

Key Note: **An Overview on the Status of Nuclear Decommissioning**

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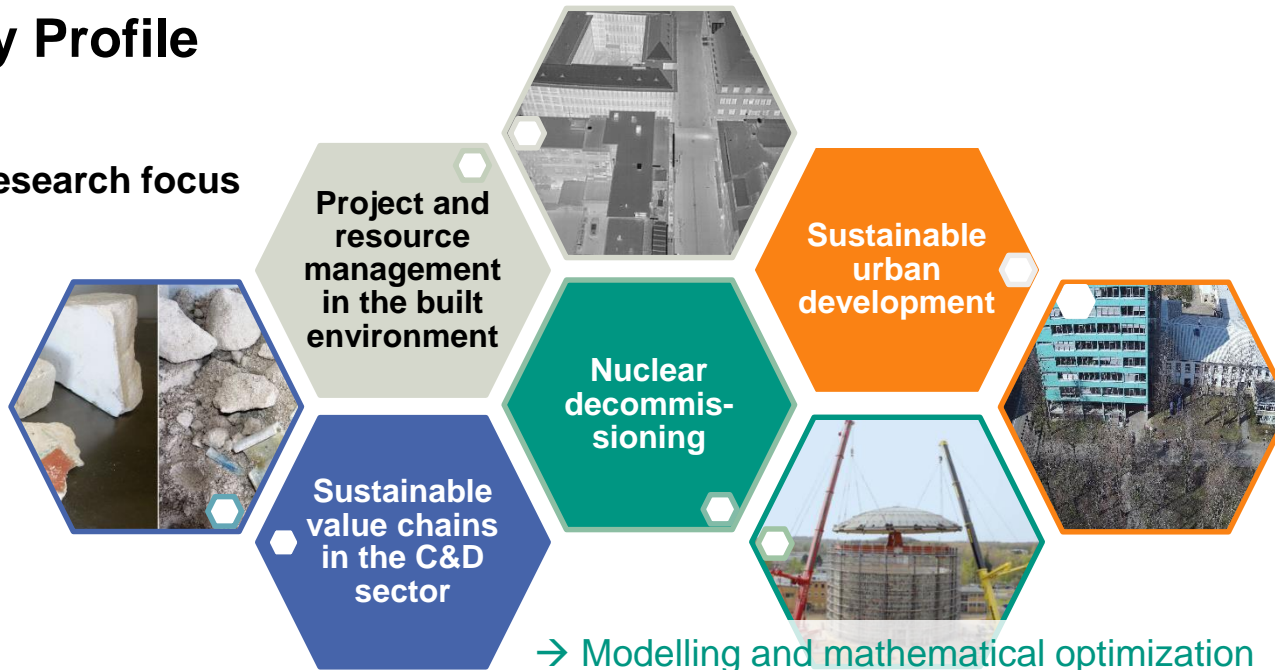
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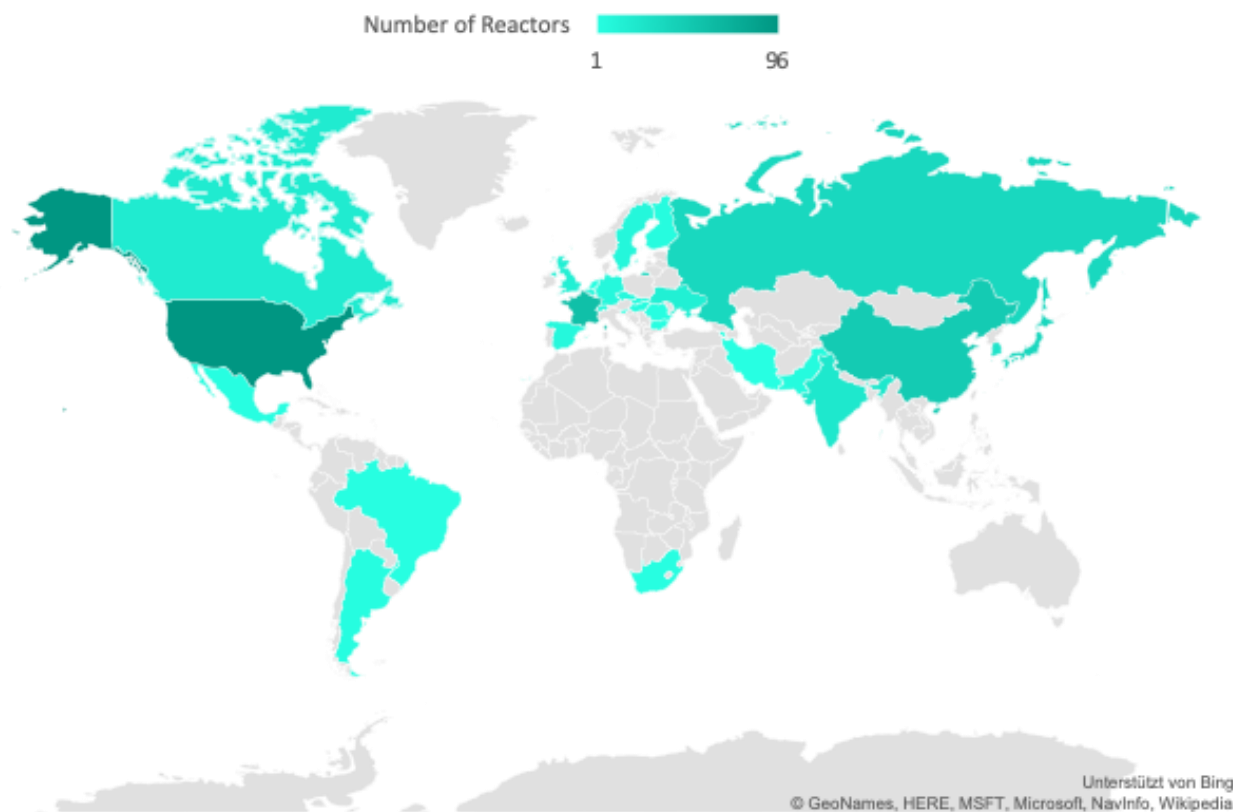
Projects for the Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) Germany, especially

- MogaMaR, https://www.iip.kit.edu/english/773_2489.php
- NukPlaRStoR, https://www.iip.kit.edu/english/773_4605.php



Volk et al. (2019)

Aging Nuclear Power Generation Reactors induce a massive change in the energy sector worldwide



Total Number of
Operational Reactors


449

Share of Worldwide
Energy Supply

11%

Average Age of
Operational Reactors

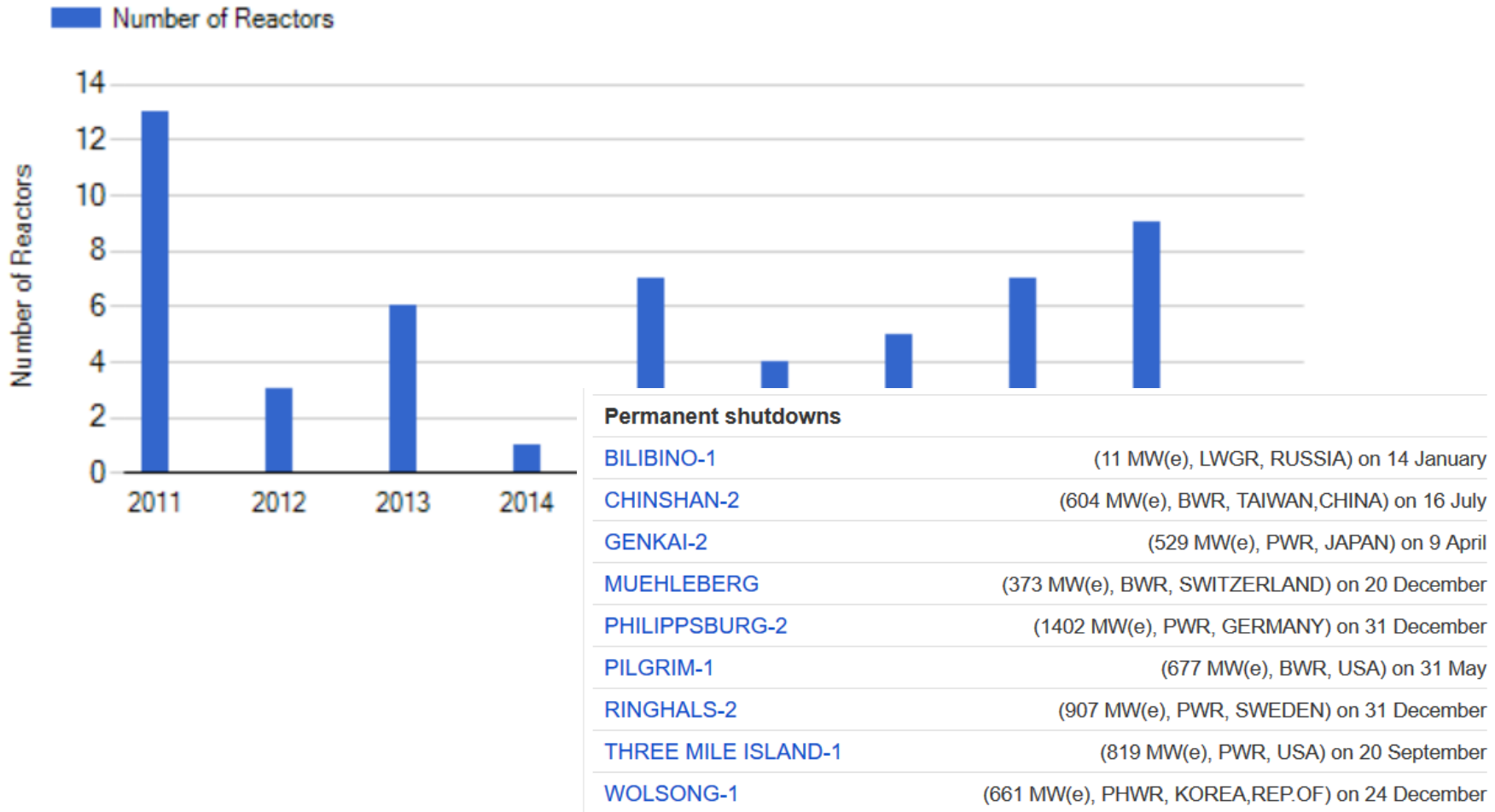
30 years

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- Aging reactors are raising questions about the schedule of their retirements
 - Increased focus on retrofitting, replacement or shutdown measures
 - Need for decommissioning schedules, dismantling and capacity replacements

Source: DAfF (2017), IAEA PRIS (Status: November 2019)

The Fukushima Shock and the Trend of Permanent Shutdowns (IAEA)

Trend of Permanent Shutdowns



Source: IAEA PRIS, <https://pris.iaea.org/pris/> (Status : January 2020)

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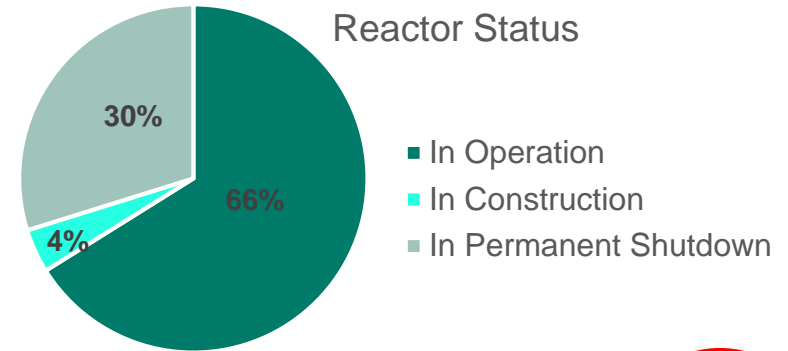
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Scope of Nuclear Decommissioning Market Potential Study

Country	Number of reactors in operation [#]	Average age of nuclear reactors [years]
Belgium	7	39
Bulgaria	2	27
Canada	19	33
France	58	31
Germany	7	30
Italy	0	49
Japan	42 (ready-for operation)	28
Lithuania	0	31
Russia	37	30
Slovakia	4	24.5
South Korea	24	19
Spain	7	35.8
Sweden	8	37
Switzerland	5	42
Taiwan	6	35
UK	15	32
Ukraine	15	26.6
USA	99	36

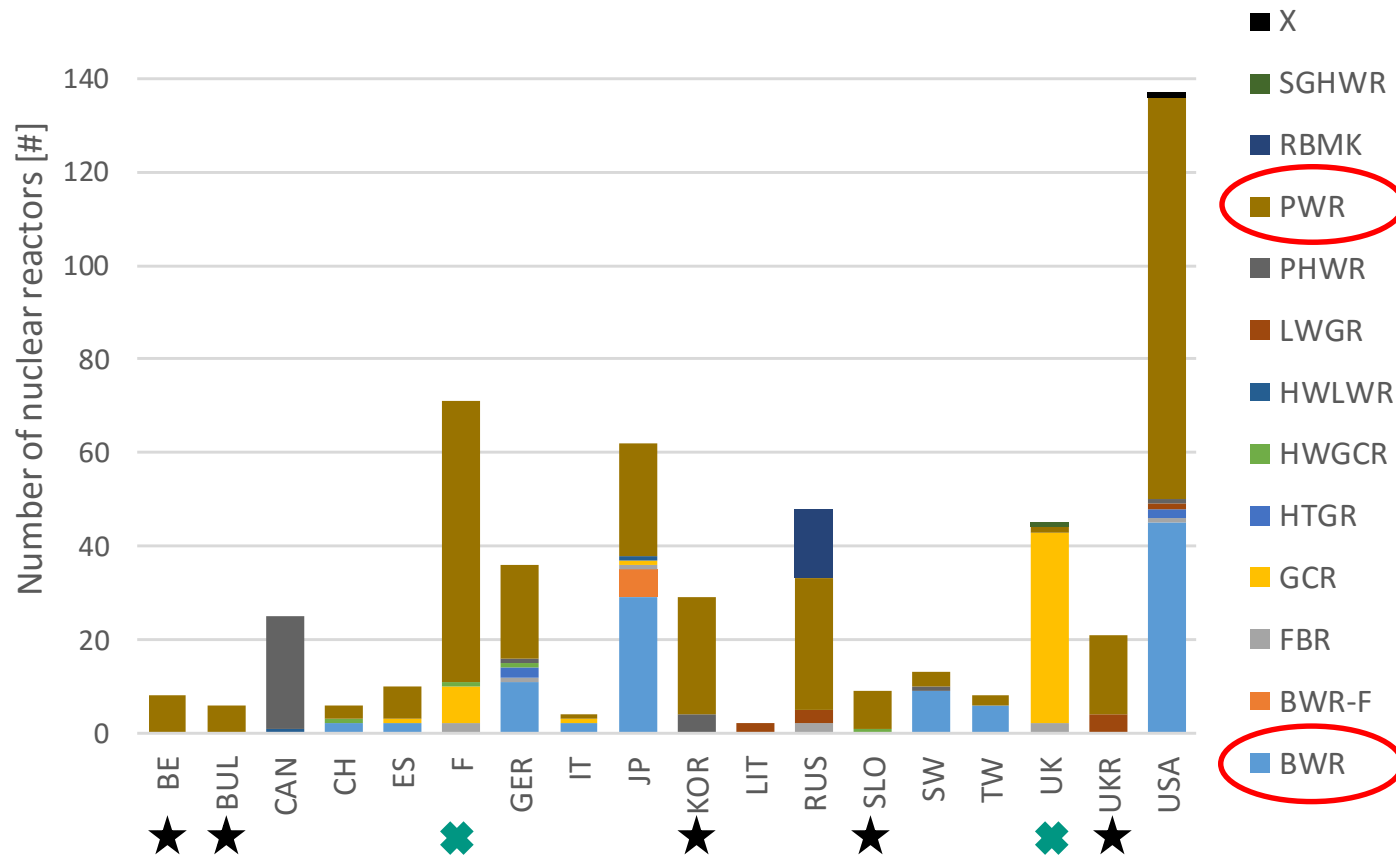


Status	Considered	PRIS	Percentage
In Operation	357	450	79%
In Construction	22	56	39%
In Permanent Shutdown	161	166	97%
Total	540	672	80%

- We considered 18 countries with their nuclear facilities listed in IAEA PRIS database
- The analysis comprises 80% of all listed reactors worldwide.
- We focus on older nuclear facility stocks (e.g. excluding India, China, etc.)

Source: IAEA PRIS (status: April 2018), Volk et al. (2019)

Within the considered Countries different Types of Reactors have to be decommissioned.



- ➔ Most reactors are Boiling Water Reactors (BWR) and Pressurized Water Reactors (PWR)
- ★ Korea, Ukraine, Belgium, Slovakia and Bulgaria have almost exclusively PWR technology
- ✚ France and UK have a considerable share of Gas-Cooled Reactors (GCR, HTGR)

Source: Volk et al. (2019) based on IAEA PRIS (status: April 2018)

Aging Reactors require Decommissioning Schedules, Dismantling and Capacity Replacements

Age classes [years]	BE	BUL	CAN	CH	ES	F	GER	IT	JP	KOR	LIT	RUS	SLO	SW	TW	UK	UKR	USA	Total
0-5						1			2	6		10	2		2		2	5	30
5-10									1	3		2							6
10-15									3	2		1					2		8
15-20						1			1	4		1	2						9
20-25			1			4			8	5		1				1	1	2	23
25-30		1	3		1	7	3		10	2		2				4	2	6	41
30-35	2	1	7	1	5	24	9		11	5	2	8	2	2	2	6	8	33	128
35-40	2	2	4	1	1	21	5	1	7	1		7	2	4	3		5	14	80
40-45	3	2	4			3	8		13	1		9		5	1	5	1	39	94
45-50			4	3	3	3	6		4			3	1	1		3		20	51
50-55			1	1		5	4	3	2			3		1		12		12	44
55-60	1		1			2	1									11		4	20
60-65												1				3		2	6
Total	8	6	25	6	10	71	36	4	62	29	2	48	9	13	8	45	21	137	540

60%

37%

- More than 60% of all Reactors are older than 30 years; 37% are older than 40 years
- USA, France and UK have a high number of ageing nuclear reactors
- Decommissioning decisions also depend on the countries' policy and societal acceptance

Source: Volk et al. (2019) based on IAEA PRIS (status: April 2018)

Countries' Policies differ, but ultimately require Dismantling and lead to increasing Market Volume

Country	Normal operation duration [years]	Possibility of prolongation of operation [yes/no] [times]	Prolongation of operation [years]	Duration of post-operational phase [years]	Possibility of deferred dismantling [yes/no]	Duration of deferred dismantling [years]	Planned duration of direct dismantling [years]
BE	40*	Yes, (preferred is 1x)	10	5	Yes, but not probable	No information	No information
BUL	30	Yes, 1x	30	8-12 (for first 2 reactors)	No information	No information	No information
CAN	25	Yes, 1x	30-35	No information	Yes, preferred strategy	30	No information
F	10-yearly review	Yes, 1-5x	10; max. 60 years of operation	5	Yes, but not preferred	No information	No information
GER	40	No	0	5	Yes	No information	No information
JP	40	Yes, 1x	20	5-10	Yes	5-10	3-4
IT	-	No	0	No information	No	0	No information
LIT	No information	No information	No information	No information	No information	No information	No information
RUS	30	Yes	15-30	3-5	Yes	No information	5
SLO	30	Yes, 1x, (linked to EU membership)	0	5	No	0	13 (incl. shutdown, but already delayed)
KOR	30 (Wolsong 1, Kori 1), 40 (others)	Yes, up to 2x	10 (each prolongation)	4	No information	No information	9+2
ES	40**	Yes, no information on the number of times	10 (each prolongation)	No information	Yes, but not preferred	Until 2028 (38 years) for a single reactor	No information

*: Changed in 2014 to maintain national power supply in Belgium

** : This was deleted in 2011 from the law so that currently the Spanish government can decide on the operation duration.

Source: Volk et al. (2019) based on Ake Anunti et al., 2013; Ananiev et al., 2015; ASN, 2016; Barsebäck, 2016; Bruce Power, 2016b; European Commission, 2016b; European Court of Auditors, 2016; Hyung, 2013; IAEA 2015; IAEA, 2004; IAEA, 2015; Joo Hyun Moon, 2013; Kennes et al., 2008; KHNP, 2016; Laraia, 2012; Larsson et al., 2013; OECD and NEA, 2011a; OECD and NEA, 2015; Oskarsson, 2016; RWE, 2016; Schmittem, 2016; Schneider et al., 2016, SOGIN 2016a-d., SSM, 2008; Ternon-Morin and Degraeve, 2012; Wealer et al., 2015; WNA, 2016c; WNA, 2016i; WNA, 2016k; WNA, 2016d; WNA, 2016f; WNN, 2014

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SW	40-50	Yes	10-20	1	Yes, applied in two cases but not preferred	Dismantling is permitted only when a final storage is ready	No information
CH	Unlimited*	No, but adherence to safety regulation required	0	5	No information	No information	No information
TW	40	No	0	8 (for first reactor Chinshan 1)	Not for Chinshan 1, no information for the other reactors	No information	15 (for Chinshan 1)
UK	20 (design life time) with periodical reviews	Yes, up to 4x (but not for the older gas-cooled reactors)	10 (each prolongation)	10 (PWR, gas-cooled)	Yes, deferred dismantling is the main strategy used	85 (gas-cooled reactor)	10 (PWR), no information for gas cooled reactors
UKR	30 (e.g. Rovno 1+2)	Yes	10-20	No information	Yes (Chernobyl)	No information	No information
USA	40	Yes, 1(-2)x	20	2 (or 1-5 dep. on source)	Yes	60 years: max. 50 years waiting time and 10 years dismantling	10

*: Limitations for specific reactors are proposed by the Swiss government


- Operating life times range from 20 years (UK) to 50 years (Sweden)
- Prolongation range from 0 years (Germany) to 30 (Russia, Canada) and 40 years (USA)
- Germany, Belgium, Taiwan, Spain, Italy, Lithuania, and Sweden decided a nuclear phase-out

Source: Volk et al. (2019) based on BWK, 2016; FAZ, 2016; IAEA, 2015; Schneider et al., 2016; WNA, 2016n; Nuklearforum Schweiz, 2011; Taiwan Power Company, 2014; WNA, 2016q; Bryers and Ashmead (2016); Dep. for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy, 2016; EDF Energy, 2016; IEA/NEA, 2015; NDA, 2016b; IAEA, 2017a; Kilochytska, 2009; NRC, 2016a; Nuclear Energy Institute, 2016; OECD and NEA, 2015; Reid and McGratz, 2016; WNA, 2016p

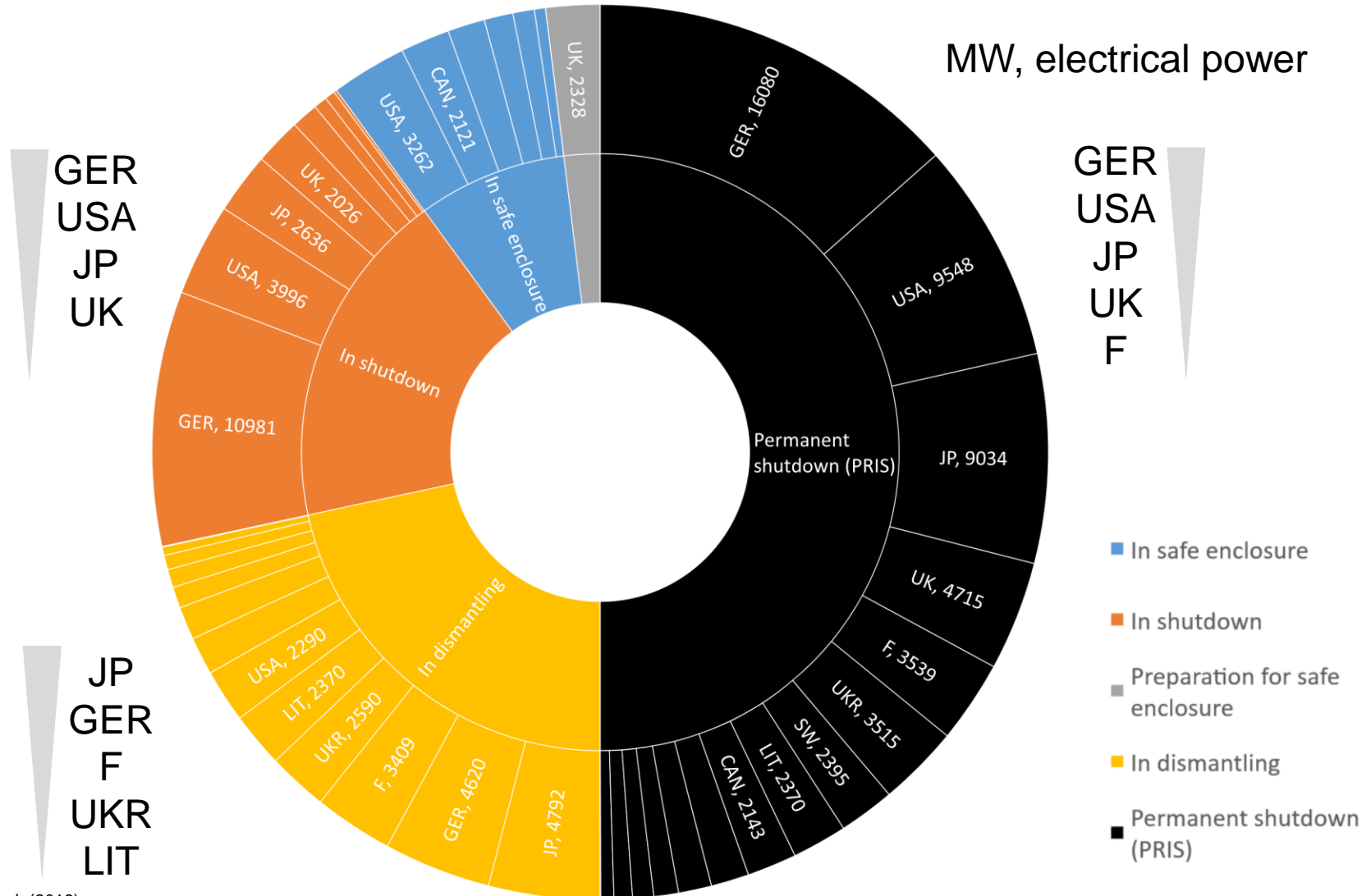
A detailed Classification of the Reactor States allow estimating the Nuclear Decommissioning Market Potential

Our denomination:	PRIS denomination:
0 Decommissioning completed	-*
1 In decommissioning	
2 In safe entombment/deferred dismantling	Permanent shutdown
3 In preparation for safe entombment/deferred dismantling	
4 In shutdown	
5 In operation	Operational
6 Ready for operation	
7 Under construction	Under construction
8 Others	-*

*: This category does not exist in PRIS. When the decommissioning is completed, the reactor will be removed from the database

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- A detailed overview of the current reactor states is given
 - Enables a better estimation of the decommissioning market potential in the upcoming years
 - Foundation for a scenario analysis of the market development over time

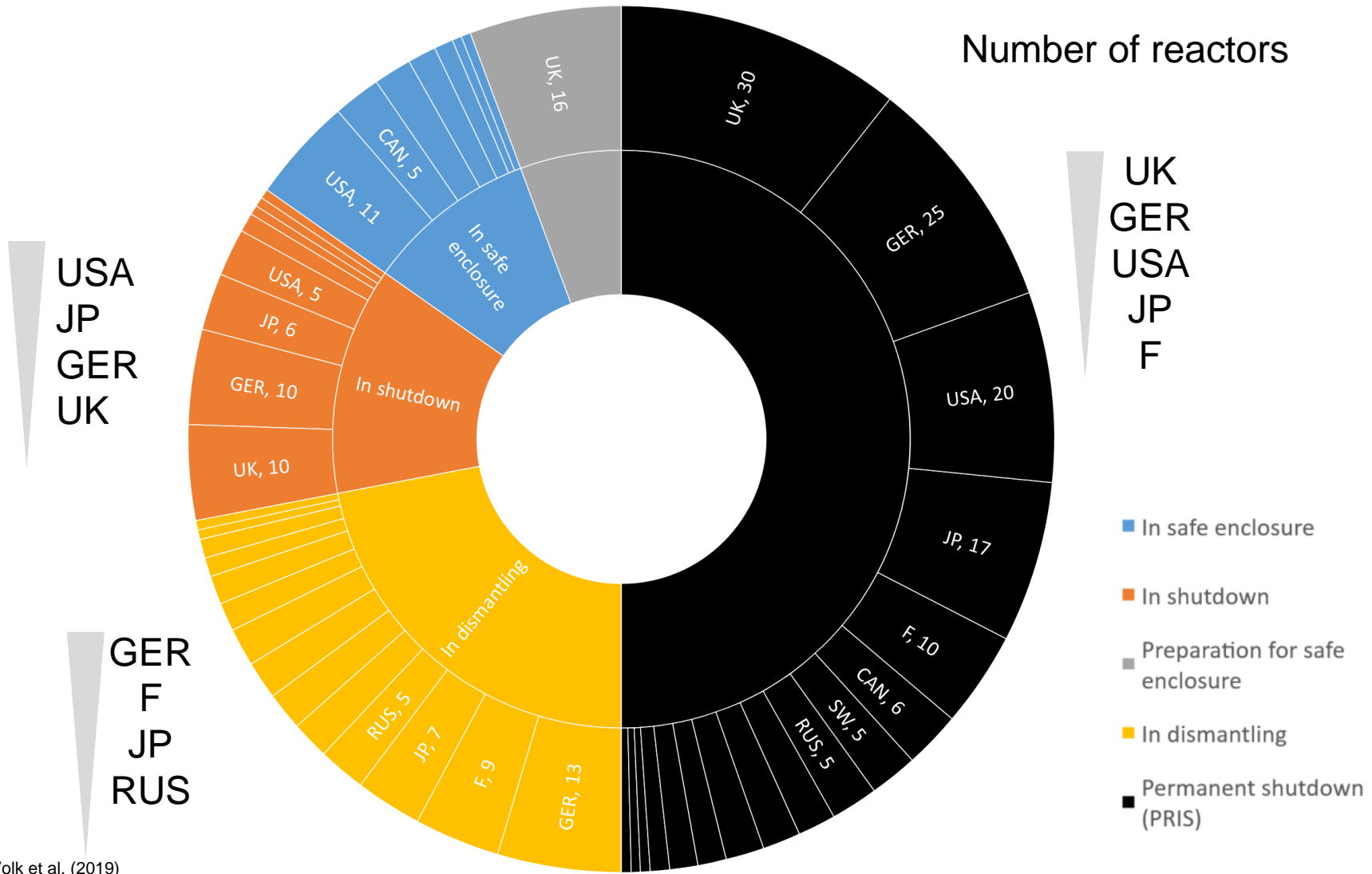
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A Scenario Analysis projects the Electrical Capacity that will be shut down in the 18 Countries until 2047

Scenario parameters

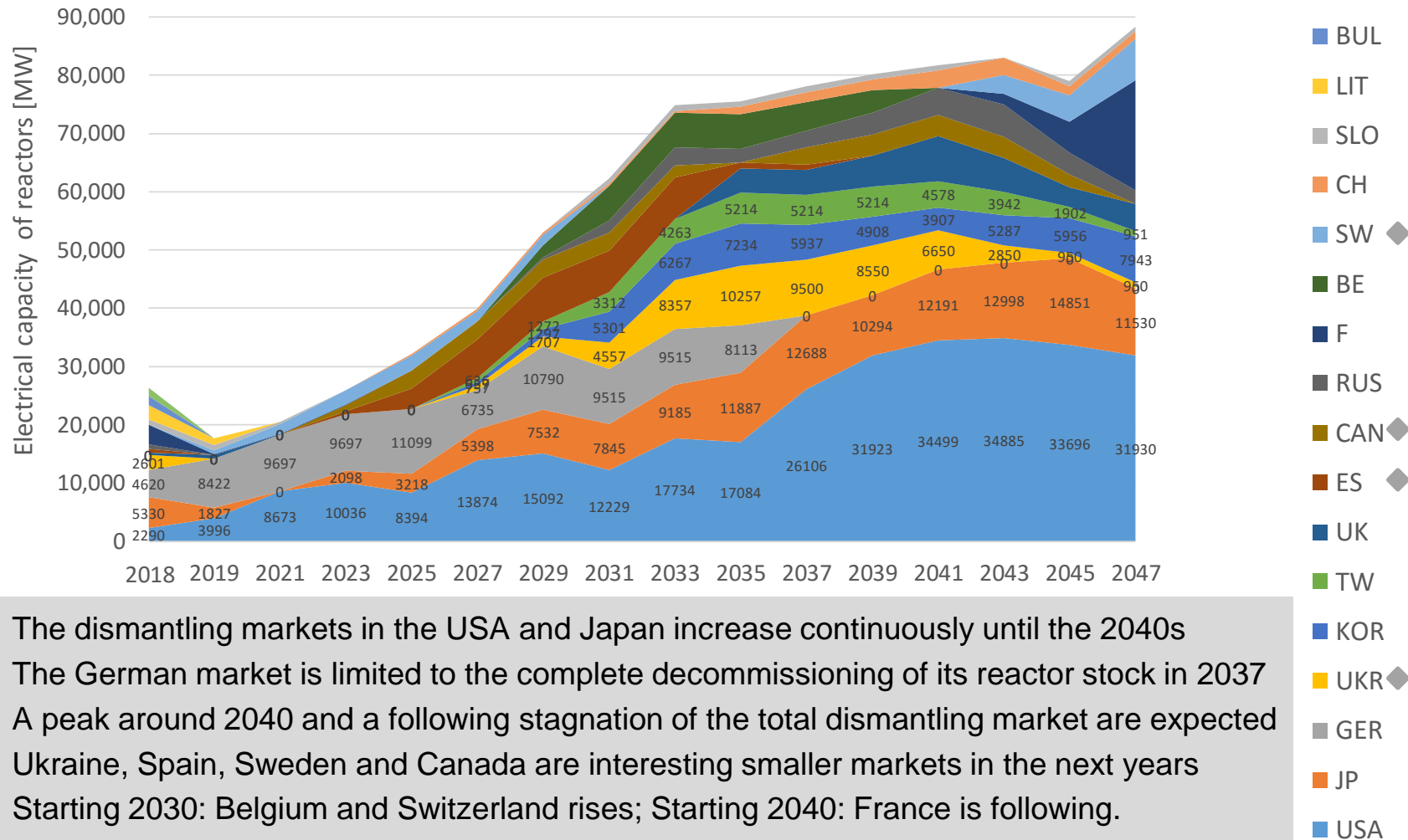
Scenarios	Start of shutdown (on reactor-level)	Post-operational phase durations (on national level)	Dismantling phase durations (on national level)
Scenario 1 (expected)	Expected start date	Moderate duration (5.5 years*)	Moderate duration (10 years*)
Scenario 2 (intermediate)	Expected start date	Minimum duration (5 years*)	Minimum duration (9 years*)
Scenario 3 (earliest decommission)	Earliest start date	Minimum duration (5 years*)	Minimum duration (9 years*)
Scenario 4 (intermediate)	Expected start date	Maximum duration (6 years*)	Maximum duration (11 years*)
Scenario 5 (latest decommission)	Latest start date	Maximum duration (6 years*)	Maximum duration (11 years*)

*: default value, if no national value is available

Source: Volk et al. (2019)

The highest Decommissioning Market Potential can be seen in the USA, Japan and Germany

Nuclear reactors in dismantling according to their country (scenario 1)

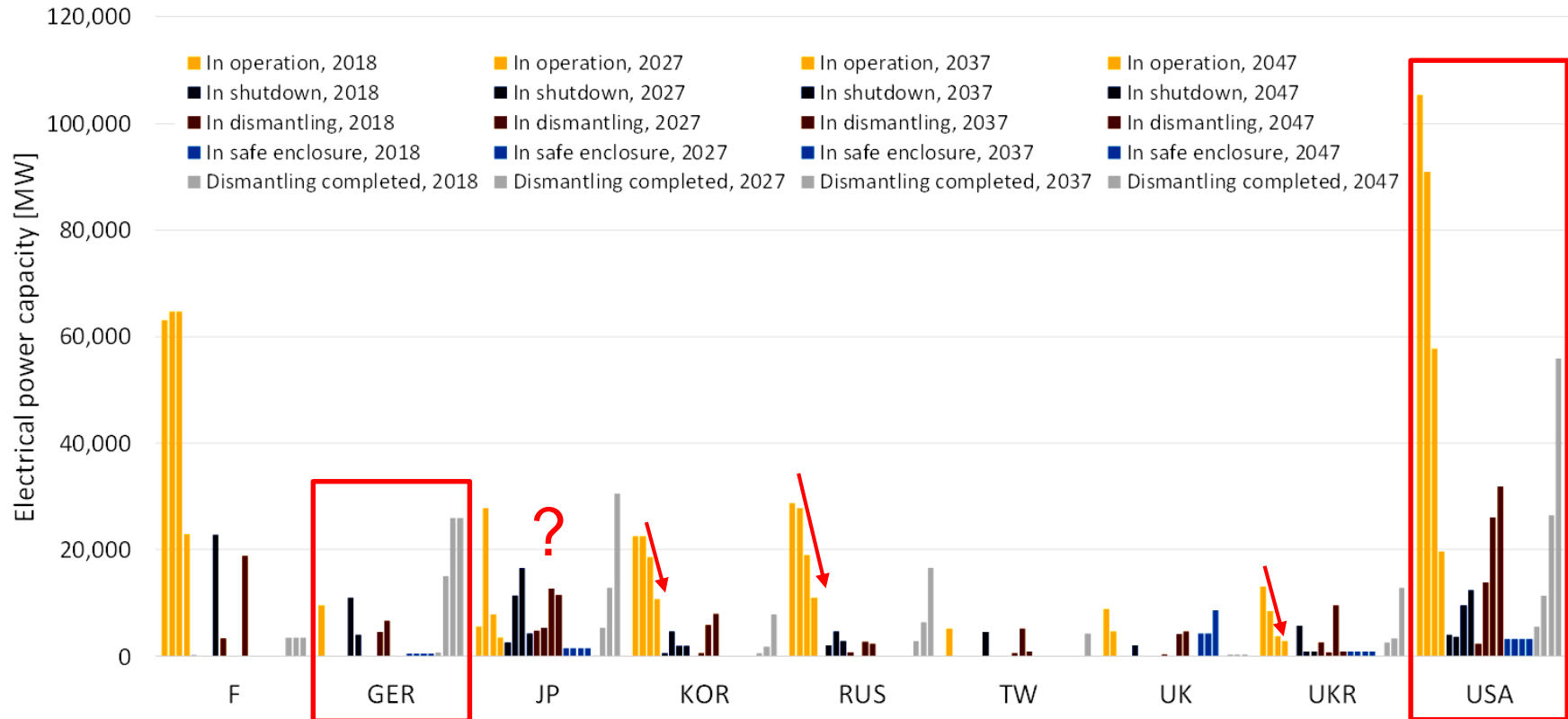


- The dismantling markets in the USA and Japan increase continuously until the 2040s
- The German market is limited to the complete decommissioning of its reactor stock in 2037
- A peak around 2040 and a following stagnation of the total dismantling market are expected
- Ukraine, Spain, Sweden and Canada are interesting smaller markets in the next years
- Starting 2030: Belgium and Switzerland rises; Starting 2040: France is following.

Source: Volk et al. (2019)

Operating Reactors Power Capacity will be in Decommissioning and has to be substituted

Status in 2018 and projection of nuclear reactors in selected countries for 2027, 2037 and 2047 in scenario 1



- All 17 German reactors will be dismantled completely in 2037 (capacity reduction: 100%)
- The Japanese market depends on the political decisions (projected capacity reduction: 91%)
- Until 2047, 55 nuclear reactors will be dismantled in the USA (capacity reduction: 81%)
- In this study, around 260 GWe are expected to be retired until 2047

Source: Volk et al. (2019)

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Reactor shutdowns lead to Business Opportunities, increase political Stress and Pressure to Innovate

Key Findings

- Need for **technology innovations** and **large investments** in reactor refurbishments or alternative energy systems and infrastructure **to overcome large scale reactor shutdowns** by 2047
- **Upcoming project, job and business opportunities** with increasing decommissioning activities
- **Increased pressure** on governments to **establish safe storage** for radioactive material
- Potential **bottlenecks** are **expertise, dismantling/cleaning equipment** and shifts to deferred dismantling.

Required R&D

- **Impact of new constructions and retrofit investments** in prolongation of operating time of reactors
- Extension of study to **all countries** worldwide and all types of nuclear facilities
- Investigation of **entry barriers** for markets to define competition
- **Efficient technologies and project management** for nuclear decommissioning required

MogaMaR:

Development of an integrated project management system for nuclear decommissioning

Duration: 01/01/2014 – 31/03/2017

Partners:



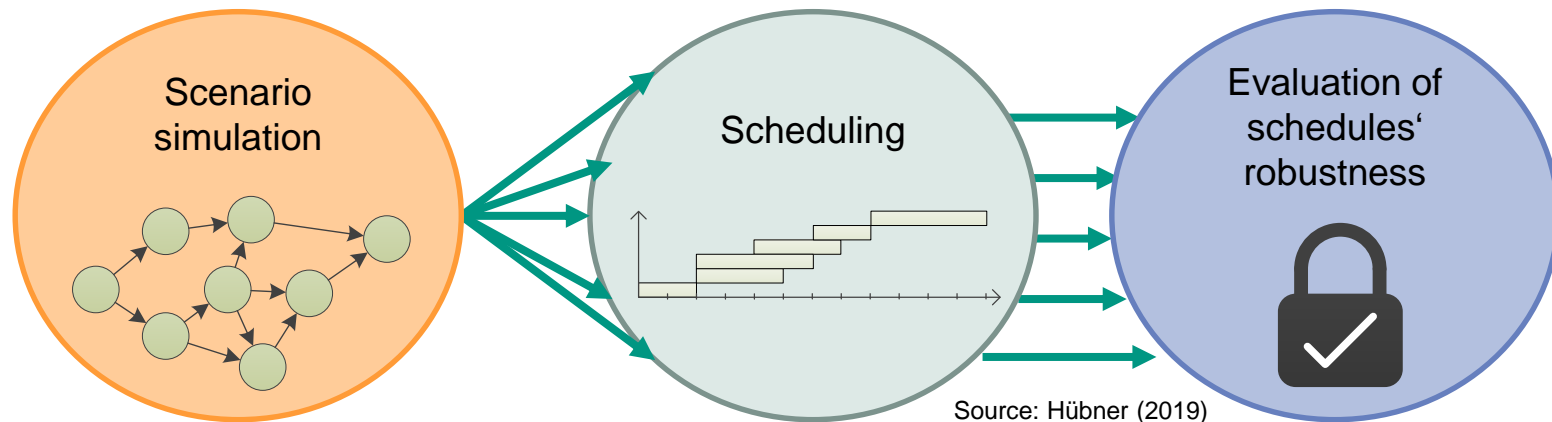
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Project goals:

- Integrated consideration of time, cost and resources in planning
- Cost-optimization
- Consideration of uncertainties during planning



Integrated consideration of time, cost and resources as well as uncertainty and buffers



Availability of alternative schedule in the case of changes

NukPlaRStoR:

Development of a user-friendly cost- optimizing planning tool for nuclear dismantling projects taking into account material flows for resource planning

Duration: 01/06/2019 – 31/05/2022

Partners:



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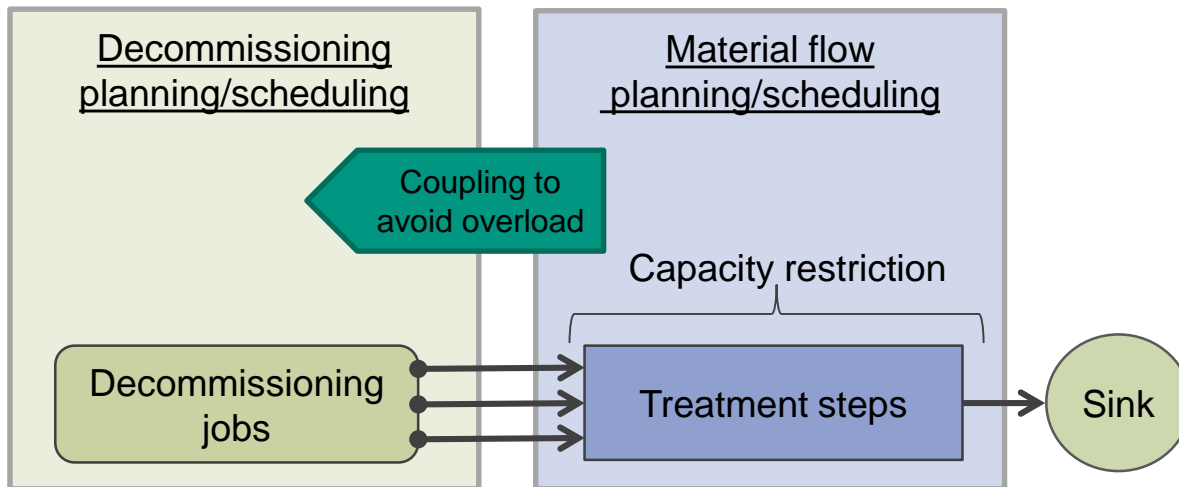


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Project goals:

- Integrated consideration of dismantling and material flow planning
- Cost-optimizing time and logistics planning
- Development of a user interface and interfaces to project management software



Source: Forschungszentrum Jülich GmbH



Source: EWN Energiewerke Nord GmbH



Integrated planning of decommissioning and its material flows

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The future of nuclear decommissioning – A worldwide market potential study

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ABSTRACT

In the 1950s, nuclear power generation became important and many facilities were built. Today, because of political, technical or economic reasons many reactors are being or will be decommissioned. This highly impacts energy policy regarding future energy supply and the handling of decommissioning, including dismantling activities, regulatory control, equipment, expertise handling or final nuclear disposal sites.

This study provides a short-term forecast and a scenario analysis of the present and future situation of 140 nuclear power reactors in 18 countries worldwide until 2047. For that purpose, IAEA PRIS database is extended on nuclear level by information on future stage, political decision, political decommissioning strategies and the duration of the post-operational and decommissioning phase.

The projected nuclear potential will conventionally annual after 2019 until 2039 to a stable, annual market volume of 75.45–82.16, in decreasing. In the next decade, more decommissioning markets in USA, Spain and Germany with capacity reduction of 118.6 GW, and 2047 Germany and USA offer a stable market potential. In Spain and France, the political decision on pending reaction and postponement of operation have strongly influence nuclear decommissioning. However, Spain, Sweden and Canada are decommissioning nuclear reactors in the next years.

1. Introduction

Since the 1950s, the peaceful use of nuclear power generation has been present in many countries worldwide and contributes nowadays to a significant share (17%) to the worldwide energy supply (IEA, 2018). In early 2018, 450 commercially used nuclear power reactors in 33 countries were in operation (IAEA PRIS). The majority of these reactors are located in the USA, France and Japan. Worldwide, more than 60% of the nuclear capacity is over 25 years old, causing important questions in the nuclear area about the schedule for retirement (World Energy Outlook (IEA, 2016), p. 347; OECD/IEA, 2015). By 2025, it is probable that 50 of 120 European nuclear reactors in operation (EPRI) need to be shut down and by 2030 about 90% of all present existing European nuclear reactors are expected to be shut down. If no retrofit measures are undertaken for prolongation of their operation (IEA European Commission, 2016, p. 5–7).

The technical and scientific advances and improvements in the nuclear power generation sector led to long life expectancies and allow up to 60–80 operating years. After their operation 30, nuclear reactors are shut down, decommissioned, shut the grid and have to be decommissioned. Decommissioning decisions and strategies depend on the single facility technology, age, and condition, but also the countries policy, the national energy mix and policy situation, the country climate goals (IEA, 2014; OECD/IEA, 2017) as well as the nuclear acceptance. Furthermore, safety, radioactive waste management, power generation capacity replacement, investment capacities in the grid, and energy security are in the near-dating nuclear decommissioning (World Energy Outlook (IEA, 2016), p. 347). This leads to an increased focus on accelerating, replacement of shutdown measures of nuclear reactors and raises questions of direct or indirect decommissioning strategies, decommissioning schedules, capacity replacement and nuclear waste storage. Furthermore, nuclear power plant operation are continuous with increasing cost for maintaining their facilities, due to increased safety requirements. This includes a market change in the

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[†] Also triggered by nuclear accidents (e.g. Chernobyl, Fukushima) many countries revised the risk assessment of their nuclear facilities and decided to shut down nuclear reactors to secure people. Because of the accident at the nuclear reactor of Fukushima Daiichi in 2011, the German government shut down or nearly shut of the nuclear power reactors and largely suspended the nuclear phase-out by 2022. In Japan, all existing 56 nuclear reactors were shut down over 27 years on-site, waiting for a political decision on their future or decommissioning in the next years (Schulze et al., 2017, p. 346). In 2016 and 2017, only the Japanese nuclear reactor were shut in operation (Schulze et al., 2016, p. 149; IAEA PRIS) while a third reactor was shutdown.

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