

# Deployment of Nuclear Energy Systems Historical "Food for Thought"



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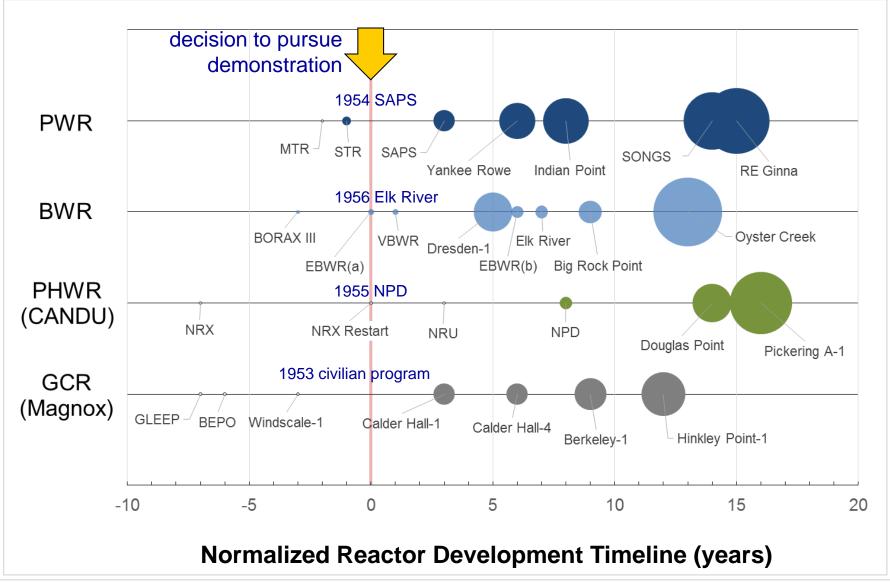
- Commercialization resulted from close government and private sector collaboration
- Government sponsorship of basic and applied R&D
- Government involvement continued well into commercial deployment (3 of 4 designs)
- Government support also extended to A/E and design firms to accelerate test and demo units
- Governments and private interests utilized a range of collaborative and financing vehicles
- Reactor capacity increased incrementally...and over a short timeframe



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### Commercialization Resulted From Progressive Scale-Up



#### **Lead Times**

- U.S. PWR → 15 yrs
- U.S. BWR → 13 yrs
- Canada CANDU → 16 yrs
- UK GCR → 12 yrs



## Government and Industry Roles in Commercialization

(PWRs, BWRs, PHWRs and GCRs)

Activity	Test Reactors	Small Demonstration Reactors	Large Demonstration Reactors	First Commercial Reactors
Site Acquisition				
Nuclear Island Owner				
Conventional Island Owner				
Pre-Construction R&D				
Post-Construction R&D				
Nuclear Island Design				
Conventional Island Design				
Fuel Design				
Fuel Fabrication and/or Supply				
Nuclear Island Operator				
Conventional Island Operator				
Nuclear Island Constructor				
Conventional Island Constructor				
Rate Assistance				

LEGEND				
	Predominately Government			
	Majority Government			
	Government and Industry			
	Majority Industry			
	Predominately Industry			
	Limited Data: Gov't & Industry			
	Insufficient Data			



#### **U.S.** Cooperative Power Reactor Demonstration Program (CPRDP)

### Pre-CPRDP (1954)

Shippingport PWR

AEC owns nuclear island; utility owns conventional island, operates plant and pays AEC for steam.

Twelve CPRDP-Era

Demonstration Reactors
(Plus Haddam Neck and San Onofre)

#### First Round (1955)

- Yankee Rowe, PWR
- Hallam, Sodium-Graphite
- Enrico Fermi,
   Sodium Fast
   Breeder

AEC attempts to transfer more risk to commercial sector, with technical and financial burden borne primarily by industrial partners.

#### Second Round (1955)

- Elk River, BWR
- Piqua, Organic-Cooled and Moderated
- BONUS, Boiling Water, + Integral Nuclear Superheat
- La Crosse, BWR

AEC returns to SAPS model. AEC owns nuclear island, sponsors related R&D, pays for first core. Utility owns conventional island and operates entire facility.

#### Third Round (1957)

- Big Rock Point, BWR
- Carolina-Virginia Tube Reactor, PHWR
- Pathfinder, BWR+ NuclearSuperheat
- Peach Bottom, Gas-Cooled, HTGR

AEC reverts back again to first round approach with emphasis on advanced designs.

#### Modified Third Round (1962)

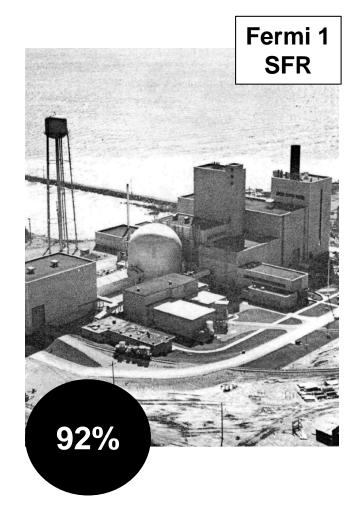
- Haddam Neck, PWR
- San Onofre,
   PWR

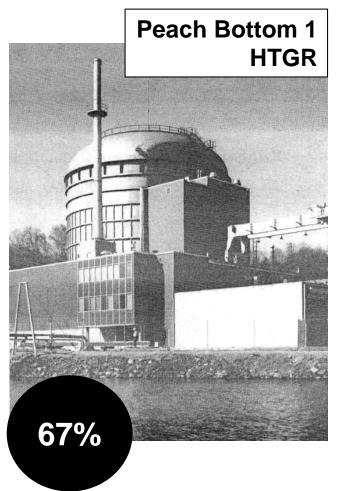
AEC continues third round with focus on larger (≥400 MWe) nuclear plants to demonstrate successful design, construction and operation for commercially viable baseload generation.

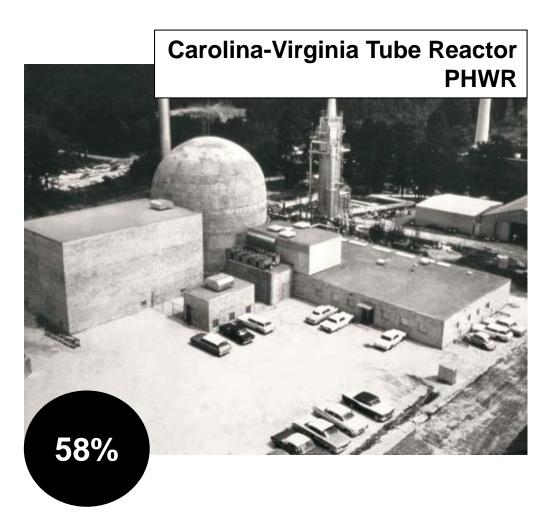
U.S. AEC and industry pursued a range of public-private partnership models.



#### U.S. Non-LWRs Built with >50% Industry Investment

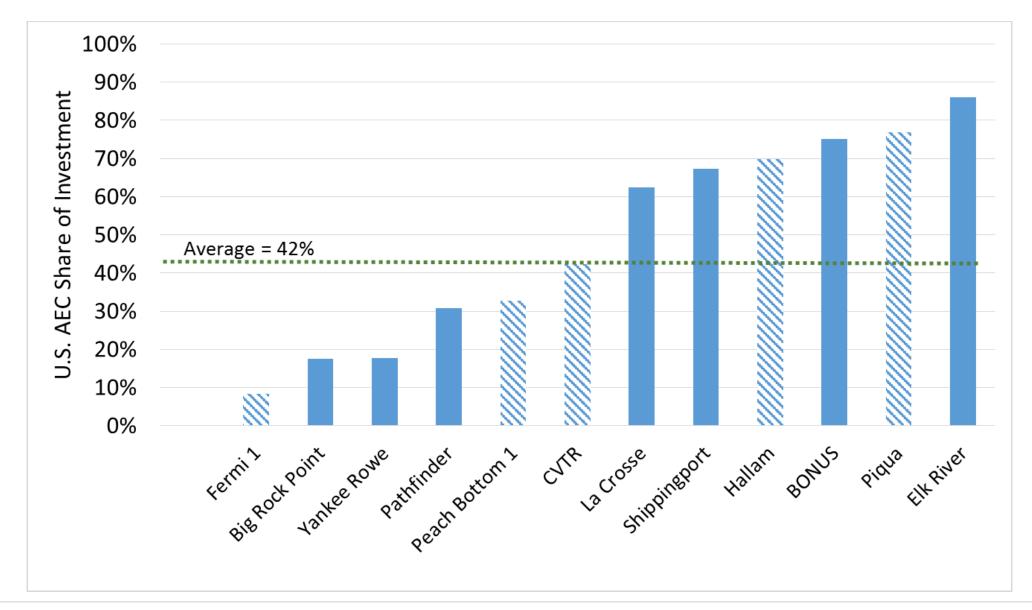






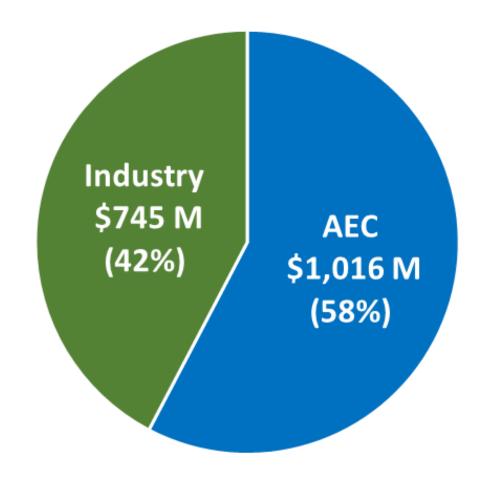
Images from U.S. Atomic Energy Commission (1967)

#### Public and Private Investment for CPRDP-Era Reactors





# Cumulative Public and Private Sector Investment in U.S. Nuclear Power Through 1962



Total estimated U.S. investment = \$1.76 billion (~ \$11 billion in 2017 USD)



### **Closing Thoughts**

- Caveat: "Past performance does not guarantee future returns."
- Public-private partnerships during original nuclear commercialization period varied (not "one-size fits all")
  - public investment through demonstration remained substantial
  - industrial investment in demonstrations was significant, often dominant
- Successful commercialization progressed through incremental scale-up and included early industry involvement
- Investment required for demonstration of new technology measured in billions of USD



## Government and Industry Roles in the Research, Development, Demonstration, and Deployment of Commercial Nuclear Reactors: Historical Review and Analysis

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