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- **The ICSBEP and IRPhEP are a collaborative effort**
  - **Scientists, engineers, administrative support, program sponsors**
  - **26 different countries have participated**
    - **22 in ICSBEP**
    - **20 in IRPhEP**
  - **Without these dedicated individuals, these benchmark projects would not exist.**

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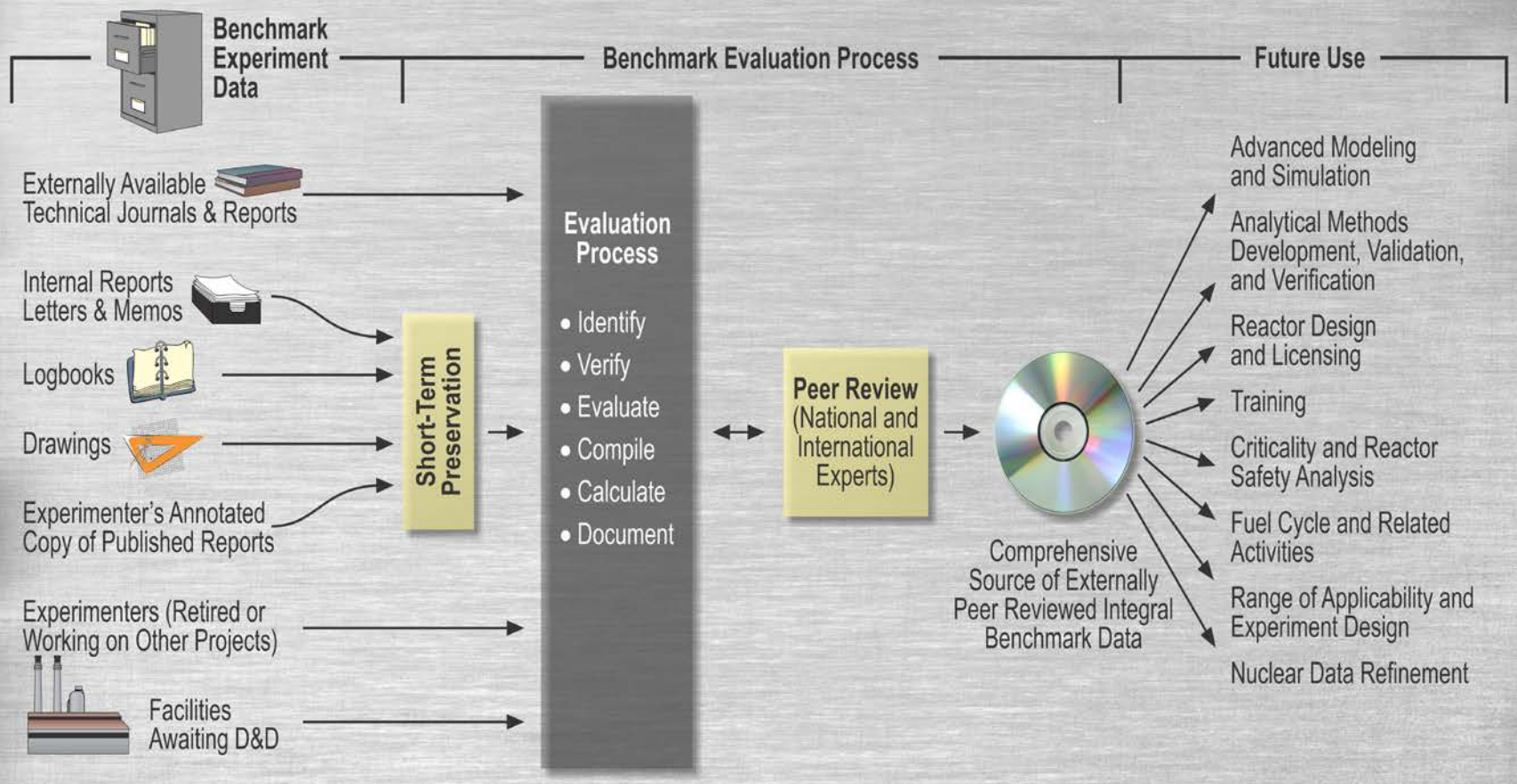

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Annual Technical Review Meetings

- October 23-26, 2017
- Washington, DC, USA
- Hosted by US NCSP at GWU

- October 22-26, 2018
- OECD NEA, Paris, France
- & Possibly SINBAD

International Handbook of Evaluated Criticality Safety Benchmark Experiments

August 2018 Edition

- **22 Contributing Countries**
- **~70,000 Pages**
- **574 Evaluations**
  - **4,916 Critical, Near-Critical, or Subcritical Configurations**
  - **45 Criticality-Alarm-Placement/Shielding Configurations**
  - **215 Configurations with Fundamental Physics Measurements**
  - **838 Unacceptable Experiment Configurations**

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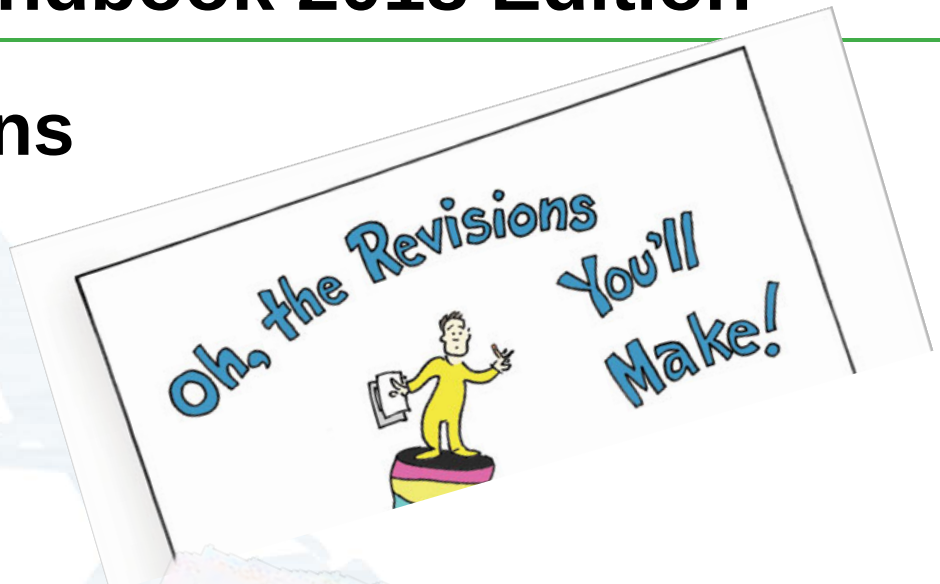
http://icsbep.inl.gov/
https://www.oecd-nea.org/science/wpncs/icsbep/

Breakdown of Current ICSBEP Benchmark Specifications

- 748 plutonium experiments
  - 36 compound
  - 123 metal
  - 589 solution
- 1426 highly enriched uranium experiments
  - 291 compound
  - 601 metal
  - 527 solution
  - 2 mixed compound/solution
  - 5 mixed metal/solution
- 274 intermediate- and mixed-enrichment uranium experiments
  - 156 compound
  - 53 metal
  - 65 solution
- 1668 low enriched uranium experiments
  - 1407 compound
  - 82 metal
  - 119 solution
  - 60 mixed compound/solution
- 244 ^{233}U experiments
  - 6 compound
  - 11 metal
  - 227 solution
- 536 mixed plutonium-uranium experiments
  - 301 compound
  - 52 metal
  - 86 solution
  - 76 mixed compound/solution
  - 21 mixed metal/compound
- 20 special isotope experiments
  - metal (^{237}Np, ^{238}Pu, ^{242}Pu, & ^{244}Cm)
- 9 criticality-alarm/shielding experiments
  - 45 unique configurations with numerous dose points
- 8 fundamental physics experiments
  - 215 unique measurements such as fission rates, transmission measurements, and subcritical neutron multiplication measurements

New Content in the Handbook 2018 Edition

- **37 Revised Evaluations**
  - **34 Minor**
  - **3 More Notable**
- **4 New Evaluations**
- **Guides**
  - **Reference Guide**
  - **Uncertainty Guide**
    - **IRPhEP**



Minor Revisions to the Handbook 1-4:

- **PU-MET-FAST-001**
  - Table 54 referenced correctly in text.
  - Heading of Table 54 corrected.
- **PU-MET-MIXED-001**
  - Updated MCNP sample input decks due to lost particles.
- **PU-SOL-THERM-019**
  - Corrections to Figures 16 and 17: clarification of channel positions.
- **PU-SOL-THERM-039**
  - Corrected the exponent for O of Case 5 in Table 3-6 from “E02” to E-02”.

Minor Revisions to the Handbook 5-9:

- **HEU-MET-FAST-073**
  - Swapped fast and intermediate fission distribution values in Table 36.
- **HEU-MET-FAST-083**
  - Removed the verbiage "(Case 1)" from the headings of Tables 29 and 30.
- **HEU-MET-THERM-032**
  - Table 13 change value 0.0065 to 0.00065.
- **HEU-MET-MIXED-005**
  - Updated MCNP sample input decks due to lost particles.
- **HEU-SOL-THERM-046**
  - Corrections to Figures 16 and 17: clarification of channel positions.

Minor Revisions to the Handbook 10-13:

- **IEU-COMP-FAST-001**
  - Headers of Table 27 for the second and third columns renamed as “Radial Blanket RR1” and “Radial Blanket RR2 & Matrix”, respectively.
- **IEU-MET-FAST-011**
  - Update title, cross-link, and verbiage to match MIX-MET-FAST-008
- **IEU-MET-FAST-013**
  - Replaced the atom density for Mg in Table 18 for AR3 material with the value 1.52717E-4 a/b-cm.
- **IEU-MET-FAST-020**
  - Various corrections and clarifications in the text

Minor Revisions to the Handbook 14-16:

- **LEU-COMP-THERM-067**
  - Corrected Figure 14: moved Mo rod from position S11 to U11.
- **LEU-COMP-THERM-076**
  - Corrected Figure 29: position of fuel rods and steel baffle shifted three grid positions to the left.
- **LEU-COMP-THERM-080**
  - In the paragraph between Tables 38 and 39, the coordinates in the text have been swapped: “x=25.43 cm, y=7.2 cm” is now “x=-7.2 cm, y=25.43 cm”, and “x=-25.43 cm, y=5.6 cm” is now “x=-5.6 cm, y=*25.43 cm”.

Minor Revisions to the Handbook 17-18:

- **LEU-COMP-THERM-096**
  - Corrected Figure 33: fixed fuel rod lattice arrangement.
  - Corrected Figure 36: fixed alignment for line for “(top of model)”.
  - Corrected Figure 56: fixed fuel rod lattice arrangement
  - In the paragraph after Table 40, the coordinates in the text have been swapped: “x=32.385 cm, y=6.4 cm” is now “x=6.4 cm, y=-32.385 cm”, and “x=-32.385 cm, y=-6.4 cm” is now “x=-6.4 cm, y=32.385 cm”.
  - Updated sample calculations in Section 4 and input decks.

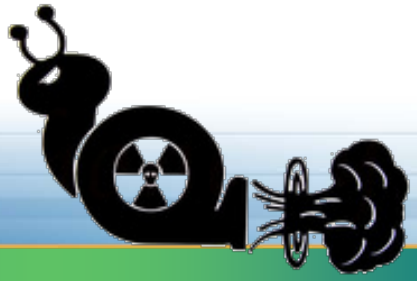
- **LEU-COMP-THERM-097**
  - Corrected Figure 42: aluminum rod outer diameter (OD) is 0.638736 cm.
  - Corrected Figure 52: placement of one fuel rod updated.
  - Corrected Figure 62: added three fuel rods for a total of 1097.

Minor Revisions to the Handbook 19-21:

- **LEU-MET-THERM-003**
  - Corrected Figure 3-5: the dump line radius is 22.066 cm.
- ~~**LEU-MET-THERM-005**~~
- **IEU-MET-THERM-001**
  - Changed Identifier
  - Corrected Figures 1-20, 1-21, 3-5, and 3-6 and Table 1-7: Core 0 has 36 unit cells, not 31.
  - Corrected Figure 3.3 and Table 3-14: now includes control rod positions for Core 0.
- **LEU-MET-THERM-006**
  - Included MCNP6 sample calculations in Section 4 (Table 13.c) and input decks in Appendix A.3. These were provided by Bor Kos from Jožef Stefan Institute, Slovenia.

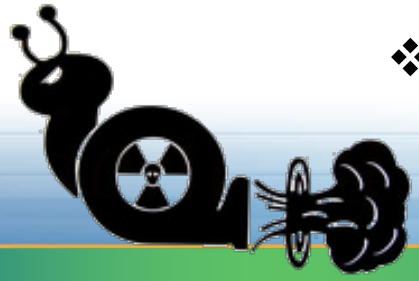
Minor Revisions to the Handbook 22-26:

- **LEU-MISC-THERM-001**
  - Replaced Figure 8.a with Figure 9.a found in LEU-MISC-THERM-006 and -007.
- **LEU-MISC-THERM-002**
  - Replaced Figure 8.a with Figure 9.a found in LEU-MISC-THERM-006 and -007.
- **LEU-MISC-THERM-003**
  - Replaced Figure 8.a with Figure 9.a found in LEU-MISC-THERM-006 and -007.
- **LEU-MISC-THERM-005**
  - Replaced Figure 8.a with Figure 9.a found in LEU-MISC-THERM-006 and -007.
- **LEU-MISC-THERM-007**
  - Corrected Table 13.b: Second “Case 8” should be “Case 9”



Minor Revisions to the Handbook 27-30:

- **MIX-COMP-THERM-011**
  - Corrected Figure 10: Distance from top of Fuel pin to top of Tie-rod is 34.2 cm, not 34.8 cm.
  - Corrected KENO input decks and updated Section 4 sample calculations.
- **MIX-MET-INTER-001**
  - Updated title, cross-link, and verbiage to match MIX-MET-FAST-008
- **MIX-MISC-THERM-002**
  - Corrected exponent of water densities in Table 19 to be "E-02" instead of "E-01".
  - Corrected Figure 15: distance between Outer tank and Support plate should be 27.34 cm, not 27.14 cm.
  - Corrected Table 15.a: pitch is 2.5 cm, not 2 cm; the solution and stainless steel volume fractions are 18.41 % and 81.59 %, respectively, for Bottom grid outside fuel assembly.
- **MIX-MISC-THERM-003**
  - Various clarifications in the text.
  - Corrected Figures 8, 9, and 10: added grid diameter of 28.5 cm. Corrected critical height position.



Minor Revisions to the Handbook 31-34:

- **FUND-IPPE-VdG-MULT-TRANS-001**
  - Corrected Tables 2, 4, 7, 11, B.4, B.5, B.6: data was shifted across rows
- **ALARM-TRAN-AIR-SHIELD-001**
  - Removed sentence from Appendix A that incorrectly indicated that weight window input files were available on the handbook.
- **ALARM-TRAN-CH2-SHIELD-001**
  - Removed sentence from Appendix A that incorrectly indicated that weight window input files were available on the handbook.
- **ALARM-TRAN-PB-SHIELD-001**
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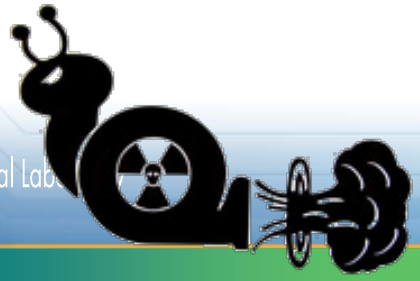
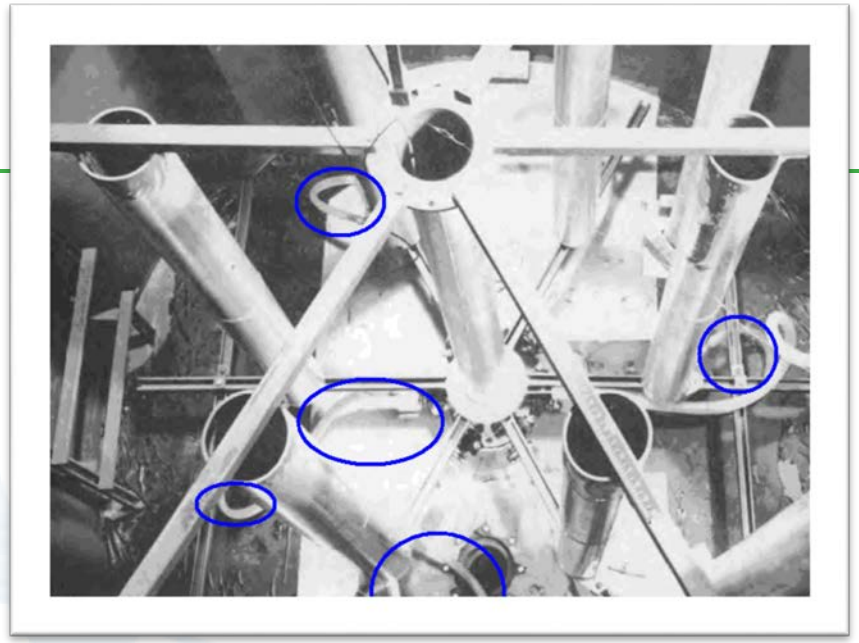
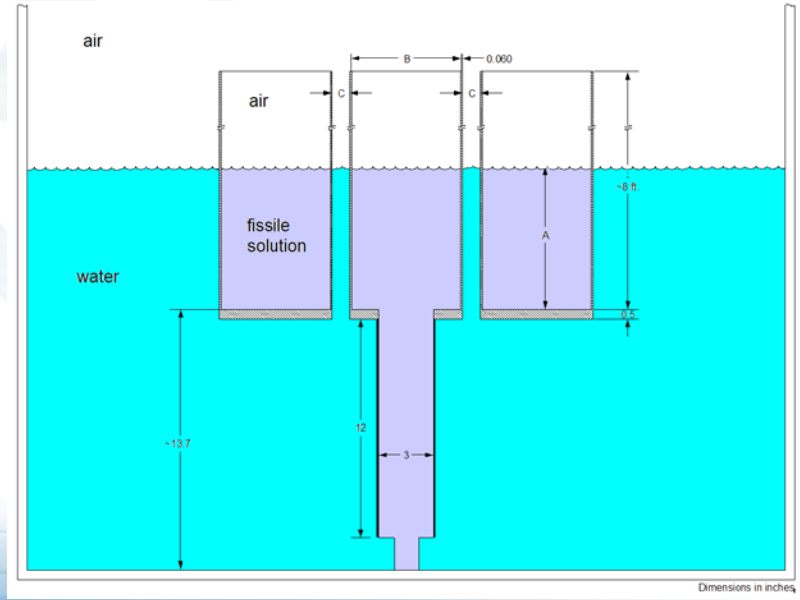


Noteworthy Revision 1: HEU-SOL-THERM-048

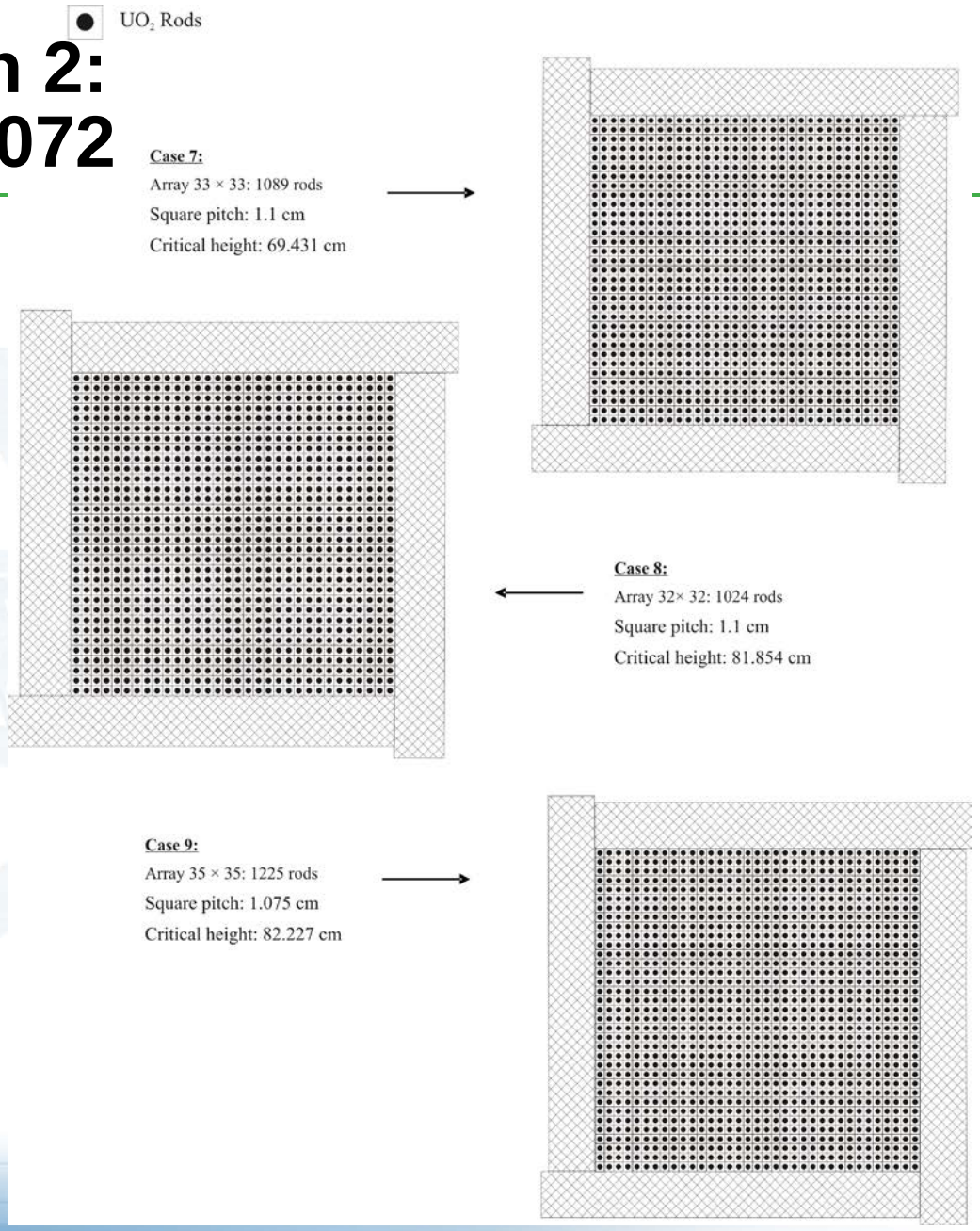
- Reevaluated uncertainty in tygon tubing
  - Section 2.5.2
  - Effectively doubled uncertainty
- Reduced total number of acceptable benchmarks
  - 20 → 11
  - Within 2σ
    - 340 – 930 pcm uncertainty



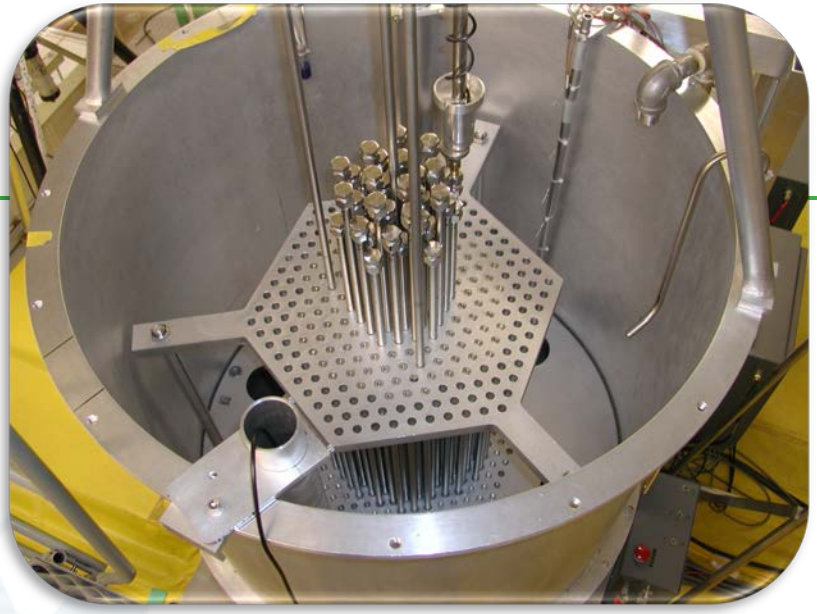


Noteworthy Revision 2: LEU-COMP-THERM-072

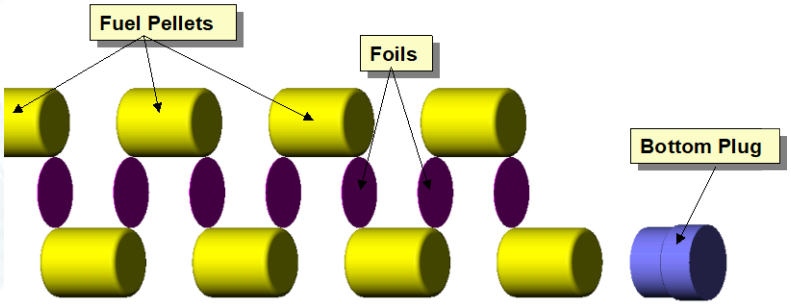
- Improved quality of Figures 4 and 12
- Provided additional data for C_2H_2 blocks
  - Section 1.3.10
- Minor update to uncertainty analysis
- Updated Section 4 sample calculations

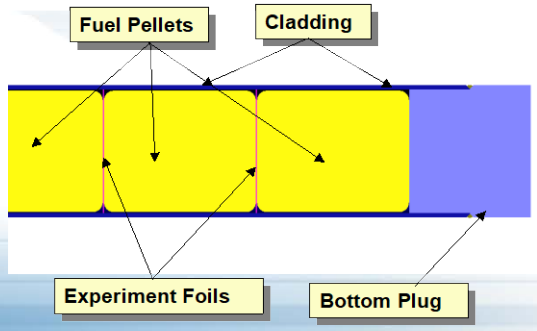


Noteworthy Revision 3: LEU-COMP-THERM-079

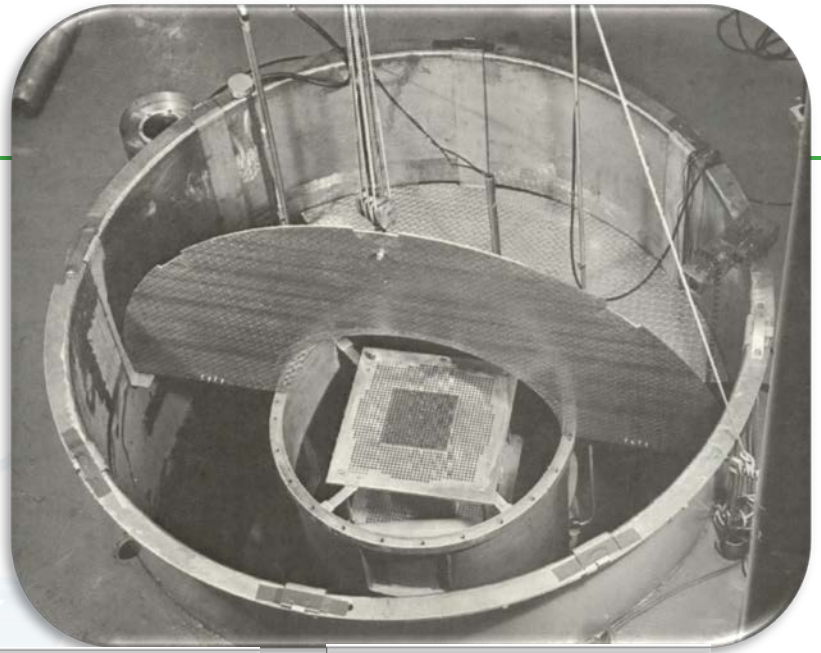


- Minor update to array pitch
- Reevaluated uncertainties
  - Fuel element outer diameter
  - Array pitch
  - Temperature corrections

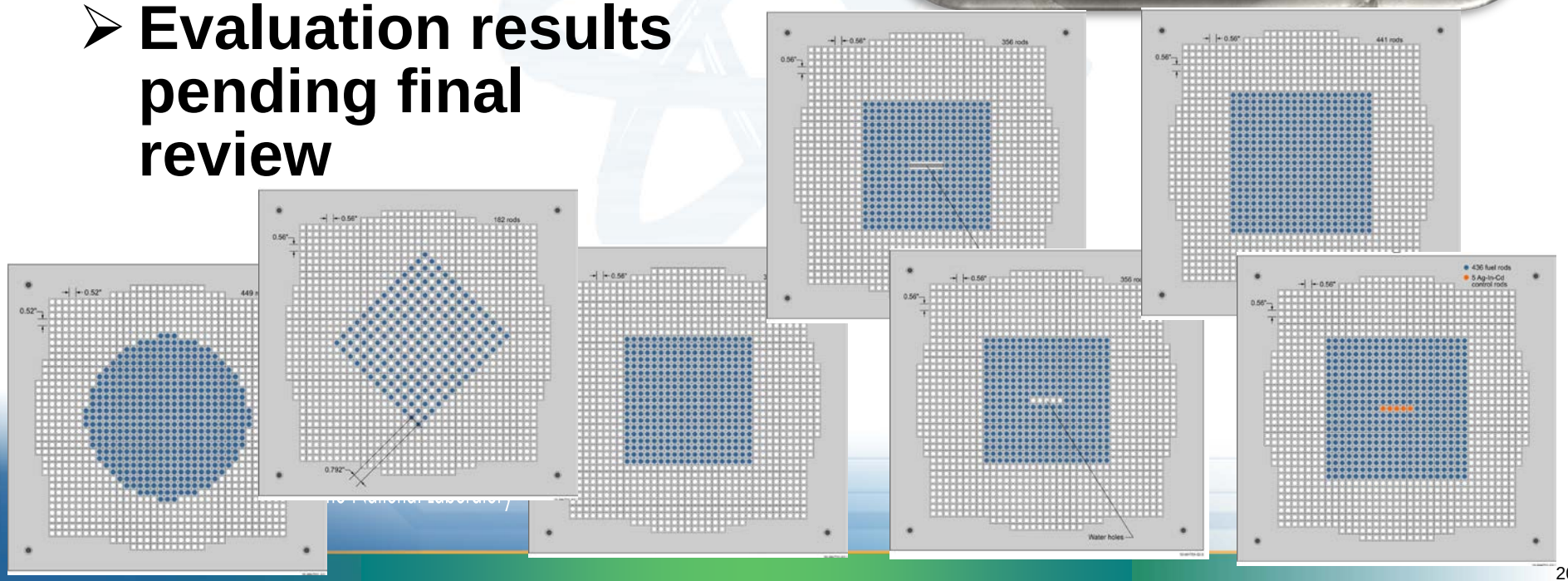




New 1: LEU-COMP-THERM-98

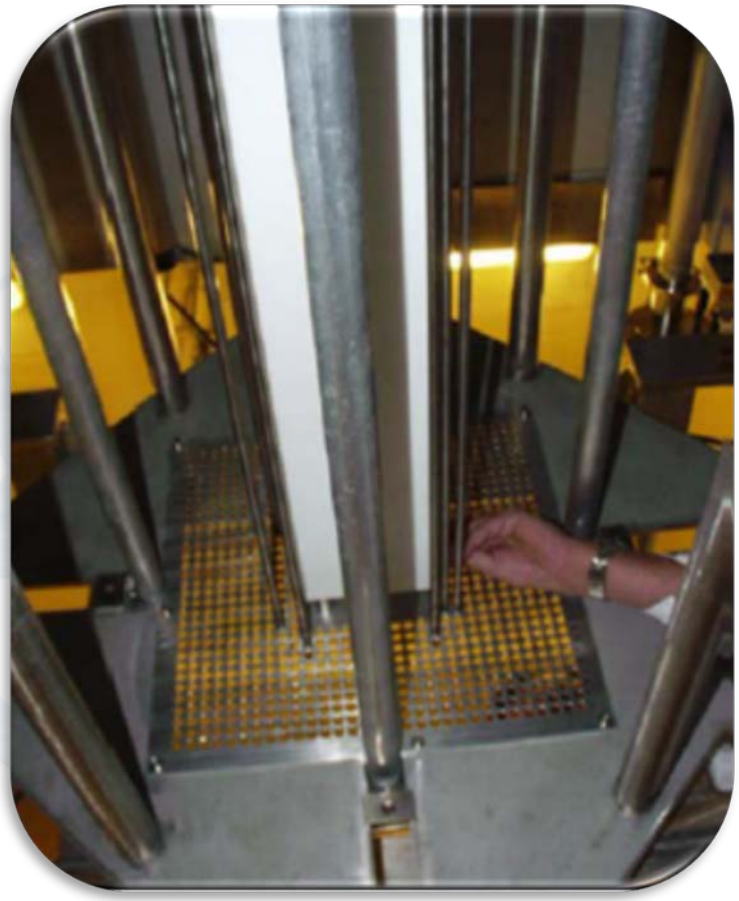


- **(WREC) SPP Criticals**
  - **UO_2 loadings only**
  - **7 critical configurations**
- **Evaluation results pending final review**



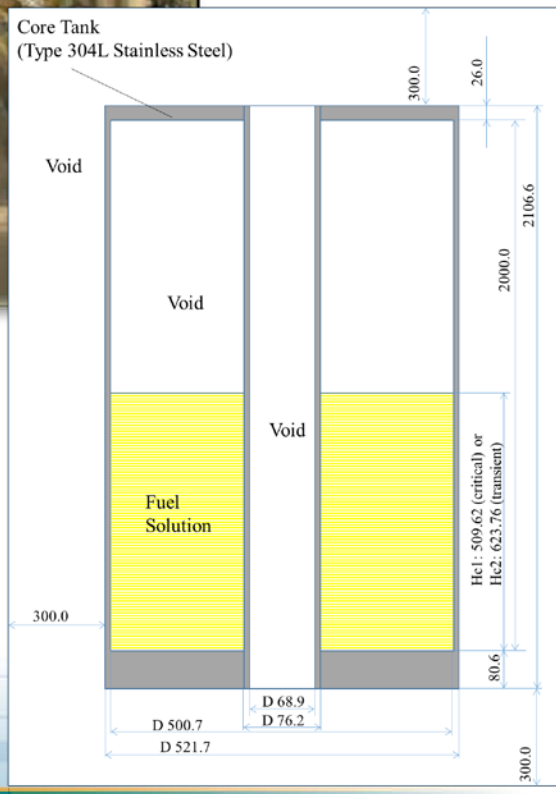
New 2: LEU-COMP-THERM-100

- (IRSN) UO_2 rods around polytetrafluoroethylene block
  - 2 critical configurations
- Evaluated
  - Uncertainty ~80 pcm
  - Sample calculations within 0.48σ to 2.16σ



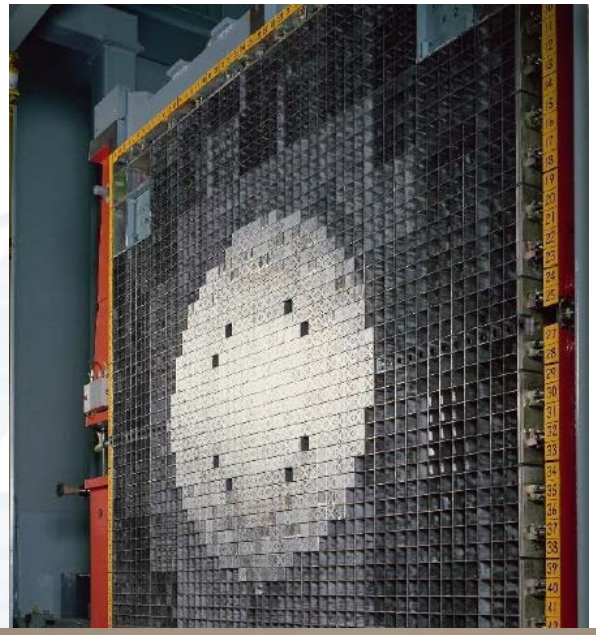
New 3: LEU-SOL-THERM-012

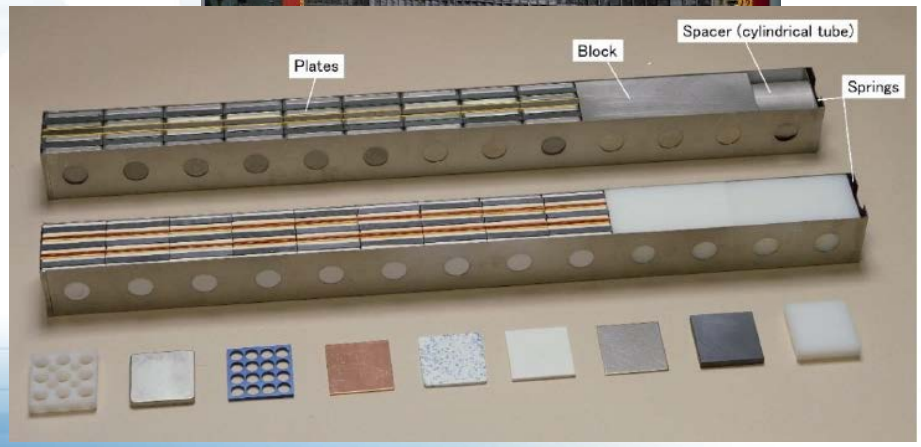
- (JAEA) TRACY
  - 10%, uranyl nitrate
  - 1 critical
  - 1 supercritical, 3$
- Evaluated
  - Uncertainty ~110 pcm
  - Sample calculations within 0.27%, 3σ



New 4: IEU-MET-FAST-024

- (JAEA) FCA IX-7
  - Fundamental configuration prior to minor actinide measurements
- Evaluated
  - Heterogeneous and Homogenous critical benchmark models
  - Uncertainty ~140 pcm
  - Sample calculations within 0.4 %, 3σ





Evaluations Planned for Future Publications

- Belarus
  - GIACINT
- Brazil
  - IPEN/MB-01 with U-Mo Plates
- France
  - MIRTE
  - Pu Nitrate Annular Cylinders
- Japan
  - FCA IX-7 Assembly
- Slovenia
  - ASPIS-Fe Shielding Benchmark
  - Lucite-Moderated and -Reflected HEU Foils
- United States
  - 7UpCX Experiments
  - BeRP with CH_2/Ni Composite Reflector
  - BUCCX with Titanium Sleeves
  - FFTF Pin Criticals in Organic Moderator
  - GODIVA-IV Revision
  - ISSA Subcritical Multiplicity
  - KRUSTY
  - Np Subcritical Measurements
  - SCRaP
  - TEX Experiments
  - TRX Critical Experiments
  - UF_6 Cylinders
  - University of New Mexico AGN Reactor

A Short Guide on Citing of the ICSBEP/IRPhEPHandbooks and Individual Evaluations

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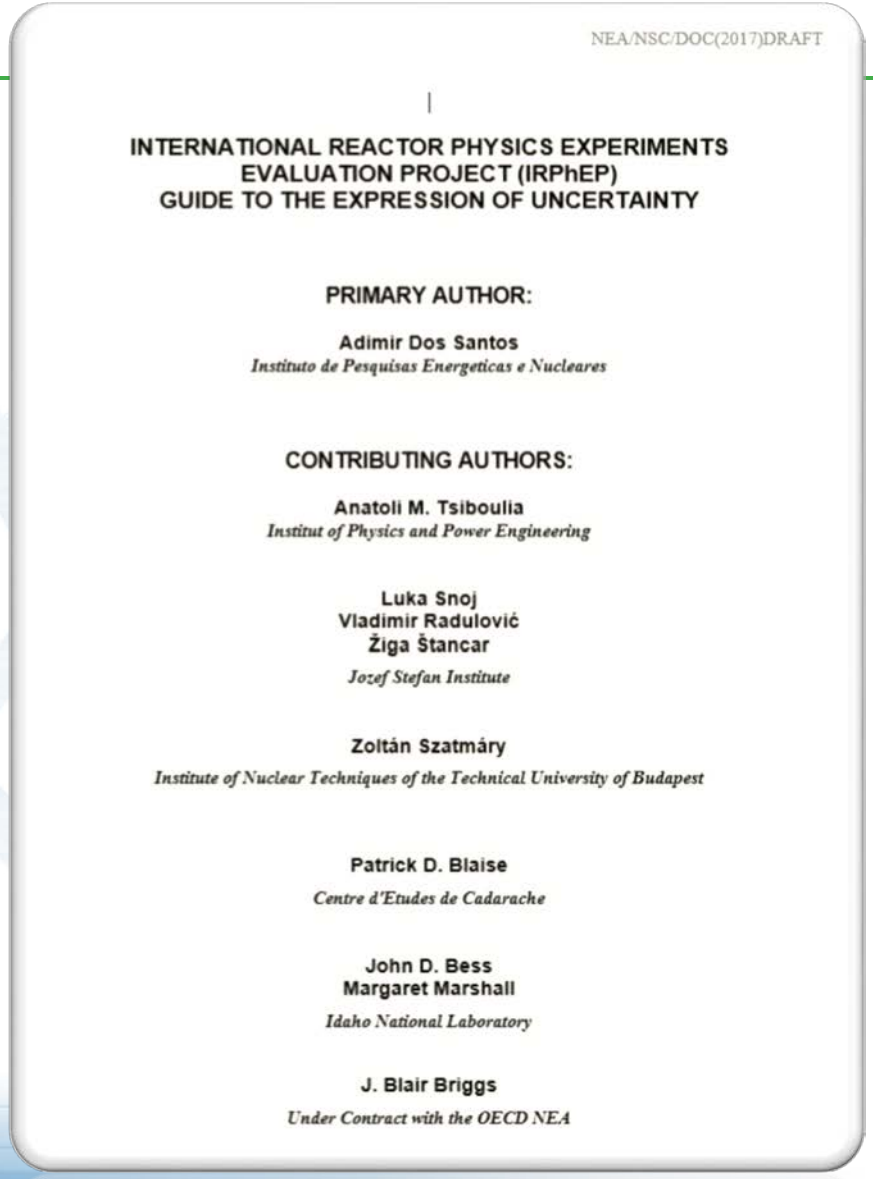
IRPhEP Individual Evaluations:

Štancar, Ž., et al. Reaction Rate Distribution Experiments at the Slovenian JSI TRIGA Mark II Research Reactor, TRIGA-FUND-RESR-002. In: *International Handbook of Evaluated Reactor Physics Benchmark Experiments* /Nuclear Energy Agency. - Paris : OECD Nuclear Energy Agency, 2017. - 251 pp. -(NEA;7329). ISBN #

IRPhEP Uncertainty Guide

- Criticality
  - ICSBEP
- Buckling (ref report)
  - Zoltán Szatmáry
  - U. Budapest
- Spectral Characteristics
- Reactivity Effects
  - Reactivity Coefficients
- Kinetics
- Reaction-Rate Distribution
  - Power Distribution
- Not yet available
  - Isotopic measurements
  - Other miscellaneous types



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Conclusions

- The ICSBEP and IRPhEP continue to provide high-quality integral benchmark data
- Valuable for nuclear data testing, uncertainty reduction, criticality safety, reactor physics, advanced modeling and simulation
- Data contributed from 26 countries
- Enable current and future activities supported by experimental validation

¿Questions?

Extra Slides

Countries Participating in the ICSBEP & IRPhEP

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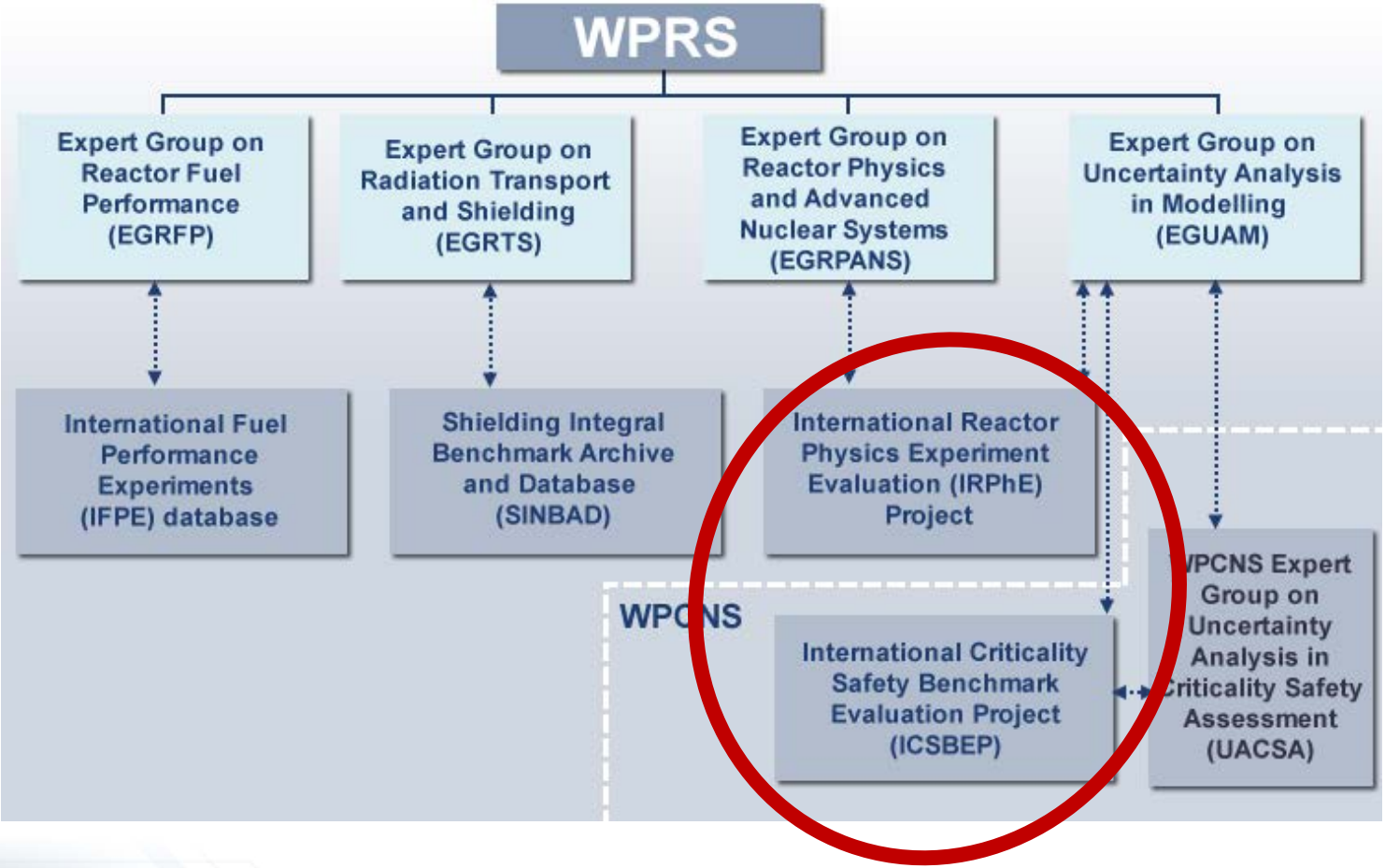

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