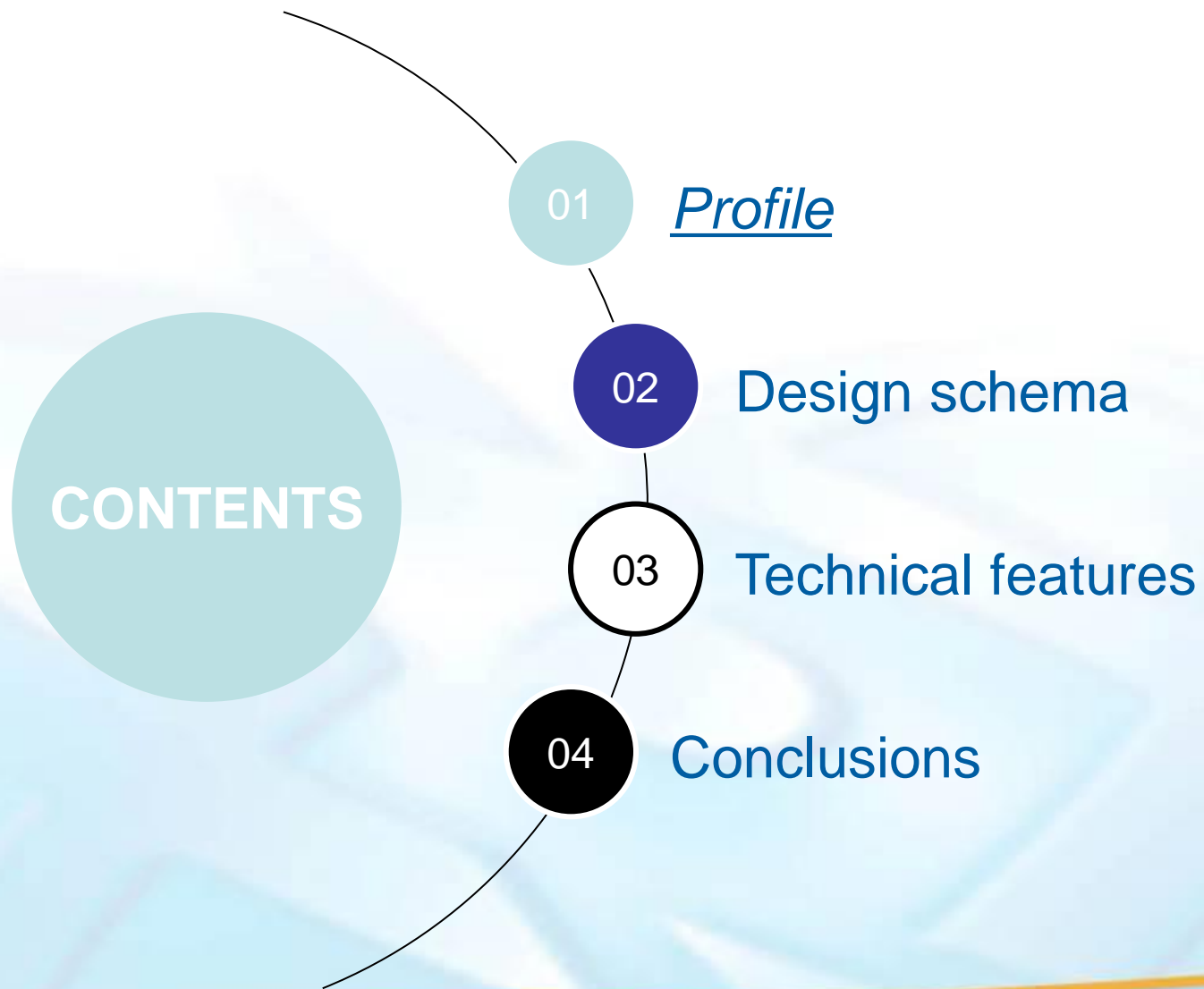


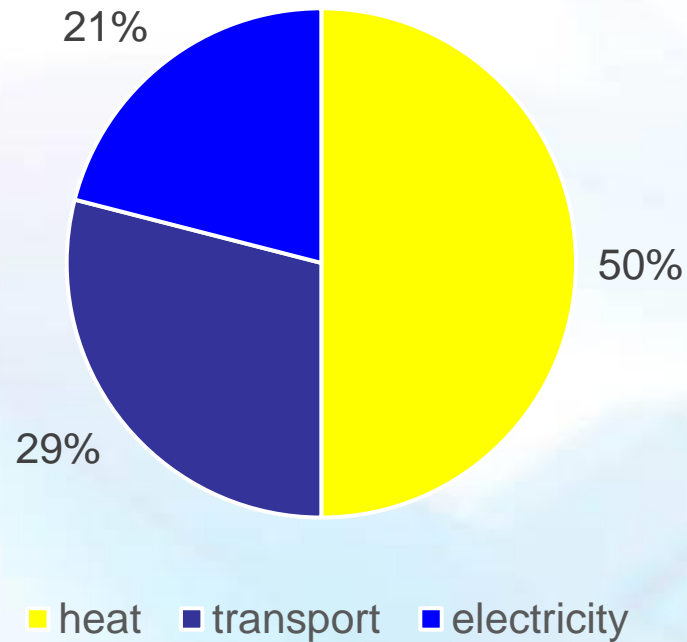
DHR, A “CLEAN” DISTRICT HEATING REACTOR

Ke Guotu
China Institute of Atomic Energy
Jan 2021

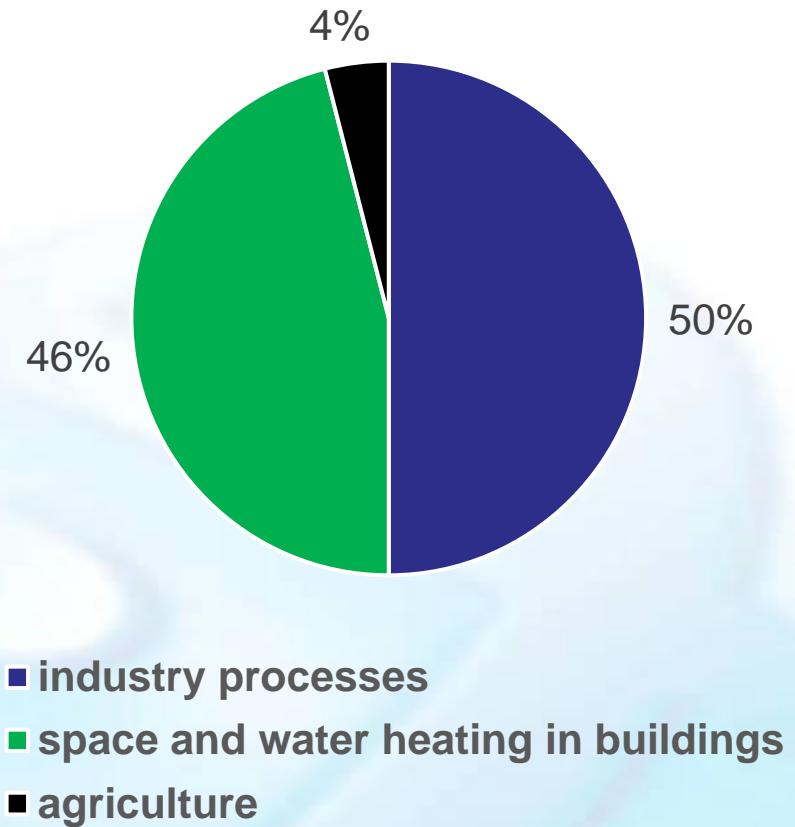




Global final energy consumption by sector, 2018



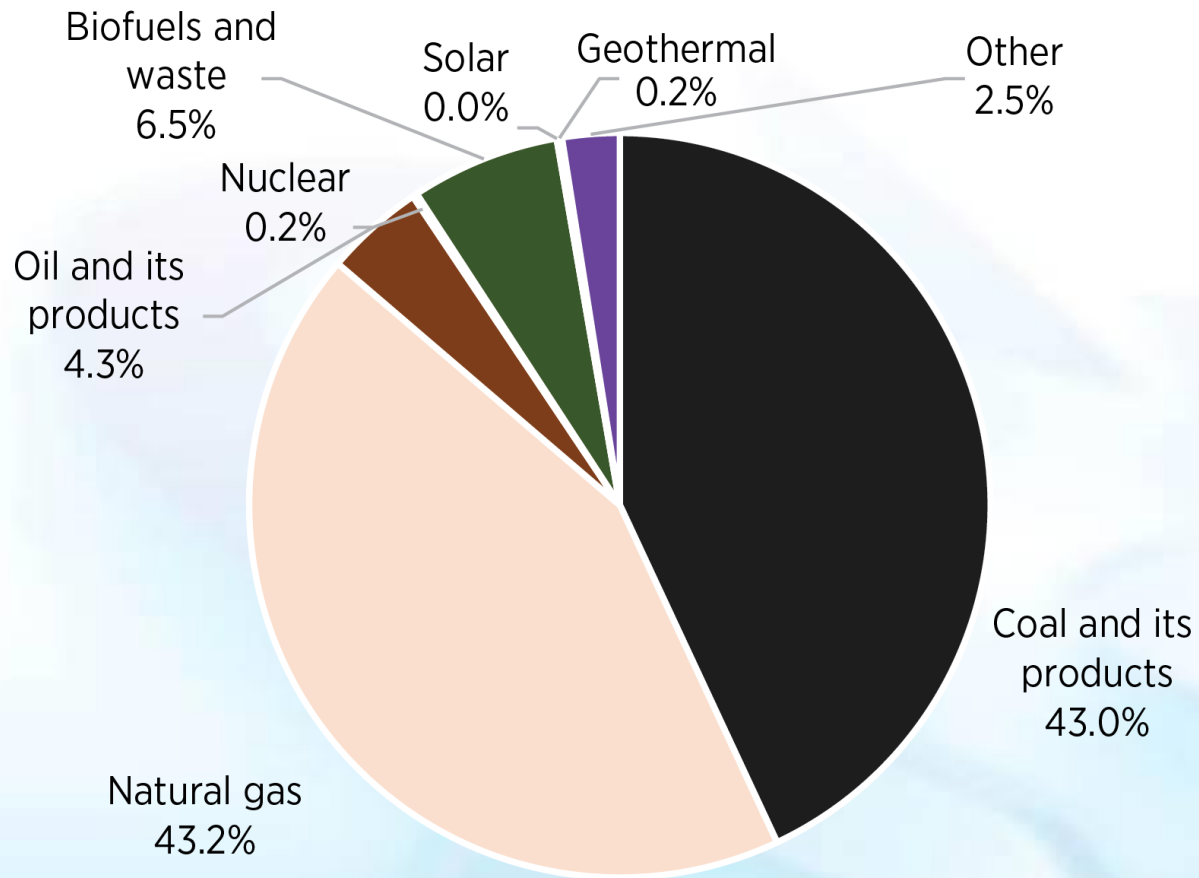
Global heat consumption by use, 2018



Source: IEA



Breakdown of fuel use in district heating and cooling systems worldwide, 2014



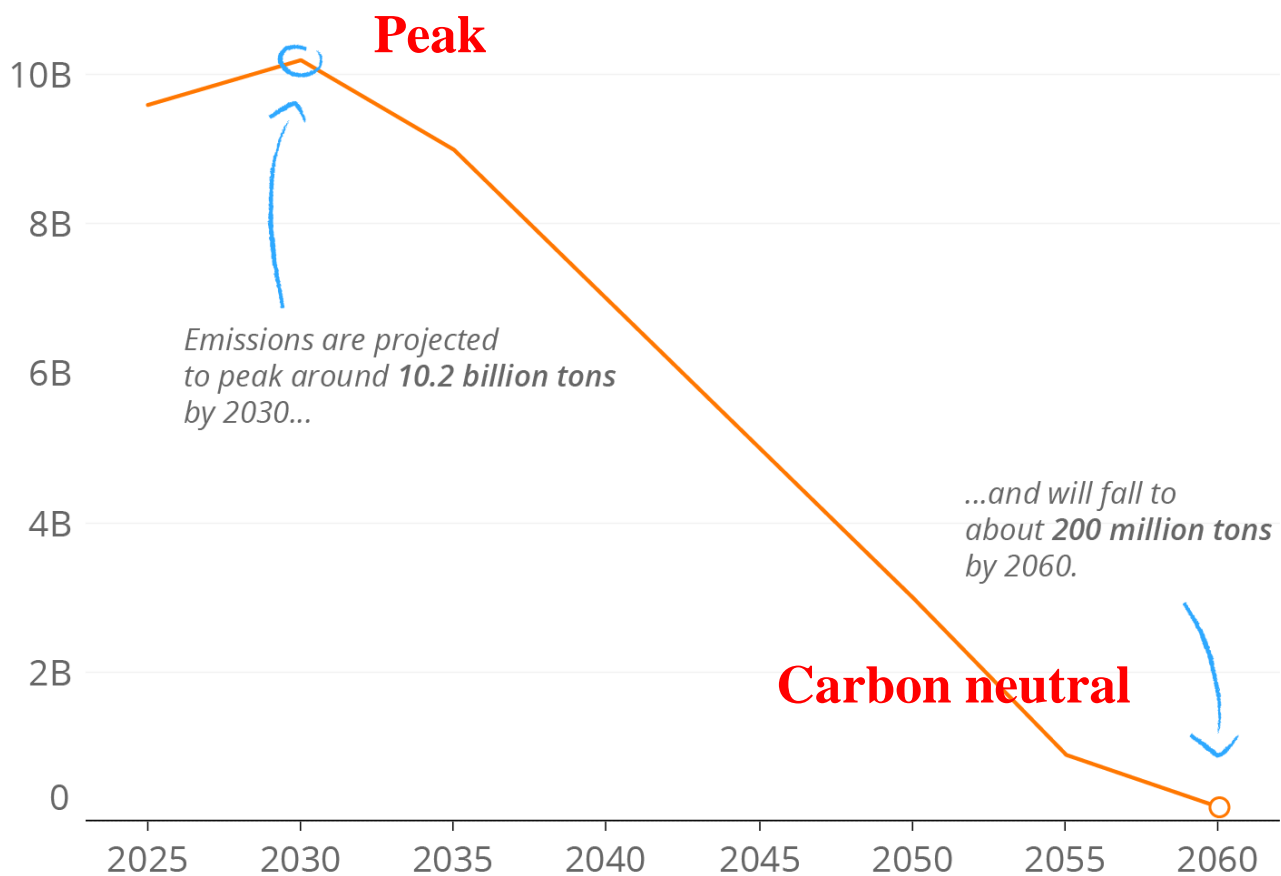
Source: IRENA

- Most district heating and cooling system energy is currently provided by fossil fuels
- China's reliance on coal makes heat production particularly carbon-intensive, releasing around 400 gCO₂/kWh.
- The carbon intensity is typically 150-300 gCO₂/kWh in Europe for massive use of renewable energy sources



Precipitous decline

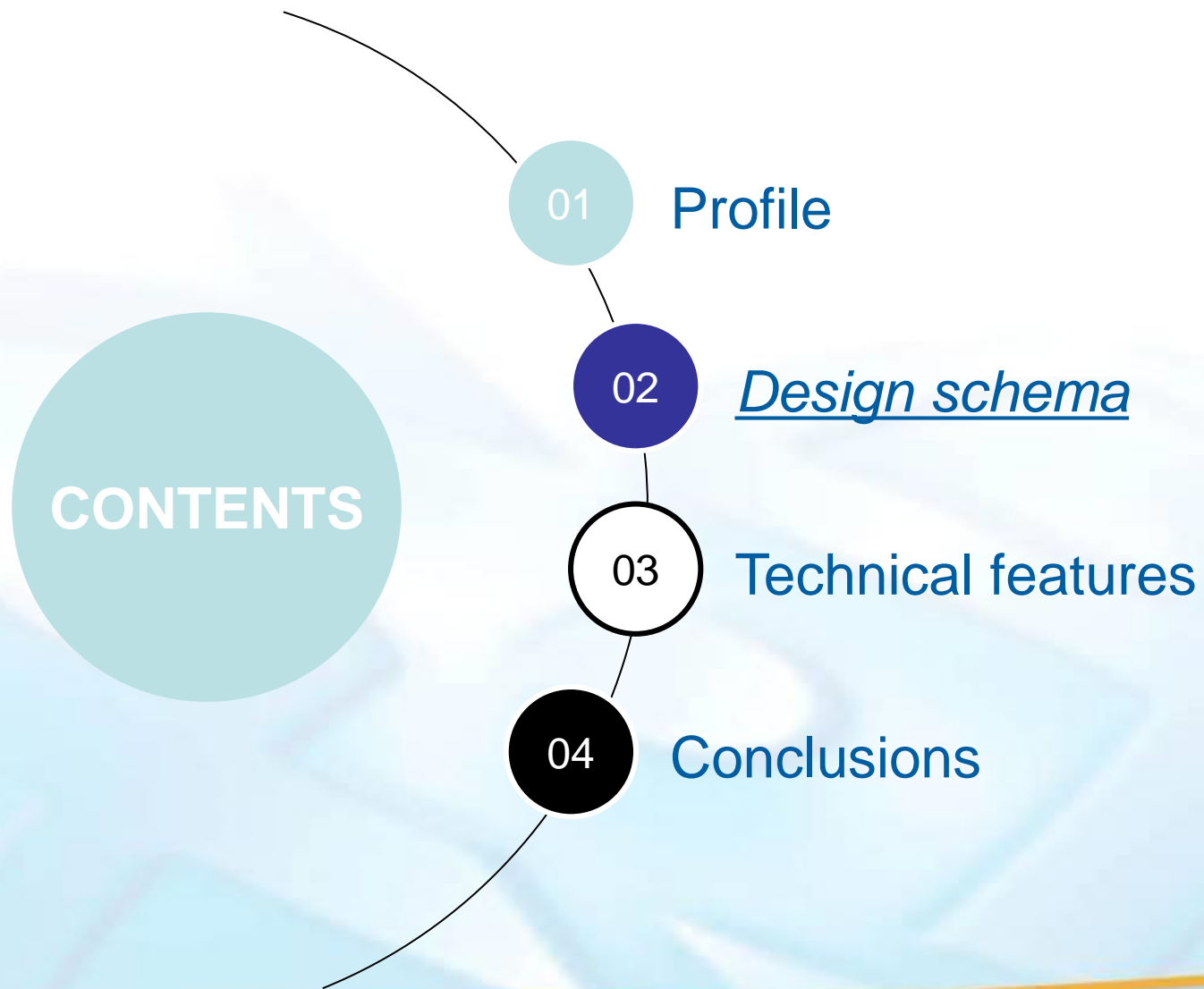
Projected Chinese carbon emissions, billion tons



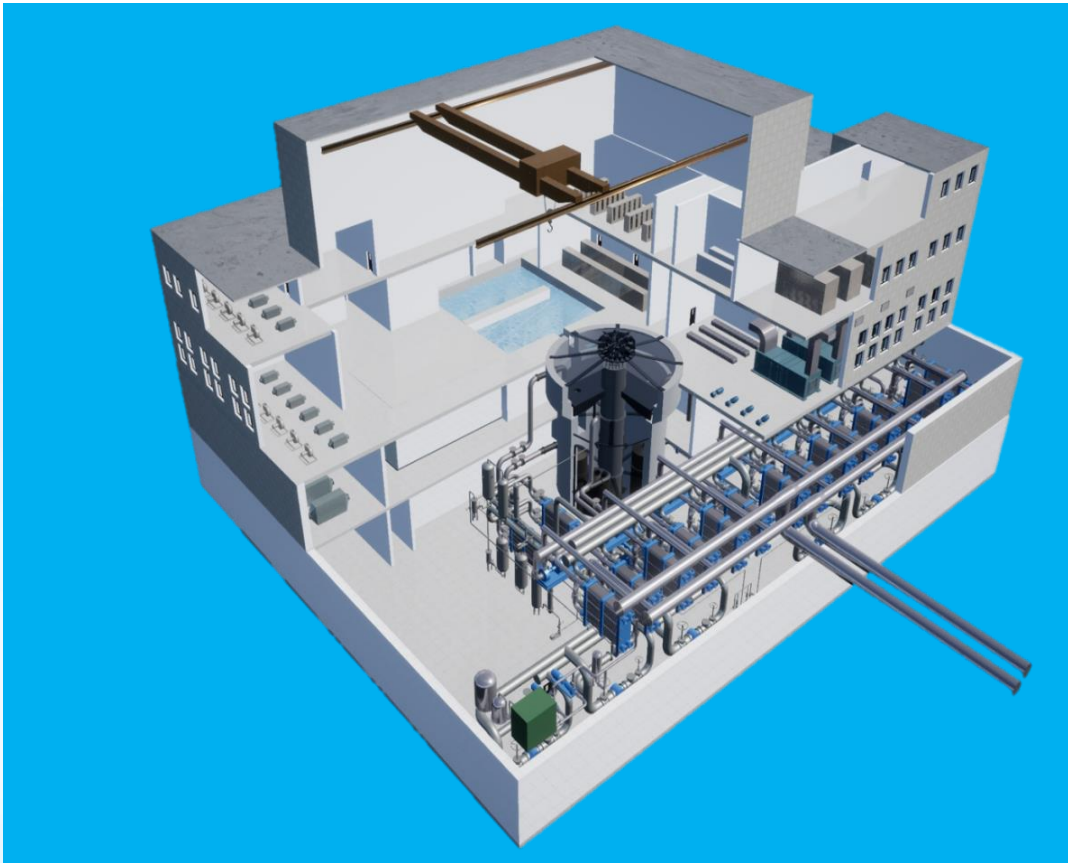
Source: Tsinghua University, Bloomberg

grist

- China aims to have CO₂ emissions peak before 2030 and achieve carbon neutrality before 2060
- China will scale up its Intended Nationally Determined Contributions by adopting more vigorous policies and measures



Deep-pool Low-temperature Heating Reactor (DHR)

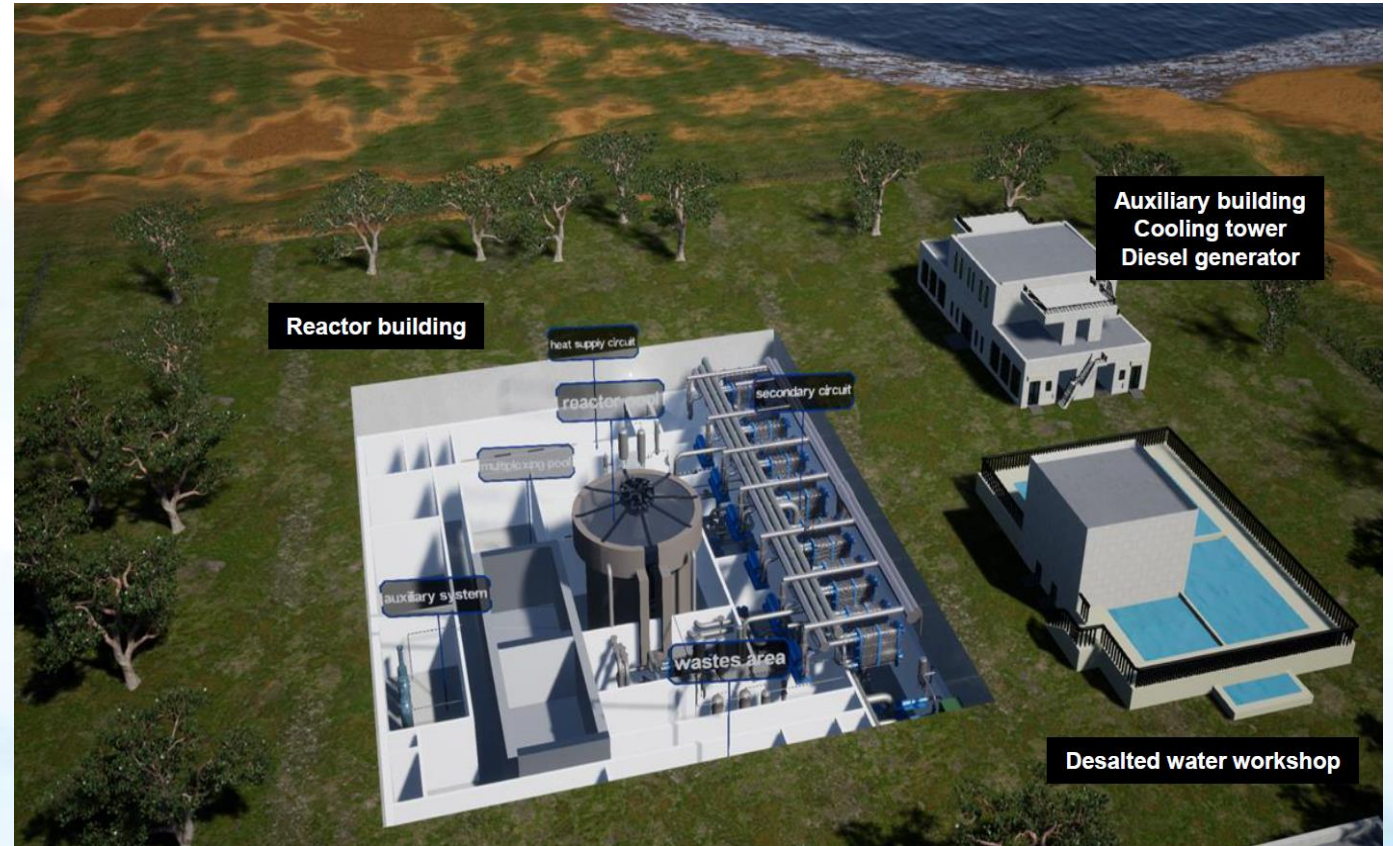


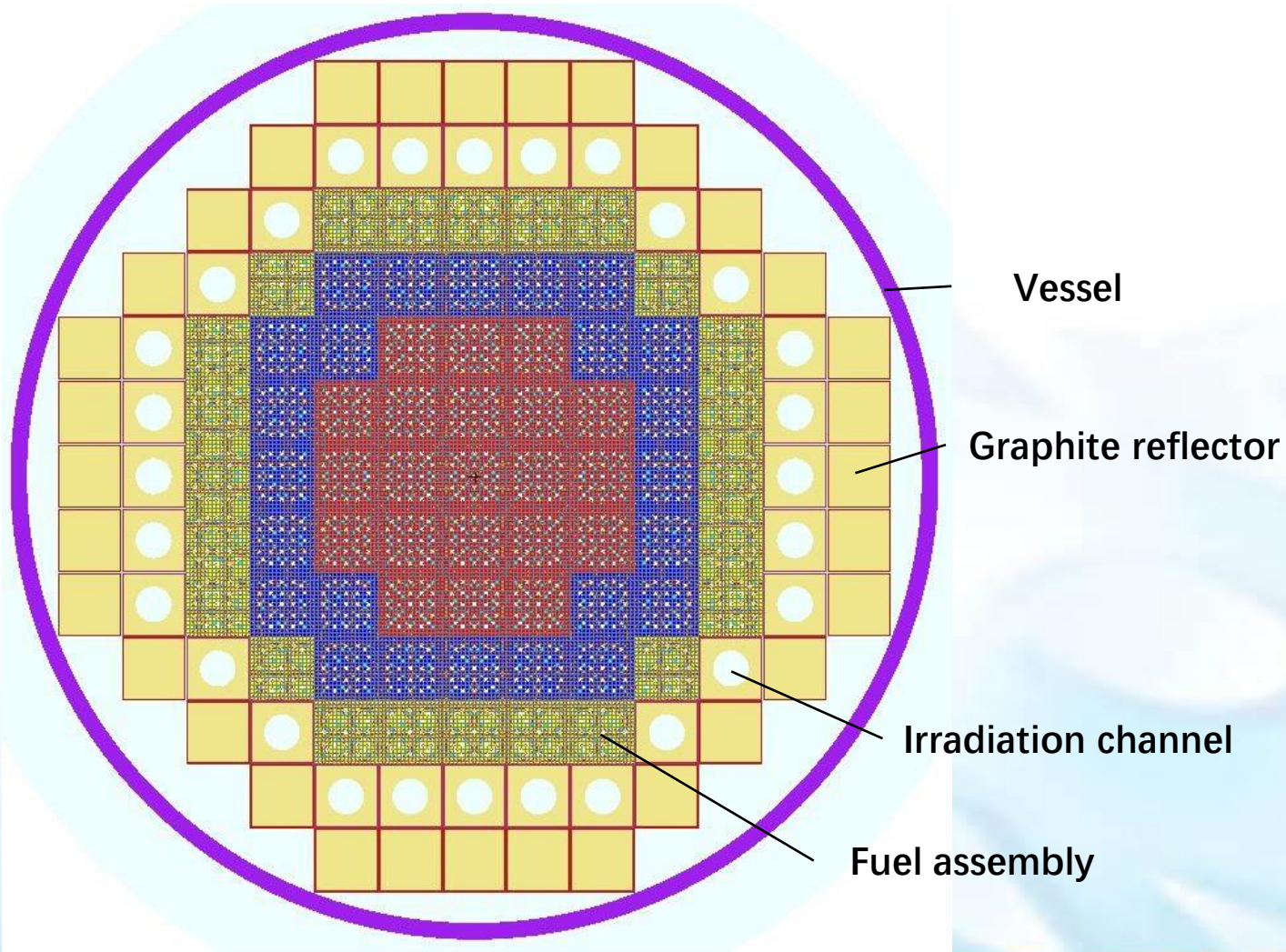
- The reactor core is placed in the bottom of an atmospheric-pressure pool
- A proper core outlet temperature that can meet the requirement of district heating system is achieved by increasing the static pressure of the water layer



item	parameter
thermal power /MW	400
Life/year	>60
refueling period /EFPD	450
inlet/outlet of core /°C	68/98
O&M staff	35
Land area/ha	<0.4
Uses	Multipurpose

Overall layout of a DHR heating station

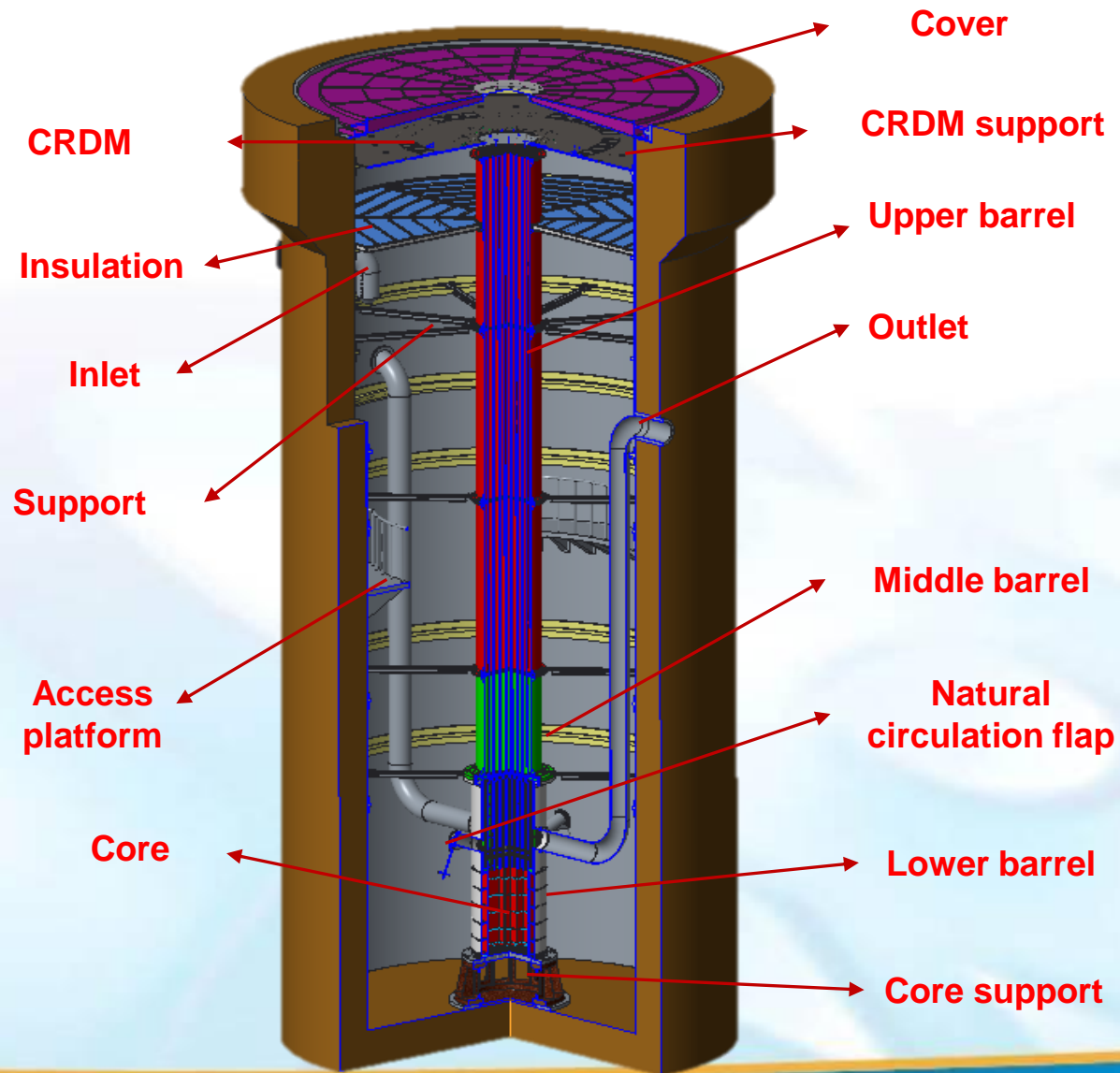




- No soluble boron, control rod is used for reactivity control
- Adopt PWR fuel assembly CF3-S , $17 \times 17_{-25}$, truncated, 8% Gd-loaded
- Average burnup ~30GWD/tU



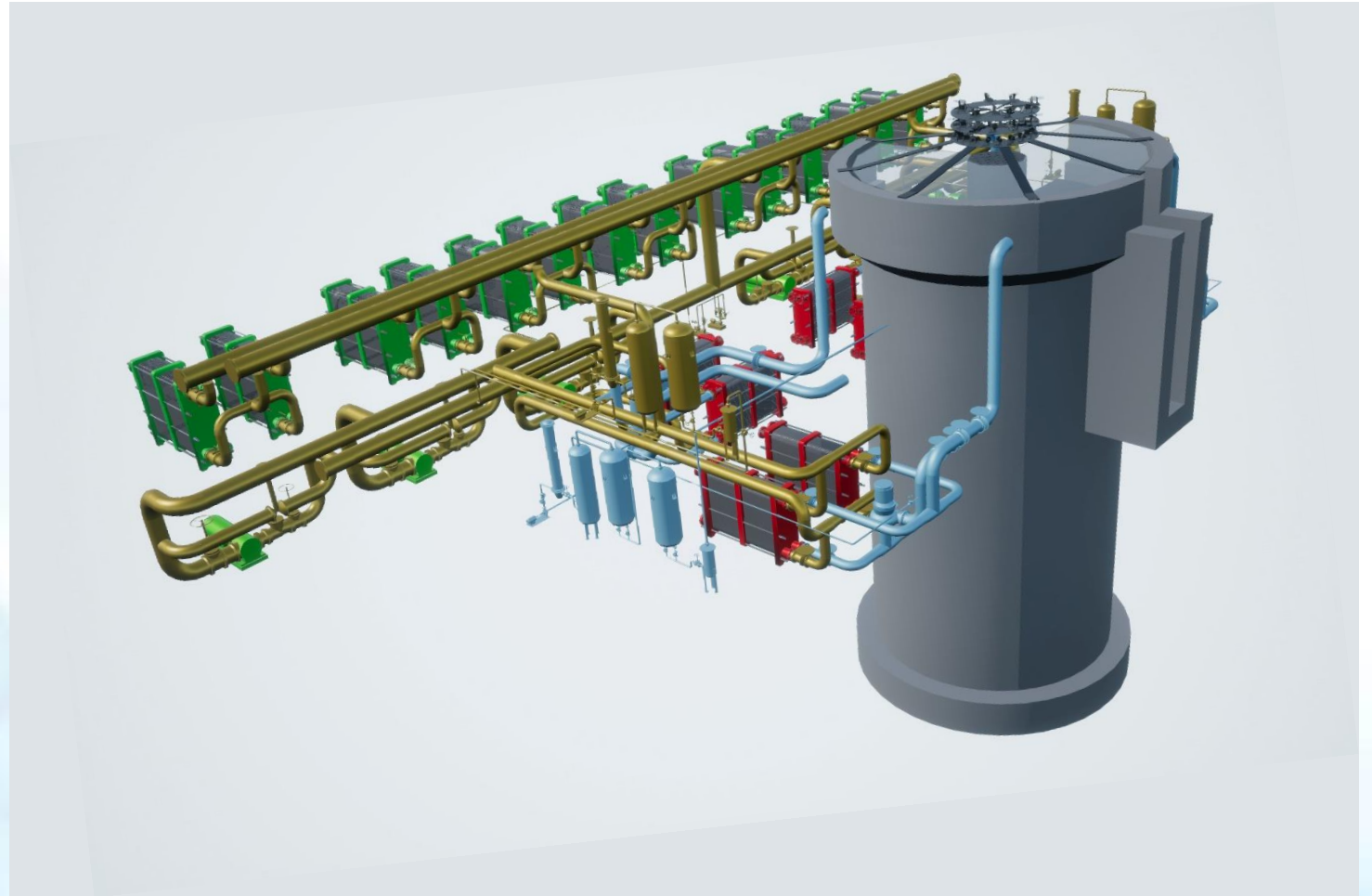
Reactor pool and in pool components

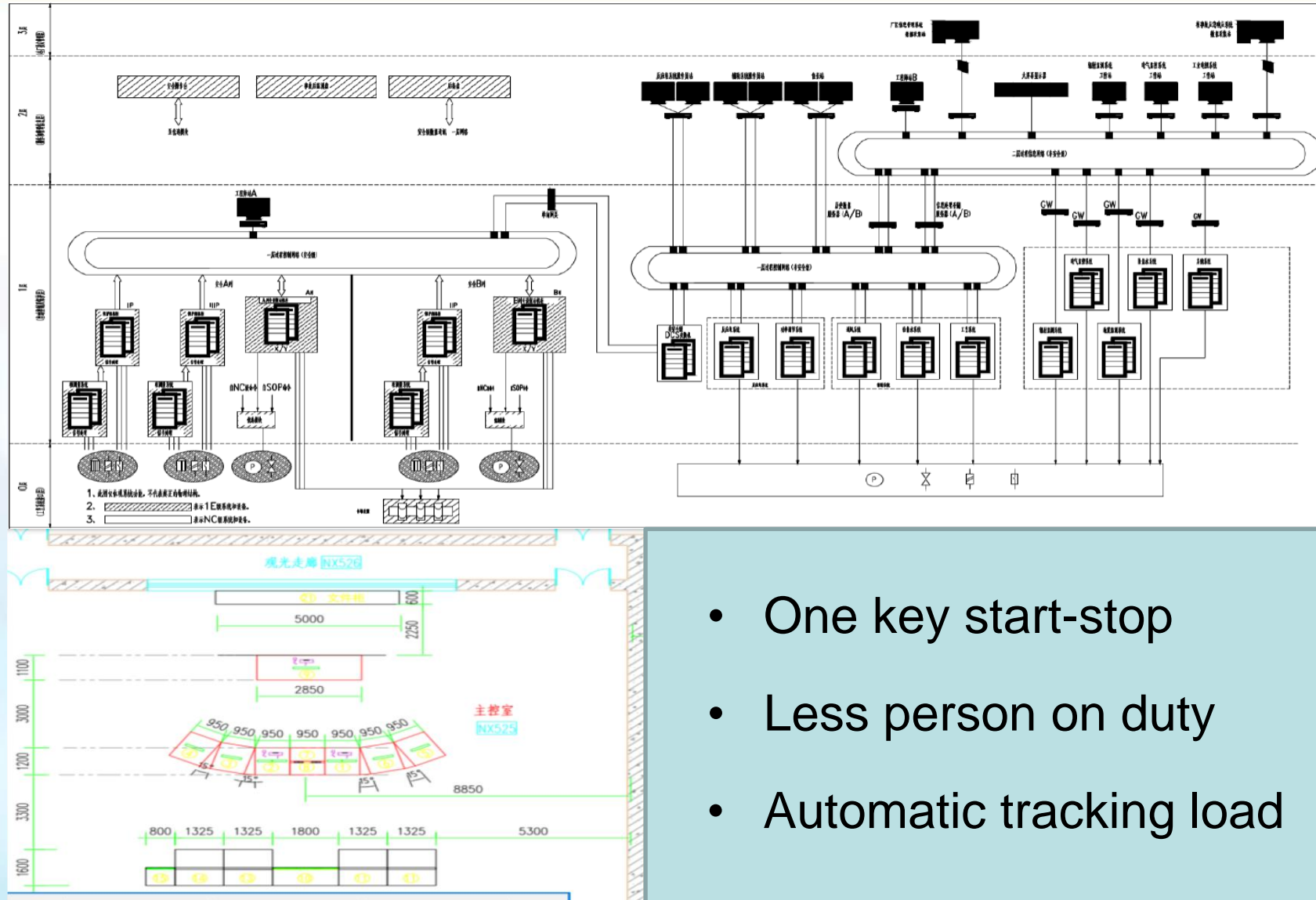


Item	Parameters
Diameter /m	10
Water Depth /m	26
Volume /m ³	1800

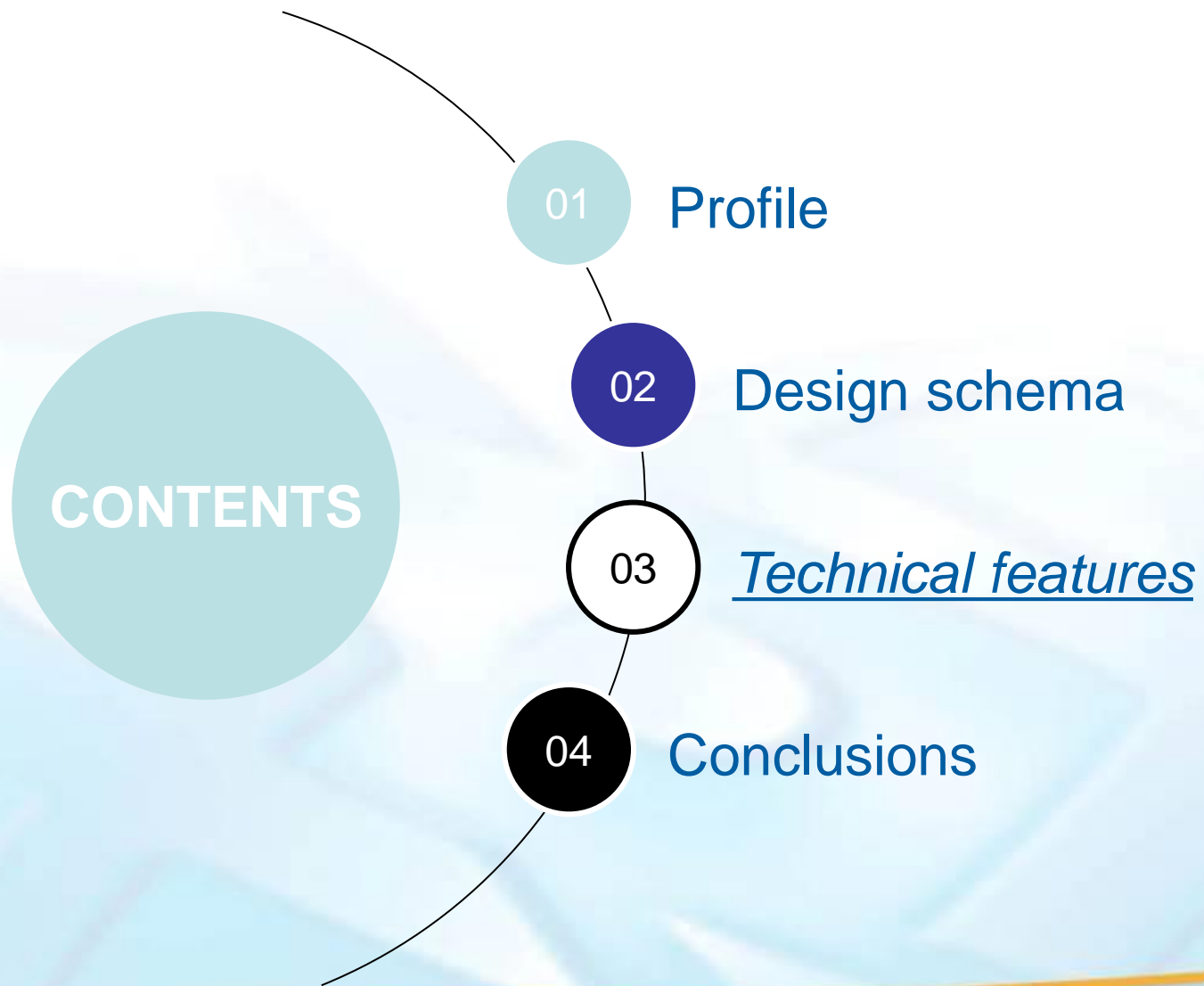


- 3 circuits design, 2 stage heat exchange
- Take into attention to pump cavitation
- $P_{\text{heating}} > P_2 > P_1$, to ensure radioactivity will not enter heating pipe





- One key start-stop
- Less person on duty
- Automatic tracking load



Inherent Safety Reactor

01

Safe and environmentally friendly

“Plug-and-Play” reactor

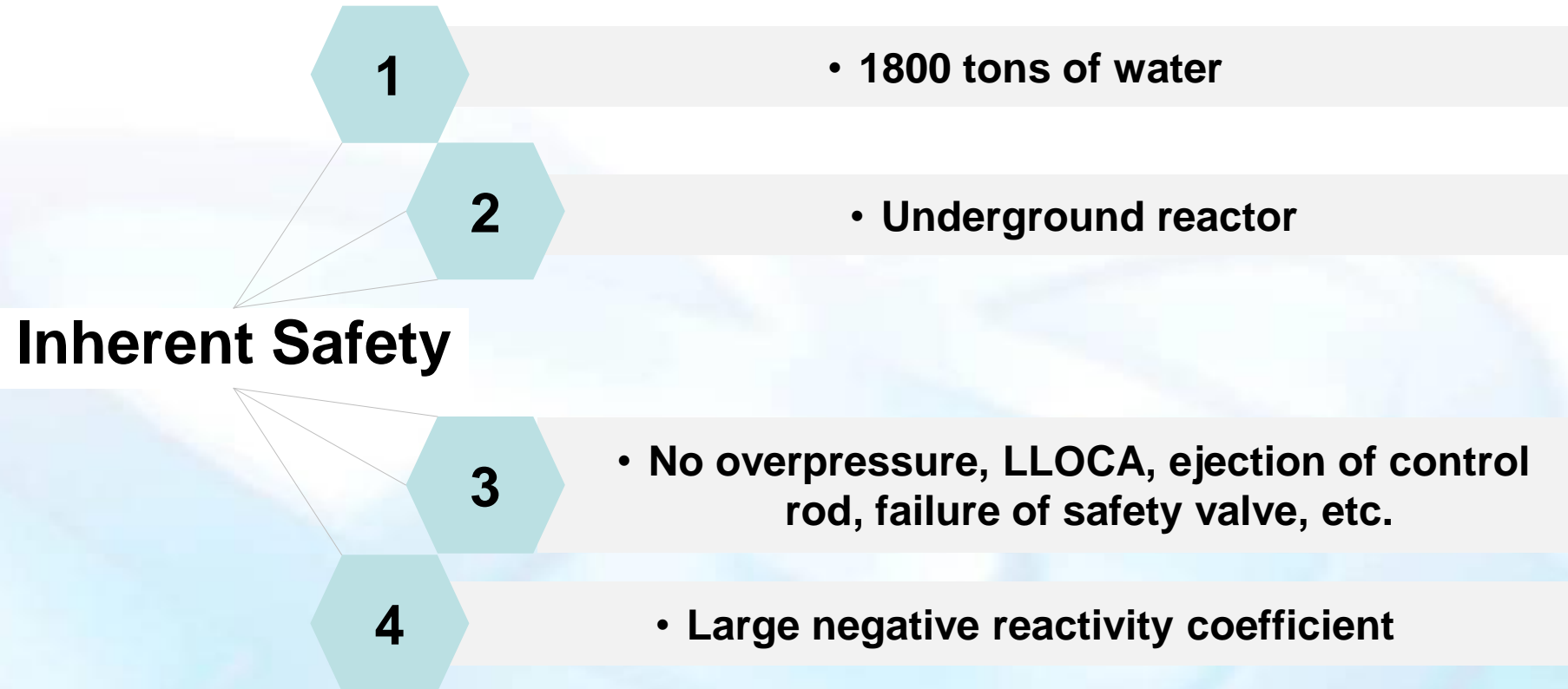
02

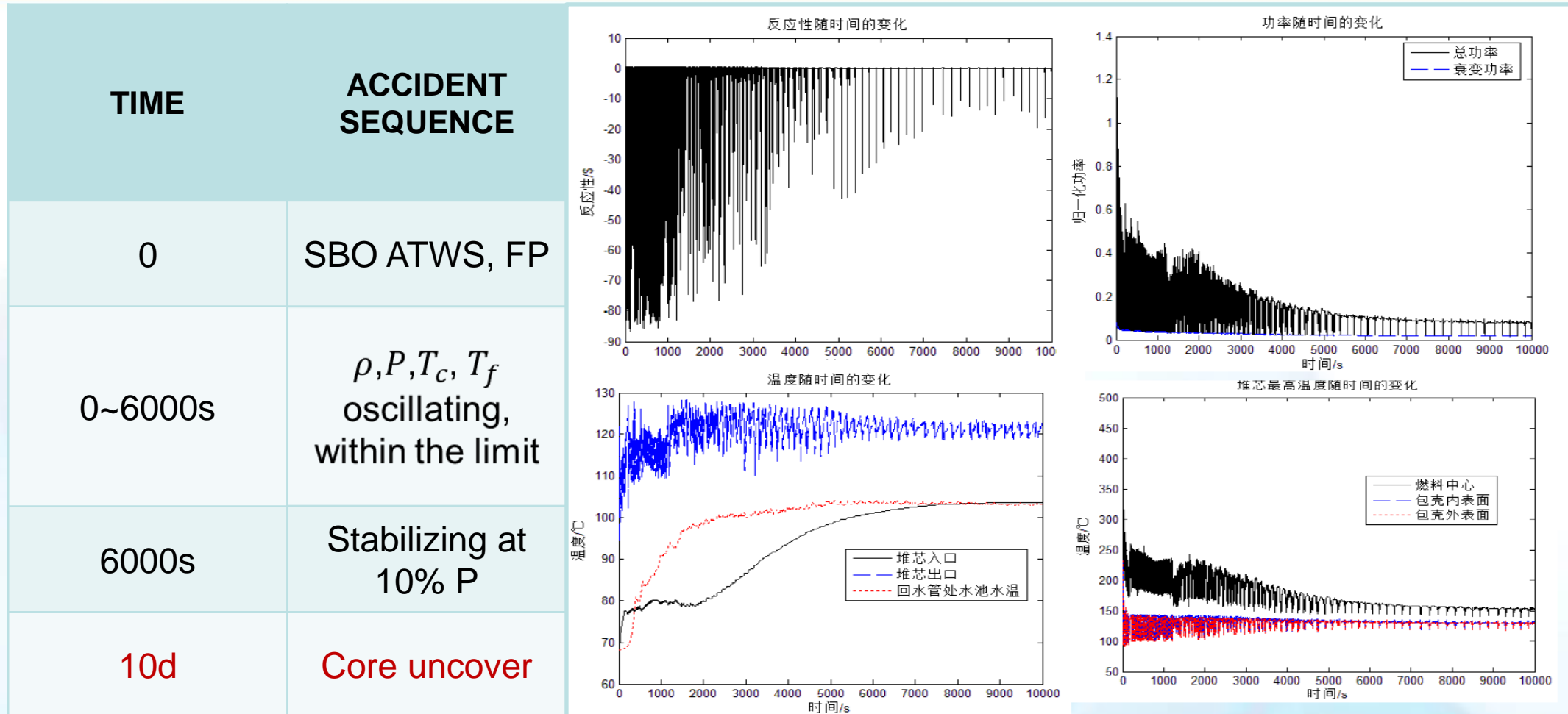
Simple
Convenient
Mature

Multipurpose Reactor

03

Comprehensive Utilization
(Energy + Neutron)

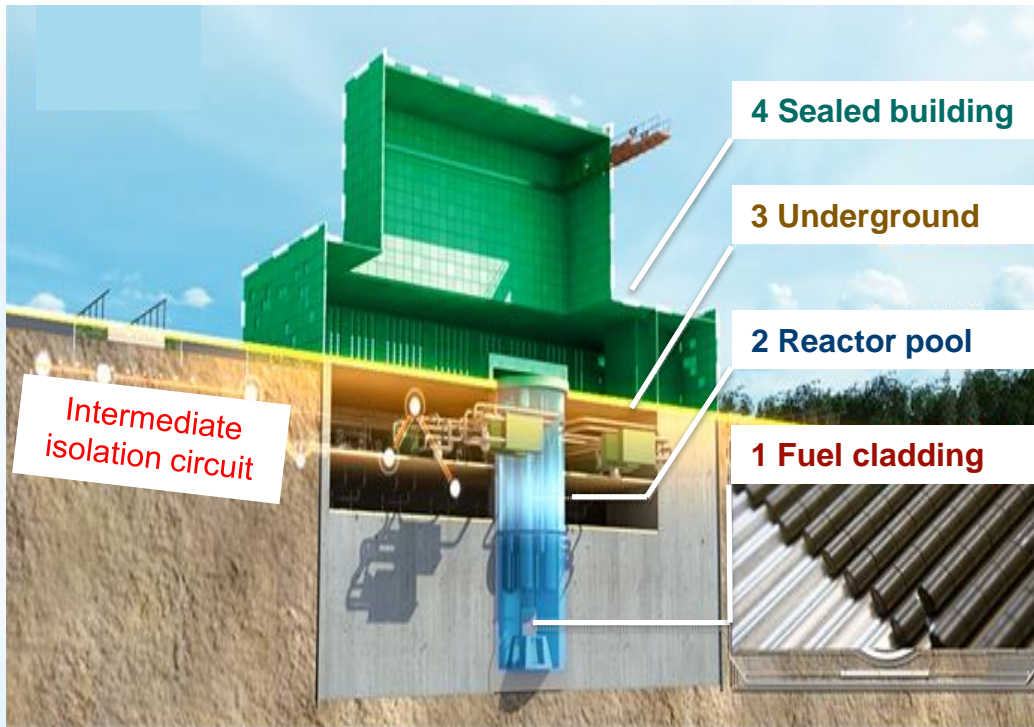




Automatic shutdown only relying on the negative reactivity feedback, without any intervention.



Multiple ways to reduce radioactive release

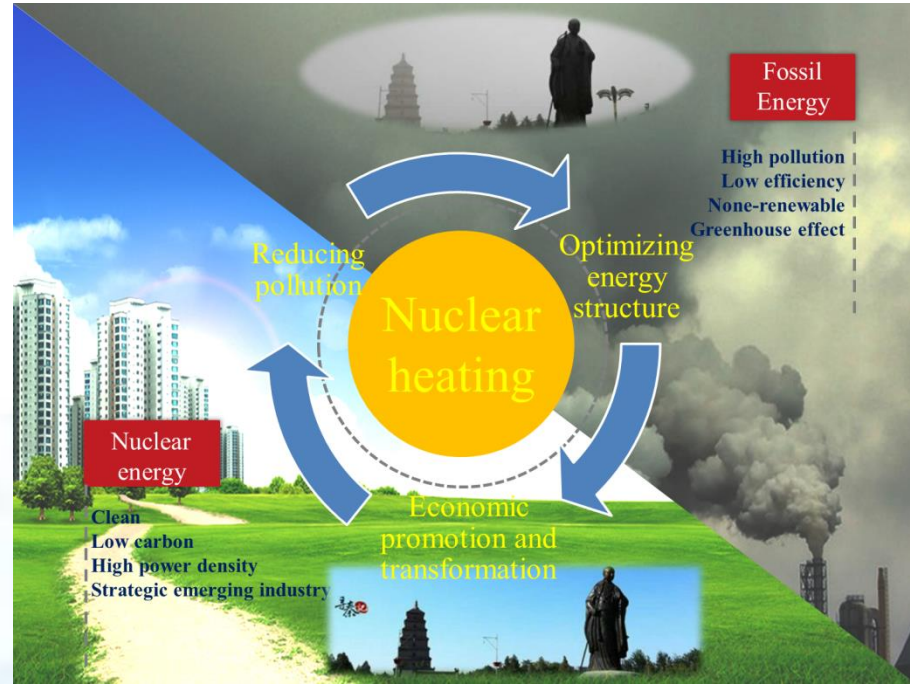


- An intermediate isolation circuit whose pressure is higher than that of the primary loop is set up to ensure that the water from the primary loop does not enter the heating loop.

- The reactor is equipped with four barriers, effectively isolating radioactivity

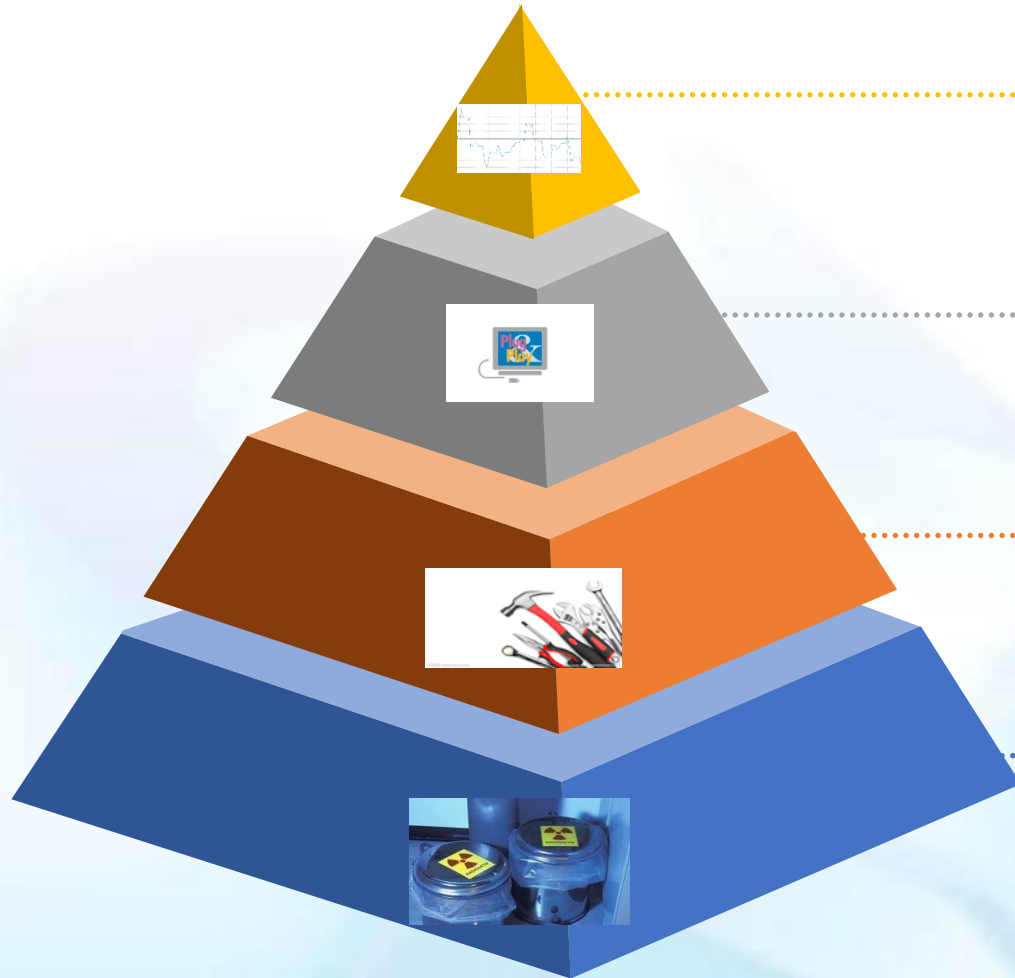
- Equipped with a gaseous and liquid effluence collection and treatment system

No carbon emission, no emission of NO_x, SO₂, dust, ash, etc. DHR400 can reduce the use of about **320,000 tons of coal** or **160 million cubic meters of NG** per year, equivalent to 1300 hectares afforestation.



Heat source	CO ₂ (tons/y)	SO ₂ (tons/y)	NO _x (tons/y)	Dust(tons/y)	Ash(tons/y)	Radioactivity (mSv/person)
Coal	520000	6000	2000	3200	100000	0.013
Gas	260000		1000			
Nuclear	0	0	0	0	0	0.005





Automatic Operation

- One key start-stop
- Automatic load-tracking

Easy Operation

- No soluble boron, Normal pressure
- Cold start, Up to full power within hrs

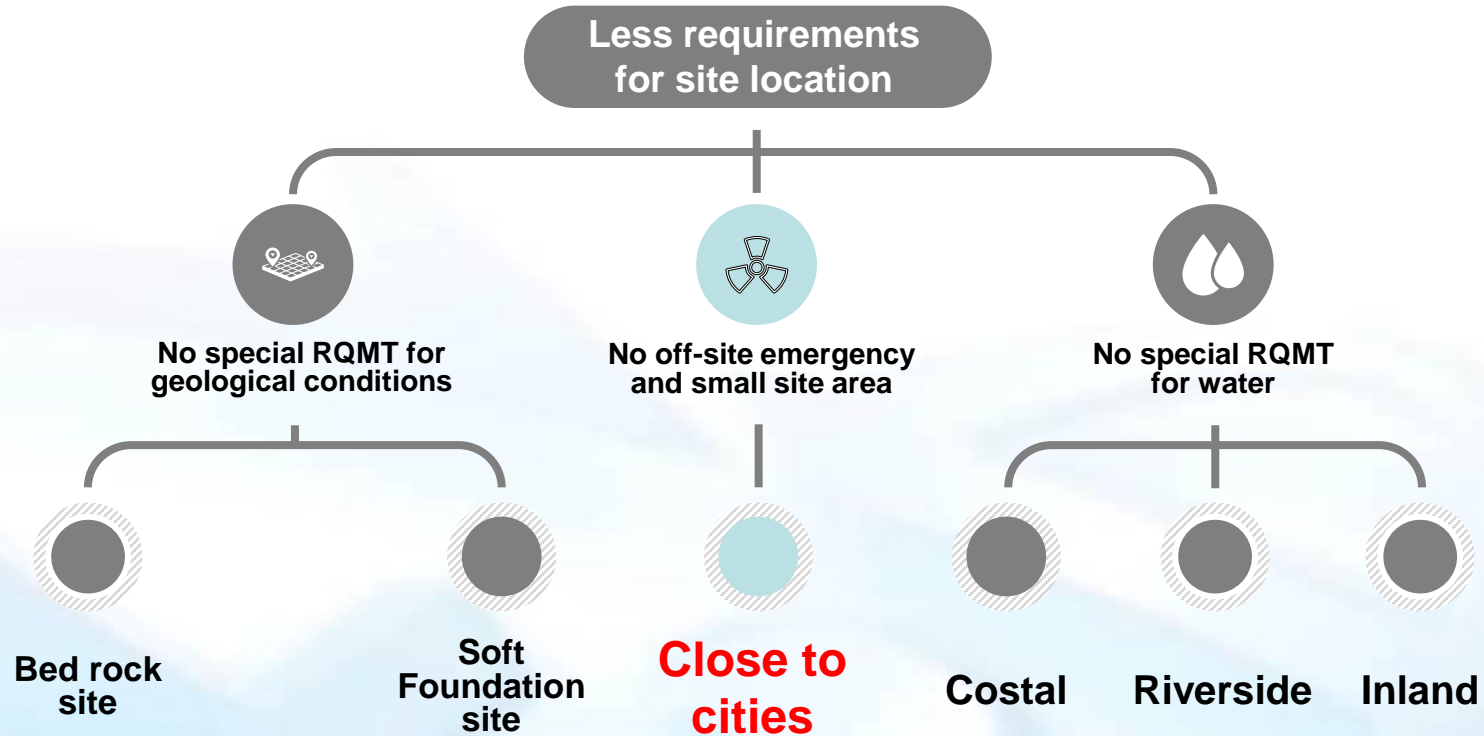
Convenient maintenance

- Pump and heat exchanger all located outside the pool

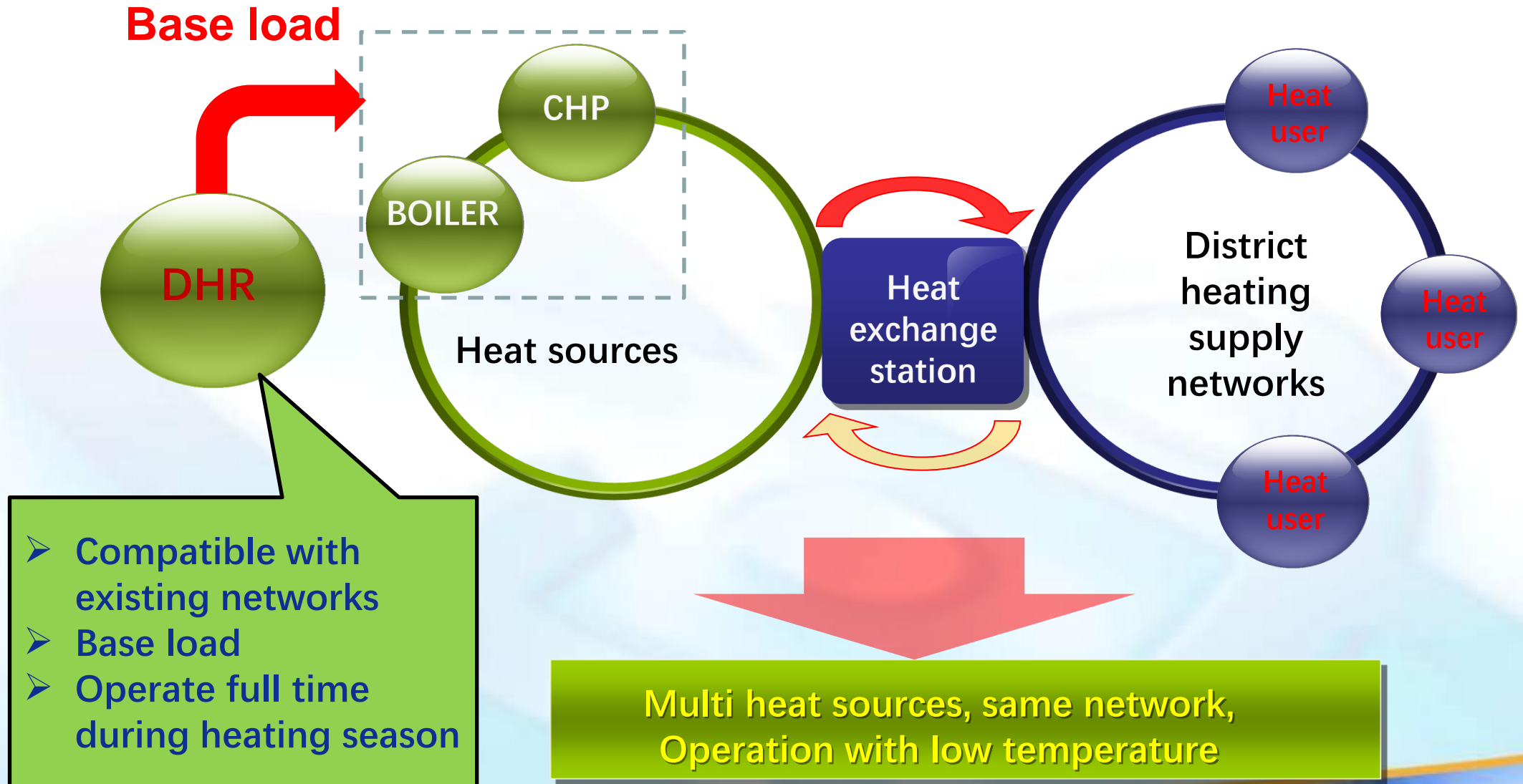
Green reuse of site

- Smaller source term
- Decommission immediately



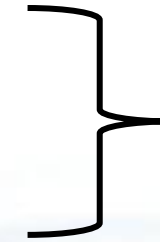


- DHR can access to the existing heat network directly
- Possible to retrofit decommissioned fossil plants



● Energy application

- District heating supply
- **Refrigeration**(lithium-bromide absorption-type refrigerating machine)
- **Desalination of Sea Water**(low temp. multiple effect distillation(MED))
- **Supply hot water** for green-house, farming, cultivation, etc.

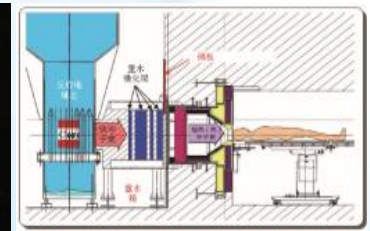


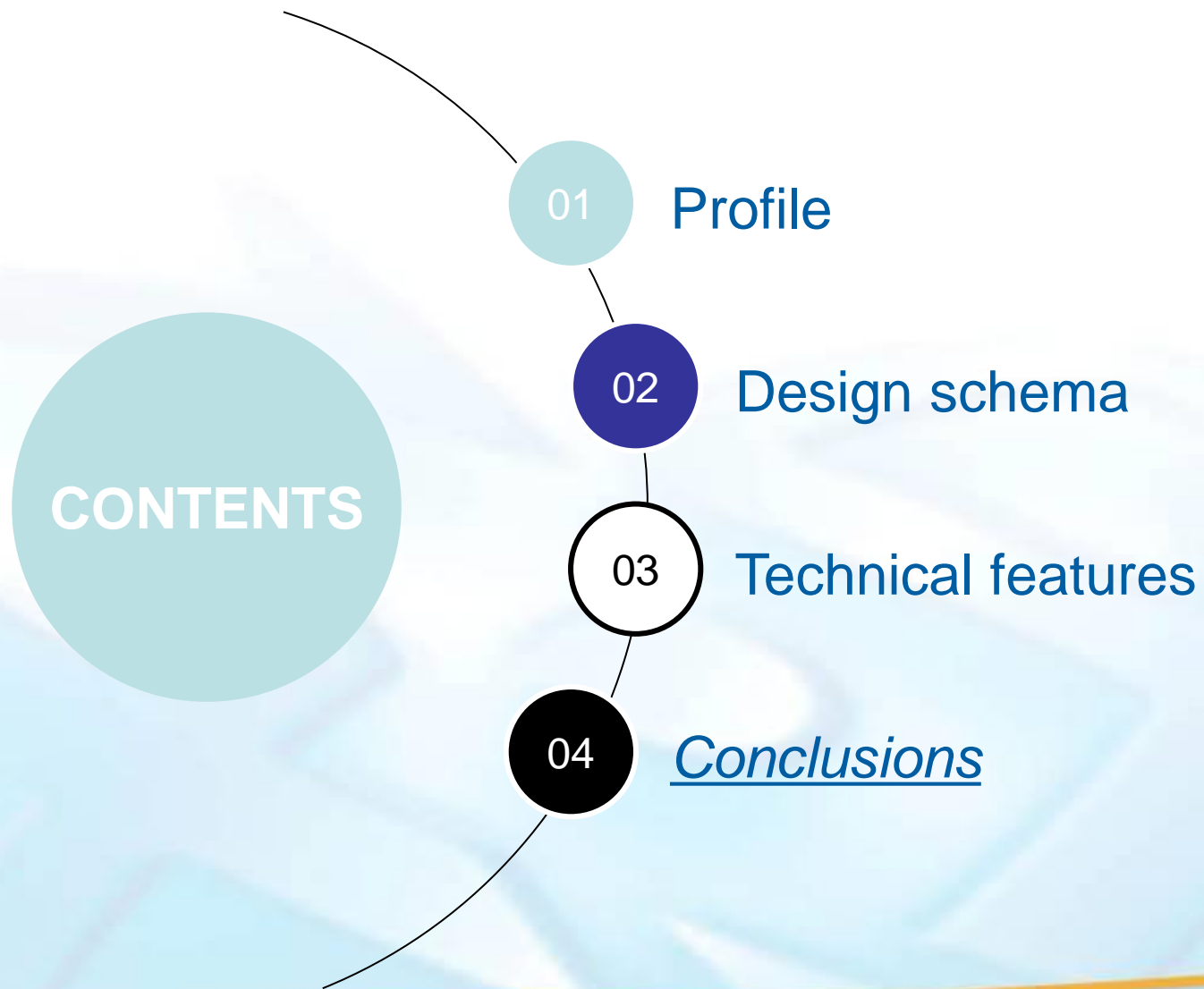
**Non-heating
season**



● Neutron Application

- Production of radioactive isotopes, ^{99}Mo , ^{125}I , ^{131}I , etc.
- Material transmutation, NTD silicon, gem, topaz, pearl, etc.
- NAA, NRG, Neutron scattering, BNCT, etc.
- Production of nuclear pore membrane







- ✓ Preliminary design is accomplished
- ✓ Main equipment determined, all developed domestically, now being tested

Equipment	Fuel	Main pump	HX	DCS	In pool structure	Fuel handling	CRDM
Type	CF3-S	Centrifugal pump or Mixed flow pump	Plate HX	Similar to PWR			Wire rope
Status	CHF experiment	Engineering available			Engineering verification test needed		

- ✓ Exploring the regulations and standards for DHR, have made progress in communicating with Chinese regulatory authorities



Planned demonstration project



Liaoyuan, Jilin
Applying for project approval



Meeting with Fortum Oyj from Finland, discussing nuclear district heating technologies and regulations.

- DHR report on the IAEA annual meeting in 2018
- DHR report on the International Conference on Climate Change and the Role of Nuclear Power in 2019
 - The Chinese nuclear heating technology provides alternative to combat climate change
 - The DHR design is widely acclaimed by experts from worldwide



- 
- Equipment and technology for DHR is mature and has high level of feasibility in engineering.
 - DHR is safe , environment-friendly and economically competitive.
 - DHR is an ideal alternative to coal-fired heating plant and would make an important contribution to worldwide goal on carbon emission reduction and environment protection.



CNNC Nordic R&D Center on-site office at Studsvik Technology Park



Establish ceremony of CNNC Nordic R&D Center, Oct. 12th, 2020

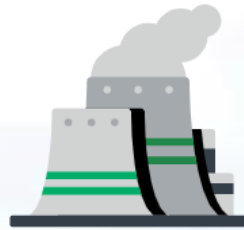
- CNNC Nordic R&D Center preparatory work started in 2019.
- Managed by CNNC Technology Quality and Information Department. Operated by CIAE in China and by Studsvik internationally.
- CNNC planned to send staff there but delayed by the raging pandemic situation.





Nuclear fuel and material testing

Collaborating with
STUDSVIK
Mechanical analysis and
PCI of fuel cladding after
irradiation



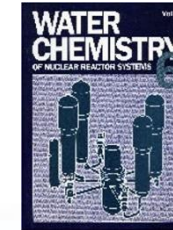
Pb-Bi cooled reactor

Collaborating with KTH
System analysis code
development for residual
heat removal after
accident



Light water reactor severe accident

Collaborating with KTH
Research on molten core-
water reaction



Reactor water chemistry

Joining the SMILE project
(Structural Margin
Improvements in aged-
embrittled RPV with Load
history Effects)

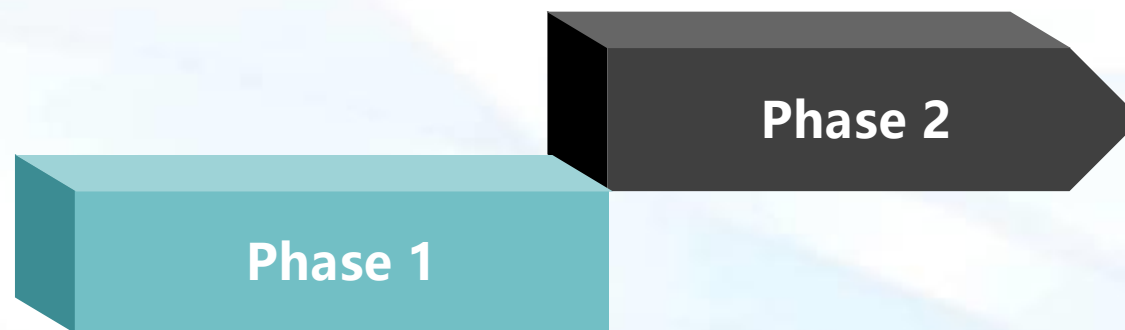


Advanced fuel Development

Collaborating with KTH
Nitride fuel fabrication,
irradiation, testing, and
fuel analysis model
development



**Ultimately build a Nordic
Academy registered in Sweden**



**Establishment of CNNC
Nordic R&D Center**



Nuclear Heating for Future City

Thanks for your
attention

