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Water Treatment Challenges at the Fukushima-Daiichi Nuclear Facility

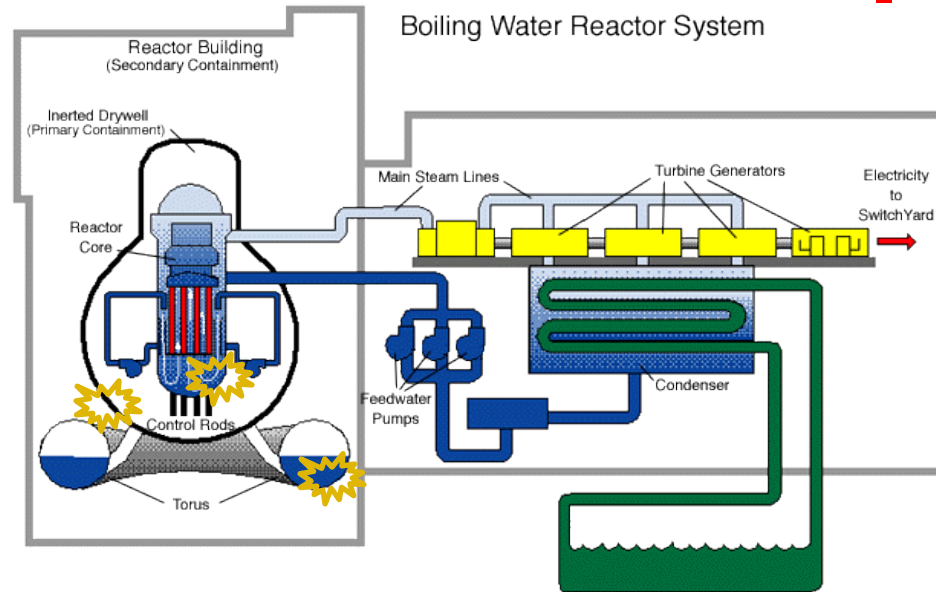
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The Emergency Response

- Removal of radioisotopes in a Seawater Solution
- Deliver it in less than 8 weeks
- Start-up in less than 12 weeks
- Ensure its safe!
 - Dose Rates
 - Thermal
 - Operational Safety



Post Accident Reactor Cooling

AVANTech Response was Critical



Why AVANTech?



U.S. Wastewater Recycling Operations



DOE/DOD Experience



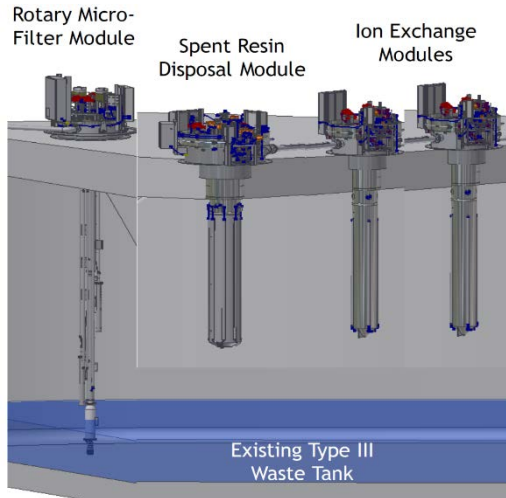
International Experience

Worldwide Expertise in Nuclear Wastewater Treatment !



Deployment of DOE Technology

■ SCIX – SRR



*Strategic Alliance with
AVANTech*



**50,000 R/h
on IX resin**

- **Crystalline Silicotitanate**
- **Important Underpinning**
 - CST Testing at DOE Sites
 - Comprehensive CST Evaluation
 - ✓ Thermal
 - ✓ Radiological
 - ✓ Material Stability



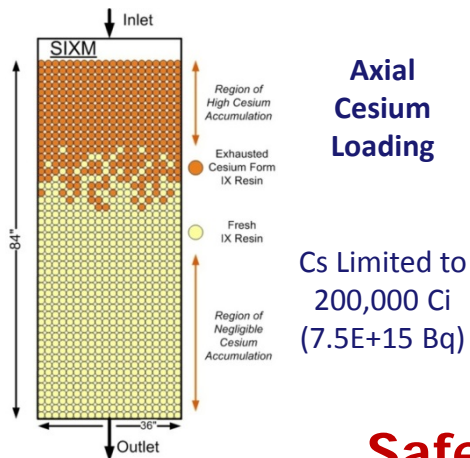
Rx Core Melt - Emergency Response



Emergency Response: The AVANTech Technical Approach

Challenge 1 – Activity Capture

- **Engineered Zeolite**
 - Primary Ion Exchange
 - Distribution Coefficient (Kd) \approx 2,000 in seawater
 - Good Axial Cesium Distribution
- **Crystalline Silicotitanate**
 - Polishing Ion Exchange
 - Distribution Coefficient (Kd) $>$ 20,000
 - Needed to achieve complete activity removal with a single pass



Challenge 2 – Shielding

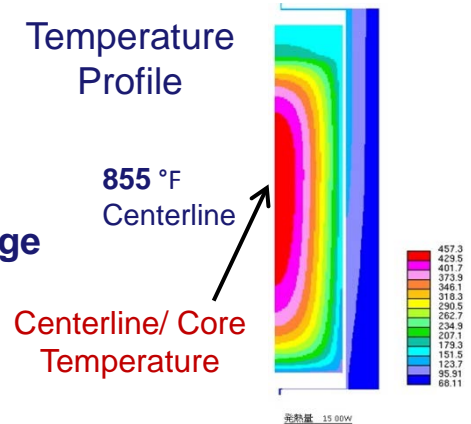
Integral Shielding
 \approx 6" Pb Equiv.

Loaded Wt.:
 \approx 23 mt (50,000 lb)



Challenge 3 – Heat Generation

- Passive Cooling
- Contact Handled
- Long Term Storage



Safely Managing 200,000 Curies of Radioactive Material

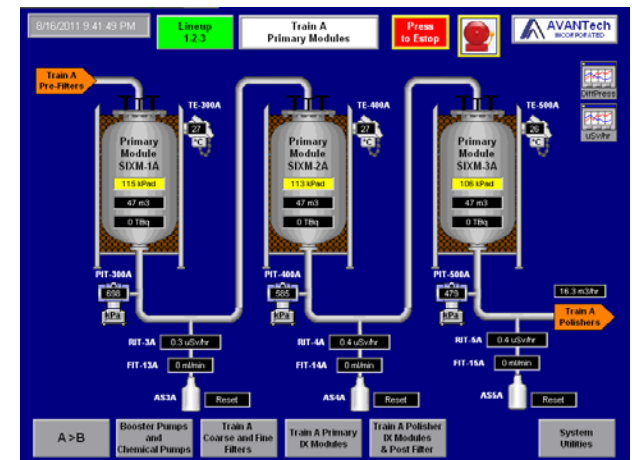
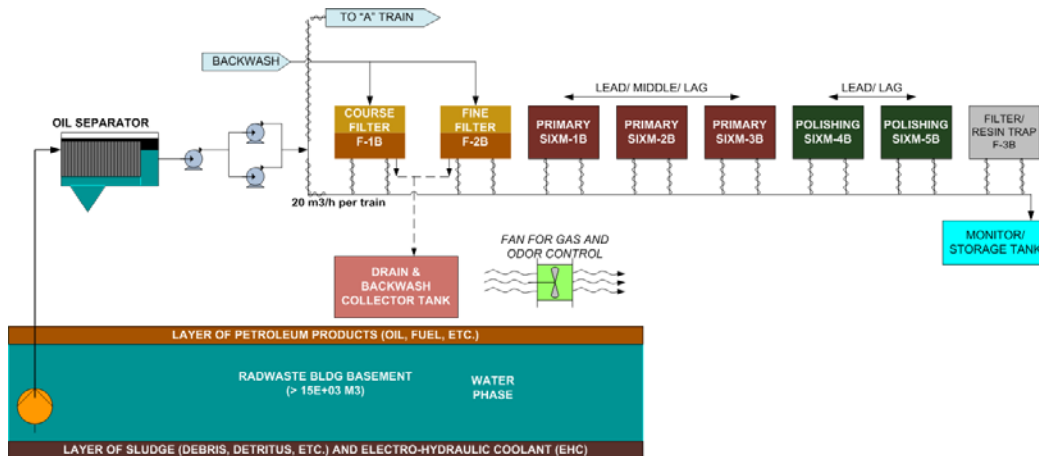
Emergency Response: Process Solution

SARRY

- Pipe Racks
- SIXMs
- Flexible Hoses
- H₂ Vents



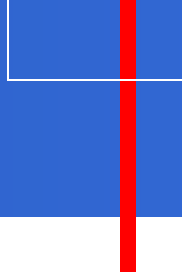
- Automatic Alignment
- DP (kPad)
- Throughput (m3)
- Rad Loading (TBq)
- Trending



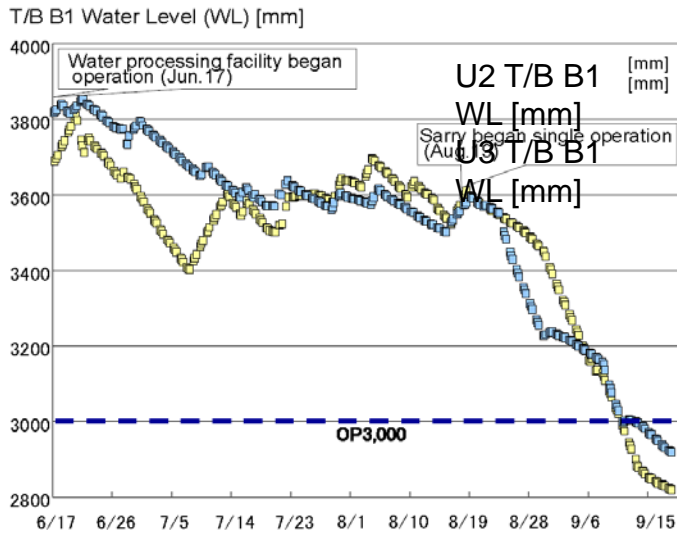
Process Optimizes Media and Decontamination Factor



Emergency Response - Results



■ Accumulated Water Volume Control



■ SARRY Processed 80% of Water

- **Non-detectable CS-137 effluent**
- **DF > 2 million**

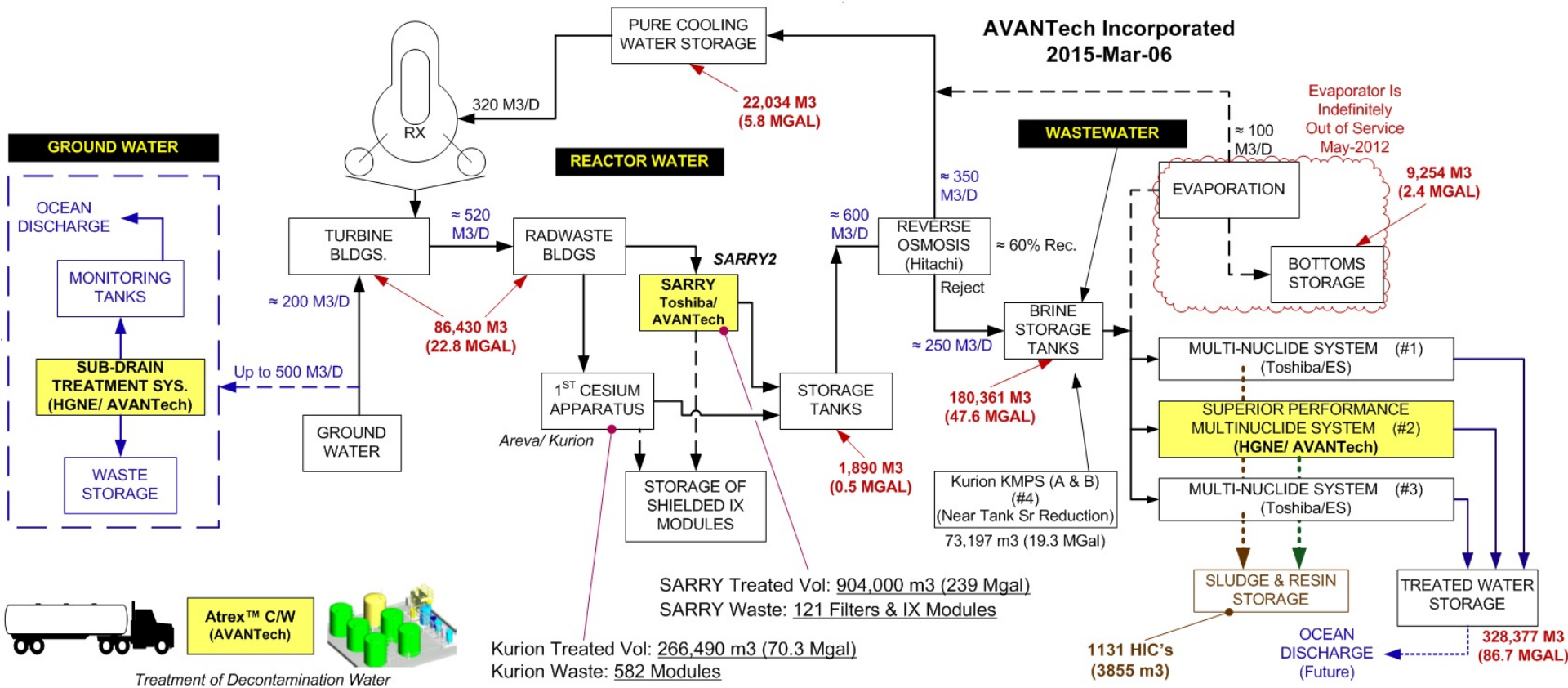


■ SARRY Generated 13% of Waste

Results by all Standards Exceeded Clients Expectations



Fukushima Wastewater Overview



Water Treatment Continues to Be a Challenge



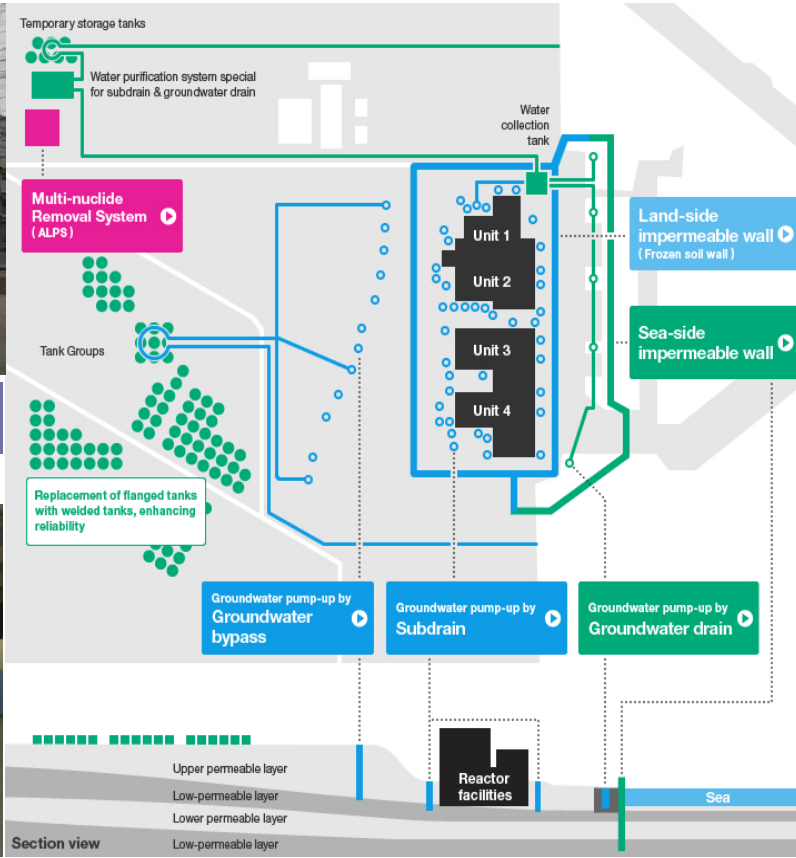
Liquid Waste Implementation Plan



High Performance ALPS



Subdrain



SARRY



Tankage

Critical Support has been Provided by the Avantech Team



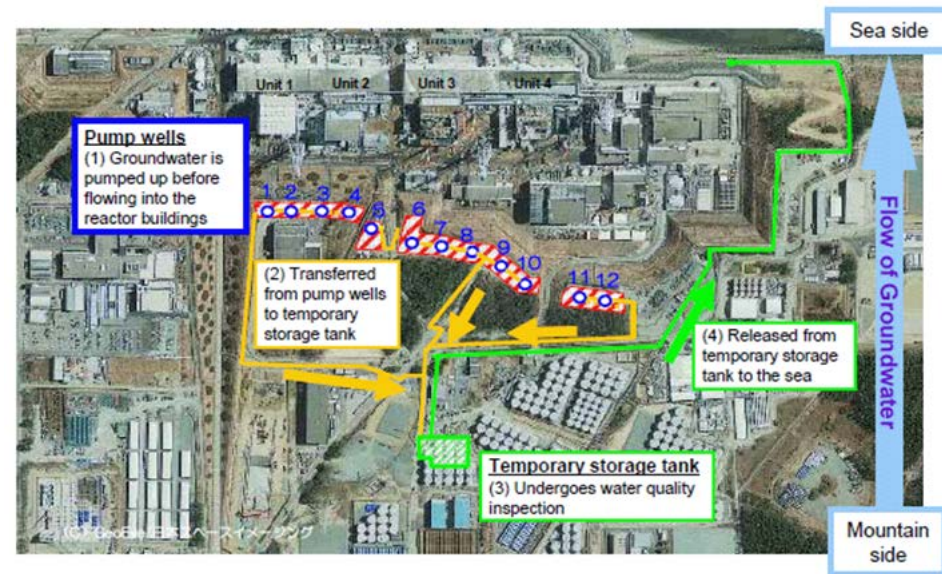
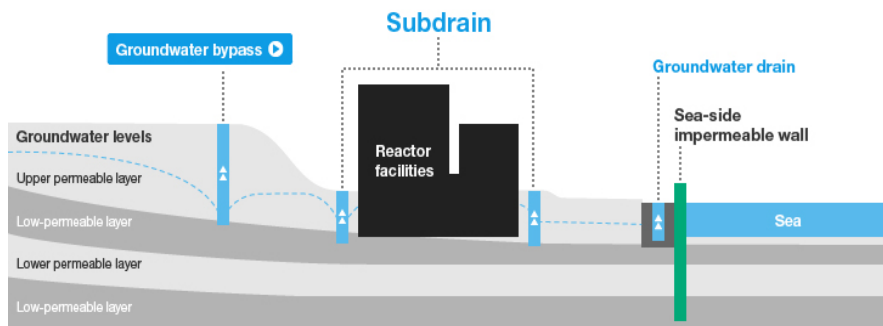
Groundwater Remediation

Groundwater Problem

- Groundwater In-leakage of 300 tons per day
- Increased Contaminated Water
- Increased Waste Volumes

Groundwater Goals

- Rad Removal for Risk Reduction
- High TDS Influent
- Minimize Waste Generation
- Minimize Consumables



Lower Groundwater to Reduce In-Leakage



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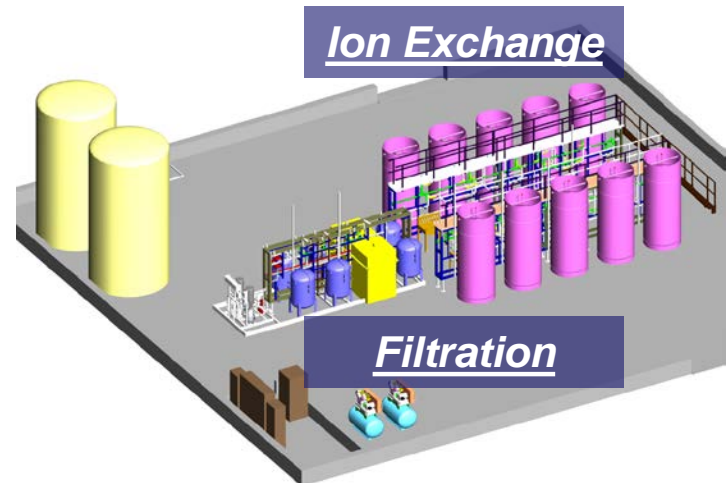
■ System Technology

- Gross Filtration
- Fine Filtration
- Ion Exchange

■ System Design Inputs

- 1,200 m³ per day (220 gpm)
- Chemistry
 - Cl- 800 ppm
- Activity
 - Cs-134: 0.8 Bq/ml
 - Cs-137 2.1 Bq/ml
 - Sb-125: 0.03 Bq/ml
 - Sr-90: 3.0 E-02 Bq/ml

■ Laboratory Scale Validation of Media



Designed, Built, Factory Tested at AVANTech



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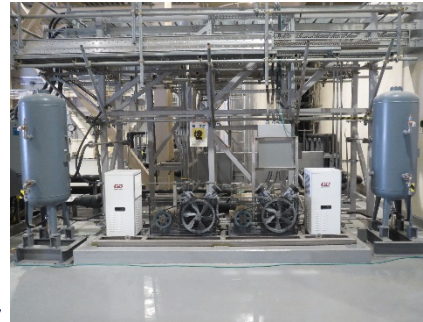
■ Operations

- Plug-n-Play Installation
- Automated
- Material Handling Similar to SARRY

■ Actual Results

- Effluent less than Regulatory Value
- Minimal Waste Generation
- Brine Operations – 10/14

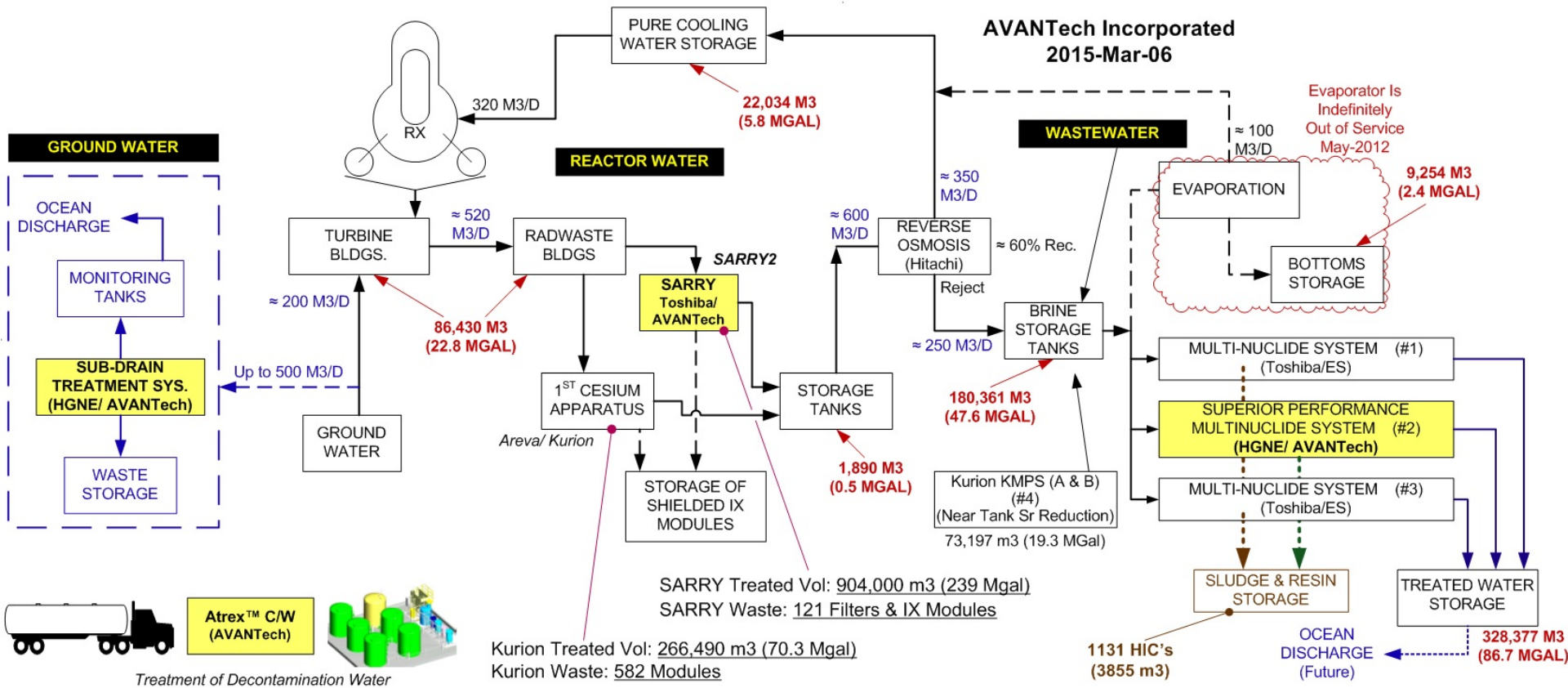
Controlling In-Leakage to Meet the Site Objectives



Installed Equipment



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Multi-Nuclide Removal Technologies



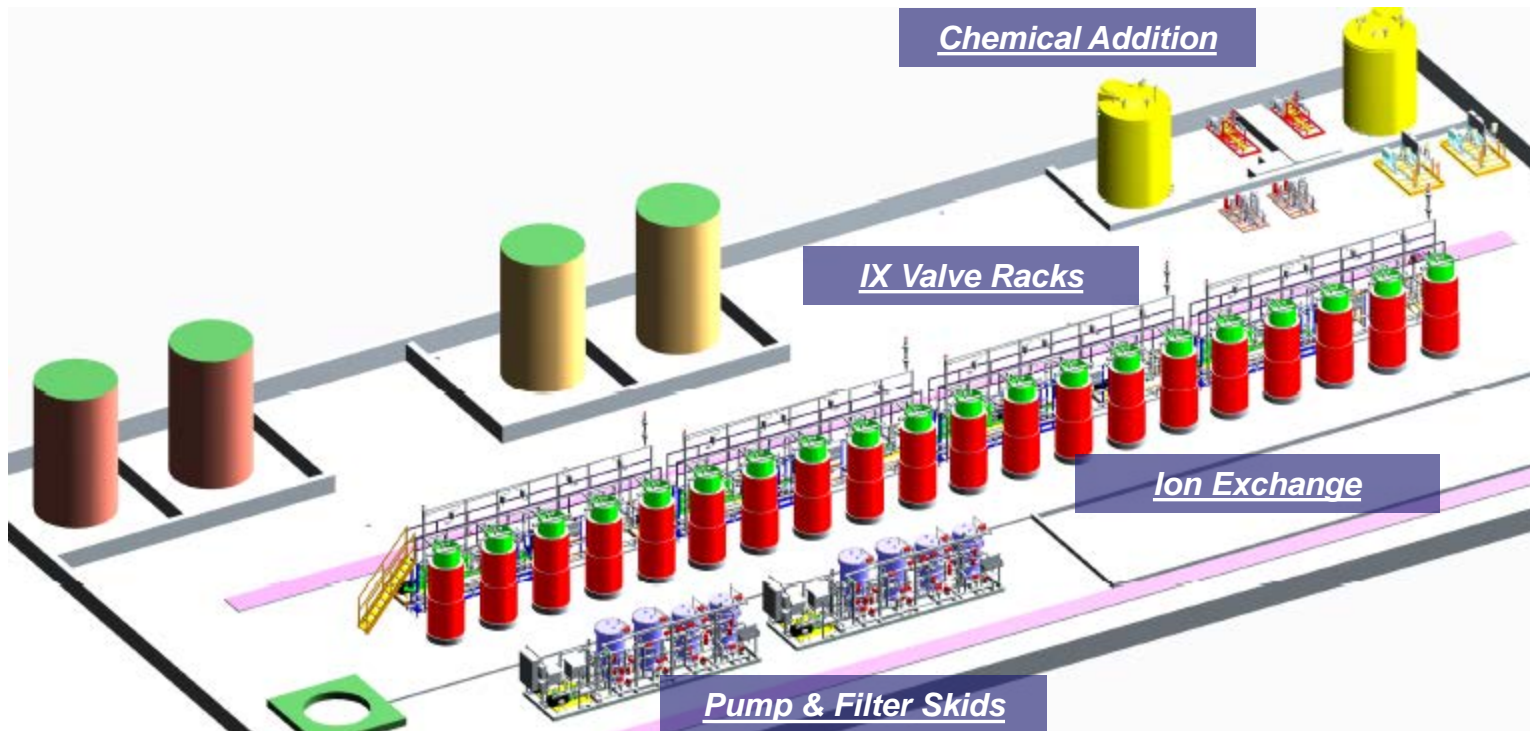
Item	Improved ALPS	High performance ALPS	Existing ALPS
Treatment vol.	at least 250 m3 /day/unit	at least 500 m3 /day/unit	250 m3 /day/unit
No. of systems	3 units	1 unit	3 units
Pre-treatment method	Coagulating sedimentation method	Filter method	Coagulating sedimentation method
No. of absorption towers	18 towers	20 towers	14 towers + 2 towers
Seismic resistance class	Equivalent to Class B	Equivalent to Class B	Equivalent to Class B
Removal capabilities	62 nuclides to ND level (excl. tritium)	62 nuclides to ND level (excl. tritium)	Same as the left
Waste generation	N/A	To the extent of 1/20 of the existing ALPS	N/A

- Multiple Operations to Minimize Downtime
- Multiple Technologies to Optimize Performance
- Processing Results Reflect Capacity

Approximately 50% of the Brine Has Been Processed



AVANTech Multi-Nuclide Removal



Preliminary Layout of Multinuclide Removal Facility



AVANTech Multi-Nuclide Removal

■ Operations

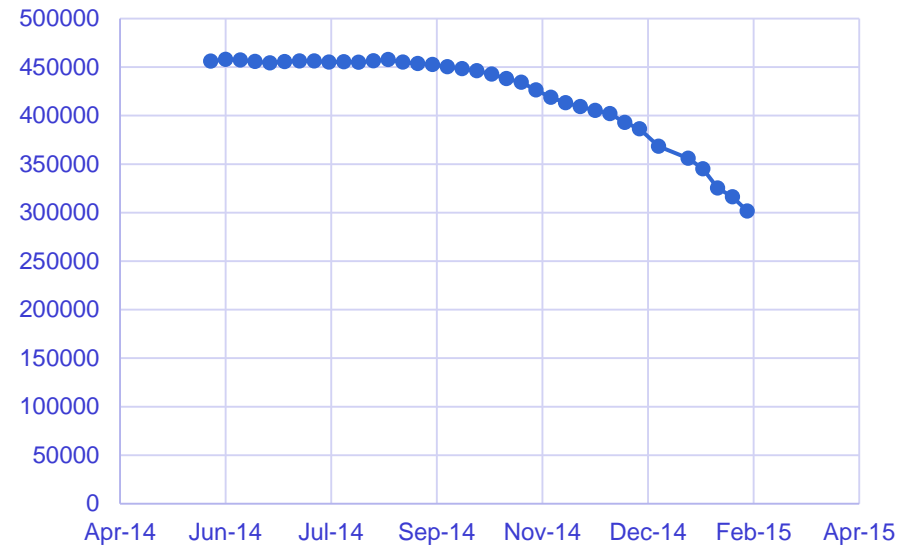
- October 2014 Start
- >15 million gallons processed
- On-going Analysis of results

■ Continued Development

- Resin Optimization Plan
- Filtration Optimization On-going

■ Consumables Support In-Place

Contaminated Water Volume (M³)



Focus is on Long Term Progress and Continuous Improvement



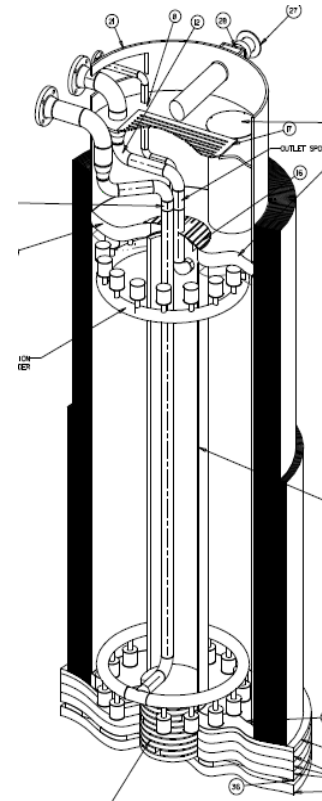
AVANTech Multi-Nuclide Removal

■ System Solution

- Gross Filtration
- Fine Filtration
- Ion Exchange

■ System Design Inputs

- 500 m³ per day (92 gpm)
- Chemistry
 - Cl- 6000 ppm Average
 - Ca 300 ppm
 - Mg 400 ppm
 - pH: 7.5
- Activity
 - Cs-134: 1E2 Bq/ml
 - Cs-137 1E2 Bq/ml
 - I-129: 9 E-02 Bq/ml
 - Co-60: 6.6E-01 Bq/ml
 - Sb-125: 5E2 Bq/ml
 - Mn-54: 7.9E-1 Bq/ml
 - Ru-106: 2E2 Bq/ml
 - Sr-90: 1E6 Bq/ml



IX Vessel Customized for Application



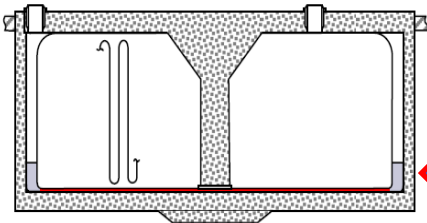
Future Cs Applications?

Similarities



Radioisotopes from Fuel

SRS Tank



Fukushima Rx Bldg

SRS HLW Canister



SRS-MCU Feed
Cs = 0.25 Ci/gal*

Hanford Feed
Cs = 0.78 Ci/gal

SARRY Feed
Cs = 0.60 Ci/gal

SRS- CSSX
DF(Cs) = 2E+2

SIXM
DF(Cs) = 5E+3

SIXM
DF(Cs) = 2E+6

Final Waste Can
40,000 Ci

SIXM
150,000+ Ci

SIXM
150,000+ Ci



Shielded IX Module

If you can Conceive and Believe You can Achieve