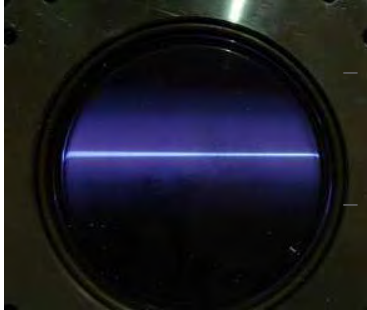
**RE-USABLE  
LIQUID TARGET**



**SAFER  
100x LESS WASTE  
LOWER COST**



# Technology Demonstrations

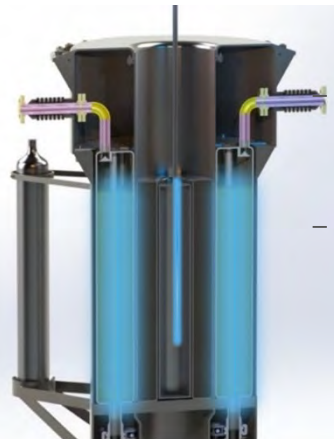


Phoenix Nuclear demonstrates production level beam current and voltage (Mar. 2012)

132 hour >97% uptime demonstration (Mar. 2016)



Argonne National Laboratories demonstrates SHINE Process meets commercial purity requirements (June 2015)



Data gathered at various laboratories prove feasibility of liquid target at scale (pre-2004)

SHINE and Los Alamos National Laboratory complete preliminary design and safety case for innovative, recoverable liquid target (Jun. 2013)



GE Healthcare tests product from SHINE process proving compatibility with GE Drytec distribution system (Nov. 2015)

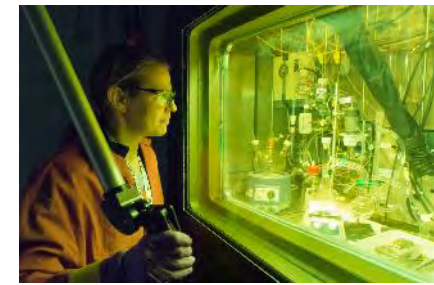
GE further proves compatibility of SHINE Mo-99 by synthesizing Myoview and Ceretec injectables (Nov. 2015)



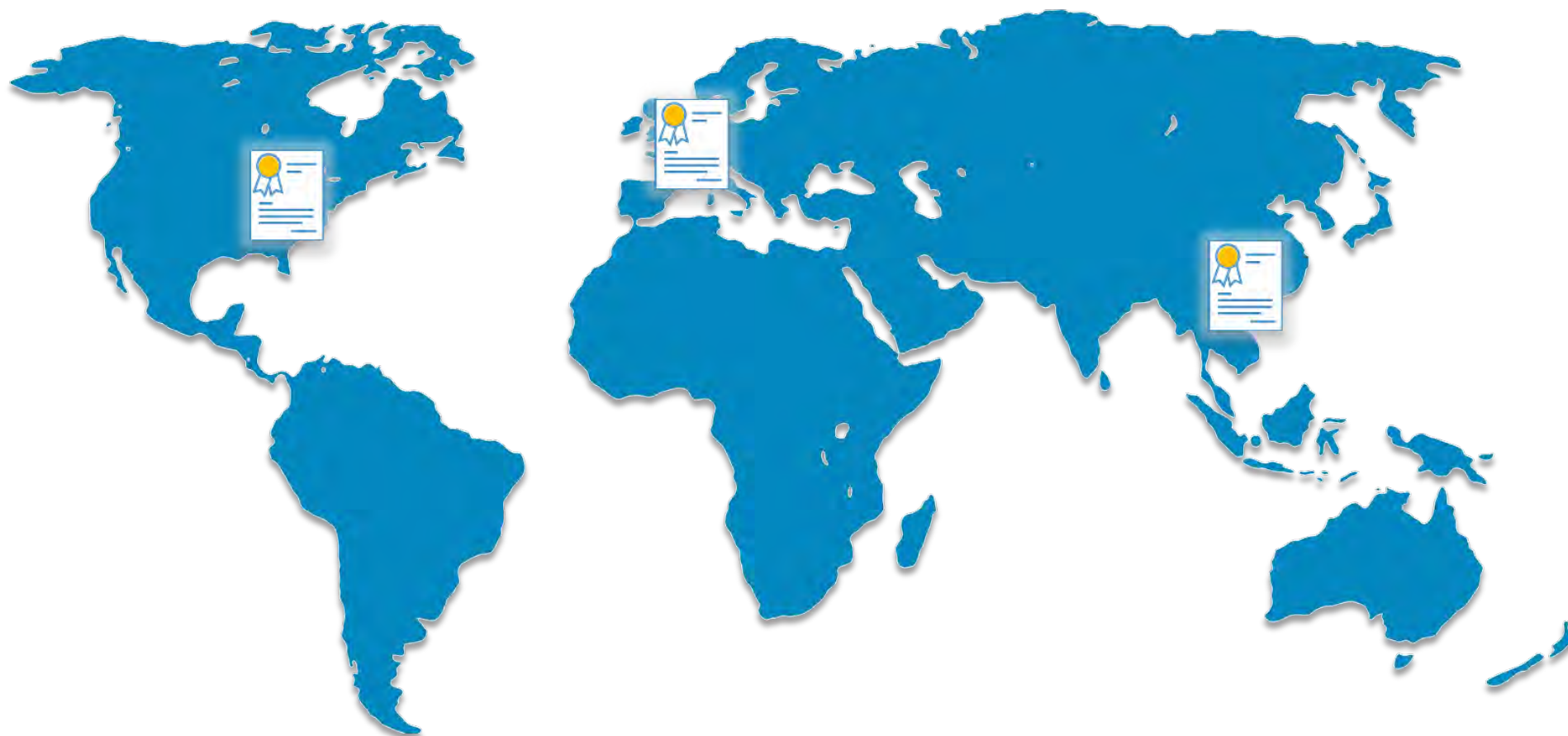


# Every Part of the SHINE Process Has Been Demonstrated

Step	Demonstrated?
Accelerator	✓
Target Solution Irradiation	✓
Processing	✓
Generator loading	✓
Generator elution	✓
Kits	✓



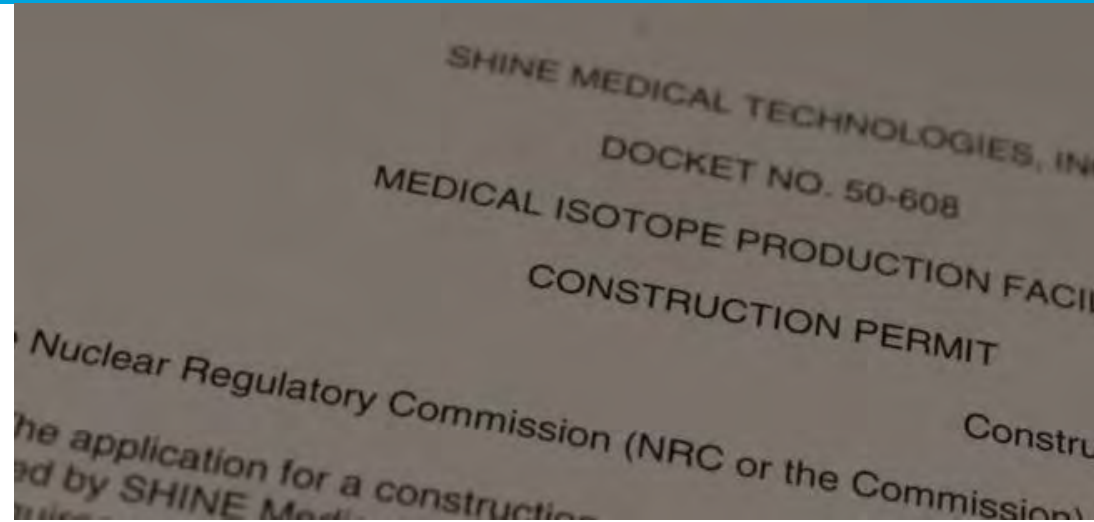
# Three signed customer contracts





# Nuclear Regulatory Commission construction approval

- Issued Feb 2016
- Culmination of 4 years of work
- First approval of its kind since 1961



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# Building One: 1<sup>st</sup> building on the SHINE campus

- Groundbreaking August 2017
- Construction complete Q1 2018
  - Completed 3 weeks ahead of schedule
  - Zero OSHA-recordable incidents
- 11,400 square feet
- Licensed by State of Wisconsin
- Future use for employee training and technology development



Construction  
First Product  
demo Q1 20  
Future use  
technology

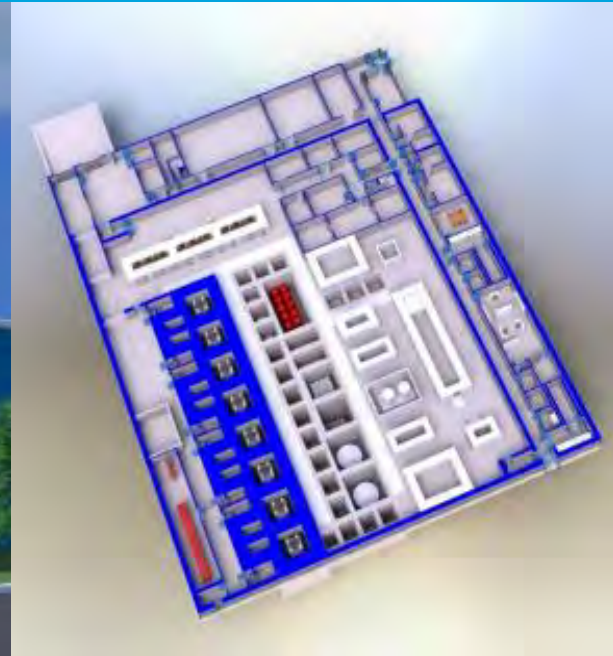


# Building One: SHINE Technology Development Facility





# Next Steps

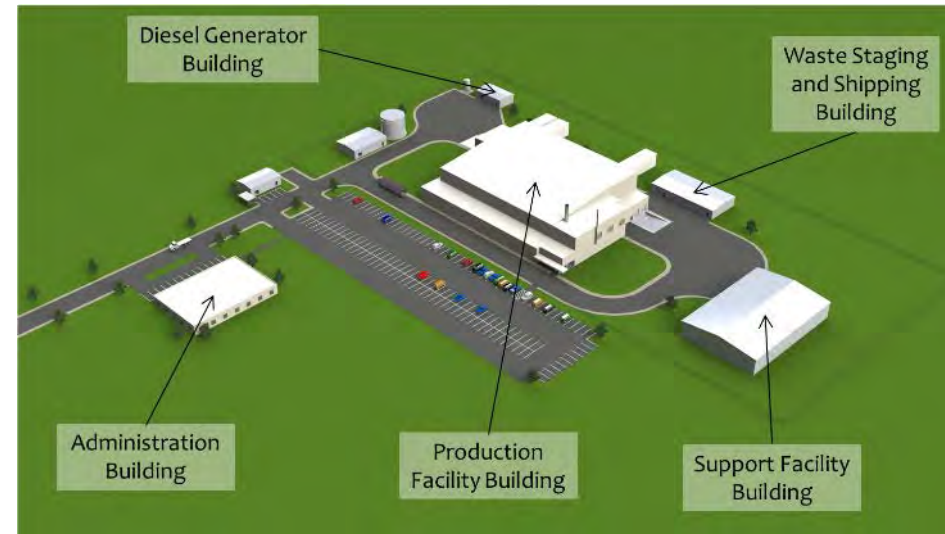


- Current key activities
  - Preparing OL application
  - Preparing for start of construction
  - Building One first production unit demo
  - Negotiating additional supply agreements
  - 80+ employees; 20 FT positions posted currently
- First production 2021

# Production Facility Design

- To be built in Janesville, Wisconsin
- Mo-99 capacity >4,000 6-day Ci/wk
- Xe-133, I-131, Lu-177, Sr-89, others
- 8 independent irradiation units accelerators
  - High reliability
  - Flexible production schedule
- Close to regional airports
  - designed for logistical efficiency

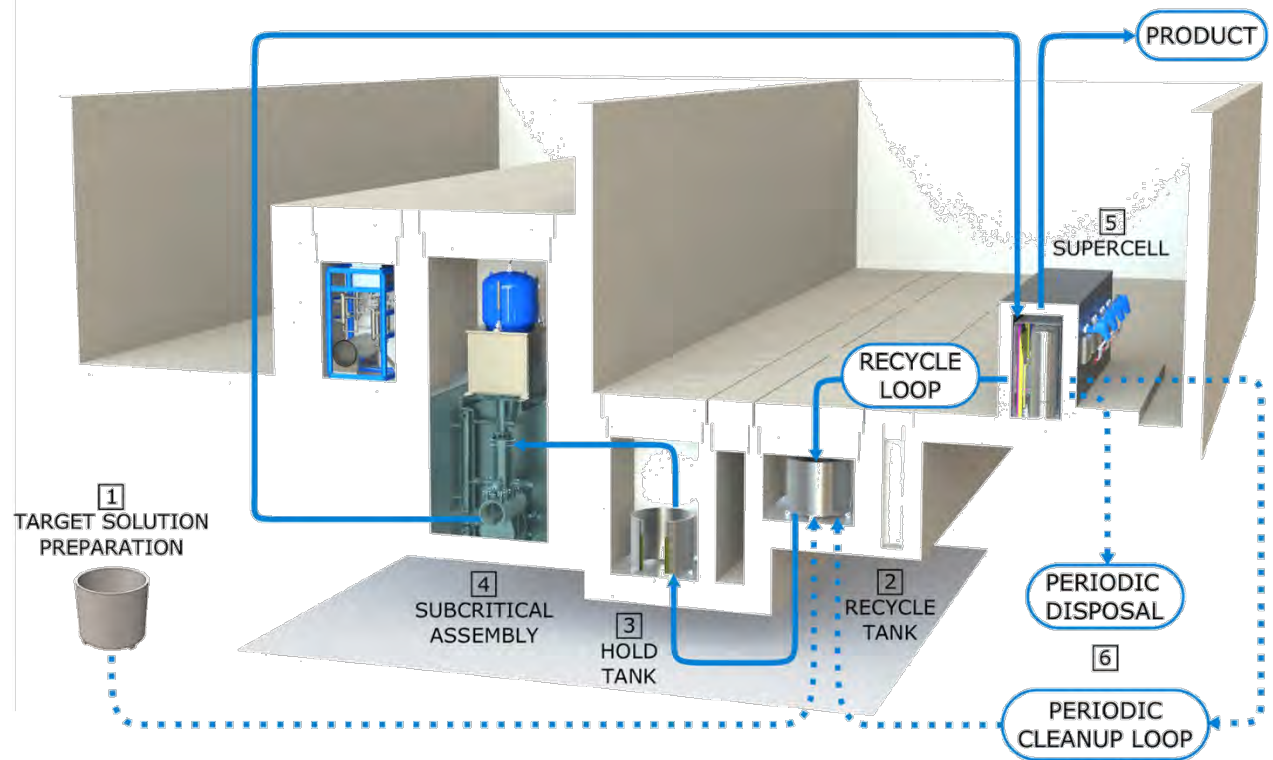
<b>&lt;50,000</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>&gt;2/3</b>
Square Feet	Accelerators	Independent Hot Cell Chains	Annual U.S. Demand Met





# SHINE Process Overview

1. Periodic solution preparation
2. Solution chemistry check
3. Staging to fill target solution vessel
4. Irradiation
5. Extraction and purification
6. Periodic solution cleanup and disposal



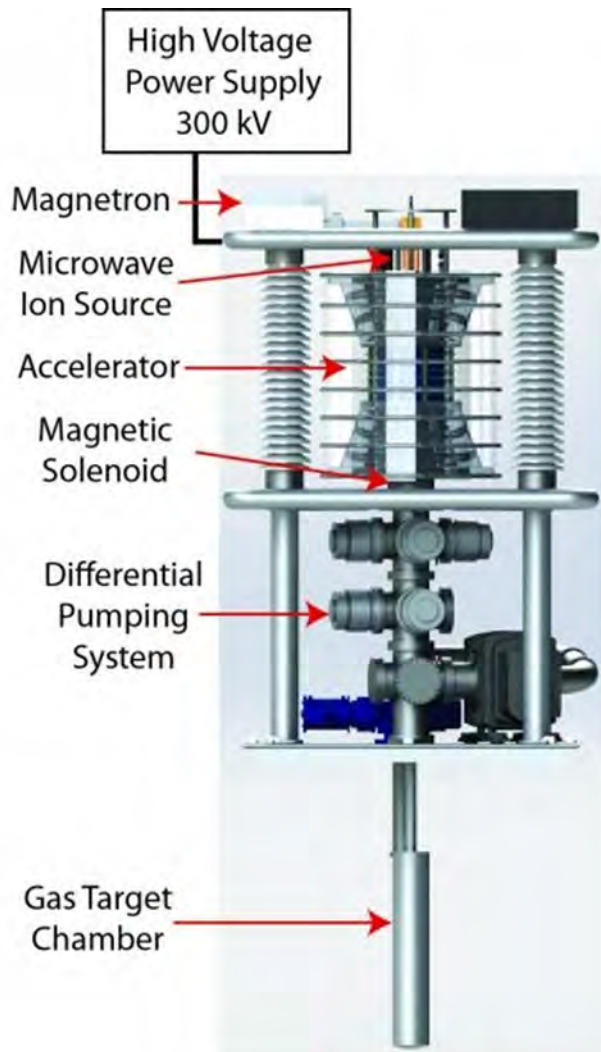
# Technological Approach

- Small systems: Hundreds of times less power than isotope production reactors being used
- Low stored energy: low temperature and near atmospheric pressure
- Low enriched uranium (LEU) reusable target
- Driven by low-energy electrostatic accelerator
- Multiple units and trains provide operational scalability and flexibility

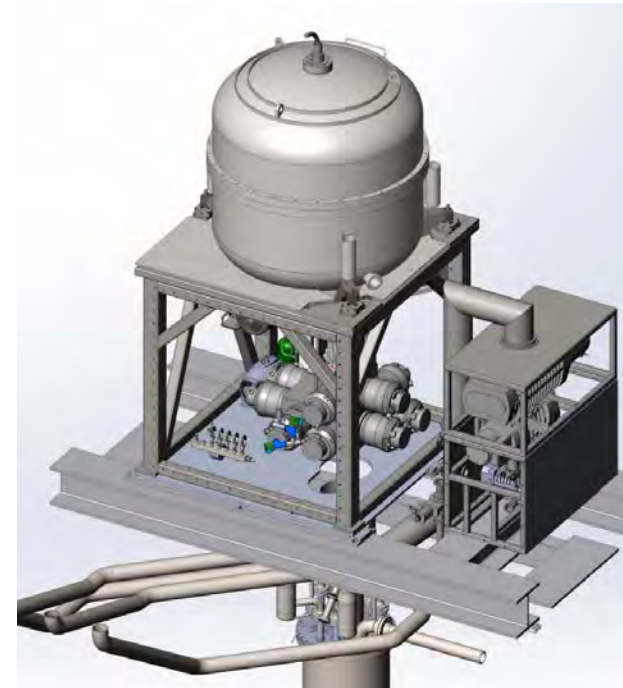




# Neutron Generator



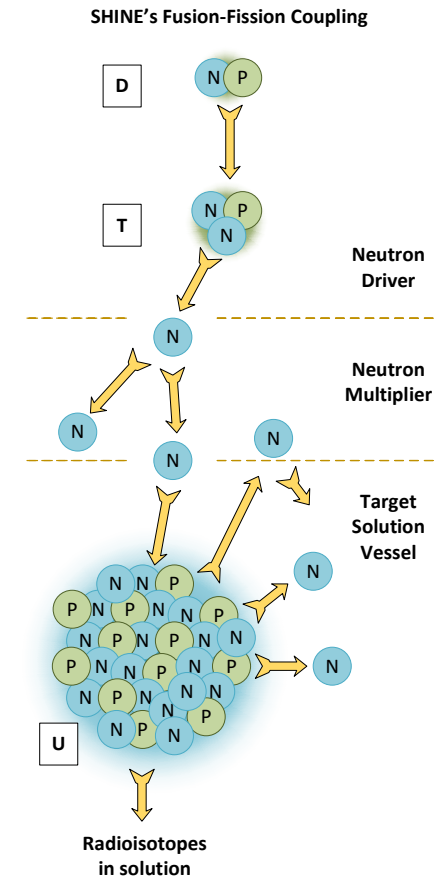
- Microwave ion source creates dense deuterium plasma
- Simple DC accelerator extracts deuterium ion beam (~300 keV, ~60 mA)
- Magnetic field focuses ion beam
- Differential pumping system keeps gas out of accelerator
- Beam strikes tritium gas target and generates neutrons
- $5 \times 10^{13}$  neutrons/second total neutron output



# Subcritical Assembly Overview

*Subcritical assembly multiplies neutron yield, dramatically increasing isotope production*

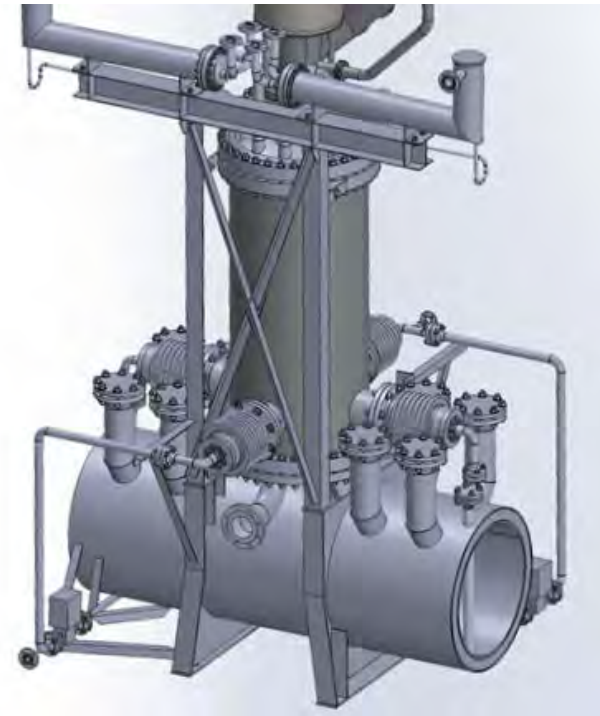
- Hybrid fusion-fission device
- How it functions
  - Neutrons from accelerator created in center of assembly (neutron spark plug)
  - Neutrons pass through neutron multiplier
  - Multiplied neutrons pass into uranium solution in TSV, where they cause fission
  - Extra neutrons further multiply and create more medical isotopes
  - Transfer solution to the processing facility for isotope removal





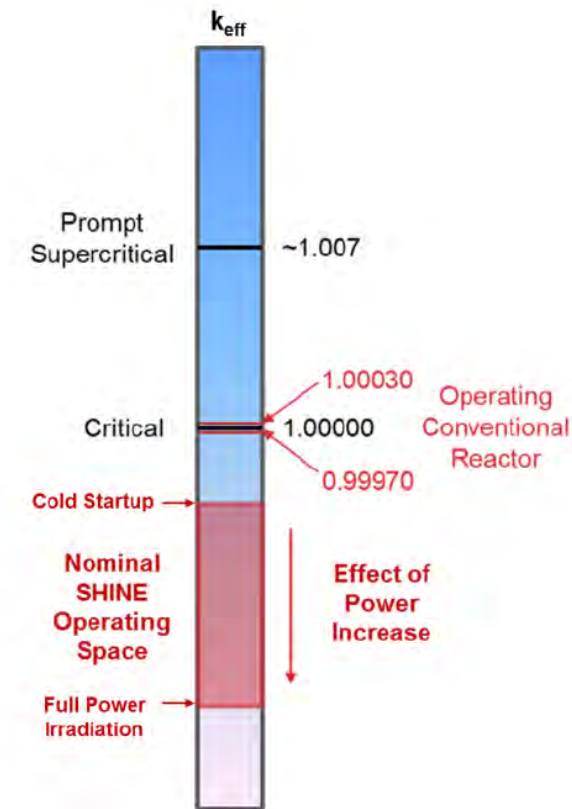
# Subcritical Assembly

- Subcritical aqueous target allows high multiplication while keeping safely away from critical
- Small, bounded power changes in response to void and temperature
- No active reactivity control (i.e., control rods)
- Solution dumped if power limits exceeded
- Uranium target can be re-used
- Minimal decay heat after shutdown



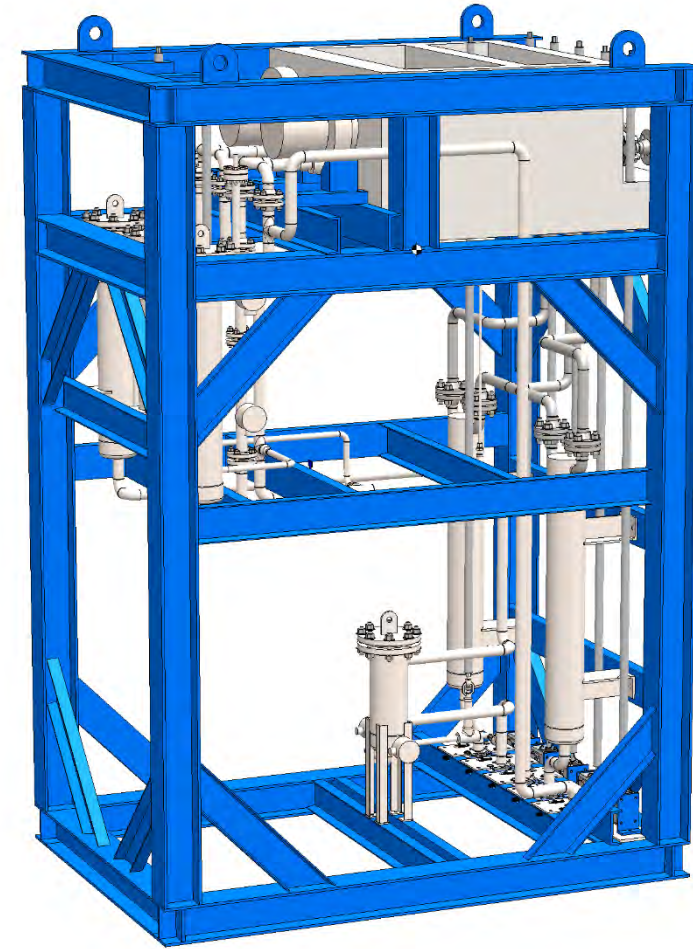
# Neutronics Design - Startup

- Startup just like a reactor, except the endpoint is different
- Operators plot 1/M curve with solution volume
  - Add solution, allow flux to stabilize, record flux (1/M)
- Operators stop fill when 5% by volume below predicted criticality
- Nuclear systems become excellent predictors of critical states when near critical conditions
- Inherently slow reactivity additions
- Cold startup is most reactive state
- Driven further from critical during operation



# Off-Gas System Design

- Provides continuous sweep gas through system
- Recombines hydrogen and oxygen from radiolysis
- Quickly returns the water to the system
- Regulates pressure within the system
- Skid designed for maintainability





# Questions?

