



# Why nuclear engineering? FISSION REACTORS / NUCLEAR POWER

- □ 445 nuclear power plants in operation world-wide (180 in Europe)
- □ 55 under construction (USA, UK, Korea, Finland, France, Slovakia, Turkey, China, Russia, India, Argentina, etc.) => Finland EPR Olkiluoto started operation, 1600 MWe
- □ 26 new nuclear power plants planned in Europe

  The Netherlands (2), France (14), Poland (6), Czech Republic (1), Finland (1), Bulgaria (1), Turkey (1)
- □ Nuclear included in EU taxonomy to support decarbonization efforts
- □ Japan plans to build new reactors (government announcement expected by Dec 2022)





Drone footage of snow across a San Antonio neighborhood. (Photo by Jesus Soliz)

WEATHER

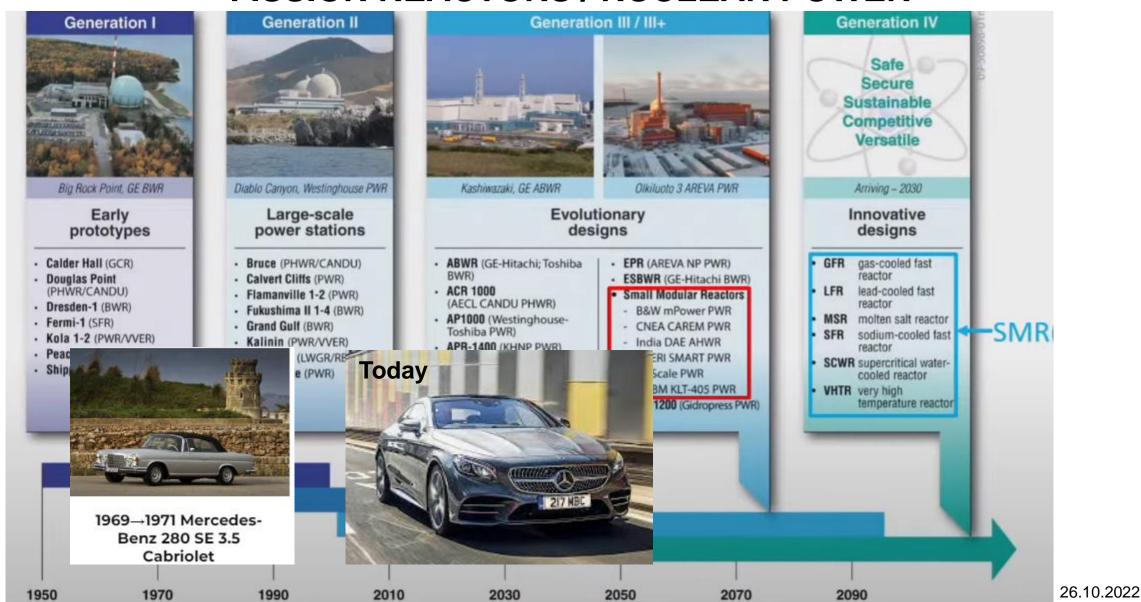
Klimaneutrale Stromversorgung ohne AKW – Selbst die Grünen liebäugeln jetzt mit Gaskraftwerken

Death toll from February Texas storm surpasses 150

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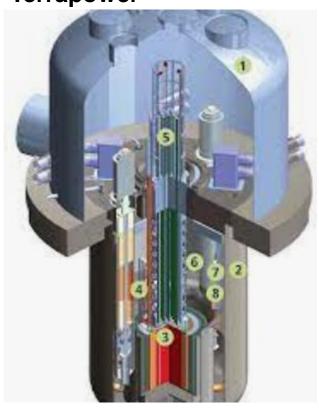




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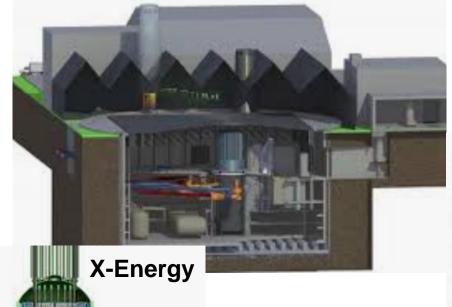
## **Terrapower**



**Nuscale SMR** 



**Kairos FHR** 



Westinghouse



They are all hiring at all levels (BSc, MSc, PhD) **Strong shortage of nuclear engineers!!!!! Also in Switzerland...** 



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NuSCALE (6x77 MW), für Utah, ab 2027 LCOE: 65\$/MWh, 3'600 \$/kW installiert



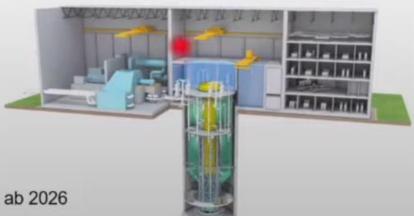
NUWARD (EdF/Technicatome), 170 MW, ab 2030



UK SMR (Rolls Royce), 443 MW, ab 2030



SMART (Korea), 100 MW, Betrieb in Saudi-Arabien ab 2026



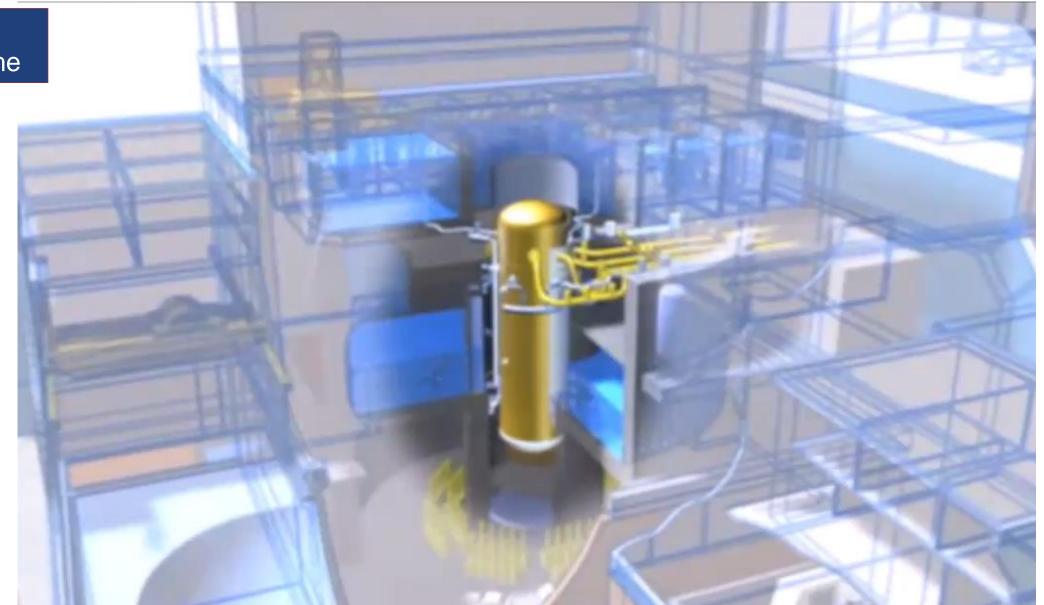
RITM-200 (Russia), Betrieb in Kirgistan ab 2028

BWRX-300 (GE/Hitachi) für Ontario Power, Betrieb ab 2028, mittelfristiges Preistarget: 2'250 \$/kW



#### **General Electric ESBWR**

Passive Sicherheitssysteme





# Why nuclear engineering?

## MICROREACTORS FOR REMOTE AREAS





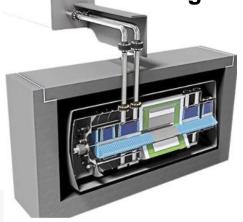


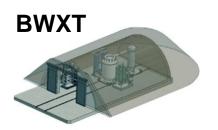






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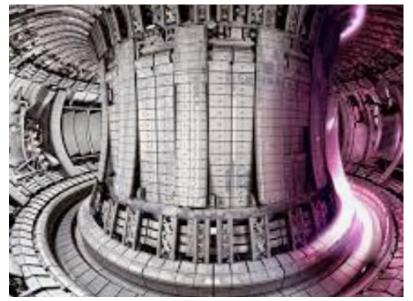
- ☐ Can operate as part of the electric grid, independently from the electric grid, or as part of a microgrid
- ☐ Fully factory built, designed to be portable
- ☐ Up to 20 MWth to generate electricity and provide heat for industrial applications
- □ Powering remote, rural communities relying on diesel generators; sources of zerocarbon energy for desalination, hydrogen production and other industries

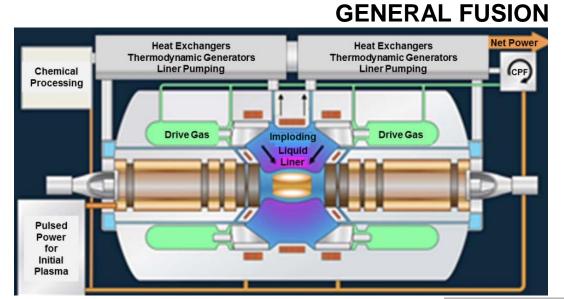
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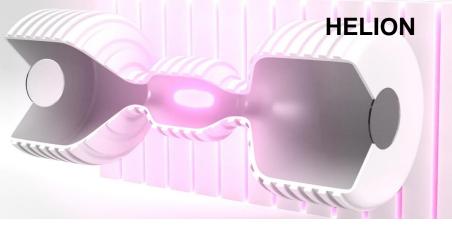
## **ITER / International effort**

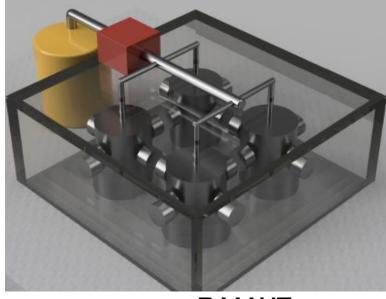




### **MIFGEN**







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## Why nuclear engineering? SPÁCE EXPLORATION

#### spacepolicyonline.com

AGGRESSIVE NUCLEAR PROPULSION R&D EFFORT **NEEDED TO SEND HUMANS TO MARS IN 2039** 



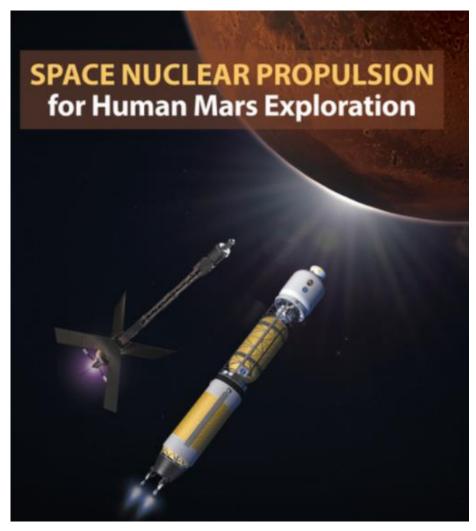




Perseverance rover will run on nuclear power RTG (Radioisotope thermoelectric generator) will provide power for the rover for about 14 years

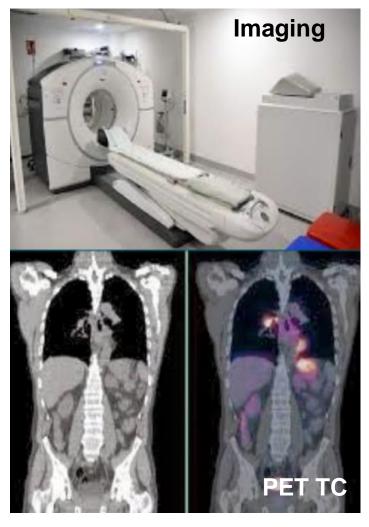
#### www.nasa.com

Nuclear Propulsion Could Help Get Humans to **Mars Faster** 

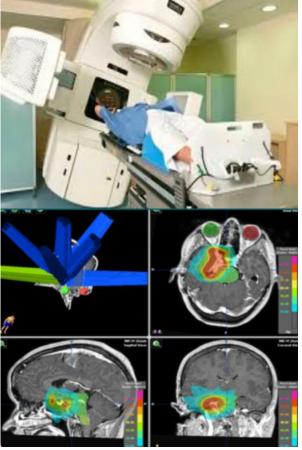


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## **NUCLEAR MEDICINE**







Nuclear engineers are experts in the interactions between ionizing radiation and matter, nuclear imaging instrumentation and radiation dosimetry.

- ☐ Therapeutic and diagnostic applications of radionuclides (except those used in sealed sources for therapeutic purposes)
- Equipment associated with their production, use, measurement and evaluation
- ☐ Quality of images resulting form their production and use
- Medical health physics associated with this subfield

Irradiation plan design









# Why nuclear engineering? **INDUSTRIAL IMAGING**

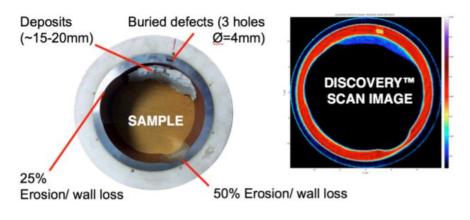
#### TOMOGRAPHIC IMAGING FOR UNDERWATER OIL/GAS PIPELINES

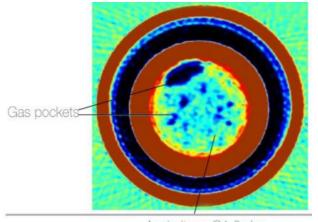




#### **INDUSTRIAL RADIOGRAPHY**





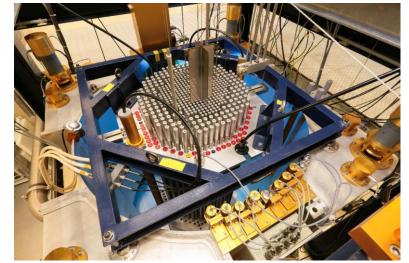


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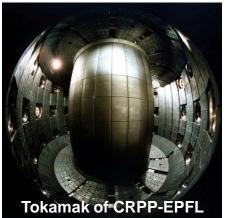
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## 4 Semesters (120 credits)





- ☐ Fission technology as energy source (nuclear power plants)
- Neutronics
- ☐ Thermo-hydraulics and fluid-dynamics
- □ Nuclear safety, efficiency, environmental aspects
- ☐ Fusion reactors and plasma physics
- □ Nuclear Medicine, Research and industry beyond nuclear power plants
- ☐ Fuel cycle from Uranium mines to disposal
- ☐ Integration of nuclear power plants in the energy system, synergy with other energy technologies









# The Swiss Nuclear Engineering Master Program How is the Nuclear Engr. Master organized?







## The Swiss Nuclear Engineering Master Program

## **Organization**



## **□** 1<sup>st</sup> Semester, EPF Lausanne

Focus: Reactor physics, Neutron Transport, Radiation Biology and dosimetry, Plasma physics (fusion)

## □ 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester, ETH Zürich

Focus: Reactor technology, Nuclear fuel, Nuclear Safety, Thermo-hydraulics and fluid-dynamics, Material Science, Nuclear Medicine

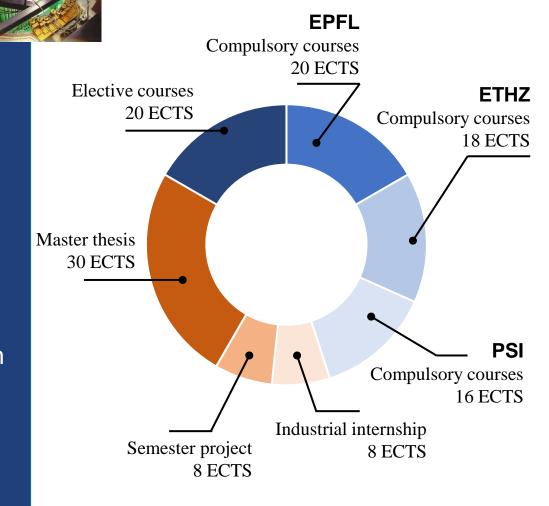
### Placeholder for 3 months industrial internship

□ 3<sup>rd</sup> Semester, Paul Scherrer Institut / ETH Zürich

Focus: Research (Semester project), Deepening in Material science, Sever accidents, Decomissioning and waste disposal

☐ 4<sup>th</sup> Semester, PSI / ETH Zürich / EPF Lausanne / Extern

Focus: Research => Master thesis



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## The Swiss Nuclear Engineering Master Program



### **□** SPECIALIZATIONS

- Medical Physics
- Plasma physics and Fusion Reactors
- Fission reactors and NPPs
  - Thermal-hydraulics
  - Neutronics

- Energy Systems
- Materials
- Particle Physics and Detection
- Computational Methods



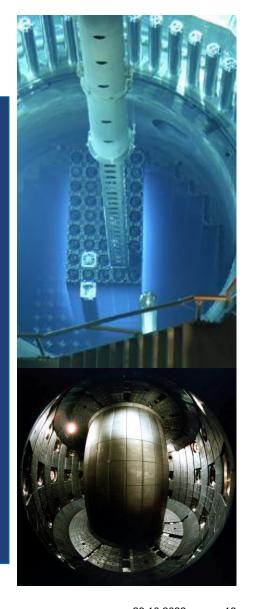
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#### **Motivations**

- ☐ More interesting, versatile and innovative than some people think!
- □ Very high energy density of nuclear fuel Advantage (great effect from small amounts of substance)
- □ Nuclear energy supports the energy transition as a powerful, environmentally friendly competitor to coal, oil and gas
- □ Reduced storage requirements for renewables thanks to the ability to plan generation
- □ Nuclear methods open up a multitude of non-invasive measurement and diagnostic procedures in technology and medicine
- ☐ Strong therapy option for the most serious illnesses
- ☐ Enjoy internationality of the nuclear community and your study mates!
- ☐ High level of multidisciplinarity opens a broad range of carrier possibilities

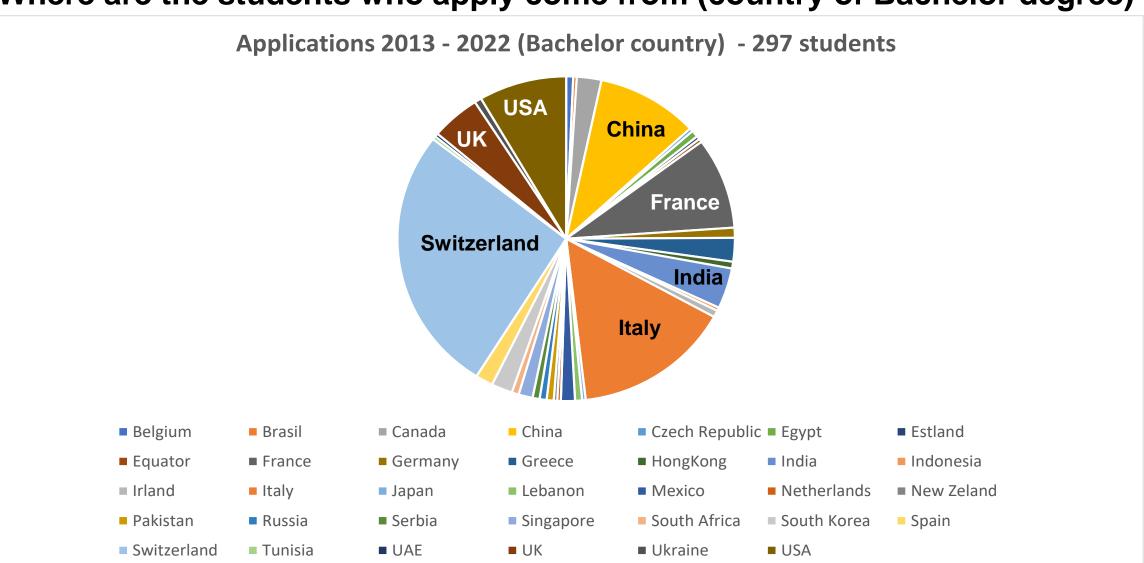








## Where are the students who apply come from (country of Bachelor degree)



## International Collaborations















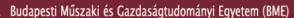






































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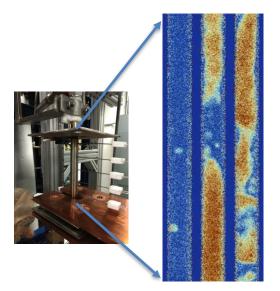
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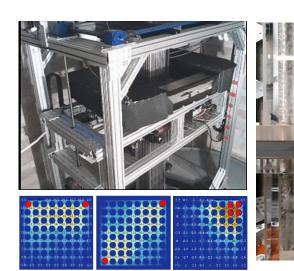


# **Nucleary Systems and Multiphase Flows Lab**

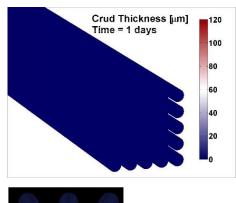
High-resolution experiments for single- and multiphase flows, advanced instrumentation, computational fluid-dynamics.

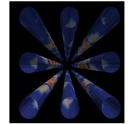


Xray radiography of Steam-water flow at 75 bar



Void-fraction distribution in a fuel bundle using *γ*-tomography





CFD/chemistry
multiphysics
simulations of
CRUD deposition
on nuclear fuel



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Buoyant jets in stratified environments using PIV + Refractiveindex matching

Applications: nuclear power plants (LWRs, microreactors, advanced reactors) fluid-dynamics processes, imaging

