



Nuclear Reactors for Decarbonized Civil Maritime Transportation

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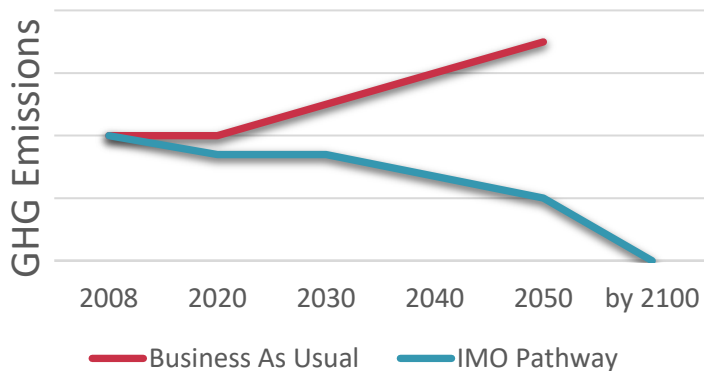
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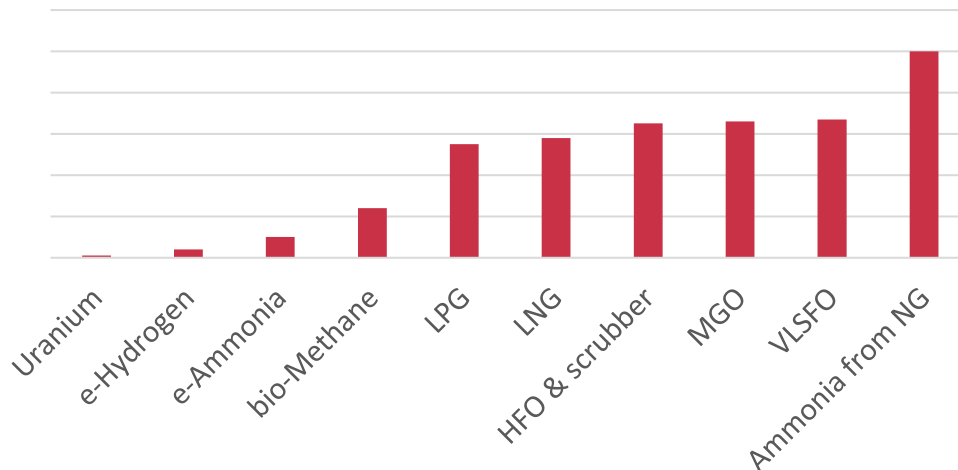
Decarbonizing maritime transportation is an extraordinary challenge...



IMO Decarbonization Strategy



Typical Well-to-Wake CO₂ Emissions of Marine Fuels (normalized per unit energy produced)

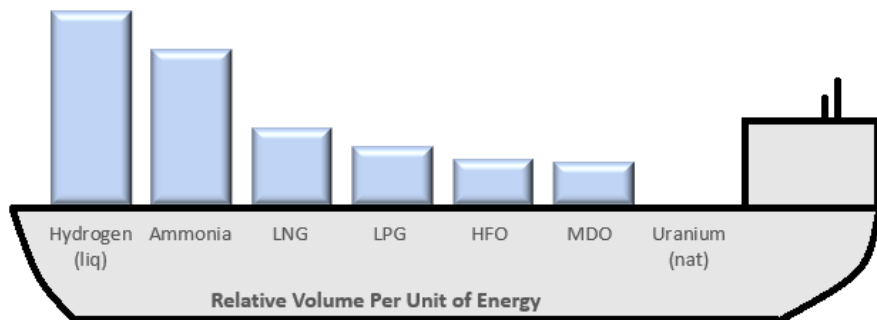


SOLUTION OPTIONS:

1. e-fuels generated via zero-carbon energy
2. On-ship clean energy generation



- Production of e-fuels using nuclear energy
 - Zero-emission
 - High power density needed for sufficient fuel volumes
 - Consider fuel volume and safety

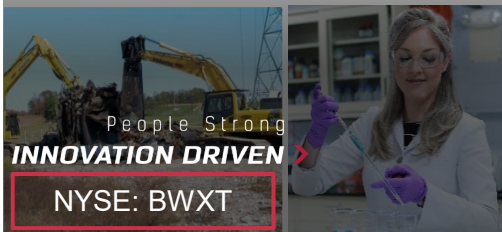
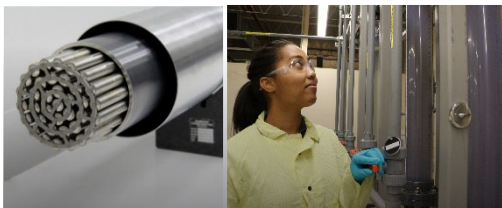


- or, on-board nuclear electric plant
 - Zero-emission, low noise
 - Small footprint
 - Stable operational costs
 - Potential for higher ship speed
 - Ability to redirect electric power to shore
 - Legal and regulatory challenges

BWXT Company Highlights



BWXT is one of the world's most prolific nuclear technology innovation companies and the sole manufacturer of naval nuclear reactors for U.S. submarines and aircraft carriers.



6,600
highly skilled
employees



**\$2.1 billion
USD**
in 2021 revenues



12
major manufacturing
facilities totaling 3.9
million square feet



60+
years manufacturing naval
nuclear components
and reactors



300+
commercial nuclear
steam generators
manufactured



1.5 million+
Canada Deuterium
Uranium (CANDU)
fuel bundles provided



13
U.S. Department of Energy
laboratories, environmental
cleanup projects and NASA sites



8,000+
fuel elements delivered to U.S.
national laboratories, universities
and international customers

165-Year History of Innovation

75-Year History of Nuclear Technology

1856

Stephen Wilcox patented the water tube boiler



1907

Teddy Roosevelt's Great White Fleet powered by B&W boilers

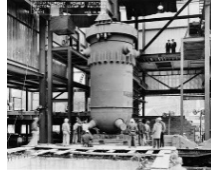
1946

Awarded first U.S. Navy contract for propulsion systems



1953

Designed and fabricated components for world's first nuclear powered submarine



1956

Manufactured components for first commercial nuclear power plant in the U.S.

1962

Designed and furnished commercial nuclear reactor systems for Indian Point

1966

Initiated design and fabrication of nuclear components for Nimitz-class aircraft carriers



1994

Awarded first major DOE site management and operating contract at Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory

1997

Awarded first prime contract from DOE

2015

Selected for design and manufacturing contracts for HPR1000 nuclear plant

2017

Awarded NASA Nuclear Thermal Propulsion Reactor Design contract



2018

Announced disruptive medical isotope manufacturing technology

2019

Introduced FDA-approved medical isotope In-111 generic for diagnostic imaging to the U.S. market



2020

Restarted TRISO advanced nuclear fuel manufacturing for future DoD and NASA missions

2020

Awarded DoD contract for mobile nuclear reactor design

NON-NUCLEAR

NUCLEAR

1856

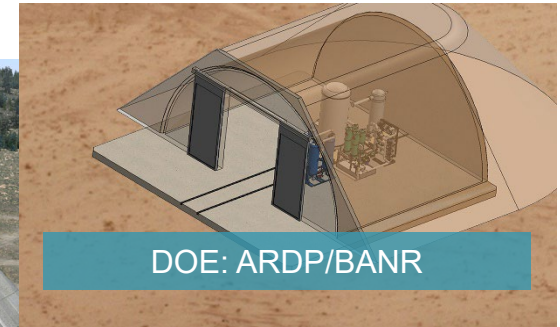
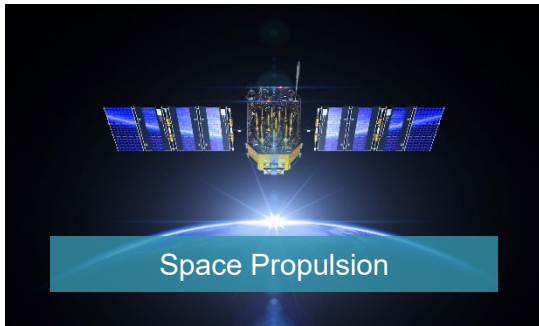
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Ongoing Projects in BWXT Advanced Technologies



Marine nuclear, even civilian, is not new!



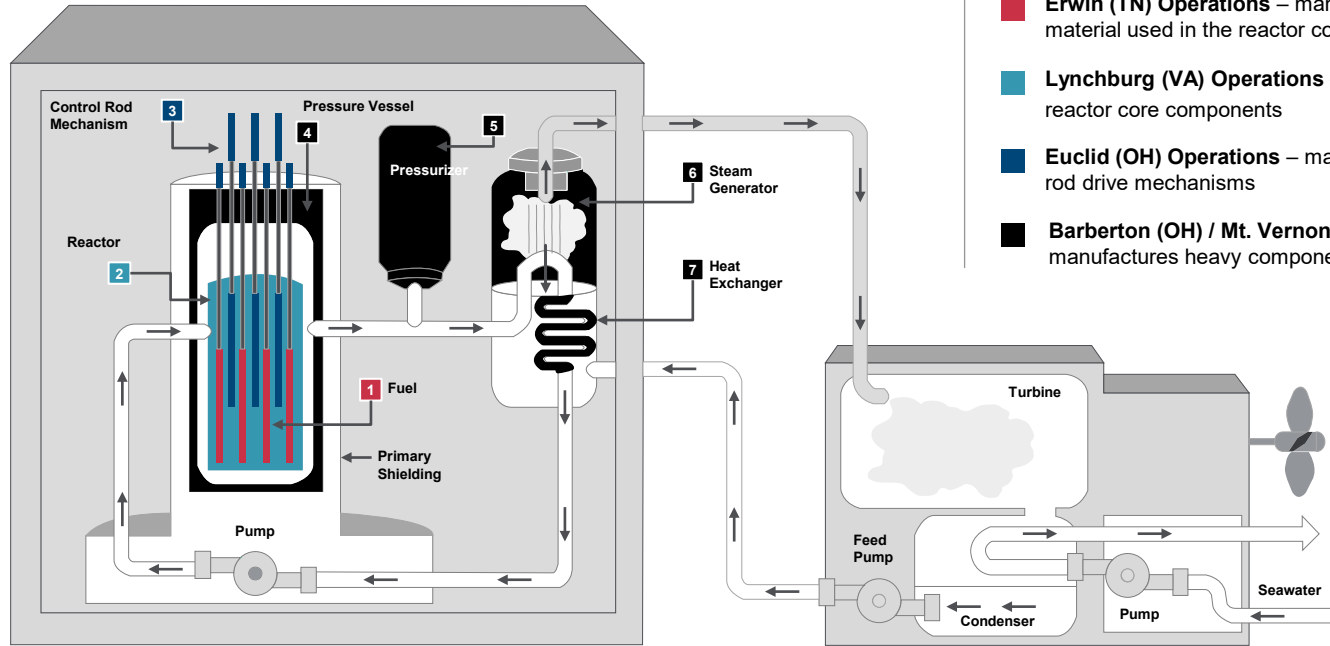
Sevmorput (Rosatom) – 61,000 dwt cargo/icebreaker, 1988-present

NS Savannah (US) – civilian passenger-cargo liner operated from 1962-1965



» Reactor technology is continuously improving, but the big catalyst today is the **DRIVE FOR DECARBONIZATION**

Naval Nuclear Steam Supply System



- Erwin (TN) Operations** – manufactures fuel material used in the reactor core
- Lynchburg (VA) Operations** – manufactures reactor core components
- Euclid (OH) Operations** – manufactures control rod drive mechanisms
- Barberton (OH) / Mt. Vernon (IN) Operations** – manufactures heavy components

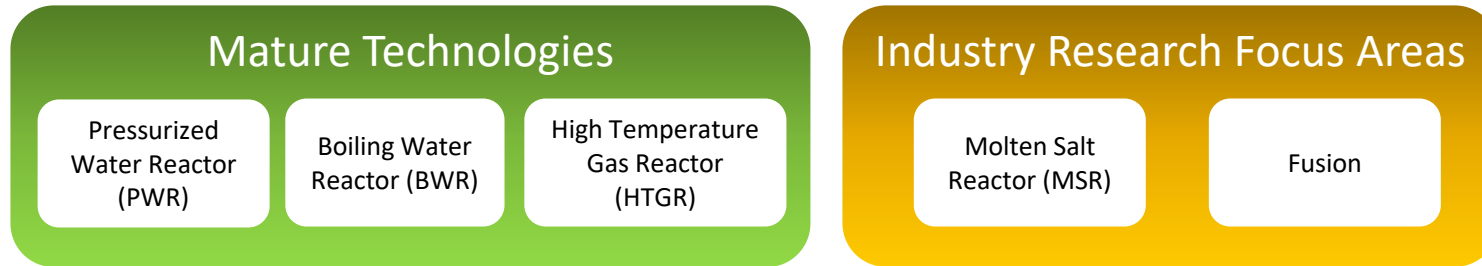
What do we mean by “Nuclear Safety”?



- SUB-CRITICALITY – the ability to “shut down” the self-sustaining nuclear fission reaction
 - Chernobyl disaster exemplifies failure to control nuclear criticality
 - American reactor designs utilize configurations that ensure this type of accident is impossible per the laws of physics; e.g. “negative reactivity feedback”
- DECAY HEAT REMOVAL – the ability to keep reactor components below melting temperatures during fission product decay in a shutdown reactor
 - Three Mile Island & Fukushima exemplify failure to remove decay heat
 - Advanced reactors make use of “passive cooling” concepts
 - In HTGRs like BANR (for example), maximum temperatures possible during accident scenarios remain below the melting points of advanced materials
- RADIATION SHIELDING – minimizing radiation dose during and after operation

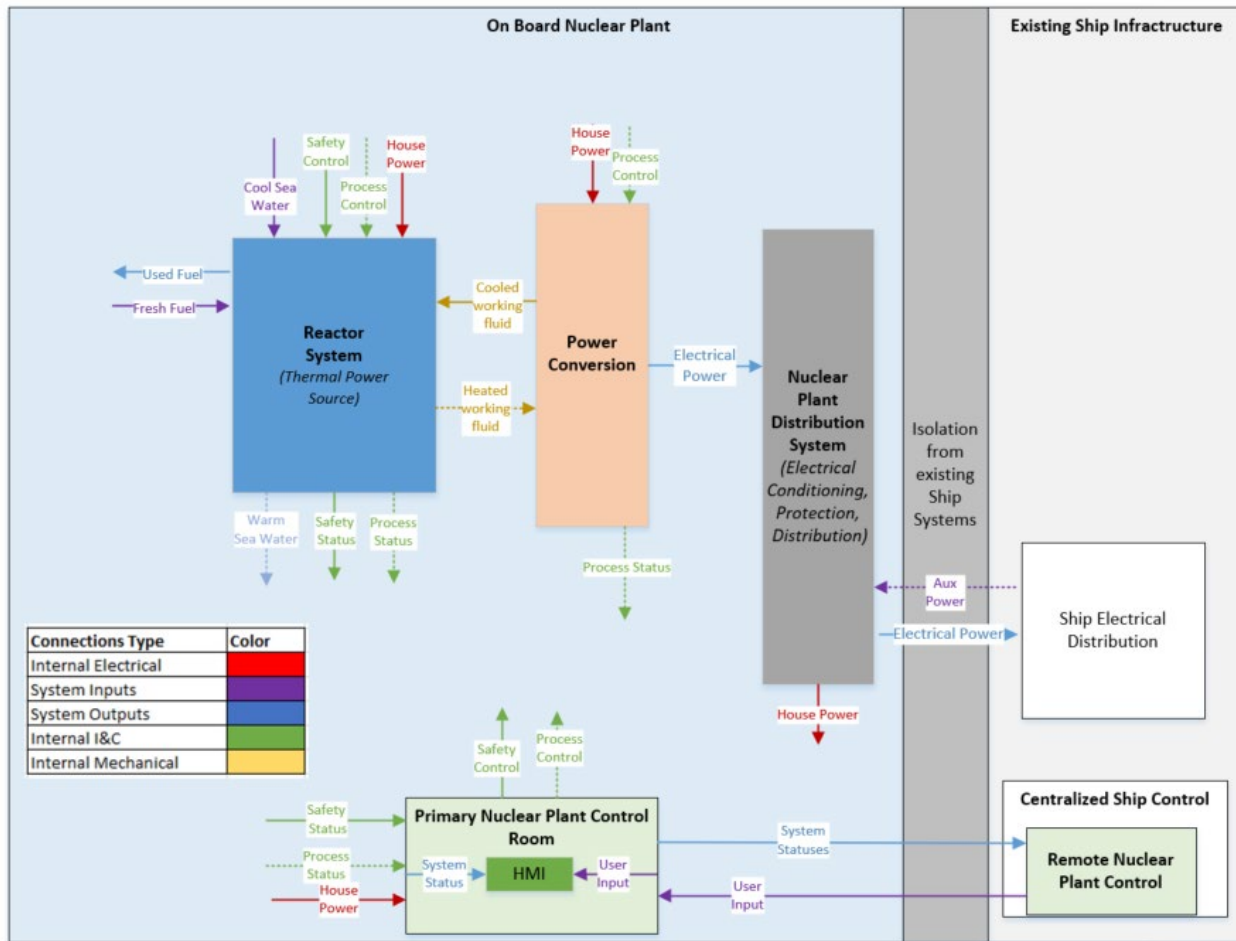


- Many reactor technologies exist, though TRL (Technical Readiness) varies

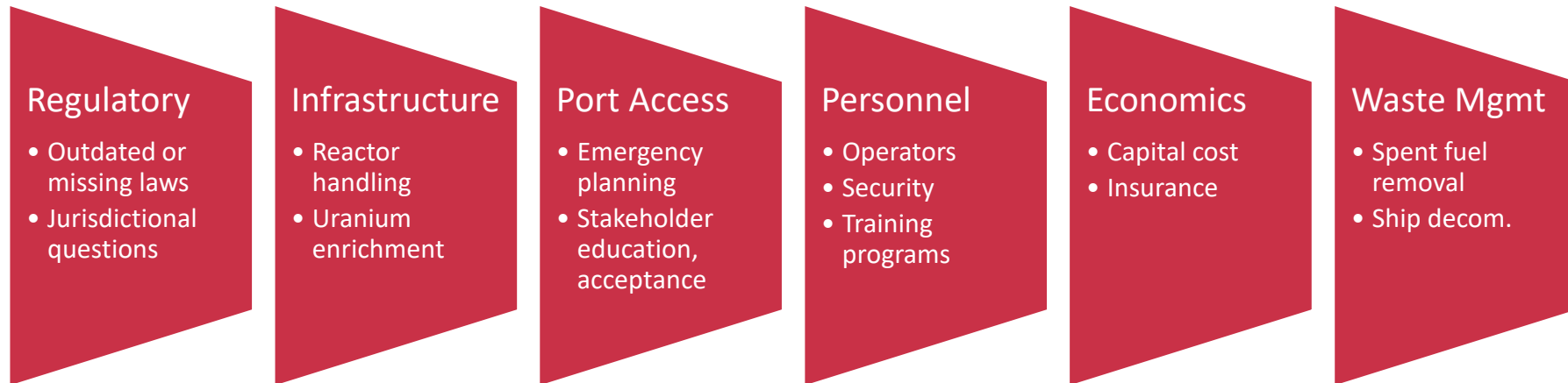


- Civil maritime nuclear will likely differ from naval propulsion:
 - Commercial maritime reactors will not utilize HEU fuel (>20% U-235)
 - Commercial maritime nuclear plants will produce power to drive electric motors, rather than direct mechanical propulsion
- Nuclear and wind solutions are not mutually exclusive!

Example System Architecture – On-ship Nuclear Plant



The biggest challenges to moving forward are not technical ones!



» **Tackling these challenges will require close collaboration between industries & their trade groups, and government(s).**

For more information on commercial maritime nuclear developments, check out the NRIC Maritime Nuclear Application Group at: <https://nric.inl.gov/maritime/>

Questions?

