

Oak Ridge National Laboratory: Celebrating 80 years of impact through collaboration

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ORNL was born of the Manhattan Project

Hanford

Los Alamos

Oak Ridge

WAR DEPARTMENT
WASHINGTON

SECRET March 30, 1945.

Dear President Roosevelt:

The War Department requests the University of Chicago to enter into contract for the full management and operation of a semi-works plant for the development of manufacturing technique and the production of experimental quantities of a new product. The plant is to be located in the State of Tennessee in the vicinity of Clinton.

The War Department has given careful consideration to the question and in the light of the fact that the University of Chicago is the best qualified organization for the work and that it would be most advantageous if the University should feel itself unable to undertake it, it has been explained to you verbally, the project is of the utmost importance in the war effort.

Sincerely yours,
D. S. CURRIE,
Brigadier General, U. S.

Dr. Robert M. Hutchins, President
The University of Chicago
Chicago, Illinois.

SECRET

The Army asks the University of Chicago to develop a new product

The Manhattan Project facilities evolved into the national laboratories

- Capitalize on the extraordinary scientific and technical capabilities assembled for the war effort
- Continue nuclear R&D with a focus on peaceful use
- Conduct unclassified fundamental research on a scale beyond the reach of a single university or industry



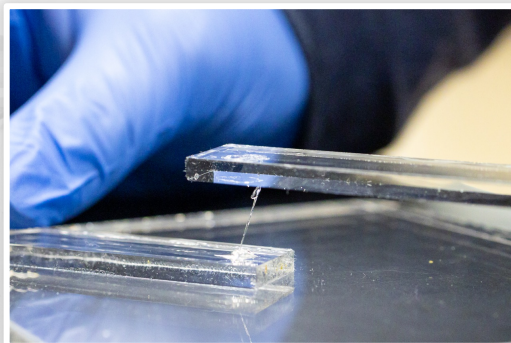
August 1, 1946: President Truman signs the Atomic Energy Act

R&D on reactor materials and chemistry broadened to address a wide range of energy concerns

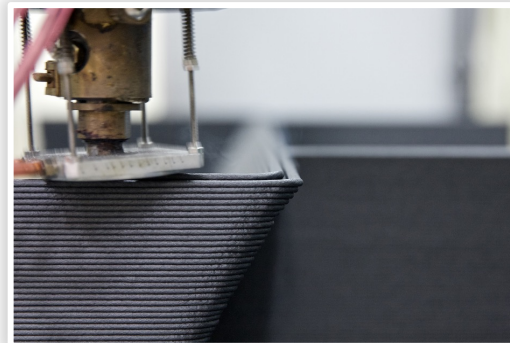


1948

High-temperature materials



Building technologies



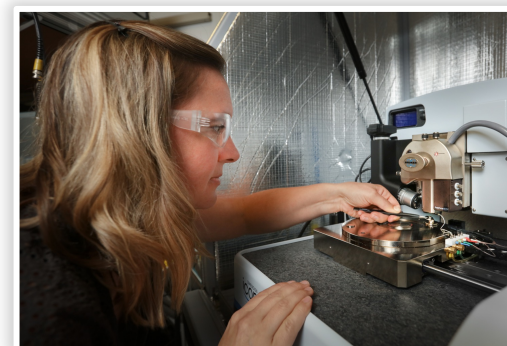
Advanced manufacturing



Today

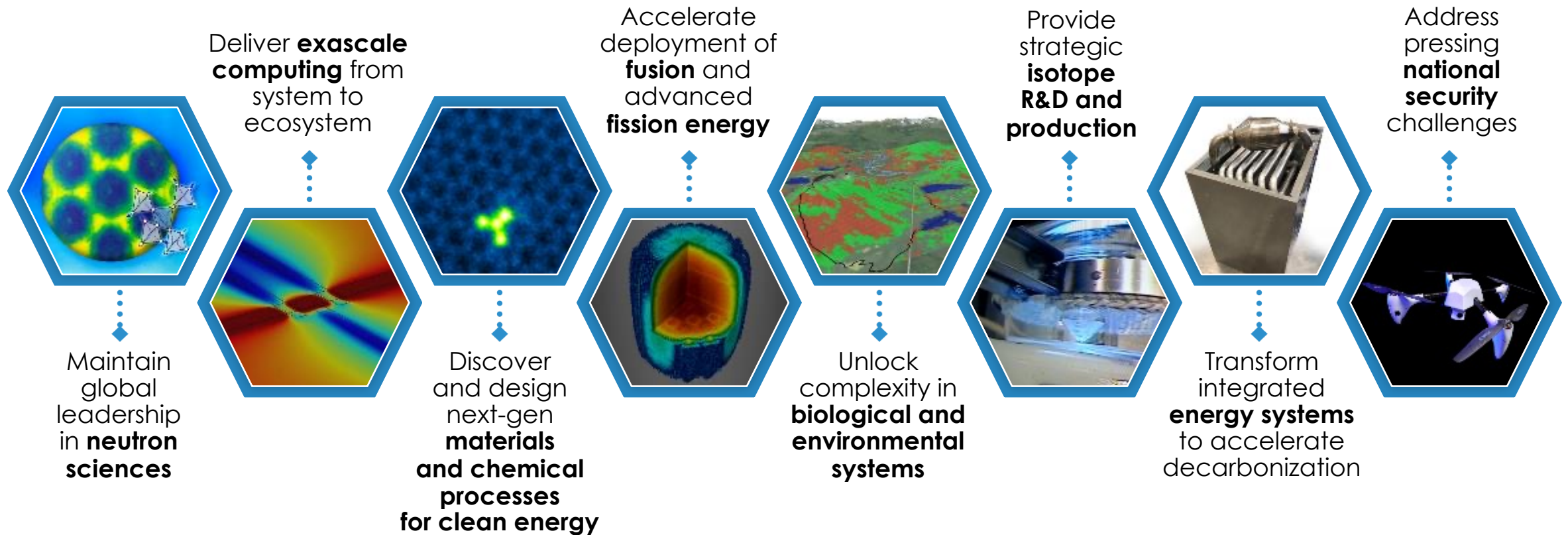


Transportation technology

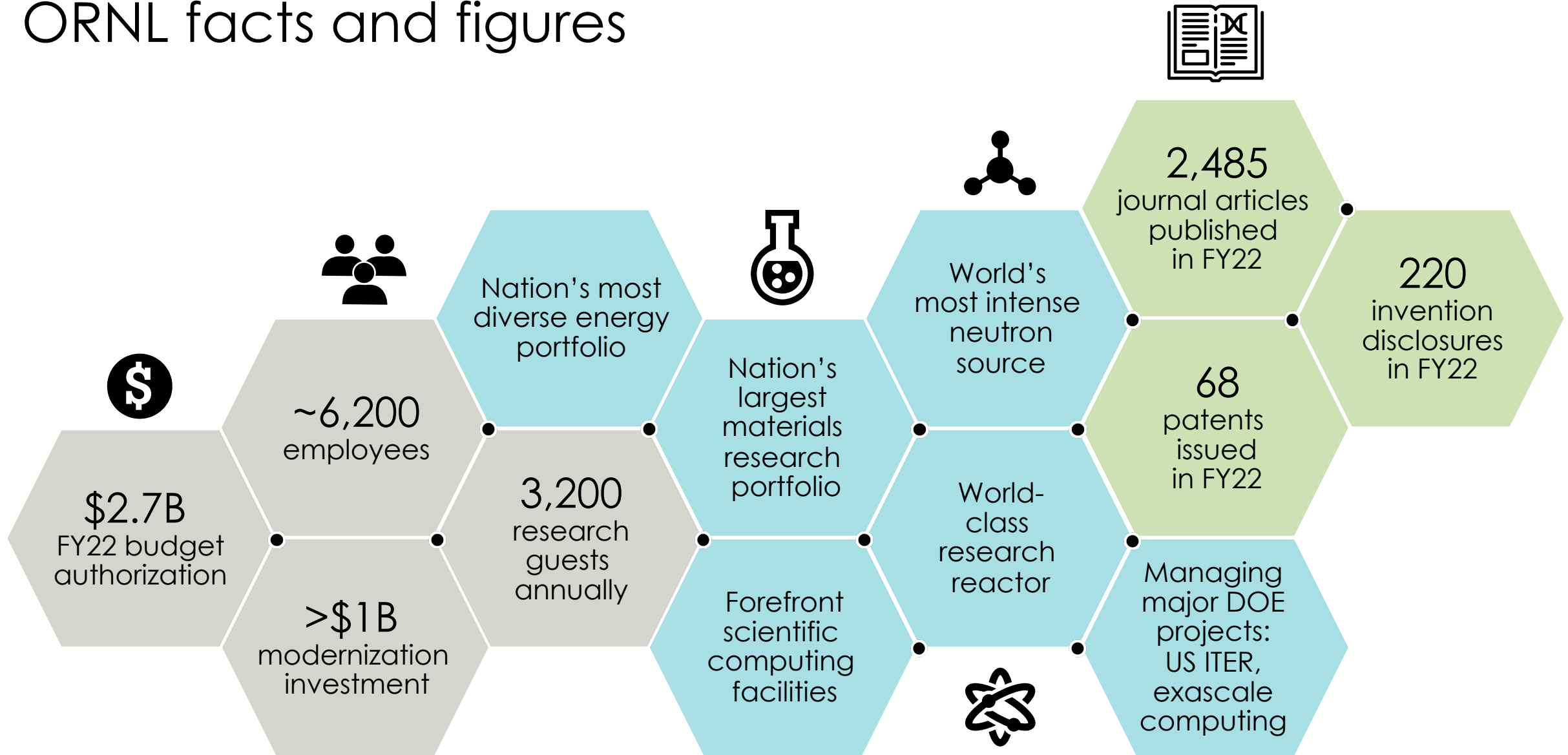


R&D at the nanoscale

ORNL continues to build off the past 80 years, but with the same focus of answering the nation's call



ORNL facts and figures



ORNL innovations have had billion-dollar impacts



Additive manufacturing >\$1B US industry investment

Fueleconomy.gov \$1B \$1B in cost savings

Ceramic matrix composites \$150B Gas turbines

Cesium extraction \$1.3B Nuclear waste processing

Reactor life extension \$20B 60-year licenses for >75% of US fleet

Advanced alloys Chrome-moly steel in widespread use

Ion implantation Integrated circuits and medical implants

Cryopreservation Livestock and endangered species management

Centrifuge technology >\$1B Vaccine purification and isotope enrichment

Instrumentation >\$1B Products and spinoffs from ORTEC and TENNELEC

Reactor technology Light water, high temperature, and molten salt concepts

PUREX Nuclear fuel reprocessing techniques used worldwide

Medical radioisotopes >\$5B/year Multibillion dollar industry (>100 million procedures per year)

1940s

Today



ORNL is proud to be a founding member of IACMI



Carbon Fiber
Technology Facility

Manufacturing
Demonstration Facility



ORNL, IACMI, and UT recruit world-leading talent



Uday Vaidya,
CTO of IACMI



Craig Blue,
defense manufacturing
program director



Vlastimil Kunc, section
head for Composites
Science and
Technology



Merlin Theodore,
CFTF director

Workforce development is crucial for the next generation



- ORNL collaborates with IACMI in **America's Cutting Edge** to rebuild U.S. capabilities in the machine tools sector.
- The **Manufacturing Demonstration Facility** hosts online courses, onsite training to align top national experts with students from all experience levels.



- **5,000 students** from all **50 states** have participated in free online courses and in-person training in the automated control of machine tools.

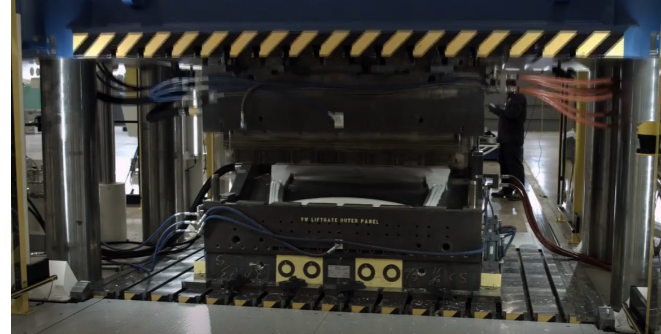
ORNL is contributing to IACMI's success

Recyclable thermoplastic wind blade



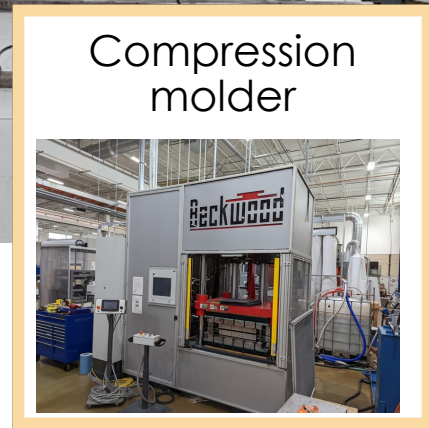
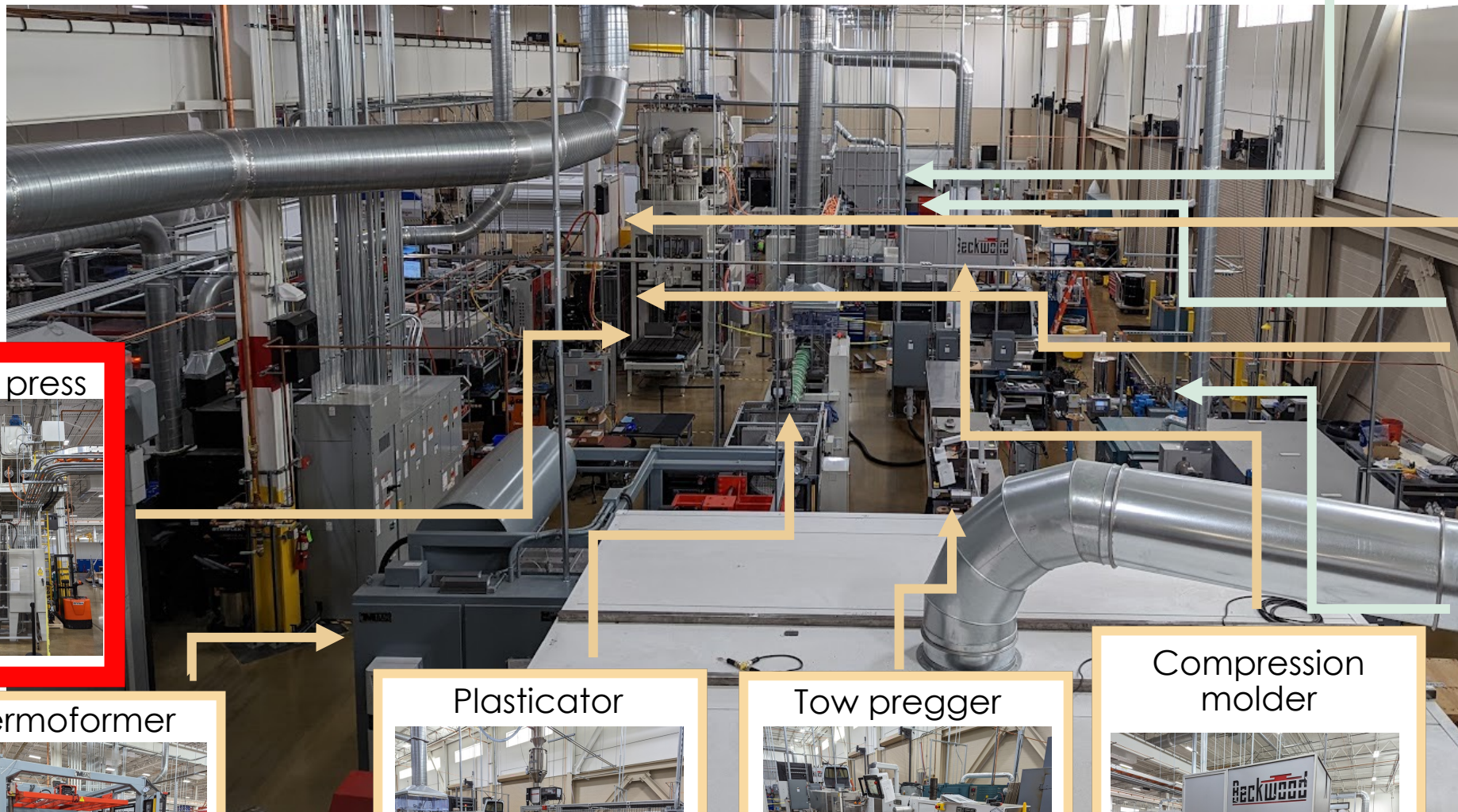
- Novel polymerizing thermoplastic technology
- Small infusion studies, then scaling to 13m blade
- Static and fatigue testing coupon and at full scale
- Lower tooling and recurring costs demonstrated
- R&D 100 winner

Lightweight composite liftgate



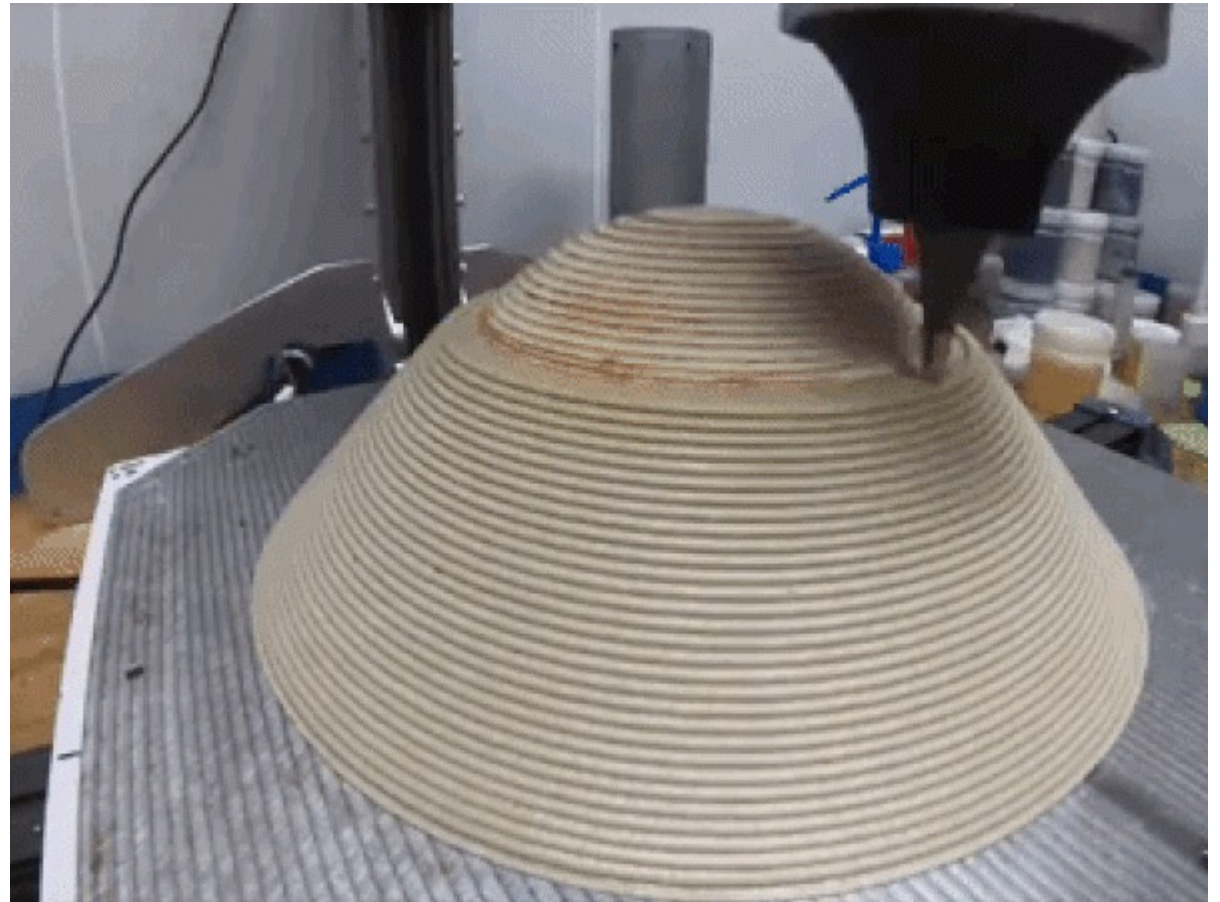
- Optimized design using fiberglass composite
- Sub three-minute cycle time
- 36% lighter than steel, 77% reduction in investment
- Recurring costs 9% lower vs. steel, 37% lower vs. Al
- Qualified for future production on U.S. electric platforms

IACMI investments at ORNL



MDF technology demonstration and deployment: First additively manufactured heat shield sent to space

- Research team 3D printed a thermal protection shield (TPS) which was launched to the International Space Station.
- Scientists worked with NASA to develop materials designed to withstand extreme temperatures encountered when objects reenter the atmosphere.
- TPS successfully protected capsule that recorded and transmitted data upon reentry.



IACMI wins ACE award for project completed with ORNL

IACMI and ORNL integrate CF and composites into the renovated Friendship Bell Park



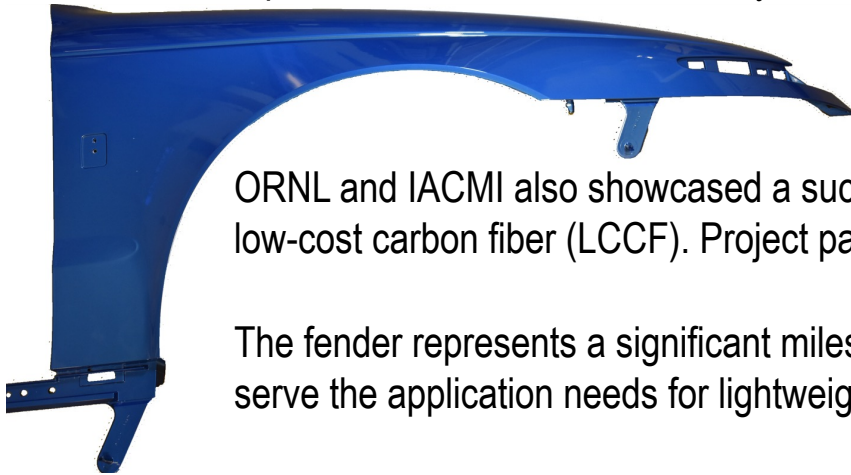
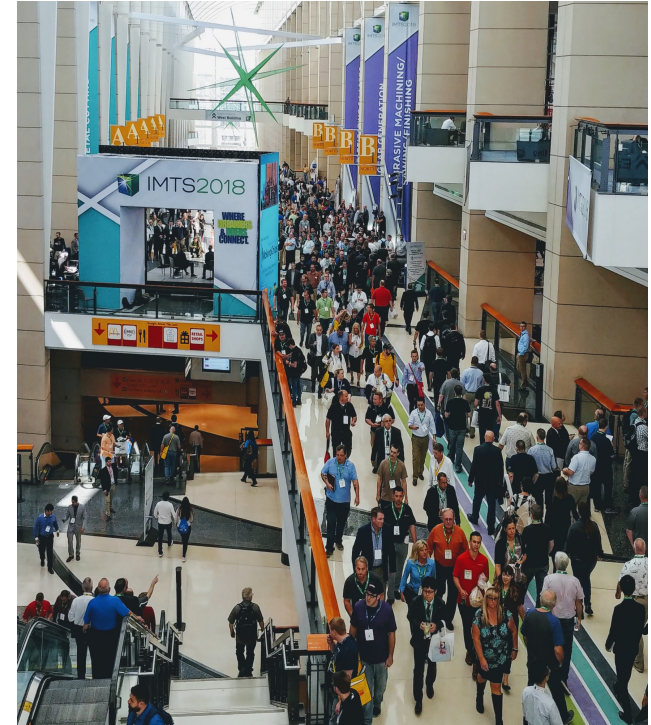
Members of IACMI and ORNL after receiving the CAMX ACE award for the “most creative application” category

Industry activities: Producing a die in a day

Showcasing additive capabilities to over 130,000 people



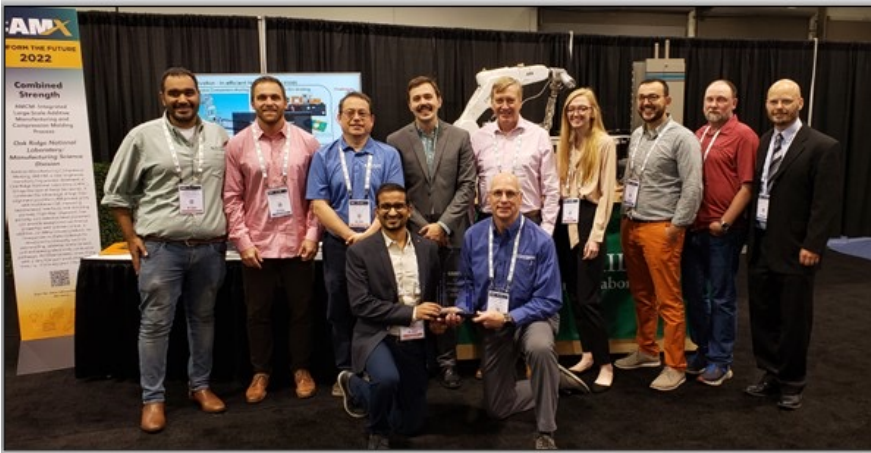
ORNL, IACMI and industry illustrated the concept of producing a “Die in a Day” at the International Manufacturing Technology Show, the largest manufacturing conference in North America. Over **130,000** attendees witnessed five dies being **designed, printed, machined** and **used** to mold parts on the show floor in six days.



ORNL and IACMI also showcased a successfully produced injection molded automotive fender using ORNL low-cost carbon fiber (LCCF). Project partners include IACMI and TechmerPM.

The fender represents a significant milestone in demonstrating the capability of low cost, textile-based CF to serve the application needs for lightweight automotive parts at lower costs than ever before.

IACMI and ORNL thrive on impact and collaboration



CAMX Combined Strength Award



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Discussion

