

# SMALL MODULAR REACTORS

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# The Global Race for Small and Advanced Nuclear!

## Key figures



**50+** Products



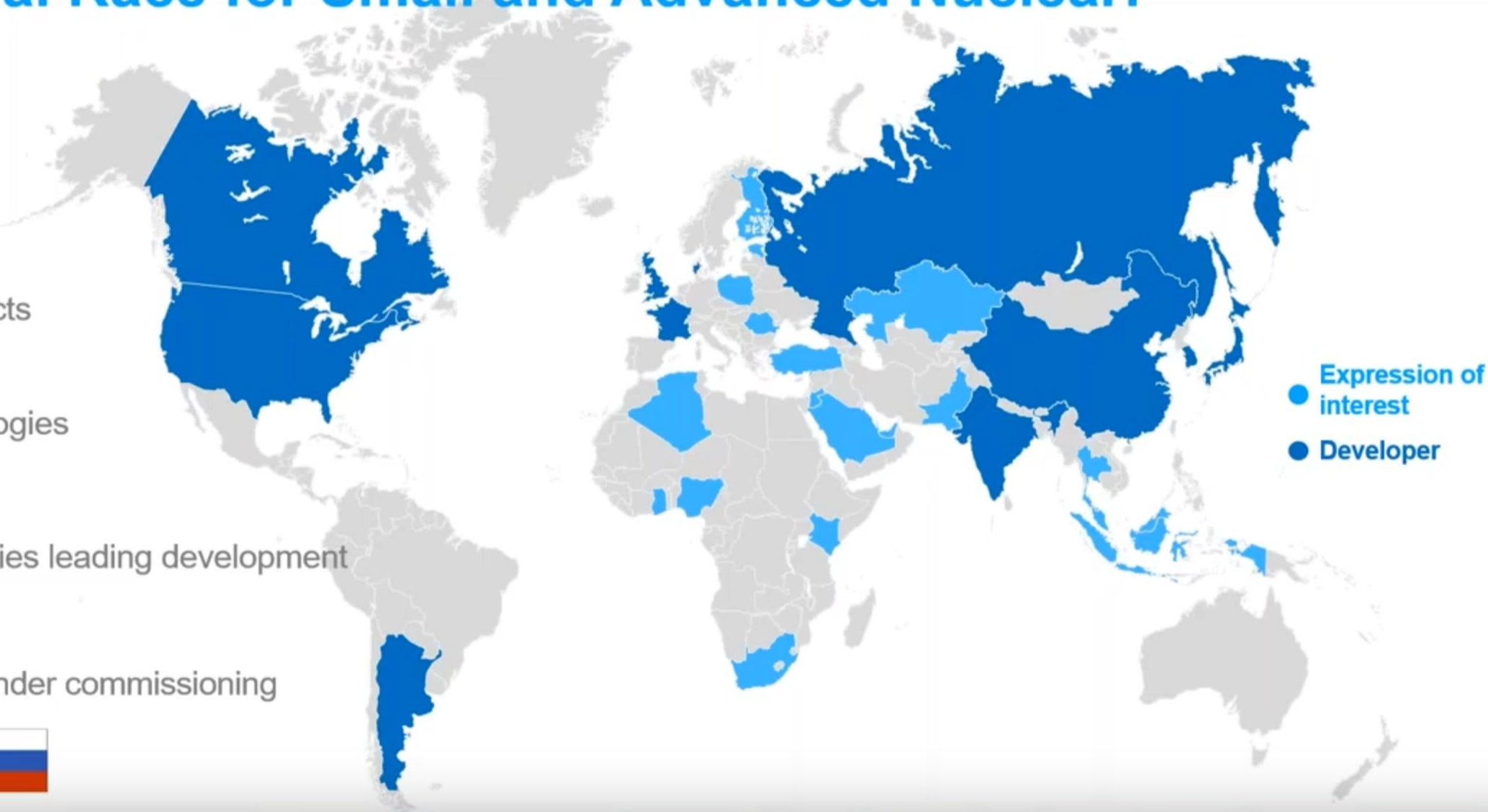
**6+** Technologies

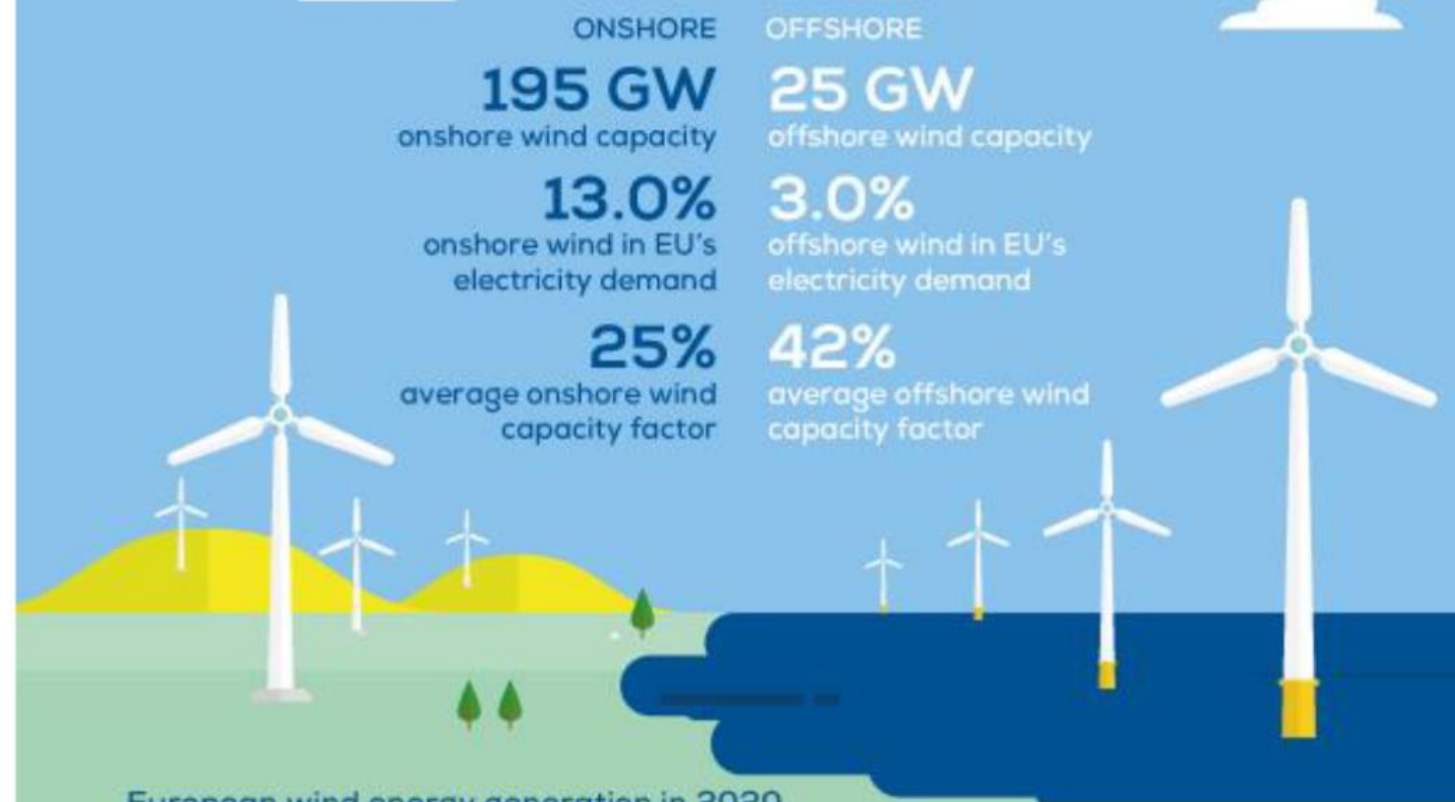


**10+** countries leading development

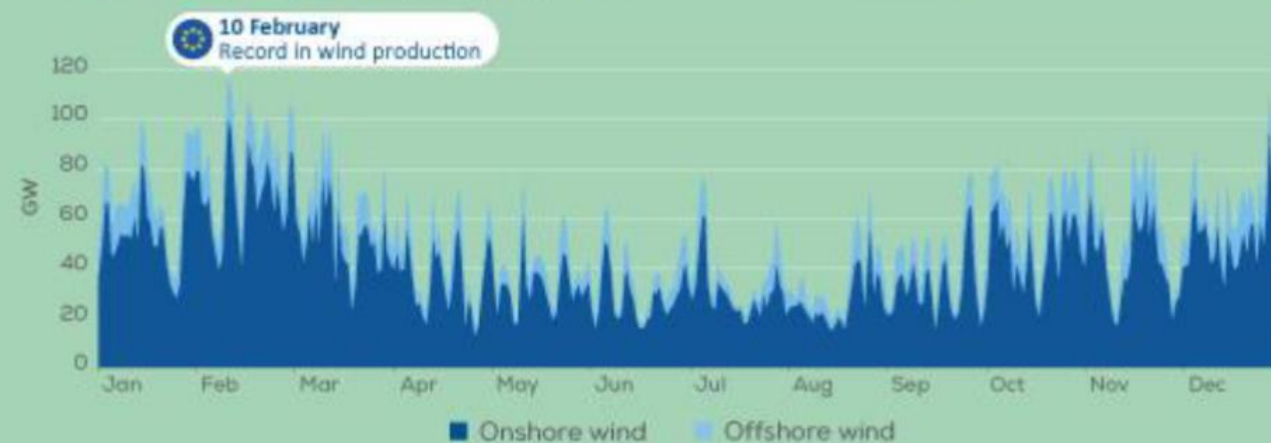


**2** designs under commissioning





European wind energy generation in 2020



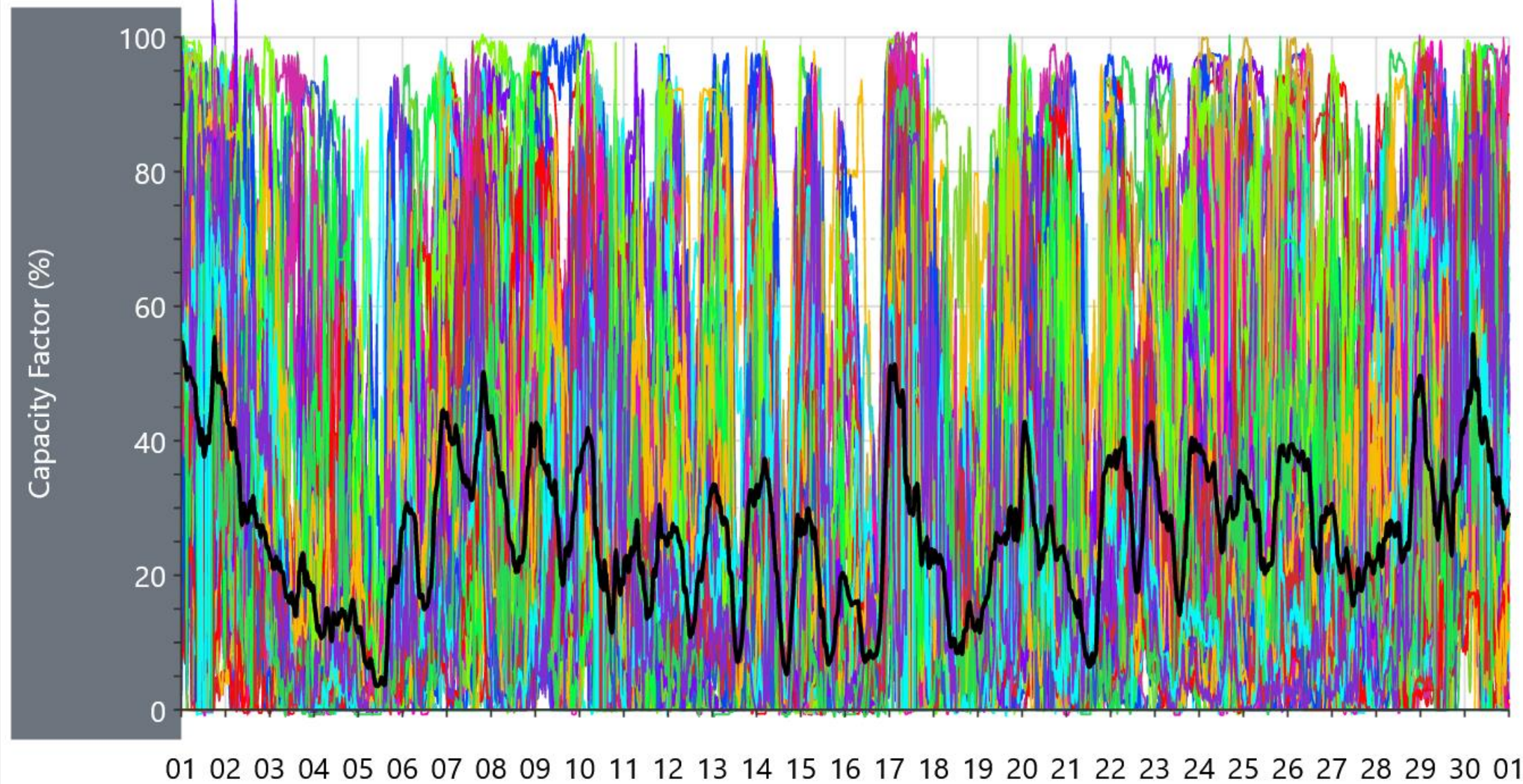
Data refers to EU Member States and the UK.



# Wind Energy Production During April 2022

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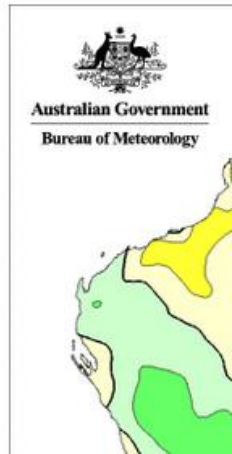
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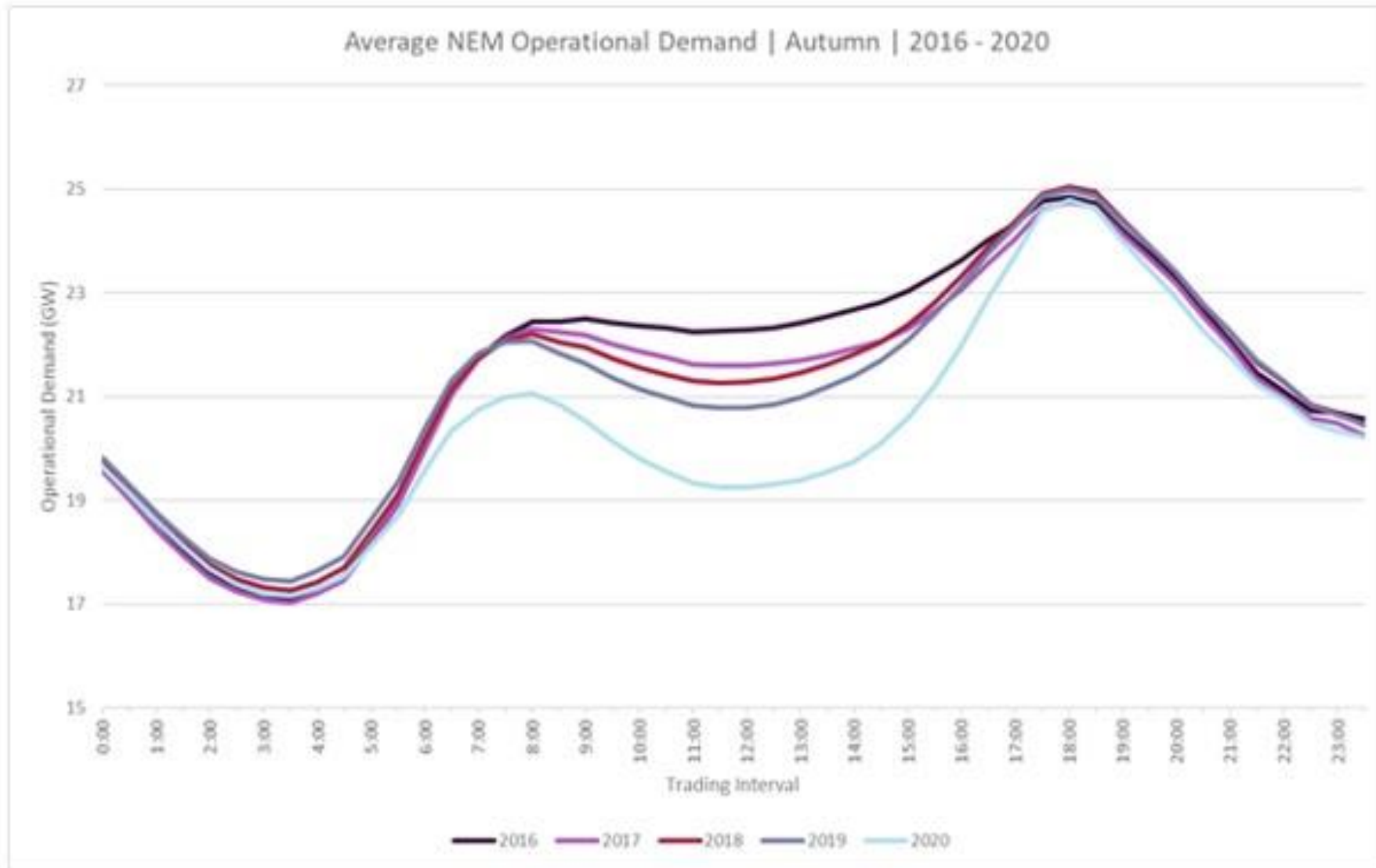
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*Operational demand for the NEM between 2015 and 2020. This shows a reflection of the downward trend in demand over a whole season.*

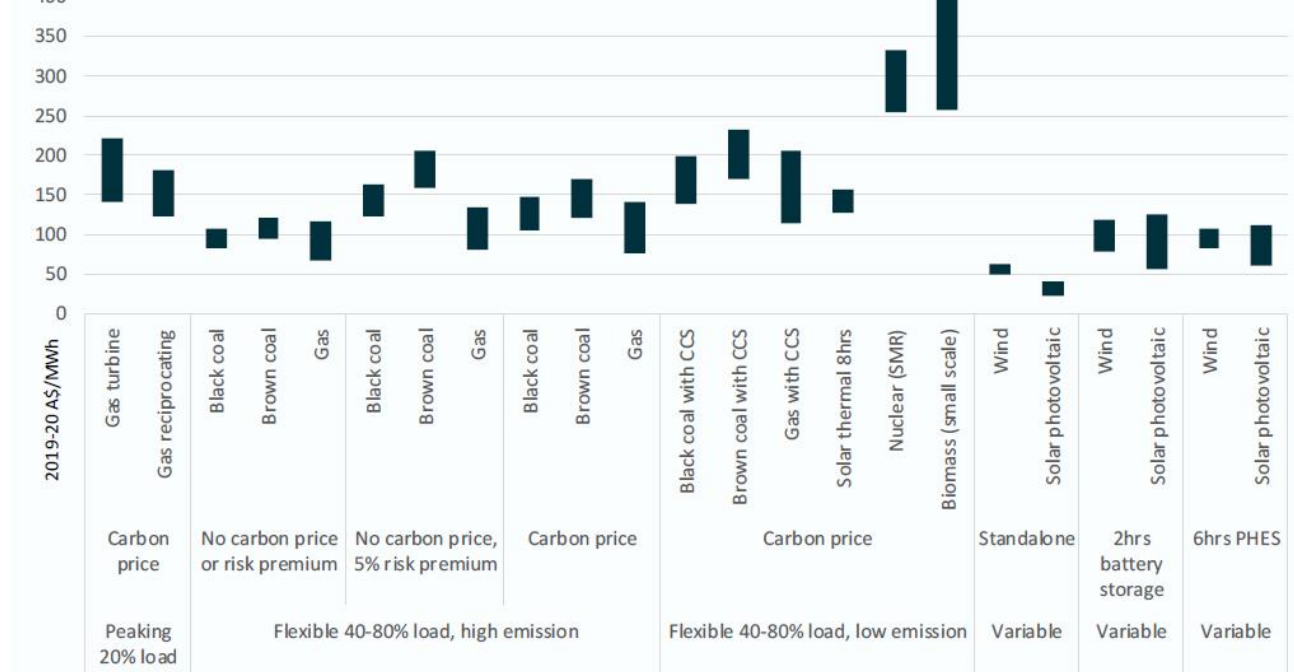
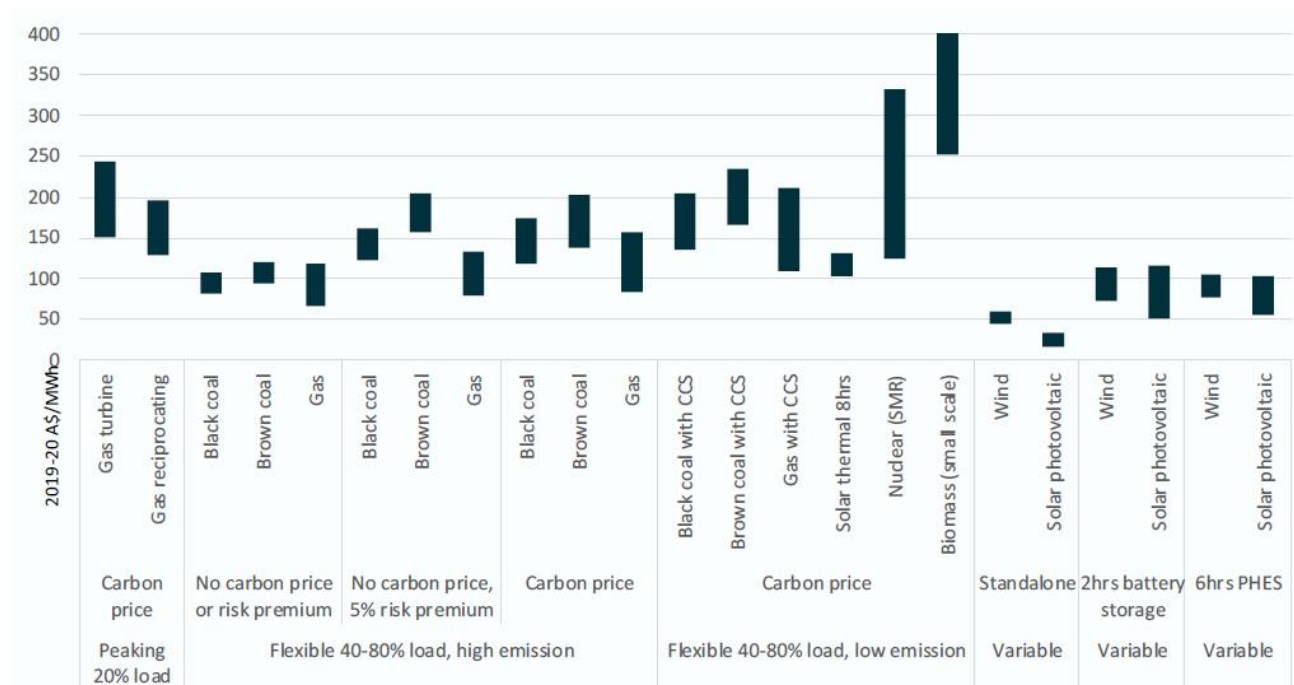


Figure 4-2 Calculated LCOE by technology and category for 2030

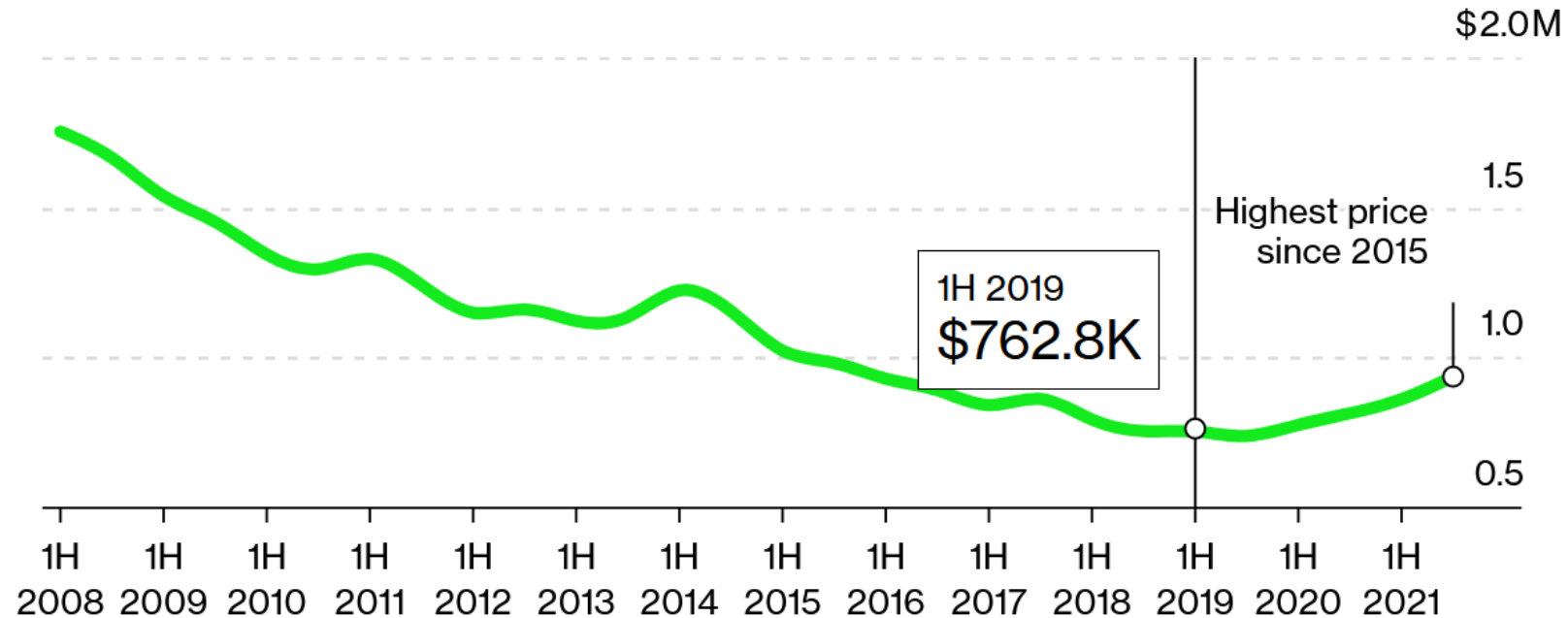


projects in fewer markets, raise prices, streamline their product lineups and cut manufacturing costs. That comes just as surging fossil fuel prices should be making renewables more competitive.

## Going Up

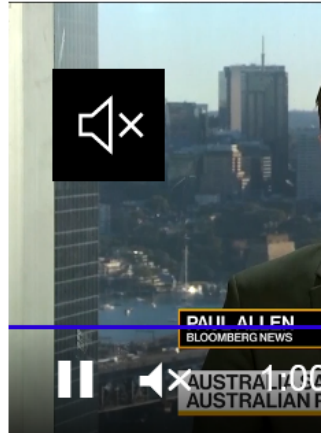
Wind turbine manufacturers are raising prices after years of declines

✓ Global average price per megawatt



Source: BloombergNEF

“You absolutely need to see some of these profit pictures turn around for the decarbonization goals to be achievable,” said Aaron



## Most Read

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**Amazon's Stock Than Bargained**

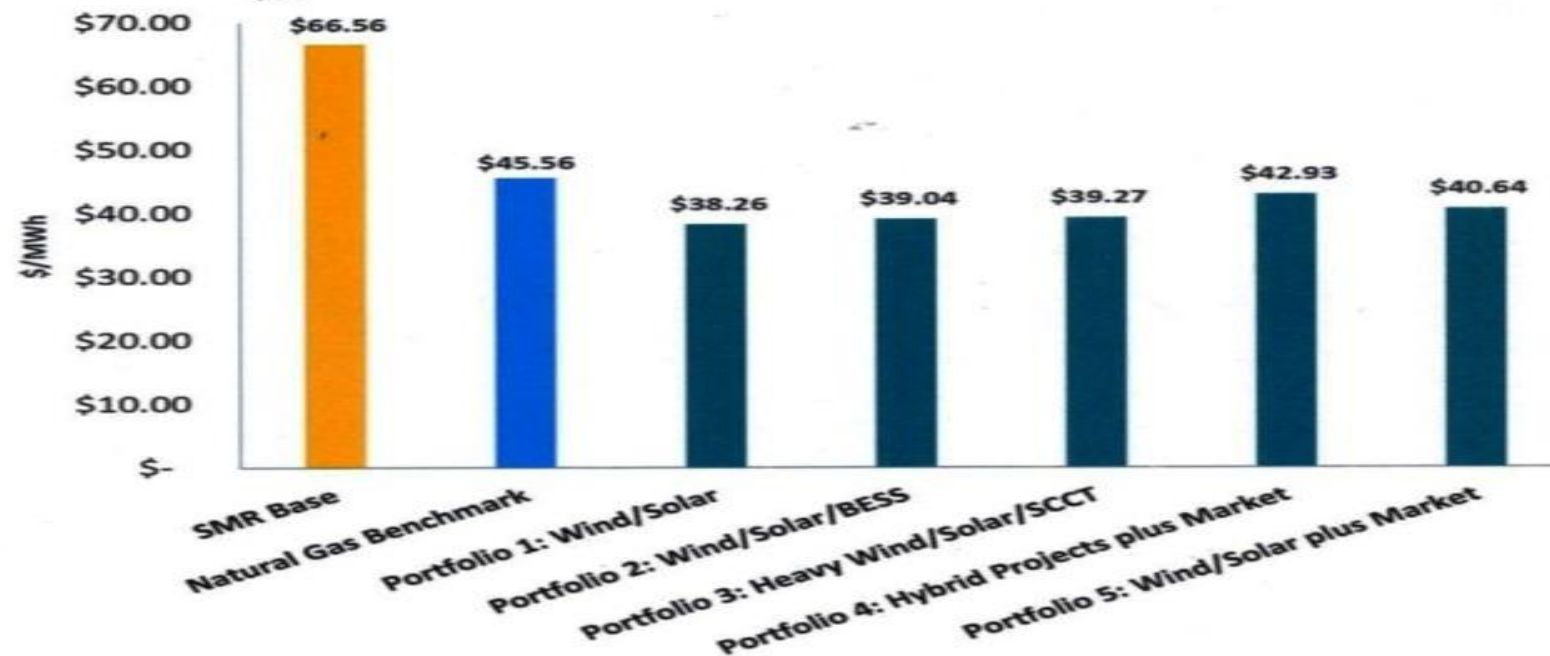
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### 3.2 Portfolio Cost Analysis

The total portfolio costs on an LCOE basis, excluding the cost of interconnection or transmission, are summarized in **Figure 4**. The SMR Base Case portfolio cost is \$67/MWh, while the alternative portfolios range from \$38-\$43/MWh. The analysis found that the SMR Base Case portfolio's levelized cost per megawatt-hour is \$24-\$28 higher than each alternative portfolio analyzed. The natural gas benchmark portfolio is \$46/MWh, which is slightly higher than the alternative portfolios, but roughly 30% less expensive than the SMR portfolio.

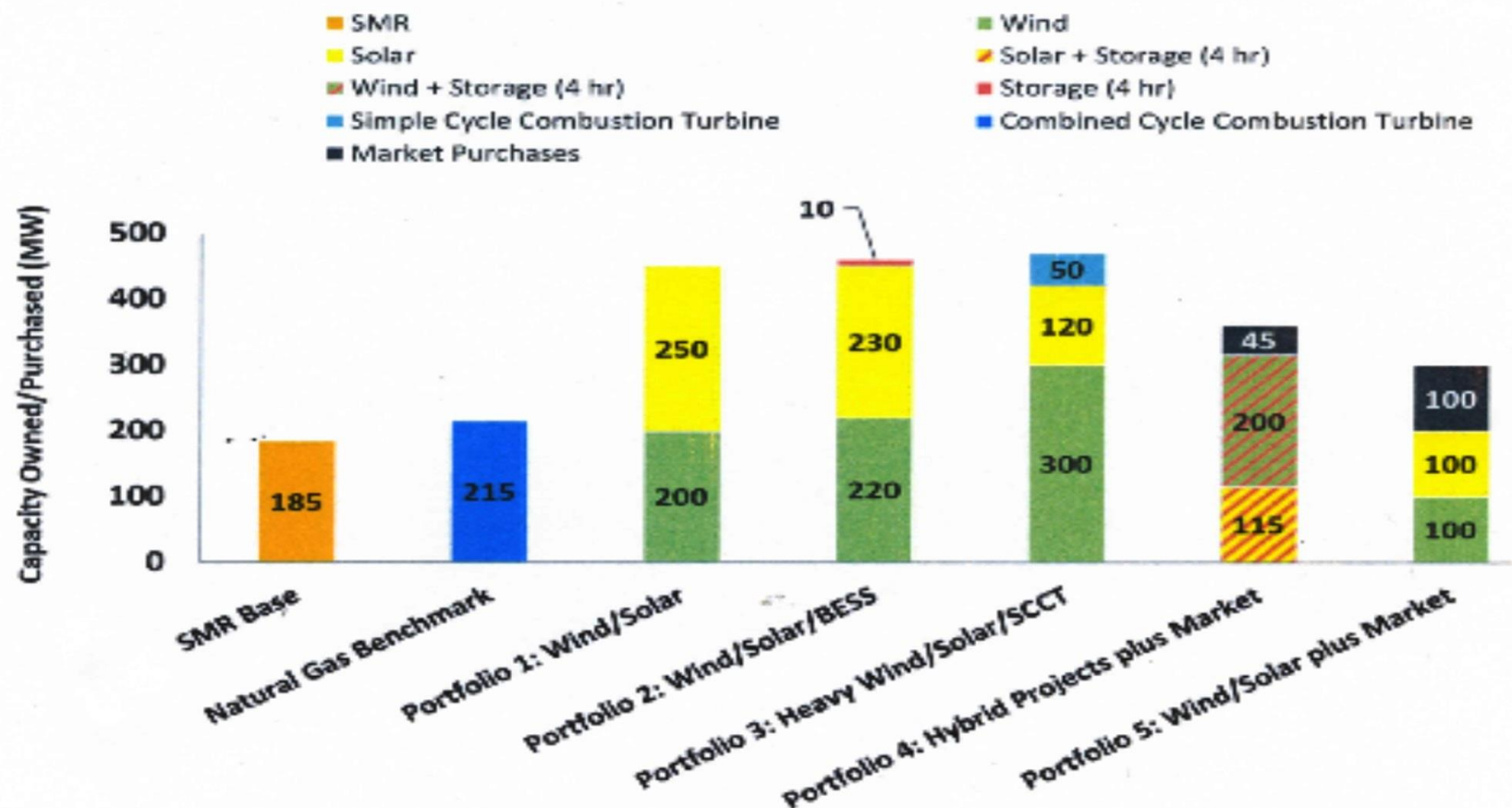
Figure 4: Total Levelized Portfolio Cost (\$/MWh)



The present value of each portfolio LCOE represents the total cost of that portfolio. Differences in this present value cost between portfolios represent estimated savings (or costs) between portfolio choices. The present value analysis was performed for 20 years, capturing total costs from 2026-2045. The differences in costs between the SMR Base Case and each portfolio were




























Figure 2: Portfolio Content by Nameplate Capacity (MW)



The comparable nature of each portfolio on an energy and capacity value basis and the resource composition of portfolios studied is shown in **Figure 3**. The diagram shows how the capacity value (black line) is held constant across the portfolios, while the energy content (bars) are all roughly equal to the energy content of the SMR Base Case portfolio.

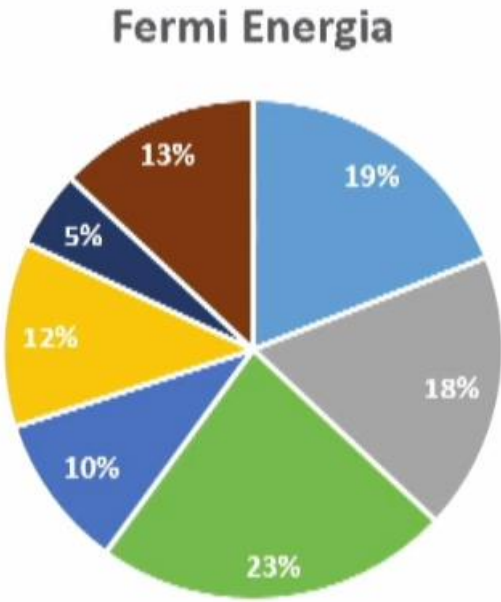
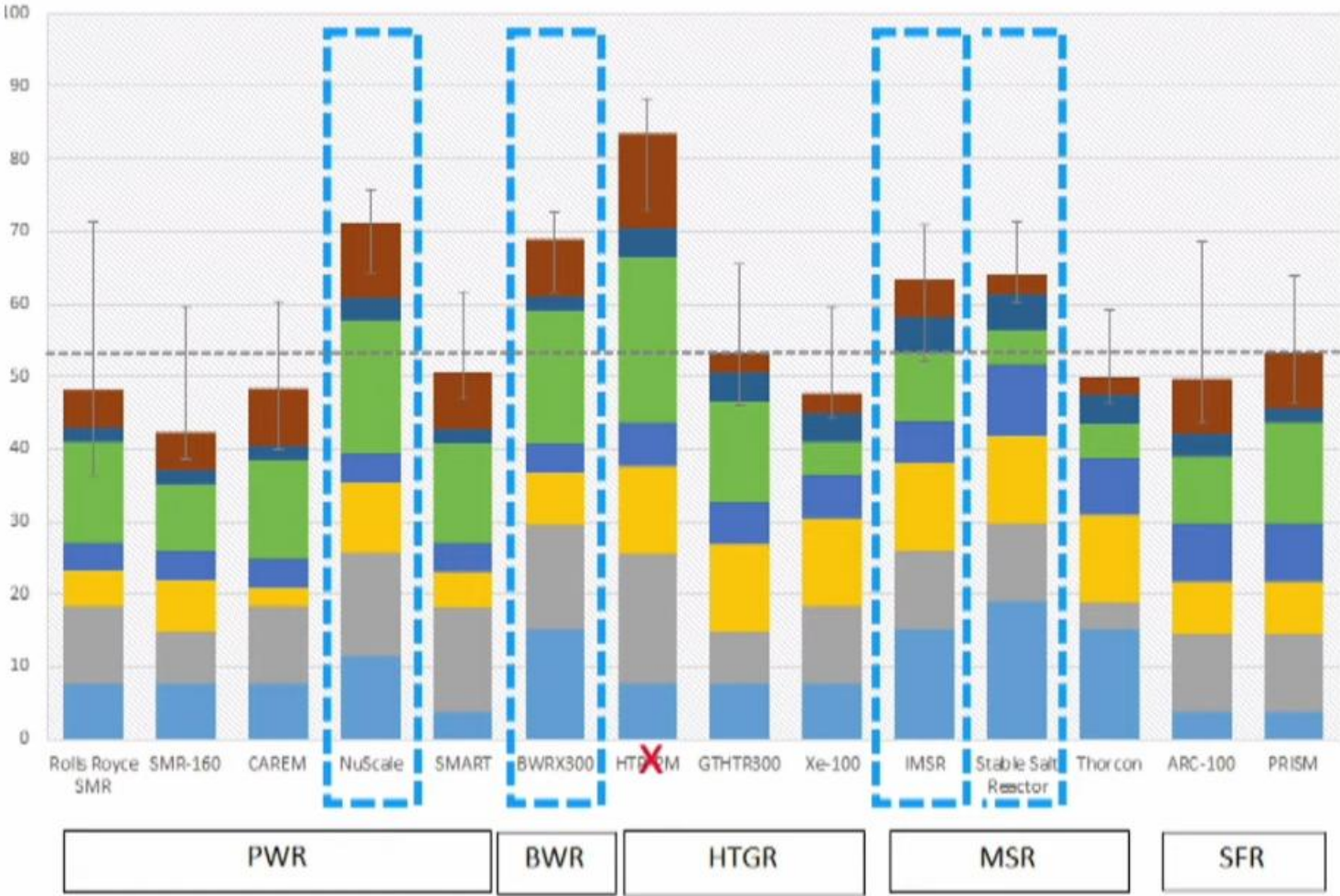
# Overview of SMR technologies

Light Water Reactor	Molten Salt Reactor	High Temperature Gas-cooled Reactor	Sodium Fast Reactor
  Mid-2020s	 Early 2030s (low TRL)	 Under commissioning	 Late-2020s
  Excellent passive safety No backup power	 Inherent passive safety High simplicity systems	 Excellent passive safety Elimination of core melt	 Excellent passive safety But sodium reactivity & void coefficient
  Possible load-following & desalination	 Load-following & heat applications	 Load-following & high T° applications	 Medium T° applications
  Not a long-term waste solution	 Prospects for waste solution	 Higher burn-up Not a long-term solution	 Closed fuel cycle and transmutation
  Good cost-competitiveness: 40 – 90\$/MWh	 Excellent expected competitiveness: 30 – 65 \$/MWh	 Lower competitiveness: 80 – 120\$/MWh	 Operational complexity



# Assessment results

## Fermi Energia weighting profile



- Cost competitive
- Delivery Certainty
- Inherently Safe
- Time to Market
- Equity & Finance
- Sustainable
- Fit for Market



# Short-term deployment options

## Top-ranked designs



### Short-term options: Promising and mature LWRs



#### TECHNOLOGY

Integral Pressurized Water Reactor

Boiling Water Reactor

#### REFERENCE POWER

12x 60 MWe

300MWe

#### CAPEX

4000 - 5000\$/kW

3000 - 4000\$/kW

#### FIT FOR MARKET

Enhanced load-following & low T° process heat

Daily cycle load-following & low T° process heat

#### DISTINGUISHING FEATURES

**Triple Crown Safety:**  
extended grace period > 30days  
1mile EPZ

Safety: extended grace period > 7days  
**Proven technology** – Evolved from ESBWR  
**Cost**

#### LICENSING

2020 , US NRC

Pre-licensing US and Canada

#### FOAK

2026, Idaho - US

Not yet announced

# Long-term sustainability options

## Top ranked designs



### Long-term options: Advanced reactors

#### Closing the fuel cycle

**TERRESTRIAL**  
ENERGY

#### TECHNOLOGY

Molten Salt Reactor (fast spectrum)

Molten Salt Reactor (thermal spectrum)

#### REFERENCE POWER

300 MWe

200MWe

#### CAPEX

~3000\$/kW

<3500\$/kW

#### FIT FOR MARKET

Load-balancing with heat storage  
& high T° process heat

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#### DISTINGUISHING FEATURES

**Waste burner**  
**Walk-away safety** & site-boundary EPZ  
Load-balancing with **heat storage**

**Walk-away safety** & site-boundary EPZ  
**> 500°C process heat**  
(H2, petro-chemical, ...)

#### LICENSING

Pre-licensing CNSC

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#### FOAK

~2030, New Brunswick - **Canada**

~2030, **Canada** (site not announced)

Fast reactors are nuclear reactors that are designed to maintain their neutrons at high energies. Fast neutrons can unlock the energy in the dominant isotope of uranium (U238) and thus extend known fuel resources by many orders of magnitude, enabling nuclear power to achieve long term sustainability.

Whereas traditional reactors contain moderators to slow down neutrons after they're emitted, fast reactors keep their neutrons moving quickly. An average slow neutron moves around at about 2200 m/s while a fast neutron might be cruising well above 9 million m/s, which is about 3% of the speed of light.





# Stable Salt Reactor – Moltex Energy: GridReserve

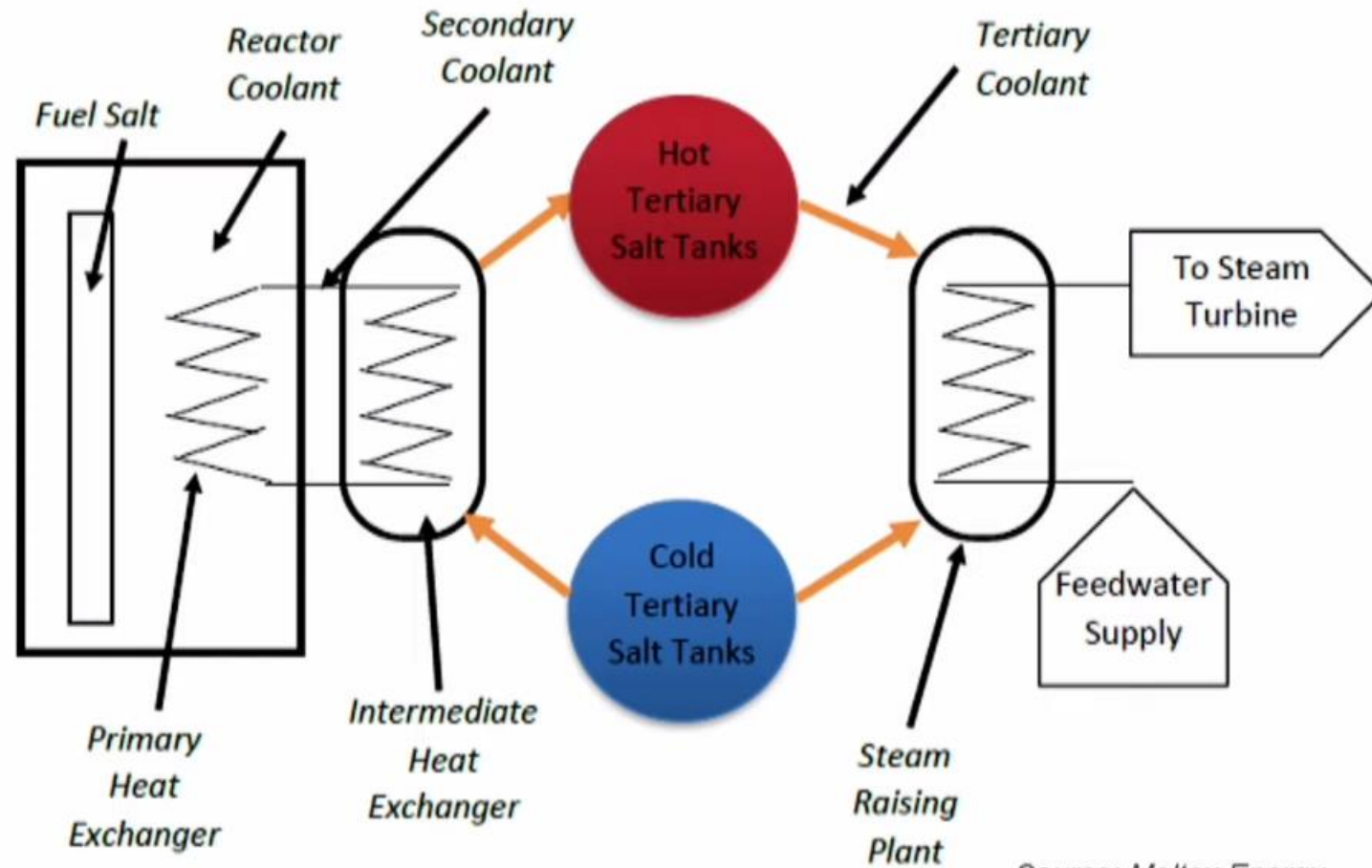


Figure 9: Overview of SSR Heat Transfer Loops

Source: Moltex Energy – Introduction Portfolio 2018

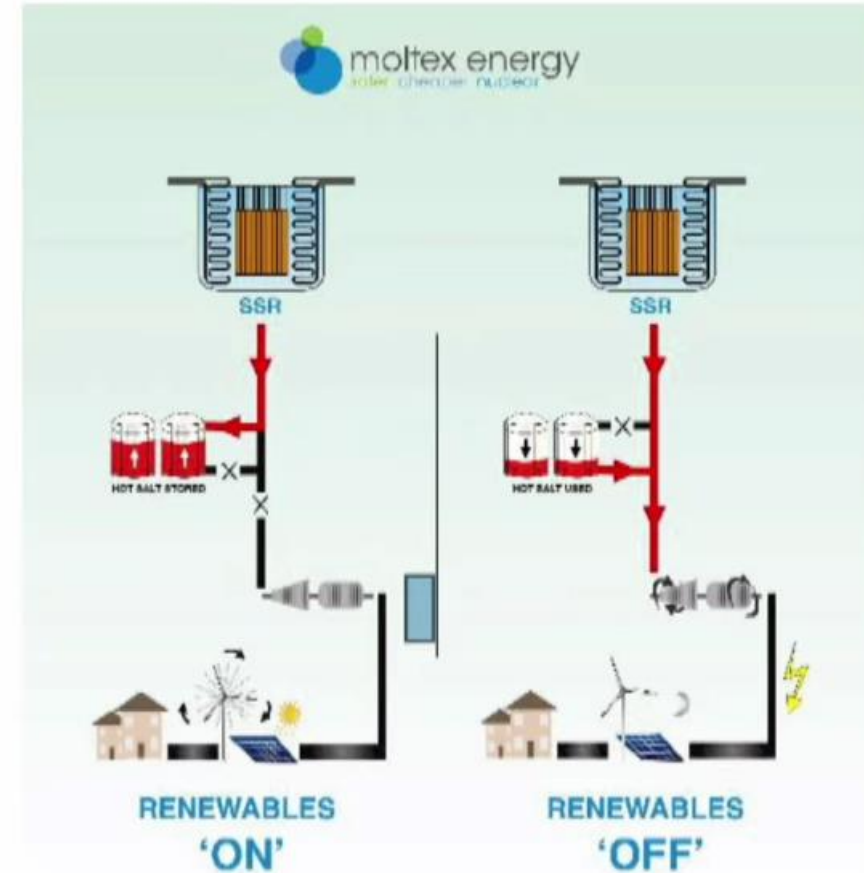


Figure 14: GridReserve to support intermittent renewables.

# Integral Molten Salt Reactor (IMSR)

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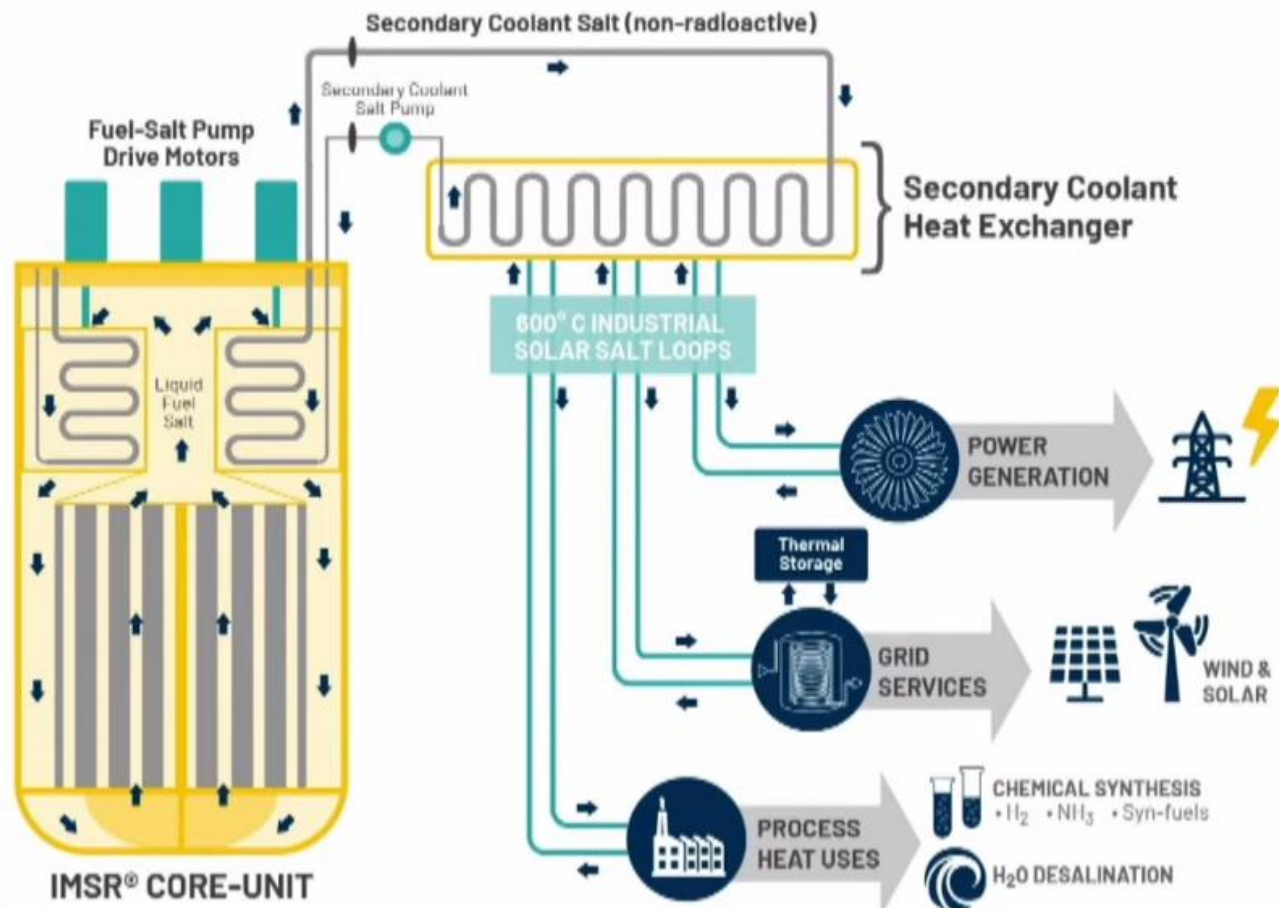
## Status



Vendor Design  
Review **Phase 2**



Canadian Nuclear  
Laboratories  
Laboratoires Nucléaires  
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IMSR® CORE-UNIT

Source:  
[www.terrestrialenergy.com/](http://www.terrestrialenergy.com/)

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# Conclusions

## Strong international momentum

Nuclear industry is on the verge of launching SMRs demonstration projects in several parts of the world



## Long-term sustainability

Full potential of 'new nuclear' can be anticipated for the early to mid 2030s (deep decarbonization, H2, industrial use, waste reduction)



## Fermi Energia leadership

Fermi Energia's ambitious goals and dynamic approach has drawn attention on the international scene and may become a trendsetter in the European nuclear industry



## Deployment of LWR within the decade

Chosen light-water SMR technologies rely on mature technology and would allow deployment within the decade



## Synergy with renewables

SMRs should be promoted together with renewable energy, as synergetic means of achieving zero-carbon target by 2050

