



# Research programme into decommissioning and applications by IFE

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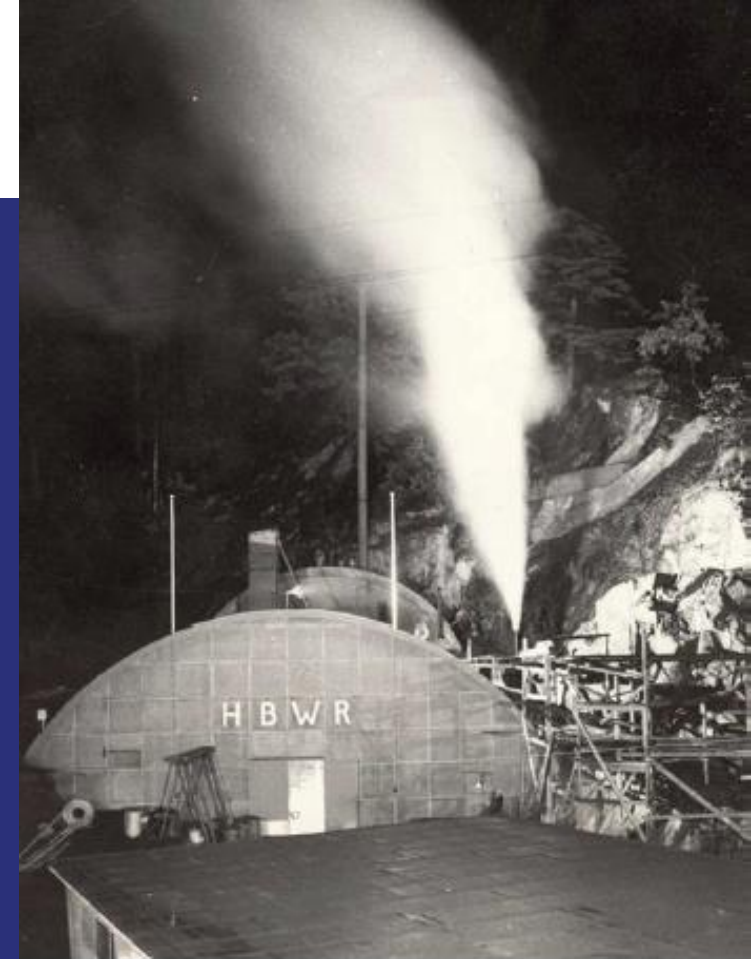
Institute for Energy Technology, Halden, Norway

Interregional Workshop on Optimization of Technology Selection  
for Decommissioning of Large and Small Nuclear Installations

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# 60 years history of nuclear research

- 1939 Nuclear fission demonstrated
- 1942 First nuclear reactor in the world started at Stagg football stadium, Chicago USA
- 1948 IFA (Institut for Atomenergi) started
- 1951 Jeep 1 reactor at Kjeller started. One of the first experimental heavy water research reactors in the world
- 1954 Halden Boiling Water Reactor (HBWR) decision made to build the reactor in Halden
- 1958 OECD Halden Reactor Project established
- 1959 HBWR critical June 29th
- 2018 HBWR permanent shutdown June 27th



Official opening Oct 10, 1959



# A key asset to international nuclear R&D

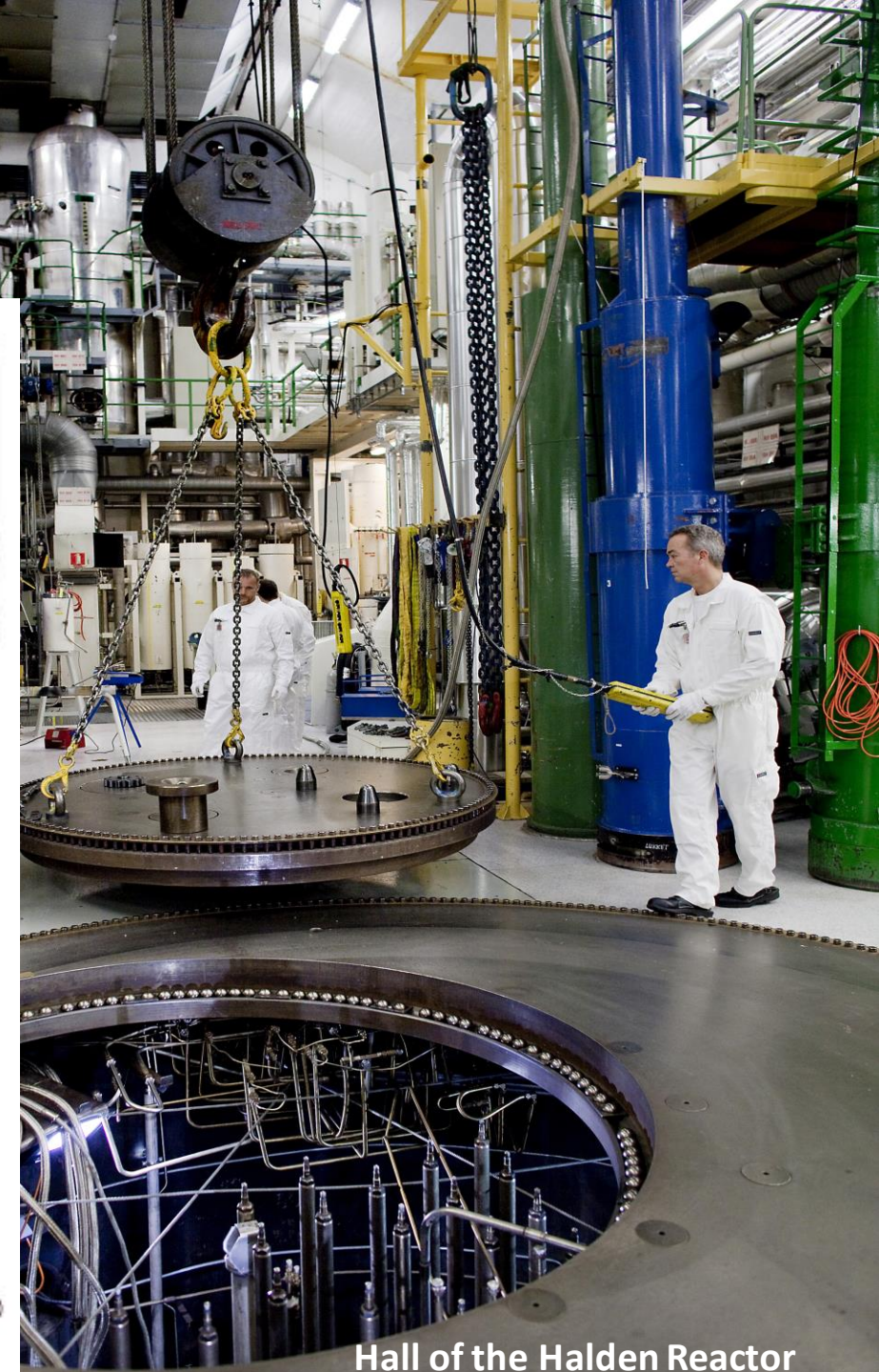
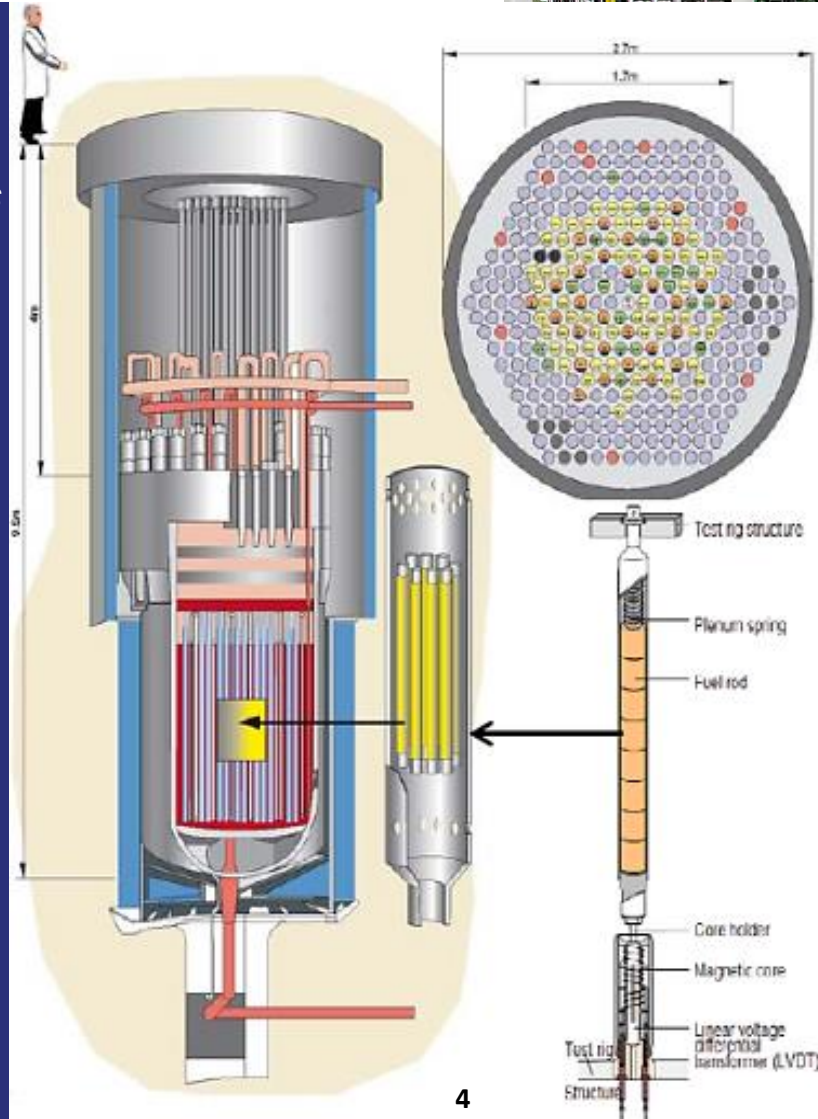
## HBWR Research program

*Key-factor: Making In-pile fuel measurements*

- Fuel performance
- Cladding performance
- Safety Criteria (fuel behavior under LOCA conditions)
- Material test (IASCC)
- Loop systems for simulating BWR/ PWR/ CANDU conditions

## HBWR Technical Data

Thermal power:	20 MW
Operating temp.:	235 °C
Operating press.:	31 bar
Moderator:	Heavy water
Heavy water vol.:	14 m <sup>3</sup>
Type of fuel:	UO <sub>2</sub>
Power control:	30 Control rods



Hall of the Halden Reactor

# Tragedy vs. opportunities

## Halden Reactor to be decommissioned

28 June 2018

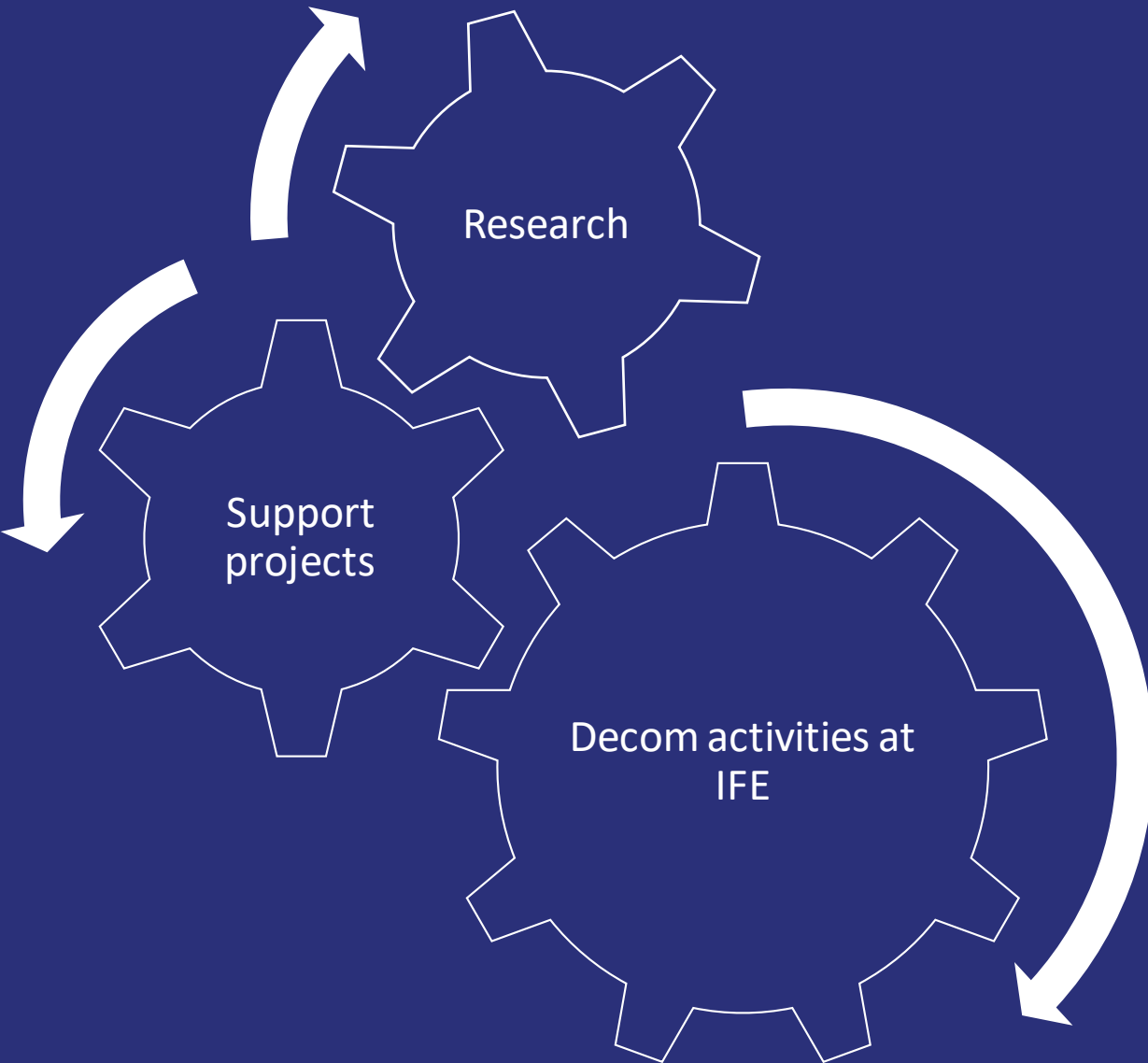


The board of directors of Norway's Institute for Energy Technology (IFE) has decided to close the Halden Reactor permanently and to start its decommissioning. The board will not apply to extend its operating licence, which expires in 2020, and the reactor, which is currently shut down due to a safety valve failure, will not be restarted.

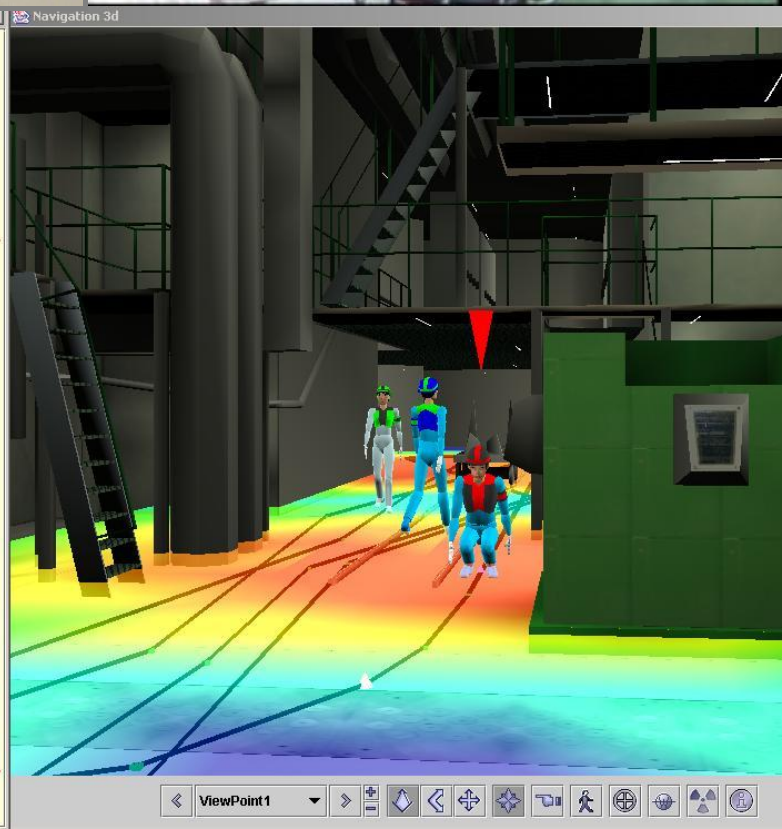
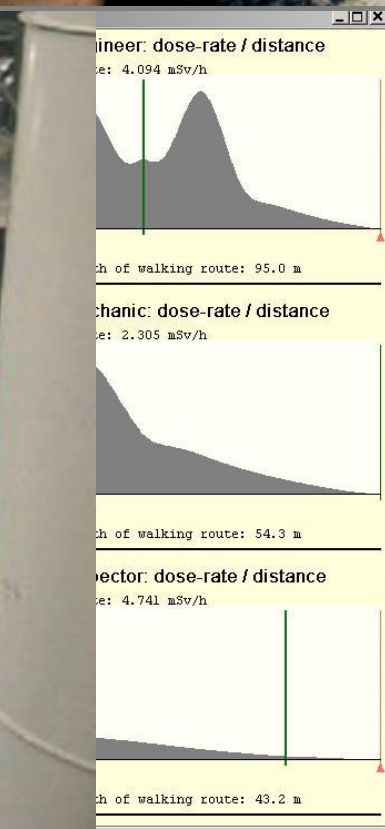
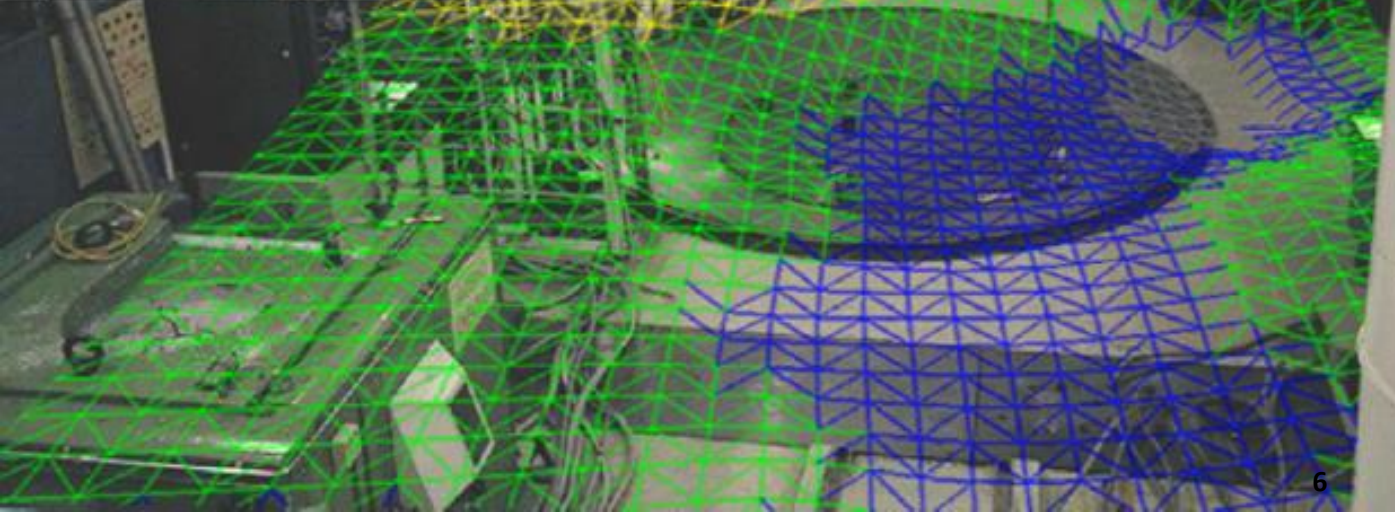
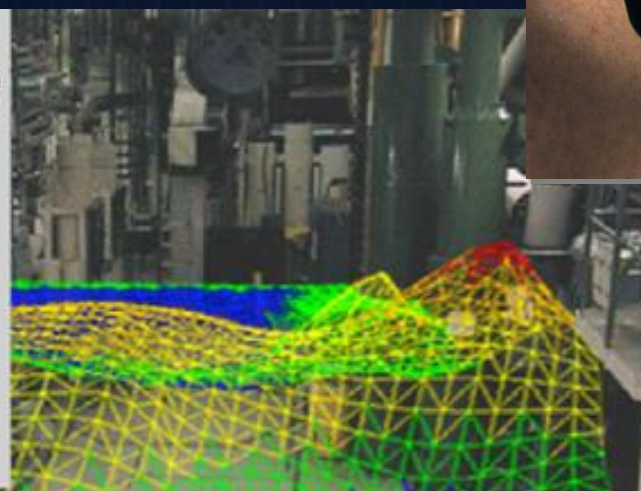


The Halden reactor (Image: IFE)

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# Digital support concepts in nuclear environments (since 1996 till today)



# Focus on systemic (MTO) approach



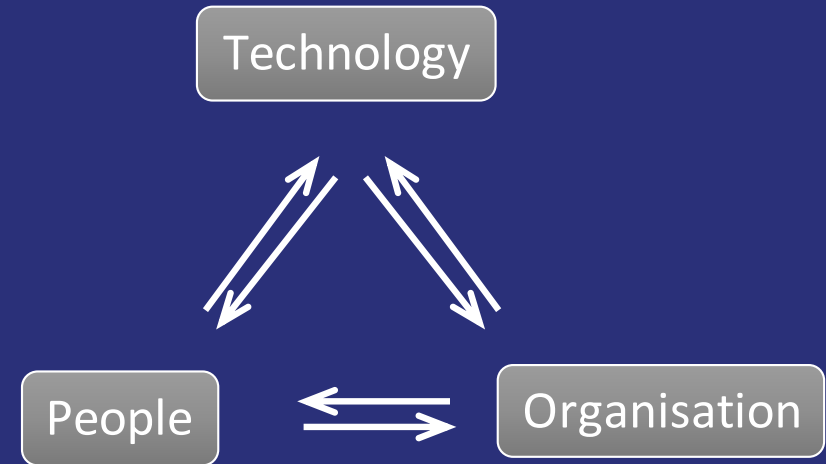
## Radiological modelling

- Real time radiation transport
- Geostatistical analyses
- Monte Carlo radiation transport
- Source deconvolution
- Internal dosimetry
  
- Sematic web technology
- Robotics
- 3D gamma mapping



## IT

- 3D modelling
- Virtual and Augmented reality
- Advanced user interfaces
- Mobile and wearable devices

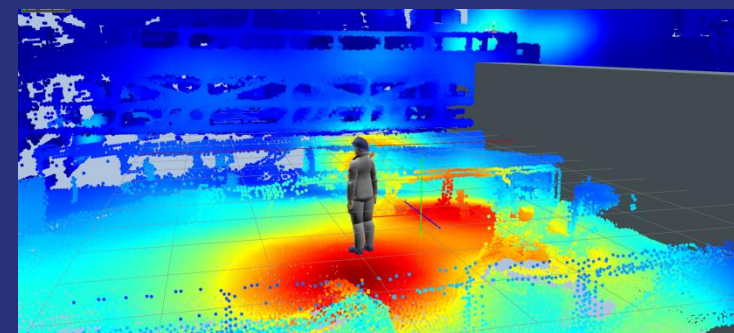
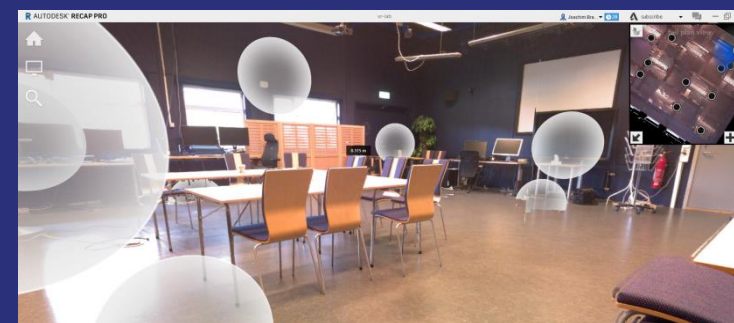
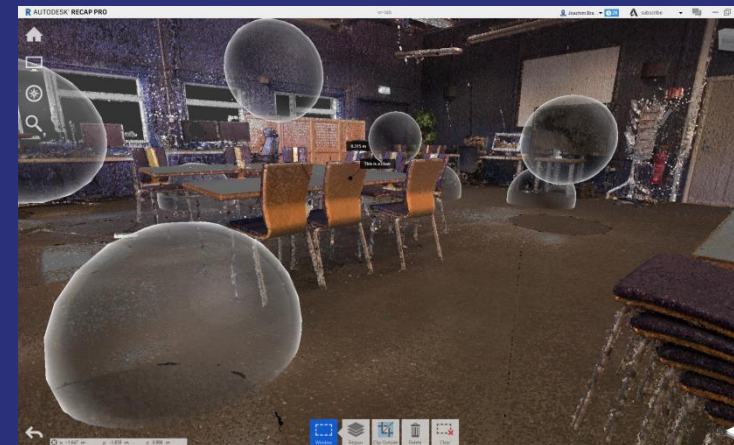


## Human and organisational factors

- Gap analyses (key capabilities, maturity)
- Capability development - road map for minimising H&O issues
  - Staffing – optimisation / Training / Change management

# Strategic research programmes (SIS)

- DecomSIS: Competence building at IFE within nuclear decom.
- HaLeDi: Acquisition of data for digital support



# OECD Halden Reactor Project HRP

One of the World's longest collaboration program within the nuclear

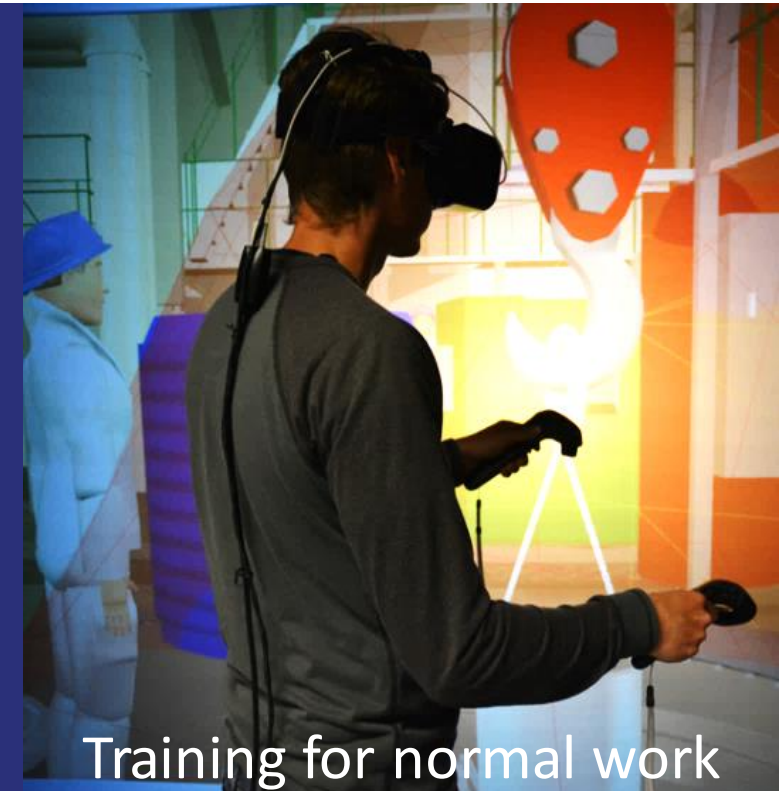


Safety management for nuclear decommissioning

>100 organization  
19 countries

utilities, suppliers, authorities  
and R&D centers:

CEA, CIEMAT, CNPRI, CRIEPI,  
FRAMATOM, DTU, EDF, E.ON, ENSI,  
EPRI, EU JRC, FANR, GE/GNF, GRS,  
IRSN, JAEA, KAERI, Kazatomprom,  
MEE, Mitsubishi, MTA EK, NNL,  
NRA, NRG, PSI, SCK/CEN, SNERDI,  
SSM, TVEL, UJV, US DOE, US NRC,  
VUJE, Westinghouse ...



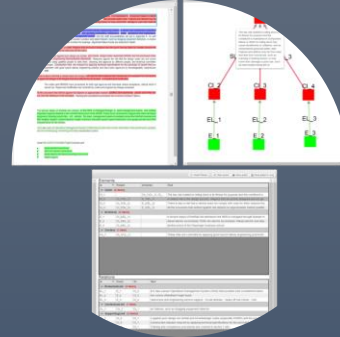
Training for normal work  
and emergencies in nuclear  
decommissioning



**Spatial Computing and Augmented Reality for Hazard Mapping and Visualisation**



**Automated Assessment of Field Worker Performance using VR and AR-based Simulator Training**



**Digitally-Enhanced Safety Assurance**



**Enabling Robotic and Remote Operations**



**Overview Displays for Decommissioning of Nuclear Reactors**



# Decom support projects by IFE



Fugen NPP (JAEA)  
(1995 - )



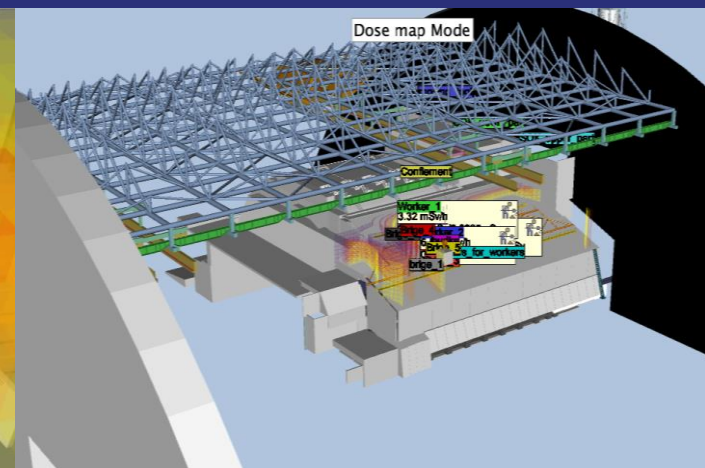
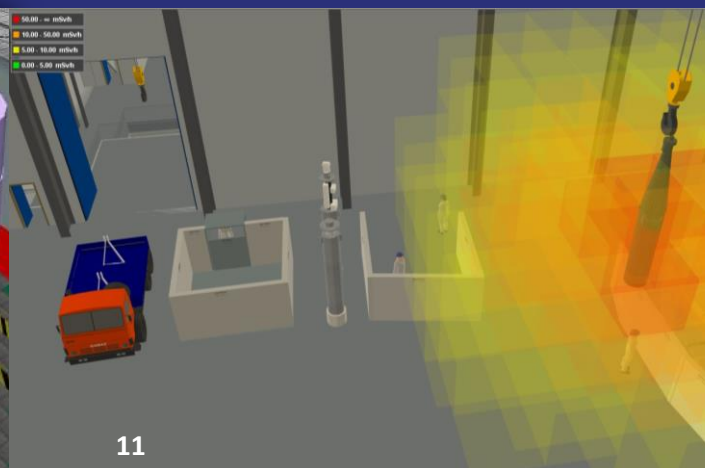
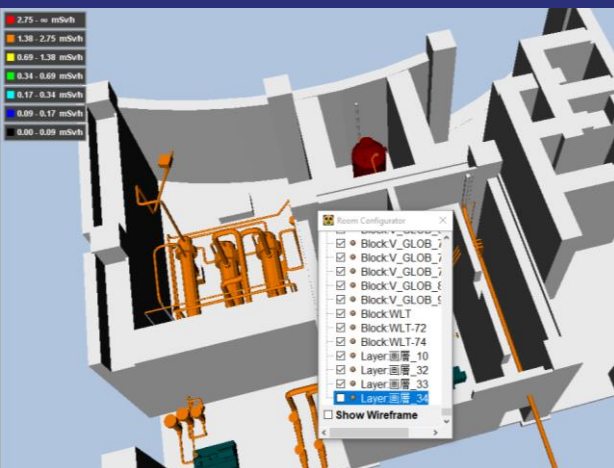
Leningrad NPP  
(1999- )



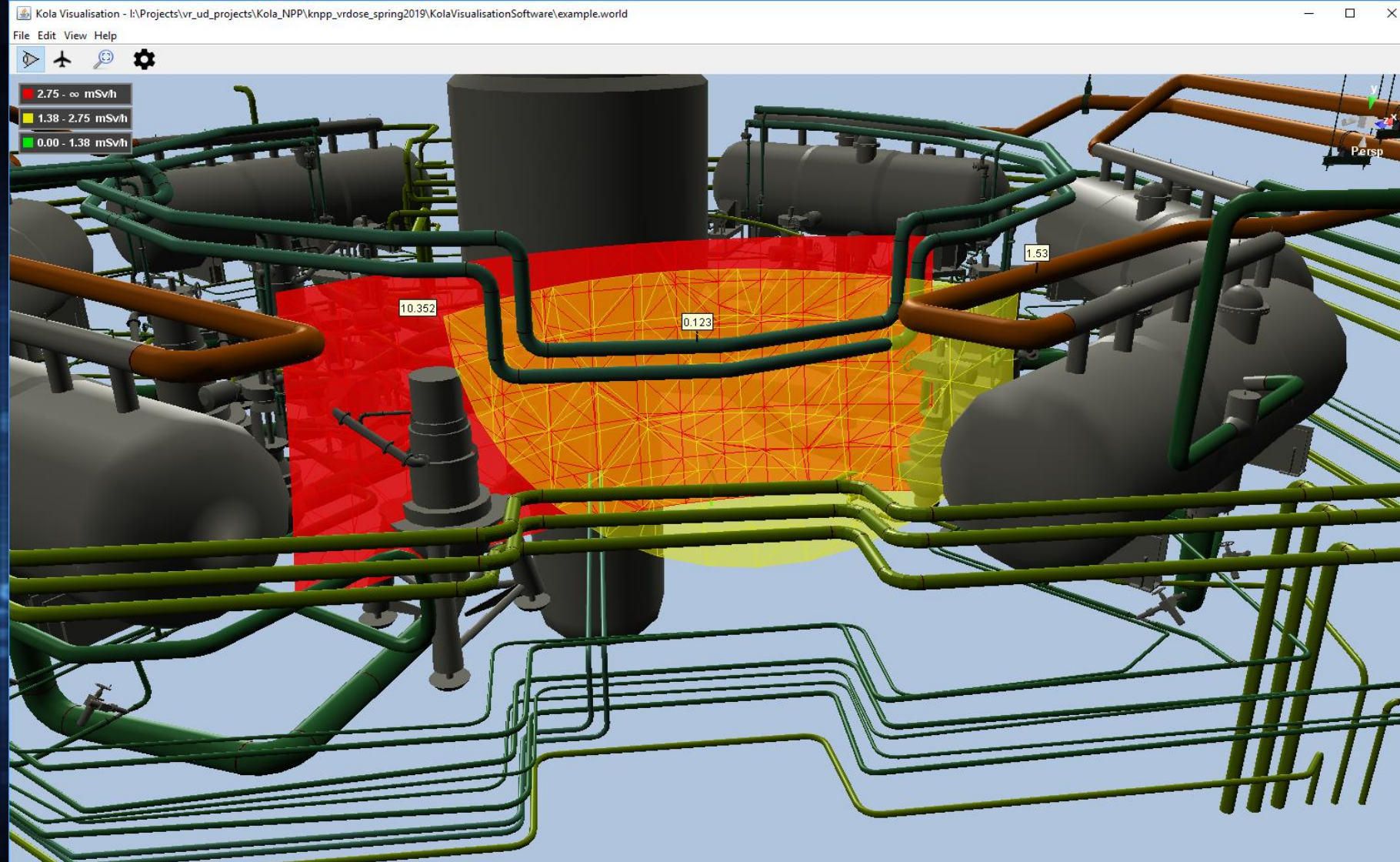
Andreeva bay, NW Russia  
(2011- )



Chernobyl NPP  
(2008 - )

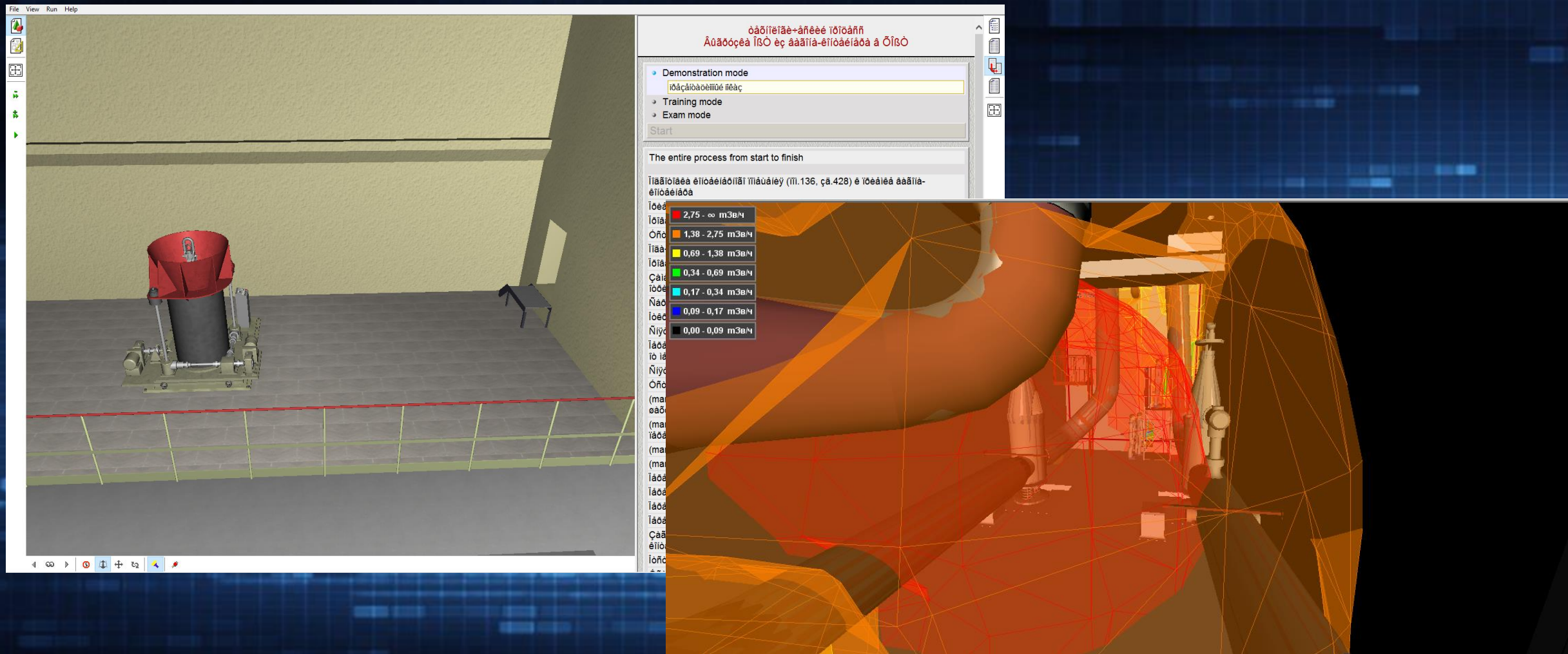


# Demo with Kola NPP (KNPP)



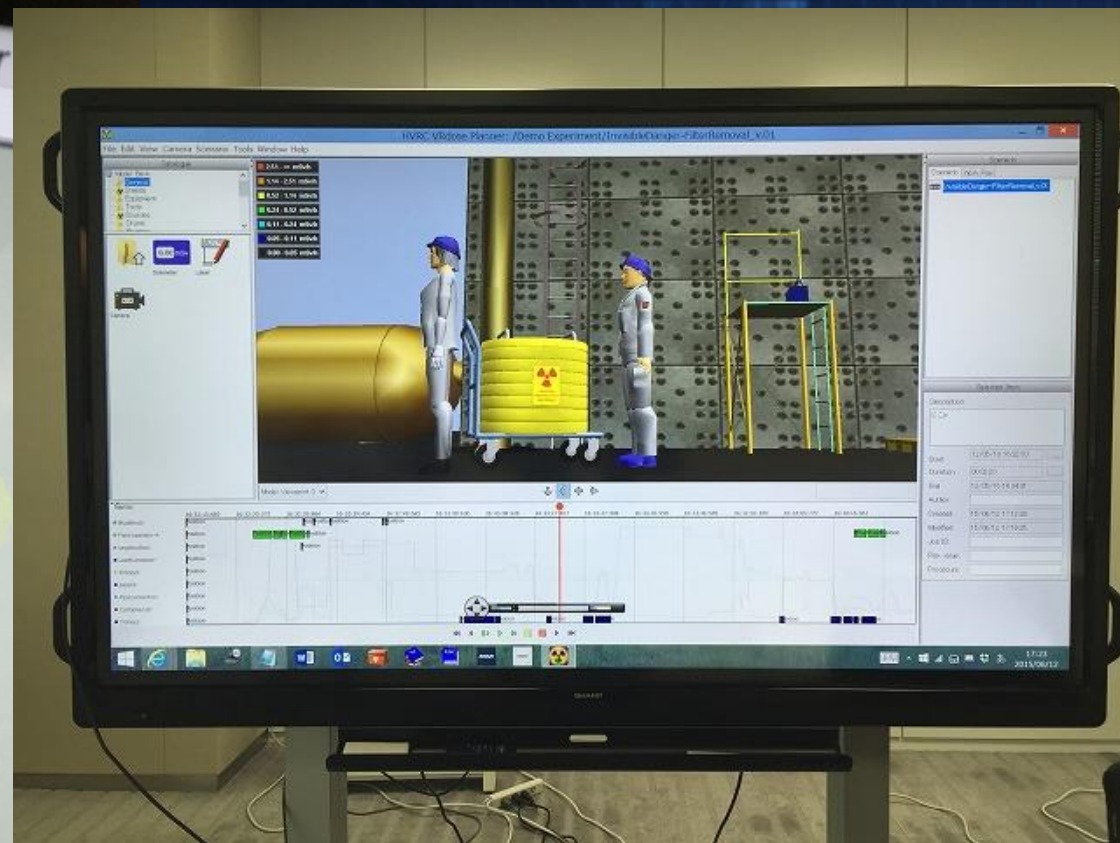
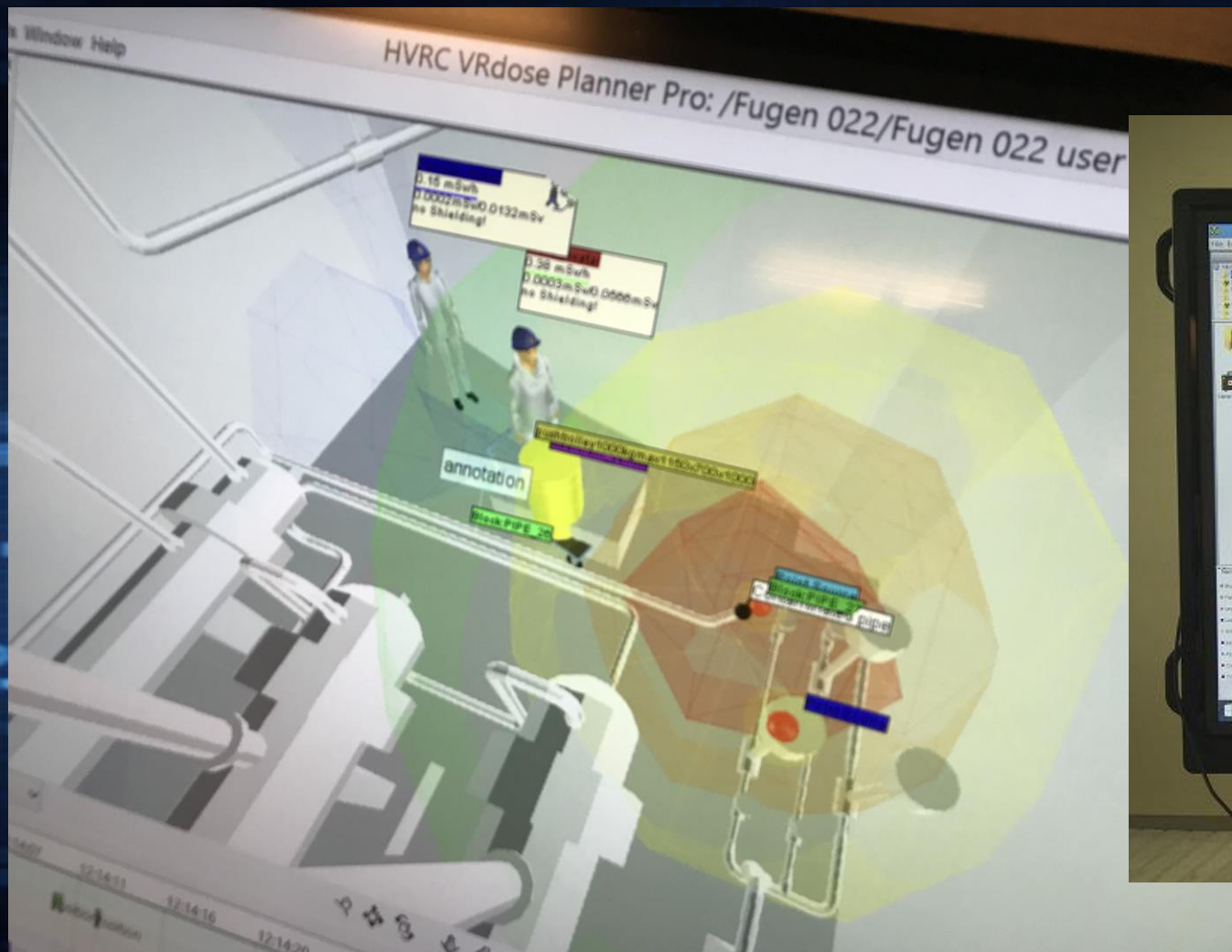
3D rad. mapping based on dose-rate measurements for worker dose reduction

# Demo with Leningrad NPP (LNPP)



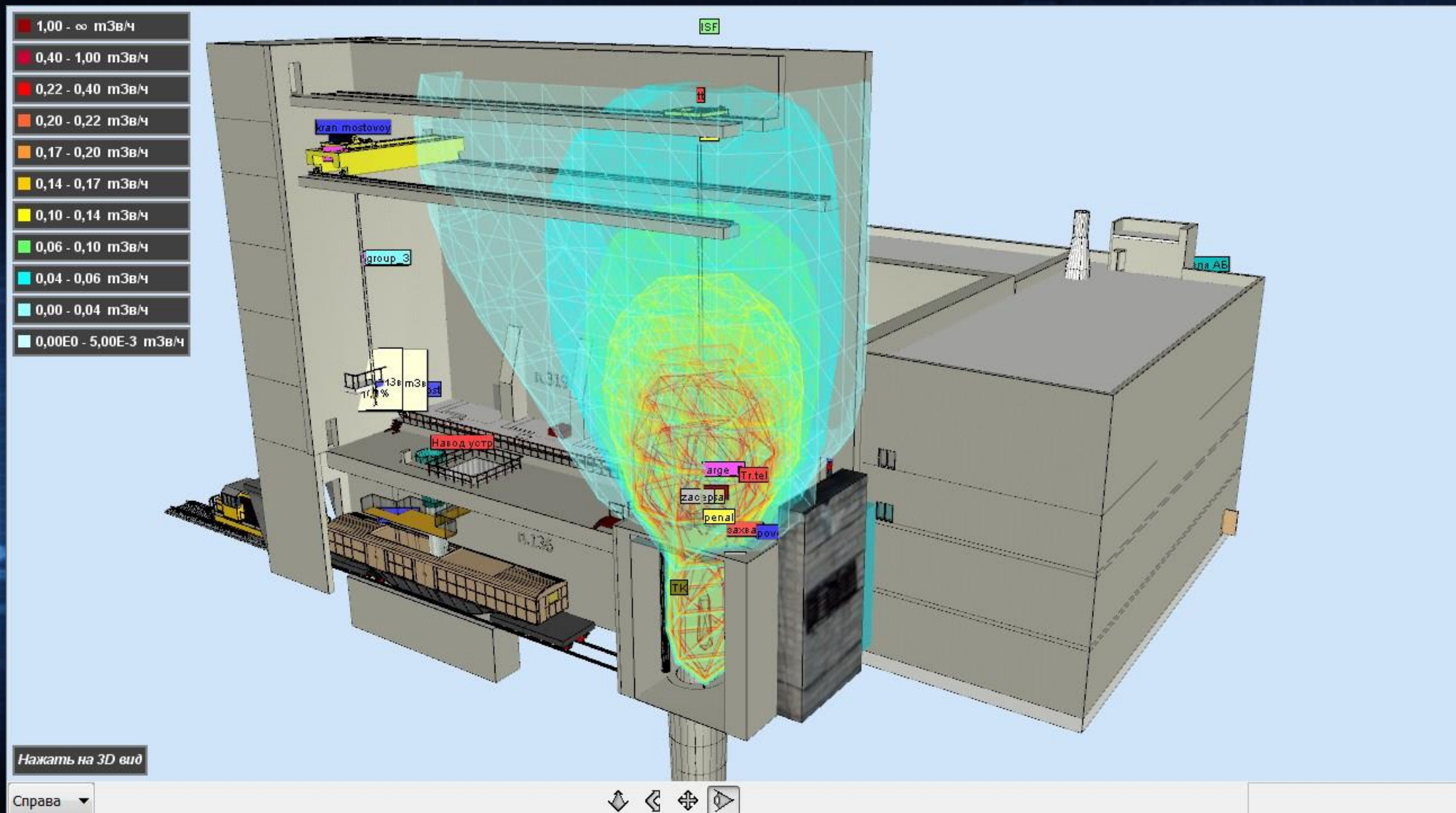
Spent fuel management planning and training  
LNPP planner - dose assessments, shielding and work planning

# Demo with Fugen NPP (Japan)



3D digital knowledge (info) management system for decom

# Demo with Chernobyl NPP (ChNPP)

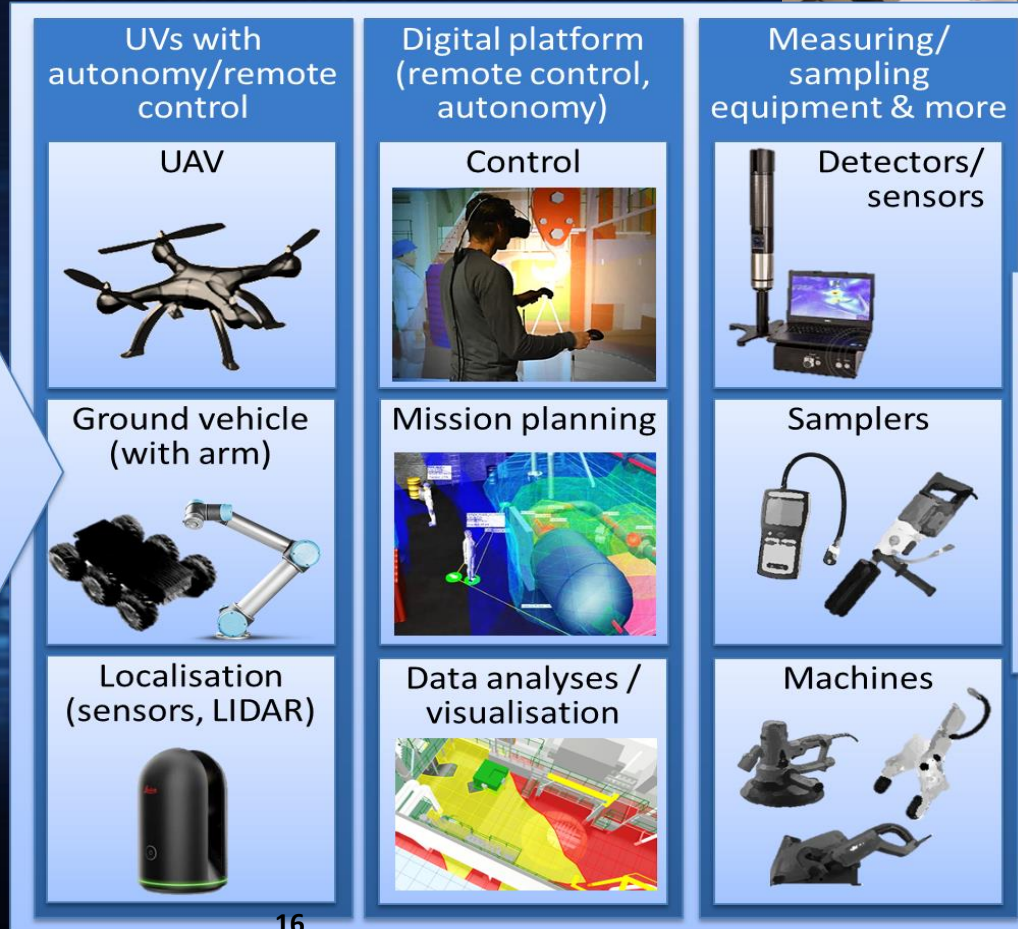


Radiation safety planning for spent fuel management (transportation)

# RoboDecom – Digitalisation for Robotics in decom.

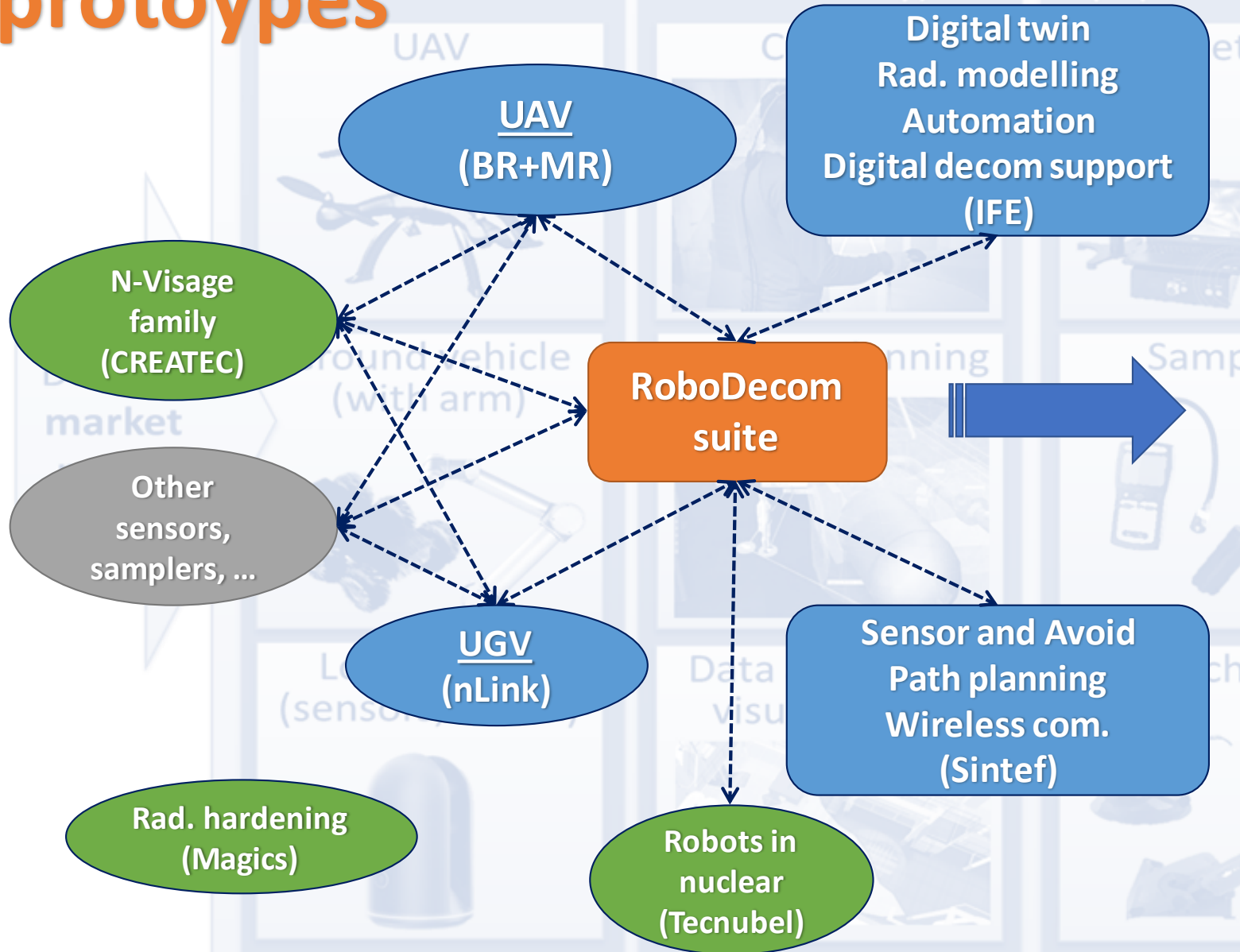


- Integrate standard / emerging equipment in a **modular design**
- Integrate digital, sensor and robotic tech
- Enable high autonomy
- Prove safety/security
- Validate in the field and prove efficiency
- Full scope support: design, training, control, ...
- Guidance for application to specific needs



- Solutions**
- Site exploration
  - Radiological mapping
  - Emergency management
  - Assistance for humans
  - ...

# RoboDecom prototypes



## Remote, semi- or autonomous capabilities for:

360 photography supporting:

- site monitoring
- briefing – situation awareness
- design/config. info checking
- training

3D scanning & radiological mapping for supporting

- design/config. info
  - reconstruction
  - validation - 'as is'
  - update
- digital capabilities supporting
  - safety planning
  - safety monitoring
  - safety training
  - in-the field safety info

Sampling? – rad. characterisation  
Emergency management

# RoboDecom prototypes



**TECNUBEL**  
Your project needs our care



**BERGEN ROBOTICS**

**MARITIME ROBOTICS**

**SINTEF**

Sensor and Avoid  
Path planning  
Wireless com.

Digital assessments,  
Field tests



**CREATEC**

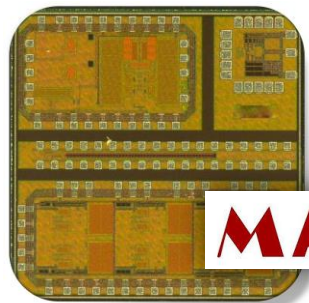
**RoboDecom SW suite**



**IFE**



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**MAGICS®**

**nLINK**



**LiveDecom suite**

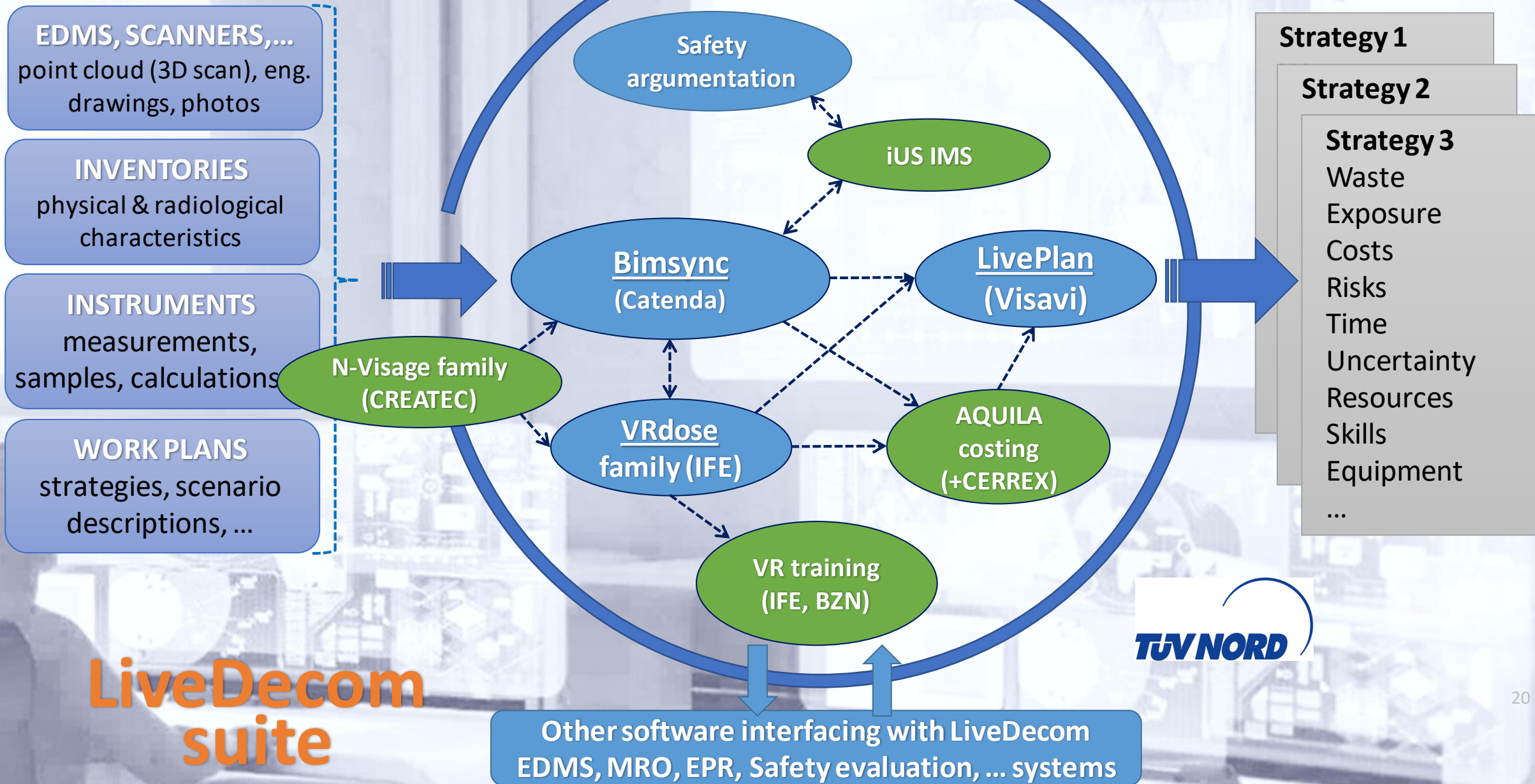
# LiveDecom: Prototyping integration of digital capabilities

Demonstrate integration of digitalized capabilities for

- project planning,
  - configuration management,
  - rad. characterisation,
  - job planning,
  - training,
  - costing, and
  - reporting for decom
- through integration of tech. like
- BIM/PIM,
  - advanced project planning interface,
  - 3D job and hazard simulation,
  - 3D gamma mapping,
  - ISCD costing,
  - ...



# LiveDecom suite



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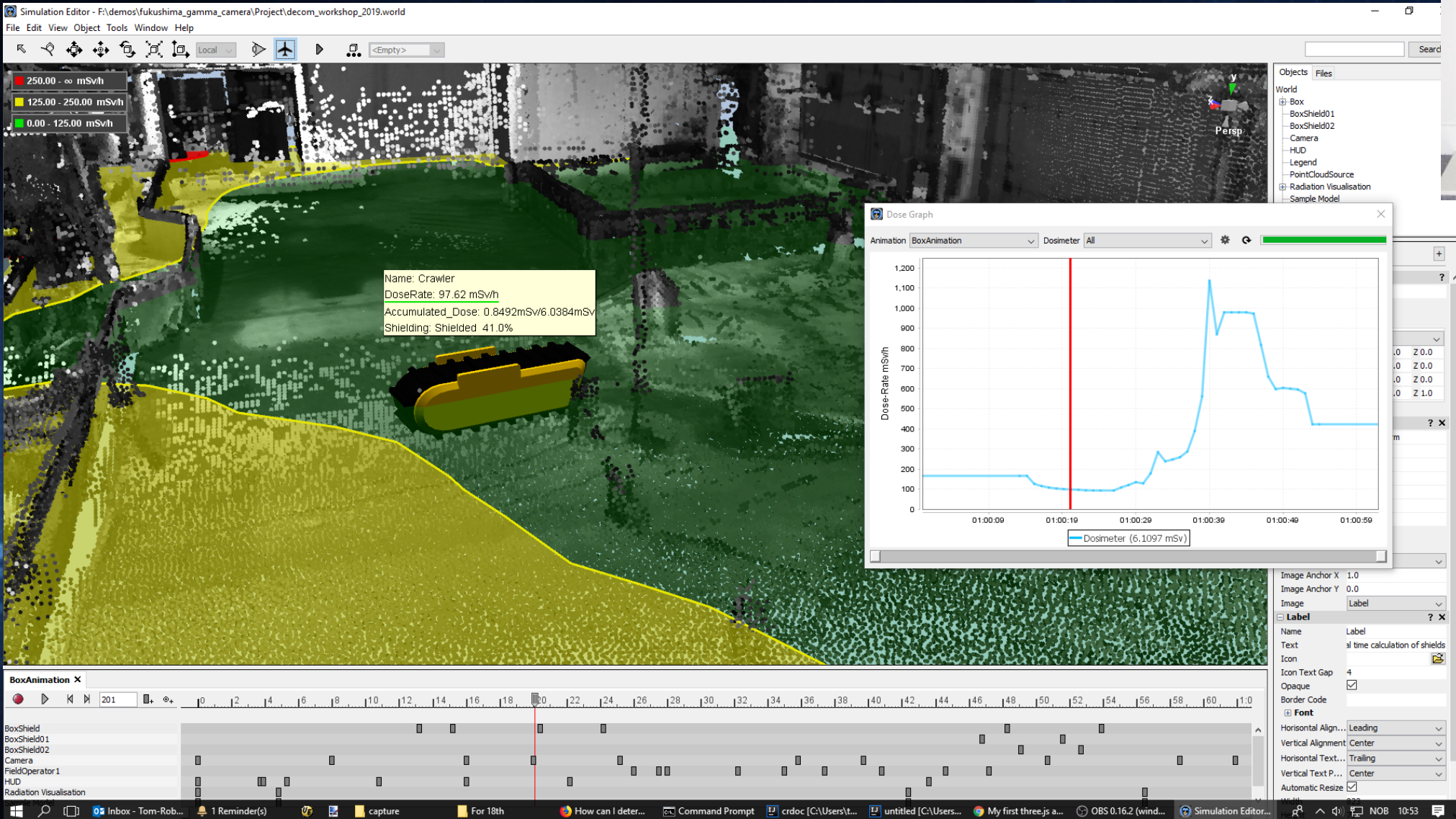


# Holistic digital support & Modular robotics systems

## Questions

1. What are the needs from the industry these techs could satisfy?
2. How would these techs satisfy these needs?
3. What are the current barriers for adoption?
4. How could we overcome these barriers? What facilitators are there?
5. Who should develop/provide these techs?
6. What tech development is required for field applicability?
7. What risks could be introduced by these techs?
8. Are there any regulatory issues?
9. How to demonstrate safety of such techs?

# Integration with CREATEC's technology



Simulation of robot in Fukushima based on input from CREATEC's sensor tech

# Integration with Bay Zoltán Nonprofit Ltd's VR platform



Rad. simulation results imported into BZN's VR system

# VR training - IFE

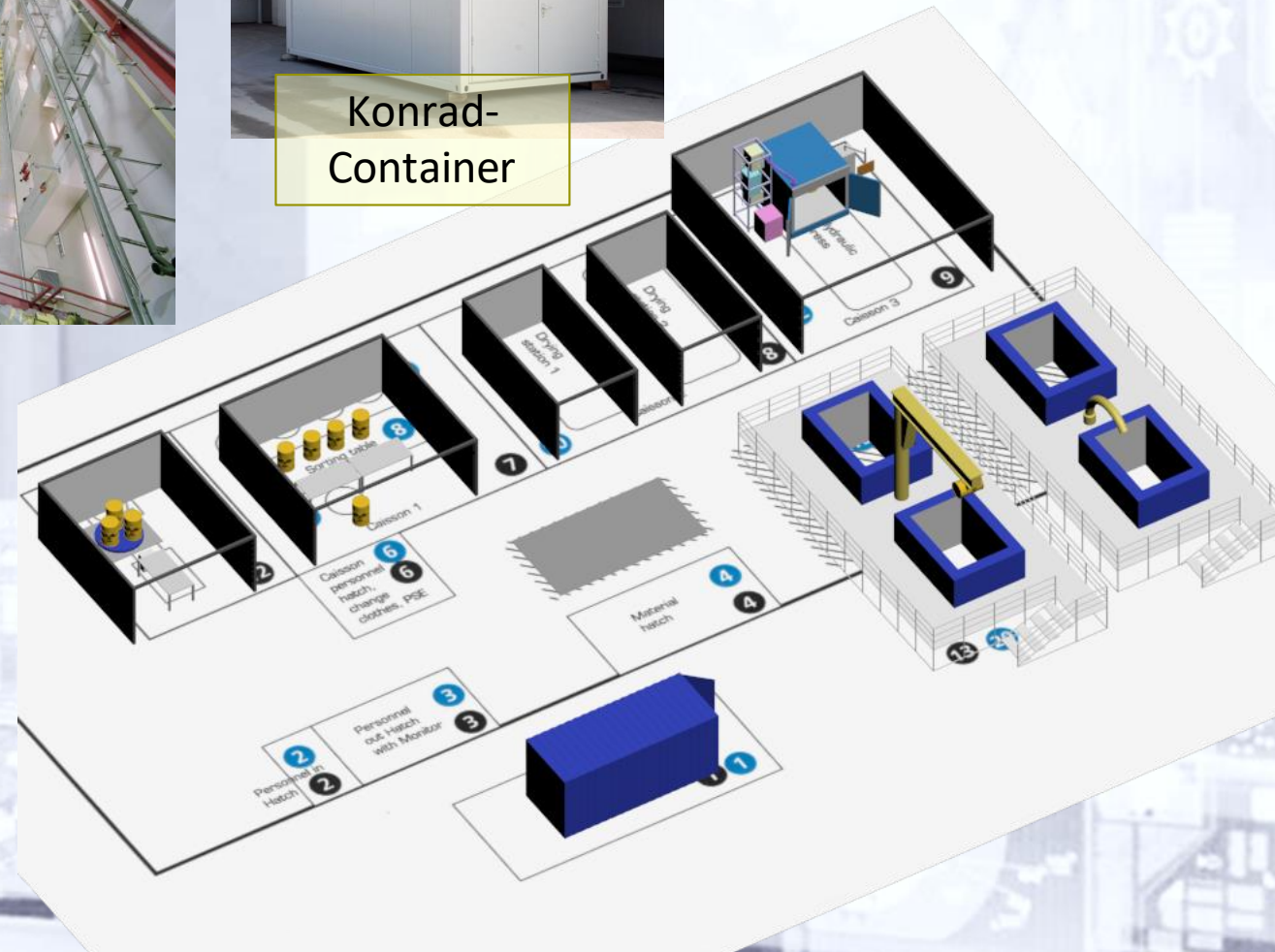


VR crane control training with hand tracking and visualisation

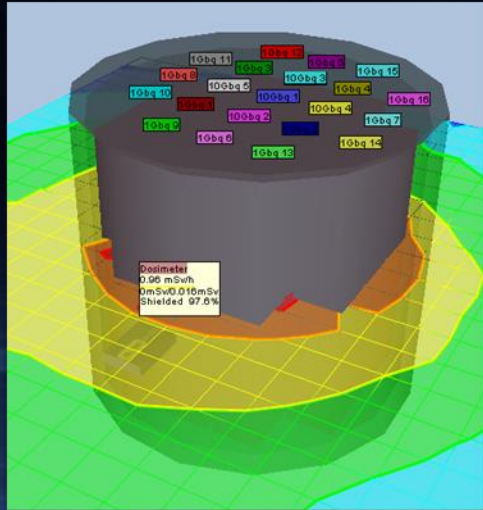
# WM Process support demonstration with iUS



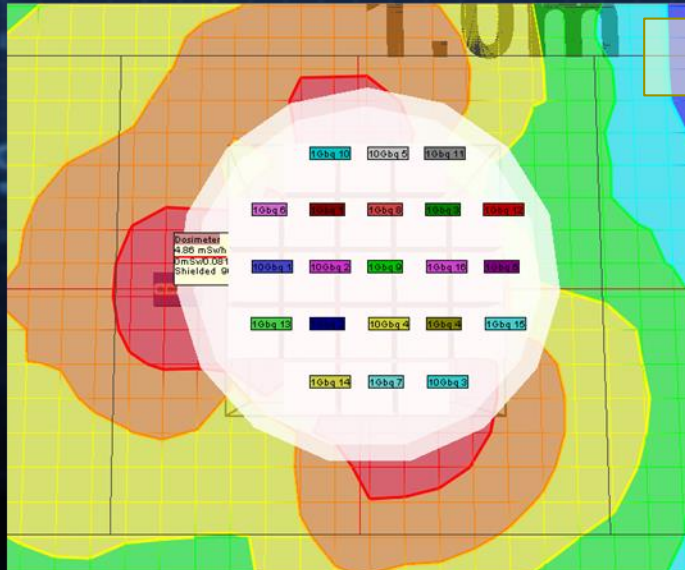
Konrad-Container



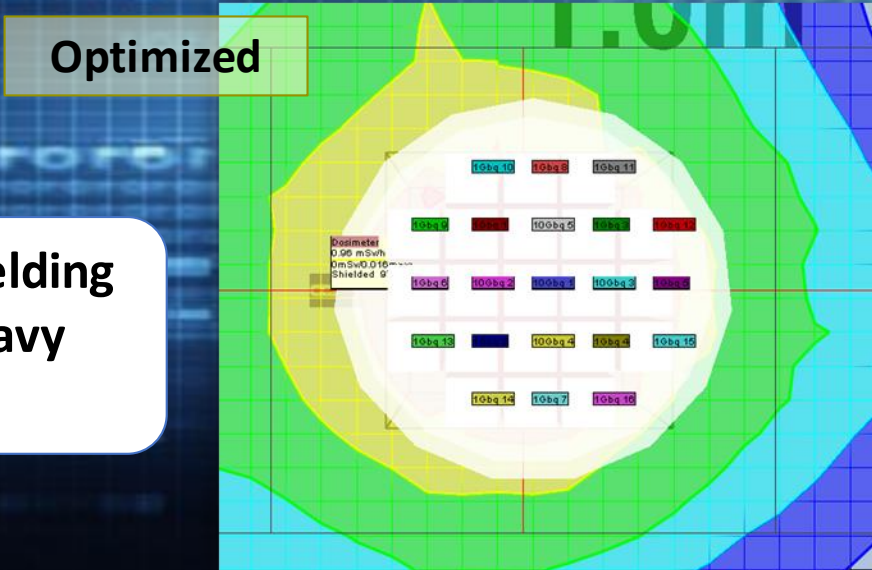
# Waste Packaging support demonstration



- MOSAIC type shielded container
- 21 slab-like waste pieces
- 5 pieces 10GBq Co-60
- the rest 1GBq Co-60



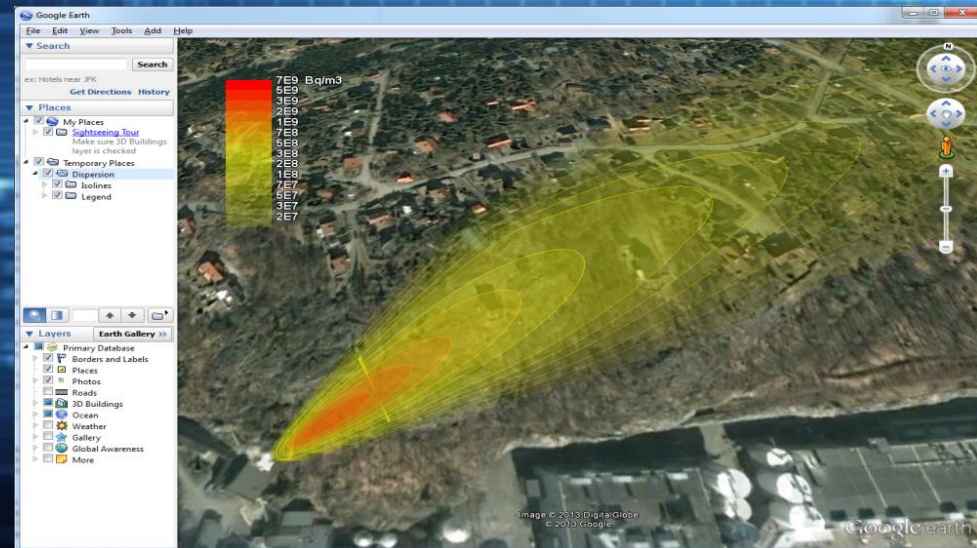
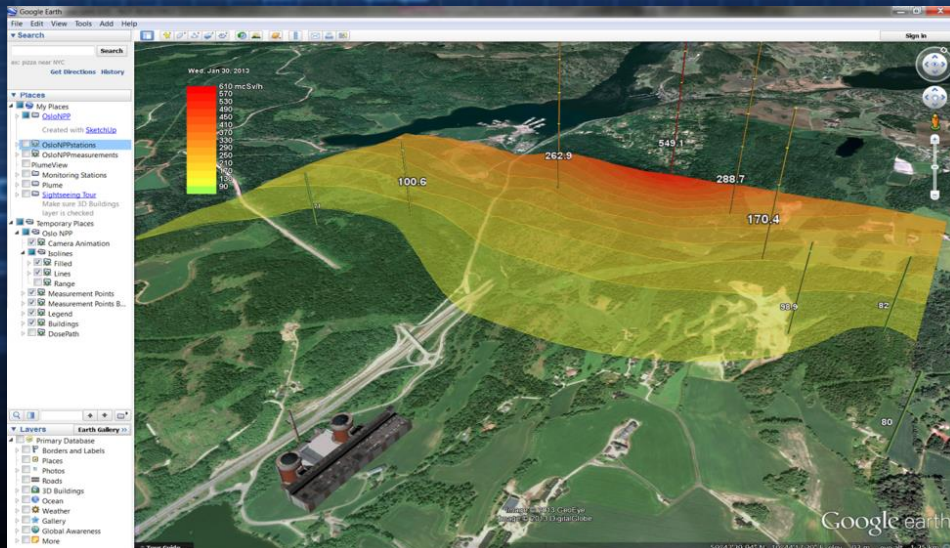
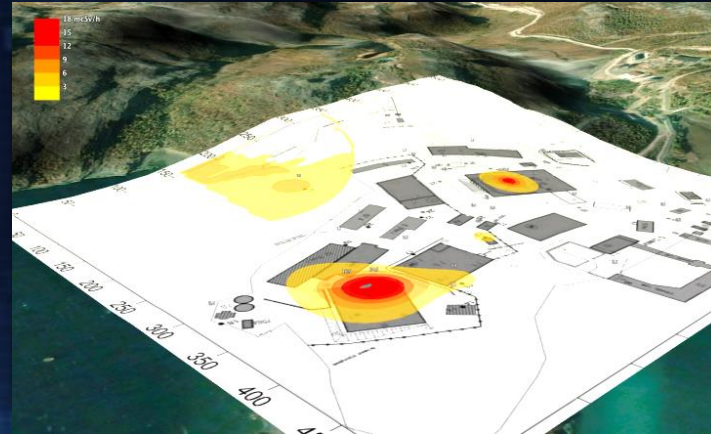
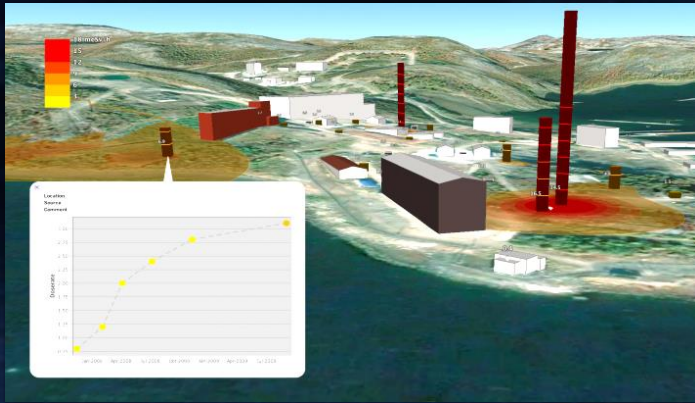
Random



Optimized

Exploiting shielding effect of heavy waste

# Environmental modelling





# IFE is now an International Collaborating Centre of the IAEA | IFE

## for the digitalisation of knowledge management for nuclear decommissioning

The IAEA and Norway's Institute for Energy Technology will work together on the use of digital technologies in decommissioning and nuclear knowledge management under an agreement signed by the two parties on the sidelines of the 62nd General Conference.



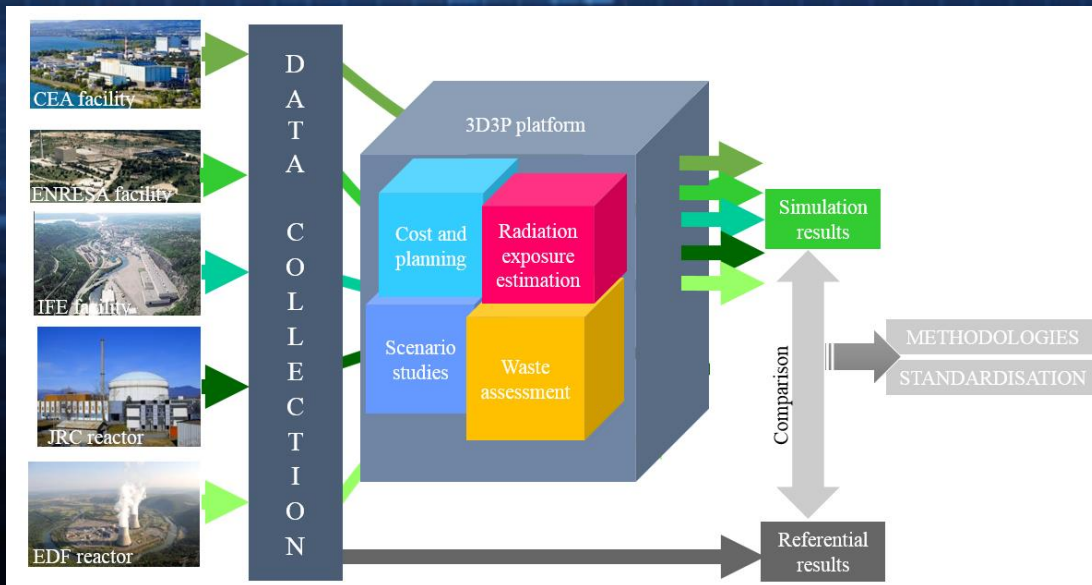
(Left to right) President of the Institute for Energy Technology Nils Morten Huseby signs the Practical Arrangement with IAEA Deputy Director General and Head of the Department of Nuclear Energy Mikhail Chudakov. (Photo: IAEA)

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# EU projects/proposals



## SHARE – Roadmap for decommissioning innovation



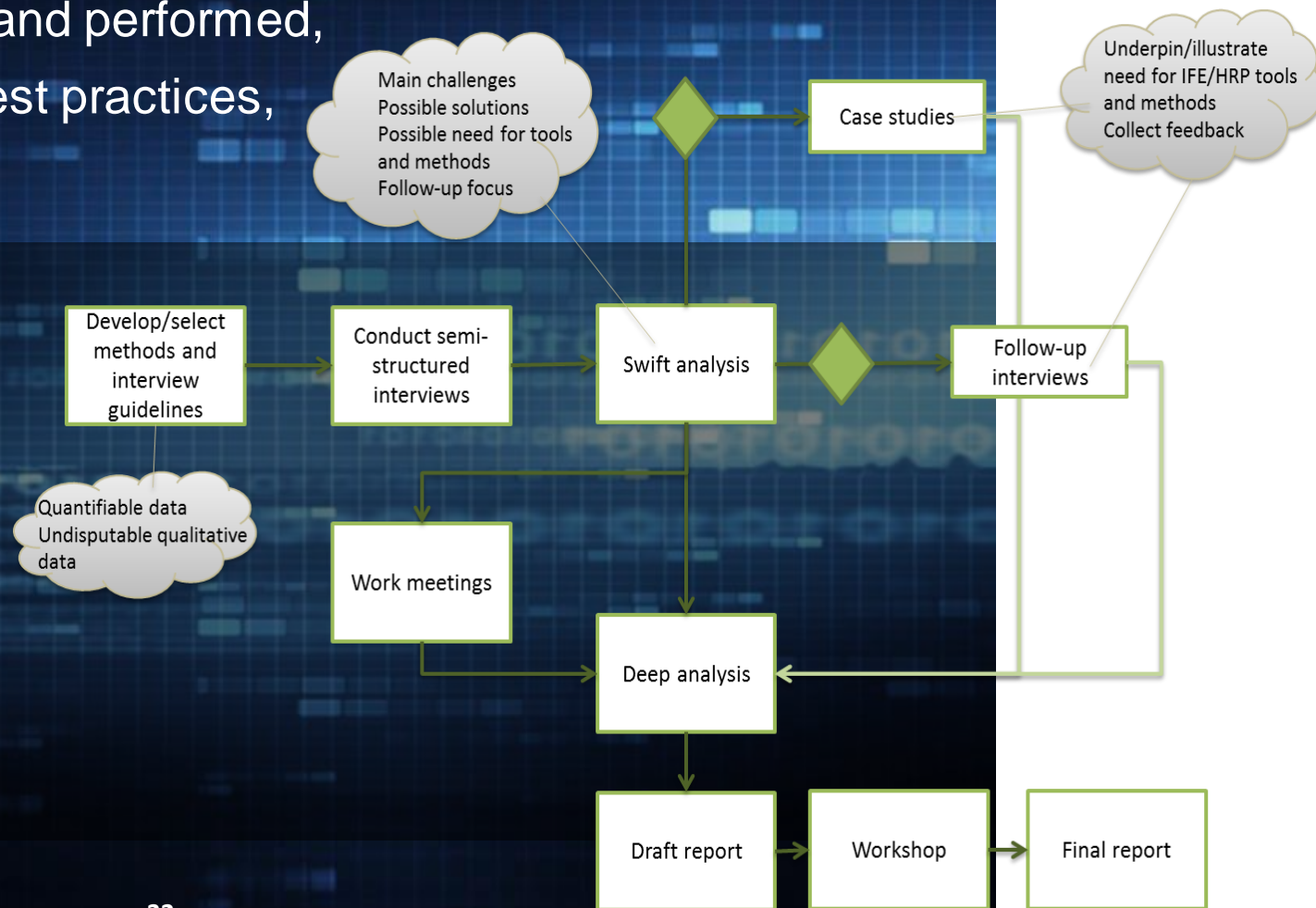
## PLEIADES – Integration of digital capabilities and field demonstrations

# NKS NorDec

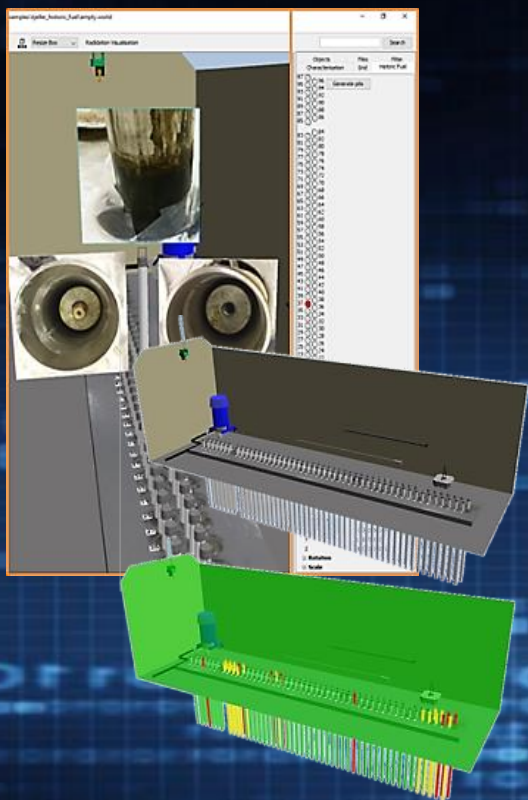
- NorDec: Challenges and opportunities for improving Nordic nuclear decommissioning

- How is decom regulated, planned and performed,
- Identify main challenges, collect best practices,
- Foster collaboration

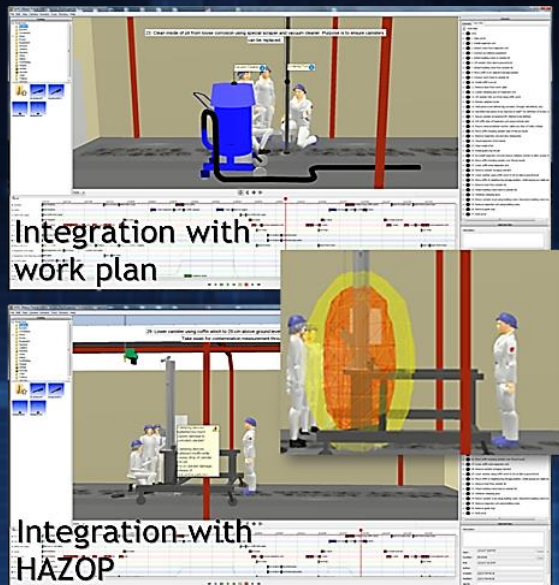
- IFE: Institute for Energy Technology, Norway
- SSM: Swedish Rad. Safety Authority
- NRPA: Norwegian Rad. Prot. Authority
- STUK: Finnish Rad. and Nucl. Safety Authority
- SIS: Danish Health Authority, Denmark
- VTT: Technical Research Centre of Finland Ltd
- Fortum, Finland
- Vattenfall, Sweden
- ÅF, Sweden



# Case study – underground waste storage



**1. Info management (BIM)**



**2. Work planning (3D simulations)**



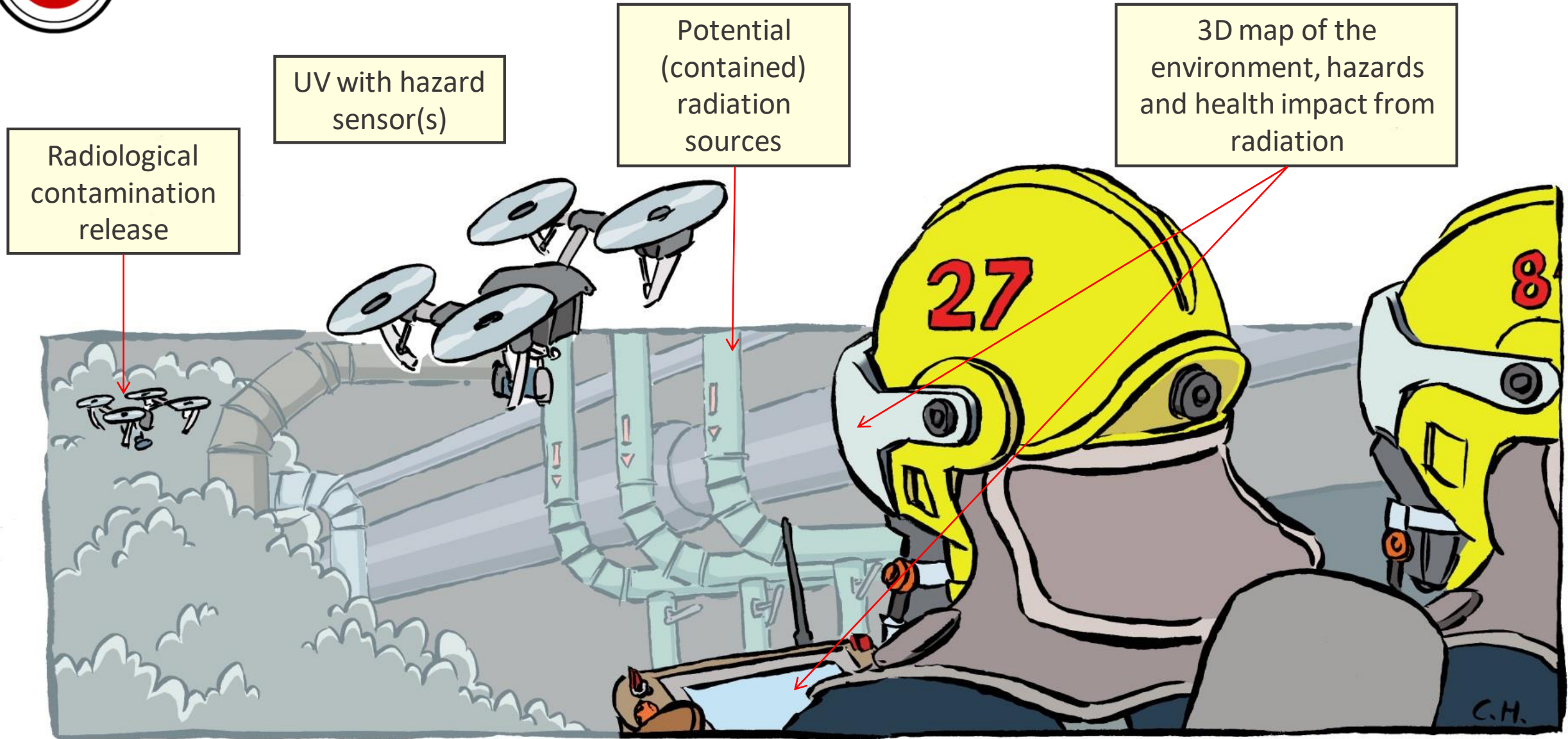
**3. Interactive virtual presence (VR)**



**4. In the field info support (AR)**



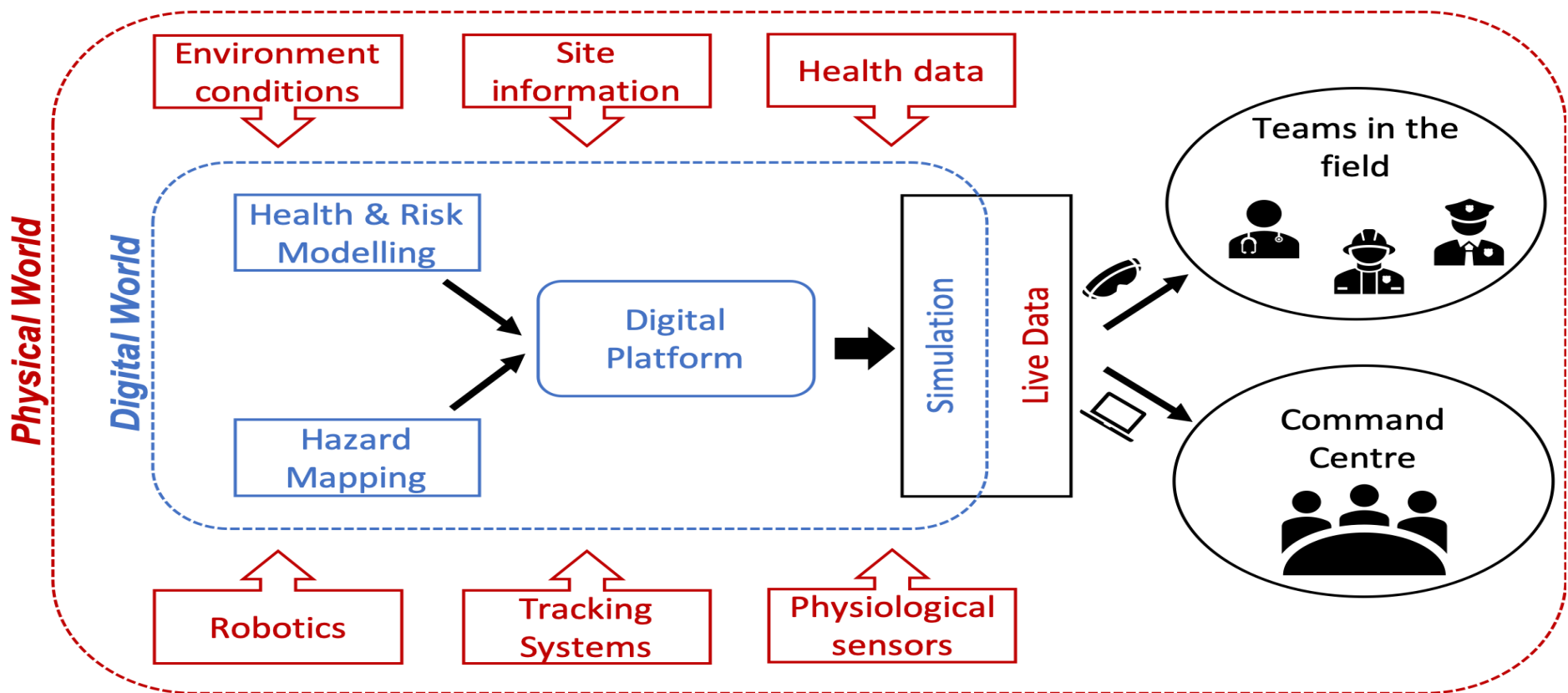
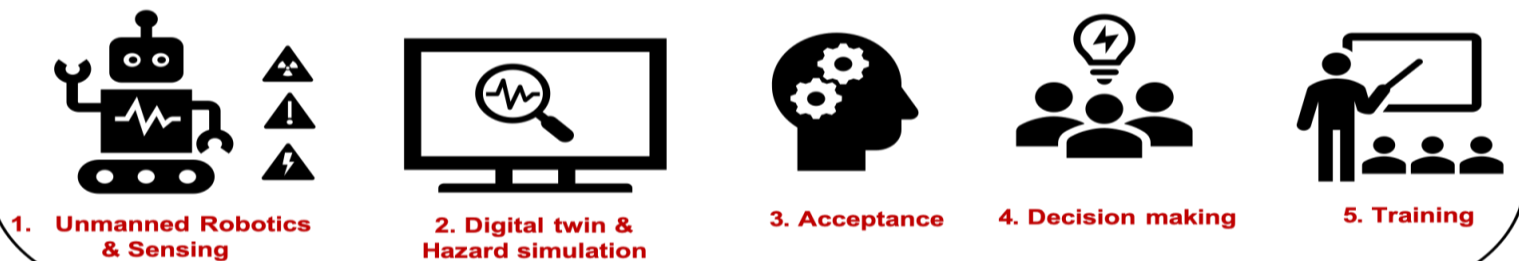
# SMARTES – H2020 proposal





# SMARTES - emergency management

To create an innovative cyber-physical system supporting first responders in complex emergency scenarios



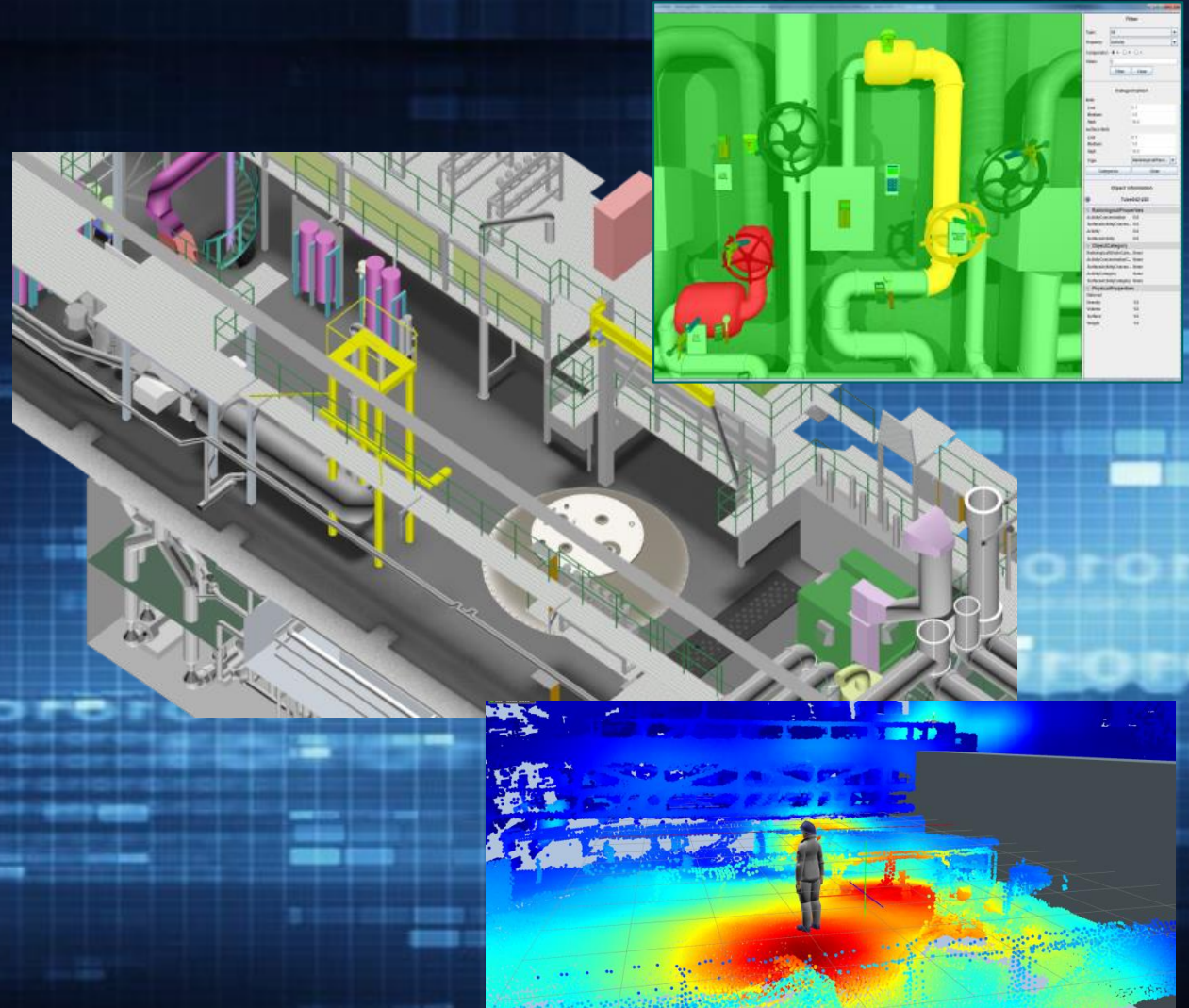
# Design info base for decom planning

## Support for NND



**Aim:** Develop a full scope as built design info base

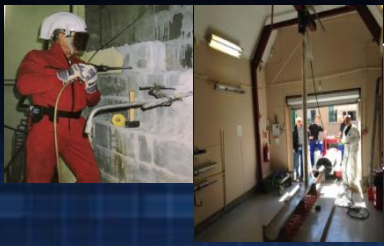
- 3D laser scanning of accessible areas
- Definition of model details needed for planning
- Melling inaccessible areas (drawings, ...)
- CAD modeling of relevant parts
  - Model structure (SSC), component ID



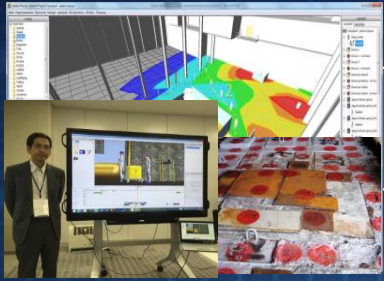


# Decommissioning information center

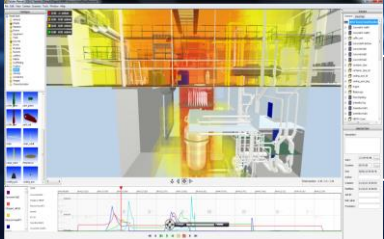
- Strategic planning support
- Support for interactions with advisors and the regulator
- Competence building (incl. education)
- Training and briefing support
- Public information
- Knowledge preservation



Decom work at IFE (HR, URA, Stavbrønn,...)



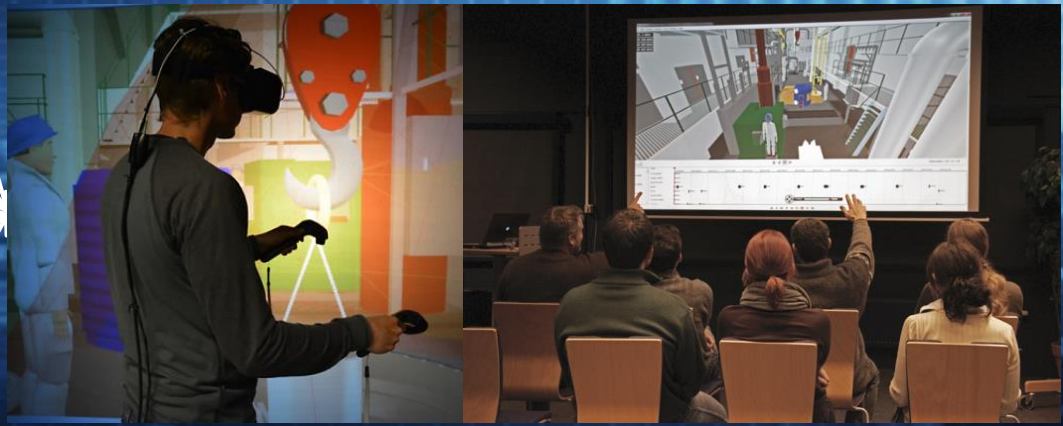
Decom support projects in Russia, Ukraine, Japan, ...



Industrial innovation & research projects



Case studies (field demonstrations) with partners



Information center