



# Application of Sustainability Principles and Circular Economy to Nuclear Decommissioning

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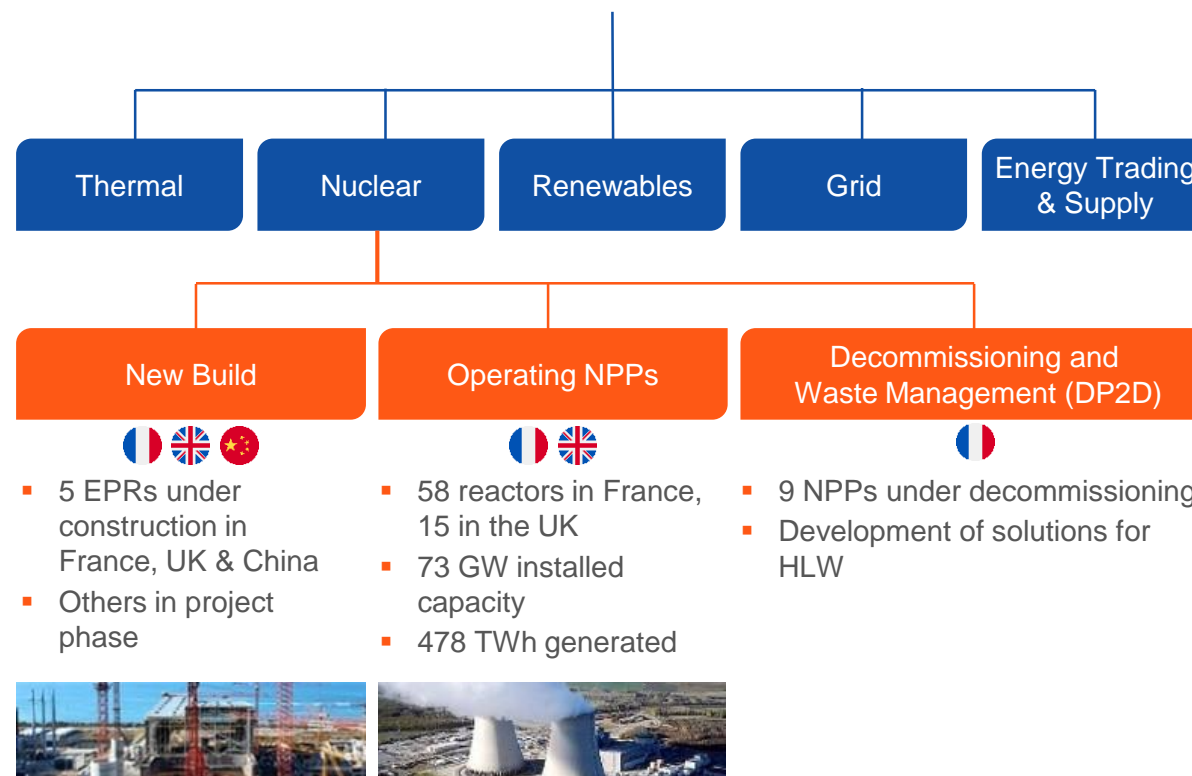




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# DECOMMISSIONING AND WASTE MANAGEMENT ARE KEY TO EDF STRATEGY IN THE NUCLEAR INDUSTRY



EDF, the efficient and responsible electricity company, **the champion in low-carbon growth.**

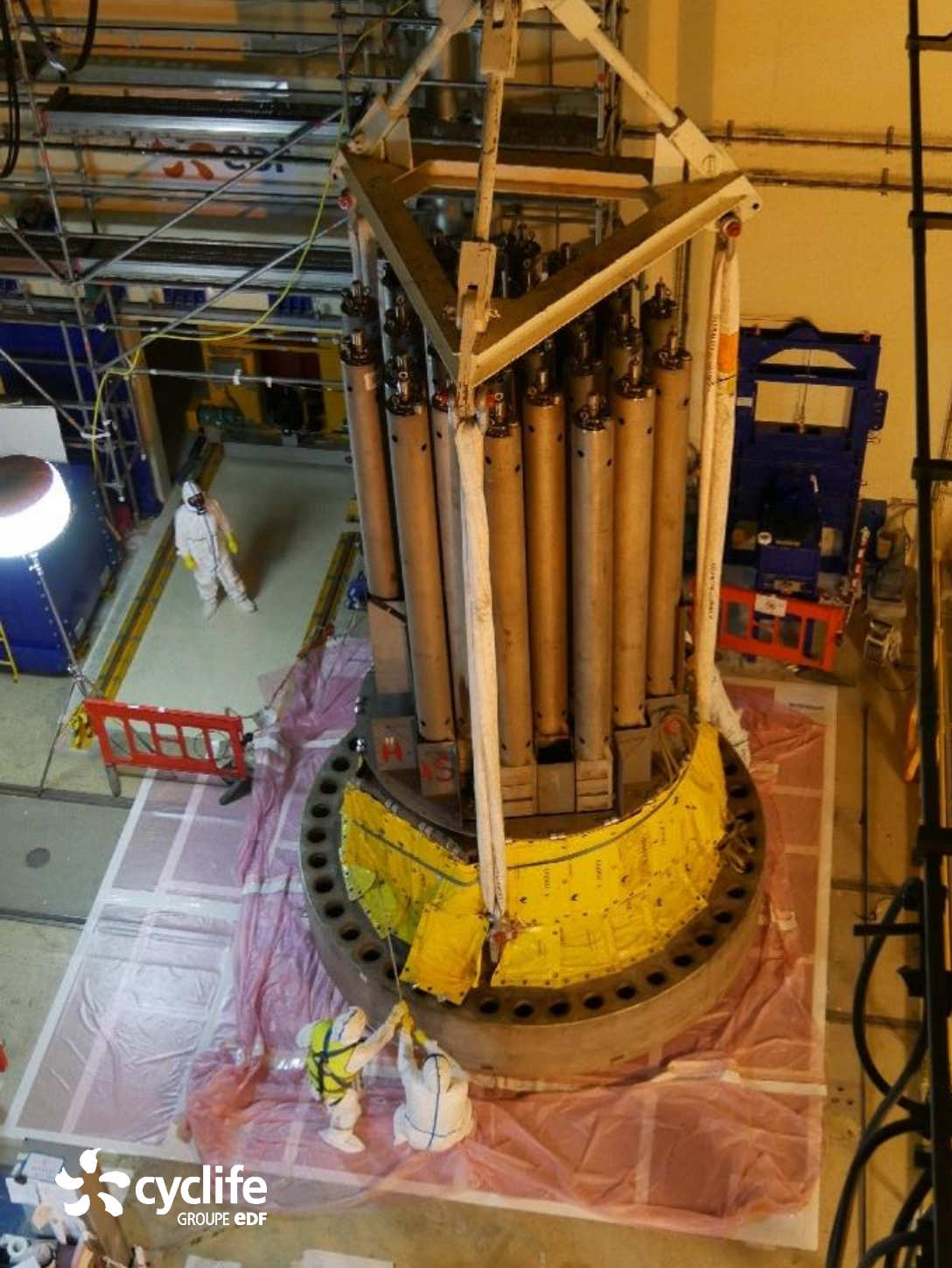
At the end of 2015, the EDF Group set up the “DP2D” (Direction dedicated to the Decommissioning and Waste Projects) **to take up this challenge.**

**CAP 2030**

**Generating low-carbon electricity from nuclear power and renewables** is a top priority of the CAP 2030 strategy.

**As a responsible nuclear operator, demonstrate our full control along the entire life cycle,** by efficiently managing decommissioning projects and waste generated by our power plants in operating or dismantlement phase.





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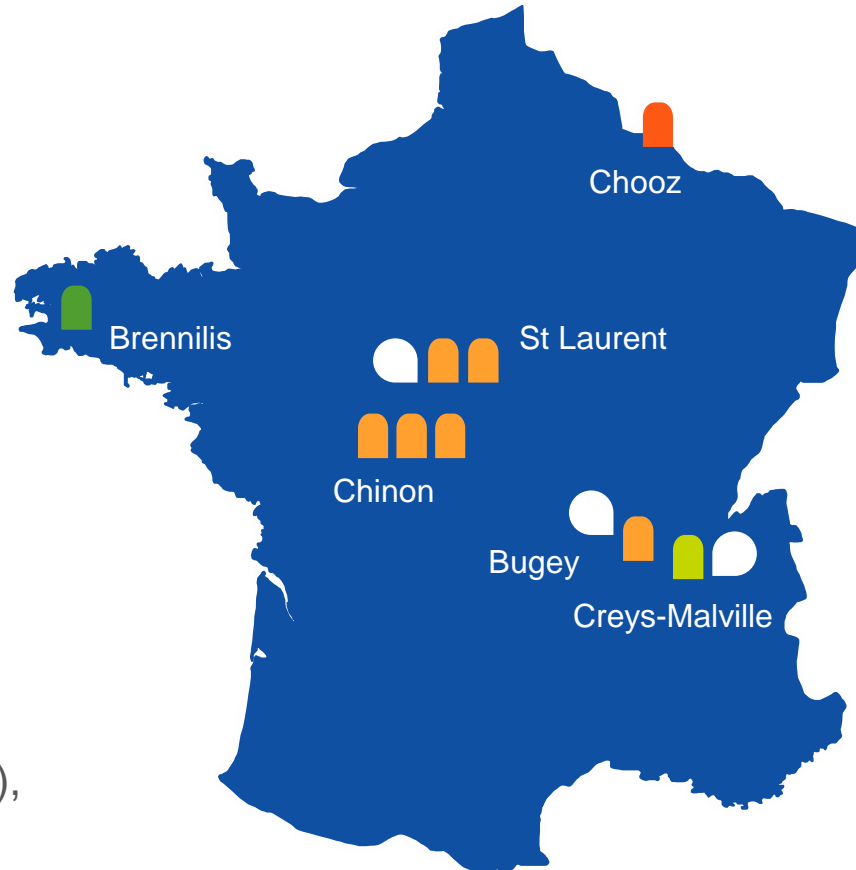
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# A LONG EXPERIENCE IN DECOMMISSIONING



Through the French regulation context, EDF is the owner and the operator of its own fleet. Moreover, EDF is also in charge of the decommissioning with dedicated funds (~23Mds€).






EDF applies its “Architect Integrator Model” across the entire lifecycle of units: mastering technical competencies (with privileged contractors/partners), costs, planning and risks.



**+15 years of experience**  
on its own fleet  
decommissioning

EDF has taken  
**9 units**  
from operating to  
decommissioning

EDF is also preparing  
**AGR decommissioning**  
**in the UK**  
that will begin by **mid-2020s**

-  1 pressurized Water Reactor (PWR)
-  1 Heavy Water Reactor (HWR)
-  6 Natural Uranium Graphite Gas reactors (UNGG)
-  1 Fast Neutron Reactor (FNR)
-  EDF Main storage facilities

# HWR BRENNILIS:

## A PUBLIC ACCEPTANCE CHALLENGE

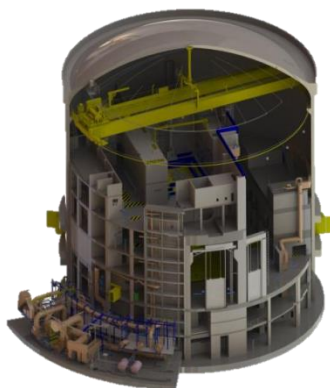


**From safe store and delayed decommissioning authorisation in 1996 to 2<sup>nd</sup> decommissioning authorisation obtained from French Safety Authority in 2011.**

### Key achievements

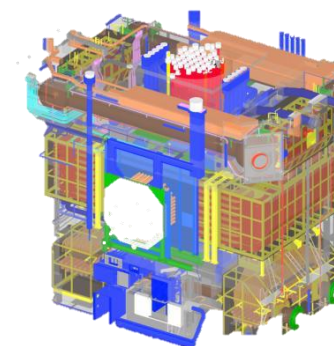
- Dismantling of heat exchangers
- Walls and ceiling of the effluent treatment building.
- Basic Design Study for the dismantling operation of the vessel inside the reactor building.

*3D modelization  
and laser scan  
of the reactor &  
reactor building*



### Added-value for future customers' projects

- Knowledge on methodology for concrete decontamination and soil release with the French Safety Authority
- Expertise in discussions and negotiations with the stakeholders



# GRAPHITE REACTORS :

## A NEW DECOMMISSIONING STRATEGY SET UP



### Key achievements & on going operations

- **Chinon:**
  - Design studies on the Industrial Demonstrator
  - Preparatory works for sampling campaigns
  - Dismantling of CHA3 heat exchangers
- **Saint Laurent:** Dismantling of all the electromechanical circuits & Radiological clean-up
- **Bugey:** Decommissioning of electromechanical circuits and materials demolition of external buildings

### Added-value for future customers' projects

- Setup of the new strategy : from under water decommissioning to dry decommissioning
- Ability to work with alpha contaminated waste and in asbestos conditions
- Large and Heavy components treatment
- Samples for large components for chemical and radiological characterisation
- Soil remediation



- **Industrial demonstrator before application to dismantle the first reactor as lead fleet site and to extend methodology to the 5 other reactors**
- **A new decommissioning strategy set up : from under water decommissioning to dry decommissioning**
- **A schedule to reach a secure configuration**



# PWR : CHOOZ A NPP:

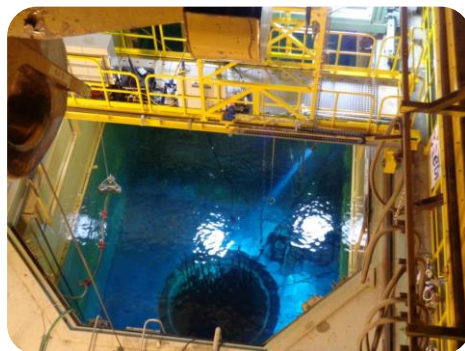
## FIRST PWR UNDER DECOMMISSIONING IN FRANCE



**The first reactor Chooz A, an early PWR built and exploited by EDF, was shut down in 1991 after an operational life of 22 years. The decommissioning permit has been granted in 2007 and the decommissioning should be done by 2022**

### Key achievements

- Initialisation of the under water vessel internals segmentation before vessel segmentation
- Design of the strategy to optimize & secure the global fleet decommissioning : 58 PWR in Operation across 19 sites (3 NPP models with very closed design : 900MW, 1300MW, 1450MW)



### Added-value for future customers' projects

- Strategic choice between retrieving special operating tools for dismantling and developing new tools
- Nuclear Steam Supply Systems (NSSS) Decontamination strategy (primary circuit)
- Waste strategy & large components management





# EDF LARGE SKILLS

## IN WASTE LED MANAGEMENT LEADING TO A3R



EDF developed **large skills** in **complex Decontamination & Decommissioning (D&D) Projects management** responding to **A3R concept (Avoid, Reduce, Recycle and Release)** from past and ongoing nuclear decommissioning operations on its fleet.





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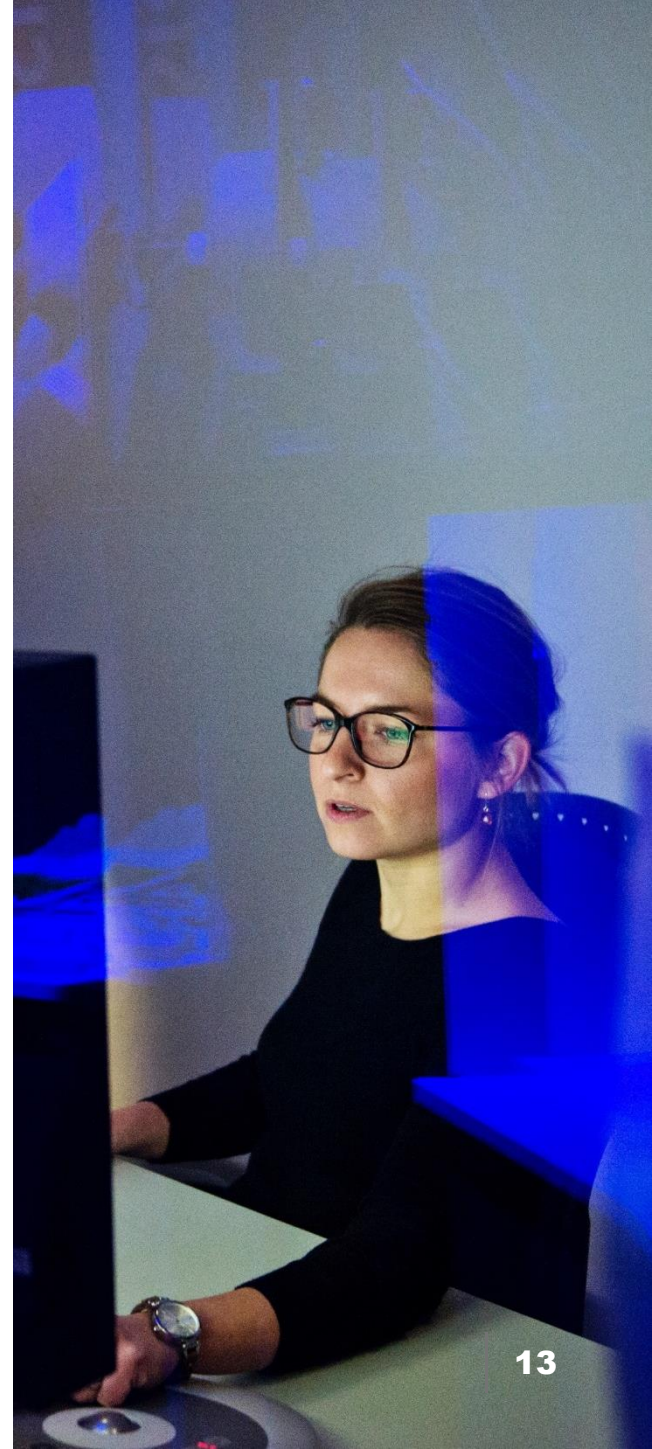
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# INTRODUCING CYCLIFE, EDF'S INTERNATIONAL PLATFORM IN DECOMMISSIONING & WASTE MANAGEMENT

EDF supports its nuclear customers in **a sustainable approach**  
through each phase of the **nuclear lifecycle**  
with a comprehensive range of services & expertise



- develops innovative **cost effective solutions** for **decommissioning and waste management**,
- uses EDF group's **skills (EDF DP2D, Framatome)** and **assets** to offer efficient decommissioning and solutions following a **Waste-led-decommissioning** approach,
- answers **A3R concept** (avoid, reduce, recycle and release) and the growing need to preserve disposal capacity.





# CYCLIFE AMBITION

## IS TO CREATE VALUE FOR ITS CUSTOMERS

### Benefit from a unique and strong experience

- **Benefit from EDF's strong experience** with 9 Nuclear Power Plants (NPPs) under decommissioning in France and more than 40 years of experience in waste treatment through Cyclife subsidiaries
- **Benefit from specific techniques** and a seasoned staff that have already faced complex projects including onsite works

### "Waste-Led" decommissioning

- **Reduces** waste management & disposal cost
- **Minimises** scarce radioactive disposal capacity
- **Reduces** interfaces and risks by integration across the value chain

### Integrated service through the EDF "Architect Integrator Model"

- **Secures** an efficient program progress
- **Reduces** interfaces and risks (services from supervision and management to engineering and designing)
- **Reliable** cost and planning management

### Sustainability & environmental benefits

- **Lifecycle approach** and whole loop integrating secondary waste
- **Experience** in opening international waste & material routes



# CYCLIFE WASTE TREATMENT FACILITIES



## UK | Workington facility

- Size-reduction and shot blasting: 3 000 tons per year



90-staff



## SWEDEN | Nyköping facility

- Melting: 5 000 tons per year
- Incineration: 600 tons per year
- Pyrolysis : 50 tons per year
- Clearance : 2 500 tons per year



**Nuclear Licensed facilities**  
provide best available  
techniques for Volume  
Reduction/Stabilisation



317-staff



## FRANCE | Centraco facility

- Melting: 3 500 tons per year
- Incineration: 6 000 tons per year
- Fabrication of concrete containers for nuclear waste transportation
- Fabrication and operation of mobile conditioning units



# CYCLIFE NETWORK CAN RELY ON MORE THAN 7,000 NUCLEAR SKILLED PROFESSIONALS



UK | Workington facility



FRANCE | Paris and Lyon

- Staff dedicated to decommissioning, characterisation, waste management solutions, safety and environmental studies

framatome



FRANCE | Paris and Lyon

- Staff dedicated to NPP dismantling Engineering in Framatome



SWEDEN | Nyköping facility



framatome GmbH



GERMANY | Erlangen & Karlstein

- 50-staff dedicated to sampling, characterization and waste management solutions
- 70-staff QA/QC service for D&D
- 50-staff dedicated to chemical decontamination
- 600-staff dedicated to NPP services activities and spent fuel pool transportation
- 1.000-staff dedicated to NPP engineering



FRANCE | Centraco facility





# FROM CONCEPT TO DELIVERY:

## CYCLIFE OFFERS A LARGE RANGE OF SERVICES IN WASTE MANAGEMENT AIMING TO REDUCE VOLUME

### Waste characterisation

- Cyclife carries out an accurate physical and radiological waste inventory to optimise waste management by selecting the optimal route for each waste.

### Waste routing

- Cyclife ensures that waste is routed to the facility which offers customers the best technical, economic and regulatory solution.

### Waste storage & disposal developments

- Design of temporary waste storage facilities and design studies with Andra (French national radioactive waste management agency) for the construction of the French deep geological storage (Cigéo) dedicated to high-level waste.

### Waste treatment engineering

- Cyclife provides engineering solutions for the design of waste treatment facilities and innovative processes in this field.

### Waste treatment :

- **Decontamination** : dedicated processes to decontaminate waste either onsite or off-site
- **Sorting, segregating, packaging and transport:** Cyclife supports its customers for waste management and transport from their nuclear site.
- **On-site services:** Cyclife has developed processes to treat waste directly on production sites thanks to mobile processing and conditioning units and personnel able to operate on client's sites.
- **Metallic waste treatment, melting and recycling:** Cyclife processes metallic waste and operates blasting of metallic waste, size-reduction, melting operations and clearance.
- **Large components:** Cyclife own unique capabilities and expertise for the management of large components that saves storage and final disposal costs for customers. Cyclife's offer integrates chemical and physical decontamination.
- **Incineration:** Cyclife incinerates combustible, solid and liquid waste. Cyclife also treats waste arising from hospitals and laboratories.
- **Pyrolysis:** Cyclife also uses pyrolysis, in which material is treated by dry distillation without any oxygen.

# FROM CONCEPT TO DELIVERY:

## CYCLIFE OFFERS A LARGE RANGE OF SERVICES IN DECOMMISSIONING

### Plant physical & radiological inventory

- Cyclife provides a turnkey state-of-the-art physical & radiological inventory of the entire Nuclear Power Plant, from calculations to final on-site characterisation

### Dismantling

- Cyclife can perform a wide range of dismantling services, including cold and hot segmentation (for example of primary circuits or other steam supply systems).

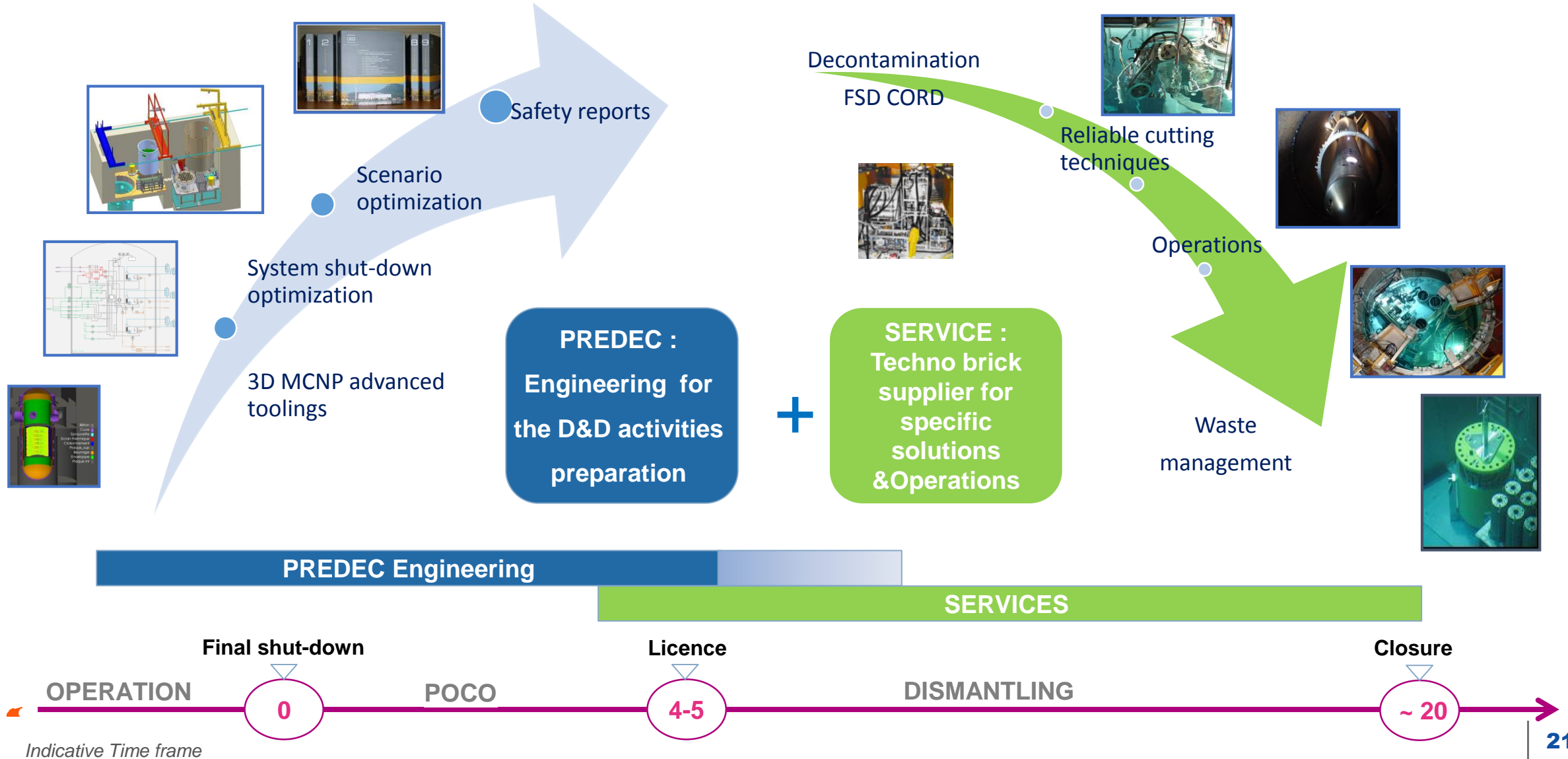
### Technical support

- Cyclife can provide on-site decommissioning projects, taking benefit of its technical expertise in decontamination of systems, structures and sites (soil and groundwater).

### Consultancy

- **Preliminary studies and strategy:** Cyclife realises preliminary studies and decommissioning strategies: decommissioning scenario, waste management scenario, environmental impact assessments.
- **Program & Project Management:** Cyclife offers tools and professional expertise to deliver decommissioning project management solutions and actions to schedule transition period, thanks to the presence of technical experts throughout the entire duration of the project.
- **Costing:** Cyclife assesses, optimizes the risks and contingencies for cost estimates, using technical insights from best international practices, and benchmarking in-house.
- **Professional training:** Cyclife's experts provide bespoke training to decommissioning personnel, from on-site operators to program managers.

# FRAMATOME AND EDF ACTIVITIES COVER A WHOLE SCOPE IN D&D PORTFOLIO







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# CYCLIFE FRANCE : THE STRUCTURE



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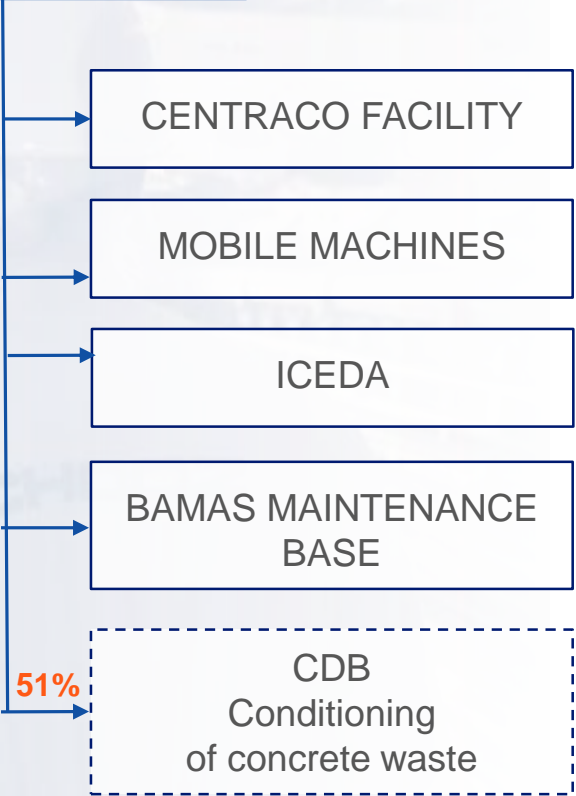
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Certifications

- ISO 9001
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- OHSAS 18001



Cyclife France has been created **in 1990**



# CYCLIFE FRANCE : EXAMPLES OF SERVICES



## Waste treatment engineering

Know-how to ensure proper handling of the special radioactive materials and waste by performing priori studies and customising the processes

## WASTE MANAGEMENT

By



## Waste treatment

- **Sorting, segregating, packaging and transport**
  - Boxes and drums specially-designed for optimal use in collecting metal waste and containers and tanks for shipment, treatment and final package to disposal site.
- **On-site services**
  - More than 4 000 m<sup>3</sup> of exchange resins treated with Mercure mobil machines since 1996.
- **Metallic waste treatment, melting and recycling**
  - More than 24 000 tons of waste treated by melting since 1999 by Socodei.
- **Large components**
  - A workshop that allows components up to 200 tons and 12 meters for decontamination and cutting.
- **Incineration**
  - More than 65 000 m<sup>3</sup> of waste treated by incineration since 1996 by SOCODEI.

## And more: Plant management

- Daily plant operations, routine maintenance for industrial facilities  
Ex: EDF maintenance base (BAMAS) operated by SOCODEI



# METAL RE-VALORIZATION AT CENTRACO



CENTRACO aim to recycle  
part of the melted metal

**CENTRACO**  
manufacture tubes



Tubes are then inserted in  
concrete containers

**to make additional  
radiological shields to  
save raw material**



**THE ADDED-  
VALUE OF  
CYCLIFE FRANCE  
SERVICES**

Volume reduction  
factor:

**1/6**

including  
secondary waste



# MELTING AT CENTRACO



Centraco has  
administrative processing  
capabilities of  
**3 500 tons of waste  
per year**



Maximal specific activity of  
incoming waste Bq/g:

**$\alpha$  : 370**  
 **$\beta \gamma$  : 20 000**

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# INCINERATION AT CENTRACO

**CENTRACO incineration unit is able to process:**

- solid waste (as overalls, gloves, wood, plastics, and protective shoe covers, spent resins, filters)
- liquid waste (oil, concentrates, leaching solutions, solvents, bitumen, TBP.. )

**produced by nuclear facilities, labs, hospitals and other research centers.**



**As a sustainable behavior, CENTRACO treats waste in substitution of raw material (e.g. contaminated oil instead of fuel, contaminated water instead of cooling water)**





# INCINERATION AT CENTRACO



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**3,000 t / y of solid waste**  
**3,000 t / y of liquid waste**

## Maximal specific activity of incoming waste (Bq/g)

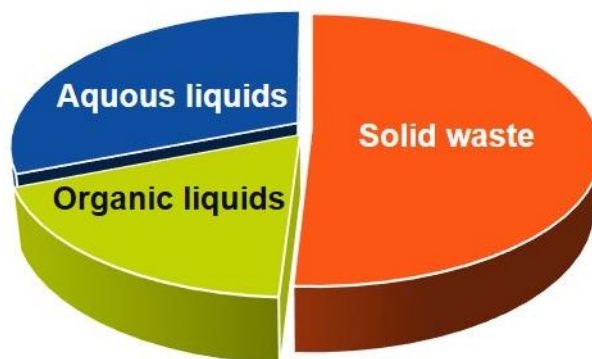
$\alpha$ Total	370
$\beta\gamma$ Total	40 000
$\beta\gamma$ Total except $^3\text{H}$ and $^{14}\text{C}$	20 000
$^3\text{H}$	20 000

## THE ADDED- VALUE OF CYCLIFE FRANCE SERVICES

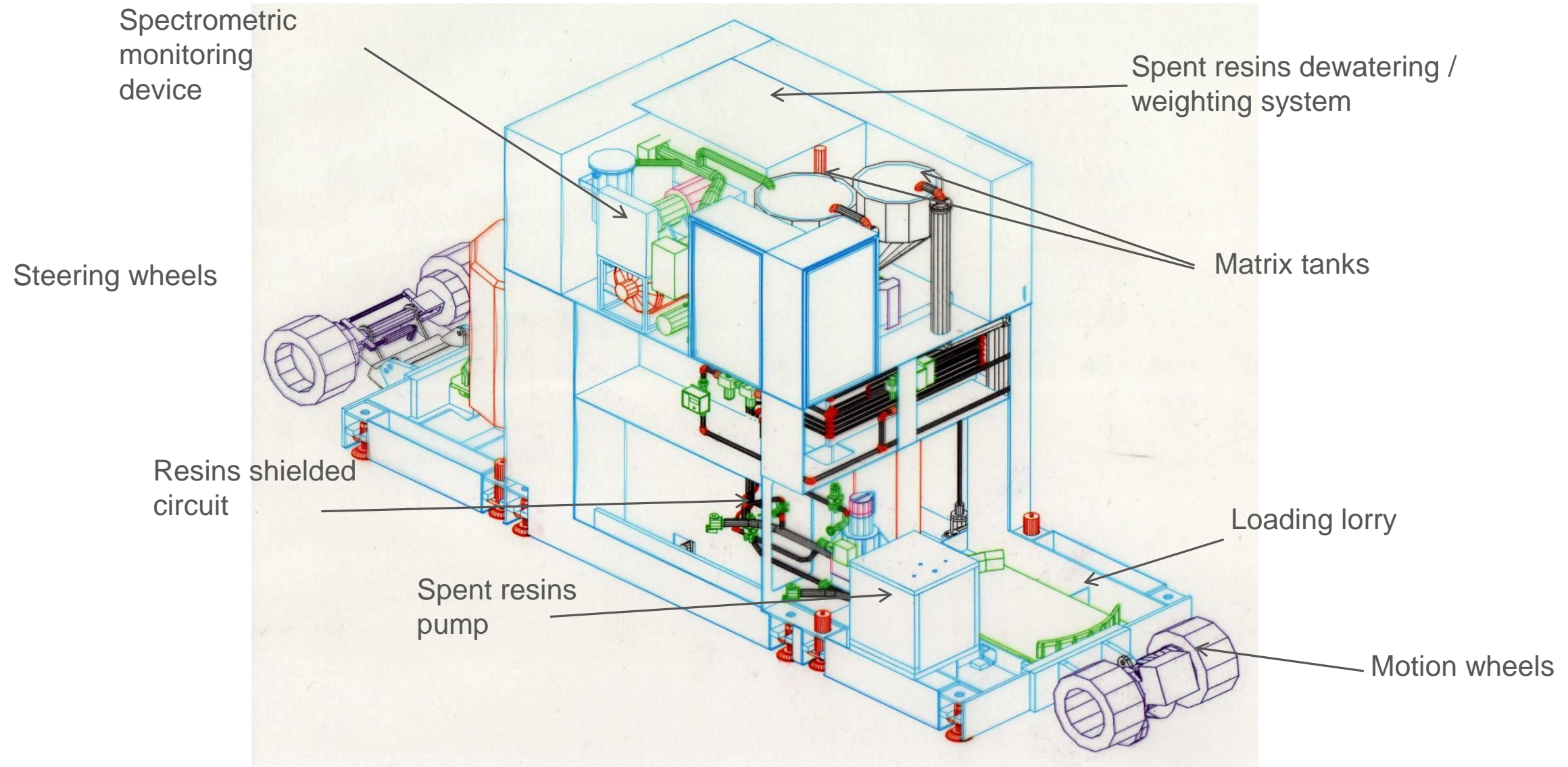
Volume reduction  
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# MOBILE UNITS : THE MERCURE EMBEDDING PROCESS



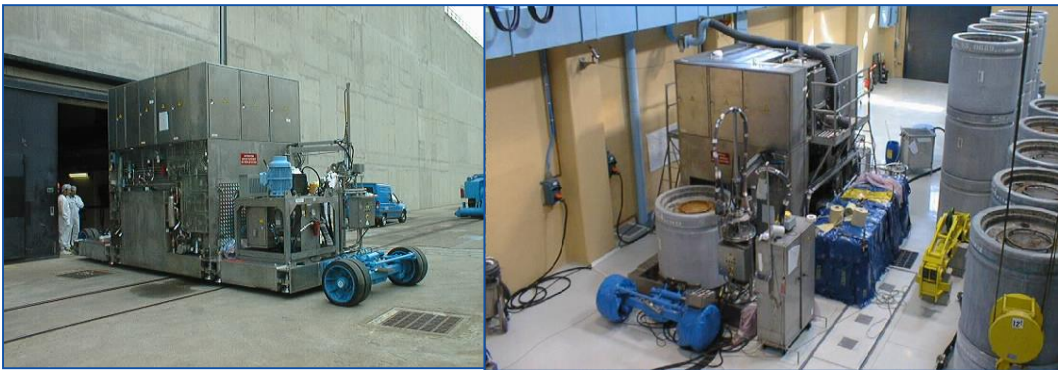
# MERCURE OVERVIEW



## The Service

Mercure is a mobile unit for the embedding of the high level X spent resins arising from the "primary" circuit of nuclear power plants.

**The mobile process** is installed in situ where it blend the spent resins in an epoxy matrix providing the highest performances for long term storage of such waste,



## Radiological limit

- $\beta\gamma$  fingerprint only: activity **up to 13.5 TBq/m<sup>3</sup>**

## Physical properties

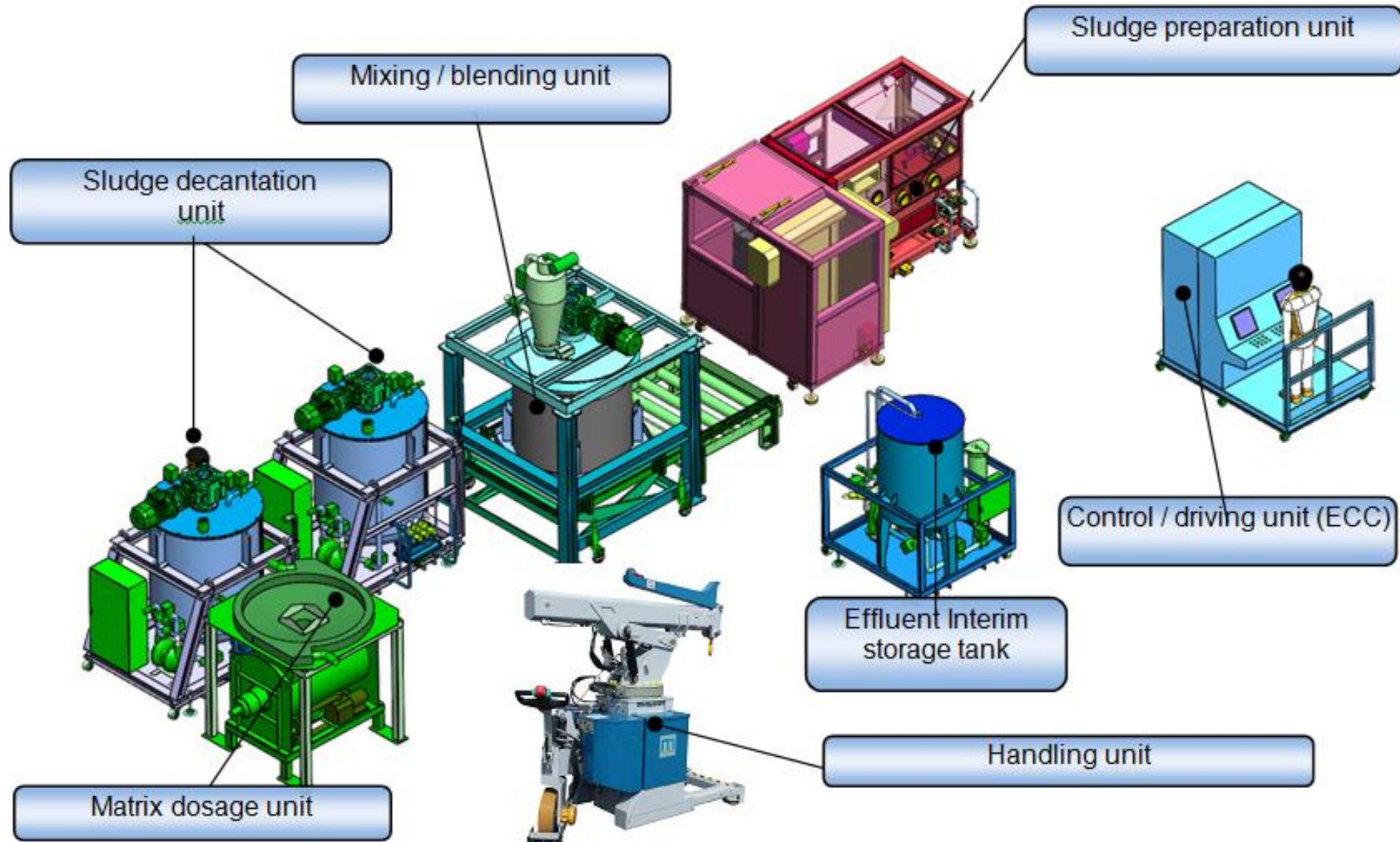
- Polystyrenic, phenolic, acrylic or formophenolic resins types
- Resin beads / grains form 0.3 to 1.2 mm  $\varnothing$
- Cationic or anionic charge
- Chemical limits :
  - Limitation for borates, lithium, iron, cobalt, nickel, chromium, sodium, calcium

## Other conditions

- Underwater storage before treatment
- Undisturbed drying for the sealed packages during 7 days



# UM2B : MINERAL SLUDGE CONDITIONING MOBILE UNIT



# UMIS : EASY « ON SITE » LEGACY CONTAINERS INSPECTION







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# CYCLIFE UK LTD



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has been created  
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takeover by EDF.



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- Certifications
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# CYCLIFE UK SERVICES

## WITHIN CYCLIFE BRAND: FROM CRADLE TO GRAVE SUPPORT



### Plant physical & radiological inventory

Provide a turnkey state-of-the-art physical & radiological inventory of the entire Nuclear Power Plant (NPP), from calculations to characterisation

### DECOMMISSIONING by



### And more: Radiological protection

- The Team of radiation protection professionals have experience in working with ionising radiation in a wide range of environments and are able to provide practical solutions to any issues arising from day to day work with radiation

### Consultancy

- **Preliminary studies and strategy**
  - Run preliminary studies such as decommissioning scenario, waste treatment plant design, nuclear safety reports, environmental impact assessments...
- **Program & Project Management**
  - Provide assistance from experienced technical experts all along the decommissioning or on-site waste treatment plant building project
  - Bring professional PMO tools and experience au client
  - Transition period : Anticipate post-operation work during operation and provides technical support to optimise the scheduling of the end of life and post-operational phase
- **Costing**
  - Assess cost estimates, risks & contingencies
  - Optimise decommissioning costs using technical insights from best international practices
- **Training**
  - Provide bespoke training from experienced Cyclife experts to decommissioning personnel, from on-site operators to the project managers

# CYCLIFE UK SERVICES

## WITHIN CYCLIFE BRAND: FROM CRADLE TO GRAVE SUPPORT



*Cyclife UK designs cost-effective and waste-minimising waste management solutions tailored to the clients' needs & constraints*

### Waste treatment engineering

Know-how to ensure proper handling of the special radioactive materials and waste by performing priori studies and customising the processes  
Conceptual design of waste treatment concepts and facilities

### Waste characterization

Radiological characterisation, categorisation and measurements



### WASTE MANAGEMENT

By



### Waste treatment

- **Sorting, segregating, packaging and transport**  
→ “Assured Disposal Service” - Managing waste from retrieval, characterization, transport, treatment and disposal
- **Metallic waste treatment, melting and recycling**  
→ Since 2009 MRF has successfully processed over 5 000 tons of wastes from over 21 sites including a wide range of public and private customers



# METAL RECYCLING AND TREATMENT AT MRF



MRF processes low level radioactive metals at the facility by a range of innovative techniques including size reduction and shot-blasting.



MRF process for metal recycling and treatment.



## THE ADDED-VALUE OF CYCLIFE UK LTD SERVICES:

- Real Environmental Benefits – potential dramatic 98% volume reduction
- Reduced risks via the initial treatment of waste within the UK
- Recycling of approximately 95% LLW metal for industrial re-use, approximately 5% of original waste disposed to LLWR



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# CYCLIFE SWEDEN AB SERVICES

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### Waste treatment engineering

Conceptual design of waste treatment concepts and facilities



## WASTE MANAGEMENT

By



### Waste treatment

- **Sorting, segregating, packaging and transport**
  - Transportation and logistics
- **Metallic waste treatment, melting and recycling**
  - Melting but also super compaction and clearance activities (clearance measurements in a heavily shielded measurement cell)
- **Large components**
  - A workshop that allows components up to 400 tons and 30 meters for decontamination and cutting
- **Incineration**
  - Treatment of organic waste for volume reduction and to form a stable end-product suitable for disposal
- **Pyrolysis**
  - The pyrolysis facility is dedicated to uranium contaminated wastes that can originate from nuclear fuel factories

### And more: Radiological Services and Analysis outside nuclear sector

- Inspection, re-loading and decommissioning of sealed sources,
- Characterisation and management of other radioactive material.
- Radiological analyses in laboratory
- Advisory services and technical investigations.

# LARGE COMPONENTS WORKSHOP AT NYKÖPING



## The service

- Planning, on site supervision and logistics for transport
- Packaging, transportation and heavy lifting in compliance with regulation on the road transport
- Segmentation
- Decontamination
- Melting
- Analyses and free release
- Recycling
- Laboratory furnaces for thermal treatment tests

## Size

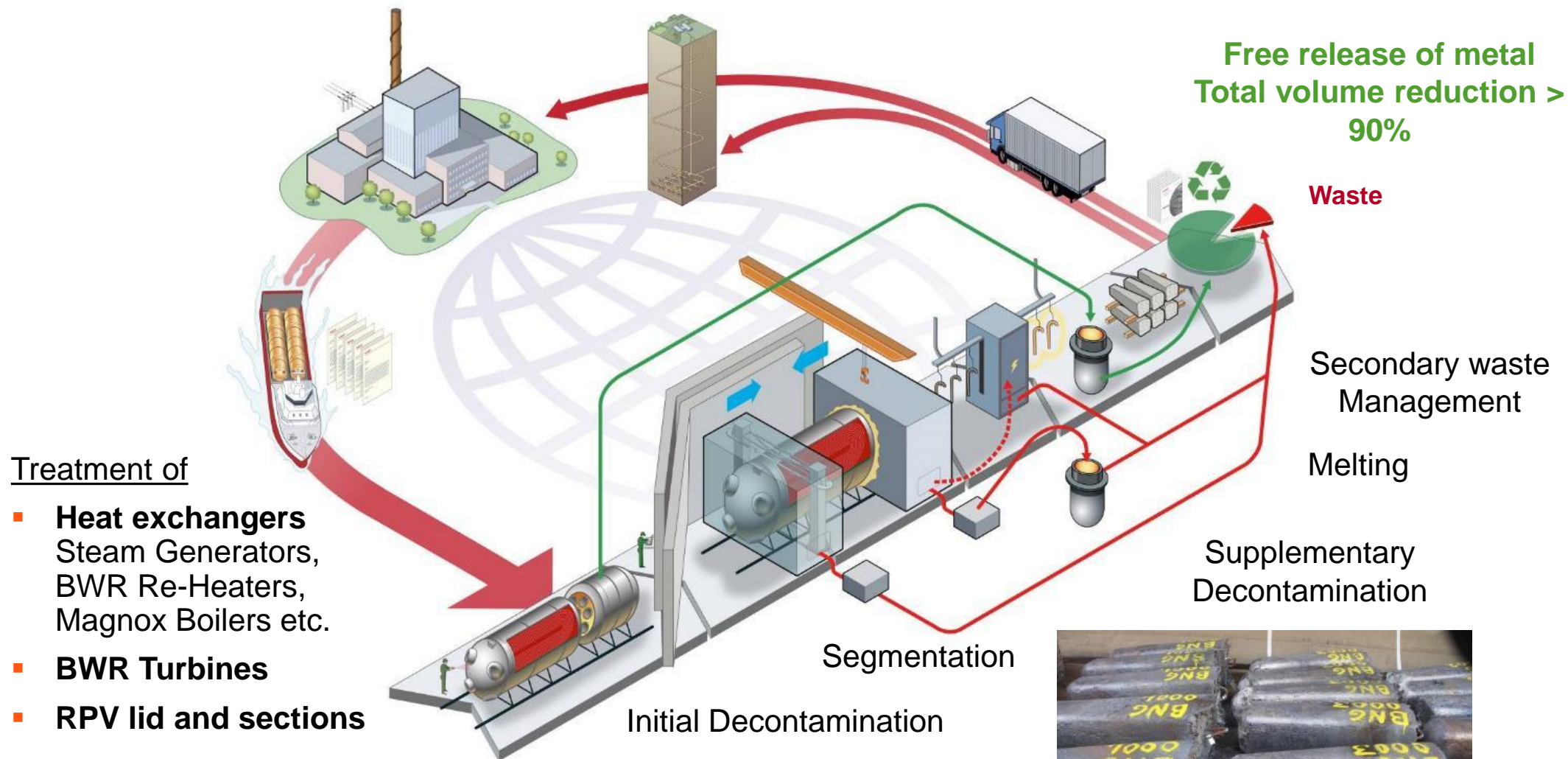
- length up to **30 meters** and **400 tons** and **2,000 tons per year**

## Material for treatment

- Heat exchangers : Steam Generators, BWR Re-Heaters, Magnox Boilers etc.
- BWR Turbines
- RPV lid and sections

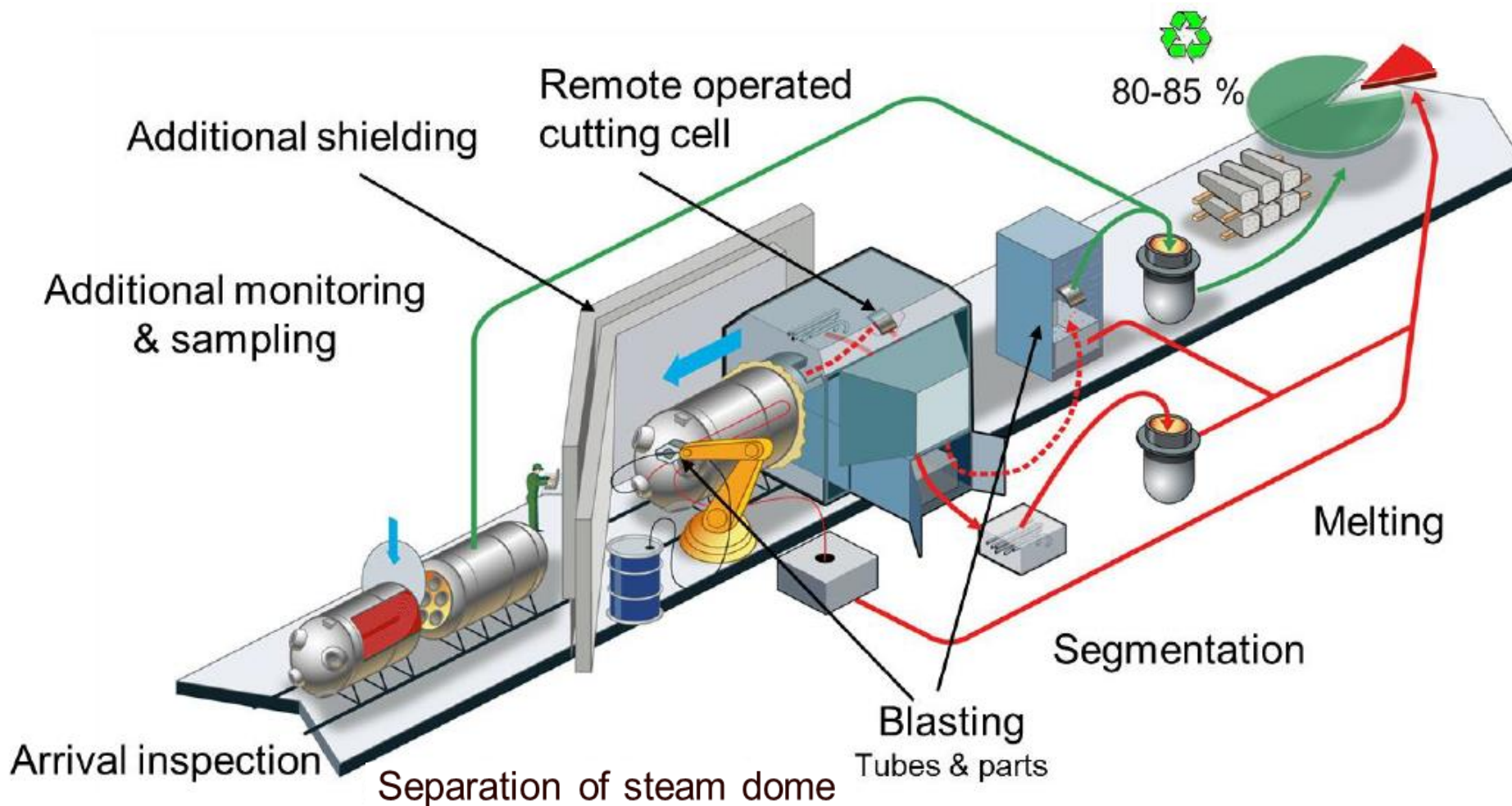


# LARGE COMPONENTS (LC) - TREATMENT CONCEPT





# STEAM GENERATOR TREATMENT CONCEPT



# MELTING AT NYKÖPING

## The service

- Logistics
- Melting & recycling
- Secondary waste management

## The products

- Carbon steel
- Stainless steel
- Aluminum
- Brass
- Copper
- Lead



# INCINERATION AND PYROLYSIS AT NYKÖPING (1/2)

**The Nyköping incineration and pyrolysis units process all of the:**

- Dry radioactive waste
  - Oils and liquids
  - Activated Carbon
  - Ion exchange resins
  - U-contaminated waste
- produced by nuclear facilities**





# INCINERATION AND PYROLYSIS

## AT NYKÖPING (2/2)



### Maximum activity level:

Maximal specific activity per package of incoming waste (Bq/g)		
Waste type	α total	By total
DAW	< 80	<b>&lt;4,000</b> (with <sup>3</sup> H and <sup>14</sup> C <50% of the total inventory)
Liquid oils	<4	
Liquid oils absorbed to solid state	∈ [4, 40]	
Activated charcoal, absorbed oils and lubricants	< 40	

THE NYKÖPING  
INCINERATION AND  
PYROLYSIS UNITS  
CAN PROCESS  
**600 tons per year  
of waste**

# Thank You





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The image shows a large, modern building with a light-colored, textured facade. The building is partially obscured by large, leafy trees in the foreground. The sky is overcast and grey. The logo is illuminated, suggesting it might be a light fixture or a digital display. The overall scene is somewhat dim, with the logo being the primary source of light.