# **Nuclear Power** A Journey of Continuous Improvement

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### **Continuous Improvement**





# **Westinghouse R&T Priorities**

#### • Highest Priority: Serve the Existing Fleet

- Improve Performance
- Extend Total Plant Life and Safety
- Extend Reliability and Efficiency

#### • Realize New Build Opportunities

- Improve delivery
- Apply lessons learned from operating fleet
- Strengthen Nuclear as Environmental Choice for Energy
- Advance Next Generation of Nuclear
- Leverage Nuclear beyond Electric Utility





Technologies developed for today's operating plants should be leveraged for use in developing new plant designs



## **Broad Technology Strategic Focus Areas**

### LWR Sustainability

- Fleet support
- Life beyond 60-years

### Advanced Core Monitoring & Diagnostics

Next Generation Instrumentation & Control (I&C)

- Safety systems
- Performance optimization
- Grid compatibility

#### **Advanced Reactors**

- Light Water
- Fast spectrum
- High Temperature Gas

#### **Advanced Materials**

Underlies ALL areas

### **Fuel Cycle Back End**

- Light Water
- Fast spectrum
- High Temperature Gas



# Advanced Fuel Program – SilCar Cladding

- Enrichment savings due to lower cross-section
- Uprate capability
- Insensitive to dry-out or DNB
  - >1900°C operational capability
- Immunity to debris fretting failure
- Simplification of safety systems reduced capital and O&M costs







# **Today's Industry of Tomorrow**



Sanmen Site Progress: Time Lapse View 2009 to 2013





### **Westinghouse Small Modular Reactor**





# **Market Drivers for Nuclear & SMRs**

### The energy industry demands versatility

#### The Westinghouse SMR delivers:

- A replacement for aging fossil fuel plants
- A solution for the needs of small utilities
- A solution for remote and grid limited applications
- A design with the ability to load follow and adjust to varying grid load swings
- An economic solution for the industry
- A balanced energy portfolio









# **Design Philosophy**

- Enhanced safety and security
  - Based on tested & licensed passive safety systems
  - Reactor & safety systems below ground
- Best opportunity for cost competitiveness
  - Most power with the least amount of material
  - Entirely modular design
  - Rail, truck and barge transportable
- Speed to market
  - Proven ability to design, license and deploy reactors
  - Existing technical skills, licensed technologies and fuel supply
  - Designing to eliminate supply chain bottlenecks

#### The most economic SMR



Sub-modules forming the NSSS island



# Westinghouse Plant Design

- Single reactor site (standalone)
- Fuel Modification of standard Westinghouse product (17x17 RFA)
- Forced flow with 8 reactor coolant pumps
- Internal control rod drive mechanisms
  32 ft. (9.75 m) \_\_\_\_
- Compact/high pressure containment vessel below grade
- Recirculating straight tube steam generator with steam drum location outside containment vessel
- Nuclear Island is 110'x110' (34 m x 34 m)
- Embedment is 110' deep (34 m)
- 24-month cycle length
- Load follow capability
- Total site area: ~15 acres (~6 hectares)
- Instrumentation and Control: Ovation<sup>®</sup>-based Digital Control System





~90 ft. 27.5 m

### **SMR Plant Layout**





## **How Small is Small?**



25 Westinghouse SMR containment vessels fit in a single *AP1000* plant containment vessel Westinghouse SMR NSSS island fits in the *AP1000* plant shield building



# **SMR Safety**

- >7 Days of passive heat removal in Ultimate Heat Sink (UHS)
  - Capability to add additional inventory to UHS tanks for indefinite cooling
- 100% reliance on natural forces
  - Evaporation, condensation, gravity
- No AC electric power required for plant safety for >7 Days





## **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
- SMR uses the AP1000 plant licensed modular wall and joint design





## 4S Sodium Fast Reactor

- Na-cooled fast reactor with passive safety systems
- 30 MWth/10 MWe (50 MWe also being developed)
- 510 °C outlet temperature
- 30 year lifetime core
- Innovative components:
  - EM pumps with no moving parts
  - Double-wall steam generators
- Low maintenance requirement
- High inherent security
- Ideal for remote areas of small power demand (e.g., Alaska, mining sites, etc.) and some process heat applications







# Summary

- Nuclear Energy must be an essential part of our clean energy future
- Westinghouse has a long heritage of innovation in nuclear energy and continues today with our products, services, and advanced reactor portfolio
- Our AP1000 design is the world leader in new plant orders
- We will continue to actively promote the benefits of nuclear energy to the world community



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### **The Renaissance Continues...**



### From State-of-the-Art AP1000...





...with the Westinghouse SMR

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