

# Status of SMR R&D in China

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- General status
- ACP100
- DHR
- HTR-PM

## ■ Prospects



# Section I

## Applications of SMR in China



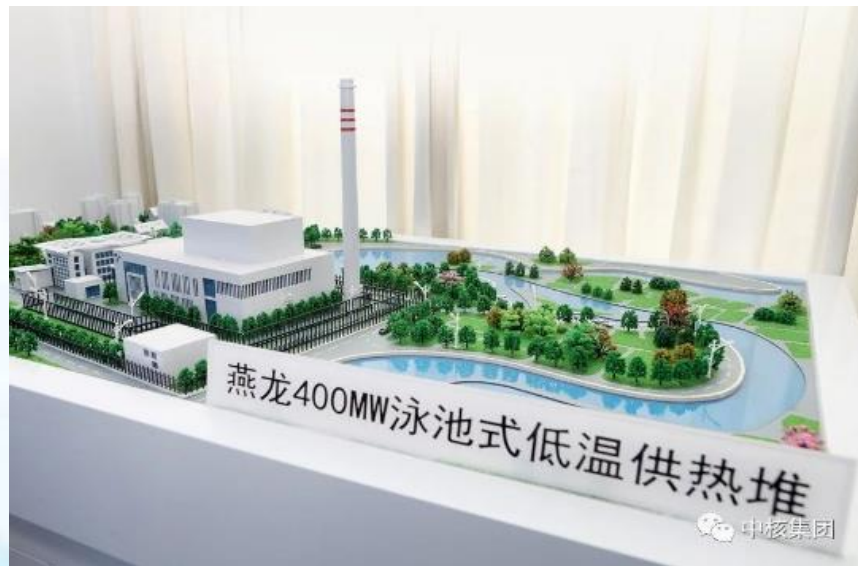
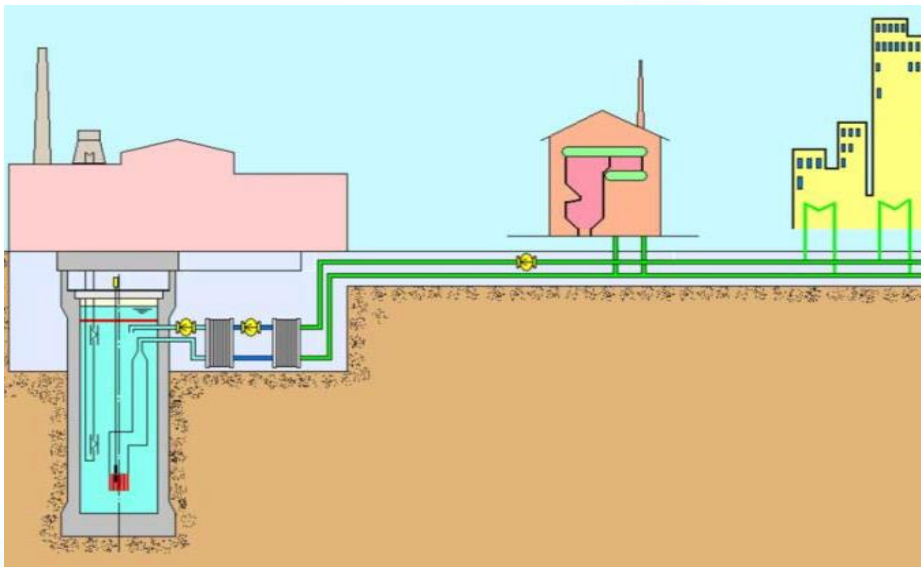
## □ Replacement for small coal power plants



- Provide power for small-sized electricity grids



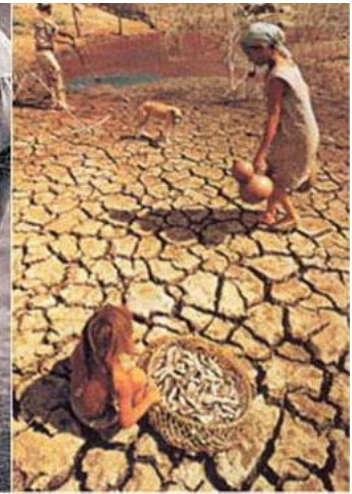
## Regional heat supply



## □ Floating power plant



## □ Sea water desalination





# Section II

## SMR R&D Status in China



- ❑ SMR R&D have been carried out since 1980s in China;
- ❑ Current status of SMR R&D in China:
  - Most SMRs are of PWR type and integral designed
  - Heavy metal SMRs are still in a very early stage
  - Integral SMR of PWR type is state-of-the-art
  - Multi-functional application
- ❑ Among a variety of designs, CNNC focuses on three main models:  
**ACP100, DHR and HTR-PM.**

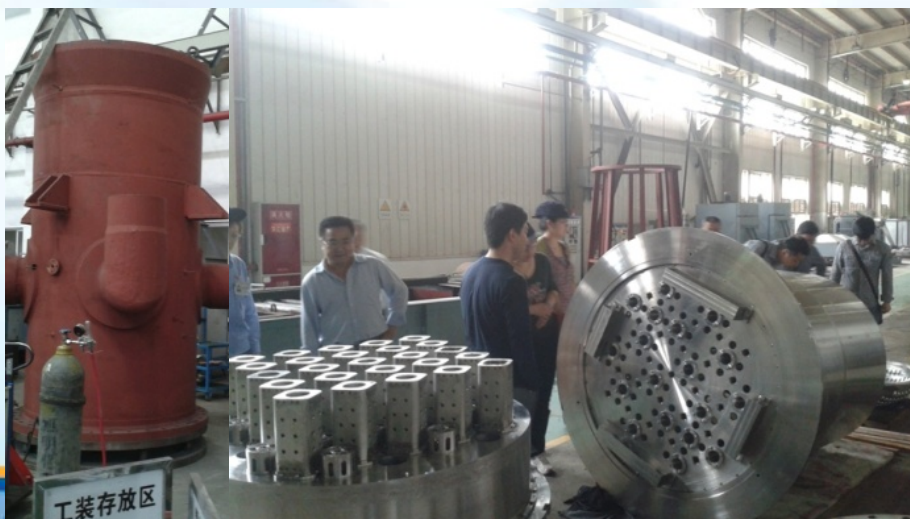


## ACP100:

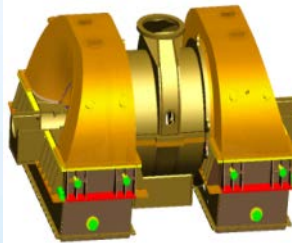
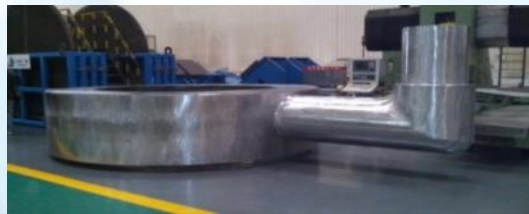
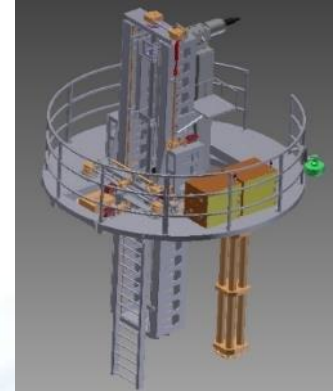
- The ACP100 is based on 50 years' experience on small reactors and 30 years' experience on power reactors.
- The preliminary design was completed in 2015.



A series of experiments were conducted on key components and systems.



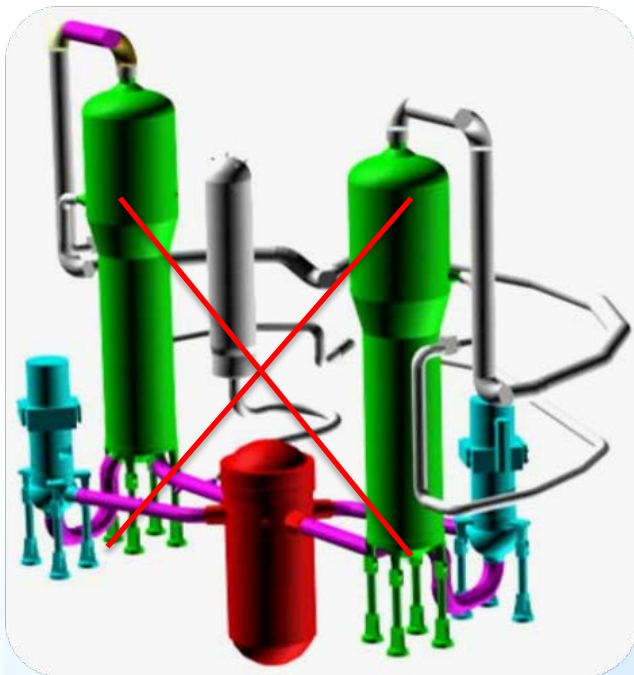
Mock-up of key equipment were tested.



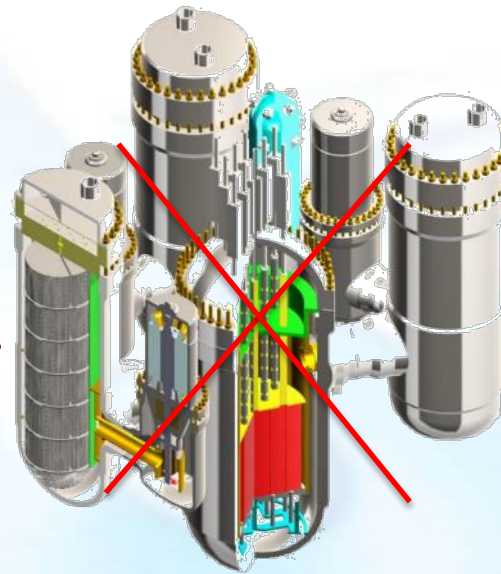
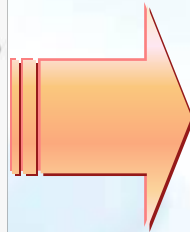
## The Specifications of ACP100 Demonstration Project

Parameters	Value
Thermal power, MWth	385
Electric power, MWe	126.5
Reactor life, year	60
Refueling period, year	2
Core damage frequency (CDF)	<1E-6/year
Large release frequency (LRF)	<1E-7/year
Fuel type	AF3GS
Number of fuel assemblies	57
Core height, m	2.15
Outlet temperature of SG, °C	293.8
Pressure of SG, Mpa	4.5
Feedwater flow rate, t/h	596.8

## Layout of ACP100



conventional loop type reactor



renewed compact design

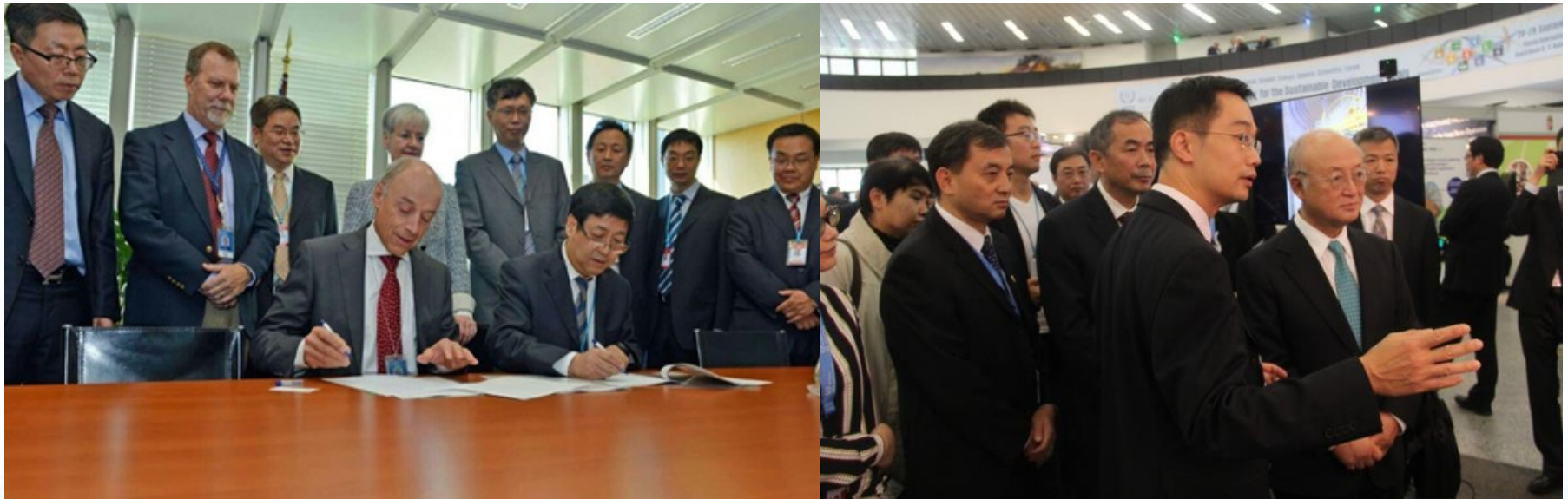


advanced integral design



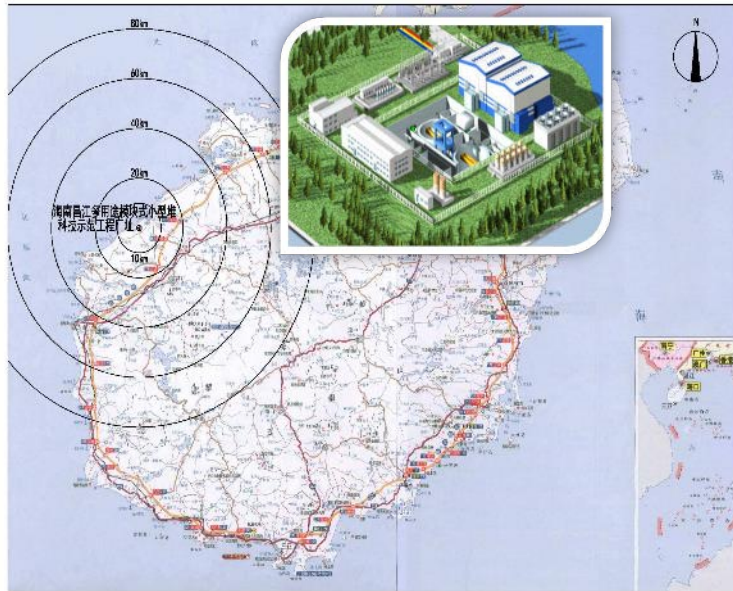
# CNNC SMR Design #1: ACP100

**In Apr 22, 2016, ACP100 passed the Generic Reactor Safety Review (GRSR) undertaken by IAEA.**





## ➤ ACP100 Demonstration Project: Linglong-1 in Changjiang, Hainan.

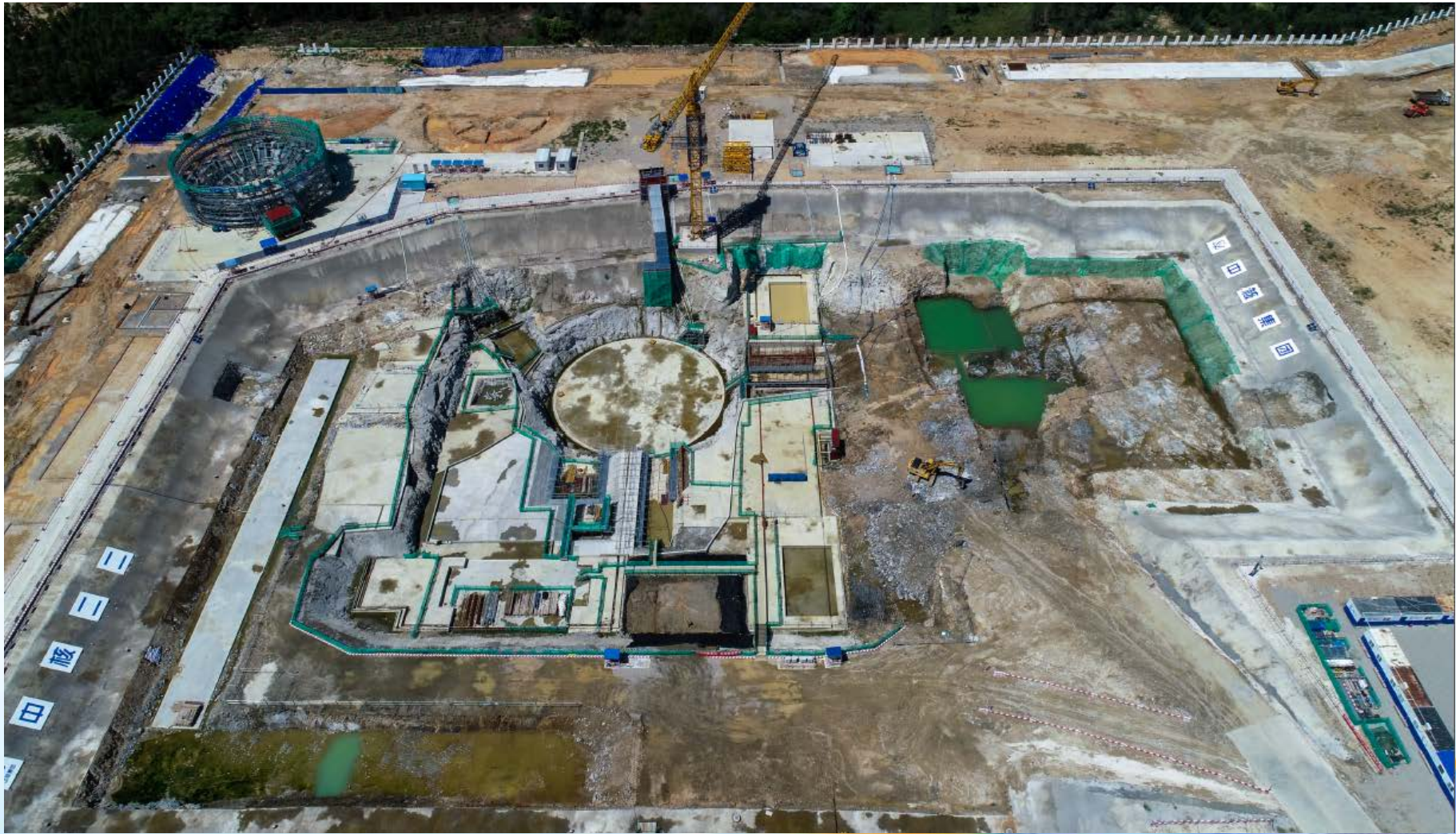


## □ Development Milestones

- 2019.7.18 The start of the Linglong One demonstration project
- 2020.6.23 NNSA approved the preliminary safety analysis report
- 2021 FCD



➤ The SMR site, up to Jun 30, 2020.



## DHR:

- The DHR(Deep-pool Low-temperature Heating Reactor) is a pool type District Heating Reactor with a thermal power of 400 MW.
- Formally released in Beijing on November 28, 2017.



- The DHR is developed on the basis of the light water swimming pool reactor (SPR-IAE).



- Cooling tower
- Several MW
- One month
- 40°C
- Relay on manual operation

Scaling-up & optimizing



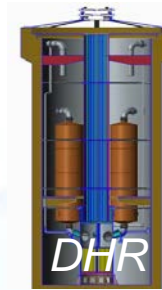
Heat discharge mode

Power

Refueling cycle

Core outlet temperature

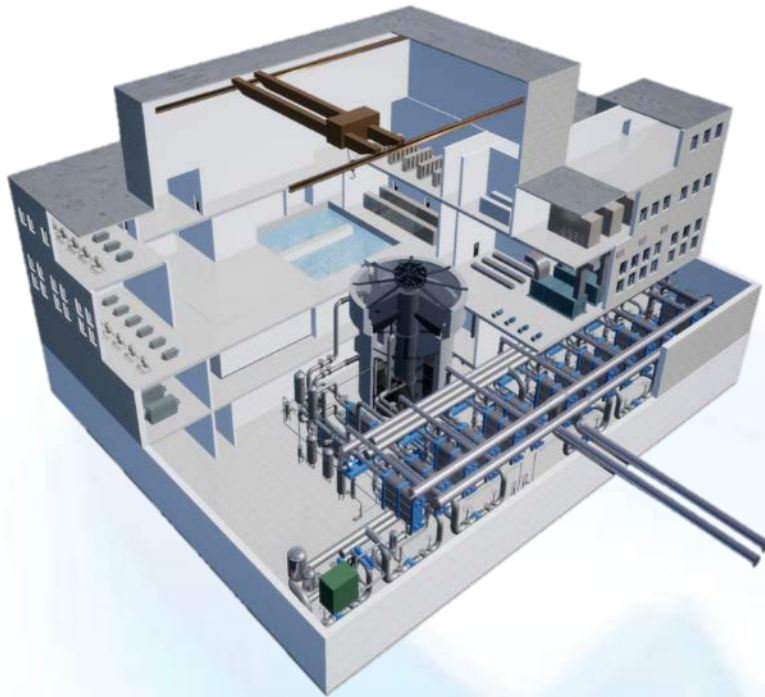
Control



- Heat supply
- Hundreds of MW
- Over one year
- ~100°C
- Highly automated



item	parameter	item	parameter
thermal power /MW	400	enrichment of equilibrium refueling	3.10%
cooling type	<b>forced</b>	refueling period /EFPD	450
diameter of pool /m	<b>10.0</b>	average discharge burnup /GWD/tU	~30
depth of pool /m	26	refueling number per year /assembly	24
height of active zone /m	2.4	temperature of pool water /°C	68
equivalent diameter of core /m	2.02	inlet/outlet of core /°C	<b>68/98</b>
type of assembly	<b>truncated PWR assembly(CF3-S)</b>	inlet/outlet of secondary circuit /°C	63.5/93.5
number of assemblies	69	inlet/outlet of heating loop /°C	<b>60/90</b>
form of assembly	17×17 <sub>-25</sub>	pressure of core /MPa	0.6
diameter of fuel rod /mm	9.5	pressure of secondary /MPa	<b>1.2</b>
fuel loading of core /t	23.45	pressure of heating loop /MPa	1.6
average linear power density /kW/m	<b>8.87</b>	type of heat exchanger for primary circuit and secondary circuit	plate heat exchanger



- ✓ district heating
- ✓ sea water desalination
- ✓ radioisotope production

## □ Features

- zero core-melting
- easy decommissioning
- low investment requirement

## □ Economy Evaluation

- Lower Construction cost
- Cheaper than natural gas





Demonstration and Validation(49-2 SPR)



Demonstration Project



Commercial Operation

## Development Milestones

- 2017.11 The demonstration heating project of 49-2 SPR
- 2017.11.28 Formally released DHR-400(in Chinese "Yanlong").
- 2020.7.6 CNNC officially submitted the project proposal to NEA.
- 2022.6 FCD
- 2024.6 Possess ability of heat supply



## HTR-PM:

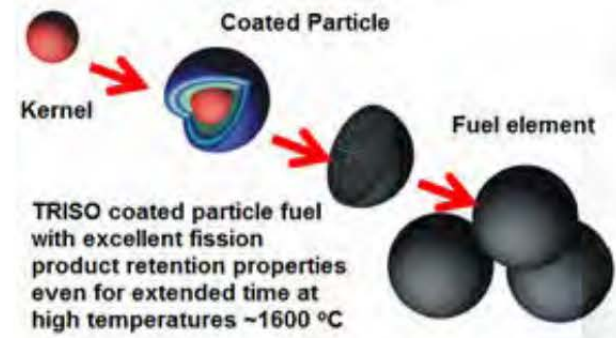
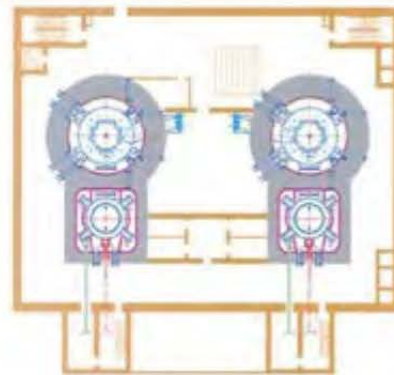
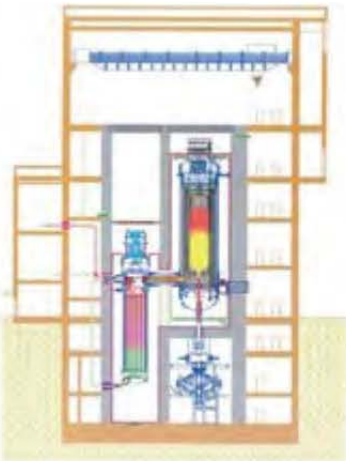
- Based on the success of HTR-10, HTR-PM inherits the characteristics of inherent safety and modular design.
- HTR-PM is the world's first commercial demonstration of high-temperature gas-cooled reactor which is considered one of the Generation IV reactors, and has two modules with a total capacity of 210 MWe.





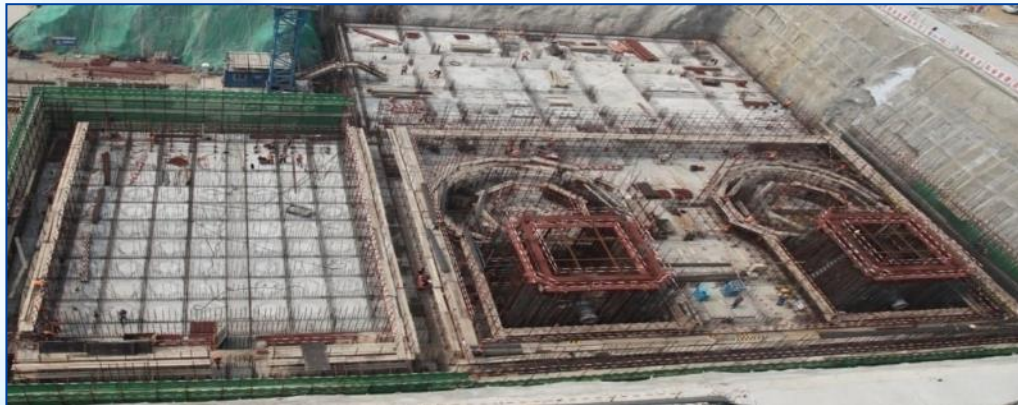
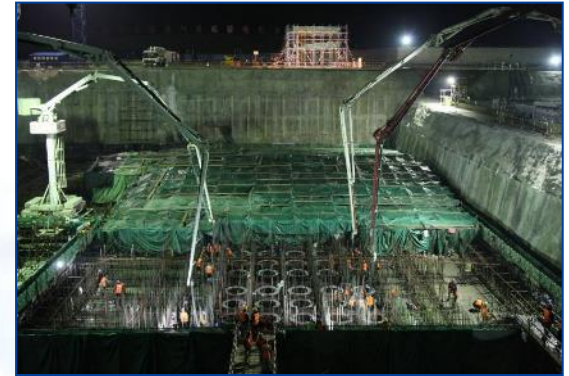
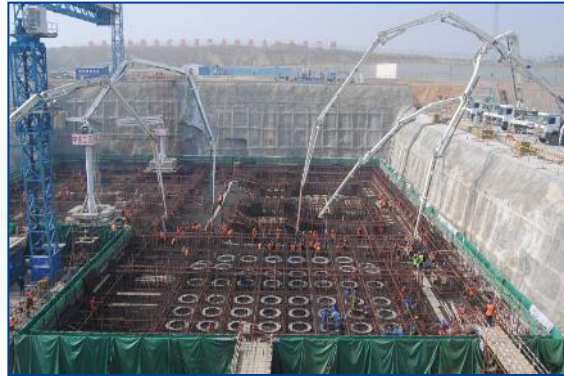
## □ Main Design Features

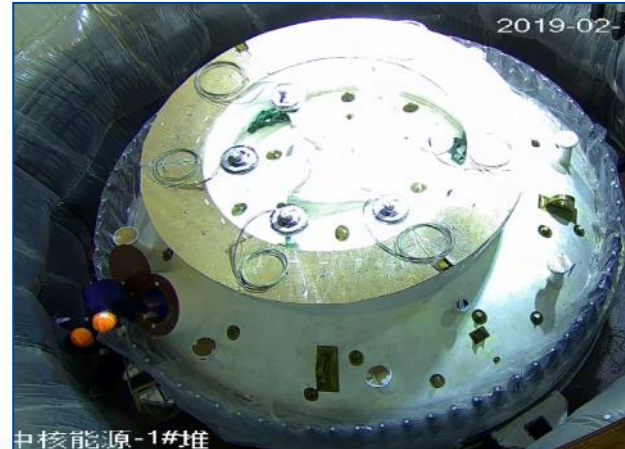
- Coolant/moderator : Helium/graphite
- Primary circulation: Forced circulation
- NSSS Operating Pressure(primary/secondary): 7MPa/13.25MPa
- Inlet/ outlet helium temperatures : 250/750°C
- Fuel type/assembly array: Spherical elements with coated particle fuel
- Refuelling Cycle (months): On-line refuelling



# CNNC SMR Design #3: HTR-PM

The first concrete of HTR-PM demonstration power plant was poured on 9 December 2012, in Rongcheng, Shandong Province.





## Development Milestones

- 2012.12.9 FCD of Nuclear Island
- 2014.9.7 FCD of Conventional island
- 2020.11.3 Cold Function Test completed
- 2020.12.30 Hot Function Test started
- 2021 Reactor reaches criticality
- 2022 Commercial operation



# Section III

## Prospects



- **Advanced SMR is playing an increasingly important role in the nuclear energy development of China. R&D has been carried out by many universities and research institutions.**
  - water cooled SMR
  - high temperature gas cooled SMR
  - molten salt SMR, etc.
  
- **The key driving forces of SMR development :**
  - fulfilling the need for flexible power generation
  - replacing ageing fossil-fired units
  - enhancing safety performance
  - offering better economic affordability.



□ The deployment of SMR is still facing many challenges, more work should be taken:

- Establishing regulations, design standards and supervision system for SMR
- Public acceptance issues
- Implementation of passive safety
- Economically competitive



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