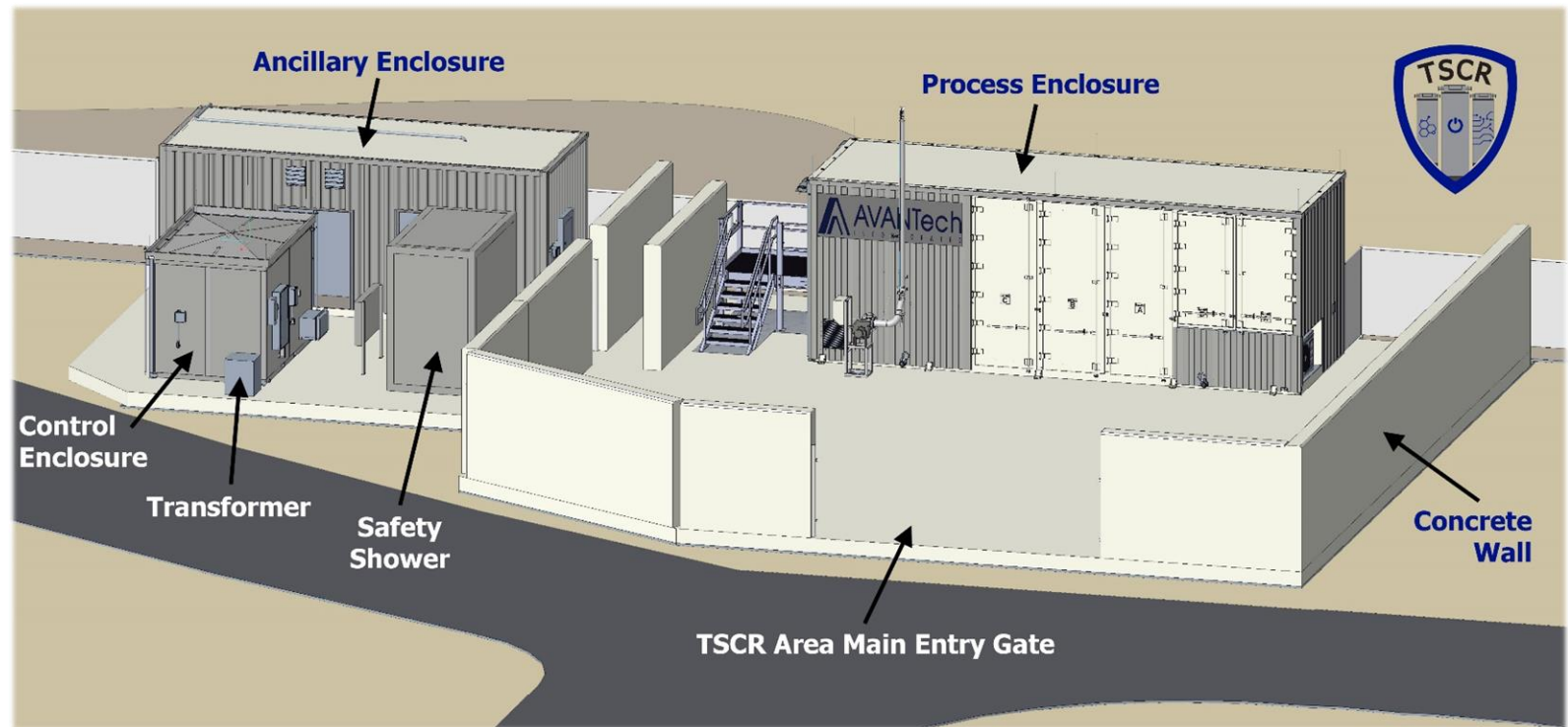




# Modular Cesium Removal Technology Tank Side Cesium Removal (TSCR)

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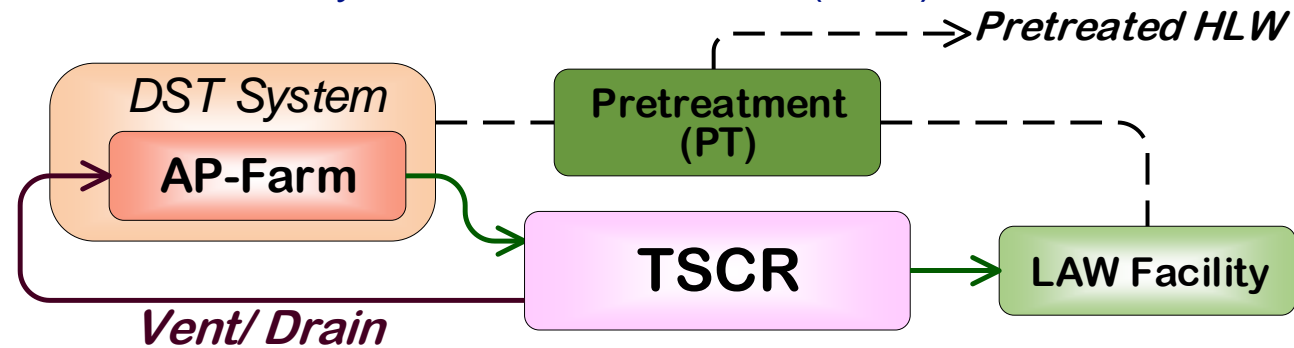
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# Tank Side Cesium Removal (TSCR) Objectives

- Demonstrates modular tank-side technology for treating waste supernatant
  - ✓ Filter solids using backwashable filter technology
  - ✓ Remove Cs-137 and Sr-90 with Crystalline Silicotitanate (CST)



*TSCR Provides Early Feed to WTP-LAW Vit. Facility*

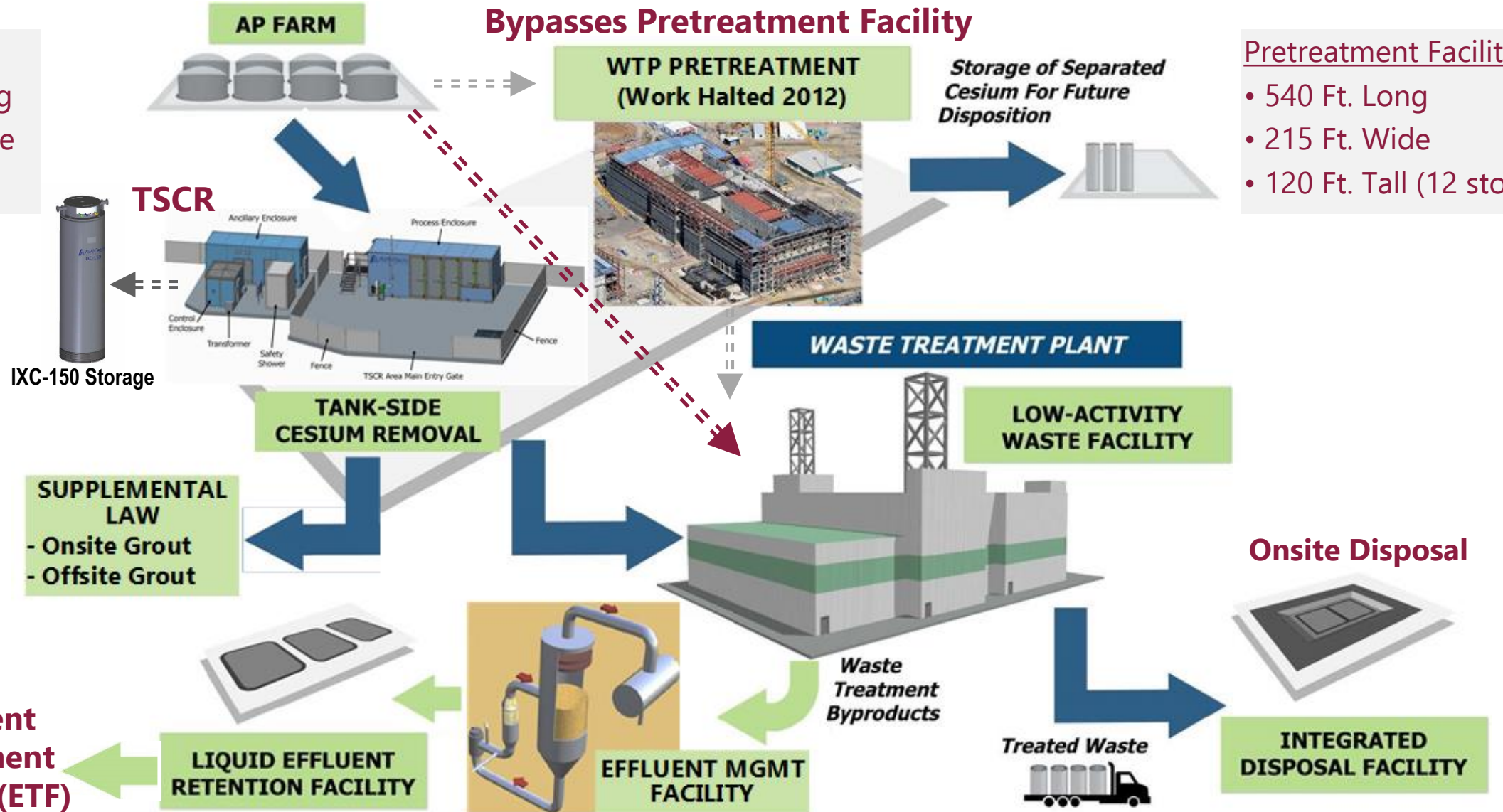
- Early production of feed for WTP LAW-Vitrification commissioning and operation
  - ✓ **Bypasses WTP Pretreatment Facility**
  - ✓ Treated product meets WTP feed acceptance criteria
- Builds upon AVANTech's commercial Cs removal experience at Fukushima



# Direct Feed Low Active Waste (DFLAW)

## TSCR Facts

- 42 Ft. Long
- 12 Ft. Wide
- 12 Ft. Tall



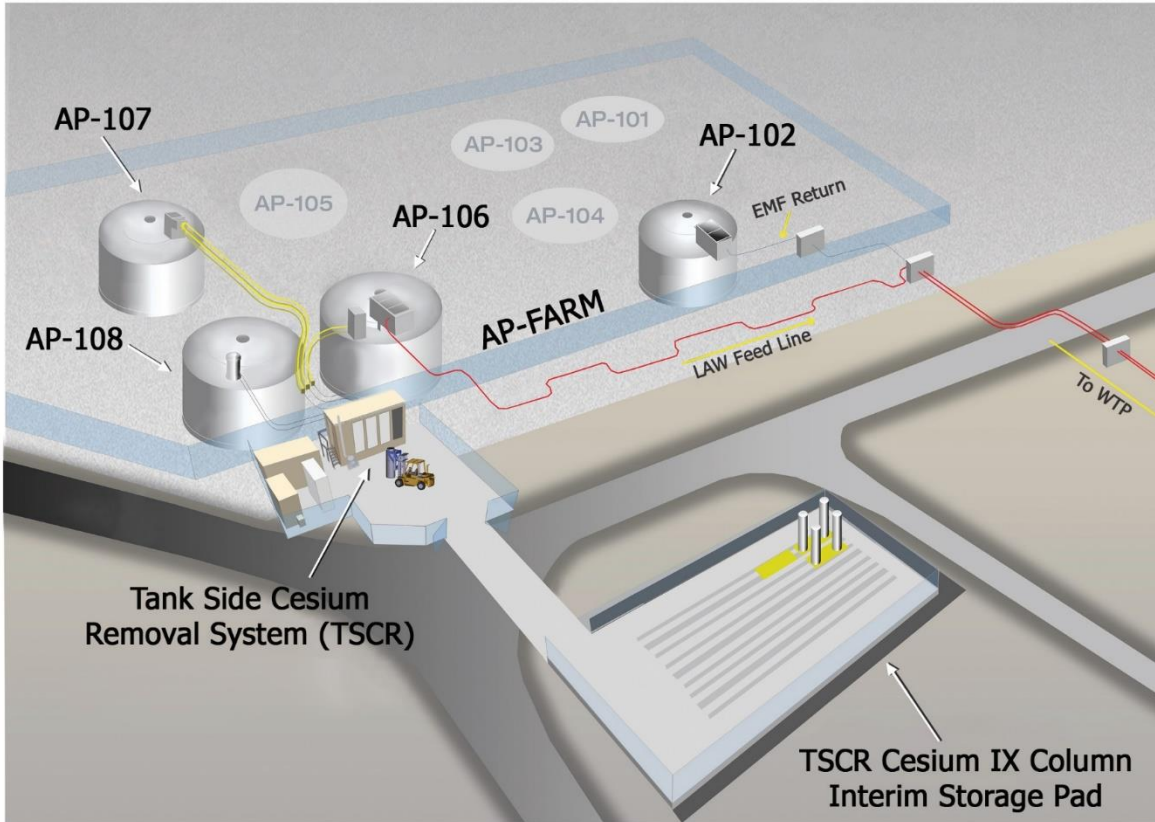
## Pretreatment Facility Facts

- 540 Ft. Long
- 215 Ft. Wide
- 120 Ft. Tall (12 stories)



# Hanford – 200 Area

- TSCR located on edge of 241-AP Tank Farm



- Capable of treated 80% of Hanford tank waste



Location of TSCR



# TSCR Overview

## ■ Modular cesium removal technology within 3 enclosures

### ✓ Process Enclosure

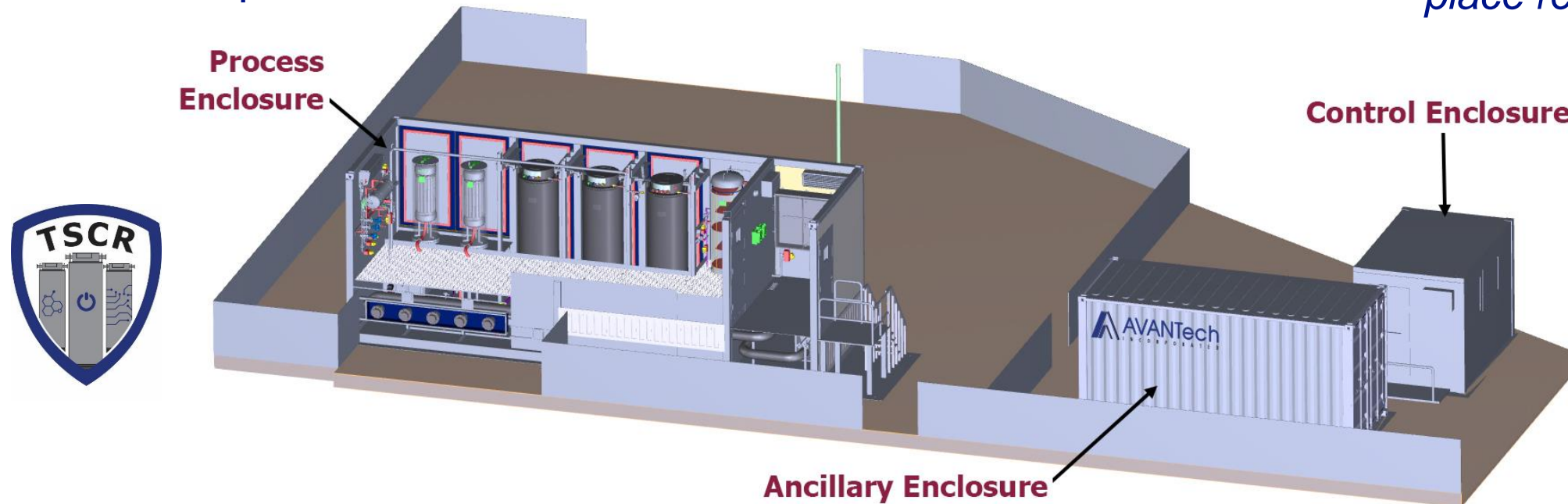
- Contains all process and waste wetted components

### ✓ Ancillary Enclosure

- Air/ Water/ Reagent

### ✓ Control Enclosure

- Operator Workstation
  - *All operations take place remotely*





# Technical Evolution of Cesium/ Strontium Ion Exchange Columns (IXC-150)



**SCIX Prototype  
2010**  
*Water Cooling*



**SARRY (Gen-1)  
Fukushima – 2011**  
*Air Annulus Limited Cs Loading*



**HERO (Gen-2)  
Fukushima – 2015**  
*Used Cooling Core to Increase Ci Loading*

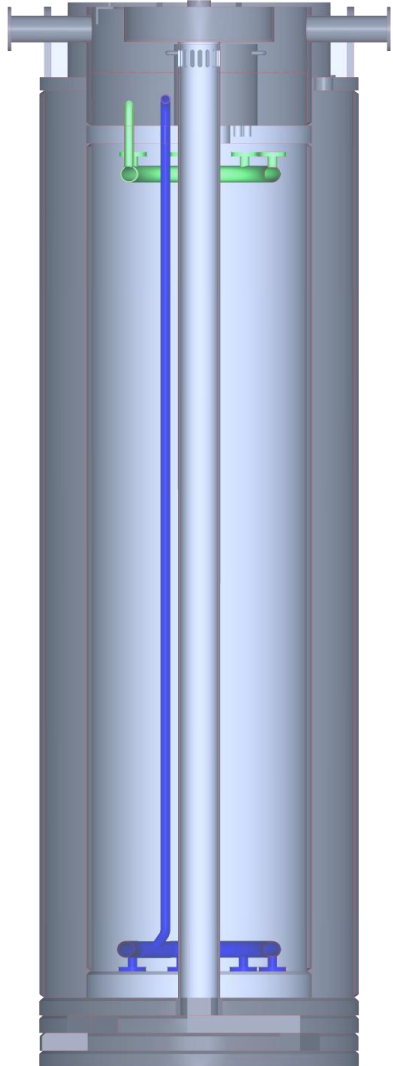


**IXC-150 (Gen-2+)  
Hanford TSCR**  
*Improved Shielding*

Description	SCIX	SARRY	HERO	TSCR
<b>Cooling Features</b>	Active Water Cooling	Convective <u>air flow</u> in annulus between shield and IX Vessel	Convective <u>air cooling</u> through <u>cooling core</u> and <u>conductive cooling</u> through IXC sidewall	Convective <u>air cooling</u> thru <u>cooling core</u> and <u>improved conductive cooling</u> thru IXC sidewall
<b>Shielding</b>	Inside tank, so <u>tank structure</u> provided shielded	<u>Lead shot</u> filled compartment around IX Vessel	<u>Poured lead</u> in removable annular cylinder around IXC	<u>Poured lead</u> in cavity formed by the IXC wall and outer shell
<b>Handling Method</b>	<u>Placed in tank w/ crane</u> . CST transferred to tank bottom for transfer to DWPF	<u>Overhead crane</u> . Spent IXCs with spent media placed in interim storage	<u>Forklift Handling</u> . Spent IXCs with spent media placed in interim storage	<u>Forklift Handling</u> . Spent IXCs with spent media placed in interim storage



# Ion Exchange



*IXC-150*

- Design for Crystalline Silicotitanate (CST) media
- High Cs-137 Capacity
  - ✓ 141,600 Ci
- Robust Structural Design
  - ✓ Design Pressure: 400 psig (ASME Section VIII)
  - ✓ Survives 36" vertical drop
- IX Column Internals
  - ✓ Support effective flow distribution as well as bulk dewatering/ drying
  - ✓ Good CST compatibility<sup>(1)</sup>
- Quickly replaceable
- Integral Self-Shielding
  - ✓ Reduces dose rates to ≤ 5 mrem/hr
- Cooling Core
  - ✓ Aids in heat dissipation
  - ✓ **Mitigates IXC boiling under liquid filled static conditions**  
- (580 W Decay Heat)
- Simplified Contact Handling
  - ✓ Compatible with forklift or overhead hoist
- Passively Safe Storage
  - ✓ > 50-yr interim storage

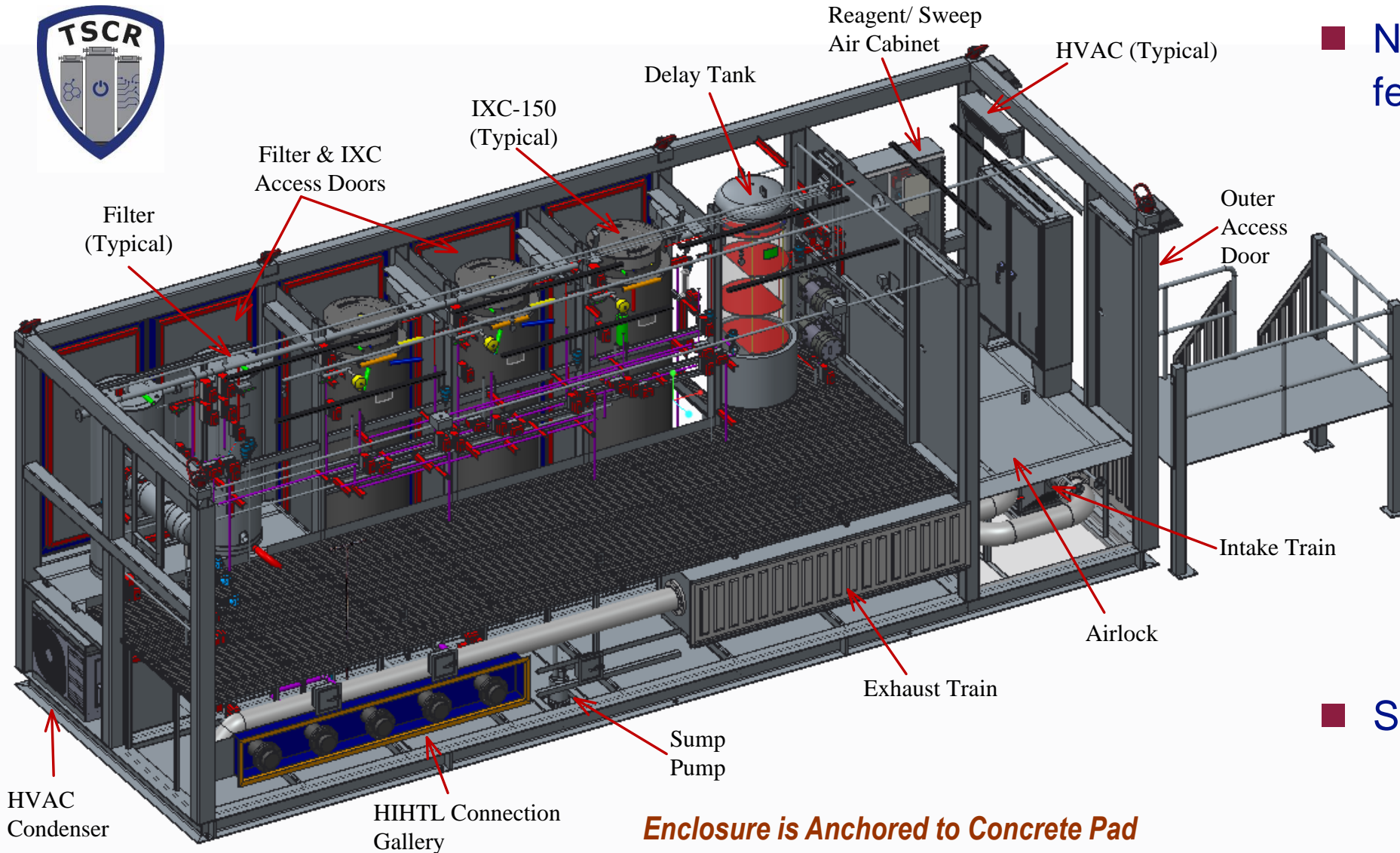
<sup>(1)</sup> AVANTech and UOP have partnered for more than 7 years to deploy over 200,000 kilograms (53,000-gal) of UOP CST adsorbents in systems designed and manufactured by AVANTech.



*IXC-150 on TSCR Forklift*



# TSCR Process Enclosure



**Enclosure is Anchored to Concrete Pad**

## ■ NQA-1 safety significant features:

- Spray leak knockdown
- Containment of media & waste from H<sub>2</sub> detonation
- Protects safety-significant components within enclosure during NPH
- Enclosure has guides & restraints that protect it from forklift damage
- Lockable to prevent inadvertent entry

## ■ Seismic Category 2





# IXC Handling and Storage

- TSCR Forklift Used for:
  - ✓ Unloading of freshly loaded Ion Exchange Columns (IXC-150's)
  - ✓ Insertion and removal of Filters and IXC-150's
  - ✓ Movement of IXC-150's to Interim Storage Pad
- Features
  - ✓ Mast Height Restrictor
    - Maintains IXC-150 height within 36-in of ground level
  - ✓ Wet Chemical fire suppression system
- Mimics handling at Fukushima
  - ✓ Eliminates need for cranes and onsite use of transport trailers

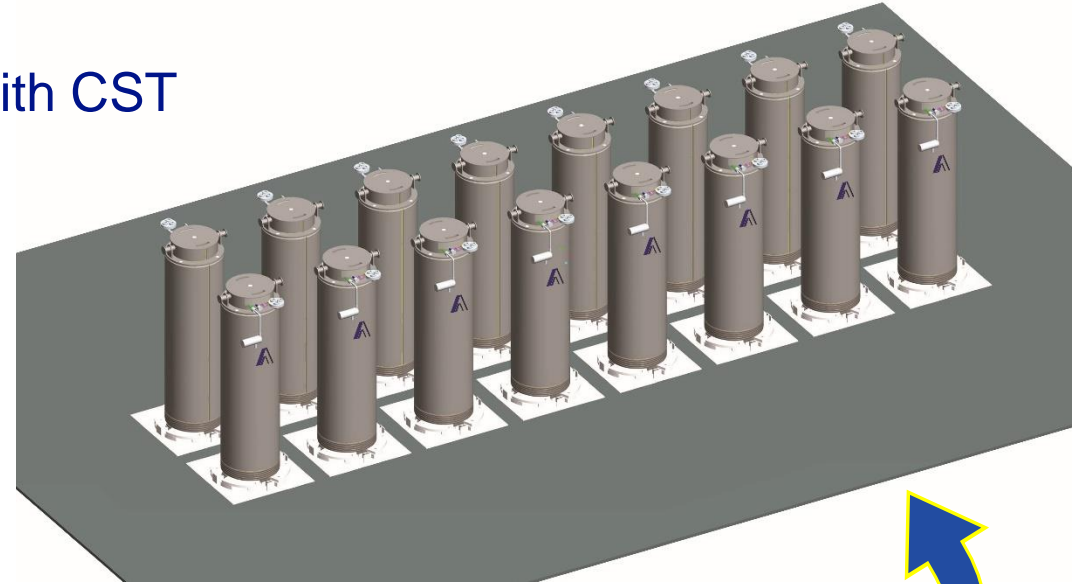


*Forklift & Yoke for TSCR Filter & IXC-150*



# IXC-150 Handling

- **Transporter:** Delivers new IXC-150 loaded with CST
  - ✓ CST washed, loaded and rinsed by AVANTech (at Richland facility)
- **Forklift:** All onsite IXC handling and movement



- *IXC-150*
- *Forklift with Yoke*
- *Truck with Transporter*





# Factory Acceptance Testing (FAT) – Richland, WA

## ■ Verify/ Validate

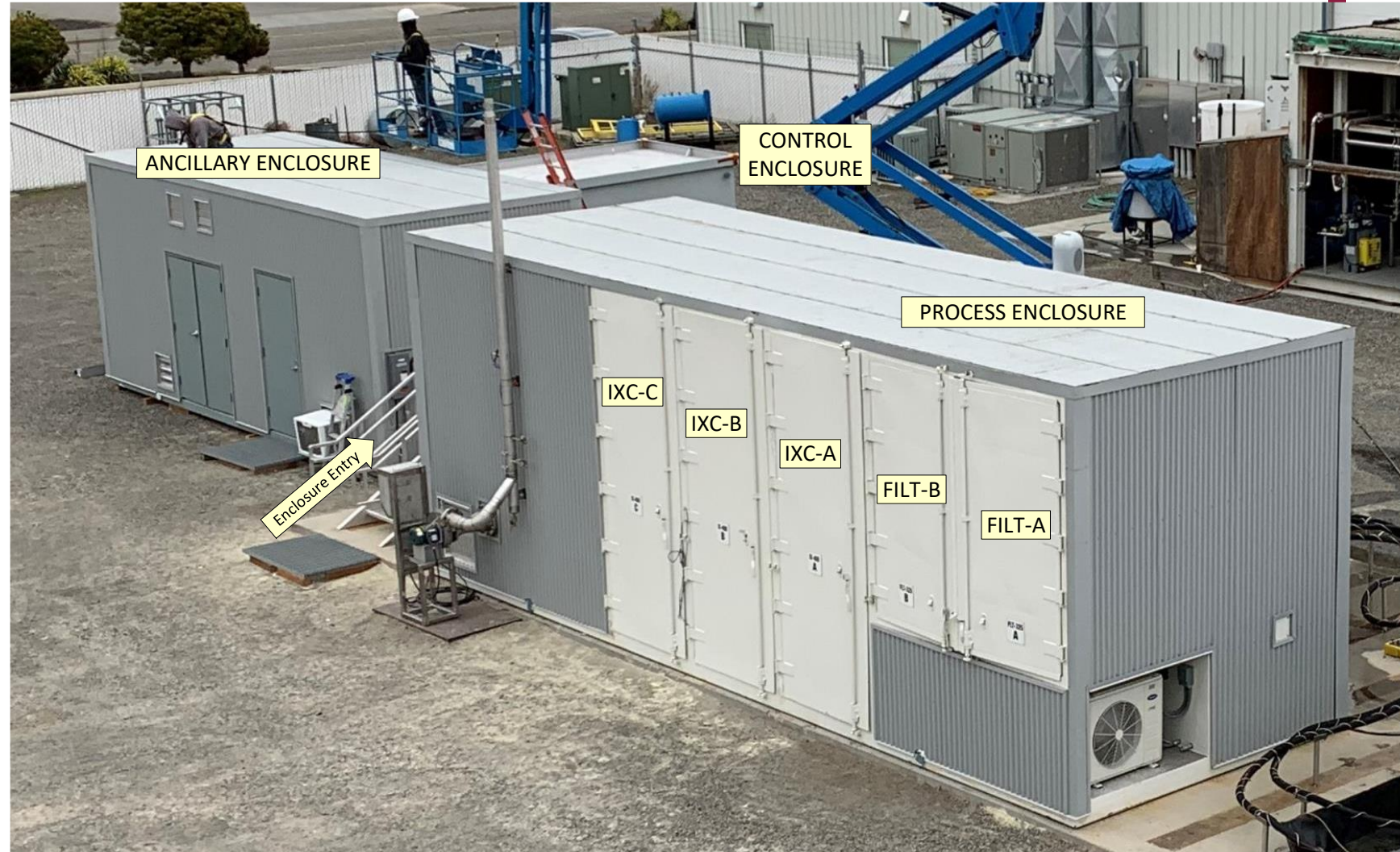
- ✓ System operation
  - Control logic
  - Pressures, flows, etc.
  - IXC carousel rotation
  - Filter backwashing
- ✓ Transient Recovery
- ✓ CST Recovery

## ■ Train operators

- ✓ Procedure refinement

## ■ Train craftsmen

- ✓ IXC replacement
- ✓ Forklift operations



*TSCR Arrangement for FAT at AVANTech's Richland Facility*



# Results from Lab, Pilot and Factory Testing

- CST will effectively remove Cs from Hanford Tank Waste.
- TSCR filter technology will enable uninterrupted/ continuous operation (24/7).
- H<sub>2</sub> is effectively managed by sweep air, IXC vent assemblies and specific administrative controls (SAC).
- The TSCR forklift & yoke has proven to be an effective method of filter and IXC handling.  
*(Same technique as used by AVANTech at Fukushima)*
  - ✓ Eliminates rigging
  - ✓ Maintains IXC-150's close to the ground
  - ✓ Forklift used for all handling/ movement operations, thus eliminating need for separate crane, trailer, etc.
- FAT has shown that a modular treatment system is an operationally viable method of tank waste treatment.



*TSCR HMI-Control Station*



# TSCR Mobilization and Delivery

## ■ Pre-Ship Inspection by Sec. Brouillette



## ■ Mobilization from AVANTech



## ■ Process Enclosure Offload at AP Farm



## ■ TSCR Delivery to AP Farm





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- ✓ Process Innovation
- ✓ Advanced Manufacturing
- ✓ NQA-1 Quality
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