

# Technical synergies HTGR/GFR

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NC2I is one of SNETP's strategic technological pillars, mandated to coordinate the demonstration of high temperature nuclear cogeneration.

# What HTGR & GFR may have in common ?



## *(1) Similarities & differences in operating conditions*

### ▶ He coolant

⇒ Some similarities in He technologies (leak-tightness, tribology, etc.)

☞ But no graphite in GFR

⇒ Different chemistry (possible impurities are different)

### ▶ Same temperature range (> 500°C)

☞ But different neutron spectrum

⇒ Materials could be the same at least for parts of the system that are not submitted to high neutron flux

# What HTGR & GFR may have in common?

## *(2) Similarities in design*

- ▶ Similar conditions


⇒ Possibility to have similar design for part of the structures and components

- Circulator
- Valves
- Instrumentation
- Vessel?
- Cross duct?
- Primary heat exchanger?
- Power conversion?
- ...

⇒ Common modelling at least for part of the system

**+** *Need to have an in-depth analysis of possible synergies*

# Possible joint developments to be explored

- ▶ Common test facilities in helium atmosphere
  - Helium loop for component qualification
  - Specialized test benches (e.g. for testing He leak tight seals, for tribology in He atmosphere, etc.)
- ▶  Need to take into account the physical and chemical conditions of both types of systems in the design of facilities
- ▶ Developing and qualifying jointly some components and looking for common supply chain for these components
- ▶ Joint qualification of computer code models
- ▶ Joint development and testing of high temperature instrumentation
- ▶ Joint qualification of materials ?
- ▶ Development of codes & standards adapted to high temperature operating conditions