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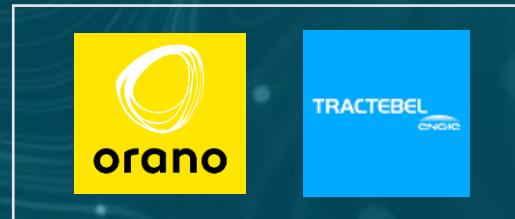
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## CO-INVESTORS



## PARTNERS



## LABELS



## TEAM

# 1. WHY a STELLARIUM ? ANALYSIS

# Less carbon → more nuclear for big industrial sites

## Data centers **EQUINIX**

- +18 GW en 2035



## Mines **ERAMET**

- +200 MW offgrid (N Calédonie)
- BHP Billiton Australie
- +600 MW Offgrid sans eau



## Métallurgie **ARCELOR**

- Moteurs elec +10 à 30 MW
- Stop & go Four à arc +200 MW



## Ports **CMA CGM**

- 2030 Connexion bateaux obligatoire au port
- +100MW/terminal en ville



## Energies et mobilités **SHELL**

- Zone explosive ATEX,
- Stop & Go Vapo-craqueur +400MWth
- 10% de pétrole perdu dans le process
- 1,2 GW pour les VE (en UE)

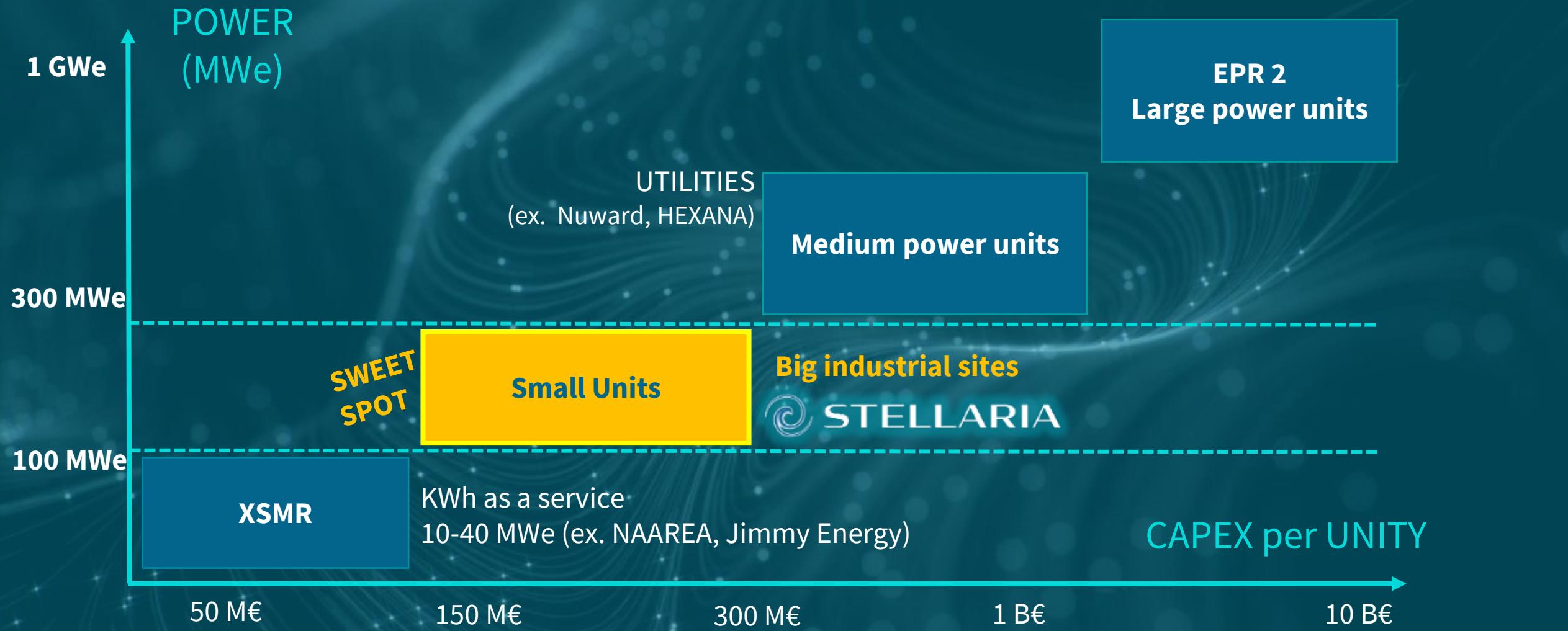


- Electrifier → besoins par site \* 2 à 10
- Aucune solution actuelle de décarbonation 24h/24 déployable « à l'échelle »
- **Nouveaux besoins en rupture** , en résumé:

Bas coût, net zéro, génération locale, déployabilité mondiale, modularité, zones explosives (zone ATEX), multi usages (électricité, chaleur, vapeur, molécules), multi-cyclage des combustibles et pérennité, grande pilotabilité, continuité et autonomie, robustesse et redondance, zones de sûreté minimale & acceptation sociale BtoC...

**→Safety, pilotability, power continuity, social acceptance**

# The GOOD SCALE for the GOOD REACTO → not only the power !



@ WHERE & WHO

# WORLD COMPETITION & CHALLENGES

UN MARCHÉ

**Funds for MSR in China : 3 B \$; and in North America : 1 B \$**

**High risk of disruption of the european MSR sector**  
→ Create MSR european leaders

**HUGE MARKET :**

**2 000**

Industrial sites  
EU/MO/APAC

**€600 B/y\***

Bill payed by energo-intensive  
CAPEX+OPEX 2022

**€60 B/y**

10%\*\* = Market share for SMR  
(investimation in 2035)

**€1 B/y**

1,5% = STELLARIA en  
2035

\*source IEA

\*\*source AIEA



## 2. Technical Challenges

## ■ Safety & fiability

- 1 Example: No exclusion zone for populations in case of major accident  
→ "Everything" stays in the reactor

## ■ Economic Competition

STOP gas and coal ! Pilotability, multi-usages (and new usages ?! )

## ■ Sustainability and adaptation to existing and future cycles

Breeder, use of existing resources (U238 ! ), fuel versatility

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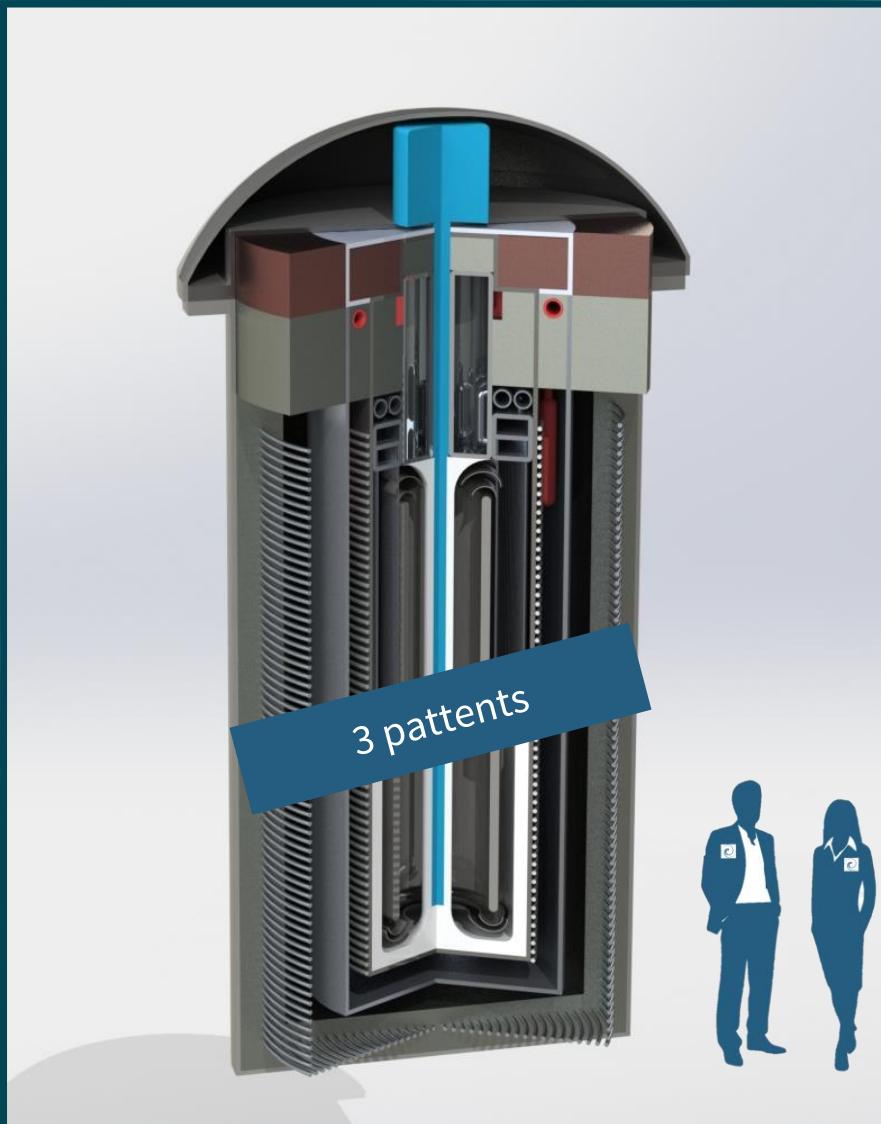
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# CONCEPTION (1/2)



- **Power → 250 MWth - 110 Mwe by STELLARIUM**
- **Liquid fuel (chloride salt)**  
+/- 30% Puissance Nominale /minute  
High température ( Tmax ~650°)
- **No Pressure**
- **Natural convection**  
Passive, no mechanical pieces in movement  
→ simplified design and... operation
- **Double vessel changed every 5 – 10 years**  
Corrosion solution (waiting more material experiments),  
The « 10 years inspection » simplified

# CONCEPTION (2/2)

- **Fast Neutron Reactor**  
**(spectrum faster than a Sodium Fast Reactor)**

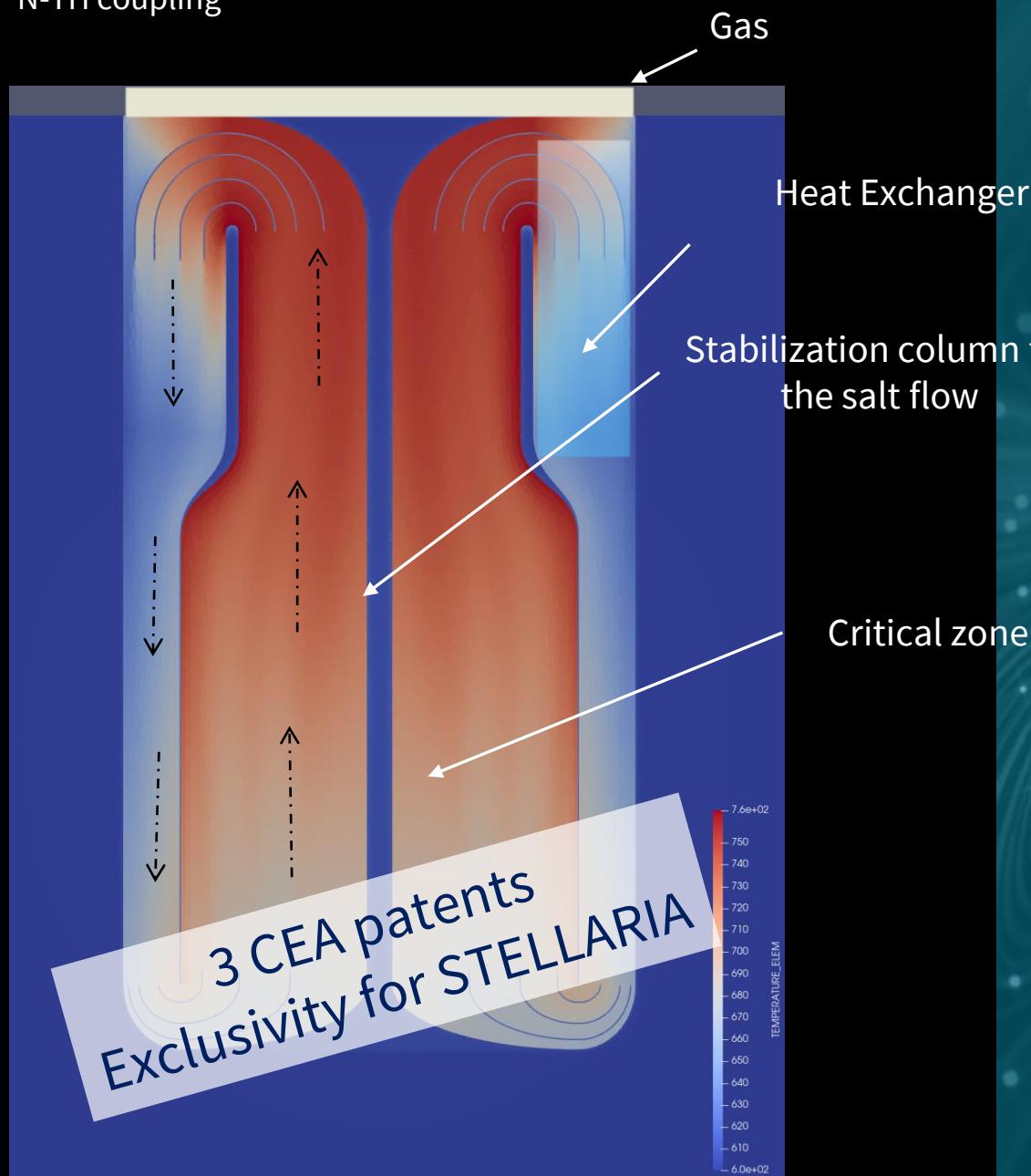


- 1. Can use very bad/old plutonium
- 2. Burner for minor actinides
- 3. B'n B concept = « *It regenerates and burns the fissile in the same salt* » for 15 years... and more.

- **One vessel for different fuels !**

- Burner using Pu or Uranium (HALEU at ~15%)
- Breeder for a large scale of salts mixing U, Pu,Th, etc.

**The STELLARIUM → a flexible tool !**



# a REACTOR using NATURAL CONVECTION

- ✓ **Low circulation speed of the salt**  
→ No mechanical vibrations
- ✓ **No pump / Low pressure (~1 bar)**  
We hope → Easier to operate
- ✓ **Known temperature range** for materials  
 $T_{max} < 700^{\circ}\text{C}$

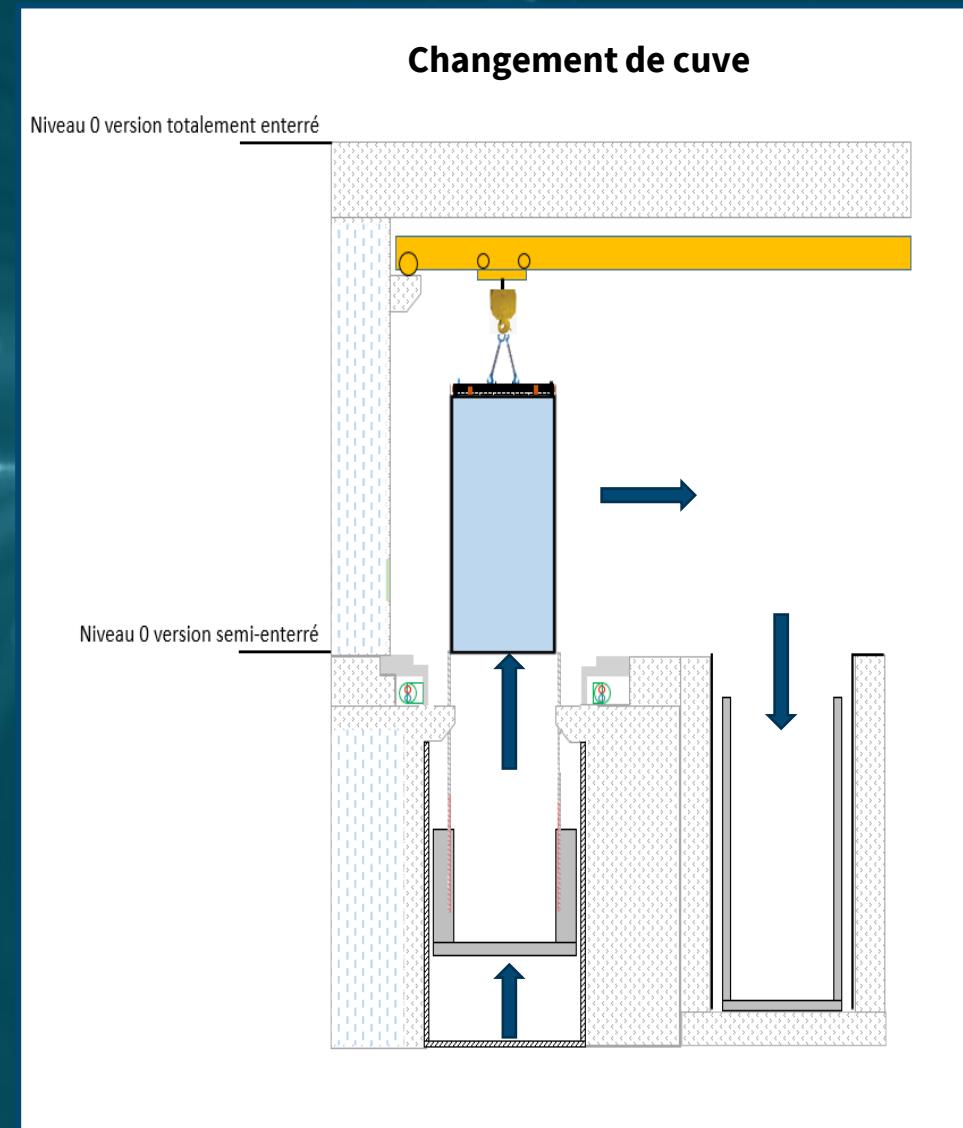
# OPERATION & SAFETY from the PRE-DESIGN phase

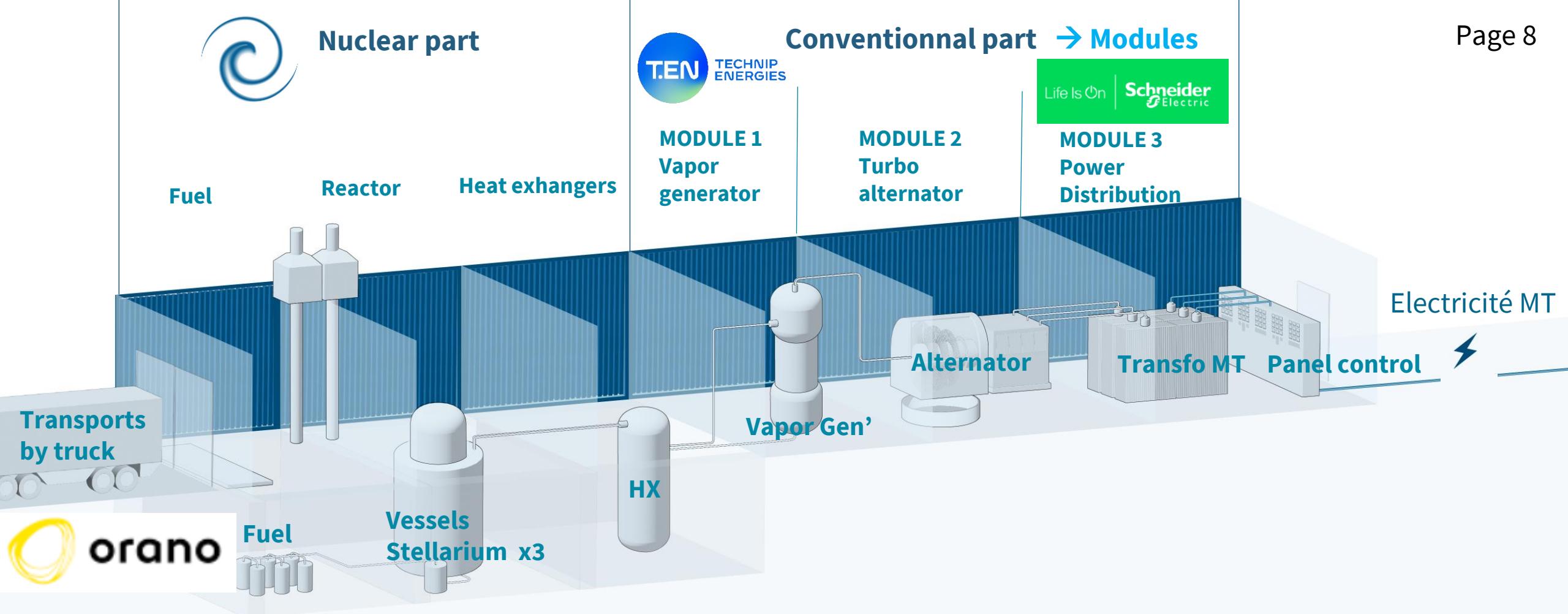
- **The definition of operating operations, phase by phase, is very important for us !**

- Fission gas management,
- Vessel changes,
- Manage the fuel,
- Neutronics controls,
- The “Ten-year inspection”,
- etc.

→ All these decisive operations are the base to build a good design

- Upstream consideration of safety rules





**MODULARITY IS THE KEY**

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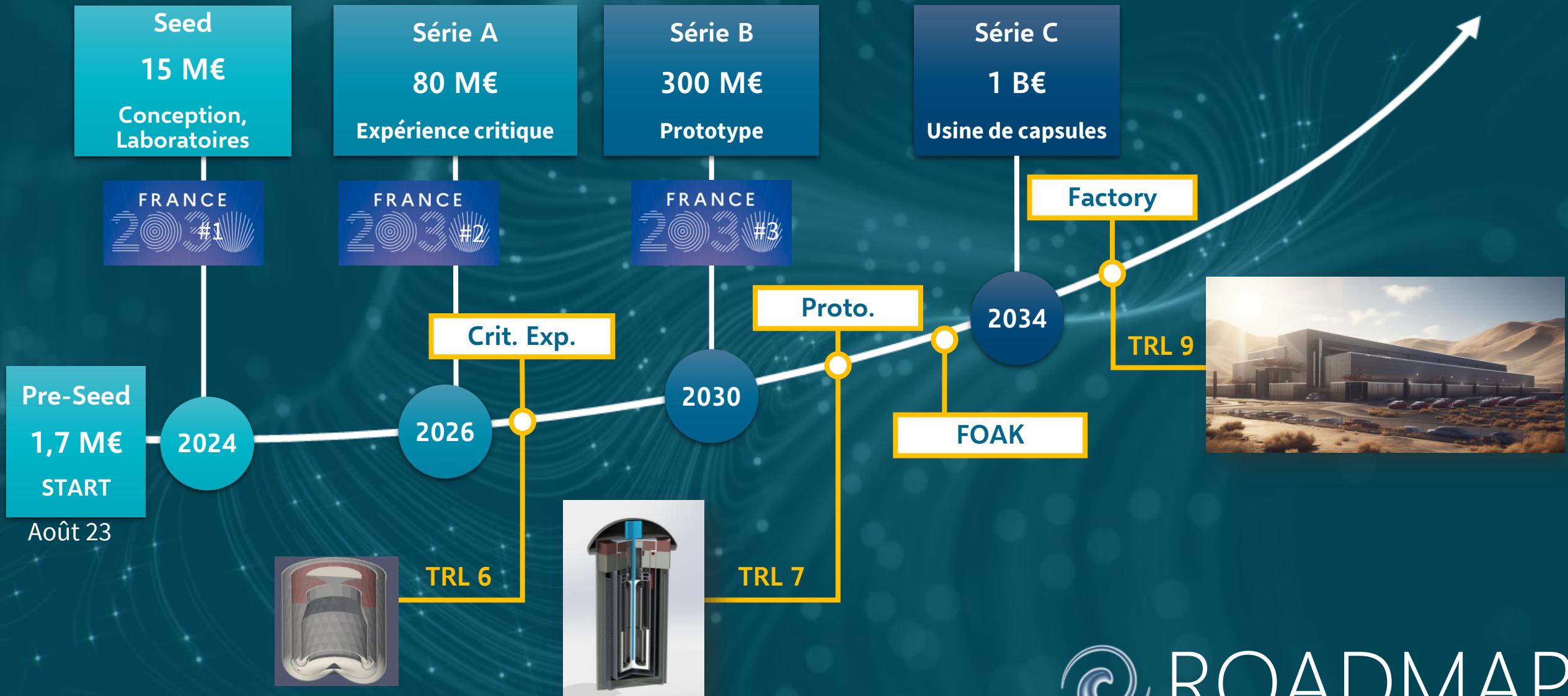
THE ONE VISION FOR OUR DESIGN

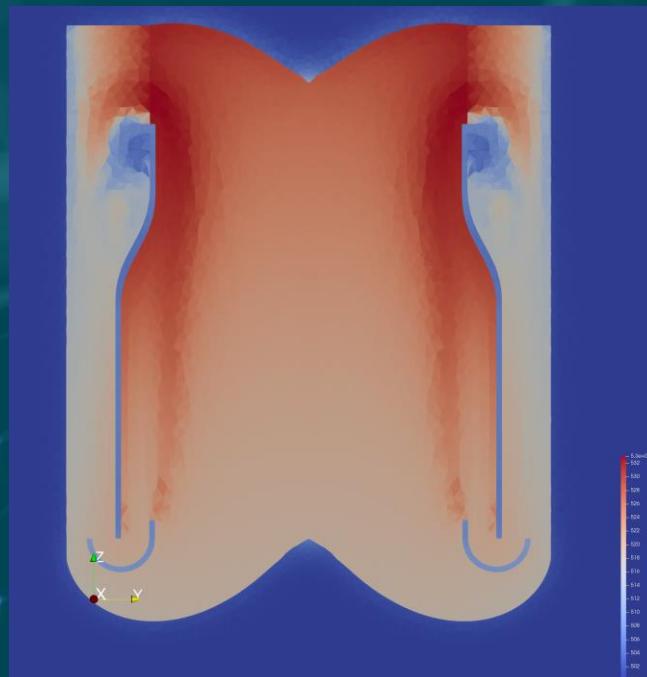
Simple, Robuste  
& Polyvalent

Simple, Robust (*Healthy ?!*) & Versatile

## 4. The Road

# ONE DECADE TO BUILD AN EUROPEAN MSR INDUSTRY





# A CRITICAL EXPERIMENT in 2027

*The pathway coming from the ARE  
(ORNL, 1954)*

## Objectives → Validations for :

- N/TH coupling codes and natural convection
- Monitoring the power by heat exchanger in NC
- Manage the reactivity insertions (safety studies)

## Design → a very small object

- Salt with Pu
- $T_{max} = 575 \text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$
- Power : 100-200 KW<sub>th</sub>
- Duration : Few weeks/monthes only

→ We NEED to prove that a MSR is possible !

## 5. Our Needs

## OUR NEEDS ...

- (Less computers) more salt experiments we can build together
- We need more MSR formations (technical ones → manage salts)

*... and ...*

- More open minded people for free collaborations
- More money, people and autonomy for scientists in public organisms  
Cause they are a foundation and a network for MSR

Thanks to the CNRS french team  
who kept the MSR alive  
in France from 2005 to 2017