



# ASI Strategic Plan Overview

Advanced Sensors and Instrumentation  
Annual Webinar

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**ENERGY**

## NEET: Cross-cutting technology development

<p>Nuclear Energy Advanced Modeling and Simulation (NEAMS) Energy Innovation Hub for Modeling &amp; Simulation (Hub)</p>	<p>Advanced Sensors and Instrumentation (ASI)</p>	<p>Advanced Methods for Manufacturing Transformational Challenge Reactor</p>	<p>Nuclear Cybersecurity</p>	<p>Integrated Energy Systems</p>	<p>Nuclear Science User Facility (NSUF) Gateway for Innovation in Nuclear (GAIN)</p>
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**ADVANCED SENSORS AND INSTRUMENTATION**



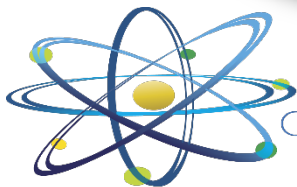
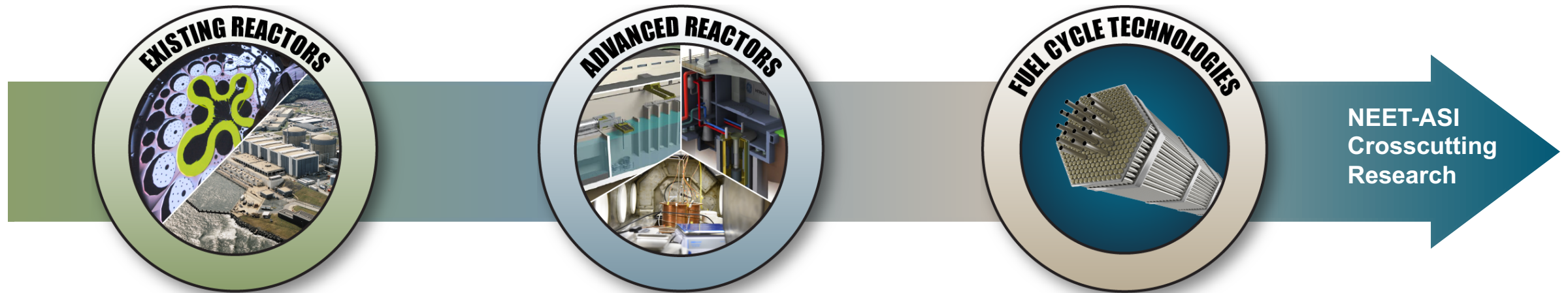
**NEET**  
Nuclear Energy Enabling Technologies

## Program Mission

Develop advanced sensors and I&C that address critical technology gaps for monitoring and controlling existing and advanced reactors and supporting fuel cycle development

## Program Vision

NEET ASI research results in advanced sensors and I&C technologies that are qualified, validated, and ready to be adopted by the nuclear industry



# Stakeholders

## DOE NE Programs



## Industry



# Outreach

## Webinars

NEET-ASI



## Conferences



ANIMMA  
Portorož  
Slovenia  
17 - 21 June 2019

## Industry Workshop/Surveys



Digital Environment  
for Advanced  
Reactors Workshop

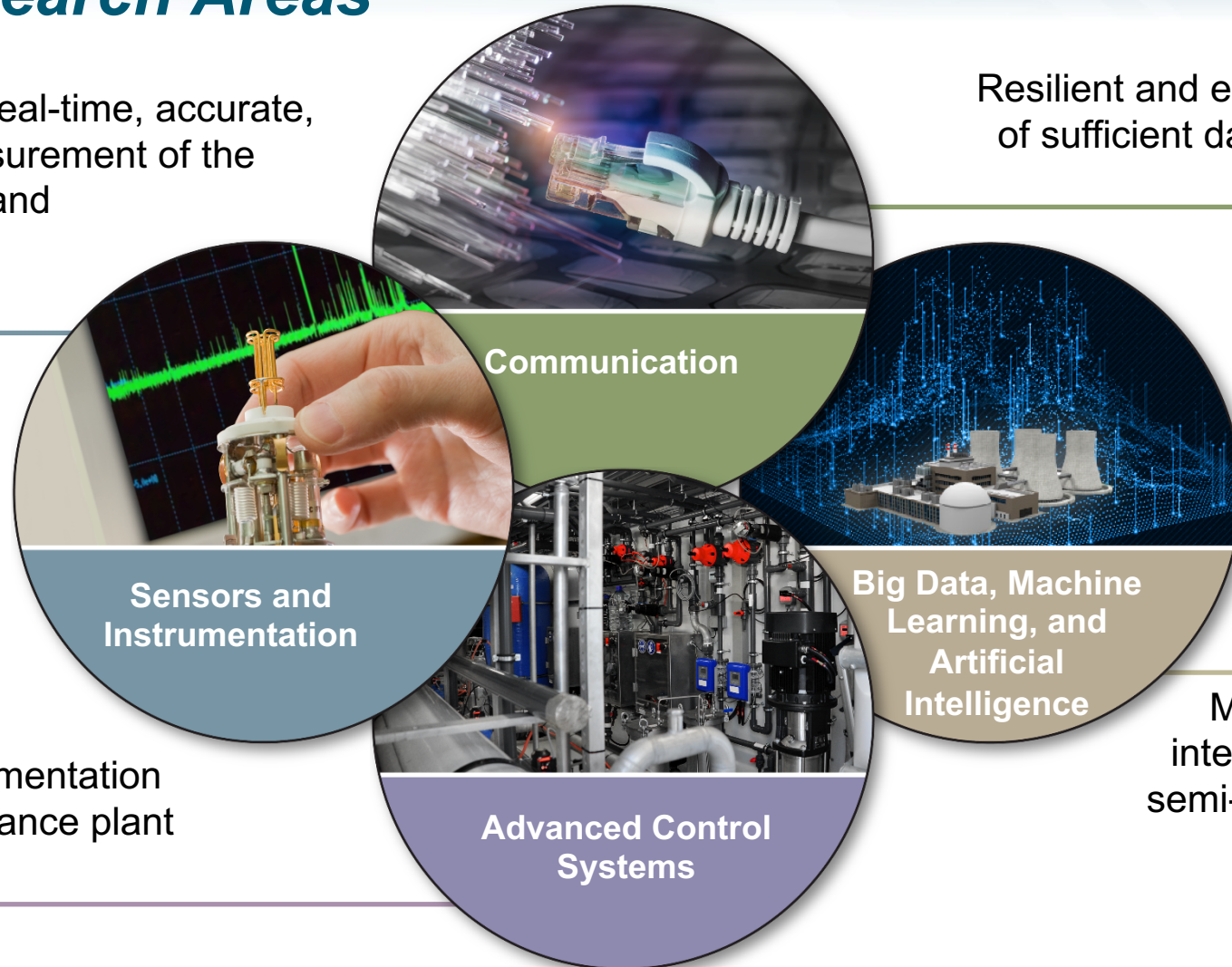
## Meetings



# NEET ASI Research Areas

Reliable, cost-effective, real-time, accurate, and high resolution measurement of the performance of existing and advanced reactors core and plant systems

Resilient and enable real-time transmission of sufficient data for online monitoring and advanced data analytics

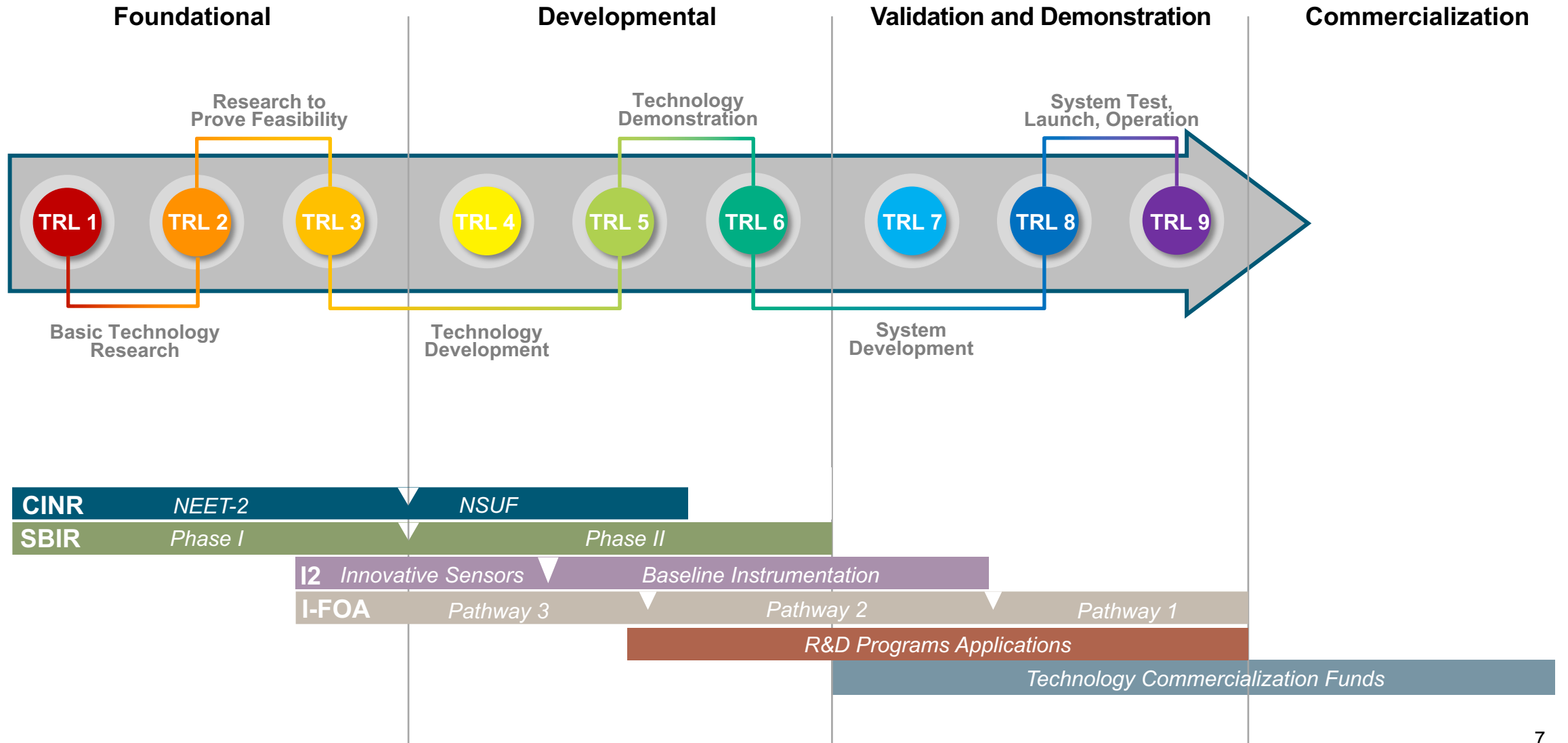


Enable near real-time control of plant or experimentation process variables to enhance plant thermal performance

Machine learning and artificial intelligence processes to enable semi-autonomous operations and maintenance by design

Crosscutting technical challenges in response to stakeholders requirements

# ASI Research Evolution



- Establish a set of reliable instrumentation for the real time measurement of parameters in nuclear reactors and irradiation experiments (temperature, pressure, strain, deformation).
- Integrate sensors and instrumentation in advanced manufacturing processes for the fabrication of nuclear components to enable advanced operation and maintenance strategies for power plants.
- Develop innovative nuclear instrumentation to enable advanced operation and maintenance modes for nuclear systems, in particular optical fibers and acoustic technologies.
- Continue to advance the machine learning research to develop diagnostic and prognostic models using heterogeneous unstructured data to achieve predictive maintenance of critical plant assets.
- Competitively award new projects to develop and demonstrate new digital instrumentation and control for future nuclear plants.





## **NEET-2.1: ADVANCED CONTROL SYSTEMS**

Applications are sought for research projects that will design, develop, and demonstrate advanced control for semi-autonomous and remote operation of advanced reactor designs.

## **NEET-2.2: BIG DATA, MACHINE LEARNING, AND ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE**

Applications are sought to develop and demonstrate advanced analytics for nuclear plant operation and maintenance systems that support semi-autonomous and remote monitoring of advanced reactor designs. Cost-benefit analysis should be conducted as part of the project to demonstrate technology or product viability

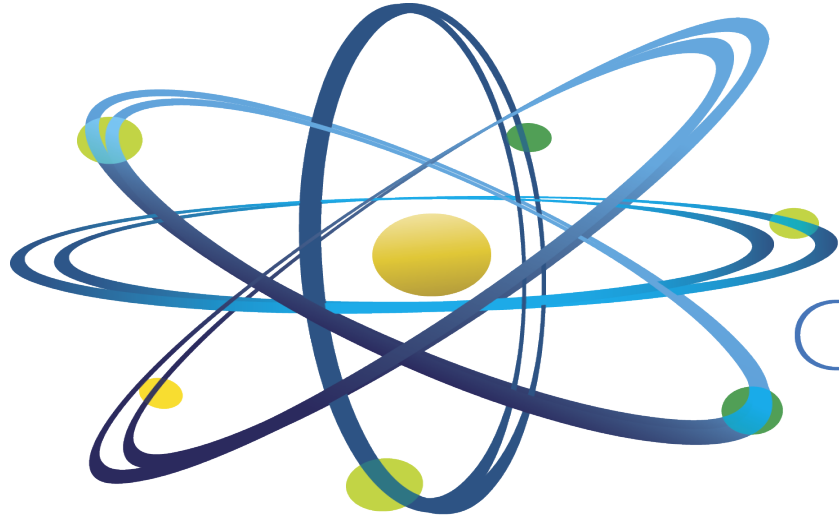
## **NEET-2.3: ADVANCED SENSORS AND COMMUNICATION**

Applications are sought to enable deployment of sensors, instrumentation, and supporting electronics for advanced reactor concepts, with a particular interest in technologies that would enable semi-autonomous and remote operation

## **NSUF 1.1 TOPIC: TESTING OF ADVANCED MATERIALS FOR SENSORS OR ADVANCED SENSORS FOR NUCLEAR APPLICATIONS**

Conduct irradiation testing and post-irradiation examinations of 1) advanced materials for sensors, or 2) advanced sensors for nuclear applications

*Thank you!*



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