

# Process Heat Initiatives and a Focus on Hydrogen

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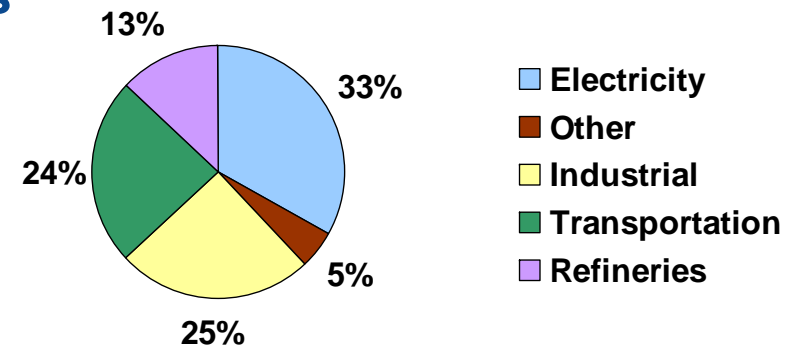


# Nuclear Is Beyond Electricity



- Nuclear power plants today supply ~16% of global electricity
- Process heat can expand nuclear applications to other energy sectors
  - Industrial
  - Transport
  - Refineries
- Process Heat Opportunity
  - Stable process energy costs
  - Displace natural gas and other premium fuels
  - Reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions

World CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions by Sector





# Process Heat Team



- Shaw, Westinghouse and PBMR have teamed to produce clean, secure and economic hydrogen





# Why PBMR for Process Heat?



## ● Right heat delivery temperatures (up to 900°C)

- Catalyst reactions (reforming, water splitting)
- High pressure steam (oil sands and heavy oil recovery)
- Can be extended beyond 900°C once IHX technologies available

## ● Right size and outputs (400-500MWt)

- Matches industrial plant sizes
- Matches incremental process heat demands
- Modularity enables scalability

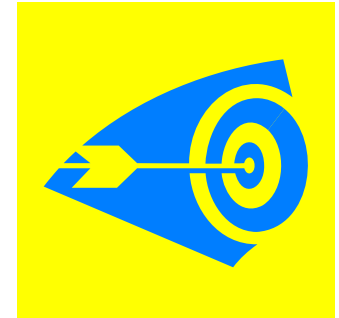
## ● Timely market entry

- Builds on South African Demonstration Power Plant (DPP) Project

## ● Enhanced Safety Features

- Small nuclear footprint
- Allows proximity to customer facilities
- Easier acceptance by process industry

## ● Clean (no CO<sub>2</sub>)





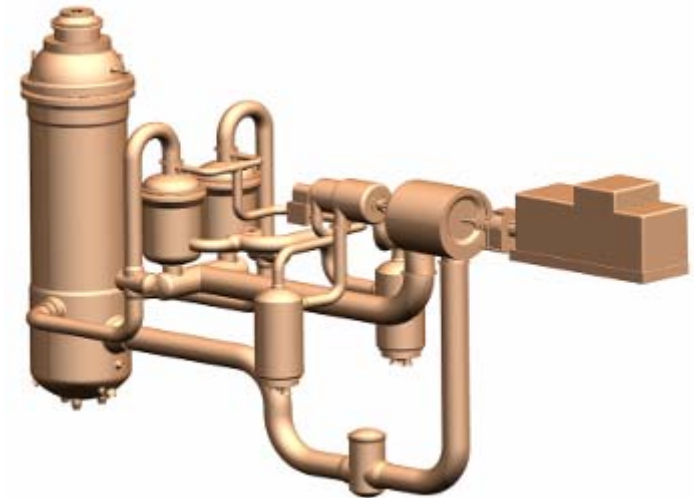


# PBMR Process Heat Focus



- **First of Fleet Power Reactor**

- Basic design completed; detailed design started
- International supply team in place;
- Extensive test programs underway
- Construction scheduled 2009



- **Process Heat Plant (PHP)**

- Builds on DPP reactor design
- Produces heat up to 950°C
- Ready for operation in 2016 to 2020 time frame
- High temperature steam (400 to 500°C)
- High temperature process heat (600 to 900°C)

- **Next Generation Nuclear Plant (NGNP)**

- Produces heat at 950°C for hydrogen production
- Completed Preconceptual Design



# Process Heat Applications



- **Interim Goal: Process Steam (400°C to 700°C)**

- Oil Sands
- Cogeneration
- Heavy oil recovery
- Desalination

- **Key Long-term Goal: Hydrogen (600°C to 900°C)**

- Steam Methane Reforming (Hydrogen, Ammonia, Methanol)
- Water-Splitting ( $H_2$  &  $O_2$ )
  - Bulk Hydrogen
  - Coal-to-liquids
  - Coal-to-methane



- Reduce  $CO_2$  emissions
- Displace premium fuels
- Increase lifetime of carbon resources



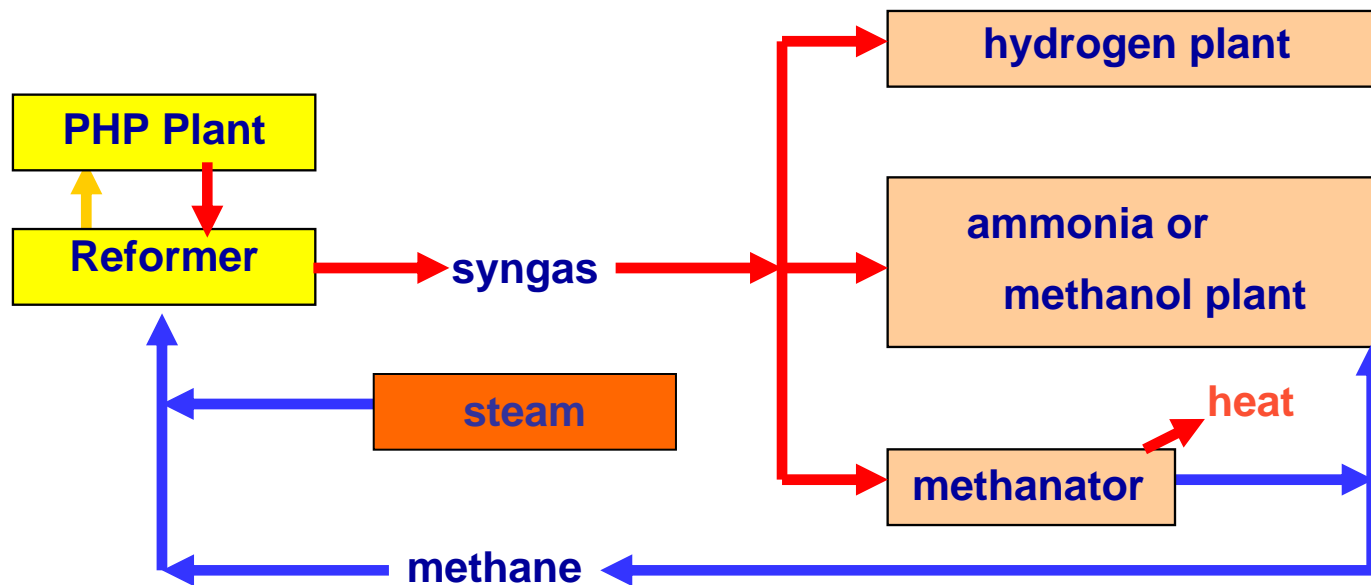
# Nuclear Steam Methane Reforming – Interim Goal



- **Reformer Reaction**



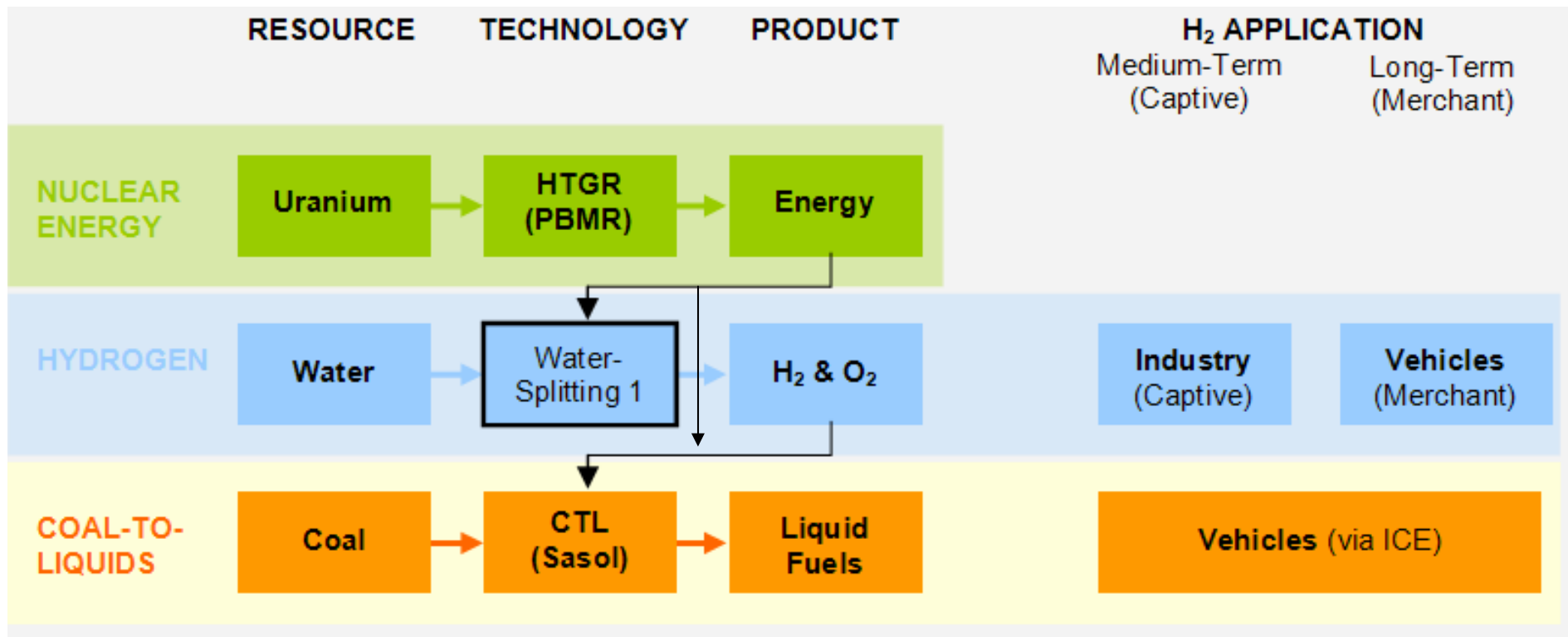
- **PHP provides heat for reformer; displaces ~ 30% natural gas - eliminates flue gas CO<sub>2</sub> – most expensive to capture**
- **Remaining heat is used for steam or power co production**
- **Value of syngas expected to exceed projected plant costs**





# Hydrogen from Water-Splitting

## Long Term Goal







# Coal-to-Liquids Concept

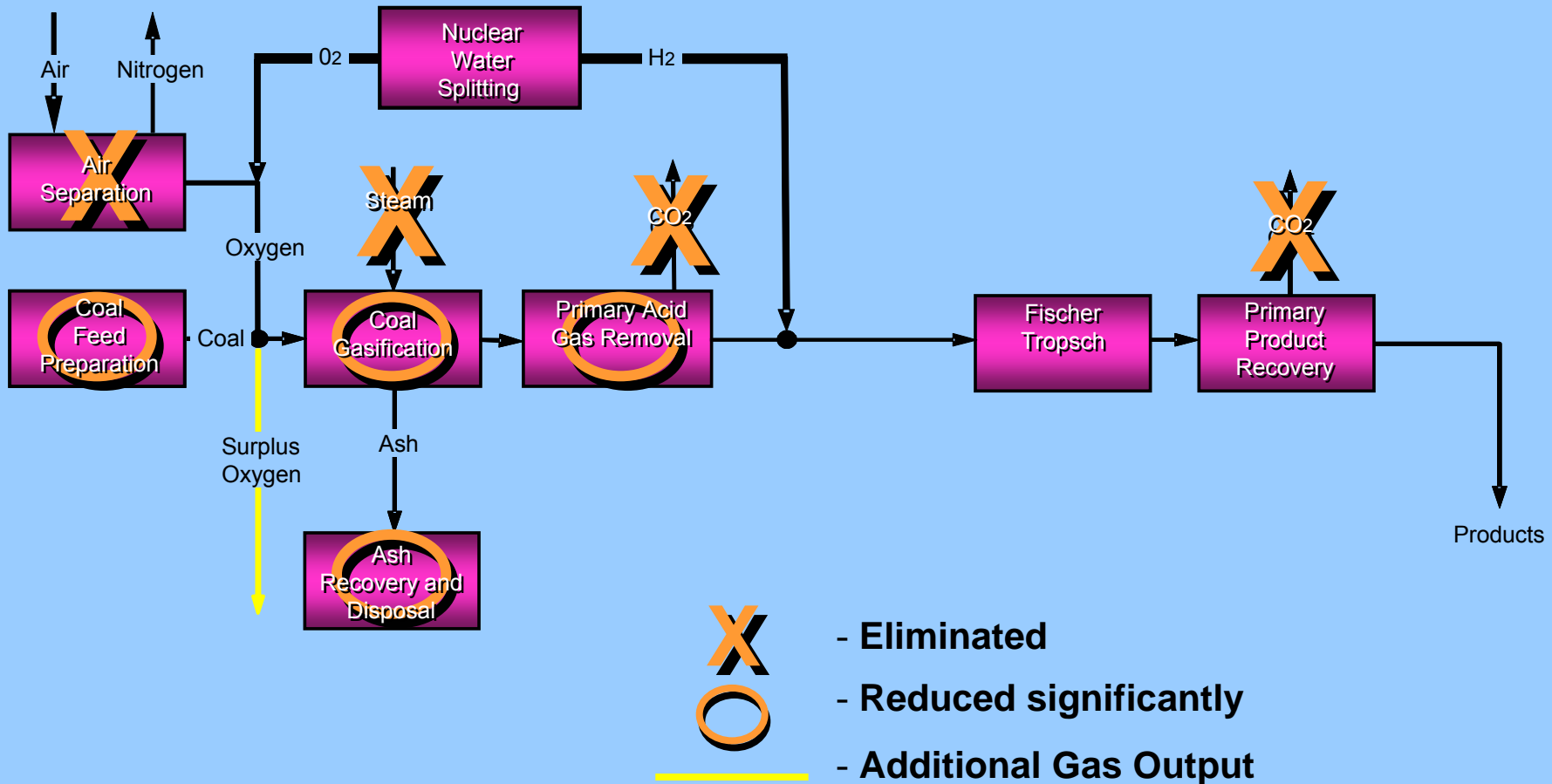


- **Initially developed in Germany in the 1920s**
- **Basis for coal-to-liquid fuel production by Sasol in the Republic of South Africa**
  - Provides ~30% of RSA gasoline and diesel fuel
  - Shaw/Badger is Sasol Technology partner
- **New CTL projects proposed**
- **CTL process is a significant user of hydrogen (coal gasification)**

**Sasol South Africa, CTL Plant**



# Nuclear Water Splitting Simplifies Coal to Liquids





# Market and Economics for Nuclear Water Splitting



## ● Value of Nuclear Water Splitting for CTL

- Displace gasification capacity, oxygen plant and related facilities dedicated to producing needed hydrogen (roughly half of syngas)
- Eliminate CO<sub>2</sub> production associated with converting half of coal to CO<sub>2</sub> just to make hydrogen
- Reduce coal consumption roughly in half

## ● Cost of Nuclear Water Splitting

- Water splitting consumes large amounts of energy; many reactors needed for each gasifier train (producing H<sub>2</sub> from hydrocarbons is easier than splitting water)
- Replaces CO<sub>2</sub> intensive operation with capital intensive operation
- Requires development of efficient, low cost water splitting process
- Competition hinges on fossil fuel prices and CO<sub>2</sub> costs/credits



# Nuclear Water-Splitting Concept

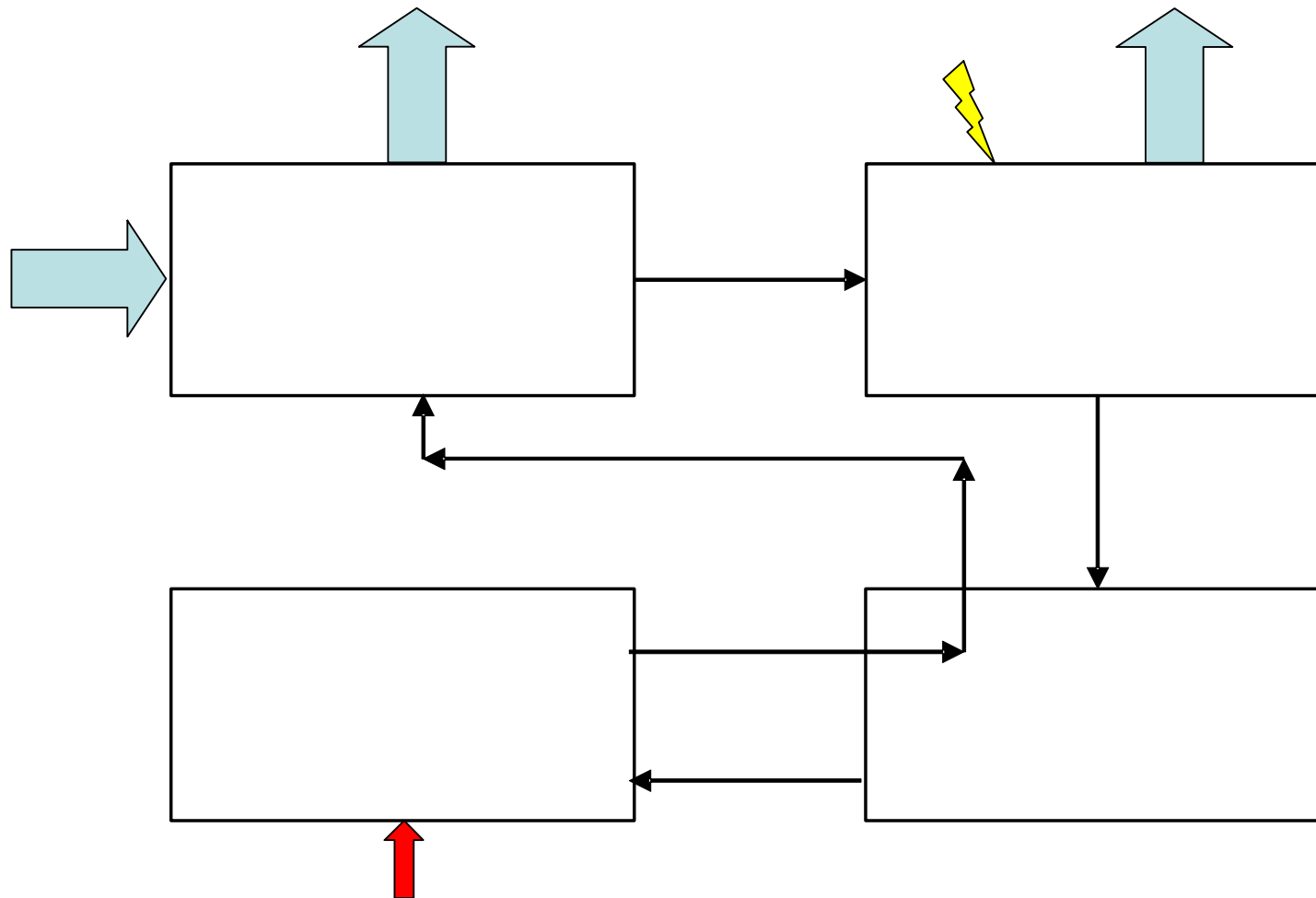


- **Several proposed Water-Splitting (WS) technologies evaluated**
  - Conventional Water Electrolysis
  - High-Temperature Steam Electrolysis
  - Hybrid Sulfur Process
  - Sulfur Iodine Process
- **At present, PBMR selected the Hybrid Sulfur Process as reference cycle:**

$$\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4 \rightarrow \text{SO}_2 + \text{H}_2\text{O} + \frac{1}{2} \text{O}_2 \quad (>800^\circ\text{C} \text{ heat required})$$
$$2\text{H}_2\text{O} + \text{SO}_2 \rightarrow \text{H}_2 + \text{H}_2\text{SO}_4 \quad (\text{electrolytic at } 100^\circ\text{C})$$

  - Reasonably high efficiency
  - Defined flowsheet and thermodynamics
  - Lowest expected costs
- **However, technology development is required to commercialize Hybrid Sulfur (HyS) WS**
  - PHP team part of NGNP
  - Internal PBMR and Westinghouse Electric funds committed

# Hybrid Sulfur Process Schematic







# Hybrid Sulfur (HyS) History



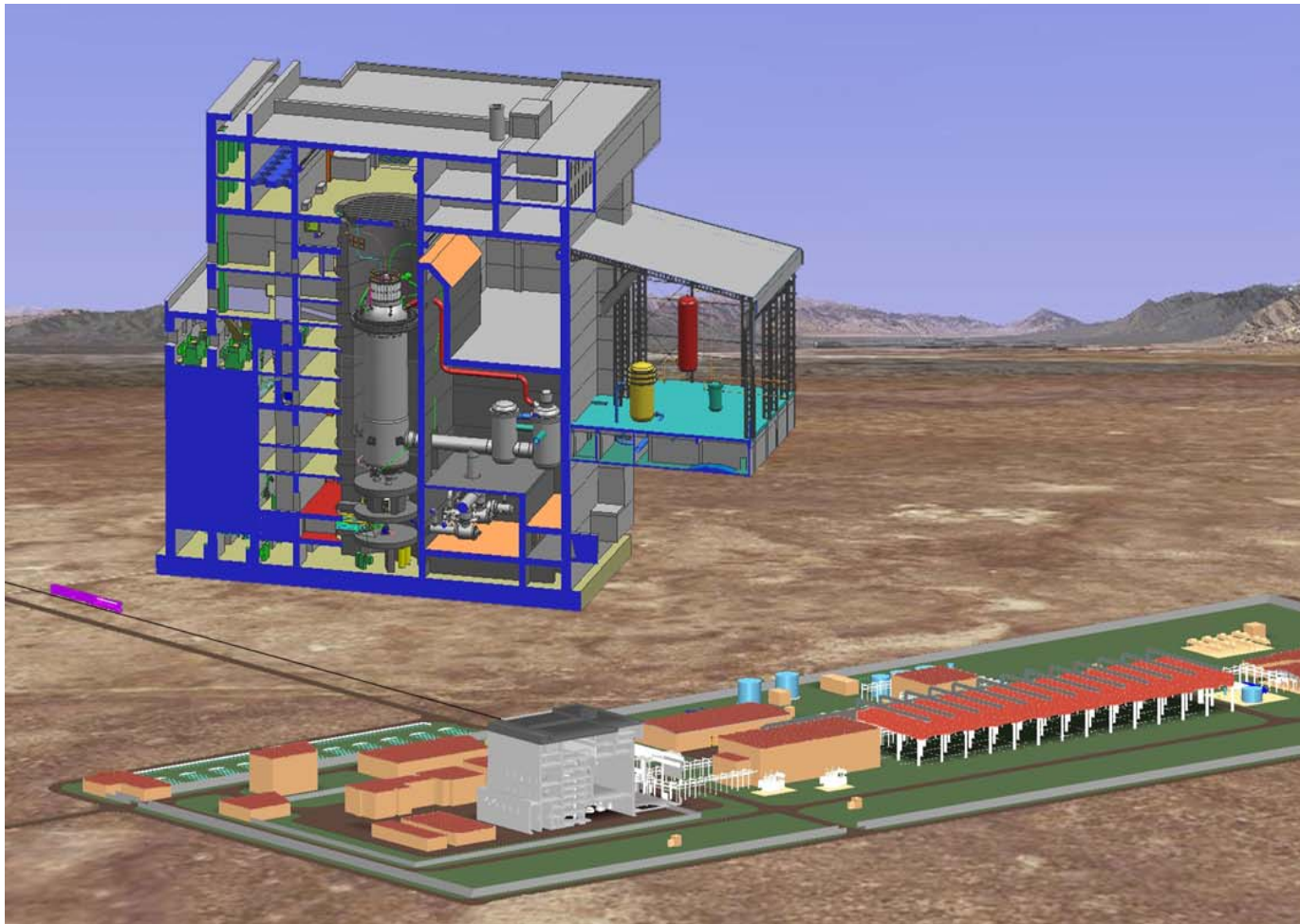
- **Work started in 1973 (Westinghouse)**
- **Multi-year DOE project (1976) - pre-pilot bench scale demonstration by 1983**
- **Integrated, atmospheric pressure laboratory model constructed in 1978 (120 l/hr of H<sub>2</sub> bench scale process operated for ~140 hours)**
- **Advances since 1983:**
  - Equipment design and optimization (e.g., decomposition reactor)
  - Materials of construction (e.g., Nafion membranes, SiC)
- **Savannah River National Laboratory (SRNL) completed pioneering work on electrolyzer**
  - Successful electrolyzer test with Nafion membranes for 100 hours (May 2007)
  - Completed multicell stack electrolyzer demonstration @ 80 lph (March 2008)
  - Risk mitigation of electrolyzer technologies

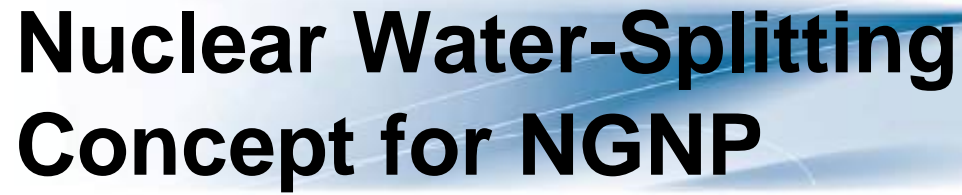


# NGNP Project



USA Department of Energy (DOE) initiative to develop a prototype plant to generate hydrogen using nuclear energy







# PBMR and RSA Are Committed to Nuclear Hydrogen Generation



## HYDROGEN BUSINESS PLAN

#063555

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*The consortium is pleased to present to Department of Science and Technology an unsolicited hydrogen production business plan which incorporates a strategic vision for national innovation*



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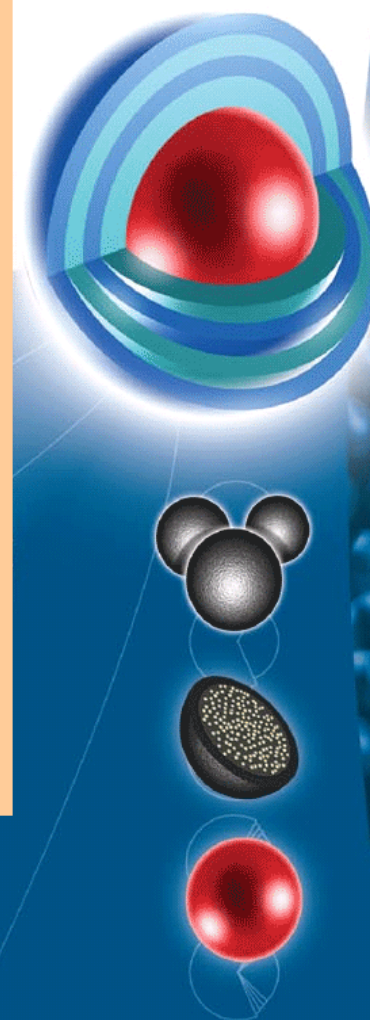


# Summary



- **PBMR provides process heat and electrical power for wide variety of applications**
- **Near term initiatives are in oil sands bitumen production and other steam and cogen applications**
- **New technology developments underway for nuclear water splitting as part of NGNP**
- **Innovative PBMR design, modular construction, and simplification of nuclear licensing leads to development of public support and positive government policies**
- **Recognition of PBMR as a CO<sub>2</sub> free, stable cost energy source will increase public support for PHP applications and hydrogen generation**





**Thank You**