TRISO-X Overview
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Commercializing Advanced Nuclear: What’s It Gonna Take?

- Courageous, entrepreneurial leadership and investment from the private sector
- U.S. government investment, via cost-share, to overcome long lead and high-risk items
- Building off great work funded by DOE at the National Labs – TRISO fuel best example (in my view)
- Updated and more interactive regulatory structure
- Increased and enhanced U.S. manufacturing to have complete and secure supply chains – Uranium (HALEU) biggest threat to commercialization
X-energy Leading the Way – Private Sector Leadership

Dr. Kam Ghaffarian
Founder & Executive Chairman

Space

Business Success
Founded and grew SGT to $550 mm in annual revenue and 2,400 employees. SGT was ranked as the U.S. National Aeronautics & Space Administration’s second largest engineering services company.

Acquired by KBR in 2018 for ~$355 mm on an initial $29k investment

Moon 2021
Founded Intuitive Machines in 2016 to leverage NASA technologies for commercial space and terrestrial applications. Intuitive Machines won its first Commercial Lunar Lander Contract from NASA in 2018.

Landing on the Moon in 2021

ISS
Founded Axiom Space in 2017 to develop a commercial replacement to the ISS while making access to Low Earth Orbit global during the remainder of ISS lifetime. Sole winner of NASA contract to commercialize International Space Station.

First commercial International Space Station

Energy

Nuclear Energy
Founded X-energy in 2009 with the goal of providing a SAFE, SECURE, CLEAN and AFFORDABLE energy source to consumers around the globe.

XE’s vision is to be the world’s leading provider of highly innovative, 100% safe & environmentally friendly small-scale nuclear energy solutions for government, industry and private consumers.

XE is commercializing & deploying a High Temperature Gas-cooled Reactor (HTGR) as well as manufacturing a proprietary version of TRISO fuel (TRISO-X) to ensure supply & quality control.

Unlocking Nuclear, Disrupting the energy industry

Innovation & Investment

iBX.
IBX is an innovation investment firm committed to advancing the state of humanity and human knowledge. We explore new frontiers in space, technology & energy to push human potential and make a positive impact in the world.

New frontiers in space, technology & energy

Philanthropy

Emerging Light Foundation
Emerging Light Foundation, which is dedicated to improving the condition of humankind through a variety of charitable endeavors was established to support, educate and inspire great purpose while helping transcend limitations all over the world.

Limitless Space Institute
Inspires and educates the next generation to travel beyond our solar system and to support future interstellar human space exploration.


Dr. Ghaffarian has Invested In excess of $80 mm in X-energy
### X-energy at a Glance

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## X-energy’s next generation nuclear technology:

### Xe-100

- 200 MWt / 80 MWe Small Modular Reactor (“SMR”) that can be scaled into a ‘four-pack’ 320 MWe power plant, or larger.
- The Xe-100 plant is walk-away safe and requires no operator actions under any adverse conditions.

### TRISO-X

Proprietary fuel designed as cue ball-sized pebble with microscopic kernels of uranium wrapped in indestructible layers of carbon. TRISO-X fuel retains waste and fission products during all conditions and cannot melt.

*Note: TRISO-X HQ will transition to Oak Ridge*
TRISO-X Specific Growth

TRISO-X Staff Count

No. Full Time Staff

Date

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### Our ARDP Project With Energy Northwest

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### What ARDP Selection Means to X-energy

- **Recognition from the DOE as an advanced reactor technology of choice**
  - Selected out of ~50 applicants
- **Secures first customer deployment**
  - Partnered with Energy Northwest to deploy with one of the public utility districts
  - Customer also benefits from the 50% cost-share on their development and construction costs
- **Provides $1.2 billion in funding from the DOE**
  - Fully funds all remaining design, licensing, and commercialization milestones of the reactor, including overnight CAPEX
  - Funds the completion of the first TRISO-X fuel fabrication facility
- **Strengthens DOE’s support of the advancement of TRISO fuel**
  - Exemplifies the DOE’s commitment to scaling TRISO fuel production in the U.S.
  - We are the only advanced reactor company producing TRISO fuel

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1) In negotiation with Grant County PUD, but exact utility under Energy Northwest agreement is still being determined.
Coated Particle Fuel Fabrication Overview

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Xe-100 Pebble Fuel Diagram

**Fuel Pebble**
(Diameter = 60mm)
X-Section

- **UCO Kernel:** 0.425mm
- **Porous Carbon Buffer:** 0.095mm
- **Inner Pyrolytic Carbon Layer:** 0.04mm
- **Silicon Carbide Layer:** 0.035mm
- **Outer Pyrolytic Carbon Layer:** 0.04mm

**Diameter 0.845mm**
**TRISO Coated Particle**

- **Fuel Core**
- **5mm Thick Fuel Free Zone**
Cross-cutting Nature of Encapsulated Fuel

Coated Particles Support Multiple Reactor or Propulsion Designs
TRISO-X Pilot Facility inside ORNL, public/private partnership with X-energy engineers
TRISO-X Research & Development Center

TRISO-X R&D Center Inside Centrus TMC: ~50,000 sq ft Operator Training Center
Kernel Droplet Formation Improvements

The reduction in waste saves money and makes TRISO-X more cost-effective than other fabrication programs.
Typical Irradiation Behavior of TRISO Pebble

Evolution of particle microstructure

- Radiation-induced swelling of kernel
- Typical TRISO After Irradiation
- Porosity
- Delamination
- Radiation-induced shrinkage of buffer

Typical TRISO Before Irradiation

No significant change in 3 outer retention layers

Hunn et. al., Examination of Coated Particle Fuel Irradiation Performance. XXIV International Materials Research Congress Cancun, Mexico August 16–20, 2015
TRISO-X Fuel Fabrication Facility (TF3)
Project Overview:
Acquired 110 acres and build ~500,000 sq ft nuclear fuel facility in Oak Ridge TN
NRC licensed – Category II
~400 jobs
8 MTU/year capacity
(>1 million pebbles/year)
Operational in 2025
>$300 million investment
DOE NE Announcement (below)

“The TRISO-X, LLC Fuel Fabrication Facility (TF3) will be the nation’s first High-Assay, Low-Enriched Uranium (HALEU) fuel fabrication facility” – from DOE Milestone Announcement

TRISO-X TF3– Aerial Visualization

https://www.energy.gov/ne/articles/x-energys-triso-x-fuel-fabrication-facility-produce-fuel-advanced-nuclear-reactors
Horizon Center Parcel Overview

TRISO-X TF3 Sited on Lot 6a
First Ever Category II Fuel
Fabrication Facility License