

# DC ANS Local Section Annual Meeting Dinner Meeting

May 18, 2016

# Report on DC ANS Local Section 2015–16

James W. Behrens  
DC ANS Local Section Chair

# 2015–2016 DC ANS Local Section Executive Committee (ExCom) Membership

Position	Name
Chair:	James W. Behrens
Vice–Chair:	Jane LeClair
Secretary & Member–at–Large:	Kevin Witt
Treasurer:	Suzanne Dennis
Immediate Past Chair:	Robert McMahon
Member–at–Large:	Gene Carpenter
Membership Chair:	Kati Austgen
Outreach Chair:	Matt Dennis
Program Chair:	Ruth Weiner
Education Co–Chair:	Jeff Gorman
Education Co–Chair:	Amber Johnson
Webmaster:	Brian Hallee

# Agenda for May 18, 2016

- ▶ 7:00 to 7:20 pm Selected Summaries for Year
  - Comments by Jim Behrens, Chair and Jane LeClair, Vice-Chair
  - Comments by Kati Austgen, Membership
  - Comments by Ruth Weiner, Program
  
- ▶ 7:20 to 7:45 pm Science Fairs, Science Festival and 2016 Scholarship
  - Comments by Jeff Gorman and Amber Johnson, Education Co-Chairs
  - Comments by Matt Dennis, Outreach
  
- ▶ 7:45 to 8:30 pm Presentation by ANS President/President-Elect
  - Introduction by Ruth Weiner, Program
  - Guest Speakers: Gene Grecheck, ANS President and Andy Klein, President Elect

# ExCom Meetings & Dinner Meetings 2015–2016 Schedule

- ▶ Begin New Year on July 1, 2015

Date	Activity
July 29, 2015	Ex Com Meeting
August 27, 2015	Ex Com Meeting
September 9, 2015	DC ANS Dinner Meeting/NEI
September 24, 2015	EX Com Meeting
October 6, 2015	DC ANS Dinner Meeting/NCI
October 28, 2015	Ex Com Meeting
November 8–12, 2015	ANS Winter Meeting/DC
December 15, 2015	DC ANS Dinner Meeting/Rockville

# ExCom Meetings & Dinner Meetings 2015–2016 Schedule

- ▶ Begin New Year on January 1, 2016

Date	Activity
January 20, 2016	DC ANS Dinner Meeting/Rockville
January 27, 2016	Ex Com Meeting
March 16, 2016	Ex Com Meeting
March 23, 2016	DC ANS Dinner Meeting/Rockville
April 27, 2016	Ex Com Meeting
May 18, 2016	DC ANS Dinner Meeting/NRC Annual Meeting/Rockville
June 30, 2016	Year Ends

# Report on DC ANS Local Section Elections 2016–2017

Jane LeClair  
DC ANS Local Section Vice Chair



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# Membership

Kati Austgen  
Membership Chair

# Programs

Ruth Weiner  
Program Chair

# XSTEM & USA Science and Engineering Festival ANS Outreach XSTEM Workshop and Festival Booth April 14–17, 2016

Matt Dennis  
Outreach Chair





# ANS Outreach

- XSTEM Workshop
  - Three stations: radiation detection, Skittles half-life, and radiation safety
  - 150 middle and high school students attended
- ANS Outreach Booth
  - 365,000 Festival expo attendees
  - DCANS volunteers handed out bookmarks, radiation dose charts and instructional packets
  - Demonstrated Civil Defense detectors, Van de Graff generator, and naturally occurring radioactive material



- ▶ Thanks to Matt Dennis, Jeff Gorman, Travis Dietz, Amber Johnson, Azizuddin Khawja, Anthony Kluk, Nicole Vanagas, Kati Austgen, John Boska, Dawn Jacobs and Jennifer Wacker

#SCIFEST

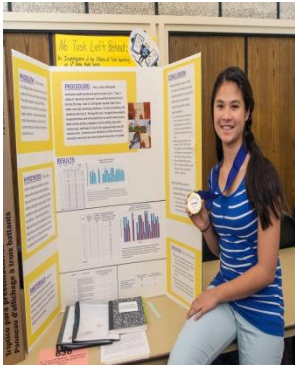
# At the Booth





# Science Fairs

Jeff Gorman & Amber Johnson  
Education Committee Co-Chairs



# Judged at 5 local school system science fairs

- ▶ Montgomery County Science Fair
- ▶ Fairfax County Regional Science and Engineering Fair
- ▶ Northern Virginia Regional Science and Engineering Fair
- ▶ Prince George's Area Science Fair
- ▶ Howard County STEM Fair



# Judging Emphasis

Emphasis in judging of projects was placed on:

- ▶ Nuclear science and technology
- ▶ Power generation
- ▶ Other projects of scientific interest were also considered

# Montgomery County Science Fair

ANS Judges: M. Cullingford, P. Rohr, A. Levin, & K. Witt

Award Level	Student	School	Project Title
1 <sup>st</sup>	Kenneth Jiang	Poolesville High School	Improving the Efficacy of the Bumps Data Fitting and Uncertainty Estimation
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Mary Chang, Emily Chen & Kaylen Pak	Takoma Park Middle School	Effect of Environmental Radiation on the Number of People Who Develop Cancer
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Rohan Dixit	Poolesville High School	Increasing Safety & Accuracy in Automation Systems with Real-Time Robot

# Fairfax County Regional Science and Engineering Fair

ANS Judge: A. Johnson

Award Level	Student	School	Project Title
1 <sup>st</sup>	Sarah Cole	Marshall High School	Effect of Irradiation on Growth of Raphanus Sativus Seeds
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Ryan Kelley and Gregory Waldron	Madison High School	The Effect of Lantern Mantle Size on Visible Radiation

# Northern Virginia Regional Science and Engineering Fair

ANS Judge: J. Gorman

Award Level	Student	School	Project Title
1 <sup>st</sup>	Henning Brennan	Yorktown High School	Investigation of Oscillating Water Columns
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Cory E. Dudka	Washington-Lee High School	Using Piezoelectric Elements to Harness the Potential Energy of Turbulent Airflow
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Conor M. Riordan	H-B Woodlawn Secondary School	Wind Turbines

# Prince George's Area Science Fair

ANS Judge: J. V. Gilbert

Award Level	Student	School	Project Title
1 <sup>st</sup>	Jay Lee	Great Mills High School	Creating a 3D Spherical Printer
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Allyson Myers	Capitol Heights High School	The Balance of Power and Death
3 <sup>rd</sup>	John Bubser and Catherine Bubser	Northern High School	Water Wheel: Bigger Isn't Always Better

# Howard County STEM Fair

ANS Judge: J. V. Gilbert

Award Level	Student	School	Project Title
1 <sup>st</sup>	Eric Kim	Dunloggin Middle School	Making a Swarm of Robots
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Annie Liu	Dunloggin Middle School	Do Corrosive Substances Really Rust Your Nails?
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Ayesha Nabiha	Ellicott Mills Middle School	The Effect of Social Media/Internet on the Human Brain

# Presentation by ANS President/President Elect

Introduction: Ruth Weiner, Program Chair  
Eugene S. Grecheck, President 2015–2016  
Andrew Klein, President Elect 2016–2017



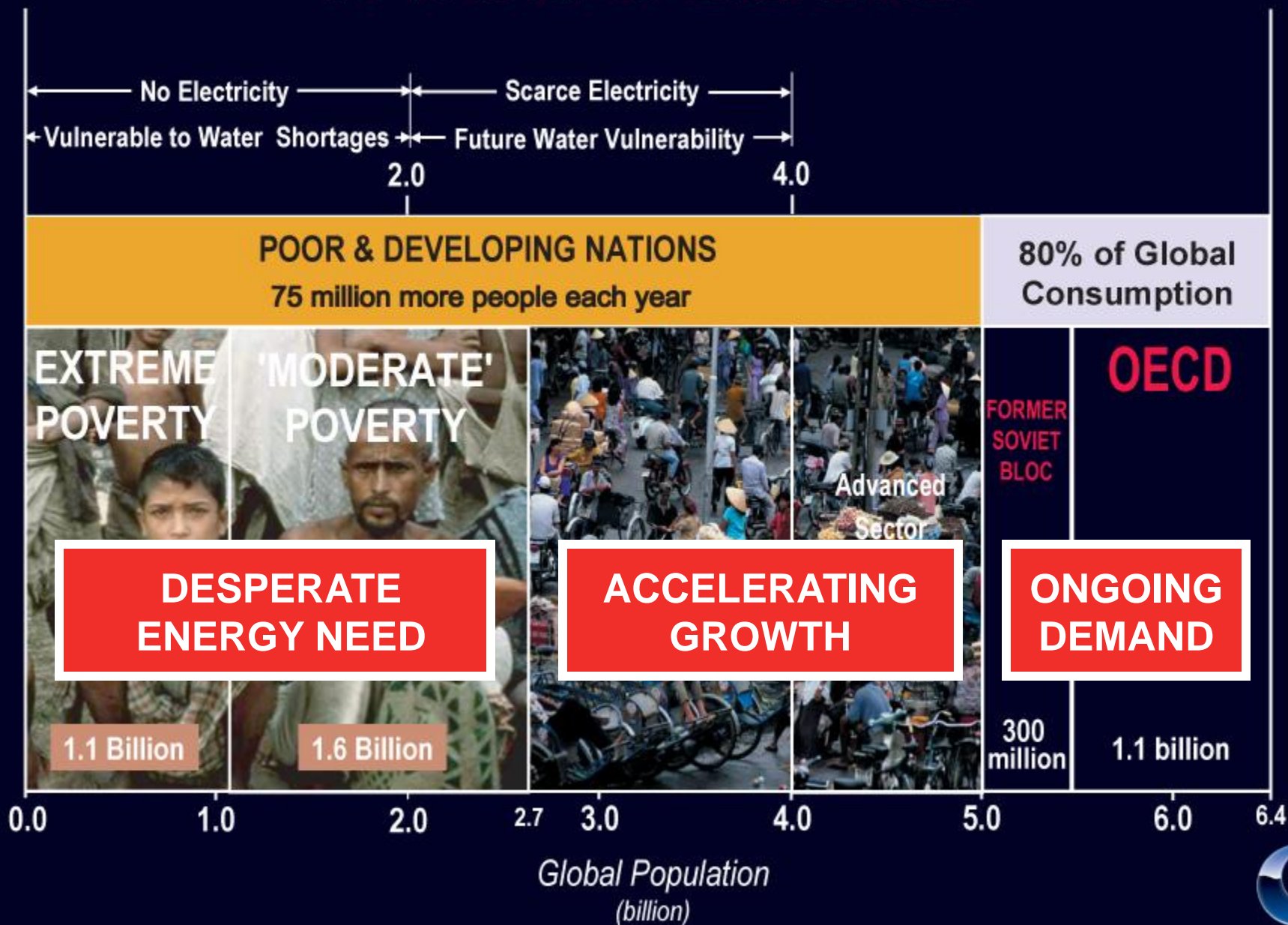
# Climate Change and Beyond: Challenges and Opportunities

Washington DC Local ANS Section  
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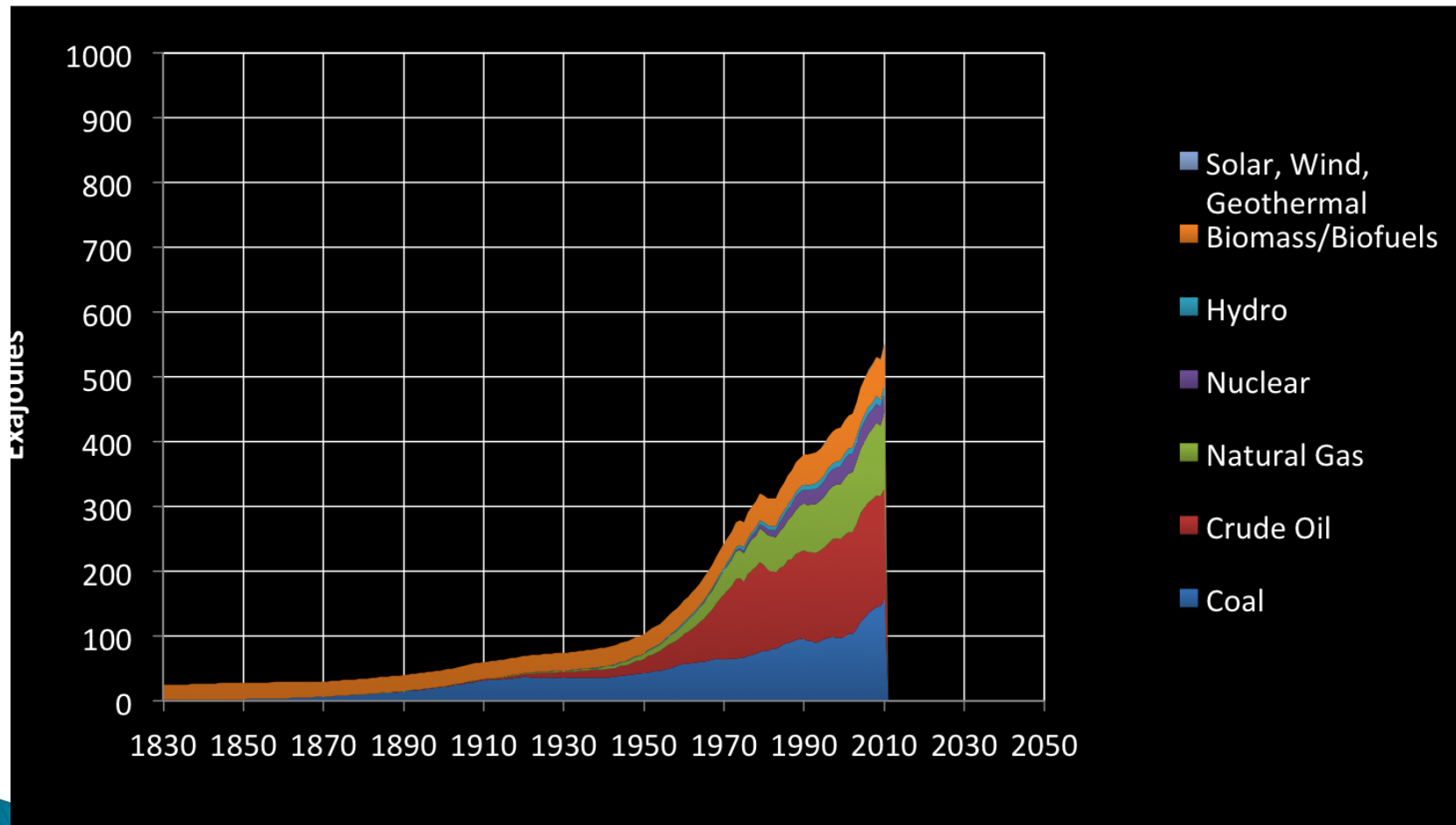


Eugene S. Grecheck  
ANS President

# A World of Extremes



# World Primary Energy Consumption



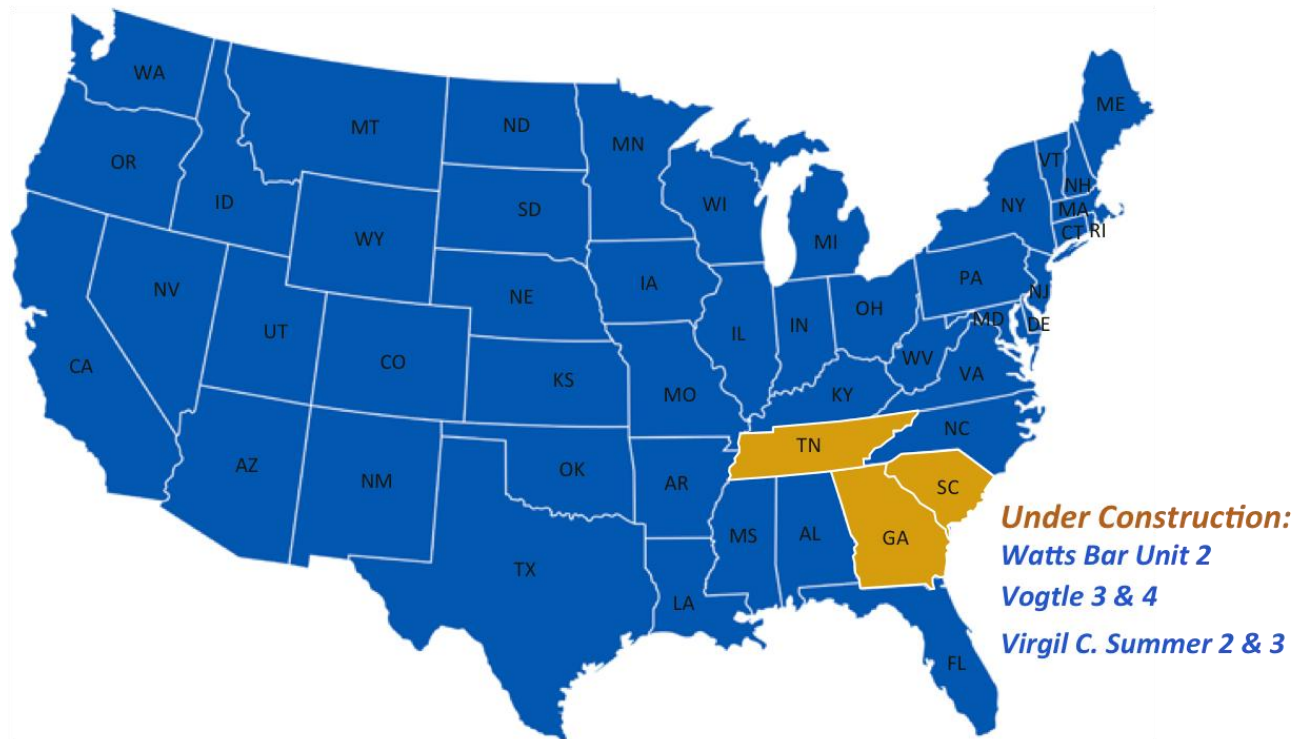
## Five US nuclear units shut down since 2013



Fitzpatrick scheduled to close January 2017  
Pilgrim to shut down in 2017 or 2019  
Oyster Creek scheduled to close in 2019  
Ft. Calhoun recommended for closure 2016  
Clinton, Quad Cities threatened

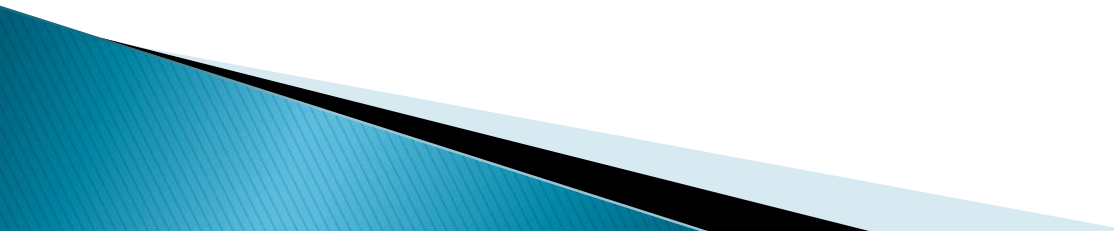


# Five New Units Under Construction in the US



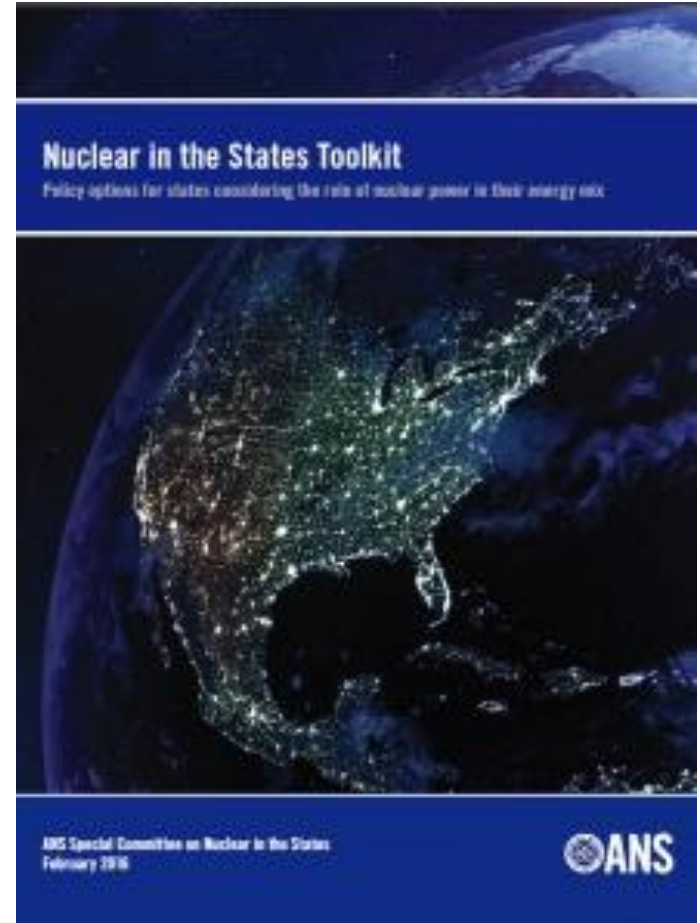
Source: NEI - Nuclear Units Under Construction Worldwide

# So, What's Happening?

- ▶ Deregulated markets in US do not recognize emissions reduction or even capacity factors
  - ▶ Price of natural gas
  - ▶ Overall slowing of demand growth
  - ▶ More operating units at risk
  - ▶ No credit for operating plants in the EPA CPP
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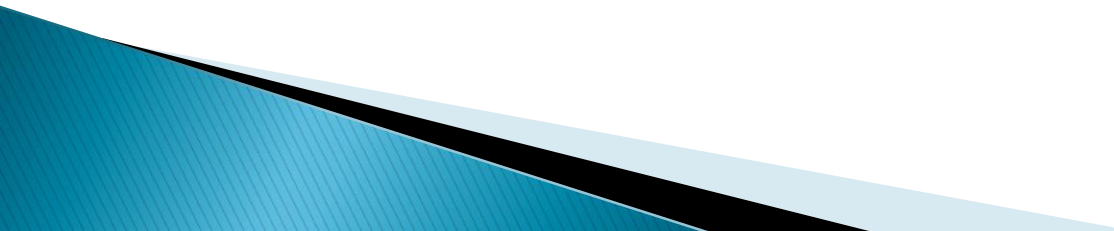
# Operating Units Are National Assets

- ▶ Two thirds of US CO<sub>2</sub> free generation
- ▶ High capacity factors
- ▶ Fuel on site provides additional reliability during major weather events
- ▶ Premature shutdowns have major negative effects on local communities and economy
- ▶ ANS Nuclear in the States Toolkit provides options for states to consider
- ▶ See <http://nuclearconnect.org/issues-policy/nuclear-policy-in-the-states>

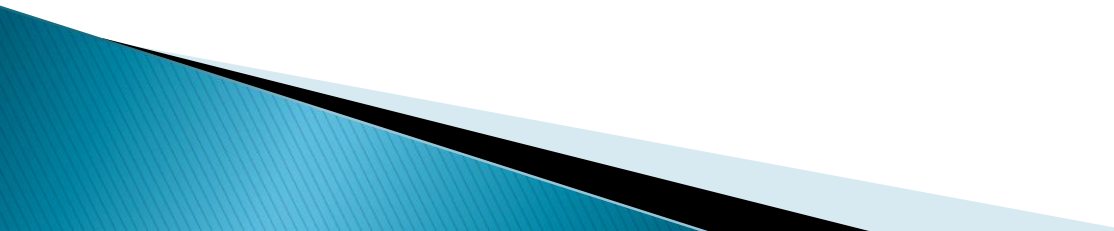




# A Mixed Message Internationally

- ▶ China planning as many as 5 new reactors per year
  - ▶ Germany continues its plan to shut down all its nuclear units
  - ▶ New units under construction in UAE and planned in Middle East
  - ▶ Interest in South Asia, Africa and South America
  - ▶ Russia positioning itself as a major exporter of nuclear technology
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## Some Glimmers of Rationality?

- ▶ EPA CPP does provide credit for new nuclear (but not existing)
  - ▶ White House Summit (November 2015); clear declaration of the need for nuclear
  - ▶ Wisconsin Legislature repeal of nuclear prohibition
  - ▶ NY State PUC staff statement
  - ▶ DOE Summit on Improving Economics of Operating Plants May 19
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# COP 21: Another Big Step



- ▶ Annual UNFCCC conference
- ▶ Nov 30–Dec 11, 2015
- ▶ First time goal of legally binding carbon emission reductions
- ▶ Many geopolitical issues
- ▶ First time technology neutral (no renewal of COP-6 nuclear exclusion)
- ▶ Climate scientists nuclear declaration
- ▶ ANS was there



PARIS2015  
UN CLIMATE CHANGE CONFERENCE



# Nuclear for Climate: a Major Presence at COP21

- ▶ Over 150 nuclear societies from around the world common position
- ▶ All nations should be free to choose from all available energy sources
- ▶ Nuclear is the most reliable large scale source of carbon free energy
- ▶ Climate goals cannot be met without nuclear
- ▶ Excellent attendance and interest at N4C booths

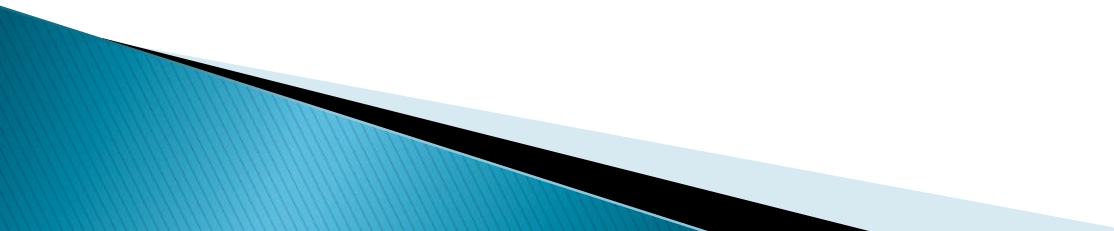


# Communicating the Nuclear Imperative

- ▶ Slow, tentative growing political support
- ▶ President's Science Advisor at COP 21
- ▶ Multiple Senators at Third Way summit in DC in January
- ▶ Congressional participation expected May 19 at DOE summit
- ▶ Al Gore?

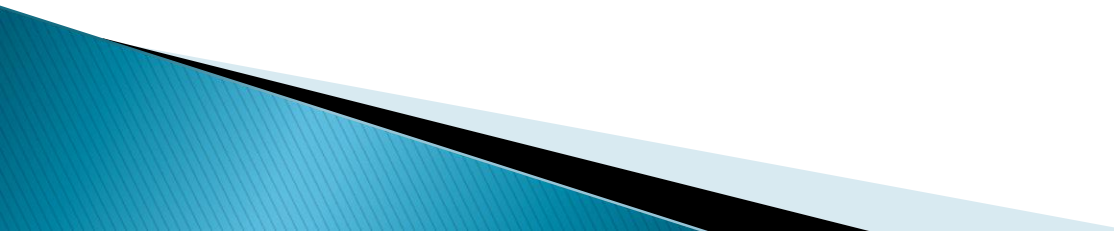


## The Path Forward May Not Be Familiar

- ▶ The “gas bubble” will probably be with us for a while...this is good news for the US economy overall
  - ▶ Large scale coal plant retirements are probable
  - ▶ Will there be a carbon policy?
  - ▶ Are there better technological options?
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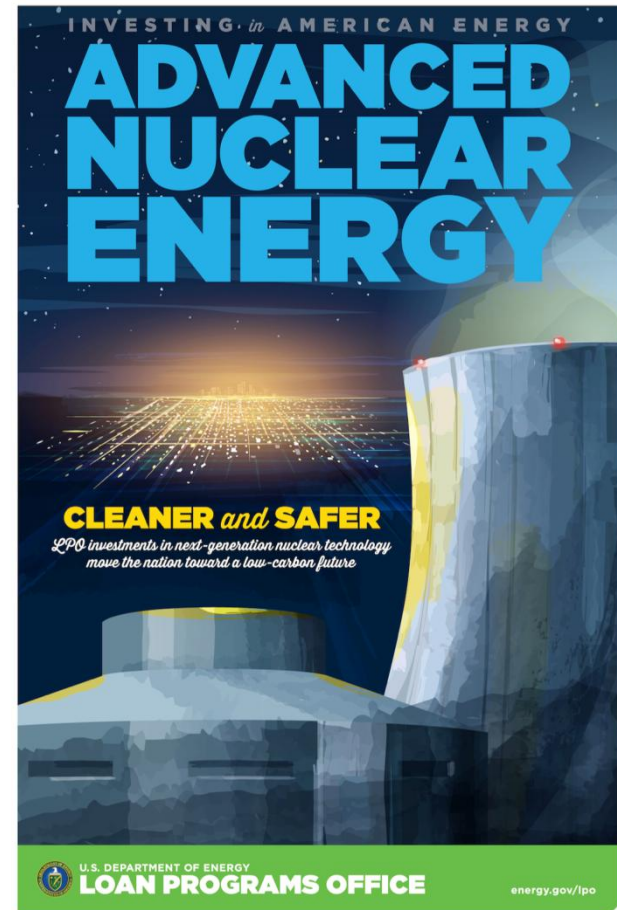
# Innovation is long overdue in nuclear

- ▶ Present designs fundamentally the same for 60 years
  - ▶ Long standing low government funding for nuclear technology research
  - ▶ No other technology would be expected to be competitive for this long
  - ▶ Venture capital beginning to take notice of opportunities
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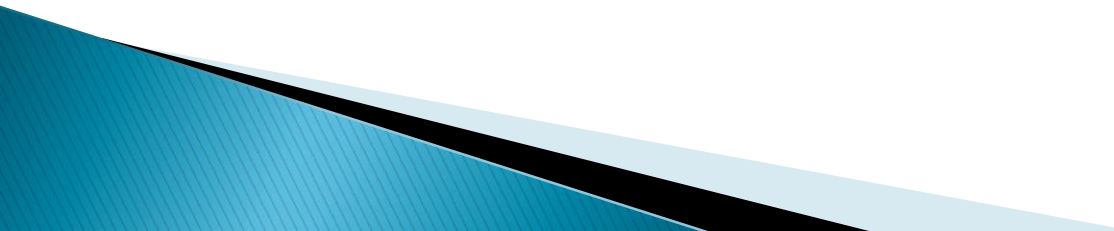


# Innovation Is the Key

- ▶ DOE initiatives
  - GAIN
  - Facilitating access to national lab assets
  - Advanced technology cost sharing
  - INL prototype siting approval (NuScale)
- ▶ Political support



# Facing realities

- ▶ Massive amounts of new, clean energy are needed for the world
  - ▶ Any attempts to meet CO<sub>2</sub> reduction targets must include nuclear
  - ▶ Wishful thinking, or waiting for hoped for technical solutions, will not be successful
  - ▶ A time for re-dedication to science and innovation
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# What Can You Do?

- ▶ Share the message: social media, letters to editor, etc
  - The World Needs Nuclear!
- ▶ Share the link: [www.nuclearconnect.org](http://www.nuclearconnect.org)
- ▶ Be a part of the public discussion—why is our energy future not part of the current election debate?
- ▶ Challenge junk science wherever you encounter it
- ▶ Be proud of who you are and what you do
- ▶ Join, renew and recruit for ANS!

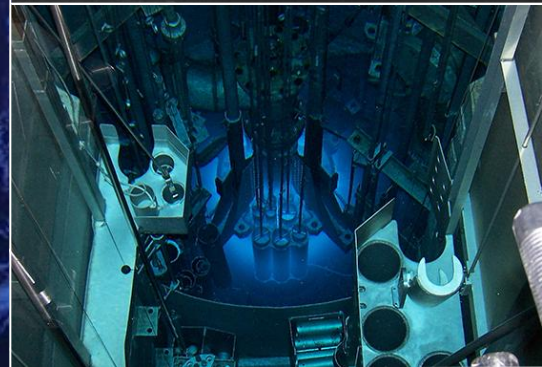
**The People of the World Deserve Better than Anti Nuclear Politics**





# The WORLD needs NUCLEAR

## NUCLEAR needs the American Nuclear Society



# Development of Advanced Nuclear Technologies

Andrew C. Klein, PhD, PE

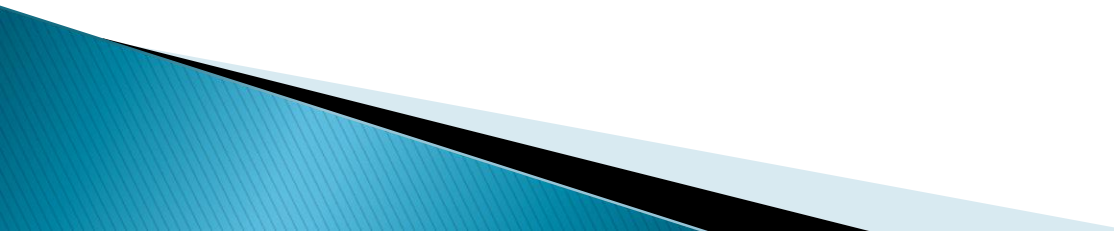




- ▶ Andrew C. Klein, PhD, PE
  - ▶ Vice-President/President-Elect of ANS
  - ▶ Editor, *Nuclear Technology*
  - ▶ Professor of Nuclear Science and Engineering
  - ▶ Oregon State University
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- ▶ May 2016

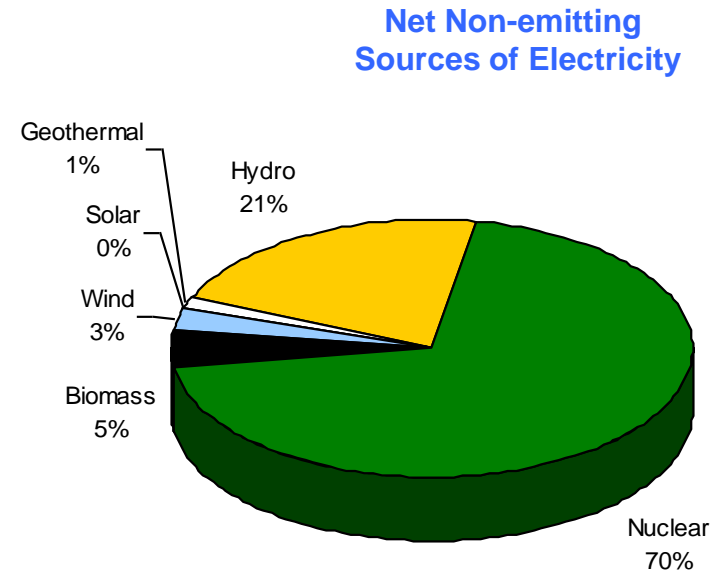


# Nuclear Energy: Still Going Forward


- ▶ The Importance of Nuclear Energy
  - ▶ Evolution of Nuclear Power
  - ▶ Small Modular Reactors
  - ▶ Advancing Advanced Reactors
  - ▶ Grand Challenges for Nuclear Technologies
  - ▶ What can you do?
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# Nuclear – Important, Clean Energy Source

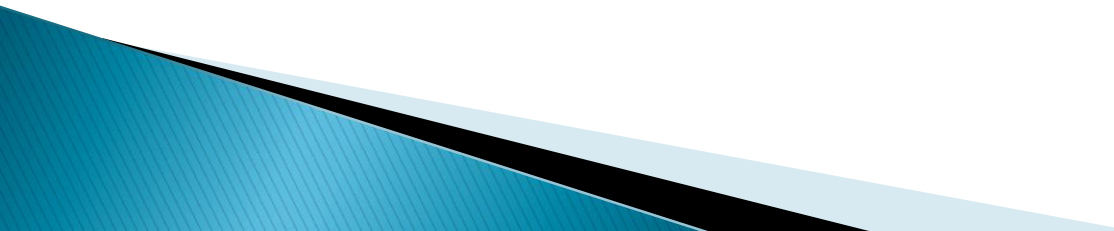
- Nuclear power is the clean, reliable, expandable base load energy source
  - ▶ Provides over 70% of U.S. emission-free electricity
  - ▶ Avoids about 600 MMTCO<sub>2</sub> each year
  - ▶ Helps reduces overall NO<sub>x</sub> and SO<sub>x</sub> levels



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  - Price of natural gas
  - Overall slow demand growth
  - Five units in US shut down since 2013
  - Three more already scheduled
  - More operating units at risk
  - No credit for operating plants in the EPA CPP
  - Only five new units presently under construction
  - Little recognition of the vital role nuclear plays in reducing emissions
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# Some Glimmer of Rationality?

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  - White House Summit (November 2015); clear declaration of the need for nuclear and innovation
  - Wisconsin and Kentucky Legislatures repeal of nuclear prohibition
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# Fight to Save US Nuclear Plants

- ANS Nuclear In the States Toolkit
- DOE–NE Workshop – May 19<sup>th</sup>
- Save US Nuclear activities
  - Environmental Progress
  - Third Way
  - Breakthrough Institute
  - Clean Air Task Force
  - Others

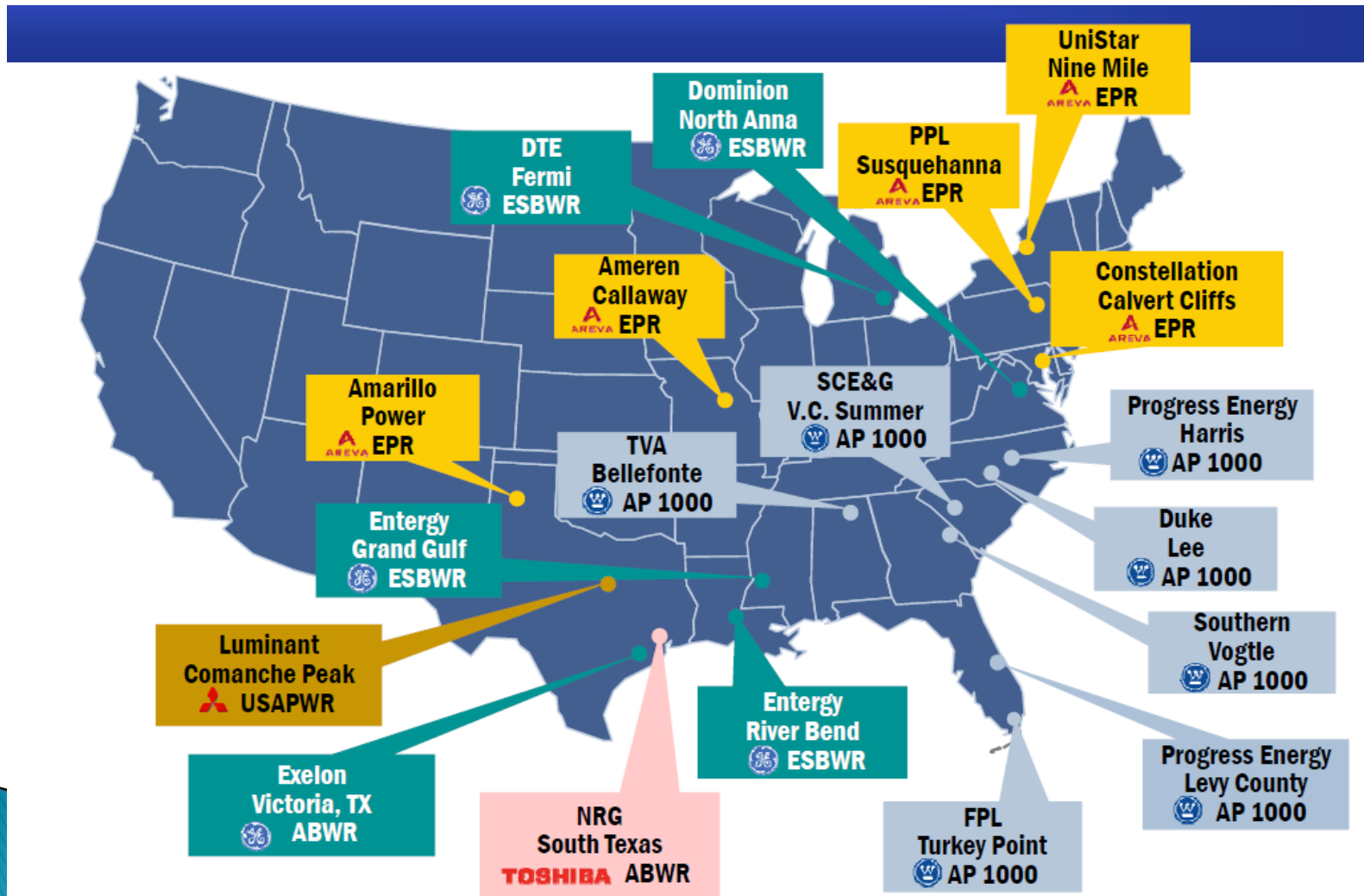
# Nuclear In the States Toolkit

- ▶ **Policy options for States considering the role of nuclear power in their energy mix**
  - Policy pathways to support the current nuclear fleet
  - Goal is to prevent early plant retirements
  - Comprehensive overview of a wide range of policy and other options
    - Federal-level initiatives such as federal tax credits
    - Community-level options like public hearings
    - Policy tools
    - Market-based tools
  - State policymakers determine methods to best fit their goals
    - Policy
    - Environmental
    - Energy
    - Economic
  - Each State faces a different set of circumstances regarding nuclear power

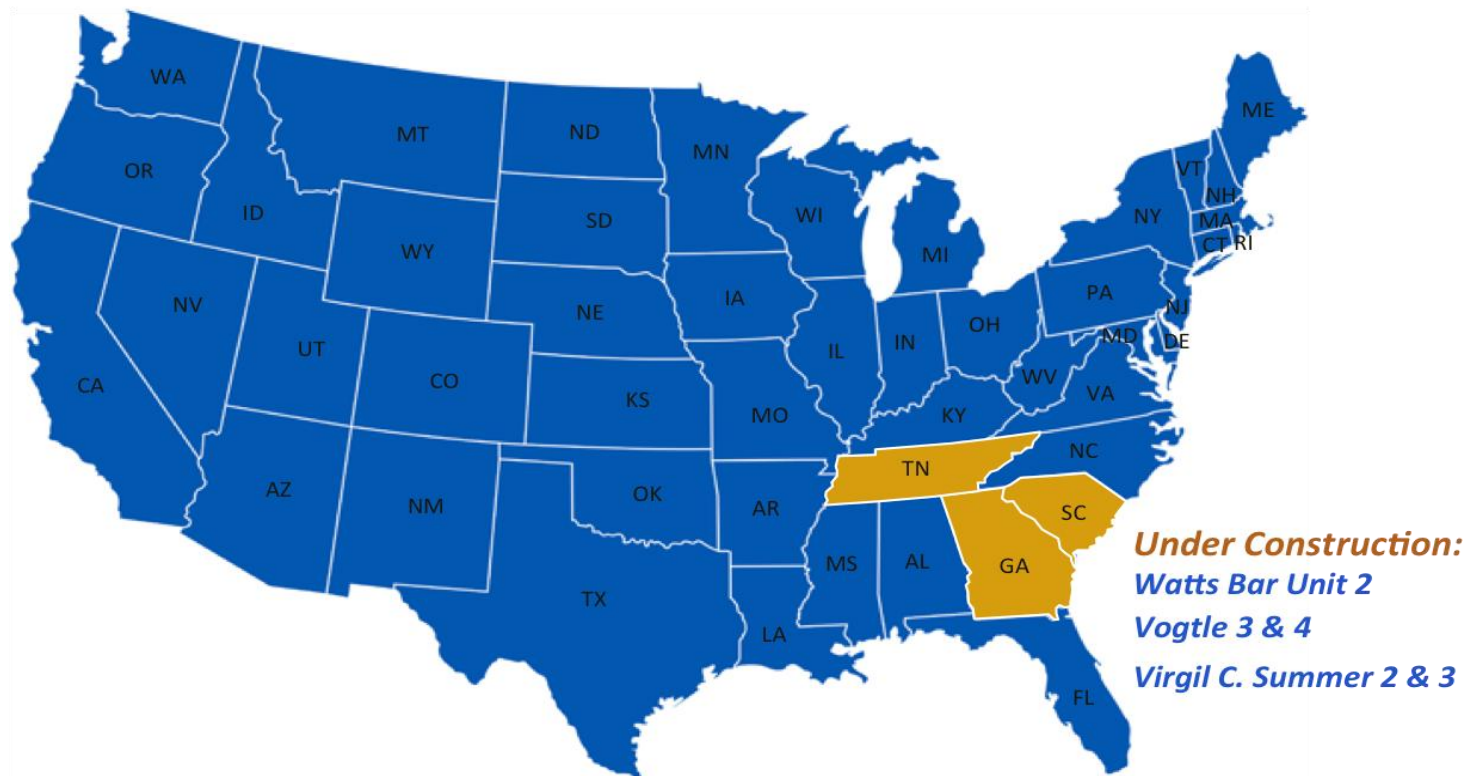
# Toolkit Elements

- **Increase Nuclear Plant Revenue/Revenue Certainty**
  - Power Contracts
  - Low-Carbon Portfolio Standard
  - Carbon Tax
  - Nuclear Portfolio Standard
  - Clean Air Portfolio Standard
- **Public Hearings/Meetings**
- **Clean Power Plan Implementation**
- **Industry Consolidation**
- **Public/Government Ownership**
- **Lower Costs**
- **Capacity Markets**
- **Electricity Markets**
- **Return to Economic Regulation**
- **Others**

# Outlook on New Construction




# Five New Units Under Construction



Source: NEI - Nuclear Units Under Construction Worldwide



# Challenges to New Construction

- High capital costs (\$8-12 billion)
  - Used fuel issues
  - Availability of nuclear qualified components
  - Availability of skilled personnel
  - Lengthy licensing and construction schedule
  - Cost and schedule performance
  - Public concerns/misunderstandings
  - Price/availability of natural gas
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# Advanced Nuclear Technologies

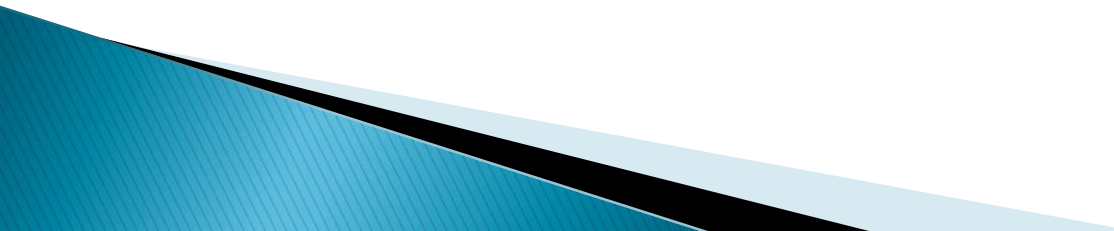
## ▶ Opportunities

- ❑ Highly Efficient Technologies
- ❑ New Instrumentation and Control Strategies
- ❑ Modular Construction
- ❑ Preapproved Sites
- ❑ Dramatically Reducing Waste Production
- ❑ Proliferation Resistant
- ❑ New Markets

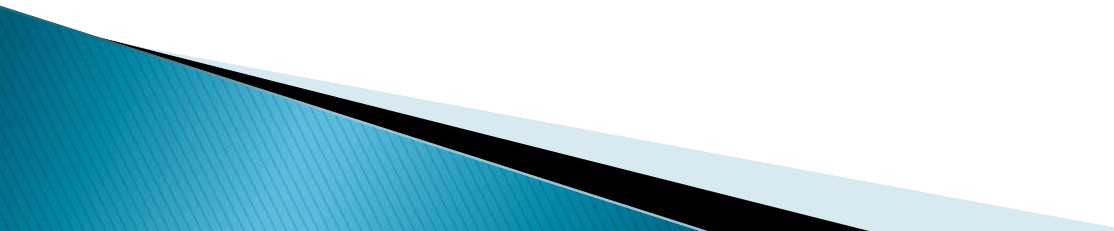
## ▶ Challenges

- ❑ Different Operations and Industry Comfort?
- ❑ New Licensing Strategies/Requirements?
- ❑ Inexperience with New Technologies?
  - ❑ Industry?
  - ❑ Regulator?
  - ❑ Workforce?
- ❑ Turning the Economy of Scale on it's Head?

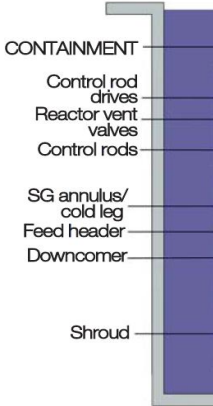
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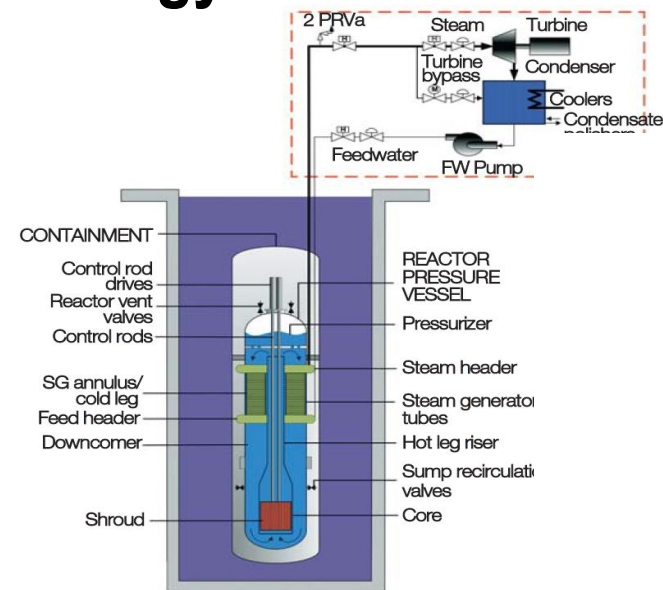
- ▶ Many recent new and old ideas
  - ❑ Small Modular Reactors
  - ❑ Advanced Reactors
  - ❑ Innovative Nuclear Concepts
  - ❑ Innovative Development Constructs
  - ❑ Innovative Nuclear Business Models
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# Small Modular Reactors

- Small Modular Reactors (SMRs) are being developed for deployment around the world
    - Offer enhanced passive safety features and promise lower construction and financing costs
    - Domestic market focused on replacement of 600+ smaller, aging coal fired plants
    - Export market focused on emerging economies with smaller grids
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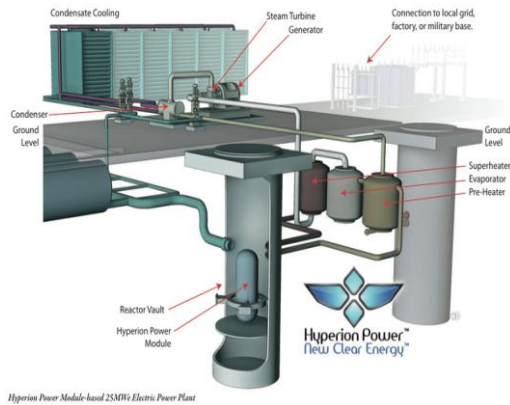
# Benefits of SMRs

- **SMRs potential for changing social and energy supply paradigms is compelling**
    - ▶ **Jobs**
    - ▶ **US goods and services**
    - ▶ **National Security and energy policy**
    - ▶ **Climate change benefits**
    - ▶ **Complement large reactor programs**
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- The diagram shows a cross-section of a reactor core. It is a vertical assembly with several components labeled on the right side. From top to bottom, the labels are: CONTAINMENT (the outermost layer), Control rod drives (a horizontal section), Reactor vent valves (a horizontal section), Control rods (a horizontal section), SG annulus/cold leg (a horizontal section), Feed header (a horizontal section), Downcomer (a horizontal section), and Shroud (the innermost layer). The core is depicted as a series of horizontal bars of varying shades of blue and grey.
- NuScale Inc.



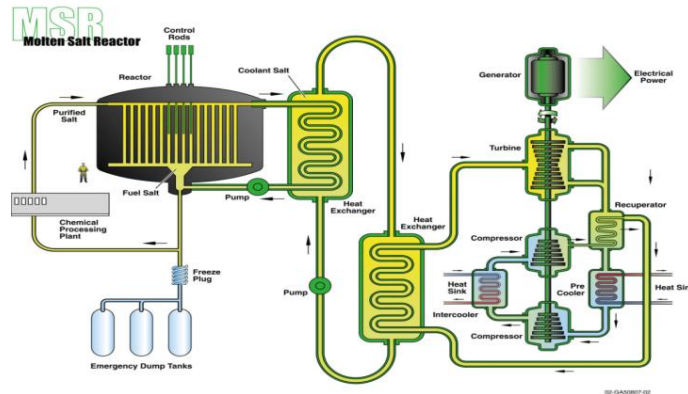
## NuScale Integral PWR

# SMR licensing must address technology-neutral issues



Hyperion Power Module-based 25MW Electric Power Plant

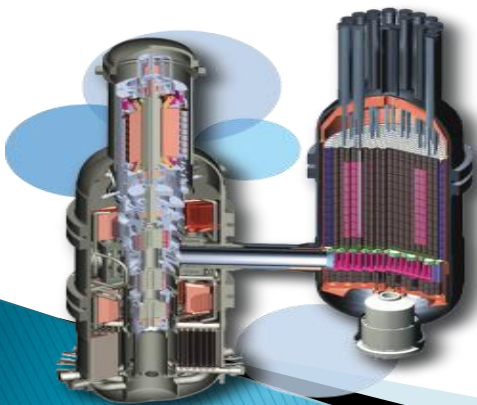
Hyperion Reactor



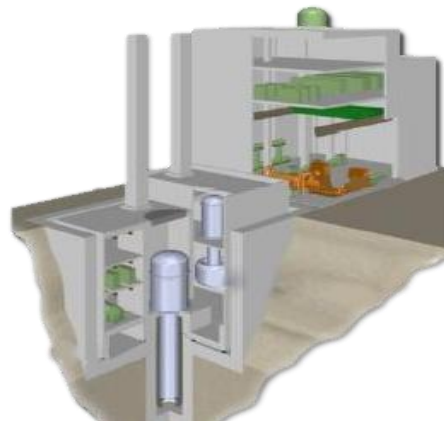
Molten Salt Reactor



KLT-40 Icebreaker Reactor  
(35 MWe floating nuclear power plant)



General Atomics MHR



Toshiba 4S (10 to 50 MWe) Sodium-cooled



PBMR (165 MWe)



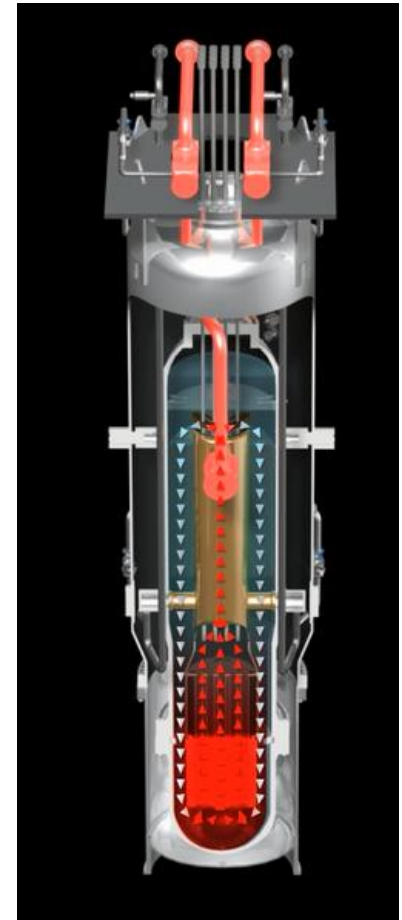
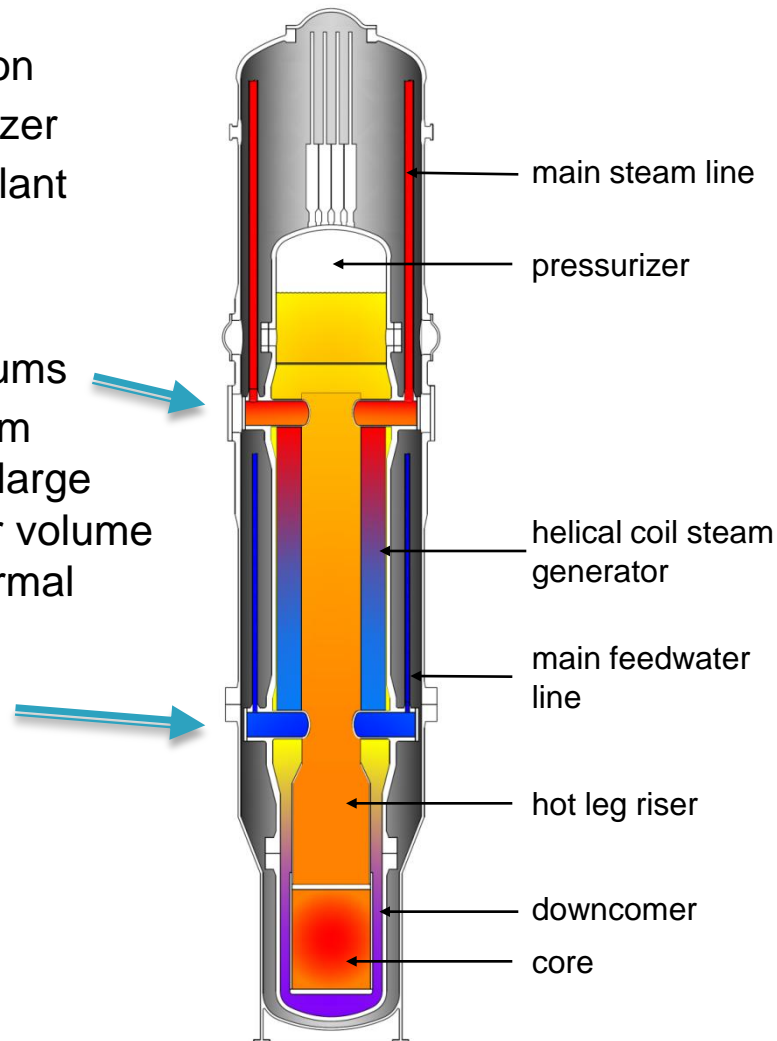
# NuScale Reactor Design Features

- Primary side

- Natural circulation
- Integral pressurizer
- No Reactor Coolant Pumps

- Secondary side

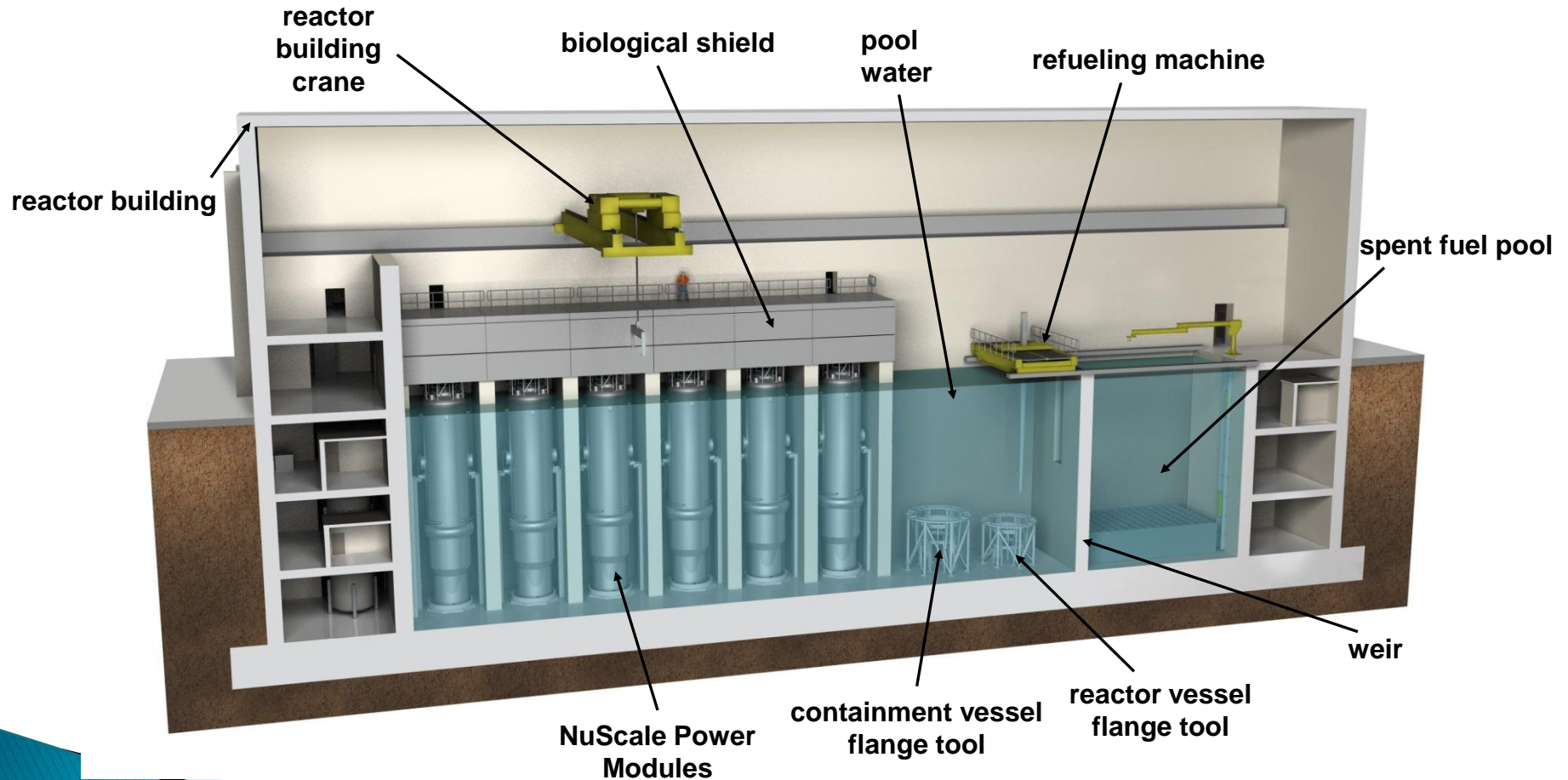
- Feedwater plenums
- Two helical steam generators with large surface area per volume to maximize thermal efficiency
- Steam plenums



primary coolant flow path

# Reactor Building Cross-Section

Reactor building houses reactor modules, fuel pool, and reactor pool



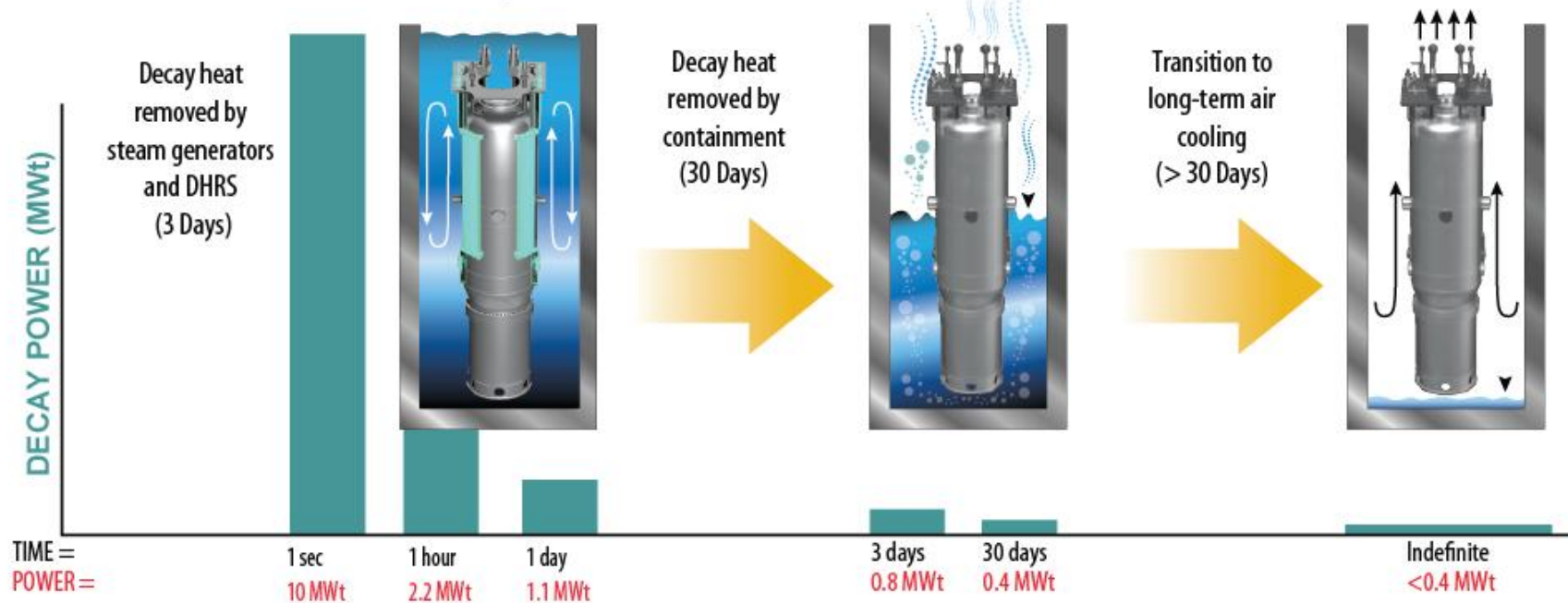
# Response to Loss of All Power

## Stable Long-Term Cooling Under all Conditions

Reactor and nuclear fuel cooled indefinitely without pumps or power



No Pumps • No External Power • No External Water



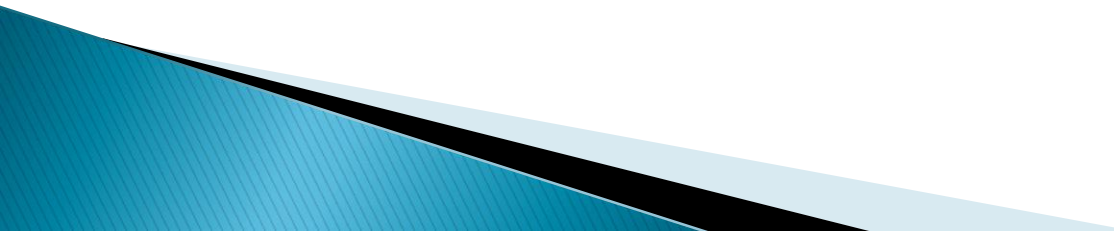
*\* Based on conservative calculations assuming all 12 modules in simultaneous upset conditions and reduced pool water inventory*

# NuScale Integral System Test Facility @ Oregon State University

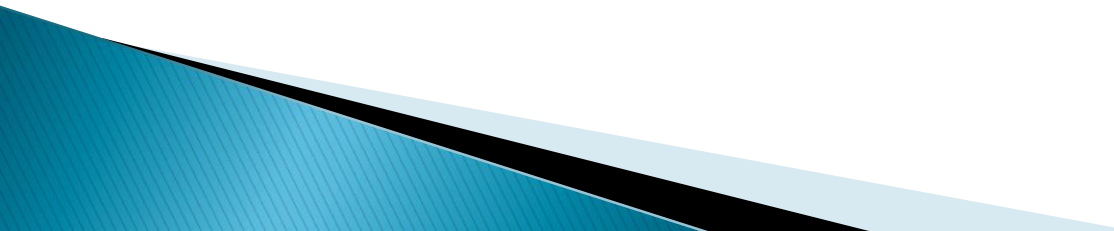




# Advancing Advanced Reactors

- ▶ Generation IV Designs and Concepts
    - ❑ US Department of Energy
    - ❑ International Development
    - ❑ Large Companies – Private Investments
    - ❑ Startup Companies – Venture Capital
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# Advanced Reactor Missions

- ❑ Process heat applications including cogeneration
  - ❑ Actinide management to extend fuel resource utilization
  - ❑ Reduce the nuclear waste burden
  - ❑ Integration of with intermittent energy sources for reliable energy systems
    - ❑ Hybrid Energy Systems
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# Technology Innovations

- ❑ Reduction of capital cost and improvement of thermal energy conversion
- ❑ Incorporation of passive safety features
- ❑ Advanced fuels
  - ❑ Dissolved
  - ❑ Particle
  - ❑ Metallic
  - ❑ Ceramic
- ❑ Cladding innovations enabling high burnup, extensive actinide destruction, and enhanced accident tolerance
- ❑ Advanced power conversion systems (Brayton, supercritical CO<sub>2</sub>) to improve overall energy conversion efficiency and reduce water usage

# Gateway for Accelerated Innovation in Nuclear (GAIN)



- ❑ New DOE–NE approach
- ❑ Provide the nuclear community with access to the technical, regulatory, and financial support necessary to move innovative nuclear energy technologies toward commercialization
- ❑ Ensure continued safe, reliable, and economic operation of the existing nuclear fleet

# DOE-NE Demonstration & Test Reactor Assessment Program



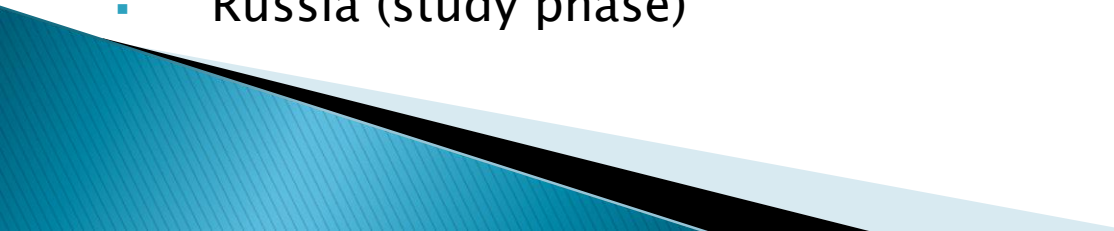
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**ENERGY**

- ▶ Demonstration Reactor Concepts
  - Sodium-Cooled Fast Reactor
  - High Temperature Gas-Cooled Reactor
  - Lead-Cooled Fast Reactor
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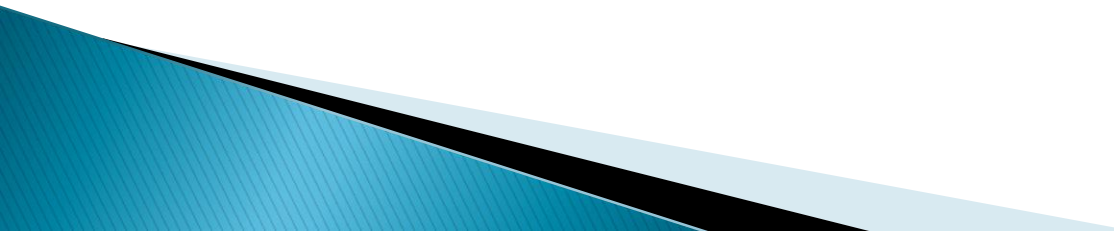
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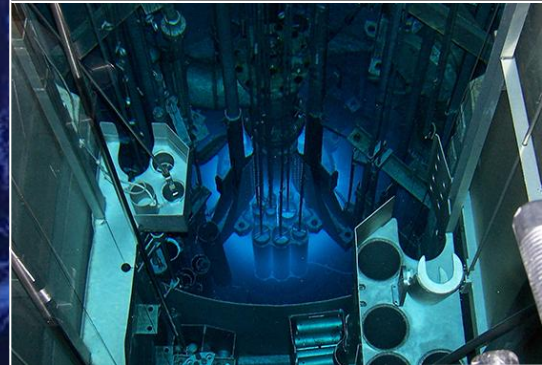
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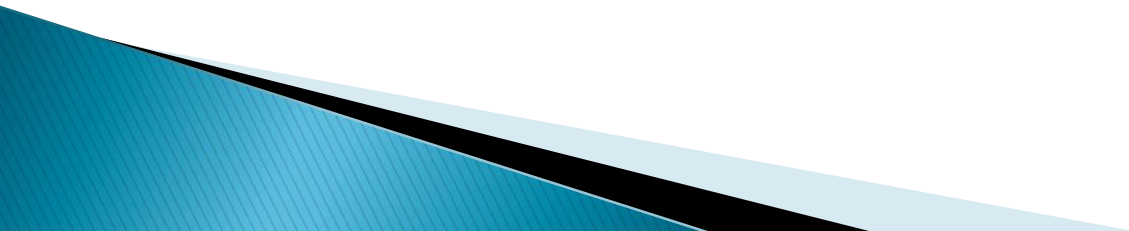
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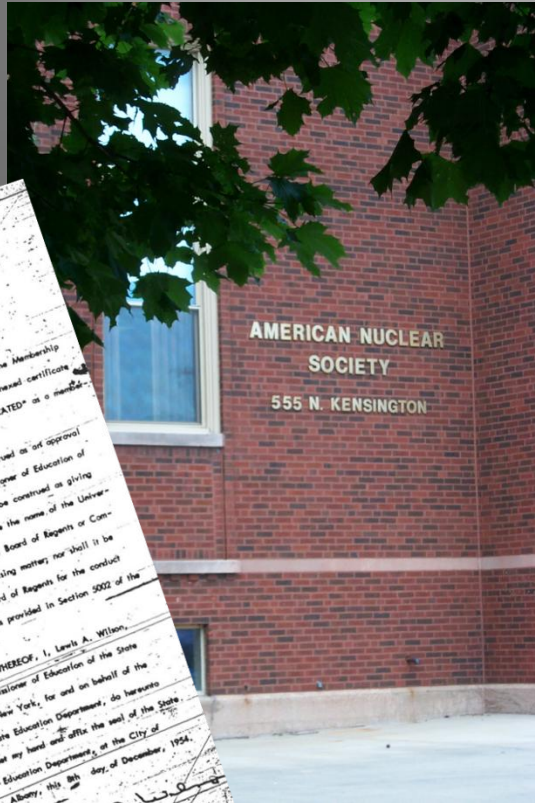




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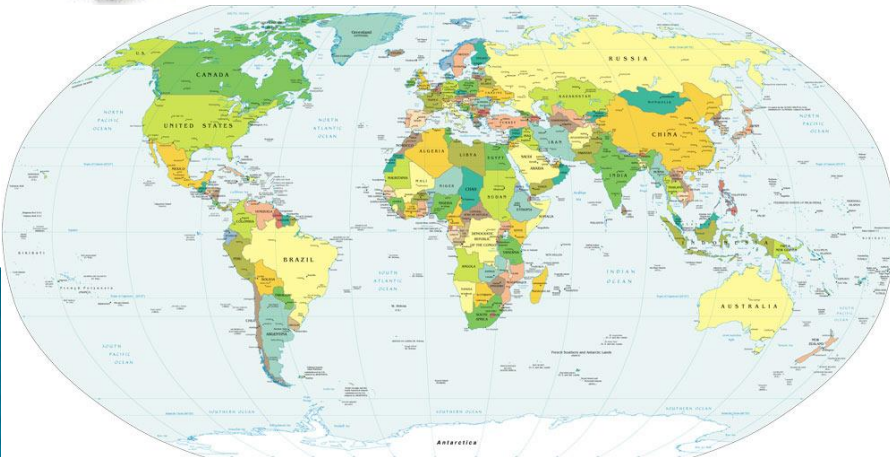


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- Convenes countless conferences
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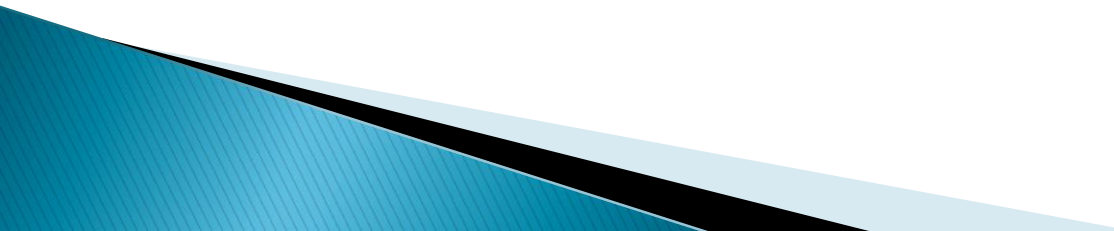
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- Nearly 100 organizational members
- International alliances, bilateral agreements with some 30 nuclear societies outside the U.S.
- Over 60 local sections  
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- 20 specialty professional divisions and technical groups including the Young Members Group
- More than 30 local student sections

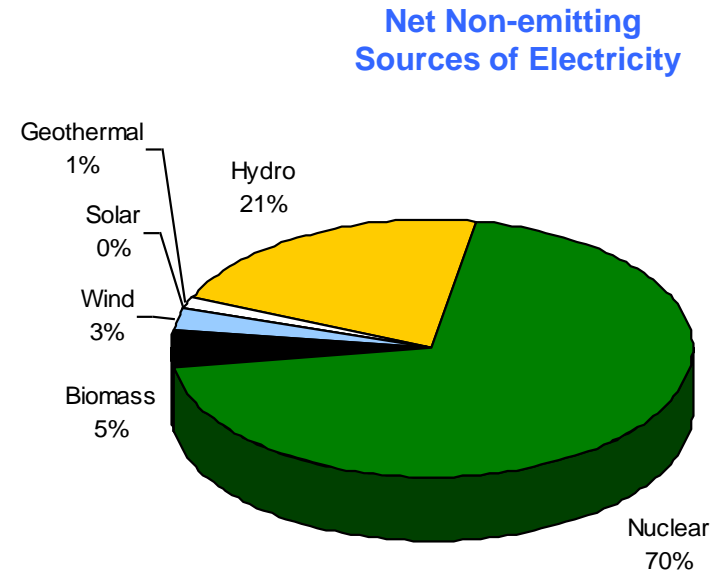


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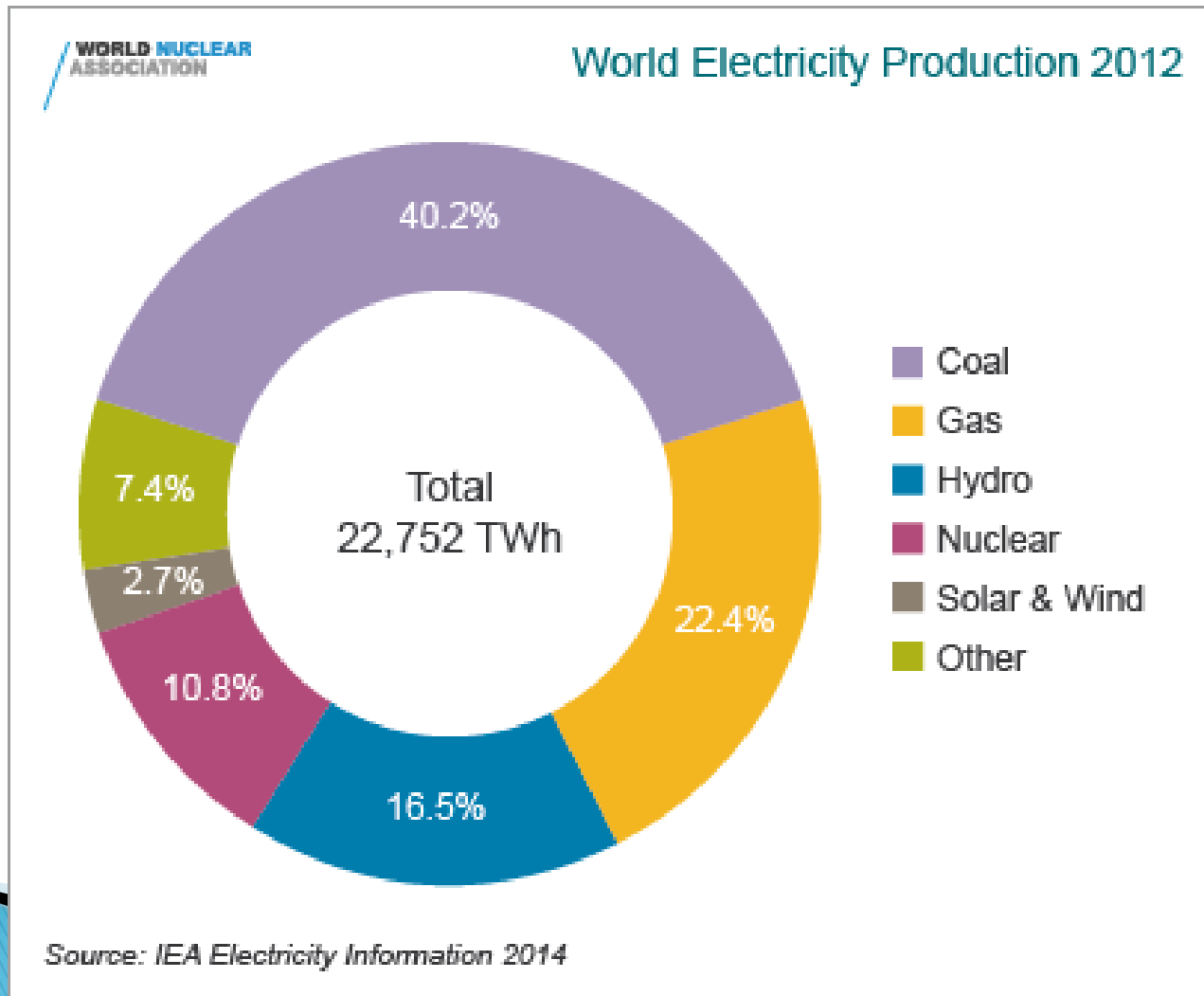
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# Nuclear – Important, Clean Energy Source

- Nuclear power is the clean, reliable, expandable base load energy source
  - ▶ Provides over 70% of U.S. emission-free electricity
  - ▶ Avoids about 600 MMTCO<sub>2</sub> each year
  - ▶ Helps reduces overall NO<sub>x</sub> and SO<sub>x</sub> levels



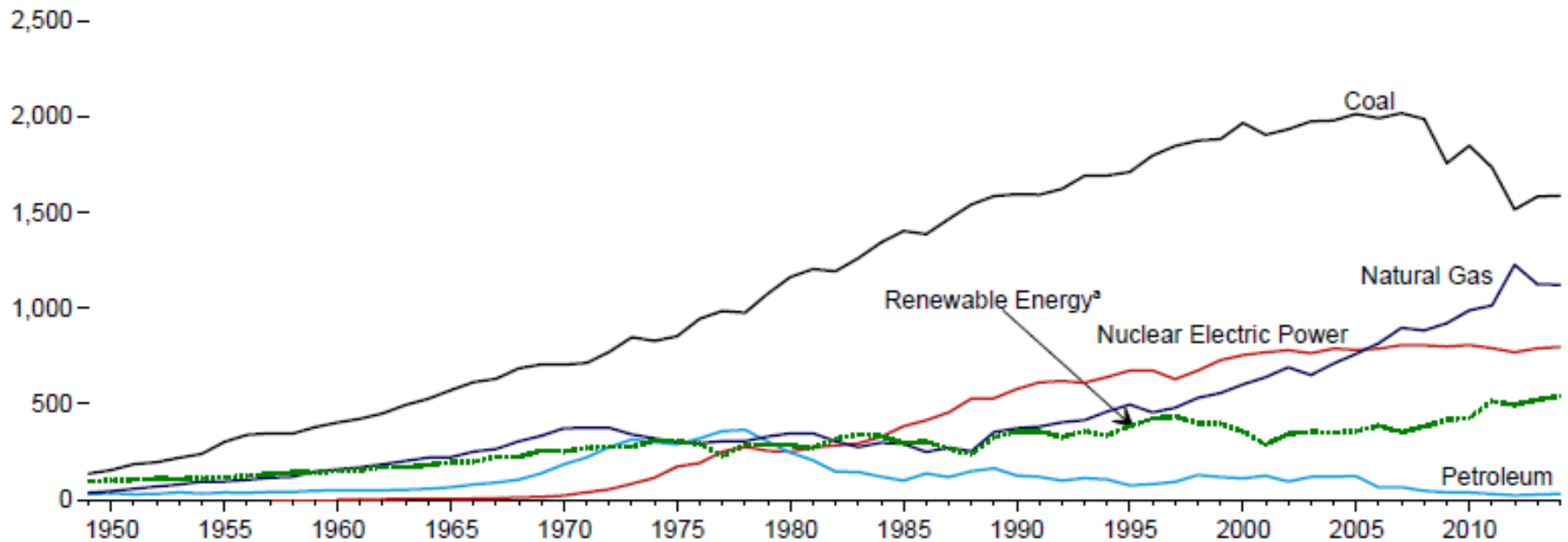
# Current Energy Consumption is Carbon Based






# Electricity Net Generation (Billion kW-Hrs)

Total (All Sectors), Major Sources, 1949–2014



Source: Monthly Energy Review, US Energy Information Administration, March 2015

# So, What's Happening?

- Deregulated markets in US do not recognize emissions reduction or even capacity factors
  - Price of natural gas
  - Overall slow demand growth
  - Five units in US shut down since 2013
  - Three more already scheduled
  - More operating units at risk
  - No credit for operating plants in the EPA CPP
  - Only five new units presently under construction
  - Little recognition of the vital role nuclear plays in reducing emissions
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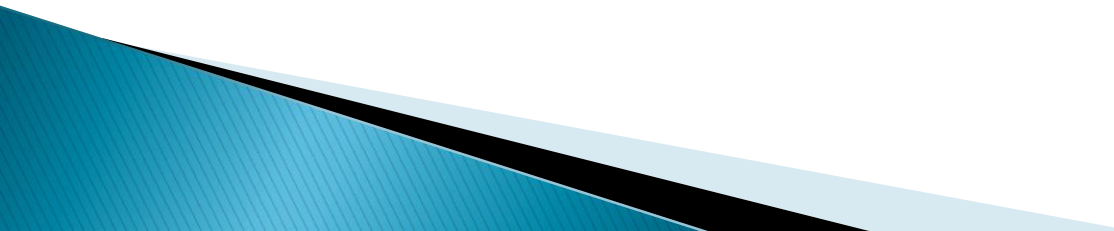


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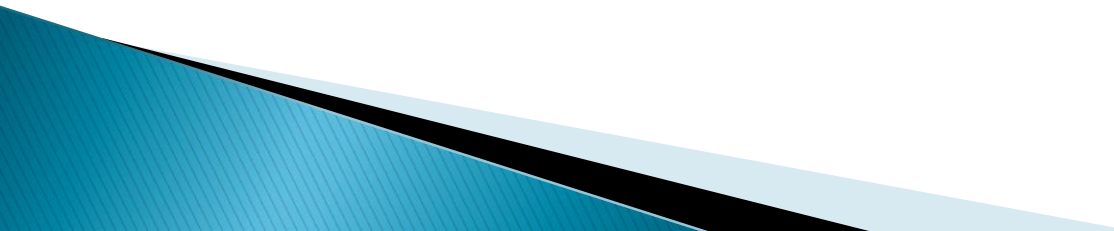
Pilgrim to shut down in 2019

Oyster Creek scheduled to close in 2019

# Some Glimmer of Rationality?

- EPA CPP does provide credit for new nuclear
  - White House Summit (November 2015); clear declaration of the need for nuclear and innovation
  - Wisconsin and Kentucky Legislatures repeal of nuclear prohibition
  - NY State PUC staff statement
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# Fight to Save US Nuclear Plants

- ANS Nuclear In the States Toolkit
  - DOE–NE Workshop – May 19<sup>th</sup>
  - Save US Nuclear activities
    - Environmental Progress
    - Third Way
    - Breakthrough Institute
    - Clean Air Task Force
    - Others
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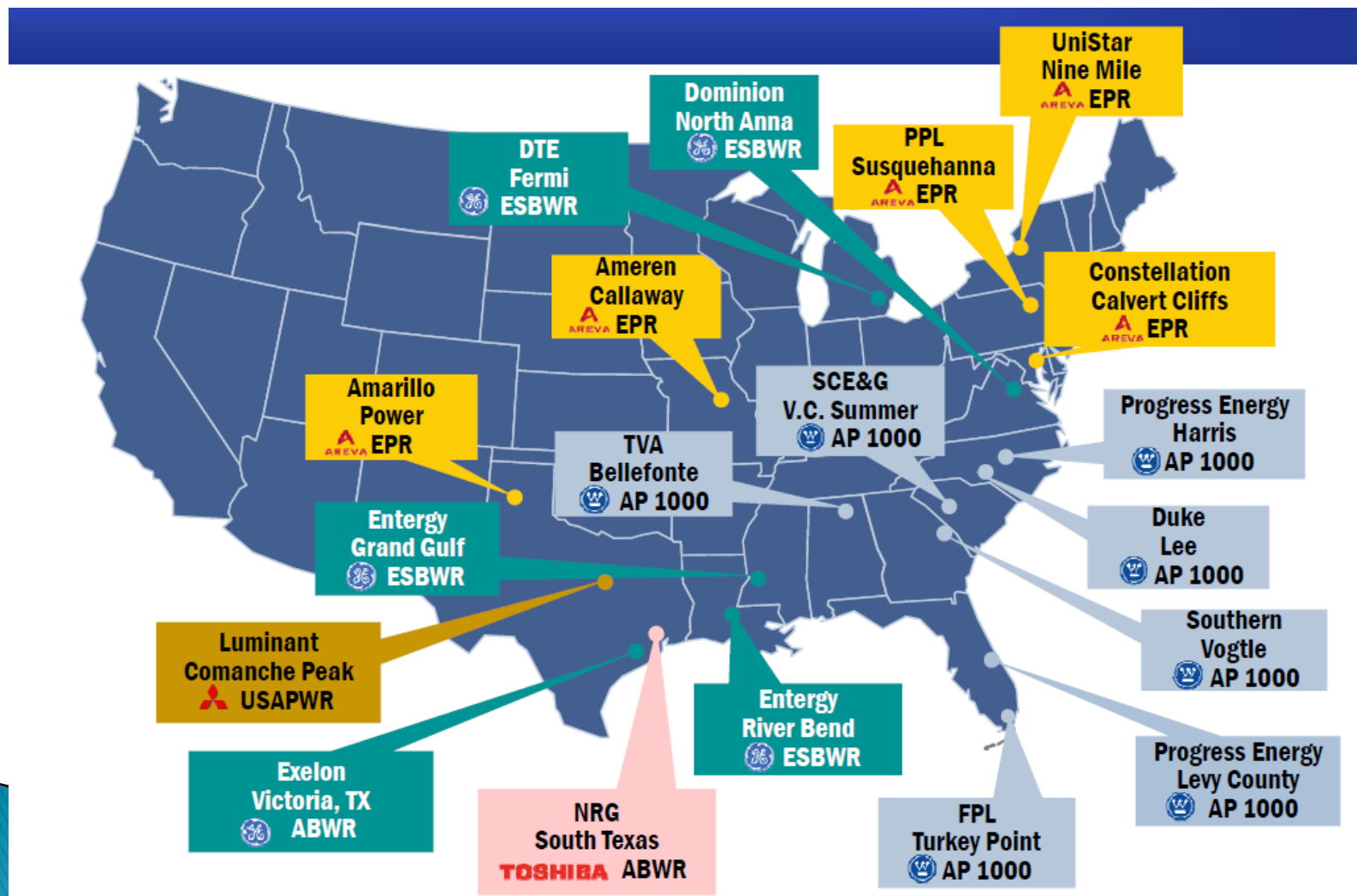
- ▶ **Policy options for States considering the role of nuclear power in their energy mix**
  - Policy pathways to support the current nuclear fleet
  - Goal is to prevent early plant retirements
  - Comprehensive overview of a wide range of policy and other options
    - Federal-level initiatives such as federal tax credits
    - Community-level options like public hearings
    - Policy tools
    - Market-based tools
  - State policymakers determine methods to best fit their goals
    - Policy
    - Environmental
    - Energy
    - Economic
  - Each State faces a different set of circumstances regarding nuclear power



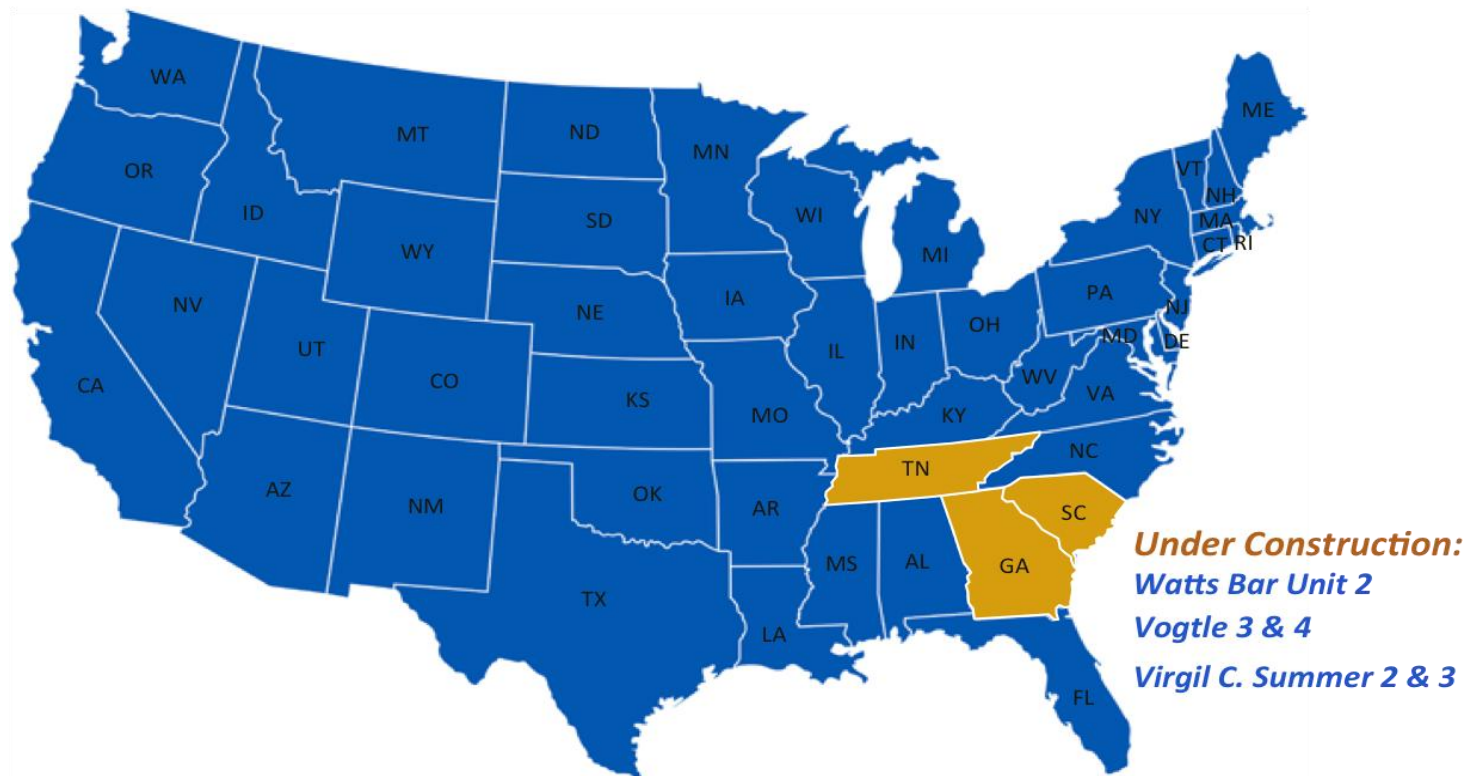
# Toolkit Elements

- **Increase Nuclear Plant Revenue/Revenue Certainty**
  - Power Contracts
  - Low-Carbon Portfolio Standard
  - Carbon Tax
  - Nuclear Portfolio Standard
  - Clean Air Portfolio Standard
- **Public Hearings/Meetings**
- **Clean Power Plan Implementation**
- **Industry Consolidation**
- **Public/Government Ownership**
- **Lower Costs**
- **Capacity Markets**
- **Electricity Markets**
- **Return to Economic Regulation**
- **Others**

# Outlook on New Construction




# Five New Units Under Construction



Source: NEI - Nuclear Units Under Construction Worldwide

# Challenges to New Construction

- High capital costs (\$8-12 billion)
  - Used fuel issues
  - Availability of nuclear qualified components
  - Availability of skilled personnel
  - Lengthy licensing and construction schedule
  - Cost and schedule performance
  - Public concerns/misunderstandings
  - Price/availability of natural gas
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# Advanced Nuclear Technologies

## ▶ Opportunities

- ❑ Highly Efficient Technologies
- ❑ New Instrumentation and Control Strategies
- ❑ Modular Construction
- ❑ Preapproved Sites
- ❑ Dramatically Reducing Waste Production
- ❑ Proliferation Resistant
- ❑ New Markets

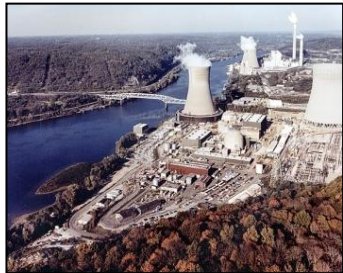
## ▶ Challenges

- ❑ Different Operations and Industry Comfort?
- ❑ New Licensing Strategies/Requirements?
- ❑ Inexperience with New Technologies?
  - ❑ Industry?
  - ❑ Regulator?
  - ❑ Workforce?
- ❑ Turning the Economy of Scale on it's Head?

# Evolution of Nuclear Power

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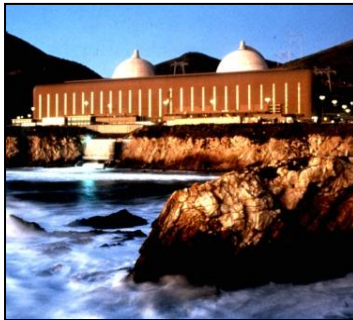
### Early Prototype Reactors



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- Dresden
- Fermi I
- Magnox

## Generation II

### Commercial Power Reactors



- LWR-PWR, BWR
- CANDU
- VVER/RBMK

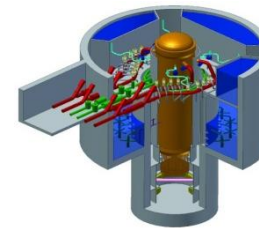
## Generation III

### Advanced LWRs



- ABWR
- System 80+
- AP600
- EPR

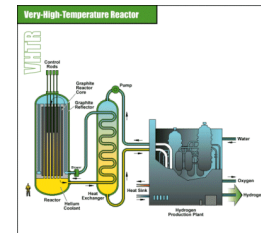
## Generation III+



### Near-Term Deployment

- AP1000
- PBMR
- SWR-1000
- ABWR-II

### Evolutionary Improved Economics



- Highly Economical
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- Minimal Waste
- Proliferation Resistant

Gen I

Gen II

Gen III

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Gen IV

1950

1960

1970

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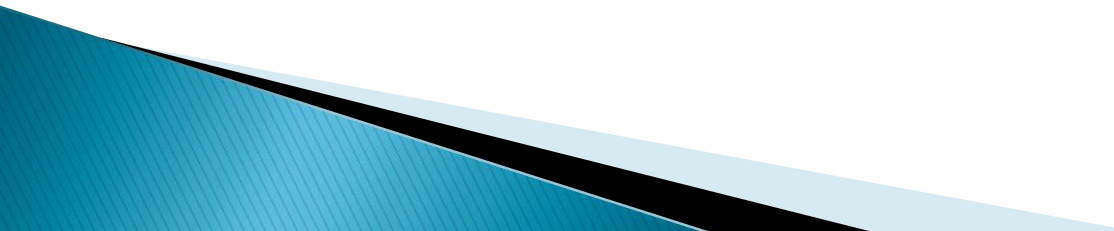
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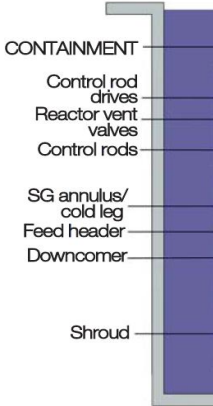
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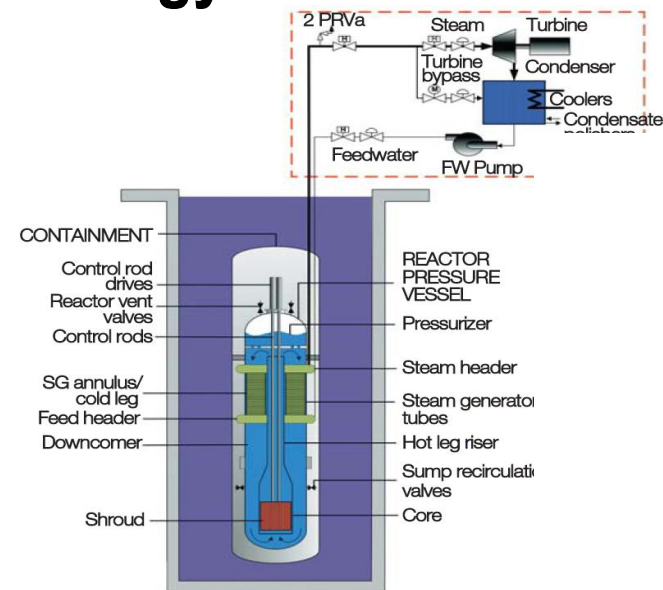
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# Small Modular Reactors

- Small Modular Reactors (SMRs) are being developed for deployment around the world
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  - Domestic market focused on replacement of 600+ smaller, aging coal fired plants
  - Export market focused on emerging economies with smaller grids

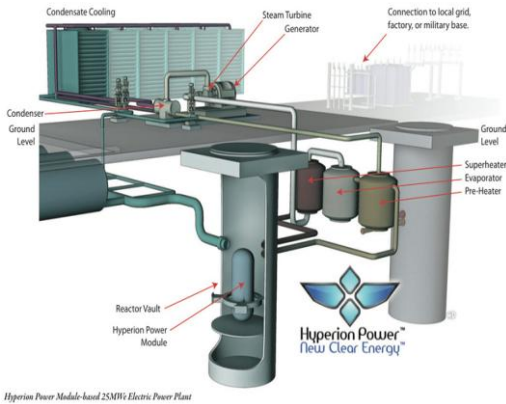
# Benefits of SMRs

- **SMRs potential for changing social and energy supply paradigms is compelling**
    - ▶ **Jobs**
    - ▶ **US goods and services**
    - ▶ **National Security and energy policy**
    - ▶ **Climate change benefits**
    - ▶ **Complement large reactor programs**
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- The diagram shows a vertical cross-section of a reactor core. From top to bottom, the components are labeled: CONTAINMENT (the outermost structure), Control rod drives, Reactor vent valves, Control rods, SG annulus/cold leg, Feed header, Downcomer, and Shroud (the innermost structure). The central region is shaded in a darker blue, while the surrounding structures are in a lighter blue.
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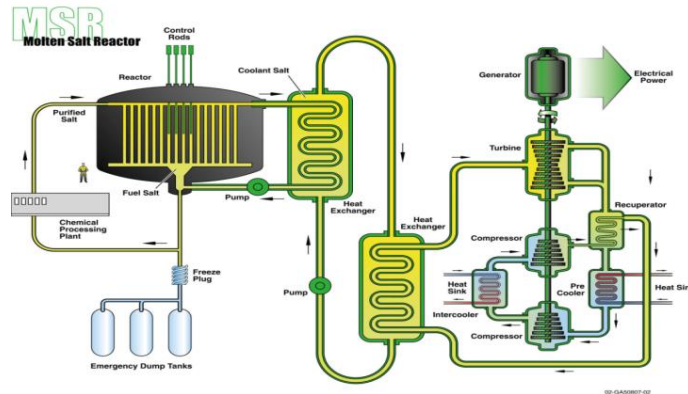
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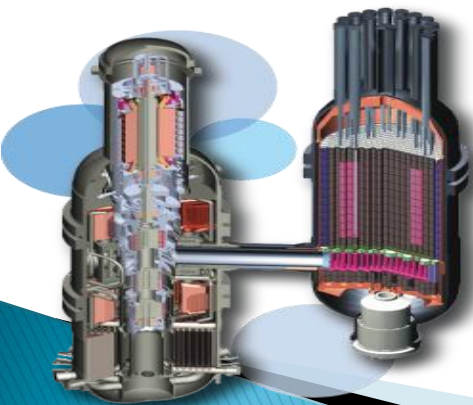
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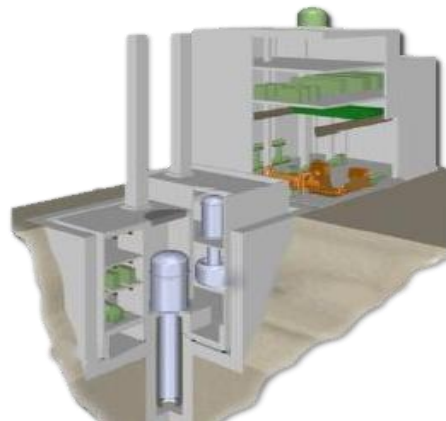
**Molten Salt Reactor**



**KLT-40 Icebreaker Reactor  
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**General Atomics MHR**



**Toshiba 4S (10 to 50 MWe) Sodium-cooled**



**PBMR (165 MWe)**

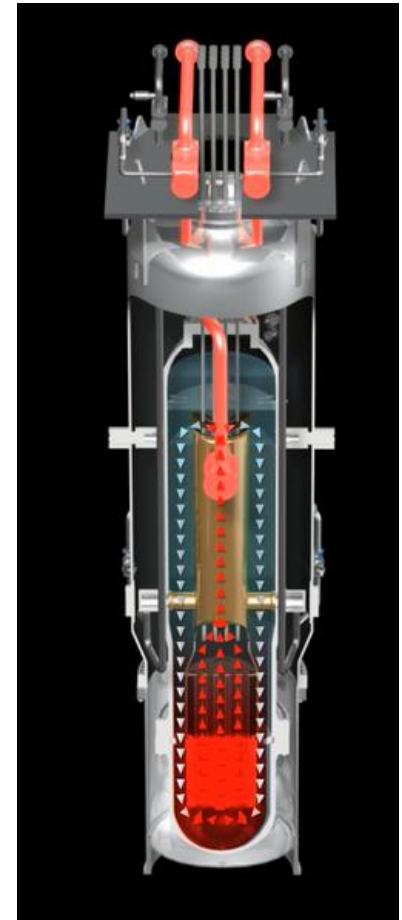
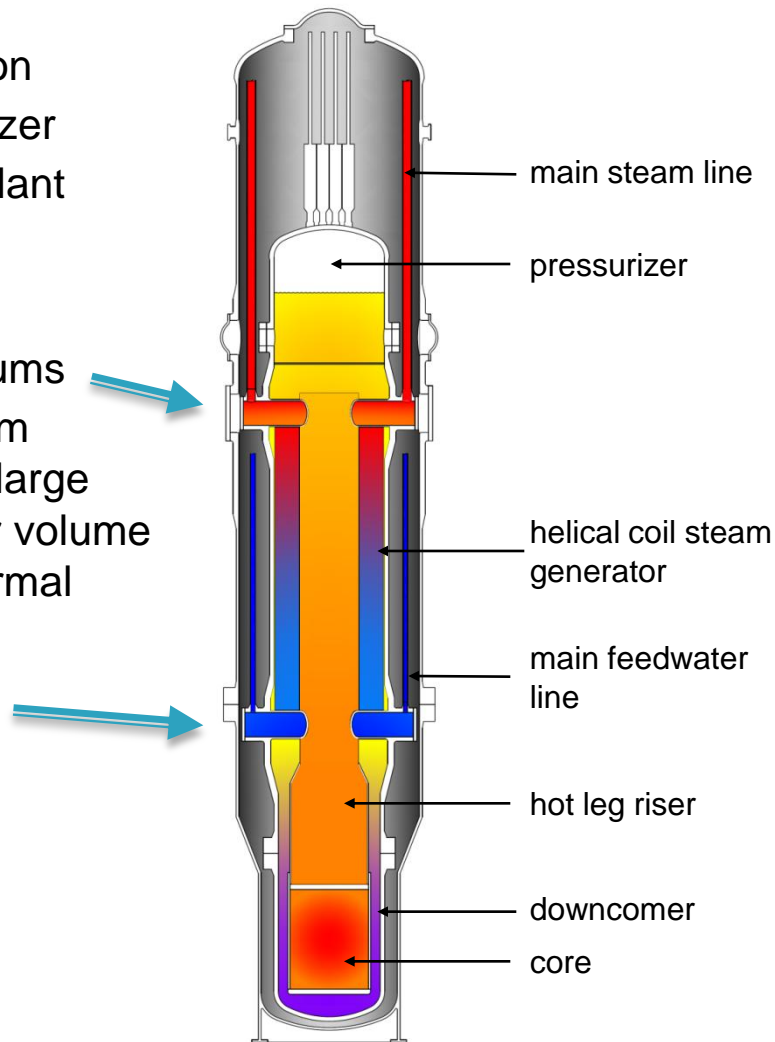
# NuScale Reactor Design Features

- Primary side

- Natural circulation
- Integral pressurizer
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- Secondary side

- Feedwater plenums
- Two helical steam generators with large surface area per volume to maximize thermal efficiency
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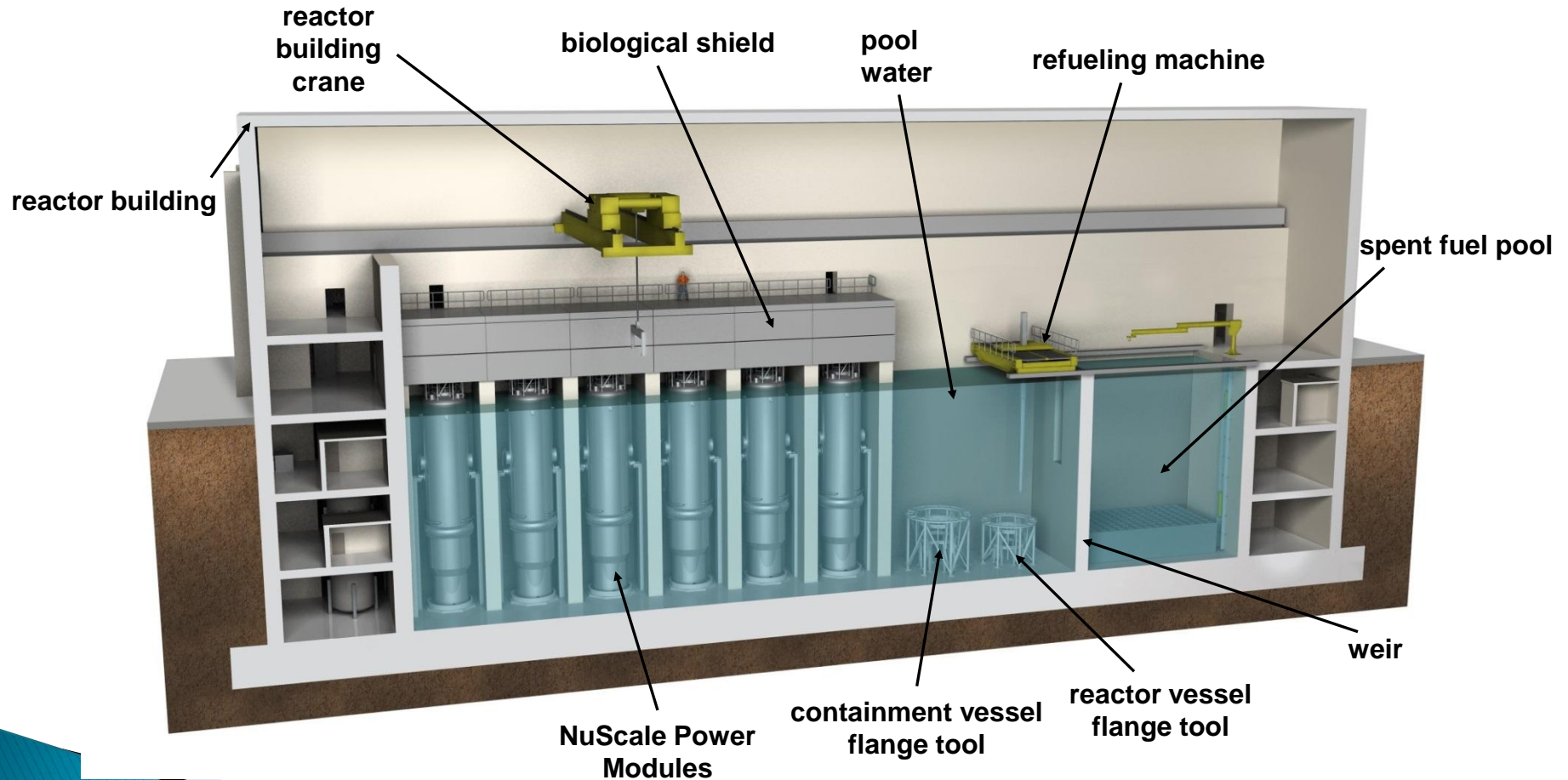


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# Reactor Building Cross-Section

Reactor building houses reactor modules, fuel pool, and reactor pool





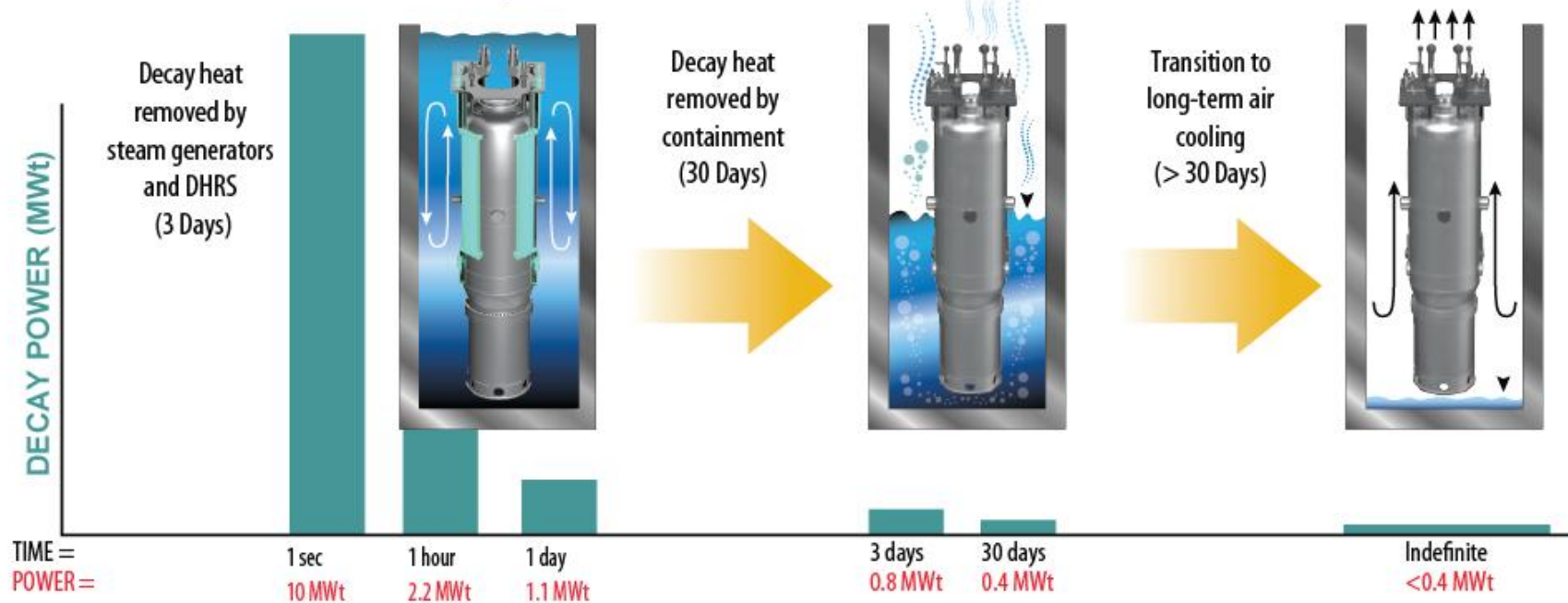
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Reactor and nuclear fuel cooled indefinitely without pumps or power



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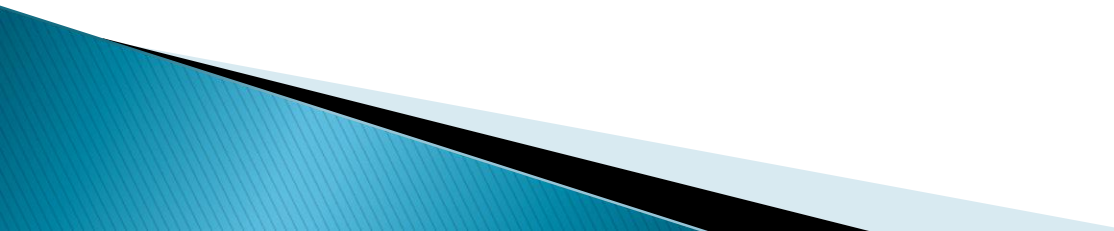


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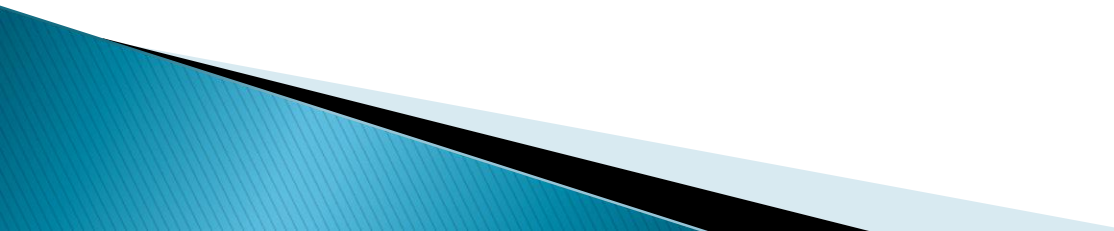
# NuScale Integral System Test Facility @ Oregon State University



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    - ❑ US Department of Energy
    - ❑ International Development
    - ❑ Large Companies – Private Investments
    - ❑ Startup Companies – Venture Capital
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# Advanced Reactor Missions

- ❑ Process heat applications including cogeneration
  - ❑ Actinide management to extend fuel resource utilization
  - ❑ Reduce the nuclear waste burden
  - ❑ Integration of with intermittent energy sources for reliable energy systems
    - ❑ Hybrid Energy Systems
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# Technology Innovations

- ❑ Reduction of capital cost and improvement of thermal energy conversion
- ❑ Incorporation of passive safety features
- ❑ Advanced fuels
  - ❑ Dissolved
  - ❑ Particle
  - ❑ Metallic
  - ❑ Ceramic
- ❑ Cladding innovations enabling high burnup, extensive actinide destruction, and enhanced accident tolerance
- ❑ Advanced power conversion systems (Brayton, supercritical CO<sub>2</sub>) to improve overall energy conversion efficiency and reduce water usage

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## ▶ High Temperature Gas Reactors

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▶ General Atomics <http://www.ga.com/energy-multiplier-module>

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▶ Hybrid Power Technologies  
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▶ Transatomic Power  
<http://www.transatomicpower.com/>

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▶ Terrestrial Energy  
<http://terrestrialenergy.com/>

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▶ Oklo (formerly UPower)  
<http://oklo.com/>

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## Liquid Metal Reactors

TerraPower <http://terrapower.com/>

General Electric <http://gehitachiprism.com/>

Advanced Reactor Concepts  
<http://www.arcnuclear.com>

Gen4 Energy <http://www.gen4energy.com/>

Westinghouse  
<http://www.westinghousenuclear.com/>

## Fusion Reactors

Helion Energy <http://www.helionenergy.com/>

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# Gateway for Accelerated Innovation in Nuclear (GAIN)



- ❑ New DOE–NE approach
- ❑ Provide the nuclear community with access to the technical, regulatory, and financial support necessary to move innovative nuclear energy technologies toward commercialization
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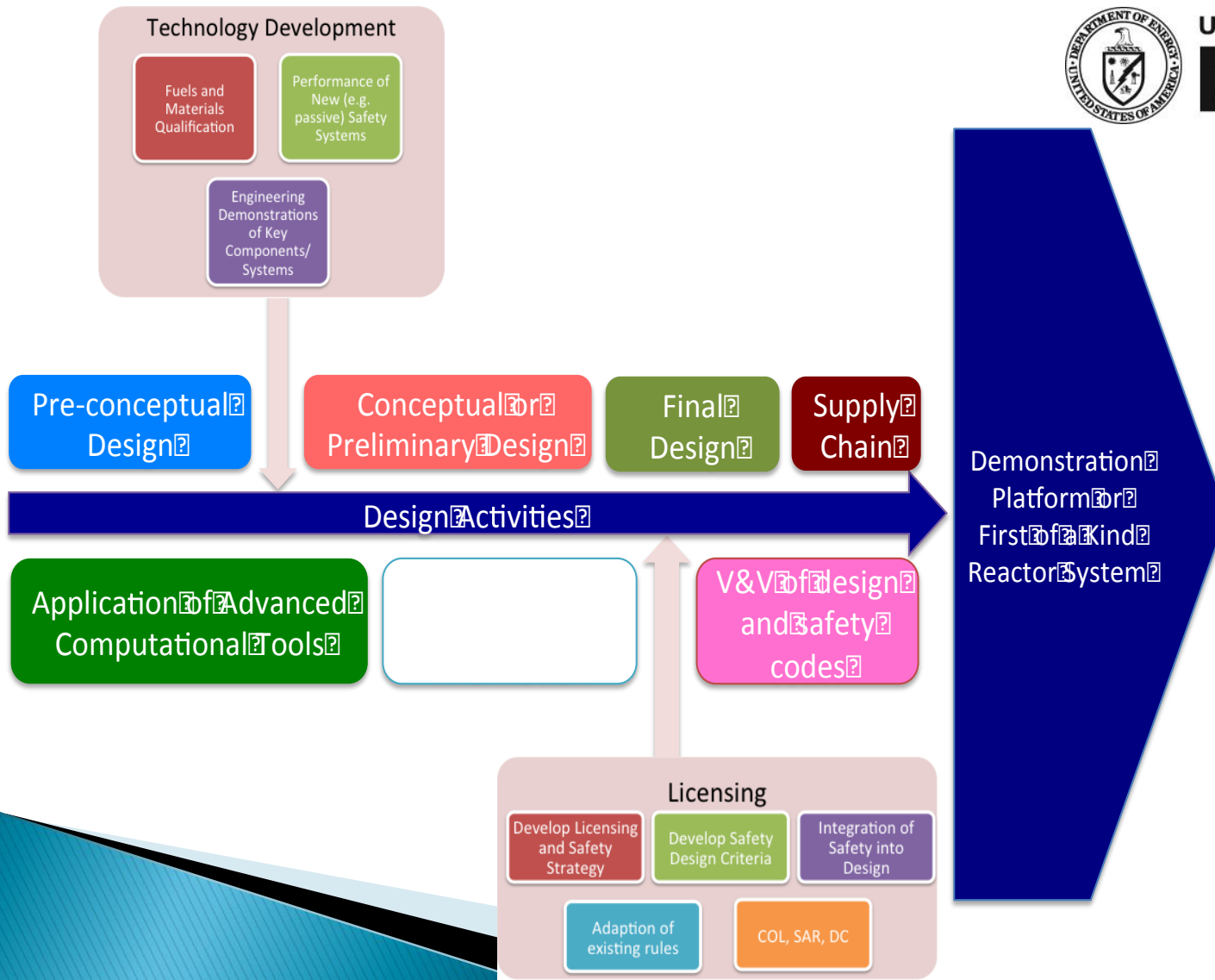
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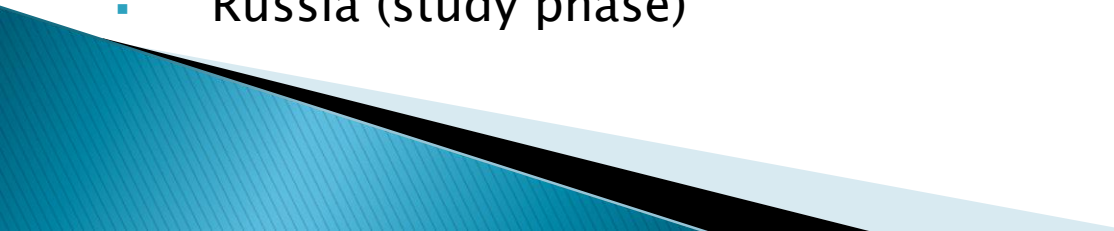
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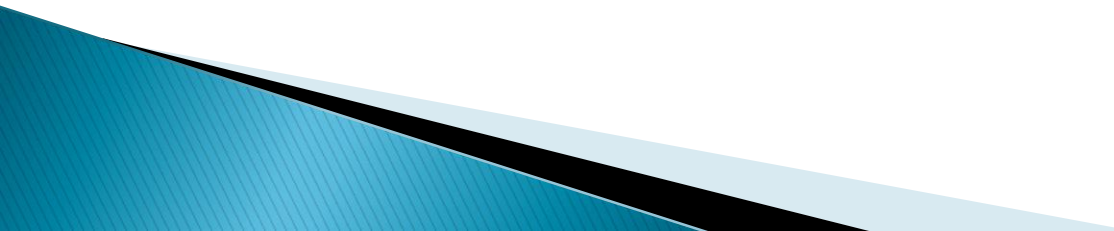
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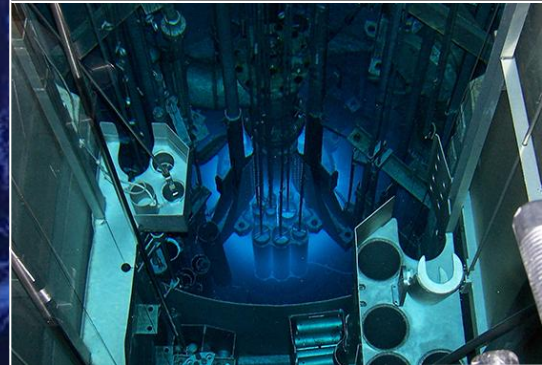
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