




# Kairos Power

Advanced Reactor Licensing

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In order to achieve this mission, we must prioritize our efforts to focus on a clean energy technology that is *affordable* and *safe*.

# Overview of Kairos Power

- Nuclear energy engineering and design company *singularly focused* on the commercialization of the fluoride salt-cooled high temperature reactor (FHR)
  - Founded in 2016
  - Current Staffing
    - 158 Employees
    - ~90% Engineering Staff
- Private funding commitment to engineering design and licensing program and physical demonstration through nuclear and non-nuclear technology development program
- Schedule driven by US demonstration by 2030 (*or earlier*) and rapid deployment ramp in 2030s

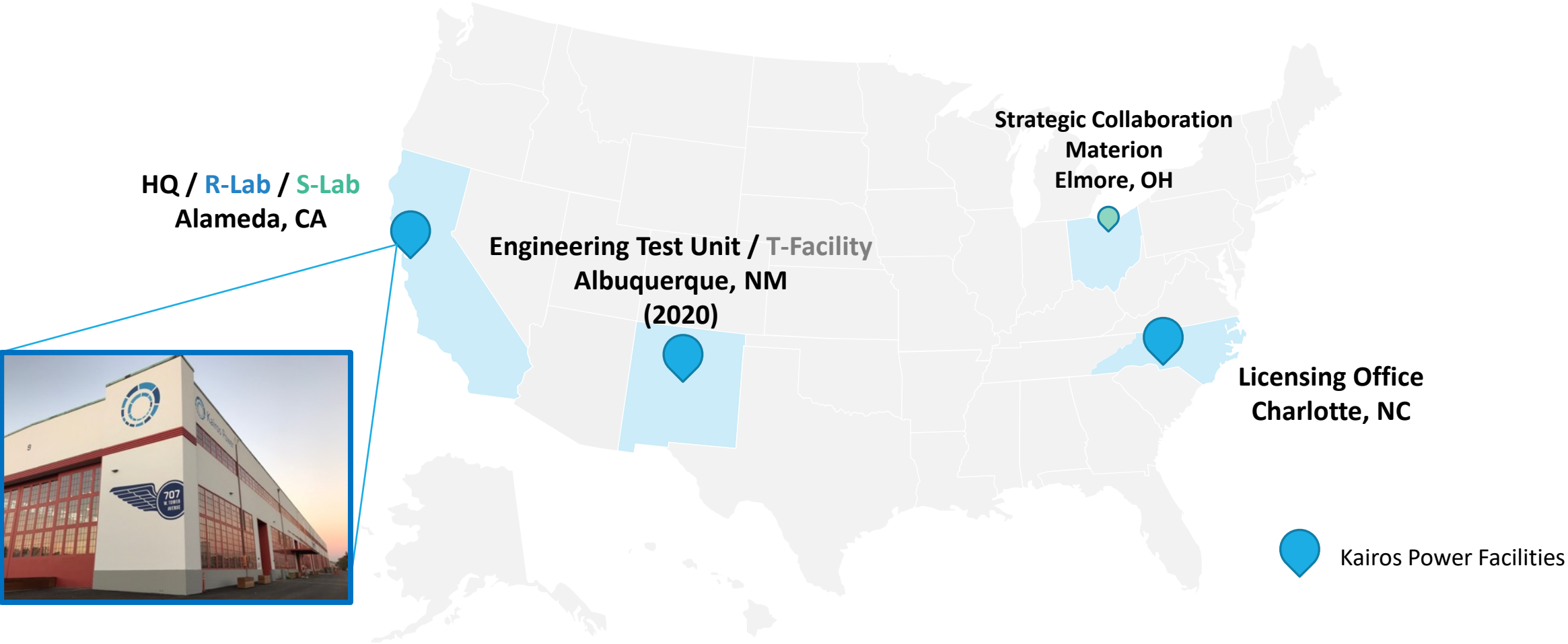
Kairos Power Headquarters



Kairos Power Team



# Kairos Power Locations



**HQ / R-Lab / S-Lab**  
Alameda, CA

**Engineering Test Unit / T-Facility**  
Albuquerque, NM  
(2020)

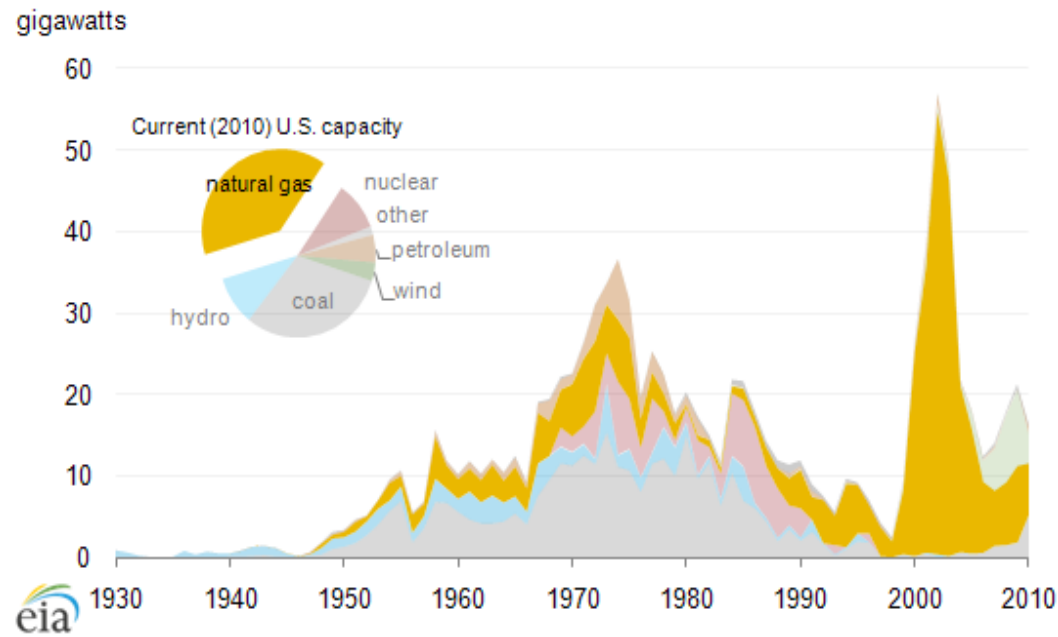
**Strategic Collaboration**  
Materion  
Elmore, OH

**Licensing Office**  
Charlotte, NC

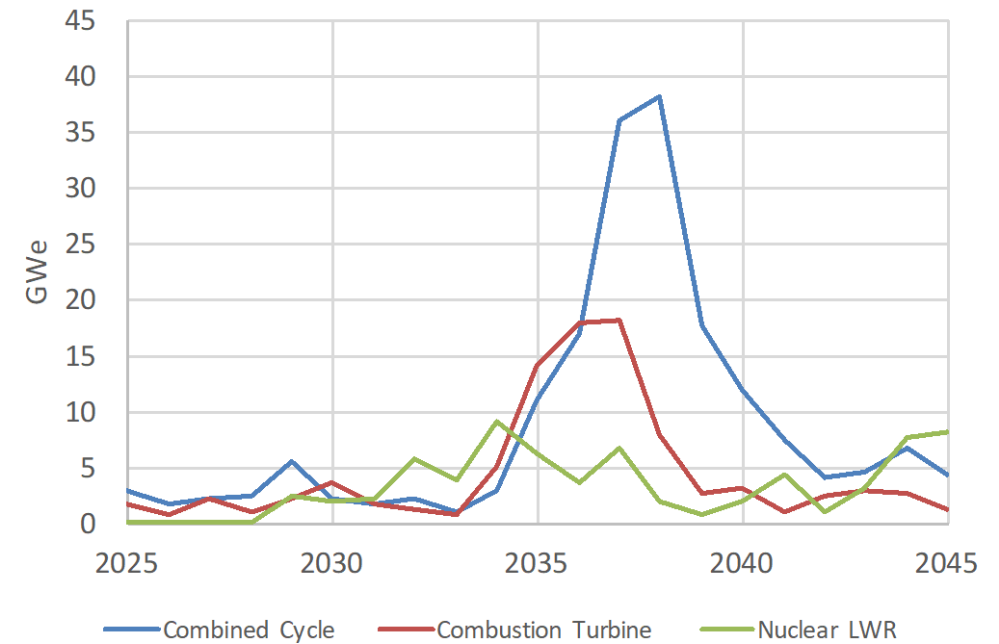
 Kairos Power Facilities

# kairos (def.): the right or opportune moment

U.S. Electricity Generation by Initial Year of Operation and Fuel Type



Annual U.S. Generation Retirements



# Kairos Power is Uniquely Suited to Supply the **Nuclear Technology** to Replace U.S. Natural Gas Capacity

- **Robust Inherent Safety**

- Uniquely large *fuel temperature margins*
- Absorption of fission products in primary coolant
- Low-pressure system
- Effective passive decay heat removal

- **Lower Capital Costs**

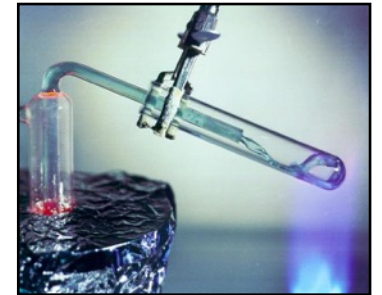
- Reduce requirements for high-cost, nuclear-grade components and *structures* through FHR intrinsic safety and plant architecture
- Leverage conventional materials, existing industrial equipment, and conventional fabrication and construction methods

## Technology Basis

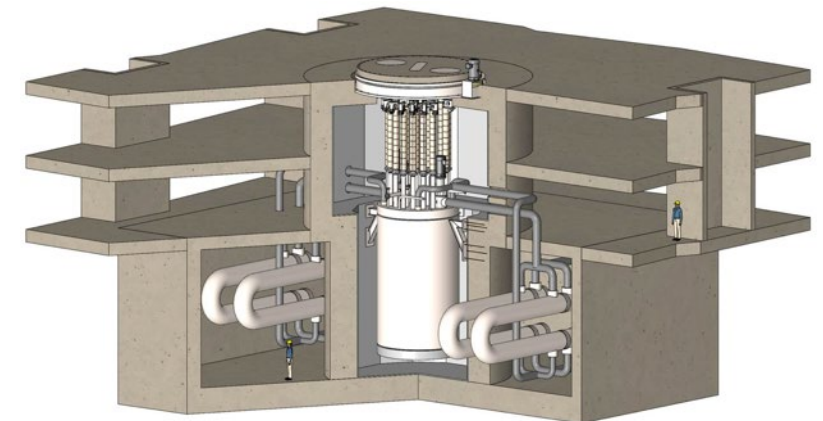
Coated Particle Fuel  
**TRISO**



Liquid Fluoride Salt Coolant  
**Flibe (2LiF-BeF<sub>2</sub>)**

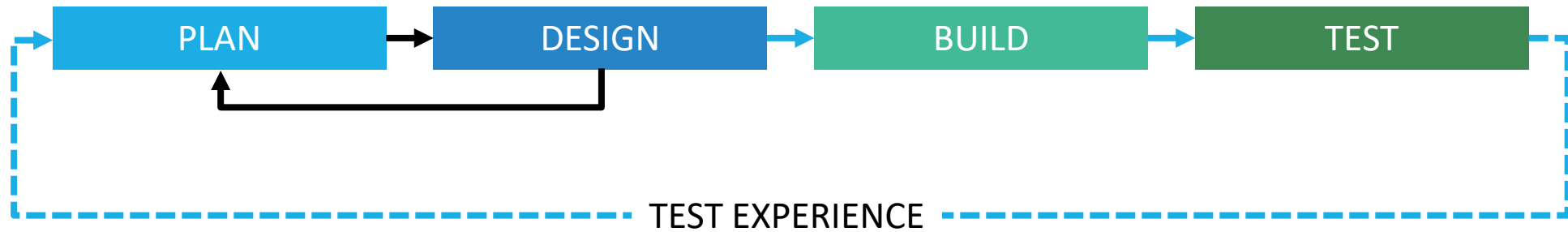


## Kairos Power Reactor Nuclear Island

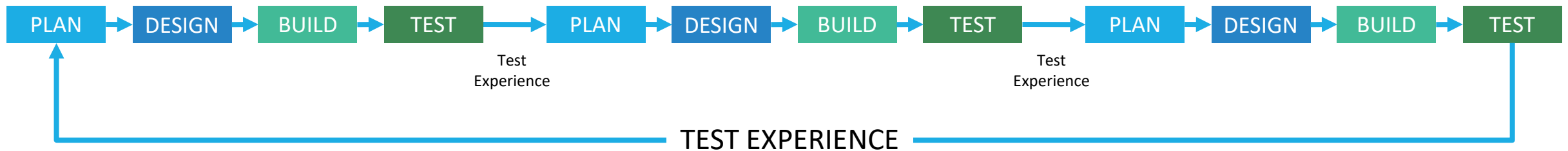


# Kairos Power Nuclear Development Paradigm Shift

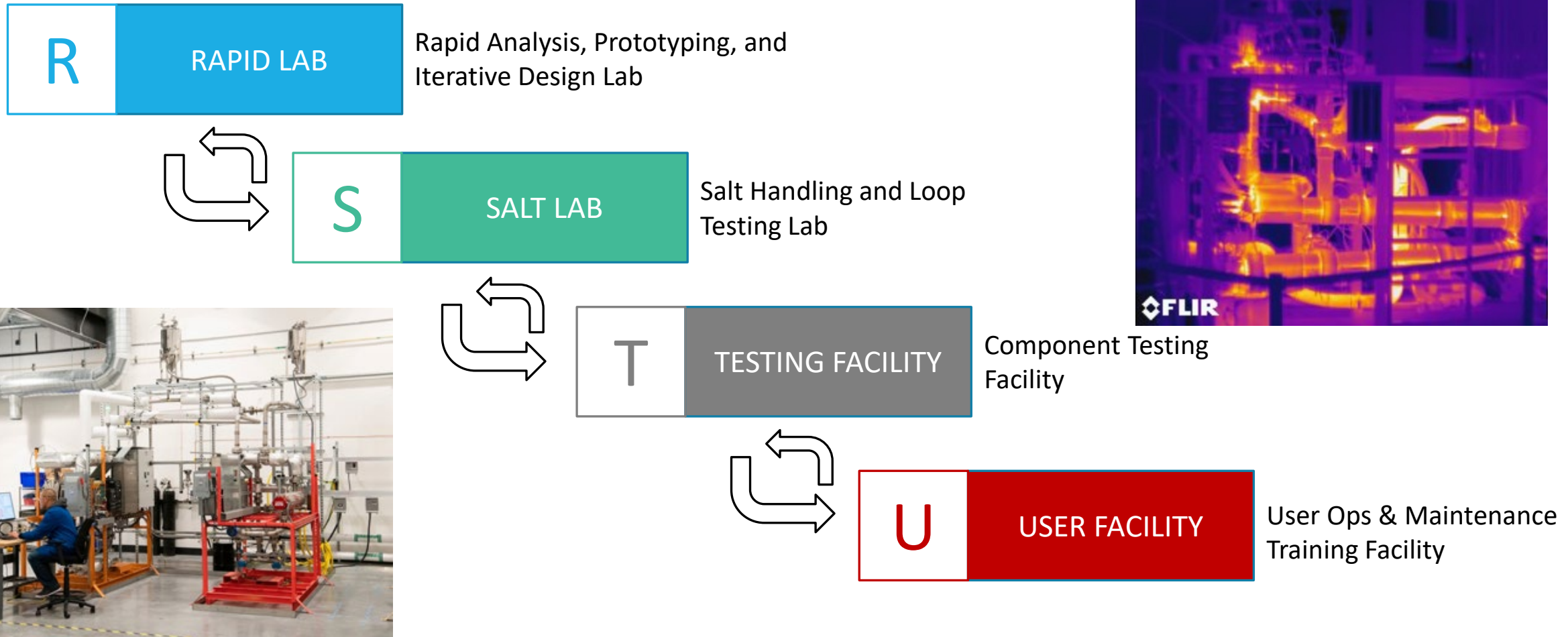
## Conventional Nuclear Development Cycle



## Kairos Power Accelerated Test Cycles for Innovation and Optimization



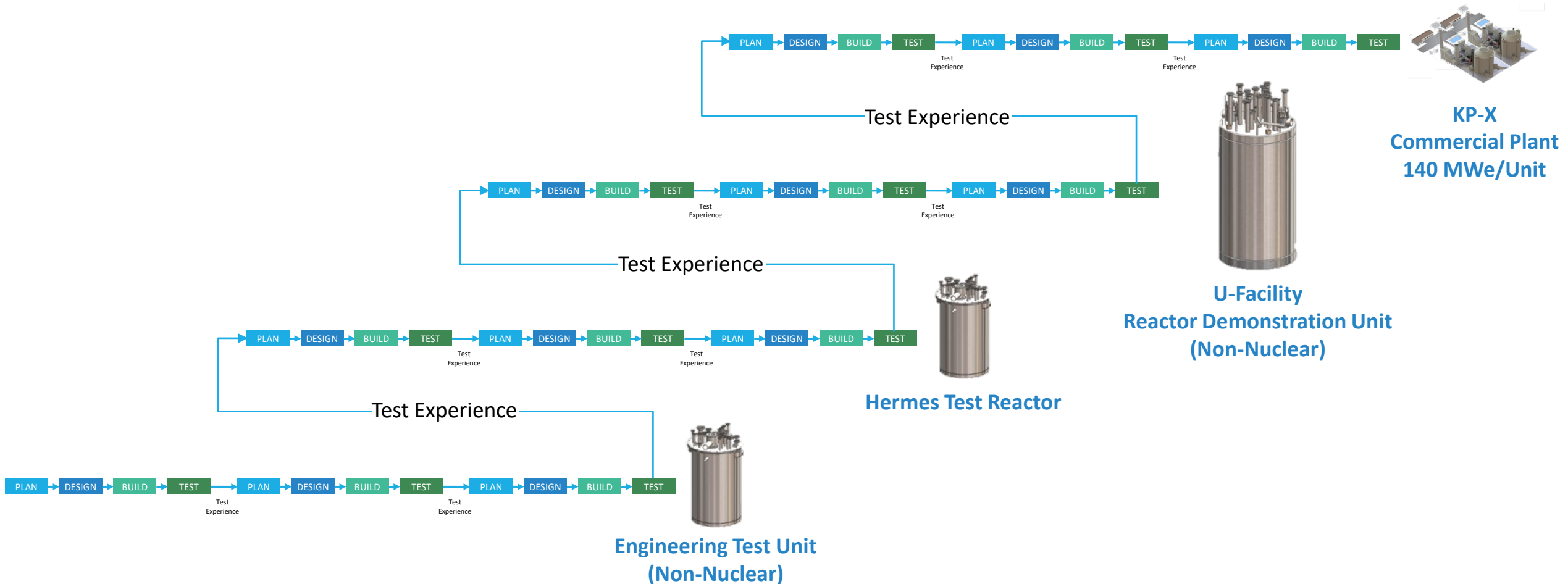
# Kairos Power Testing Program - *Rapid Technology Demonstration Requires **Non-Nuclear** Development and Qualification Facilities*



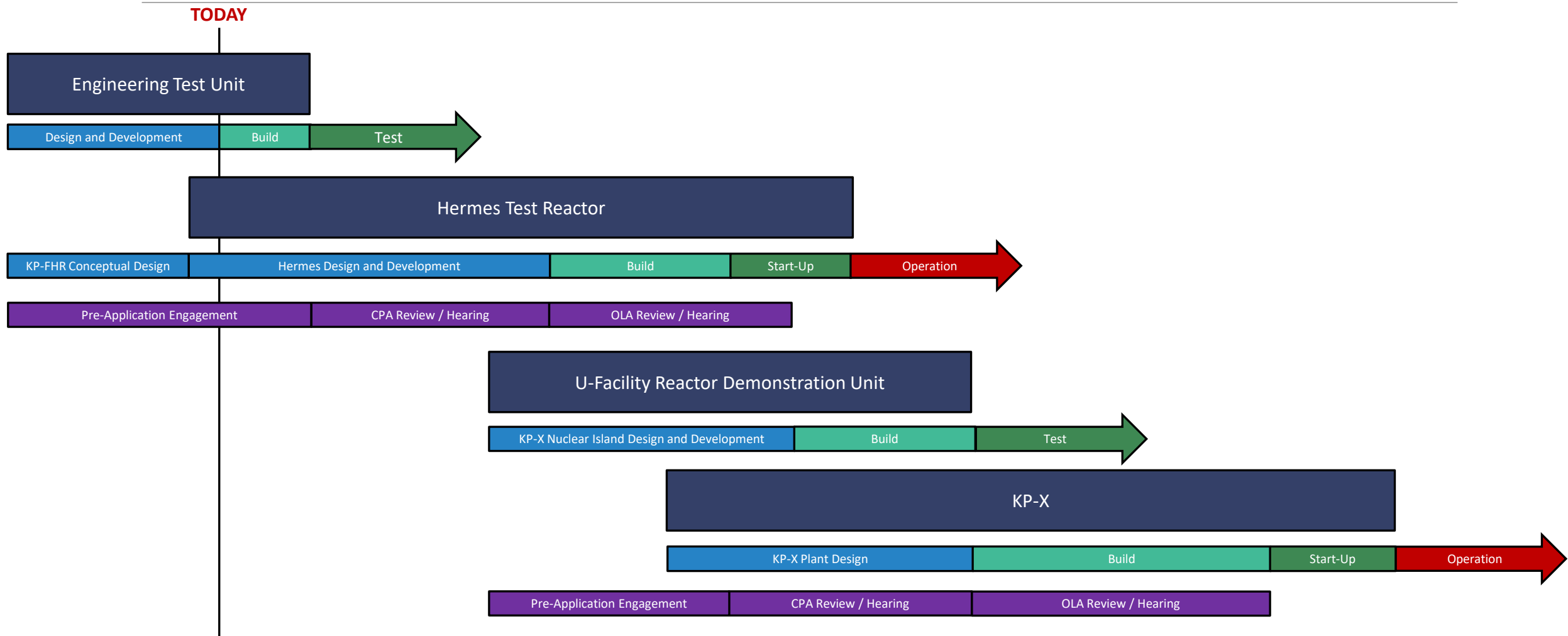


# Kairos Power Development Program

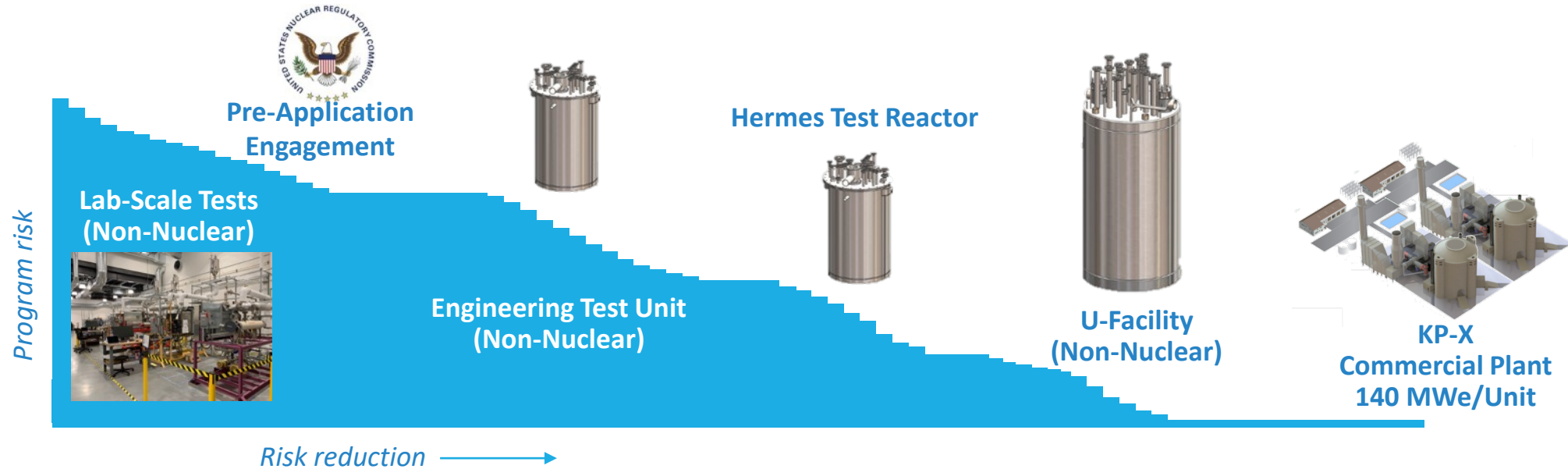
- Kairos Power Iterative Process to Reduce Nuclear **Development Risk**



# Kairos Power Development Schedule



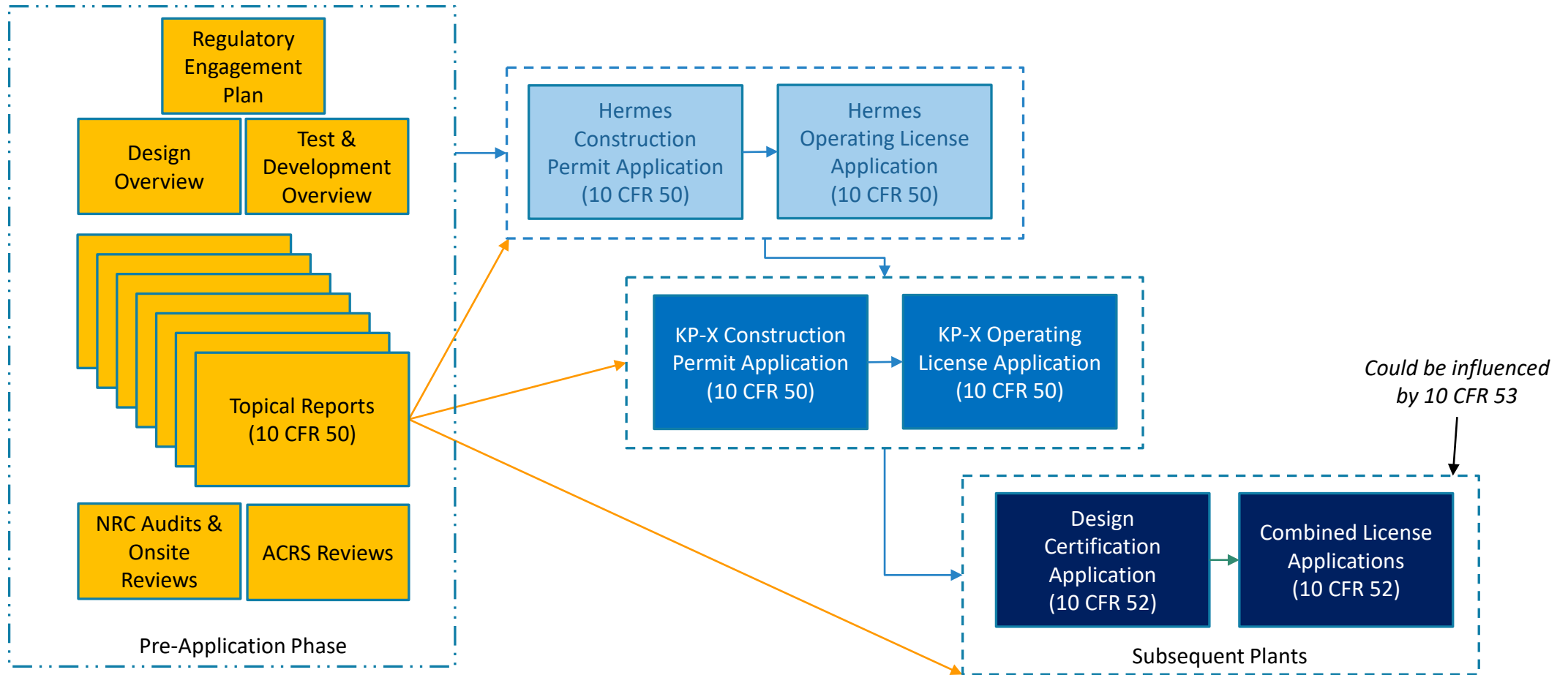
# Risk Reduction



Kairos is significantly retiring risk to commercial deployment

- Technical risk via iterative development and Hermes test reactor
- Regulatory risk via comprehensive pre-application engagement
- Commercial risk via full-scale U-Facility

# KP-FHR Licensing Strategy



## ***Pre-Application Engagement Status***

- 18 technical or topical reports or revisions
- Pilot of “no-RAI” review
- Multiple audits, onsite reviews (including PIRT acceptance)
- NRC approvals:
  - Principal Design Criteria
  - Test Scaling Methodology
  - Salt Coolant Qualification
  - Licensing Basis Event Selection (draft)
- ACRS review of Test Scaling and Salt topicals (LBE pending)
- Under review:
  - Regulatory Gap Analysis
  - Fuel Performance
  - QA Program
  - High-Temp Metallic Materials
  - Mechanistic Source Term
  - Fuel Qualification

Topic	2018		2019				2020				2021				2022			
	3Q	4Q	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q
Design Overview of KP-FHR		✓				Rev 1	✓											
Testing and Development Program for KP-FHR		✓																
Selection of Principal Design Criteria		✓	✓				DSER	✓	✓	FSER								
Regulatory Gap Analysis Summary		✓		✓						DSER								
Separate Effects Test and Integral Effects Test Scaling Methodology		✓		✓		DSER	✓	✓	FSER									
Reactor Coolant (Salt) Qualification Program (Methods)		✓		✓		DSER	✓	✓	FSER									
Licensing Basis Event (LBE) Selection and SSC Classification Methodology				✓			✓	DSER	✓									
Regulatory Engagement Plan				✓														Rev 1
Fuel Performance Analysis Methodology (Methodology and Approach)							✓			DSER								
First ACRS Review (Salt & Scaling TRs)							✓	✓										
Quality Assurance Program Description								✓										✓ FSER
High Temperature Materials Qualification Plan (Metallics)								✓										✓ FSER
Radiological Source Terms for Accident Analysis (Methods and Governing Physics)								✓										✓ FSER
Fuel Qualification Program								✓										✓ FSER
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Complete/submitted

In development/review

Proposed NRC review duration

🔔 Announced milestone

✓ Actual milestone

# Retiring Regulatory Risk

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## Industry/NRC

- Risk-Informed Emergency Planning
- Principal Design Criteria
- Functional Containment
- Risk-Informed Safety Case
- Risk-Informed Application Content
- Non-LWR PRA Standard
- TRISO Fuel Qualification
- Consequence-Based Security
- Part 53
- Advanced Reactor GEIS

## Kairos Power

- Iterative development and testing cycle: *innovative approach to identifying and mitigating risk early*
- Significant, industry-leading pre-application engagement with NRC: *retires substantial regulatory risk*
- Test reactor licensing for Hermes: *retires technical risk*
- Common test and commercial reactor safety case: *retires regulatory risk for commercial plant*
- U-Facility and KP-X *design* are identical; U-Facility deployment occurs after Hermes, before KP-X: *retires substantial commercial (construction) risk*
- Hermes and KP-X licensing pathway: *enables earliest deployment and reduces FOAK regulatory risk*

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