Overview of Environmental Issues and Material Property Gaps for Commercial Viability of Advanced Reactors

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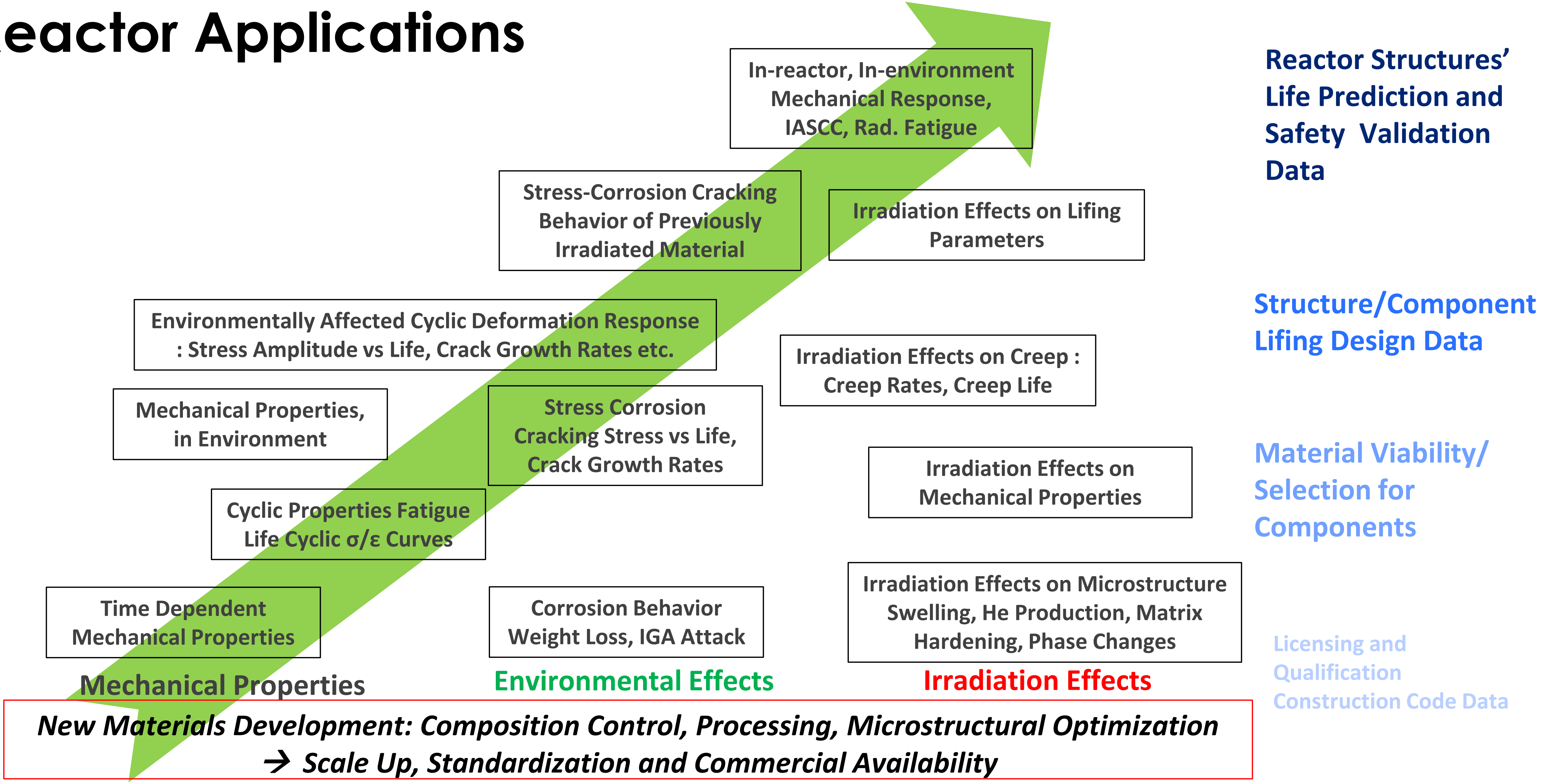
Materials Development and Validation for Advanced Reactor Applications



Data Generation and Material Testing for Structures in Advanced Reactors

From Monday : Comparison with Light Water Reactors

In-reactor, In-environment Mechanical Response, IASCC, Rad. Fatigue

Stress-Corrosion Cracking Behavior of Previously Irradiated Material

Irradiation Effects on Lifing Parameters

Environmentally Affected Cyclic Deformation Response : Stress Amplitude vs Life, Crack Growth Rates etc.

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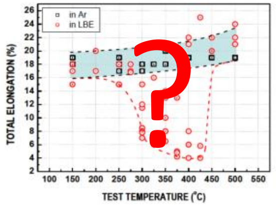
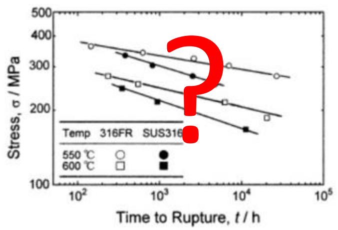
Irradiation Effects on Creep : Creep Rates, Creep Life

Time Dependent Cyclic Properties

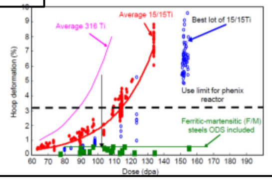


Stress Corrosion Cracking Stress vs Life, Crack Growth Rates

Irradiation Effects on Mechanical Properties



Mechanical Properties, in Environment



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Time Dependent Mechanical Properties

Corrosion Behavior Weight Loss, IGA Attack

Irradiation Effects on Microstructure Phase Changes

Mechanical Properties

Environmental Effects

Irradiation Effects

New Materials Development: Composition Control, Processing, Microstructural Optimization → Properties

Long Time Fleet Performance Life Prediction from Assessment of Aged Materials via "representative" lab testing

Moderate-time Multi-unit Performance data Laboratory test data for interacting variables generating durability data for lifing

Prototype Performance Data Intermediate-time durability test data for simple effects

Construction Code Data with margin of safety on short time durability data

How Well Can We Follow The LWR Paradigm To Support The Development Of Advanced Reactors? (2)

- Lots of "white space" compared to the data that supports LWR reactors…
  - Immediate need for new materials/properties to be developed, validated and standardized
    - High temperatures, irradiation and corrosion data
  - "Simple properties" are available to support concepts – but **there are many gaps** in supporting data - long time data, time dependent properties, severe environment service
  - Progression from properties under combined conditions– Stress + Environment, Cyclic at Temperature, Strain + Irradiation…

Without these data, life estimates cannot be performed…

… without life estimates for structures, assessments of economic viability cannot be performed

Materials Gaps identified for Advanced Reactors (MSR, LFR, VHTR/GFR, SFR) in EPRI Material Gap Studied - 1 of 2

GEN IV REACTOR	COMPONENT	MATERIAL	NEEDED R&D
Molten Salt Reactors	Core Support/ Structural Materials	**316**	Proof of resistance to long time corrosion in properly controlled salt environment. Time dependent properties for ASME code Sec III Div 5 certification. Demonstration of performance (resistance to EAC) in salt under loading. Development and demonstration of cladding (Mo rich) for protection
		Hastelloy N and variants	Demonstration of radiation tolerance of Hast N variants (Proper understanding of chemistry→ microstructure → properties … Development of properties for ASME code Sec III Div 5 certification
	Coolant	**Salt**	Development of salt chemistry (and impurity) control. Demonstration of Te control
	Moderator	**Graphite**	Development of long time properties in salt etc. ***for the specific type of graphite to be employed***
High temperature Gas Reactor	Core Support/ Structural Materials	**316 and Austenitic Alloys**	Code approval of time dependent properties – creep, creep-fatigue
		316FR	Code qualification properties for ASME code Sec III Div 5 for 316FR including time dependent properties
	Vessel	**LAS**	Time dependent and fatigue properties for ASME code Sec III Div 5
	Moderator	**Graphite**	Development of long time properties etc. ***for the specific type of graphite to be employed***
Na SFR	Vessel and Core Support Structure	**316 Stainless**	Extend code properties to include time dependent behavior (Creep. Creep fatigue)
		D9	Development of for ASME code Sec III Div 5 properties (including time dependent properties) for D9 Development of swelling behavior at long times under realistic conditions – demonstrate adequacy
	Core Support Structure and Cladding	**Ferritic Martensitic**	Prove adequacy of swelling resistance at high fluence Development of fabrication technology and proof pf performance of welds

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Ferritic-Martensitic & LAS
Nickel-based Alloys
Other (Graphite, Ceramics)
Corrosion
Cladding

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GEN IV REACTOR	COMPONENT	MATERIAL	NEEDED R&D
GFR	Core support	**Ferritic Martensitics**	Demonstration of adequate resistance to swelling at high dpa. Time dependent properties for ASME code Sec III Div 5. (include development of fabrication technologies – and demonstrate properties of joints…)
	Cladding and reflector	**Ceramics**	For advanced GFR – SiC-SiC, Zr_3Si need materials endurance data for these materials
Lead Fast Reactor	Structural Materials/ Vessel	**316**	(code qualified already) but need creep and creep fatigue data to be added into code. Need corrosion data/demonstration of resistance to lead corrosion
		Type 15-15Ti stainless	Verification of swelling resistance Development of code properties for 15-15Ti material design
	Near core structures and cladding	**Ferritic Martensitics**	Demonstration of adequate resistance to swelling at high dpa. Time dependent properties for ASME code Sec III Div 5. (include development of fabrication technologies – and demonstrate properties of joints…) Demonstration of resistance to lead corrosion/development of corrosion data Development of fabrication and effective joining methods
High Temperature Lead Reactors	Structural Materials/ Vessel	**Alumina Forming Austenitic Stainless Steels**	Demonstration of resistance to lead corrosion Demonstration of adequate resistance to irradiation/swelling at expected high dpa Development of processing and joining of alumina forming austenitic stainless steels
	Cladding	**SiC-SiC**	Development of SiC-SiC structures Demonstration of resistance to lead corrosion Development of properties and support to code qualification

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Metallic Materials' Environmentally Related Properties Needed for Design and Development of Advanced Reactors

Gas & Na Reactors

Austenitic Stainless Steels	Long time, high dose performance in sodium environment Long time high dose performance in He environment
Ferritic-Martensitic	Long time, high dose performance in sodium environment Long time high dose performance in He environment

Molten Salt Reactors

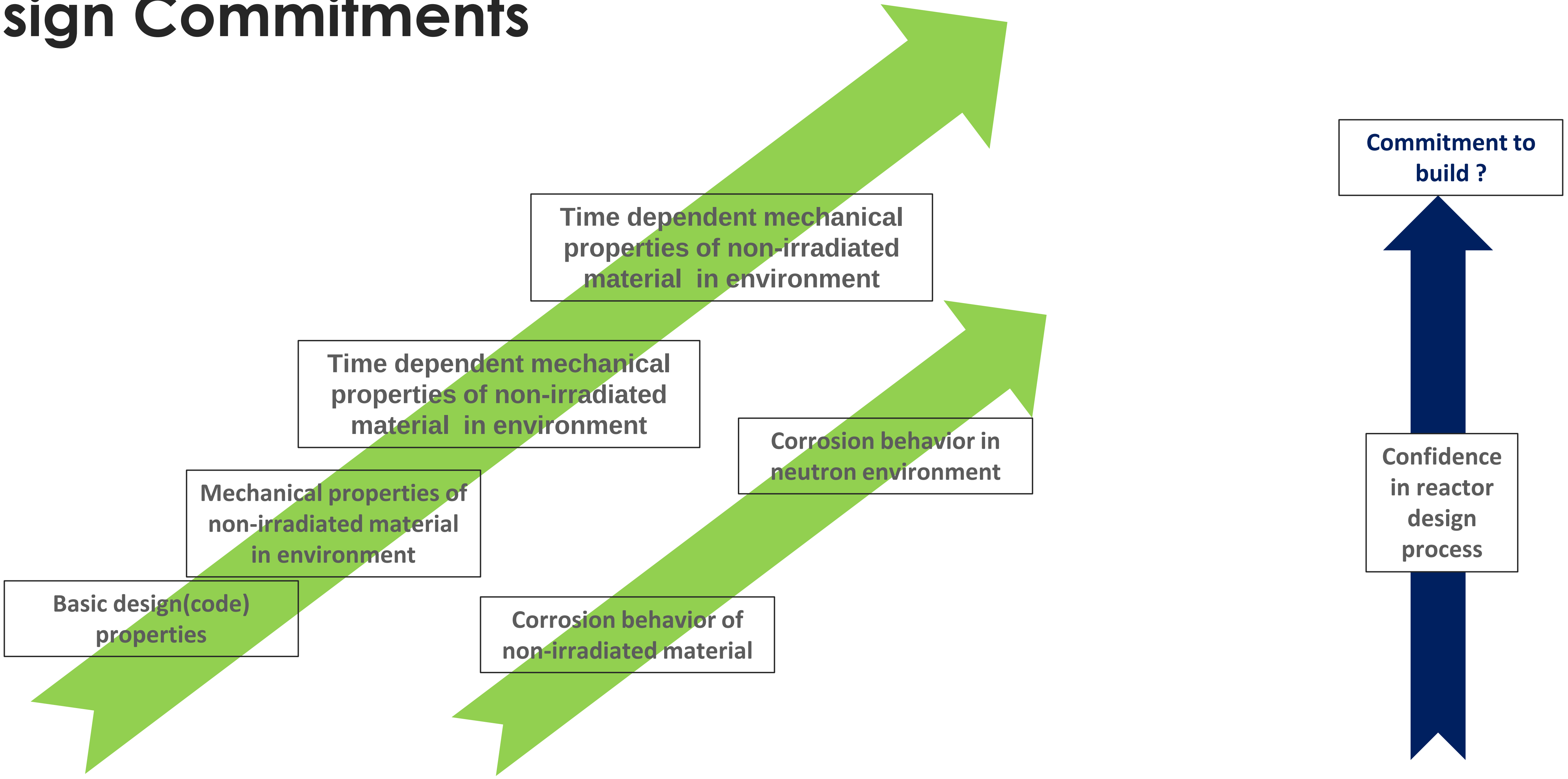
316	Demonstration of long time resistance to molten salt Demonstration of sustained mechanical behavior in molten salt (Salt equivalent of SCC) Demonstration of sustained mechanical behavior of CW/Irrad. material mechanical behavior in molten salt Data/demonstration of resistance to lead corrosion Sustained mechanical behavior in molten lead
316H	Proof of resistance to long time corrosion in properly controlled salt environment. Demonstration of performance (resistance to EAC) in salt under loading.
Alumina Forming Υ SS	Demonstration of resistance to Lead corrosion Demonstration of resistance to molten salt corrosion Determination of the effects of potential EAC

Hast N & Variants	Extended corrosion data/demonstration of resistance to molten salt Demonstration of sustained mechanical behavior in molten salt (Salt equivalent of SCC) Demonstration of sustained mechanical behavior of CW/Irradiated material mechanical behavior in molten salt
Alloys 800H and 617	Proof of resistance to long time corrosion in properly controlled salt environment. Demonstration of performance (resistance to EAC) in salt under loading. Comparison of behavior vs 316 and Hastelloy N

Lead Cooled Reactors

Ferritic-Martensitic 9Cr	Demonstration of resistance to lead corrosion/development of corrosion data Demonstration of sustained mechanical properties in lead
Ferritic-Martensitic 12Cr	Demonstration of resistance to lead corrosion/development of corrosion data Demonstration of sustained mechanical properties in lead

Materials Properties Data needed to Support Reactor Design Commitments



Development of Materials Technology for Advanced Reactors' Design and Development

- Three categories of development needed:
  - **Materials properties to support initial design** and to attain ASME code acceptance for constructions - including high temperature and time dependent properties
  - **Response of candidate materials to neutron irradiation** – effects of realistic levels of irradiation on microstructural and property stability
  - **Materials' response in environment** - effects measured in realistic environments: stand alone & effects on mechanical behavior (equivalent to IASCC)
- Initial Focus on development of code required material properties
  - Support for design and build of prototype(s) ← Simple properties
  - Initial design for short life (predict prototype performance) ← Analysis incorporates some time dependent property data
  - Development of extended time dependent properties & properties of appropriately aged and exposed materials ($T,t + \sum \phi_n,t$)
- Future Needs
  - Need for better knowledge of the chemical composition of coolants after significant operations of the advanced reactors → provide a basis for environmental testing
  - More knowledge of the critical variables in the most significant degradation mechanisms of materials
  - Rig and loop testing in simulated environments – on previously neutron exposed materials
  - Value of prototyping and post-mortem analyses to identify key assessment variables

A clear need for investment in materials testing facilities

Specialized test rigs, dedicated loops and reactors for irradiation exposures

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