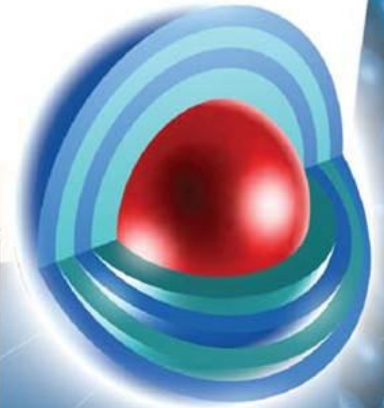




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Closing Remarks and Action Plan



**PBMR COUPLED NEUTRONICS/THERMAL HYDRAULICS TRANSIENT
BENCHMARK**

THE PBMR-400 CORE DESIGN

Interlaken, Switzerland

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PBMR Related Benchmarks and Experimental Facilities



- Proteus Pebble Bed Critical Facility Experiments
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Future benchmarks



- Burnup benchmark proposal
- ASTRA analysis (IAEA / CRP5 definition available)
- Pebble Box (IAEA / CRP5 definition available)
- Gen-IV plans (limit duplication)
- AVR (In European program; DLOFC simulated test, Melt-wires)
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- PBMRT5 meeting summary with all presentations to be published (also CD) Target October 2008
 - Official summary, All presentations, All submitted spreadsheets, All comparison spreadsheets
 - Action list with final deadlines and plans
- Discussions between current submissions to clarify differences
 - Axial offset – Tinte
 - Kernel models ?
 - Differences in Fission Power (Case 6)
 - Kernel model vs no kernel model
 - Differences between temperatures although powers are similar
 - Steady State submissions / updates / converged results (Action F Reitsma)
 - Old results removed (as applicable)
- All outstanding questionnaires to be submitted by 15 October 2008
 - Updated PARCS-Agree ? (PARCS-Direkt received 2007)
 - CITATION – PBMR for SS Exercise 1
 - DORT-Thermix (could not locate)
 - Many Others? Please send again: (email sent by James Han in July)



- Finalised comparative spreadsheet and statistical analysis (send to PSU, finalised by end October 2008)
 - Updated spreadsheets placed on web

- Draft Benchmark report sent to participants (mid / end November)
 - Comments submitted by end December 2008

- Final report at OECD end January 2009
- Published report, March / April 2009
 - Presentations and other data on CD

- Special Journal issue to be published in 2009 (KI feedback)



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Conclusions & Future work



- Benchmark definition is final and no changes will be made
- Successful workshops well attended with very stimulating discussions
- Wide variety of codes and methods are applied
- Decision to publish only one report (and not a separate specification)

- Next and final workshop now completed

- Major deadlines
 - Finalisation of results and all submissions (30 October)
 - Questionnaires
 - Code descriptions
 - Drafted report will be sent to all for comment (November 2008)
 - 2-3 weeks for comments
 - Report submitted to OECD / NEA (Dec 2008/ Jan 2009)
 - Published report (March / April 2009)

- A special Journal issue containing all the detailed submissions of the OECD PBMR 400MW Transient Benchmark Exercise will be pursued in 2009 (as a final detailed summary of all the related work)



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Value added by the benchmark



- Countless fruitful discussions and opportunity to learn
- The OECD PBMR 400MW Code to code Benchmark added a lot of value
 - Will form part of PBMR's V&V work supporting the license application
 - Part of all other Code verification
 - At least five PhD related to this work completed or in progress
 - Increased confidence in the tools used to calculate pebble bed reactors
- Was the catalyst for new code developments
 - Handful of couplings made between neutronic and thermal fluid codes
 - New applications of existing codes
 - Cross section generation and representation lessons learned
- Value of reverse engineering done at PBMR emphasized

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 - Enrico Sartori – organizing meeting and support
- OECD / NEA / NSC
- PBMR releasing information to be used in benchmark



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