

IAEA welcome

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The Paks Nuclear Power Plant in Hungary







Outline

- Introduction to the IAEA and a global nuclear power outlook
- Most significant issues in the nuclear instrumentation and control area today
- IAEA Nuclear Energy Series report on the "Application of FPGAs in I&C Systems of NPPs"



IAEA at a glance

- Founded in 1957
- 168 member states
- New member in 2016

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- Turkmenistan
- 2453 staff
- Nobel Peace F







Global nuclear power outlook



Nuclear power plants in the world





Global nuclear power status

Geographical distribution



448 reactors in operation (392 GW_e)
1 reactor in long-term shutdown
164 reactors in permanent shutdown
58 reactors under construction As of November 2017

Latest connections to the grid (2017):

- YANGJIANG-4, 1000 MW(e) PWR, China
- FUQING-4, 1000 MW(e) PWR, China
- CHASNUPP-4, 315 MW(e) PWR, Pakistan

Website: http://www.iaea.org/pris/



Reactor capacity by type



Regional Distribution of Nuclear Power Plants

Nuclear share of electricity generation in 2016



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Reactors under construction in the world



Age of operating reactors



Most significant issues in the nuclear instrumentation and control area today



TWG group photo from 2017

 The program for 2018 - 2021 was compiled in the last biennial meeting in 2017





Current challenges in the nuclear I&C field

- Safety, security and licensing-driven issues
 - Enhancement of safety through improved systems and processes
 - Implementation of all necessary post-Fukushima improvements
 - Harmonization of standards, licensing practices, and safety classification schemes
 - Issues with software dependability (common cause failure)
 - Digital communications, independence, computer security
- Economic driven issues
 - Improvement of plant efficiency, increase of plant and personnel productivity for cost-effective operation -> competitiveness
 - Long term operation -> ageing management
 - Rapid evolution of digital technologies -> obsolescence management



Current challenges in the nuclear I&C field (2)

- Issues related to new technologies
 - Use of wireless technologies
 - Use of new information and communications technologies
 - Use of new Human Factors Engineering technologies
 - New reactor designs such as small modular reactors (SMRs)



Recent NE publications

- Advanced Surveillance, Diagnostics and Prognostics Techniques in Monitoring Structures, Systems and Components in Nuclear Power Plants
- Accident Monitoring Systems for Nuclear Power Plants
- Technical Challenges in the Application and Licensing of Digital I&C Systems in NPPs
- Application of FPGAs in I&C Systems of NPPs
- I&C Systems for Advanced Small Modular Reactors



Ongoing publications on at the Nuclear Energy Department

- Publications under printing
 - Dependability assessment of software for safety I&C systems at NPPs
 - Approaches for overall I&C architectures of nuclear power plants
- Publications in progress
 - Design aspects of computer security in NPP I&C systems
 - Application of wireless technologies in NPP I&C (CRP final report)





Major meetings planned for 2018

- Technical meeting on TM on Justification of commercial industrial I&C equipment for nuclear power plant applications, 19-22 June 2018, Toronto, Canada
- Technical meeting on I&C aspects of Human Factors Engineering (HFE): Design and analysis, 4-7 Sept 2018, Madrid, Spain
- 11th International workshop on the application of FPGAs in NPPs???



IAEA Nuclear Energy Series report on the "Application of FPGAs in I&C Systems of NPPs"



Objective

- To summarize current knowledge, best practices and issues associated with the application of FPGA based solutions in nuclear power plants
- To describe development processes and tools as well as licensing issues
- The document is intended to be used by Member States to support the design, licensing, and implementation of FPGAbased systems. Potential users are:
 - Nuclear power plant operators
 - Technical support organizations
 - Regulatory bodies
 - Research and development organizations
 - Manufacturers/ vendors



4th Workshop on the Application of FPGAs November 2011, Chatou, France





5th Workshop on the Application of FPGAs October 2012, Beijing, China





List of participants at the 1st CS meeting

- Andrashov, A.
- Naser, J.
- Arndt, S.
- Seaman, S.
- Eiler, J.
- Glockler, O.
- Thuy, N.
- Zeng, H.

Radiy, Ukraine EPRI, United States of America US NRC, United States of America Westinghouse, United States of America International Atomic Energy Agency SunPort SA, Switzerland EdF R&D STEP, France SNPAS, China



6th Workshop on the Application of FPGAs 8-11 October 2013, Kirovograd, Ukraine





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- Eiler, J.
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International Atomic Energy Agency

- Global Nuclear Solutions Inc., Canada
 - EdF R&D STEP, France
 - IRSN, France
 - US NRC, United States of America
 - EPRI, United States of America

SunPort SA, Switzerland





The IAEA report

- Nuclear Energy Series
 - NP-T-3.17
- Chairman: Joe Naser
- 79 pages
- 6 main chapters









Structure

- Foreword
- 1. Introduction
- 2. Introduction to FPGA technology
- 3. Methods and tools for development and verification
- 4. Licensing
- 5. Replacement systems and new NPP designs
- 6. Summary
- References
- Annex I: Specific application examples and experience
- Annex II: Typical life cycle for an FPGA platform
- Glossary





