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Opportunities and Challenges for Water  
Cooled Reactors in the 21st Century**

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# IAEA's Support of Water Cooled Reactors in the 21st Century and Beyond

27 October 2009

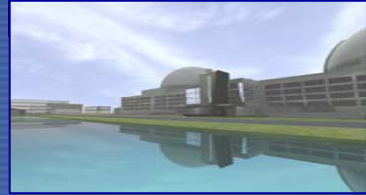
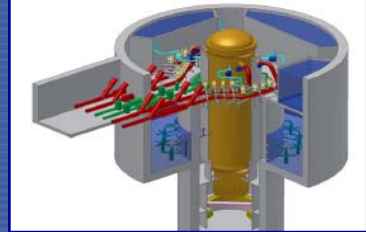
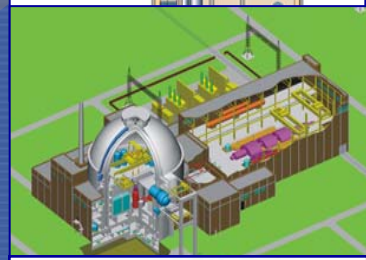
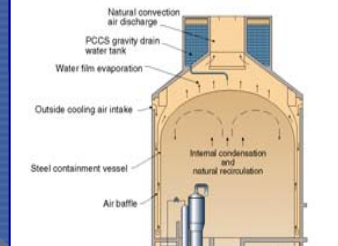
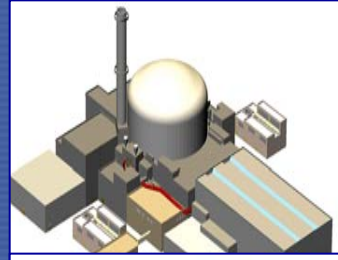
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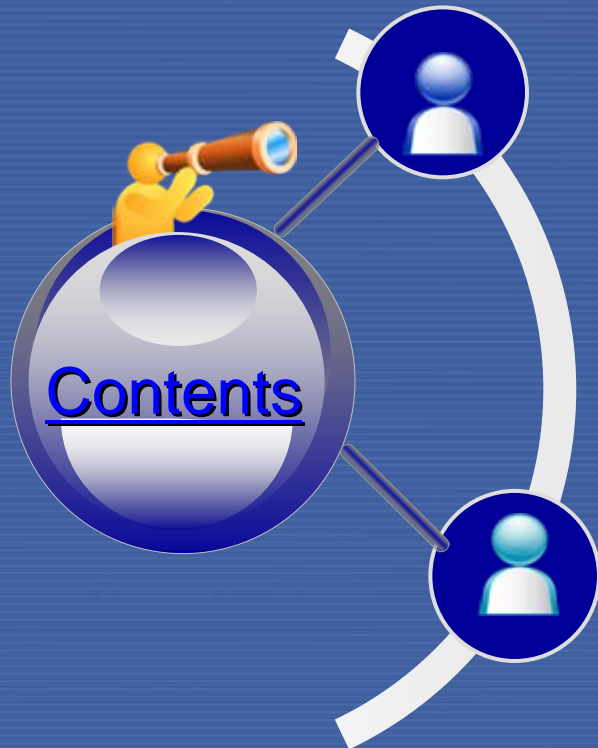
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# Main Objectives of 2009 Conference



# IAEA's Support of WCRs in the 21st Century and Beyond



## Operating Reactor Excellence

- Global Trends
- Performance Improvement
- Nuclear Energy Series
- Operational Excellence

## Technology Development for WCRs

- Global Trends
- Support to Technology Development
- Technology Training

## Opportunities & Challenges

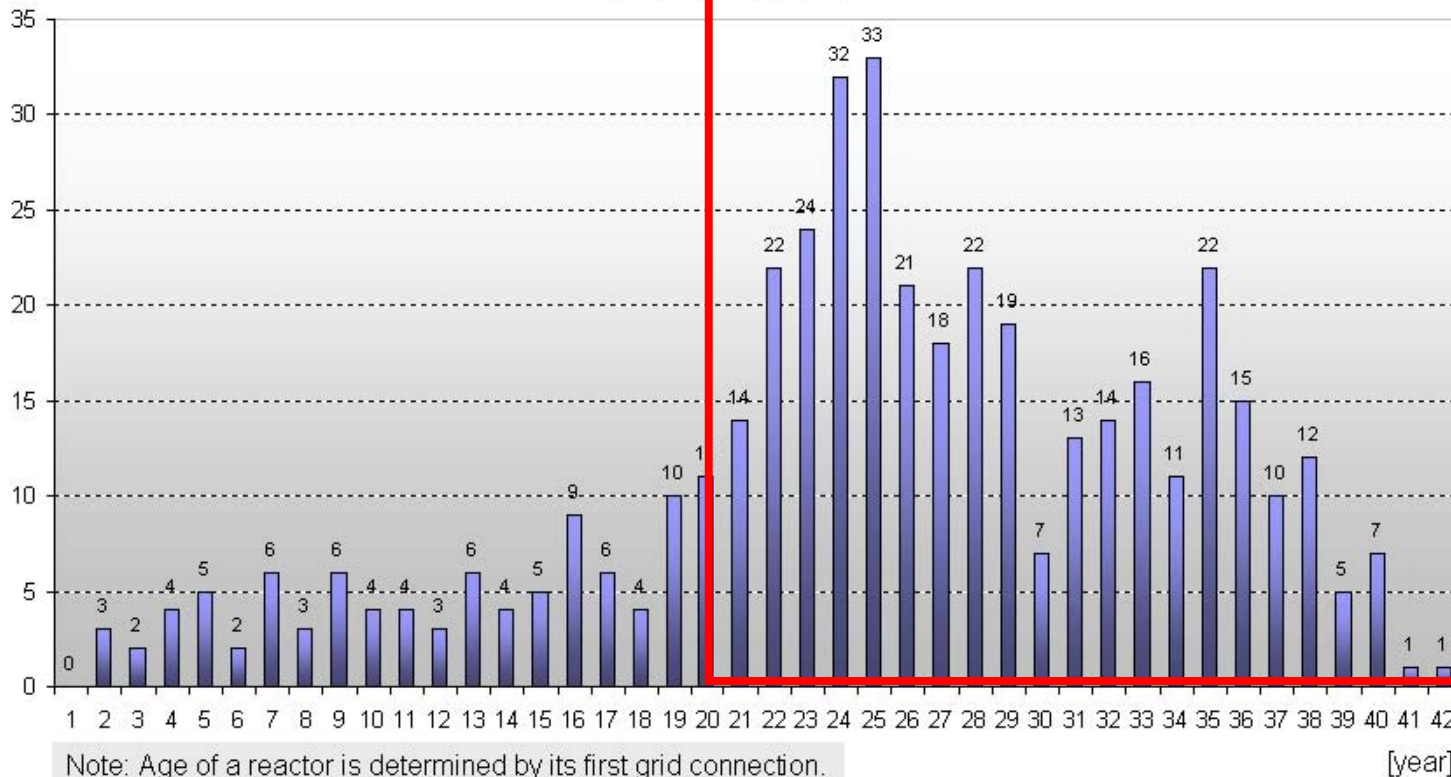
- TC Activities
- Opportunities and Challenges

# Part 1. Global Trends in Nuclear Power

## Long-term operation and power uprating

- Long term operation through continuous monitoring, replacement and regulatory review

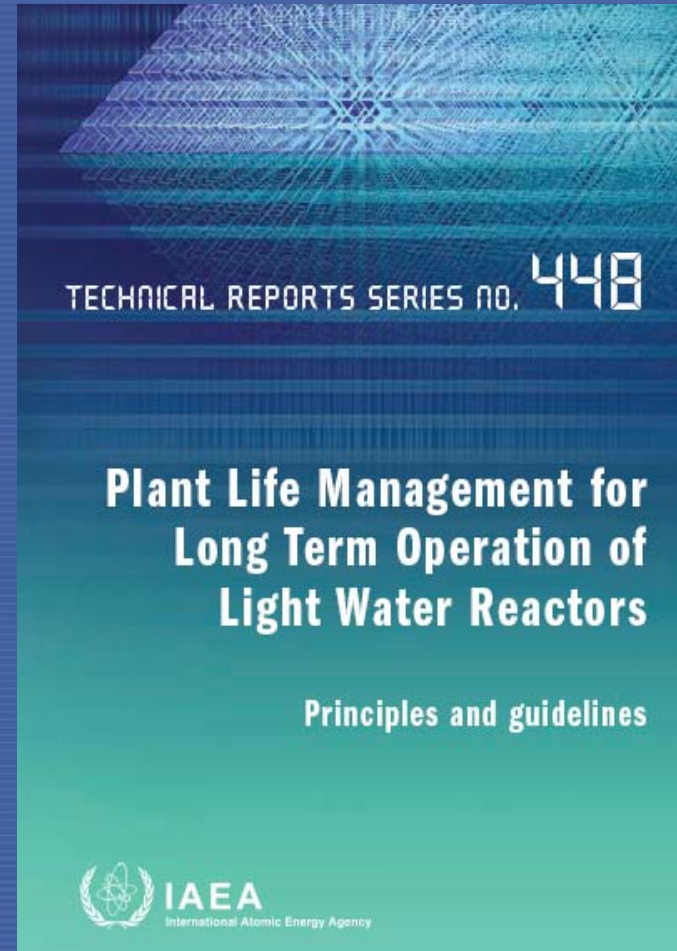
**Number of Operating Reactors by Age**  
(as of March 2009)



**Age distribution (327/436 over or equal to 20 years)**

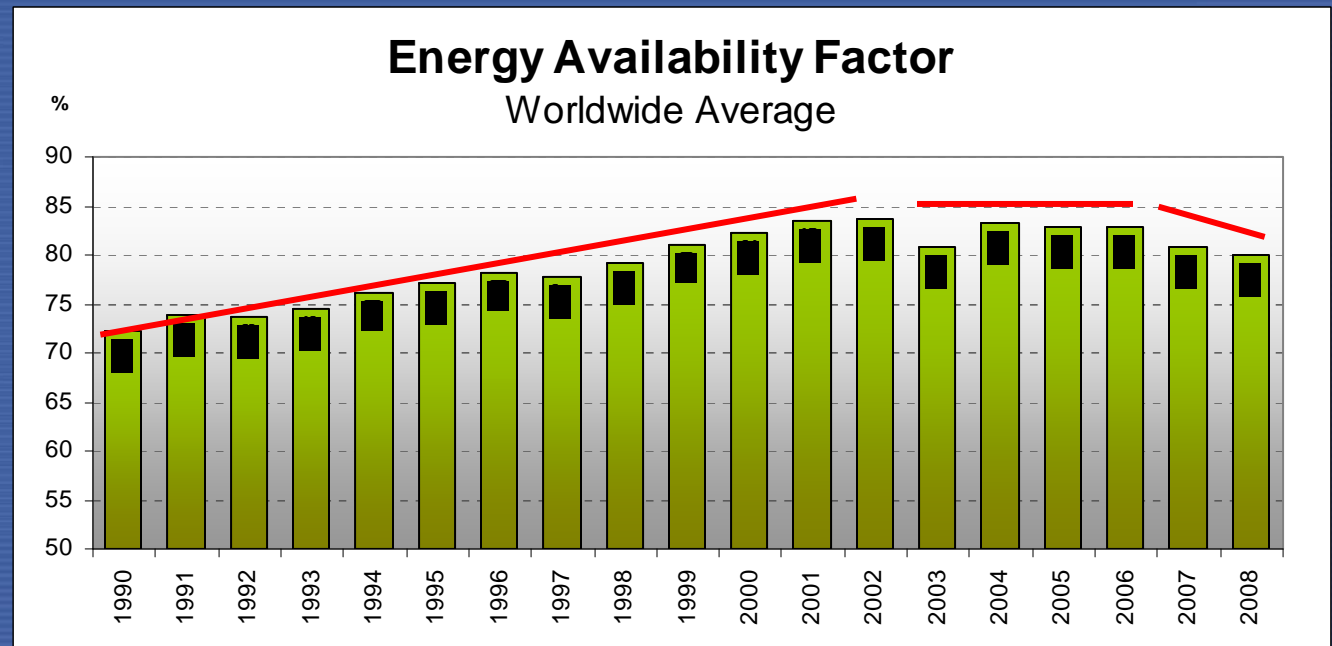
# Key Successful Trends in Operating NPPs

1. **Availability factor increase & reduction of unavailability**
2. **Power upratings :**
  - **US: 5,695MW(e), Europe :1,212 MW(e), ~1% per year**
3. **Licensed Life Extension :**
  - **US: 51 NPPs, 21 application in review**
  - **Argentina, Czech, France, Hungary, Japan, Korea, Netherlands, RF, Spain, Ukraine**
4. **High burn-up fuel**
5. **Success in liberalized markets**

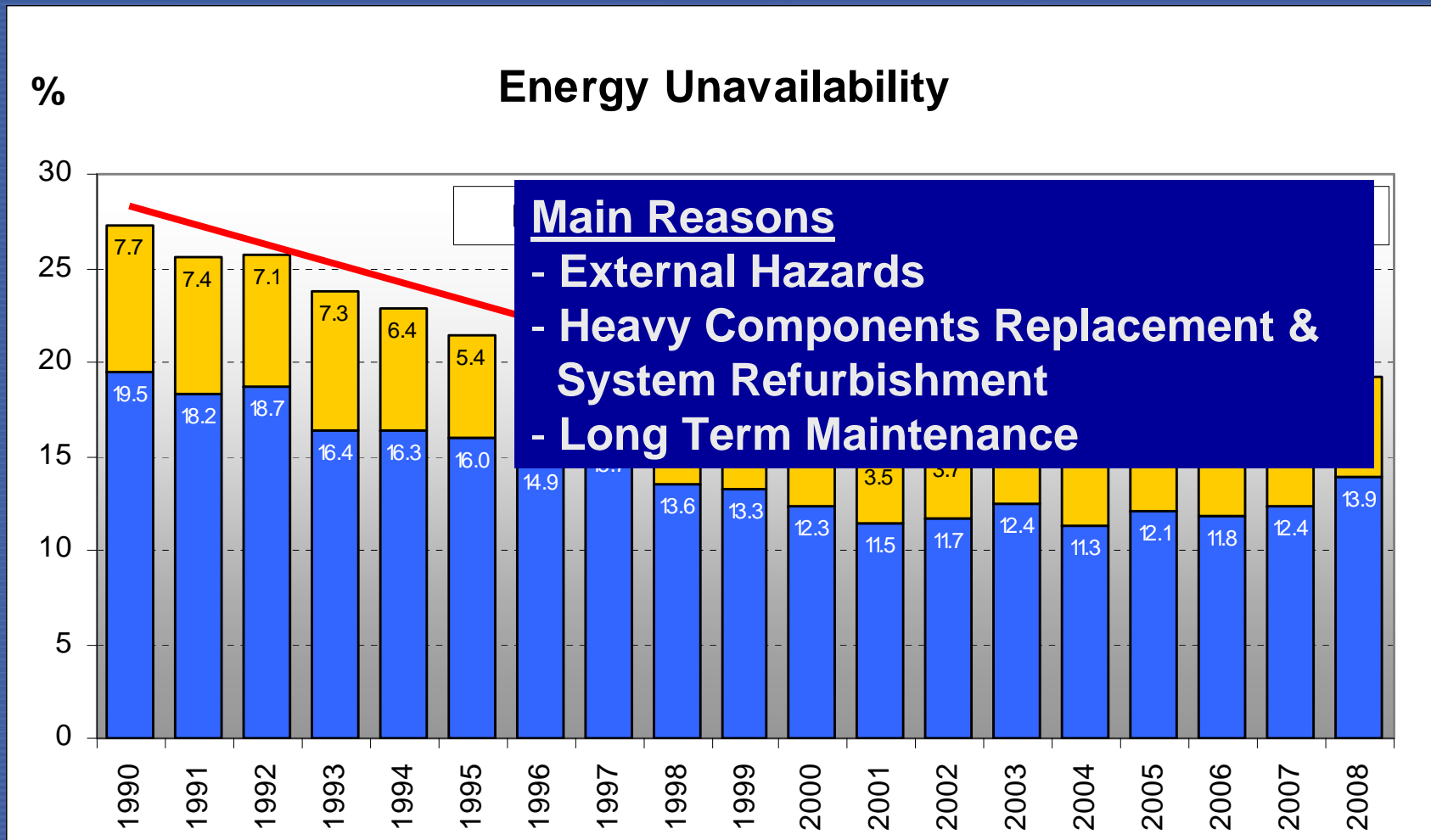


# Installed Capacity Utilization

- Continuous increase during last 20 years,
  - Slowed down in recent years
- In 2007 the Energy Availability Factor (EAF) was 81% in average.
  - Half of nuclear reactors operated with EAF above 85%.
- In 1990s an average annual increment was 1% - equivalent to construction of 4 new units every year

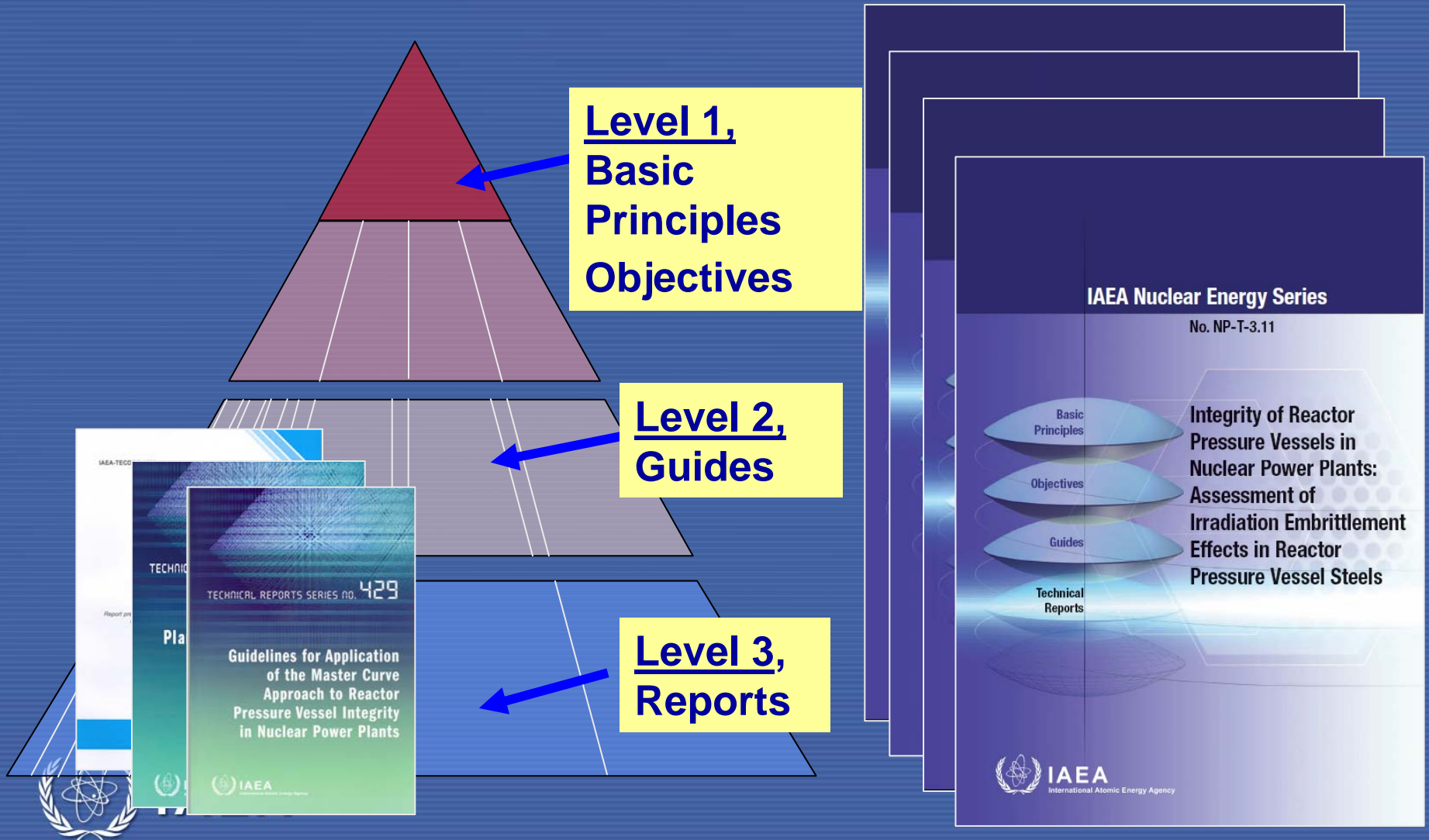


# Unavailability Trends



# Nuclear Energy Series

## Publications supporting the diverse needs of MSs





# Basic Structure for Operational Excellence

- **Safety Guidelines**

- Periodic Safety Review
- Ageing management

- **Guidelines & Procedures for PLiM**

- Light Water Reactor
- Heavy Water Reactor

- **Integrity of System, Structure & Components**

- RPV, Safety related SSC

- **Ageing Management**

- Programmatic Guidelines
- Component specific Guidelines
- Ageing management review guideline

- **Maintenance and I&C systems**

- ISI, Reliability Centered Maintenance
- I&C modernization
- Condition Based Maintenance



Computer model for  
Eco. Assessment of PLiM

**Construction of  
Knowledgebase**

RPV Material DB  
Con. Containment DB  
SG DB  
Piping DB

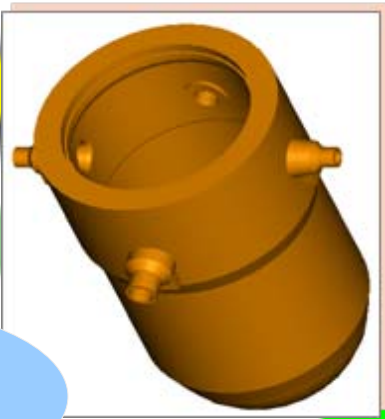
# RPV Integrity under Irradiation Damage

Ni/Ni-Mn effect

Cu/P effect with/without Ni

Irradiation damage challenge

Dose rate effects



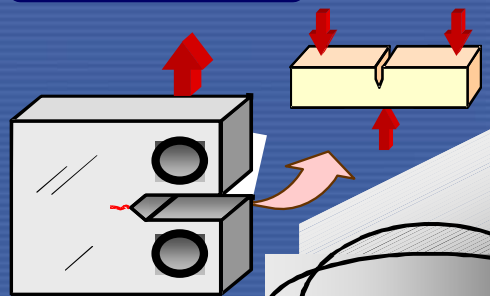
Decrease of USE

Matrix damage

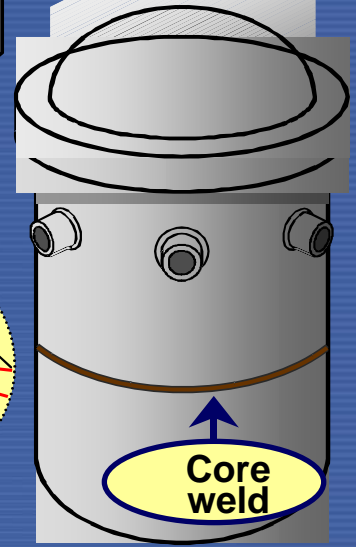
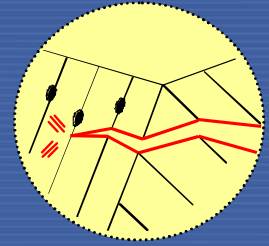
Other  
V, Mo, Cr, stress cooling rate, etc.

Thermal/Irradiation (C-Mn Effect, Hardening vs non-hardening, etc.)

Testing



Model



Coordinated Research Projects

# After I&C Modernization (Oskarshamn 1 NPP)

1972- 2001

After 2003

IAEA Nuclear Energy Series

No. NP-T-1.1

IAEA Nuclear Energy Series

No. NP-T-1.2

Basic Principles

Objectives

Guides

Technical Reports

On-line Monitoring for Improving Performance of Nuclear Power Plants  
Part 2: Process and Component Condition Monitoring and Diagnostics



# Management System for Nuclear Facilities

## IAEA Safety Standards

for protecting people and the environment

### The Management System for Facilities and Activities

## IAEA Safety Standards

for protecting people and the environment

Safety Requirements  
No. GS-R-3



### Application of the Management System for Facilities and Activities

Safety Guide  
No. GS-G-3.1



## MANAGEMENT SYSTEM.

General requirements (2.1–2.4)

Safety culture (2.5).

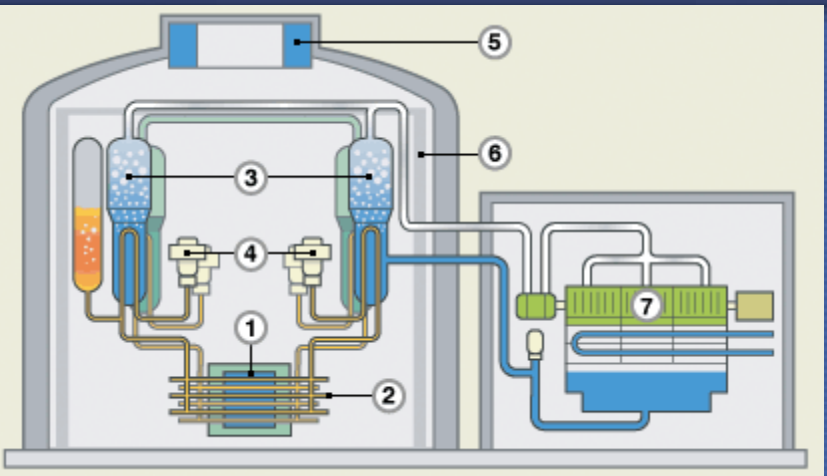
Grading the application of management system  
requirements (2.6–2.7) .

Documentation of the management system (2.8–2.10) .

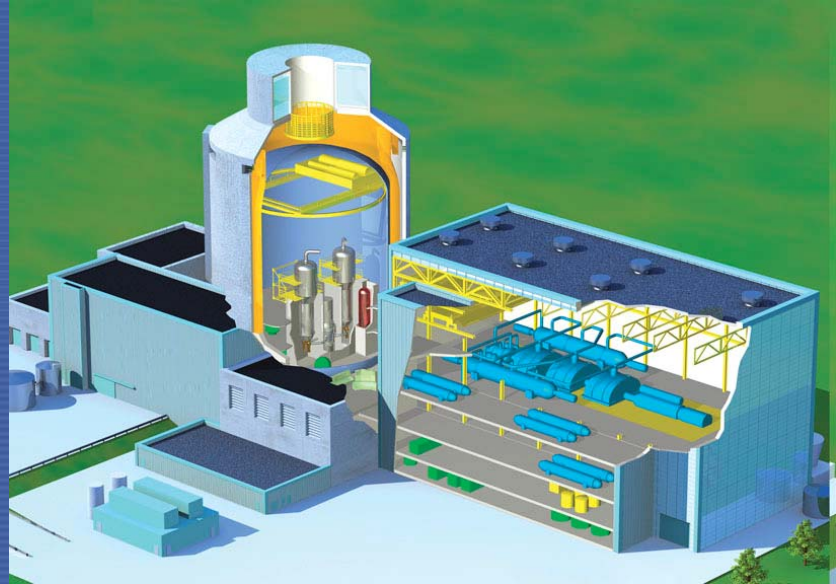
- Management of resources
- Process implementation
- Measurement, assessment & improvement



# Part 2 : Technology Development for Water Cooled Reactors

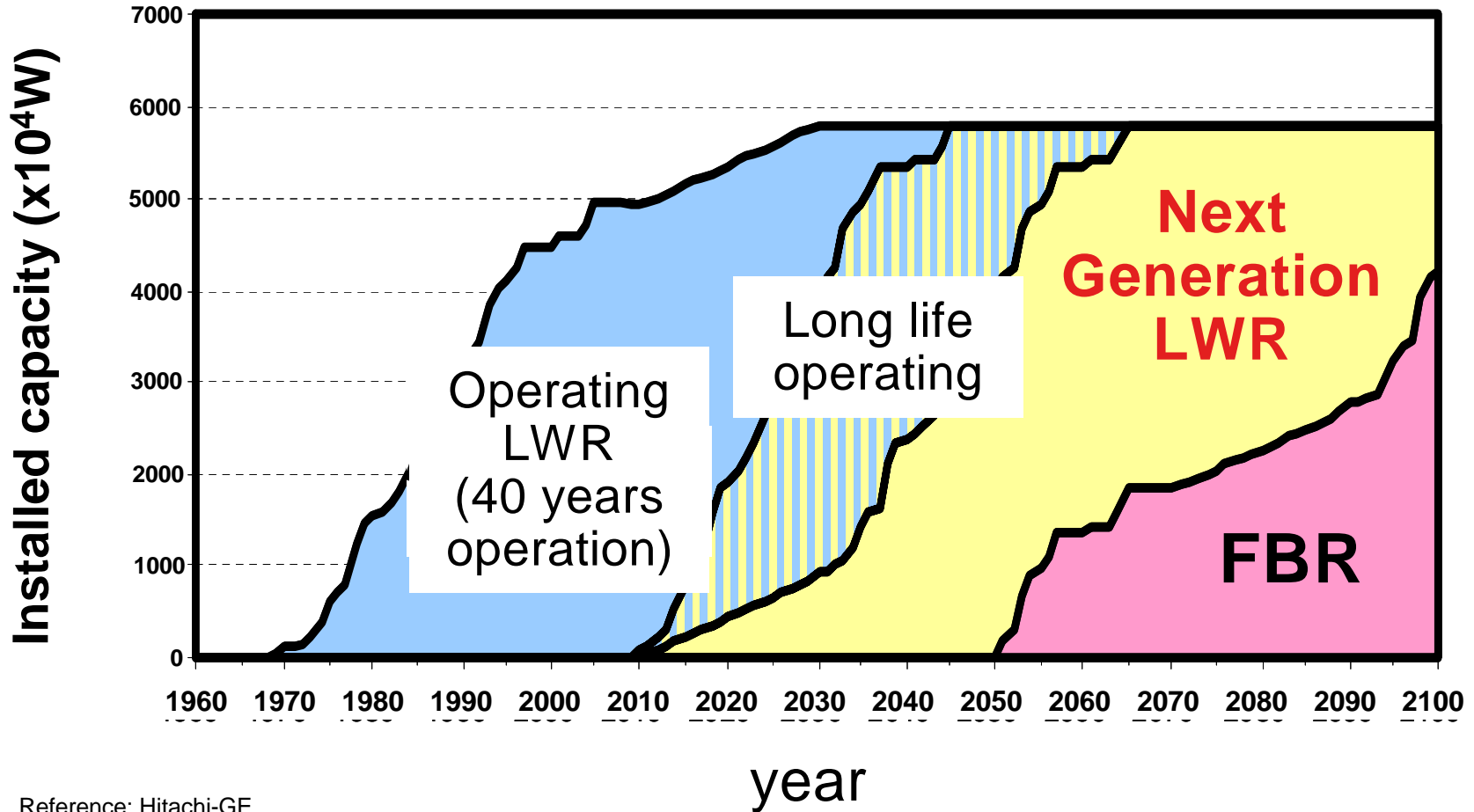


<http://www.iaea.org/NuclearPower/Technology/WRC/>



# Projection of WCR Technology

Projection for Future Share of WCRs



Reference: Hitachi-GE

Reference: MIT



— LWR Fleet Electric Output  
— FR Fleet Electric Output

# Global Trends in WCR Technology

- **Cost Reduction**

- Improving construction methods to shorten schedule
- Modularization and factory fabrication
- Standardization and series construction
- Economy of scale → larger reactors
- Design features for longer lifetime

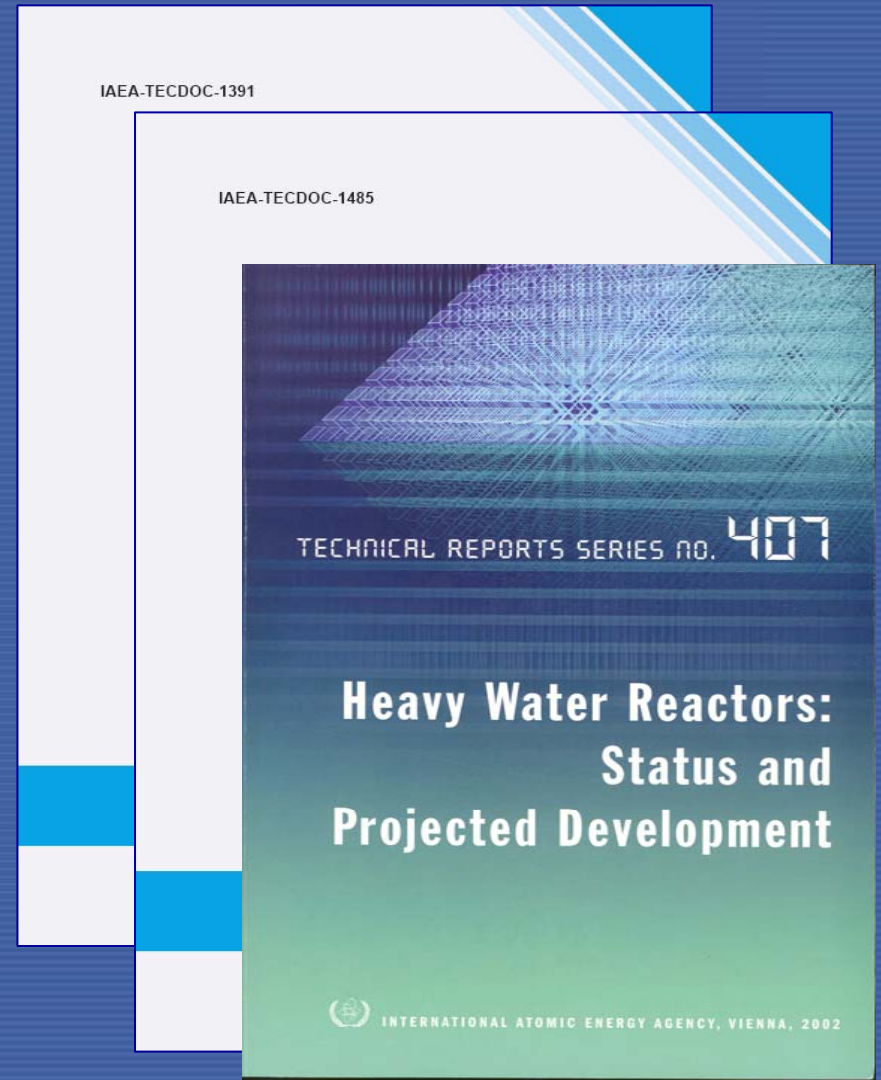
- **Performance Improvement**

- Establishment of user design requirements
- Development of highly reliable components and systems, including “smart” components
- Improving the technology base for reducing over-design
- Further development of PSA methods and databases to support
- Development of passive safety systems
- Improved corrosion resistant materials
- Development of computer based techniques
- Development of systems with higher thermal efficiency and expanded applications

# Technical Descriptions of WCRs

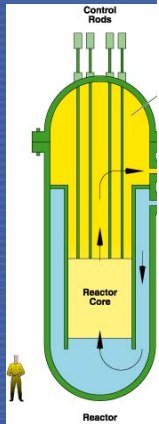
- Development goals & safety objectives
- Evolutionary and innovative
- Electricity or co-generation
  - Descriptions – each design:
    - Systems
      - Nuclear
      - Power conversion
      - I&C
      - Electrical
      - Safety
    - Summary level technical data
    - Design measures to enhance economy and reliability

**Under Development web-based Status Reports including all reactor lines**





# Support to Technology Development



IAEA THERPRO - Thermo-Physical Materials Properties Database :: Windows Internet Explorer

http://therpro.hanyang.ac.kr/

IAEA THERPRO Thermo-Physical Materials Properties Database

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37 Rb Rubidium 85.4678	38 Sr Strontium 87.62	39 Y Yttrium 88.90585	40 Zr Zirconium 91.224	41 Nb Niobium 92.90638	42 Mo Molybdenum 95.94	43 Tc Technetium 98	44 Ru Ruthenium 101.07	45 Rh Rhodium 102.90550	46 Pd Palladium 106.42	47 Ag Silver 107.8682	48 Cd Cadmium 112.411	49 In Indium 114.818	50 Sn Tin 118.710	51 Sb Antimony 121.760	52 Te Tellurium 127.60	53 I Iodine 126.90447	54 Xe Xenon 131.29
55 Cs Cesium 132.90545	56 Ba Barium 137.327	57 La Lanthanum 138.9055	58 Ce Cerium 140.116	59 Pr Praseodymium 140.90765	60 Nd Neodymium 144.24	61 Pm Promethium (145)	62 Sm Samarium 150.36	63 Eu Europium 151.964	64 Gd Gadolinium 157.25	65 Tb Terbium 158.92534	66 Dy Dysprosium 162.50	67 Ho Holmium 164.93032	68 Er Erbium 167.26	69 Tm Thulium 168.93421	70 Yb Ytterbium 173.04	71 Lu Lutetium 174.967	
87 Fr Francium (223)	88 Ra Radium (226)	89 Ac Actinium (227)	90 Th Thorium 232.0381	91 Pa Protactinium 231.03688	92 U Uranium 238.0289	93 Np Neptunium (237)	94 Pu Plutonium (244)	95 Am Americium (243)	96 Cm Curium (247)	97 Bk Berkelium (247)	98 Cf Californium (251)	99 Es Einsteinium (252)	100 Fm Fermium (257)	101 Md Mendelevium (288)	102 No Nobelium (259)	103 Lr Lawrencium (262)	

\*Lanthanides

\*Actinides

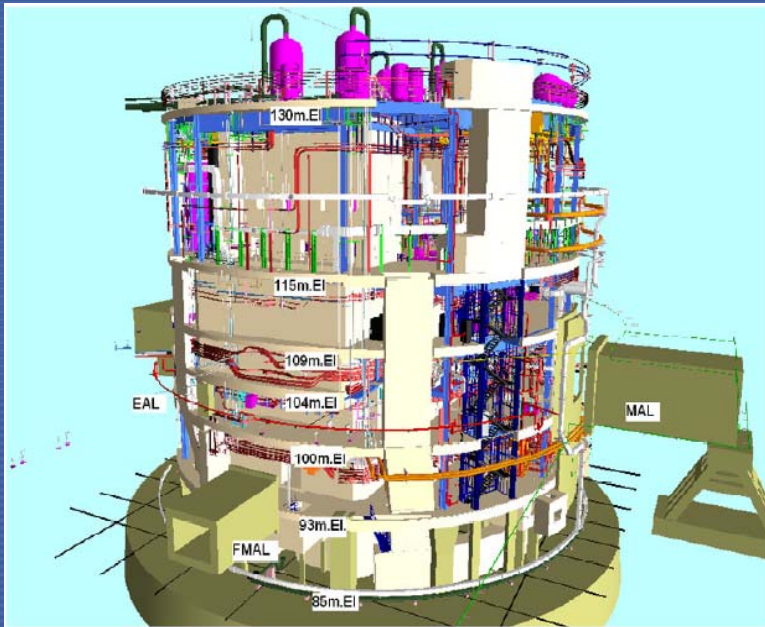
A: Solid A: Gas A: Liquid A: Synthetic A: All metals A: Alkali earth metals A: Transition metals A: Rare earth metals A: Other metals A: Nonmetals  
A: Halogens A: Noble gases

IAEA Designated Center for Nuclear Materials Properties Database Management



# Support to Near-Term Deployment

- **Advanced Construction Technologies**
- **Modularization**
- **Technology Assessment**
- **Feasibility Studies**
- **Efficient Use of Water Resources**



# Training

CR groups state

FA parameters

Selection: 01 - 24

Ao: 5.9 Enr: 4.2

Burn: 0.0 N<sub>T</sub>: 11.5

Δ<sub>T</sub>: 20.1 T<sub>del</sub>: 39.9

K<sub>q</sub>: 0.62 K<sub>v</sub>: 0.78

Deviation: Inhibance: Prohibition: More/Less

N<sup>o</sup>: 99.9 P2: \*\*\*\*

H T ACP

IMS failure

EIC 1: 99.8

EIC 2: 99.8

EIC 3: 99.8

Teff: 0.00

Teff hms: 0000:00:00

M<sub>T</sub>: 1

Lim: 100

00:00:00

1.30 1.25 1.20 1.15 1.10 1.05 1.00 0.95 0.90 0.85 0.80 0.75

Thermostat: IC model

Core model

STATIC Mode

Boron Shim

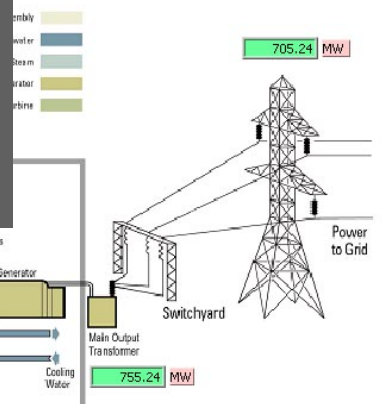
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Auto Rem

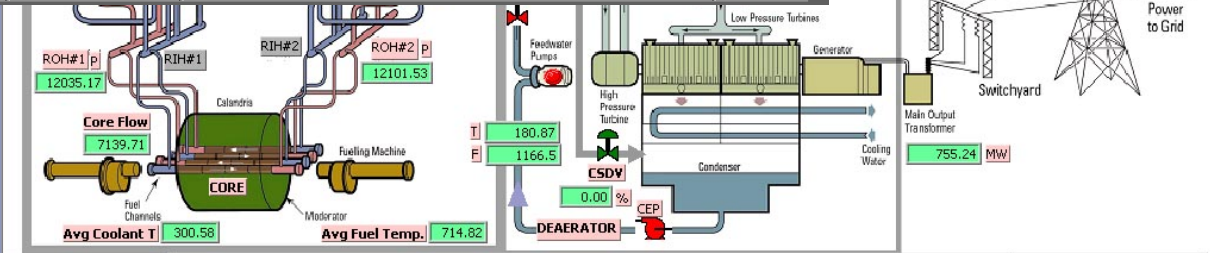
Reactor exchange: IC model

Turbine Runback	Gen Breaker Opn	Labview
Low Fwd Pwr Trip	Main BFP(s) Trip	78
Loss RC Pmp(s)	Malfunction Active	CASSTM
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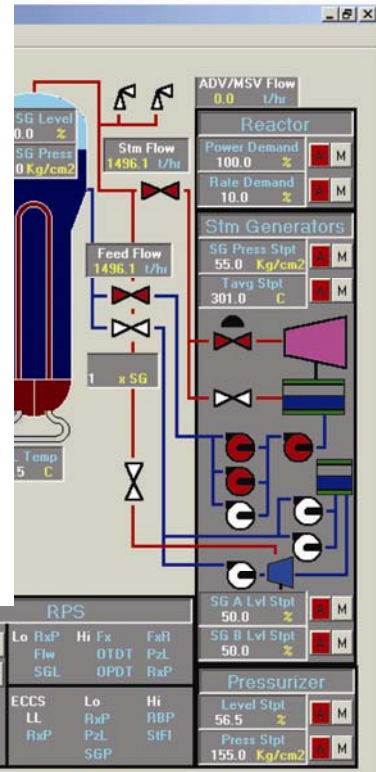
## CAL FEATURES



## Hydro



ACR Plant Overview		Reactor Neutron Pwr (%)	Reactor Thermal Pwr (%)	Generator Output (%)	Primary Coolant Average ROH Pressure (kPa)	Core Flow (kg/s)	Main STM Press (kPa)	FW Flow (kg/s)	Fuel Temp (C)
Reactor Trip	Turbine Trip	100.00	99.98	100.30	12068.35	7139.71	6400.2	1112.1	714.8



RB Spray

Flow: 0.0 t/hr

Heat: 0.0 MW

RB Fan Vent

Vent Flow: 0.0 t/hr

Heat: 0.0 MW

Pressure: 1.03 Kg/cm2

Temperature: 50.0 C

Level: 2.80 M

Hydrogen: 0.00 %

Power: 1518.0 MW

Power: 100.0 %

Tavg: 301.0 C

Voids: 0.0 %

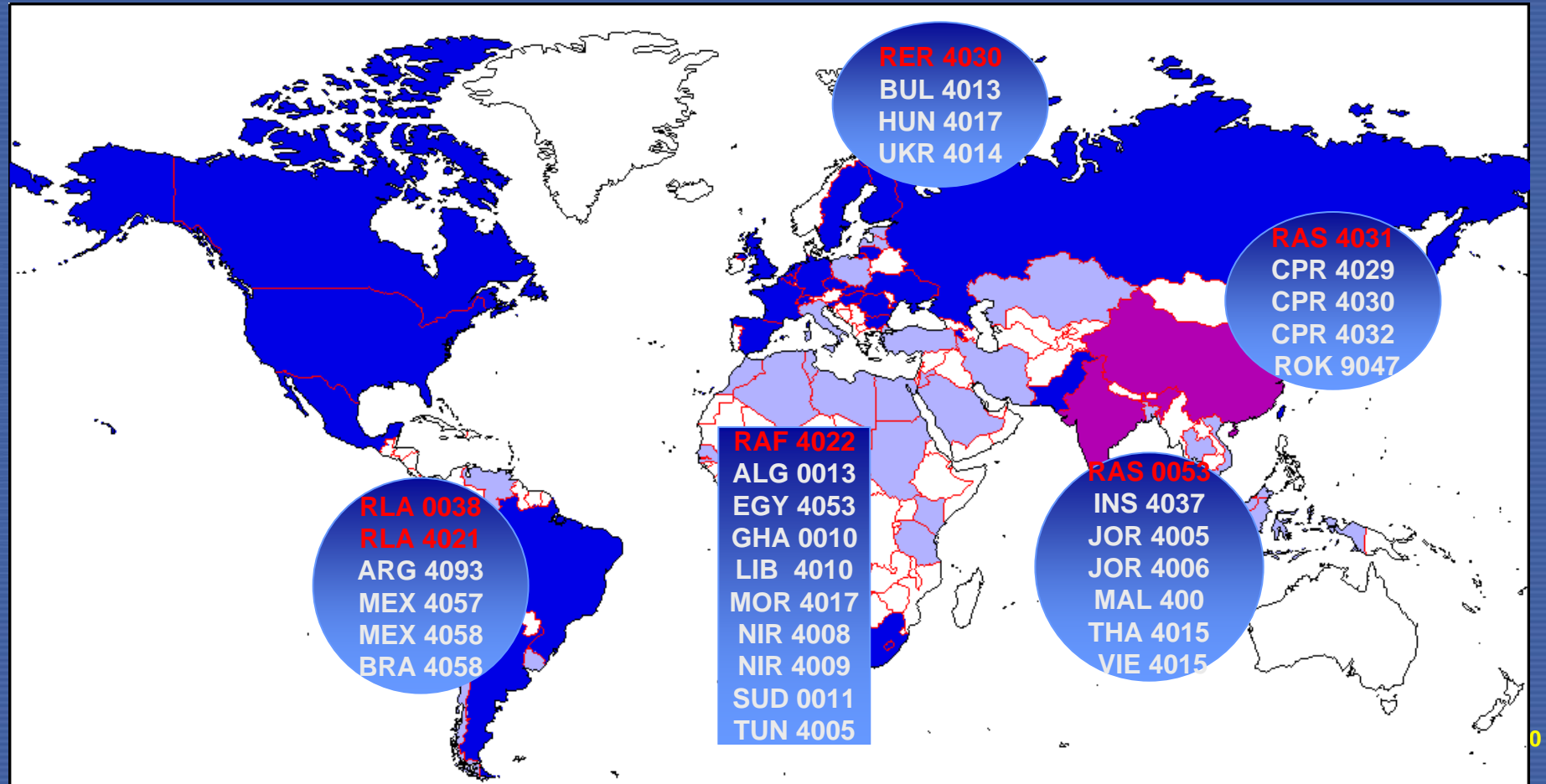
Avg Fuel Temp: 788.9 C

Max Clad Temp: 317.5 C



# Technical Cooperation Activities in 2009~2011

- Enhancing Research Reactor Utilization and Safety (AFRA)
- Sustainable Energy Development and Preparation for Nuclear Power
- Introduction of Nuclear Power for Electricity Generation
- Developing and Implementing PLiM and PLeX Programmes in NPPs
- Establishing a Structural Integrity Assessment Procedure for NPP Components

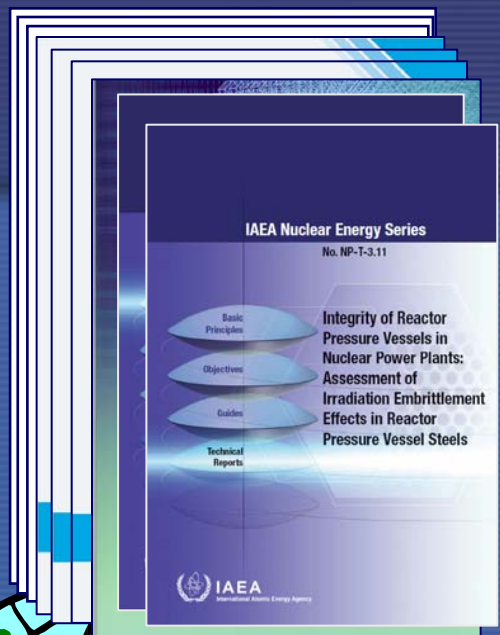
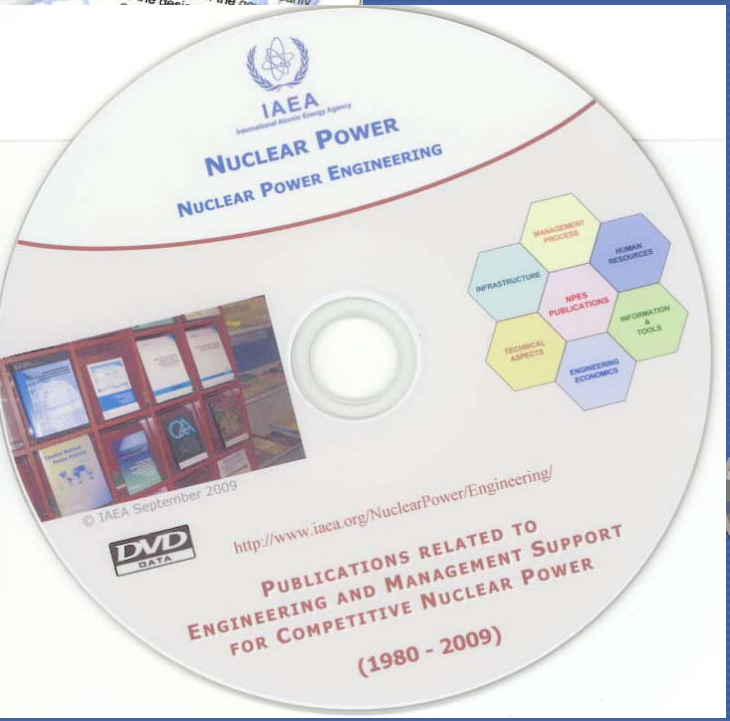
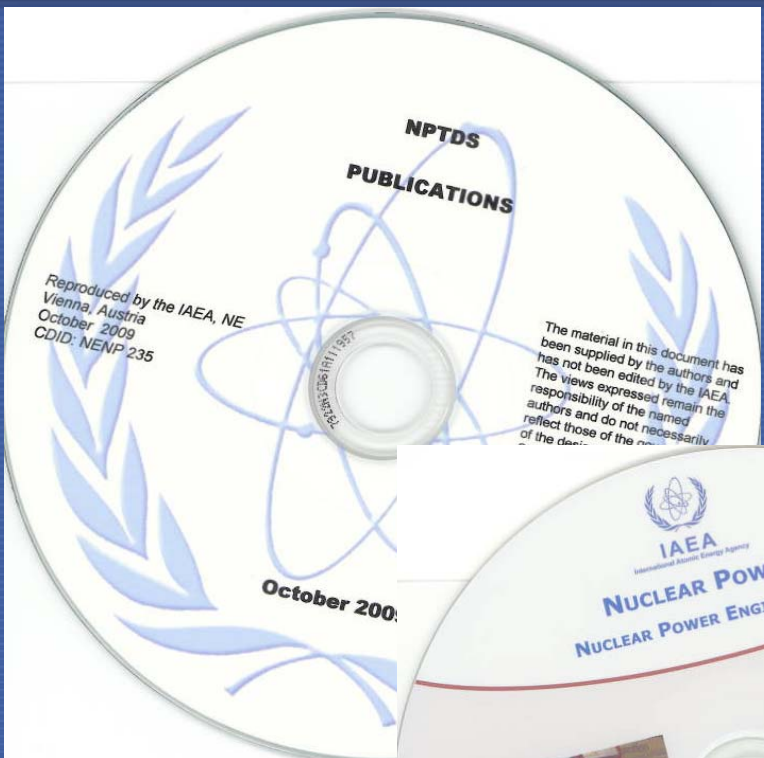


# Support to Newcomers in 2010 under Inter-regional TC Projects

- **Promoting Technology Development and Application of Future Nuclear Energy Systems**
  - **Long-range Nuclear Programme Planning and Strategy Development (June, Vienna)**
  - **Project Management for New Nuclear Power Projects (May, Korea)**
  - **INPRO Dialogue Forum on Nuclear Energy Innovations (October, Vienna)**

# Main Achievements

## Publications on Best Practices & Lessons Learned



# New Opportunities & Challenges

- **Maintaining efficient & safe operation of existing reactors and research facilities**
  - Aged Nuclear Power Plans and Workforce
  - Decline of government support in some Member States
- **Provide confidence on proliferation and security concerns**
  - Avoid diversion or misuse of nuclear material
  - Technology development on evolutionary/innovative designs
- **Harmonization of safety standards and regulatory requirements**
  - Promote the deployment of internationally standardized reactor designs
- **Facilitating continuous improvement of management system**
  - Support of change management in deregulation and aging plant/personnel
  - Development of leadership and effective management skill
- **Cost Uncertainty and Supply Chain**
- **Support the success of the nuclear renaissance and beyond**
  - Advanced technologies and advanced materials
- **Effective use of fissionable resources**
  - Availability of uranium and minimization of spent fuel