

# Small Modular Reactor

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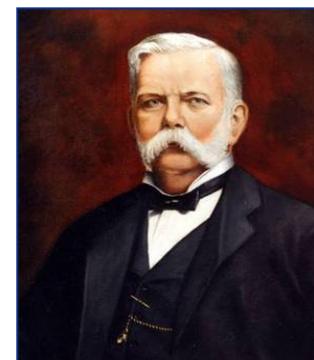
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# Westinghouse Electric Company

## Global overview

- Westinghouse Electric Company provides fuel, services, technology, plant designs and equipment to utility customers in the worldwide commercial nuclear electric power industry
- More than 60 years of nuclear experience with the first commercial PWR in the US in 1957 (Shippingport)
- Nearly 50 percent of the nuclear power plants in operation worldwide, and nearly 60 percent in the United States, are based on Westinghouse technology
- **AP1000®** plant design: The first and only U.S. licensed large passive safety reactor
- State-of-the-art patented technologies and proprietary passive safety systems and technology
- We are only company operating under the name of George Westinghouse's original company



# Westinghouse's Global Vision with the Small Modular Reactor

***Westinghouse will develop and deploy a safe, economic SMR to meet the needs of “existing” and “new to nuclear” customers around the world***

- ✓ **Working within constraints**
  - Land, grid, cooling water, financing, distributed service territory
- ✓ **Offering clean energy**
  - Offset owner costs for infrastructure development: land, cooling, T&D
  - Generation diversity
  - Operational flexibility
- ✓ **Providing project certainty**
  - Reduced licensing risk
  - Short-construction durations
  - Cost predictability and certainty



***A brighter future for nuclear...***

- ➔ Aging Fossil Plants
- ➔ Small Grid Markets
- ➔ District Heating
- ➔ Desalination
- ➔ Remote Markets
- ➔ Process Heat

# The Ameren Missouri & Westinghouse Partnership... supported by a strong industrial team

Electric Cooperatives  
of Arkansas

- ✓ Multiple seriously interested customers
- ✓ NexStart SMR Alliance will ensure that a license **moves forward**
- ✓ Submit a COLA for deploying the Westinghouse SMR at the Callaway Energy Center



# Westinghouse SMR Technology Overview

# Small Modular Reactor Plant Layout

Site Requirement:

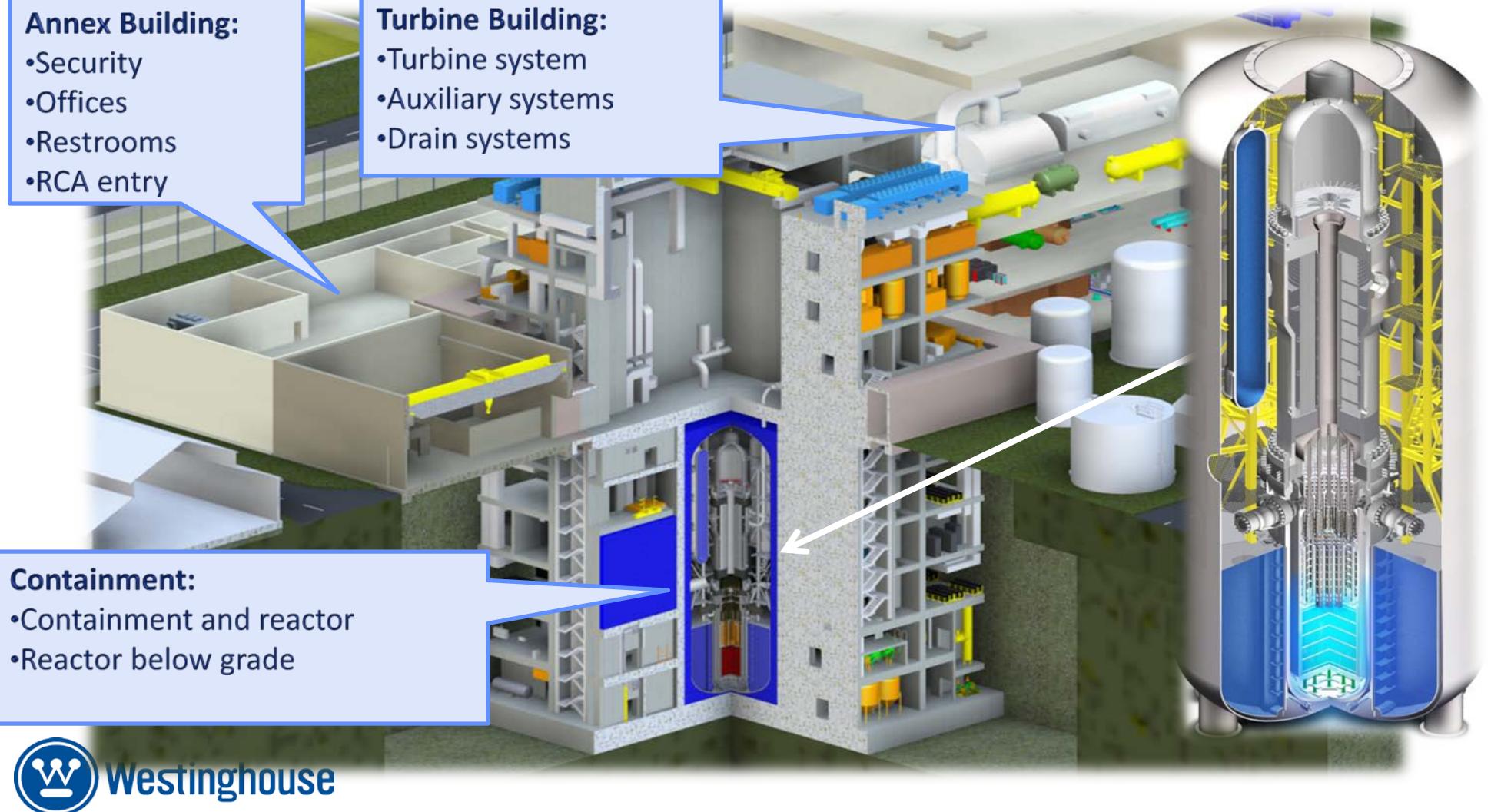
Less than 6 ha, nuclear island 33,5 m x 33,5 m

**Annex Building:**

- Security
- Offices
- Restrooms
- RCA entry

**Turbine Building:**

- Turbine system
- Auxiliary systems
- Drain systems



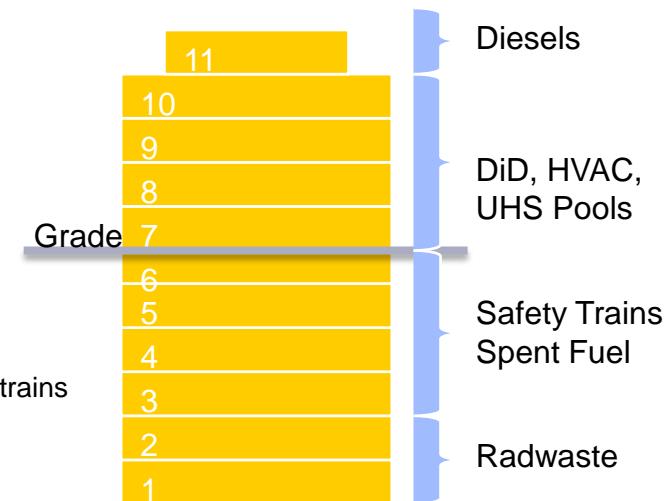
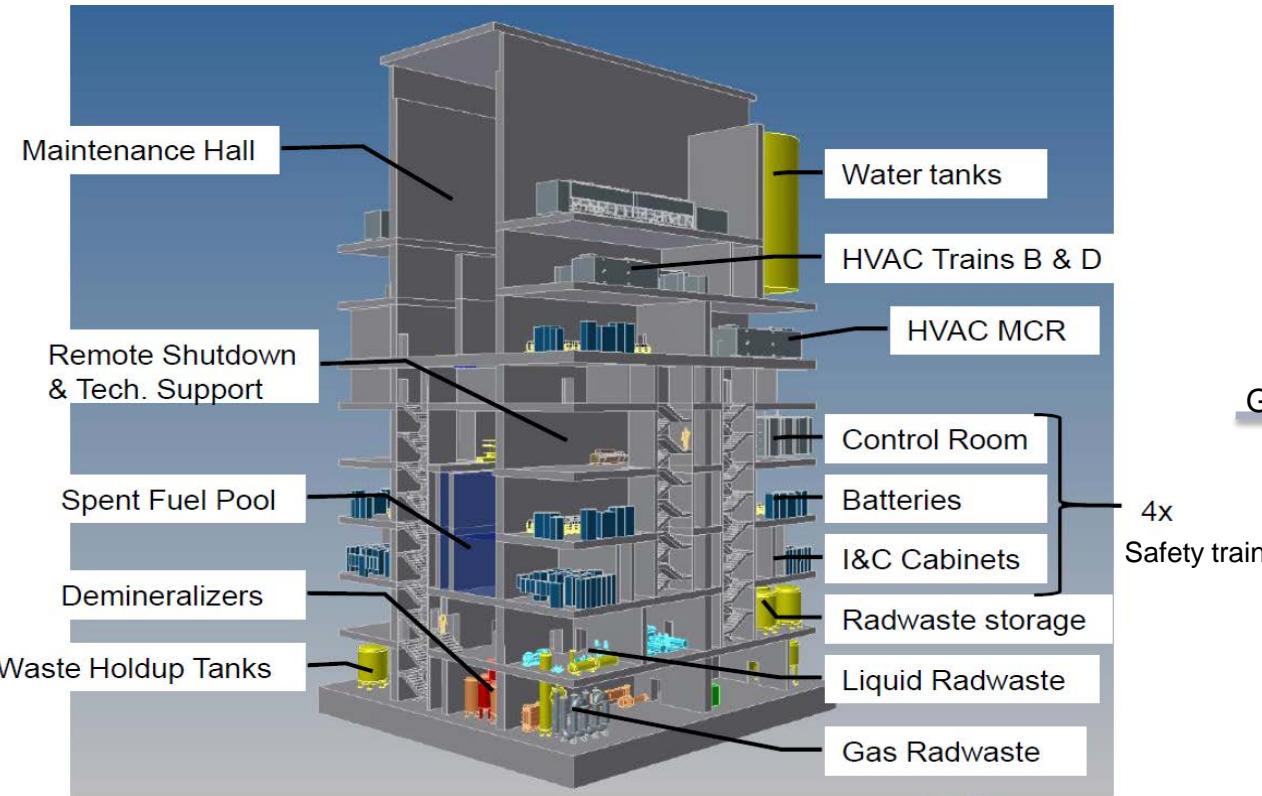
**Containment:**

- Containment and reactor
- Reactor below grade



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# Westinghouse Small Modular Reactor Nuclear Island Layout



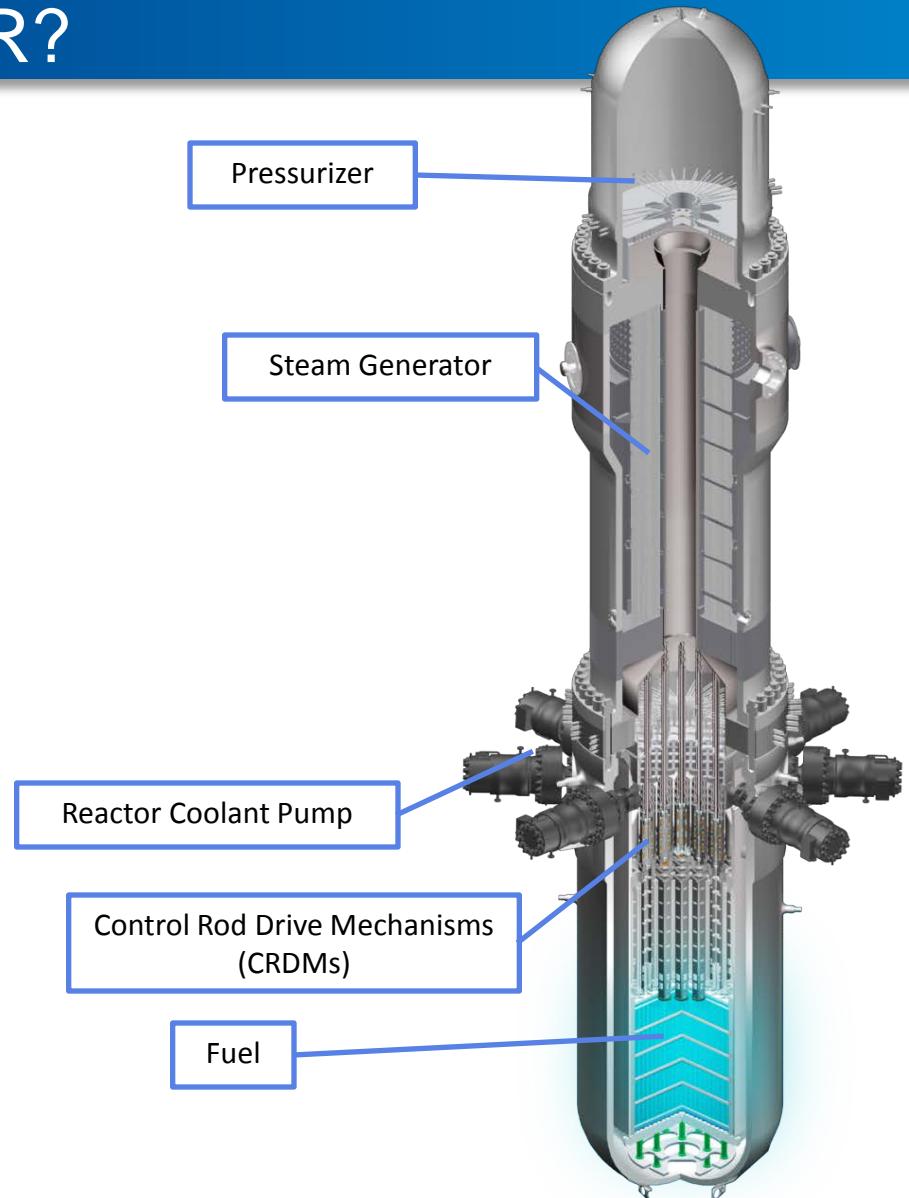
**Compartments isolate safety system components  
for enhanced safety and security**

# Small Modular Reactor

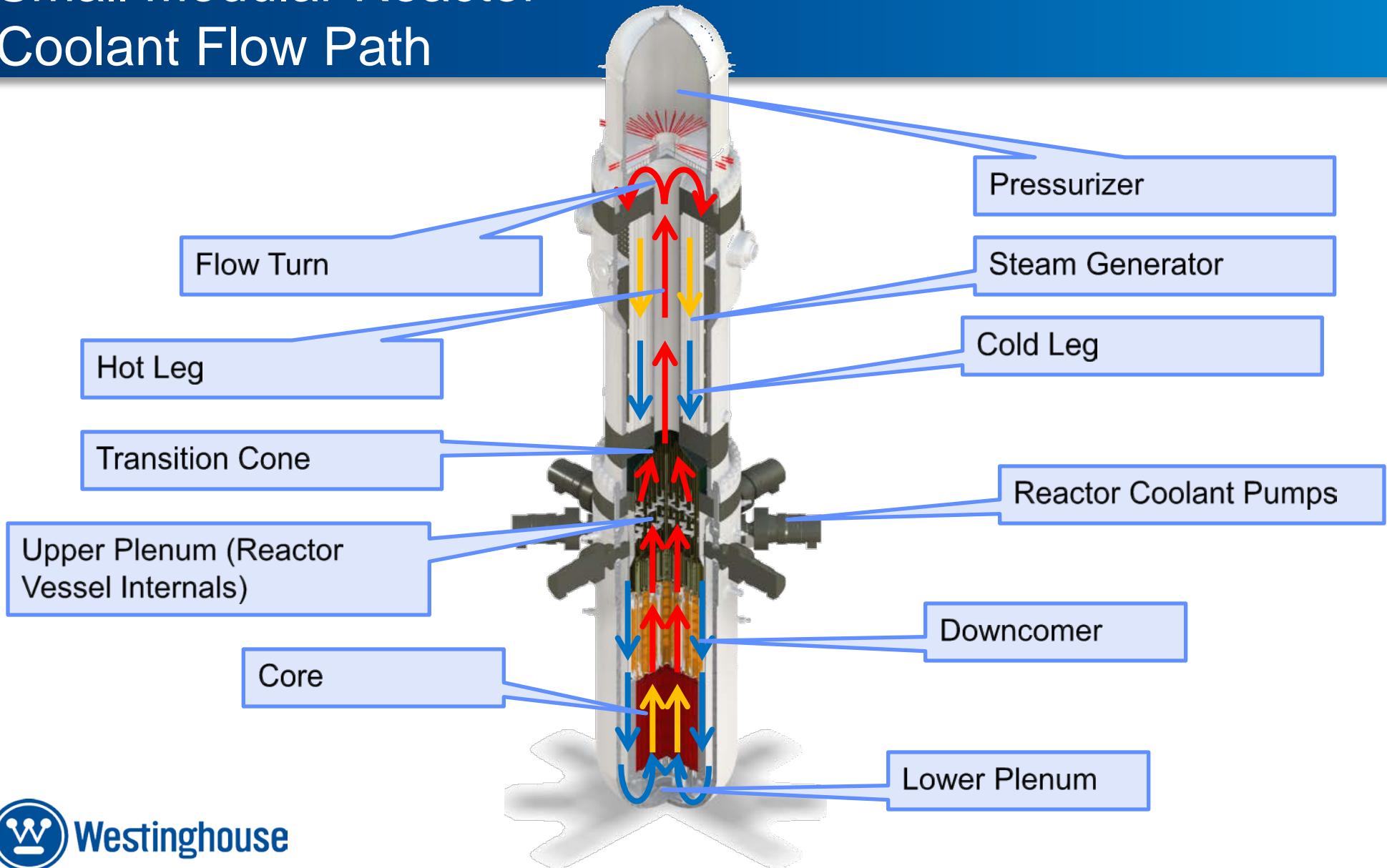
## What is the Westinghouse SMR?

- An integral pressurized water reactor—single >225 MWe reactor
- Standalone unit; no shared systems
- Innovative packaging of proven components
- The highest levels of safety with fewer accident scenarios
- Leverages **AP1000®** plant passive safety system designs
- Compact reactor coolant system and containment

An engineered, economic solution for today's clean energy challenges

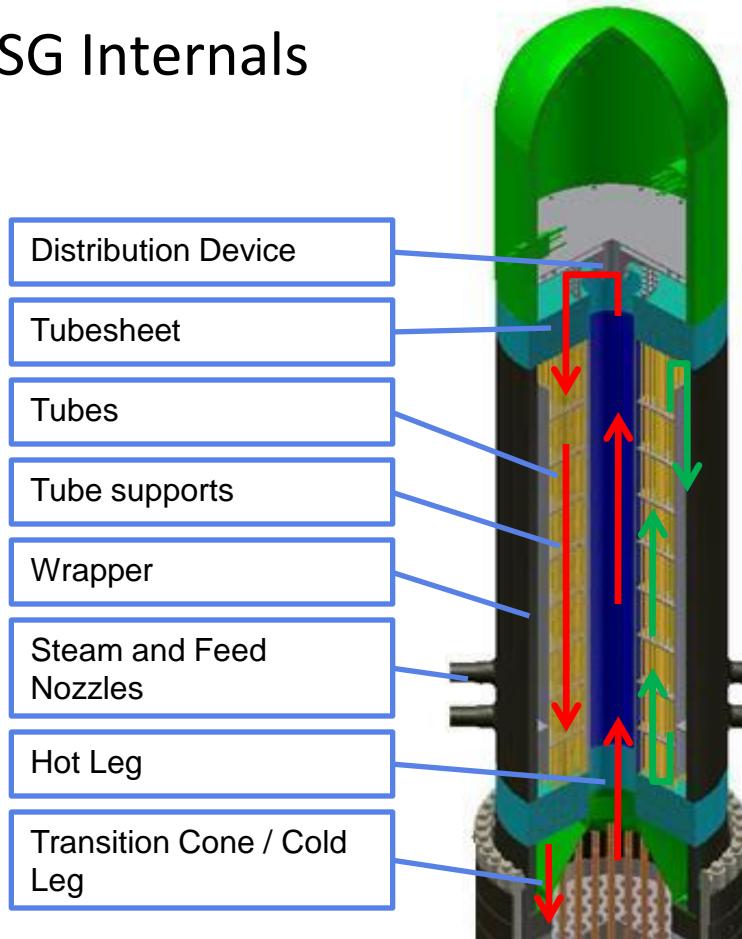


# Small Modular Reactor Coolant Flow Path

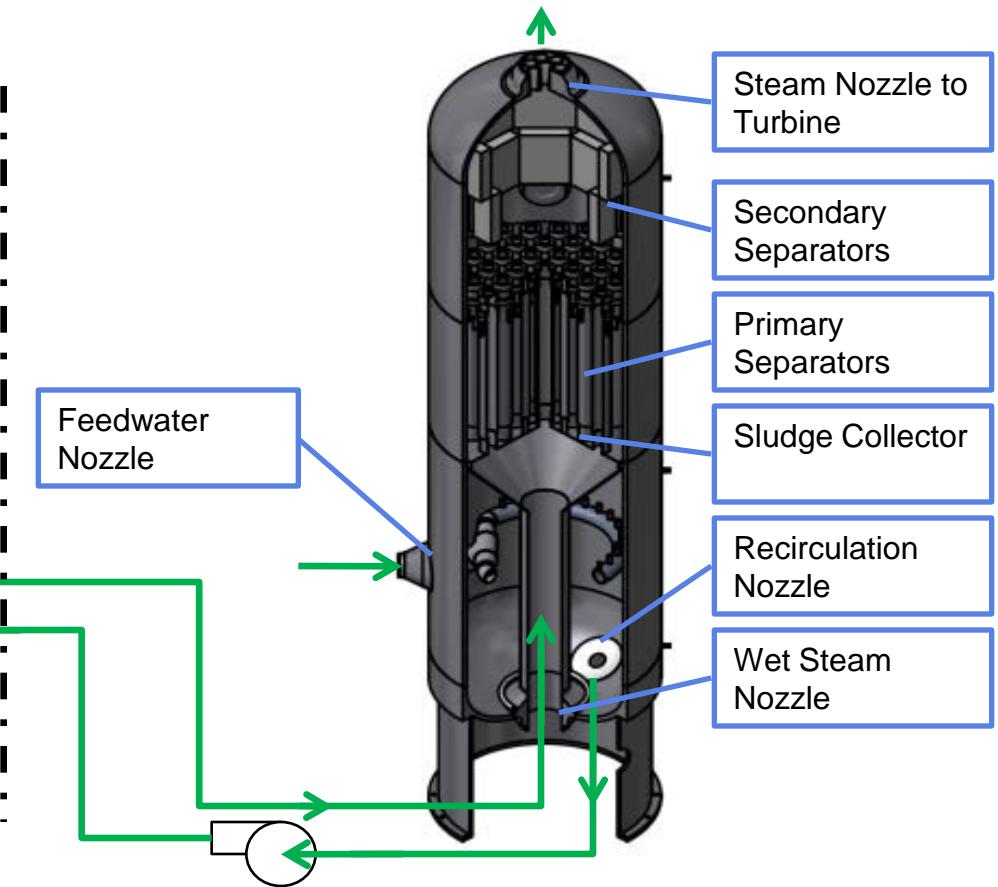


# Small Modular Reactor Steam Generator

## SG Internals

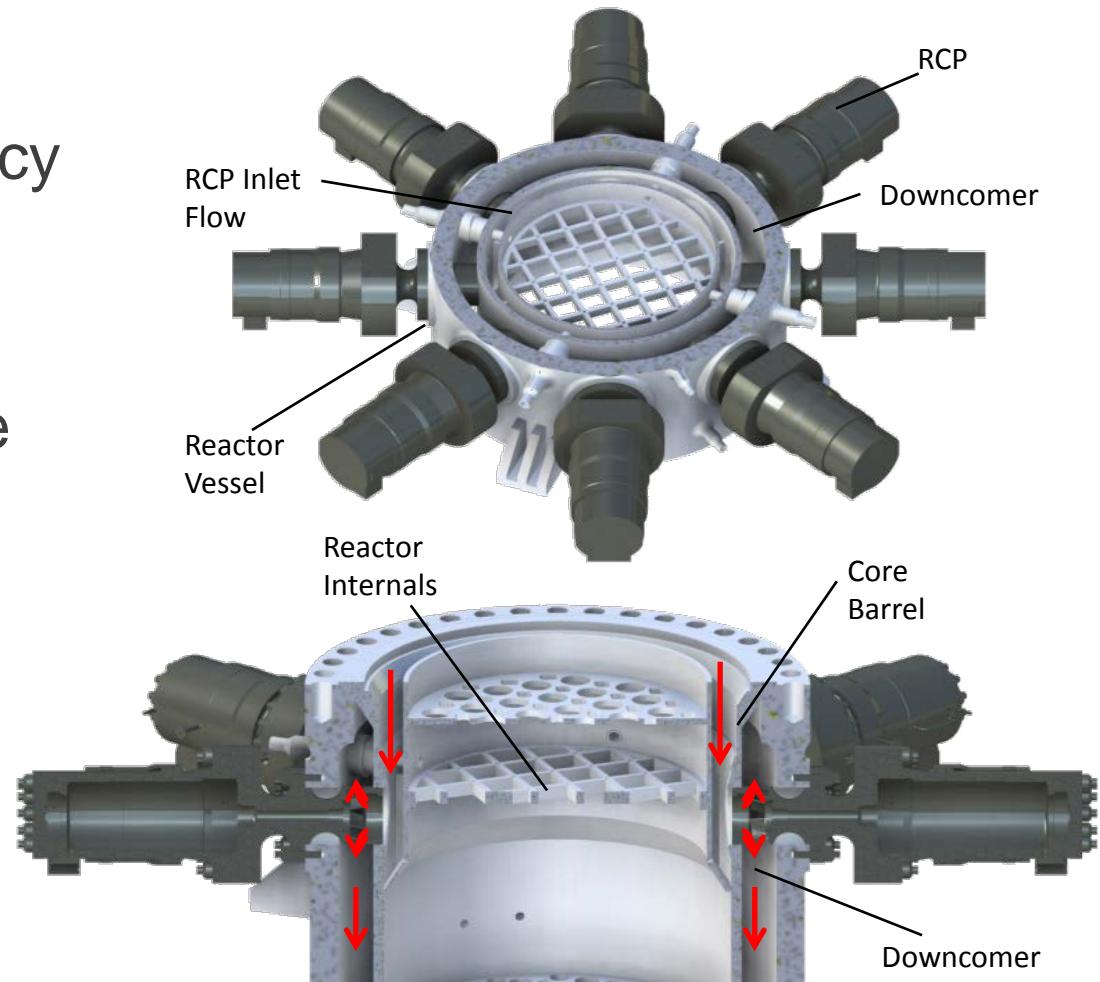


## External Steam Drum



# Westinghouse Small Modular Reactor Reactor Coolant Pumps Overview

- Seal-less pump design
- Driven with variable frequency drives (VFD)
- Mounted horizontally to reactor vessel below closure flange
- Internally circulating reactor coolant removes pump heat via heat exchanger to plant component cooling water system



# Westinghouse Small Modular Reactor Internal Control Rod Drive Mechanism Design

- Current PWR loop designs have external CRDMs
- The internal CRDMs eliminate an accident scenario
- Three-coil, magnetic jack based on  
**AP1000®** plant design  
with modifications:
  - ***High-temperature  
coil winding design***
  - ***Sealed, stainless steel  
coil stack housing***
  - ***Sealed power conduit  
with leak detection***
- Testing program under way

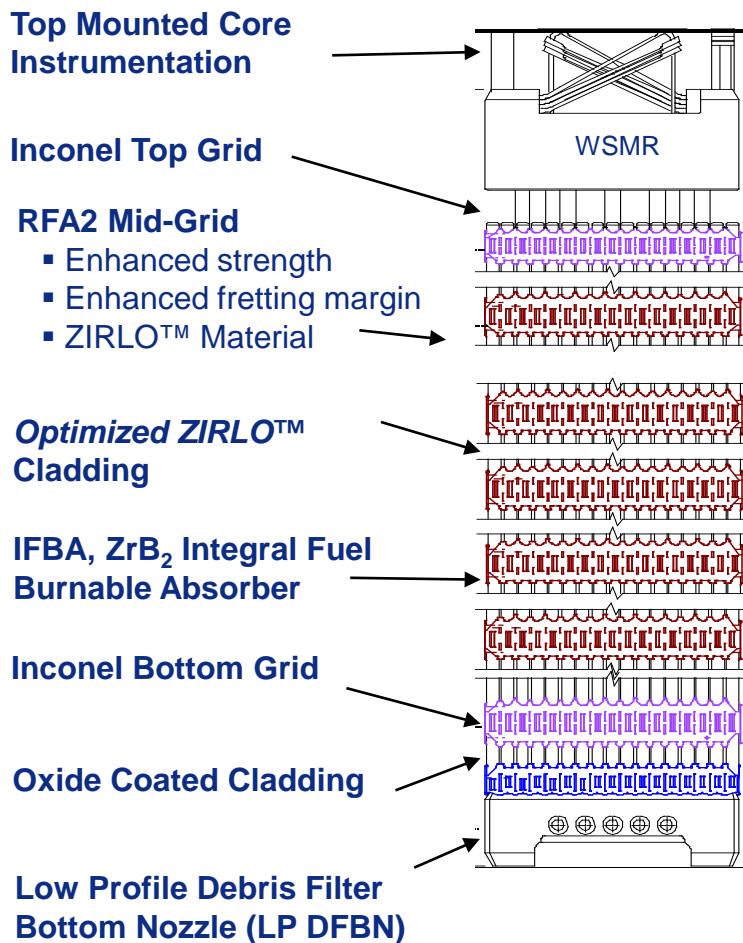
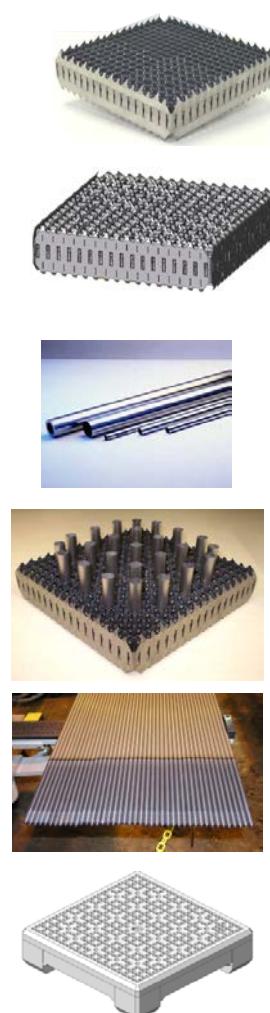


Control Rod Drive Mechanisms  
(CRDMs)



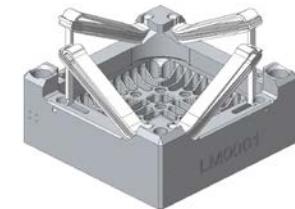
# Small Modular Reactor

## Fuel Design Sketch



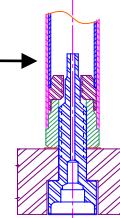
### Westinghouse Integral Nozzle (WIN)

- No potential for loose parts
- One piece casting



### Skeleton structure

- Enhanced dimensional stability
- ZIRLO thimble tubes
- Thick thimble tubes
- Tube-in-tube dashpot design
- Anti-bowing design prevents IRI



### Stand-off Piece/Bottom Plenum

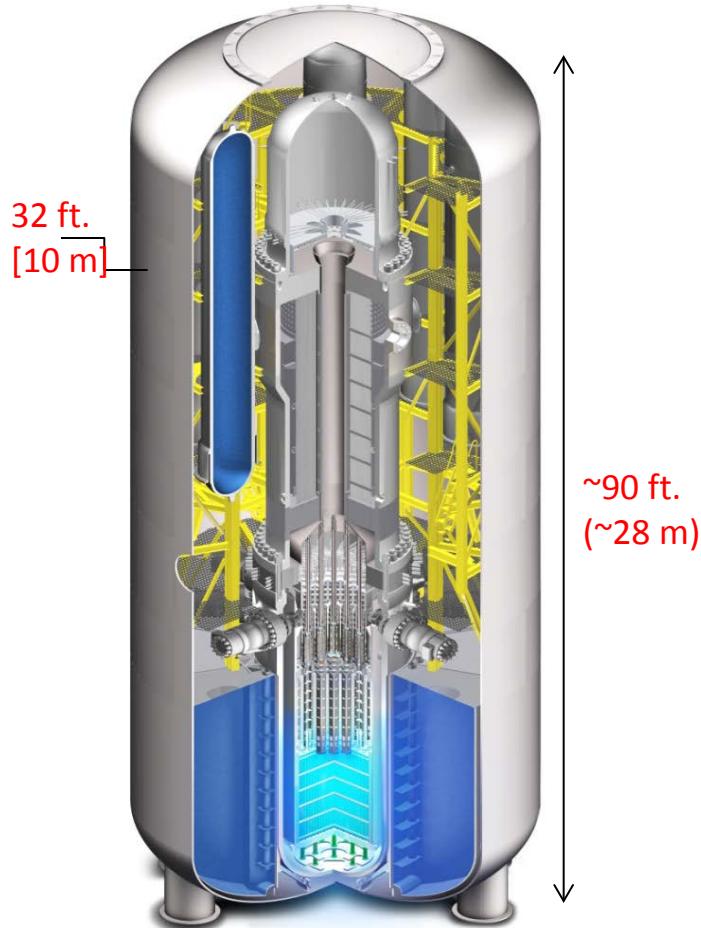


### Protective Grid (P-Grid)



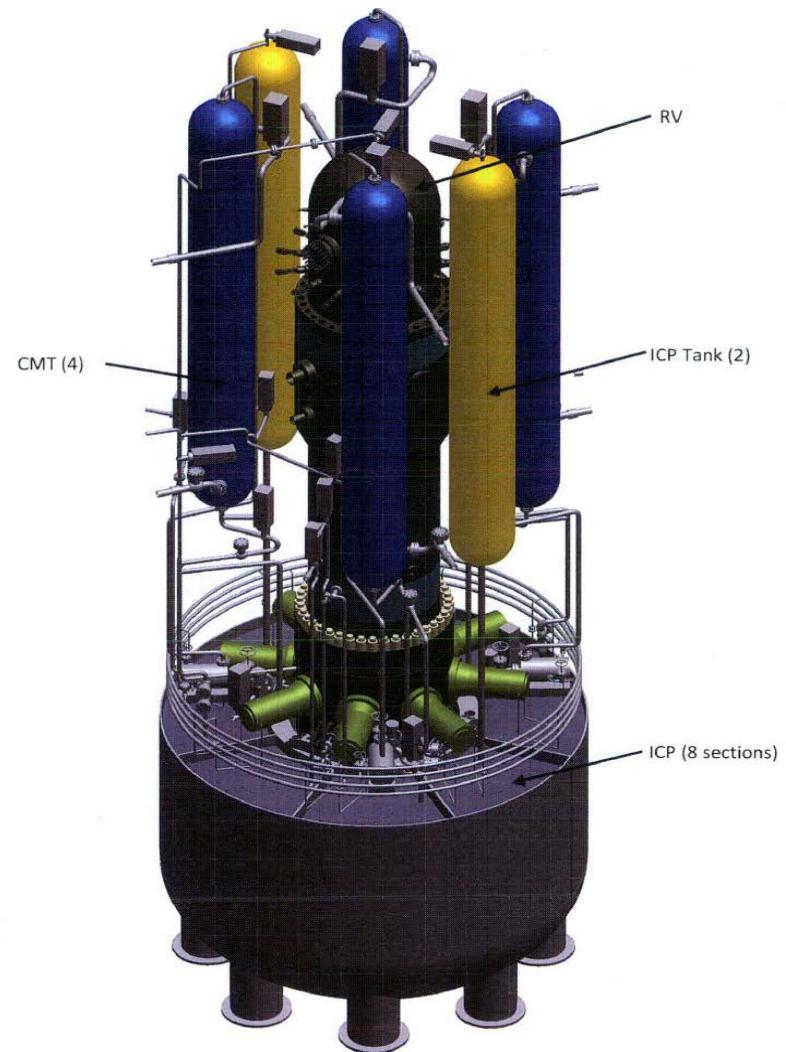
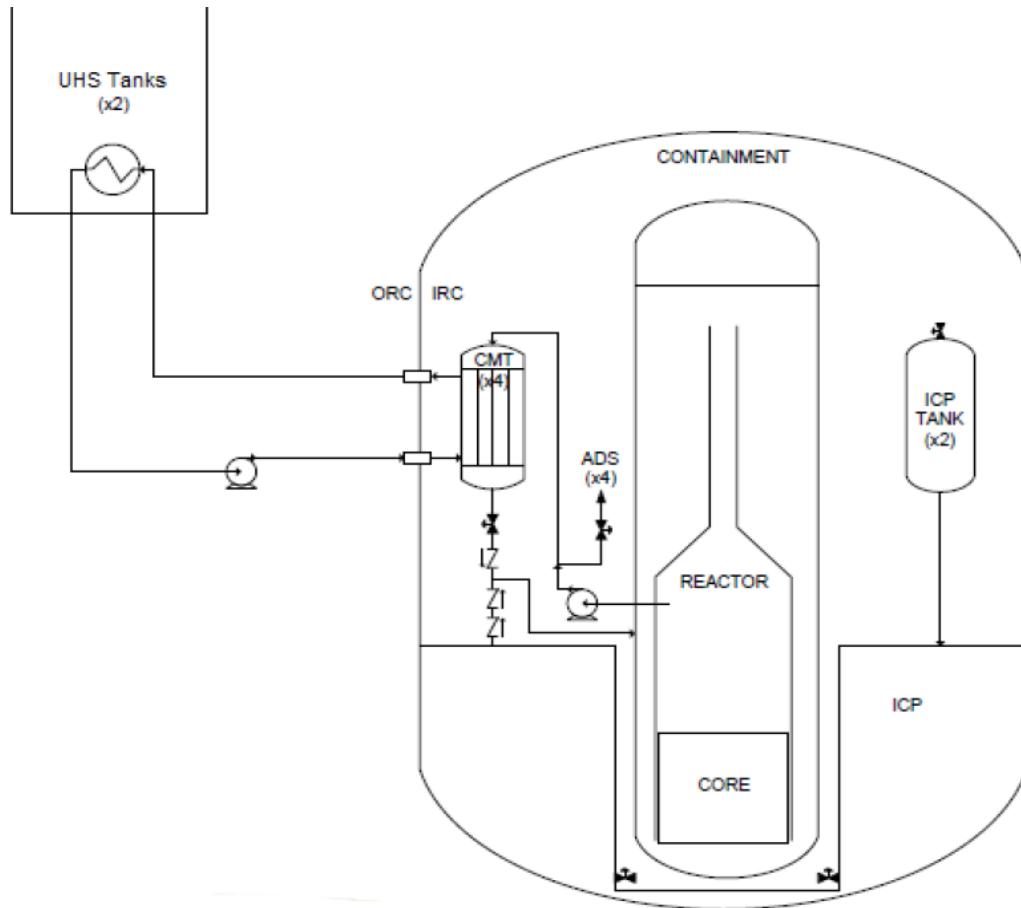
Based on proven 17x17 RFA design

# Westinghouse Small Modular Reactor Plant Design



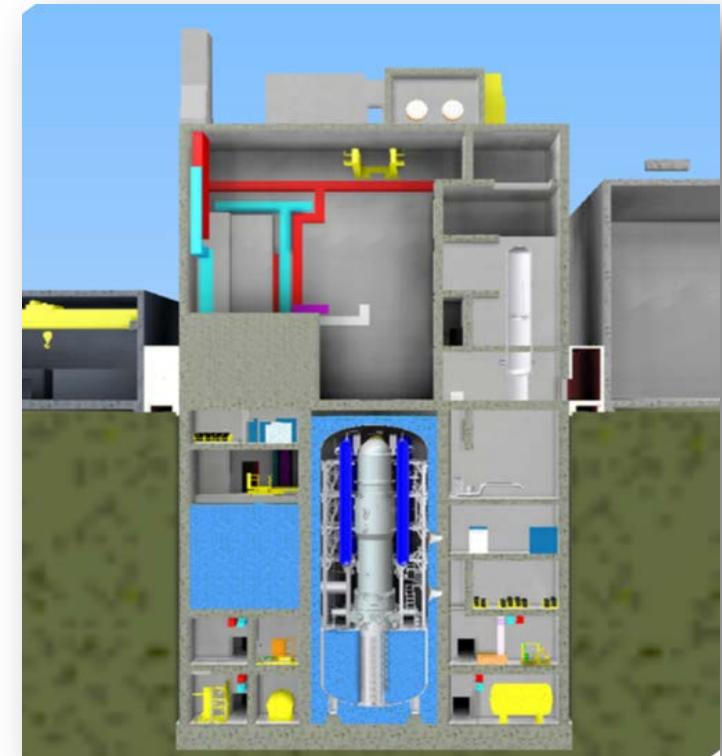
Specifications	
Thermal Output	800 MWt
Electrical Output	>225 Mwe
Passive Safety Systems	No operator intervention required for 7 days
Core Design	17x17 Robust Fuel Assembly 8.0 ft. Active Length < 5% Enriched U235 89 Assemblies Soluble Boron and 37 Internal CRDMs 24-Month Refueling Interval
Reactor Vessel Size	Outer Diameter: 11.5 ft. Height: 81 ft.
Upper Vessel Package	280 Tons
Containment Vessel Size	Outer Diameter: 32 ft. Height: 91 ft. Fully Modular Construction
Reactor Coolant Pumps	8 External, Horizontally-Mounted Pumps Sealless Configuration
Steam Generator	Recirculating, Once-Through, Straight-Tube
Pressurizer	Integral to Vessel
Instrumentation and Control	Ovation®-based Digital Control System

# Small Modular Reactor Overview on Main Systems

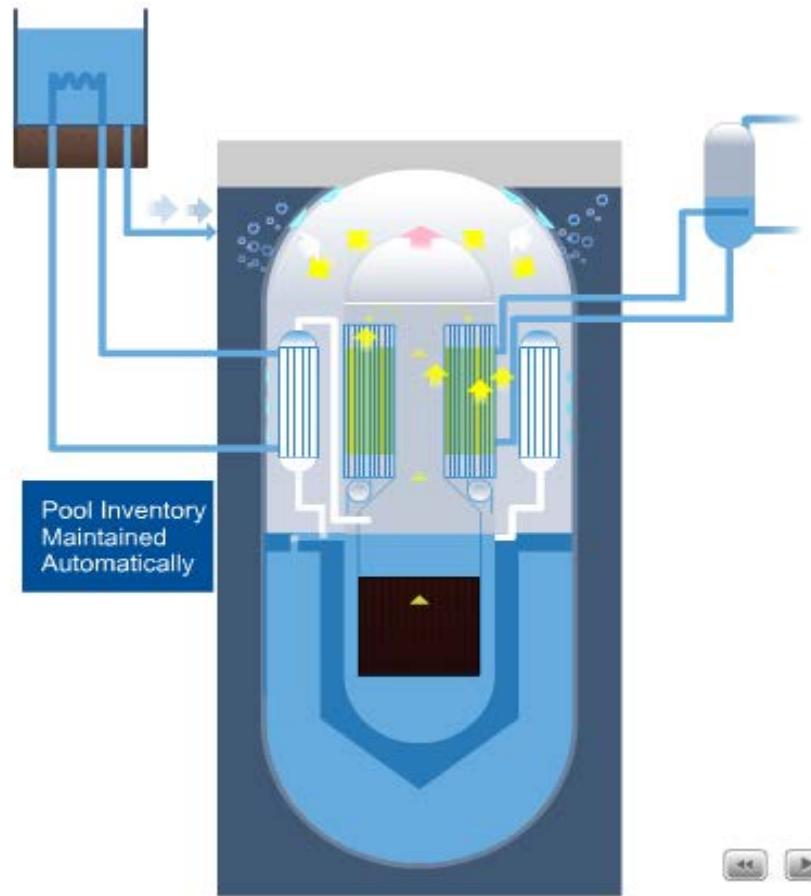


# Small Modular Reactor Safety Systems

- **Reactor shutdown**
  - Control rods
  - Boric acid injection from core makeup tanks (CMTs)
- **Reactor decay heat removal**
  - Steam Generator with gravity feed from steam drum
  - Core Makeup Tank closed circuit cooling to Ultimate Heat Sink (UHS) tank
- **Reactor inventory addition**
  - Core Makeup Tank injection
  - In-Containment Pool (ICP) injection
  - Long-term recirculation
- **Containment heat removal**
  - Convection and condensation of steam inside containment
  - Heat transfer through Containment wall to an external pool
  - External pool automatically refilled by UHS tanks



# Westinghouse Small Modular Reactor (SMR) Safety Animation



# Small Modular Reactor

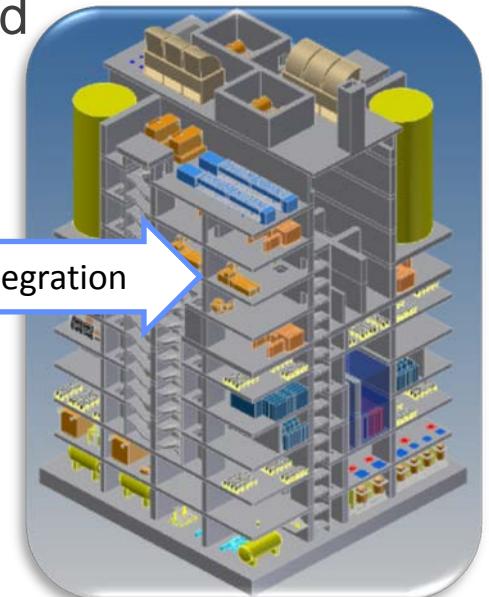
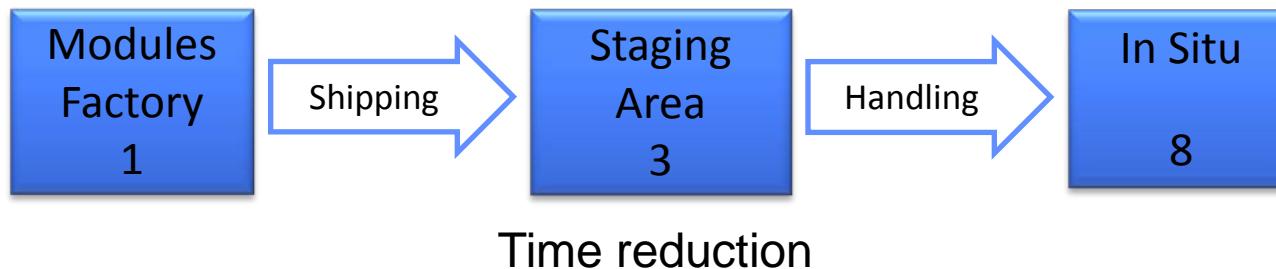
## Leveraging Passive Safety in our Design

- **7 Days of Passive Heat Removal with Onsite Inventory**
  - Capability to add additional water inventory for indefinite cooling
- **100% reliance on natural forces**
  - Evaporation, condensation, gravity



# Westinghouse Small Modular Reactor Modular Construction

- Traditional large scale reactor economies of scale can be countered through application of modular construction techniques
- SMR maximizes modular design in all aspects of plant
- Modular design drives work normally completed at the construction site to the factory where quality is better controlled, overall cost are reduced and schedule certainty increased
- Modules are designed for road and rail transport to site and scalable to other forms of transport



# SMRs Compete Favorably with other Clean Electricity Technologies

SMR Technology*	LCOE \$/Mwh	Capacity Factor
SMR LEAD Plant	90	90%
SMR FOAK-1	84	90%
SMR FOAK-4	71	90%

Clean Technology**	LCOE \$/Mwh	Capacity Factor
Wind	96	33%
Solar PV	153	25%
Solar Thermal	242	20%
Geothermal	98	91%
Biomass	115	83%

LCOE – Levelized Cost of Energy

\* Energy Policy Institute of Chicago, University of Chicago, "Small Modular Reactors - Key to Future Nuclear Power Generation in the U.S.," November 2011.

\*\* U.S. Energy Information Administration, Annual Energy Outlook 2012, June 2012, DOE/EIA-0383(2012).

All estimates are in 2010 \$

# Westinghouse Small Modular Reactor Economic Benefits

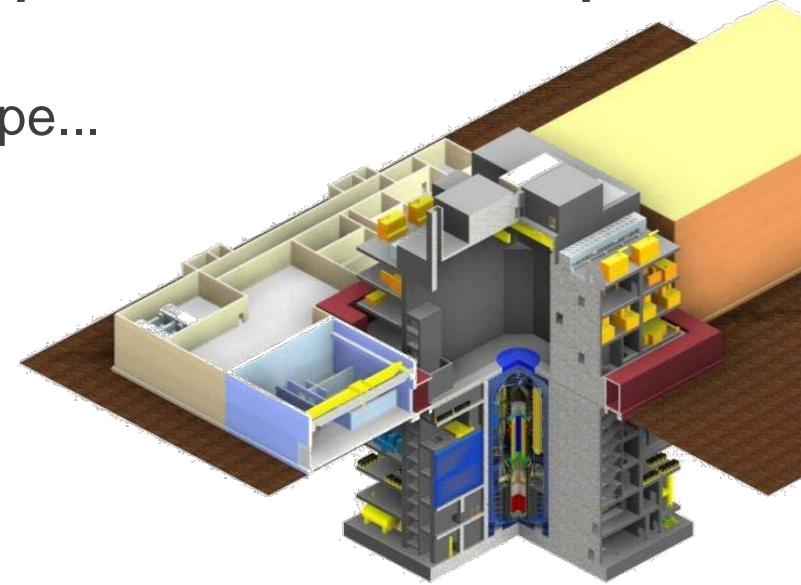
- **Ease of Licensing**
- Shift from active to passive safety systems
- Smaller source term
- Integral on-site used fuel management
- **Ease of Financing**
- Smaller capital cost
- Shorter development time to first revenue
- Lower risk-adjusted weighted average cost of capital
- **Ease of Deployment**
- Simplified on-site assembly
- Shorter deployment times
- Better matching to electricity demand

SMRs have the potential to be a very attractive economic option... but it will take a joining of the industry beyond vendor companies to include regulators and customers in order to achieve a plant that can be standardized and factory-built

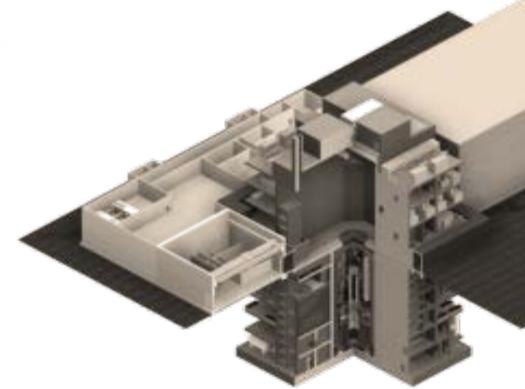
# Westinghouse Small Modular Reactor Conclusions

- The Westinghouse SMR is a **simpler, safer, passive** design based on proven PWR technology
- **Passive safety** without operator action needed combined with traditional safety systems generate a **highest level of safety**
- **Modular construction** techniques, combined to the overall simplification of the plant, results in **simpler** construction and **shorter** construction **schedule**
- Westinghouse SMR is self-reliant, self-contained and fail safe, and thus highly robust against extreme external events...with a **positive** contribution to **public**
- Westinghouse **SMR** fits perfectly to **multiple** grid **requirements** in the US as well as in Europe...

**Nuclear is part of  
Europe's future!**



# Westinghouse Small Modular Reactor Questions?



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