



An idea for assessment of proliferation resistance effects under the integrated safeguards

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Discussion in INPRO

- The final draft document of INPRO shows the definition of proliferation resistance.
- This definition and the accompanying discussion provide the basis for assessing proliferation resistance through two technical metrics.



Definition of impedibility

- The first is the *impedibility* against the diversion of declared nuclear materials and the misuse of the declared process.
- *Impedibility* is related to intrinsic proliferation resistance features of the subject process including the limitation of any possible misuse.



Definition of safeguardability

- The second is *safeguardability* against diversion and misuse.
- *Safeguardability* includes the safeguards approach and associated measures to be applied to the processes as one of the extrinsic proliferation resistance measures.
- Of course, external institutional aspects support effective and efficient application of safeguards.



Features of impedibility

- ***Impedibility*** against the diversion of declared nuclear materials and the misuse of declared proliferation resistant processes includes technical features that mitigate against diversion and misuse.
- The act of diversion involves unauthorized removals of nuclear material from peaceful uses and subsequent actions to place the diverted material into an appropriate form for the component of an explosive device.



Features of impedibility

- The level of *impedibility* against diversion is the level of difficulties of unauthorized removals and for any subsequent processing activities.
- In case of the PUREX process, the intrinsic level of difficulties is low.
- The low *impedibility* of the PUREX process results in extensive safeguards requirements including continuous inspector presence and intensive verifications.



Features of safeguardability

- ***Safeguardability*** reflects the limits of accountancy of the amounts of declared nuclear materials and the intensity of verification.
- ***Safeguardability*** is the availability of material accountancy and C/S systems sufficient to assure that the material is adequately accounted for and that none has gone missing.
- Obviously, verification activities with quantitative measures are included in it.



Conditions of Integrated safeguards

- In the discussion of integrated safeguards, the IAEA emphasized that through the application of the supporting guidelines and model approaches developed for integrated safeguards, strengthened safeguarding approach will be used.
- The approach will take into account specific features and characteristics of the State and its nuclear fuel cycle with several strengthened measures to assure the absence of undeclared nuclear activities and materials.



Conditions of Integrated safeguards

- Under the strengthened conditions of the safeguards toward the detection of misuses and undeclared nuclear activities, the degree of proliferation resistance can be assessed through the evaluation of two independent technical aspects i.e., the *impedibility* and the *safeguardability*.



Elements of impedibility and safeguardability

- Rigid quantification of the levels of both technical aspects may not be possible, but the level of proliferation resistance can be assessed qualitatively.

“Impedibility”

Difficulties in

- Acquisition of NM
- Diversion of NM
- Direct use for NW
- Conversion to DUM
- Misuse of facility
- Modification of facility

“Safeguardability”

Detection capability for

- Acquisition of NM
- Misuse of facility
- Modification of facility
- Undeclared NM production
- Undeclared nuclear activity

Assessment factors of impedibility



- The impedibility indicates the proliferation resistance feature that the subject facility originally possesses.
- The impedibility is composed of the impede factors in the acquisition paths of weapon usable materials and associated technical impede elements concerned with facility intrinsic features.
- The impede factors relevant to the acquisition paths and technical impede elements are shown in the table-1.



Assessment factors of safeguardability

- The safeguardability indicates qualitative and quantitative level of safeguards activities to be carried out at the subject facility by the inspectorate.
- The introduction of integrated safeguards could be considered the status of the compliance with various international commitments.
- The table-2 shows the safeguardable elements with the reference points.



Assignment of grade expressions

- Each technical element in the table-1 and the table-2 is marked by five grade expressions from 1 to 5.
- The highest degree is assigned as point 5. The lowest degree is assigned as point 1.
- The degree will be decided by the technical judgment in consideration of the reference points.



Aggregate approach

- The marked points of each element are aggregated according to formula mentioned below.

$$\Sigma m = (N_5 \times 5 + N_4 \times 4 + N_3 \times 3 + N_2 \times 2 + N_1 \times 1) / \{(N_1 + N_2 + N_3 + N_4 + N_5) \times 5\}$$

- *Italic number from 1 to 5* in the formula shows the importance weight values of each element. Larger number means higher impedibility and safeguardability.



Aggregate approach

- Assigned number to be marked at each element should be an integer such as points of $1, 2, 3, 4$ and 5 .
- N_n ($n = 1, 2, \dots, 5$) means numbers of element composed of obstacles or impossibilities at individual cell.
- Aggregated number shown as $\sum m$ means the degrees of impedibility or safeguardability in each cell.



Aggregate approach

- The total impedibility is aggregated by the formula mentioned below.

$$\begin{aligned} & \Sigma \text{ total, impedibility} \\ & = \Sigma m_1 + \Sigma m_2 + \Sigma m_3 + \Sigma m_4 + \Sigma m_5 + \Sigma m_6 \end{aligned}$$

- The total safeguardability is aggregated by the formula mentioned below.

$$\Sigma \text{ total, safeguardability} = \Sigma m_1 + \Sigma m_2 + \Sigma m_3$$

- Each $\Sigma \text{ total}$ is located at X-Y coordinate, respectively.
- Examples of aggregation results of facility types is shown in next.

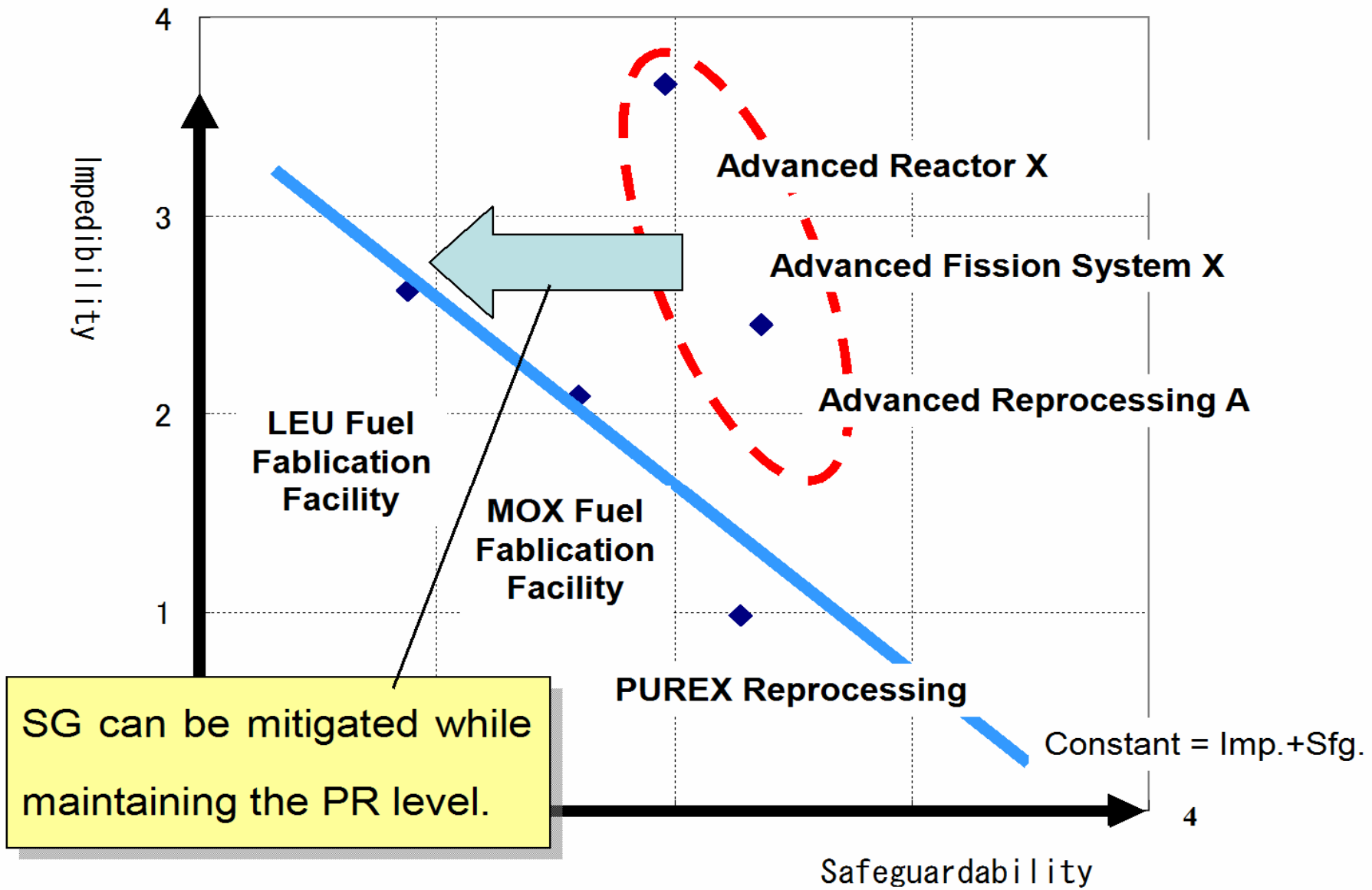


Figure · Examples of aggregation of typical types of facility