

Commonwealth Fusion Systems

Accelerating

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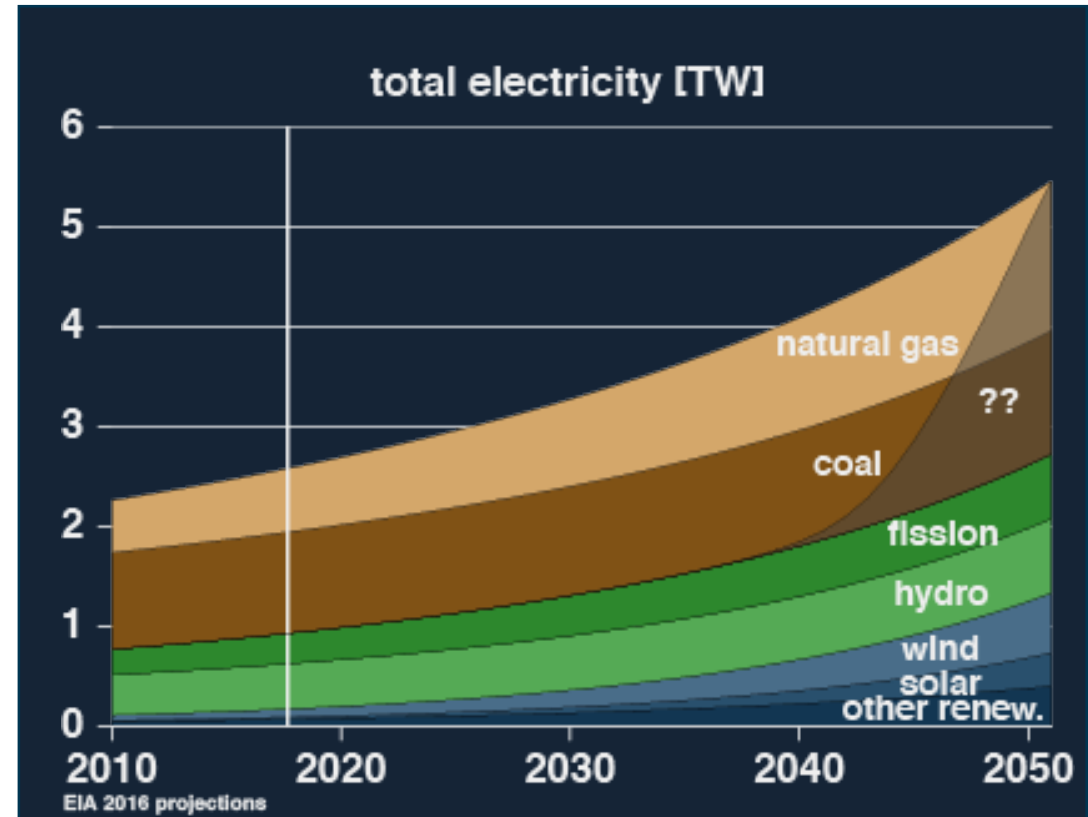
.... it is not an end in itself

- It must compete in a market place
- People must choose to buy it
- Those that buy it must make money
- It will take an industry and ecosystem to do this

Good news: It's a pretty good product and an eager market



- There is a lot going for fusion as a power source and people understand it
- Our experience is that those in energy are excited to see a fusion-like solution
- The energy market will/must undergo the most drastic shift in any market in history over the next 3 decades
- Fusion could be a major player in that market

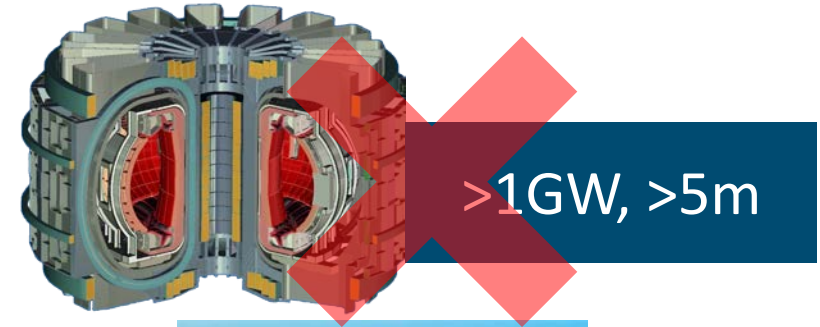


The market will decide



Bad news: Act quick or we'll miss this opportunity

- Our concepts must lead to a commercial product for it to have widespread impact
- We must leverage innovation across all areas
- We must find ways to broaden the participation – to build an ecosystem and an industry
- We must move with urgency to deliver in a timescale that matters to decision-makers



CFS was built to fast track fusion



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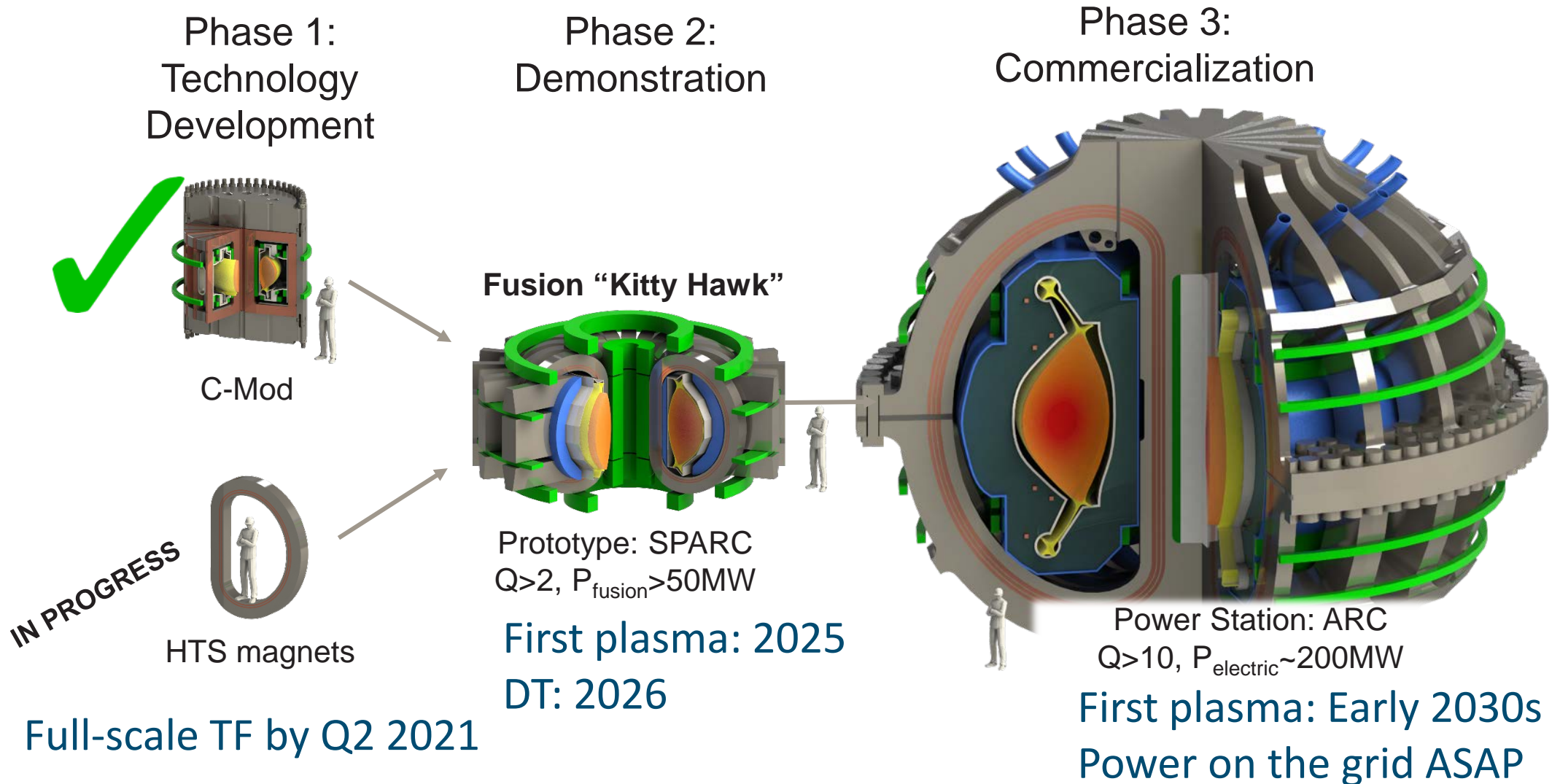
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CFS and MIT are now executing a 15 year plan to fusion



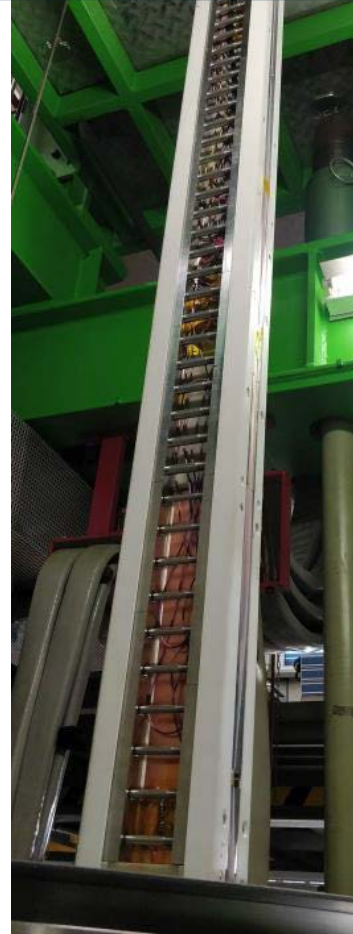
SPARC HTS magnet R&D on track for June 2021

Toroidal Field Model Coil (TFMC) demonstration

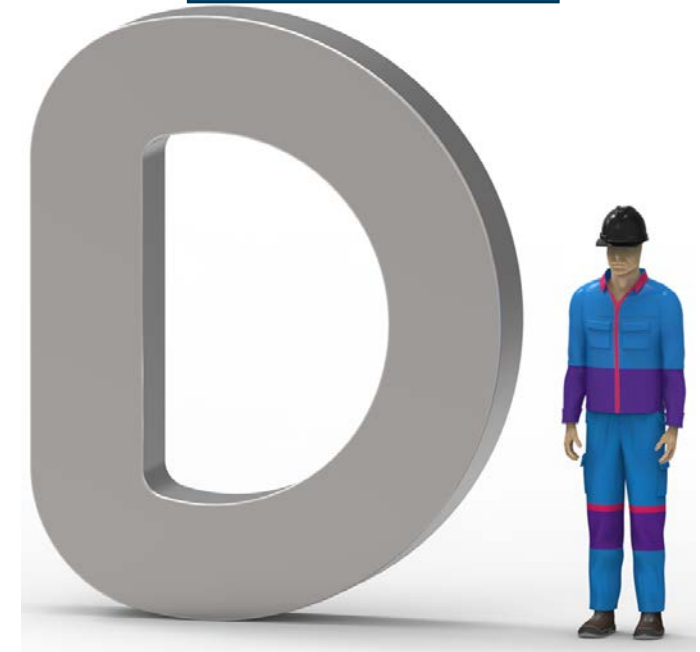


- Prototype cables and magnets tested externally and in-house
- First-year TF winding pack R&D hit milestones and retired major risks:
 - Relevant $J \times B$ forces
 - Cyclic loading
 - Quench detection
 - Fabrication methods
- Publication in preparation with detailed results, also shown at MT26 last month
- Team working hard to design, build, and operate TFMC by June 2021 to retire major risks of SPARC TF magnet system
 - HTS ordered, first deliveries already in
 - Cutting metal

SPARC test cable at the SULTAN test facility



SPARC Toroidal Field Model Coil



- Operate with magnetic field and $J \times B$ forces at or above SPARC
- Demonstrate safe management of quench
- Winding pack design and manufacturing processes are representative of and transfer to SPARC



Project is driving the HTS industry

- ~20 km of evaluation orders from 7 HTS manufacturers
 - Several improved manufacturing processes to meet SPARC specifications: $J_e(20K, 20T, \theta_{\text{worst}}) > 700 \text{ A/mm}^2$
- Contracts closed for ~500 km for TFMC project
 - Deliveries already arriving
 - Average performance exceeding specifications
- Continue working with industry to ensure it is ready for 20x scale-up to SPARC in 2 years
- Project implementing rigorous QA and characterization process
 - High-throughput assessment of all HTS at 77 K and self-field
 - Witness samples tested through hierarchy of systems at higher fields, lower temperatures, and multiple angles
 - Provides key data for inputs to models
 - Gives feedback to manufacturers on process improvements



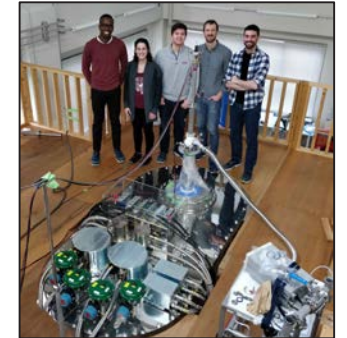
THEVA TapeStar
(CFS)
77K, SF



SuperCurrent
(RRI, HTS110, CFS)
15-77K, 0-12T, 0-240°



High-field Test Rig
(MIT PSFC)
20K, 16T, 0°



Tohoku Univ.
(Japan)
4-77K, 25T, 0-180°



SPARC siting process is well under way

Our Process:

- Cast a wide net for sites in Agreement States (states with an NRC agreement to license radioactive materials)
- Site identification meetings/site visits with state governments, economic development offices and authorities, chambers of commerce, private land owners
- Due diligence to determine if sites meet necessary criteria

Timeline:

- March – July 2019: Meetings with with site stakeholders
- July – August 2019: Due diligence on sites
- August 22, 2019: Present top candidate sites to site selection committee for down select of top 3
- September 2019: Further due diligence on top sites
- October 2019: Start negotiations with top site
- December 2020: Finalize permitting/licensing process
- June 2021: SPARC site ground breaking

What we look for in a site:

- Ease of permitting/licensing process
- Proximity to MIT/Cambridge
- Access to sufficient power or the ability to get it by 2024
- Sufficient site size
- Geographical features – will the site work for construction of the SPARC facility?
- Features of surrounding area – is there anything that could slow or block the process?
- Potential state/local incentives
- Supportive state/municipality
- Access to public transportation
- Access to paved roads/highways
- Cost considerations associated with the site and construction



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Backed by capital to get it done

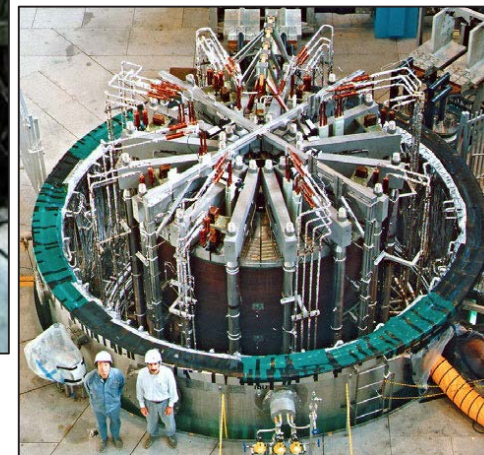
- Investors committed to displacing CO2 and building a fusion business
 - Large industrial and energy companies who know how to deliver energy at scale
 - Early investors in Google, SpaceX, Tesla, Amazon
- Enough capital to get it done and to accelerate while doing it
- Understanding of and appetite for the technical risks
- Anything less than power on the grid is a failure
- They are activists for the fusion program



Gathering the skilled, experienced team



- >70 FTE, >100 people (CFS, MIT, contractors/collaborators) working on magnet R&D and SPARC design
- Proven, diverse expertise:
 - High-field fusion science and engineering from Alcator C-Mod
 - High-field HTS cables and magnets at MIT PSFC
 - ITER CS Model Coil
 - Fusion collaborators around the world
 - SpaceX manufacturing
 - GM high-performance engineering
 - COMSOL multi-physics simulations
 - TerraPower project management
- Hiring 20+ engineers over next year, many early-career

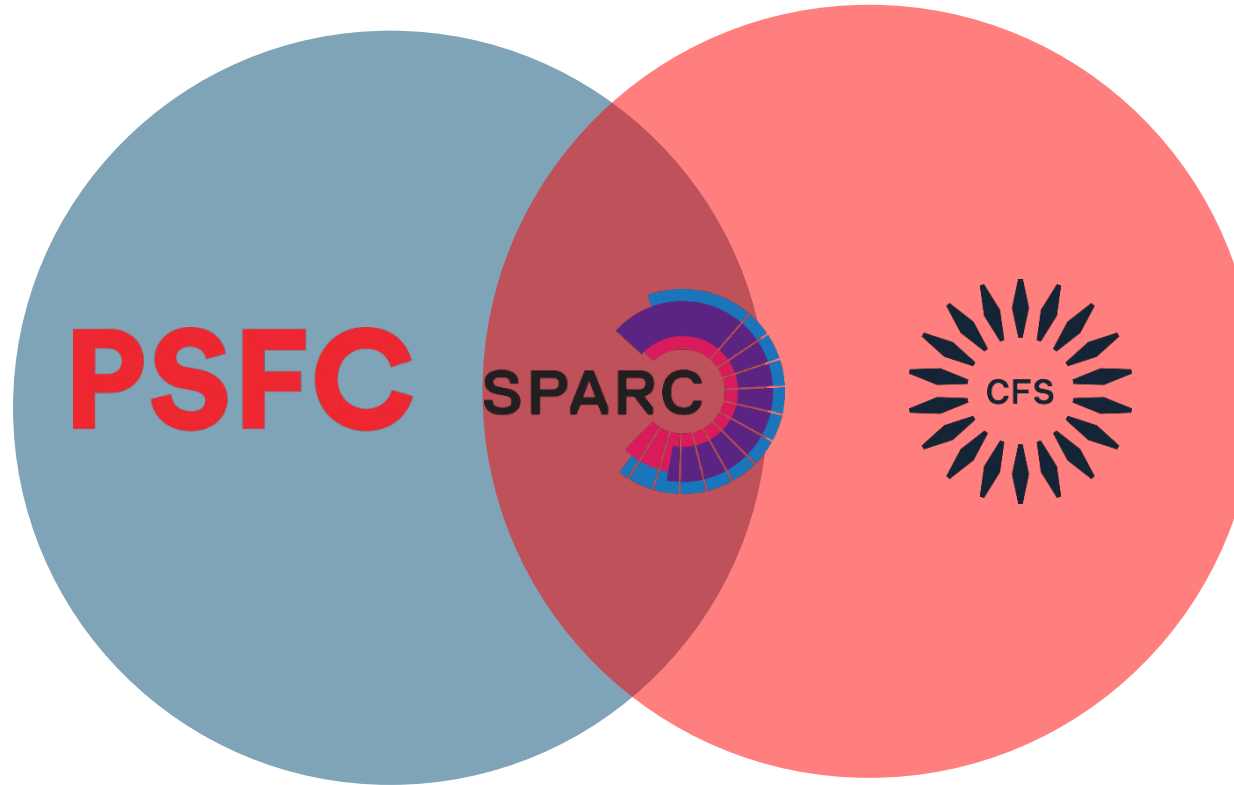


Partnered with the MIT PSFC and adding others



MIT PSFC remains an independent research establishment

Providing scientific and R&D to the joint project



CFS is a private company

Focused on developing the commercial fusion product in time to make a difference



Bringing the best of all worlds together:
The scientific underpinnings from tokamak research and the speed, capital and drive of the private sector and the capabilities around the world



We're taking a collaborative approach

- Engaging with fusion community on SPARC physics
- SPARC physics basis will be published and available
- An opportunity to test our blind prediction capabilities
- Operating machine intended to be long-term science asset
- DOE FES establishing framework for broader community participation in program



APS DPP town hall on SPARC last week



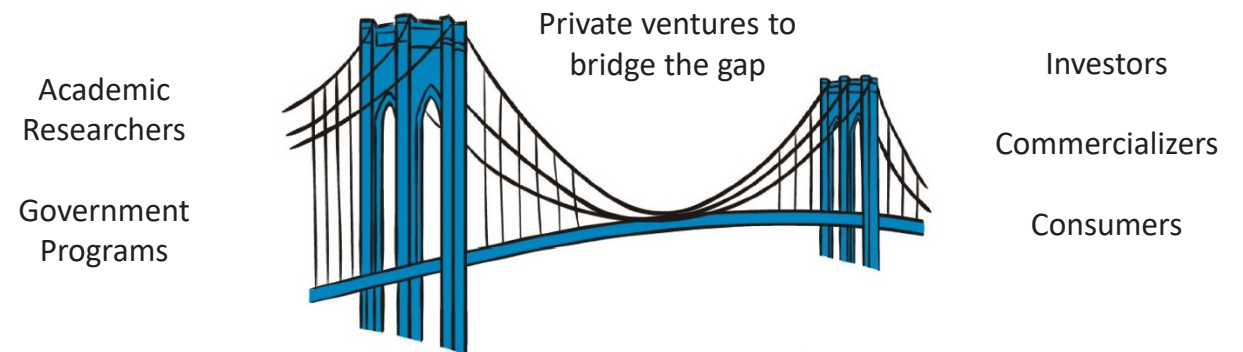
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Technology gets to market using the whole ecosystem



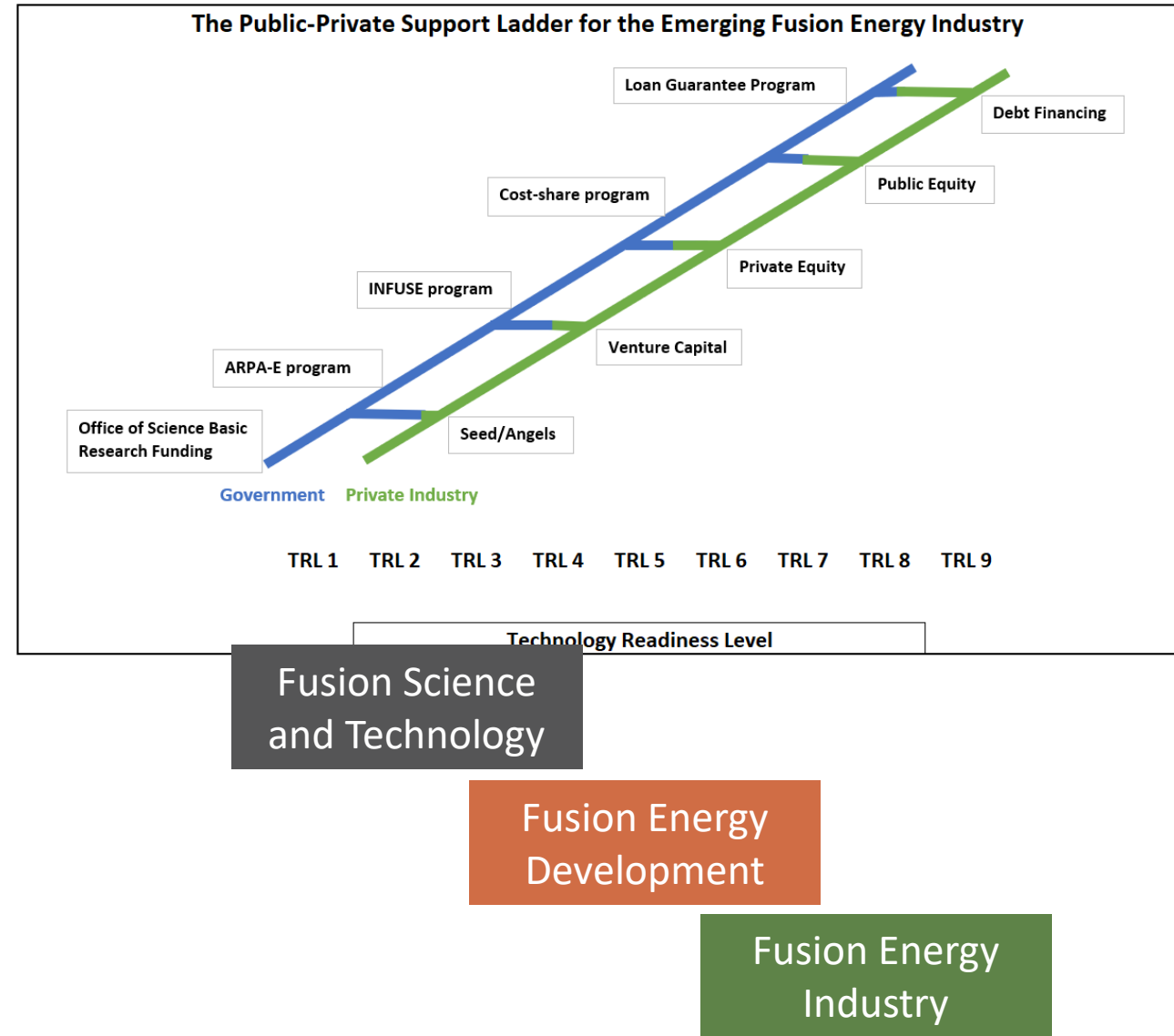
- The entire funding environment is evolving
- Fusion is following a well-worn tech-development arc
 - Computers, AI, Robotics, Drugs, Aerospace, Energy, Quantum, Materials, etc.
- **An evolving pathway is how fusion is going to get on the grid**
 - The US government doesn't build reactors, pilot plants, etc. – industry does
 - Look to fission, fossil, ARPA-E, EERE, New Space
- Each side does what it is good at
 - Government does basic research, deep expertise, tool sets, seeds innovation
 - Private finds market fit, selects architectures, scales solutions, manages costs





A ladder for gov't and industry to climb together

- The US is very good at industry –academia – government
- There are many relevant precedents, look to commercial space for example
- We need to build a ladder that builds up capabilities
- A vibrant fusion ecosystem supports all of fusion



• NASA COTS: From Shuttle to SpaceX



Diversifying the funding and partnerships



4 INFUSE grants in 2019

1. **BNL**: HTS cable quench
2. **ORNL**: Divertor materials tests
3. **LLNL**: Divertor plasma simulations
4. **PPPL**: Alpha particle simulations



FOA: BETHE (Breakthroughs Enabling Thermonuclear-Fusion Energy)
submitting applications



Applying to SBIRs to support spin-out R&D

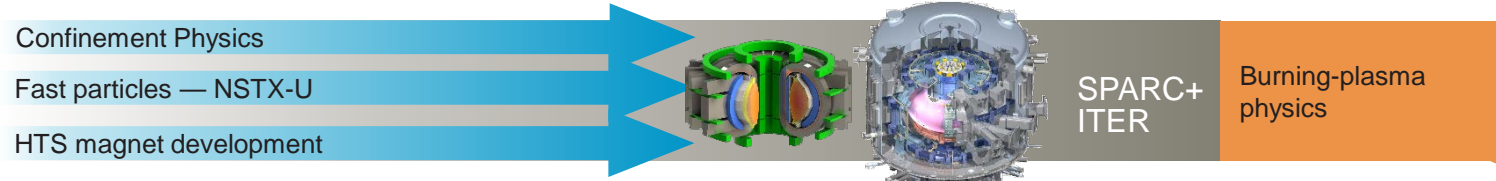


COTS-like (Commercial Orbital Transportation Services) cost share working way through Congress, potential to support SPARC and collaborations

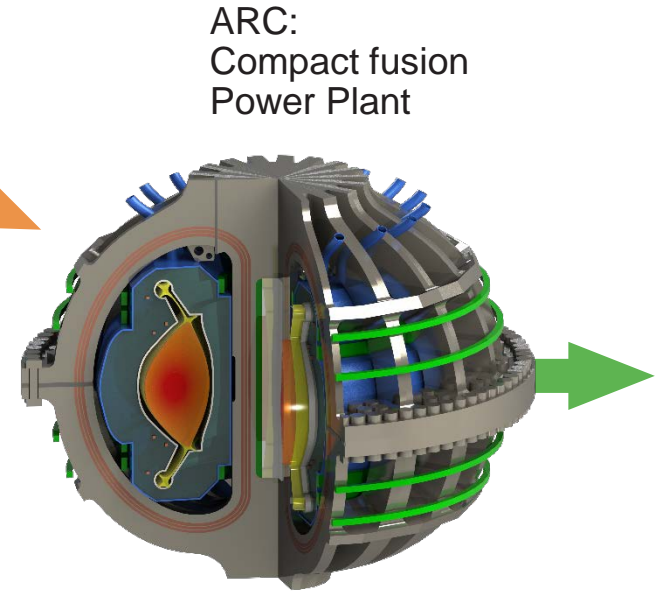
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Show fusion makes more power as soon as possible:
Burning plasmas are key.

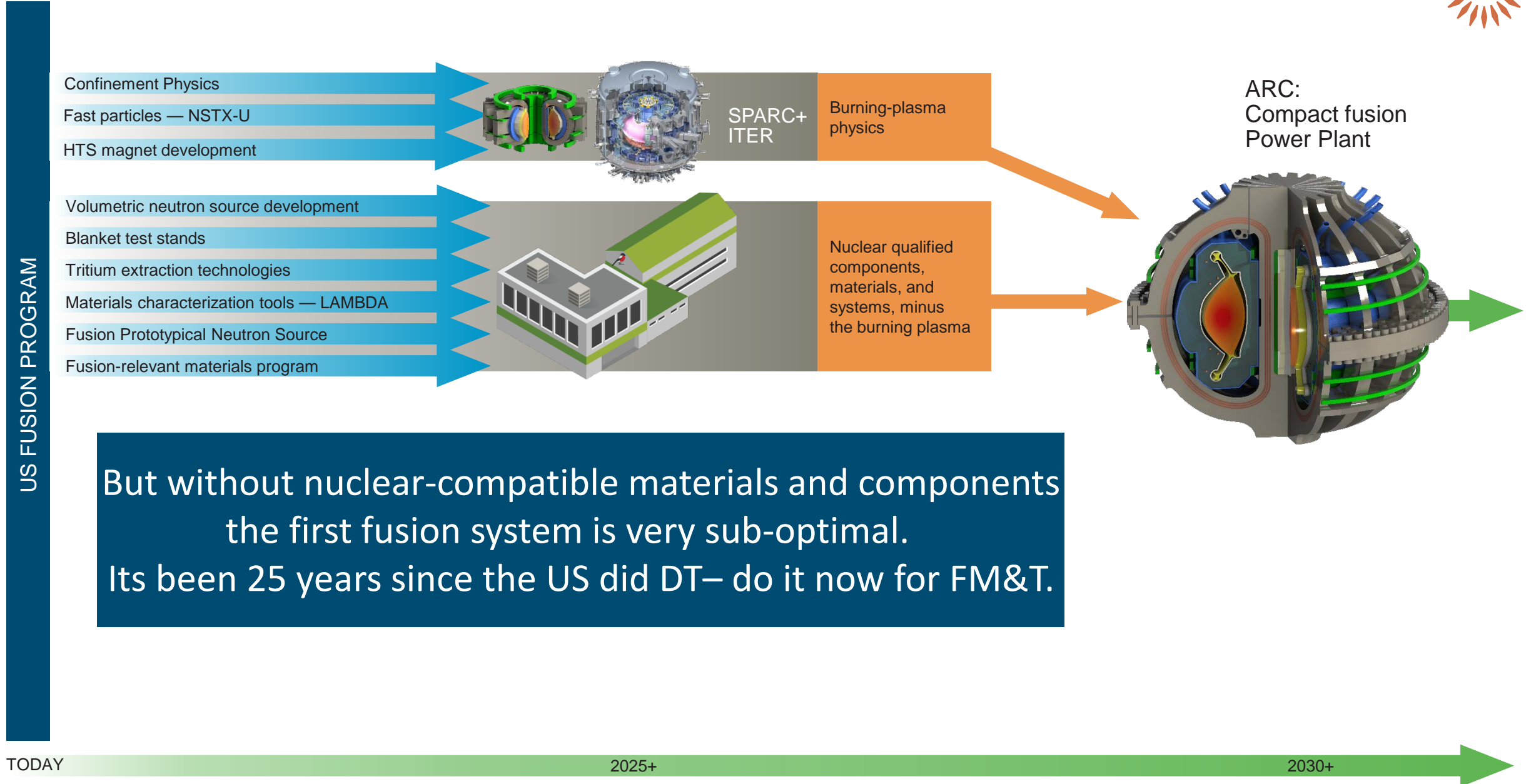


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2025+

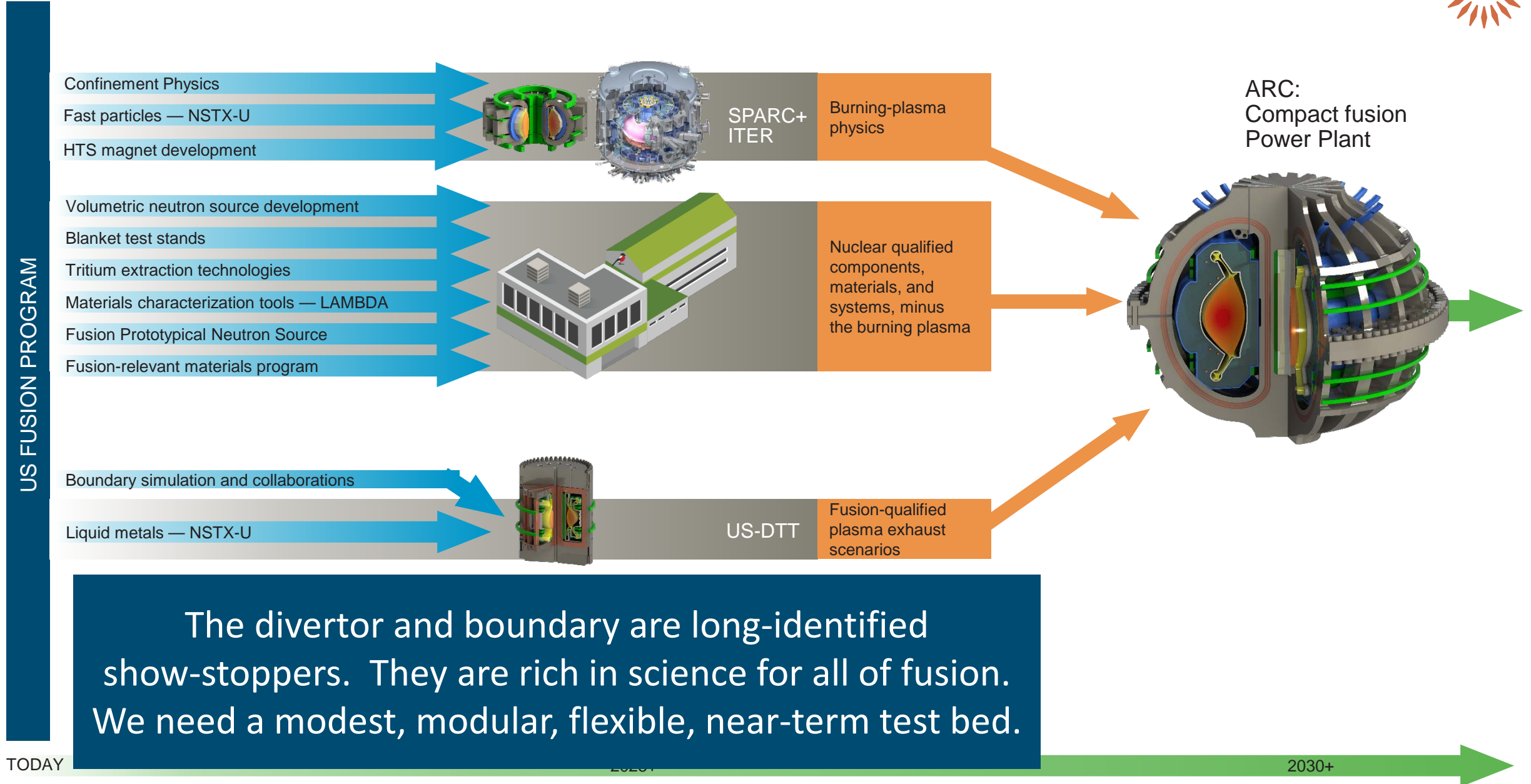
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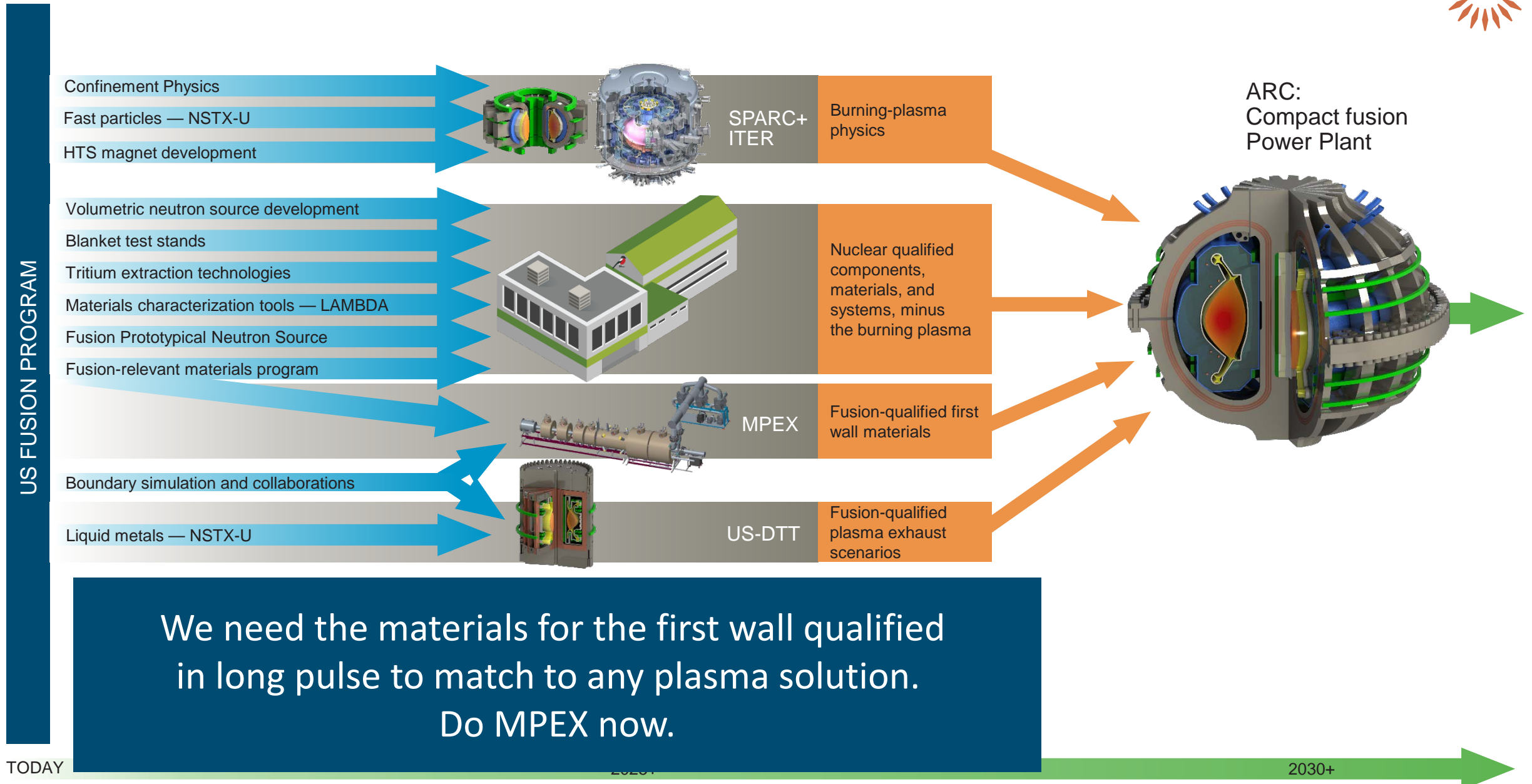


But without nuclear-compatible materials and components the first fusion system is very sub-optimal. Its been 25 years since the US did DT– do it now for FM&T.

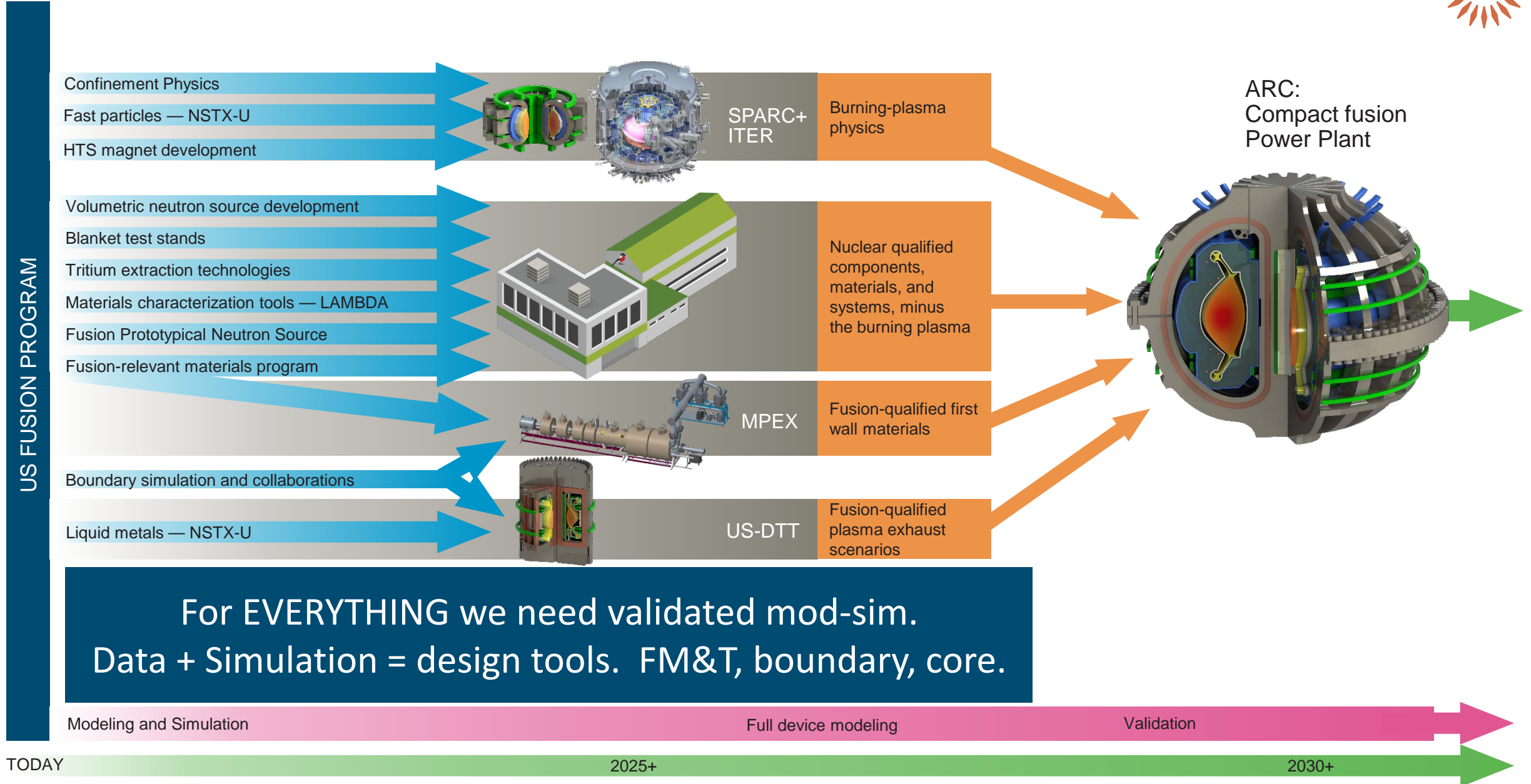
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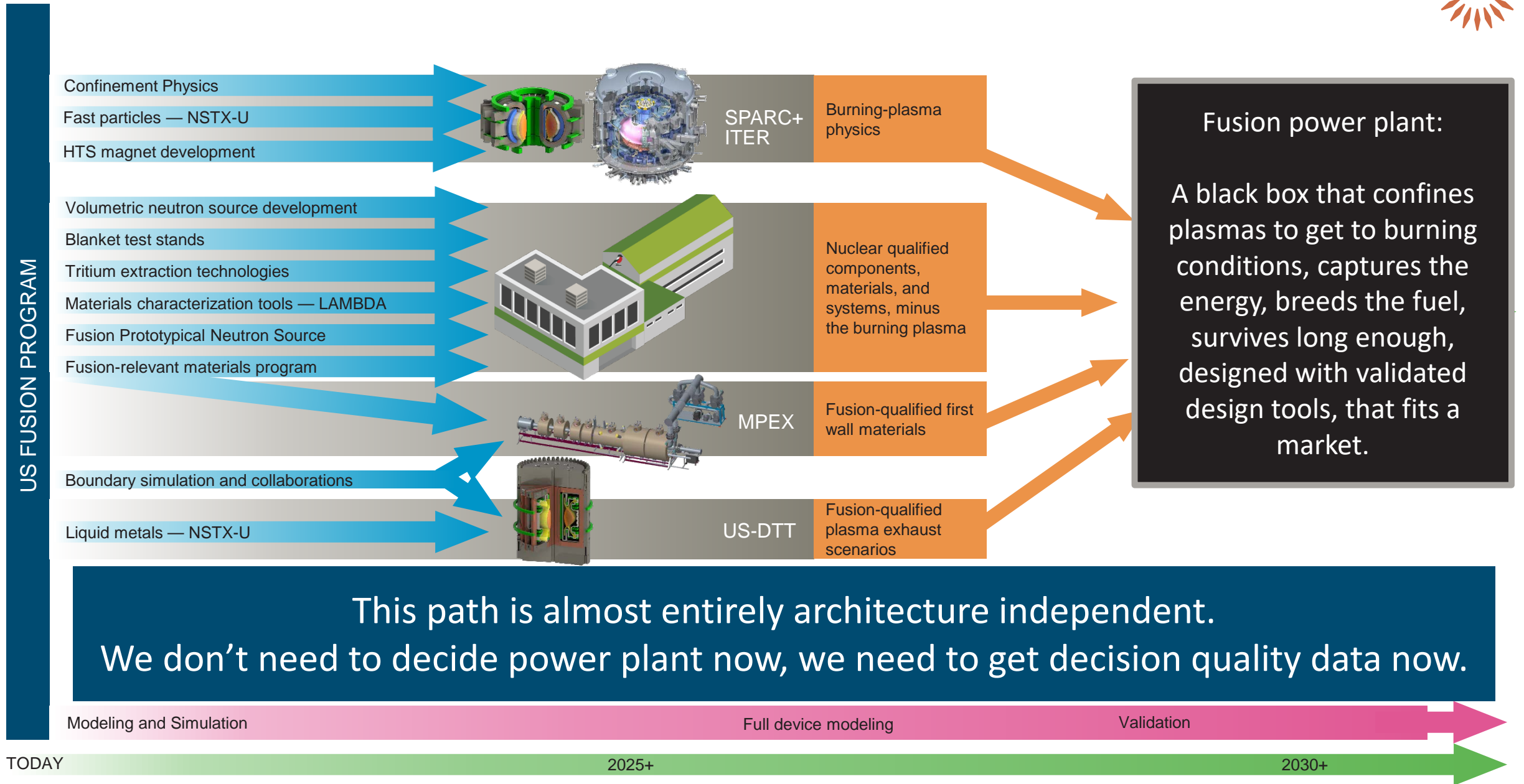
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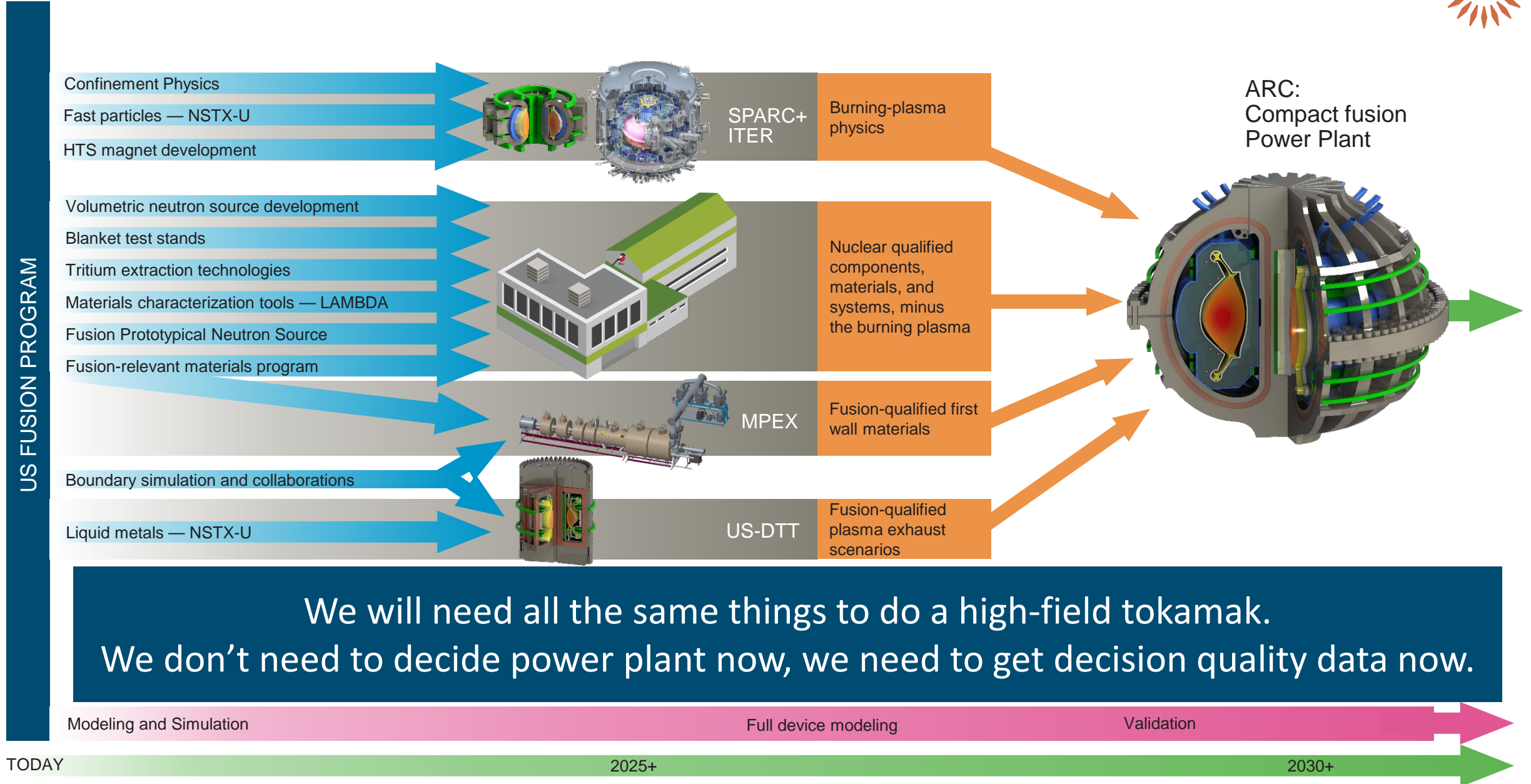
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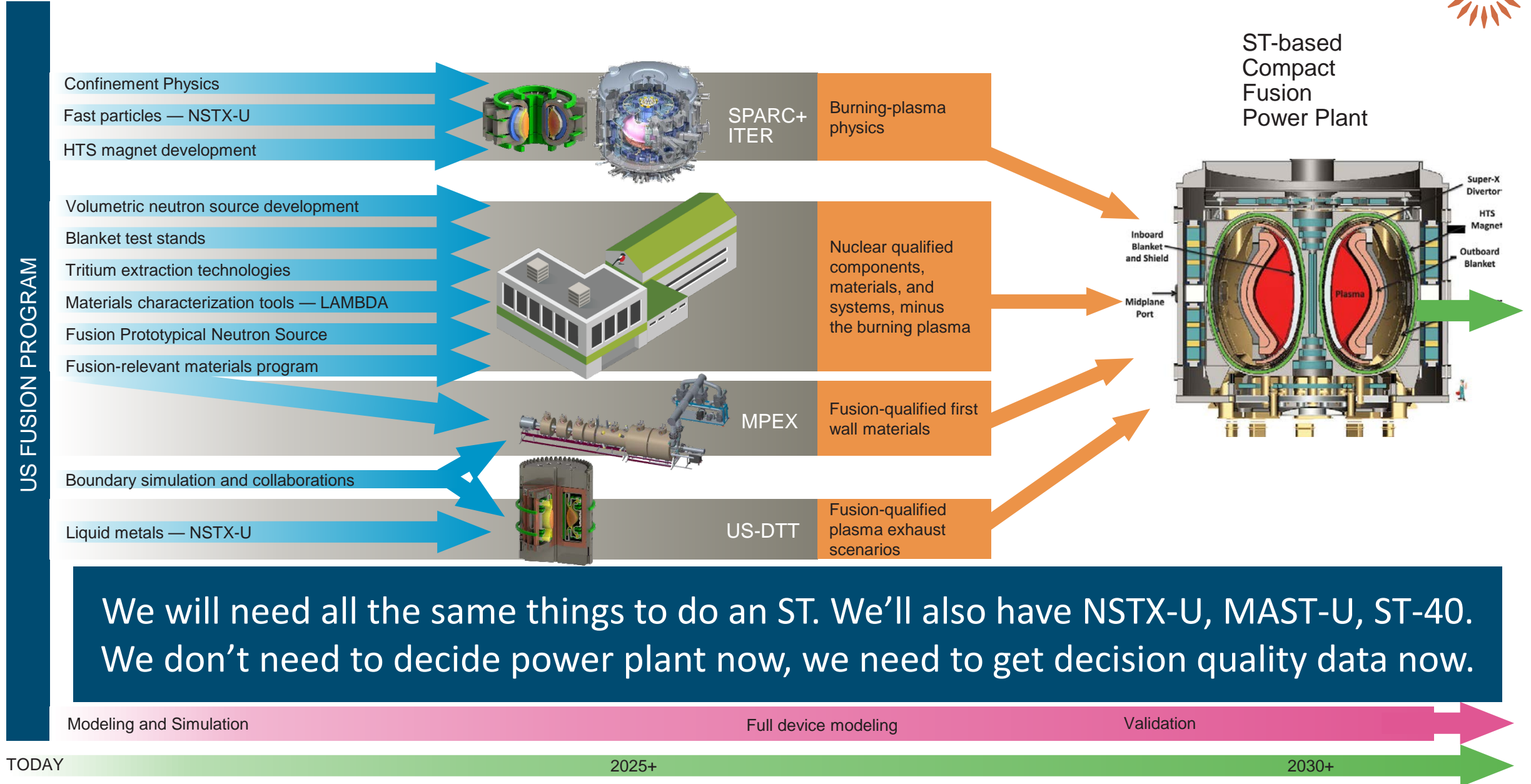


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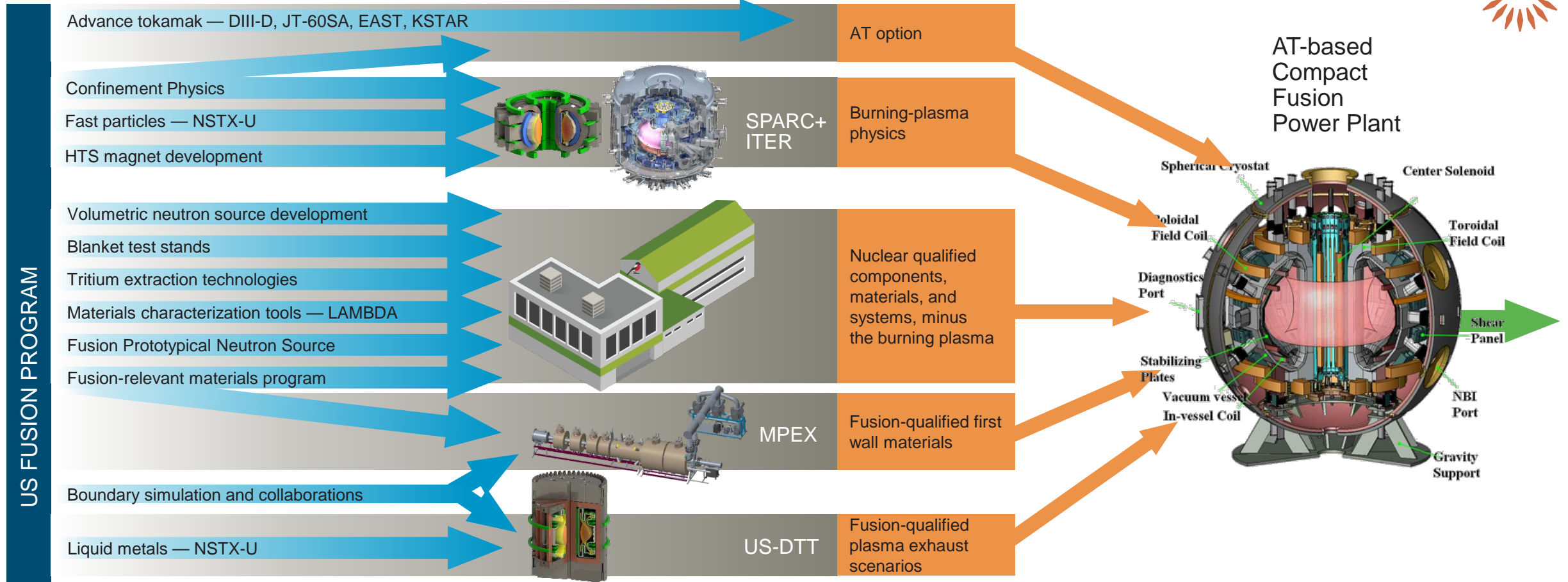


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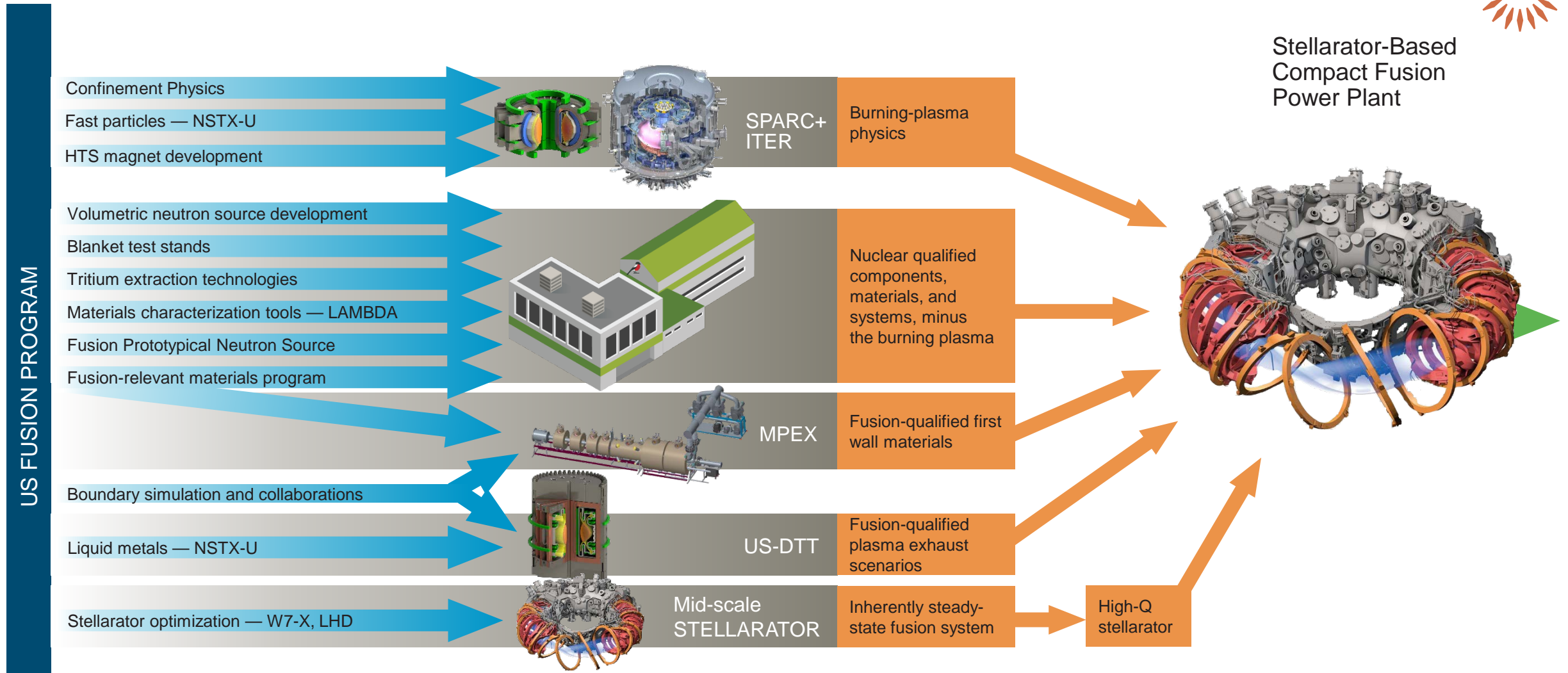
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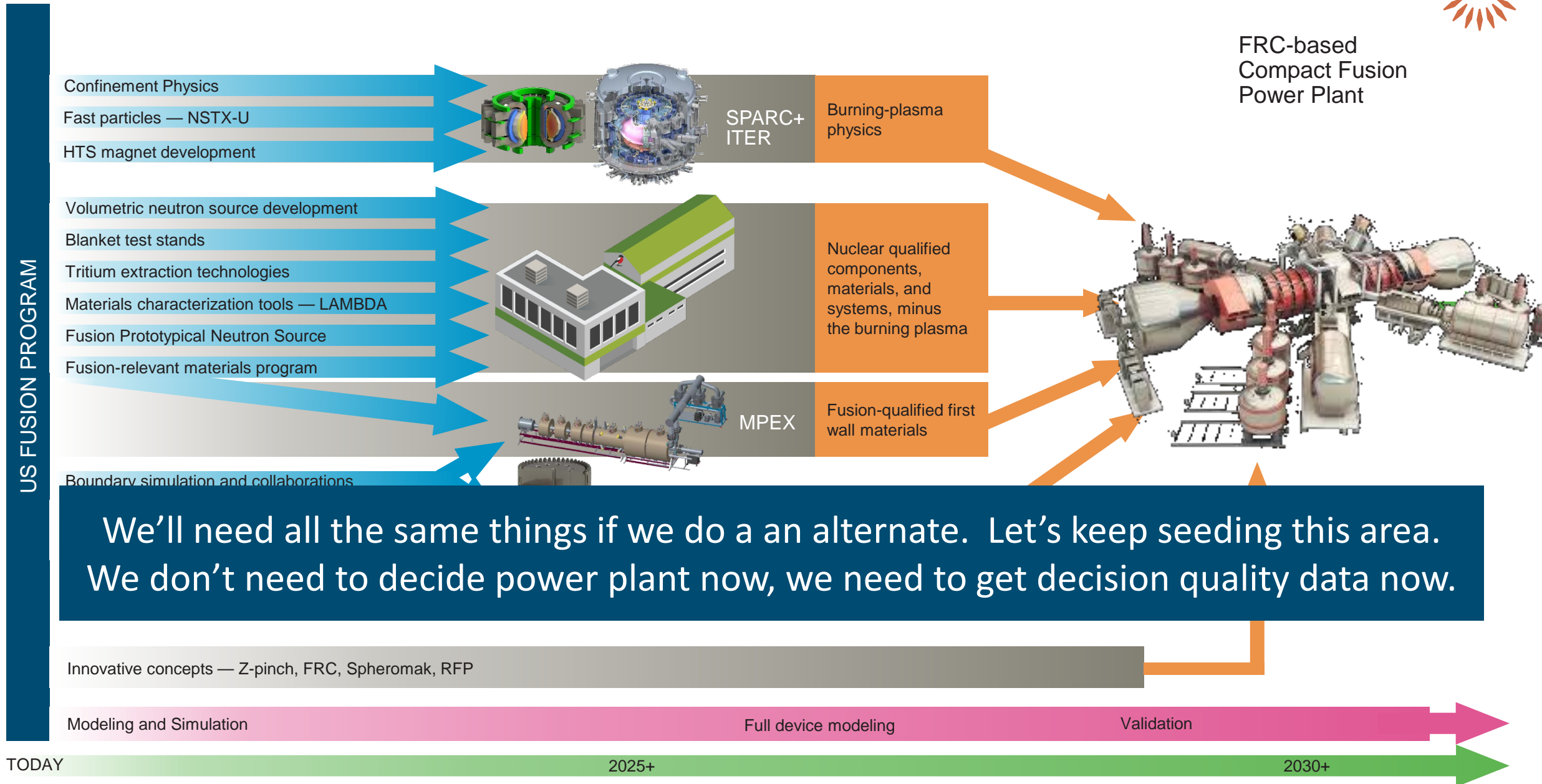
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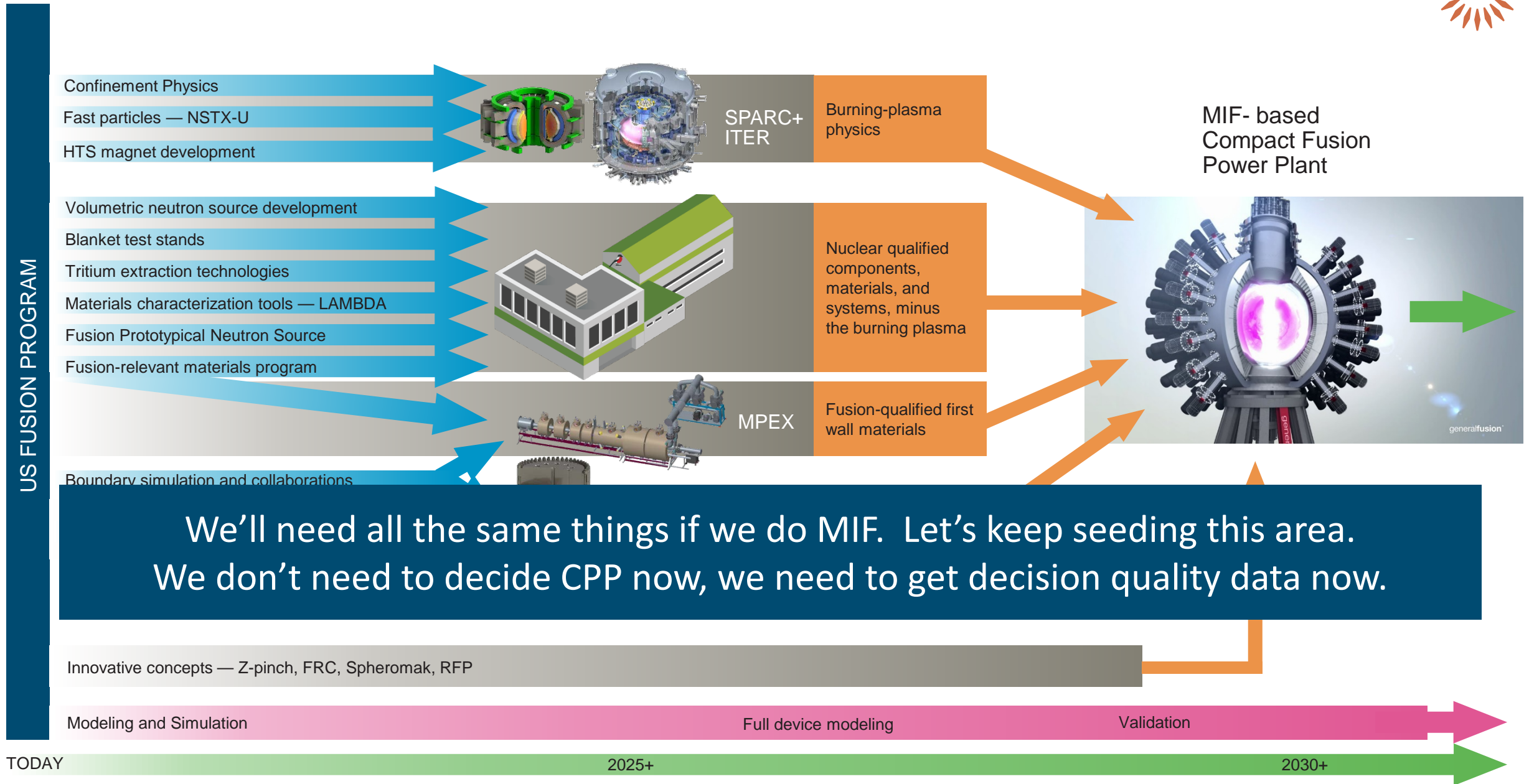
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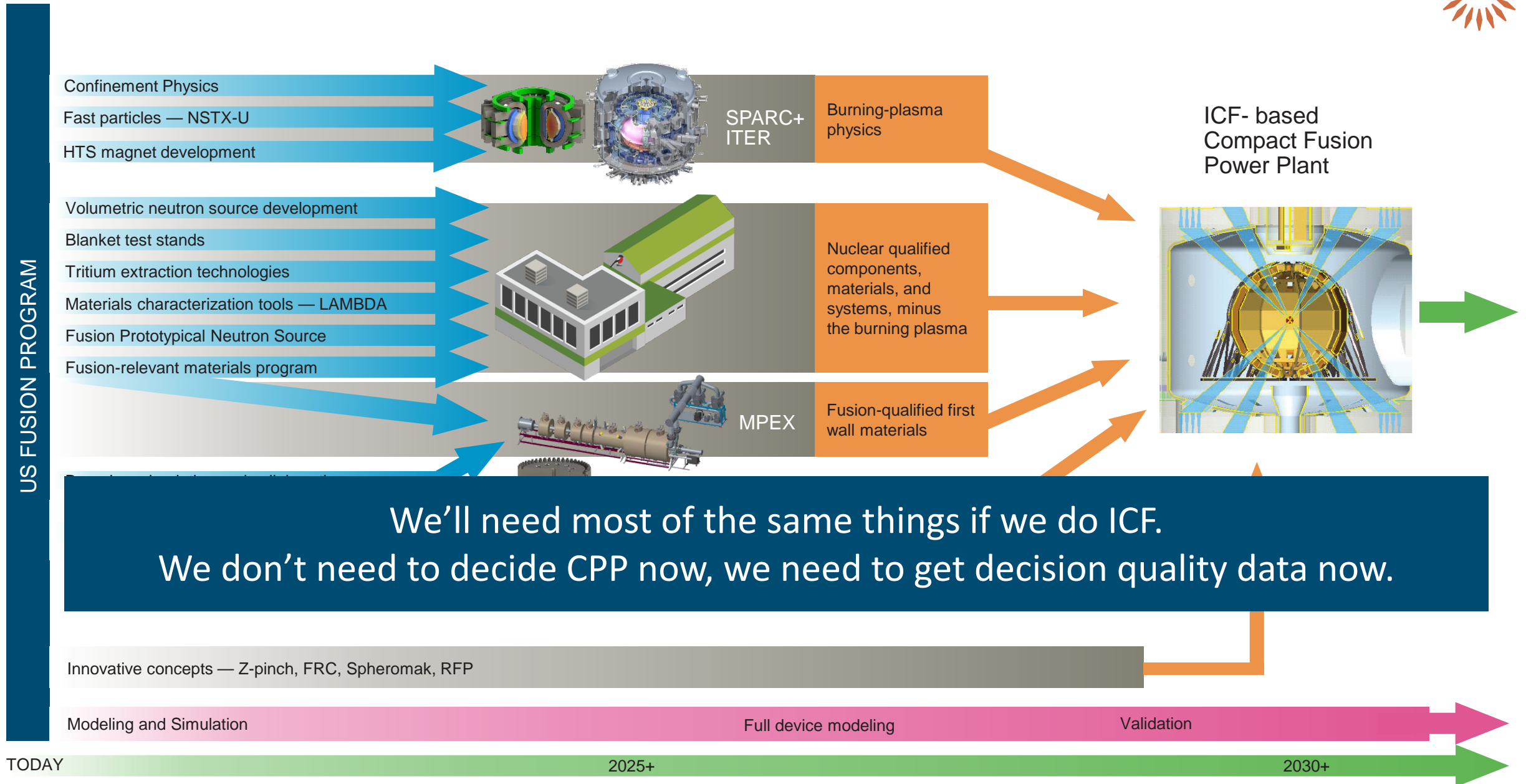
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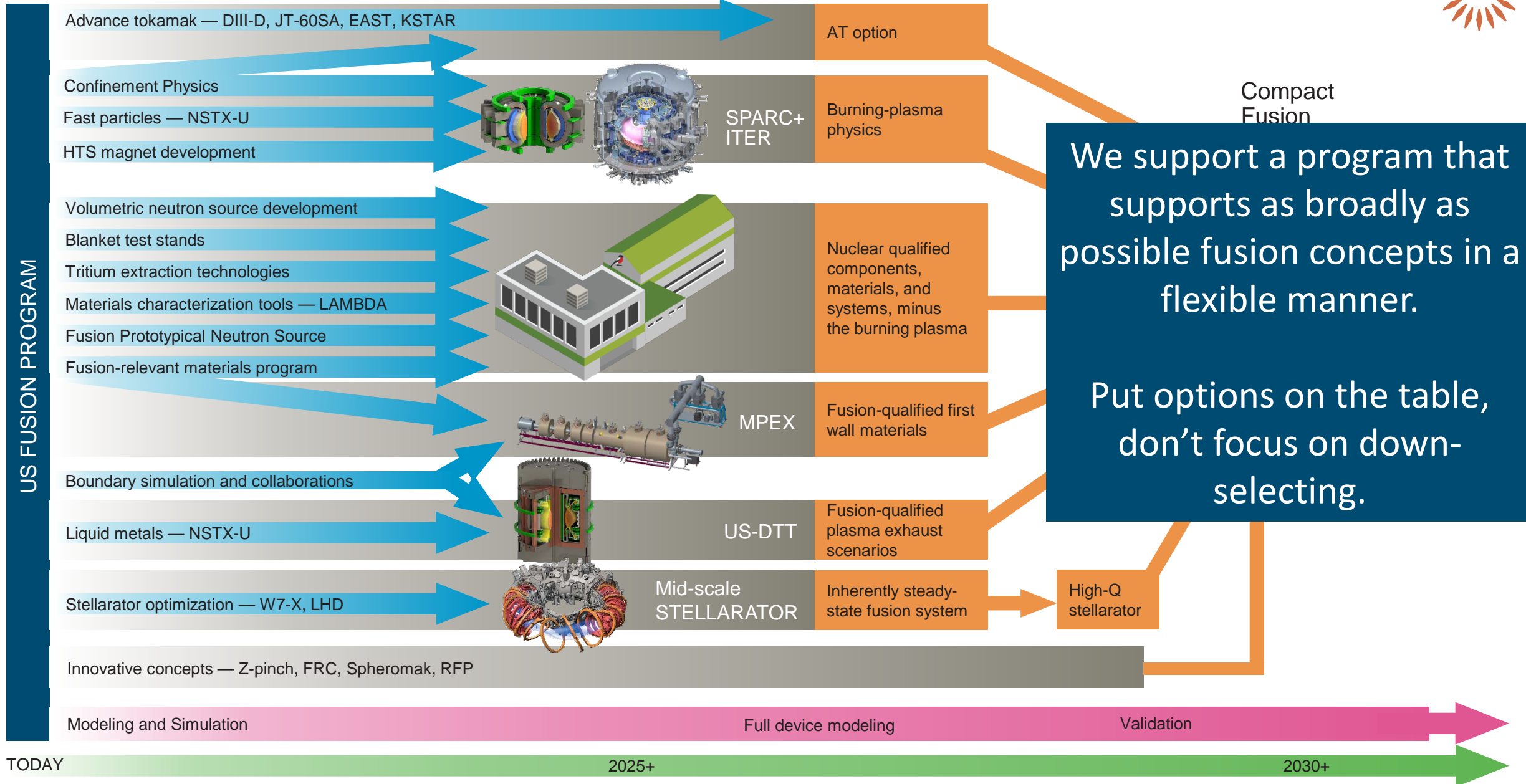
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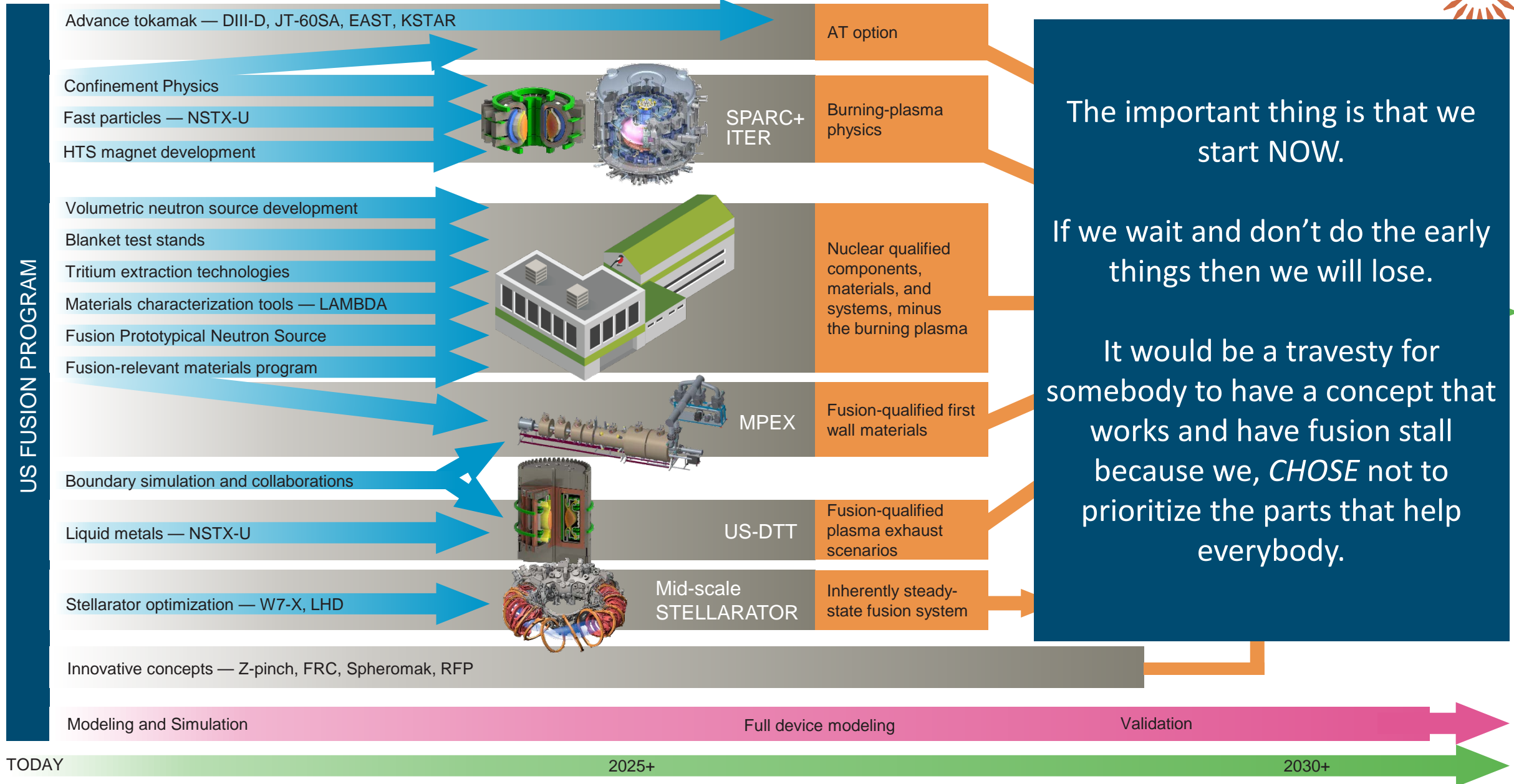
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A ROADMAP TO FUSION ENERGY THAT CFS WOULD SUPPORT



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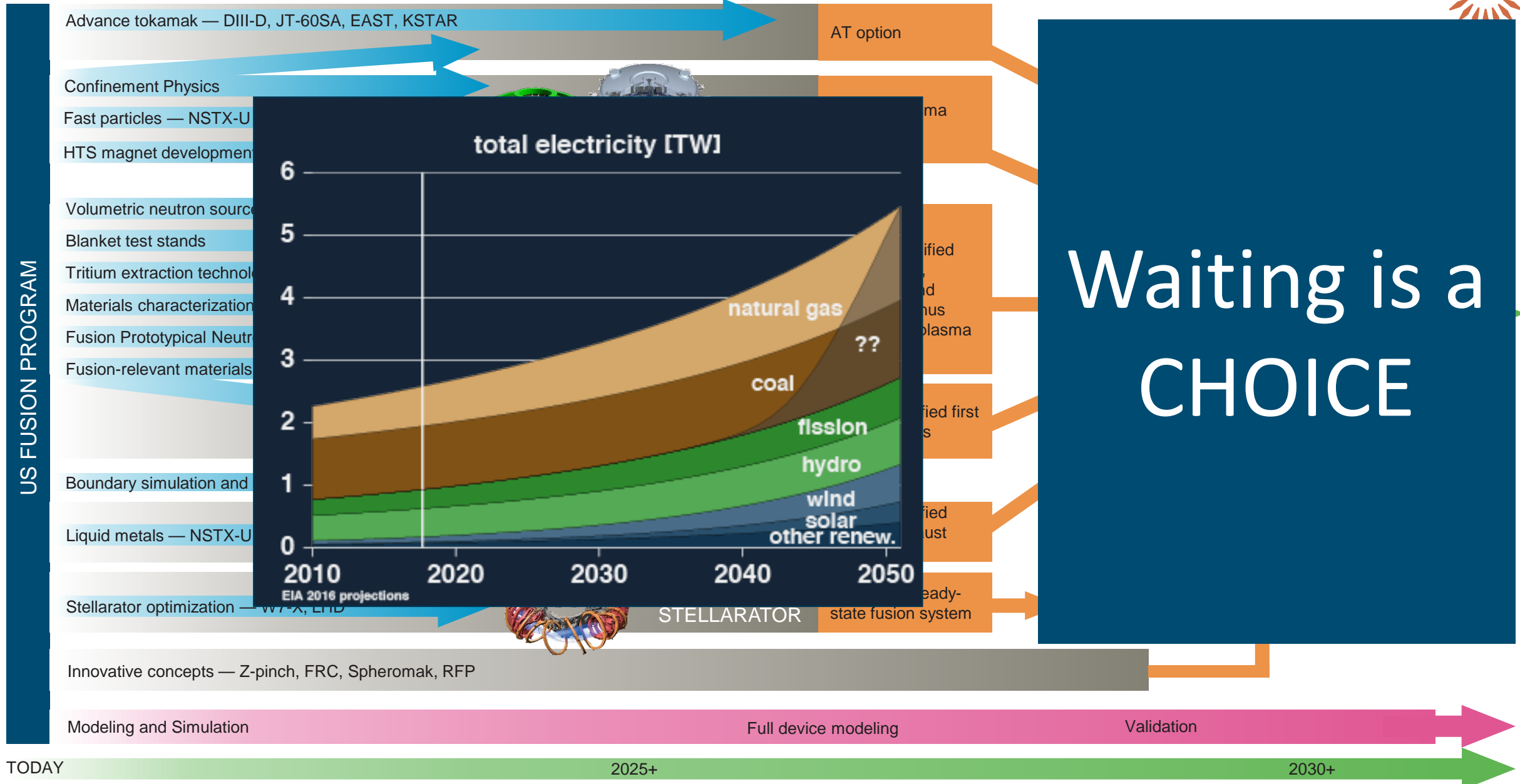


The important thing is that we start NOW.

If we wait and don't do the early things then we will lose.

It would be a travesty for somebody to have a concept that works and have fusion stall because we, *CHOSE* not to prioritize the parts that help everybody.

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The fastest path to
limitless, clean energy.