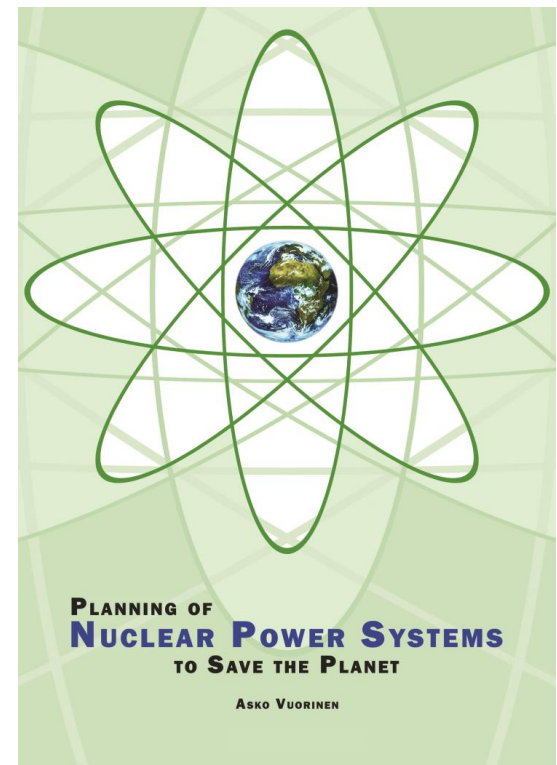


Conceptual Design of 300 MW Modular Nuclear Plant

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Finnish nuclear program

- **Nuclear plants in operation**

- Loviisa-1+2 VVER-440 880 MW
- Olkiluoto-1+2 ABB BWR 1600 MW

- **Nuclear plants under construction**

- Olkiluoto-3 EPR 1650 MW

- **Nuclear plants in planning phase**

- Olkiluoto-4, Fennovoima-1 (2020), Loviisa-3 (2025)

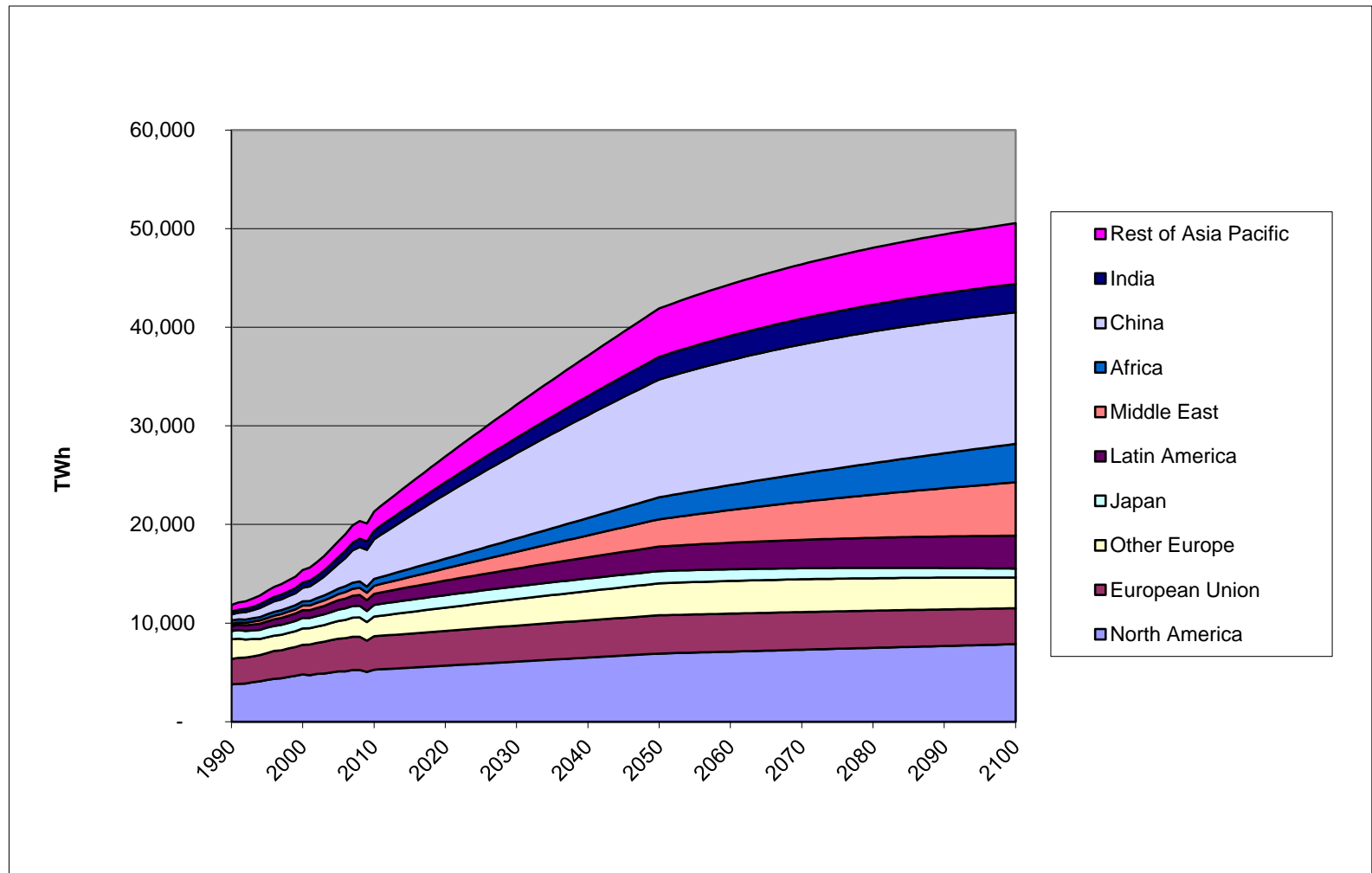
- **Electricity generation**

- Electricity consumption 16 MWh/capita
- Nuclear generation (2013) 6 MWh/capita
- Nuclear generation (2020) 10 MWh/capita



WORLD ELECTRICITY GENERATION UNTIL 2100

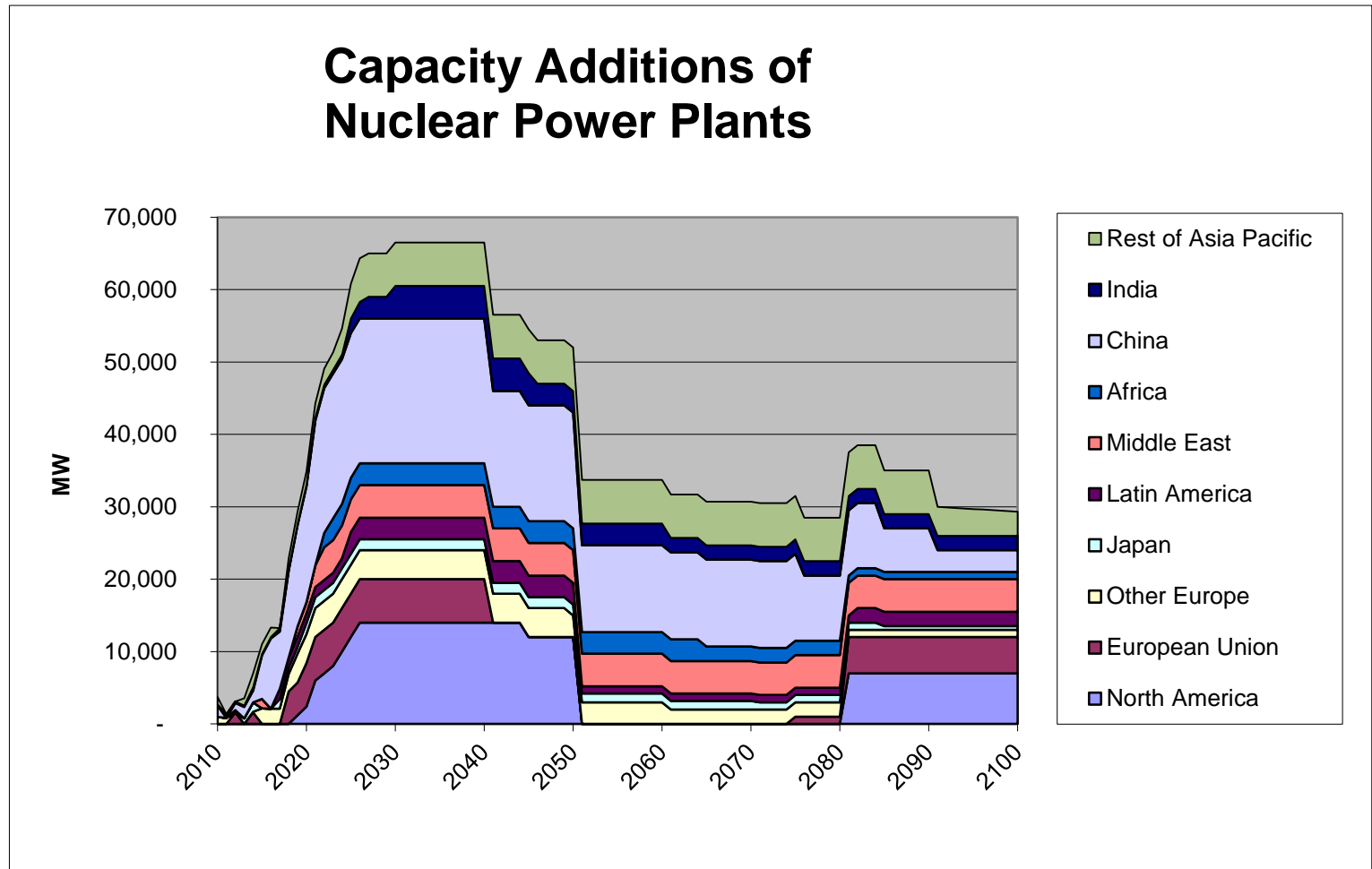
World Electricity Consumption until 2100



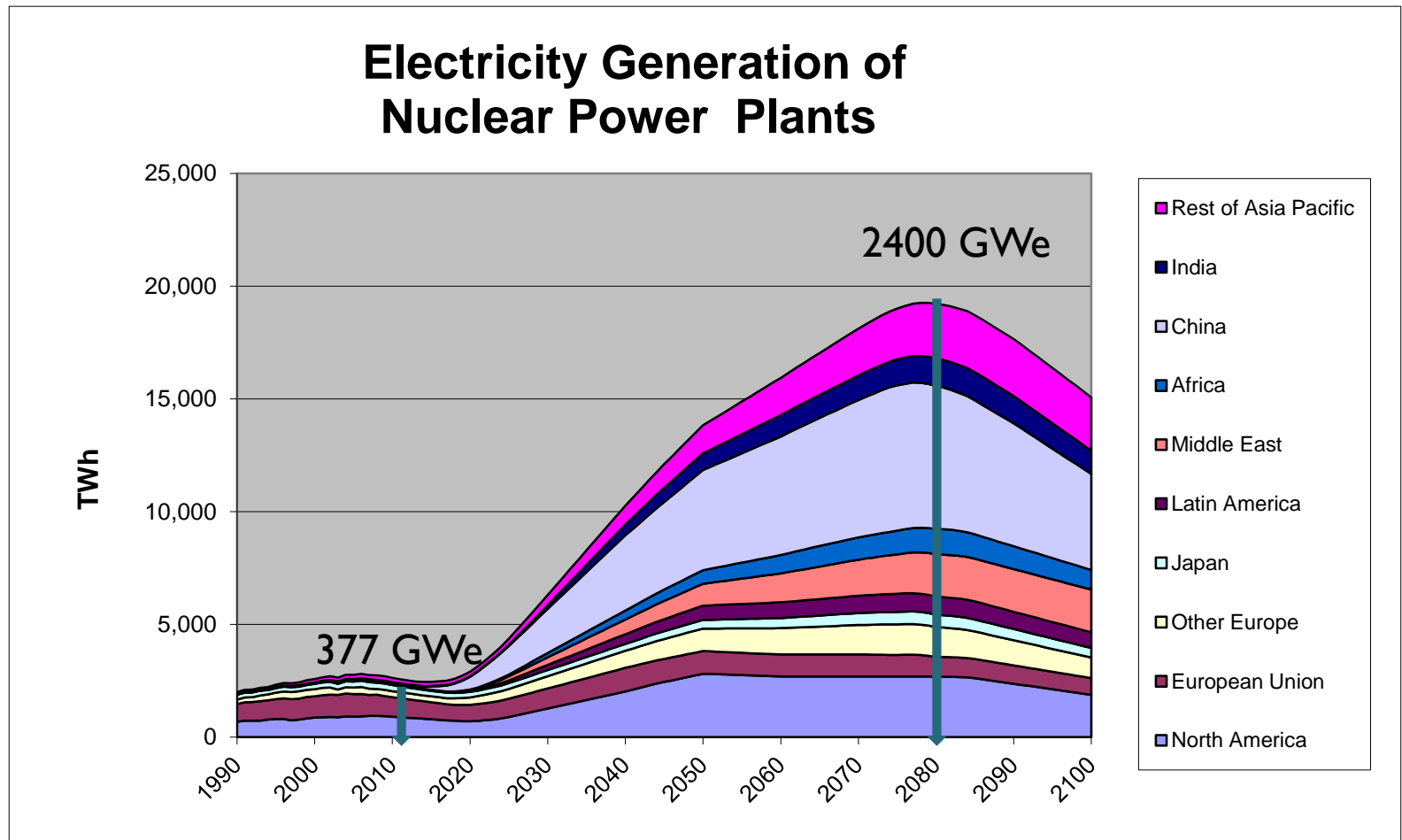
Priorities in Generation Planning

- 1) Renewables (hydro, wind, bio, solar)
- 2) Combined heat and power (CHP)
- 3) Nuclear plants, if needed
- 4) Gas and oil plants, if needed
- 5) Coal plants, if needed

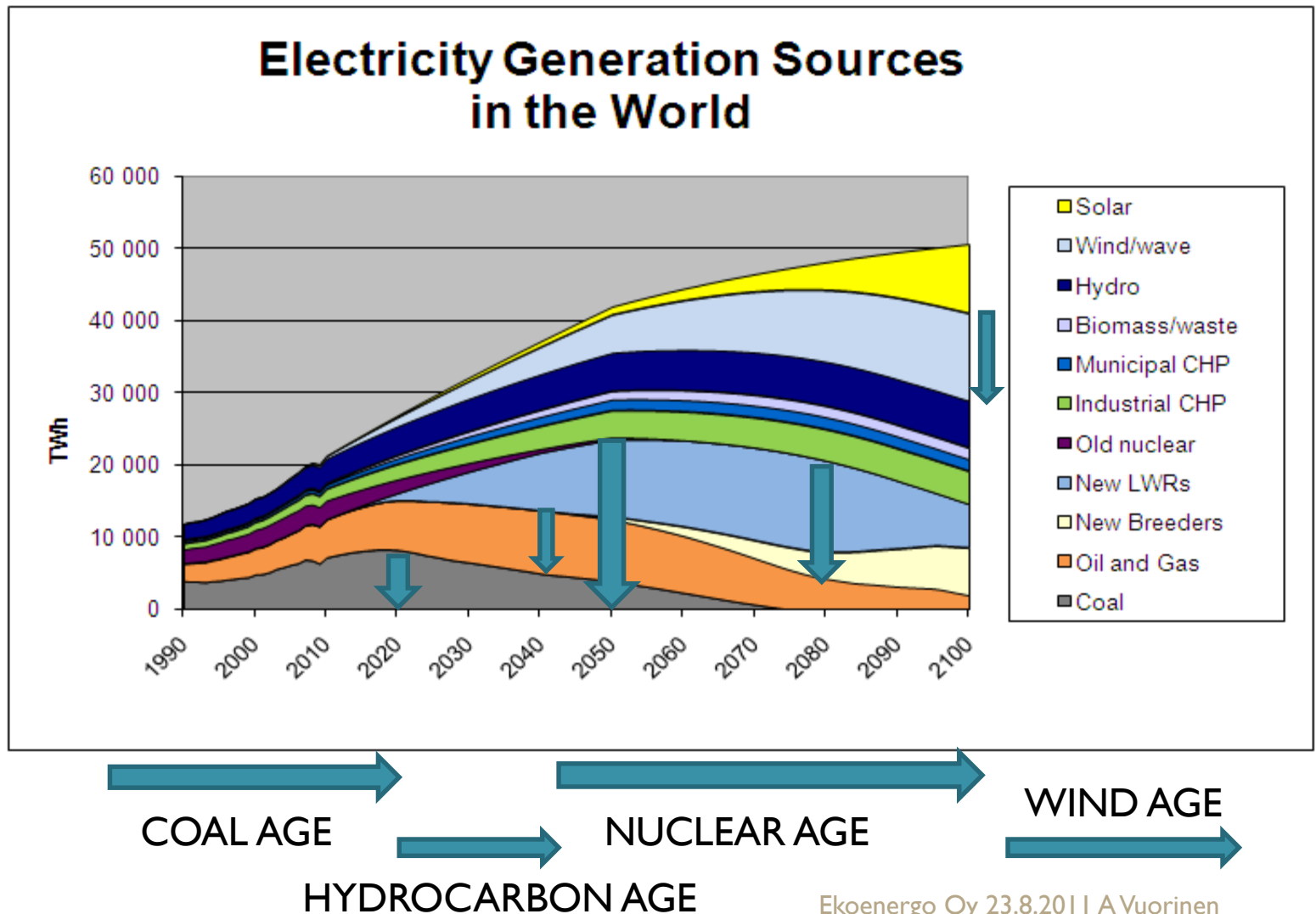
Capacity additions of nuclear plants would increase to 65 GWe/a



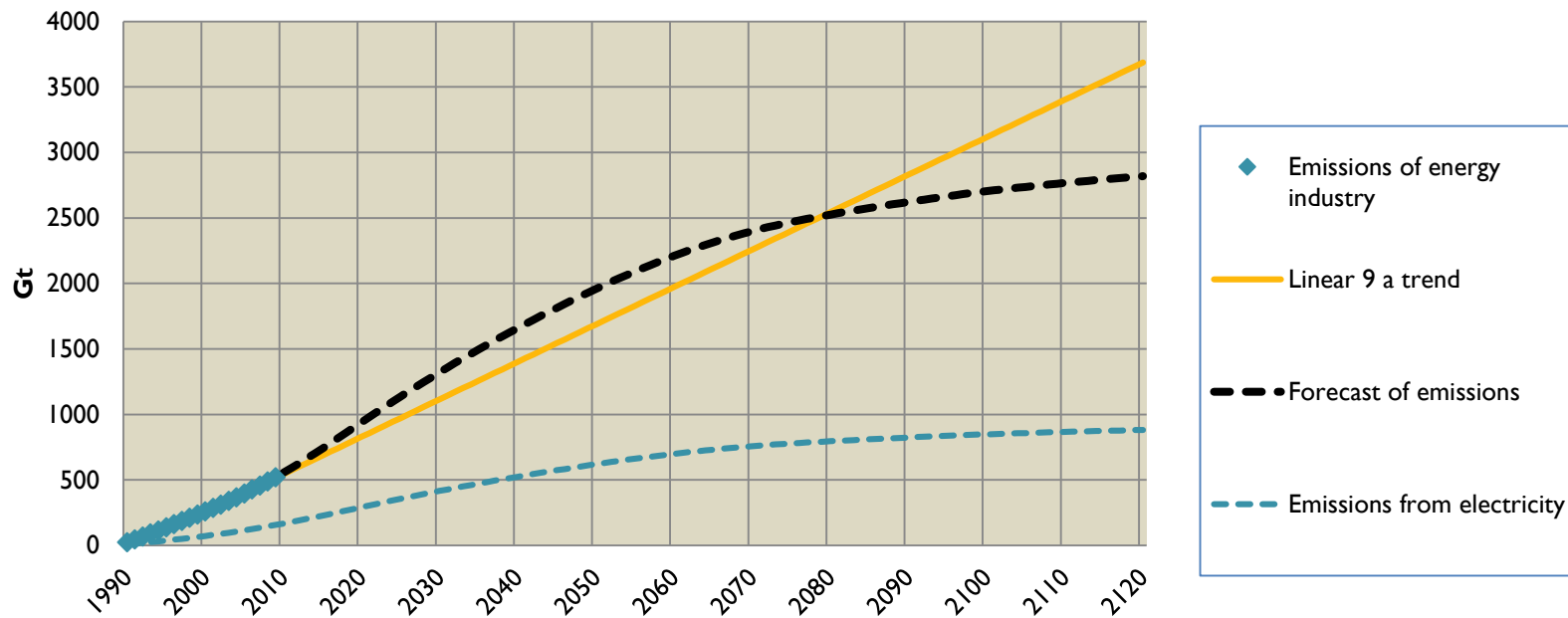
Nuclear electricity generation would peak at 19 PWh at 2080



World Electricity Generation until 2100

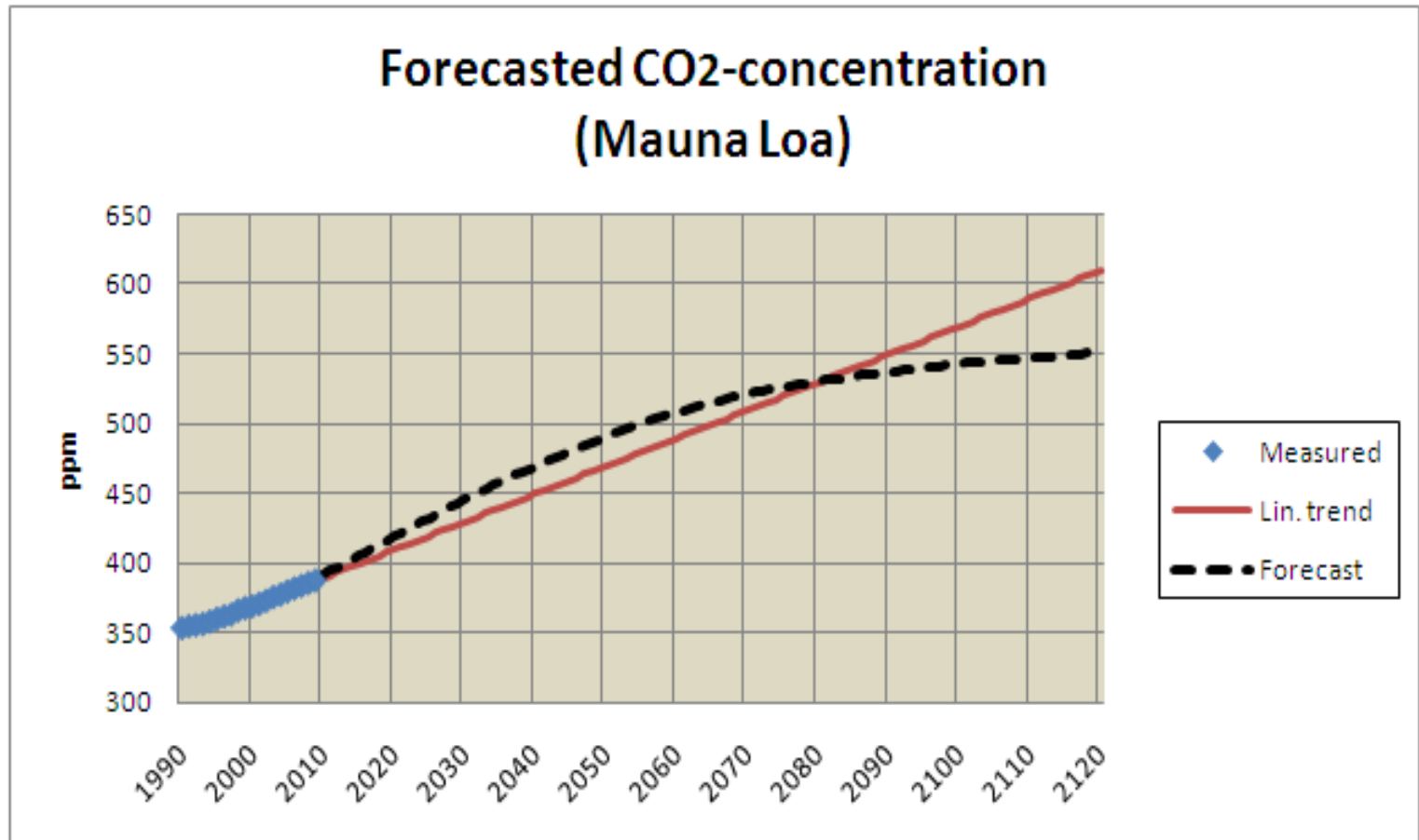


Cumulative CO₂-emissions of Energy Industry



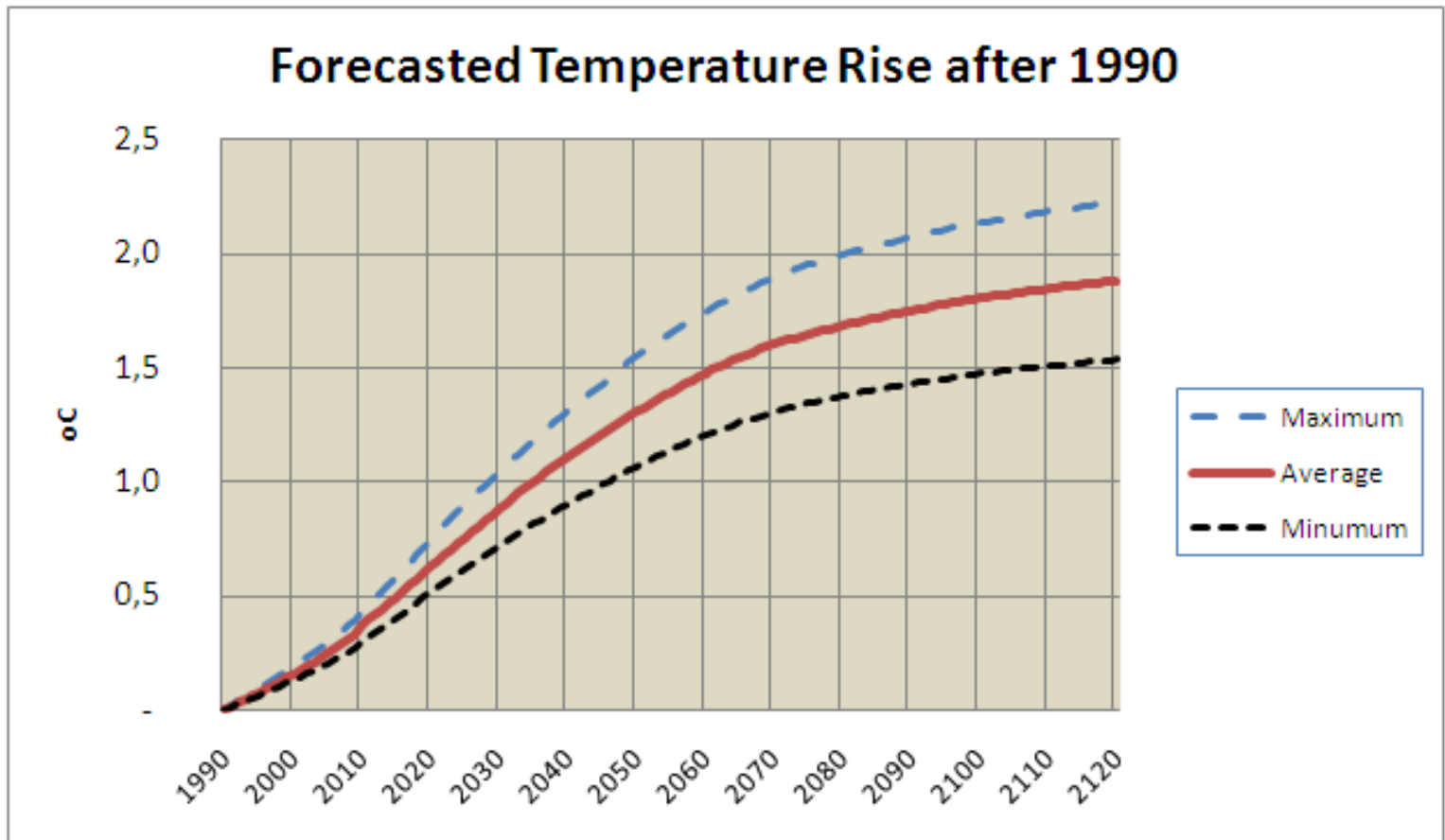
Released emissions are 500 Gt from 1990 to 2009

Forecasted CO₂-concentration



500 Gt increase in emissions corresponds to 34 ppm addition in concentration

Forecasted temperature increase



If emissions reach 2800 Gt, temperature will rise 1.5 – 2.2 oC after 1990. The increase before 1990 has been 0.4 – 0.6 oC.

Conclusions

1. **Without nuclear the CO₂-emissions will grow until 2050**
2. **Nuclear capacity additions could save the planet by keeping global temperature rise below 2 °C**

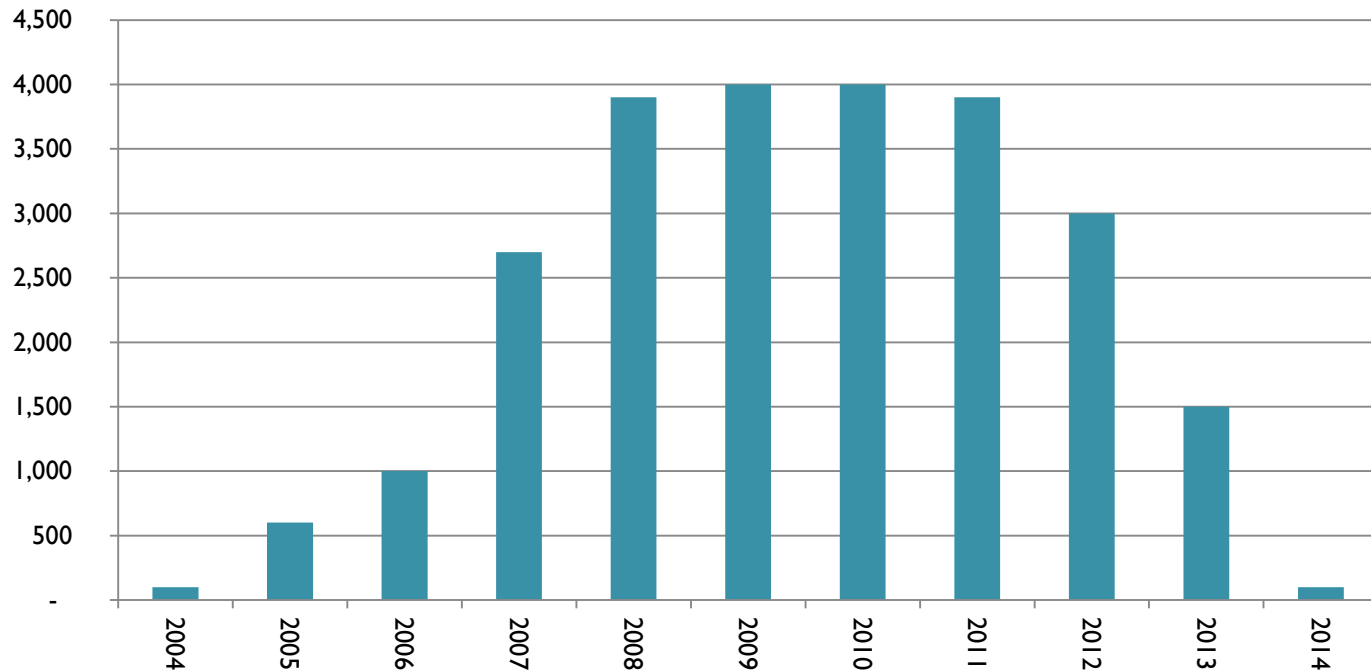


CONSTRUCTION COST EXPERIENCE

Construction cost experience of EPR-1 600 MW in Finland

- Construction costs
 - Contract price €2000/kWe
 - Actual costs €3500/kWe (+75%)
- Construction schedule
 - Planned 4 a from first concrete
 - Actual 8 a (+100 %)

Site manpower in Olkiluoto-3



Site manpower 25 h/kWe
Costs of manpower €1000/kWe

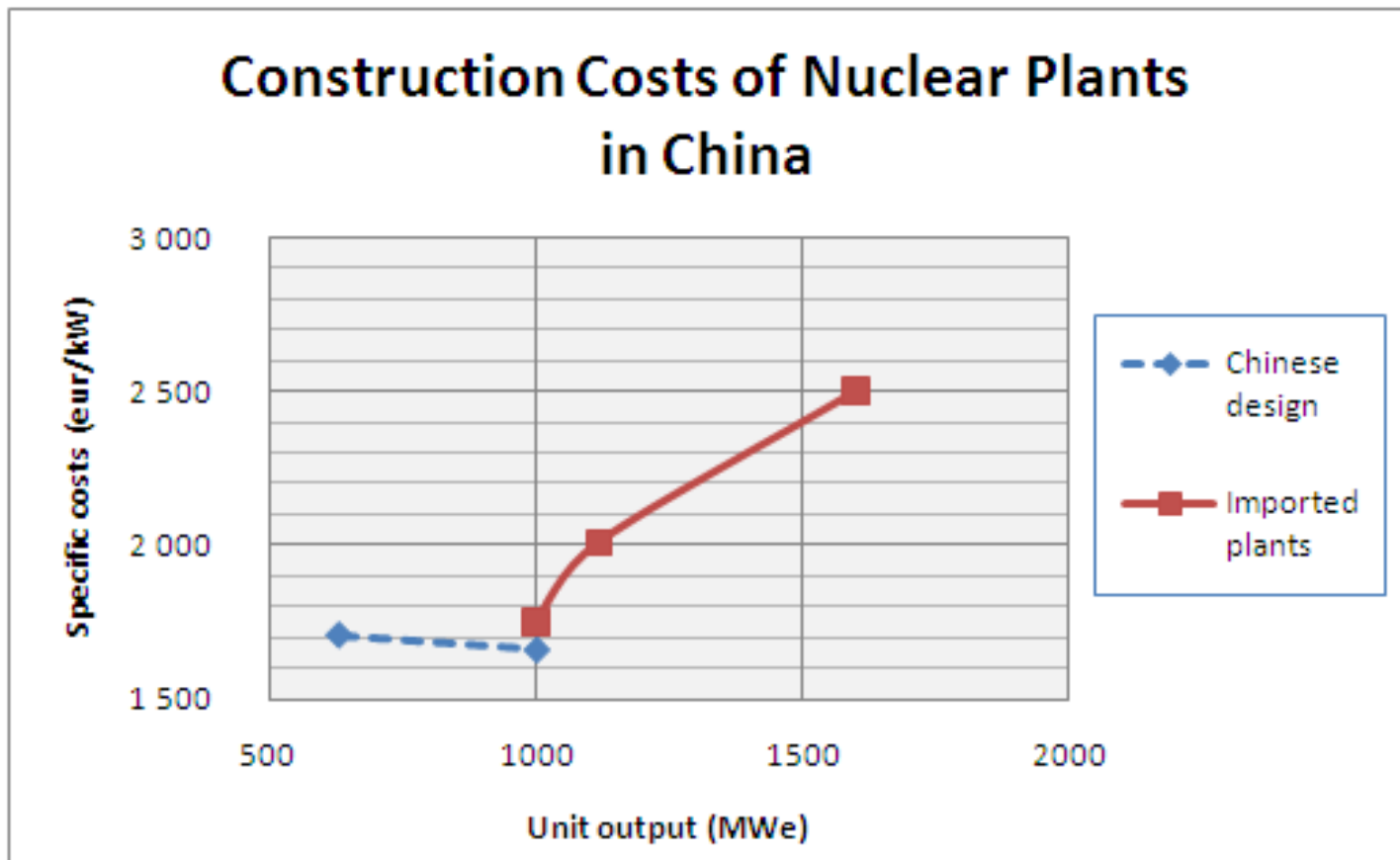
Construction costs of PWR plants in Finland

- **Loviisa-1 488 MWe €1540/kW**
- **Loviisa-2 488 MWe €1244/kW**
- **Total 976 MWe €1390/kW**

- **Olkiluoto-3 1600 MWe €3500/kW**

- **Large nuclear plant has higher specific costs than small plant in Finland**

Economics of scale stops above 1000 MWe



Conclusions

- 1. Small plants seem to be more economical than large plants**
- 2. Modular construction will be needed**
 - to improve site labour productivity
 - to reach 65 GWe annual capacity additions



MODULAR PLANTS

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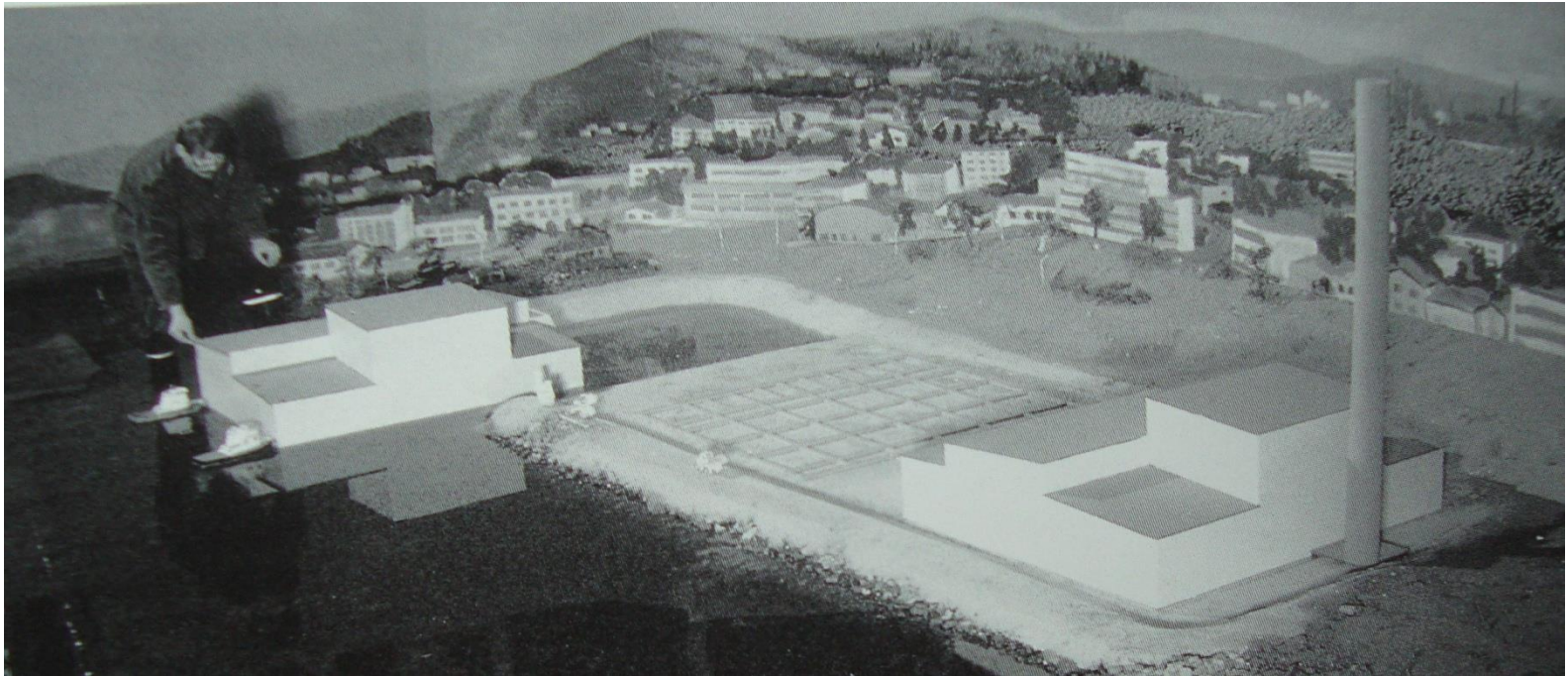
- Largest cruising ship in the world
- Ordered Feb 2007 (Turku shipyard)
- Lunched Nov 2009 (2.5 years)
- 47 m wide, 361 m long,
- Displacement 100 000 tons
- Engines: 3x13 MW + 3x18 MW

N/S Taimyr



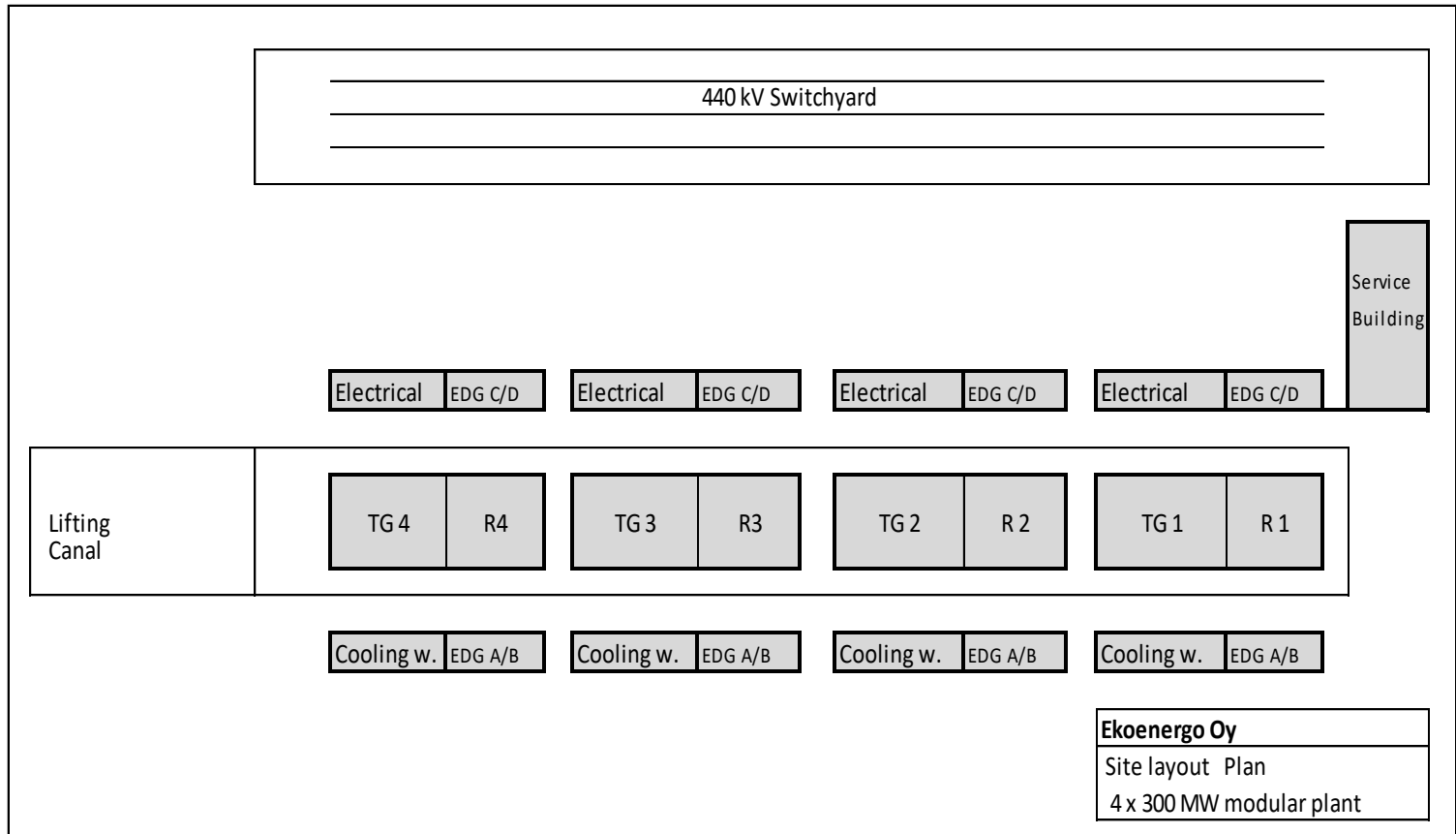
Nuclear Icebreaker (Wärtsilä Helsinki Shipyard)
Ordered 1987 Launched 1989
KLT-40 reactor and 2 x 18 MW steam turbines

Modular Combined Cycle Plant



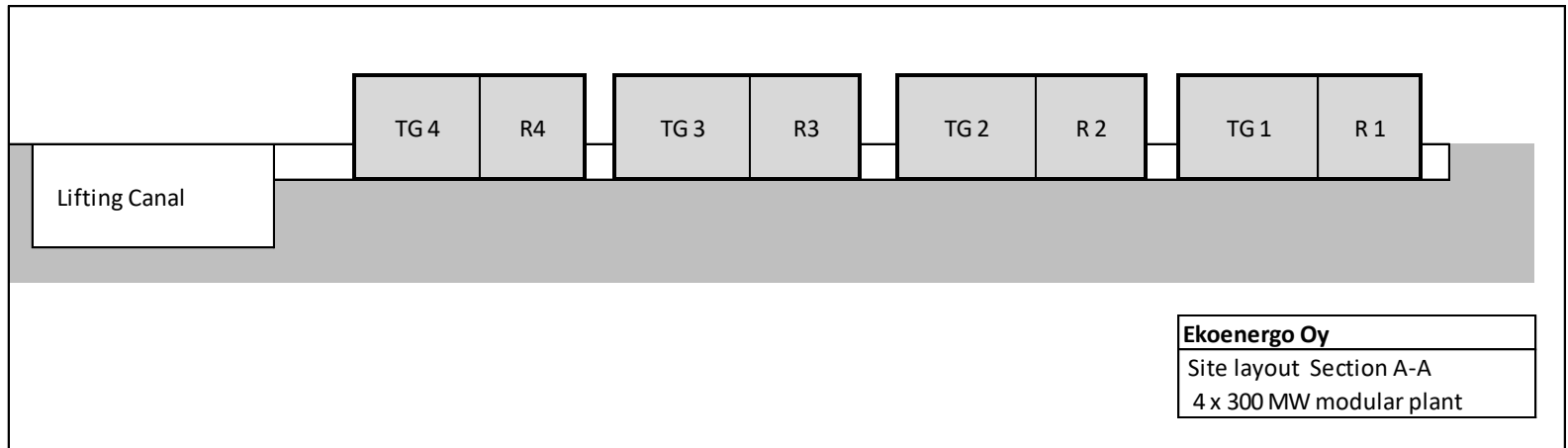
4x190 MW plant was designed in 1989 for Norway by IVO
Size of largest module: 40 m long, 58 m wide, 8000 tons
No permission was given because of CO₂-emissions

4x300 MWe Modular Nuclear Plant



Reactor module: 40 m wide, 60 m long
Turbine module: 40 m wide, 80 m long

4x300 MWe Modular Nuclear Plant



Modules can be lifted 10-20 m up by using a lifting canal

Lifting canal can be used as cooling water inlet canal

Units can be transported into a rock tunnel by the same way

Selection of the reactor

- **Boiling water reactors**
 - VK-300 (750 MW_t/250 MWe) Rosatom
 - LSBWR (900 MW_t/306 MWe) Toshiba
- **Pressurized water reactors**
 - IRIS (1000 MW_t/335 MWe)
 - VBER-300 (917 MW_t/325 MWe) Rosatom
 - Westinghouse 800 MW_t/250 MWe
- **Breeders and gas cooled reactors**
 - not yet in commercial stage



COST ESTIMATES OF MODULAR PLANTS

Estimating investment costs by using scaling

$$C(P) = C_r \times (P/P_r)^{**}S$$

where **P= Output in (MWe)**

S=Scaling factor=0,75

Size (MWe)	Costs (€/kWe)
1000	2970
800	3105
600	3300
300	3840

Costs in serial production

Formula $C = C_1 \times n^{1-e}$

where C = construction costs

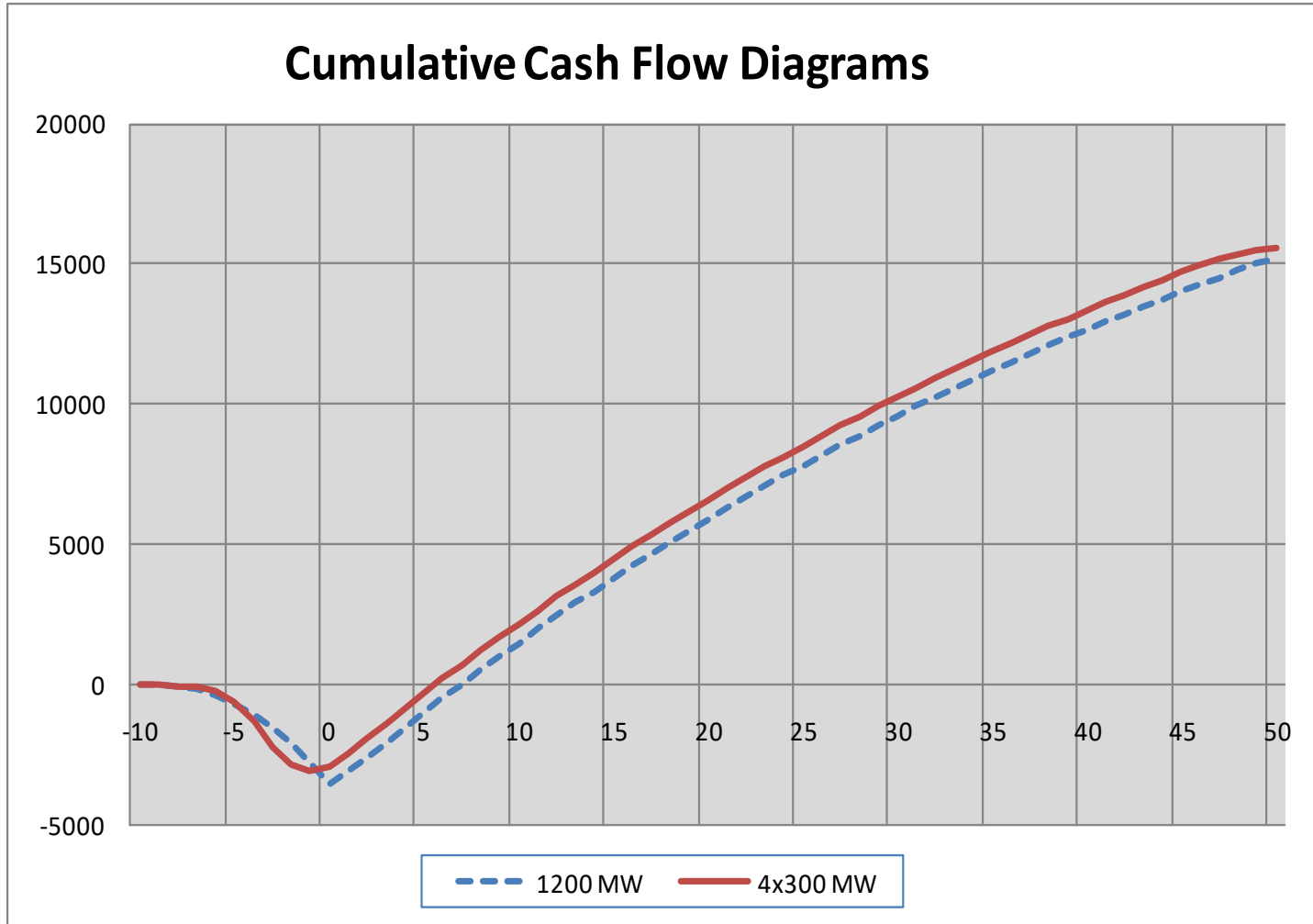
n = number of unit

e = elasticity = 0.15

Costs of a 4 x 300 MW plant

1. unit	€3840/kWe
2. unit	€3370/kWe
3. unit	€3130/kWe
4. unit	€2970/kWe
Whole plant	€3330/kWe

Cumulative cash flow diagram



Reserve power costs*

- **1200 MWe plant needs**
 - 1200 MWe frequency response reserves (15 s)
 - 1200 MWe fast reserves (5-15 min)
- **4x300 MWe plant needs**
 - 300 MWe frequency response reserves (15 s)
 - 300 MWe fast reserves (5-15 min)
- **Difference**
 - $2 \times 900 \text{ MWe} = 1800 \text{ MWe}$
 - Additional reserve costs = $1800 \text{ MW} \times \text{€}700/\text{kW}$
= €1260 million = €1050/kWe

* Book: "Panning of Optimal Power Systems"

Summary and conclusions

- 1. It is possible to built 300 MWe modular plants with lower costs than 1200 MWe plants**
- 2. Serial production in a shipyard**
 - Decreases costs, schedule and site manpower
 - Increase quality
- 3. 300 MWe size should be standardized**

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