**Copenhagen Atomics** 

# Funding the path towards scalable and affordable energy

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An engineering-driven approach to developing a clean, safe and abundant energy source through a Thorium-based MSR

Safe and abundant energy

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Copenhagen Atomics is working on developing a **Thorium-based MSR**<sup>1</sup> in a 40 foot shipping container ("Waste Burner")

The Waste Burner is expected to be online in 2028, and will run on a combination of thorium and used nuclear fuel

Business strategy is to own, operate and decommission the Waste Burners. We call it: "Energy-as-a-Service"



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# Visualisation of the Waste Burner

This is the reactor Copenhagen Atomics is developing

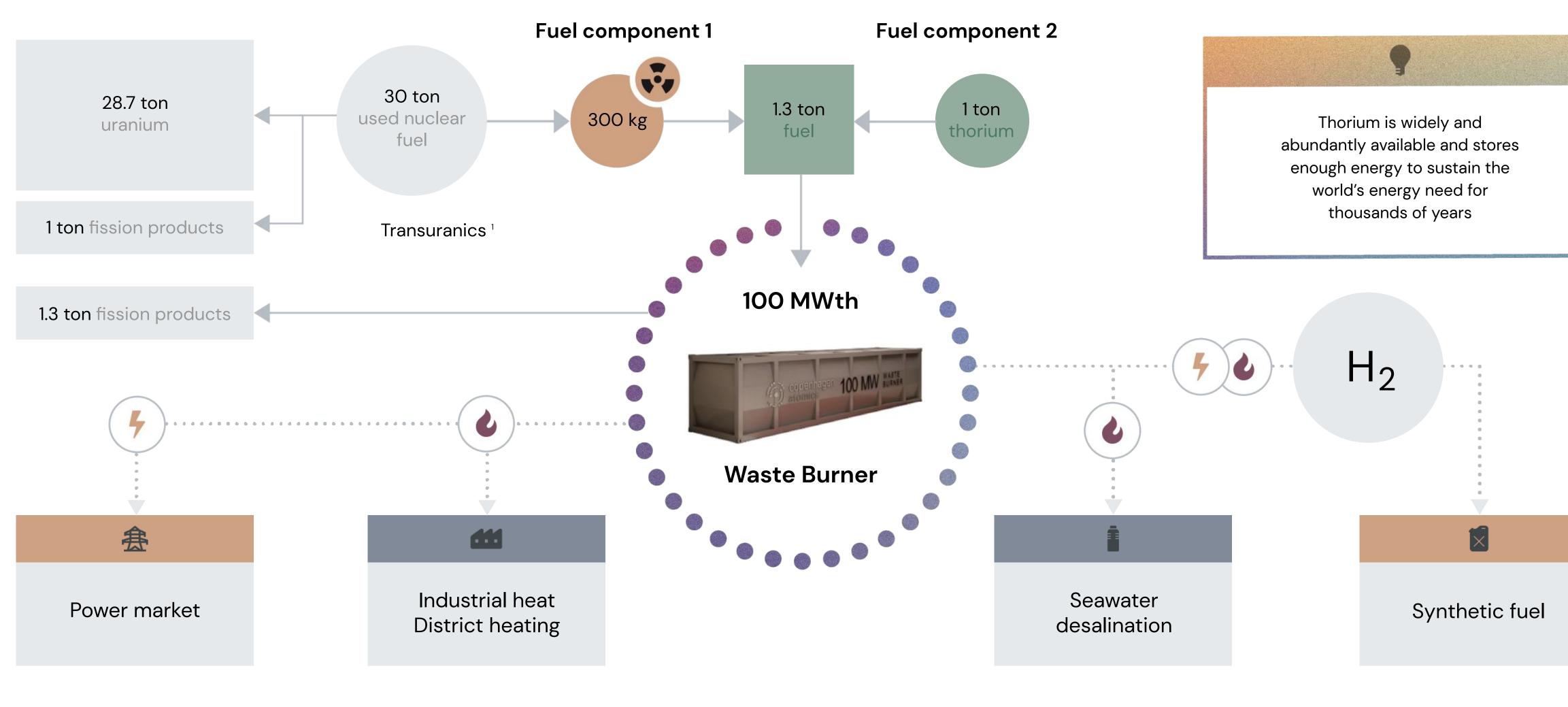
- Fits in a 40 foot shipping container
- Logistically easy to handle on land and sea via existing infrastructure
- Delivers 100 MWth and can be combined to achieve any required output
- Designed for mass manufacturing on a assembly line





# Multiple use cases for Copenhagen Atomics

The flexible and reliable design of the Waste Burner makes it suitable as a source of low emission energy in several sectors





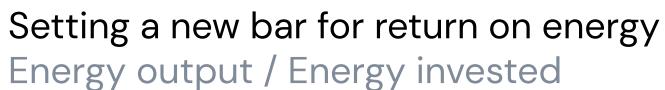


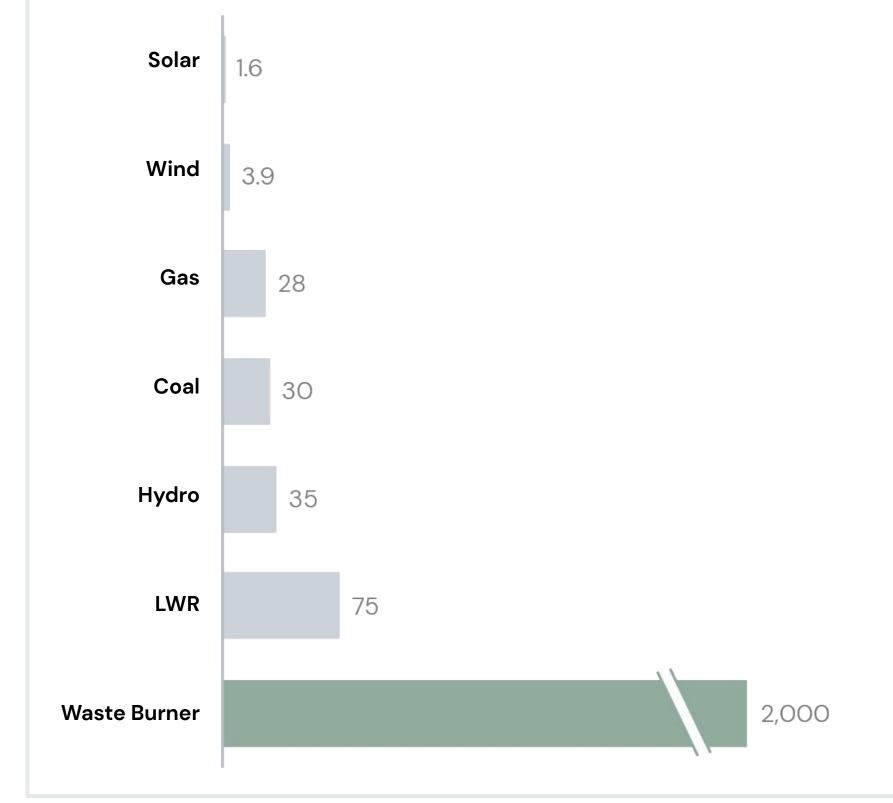


# Why we believe Thorium MSR is the best option

Thorium MSRs deliver an immense, abundant and consistent energy supply relative to its resource consumption

- Possible to make a breeder reactor in Thermal spectrum
- Makes a Waste Burner possible
- Abundant supply of fuel at low cost
- No enrichment needed
- No extra mining needed existing mines are more than sufficient
- Much less waste







Source: https://www.forbes.com/sites/jamesconca/2015/02/11/eroi-a-tool-to-predict-the-best-energy-mix/





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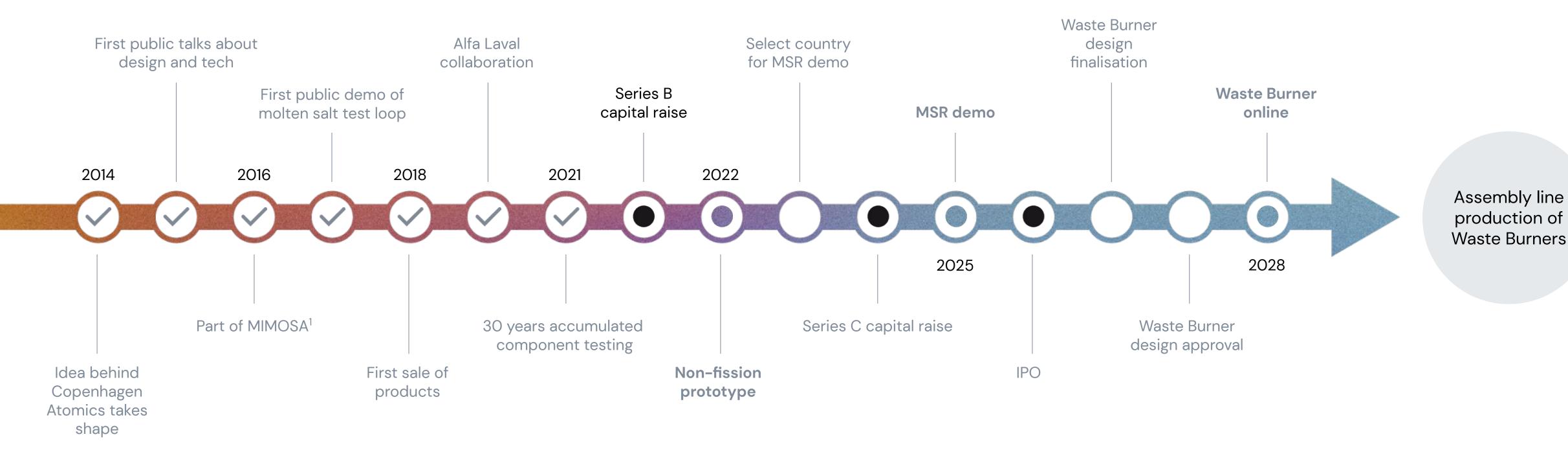
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# Copenhagen Atomics is moving ahead as planned

Several important milestones have already been achieved and we are on track with our non-fission prototype



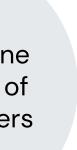


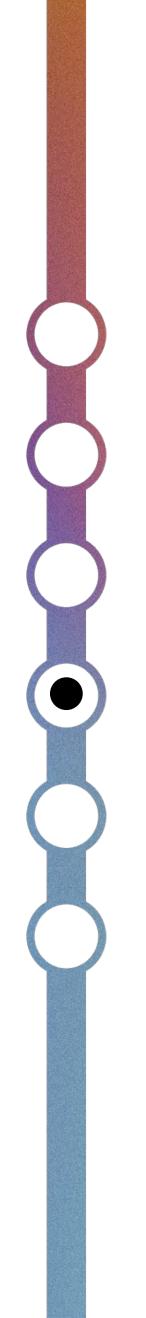


Achieved milestones



Note: 1) European nuclear molten salt research consortium





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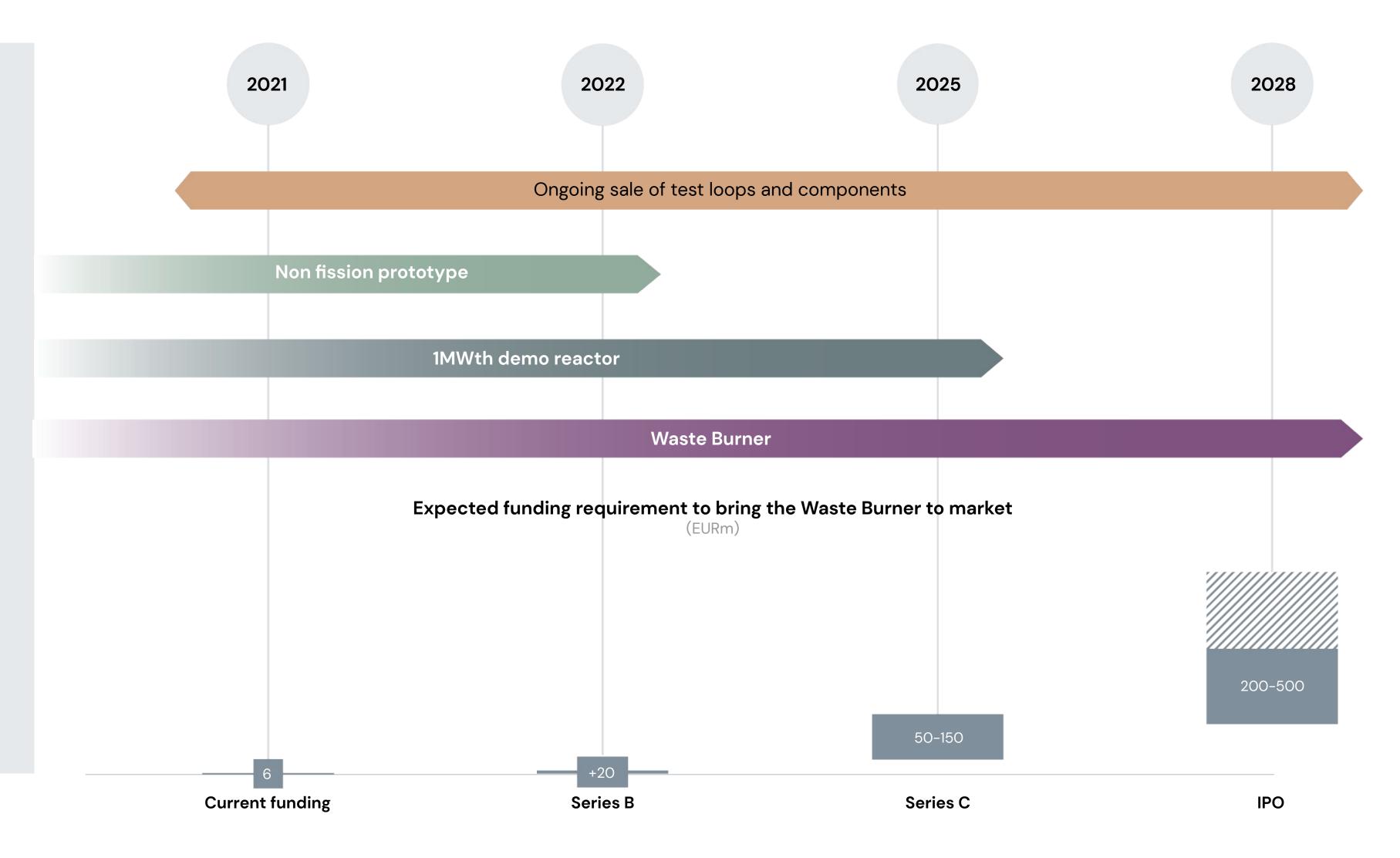


# Copenhagen Atomics' path to a commercial Waste Burner

Development of both the demo reactor and the Waste Burner are well underway and done in parallel

Focus is currently on completing the development of the non fission prototype while development of the demo reactor and the Waste Burner is done in parallel.

A second funding round of 50–150m will fund approval and the demo reactor test in 2025. Subsequent IPO of €200– 500m will fund the approval and final development of the Waste Burner prototype.

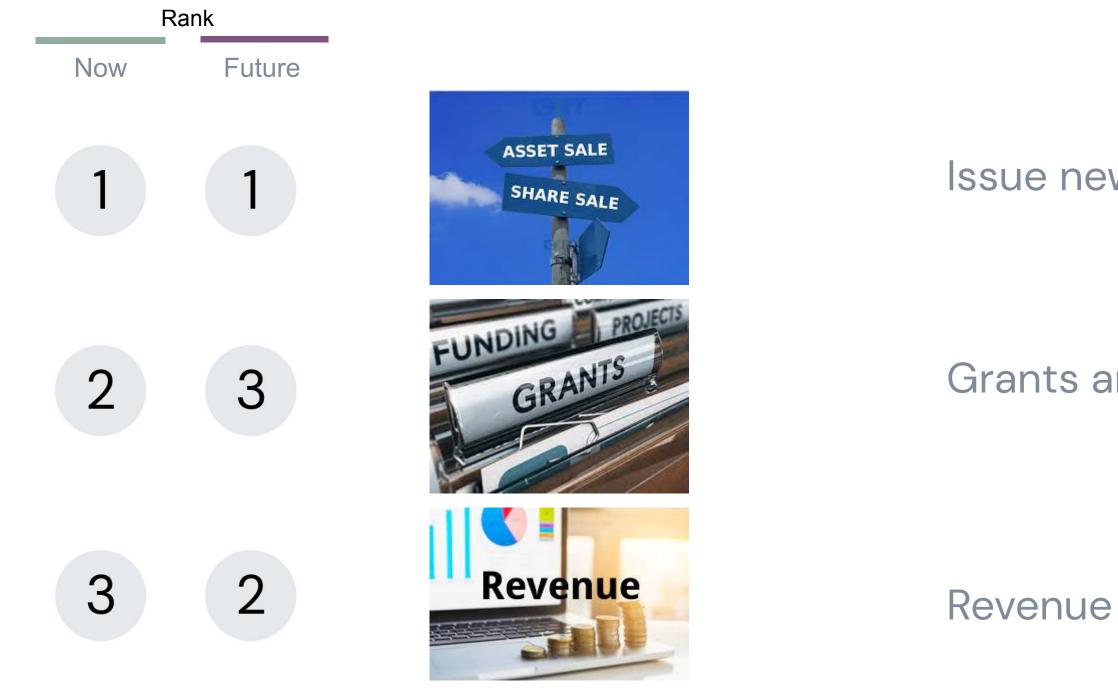




# Innovation requires funding

Copenhagen Atomics have three routes to follow to ensure sufficient liquidity to reach a fully commercial Waste Burner



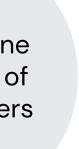




Assembly line production of Waste Burners

Issue new shares

Grants and other non-dilutive capital sources



# Why not just use the stock market to raise money?

### Several more disadvantages than advantages

### Expensive



- Fees of 5% is not uncommon
- On top, legal and accounting fees

### Time consuming



- A process up to
   12 months
- This depends on which stock
   exchange and
   the availability of
   the FSA
- Require
   substantial
   internal
   resources to
   comply with
   information
   requirements

### Share price disruptive





- Going to the listed markets on a continuous
   basis for
   financing is
   harmful for the share price.
- An SPO is typically done at a discounts



### Inflexible



 Because of timing and costs, SPO has to be well planned and needs to include
 2-3 years of expected capital need

### Market sentiment



The market
 sentiment
 changes with
 economic cycles
 and is
 unpredictable

### Take over risk



 Using the listed markets
 continuously as
 funding source
 means more and
 more shares for
 sale

# Alternative to equity markets?

The capital requirement increases the financial risk substantially and new equity needs to be raised to ensure a solid capital structure



### Pros

- Can be listed or privately placed
- Few/no covenants
- Simple documentation
- Can be cost effective and efficient



- Can be with one or through a syndicate of banks
- Known counterparts, hence possibility for negotiation of terms
- Larger flexibility



### Cons

- Usually, no prepayment for the first 2-3 years or with high
  - penalty
- General low flexibility
- External rating, hence increases costs

# • Strict covenant schedules with

- penalties if not met
- Typically more expensive than bonds
- Lower volume

## Leverage can solve part of the need for equity financing, but only partially

# Deployment of CA Waste Burner as "Energy as a Service" faces a few issues...

... but if considered in due course can be solved

	Issues	Solutio
•	Capital intensity, high up-front costs, lack of liquidity and a long asset life Strategic focus on fast deployment with assembly line production – CA has a ambition to own and	<ul> <li>Secure capital</li> <li>Have lat place a bonds</li> <li>Establist structu</li> </ul>
	operate the assets	



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- large amount of equity
- from shareholders
- rge bank facilities in
- ind/or issue corporate

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Ideal for ring fenced project finance where each project is financed independently

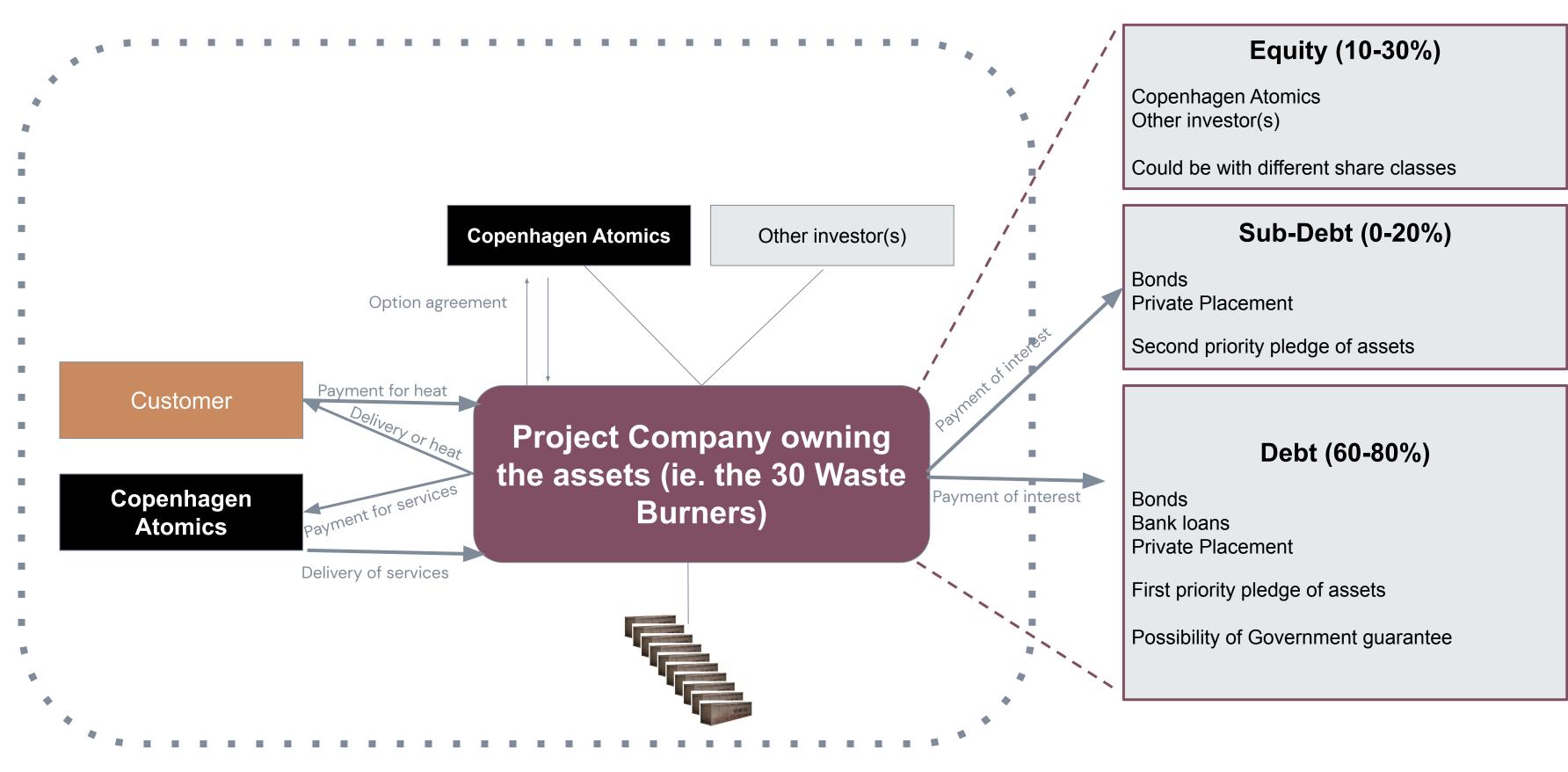




# Example of legal and capital structure

Project with 30 Waste Burners

- Project Company buys the Waste Burners
- Project Company signs a operational agreement with Copenhagen Atomics for the lifetime of the project
- CA operates, maintenance, re-fuels and decommission the Waste Burners
- Project Company pays a running fee for that
- An option agreement ensures that CA has the responsibility and the cost to decommission and recycle the reactors





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# Advantages and weaknesses

The project finance solution has more advantages than weaknesses, hence the preference



- Ring fenced structure allows for optimizing capital structure and costs to each project. Since both geography, purpose and customer has a large effect on the inherent risk it becomes more optimal to ring fence
- A ring fenced structure open up for the possibility to get Government funding and/or grants in PPP structures which in turn reduces both risk and increases return
- It reduces the equity from CA substantially but gives the same benefits
- Reduces the financial risk on CA and thereby increases the **ROE for CA shareholders**
- Reduces the costly and time consuming process of SPOs





- In case a project fails, there is the risk of legal action against CA from multiple sources instead of just one (ie. the customer)
- Dependency on others