

NUCLEAR SYSTEMS ENGINEERING

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1. INTRODUCTION TO NUCLEAR SYSTEMS

1.1 CANDU-6

CANDU/PHWR

❖ Heavy water

- D_2O
- Density: 1106 kg/m^3 at 20°C , 11% heavier than light water
- Melting and boiling temperature: 3.82°C and 101.4°C
- Price:

Deuterium oxide

25 Product Results | Match Criteria: 제품명

속성 

151882-1L

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- CANDU-6 heavy water inventory:
 - ACR1000 (advanced CANDU reactor): 250 tons with light water coolant
 - Make up for annual losses:

- Moderation ratio

Moderator	Moderating Ratio
Light water	62
Graphite (carbon)	165
Heavy water	<input type="text"/>



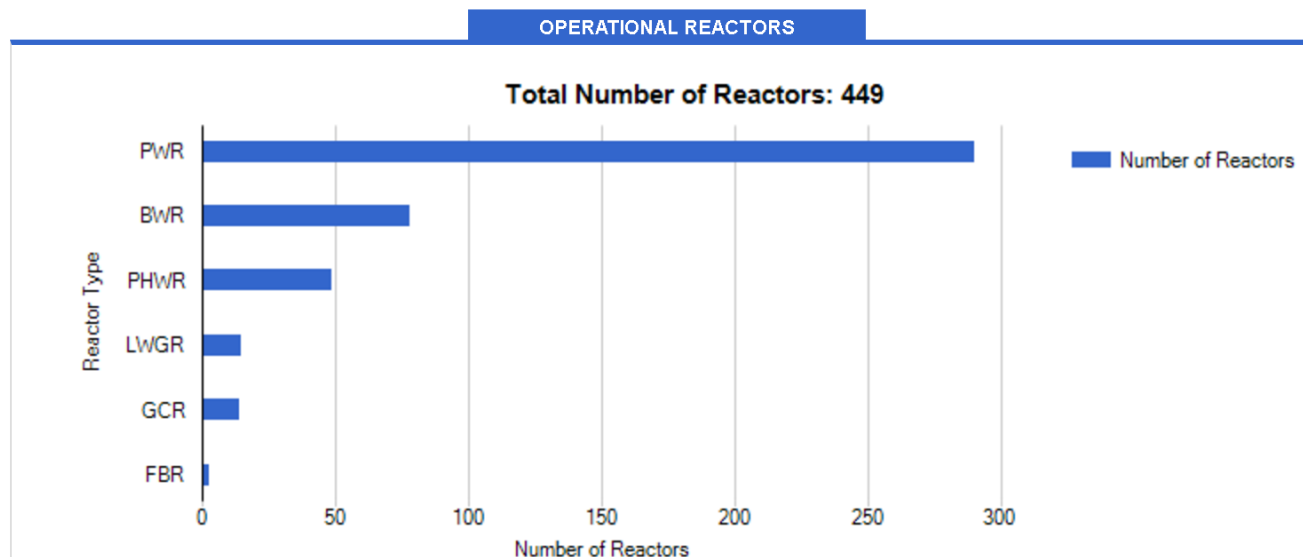
❖ Heavy water

- Moderation ratio

Moderator	A	α	ξ	$\rho [g/cm^3]$	from 2 MeV to 1 eV	$\xi \Sigma_s [cm^{-1}]$	$\xi \Sigma_s / \Sigma_a$
H	1	0	1	gas	14	—	—
D	2	.111	.725	gas	20	—	—
H ₂ O	—	—	.920	1.0	16	1.35	71
D ₂ O	—	—	.509	1.1	29	0.176	5670
He	4	.360	.425	gas	43	1.6×10^{-5}	83
Be	9	.640	.209	1.85	69	0.158	143
C	12	.716	.158	1.60	91	0.060	192
²³⁸ U	238	.983	.008	19.1	1730	0.003	.0092

❖ Statistics

● 49 PHWRs/449 NPPs



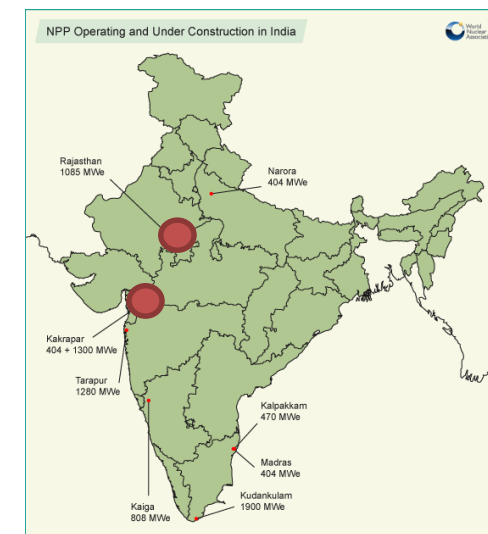
Reactor Type ▲	Reactor Type Descriptive Name	Number of Reactors	Total Net Electrical Capacity [MW]
BWR	Boiling Light-Water-Cooled and Moderated Reactor	78	75323
FBR	Fast Breeder Reactor	3	1369
GCR	Gas-Cooled, Graphite-Moderated Reactor	14	7720
LWGR	Light-Water-Cooled, Graphite-Moderated Reactor	15	10219
PHWR	Pressurized Heavy-Water-Moderated and Cooled Reactor	49	24629
PWR	Pressurized Light-Water-Moderated and Cooled Reactor	290	272908
Total		449	392168

Country	No. of PHWRs
	19
	18/22
China	2
Argentina	1+2
Romania	2
Pakistan	1
Total	49

❖ Statistics

- 4 PHWRs/60 NPPs

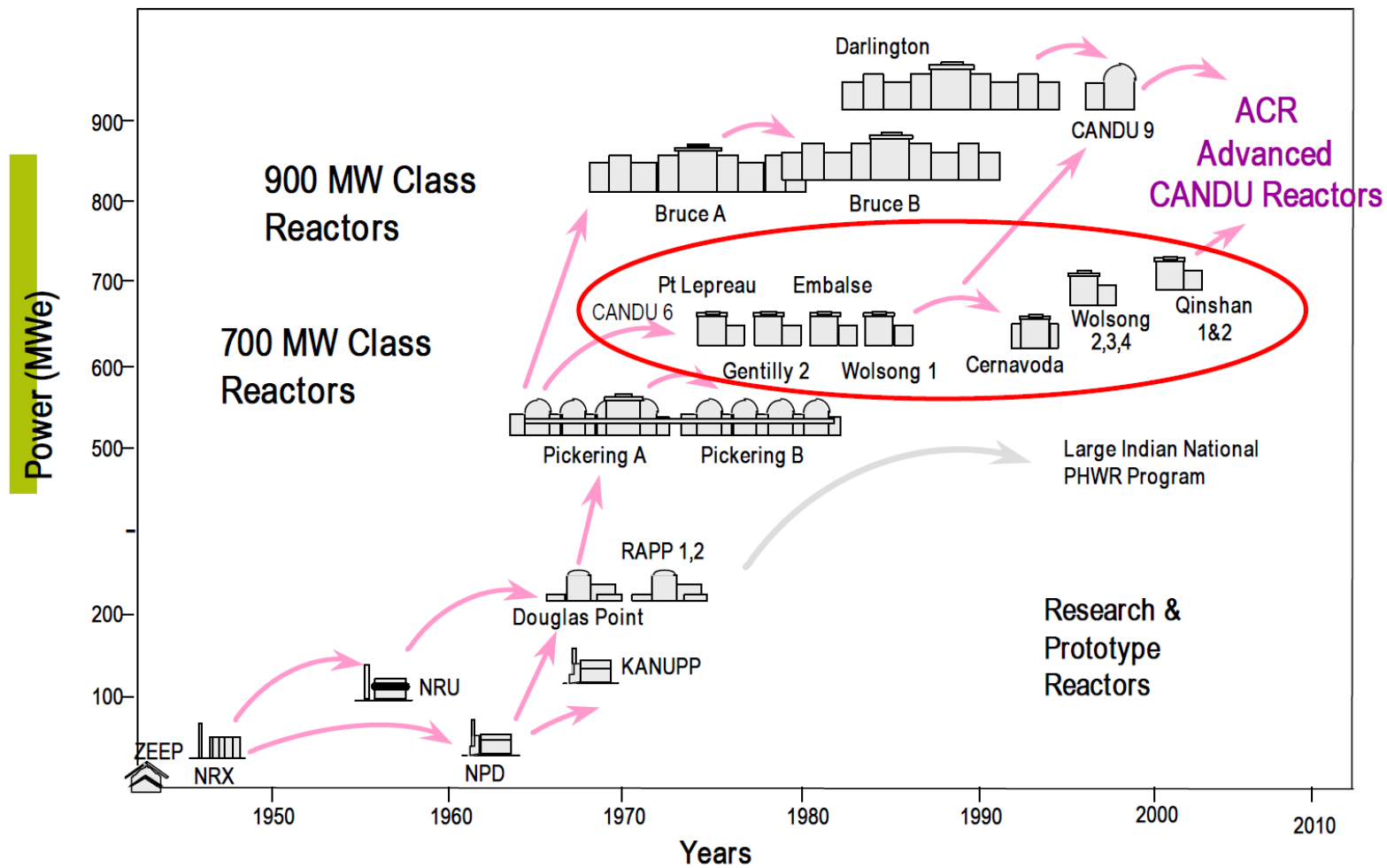
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BWR	Boiling Light-Water-Cooled and Moderated Reactor	4
FBR	Fast Breeder Reactor	1
HTGR	High-Temperature Gas-Cooled Reactor	1
PHWR	Pressurized Heavy-Water-Moderated and Cooled Reactor	4
PWR	Pressurized Light-Water-Moderated and Cooled Reactor	50
Total		60



Reactor	Type	MWe gross, net (each)	Project control	Construction start	Commercial operation due
Kudankulam 2	PWR (VVER)	1000, 917	NPCIL	July 2002	2015
Kalpakkam PFBR	FBR	500, 470	Bhavini	Oct 2004	2015
Kakrapar 3	PHWR	700, 630	NPCIL	Nov 2010	June 2015
Kakrapar 4	PHWR	700, 630	NPCIL	March 2011	Dec 2015
Rajasthan 7	PHWR	700, 630	NPCIL	July 2011	June 2016
Rajasthan 8	PHWR	700, 630	NPCIL	Sept 2011	Dec 2016
Total (6)		4300 MWe gross			

❖ CANDU ()

- All NPPs in CANADA are of the CANDU type.
- Marketed abroad
 - India, Pakistan, Argentina, South Korea, Romania and China



Gross generation = [net generation](#)
+ usage within the plant (also known as in-house loads)

CANDU

❖ CANDU (CANada Deuterium Uranium)

- CANDU-6
 - Power: ~ 700 MWe

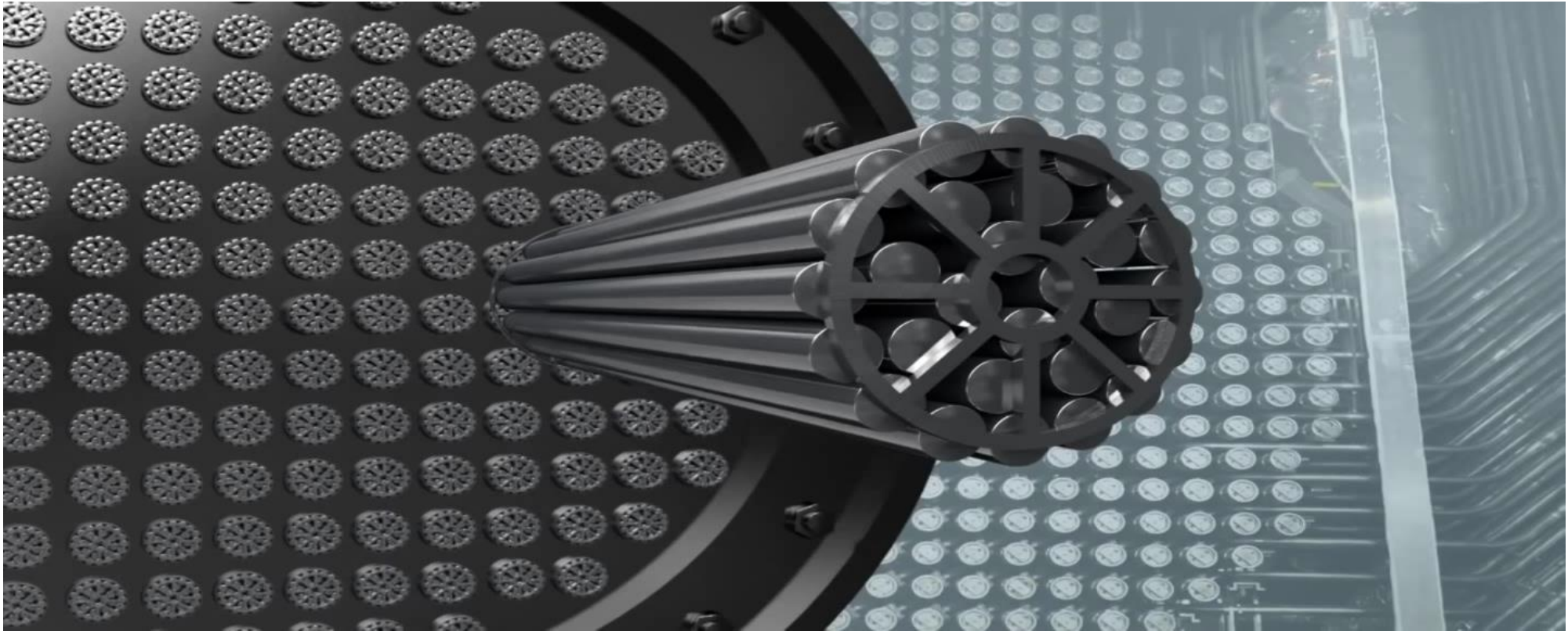
A comparison of principal CANDU Heat Transport System Parameters CANDU 6 Operating stations or under construction			Heat Transport System Conditions					Heat Transport Pumps			Steam Generators		
	Electrical Output (MW) Gross/Net	Number of Fuel Channels	Elements in Fuel Bundle	Number of Loops	Outlet header Pressure (MPa)	Maximum Channel Flow (kg/s)	Outlet Header Quality (%)	Total	Operating	Motor Rating (kW)	Area (m ²) per Steam Generator	Integral Preheater	Steam Pressure (MPa)
	Point Lepreau,	680/633				24	4	4	4	6700	3200	Yes	
	Gentilly 2	675/638				24	4	4	4	6700	3200	Yes	
	Wolsong 1	678/638				24	4	4	4	6700	3200	Yes	
	Embalse	648/600				24	4	4	4	6700	2800	Yes	
	Cernavoda 1, 2	710/665				24	4	4	4	6700	3200	Yes	
	Wolsong 2, 3, 4	715/668				24	4	4	4	6700	3200	Yes	
	Qinshan 1, 2	728/668				24	4	4	4	6700	3200	Yes	
Other CANDU operating stations													
Pickering A 4 Units	542/515	390	28	2	8.7	23	-	16	12	1420	1850	Yes	4.1
Bruce A 4 Units	904/840	480	37	1	9.1	24	<1	4	4	8200	2400	No	4.4
Pickering B 4 Units	540/516	380	28	2	8.7	23	-	16	12	1420	1850	Yes	4.1
Bruce B 4 Units	915/860	480	37	1	9.1	24	<1	4	4	8200	2400	No	4.7
Darlington 4 Units	936/881	480	37	2	10.0	25	2	4	4	9600	4900	Yes	5.1

❖ Overall

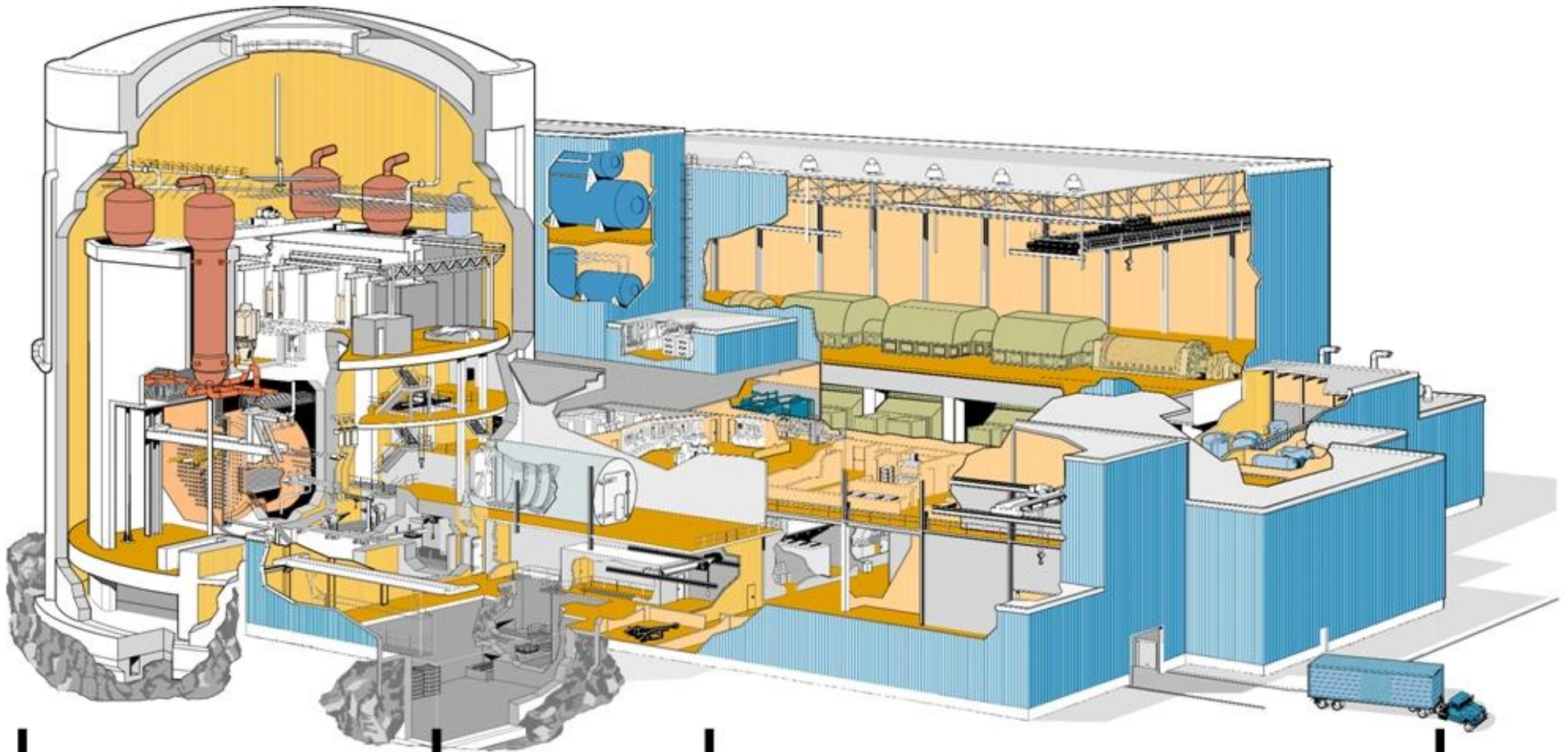
● Design features and unique characteristics

- A reactor core comprising rather than one huge pressure vessel.
- Heavy water (D₂O) for moderator and coolant
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- Reactivity devices that are located in the , and not subjected to high temperatures or pressures
- Natural uranium fuel or other low fissile content fuel
- Two , independent from each other and the reactor regulating system.

❖ Overall

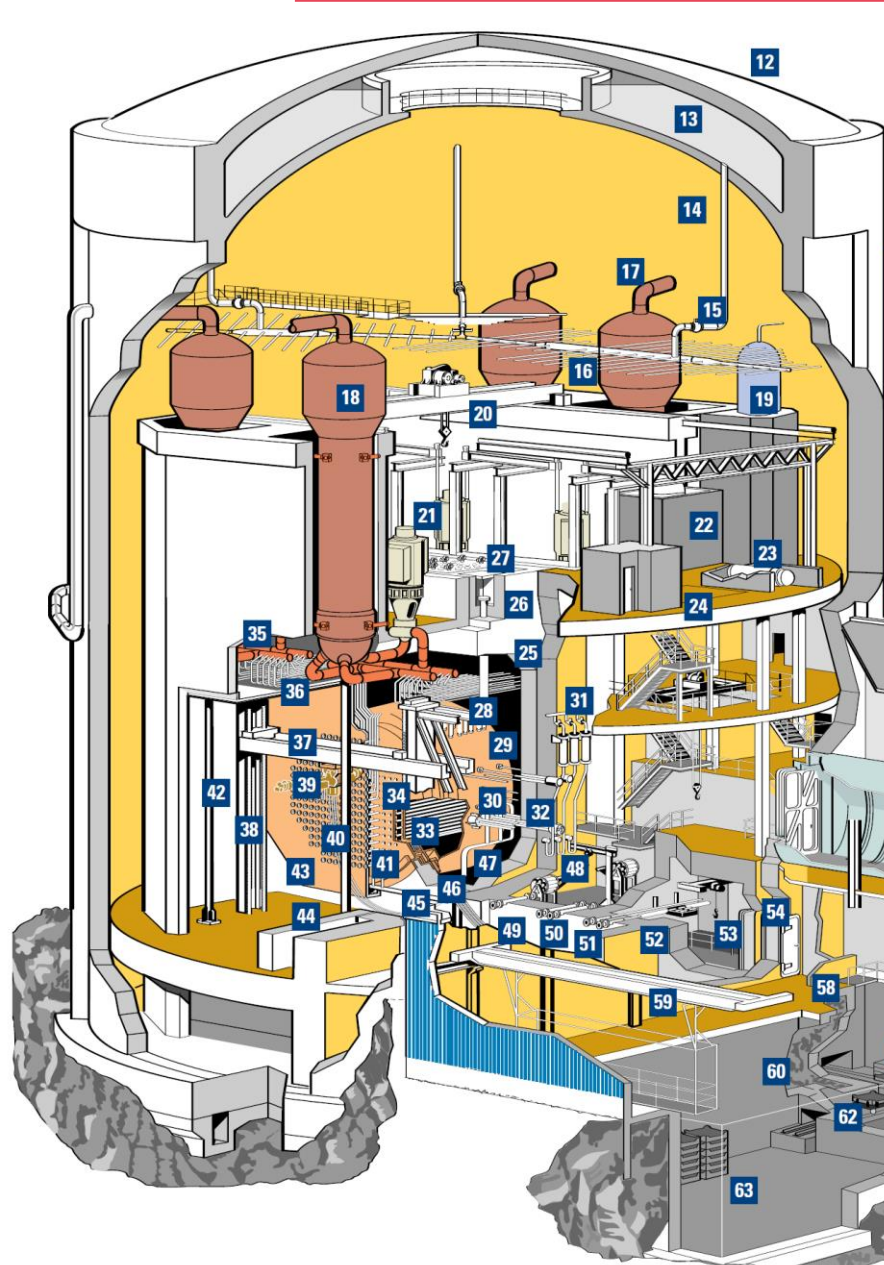


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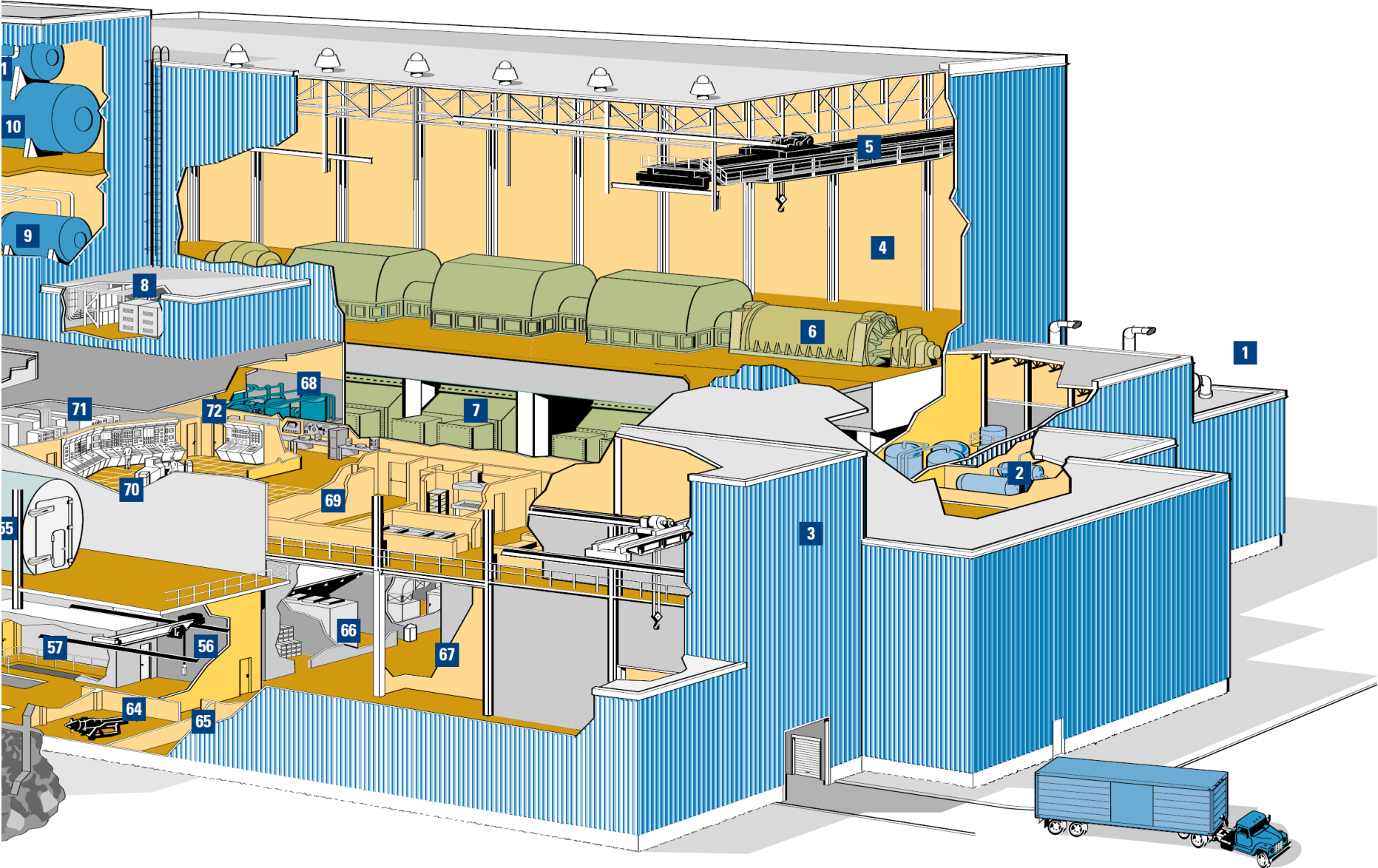


❖ Overall

1. Diesel room
2. Water treatment plant *
3. Crane hall
4. Turbine building
5. Turbine building crane
6. Generator
7. Condenser
8. Battery room
9. Boiler feed water tanks
10. Deaerator storage tank
11. Deaerator
12. Reactor building
13. Dousing tank
14. Dousing water supply pipes
15. Dousing water valves
16. Dousing water spray nozzles
17. Steam pipes
18. Steam generators
19. Pressurizer
20. Crane
21. Heat transport pumps
22. Bleed condenser
23. Bleed cooler
24. Hatch
25. Reactor vault
26. Pressure relief pipes
27. Reactivity mechanism deck
28. Reactivity mechanism guide tubes
29. Calandria
30. Poison injection nozzles
31. Poison tanks
32. Ion chambers
33. Fuel channel assemblies
34. End shield
35. Headers
36. Feeder pipes
37. Fuelling machine bridge
38. Bridge support column
39. Fuelling machine
40. Catenary
41. Fuel channel end fittings
42. Steam generator support column
43. Feeder pipe insulation cabinet
44. Fuelling machine vault door
45. End shield cooling
46. Fuelling machine track
47. Moderator inlet pipe
48. New fuel handling machine
49. New fuel port
50. Fuelling machine service ports
51. Rehearsal facility
52. Spent fuel port
53. Spent fuel elevator
54. Entrance to spent fuel area
55. Airlock
56. Crane
57. Spent fuel shipping area
58. Spent fuel handling area
59. Spent fuel bay gantry
60. Spent fuel bay
61. Spent fuel transfer baskets
62. Spent fuel transfer trolley
63. Spent fuel storage baskets
64. Fuelling machine maintenance area
65. Decontamination room
66. New fuel storage
67. Tool crib
68. Vapour recovery equipment
69. Office
70. Control room *
71. Control equipment room
72. Computer room



❖ Overall

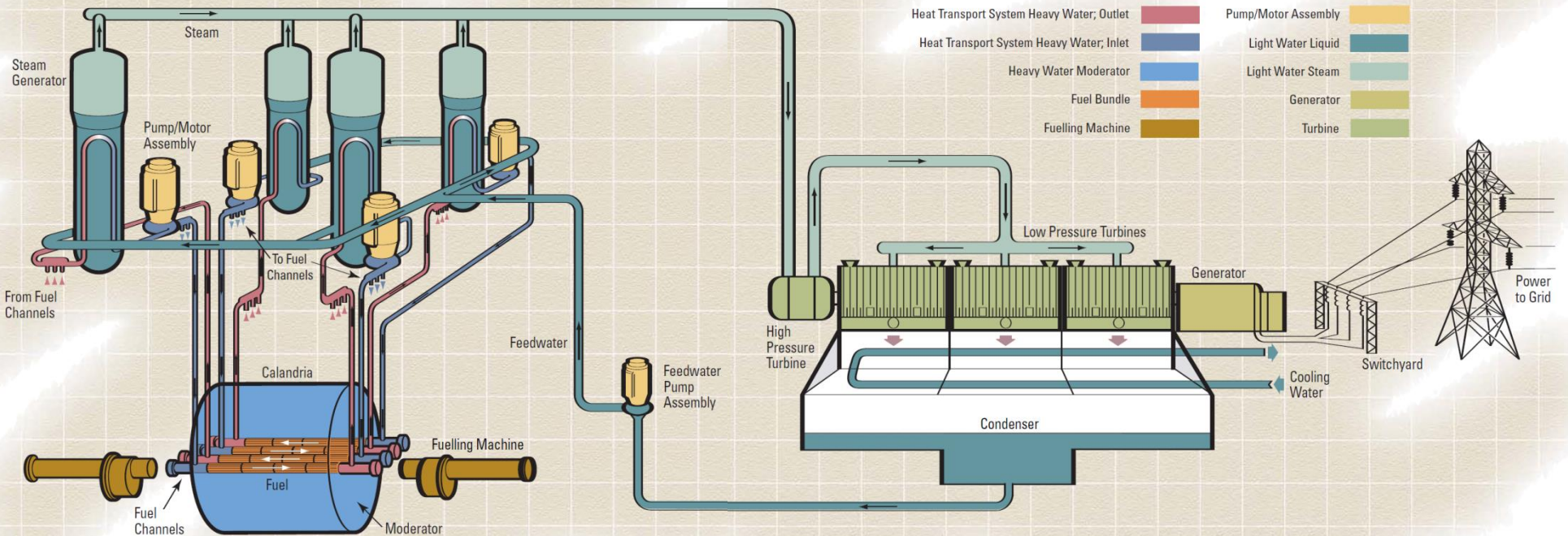


❖ Nuclear Steam Supply System

- System configuration: 2 loops, 4 SGs
- Reactor
 - Thermal output: 2064 MW(th)
 - Coolant flow rate: 7700 kg/s
 - Operating inlet and outlet pressure: 11.75/10.0 MPa
 - Inlet and outlet temperature: 266°C/310°C

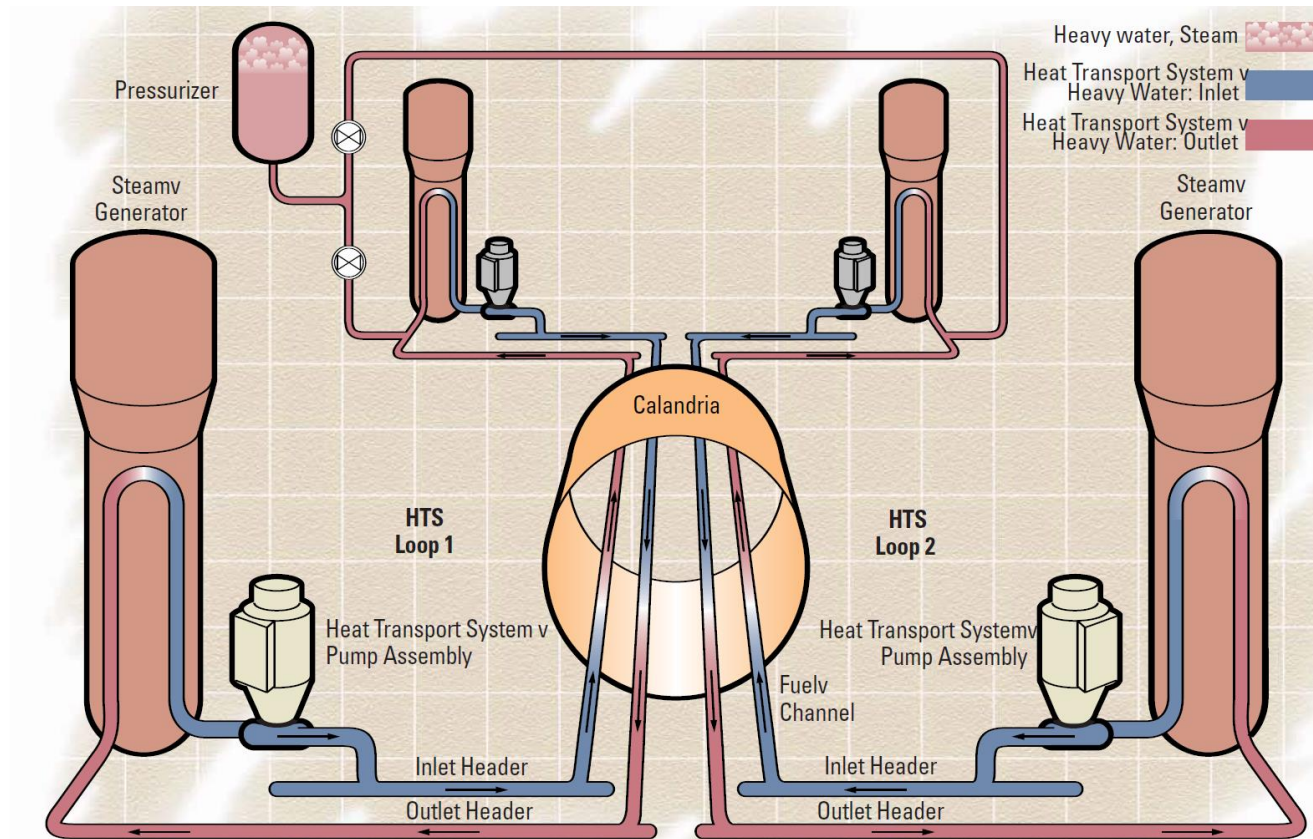
DP in CANDU

T_{coolant} in CANDU

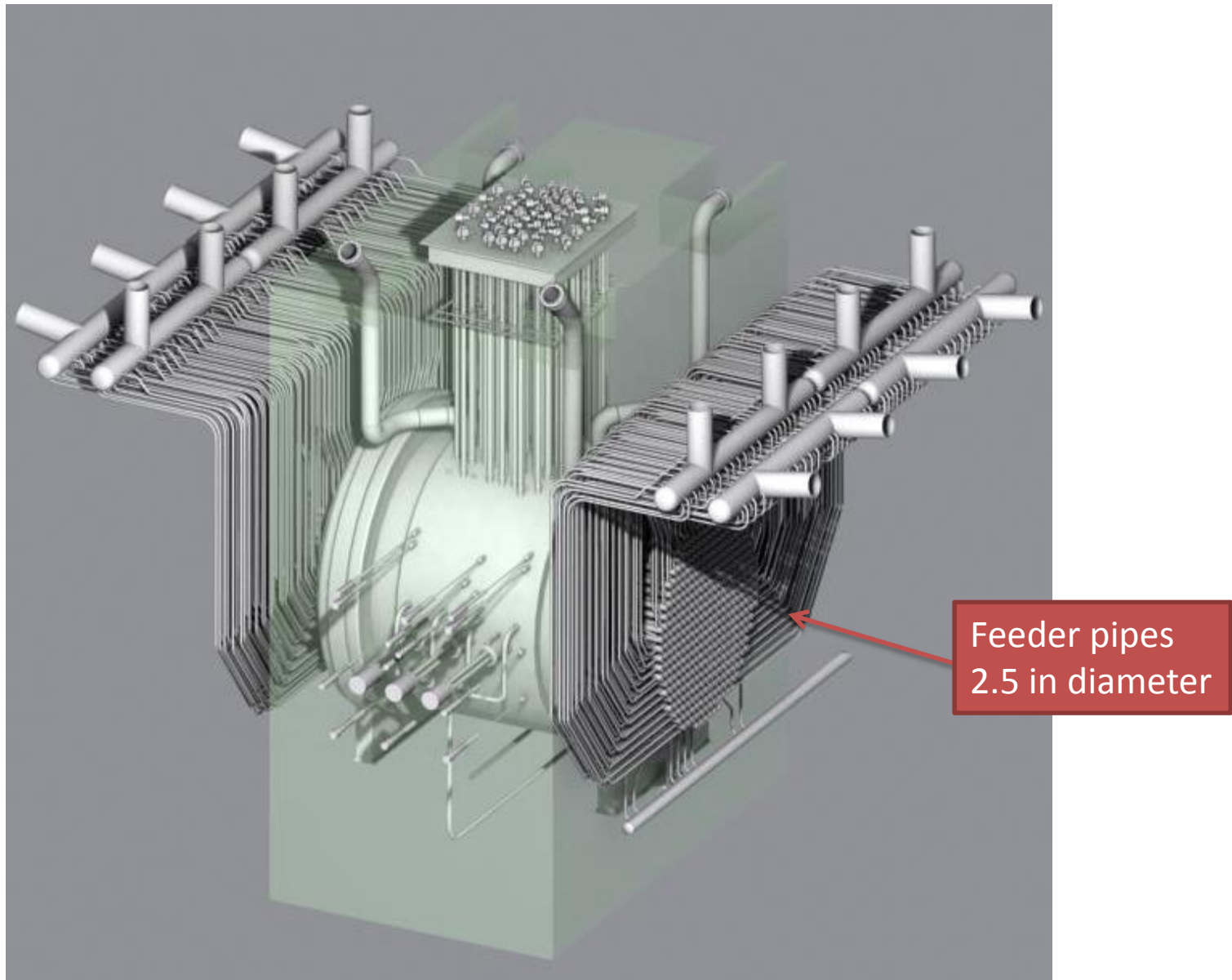


❖ Heat Transport System (Primary system)

- Two parallel coolant loops
 - Inlet headers ⇒ ⇒ fuel channels ⇒ ⇒ outlet headers
- Pressurizer
- SG: U-tube shape

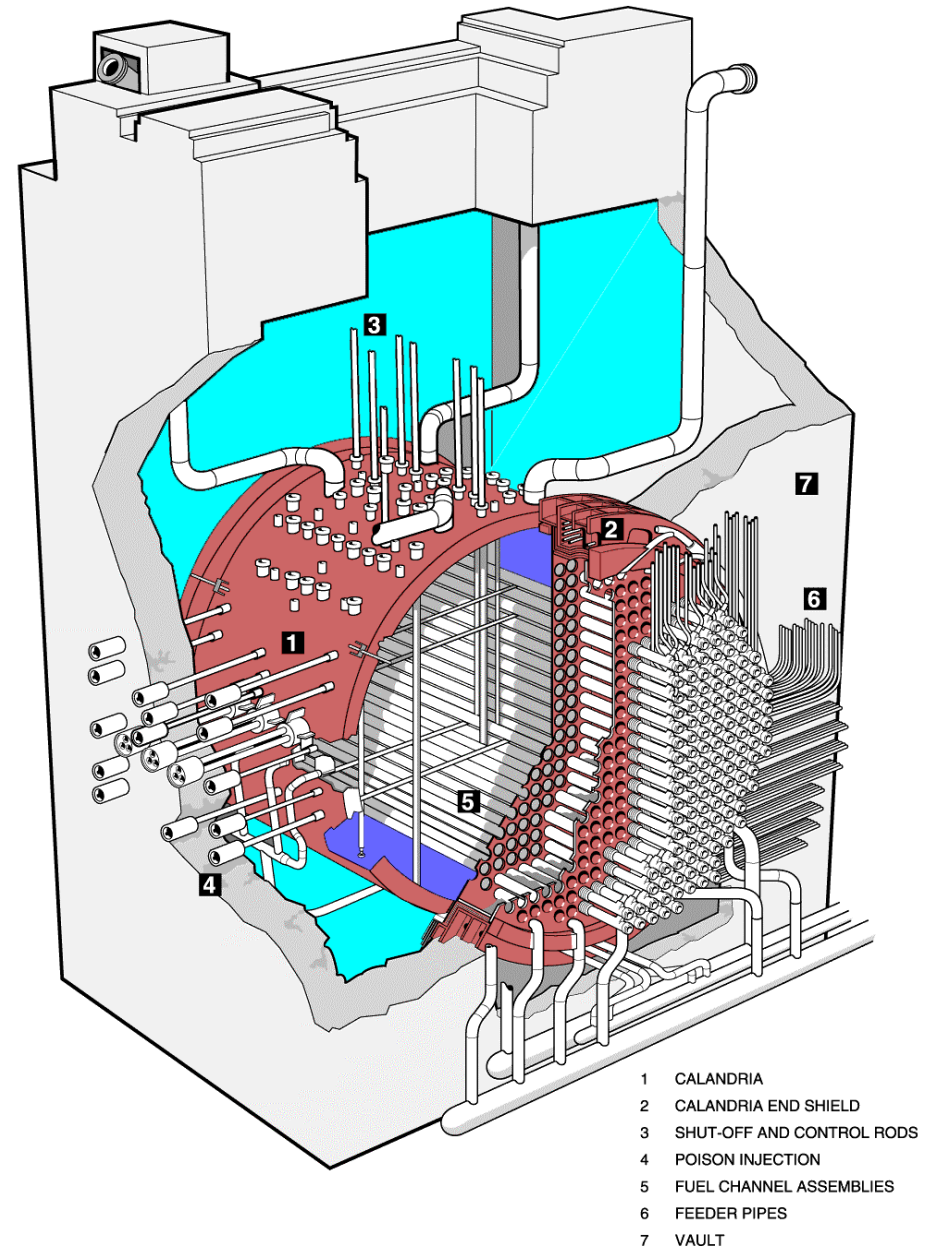
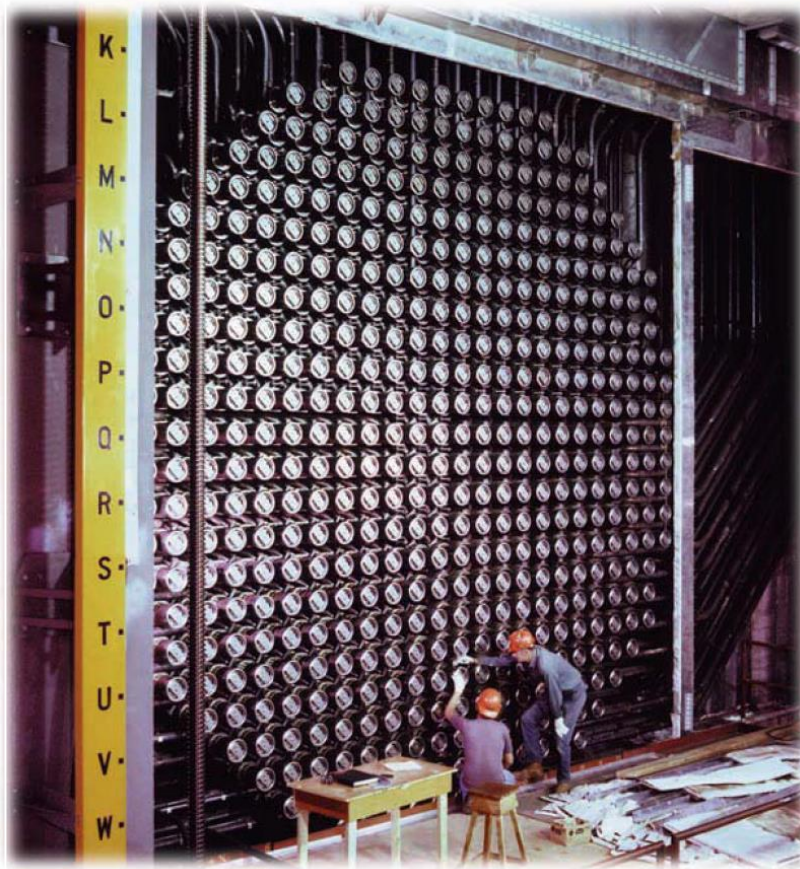


❖ Reactor



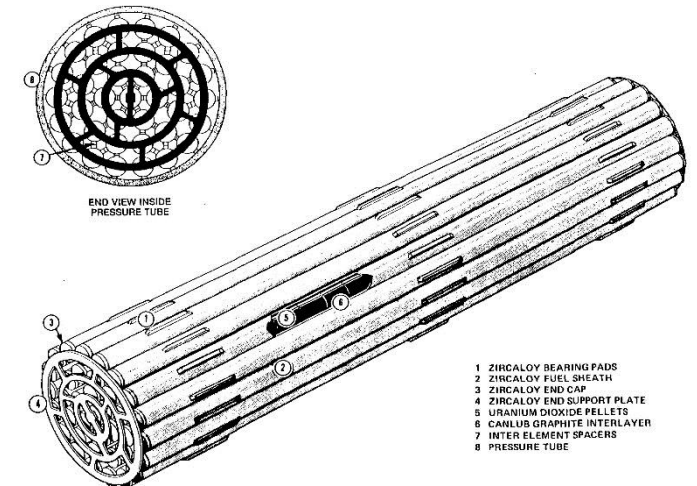
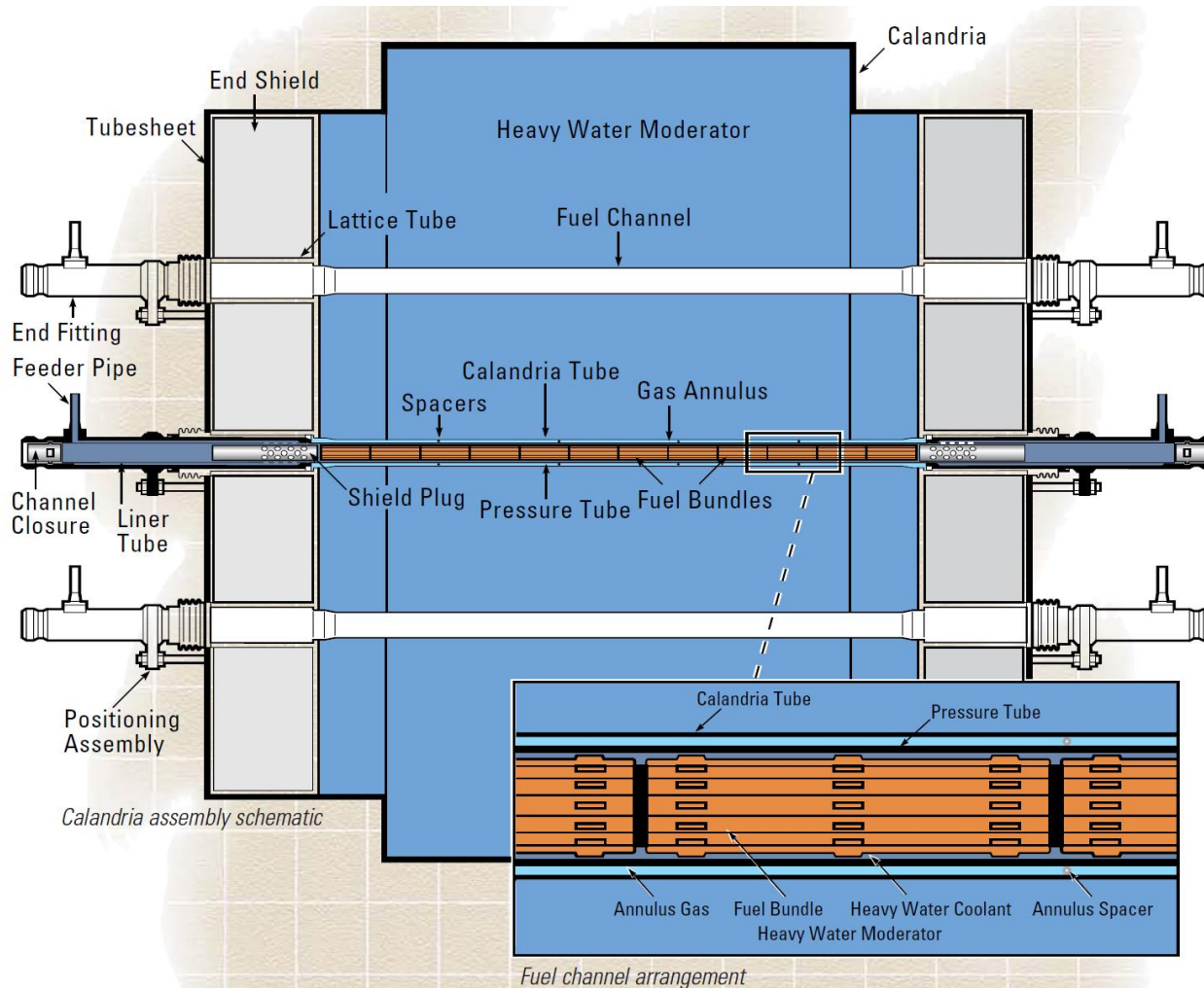
❖ Reactor

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❖ Reactor

- ⇒ ⇒
- Calandria length: shell diameter: , subshell diameter:



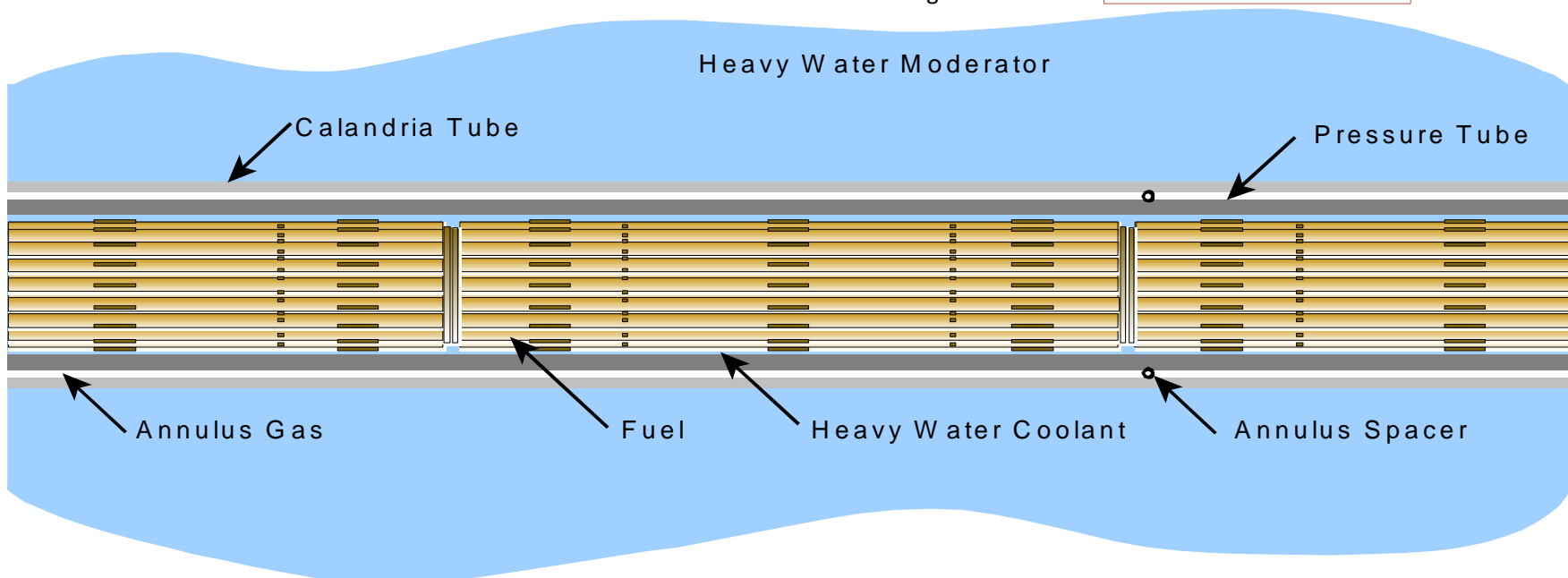
❖ Fuel channel

- \Rightarrow \Rightarrow
- Annulus gas: between calandria tube and pressure tube
 - Outside of calandria tube:
 - Inside of pressure tube:
- Calandria tube outer diameter: 132 mm
- Pressure tube inner diameter: 103.4 mm
- Fuel bundle outer diameter: 102.4 mm
- Fuel sheath diameter: 13.1 mm

Annulus gas pressure ?

125~200 kPa in normal operation

D_{cladding} in CANDU



❖ Replacement of pressure tube

〈표 2-29〉 압력관 전량교체 사례(2011년말 현재)

발전소	준공년도	교체 시기	비고
피커링 1호기	'71	'87	교체완료
피커링 2호기	'71	'88	교체완료
피커링 3호기	'72	'91	교체완료
피커링 4호기	'73	'93	교체완료
월성1호기	'83	'09	교체완료
부루스 2호기	'77	'06~	교체 중
부루스 1호기	'77	'07~	교체 중
포인트레프르	'83	'08~	교체 중

- 3. 압력관에서의 재료열화 및 손상
- 3.1. 수소 및 수소화물(hydride)에 의한 열화, 손상
- 3.2. 중성자 조사에 의한 열화, 손상
- 3.3. 부식에 의한 열화, 손상

홍준화, "원자력재료", 한스하우스, 2012.

중수로 압력관의 안전성 평가를 위한
금속학적 영향 평가, KINS/HR-1043, 2008.

가장 많은 사고 유형

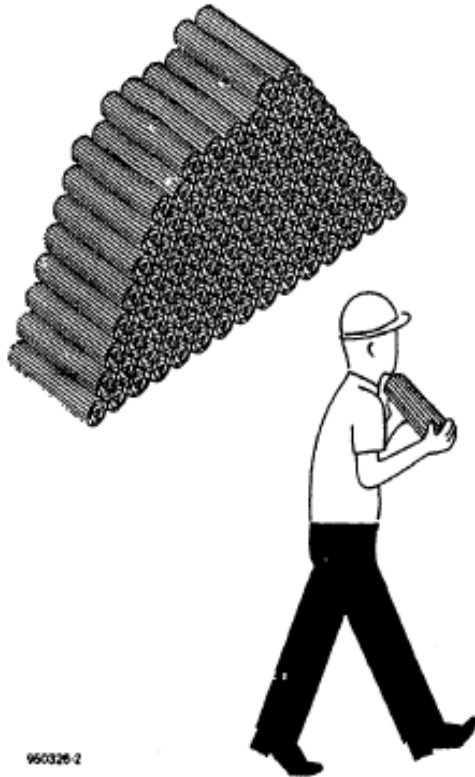
- 압력관 설치 시 부적절한 압연접합(rolled joint) 방법에 의해 형성된 과도한 인장잔류응력이 지연수소균열(DHC)을 유발하여 균열이 발생되고 이것이 전파된 경우로, Pickering-3에서 2회, Pickering-4, Bruce-2호기에서의 사고가 이에 해당

기타 사고 유형

- 압력관의 크리프변형에 의한 처짐(sagging)으로 칼란드리아관과 접촉하고 수소화물과 블리스터(blister) 형성에 따른 균열로, Pickering-2 등에서의 사고가 이에 해당
- 압력관 제조 시 압출과정 등에서 생긴 결함과 연계된 DHC 기구에 의한 균열의 생성 및 전파의 경우로, 1986년 Bruce-2에서의 사고가 이에 해당

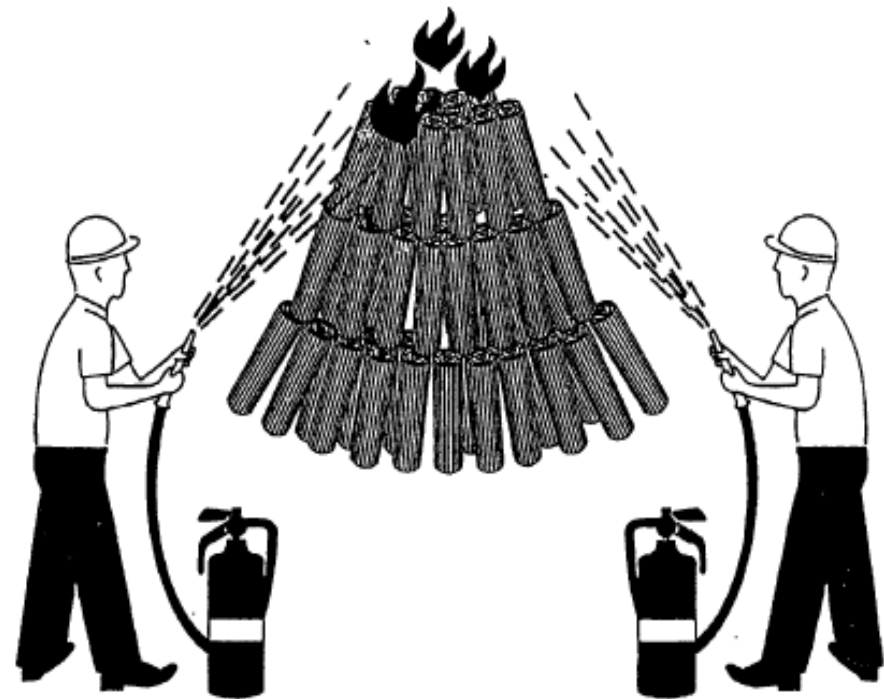
❖ Fuel handling

- Reactivity-Control Philosophies



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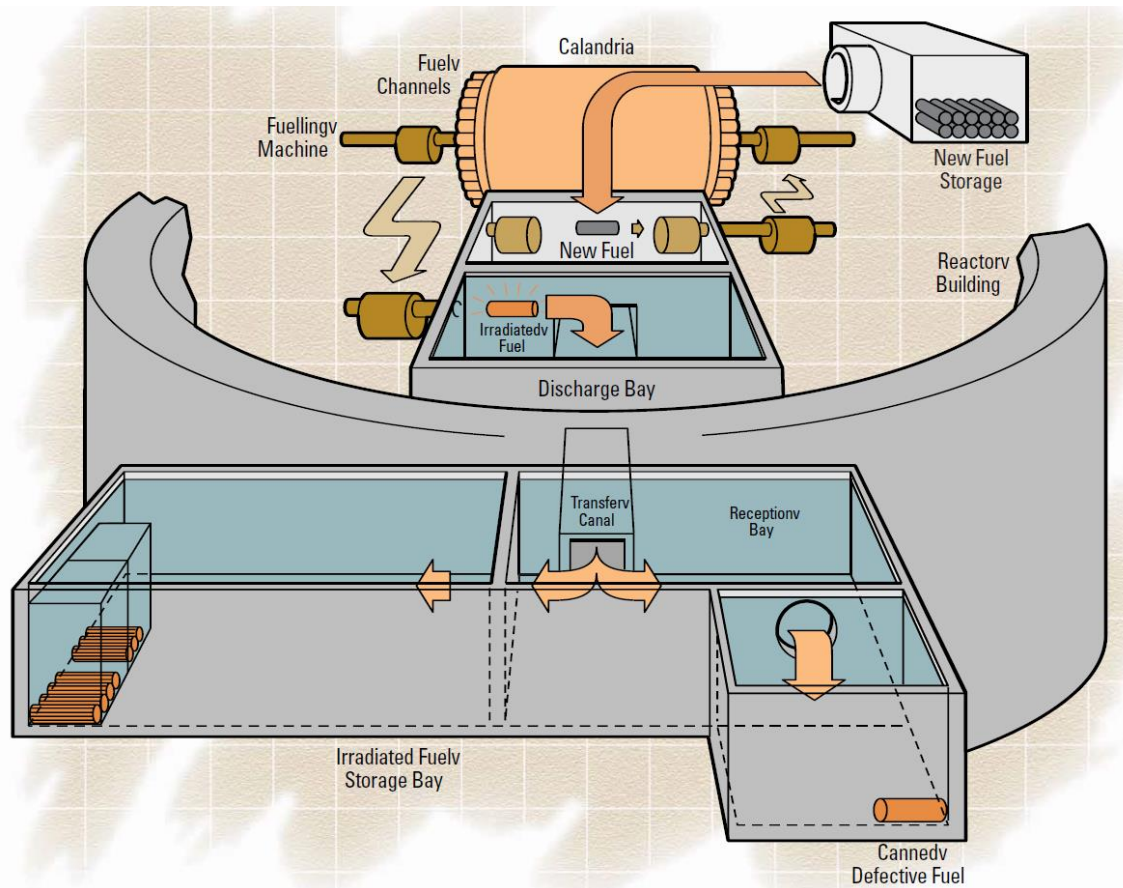
CANDU
Fuel added as needed



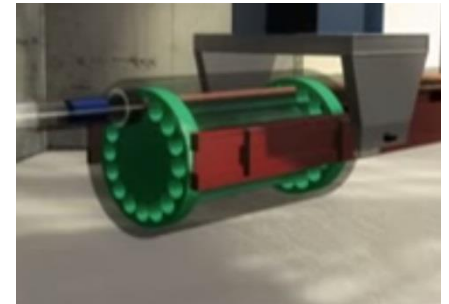
LWR
18 months fuel added at once.
Burning rate suppressed.

❖ Fuel handling

- Refuels the reactor remotely while it is operating
- Transfers the irradiated fuel remotely from the reactor to the storage bay

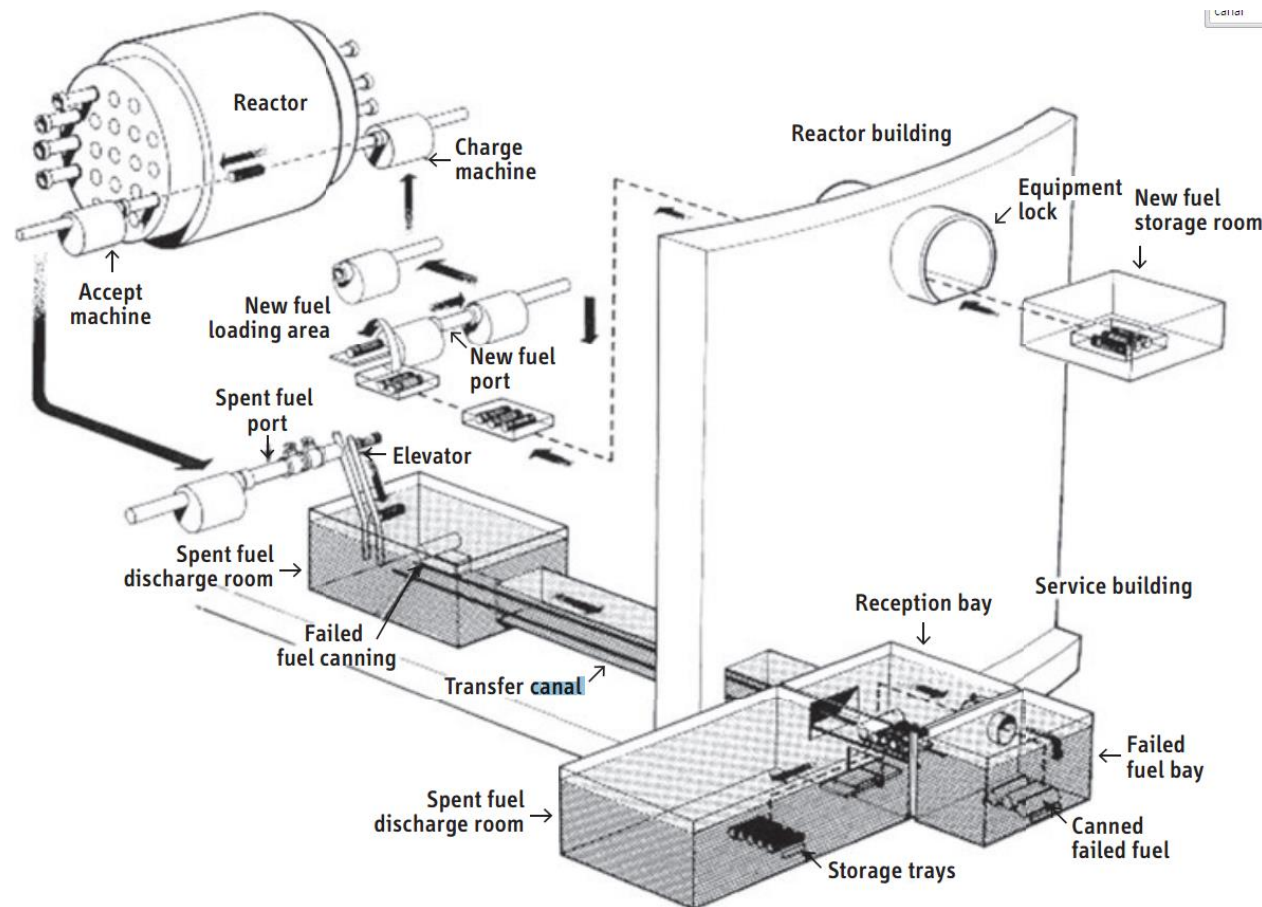


Fuelling Machine Magazine



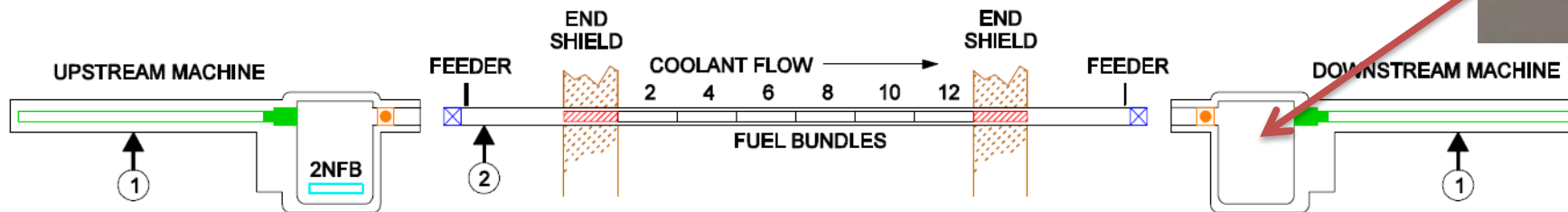
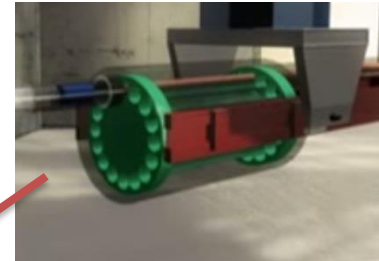
❖ Fuel handling

- Refuels the reactor remotely while it is operating
- Transfers the irradiated fuel remotely from the reactor to the storage bay
 - Snout plug, closure plug, shield plug/support plug, ram



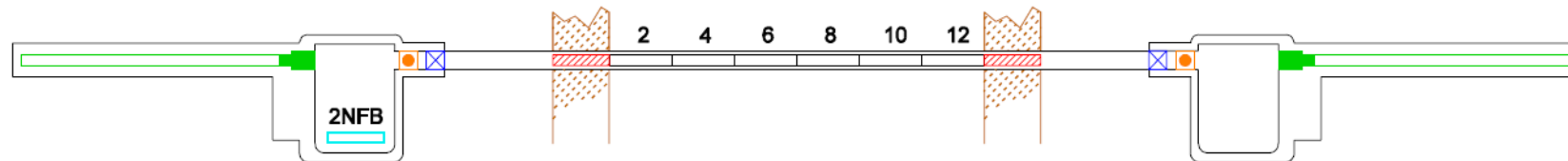
❖ Fuel handling

● Fuel replacement sequence



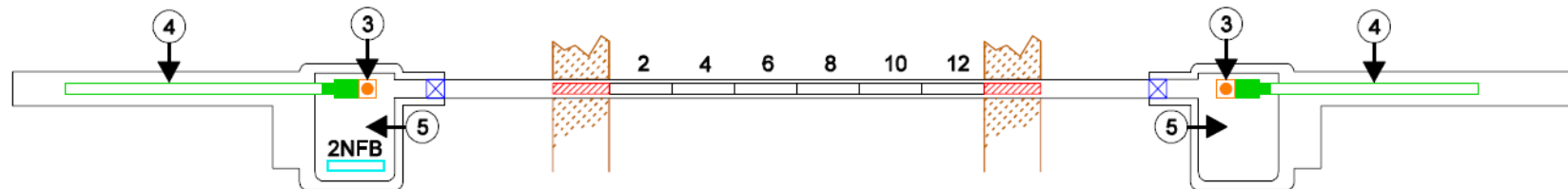
STEP 1 : FUELLING MACHINE (1) IS POSITIONED IN FRONT OF CHANNEL (2)

FUELLING MACHINE (1) IS POSITIONED IN FRONT OF CHANNEL (2)



STEP 2 : FUELLING MACHINE ATTACHES ITSELF TO THE FUEL CHANNEL

FUELLING MACHINE ATTACHES ITSELF TO THE CHANNEL

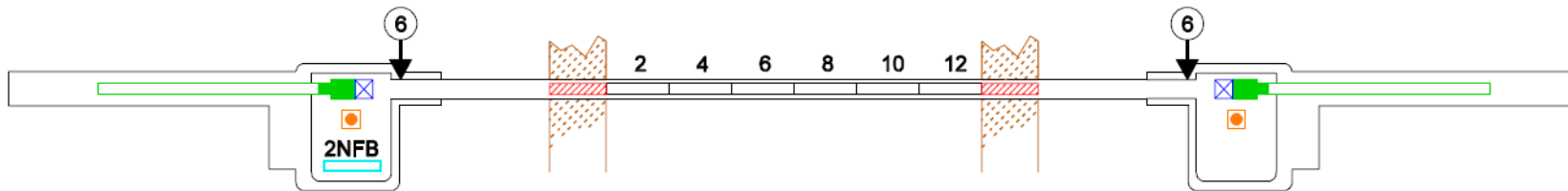


STEP 3 : FUELLING MACHINE SNOOT PLUG (3) IS REMOVED BY RAM (4) AND STORED IN THE MAGAZINE (5)

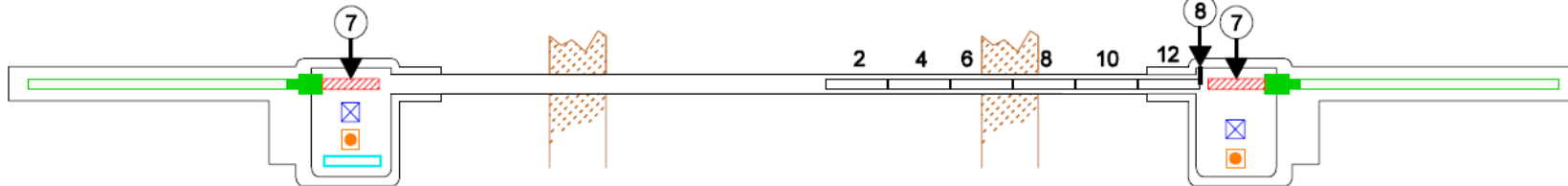
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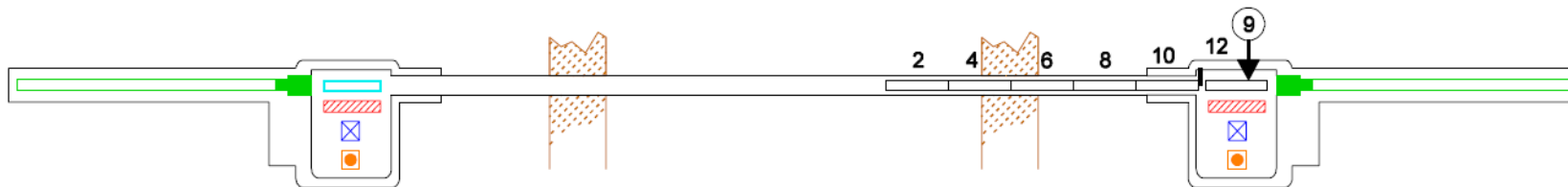
STEP 4 : CHANNEL CLOSURE (6) IS REMOVED BY RAM AND STORED IN THE MAGAZINE



STEP 5 : CHANNEL SHIELD PLUG (7) IS REMOVED BY RAM AND STORED IN THE MAGAZINE

CHANNEL CLOSURE (6) IS REMOVED BY RAM AND STORED IN THE MAGAZINE

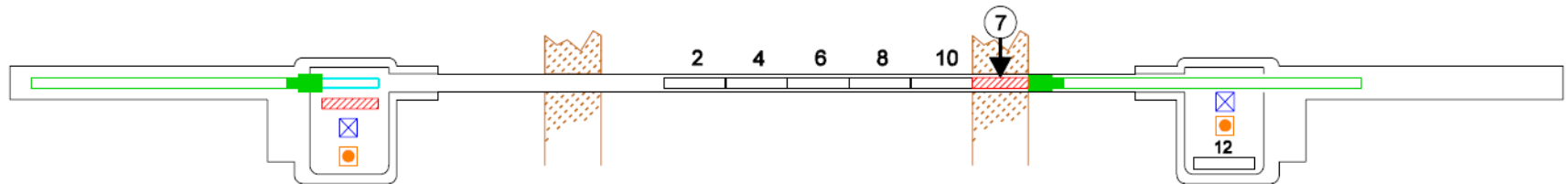
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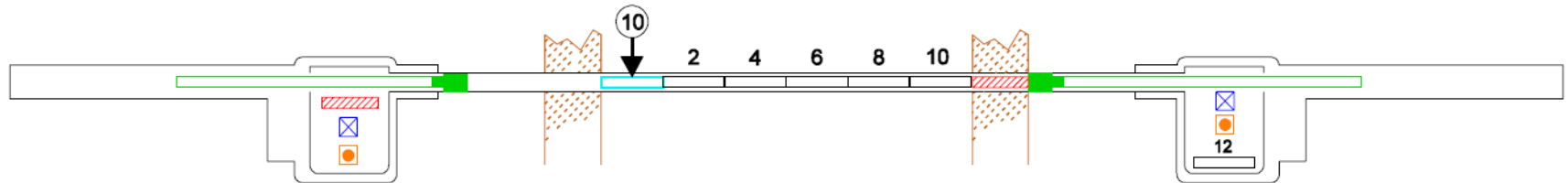
STEP 6 : TWO IRRADIATED FUEL BUNDLES (9) ARE SEPARATED FROM THE FUEL STRING AND STORED IN THE MAGAZINE

❖ Fuel handling

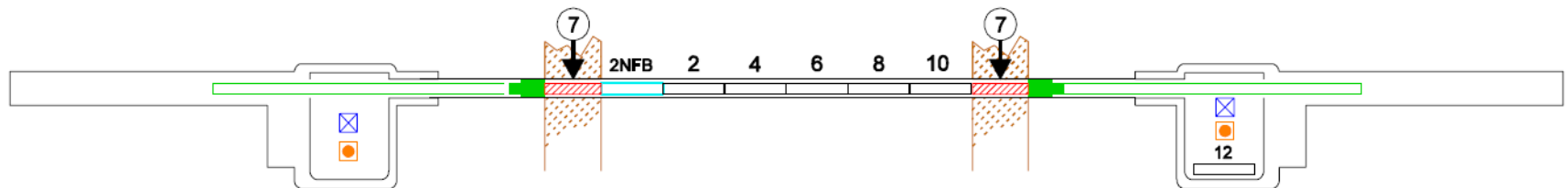
● Fuel replacement sequence



**STEP 7 : RAM PUSHES THE SHIELD PLUG (7) INTO POSITION
WHICH PUSHES THE FUEL STRING BACK INTO POSITION**



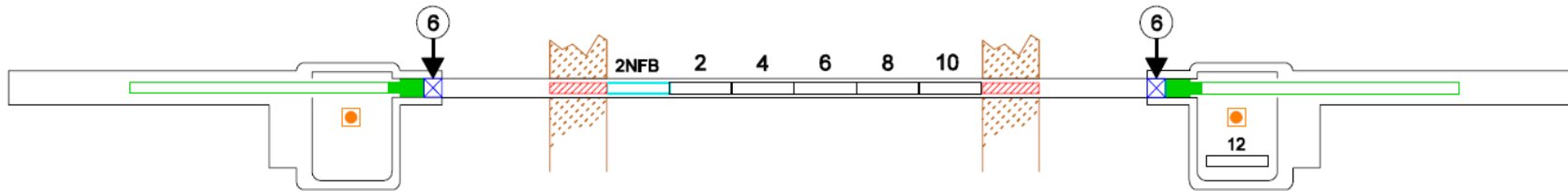
STEP 8 : RAM PUSHES TWO NEW FUEL BUNDLES (10) INTO THE FLOW



**STEP 9 : EACH RAM INSTALLS THEIR RESPECTIVE SHIELD PLUGS (7)
THE PRESSURE DROP ACROSS THE CHANNEL IS MEASURED TO CHECK FLOW**

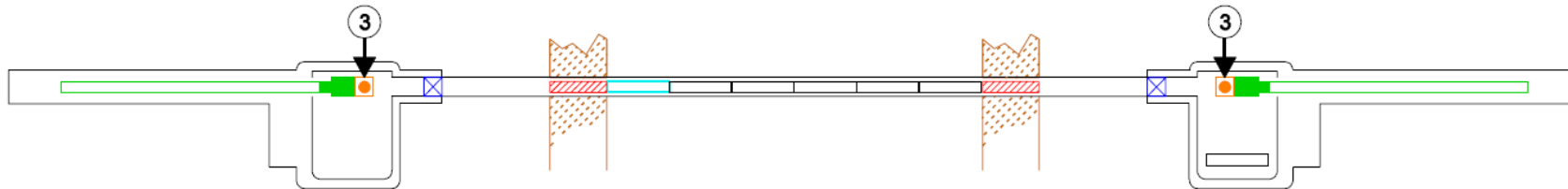
❖ Fuel handling

● Fuel replacement sequence



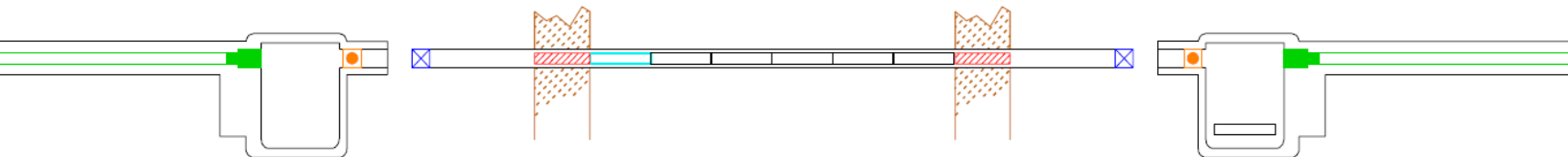
STEP 10 : RAM INSTALLS THE CHANNEL CLOSURE (6)

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STEP 11 : FUELLING MACHINE SNOT PLUG (3) IS INSTALLED IN THE SNOT
LEAK CHECKS PERFORMED

FUELLING MACHINE SNOT PLUG (3) IS INSTALLED IN THE SNOT

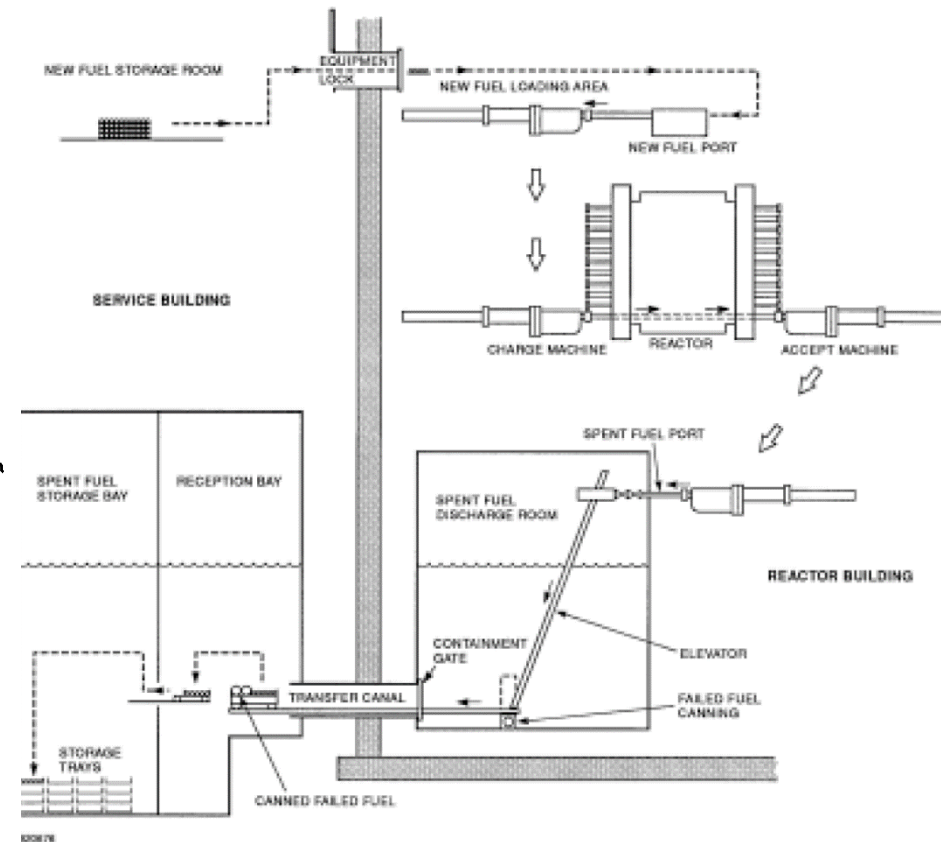
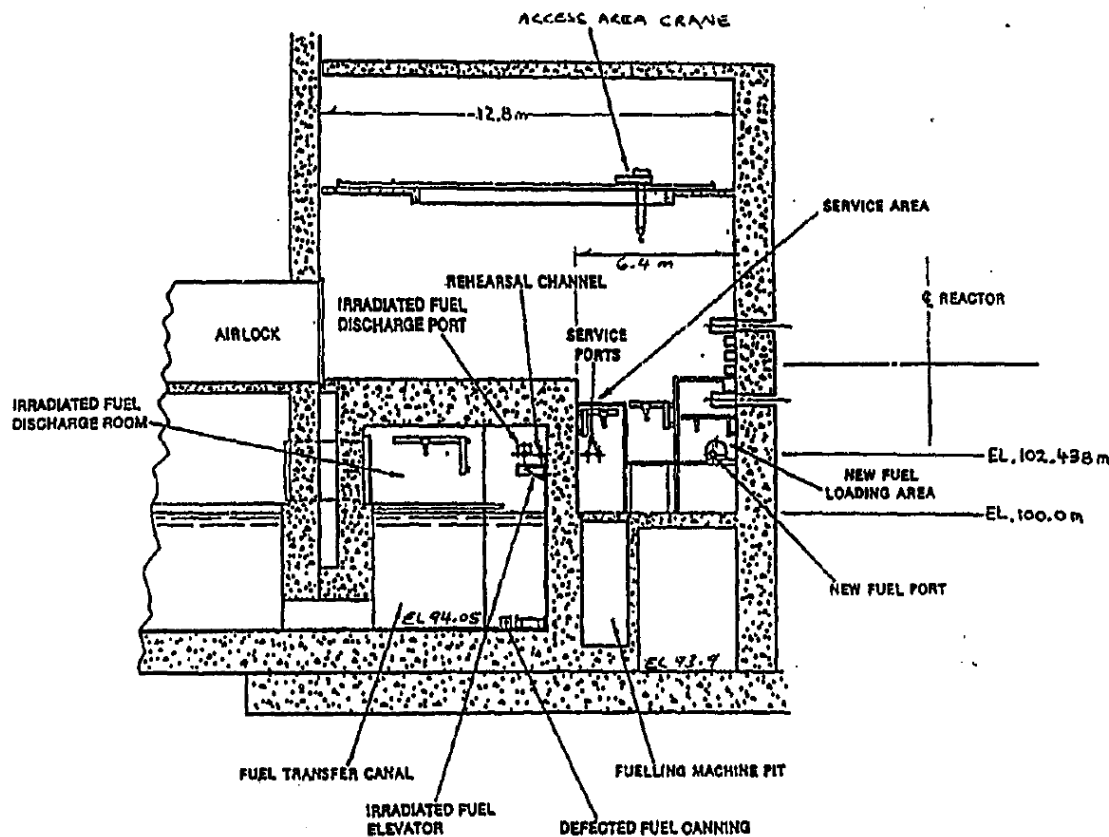


STEP 12 : FUELLING MACHINE DETACHES ITSELF FROM THE CHANNEL

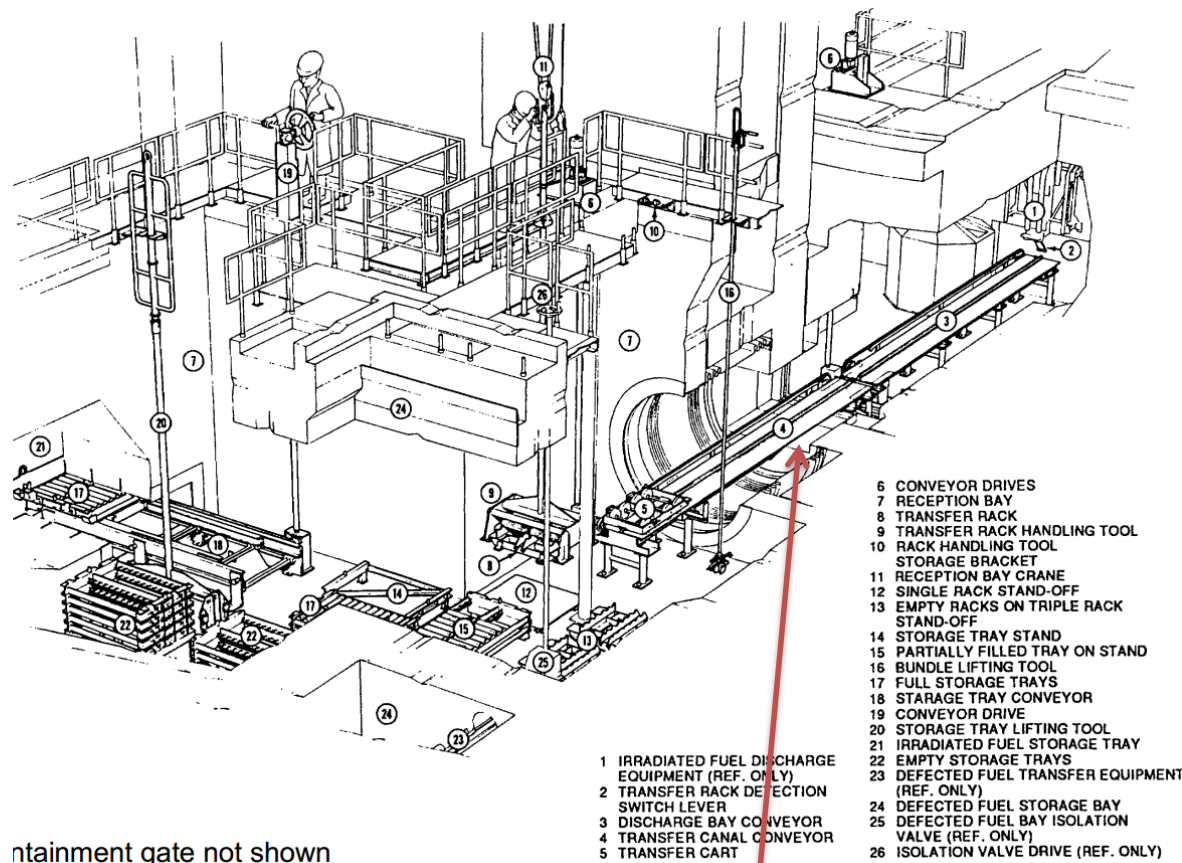
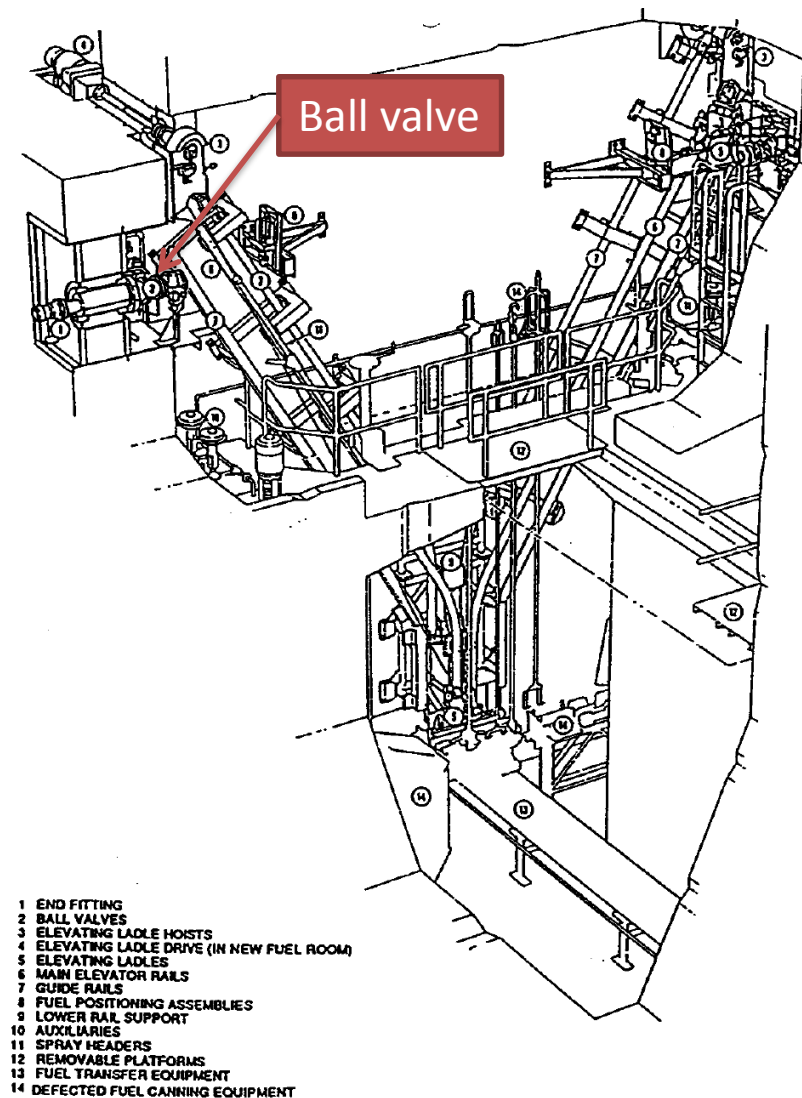
FUELLING MACHINE DETACHES ITSELF FROM THE CHANNEL

❖ Fuel handling

- During irradiated fuel transfer from the fuelling machine head, the containment boundary is at a containment gate at the end of the discharge bay canal.
- Earlier CANDU 6 units were not equipped with a containment gate and rely on the fuelling machine auxiliaries and the head of water in the discharge canal for the containment boundary. At all other times, the port valves are closed.



❖ Fuel handling



Containment gate not shown

❖ Fuel handling

- Issue of R-7
 - Requirements for Containment Systems for CANDU Nuclear Power Plants
- Pressure build-up in containment
 - LOCA
 - MSLB

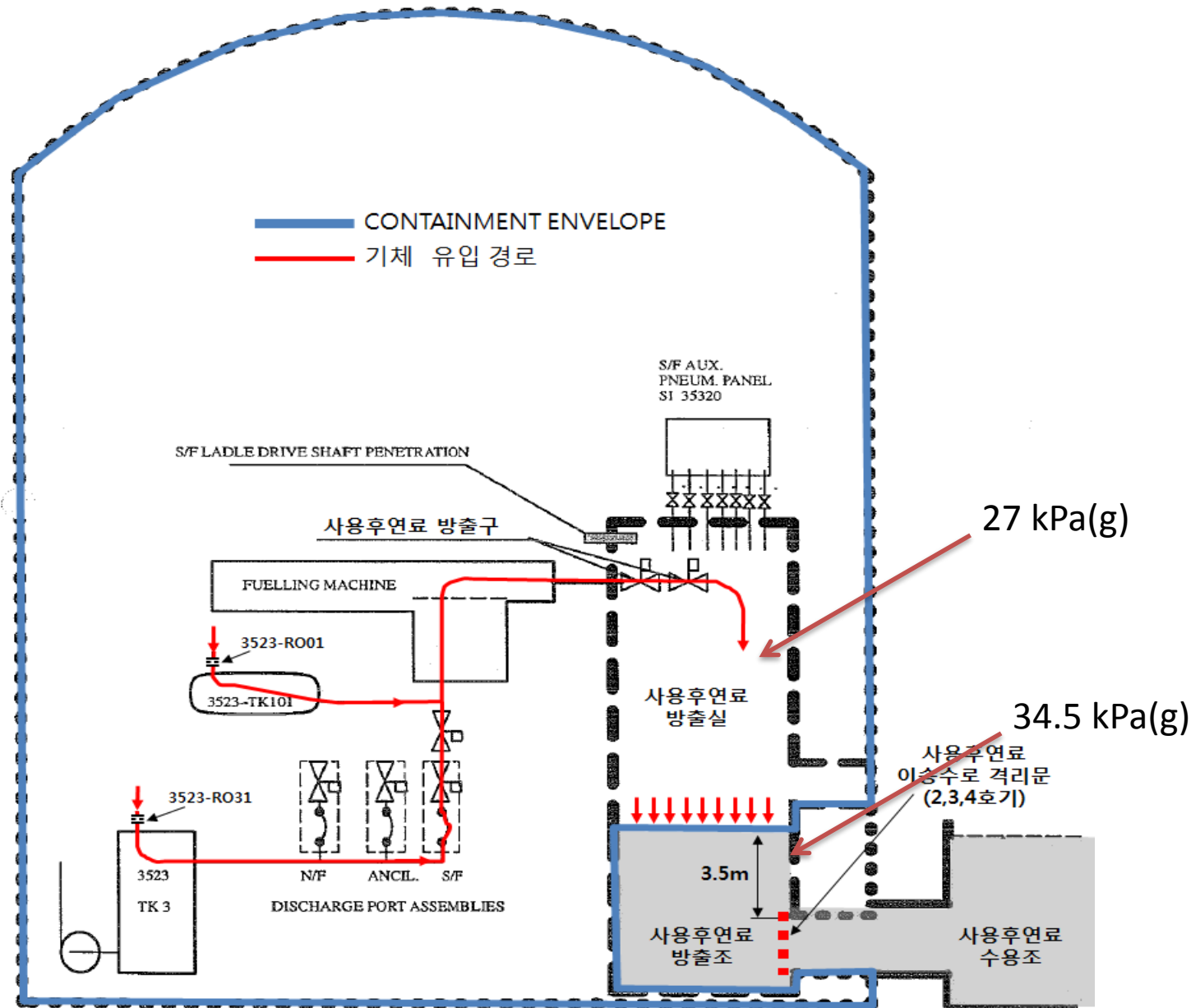


Appendix 2.2 Systems Connected to Containment Atmosphere

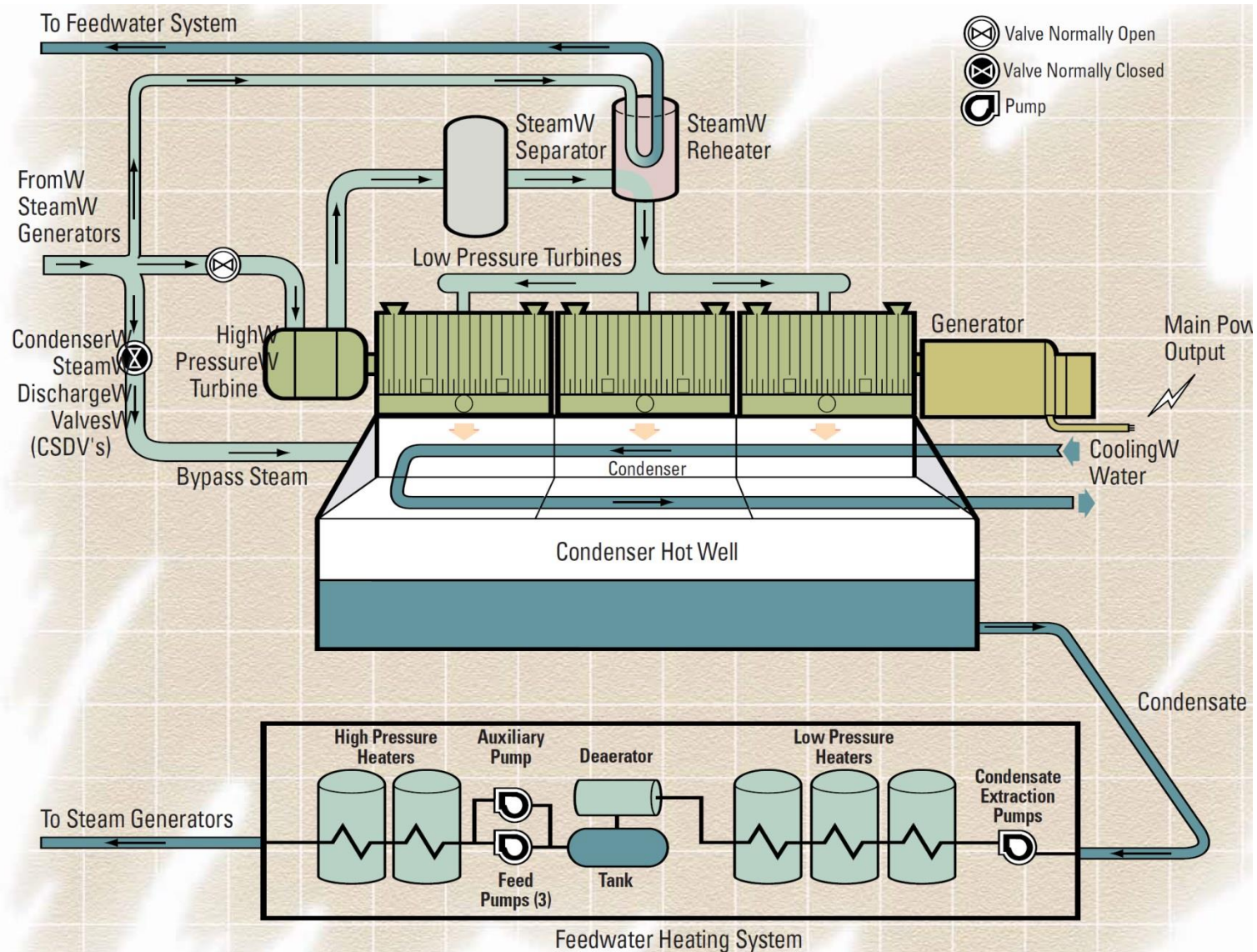
Each line that connects directly to the containment atmosphere, that penetrates the containment structure, and that is not part of a closed system, shall be provided with two isolation barriers as follows:

- (a) two automatic isolation valves in series for those lines which may be open to the containment atmosphere;
- (b) two closed isolation valves in series for those lines that are normally closed to the containment atmosphere;
- (c) one closed isolation valve for lines of 50 mm in nominal diameter or less, which are normally closed to the containment atmosphere and connected to an easily defined closed system outside containment.

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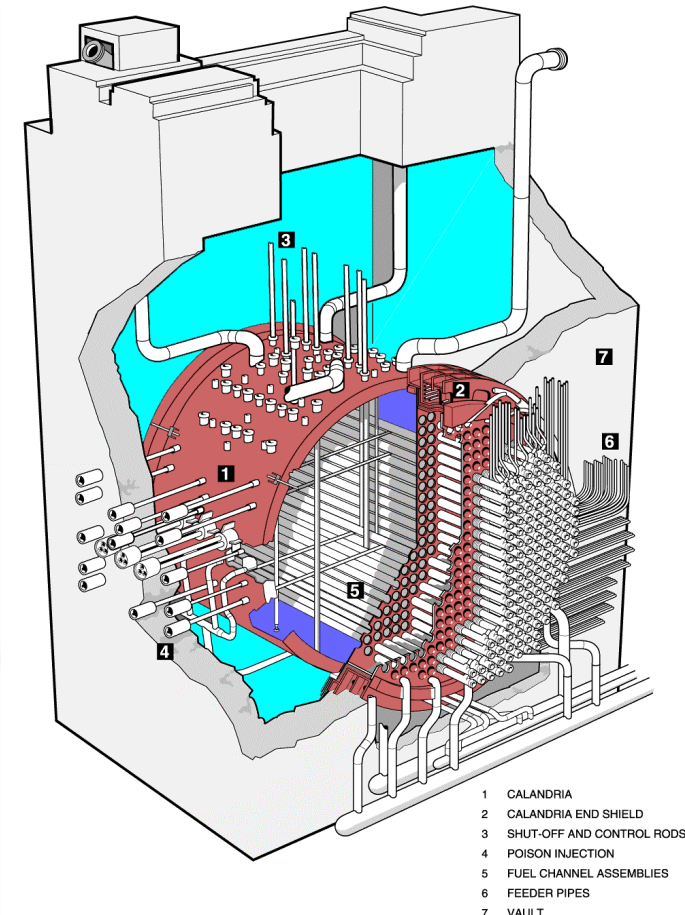
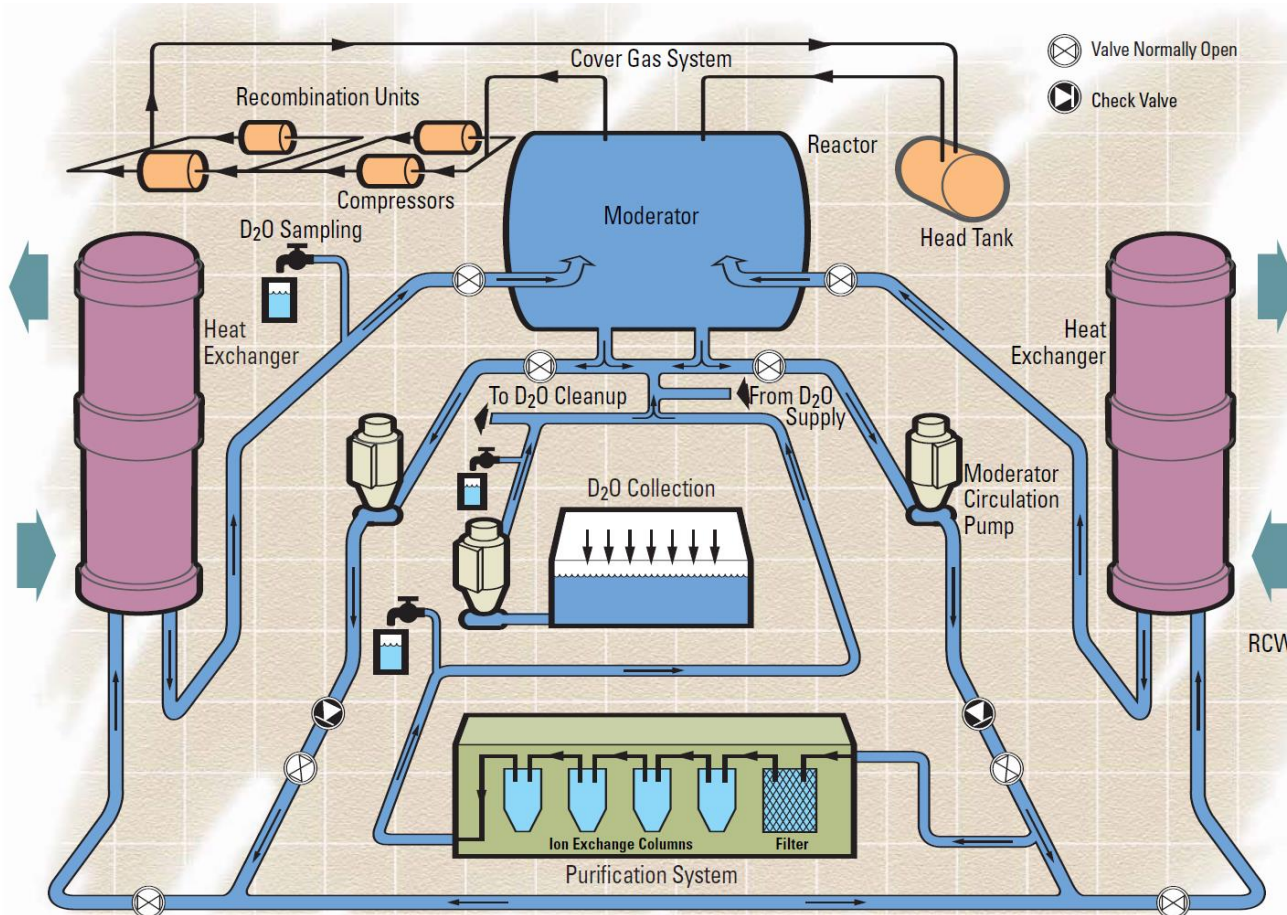


❖ Steam generation system



❖ Moderator system

- Independent of reactor coolant system
- Normal heat removal is ~4 % of full power.
 - Gamma radiation > moderation > heat transfer from the hot pressure tubes

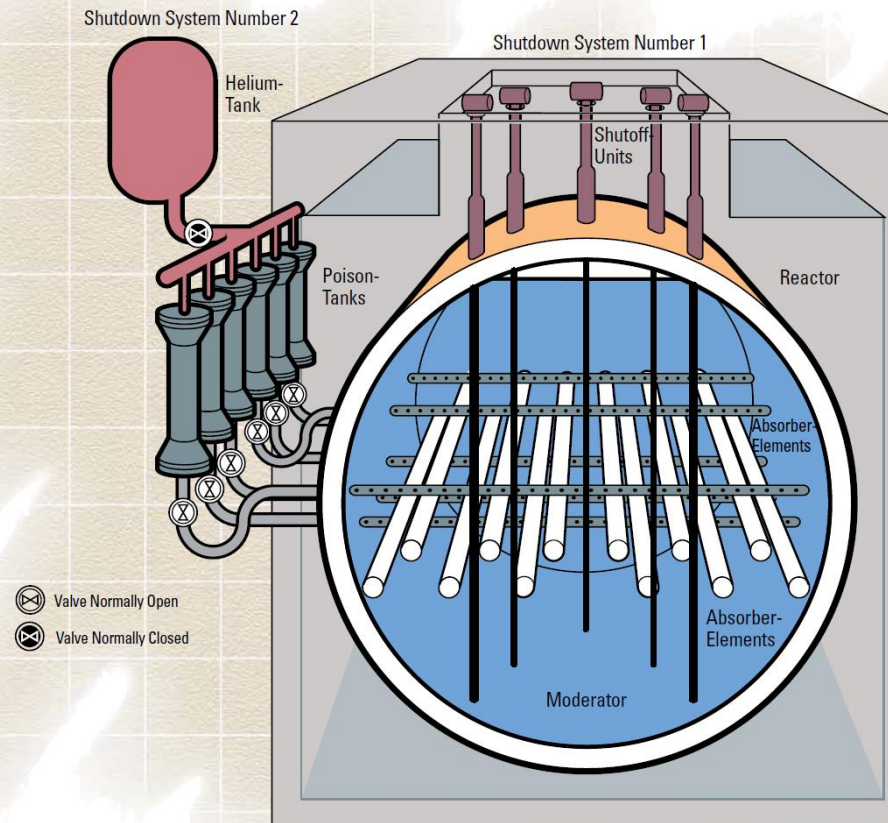


❖ Safety system

- Shutdown systems
- Emergency core cooling system
- Containment system
- Supported by
 - Emergency power supply system
 - Emergency water supply system

❖ Shutdown system

- Solid shutoff rods \Leftarrow vertical direction
- Direct liquid poison injection into the moderator \Leftarrow horizontal direction
- Physical and functional independency



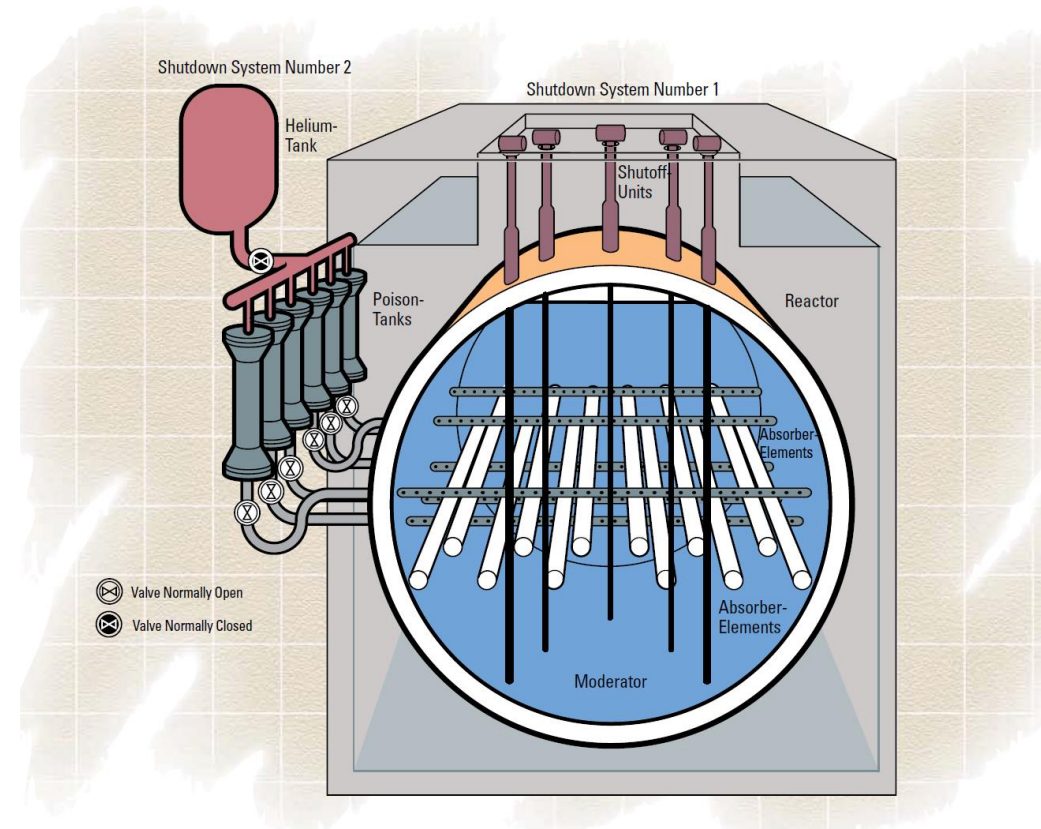
❖ Shutdown system



Adjust rod: to control power liquid zone control absorber: light water
Shut-off rod: to shut down the reactor

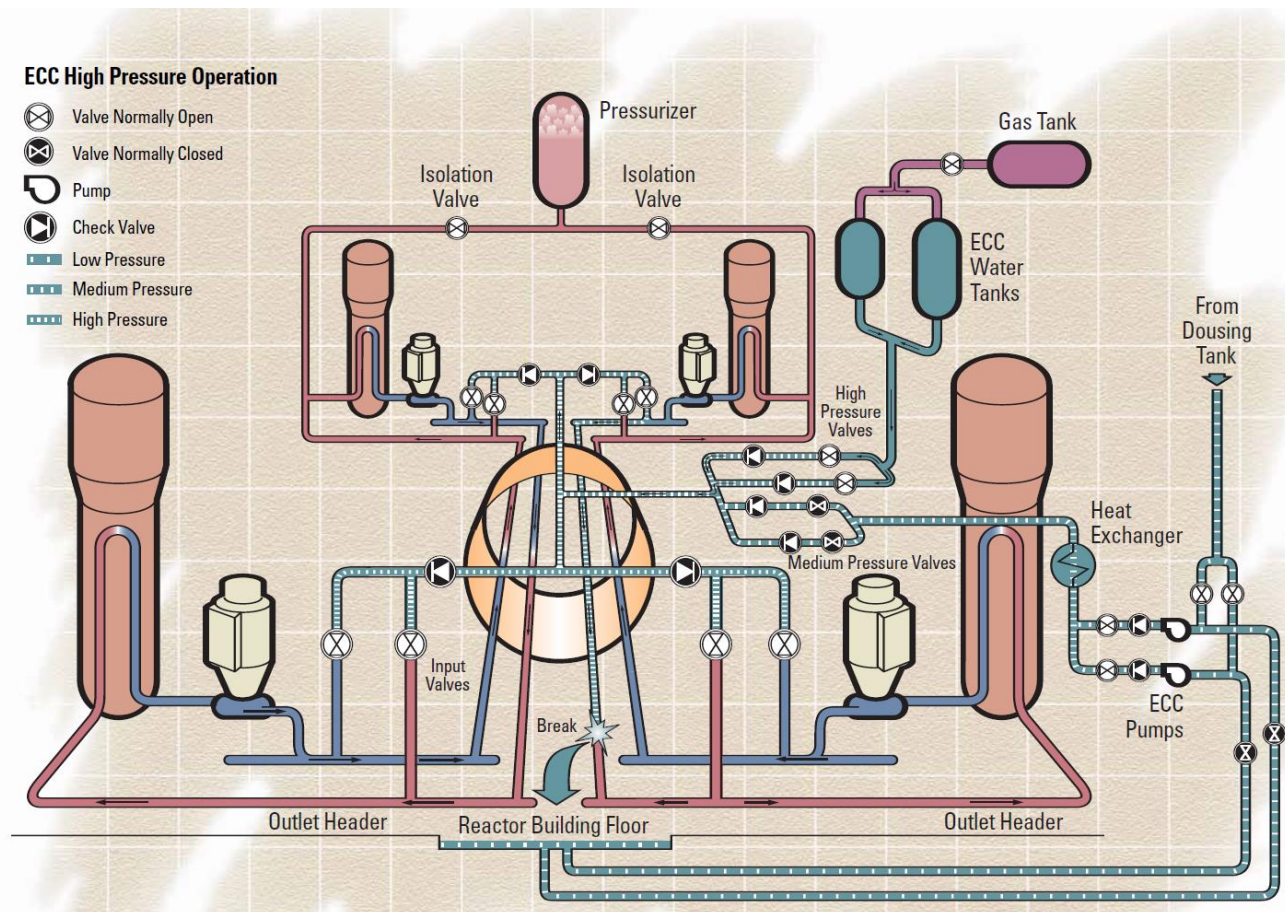
❖ Shutdown system

- Solid shutoff rods
 - High neutron power
 - Low coolant flow rate
 - High primary pressure
 - High rate log neutron power
 - High reactor building pressure
 - Low steam generator level
 - Low pressurizer level
 - High moderator temperature
- Direct liquid poison injection
 - Concentrated gadolinium nitrate solution
 - 6 poison injection nozzles
 - Valve between helium tank and the poison tanks
 - The released helium expels the poison



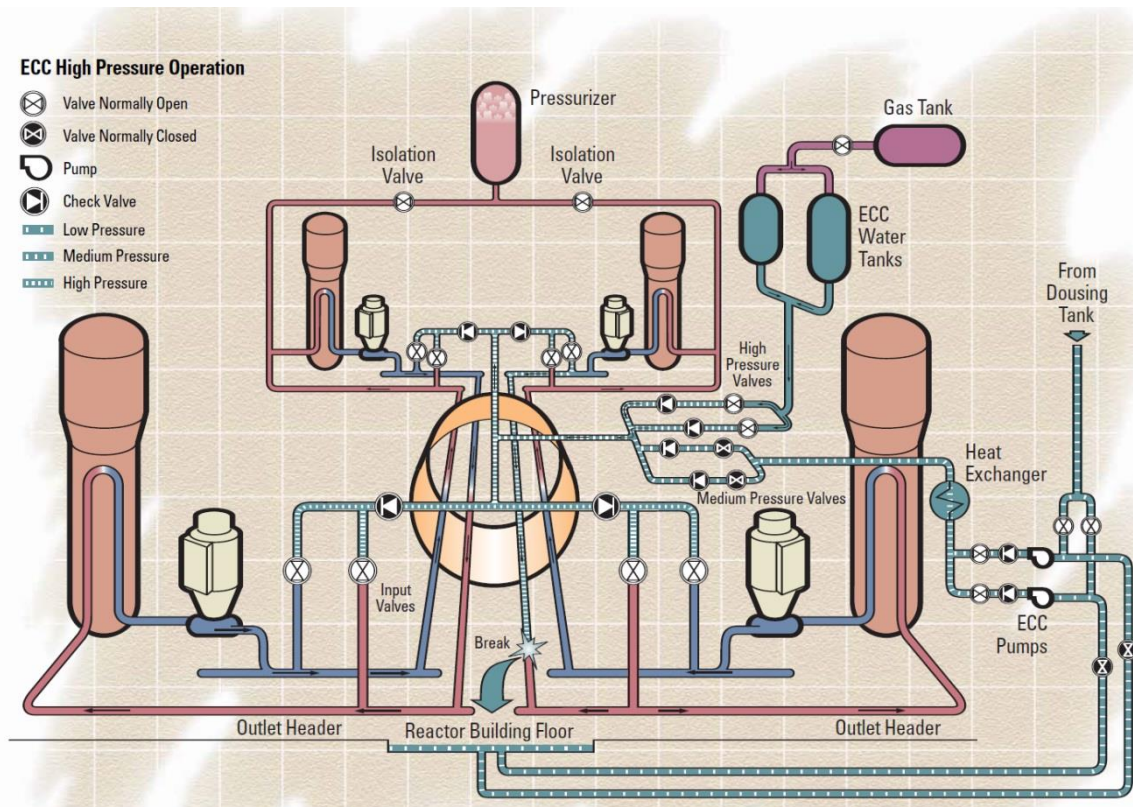
❖ Emergency Core Cooling System (ECCS)

- Three stages of operation
 - High pressure, medium pressure, low pressure
- Operation pressure
 - Primary pressure < 5.5 Mpa



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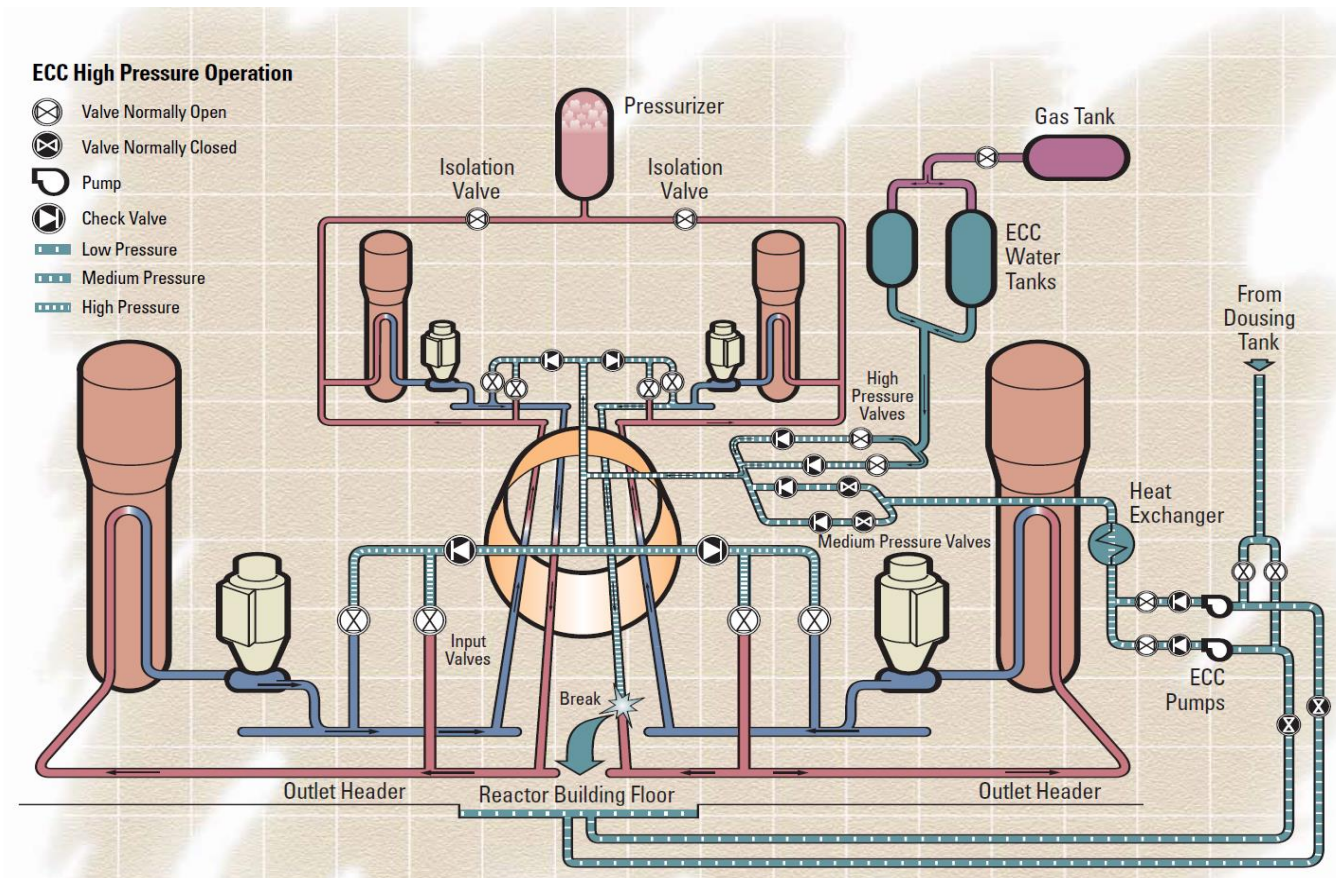
- High pressure operation
 - Isolation of the two HTS loops/ Opening the gas inlet valve
 - Emergency coolant (light water) is forced from the ECCS water tank into the ruptured loop.
 - Pressure: 4.014 MPa, 10 sec. after a maximum pipe size break
 - HP injection valves close automatically when the ECCS water tanks reached a predetermined low level.



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● Medium pressure operation

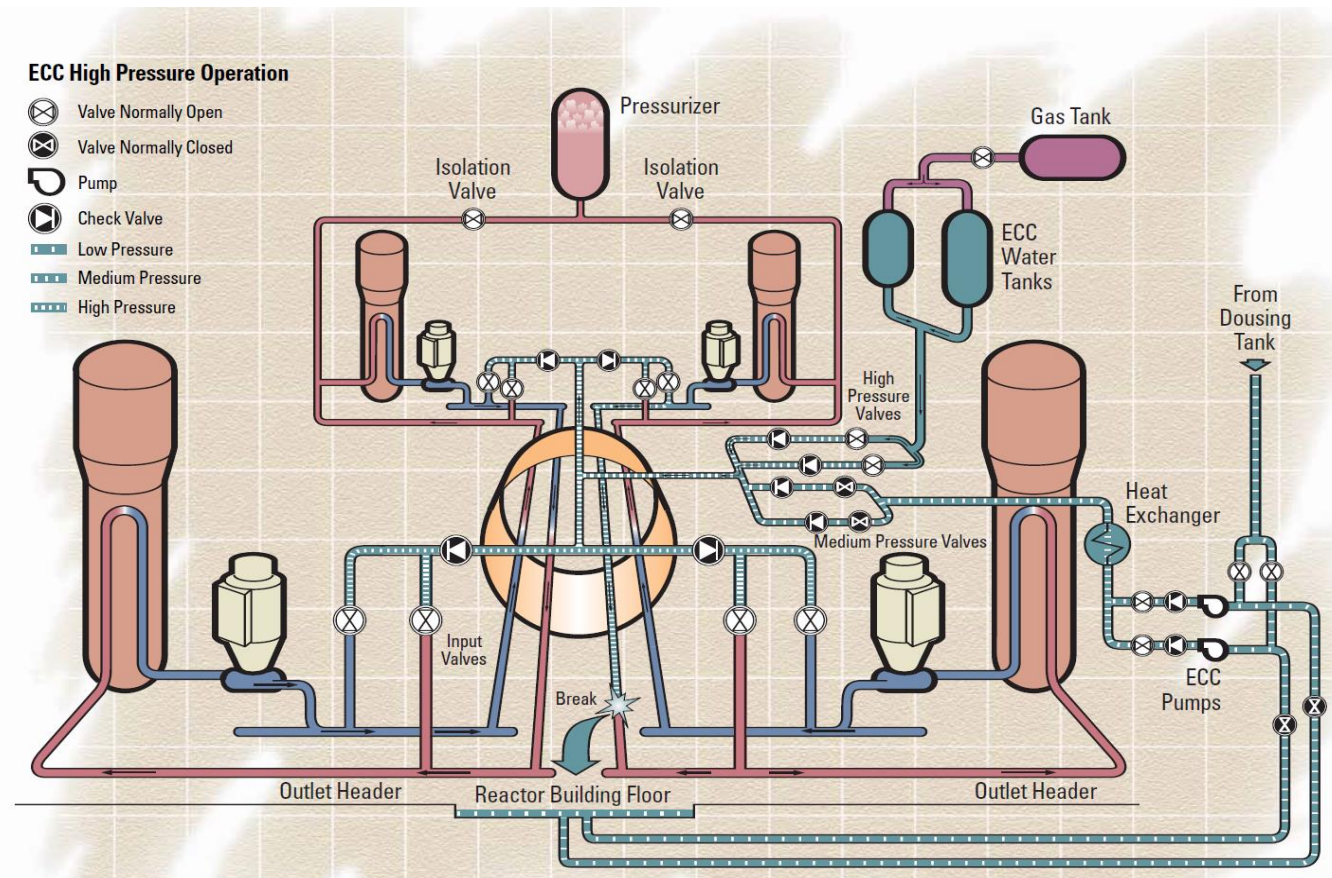
- Water supplied from the dousing tank by ECC pumps
 - Dousing tank: 13 minutes operation with the maximum design basis break
 - 2 ECC pumps (100 % × 2)



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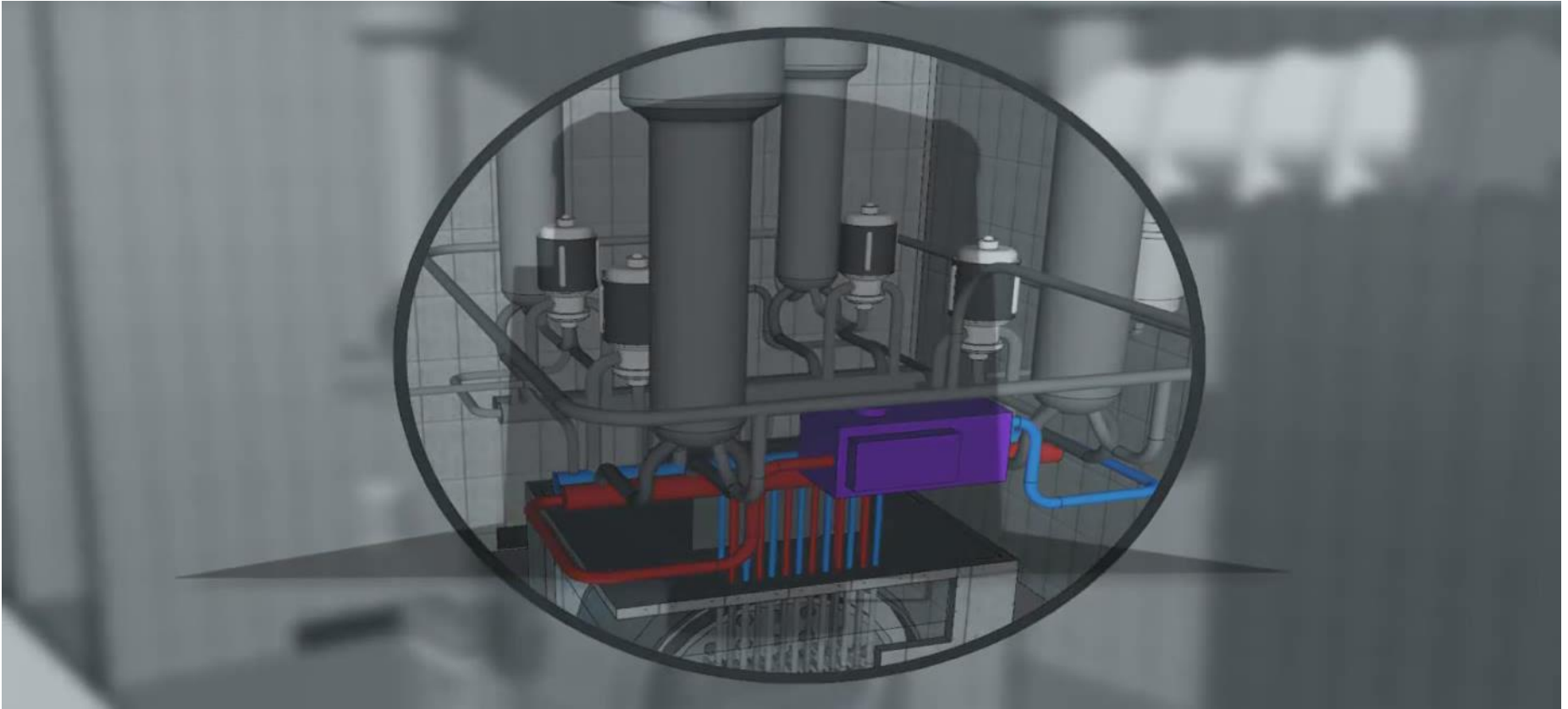
● Low pressure operation

- Water collected in the reactor basement is returned to the heat transport system via heat exchangers, to provide long term fuel cooling.
- Heat exchanger maintains the water temp. at $\sim 49^{\circ}\text{C}$ (at ECC pump, 66°C)



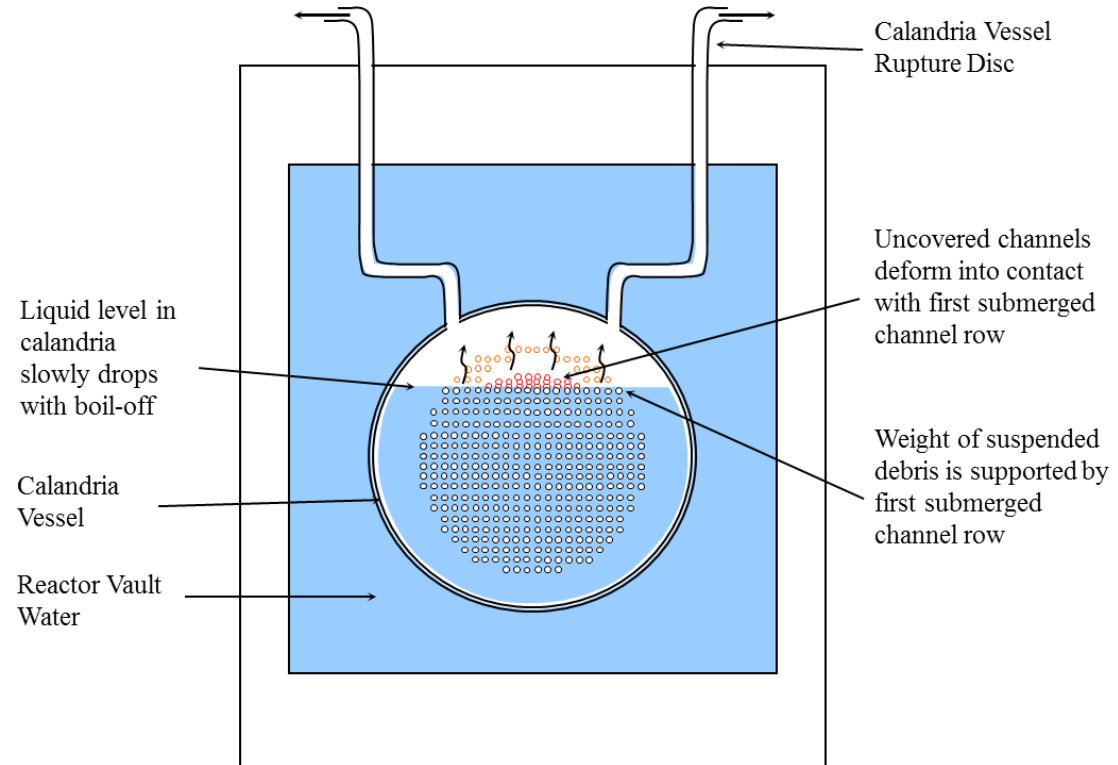
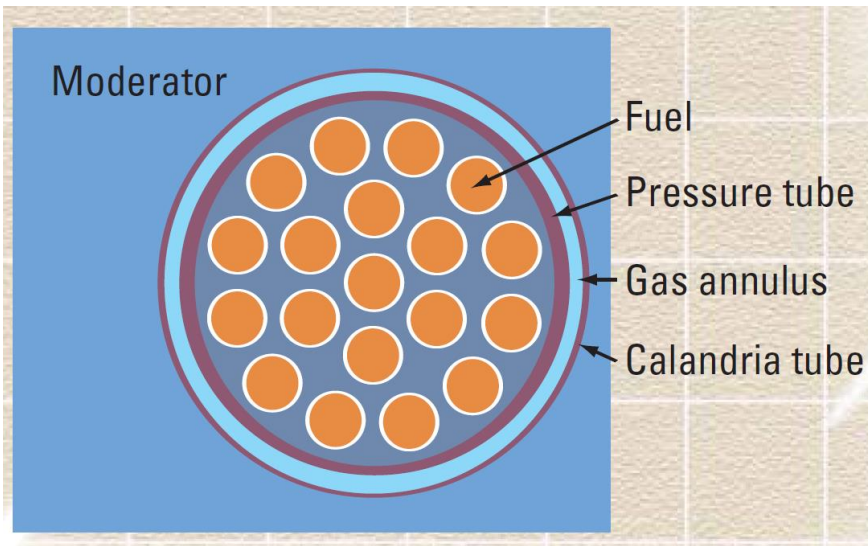
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- Loss of Coolant Accident



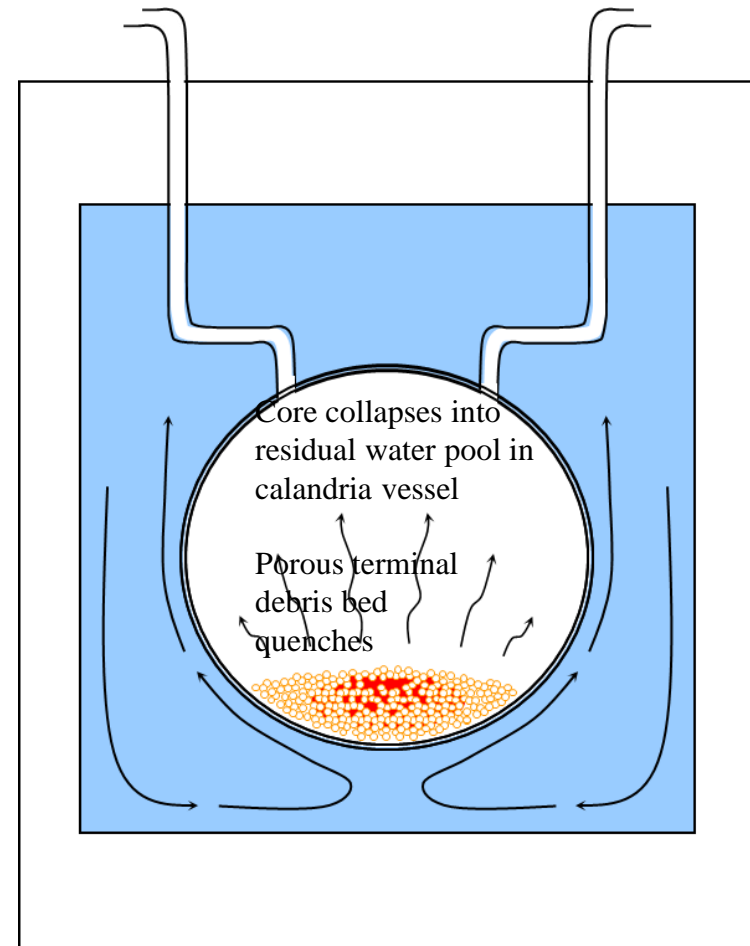
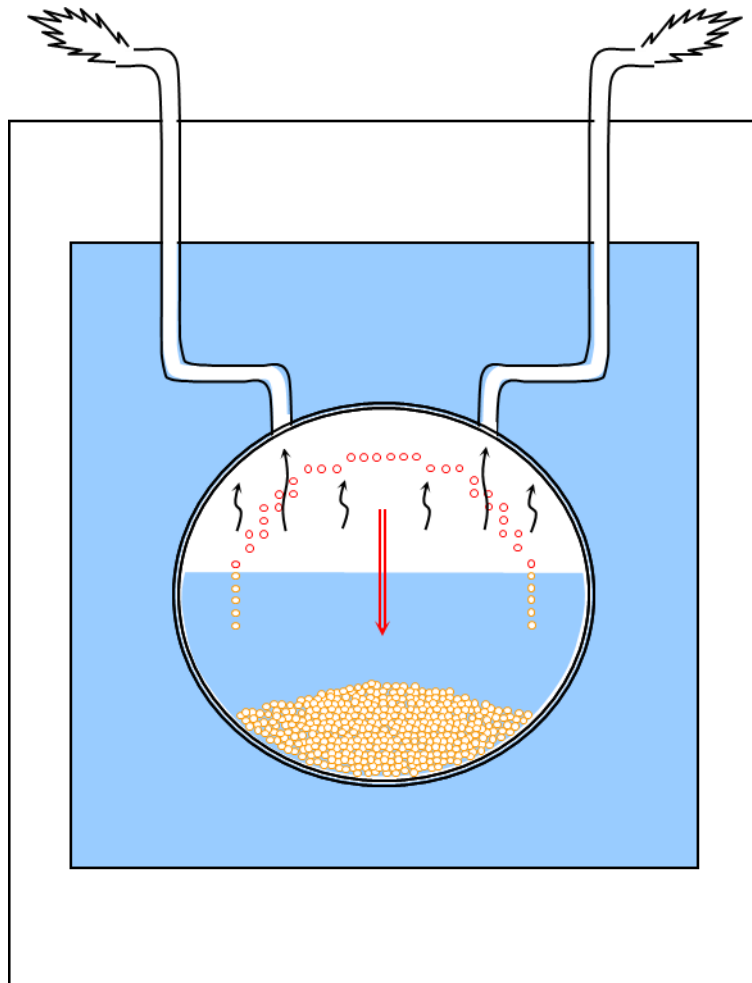
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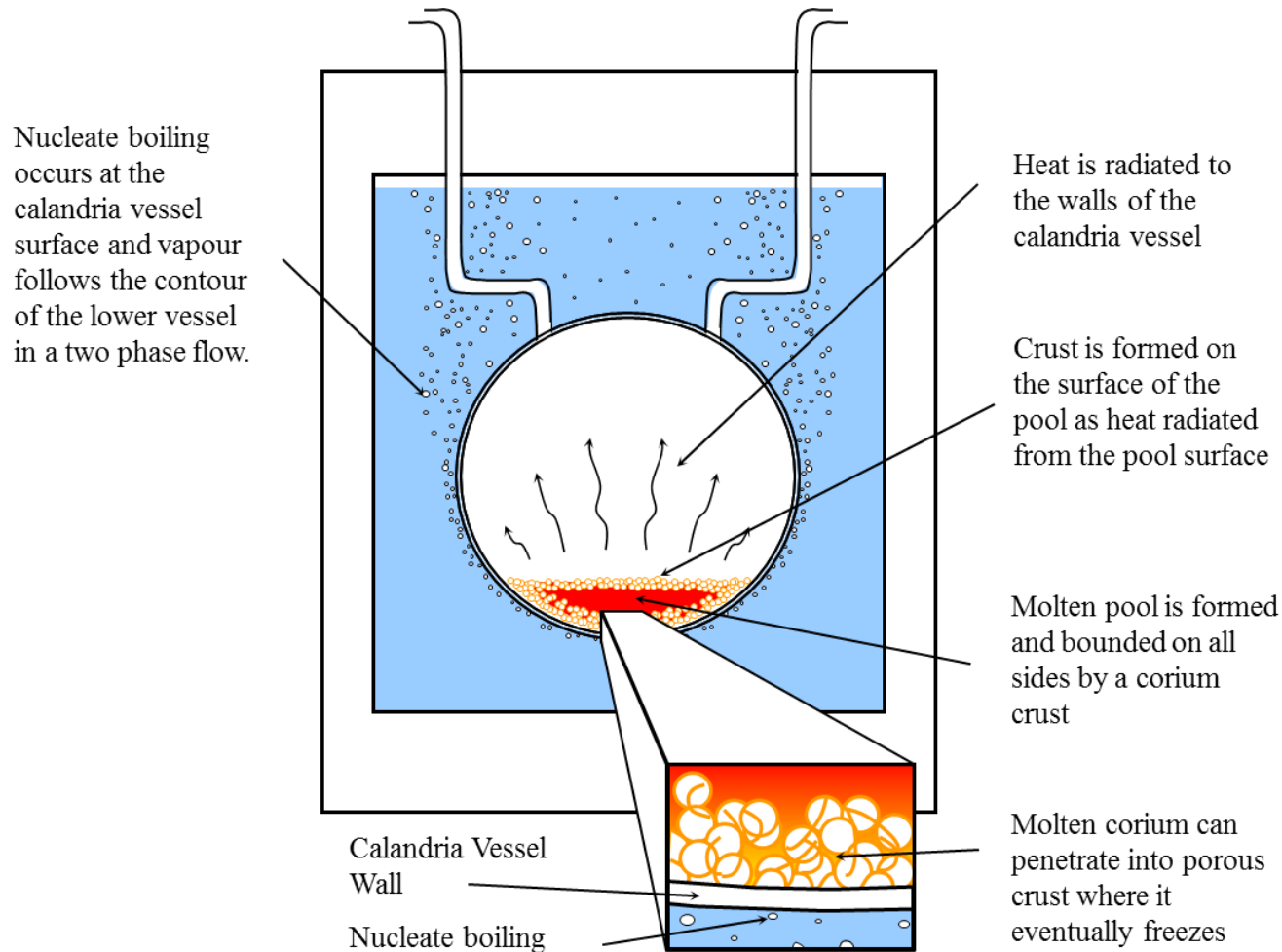
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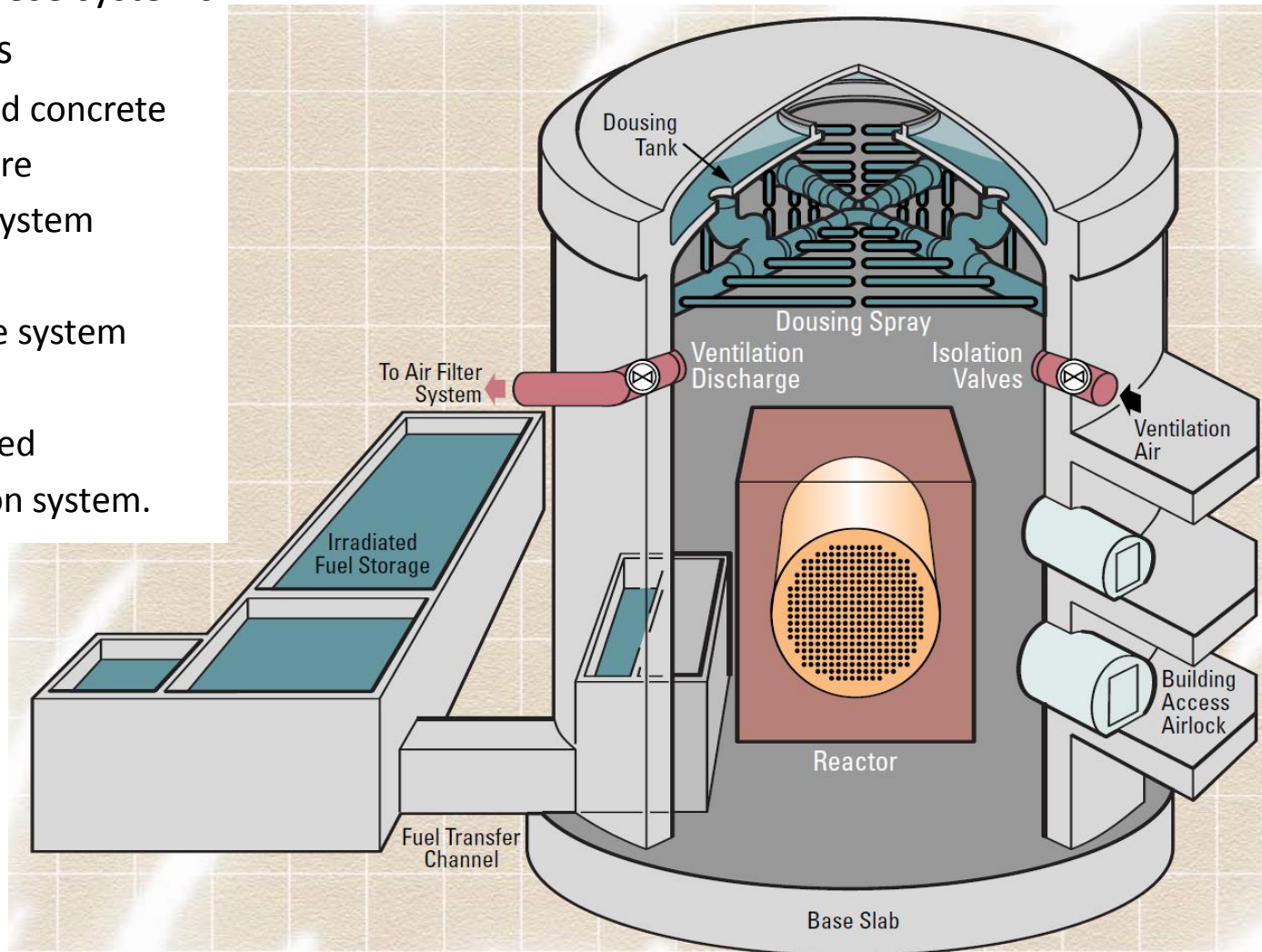
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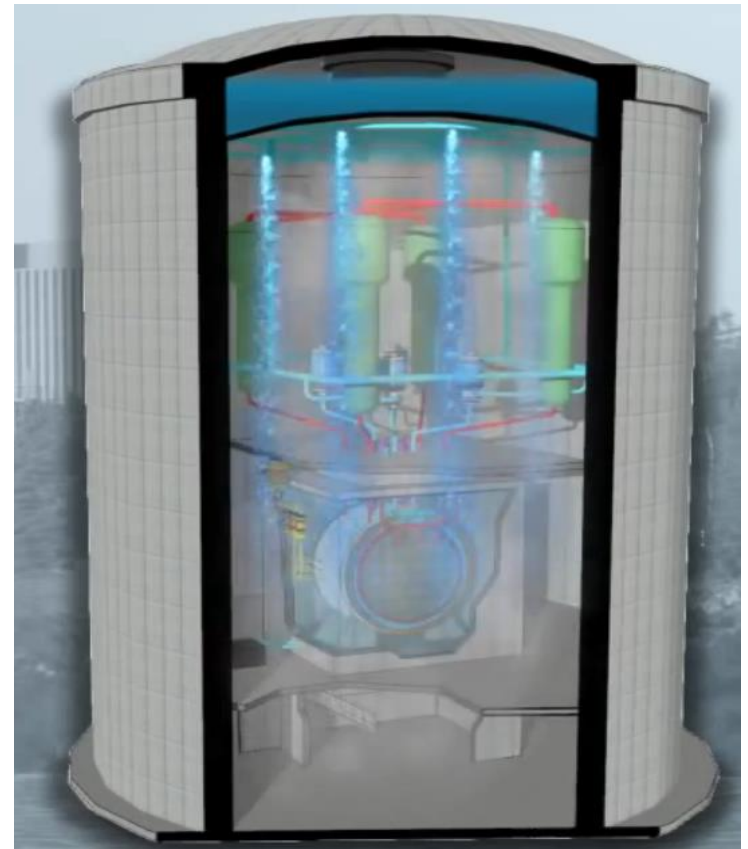
❖ Containment system

- To provide a sealed envelope around the reactor systems if an accidental radioactivity release occurs from these systems
- Structures and systems
 - Lined, post-tensioned concrete containment structure
 - Automatic dousing system
 - Air coolers
 - Filtered air discharge system
 - Access airlocks
 - Automatically initiated containment isolation system.



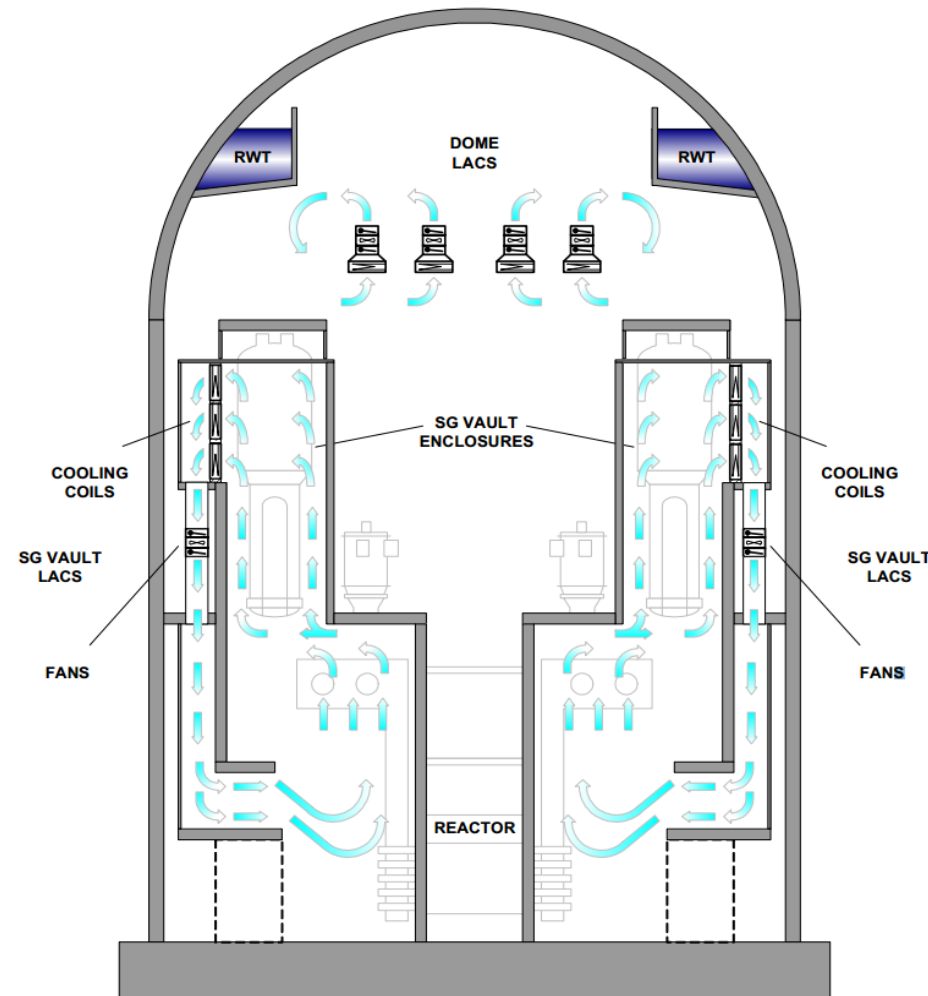
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- System operation: if a large break in the heat transport system occurred
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 - At an overpressure of 3.5 kPa (0.5 psig), containment closure is initiated.
 - Reactor trip and ECCS operation starts.
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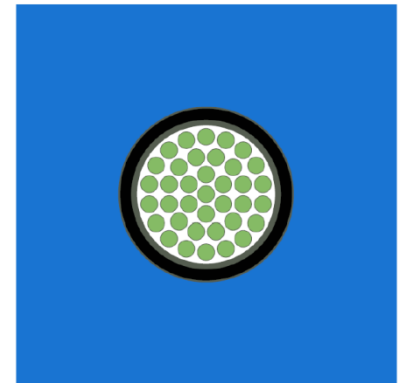
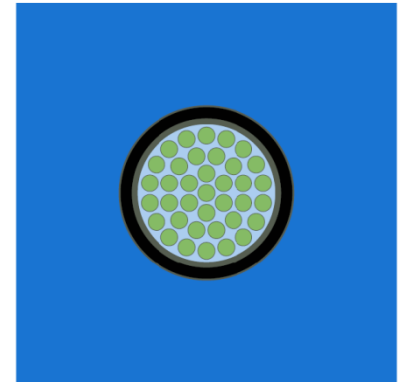
❖ Safety Concern regarding Positive Void Coefficient

- Void coefficient of reactivity
 - positive
- Power coefficient of reactivity
 - close to zero
- Temperature coefficient of reactivity
 - close to zero
- CNSC has not set requirements for reactivity feedback
 - Positive or negative is acceptable
 - Magnitude is important
- CNSC sets performance objectives related to
 - Capacity of systems to control reactivity
 - Capacity of systems to shutdown reactor in a timely manner
 - Reliability of the control and shutdown functions

❖ Why do CANDU reactors have a "positive void coefficient"?

(see <http://www.nuclearfaq.ca>)

- In PWRs and BWRs,
 - Void coefficient: negative
 - A decrease in coolant density leads directly to a decrease in overall neutron moderation
- In CANDU
 - The coolant and moderator are separate heavy water circuits.
 - The coolant makes only a minor contribution to overall neutron moderation.
 - A loss of coolant (or a decrease in coolant density) would not be expected to affect neutron moderation significantly.
 - Furthermore, since the coolant does not significantly absorb neutrons either, one might suspect that its disappearance would have no reactivity effect at all.
 - In fact, the coolant does account for a small amount of moderation in CANDU reactors – just enough to "knock" fast neutrons down into the resonance energy range.



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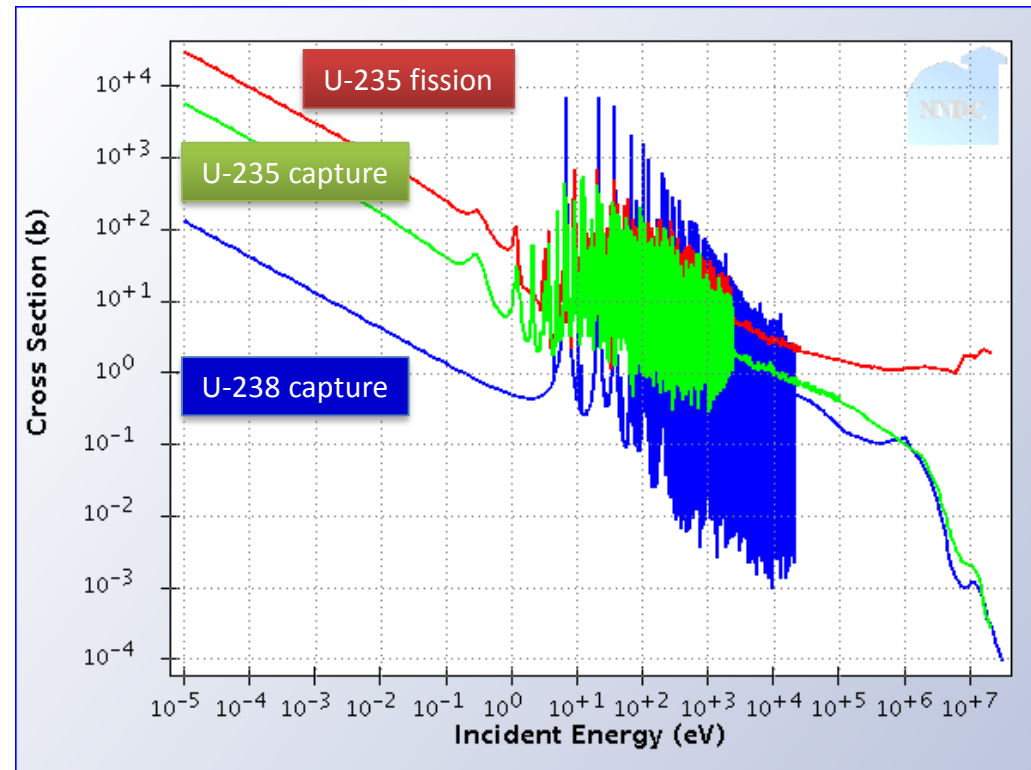
- This small amount of moderation takes place in a location close to the fuel.
- Some neutrons are decelerated by "just" the right amount, and in "just" the right location.
- LOCA
 - Resonance-energy neutrons ↓
 - Fast neutrons ↑ and fast fission in U-238 ↑

■ Up-scattering

- The coolant increases energy of thermal neutrons
- $T_{\text{coolant}} (300\text{ °C}) \gg T_{\text{moderator}} (75\text{ °C})$
- Less fission in U-235

■ LOCA

- No up-scattering
- Fission in U-235 ↑



- ❖ **How do CANDU reactors meet high safety standards, despite having a "positive void coefficient"?**
 - Combined effect
 - Small feedback under power ramping
 - Shut-down system
 - Shut-off rods
 - High pressure liquid poison injection
 - Core's dynamic response
 - Neutron moderation is sufficiently sluggish to enable control.
 - “Any feedback coefficient is a challenge for safe control, if it is large enough or highly variable - regardless of its sign.”
 - A BWR, for instance, has a large negative void coefficient which must be handled by the safety system in scenarios involving massive void collapse (inducing positive reactivity).
 - “It is far more important to keep feedback coefficients small and independent of operating conditions.”

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