

# IAEA Activities on HTGR Technology Development

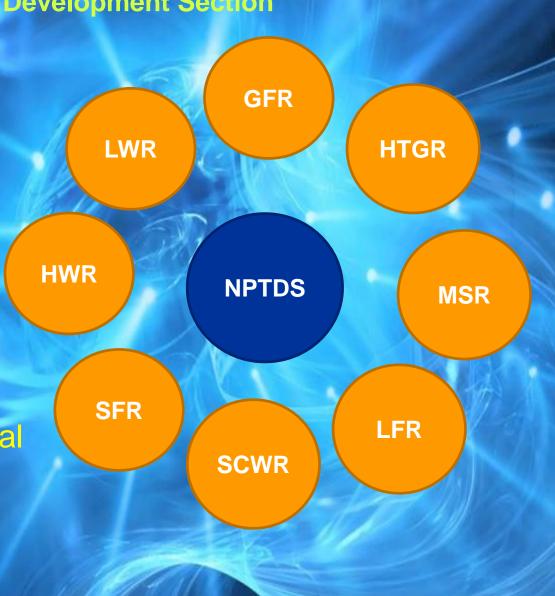
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### **NPTDS**

**Nuclear Power Technology Development Section** 

- Department of Energy
- Division Nuclear Power
- NPTDS currently works on all advanced and innovative reactor technologies
- Provides support to member states on all issues related to technology
- Has a number of technical working group driving its work in order to implement the GC resolution



# Programme Activities: TWGs, Conferences, CRPs, International Experts Meetings, TMs



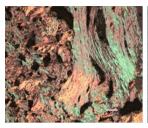


### **HTGRs – Coordinated Research Projects**



Completed 2014 CRP on Improving the **Understanding of Irradiation-Creep** Behaviour in Nuclear Graphite: 2x TECDOCS under preparation

- Part 1: Models and Mechanisms
- Part 2: Recent Developments





**Development of Approaches, Methodologies and Criteria for Determining the Technical Basis for Emergency Planning Zone for Small Modular Reactor Deployment (2018-2021)** 

### **NEW CRP proposed:**

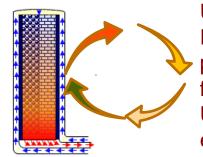
**Technologies to enhance the competitiveness** and early deployment of SMRs and HTRs (2020 - 2024)



To determine the uncertainty in HTGR calculations at all stages of coupled reactor physics, thermal-hydraulics and depletion calculations - Completed 2019

**CRP on HTGR Uncertainty in Analysis** 

HTGRs applications for energy neutral sustainable comprehensive extraction and mineral products development -completed 2019



Use process heat Extract U/Th with products i.e. cleaner fertilizer U / Th content and extraction studies

## CRP I1026 on Modular High Temperature Gas cooled Reactor Safety Design – 2014 - 2018



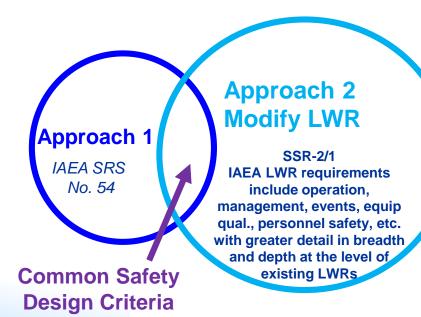
- Investigate modular HTGR safety design criteria to assure that an acceptably broad spectrum of design and beyond design basis events are addressed in the international design and development community
- Approach 1 limits scope to qualitative, functional statements of how top requirements are to be met for only SSCs that are safety-related for public safety with examples from conceptual design of MHTGR (steam cycle for electricity) / Risk informed approach
- Approach 2 study the IAEA SSR-2/1 SDC for applicability / interpretation for modular HTGRs

10 participating organizations from 9 member states: China, Germany, Indonesia, Kazakhstan, Korea (Republic of), Japan, UK, Ukraine, USA

- 4<sup>th</sup> RCM 11 14 June 2018
- CM 17-20 June 2019

#### Planned outcomes:

- NE series report: Modular High Temperature Gas-cooled Reactor Safety Design Criteria
- TECDOC: Modular High Temperature Gascooled Reactor Safety Design Methodology and Implementation Examples



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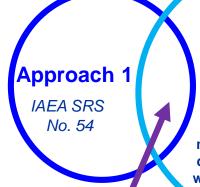
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plementation Examples

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**Common Safety Design Criteria** 

### Approach 2 **Modify LWR**

SSR-2/1 **IAEA LWR requirements** include operation, management, events, equip qual., personnel safety, etc. with greater detail in breadth and depth at the level of existing LWRs

### Technical Meetings (TMs) - 2019



TM on the IAEA Nuclear Graphite Knowledge Base, 7-8 Nov

- TM of the Technical Working Group on Gas Cooled Reactors,
   11-13 Nov
- TM on Technologies to Enhance the Competitiveness and Early Deployment of SMRs and HTGRs, 14-15 Nov
- Joint IAEA—GIF TM on the Safety of High Temperature Gas
   Cooled Reactors, 9-12 December

# Joint ICTP-IAEA Workshop Course Joint ICTP-IAEA Workshop on Physics and Technology of Innovative High Temperature Nuclear Energy Systems (SMR 3281) 14 – 18 October 2019, Trieste, Italy







Research ~

Scientific Calendar

Programmes -

Europe/Rome

Administration

# Search Search in Conferences: Overview

Programme

Practical info

Joint ICTP-IAEA Workshop on Physics and Technology of Innovative High Temperature Nuclear Energy Systems | (smr 3281)

Speakers
Starts 14 Oct 2019
Ends 18 Oct 2019
Central European Time

#### Organizers

Ibrahim Khamis (IAEA), Frederik Reitsma (IAEA), Local Organiser: Nicola Seriani

### **HTGR: Outputs**



#### **Publications**

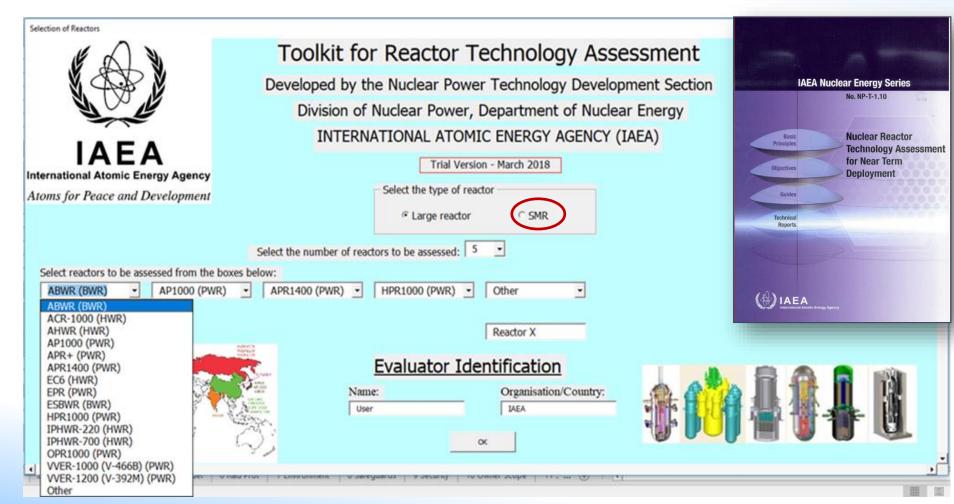
- TECDOC on Improving the Understanding of Irradiation-Creep Behaviour in Nuclear Graphite: Part 1: Models and Mechanisms
- TECDOC on Role of Nuclear-Grade Graphite in Controlling Oxidation in Modular High Temperature Gas-Cooled Reactors
- TECDOC for each of the CRPs completed
- Development of E-Learning material for HTGRs, based on previous training courses, including materials on SMRs

### **Other Outputs**

- Further enhancement of Knowledge Platform on SharePoint, Taxonomy developed for the Portal as well as IAEA Nuclear Graphite Knowledge Base
- Prepare to receive the transfer of the Knowledge base and software related to the closed HTGRs program of the Research Centre Juelich to the IAEA
- Define and support the preparation of the PC-based basic training simulator for modular HTGRs (to be donated by INET, Tsinghua University)

# A new Toolkit to help embarking countries in applying the IAEA methodology on Reactor Technology Assessment → also for SMR





### **Status and Embarking Countries interested in HTGRs**











Countries	Recent Milestone					
Saudi Arabia	<ul> <li>Vision 2030 → National Transformation Program 2020: Saudi National Atomic Energy Project:</li> <li>An MOU between K.A.CARE and CNNC on HTGR development/deployment in KSA</li> </ul>					
Indonesia	<ul> <li>Through an open-bidding, an experimental 10 MW(th) HTR-type SMR was selected in March 2015 for a basic design work aiming for a deployment in mid 2020s</li> <li>Site: R&amp;D Complex in Serpong where a 30 MW(th) research reactor in operation</li> <li>BAPETEN, the regulatory body has issued a site license</li> </ul>					
Jordan	<ul> <li>Several SMR designs considered and feasibility studies are being conducted (two HTGRs designs under consideration)</li> </ul>					
Poland	<ul> <li>HTGR for process heat application to be explored in parallel to large LWRs for process heat only (dependent on industry interest)</li> <li>10 MW(th) experimental HTGR at NCBJ proposed possibly with EU cooperation</li> </ul>					

Newcomer countries want to employ Nth of a kind...

Demonstration SMR / HTGR plants are needed!

### **IAEA SMR Booklet 2018 Edition**



### Main Features

- Design description and main features of 56 SMR designs
- SMRs are categorized in six (06) types based on coolant type/neutron spectrum:
  - Land Based WCRs
  - Marine Based WCRs
  - > HTGRs (10 designs from 5 MS)
  - Fast Reactors
  - MSRs
  - Others
- MANY designs not included / not submitted
- Detailed information in the ARIS database
- Next edition... August 2020



### Status of SMR pre-licensing in Canada

Vendor	Name / cooling type	(MWe)	Applied for	Review start date	Status
	IMSR Integral Molten Salt Reactor	200	Phase 1	April 2016	Phase 1 complete
Terrestrial Energy Inc.			Phase 2	December 2018	Phase 2 assessment in progress
NuScale Power, LLC	NuScale Integral Pressurized Water Reactor	50	Phase 2*	April 1, 2019	Service agreement signed. Assessment pending
Ultra Safe Nuclear	MMR-5 and MMR-10 High Temperature Gas	5-10	Phase 1	December 2016	Phase 1 complete
Corporation / Global First Power			Phase 2	Pending	PHASE 2 Service Agreement in place – Project start pending
Westinghouse Electric Company, LLC	eVinci Micro Reactor Solid core and heat pipes	up to 25 MWe	Phase 2*	Pending early 2019	Service agreement under development
LeadCold Nuclear Inc.	SEALER Molten Lead	3	Phase 1	January 2017	Phase 1 on hold at vendor's request
Advanced Reactor Concepts Ltd.	ARC-100 Liquid Sodium	100	Phase 1	Fall 2017	Assessment in progress
URENCO	U-Battery High-Temperature Gas	4	Phase 1	To be determined	Service agreement under development
Moltex Energy	Moltex Energy Stable Salt Reactor Molten Salt	300	Series Phase 1 and 2	December 2017	Phase 1 assessment in progress
SMR, LLC. (A Holtec International Company)	SMR-160 Pressurized Light Water	160	Phase 1	July 2018	Assessment in progress
StarCore Nuclear	StarCore Module High-Temperature Gas	10	Series Phase 1 and 2	To be determined	Service agreement under development





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Thank you!