

NuScale Power Small Modular Reactor



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Presentation Overview

- Design overview
 - “What if” questions
 - NuScale passive safety concept
- EQ challenges
 - Magnitude of environmental conditions
 - FOAK challenges from an EQ perspective
- EQ opportunities
 - existing fleet
 - early input into the design

NuScale History

- NuScale first of current U.S. SMRs to begin design of commercial NPP
- NuScale technology in development and design since 2000 (DOE) MASLWR program, lessons from AP1000 ¼-scale testing
- Electrically-heated 1/3-scale integral test facility first operational in 2003
- Began NRC design certification (DC) pre-application project in April 2008
- Fluor became lead investor October 2011
- ~380 FTEs currently on project, ~\$230MM spent project life-to-date
- Twelve-reactor simulated control room operational in May 2012 for human factors engineering development
- DOE announces FOA win in 2013



NuScale engineering offices Corvallis



One-third scale test facility



NuScale control room simulator

Design Overview

- What if
 - no pumps were required to circulate water through the core?
 - no pumps were required for the decay heat removal function?
 - no pumps were required for the ECCS function?
 - no pumps were required to “connect” to the ultimate heat sink?
 - DBEs did not require make-up to the RCS?
 - DBEs did not require operator action?
 - DBEs did not require AC or DC power?

NuScale Power System

- NuScale passive concept
 - <C:\Users\though\Videos\NuScale NSSS Operation and BOP Operation.mp4>
- NuScale passive safety
 - reactor trip
 - decay heat removal (DHR)
 - emergency core-cooling system (ECCS)
 - containment isolation
 - all completely passive with
 - no additional water
 - no operator action
 - no AC or DC power

Simplicity Enhances Safety

All safety equipment needed to protect the core is shown in 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



Steel containment is **10 times stronger** than typical PWR

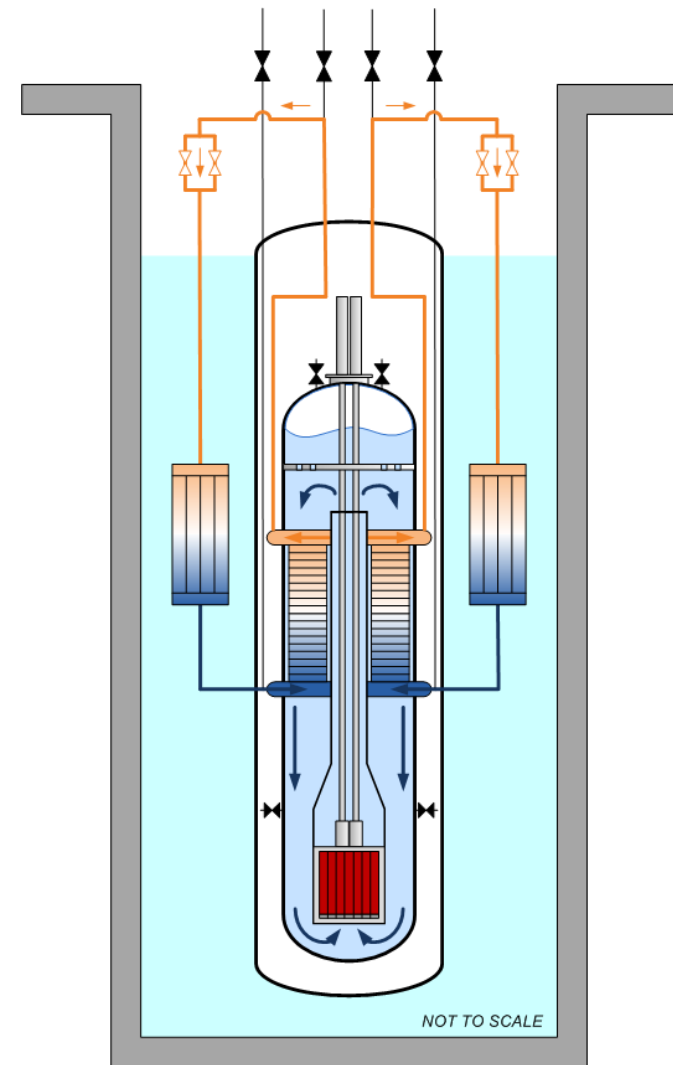
Water volume to thermal power ratio is **four times larger** than typical PWR

Reactor core has only **five percent of the fuel** of a large reactor

160 MWt NuScale Power Module

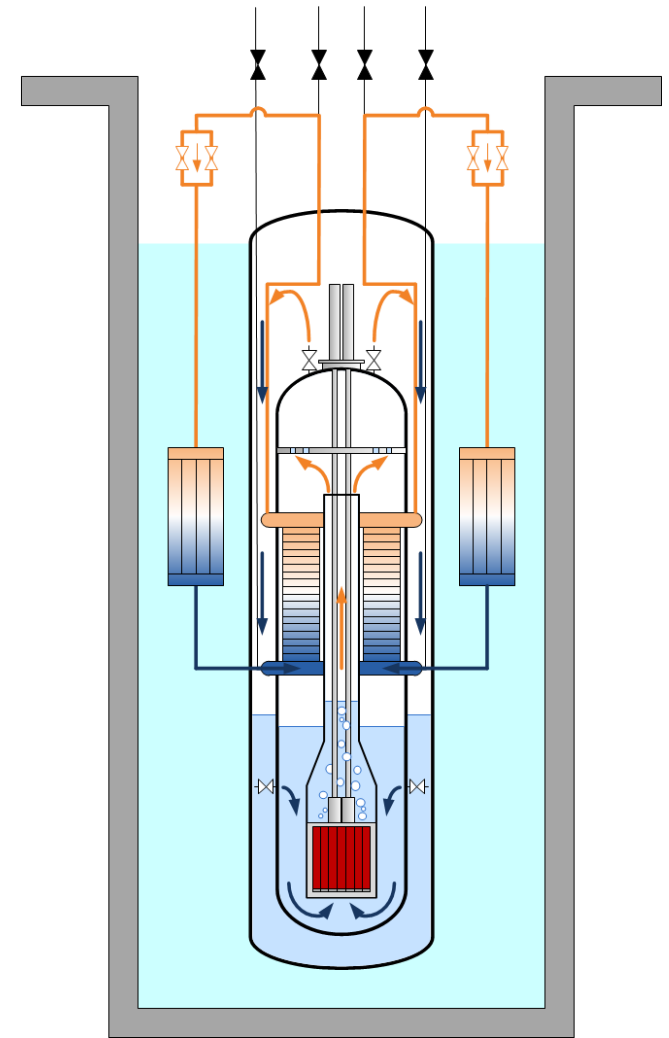
Decay Heat Removal

- The DHR system is composed of
 - four DHR actuation valves
 - two DHR heat exchangers
 - main steam and feedwater isolation valves
 - ultimate heat sink (reactor pool)
- Two 100% redundant trains



Emergency Core Cooling

- The ECC system is composed of
 - two reactor vent valves (RVV)
 - two reactor recirculation valves (RRV)
 - containment vessel
 - containment isolation valves
 - ultimate heat sink (reactor pool)
- Only one RVV and one RRV needed



Environmental Qualification Challenges

- The magnitude of the environmental conditions
 - Containment
 - normally kept at a vacuum
 - containment pressure rating exceeds current LOCA chamber capability
 - small containment volume
 - FOAK SSCs
 - NuScale has a comprehensive reactor qualification plan
 - includes about five years of FOAK testing
 - component qualification beyond DCA related testing
 - plan and SSC specific information is proprietary

Environmental Qualification Opportunities

- “*The Best EQ Qualification is No EQ Qualification*” (Ron Wise, circa 19XX)
 - Keep those SSCs out of the harsh environment
- Opportunities that the existing fleet did not have
 - A lot of plants were built or designs complete when TMI happened
 - Minimal number of SSCs that have to actuate
 - Early EQ input into design activities
 - Design meetings, constantly ask and encourage all disciplines to ask
 - » What’s the radiation environment
 - » What’s the thermal environment
 - » Is there a high-energy line break concern in that area
- Developing the list of electrical and mechanical equipment important to safety



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