

# ***Chinese HTR Program: HTR-10 results & Work Progress on HTR-PM***

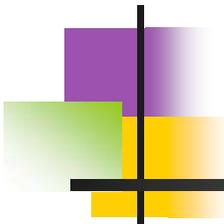
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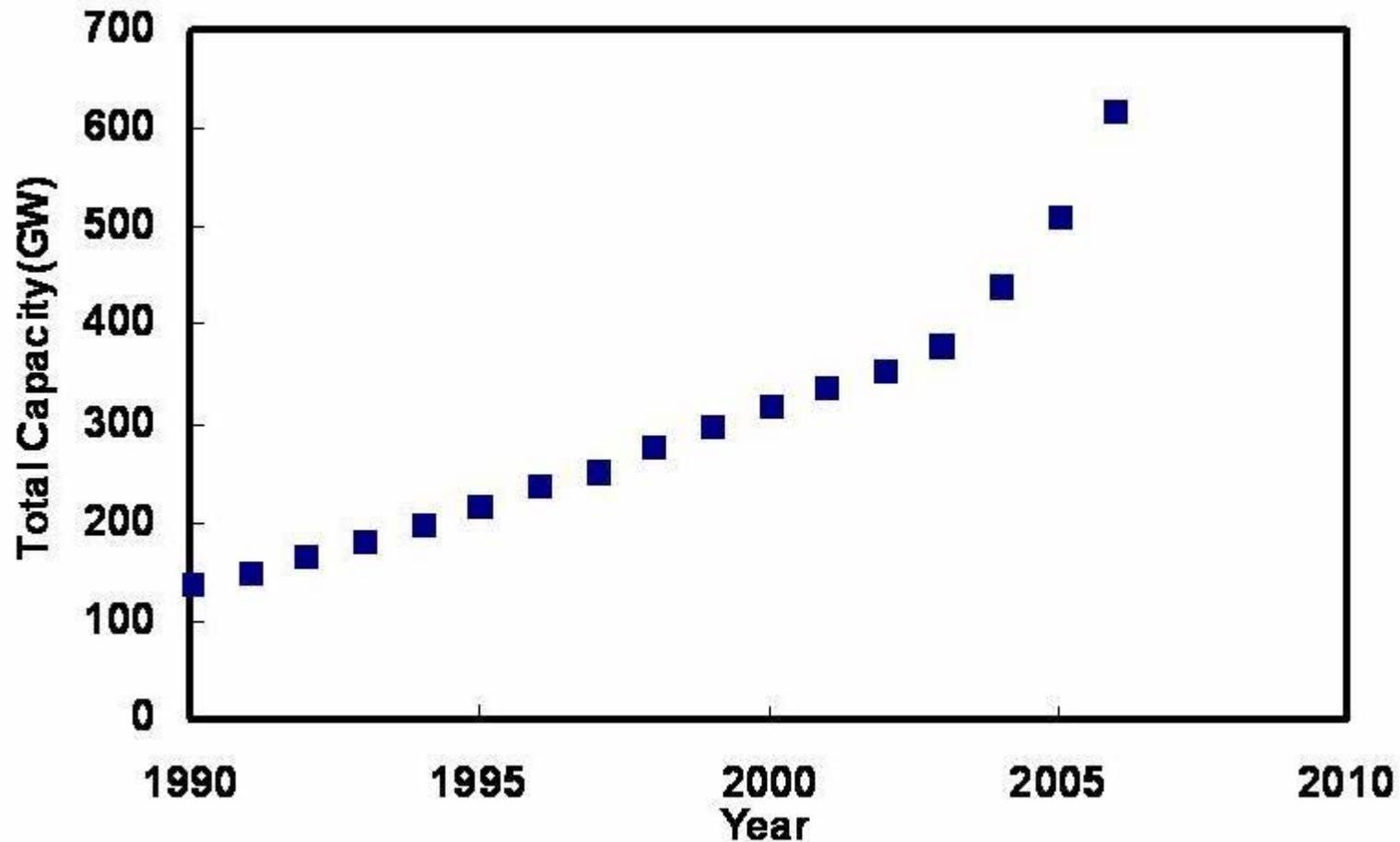


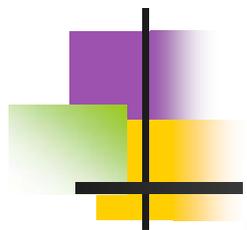
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# *Installed capacity in China*

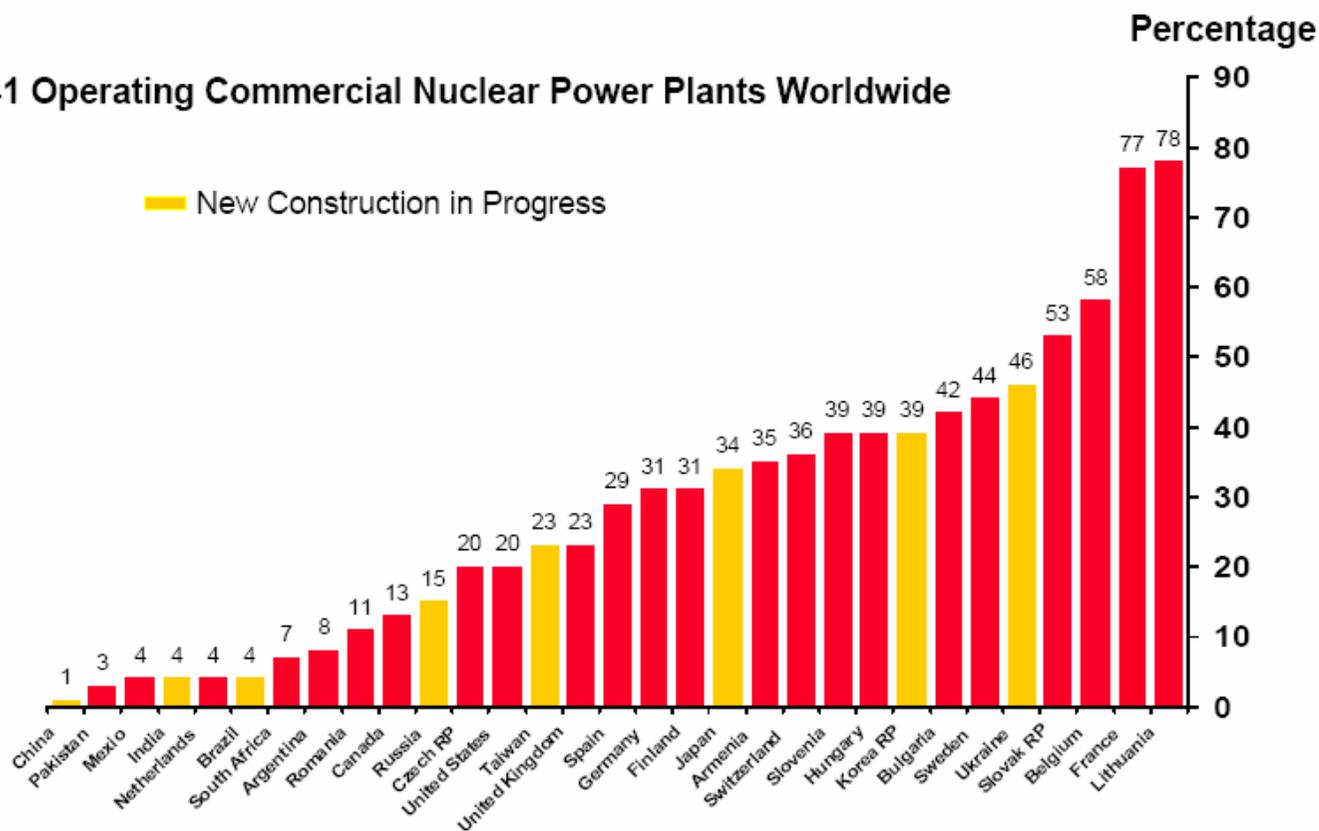


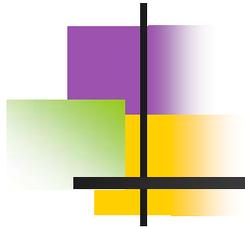


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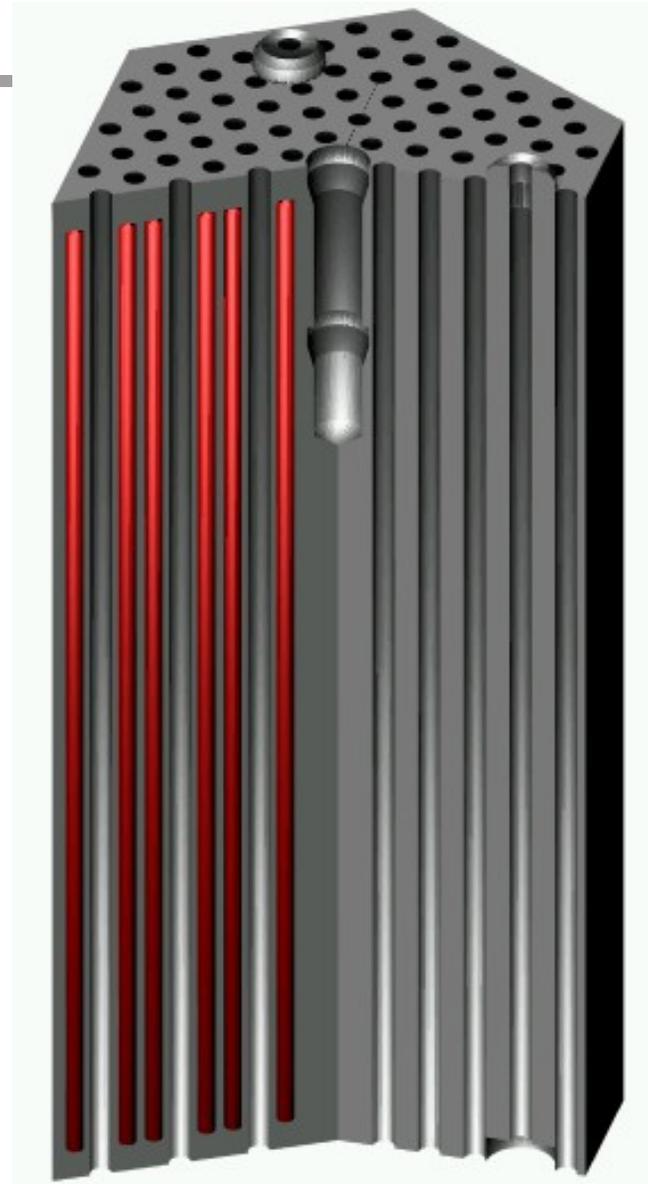


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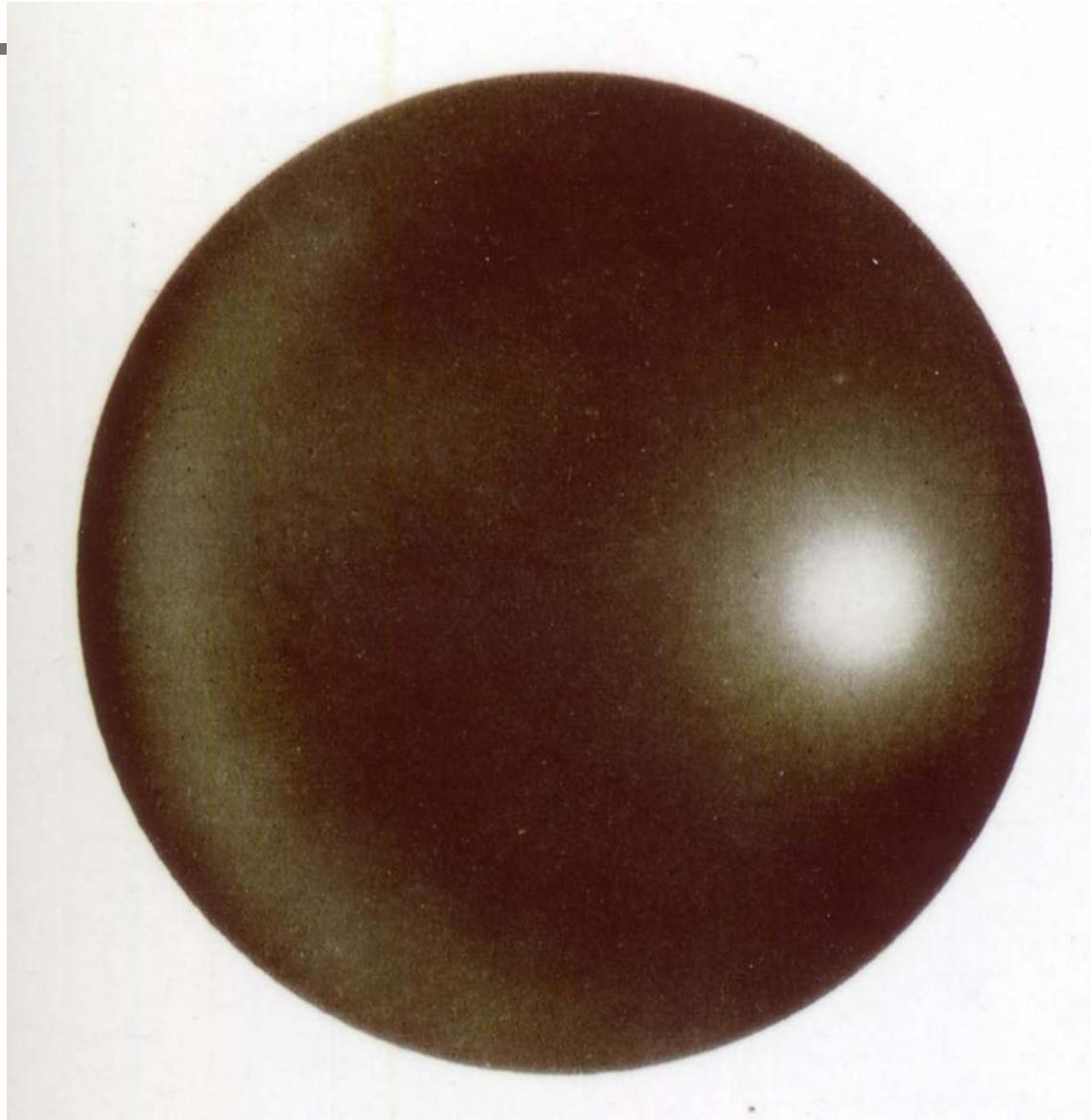


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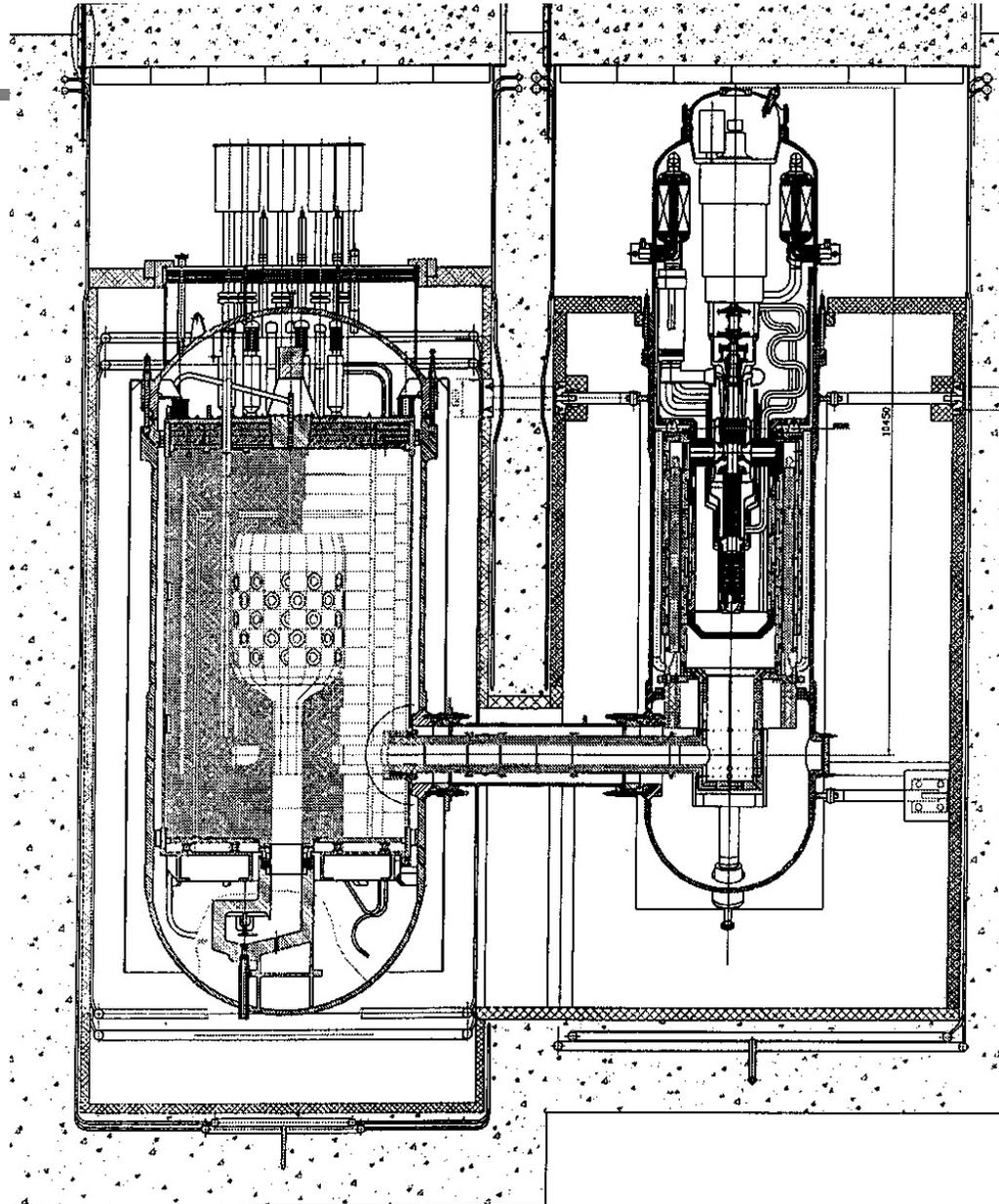


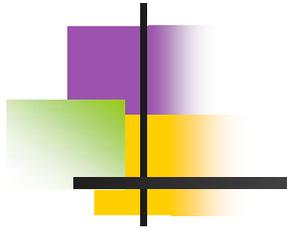


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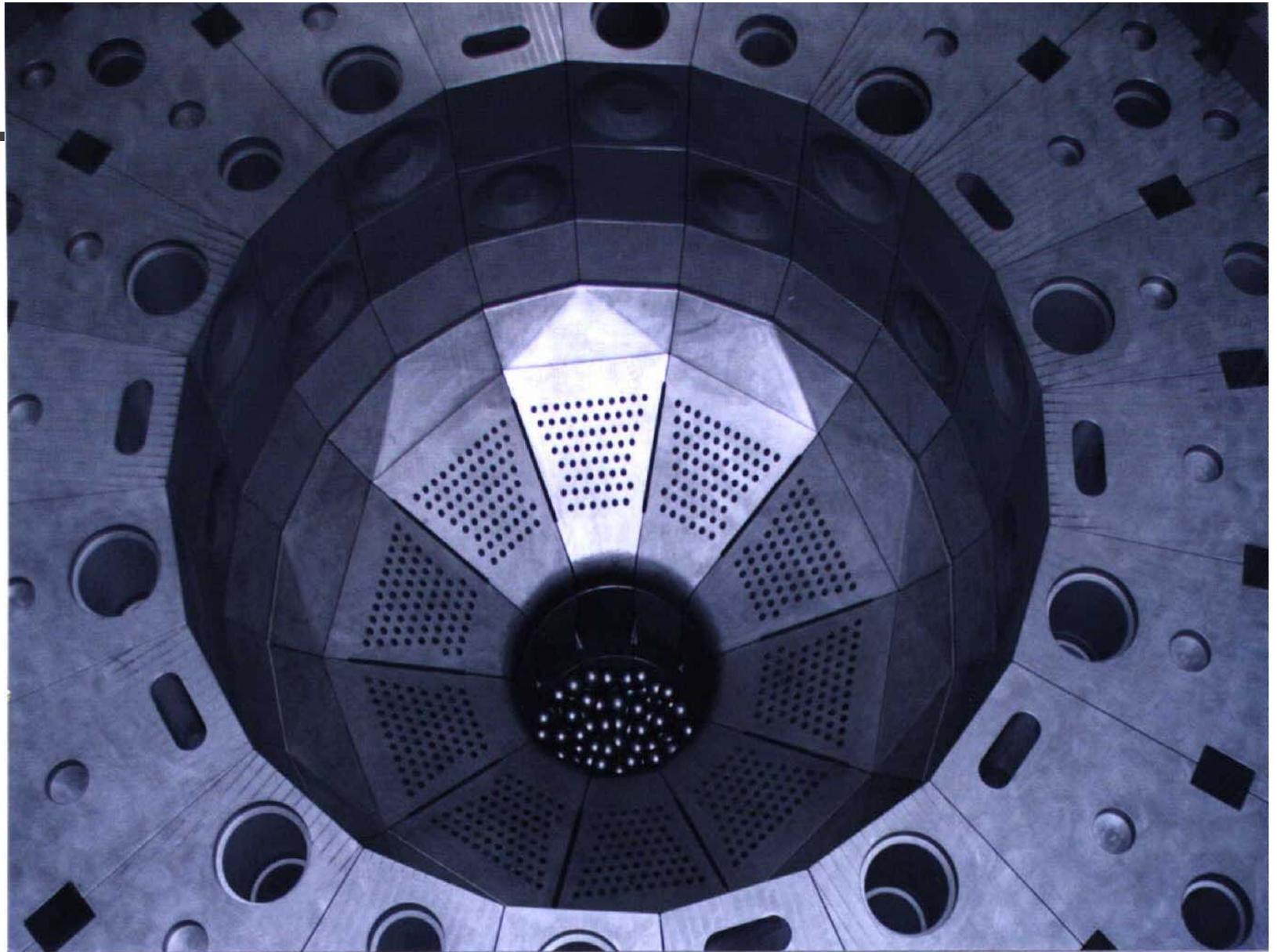
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**Cross Section**

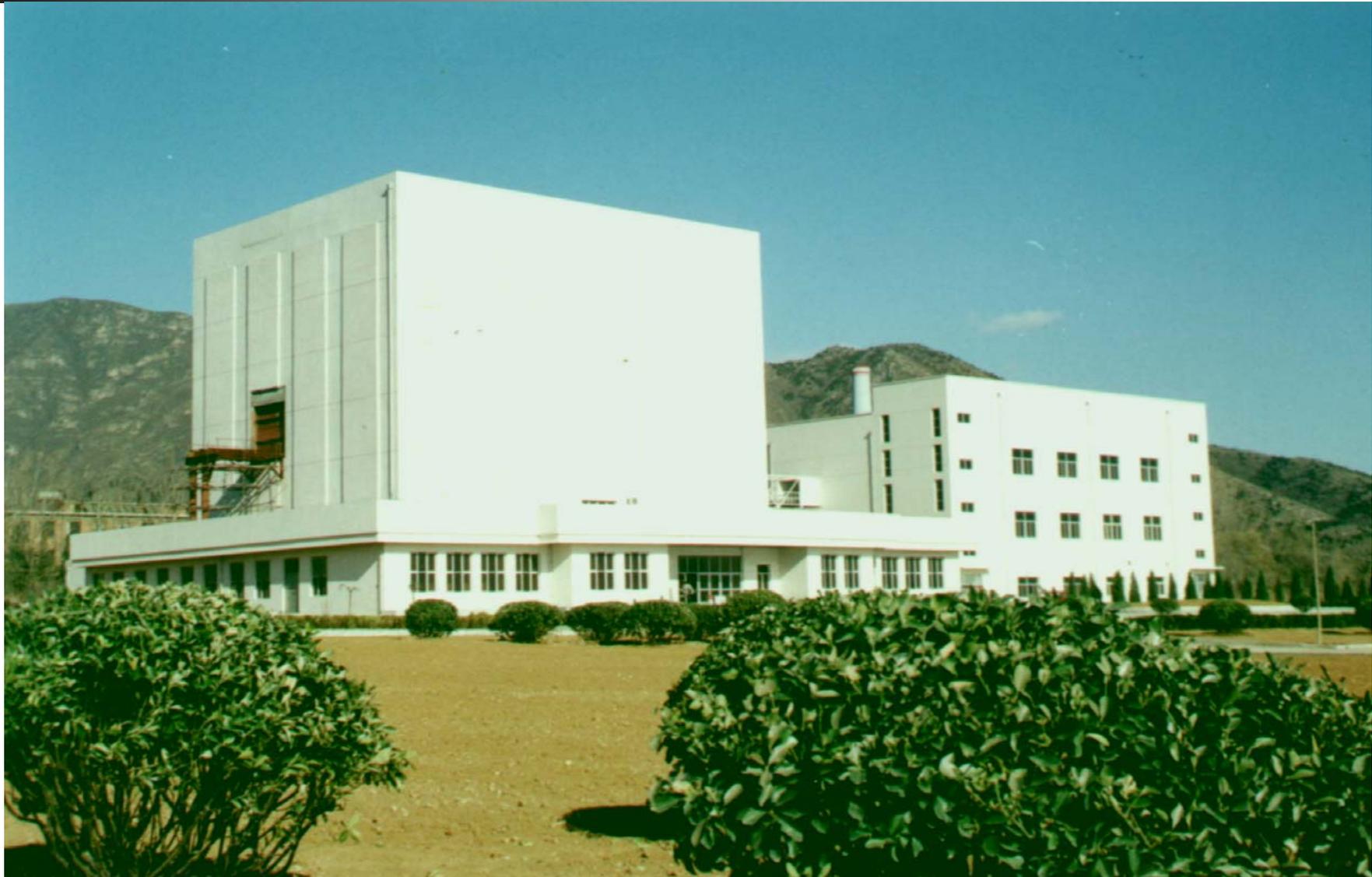




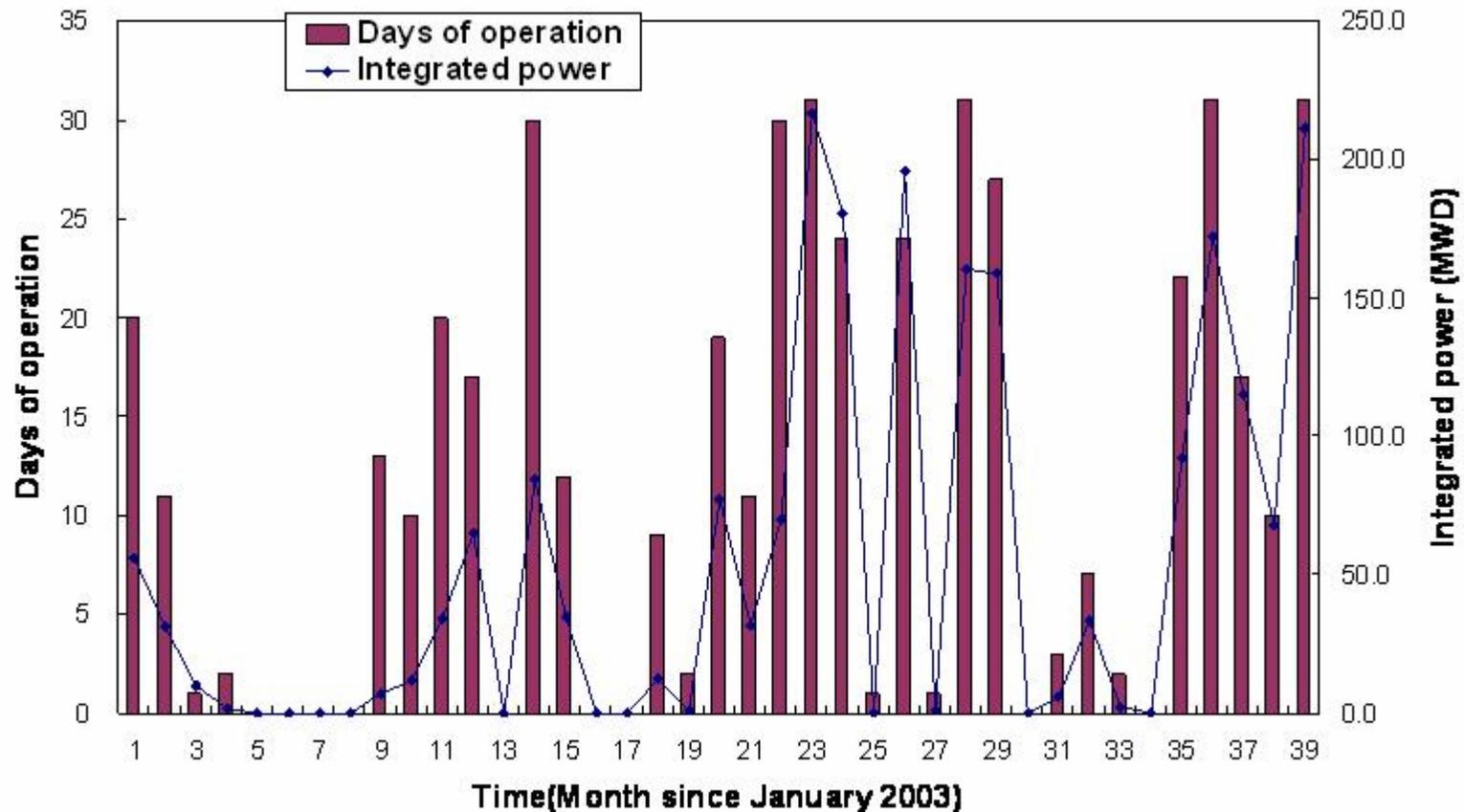
**HTR-10  
CORE**



# REACTOR BUILDING OF CHINA'S HTR-10



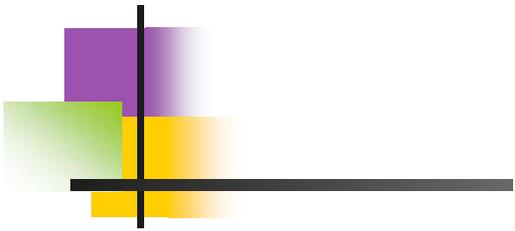
# Operation record of HTR-10 until April of 2006



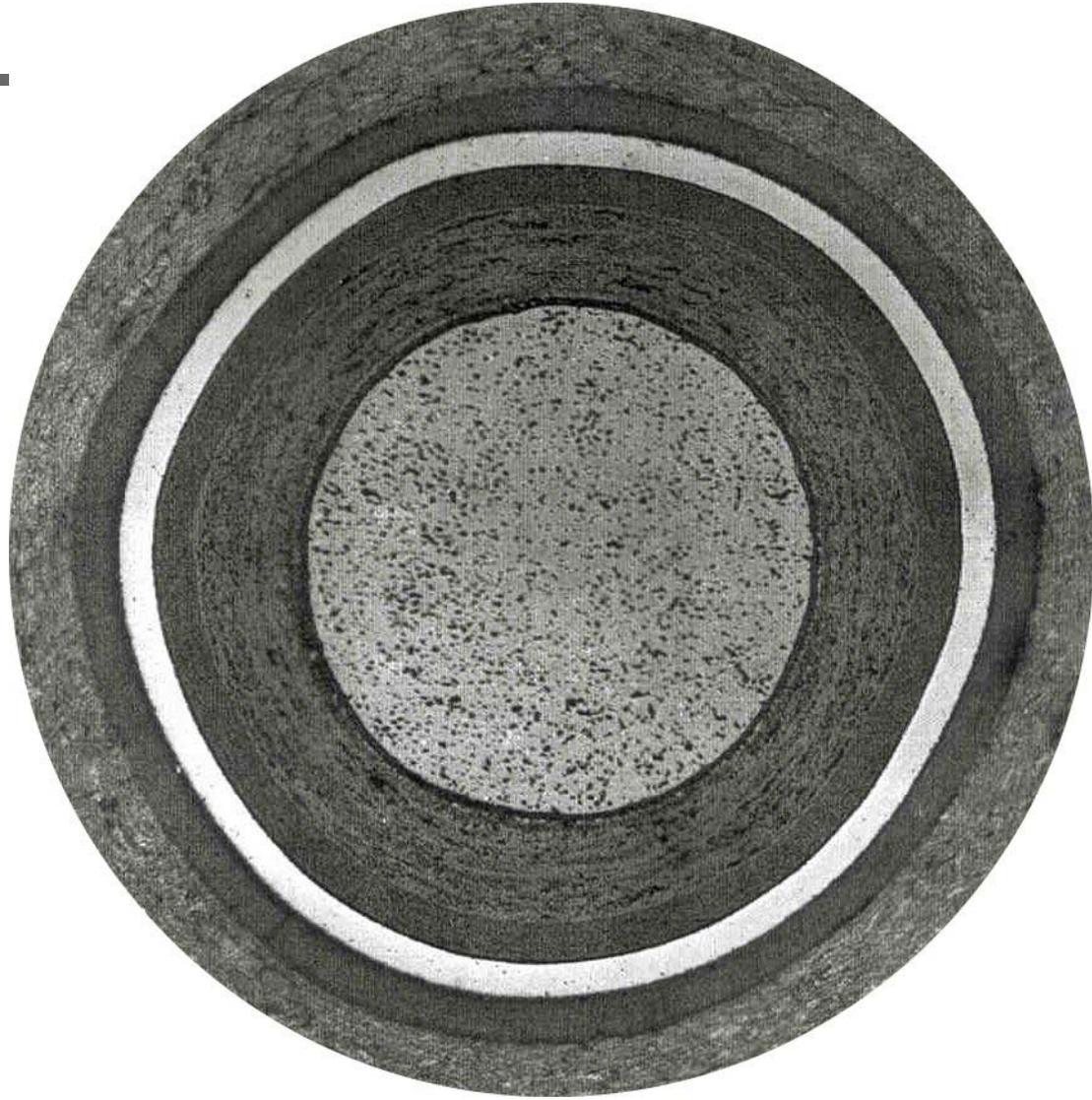
# ***Pebble-bed Fuel Elements***



***60 mm diameter***



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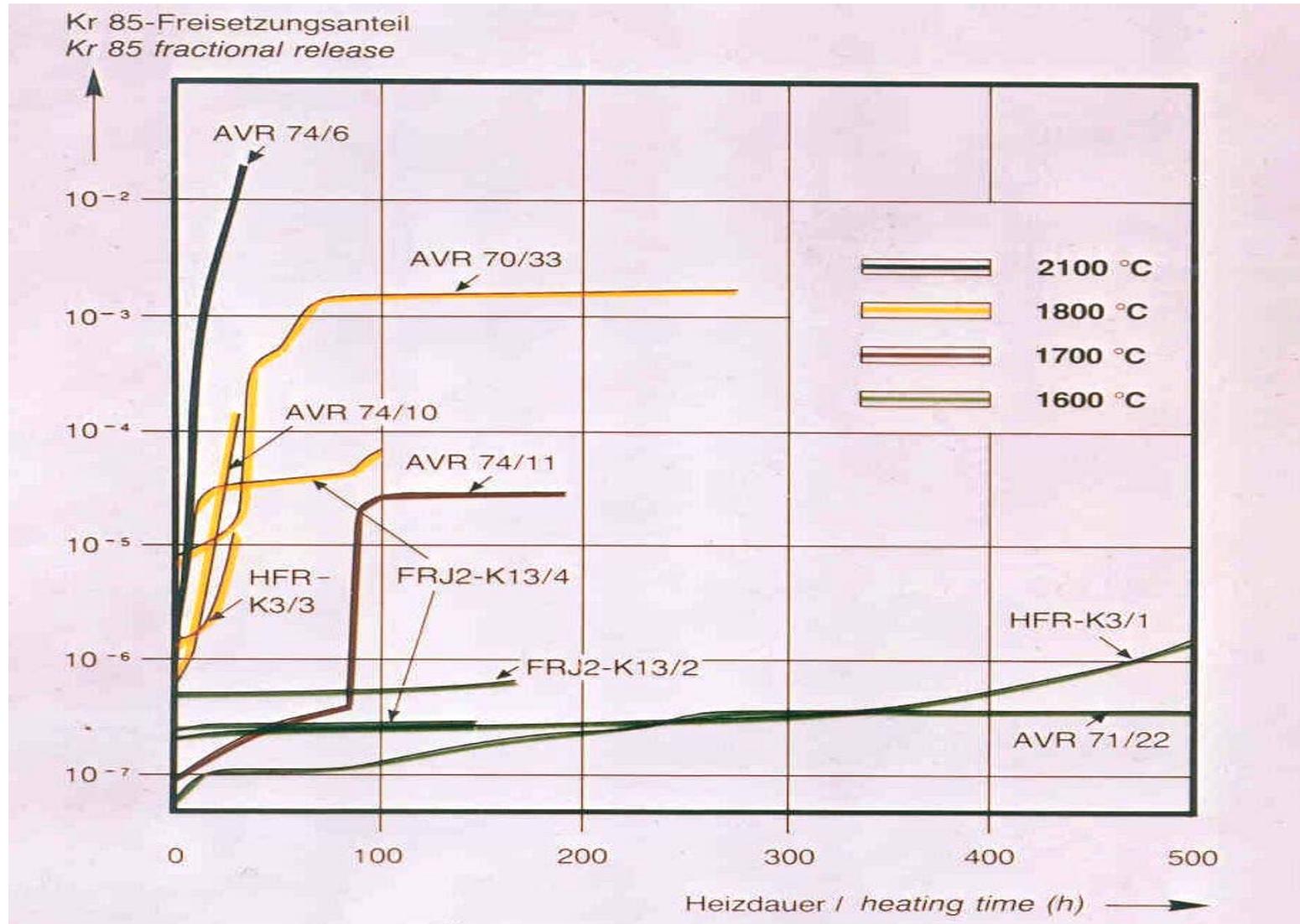


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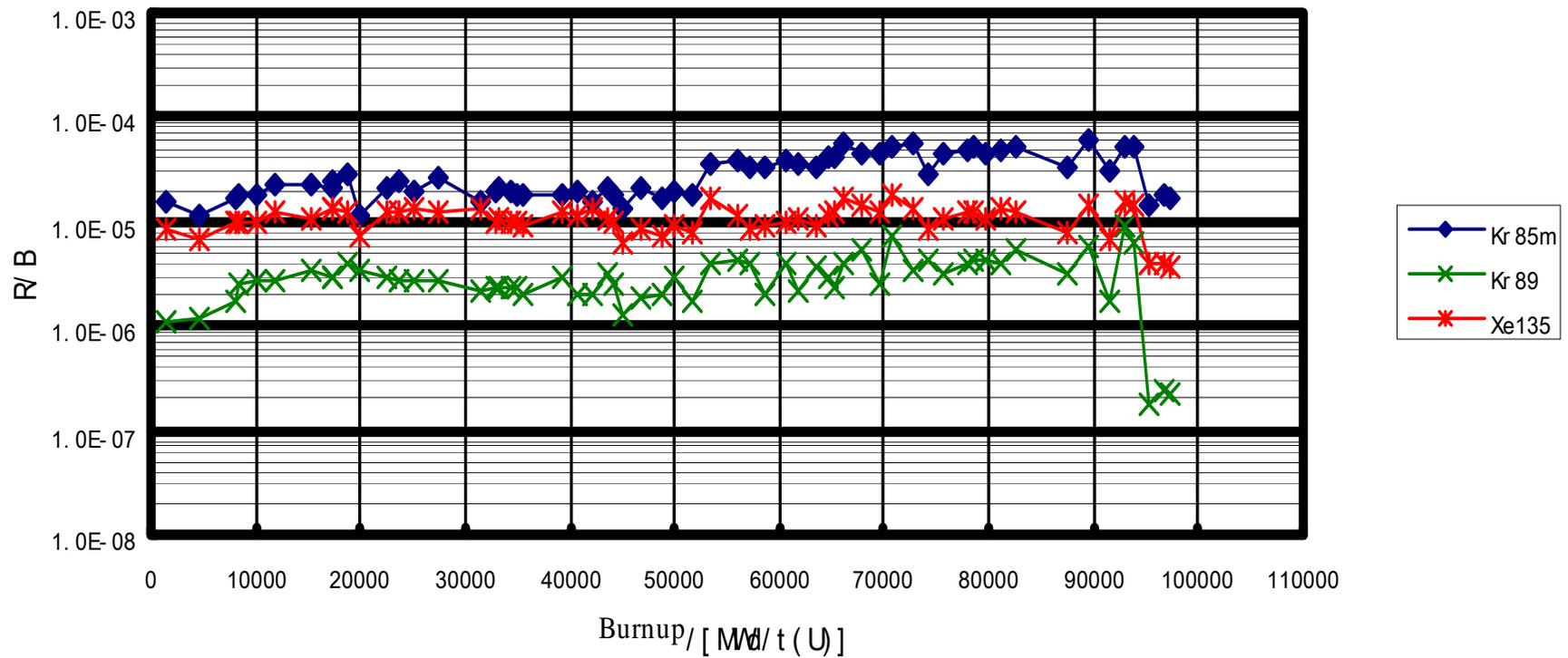
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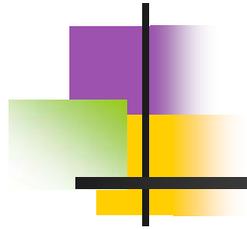
## FRACTIONAL FISSION PRODUCT RELEASE OF COATED PARTICLES VS. TIME AND TEMPERATURE



# *R/B of Chinese Irradiation tests*

Fractional fission gas release from No. 5 (Cap. 2) vs burnup





*The*  
*"CHERNOBYL-EXPERIMENT"*  
*of the*  
*HTR-10*

# Outside Chernobyl Reactor after Accident

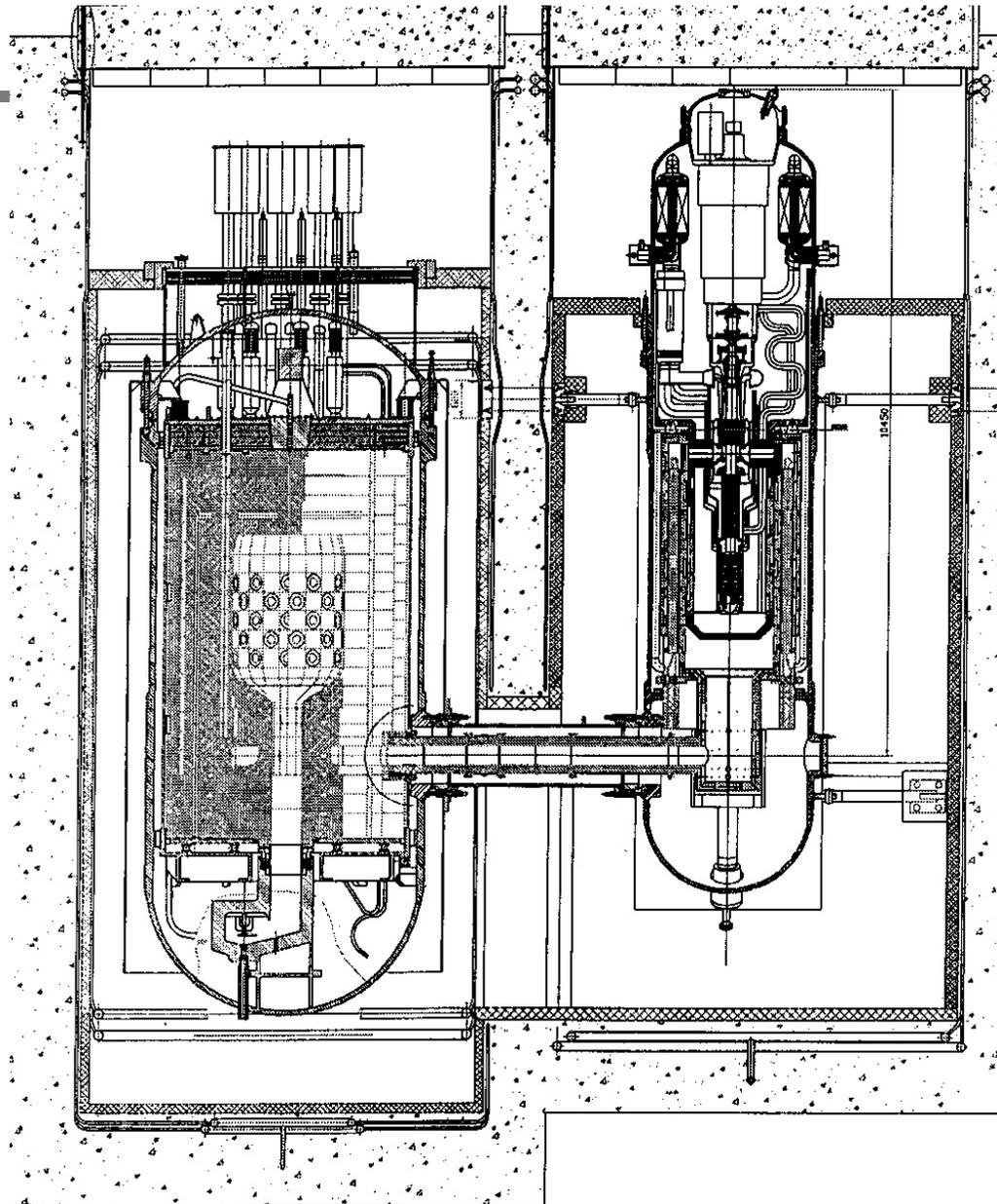




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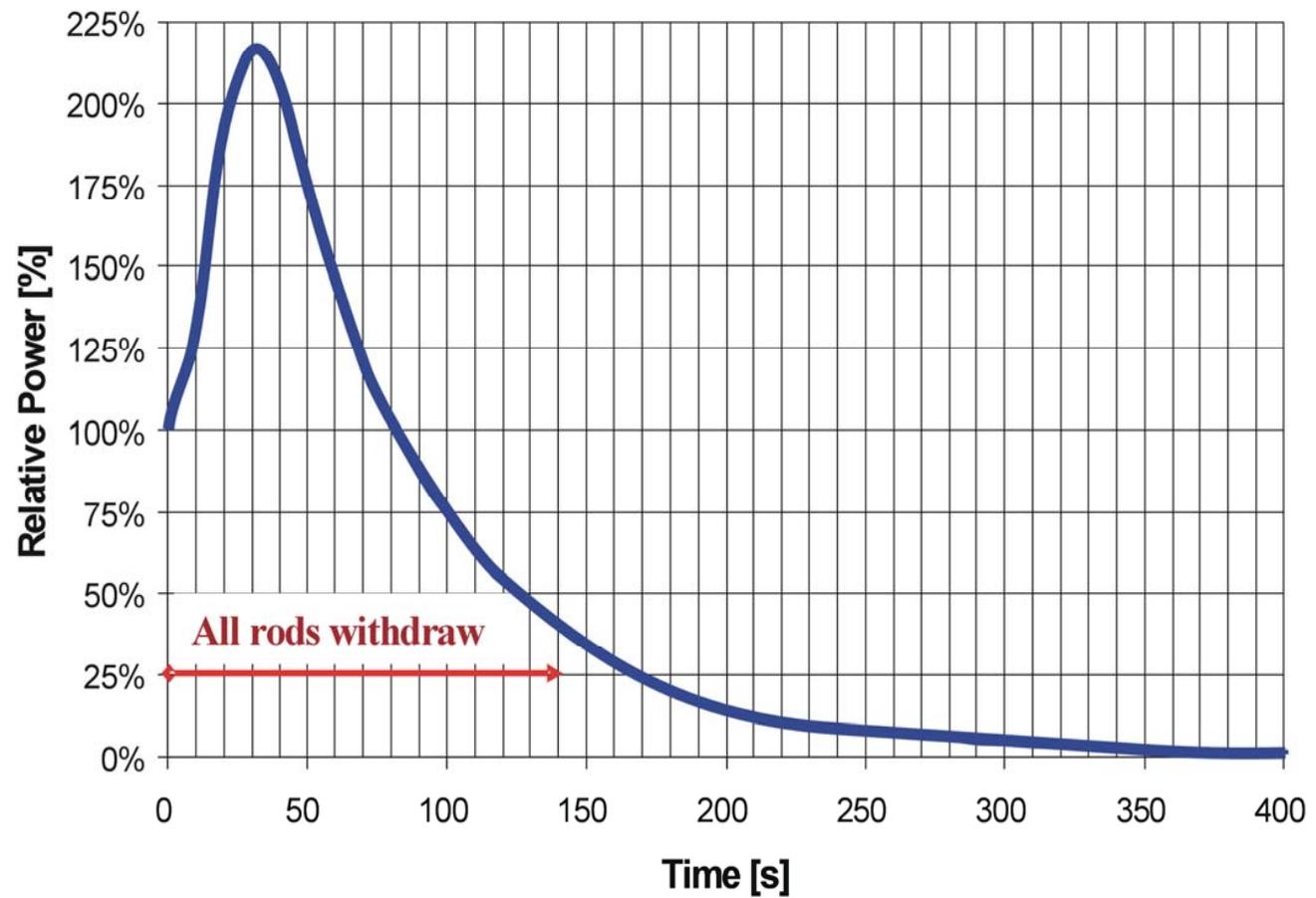
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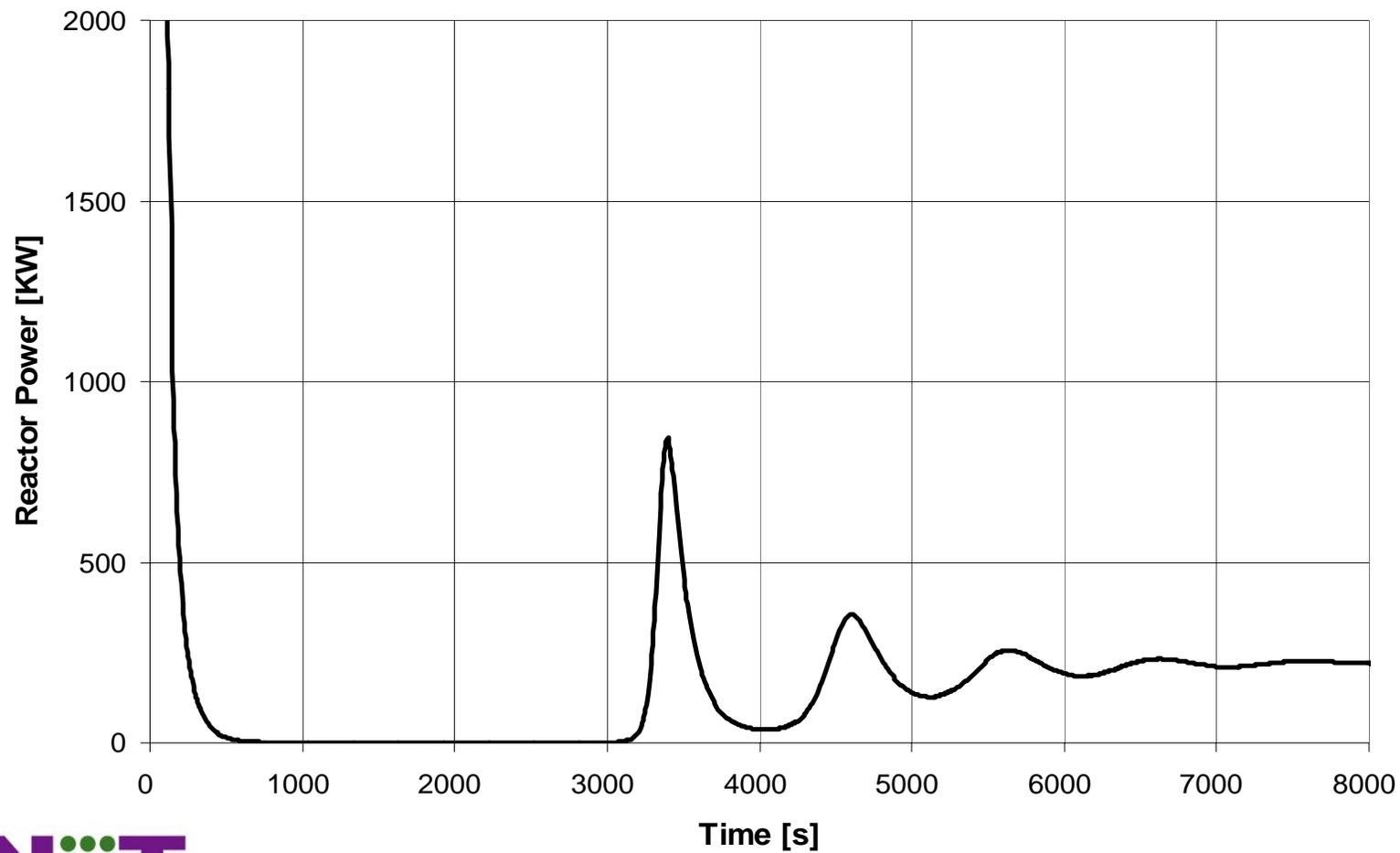


# HTR-10: Reactor SCRAM without rods

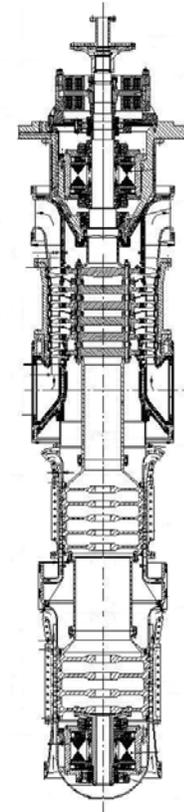
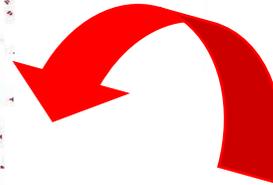
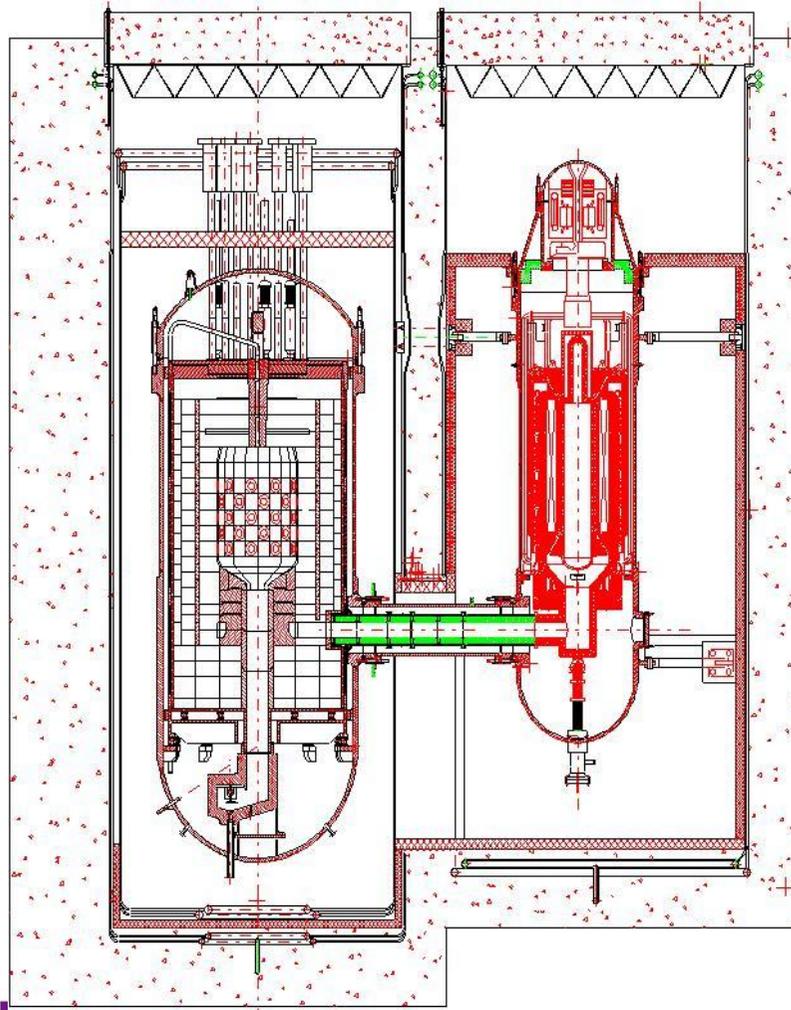
**EXPERIMENT in 2004**



# Recriticality of the HTR-10 EXPERIMENT



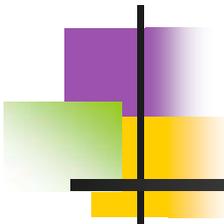
# *HTR-10GT: Gas Turbine for HTR-10*



*Helium Turbine-Compressor*

# *Helium compressor test*

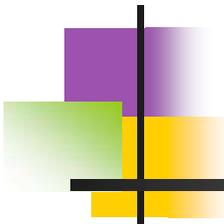




# ***HTR-PM project***

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- ***A project to build a demonstration plant, High Temperature Reactor- Pebble-bed Module (HTR-PM), was proposed after the completion of HTR-10.***
- ***The role of high temperature gas-cooled reactor:***
  - ***a supplement to Light Water Reactors (LWR) of electricity generation;***
  - ***an energy source for process heat to produce hydrogen in the long run to relieve the demands on petroleum;***
  - ***an opportunity to develop advanced nuclear technology.***



# ***Objectives***

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- ***Safety: The inherent safety of HTR technology should be maintained.***
- ***Economy: HTR-PM is expected to demonstrate the economic potential of the Nth-of-its-kind modular high temperature reactors.***
- ***Lower technological risks: Based on the prototype reactor of HTR-10, HTR-PM will adopt to the greatest extent of the international cooperation.***

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传动机构

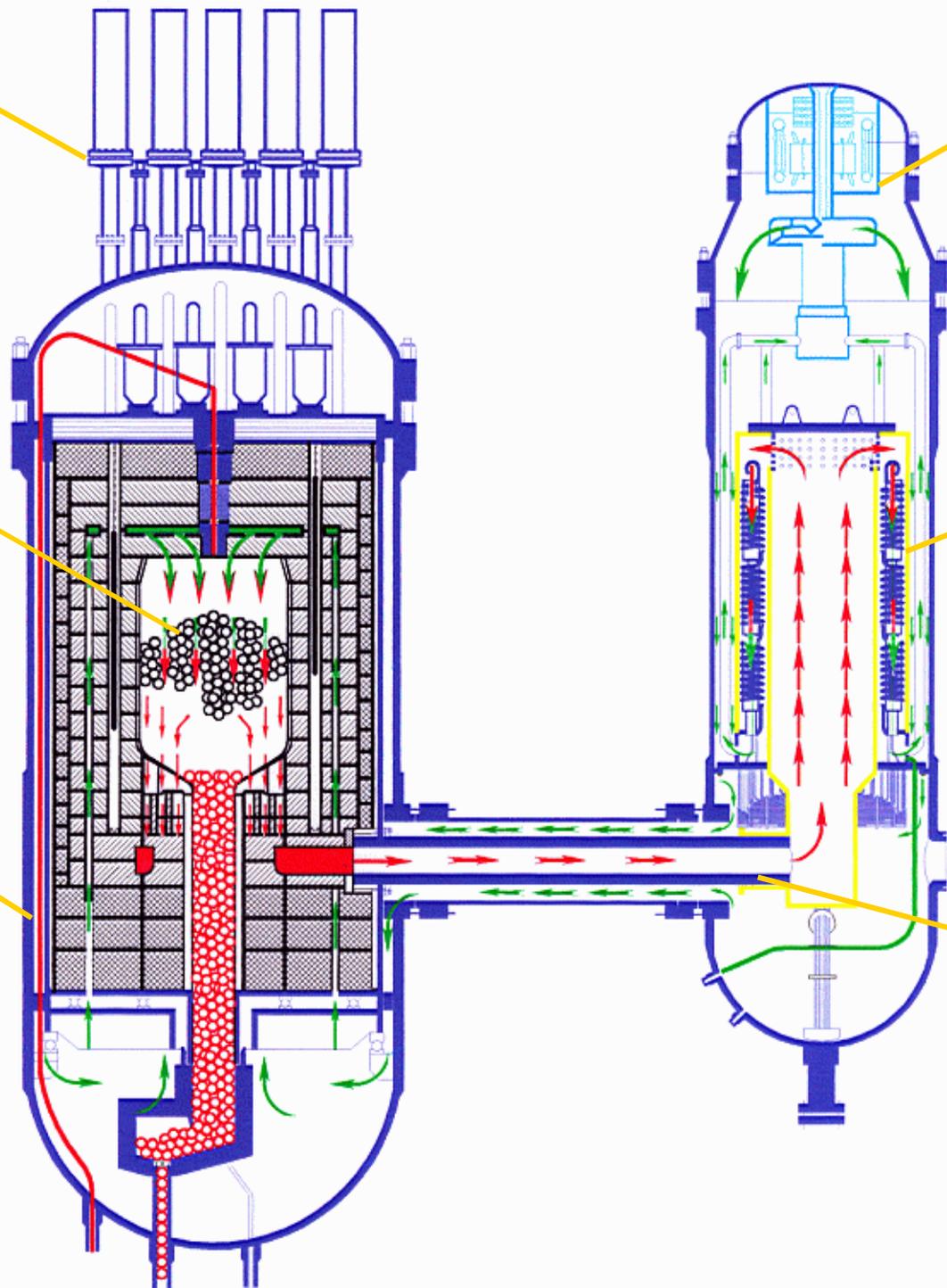
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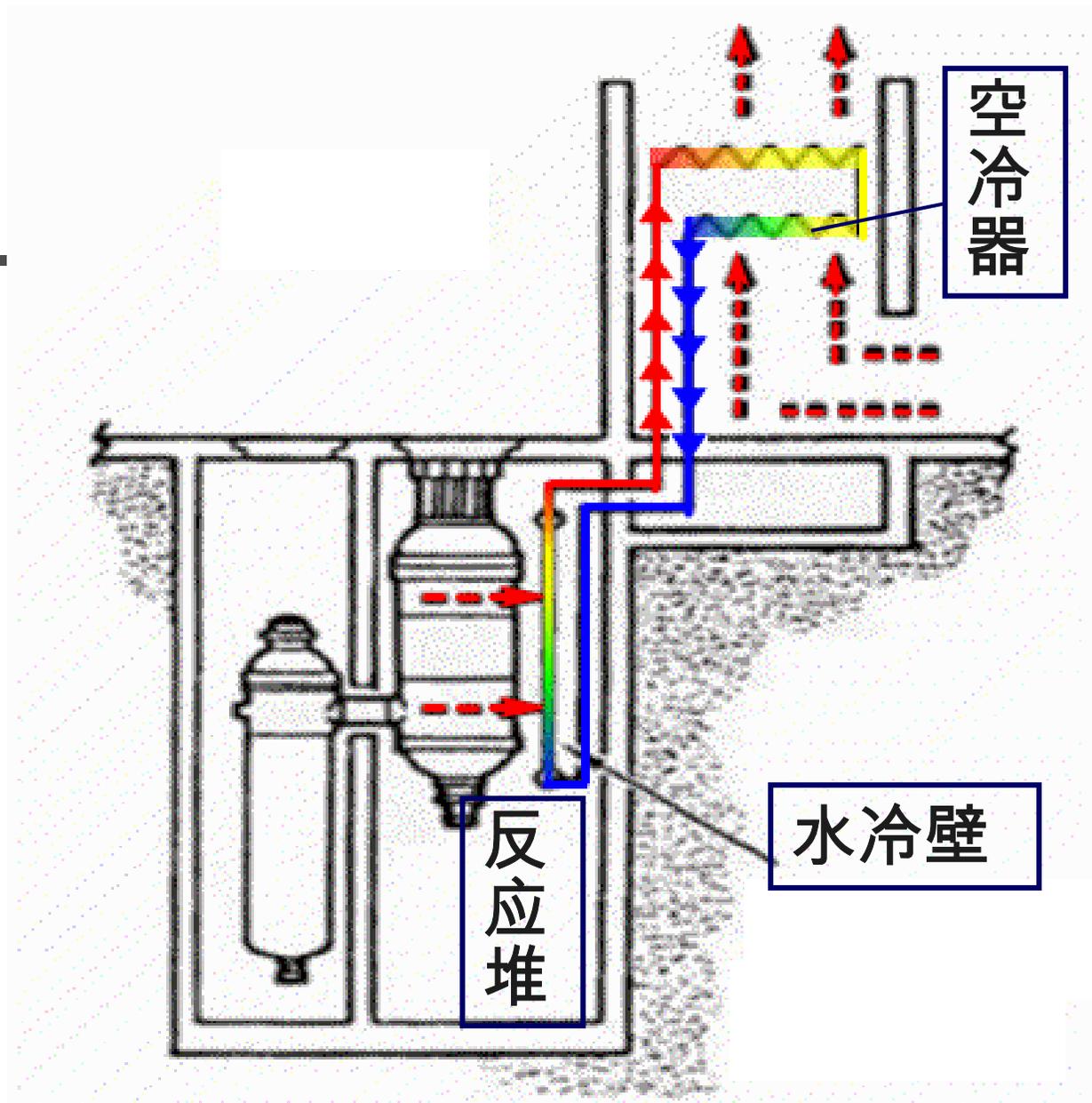
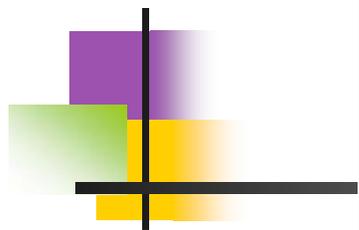
反应堆  
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# *10 MW High Temperature Gas Cooled Reactor*





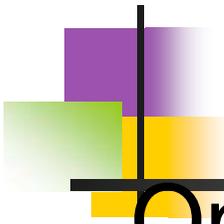
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## 大型先进压水堆及高温气冷堆 核电站示范工程



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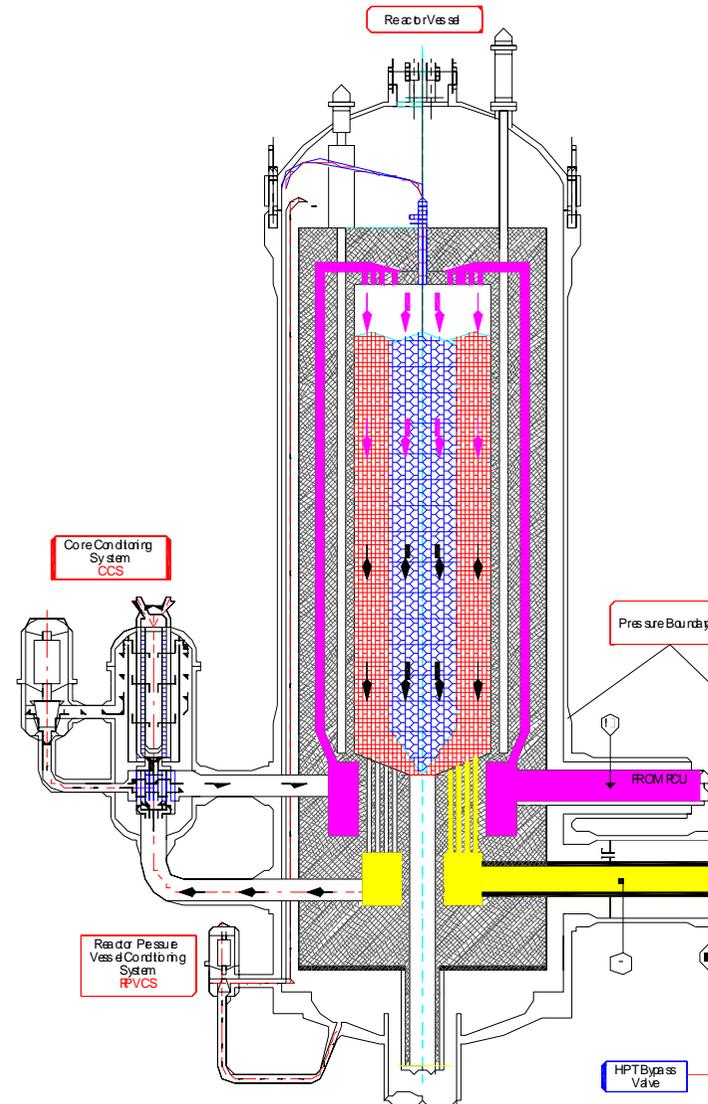


# One of the Top 16 Government Projects (2006-2020)





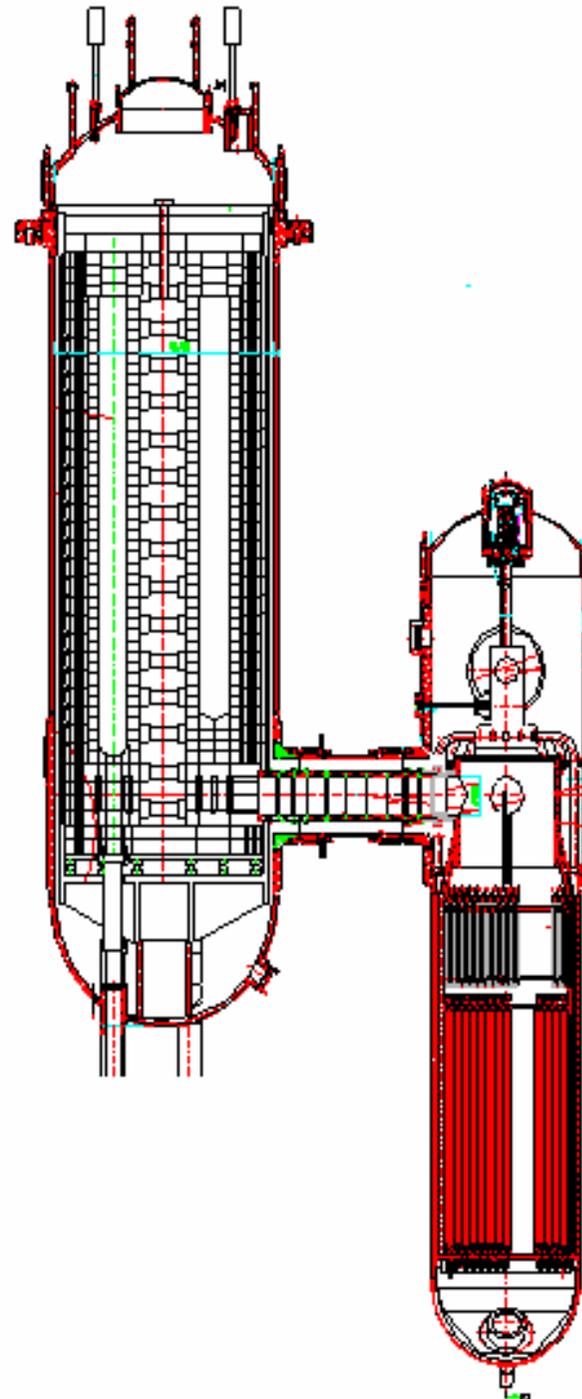
# Movable Center Column (Example: PBMR)





HTR-PM DESIGN VARIANT:  
CENTRAL COLUMN;

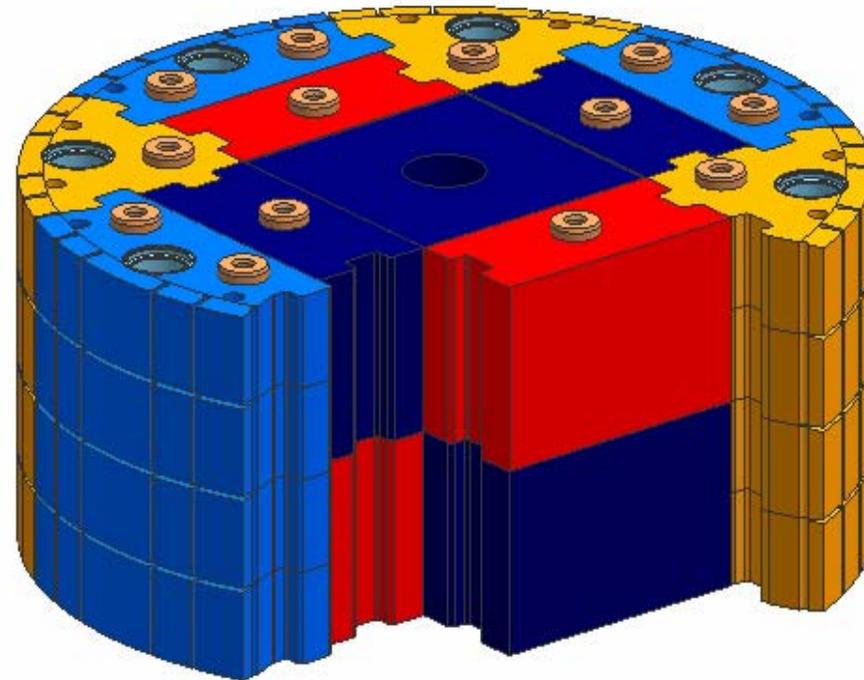
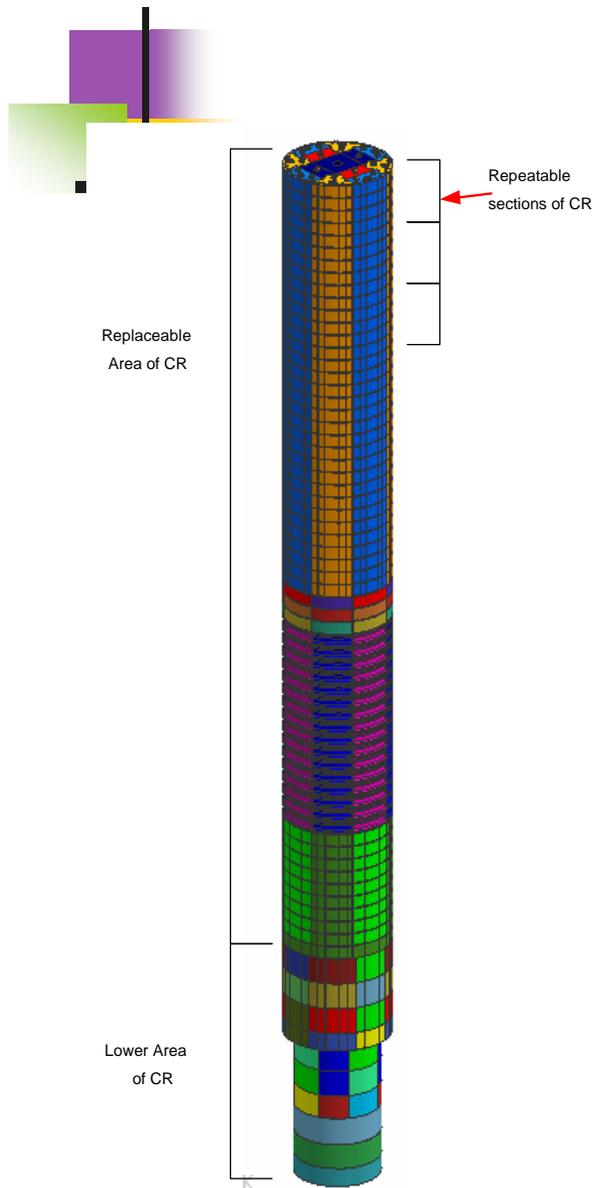
458 MW<sub>th</sub>



PBMR: modular HTR of 400 MW<sub>th</sub>  
with solid center column

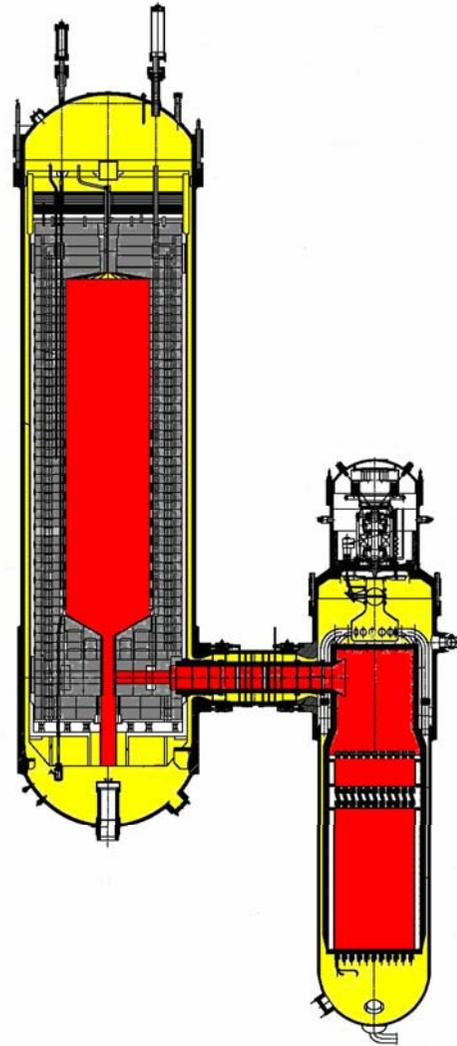


# Centre Reflector Construction (PBMR)

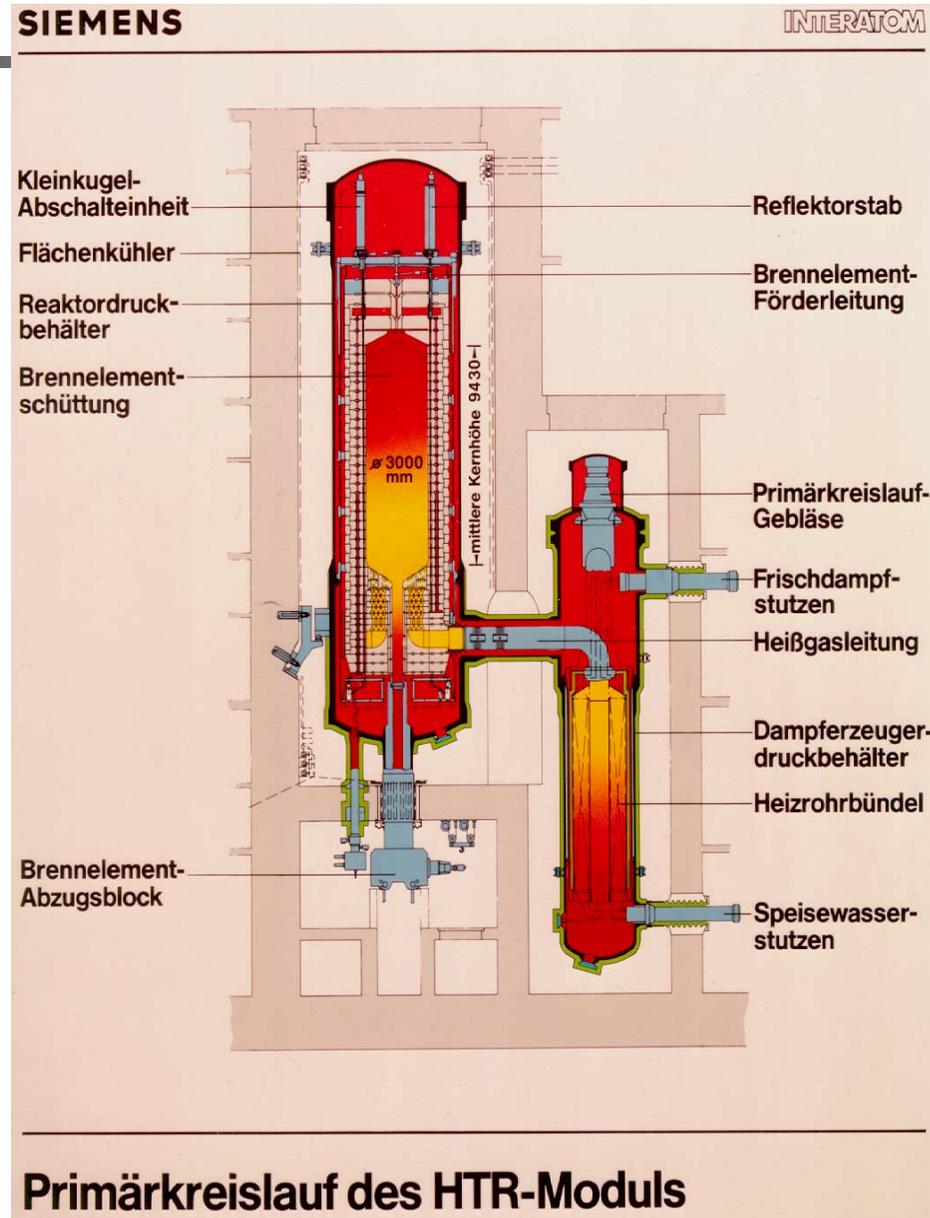




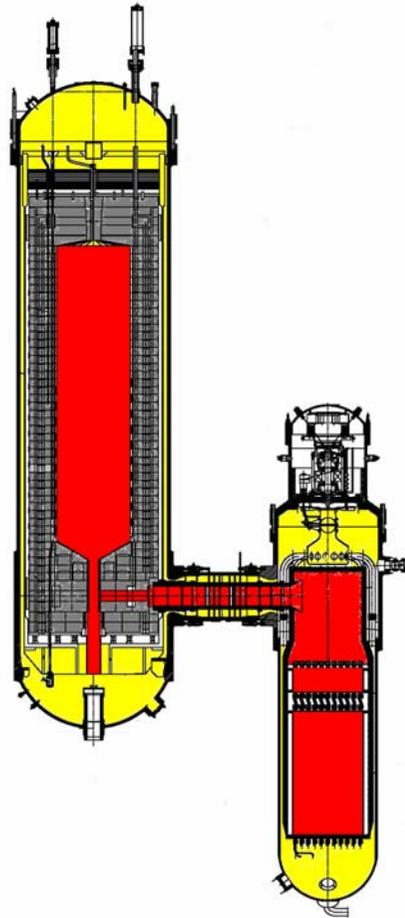
# HTR-PM 250



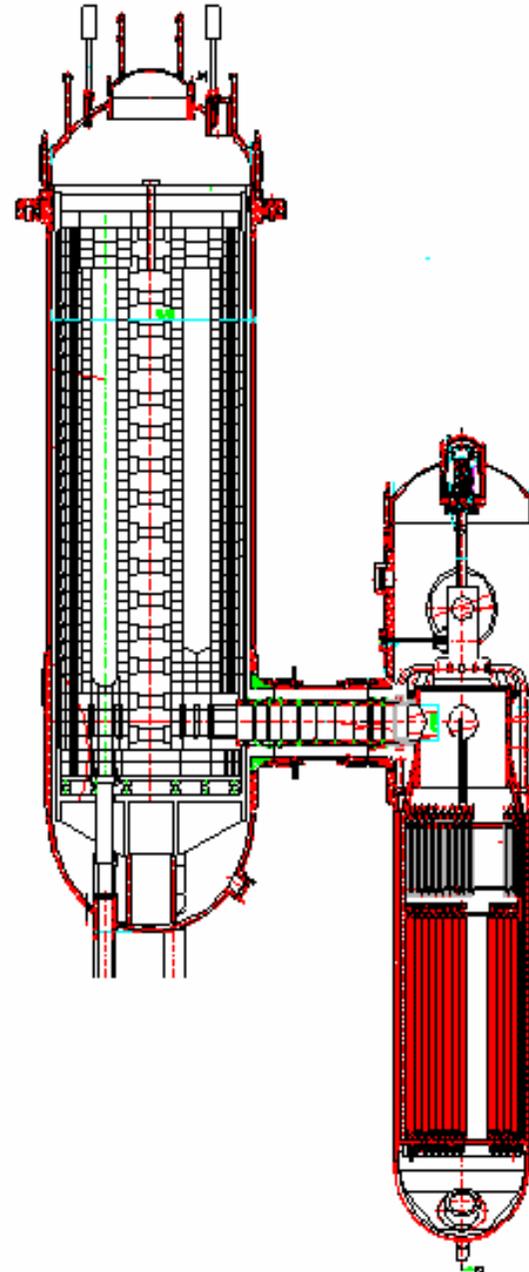
# HTR-MODULE (CORE + STEAM GENERATOR)



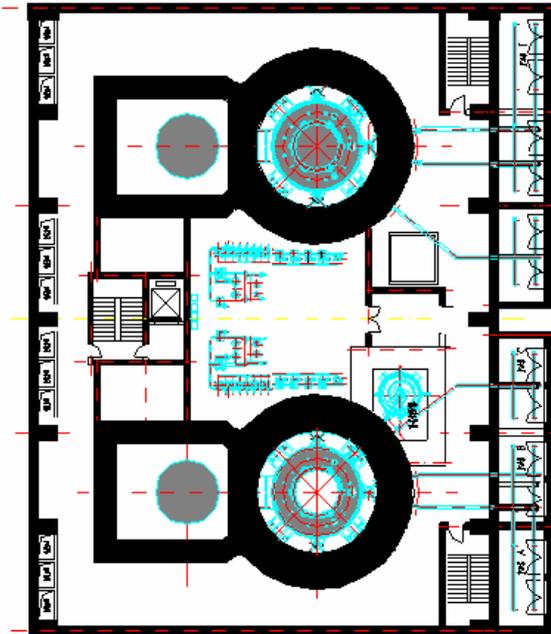
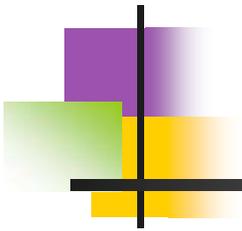
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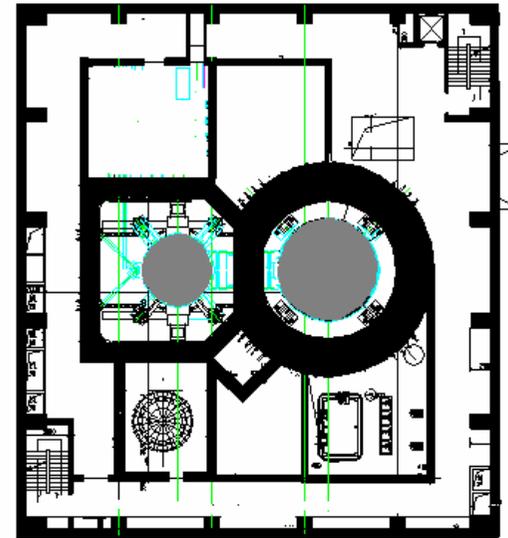
*1 Module - two zone*



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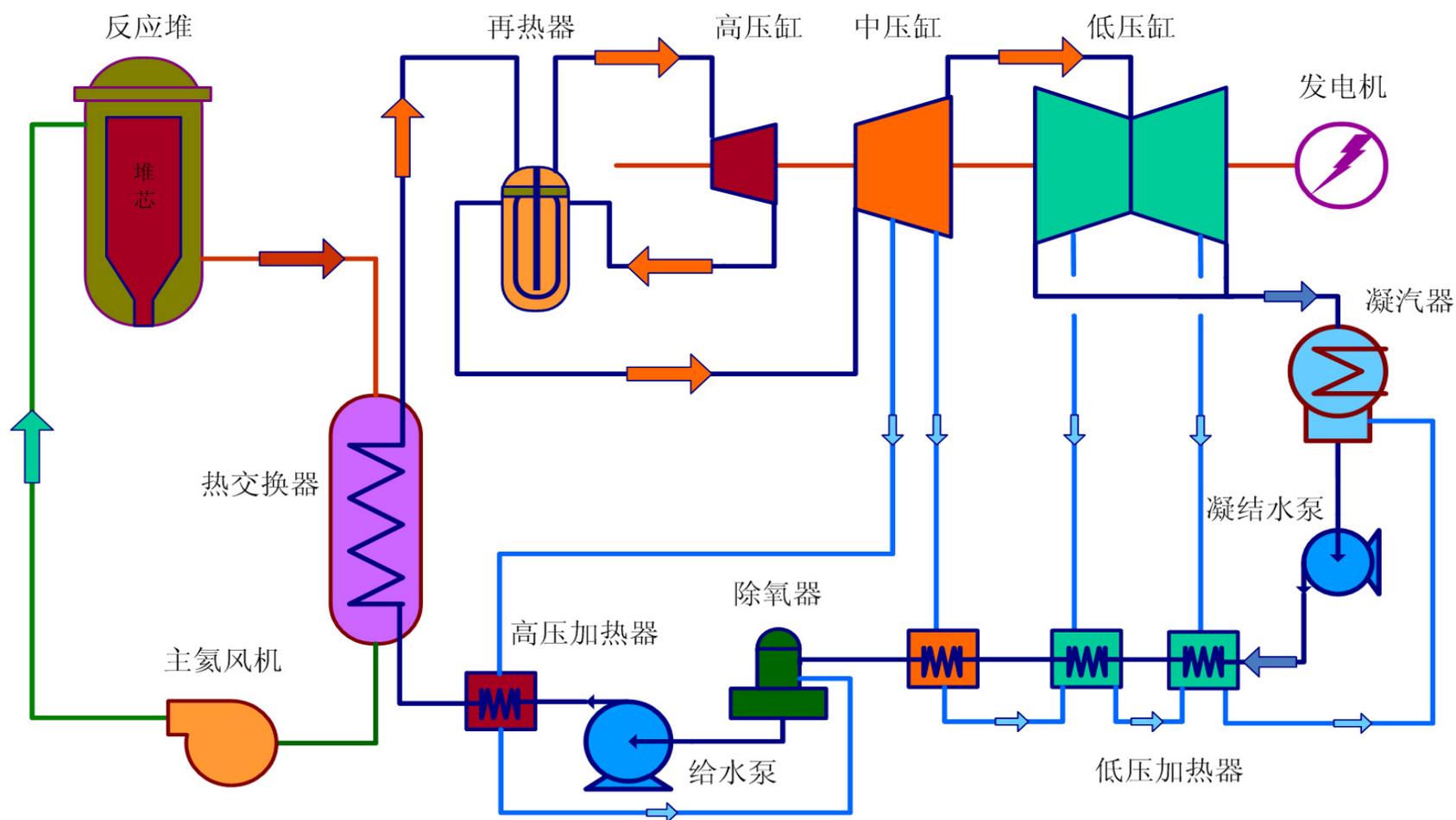


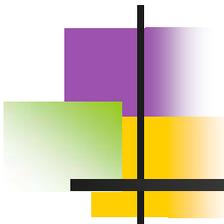
*2 Modules - one zone*



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# 堆外再热方案





# ***HTR-PM technical progress***

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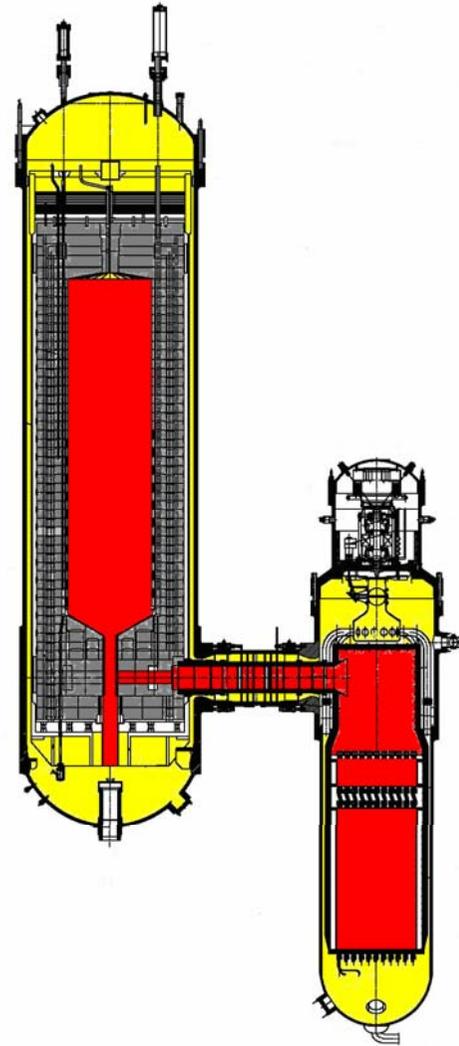
***2001-2003:*** HTR-PM concept studies were conducted with the support from the State Power Corporation by INET and East China Power Design Institute (ECPDI). The steam turbine was selected.

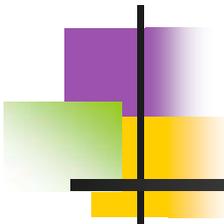
***2004-2006:*** HTR-PM standard design was conducted from May, 2004 to May, 2006. A preliminary decision was made in August of 2004 to design a reactor of 458 MWt thermal power output with reheated steam cycle and annular core. (dynamic annular core and solid annular core)

***2006.08-2006.10:*** We made a decision to change from 1×458 MWt to 2×250 MWt, maintain the plant output on 200 MWe.



HTR-PM500  
( 2 x 250 )

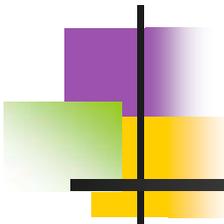




# *Reasons to change the design*

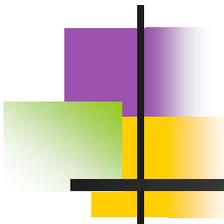
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- **Technical uncertainties for the annual core:**
  - **Dynamic annual core: reactivity control, helium outlet temperature, fuel flow demonstration, etc..**
  - **Solid annual core: graphite replacement, pressure drop, fuel flow at the bottom, etc..**
- **Cost analysis indicates the difference between specific capital costs of 1×458 MWt and 2×250 MWt are limited.**
- **It is estimated that the specific costs of a ready-to-build 2×250 MWth modular plant will be only 5% higher than the specific costs of one 458 MWth plant. When considering the technical uncertainties of the latter, a 2×250 MWth modular plant seems to be more attractive.**



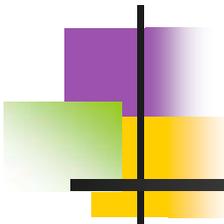
# *Parameters of the two designs*

|  | <i>458 MW</i> | <i>2×250MW</i> |
|--|---------------|----------------|
| <i>NSSS Modules</i>                        | <i>1</i>      | <i>2</i>       |
| <i>Core thermal power, MW</i>              | <i>458</i>    | <i>500</i>     |
| <i>Plant electrical power, MWe</i>         | <i>190</i>    | <i>200</i>     |
| <i>Diameter of core inner reflector, M</i> | <i>2.2</i>    | <i>0</i>       |
| <i>Diameter of core outer reflector, M</i> | <i>4</i>      | <i>3</i>       |
| <i>Core height, M</i>                      | <i>11</i>     | <i>11</i>      |
| <i>Primary helium pressure, Mpa</i>        | <i>9</i>      | <i>7</i>       |
| <i>Core outlet temperature, °C</i>         | <i>750</i>    | <i>750</i>     |
| <i>Core inlet temperature, °C</i>          | <i>250</i>    | <i>250</i>     |
| <i>Fuel enrichment, %</i>                  | <i>9.5</i>    | <i>8.9</i>     |



# Cost comparison of the two designs

|  | <b>458MW</b>  | <b>2×250MW</b> |
|--|---------------|----------------|
| <b><i>RPV weight</i></b>                           | <b>1</b>      | <b>2×0.57</b>  |
| <b><i>Graphite weight</i></b>                      | <b>1</b>      | <b>2×0.60</b>  |
| <b><i>Metallic reactor internals weight</i></b>    | <b>1</b>      | <b>2×0.86</b>  |
| <b><i>Blower power</i></b>                         | <b>1</b>      | <b>2×0.57</b>  |
| <b><i>Control rods</i></b>                         | <b>24</b>     | <b>2×10</b>    |
| <b><i>Small absorption sphere systems</i></b>      | <b>8</b>      | <b>2×20</b>    |
| <b><i>Fuel discharging systems</i></b>             | <b>3</b>      | <b>2</b>       |
| <b><i>Volume of the reactor plant building</i></b> | <b>1</b>      | <b>0.96</b>    |
| <b><i>Reactor protection systems</i></b>           | <b>1</b>      | <b>2</b>       |
| <b><i>Main control room</i></b>                    | <b>1</b>      | <b>1</b>       |
| <b><i>Helium purification systems</i></b>          | <b>2×100%</b> | <b>2×100%</b>  |
| <b><i>Fresh fuel and spent fuel systems</i></b>    | <b>1×100%</b> | <b>1×100%</b>  |
| <b><i>Emergency electrical systems</i></b>         | <b>2×100%</b> | <b>2×100%</b>  |

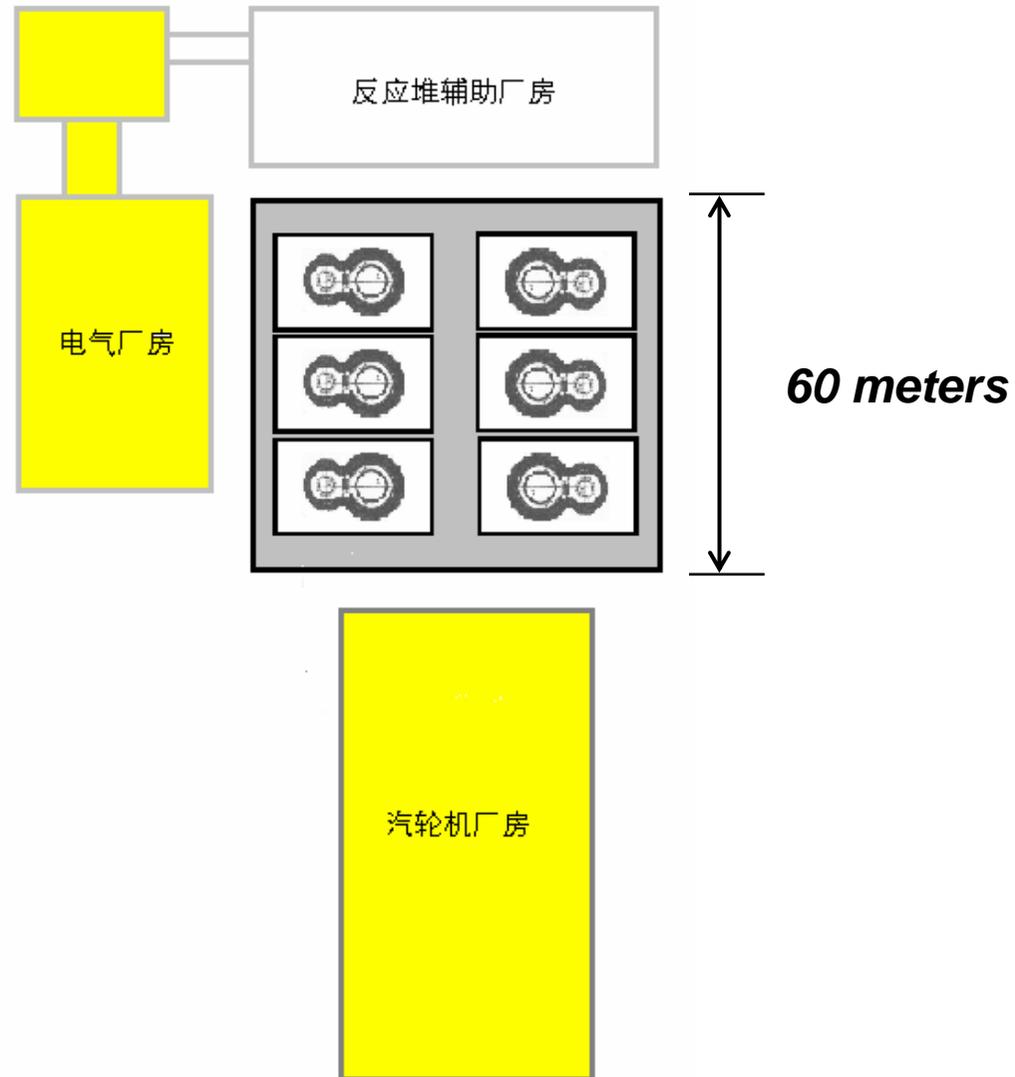


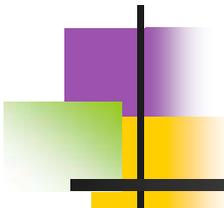
## ***Cost estimate of the two designs***

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***It is estimated that the specific costs of a ready-to-build 2×250 MWth modular plant will be only 5% higher than the specific costs of one 458 MWth plant. When considering the technical uncertainties of the latter, a 2×250 MWth modular plant seems to be more attractive.***

# Multiple NSSS Modules HTR-PM Plant





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## Economic potential of modular reactor nuclear power plants based on the Chinese HTR-PM project

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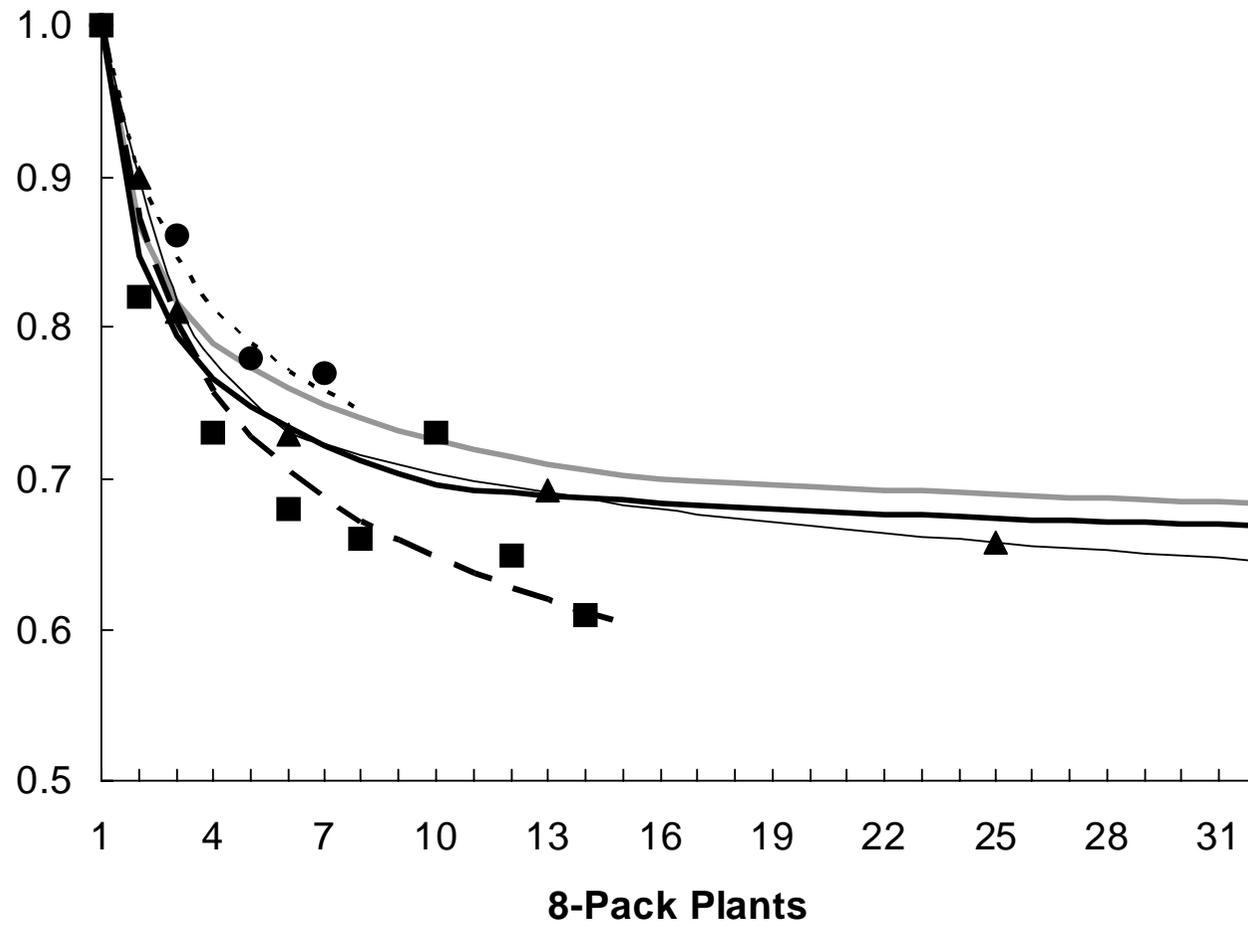
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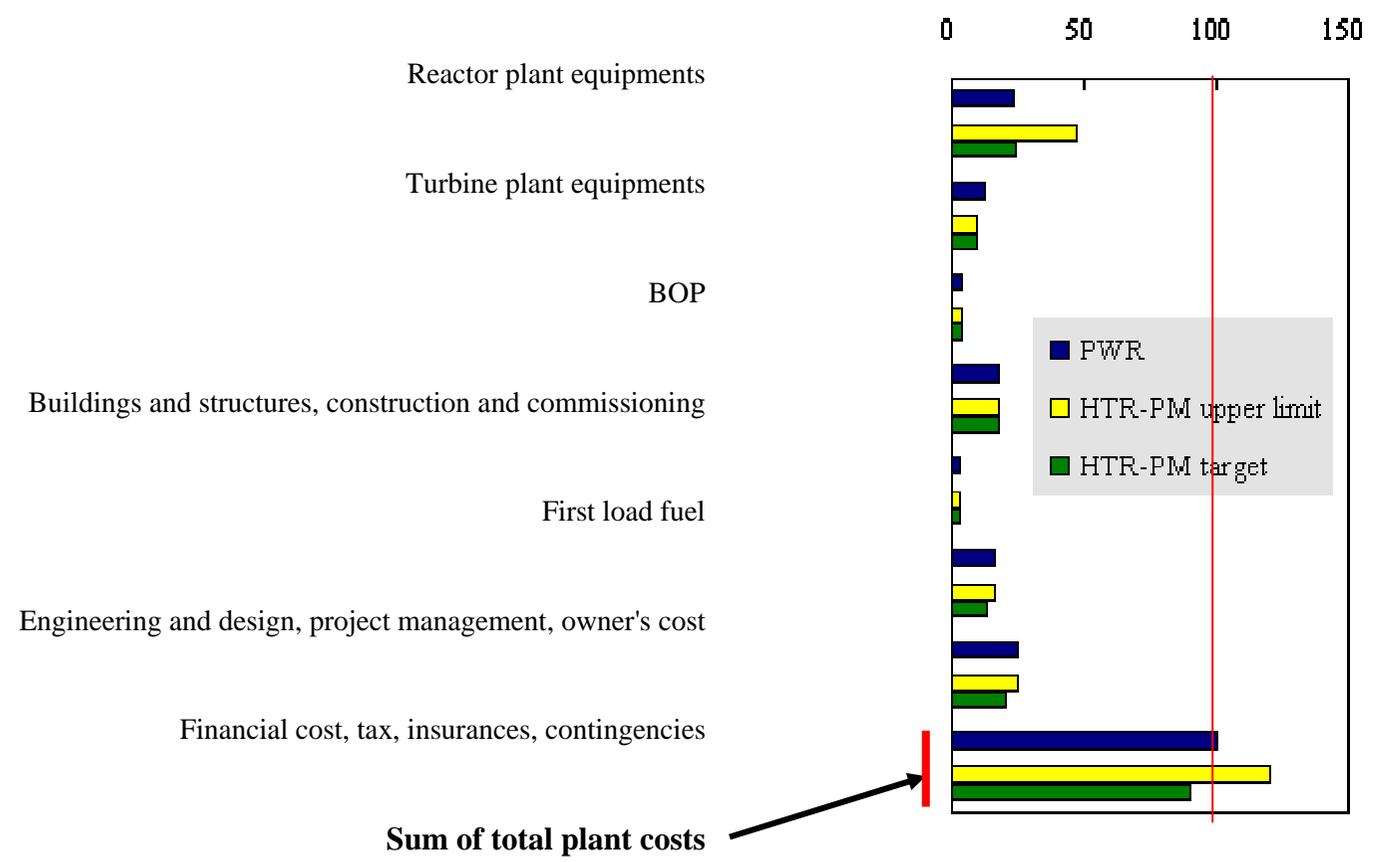
Abstract

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# COST LEARNING CURVE for the HTR-PM 500



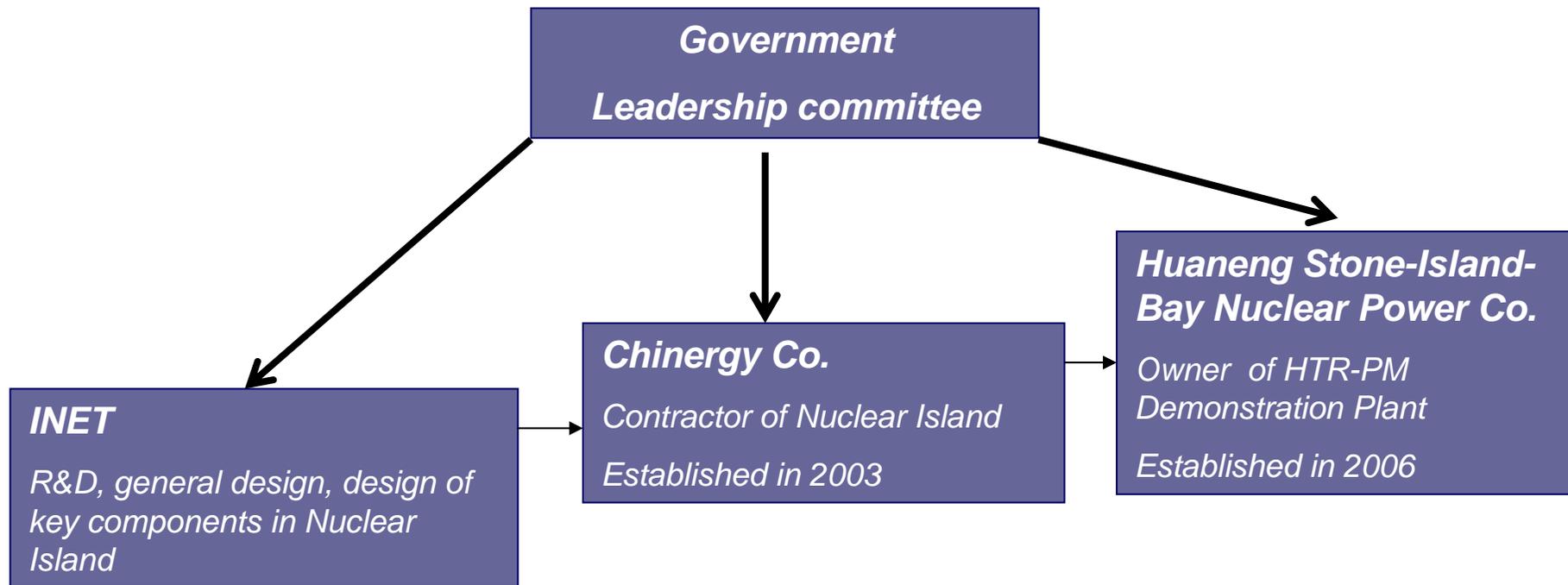
# COST COMPARISON: PWR/HTR-PM (1000 MW<sub>el</sub>)



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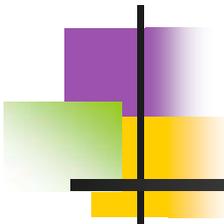
# Project organization



# Site Preparation



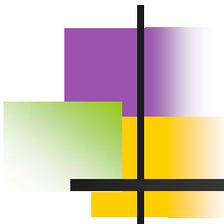
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# Schedule

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- ***2007: preliminary design of HTR-PM, submit of PSAR, site work, ...;***
- ***2008-2009: CP from NNSA, pouring first concrete;***
- ***2013: finish the project.***



# ***R&D program***

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## **1, Key technology (before 2009):**

**Key technology in reactor physics: safety goal, accident analysis, PSA, afterheat removal, water and air ingress, fission product, simulator;**

**Key technology in main components: Fuel handling, Steam generator, Control rods, Second shutdown system, Helium purification;**

**Fuel: 5g to 7g, production line;**

## **2, Component demonstration test (before 2012):**

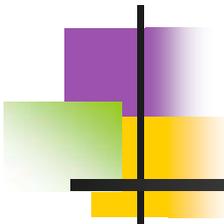
**Helium test facility, Fuel handling system, Steam generator, Control rods, Second shutdown system, Helium purification;**

**HTR-10 operation;**

**Afterheat removal, water and air ingress, fission product;**

## **3, Future development (before 2020):**

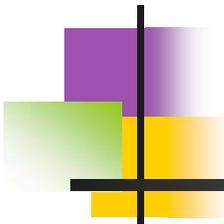
**VHTR, hydrogen, gas turbine and super-critical power cycle, spent fuel.**



# ***Fuel***

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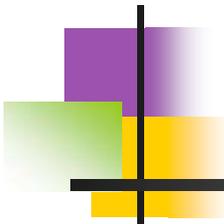
- ***Modifying INET production line to a pilot production line;***
- ***Producing fuel for first core and irradiation using INET pilot line;***
- ***Copying several pilot lines to produce refueling fuel for demonstration plant;***
- ***Future production base.***



# ***HTR-10 experience feedback***

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- ***Experience feedback to the HTR-PM design***
- ***Test of the technology to be used in HTR-PM: like magnetic bearing helium blower***
- ***HTR-10GT: gas turbine ( one shaft, magnetic bearing, indirect cycle)***



# ***Step by step approach***

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***1) 2 reactor modules + 1 steam turbine: focus is on the the reactor technology from 10 MW to 250 MW;***

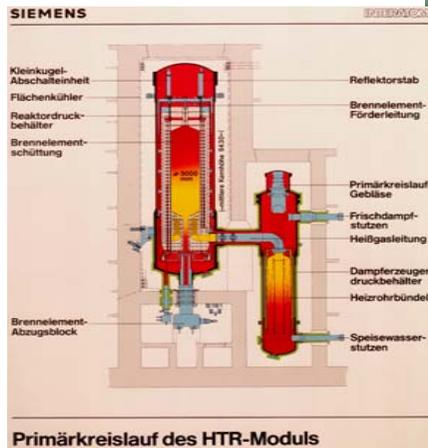
***2) 6-10 reactor modules + 1 steam turbine (600-1000 MWe): achieve the economy goal preliminary;***

***3) Super critical steam turbine, helium gas turbine, hydrogen production: achieve the economy advantages.***

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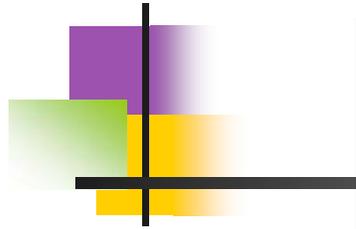
HTR-MODULE (CORE + STEAM GENERATOR)



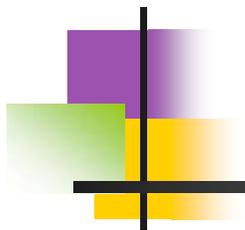
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