



# **Sustainability of the Romanian nuclear program**

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# Topics

Nuclear energy in the World and in Romania history and trends

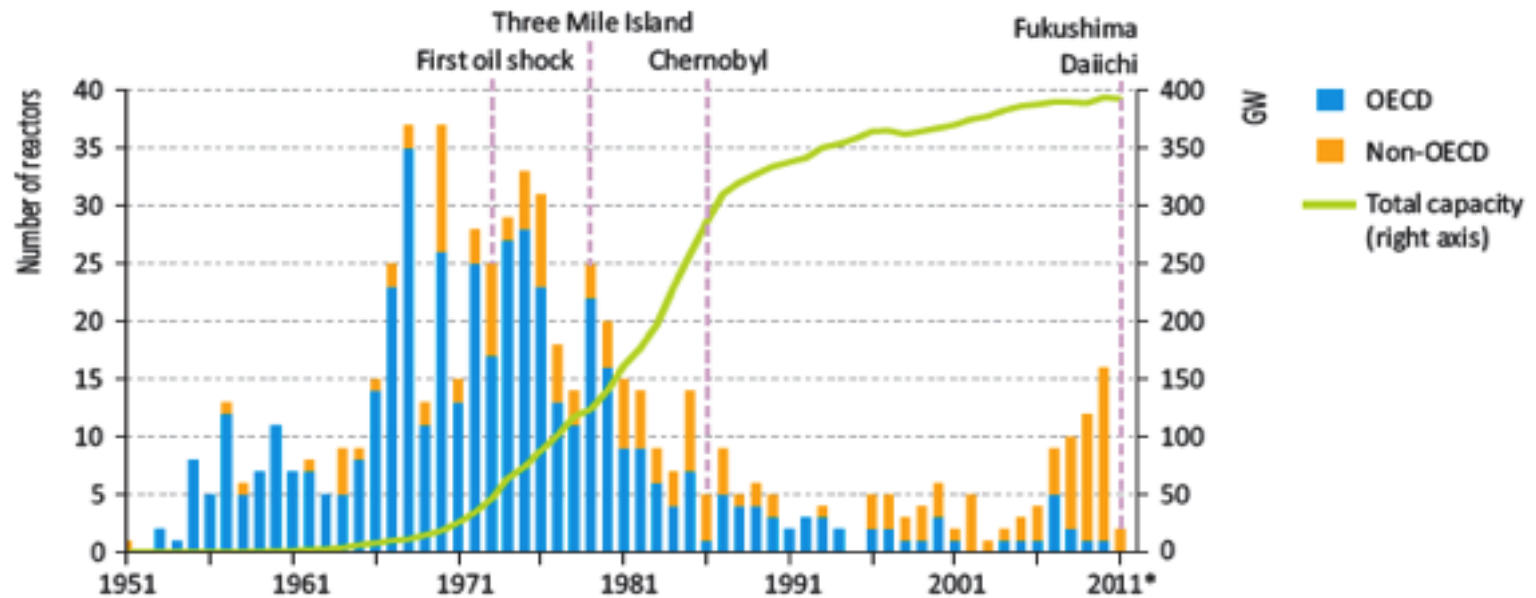
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From old to new technologies

# Nuclear energy in the World and in Romania history and trends

# Nuclear reactors evolution and significant events



\*Data as of 31 Aug 2011.

1967-1968: First contacts with US and Canada for CANDU technology transfer followed by the decision to build 2 units of 300MW each. Construction delayed and restarted in 1977 with 4 units of 660MW.

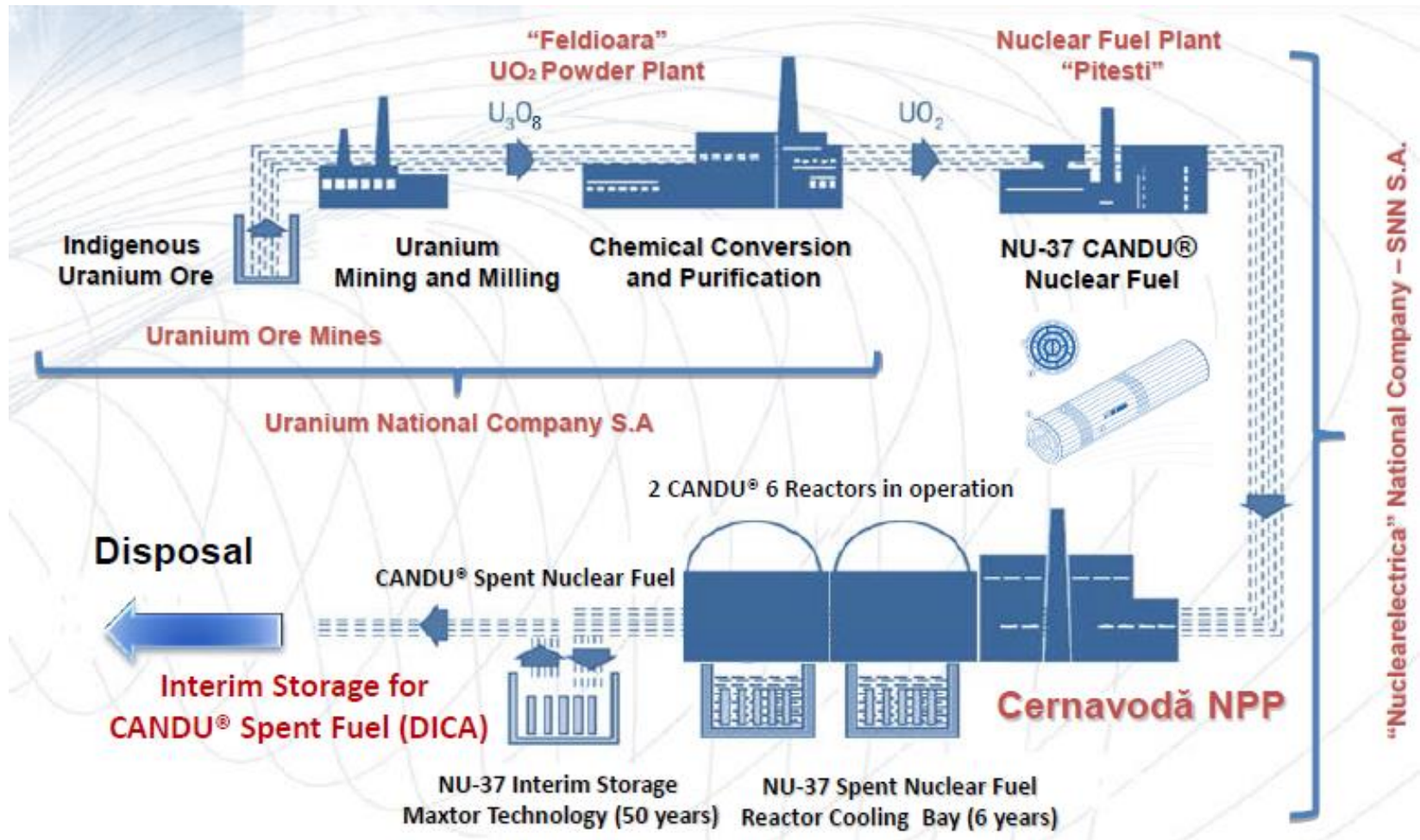




1968- the Romanian delegation to the ANS Conference, New York

# Nuclear energy in Romania – the fuel cycle

# Romania nuclear fuel cycle





## Cernavoda NPP construction and operation at high load factors



Having a fully fledged nuclear program, that manufactured the fuel for CANDU type nuclear reactors, as well as the nuclear grade Heavy Water, operating two NPPs and having other two under construction, the Romanian nuclear program is one of the few that never stopped.

# Sustainability of the nuclear field in Romania

## Climate change

- Each nuclear unit producing 5 TWh (5 million MWh) per year reduces GHG emissions with 3 millions tCO<sub>2</sub>/year (at a power system emission coefficient of 0.6tCO<sub>2</sub>/MWh)
- Units 3 and 4 at Cernavoda may substantially contribute to achieving the EU targets for 2030 and 2050 for emission reduction i.e. 40% (ref 1990) in 2030 and 80% in 2050.

## Energy security

Considering the elements of volatility in the power system (e.g. hydraulicity, eolian) it results a need for approx. 1000MW capacity of which 600 could be nuclear and 400 coal.

Thus one of the two units in Cernavoda is needed to secure system security.

Small Modular Reactors may contribute to the safety of supply of strategic objectives. ALFRED research is developing such a projects of SMR.

## Jobs at U3 and U4

From the experience of Units 1 and 2 during the construction period about 20000 direct jobs are created to which about 60000 indirect jobs are added.

At an average fiscalty of 500 Euro per job per month the budget receives 40M Euro every month.

## **Research and teaching**

The teaching programs from Politechnical University of Bucharest and from the Pitesti University are of international level and have a significant continuity.

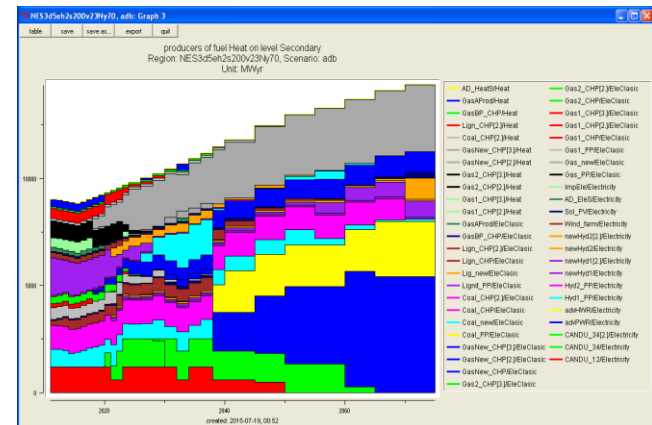
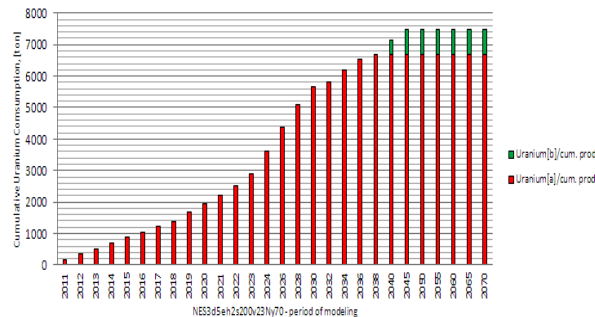
The Centers for excellence in Mioveni and Magurele are in contact with similar centers from countries having advanced nuclear programs.

The project of fast breeder lead cooled modular reactor is under development with support from EU and EURATOM.

## Scenario modeling capabilities

Model nuclear strategic parameters' evolution with the MESSAGE model of IAEA.

A) Cumulative Uranium Consumption, [ton]



**From old to new technologies**



Research reactor VVR control room - Magurele



Cernavoda NPP – control room



## Decommissioning of the research reactor VVR





## POWER REACTORS IN SMALL PACKAGES

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# PORTABLE AND MOBILE NUCLEAR POWER PLANT PROGRAM

Designation	Location	Application	Operator	Designer	Date critical	Date operational	Estimated total development	Core type (development)	Reactor type	Pressure containment	Pressure primary loop	Core material temp. °F	Power rating	Thermal output MW	Number of packages
PROTOTYPES															
EC-17	WV, Natick	Driving training	Army	ANL	9-55	10-55	2.2		BWR	Water	200	422	Radcon	—	—
EC-1	FL, Natick	Training, research	Army	A.L.O.	6-57	6-57	1.0		PWR	Water	100	320	Radcon	—	—
EC-2	WV	Portable unit in power	Army	Armstrong General	9-61	9-62	0.50		CCR	Fluoride	215	1200	Radcon	10	1
OPERATIONAL PLANTS															
EC-1A	FL, Natick	Base power and heat	Army	A.L.O.	9-62	9-62	1.00		PWR	Water	1200	420	Radcon	—	—
EC-1B	WV, Natick	Base power and heat	Armstrong	Natick Co.	9-62	9-62	1.0		PWR	Water	1200	475	Radcon	400	25
EC-1C	FL, Natick	Base power and heat	Army	A.L.O.	10-62	9-63	1.0		PWR	Water	1750	510	Radcon	210	27
EC-1D	FL, Natick	Base power and heat	Army	Natick Co.	9-62	9-62	1.0		PWR	Water	1300	475	Radcon	400	25
EC-1E	FL, Natick	Portable unit in power	Army	Natick Co.	1-67	1-68	10.0		PWR	Water	1400	510	Radcon	—	—

## Legend

Core Letter

Reactor Letter

E = stationary 1 = low power (up to 1 megawatt)  
P = portable 2 = medium power (2 to 10 megawatts)  
B = mobile 3 = high power (over 10 megawatts)

Location

WV = National Reactor Testing Station, Idaho

## Designers

ANL = Argonne National Laboratory  
A.L.O. = American Locomotive Co.

## Reactor type

BWR = Boiling water  
PWR = Pressurized water  
CCR = Gas cooled

\*Peak of attainment of self-sustaining nuclear  
reaction

<sup>1</sup>Thermal megawatt-years, see electrical

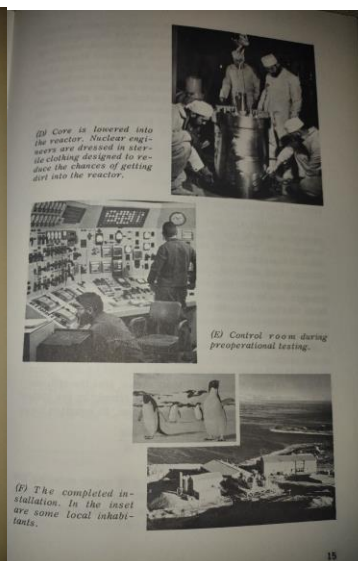
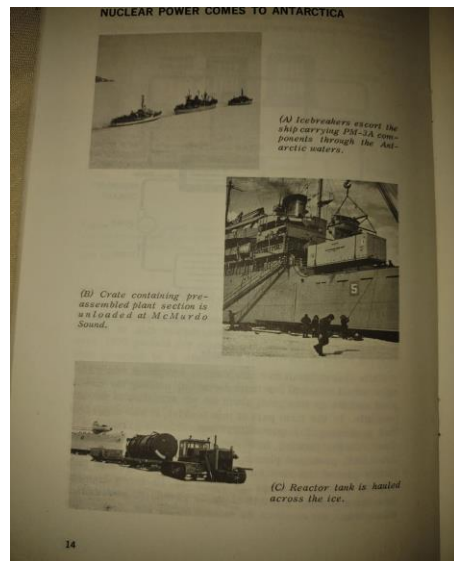
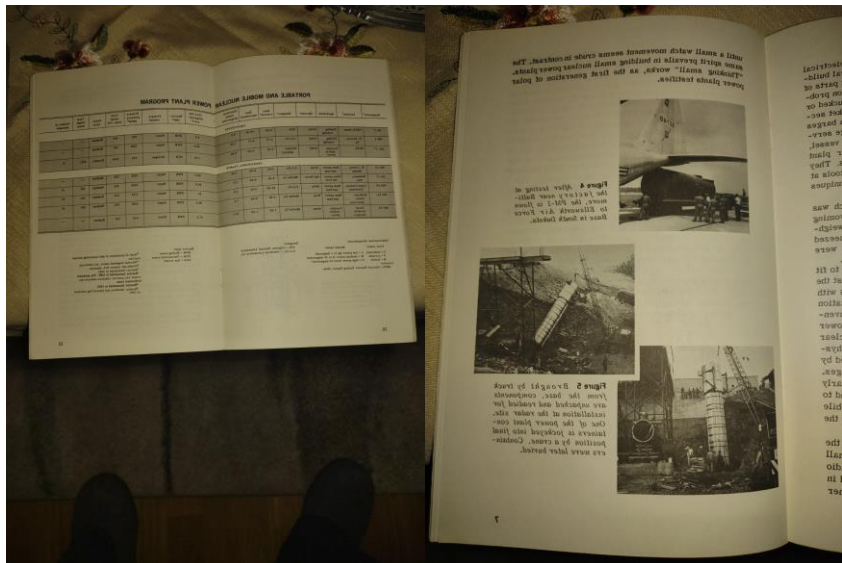
<sup>2</sup>Power per square inch, absolute

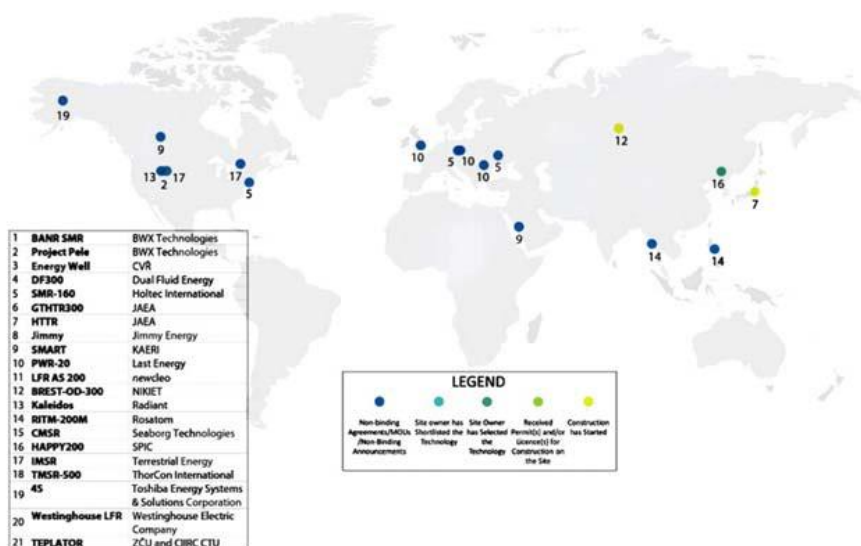
<sup>3</sup>Reactor dismantled in 1962

<sup>4</sup>Reactor dismantled in 1962. The pressure  
vessel was used for neutron-induced ex-  
perimentation tests.

<sup>5</sup>Reactor dismantled in 1963.

<sup>6</sup>Reactor shutdown and dismantling initiated  
in 1965.





SMR BWRX-300 de GE Hitachi de 300 MWe

USA et Japon



SMR Rolls-Royce de 470MWe

UK



SMR AP300 de Westinghouse de 300 MWe

USA



SMR Holtec de 160 MWe

USA



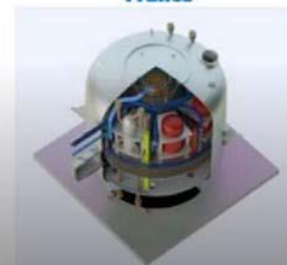
SMR VOYGR de NuScale de 300 MWe

USA



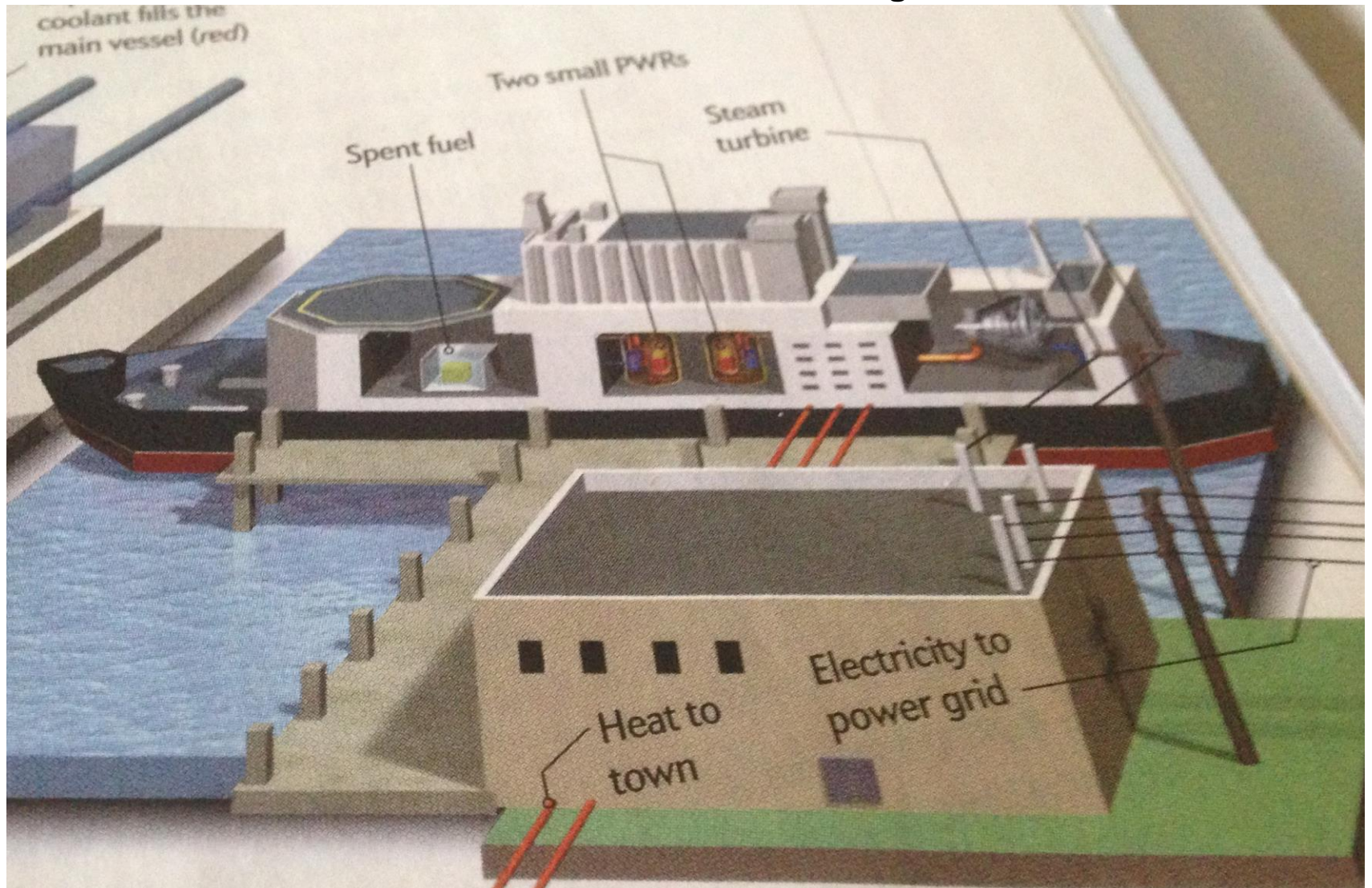
SMR NUWARD d'EDF de 2x170MWe

France





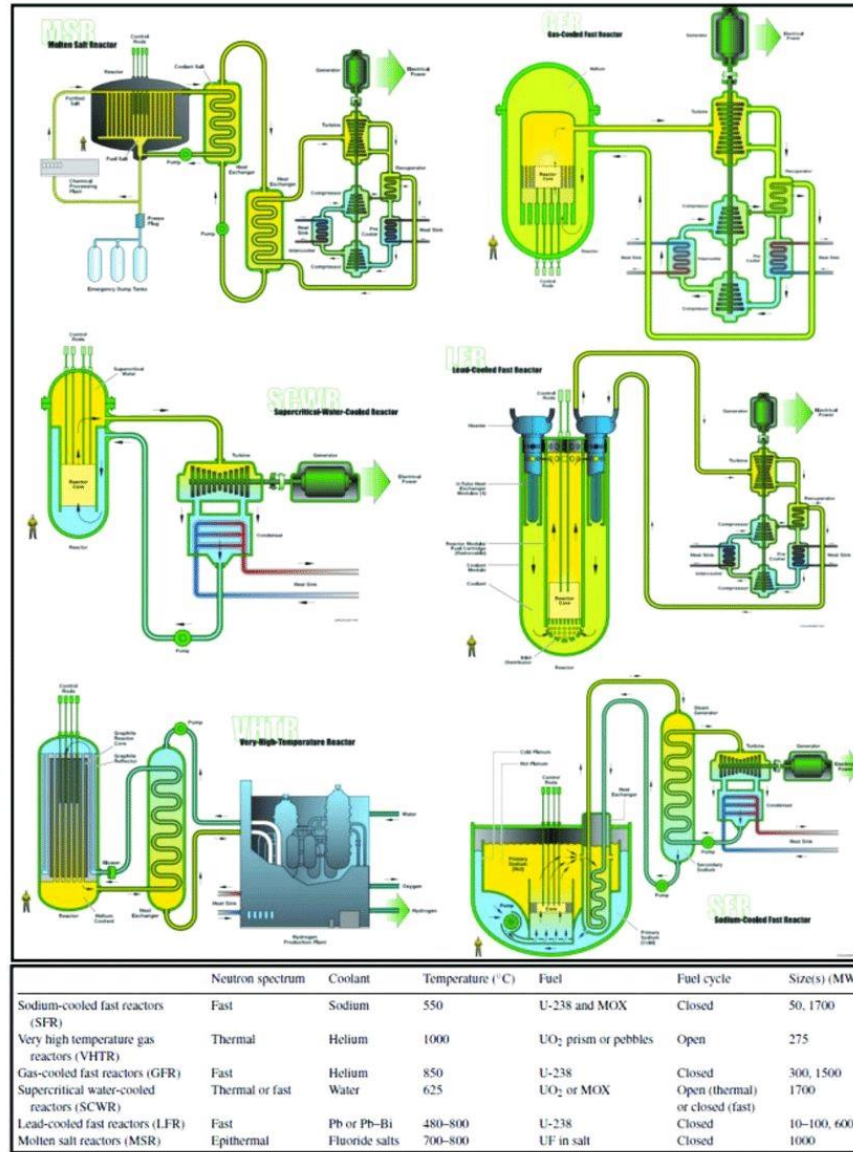
## Russian nuclear reactor on a barge





## Thermal

## Fast



capacity  
NUSCALE

Electrical capacity 77 MWe (gross)

Capacity factor >95 percent

Dimensions 76' x 15' cylindrical containment vessel module containing reactor and steam generator

Weight ~700 tons in total are shipped from the factory in three segments

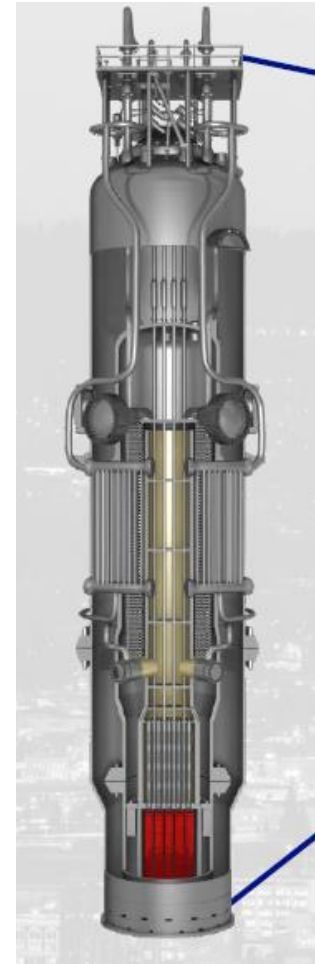
Transportation Truck, rail or barge

Cost

Numerous advantages due to simplicity, modular design, volume manufacturing and shorter construction times

Fuel

Standard LWR fuel in 17 x 17 configuration, each assembly 2 meters (~ 6 ft.) in length; up to 24-month refueling cycle with fuel enriched at less than 5 percent



# What is ALFRED?

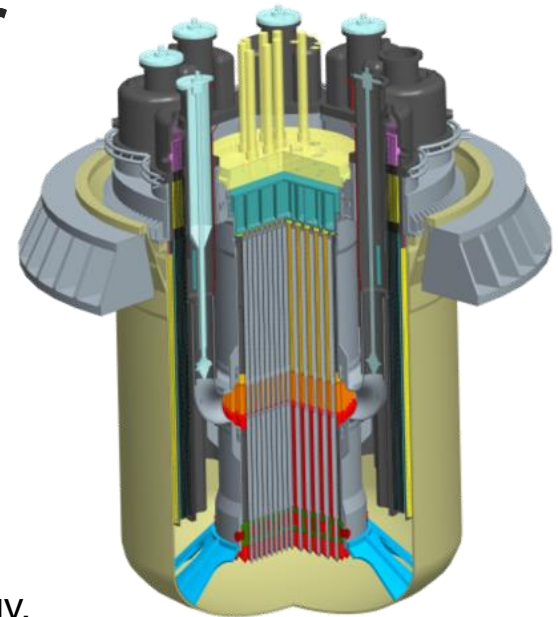
## Advanced Lead Fast Reactor European Demonstrator

**ALFRED** is a Research Reactor, as part of a **pan-European Distributed Research Infrastructure**.

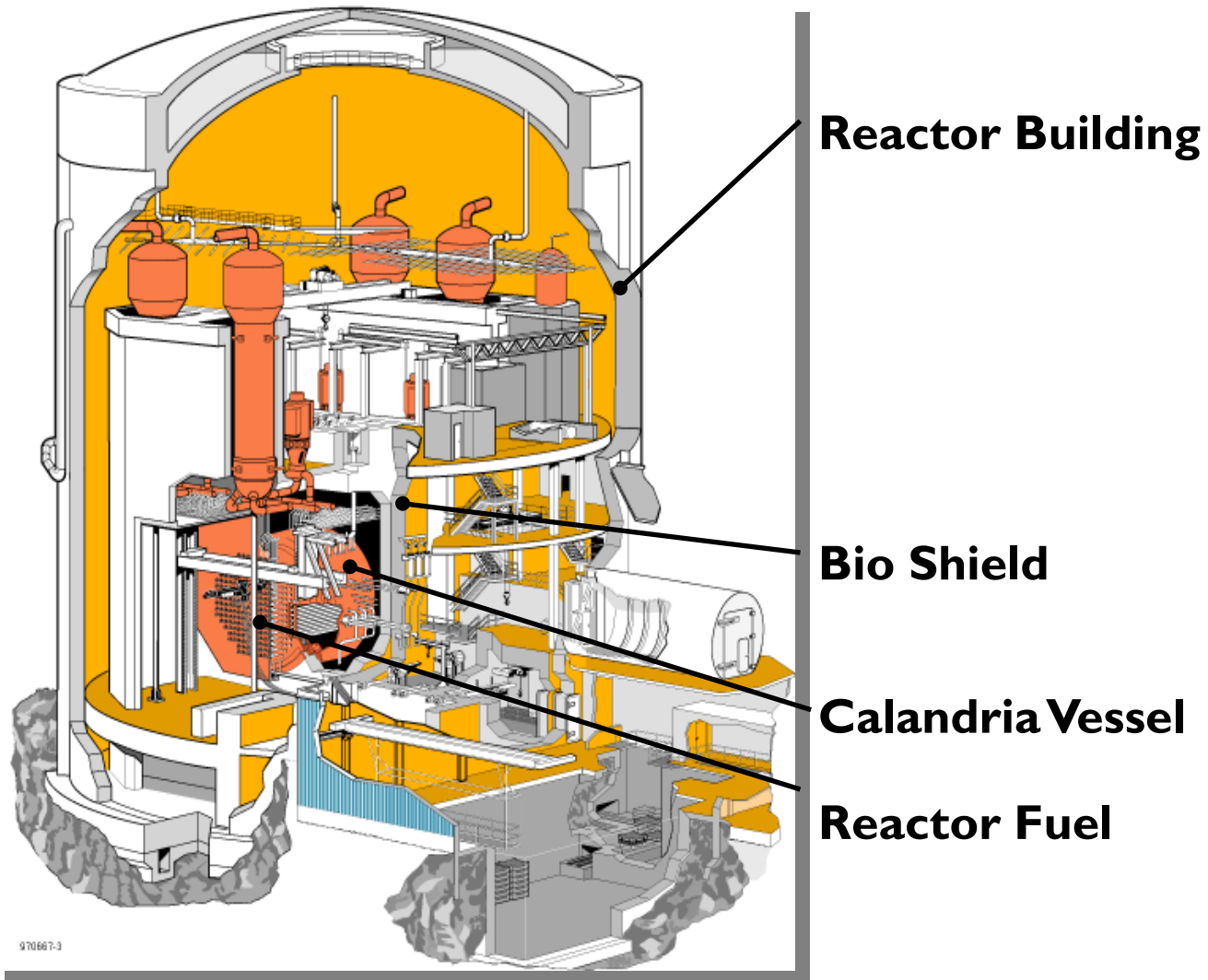
**ALFRED** is a **demonstrator**, and not a prototype, dedicated to the **development** of the LFR technology.

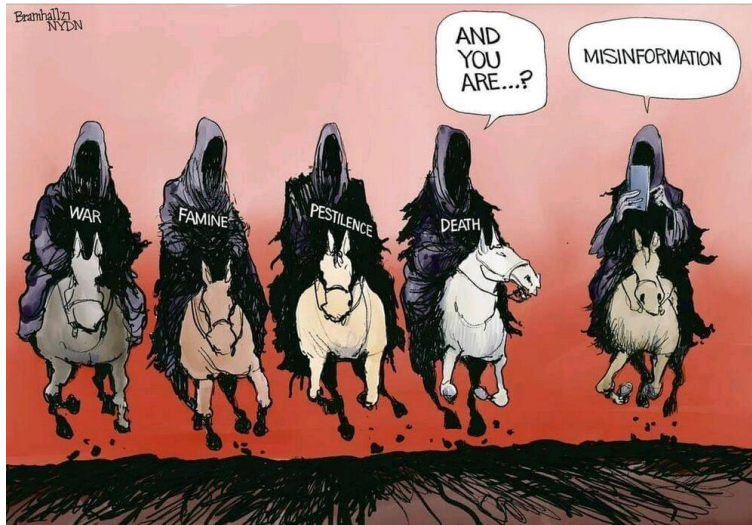
**ALFRED** is a 300 MWth **reactor** addressing the concerns on **safety, economics** and **sustainability** of nuclear energy.

Demonstration of a safer and more sustainable secure energy



# CANDU-6 Multiple Layers Protection

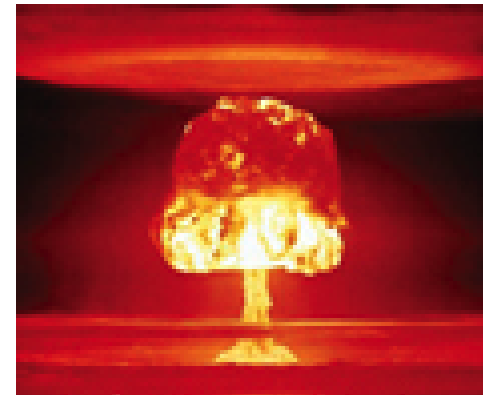




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**EVOLUTION**

**THE END**

Welcome to the Romanian nuclear future

Thank you !