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Features of BWRX-300 Small Modular Reactor

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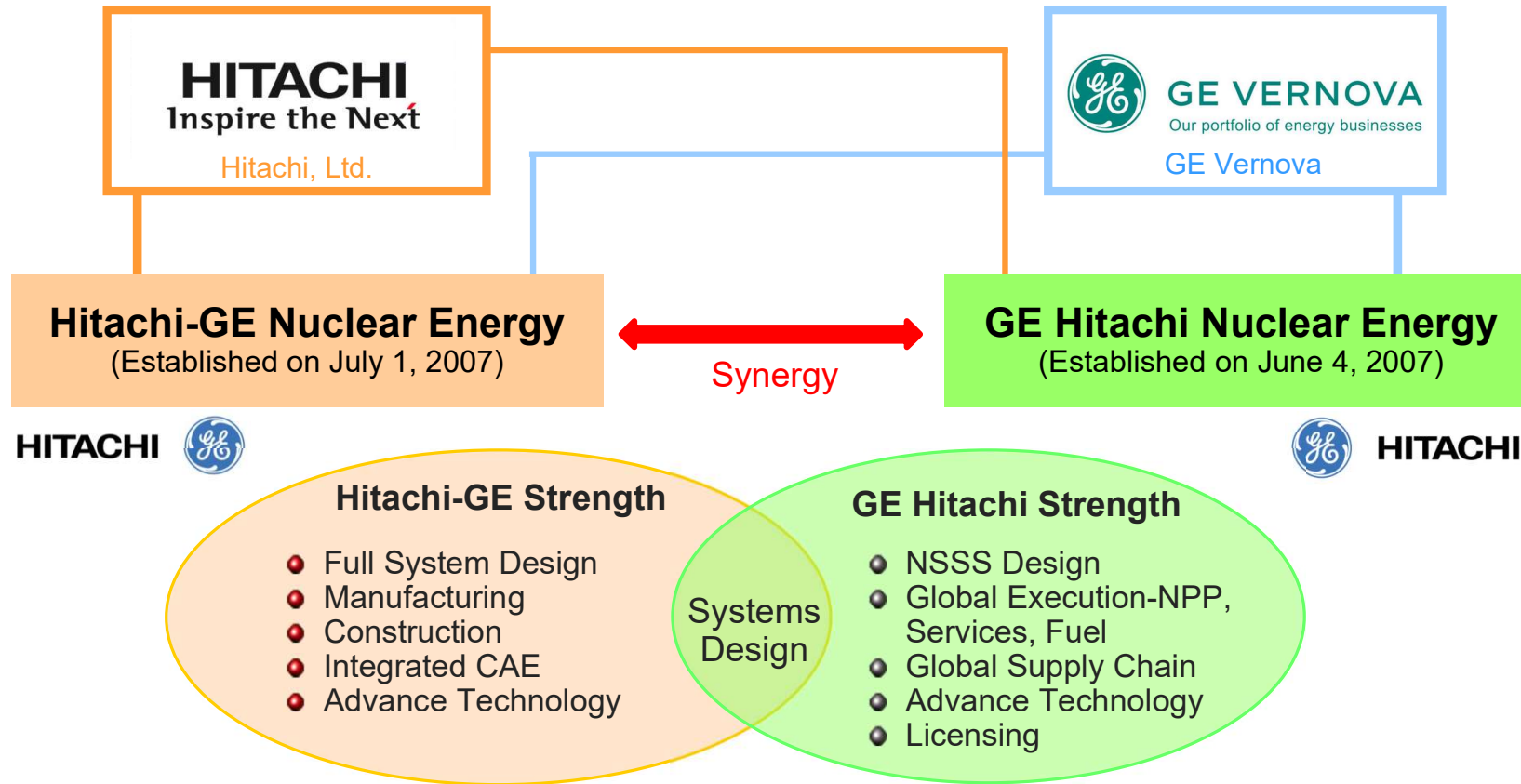
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1. Company profile and Hitachi-GE's nuclear future vision

1-1 Hitachi and GE Vernova global alliance



- Hitachi and GE alliance based on 50-year collaboration in the nuclear business
- Committed to developing and promoting latest BWR technologies and services

1-2 Business portfolio of Hitachi-GE



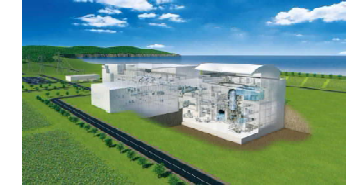
Rokkasho Reprocessing Plant



Spent fuel casks



Shika-2 ABWR



UK project (Withdrawal)

Fuel Cycle

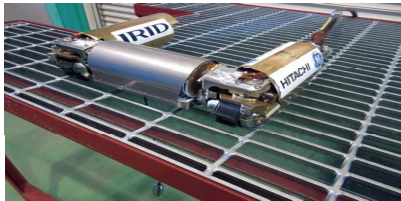
- ▶ Components supply for Monju / Rokkasho
- ▶ Spent fuel Interim Storage Casks

New Builds

- ▶ Multiple ABWRs are for operation and under construction

Maintenance Services

- ▶ Safety enhancement work for plant restarts
- ▶ Fukushima decommissioning work
- ▶ Outage and plant maintenance services



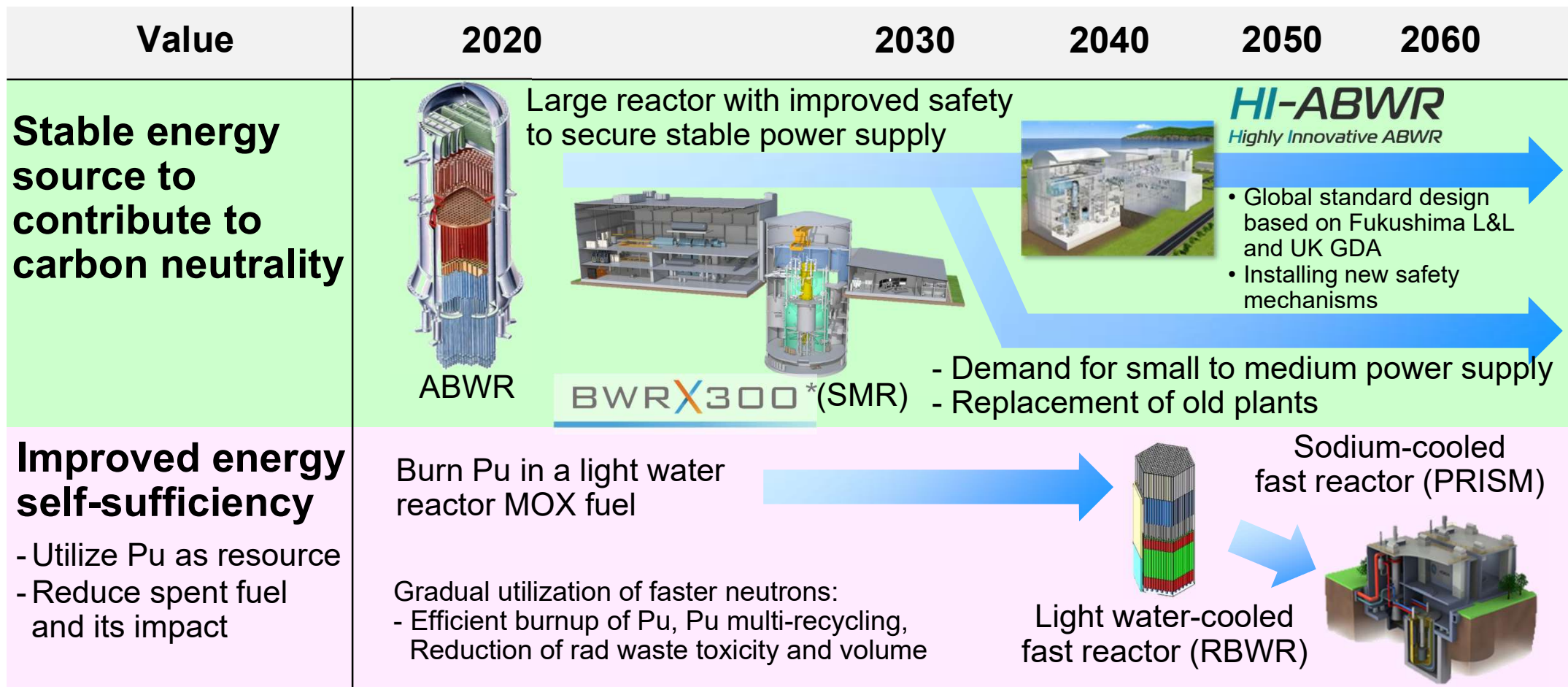
Robotics for Fukushima



Filtered Containment Vent



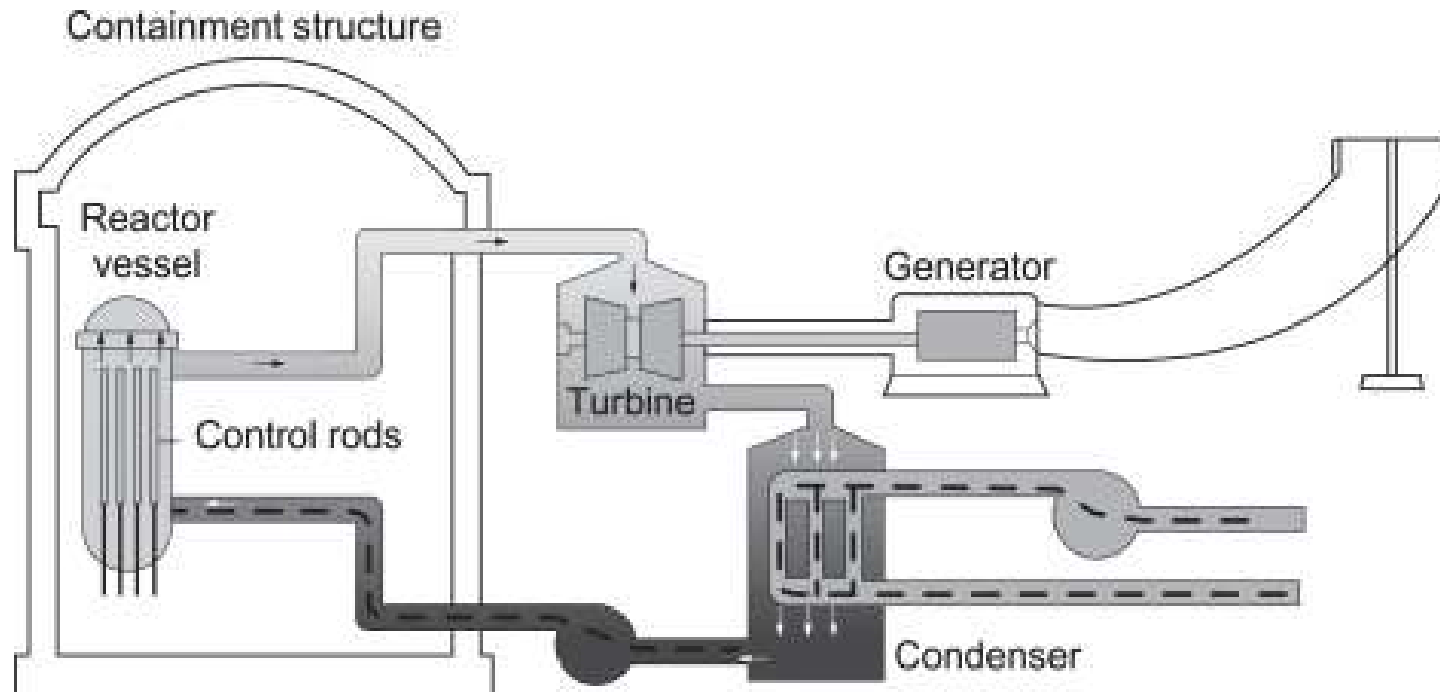
Creation of new value and contribution to sustainable power generation



* BWRX-300 is being jointly developed with our sister company GE Hitachi Nuclear Energy.

2. Concept of BWR-300

2-1 Boiling Water Reactor (BWR) concept



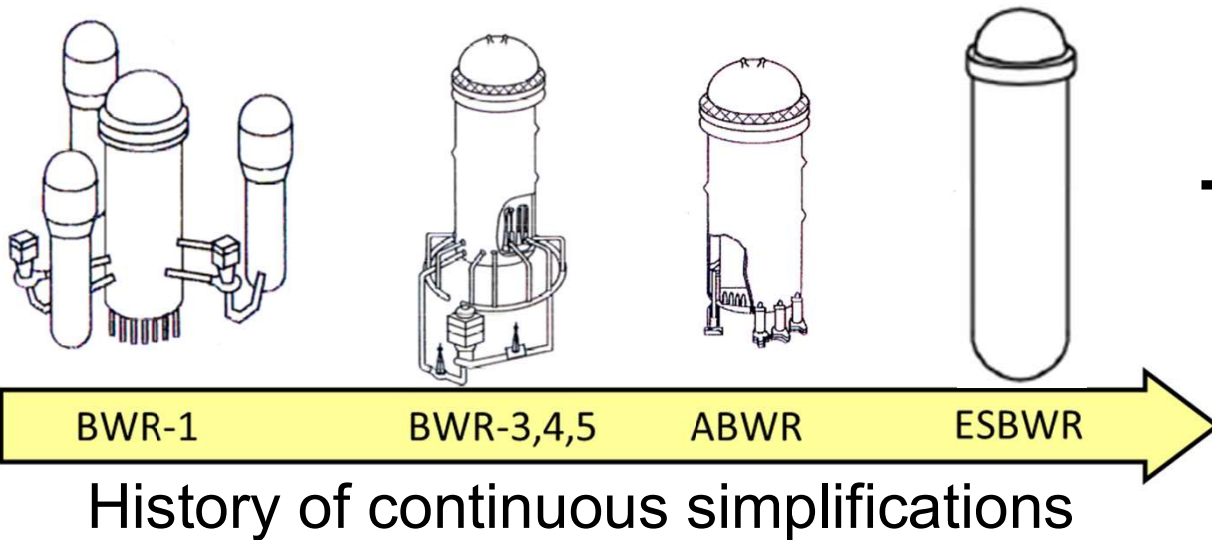
- Direct cycle design with no secondary loop, steam generator and pressurizer
- Water as coolant (boiling) and moderator (use of void feedback for reactivity control)
- Water circulated through core by natural circulation (enhanced by pumps in legacy plants)
- Low enriched (3-5% U-235) oxide fuel in metal cladding

Simplicity allows SMR to overcome “Scale Demerit” without compromising safety

- Simplify by reducing:
 - Number of components
 - Volume of bulk material
 - Potential points of failure

BWR:

- inherently simple
- continuously simplified
⇒ great potential as SMR using proven technology



Scaled-down with

- Innovation
- Simplification



BWRX300

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2-3 BWRX-300 plant image



<https://nuclear.gepower.com/build-a-plant/products/nuclear-power-plants-overview/bwrx-300>

2-4 Overview of BWRX-300

- 10th generation Boiling Water Reactor with natural circulation
- 300 MWe, water cooled, natural circulation SMR
- Leverages U.S. NRC licensed ESBWR*
- World class safety using innovative integral RPV isolation valve and passive safety system
- Design-to-cost approach
- Constructability integrated into design
- Significant capital cost reduction per MW compared to conventional large reactors
- Licensing started in the U.S., Canada, UK and Poland
- Operational as early as 2029
- Mix of proven technology and innovation

*ESBWR (Economic Simplified Boiling Water Reactor)
1,550MWe reactor, which uses natural circulation has passive safety features.



BWRX300

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Small LWR with enhanced safety, economy, constructability and flexibility

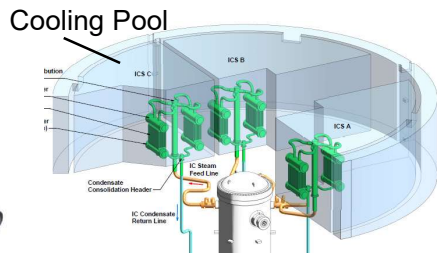
Innovative safety system

Mitigating LOCA

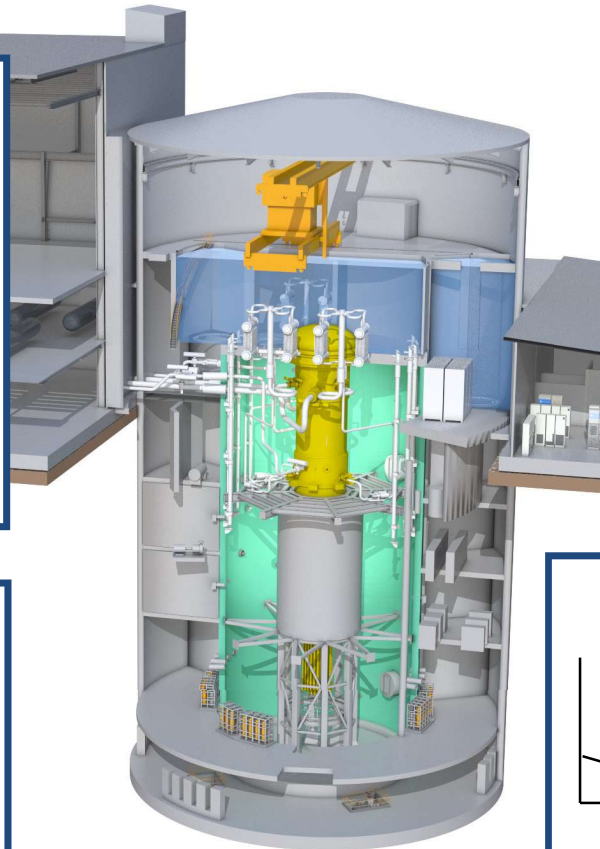


Integral RPV Isolation Valve

7 days cooling without AC power/actions

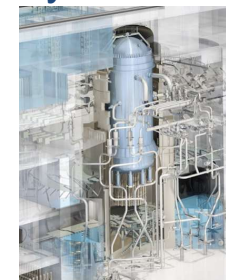


Isolation Condenser System (ICS)



Cost Reduction

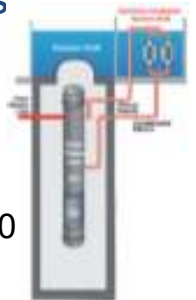
Introduction of innovative systems leads to reduction of structures, systems and components



ABWR



BWRX-300



Shortened construction

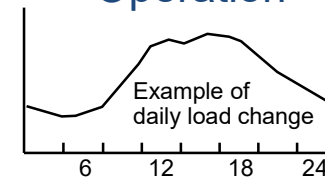
Module construction technology



Module of HP Drain, Pump, Piping, Valves for ABWR

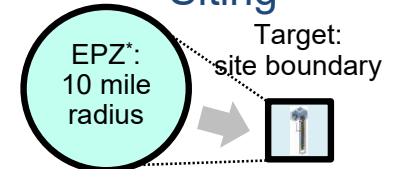
Flexibility

Operation



Responding to daily load change

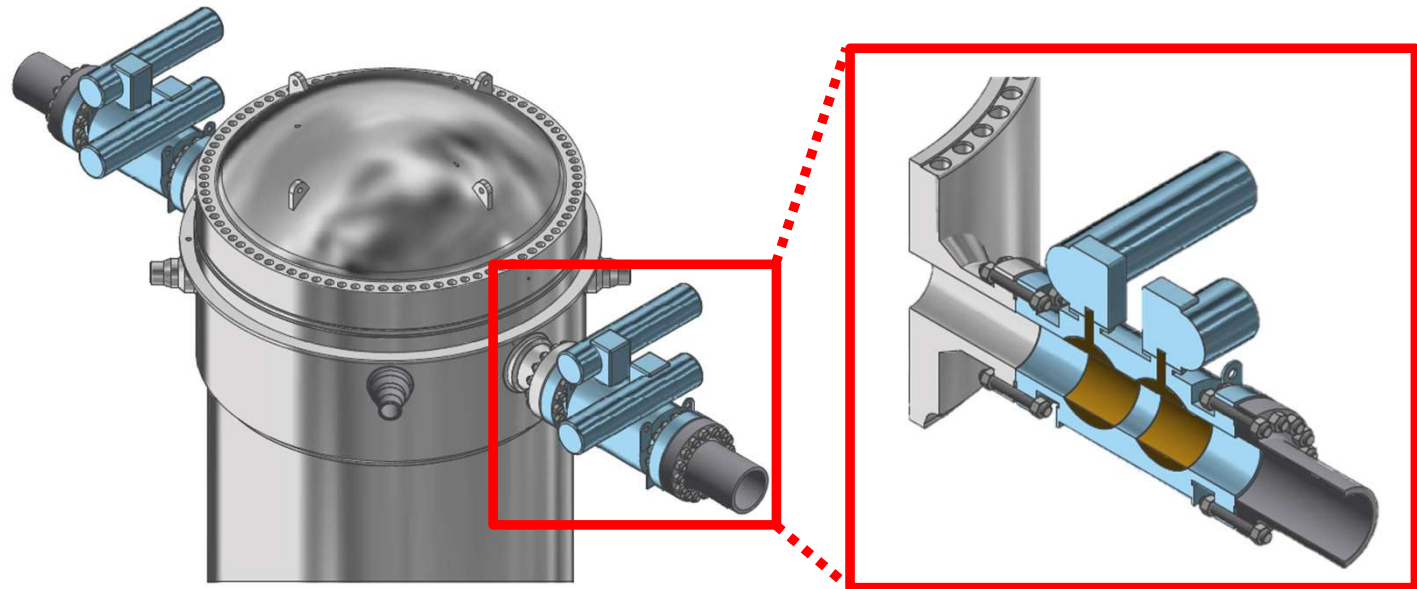
Siting



Mitigated effects of severe accident leads to small EPZ (Emergency Planning Zone)

Breakthrough innovation concept to mitigate large and medium LOCA

- Large non-isolable pipes between RPV and isolation valves eliminated
- Large break Loss of Coolant Accident (LOCA) potential greatly reduced
- Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) approved in the U.S.
- Enables dramatic design simplification and elimination of unnecessary systems

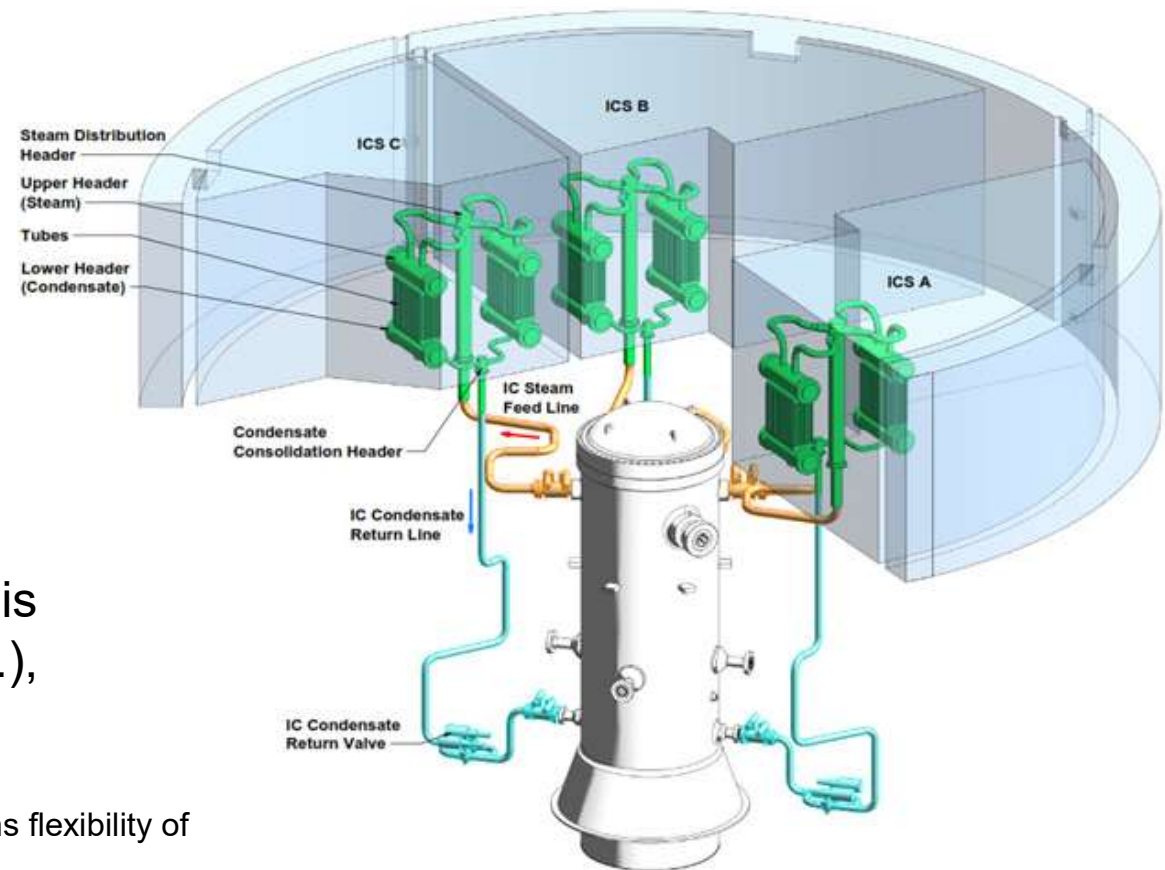


Phase-change passive decay heat removal and RPV pressure control

- Inherently safe, requiring with no operator action or AC power
- Passive Safety Class 1 system with 3 independent trains
- Only 1 Isolation Condenser train required for design basis accidents, capacity sufficient for mitigating various plant transients
- Seven-day coping time* for design basis accidents (station blackout, LOCA, etc.), can be extended with simple actions

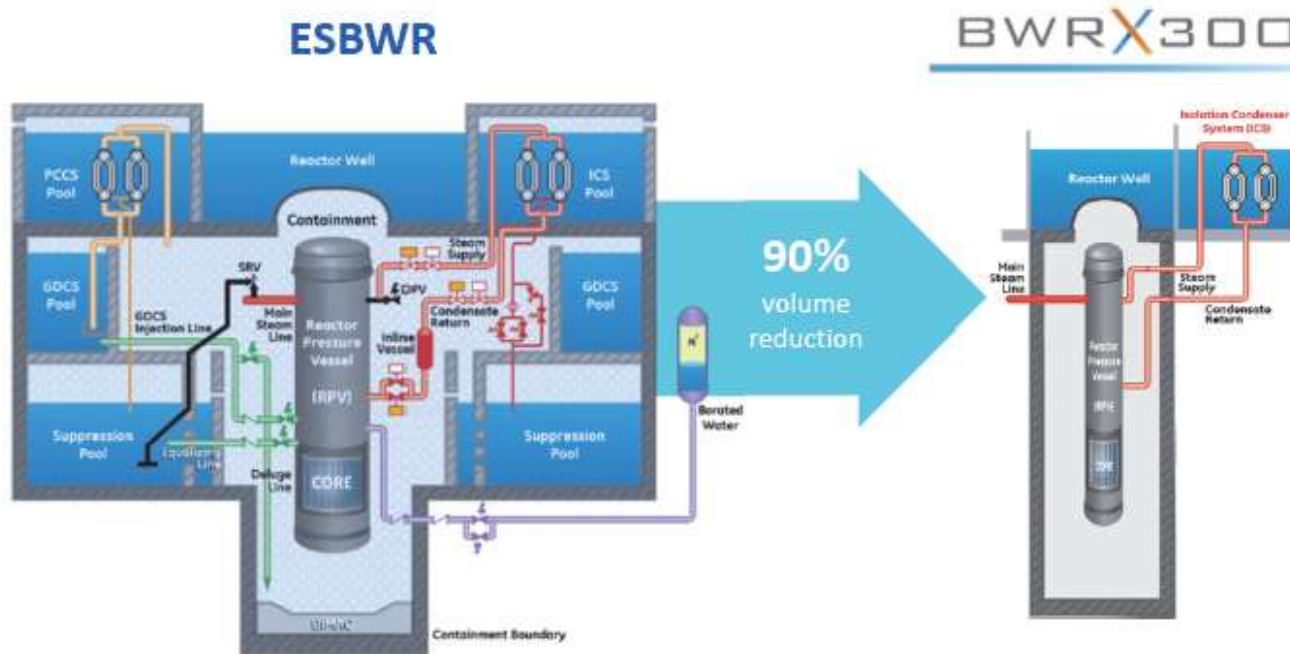
* Coping time: Only limited operator actions are needed. It gains flexibility of operator actions for mitigating any transients.

Isolation Condenser System



The “Natural circulation + ICS + Integral Isolation” strategy drives cost reduction

- Eliminates need for multiple systems and components found in traditional BWR designs (recirculation pumps, suppression pool, safety relief valves, depressurization valves ...)
- Less than 50% building volume/MW and less than 50% concrete/MW



Cylindrical building with sloped roof

- Tornado and typhoon
- Airplane crash

Ground level

Containment mostly underground

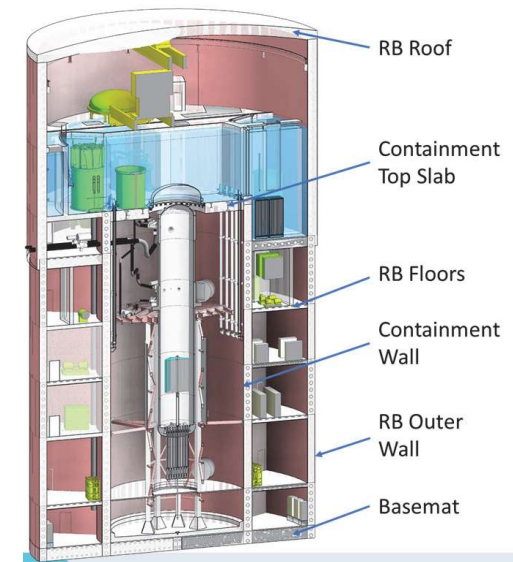
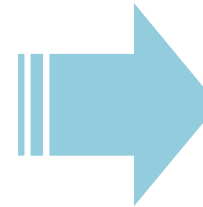
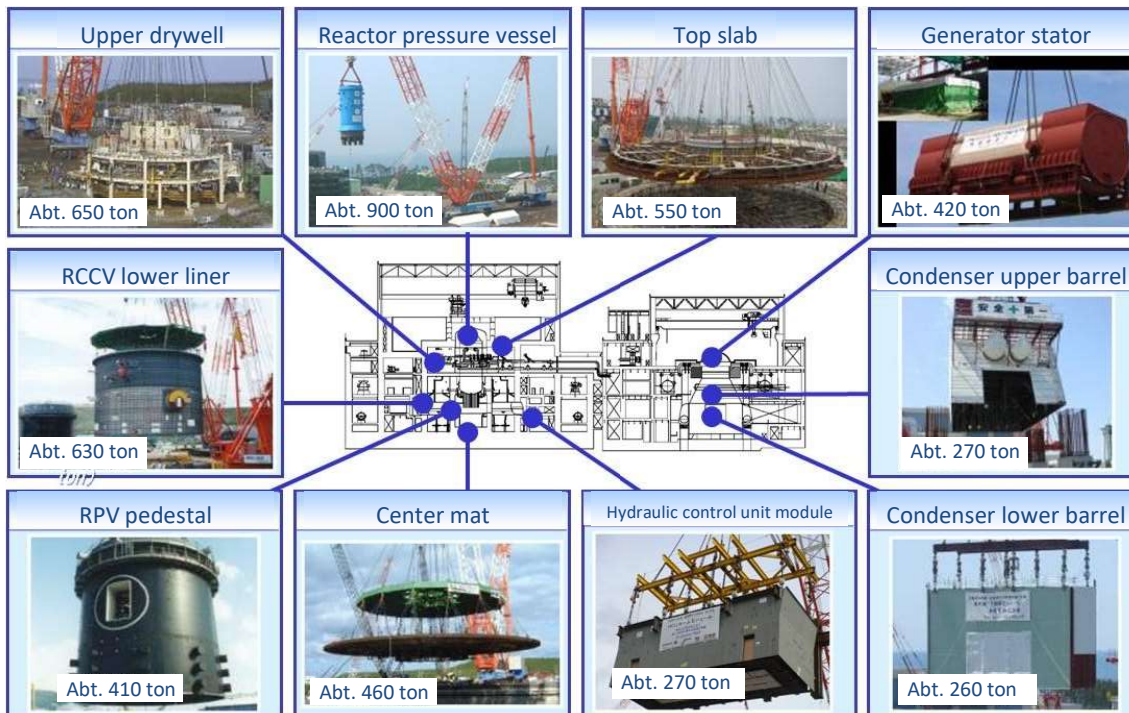
- Airplane crash
- Earthquake
- Other terrorisms

Other countermeasures

- ✓ FLEX (mobile equipment)
- ✓ Safety-divisional separation barrier
- ✓ Equipment for severe accidents

Incorporation of modularization lessons learned

ABWR Modules



- Maximizing advantages of small reactors
 - Factory-fabricated complete modules
 - Modularity to the appropriate level based on experiences

➔ Shortened construction time with reduced site execution risks and cost overruns

2-11 Utilizing proven technology

Proven components, prior testing and operation history

Steam Dryer:

Same features as ABWR* & ESBWR ...
Same as upgrades for existing fleet ...
Size nearly identical to KKM**

Steam Separators:

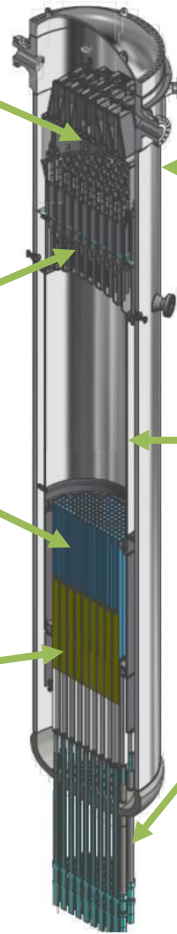
Same as ABWR* & ESBWR ...
Similar to others in the BWR fleet

GNF2 Fuel:

>26,000 bundles delivered ...
Utilized by ~70% of BWR fleet

Control Rod Blades:

Same as ABWR* ...
Longer than ESBWR ...
Almost identical to latest design for BWR fleet



Reactor Pressure Vessel:

Same material and fabrication processes as ABWR*,
ESBWR and many of the BWR fleet ...
Diameter almost identical to KKM**

Chimney:

Uses ESBWR and Dodewaard*** technology ...
Simplified

Fine Motion Control Rod Drives:

Same as ABWR* & ESBWR

- * ABWR fleet has combined 27+ years of operating experience
- ** Kernkraftwerk Mühleberg (KKM): 355 MWe BWR/4 in operation since 1972
- *** Dodewaard: 58MWe natural circulation BWR, 1969 ~ 1997

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Possibility of EPZ (Emergency Planning Zone) reduction

- TVA^{*1}, DOE^{*2} and IAEA^{*3} have been investigating to minimize EPZ considering SMR features:
 - Less fission product release during accidents because of smaller fuel amount in the reactor core
 - Improved safety features (e.g. seven days or longer grace period)
- Potential to minimize EPZ* to the site boundary, leveraging enhanced safety of BWRX-300

* EPZ: Emergency Planning Zone

EPZ for innovative SMRs
(Ex. Dose-based, consequence oriented methodology (US))



Site boundary

*1. "Clinch River Nuclear Site Early Site Permit Application", TVA (2017), NRC accepted
*2. "The Pathway to SMR Commercialization", DOE SMR Workshop Final Report (2016)
*3. "Report from Working Group on Emergency Planning Zone", IAEA SMR Regulator's Forum (2018)

ONTARIO POWER GENERATION SELECTS GEH'S BWRX-300



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GENERATION

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TORONTO | DECEMBER 2, 2021

GE Hitachi Nuclear Energy selected by Ontario Power Generation as technology partner for Darlington new nuclear project

- Operational as early as 2029
- Submitted license-to-construct in 2022 to Canadian regulator
- GEH, OPG, AtkinsRéalis, and Aecon signed contract for deployment of a BWRX-300
- First commercial contract for grid-scale SMR in North America.
- Substantial economic opportunity for Ontario and Canada
- Ontario government announced pursuing 3 additional units at Darlington New Nuclear Project site

2-14 BWRX-300 in deployment ... not a demonstration project

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OPG



Darlington New Nuclear Project

Source: Ontario Power Generation

2-15 BWRX-300 commercial activity



TVA, OPG, Synthos Green Energy and GE Hitachi to share in the investment of approximately

\$400 MILLION

to develop the **BWRX-300** standard design

NORTH AMERICA



Ontario Power Generation (OPG), GEH, AtkinsRéalis and Aecon signed a contract for the deployment of a BWRX-300 small modular reactor at OPG's Darlington New Nuclear Project site – 3 additional units being planned.



Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) began planning and preliminary licensing for potential deployment of a BWRX-300 at Clinch River Site near Oak Ridge, Tennessee.



SaskPower entered an agreement with GEH to collaborate on project planning and to share expertise for the BWRX-300.

EUROPE & MIDDLE EAST

Poland

- Government of Poland has reached a decision in principle and approved 6 locations for construction of 24 BWRX-300s.
- U.S. Export-Import Bank and U.S. International Development Finance Corporation sign letters of interest to lend up to \$4 billion to support projects.
- Regulator's general opinion concludes BWRX-300 design is compliant with Polish nuclear safety.

United Kingdom

- GEH awarded £33.6 million UK Future Nuclear Enabling Fund grant and enters Generic Design Assessment process for BWRX-300.
- Down-selected to final 4 for Great British Nuclear SMR competition which will ultimately select 2 technologies

Estonia - Fermi Energia selected GEH's BWRX-300 for potential deployment

Sweden – Vattenfall shortlisted BWRX-300 for further evaluation at Ringhals

EU SMR Industrial Alliance – joined as member to progress SMRs in EU

United Arab Emirates, Czech Republic, Sweden, etc. - GE Hitachi has memoranda of understanding or other agreements in place with companies to support global deployment of BWRX-300

3. Hitachi-GE development activities

To achieve carbon neutrality by 2050, Japan decided to enhance nuclear power usage

Ministry of Economy, Trade, and Industry launched NEXIP in 2019

NEXIP: Nuclear Energy x Innovation Promotion
 Integrated support from business sector, academia and public institutions

- Nuclear power can respond to various social demands such as coexistence with renewable energy, carbon-free stable energy, hydrogen production, etc.

- R & D Support
- Provision of Facilities
- Human Resource Development
- Supply Chain Reinforcement

小型軽水炉(SMR)	高速炉	高温ガス炉
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 小さな炉心により、受動安全採用等のシステムシンプル化、信頼性向上 • モジュール生産による工期短縮 ⇒ 避難範囲縮小、低資本費 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 高速中性子を利用した、ナトリウム冷却炉 ⇒ 資源の有効利用、放射性廃棄物の減容化・有害度低減 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 化学的に安定なヘリウム冷却材・多重被覆燃料を使用した高温の原子炉(約950℃) ⇒ 熱利用・水素製造、高い安全性
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ NuScale (NuScale社) ◆ BWRX-300 (GE日立) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 実験炉：常陽 (JAEA) ◆ PRISM (GE日立) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 試験炉：HTTR (JAEA)

Hitachi-GE's developments also have been supported by NEXIP

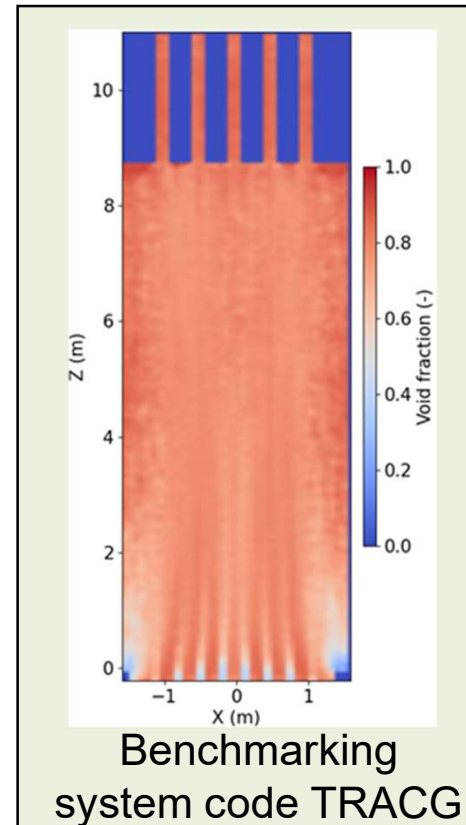
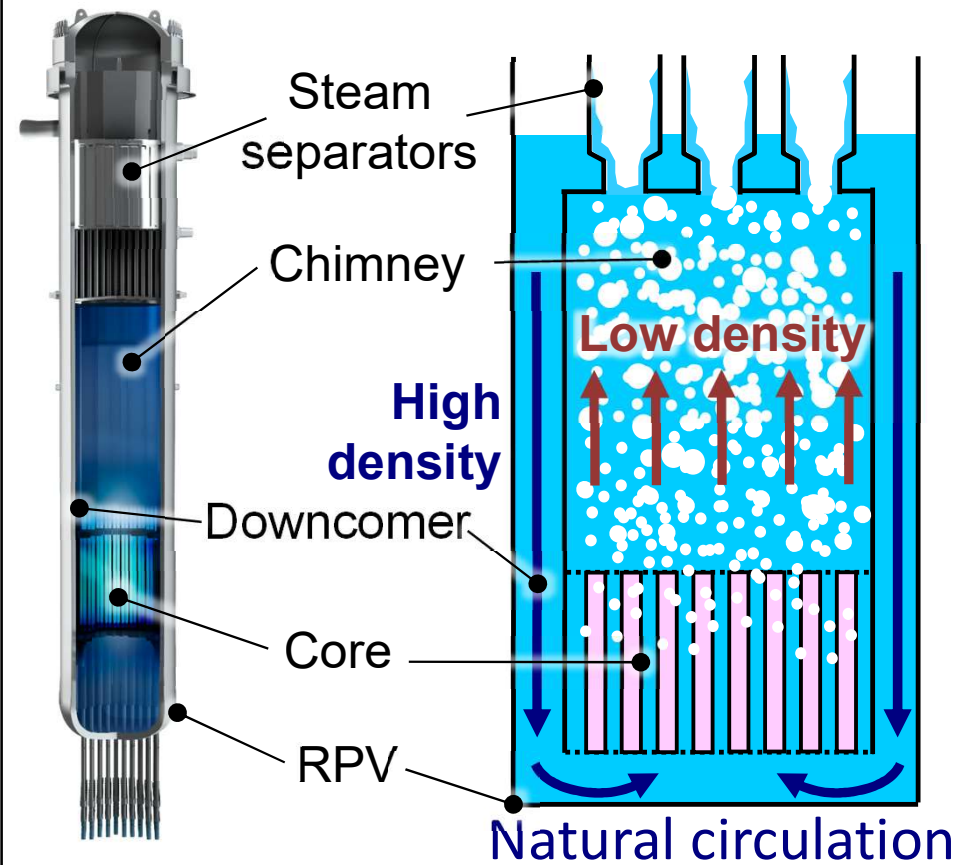
An excerpt slide of METI presentation to explain NEXIP

3-2 Example of Hitachi-GE activity: BWRX-300 chimney

To support global licensing, CFD and tests to validate chimney flow characteristics (Water and steam fluxes \Rightarrow Void fraction \Rightarrow Density) to ensure fuel cooling capability.

CFD simulation

Test at nominal pressure



This section shows the test facility and validation data. It includes a schematic of 'Steam + water loops' with components like steam separators, heaters, pumps, and sensors. A photograph of the 'HUSTLE facility' shows a tall structure with a 15m height. A 'Test body (0.5m I.D.)' is shown with a 'Wire-mesh sensor'. A graph titled 'Obtained validation data' plots void fraction against steam flow rate (kg/h) for three different flow rates: H (circles), M (triangles), and L (crosses). The graph shows that void fraction increases with steam flow rate.

- Nuclear power is an important source of low-carbon electricity, and SMR is a key innovative technology for achieving carbon neutrality.
- Hitachi-GE and GE Hitachi are developing the highly economical small BWR, BWRX-300, under the global alliance. BWRX-300 addresses societal requirements for safety, economics and site flexibility.
- Standard design by utilities and GE Hitachi is underway, progressing toward deployment in multiple countries including licensing in Canada, USA, UK and Poland. Hitachi-GE is supporting GE Hitachi.
- The reactor has been awarded strategic status by the EU Commission SMR Industry Alliance for advanced support throughout the union. Also, Polish regulator and government issued General Opinion and Decision in Principle for 6 Polish sites. GE Hitachi applied for UK GDA. GDA stage 2 is on-going.

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