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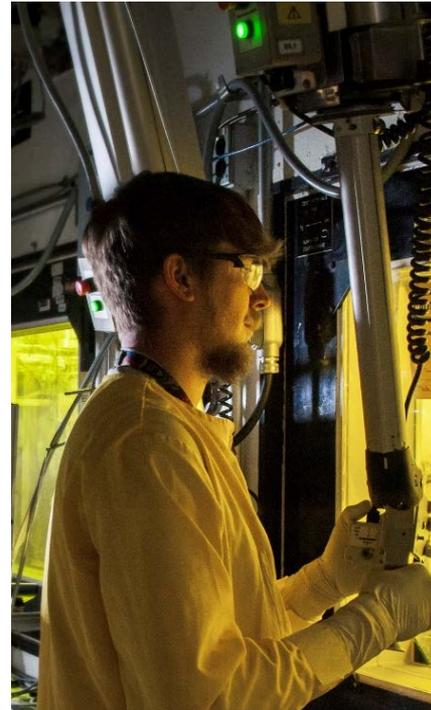
Multi-Program Lab Approach



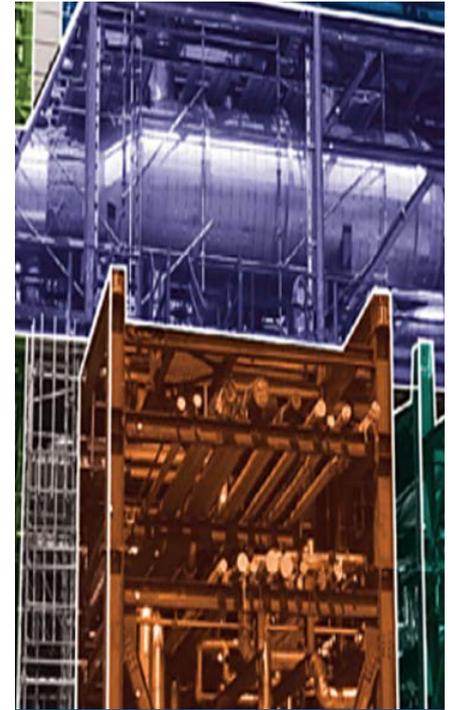
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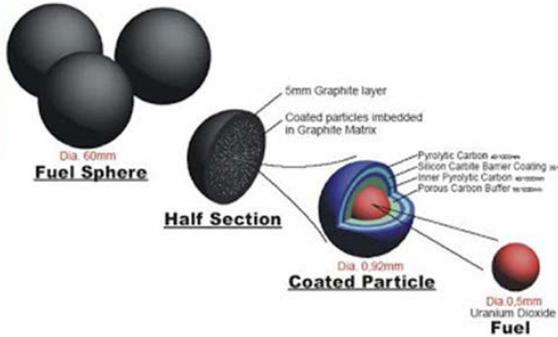
Nuclear Materials Processing for the Nation at H Canyon



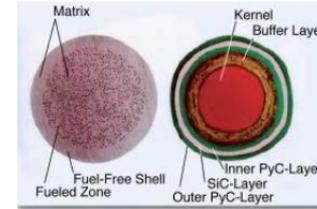
- High assay low enriched uranium initiative to realign H-Canyon mission
- Actinide alloying and electrolytic dissolution processes for Japan's FCA (fast critical assembly facility) plutonium metal disposition
- ORNL reactor fuel assemblies



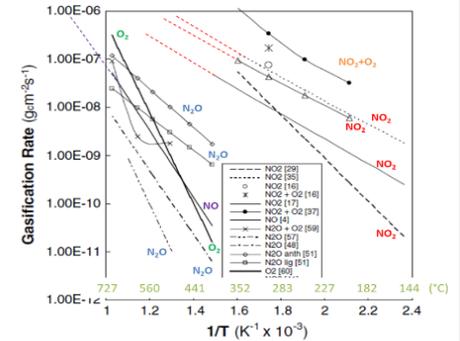
Future Nuclear Materials Processing: German Fuel Spheres



Recovery and/or Disposition of Graphite Based Fuel



Innovation in graphite digestion process (U.S. Patent 9,793,019)



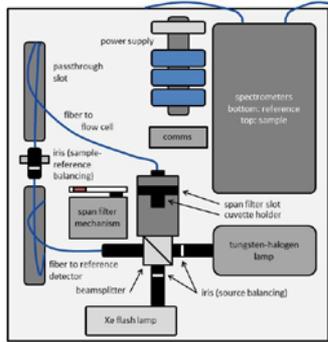
Joint project with Germany – technology maturation program



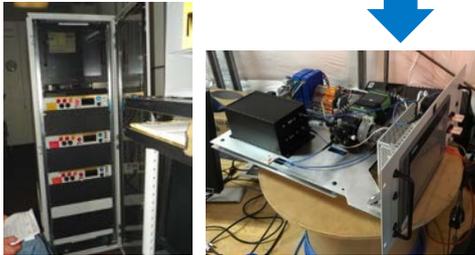
Investment in Emerging Competencies Beginning to Pay Off

High Precision and Accuracy Spectrophotometers for Process Analysis

Process Imaging

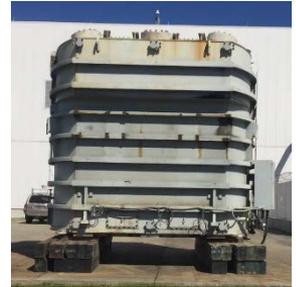
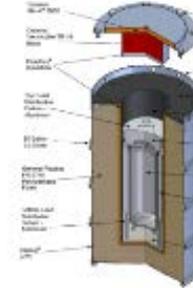
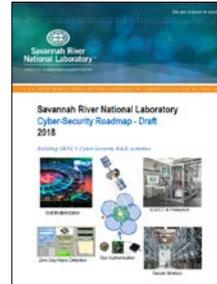


Critical technology for improving production performance and reducing cost/duration of nuclear materials processing campaigns



Cyber-physical threats and attacks: Precise Timing and Grid Resiliency

Cyber

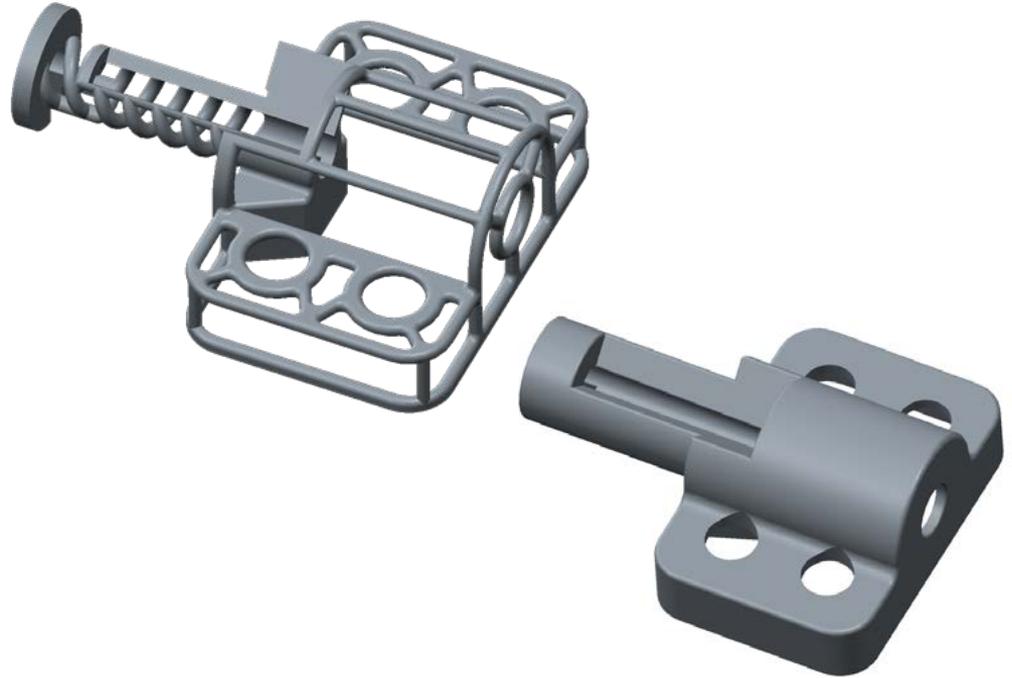


Innovative technology and a one-of-a-kind test-bed facility for securing our national defense and critical infrastructures

Savannah River National Laboratory Delivers Savings With 3D Printing



SRNL replaced a \$4,000 conventionally machined prototype with a \$50 3D printed part for the air flow assembly for its Aerosol Contamination Extractor.



Printing the metal borescope standoff used only the amount of material needed (top) versus “subtractive manufacturing” that creates waste (bottom).



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How the wrong cat litter took down a nuclear waste repository

Savannah River National Laboratory chemist David T. Hobbs investigated a radiological accident that closed the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) near Carlsbad, N.M. for three years.

By Jessica Morrison

David T. Hobbs is an expert in the complicated chemistry of nuclear waste management. He's studied nuclear waste materials, radiochemical separations, and complex chemical environments for more than three decades. But three years ago, when an **accident in a New Mexico repository** brought disposal of U.S. defense nuclear wastes to a standstill, he was called to investigate a different kind of material—cat litter.

Hobbs, who doesn't own a cat, is one of the researchers who studied the nuclear waste mixture that in 2014 led to a drum failure and radiological release at the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) near Carlsbad, N.M. The accident shut down the facility for three years. It was ultimately traced to an unorthodox coolant, an orthoboric acid solution.

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Clean Energy Spotlight

DOE lab unveils 'game-changing' storage technology for solar thermal

BY GREGORY ROBERTS

An Energy Department laboratory has developed a "game-changing" heat storage technology that lab researchers say could make solar thermal price-competitive with fossil fuels for round-the-clock power supply and significantly cheaper than existing photovoltaic-battery systems.

The Savannah River National Laboratory (SRNL), in Aiken, S.C., also announced January 26 that it has licensed its high-performance metal hydride-based thermal energy storage technology for concentrating solar power (CSP) systems to United Sun Systems (USS), a small Swedish solar thermal technology company.

expenses and long lead times for permitting and construction of their huge mirror arrays, which focus sunlight on central steam generators to drive power-producing turbines.

However, SolarReserve and a few other CSP developers have gotten a competitive advantage over PV plants by outfitting their plants with molten salt storage, which enables them to produce power after the sun goes down—and capitalize on premium electricity prices seen in many regions in the evening when home power use soars.

PV producers are also pursuing storage by co-locating lithium-ion batteries at their plant sites, and utility-scale batteries also are being deployed in the grid by independent storage companies to maximize the value of this renewable energy source cost-competitive with fossil fuels," SRNL Director Terry Michael said in a news release.

"Prior to the discovery of this class of hydride materials, storing heat at this temperature was only possible using expensive and highly corrosive materials," Raghu Zidan, inventor of the process, said in the release. "This is a game-changing technology for the concentrated solar power sector that will drastically reduce its cost and improve its performance."

The Savannah Lab has not described the technology in a peer-reviewed scientific paper, a spokesman said.

A SolarReserve spokesman said in an email that the company welcomes advances in storage technology, and that it, too, works with DOE on research and development. In 2016, SolarReserve announced plans for a 2,000-MW CSP plant in Nevada that would rank as the

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In early February, the U.S. Department of Defense issued its 2018 Nuclear Posture Review (NPR), the Pentagon's statement of U.S. nuclear policy and capabilities. The review, mandated by Congress, was last issued during the Obama administration in 2010.



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