



# Update on Framatome

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# Fuel main facts & figures

**13 sites** (France, Germany, U.S.) and one **integrated worldwide fuel supply chain**, from Zirconium to fuel assembly

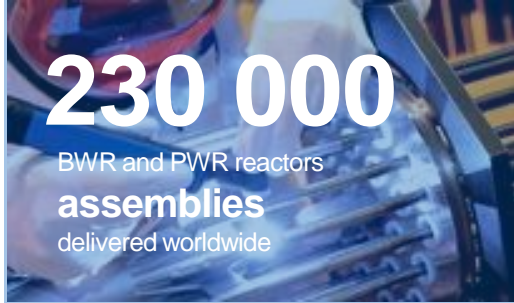


**>40 years** of experience

**2<sup>nd</sup>** worldwide actor for PWR and BWR reactors with 32 % market share




**230 000** BWR and PWR reactors **assemblies** delivered worldwide



**3840 employees** in France, Germany, U.S.




**~60 Major customers worldwide**



**3 dedicated research centers** at the service of innovation and R&D in Erlangen (Germany), in Uginé and in CERCA (France)



**~30 million** out of 45 million nuclear medical examinations in the world are performed using irradiation targets for medical use produced by CERCA

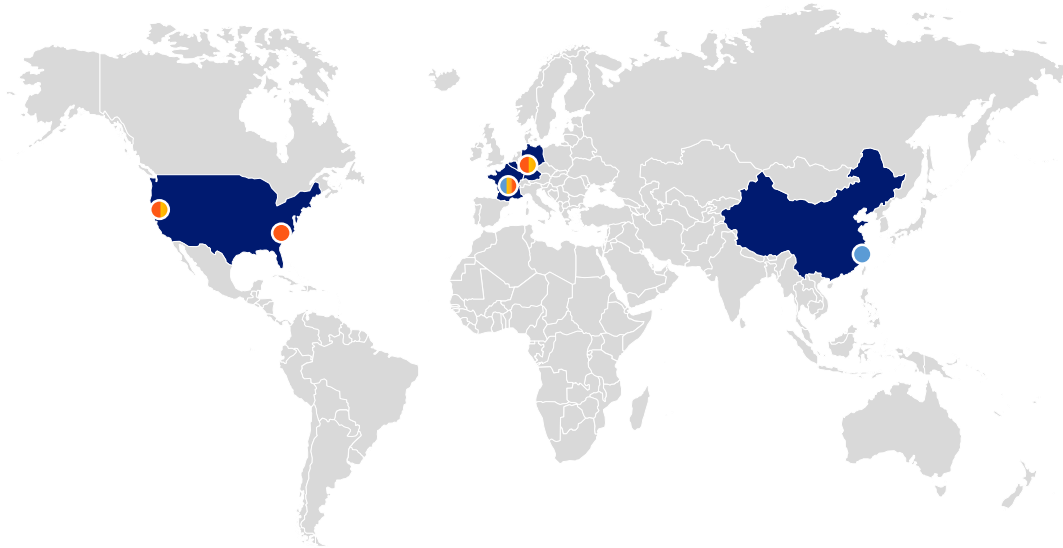


# Our organization





# Our worldwide integrated platform close to markets and to serve our customers



## Components manufacturing in France and in Asia

- Jarrie, Ugine, Rugles, Montreuil-Juigné, Paimbœuf – France
- 1 subsidiary: Tubes Nucléaires Montbard SAS - France
- Joint-Venture: CAST - China

## Fuel manufacturing in Europe and USA

- Romans - France
- Lingen, Karlstein – Germany
- Richland (WA) - USA

## Fuel Design, Contracts & services and Support functions in Europe and USA

- Lynchburg (Virginia), Richland (WA) - USA
- Lyon - France
- Erlangen - Germany

# Our overall activities

Mastering the entire process from design to fuels manufacturing for PWRs and BWRs light water reactors as well as for research reactors

## Fuel assembly design

- Design expertise and calculation codes for neutronics, thermal hydraulics, thermo-mechanics and mechanics

## Production of zirconium and its alloys

- Chemistry and metallurgy technologies
- Technology transfer, licensing

## Fuel assembly fabrication

- Chemistry, powder metallurgy, various assembly techniques: advanced welding, mechanical, machining, NDE, physical and chemical analysis, scrap recovery

## Services associated with fuel

- Engineering, development & fabrication of material, on-site interventions (reactor)





# AGENDA

The Fuel Business Unit

**Fuel design & service activities**

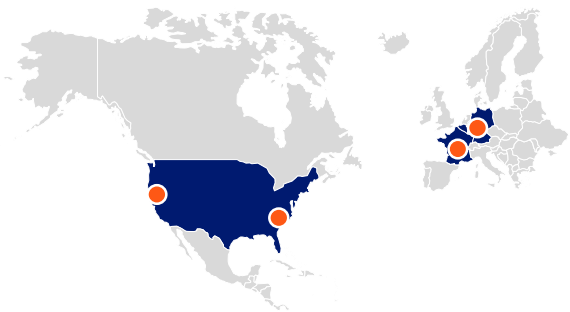
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# Fuel design & engineering services for Light Water Reactors

## ACTIVITIES



- **Design safe, reliable and performant fuel & rod cluster control assemblies**
- **Develop and maintain cutting edge codes and methods** to conceive and license core and fuel assembly designs
- **Deliver engineering services to customers** based on our unique expertise in fuel assembly design, core management and safety analysis
- Contribute to worldwide research networks activities for advanced fuel and reactor designs

## KEY FIGURES

- **2 European sites** (Lyon in France, Erlangen in Germany) and **2 US sites** (Richland, Lynchburg)
- **> 500 employees with > 8000 men years** of collective experience at the service of innovation and business
- **> 100 certified experts & advisors** in fuel and nuclear engineering for PWR, BWR and SMR based on our OEM knowledge
- Fuel designs **servicing 1/3 of the worldwide operated reactors** involving all major safety authorities

## KEY DATES

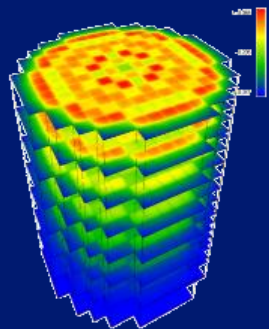
- **2009:** creation of the integrated worldwide fuel engineering unit
- **2015:** licensing of modern reactor physics simulation packages for PWR and BWR
- **2015:** 1st partnering for development and licensing of Fuel for SMR with NUSCALE
- **2021 (BWR) & 2022 (PWR):** Licensing of advanced LOCA and Non-LOCA methods



# 4 competence fields in steady state and transients

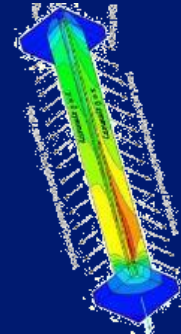
## 1 NEUTRONICS

*Mastering motions and interactions of neutrons with the nuclear core materials and environment*



## 2 THERMAL-HYDRAULICS

*Mastering adequate core cooling, hydraulic forces and the associated coolant circulation*



## 3 MECHANICS

*Mastering the fuel assembly mechanical behaviour when influenced by the constraints of core environment*



## 4 MATERIALS & THERMAL-MECHANICS

*Mastering materials, fuel rod behaviour and fuel assembly performance*





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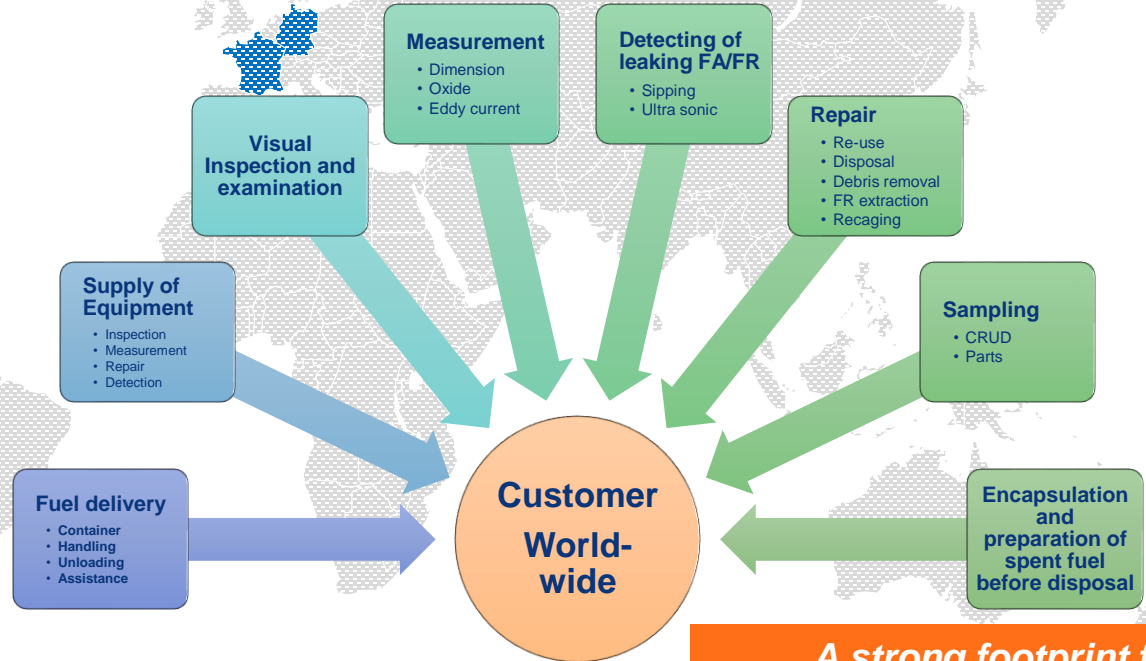
# Framatome Fuel Services - what do we do

## Fuel assets

- ▶ 3 Controlled areas: Cadarache, Erlangen, Lynchburg
- ▶ Maintenance & repair, test, preparation and storage of equipment
- ▶ Laboratories, training areas and pools

## Fuel Services onsite

- ▶ 150 highly skilled experts from France, USA and Germany supports our customer world wide on PWR, BWR and VVER fleet
- ▶ More than thousands service campaign performed since 80s
- ▶ Unexpected event management, wide data base, rapid assistance



*A strong footprint for a strong customer service*



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# Zirconium activities integrated into the fuel cycle

## PERIMETER



- Mastery of the complete process of nuclear fuel design and fabrication, including the development of zirconium and its alloys, and extending through to final assembly and associated services for nuclear reactor operators.
- **Expertise in all stages of zirconium metallurgy, from the ore to the manufacturing of zirconium alloy components:** flat products, bars and tubes entering into the fabrication of nuclear fuels.

## An industrial integrated tool with a R&D capacity

### 2020 KEY FIGURES

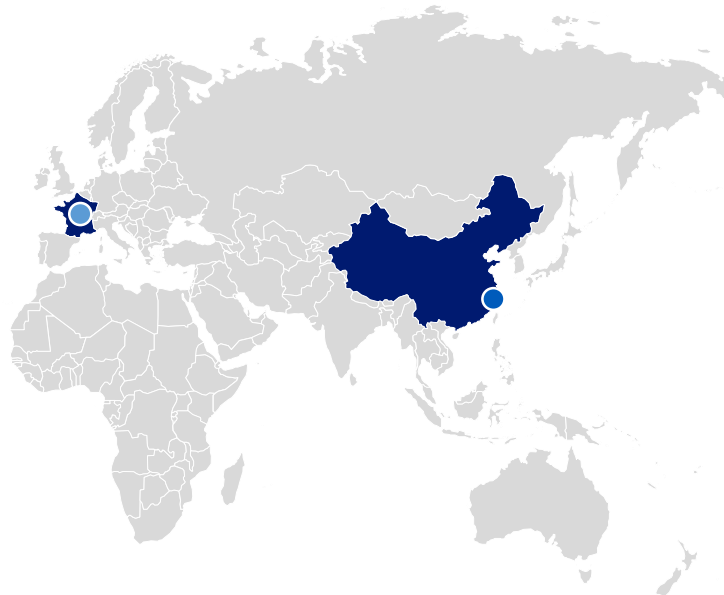
#### Annual production capacities:

- 1,600 t zirconium sponge
- 9,000 equivalent km tubes
- 700 t flat products

Dedicated Sales & Marketing team based in France, US and Japan

Dedicated Technical & Quality team based in France

1 R&D center in UGINE with representatives in Jarrie and Paimboeuf (France)



### Components manufacturing: 6 sites in France

- Jarrie
- UGINE
- Rugles
- Montreuil-Juigné
- Paimboeuf
- 1 subsidiary: Tubes Nucléaires Montbard SAS

### China

- 1 Joint venture : CAST, Shanghai

# Jarrie



## KEY FIGURES

- 1,600t Zirconium sponge
- 35t Hafnium
- 280 employees
- €7,3M investments

## KEY DATES

- 2017: electrolyze 3<sup>rd</sup> line
- 2017: new incinerator
- 2017: new crisis meeting room
- 2018: new area of cleaning and new separation facilities

## ACTIVITIES

- **Conversion of zirconium ore into nuclear industrial products.** However, a portion of its production is sold, along with some by-products, for other applications including aeronautics, medical applications, optics and electronics.
- **Production of zirconium sponge** through a series of chemical operations and extractive metallurgy.
- **Recovery of by-products of zirconium fabrication, such as zirconium and hafnium salts, hafnium oxides, hafnium metal and magnesium chloride** (for aeronautic, pharmaceutic and electronic).



# Ugine



## ACTIVITIES

### Manufacturing of zirconium alloys

- **Transformation of zirconium sponge** supplied by the Jarrie site (France) **into semi-finished zirconium products**. These materials are melted, forged and shaped into **slabs** (rectangular bars), **bars or extruded hollows**.
- From zirconium sponge, production of alloys and to melt and forge **titanium** products for TIMET SAVOIE.

### KEY FIGURES

- 300 employees
- 2,513 Teq\*/year produced
- 60 % Zirconium (nuclear and medical industry)
- 20 % Titanium
- 20 % Recycling

\*Teq: Ton equivalent quantity

### KEY DATES

- **1962:** Zirconium and Titanium activities start
- **1996/97:** TIMET Savoie is created to start titane activity at Ugine
- **2015:** ISO 50 001 certification on energy management system
- **2020:** triple-ISO renewed (ISO 9001, ISO 14001, ISO 45001)



# Rugles



## ACTIVITIES

- The world leader in the market for **flat zirconium to be used in the manufacturing of elements of grids and castings for fuel assemblies.**
- Renowned worldwide for its excellence in the manufacturing of flat products.
- Rolling of **zirconium alloy sheets and strips.**
- More than 50% of its production exported.

## KEY FIGURES

- Production: **838 Teq\***
- **11** recruitments
- **4193 k€** of investments (2021)

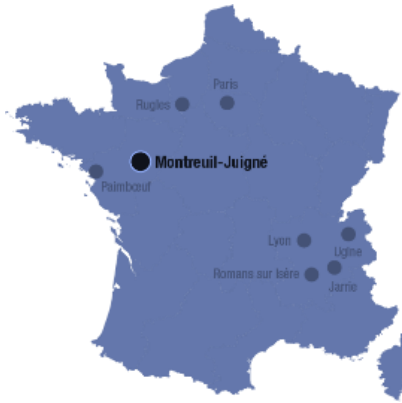
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## KEY DATES

- **1800** : Copper and brass activities
- **1951** : Development of aluminium rolling activities
- **2018** : Elan building built, start of the new rolling mil equipment reception
- **2022**: ELAN rolling mil shop operational



# Montreuil-Juigné



## ACTIVITIES

- **Transformation of extruded hollows** manufactured at the UGINE site (France), **using a cold pilgering process into semi-finished Tube-Reduced EXtrusions (TRES)** for further cladding tube manufacturing operations.
- Tubes pilgered on-site are subsequently delivered around the world to plants that manufacture cladding tubes and guide tubes.



## KEY DATES

- **1929:** 1<sup>st</sup> industrial site
- **1978:** pilgering activity creation
- **2009:** new rolling mill revamping
- **2017 :** Start-up of the wire rolling mill

## KEY FIGURES

- **80** employees
- **1 250 Teq\*** delivered

\*Teq: Ton equivalent quantity



# Paimbœuf



## ACTIVITIES

- **Pilgering of zirconium tubes** originating from the Montreuil-Juigné site (France) **to manufacture** finished products: **cladding tubes, Guide thimble tubes, for PWR, Candu (PHWR) and BWR technologies**
- **Pilgering of zirconium bars** originating from the Ugento site (France) **to manufacture endplug barstock** using bars coming from the Ugento plant.

## KEY DATES

- **1978:** plant creation
- **2018:** production record: 8,034 Keq\*
- **2019:** production target: 9,000 Keq\*
- **Since 2016 :** investments of approx. 5 M€ / year including:
  - ✓ Pilgering for rolling bars and tubes, endplug barstocks grinding machine replacement, new tubes length cutting machine, glass-polishing filtering, tubes visual monitoring & control machine (OPAL)
  - ✓ Extension of the Finishing & Control Lab
  - ✓ Tubes chrome-coating project (program PROtect enhanced accident tolerant fuel - EATF) and chrome-coating equipment

## KEY FIGURES

- **9.000** Teq\* delivered
- **400** employees
- More than **120** product references

\*Teq: Ton equivalent quantity





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# Fuel manufacturing

## Main product families



Fuel for PWR



Fuel for BWR



Fuel elements for research reactors (CERCA)



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TPA

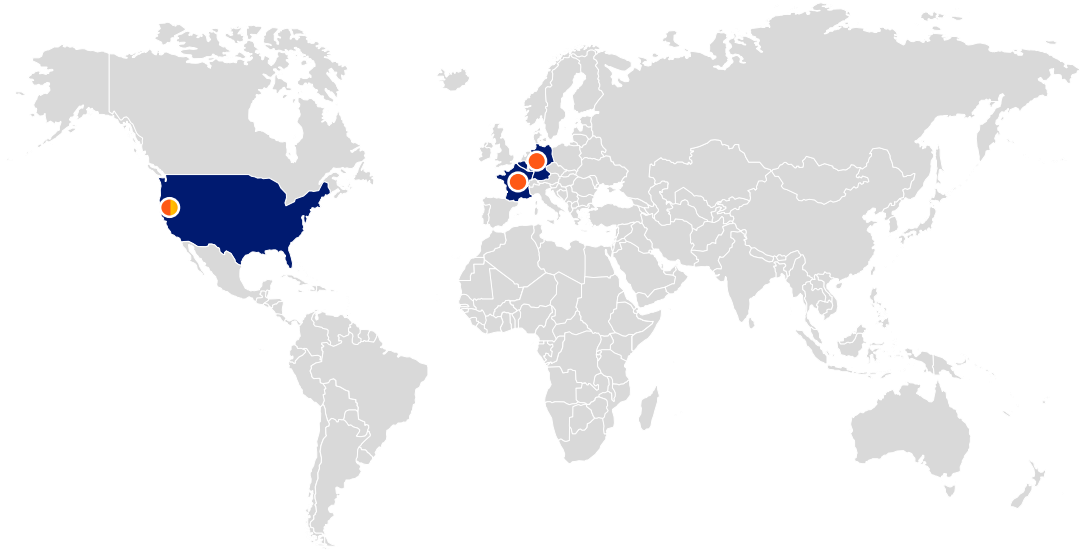
# A worldwide footprint serving the global market with shared best practices and technologies

 **3 European sites**

- Romans - France
- Lingen - Germany
- Karlstein - Germany

 **Richland, WA - USA**

- Fuel manufacturing, Design plant



**KEY FIGURES**

- **1792** employees
- **> 230,000 Fuel Assemblies** (PWR/BWR) serving 125 worldwide reactors

# Lingen



## KEY FIGURES

- **Employees: 350**
- Export Share: **100%**
- Fuel assemblies: **185 tU**
- Gadolinium -Pellets: **23 tU**
- Powder: **322 tU**

## KEY DATES

- Founded in 1975
- Fabrication experience of nearly 40,000 fuel assemblies
- Unlimited license
- Significant increase in technology share of total business volume since 2015

## ACTIVITIES

- Fabrication of fuel assemblies (FA) for pressurized water reactors (PWR) and boiling water reactors (BWR).
- Supply of uranium dioxide (UO<sub>2</sub>) powder and Gadolinium (Gd) rods for European Framatome demand.
- The site is equipped and licensed to receive and ship all intermediate nuclear fuel assembly products (i.e. UO<sub>2</sub> powder, ENU and ERU pellets and fuel rods).
- The Lingen site owns and is specialized in technologies, equipment and processes essential to the fabrication of nuclear fuel, e.g. fuel rod upset shape welders (USW), Automated Pellet Inspection System (APIS), and sinter furnace technology.
- Technology transfer and engineering studies to Framatome and third parties.
- Capacity to accommodate special orders such as disassembling fresh fuel elements for uranium recovery.



# New FCC Building at Lingen



# Karlstein



## ACTIVITIES

- Fabrication of Fuel element components related to all marketed Framatome designs for pressurized water reactors (PWR) and boiling water reactors (BWR).
- Center of excellence for spacer grids and BWR cages.
- Key supplier for upper and lower tie plates as well as for assembly parts such as fuel rod end plugs, sleeves, screws and other small components.

### KEY FIGURES

- **138 employees**
- **30.000** spacers, for use in more than **40** reactors
- **2.000** tie plates
- **400.000** small components

### KEY DATES

- Founded **1965**: more than 50 years of manufacturing experience
- Since **1998**: apprenticeship company
- **2014**: all Framatome spacer designs qualified for production





# New Prototyping Lab at Karlstein



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# AM proceedings in the Fuel Prototyping Lab

## Machine Portfolio

### Metal (1):

#### Concept Laser Mlab Cusing R

- Technology: SLM
- Materials: 316L (Inconel718)
- Build volume: 90x90x90 mm<sup>3</sup>

### Polymer (5):

#### Keyence Agilista / Stratasys Objet 30 pro V2

- Technology: Material Jetting
- Materials: UV curable resins
- Build volume: 300x210x200 mm<sup>3</sup> (DIN A4 x 200mm)

#### Sinterit Lisa Pro

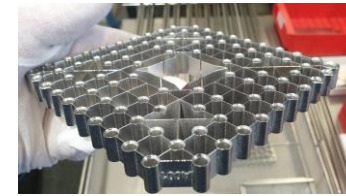
- Technology: SLS
- Materials: PA12
- Build volume: 230x160x110 mm<sup>3</sup>

#### Flashforge Creator Pro Mk2 / Raise3D Pro 3

- Technology: FDM
- Materials: PLA, ABS, TPU, PA, PC, PP (CF and GF filled)
- Build volume: up to 305x305x300 mm<sup>3</sup>

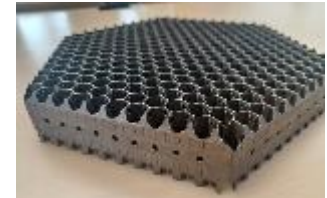
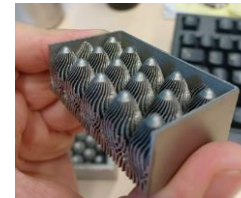
## Applications

### Components – normalise AM in manufacturing



← 3D printed upper tie plate, 2 LTAs inserted 05/22 into FMK3

### Prototyping – speed up development



### Fixtures – support manufacturing

### Demonstrators – advertisement

→ Establishing Center of Competence for Additive Manufacturing

# Romans

## ACTIVITIES



- **Fabrication of fuel assemblies for nuclear power plants and fuel elements for research reactors using enriched uranium.**

## BASIS NUCLEAR INSTALLATION (BNI)

- BNI No. 63-U: fabrication of fuel elements for research reactors - CERCA. and fabrication of fuel assemblies for nuclear power plants.
- Framatome is the sole operator of the Romans site. The French Nuclear Safety Authority (ASN), monitors the activities of the nuclear installation of the site. Framatome covers the production of fuel assemblies for nuclear-power plants and for research reactors in terms of safety, radiation protection, environmental protection and the overall management of industrial operations.

### KEY DATES

- **1959:** site creation with CERCA
- **1977:** FBFC implantation to Romans
- **2003-2010:** Launch of Romans industrial facility renovation (120 M€)
- **2014:** Launch of the multi-year nuclear safety improvement program (>100M€)
- **2016:** Launch of the investments to renovate the CERCA fabrication workshop of the research assemblies (180 M€)
- **2019:** Inauguration of the CERCA Research & Innovation Laboratory (CRIL)
- **2020:** Launch of the investment related to the ERU fuel assemblies' fabrication
- **2021:** Creation of the unique BNI 63-U (Research and Power fuel activities)

### KEY FIGURES

- **60** years of experience
- **940** employees
- **749t** of uranium transformed in assemblies



# Richland



## ACTIVITIES

- Home to highly-skilled workforce with nearly 50 years of nuclear fuel engineering and manufacturing expertise.
- A leading innovator in fuel design and manufacturing for today's reactor fleet and advanced fuel designs.
- World leader in manufacturing fuel with enhanced accident tolerant fuel technologies.
- A licensed facility by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission until 2049.
- Recognized by the U.S. NRC for our regulatory and safety record for 16 straight year.

### KEY FIGURES

- **550 employees**
- **86 million** fuel pellets pressed
- **2,422** fuel assemblies manufactured
- **680 metric tons** of UO<sub>2</sub> powder manufactured

### KEY DATES

- **1970:** first fuel assembly shipped to a customer
- **1998:** Dry Conversion facility put into service
- **2009:** received first 40-years NRC license renewal in the nuclear industry's history
- **2019:** 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of fuel manufacturing
- **2020:** Delivery of the first ATRIUM 11 fuel reload
- **2021:** Delivery of the first GAIA fuel reload
- **2021:** Delivery of the first-ever fuel assembly completed with PROtect enhanced accident tolerant fuel (EATF) technologies



# CERCA



## ACTIVITIES

- **The fuel elements manufactured by CERCA are supplied to research centers and universities operating research reactors for industrial and scientific purposes.**
- Uranium-based medical irradiation targets are also manufactured by CERCA. Once irradiated in a research reactor and following chemical extraction, these are used to produce radioisotopes such as Iodine-131, Xenon-133, Yttrium-90 and finally Molybdenum-99 (99Mo) which decays to Technetium-99 (99mTc).
- The latter radioisotope is the one most widely used in hospitals for carrying out nuclear medical imaging examinations, and in particular for cancer diagnosis.

➔ **Develop and industrialize uranium alloys for manufacturing fuel elements for research reactors and producing medical irradiation targets**

*Source: The supply of Medical Radiosotopes OCDE 2018*

### KEY FIGURES

- More than **20,000** fuel cells and **80,000** medical irradiation targets manufactured to date
- **70** fuel element designs
- Of the **45 million** nuclear medical examinations carried out worldwide, around **30 million use medical targets** produced by CERCA

### KEY DATES

- **1957**: establishment
- **2019** : Inauguration of the CRIL: CERCA Research & Innovation Laboratory
- **2016**: Launch of the investments to renovate the CERCA fabrication workshop of the research assemblies (180 M€)
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# Conclusion: Our key facts

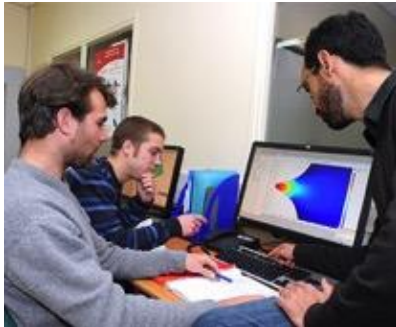
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High-Performing and continuously improved products portfolio

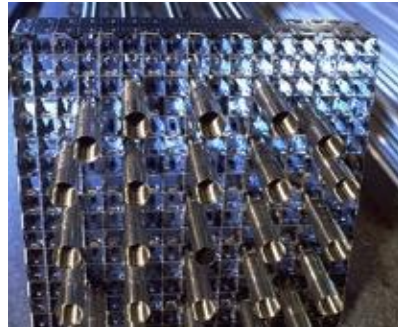
Robust supply chain

Worldwide engineering adapted to your needs

A large engineering and fuel service portfolio



High performing employees & technologies



Continuously upgraded products New generation products



« Best in Class » in Fuel services: engineering, manufacturing, on sites



A modern and optimized industrial footprint

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