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Global prices and regional variations in current reactor technology: what are the contributing factors?

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The capital cost of light water reactors has varied quite significantly over time and by region. This depends upon a range of factors, including design changes (individual plants versus more consistent fleets), imposed retrofits, regulatory differences between countries, and regional variations in major component supply chains, labor and materials. Particular attention is paid to the effect of delays on interest costs, and overnight versus net present value costs