

What's New at the Labs: DOE Applied Energy Technology National Laboratories

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Renewable Energy Examples

• Solar

- Research-Cell Efficiency advancements
- Software: GO-Solar, PRECISE Wind

• Wind

- Wake steering: WISDEM

• Geothermal

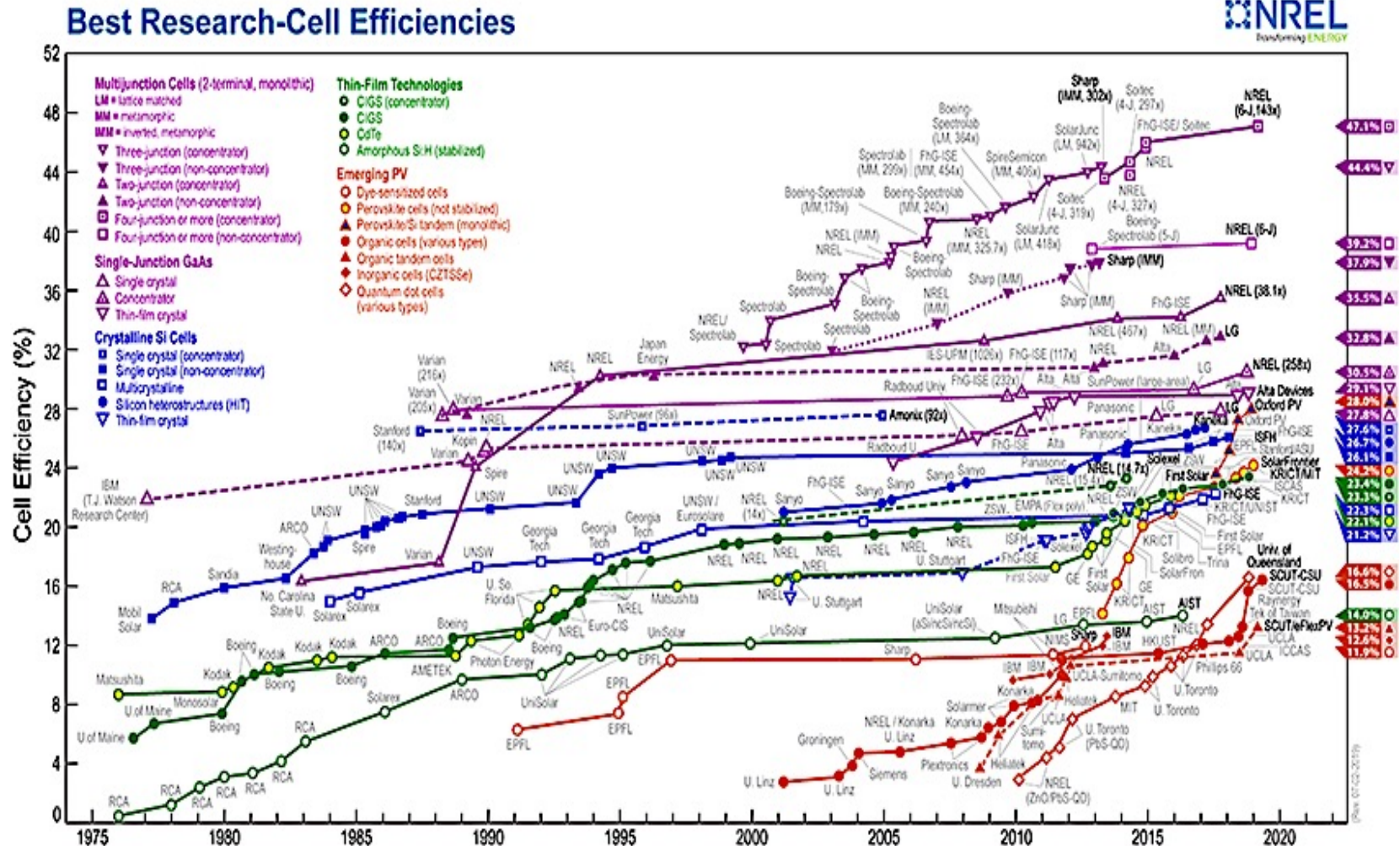
- FORGE

• Water

- Hydro black start resiliency

• Hydrogen

- Advanced water splitting: High-temperature and low-temperature electrolysis advancements



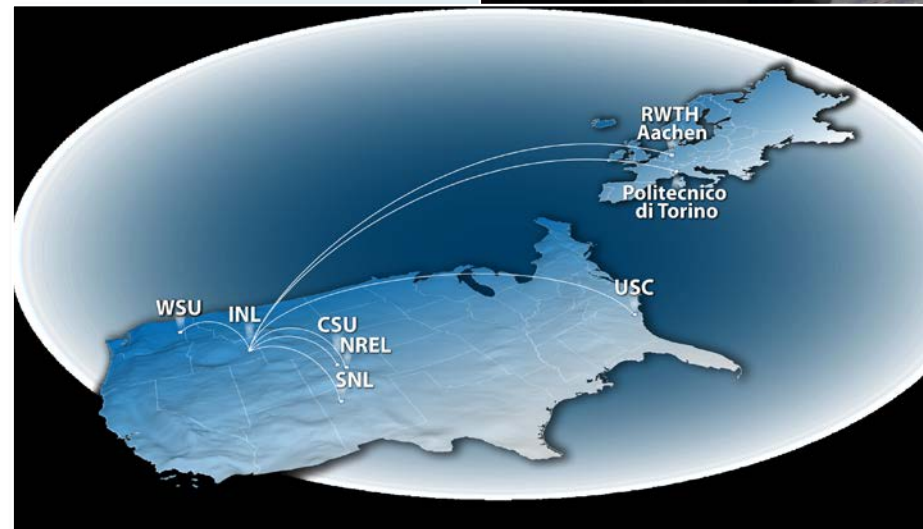
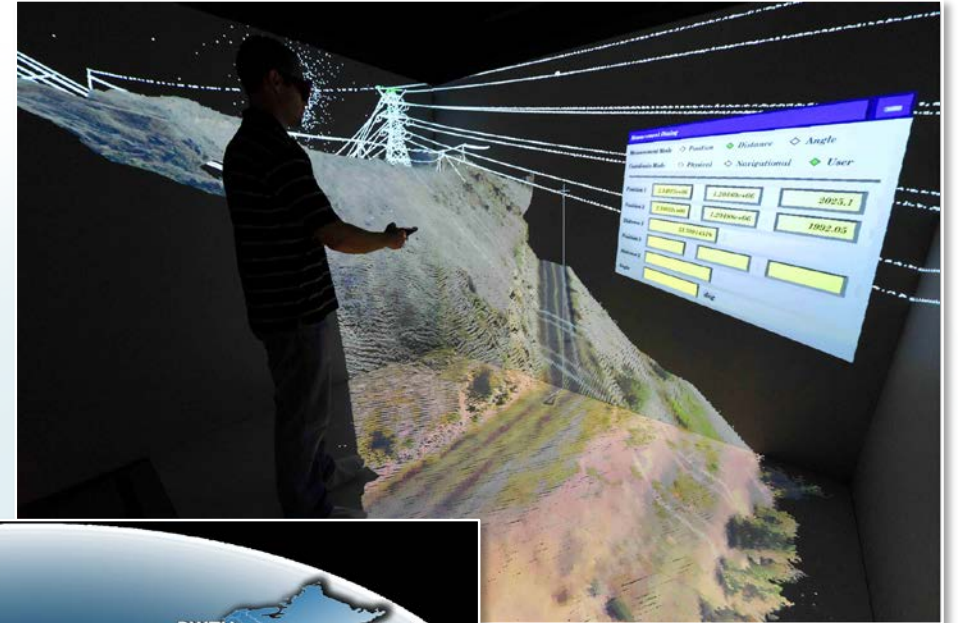
Grid Reliability, Integration, Technology Examples

- **Grid Reliability and Technologies:**

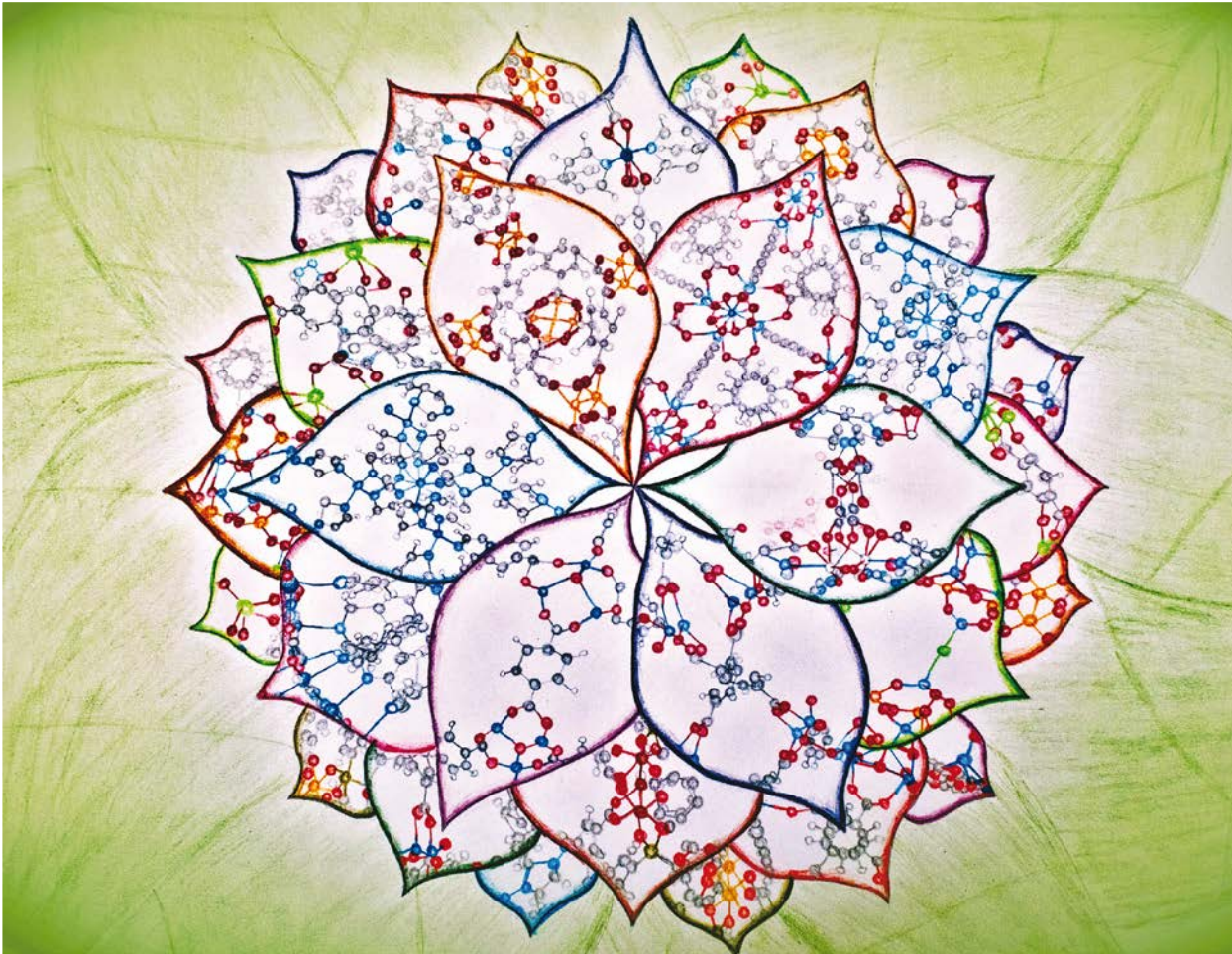
- Transformer monitoring technology
- Global Real-time Super Lab (moving electrons vast distances quickly)
- Self-healing microgrids
- Software and simulations: GLASS and HELICS
- Autonomous Energy Grids concept
- Peer-to-peer energy exchange using blockchain technology

- **Technologies for Self-Powered systems**

- Piezoelectric nanomaterials
- Soft polymers that scavenge mechanical systems



Fossil Energy and Energy Storage Examples

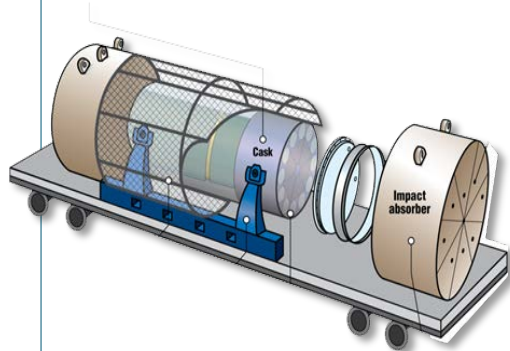


- **Carbon Capture**
 - Screening method for mixed matrixed polymeric membranes (using Metal Organic Frameworks)
- **Batteries/Storage**
 - Key challenges for high-energy, long-cycle life batteries
 - Extreme fast charging: fading of positive electrode performance identified
 - Flow batteries in advanced distributed grids

Aggressive Timeline for New Nuclear in the US: Led by INL

Microreactor (<10MW) demonstration by early 2020s

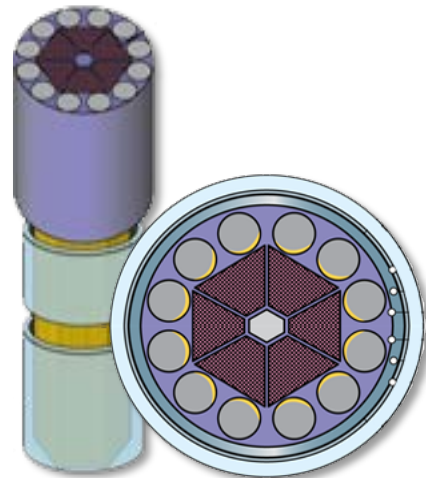
- Advanced reactor designs
- New markets for nuclear energy



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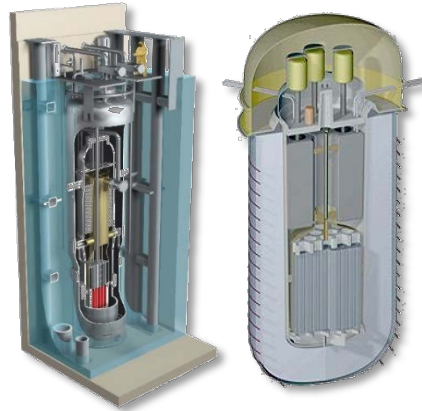
Commercial microreactors deployed

- Remote site power and process heat customers



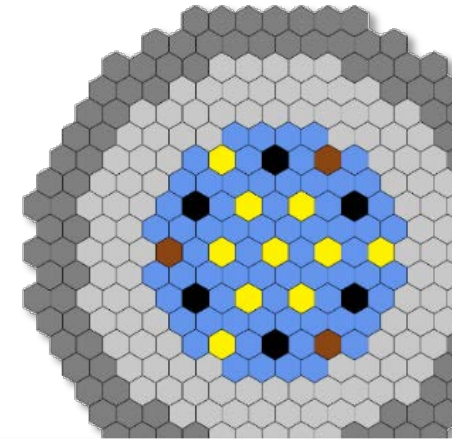
SMR(s) operating by 2026

- SMR siting and technical support
- Joint Use Modular Plant (JUMP)



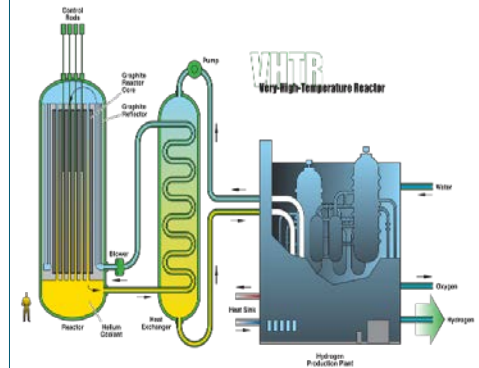
Versatile Test Reactor (VTR) operating by 2026

- Fast-spectrum testing and fuel development capability



Non-LWR advanced demonstration reactors by 2030

- Replacement of U.S. baseload clean power capacity

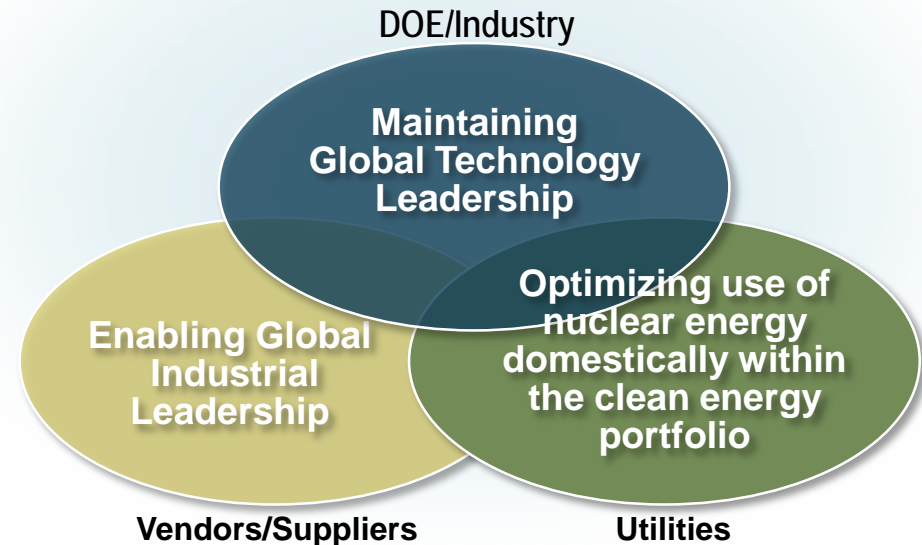


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Gateway for Accelerated Innovation in Nuclear (GAIN)



In parallel, create private-public partnership and funding approach, engage industry on technology needs and focus advanced reactor R&D on common technology needs, innovative designs, and reducing cost of advanced nuclear energy systems.



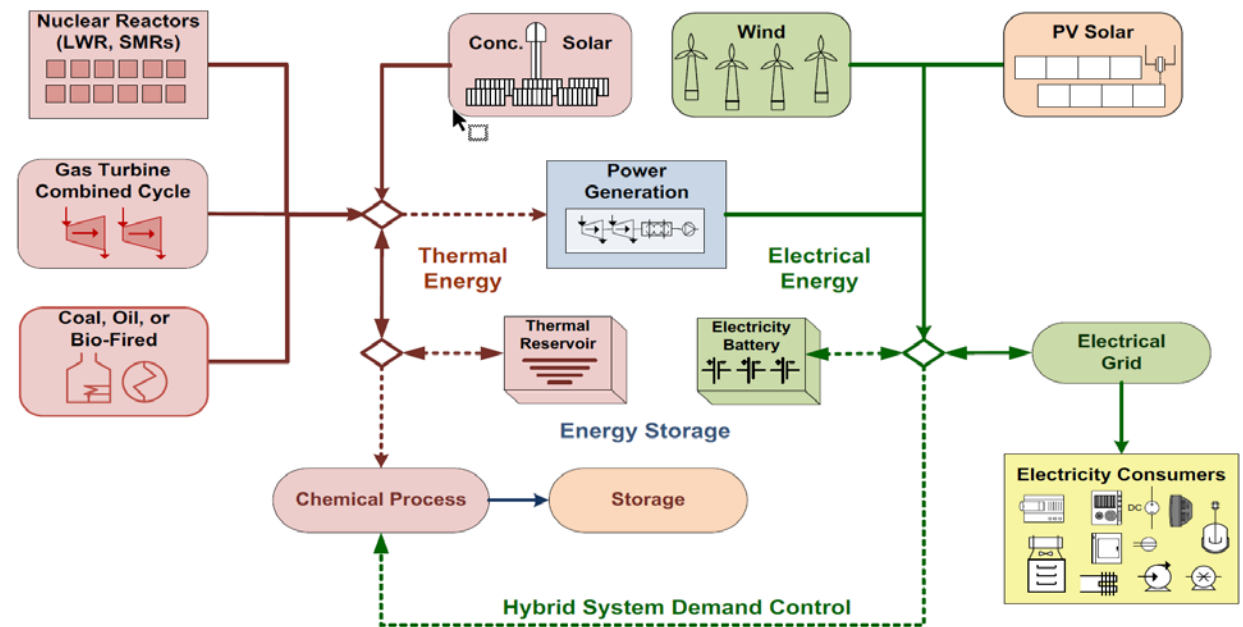
Integrated Approach for Innovation to Achieve All 3 Strategic Objectives Simultaneously

DOE-VENDORS-UTILITIES
Private-Public Partnership Model
Optimized strategy for development, demonstration, and deployment of advanced technologies.

Integrated Hybrid Energy Systems: INL, NETL, NREL

- **Integration of DOE Applied Energy Activities enables:**
 - Renewables Integration into the Grid
 - Flexible use of nuclear, fossil, renewable power sources for thermal, H₂, and chemical production as well as electricity
- **Tri-Lab team has developed a series of initial proposals for concept maturation and demonstration**
 - Hydrogen Production
 - CO₂ utilization powered by low-carbon energy
 - Carbon Conversion
 - Thermal Energy Storage (solar, nuclear)
 - Thermal Energy Utilization for Energy Efficiency

Tightly Coupled Hybrid Energy Systems



Thank you!



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