

# Replacement of Steam Generators: Why?

### > Starting point:

SG Tubes : Strong corrosion due to the stress loss of watertightness between primary and secondary system

Mechanical wear Risk of SG tube rupture

### > Short term Solution:

Plugging of the defected tubes...BUT...maximum plugging rate limited to 10-15%

### > long term Solution :

Replacement of used up Steam Generators with new ones

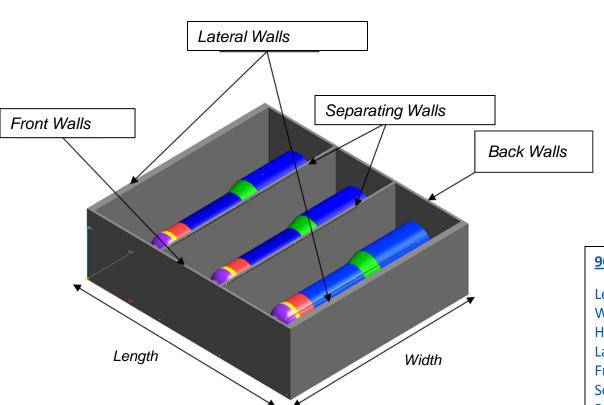
### > Outcome:

Used SG radioactive with radioactive deposits = transfer to a storage building





## WHAT ABOUT THE SG STORAGE BUILDING?





#### 900 Mwe Storage Building Size:

Length: 29 m Width: 25 m Height: 9 m

Lateral walls thickness: 80 cm

Front and Back side walls thickness: 30 cm

Seperating walls Thickness: 30 cm

Roof thickness: 40 cm

Matérial: Concrete

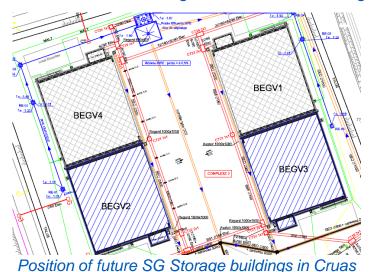


### PROBLEMATIC AND GOALS OF THE STUDIES



SG Replacement acceleration process:

- 9 SGR 900 MWe from 2011 to 2016, 14 SGR 1300 MWe from 2015 to 2021
- Commissioning of several SG Storage Buildings on a same nuclear site in a short period



BEGV 1

BEGV 2

BEGV 3

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(30 m x 40 m)

Aire de conteneurs froids

(80 m x 30 m)

Position of future SG Storage buildings in Paluel



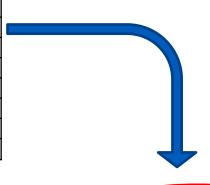
Designing of Tools in order to justify respect of Radioprotection Requirements



## SG STORAGE BUILDINGS STUDY APPROACH

#### 1/ RECALL / RADIOPROTECTION REQUIREMENTS

	Limits en (μSv/h)	
Public Area (110 nSv/h)	0	0,11
Nuclear Site public Area (0,5µSv/h)	0,11	0,5
Monitored Area	0,5	7,5
Green Controlled Area (7,5µSv/h)	7,5	25
Yellow Controlled Area (25µSv/h)	25	2000
Orange Controlled Area (2mSv/h)	2000	100000
Red Controlled Area (100mSv/h)	100000	





#### **Site Boundary:**

Dose Rate on the site Boundary = Natural radioactivity

Dose Rate added by other nuclear buildings < 110 nSv/h</li>



#### **Around Storage Building:**

Dose Rate  $< 0.5 \mu Sv/h$ 

(Restricted monitored Area around SG Storage Building can be authorised (if marked) according to feedback)



#### **Used SG Transfer:**

Temporary radiological zoning regulation Setting up



### 2/ USED COMPUTER CODES

### PANTHERE V1

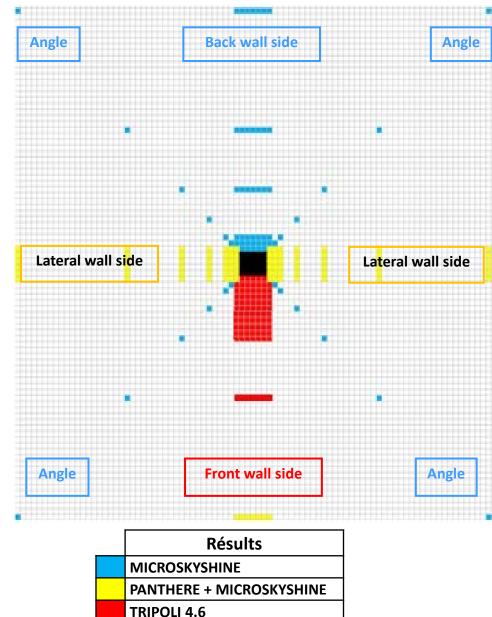
- Calculations of direct dose rate
- Straight line attenuation code

### MICROSKYSHINE 2.11

Dose rate calculations of sky shine effects

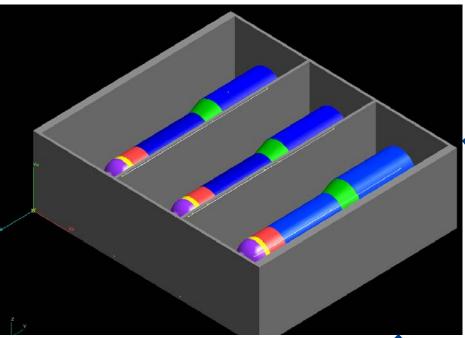
### TRIPOLI 4.6

 General Monte Carlo 3D code dedicated to transportation of both neutrons and photons





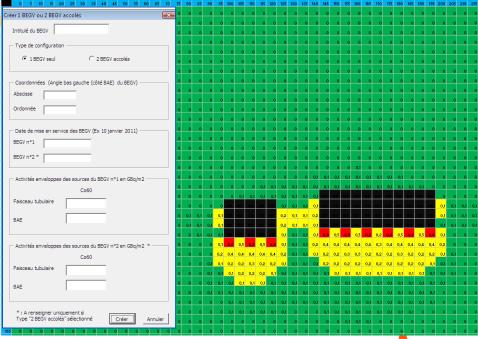
3/ PRESENTATION OF RESULTS: EXCEL TOOL



Panthere modelisation



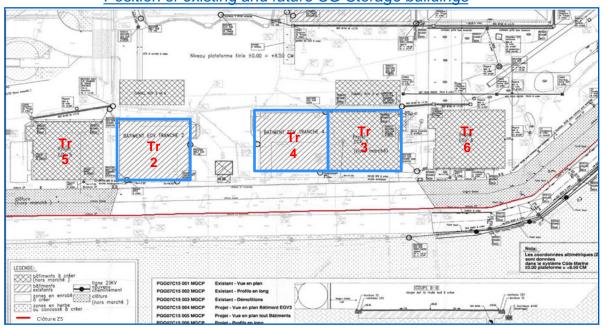
### Excel Tool



4/ CASE STUDY: SGR GRAVELINES 3 in 2012



Position of existing and future SG Storage buildings



Gravelines		
n° Nuclear unit	Date	Constructed
1	1994	Yes
2	1996	Yes
3	2012/04	Yes
4	2000	Yes
5	2016/07	No
6	2016/10	No

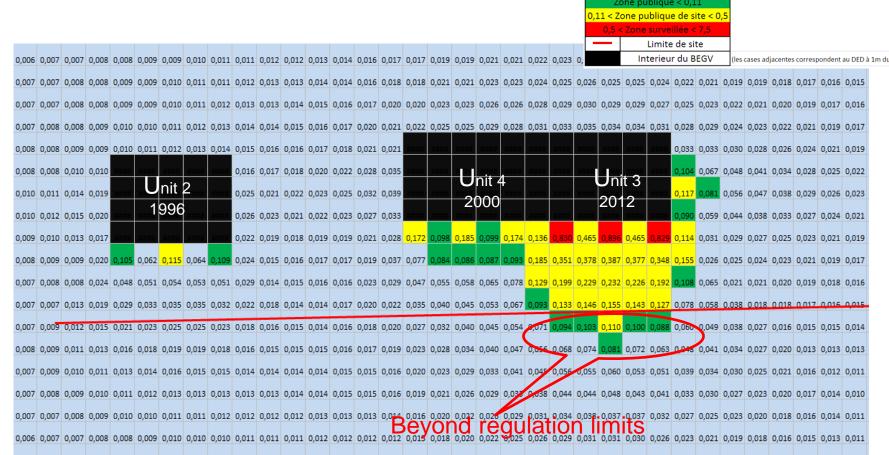
**Construction** 



Zones - DED en µSv/h

Zone publique\* < 0.08

### 4/ CASE STUDY: SGR GRAVELINES 3 in 2012



Isodose Curves of Gravelines Storage Buildings

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Decrease of Dose Rate coming from Nuclear plant's other outfits and activities (Storage Building non included)

Transfer of the surrounding low level waste Area (TFA) in 2011/12

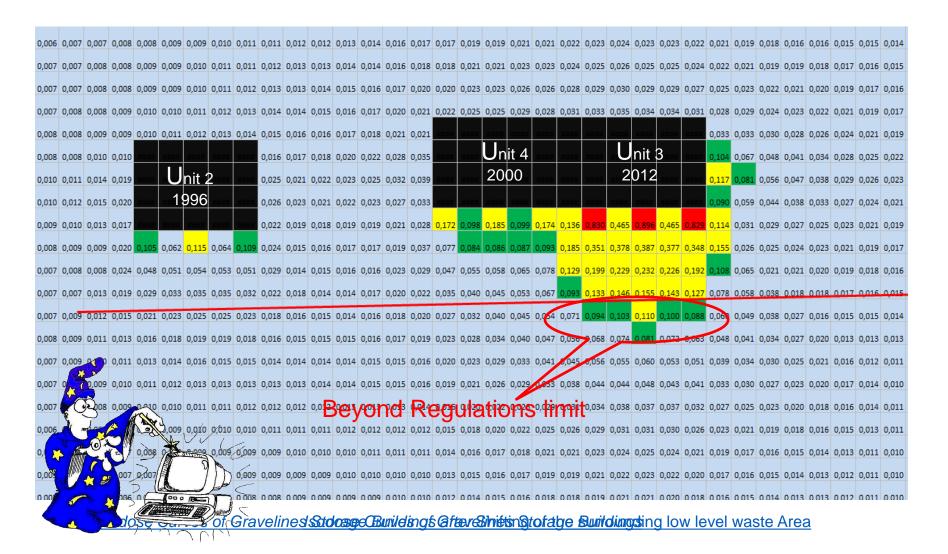
Outcome?

Ambient measure DR= Natural DR + Existing Storage Building DR + Other Buildings DR





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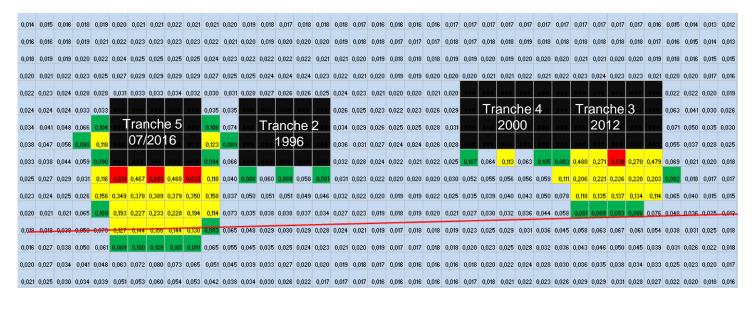




### 4/ CASE STUDIES: SGR GRAVELINES 3 in 2016

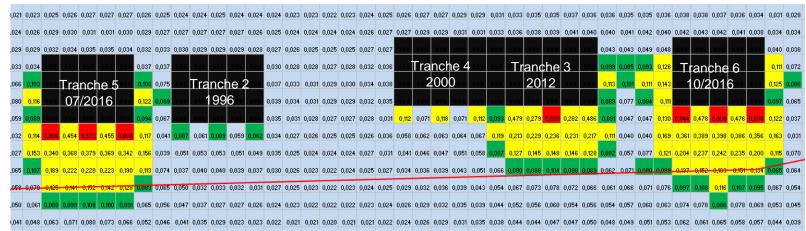
Isodose curves in 2016/07





### Isodose curves in







#### 1/ SIZING OF THE BUILDING

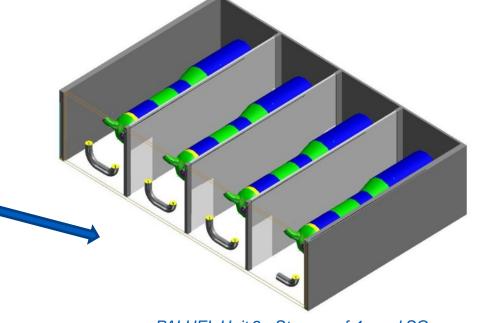
➤ Requirements found after Studies:



Thickness: 55cm for the lateral walls and the roof, whatever the configuration

Paluel's specificities: thickness 55 cm for front walls / stored cross over leg

✓ Other 1300 MWe nuclear Units: thickness 40 cm for front walls (preserving configuration)



PALUEL Unit 2 : Storage of 4 used SG
With primary elbows and 3 + ½ cross over legs



On the site boundary, no restraint (110 nSv/h respected beyond 5m)



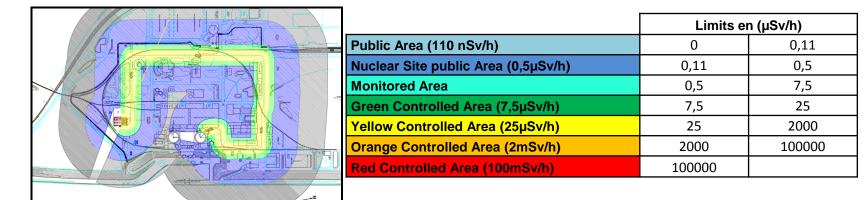
On the building surroundings, sizing is required in order not to go higher than 0,5 µSv/h

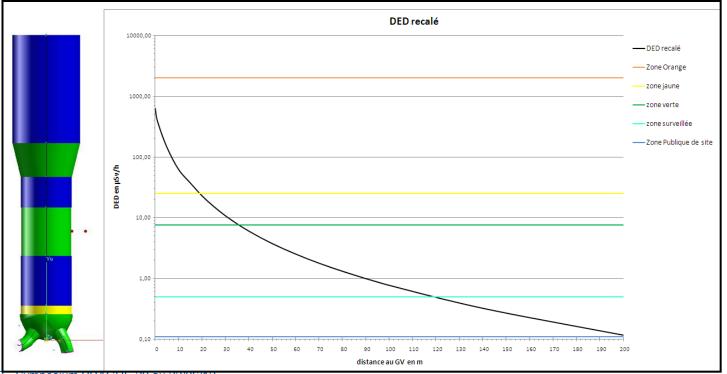


Following work on isodose curves



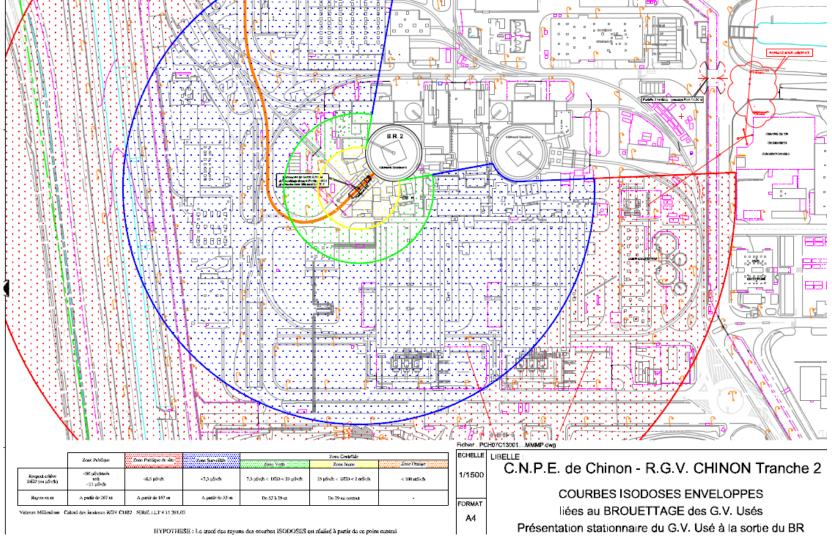
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## **SYNTHESIS**



#### **Site Boundaries:**

**900 MWe Storage Buildings**: Use of the Excel Tool to resolve the Dose rate overtaking problematic on the site boundaries

While Storage Building is stuck to the enclosure, it is necessary to remove all kind of surrounding radioactivity source.

**1300 MWe Storage Buildings**: The sizing calculations in order to respect the surrounding regulation is enough to make sure it never goes higher than 110 nSv/h on site boundaries



#### **Around Storage Building:**

1300 MWe Storage Buildings: Sizing calculations in order to respect public area Dose rate limit lower than  $0.5~\mu Sv/h$ 



#### **Used SG Transfer:**

**1300 Mwe Storage Buildings**: designing of a tool allowing visualisation of temporary isodose curves on the site during used SG transfer



## **CONCLUSIONS**



PRACTICAL AND USER-FRIENDLY EXCEL TOOL HIDING COMPLEX MODELISATION CALCULATIONS UNDER SEVERAL CALCULATION CODES



TOOLS ARE AVAILBALE FOR BOTH NUCLEAR PLANTS WORKERS AND NUCLEAR ENGINEERING UNITS, AND ABOVE ALL FOR NON RADIOPROTECTIONIST USERS



EFFICIENT REINFORCED LINKS BETWEEN RADIOLOGICAL PROTECTION CALCULATION DOMAINS AND OTHER TECHNICAL PROFESSIONS OF THE NUCLEAR DOMAIN

# THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION

