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Status and Prospects of Spent Nuclear Fuel Reprocessing at Mayak Plant

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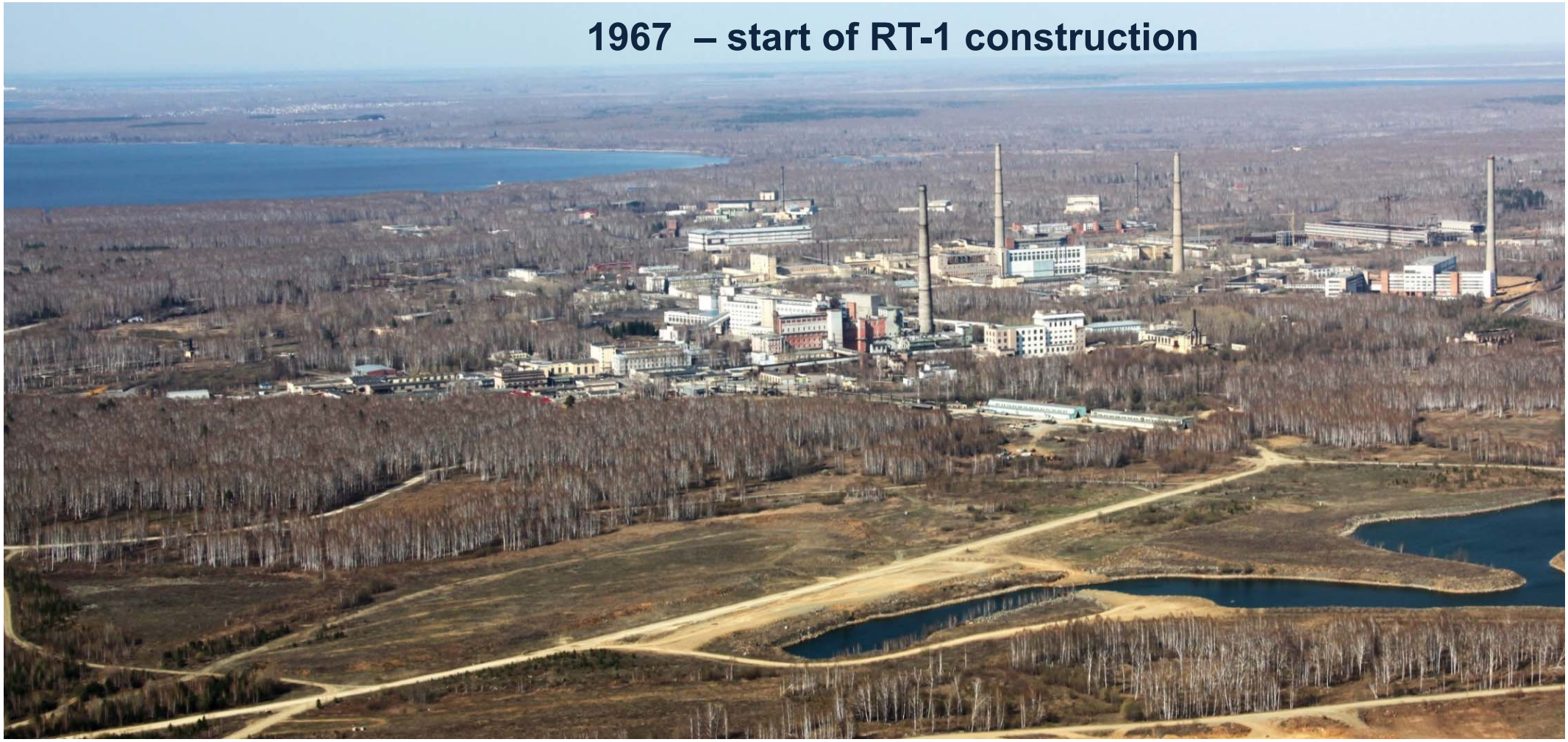
Historical Background

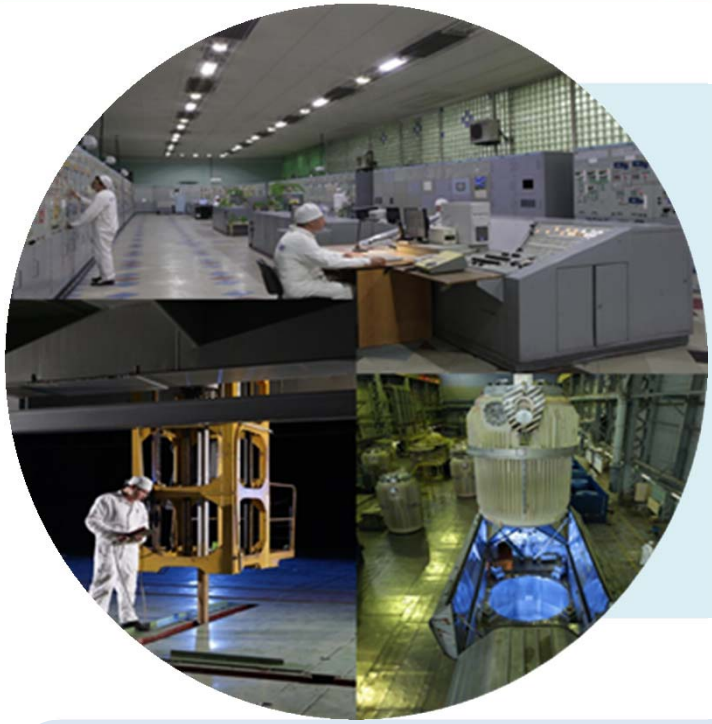


1967 – start of RT-1 construction

1977 – start of SNF reprocessing

Over **5 650 tU SNF** has been transported and reprocessed in total

Current Activities at RT-1 Plant



SNF transport and reprocessing (recovery) – up to 160 t/a:

- power reactors (VVER-440 and BN-600)
- naval propulsion reactors
- research reactors

Commercial product manufactured:

- UNH (uranyl nitrate hexahydrate) (enrichment 1 %)
- Uranium (IV, VI) oxide (enrichment > 5 %)
- Plutonium dioxide
- Radioisotopes (Cs-137, Kr-85, Am-241, Pu-238, Sr-90, Pm-147, Ce-144)

Implementation of the Russian Research Reactor Fuel Return Programme

Uzbekistan

Czech Republic

Bulgaria

Hungary

Latvia

Kazakhstan

Libya

Poland

Romania

Ukraine

Serbia

Vietnam

Belarus

2006-2014

Uzbekistan

Poland

Kazakhstan

2015-2017

Expansion of SNF range acceptable for reprocessing

During last 5 years reprocessing of new SNF types and fuel compositions has been adapted

- RBMK-1000
- U-Be, U-Mo
- BN (MOX)

Routine process at the plant

Storage, mechanical fragmentation, dissolution

Extraction and commercial product manufacturing

Radwaste treatment

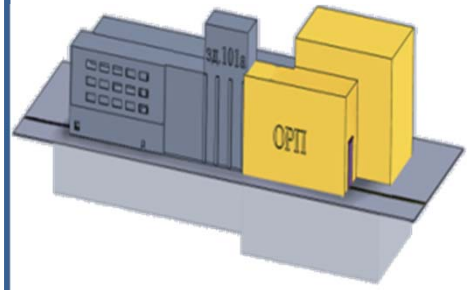
Expansion of SNF range acceptable for reprocessing

SNF from NPP reactors

VVER-1000,
in 2017

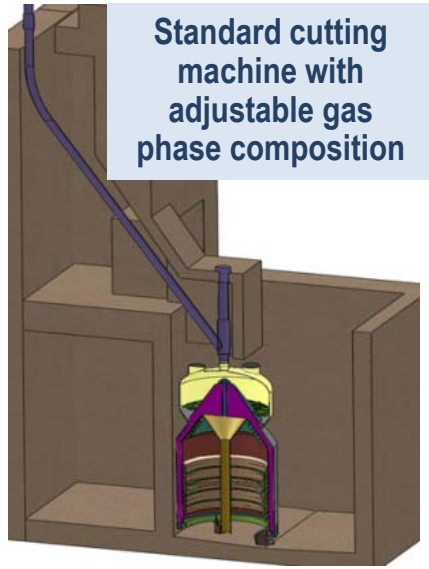
Heavy duty cutting machine AP-1000

AMB
in 2020;
EGP-6
in 2025



Facility for NPP cutting and canister loading

U_{met}
in 2014;
Nitride fuel
in 2017



Standard cutting machine with adjustable gas phase composition

Expansion of SNF range acceptable for reprocessing

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НИИП

Research reactor SNF,
non-standard fuel compositions

ИРМ

U-Zr and others,
PuO_2, Pu_{met},
PuC, PuN, and others

НАЦИОНАЛЬНЫЙ ИССЛЕДОВАТЕЛЬСКИЙ ЯДЕРНЫЙ УНИВЕРСИТЕТ МИФИ

ОИЯИ

in 2018

Electrochemical dissolvers

Future activities at RT-1 plant

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SNF reprocessing
from domestic power reactors:

VVER-440, VVER-1000,
BN-600, BN-800

RBMK-1000,
AMB, EGP-6

Reprocessing of SNF
from domestic and foreign research and naval propulsion reactors, as well as of non-standard SNF

UC, UN, U-Zr, PuO2, Pu_{met}
U-Al, U-Be, U-Mo
U_{met}

VVER-440, VVER-1000,
BN-350


Bulgaria


Hungary


Slovakia

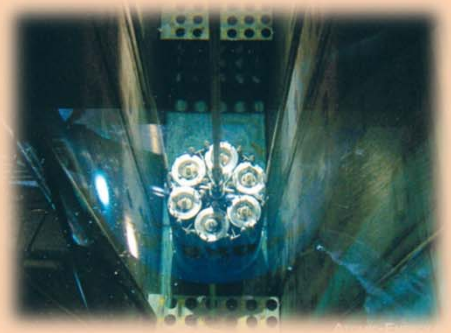

Armenia


Kazakhstan


Ukraine


Czech Republic

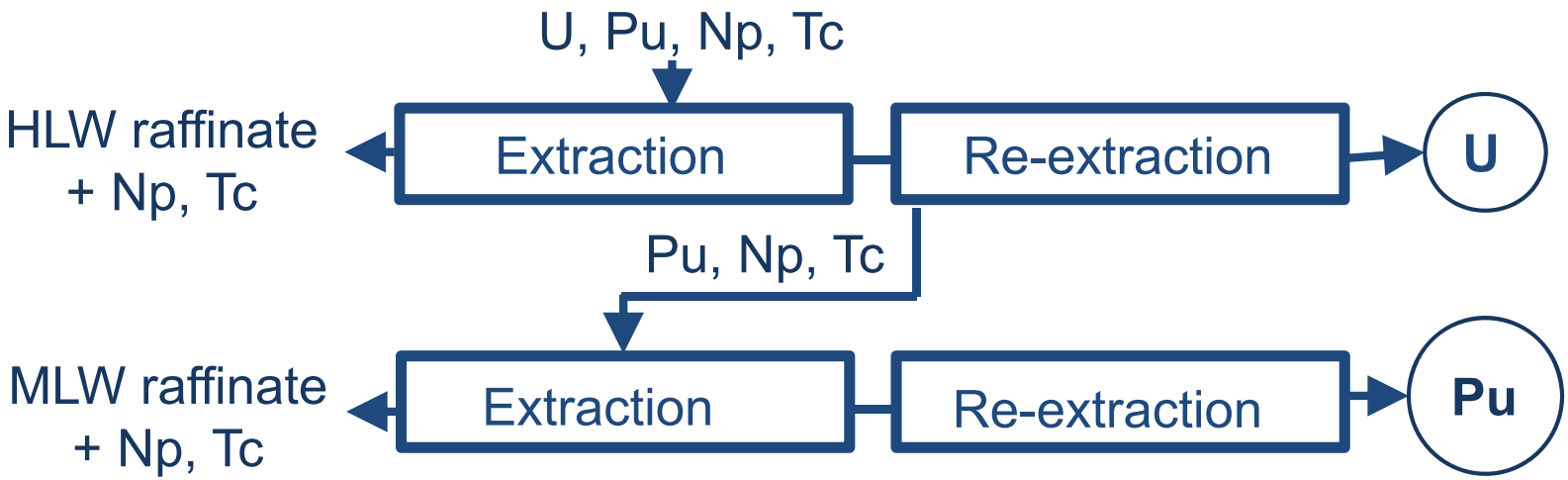
SNF reprocessing
from foreign power reactors



Reprocessing of any damaged domestic and foreign SNF packed in canisters

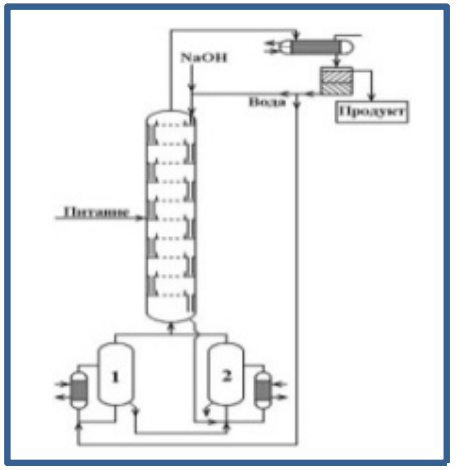
RT-1 process optimization

New design of SNF extraction flow chart



Membrane-type system for suspension clarification

Spent extractant recovery



Prospective radwaste treatment system

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Liquid radwaste

Decontaminated water

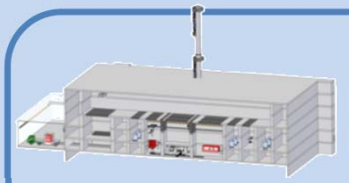
Concentrates

Cement solidification facility
in 2015

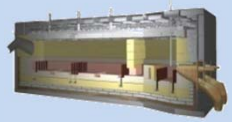
Pilot decontamination installation
in 2014

Decontamination facility
in 2020

MLW



New vitrification facility
in 2021



Electrical vitrification melter system ЭП-500/5
in 2015

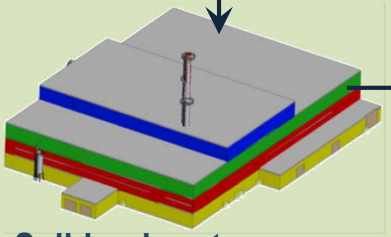
LLW

HLW

SNF reprocessing at RT-1 plant

Solid radwaste

Solid radwaste



Solid radwaste reprocessing facility
in 2025

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National operator for radwaste management

Conclusions

1. Implementation of above mentioned measures will result in universalization of RT-1 plant by 2018 as a radiochemical facility providing reprocessing of a wide range of spent nuclear fuels including damaged and out-of-specification fuels

2. RT-1 plant **is now ready for throughput enhancement in terms of VVER-440 SNF reprocessing** from Russian and foreign NPPs

3. **In 2017** RT-1 plant **will be available for VVER-1000 SNF reprocessing**

4. Establishment of new production facilities for radwaste treatment will provide the capability for RT-1 plant to considerably enhance **environment safety**.