# Role of Nuclear Research: the Swedish Example

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## Outline

- Why we need research in nuclear engineering?
- SKC Swedish Centre for Nuclear Technology
- Examples of nuclear engineering research performed at Swedish universities
- Future development directions



#### Worlds Population (millions):

	2009	2050 (low)	high
World	6829	7959	10461
Developed countr.	1233	1126	1439
Non-dev. countr.	5596	6833	9022
Sweden (thousand)	9249	10	)571



#### After taking all of human history for population to reach one billion, it took only a little over a century to reach two billion in 1930. The third billion was added in just 30 years, the fourth in only 15 years. 2 billion

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6 billion

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4 billion

3 billion

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Year 1

## Do we need energy research?

#### **Energy consumption:** Mean 2000 watts Western Europe 6000 watts USA 12000 watts China 1500 watts

Source: USA Energy Information Agency (EIA)

If no action is taken, by 2030 EU will depend in 70% on external sources of energy.

#### **Energy research is** needed!



Seminar on The Future of Nuclear Pow

#### Annual electricity net generation in the world







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## Experterna svarar på dina frågor!



#### Generations of Nuclear Energy



Fyra generationer av kärnenergi, Foto: Casl

#### "Trimmad kärnkraft frestar på säkerheten"

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15 kommentarer

Generation IV

DEBATT. Med uppskruvad effekt och trimmade marginaler i våra reaktorer ökar kraven på exakta beräkningar för att inte säkerheten ska äventyras, skriver kärnenergiforskarna Imre Pázsit, Christophe Demazière, Henryk Anglart, Tomasz Kozlowski och Anders Nordlund.

## SKC – Swedish Centre for Nuclear Technology



#### **SKC's Partners**

- initially SSM, FKA, OKG, Ringhals, Westinghouse, KTH, Chalmers, UU
- In 2014 SSM stepped outside SKC to support research separately

#### Goals:

- Provide long term support to secure knowledge and competence at academic level
- Contribute to safe, efficient and reliable nuclear energy production
- Provide proper resources to the Swedish nuclear industry



## **SKC Research Program**

#### Four research programs:

- Nuclear Power plant technology and safety
- Nuclear power plant safety
- Reactor physics and nuclear power plant thermal-hydraulics
- Materials and chemistry

#### Nine research areas:

- Thermal-hydraulics
- Core physics
- Core and plant dynamics
- Chemistry
- Material physics and engineering
- Safety and severe accidents
- Reactor diagnostics
- Detectors and measurements
- Safeguards



## **SKC Supported Education**

#### Chalmers:

- International Master Program in nuclear engineering
- Objective to provide both basic and advanced knowledge on physics, chemistry and technology of nuclear power and nuclear fuel cycle

#### KTH:

- International Master Program in nuclear energy engineering
- The program includes 8 compulsory and 12 elective courses
- Covers thermal-hydraulics, reactor physics, nuclear power safety, reactor technology, reactor dynamics and stability, transmutation, Gen-IV reactors, etc

#### Uppsala University:

Bachelor program in nuclear engineering



### **Nuclear Engineering Research Groups at KTH**



### CEKERT – A Forum for Nuclear Engineering Research and Education at KTH





### **Nuclear Power Safety Group**





## **Nuclear Reactor Technology Group**





## **Reactor Physics Group**

KTH VITINGAT NOVAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY Head: Prof. J. Wallenius

### Major research areas

- System and safety analysis of Accelerator Driven Systems for transmutation of nuclear waste
- System and safety analysis of Generation IV reactors for transmutation of nuclear waste
- Nuclear fuel development for LWRs & transmutation
- Radiation damage physics



Research on design and safety of leadcoled reactors





## **Main Research Infrastructure**



High-pressure Water Test (HWAT) Loop at Division of Reactor Technology, KTH



TALL loop at Division of Nuclear Power Safety, KTH



### **Examples of International Cooperation**



Research performed in Cooperation by KTH, Chalmers, UU and CEA





## **Future Development Directions**

- Industry-tailored research teaching
  - problem-solving oriented
  - current and future (Generation III+) systems
  - current tools (computer codes) applied at industry
  - focused on computer aided research teaching
  - extensive availability of industrial training for students
- Distance teaching and research
  - distance teaching available for industry
  - computer codes and research resources available through internet
- Affiliated faculty positions at universities for industrial experts

