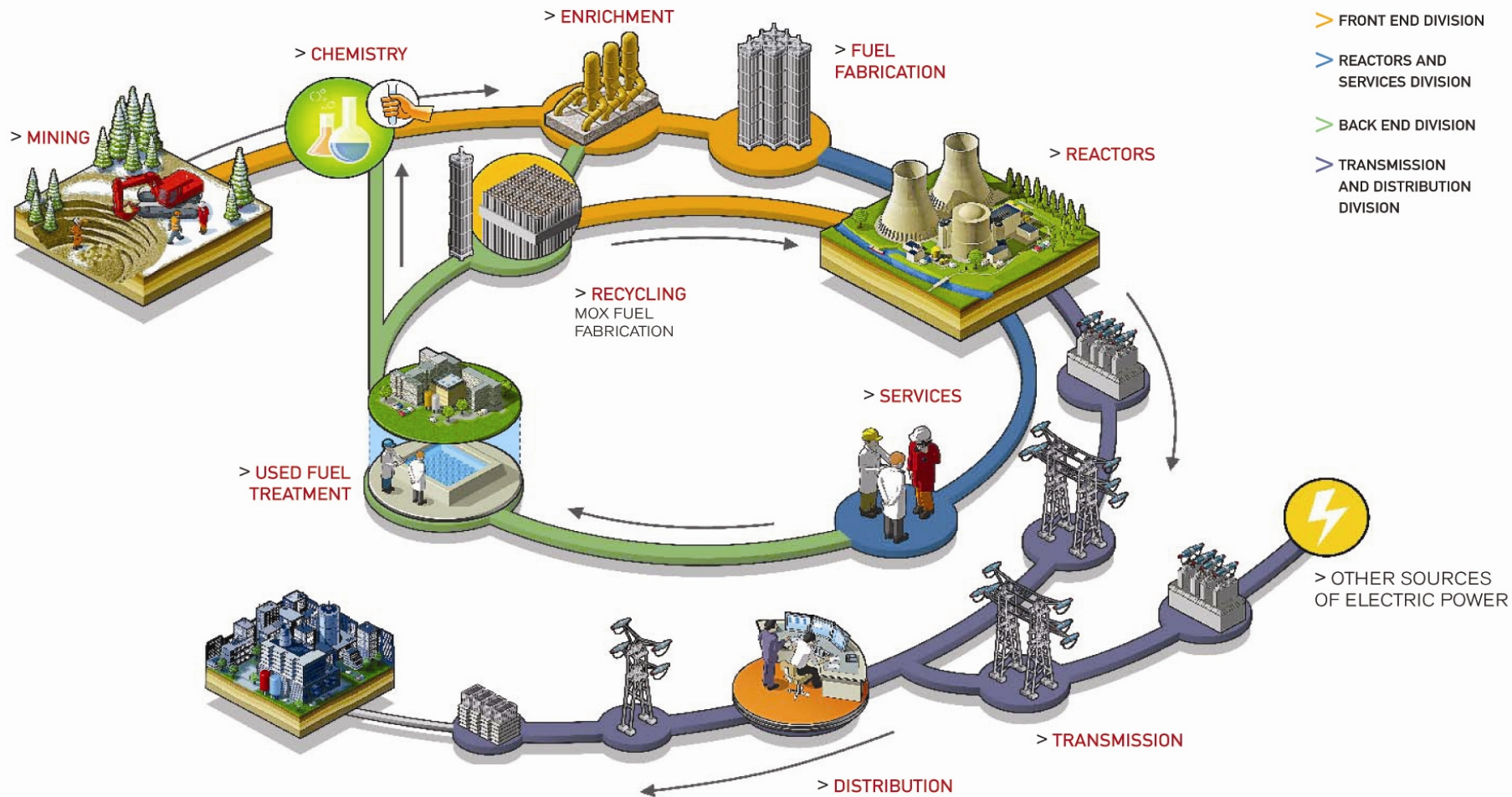


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AREVA Group Overview



- **With manufacturing facilities in over 40 countries and a sales network in over 100, AREVA offers customers technological solutions for nuclear power generation and electricity transmission and distribution.**
- **The group also provides interconnect systems to the telecommunications, computer and automotive markets.**
- **These businesses engage AREVA's 70,000 employees in the 21st century's greatest challenges: making energy and communication resources available to all, protecting the planet, and acting responsibly towards future generations.**

■ **€8,255M**

Sales

*(€11,114M** including the T&D division)*

■ **€342M**

Operating income

*(€325M** including the T&D division)*

■ **€389M**

Net income

*(€357M** including the T&D division)*

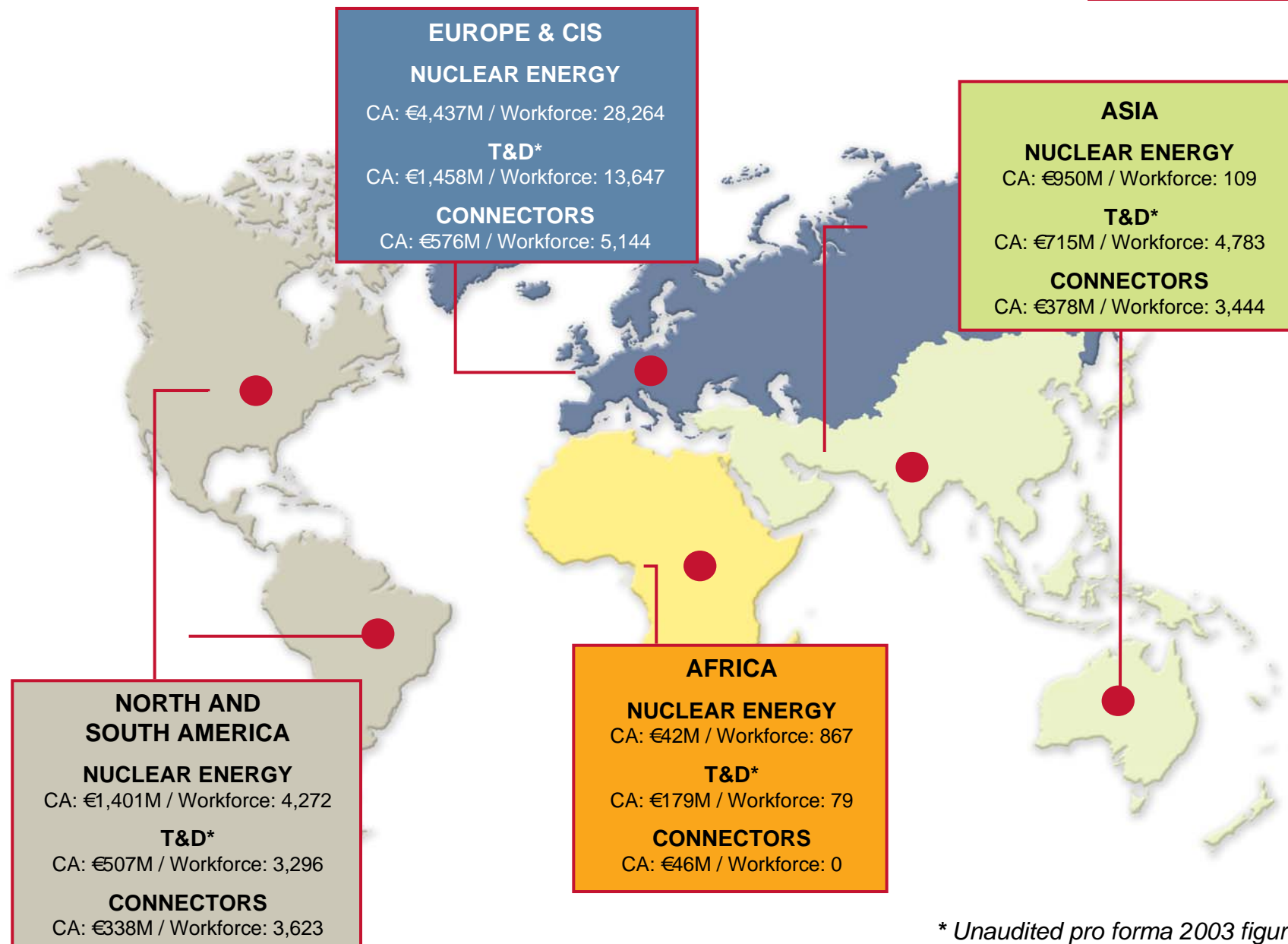
■ **48,011**

Employees

*(69,816** including the T&D division)*

* Do not include AREVA corporate figures: €87M in sales and 2,288 employees in 2003.

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▶ **Production:**

- ◆ From nuclear primary energy
 - to electricy
 - **or hydrogen**

▶ **Distribution of energy**

- ◆ Distributed networks monitoring

▶ **Specific usages :**

- ◆ fuel cells: propulsion, safe supply, ...

▶ **Two technological projects (R&D)**

- ◆ HTR nuclear plan conception (ANTARES)
- ◆ PEM Fuels cells technologies (HELION)

▶ **Global marketing investigations**

- ◆ What kind of markets ? Customers ?
- ◆ What kind of specifications ? For what kind of products ?
- ◆ When ?

The HTR/VHTR Project at AREVA

▶ HTR because:

- ◆ Access to high temperature (efficiency, process heat, H² production process...)
- ◆ Substantial feed back experience
- ◆ Safety features (robust fuel, passive safety, large thermal inertia, inert and monophasic coolant)
- ◆ Takes advantage of turbines recent development (CCGT)
- ◆ Modularity (investment costs spread over time)
- ◆ Shorter construction time-schedule
- ◆ Flexibility in fuel isotope burning (incl. minor Actinides, Pu)
- ◆ But industrial viability and overall economy are still to be demonstrated

Framatome ANP strategy for HTR development (1)

▶ Preliminary phase (~1996–2003)

- ◆ Assessment of the potential of HTRs
 - PBMR evaluation (BNFL, PBMR Pty in South-Africa)
 - GT-MHR conceptual design (General Atomics)
- ◆ Acquisition of competences and retrieval of past experience and expertise
- ◆ Interactions with DOE and potential partners (industry, R/D labs)

▶ On-going phase (2004–2006): the ANTARES program

- ◆ Basic technology and concept choices for
 - NHS (Nuclear Heat Source)
 - PCS (Power Conversion System) with MHI
 - Fuel

▶ **ANTARES**

**Areva New Technology with Advanced
gas-cooled Reactors for Energy Supply**

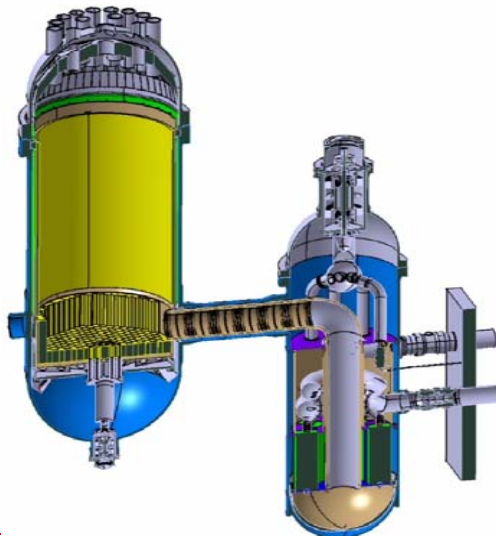
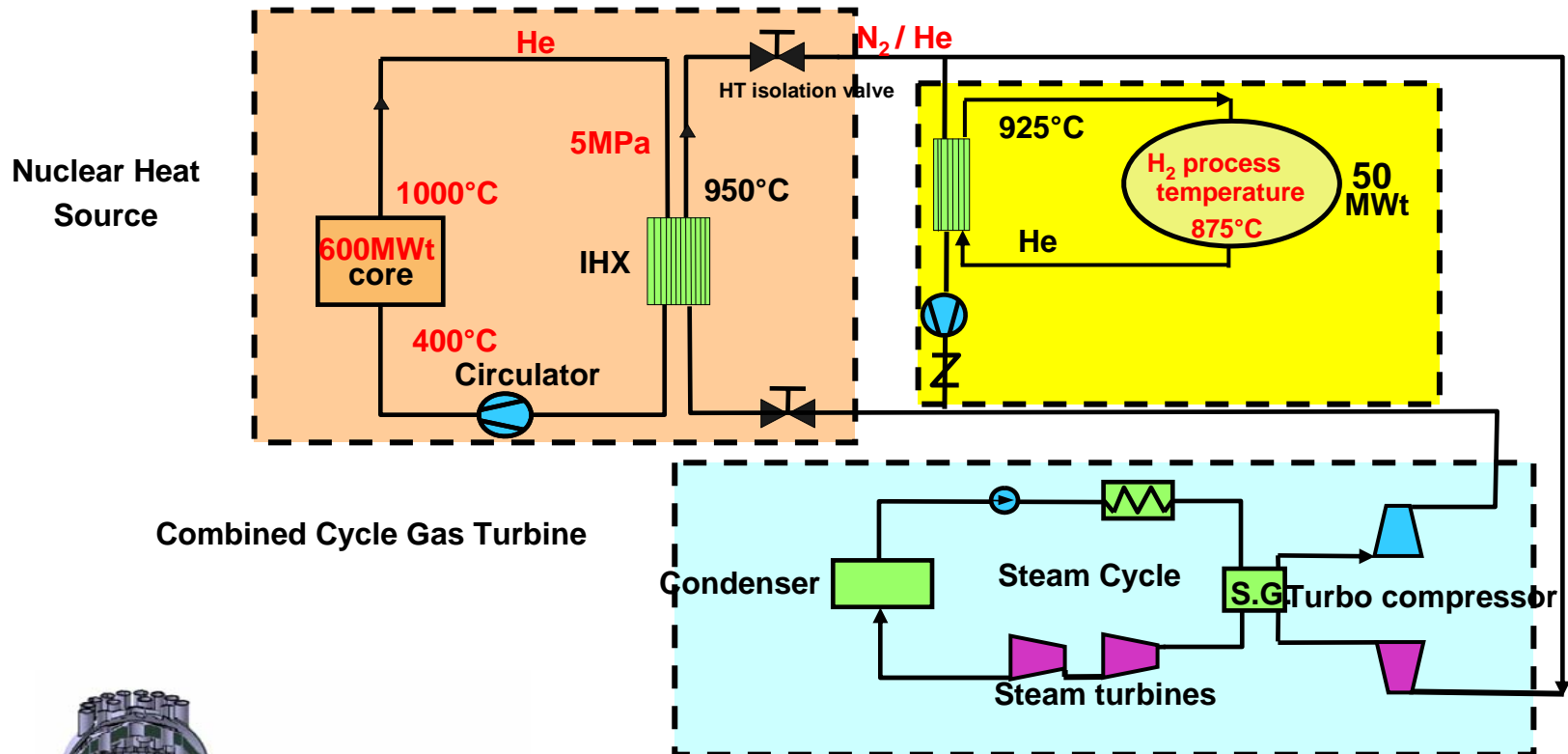
▶ **Aiming at :**

- ◆ Designing a commercial plant for electricity and / or process heat supply and H² production process
- ◆ Acquiring the needed R&D results
- ◆ Launching manufacturing, control and qualification of HTR fuel
- ◆ Paving the way towards more innovative design

▶ **With expected support from :**

- ◆ Industrial partners operating on a cost-sharing basis
- ◆ Potential customers (utilities, oil companies)

The power conversion system



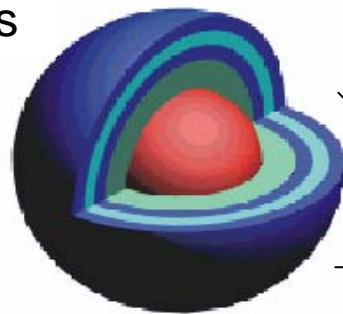
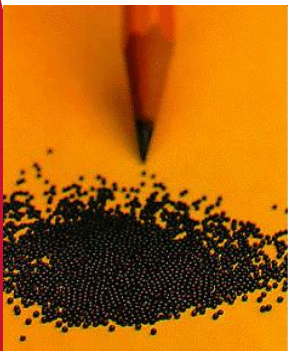
- ▶ **Indirect combined cycle**
 - ◆ Same efficiency as direct cycle
 - ◆ Minimizes development risks
- ▶ **Plate IHX (back-up tubular)**
 - ◆ Compactness and efficiency

- TRISO Particles
- Graphite
- Helium

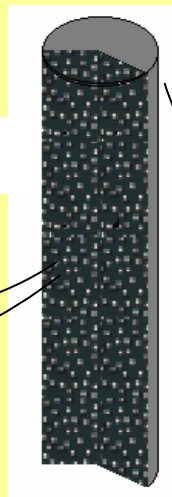
Double heterogeneity

- Particle
- Compact

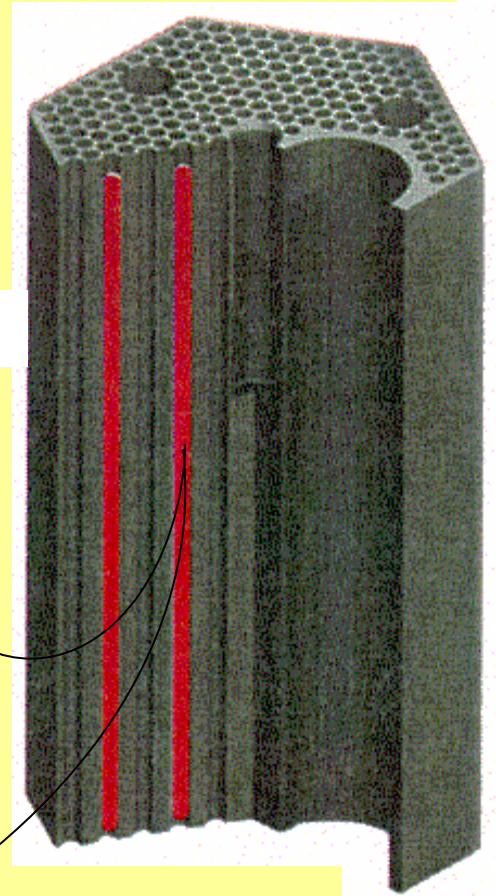
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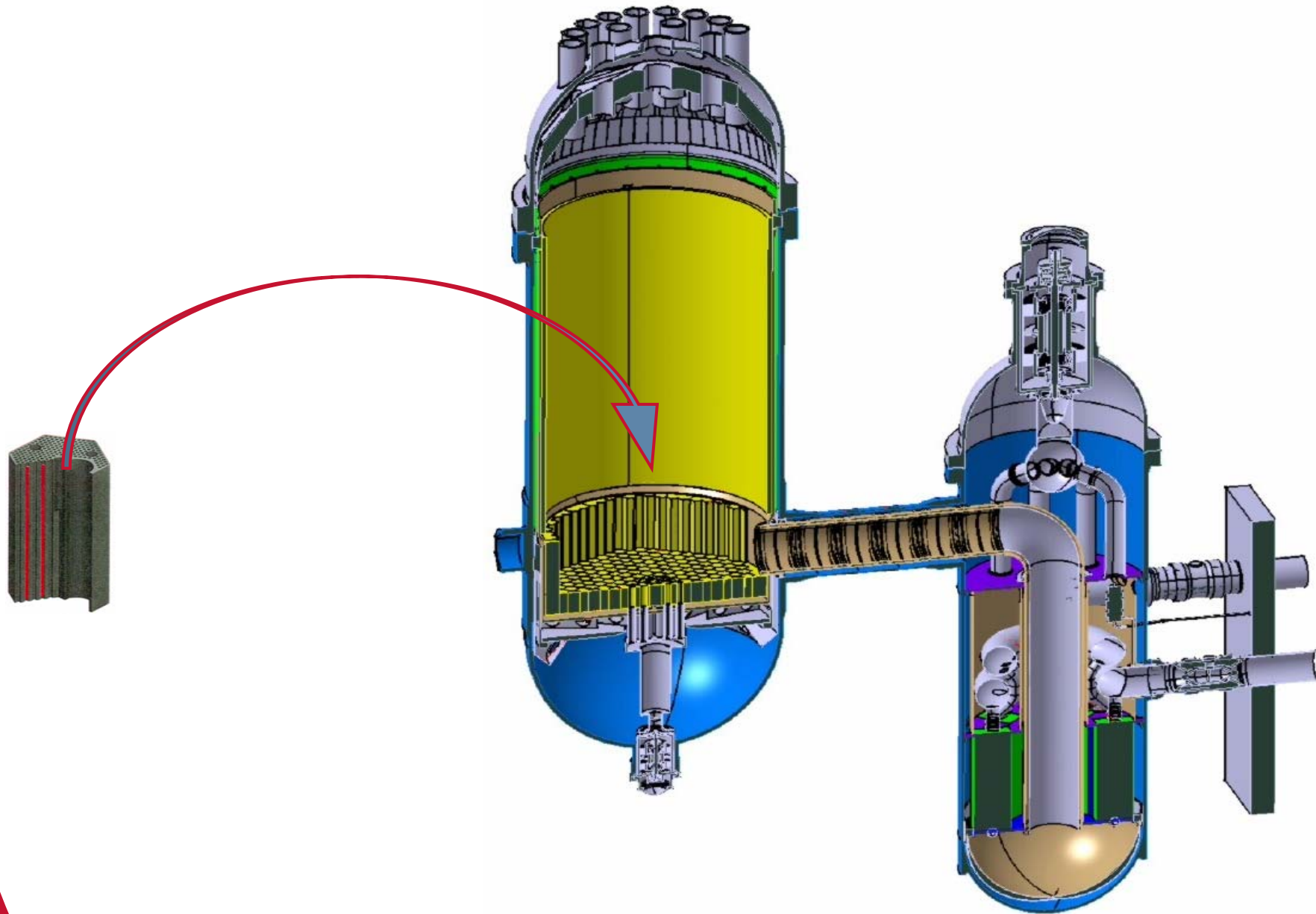


Compact



Block





▶ Next phase

- ◆ Final objective: to freeze a design and build a leading industrial team for commercial deployment of modular HTR/VHTR systems
- ◆ Intermediate objective: to be
 - the designer and vendor of a prototype intended to be a reference for future commercial products,
 - the manufacturer of associated fuel.
- ◆ The NGNP project to be launched by the US-DOE is an opportunity for building such a reference prototype
- ◆ Framatome ANP intends to play a significant role in execution of the NGNP project

HTR-generated process heat: the current problematics

- ▶ **Potential promising applications have been identified:**
 - ◆ Replace the natural gas combustion heat source in Steam-Methane Reforming (SMR) to **produce hydrogen** or methanol (CH₃OH), fuel additives, and generally the oil product post processing...
 - ◆ Provide heat input for thermo-chemical water splitting processes to **produce hydrogen**
 - ◆ Provide electricity and heat for the high temperature steam electrolysis process to **produce hydrogen**
 - ◆ **Enhance heavy oil recovery rate** (presently << 30%), while limiting CO₂ production, by supplying the large amounts of required energy

- ▶ **Are they technically and economically viable?**

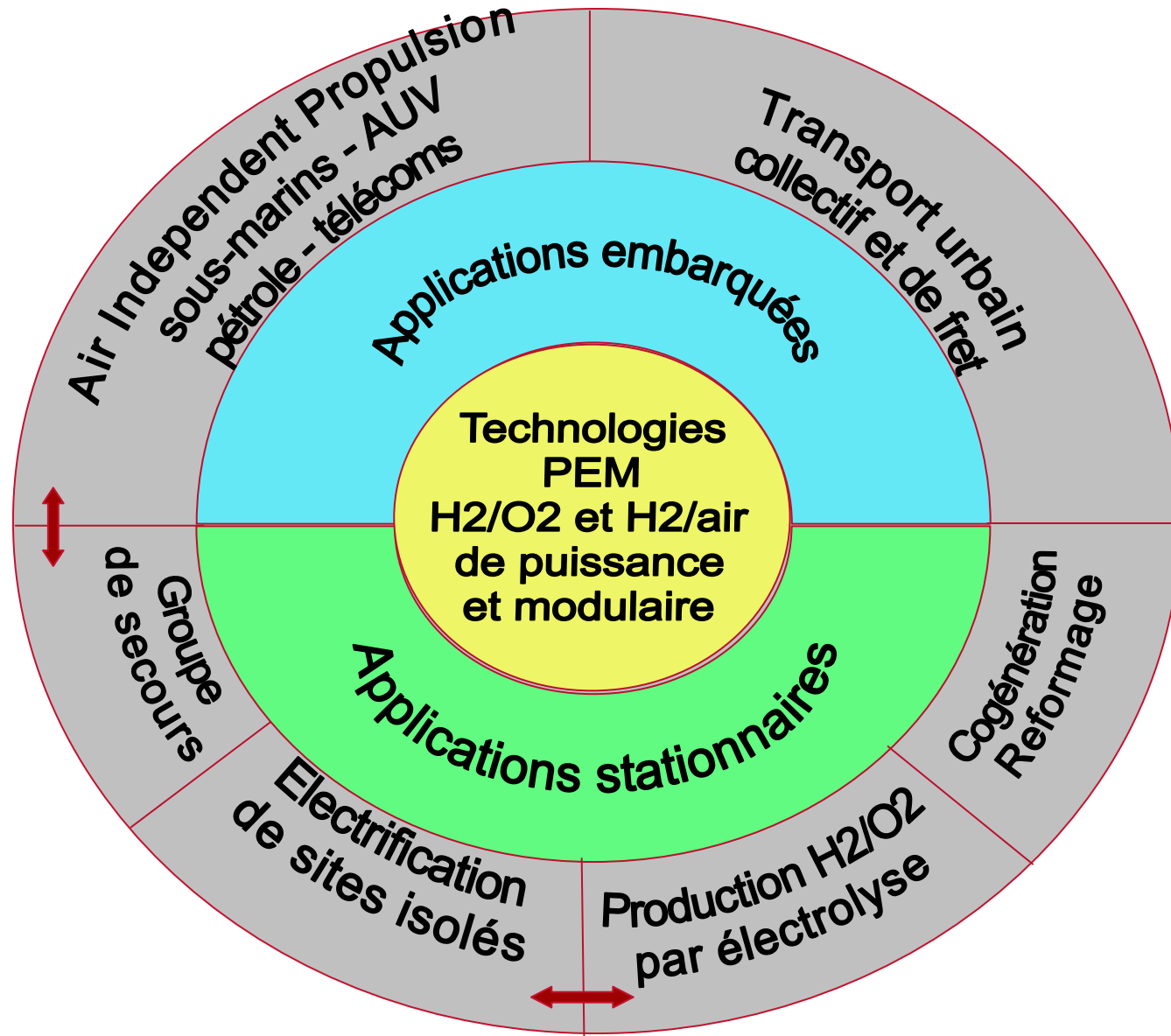
- Capital: **1 534 000 €**
- Start in March **2001**
- Staff : **more than 25 collaborators using technical support from TECHNICATOME and AREVA**
- Localisation: **Aix-en-provence**

Integration of systems and tests

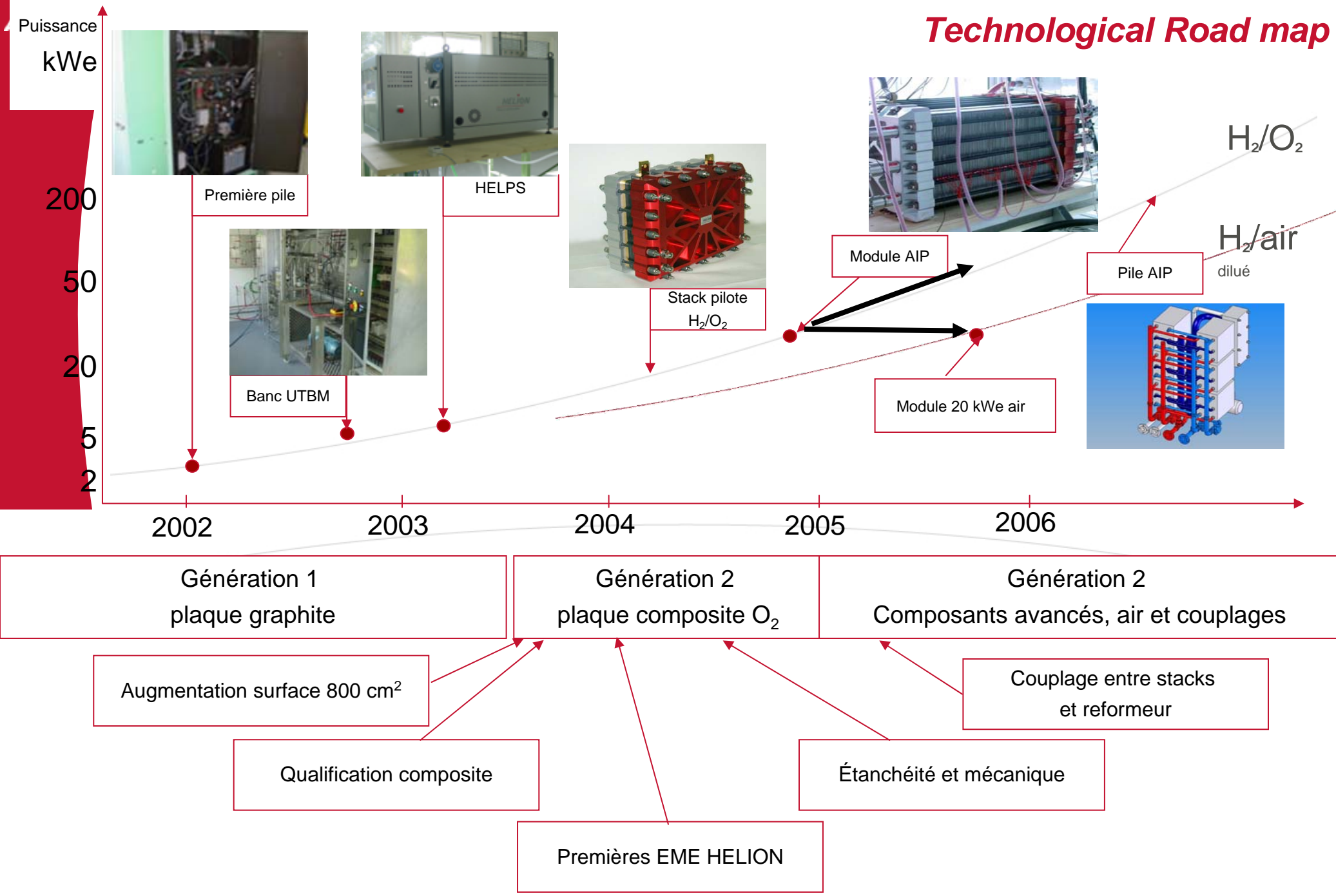
Offices



Stacks integration



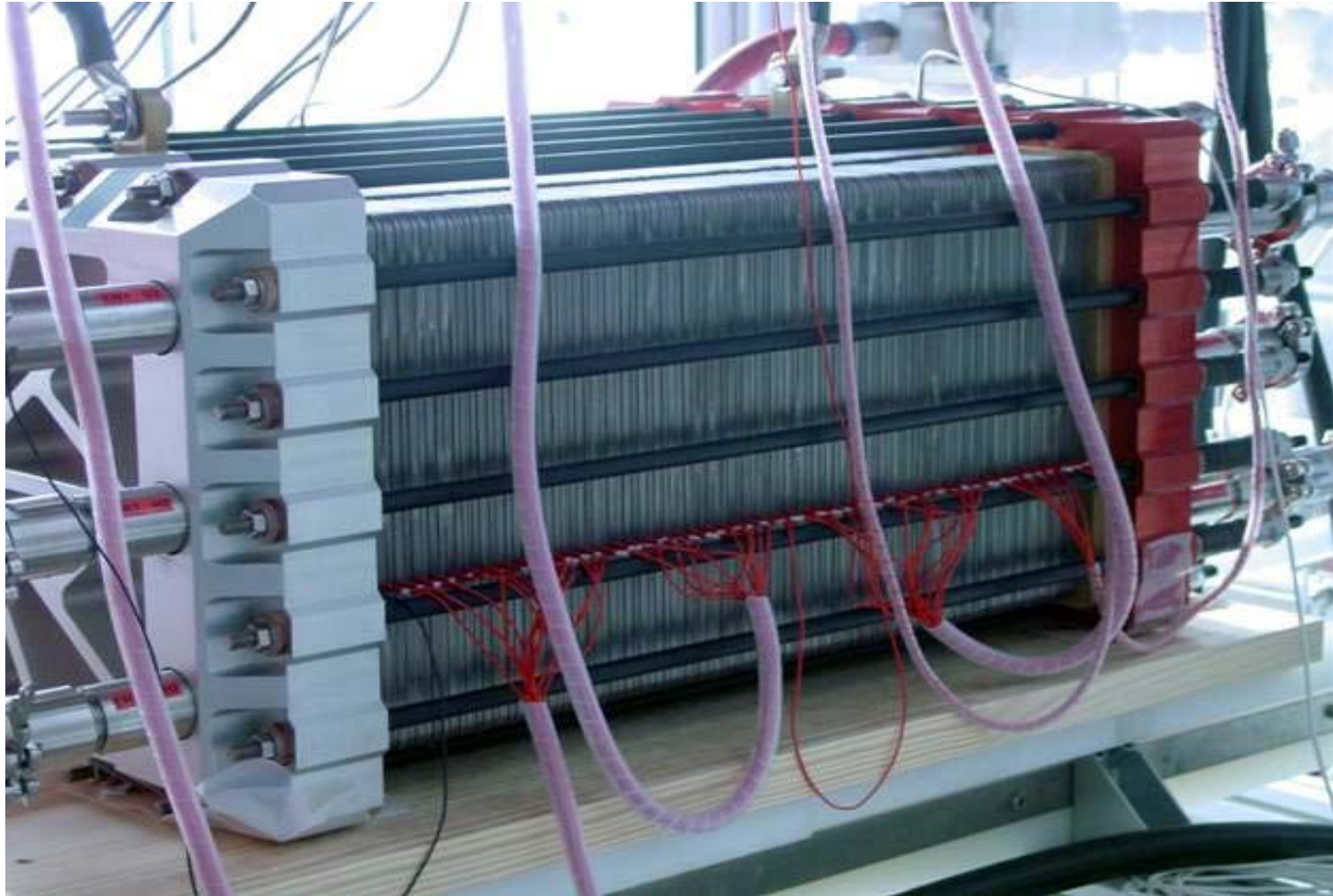
Technological Road map



Integration of HELPS safety supply



20 kWe HELION Fuel cell in test



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