



Advancements in Nuclear: ANS Northeastern Section Discussion

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Nuclear Utilities



EPCs & Suppliers



Fuel Cycle



Decommissioning



National
Labs



Investment &
Financial Firms



Advanced
Reactors



Universities



Law Firms



Consultants

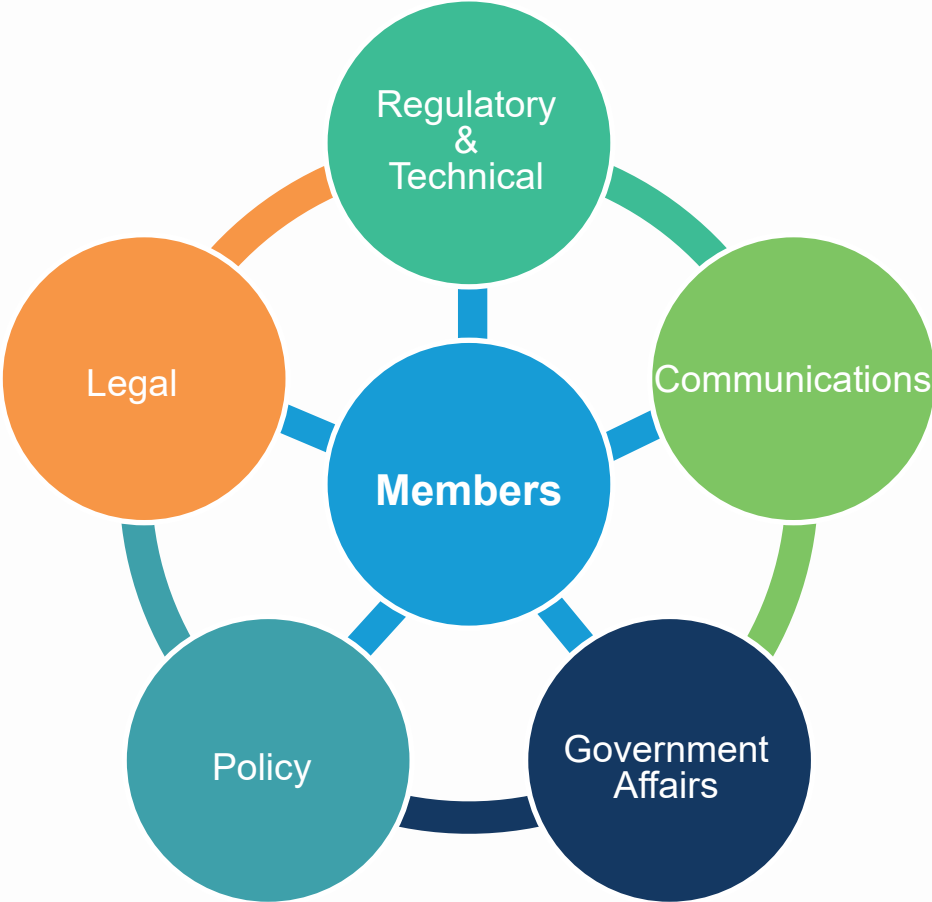


Labor Unions



NGOs &
Think Tanks

NEI Functions



- Member centric organization
- Diverse, broad membership
- Unique combination of technical, regulatory, and policy capabilities

Presentation Overview

- Nuclear Energy Today

 - Global Energy Challenge
 - Electricity Generation Today

- New Nuclear

 - Future Electric Demand
 - Deployment Plans
 - Licensing Statuses

- Advanced Nuclear Designs

 - New Nuclear Designs Overview
 - Fuel Supply

- Applications

 - Versatility of New Nuclear - Beyond Grid Scale Electricity



Nuclear Energy Today

TAKE YOUR MARKS, GO!

The Global Energy Challenge

Standard of Living

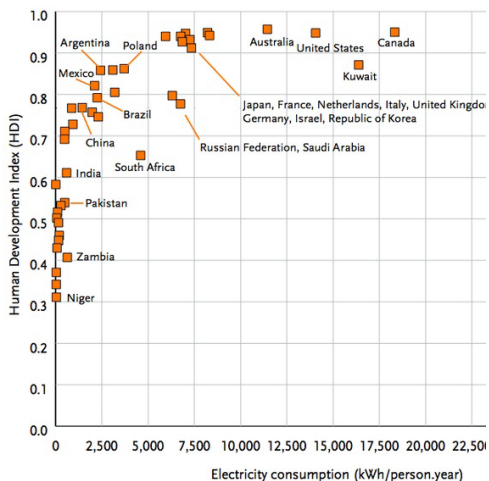
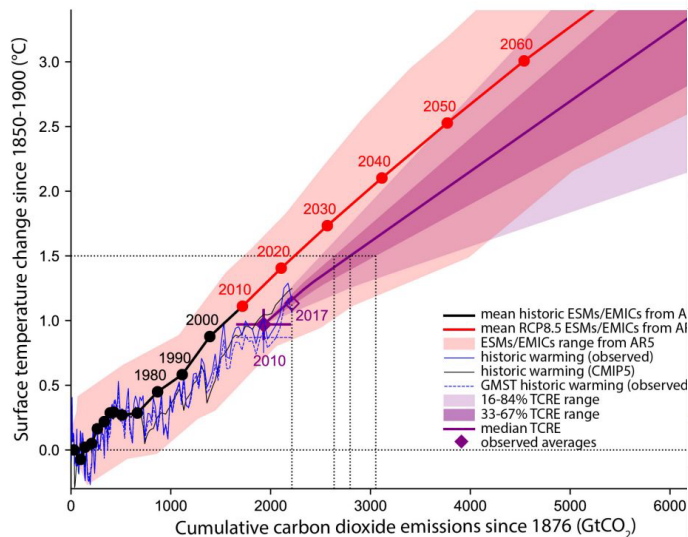


Figure 1.6 Relationship between human development index (HDI) and per capita electricity consumption, 2003 – 2004

Note: World average HDI equals 0.741. World average per capita annual electricity at 2,490 kWh per person.year, translates to approximately 9 gigajoules (GJ)/pers. kilowatts (kWh) = 36 GJ]

Source: UNDP, 2006.

Carbon Reduction



Energy Security

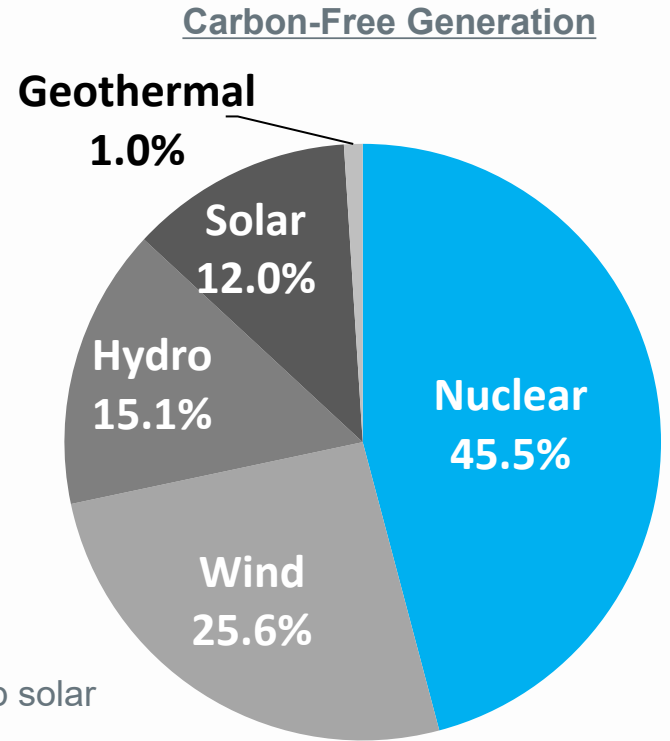
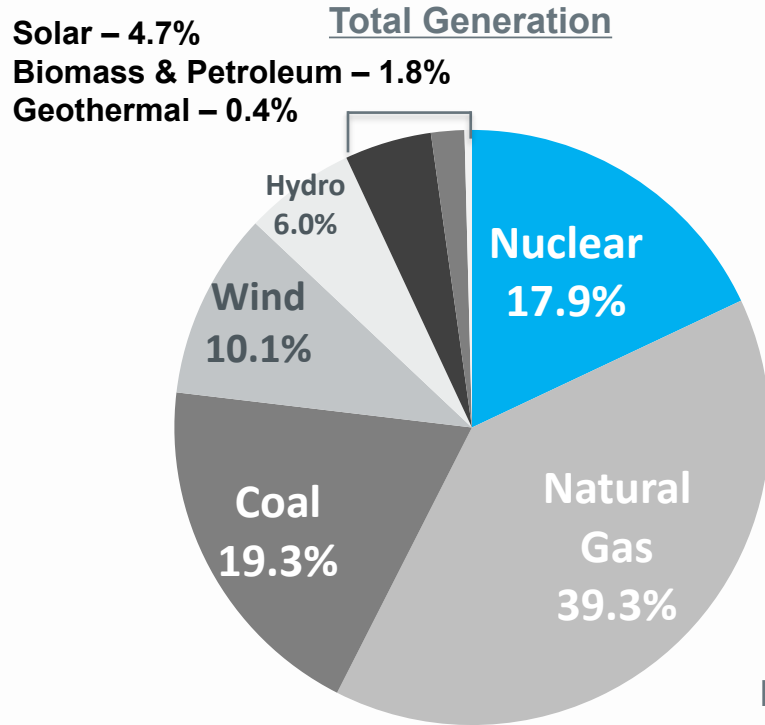
The New York Times

The European Union seeks independence from Russian oil and gas.

Europe had long trusted in what many thought was a mutually beneficial business relationship. That has changed.

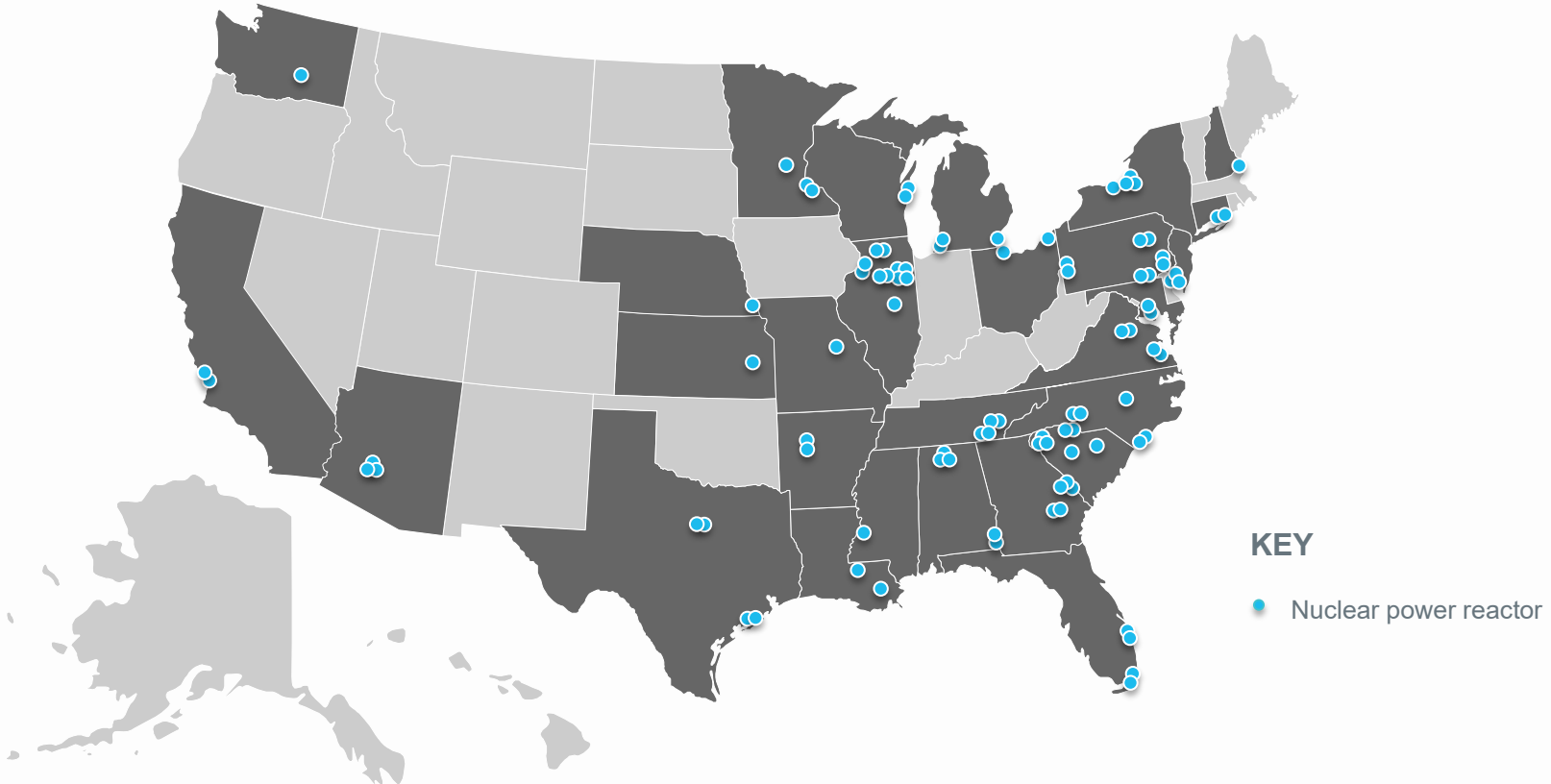
A photograph of Ursula von der Leyen, the President of the European Commission, speaking at a podium. The background features the European Union flag and the text 'Commission européenne' and 'European Commission'.

Electricity Generation Today



Including rooftop solar

US Commercial Reactors

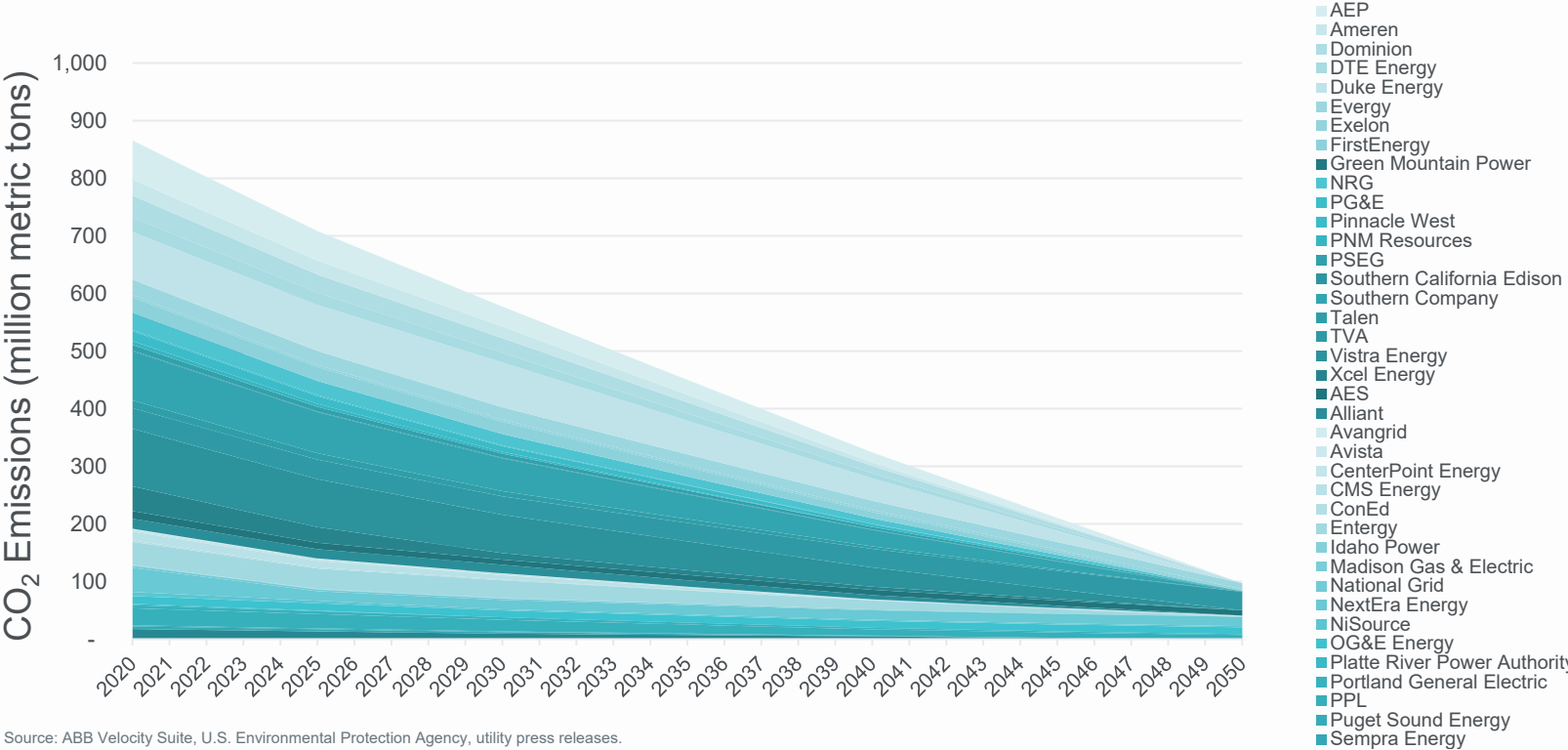




New Nuclear

THE ENGINE OF TOMORROW

Utility Carbon Emission Projections Based on Pledges



Source: ABB Velocity Suite, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, utility press releases.



Survey of NEI's U.S. Utilities

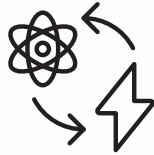
Nuclear power's potential role in meeting their company's decarbonization goals:

SLR



>90% of fleet expects to operate to at least **80 years**

GW



100 GW of new nuclear opportunity by **2050s**

SMRs

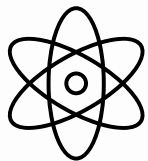


Translates to roughly **300 SMR-scale plants**

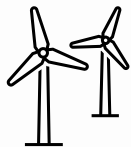
NEI utility member companies produce nearly half of all US electricity.

Lowest System Cost Achieved by Enabling Large Scale New Nuclear Deployment

Lowest Cost System

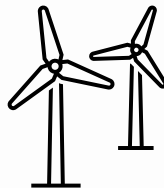


Nuclear is 43% of generation (>300 GW of new nuclear)

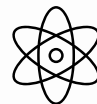


Wind and solar are 50%

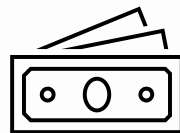
Energy System with Nuclear Constrained



Wind and Solar are 77% of generation



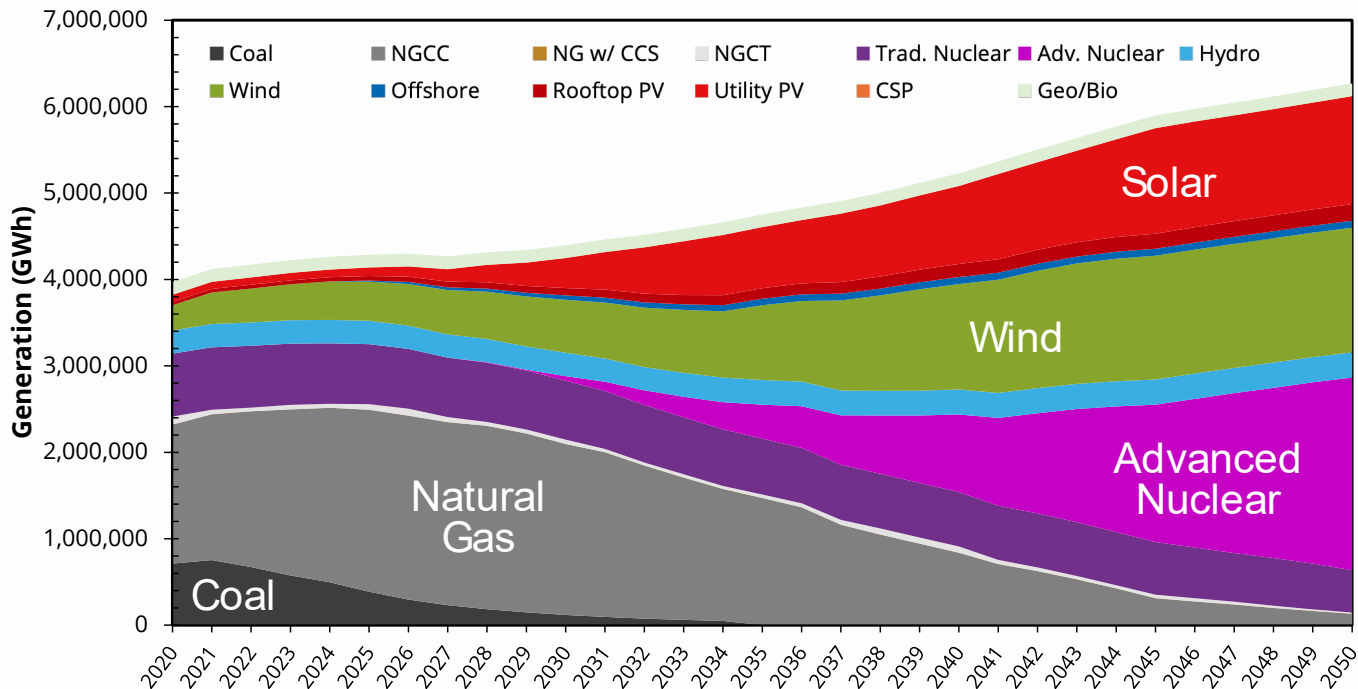
Nuclear is 13% (>60 GW of new nuclear)



Increased cost to customers of \$449 Billion

Both scenarios are successful in reducing electricity grid GHG emissions by over 95% by 2050 and reducing the economy-wide GHG emissions by over 60%

Modeling Forecast – Nominal Case



Generation:
2,718 TWh
 Legacy: 491 TWh
 New: 2,227 TWh

Capacity: 404 GW
 Legacy: 67 GW
 New: 336 GW

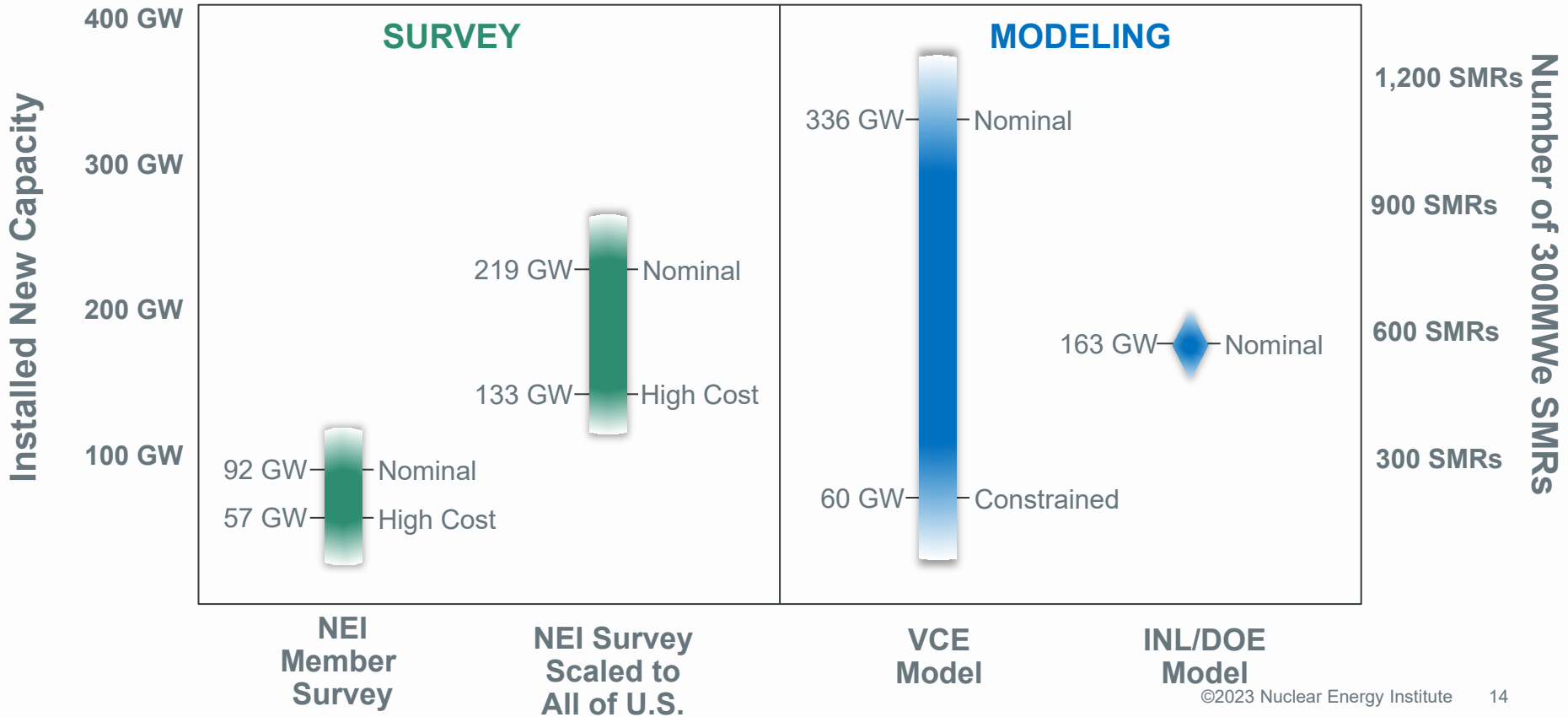
Share: 43%

Converted Fossil: 271



Scan to view the complete study.

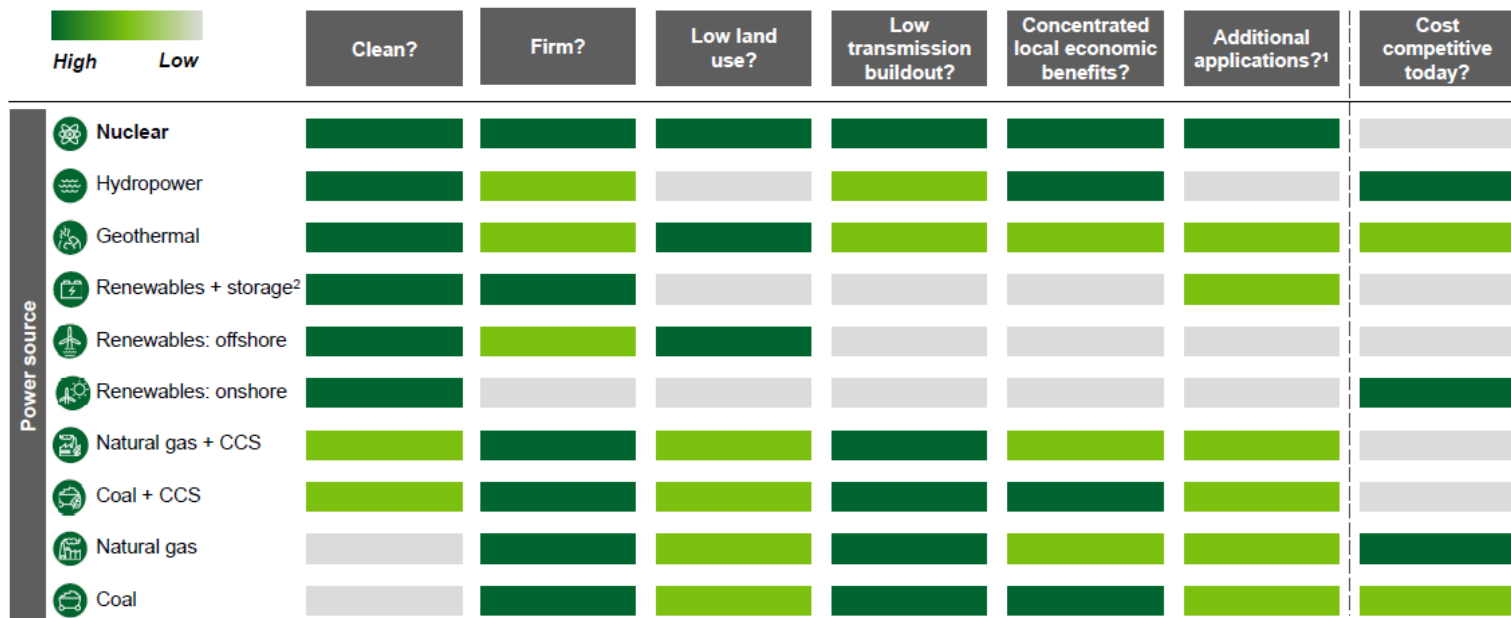
Triangulating New Nuclear Demand – Grid Only



DOE Liftoff Report



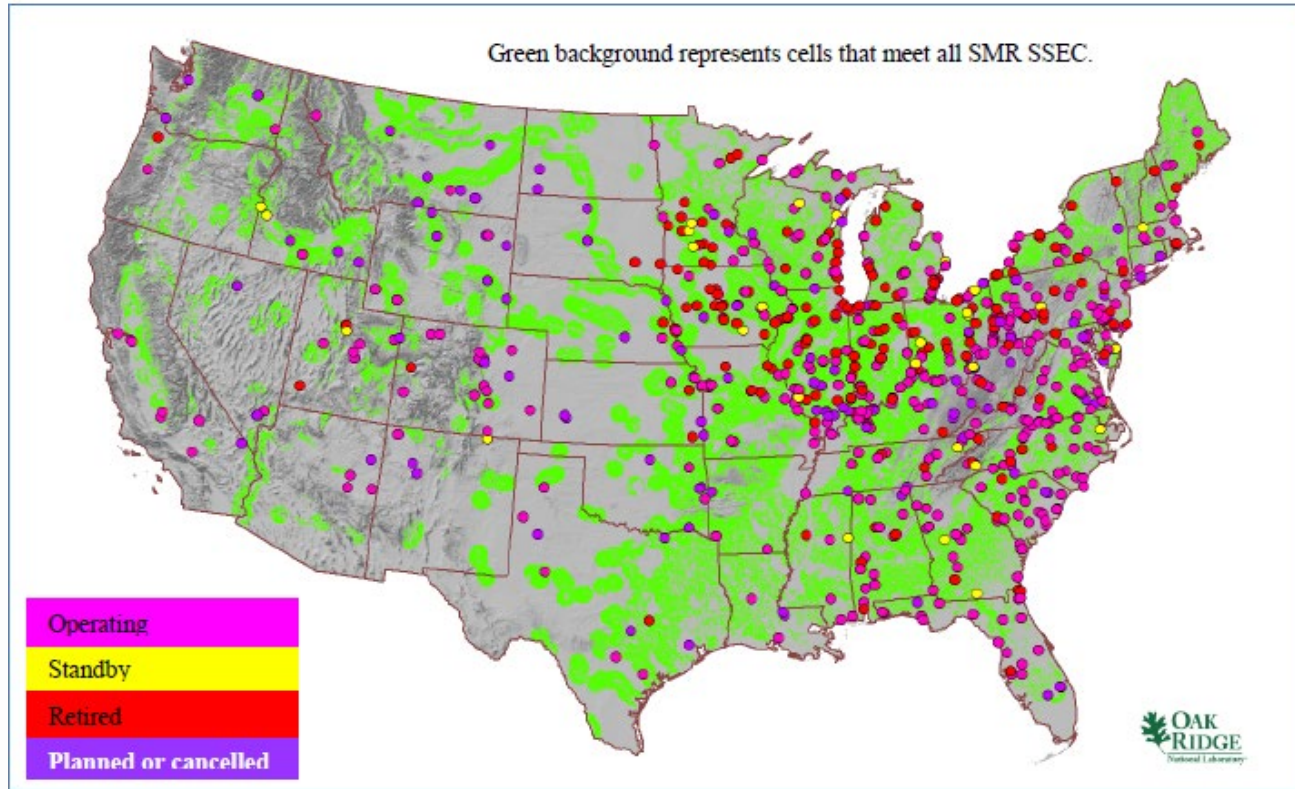
Nuclear has a unique value proposition for the net-zero grid



1. Additional applications include clean hydrogen generation, industrial process heat, desalination of water, district heating, off-grid power, and craft propulsion and power
2. Renewables + storage includes renewables coupled with long duration energy storage or renewables coupled with hydrogen storage



Coal Plants and SMR Suitability



Source: ORNL, [Evaluation of Suitability of Selected Set of Coal Plant Sites for Repowering with Small Modular Reactors](#), March 2013

Similar Jobs and Limited Retraining

Coal Plant Position	# Dedicated Coal Positions	SMR Position	# Dedicated SMR Positions	Position Type	Degree of Retraining Required
Operations Supervisor	5	Senior Reactor Operator	5	Supervisor	High
Control Room Operator	10	Reactor Operator	15	Operator	High
Field Operator	15	Non-Licensed Operator	25	Operator	Low
Lab Operator/Chemistry/Scrubber	4	Chem Tech	14	Craft	Medium
Maintenance Supervisor	2	Maintenance Supervisor	3	Supervisor	Medium
Mechanical Craft	12	Mechanical Craft	21	Craft	Low
I&C Craft	9	I&C Craft	10	Craft	Medium
Electrician Craft	5	Electrician Craft	11	Craft	Low
Technician	11	Technician	13	Laborer	Low
Security Officer	20	Security Officer	48	Laborer	Low
Sub-Total	93		165		
All Other Positions	14		72	42 are O&M Support (Planners, Outage, etc.)	Medium
Total On-Site Positions	107		237		
Possible Centralized Positions			33		
Total Positions			270		

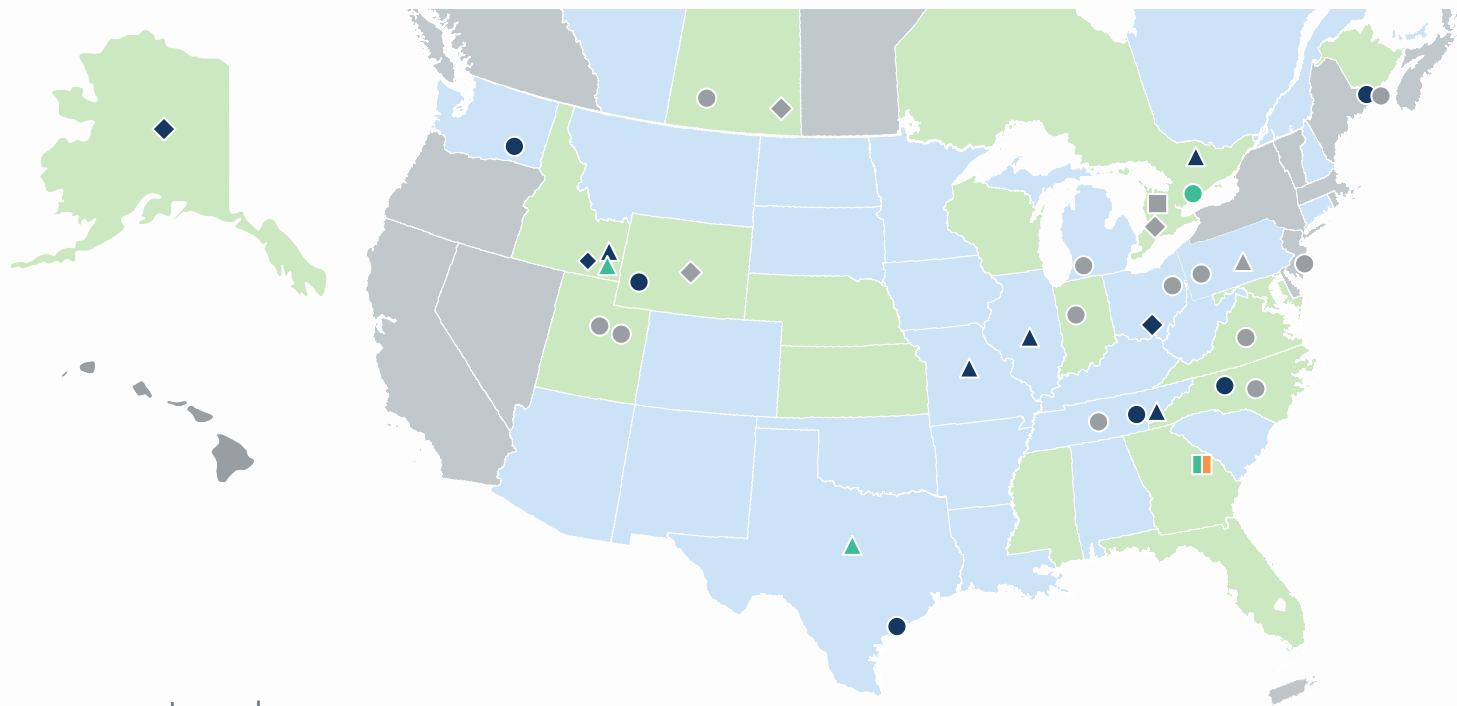
Advanced Nuclear Deployment Plans

State support and projects that may be in operation by early 2030s



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Legend

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|--|--|-------------------------|------------------------------|
| State Actions – Substantive Incentives | State Actions – Supportive and Exploring | | |
| Considered project | Planned project | Under construction | Operating |
| Large (1,000 MWe) | Small (<300 MWe) | Micro-reactor (<50 MWe) | University / Research / Test |

Advanced Reactor Deployment Plans (1/4)

Grid-scale reactors (1/2)

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Developer	Utility / User	Location	Size	Target Online
NuScale	Standard Power	PA and OH, USA	12 @ 77 MWe (2 plants)	2029
	KGHM Polska Miedz	Poland	6 @ 77 MWe	2029
	Nuclearelectrica	Romania	6 @ 77 MWe	2028
GEH BWR X-300	OPG	ON, Canada	4 @ 300 MWe	2028
	TVA	TN, USA	4 @ 300 MWe	2032
	Synthos & Orlen	Poland	300 MWe (>10 plants)	Early 2030s
	SaskPower	Sask., Canada	~300 MWe (4 plants)	2032 to 2042
Holtec SMR-160	TBD	NJ, USA	160 MWe	2030
	TBD	MI, USA	2 x 160 MWe	2032
	Entergy	Gulf Coast, USA	160 MWe	Early 2030s

Advanced Reactor Deployment Plans (2/4)

Grid-scale reactors (2/2)

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Developer	Utility / User	Location	Size	Target Online
X-energy	Dow	Texas, USA	4 @ 80MWe	2030
	Energy Northwest	Washington, USA	80 MWe (up to 12)	2030
TerraPower	Pacific Corp.	Wyoming, USA	345 – 500 MWe	2030
ARC	NB Power	NB, Canada	100 MWe	2030
Moltex	NB Power	NB, Canada	300 MWe	2032
TBD	Duke Energy	NC, USA	TBD	2034
TBD	Purdue/Duke Energy	Indiana, USA	TBD	TBD

Advanced Reactor Deployment Plans (3/4)

Micro-reactors and low scale test reactors (1/2)

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Developer	Utility / User	Location	Size	Target Online
Oklo	Oklo	Idaho, USA	15 MWe	2026
	Oklo	Ohio, USA	2 @ 15 MWe	2028
	Compass Mining	TBD	TBD (150 MWe total)	TBD
Ultra Safe Nuclear	Global First / OPG	CRL, Canada	5 MWe	2025
	University of Illinois	Illinois, USA	5 MWe	2027
Westinghouse	Sask Research Council	West Canada	5 MWe	2027
	Bruce Power	ON, Canada	5 MWe	2027
	Penn State University	USA	5 MWe	2027

Advanced Reactor Deployment Plans (4/4)

Micro-reactors and low scale test reactors (2/2)

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Developer	Utility / User	Location	Size	Target Online
Radiant	TBA	Idaho, USA	1.2 MWe	2026
BWXT	DoD SCO	Idaho, USA	1.5 MWe	2024
	Tata Mining	Wyoming, USA	TBD	TBD
Kairos Power	Kairos	TN, USA	3 @ 35 MWth	2026
Natura	Abilene Christian University	TX, USA	1 MWth	2025
TBD	Univ. of Missouri	MO, USA	TBD	TBD
TBD	Eielson AFB	Alaska, USA	1 – 10 MWe	2027

North American Customer Interest (1/2)

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Utility/Customer	Recent Public Expressions of Interest in SMRs
Dominion	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2023 Integrated Resource Plan identifies need for up to 4.8 GWe by 2050, first plant online in 2034
Dow	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Investment in X-energy and deployment of Xe-100 by 2030 for electricity and process heat
Duke	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pursuing Early Site Permit in North Carolina, plans for 7.7 GWe between 2032 and 2048
Energy Northwest	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Considering deployment of advanced reactors
Entergy	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Plans for SMR-160 by early 2030's
NB Power	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Plans for ARC-100 and Moltex MSR by early 2030's
NPPD	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• SMR feasibility and potential site study
NuCor Steel	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Investment in NuScale and interest in deployment for electricity
OPG	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Submitted Construction Permit application for BWRX-300 at Darlington for operation by 2029
PacifiCorp	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Deployment of Sodium by 2029, and IRP includes 2 more plants

North American Customer Interest (2/2)




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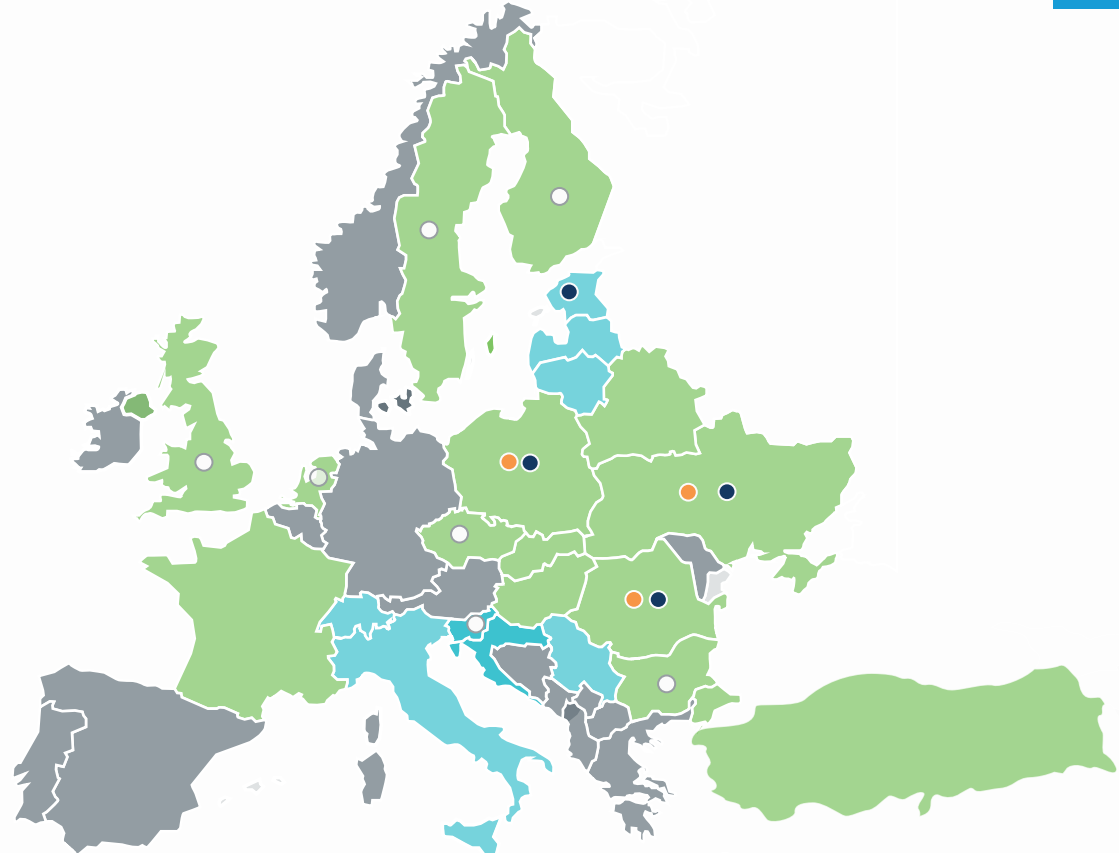


Utility/Customer	Recent Public Expressions of Interest in SMRs
SaskPower	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Selected BWRX-300 for future deployment
Standard Power	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Selected NuScale for 2 plants of 12-pack in OH and PA by 2029
TATA Mining	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Working with BWXT for feasibility study for use in Wyoming mining operation
TVA	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Construction Permit application for BWRX-300 at Clinch River in late 2023
Universities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Univ. of Illinois, Penn State, Purdue, Abilene Christian University, Univ. of Missouri – Columbia
US Government	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Air Force pursuing micro-reactor in Alaska
Others	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Dairyland Power, Grant County PUD, Copper Valley, Compass Mining, Sask Research Council,

U.S. Advanced Nuclear Deployment – Europe

KEY

-  National policies to support new nuclear in place
-  National policies to support new nuclear under consideration
-  U.S. supplier selected for one or more SMR projects
-  U.S. supplier selected for one or more large reactor projects
-  Near-term commercial opportunity for large and/or SMR projects



Advanced Reactor Licensing Progress

Approved



Under Review



Pre-Application



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TERRESTRIAL
ENERGY



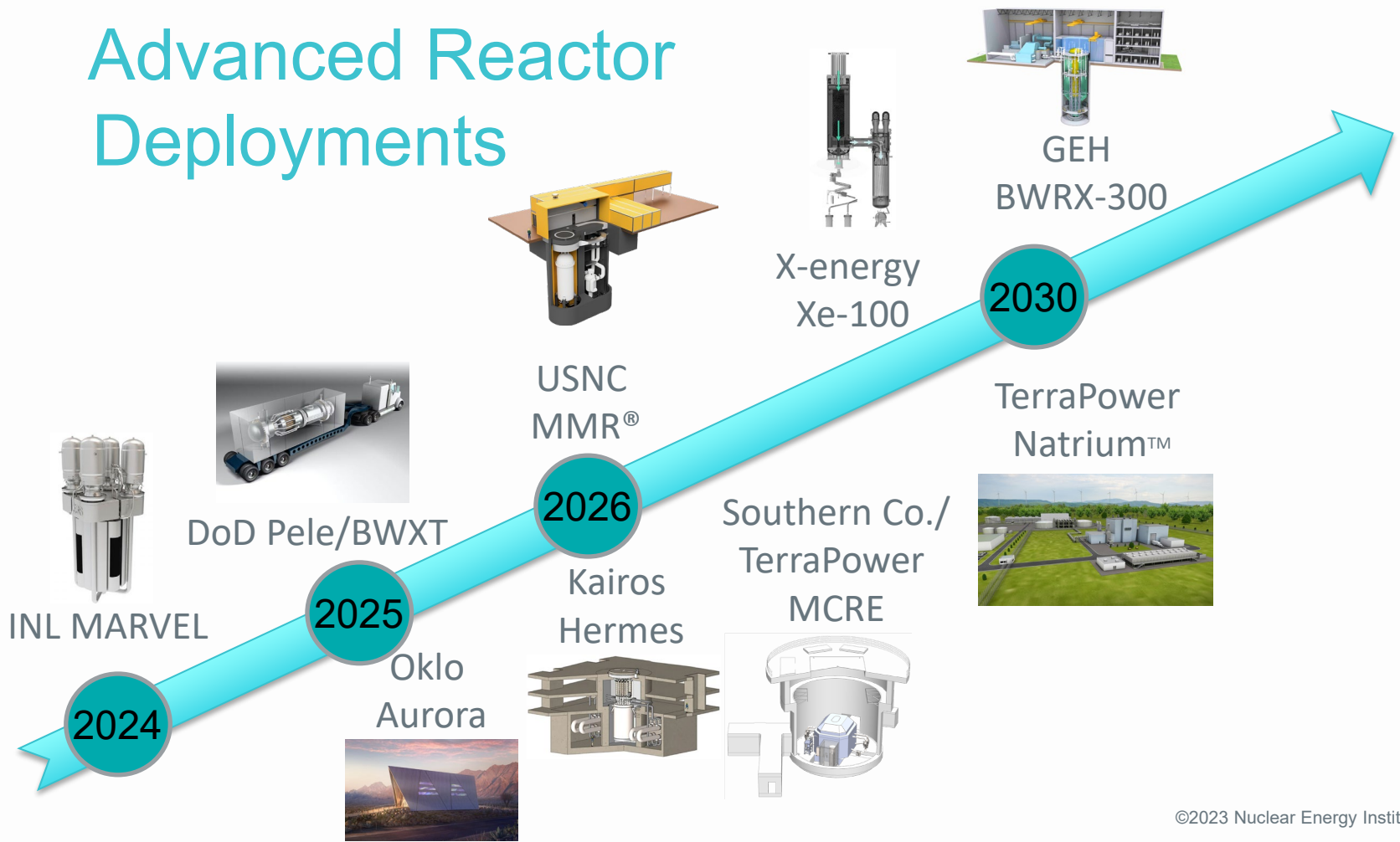
INTERNATIONAL



OKLO



Advanced Reactor Deployments





Advanced Nuclear Designs

LET'S TALK ABOUT TECH

Types of Advanced Reactors

Range of sizes and features to meet diverse market needs

Micro Reactors
< 20MWe



Oklo (shown)
Approximately a dozen
in development

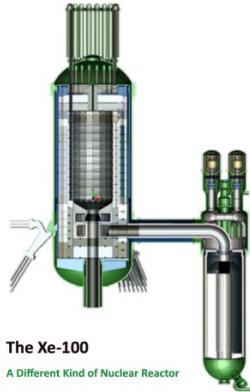
LWR SMRs
<300MWe



NuScale (shown)
GEH BWRX-300
Holtec SMR-160

Westinghouse AP300

High Temp
Gas Reactors



X-energy (shown)
Several in development

Liquid Metal Reactors



TerraPower Natrium™
(shown)
Several in development

Molten Salt Reactors



Terrestrial (shown)
Several in development

Non-Water Cooled
Most <300MWe, some as large as 1,000 MWe



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Technology Developers – NEI Members



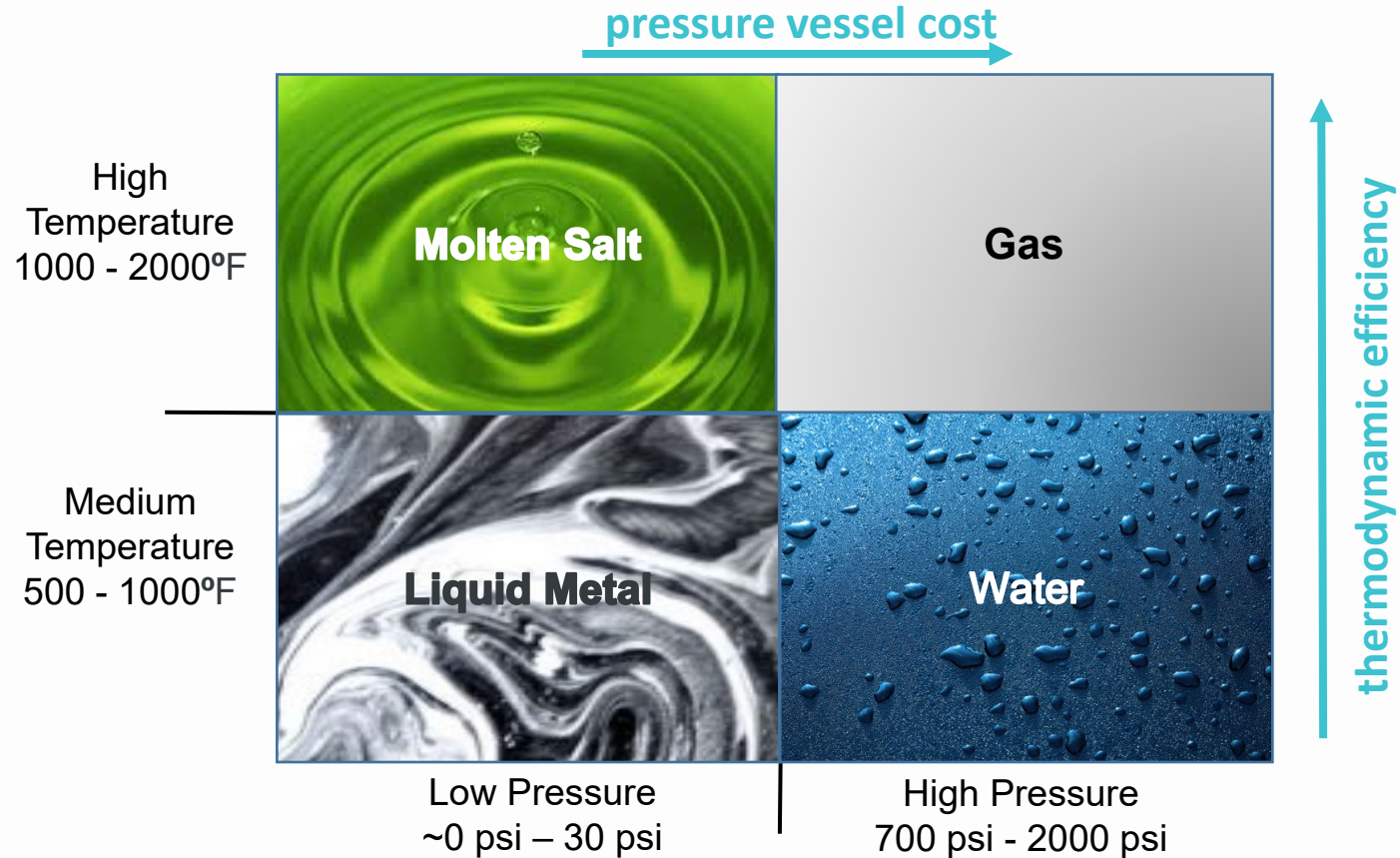
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Muons, Inc.
Innovation in Research



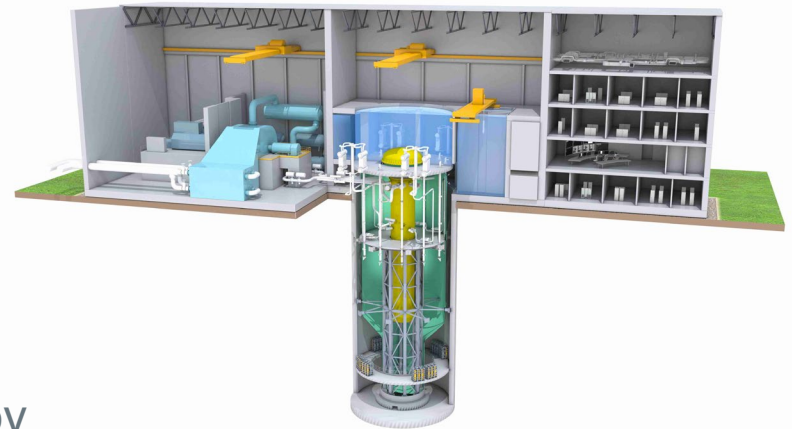
Technology - Coolant Choice



GEH BWRX-300

Light-Water SMR

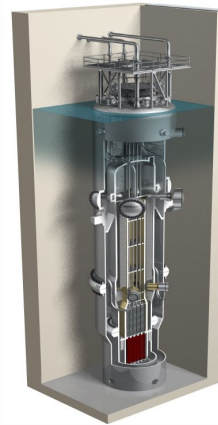
- 350 MWe
- Leverages NRC approved ESBWR
- 7 days of cooling without power or operator actions
- Novel construction techniques
- Designed to be cost competitive with combined cycle natural gas
- Existing fuel design
- Ontario Power Generation plans to deploy around 2028



NuScale VOYGR™ Reactor

Light-Water SMR

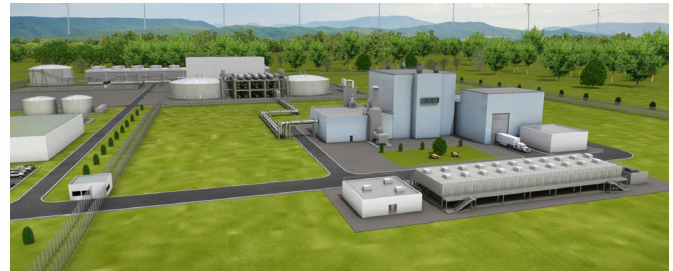
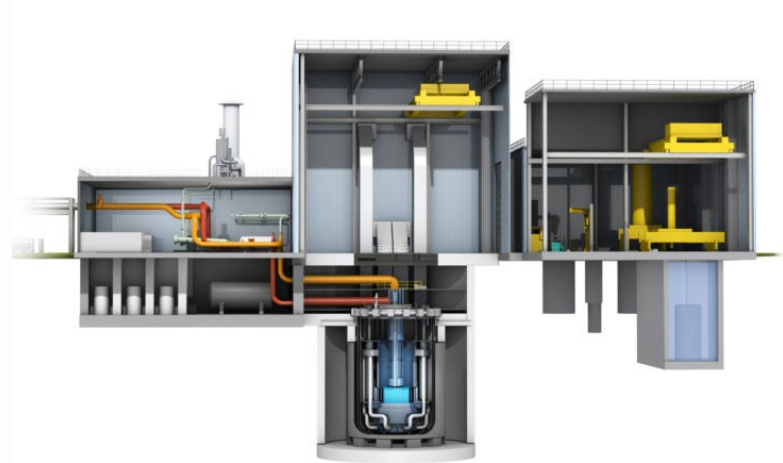
- 308 MWe to 924 MWe gross
 - Four to 12 modules - 77 MWe each
- Rapidly adjusts power output with individual modules
- NRC completed review of Design Certification – 2020
- Ability to safely shut down and self-cool, indefinitely
- Air cooling for condensers is an option
- Existing fuel design



TerraPower/GEH - Sodium™ Reactor

Liquid Sodium Fast Reactor (SFR)

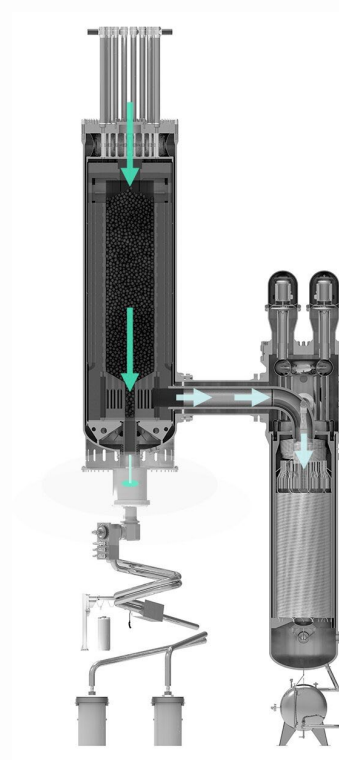
- 345 MWe
 - Molten salt thermal storage for peaking to 500 MWe
- Requires HALEU – metallic fuel
- Possible higher temperature, non-electricity applications
- Innovative construction methods
- PacifiCorp plans to deploy around 2028 at Kemmerer, WY – retiring coal facility



X-energy Xe-100

High Temperature Gas Cooled SMR

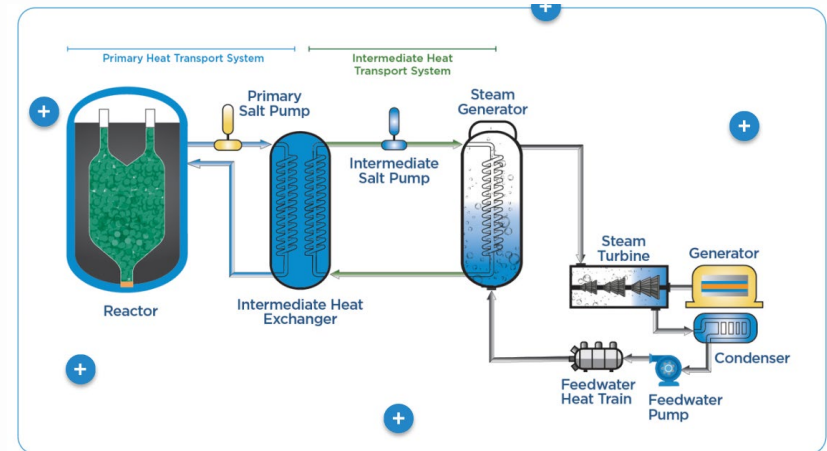
- 320 MWe
 - 4 modules @ 80 MWe each
- Requires HALEU for TRISO fuel
 - Online Refueling
- Possible high temperature, non-electricity applications
- Dow plans to deploy Dow's industrial Seadrift, TX site for cogeneration around 2027



Kairos Power – Hermes Test Reactor

Molten Salt Cooled SMR

- 35 MWth – will not produce electricity
 - Commercial reactor will be 140 MWe
- Molten salt coolant with TRISO fuel pebbles (requires HALEU)
- Possible high temperature, non-electricity applications
- NRC Part 50 construction permit application accepted for review in November 2021
 - Complete review September 2023
- Location: Oak Ridge, Tennessee
 - Operational: 2026

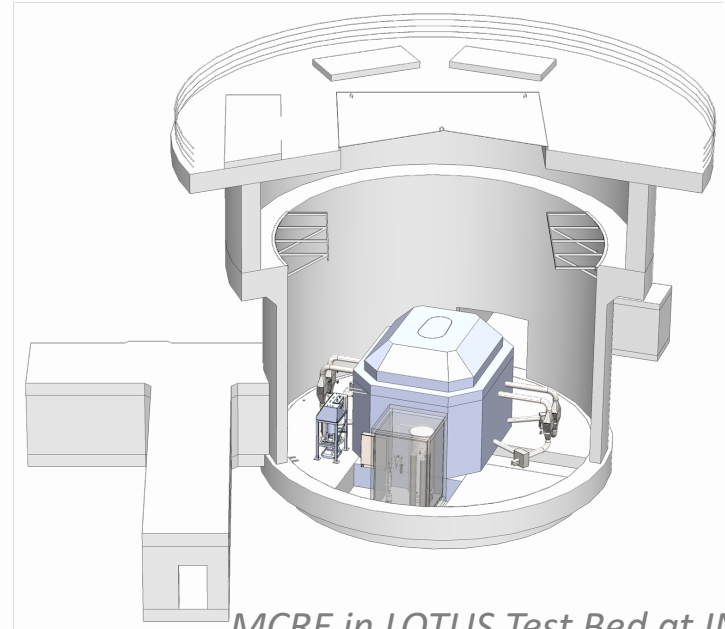


Molten Chloride Reactor Experiment



Molten Salt Cooled SMR

- Will lay the foundation for Molten Chloride Fast Reactor (MCFR) liquid fueled demonstration reactor
- Confirm key physics phenomena
- INL sited & DOE authorized
- Multi-year cost share partnership with DOE
- Year 5 critical operations



MCRE in LOTUS Test Bed at INL

Micro Reactor Technology

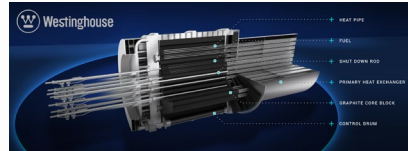
Designed to replace Diesel Generators



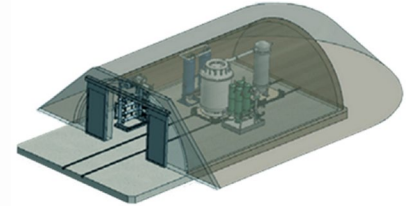
Oklo Aurora
15 MWe



Ultra Safe Nuclear Corporation
5 MWe



Westinghouse eVinci™
5 MWe



BWXT BANR
17 MWe

- Very small size
 - Site as small as 0.1 acres, building ~size of a house
 - Reactor is road shippable, minimal site work
- Resilience – withstand, mitigate or quickly recover from
 - Extreme natural events
 - Man-made physical and cyber threats
- Operations
 - Automatic operations, island mode and black-start
 - Flexible – hybrid energy and renewables integration

Other Designs (not all inclusive)

- General Atomics
- HolosGen
- Hydromine
- NuGen
- NuScale
- Radiant
- X-energy

Oklo Aurora

- Heat and electricity
- Sodium Fast Reactor
- Metallic HALEU fuel
- 15 MWe
- 10+ years before refueling
- Demonstration at Idaho National Lab around 2026

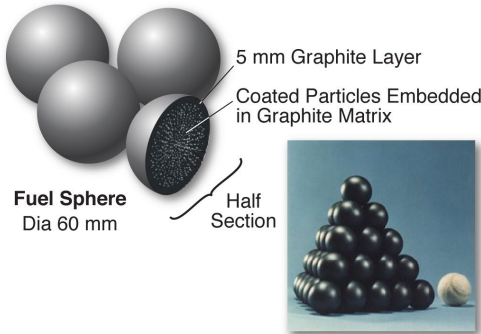
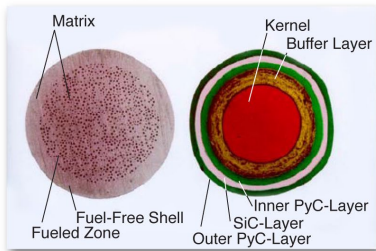
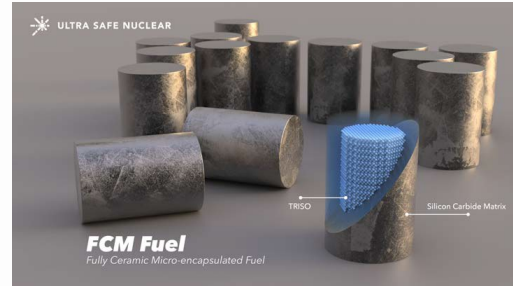
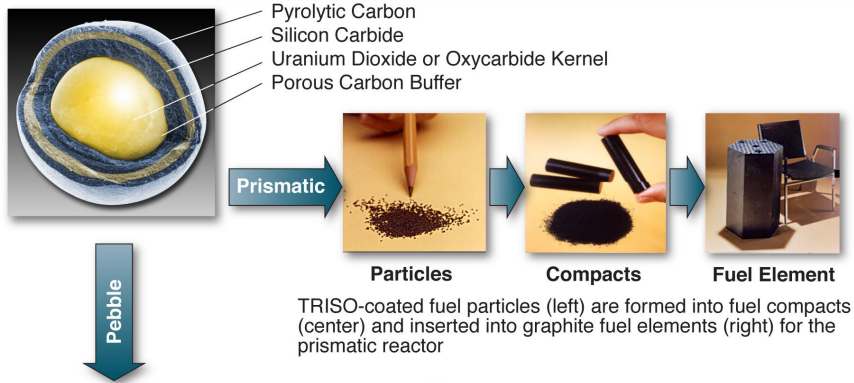


Westinghouse eVinci™

- Heat and electricity
- 1-5 MWe
- Heat pipe cooled
- 8+ years before refueling
- Fully factory built, fueled and assembled
- Target less than 30 days onsite installation
- TRISO Fuel
- Multi-year cost share partnership
- DOE portion \$7.4 million



Key Enabling Tech – TRISO Fuel



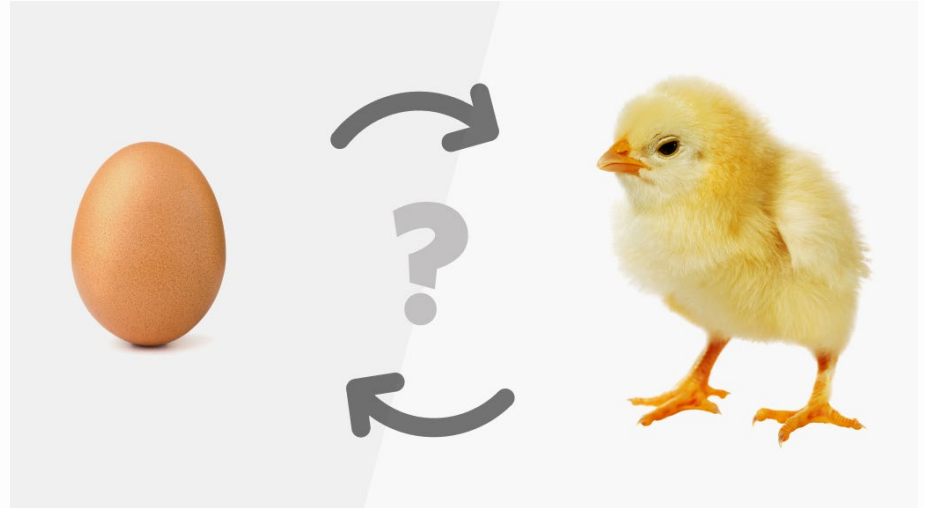
TRISO-coated fuel particles are formed into fuel spheres for pebble bed reactor

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- Provides containment and can withstand temperatures well above accident conditions
- Higher operating temperatures – more efficient
- On-line refueling possible
- Passive decay heat removal

Challenges to Establishing Future Front End Fuel Cycle

- Technology is not the problem
- Market development and infrastructure investment (enrichment and transportation) is the challenge



HALEU for Industry – Two Uses

- Existing fleet
 - Between 5% and 10%
 - Extending burnup and time between outages
 - Confident in pathway for enrichment and transportation
- Advanced reactors
 - Between 10% and 20%
 - Needed by most but not all advanced non-LWR reactors and some advanced fuels for existing fleet
 - Enrichment, deconversion, and transportation challenges

Industry Needs Reported in 2021

- Letter to Secretary Granholm
December 20, 2021
- Values in MTU
- Current fleet uses about 2000
MTU/year
- Data from ten companies
- Does not include enrichments
below 10% for LWR fleet
- Not all ARs or advanced fuels
need HALEU

Year	Annual	Cumulative
2023	7.7	9.5
2024	18.0	27.5
2025	25.8	53.3
2026	72.1	125.4
2027	78.7	204.1
2028	130.8	334.9
2029	151.7	486.6
2030	215.0	701.6
2031	252.3	954.0
2032	375.3	1329.2
2033	454.2	1783.4
2034	527.1	2310.5
2035	613.8	2924.3

Russian Reliance – A Dangerous Game





Applications

A DEPLOYMENT STORY: GRID SCALE
ELECTRICITY AND MORE

Advanced Nuclear Versatility

Spectrum of Sizes and Options



Micro



Small

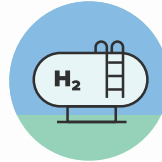


Large

Variety of Outputs



Electricity



H₂ Hydrogen



Process Heat

Multitude of Uses



Homes



Vehicles



Businesses



Aviation



Rail



Shipping



Concrete



Steel



Factories



Water



Space



Learn more about
new nuclear.

New Market Opportunities



DoD Pursuit of Micro-Reactors

Movable Project Pele



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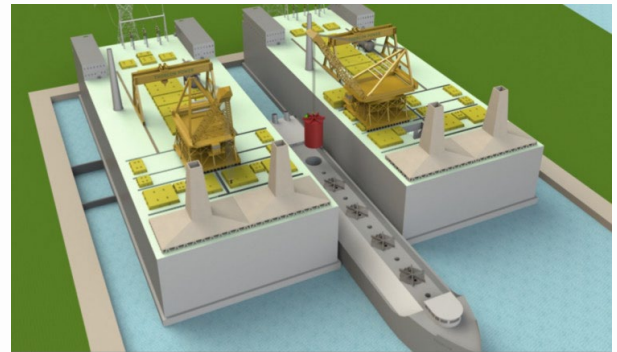
Fixed Eielson Air Force Base



<https://www.eielson.af.mil/microreactor/>

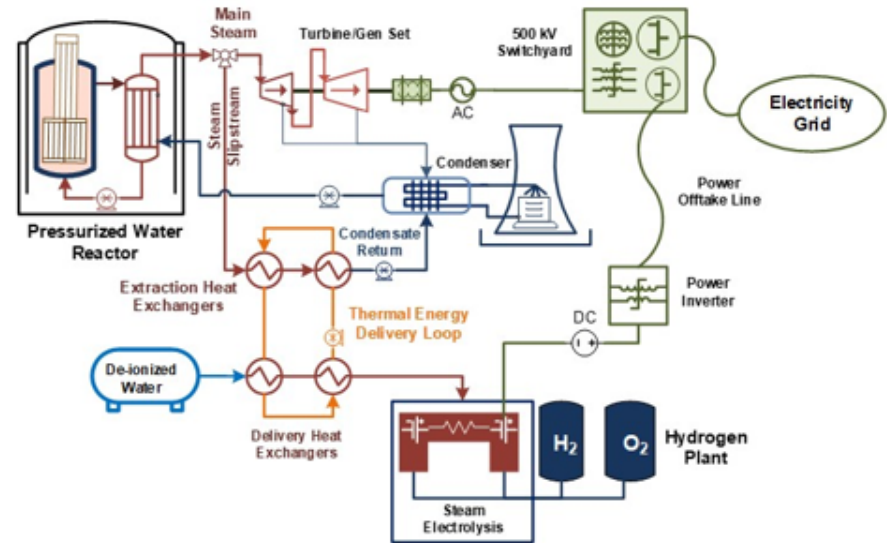
Shipboard Reactors

- Reactors are used by various navies but not used for commercial shipping
- Russia commissioned a barge with two pressurized water reactors 35 MWe each
- Other shipboard reactors designs
 - Seaborg – molten salt – 200-800 MWe
 - Core Power working with TerraPower and Southern Company – molten salt fast reactor
 - Prodigy Clean Energy working with NuScale – pressurized water reactor
 - Thorcon – molten salt thorium reactor – two 250 MWe reactors



Hydrogen Generation Using Existing Reactor Fleet

- Constellation, Energy Harbor, Xcel Energy, and Arizona Public Service have received DOE awards
- Will demonstrate hydrogen production from large light water reactors
- Hydrogen could be used for transportation, industrial processes, storage medium for electricity production



Where is District Energy Used?

- Airports
- Higher Education
- Cities
- Government Facilities
- Healthcare Facilities
- Military Facilities
- Manufacturing Facilities



Geo-Exchange at Princeton University

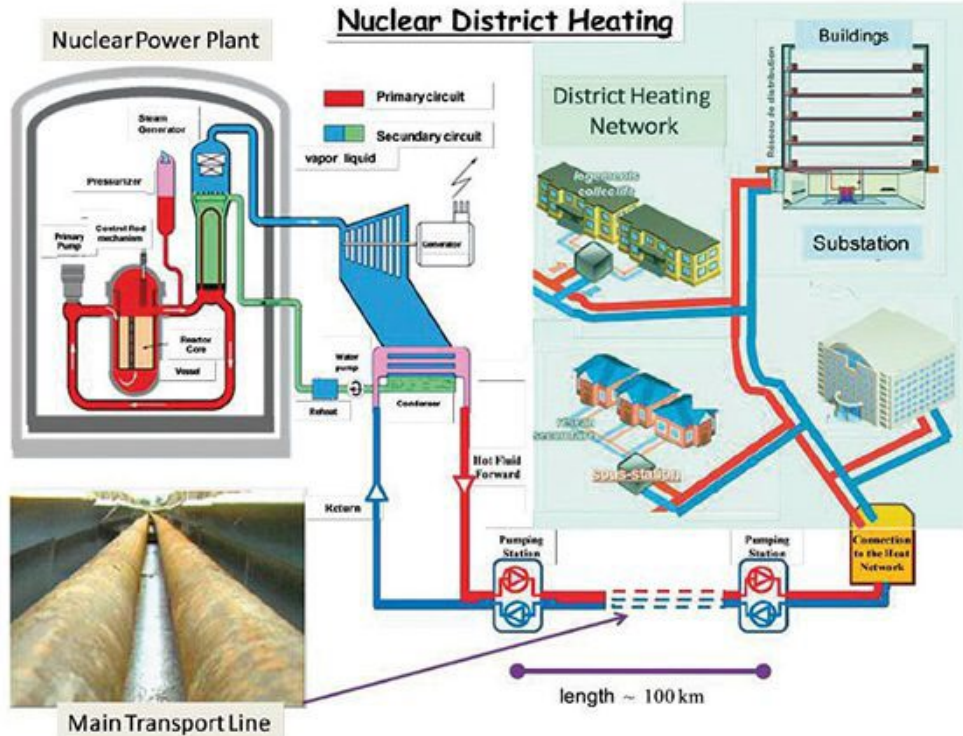
- Geo-Exchange systems in operation
 - 1 Lewis Center for the Arts Complex
 - 2 Lakeside Apartments
 - 3 Lawrence Apartments
- Geo-Exchange wells and technology in the future
 - 4 Under Roberts Stadium
 - 5 Under East Garage
 - 6 Under and inside TIGER



as of October 2020

District Energy Has Been Used for Nearly 150 Years Globally

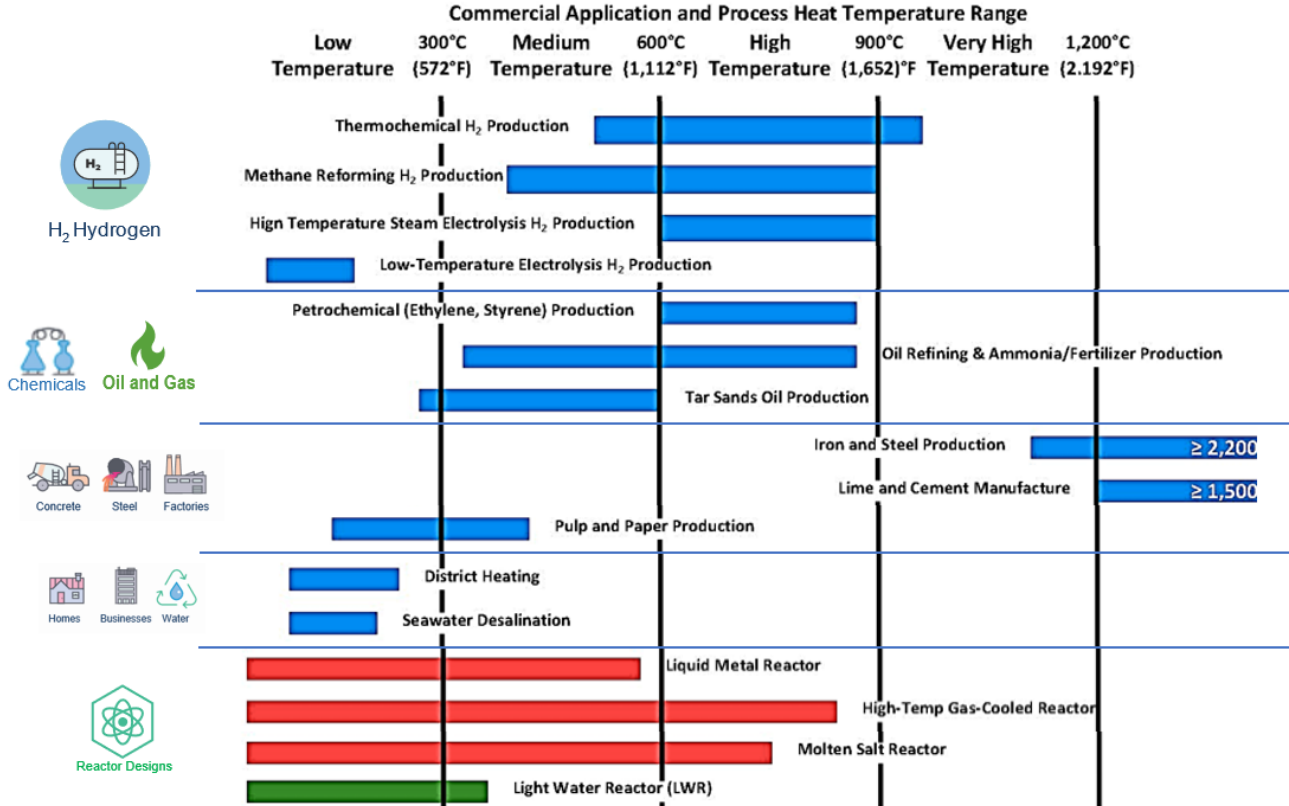
Current use of Nuclear for District Heating



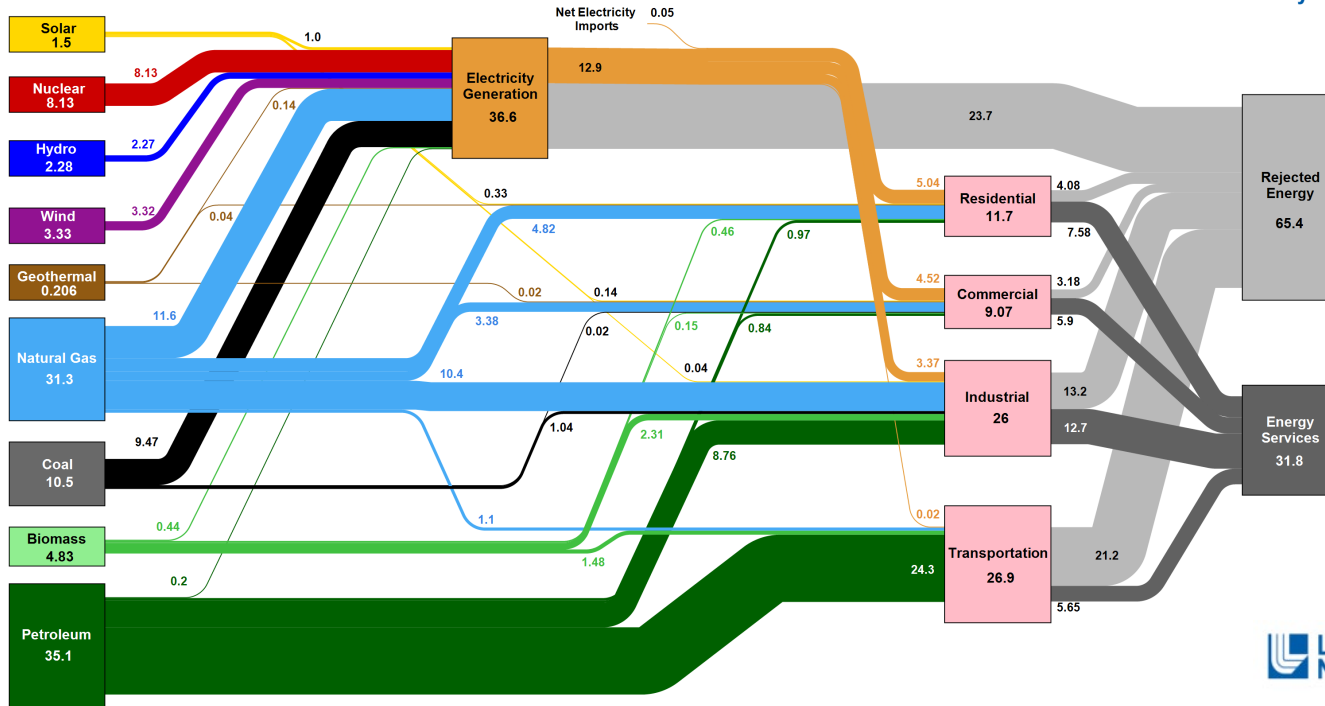
- ~ 43 nuclear reactors provide combined heat and power for district energy
- 10% of nuclear power reactors in operation worldwide
- Hot water can be economically delivered up to 100 km away

Source: Joseph Technology Corp.

Process Heat Temperature Applications

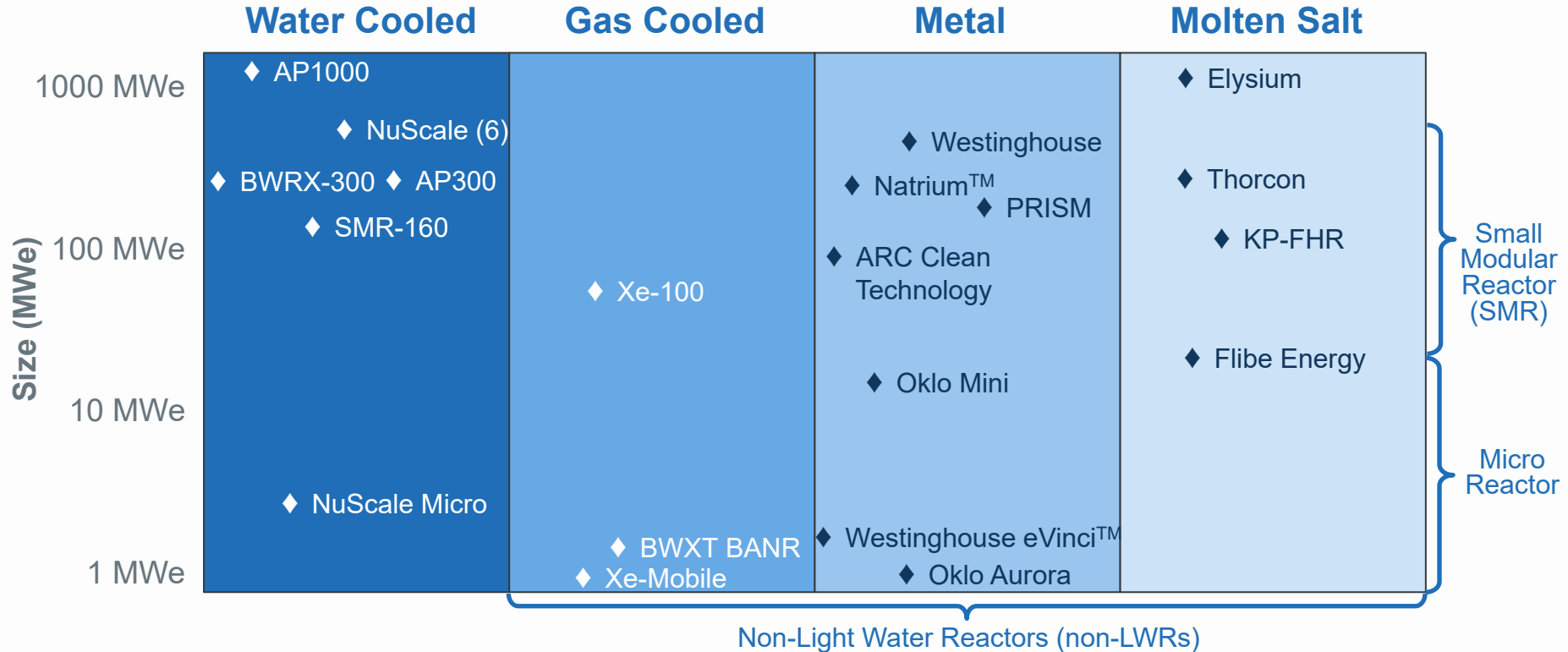


US Energy Flow (2021): 97.3 Quads



Source: LLNL March, 2022. Data is based on DOE/EIA MER (2021). If this information or a reproduction of it is used, credit must be given to the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory and the Department of Energy, under whose auspices the work was performed. Distributed electricity represents only retail electricity sales and does not include self-generation. EIA reports consumption of renewable resources (i.e., hydro, wind, geothermal and solar) for electricity in BTU-equivalent values by assuming a typical fossil fuel plant heat rate. The efficiency of electricity production is calculated as the total retail electricity delivered divided by the primary energy input into electricity generation. End use efficiency is estimated as 65% for the residential sector, 65% for the commercial sector, 21% for the transportation sector and 49% for the industrial sector, which was updated in 2017 to reflect DOE's analysis of manufacturing. Totals may not equal sum of components due to independent rounding. LLNL-MI-410527

Advanced Nuclear Technologies*



* - partial list of technologies



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