

**TANDEM Technical workshop on Modelling  
and optimization tools to assess hybrid energy  
systems integrating nuclear reactors**

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**“Status of Design and  
Technology Development of  
Advanced Reactors, including  
SMRs, and their  
Applications”**

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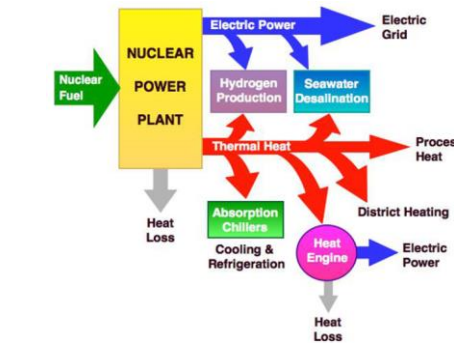
Advanced Water-Cooled Reactors



SMRs



Advanced Technology for Fast Reactors



Non-Electric Applications



Fusion Technology



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# OUTLINE



**Energy outlook and role of Nuclear**



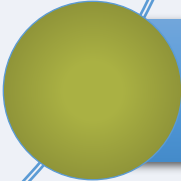
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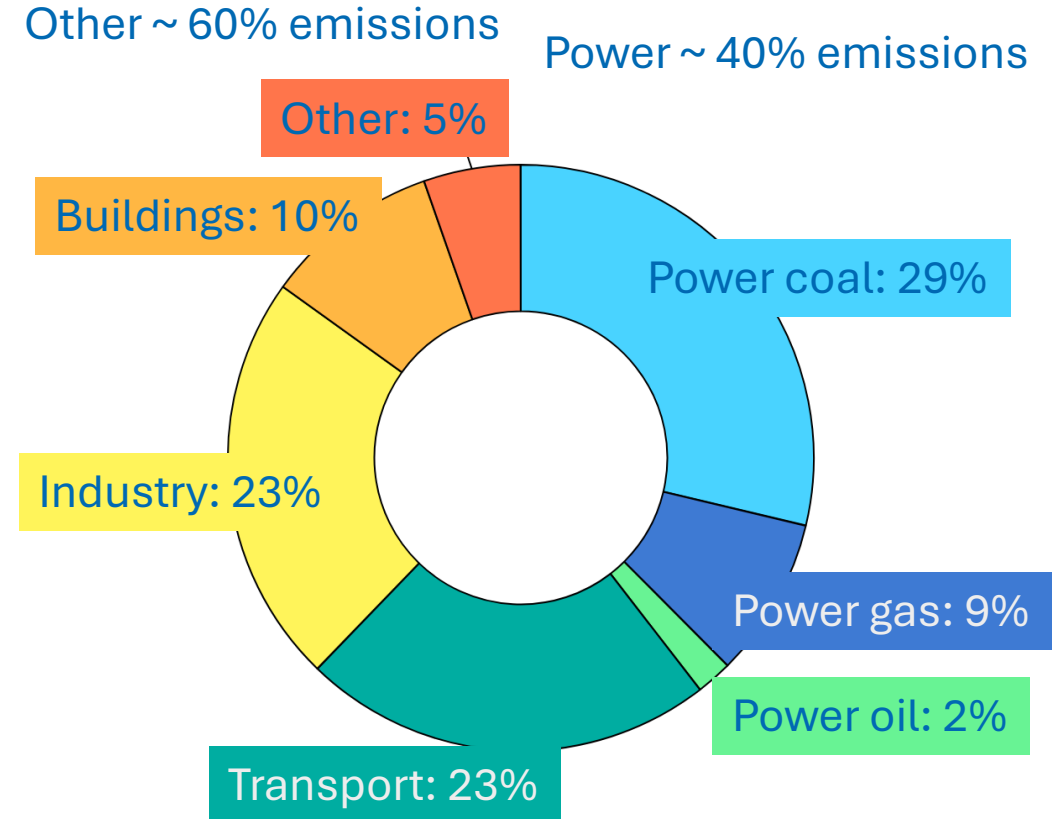
**Highlights of available IAEA resources**



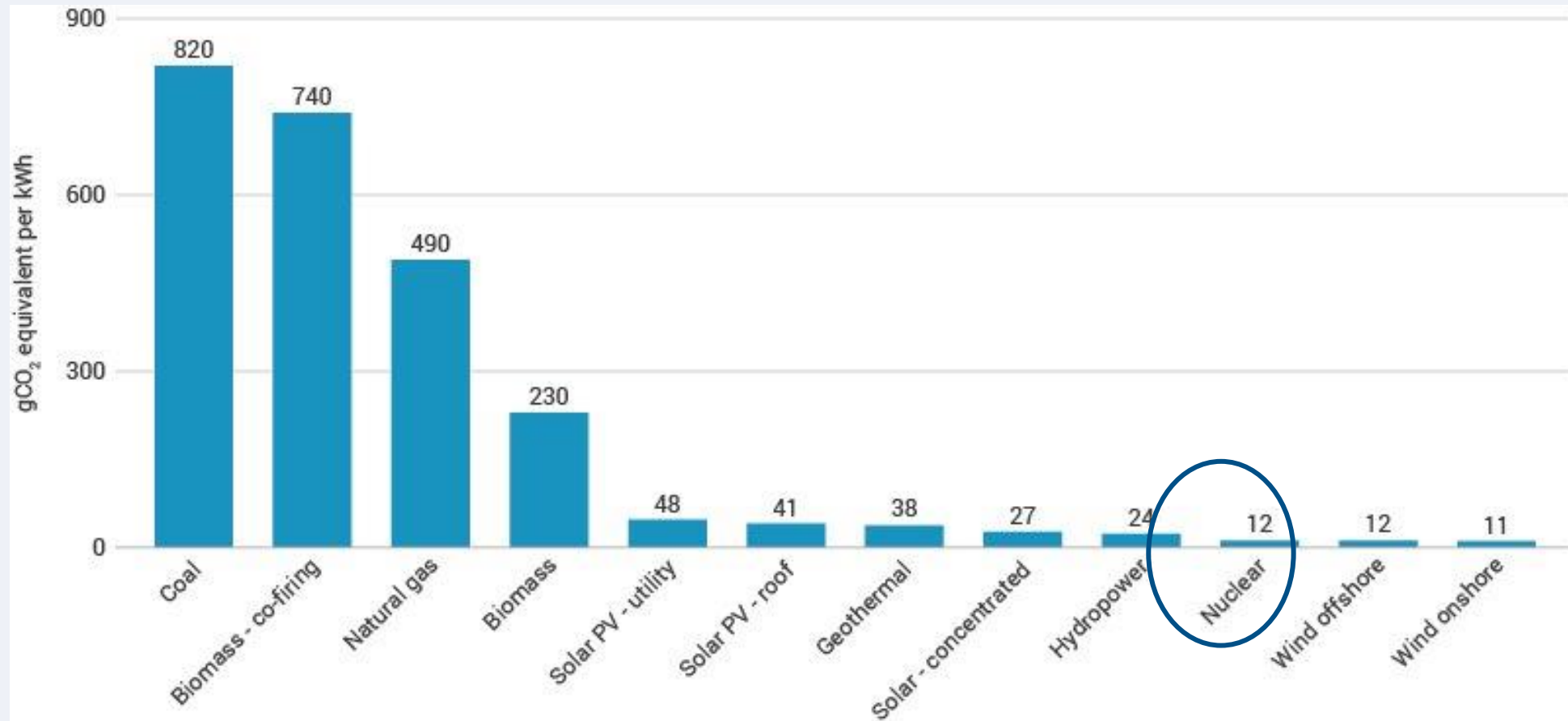
**Summary**

# Towards Net-zero Emissions

- Decarbonising **the power sector** will not be sufficient to reach climate goals
- Need to decarbonize other sectors, representing 60% of emissions
  - **Electrification** whenever possible: increased demand for clean electricity
  - **Low Carbon heat sources**
  - **Low Carbon fuels**, including hydrogen, produced from clean electricity



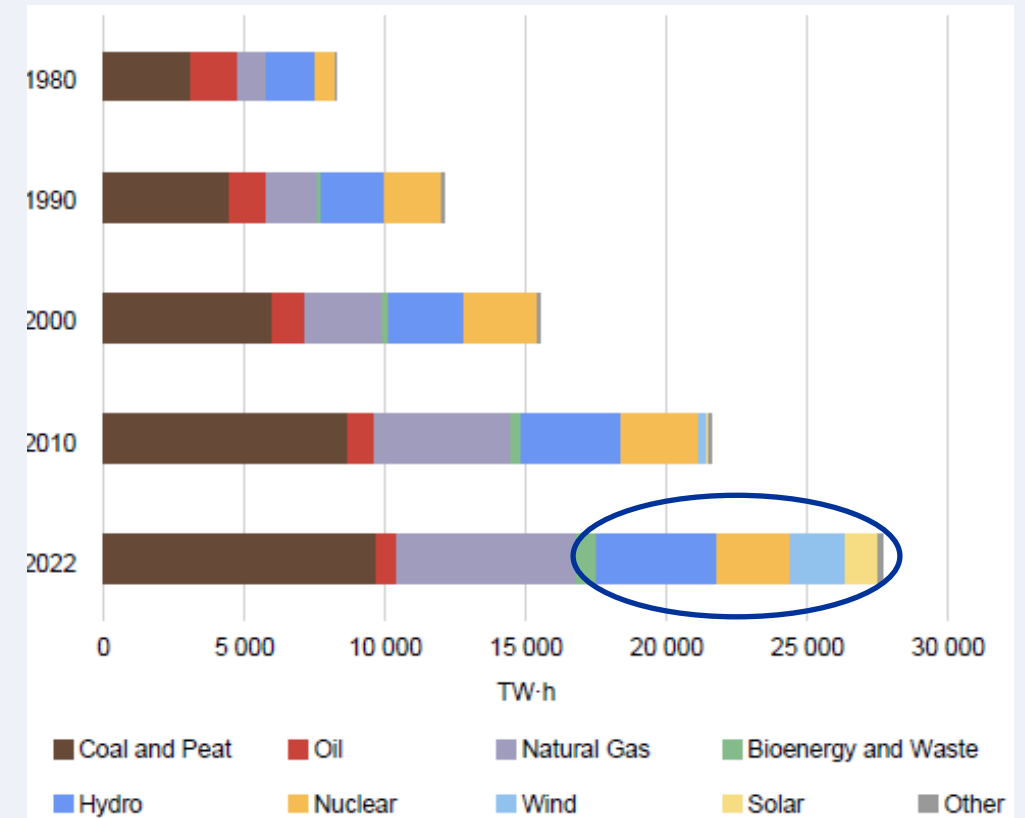
# Life Cycle CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from various primary energy sources



Average life-cycle carbon dioxide-equivalent emissions for different electricity generators, IPCC

# World Electricity Production by Energy Source

- **Final energy consumption** from electricity: 20% (2022), 30% (2050)
- 16, 12 and 9% of **electricity** was produced by hydro, solar/wind, and **nuclear**, respectively, in 2022
- **Nuclear Power reactors**
  - 417 in operation
  - 377 GWe total installed capacity
  - 62 under construction



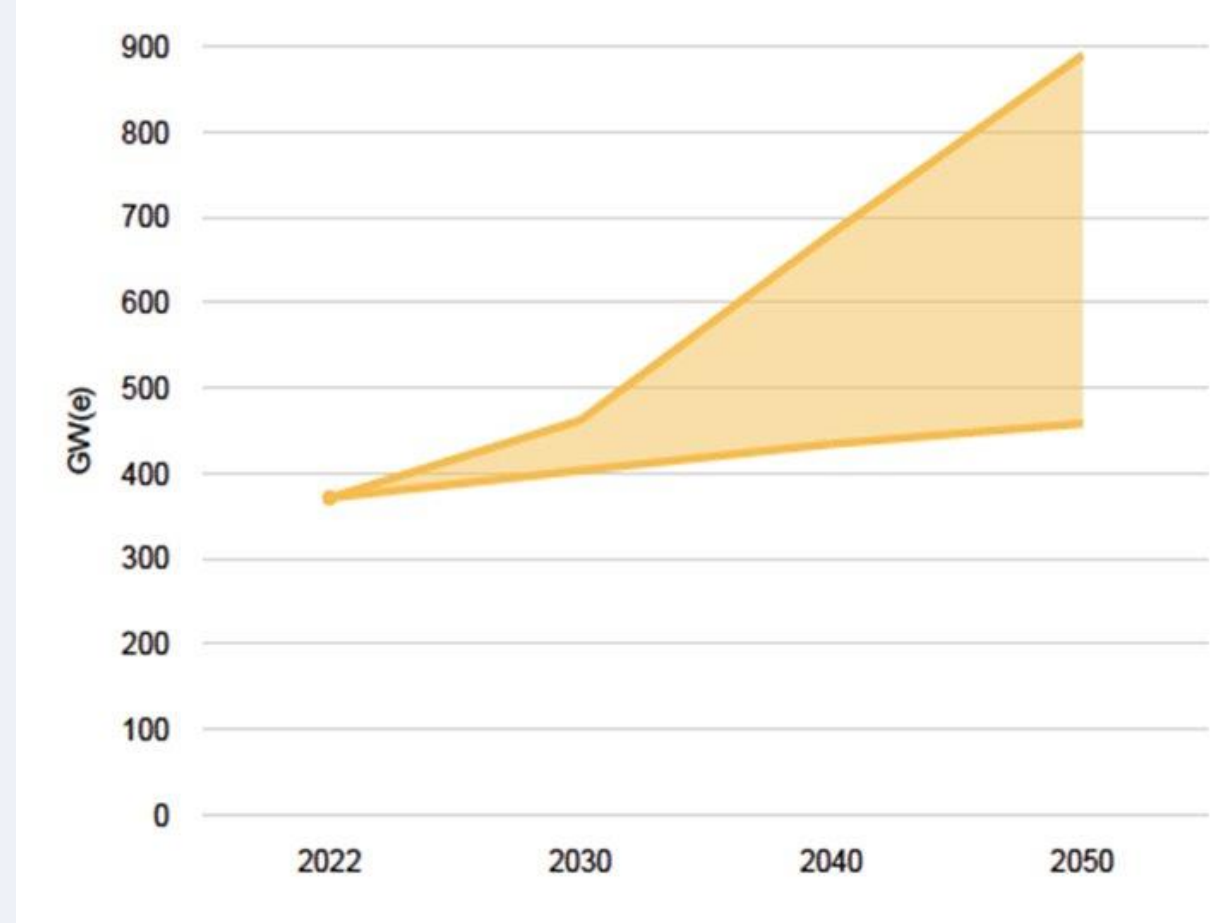
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Energy, Electricity and Nuclear Power  
Estimates for the Period up to 2050

# Expanded role of Nuclear

## Technical Innovation:

**Key to expanded role in clean energy transition and for energy security**

- **Advanced Reactors, Small Modular Reactors**
- **Non-electric Applications**
- **Integrated Energy Systems**

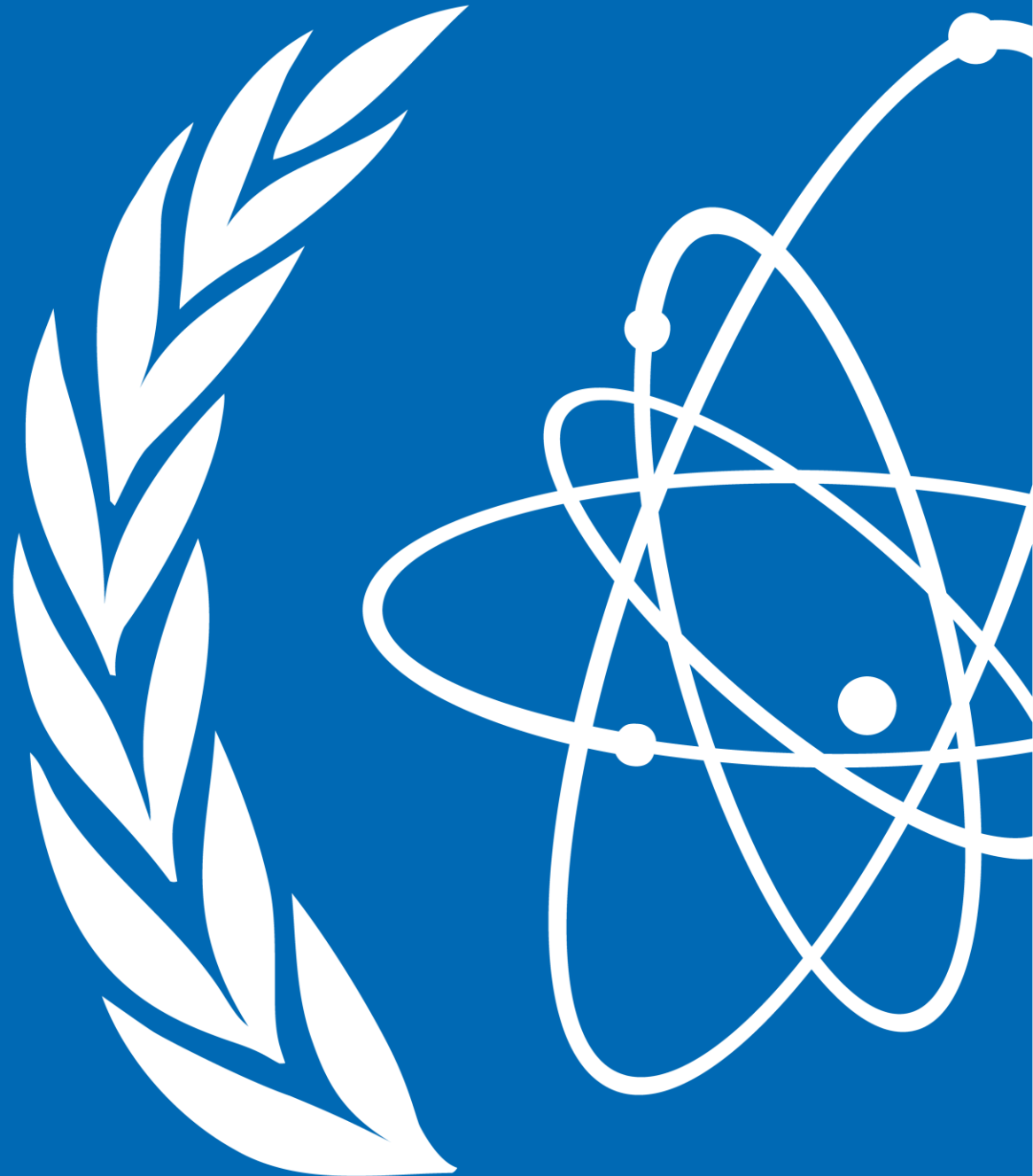


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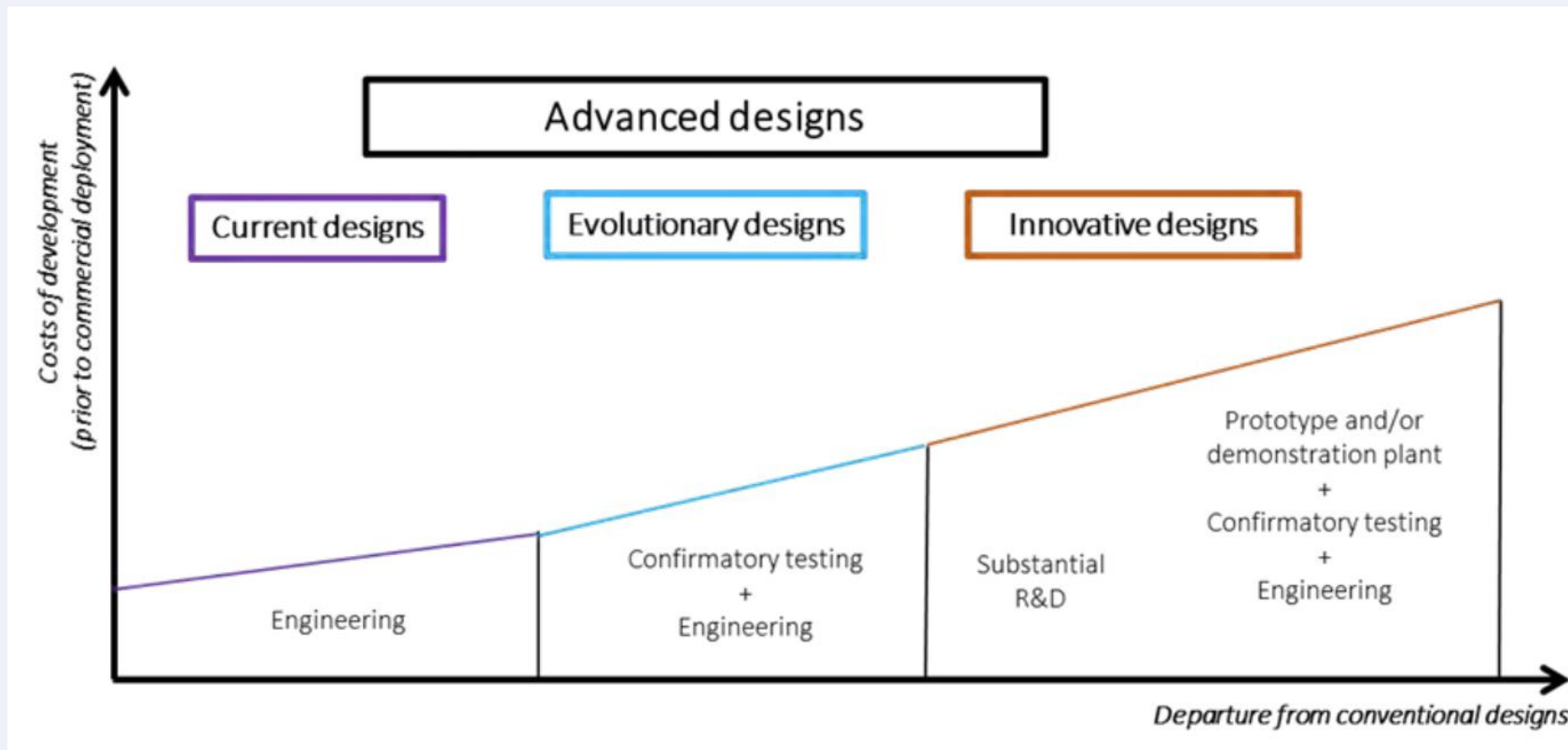
# **Advanced Reactors Outlook**

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# Advanced Reactors: Evolutionary and Innovative

- **Evolutionary Designs** - an advanced design that achieves improvements over current designs through small to moderate modifications, with a strong emphasis on maintaining proven design elements to minimize technological risks.
- **Innovative Designs** - an advanced design which incorporates conceptual changes in design approaches or system configuration in comparison with existing practice



# NPP currently in operation and Advanced reactors

 **IAEA** | **PRIS** Power Reactor Information System

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PRIS



### The Database on Nuclear Power Reactors

The Power Reactor Information System (PRIS), developed and maintained by the IAEA for over five decades, is a comprehensive database focusing on nuclear power plants worldwide. PRIS contains information on power reactors in operation, under construction, or those being... [READ MORE »](#)

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 2024: Nuclear Power Reactors in the...

 2024: Operating Experience with NPP...

 2023: Country Nuclear Power Profiles...

- [PRIS - Home \(iaea.org\)](https://www.iaea.org/pris)
- **Commercial Advanced Nuclear Power Reactors for Near Term Deployment**

# CURRENT STATUS – 16 February 2025

## CURRENT STATUS

417 NUCLEAR POWER REACTORS  
IN OPERATION

377 046 MWe TOTAL NET INSTALLED  
CAPACITY

23 NUCLEAR POWER REACTORS  
IN SUSPENDED OPERATION

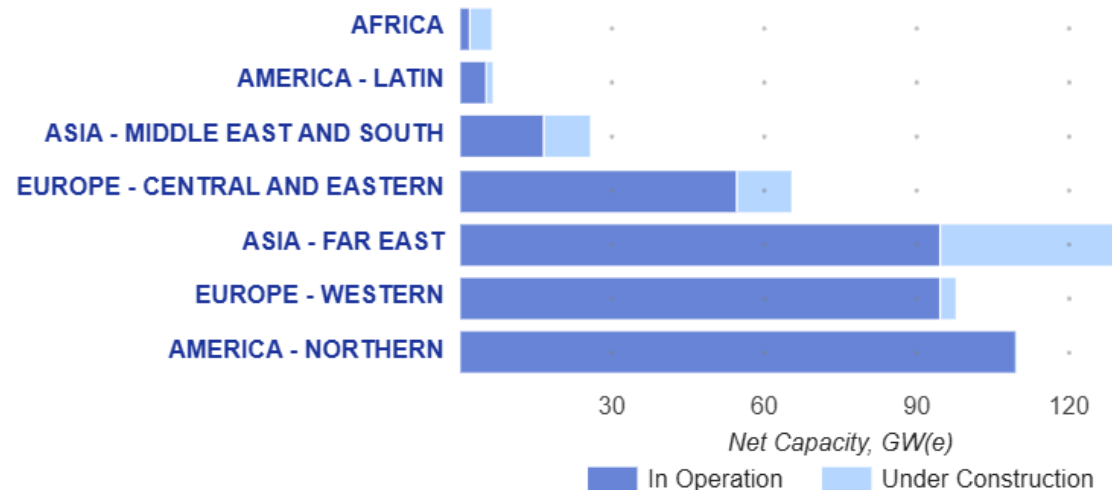
19 687 MWe TOTAL NET INSTALLED  
CAPACITY

62 NUCLEAR POWER REACTORS  
UNDER CONSTRUCTION

64 461 MWe TOTAL NET INSTALLED  
CAPACITY

20 174 REACTOR-YEARS OF  
OPERATION

## REGIONAL DISTRIBUTION OF NUCLEAR POWER CAPACITY



## Restart after suspended operations

ONAGAWA-2

(796 MW(e), BWR, JAPAN) on 15 November

SHIMANE-2

(789 MW(e), BWR, JAPAN) on 12 December

# HIGHLIGHTS of 2024

## New connections to the grid

| Nuclear Power Plants | Power and Type  | Country                  | Design / Technology    | Date        |
|----------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|------------------------|-------------|
| BARAKAH-4            | 1310 MW(e), PWR | United Arab Emirates     | APR1400 (Korea)        | 23 March    |
| FANGCHENGANG-4       | 1000 MW(e), PWR | China                    | HPR1000 (China)        | 9 April     |
| FLAMANVILLE-3        | 1630 MW(e), PWR | France                   | EPR (France)           | 21 December |
| KAKRAPAR-4           | 630 MW(e), PHWR | India                    | PHWR700 (India)        | 20 February |
| VOGTLE-4             | 1117 MW(e), PWR | United States of America | AP1000 (United States) | 6 March     |
| ZHANGZHOU-1          | 1126 MW(e), PWR | China                    | HPR1000 (China)        | 28 November |

## Construction starts

| Nuclear Power Plants | Power and Type   | Country            | Design / Technology | Date         |
|----------------------|------------------|--------------------|---------------------|--------------|
| CHASNUPP-5           | 1117 MW(e), PWR  | Pakistan           | HPR1000 (China)     | 30 December  |
| EL DABAA-4           | 1100 MW(e), PWR  | Egypt              | VVER1200 (Russia)   | 23 January   |
| LENINGRAD 2-3        | 1150 MW(e), PWR  | Russian Federation | VVER1200 (Russia)   | 14 March     |
| LIANJIANG-2          | 1224 MW(e), PWR  | China              | CAP1000 (China)     | 26 April     |
| NINGDE-5             | 1200 MW(e), PWR  | China              | HPR1000 (China)     | 28 July      |
| SHIDAOWAN-1          | 1116 MW(e), PWR, | China              | HPR1000 (China)     | 28 July      |
| XUDABU-2             | 1000 MW(e), PWR  | China              | CAP1000 (China)     | 17 July      |
| ZHANGZHOU-3          | 1129 MW(e), PWR  | China              | HPR1000 (China)     | 22 February  |
| ZHANGZHOU-4          | 1129 MW(e), PWR  | China              | HPR1000 (China)     | 27 September |

# Key Commercial Designs - 2024

## Large Light-water cooled reactors

| Countries                | Design / Technology | Rated Power (gross) | Companies, Vendors                   | User Countries                                                 |
|--------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|
| China                    | HPR1000             | 1180 MW(e)          | CNNC, CGN                            | China, Pakistan                                                |
|                          | CAP1000             | 1224 MW(e)          | SNERDI                               | China                                                          |
| France                   | EPR                 | 1660 MW(e)          | EDF                                  | France, China, Finland, and United Kingdom                     |
|                          | EPR2                | 1200 MW(e)          | EDF                                  | France                                                         |
| Japan                    | ABWR                | 1400 MW(e)          | Hitachi GE Nuclear Energy            | 5 all in Japan                                                 |
| Republic of Korea        | APR1400             | 1417 MW(e)          | Korea Hydro and Nuclear Power (KHNP) | South Korea and United Arab Emirates                           |
|                          | APR1000             | 1000 MW(e)          | KHNP                                 | South Korea and Czech Republic                                 |
| Russian Federation       | VVER1200 / VVERTOI  | 1200 MW(e)          | ROSATOM                              | Russia, China, India, Belarus, Bangladesh, Turkey, Egypt, etc. |
| United States of America | AP1000              | 1117 MW(e)          | Westinghouse                         | United States and China                                        |

# Fast Reactors in Operation & under Commissioning

| Country | Name     | Coolant | Fuel                 | Purpose      | Power (th/e) MW | Year (Op.) | Status            |
|---------|----------|---------|----------------------|--------------|-----------------|------------|-------------------|
| Russia  | BOR-60   | sodium  | UO <sub>2</sub> /MOX | experimental | 60/10           | 1969       | operating         |
|         | BN-600   | sodium  | UO <sub>2</sub>      | prototype    | 1470/600        | 1980       | operating         |
|         | BN-800   | sodium  | UO <sub>2</sub> /MOX | commercial   | 2100/880        | 2015       | operating         |
| China   | CEFR     | sodium  | UO <sub>2</sub>      | experimental | 65/20           | 2011       | operating         |
|         | CFR600-1 | sodium  | UO <sub>2</sub> /?   | prototype    | 1500/600        | ~2024      | commissioning     |
| India   | FBTR     | sodium  | (Pu,U)C              | experimental | 40/13           | 1985       | operating         |
|         | PFBR     | sodium  | MOX                  | prototype    | 1250/500        | ~2024      | commissioning     |
| Japan   | JOYO     | sodium  | UO <sub>2</sub> /MOX | experimental | 150/--          | 1978       | lic renew (2024?) |



BN-600  
Russia, 1980



BN-800  
Russia, 2015



CEFR, 20 MW(e)  
China, 2011



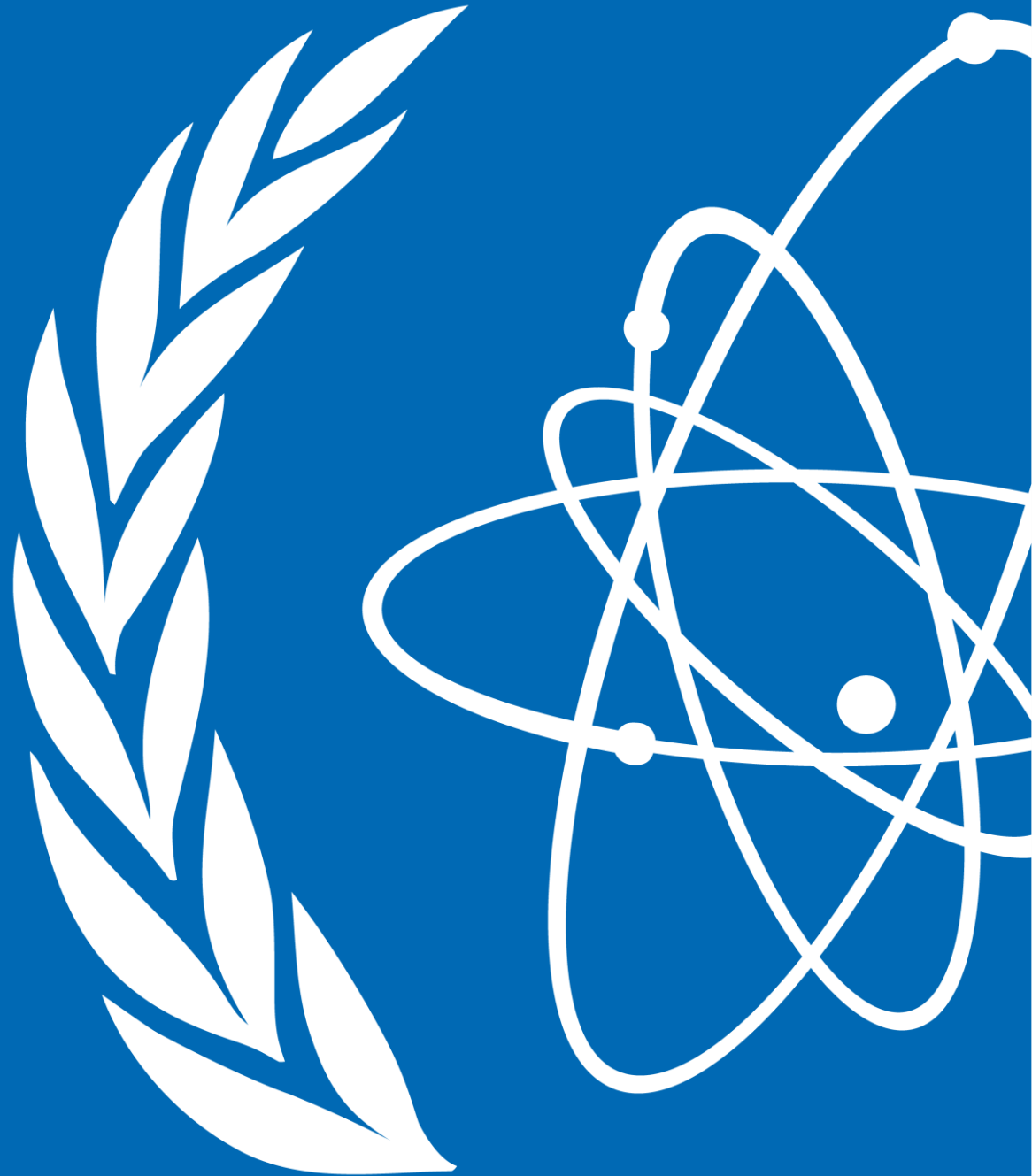
FBTR, 13 MW(e)  
India, 1985



PFBR, 500 MW(e)  
India, 2024

# **SMR and Applications**

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# Small Modular Reactors

**Advanced Reactors** that produce typically **up to 300 MWe**, built in factories and transported as **Modules** to sites for installation as demand arises.



**LARGE, CONVENTIONAL REACTOR**  
700+ MW(e)



**SMALL MODULAR REACTOR**  
Up to 300 MW(e)



**MICROREACTOR**  
Up to ~10 MW(e)

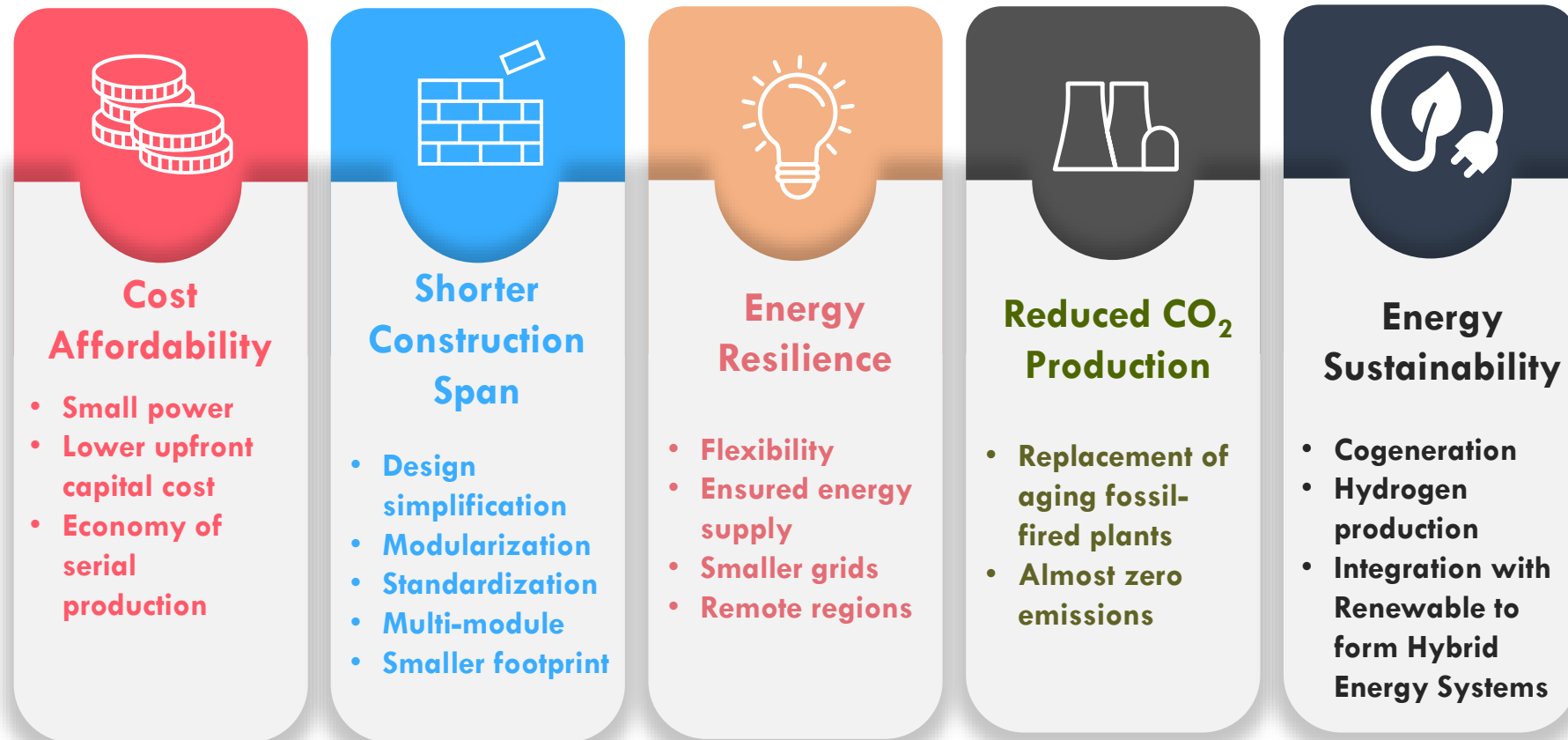
**Small:** in size,  
compared to  
traditional reactors.

**Modular:** factory-  
manufactured,  
installed onsite.

**Reactor:** energy  
generation via nuclear  
fission.

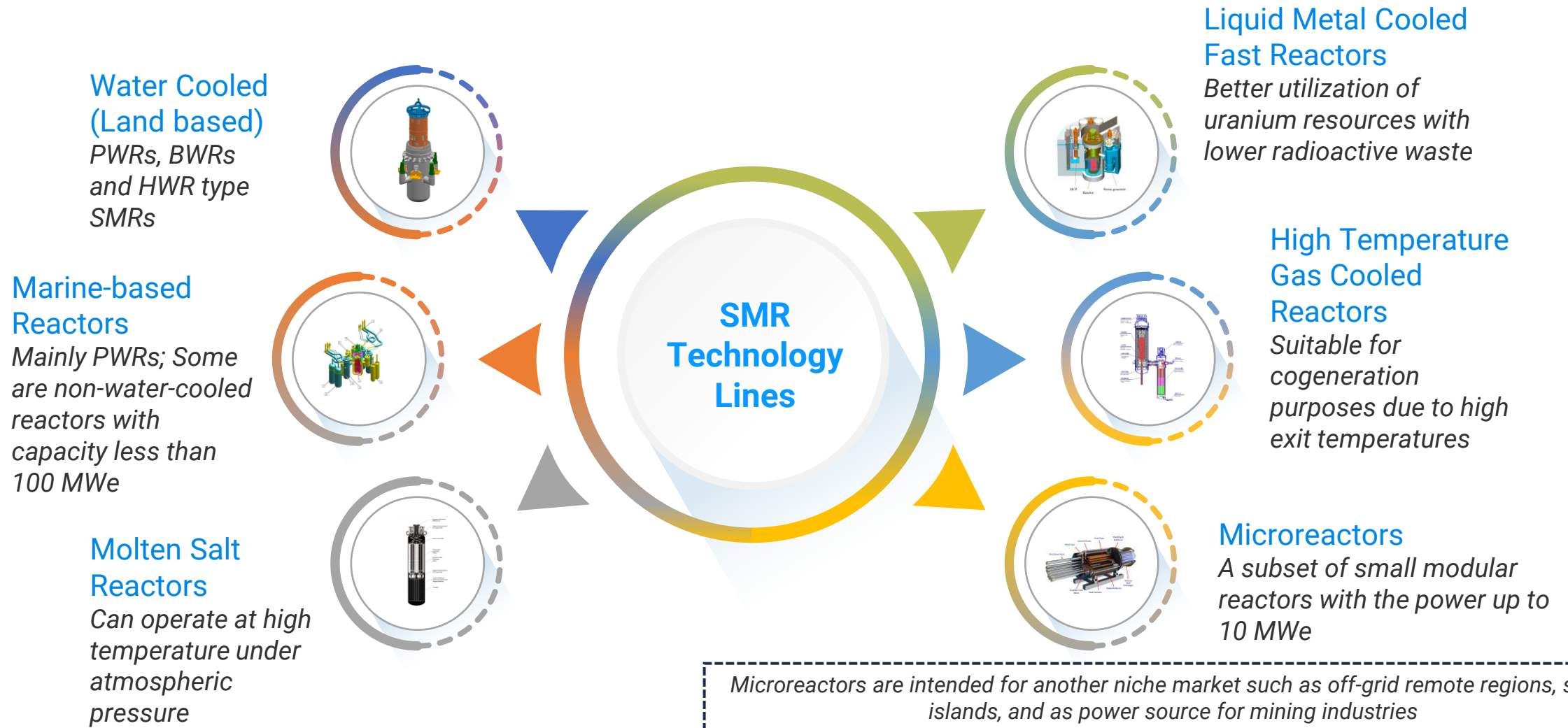


# SMR Key Attributes and Driving Factors



**Small Modular Reactors** are designed and developed to be versatile with enhanced safety and reduced waste.

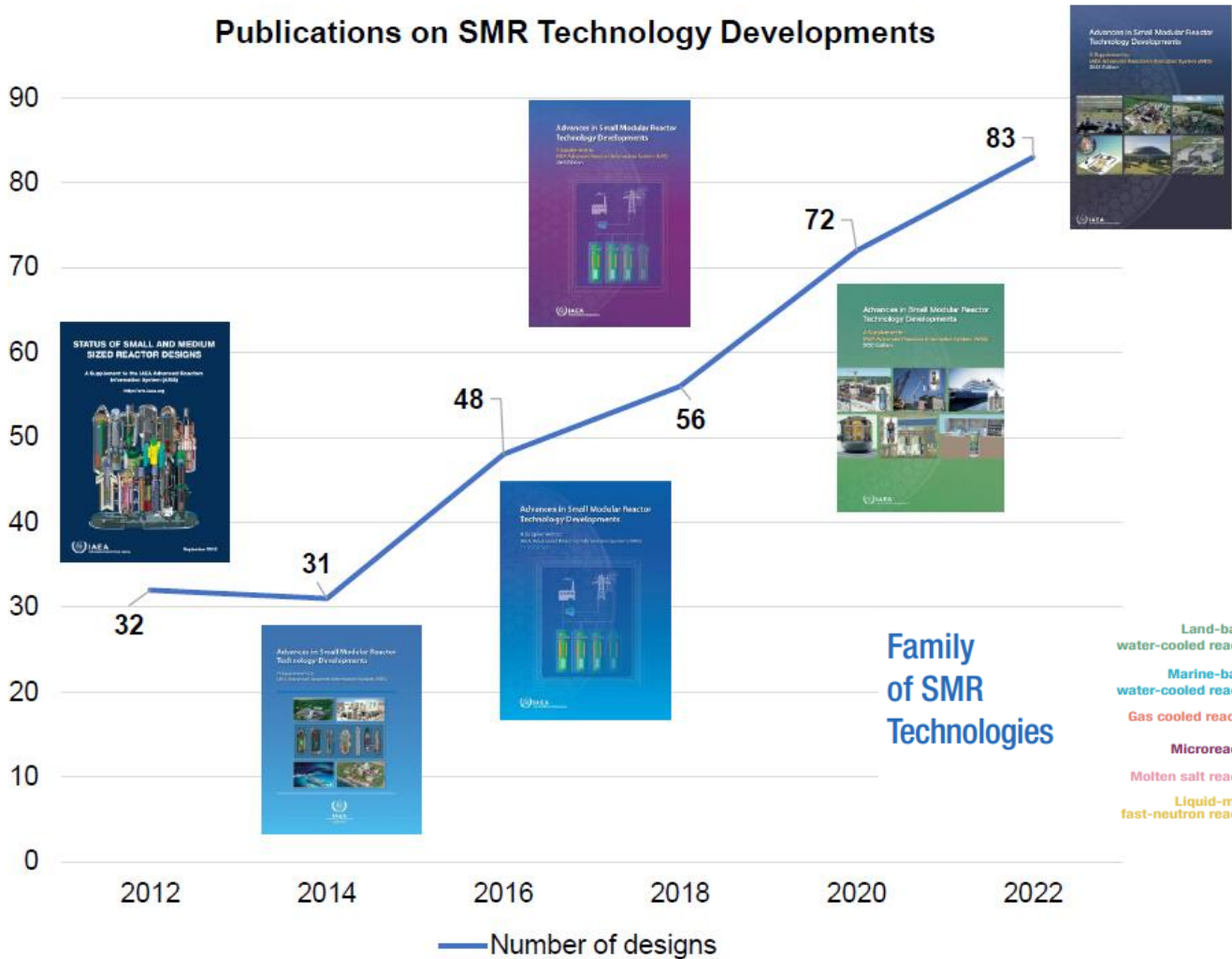
# Technology Categorization



More than 90 SMR Technology Developers in 18 Member States

# Growing Interest in SMRs

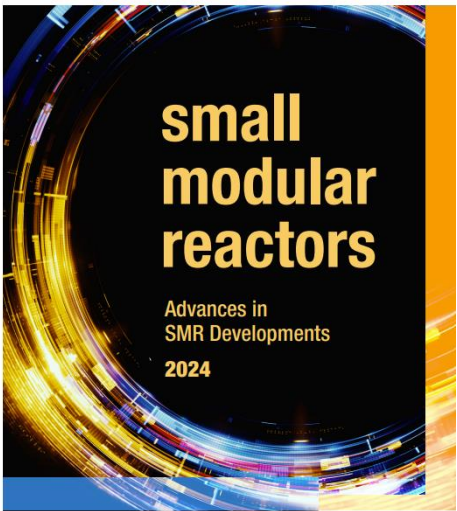
## Comprehensive Collections of Designs



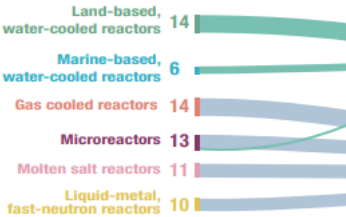
2022 - Number of SMR designs under development: 83

### 83 Designs

- Land-based Light Water: 27
- Maritime reactors: 8
- High Temperature Gas: 22
- Molten Salt: 14
- Liquid Metal: 12

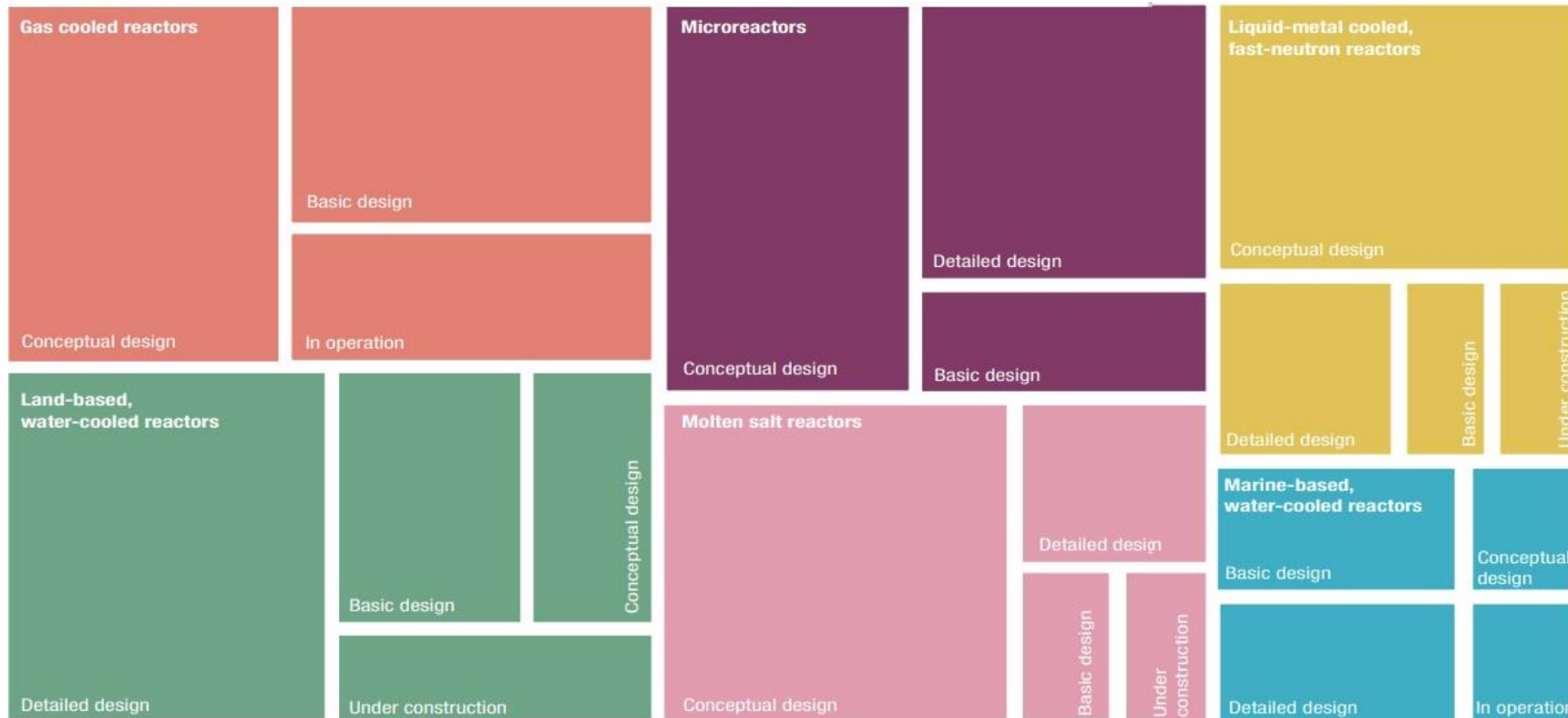
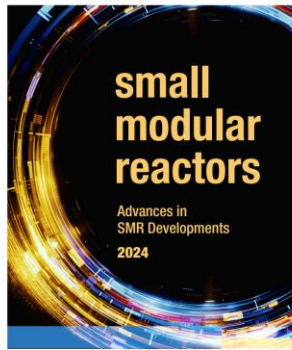


INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON SMALL MODULAR REACTORS AND THEIR APPLICATIONS  
21-25 OCTOBER 2024



# Recent SMR Highlights

*Small Modular Reactors* are advanced nuclear reactors with typical power up to 300 MW(e) of major lines of technology; whose systems and structures can be modularized in factory setting to shorten construction schedule thus reduce cost.



Status of Development  
of Active SMR Designs

- Land-based, water-cooled reactors
- Marine-based, water-cooled reactors
- Gas cooled reactors
- Liquid-metal, fast-neutron reactors
- Molten salt reactors
- Microreactors

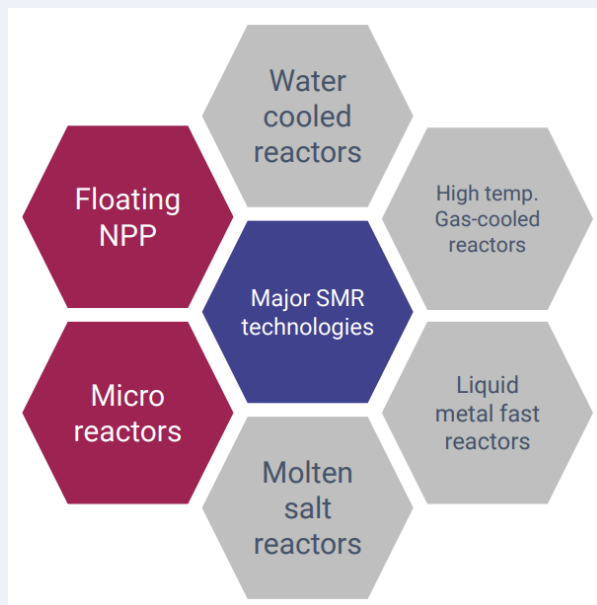
**In Operation = 2 units (+2 research/prototypes)**

**Under Construction = 4 units**

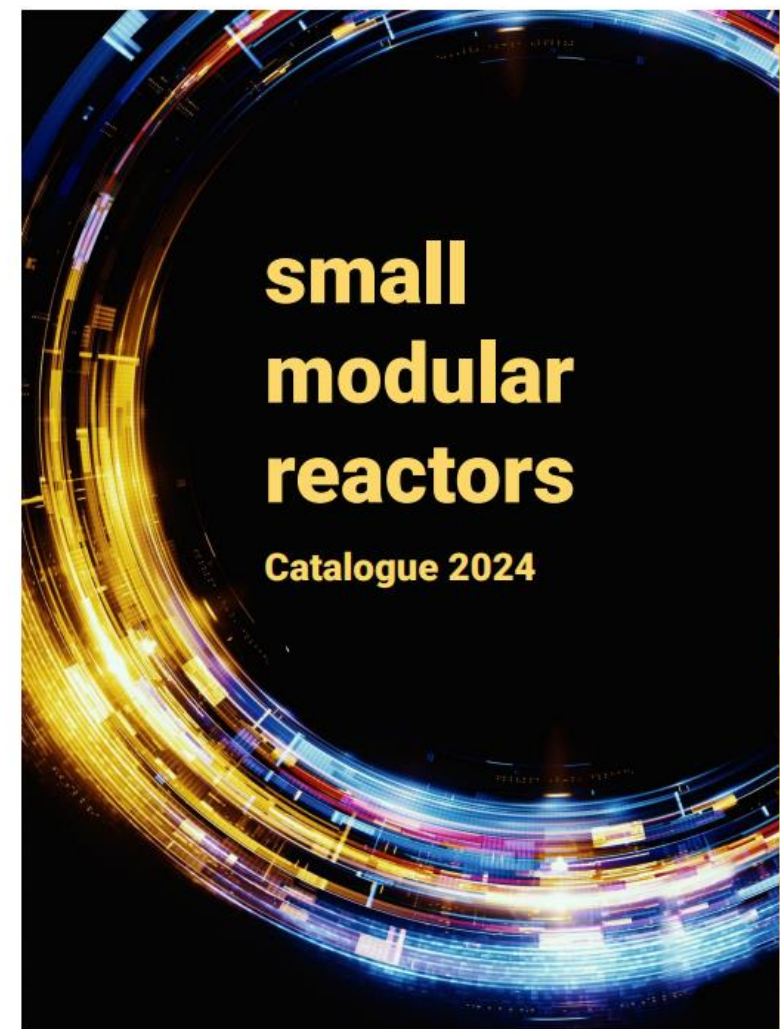
**Basic/detailed design stage = 32 designs**

**Conceptual design stage = 28 designs**

# ARIS SMR Catalogue 2024



- **Available for download from this link:**  
[https://aris.iaea.org/publications/SMR\\_catalogue\\_2024.pdf](https://aris.iaea.org/publications/SMR_catalogue_2024.pdf)
- A supplement to ARIS Database, published biannually since 2012 with the objective to provide Member States with a concise overview of the latest status of SMR designs.
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- For the 2024 SMR Catalogue, although close to 100 designs could have been listed, only active designs with demonstrated sustained development were reported in the catalogue.



# SMRs details captures in ARIS

## ADVANCED REACTOR INFORMATION SYSTEM

The Advanced Reactor Information System (ARIS) database is designed and maintained by the IAEA and contains design descriptions of evolutionary and innovative nuclear reactors

Explore →

### 57 Designs from 15 Countries

- Land based water cooled 14
- Marine based 2
- High Temperature Gas Cooled 10
- Liquid Metal Cooled FR 16
- Molten Salt 9
- Microreactors 6



ARIS DB, 12 August 2024

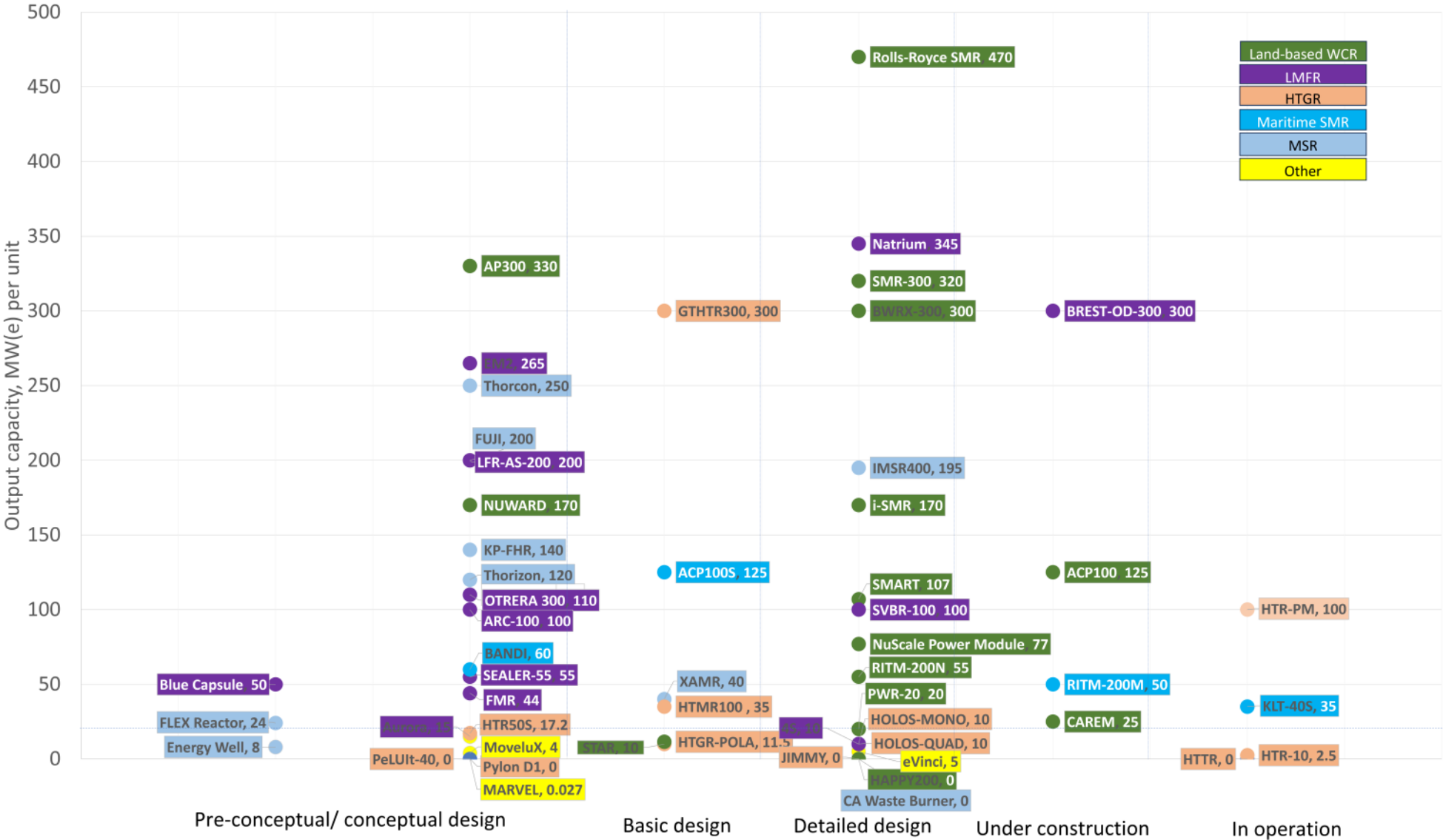
# Key Commercial Designs - 2024

## Small Modular Reactors

| Countries                | Design / Technology | Rated Power (gross) | Companies, Vendors        | User Countries                                                                                           |
|--------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| China                    | HTR-PM              | 200 MW(e)           | INET                      | China<br>in operation                                                                                    |
|                          | ACP100              | 125 MW(e)           | CNNC/NPIC/CNPE            | China<br>under construction                                                                              |
| France                   | NUWARD              | 2 x 170 MW(e)       | EDF                       | France, under development, status unclear                                                                |
| Republic of Korea        | iSMR                | 170 MW(e)           | i-SMR Agency              | South Korea, under development                                                                           |
| Russian Federation       | RITM-200            | 55 MW(e)            | ROSATOM                   | Russian Federation, 6 units ordered by Uzbekistan, 6 units in operation in icebreakers                   |
| United States of America | VOYGR               | 6 x 77 MW(e)        | NuScale Power Inc.        | United States and potentially for Romania                                                                |
|                          | BWRX-300            | 300 MW(e)           | GE Hitachi Nuclear Energy | Under licensing for Canada OPG Darlington site                                                           |
|                          | Xe-100              | 80 MW(e)            | X-Energy                  | Construction permit to be submitted to NRC for a 4-unit 320MWe with Dow at Seadrift, Texas (2026 – 2030) |
|                          | KP-FHR              | 140 MW(e)           | Kairos Power              | 2024 Construction begins on the Hermes demonstration reactor in Oak Ridge, Tennessee                     |
|                          | SMR-300             | 300 MW(e)           | Holtec International      | Under licensing in the U.S.                                                                              |
|                          | AP300               | 300 MW(e)           | Westinghouse              | Under development in the U.S.                                                                            |

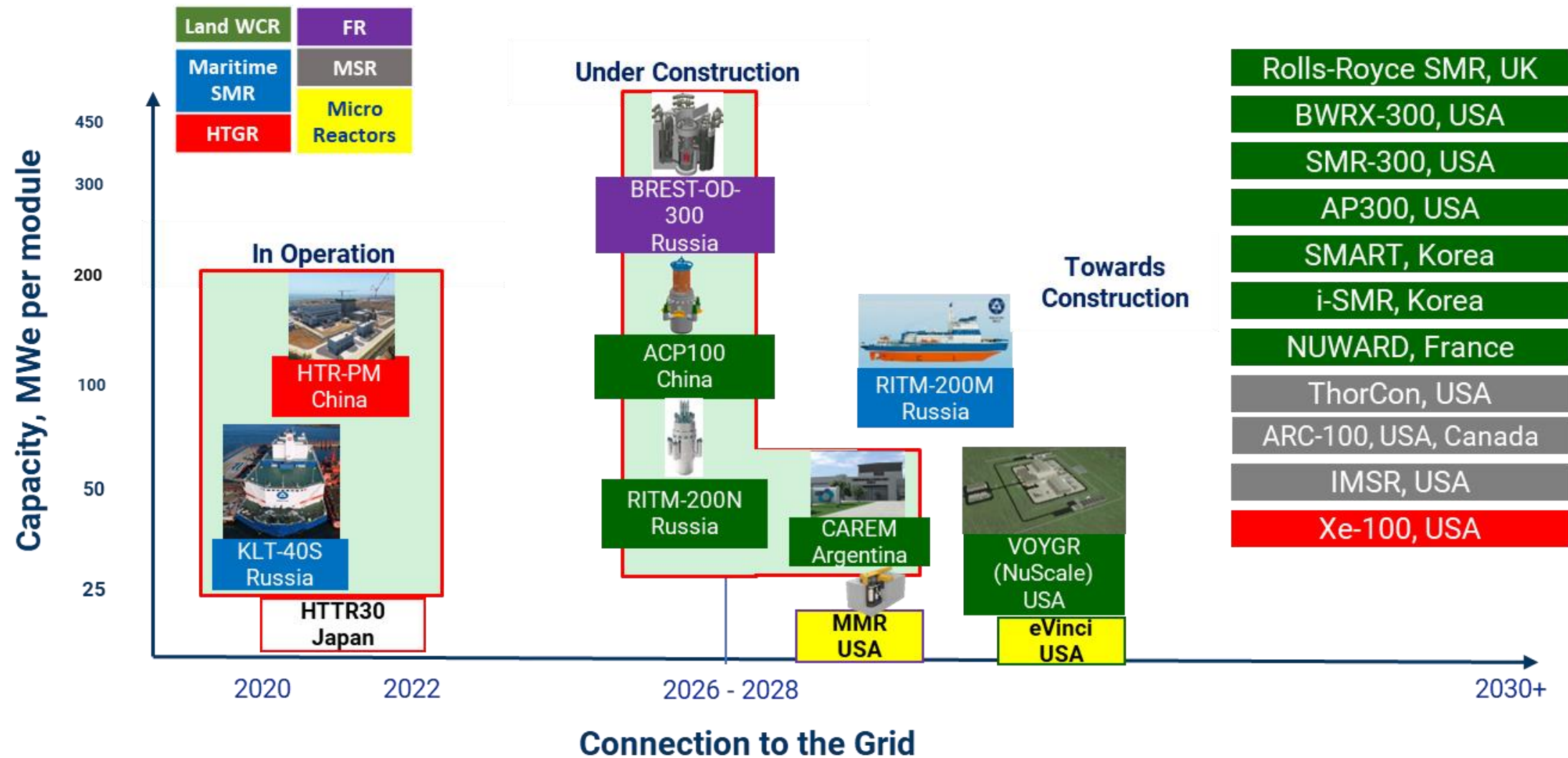
# Status of SMR Development and Deployment

Based on updates from technology developers to IAEA in 2024

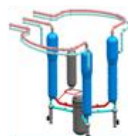
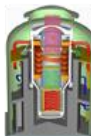
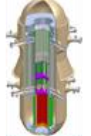
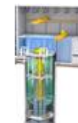
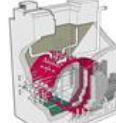
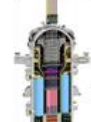
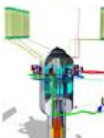


Note: The value displayed with the design refers to the output capacity in MW(e) per unit.

# Timeline of Near-Term Deployment of some SMRs



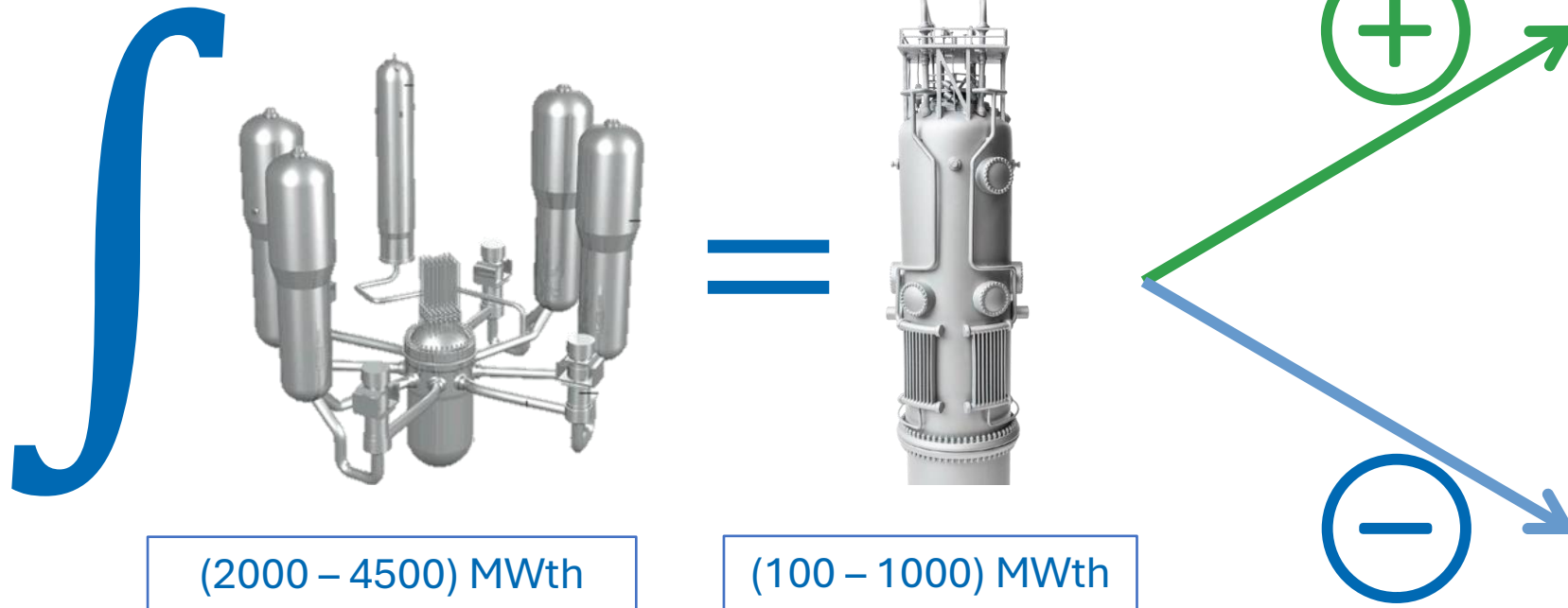
# Power range of water-cooled type SMRs

|                   |         |                                                                                     |                                                                                      |                                                                                       |                                                                                       |                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                         |
|-------------------|---------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Power range MW(e) | 301-450 |    |    |    |    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• UK-SMR</li><li>• IMR</li><li>• IRIS</li><li>• VBER-300 (Land Based)</li></ul> |                                                                                                                                         |
|                   | 251-300 |    |    |    |    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• BWRX300</li><li>• DMS</li><li>• CANDU SMR</li><li>• VK-300</li></ul>          |                                                                                                                                         |
|                   | 151-250 |    |    |    |    |                                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• CAP200</li><li>• Westinghouse SMR</li><li>• NUWARD</li><li>• mPower</li><li>• SMR-160</li></ul> |
|                   | 51-150  |    |    |    |    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• ACP100</li><li>• SMART</li><li>• DHR</li><li>• KARAT-100</li></ul>            |                                                                                                                                         |
|                   | 25-100  |   |   |   |   |                                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• CAREM25</li><li>• NuScale</li><li>• RITM-200</li><li>• KARAT-45</li><li>• HAPPY200</li></ul>    |
|                   | < 25    |  |  |  |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• UNITHERM</li><li>• ELENA</li><li>• TEPLATOR</li><li>• RUTA-70</li></ul>       |                                                                                                                                         |

Land-based water-cooled reactors

Majority of designs have power less than 300 MW(e), only some have power above 300 MW(e)  
Power definition remains the same at the IAEA.

# Design Approach of the Integral PWRs



## Advantages

- No large piping connected to RPV  
→ No Large-LOCA
- Coolant Pumps connected to RPV  
→ Reduced leakage probability
- Internal Control Rod Drive Mechanism →  
No CRD ejection accident
- Wide use of Passive Safety Systems  
→ Independence of power source
- Modularization and NSSS components  
integration  
→ compact reactor building

## Issues / Challenges

- Increased numbers of small-bore piping  
connections to the RPV
- Structural strength of RPV and joints;  
mechanical vibration; flow stability
- In-service inspection approach for in-vessel  
components
- Passive system has lower driving heads;  
ADS reliability is critical
- Larger and taller RPV to house NSSS  
components: steam generators, etc.



VOYGR™

NuScale Power Inc.



### Status:

*Certified design by U.S NRC  
for construction in USA and  
Europe*



| Reactor Type     | Primary Circulation                    | Coolant/Moderator                | Thermal/Electric Power                       |
|------------------|----------------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| Integral PWR     | Natural circulation,<br>gravity driven | Light Water/Light Water          | 255 MW <sub>th</sub> / 77 MW <sub>e</sub>    |
| Design Life      | Reactivity Control                     | Core Inlet/Outlet<br>Temperature | NSSS Operating Pressure<br>Primary/Secondary |
| 60 yrs.          | Control rod drive                      | 249°C/316 °C                     | 13.8 MPa/4.3 MPa                             |
| Refuelling Cycle | Fuel Enrichment                        | Core Discharge Burnup            | Fuel Type / Assembly Array                   |
| 18 months        | < 4.95 %                               | > 45 GWD/tonnes                  | UO <sub>2</sub> / 17× 17 Square              |

### Unique Features

Unlimited time of core cooling without AC or DC power or water addition or operator action

### Target Application

The NuScale design is a modular reactor for electricity production, with the capability for flexible operations to load follow, and for non-electrical process heat applications, including the cogeneration of heat and electricity.

### Design Philosophy

The NPM is designed to operate efficiently at full-power conditions using natural circulation as the means of providing core coolant flow, eliminating the need for reactor coolant pumps



# RITM200

JSC OKBM Afrikantov



## Status:

4 Units of RITM200N are in operation for Icebreaker ship (Nuclear Propulsion) to start construction of 2 units in Russian Federation and 6 Units in Uzbekistan



| Reactor Type     | Primary Circulation   | Coolant/Moderator             | Thermal/Electric Power                    |
|------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| Integral PWR     | Forced, Pumps         | Water/Water                   | 190 MW <sub>th</sub> / 55 MW <sub>e</sub> |
| Design Life      | Reactivity Control    | Core Inlet/Outlet Temperature | NSSS Operating Pressure Primary/Secondary |
| 60 yrs.          | Control rod, boron... | 283 °C/321 °C                 | 15.7 MPa/3.83 MPa                         |
| Refuelling Cycle | Fuel Enrichment       | Core Discharge Burnup         | Fuel Type / Assembly Array                |
| 60-72 months     | < 20 %                | ---                           | UO <sub>2</sub> pellet hexagonal          |

## Unique Features

Modular design; integral reactor; in vessel corium retention in severe accidents

## Target Application

The RITM-200N reactor plants may be used to generate electricity, cogenerate electricity and heat, and to desalinate sea water.

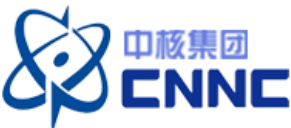
## Design Philosophy

The design is developed in compliance with the requirements of federal standards and regulations in nuclear energy use for NPPs. Modularity is adopted for design and transport. An industrial large-unit installation process is used for construction.



# ACP100, China

NPIC, CNNC



**Status:**  
*Under construction in China  
for grid connection in mid  
2026*



| Reactor Type     | Primary Circulation | Coolant/Moderator             | Thermal/Electric Power                     |
|------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| Integral PWR     | Forced, Pumps       | Light Water/Light Water       | 385 MW <sub>th</sub> / 125 MW <sub>e</sub> |
| Design Life      | Reactivity Control  | Core Inlet/Outlet Temperature | NSSS Operating Pressure Primary/Secondary  |
| 60 yrs.          | Control rod, ...    | 286.5 °C/319.5 °C             | 15 MPa/4.6 MPa                             |
| Refuelling Cycle | Fuel Enrichment     | Core Discharge Burnup         | Fuel Type / Assembly Array                 |
| 24 months        | < 4.95 %            | <52 GWD/tonnes                | UO <sub>2</sub> / 17× 17 Square            |

## Unique Features

Integrated Reactor with tube-in-tube once through steam generator, and underground nuclear island

## Target Application

The ACP100 is a multipurpose power reactor designed for electricity production, district heating, steam production or seawater desalination and is suitable for remote areas that have limited energy options or industrial infrastructure

## Design Philosophy

The ACP100 realizes design simplification by integration the primary cooling system and enhanced safety by means of passive safety systems



# i-SMR

KHNP, KAERI



KHNP



**Status:**  
*Standard design in progress*



| Reactor Type     | Primary Circulation                 | Coolant/Moderator             | Thermal/Electric Power                     |
|------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| Integral PWR     | Forced                              | Light Water/Light Water       | 520 MW <sub>th</sub> / 170 MW <sub>e</sub> |
| Design Life      | Reactivity Control                  | Core Inlet/Outlet Temperature | NSSS Operating Pressure Primary/Secondary  |
| 80 yrs.          | Control rods, burnable rods and MTC | 286°C/321 °C                  | 15.5 MPa/--                                |
| Refuelling Cycle | Fuel Enrichment                     | Core Discharge Burnup         | Fuel Type / Assembly Array                 |
| 24 months        | < 5 %                               | ~ 62 GWD/tonnes               | UO <sub>2</sub> / 17× 17 Square            |

## Unique Features

Boron free operation, at least 72 hours of core cooling without AC/DC power

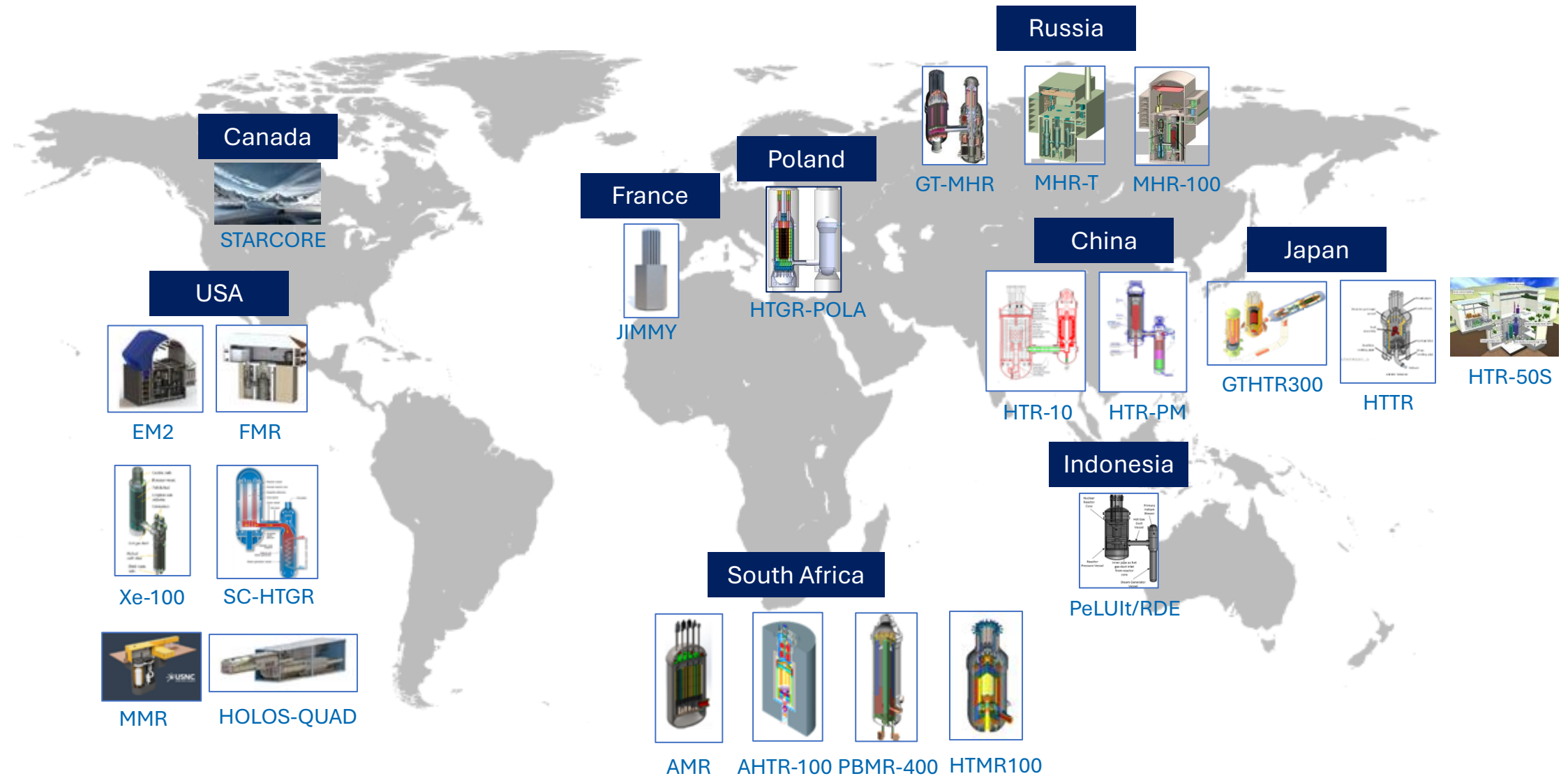
## Target Application

It is a multi-purpose reactor for electricity production, heat supply for industries, seawater desalination and hydrogen production.

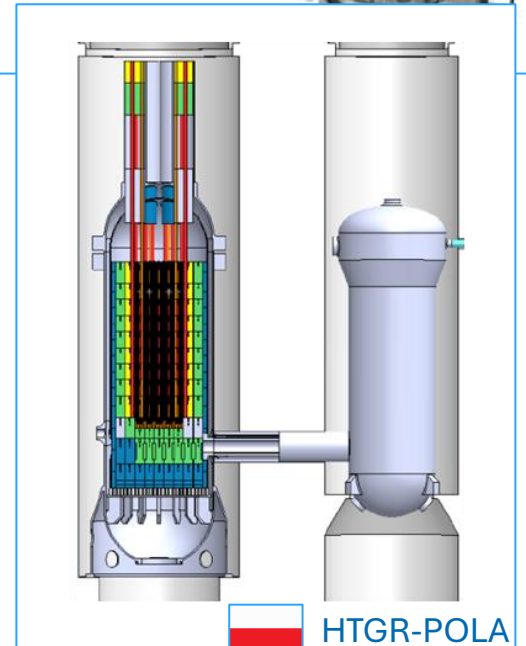
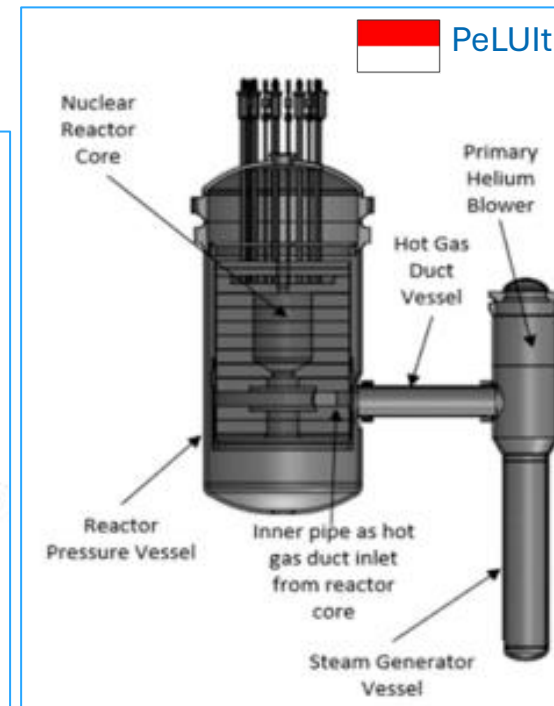
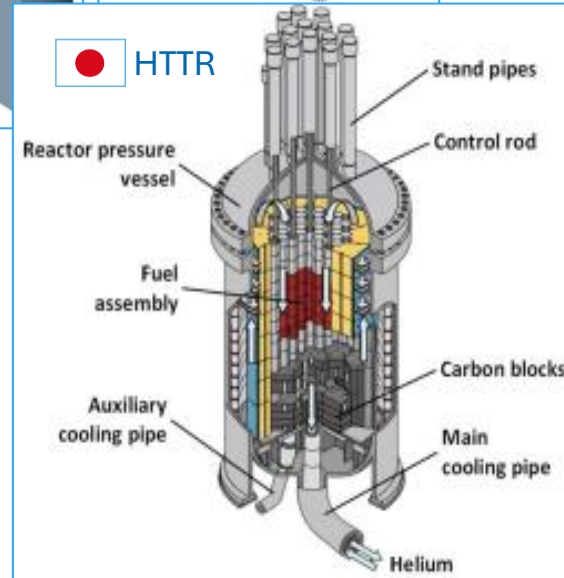
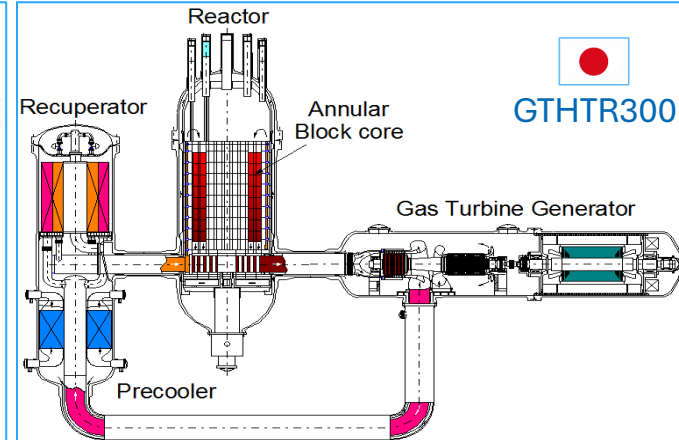
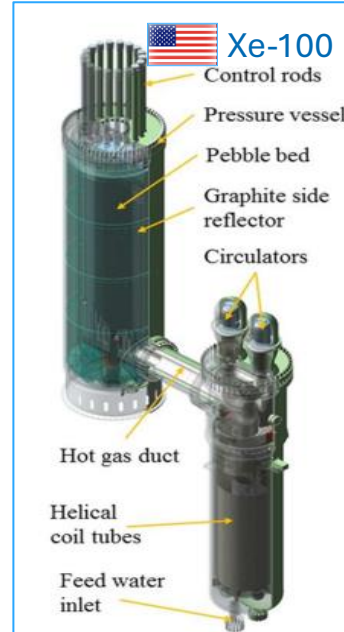
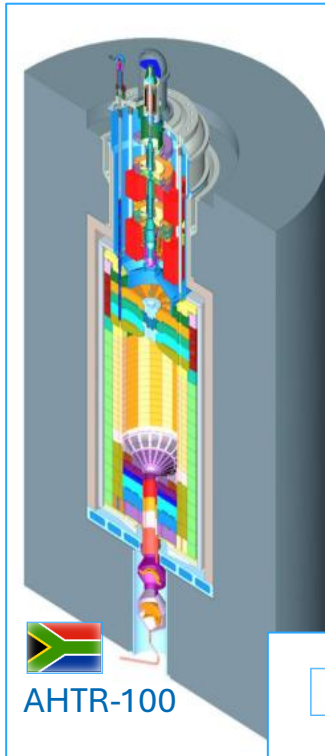
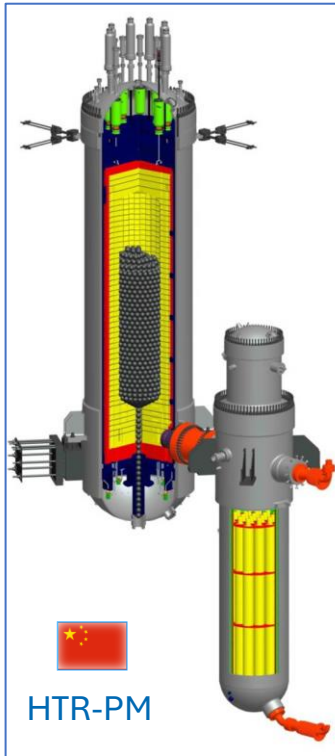
## Design Philosophy

This implements design simplification and elimination of large break LOCA by integrating the primary coolant system and also incorporates boron free operation enhancing safety and economics.

# Global Activities on HTGR-SMR development



# Multiple designs from Member States



Advances in Small Modular Reactor Technology Developments

A Supplement to:  
IAEA Advanced Reactors Information System (ARIS)  
2022 Edition

**Number of SMR designs under development (2022)**

- 38 Water-cooled
- 45 Non-water cooled

➢ **HTGR 21**

➢ MSR 13

➢ LFR 8

➢ SFR 3



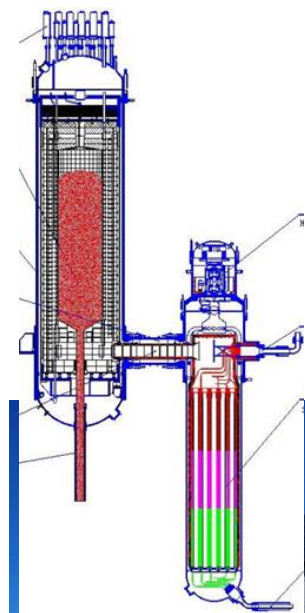
# HTR-PM, China

INET, Tsinghua University



## Status:

*In operation since  
December 2022*



### Reactor Type

Modular HTGR

### Primary Circulation

Forced, Pumps

### Coolant/Moderator

Helium/Graphite

### Thermal/Electric Power

2 x 250 MW<sub>th</sub> / 210 MW<sub>e</sub>

### Design Life

40 yrs.

### Reactivity Control

### Core Inlet/Outlet Temperature

250 °C/750 °C

### NSSS Operating Pressure Primary/Secondary

7 MPa/13.25 MPa

### Refuelling Cycle

Online Refuelling

### Fuel Enrichment

< 8.5 %

### Core Discharge Burnup

90 GWD/tonnes

### Fuel Type / Assembly Array

Spherical elements with  
coated TRISO particle fuel

## Unique Features

420 000 spherical elements with coated TRISO particle fuel, online refuelling, helium gas cooled, graphite moderated.

## Target Application

The HTR-PM is a commercial demonstration unit for electricity production. The twin reactor modules driving a single turbine configuration.

## Design Philosophy

HTR-PM consists of two NSSS modules coupled with a 210 MW(e) steam turbine. Each module includes reactor pressure vessel; a steam generator; a main helium blower; and a hot gas duct. The thermal power of each reactor module is 250 MW(t)



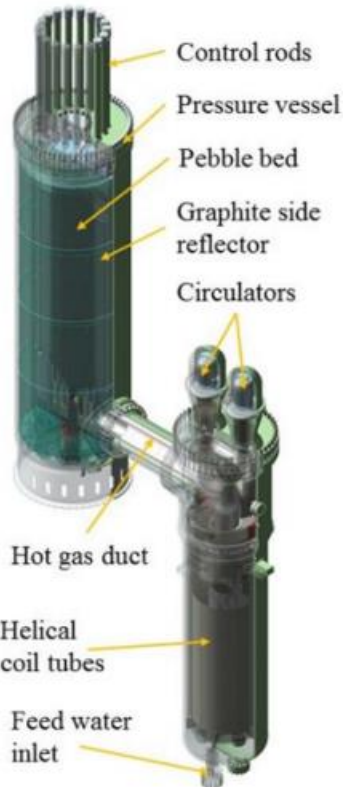
Xe-100

X Energy



energy

## Status: Basic Design



### Reactor Type

Modular HTGR

### Primary Circulation

Forced helium

### Coolant/Moderator

Helium/Graphite

### Thermal/Electric Power

200 MW<sub>th</sub> / 82.5 MW<sub>e</sub>

### Design Life

60 yrs.

### Reactivity Control

Control rods and  
thermal feedback

### Core Inlet/Outlet Temperature

260°C/750 °C

### NSSS Operating Pressure Primary/Secondary

6.0 MPa/16.5 MPa

### Refuelling Cycle

Online

### Fuel Enrichment

15.5 %

### Core Discharge Burnup

165 GWD/tonnes

### Fuel Type / Assembly Array

UCO TRISO/pebbles

## Unique Features

Online refuelling, core cannot melt and fuel damage is minimized by design, independent radionuclide barriers, potential for advanced fuel cycles

## Target Application

Process heat applications, desalination, electricity and cogeneration.

## Design Philosophy

A major aim of the Xe-100 design is to improve the economics through system simplification, component modularization, reduction of construction time and high plant availability.

# Advances in Molten Salt Reactors (examples)

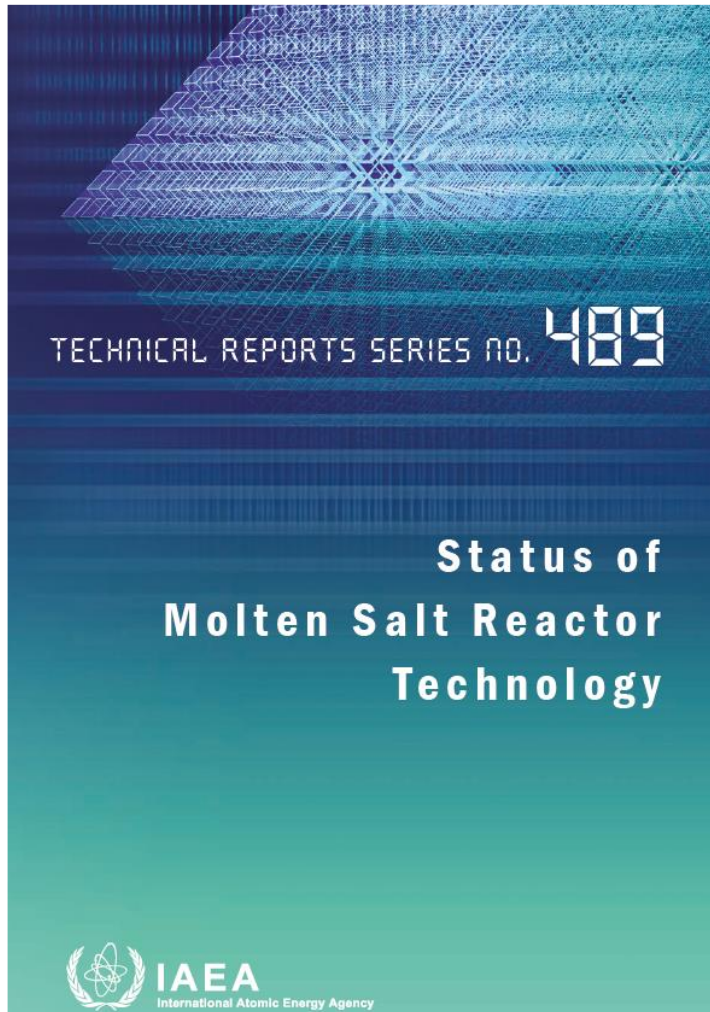


# Power range of MSR



Molten salt reactors

# IAEA Publication on MSR Technology (2023)



220 pages

## Section 1: Introduction

- Background, Objective, Scope, Structure

## Section 2: History of MSR technology

- Development efforts of several member states on MSR technologies since the 1940s

## Section 3: Advantages and technical challenges of MSR technology

- Potential safety and economic advantages of MSRs and technical challenges for deploying MSRs

## Section 4: Classification of MSRs

- Taxonomy of MSRs based on the major reactor types and technological similarities: Classes, Families, Types

## Section 5: Research and Development activities

- R&D activities in Member states with major programmes for MSR technology

## Section 6: Current challenges to deploying MSRs

- Non-technical challenges associated with the deployment MSRs and potential solutions to these challenges

## Section 7: Summary and conclusions

- Summary and main conclusions regarding the status of the MSR technology



# KP-FHR

Kairos Power



Kairos Power

**Status:**  
*Conceptual Design*

| Reactor Type                 | Primary Circulation        | Coolant/Moderator                               | Thermal/Electric Power                     |
|------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| Modular, salt cooled reactor | Forced circulation         | Li <sub>2</sub> BeF <sub>4</sub> Flibe/Graphite | 320 MW <sub>th</sub> / 140 MW <sub>e</sub> |
| Design Life                  | Reactivity Control         | Core Inlet/Outlet Temperature                   | NSSS Operating Pressure Primary/Secondary  |
| 80 yrs.                      | Control elements and boron | 550°C/650 °C                                    | <0.2 MPa/--                                |
| Refuelling Cycle             | Fuel Enrichment            | Core Discharge Burnup                           | Fuel Type / Assembly Array                 |
| Online                       | 19.75 %                    | --                                              | TRISO in graphite pebble / Pebble bed      |



## Unique Features

Longer than 72-hour coping time for core cooling without AC or DC power, or operator action

## Target Application

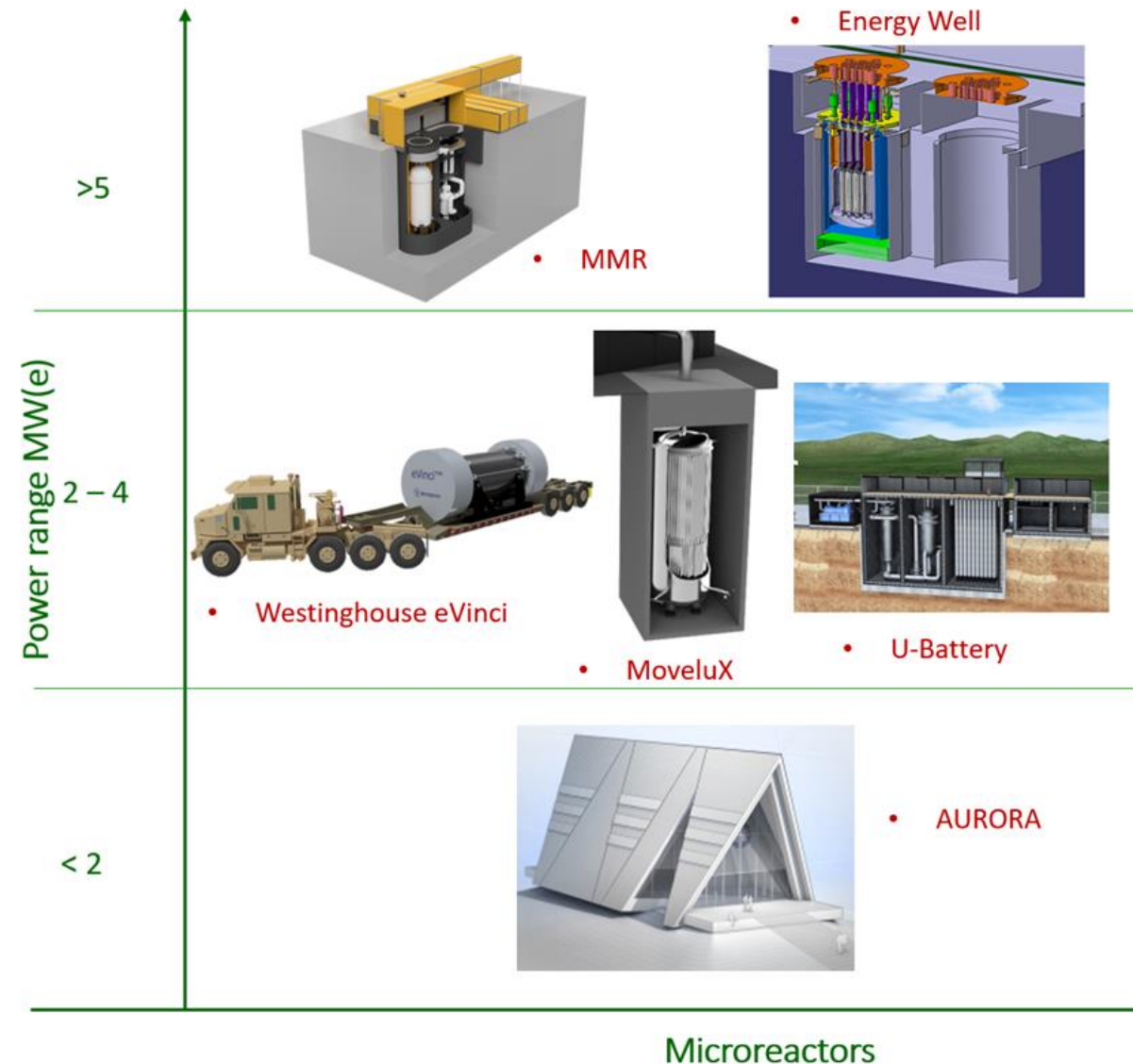
Dispatchable power to improve grid resilience and security. The KP-FHR aims to be cost competitive with natural gas

## Design Philosophy

Combination of TRISO particle fuel coupled with molten fluoride salt coolant (2LiF:BeF<sub>2</sub>, Flibe) to result in a high temperature, low-pressure reactor with robust, passive safety systems.

# Emerging: Microreactors

## Micro Reactors



- Several countries are developing Microreactors technology for potential deployment by 2030;
- *Typically* to generate from 1 to 10 MWe; designed for enhanced transportability to site by modularity;
- To supply power at remote sites with mining operations, island communities, oil platforms and maritime shipping.
- Deployment opportunities in remote areas in North America, Middle East, Africa, and the South-East Asian archipelagos.



MMR

Ultra Safe Nuclear  
Corporation



**Status:**  
*Preliminary Design,  
Licensing in Canada*



| Reactor Type            | Primary Circulation                   | Coolant/Moderator             | Thermal/Electric Power                    |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| HTGR                    | Forced (1 Circulators)                | Helium/Graphite               | 45 MW <sub>th</sub> / 15 MW <sub>e</sub>  |
| Design Life             | Reactivity Control                    | Core Inlet/Outlet Temperature | NSSS Operating Pressure Primary/Secondary |
| 40 yrs.                 | Control rods and negative coefficient | 300°C/660 °C                  | 1.3-6 MPa/0.3 MPa                         |
| Refuelling Cycle        | Fuel Enrichment                       | Core Discharge Burnup         | Fuel Type / Assembly Array                |
| 18-24 months / lifetime | 9.9-19.75 %                           | 50-150 GWD/tonnes             | TRISO in FCM / Hexagonal                  |

### Unique Features

Micro-reactor, off-grid power potential, modular design, designed for remote/off-grid locations, passive safety systems

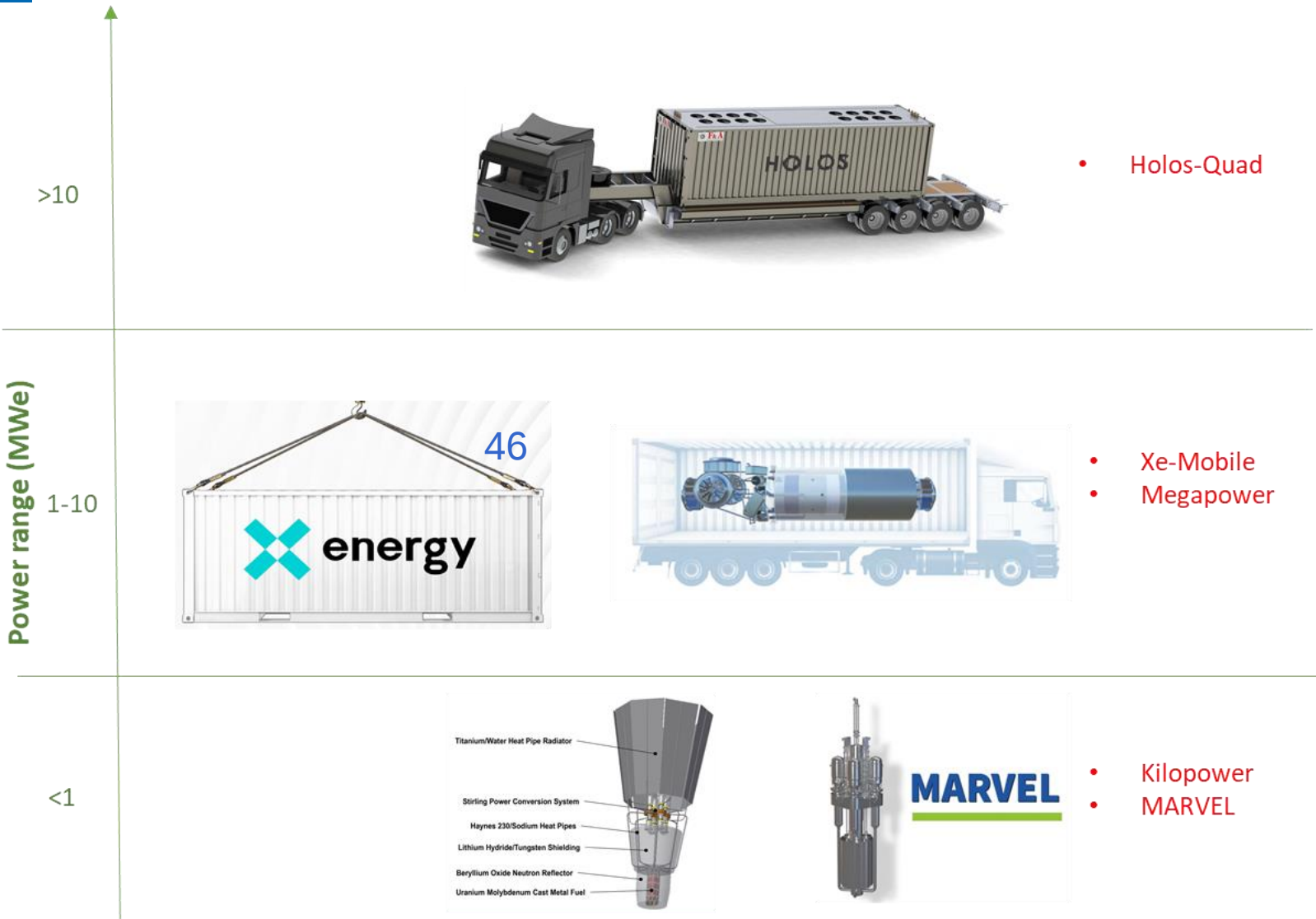
### Target Application

An MMR Energy System can be configured for a number of applications, such as electricity generation, process heat, hydrogen production, district heating, etc.

### Design Philosophy

The design embraces the separation principle, the nuclear plant is physically separate from the adjacent plant, which reduces the nuclear footprint of the overall facility

# Microreactors (others, in organizations' website)



## Technology Category

- Subcritical power modules in ISO container
- UCO TRISO fuel with gas/steam turbine generator
- Self cooling heat pipe
- Sodium Potassium eutectic-cooled, UZrH, HALEU
- lightweight fission power system to fuel deep-space exploration

# Specificities of Microreactors

Westinghouse's eVinci micro reactor schematic (Image: SMR Booklet edition 2020)

## Transportability

Within standard shipping containers

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## Heat-pipe technology

proven by LANL for space application

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## Compact and simplified

## Manufactured and fueled in a factory

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## Packageable

in standard transport containers

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## Multi-applications

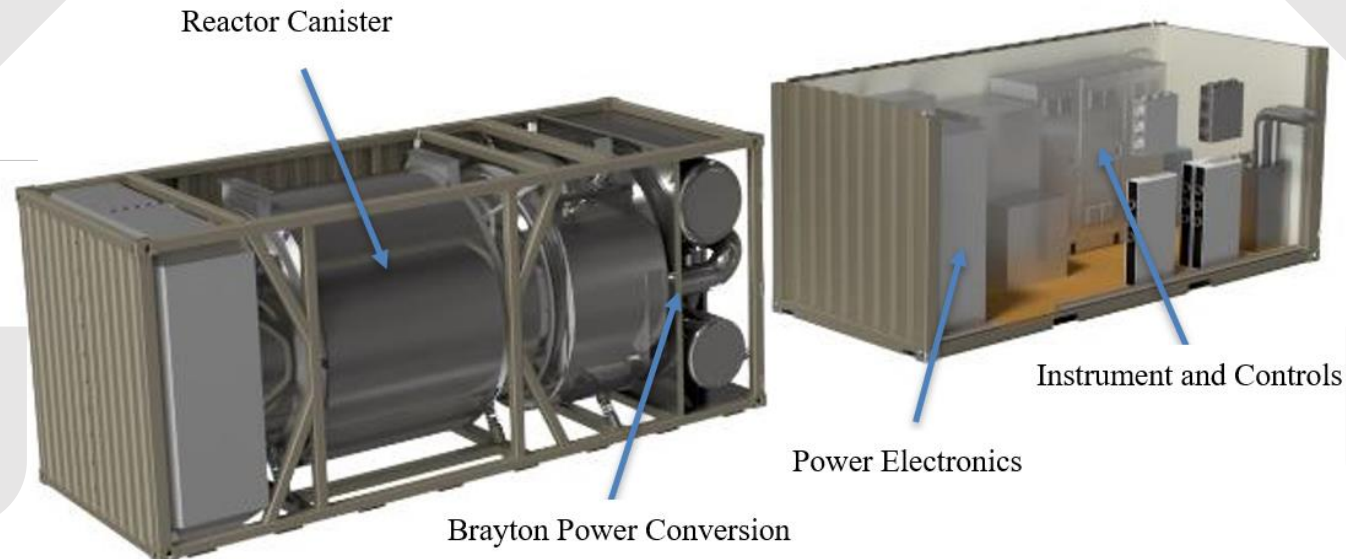
- Energy generation; or
- Production of heat and electricity

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## Specifically designed to serve

- Remote communities;
- Mining operations; or
- military installations.

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Comparison of Main Characteristics among Microreactors SMR Designs

| Designs                  | AMR                                                  | Aurora       | ELENA                        | Energy Well                       | eVinci                              | HOLOS-MONO                      | HOLOS-QUAD                                          | Jimmy                                   | MMR                                           | MoveLuX                                                | Pylon D1                       | SHELF                           | Unitherm                                                     |
|--------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|--------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| Designers                | Power Cell Micro Reactor Pty                         | OKLO, Inc.   | NRC “Kurchatov Institute”    | Centrum výzkumu Řež               | Westinghouse Electric Company, LLC. | HolosGen                        | HolosGen                                            | Jimmy Energy SAS                        | Ultra Safe Nuclear Corporation                | Toshiba Corporation                                    | Ultra Safe Nuclear Corporation | NIKIET                          | NIKIET                                                       |
| Country of Origin        | South Africa                                         | USA          | Russian Federation           | Czech Republic                    | USA                                 | USA                             | USA                                                 | France                                  | USA                                           | Japan                                                  | USA                            | Russian Federation              | Russian Federation                                           |
| Thermal Output MW(t)     | 10                                                   | 50           | 3.3                          | 20                                | 15                                  | 22                              | 22                                                  | 10                                      | 45                                            | 10                                                     | 1                              | 35                              | 30                                                           |
| Electrical Output MW(e)  | 3                                                    | 1.5          | 0.068                        | 8                                 | 5                                   | 10                              | 10                                                  | 10                                      | 15                                            | 3                                                      | 0                              | 10                              | 6.6                                                          |
| Reactor Type             | HTR, Advanced Prismatic Type                         | LMFR         | PWR                          | Fluoride high temperature reactor | Micro-modular reactor               | HTGR                            | HTGR                                                | HTGR                                    | HTGR                                          | Heat-Pipe cooled and calcium-hydride moderated reactor | HTGR                           | Integral PWR                    | PWR                                                          |
| Primary Circulation      | Forced Circulation                                   | 0            | Natural Circulation          | Forced Circulation                | Natural Circulation                 | Helium                          | Helium                                              | Forced Circulation                      | Forced Circulation                            | Natural Circulation                                    | Forced Circulation             | Natural Circulation             | Natural Circulation                                          |
| Fuel Type                | TRISO particles/ LBE eutectic/ SiC tubes             | Metal Fuel   | UO2, MOX (option)            | TRISO                             | TRISO in fuel compacts              | Qualified TRISO-UCO Compacts    | Qualified TRISO-UCO Compacts                        | UCO TRISO particles packed into pellets | TRISO coated particles inside FCM matrix      | Silicide (U3Si2)                                       | FCM™ TRISO                     | Cermet (UO2 + metallic silumin) | UO2 in a metallic silumin or zirconium matrix, metal-ceramic |
| Assembly Array           | 0                                                    | N/A          | N/A                          | N/A                               | N/A                                 | Hexagonal                       | Hexagonal                                           | N/A                                     | Hexagonal                                     | Hexagonal                                              | Hexagonal                      | Hexagonal                       | 54 / 55                                                      |
| No. of fuel assembly     | 420                                                  | N/A          | 109                          | 25                                | N/A                                 | Monolithic graphite-fuel matrix | Multiple layers of hexagonal graphite-fuel elements | N/S                                     | 150                                           | 66 (fuel), 72 (CaH2)                                   | 150                            | N/S                             | 265                                                          |
| Coolant                  | Helium                                               | Liquid Metal | Light Water                  | Molten salt FLiBe                 | Heat pipes (Na)                     | Helium                          | Helium                                              | Helium                                  | Helium                                        | N/A                                                    | Helium and sCO2                | Light water                     | High purity water                                            |
| Moderator                | Graphite                                             | N/A          | Light Water                  | N/A                               | Graphite                            | Graphite                        | Graphite                                            | Graphite                                | Graphite                                      | Calcium hydride (CaH2)                                 | Zirconium Hydride              | Light water                     | High purity water                                            |
| Core Inlet Temp, °C      | 450                                                  | N/A          | 311                          | 650                               | N/A                                 | 590                             | 590                                                 | 300                                     | 300                                           | 680                                                    | 327                            | 271                             | 249                                                          |
| Core Outlet Temp, °C     | 750                                                  | N/A          | 328                          | 700                               | N/A                                 | 855                             | 855                                                 | 700                                     | 660                                           | 685                                                    | 727                            | 308                             | 330                                                          |
| Enrichment %             | 10 - 20                                              | N/A          | 15.2                         | 15                                | 19.75                               | 19.95                           | 19.95                                               | 9.8 - 19.75                             | 9.9 - 19.75                                   | 4.8 - 5                                                | 9.9                            | 19.7                            | 19.75                                                        |
| Refuelling Cycle, months | 96                                                   | 120 - 240    | 300                          | 84                                | 8 full-power years                  | 96 at EFPY operating conditions | 96 at EFPY operating conditions                     | No refuelling                           | 18 months to 27 years                         | Continuous                                             | N/A                            | 96                              | 200                                                          |
| Reactivity Control       | Control and shutdown rods in core, and the reflector | N/A          | Control rods & absorber rods | Control rods                      | Control drums and rods DiD          | Drums and shutdown rods         | Drums and shutdown rods                             | B4C Control rods                        | Control rod, negative temperature coefficient | In-Ga Expansion Module (IGEM)                          | Drums                          | CRDM                            | Soluble boron and control rod                                |
| Reactor Vessel           |                                                      |              |                              |                                   |                                     |                                 |                                                     |                                         |                                               |                                                        |                                |                                 |                                                              |

# Factors in Microreactors Development

## Rationales

- More specific nuclear portfolios beyond ‘known’ SMRs
- The need for energy resiliency
- Power needs in regions inaccessible by known power generators / plants
- Power needs in cities / techno parks

## Pursued Advantages

- New technologies with innovative inherent safety features
- Substantially lower capital cost
- Modularity, Mobility, more of “installation” than construction
- Long refueling interval or no refuel

## Target Applications

- Microgrids for critical infrastructures
- Remote off-grid areas, minings
- Emergency power supply
- Wide spectrum non-electric apps
- Space and Naval applications (UUV)

## Potential Issues and Key Challenges

- Safeguards: *factory-sealed cores, new configs.*
- Security: *remote off grid areas, attractive theft target of new fuels / higher enrichment*
- Strategies for waste treatment and disposal
- Operator requirements, oversights / inspections

# Floating Nuclear Power Plants and Maritime Applications

## Maritime Applications

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- Floating nuclear power plants (FNPPs) serve as mobile sources of clean energy, with the capability to provide power as needed to coastal electric grids.
- The Akademik Lomonosov, the world's first FNPP, entered commercial operation in 2020.
- INPRO is assisting Member States in coordinating key stakeholders to make FNPP technology available to meet global clean energy needs.
- INPRO is working with reactor developers and shipping companies to enable economic serial production of FNPPs in shipyards and integrate nuclear quality and standards into the existing shipyard model.
- The IAEA's groundbreaking International Symposium on the Deployment of Floating Nuclear Power Plants, held in Vienna in November 2023, explored current and future designs of FNPPs and their applications as well as challenges in the areas of licensing, regulation, transportation and safeguards.



# FNPP R&D and deployment progress

From icebreakers to floating nuclear power plants:  
nuclear energy sources in the Arctic



Icebreaker «Lider»  
Basic design  
Planned commissioning  
— 2027



An Option for Floating Nuclear Power Plants

**BANDI-60**

Under development since 2016



new power, new standard

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中广核 CGN

Natural Energy Powering Nature

## 1.1 ACPR SMR Technology

ACPR: Advanced Customer-friendly Practicable Reliable



ACPR50



ACPR50S

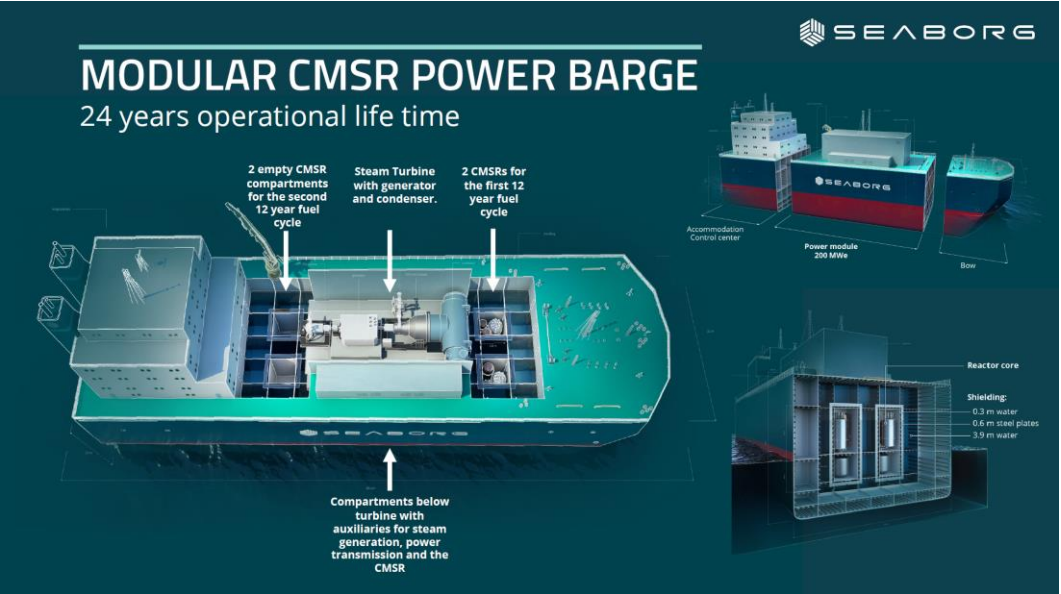
**ACPR50: 60MWe compact SMR**

NPP. Applied to onshore, mainly utilized for power generation, heating and desalination of sea water.



**ACPR50S: 50MWe compact SMR**

FNPP. Applied to offshore, carried by fixed or floating platform utilized for power generation, heating and desalination of sea water.



# Prospects and Actions for Deployments

Demonstration of Safety and Operational Performance of FOAK, Novel Designs & Technologies

Continuity of Orders, cost competitiveness against alternatives, robust supply chain, and viable financing Option

**SMR Deployment Competitiveness**

Regulatory framework, licensing pathways: global deployment, need of harmonization?

Development of Nuclear Infrastructure for near-term deployment particularly in Embarking countries

# Advantages, Issues & Challenges

## Technology aspects

- Shorter construction period (modularization)
- Potential for enhanced safety and reliability
- Design simplicity
- Suitability for non-electric application (desalination, etc.).
- Replacement for aging fossil plants, reducing GHG emissions

## Non-Techno aspects

- Fitness for smaller electricity grids
- Options to match demand growth by incremental capacity increase
- Site flexibility
- Reduced emergency planning zone
- Lower upfront capital cost (better affordability)
- Easier financing scheme

## Technology issues

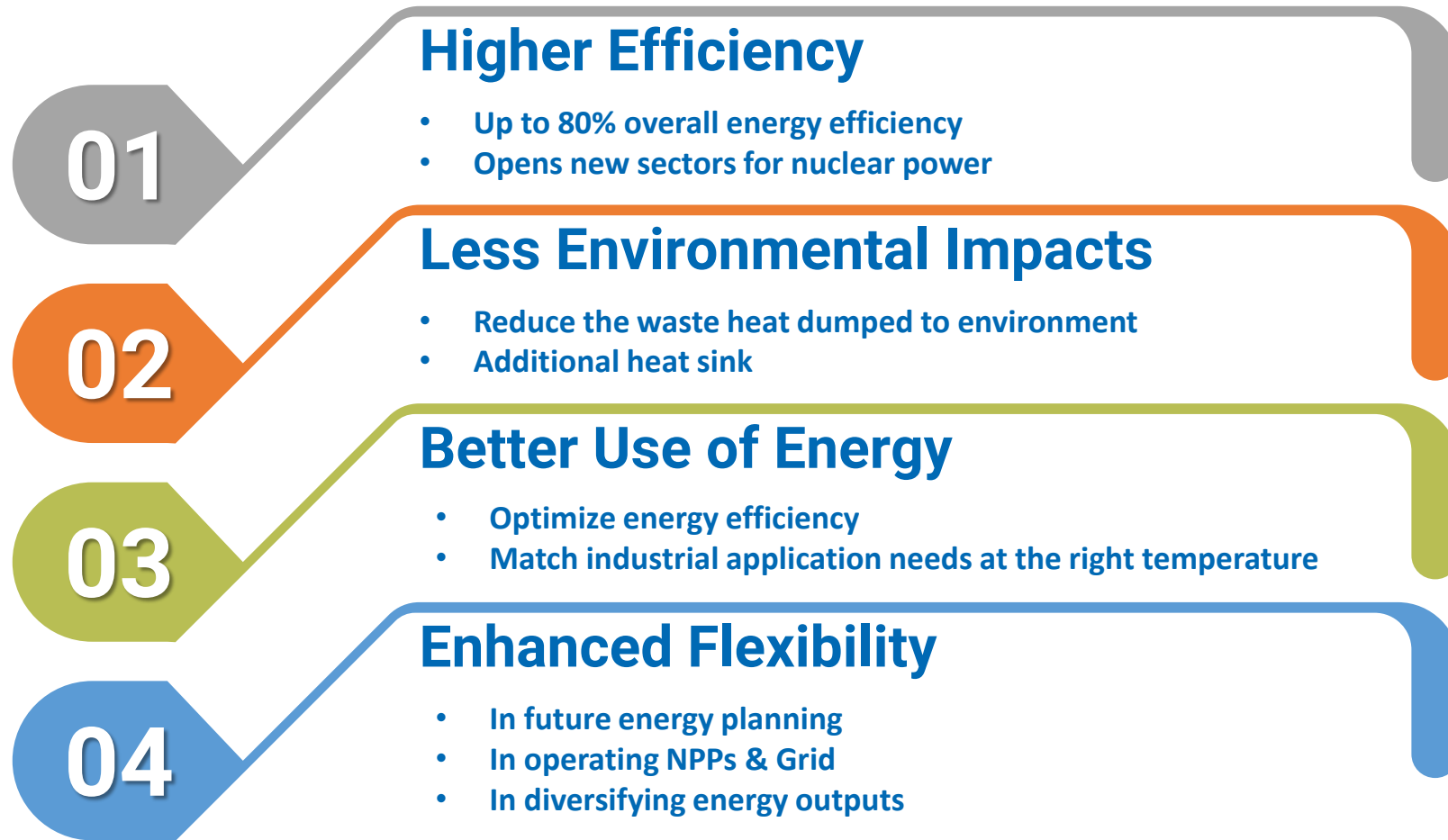
- Licensing of FOAK designs, particularly non-LWR technologies
- Prove of operability and maintainability
- Staffing for multi-module plant;
- Supply chain for multi-modules
- Optimum plant/module size
- Advanced R&D needs

## Non-technology issues

- Time from design-to-deployment
- Highly competitive budget source for design development
- Economic competitiveness: affordability & generation cost
- Availability of *off-the-shelf* design for newcomers
- Operating scheme in an integration with renewables

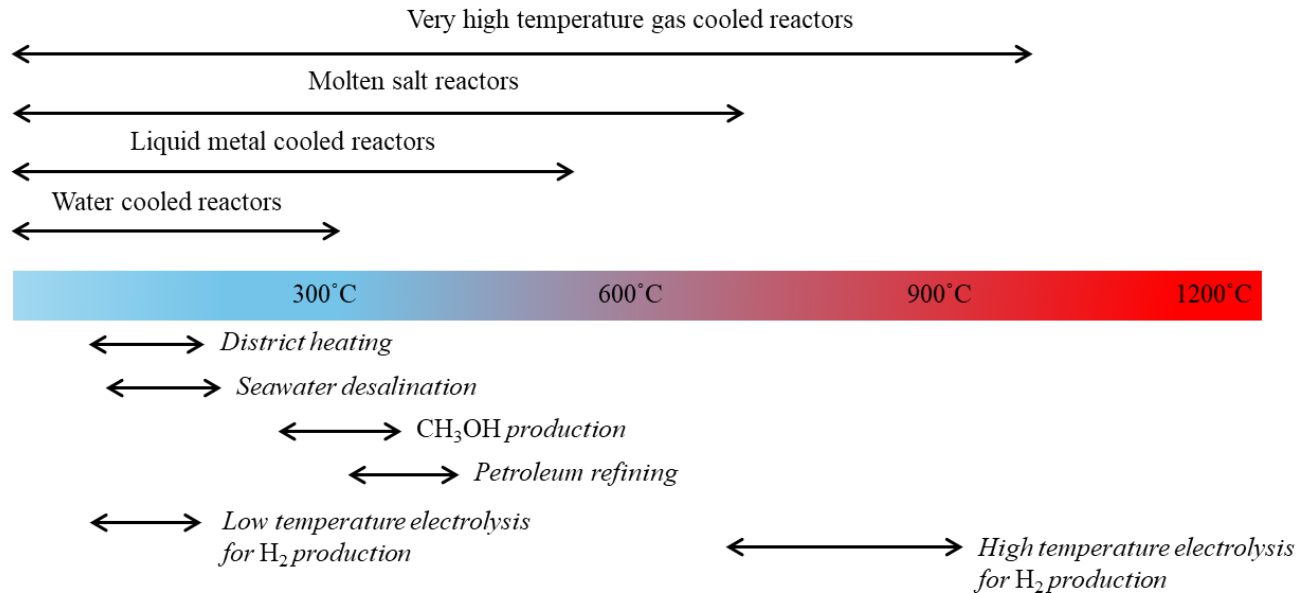


# Benefits of Cogeneration and Non-Electric Applications



The need of non-electric applications using nuclear power is inevitable for the future diversified energy market

# SMR: MSR and HTRs – serving the complete energy market



- 50% of the users for industrial processes require less than 10 MWt capacities.
- 40% require between 10 and 50 MWt.
- 99% of the users are included in the 1 to 300 MWt range, which accounts for about 80% of the total energy consumed.
- Large market can be served NOW with 580°C steam
- More (material) development for  $T_{out} > 850^{\circ}\text{C}$  -> VHTRs

- Decarbonising **the power sector** will not be sufficient to reach climate goals
- **Need to decarbonize other sectors, representing 60% of emissions**
- Cogeneration and high temperature process heat application
  - Process steam for petro-chemical industry
  - Potential for higher T in future addressing the complete heat market



# Latest developments - Cogeneration

**Jimmy submits an application for authorization to build a thermal generator on the Cristanol site.**

*Jimmy submits a request for authorization (DAC) for a thermal generator project which, if it passes all*

Jimmy



## Hatch and X-energy partner on project to reshape energy systems in Alberta

**A potential, first-of-a-kind nuclear project in Alberta to transform a thermal power plant with the use of small modular nuclear reactor technology**

June 11, 2024



Nuclear

## Nuclear Milestone: China's HTR-PM Demonstrates Inherent Safety

**POWER**

Chinese researchers have confirmed the first of two units of the 200-MWe high-temperature modular pebble bed (HTR-PM) demonstration project at the Shidao Bay site in Rongcheng, Shandong Province, successfully achieved inherent safety during loss-of-cooling tests. The tests demonstrated, for the first time, a commercial-scale high-temperature reactor's (HTR's) ability to remove decay heat without active intervention, the researchers from the Institute of Nuclear and New Energy Technology (INET) at Tsinghua University in Beijing said in a [July 2024 article](#)

## China / Shidao Bay HTR-PM Nuclear Energy Heating Project Begins Operation

By David Dalton  
4 April 2024



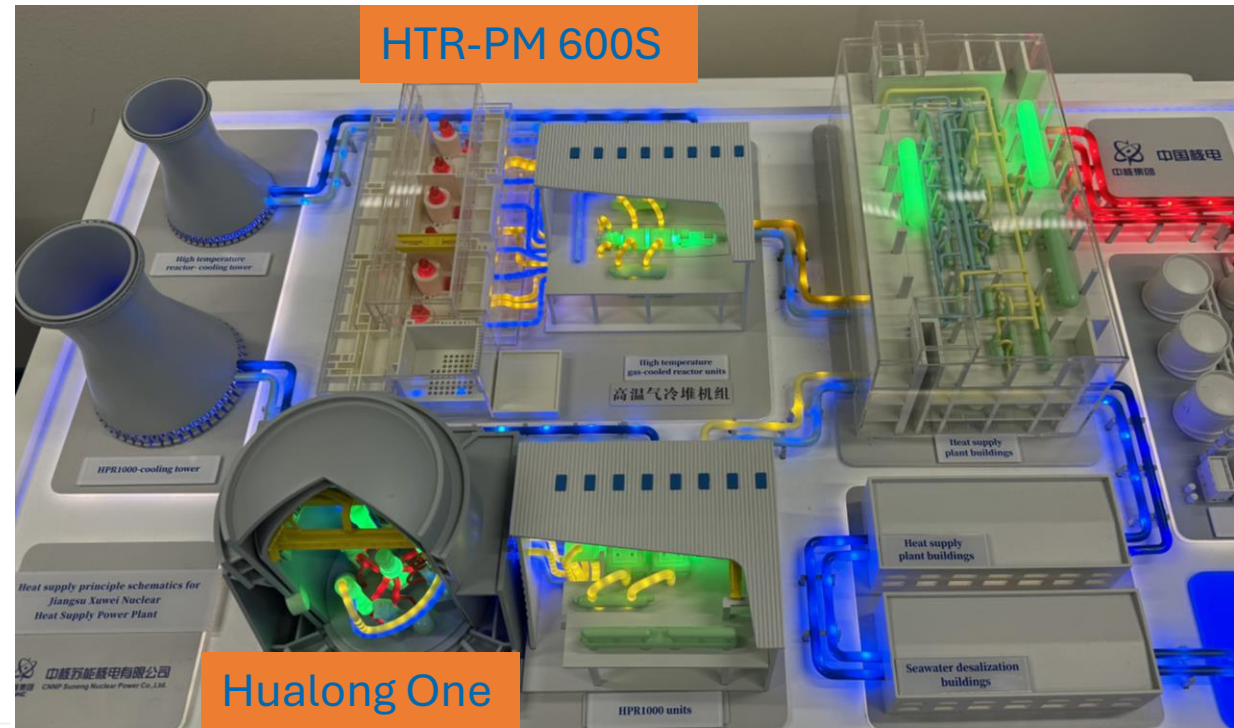
... the project can meet the clean heating needs of 1,850 households, replacing 3,700 tonnes of coal every winter.

# Latest developments - Cogeneration

China National Nuclear Power: The Phase I project of the Xuwei Nuclear Heating and Power Plant in Jiangsu has been approved by the State Council for nuclear energy.

Breakings · Aug 19 14:01

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SH China National Nuclear Power +1.36%

China National Nuclear Power announced that its subsidiary, China Nuclear Su Power Nuclear Power Co., Ltd., as the owner unit, is responsible for the investment, construction, and operation management of the Phase I project of the Xuwei Nuclear Heating and Power Plant in Jiangsu. The project plans to build two Hualong One pressurized water reactor nuclear power generators and one set of high-temperature gas-cooled reactor nuclear power generators, with a

2x Hualong One (FCD expected Aug2025  
+ HTR-PM 600S (FCD Feb 2026) with 6x250MWt  
units

Steam supply: 4082 t/h  
460°C at 4.9MPa  
340°C at 3.8 and 2.8 MPa

Generation capacity: 1653 MWe

Serving the Lianyungang Petrochemical park

Steam supply ~ Oct 2030

# Summary

## Nuclear energy can provide

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- Zero-carbon electricity
- Zero-carbon heat
- Complementary to intermittent renewables (hourly, daily, seasonal) with integration in heat storage an option of some advanced SMR technologies
- Supporting decarbonization of complete energy sector - green steel, mining, industrial heat, H<sub>2</sub> production, cogeneration, district heating, water desalination, ammonia (fertilizer and maritime propulsion), fossil fuel replacement (from captured CO<sub>2</sub> ), etc...

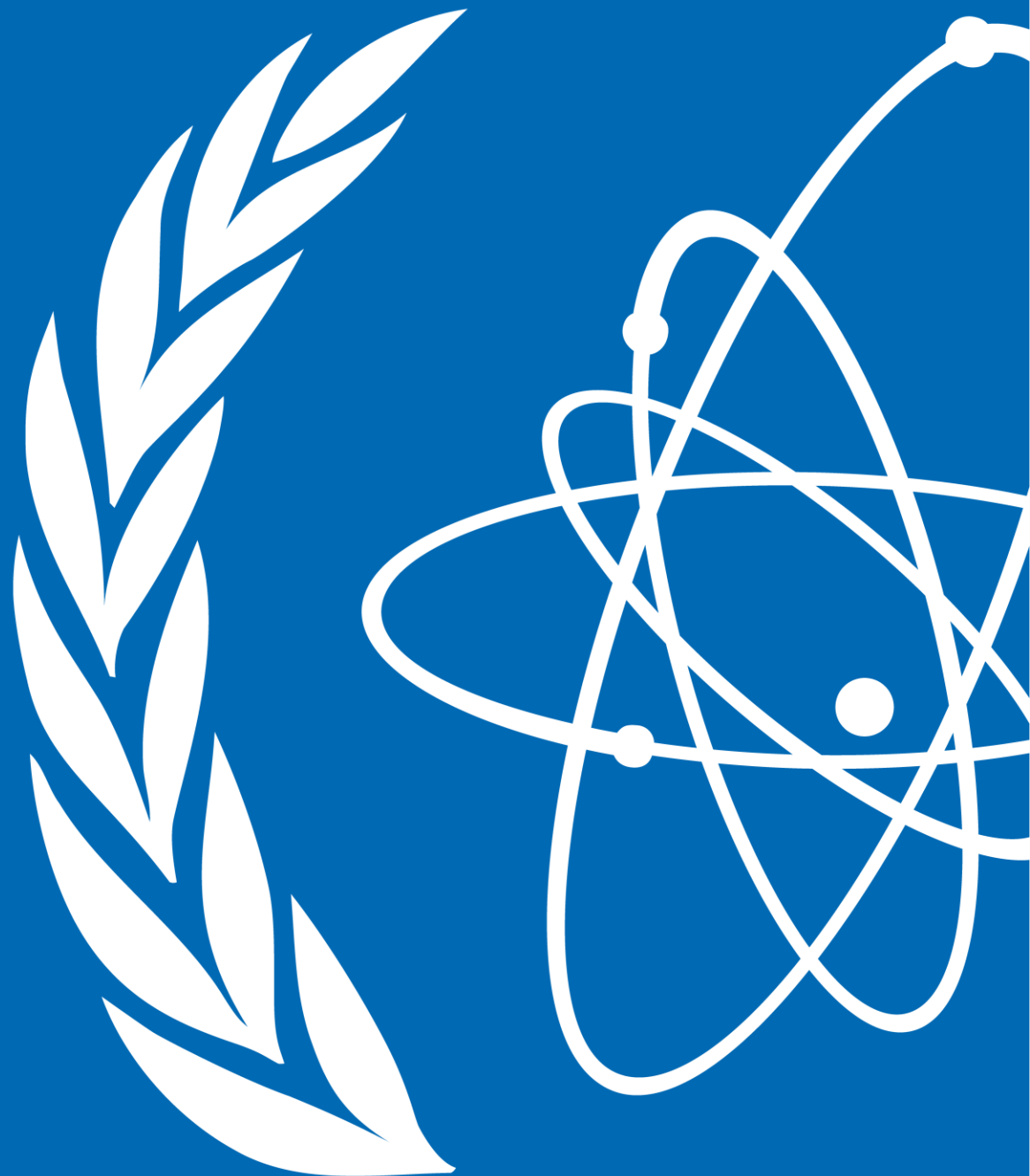
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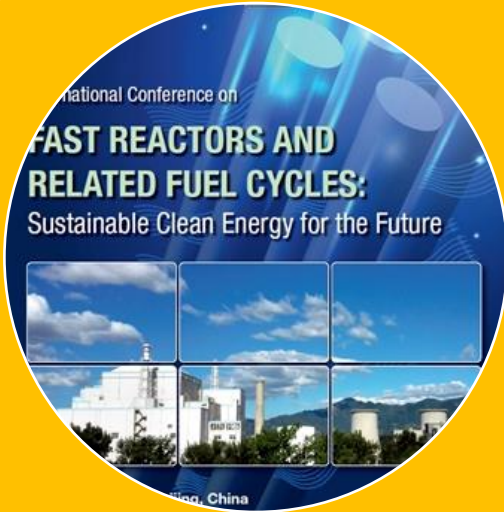
- Stakeholder and Public Support
- Demonstration Plants (FOAK vs NOAK)
- Economic viability and business model selection by utilities and industry for process heat.
- Site selection including the transport of electricity, heat and products.
- The ability to license including cogeneration with ensured safety.
- Timing of technology availability (also other such as H<sub>2</sub> production) to reach commercialization and climate goals.

# **Highlights of relevant available IAEA resources**

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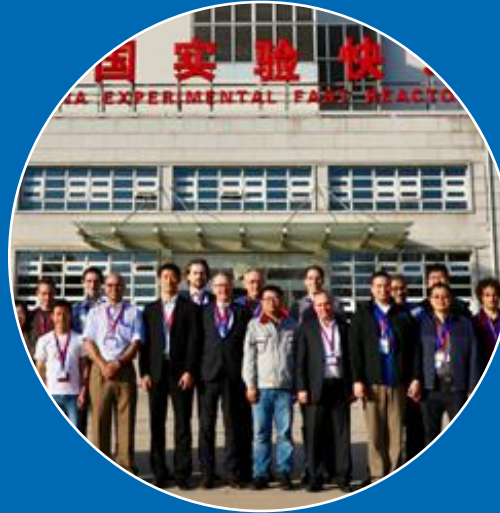


# Main IAEA Activities on Advanced Reactor Technology



## Knowledge Sharing

Publications  
Conferences  
TMs



## Technology Development

Coordinated Research  
Projects (CRPs)



## Capacity Building

Training Courses  
Workshops  
TECDOCs



# Key IAEA Activities on SMR

## Technology Development and Deployment

- TWG-SMR/GCR
- ARIS Database SMR Booklet



## Reactor Technology Assessment

- Method incorporates SMR



## Fuel, Safe management of Spent Fuel, Radioactive Waste and Decommissioning



## Approaches to Commissioning and Operation

- Issues on the conduct of operation, OLC and MCR for multi-unit plant

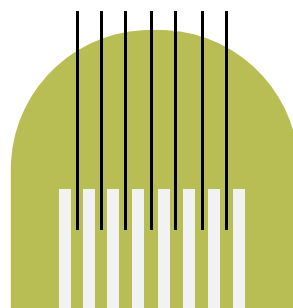


## Economics

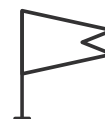
- Economic Appraisal of SMR Projects: Methodologies and Applications



## IAEA Platform on SMRs and their Applications



## Nuclear Harmonization and Standardization Initiative



## Legal Frameworks for safety, security, safeguards and civil liability for nuclear damage



## Safety & Security

- Applicability of Safety Standards and Security Guides
- Emergency Preparedness and Response



## Safeguards-by-Design

- Facilitation of safeguards inspection early in reactor design stage



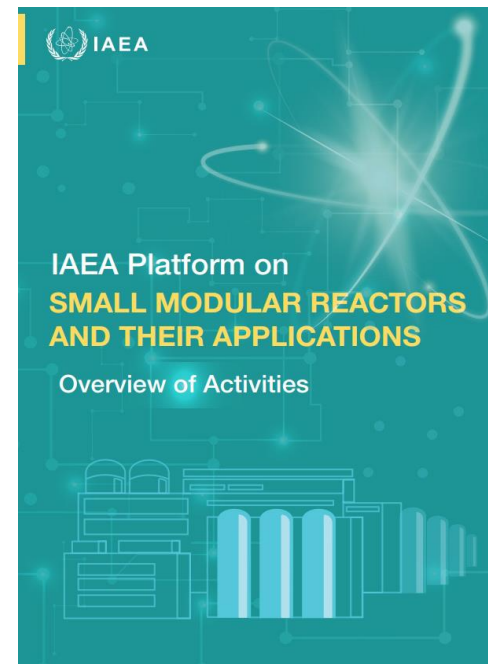
## Infrastructure Development

- IAEA Milestones Approach applicable to SMR
- New deployment models



## Technical Cooperation

- Capacity Building

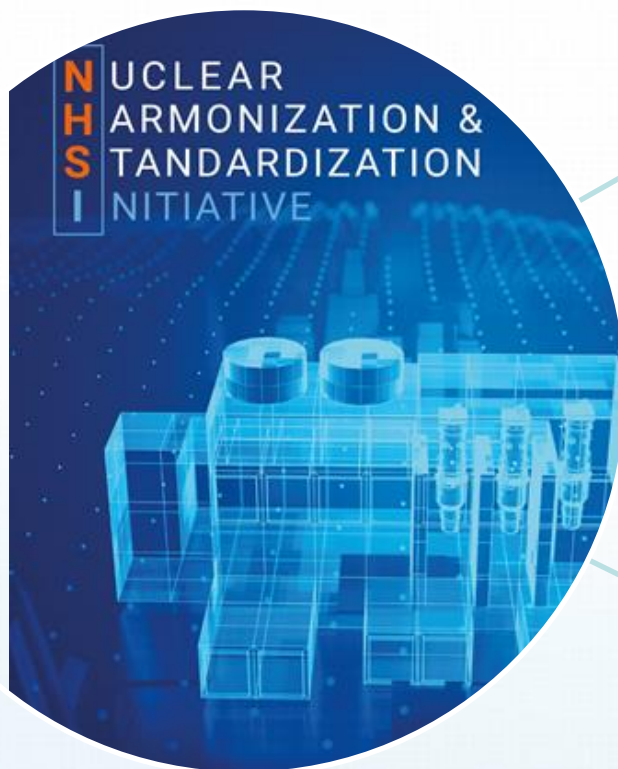


New publication available (launched at GC68)

See SMR Portal (<https://smr.iaea.org>)



Effective Global Deployment of  
Safe and Secure Advanced  
Nuclear Reactors



Harmonization of  
Regulatory  
Approaches Track

- **WG1:** Framework for information exchange
- **WG2:** International pre-licensing regulatory reviews
- **WG3:** Leveraging other regulatory reviews

Regulators

Governments

Technology  
Holders

Operators and  
other end-users

International  
Organisations  
and Associations

**IAEA as facilitator**  
within and between the tracks

Harmonization and  
Standardization of  
Industrial Approaches  
Track

- **Topic 1:** Harmonization of high-level user requirements
- **Topic 2:** Information sharing on Codes and Standards
- **Topic 3:** Experimental Testing and Validation for Design and Safety Analysis Computer Codes
- **Topic 4:** Acceleration of nuclear infrastructure implementation for SMR

Together, let's make nuclear simpler

## Near & Medium-Term Objectives

- Map pathways and reduce timelines and costs to both vendors and customers
- Facilitate common approaches for regulatory approvals
- Gather lessons learned from SMR deployment models

## Long Term Goal

- Prepare industry, end-users and MSs for large-scale SMR deployment

## Continuous Engagement Strategy

- Establish and maintain a strong and consistent interface mechanism with industry and with regulatory tracks

**Topic Group 1 (TG1):**  
**Harmonization of High-Level User Requirements**



**Topic Group 2 (TG2):**  
**Common Approaches on Codes and Standards**



**Topic Group 3 (TG3):**  
**Experimental Testing and Validation for Design and Safety Analysis Computer Codes**



**Topic Group 4 (TG4):**  
**Considerations to Facilitate the Accelerated Deployment of SMRs - Concept**



# Technology Development and Operations

## ARIS and the SMR Catalogue (booklet)

- Innovative research on SMRs and other advanced reactors and non-electric applications continues to speed ahead.
- The TWG-SMR released the Technology Roadmap for Small Modular Reactor Deployment – It outlines the R&D and regulatory activities needed to deploy SMRs in the near future based on a step-by-step approach.
- The Advanced Reactor Information System (ARIS) compiles information including technical data, design characteristics and relevant publications on all advanced reactor designs (NEW RELEASE) and supported by new SMR booklet 2024 and catalogue of active SMR designs
- Reactor Technology Assessment methodology and Toolkit for countries to do the self-assessment based on ten key elements
- Learning from new operating experience and advancements such as capability for semiautonomous operation.



RTA supports the process of identifying, assessing and selecting available technology options. It can be applied to:

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Large water cooled reactors (WCRs)

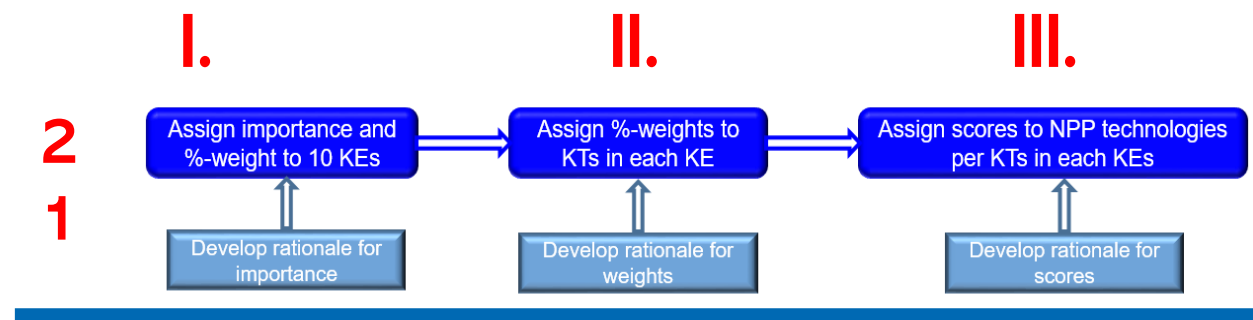
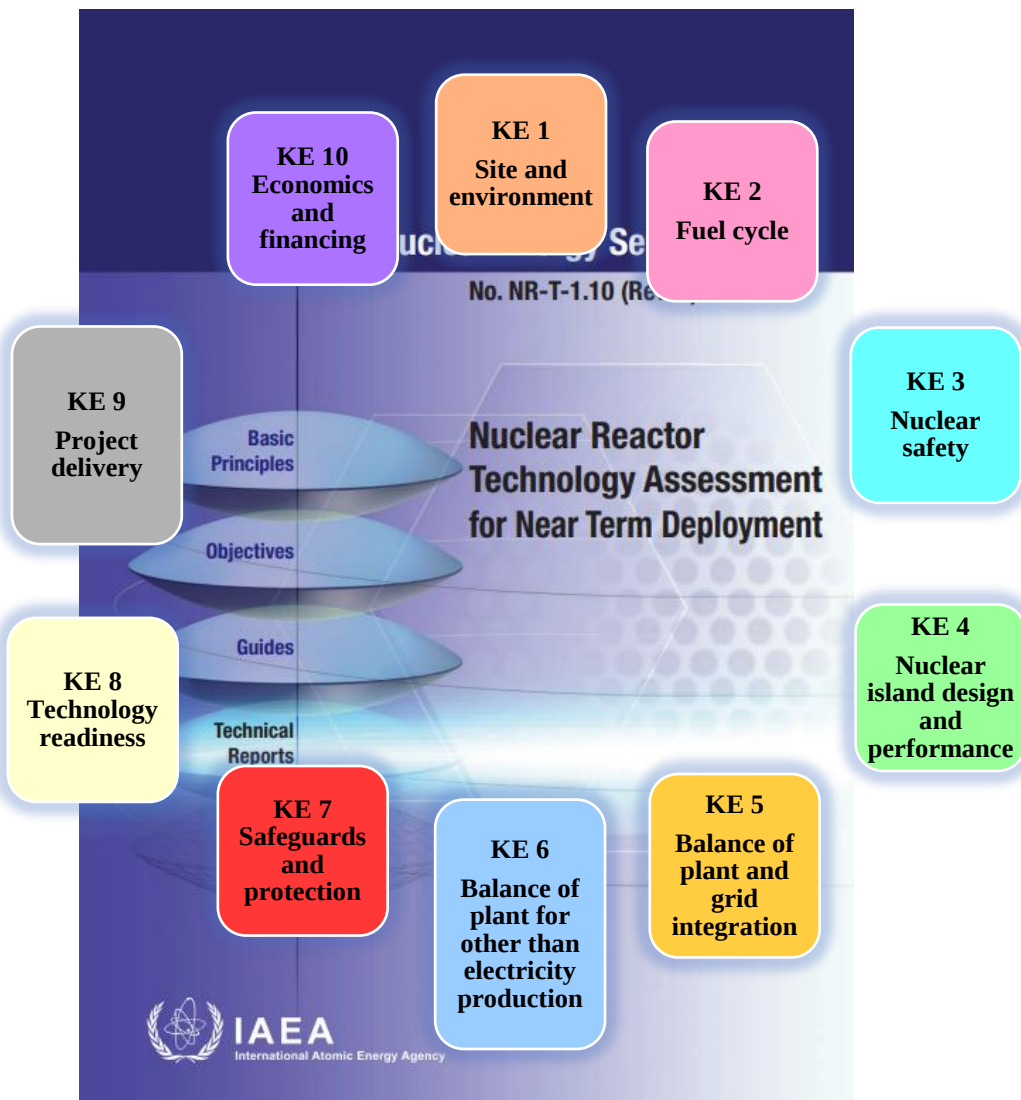
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Small and medium sized or modular reactors (SMRs)

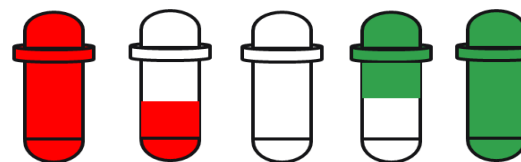
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and their broad applications (electricity production, non-electric applications, hybrid energy systems)

# IAEA Methodology for Reactor Technology Assessment



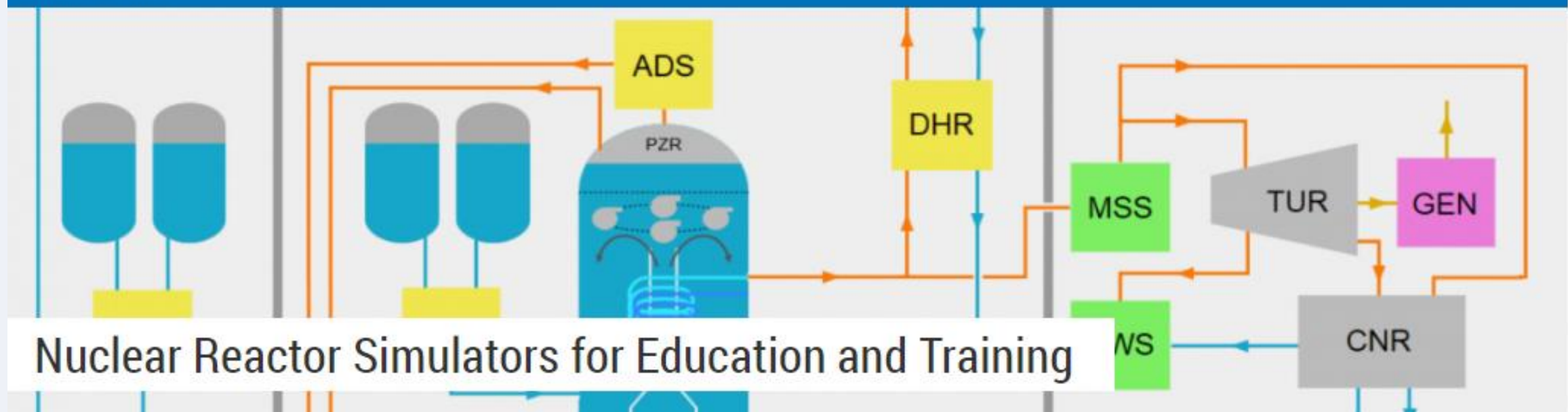
- A key challenge for Member States deploying SMRs is identifying and assessing suitable technologies that align with national objectives. The IAEA launched the **SMR Platform** to coordinate its SMR-related activities and offers tools such as the **RTA methodology**. This event demonstrated SMR assessment using the RTA methodology and the ARIS database.



*NPP design satisfies the KEs/KTs to:*

|                                 |                                                             |               |                                                       |              |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-------------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| Little extent / not acceptable  | Lesser than medium extent, but greater than a little extent | Medium extent | Greater than medium extent, but not to a large extent | Large extent |
| <b>5 – point scoring system</b> |                                                             |               |                                                       |              |
| 1                               | 2                                                           | 3             | 4                                                     | 5            |
| <b>9 – point scoring system</b> |                                                             |               |                                                       |              |
| 1                               | 3                                                           | 5             | 7                                                     | 9            |

- Supported by eLearning material, Workbook and TOOLKIT
- Training example: International Workshop on the IAEA Methodology for Reactor Technology Assessment for Near Term Deployment, 28–31 August 2023, Denmark
- Highlighted at GC 67 (2023) Side Event SMR Platform Activity: Reactor Technology Assessment using ARIS Database.**



### Pressurized Water Reactor (PWR) Simulators

- Advanced PWR: Two-Loop Large PWR (Korean-OPR 1000)
- Russian-type PWR (VVER-1000)
- Advanced Passive PWR (AP-600)
- Integral Pressurized Water Reactor (SMR)

### Boiling Water Reactor (BWRs) Simulators

- Conventional Boiling Water Reactor with Active Safety Systems (BWR)
- Advanced BWR with Passive Safety Systems (ESBWR)

### Pressurized Heavy Water Reactor (PHWR)

- Conventional Pressurized Heavy Water Reactor (PHWR)
- Advanced PHWR (ACR-700)

### Part-Task Simulator

- Micro-Physics Nuclear Reactor Simulator

### Under Development

- High Temperature Gas Cooled Reactor (HTGR)
- Sodium Cooled Fast Reactor (SFR)

- Used for educational purposes and aid in the understanding of reactor plant fundamentals of a NPP, operational characteristics and various approaches to reactor designs.
- The IAEA sponsors training courses and workshops on a regular basis, and would also be willing to support additional training events on this topic at the request of Member States.

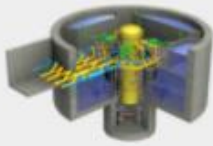


## ADVANCED REACTORS

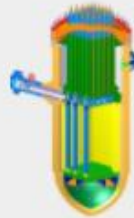
## WATER COOLED TECHNOLOGY



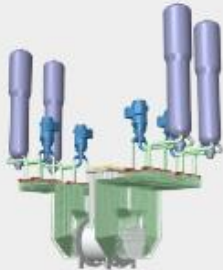
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BWR



SCWR

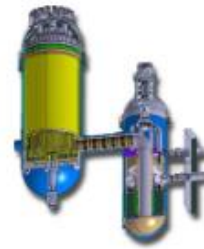


HWR



iPWR

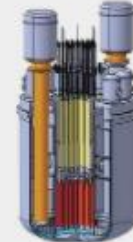
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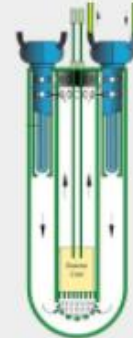
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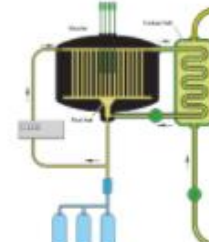
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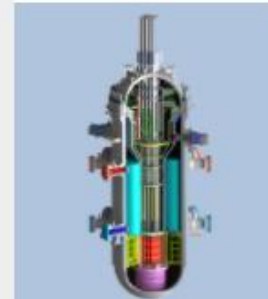
SFR



LFR

MOLTEN SALT COOLED  
TECHNOLOGY

MSR



SMR

Designed and maintained by Nuclear Power Technology and Development Section (NPTDS) since 2009

The IAEA has recently launched a fully redesigned version of ARIS

# ADVANCED REACTOR INFORMATION SYSTEM

The Advanced Reactor Information System (ARIS) database is designed and maintained by the IAEA and contains design descriptions of evolutionary and innovative nuclear reactors

Explore →

Advanced Reactors

## Currently 126 designs, including SMRs and microreactors

[Water Cooled Reactors](#)

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[Small Modular Reactors](#)

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## Open-source Nuclear Codes for Reactor Analysis (ONCORE)

The Open-source Nuclear Codes for Reactor Analysis (ONCORE) initiative is an IAEA-facilitated international collaboration framework for the development and application of open-source multi-physics simulation tools to support research, education and training for the analysis of advanced nuclear power reactors. Institutions and individuals participating in ONCORE can collaborate in, and benefit from, the development of open-source software in the field of nuclear science and technology.

An international network of research and academic institutions is creating a common platform in the area of *advanced reactor experiments and high-fidelity multi-physics nuclear simulation techniques for open-source code development and validation*. The work focuses on three major areas: modelling and simulations, experimental reactor physics and education and training.

[Access to  
Members' Area](#)

### Related Stories



IAEA Designates Swiss Ecole Polytechnique Federale de Lausanne as Collaborating Centre

2022-06-20

Technical Meeting on  
Development and Application  
of Open Source Modelling and  
Simulation Tools for Nuclear  
Reactors, 20-24 June 2022  
Milano, Italy

**In Publishing**  
*Technical Report Series (TRS)*  
*Development and Application*  
*of Open-Source Modelling and*  
*Simulation Tools for Nuclear*  
*Reactor Analysis*

IAEA Webinar Series on Multiphysics  
Modelling of  
Nuclear Reactors using OpenFOAM  
and its Derivatives

<https://www.iaea.org/topics/nuclear-power-reactors/open-source-nuclear-code-for-reactor-analysis-ncore>

<https://nucleus.iaea.org/sites/ncore>

# ONCORE Objectives

- Build and maintain expertise in open-source simulation codes and data, fostering information exchange in the nuclear science community
- Survey existing open-source codes and data to enhance accessibility
- Establish best practices for collaborative code development
- Identify integration opportunities and gaps in current open-source modules
- Encourage sharing of reference solutions, benchmarks, and input data
- Develop a unified open-source platform, ensuring consistency, verification, and documentation
- Promote the tools and platform for educational and research use
- Organize training and educational activities
- Successful contributions to the Future Global Nuclear Workforce and other IAEA initiatives

# HTR Code Package (HCP)

- In 2020, the IAEA, the Jülich Research Centre and German Export Authorities agreed on the release of the high temperature reactor code package (HCP) to the IAEA, so that Member States can use it for design and safety analyses
- The HCP is accessible through the Open-Source Nuclear Codes for Reactor Analysis (ONCORE)
  - The ONCORE initiative is an IAEA-facilitate international collaboration framework for the development and application of open-source multi-physics simulation tools to support research, education and training for the analysis of advanced nuclear power reactors. Institutions and individuals participating in ONCORE can collaborate in, and benefit from, the development of open-source software in the field of nuclear science and technology.
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### List of Codes

**Want to get involved?** You are invited to submit code to be included in this list, please follow the instruction available at [Get Involved?](#).

This preliminary list has been compiled by the ONCORE expert group. It does not include software that is not made available by its developers, nor software whose development has been discontinued. The authors acknowledge the fact that they might have overlooked on several available open-source codes. Would you be aware of other relevant software that could complement this list, please contact us at [ONCORE@iaea.org](mailto:ONCORE@iaea.org).

Codes available through ONCORE

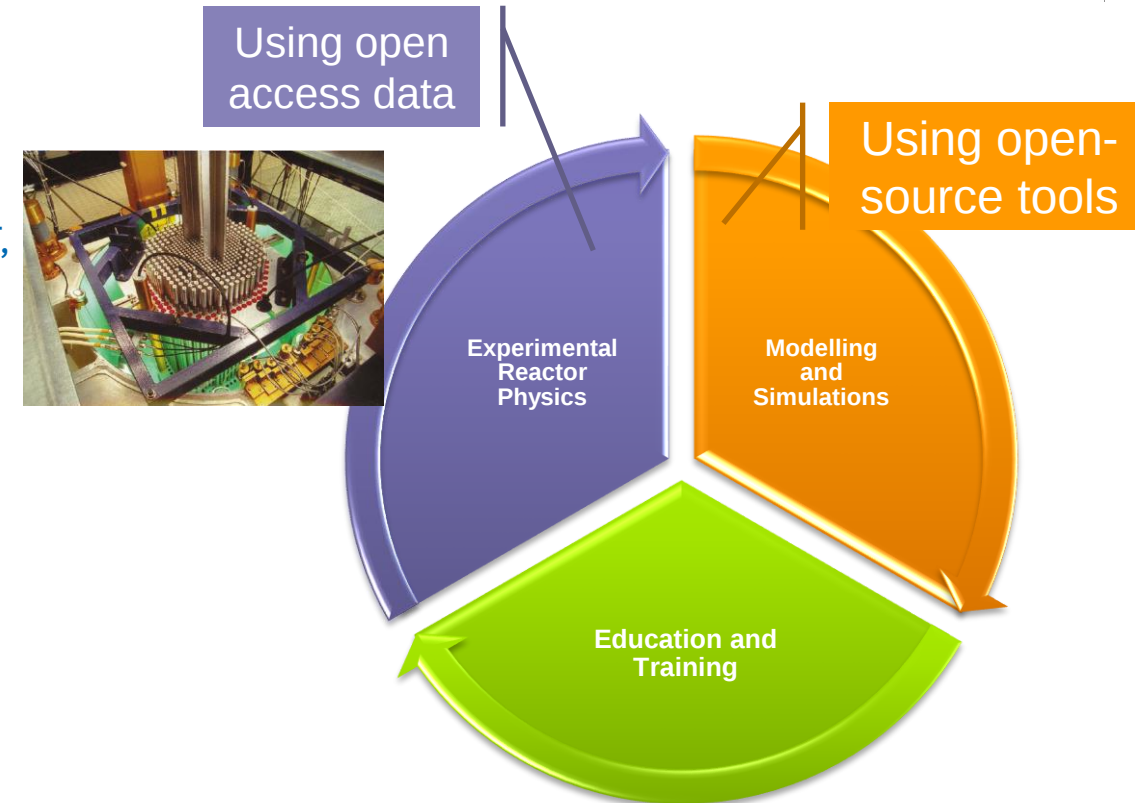
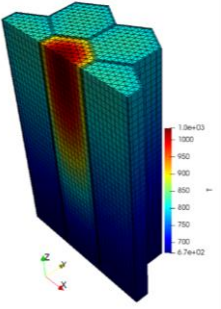
| Name      | Brief description                                                                      | How to obtain the software                                  | License |
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| VSOP99/11 | HTR pebble-type design and safety analysis                                             | Available at:<br><a href="#">Registered users of ONCORE</a> | MIT     |
| STACY     | V/HTR safety analyses for the quantification of fission product release from the fuel. | Available at:<br><a href="#">Registered users of ONCORE</a> | MIT     |
| HCP       | HTGR safety analysis integrated code                                                   | Available at:<br><a href="#">Registered users of ONCORE</a> | MIT     |

New STACY version developed by USNC available in Github

**2025: Workshop on High Temperature Gas Cooled Reactor Technology and Training on the High Temperature Reactor Code Package (2-7 November 2025)**

# List of ONCORE open source tools

- Links to **35+ Open source tools**
  - Neutronics
    - Dragon, FRENDY, NJOY, OpenMC, OpenMOC, SANDY, Scone
  - Thermal-hydraulics, system analysis, containment
    - AeroSolved, code\_saturne, containmentFOAM, Fire Dynamics Simulator, Lbh15, Nek5000/NekRS, OpenFOAM, TrioCFD, TRUST,
  - Structural mechanics
    - CALCULIX, code\_aster, Mfront, MGIS, OFFBEAT
  - Multi-physics applications and libraries
    - GeN-Foam
    - Elmer, MOOSE, OpenFOAM, OpenModelica, Spheral
  - Data processing, optimization, pre-post processing
    - Dakota, GNU Octave, Raven
  - Application frameworks
    - ARMI, ENRICO, Computational Model Builder (CMB), preCICE
  - Pre- and Post-Processing
    - cfMesh, FreeCAD, Gmsh, MeshLab, paraview, Salome, snappyHexMesh, VisIt



<https://nucleus.iaea.org/sites/ONCORE>

# Joint ICTP-IAEA Workshop on Open-Source Nuclear Codes for Reactor Analysis (IAEA ONCORE Initiative)

7-11 August 2023 in Trieste, Italy

The workshop offers a comprehensive journey in cutting-edge computational techniques for nuclear reactor analysis, providing an in-depth understanding of reactor neutronics, thermal hydraulics and system analysis at different scales.

General overview, theoretical background and practical exercises are offered for

- **OpenFOAM** and its derivatives for CFD simulation of multi-physics and multi-scale problems
- **GenFOAM** for core thermal hydraulics, neutron transport and structural mechanics modelling
- **Offbeat** for fuel performance simulation
- **ContainmentFOAM** for severe accidents simulation
- **OpenMC** Monte-Carlo neutron transport
- **ARMi** Advanced Reactor Modelling Interface

2nd Joint ICTP-IAEA Workshop on Open-Source Nuclear Codes for Reactor Analysis | (smr 4103)

22-26 September 2025 (<https://indico.ictp.it/event/10868>)

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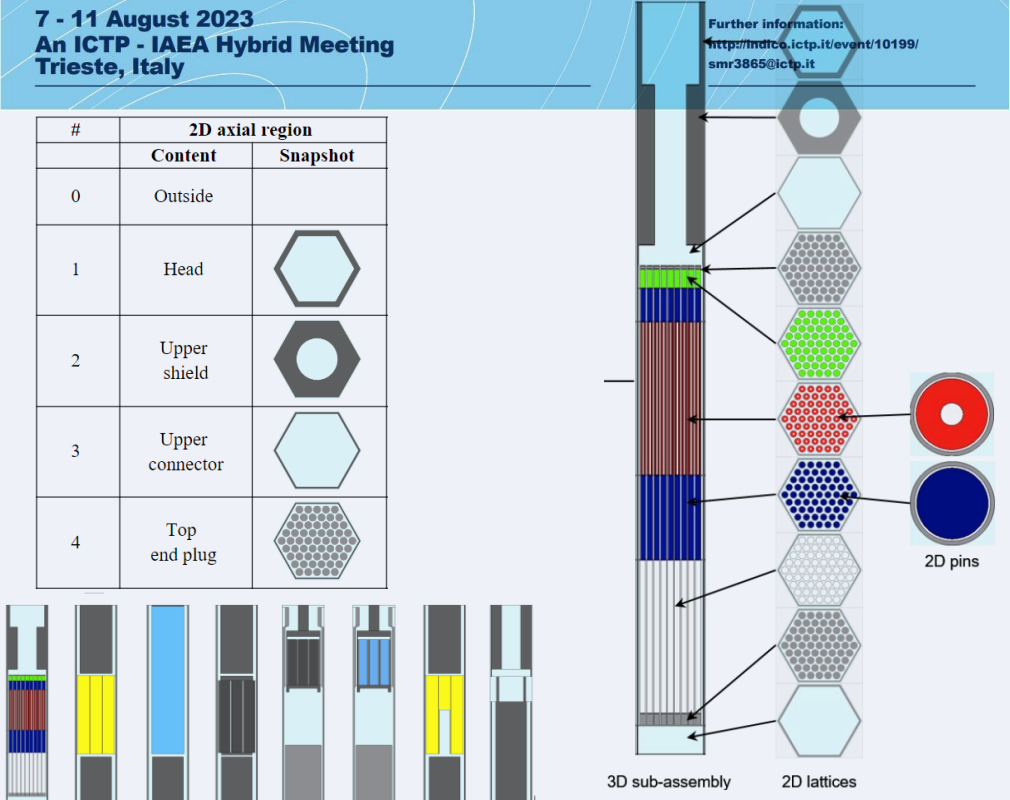
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| 1 | Head            |    |
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| 3 | Upper connector |  |
| 4 | Top end plug    |  |

3D sub-assembly

2D lattices

2D pins





International Conference on

# small modular reactors

and their applications

21–25 October 2024, Vienna, Austria



# SMR 2024 – TOPICAL GROUPS DASHBOARD (as of 20/10/2024)

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Accepted Papers

**44**

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**295**

Presenters

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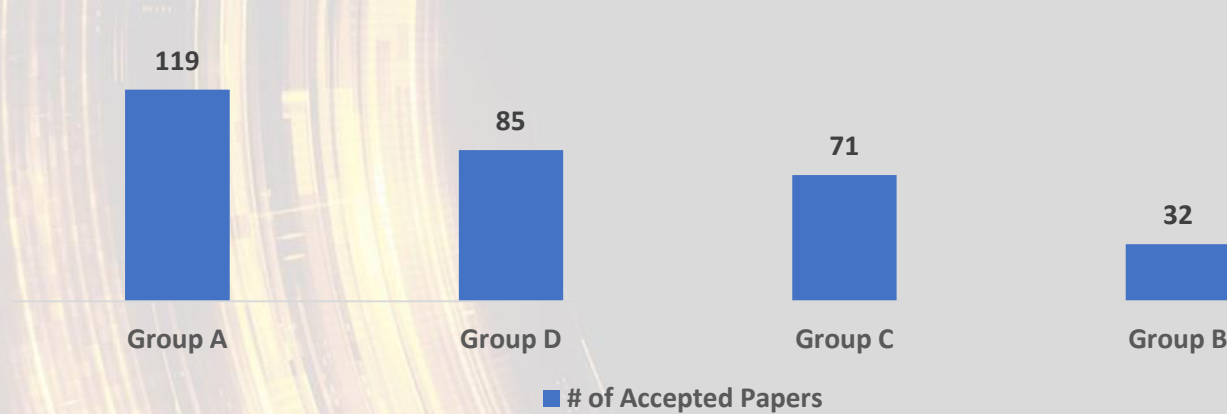
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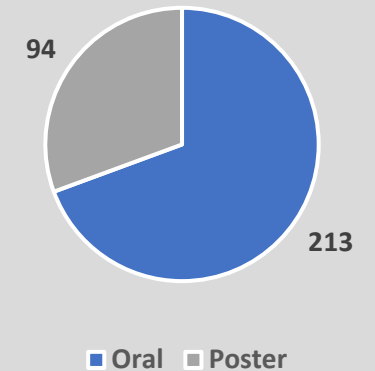
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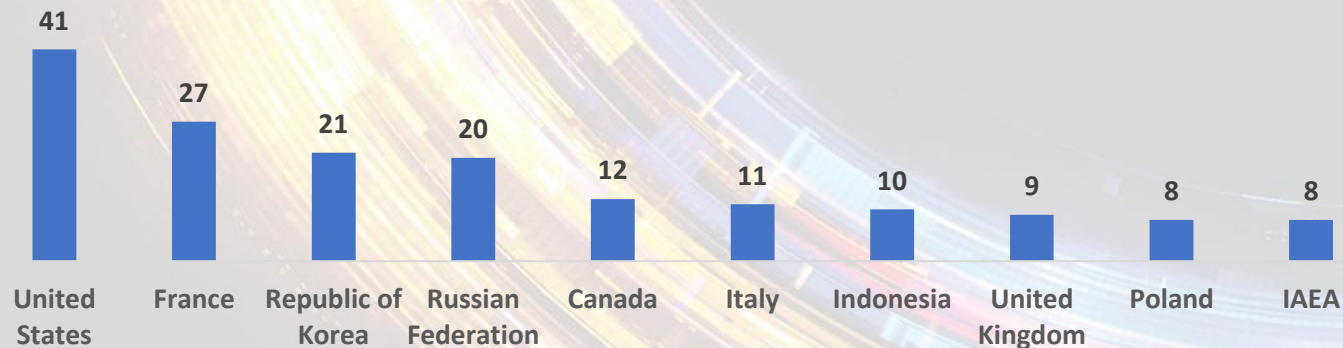
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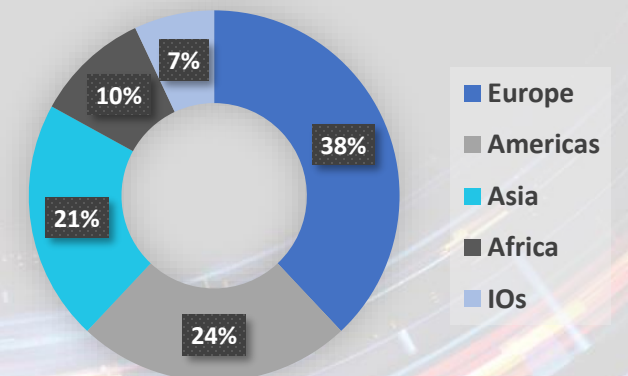
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