



Education & Training: a success story, always going forward!

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Education & Training: one of the GIF Policy Priority

From a Task Force to a WG that has delivered #106 Webinars

- In 2015, from a US initiative, the idea emerge amongst GIF Members to have a E&T Task Force.
 - In 2016, the PG approved The Task Force Terms of Reference
 - 29 Sept 2016: John E. Kelly is making the very first GIF Webinar
 - 2019 the Task Force becomes a Working Group
- In 2022, GIF decided to have a **Vice Chair dedicated** to Education & Training.

The Vice Chair :

- Provide leadership, updates & progress
- Engage with the GIF Policy Secretariat
- Develop and Engage a strategic roadmap approved by the GIF Policy Secretariat and the GIF PG

GIF Vice Chair on Education & Training 2025-2027:

Dr. Jin-Young CHO



The pioneers:



Patricia Paviet
(E&T Task Force Chair)



Konstantin Mikityuk
(E&T Vice-Chair)




John Kelly (GIF CHAIR)

Education & Training: during 10 years a brief history


Important dates:

- 2015-2025: Following that first attempts there is now an impressive number of Webinars
 - 2020-2022: During COVID many Organisations used the webinar mode. GIF was a precursor but we did not change our way to make our webinars because it becomes a part of the ETWG Trademark with very few similarities worldwide: **the GIF DNA**.
 - November 2025: Webinar E&T Series #106
 - October 2025: GIF Talks with industry series #6
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- A significant list of **regular and efficient** transmission of Knowledge all over the world
 - Around 7 full days of pure GIF Knowledge Transmission
 - A significant material to make IA tests and innovate again

[WEBINARS](#) [SFR](#) 

05 November 2025 - 14:30 CEST

Education and Training Series #106: Severe Accidents in SFRs: Safety Study Approach, Prevention and Mitigation by Design

 Dr Nathalie SEILER, French Atomic Energy Commission (CEA), France

[Find out more →](#)

[WEBINARS](#) [LFR](#) 

23 October 2025, 14:30 CEST (UTC+2)

GIF talks with industry series #6 - EAGLES-300: European Advanced Gen-IV Lead-cooled Energy System

 Dr Michele Frignani, Ansaldo Nucleare, Italy

[Find out more →](#)

Education & Training: during 10 years a brief history

Young Generation on Board !

- 2021: 1st Pitch your GENIV Competition
- 2023: 2nd Pitch your GENIV Competition
- 2025: 3rd Pitch your GENIV Competition



Encourage young researchers to join a new network: the GIF community.



Flore Villaret, 2021 ETWG
Pitch 1st Place winner



Victor Viallon: Pitch Your Generation IV
Research Competition 2023



Hannah Patenaude, 2025 ETWG
Pitch 1st Place winner

Education & Training: from a Policy point of view

This history, these actions, and this growth demonstrate GIF's strong commitment to Education and Training.

1. **Ensuring open access** to high-quality educational content is crucial to disseminate knowledge, build capacity, and foster transparency.
 - **Monthly webinar series**
2. **Encourage early-career engagement** and creating platforms to showcase talent helps with capacity development, attracting new researchers, and reinforcing the pipeline of expertise.
 - **Pitch your GENIV Competition**
3. **Support inter-institution collaboration** is key for harmonization of curricula, avoidance of redundancy, and pooling of resources for training and research.
 - **Working groups and virtual meetings.**

Education & Training: from a Policy point of view

4. **Formalizing standards or guidelines** for knowledge management, building interoperability, and ensuring retention of critical expertise are important for long-term sustainability.
 - The ETWG **identifies and promotes best practices** in knowledge management and knowledge preservation.
5. **Encouraging novel education technologies** (e-learning, virtual labs)
 - The ETWG organised a **webinar** on **new methods of training** using virtual labs, to supplement hands-on experience.
6. **Ensuring training includes regulatory, safety, and standards perspectives** is essential to ensure that technical personnel understand policy, compliance, licensing.
 - The series includes webinars focused on **regulatory activities** for SMRs and advanced reactor systems, **safety design** guidelines and **severe accident** prevention/mitigation

Education & Training: and now ?

Celebrate, Continue, Innovate:

- **Celebrate:** Busan is the Milestone for a great ETWG Celebration. ETWG deserve a nice celebration for their significant contribution to GIF.
- **Continue:** Your involvement and enthusiasm is inspiring beyond the GIF Community. Just continue as you are.
- (Continue to) **Innovate** (*Proposed not imposed !!!*):
 - IA can make an efficient increase in value of the whole ETWG GIF Video database
 - Think about an additional competition celebrating the Lab team effort beyond the young researcher.
 - Think about celebrating technicians & operators who are making essential works in the shadow of the GIF researchers.

GIF Education & Training Roadmap: Priorities identified

➤ By the end of 2025:

- Upgrade Existing learning content for 1 system

➤ By the end of 2026:

- Establish **YG Networks** in GIF members countries
- Upgrade **Existing learning** content for Additional system
- GIF Session at IYNC

➤ By the end of 2027:

- Increase by 30% participants in Webinars
- Involve 10 new participating countries
- Upgrade **Existing learning** content for ALL GIF system

Thank you for your attention

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www.gen-4.org



https://www.youtube.com/@Gen.IV_International_Forum



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Innovation & Convergence Education Center for Advanced High-Temperature Nuclear Systems

"Bridging Innovation and Deployment, Bridging Classroom and Field"



1. OVERVIEW OF EDUCATION CENTER

2. KEY ACTIVITIES OF EDUCATION PROGRAM

Background of Next-Generation Nuclear Human Resource Development Center Initiative in South Korea

What prompted South Korea to start this initiative?



Ministry of Science and ICT



한국연구재단

The Next-Generation Nuclear Human Resource Development Center Initiative was launched in South Korea in 2024 with government support.

“Empowering future leaders for advanced nuclear systems”

- **Climate & Energy Security**
 - Nuclear power re-emerging as key to carbon neutrality and stable supply
 - COP28 pledge: triple nuclear capacity by 2050
- **National Strategy**
 - Nuclear share in Korea’s electricity → 32.4% by 2030
 - Strong government support for Gen IV & SMR development
- **Global Competition**
 - 80+ SMR designs in 17 countries
 - Urgent need for technological leadership
- **Human Resource Gap**
 - Nuclear enrollment down ~20% (vs. peak)
 - Industry demand: ~3,000 professionals (2022–26)

Innovation & Convergence Education Center for Advanced High-Temperature Nuclear Systems

What does our Human Resource Education Program aim to achieve?

Project Overview

- Funded by Mistry of Science & ICT (2024-2028)
- **Total budget:** ~4.6 million USD
- **Lead Institution:** Seoul National University (with KAIST, Pusan National University, KIRD, industry partners)
- **Scope:** focus on high-temperature reactors (>600°C)

Mission & Objectives

Mission:

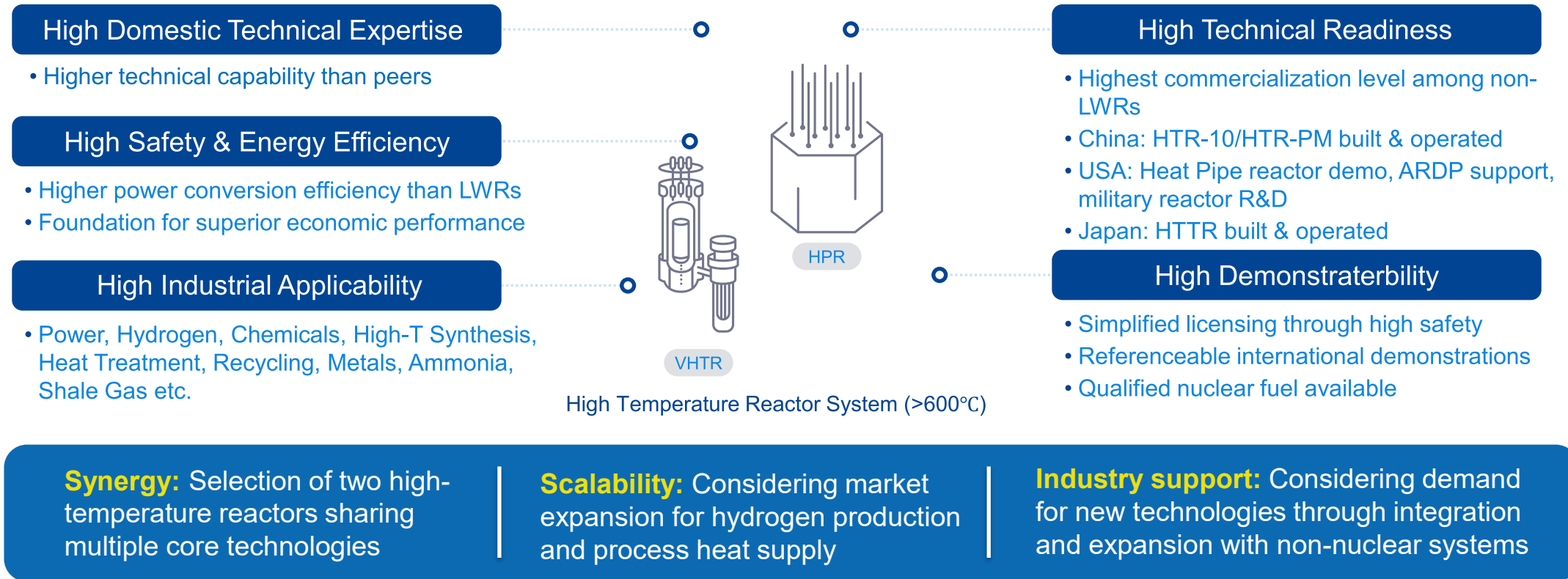
Cultivating experts for **next-generation nuclear systems** delivering **heat over 600 °C**, and fostering multidisciplinary talents to address real-world challenges

Objectives:

- I. Strengthen multidisciplinary **curriculum** for advanced reactors
- II. Develop industry-academia network through **hackathons**
- III. Engage student participation in **integrated design & R&D**
- IV. Establish **digital platform** for education/research outputs

Why are HTGR and Heat Pipe Reactors at the center of this initiative?

Target Reactor Types and Selection Background



Who are the key players of this initiative?

Organization of Education Center for Advanced High-Temperature Nuclear System

SNU (Lead)

Lead: Next-Gen
Nuclear Convergence
Curriculum



KAIST(Partner)

Lead: System
Design and R&D
Program



PNU (Partner)

Lead: Industry-
Academia Collaboration
& Hackathon



- HT nuclear [curricula](#) (advanced, applied, colloquium)
- Integrated [design courses](#) (market & societal acceptance)
- Training with [simulation codes](#)
- [Experimental programs](#) for next-gen HT systems
- Education & research sharing [platform](#)

- Searching HT system [research topics](#)
- Education on [risk-informed performance-based](#) regulation
- Education on [comprehensive evaluation](#) (economics & technology)

- HT system industry-focused [hackathons](#)
- [Cross-disciplinary](#) education & research programs
- Think-tank on nuclear hydrogen & HT systems

Who are the key players of this initiative?

Academia–Industry–Research Collaboration Partnership

Academia

- Seoul National University
- KAIST
- Pusan National University

Industry

- Posco E&C
- Hyundai E&C
- Dusan Enerbility

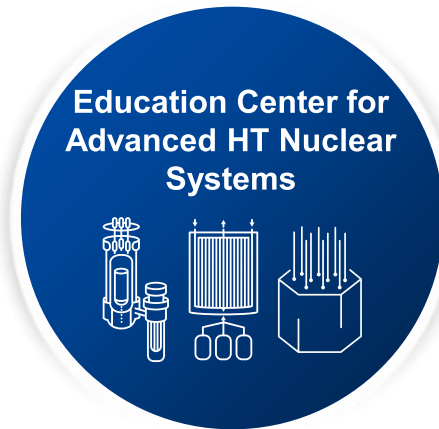
Research & Regulation

- KAERI
- KIMM
- KINS

- ✓ Advanced HT Nuclear Curriculum
- ✓ Industrial Applications
- ✓ Simulation & Experiment Training



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- ✓ Hackathon Project
- ✓ Basic Nuclear Edu. For Industry
- ✓ Joint Supervision of Thesis
- ✓ Internship

- ✓ Technology/Economics Evaluation
- ✓ Joint Research Projects
- ✓ Licensing & Regulations



- ✓ Power Conversion System
- ✓ High Temperature Materials
- ✓ High Temperature Heat Exchanger



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Curriculum Development

Standardized Curriculum for High-Temperature Nuclear Systems

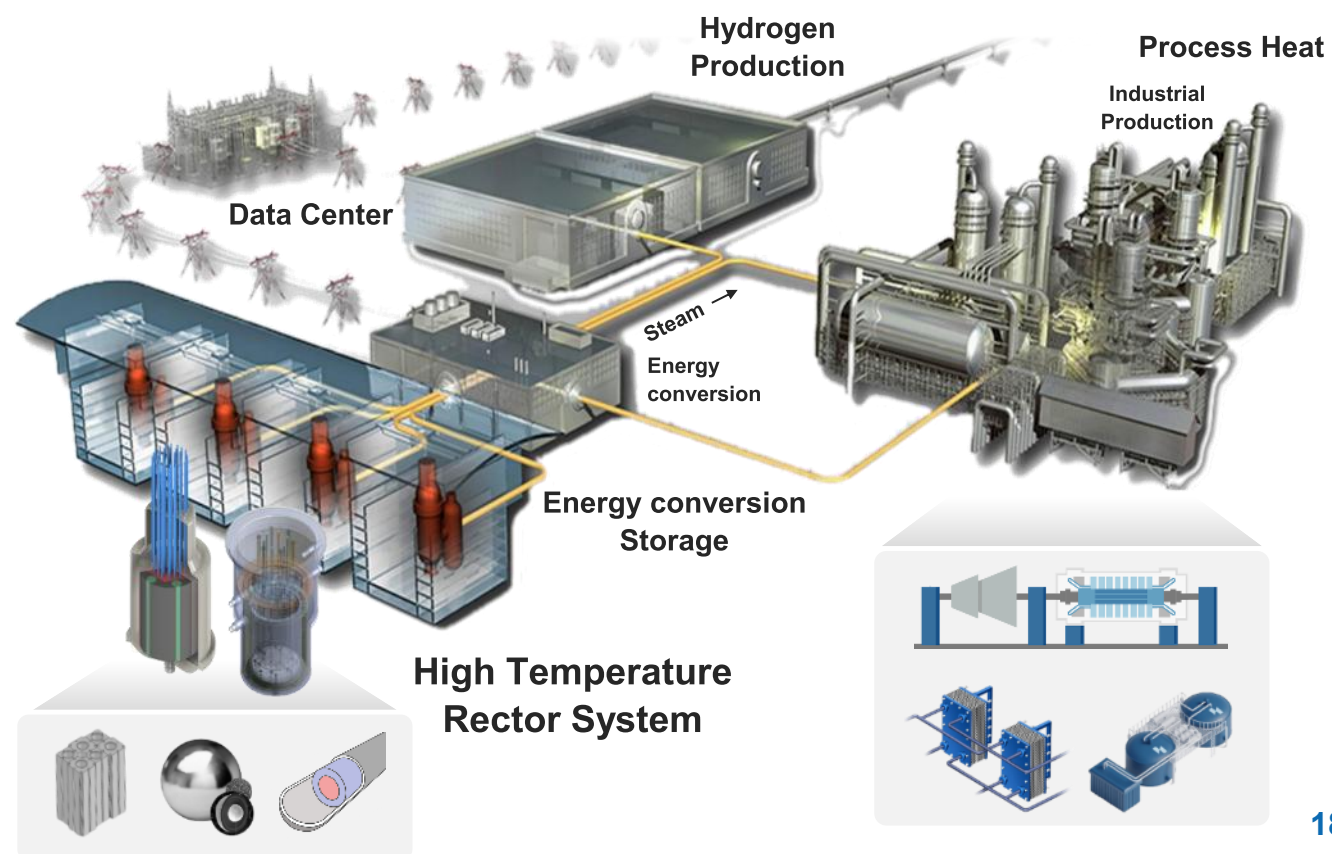
System	Characteristics of each reactor system - Energy Systems Engineering, Next-Generation Nuclear System Design, etc.
Safety	Risk-informed regulation, accident analysis - Reactor safety analysis, risk and reliability engineering, etc.
Reactor Physics	Reactor core analysis - Reactor dynamics and control, reactor analysis and design, etc.
Fuel/ Materials	TRISO fuel, high-temperature materials - Nuclear fuel engineering, energy system materials engineering, etc.
Fuel Cycle	Fuel conversion, reactor-specific waste management - Gas-cooled reactor fuel cycle, etc.
Thermal Hydraulics	Heat exchangers, high temperature heat transfer, heat pipe operation - Nuclear system heat transfer engineering, etc.

Interdisciplinary

Integrated Design, HTGR & Hydrogen Production, etc.

Applications

- Seminar on High Temperature System Application, etc.



Curriculum Development

10+ revised & new courses have been developed since 2024.



고온가스로 사용후핵연료 관리

고온가스로 사용후핵연료 관리의 중요성

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- 고온가스로 사용후핵연료 관리의 방법

원자력공학 원론 및 응용

원자력공학의 원리와 응용

- 원자력공학의 원리
- 원자력공학의 응용

원자력 시스템 전산해석

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원자력 열수리학 개론

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고온가스로 사용후핵연료 관리 기술

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- 고온가스로 사용후핵연료 관리 기술의 발전

Looking for Future - Gen-IV Reactors

미래를 위한 Gen-IV Reactors

- Gen-IV Reactors의 특징
- Gen-IV Reactors의 장점

Problem Statement

Gen-IV Reactors의 문제점

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Ideal Brayton Cycle

이상 브레이튼 사이클

- 이상 브레이튼 사이클의 특징

VL1. What is HTGR?

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- HTGR의 구성

소용돌이고속로 사용후핵연료 관리 방안 2-3

소용돌이고속로 사용후핵연료 관리 방안

- 소용돌이고속로 사용후핵연료 관리 방안

Gen-IV - VHTR/HTGR: Increased Efficiency

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- Gen-IV - VHTR/HTGR의 특징

Reactor Core Design (Pebble Bed)

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- Reactor Core Design (Pebble Bed)의 특징

Complex Brayton Cycle

복합 브레이튼 사이클

- 복합 브레이튼 사이클의 특징

VL2. Neutronics of HTGR

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- HTGR의 중성자 특성

고온가스로 기본 개념

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- 히트파이프 냉각원자로의 개요

모듈형 고온가스로(MHTGR) 노심설계 - 개요

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Heat Pipe

Heat Pipe

- Heat Pipe의 특징

핵융합 노심 고온가스로 설계: 핵연료 흐름특성 및 노심 설계 용인

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- 핵융합 노심 고온가스로 설계의 특징

Heat Pipe Cooled Nuclear Reactor Development at LANL

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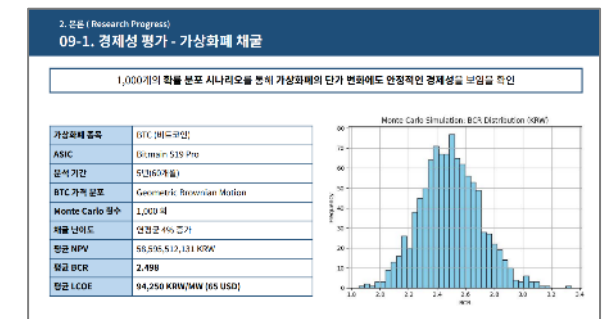
- Heat Pipe Cooled Nuclear Reactor Development at LANL의 특징

2024 Curriculum Development & Implementation

Total: 10 courses opened (SNU, KAIST, PNU)
Total students enrolled: 224

By Institution
Seoul National Univ.: 5 courses, 143 students
KAIST: 4 courses, 47 students
Pusan Nat'l Univ.: 1 course, 34 students

- Teams of 4–6 students select a reactor type, conduct a conceptual design, and present results throughout the course.
- Each week, the professor gives a 1–2 hour lecture, followed by 1–2 hours of project work.



Curriculum Development

Integrated design course includes lecture, team project, mentoring..



Mentoring



Group Discussion



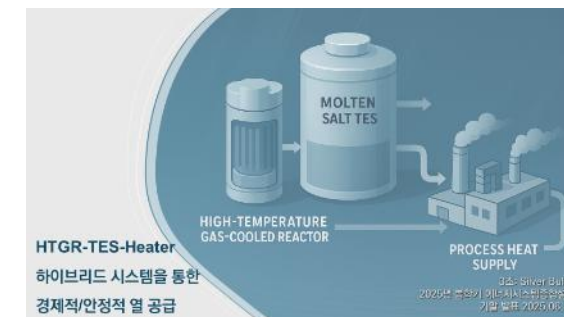
Lecture



Team Project



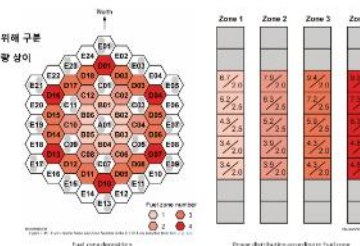
Presentation



[Chapter 2.2] 노심 열해석: 정상 운전 조건

□ 영역별 fuel zone

- 열 출력 분포의 최적화를 위해 구분
- 농축도, 기연성 특성 상이함



제안 시스템 및 핵심 가치 제안

① 수요자 (공정열 사용자) 입장

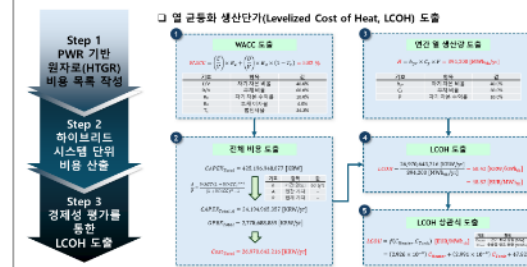
- 가) 가격 변동성 해명
- 가) CAPEX 최적화
- 가) 공장 가동률 상승으로 인한 고정비 희석(절감)

② 정부 입장

- 가) 리스크가 낮은 시스템으로 그리드 안정성에 기여

HTGR-TES-전기히터 하이브리드 시스템은 단순한 기술적 솔루션이 아닌, 수요자(공정열 사용자)와 정부(그리드 안정성) 모두에게 매력적인 솔루션임

[핵심연구분야 3] 하이브리드 시스템 단위 비용(CAPEX/OPEX) 산출 : Step 3



Textbook Development

An 8-volume textbook series is planned, with the first two volumes expected by 2025.

Textbook Table of Contents: High-Temperature Gas-Cooled Reactor (HTGR) Series



Volume 1. Introduction to HTGR

- 1.What is an HTGR?
- 2.History of HTGR development
- 3.Advantages of HTGR
- 4.Future outlook of HTGR

Volume 2. HTGR Nuclear Fuel

1. Overview of HTGR fuel
2. Structure of TRISO fuel
3. Fabrication of TRISO fuel
4. Failure mechanisms
5. Performance of TRISO fuel

Volume 3. HTGR Core Characteristics

1. Overview of HTGR cores
2. Prismatic vs. pebble-bed
3. Neutronic characteristics
4. Heat transfer characteristics

Volume 4. HTGR Systems and Components

- 1. Overview of HTGR systems
 - Reactor system
 - 1. Heat transport system
 - 2. Power conversion system
 - 3. Reactor shutdown cooling system
 - 4. Reactor control system
 - 5. Fuel reloading system
 - 6. Other systems

Volume 5. HTGR Materials and Equipment

1. Overview of HTGR materials and structures
2. Metallic materials
3. Graphite and ceramic materials
4. High-temperature equipment

Volume 6. HTGR Safety

- 1.Safety characteristics of HTGR
- 2.Safety systems in HTGR
- 3.Design basis accidents
- 4.Safety analysis of HTGR

Volume 7. HTGR Fuel Cycle and Radioactive Waste

- 1.Characteristics of HTGR fuel cycle
- 2.Generation and management of radioactive waste in HTGR
- 3.HTGR and non-proliferation

Volume 8. Applications of HTGR

- 1.Electricity generation
- 2.Process heat utilization
- 3.Hydrogen production
- 4.Seawater desalination

Colloquia and Invited Expert Seminars

10+ invited seminars held with experts from 4 countries over the years.

서울대학교
차세대 고온 원자력 시스템 융복합 인력양성 센터
2024 콜로кви움 안내

서울대학교 차세대 고온 원자력 시스템 융복합 인력양성 센터에서 차세대 원자력에 대한 국내외 전문가들의 초청하여 콜로кви움을 진행할 예정입니다. 구성원 여러분의 많은 관심과 참여 바랍니다.

회차	날짜	연사	소속	직위	제목	장소	시간
1	11월 19일	이현철	부산대학교	교수	고온가스로의 핵적 특성 및 노출리 해석 코드체계 Nuclear Characterization and Reactor Physics Analysis Code System for High- Temperature Gas-Cooled Reactor	온라인 (Zoom)	
2	11월 20일	강현국	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI)	교수	차세대 원자력의 위험도 기반 규제 Risk Informed Regulation for Advanced Nuclear Reactor	36동 105호	16:00 - 18:00
3	12월 3일	김용원	한국원자력연구원	책임연구원	고온가스로 기술의 현재와 방향 High Temperature Gas- cooled Reactor Technology Its Present and Direction	36동 105호	
4	12월 6일	Youssef Ballout	Idaho National Laboratory (INL)	Division Director	미국의 차세대 원자로 연구개발 현황 Research Activities for Advanced Nuclear Reactor in the U.S. DOE	43-2동 8101호	

2024년 11월 19일(수) 14:00 ~ 15:00
주최: 차세대 고온 원자력 시스템 융복합 인력양성 센터
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Publication of Technology Trend Report

Four technical trend reports were issued per year.



Publication of Technology Trend Report in 2025

Vo1. HTGR Development Trend Report

Vo2. Nuclear Hydrogen Production Development Trend Report

Vo3. Heat Pipe Reactor Development Trend Report

Vo4. Thermal Energy Storage Development Trend Report

Hackathon Program

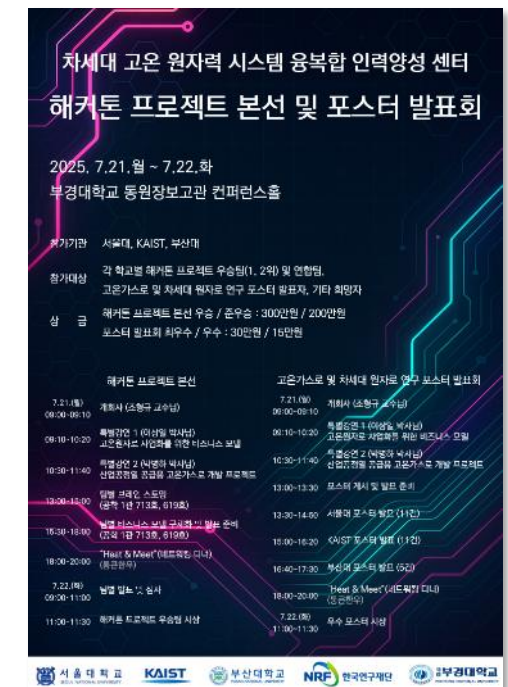
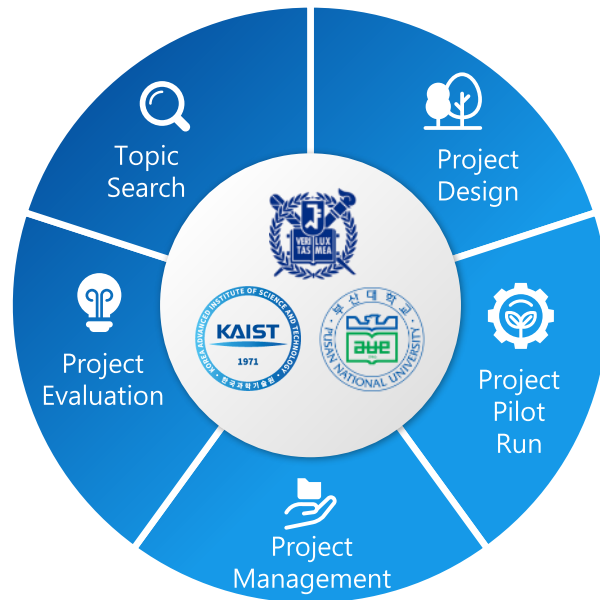
A Hackathon program was planned to strengthen academia-industry collaboration.

Goal : Seeking solutions for technical challenges through academia-industry collaboration

Discovery of creative and innovative ideas and technical solutions

Strengthening collaboration between industry and academic experts

Improving public awareness in next-generation nuclear reactors



Hackathon Program

A pilot with 8 university teams explored business models for high temperature reactors.

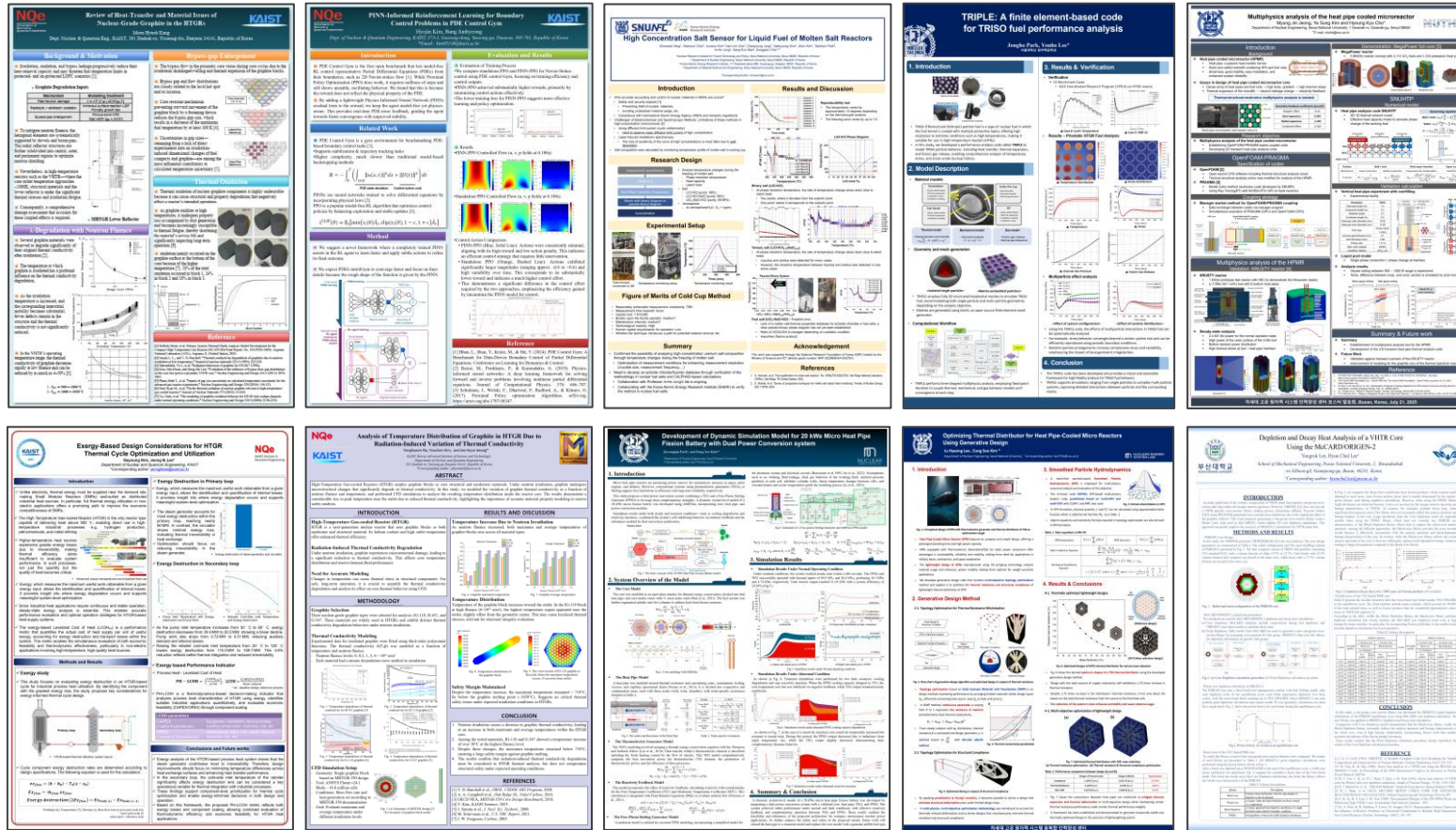


A total of eight teams participated in the hackathon project, and three of them received awards

Winner

Student Poster Session

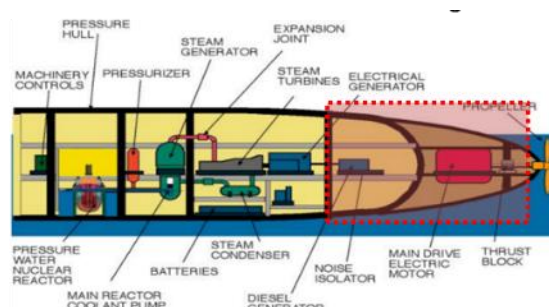
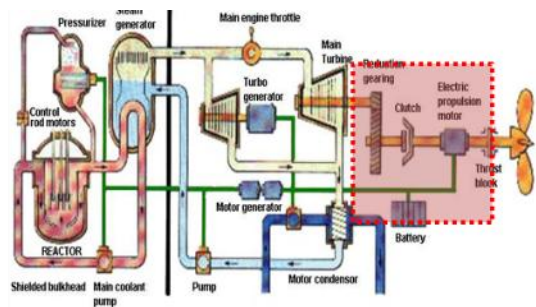
27 Students presented and shared their research through the poster competition.



Academia-Industry-Research Collaboration

Various joint research topics have been conducted or are under planning.

Feasibility study on S-CO₂ cycle integration with HTGR



Simulation on TRISO Coating Process

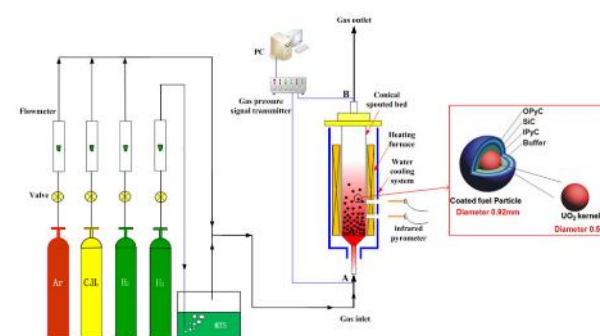
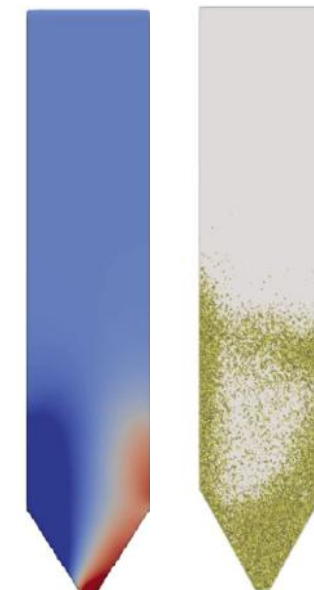
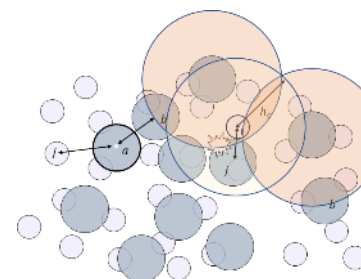


Fig. 1 The schematic diagram of the spouted bed coating system



Academia-Industry-Research Joint Workshop

The academia-industry-research workshop was conducted with great success.

고온가스로 기술 워크숍

2025 01.15 - 01.16

1월 15일(수) 13:30 - 18:00
1월 16일(목) 09:30 - 16:30

HTGR
수소생산계통

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1월 15일(수)

시간	주제	발표자
13:30 - 14:00	환영사(서울대학교) 축사(한국, KAERI, 산업계) 개회식	
14:00 - 14:30	고온가스로 소개 및 최신 동향	김정수(한국원자력연구원)
14:30 - 15:30	고온가스로 노심 설계	노재현(한국원자력연구원)
15:30 - 16:30	핵융합자력발전	김용현(한국원자력연구원)
16:30 - 17:30	고온가스로 안전 체계	김동석(한국원자력연구원)
17:30 - 18:00	고온가스로 안전 시스템 검증(수소) 동향	김동수(서울대학교)

1월 16일(목)

시간	주제	발표자
09:30 - 10:30	고온가스로 기술 소개	이정혁(한국원자력연구원)
10:30 - 11:30	고온가스로 노심구조물 및 기기	김용현(한국원자력연구원)
11:30 - 12:30	고온가스로 구조물 및 기기 재료	김용현(한국원자력연구원)
12:30 - 14:00	점심식사	
14:00 - 15:00	고온가스로 비활성물질	박병하(한국원자력연구원)
15:00 - 16:00	소형모듈형자로 연료재	송성호(한국원자력연구원)
16:00 - 16:30	Wrap-up	김정수(한국원자력연구원)

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Development of a Digital Platform

A digital platform was developed for outcome dissemination.

Goal: to widely share the center's educational and research content through diverse digital channels.



01. Establishment of a Digital Hub

02. Social Media Network

03. Education and Research Promotion

04. Dissemination of Academic Resources

SUMMARY

- The Innovation & Convergence Education Center for Advanced High-Temperature Nuclear Systems was established in 2024 in South Korea to cultivate future experts who will lead next-generation nuclear innovation.
- This center aims to integrate education, research, and industry collaboration to connect classroom with real-world applications.
- A multidisciplinary curriculum and hands-on training were designed to foster creativity and problem-solving skills to students.
- Joint research and hackathon programs were designed to strengthen connection among academia, industry, and research institutes.
- Digital platforms were established to expand access to educational and research outcomes.
- The center envisions becoming a national hub that bridges innovation and deployment, classroom and field — empowering the next generation of nuclear leaders.



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Neutronic Feasibility Study of a Breakeven Molten Salt Fast Reactor Using Chloride Salts

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 - Reactor physics, molten salt reactors (MSRs)
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 - Contributing to the design and analysis of next-generation nuclear reactors



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- Core Concepts and Fuels
- Operational Strategy and Reactor Characteristics
- Conclusions



Introduction

Introduction

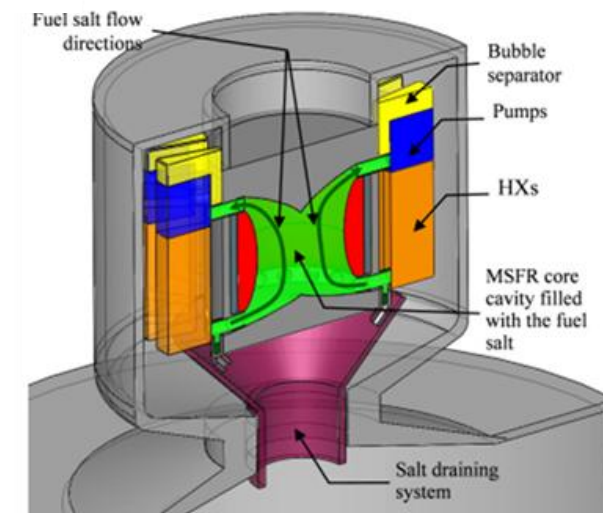
- Nuclear trilemma
 - Enhancing the safety → Adopting the concept of MSFR
 - Preventing accumulation of spent fuel → Reutilizing the spent fuel
 - Securing uranium resources → Reutilizing the spent fuel
 - Spent fuel in Korea: ~9,000 tons from LWR & ~9,400 tons from HWR → Equivalent to total electricity in Korea over 300 years
 - Spent fuel in U.S.: ~90,000 tons from PWR and BWR → Equivalent to total electricity in USA over several hundreds years as well!
- Breakeven Molten salt Fast Reactor (BeMFR)
 - MSFR (molten salt fast reactor) concept
 - Passive safety, convenient decay heat removal, Atmospheric pressure operation
 - Reduced spent fuel buildup, proliferation resistance
 - Reutilizing the spent fuel as a energy resource
 - Requiring U and TRU from spent fuel at the startup
 - During operation, spent fuel is consumed as make-up fuel



Accumulated amount of SNF and Saturation point of storage tank

Power plant	Expected SNF accumulation	Storage tank saturation point
Kori	12,290 FA	2032
Hanbit	13,051 FA	2030
Hanul	27,401 FA	2031
Saeul	15,660 FA	2066
Shin Wolsong	3,633 FA	2042
Wolsong	721,920 FA	2037

<Reference: Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy>

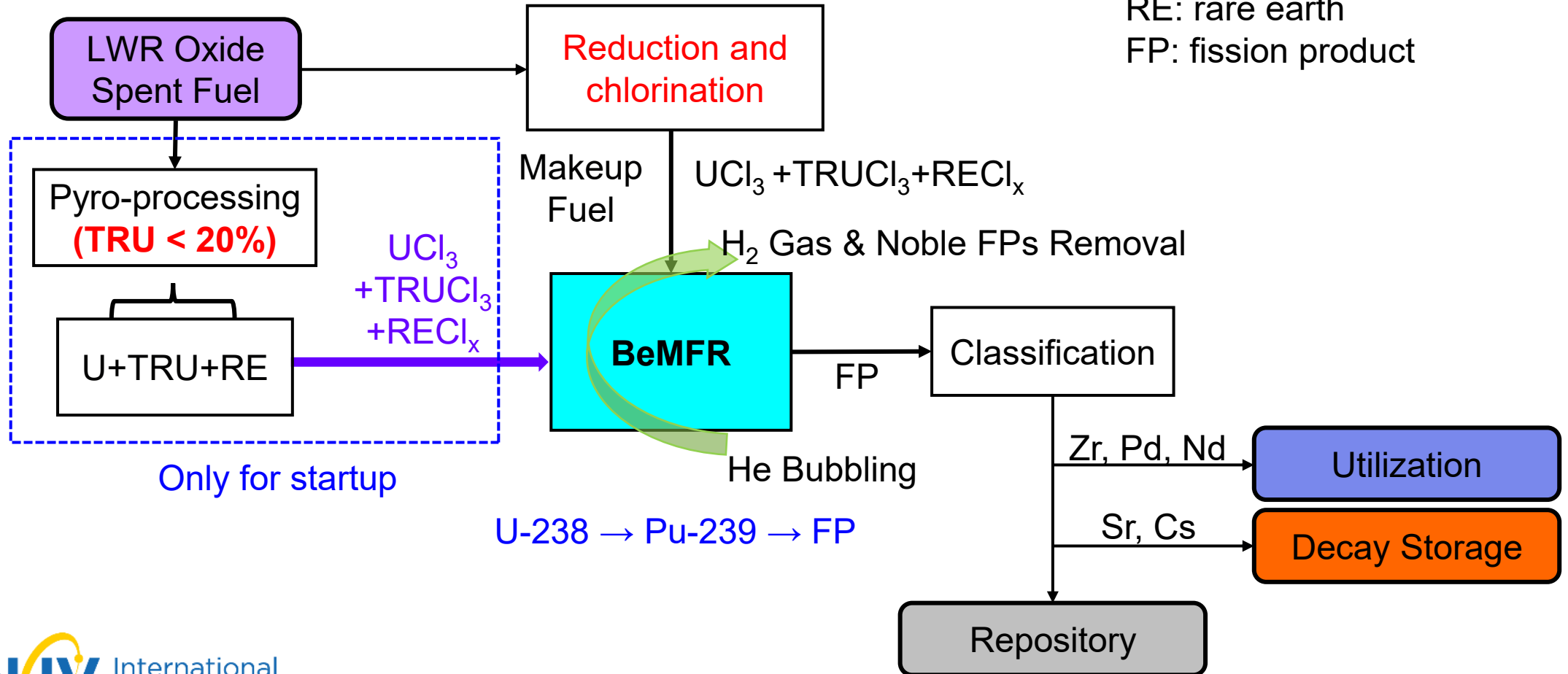


European MSFR

BeMFR pursues addressing nuclear trilemma though adopting MSFR concept and reutilizing spent fuel.

Introduction

- Closed fuel cycle



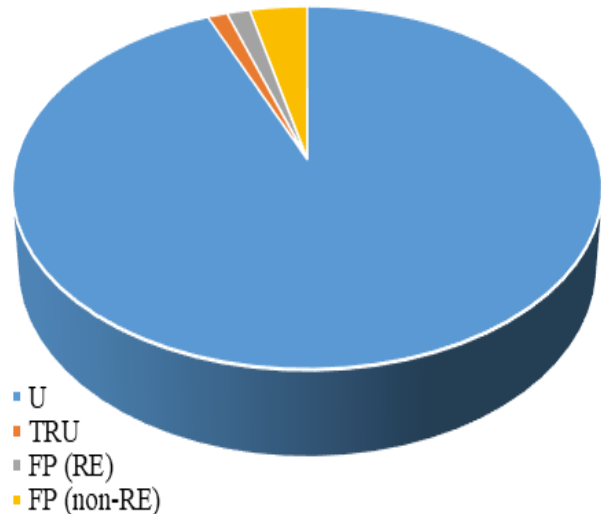


Core Concepts and Fuels

Core Concepts and Fuels

- Spent fuel composition
 - From the depletion calculation of APR1400 lattice by Serpent 2.1
 - Burnup: 50,000 MWd/MTU, Cooling period: 10 years

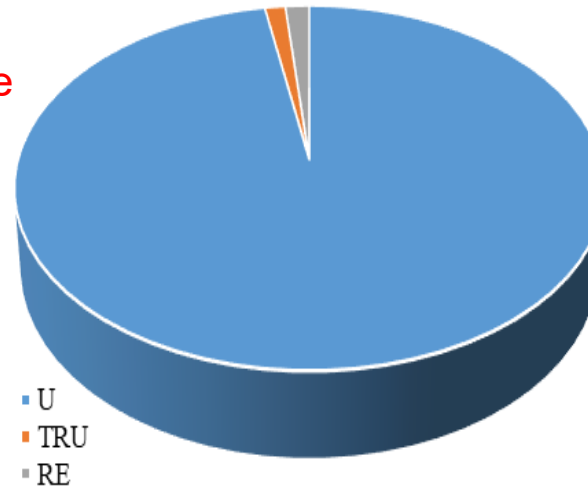
TRU: transuranic
RE: rare earth
FP: fission product



U : TRU : FP
= 93.60 : 1.26 : 5.14

Raw spent fuel

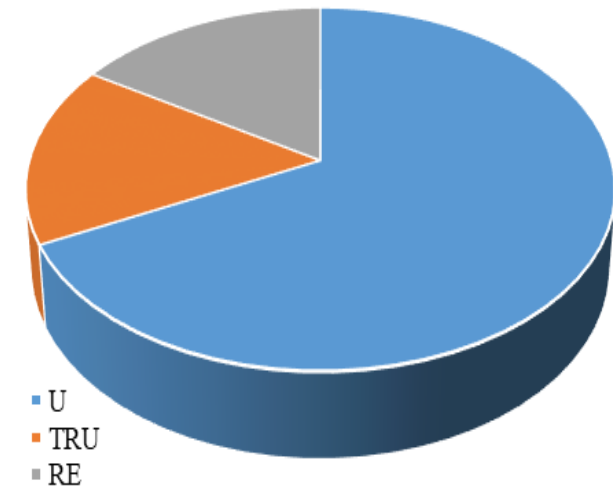
Non-RE FPs are removed from reduction and chlorination



U : TRU : RE
= 97.17 : 1.31 : 1.52

Make-up fuel

U is removed via pyro-processing (TRU fraction < 20%)

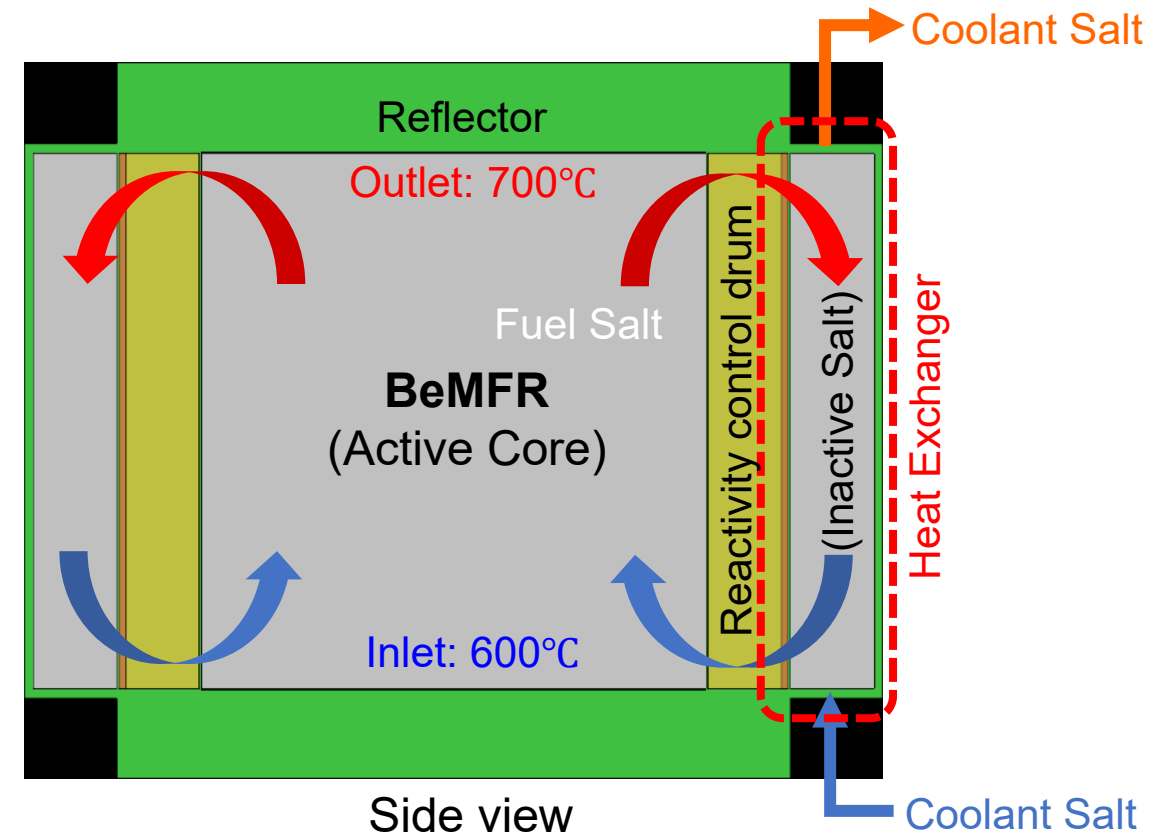


U : TRU : RE
= 67.69 : 16.16 : 16.16

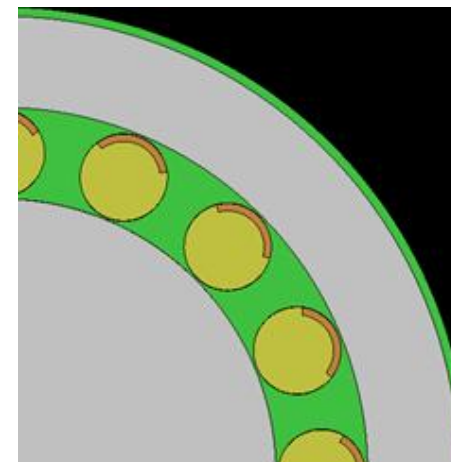
Initial fuel

Core Concepts and Fuels

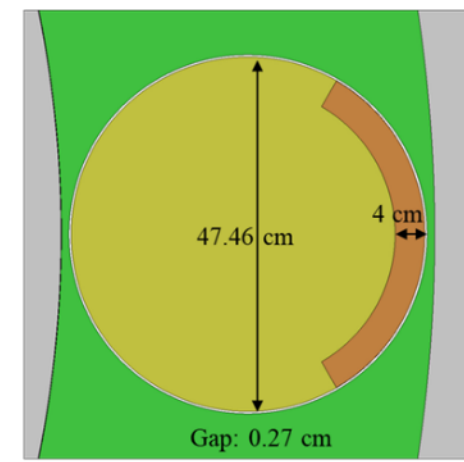
- Cylindrical Reactor Layout
 - Power: 3,000 MWth
 - Active core: cylindrical geometry
 - Diameter = Height = 330 cm
 - Reflector:
 - Stainless steel of 50 cm
 - Drum type reactivity control device
 - Inactive salt is placed around reflector
 - Operating temperature: 650°C



Side view



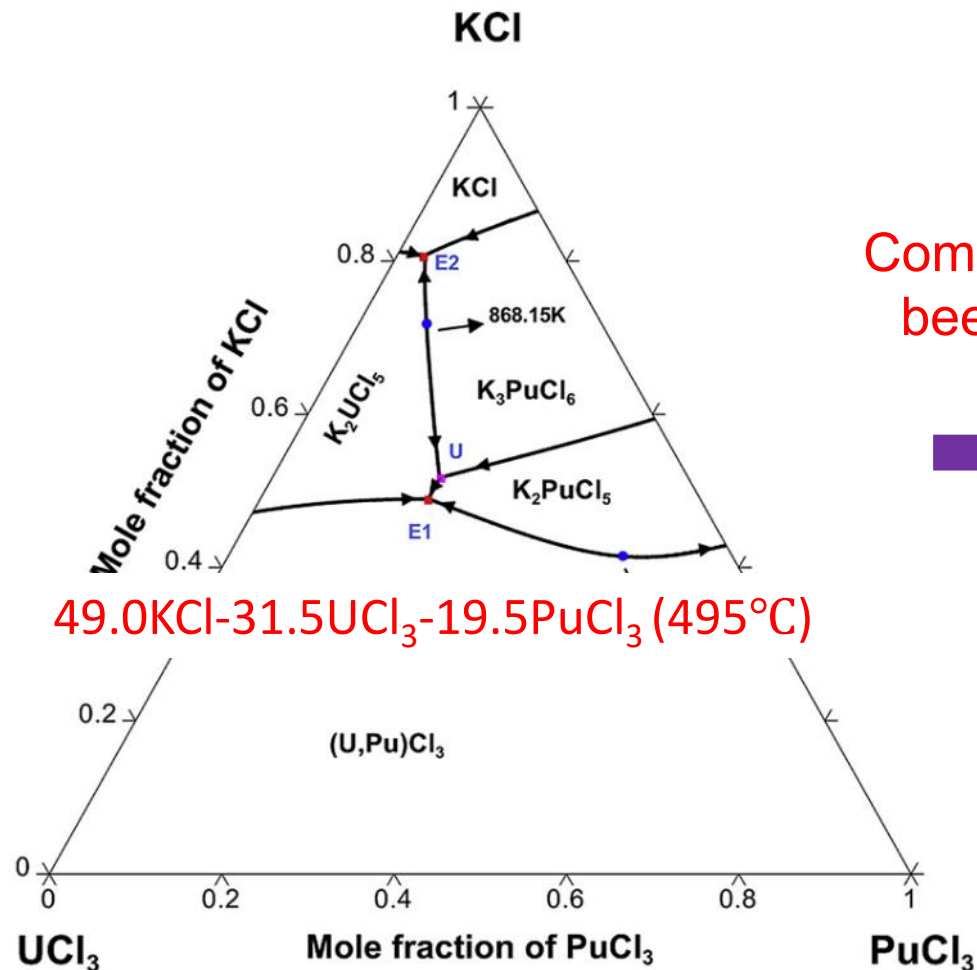
Top view (1/4)



Reactivity control device

Core Concepts and Fuels

- Selected Cl-based fuel of BeMFR: KCl-TRUCl₃-UCl₃-RECl₃
- Ternary eutectic data of KCl-UCl₃-PuCl₃



Composition of KCl has
been fixed as 49.0%

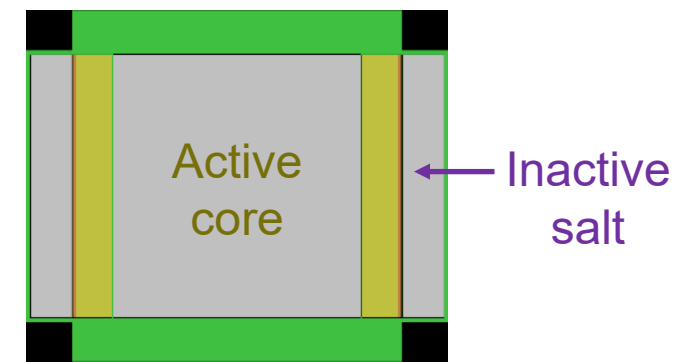


Composition of
TRUCl₃-UCl₃-RECl₃
could be changed to
make initial criticality

Final composition of
KCl-TRUCl₃-UCl₃-RECl₃
has come to
49.00-8.24-34.52-8.24

Core Concepts and Fuels

- Design parameter of BeMFR for initial condition



	KCl-TRUCl ₃ -UCl ₃ -RECl ₃
Power	3,000 MWth
Active core diameter (= height)	330 cm
Active core volume	2.822E+7 cm ³
Inactive salt volume	1.500E+7 cm ³
Initial composition	49.00-8.24-34.52-8.24
Cl-37 enrichment	99 at.%
Fuel density at 650°C	3.563 g/cm ³
U mass	61,039 kg
TRU mass	14,696 kg
RE mass	8,607 kg

Operational Strategy and Reactor Characteristics

Operational Strategy and Reactor Characteristics

- Operation strategy

- FP classification:

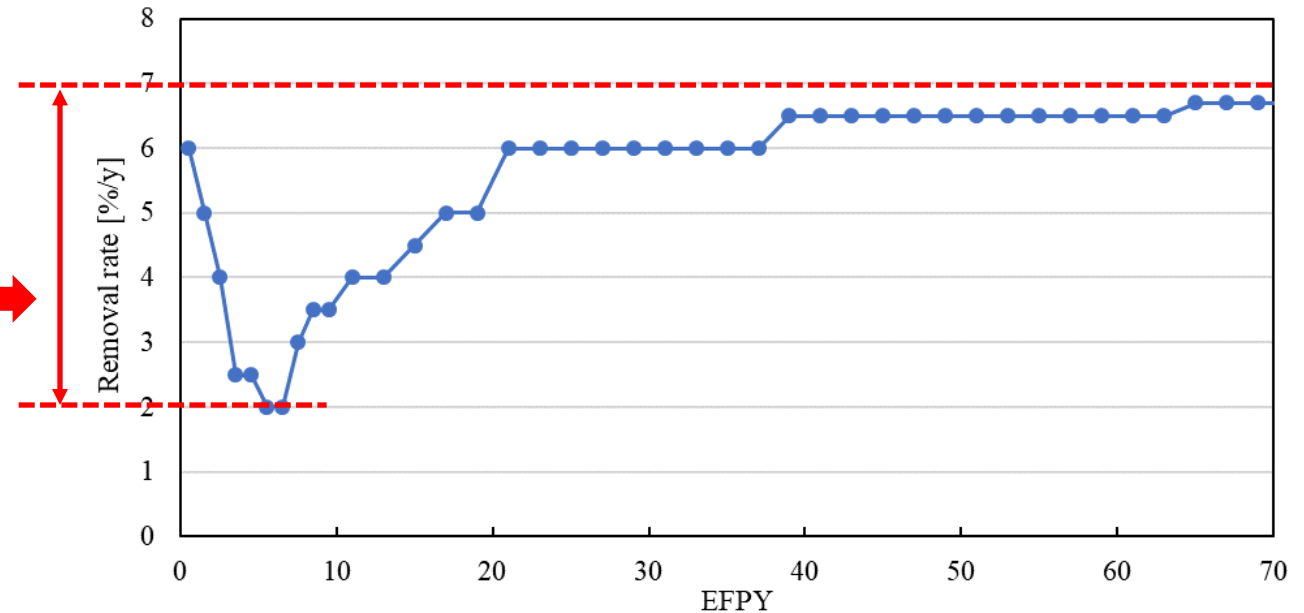
Group	Solubility	Behavior in salt	Removal rate
Noble gas	Insoluble	Escape	1 %/s
Noble metal	Insoluble	Precipitation	60 %/y
Soluble FPs	Soluble	Remain	2-7 %/y

- Other conditions:

- Makeup fuel feeding rate: 3.074 kg/d (same amount as consumption)
- Hydrogen removal rate: 90%/y
- RE feeding rate: 0.0474 kg/d
- K feeding rate: 0.03-0.05 kg/d
- Cl feeding rate: 0.003-0.3 kg/d



- Soluble FP removal rate detail:



- Calculation condition:

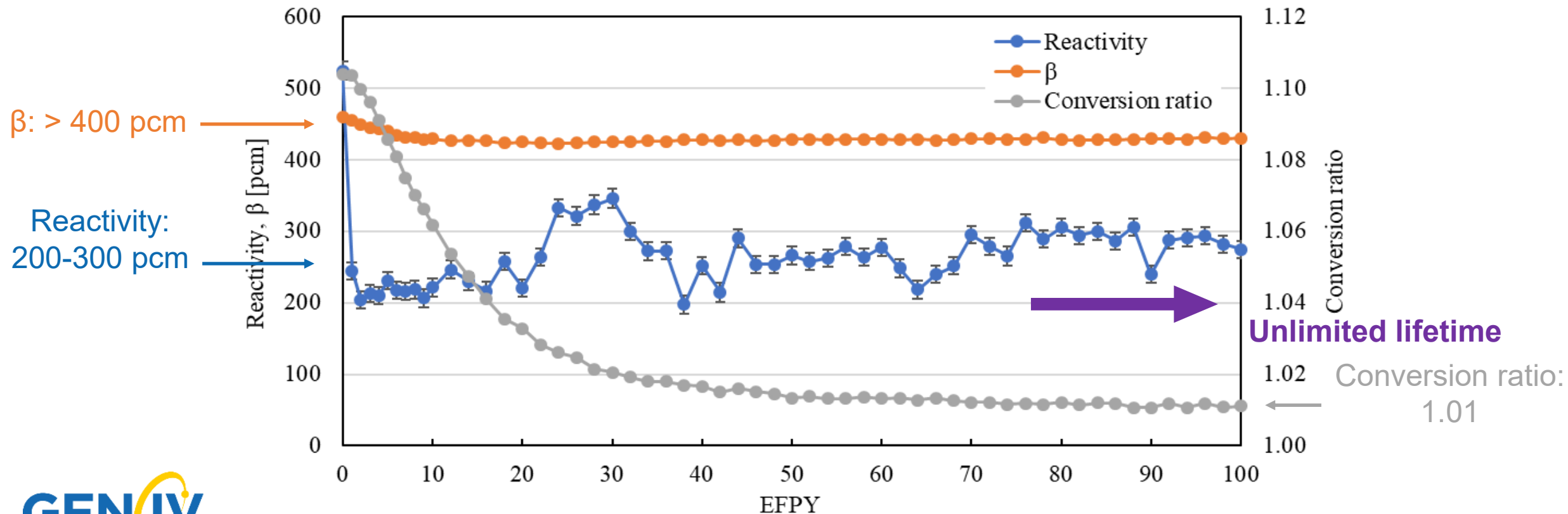
- Program: Serpent 2.2.1, library: ENDF/B-VII.1
- History: 100,000, inactive cycle: 100, active cycle: 300

RE is automatically fed during makeup fuel feeding.

K, and Cl are to be fed to maintain salt composition and FP solubility.

Numerical Results

- Reactivity, effective delayed neutron fraction(β), and conversion ratio .vs. 3 GWth Full-power operation time
 - The effective delayed neutron fraction (β) indicates the safe reactivity range to avoid prompt criticality.



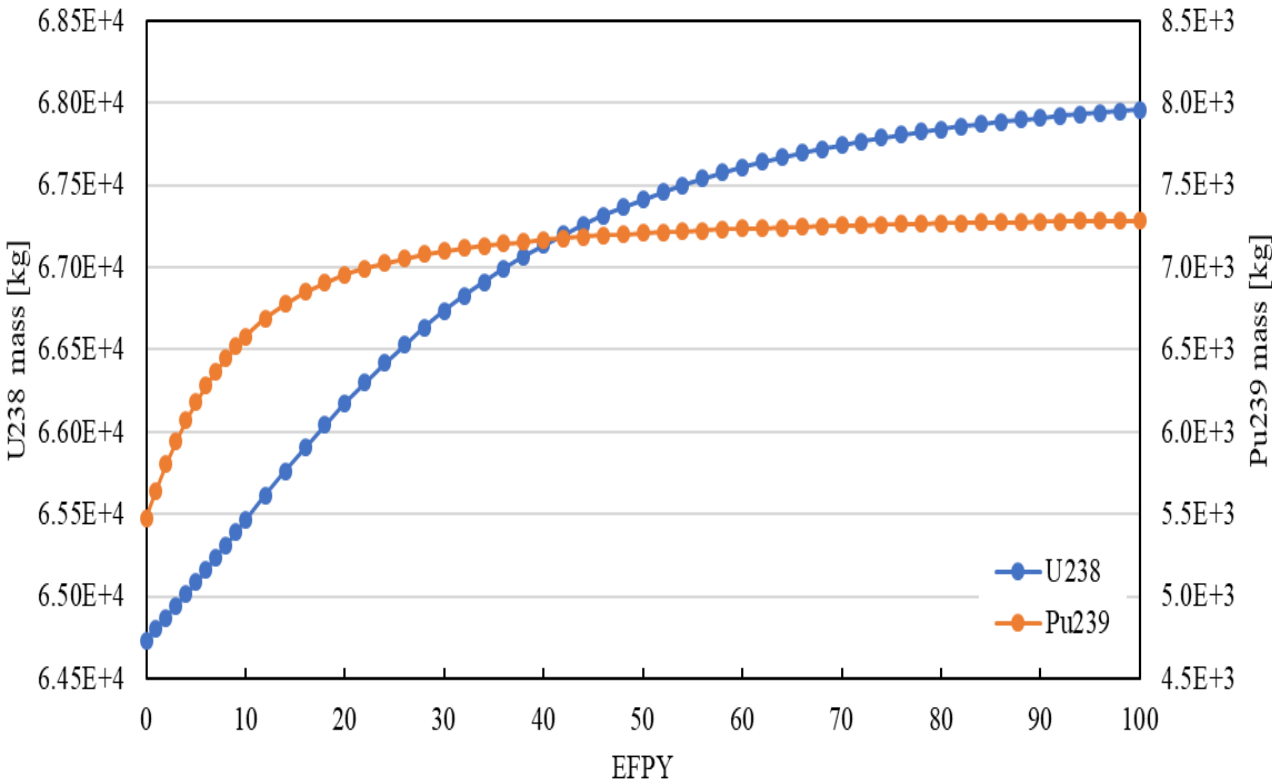
The results show the reactivity can be maintained through fuel conversion.
The excess reactivity can be maintained below prompt criticality for most of the period.

Numerical Results

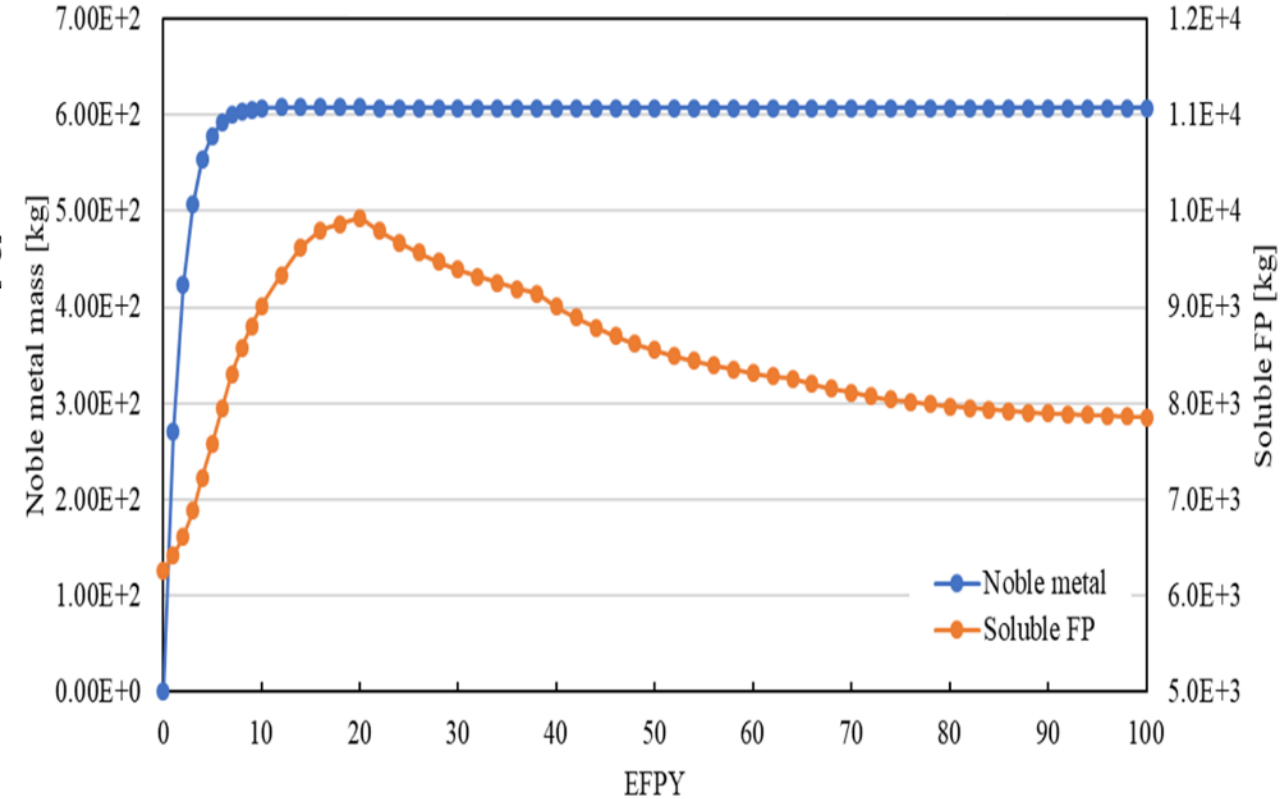
- Material masses .vs. 3 GWth Full-power operation time

Noble metal: insoluble FP

U-238 and Pu-239



Noble metal and soluble FP



Numerical Results

- Control drum worth

	Initial core	Equilibrium core
Drum worth	3,182 ± 18 pcm	3,507 ± 18 pcm
(n-1) drum worth	2,998 ± 19 pcm	3,312 ± 18 pcm

The high reactivity worth demonstrates sufficient performance of the control devices.

- Temperature coefficient
 - Calculation condition is changed (100,000 histories → 1,000,000 histories)

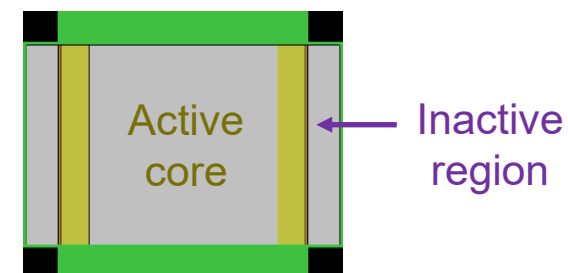
	Temperature	Initial core	Equilibrium core
FTC	550-650°C	-8.81 ± 0.08	-9.38 ± 0.07
	650-750°C	-9.25 ± 0.08	-9.82 ± 0.08
RTC	550-650°C	-0.10 ± 0.08	-0.11 ± 0.08
	650-750°C	0.05 ± 0.08	0.00 ± 0.07
ITC	550-650°C	-8.94 ± 0.08	-9.31 ± 0.08
	650-750°C	-9.23 ± 0.08	-9.75 ± 0.08



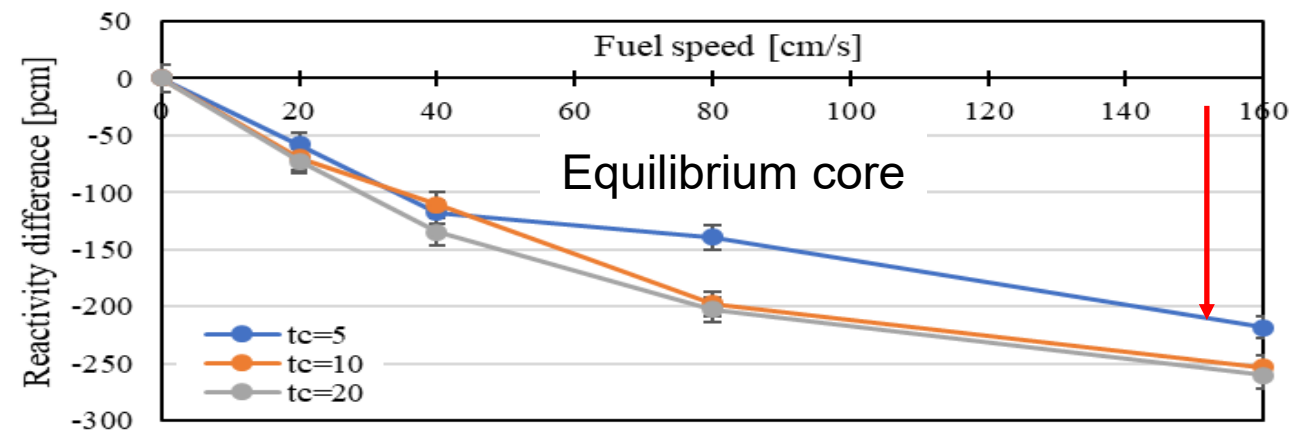
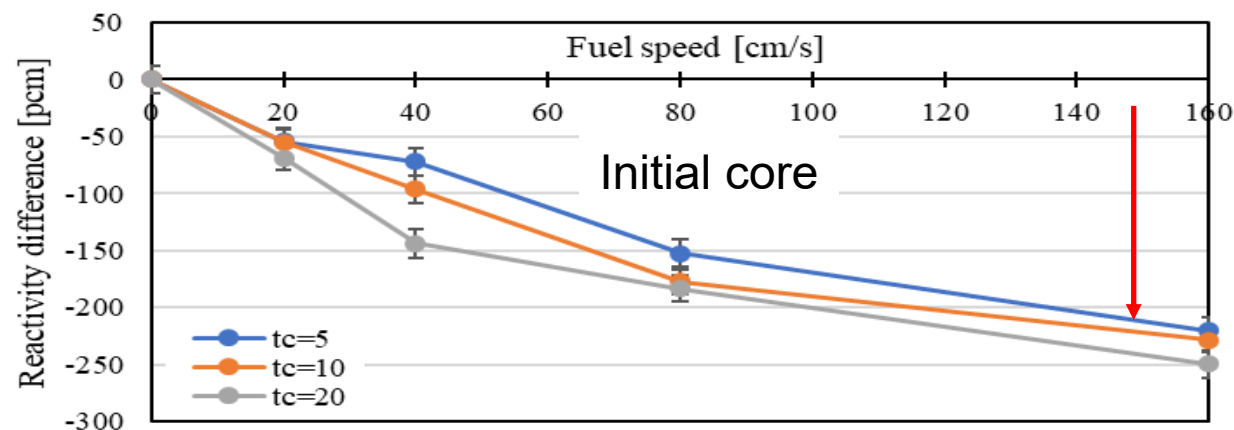
Ex| Negative temperature coefficient shows the validity of the reactor in terms of inherent safety

Numerical Results

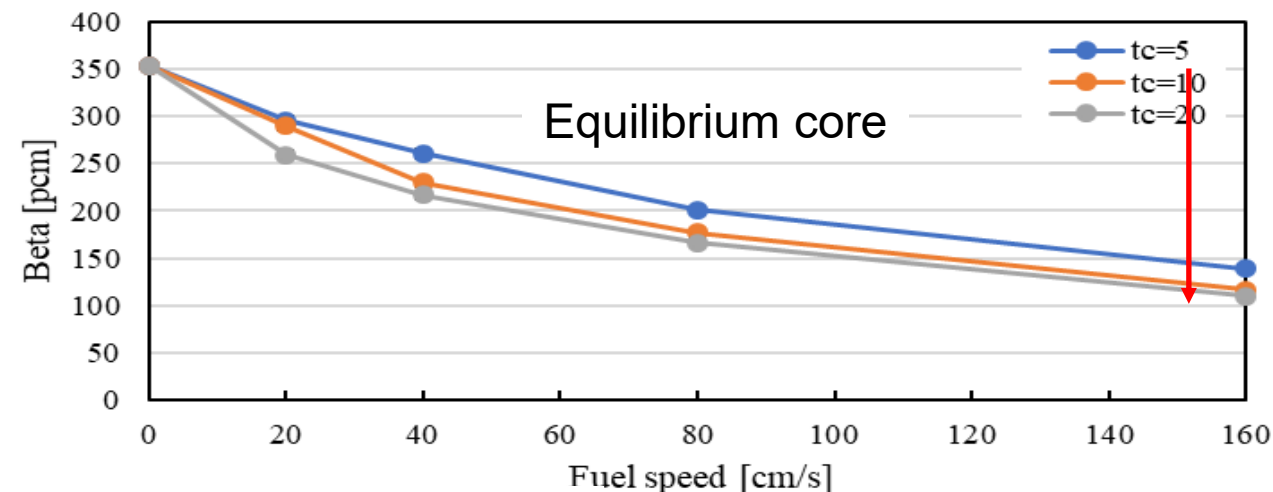
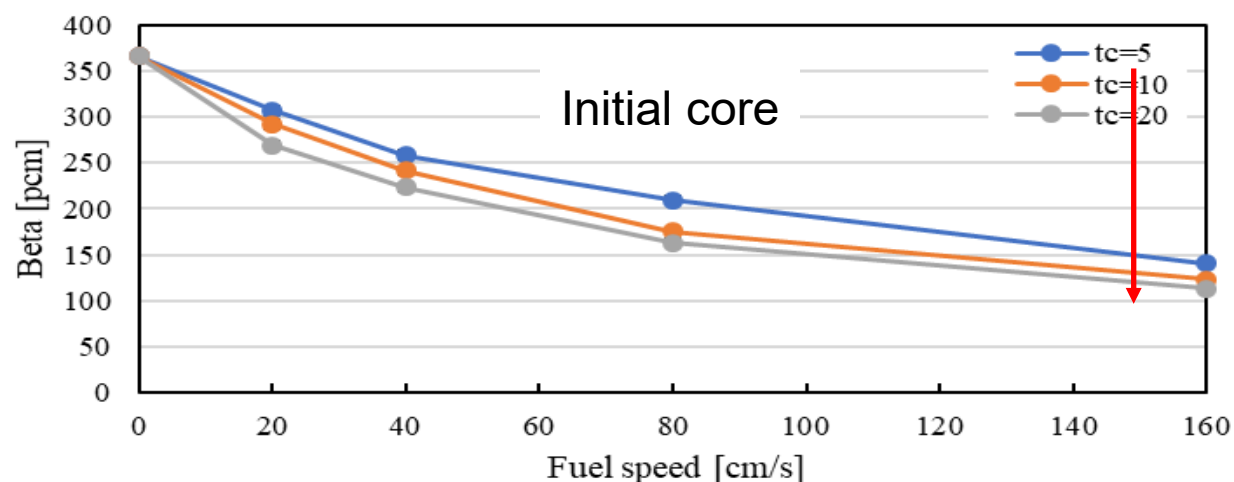
Evaluations were performed for various **active core flow speeds** and **inactive region residence times**.



- Reduction of reactivity from the molten salt flow



- Reduction of effective delayed neutron fraction from the molten salt flow



About 150-200 pcm of reduction can be observed

The results show why the system require minimal reactivity of ~200 pcm.

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Conclusions

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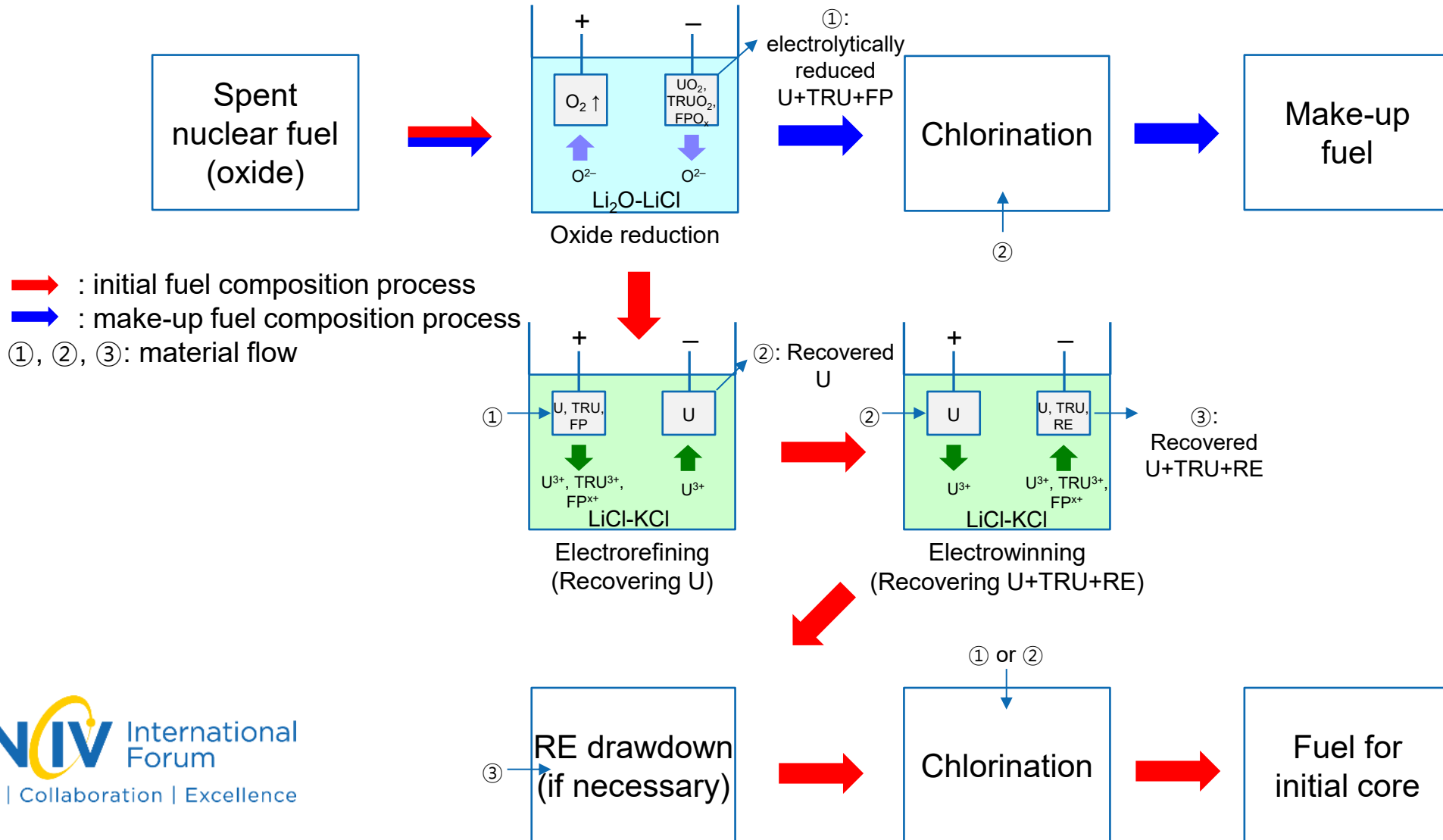
- **Long-term operation** with a closed fuel cycle using spent fuel has been demonstrated, ensuring **strong proliferation resistance** through minimal pyro-processing.
- **Reactivity can be maintained** through continuous make-up fuel feeding and FP removal
- The evolution of core materials demonstrates convergence toward **equilibrium**.
- The evaluated parameters including control drum worth and temperature coefficients confirm the reactor's **validity** in terms of **normal operation**.
- By utilizing spent fuel exclusively, it has the **potential to provide clean energy** for centuries in nuclear-advanced countries, such as the United States or Korea.



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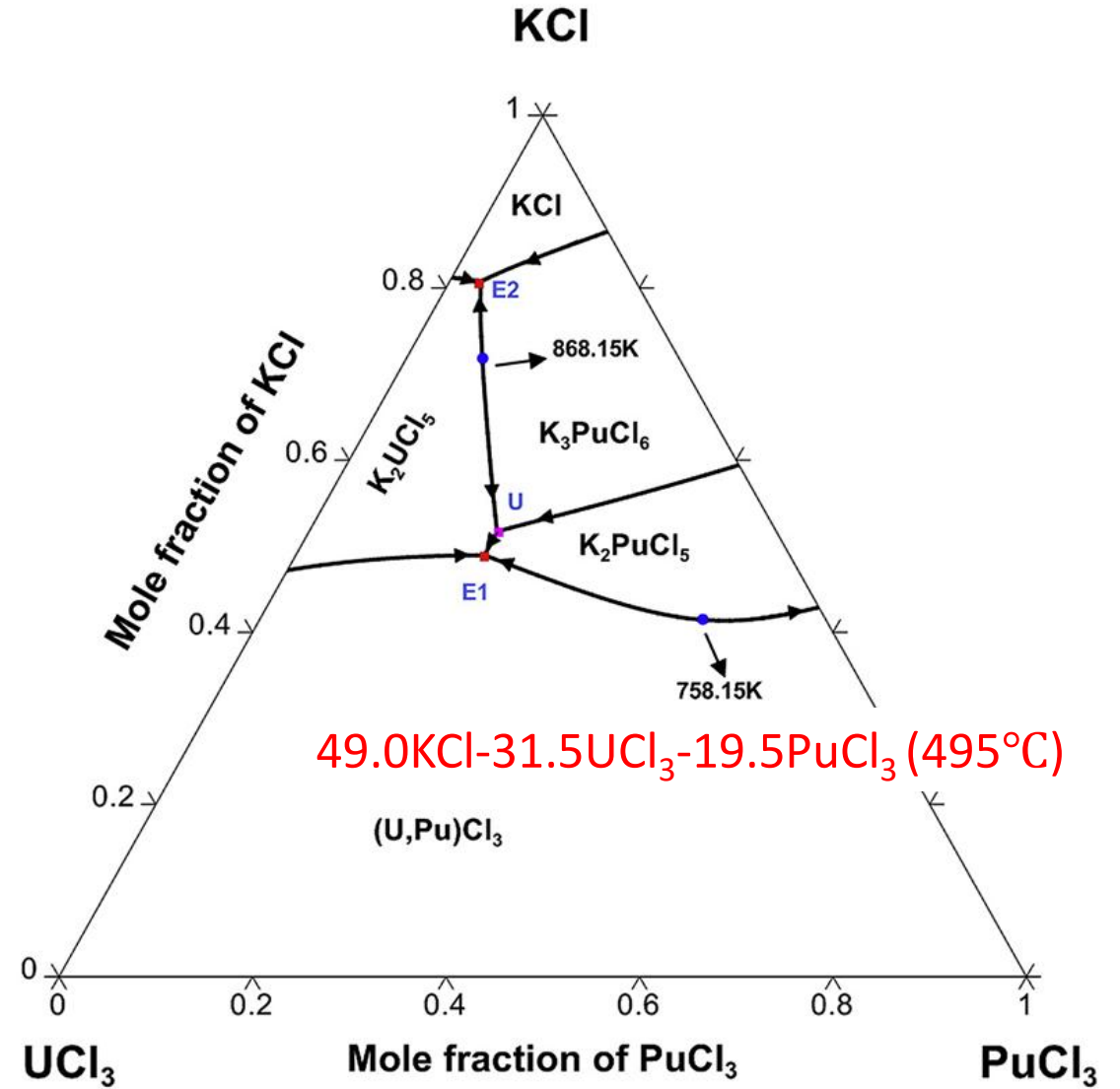
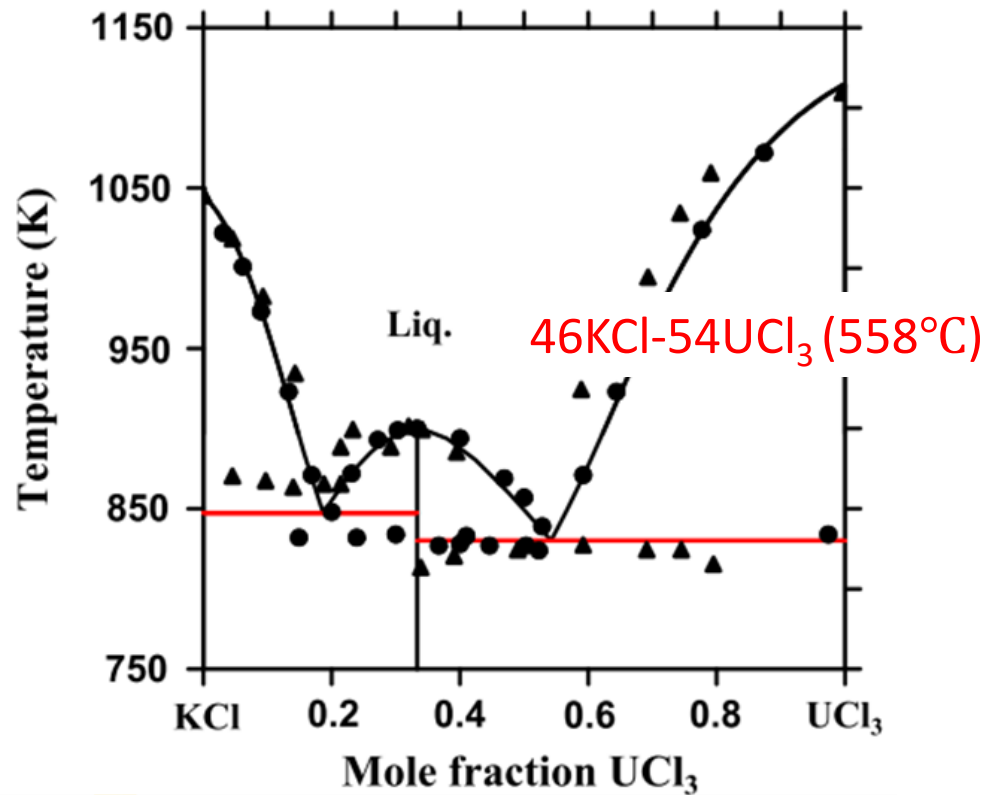
Backup Sildes

- Pyro-processing



Backup Sildes

- Two molten salt eutectic data



Backup Sildes

- Design parameters of BeMFR of two models

	Alternative	This work
Power	3,000 MWth	3,000 MWth
Active core diameter (= height)	330 cm	330 cm
Active core volume	2.822E+7 cm ³	2.822E+7 cm ³
Inactive salt volume at initial	1.500E+7 cm ³	1.500E+7 cm ³
Initial composition of KCl-TRUCl ₃ -UCl ₃ -RECl ₃	46.00-8.48-38.22-7.30	49.00-8.24-34.52-8.24
Cl-37 enrichment	99 at. %	99 at. %
Fuel density at 650°C	3.676 g/cm ³	3.563 g/cm ³
U mass	66,791 kg	61,039 kg
TRU mass	14,947 kg	14,696 kg
RE mass	7,536 kg	8,607 kg

Backup Sildes

- Fuel volume .vs. 3 GWth Full-power operation time

