

# GEH & the BWRX-300

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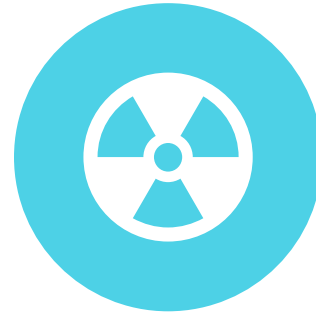
# Innovation

Past, Present and into the Future

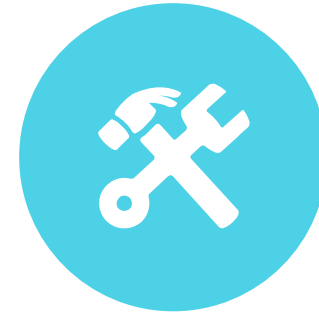
**Rich history of nuclear innovation ready to support advanced reactor market**



## New Plant Projects



## Fuels



## Services

Over 60 years of nuclear experience & innovation

1939

First GE involvement in nuclear physics

1946

GE and Knolls Atomic Power Laboratory created

1951

Aircraft nuclear propulsion

1955

GE Atomic Division established

1957

Vallecitos BWR AEC License #1

1981

PRISM\* development commences

1996

1<sup>st</sup> ABWR built on time on budget

2007

GE Hitachi Alliance Formation

2014

ESBWR NRC License

2017

BWRX-300 launched & ABWR licensed in 4<sup>th</sup> country

2018

Versatile Test Reactor (VTR) Contract PRISM

# — Solving the Cost Challenge



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# Future of Advanced Reactors/SMRs

...as the leading zero-carbon, base-load solution, advanced reactors/SMRs must be cost competitive

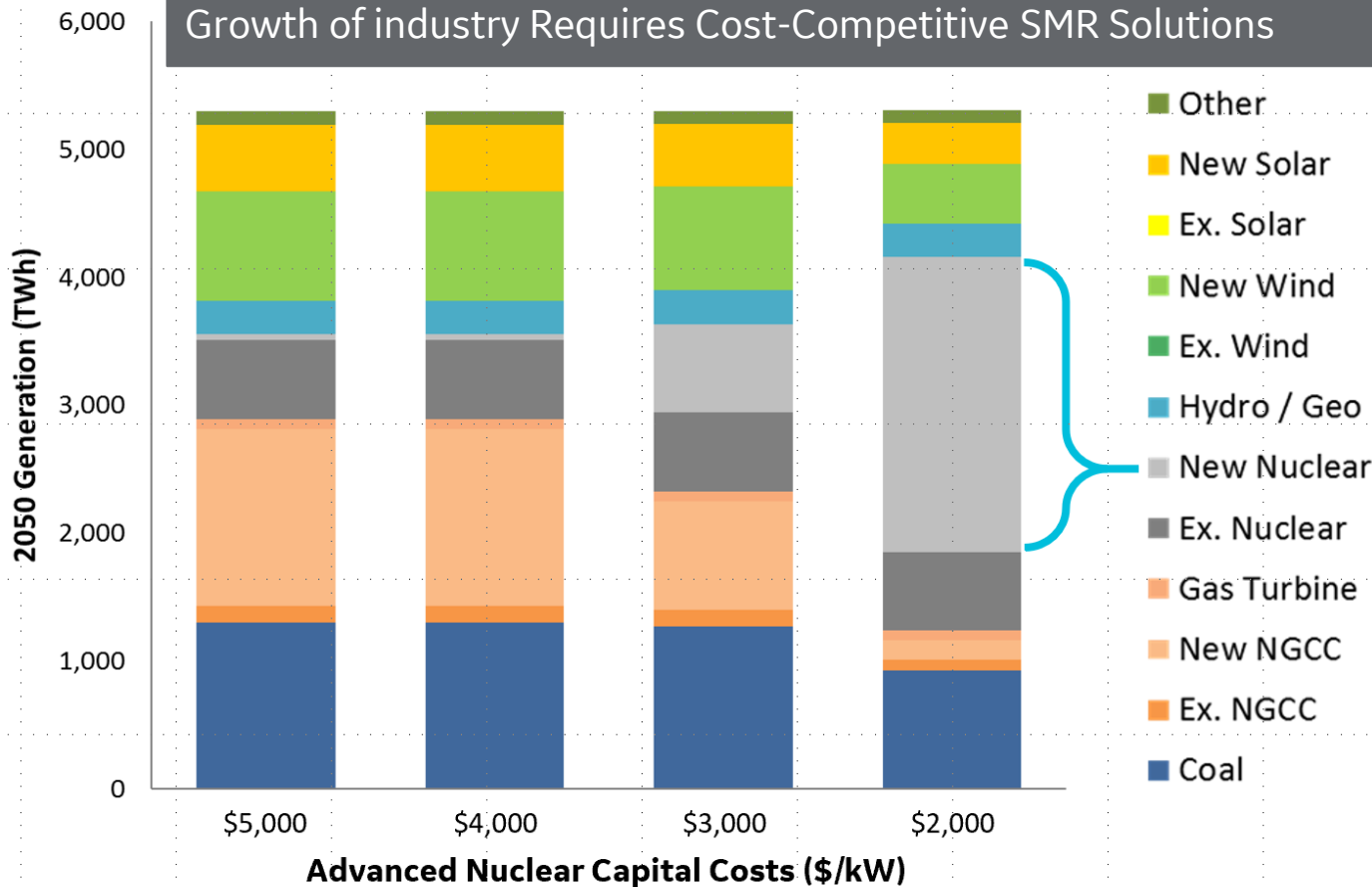


Exploring the Role of Advanced Nuclear in Future Energy Markets

A combination of **reduced capital costs**, favorable policy conditions, and additional revenue streams for other services and products is more likely to create conditions under which significant new deployment of advanced nuclear reactor technology will occur.

## Nuclear Inflection Point in the U.S.

Growth of industry Requires Cost-Competitive SMR Solutions



Source: Figure 3.2 from EPRI Report 3002011803: Exploring the Role of Advanced Nuclear in Future Energy Markets



## The Future of Nuclear Energy in a Carbon-Constrained World

“Based on the findings that emerged from this study, we contend that, as of today and for decades to come, the main value of nuclear energy lies in its potential contribution to decarbonizing the power sector. Further, we conclude that **cost is the main barrier** to realizing this value. Without cost reductions, nuclear energy will not play a significant role.”

## Nuclear Power in a Clean Energy System

Support innovative new reactor designs: Accelerate innovation in new reactor designs, such as small modular reactors (SMRs), with **lower capital costs** and shorter lead times and technologies that improve the operating flexibility of nuclear power plants to facilitate the integration of growing wind and solar capacity into the electricity system.

# BWRX300

- 10<sup>th</sup> generation BWR ... 300 MWe SMR
- World class safety
- LCOE competitive with gas
- Capable of load following
- Ideal for industrial applications ... district heating & desal
- Up to 60% capital cost reduction per MW
- Scaled from licensed ESBWR
- Designed to eliminate LOCA
- Reduced on-site staff and security
- Design-to-cost approach: <\$1B total & <\$2,250/kW
- Proven components, fuel, and supply chain
- Constructability integrated into design

Deployable by 2028



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300 MW  
Water Cooled  
SMR



Designed to  
Eliminate LOCA



Cost Competitive  
with Gas



Reduced  
Staff

# Industry collaboration

## Investor



<http://www.world-nuclear-news.org/NN-Dominion-Energy-invests-in-GE-Hitachi-SMR-2105187.html>

## Alliance Partner



## Collaborators



Global Research  
Center



Fermi Energia

## Utility Supporters



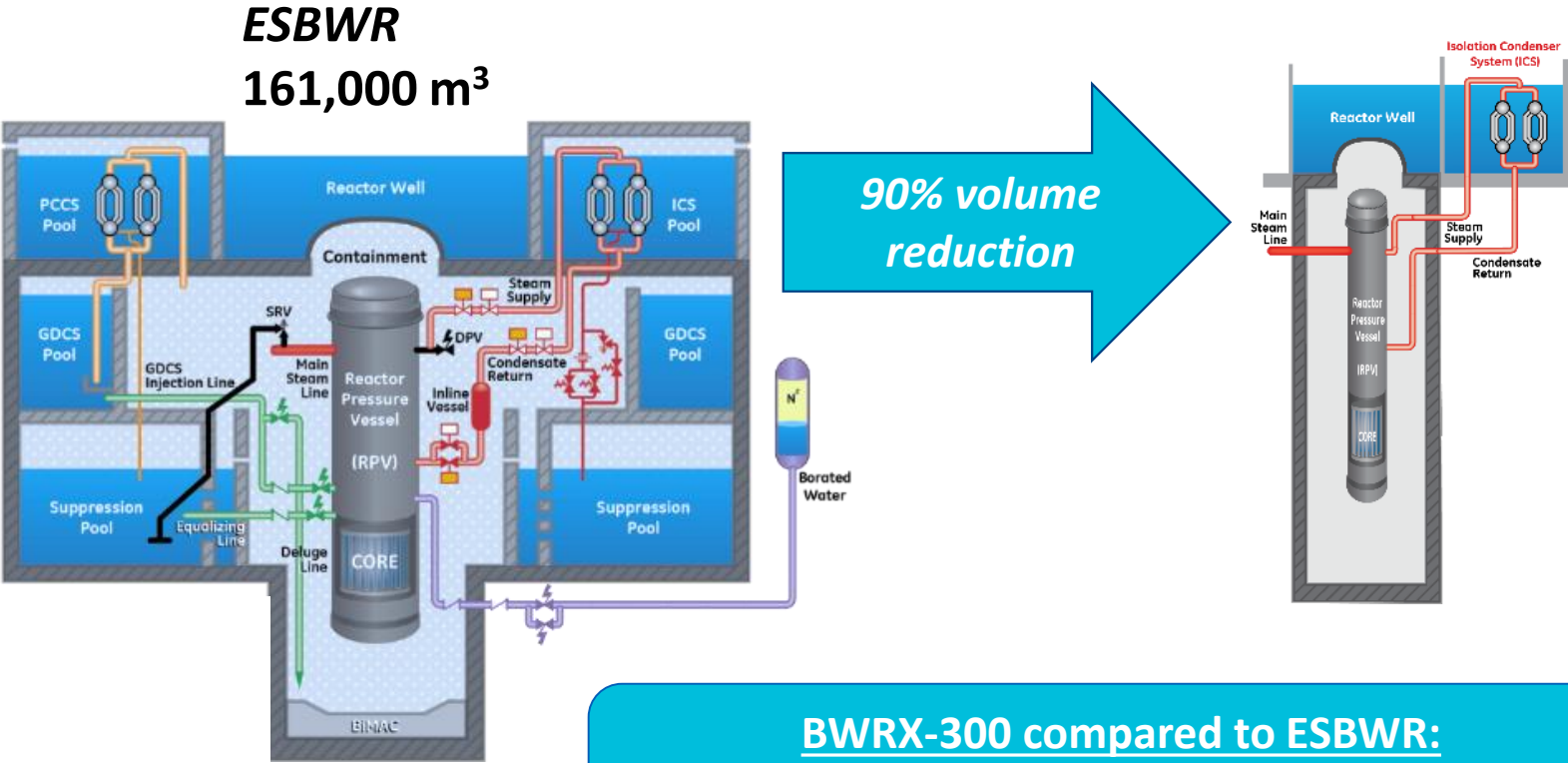
Dominion  
Energy



# MIT findings & BWRX-300

## Optimized structures

**MIT Finding:** New reactor buildings and structures need to be optimized



**BWRX300**

**15,500 m³**

- Mitigation of Large LOCAs ... eliminates multiple systems
- Metal containment ... small, simple, robust
- Underground containment ... reduced staff and staff
- TI & BOP off-the-shelf

**BWRX-300 compared to ESBWR:**  
**>50% building volume reduction/MW**  
**>50% less concrete/MW**

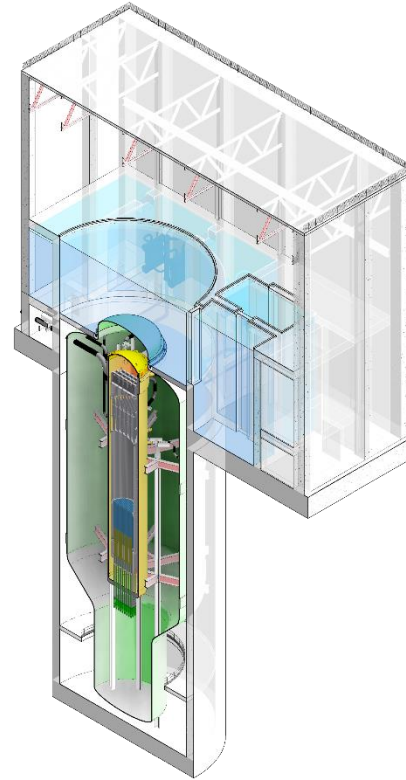
# MIT findings & BWRX-300

## Construction focus to reduce cost

### MIT Findings:

- Focus on improvements in how the overall plant is constructed
- Standardization and embedment below grade ... can reduce construction costs and improve safety and security
- Judicious use of modularization
- Civil engineering ... using advanced concrete techniques ... is less expensive than conventional 'stick building'

Source: <http://energy.mit.edu/research/future-nuclear-energy-carbon-constrained-world/>



## BWRX300

- Underground containment ... reduced construction, operations, and security costs
- Proven construction techniques in other industries ... Vertical shaft machine (VSM)
- Modular construction leveraging world-class expertise on ABWR experience
- Optimized and advanced concrete solutions to reduce construction time & cost



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# MIT findings & BWRX-300

## Proven supply chain

**MIT Finding:** Successful nuclear builds tend to have ... a **proven supply chain** for nuclear steam supply system (NSSS) components

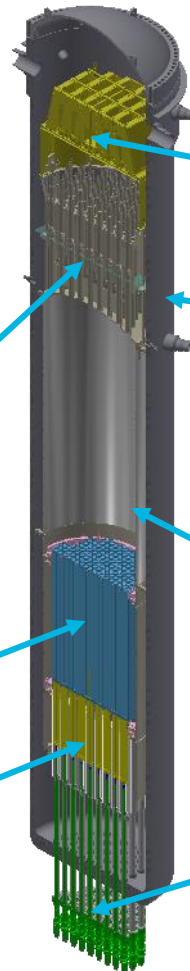
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**ESBWR design/licensing basis:** Natural circulation ...  
Isolation Condenser System cooling ... codes & methods

**Steam Separators:** same as ABWR\* & ESBWR ...  
similar to others in the BWR fleet

**GNF2 Fuel:** 18,500+ bundles delivered ... utilized by  
~70% of BWR fleet

**Control Rod Blades:** same as ABWR\*



**Dryer:** Same features as ABWR\* & ESBWR

**RPV:** Same material and fabrication processes as ABWR\*, ESBWR and many of the BWR fleet, diameter almost identical to the KKM plant in Switzerland

**Chimney:** Uses ESBWR and Dodewaard technology - simplified

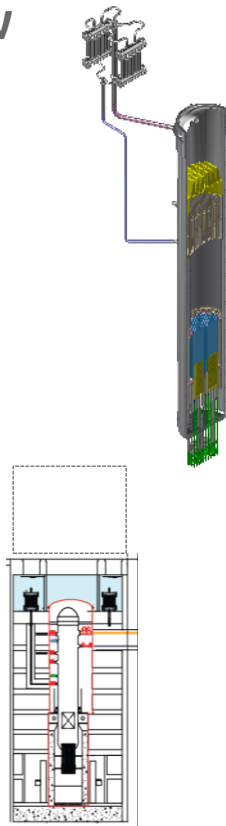
**FMCRDs:** Same as ABWR\* & ESBWR

\*ABWR > 20 years of reactor operating experience

# Light water SMR comparison

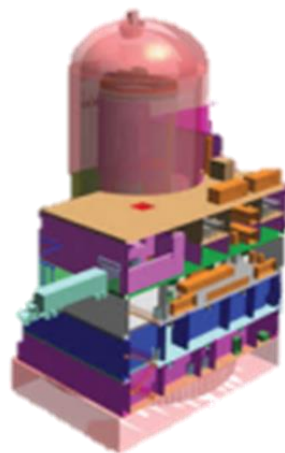
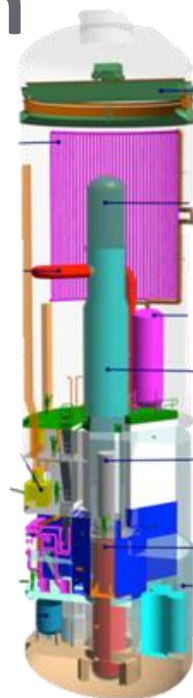
**BWRX300**

300 MW



**HOLTEC INTERNATIONAL**

160 MW



**NUSCALE™**  
Power for all humankind

720 MW



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Sources: NuScale: public information and NRC DCD Application  
Holtec: "Holtec SMR-160 Technical Bulletin" Rev 8 5/2013, <https://smrllc.com/technology/smr-160-overview/>

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