

mPower Reactor Fuel/Core Design and Analysis Slides (Non-Proprietary)

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Fuel/Core Design and Analysis Update (Redacted Version)

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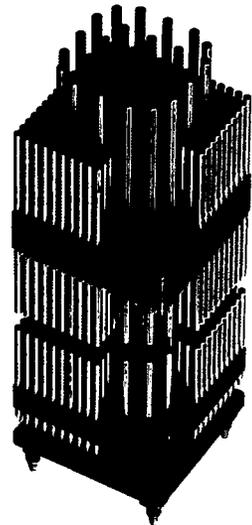
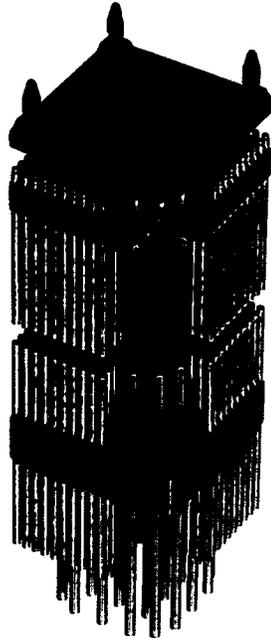
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AGENDA

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- Reactor Physics Design and Analysis Update
- Conclusions

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B&W mPower™ Fuel Mechanical Design Update



General Fuel Mechanical Design Objectives

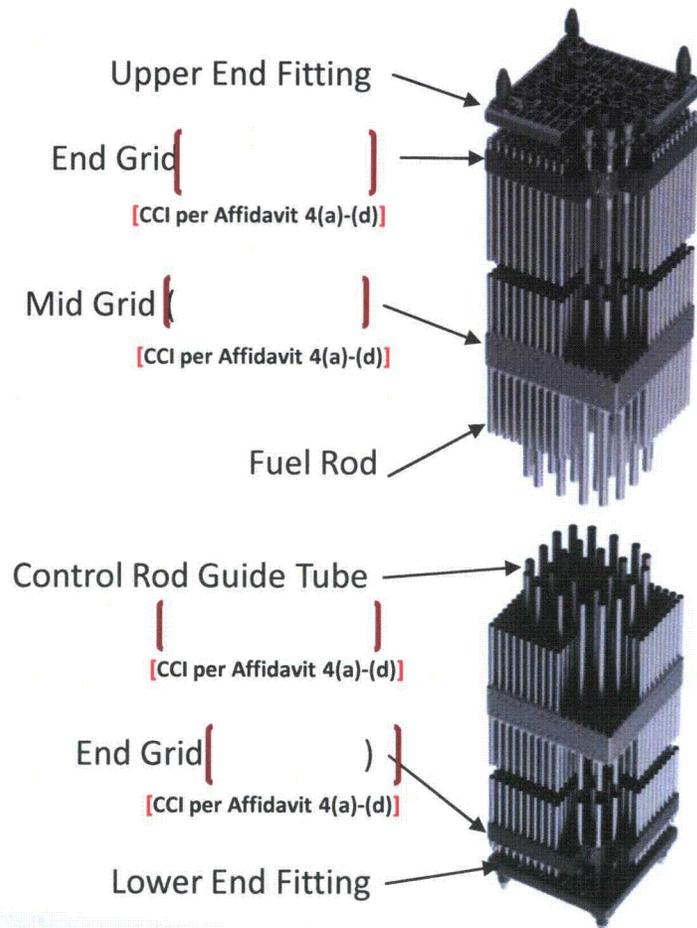
- **Ensure that Fuel Rods, Burnable Poison Rods, Fuel Assemblies and In-Core Control Components are Designed -**
 - ★ **To Remain Leaktight for Anticipated Operational Occurrences (AOOs) and Postulated Accidents (PAs)**
 - **Designs Shall Account for the Effects of Temperature, Pressure, Irradiation, Fission Products, Static and Dynamic Loads, and Changes in the Chemical Characteristics of the Constituent Materials**
 - ★ **To Provide a Means for their Structural Integrity and Safe Handling During Transport, Storage, Installation, and Refueling Operations**



General Fuel Mechanical Design Objectives (cont.)

- **Ensure that the Fuel System is Designed -**
 - ★ **To Maintain Structural Integrity Under all AOOs and PAs**
 - ★ **To be Compatible Under the Effects of Irradiation, and Chemical and Physical Processes**
 - ★ **To Minimize any Potential Obstruction to Coolant Flow**

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Fuel Assembly Design



Fuel Assembly Attributes

- 17 x 17 Fuel Rod Array

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Shortened and Simplified Conventional Fuel Assembly Design

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Fuel Rod Design

Fuel Rod Attributes

- **Low Power Density**
- **Large Plenum Volume
(Low End of Life Pressure)**

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Conventional Fuel Rod Design

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Upper End Fitting

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Simplified Upper End Fitting Design

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Robust, Low Pressure Drop End Grids



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Robust, Low Pressure Drop Mid Grids

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Guide Tube Assemblies

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Lower End Fitting

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Simplified Lower End Fitting Design

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Simplified Lower End Fitting Design

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Threaded Joints & Connections

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Reliable Joint Design



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Reference Design Control Rod Configuration

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Mechanical Design Analysis Methodology

- **Development And Validation of Design Analysis Methodology And Computer Codes**
 - **Fuel Rod Design Analyses**
 - **Fuel Assembly Design Analyses**
- **Fuel Rod Design Analysis Methodology And Codes**

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Developing Suite of Design Analysis Codes

Mechanical And Hydraulic Tests



- Extensive Mechanical And Hydraulic Testing Planned To Support Fuel Assembly Development And Qualify Design



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Comprehensive Fuel System Testing Program

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Mechanical And Hydraulic Tests



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Extensive Component Mechanical Testing

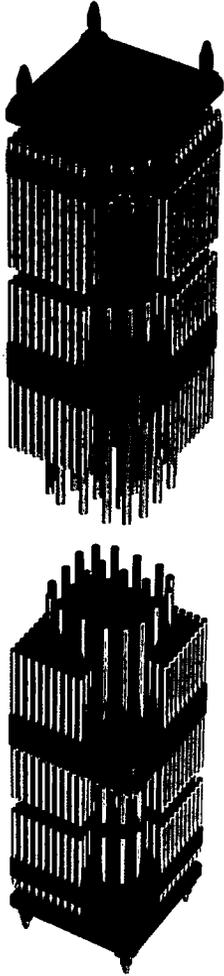
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Static and Dynamic Fuel Assembly Tests



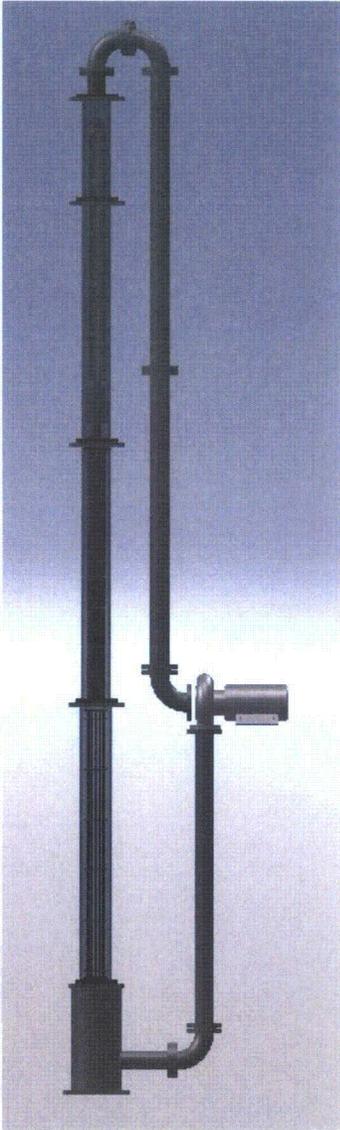
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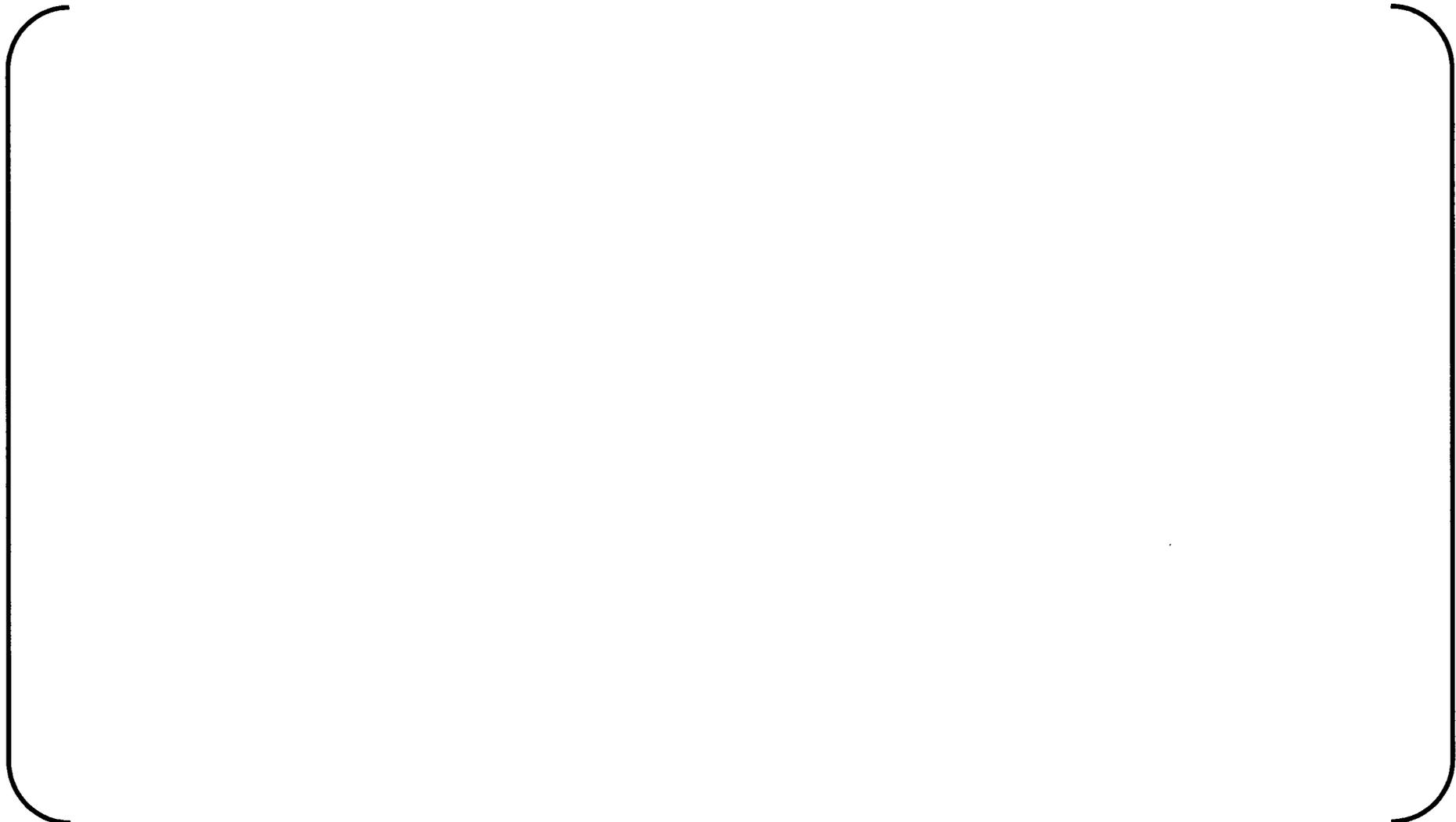
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Prototype Fuel Assembly Fabrication

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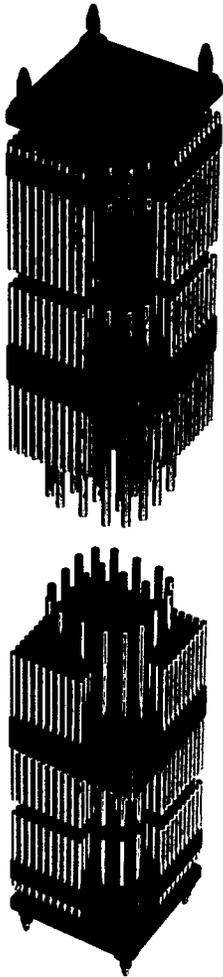
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Mechanical Design Summary



➤ **Reliable Design Based On Conventional 17x17 Array**

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Unique, Simple Fuel Assembly Design



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Reactor Physics
Design Update

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Primary Core Design Objectives

- **Load Enough Fuel Inventory To Ensure That**
 - The Core Excess Reactivity Is Sufficient To Operate At A Steady-State Power Level For 4 Years At A Capacity Factor > 95% Without Refueling



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- **Ensure Core Shutdown Margin (SDM) Of $> 1\% \Delta k_{\text{eff}}/k_{\text{eff}}$ Under Cold Conditions At The Most Reactive Time In Core Life With The Highest Worth Rod Cluster Stuck Out**

Extended Core Life With Large Thermal Margins

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Fuel Design Characteristics

Conventional Fuel and Control Materials

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Core Design Developments

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Simplified Assembly Design Variations

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Control Cluster Configuration and Worths

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Core Axial Power Distribution

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Axial, Radial, and Nodal Peaking

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MCNPX Lattice Physics Benchmarks



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Lattice Benchmark k_{∞} Preliminary Results



MCNPX Lattice Reflector Benchmarks





Lattice Benchmark Reflector Preliminary Results





Lattice Benchmark Reflector Preliminary Results





Core Thermal-Hydraulic Subchannel Analysis

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B&W Nuclear Energy CHF Correlation



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Reactor Physics Design Status



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Conclusions