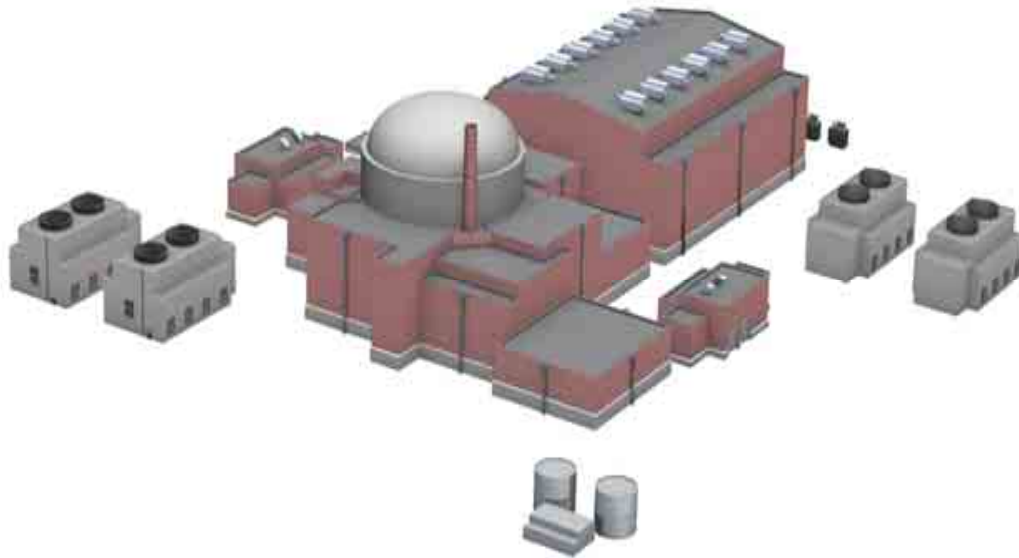


U.S. EPR Design Overview



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The EPR Story

- 1989: Agreement between Framatome and Siemens on development of common next generation PWR**
- 1989-1991: Development Common Product**
- 1991-1994: Involvement of EDF and German utilities
Definition of EPR plant concept**
- 1995-1997: Basic design studies**
- 1998-2003: Post-basic design studies**
- 2003: Order Placed For OL3**
- 2004: Decision to construct an EPR in France**
- 2005: New Plants Deployment BU Formed in US
Constellation/AREVA announce Joint Venture**
- 2007: AREVA submits design certification application in US
EdF begins construction of FA3
AREVA signs contract for 2 EPRs in Taishan, China**

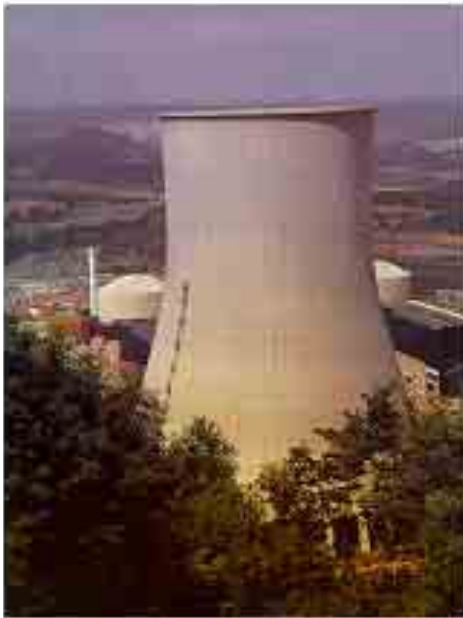


The EPR is Built on Experience of 77 plants operated in France & Germany

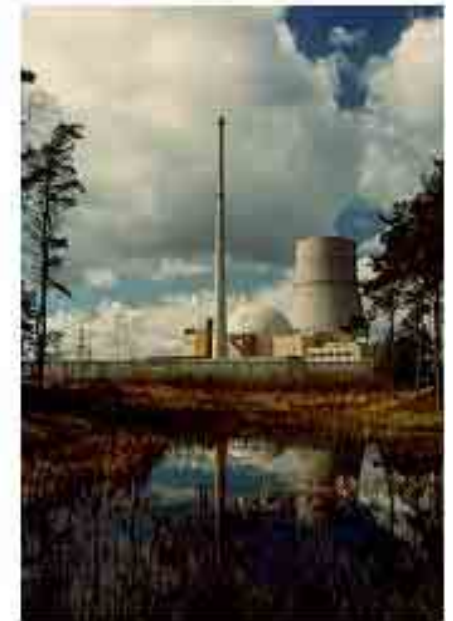
EPR



N4



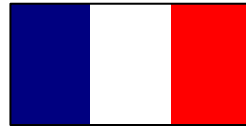
KONVOI



**Evolutionary
development
keeps references**

**Solid Basis of Experience
with Outstanding Performance**

N4 & KONVOI : Two Different Designs



N4

- concrete cylindrical containment prestressed inner wall
 - Cessna, Lear jet
 - fuel building
 - safety systems:
 - 2 100% trains w connections
 - spray system
 - RHR inside the containment
 - bottom in-core instr.
 - computerized MCR
 - core: 205 FAs 17x17

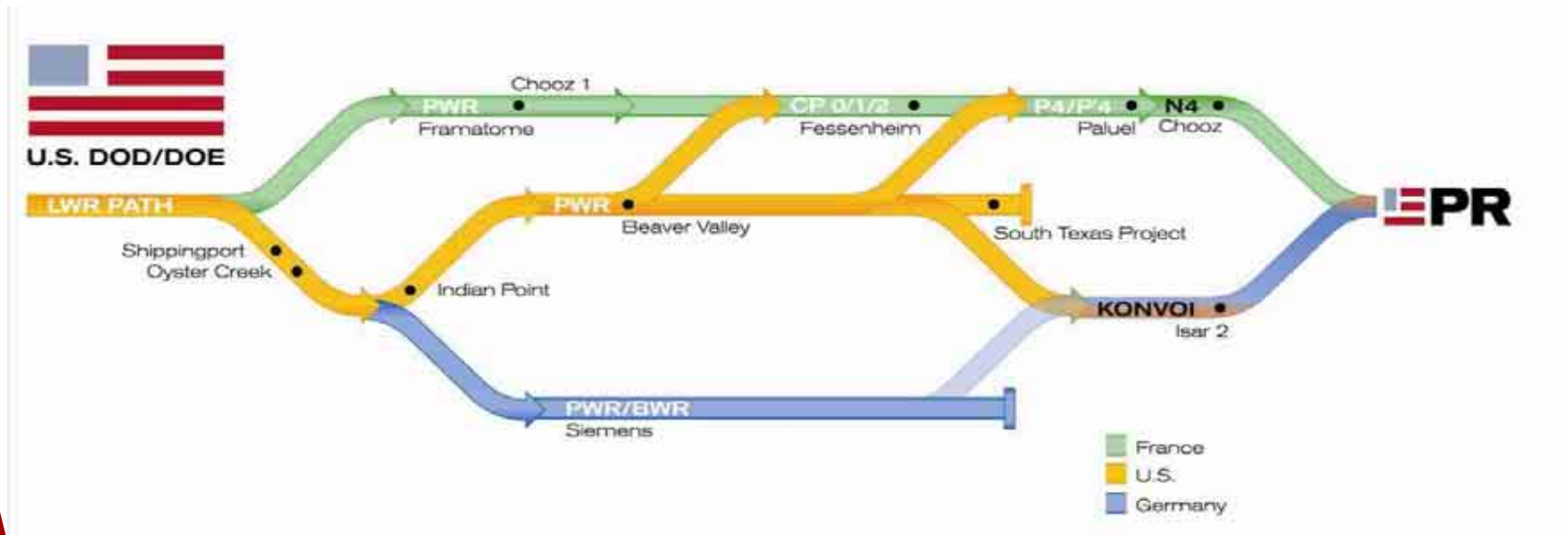


KONVOI

- steel spherical containment
 - military aircraft Phantom
- spent fuel pit inside the reactor building
 - safety systems:
 - 4 independent 50%trains
 - no spray system
 - top mounted in-core instrumentation
- main control room with dedicated panels
 - core: 193 FAs 18x18

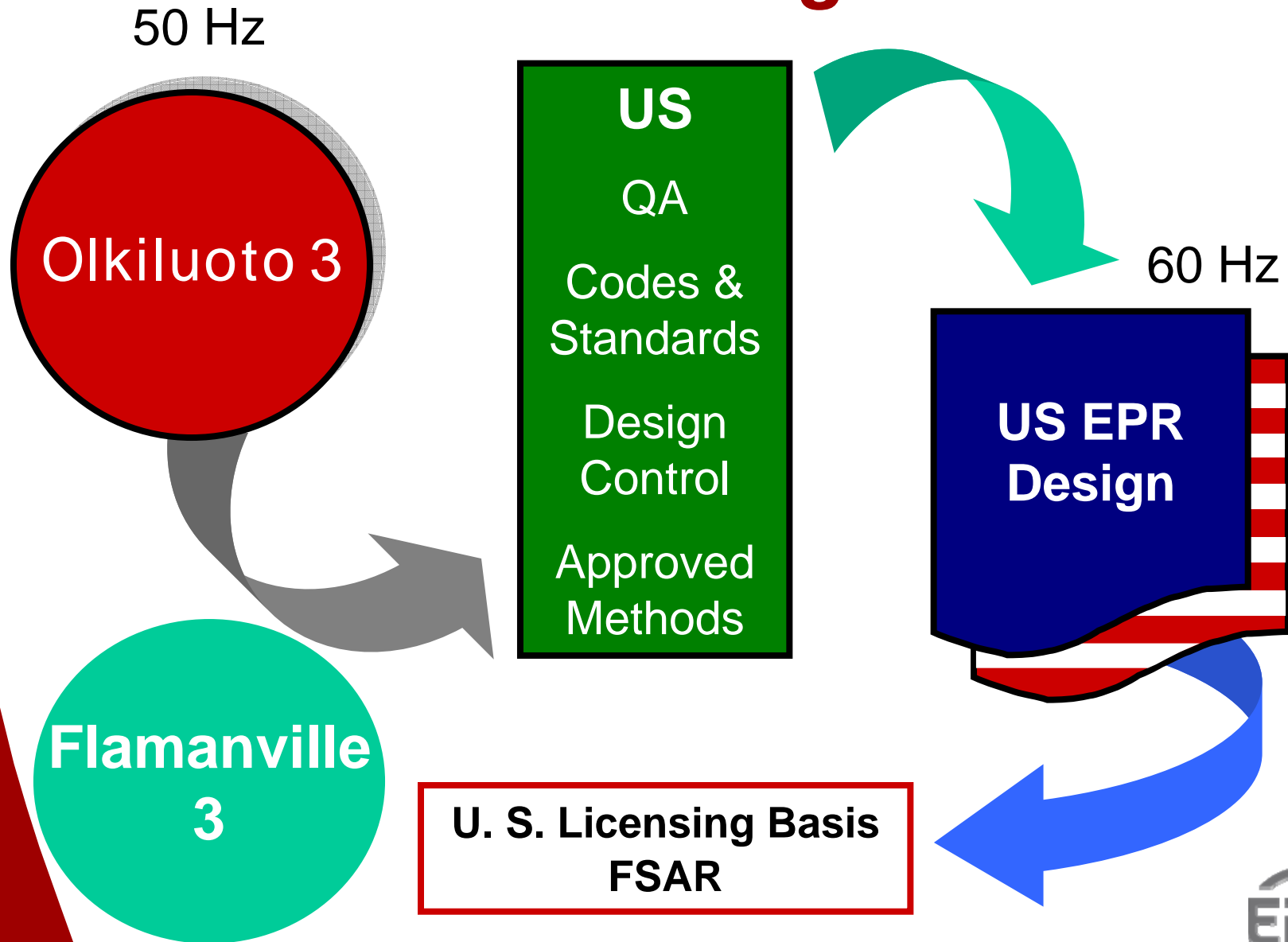
Design Heritage

- EPR is a global product based on U.S. technology and experience that have been advanced to the next level.



A mature design based on familiar technology

EPR Design Conversion



- **Finland – Olkiluoto 3**
- **France – Flamanville 3**
- **China – Tiashan 1 & 2**
- **United States**
 - ◆ **Design Certification**
 - ◆ **Combined License Applications**
 - **Calvert Cliffs**
 - **Nine Mile Point**
 - **Callaway**
 - **Bell Bend**

EPR in Finland Olkiluoto 3



OL3 Nuclear Island – February 2009



EPR in France Flamanville 3



EPR in China Taishan Project

- **Excavation Ceremony - August 2008**
- **The China EPRs will be the third and fourth projects being built in the global EPR fleet.**



U.S. EPR Design Certification

➤ Objective

- ◆ **Obtain design certification for the U.S. EPR**

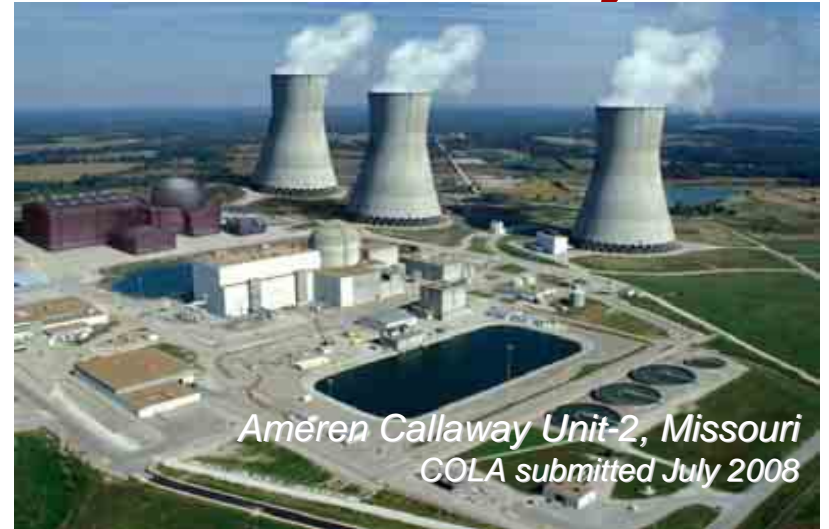
➤ Two phases

- ◆ **Develop and submit FSAR to NRC for review**
 - Project initiated January 2005
 - Submitted to NRC December 11, 2007
- ◆ **Obtain design certification**
 - Application accepted for review - March 26, 2008
 - Final Safety Evaluation Report - June 2011
 - Rulemaking complete - June 2012

U.S. EPR Projects



*Calvert Cliffs Unit-3, Maryland
COLA submitted March 2008*



*Améren Callaway Unit-2, Missouri
COLA submitted July 2008*



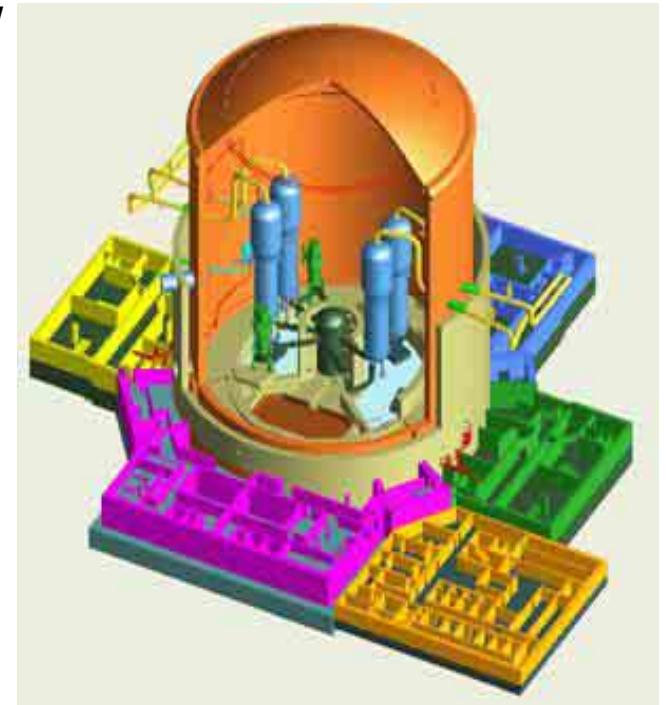
*Nine Mile Point Unit-3, New York
COLA submitted September 2008*



*PPL Bell Bend, Pennsylvania
GOLA submitted October 2008*

EPR Development Objectives

- **Evolutionary design** based on existing PWR construction experience, R&D, operating experience and “lessons learned”
- **Safer**
 - Reduce occupational exposure and LLW
 - Increase design margins
 - Increased redundancy & physical separation of safety trains
 - Reduce core damage frequency (CDF)
 - Accommodate severe accidents and external hazards with no long-term local population effect
- **Improved Operations**
 - Reduce generation cost by at least 10%
 - Simplify operations and maintenance
 - 60-year design life



Major Design Features

➤ Nuclear Island

- *Proven Four-Loop RCS Design*
- *Four-Train Safety Systems*
- *Containment & Shield Bldg*
- *In-Containment Borated Water Storage*
- *Severe Accident Mitigation*
- *Separate Safety Buildings*
- *Advanced 'Cockpit' Control Room*

➤ Electrical

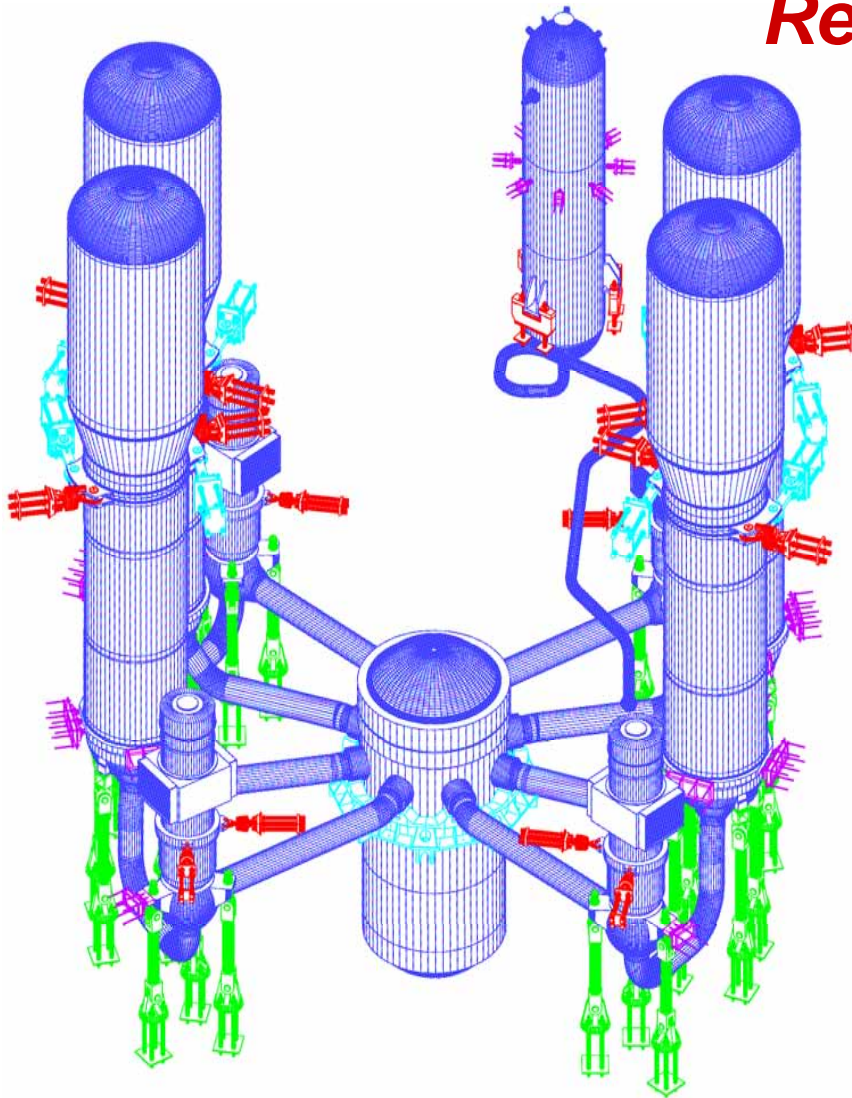
- *Shed Power to House Load*
- *Four Emergency D/Gs*
- *Two Smaller, Diverse SBO D/Gs*

➤ Site Characteristics

- *Airplane Crash Protection (military and commercial)*
- *Explosion Pressure Wave*

***Reflects full benefit of operating experience
and 21st century requirements.***

Reactor Coolant System

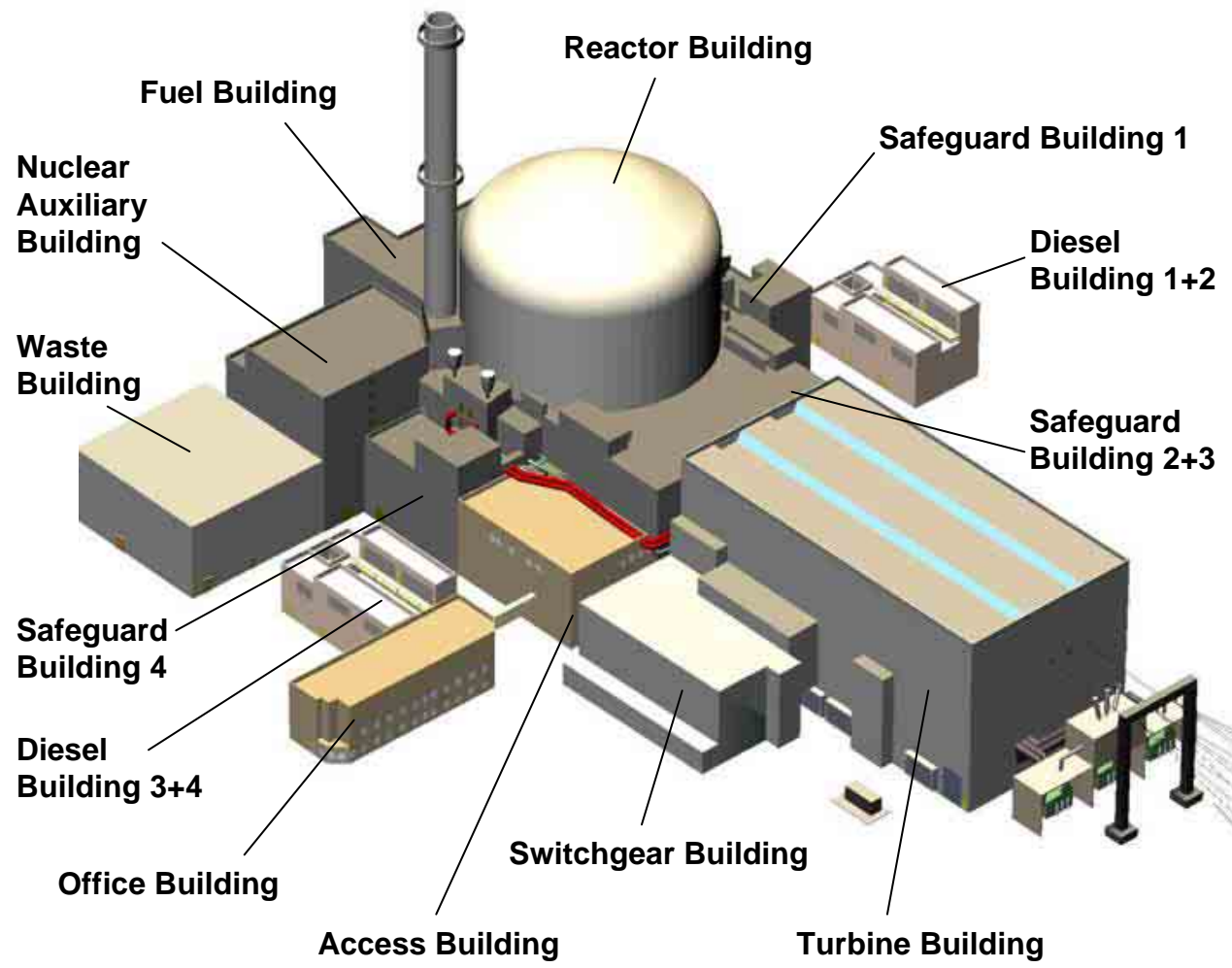


- **Conventional 4-loop PWR design, proven by decades of design, licensing & operating experience.**
- **NSSS component volumes increased compared to existing PWRs, increasing operator grace period for many transients and accidents**

A solid foundation of operating experience.

General Plant Layout

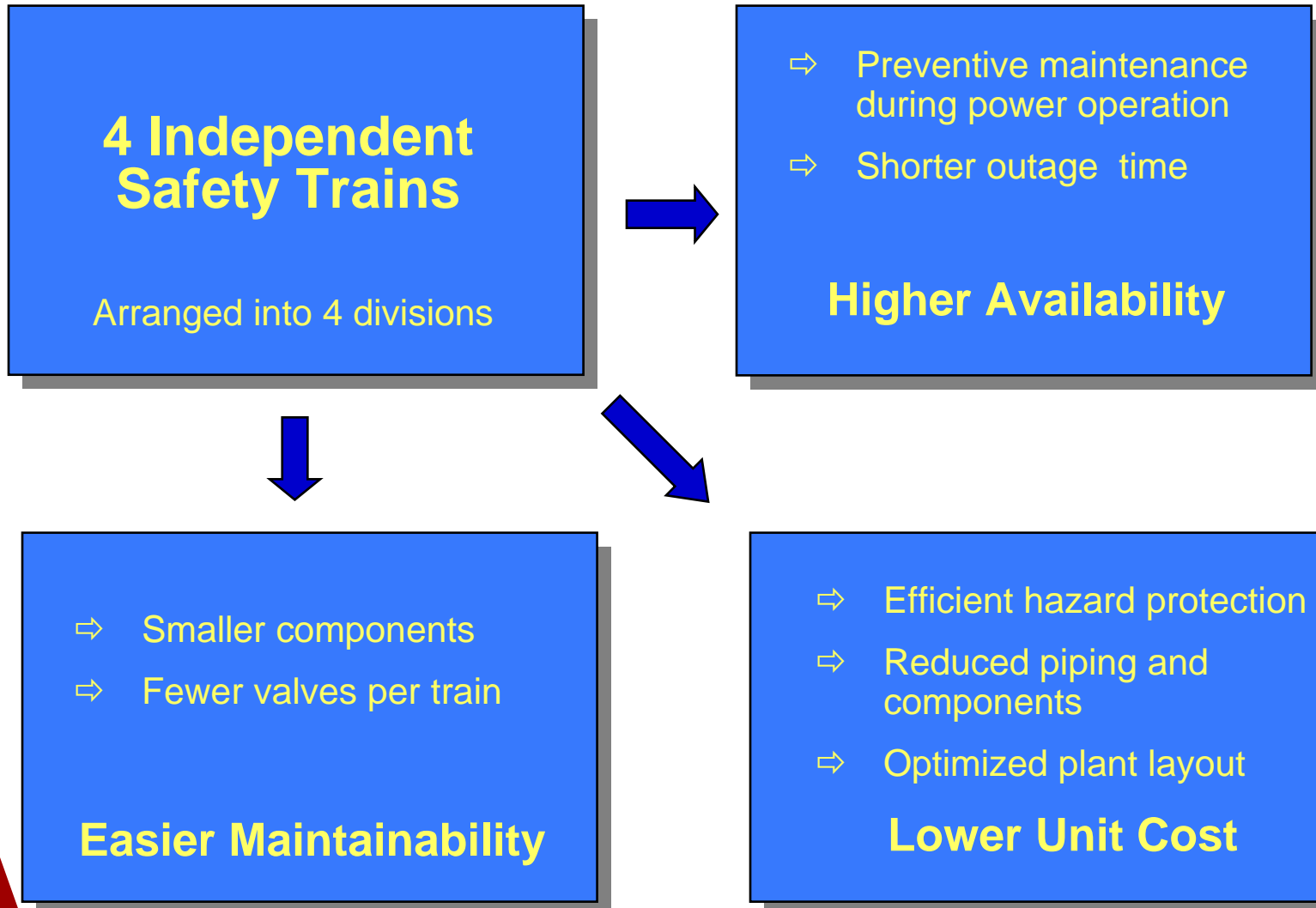
Standard EPR



Radial Design N+2 Approach



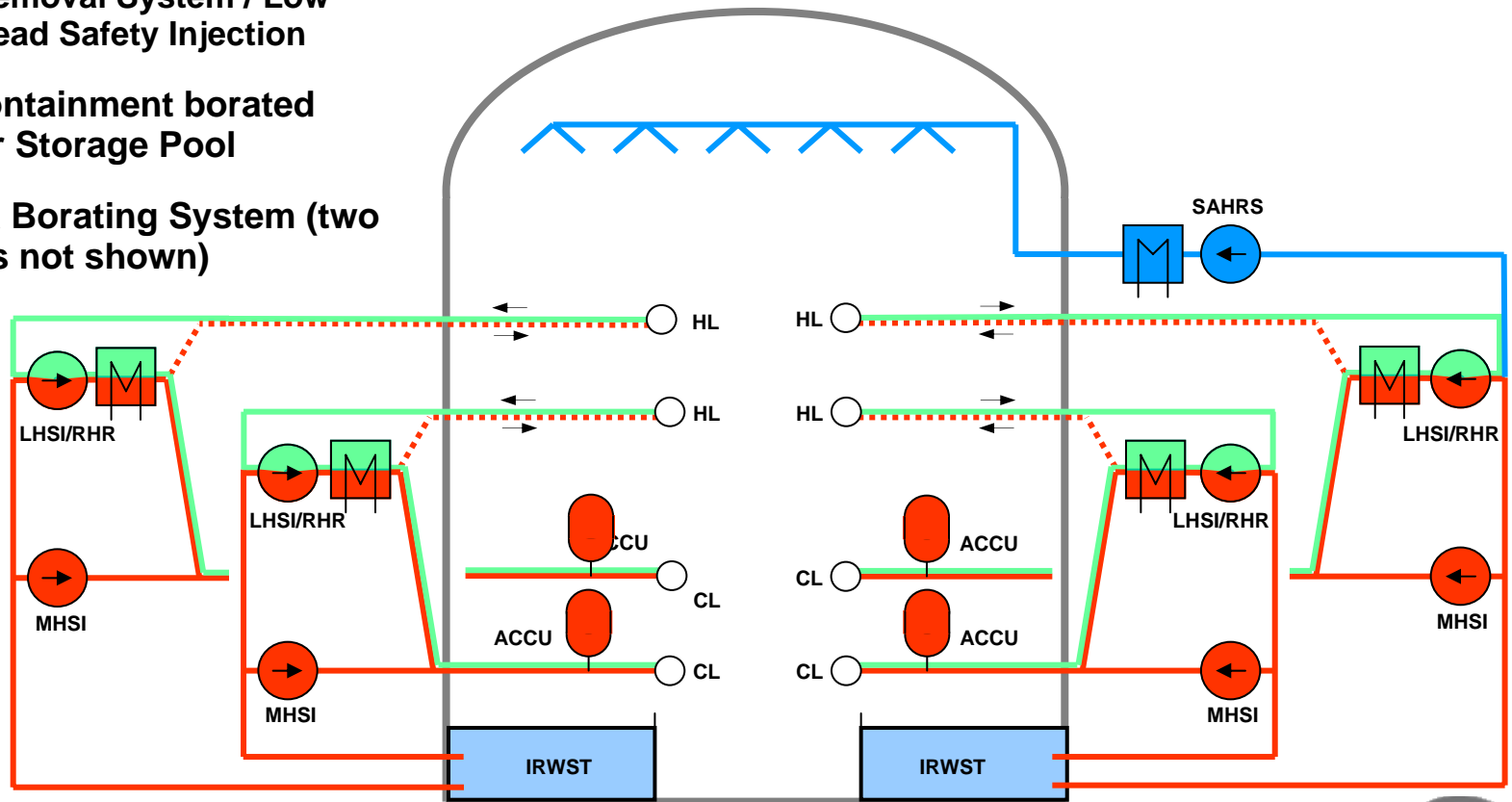
The Four Train Concept



Primary Side Safety Systems

- Four train Safety Injection System (SIS)
 - Medium head SI pumps
 - Combined Residual Heat Removal System / Low Head Safety Injection
- In-Containment borated water Storage Pool
- Extra Borating System (two trains not shown)

- Non-safety containment spray for severe accident



Division 1

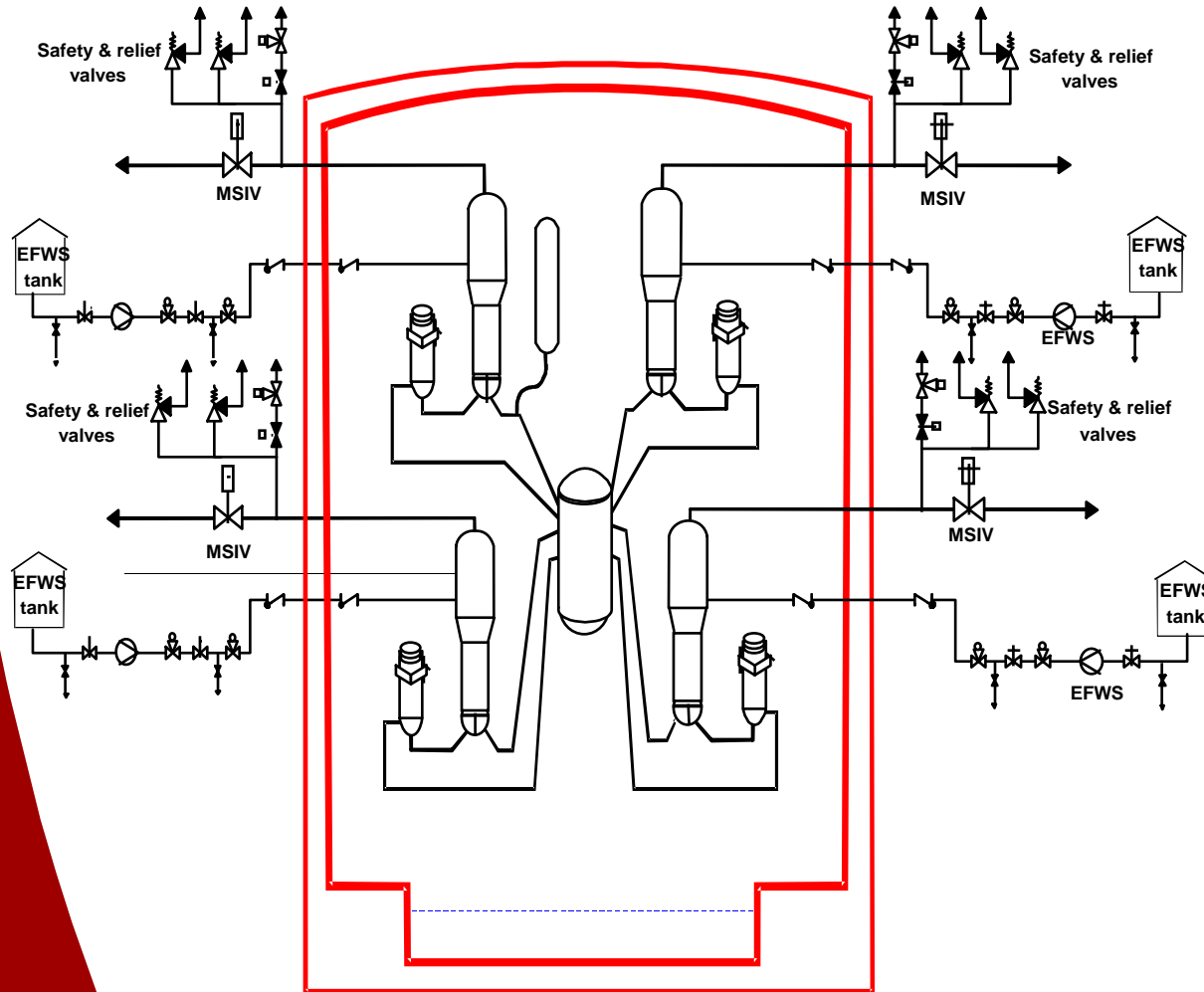
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Division 3

Division 4



Secondary Side Safety Systems

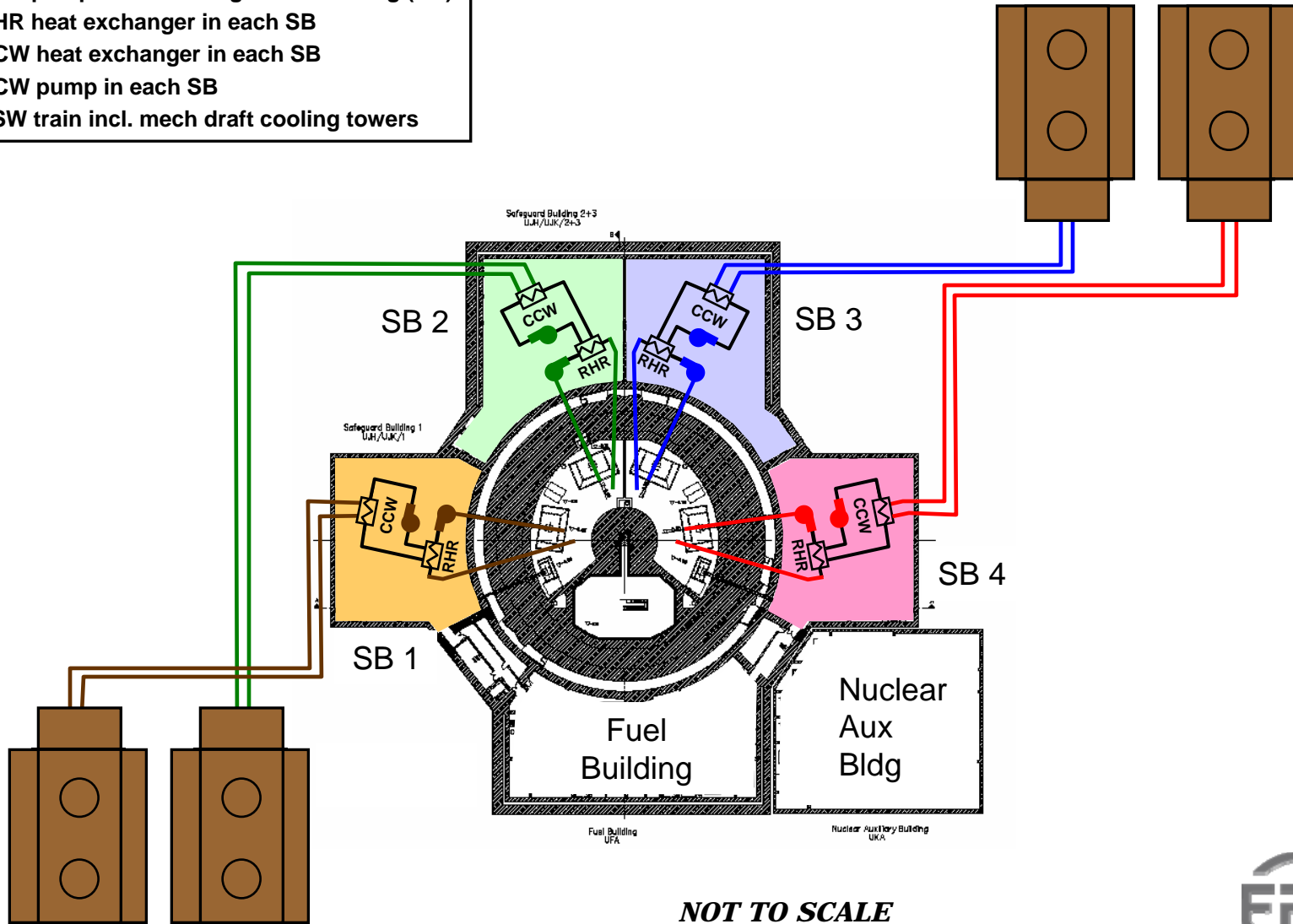


- Safety-related main steam relief train
- Four separate Emergency Feed Water Systems (EFWS)
- Separate power supply for each
- 2/4 EFWS also powered by Station Black Out (SBO) diesels
- Interconnecting headers at EFWS pump suction & discharge

Example: Residual Heat Removal Systems

Each Train Connects to Different RCS Loop

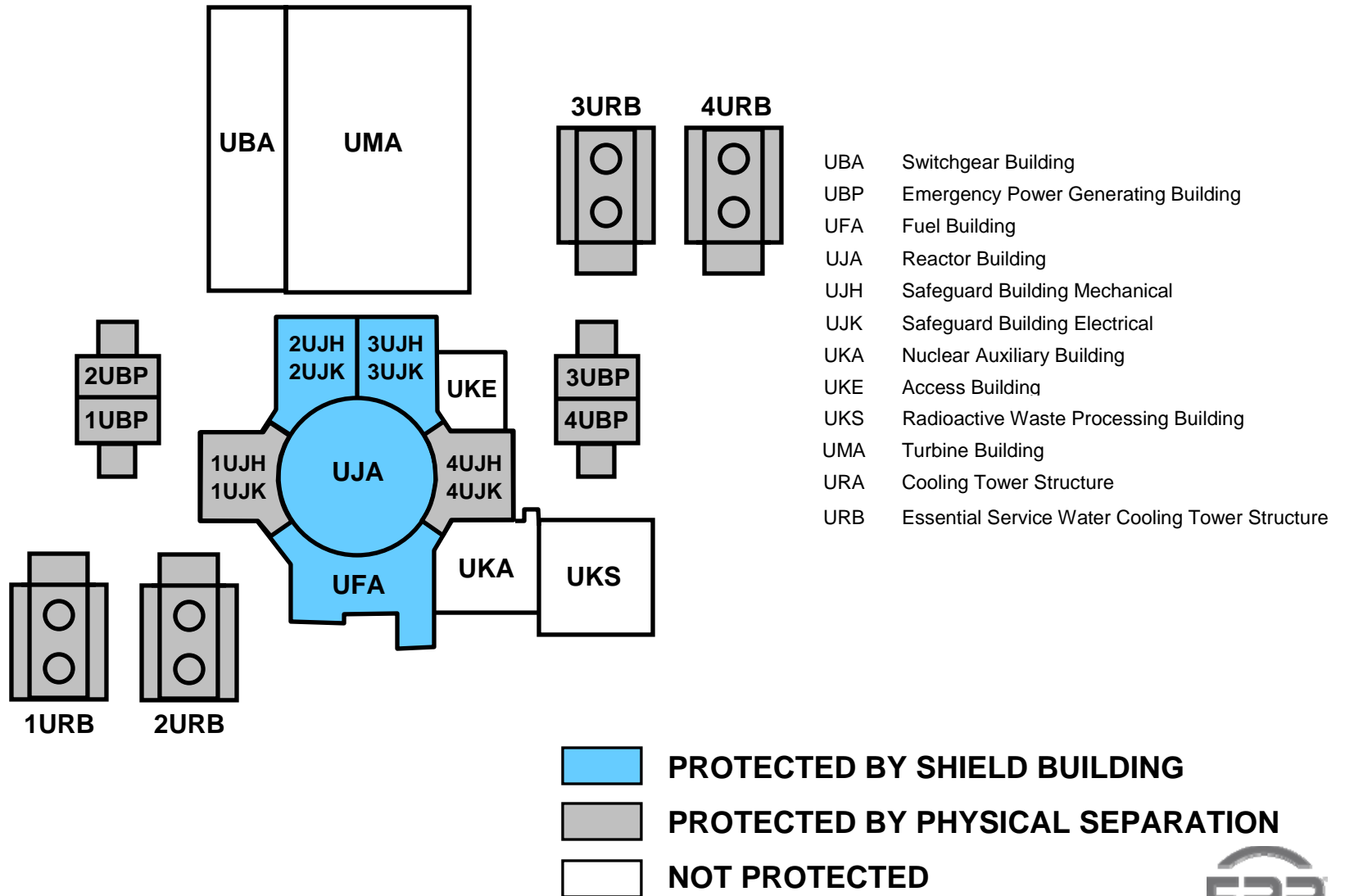
- 1 RHR pump in each Safeguards Building (SB)
- 1 RHR heat exchanger in each SB
- 1 CCW heat exchanger in each SB
- 1 CCW pump in each SB
- 1 ESW train incl. mech draft cooling towers



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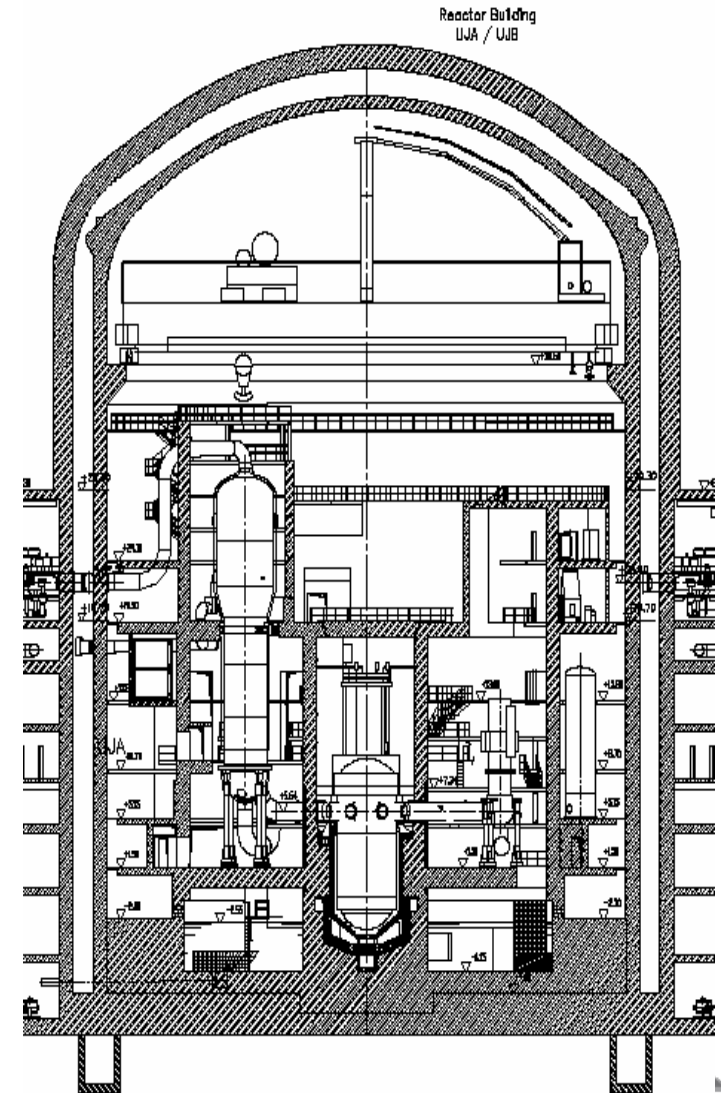


Protection From External Hazards



EPR Reactor Building

- > **Containment wall post-tensioned concrete with steel liner**
- > **Shield wall reinforced concrete**
- > **Free volume = 2.8 Mft³**
- > **Design pressure = 62 psig**
- > **Annulus filtered to reduce radioisotope release**
- > **In-Containment Refueling Water Storage Tank (~500,000 gal)**
- > **Severe accident mitigation features**
- > **The design leak-rate at design pressure for a 24-hour period is less than 0.25 percent by volume**



Aircraft Hazard Protection

- Inner wall: post-tensioned concrete with steel liner
- Outer wall: reinforced concrete
- Protection against airplane hazards
- Protection against external shock waves
- Annulus sub-atmospheric, filtered to minimize radioisotope releases



Enhanced, Predictable Licensability

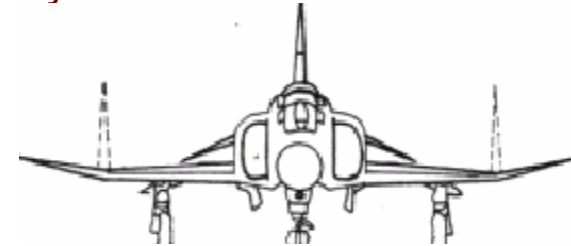
EPR Aircraft Hazard Protection

EPR Designed to Withstand Impact of:

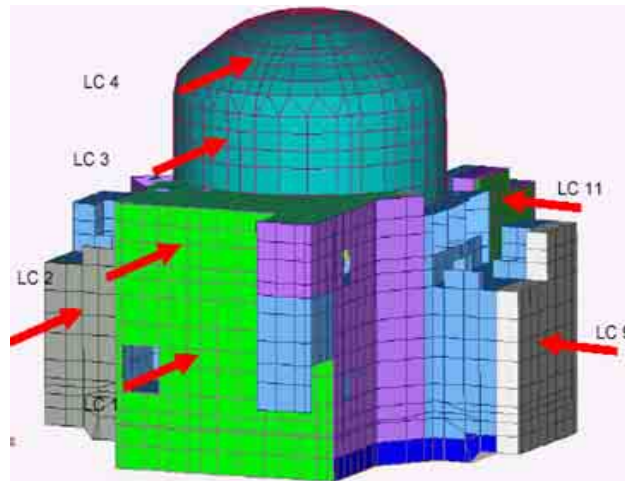
Large Commercial Airplane



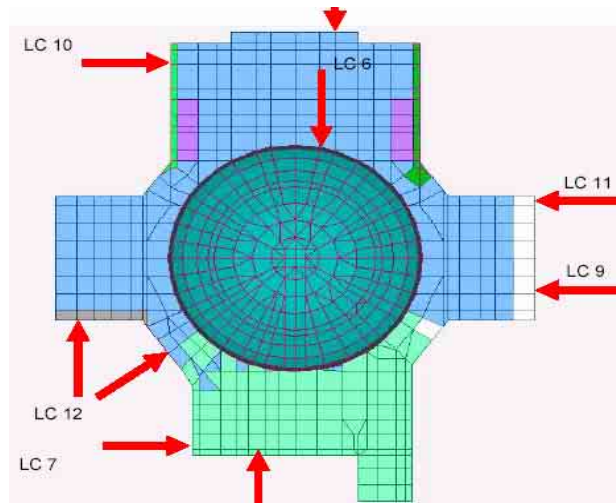
& Military Aircraft



At various Elevations



& From different Sides



Operator-Friendly Man-Machine Interface



N4 Control Room

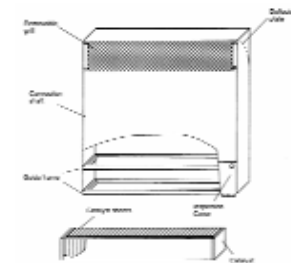
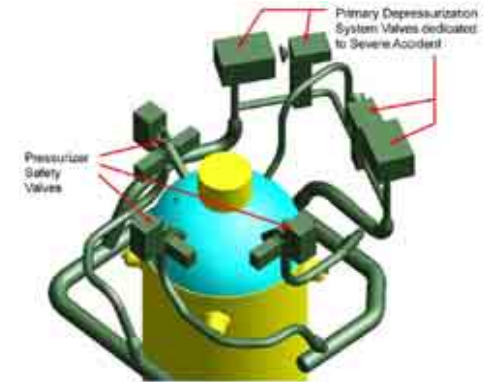


EPR Control Room

***Capitalizing on nuclear digital I&C
operating experience and feedback.***

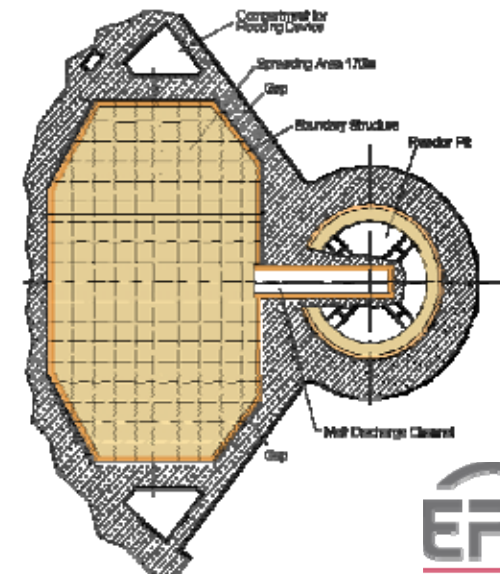
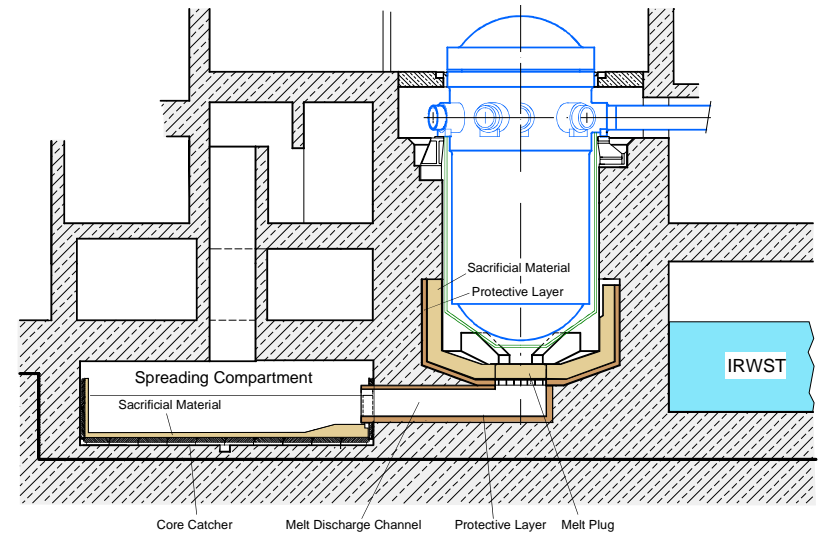
Severe Accident Mitigation

- **Prevention of high-pressure melt-through using Primary Depressurization System**
- **Passive ex-vessel melt stabilization, conditioning and cooling**
- **Long-term melt cooling and containment protection using active cooling system**
- **Control of H₂ concentration using passive autocatalytic recombiners**



Melt Conditioning and Stabilization

- **Reactor cavity temporarily retains molten core debris prior to spreading and stabilization processes**
 - ◆ Limits uncertainties associated with RPV release states
 - ◆ Corium/concrete interaction within reactor cavity lowers melting temperature of corium and promotes spreading
- **Melt spreading and relocation**
 - ◆ After melt plug failure, conditioned melt will relocate into spreading area (shallow crucible)
 - ◆ Large spreading area promotes cooling
 - ◆ Spreading area is dry at time of melt relocation to preclude ex-vessel steam explosion
- **Stablization**
 - ◆ Water from IRWST passively cools melt for up to 12 hours
 - ◆ Thereafter, severe accident heat removal system actively cools the melt and depressurizes containment



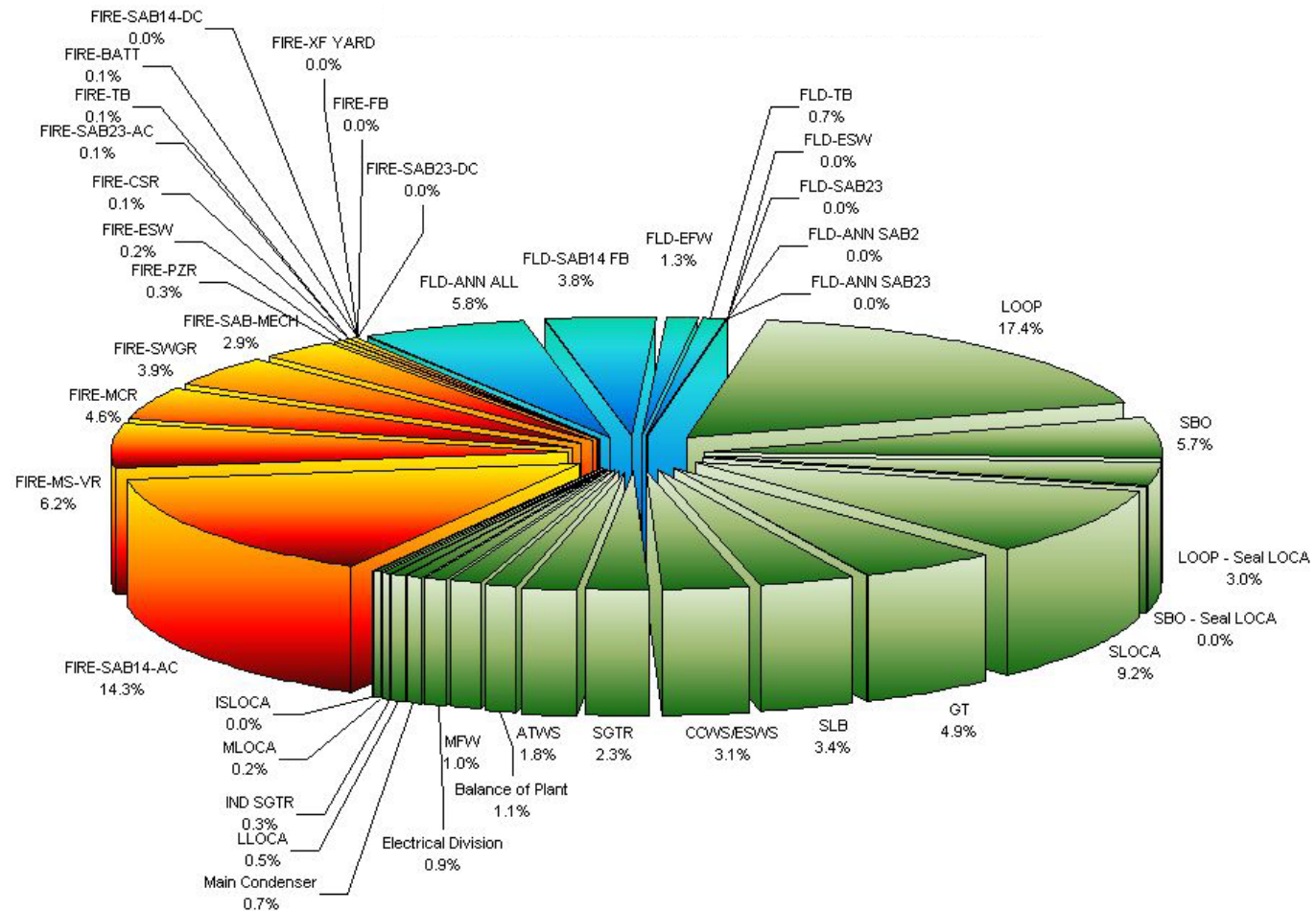
Probabilistic Objectives And Targets

- **Safety objective for integral core melt frequency (all plant states, all types of initiators):** **< 10⁻⁵ per year**

- **Design target for core melt frequency for internal events**
 - ◆ **from power states:** **< 10⁻⁶ per year**
 - ◆ **from shutdown states:** **less than power states**

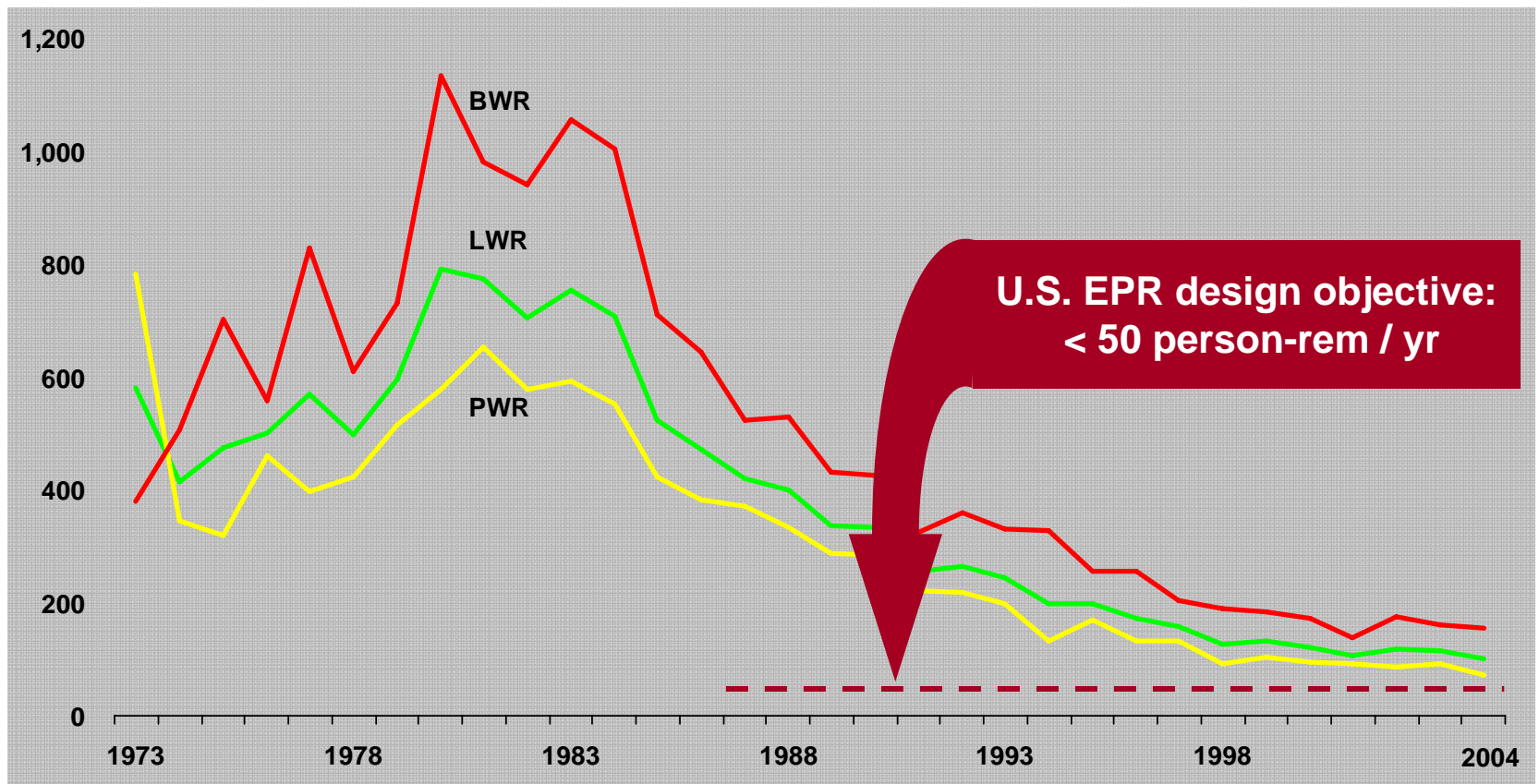
- **Design target for core melt with large and early releases from containment:** **< 10⁻⁷ /year**

U.S. EPR CDF (At-Power Events)



**Level 1 At-Power, Internal Events CDF = $5.3 \times 10^{-7}/\text{yr}$
 CDF For All Events < $5.8 \times 10^{-7}/\text{yr}$**

U.S. Industry-Average Dose Per Reactor 1973-2004, (Person-rem)



Source: Nuclear Regulatory Commission Occupational Radiation Exposure at Commercial Nuclear Power Reactors and Other Facilities 2004

Updated: 4/06



Design Summary

- **EPR is evolutionary**
- **Most features are typical of operating PWRs**
- **Features included to**
 - ◆ **Improve safety**
 - ◆ **Protect critical systems from external events**
 - ◆ **Improve human factors**
 - ◆ **Enhance reliability**