



# GE Hitachi's ABWR and ESBWR: safer, simpler, smarter

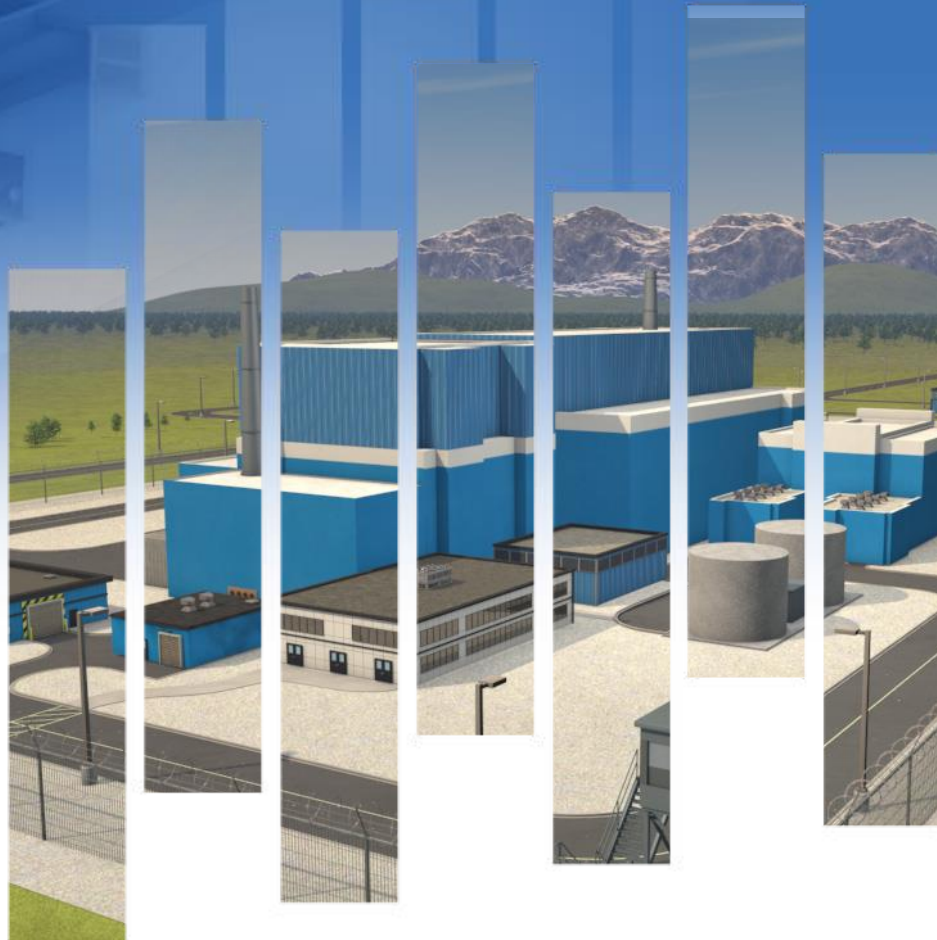
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# GE Hitachi's new reactor portfolio

## ABWR

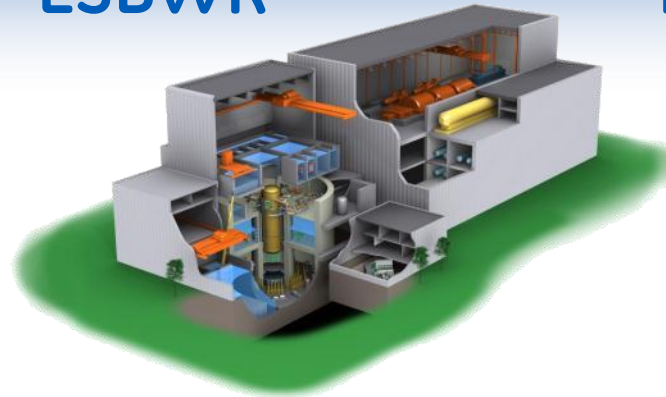


### Operational Gen III active safety technology

#### NRC certified design

- Lowest core damage frequency of any Generation III reactor
- Extensive operational experience since 1996
- Licensed in US, Taiwan, Japan
- First concrete to first fuel ... 39 to 45 months

## ESBWR

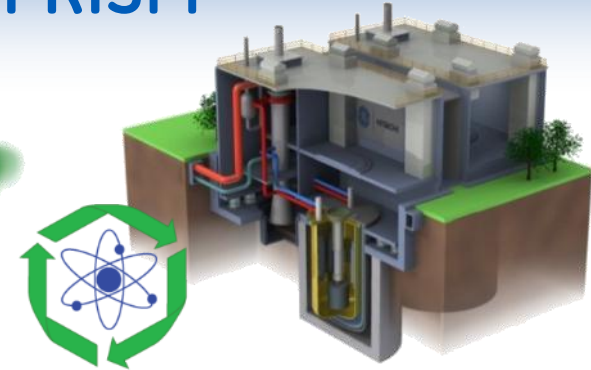


### Evolutionary Gen III+ passive safety technology

#### NRC certified design

- Lowest core damage frequency of any reactor ... safest design
- Passive cooling for >7 days w/o AC power or operator action
- Lowest projected operations, maintenance, and staffing costs<sup>1</sup>
- 25% fewer pumps, valves and motors than active safety plants

## PRISM



### Revolutionary Gen IV sodium cooled technology

#### Ultimate used fuel solution

- Passive air-cooling w/no operator or mechanical actions needed
- Ultimate answer to the used fuel dilemma - reduce nuclear waste to ~300-year radiotoxicity<sup>2</sup> while generating new electricity
- Also solution for Pu disposition

1 Claims based on the U.S. DOE commissioned 'Study of Construction Technologies and Schedules, O&M Staffing and Cost, and Decommissioning Costs and Funding Requirements for Advanced Reactor Designs' and an ESBWR staffing study performed by a leading independent firm

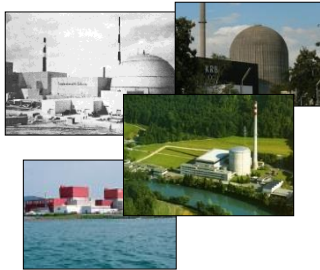
2 To reach the same level of radiotoxicity as natural uranium

# GEH new nuclear plant development

Borax BWR test facility



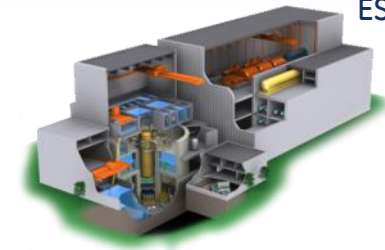
Worldwide BWR fleet



K6/K7 – First ABWRs



ESBWR



1950's

1980's

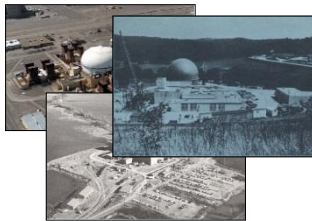
2000's

lessons learned ... customer input ... new features ... testing ... studies ... detailed design

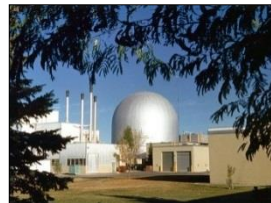
EBR



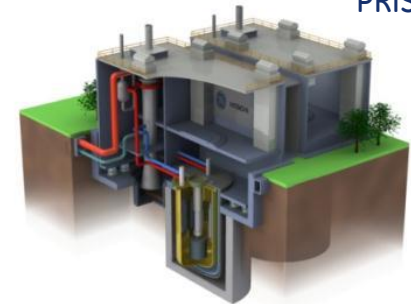
US sodium reactor experience



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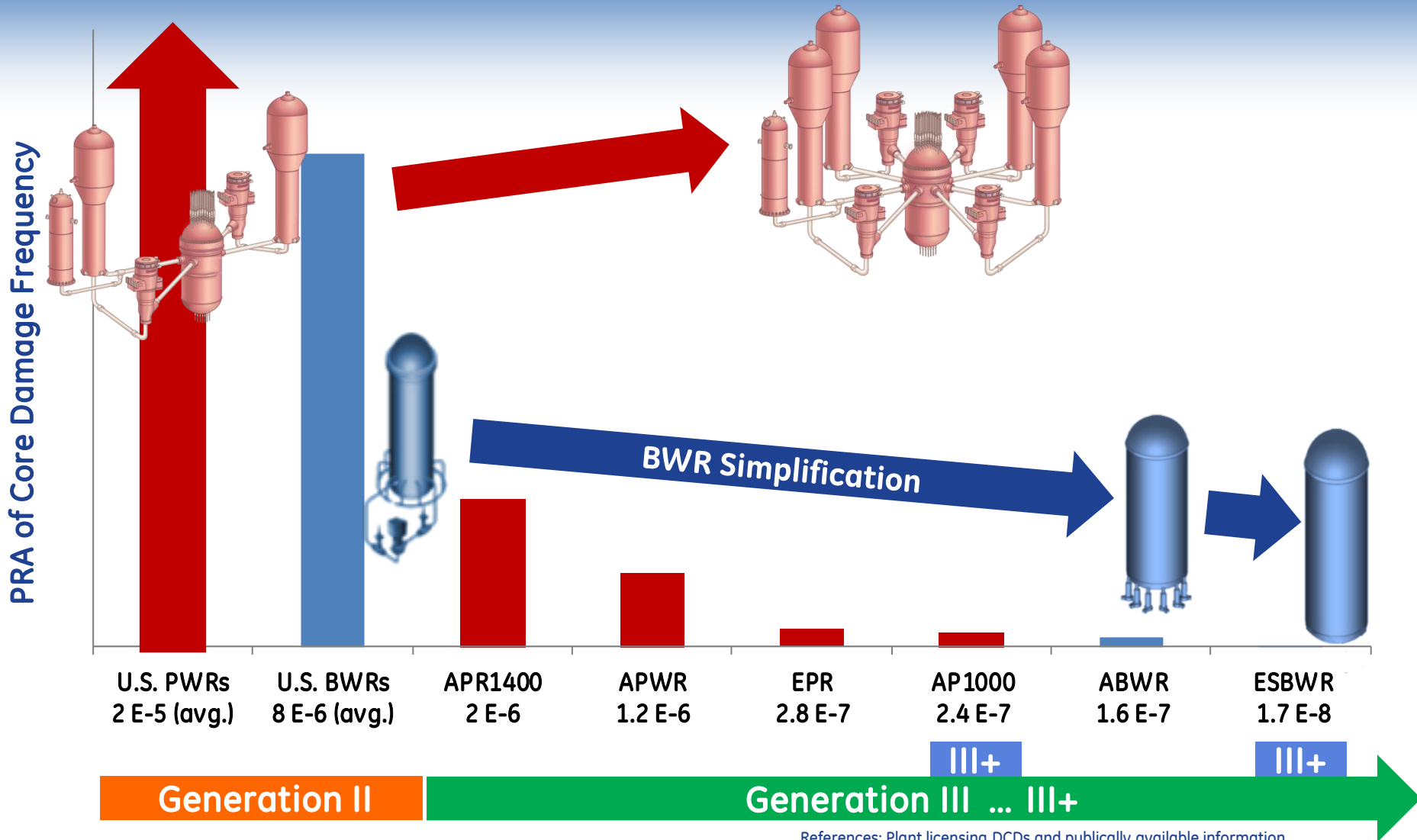


PRISM



SEFOR, Fermi I, Seawolf, FFTF

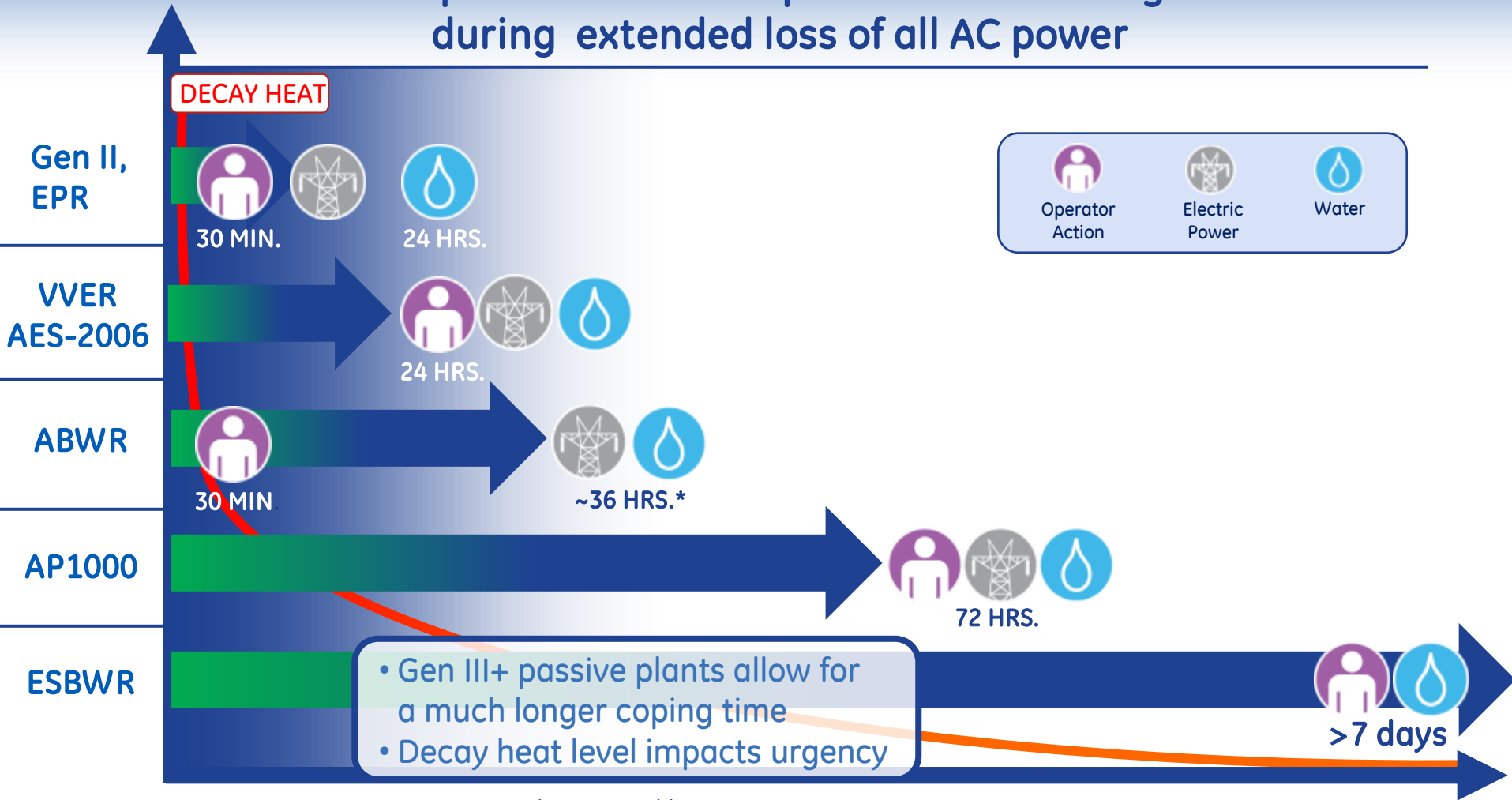
# BWRs are simpler, safer, easier to operate



References: Plant licensing DCDs and publically available information  
 Note: PRA of CDF is represented in at-power internal events (per year)  
 Note: NSSS diagrams are for visualization purposes only

# Best-in-class SBO response

Responses needed to prevent core damage during extended loss of all AC power



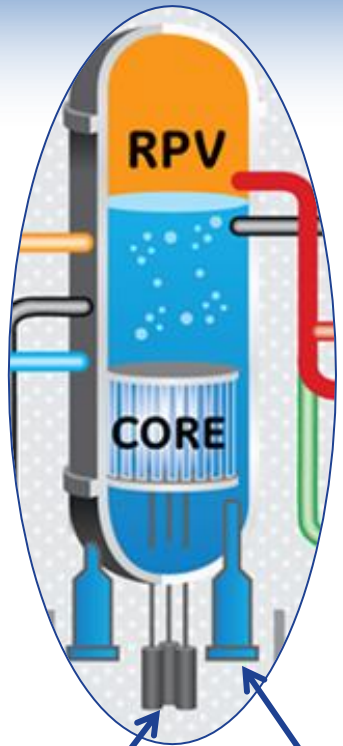
\*ABWR DCD credits water addition at 8 HRS.

References: AP1000: US DCD Rev. 18 Section 8.5.2.1; EPR: US DCD Rev. 1 Section 8.4;

VVER AES-2006: Stuk Preliminary Safety Assessment

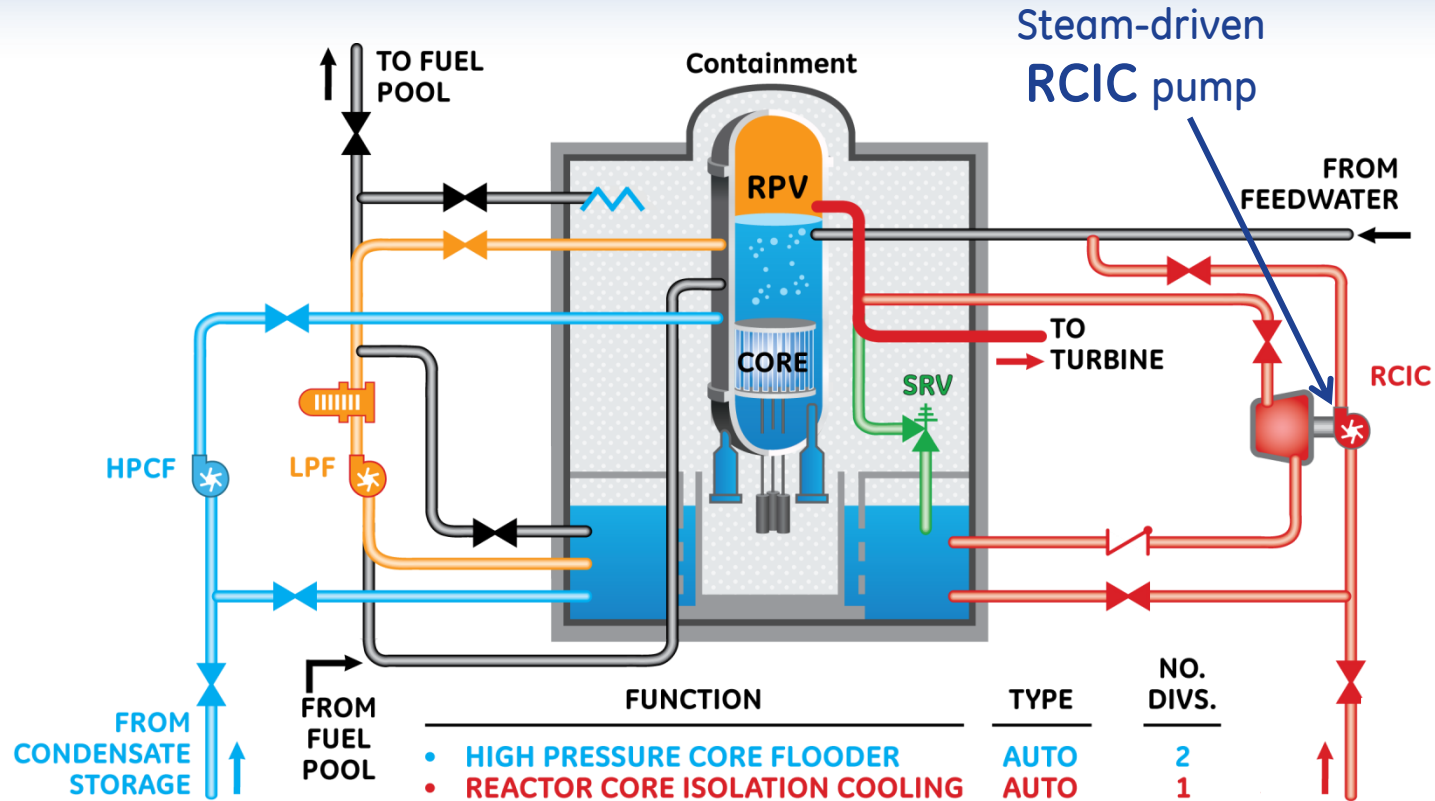
# ABWR features and improvements

## ECCS - 3 Division Active Emergency Core Cooling System



**FMCRDs**  
(Fine Motion Control Rod Drives)

**RIPs**  
(Reactor Internal Pumps)



FUNCTION	TYPE	NO. DIVS.
• HIGH PRESSURE CORE FLOODER	AUTO	2
• REACTOR CORE ISOLATION COOLING	AUTO	1
• AUTOMATIC DEPRESSURIZATION SYS.	AUTO	2
• LOW PRESSURE FLOODER	AUTO	3
• SUPPRESSION POOL COOLING	AUTO	3
• WETWELL SPRAY	MAN	2
• DRYWELL SPRAY	MAN	2
• SHUTDOWN COOLING	MAN	3
• FUEL POOL COOLING SUPPORT	MAN	2



# ABWR project experience

## Operational



Constructed on time  
... 39-45 months

Kashiwazaki-Kariwa 6  
COD 1996  
Kashiwazaki-Kariwa 7  
COD 1997



Hamaoka-5  
COD 2005

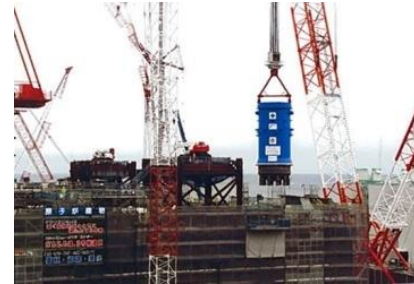


Shika-2  
COD 2006

## Under Construction



Ohma 1  
38% complete



Shimane 3  
94% complete



Lungmen 1&2  
94% complete  
Pre-op testing

The only Gen III Reactor with operating experience ... +25 years



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# ESBWR significant attributes

## Safer

- Safest reactor design available ... lowest CDF
- Passive accident response with no AC power or operator action
- Hands-free 72-hour design basis accident response
- Passively cools for 7+ days following SBO ... >2x better than AP1000



Passive safety utilizing the laws of nature: **natural circulation and gravity**

## Simpler

- 25% fewer safety-related components than active plants ... 11 fewer systems than ABWR
- Simpler to operate and maintain ... fewer plant transients and online surveillances

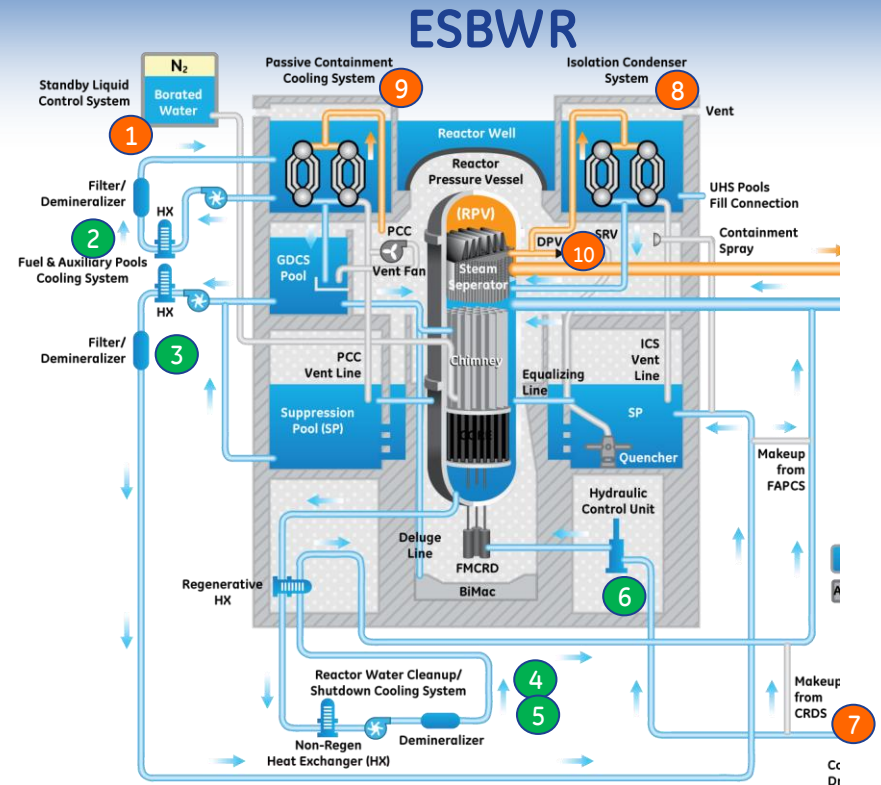
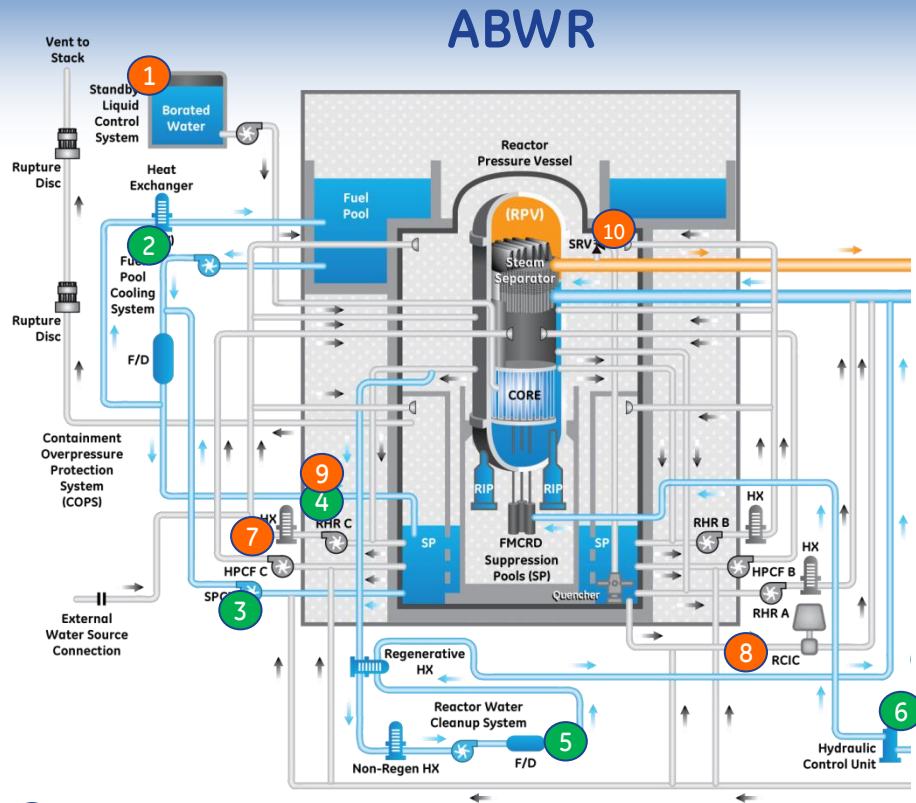
## Smarter

- 1520 MWe with 20% fewer staff and lowest projected O&M cost per MWe
- No steam generators to replace
- Dominion & DTE selected ESBWR ... NRC certification Oct 2014





# ABWR to ESBWR evolution: Nuclear Island



- 1 Standby Liquid Control System – **simplified** design
- 2 Fuel and Aux Pool Cooling – **equivalent** designs
- 3 Suppression Pool Cooling & Cleanup System – **equivalent** capability
- 4 Residual Heat Removal System – **equivalent** for shutdown cooling
- 5 Reactor Water Cleanup System – **equivalent** designs
- 6 Hydraulic Control Unit – **equivalent** design

- 7 High Pressure Core Flooder – **replaced** by HP CRD makeup
- 8 Reactor Core Isolation PCC Cooling – **replaced** by Isolation Condenser
- 9 Residual Heat Removal Containment Spray – **replaced** by PCCS
- 10 Safety Relief Valves – **Diversified** by Depressurization Valves

**Systems are Equivalent or Simplified**

# ESBWR passive safety systems

**No AC power or operator action required!**



## Passive Containment Cooling System:

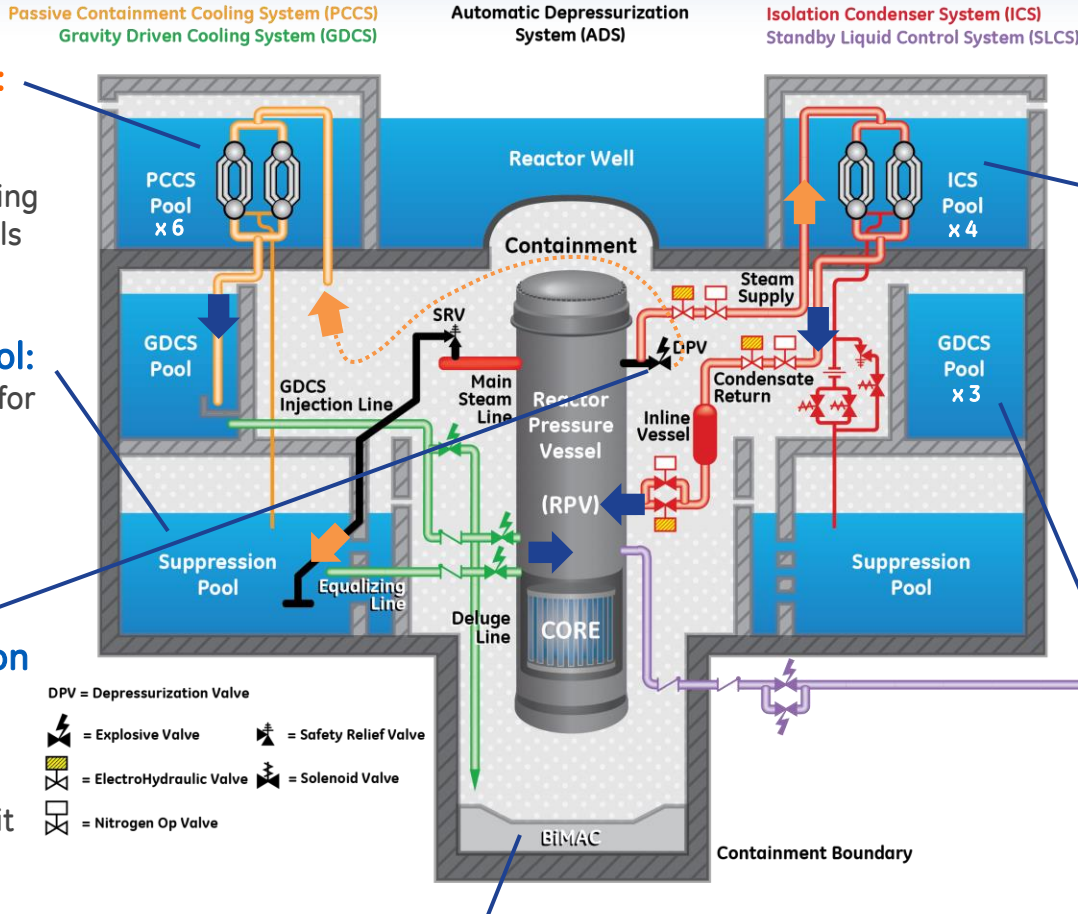
Passively transfers decay heat out of containment, sending water to GDACS pools

## Suppression Pool:

Provides heat sink for initial LOCA depressurization

## Automatic Depressurization System:

Passively depressurizes the reactor and keeps it depressurized following a LOCA



**Isolation Condenser System:** Closed-loop cooling system transferring reactor decay heat to atmosphere; activates automatically if DC power is lost

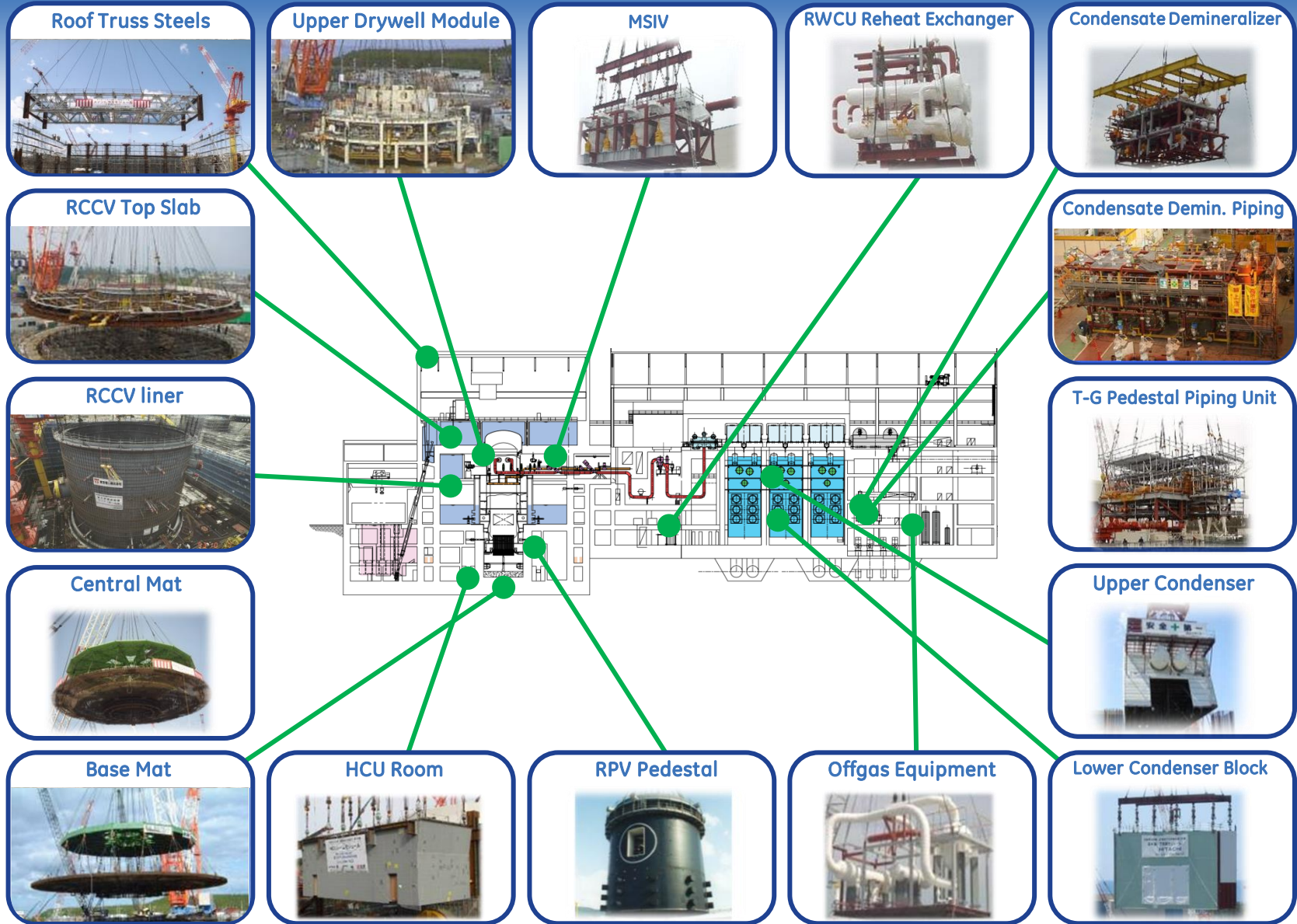
**Standby Liquid Control System:** Passively injects borated water into the reactor for backup shutdown capability

**Gravity Driven Cooling System:** Passively injects water into the reactor via gravity in case of LOCA

**BiMAC core catcher:**  
Passively cooled core catcher



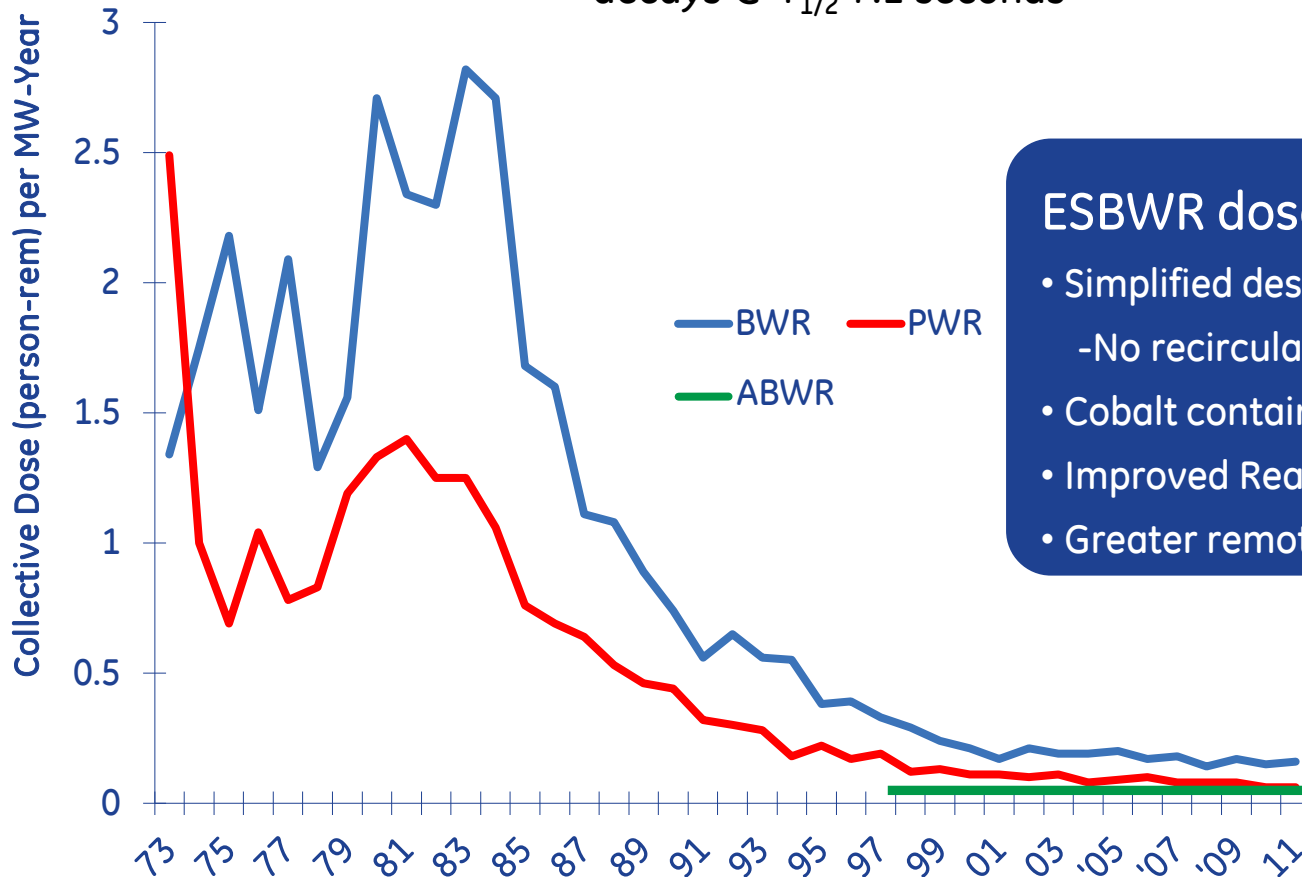
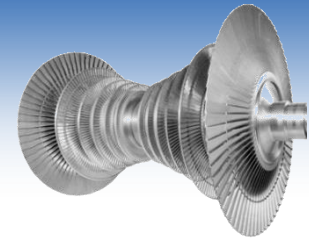
# ESBWR modularization – based on ABWR



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# ESBWR reduces dose

- Shielding minimizes N-16 operating radiation
- N-16 is not an issue during maintenance ... decays @  $T_{1/2}$  7.1 seconds



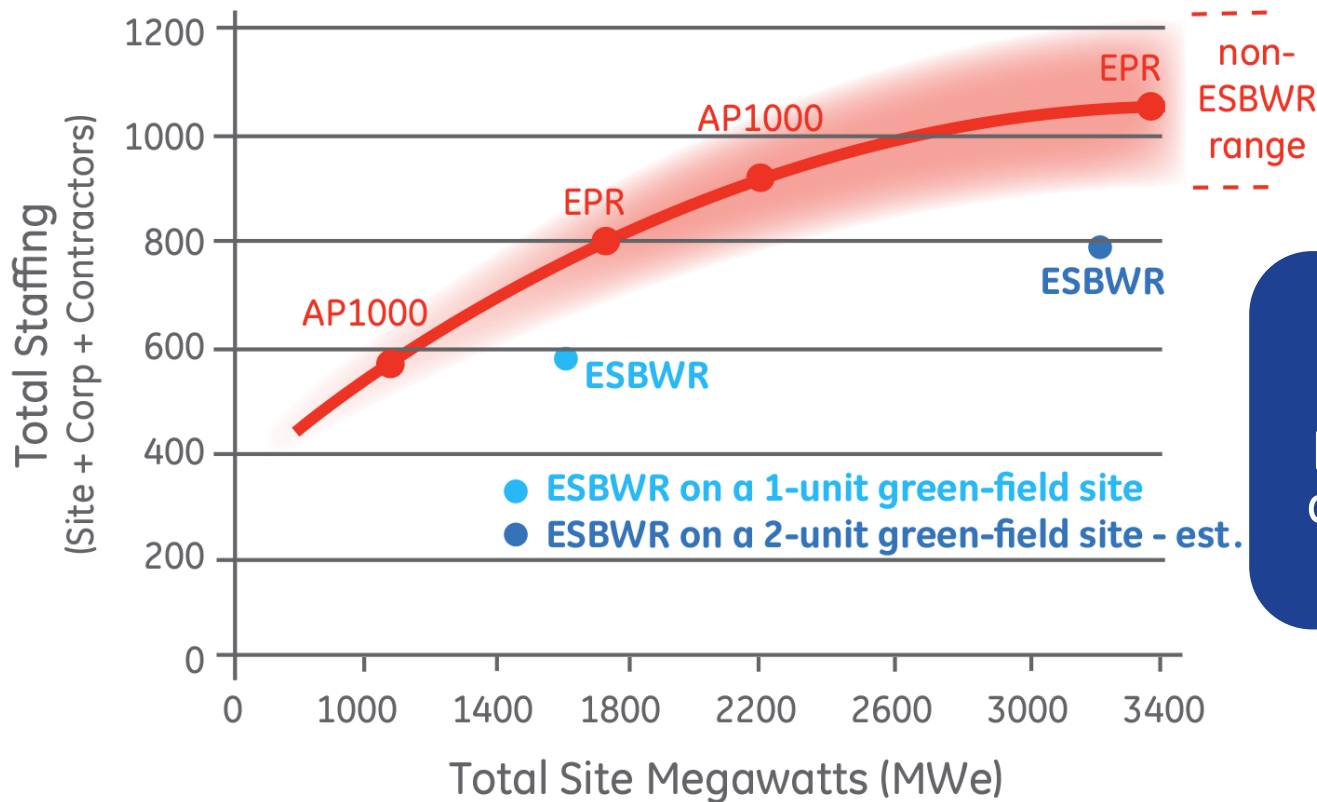
## ESBWR dose reduction vs GEN II

- Simplified design/less maintenance
  - No recirculation or ECCS pumps/pipes
- Cobalt containing material reduced 50+%
- Improved Reactor Water Cleanup
- Greater remote maintenance/inspection

ESBWR  
(projected)

# ESBWR requires reduced staffing

## Comparison of Projected Gen III/III+ Nuclear Plant Staffing Requirements



ESBWR requires significantly fewer plant personnel than any other Generation III/III+ design



Source: An ESBWR staffing study performed by a leading independent firm

# Reduced equipment and maintenance

ESBWR

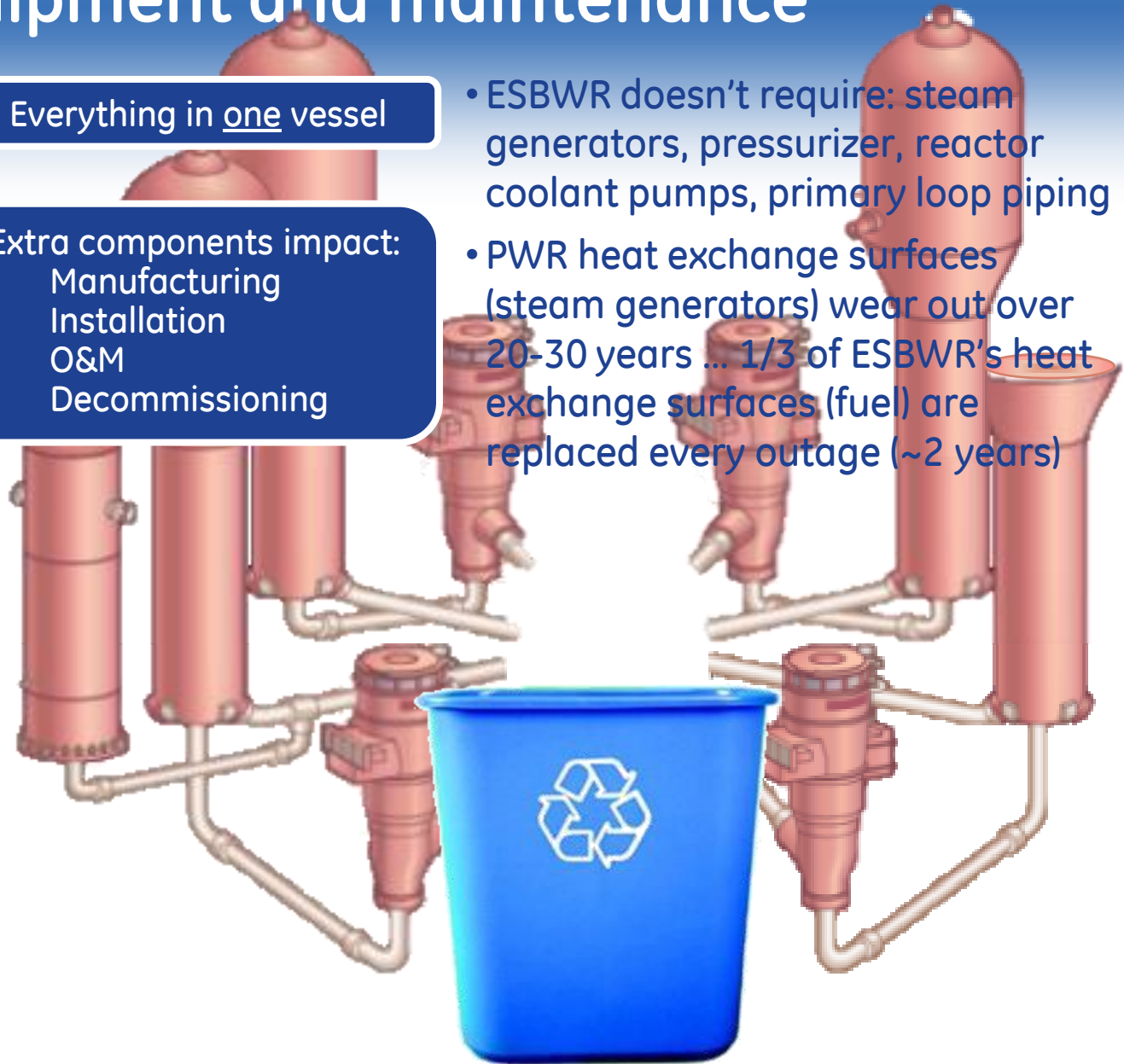


Everything in one vessel

Extra components impact:

- Manufacturing
- Installation
- O&M
- Decommissioning

- ESBWR doesn't require: steam generators, pressurizer, reactor coolant pumps, primary loop piping
- PWR heat exchange surfaces (steam generators) wear out over 20-30 years ... 1/3 of ESBWR's heat exchange surfaces (fuel) are replaced every outage (~2 years)

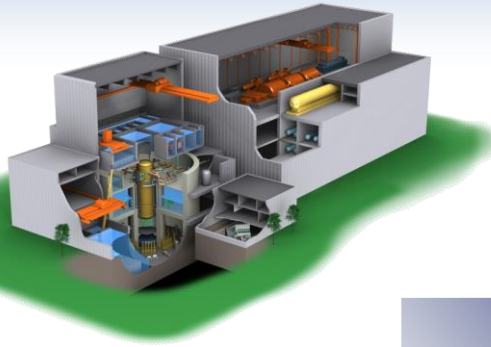


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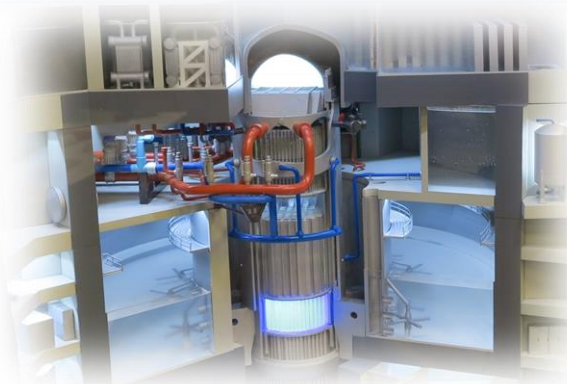
# ESBWR offers substantial O&M improvements

## Easier to maintain

## Simpler to operate



**Passive safety & simplified design**



- 25% fewer safety-related components
- 11 systems eliminated – others combined or simplified
- Lowest O&M costs of any Generation III+ technology\*
- 50+% more fuel bundles exchanged in same outage time

- Hands-free 72-hour design basis accident response; 7+ day SBO
- Lowest staffing requirements ... 20% lower staffing per MWe\*
- Fully digital I&C
- Fewer plant transients
- Fewer online technical specification surveillances

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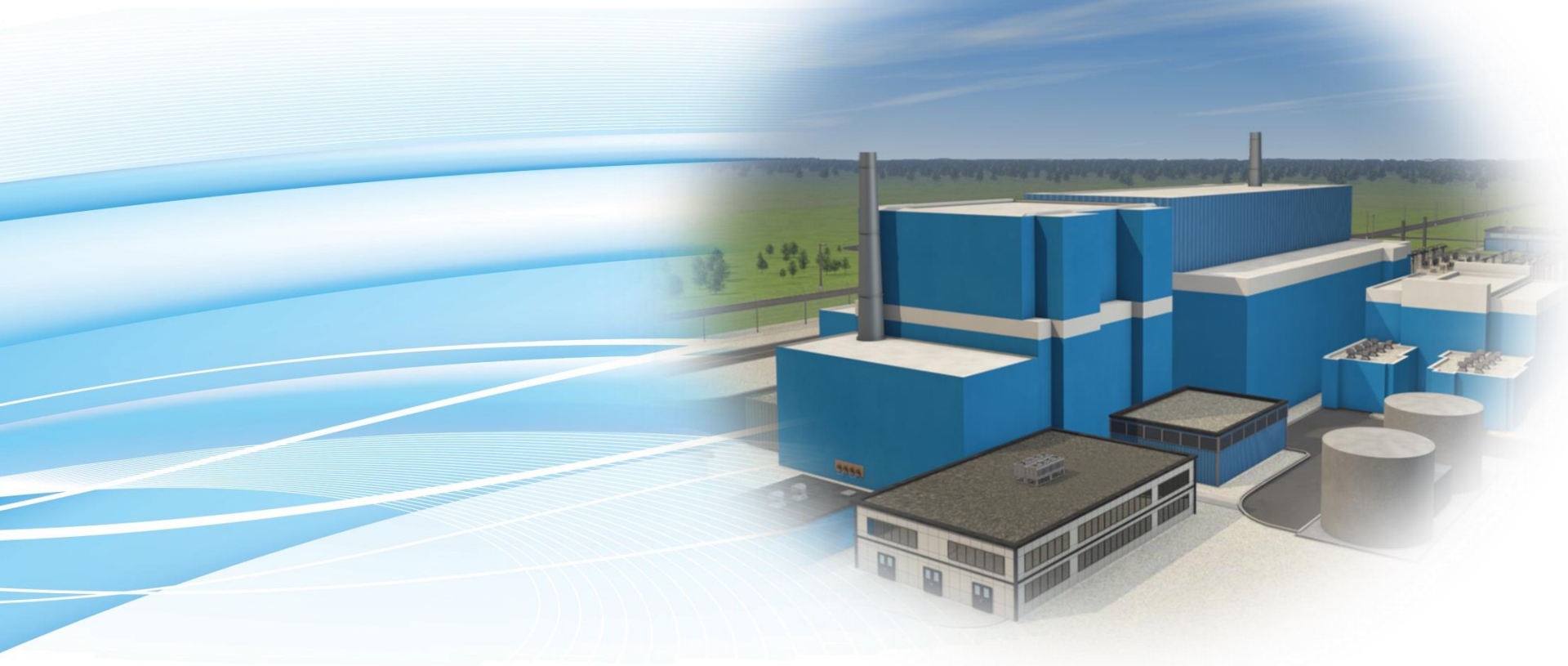
# In conclusion ...

- GE Hitachi has been bringing innovation to nuclear for 60 years
- Portfolio includes the two safest light water reactor designs in the world
  - 4 ABWRs built on time and budget ... only GEN III reactors with operating experience
  - ESBWR recently certified by US NRC ... provides >7 day passive cooling
- Focused on simpler, safer and smarter reactor designs to meet the global demands for nuclear power.

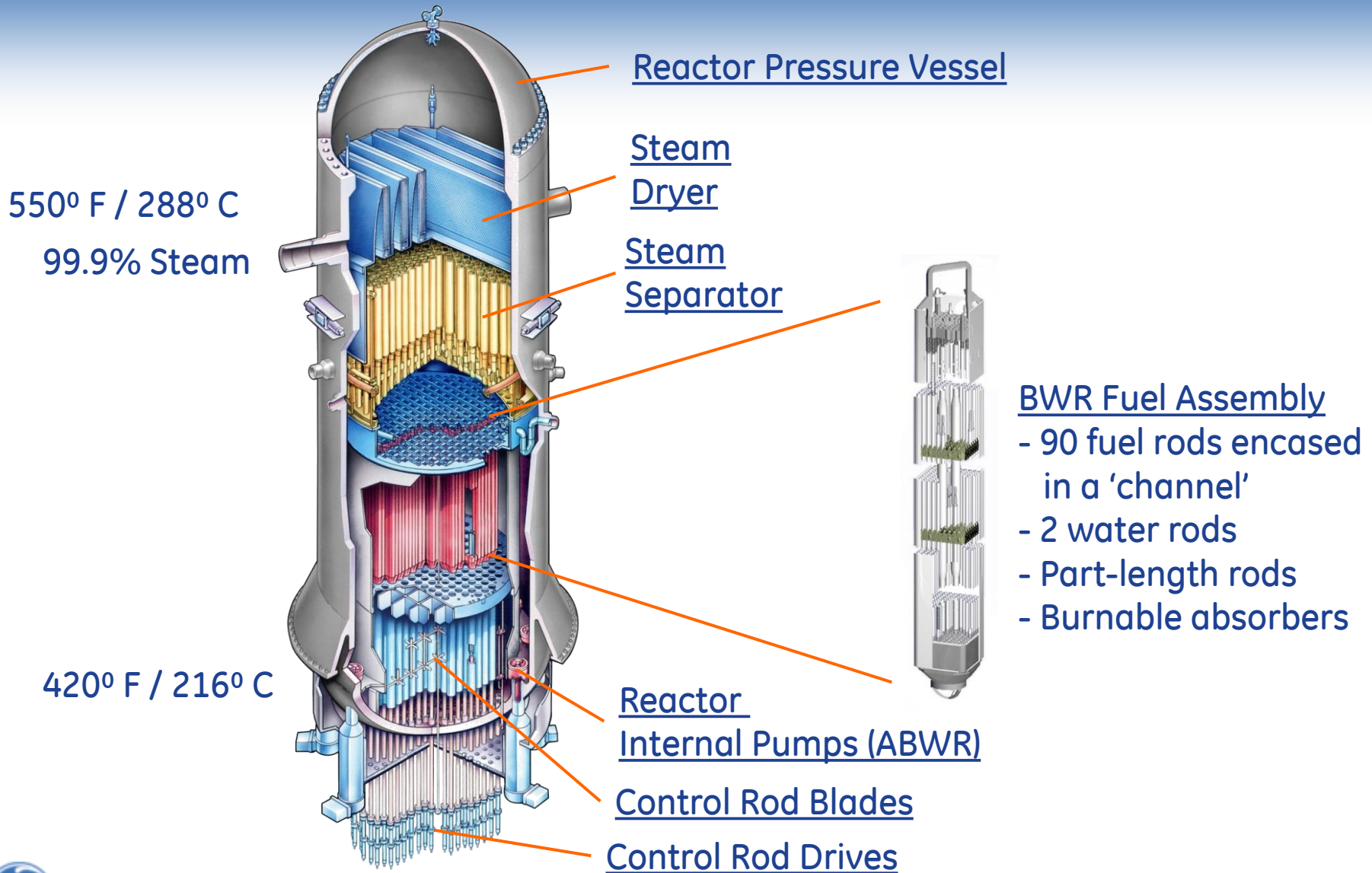




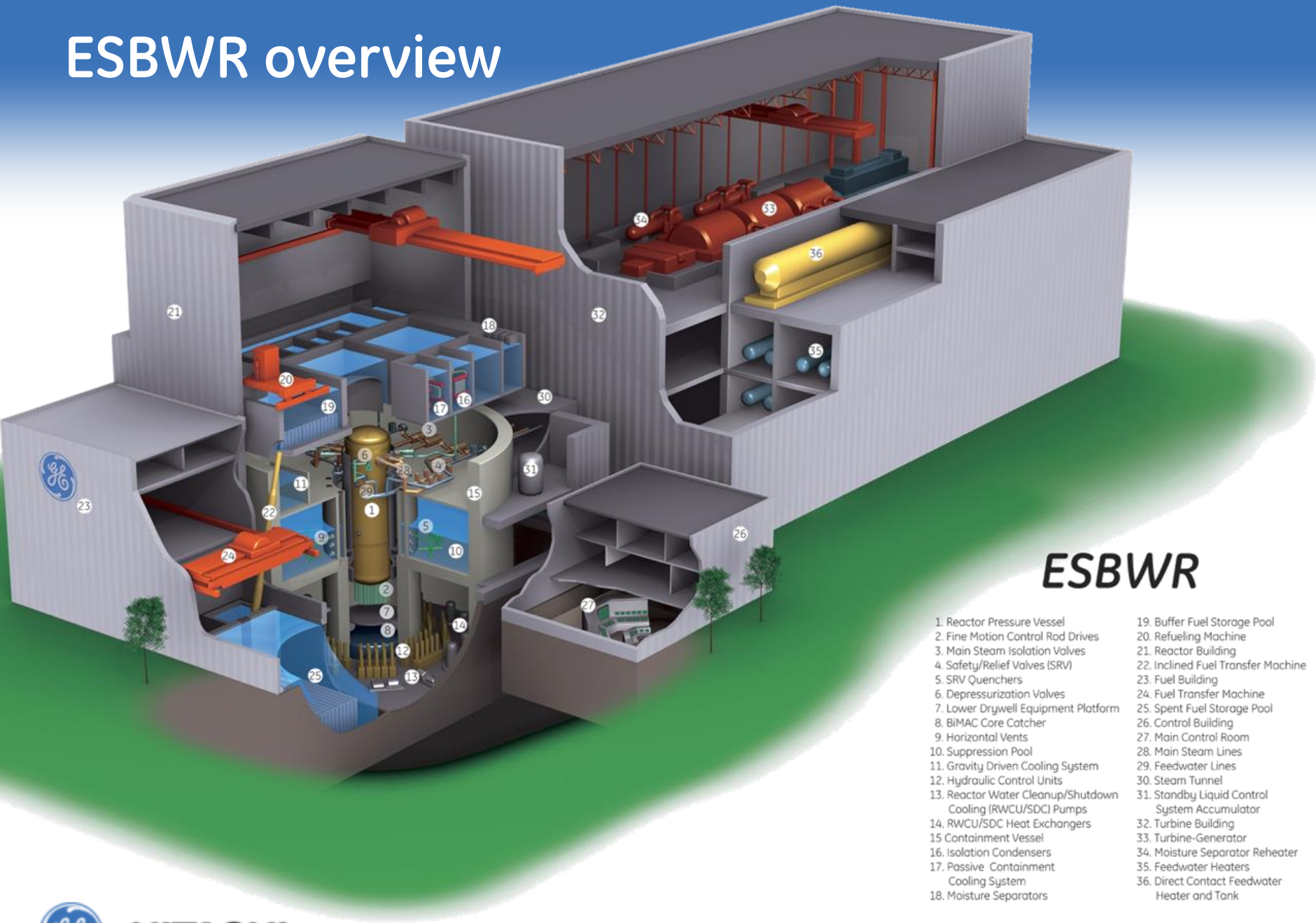
# Back-up information



# The Advanced Boiling Water Reactor



# ESBWR overview



## ESBWR

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| 1. Reactor Pressure Vessel                                  | 19. Buffer Fuel Storage Pool                  |
| 2. Fine Motion Control Rod Drives                           | 20. Refueling Machine                         |
| 3. Main Steam Isolation Valves                              | 21. Reactor Building                          |
| 4. Safety/Relief Valves (SRV)                               | 22. Inclined Fuel Transfer Machine            |
| 5. SRV Quenchers  | 23. Fuel Building                             |
| 6. Depressurization Valves                                  | 24. Fuel Transfer Machine                     |
| 7. Lower Drywell Equipment Platform                         | 25. Spent Fuel Storage Pool                   |
| 8. BiMAC Core Catcher                                       | 26. Control Building                          |
| 9. Horizontal Vents   | 27. Main Control Room                         |
| 10. Suppression Pool  | 28. Main Steam Lines                          |
| 11. Gravity Driven Cooling System                           | 29. Feedwater Lines                           |
| 12. Hydraulic Control Units                                 | 30. Steam Tunnel                              |
| 13. Reactor Water Cleanup/Shutdown Cooling (RWCU/SDC) Pumps | 31. Standby Liquid Control System Accumulator |
| 14. RWCU/SDC Heat Exchangers                                | 32. Turbine Building                          |
| 15. Containment Vessel                                      | 33. Turbine-Generator                         |
| 16. Isolation Condensers                                    | 34. Moisture Separator Reheater               |
| 17. Passive Containment Cooling System                      | 35. Feedwater Heaters                         |
| 18. Moisture Separators                                     | 36. Direct Contact Feedwater Heater and Tank  |



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# ESBWR overview

## ESBWR Parameters

- Core Thermal Power Output..... 4500 MWt
- Plant Net Electrical Output<sup>(1)</sup>..... 1530 MWe
- Reactor Operating Pressure..... 7.17 MPa (1040 psia)
- Feedwater Temperature<sup>(2)</sup> ..... 216°C (420°F)
- RPV
  - Diameter..... 7.1 meters (23.3 feet)
  - Height..... 27.6 meters (90.5 feet)
- Reactor Recirculation..... Natural Circulation
- Fuel..... 1132 fuel bundles  
Shortened length of 3m
- Average power density..... 54.3 kW/liter
- Control blades..... 269 Fine Motion Control Rod Drives (FMCRDs)

<sup>(1)</sup> Typical (site dependent)

<sup>(2)</sup> Nominal Rated Operation



# Fuel bundle ... evolutionary product development

GE14

GNF2 Advantage™

GNF2e



~30,000 produced  
Introduced in 1998

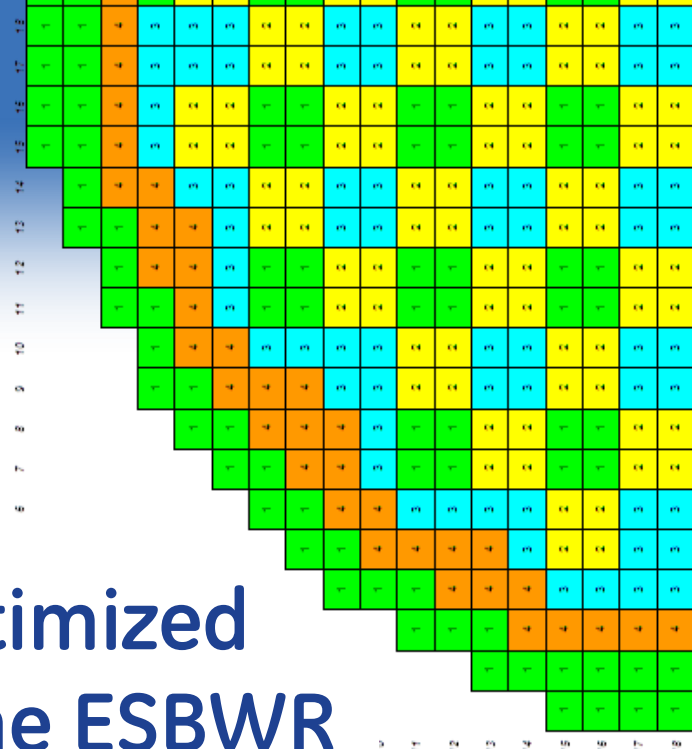
~8,300 produced  
to date

Shorter, otherwise  
same as rest of fleet

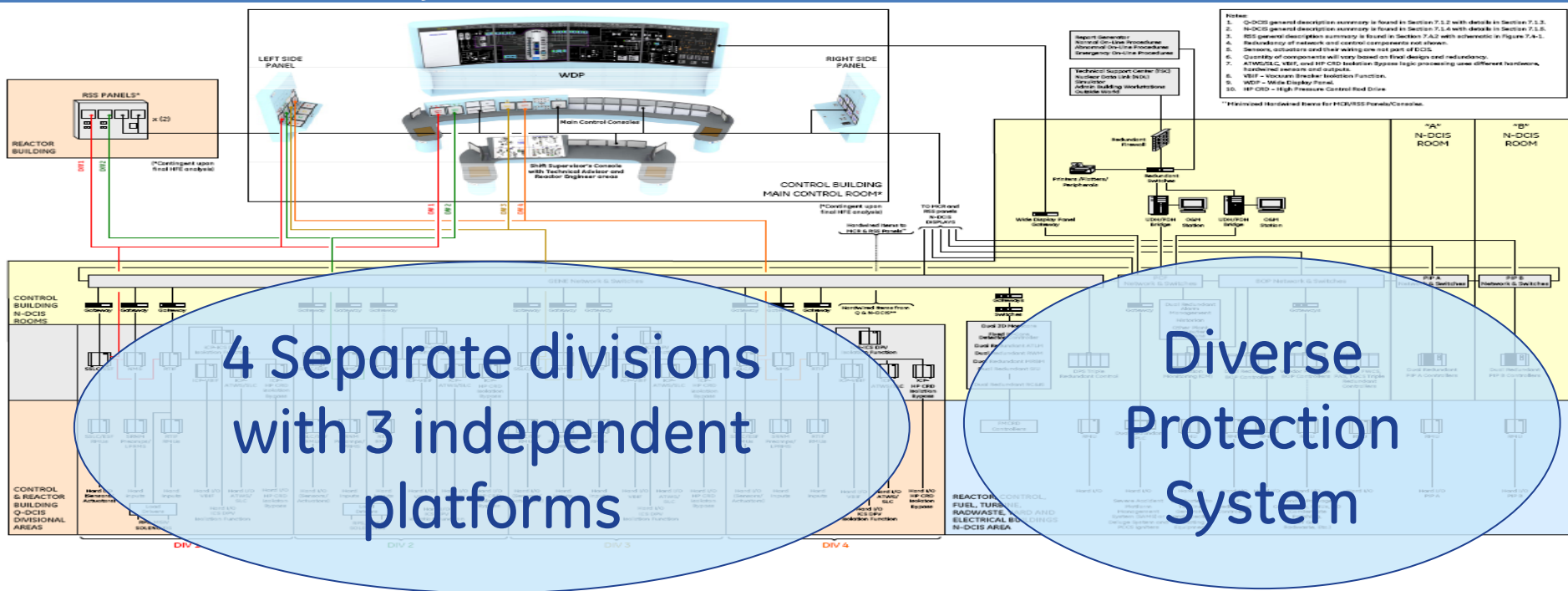
## ... optimized for the ESBWR

Same as GNF2 Advantage™ ... only shorter

- 10x10 same pitch & diameters (rods/pellets)
- 14 partial length rods
- 2 single piece water rods, same diameters
- 8 Inconel spacers
- Defender™ Lower Tie Plate
- No finger springs



# ESBWR safety I&C



4 Separate divisions  
with 3 independent  
platforms

Diverse  
Protection  
System

Each modular division features unique operation, vendor, and wiring & power:

1. RTIF Reactor Trip
2. Safety Systems
3. Independent Control Platform

Digital backup to the safety system with redundant and reverse SCRAMs

Based on IEEE Std 603  
Criteria for Safety Systems for Nuclear Power Generating Stations

