



# The NIST Research Reactor (NBSR) and the Cold Neutron Sources *and a few other things we do at ROE*

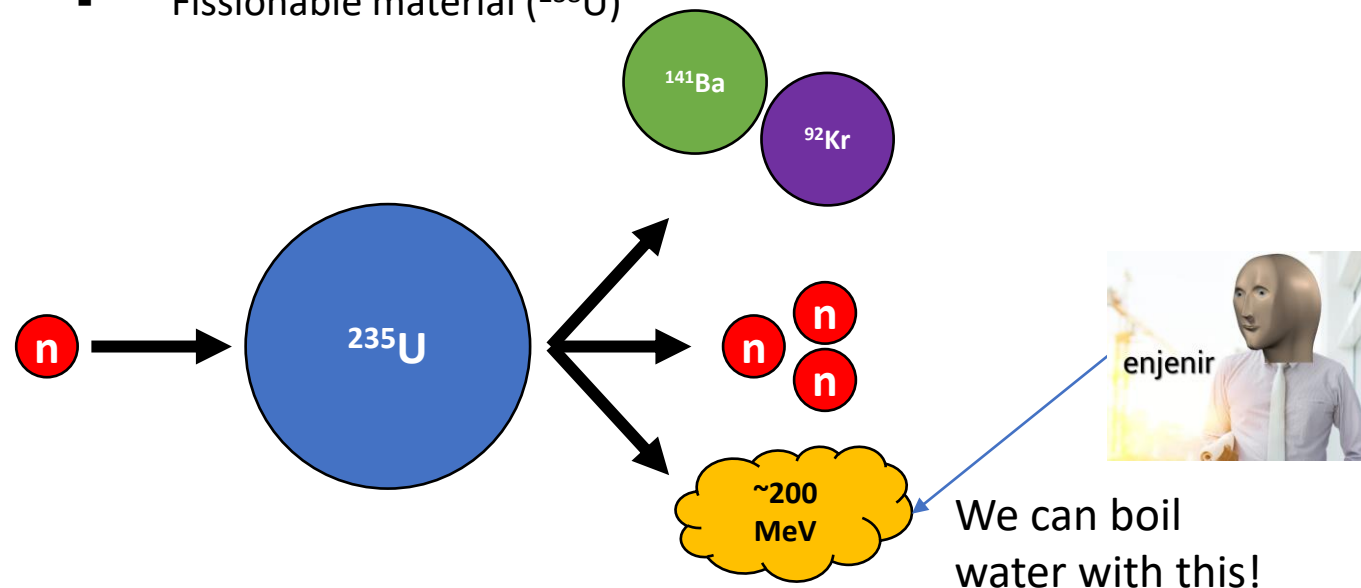
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- Nuclear fission basics (What is a nuclear reactor?)
- NBSR Description & History
- Cold Sources
- Current Developments
- Q/A

# Nuclear Fission & Fuel

- Breaking an atom apart
  - Releases a lot of thermal energy
  - Also releases fission products (other isotopes)
  - Usually done with a fuel
    - Fissile material ( $^{235}\text{U}$ )
    - Fissionable material ( $^{238}\text{U}$ )



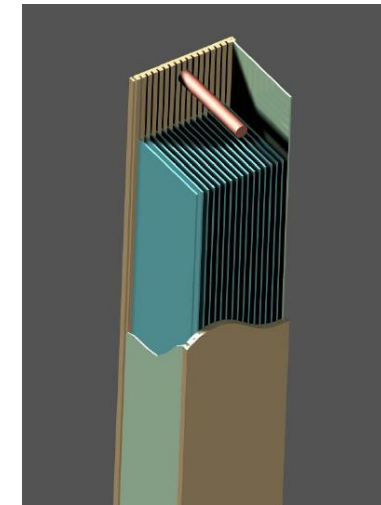
Pellets



Pebbles



Plates

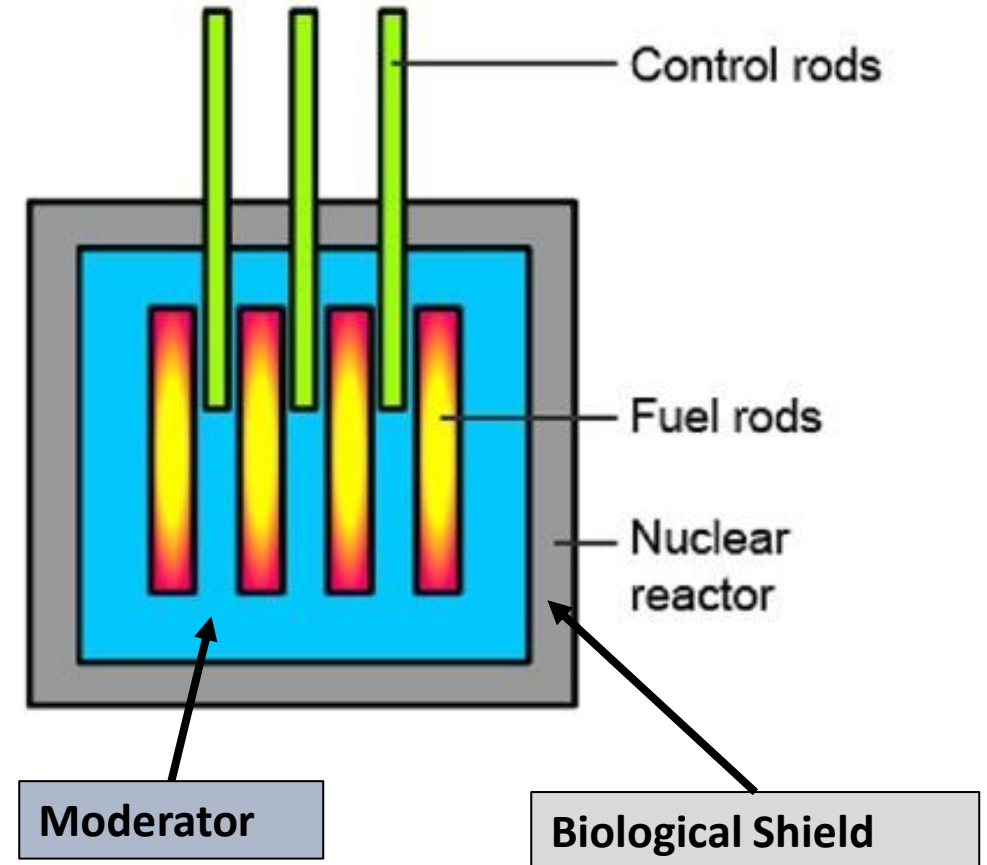


Molten Salt



# Nuclear Reactors

- Contain fuel, coolant, and (if thermal spectrum) moderator
- Also must contain a form of control on the neutron population
  - Control/shim rods/arms
  - Made of strong neutron absorbers (Cd, B, Hf)
- Radiation shielding, detectors, and a neutron source (to initialize the chain rxn) are also needed

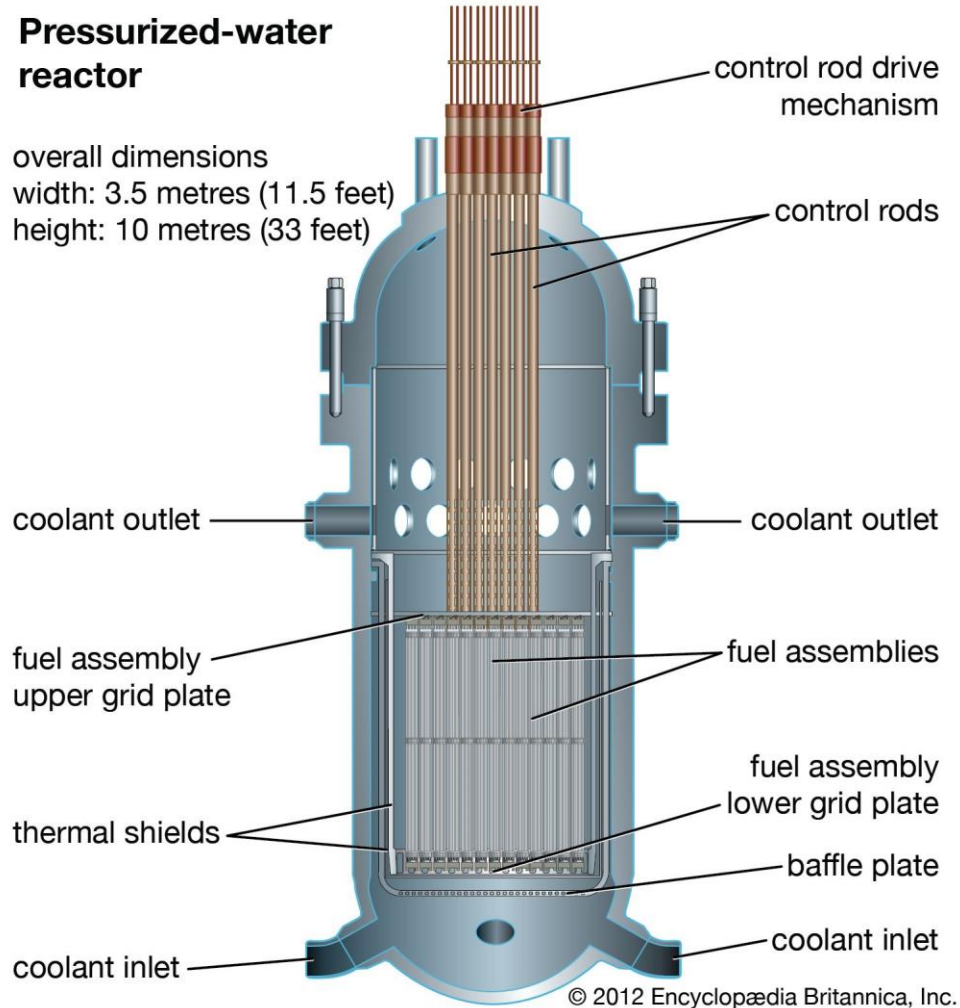




# Types of Nuclear Reactors Water systems

## Pressurized-water reactor

overall dimensions  
width: 3.5 metres (11.5 feet)  
height: 10 metres (33 feet)



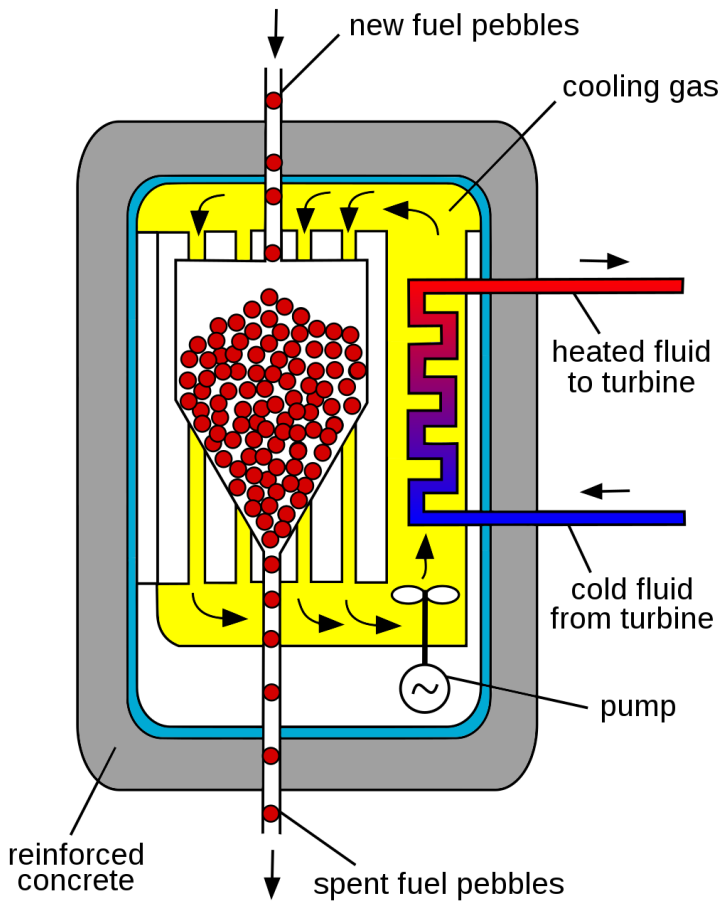
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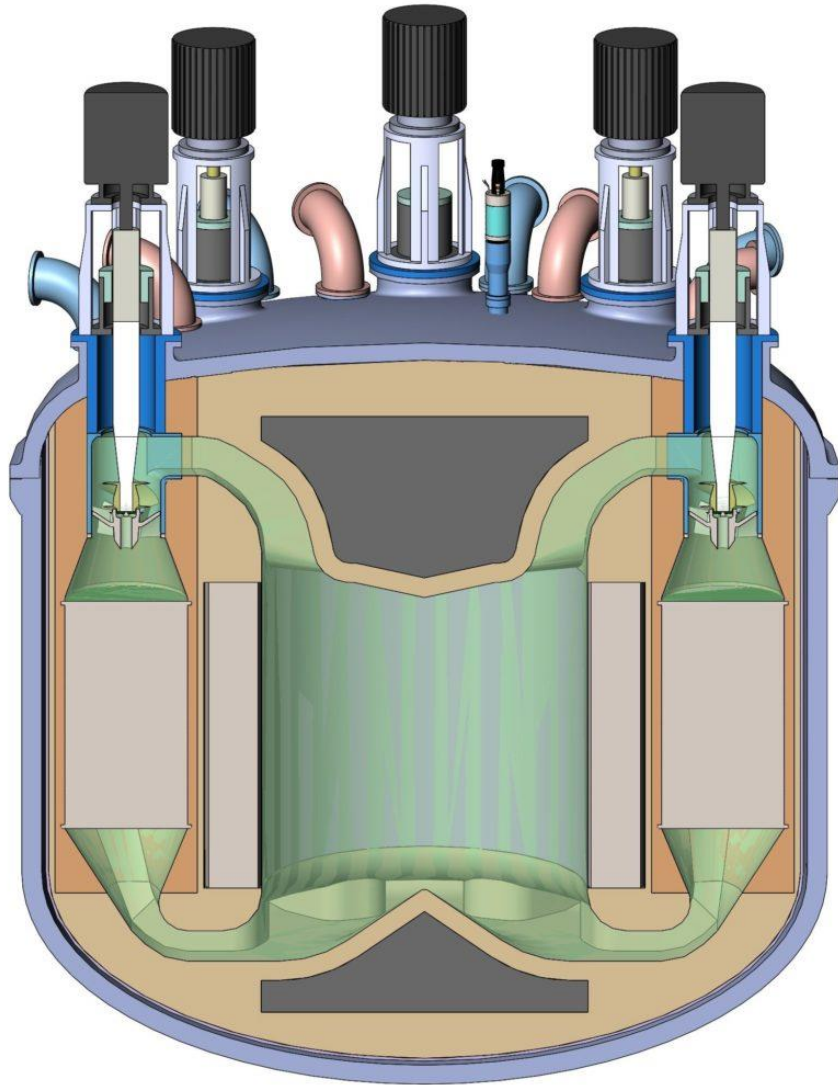
# Types of Nuclear Reactors Pebble bed systems

Pebble bed reactor scheme



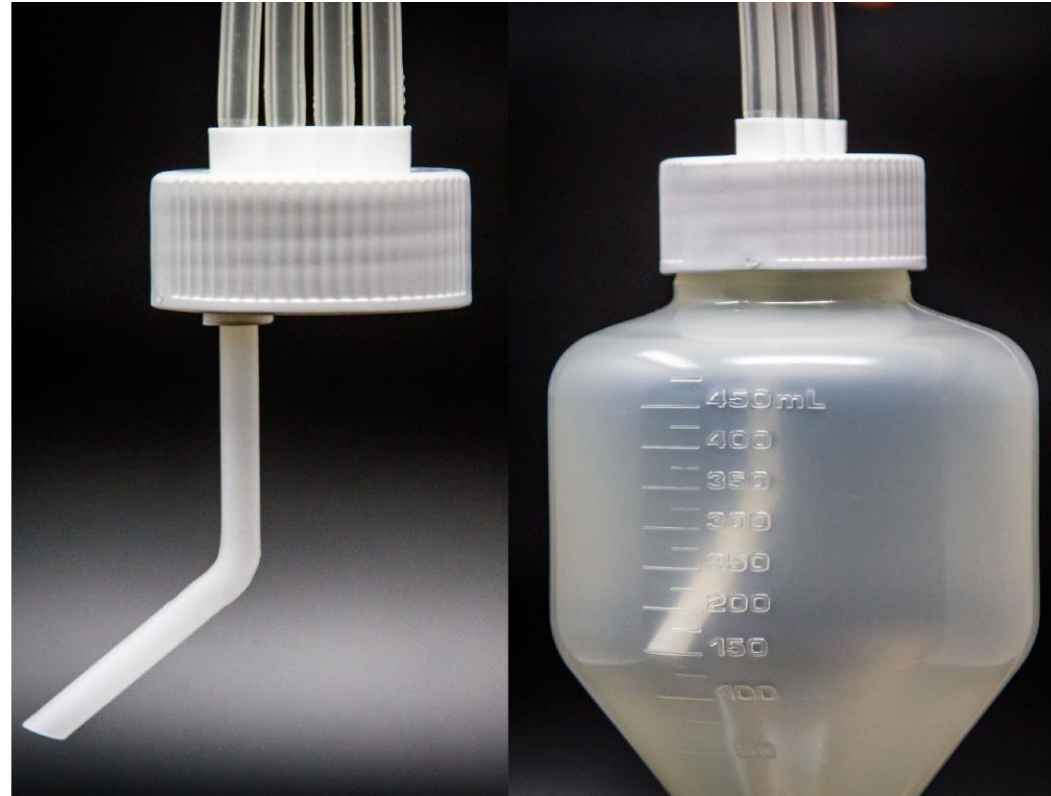
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# Types of Nuclear Reactors Molten salt systems



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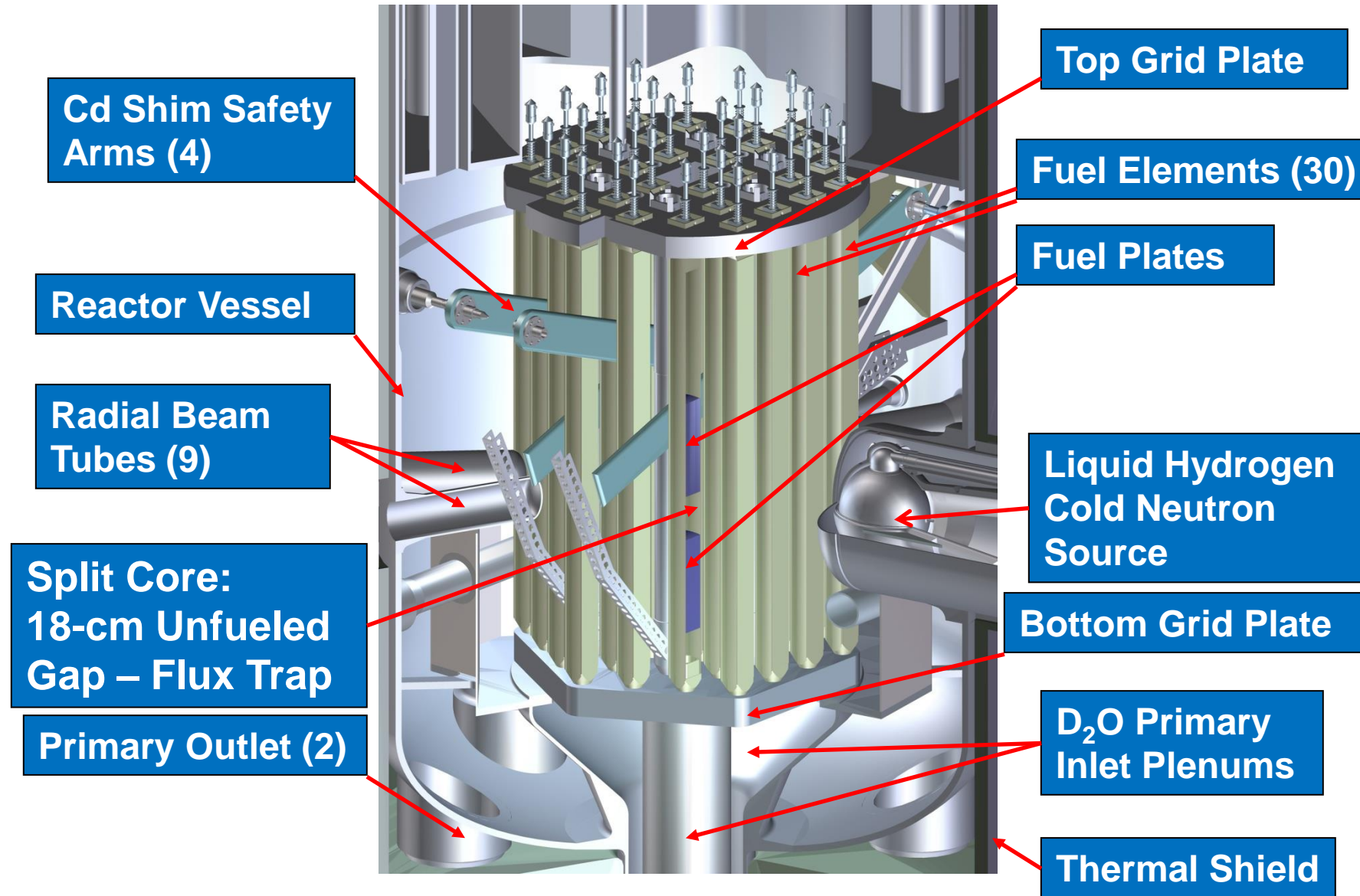
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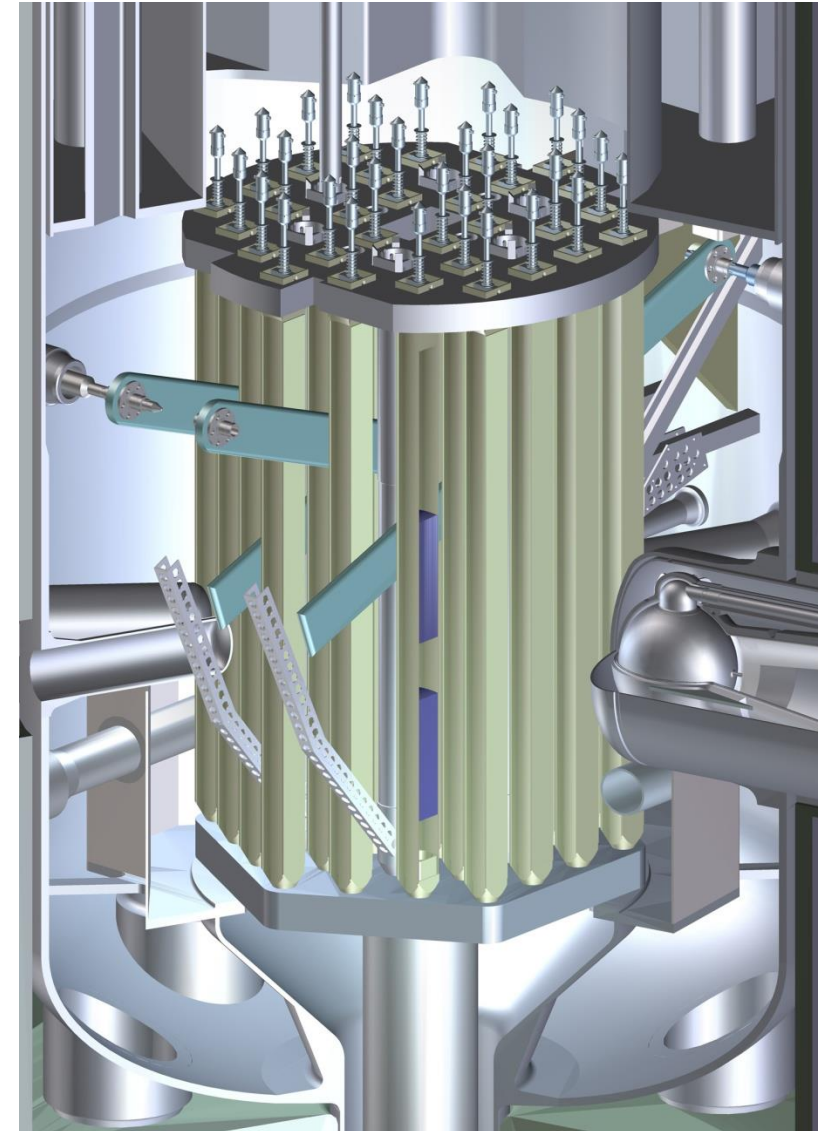
# The NBSR Overview





# The NBSR Core Characteristics

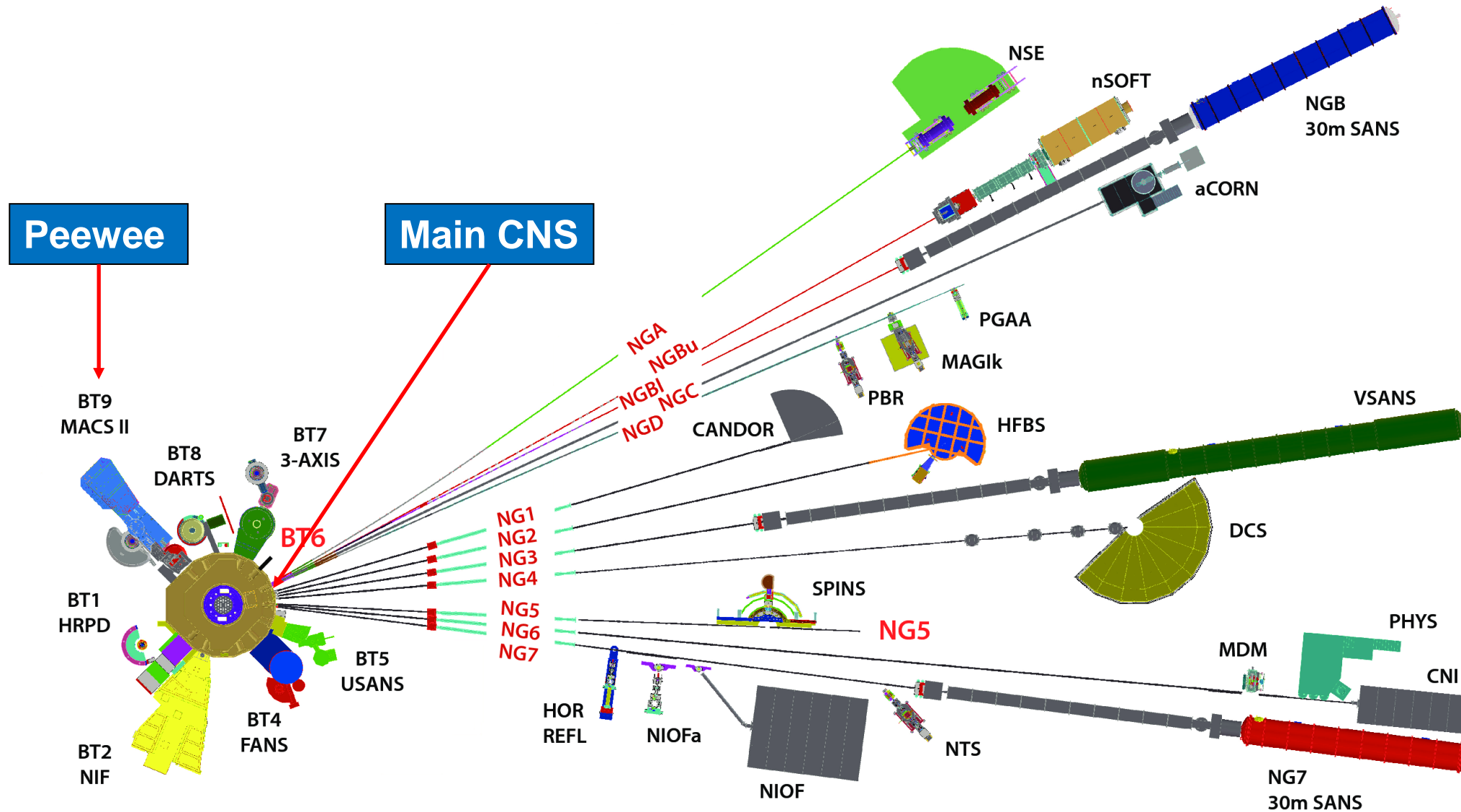
- HEU fuel (93%  $^{235}\text{U}$ ) –  $\text{U}_3\text{O}_8+\text{Al}$ 
  - 350 g  $^{235}\text{U}$ /fuel element
  - 34 plates: 11"×2.5"×0.02"
  - Heavy water coolant ( $\text{D}_2\text{O}$ )
- 30 Fuel Elements
  - ~38-day fuel cycle at 20 MW
  - 4 fresh elements per cycle (usually) with a management scheme to shuffle other elements in the core
  - ~960 g of  $^{235}\text{U}$  consumed per cycle
  - 7 or 8 cycles per element depending on where it is loaded initially
- Axially split-core
  - BTs and CNS(s) are at the thermal neutron flux trap elevation
  - BT fluxes  $\sim 1.5 \times 10^{14}$  n/cm<sup>2</sup>-s



- Designed in 1960s (included a beam port for a single cold source)
- It first reached criticality on December 7<sup>th</sup>, 1967
- Originally it was a 10 MW reactor
- Converted to 20 MW in 1985
- **Cold Neutron Facility**
  - D<sub>2</sub>O cold neutron source (CNS) installed in 1987
  - LH<sub>2</sub> CNS installed in 1995
  - An advanced LH<sub>2</sub> CNS installed in 2002
  - Peewee (smaller CNS) installed in 2012 in BT-9
  - An upcoming cold source upgrade is planned for 2023

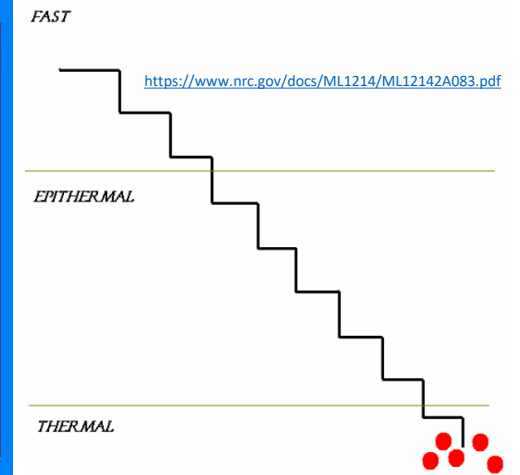
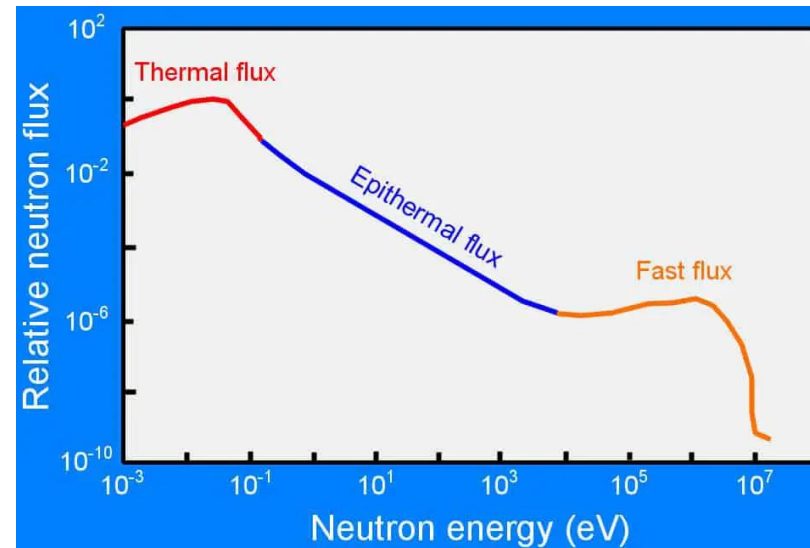
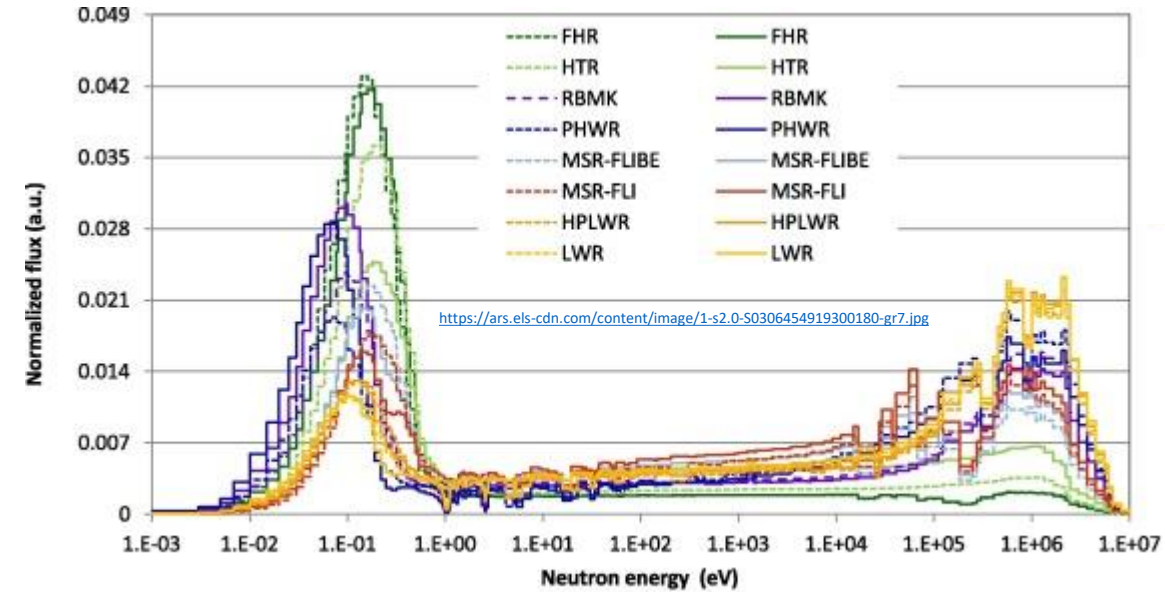


# The NBSR Instruments Layout



# Neutron Thermalization

- Fission neutrons are  $\sim 2$  MeV (fast)
- Thermalized (20 – 400 meV) via scattering off of the  $D_2O$  moderator in the core
  - $D_2O$  is  $\sim 320$  K (115 °F), which is what dictates the thermal energy of the neutrons
  - Can be calculated with particle kinematics (classical mechanics formulae)
- To reach lower energies, you introduce a cryogenic facility, the cold neutron source (CNS)
  - Currently liquid hydrogen ( $LH_2$ ) at 20 K.





# Neutron Flux in the NBSR Flux Trap (10 MW)

Obtained from NBSR-9 SAR

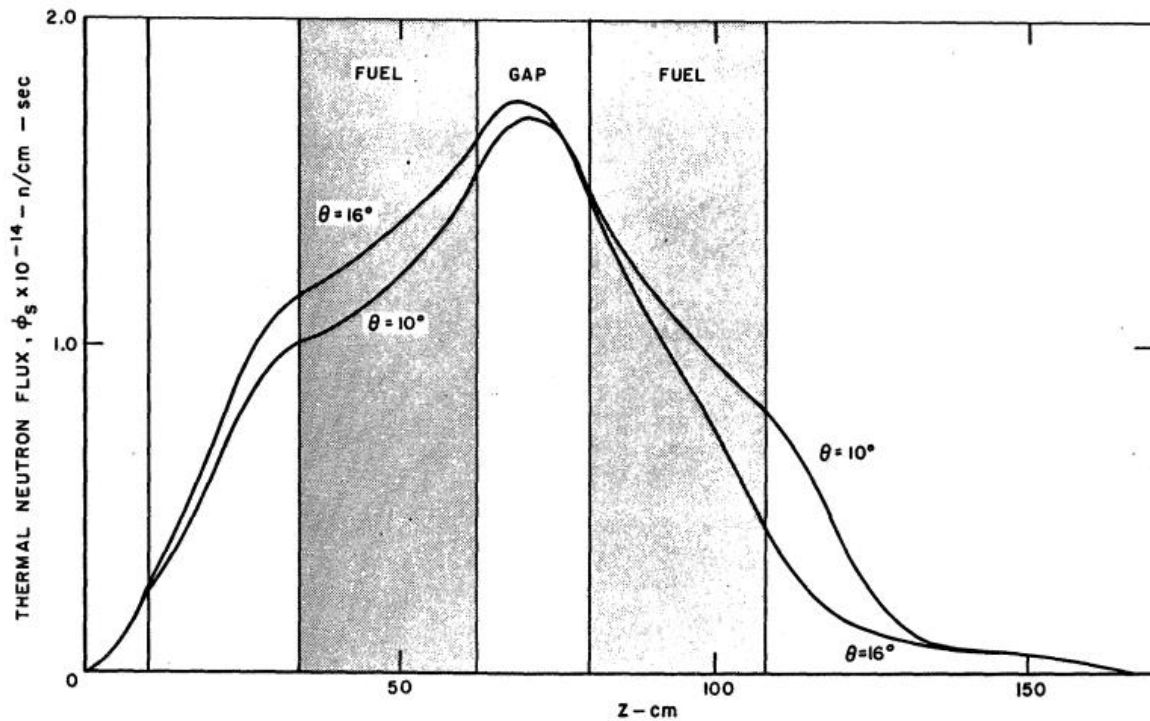


Figure 4.13 Vertical distribution of thermal neutron flux along core centerline for two shim arm positions ( $\theta = 10^\circ$  and  $\theta = 16^\circ$ ).

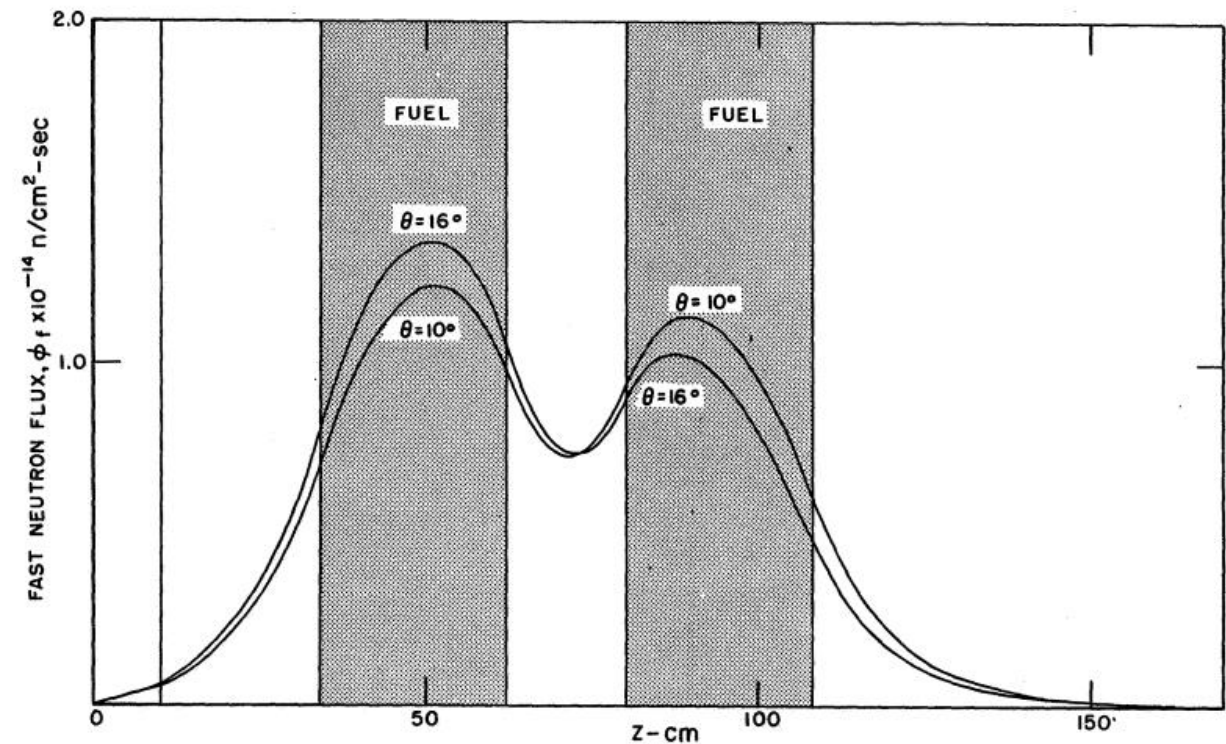


Figure 4.14 Vertical distribution of fast neutron flux along core centerline for two shim arm positions ( $\theta = 10^\circ$  and  $\theta = 16^\circ$ ).



# How do we produce cold neutrons?

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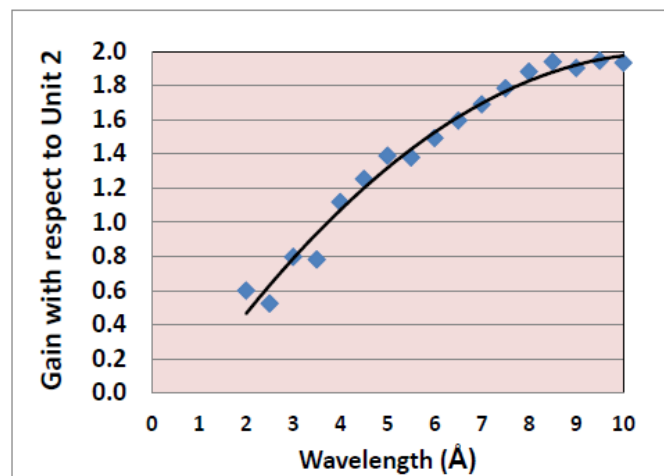


Installation of  $LH_2$  CNS (Nov. 2001)

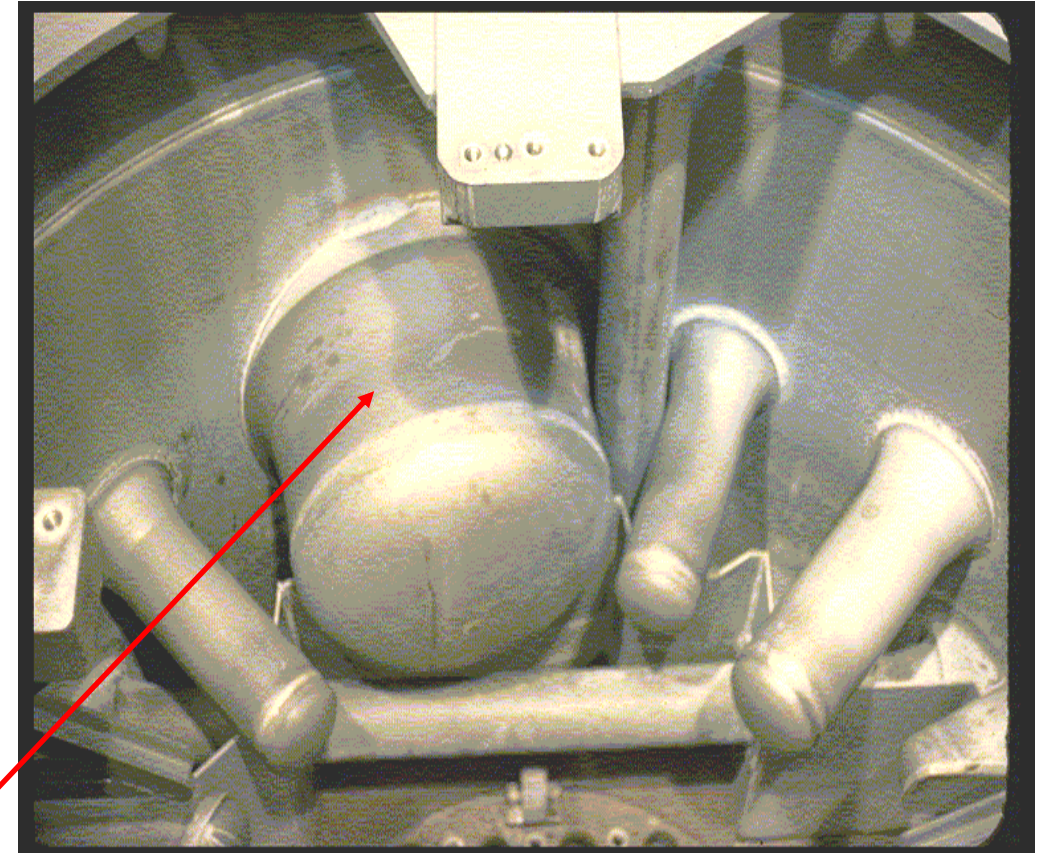


# The Cold Source Through the years

1. D<sub>2</sub>O tank (1967)
2. D<sub>2</sub>O Ice (1987)
  - Gain of 3-5x in brightness
3. Unit 1 LH<sub>2</sub> (1995)
  - Gain of ~6x
4. Unit 2 LH<sub>2</sub> (2002)
  - Gain of ~2x
5. LD<sub>2</sub> (Planned for 2023)

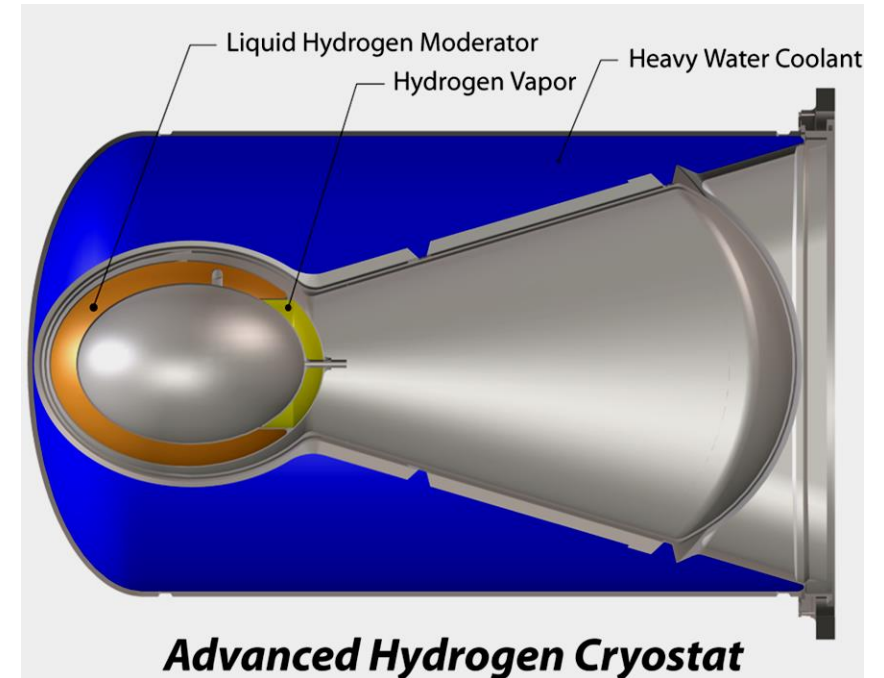
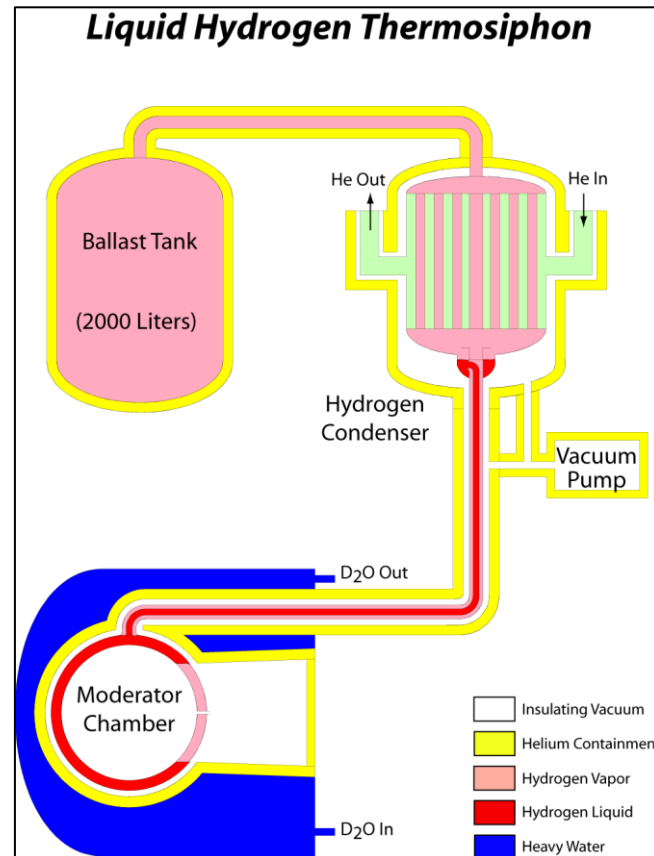


55 cm Diameter



# The Current Cold Source Unit 2

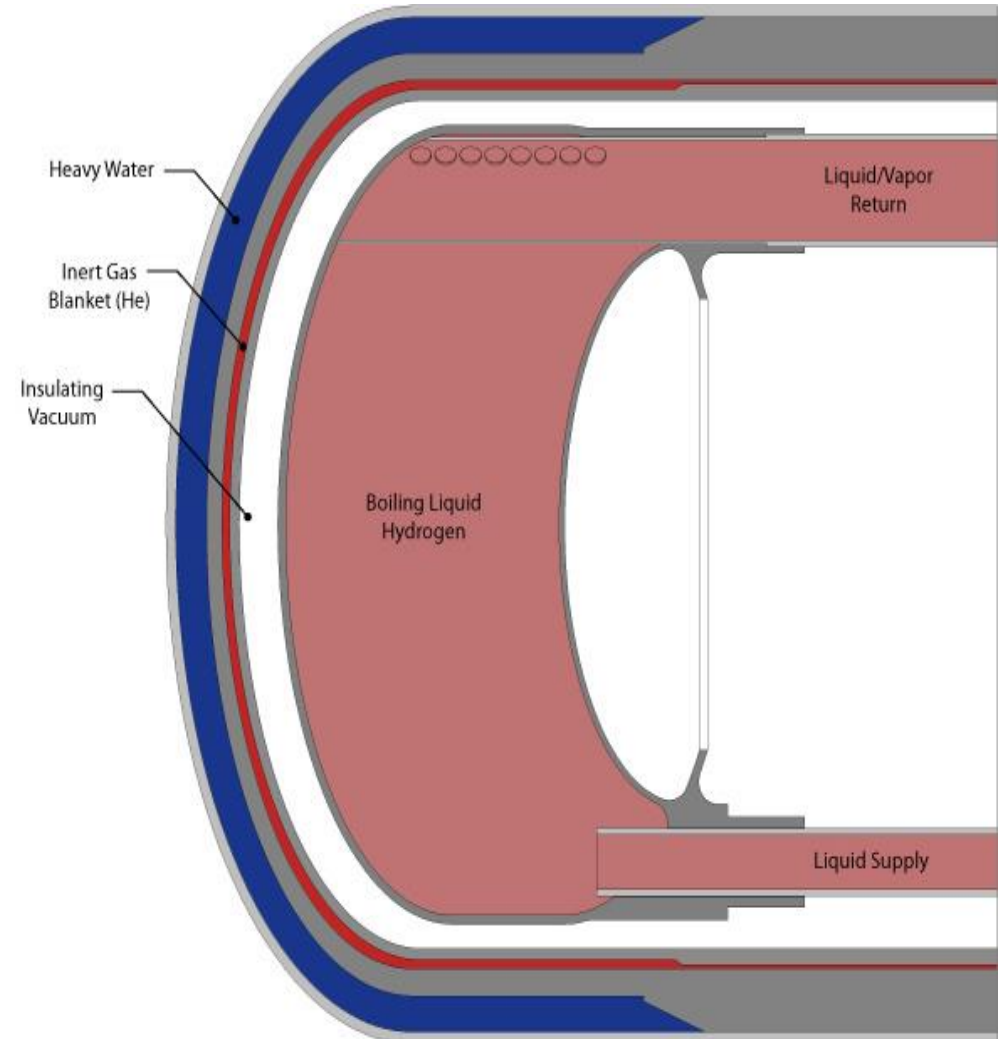
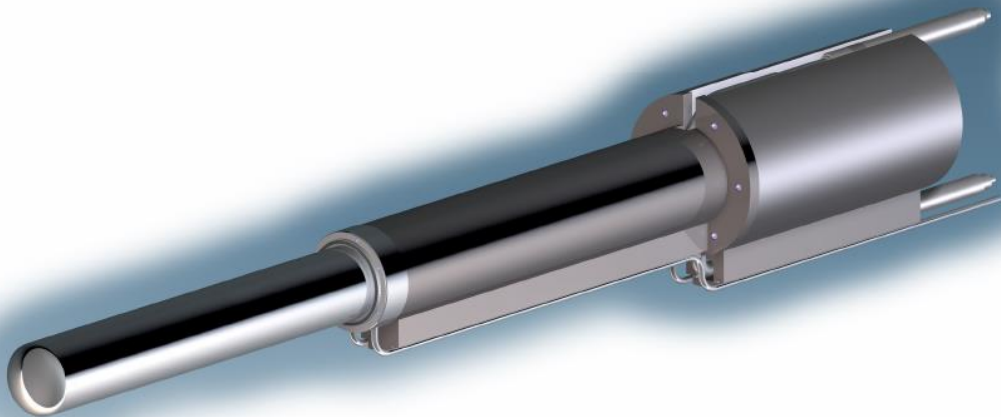
- Passively safe and simple to operate (and reliable)
- Utilizes a thermosiphon system to supply the CNS with LH<sub>2</sub>
- Closed system
- He containments





# The OTHER Cold Source Peewee

- “Peewee” installed on BT-9 (MACS-II)
  - 11 cm ID, ½ L volume
  - Gain of ~1.7 over being directly installed on Unit 2
  - 14.6 cm D<sub>2</sub>O jacket and its own H<sub>2</sub> tank
  - Condenser is cooled in parallel with Unit 2
- Operating successfully since April 2012



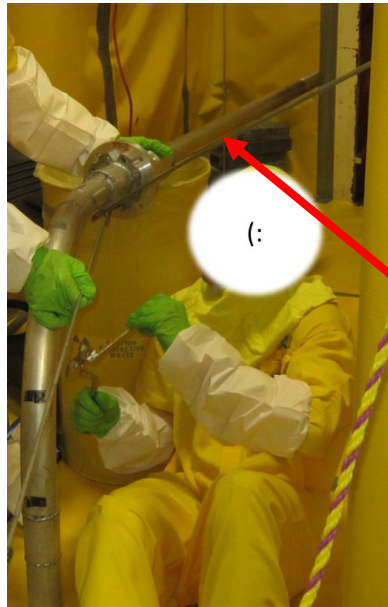
# The OTHER Cold Source Peewee



Installation of peewee (Sep. 2011)

# We Also Have Rabbit Tubes

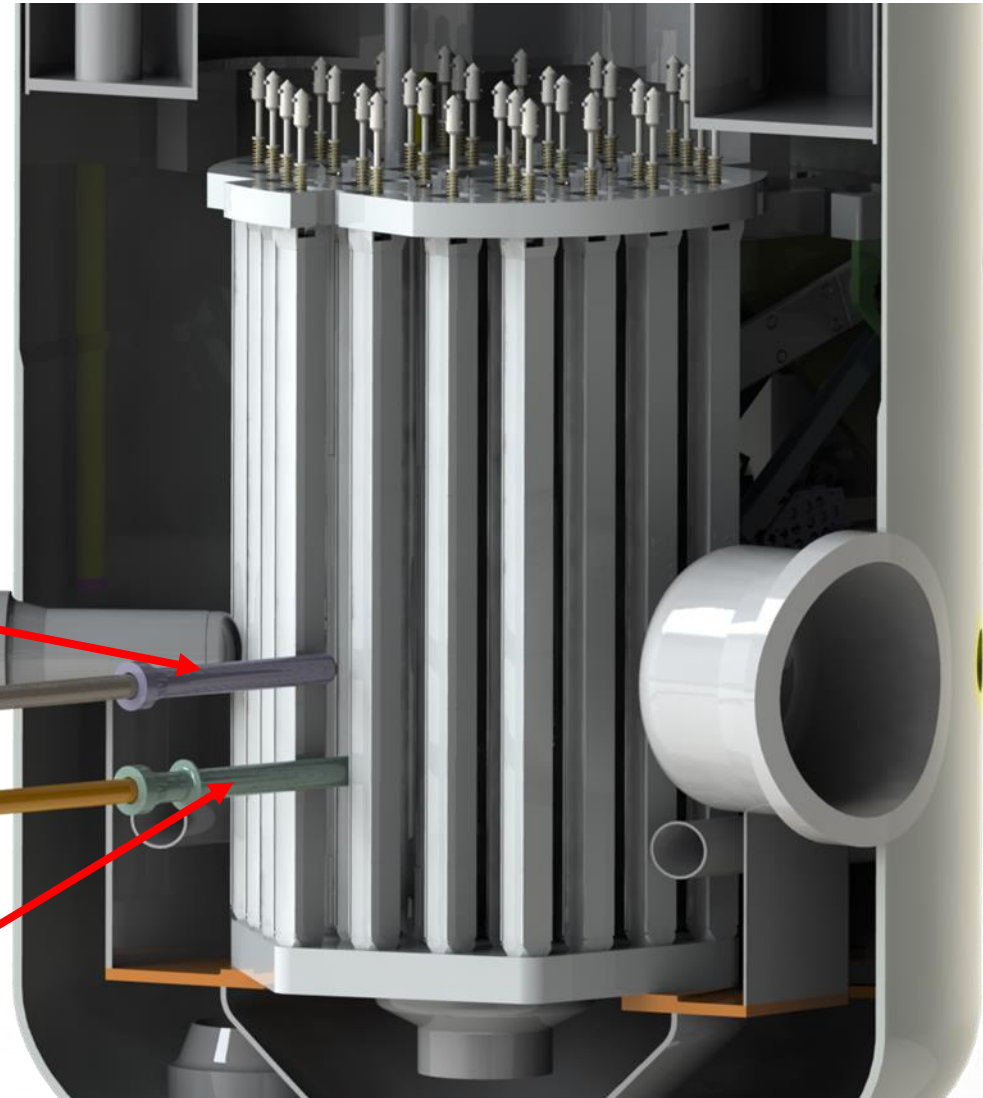
- Pneumatically-driven sample insertion and removal systems
- Used for in-core irradiation



RT-1



RT-2





# Developments NBSR Recovery

- February 3<sup>rd</sup> refueling accident
- Cleaning of primary system was conducted
- Fuel loading analysis completed
  - Currently updated to meet operations developments
- New training program developed
- New Reactor aging management program developed
- Obtained restart authorization from NRC!
- Restarted safely
- Currently doing low-power testing






# Developments NBSR Recovery



Can operate with alternative fuel management schemes

Can operate with loose fuel in the water

 NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF STANDARDS AND TECHNOLOGY  
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

February 1, 2023

ATTN: Document Control Desk  
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Subject: Docket Number 50-184 license amendment request

Dear Sirs/Madams:

The NIST Center for Neutron Research (NCNR) hereby submits a request for an exigent license amendment under 10CFR50.91(a)(6) to make specified changes to the NBSR Safety Analysis Report. We have made the decision not to reuse any fuel assemblies that were present in the core during the fuel failure event of February 3, 2021, and, as a result, must use an Alternate Fuel Management Scheme (AFMS) for the upcoming restart of the reactor. As restart preparations enter their final stages, an exigent license amendment is justified in that it is necessary to allow completion of refueling and a subsequent timely restart of the NBSR to continue NCNR's mission as one of the nation's premier neutron science centers. The proposed analysis for AFMS has been discussed at length with NRC staff and we only recently concluded that this LAR is the best path forward to clarify analysis requirements that will lead to a timely reactor restart. The proposed amendment will add SAR section 4.5.1.1.3, "Alternate Fuel Management Schemes (AFMS)".


Attached please find 1) Proposed SAR changes, 2) Finding of No Significant Hazards analysis, 3) Engineering Change Notice for the AFMS procedure, including 50.59 analysis, and 4) The Engineering Procedure for this analysis, NBSR-0018-DOC-00.

Sincerely,  
**ROBERT DIMEO**  
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I declare under penalty of perjury that the following is true and correct.

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SUBJECT: NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF STANDARDS AND TECHNOLOGY – ISSUANCE OF AMENDMENT NO. 14 TO RENEWED FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE NO. TR-5 FOR THE NATIONAL BUREAU OF STANDARDS TEST REACTOR RE: REVISION TO THE SAFETY ANALYSIS REPORT TO OPERATE WITH DEBRIS IN THE PRIMARY COOLANT SYSTEM (EPID L-2022-LLA-0152)

Dear Dr. Newton:

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has issued the enclosed Amendment No. 14 to Renewed Facility Operating License No. TR-5 for the National Institute of Standards and Technology National Bureau of Standards Test Reactor (NBSR). This amendment consists of changes to the NBSR safety analysis report (SAR) in response to the application dated October 19, 2022 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System Accession No. ML22293B808), as supplemented by letter dated December 13, 2022 (ML22350A064). Specifically, the amendment modifies the SAR to address potential impacts to facility equipment as described in chapter 5 of the SAR and changes to the facility radiation sources as described in chapter 11 of the SAR as a result of some debris remaining in the NBSR primary coolant system following the February 3, 2021, event.

This license amendment will inform the decision of the Commission whether to approve restart under Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* section 50.36(c)(1) related to the February 3, 2021, event, but the restart decision will not solely rely on this license amendment.

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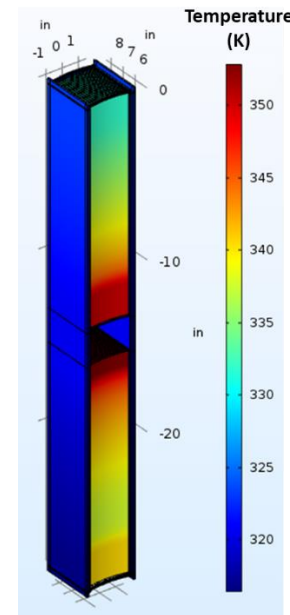
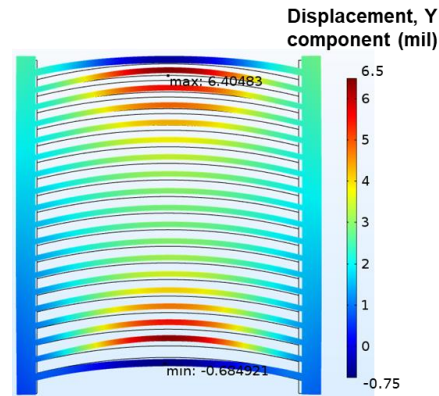
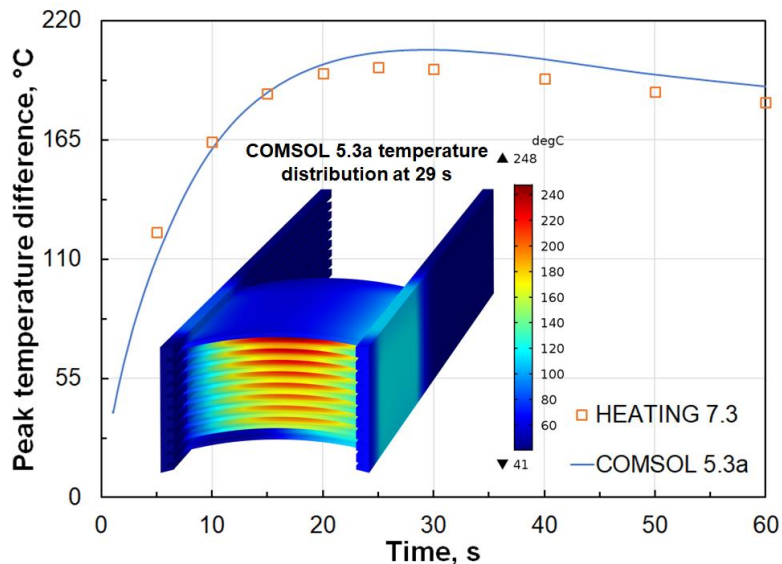
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# Developments LEU Conversion

- US High Performance Research Reactors Conversion Program
  - Collaboration with several DOE laboratories (ANL, INL, BNL, ORNL)
  - To meet US and international non-proliferation goals
- Converting to U-10Mo HALEU (19.75% enrichment)
- Finished the first revision of the drawings and fuel specification document for the NBSR U-10Mo.



NCNR-NBSR-SPC-1001

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 SPECIFICATION OF LOW-ENRICHED URANIUM FUEL  
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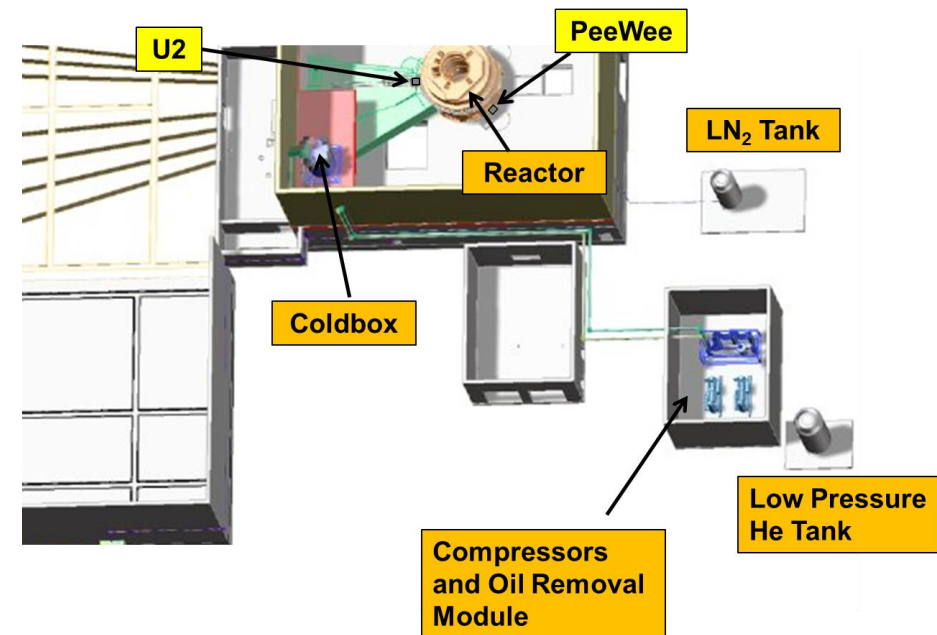
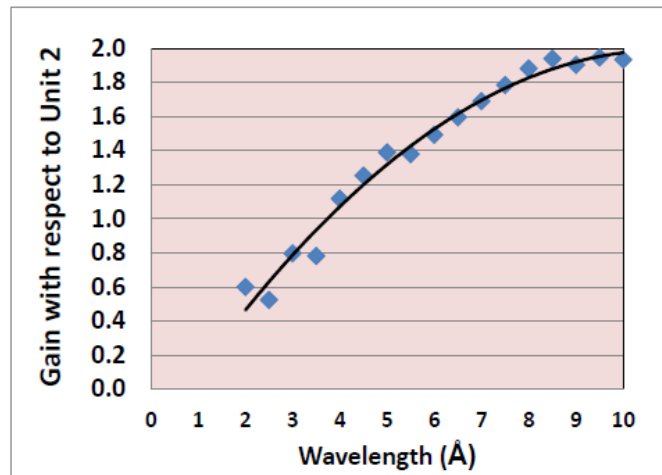
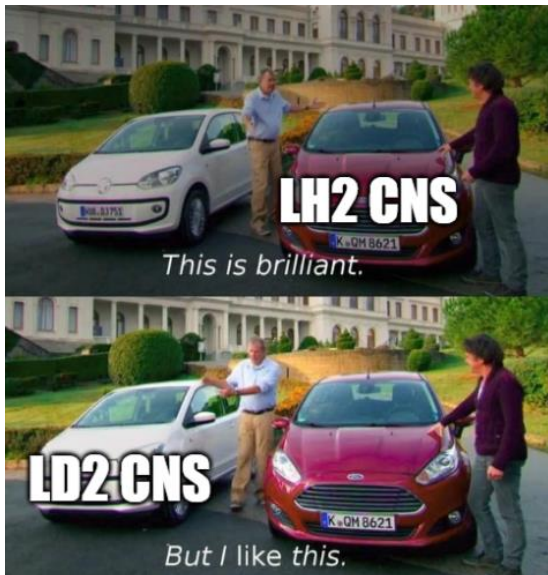
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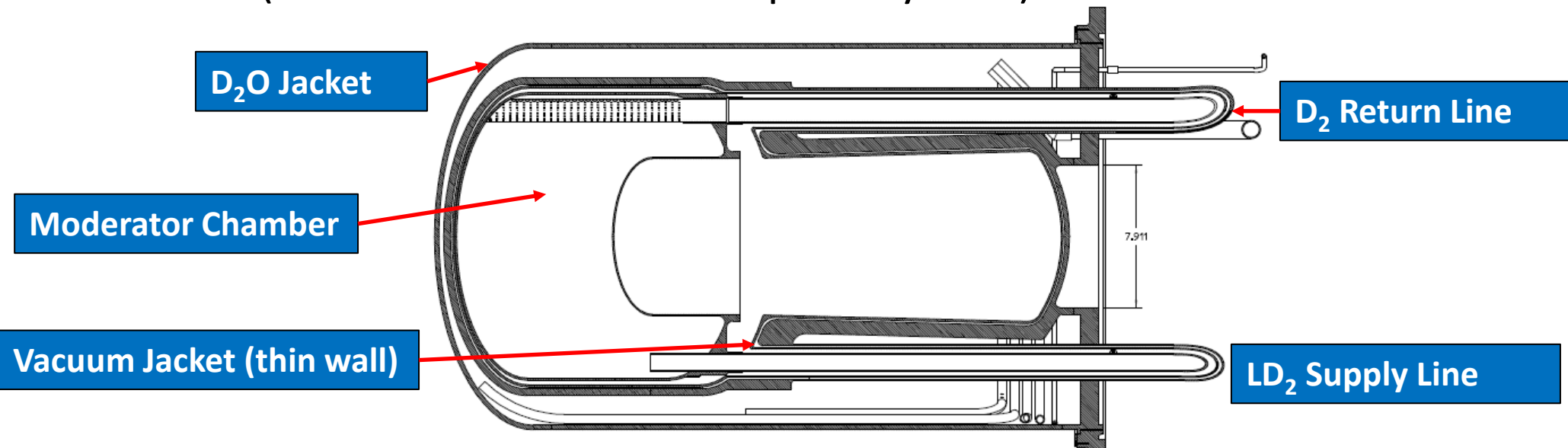
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# Developments Cold Source Upgrade

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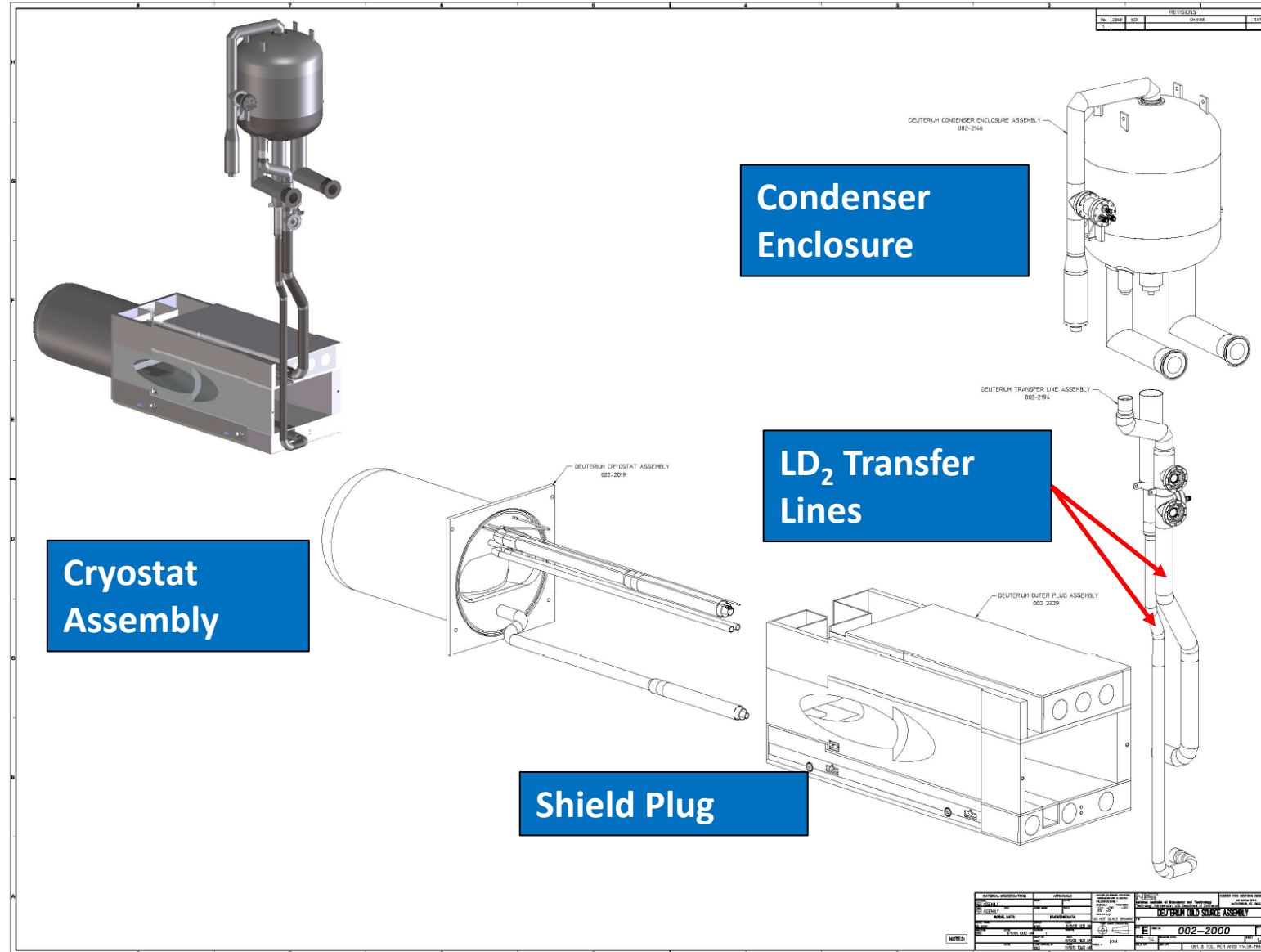


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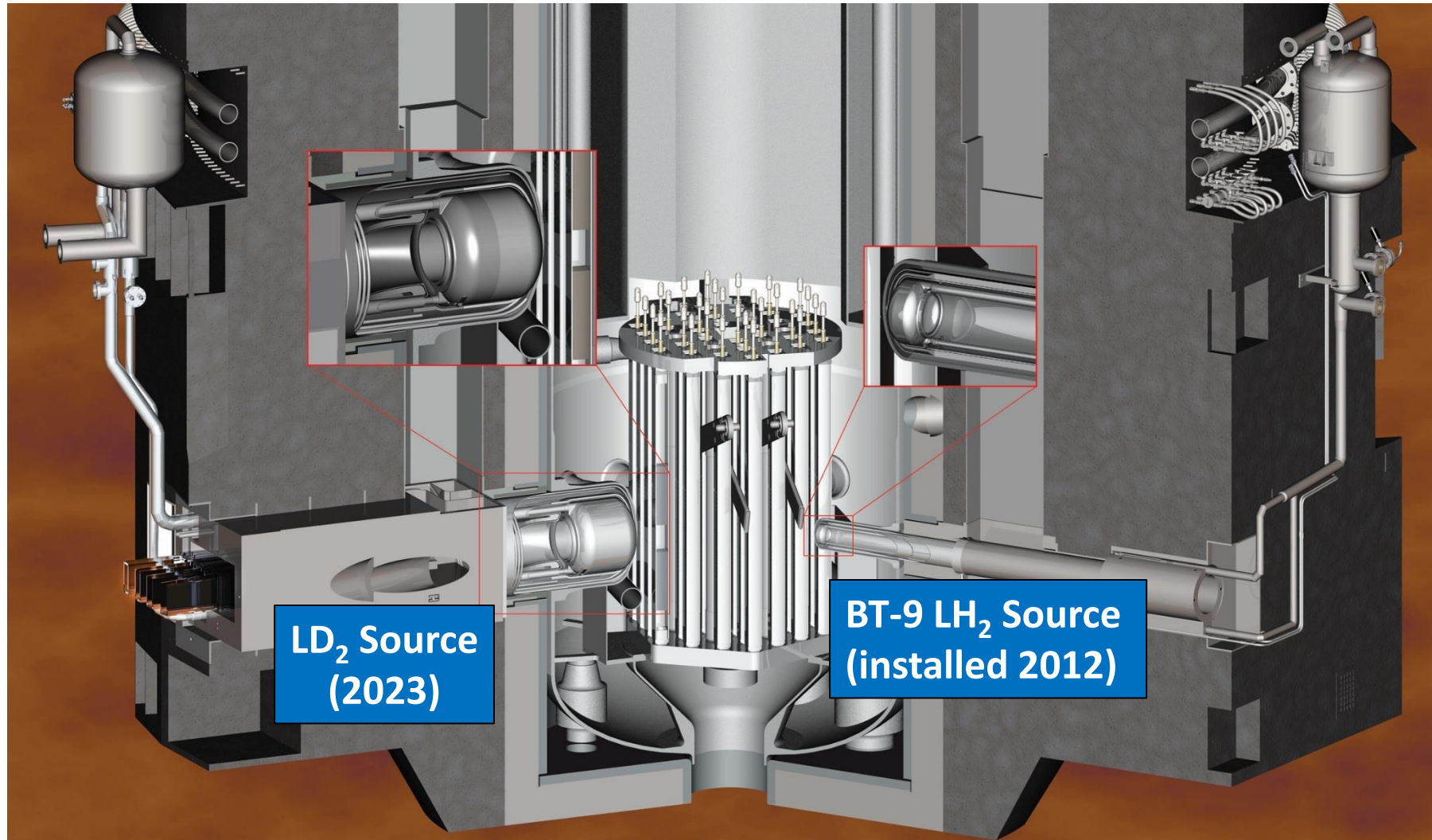




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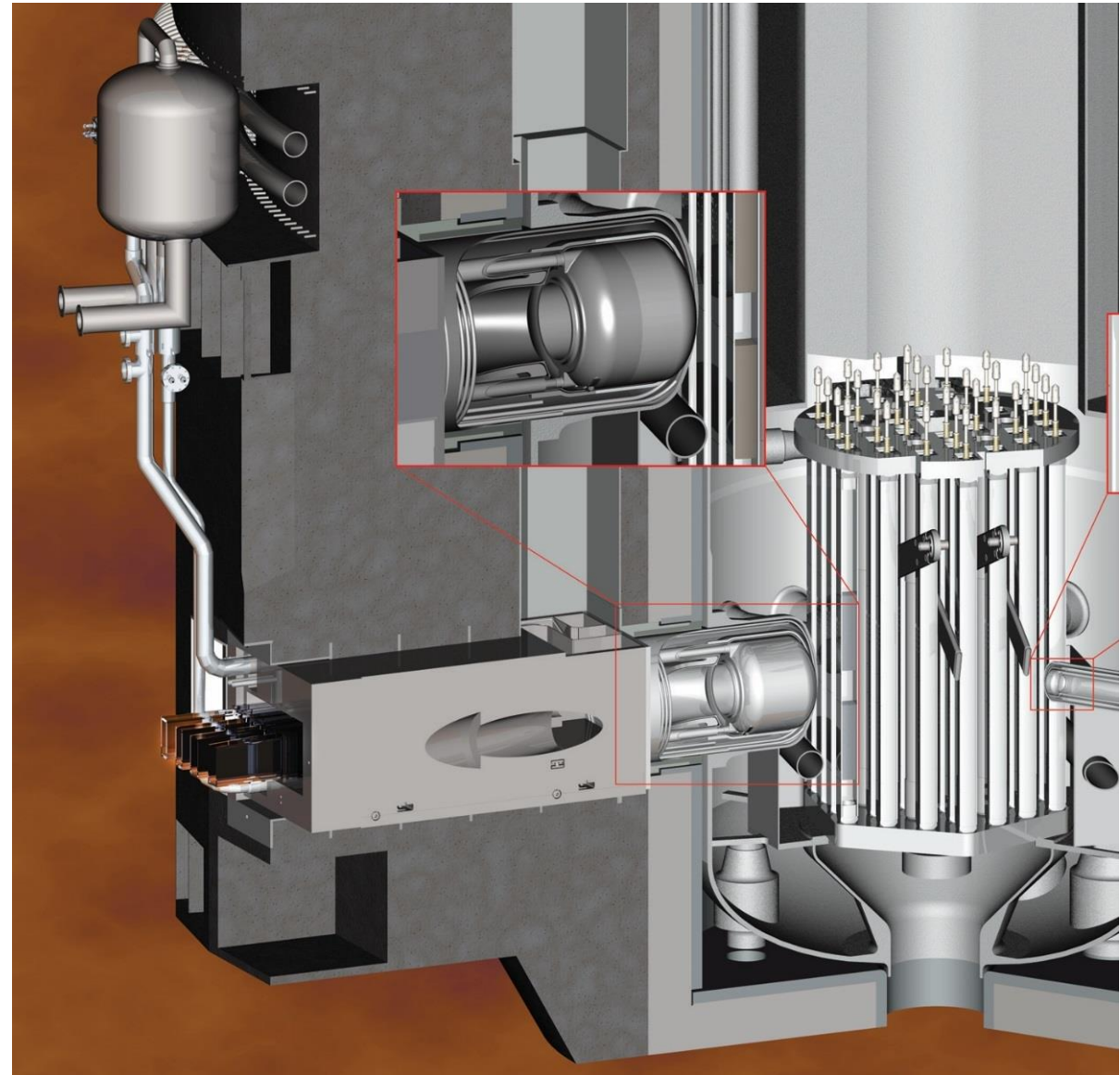
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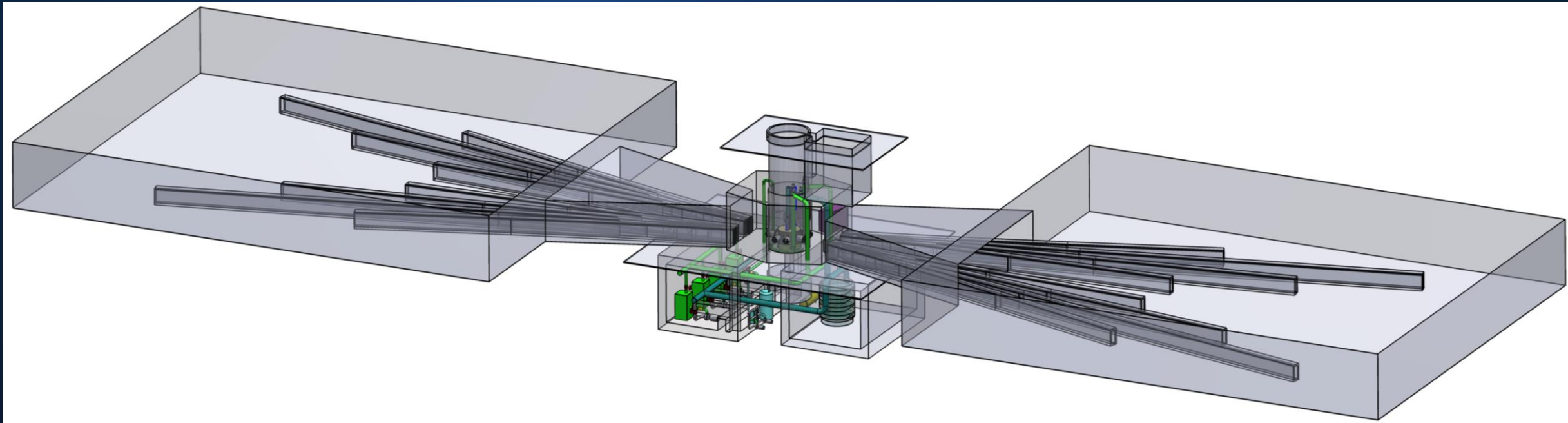
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Radiation source	Unit 2		PeeWee		LD <sub>2</sub>	
	H <sub>2</sub>	Al	H <sub>2</sub>	Al	D <sub>2</sub>	Al
<b>Neutrons</b>	104	3	33	1	440	6
<b>Beta Particles</b>		308		29		567
<b>Gamma rays</b>	185	815	25	74	1053	1538
<b>Subtotal</b>	281	1080	58	104	1493	2111
<b>Total cryogenic heat load [w]</b>	1361		162		3604	

	LH <sub>2</sub> (PeeWee)	LH <sub>2</sub> (Unit 2)	LD <sub>2</sub> (Proposed)
<b>Operating Pressure (kPa)</b>	200	100	100 - 200
<b>B.P. (K)</b>	23.0	20.4	23.2 – 25.9
<b>M.P (K)</b>	14	13.8	18.8 - 19.0
<b>Density (kg/m3)</b>	67.5	70	164 - 157
<b>Geometry</b>	Disk	Elliptical Annulus	Cylindrical
<b>Dimensions (cm)</b>	11	32 x 24	40 x 40
<b>Wall Thickness (mm)</b>	4.5	2.3	3.2
<b>Liquid Volume (L)</b>	0.45	5	35
<b>Mass (kg)</b>	0.03	0.32	5.2
<b>Al Mass (kg)</b>	0.14	0.28	7.2
<b>Heat Load (kW)</b>	0.16	1.2	3.6





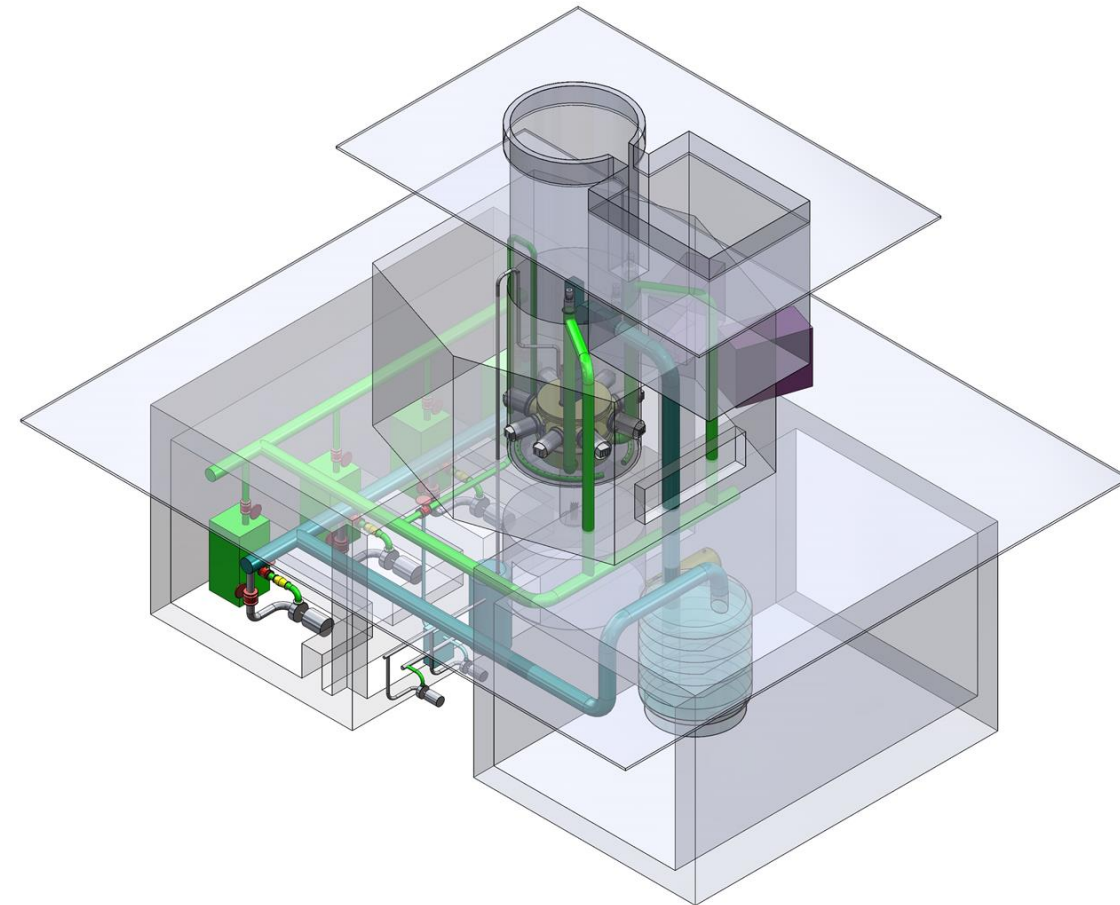


The Future

**The New Reactor: NIST Neutron Source (NNS)**

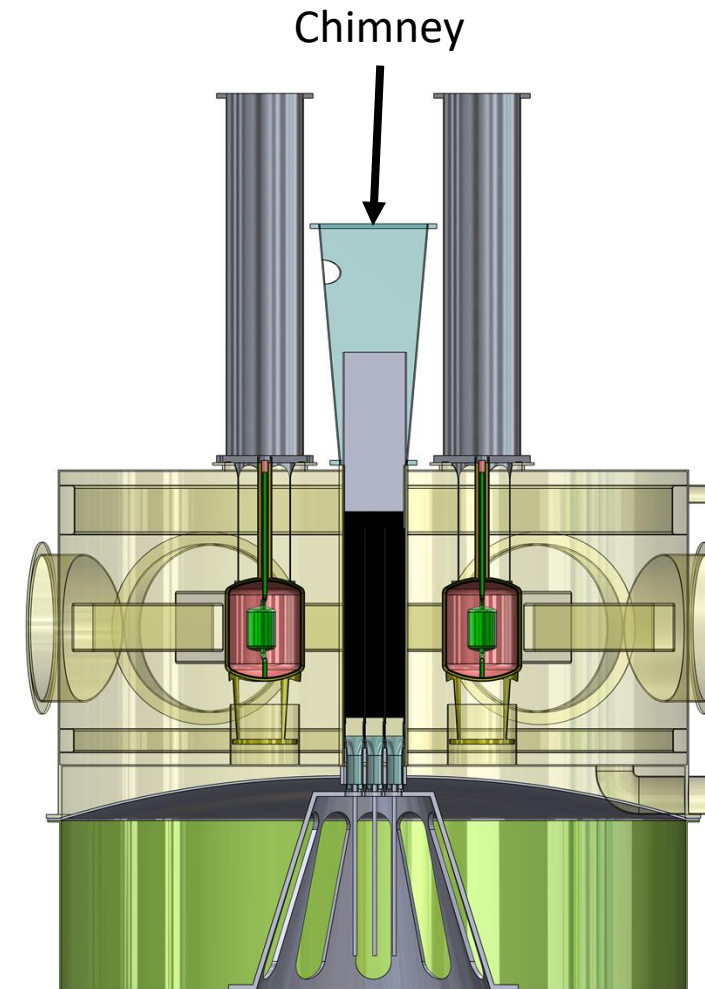
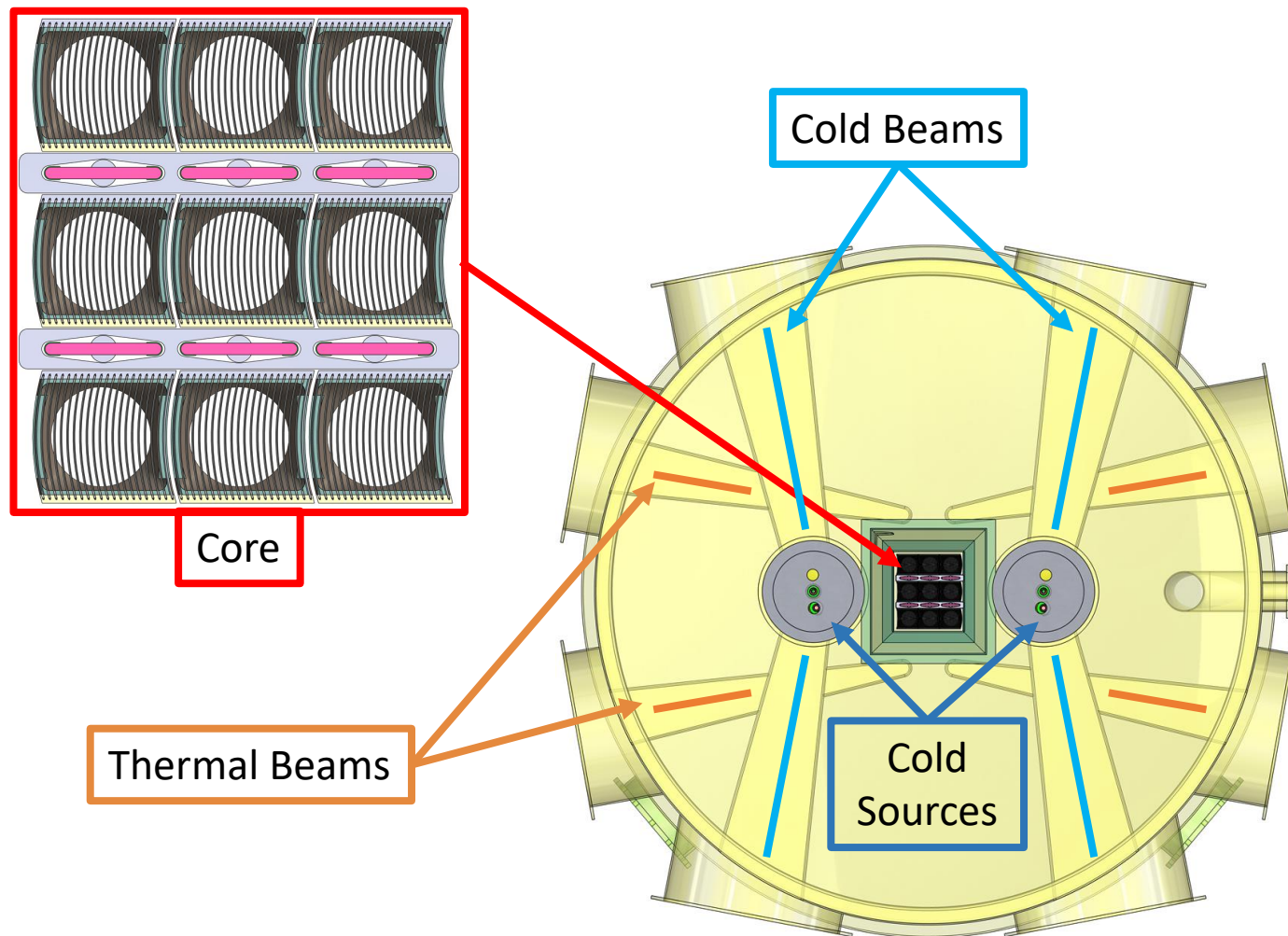
# Design of NNS

- Influenced by several reactors designed for neutron science
- Nominal power of 20 MW
- U-10Mo LEU (or U<sub>3</sub>Si<sub>2</sub>)
- Light-water-cooled compact reactor core
- Surrounded by heavy-water in the reflector tank
- 2 Cold Neutron Sources
- 8 Thermal Neutron Beams
- 40 days operating cycle



**Reactor Pool and Primary Coolant System**

# Developments New Reactor (NNS)

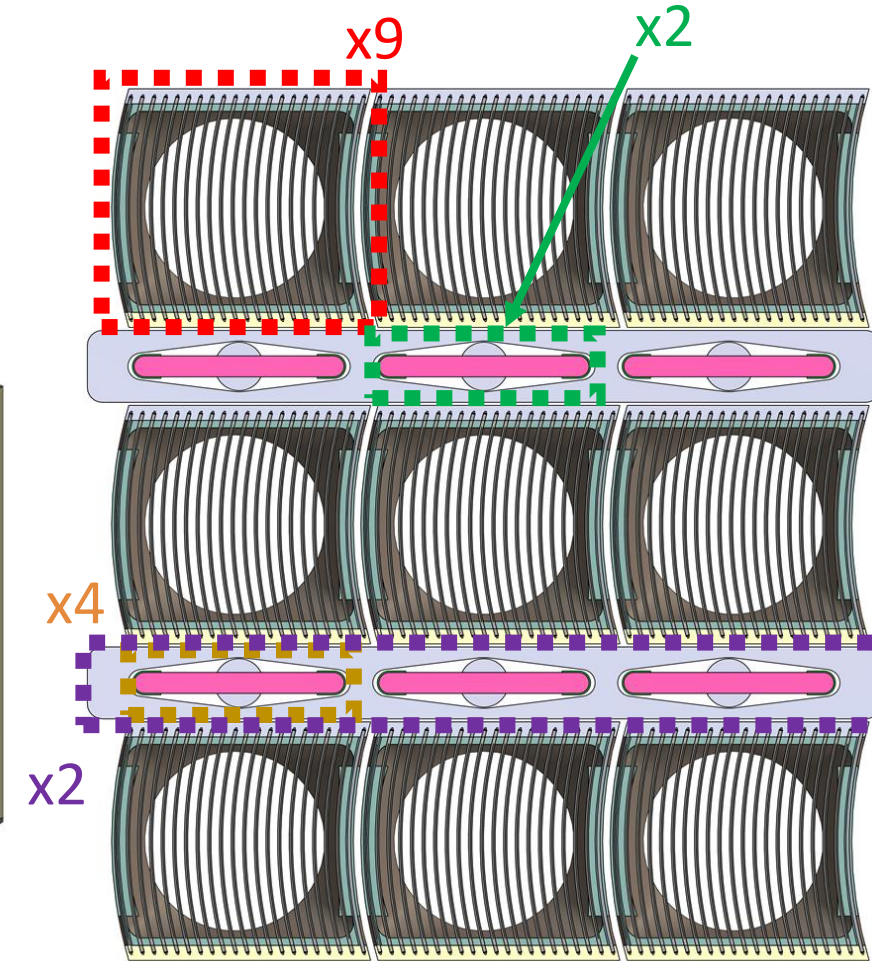
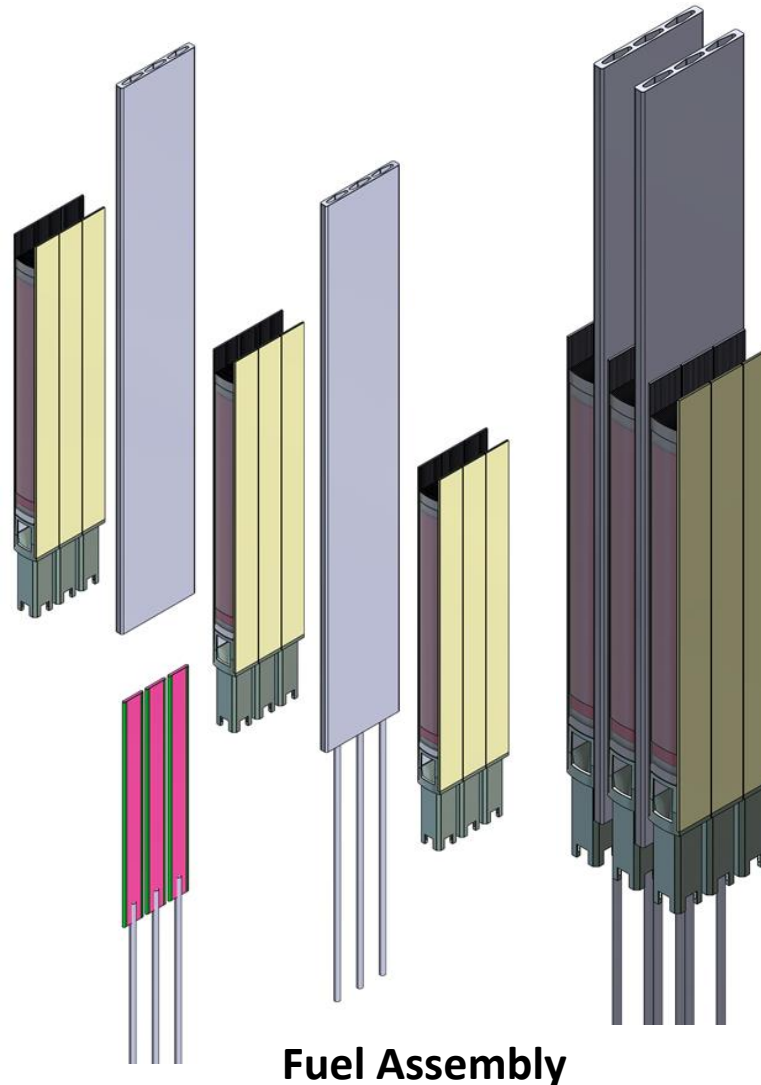


Reflector Tank with the core, cold sources, and beam tubes

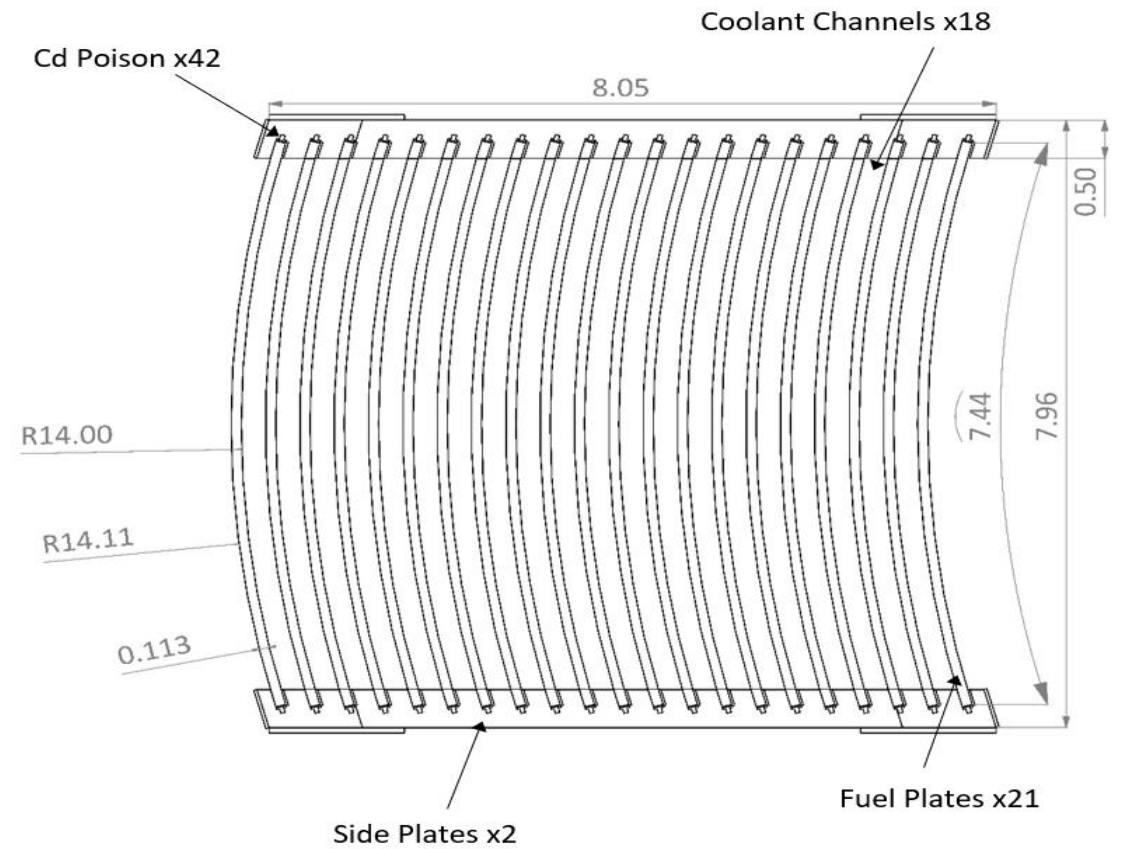
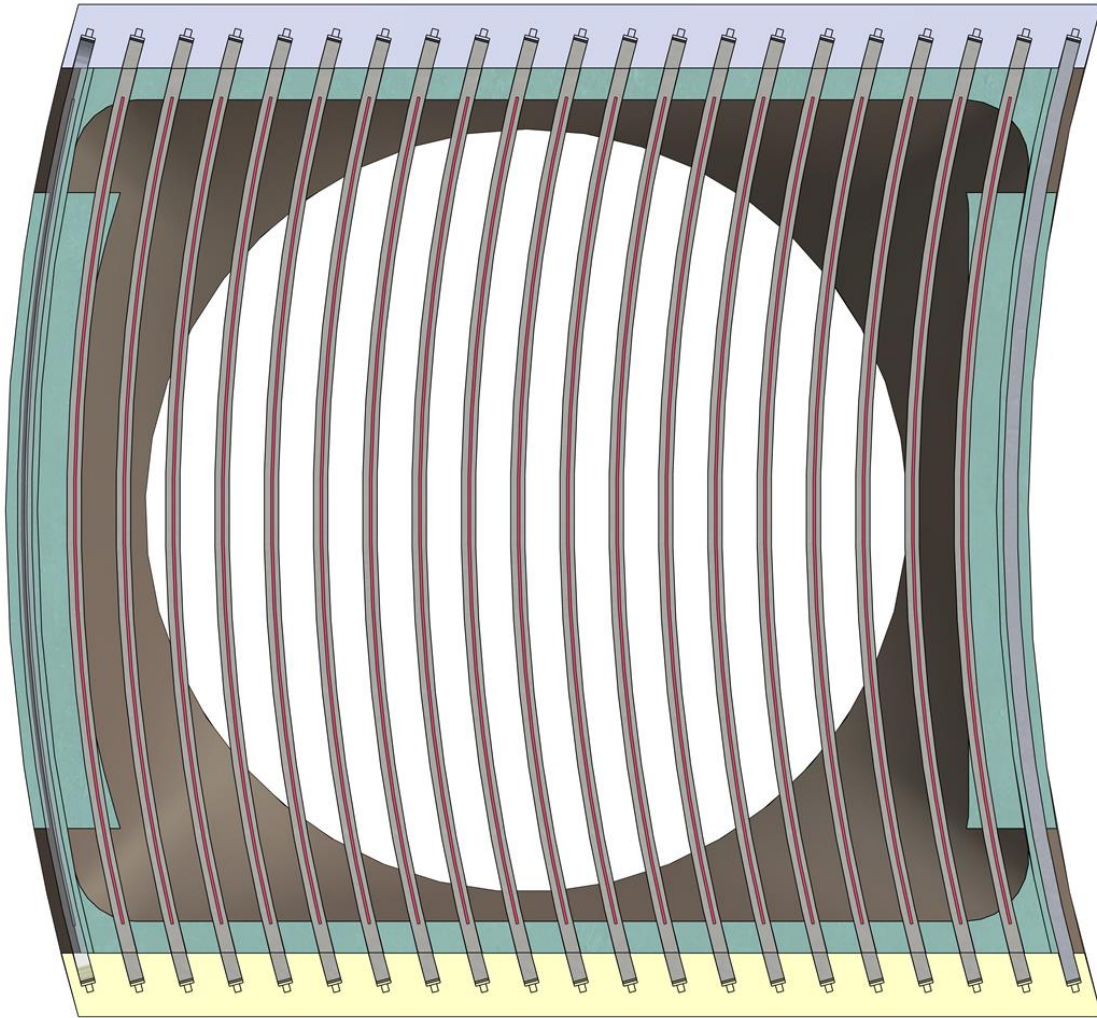


# Design of NNS

- Nine **fuel assemblies** (FA) in a 3x3 array
- Each FA contains 21 U-10Mo fuel plates
- 19.75% enriched Y-12 fuel wrapped with  $\sim 8 \mu\text{m}$  thick zirconium foil
- Four **control blades** and two **safety blades** placed in the center within two **guide boxes**
- Core horizontally divided into three rows
- 64 coolant channels at each row
- Optimize fuel cycle length & maintain a negative reactivity feedback



# Design of NNS



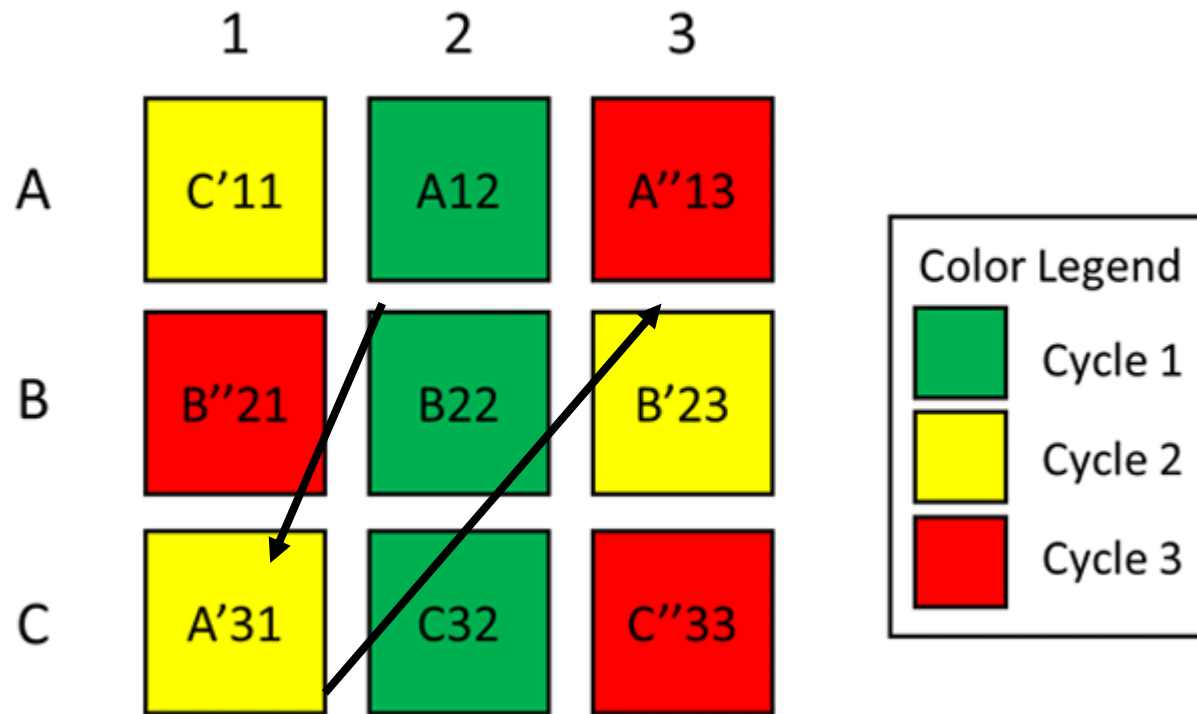
Fuel Assembly

# Core Neutronics Analyses

For example...  $A_{12} \rightarrow A'_{31} \rightarrow A''_{13}$

$B_{22} \rightarrow B'_{23} \rightarrow B''_{21}$

$C_{32} \rightarrow C'_{11} \rightarrow C''_{33}$

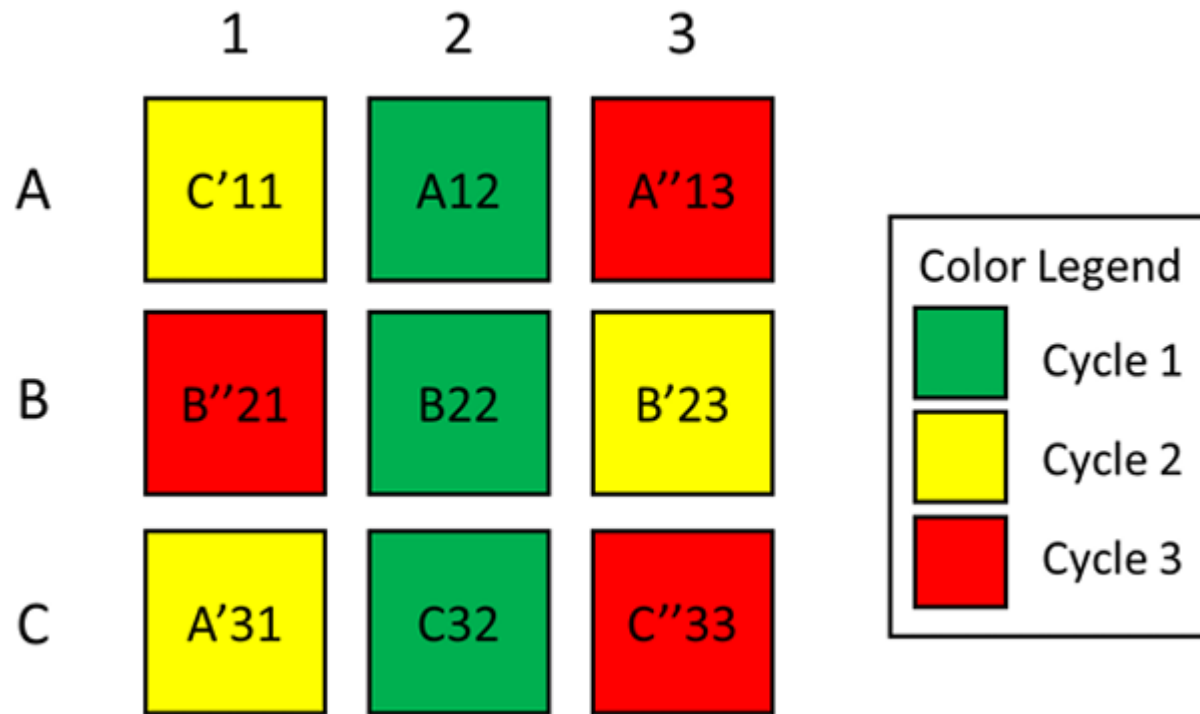


NNS Current Fuel Management Scheme

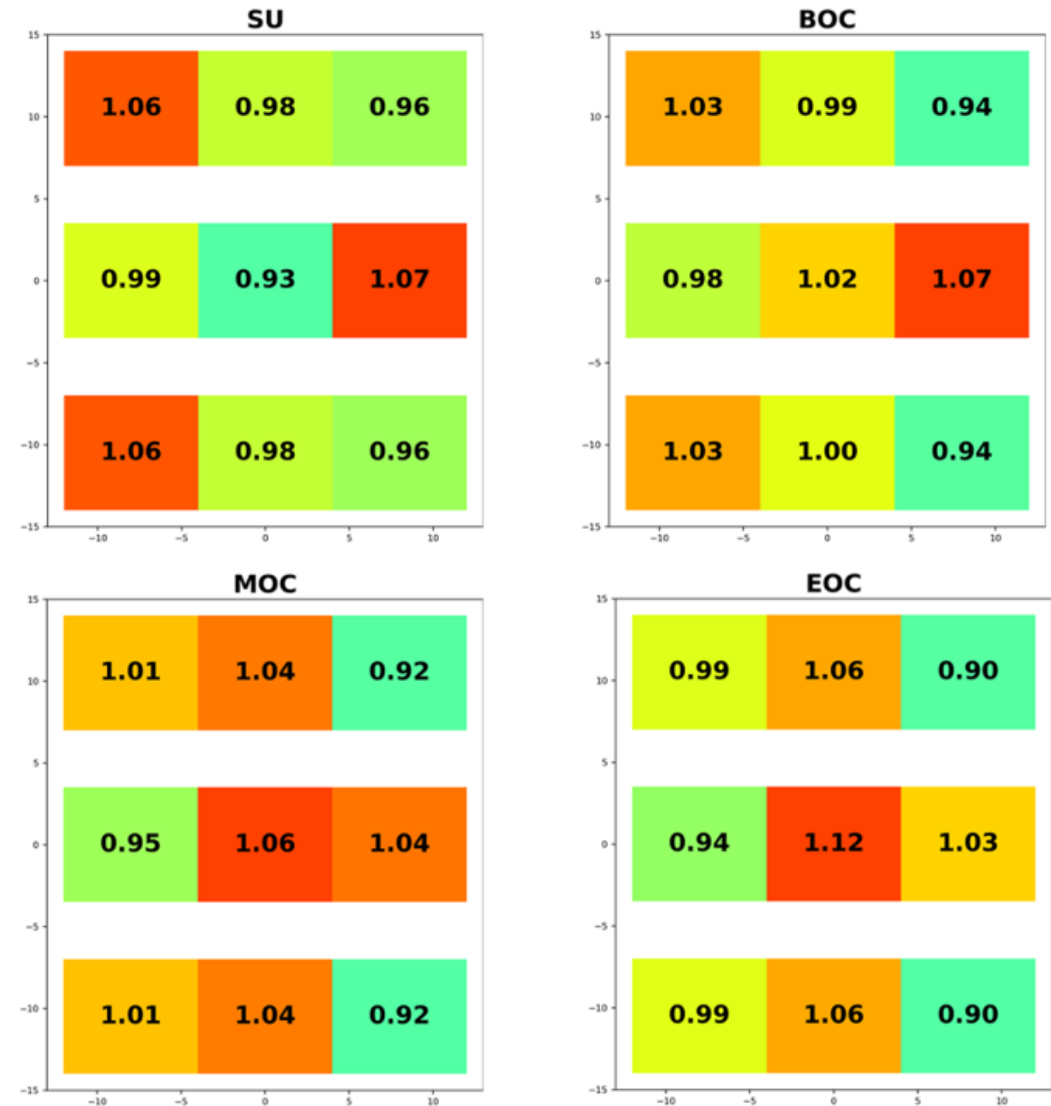
- The first letter (A,B,C) refers to the original row the fresh fuel element was located
- The numbers (11,12,13 etc.) refer to the row and column with regards to the 9x9 matrix
- Apostrophes and colors refer to the cycle number



# Core Neutronics Analyses



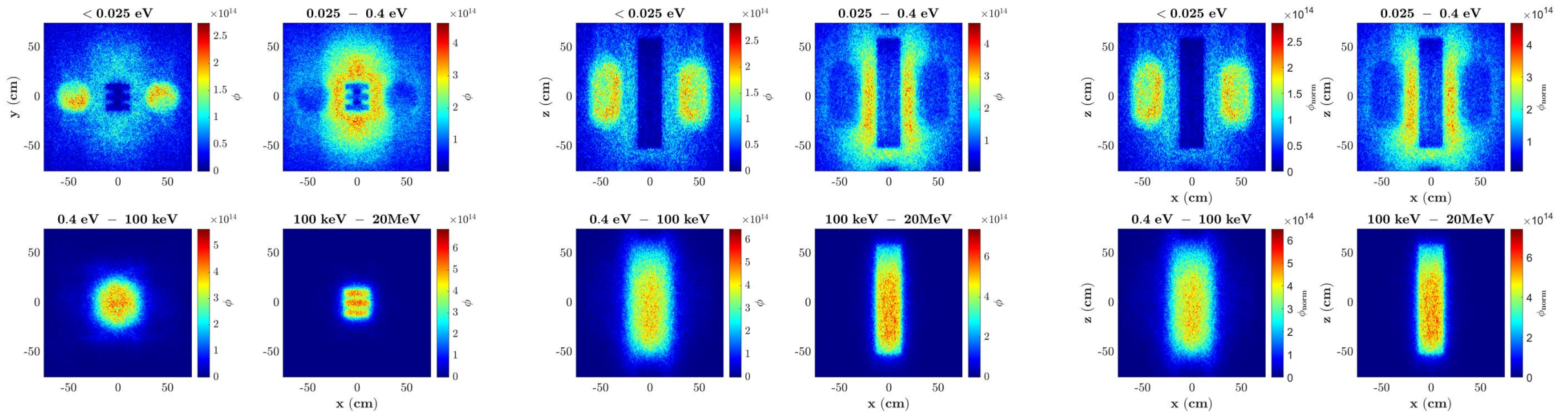
NNS Current Fuel Management Scheme



Normalized Power Heatmap of Assemblies in Each Cycle State

# Core Neutron Density Distributions

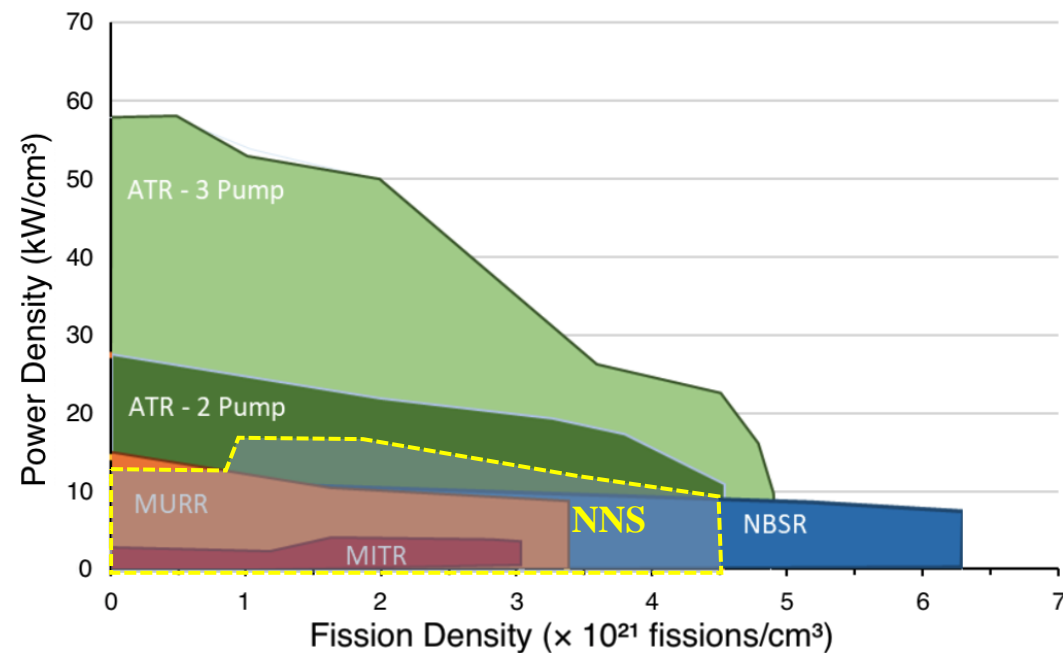
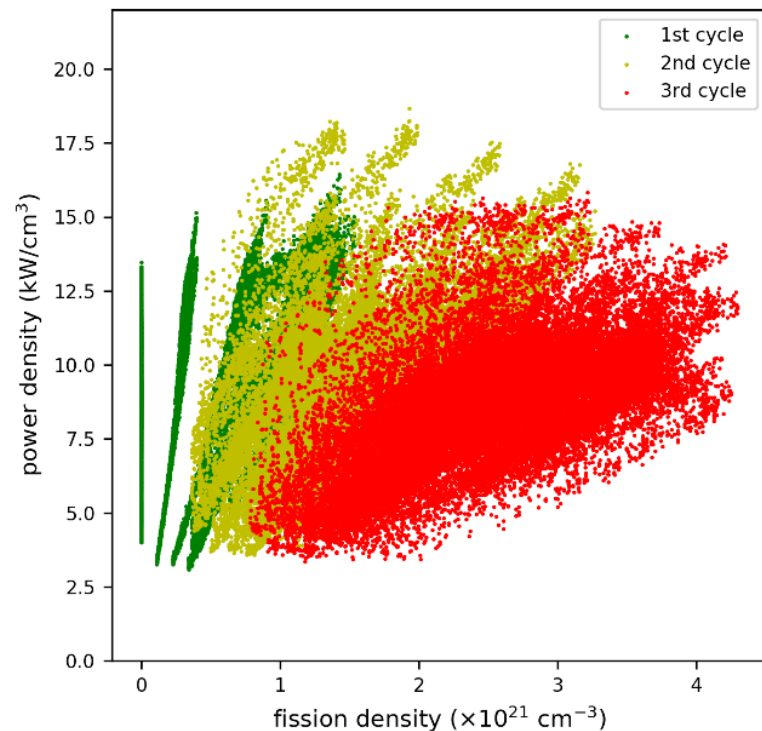
cold and thermal ( $<0.025$  eV), thermal and epi-thermal ( $0.025 - 0.4$  eV)  
intermediate neutrons ( $0.4$  eV –  $100$  keV) and fast neutrons ( $100$  keV –  $20$  MeV).



The neutron distribution radial (top-view, left image) and (b) axial (side-view) profiles at the SU state

# Fission Density Discharge

Elevated power densities for 2<sup>nd</sup> cycle FAs are observed with values greater than 18 kW/cm<sup>3</sup> and are accompanied with fission densities in the range of  $1.5 - 2 \times 10^{21}$  cm<sup>-3</sup>. The 3<sup>rd</sup> cycle fuel assemblies have suppressed power densities with elevated fission densities in excess of  $3 \times 10^{21}$  cm<sup>-3</sup>. The maximum fission density is found to be  $4.47 \times 10^{21}$  cm<sup>-3</sup>.

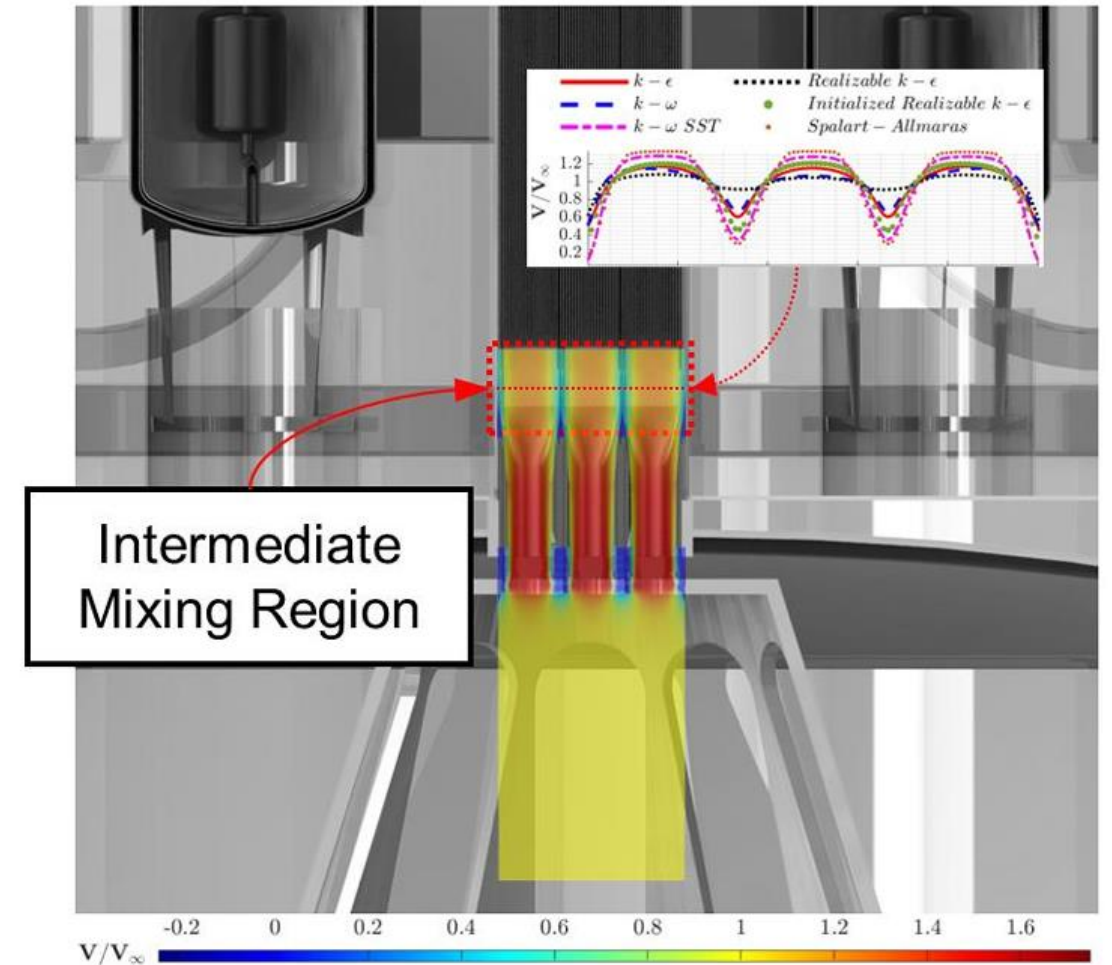


Power and Fission Density Profiles in other USHPRR (modified and reproduced)



# Core Thermal Hydraulics

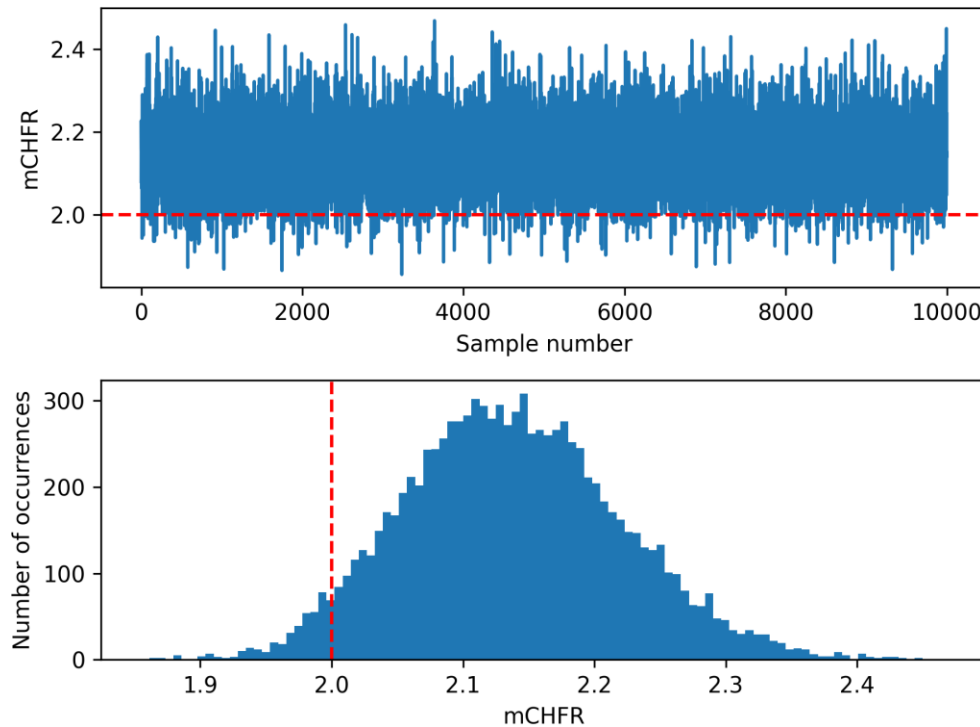
- Current CFD models the NNS inlet using RANS models (e.g.,  $k - \epsilon$ , realizable  $k - \epsilon$ ,  $k - \omega$ ,  $k - \omega$  SST, and Spallart-Allmaras)
- Coolant channel is approximated with a rectangular channel with a flow area
- Previous analyses have measured a CHF of 2.18 for BOC and MOFIR of 12.9 at SU.
- Maximum bulk temperature was nearly uniform in all channels and remained below 333 K, however maximum cladding temperature was approximately 370 K during SU.
- Results are sensitive to selected RANS model



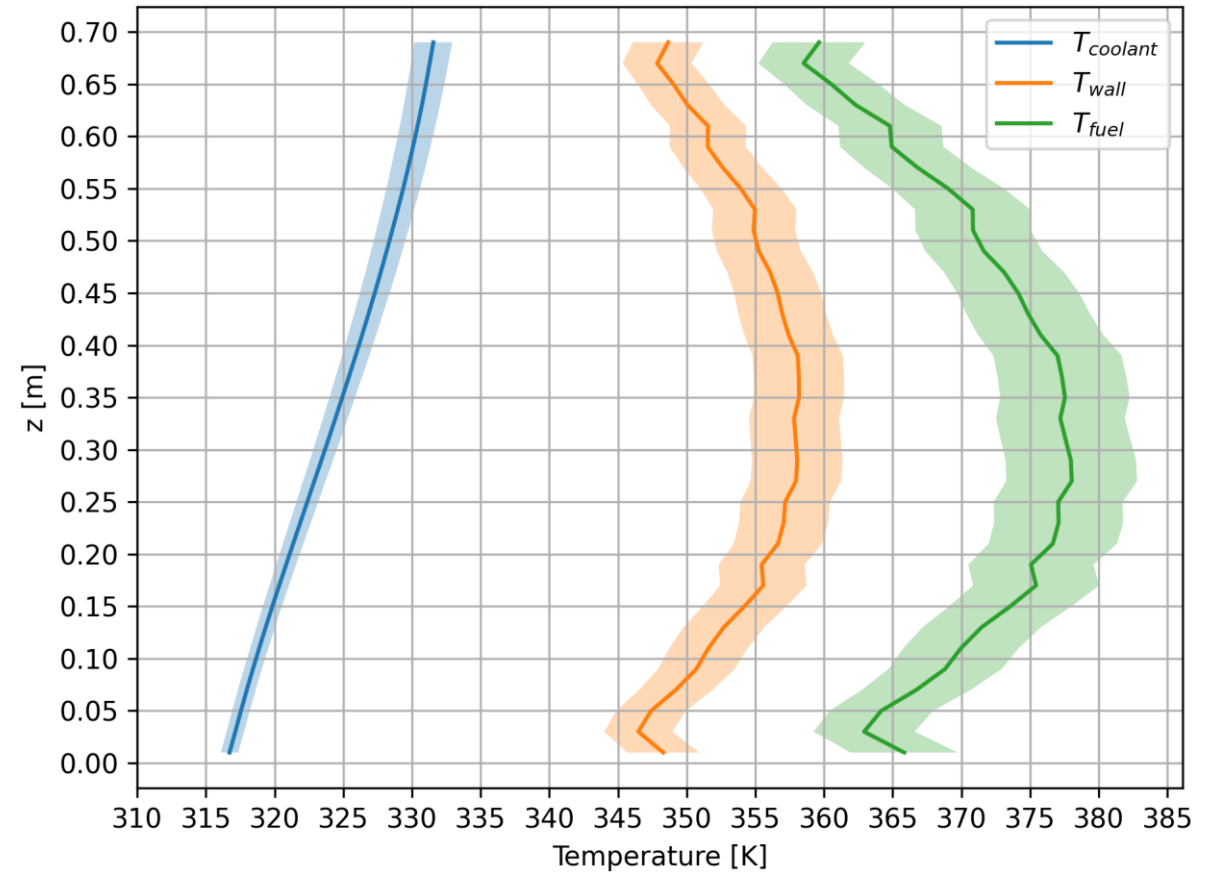
CFD Model of Normalized Streamwise Velocity Profile of NNS Inlet

# Core Thermal Hydraulics

- In-house developed thermal-hydraulics solver for the reactor core
- Probability of observing a mCHFR of less than 2.0 is 4.2% for the steady-state operation

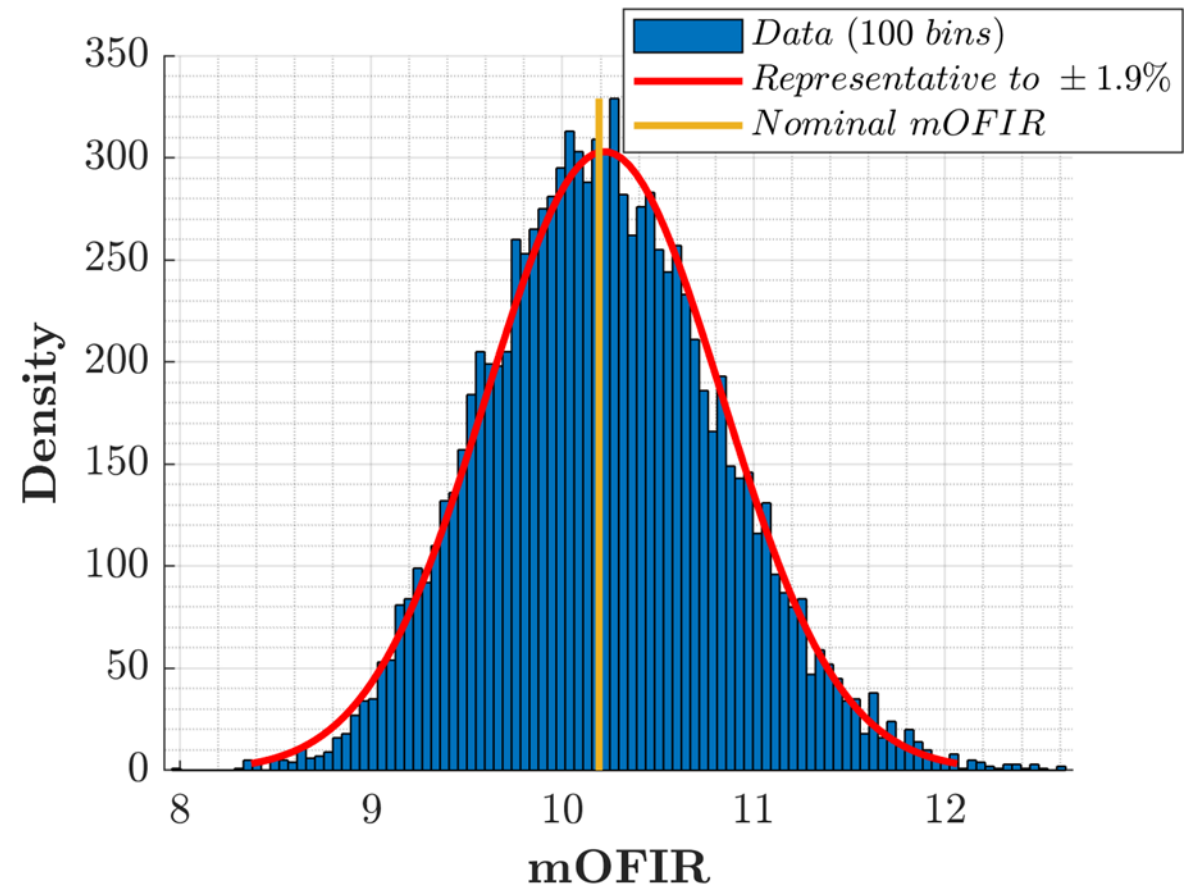
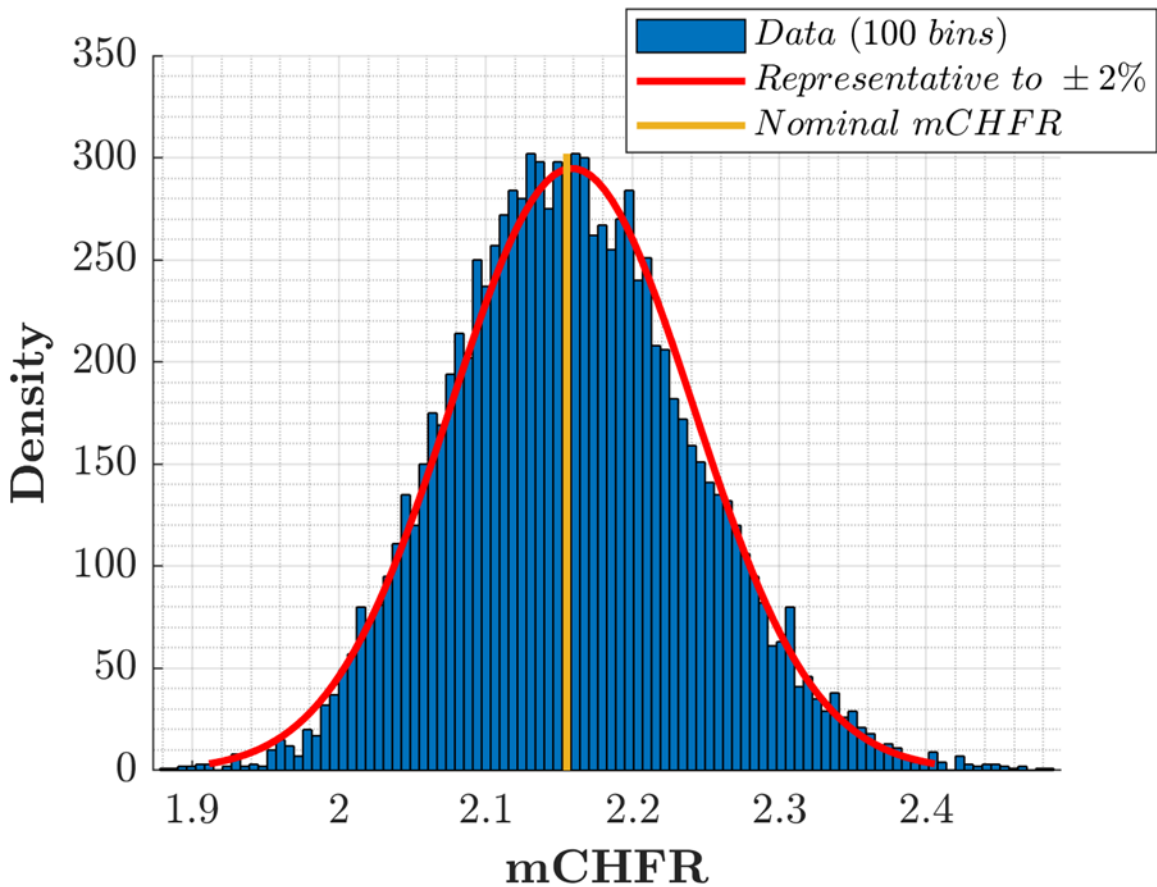


mCHFR distribution at BOC state



Axial distribution of temperature fields at the BOC state

# Core Thermal Hydraulics

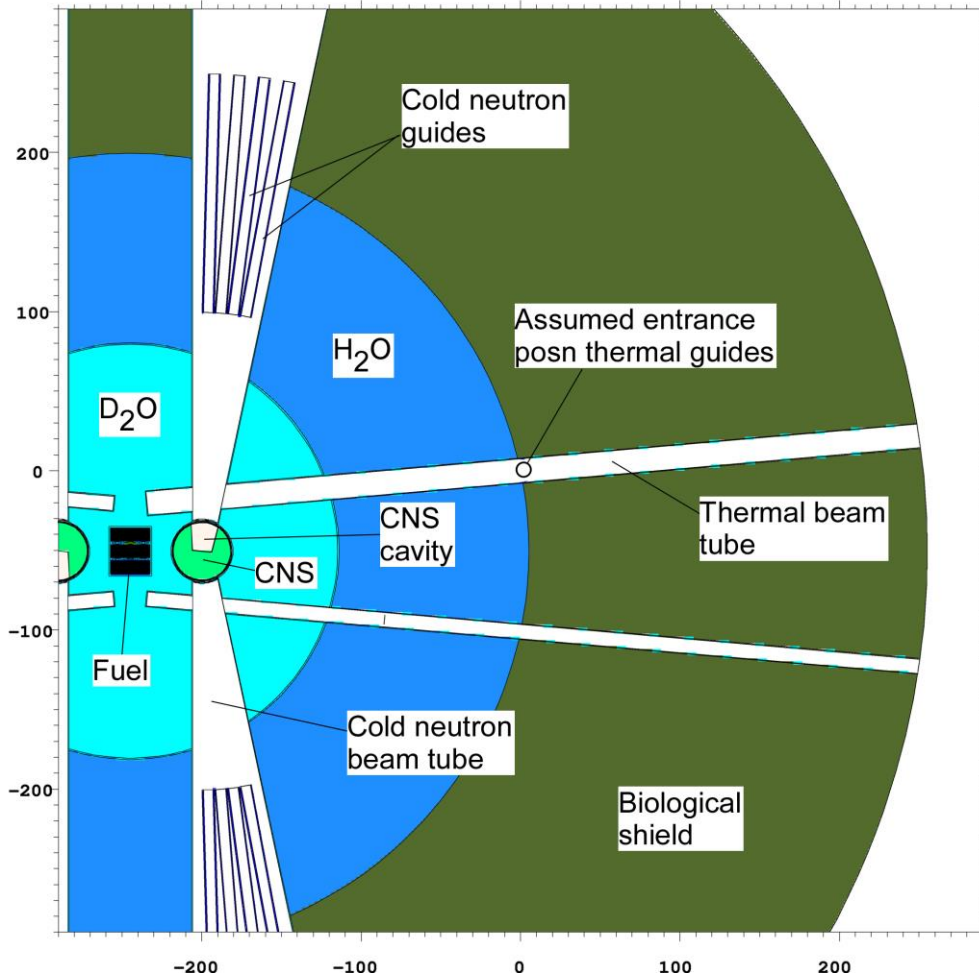


$\delta_{input}$	$2\sigma$ (95%)	$3\sigma$ (99.7%)
$\delta_{mCHFR}$ ( $\pm 2\%$ )	7.4%	13.1%
$\delta_{mOFIR}$ ( $\pm 2\%$ )	11.9%	22.2%

$\pm 2\%$  uncertainty on each  $\delta_f$  comes from the Gaussian fit disagreement



# Proposed Cold Neutron Instruments

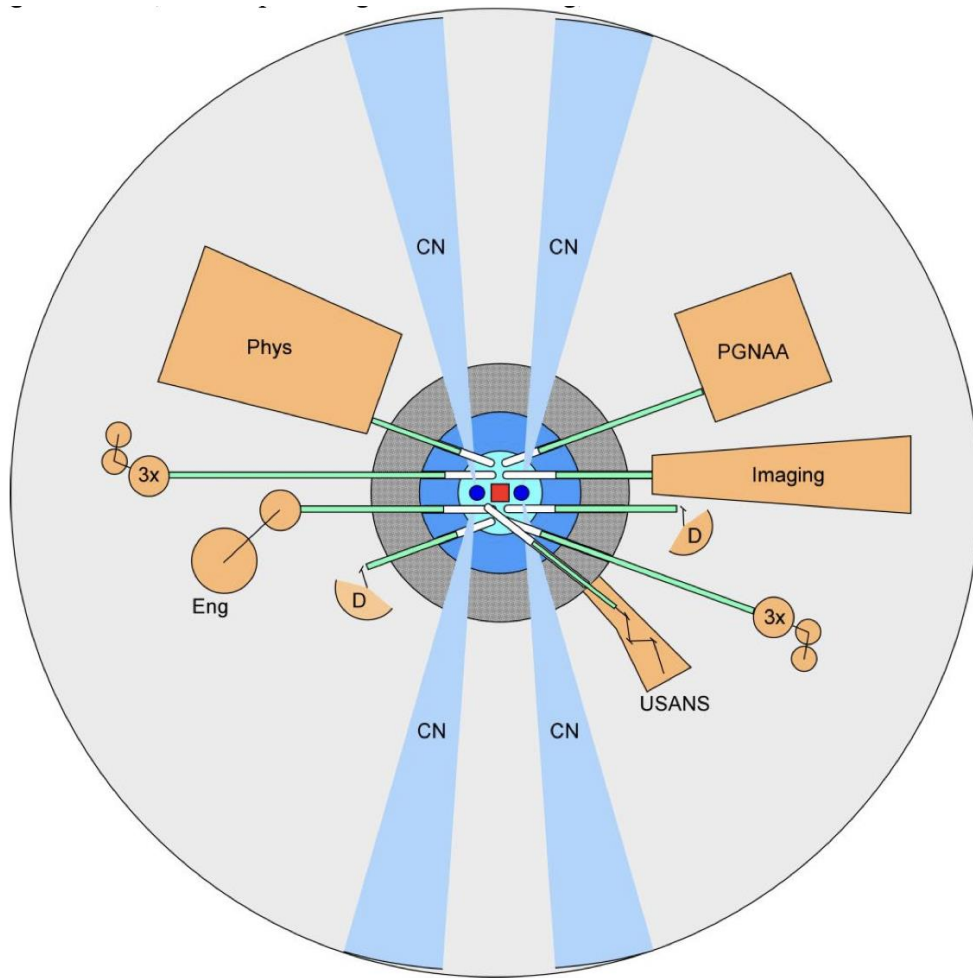


Instrument type	Total Number	End position
Small-Angle Neutron Scattering (SANS)	2-3	YES
Reflectometer (CANDOR type)	2	YES
Cold Neutron Imaging (CNI)	2	YES
Cold 3-Axis (CN3X)	2	YES
Backscattering (BS)	2	YES/NO?
Neutron Spin-Echo (NSE) (Mezei-type)	1	YES
Neutron Spin-Echo (NSE) (WASP type)	1	YES
High current physics experimental position (Physics)	1	YES
Prompt Gamma Activation Analysis (PGAA)	1	YES
Neutron Depth Profiling (NDP)	1	YES
Materials Diffractometer ( $\lambda > 0.3$ nm)?	1?	YES
Interferometer	1?	NO
Monochromatic Physical Measurements Laboratory (PML) positions	2-3?	NO
Miscellaneous monochromatic/ test positions	2-3?	NO
Very Small-Angle Neutron Scattering (vSANS)	1	YES
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>22-25</b>	<b>16-18</b>

## Proposed Cold Neutron Instruments

Plan view through the fuel center of the reactor core

# Proposed Thermal Neutron Instruments



**View of Potential Thermal Instruments**

Instrument Type	Abbreviation
Prompt Gamma Neutron Activation Analysis	PGNAA
Neutron Microscope	Imaging
High-Resolution powder diffractometer	D
Triple Axis Spectrometer	3X
Ultra-Small Angle Neutron Scattering	USANS
High Throughput Fast Powder Diffractometer	D
White Beam Engineering Diffractometer (with CANDOR-type detector)	ENG
High Current Physics Experimental Position	PHYS

## Proposed Thermal Neutron Instruments

# Performance Comparison

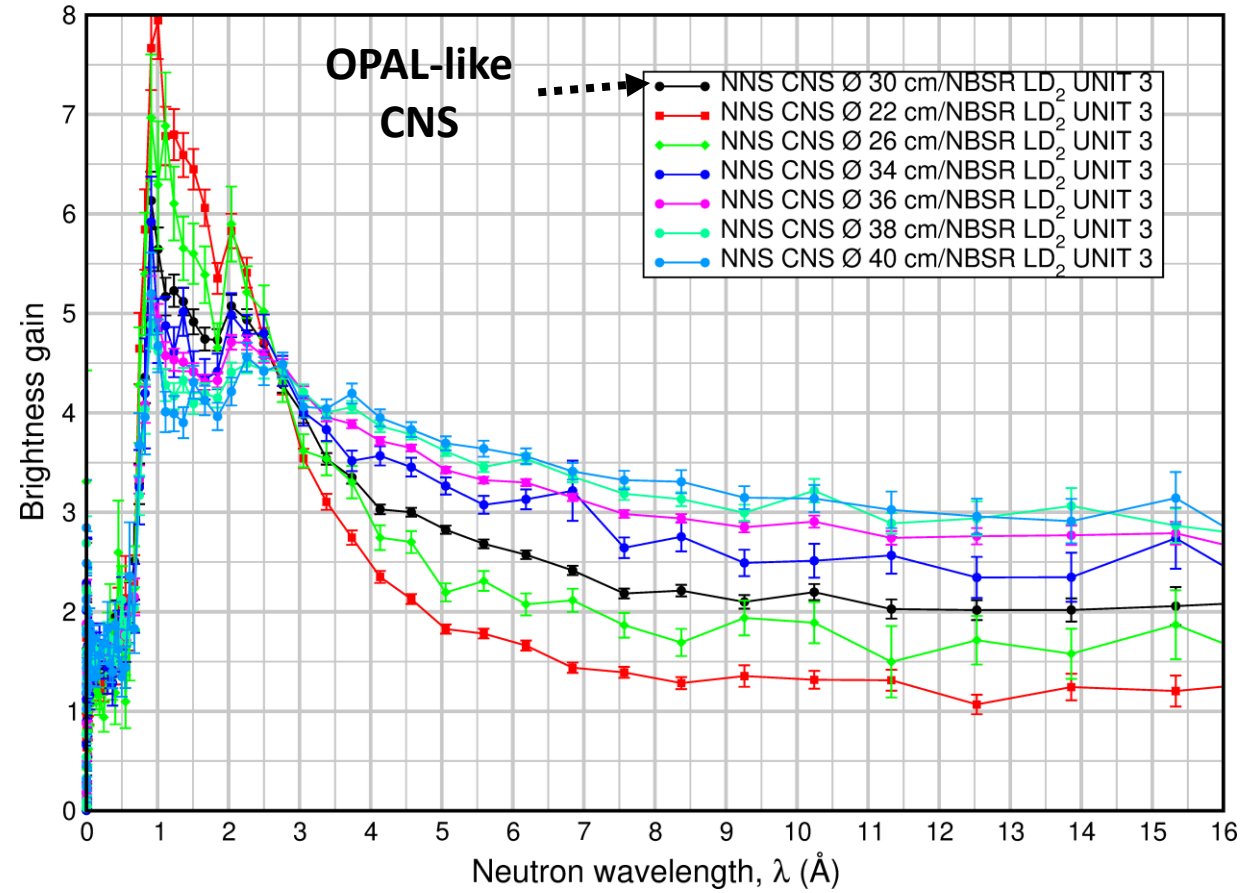
Cold Source/ config	$J_{tot}$ (all $\lambda$ ) ( $s^{-1}$ )	$J_{tot}$ ( $\lambda \geq 4\text{\AA}$ ) ( $s^{-1}$ )
NBSR LH <sub>2</sub> Unit 2 (all cold guides)	$3.0 \times 10^{13}$ (Ref. [i])	$6.3 \times 10^{12}$ (Ref. [i])
NNS (6 cm $\times$ 15 cm) (16 equivalent guide entrances)	$2.3 \times 10^{14}$	$5.8 \times 10^{13}$
Gain NNS/NBSR Unit2	7.5	9.2

Table 13. Estimated “useful” ( $\mu > 0.99875$ ) neutron currents entering guide networks for NBSR (LH<sub>2</sub> Unit 2 cold source, guides NG-A to NG-7) versus NNS with 16 equivalent 6 cm  $\times$  15 cm guide entrances at 1.5 m from the cold source center.

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NNS (6 cm $\times$ 20 cm) (16 equivalent guide entrances)	$2.8 \times 10^{14}$	$7.0 \times 10^{13}$
Gain NNS/NBSR Unit2	9.1	11.1

Table 14. Estimated “useful” ( $\mu > 0.99875$ ) neutron currents entering guide networks for NBSR (LH<sub>2</sub> Unit 2 cold source, guides NG-A to NG-7) versus NNS with 16 equivalent 6 cm  $\times$  20 cm guide entrances at 1.5 m from the cold source center.

Ratio of tally 121 mid bins NNS/NBSR LD<sub>2</sub> UNIT3





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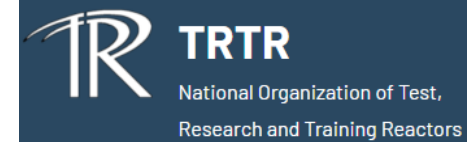
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