## **AP1000 Nuclear Power Plant**

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#### **AP1000 Outline**

- Introduction
- Advanced Reactor Design Background
- Overview of AP1000 Plant Design
- AP1000 Passive Safety Systems
- AP1000 Non-safety Defense-in-Depth Systems
- AP1000 Safety Analysis/PRA
- AP1000 ... Ready for Commercialization



## AP1000 ... Westinghouse Standard Plant



- Simple
- Safe
- Mature
- Affordable

#### Contracted







#### **AP1000 Investment in Technology**







## **AP1000 Major Uprate of AP600**

## • Design Approach

- Increase the capability/capacity within "space constraints" of AP600
- Retain design and regulatory bases for Advanced Passive Plants
- Retain credibility of "proven components"
- Retain AP600 plant design (footprint); largely preserves detailed design investment
- Retain the basis for the cost estimate, construction schedule and modularization scheme





### **Comparison of Selected Parameters**

Parameter	Doel 4/Tihange 3 AP1000	
	(3 SG / RCPs)	(2 SG / 4 RCPs)
Net Electric Output, MWe	985	1117
Reactor Power, MWt	2988	3400
Hot Leg Temperature, <sup>o</sup> F ( <sup>o</sup> C)	626 (330)	610 (321)
Number of Fuel Assemblies	157	157
Type of Fuel Assembly	17x17	17x17
Active Fuel Length, ft (m)	14 (4.27)	14 (4.27)
Linear Hear Rating, kw/ft	5.02	5.71
Control Rods / Gray Rods	52 / 0	53 / 16
R/V I.D., in. (m)	157 (3.99)	157 (3.99)
Vessel Flow, gpm (m <sup>3</sup> /hr) x10 <sup>3</sup>	295.5 (67.1)	300 (68.1)
SG Surface Area ea., $ft^2$ (m <sup>2</sup> ) x 10 <sup>3</sup>	68 (6.3)	125 (11.1)
Pressurizer Volume, ft <sup>3</sup> (m <sup>3</sup> )	1400 (39.6)	2100 (59.5)





## **Overview of AP1000 Plant Design**





#### **AP1000 Design Overview**

- For the Power Generation Function, AP1000 is a typical Westinghouse PWR with advances in materials and components
  - Fuel, Reactor Vessel, Reactor Coolant Loop
  - Steam Generators, Reactor Coolant Pumps, Turbine, Plant Controls
- Reactor Safety Functions are achieved without using any safetyrelated AC power
  - Valve Actuations (fail safe, battery powered)
  - Condensation, Natural Circulation, Evaporation, Compressed Gasses
- Actuation of Passive Safety Systems is by simple, reliable changes in valve positions.
- System performance has been proven by extensive testing approved by the NRC





#### **AP1000 Design Features**

- Integrated Power Plant Design
- Proven Power-Producing Components (Reactor, Fuel, etc)
- Simplified RCS Loops with Canned Motor Pumps
- Simplified Passive Safety Systems
- Simplified Non-safety Defense-In-Depth (DID) Systems
- Microprocessor, Digital Technology Based I&C
- Compact Control Room, Electronic Operator Interface
- Optimized Plant Arrangement
  - Construction, Operation, Maintenance, Safety, Cost
- Extensive Use of Modular Construction
  - 3-Year Construction Schedule (first concrete pour to HFT)





## **Proven AP1000 Major Components**

#### • Fuel, Internals, Reactor Vessel

- Similar to Doel 4, Tihange 3, S. Texas
- No bottom-mounted instrumentation
- Improved materials 60 year life

#### Steam Generators

- Similar to large W/CE SGs in operation
  - System 80, ANO RSG

#### Reactor Coolant Pumps

- Canned motor pumps, no shaft seals
  - Early commercial reactors (Shippingport, Yankee Rowe)

#### Simplified Main Loop

Reduces welds 67%, supports 90%

#### Pressurizer

50% larger than operating plants







## **AP1000 Core Design**

## AP1000 Core Design Features

- Higher power density
- 18 month cycles
- Initial and equilibrium cycle designs presented in Design Cont Document
- Normal BLACK rods for operation
- New GRAY rod configuration
  - Load follow / rapid power reduction
  - No boron changes required







Reactor



## **Coolant Pump**

- Based on Field-Proven, Canned Motor Pumps
  - No shaft seals
    - No seal injection / leakoff system
    - No seal leakage / failure
  - Water lubricated bearings
    - No oil lubricating system
    - Eliminates fire protection issues
  - Compact, high inertia flywheels
    - Upper and lower
    - Inservice inspection not required
  - No services required in accident
    - Tripped to allow CMT operation
  - No planned maintenance





#### **AP1000 Reactor Coolant System**







## **AP1000 Passive Safety Systems**





## **AP1000 Approach to Safety**

#### Passive Safety-Related Systems

- Use "passive" process only, no active pumps, diesels, ....
  - One time alignment of valves
  - No support systems required after actuation
    - No AC power, cooling water, HVAC, I&C
- Greatly reduced dependency on operator actions
- Mitigate design basis accidents without nonsafety systems
- Meet NRC PRA safety goals without use of nonsafety systems

#### Active Nonsafety-Related Systems

- Reliably support normal operation
  - Redundant equipment powered by onsite diesels
- Minimize challenges to passive safety systems
- Not required to mitigate design basis accidents



## Passive Systems Greatly Simplify Safety Systems



**Standard PWR** AP1000 Natural Convection Air Discharge  $\Delta \Delta \Delta \Delta$ PCCS Gravity Refueling Drain Water Tank Water Containment Storage ۶ Хю Water Film Spray System Tank Evaporation Outside Cooling þ Air Intake Q HHSI Safety Diesel Steel Pumps Internal condensation Containment and Post Accident Vessel natural recirculation Recirc Sump Air Baffle Safety Diesel ᡘᢆᠣᢤᠣ LHSI/RHR Pumps 品





#### **Passive Safety Features**

#### Passive Residual Heat Removal

Natural circulation HX connected to RCS

#### • Passive Safety Injection

- Natural circulation / gravity drain core makeup tanks (RCS pres)
- N<sub>2</sub> pressurized accumulators (700 psig)
- Gravity drain refueling water storage tank (containment pres)
- Automatic depressurization valves, Pressurizer and RCS hot leg

#### • Passive Containment Cooling

 Natural circulation of air / evaporation of water on outside surface of steel containment vessel





## **Passive Safety Features (cont'd)**

- Passive Radiation Removal from Containment Atm.
  - Natural circulation / removal mechanisms
- Passive Main Control Room Habitability
  - Compressed air pressurization of MCR
- Passive MCR / I&C Room Cooling
  - Natural circulation to concrete walls / ceiling
- Passive Containment pH Control
  - Baskets of TSP flooded by accident





## **AP1000 Passive Core Cooling System**







## Passive Core Cooling System at Work





### **Passive Decay Heat Removal**







#### **Passive Safety Injection**



IRWST uses Squibs and check valves



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## LOCA Long Term Cooling

- Uses No Pumps
- Addresses Debris
   Head Loss Issues
  - No fiber generation
  - Large advanced design screens
    - Demonstrated by test
  - Low flows, deep flood up
    - Low velocities
  - Delayed start of recirculation







## **Passive Containment Cooling System**



- PCS Water Storage Tank
  - Provides 72 hr drain
    - Afterwards use on/offsite water
    - Air only cooling prevents failure
  - Flow decreases with time
    - 4 standpipes control flow
- PCS Flow Rates
  - High initial flow
    - Rapidly forms water film
    - Effectively reduces cont pressure
  - Later flows match decay heat
- 3 Redundant Drain Paths
  - 2 AOV, 1 MOV
  - Improves PRA reliability
    - T&H uncertainty of cont cooling without water drain



# Passive Containment Cooling System at Work



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#### **AP1000 Most Tested Reactor**







## **AP1000 Safety Analysis**

## Safety Analysis Performed

- Computer codes were verified
  - Adequate to model passive systems
  - Verified against extensive AP600 tests
    - Tests well scaled for AP600 and AP1000
  - NRC / ACRS reviewed tests and computer code verification
- Extensive accident analysis were performed
  - Range of Design Basis Accident conditions, single failures
  - NRC / ACRS reviewed and approved results



## Westinghouse Uses PRA as Design & Licensing Tool



- 7 Major PRA Quantifications Performed on AP600
  - First in 1987, final in 1997
  - Extensive interaction with plant designers
    - Changes were made to analysis, procedures and design
    - Used to guide severe accident design, ensures reliability
  - Extensive NRC review / comment
- 4 Major PRA Quantifications Performed on AP1000
  - Started with AP600 models / analysis
  - Benefited from AP600 development and NRC review
  - Modified models to account for the few changes from AP600
  - Extensive NRC review / comment



## AP1000 Provides Safety and Investment Protection





Note (a) CDF includes random and internal hazard events from at-power and shutdown conditions.





## **Severe Accidents Addressed**

- Core-Concrete Interaction
  - Ex-vessel cooling retains damaged core
  - Tests and analysis of IVR reviewed by U.S. NRC
  - Prevents core-concrete interaction
- High Pressure Core Melt
  - Eliminated by redundant, diverse ADS
- Hydrogen Detonation
  - Prevented by redundant, diverse igniters and passive autocatalytic recombiners
- Steam Explosions
  - Prevented by IVR







### **Severe Accident Design at Work**





### AP1000 Non-Safety Defense-In-Depth Systems





## **AP1000 Active Nonsafety Features**

#### Active Nonsafety Functions

- Reliably support normal operation
- Minimize challenge to passive safety systems
- Not required to mitigate design basis accidents
- Not required to meet NRC safety goals

#### Active Nonsafety Design Features

- Simplified designs (fewer components, separation not required)
- Redundancy for more probable failures
- Automatic actuation with power from onsite diesels
- Active Nonsafety Equipment Design
  - Reliable, experienced based, industrial grade equipment
  - Non-ASME, non-seismic, limited fire / flood / wind protection
  - Availability controlled by procedures, no shutdown requirements
  - Reliability controlled by maintenance program





### **Startup Feedwater System**

#### • Simplified, Reliable Non-Safety System

- Auto start on low SG level with auto SG level control
  - Same flow if one or two pumps start
  - Operation does not cause excessive RCS cooldown or SG overfill
- Auto load on non-safety DG
- Simple reliable system design
  - Two electric motor pumps, no steam turbine driven pumps
  - No physical separation requirements
- PRHR HX not actuated if SFW works as designed





#### **AP1000 Startup Feedwater System**







## **System Defense In Depth**

#### • AP1000 Provides Multiple Levels of Defense

- First actuation is usually nonsafety active system
  - High quality industrial grade equipment
- Second actuation is safety passive system
  - Provides safety case for SSAR
  - Highest quality nuclear grade equipment
- Other passive features provide additional levels of defense
  - Example; passive feed/bleed backs up PRHR HX
- Available for all shutdown conditions as well as at power
- More likely events have more levels of defense





#### AP1000 I&C Systems

#### Control System

- Plant wide non-1E system for all normal displays & controls
- Microprocessor / software based, multiplexed communications

#### Safety System

- Reduced size 1E system for all safety displays & controls
  - Use of passive systems eliminates many safety components
- Microprocessor / software based, multiplexed communications
- May use same hardware / software as Control I&C

#### Diverse System

- Limited scope non-1E system, PRA based displays & controls
  - Backs up Safety I&C where common mode failure a risk
- Different microprocessor & software than Safety I&C
  - No multiplexing





## **AP1000 Human-Machine Interface**

#### Compact Control Room

- Designed for 1 Reactor Operator and 1 Supervisor

#### Displays

- Plant status / overview via wall panel (non 1E)
- Detail display via workstation video displays (non 1E)
- Small number dedicated displays; safety (1E) & diverse (non 1E)

#### Controls

- Soft controls (non 1E) for normal operation
- Small number dedicated switches; safety (1E) & diverse (non 1E)
- Advanced Alarm Management
- No Paper Procedures





## Main Control Room 3D Model







#### AP1000 Passive Safety System Design Improves Economics and Construction Schedule



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#### **Comparison of Seismic Category I Buildings**

WESTINGHOUSE GENERATION II PWR	AP1000
1. Shield / Containment 2. Auxiliary Building 0 20 40 60 80 100m 1 1 1 1 4 4. Diesel Generators	<ol> <li>5. Essential Service Water Pumphouse</li> <li>6. Emergency Fuel Oil Storage</li> <li>7. Refueling Water Storage Tank</li> </ol>





#### Modular Construction Allows More Tasks To Be Done in Parallel Result: Shorter Construction Schedule





# Modules Designed into AP1000 from the Beginning





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# New Reactor License Applications in U.S. (31 Currently Planned)







## The Steps to Bring a New Plant On-line in 2016 (United States)







#### How AP1000 Reduces Risk







## **AP1000 ... Ready for Commercialization**

#### • Meets Utilities' Needs

- Satisfies U.S. Utility Requirements
- Provides New Standard of Safety
  - Simplified Passive Safety features

#### Major Simplifications Achieved

- Construction, operation, maintenance
- Licensing Certainty
  - Design Certification in Dec 2005
- More economical to build
- Four units in construction in China, 2013 startup
- Two units contracted by Southern Co
- Two units contracted by SCANNA



Ground Breaking of AP1000 in China





## Questions



