## The NuScale SMR Benefits, Myths and Prognosis



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## **NuScale Power Update**

- NuScale technology in development and design since 2000 (DOE) MASLWR program.
- Electrically-heated 1/3-scale Integral test facility first operational in 2003
- Company formed in 2007
- Began NRC design certification (DC) preapplication project in April 2008
- Twelve-reactor simulated control room operational in May 2012 for Human Factors Engineering development
- DOE announces FOA win in 2013 and Cooperative Agreement signed May 2014
- New Office opening in Charlotte, NC
- 115 Patents Granted or Pending, U.S. and Internationally
- ~350 FTE's currently on project, ~\$200MM spent project life-to-date



NuScale Engineering Offices Corvallis



One-third scale Test Facility



NuScale Control Room Simulator



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# **FLUOR** - an American Company

- Acquired majority interest in NuScale in October 2011
- A global, publicly traded engineering, procurement, construction, companies
- #110 in the FORTUNE 500 in 2013
- More than 1,000 projects annually, serving more than 600 clients in 66 countries
- More than 43,000 employees worldwide
- Offices in more than 28 countries on 6 continents
- Over 100 years of experience



Fluor Corporate Headquarters Dallas, Texas

Revenue	\$27.6 billion	
New awards	\$27.1 billion	
Backlog	\$38.2 billion	
Investment Grade Credit Ratings:		
S&P	A-	
Moody's	A3	
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## Why the NuScale SMR?

- Factory construction exploits 8-3-1 rule
- Modularity lowers financial risks
- Simplicity lowers unit costs
- Significantly enhanced safety
- Technology risks minimized by
  - Using Proven technology
  - Integral test facilities

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## **Normal Operation**

- Primary side
  - natural circulation
  - integral pressurizer
  - No Reactor Coolant Pumps
- Secondary side
  - feedwater plenums
  - two helical steam generators with large surface area per volume to maximize thermal efficiency
  - steam plenums

Normal Operation Video





primary coolant flow path



## **Power Conversion System**



#### **Key Features:**

- One turbine generator (45MWe) per unit
- Shared cooling towers and circulating water system (per 6 units)
- 100% turbine bypass capability
- Reactor building and pool water add barriers to limit potential accident releases



## **Reactor Building**







## **Plant Overview for a 12 module installation**

Overall Plant	
Net Electrical Output	>540 MWe
Thermal Efficiency	>30%
Number of Power Generation Units	12
Nominal Plant Capacity Factor	> 95%
Site Water Usage	14,000 gpm (peak withdrawal, wet cooling towers)
Protected Area Size	~40 acres
Power Generation Unit	
Number of Reactors	One
Reactor Thermal, Electric Rating	160 Mwt, 45 Mwe
Steam Generator Number and	Two independent bundles
Туре	Vertical helical tube
Steam Cycle	Regenerative Rankine, superheated



## **Site Layout**





### **Simplicity Enhances Safety**

#### All safety equipment needed to protect the core is shown on this picture

- Natural Convection for Cooling
  - Passively safe, driven by gravity, natural circulation of water over the fuel
  - No pumps, no need for emergency generators
- Seismically Robust
  - System submerged in a below-ground pool of water in an earthquake resistant building
  - Reactor pool attenuates ground motion and dissipates energy
- Simple and Small
  - Reactor core is 1/20th the size of large reactor cores
  - Integrated reactor design, no large-break loss-of-coolant accidents
- Defense-in-Depth
  - Multiple additional barriers to protect against the release of radiation to the environment



#### 160 MWt NuScale Power Module



## **Containment Design**

#### **High Pressure Containment – Enhanced Safety**

- Containment volume sized so that core does not uncover following a LOCA (prevents fuel heat-up)
- Large water pool keeps containment shell cool and promotes efficient post-LOCA steam condensation
- Insulating vacuum
  - significantly reduces heat transfer during normal operation
  - requires no insulation on reactor vessel. Eliminates sump screen blockage issue (GSI-191)
  - improves LOCA steam condensation rates by eliminating air
  - prevents combustible hydrogen mixture in the unlikely event of a severe accident (i.e., little or no oxygen)
  - reduces corrosion and humidity problems inside containment





## **Decay Heat Removal System**

#### The DHR system is composed of:

- DHR actuation valves
- DHR heat exchangers
- Main steam and feedwater isolation valves
- Ultimate heat sink (reactor pool)

Two 100% redundant trains





DHR System Video

## **Emergency Core Cooling System**

#### The ECC system is composed of:

- Two reactor vent valves
- Two reactor recirculation valves
- Containment vessel
- Containment isolation valves
- Ultimate heat sink (reactor pool)

Only 1 RVV and 1 RRV needed





ECC System Video

## **Station Blackout Response**

#### Stable Long-Term Cooling Under all Conditions Reactor and nuclear fuel cooled indefinitely without pumps or power



\* Based on conservative calculations assuming all 12 modules in simultaneous upset conditions and reduced pool water inventory

SBO Video



## **Control Room Simulator**





## **Dispelling the myths**





## On Safety ...

- None of these critiques challenge the basic safety premise
  - The advantage of an infinite heat sink
  - The ability to respond to a total plant blackout with ...
    - No need for operator response
    - No electrical backup
    - No supplemental heat source
  - They ignore the evacuated containment and the high pressure capacity of the smaller containment
  - They trivialize the elimination of the large pipe LOCA
  - They ignore the safety enhancements of added barriers



## On Safety ...

- Instead, they make claims, often contrived, suggesting a desperation to challenge these safety advances:
  - The smaller containment is weaker
    - Wrong
  - A modular configuration increases risks
    - Wrong
  - SMR will require a relaxation of safety requirements to achieve their economics
    - Fewer operators
    - A smaller EPZ
- SMR's are "unproven"
  - Displays an ignorance of the licensing requirements for all nuclear power plants



## NuScale Evolved from OSU's "World Class" Nuclear Testing Programs

- Early 1990's Westinghouse Introduces Passive Safety Systems in their AP600 and AP1000 designs
- NRC rules require R&D to support Design Certification
  - Without "adequate" R&D, NRC will require a "prototype" to be built
- OSU solved this problem for Westinghouse
  - A world class integral system test facility was built by Oregon State University to provide the necessary test information to support Certification of the AP600 and AP1000 without requiring a "prototype"





## NuScale Licensing will be supported by testing in Integral System Test Facility

- Q/A Program in place at OSU
- Test Facility Scaling
  Methodology sent to NRC
   12/10
- IAEA international standard problem test 3/11
- NRC Certification Testing begins in 2011.



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## On Economics ...

- "Economies of small" are trivialized
  - The 8-3-1 rule
  - Simplicity is ignored
- "The economics of mass production of SMRs cannot be proven until hundreds of units have been produced."
  - NuScale economics rely on latent manufacturing capability; nth of a kind costs can be achieved with the first ten modules
- Reduced financial risks are ignored
- They have no actual cost data potential customers are interested because they have





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- Western Initiative for Nuclear (WIN) launched in July 2013
- Washington State Joint Select Energy Task Force
  - ✓ Appointed by Governor in 2013 to reconsider the role of nuclear power in the Northwest
  - ✓ Specifically focused on siting a NuScale plant at Hanford
- Utah Associated Municipal Power Systems (UAMPS)
  - Announced plans for a "Carbon Free Power Project" a NuScale Plant for initial operation in 2023
  - $\checkmark\,$  Plant operator to be Energy Northwest

UAMPS Video #1

UAMPS Video #2

UAMPS Video #3





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### Size Comparison

### Comparison size envelope of new nuclear plants currently under construction in the United States

#### **Typical Pressurized Water Reactor**



\*Source: NRC

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#### **126** NuScale Power Modules



Containment

NuScale's combined containment vessel and reactor system



### NuScale Scalable Modular Design

