



So you wanna be a postdoc?

Thoughts on the National Lab Postdoc Experience

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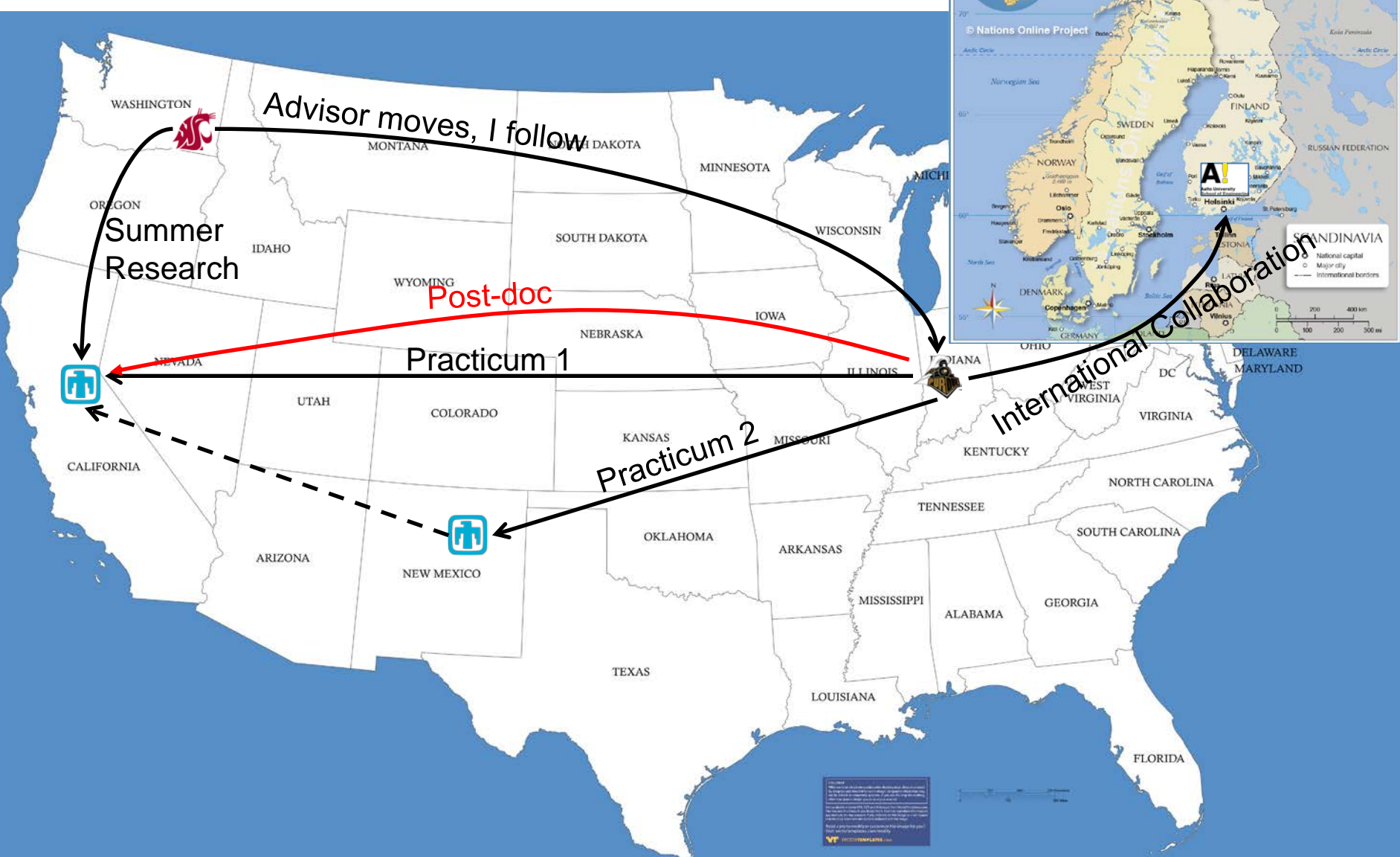
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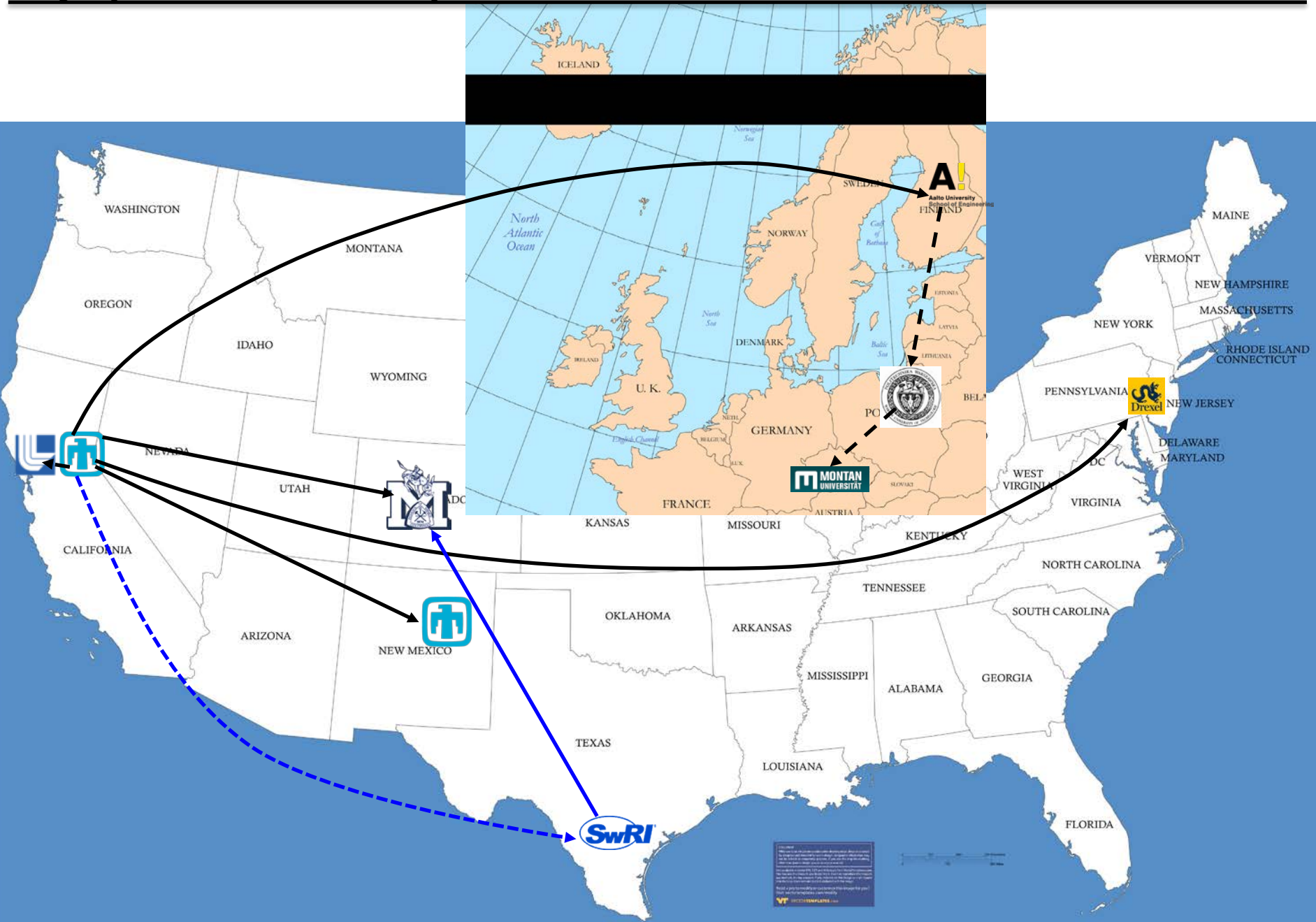
Postdoc Primer

- What is a postdoc at a national lab?
 - You are the cheapest qualified staff on site
- Laboratory Lingo
 - Funding
 - Programmatic: NNSA/NW/GTS
 - Work-for-others: BES, EERE, FCTO...
 - LDRD
 - Mission
 - National labs are national security labs...all of them
 - Science vs. Engineering
 - Classification
 - The key to good real estate...

Practicum Experience can be leveraged to attain a postdoc position



My postdoc experience...



Measures of success

1. Have I met program deliverables? Am I contributing to the team?
1. What do I want to do next? Am I doing the right things to get there?
2. Am I a more independent thinker than when I started?
3. Have I grown as a scientist and a leader?

Am I ready to ready to take on the responsibilities of a PI?