
CONTROL AND INSTRUMENTATION NUCLEAR SAFETY RESEARCH

- ◆ BRITISH ENERGY PARTICIPATION
- ◆ CEMSIS - Cost-Effective Modernisation of Systems Important
to Safety

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BE Participation in C&I Nuclear Research

◆ Current projects BE contribute to:




- Software Diversity (City University and University)
- Reliability Quantification by Testing (Bristol University)
- Improvements in Legacy Code Analysis (Advantage Ltd.)
- Software Test Coverage and Formal Proof (LDRA)
- Assurance of Smart Sensor Software (Adelard)
- Generic Documentation to Support SMART Sensors (Moore Industries)
- Safety Implications From the Use of PC's In Low Safety Integrity Level Systems (Adelard)
- Essential Capability
 - Reactor Protection Equipment (Alstec Ltd.)
 - Neutron Flux Instrumentation (Canberra Harwell)

CEMSIS Objectives



- ◆ Programmable Instrumentation and Control (I&C)
 - safety systems (e.g. protection)
 - safety-related systems (e.g. control, data presentation)
- ◆ Common approach to development and safety justification
 - maximise safety
 - minimise cost
- ◆ Modernisation/Refurbishment
 - analogue/discrete logic replacement with computer-based systems

'Stakeholders' in CEMISIS

◆ Nuclear Plant Operators

	British Energy (co-ord.)	UK	electricity generation
	Electricite de France	F	electricity generation
	British Nuclear Fuels	UK	nuclear fuel processing

◆ Suppliers & System Integrators

	Framatome ANP	DE	C&I supplier
	CarlBro (Sycon International)	SE	system developer

◆ Safety Authorities & Assessors

	AV Nuclear	B	inspection & licensing
	Adelard	UK	safety consultancy
	SKI	SE	inspection & licensing

◆ Academic:



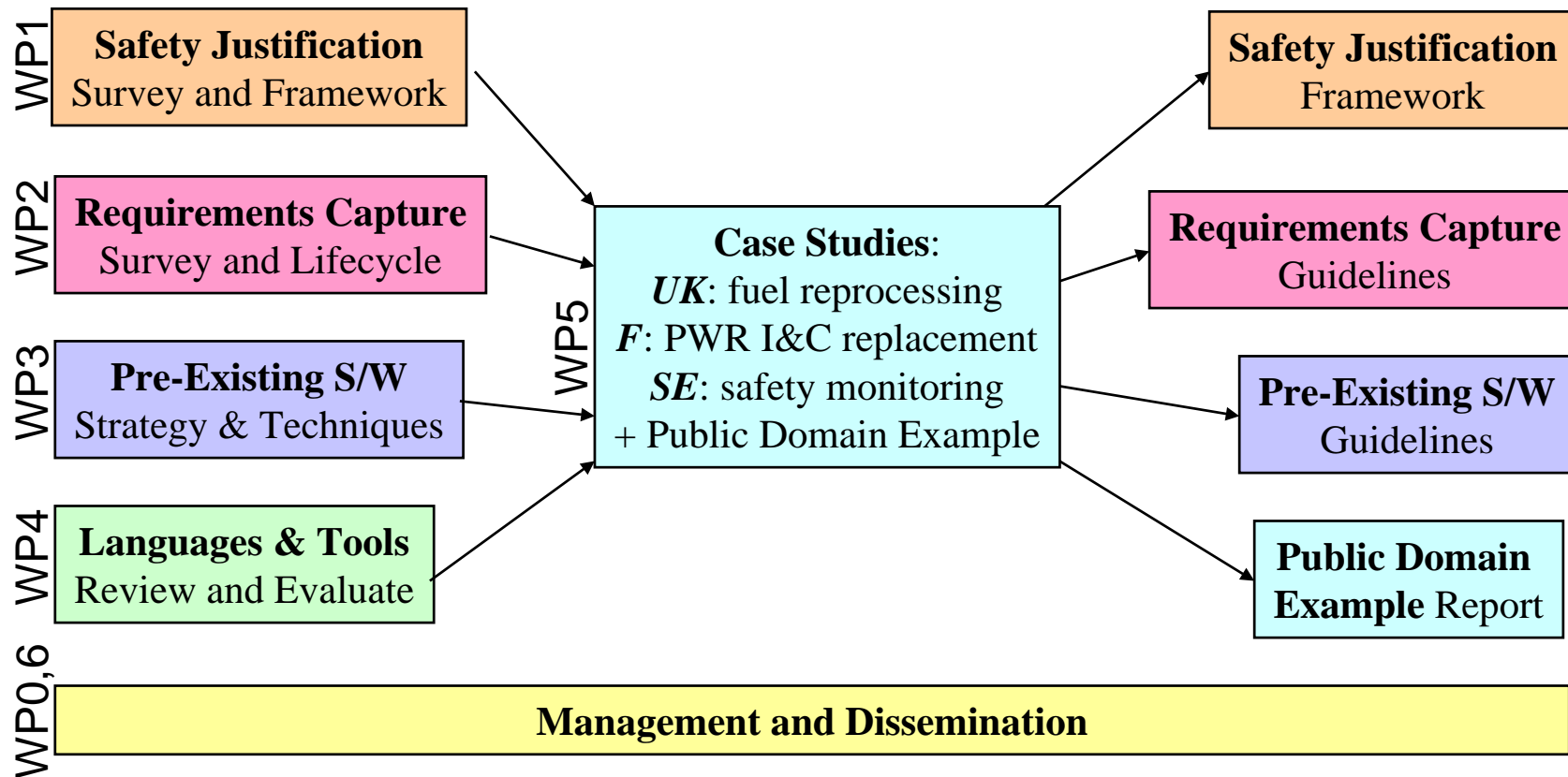
TU Lund

SE research & education

Key Issues

- ◆ Harmonisation & Structuring of Safety Justification approaches
- ◆ Definition of Requirements for Systems Important to Safety
- ◆ Use of Pre-Existing Software in Systems Important to Safety
 - potentially including class A systems
- ◆ Use of Languages & Tools in Systems Important to Safety

Work Packages and Deliverables



Application and Evaluation

◆ Case Studies:

- UK Nuclear fuel reprocessing plant control BNFL
- I&C replacement on a French PWR EDF
- Safety monitoring system on a Swedish NPP CarlBro
- Public domain nuclear material transport example Adelard

◆ Identify safety and cost-relevant aspects

- safety requirements
- implementation options
- example arguments for safety justification

◆ Evaluate and refine guidance documents

Continuing Influence

- ◆ Public and Limited Circulation Deliverables
 - Use within members organisations and member states
 - Dissemination by web-site <http://www.cemsis.org>
- ◆ Participation in Post-FISA workshop no.4, November, 2003
- ◆ Members participation in international activities
 - International standards, e.g. IEC 60880 and 61508 revision
 - European Nuclear Regulators Working Group
 - Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI)
- ◆ Continuing research, possibly under Framework VI

CEMSIS- Review

◆ Strengths

- closeness to real applications in case studies
- utilities engaged with the work
- seen as a very good project by the Commission - reputation gain

◆ And Difficulties

- management and collaboration overhead
~ 25% of UK effort
- issues of leadership and authority

Conclusion

- ◆ CEMSIS made real progress on key issues - but the issues remain
- ◆ Provided practical guidance illustrated with realistic examples
- ◆ Key audience:
 - Senior I&C engineers and managers of refurbishment projects
 - Development engineers and managers in the supply industry
 - SMEs and service companies in the refurbishment market
 - Regulators and policy makers
- ◆ Impact on strategy:
 - Accelerate inter working in member states
 - between utilities, suppliers and regulators
 - Help to focus national R&D efforts
- ◆ The motivations, risks and benefits of collaboration are still relevant