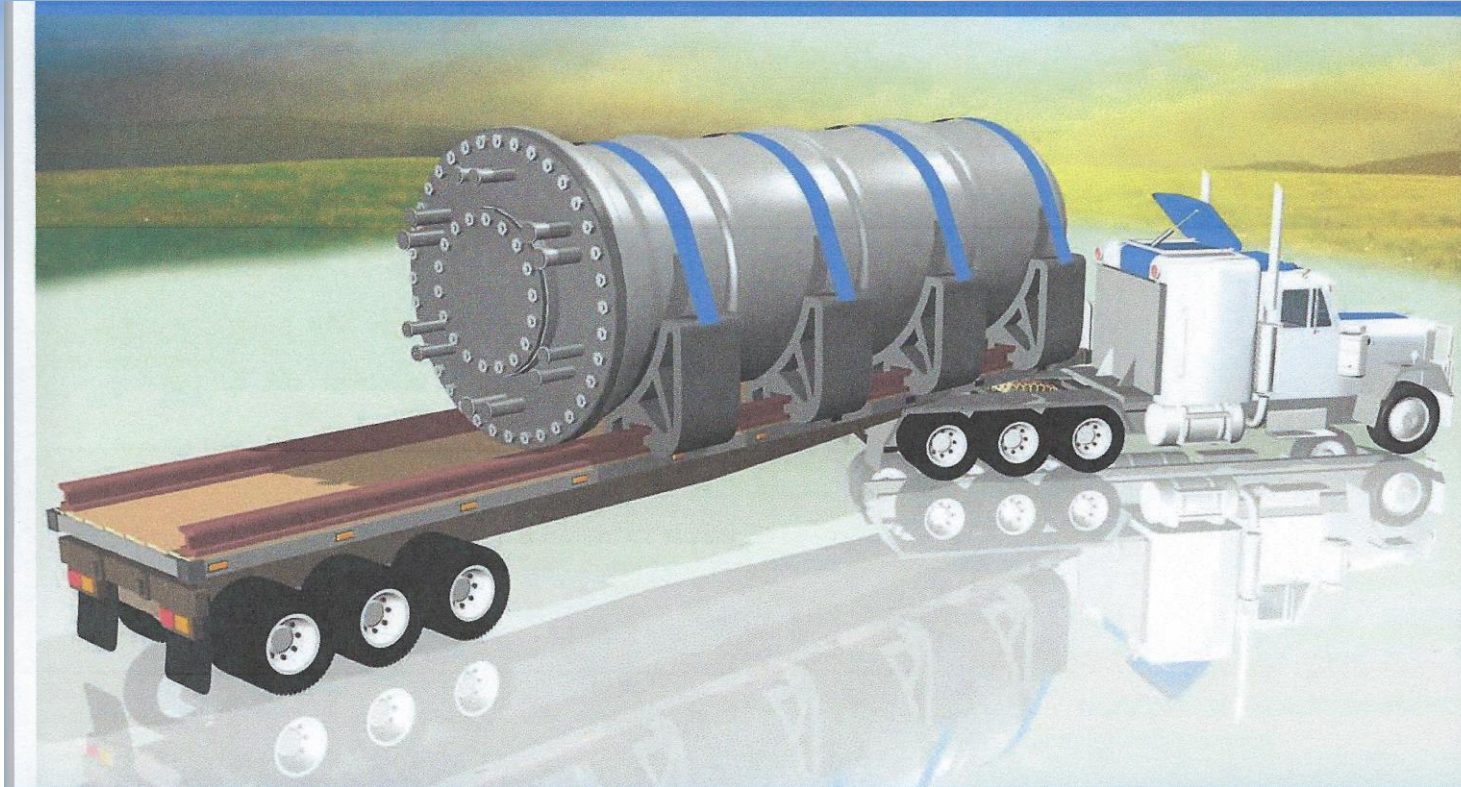


# Advanced Manufacturing Techniques – Key to SMR Deployment Around the World



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# Tonight's Discussion on SMR's

- Market Reasons for SMR
- World players in SMR
- Chinese HTR – Case Study
- American SMR – NuScale and Others
- SMR Economics
- Optimizing Manufacturing – Lessons Learned from Large Reactors and Other Industries
- Summary

# Nuclear Energy: A Driving Force in the U.S. Energy Portfolio

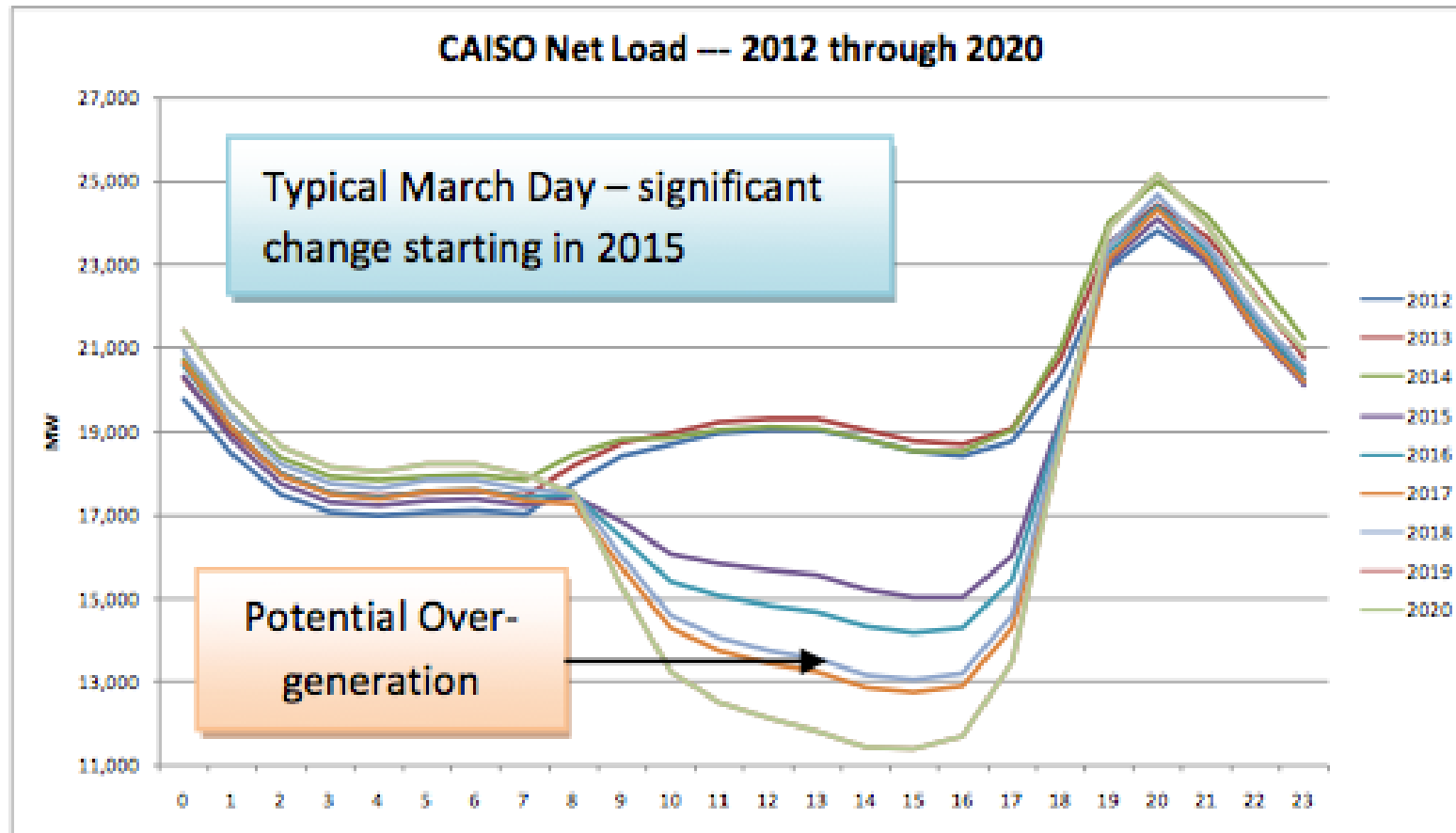
Secretarial support:

“Nuclear energy is a critical component of America’s energy future, and entrepreneurs are developing promising new technologies that could truly spur a renaissance in the United States and around the world.”

Communication to the FERC on resilience pricing: “We must account for the value of on-site fuel storage capability – **for more than 90 days**. Moreover because of the long held time to secure and maintain these resources we must ensure that the technical expertise and materials are readily available.”



# CA Net Load Pattern Changes 2012-2020



# Incentives for SMR Deployment

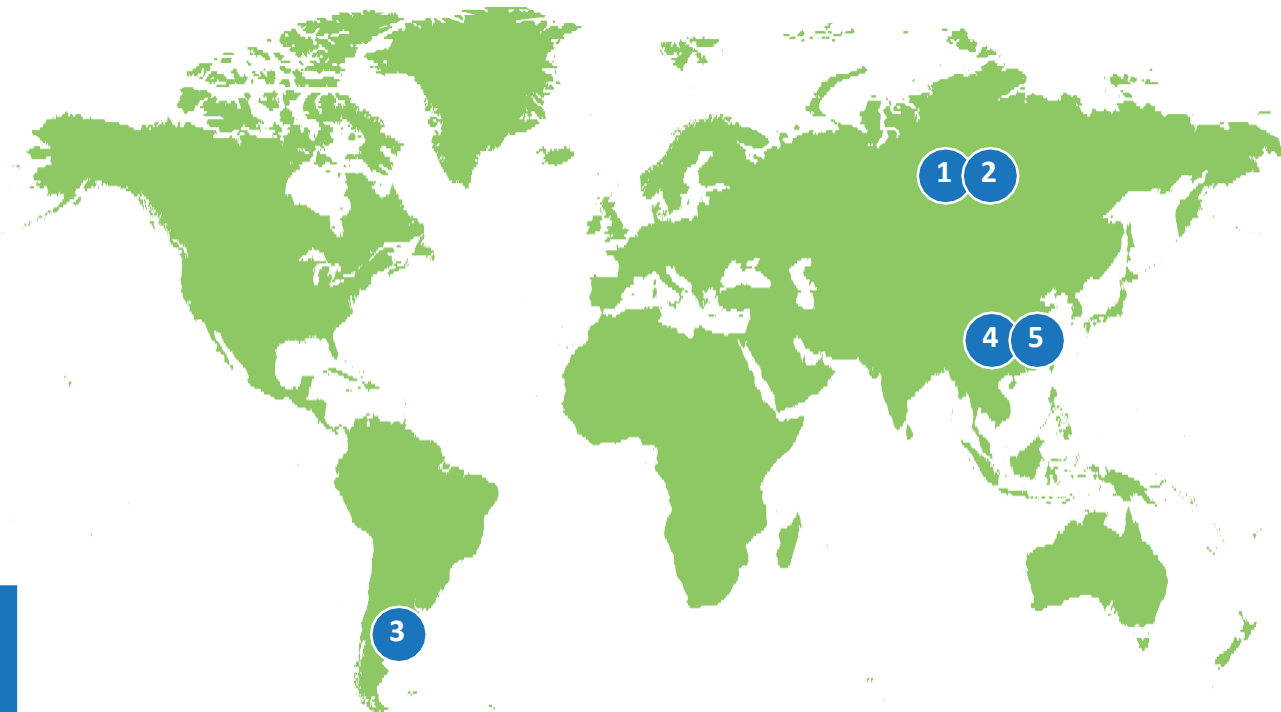
- Reduction of initial investment and associated financial risk
- Improved match to smaller electric power grids
- Effective protection of plant investment from the potential to achieve a reactor design with enhanced safety characteristics
- Possible reduction of the current 10-mile Emergency Planning Zone
- Reduction of transmission requirements and a more robust and reliable grid
- Use of components which do not require ultra-heavy forgings
- Suitability for load following, district heating and desalination

# SMRs Under Construction Globally

## Small reactor designs under construction

	Name	Capacity	Type	Developer
1	KLT-40S	35 MWe	PWR	OKBM, Russia
2	RITM-200	50 MWe	Integral PWR	OKBM, Russia
3	CAREM-25	27 MWe	integral PWR	CNEA & INVAP, Argentina
4	HTR-PM	2x250 MWt	HTR	INET, CNEC & Huaneng, China
5	ACPR50S	60 MWe	PWR	CGN, China

Source of info: World Nuclear Association [www.world-nuclear.org/information-library/nuclear-fuel-cycle/nuclear-power-reactors/small-nuclear-power-reactors.aspx](http://www.world-nuclear.org/information-library/nuclear-fuel-cycle/nuclear-power-reactors/small-nuclear-power-reactors.aspx)

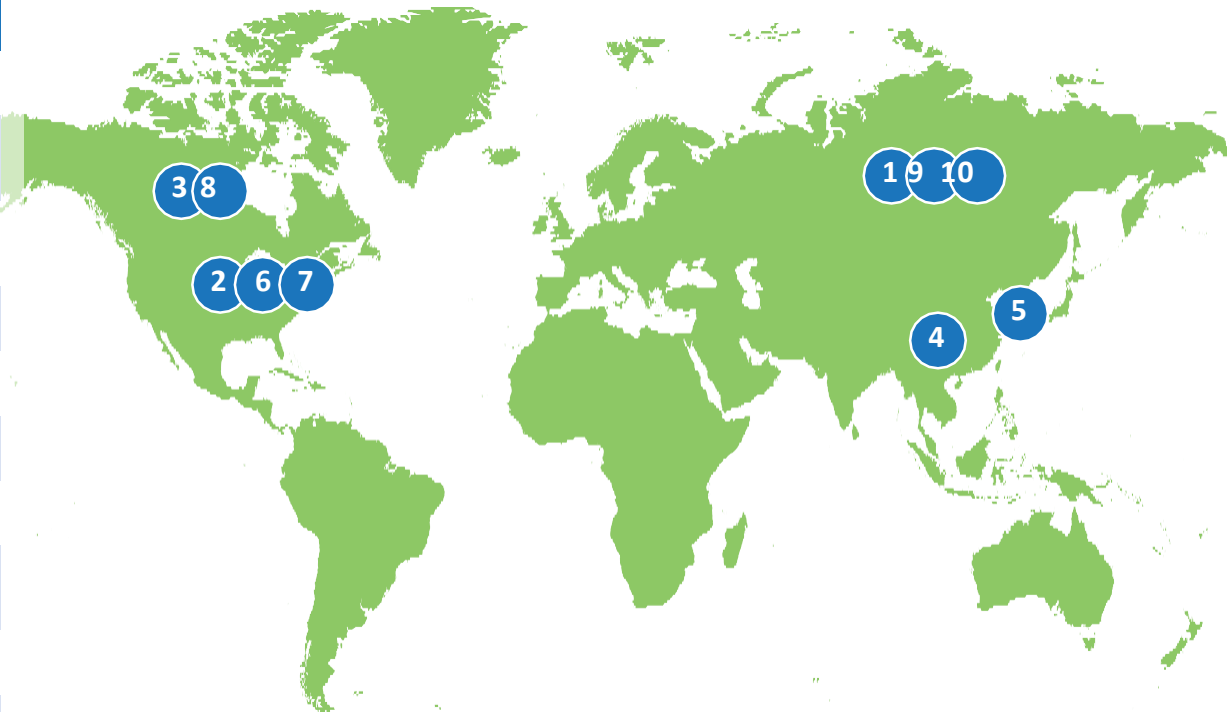


**Global SMR market value is approximately 65-86GW by 2035, valued at £250-400bn**

Source [www.rolls-royce.com/products-and-services/nuclear/small-modular-reactors.aspx?gclid=EAlaQobChMizu7s-rrD81gIV1wrTCh1jXQUMEAYASAAEgLWcfD\\_BwE](http://www.rolls-royce.com/products-and-services/nuclear/small-modular-reactors.aspx?gclid=EAlaQobChMizu7s-rrD81gIV1wrTCh1jXQUMEAYASAAEgLWcfD_BwE)

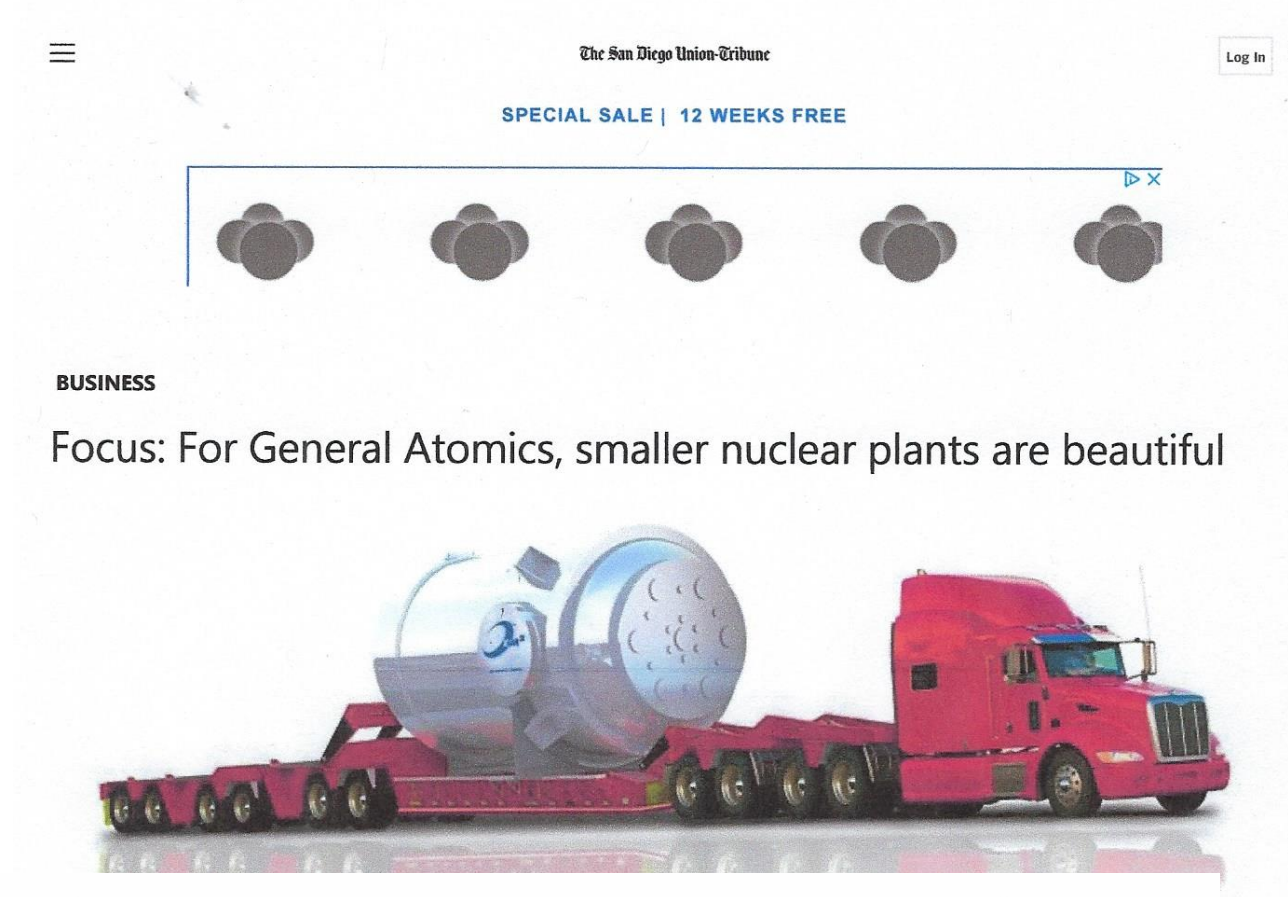
# SMRs in Advanced Development

	Name	Capacity	Type	Developer
1	EM-Squared	265 MWe	HTR	GA, San Diego
2	NuScale	50 MWe	integral PWR	NuScale Power + Fluor, USA
3	SMR-160	160 MWe	PWR	Holtec, USA + SNC-Lavalin, Canada
4	ACP100	100 MWe	integral PWR	NPIC/CNNC, China
5	SMART	100 MWe	integral PWR	KAERI, South Korea
6	PRISM	311 MWe	sodium FNR	GE Hitachi, USA
7	ARC-100	100 MWe	sodium FNR	ARC, USA
8	Integral MSR	192 MWe	MSR	Terrestrial Energy, Canada
9	BREST	300 MWe	lead FNR	RDIFE, Russia
10	SVBR-100	100 MWe	lead-Bi FNR	AKME-engineering, Russia



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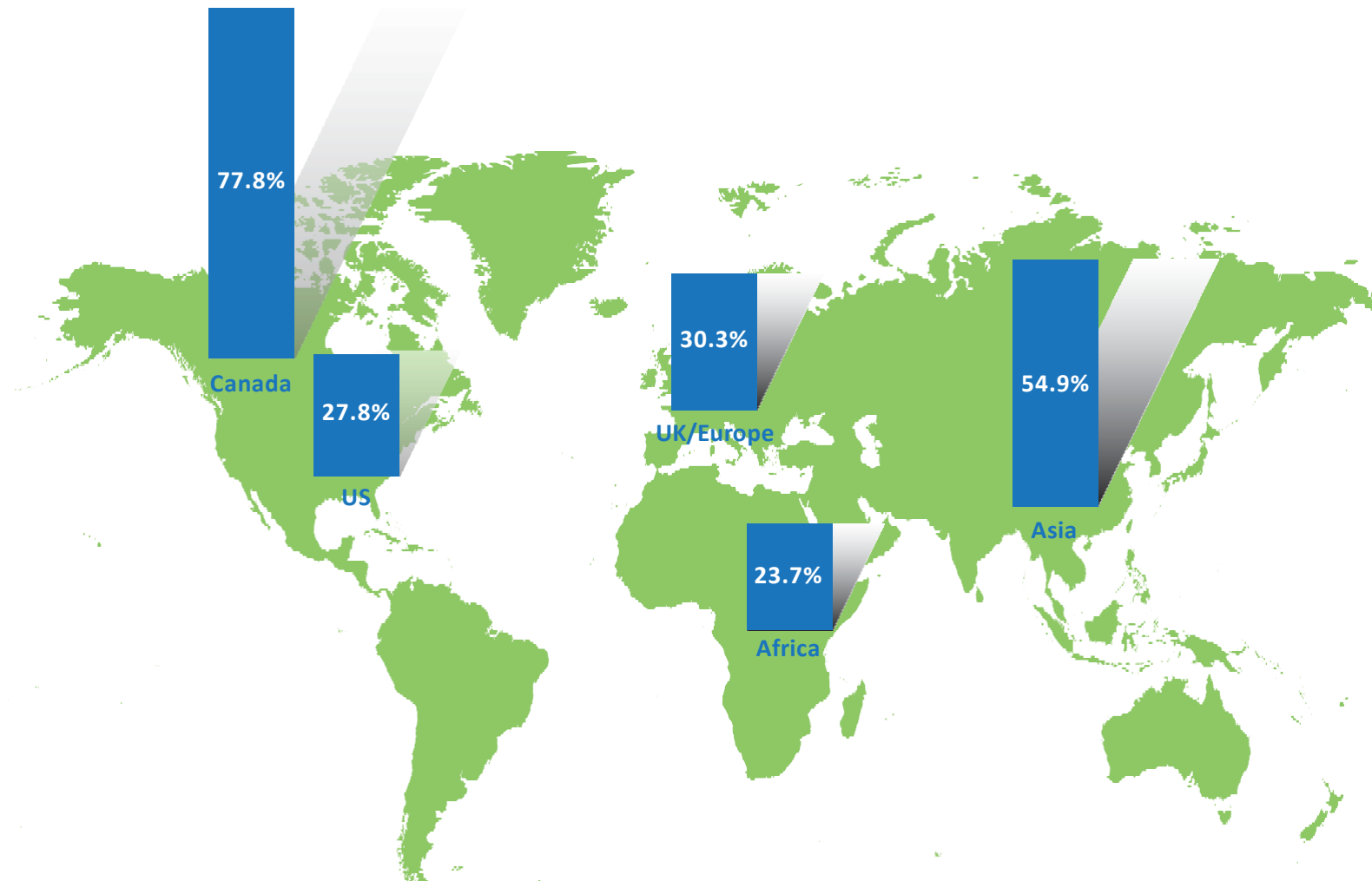
# General Atomics EM-Squared Design



And there are no guarantees the design will work, although [Ted Quinn](#), a former president of the American Nuclear Society who lives in Dana Point, said of the 30 to 40 independent designs underway in the U.S. today, EM<sup>2</sup> is among the most promising.

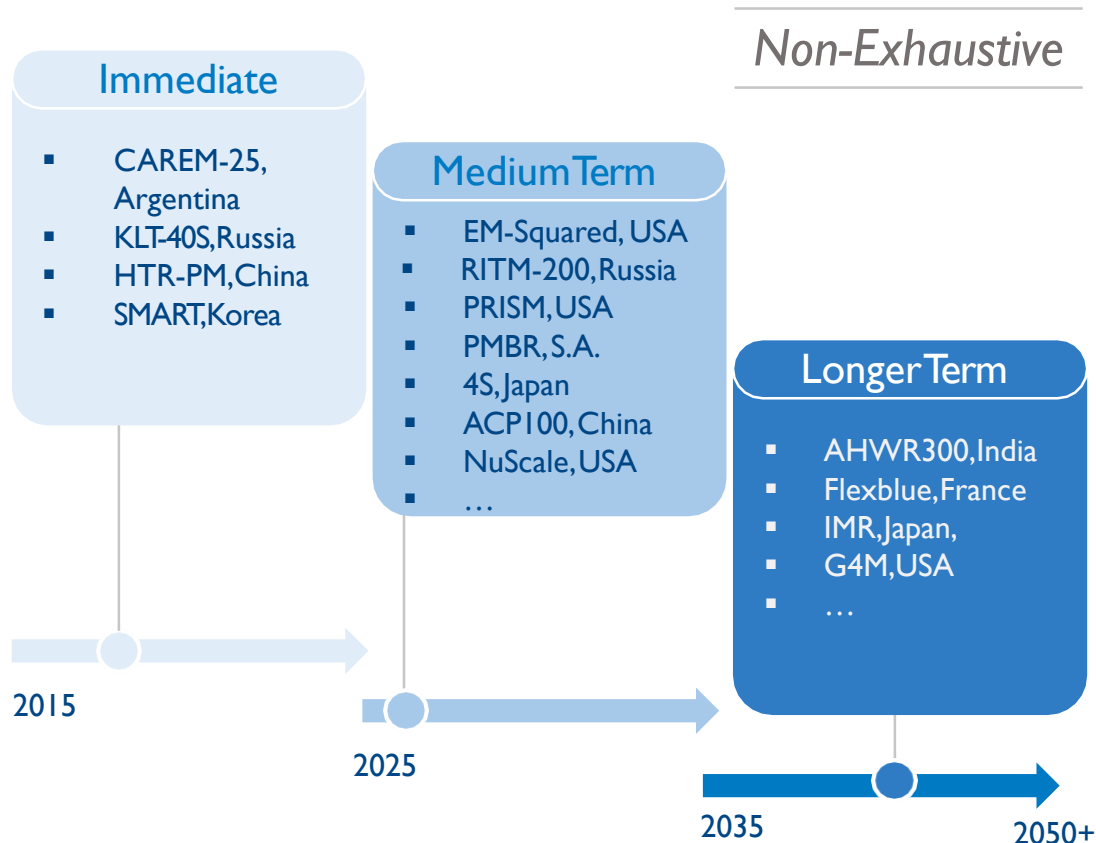


## Nuclear Energy Insider poll: Which markets are most attractive for SMR deployment?

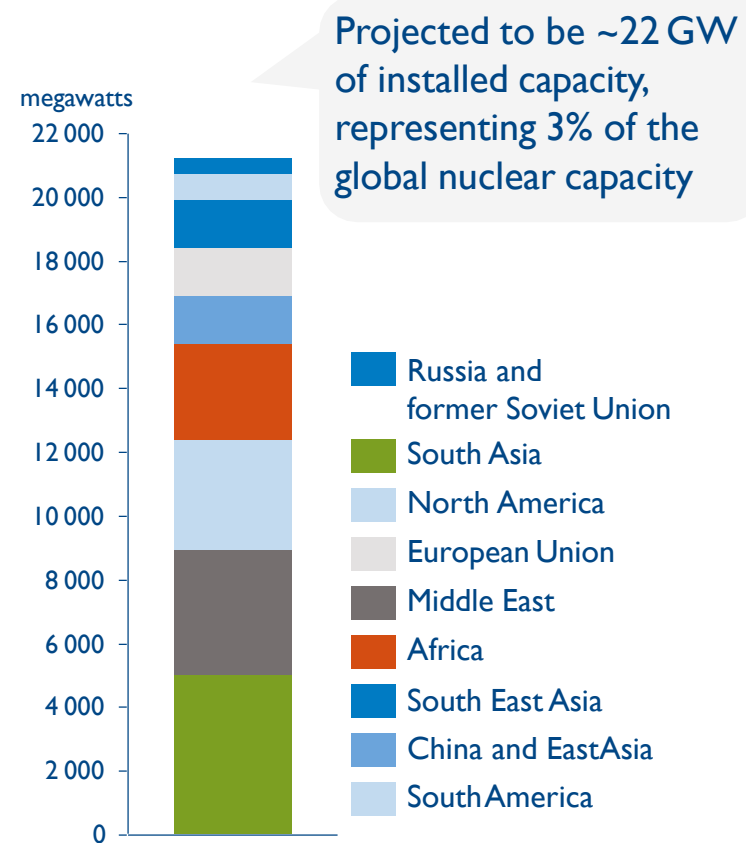


Globally SMRs are being developed rapidly and are likely to reach a projected ~22 GW of installed capacity by 2035

## SMR Deployment



## Estimated SMR Capacity\* (2035)



Source: OECD, NEA, \*) Best Case Scenario

# However, being a pilot technology there are still several challenges that face SMRs' commercial deployment

*Non-Exhaustive*

## Challenges facing SMR deployment

### FOAK vs NOAK

*To realize financial benefits SMRs require economies of scale and scalability, which will only be realized by NOAK*



### Supply Chain

*Current supply chain network is geared towards large NPPs leaving SMR material difficult to source*



### Regulation/Licensing

*Lack of SMR regulations governing enhanced passive safety systems and multi-modular deployment and components result in long and onerous licensing process*



### Electrical grid network

*Electrical grid networks do not have the sufficient infrastructure to accommodate nuclear reactors*



### Know-how

*There is a lack of technical know-how to manage multi-module plants and meet advanced R&D requirements, current technology not fully compatible with a factory assembly model*



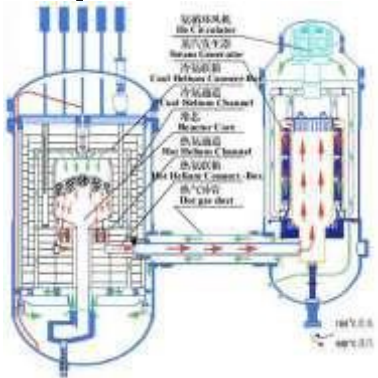
# Chinese HTR-PM: a commercial NPP

- High Temperature Gas-cooled Reactor - Pebble-Bed Module
  - Total thermal power: 2\*250MWth
  - Rated electrical power: 210MWe
  - Primary helium press: 7MPa
  - Temperature at inlet/outlet: 250/750 °C

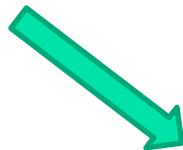


Workers inspect the spherical moderator elements prior to their loading (Image: CNI23)

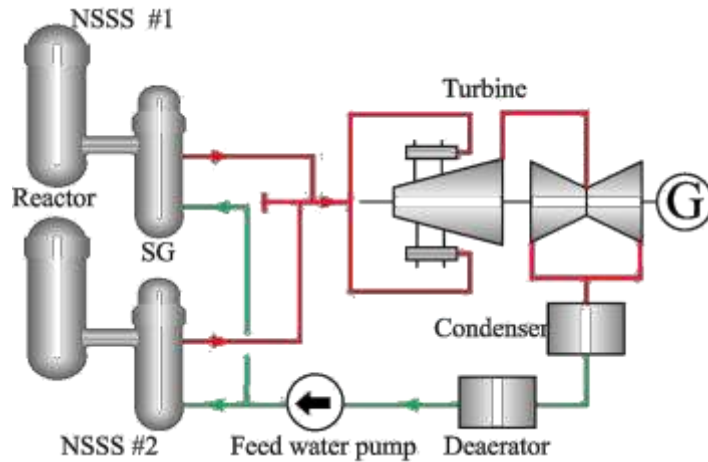
# Chinese HTR-PM



HTR-10

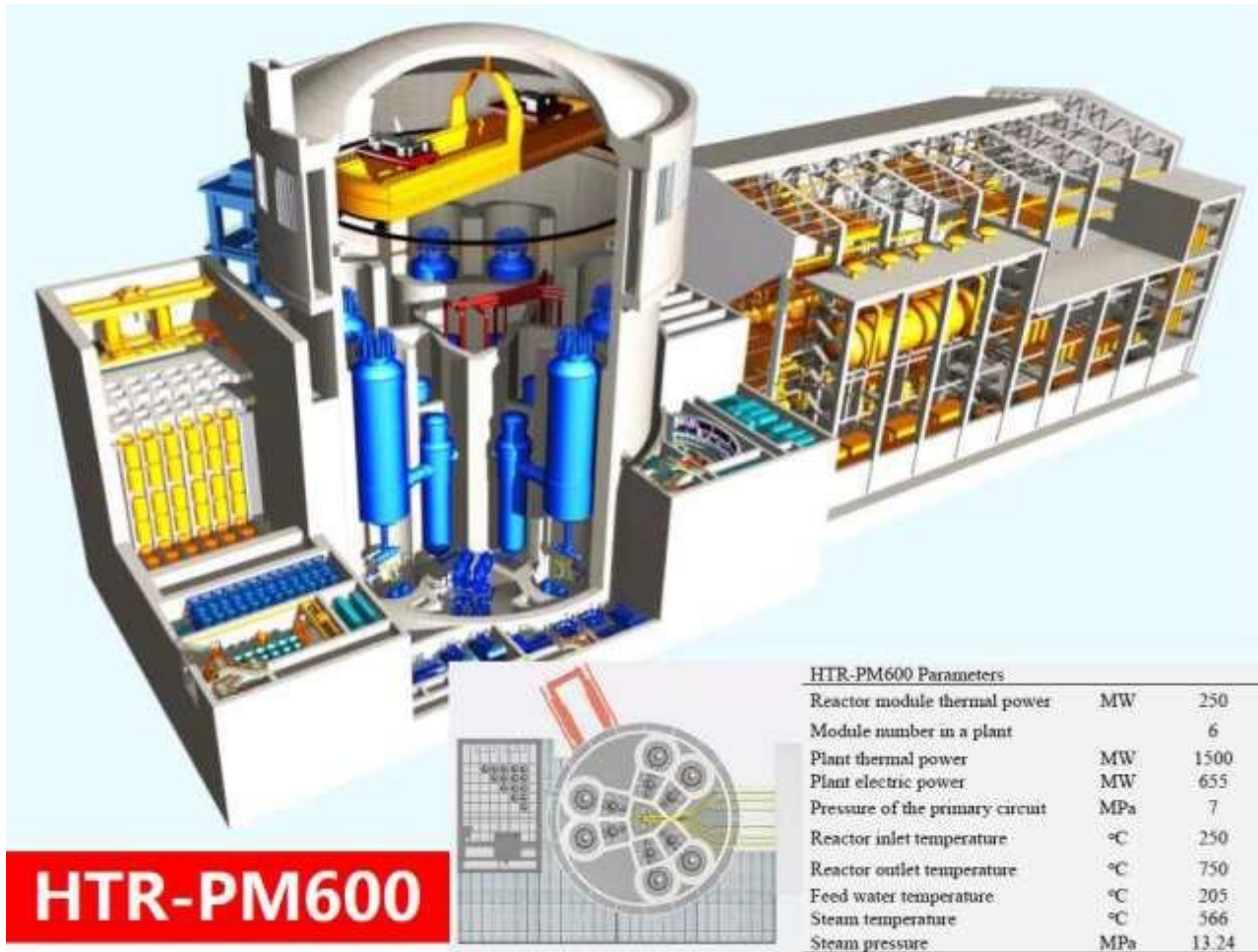


HTR-PM  
(One module)

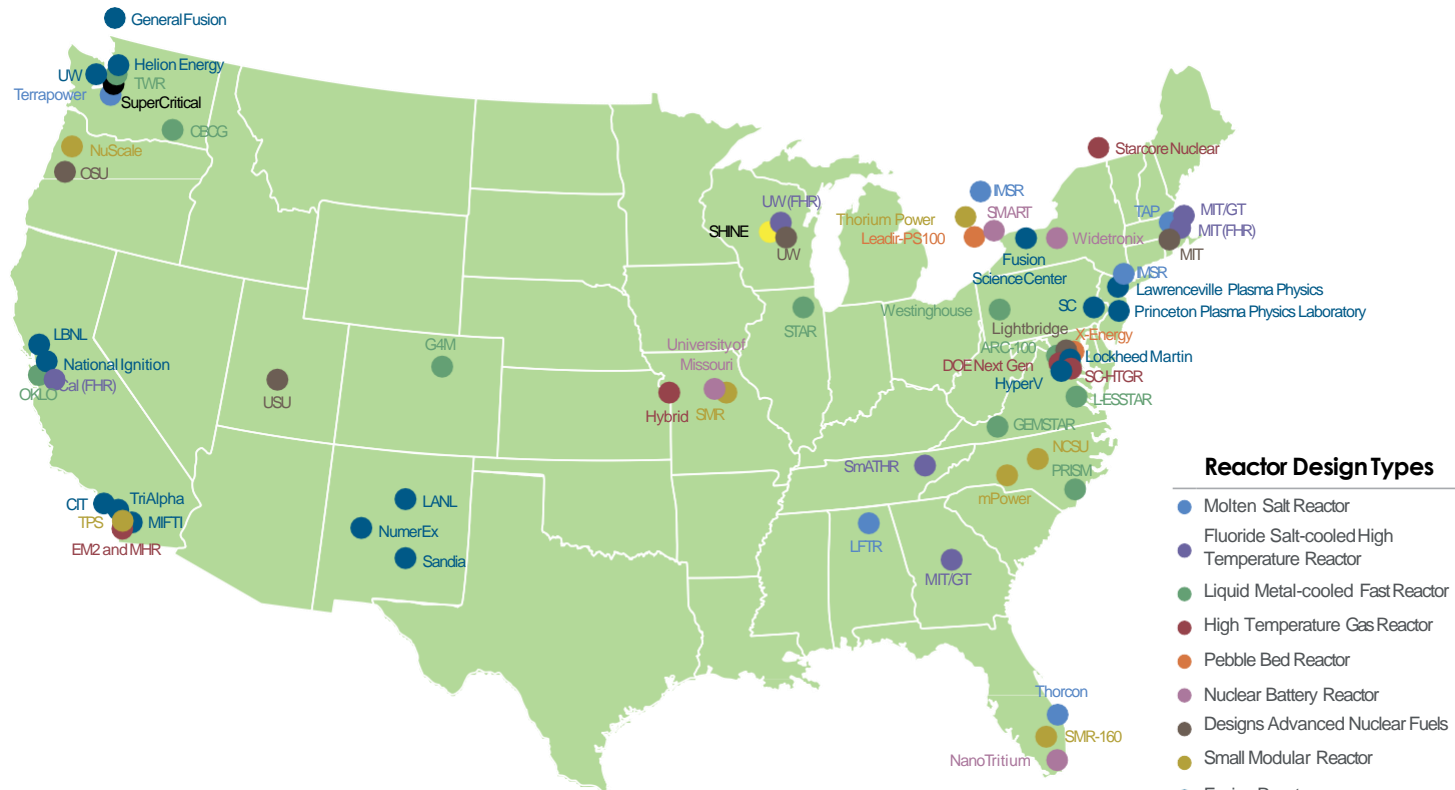


HTR-PM  
(Two modules drive one  
steam turbine)

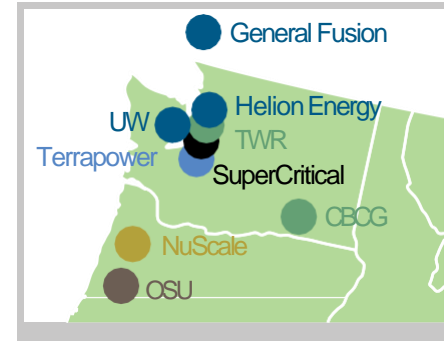
# HTR-PM600 – Next Step



# Market spotlight: USA SMR



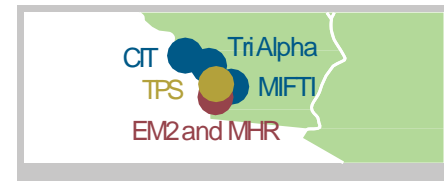
## Pacific Northwest



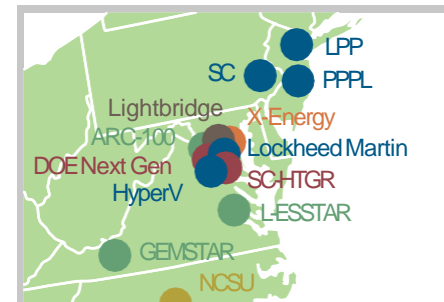
## Bay Area



## Southern California



## Atlantic



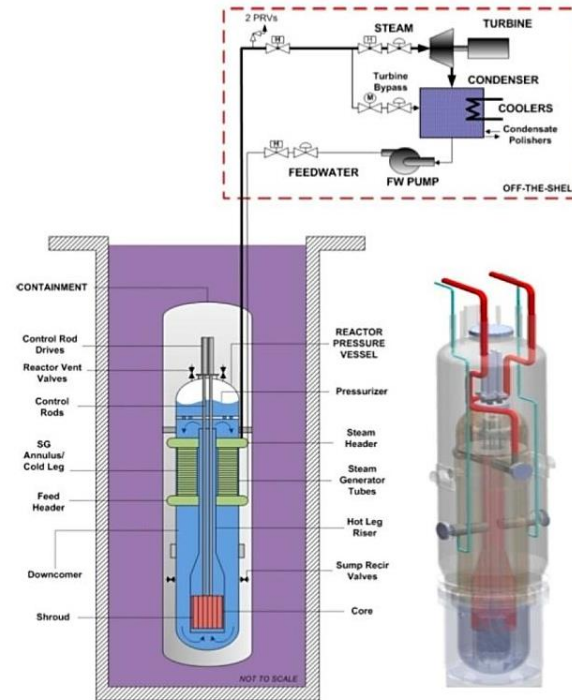
# TerraPower “Bill Gates” Reactor Partnered with China – now all U.S.





# Small Modular Reactors – U.S.

- NuScale
  - Design Certification Application (DCA) submitted to NRC on January 12, 2017
  - NRC accepted the application and announced that there would be a 46 month review
- NuScale/UAMPS Siting
  - Site use agreement for a site on the INL reservation
  - Selected a site on INL reservation
  - NuScale and UAMPS are conducting internal business analyses to inform a Decision to Proceed for Combined License Application (COLA) activities in 2018
- TVA Siting
  - Submitted an Early Site Permit application to NRC May 12, 2016
    - NRC review has begun
- TVA is exploring technology options and plans to begin COLA development activities in 2018



# Market Spotlight: USA



## **NuScale Power**

**Designer:** NuScale

**Output:** 50 MWe

**Type:** integral PWR

**Partner:** Fluor

**August 2015:** DOE Awards NuScale with \$16.7 million award to prepare a combined construction and operating license application (COLA)

**February 2016:** US Dept. of Energy issued a Site Use Permit to UAMPS CFPP granting it access to the INL site to identify potential locations for the NuScale Power Plant

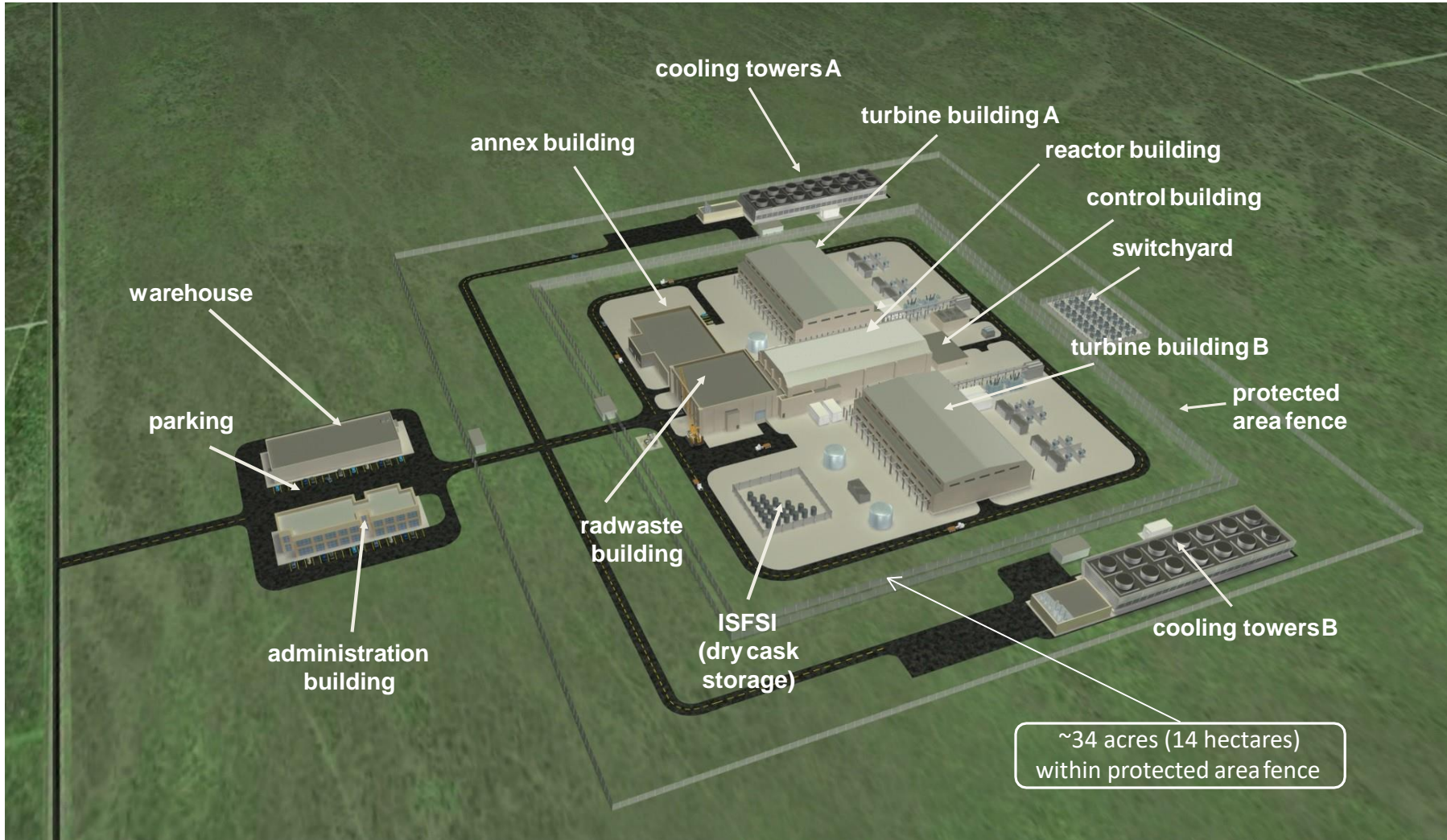
**August 2016:** NuScale Power announces campaign to select fabrication partners

**December 2016:** NuScale asks the US Nuclear Regulatory Commission to approve the company's SMR commercial power plant design

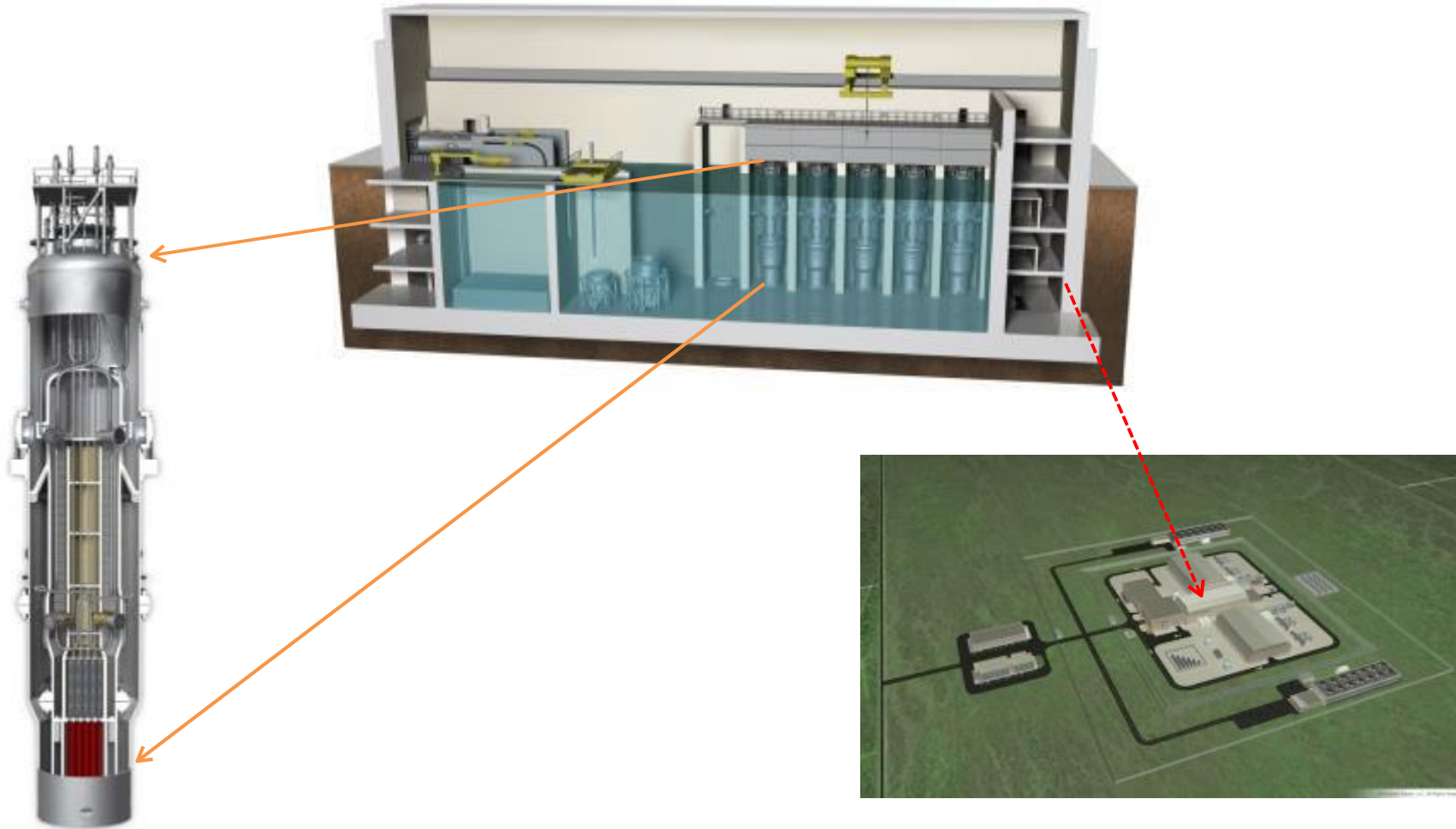
**February 2017:** NuScale and UK-based Ultra Electronics, Nuclear Control Systems, successfully conducted the acceptance testing of the module protection system to be used by NuScale

**September 2017:** NuScale sets out five-point UK SMR action plan to achieve 2020s deployment

# NuScale Power Plant Layout



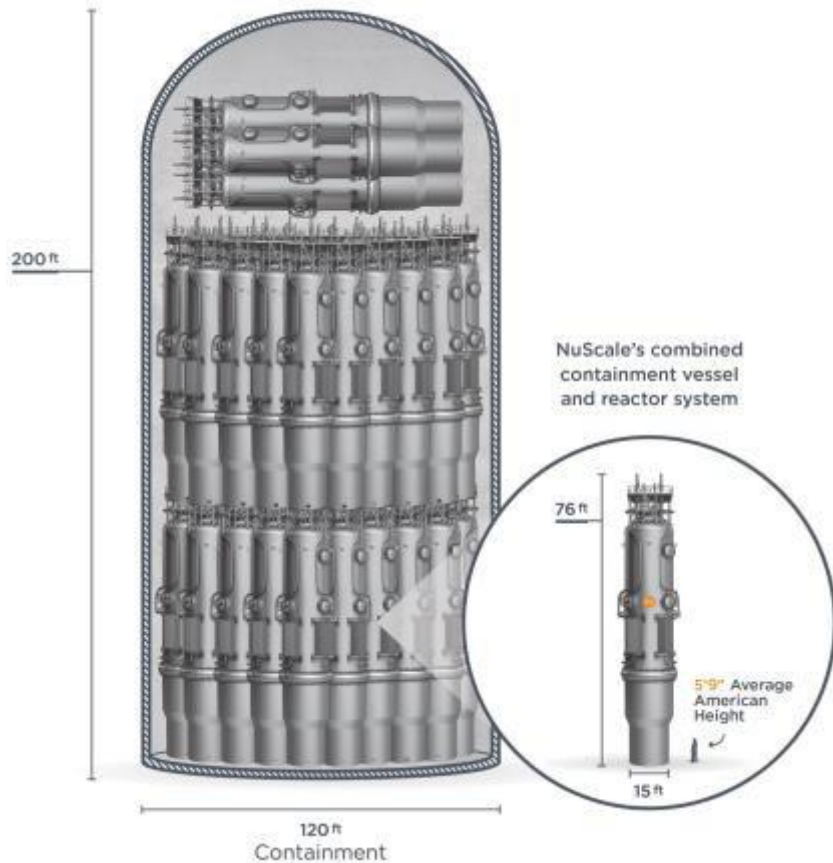
# NuScale Power Plant - Overview



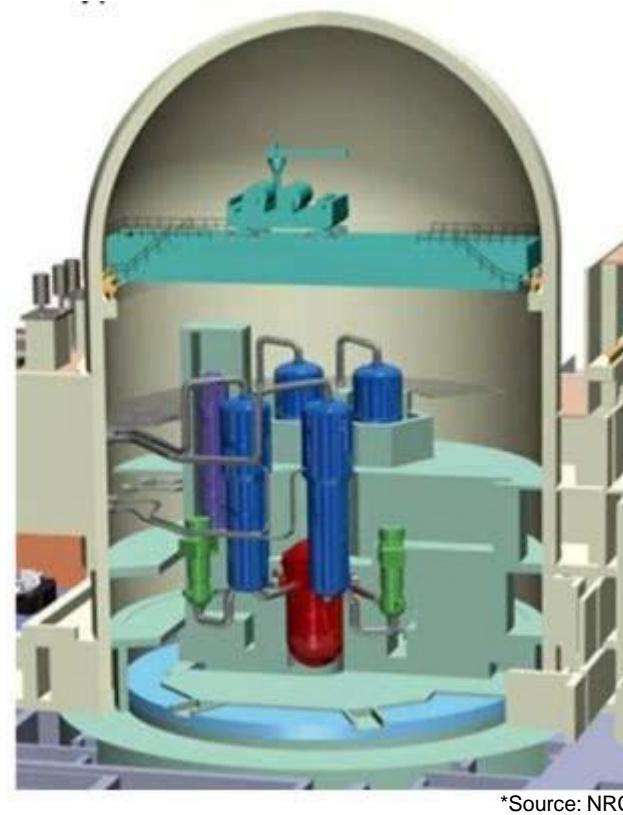
# Size Comparison

Comparison size envelope of new nuclear plants currently under construction in the United States.

126 NuScale Power Modules

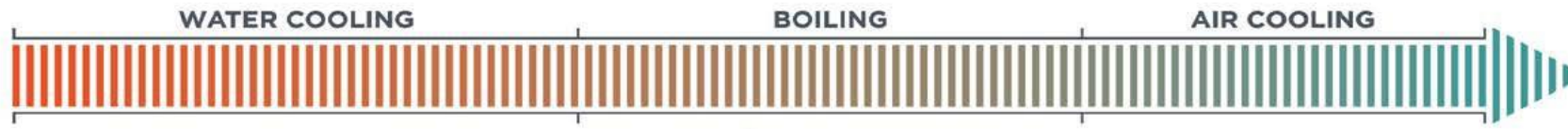


Typical Pressurized Water Reactor

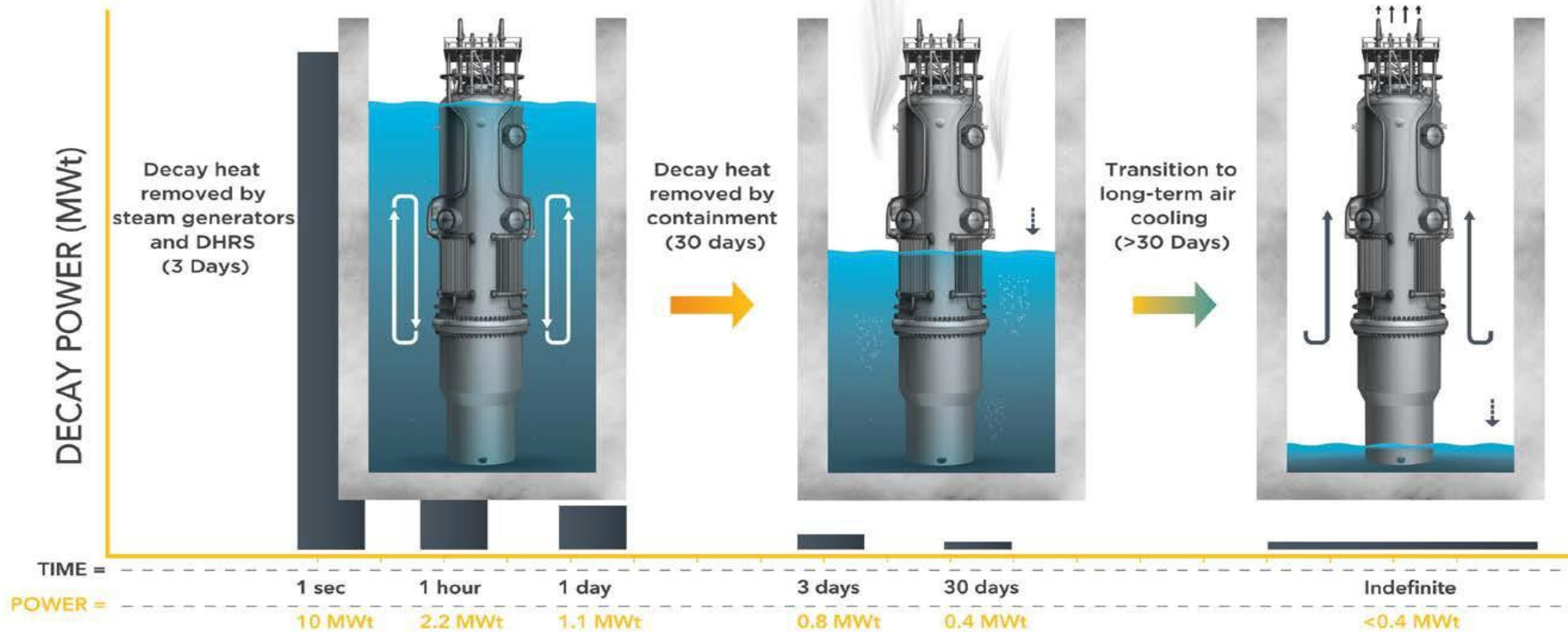


# Innovative Advancements to Reactor Safety

*Nuclear fuel cooled indefinitely without AC or DC power\**



• No Pumps • No External Power • No External Water



• 30 days is a minimum based on very conservative estimates.

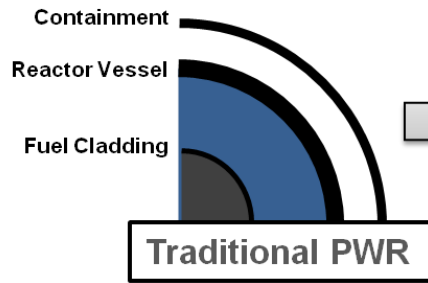
\*Alternate 1E power system design eliminates the need for 1E qualified batteries to perform ESFAS protective functions – Patent Pending

NuScale Nonproprietary

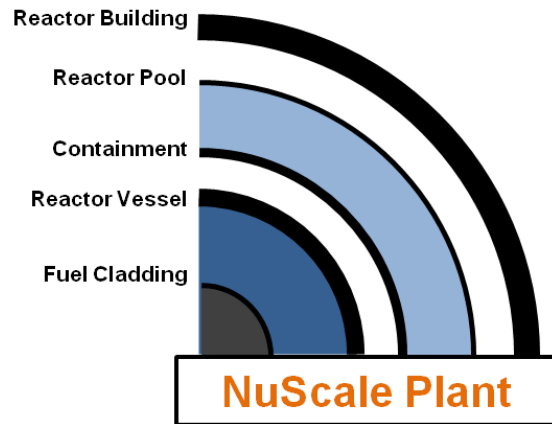
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# Strong Safety Case - Smaller EPZ



The licensee must have pre-determined protective action plans in place for a large publicly accessible area.



Site Boundary EPZ



- *Passive Safety*
- *Additional Fission Product Barriers*
- *Significant Delay in Release of Radiation*

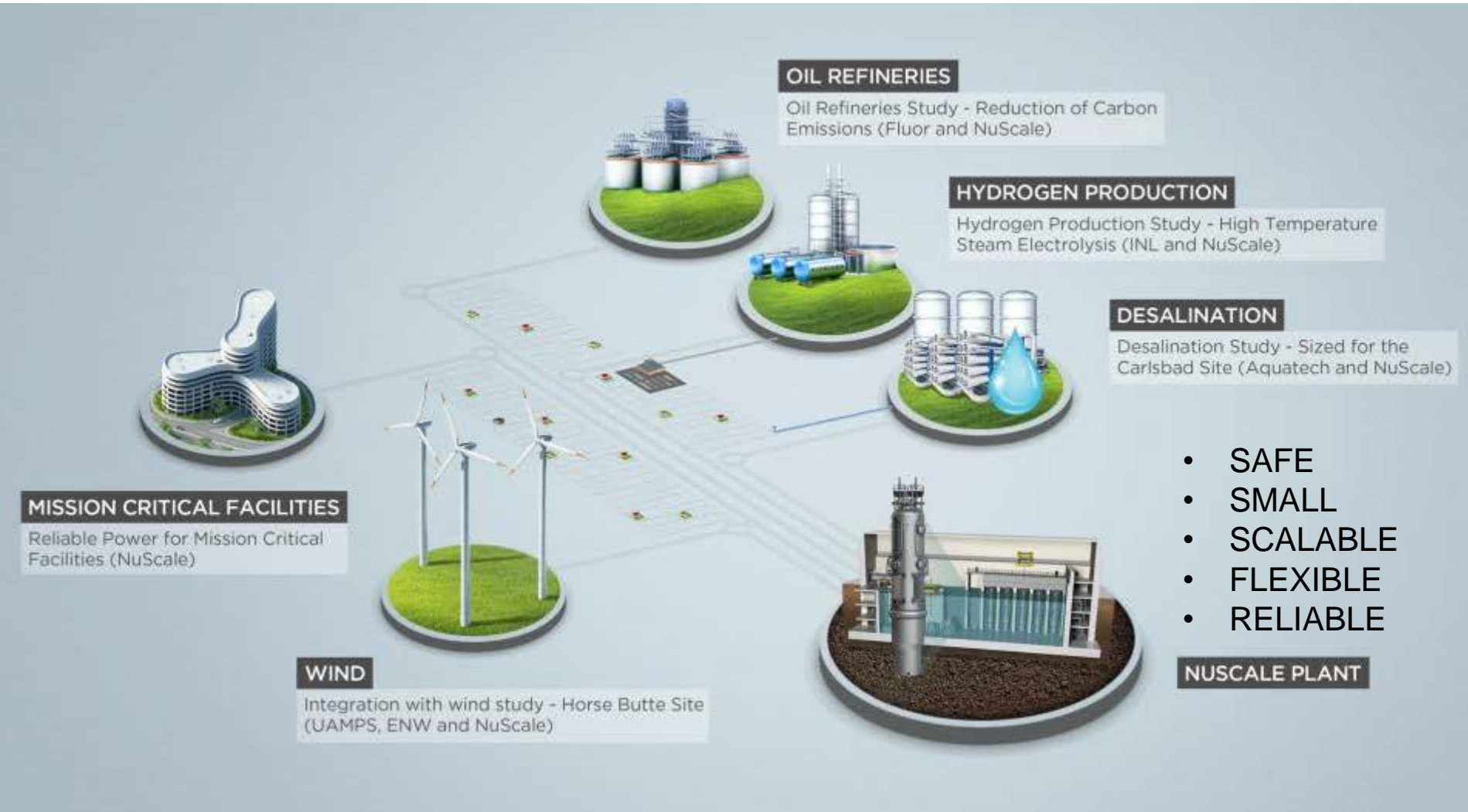
Virtually no publicly accessible area is subject to protective action planning by the licensee.

# NuScale Control Room Simulator





# NuScale Diverse Energy Platform (NuDEP) Initiative



# Economics – Front and Center

- Simplicity of design provides competitive levelized cost of electricity compared to other low carbon options.
  - Lower up-front cost and lower operating cost as compared to large light-water nuclear reactors
    - Competitive overnight capital cost compared to large advanced nuclear
    - First plant target LCOE - \$65/MWh
- Up to 12 modules can be added to a facility incrementally, in response to load growth, reducing initial capital costs
- First module in situ can generate and bring in revenue immediately
- NuScale Power Modules fabricated in an off site facility, bringing cost savings associated with repetitive manufacture
  - Realize benefits of factory fabrication

# Construction Cost Summary (U.S.)

## Overall EPC Overnight Plant Costs For First Plant (\$1,000,000)

ITEM	2014 Dollars
Power Modules (FOAK Cost plus Fee, Transportation, & Site Assembly)	\$ 848
Home Office Engineering and Support	\$ 144
Site Infrastructure	\$ 60
Nuclear Island (RXB, RWB, MCR)	\$ 538
Turbine Island (2 buildings with 6 turbines each)	\$ 350
Balance of Plant (annex, cooling towers, etc)	\$ 225
Distributables (Temp. Bldgs., Field Staff, Const. Equip., etc.)	\$ 545
Other Costs	\$ 185
<b>Total Overnight Price</b>	<b>\$ 2,895</b>

**\$ 5,078 per kWe net**

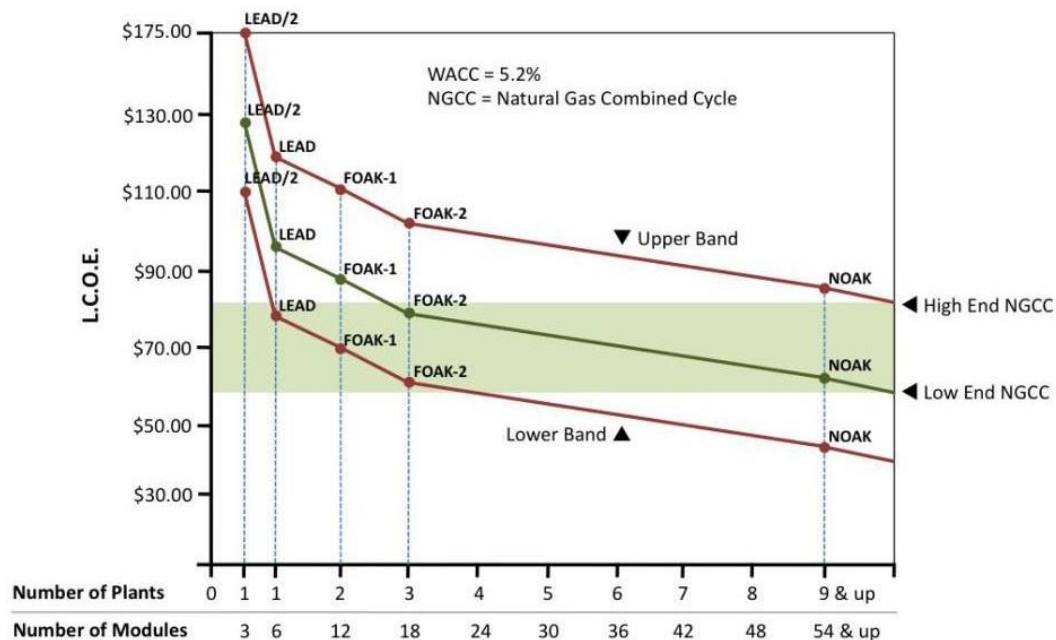
**Note: NuScale website's latest estimate with uprated 60MWe modules is \$3B for 12 module 684MWe net output with 54 month mobilization and 32 month critical path to commercial operation. ( \$4,385/kw)**

The electricity cost of SMR is expected to drop drastically driven by the learning achieved from repetitive construction and standardization of designs

## Costs Evolution of SMR and Natural Gas Plants

Case Study

### Expected Cost of SMR and NGCC After Several Constructions

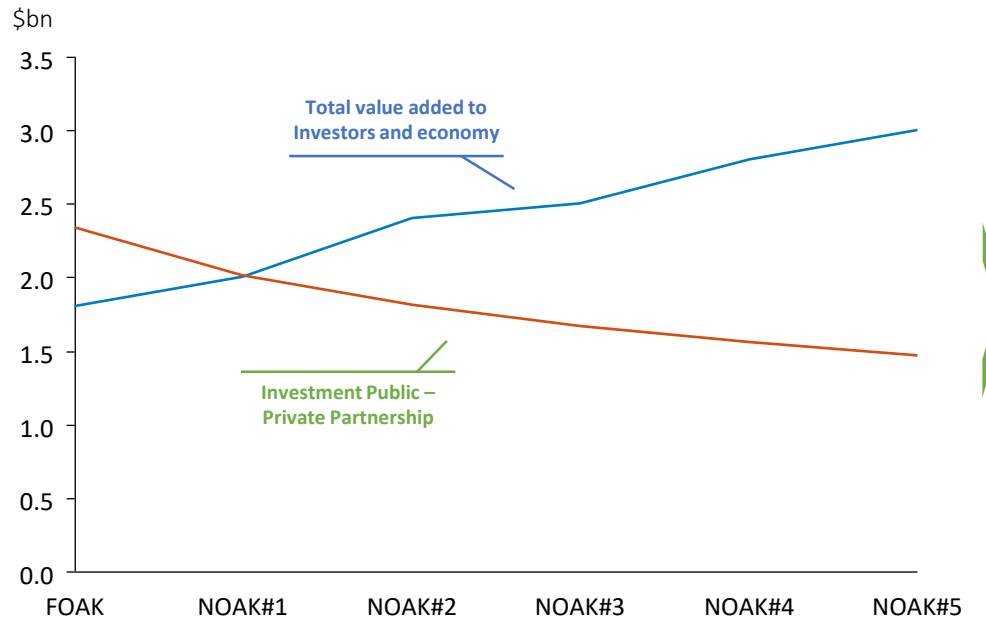


### Comments

- The learning process will drive down costs through repetitive construction and manufacturing of standardized designs
- The upper and lower bound for prices reflect the uncertainties about learning rates
- The cost of electricity by building SMR after several repetitions is expected to be equal to or lower than the costs of electricity using Natural Gas Combined Cycle
- The prices considered, factor in owner's costs, contingencies, interest during construction, fuel, operations and maintenance costs

# INITIAL INVESTMENT VERSUS NET VALUE FOR SMR DEPLOYMENT

Net value added to USA economy from SMR Deployment



## • Options:

- “Step of Faith”
- State involvement – Fed help

- Funding cost for initial FOAK comes from direct equity injection into VENDOR owner and from investors and govt and from lifetime NPV of VENDOR owner’s funding gap (PPA tariff – LCOE)
- Total value added to economy derived from direct, indirect and induced benefits from SMR production and deployment
- Breakeven in net value added reached with NOAK#2 (3<sup>rd</sup> site)
- Net value added to USA economy can reach up to \$ 1.5 bn by deployment of NOAK#5 (6<sup>th</sup> site)

# LCOE Reduction

- Control room and licensed operators
  - For 12 reactors, NRC requirements would result in multiple control rooms and many licensed operators
  - NuScale and NRC are aligned on information and regulatory path that will allow single control room and six licensed operators
  - Reduces construction and O&M costs for life of plant
- Site boundary emergency planning zone (EPZ)
  - TVA is seeking NRC approval of a site boundary and 2-mile EPZ for the Clinch River site
  - NuScale recently provided analysis that demonstrates technical criteria for site boundary EPZ can be met by the NuScale design
  - NRC estimates site boundary EPZ saves hundreds of millions of dollars over the life of a plant relative to a 10-mile EPZ
- Security staffing initiative
  - NuScale is collaborating with TVA on security staffing
  - Staffing reductions based on security considerations integrated into design
  - Expectation is that number of security staff necessary will be substantially reduced
  - Reduces O&M cost for life of the plant`

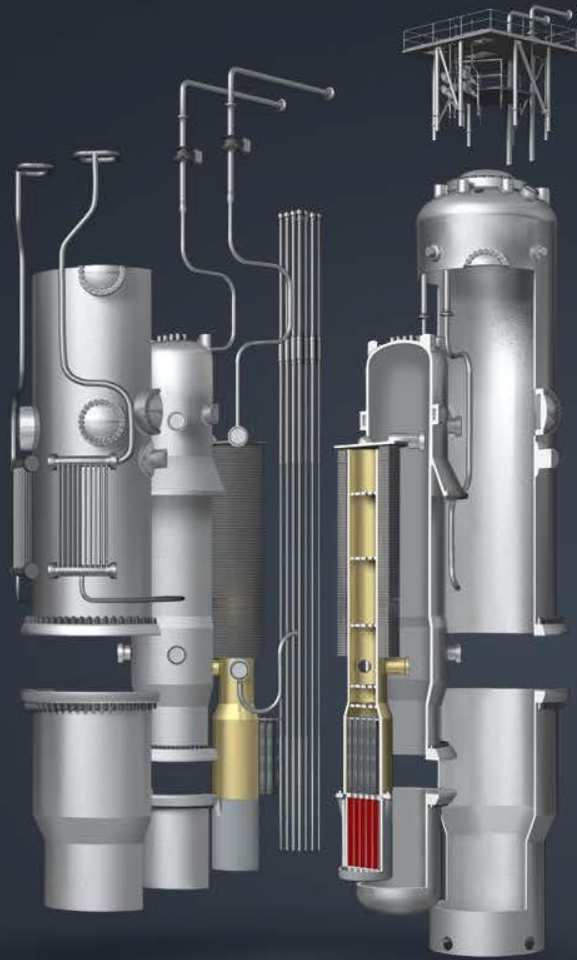
# Advanced Manufacturing for Nuclear



Model T Ford



Holtec Advanced Manufacturing Facility



## Reducing Manufacturing Risk



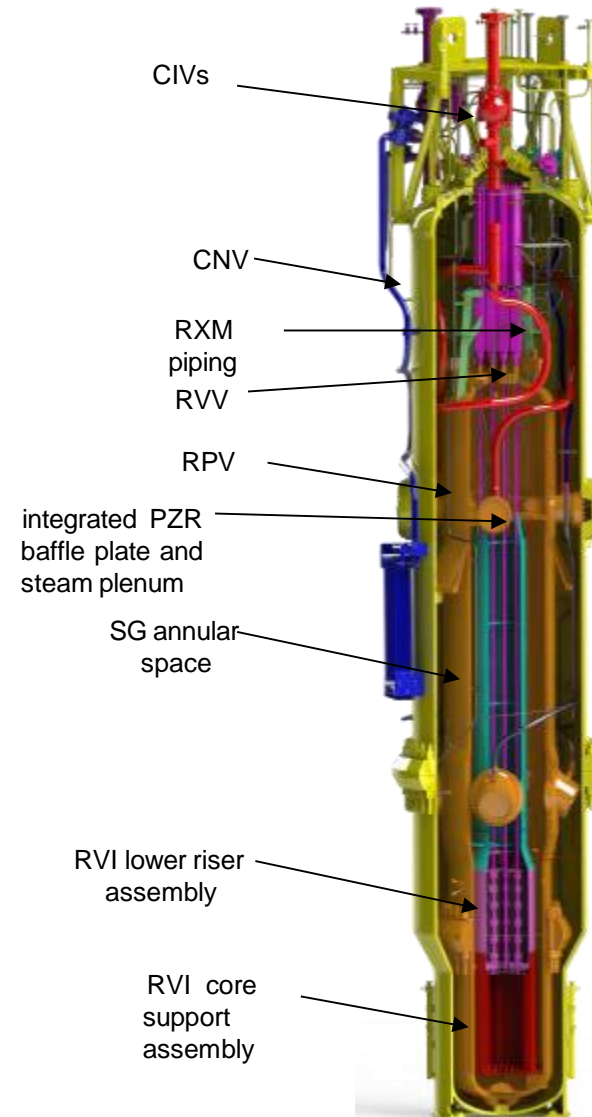
- Teaming with World Class Manufacturers
- *100 attendees from 83 companies attended the NuFAB supplier's Day event on November 3, 2016*

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# Supplier Scope - Base

- Refine the design for manufacturability, assembly and transportability
- Prepare for fabrication
- Fabricate 12 NuScale Power Modules
  - Containment Vessel
  - Reactor Vessel
  - Reactor vessel internals and piping
  - Steam Generator
  - Assembly and testing, including ITAAC support
  - Install equipment from other OEMs

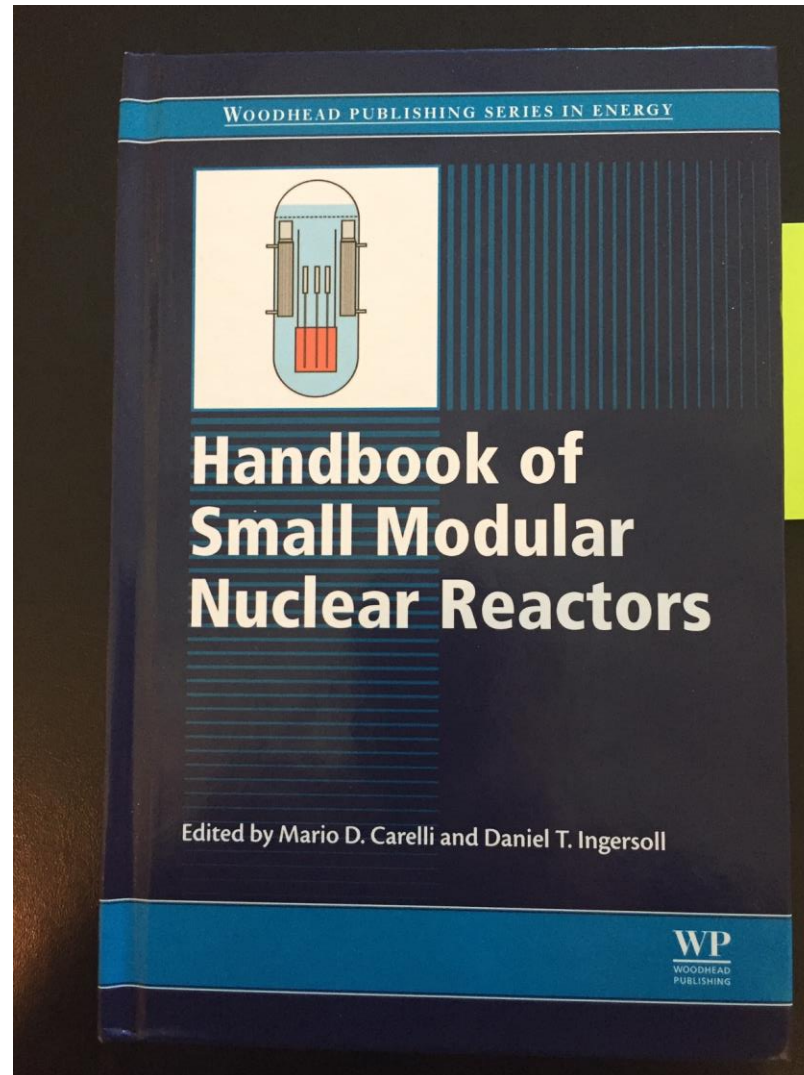


# Methods of Reduction in Total Cost Must Address:

- Total capital costs
- Financing needs
- Manufacturing costs
- Transportation costs
- Construction costs
- Operating costs
- Maintenance costs



# Many References to SMR Manufacturing

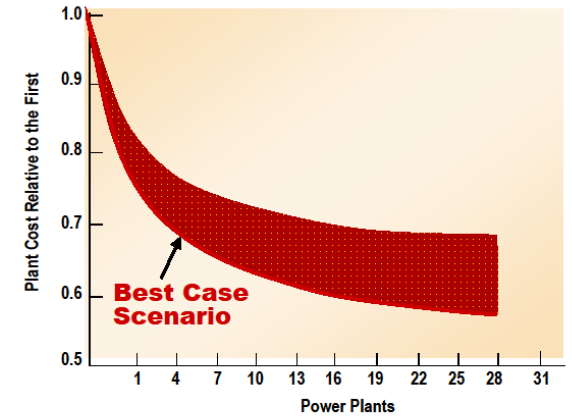
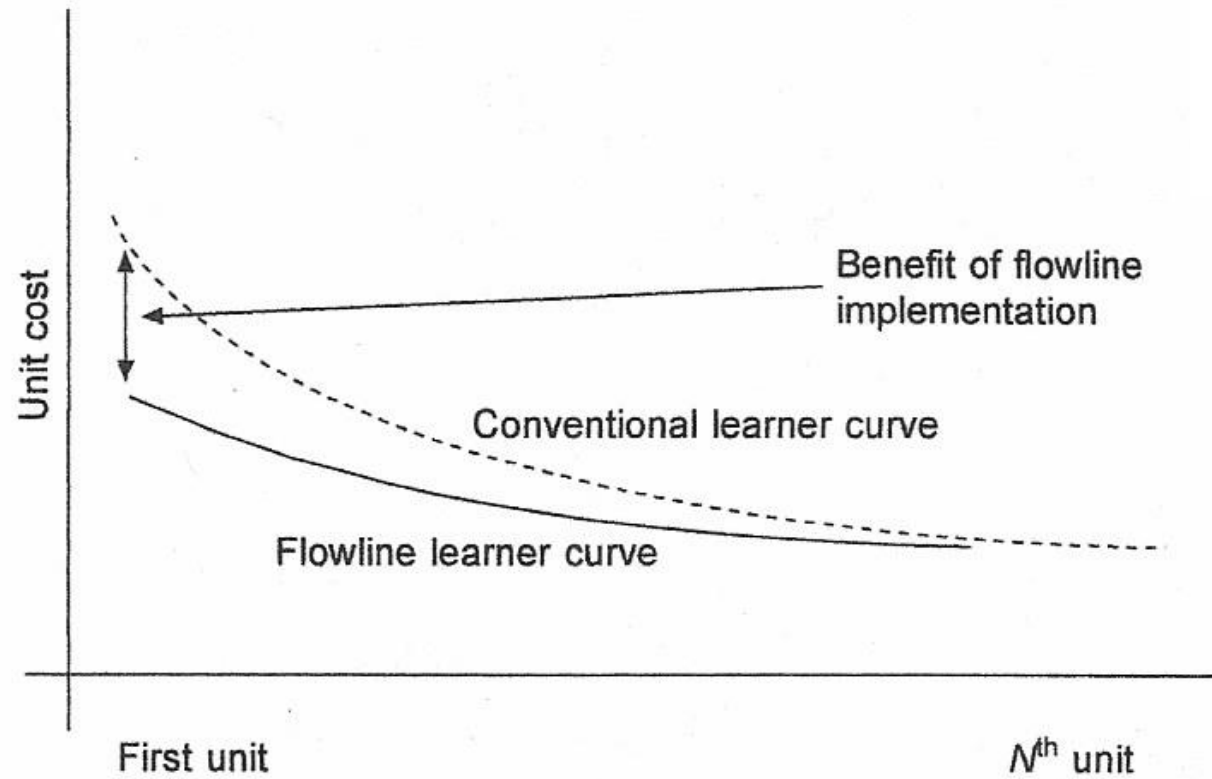


# SMR Advanced Manufacturing – CANM, PA

- Role of standardization
- Full production line
- Flowline concept
- Additive Manufacturing
- Casting
- Cybersecurity for Manufacturing
- FOAK prototyping



# Flowline Concept



12.5 Illustrative graph of cost benefit of early incorporation of flowline concept.

# Flowline concept Benefits-Requirements

- Benefits
  - Fits in between batch and assembly line manufacturing – hybrid manufacturing method that sits between mass batch production and production line. Has been successfully applied in a number of high technology, high integrity, intermediate volume businesses.
- Requirements
  - Single product family
  - No rework
  - Stable supply of parts/assemblies/kits
  - High reliability of workstation equipment, tools, etc

# Flowline Technology Applications -Ships



# Flowline Technology Applications - SpaceX

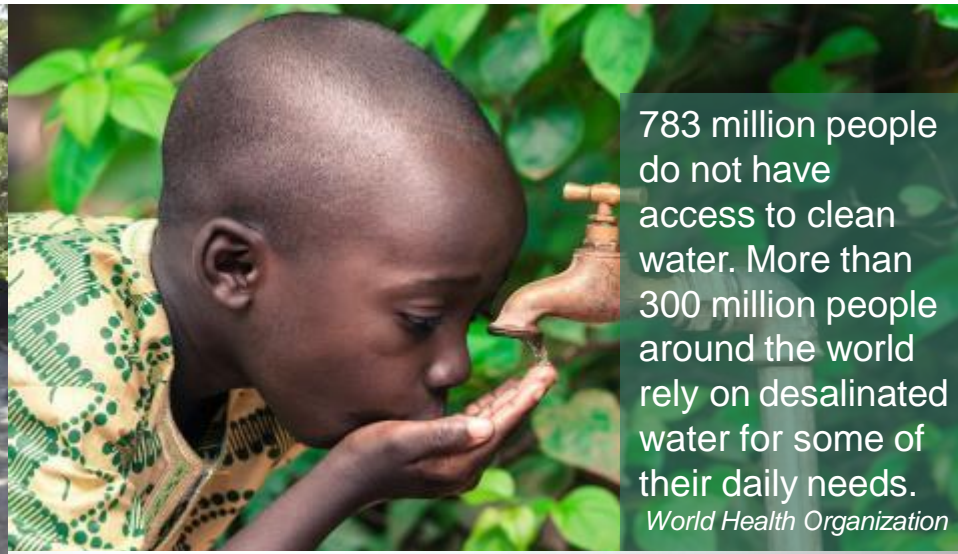




# The Global Reality



An additional 197 quadrillion BTUs of energy are needed to lift 5.9 billion people out of energy poverty.  
*Energy Information Agency*

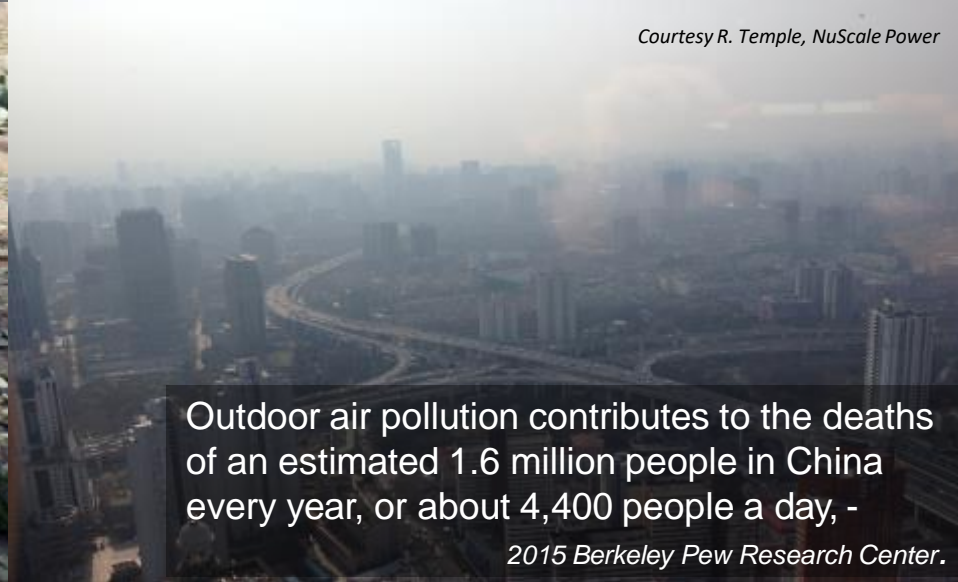


783 million people do not have access to clean water. More than 300 million people around the world rely on desalinated water for some of their daily needs.  
*World Health Organization*

*Courtesy R. Temple, NuScale Power*



More than 1 billion metric tons of food is lost or wasted each year - decaying in fields or farms before harvest or while it's being transported.  
*World Resources Institute UNEP*



Outdoor air pollution contributes to the deaths of an estimated 1.6 million people in China every year, or about 4,400 people a day, -  
*2015 Berkeley Pew Research Center.*

# Summary

Nuclear power has a major role to play in meeting our future energy needs in the U.S. and around the world

To be an economically attractive alternative, SMR's need to have a very strong modular construction methodology and deployment.

## Goals for SMR Technology Advancement – U.S. and World

- Deploy SMRs in mid-2020's
- Develop and deploy advanced reactor non LWR technologies in the 2030's





# Paper Reactors, Real Reactors

## ■ Characteristics of an Academic Plant

- ▶ It is simple
- ▶ It is small
- ▶ It is cheap
- ▶ It is light
- ▶ It can be built very quickly
- ▶ It is very flexible in purpose.
- ▶ Very little development is required. It will use mostly off the shelf components.
- ▶ The reactor is in the study phase – it is not being built now.

## ■ Characteristics of a Practical Reactor Plant

- ▶ It is being built now.
- ▶ It is behind schedule.
- ▶ It is requiring an immense amount of development on apparently trivial items. Corrosion, in particular, is a problem.
- ▶ It is very expensive
- ▶ It takes a long time to build because of the engineering development problems.
- ▶ It is large
- ▶ It is heavy
- ▶ It is complicated

(By Admiral Hyman Rickover, 1953)