



## NUCLEAR FUEL TECHNOLOGY

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# THE FUTURE OF NUCLEAR FUEL IS A TRILLION TIMES SMALLER

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# THERE IS NOT ENOUGH ELECTRICITY FOR AI GROWTH

**Global electricity demand is rising**, with data center growth contributing significantly to projected increases in total electricity consumption.

Advanced nuclear reactors are the best way to meet that surging demand.

Meeting this forecasted demand will **require constructing multiple nuclear reactors per week!**

Fuel qualification and supply chain readiness are critical components of reactor deployment.

**85 - 90 GW**

New nuclear capacity needed to meet forecast data center power **demand growth by 2030**

**\$1.7B+**

Already invested in reactor companies

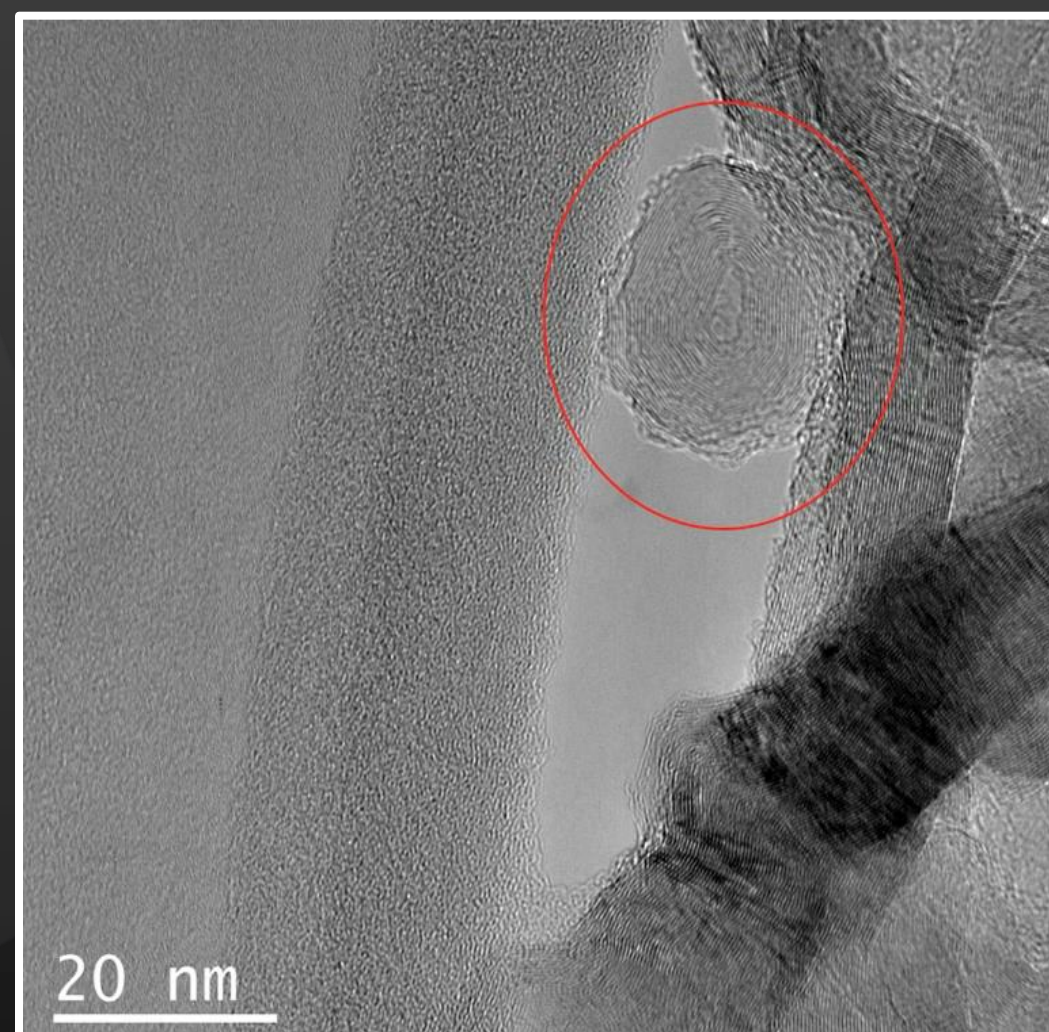
**Zero**

Next gen fuel manufacturers



## THE SOLUTION: **CARNISO FUEL**

**CARNISO** (**CAR**bon **NAN**ostructure **ISO**tropic) is a nanoscale fuel architecture concept for advanced nuclear reactors.



**CARNISO** is designed at a significantly smaller structural scale than TRISO-based fuel architectures.

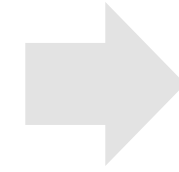
One trillion CARNISO fuel particles to reach the equivalent volume of a single conventional TRISO particle.

This shift in scale is intended to improve neutron moderation behavior and thermal characteristics.

Performance advantages remain subject to staged validation.



**1 Triso**  
Particle Volume



**1 Trillion**  
CARNISO Particles

**1 Second**  
A single tick of a clock.



**1 Trillion  
Seconds**  
About 31,709 years.

**1 Millimeter**  
Thickness of a dime



**1 Trillion  
Millimeters**  
Takes you past the sun



# THE CARNISO TRIAD VALUE PROPOSITION

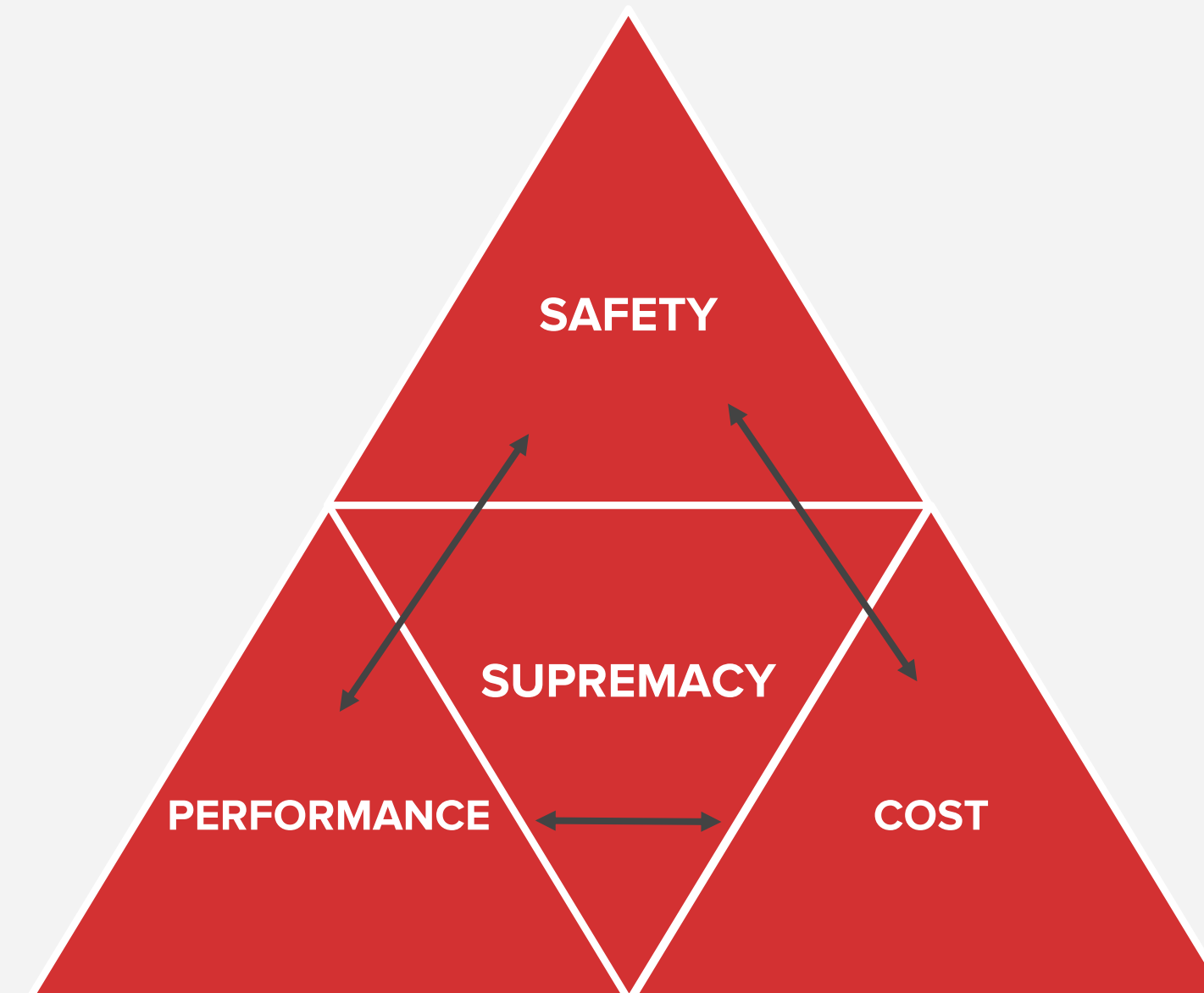
**CARNISO fuel is a fundamental reimaging of reactor fuel architecture.**

**SAFETY:** Designed to improve fission product containment under elevated temperature conditions.

**PERFORMANCE:** Intended to enhance thermal behavior through nanoscale architecture.

**COST:** Targeting simplified or more scalable manufacturing relative to multi-layer coating processes.

*All performance claims are subject to validation through staged R&D testing.*



**A safer fuel with higher performance at lower costs creates a compounding competitive advantage, enabling reactor viability.**

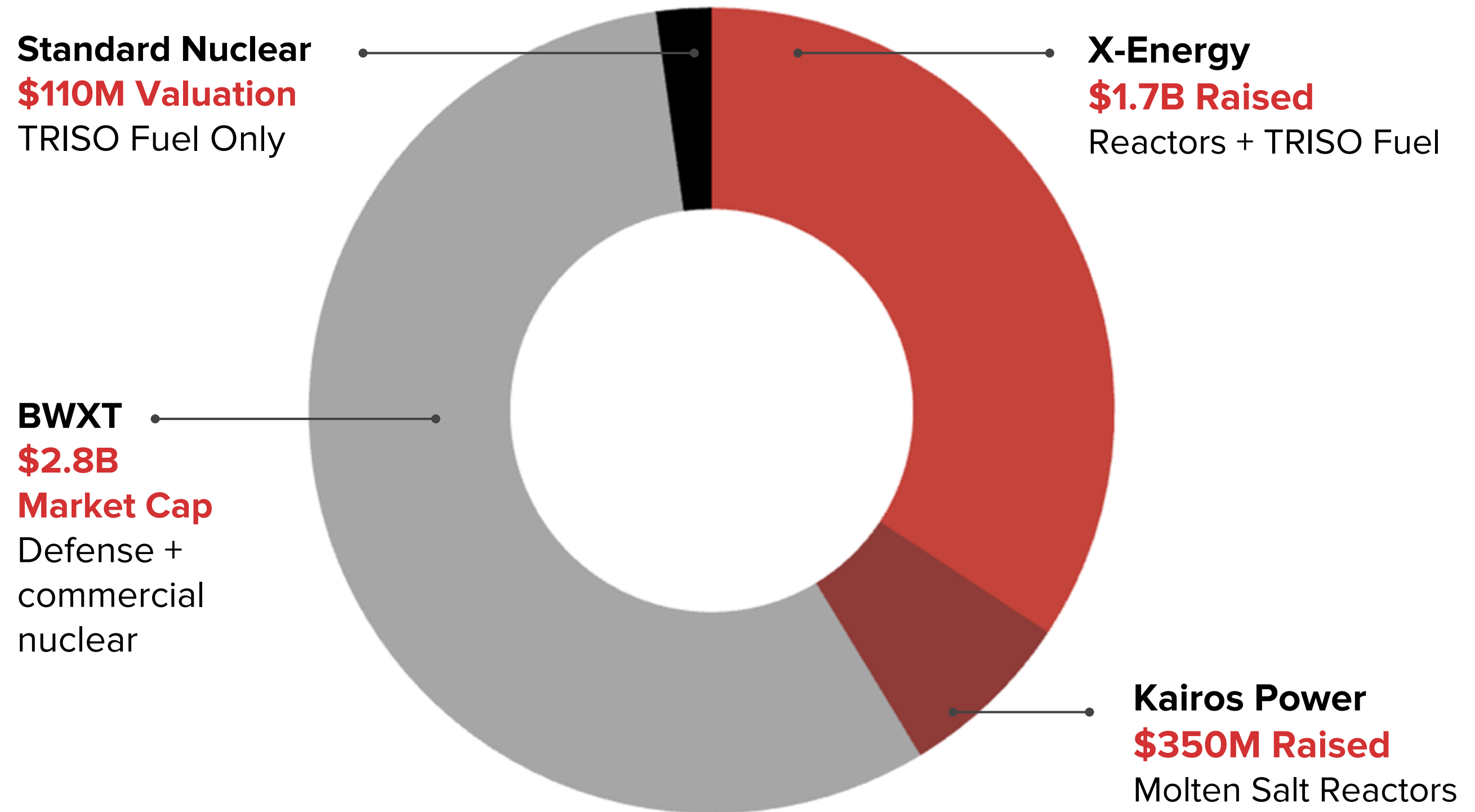


## COMPETITIVE LANDSCAPE

Significant capital is flowing into advanced reactor and TRISO fuel supply chain development.

**Most commercial fuel development is focused on TRISO-based architectures.**

**CARNISO** is positioned as a nanoscale fuel architecture concept differentiated by structural scale and intended performance characteristics.



Every single competitor is building **TRISO** fuel. **Billions** have been invested in TRISO-specific equipment, processes and facilities that have been developed with 1950s technology. **No one is developing nanoscale fuel.**



# NUCLEAR SAFETY DEPENDS ON FUEL INTEGRITY

Major reactor incidents have involved different initiating events. However, **loss of effective cooling can lead to fuel damage** and potential release of fission products.

TRISO is a microencapsulated fuel particle design used in certain advanced reactor systems. It relies on multiple protective coating layers intended to retain fission products.

Advanced reactor performance depends not only on reactor design, but on **the integrity and scalability of the fuel itself.**

## TRISO Limitations:

- Expensive to manufacture
- Prone to mechanical degradation
- High nuclear waste volumes

Next-generation reactors are small, modular, and deployable anywhere.

They deserve fuel **designed for the future, not adapted from the past.**





# **BUSINESS MODEL**

## **BUSINESS MODEL: B2B FUEL TECHNOLOGY**

### **PRIMARY PATHWAYS:**

- IP licensing to qualified fuel manufacturers
- Joint development partnerships with reactor developers
- Strategic acquisition following validated performance

Target stakeholders include advanced reactor developers, fuel manufacturers, and strategic energy investors.



## TARGET CUSTOMERS

### BIG TECH POWER BUYERS



### REACTOR MANUFACTURERS



Any Gen IV reactor builder

### TRISO FUEL MANUFACTURER



(potential acquirers)

## REVENUE PATHWAYS

### IP LICENSING

License CARNISO technology to existing fuel manufacturers

### DIRECT MANUFACTURING

Build production capacity, sell fuel directly

### ACQUISITION EXIT

Sell technology to major player seeking competitive advantage.





# DEFENSIBILITY

## PATENT STATUS: PENDING

Non-Provisional patent filed **March 5, 2026**

U.S. Serial No. 19/557,873

Defensibility depends on:

- Validated performance data
- IP protection
- Regulatory qualification pathways
- Switching costs within existing infrastructure

Regulatory approval pathways will depend on demonstrated safety and performance data.

## ID PROTECTION

Patent-pending on core technology. Exclusive license from the University of Arizona. **First-mover advantage in nanoscale fuel.**

## REGULATORY PATHWAYS

If CARNISO outperforms on safety metrics, **the NRC may require it for reactor operations.** Regulation becomes our competitive advantage.

## EXISTING INFRASTRUCTURE

Competitors have invested billions in TRISO infrastructure. Switching to nanoscale fuel means starting over. **We're already there.**



## THE FOUNDER

**Jacob Jerome Bernal (J. J. Bernal), PhD**  
**FOUNDER & CEO**

Background in astro- and cosmochemistry.

Research includes carbon nanostructure formation and high-temperature electron microscopy.

The technology originated during postdoctoral research at the University of Arizona.

“I was studying how stars form carbon nanostructures when I accidentally created something that looked remarkably like nuclear fuel—**just a trillion times smaller.**”

**J.J. Bernal, PhD**



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**NSF MPS-ASCEND  
FELLOW:**

University of Arizona  
Lunar & Planetary Lab  
(2021-2025). Principal  
investigator in carbon  
nanostructure  
research.



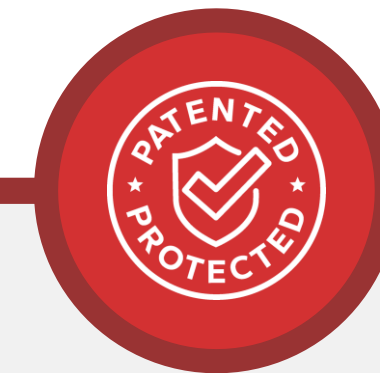
**7 PEER-REVIEWED  
PUBLICATIONS:**

Including  
breakthrough SiC to  
fullerene research  
(the exact mechanism  
underlying CARNISO).



**HIGH-TEMPERATURE  
TEM EXPERTISE:**

MEMS heating  
experiments at Oak  
Ridge National  
Laboratory—same  
facilities for CARNISO  
validation.



**PATENT PENDING:**

Developed with  
University of Arizona  
Tech Launch.  
Commercial rights  
secured.



# CURRENT STATUS

- Nanostructure samples have been synthesized and characterized via transmission electron microscopy (TEM).
- Fuel performance validation remains in development and requires additional R&D funding.
- Non-dilutive funding applications, including SBIR, are in process.

## TECHNICAL

Proof-of-Concept Samples Synthesized  
TEM image confirm nanostructure formation matching theoretical models

## FUNDING

NSF SBIR Phase I Submitted  
\$304K proposal pending approval for initial R&D operations

## LEGAL

Exclusive IP Rights Secured  
Patent pending + exclusive commercial license from University of Arizona.  
Patent application filed 3/5/2026. US serial no. 19/557,873.

## COMPANY STATUS

### ENTITY

LLC  
Incorporated

### TEAM

1 (lean by  
design)

### STAGE

Pre-Revenue /  
R&D

### LOCATION

Tucson, AZ



# GO-TO-MARKET STRATEGY

## **PROVE**

Complete Phase I non-nuclear R&D validation and establish measurable performance data.

## **PROTECT**

Advance patent protection and secure defensible IP position.

## **PARTNER**

Engage reactor developers and fuel manufacturers following validated results.

## **LOW CUSTOMER ACQUISITION COST**

The product either works or does not sell. If it works, the IP value is enormous without building facilities.

## **ALIGNED INCENTIVES**

Incumbents either license our technology or watch a competitor do it first.



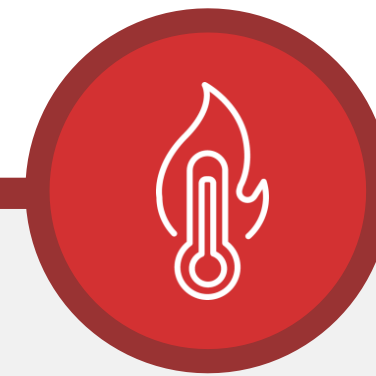
# DEVELOPMENT ROADMAP



## Phase I

**Approx. 1 year**

- Non-nuclear synthesis and validation at the University of Arizona
- Reproducing proof-of-concept
- Establishing performance metrics
- Secure patent landscape



## Phase II

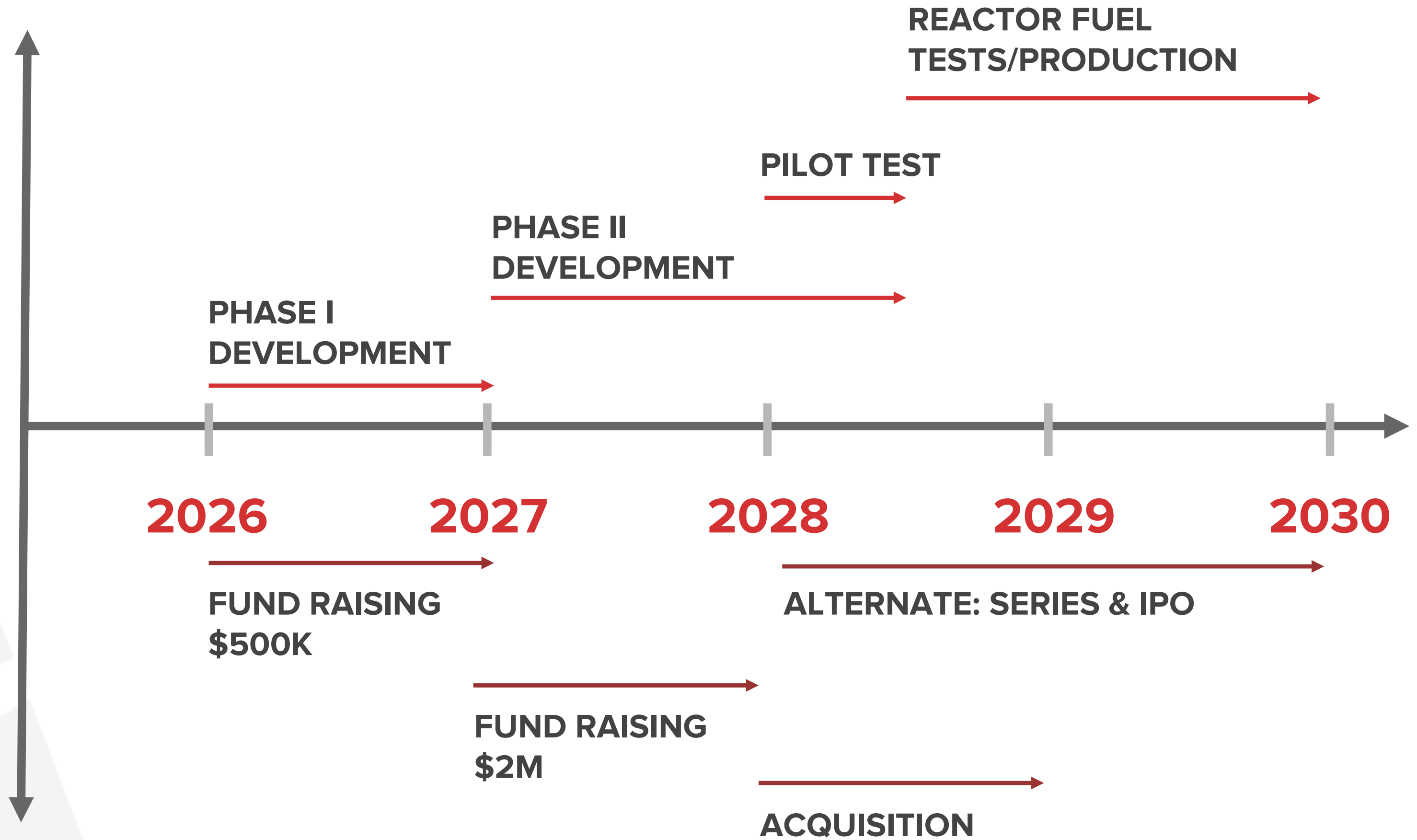
- Hot testing at a national laboratory (ORNL or INL), subject to acceptance.
- Addition of nuclear engineering and regulatory expertise.
- NRC engagement
- Industry partnerships



# DEVELOPMENT ROADMAP

**PROJECT  
MILESTONE**

**FINANCIAL  
MILESTONE**





# WHY ARCHANGEL ATOMICS

CARNISO is a nanoscale fuel architecture concept targeting improved safety, performance, and cost in advanced nuclear systems.

**Patent pending | Pre-revenue R&D stage.**

Seed capital enables Phase I validation and advancement toward partnership or licensing pathways.

## MARKET CREATION OPPORTUNITY

CARNISO isn't competing in the TRISO market—it's creating a new one with potential for **monopoly control**

## EXCLUSIVE TECHNOLOGY ACCESS

Sole holder of University of Arizona license. Patent pending. **Only organization qualified to develop it.**

## PERFECT TIMING

AI power demand is creating unprecedented nuclear fuel demand. **Big Tech is spending billions on reactors—and will need fuel.**

## CLEAR PATH TO VALUE CREATION

\$500K enables proof. Proof enables acquisition or growth funding. Multiple exit paths with 75%+ probability by 2030.

# \$500K

Capital investment directly enables timely R&D and creates value through proof of technology.



The Future of Nuclear Fuel is a **Trillion Times Smaller**

**QUESTIONS?**