

# Nuclear Power Plants – Design and Safe Operation

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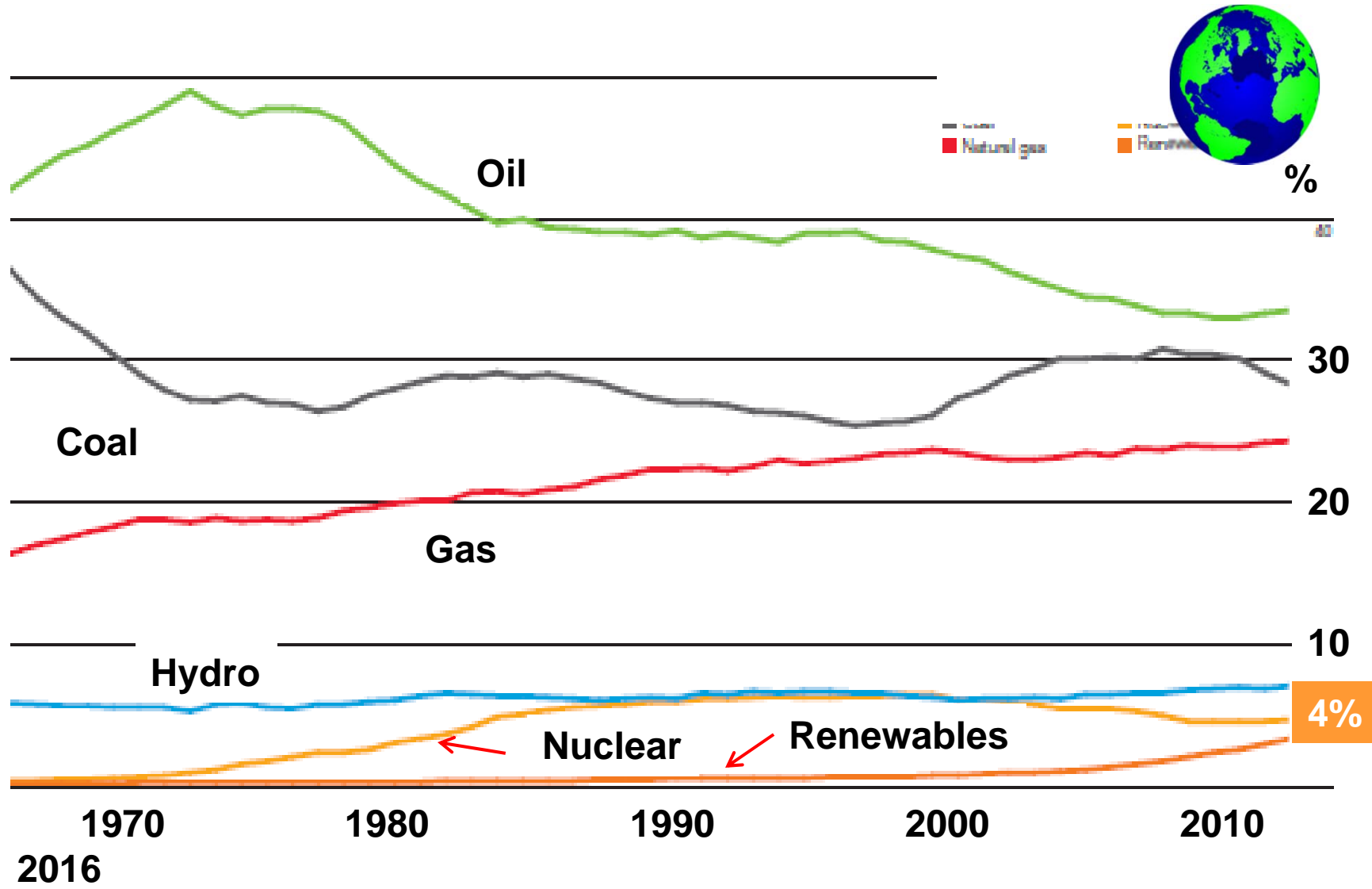
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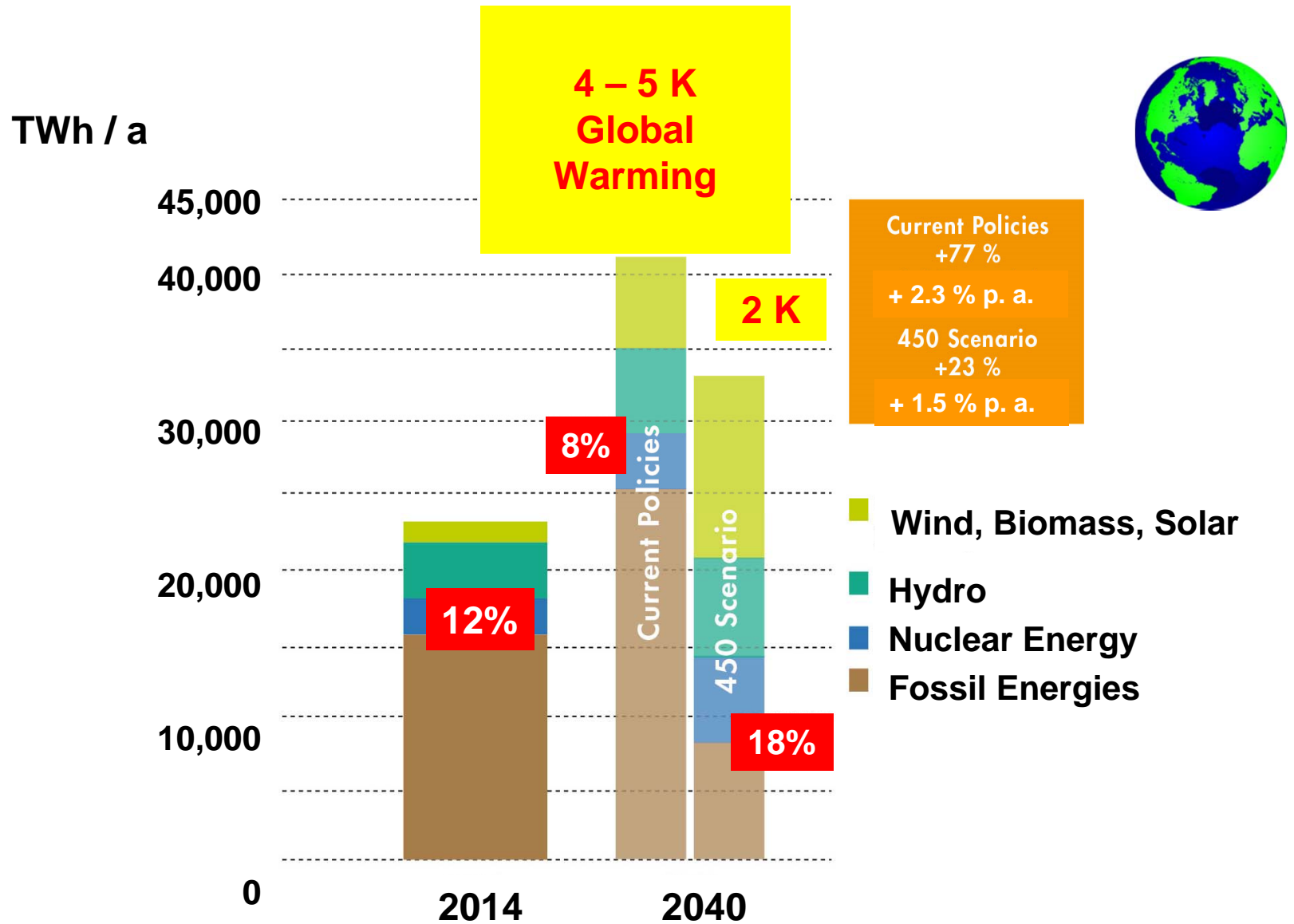
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# Breakdown of Primary Energy Sources Worldwide



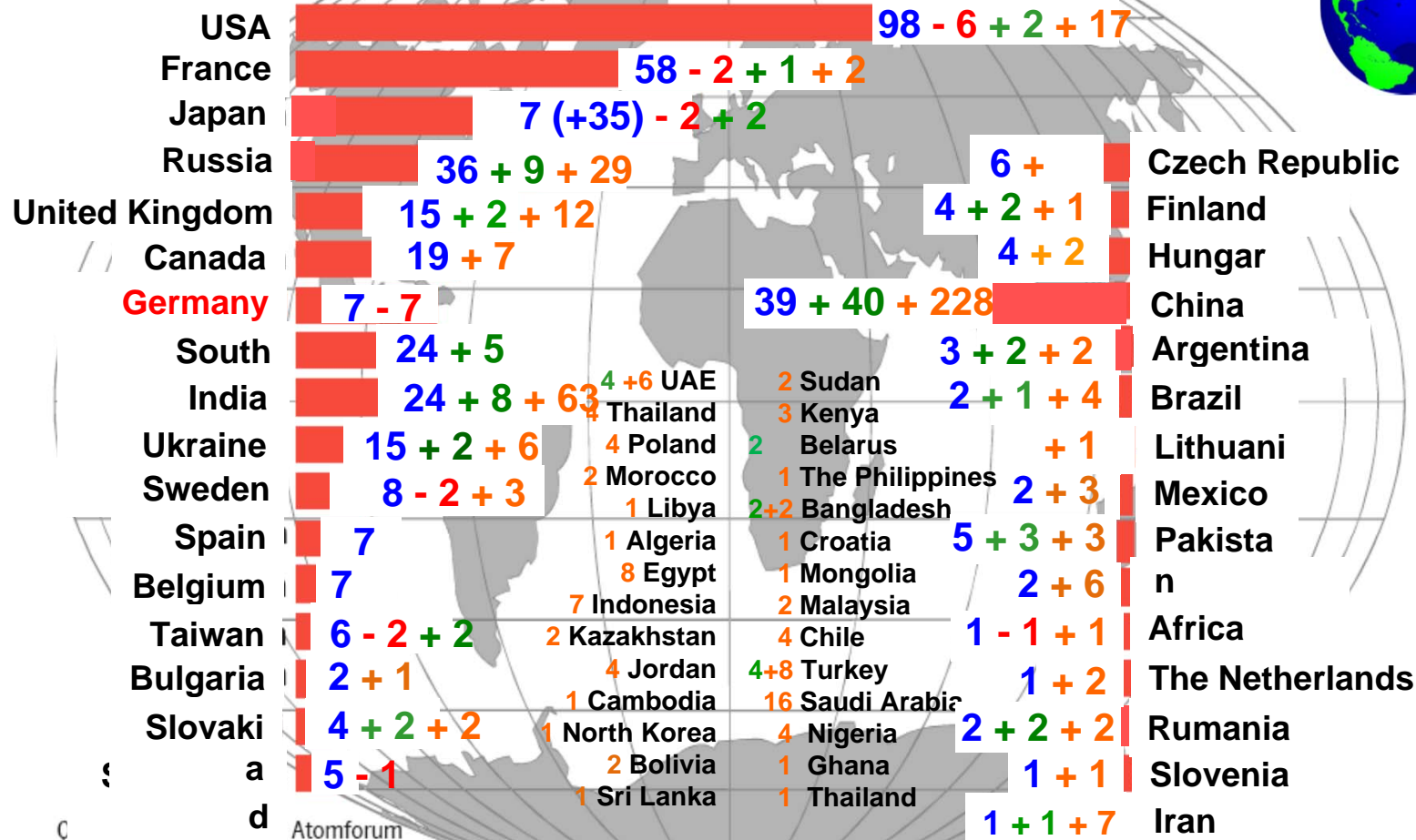
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- **450 nuclear power plants provide about 12% of the worldwide electric energy supply.**
- **They save around 2 Gt CO<sub>2</sub> emissions p. a.**
- **This corresponds to approx. 6% of all anthropogenic CO<sub>2</sub> emissions**

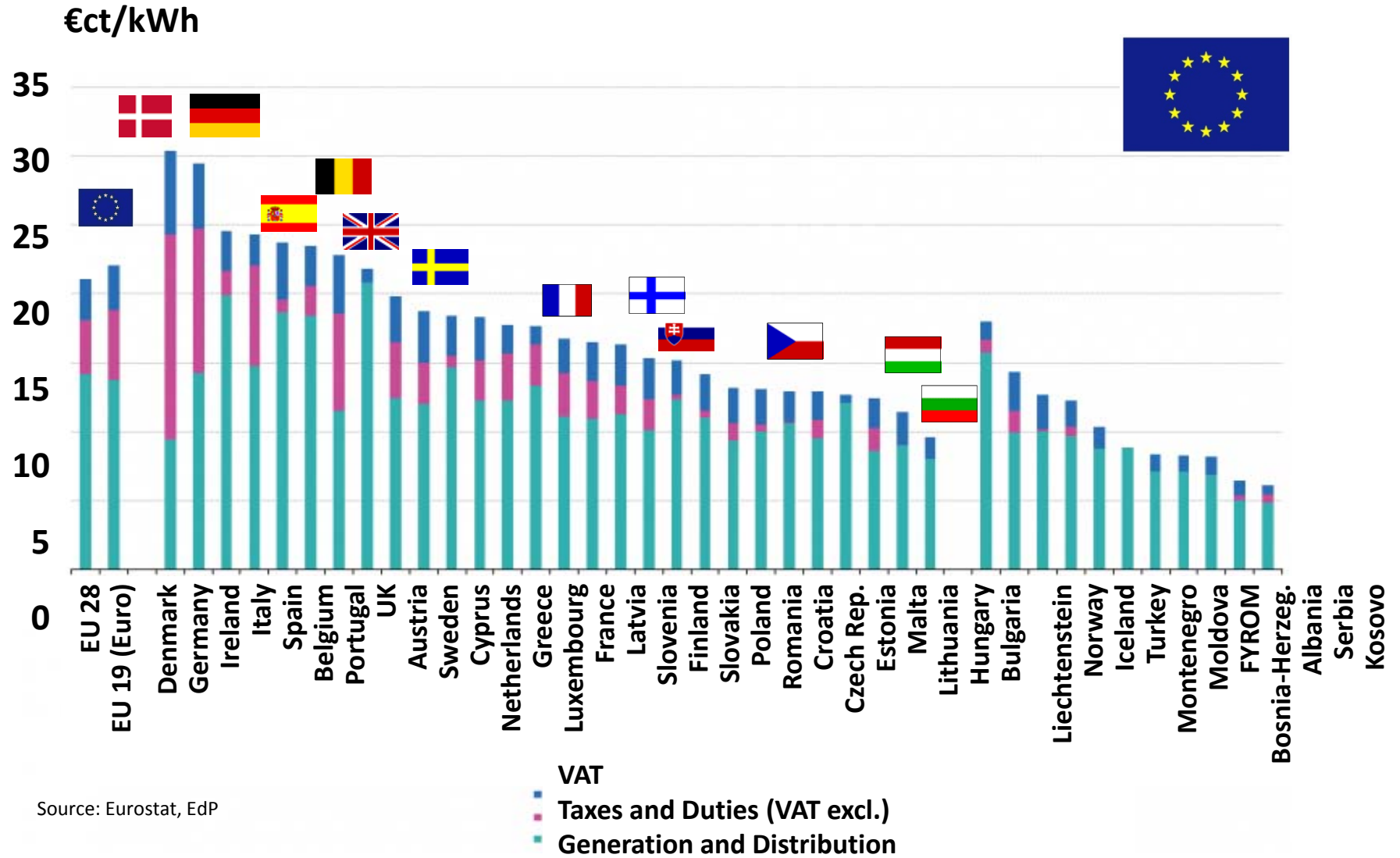
# 450 Nuclear Power Plants in 31 Countries (4/2018)



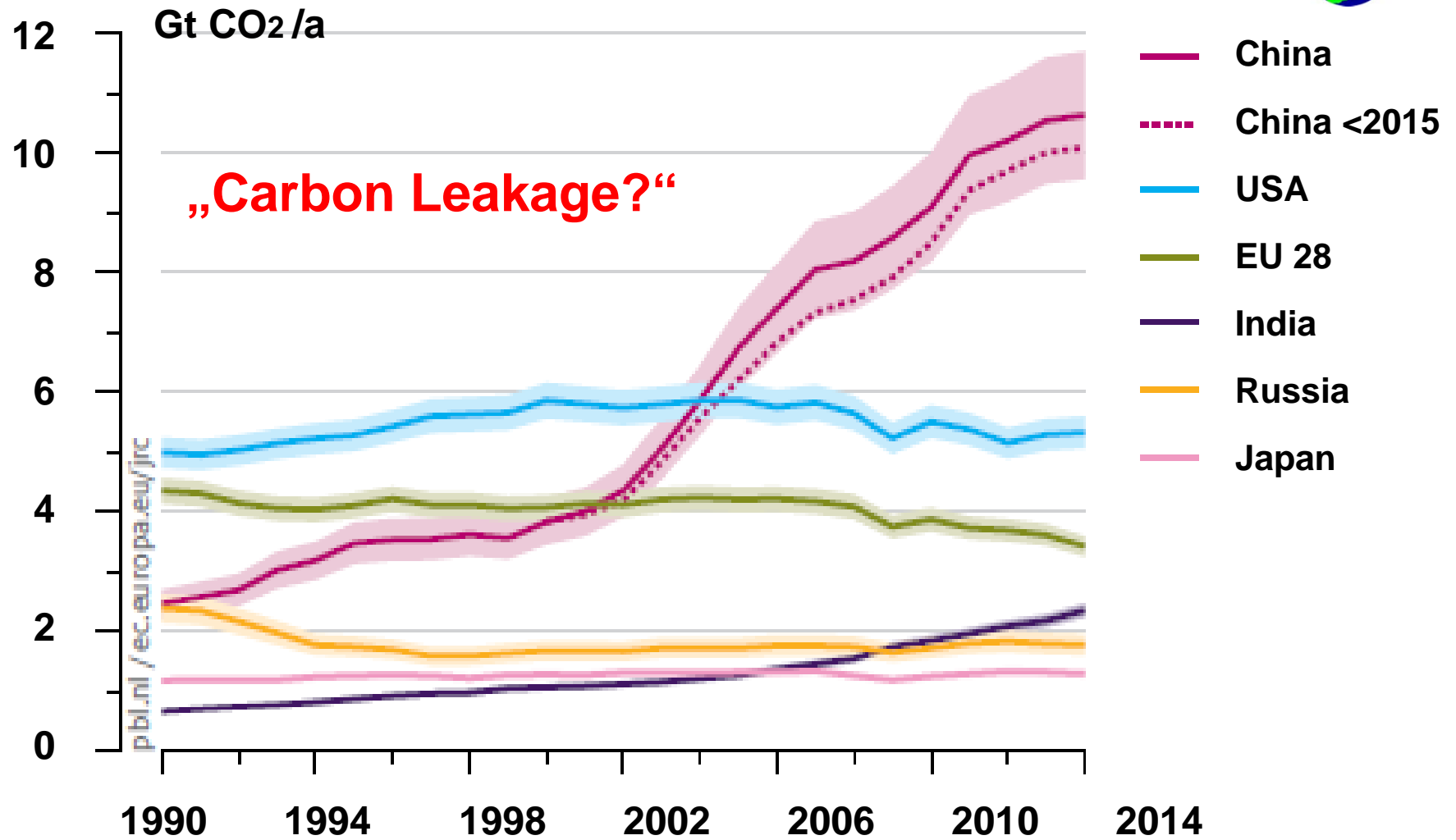
**Decommissioning Planned: 21 Under Construction: 89 (IAEA: 57) Projects: 414 + 90**



# Household Electricity Prices in Europe in 2015 (2nd Half)

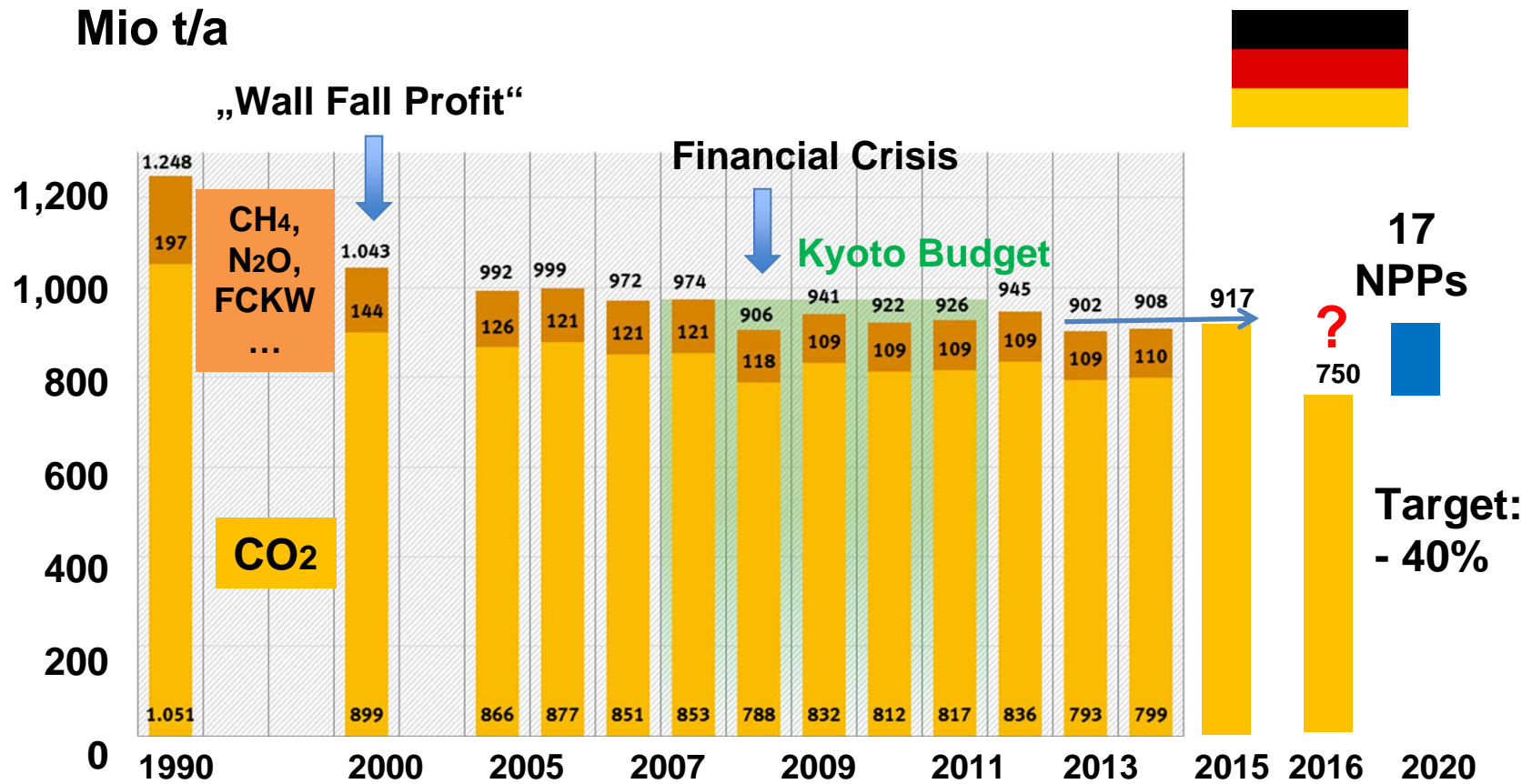


# CO2 Emissions from Combustion plus Cement Production





# Greenhouse Gas Emissions (CO<sub>2</sub> Equivalents)



Source: Umweltbundesamt Emissionssituation 2016, Energie-Infodienst 2017

Quelle: UBA Emissionssituation; Stand: 11.02.2016

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**Westinghouse  
4-Loop**

**1965**

**Generation I**

Early  
Prototypes

(~100 MW)  
PWR,  
BWR,  
Magnox

**Siemens-KWU  
Pre- Convoy**



**1995**

**Generation II**

Commercial  
Power Reactors

(600 –  
1200 MW)  
CANDU,  
AGR,  
RBMK



**Framatome  
EPR**

**2010**

**Generation III**

Evolutionary  
Plants

(<1300 MW)

**INVAP (Arg)  
CAREM**



**2030**

**Generation III+ Generation IV**

Further  
Increase of  
Efficiency

(1150 –  
1650 MW)

Improvement of  
efficiency,  
safety,  
waste economics

Breeders,  
High-Temperature Reactors,  
Liquid Fuel Reactors,  
Steam Superheating



**Small Modular Reactors („SMR“)**

# Reactors for the World Market in 2018 (Predecessor Types)



|        | Name       | MWeI           | Developer                           |   | In Oper. | U. Con. | Planned |
|--------|------------|----------------|-------------------------------------|---|----------|---------|---------|
| PWR    | EPR        | 1650           | Framatome/ EdF                      |   | -        | 6       | 10      |
|        | Atmea 1    | 1150           | Framatome/ Mitsubishi               |   | -        | -       | 4       |
|        | AP-1000    | 1100           | Brookfield (CAN)/ Westinghouse      |   | -        | 2       | -       |
|        | CAP-1000   | 1100           | CNNC (China)/ Westinghouse          |   | -        | 8       | 18      |
|        | CAP-1400   | 1300           | CNNC                                |   | -        | -       | 2       |
|        | ACPR-1000  | 1000           | China GN/ CNPC                      |   | 24       | 6       | -       |
|        | Hualong- 1 | 1150           | China GN/ CNNC                      |   | -        | 6       | 4       |
|        | WWER- 1000 | 1000           | Atomenergoprojekt, OKB Gidropress   |   | 36       | 5       | -       |
|        | MIR- 1200  | 1200           | Atomenergoprojekt, OKB Gidropress   |   | 2        | 13      | 13      |
|        | TOI 1300   | 1300           | Atomenergoprojekt, OKB Gidropress   |   | -        | 2       | -       |
| APR    | 1400       | Korea Electric |                                     | 1 | 9        | 3       |         |
| BWR    | ABWR       | 1380           | General Electric, Hitachi (Toshiba) |   | 5        | 2       | 4       |
|        | ESBWR      | 1600           | General Electric                    |   | -        | -       | 2       |
| CANDU  | E-CANDU-6  | 600            | SNC Lavalin/ China GN               |   | 2        | -       | 1       |
|        | IPHWR-700  | 700            | Nuclear Power India                 |   | -        | 6       | 8       |
| GEN IV | HTR-PM200  | 200            | China NEC                           |   | -        | 2       | 2       |
|        | CFR-600    | 600            | TerraPower/ CNNC                    |   | -        | -       | 2       |
| SMR    | CAREM      | 27-100         | CNEA (Arg.)/ INVAP                  |   | -        | 1       | 1       |
|        | KLT-40     | 35             | Atomenergoprojekt                   |   | -        | 1x2     | 4       |
|        | Linglong 1 | 100            | CNNC-CNEC New Energy/ NPIC          |   | -        | -       | 2       |

|                                     |                          |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>8 Pressurised Water Reactors</b> | <b>(5 Manufacturers)</b> |
| <b>2 Boiled Water Reactors</b>      | <b>(1 Manufacturer)</b>  |
| <b>2 Heavy Water Reactors</b>       | <b>(2 Manufacturers)</b> |



## **GENERATION- IV- Programme GIF (US Ministry of Energy 2002)**

**Six advanced reactor types with improved**

- **safety,**
- **efficiency,**
- **risk of proliferation**

### **Small Modular Reactors:**

**About 20 pressurised water reactors**

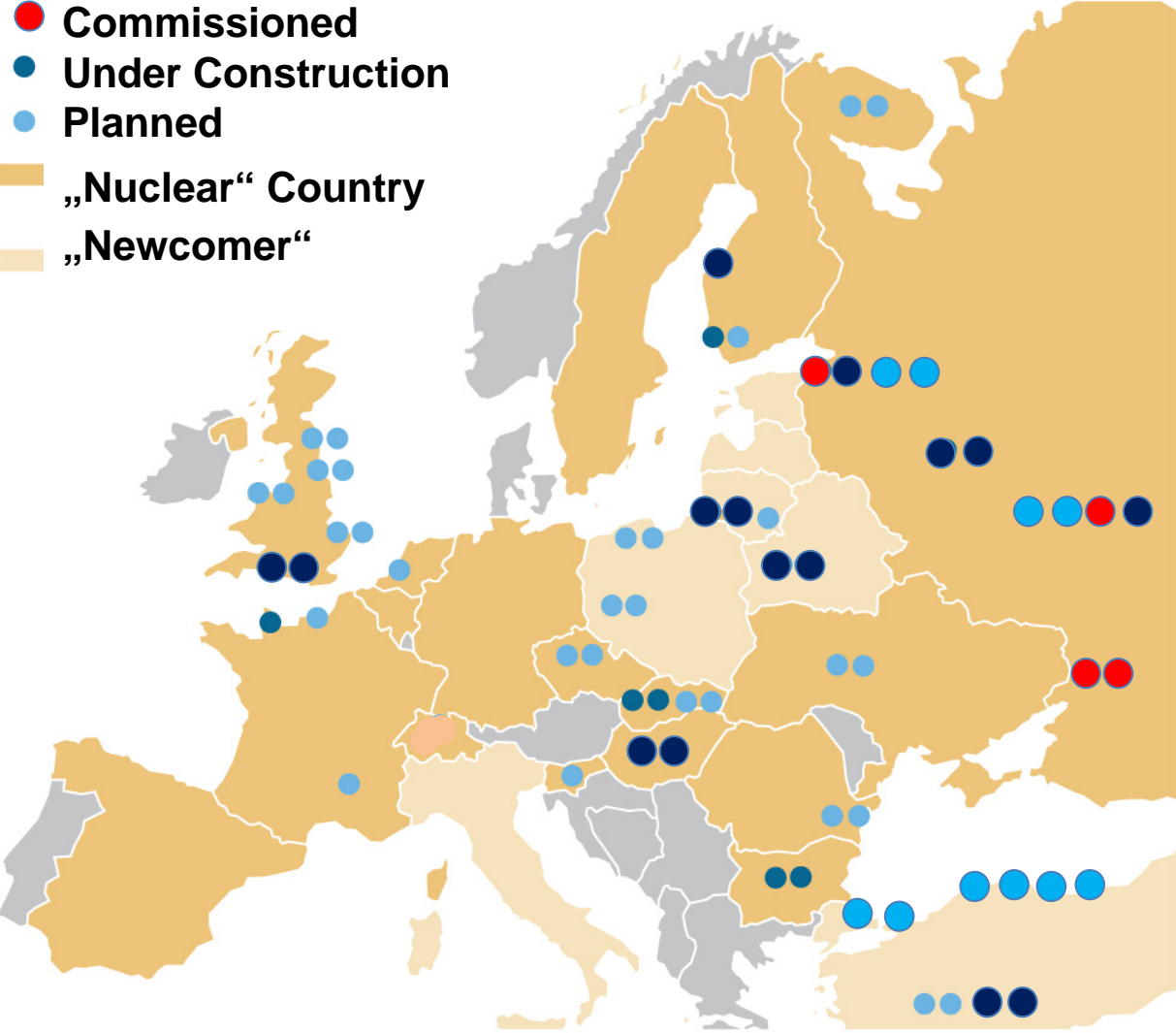
**About 5 light water reactors with supercritical steam parameters**

**About 10 high-temperature reactors**

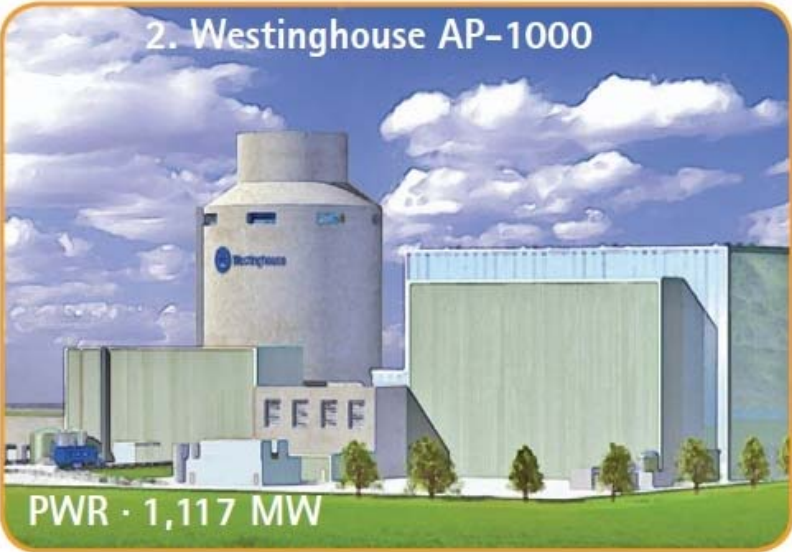
**About 10 liquid metal cooled (fast) reactors (incl. breeders)**

**About 10 molten salt reactors**

# Nuclear Power Plant Projects in Europe







## 2 x 1650 MWe AREVA- EPR (4th-of-a-Kind)



First privately financed nuclear project in UK

2012: EPR Design Certification („GDA“)

2012: „Contract for Difference“:

- Strike Price: **92.50 £/MWh (35a)**  
(less expensive than gas, wind, coal...)
- ( **-3 £/MWh if Sizewell C follows** )
- Inflation-indexed
- Incl. fuel, disposal, demolition
- Plant lifetime 60a +
- Costs of construction 16 G£ (in 2016)
- Calculated **payback time** (24 TWh/a): **7.2 a**
- Investors: EdF (66.5%) + CGN China General Nuclear (33.5%)
- 900 permanent jobs, + 5,600 during construction (57% UK)



Oct. 2014: Approval by European Commission (today: Brexit?)

Oct. 2015: Site licence

28 July 2016: EdF decision for investment (delayed by French worker councils, start of construction)

15 Sept. 2016: Re- evaluation by new government Theresa May („Brain Drain to China?“)

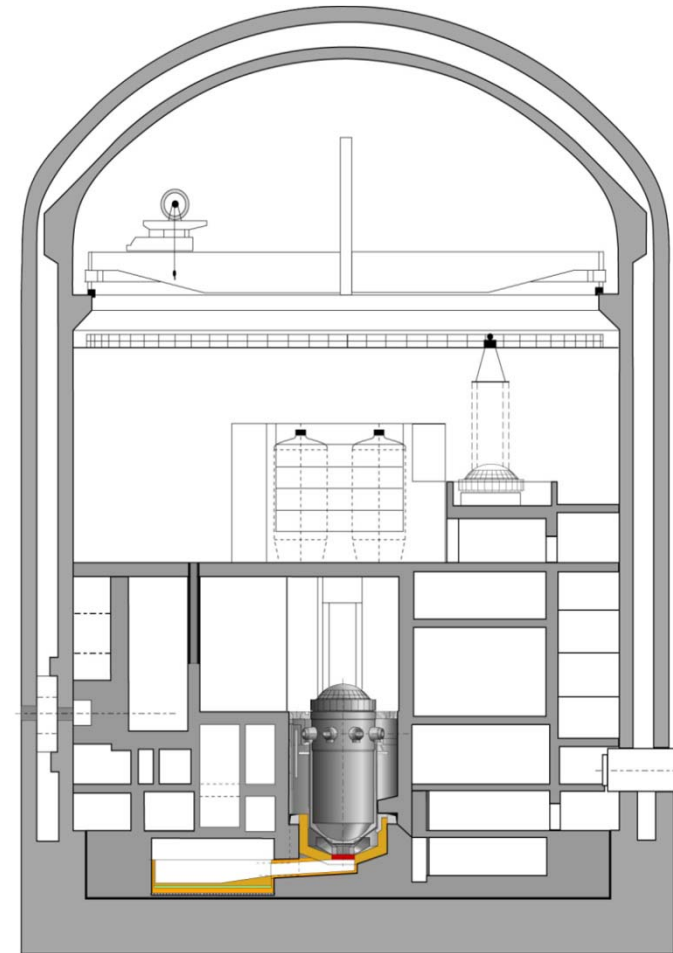
2023 - 25: In Operation (7% of UK's power generation)

**10 in Planning: 2 APR Moorside, 2 EPR Sizewell, 4 ABWR Wylfa+Oldbury, 2 Hualong Bradwell**



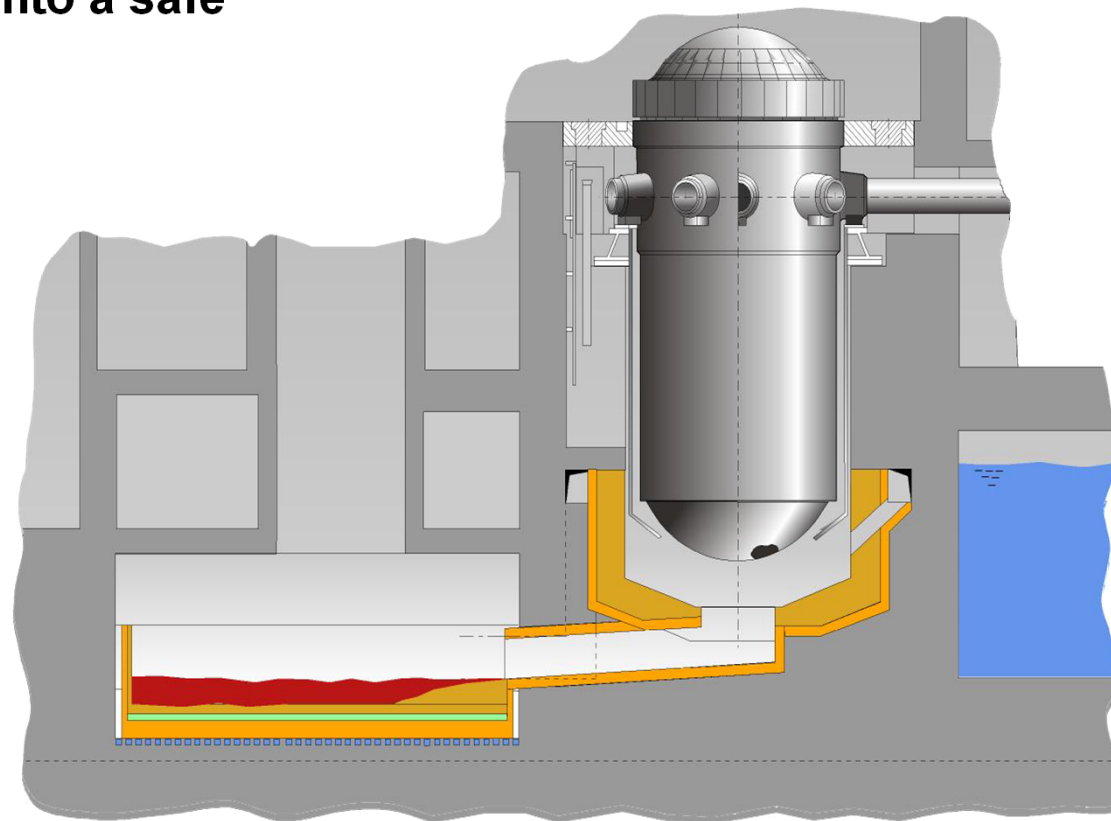


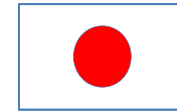
- Evolutionary development of a German convoy and the French N4 construction line
- Design philosophy:
  - Further improvement of failure avoidance
  - Incident rates for meltdowns  $<1 \cdot 10^{-7}/a$
  - Designed for severe, extremely improbable incidents. **Limitation of impacts on the plant itself**
  - Economically competitive





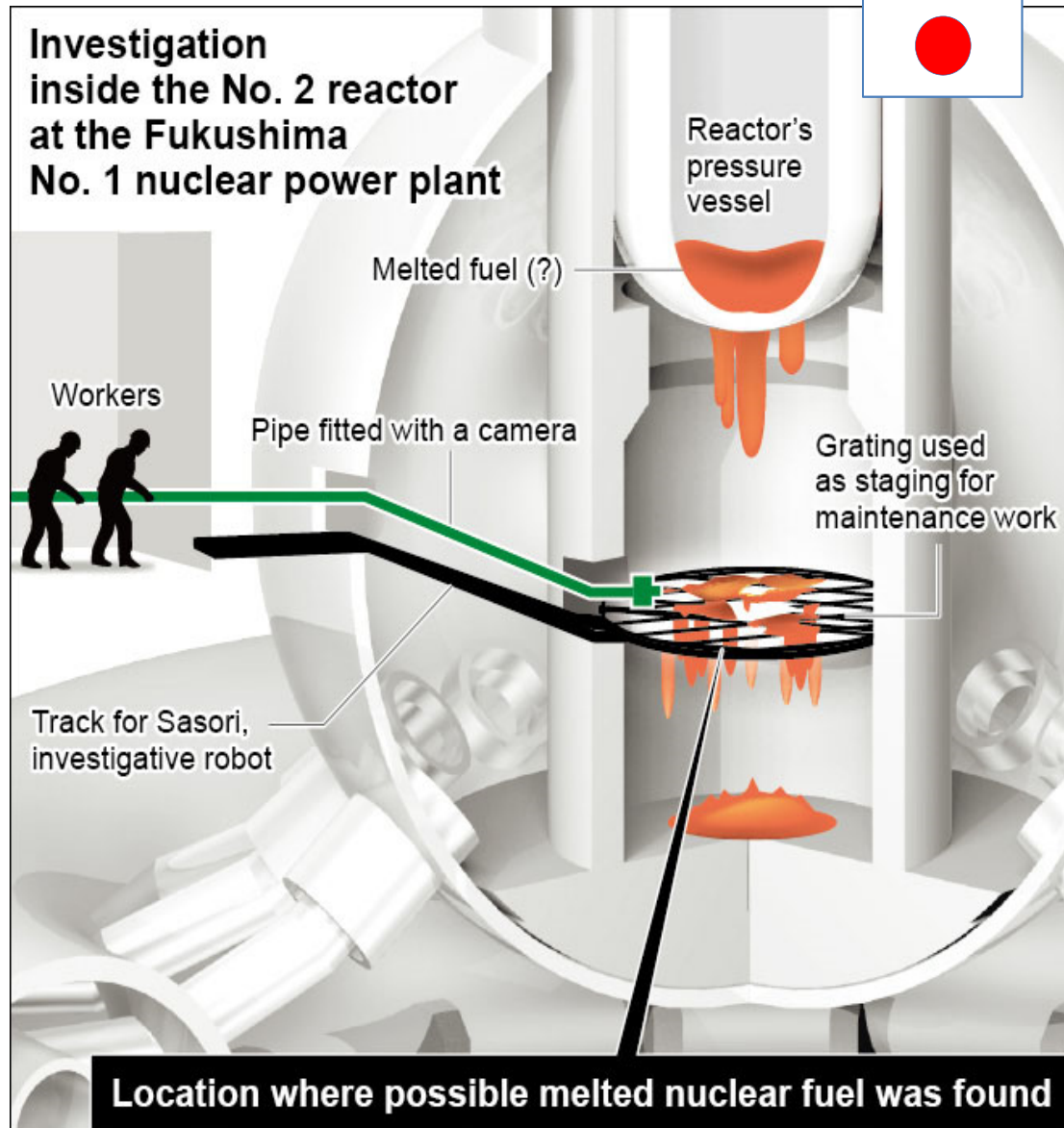
- **Core catcher concept**
- **Transfer of corium into a safe condition**
- **Multilayer spreading area**
- **Long-term cooling from below and**
- **flooding from above from the IRWST.**





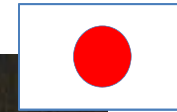
**Finely fragmented corium (failure of the reactor pressure vessel under overpressure?)**

**Crashed floor grating**

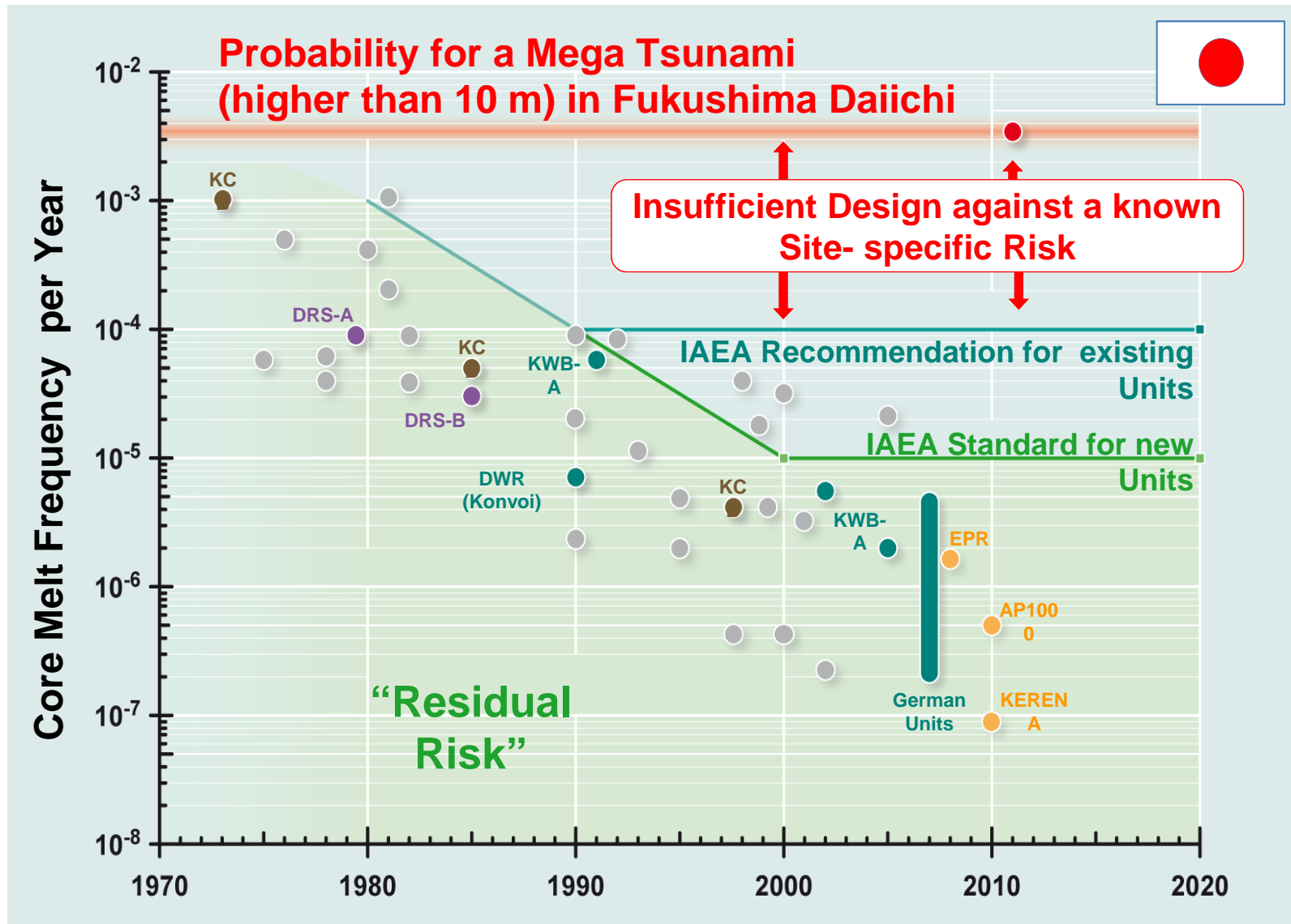


Source: Asahi Shimbun





**Undamaged fuel assembly head**



IAEA: International Atomic Energy Agency Sources: IAEA, VGB



- Westinghouse: Manufacturer of about  $\frac{3}{4}$  of all PWRs worldwide.
- **Evolutionary**
- **Consequent simplification**
- **Expanded passive systems**
  - (e.g. no „nuclear“ diesel necessary)
- **1999: AP-600 certified by US-NRC**
  - Operators: Capacity too low
- **2005: AP-1000 certified (UK: 2011)**
  - Licence for China, 4 units
- **2012: 4 units in USA**
- **2016: USA: Delays**
- **2017: Insolvency of Westinghouse, abandonment of VC Summer 2-3**
- **2018: Commissioning of Sanmen-1**
- **2023: Commissioning of Vogtle-3**



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## Generation III („Evolutionary“):

**PWR – Pressurized Water Reactor**

**BWR – Boiling Water Reactor**

**CANDU – Heavy Water Reactor**

## Generation IV (Revolutionary“):

**VHTR – Very-High-Temperature Reactor**

**GFR – Gas-Cooled Fast Reactor**

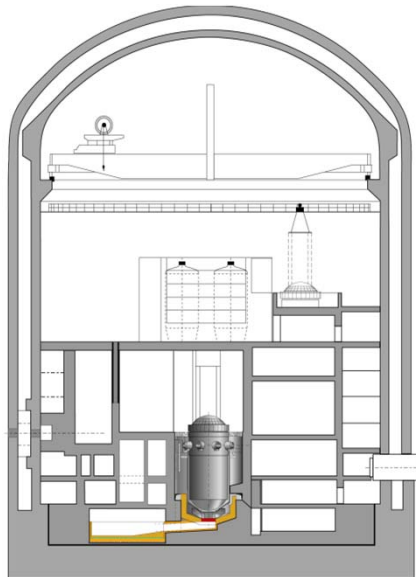
**SFR – Sodium-Cooled Fast Reactor**

**LFR – Lead-Cooled Fast Reactor**

**SCWR – Supercritical Water-Cooled Reactor**

**MSR – Molten Salt Reactor**

Partly also for H<sub>2</sub> and process heat generation



<http://gen-iv.ne.doe.gov>

| VHTR | ◆ | ◆ | ◆ | ◆ | ◆ | ◆ | ◆ | ◆ | ◆ |
|------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| GFR  |   | ◆ | ◆ | ◆ | ◆ | ◆ | ◆ | ◆ | ◆ |
| SFR  |   |   | ◆ | ◆ | ◆ |   |   | ◆ | ◆ |
| LFR  |   | ◆ |   | ◆ | ◆ |   |   |   | ◆ |
| SCWR | ◆ | ◆ |   | ◆ | ◆ |   |   |   | ◆ |
| MSR  |   | ◆ | ◆ |   |   |   |   |   | ◆ |

◆ Co-Chair im Steering Committee    📖 Roland Schenkel, EC, 23.11.2005, Berlin



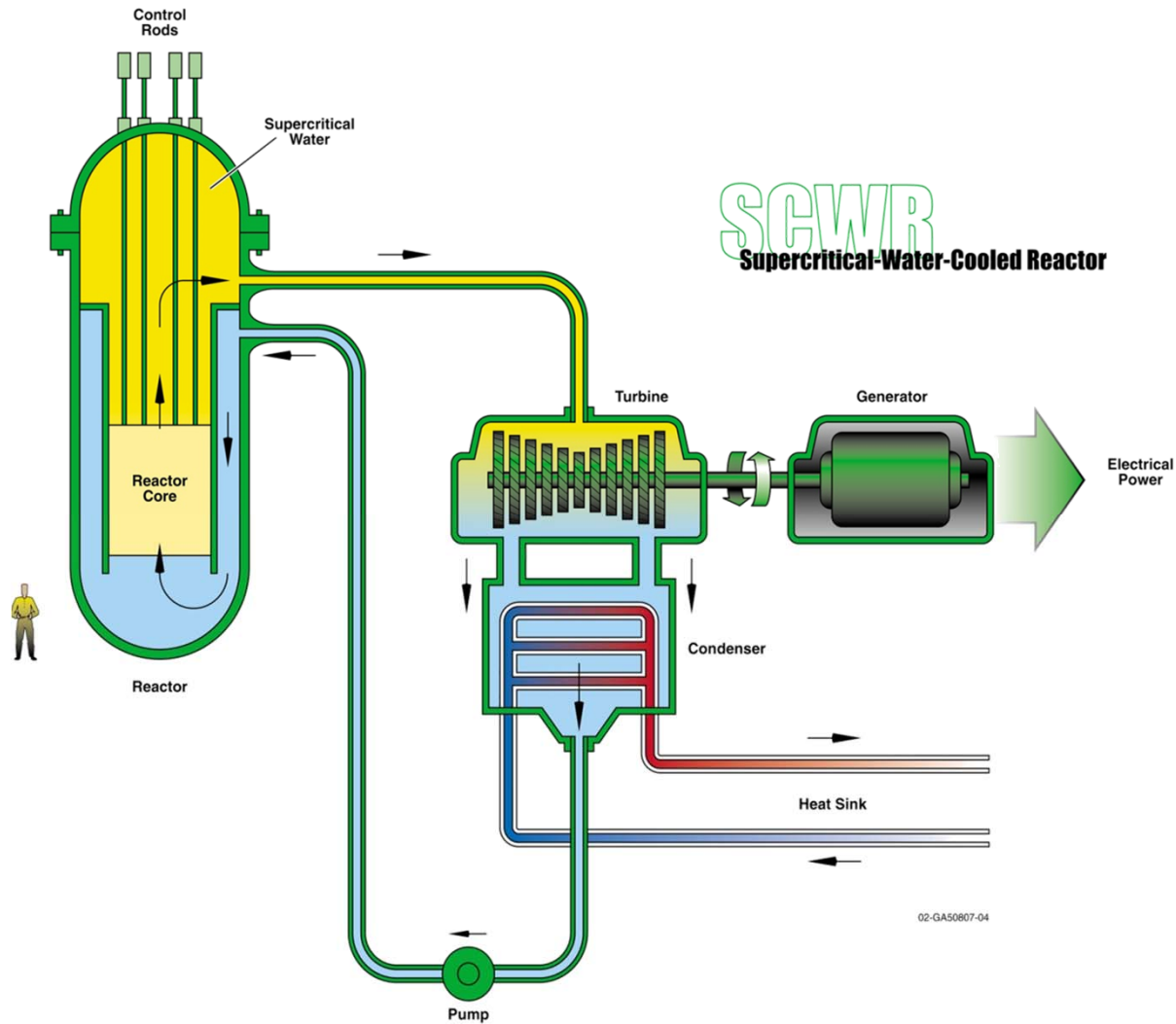
## Further development (after GEN III):

- Profitability (cost-effectiveness/efficiency)
- Safety and reliability
- Minimisation of residues (partitioning + transmutation)
- Enlargement (expansion) of the fuel basis (U, Pu recycling, Th)
- Safeguards (stability of proliferation)

## Further applications:

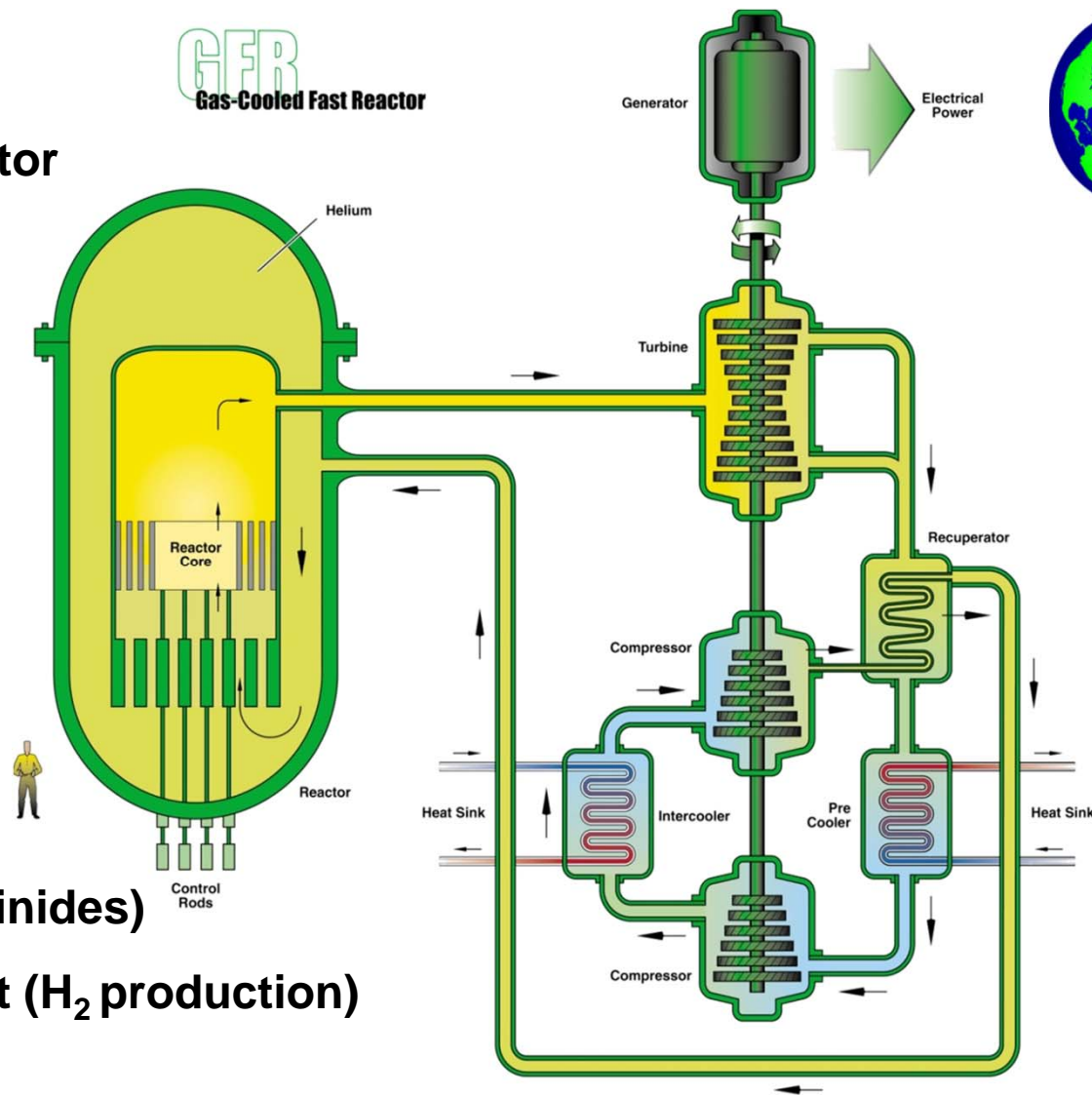
- Production of electrolytic hydrogen
- Seawater desalination
- Process heat

# Gen IV (1): Supercritical- Water- Cooled Reactor = HPLWR



## GFR Gas-cooled fast reactor

- 600 MWth,
- efficiency of 48%
- ceramic fuel, U/ Pu (20%)
- Helium-cooled (Brayton Cycle)
- closed fuel cycle (combustion of actinides)
- 850 °C process heat (H<sub>2</sub> production)



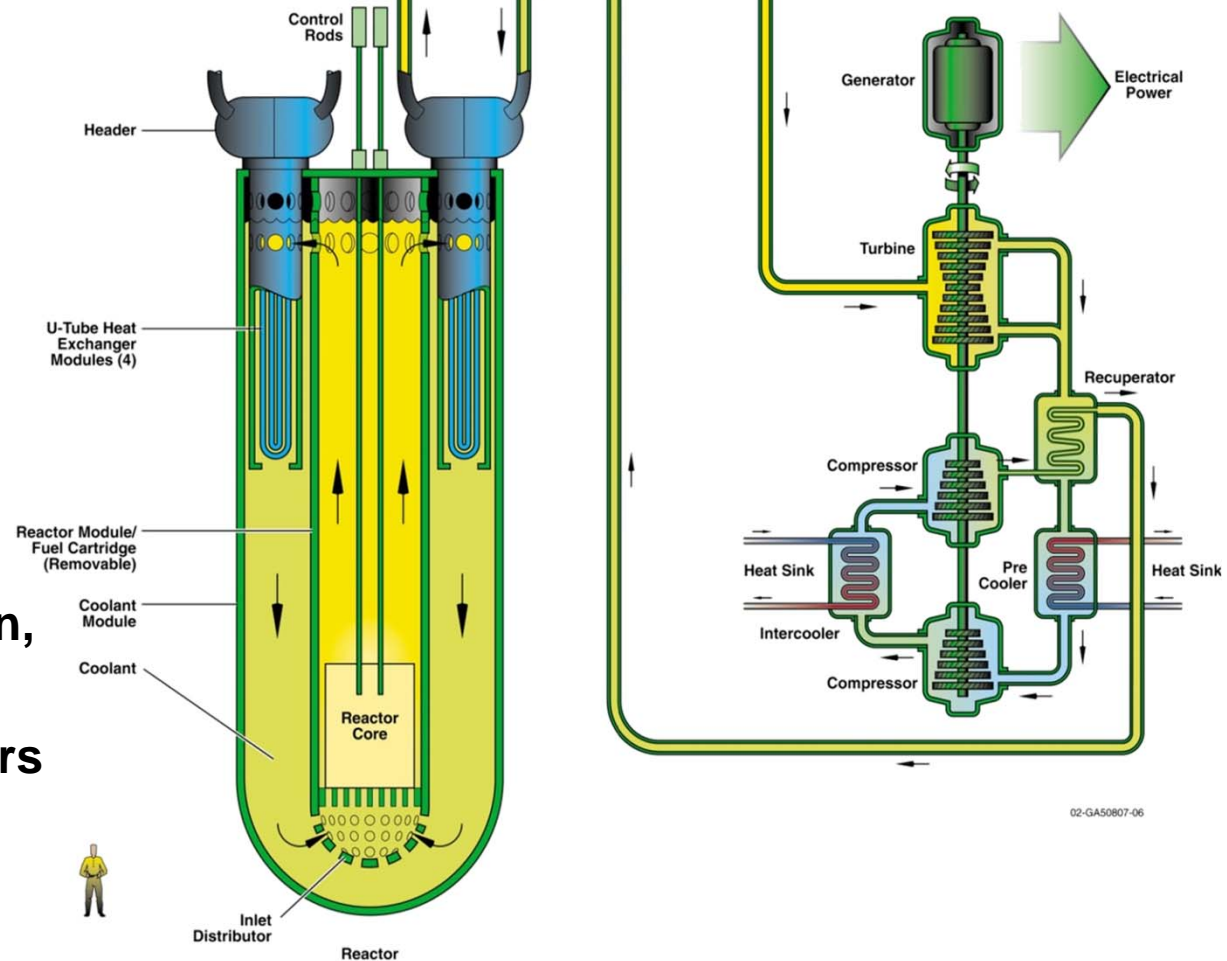


## LFR

50 - 1200 MWe,

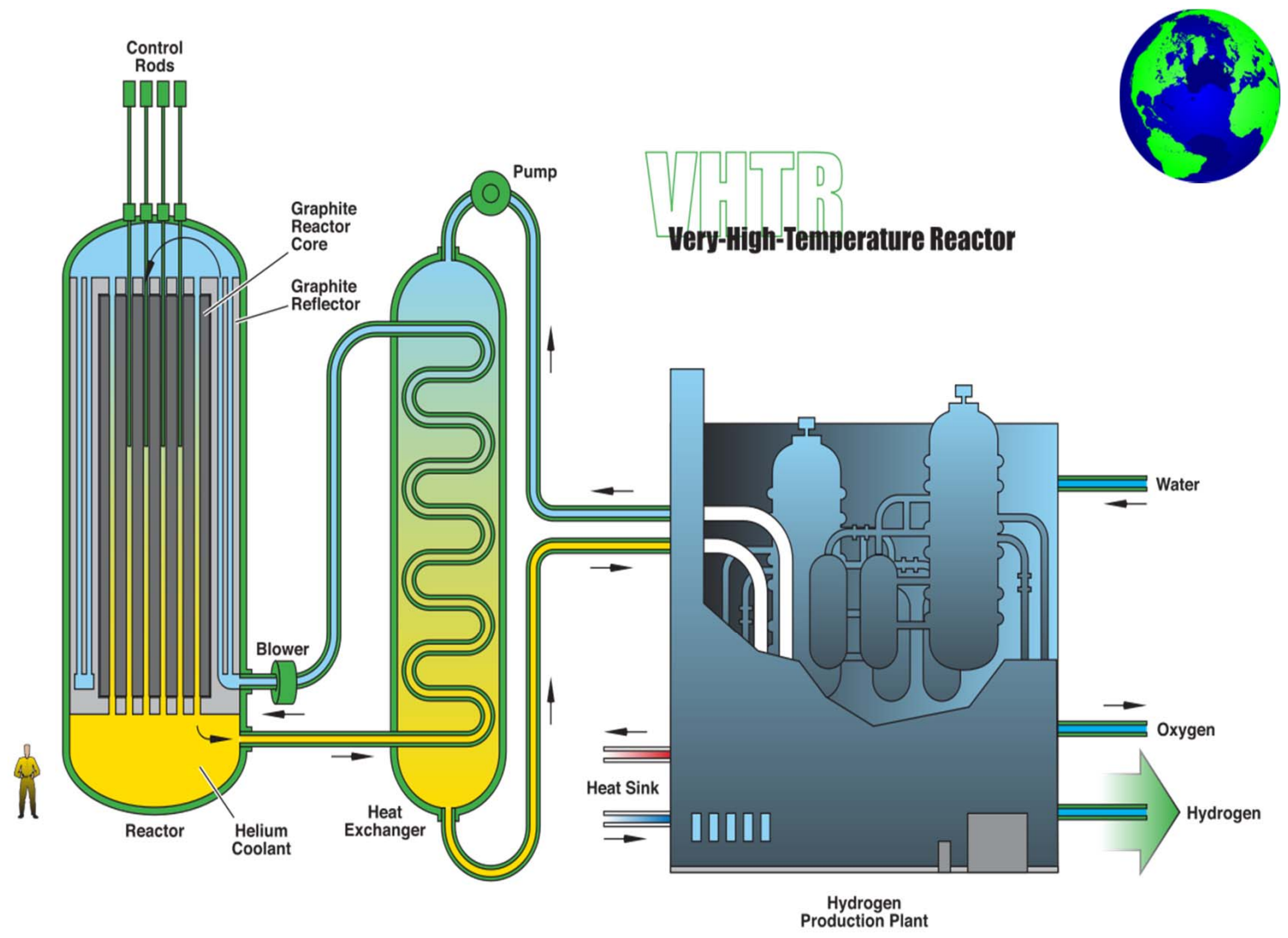
- Unpressurised
- Natural circulation
- Metallic or nitride fuel, U/ Pu
- Pb- or Pb/Bi-cooling for 550 °C
- Closed fuel cycle
- Seawater desalination, H<sub>2</sub> production
- Cycles of 15 – 20 years

LFR  
Lead-Cooled Fast Reactor



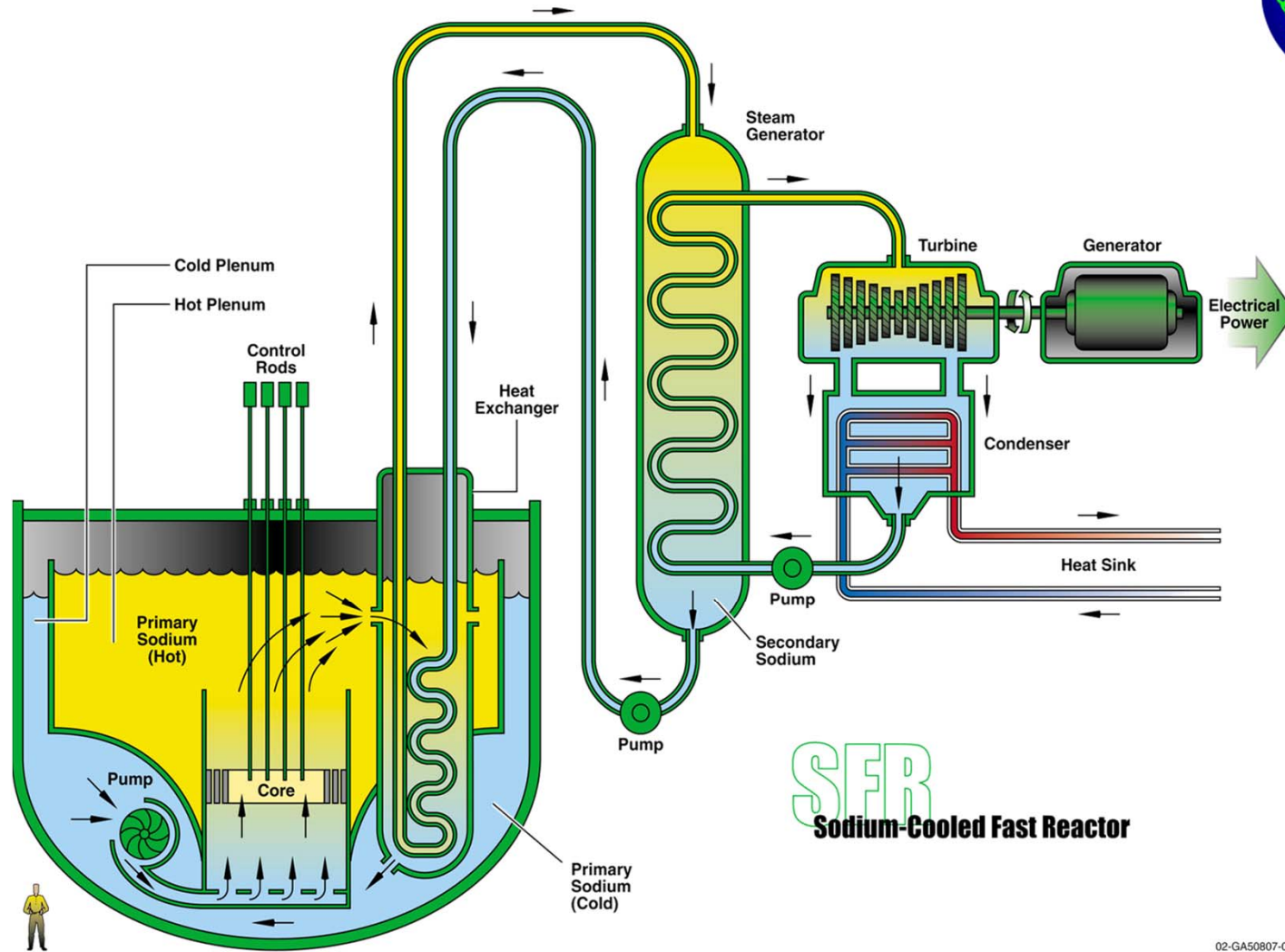
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# Gen IV (4): Very High- Temperature Reactor





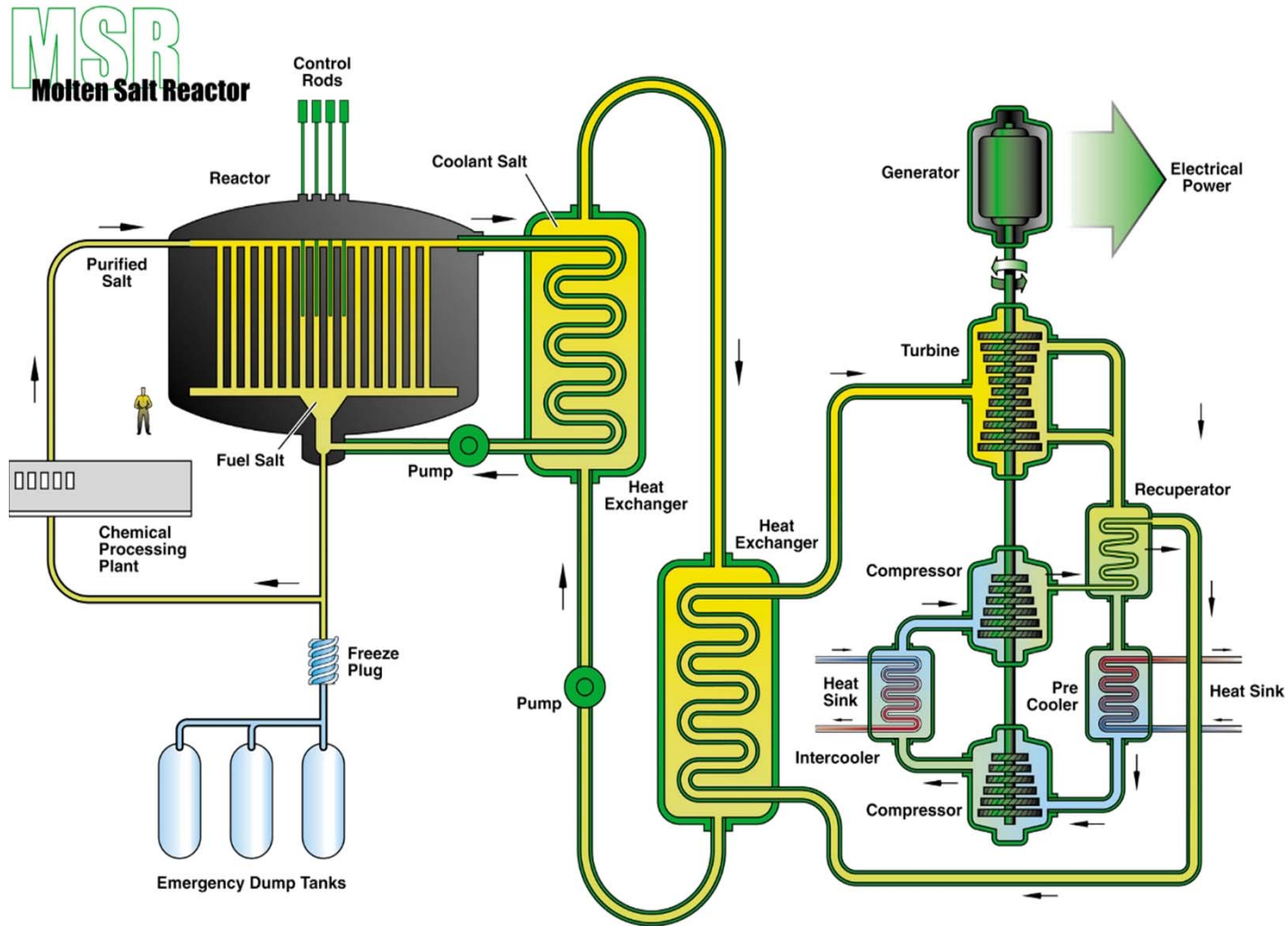
# Gen IV (5): Sodium- Cooled Fast Reactor



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# Gen IV (6): Molten Salt Reactor



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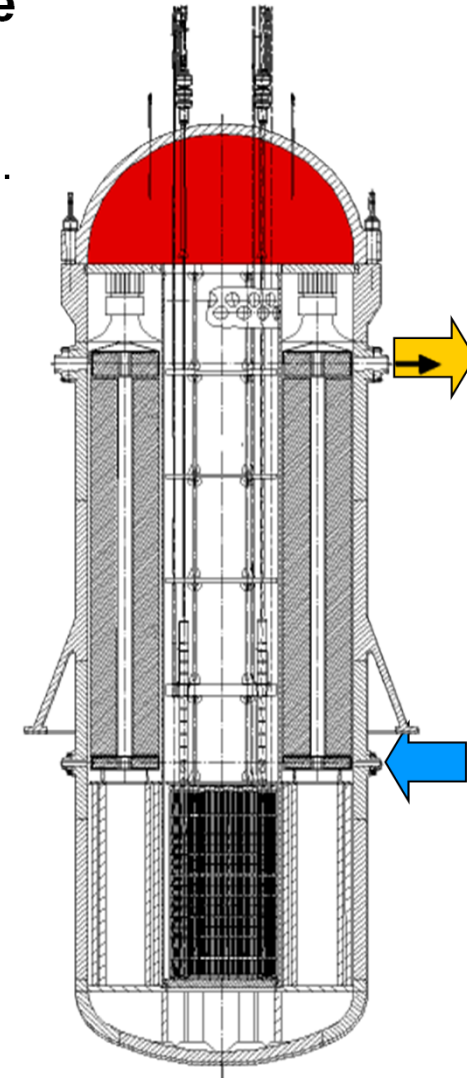


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## International Reactor Innovative and Secure

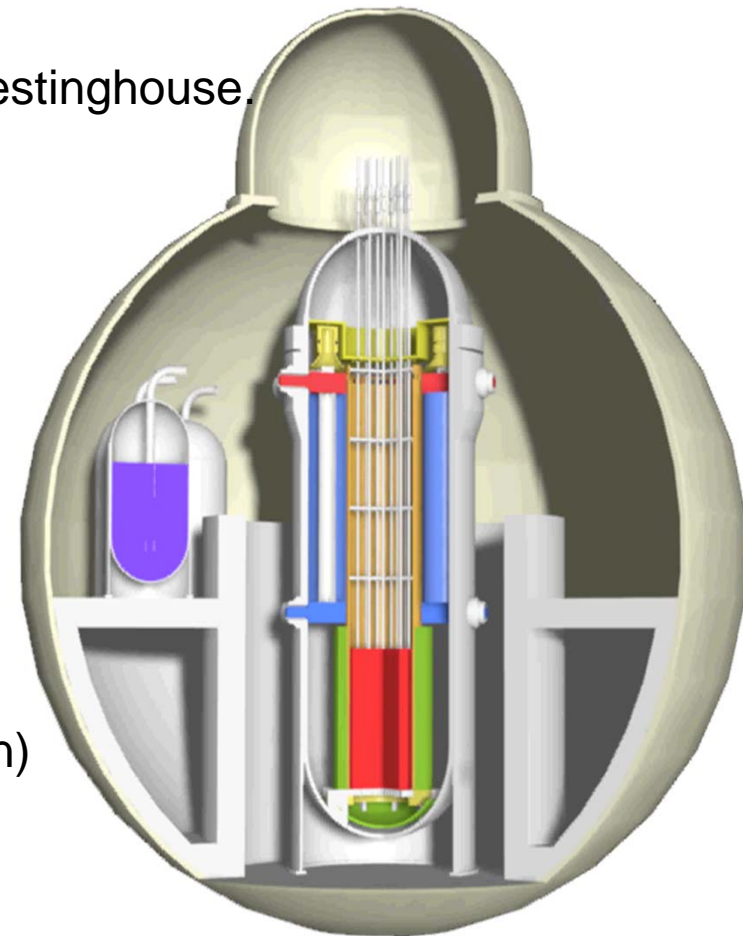
- Development since 1999, Consortium under management of Westinghouse.
- Review within NERI- Generation IV (US-DOE).
- Modular system with 100-300 MW<sub>el</sub>.
- PWR with integral pressure vessel:
  - core
  - control rods
  - coolant pumps (4)
  - steam generators (8 in pair design)
  - pressuriser



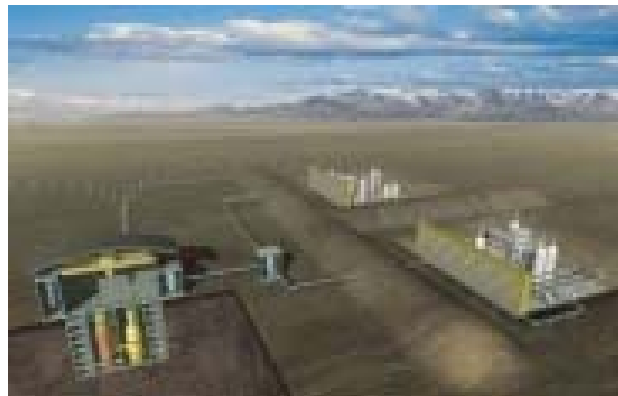
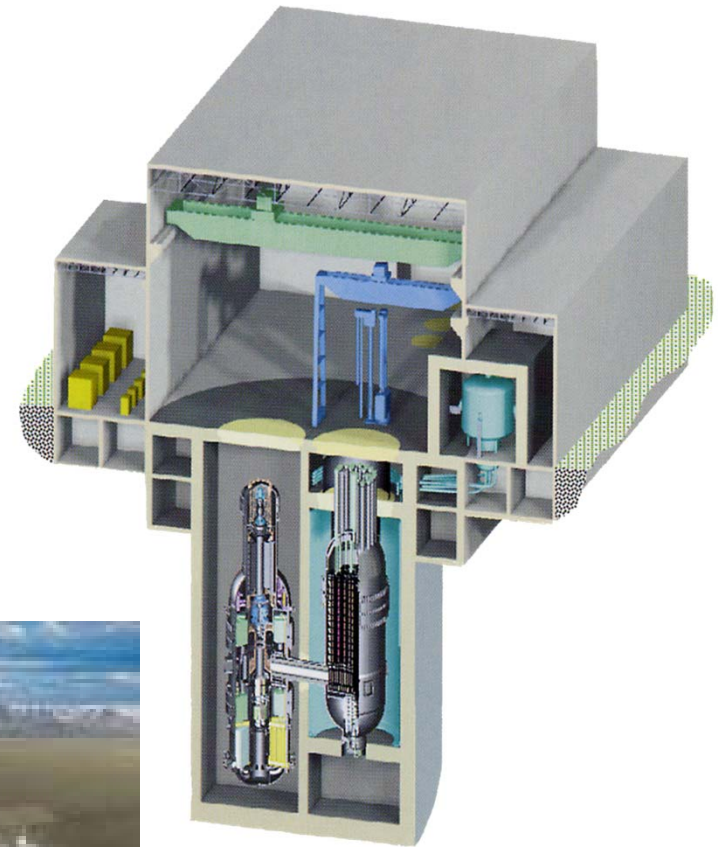


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- Full- pressure containment.



- He- cooled, graphite- moderated high- temperature reactor
- Underground
- Development since 1985 by
  - General Atomics,
  - Framatome,
  - Fuji Electric,
  - OKBM/ MINATOM (Russia)
- Helium high- temperature turbine
  - Brayton Cycle
- Meltdown- resistant:  
  
Residual heat removal by thermal radiation

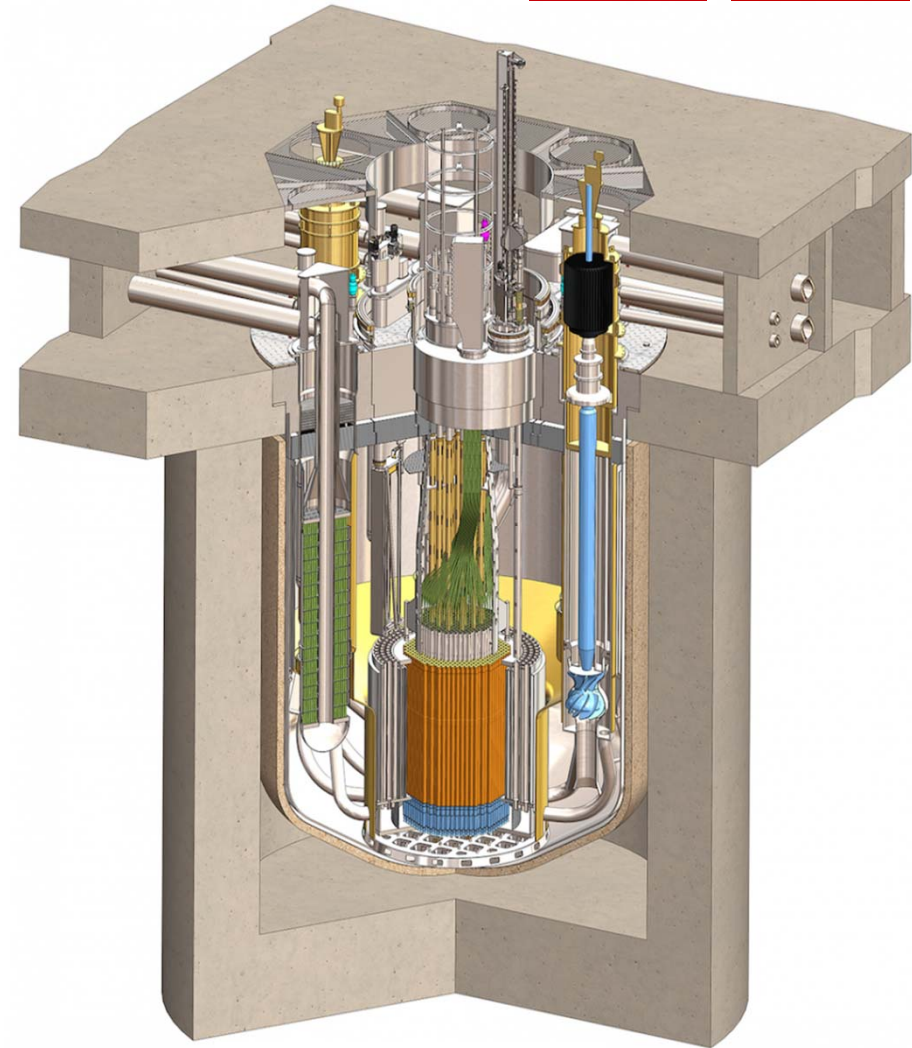


📖 Framatome, Frankreich

# Terrapower Travelling Wave Reactor (Bill Gates)

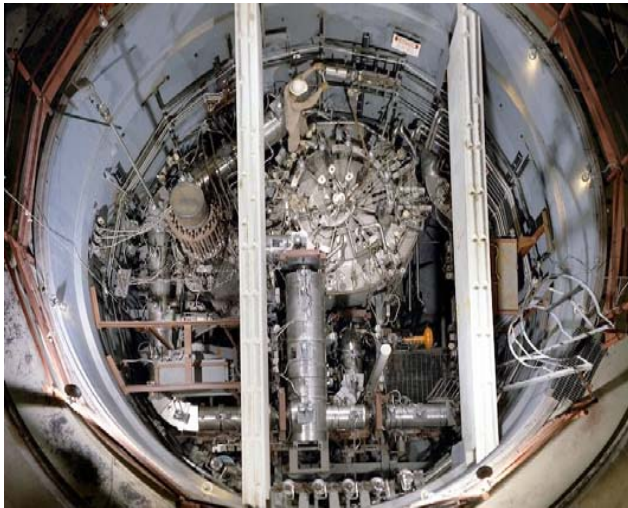


- „Fast Breeder“
- **Radially Migrating Breeding Zone**
- Multiyear cycles
- Depleted U-238 → Pu-239
- Metallic fuel
- No reprocessing
- Improved safeguards
- Open fuel rods?
- Efficient coolant purification
- Xiapu- 2 (Fujian, China)
- 600 MWe
- Operational 2023



Source: [www.terrapower.com](http://www.terrapower.com)





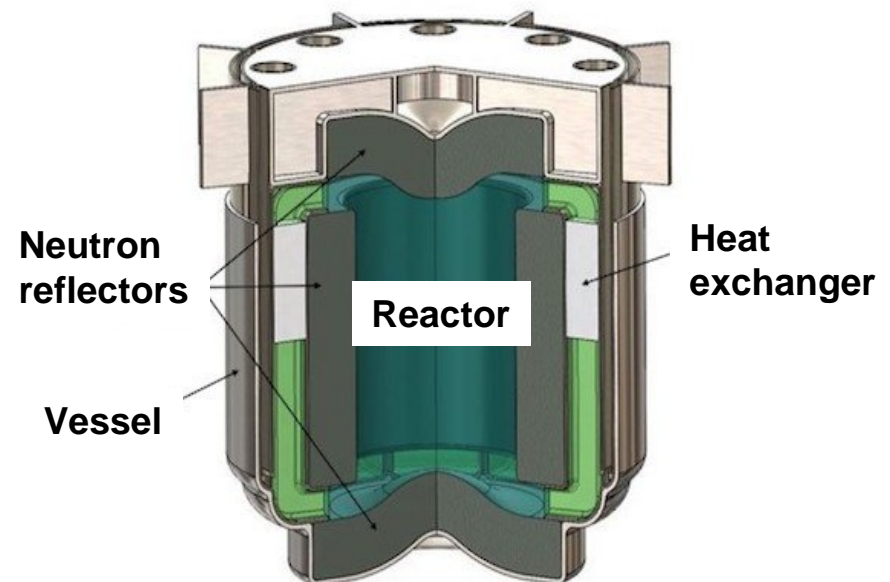
**1966-73: Pilot project,  
stopped due to unmanageable corrosion**

## **Fuel Dissolved in Molten Salt**

**January 2016: 40 M\$ funding (5a)  
U.S. Department of Energy**

**Southern Company,  
Oak Ridge National Laboratory,  
Electric Power Research Institute  
Vanderbilt University**

**Under design: Component test rigs**

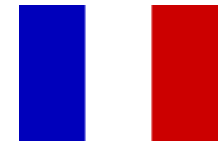


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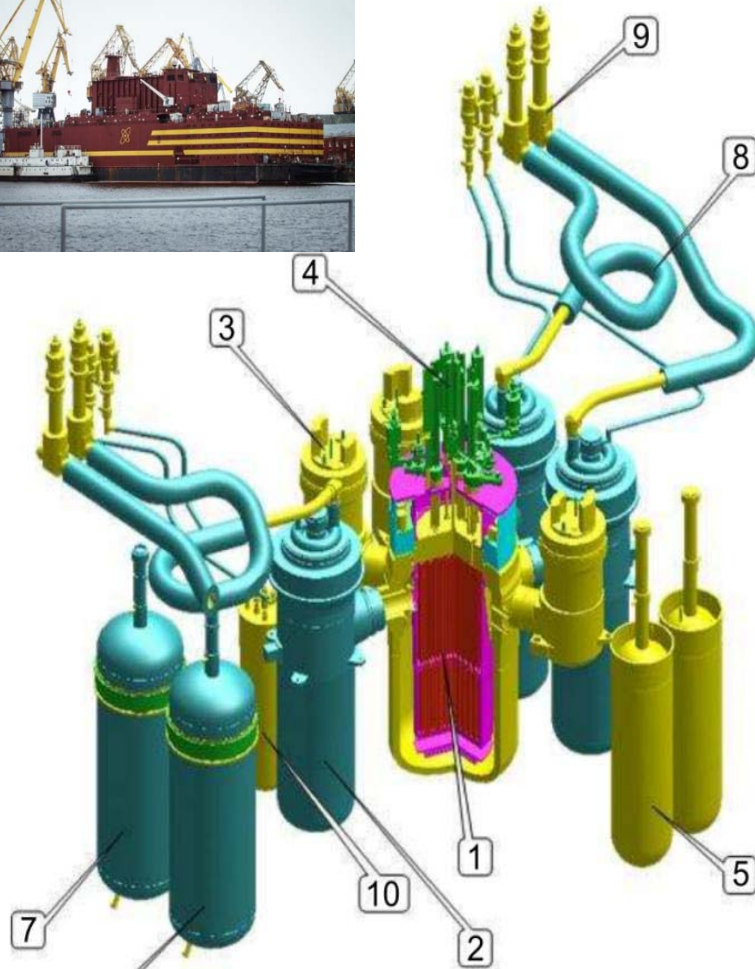
**DCNS (Shipyard)/ Framatome/ CEA/ EdF**  
(Direction des Constructions Navales)

**PWR 160 MWe, Gd- based absorber**





# Floating Nuclear Power Plant „Akademik Lomonossov“ KLT40S



6 2x35 MWe, commissioning in 2019



- 1 Reactor
- 2 Steam generator
- 3 Reactor coolant pumps
- 4 Control rod drives
- 5 Emergency core cooling accumulator
- 6 Pressuriser (1st vessel)
- 7 Pressuriser (2nd vessel)
- 8 Steam lines
- 9 Isolation valves
- 10 Heat exchanger residual heat removal system

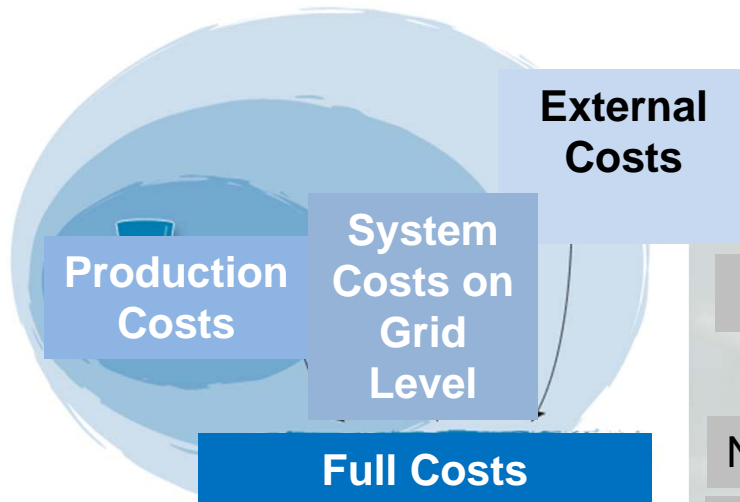
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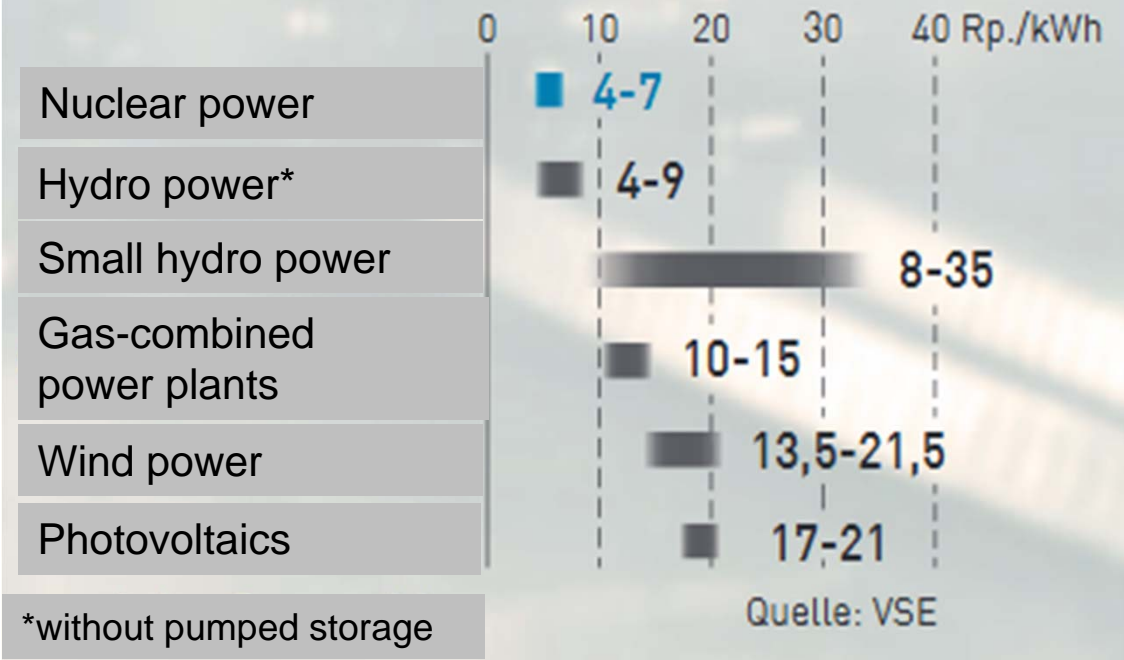
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1 € = 1.15 SFr



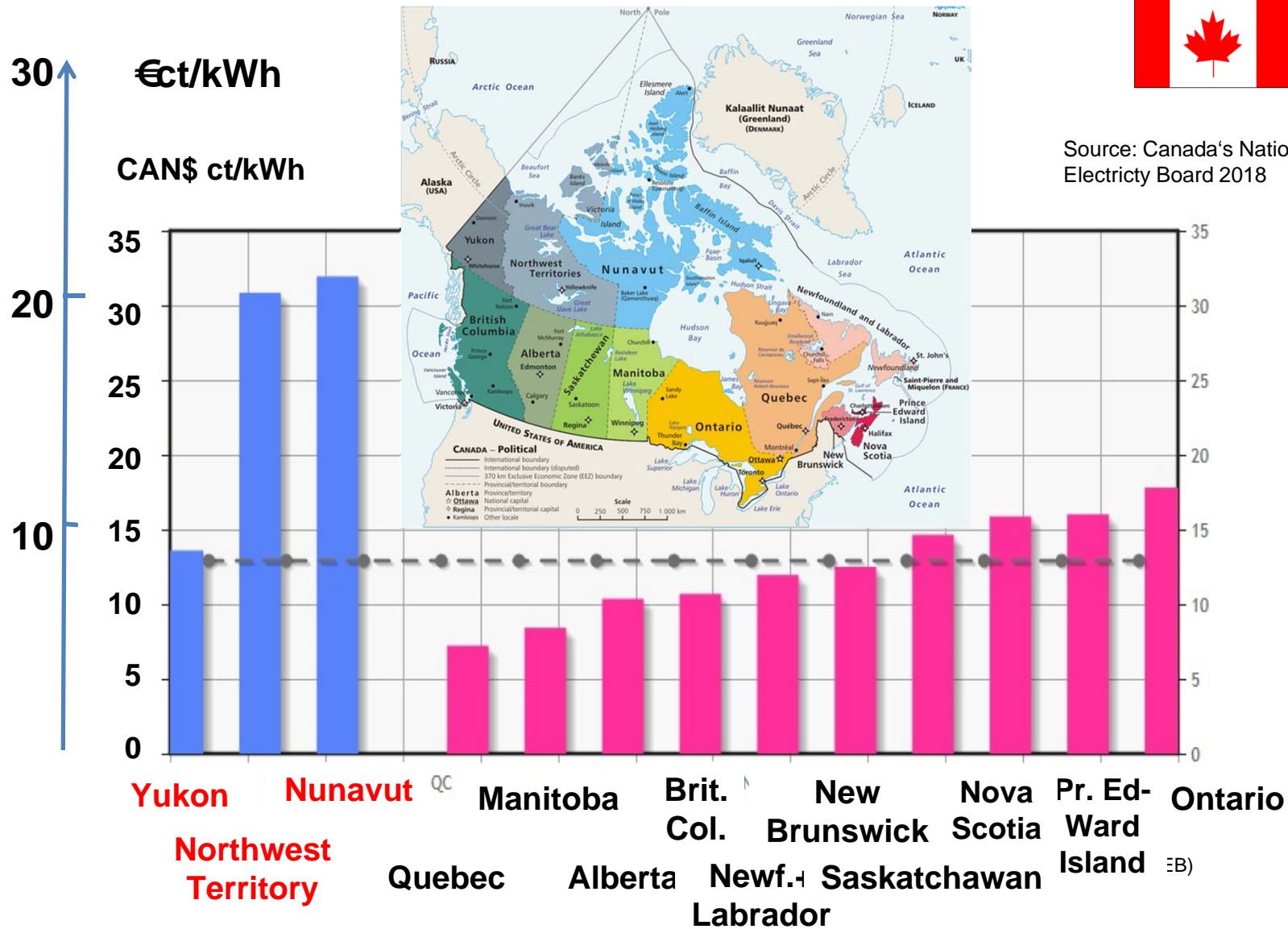
## Comparison of Average Production Costs



# Electricity Prices in Canada in 2017



Source: Canada's National Electricity Board 2018





## Lifetime extension to **60** years:

- Authorised for approx. 90 reactors,
- remaining plants will follow

## Lifetime extension to **80** years:

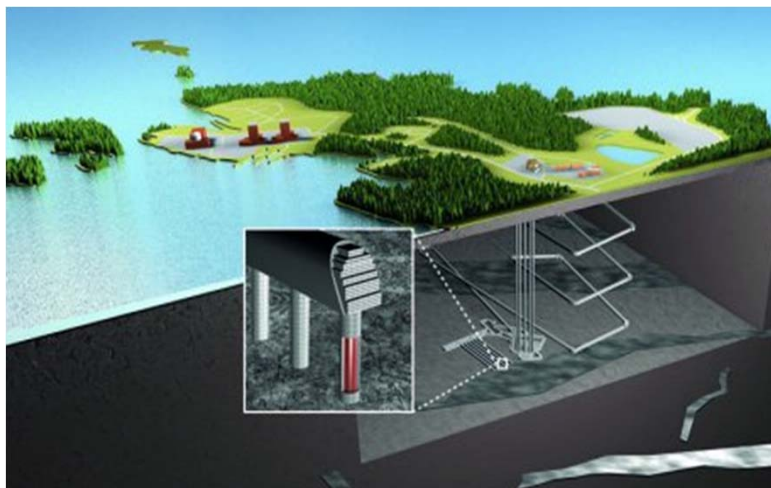
- Decision for submission for the first four reactors  
(Calvert Cliffs + ...)



## First final repository worldwide for heat generating waste from NPPs \*



- 2000: Government decision for a final repository for spent nuclear fuel
- 2001: Decision in principle by Finnish parliament
- 2012: Application of construction licence by Posiva (TVO/FORTUM) for Olkiluoto site
- 2015: STUK\*\* Confirmation that all safety criteria are met
- **12 November 2015: Construcion licence** for 6,500 t of spent fuel\*
- Next steps: Construction until 2020
- Before commissioning: Application for operation licence

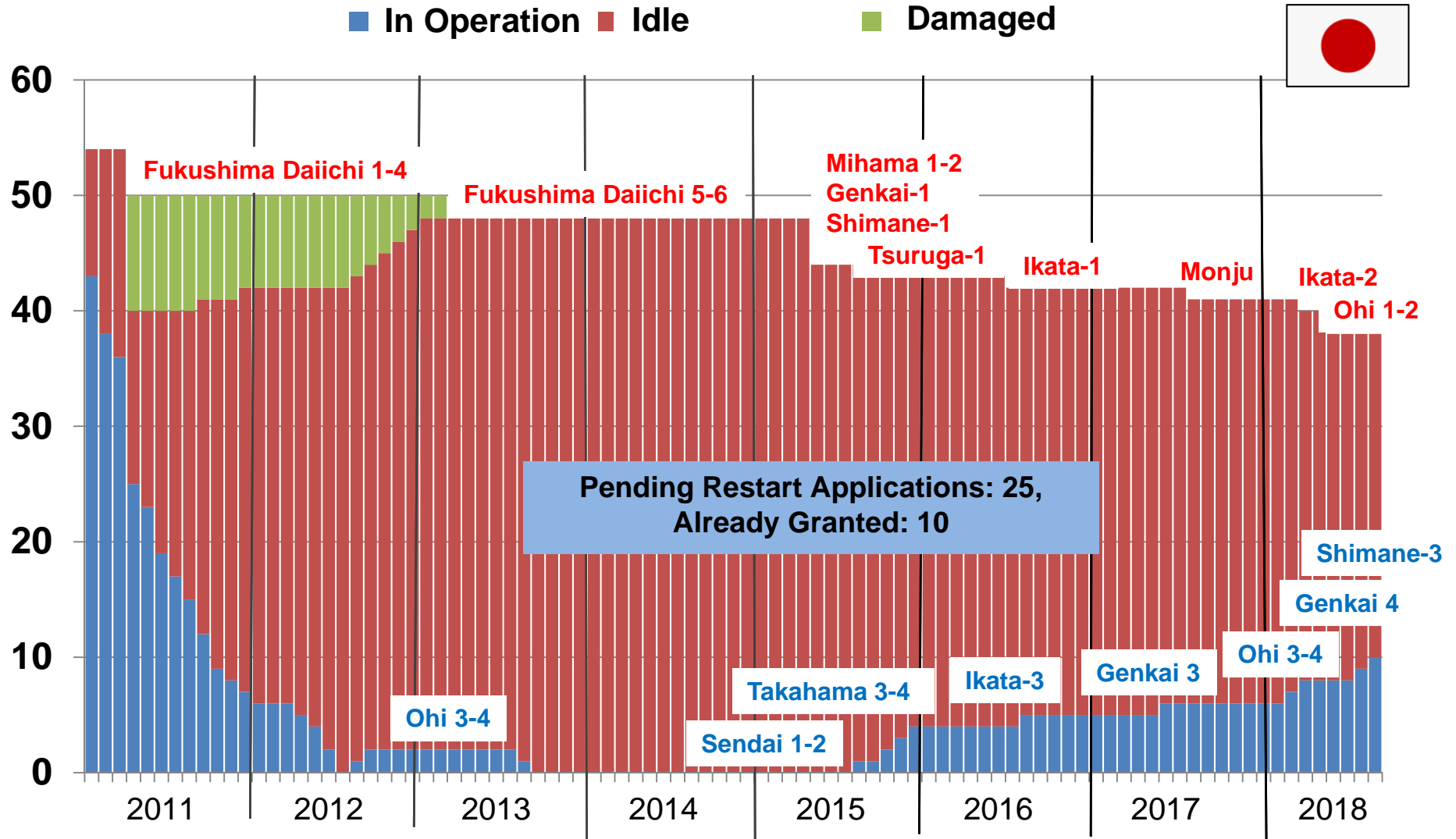


\*: Enough for more than 50 a operation of 5 NPPs

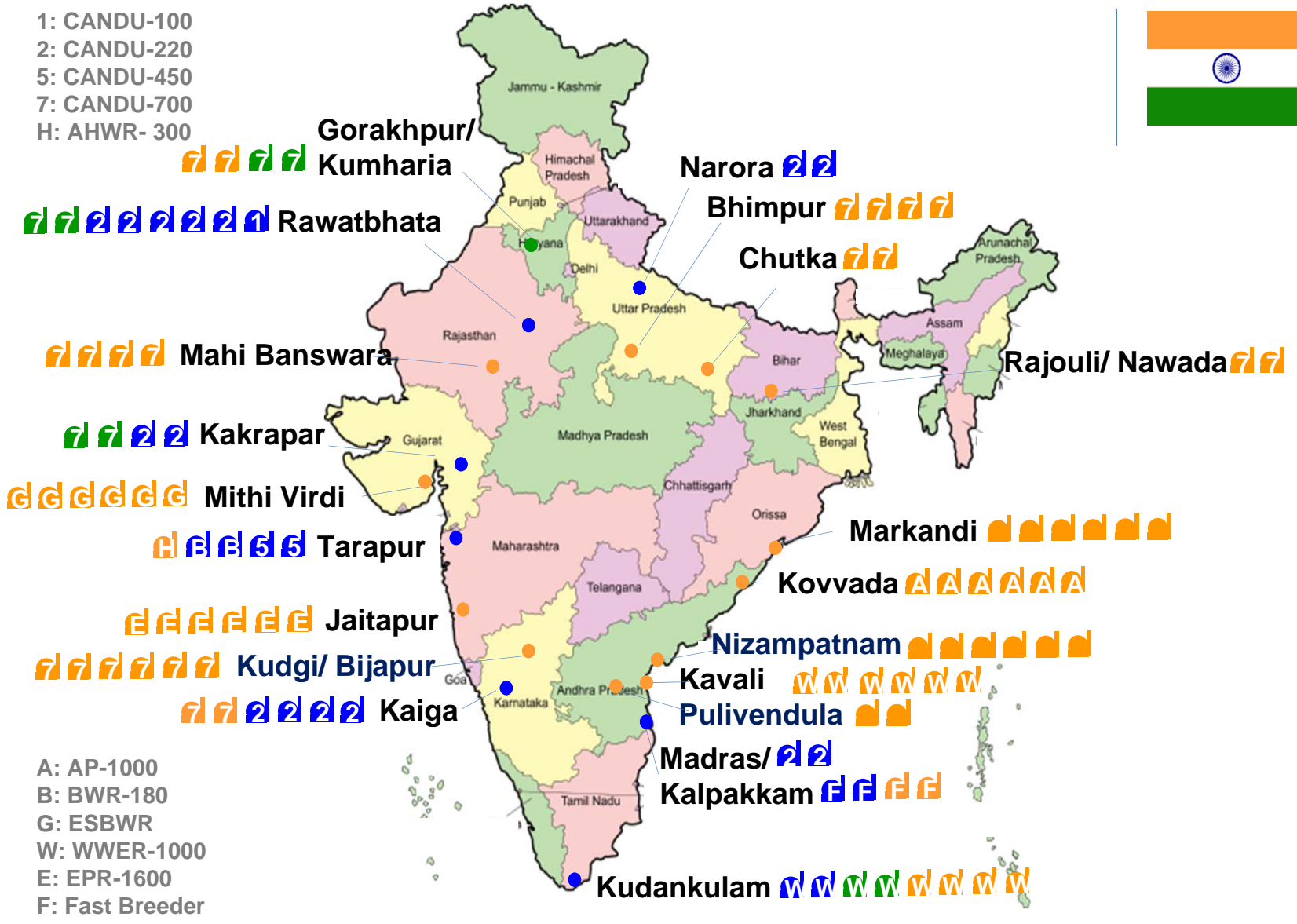
\*\* STUK: Finnish Radiation and Nuclear Safety Authority

Sources: STUK, 02/2015, WNA 11/2015

# Number of Nuclear Power Units in Japan



# India: 24 In Operation, 8 Under Construction, 63 in Planning (<2035)







## Concluding Remarks:

1. **Highly developed technology, exportable**
2. **Operation-proven with more than 17,000 (reactor) years**
3. **Acceptance: 90 % of the Europeans live in countries with nuclear energy**
4. **Fukushima was not a residual risk incident, no radiation damages**
5. **Nuclear power plants do not age as other power plants, early shutdown means an enormous destruction of financial assets**
6. **Highly profitable if technical lifetime can be reached**
7. **Quasi-domestic**
8. **Carbon neutral**



**Thank you very much for your attention!**

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