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NRC Approves First U.S. Small Modular Reactor Design

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Artist rendition of NuScale Power nuclear power plant.

NuScale Power

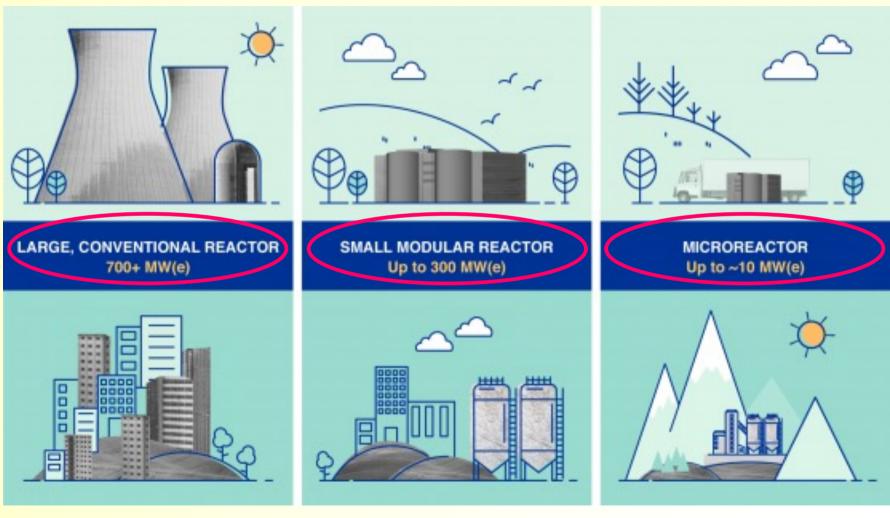
The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) recently issued its final safety evaluation report on NuScale Power's small modular reactor (SMR) design. This accomplishment is the first of its kinder

Source: https://www.energy.gov/ne/articles/nrc-approves-first-us-small-modular-reactor-design



1. 微小型反應器分類 (1/2)

◆ IAEA的微小型反應器分類



Source: https://www.iaea.org/newscenter/news/what-are-small-modular-reactors-smrs



◆ 美國能源部的微小型反應器分類

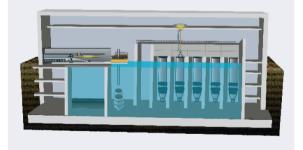
Advanced Reactor Sizes

Micro Reactors
Range: 1 MW to 20 MW

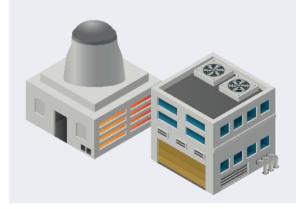
Can fit on a flatbed truck, and are mobile and deployable.



Small Modular Reactors
Range: 20 MW to 300 MW
Can be scaled up or down by
adding more units.



Full-Size Reactors
Range: 300 MW to 1,000+MW
Can provide reliable, emissionsfree baseload power.



https://www.energy.gov/sites/prod/files/2020/01/f70/011620%20Advanced%20Reactor%20Types%20Factsheet.pdf



2. 微小型反應器特色

◆ 微小型

傳統反應器大小的百分之一, 甚至千分之一不到

◆ 模組化

微型可工廠施作、現地安裝

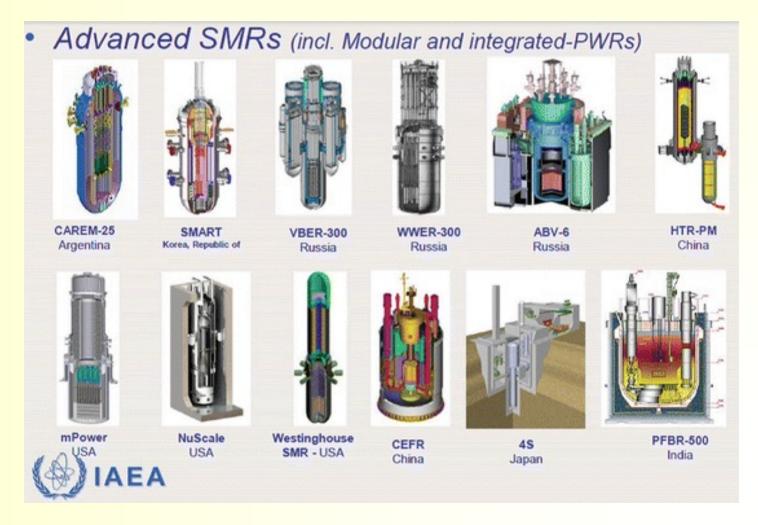
◆ 反應器

輕水式、氣冷式、鈉冷式,快、熱中子誘發核分裂



3. 小型反應器研發現況 (1/5)

◆ 小型模組化反應器 - IAEA





3. 小型反應器研發現況 (2/5)

◆ 小型反應器 - WNA (1/3)

In December 2019 CEZ in the Czech Republic said it was focusing on 11 SMR designs including these seven: Rosatom's RITM-200, GE Hitachi Nuclear Energy's BWRX-300, NuScale Power's SMR, China National Nuclear Corporation's ACP100, Argentina's CAREM, the South Korean SMART, and Holtec International's SMR-160.

Small reactors operating

| Name | Capacity | Туре | Developer |
|----------|----------|----------------------------|--|
| CNP-300 | 300 MWe | PWR | SNERDI/CNNC, Pakistan & China |
| PHWR-220 | 220 MWe | PHWR | NPCIL, India |
| EGP-6 | 11 MWe | LWGR | at Bilibino, Siberia (cogen, soon to retire) |
| KLT-40S | 35 MWe | PWR | OKBM, Russia |
| RITM-200 | 50 MWe | Integral PWR, civil marine | OKBM, Russia |

Small reactor designs under construction

| Name | Capacity | Туре | Developer |
|---------------------|----------|--------------|-----------------------------|
| CAREM25 | 27 MWe | Integral PWR | CNEA & INVAP, Argentina |
| HTR-PM | 210 MWe | Twin HTR | INET, CNEC & Huaneng, China |
| ACP100/Linglong One | 125 MWe | Integral PWR | CNNC, China |
| BREST | 300 MWe | Lead FNR | RDIPE, Russia |

https://www.world-nuclear.org/information-library/nuclear-fuel-cycle/nuclear-power-reactors/small-nuclear-power-reactors.aspx



3. 小型反應器研發現況 (3/5)

◆ 小型反應器 – WNA (2/3)

Small reactors for near-term deployment - development well advanced

| Name | Capacity | Туре | Developer |
|----------------------|----------|--------------|-----------------------------------|
| VBER-300 | 300 MWe | PWR | OKBM, Russia |
| NuScale Power Module | 77 MWe | Integral PWR | NuScale Power + Fluor, USA |
| SMR-160 | 160 MWe | PWR | Holtec, USA + SNC-Lavalin, Canada |
| SMART | 100 MWe | Integral PWR | KAERI, South Korea |
| BWRX-300 | 300 MWe | BWR | GE Hitachi, USA |
| PRISM | 311 MWe | Sodium FNR | GE Hitachi, USA |
| Natrium | 345 MWe | Sodium FNR | TerraPower + GE Hitachi, USA |
| ARC-100 | 100 MWe | Sodium FNR | ARC with GE Hitachi, USA |
| Integral MSR | 192 MWe | MSR | Terrestrial Energy, Canada |
| Seaborg CMSR | 100 MWe | MSR | Seaborg, Denmark |
| Hermes prototype | 35 MWt | MSR-Triso | Kairos, USA |
| RITM-200M | 50 MWe | Integral PWR | OKBM, Russia |
| RITM-200N | 55 MWe | Integral PWR | OKBM, Russia |
| BANDI-60S | 60 MWe | PWR | Kepco, South Korea |
| Xe-100 | 80 MWe | HTR | X-energy, USA |
| ACPR50S | 60 MWe | PWR | CGN, China |
| Moltex SSR-W | 300 MWe | MSR | Moltex, UK |

https://www.world-nuclear.org/information-library/nuclear-fuel-cycle/nuclear-power-reactors/small-nuclear-power-reactors.aspx



3. 小型反應器研發現況 (4/5)

◆ 小型反應器 - WNA (3/3)

Small reactor designs at earlier stages (or shelved)

| Name | Capacity | Туре | Developer |
|-------------------|----------|--------------|------------------------------|
| EM2 | 240 MWe | HTR, FNR | General Atomics (USA) |
| FMR | 50 MWe | HTR, FNR | General Atomics + Framatome |
| VK-300 | 300 MWe | BWR | NIKIET, Russia |
| AHWR-300 LEU | 300 MWe | PHWR | BARC, India |
| CAP200 LandStar-V | 220 MWe | PWR | SNERDI/SPIC, China |
| SNP350 | 350 MWe | PWR | SNERDI, China |
| ACPR100 | 140 MWe | Integral PWR | CGN, China |
| IMR | 350 MWe | Integral PWR | Mitsubishi Heavy Ind, Japan* |
| Westinghouse SMR | 225 MWe | Integral PWR | Westinghouse, USA* |
| mPower | 195 MWe | Integral PWR | BWXT, USA* |
| UK SMR | 470 MWe | PWR | Rolls-Royce SMR, UK |
| PBMR | 165 MWe | HTR | PBMR, South Africa* |
| HTMR-100 | 35 MWe | HTR | HTMR Ltd, South Africa |
| MCFR | large? | MSR/FNR | Southern Co, TerraPower, USA |
| SVBR-100 | 100 MWe | Lead-Bi FNR | AKME-Engineering, Russia* |
| Westinghouse LFR | 300 MWe | Lead FNR | Westinghouse, USA |
| TMSR-SF | 100 MWt | MSR | SINAP, China |
| PB-FHR | 100 MWe | MSR | UC Berkeley, USA |
| Moltex SSR-U | 150 MWe | MSR/FNR | Moltex, UK |
| Thorcon TMSR | 250 MWe | MSR | Martingale, USA |
| Leadir-PS100 | 36 MWe | Lead-cooled | Northern Nuclear, Canada |



3. 小型反應器研發現況 (5/5)

◆ 小型模組化反應器 - US

| Design | Application Type | Applicant |
|------------------------------|---|---|
| NuScale | Design Certification | NuScale Power, LLC |
| NuScale NPM-20 | Standard Design Approval (SDA), Pre-Application | NuScale Power, LLC |
| BWXT mPower™ | Pre-Application | BWXT mPower, Inc. |
| SMR-160 | Pre-Application | SMR, LLC, a subsidiary of Holtec International |
| Clinch River Nuclear Site | Early Site Permit | Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) |
| BWRX-300 | Pre-Application | GE-Hitachi Nuclear Energy (GEH) |

https://www.nrc.gov/reactors/new-reactors/smr.html



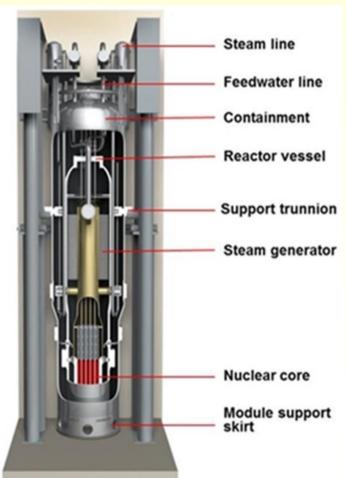
4. 小型反應器實例 (1/2)

◆ 小型模組化反應器 - US

The NRC refers to light water reactor (LWR) designs generating 300 MWe or less as small modular reactors (SMRs). The NRC has engaged in varying degrees of pre-application activities with several SMR designers over the past several years. In <u>August of 2020</u>, the NRC approved a design for an SMR from NuScale Power, LLC.

NuScale Power Reactor Building





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https://www.energy.gov/ne/advanced-small-modular-reactors-smrs



4. 小型反應器實例 (2/2)

◆ 小型模組化反應器 - US

NUSCALE provided more than Benefits and Technology tin Projects to Environment and Investor

THE REGULATORY APPROVAL PROCESS AND NUSCALE'S SMR

NuScale's SMR design addressed NRC licensing requirements with two distinct advantages. First, NuScale's SMR is designed with fewer systems and demonstrates singular simplicity. Second, the elegantly simple NuScale VOYGR plants provide greater levels of safety that translate into larger operating margins and more flexible design solutions for support systems.

The NuScale Integral System Test (NIST-2) facility in Corvallis, Oregon was designed and built to assist in the verification and validation of key analytical tools and assumptions. The NIST-2 facility provides nuclear qualified systems data to validate NuScale's cutting-edge thermal hydraulic safety analysis computer codes as needed for NRC design certification, including flow stability, long-term cooling tests, and loss of coolant accident events known as "LOCA" events. NuScale Power also has a main control room simulator that demonstrates the robustness of the NuScale design under transient conditions and will aid in the development of Human Factors analyses and address operational issues. The purpose of the simulator facility is to demonstrate NuScale's concept of operation and plant technology to the NRC and other stakeholders.



NEXT STEPS

NuScale continues to maintain strong program momentum toward commercialization of its SMR technology, including supply chain development, standard plant design, planning of plant delivery activities, and startup and commissioning plans. We are actively engaged with our manufacturing partners and will be ready to deliver the first NuScale Power Modules to a client in 2027. The NuScale SMR design will be incorporated into customers' combined license applications (COLAs).

As part of the Utah Associated Municipal Power Systems (UAMPS) Carbon Free Power Project (CFPP), the first NuScale 6-module VOYGR-6 plant in Idaho is expected to be fully operational by 2030, with the first of 6 modules online by 2029. All NRC laws, rules, and regulations will apply to siting, construction, operation, and decommissioning of the NuScale VOYGR SMR plant for the project, including a full NRC-led review of the COLA.

The CFPP COLA will be subject to an environmental review under the National Environmental Policy Act, as well as a safety review of operational issues including water, seismic, transmission, workforce, security, and emergency preparedness.

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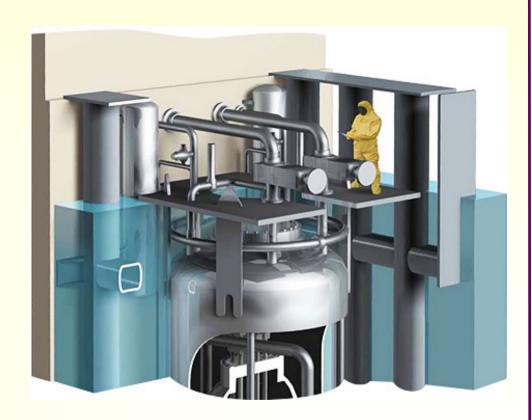
July 1, 2021: The U.S. NRC is taking <u>public comments</u> on proposed rulemaking for NuScale's SMR standard design certification. The comment period was recently extended to mid-October 2021.

https://www.nuscalepower.com/technology/licensing



5. 小型反應器優勢

- ◆ 價格便宜
- ◆ 低環境衝擊
- ◆ 較高民眾接受度
- ◆ 偏鄉供電
- ◆ 模組建置
- ◆ 工程耗時短
- ◆ 管制機關審查時間短
- ◆ 事故衝擊低



NuScale Power Module (NuScale)



6. 微型反應器研發現況 (1/4)

◆ 微型反應器 – WNA

Very small reactor designs being developed (up to 25 MWe)

| Name | Capacity | Туре | Developer |
|---------------|-------------|------------------|---------------------------|
| U-battery | 4 MWe | HTR | Urenco-led consortium, UK |
| Starcore | 10-20 MWe | HTR | Starcore, Quebec |
| MMR-5/-10 | 5 or 10 MWe | HTR | UltraSafe Nuclear, USA |
| Holos Quad | 3-13 MWe | HTR | HolosGen, USA |
| Gen4 module | 25 MWe | Lead-bismuth FNR | Gen4 (Hyperion), USA |
| Xe-Mobile | 1-5 MWe | HTR | X-energy, USA |
| BANR | 50 MWt | HTR | BWXT, USA |
| Sealer | 3-10 MWe | Lead FNR | LeadCold, Sweden |
| eVinci | 0.2-5 MWe | Heatpipe FNR | Westinghouse, USA |
| Aurora | 1.5 MWe | Heatpipe FNR | Oklo, USA |
| NuScale micro | 1-10 MWe | Heatpipe | NuScale, USA |

https://www.world-nuclear.org/information-library/nuclear-fuelcycle/nuclear-power-reactors/small-nuclear-power-reactors.aspx

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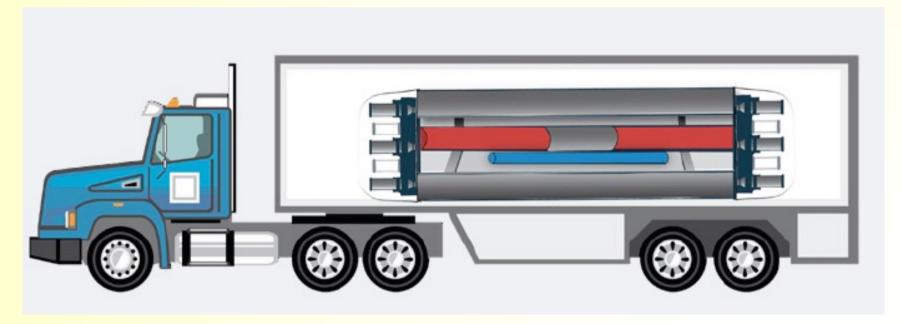


6. 微型反應器研發現況 (2/4)

◆ 微型反應器 - US

Special Purpose and Micro Reactors

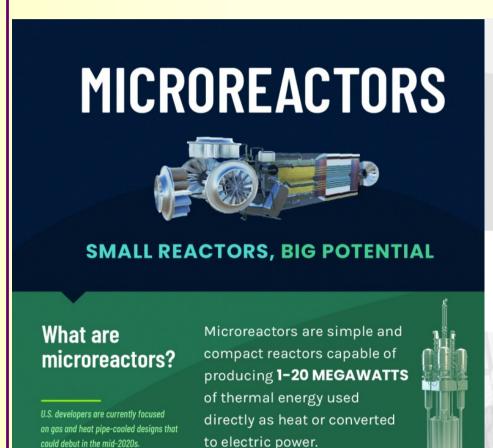
Fully Ceramic Matrix Helium US Ultra Safe Nuclear US Ultra Safe Nuclear Micro Modular Reactor (MMR) 5-10 eVinci Micro Reactor 0.2 - 25Dispersion Heat Pipe Westinghouse Holos Reactor 3-81 **TRISO** Helium or CO2 HolosGen, LLC Oklo 2 MWt Oklo Metal Heat Pipe



https://www.energy.gov/sites/prod/files/2020/01/f70/011620%20Advanced%20Reactor%20Types%20Factsheet.pdf



7. 微型反應器特色 (1/2)



Microreactors have 3 main features:



What are the benefits of microreactors?



SMALL & PORTABLE

Fits on the back of a semi-truck and can be deployed to remote locations and military bases for reliable heat and power.



SIMPLE DESIGN

Fail-safe and self-adjusting designs that require fewer components, maintenance and operators.



QUICK ON-SITE INSTALLATION

Can be connected and generating power within months of arriving on-site. Some, possibly within weeks.

https://www.energy.gov/ne/downloads/infographic-what-nuclear-microreactor-0



7. 微型反應器特色 (2/2)



https://www.keysourceglobal.com/can-small-modular-reactors-solve-nuclears-image-problem/



8. 微型反應器優勢

- ◆ 全機組工廠製造後現地安裝
- ◆ 運送與移除簡單快速
- ◆ 物理定律下的高安全性
- ◆ 可靠富彈性的供電模式
- ◆ 運轉相對容易
- ◆ 數年不須裝填新燃料
- ◆ 符合各種型態的用電需求
- ◆ 可與其他供電設施整合





9. 微型反應器應用實例



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US Air Force confirms site for first microreactor

26 October 2021



The US Air Force has confirmed the Eielson base in Alaska as the facility planned to host its first small nuclear power plant. A microreactor of up to 5 MWe could be operational there as soon as 2027, according to Eielson.



Taking off: Will Eielson's microreactor be the first of many? (Image: Jose Miquel T Tamondong/US Air Force)

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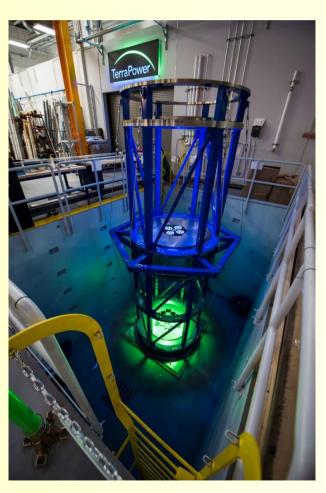
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10. 微型反應器特例 (1/3)

◆ 行波式反應器 – Terra Power



AN INNOVATIVE NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY

The TWR technology takes leaps forward in cost and safety, while dramatically reducing waste and proliferation concerns. Its innovative design will produce zero carbon emissions while operating with higher thermal efficiency and consuming uranium resources in a more efficient, cleaner and safer manner than current nuclear technology.

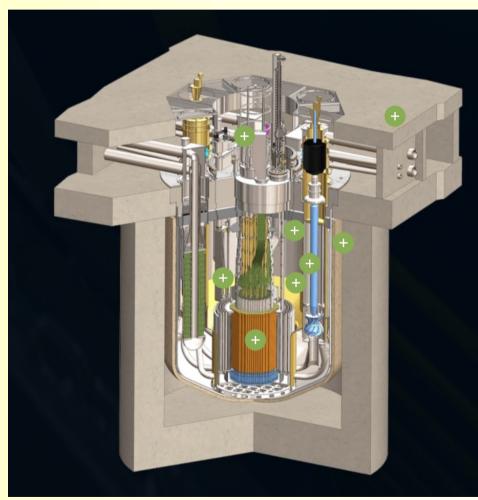
The reactor core is the true innovation of the TWR design. In the center of the core sit rods of enriched uranium (U-235), surrounded by rods of depleted or natural uranium (U-238). The U-235 serves as an initiator, kick starting the traveling wave reaction – a slow-moving chain reaction of concentric waves of fission. The traveling wave reaction will then slowly convert the depleted uranium to fissionable plutonium. Periodically, to sustain the fission reaction, the in-vessel fuel handling machine shuffles the fuel, swapping expired fuel rods from the center of the core for fresh fuel rods from the outer edge.

https://www.terrapower.com/our-work/traveling-wave-reactor-technology/



10. 微型反應器特例 (2/3)

◆ 行波式反應器 – Terra Power



UNIQUE DESIGN TO ENHANCE SAFETY AND SUPPORT NONPROLIFERATION

The TWR design operates at atmospheric pressure and will be capable of utilizing fuel made from depleted or natural uranium, allowing it to gradually breed fissionable material through a nuclear reaction without removing it from the reactor's core – an important non-proliferation attribute. This eliminates the need for reprocessing while generating heat and electricity over a much longer period of continuous operation. Unlike previous sodium fast reactor programs, the TWR design eliminates reprocessing, reducing proliferation concerns and lowering overall fuel cycle costs.

https://www.terrapower.com/our-work/traveling-wave-reactor-technology/



10. 微型反應器特例 (3/3)

◆ 行波式反應器主要設施功能 – Terra Power

反應器設置於地表以下

控制棒位於爐心上方

濃化鈾-235位於乏鈾與天然鈾環繞的爐心

燃料控制機自動更新燃料布局,內舊換外新

反應器槽體包封浸沒於液態鈉的爐心,無外管連接

主鈉池環繞爐心,自然物理定律與液態鈉優點提升效能及安全性

主鈉池將爐心能量移轉至次鈉池,透過Rankine蒸汽循環發電

11. 我國的微型反應器

◆ THOR – 2 MW Rated Power





燃料:TRIGA棒狀燃料(UZrH1.6-Er)

濃縮度: 20%

臨界質量: 9 kg U-235

爐心冷卻 強迫一次水流與熱交換器之二次

水流進行熱交換,無相位變化,

池水總量: 80,000 加侖

反應度 控制棒本領:12.15%

超溢反應度:4.5%

2 MW 額定供率時之中子通率

平均熱中子通率: 2.0 E13 (n·cm-2·sec-1) 平均快中子通率: 3.1 E13 (n·cm-2·sec-1) 射線管出口之熱中子通率: 1.0E6 - 1.0E9

控制系統 GA 微電腦控制系統



12. 結語

- ◆ 微小型反應器是全球核能發展的新趨勢
- ◆ 微小型反應器採用被動冷卻,並具有本質安全的特性
- ◆ 台灣可建置微小型反應器的腹地: 核一、二、三、四現址
- ◆ 百萬瓦等級的模組化壓水式小型反應器較適合台灣
- ◆ 符合2050淨零願景的全球能源發展趨勢 核能

倚天不出、誰與爭鋒!