

# Floating nuclear power units for Net Zero industry clusters development in remote regions

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## The role of nuclear technologies in decarbonization



**ROSATOM IS A NATIONAL LEADER IN ELECTRICITY GENERATION (ABOUT 20% OF TOTAL OUTPUT), THE 1ST LARGEST PORTFOLIO OF ORDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS IN THE WORLD**

ROSATOM'S STRATEGY IS AIMED AT DEVELOPING LOW-CARBON GENERATION AND REDUCING CO2 EMISSIONS



### TRENDS AFFECTING THE DEVELOPMENT OF ENERGY SYSTEMS:

- ▶ **globalization** international cooperation and widespread use of unique technical solutions;
- ▶ **localization** is creation of sustainable regional systems that are aimed at reducing the burden on the environment when operating;
- ▶ **acceleration of development** is a request for flexible and fast solutions;
- ▶ **adaptability** is an ability to conform to changing reality and resistance to the appearance of "black swans".

Innovative nuclear solutions  
that meet modern requirements

## Nuclear floating power units of low power are a reliable and flexible solution for the needs of local consumers

TECHNICAL SOLUTIONS FOR THE RITM SERIES REACTOR UNITS ARE APPROVED  
BY THE EXPERIENCE OF DESIGN, MANUFACTURE AND OPERATION:

- ✓ 6 RITM-200 reactor units are operated on 3 nuclear icebreakers;
- ✓ 2 nuclear icebreakers under construction



Based on operational experience, a line of  
nuclear floating power units with RITM series  
reactors was created

### ADVANTAGES OF NUCLEAR FLOATING POWER UNITS:

- ▶ continuous energy production for a period of 5-10 years
- ▶ maneuverability (rapid change in the power of the energy source)
- ▶ reducing CO2 emissions
- ▶ factory construction of a fully operational facility
- ▶ changing the capacity at the customer's request by changing the number of power units on the operation site
- ▶ serial construction, technical solutions do not depend on the operation site
- ▶ “green lawn” after completion of operation
- ▶ competitiveness in comparison with gas sources

## The Russian Arctic: the development of a high-potential region in the conditions of the Far North



- ✓ **low population density** – 0.1-0.2 people per 1 m<sup>2</sup>;
- ✓ small and **isolated** settlements;
- ✓ **harsh climatic conditions**: permafrost, low sub-zero temperatures all year round, high wind strength, heavy precipitation, polar day/night;
- ✓ **vulnerable natural environment** and slow recovery rate of disturbed natural objects;
- ✓ **the developing port and transport infrastructure** of the Northern Sea Route - cargo traffic increased from 4 million tons in 2014 to 34 million tons in 2022;
- ✓ the high cost and **complexity of the construction**;
- ✓ **significant natural resources**;
- ✓ the need to use **special equipment for cargo delivery**;
- ✓ complex logistics;
- ✓ the need to use **maneuverable power plants**.

## Arctic Reference Project – FPU Akademik Lomonosov

**IN MAY 2020:** FPU *AFADEMIK LOMONOSOV* WAS PUT INTO COMMERCIAL OPERATION

The emissions of carbon dioxide equivalent of **OVER 300000 TONS** into the atmosphere have been prevented

**ELECTRICITY AND HEAT SUPPLY** to residential consumers in the Chukotka Autonomous District

**MORE THAN 491 million kWh** of electricity has been generated

**OVER 402000 GCAL** of thermal energy has been generated

Conditions for **ACCELERATED SOCIO-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** of the Arctic and the Northern Sea Route are created

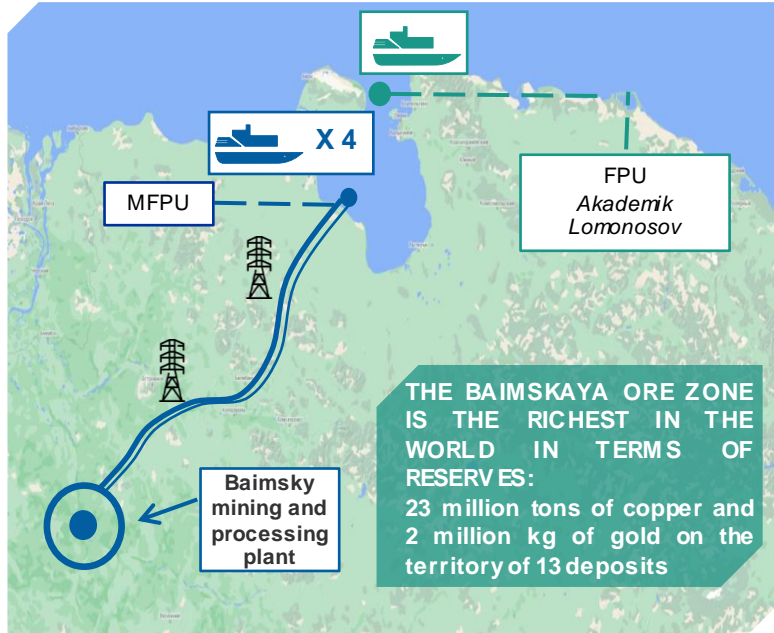
### EXPERIENCE IN OPERATING KLT-40 SERIES REACTOR PLANT:

- 2 nuclear icebreakers
- 1 nuclear LASH carrier





## Development of industrial clusters in the Arctic: case of the Baimskaya ore zone



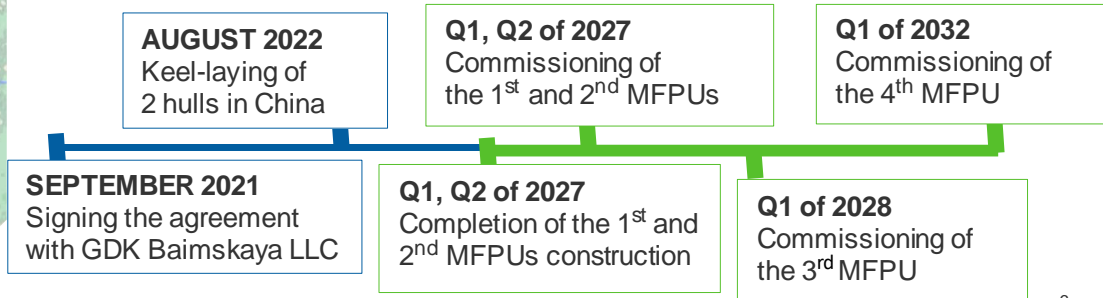
Energy Solution – a modernized floating power unit

There are 2 RITM-200S reactor units on board

MFPU electric power – 2\*53 MW



### PROJECT DEPLOYMENT SCHEDULE:



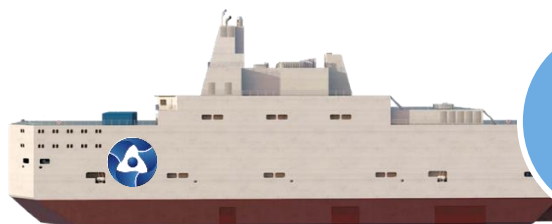
\* MFPU — Modernized floating power unit

# Optimized floating power unit: a complete solution for tropical regions

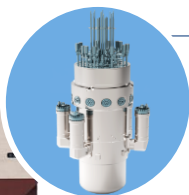


## OPTIONS FOR THE OFPU APPLICATION IN ORDER TO MEET THE NEEDS OF TROPICAL REGIONS:

- energy supply to remote and isolated settlements and industrial facilities
- desalination of seawater
- replacement of imported energy resources, the cost of which increases due to delivery



**CO2 EMISSION REDUCTION AND PROTECTION OF UNIQUE FLORA AND FAUNA IN THE REGION**



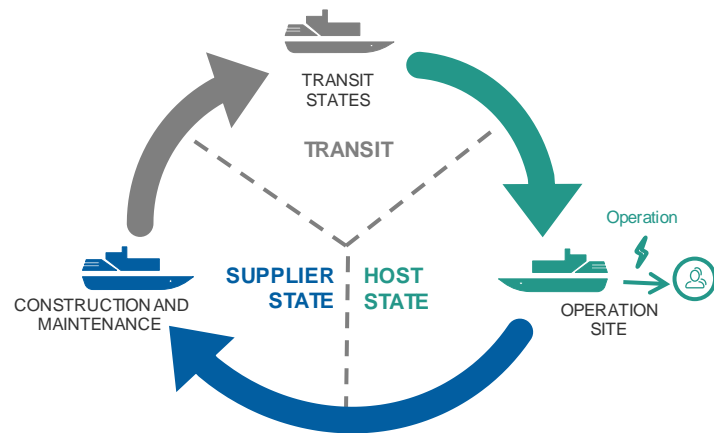
**2 RITM-200M reactor units**

**60 years**

**Service life**

**2\*50 MW**

**OFPU electric power**



- The OFPU operating organization assumes all risks associated with construction and operation of nuclear facilities
- The responsibility of the the energy consumer is minimized

**significant reduction in the timing and cost of projects implementation**

\* OFPU – Optimized floating power unit

## Challenges of deploying floating power units

**01**

Approval of safety for transportation between countries

**02**

Legal and regulatory support for projects, unique business schemes of implementation

**03**

The necessity of international cooperation based on transparent and non-discriminatory approaches

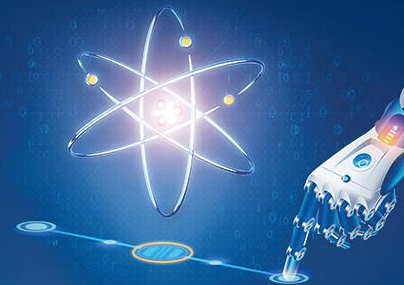
## THE WAY FORWARD:

- 1** Cooperation between IAEA and IMO
- 2** Analyzing the experience of pilot projects and successful practices of international cooperation
- 3** Forming working groups to develop specific standards



## Conclusions:

- ✓ Nuclear floating power units can become the basis for power systems development of which has been limited by isolation and/or remoteness from large power grids and infrastructure
- ✓ Nuclear floating power units are a competitive solution and can be used in hybrid power systems together with gas, wind, solar energy sources
- ✓ The widespread use of nuclear floating power units can lead to a significant reduction in CO<sub>2</sub> emissions while accelerating regional development



# Thank you for attention!

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