

Table 21 · Moving Down the New-Build Cost Curve: What Is ‘N’?

Reactor Type	Claimed Lot Size for NOAK	Projected Improvement
French (P4 series); South Korean (OPR-1000 reactor series)	10 reactors or more consecutively ^(a)	25% reduction in overall costs
Advanced nuclear reactors (U.S.)	10-20 reactor deployments ^(b)	Reduction of OCC from >US\$10,000/kWe to US\$3,600/kWe
Gen IV	Next plant after 8 GWe constructed; for fuel fabrication and reprocessing, 32 GWe for each reactor type ^(c)	
SMRs	At least 10 to 15 projects, i.e. between 3 GW and 4.5 GW of capacity for standard 300-MW modules ^(d)	
	Rolls-Royce, 470 MW SMR ^(e) 5 to 10 units	18% drop in total costs Business case based on “selling many hundreds” by 2050
	NuScale marketing targets are for between 56 and 140 “12-packs” by 2042 ^(f)	
	Production runs of hundreds or thousands of units ^(g)	

Sources: (a) MIT, 2022;¹⁵⁵² (b) U.S. DOE, 2023;¹⁵⁵³ (c) Gen IV International Forum, 2007;¹⁵⁵⁴ (d) Wood Mackenzie, 2023;¹⁵⁵⁵ (e) Rolls-Royce, 2021; and Sampson, 2022;¹⁵⁵⁶ (f) Rothwell, 2022;¹⁵⁵⁷ (g) Glaser et. al., 2022¹⁵⁵⁸

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