

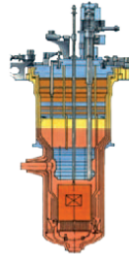
# SFRs by Russia

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**Fast Experimental Reactor  
BOR-60**  
**Fast Reactor  
BR-5/10**



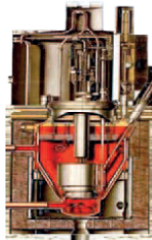
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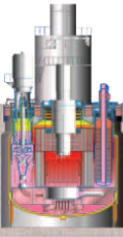
1969

Fuel enrichment 45-75% MOX

**Fast Sodium Reactors**  
**BN-350**

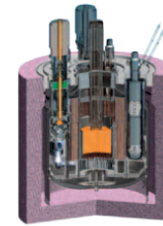


1973



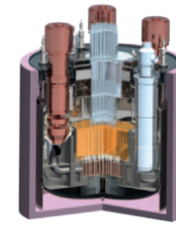
1980

**BN-800**



2015

**BN-1200**



Development  
stage



## History and geography of Russian fast reactors

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# Key-design parameters of USSR / Russian SFRs – BN reactors

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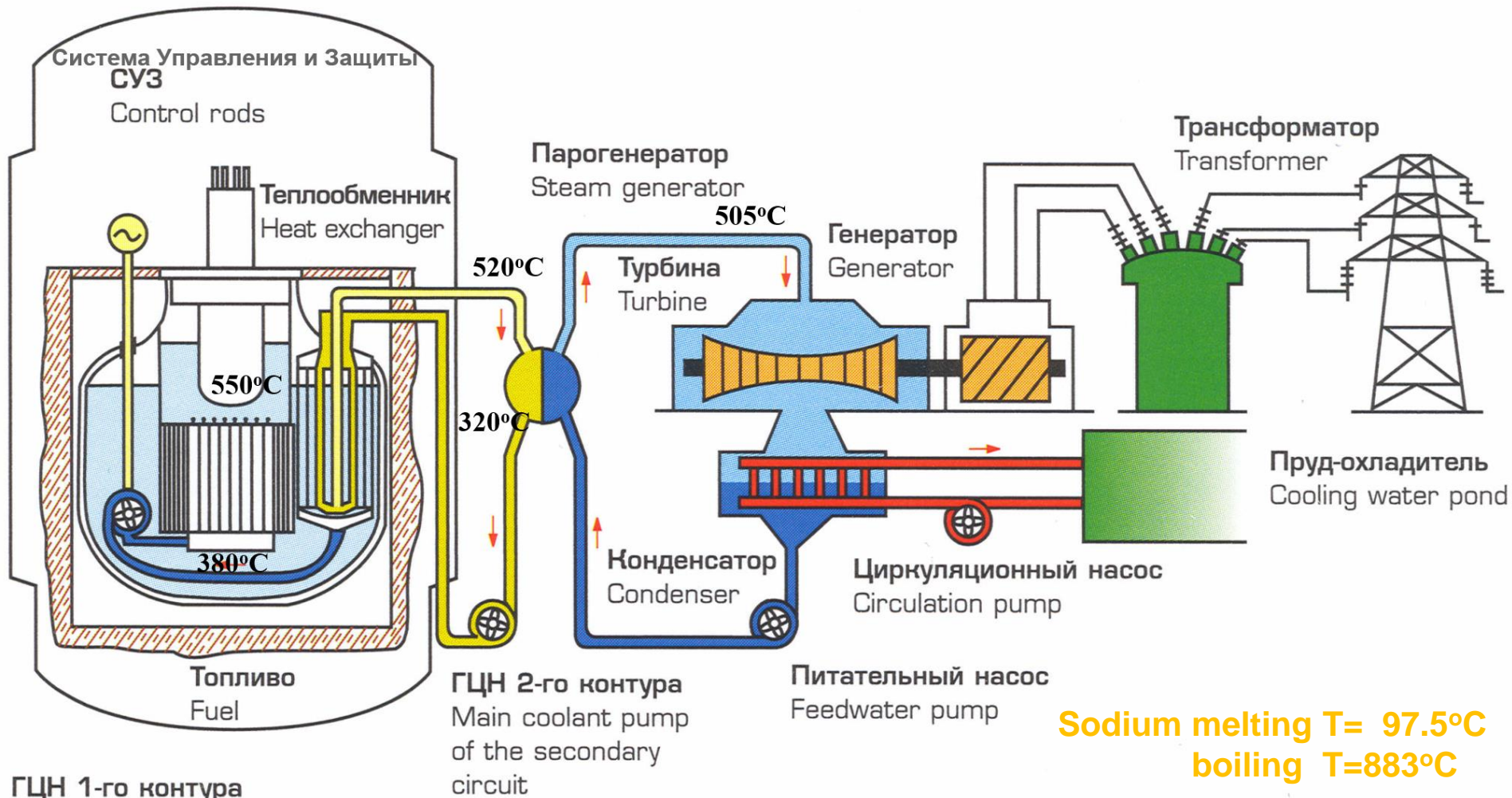
No.	Parameter	BN-350	BN-600*	BN-800*	BN-1200**
1	Generation of reactor	II	III	III+	IV
2	Thermal power, MW <sub>th</sub>	750	1470	2100	2800
3	Electrical power, MW <sub>el</sub>	150	600	880	1220
4	Thermal efficiency of NPP: gross / net	20 / -	40.8 / 40.0	41.9 / 38.8	43.6 / 40.5
5	Basic components:	-			
	No of turbines × type		3×K-200-130	1×K-800-130	1×K-1200-160
	No of generators × type		3×ТГБ-200-M	1×Т3Б-800-2	1×Т3Б-1200-2
6	Vessel: Diameter, m	-	12.86	12.96	16.9
	Height, m		12.60	14.82	20.72
	Layout	Loop	Integral	Integral	Integral
7	No of heat-transfer loops	-	3	3	4
8	Temperature of reactor coolant: sodium, primary loop – T <sub>in</sub> /T <sub>out</sub> , °C	280/440	377/550	354/547	410/550
9	Temperature of intermediate coolant: sodium, secondary loop – T <sub>in</sub> /T <sub>out</sub> , °C	270/420	328/518	309/505	355/527
10	Temperature of power-cycle working fluid: water/steam – T <sub>in</sub> /T <sub>out</sub> , °C	160/410	240/505	210/490	275/510
11	Pressure at steam-generator outlet, MPa	4.9	14	14	17
12	Scheme of steam reheat with		Sodium	Steam	Steam
13	Basic unchangeable components service term, years		30	40	60
14	Fuel	UO <sub>2</sub>	UO <sub>2</sub>	MOX***	MOX / UN+20%PuN
15	Fuel enrichment, % (zones: internal/intermediate/external)	17-26	17/20/27	17/20/24	20
16	Breeding ratio	0.93 Pu factor	0.85 Pu factor	1.0	1.2-1.4
17	Basic unchangeable components service term, years	-	30 (41)	40	60

\* BN-600 and BN-800 are currently in operation at Beloyarsk NPP; BN-600 commercial start – 1981 and BN-800 - 2016. **Prototype of these SFRs was BOR-60 as a demonstration model with 45-75% enriched MOX fuel.**

\*\* BN-1200 – design of Generation-IV Russian SFR (to be built after 2030).

\*\*\* MOX fuel appeared as a result of an agreement signed between Russia & US in 2000 on the disposal of military plutonium (TVEL/ROSATOM)

# Simplified scheme of Liquid-Metal Fast-Breeder Reactor (LMFBR) – Russian BN-600 (BN – Fast Sodium) Sodium-cooled Fast Reactor (SFR) (courtesy of ROSENERGOATOM).



**Sodium melting  $T = 97.5^\circ\text{C}$   
boiling  $T = 883^\circ\text{C}$**

**Put into operation in 1980 at Belayarsk NPP as Unit #3.  $^{238}\text{U}$  and  $^{232}\text{Th}$  can be involved in the fuel cycle. Purity of sodium should be 99.95%. 370 bundles (each 127 fuel rods) installed in reactor.**

## **Sodium**

**Can cause serious or permanent injury.**

**Can be ignited under almost all ambient temperature conditions (autoignition temperature in air of liquid Na:  $120 - 470^\circ\text{C}$ ).**

**Readily undergoes violent chemical changes at elevated temperatures and pressures.**

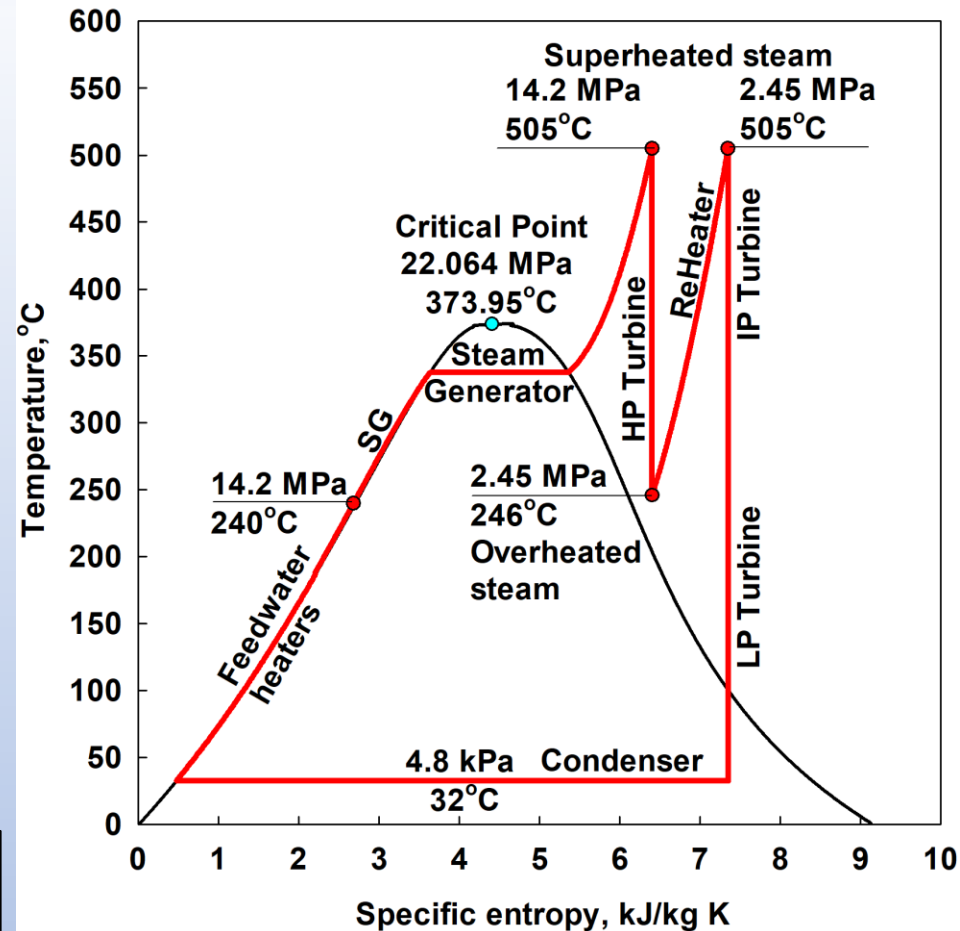
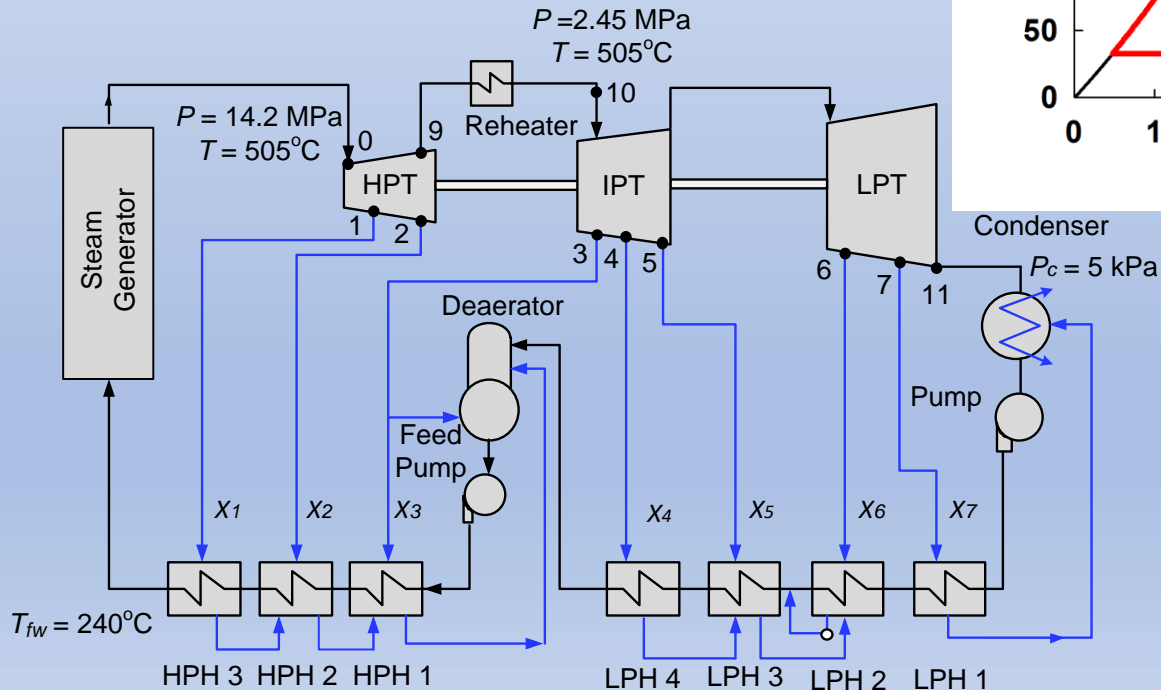
**Reacts violently or explosively with water with hydrogen generation.**



## Thermodynamic layout of 600-MW<sub>el</sub> BN-600 SFR NPP

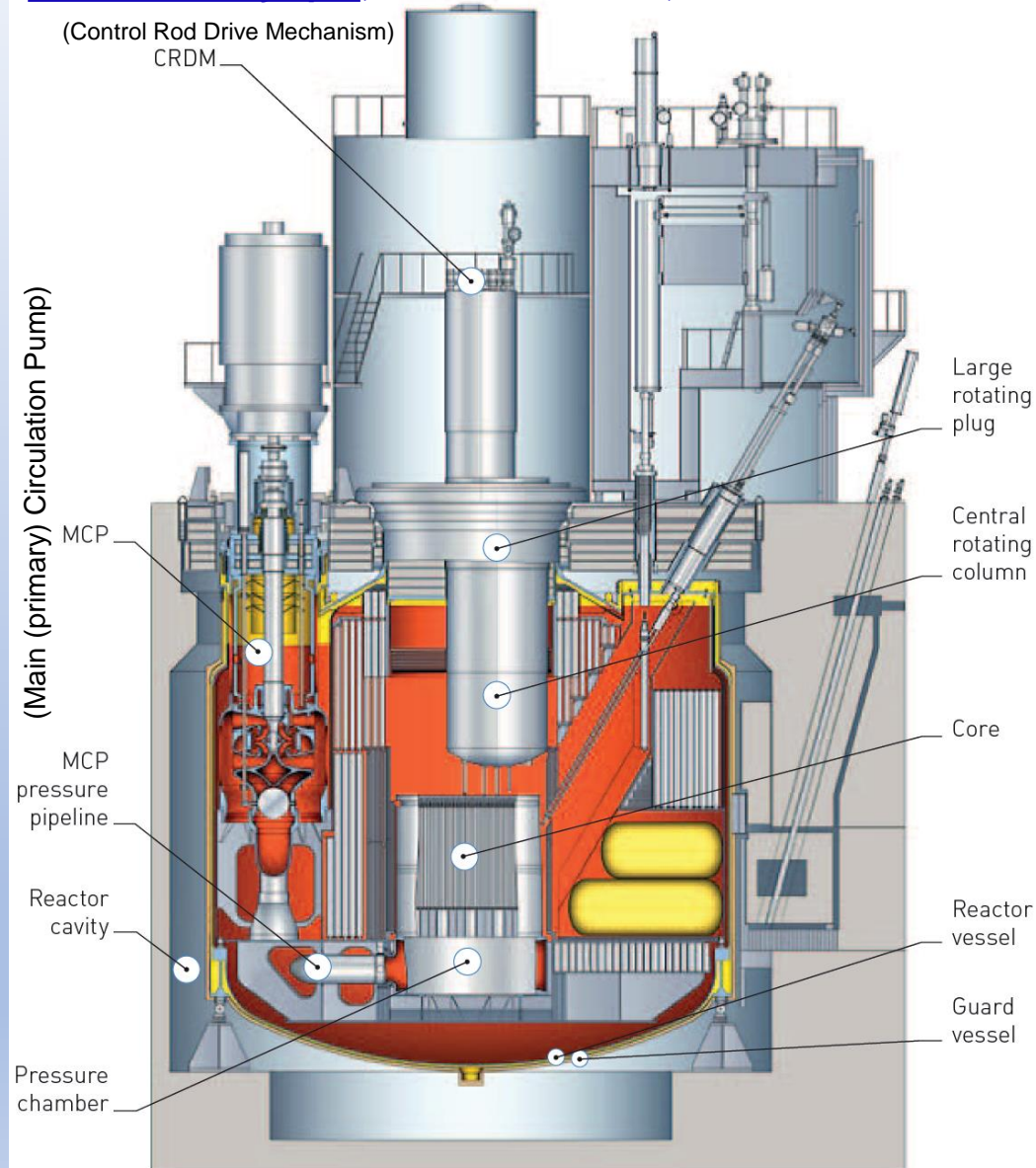
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**Simplified  $T-s$  diagram of subcritical-pressure superheated-steam Rankine cycle with reheat option (secondary steam is reheated with liquid sodium from intermediate loop in preheater) of SFR (BN-600) NPP (winter operation).**

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BN-600 main primary equipment

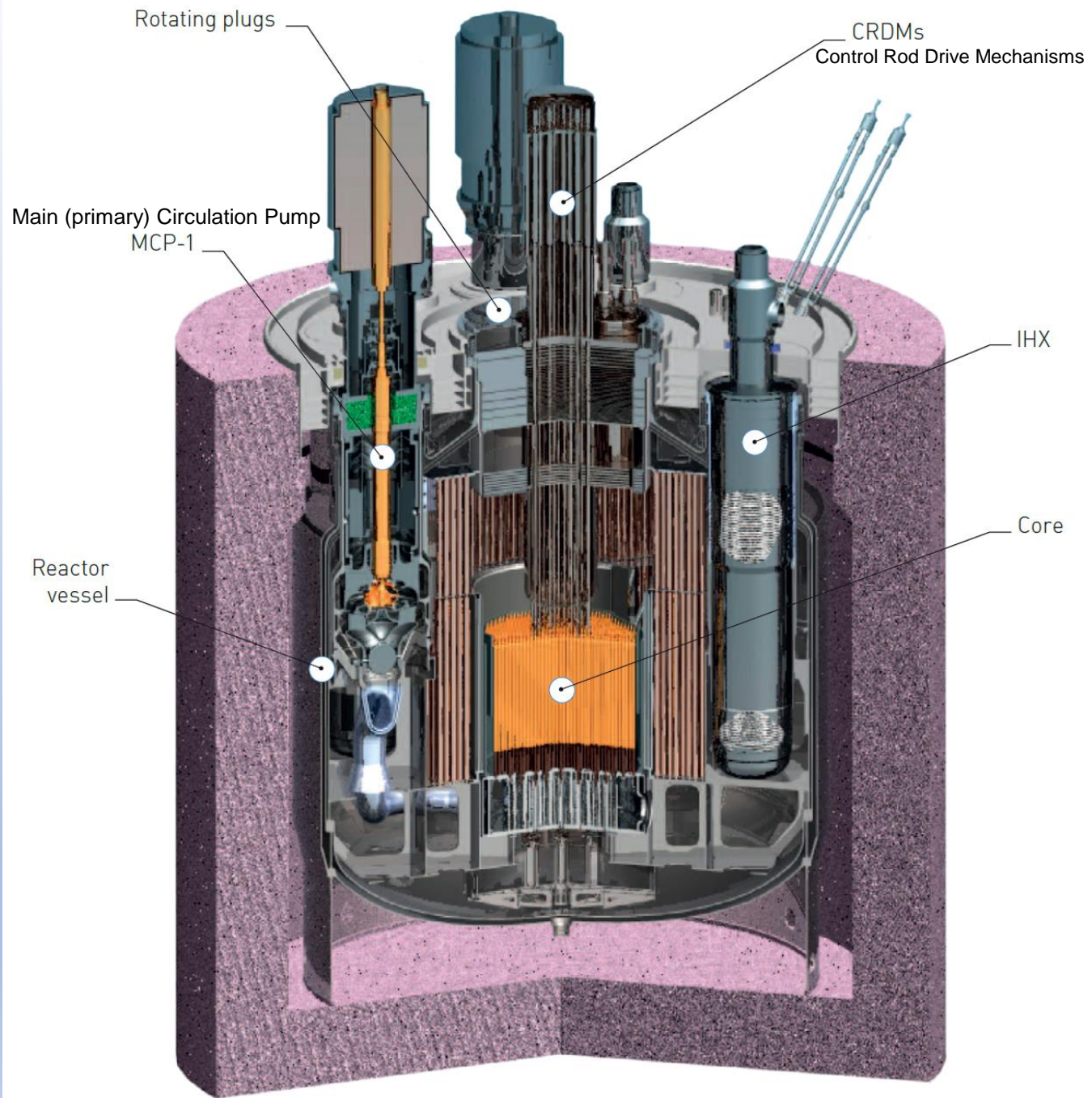




**Sodium-cooled Fast Reactor (SFR) - BN-800, 820 MW<sub>el</sub>, Beloyarsk NPP, year 2017  
(Courtesy of ROSATOM):**

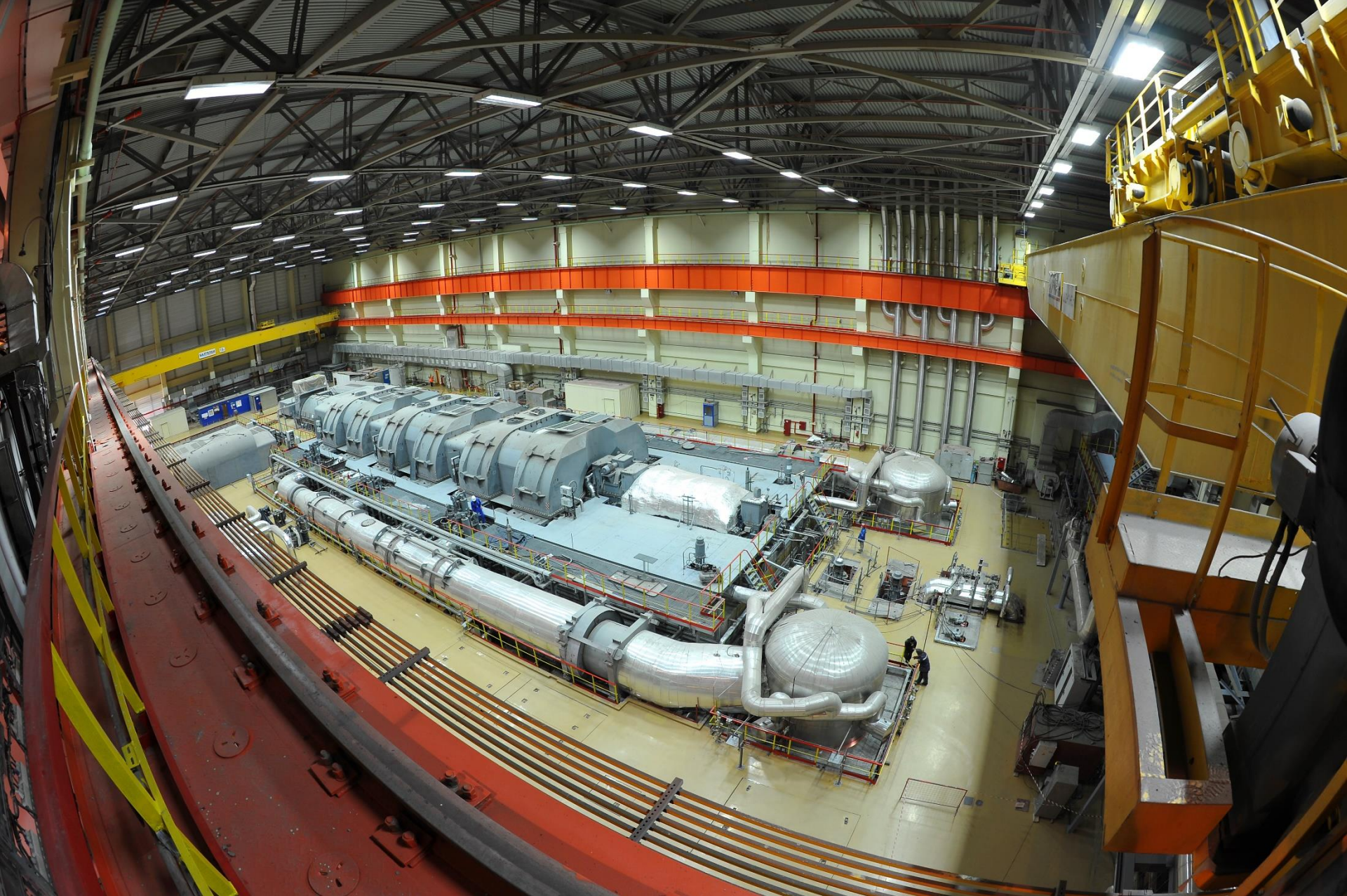
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BN-800 main primary equipment



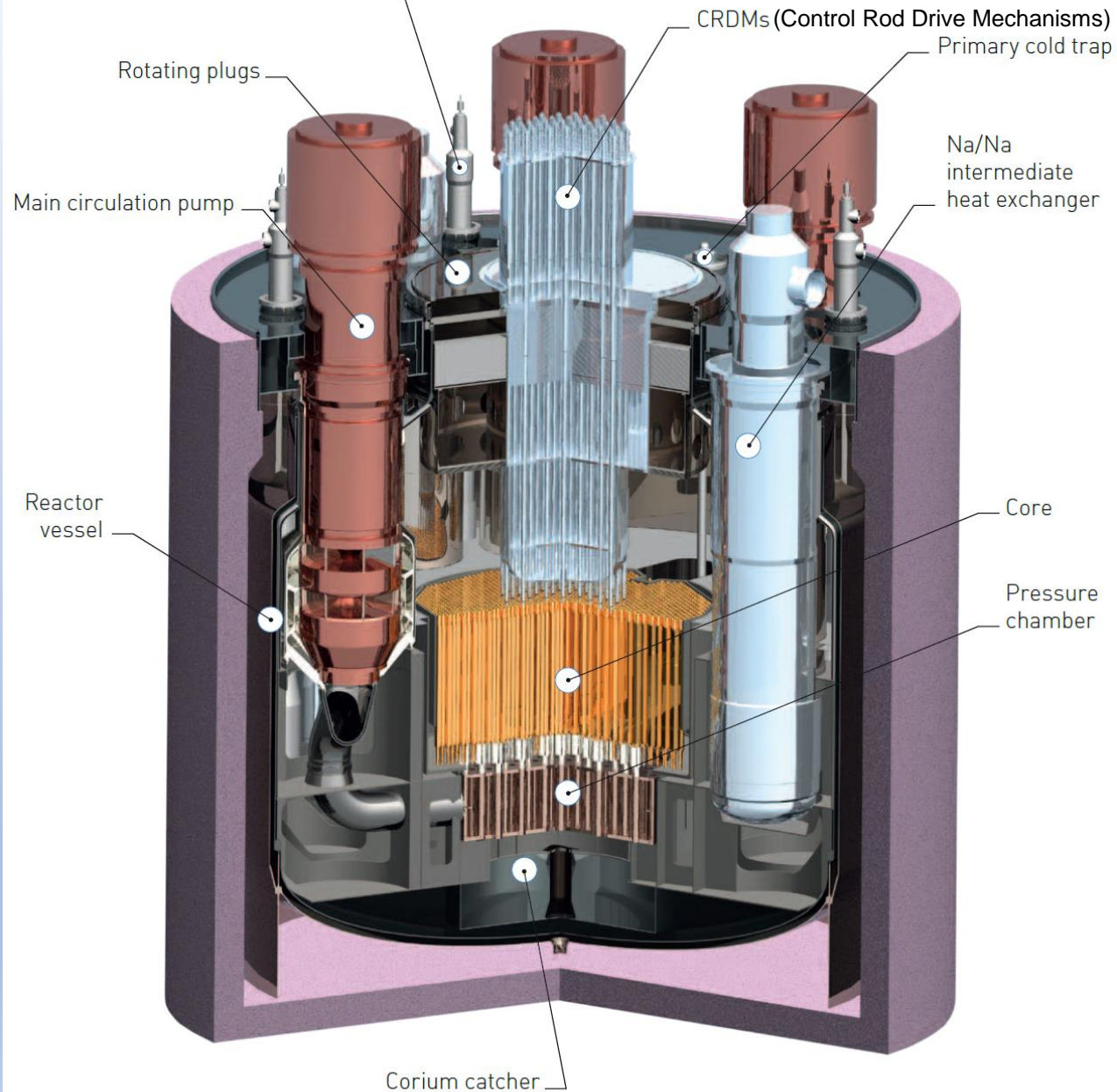


**Turbine-generator hall of BN-800 reactor, 820 MW<sub>el</sub>, Beloyarsk NPP, year 2015 (Courtesy of ROSATOM): <https://www.flickr.com/photos/rosatom/28920213252/in/album-72157671632599611/>**



Autonomous Na/Na heat  
exchanger of the emergency  
heat removal system

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BN-1200 main primary equipment

# EVOLUTION OF TECHNICAL SOLUTIONS FOR SAFETY ENHANCEMENT OF FAST REACTOR DESIGNS

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	BN-600	BN-800	BN-1200
<b>1. Solutions for sodium circuits:</b>	<b>Gen.-III</b>	<b>Gen.-III+</b>	<b>Gen.-IV</b>
– sodium-sodium intermediate circuit	+	+	+
– jacketing of vessels with radioactive sodium	+	+	+
– jacketing of pipelines with radioactive sodium	+	+	Pipelines with radioactive sodium have been excluded
– jacketing of secondary pipelines	-/+ (partially)	-/+ (partially)	+
<b>2. Emergency protection:</b>			
– active	+	+	+
– passive based on hydraulically suspended rods	-	+	+
– passive based on the temperature principle	-	-	+
<b>3. Emergency heat removal system:</b>			
– within the tertiary circuit	+		
– air heat exchangers are connected to the secondary circuit	-	+	
– air heat exchangers are connected to the primary circuit	-	-	+
<b>4. Core melt retaining system</b>	-	+	+
<b>5. Emergency discharge isolation system</b>	-	-	+

Solutions adopted for the design of reactor plants, use of passive safety systems and inherent safety properties of the sodium coolant make it possible to ensure the safety level that excludes necessity of population evacuation in case of any technically possible accidents.