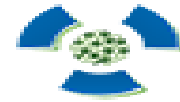
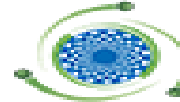




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# Strategic Projects at CNEN

## RMB, LFN, CENTENA and GRANIOTER

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# Nuclear Technology in Service of Life

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**DIRETORIA DE PESQUISA E DESENVOLVIMENTO**  
Dra. Patrícia da Silva Pagetti de Oliveira  
Dr. José Augusto Perrotta



**RMB**  
Reator  
Multipropósito  
Brasileiro

### Project Owner:

- NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR NUCLEAR ENERGY - CNEN
- Federal autarchy linked to the Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation (MCTI)

### Project Responsible:

- DIRECTORATE FOR RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT – DPD/CNEN
- Research Institutes / Technical-Scientific Units: CDTN, CRCN-NE, IEN, IPEN and IRD

### Technical Partnership:

- CTMSP (Brazilian Navy technology center – U enrichment)
- INB (Nuclear fuel industry – fuel supply)
- AMAZUL (Engineering company – conventional systems design)

### Cooperation Agreement:

- CNEN (Brazil) and CNEA (Argentina)  
Technical Cooperation Agreement on the Project of a New Multipurpose Reactor (2011, 2014)

### Contracted Engineering Companies (Design Phase):

- INVAP S.E. (Argentina)
- INTERTECHNE (Brazil)
- IBQN (Brazil)

# RMB RESPONSABILITIES

MINISTRY OF  
SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY  
AND INNOVATION



# Main Purposes of RMB Project



APPLICATIONS IN  
STRATEGIC AND  
INDUSTRIAL  
AREAS



SCIENTIFIC AND  
TECHNOLOGICAL  
DEVELOPMENT



SOCIAL  
APPLICATIONS

- **Production of radioisotopes for applications in health, industry, agriculture and the environment**
- **Emphasis on the production of Mo-99 to ensure the radiopharmaceutical Tc-99m supply**
- **Testing and qualification of nuclear fuel and other materials to be used in nuclear reactors**
- **Expansion of national capacity in research and applications of nuclear techniques - Neutron Beam National Laboratory and Neutron Activation Analysis Laboratory**



# RMB Location



## Iperó (SP)

SOROCABA REGION  
STATE OF SÃO PAULO

125 Km far from the City of São Paulo







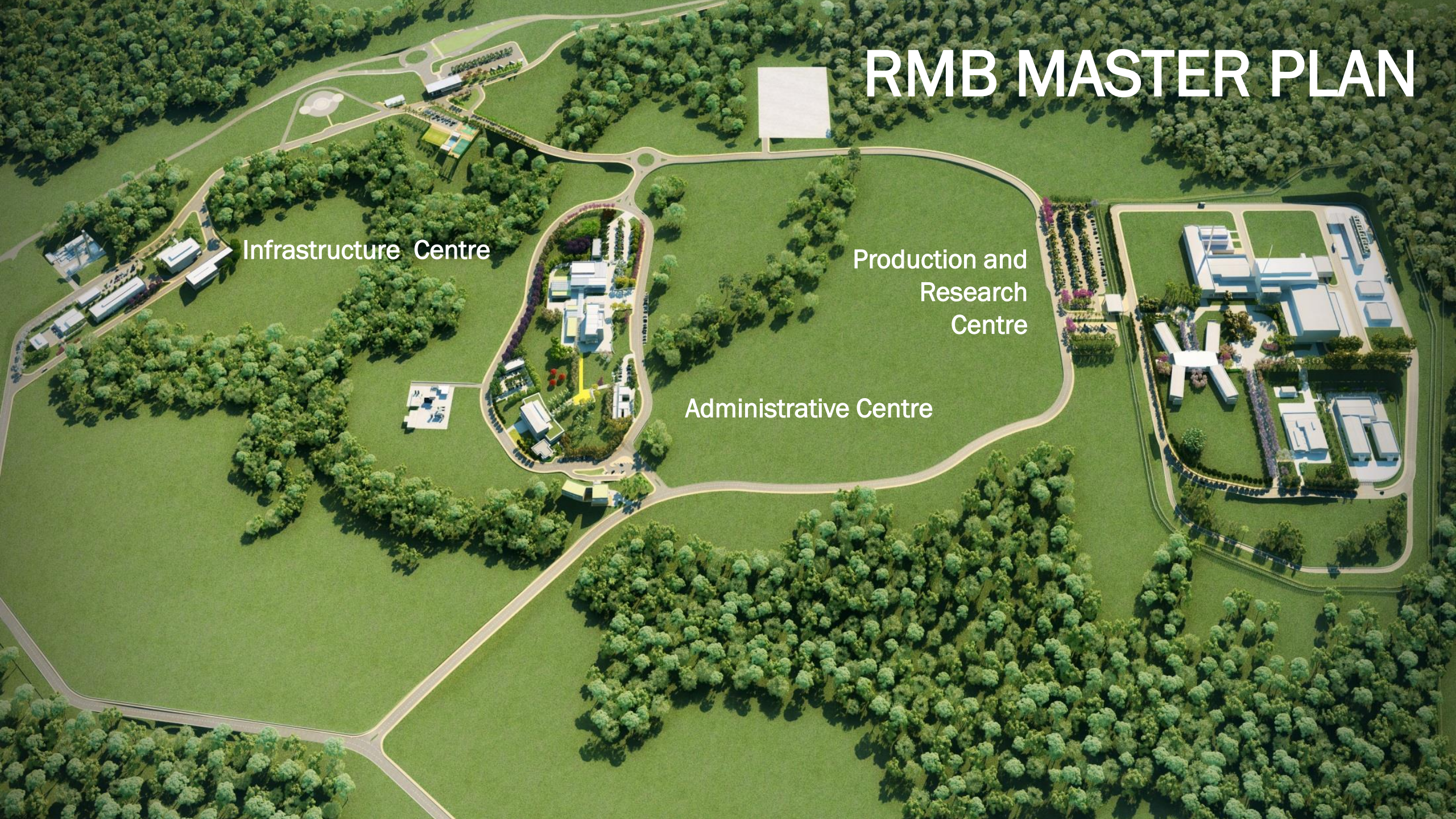


# RMB MASTER PLAN

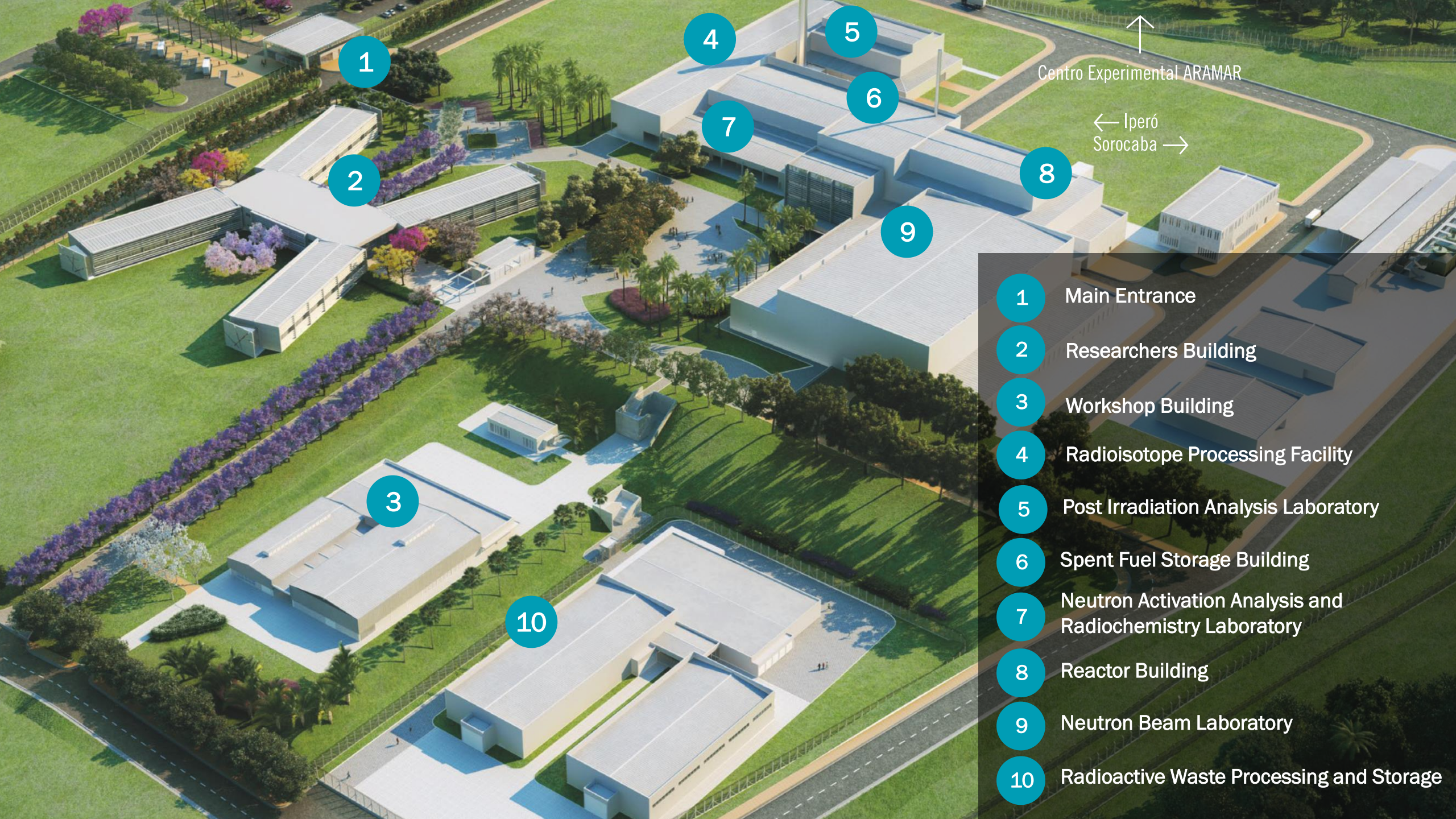
Infrastructure Centre

Administrative Centre

Production and  
Research  
Centre







Centro Experimental ARAMAR

← Iperó  
Sorocaba →

- 1 Main Entrance
- 2 Researchers Building
- 3 Workshop Building
- 4 Radioisotope Processing Facility
- 5 Post Irradiation Analysis Laboratory
- 6 Spent Fuel Storage Building
- 7 Neutron Activation Analysis and Radiochemistry Laboratory
- 8 Reactor Building
- 9 Neutron Beam Laboratory
- 10 Radioactive Waste Processing and Storage



# REACTOR BUILDING







## RMB Main Features

**Power**  
30 MW

**Reactor Pool Diameter and Height**  
5,10 m x 14,0 m

**Reflector**  
Heavy Water ( $D_2O$ ) e beryllium

**Core cooling flow rate**  
3100 m<sup>3</sup>/h

**Core Array 5 x 5**  
(23 fuel elements and 2 in-core irradiation positions)

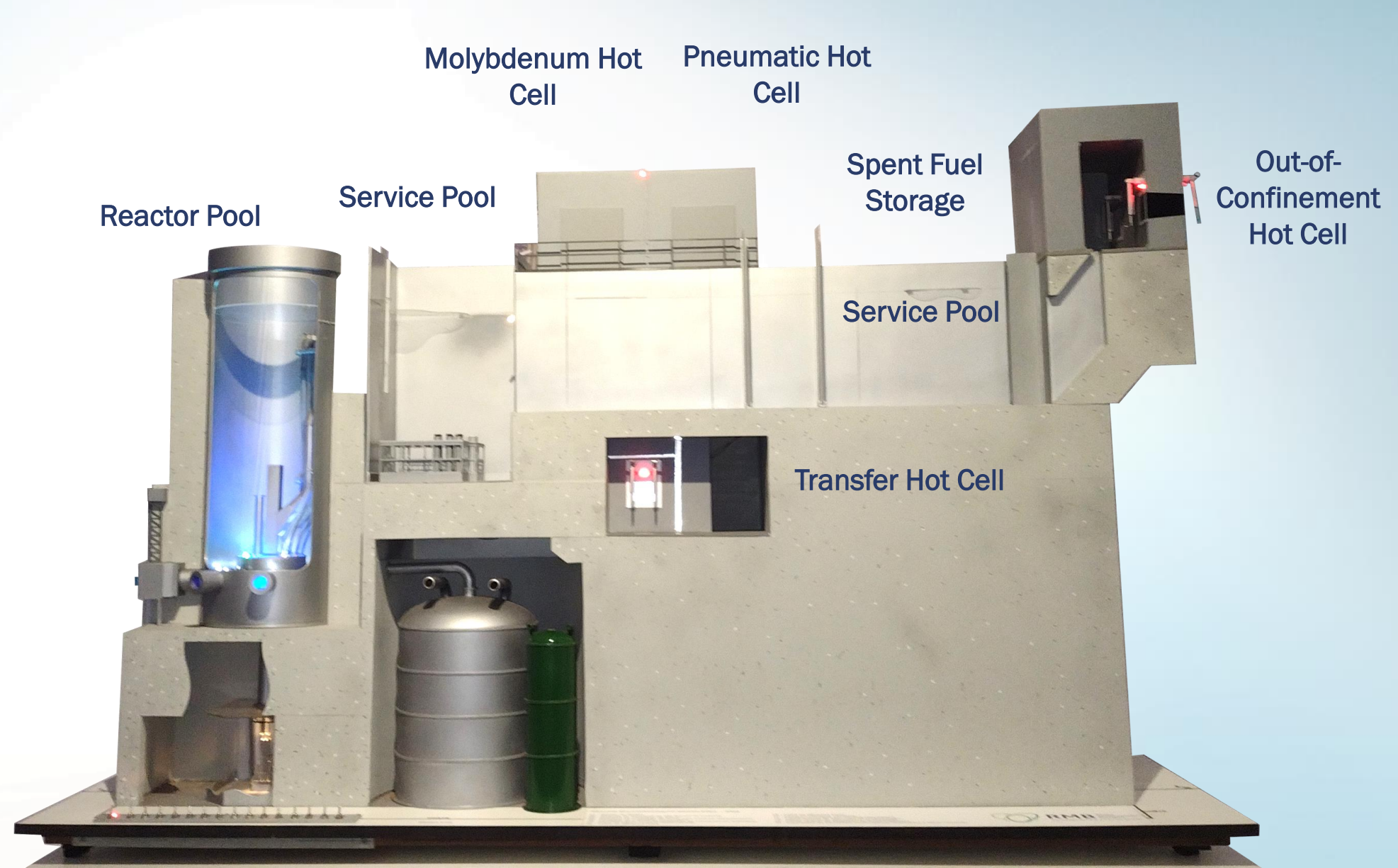
**Fuel Element (LEU)**  
 $U_3Si_2 - Al$

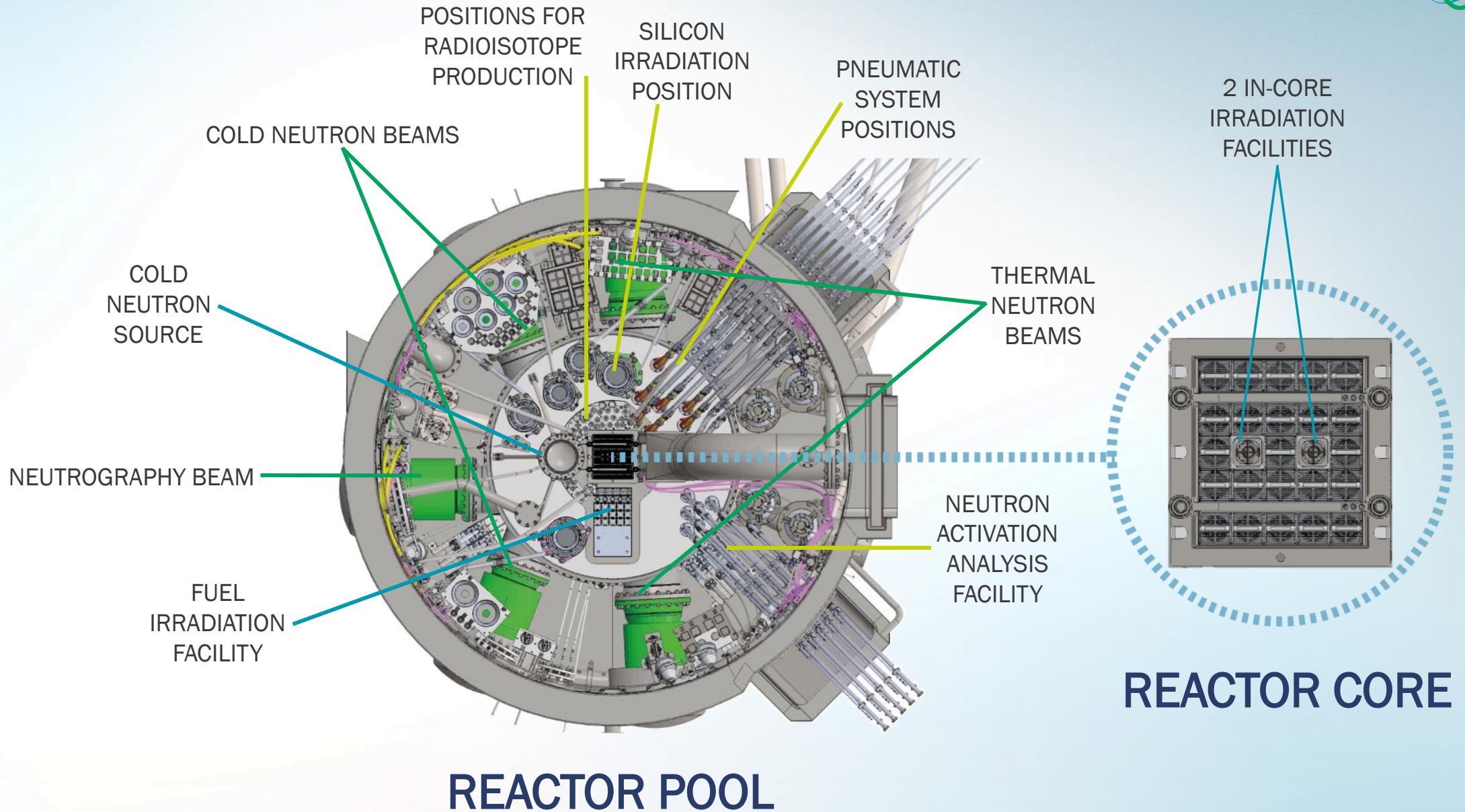
**First Shutdown System**  
6 hafnium plates

**Second Shutdown System**  
Reflector Tank ( $D_2O$ ) partial drainage

**Spent fuel pool / 100 year-storage**







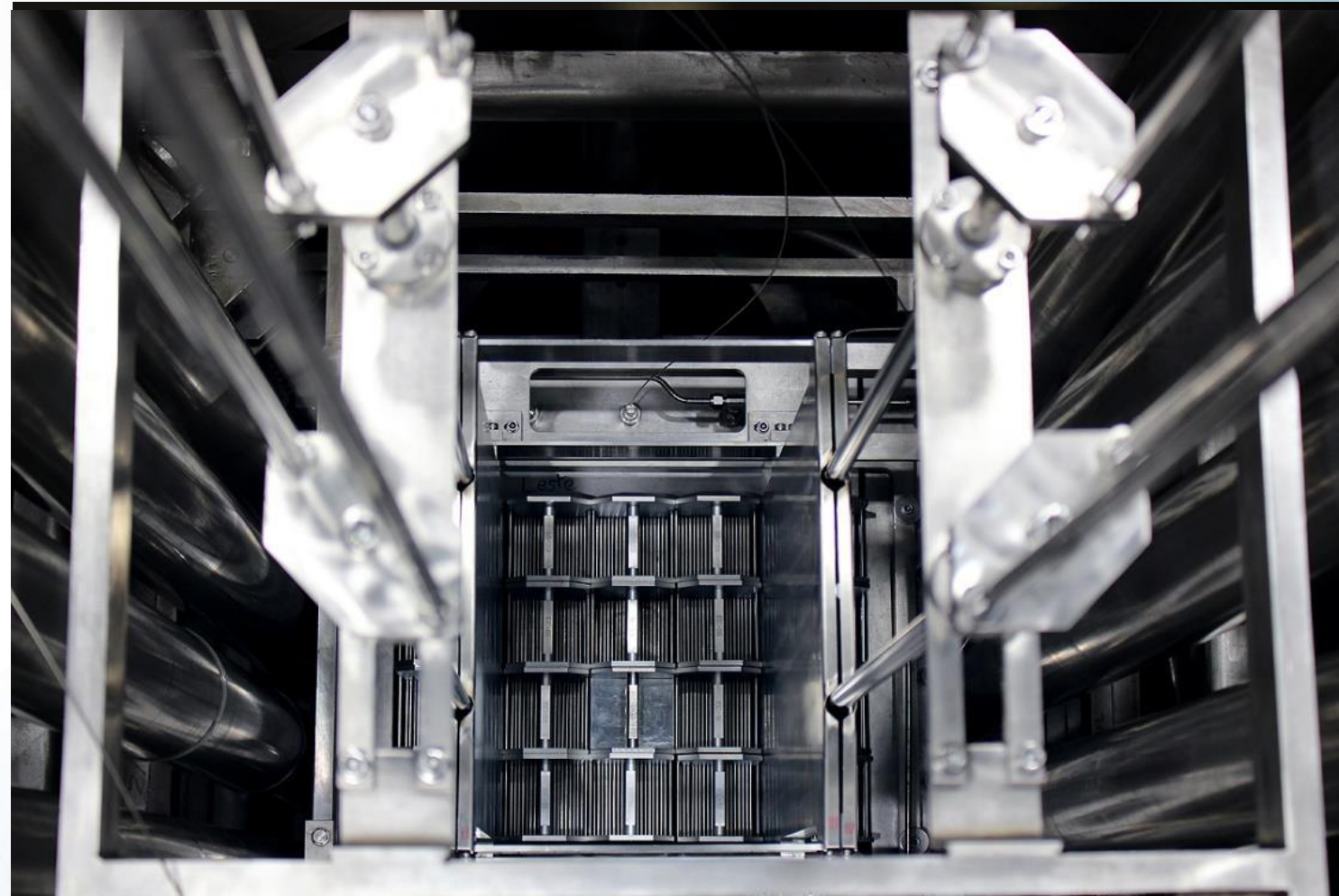
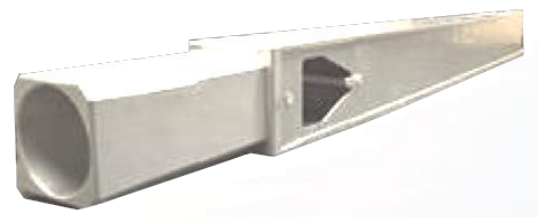
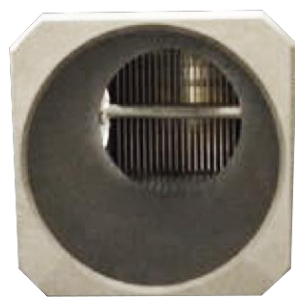


# FUEL ELEMENTS



Fuel Plates -----

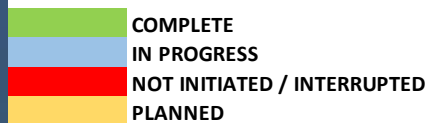
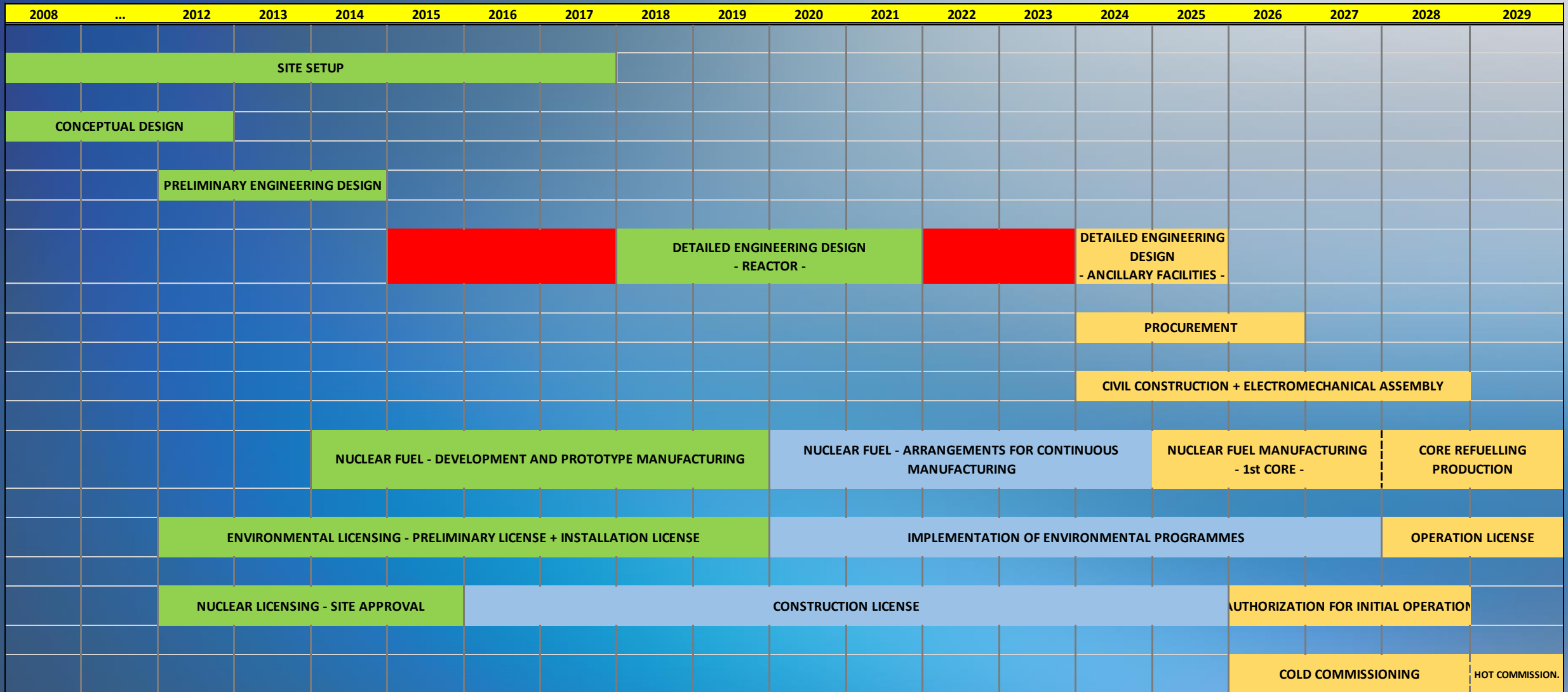
Cooling Channels -----



IPEN/MB-01 Reactor Core (RMB core model)

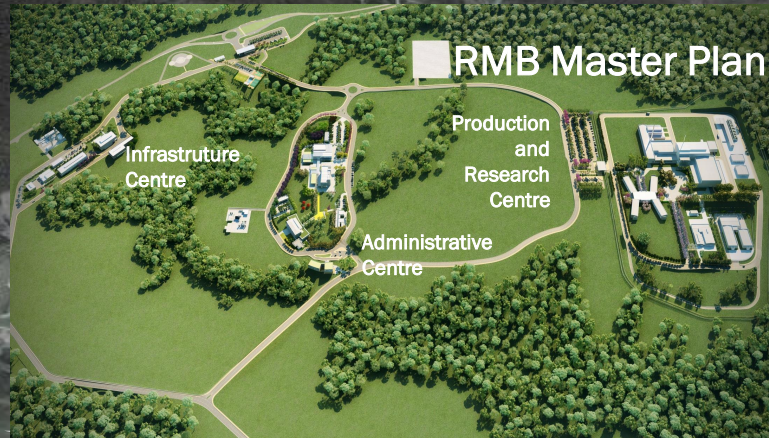


# RMB DEPLOYMENT PHASE





# A NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY CENTRE FOR THE FUTURE



**ARAMAR**  
Nuclear Industrial Centre  
Brazilian Navy

## CNEN

### CURRENT PROPOSAL

- RMB Reactor
- Neutron Beam National Laboratory
- Radioisotope National Laboratory
- Post-Irradiation Analysis Laboratory
- Neutron Activation Analysis Laboratory

### FUTURE EXPANSION

- Nuclear Fusion Laboratory
- Particle Accelerator Laboratory
- High Power Laser Laboratory
- Radiopharmaceutical Centre
- Integrated Diagnosis and Therapy Centre - Radiation Applications
- Nuclear Technology Post-Graduation Centre
- Training Programme in Nuclear Technology Applied to Health



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RESPONSÁVEL PELO EMPREENDIMENTO



EMPREENDEDOR



PARCEIRO TÉCNICO



UNIDADES EXECUTORAS



COLABORADOR TÉCNICO



PATROCINADORES



APOIADORES





# The future CNEN Nuclear Fusion Laboratory will concentrate and coordinate studies on nuclear fusion in the country



- The executive project of the **Nuclear Fusion Laboratory (LFN)** was completed and its implementation depends only on the release of financial resources



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Dr. Gustavo Paganini Canal (IFUSP)

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hxQZfXr\\_ZF8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hxQZfXr_ZF8)



# Nuclear Fusion

- **Nuclear fusion**, the process taking place in the Sun, has the potential to become in the Earth a primary source of electricity supply with low environment impact and for which the resources deuterium and lithium are practically unlimited.
- The most suitable reaction for energy production is between **Deuterium and Tritium** which occurs at temperature in excess of **100 million degrees centigrade**. At these temperatures the gas becomes a **plasma**, which must be confined away from any material surfaces for a minimum period of time in order to allow the nuclear reactions to take place.
- The most advanced process to confine hot plasmas for fusion is using intense magnetic fields in a toroidal ring-shaped geometry, called **Tokamak**.
- **ITER** the International Thermonuclear Experimental Reactor, which is being assembled in Cadarache/France, is based on tokamak concept.
- Recently the high performance of plasma confinement in compact tokamaks, known as **Spherical Tokamak (ST)**, together with the development of **High Temperature Superconductor (HTS)**, has attracted the attention of private companies in fusion energy. With high investments they are now foreseeing to produce electricity from fusion in ten years from now.



# Fusion Energy in Brazil



- Presently, the fusion activities in Brazil are concentrated in the implementation of the **Laboratório de Fusão Nuclear (LFN)** and in the re-establishment of the **Rede Nacional de Fusão (RNF)**, both coordinated by Comissão Nacional de Energia Nuclear (CNEN).
- Three Institutes have experimental research activities in fusion: Instituto Nacional de Pesquisas Espaciais (INPE) with a Research Agreement with CNEN, operating the **Experimento Tokamak Esférico (ETE)**, designed and assembled in Brazil; Universidade de São Paulo, with the **Tokamak Chauffage Alfvén (TCABR)**, brought from Sweden, and Universidade Federal do Espírito Santo, with the small **Tokamak NOVA**, brought from Japan.
- The fusion plasma community is now evolved in the establishment of the **Programa Nacional de Fusão Nuclear (PNFN)** which was already submitted to MCTI.
- It is also fundamental to implement the Nuclear Fusion Activities in the **Estratégia Nacional de Ciência, Tecnologia e Inovação (ENCTI) (23/30)**.



# At the Federal University of Espírito Santo, nuclear fusion research is carried out at the Thermal Plasma Laboratory

- NOVA-UFES is a small tokamak that is being upgraded with a localized helicity injection system using plasma guns for plasma startup



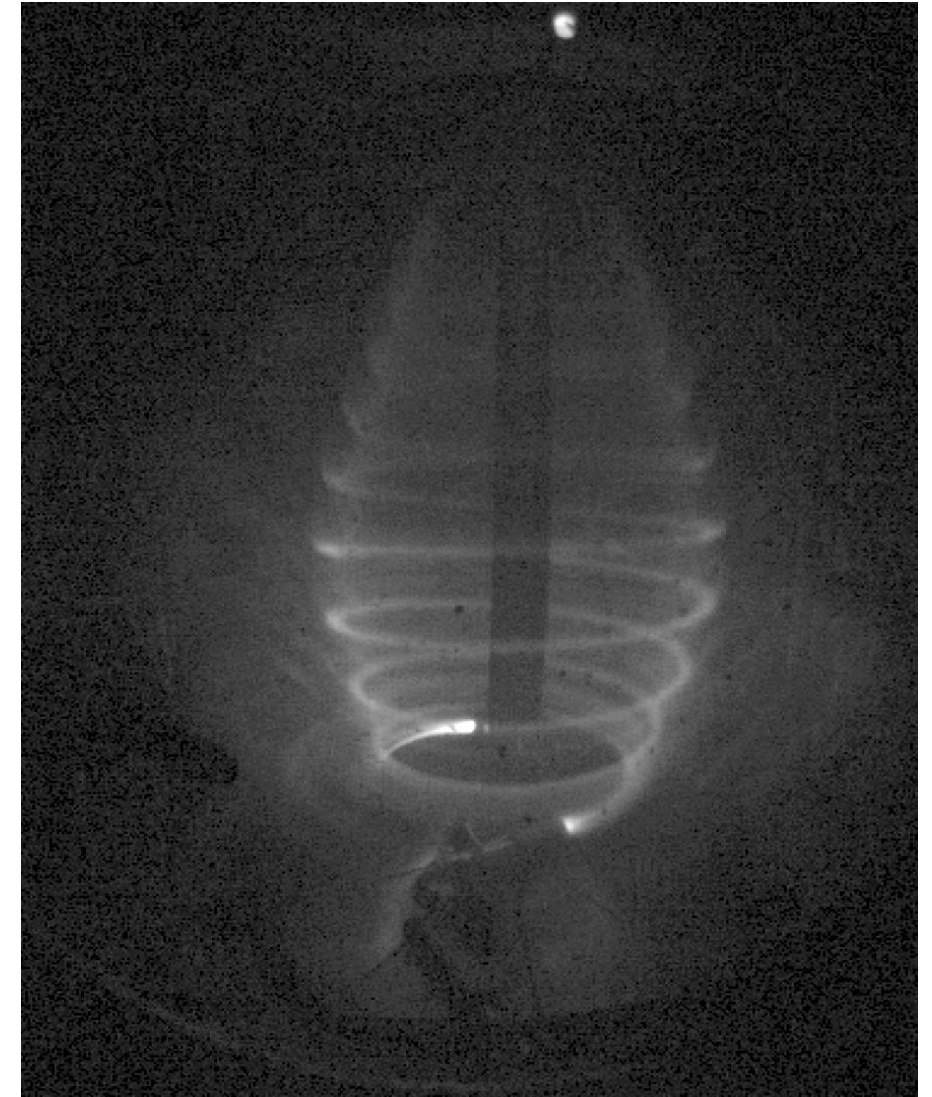
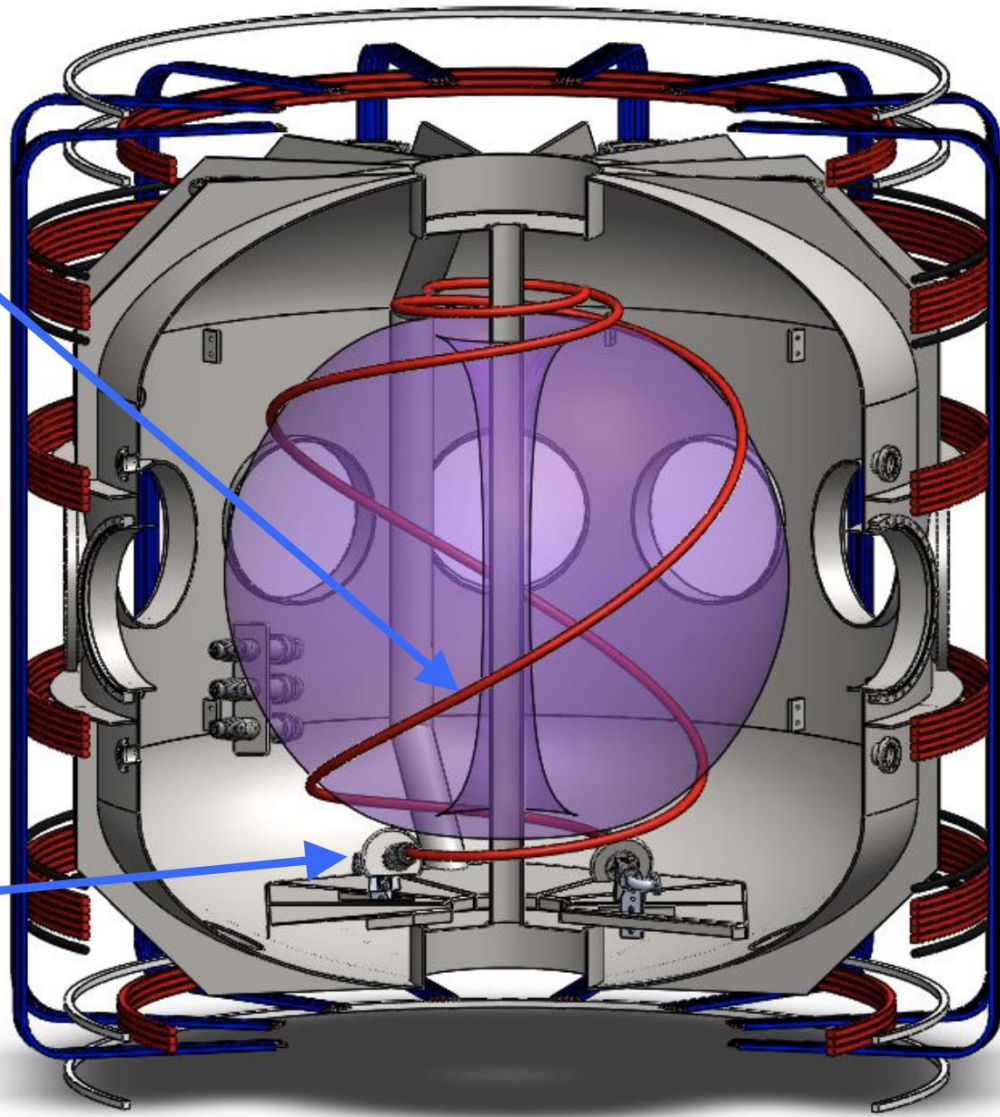


# At the Federal University of Espírito Santo, nuclear fusion research is carried out at the Thermal Plasma Laboratory

Injected Current Stream



Local Helicity Injectors



PEGASUS Experiment



# At the National Institute for Space Research, nuclear fusion research is carried out at the Associated Plasma Laboratory

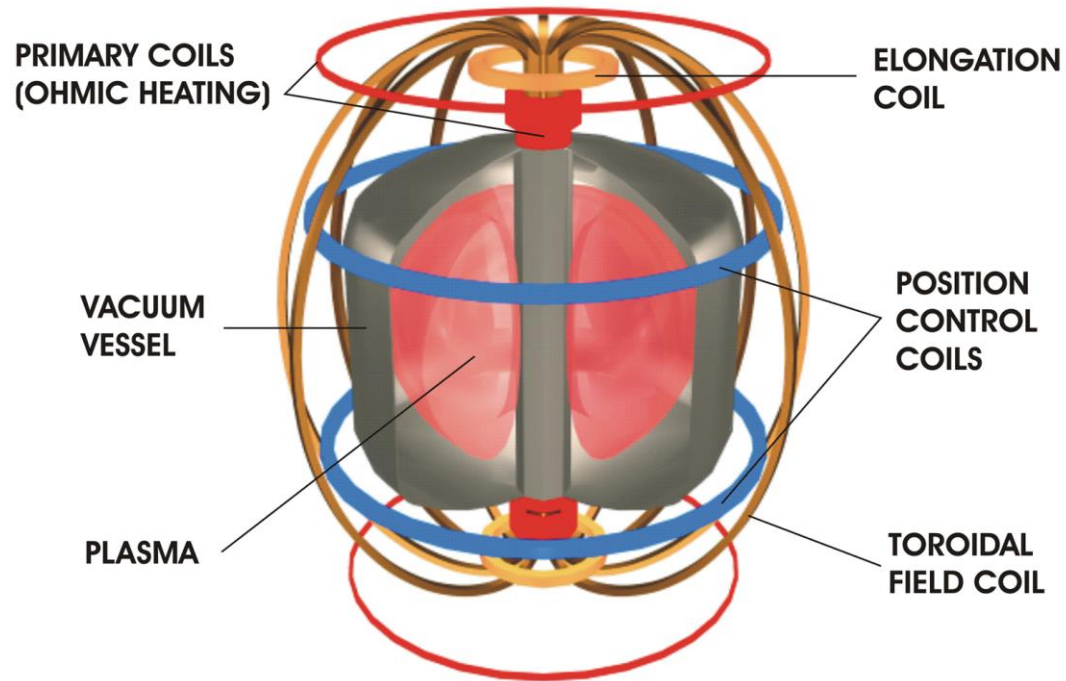
- The *Experimento Tokamak Esférico* (ETE) is a machine that exploits the advantages of low aspect ratio plasmas





# ETE Tokamak

## Schematic view of the ETE



## Objectives of ETE

- Explore the physics of low aspect ratio tokamak.
- Undertake diagnostics development.
- Formation of specialized researchers and technicians
- Follow worldwide spherical tokamak achievements

## Main parameters of the machine

Major radius  $R_0 = 0.3$  m

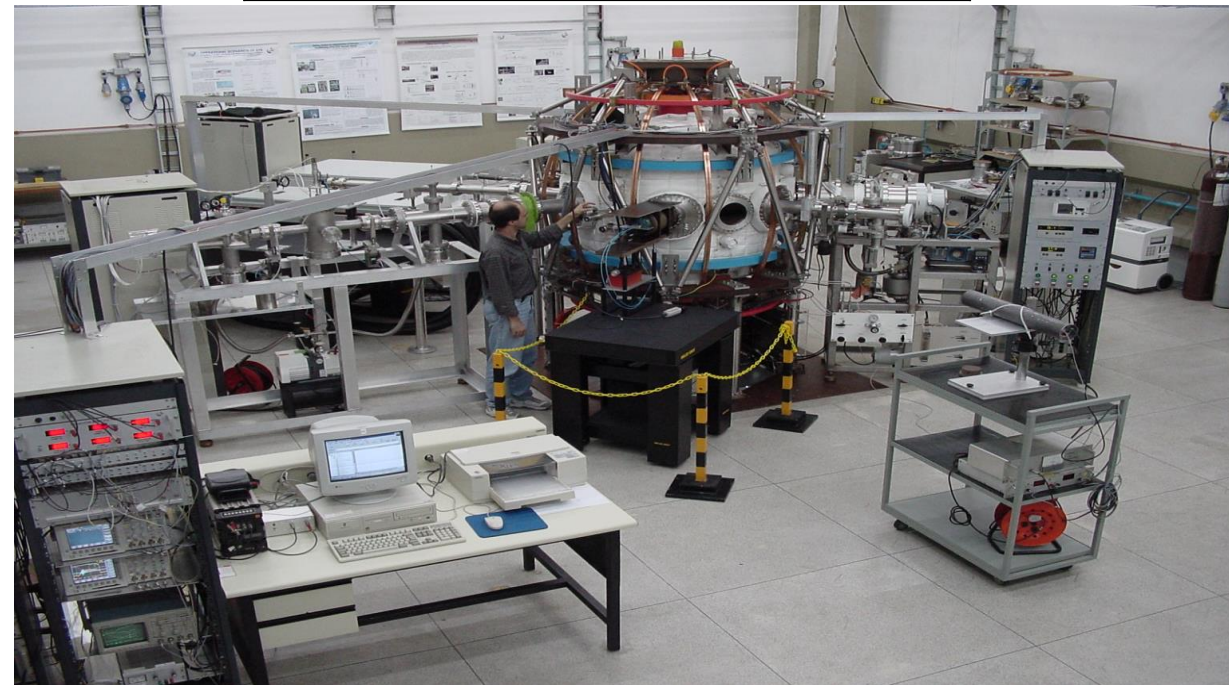
Minor radius  $a = 0.2$  m

Aspect ratio  $A = 1.5$

Magnetic field  $B_0 = < 0.8$  T

Plasma current  $I_p = 0.4$  MA

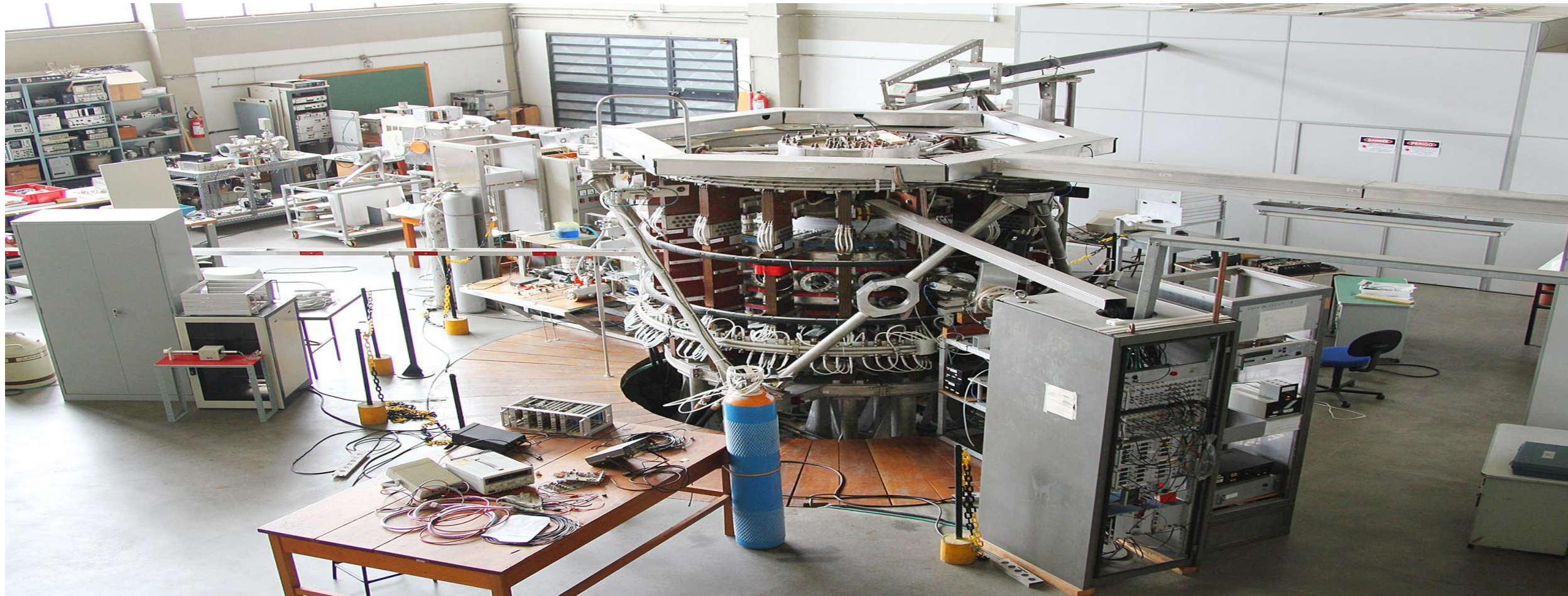
Pulse duration  $t < 50$  ms





# At the Institute of Physics of the University of São Paulo, research on nuclear fusion is carried out at the Plasma Physics Laboratory

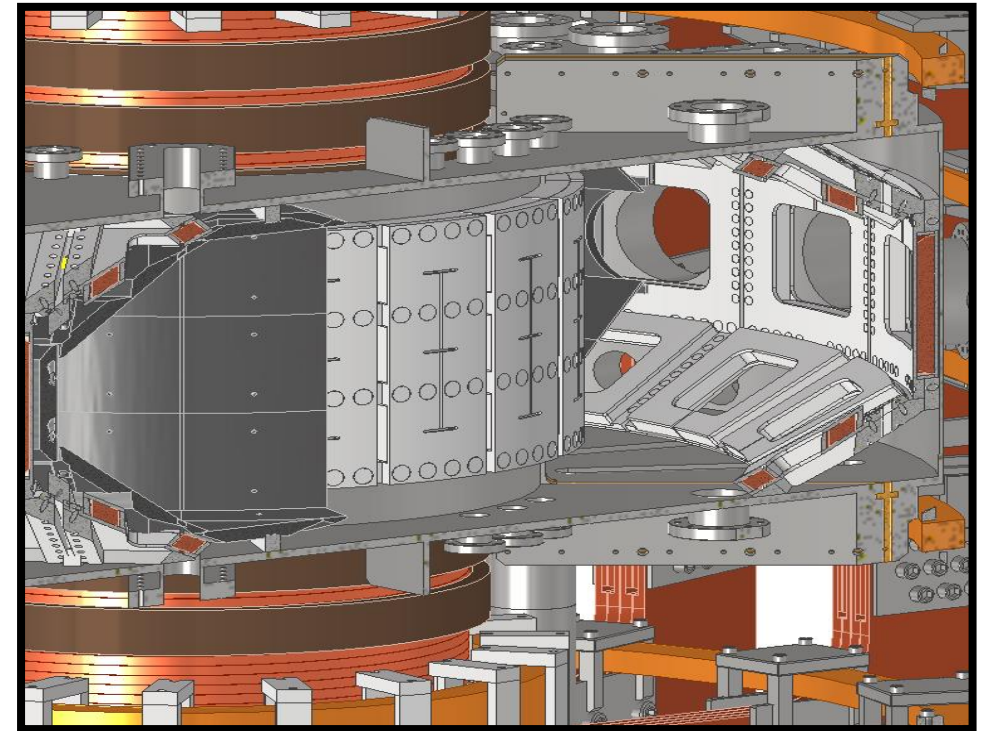
- The *Tokamak à Chauffage Alfvén Brésilien (TCABR)* is the largest tokamak in Brazil
  - TCABR is being upgraded with an innovative set of resonant magnetic perturbation (RMP) coils for controlling plasma edge instabilities





# An innovative set of RMP coils will allow for detailed validation of physical models of tokamak plasma response to RMP fields

- The new TCABR RMP coils system will make it possible to carry out unique studies on ELM suppression/mitigation
- There are lots of technological challenges construction of this coils
  - High current (DC: 2 kA; AC: 1kA)
  - High frequency (0 Hz - 10 kHz)
  - High voltage (4 kV)
  - High temperature (200 °C)
  - High vacuum ( $1 \times 10^{-7}$  mbar)
  - Strong mechanical forces (6 kN)



**A mechanical failure can be catastrophic!**

**The materials selection and manufacturing processes of the coils are being discussed**



# LFN – Laboratório de Fusão Nuclear

- The LFN is planned to be a big Laboratory with national character, in order to provide the proper conditions for developing fusion relevant physics and technologies in Brazil. Its is expected to bring Brazil again to the main international scenario of the nuclear fusion development.
- The LFN is planned to be built in an area nearby the **Brazilian Multipurpose Reactor in Iperó/SP**.
- The Executive Project of the main building of LFN was completed in 2018. It has a useful area of about **8.000m<sup>2</sup>** and the costs for its construction are about R\$120 millions already applied to the FNDCT.





# CENTENA

A Centre for Research, Development and Innovation in the Management and Disposal of Radioactive Waste

**Comissão Nacional de Energia Nuclear**  
**Centro de Desenvolvimento da Tecnologia Nuclear**  
**Dra. Clédola Cássia Oliveira de Tello**  
**Dr. Rogério Pimenta Mourão**





# Present Scenario

- Two NPP in operation (Angra 1 and 2);
- Angra 3 under construction;
- R&D Institutions:
  - ✓ CRCN-CO – GO
  - ✓ CDTN and LAPOC – MG
  - ✓ CRCN-NE – PE
  - ✓ IEN and IRD – RJ
  - ✓ IPEN, CENA and CTMSP – SP;
- Three research reactors, one experimental facility;
- More than 2,100 radioactive installations;
- Brazilian Multipurpose Reactor (RMB).



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REATOR MULTIPROPÓSITO BRASILEIRO - RMB  
Ministério de Produção e Pesquisa



# JUSTIFICATION

- CNEN is legally responsible for the radioactive waste disposal and therefore it has to provide a national repository for this material.
  - The construction and commissioning of CENTENA meets Brazilian needs for the **disposal of low- and intermediate-level radioactive wastes, generated by the use of nuclear energy in different areas.**
    - This Center will contribute to the sustainability of the sector, since its implementation will complete the cycle of radioactive waste management in the country. **Legal, technical, social, economic and environmental aspects will be met at national and international levels.**



# OBJECTIVE

The CENTENA Project aims to design, build, license and put into operation the **CENTENA – Nuclear and Environmental Technological Center** – for disposal of low- and intermediate-level radioactive waste, resulting from the use of nuclear energy in Brazil, as well as for RD&I activities in Radioactive Waste area.



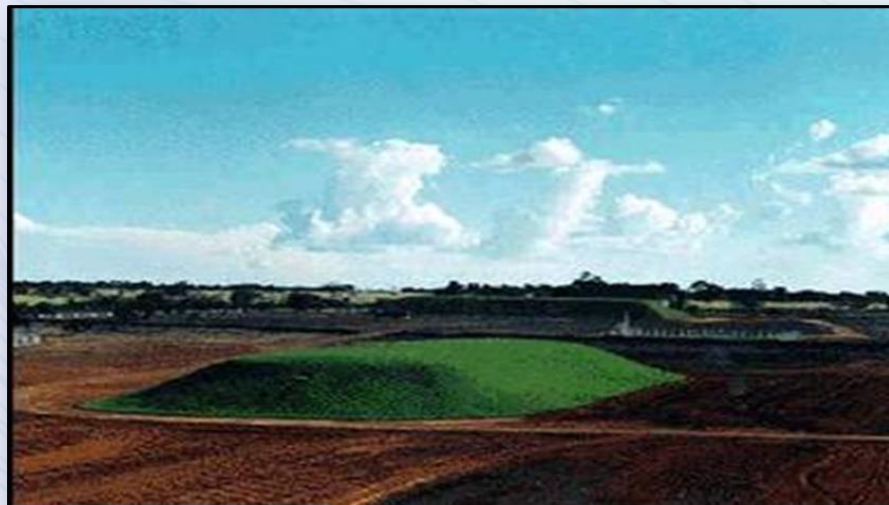


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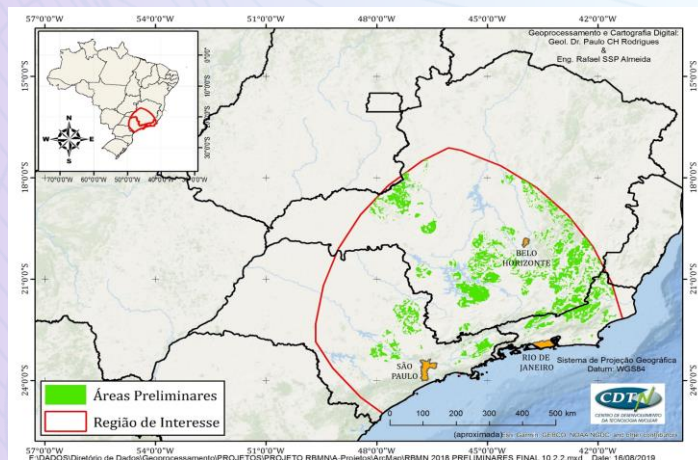
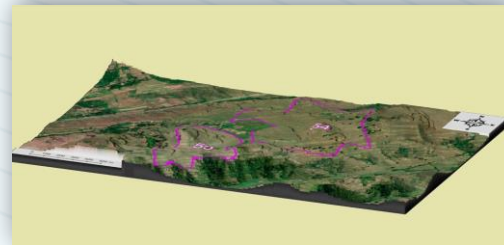
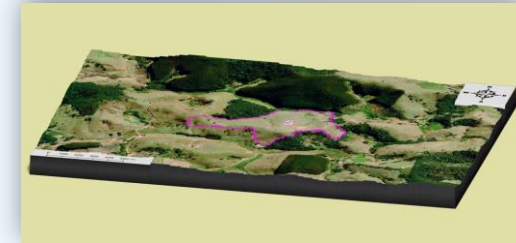
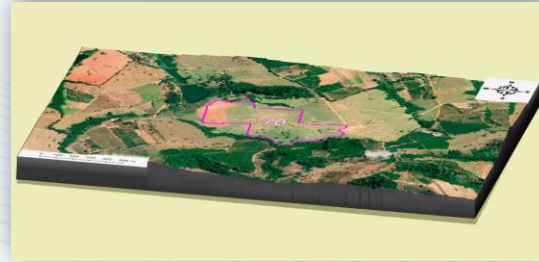
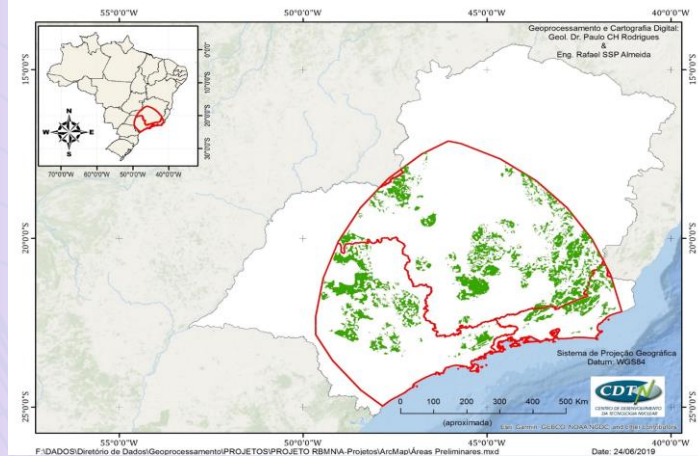
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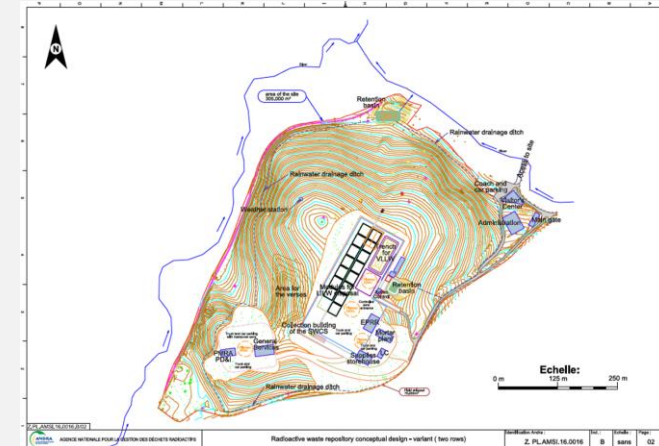
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# What happened till now?

- ✓ Preliminary Conceptual Design (ANDRA);
- ✓ Preliminary Communication Plan;
- ✓ Communication material;
- ✓ Workshop with the main RW generators;
- ✓ Establishment of a work group by GSI, which objective was to define the goals and responsibilities related to the execution of CENTENA;





# What happened till now?

- ✓ Studies to define the Waste Acceptance Criteria (WAC);
- ✓ Study of the positive and negative impacts of the Repository in Abadia de Goiás – CRCN-CO;
- ✓ R&D activities to study the different barriers for the disposal system;
- ✓ Lato sensu Course - Specialization in “Radioactive waste management”;
- ✓ Preliminary Business Plan.







# What happened till now?

- ✓ Themes for RD&I activities identified;
- ✓ Establishment of partnerships;
- ✓ Risk management plan;
- ✓ Workshop “Opportunities” with different stakeholders;
- ✓ Public Communication Program.



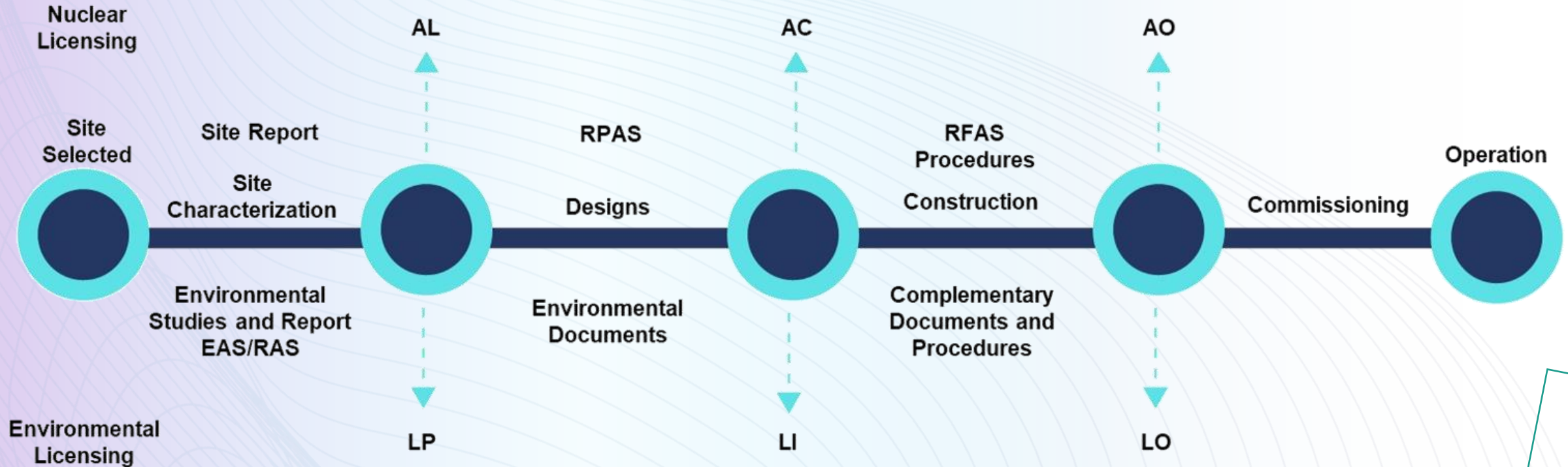
# What comes next?

- ✓ Communication Program for the region;
- ✓ Characterization of the site;
- ✓ Environmental and radiological studies;
- ✓ Site Reports for both Regulators (IBAMA and CNEN);





# CENTENA Project Status





# Challenges

- ✓ The discussion with the stakeholders, especially those from the region where the repository will be installed, will require political negotiations, and certainly hearings, that can affect the schedule.
- ✓ It will be necessary optimize the resources and the time, preserving the quality, in order to give confidence to all stakeholders.





# *Sustainability of Nuclear Area*

- ✓ *The waste management is a key component for achieving the sustainability in the nuclear area.*
- ✓ *Waste life cycle – from generation to disposal.*





# Conclusion

- ✓ The CENTENA Project brings a national solution for the safe storage of radioactive waste (LILW) generated by the use of radioisotopes and nuclear energy in Brazil.
- ✓ Release of interim storage.
- ✓ Safe disposal .





# Stakeholders

- ✓ CDTN: SEGRE, SEAMA, SEENG, SELOG, SEMAV, SENAN, SETEC, SETRE, ASCOM, DIFES (PG e BIC);
- ✓ CNEN, DPD and Institutes;
- ✓ MCTI, SUV, ASPAR;
- ✓ UFMG (LabGEO da EE), FUMEC (LESC);
- ✓ CETEM, FUNDEP, IEBT, AMAZUL, UNB.
- ✓ CNEN, CAPES, CNPq, FAPEMIG - specialization scholarships





# GraNioTer - Technological Hub on Advanced Materials and Strategic Minerals



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# Academia



# Industry Market



TECHNOLOGICAL HUB FOR ADVANCED MATERIALS AND STRATEGIC MINERALS



TRL0

Nascimento da ideia



TRL1

Início das pesquisas  
Observação e relato



TRL2

Conceito e aplicação



TRL3

Prova de Conceito  
Formulação e aplicações possíveis



TRL4

Protótipo  
Funcionalidade



TRL5

Aplicação dentro de um ambiente simulado



TRL6

Demonstração de teste de protótipo com simulação



TRL7

Demonstração dentro de ambiente operacional



TRL8

Projeto aprovado mas ainda em fase pré comercial



TRL9

Pronto para o mercado

# Objectives



Priority project of Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation (MCTI) with FINEP funding



1.500 m<sup>2</sup> – Facilities  
270 m<sup>2</sup> – Coordination Offices



Projects aimed at Graphene, Niobium and Rare Earths

## **GraNioTer/MCTI**

has as main objective support the development of products and processes based on Advanced Materials and Strategic Minerals.





**RD&I**

- Spin-offs
- Science and Technology Institutions
- Scientific Community
- Startups

**PARTNERS**

- Public-Private Funders
- Strategic Partners
- Advanced Materials Manufacturers
- Strategic Minerals Suppliers

**MARKET**

- Multinationals
- Large Companies
- Medium-sized Companies

# \$ Support \$

*Implementation (Phase-1): R\$ 12 million*

→ Infrastructure renovation (1500 m<sup>2</sup>), operation and maintenance

*Consolidation (Phase-2): R\$ 28 million*

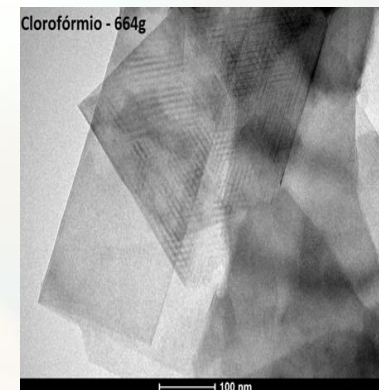
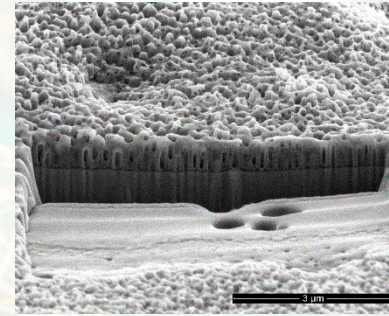
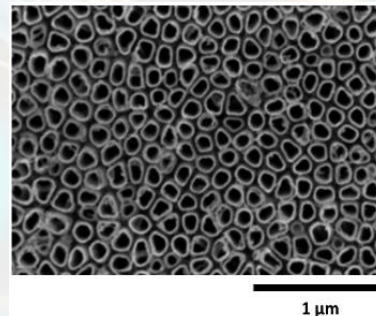
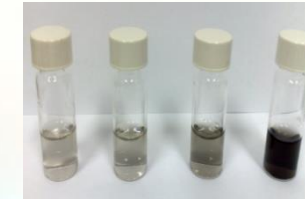
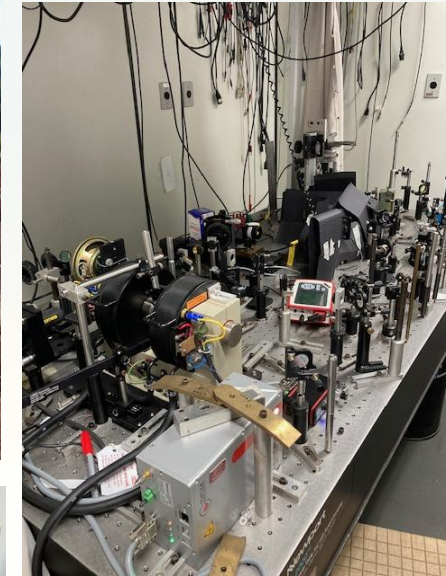
*Additional budget (Calls) = R\$ 4,3 million*

***TOTAL BUDGET = R\$ 44,3 million (~ € 8,5 millions)***



# R&D Expertise

- Graphene & Carbon Nanomaterials
- Magnetic Materials & Nanomaterials
- Mineral processing of strategic minerals
- Applied Surface Science & Engineering
- *Structural Materials and Advanced Manufacturing*
- *Photonics*

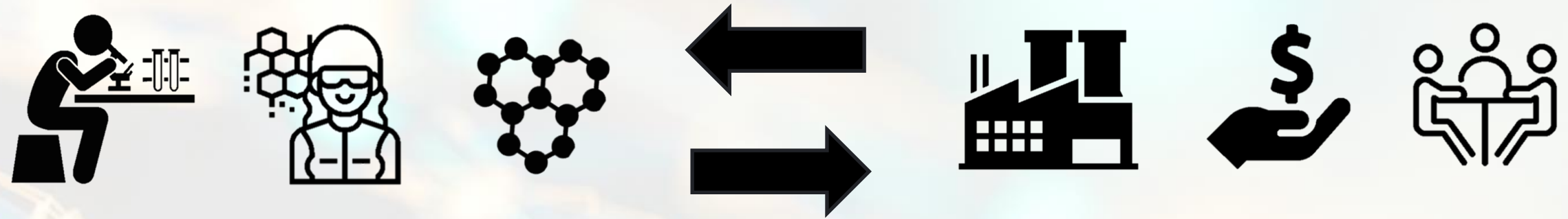


# How to bring together academic researches and industry technologists?

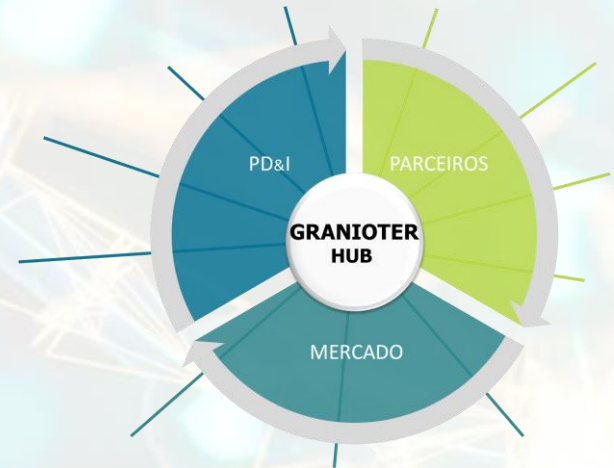




# Market Intelligence Coordination



**TECH PUSH**



**MARKET PULL**

# Market Intelligence Coordination

- ✓ Prospecting of Partnerships and Collaborations in Brazil and worldwide
- ✓ Repository of know-how in Innovation and Technological Entrepreneurship
- ✓ Meeting/Events Organization:
  - **GraNioTer Meeting 2024 (5-6 Dec 2024)**
- ✓ Strategies to foster innovation in Advanced Materials



***"Open Innovation Challenges"***



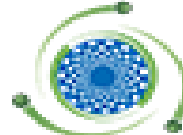




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