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The Power Distribution Monitoring System (PDMS) provides core monitoring of the limiting parameters. The PDMS continuous core power distribution measurement methodology begins with the periodic generation of a highly accurate 3-D nodal simulation of the current reactor power distribution. The simulated reactor power distribution is then continuously adjusted by nodal and thermocouple calibration factors derived from an incore power distribution measurement obtained using the incore movable detectors to produce a highly accurate power distribution measurement. The nodal calibration factors are updated at least once every 180 Effective Full Power Days (EFPD). Between calibrations, the fidelity of the measured power distribution is maintained via adjustment to the calibrated power distribution provided by continuously input plant and core condition information. The plant and core condition data utilized by the PDMS is cross checked using redundant information to provide a robust basis for continued operation. The loop inlet temperature is generated by averaging the respective temperatures from each of the loops, excluding any bad data. The core exit thermocouples provide many readings across the core and by the nature of their usage with the PDMS, smoothing of the measured data and elimination of bad data is performed with the Surface Spline fit. PDMS uses the NIS Power Range excore detectors to provide information on the axial power distribution. Hence, the PDMS averages the data from the four Power Range excore detectors and eliminates any bad excore detector data.