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# ADVANCED NUCLEAR 101

UNDERSTANDING THE BASICS OF ADVANCED NUCLEAR  
TECHNOLOGY AND WHAT IT MEANS FOR WYOMING



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# Advanced Nuclear Energy – Perspectives for Wyoming Stakeholder Consideration

# Overview

- Yesterday, today and tomorrow – Perspective on fundamental differences in deployment environments and markets
- Why the different technologies now? What's new, and what's not.
- The role of the national laboratories v. industry
- Economic potential in a net-zero world
- Questions that might be considered



## At the beginning of the age of commercial nuclear energy 65 years ago

Global population 2.8 B

Nuclear technology is new and novel; First commercial power plant at Shippingport, PA comes on-line

130 quads global primary energy consumption; angst about American energy supply security

U.S. per capita GDP \$3 K (current USD)

## Today

Global population 7.8 B

444 reactors, 31 countries, 388 Gwe, 11% of global generations, \$2.6 T / 2-decade global market

540 quads global primary energy consumption, angst about climate security and energy distribution

U.S. per capita GDP \$58 K (current USD)

## Our future. 2040 and beyond

Global population exceeding 9 B

Asymmetric global growth in baseload commercial nuclear energy; markets expand as nuclear powers more industry and non-baseload operations

800 quads global primary energy consumption

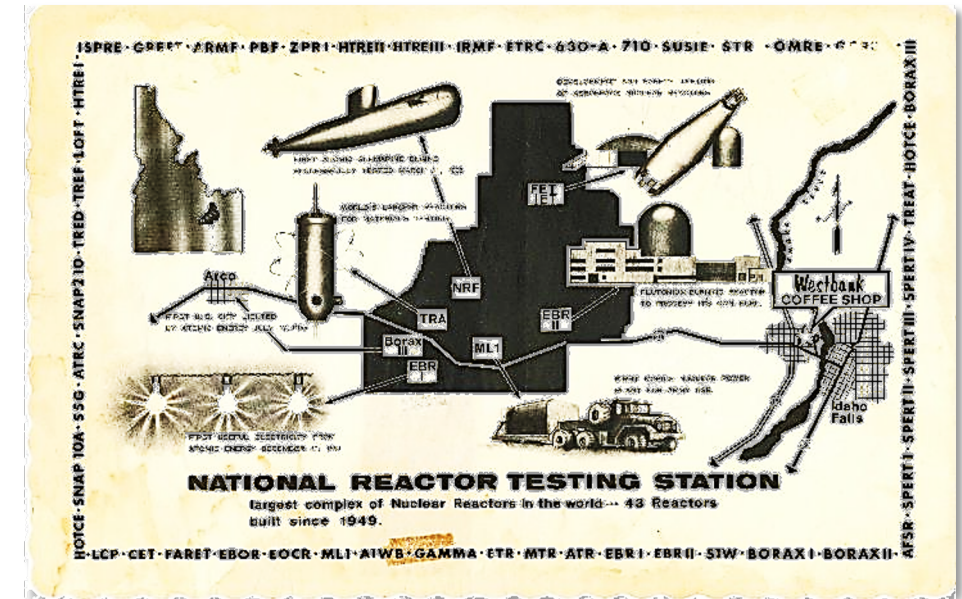
U.S. per capita GDP > \$90 K (current USD)

**From a New Invention to a Mature Global Market –  
The Evolution of Civilian Nuclear Energy**



# Nuclear Power was pioneered by the United States at Idaho National Laboratory

- First nuclear power plant
- First U.S. city to be powered by nuclear energy
- First submarine reactor tested
- First mobile nuclear power plant for the Army
- Demonstration of self-sustaining fuel cycle
- Basis for LWR reactor safety
- Aircraft and aerospace reactor testing
- Materials testing reactors



Experimental Breeder Reactor-I



Materials Test Reactor



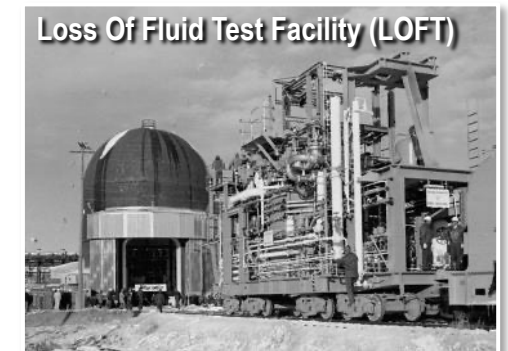
Special Power Excursion Reactor Tests I through IV (SPERT)



Boiling Water Reactor Experiments I-V (BORAX)



S1W (aka Submarine Thermal Reactor (STR))



Loss Of Fluid Test Facility (LOFT)

# Advanced Reactors Are Trending Smaller, Integrated, and Modular – Why?

- Versatile applications due to range of sizes and ability to integrate with future energy needs
- Reduced cost by enabling factory fabrication, size to market need, etc
- Ability to modularize creates intriguing economics
  - Not all small reactors are modular, but no big reactor is .....
  - Capital / cash flow timing
  - Match generation to load
- Based on decades of research and development at DOE national laboratories

## SIZES

### SMALL

**1 MW to 20 MW**

Micro-reactors

*Can fit on a flatbed truck.  
Mobile. Deployable.*

### MEDIUM

**20 MW to 300 MW**

Small Modular Reactors

*Factory-built. Can be  
scaled up by adding  
more units.*

### LARGE

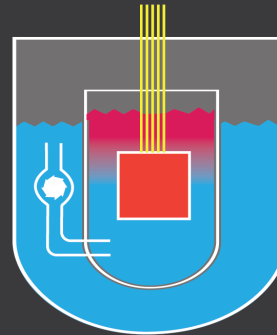
**300 MW to 1,000 + MW**

Full-size Reactors

*Can provide reliable,  
emissions-free baseload  
power*

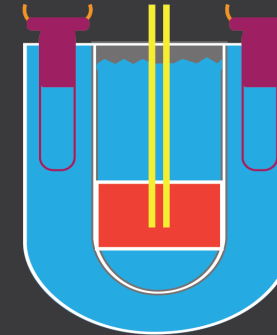
Advanced Reactors Supported by the U.S. Department of Energy

## TYPES



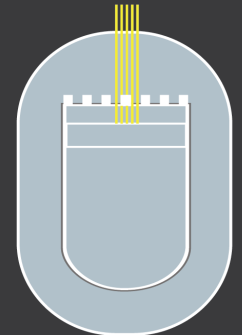
### MOLTEN SALT REACTORS –

Use molten fluoride or chloride salts as a coolant. Online fuel processing. Can re-use and consume spent fuel from other reactors.



### LIQUID METAL FAST REACTORS –

Use liquid metal (sodium or lead) as a coolant. Operate at higher temperatures and lower pressures. Can re-use and consume spent fuel from other reactors.



### GAS-COOLED REACTORS –

Use flowing gas as a coolant. Operate at high temperatures to efficiently produce heat for electric and non-electric applications.

# Why Size Matters, and Why This Evolution ?

- Large size pursued principally for efficiencies of scale and to match rapidly growing electric markets
  - Larger the better
- Implications:
  - Significant for safety systems: System pressure, decay heat removal, reactor control mechanisms
  - NOT modular – generally each a unique massive construction project
  - Construction complexity (capital at risk, financing costs, etc)
  - Mismatch in market (load) and generation size as economies mature (growth rate) = underutilized capital
- Many markets will require smaller increments of power to match load
  - Grid
  - Industrial applications





# Existing (large) nuclear reactors



Applications:  
**Baseload electricity; 24/7**

**Coming soon: Hydrogen production**

**Did you know?**

In November 2018, the Union of Concerned Scientist recommended that federal and state governments adopt policies to preserve the low-carbon electricity the current fleet of nuclear reactors provides.

Number in operation: **95 in U.S.**

Timeframe: **Built in the 1950s-1980s**

Products: **Electricity**

Megawatts: **1,000+ megawatts**

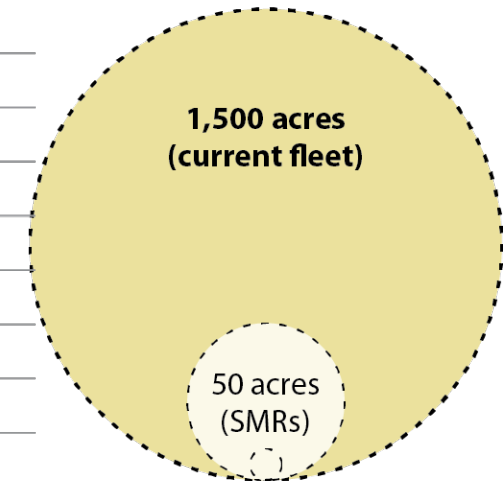
Customers: **Large utilities**

Emergency zone: **10 miles**

Construction: **Custom built on site**

Scalability: **Difficult due to size and cost**

Footprint



Less than an Acre  
(Micro Reactors)



# Small modular reactors



Applications:  
**Baseload electricity, industrial heat, industrial processes such as hydrogen production**

Number in operation: **None\***

Timeframe: **First reactors expected by 2029**

Products: **Electricity, heat, and steam**

Megawatts: **60-300 megawatts per module**

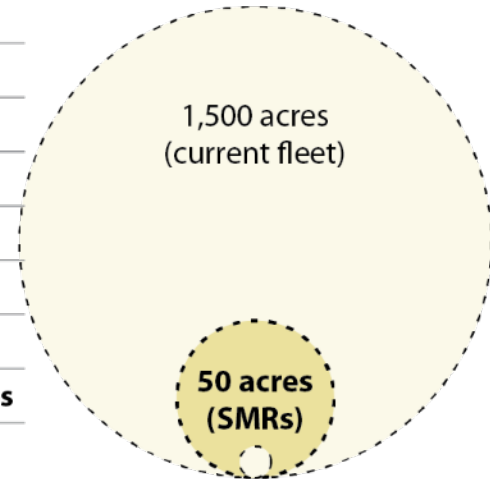
Customers: **Large utilities; municipalities; industry**

Emergency zone: **.19 miles**

Construction: **Factory built; assembled on site**

Scalability: **Reactor modules added as demand increases**

Footprint



**Less than an Acre  
(Micro Reactors)**

*\*NuScale SMR has completed NRC design approval with plan to start operation on INL site in 2029*

# Microreactors



Applications:  
**Power for remote locations, maritime shipping, military installations, mining, space missions, desalination, disaster relief**

Number in operation: **None**

Timeframe: **First reactors expected by 2025**

Products: **Electricity, heat, and steam**

Megawatts: **20 megawatts or less**

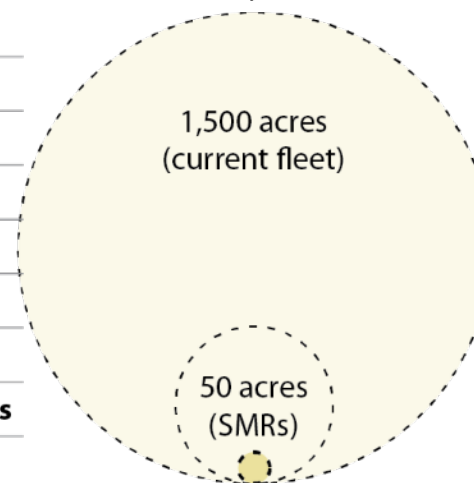
Customers: **Military; municipalities; industry**

Emergency zone: **Less than 1 acre**

Construction: **Factory built; assembled on site**

Scalability: **Reactor modules added as demand increases**

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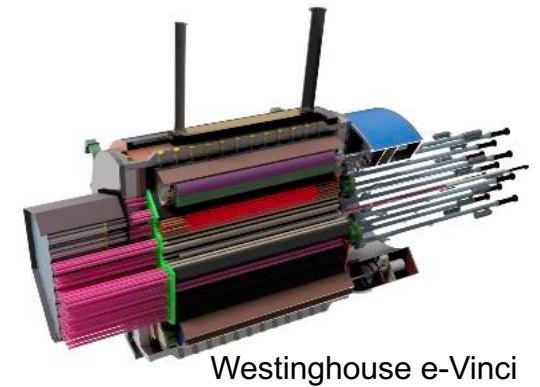
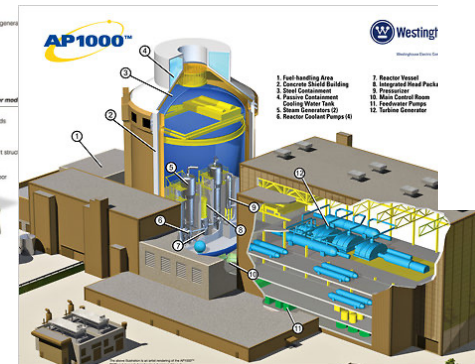
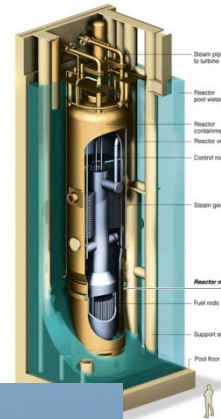
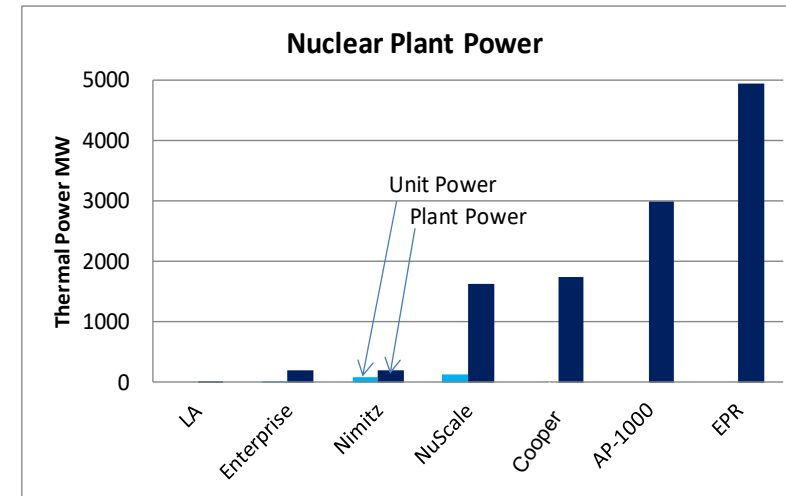
**Less than an Acre  
(Micro Reactors)**

**Sen. Lisa Murkowski,**  
R-Alaska, April 4, 2019  
Op-Ed in the Anchorage  
Daily News.

Improvements in nuclear technology “are enabling the emergence of so-called “microreactors” that could be a perfect fit throughout our state. As the name suggests, these smaller reactors can be right-sized for dozens of Alaska communities and will have off-grid capability that could solve the challenge of providing clean, affordable energy in our remote areas.”

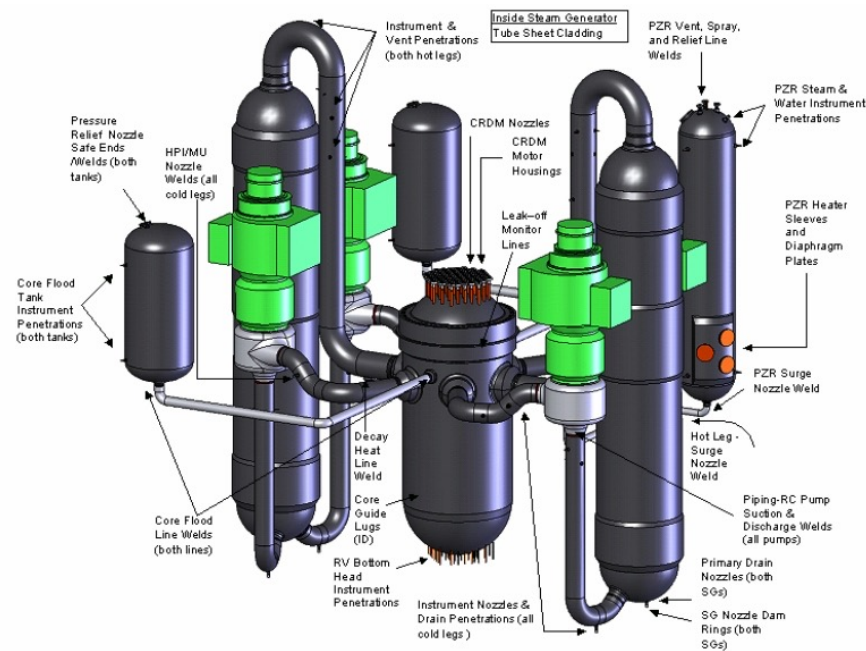
# Sample of the Evolution of Power (Size)

- Shippingport – 72 MWe
- Cooper BWR, 800MWe
- Westinghouse AP-1000, 1000MWe
- European Pressurized Reactor, 1650MWe
- NuScale Reactor 12 x 60MW, 720MWe
- Sodium – 345 MWe
- Los Angeles Class Submarine -26 MW
- Enterprise Class Aircraft Carrier 8x
- Nimitz Class Aircraft Carrier 2x97MW, 194MW
- eVinci – 1-5 MWe (plus heat)



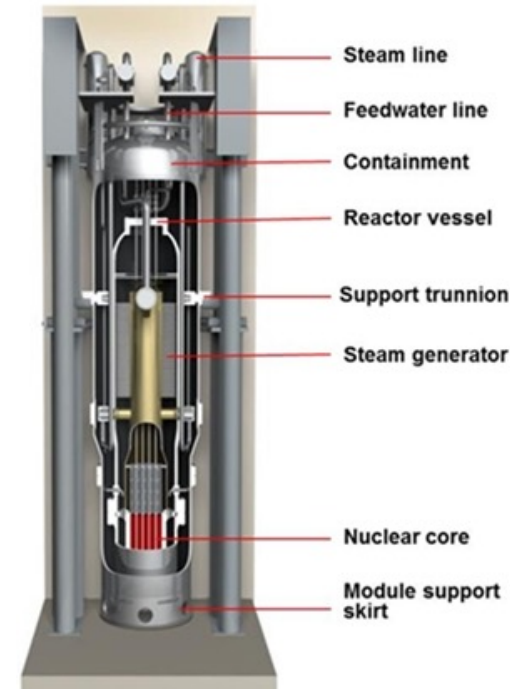
# Integrated Small Reactor – Simplification for Safety

SMR reactor and full primary system in one vessel



Typical PWR Reactor

Simplified systems  
Fewer Failure Modes



IPWR Reactors



# Advanced Reactors and Passive Safety

## – The Important Role of Demonstrations

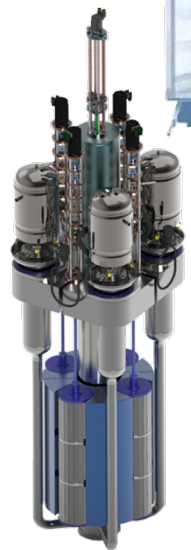
- Many decades of experience in demonstrating advanced technologies
  - Similar to approaches in other industries- Develop, demonstrate, improve
- Experimental Breeder Reactor – 2: A Case Study
  - Sodium cooled fast reactor
  - Operated very successfully for 30 years
  - Demonstrated power production, plant operations, and "inherent safety" of this class of technology
    - Most aggressive accident scenarios tested: Loss of coolant flow and loss of heat sink
- Lean on this knowledge base



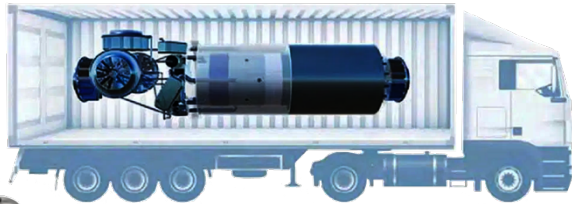
EBR-II, a sodium cooled fast reactor, demonstrated inherent safety in 1986 and operated successfully and effectively for 30 years

- 1) Demonstrated natural circulation
- 2) Loss of flow without shutdown
- 3) Loss of heat sink without shutdown

# Nuclear Reactor Demonstration Timeline



**MARVEL**  
DOE  
2022-2023



**Project Pele Microreactor**  
DoD  
2023-2024

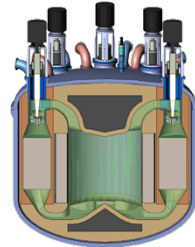


**DOME Test Bed**  
NRIC  
2023-2024



TerraPower.  
Southern Company

**MCRE**  
Southern Co. & TerraPower  
2025

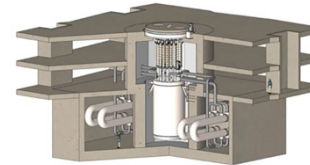


**LOTUS Test Bed**  
NRIC  
2024

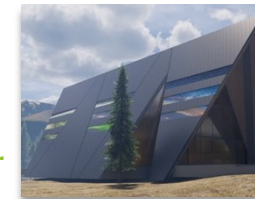


**NRIC** National Reactor  
Innovation Center

Kairos Power  
**Hermes Kairos**  
2026

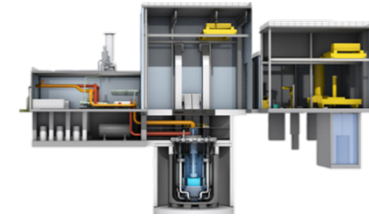


**Aurora Oklo Inc.**  
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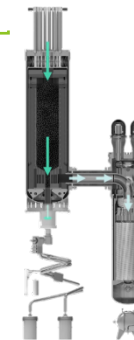


TerraPower.  
GE  
**HITACHI**

**Sodium Reactor**  
TerraPower & General Electric  
2028



**Xe-100**  
X-energy  
2027  
energy



**SMR**  
UAMPS &  
NuScale  
2029  
UAMPS  
NUSCALE  
Power for all humankind



2030

# Meeting the Needs of a World of 9 B People: The Broader Potential for Economic Value and Climate Impact

- In the model of the past, nuclear energy touches a very small share of global energy
  - Projections that electricity accounts for ~25% of 800 quad energy demand in 2040
  - Nuclear accounts for 10%-15% of electricity in the 2040 scenario
  - Baseload electricity is ~40% of electricity market (U.S.)
- What if?
  - Innovation allowed lower cost, easier to operate plants (*advanced SMR, microreactors, etc.*)?
  - Innovation allowed integration into broader energy economy– decarbonize hard to address industry
  - Innovation introduced game-changing embedded nuclear-industrial process designs and “smart reactors”?
  - **Smaller scale, niche markets, affordable – key tool to achieve net-zero economy**



Conceptual Functional Layout for Quantum Battery - MIT

**Value chain (what one produces with the energy) is likely much larger than supply chain (stuff that goes into a plant)**



# Transforming the Economic Paradigm in Wyoming ?

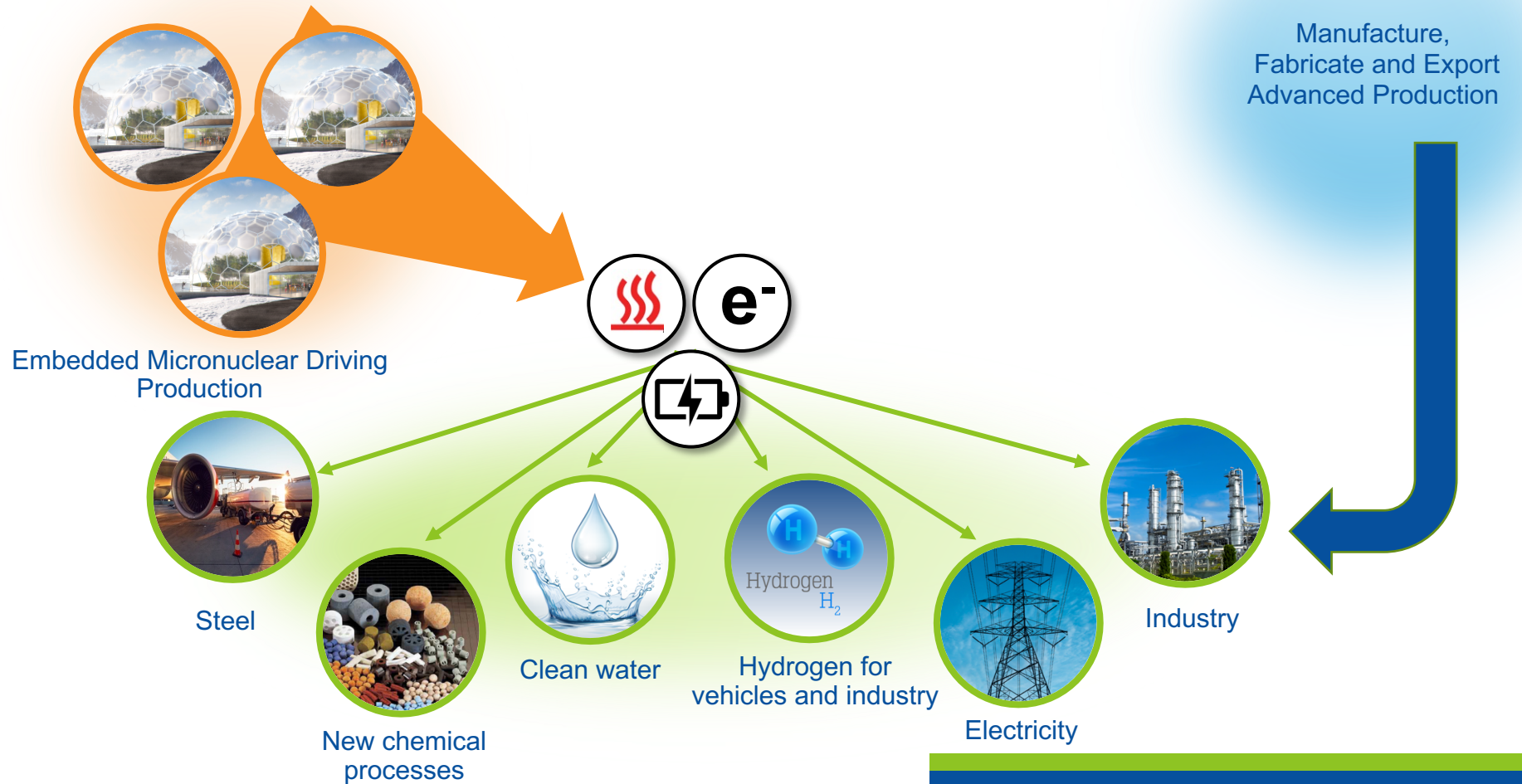
## Today

Electricity and  
Commodity only focus

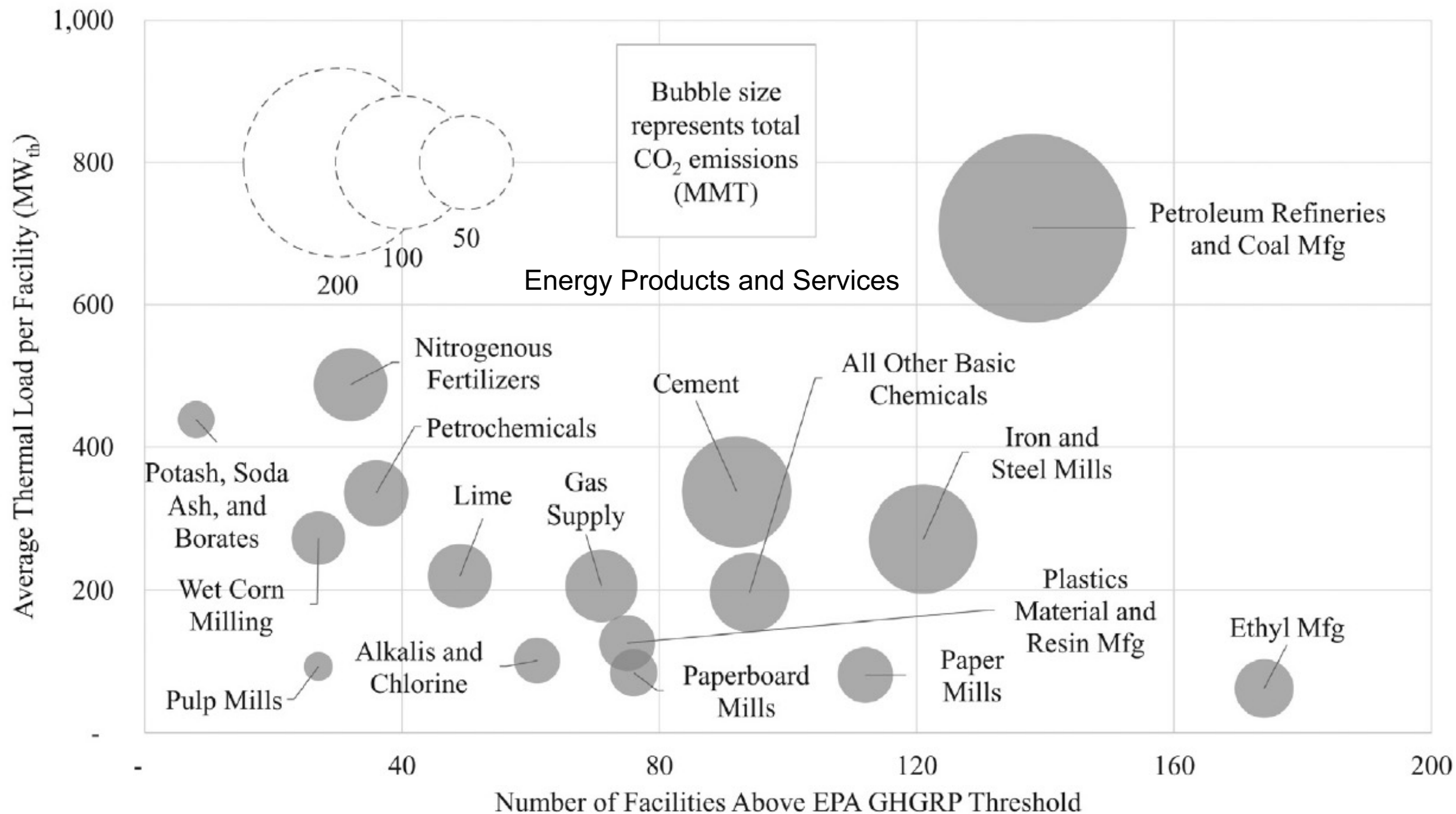


## Future

Power source **embedded** in advanced industrial production









# Question, Plan, Engage-

- Rely on and engage with your university and your energy authority
- Regulatory oversight: Air, water, land, cultural, utilities
- Operations excellence
- Jobs, supply chain, value chain – what's the reality?
- Broader value ala engaging global markets
- Build partnerships for talent development, process learning, manufacturing, etc
- Fuel cycle – short / long term plan
- Consider facts – esp demonstrations past and future: What can be learned? What can be leveraged?





## **Other Slides of Possible Interest**

# The Nuclear Regulatory Commission Licenses Commercial Power Reactors

- All commercial power reactors operate under NRC licenses
  - Originally issues for 40 years
  - Subsequent licenses extended to 60 and 80
- Two current licensing approaches
  - 10 CFR 50 – Construction licenses followed by Operating License
  - 10 CFR 52 – Design approval/Combined Construction and Operating License
  - 10 CFR 53 – Technology inclusive regulatory framework under development
- Recent/current experience
  - NuScale SMR – 10 CFR 52 – 42 months for design approval
  - Oklo Aurora Microreactor – 10 CFR 52 - 36 month planned review period



# Embedding clean energy in advanced industrial production - Moving to higher-value products

## Commodities produced with NG

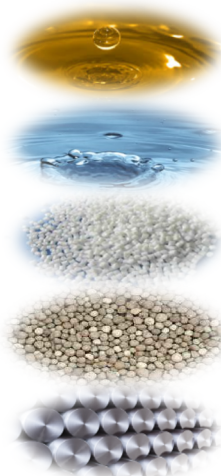
**Synthetic Fuels & Lubes**

**Primary Chemicals**

**Plastics & Resins**

**Fertilizers**

**Primary Metals**



Acetic Acid

Ammonia

Ethyl Alcohol

Formic Acid

Melamine

Polyethylene

Acetone

Base oils-lubes

Ethylene

Hydrogen

Methanol

Polypropylene

Acrylonitrile

Butadiene

Glycol

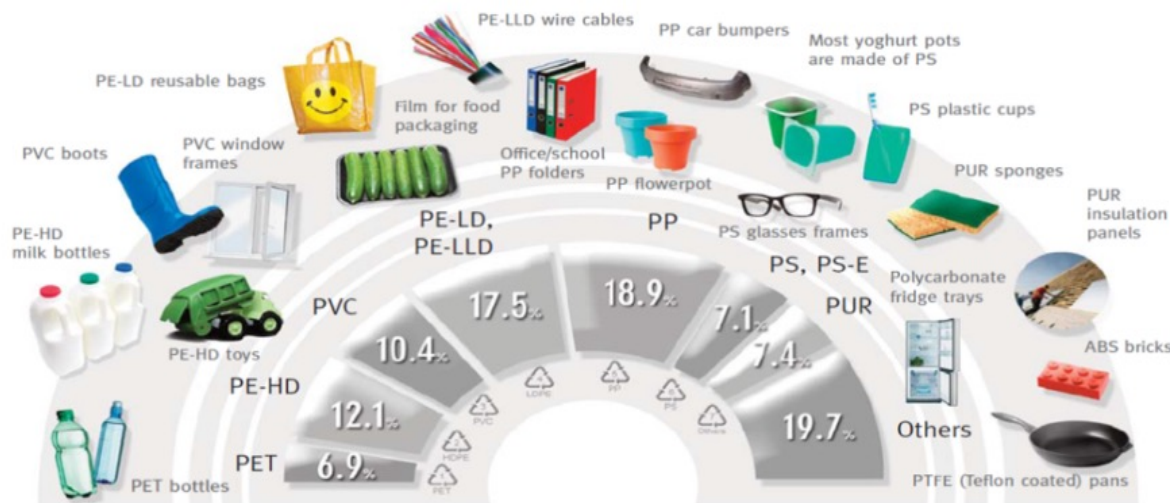
Isocyanates

Oxo-Alcohols

Polyvinyl Chloride

**Chemical commodities produced from NG**

## Plastics Market: 50% growth projected by 2040



- ☐ H<sub>2</sub> for FCV, fertilizers, and oil refining
- ☐ Heat and electricity for alkane activation and dehydrogenation for plastics and resins
- ☐ Syngas for methanol and direct reduced iron

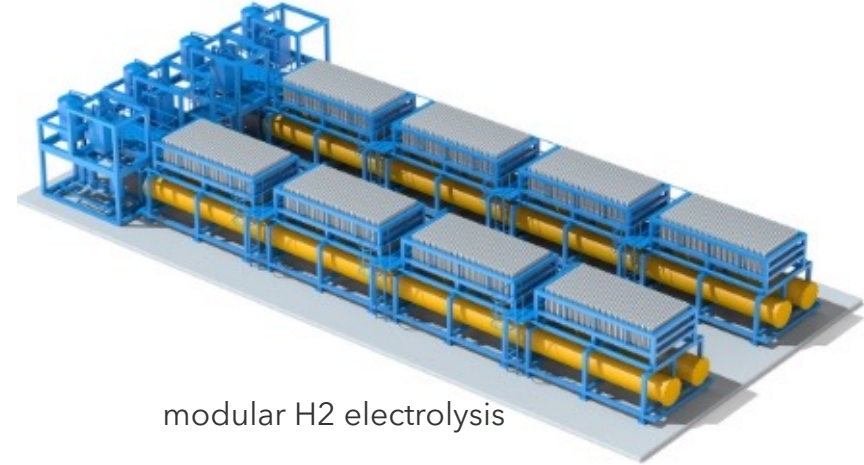
**An Opportunity for Wyoming Economic Transformation**

# Imagine If .....

- New System architecture
  - Address some of these challenges
  - NOT a one size fits all ..... Some applications and needs will not scale
  - Industrial applications, adaptive communities, mission-critical loads, growing markets, etc
- Embedded systems for advanced production – it goes like this:
  - Embed energy modules in/with industrial processes (or other loads) – advanced nuclear + advanced production
  - Incremental provisioning of energy – match load requirements at a given time with incremental modules of energy (think batteries, Lego approach, etc)
  - Optimizes investment “stack” / cash flows, de-risk, localized approach, de-emphasize massive capital projects
  - Focus on non-commodity (or specialty commodity) production
  - Trade efficiencies of size for economies and resilience of numbers
  - Shift energy provisioning from large capital projects to advanced manufacturing / ultra-modularity
  - A slightly different take on microgrids, and its not built on SMR
- How is this different than CHP, collocated energy, etc?
  - Incremental provisioning, operational plug and play nature of nuclear battery
  - Industrial application architecture-centric

# Applications?

- Modular production
  - Industrial precursors (H<sub>2</sub>)
  - Fertilizers
  - Iron ore reduction and steel processing
  - Mineral processing
- Critical loads
  - Flood control / pumps, desalination, key microgrids,
  - Transport charging stations, etc
- The steel example (Freda et al)
  - Initial results show strong economics
  - Very favorable debt / return timing
  - Applicable for new, modular mills



modular H<sub>2</sub> electrolysis



fleet charging stations



modular metals and ceramics



modular data centers

# Technologies and Layout

- Microreactors are the key, but –
  - “Fission battery” or “quantum battery” approach
  - Plug and play
  - Extended core life, practical to remove / replace modules
  - Secure intelligent monitoring and control
  - Possible new business model – fleet operation remotely, energy as leased service



MIT Conceptual Functional Layout



MIT Conceptualized NB w/ integrated gas turbine



Westinghouse e-Vinci



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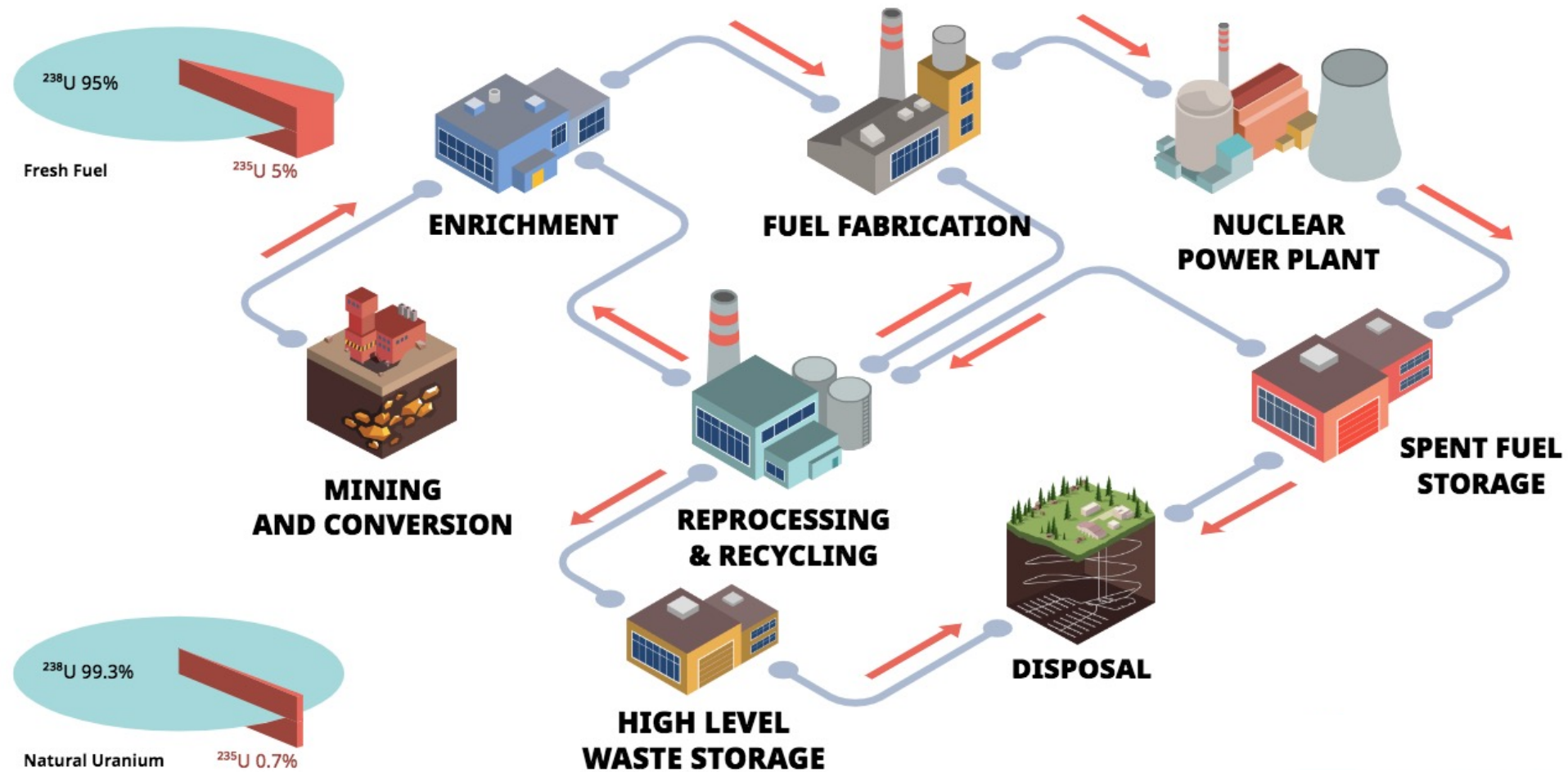
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**Presenter: Josh Jarrell, Ph.D.**

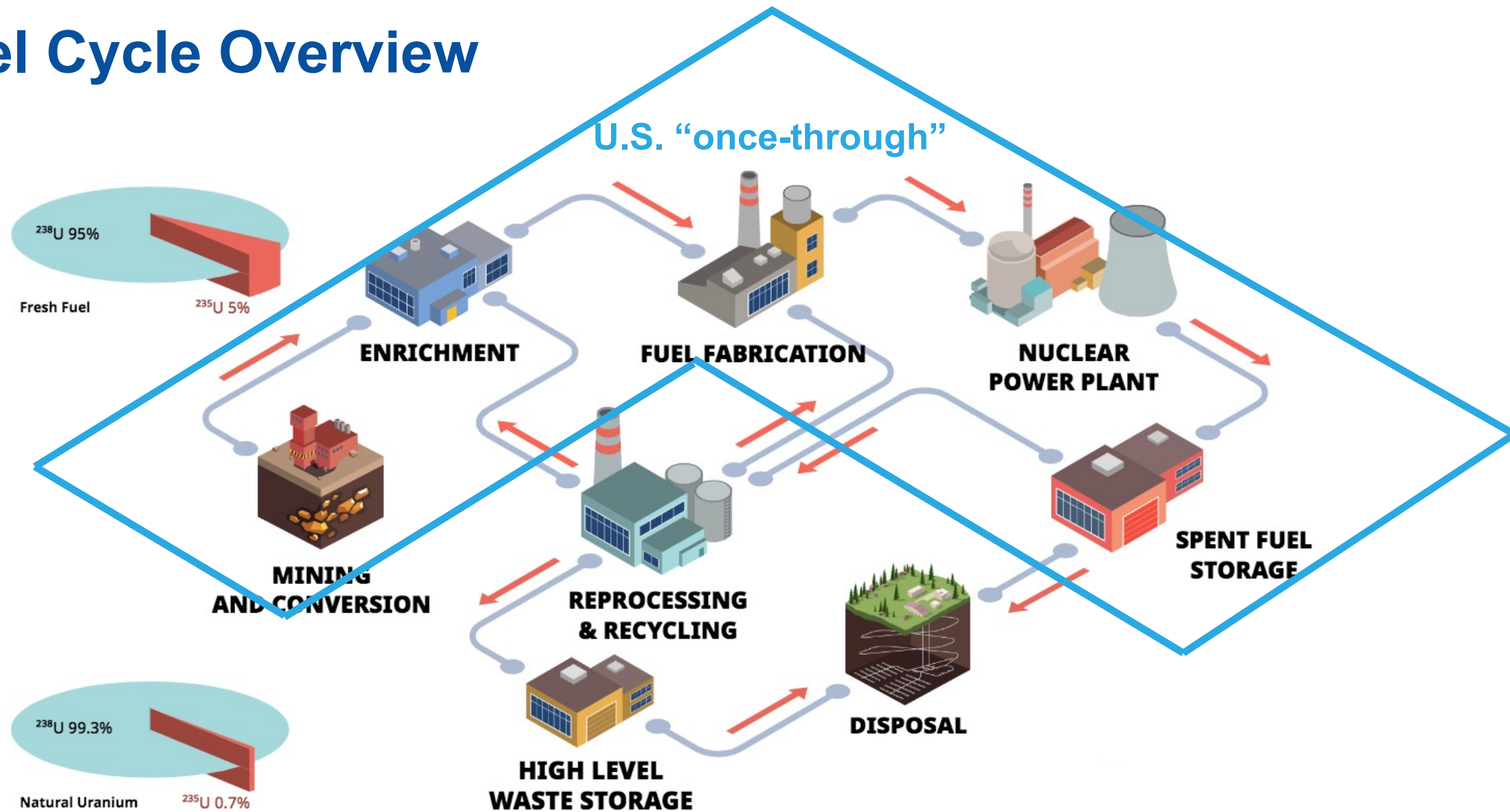
Manager, Used Fuel Management Department,  
Idaho National Laboratory

# Nuclear Fuel Cycle: An Overview

# Fuel Cycle Overview



# Fuel Cycle Overview





# Uranium Mining and Milling

- Three types of mining
  - Open Pit
  - Underground
  - In-situ Leach
- Milling required for Open Pit and Underground mining to concentrate uranium
- After mining/milling, uranium is a uranium oxide
- Dramatic reduction in US uranium production over the past 5 years

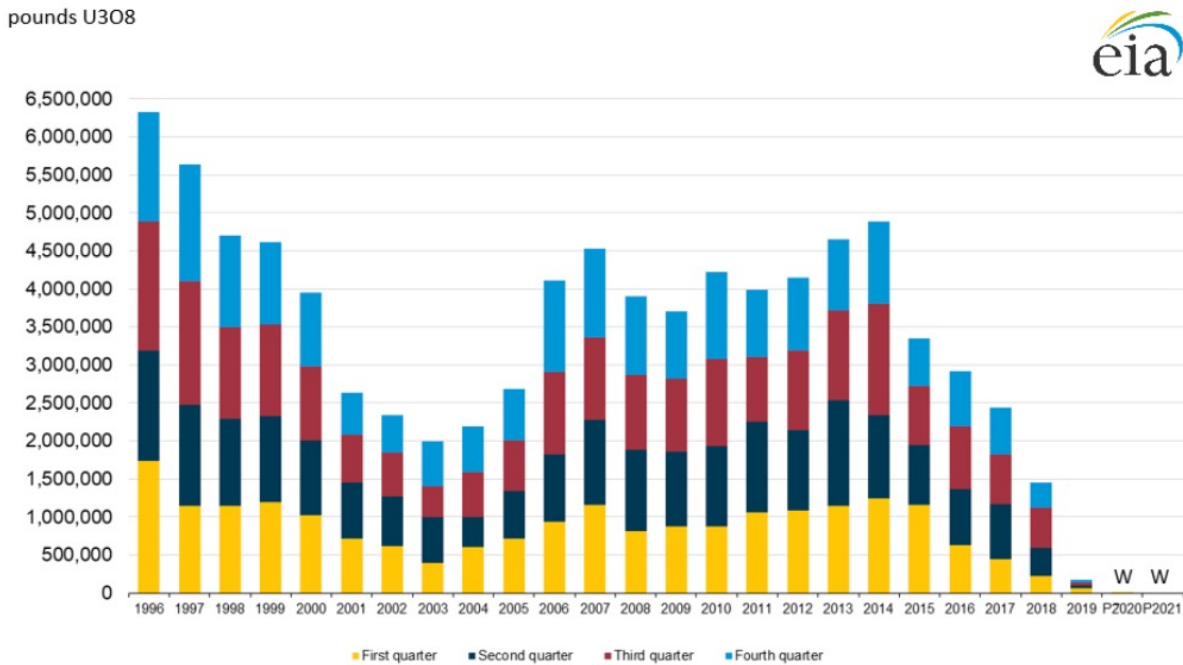


Rabbit Lake Uranium Mine, Canada

Source: Saskatchewan Schools

Figure 1. Uranium concentrate production in the United States, 1996 to second-quarter 2021

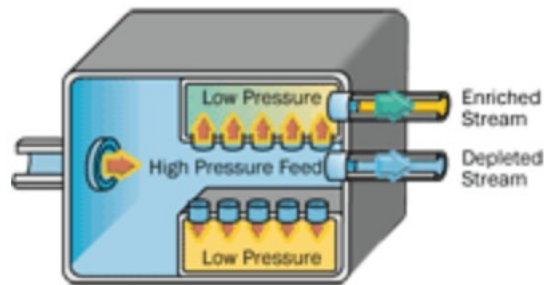
pounds U3O8



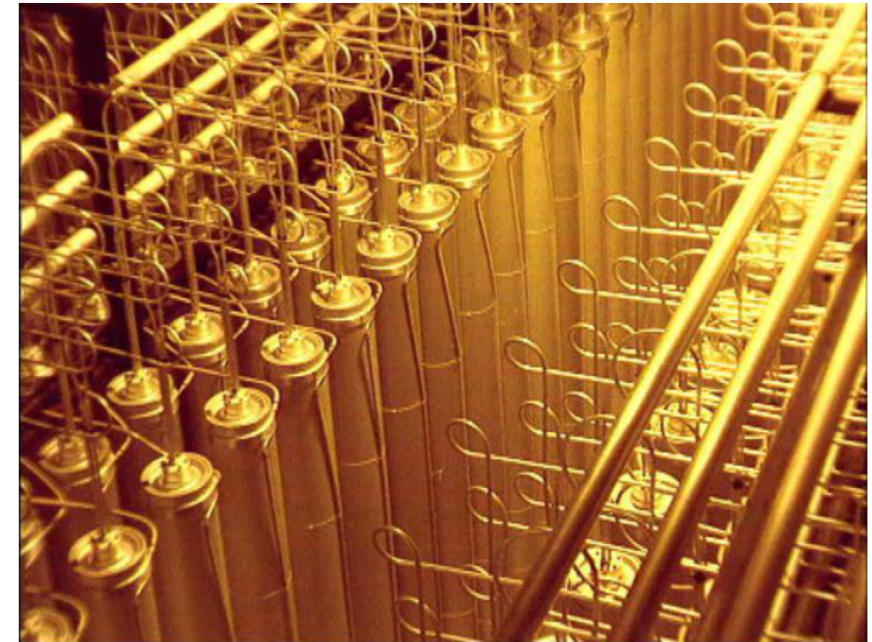
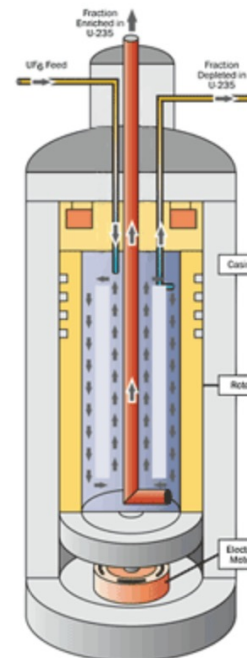
Source: <https://www.eia.gov/uranium/production/quarterly/>

# Uranium Enrichment

- Need to raise Uranium-235 from ~0.7% to ~5% of the total uranium
- Enriching U-235 is done via two proven\* methods
  - Centrifuge
  - Diffusion
- Both require the uranium to be in the form of  $UF_6$  (i.e., gas)
  - Conversion from oxide to fluoride



Source: <https://www.nrc.gov/materials/fuel-cycle-fac/ur-enrichment.html>



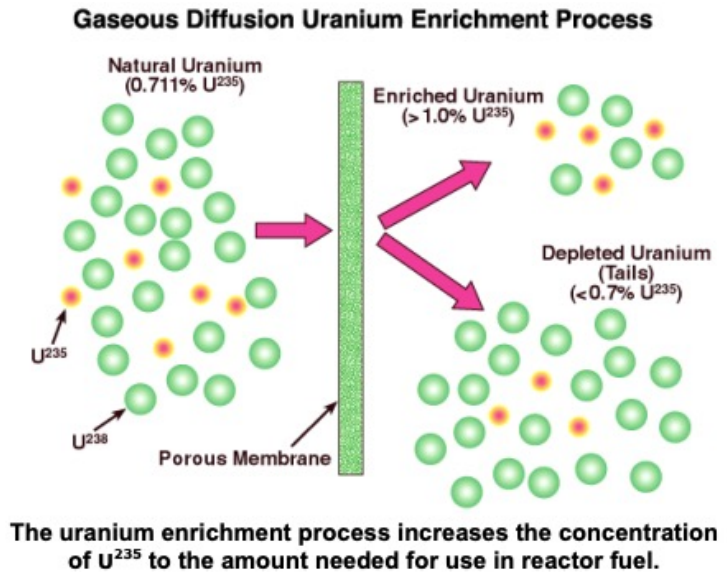
A bank of centrifuges at a Urenco plant

Source: <https://world-nuclear.org/information-library/nuclear-fuel-cycle/conversion-enrichment-and-fabrication/uranium-enrichment.aspx>

\*<sup>5</sup>Laser enrichment facility was licensed by NRC, but never constructed

# Commercial US Enrichment Facilities

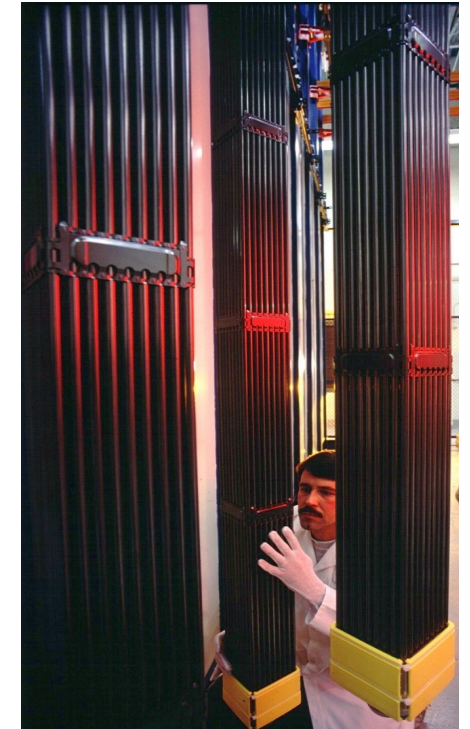
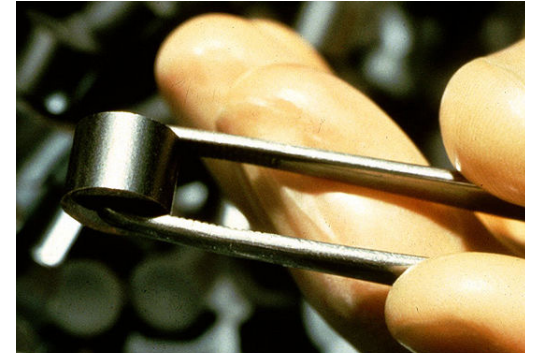
- No active diffusion plants
  - Paducah, Kentucky
  - Piketon, Ohio
  - Oak Ridge, Tennessee
- URENCO - Eunice, NM
  - Started operations in 2010
  - Stated desire to move forward with higher enrichment (HALEU) program (2019)
- American Centrifuge Operating (ACO) - Piketon, Ohio
  - CENTRUS subsidiary
  - DOE support for high assay uranium (greater than 5% U-235 but less than 20% U-235)
    - 3 year and \$115M cost-shared contract (2019 – 2022)
  - Expected to start production in 2022 (NRC license approved in Summer 2021)





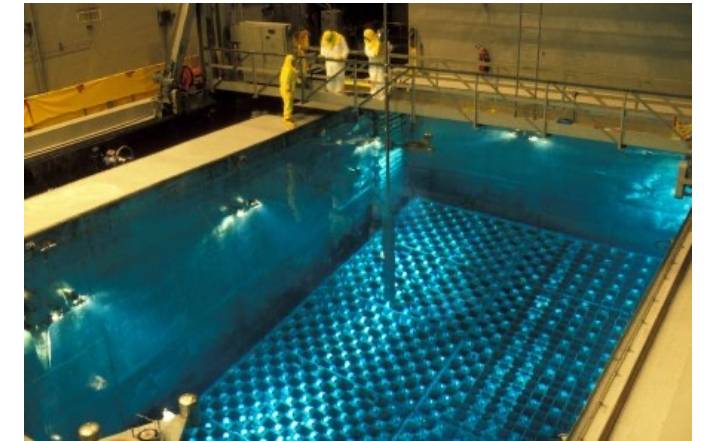
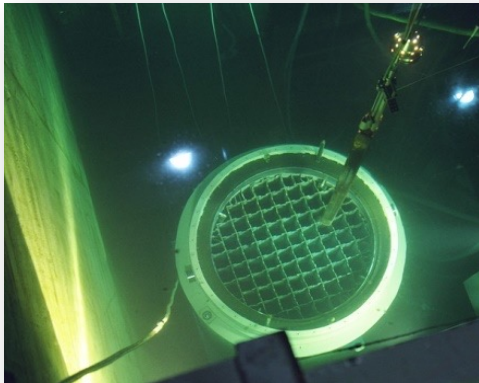
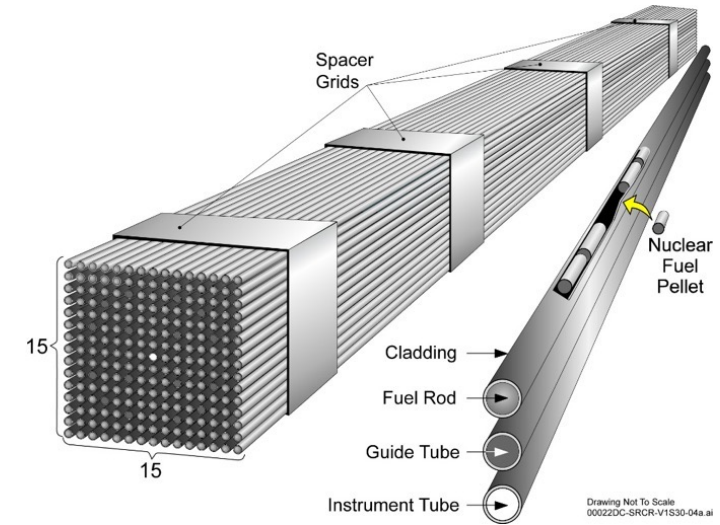
# Fuel Fabrication

- After enrichment and deconversion back to an oxide, fuel fabrication can begin
- Fuel conditioning (i.e., ensure usable feed material)
- Fuel formation (i.e., place fuel in final form)
- Fuel encapsulation (i.e., place fuel in cladding)
- Three active fuel fabrication plants for commercial fuel
  - Global Nuclear Fuel-Americas (Wilmington, NC)
  - Westinghouse (Columbia, SC)
  - Framatome (Richland, WA)
- Two non-commercial fabrication plants (higher enrichment)
  - Nuclear Fuel Services (Erwin, TN)
  - BWXT (Lynchburg, VA)



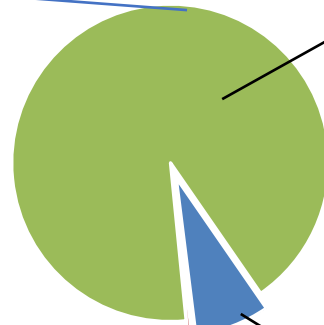
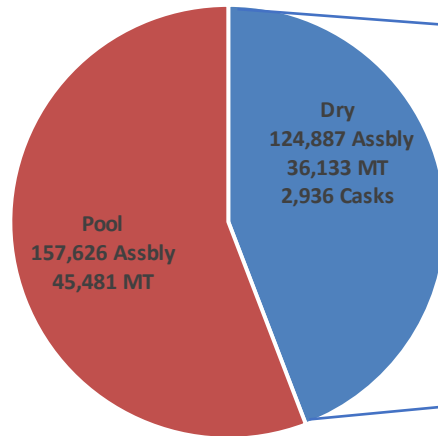
# Current At-Reacto Spent Fuel Management Practices

- All current commercial reactors are light water reactors (LWRs)
  - LWRs are fueled by enriched uranium ( $\text{UO}_2$ ) fuel (assemblies) with zirconium cladding
- After ~5 years in reactor, it is declared spent nuclear fuel (SNF)
  - No longer useful in the current LWR
- The spent fuel is then moved into spent fuel pools (“wet storage”)
  - Pool storage provides cooling and shielding of radiation
- To allow continued operations, utilities have implemented dry storage
  - Each site generally loads a few storage casks every other year



# There are thousands of dry storage canisters across the US

Inventory as of Jan. 1, 2019



2,700 Welded Metal Canisters In Vented Concrete Overpacks  
113,572 Assemblies,  
92% of Dry

Transnuclear (37%)  
Holtec (44%)  
NAC (17%)



- Majority is in Large Welded Canisters
- Current dry storage inventory is diverse
- Trend toward higher capacities

12 Welded Metal Canisters in Transport Overpacks  
866 Assemblies, 0.4% of Dry



Holtec Hi-Star 100

224 Bare Fuel Casks  
10,442 Assemblies,  
7.6% of Dry



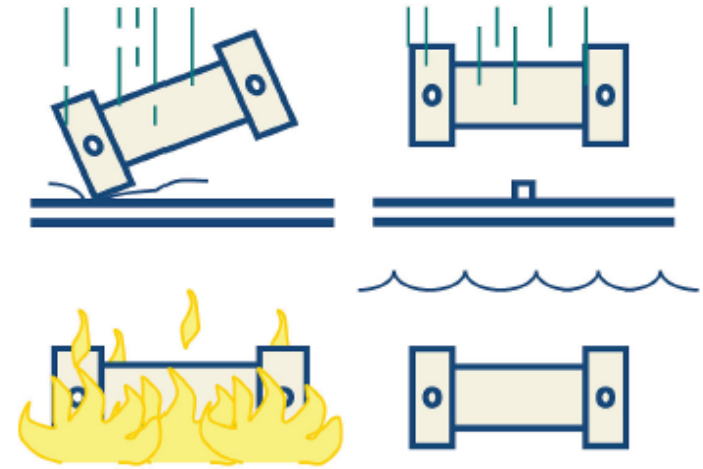
Transnuclear TN-32



# Transportation Packages are designed to withstand severe transportation accidents

- It is impossible to completely prevent all transportation accidents
- Packages must meet stringent NRC/DOT regulations
- Packages certified for shipment of SNF and other highly radioactive materials must show ability to contain all contents in severe accidents
  - Accident conditions in sequence include:
    - 30 foot (9 m) drop onto unyielding surface
    - 40 inch (1 m) drop onto steel bar designed to puncture cask
    - 30 minutes engulfed in fire at 1475 F (800 C)
    - Immersion under 3 feet (0.9 m) of water
- At least 25,400 (and probably more the 44,400) shipments of SNF have been made worldwide since 1962

Ensuring Safe Spent Fuel Shipping Containers



*The impact (free drop and puncture), fire, and water-immersion tests are considered in sequence to determine their cumulative effects on a given package.*

U.S.NRC  
August 2013

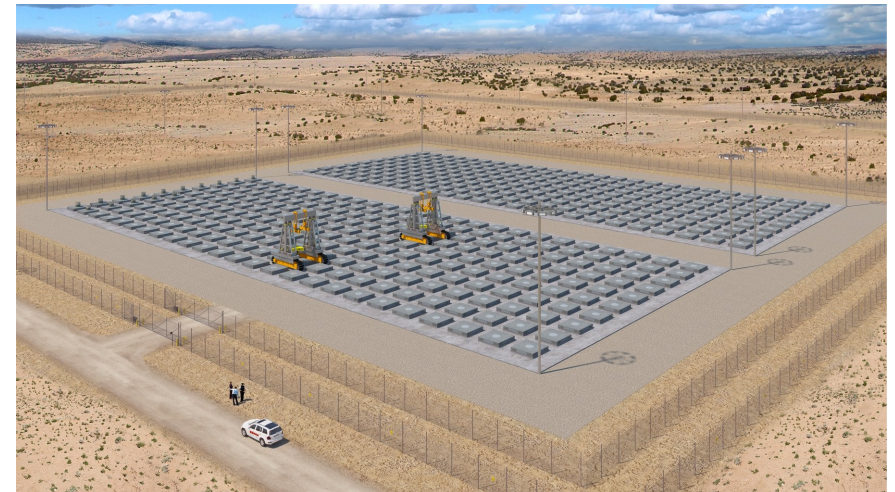


# Away-from reactor, consolidated interim storage facilities have also been moving forward

- Eddy-Lea Energy Alliance and Holtec International (NM)
  - <https://holtecinternational.com/communications-and-outreach/faqs/>
- Interim Storage Partners (Waste Control Specialists and Orano USA) (TX)
  - <https://interimstoragepartners.com/>
- Political opposition in both NM and TX
- Goal is to eventually move the spent fuel to a repository
- Outside of these private initiatives, DOE has recently released a request for information for consent-based siting process
  - Comments due March 2022
  - <https://www.energy.gov/articles/doe-restarts-consent-based-siting-program-spent-nuclear-fuel-requests-input-interim>



Source: Interim Storage Partners  
<https://interimstoragepartners.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/12/renderedphoto-e1528223157924.jpg>



Source: Holtec International  
<https://holtecinternational.com/products-and-services/hi-store-cis/>

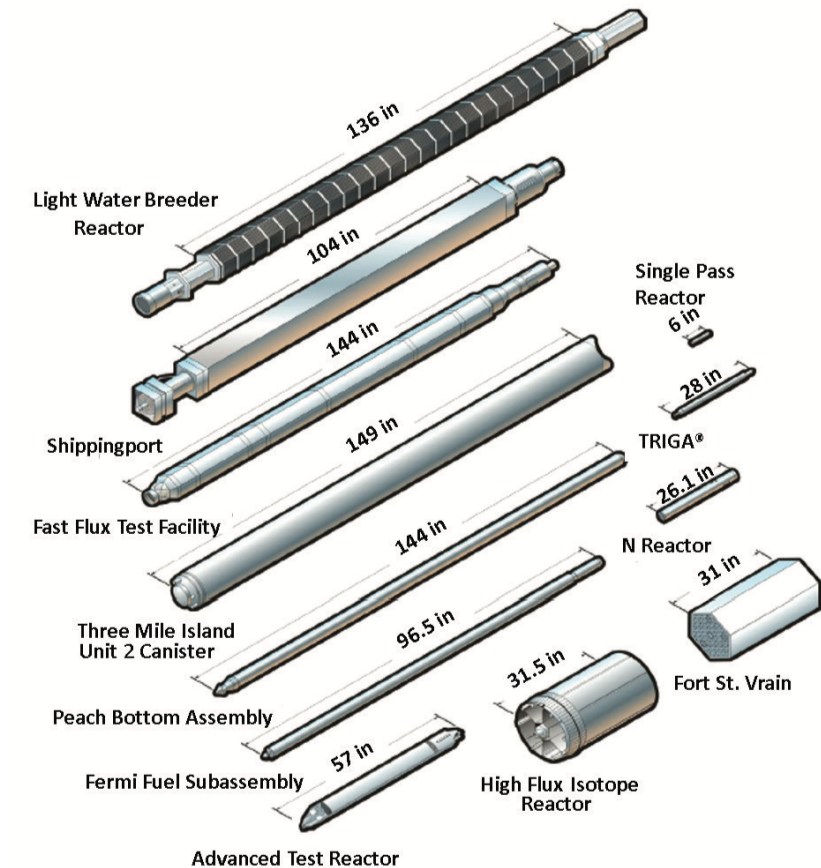
# **International consensus is that deep geologic disposal is a robust and necessary solution for permanent isolation of spent fuel and other long-lived radioactive wastes**

- WIPP (Waste Isolation Pilot Plant) was successfully developed and is in operation
- DOE and many in the scientific community concluded that Yucca Mountain was ready to license
  - No “negative” safety findings in the NRC review of the Yucca Mountain license application
- Finland has received a license to construct a geologic repository from their regulator (crystalline)
- Sweden has submitted a license application for construction of a geologic repository (crystalline)
- Mature safety assessments indicate that clay sites are also suitable (France)

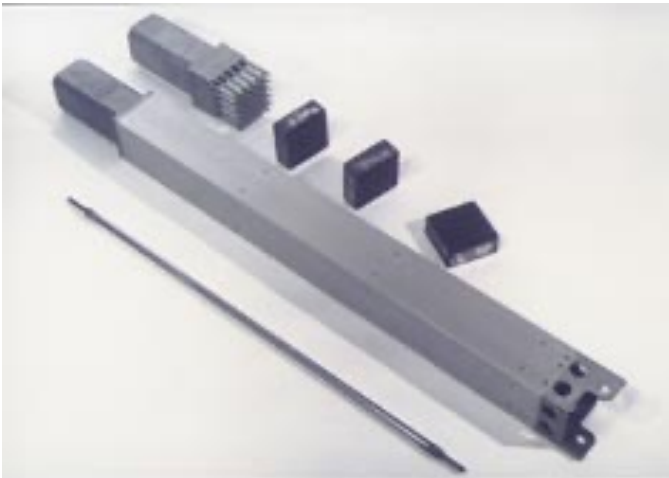


# Advanced reactors have different spent fuel management challenges (and opportunities)

- Advanced (i.e., non-light-water) reactors are different than current light water reactors
  - (generally) more efficient and smaller than current fleet
  - “walk-away-safe”
  - Different fuels (generally higher uranium enrichment)
- Spent fuel will be made of different materials (graphite, metals, etc.)
  - But may have “value” left after operations
  - Similar historic spent fuel management experience exists
- In the future, could lead to a “closed” fuel cycle (i.e., reprocessing/recycling)
  - Spent fuel storage and disposal still needed



# Fuel Images



TRIGA (~15" fuel length)



Pebble Bed - HTGR



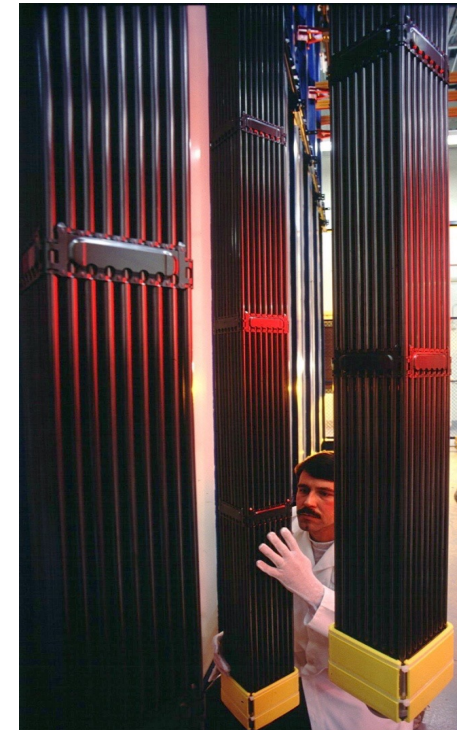
CANDU (~20" in length)



Prismatic Block - HTGR



MAGNOX (~40" in length)



BWR



# Questions?



Korea



Germany

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- 8 Dry storage casks (CPP-2707)
  - TN-REG and TN-BRP not pictured



# 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY NUCLEAR ENERGY

NOVEMBER 2021, TODD ALLEN, PROFESSOR & SENIOR FELLOW



FASTEST PATH TO ZERO  
UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

# WHAT DO WE VALUE?



VS.



Energy is Key

- Water purification
- Sanitation
- Irrigation
- Heating & air conditioning
- Vaccinations
- Pharmaceuticals
- Homes

- Clean
- Affordable
- Resilient
- Equitable

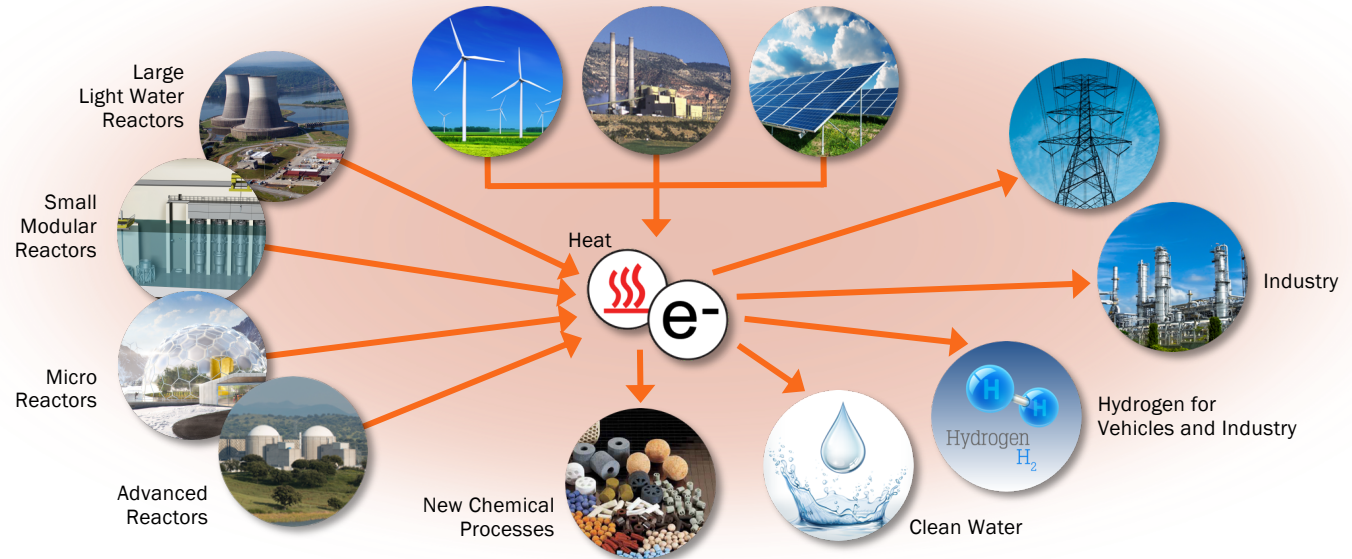
# ENERGY REIMAGINED

*Maximizing energy utilization, generator profitability, and grid reliability and resilience through novel systems integration and process design*

**Today**  
Electricity-only focus



**Potential Future Energy System**  
Integrated grid system that leverages contributions from nuclear fission beyond electricity sector



Flexible Generators ❖ Advanced Processes ❖ Revolutionary Design



# THE EMISSIONS REDUCTION IMPERATIVE

Supply chains [+ Add to myFT](#)

## Blue chips act to cut supply chain greenhouse gas emissions

Rolls-Royce, Nestlé and Panasonic among larger companies taking action

Michael Pooler JANUARY 29, 2018

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### Levi's Plans to Slash Emissions in Global Supply Chain by 2025

The apparel giant aims to reduce greenhouse gas emissions at a sprawling set of factories and mills in 39 countries, starting with suppliers



Levi's will start its effort to cut greenhouse gas emissions through energy-efficiency programs at factories run by vendors in the first tier of its supply chain, such as this supplier facility in Mexico. PHOTO: PHOTO COURTESY OF LEVI STRAUSS & CO.

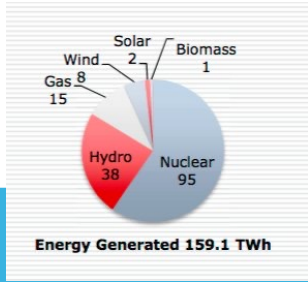
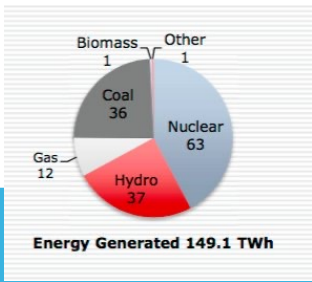
Companies taking serious action to tackle greenhouse gas emissions as the supply chains has doubled, according to research by an industry group. Including [Rolls-Royce](#), [Nestlé](#) and [Panasonic](#) were among the first to take an "industry-leading" approach on the issue. The group, which collected data on behalf of 99 of the world's largest corporations, found that emissions from their supply chains have doubled since 2005.



BRIEF

## Asics plans to cut 55% of its supply chain carbon emissions

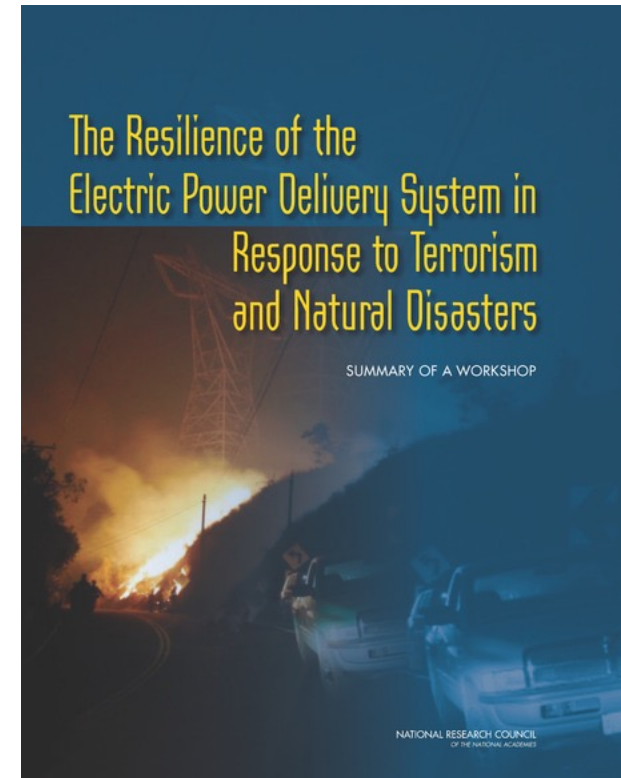
## Ontario Transition from Coal



# THE RESILIENCE IMPERATIVE

Houston, 22 December 2016 (Argus)-The North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) wants to make sure utilities, power grid operators and federal and state policymakers understand the:

- Increased risk that reliance on a single fuel presents to dependable electric service.
- Firm transportation and dual-fuel capability may be needed to reduce widespread reliability problems.



## A Call to Action: A Canadian Roadmap for Small Modular Reactors

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### SUMMARY OF KEY FINDINGS

# THE JOBS & SUPPLY CHAIN IMPERATIVE



**£1 trillion** international new-build and decommissioning market over the next 10 years

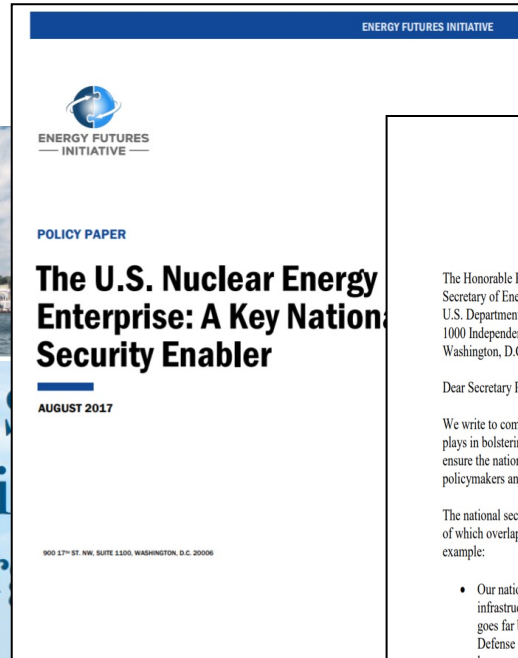
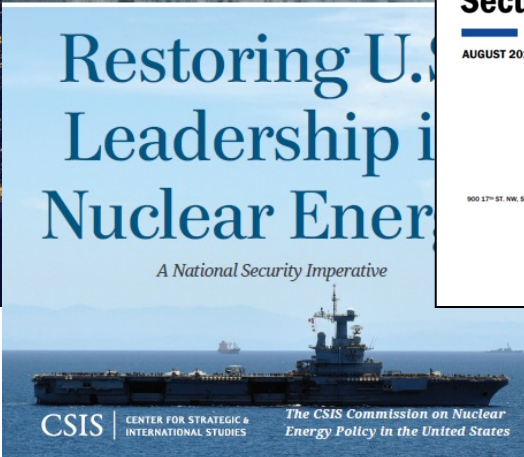
The WNA estimates that the value of global investment in new reactor build will be of the order US\$1.5 trillion (£0.93 trillion), with significant international procurement expected to be approximately US\$530bn (£330bn), US\$40bn (£25bn) per year through 2025.

“We need to be clear where we own the value, understand our value proposition in nuclear and where the supply chain can improve competitiveness.”

**CEO, Manufacturing organisation**



# THE NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL SECURITY IMPERATIVE



June 26, 2018

The Honorable Rick Perry  
Secretary of Energy  
U.S. Department of Energy  
1000 Independence Avenue, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20585

Dear Secretary Perry:

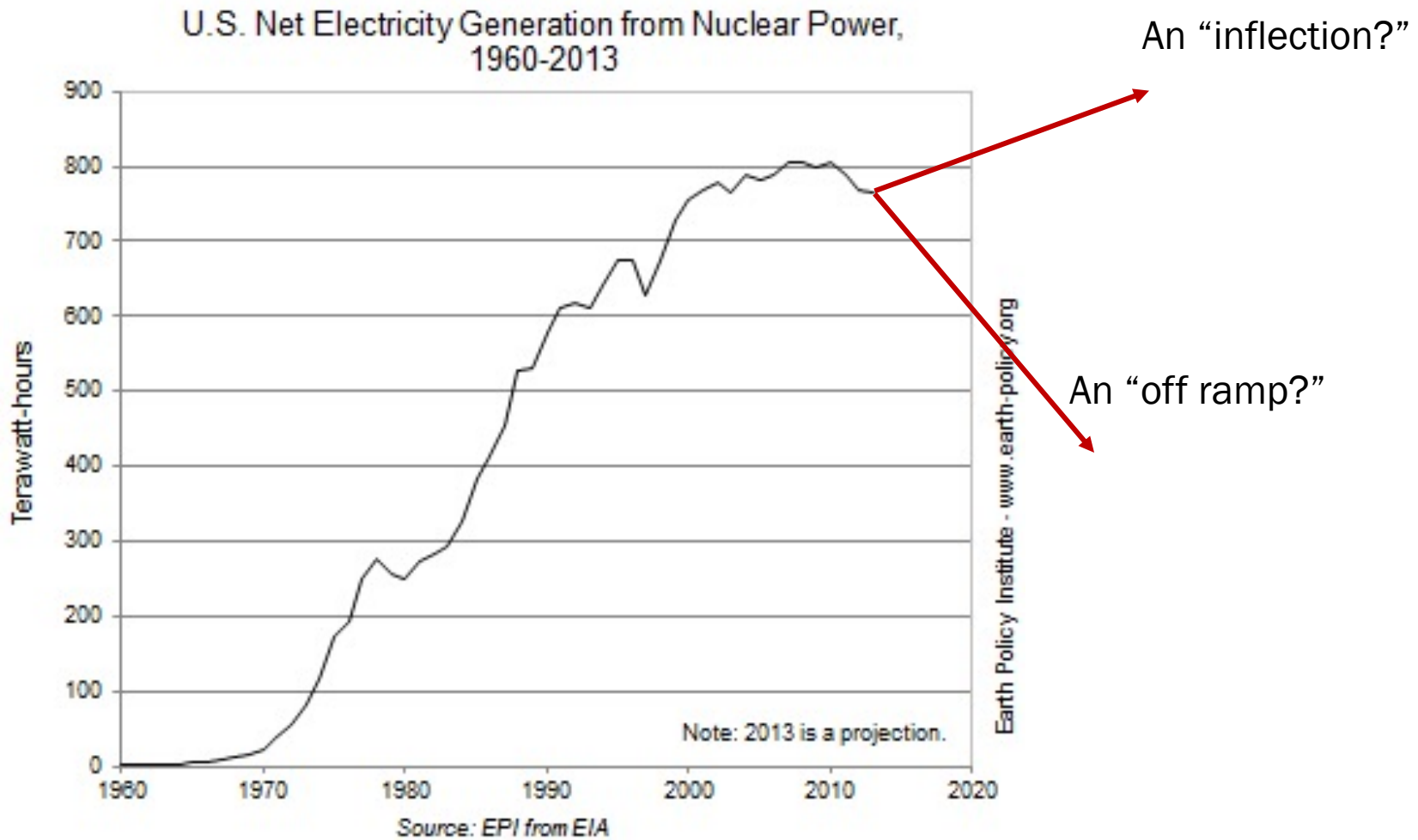
We write to commend you for recognizing the important role our civil nuclear energy sector plays in bolstering America's national security. We urge you to continue to take concrete steps to ensure the national security attributes of U.S. nuclear power plants are properly recognized by policymakers and are valued in U.S. electricity markets.

The national security benefits of a strong domestic nuclear energy sector take many forms, many of which overlap and together are woven into the nation's greater strength and resilience. For example:

- Our nation's nuclear power plants are among the most robust elements of U.S. critical infrastructure, offering a level of protection against natural and adversarial threats that goes far beyond most other elements of our nation's electrical grid. The Department of Defense depends on the nation's grid to power 99 percent of its installations, meaning large scale disruptions affect the nation's ability to defend itself.
- Nuclear plants have up to two years' worth of fuel on site, providing valuable fuel diversity and increasing the resilience of our electrical grid by eliminating the supply vulnerabilities that face some other forms of energy supply.
- Several national security organizations, including our nuclear Navy and significant parts of the Department of Energy, benefit from a strong civil nuclear sector. Many of the companies that serve the civil nuclear sector also supply the nuclear Navy and major DOE programs. For example, the Administration's 2018 Nuclear Posture Review noted

PRAGUE (Reuters, 14 Nov 2018) - Czech Prime Minister Andrej Babis said on Wednesday geopolitics should be a factor when the NATO and EU member country decides future nuclear power investments as the country mulls whether to build new reactors.

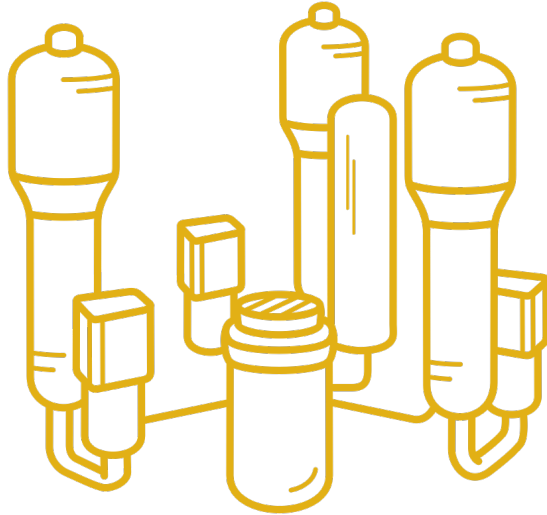
# TRAJECTORY OF COMMERCIAL NUCLEAR ENERGY



# SOCIAL LICENSE







## Prevailing design paradigm

Gigawatt scale light water reactors as grid scale sources of power



## Emerging design paradigm

Small modular, micro, and nano reactors as off-the-grid, distributed, community-scale sources of power

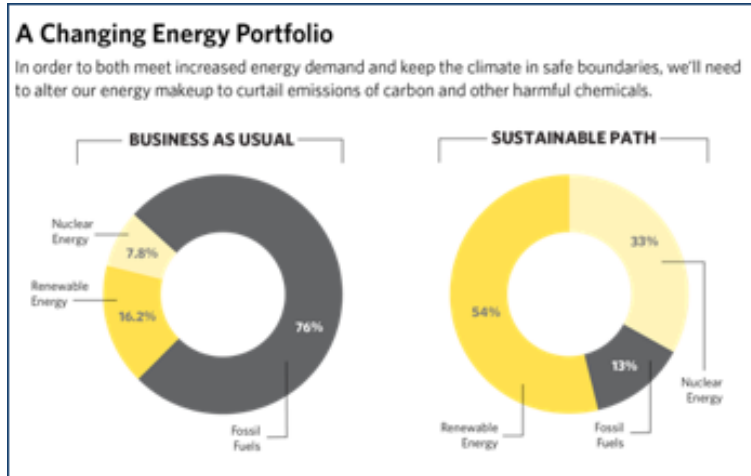
# ADVANCED NUCLEAR CONCEPTS-BY BUSINESS FUNCTION

- **Product**
  - Electricity (grid or dedicated)
  - Heat
  - Both
- **Size**
  - GW
  - MW
  - W
- **Examples**
  - Coal replacement
  - Dedicated to an industrial heat and/or power customer
  - Micro-reactor in a remote location, possibly transportable
  - Micro-reactor in an urban/suburban setting (defense base, EV charging)

# NUCLEAR ENERGY INFLECTION POINT?



Moving toward 24x7 Carbon-Free  
Energy at Google Data Centers:  
Progress and Insights



Source: The Nature Conservancy, The Science of Sustainability, 2018

## The Nuclear Power Dilemma

*Declining Profits, Plant Closures, and the Threat of Rising Carbon Emissions*

Steve Clemmer  
Jeremy Richardson  
Sandra Sattler  
Dave Lochbaum

November 2018

It's Time for Environmentalists and the Energy Industry to Work Together  
(Time Magazine, October 12, 2018)

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Nuclear Innovation: Clean Energy Future



# CHOICES AND VALUES

Reactor designers are envisioning a large number of new applications for nuclear technology.

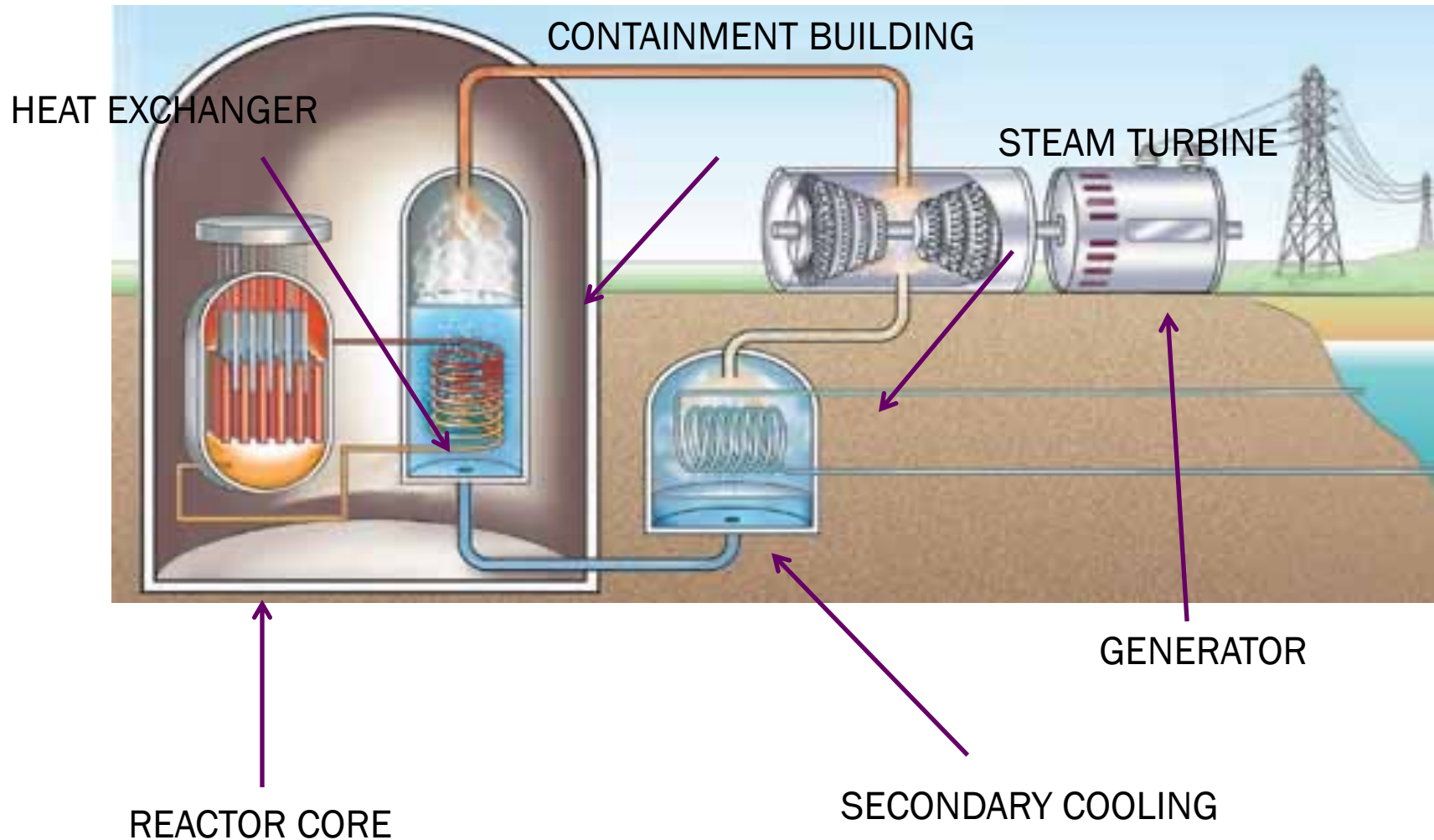
Communities are in a position to envision a large number of deployment scenarios for their nuclear technology

Lead rather than React! Build rather than Maintain!

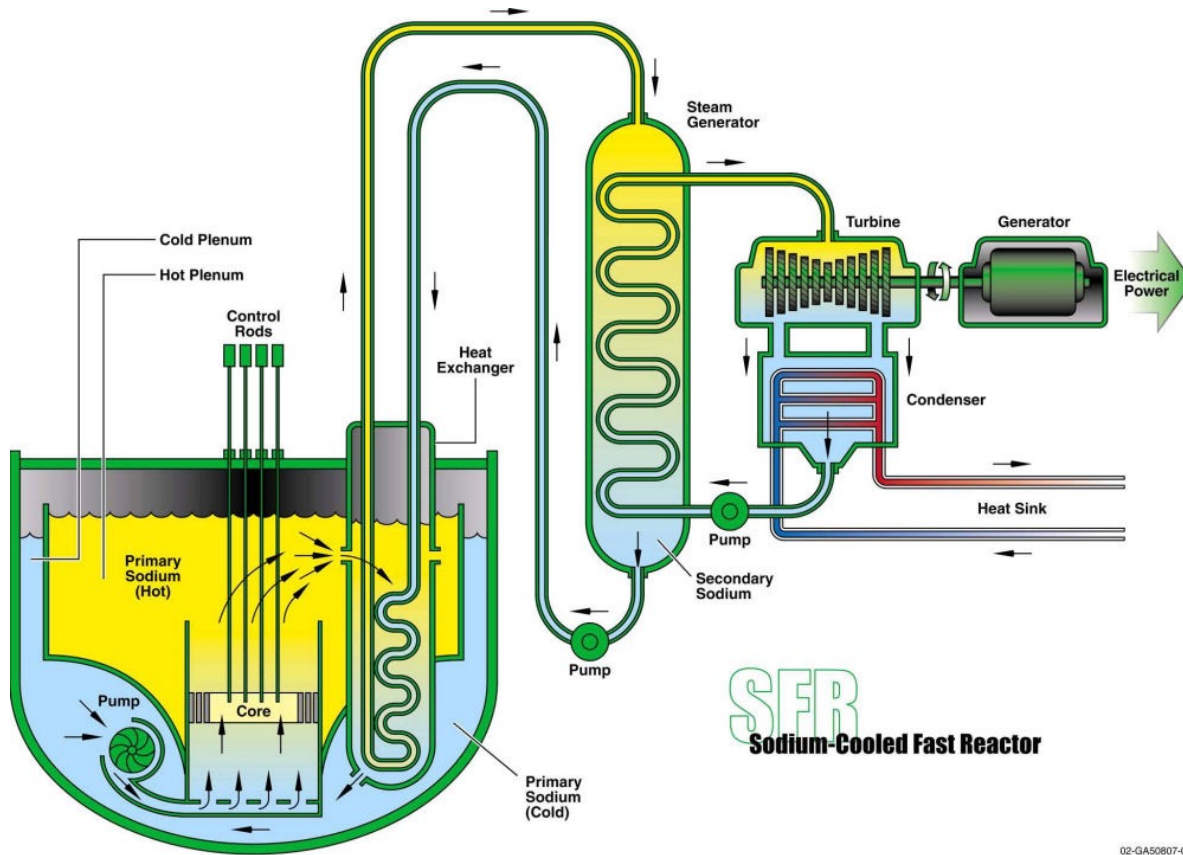


# A LIGHT WATER REACTOR NUCLEAR POWER PLANT

1000MWe, Roughly 600 jobs (plus 3x indirect jobs multiplier)



# SODIUM COOLED FAST REACTOR



NATRIUM  
345MWe



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## When a town loses its economic center

By Saqib Rahim | 10/23/2017 06:27 AM EST



The Vermont Yankee nuclear plant, formerly operated by Entergy Corp., shut down in 2014. Nuclear Regulatory Commission/Wikipedia

# POSSIBILITIES

*Create options that align with local values*

*Co-located businesses that optimally use the energy (water, hydrogen, low temp heat for agriculture, district heating)*

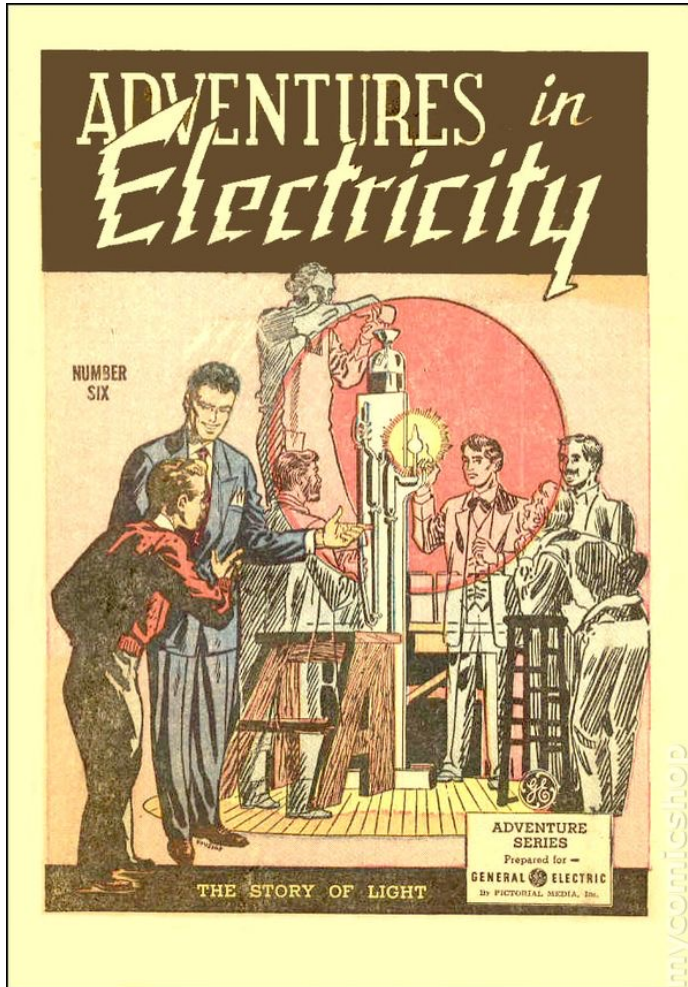
*Training Centers (As a first deployer, become the leading-edge trainer)*

*Supply chain opportunities*

*Spin off technologies*



# SYNERGY



McClure's Magazine, June 15, 1939

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*Dr. Fred McLaughlin, University of Wyoming School of Energy Resources*

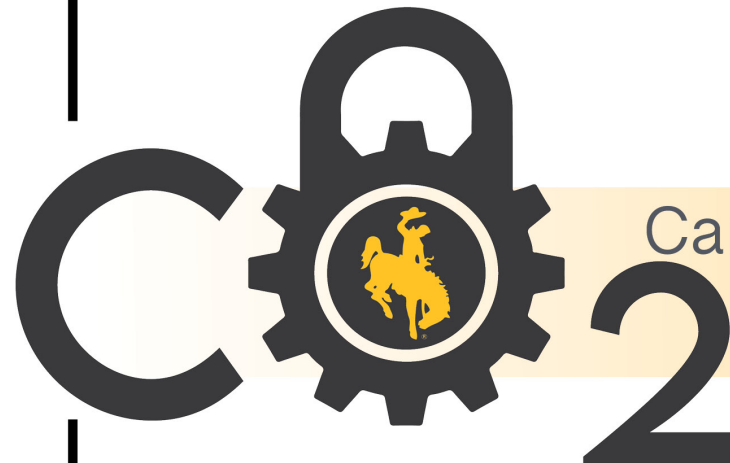
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