Multi-Generational Projects

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Naval Reactors Mission:

• Deliver militarily effective nuclear propulsion plants and ensures their safe, reliable and long-lived operation.





Naval Nuclear Laboratory:

- Designs nuclear propulsion systems and provide full lifecycle support
- Delivers breakthrough innovations to enable a dominant Naval force.

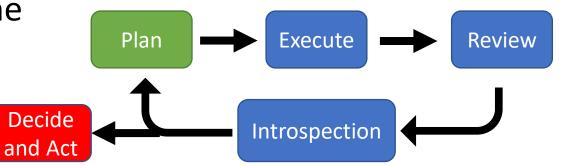
Modern Challenges

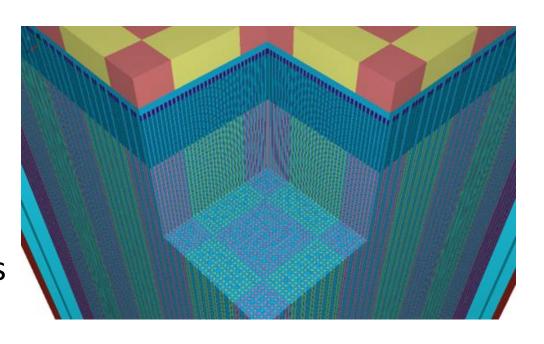
- 50-to-95-year design life cycle
 - Equipment can outlive knowledge
- Competitive and evolve
 - Important changes over time
 - Emergent demands for specialists
- Complex, multi-disciplinary engineering
 - Vast amounts of information
 - Information transfers among specialists
- Long reactor technology development timelines



Some Principles and Practices

- People make decisions and get things done
- Documentation and peer review
 - Necessary for complex projects
 - Involves more people in technical basis for decisions
- Enduring, self-describing information storage
 - Deliverable focus Information organized by product and decisions
 - Searchable, centralized document database
- Long-term R&D tied to clear Program goals
 - Sustain capability to meet emergent needs





Application to nuclear data

- ENDF/EXFOR are a data preservation standards
- You must stay working and be improving
- GNDS is an improvement extendable and expandable
- Re-evaluating/re-analyzing historic experimental measurements can be difficult – inconsistent raw data retention and reporting
 - Consider a common way to report and analyze experimental data to improve retention, archiving, and retrieval of information in support of department objectives
- Validating data for application remains essential NNPP maintains a curated library of Proprietary Critical Benchmarks

Summary

- Document science and engineering work and lessons learned for both present and future needs
- Enduring and self-describing data formats consider this for raw experimental data
- Centralized and Searchable Database