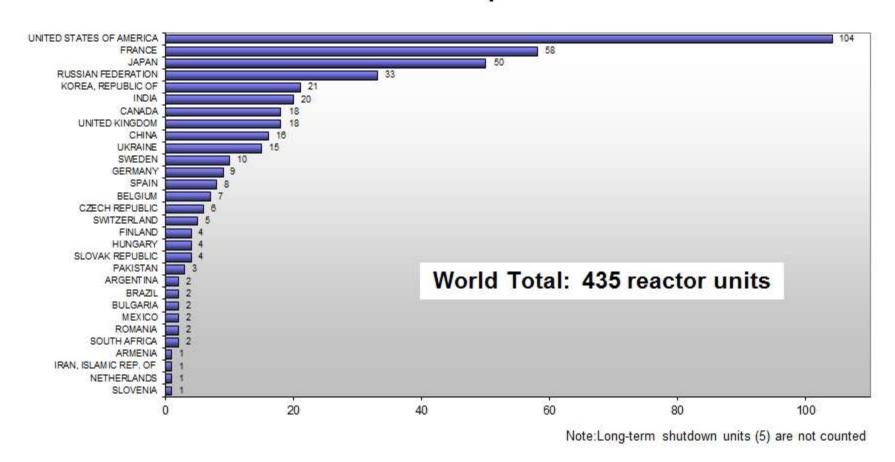
The Next Generation of Nuclear Reactor Designs

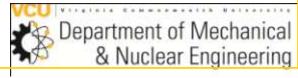
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Reactors Currently in Operation

Number of Reactors in Operation Worldwide





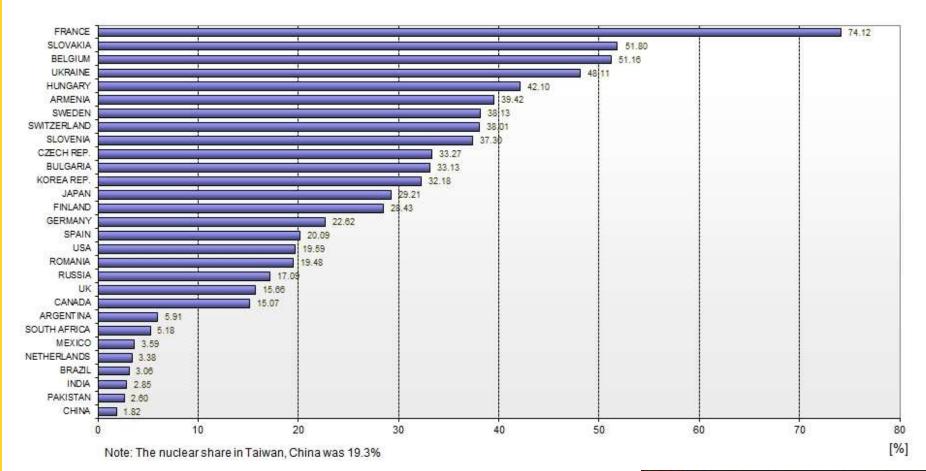
Reactors Currently in Operation

TYPE	Number of Units	Total Capacity [MWe]	
BWR	84	77,621	
FBR	2	580	
GCR	17	8,732	
LWGR	15	10,219	
PHWR	47	23,160	
PWR	270	247,967	
TOTAL	435	368,279	

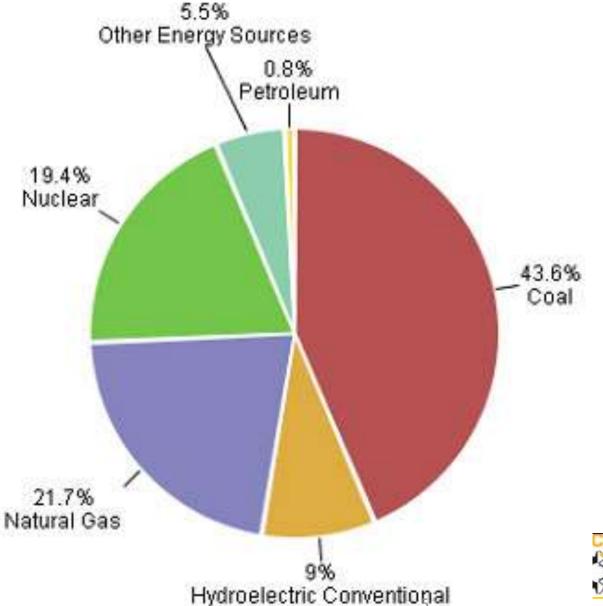


Nuclear Electricity Generation

Nuclear Share in Electricity Generation in 2010



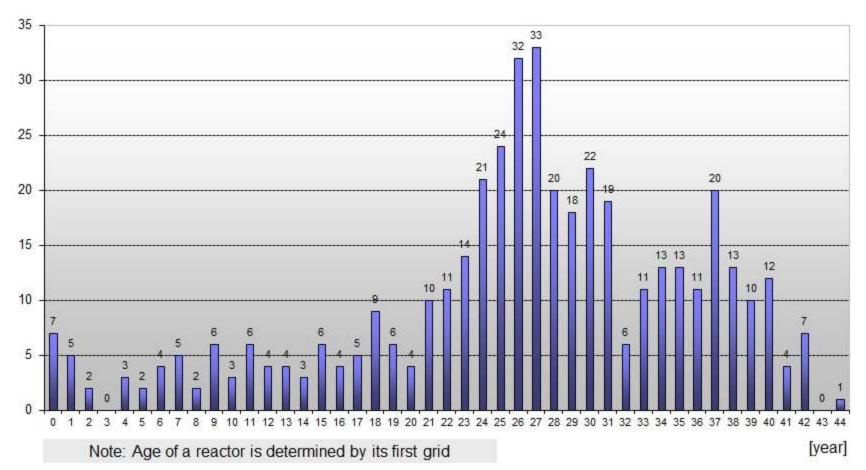
Nuclear Share of Electricity in the US

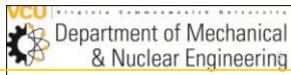


Source: US Energy Information Administration's Electric Power Monthly (08/16/2011)

Age of the current fleet

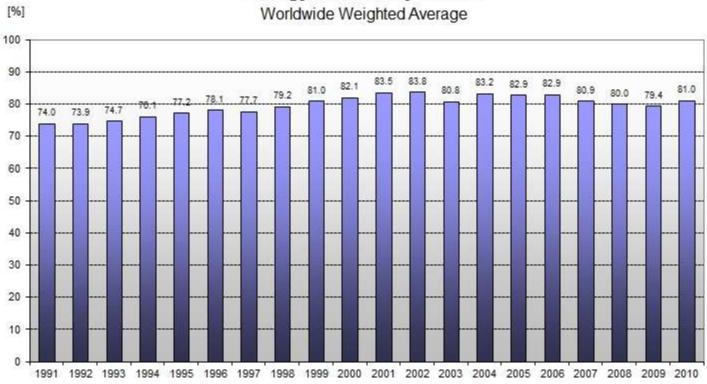
Number of Operating Reactors by Age



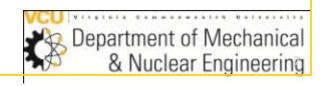


Availability Factors

Energy Availability Factor



The Energy Availability Factor over a specified period, is the ratio of the energy that the available capacity could have supplied to the grid during this period, to the energy that the reference unit power could have supplied during the same period.



U.S. Nuclear Industry Capacity Factors 1971 – 2010, Percent

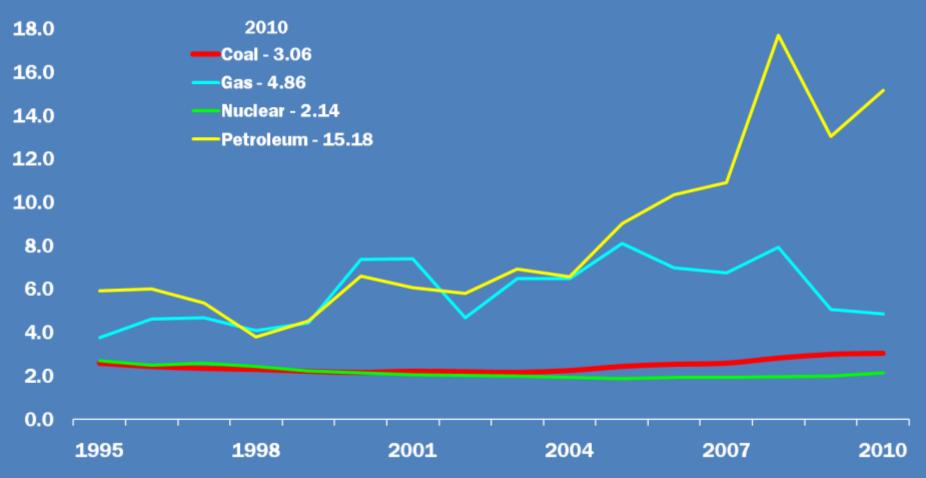


Source: Energy Information Administration

Updated: 4/11



U.S. Electricity Production Costs 1995-2010, In 2010 cents per kilowatt-hour



Production Costs = Operations and Maintenance Costs + Fuel Costs. Production costs do not include indirect costs and are based on FERC. Form 1 filings submitted by regulated utilities. Production costs are modeled for utilities that are not regulated. The production costs are modeled for utilities that are not regulated.

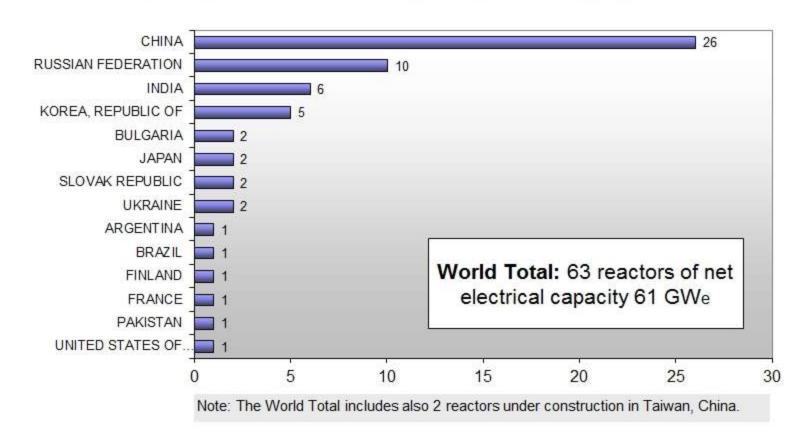
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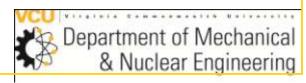
Source: Ventyx Velocity Suite

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Reactors Currently under Construction

Number of Reactors under Construction Worldwide





Reactors Currently under Construction

Under Construction			
Type	No. of Units	Total MW(e)	
BWR	4	5,250	
FBR	2	1,274	
LWGR	1	915	
PHWR	4	2,582	
PWR	52	51,011	
Total:	63	61,032	

Source: PRIS, AEA, 08/2011 Source: PRIS, AEA, 08/2011

New Nuclear in the US





Source: US NRC

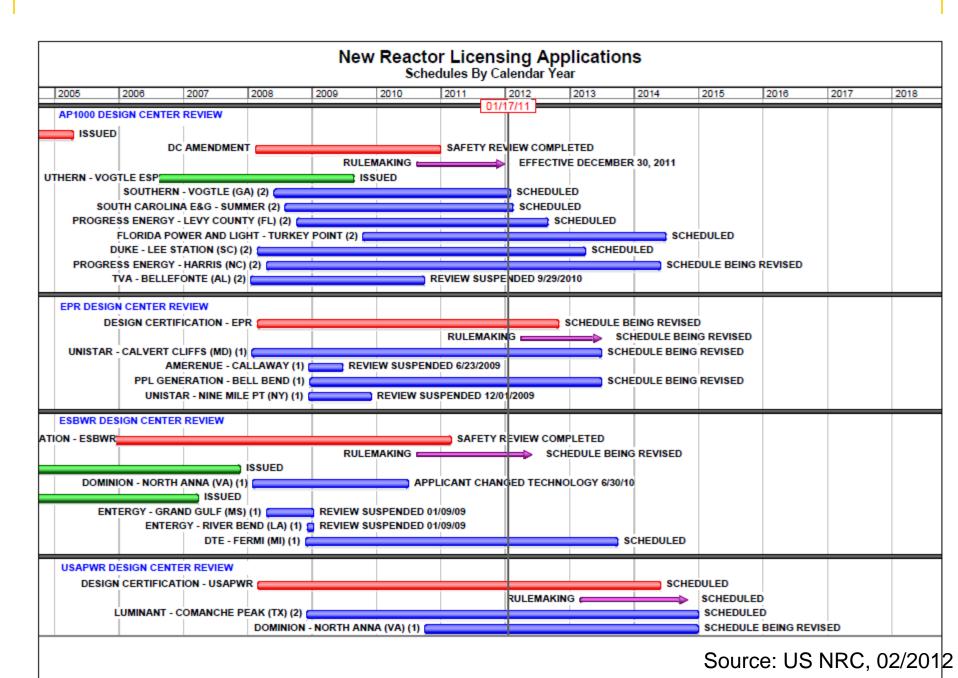
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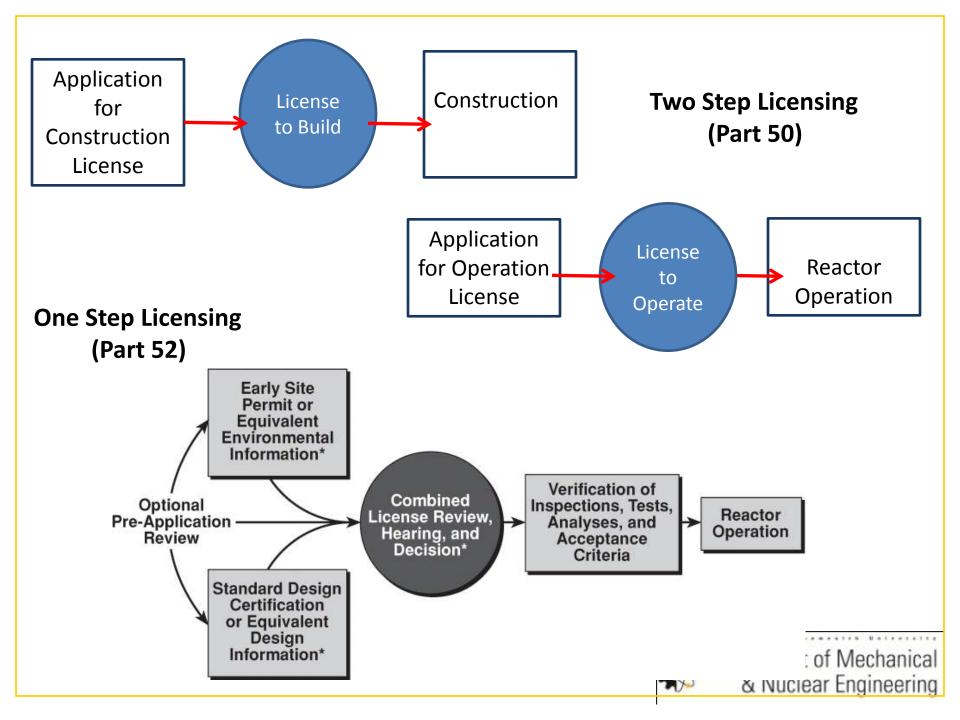
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New Nuclear in the US



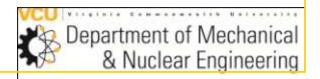


US NRC Design Certification

- Toshiba ABWR → December 2011
 - GE-Hitachi ABWR under review

Westinghouse AP-1000 → December 2011

GE-Hitachi ESBWR → Expected May 2012



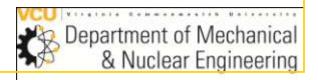
Types of Nuclear Reactors Coolant

- Water Cooled Reactors
 - Light Water Cooled (BWR, PWR)
 - Heavy Water (PHWR, CANDU type)
- Gas Cooled Reactors
 - $-CO_2$ (GCR)
 - Helium (HTGR)
- Liquid Metal Cooled Reactors
 - Sodium
 - Lead or Lead-Bismuth
- Molten Salt Reactors
 - Fluorides (LiF)
 - Chlorides (NaCl table salt)
 - Fluoroborates (NaBF4) + others
 - Mixtures (LiF-BeF2),
 - Eutectic compositions (LiF-BeF2 (66-33 % mol)



Types of Nuclear Reactors Moderator

- Light Water Moderated
- Heavy Water Moderated
- Graphite Moderated
- Non-moderated



Types of Nuclear Reactors Neutronic Spectrum

- Thermal Reactors
- Epithermal Reactors
- Fast Reactors

Types of Nuclear Reactors Fuel Type

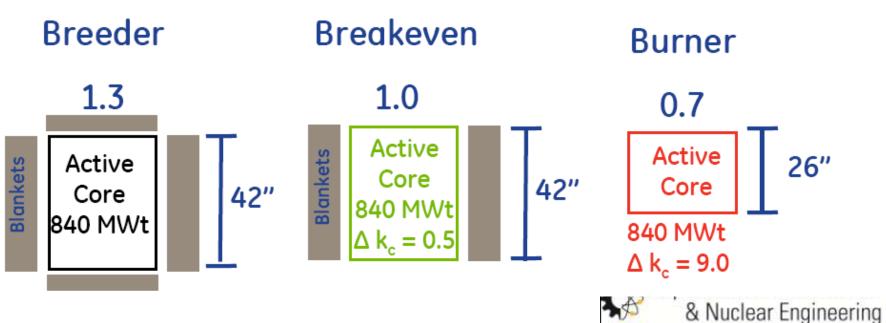
- Solid Fuel
 - Fuel pins
 - Fuel pebbles
- Liquid Fuel
 - Solved in the coolant

Types of Nuclear Reactors Conversion Rate

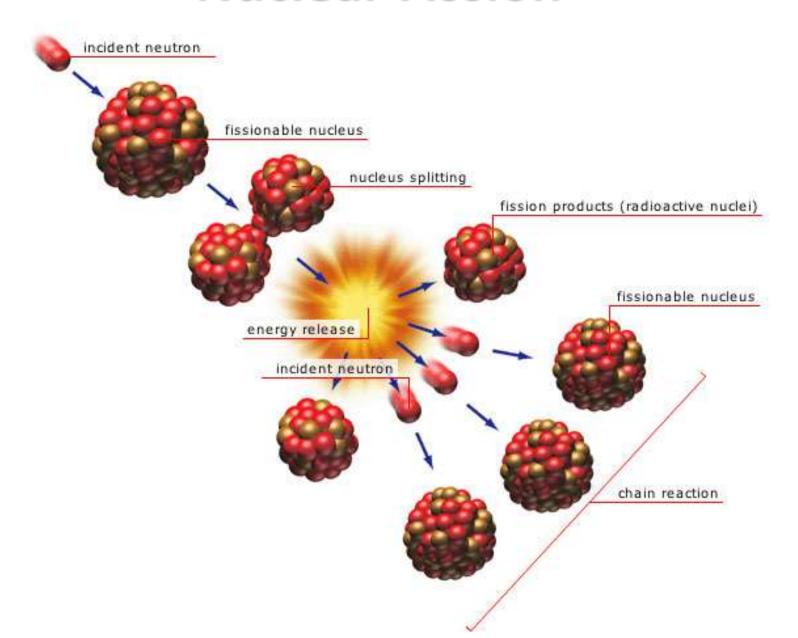
Burners

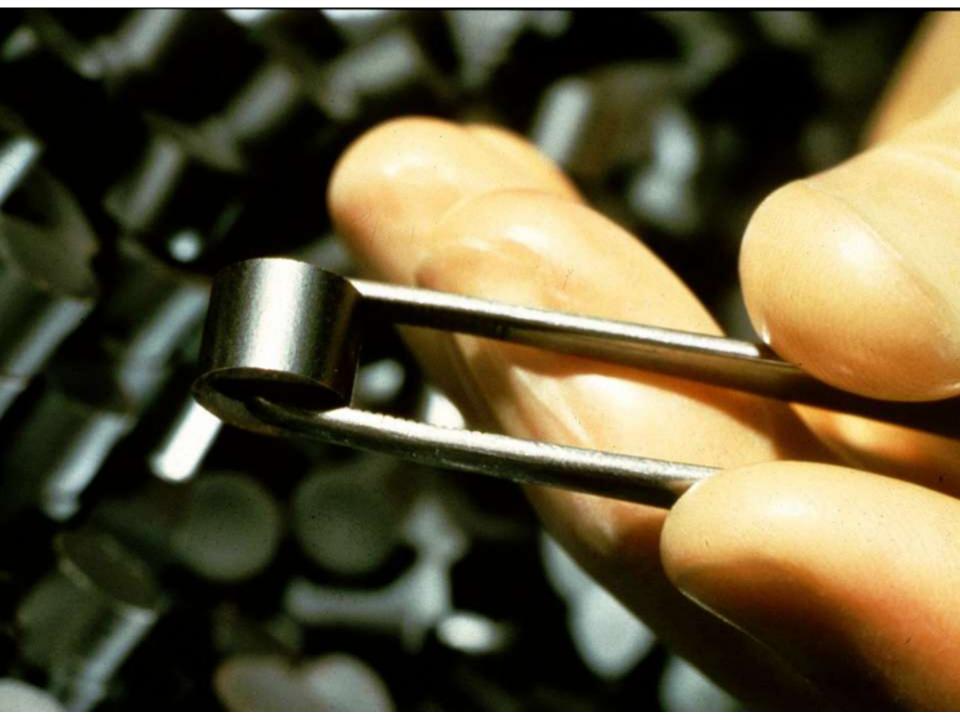
Breeders

Burners versus Breeder

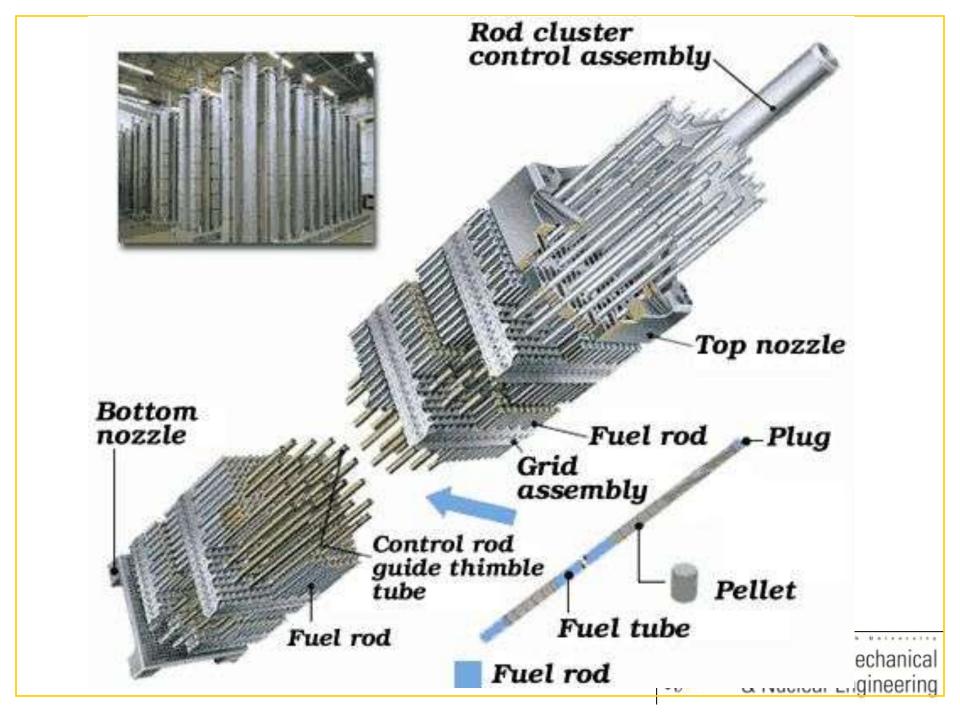


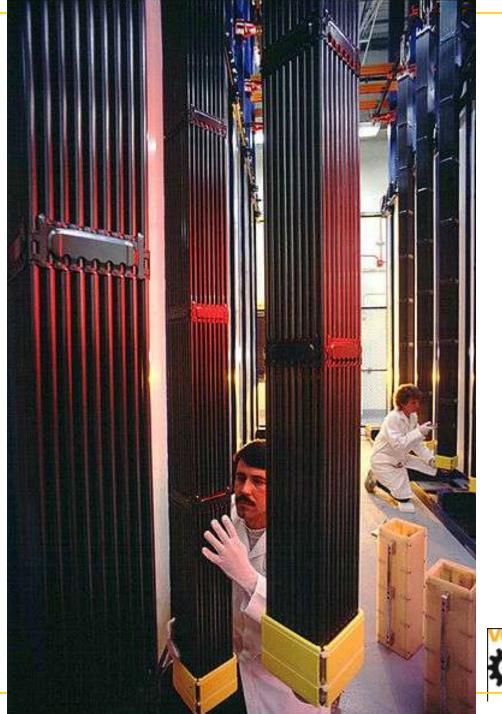
Nuclear Fission





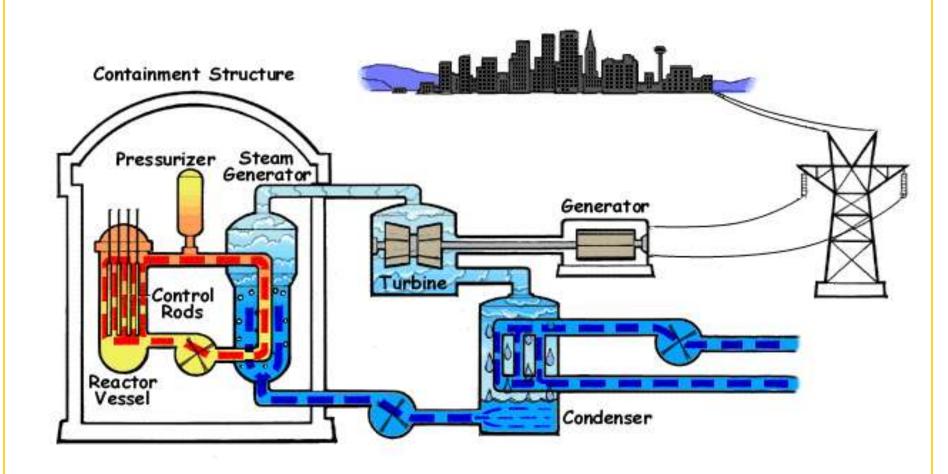




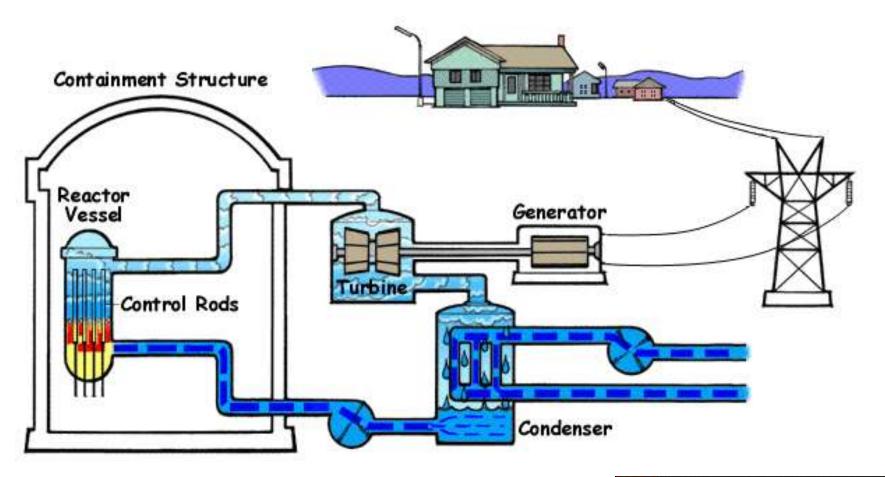




Pressurized Water Reactor (PWR)



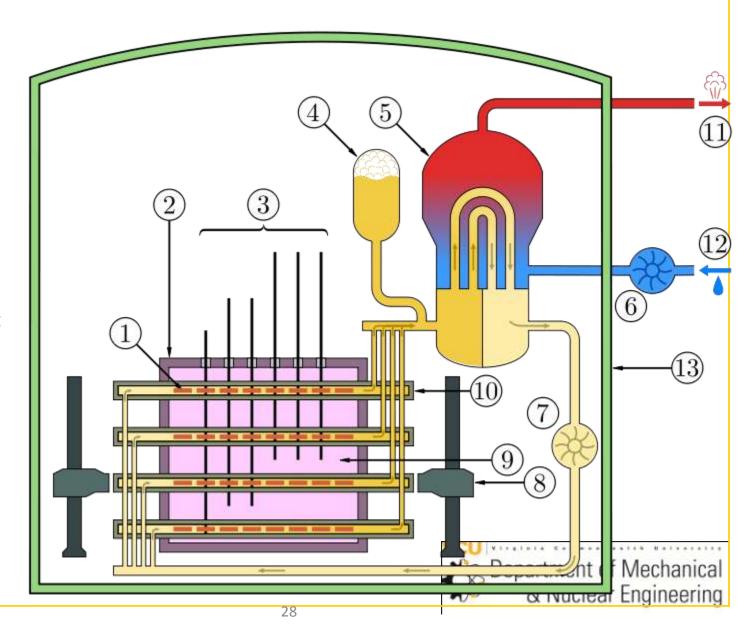
Boiling Water Reactor (BWR)



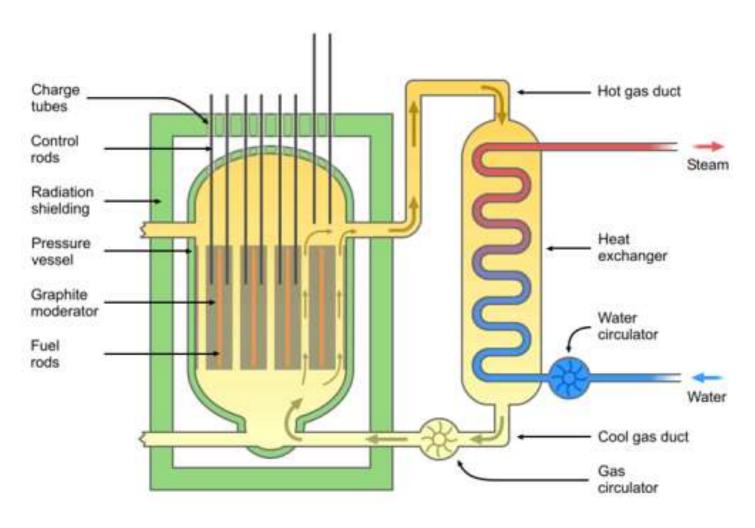


Pressurized Heavy Water Reactor (PHWR)

- 1. Nuclear Fuel Rod
- 2. Calandria
- 3. Control Rods
- 4. Pressurizer
- 5. Steam Generator
- 6. Light Water
 Condensate
 pump
- 7. Heavy Water Pump
- 8. Nuclear Fuel Loading Machine
- 9. Heavy Water Moderator
- 10. Pressure Tubes
- 11. Steam
- 12. Water Condensate
- 13. Containment



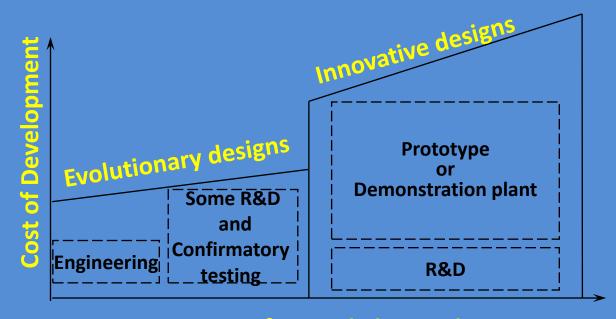
Gas Cooled Reactor



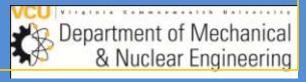
Advanced Reactor Designs

(defined in IAEA-TECDOC-936)

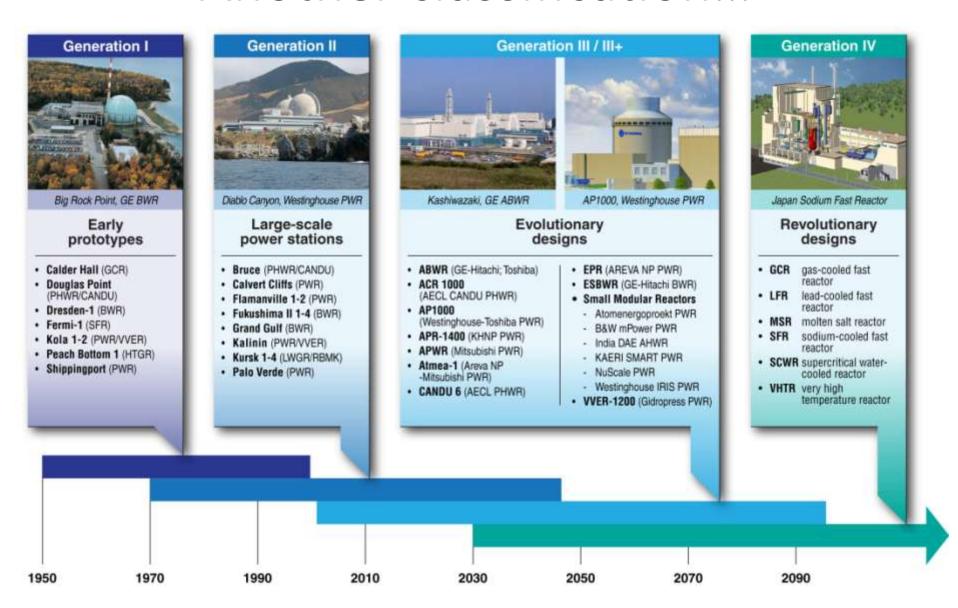
- Evolutionary Designs achieve improvements over existing designs through small to moderate modifications
- Innovative Designs incorporate radical conceptual changes and may require a prototype or demonstration plant before commercialization



Departure from Existing Designs



Another classification...



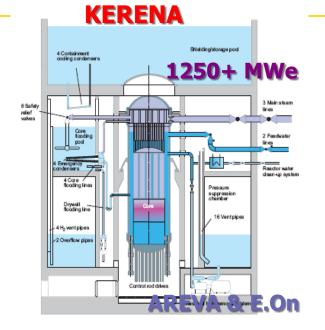
Global Trends in Advanced Reactor Design

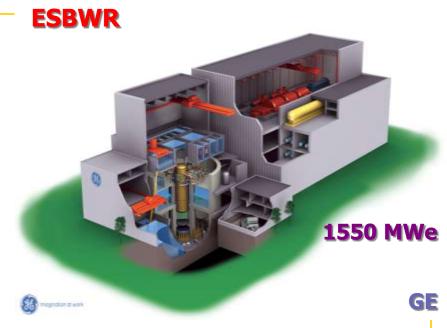
Cost Reduction

- Standardization and series construction
- Improving construction methods to shorten schedule
- Modularization and factory fabrication
- Design features for longer lifetime
- Fuel cycle optimization
- Economy of scale → larger reactors
- Affordability → SMRs

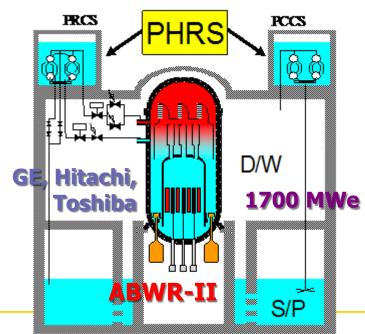
Performance Improvement

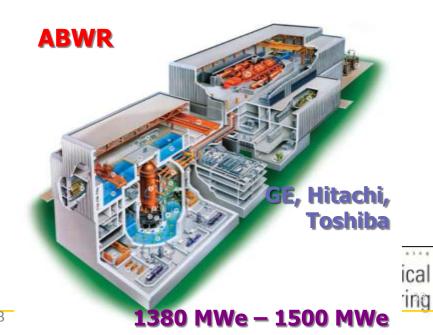
- Establishment of user design requirements
- Development of highly reliable components and systems, including "smart" components
- Improving the technology base for reducing over-design
- Further development of PRA methods and databases
- Development of passive safety systems
- Improved corrosion resistant materials
- Development of Digital Instrumentation and Control
- Development of computer based techniques
- Development of systems with higher thermal efficiency and expanded applications (Nonelectrical applications)





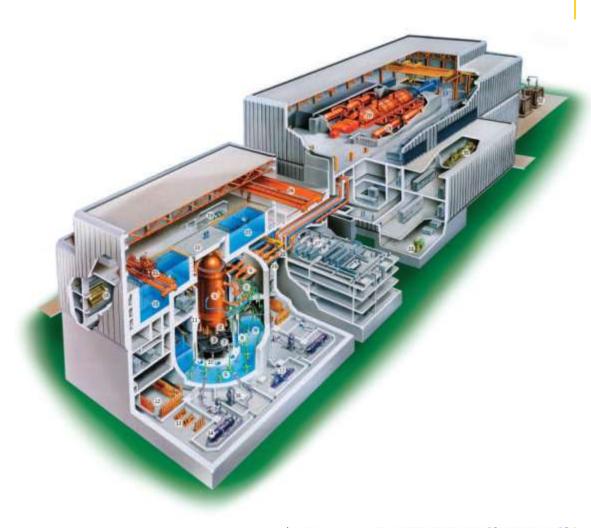
Boiling Water Reactors (BWR)





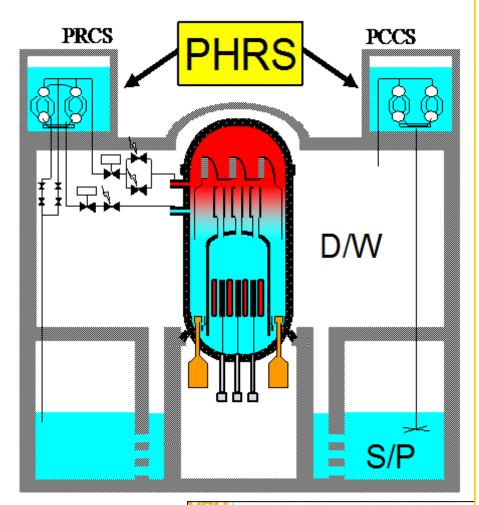
Advanced Boiling Water Reactor (ABWR)

- Originally by GE, then Hitachi & Toshiba
- Developed in response to URD
- First Gen III reactor to operate commercially
- Licensed in USA, Japan & Taiwan, China
- 1380 MWe 1500 MWe
- Shorter construction time
- Standardized series
 - 4 in operation
 (Kashiwazaki-Kariwa -6 &
 7, Hamaoka-5 and Shika2)
 - 7 planned in Japan
 - 2 under construction in Taiwan, China
 - Proposed for South Texas Project (USA)



ABWR-II

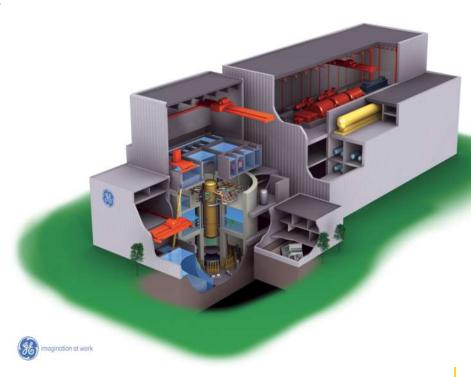
- Early 1990s TEPCO & 5
 other utilities, GE, Hitachi and
 Toshiba began development
- 1700 MWe
- Goals
 - 30% capital cost reduction
 - reduced construction time
 - 20% power generation cost reduction
 - increased safety
 - increased flexibility for future fuel cycles
- Goal to Commercialize latter 2010s





ESBWR

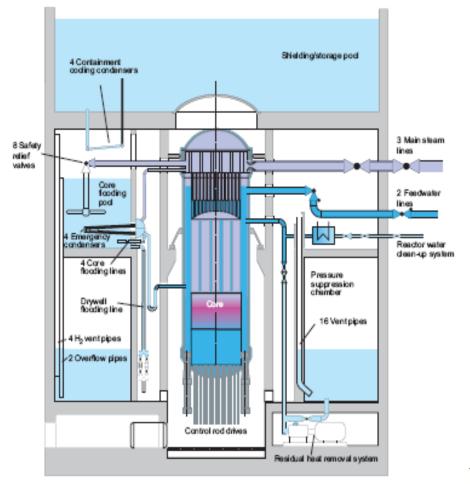
- Developed by GE
- Development began in 1993 to improve economics of SBWR
- 4500 MWt (~ 1550 MWe)
- In Design Certification review by the U.S.NRC expected approval 06/2012
- Meets safety goals 100 times more stringent than current
- 72 hours passive capability
- Key Developments
 - NC for normal operation
 - Passive safety systems
 - Isolation condenser for decay heat removal
 - Gravity driven cooling with automatic depressurization for emergency core cooling
 - Passive containment cooling to limit containment pressure in LOCA
 - New systems verified by tests





KERENA = SWR-1000

- AREVA & E.On
- Reviewed by EUR
- 1250+ MWe
- Uses internal re-circulation pumps
- Active & passive safety systems
- Offered for Finland-5
- Gundremingen reference plant
- New systems verified by test (e.g. FZ Jülich test of isolation condenser)



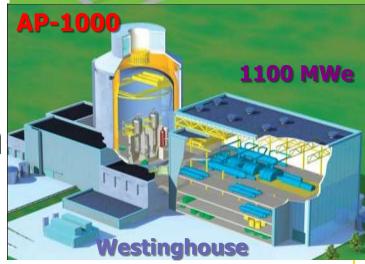




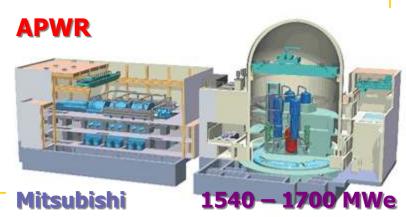






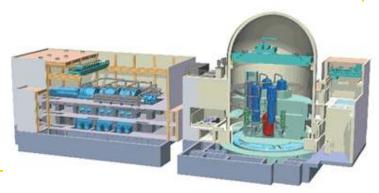






Advanced Pressurized Water Reactor (APWR)

- Mitsubishi Heavy Industries & Japanese utilities
- 2x1540 MWe APWRs planned by JAPC at Tsuruga-3 & -4 and 1x1590 MWe APWR planned by Kyushu EPC at Sendai-3
 - Advanced neutron reflector (SS rings) improves fuel utilization and reduces vessel fluence
- 1700 MWe "US APWR" in Design Certification by the U.S.NRC
 - Evolutionary, 4-loop, design relying on a combination of active and passive safety systems (advanced Accumulator)
 - Full MOX cores
 - 39% thermal efficiency
 - Selected by TXU for Comanche Peak 3 and 4
- 1700 MWe "EU-APWR" to be evaluated by EUR



EPR

- AREVA
- 1600+ MWe PWR
- Incorporates experience from France's N4 series and Germany's Konvoi series
- Meets European Utility Requirements
- Incorporates well proven active safety systems
 - 4 independent 100% capacity safety injection trains
- Ex-vessel provision for cooling molten core
- Design approved by French safety authority (10.2004)
- Under construction
 - Olkiluoto-3, Finland (operation by 2012?)
 - Flamanville-3, France (operation by 2012)
 - Taishan-1 and 2, China (operation by 2014-2015)
- Planned for India
- U.S.NRC is reviewing the US EPR Design Certification Application

EPR



WWER-1000 / 1200 (AEP)

- The state-owned AtomEnergoProm (AEP), and its affiliates (including AtomStroyExport (ASE) et.al) is responsible for nuclear industry activities, including NPP construction
- Advanced designs based on experience of 23 operating WWER-440s & 27 operating WWER-1000 units
- Present WWER-1000 construction projects
 - Kudankulam, India (2 units)
 - Belene, Bulgaria (2 units)
 - Bushehr, Iran (1 unit)
- WWER-1200 design for future bids of large size reactors



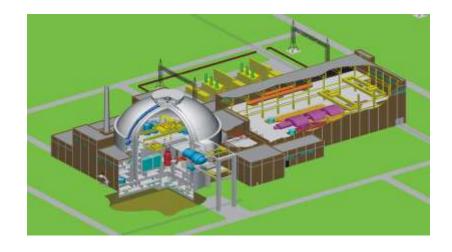
- Tianwan
 - first NPP with corium catcher
 - Commercial operation: Unit-1: 5.2007; Unit-2: 8.2007
- Kudankulam-1 & 2
 - Commercial operation expected in 2010
 - Core catcher and passive SG secondary side heat removal to atmosphere



WWER-1200

Commissioning of 17 new WWER-1200s in Russia expected by 2020

- Novovoronezh 2 units
- Leningrad 4 units
- Volgodon 2 units
- Kursk 4 units
- Smolensk 4 units
- Kola 1 unit



- Uses combination of active and passive safety systems
- One design option includes core catcher; passive containment heat removal & passive SG secondary side heat removal
- 24 month core refuelling cycle
- 60 yr lifetime
- 92% load factor



APR-1400

- Developed in Rep. of Korea (KHNP and Korean Industry)
- 1992 development started
- Based on CE's System 80+ design (NRC certified)
- 1400 MWe for economies of scale
- Incorporates experience from the 1000 MWe Korean Standard Plants
- Relies primarily on well proven active safety systems
- First units will be Shin-Kori 3,4
 - completion 2013-14
- Design Certified by Korean Regulatory Agency in 2002
- 4 units to be built in UAE

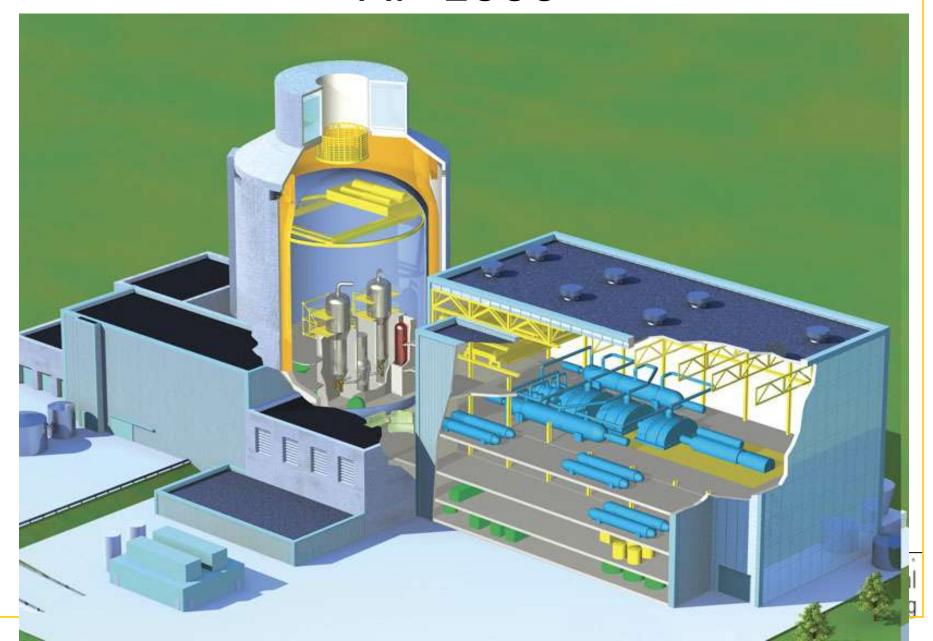


AP-600 and AP-1000

- Westinghouse
- AP-600:
 - Late 80's-developed to meet URD
 - 1999 Certified by U.S.NRC
 - Key developments:
 - passive systems for coolant injection, RHR, containment cooling
 - in-vessel retention
 - new systems verified by test
- AP-1000:
 - pursues economy-of-scale
 - applies AP-600 passive system technology
 - Certified by U.S.NRC (12/2011)
 - 4 units under construction in China
 - Sanmen & Haiyang: 2013 2015
 - Contract for 2 units in US
 - Plant Vogtle
 - VC Summer
 - Proposed in several other sites in US

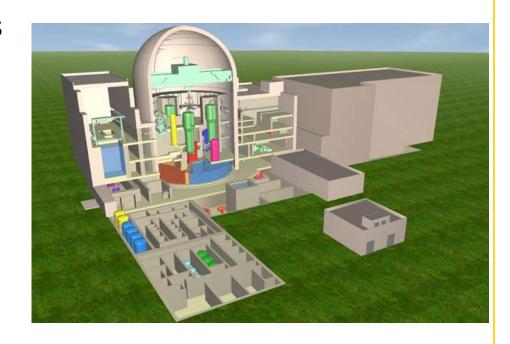


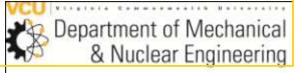
AP-1000



ATMEA1

- 1100 MWe, 3 loop plant
- Combines AREVA &
 Mitsubishi PWR technologies
- Relies on active safety systems & includes core catcher
- Design targets:
 - 60 yr life
 - 92% availability
 - 12 to 24 month cycle;
 0-100% MOX





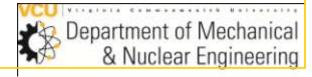
Chinese advanced PWRs CPR (CGNPC) and CNP (CNNC)

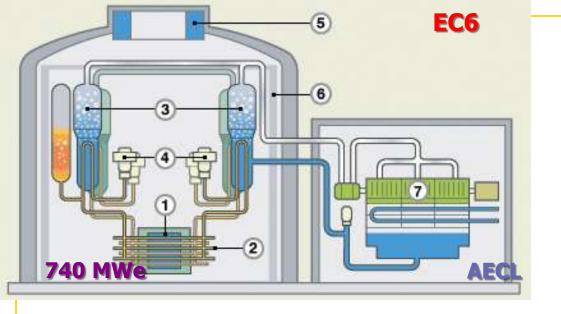
CPR-1000

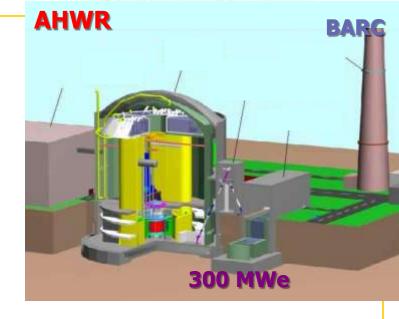
- Evolutionary design based on French 900 MWe PWR technology
- Reference plant: Lingau-1&2 (NSSS Supplier: Framatome; commercial operation in 2002)
- Lingau-3&4 are under construction (with > 70% localization of technology; NSSS Supplier: Dongang Electric Corporation);
- Now a Standardized design
- Hongyanhe 1,2,3,4; Ningde 1; Yangjiang 1,2; Fuquing 1,2; Fanjiashan 1&2 under construction; more units planned: Ningde 2,3,4 and Yangjiang 3,4,5,6

CNP-650

Upgrade of indigenous 600 MWe PWRs at Qinshan (2 operating & 2 under construction)





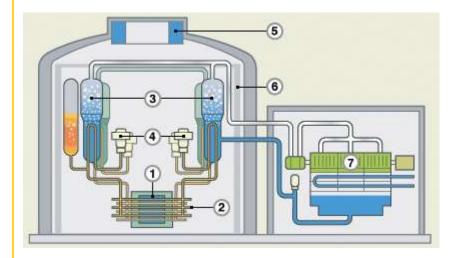


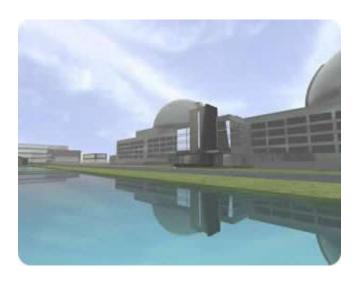
Heavy Water Reactors (HWR)





ACR-700 & ACR-1000





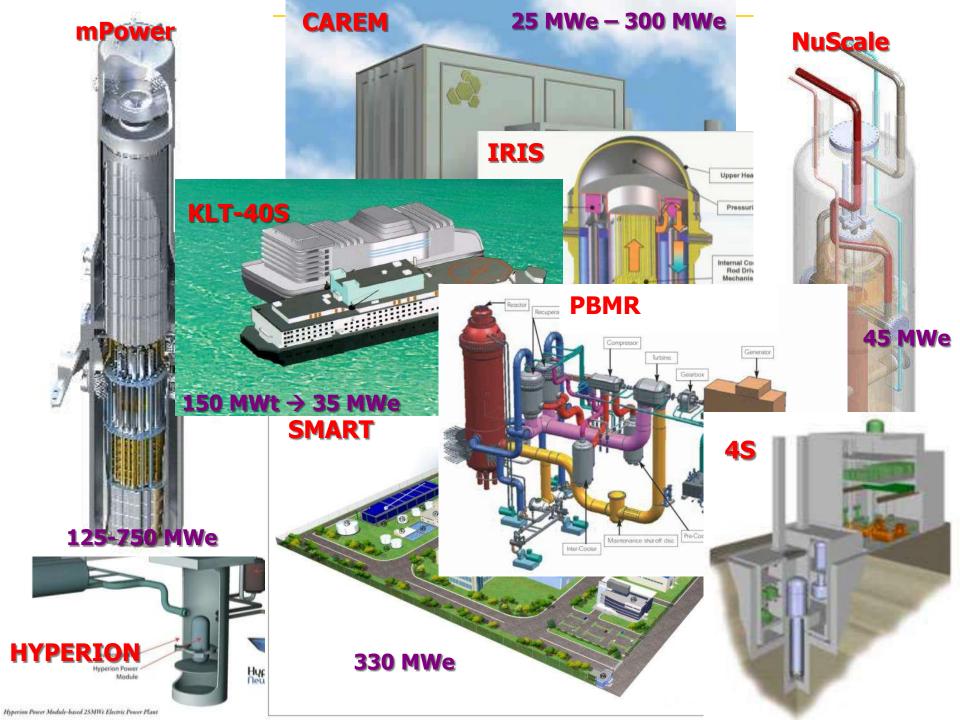
- » AECL
- » 740 MWe Enhanced CANDU-6
- » 1200 MWe Advanced CANDU reactor
- » 284 / 520 horizontal channels
- » Low enriched uranium— 2.1%,
- » 60 yr design life
- » Continuous refueling
- » Combination of active and passive safety systems
- » CNSC has started "pre-project" design review
- » Energy Alberta has filed an Application for a License to Prepare Site with the CNSC -- for siting up to two twin-unit ACR-1000s --- commissioning by ~2017
- » 30 CANDU operating in the world
 - 18 Canada (+2 refurbishing, +5 decommissioned)
 - 4 South Korea
 - 2 China
 - 2 India (+13 Indian-HWR in use, +3 Indian-HWR under construction)
 - 1 Argentina
 - 2 Romania (+3 under construction)
 - 1 Pakistan



India's HWR

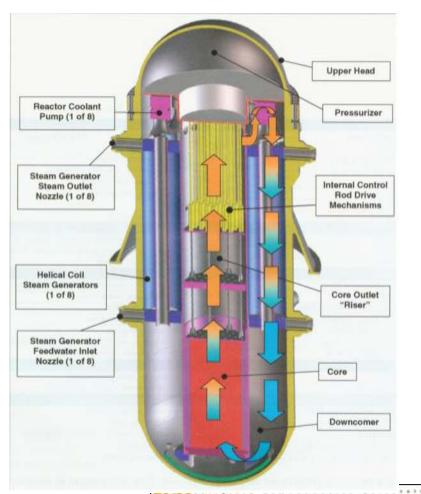
- 540 MWe PHWR [evolution from current 220 MWe HWRs]
 - » Nuclear Power Corporation of India, Ltd.
 - » First units: Tarapur-3 & -4 connected to grid (2005 & 6)
- 700 MWe PHWR [further evolution economy of scale]
 - » NPCIL
 - » Regulatory review in progress
 - » Use of Passive Decay Heat Removal System; reduced CDF from PSA insights
 - » Better hydrogen management during postulated core damage scenario
 - » First units planned at Kakrapar & Rawatbhata
- 300 MWe Advanced HWR
 - » BARC
 - » for conversion of Th232 or U238 (addressing sustainability goals)
 - » vertical pressure tube design with natural circulation





IRIS (International Reactor Innovative and Secure)

- Westinghouse
- 100-335 MWe
- Integral design
- Design and testing Involves 19 organizations (10 countries)
- Pre-application review submitted to the USNRC in 2002
- To support Design Certification, large scale (~6 MW) integral tests are planned at SPES-3 (Piacenza, IT)
 - Construction start late 2009
- Westinghouse anticipates Final Design Approval (~2013)



SMART

- Korea Atomic Energy Research Institute
- 330 MWe
- Used for electric and non-electric applications
- Integral reactor
- Passive Safety



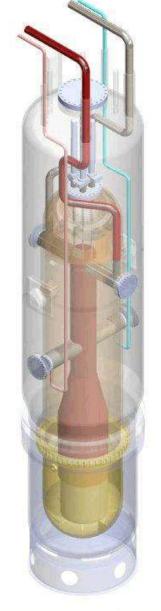
CAREM (Central Argentina de Elementos Modulares)

- Developed by INVAP and Argentine CNEA
- Prototype: 25 MWe
- Expandable to 300 MWe
- Integral reactor
- Passive safety
- Used for electric and nonelectric applications
- Nuclear Safety Assessment under development
- Prototype planned for 2012 in Argentina's Formosa province



NuScale

- Oregon State University (USA)
- 45 MWe
- 90% Capacity Factor
- Integral reactor
- Modular, scalable
- Passive safety
- Online refueling
- To file for Design Certification with US NRC in 2010.





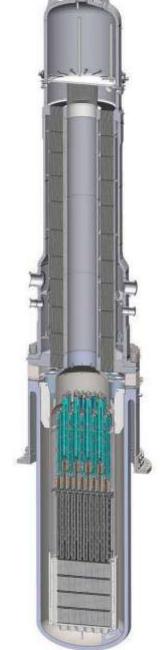
B&W mPower

- Integral reactor
- Scalable, modular
- 125 750 MWe
- 5% enriched fuel
- 5 year refueling cycle
- Passive safety
- Lifetime capacity of spent fuel pool



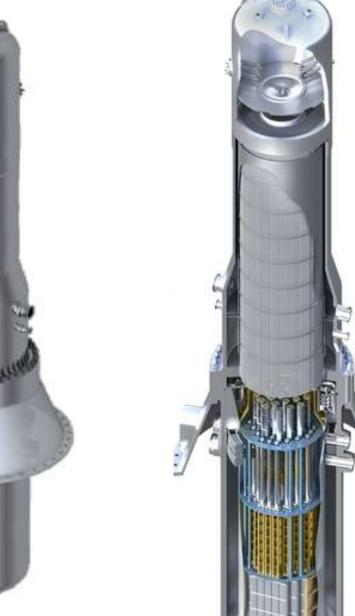


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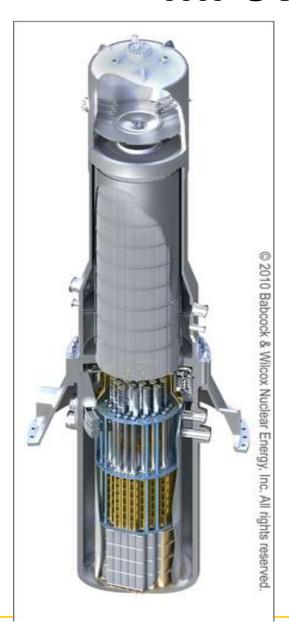


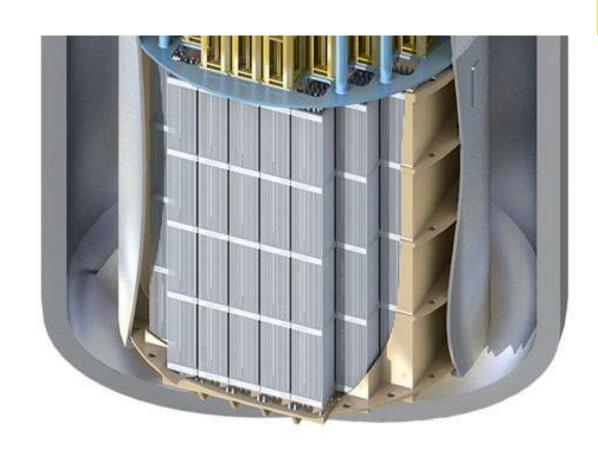






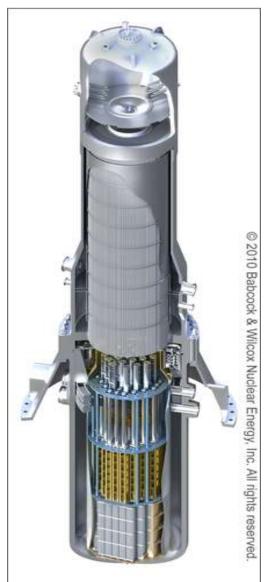
mPower – Reactor Core

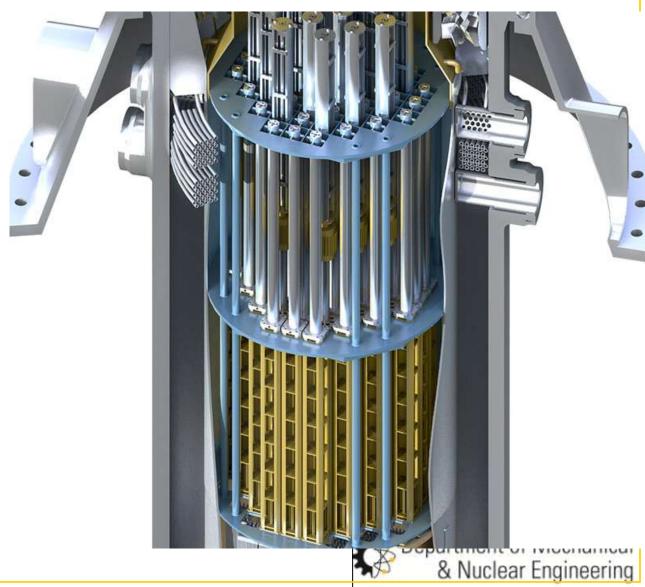




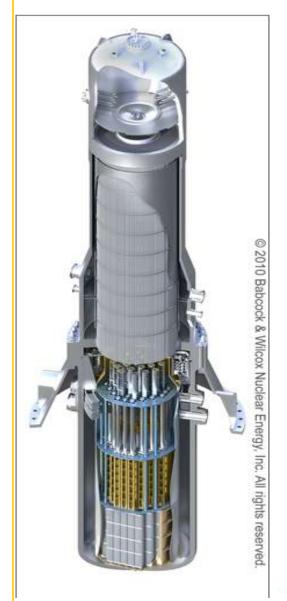


mPower - CRDMs

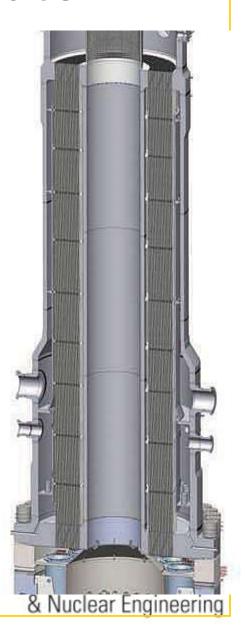




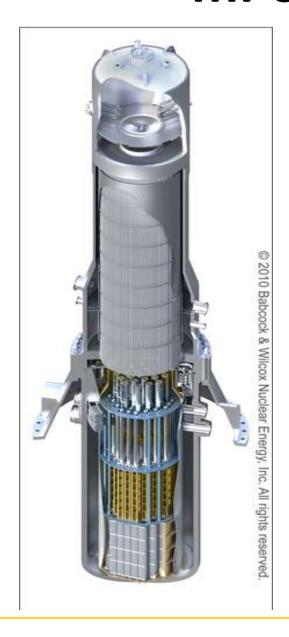
mPower - Steam Generator







mPower – Pressurizer





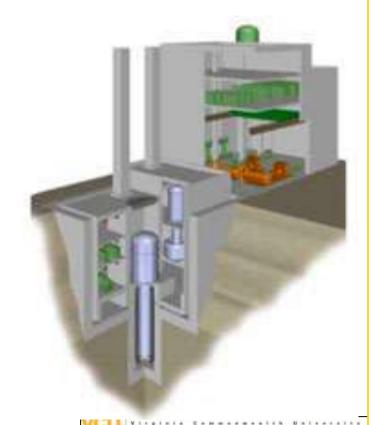
Floating Reactors

- Provide electricity, process heat and desalination in remote locations
- KLT-40S (150 MWt → 35 MWe)
- VBER-150 (350 MWt → 110 MWe)
- VBER-300 (325 MWe)



4S (Super Safe, Small and Simple)

- Toshiba & CRIEPI of Japan
- 50 MWe
- Sodium Cooled Fast Reactor
- 10 30 year refueling period
- Submitted for US NRC Pre Application Review
- Proposed for Galena, Alaska



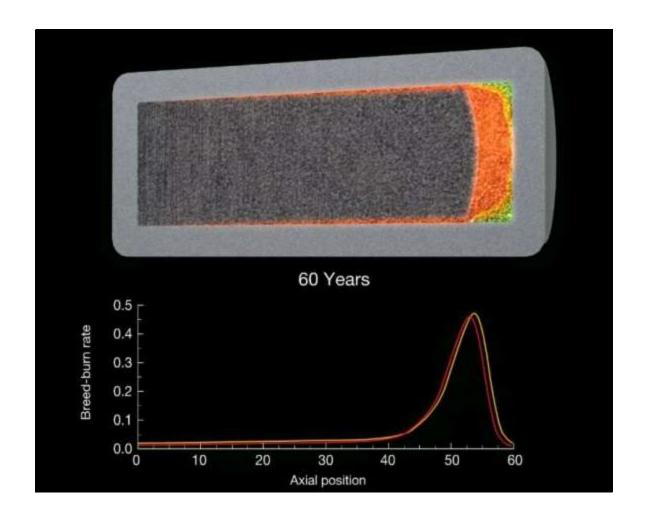
PBMR (Pebble Bed Modular Reactor)

- ESKOM, South Africa Government, Westinghouse
- Project currently mothballed
- Helium Gas Cooled
- 165 MWe
- Electrical and nonelectrical applications





Travelling Wave Reactor



Travelling Wave Reactor Concept

- A reactor that breeds its own fuel
- The fission reaction takes place in a small area of the reactor and moves to where the fissionable fuel is being created.
- Breed-and-burn



Saveli M. Feinberg proposes a "breed-burn" reactor in which unenriched fuel is moved around the core to sustain fission

1979

Michael J. Driscoll and others at MIT further evaluate breed-burn reactor ideas

1988

Lev Feoktistov works on the concept in Russia and publishes an analysis of a concept of a physically safe reactor

1996

Edward Teller, Lowell Wood (now at Intellectual Ventures), and others at Lawrence Livermore Lab detail ways to make breed-burn waves travel through a stationary fuel supply

2000

Hugo van Dam publishes mathematical analyses of waves of fission moving inside nuclear fuels

2001

Hiroshi Sekimoto begins a series of conceptual studies of various kinds of TWRs

Early 2000s

Sergii Fomin and N. Shul'ga study the burning wave in fast reactors in the Ukraine

2006

Intellectual Ventures begins detailed physics and engineering studies of the feasibility, cost, and features of various TWR designs

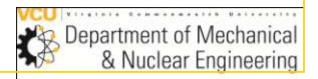


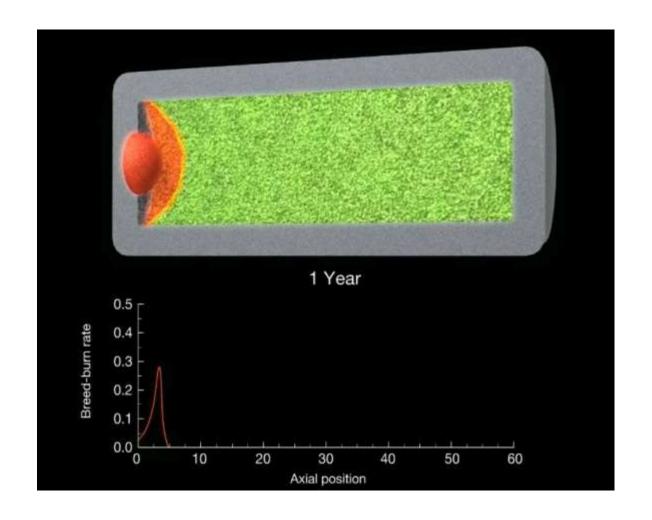
Concept

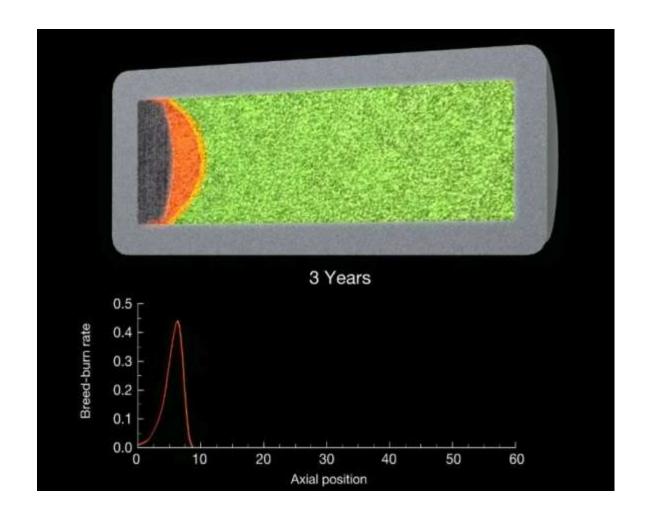
Fast reactor

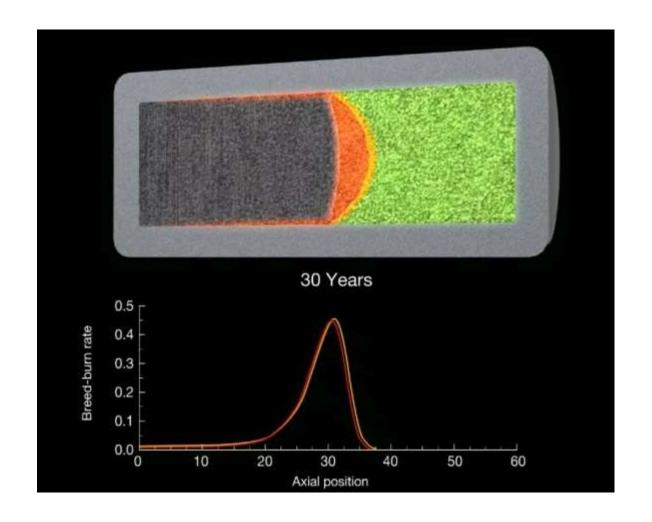
$$^{238}_{92}U + ^{1}_{0}n \rightarrow ^{239}_{92}U \rightarrow ^{239}_{93}Np + \beta \rightarrow ^{239}_{94}Pu + \beta$$

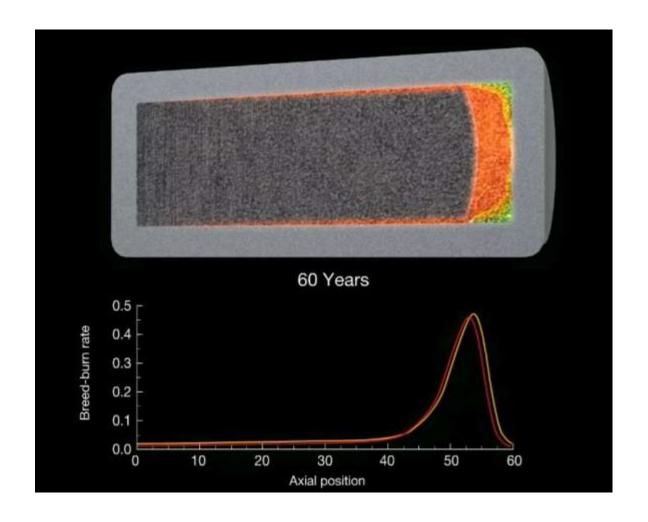
- Uses depleted Uranium (from mining tails)
 - Metallic fuel
 - projected global stockpiles of depleted uranium could sustain 80% of the world's population at U.S. per capita energy usages for over a millennium.
 - Needs a small amount of 10% enriched Uranium to start the reaction
 - Fertile fuel: natural Uranium, Thorium, spent fuel
- Sodium cooled
- Used fuel could be reprocessed to be used again











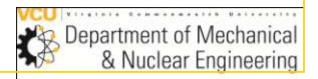


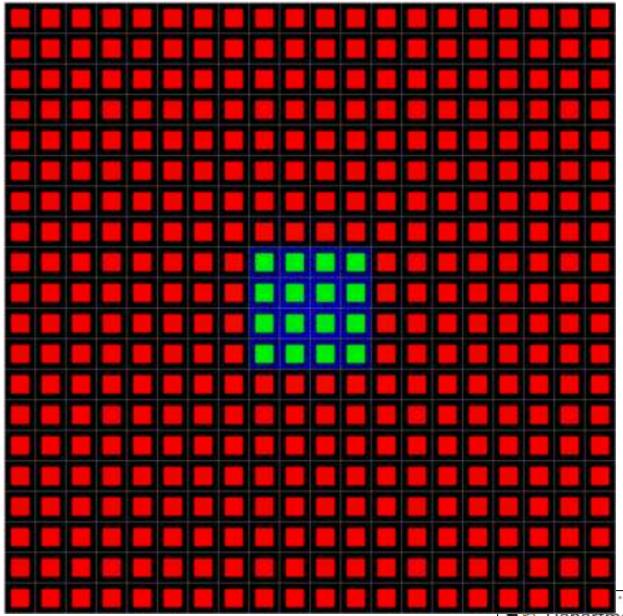
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Standing Wave Reactor

- The wave does not move

 the fuel assemblies move
- Engineering concept similar to a pool type
 Sodium reactors
- 40 60 year cycle
- Less U per kWh produced
 - Better burn-up
 - Higher thermal efficiencies





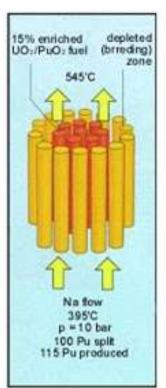
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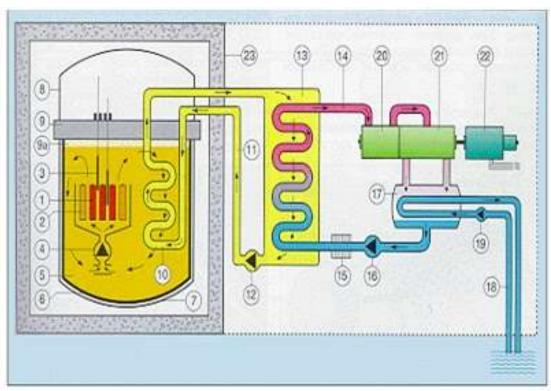
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Pool Type Fast Reactor





- 1 Fuel (fissile material)
- 2 Fuel (breeder material)
- 3 Control rods
- 4 Primary Na pump
- 5 Primary Na coolant
- 6 Reactor vessel
- 7 Protective vessel
- 8 Reactor cover

- 9 Cover
- 10 Na/Na heat ex changer
- 11 Secondary Na
- 12 Secondary Na pump
- 13 Steam generator
- 14 Fresh steam
- 15 Feedwater pre-heater
- 16 Feedwater pump

- 17 Condenser
- 18 Cooling water
- 19 Cooling water pump
- 20 High pressure turbine
- 21 Low pressure turbine
- 22 Generator
- 23 Reactor building



Status

- TerraPower working on all technical issues to bring the concept to a commercial-ready state
- Expect first power-producing system by 2020
- Other related concepts
 - Japanese CANDLE
 - US General Atomics Energy Multiplier Module (EM2)



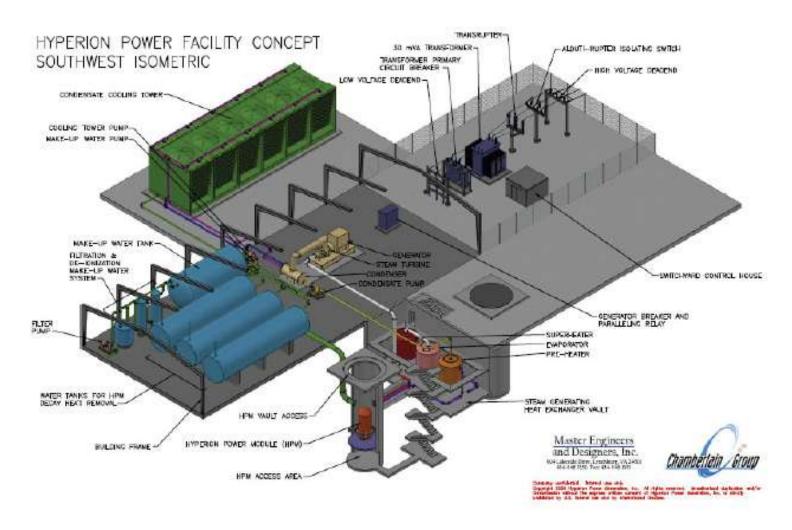
EM2







Hyperion





GAS-COOLED REACTOR DEVELOPMENT

- More than 1400 reactor-years experience
- CO₂ cooled
 - 22 reactors generate most of the UK's nuclear electricity
 - also operated in France, Japan, Italy and Spain
- Helium cooled
 - operated in UK (1), Germany (2) and the USA (2)
 - current test reactors:
 - 30 MW(th) HTTR (JAERI, Japan)
 - 10 MW(th) HTR-10 (Tsinghua University, China)
- In South Africa a small 165 MWe prototype plant is planned
- Russia, in cooperation with the U.S., is designing a plant for weapons
 Pu consumption and electricity production
- France, Japan, China, South Africa, Russia and the U.S. have technology development programmes

Fast Reactor Development

France:

- Conducting tests of transmutation of long lived waste & use of Pu fuels at Phénix (shutdown planned for 2009)
- Designing 300-600 MWe Advanced LMR Prototype "ASTRID" for commissioning in 2020
- Performing R&D on GCFR

- Japan:

- MONJU restart planned for 2009
- Operating JOYO experimental LMR (Shutdown for repair)
- Conducting development studies for future commercial FR Systems

- India:

- Operating FBTR
- Constructing 500 MWe Prototype Fast Breeder Reactor (commissioning 2010)

Russia:

- Operating BN-600
- Constructing BN-800
- Developing other Na, Pb, and Pb-Bi cooled systems

– China:

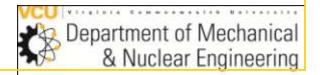
 Constructing 25 MWe CEFR – criticality planned in 2009

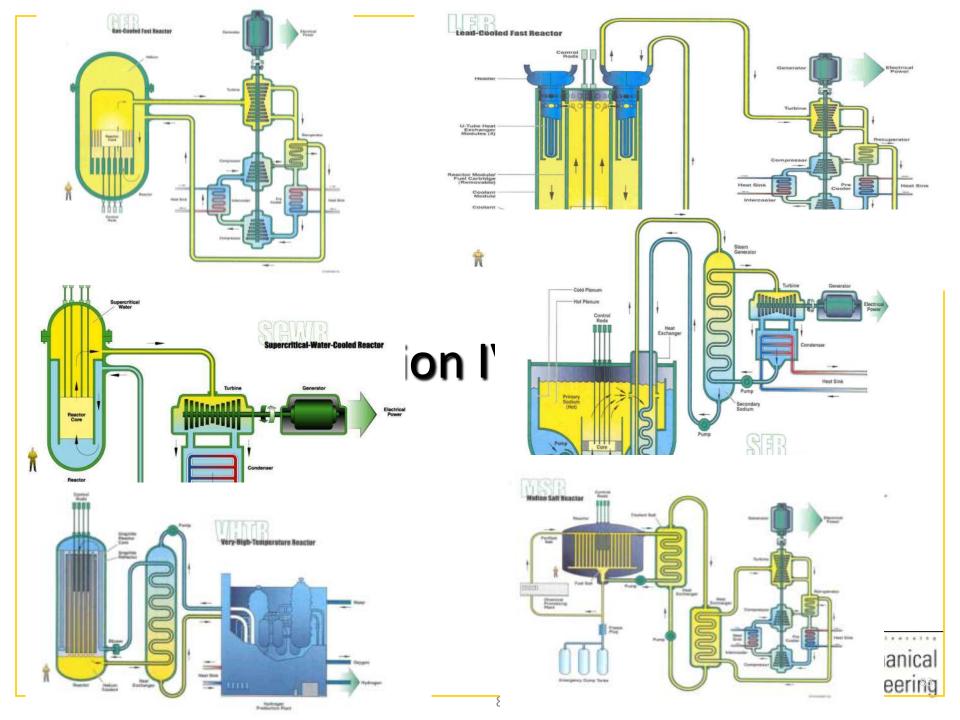
Rep. of Korea:

 Conceptual design of 600 MWe Kalimer is complete

United States

- Under GNEP, planning development of industry-led prototype facilities:
 - Advanced Burner Reactor
 - LWR spent fuel processing





Generation IV Reactor Designs

- Several design concepts are under development to meet goals of
 - Economics
 - Sustainability
 - Safety and reliability
 - Proliferation resistance and physical protection
- All concepts (except VHTR) are based on closed fuel cycle
- Concepts include small, modular approaches
- Most concepts include electrical and non-electrical applications
- Significant R&D efforts are still required
- International cooperation needed for pooling of resources

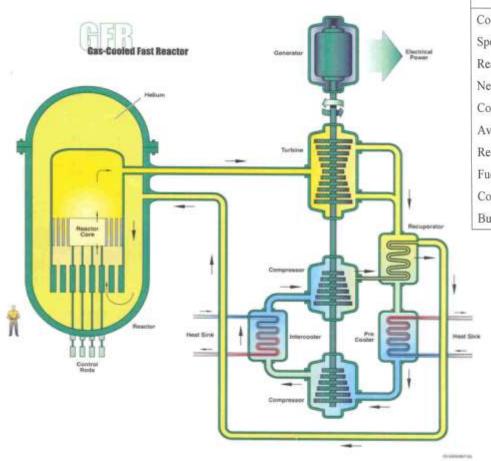


Generation IV Reactor Designs

- Gas Cooled Fast Reactors (GFR)
- Very High Temperature Reactor (VHTR)
- Super-Critical Water Cooled Reactor (SCWR)
- Sodium Cooled Fast Reactor (SFR)
- Lead-Cooled Fast Reactor (LFR)
- Molten Salt Reactor (MSR)



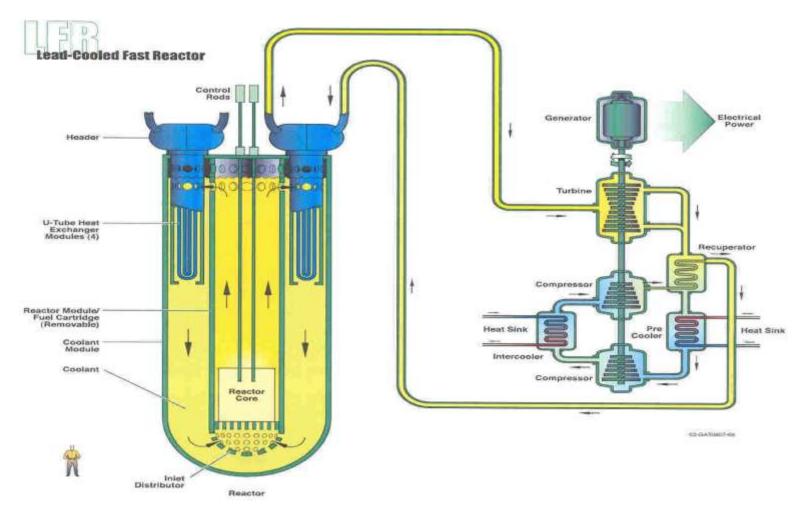
Gas Cooled Fast Reactor



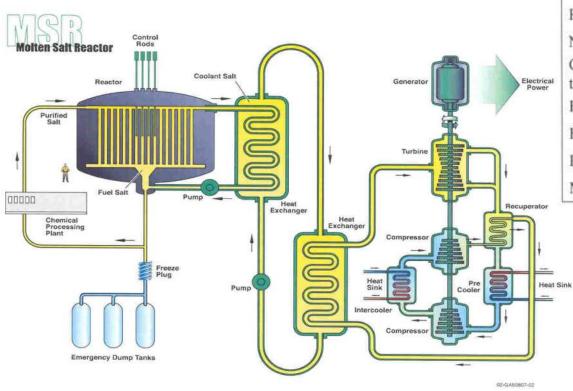
Reactor parameter	Reference Value
Coolant	Helium
Spectrum	Fast
Reactor power	600 MWth
Net plant efficiency (Brayton cycle)	48%
Coolant inlet/outlet temperature and pressure	490°C/850°C at 90 bar
Average power density	100 MWth/m ³
Reference fuel compound	UPuC/SiC with about 20% Pu content
Fuel cycle	Closed
Conversion ratio	Self-sufficient
Burn up	5% FIMA



Lead Cooled Fast Reactor



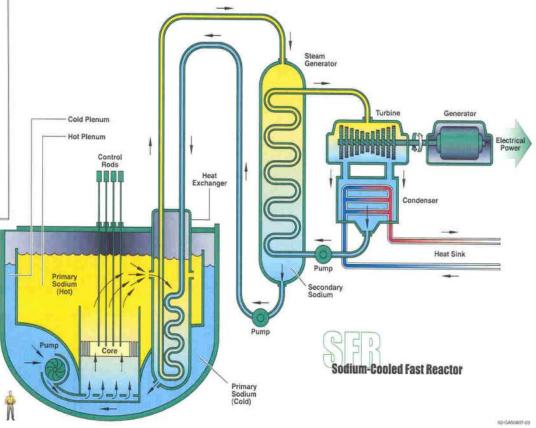
Molten Salt Reactor



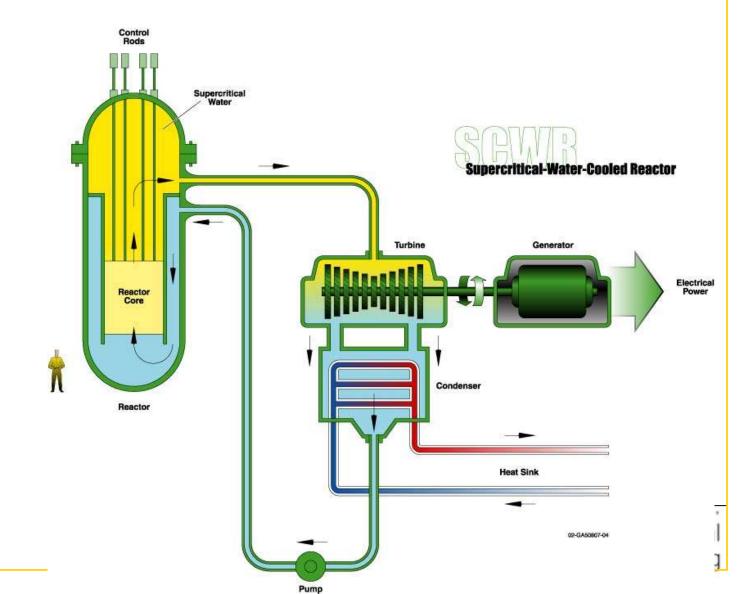
Reactor parameter	Reference Value
Coolant	Molten Salt
Spectrum	Thermal
Reactor power	1000 MWe
Net plant efficiency	44 to 50 %
Coolant inlet/outlet temperature and pressure	565 - 750°C (850°C for hydrogen production)
Fuel	Uranium/Plutonium Fluoride
Fuel cycle	Closed
Power Density	22MWth/m ³
Moderator	Graphite

Sodium cooled Fast Reactor

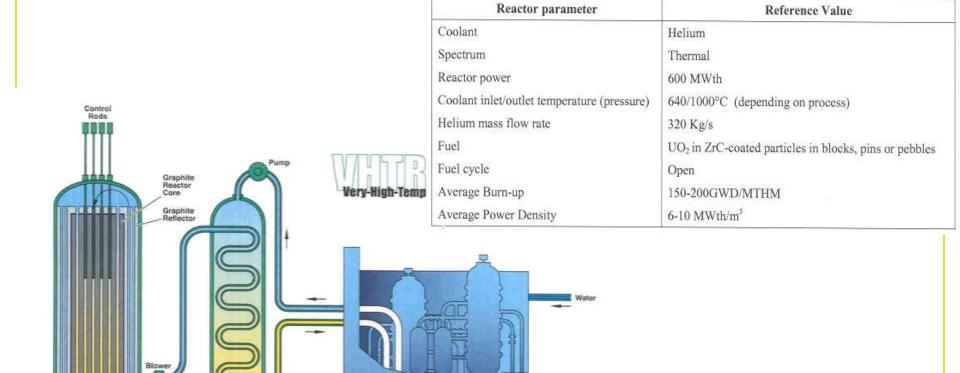
Reactor parameter	Reference Value
Coolant	Sodium
Spectrum	Fast
Reactor power	1000-5000 MWth
Design	Pool type
Coolant outlet temperature and pressure	530-550°C, 1 bar
Fuel	Oxide or metal alloy
Fuel cycle	Closed
Average Burn-up	About 150-200 GWD/MTHM
Conversion ratio	0.5-1.30
Average Power Density	350 MWth/m ³



Super-Critical Water Cooled Reactor



Very High Temperature Reactor





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