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EPRI Extended Fuel Collaboration Program (ESCP) Meeting

High Burnup Demo Subcommittee Meeting

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AGENDA

- *Welcome and Introductions*
- *Sister rod characterization: Steve Marschman*
- *Discussion on subcommittee scope*
 - *BWR thermohydraulic test platform ideas*
 - *Round table discussion*



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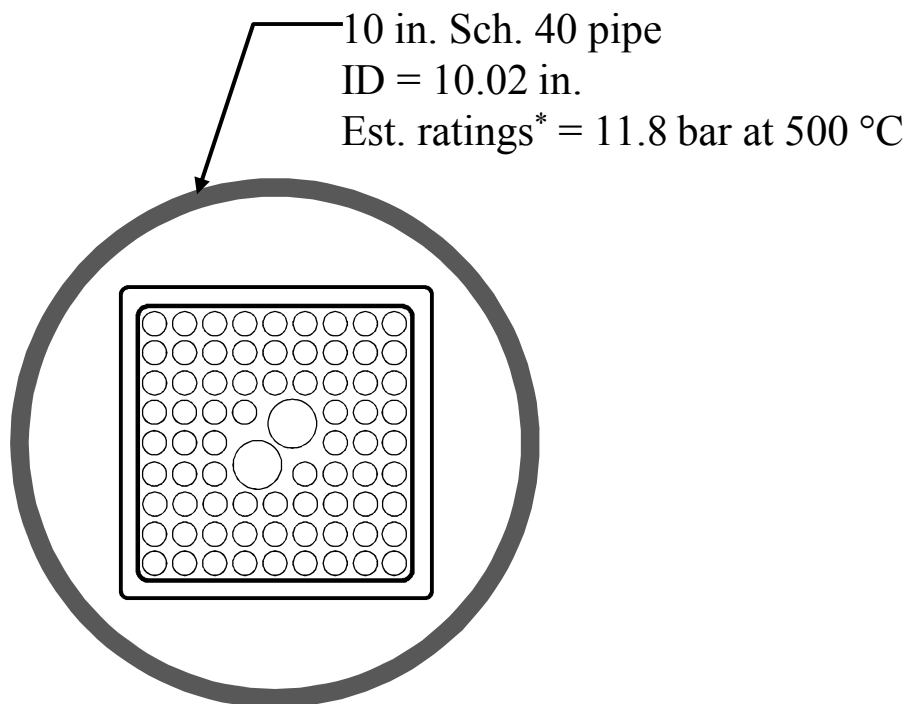
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Simulated Dry Cask BWR Testing

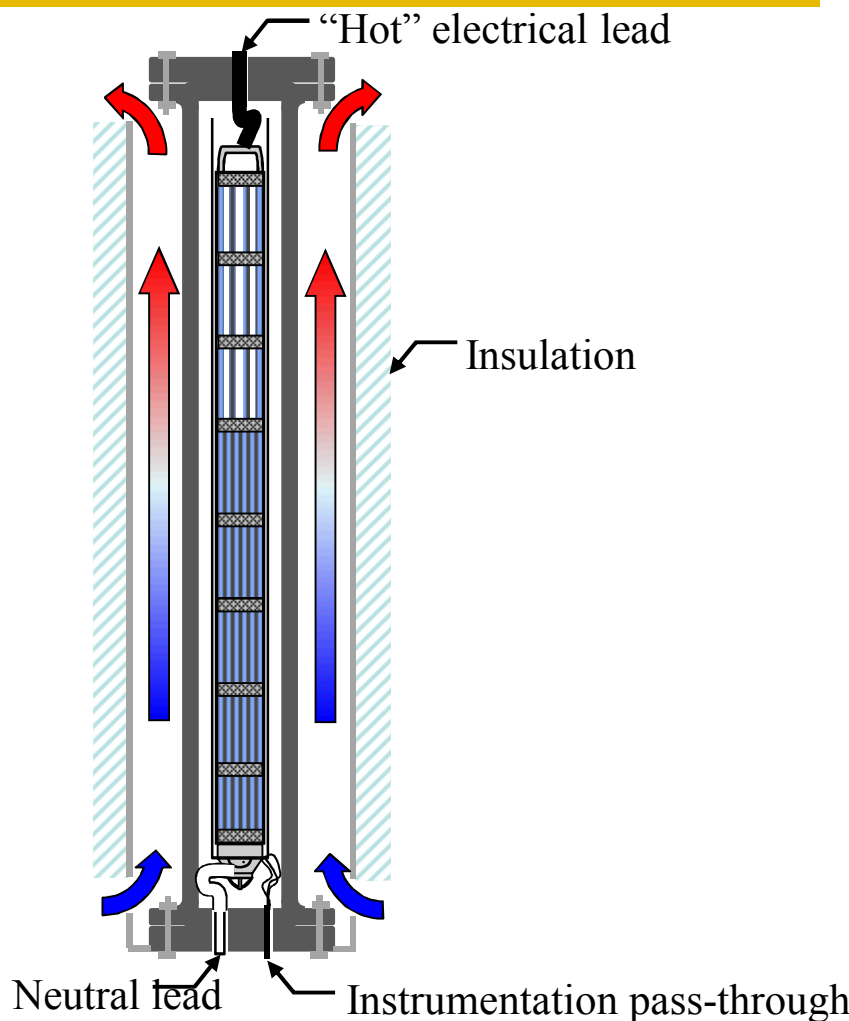
- **Use existing prototypic BWR Incoloy test assembly in a pressure vessel with He environment**
- **Explore effects of pressure and decay power on assembly temperature and internal flow**
- **Record high-fidelity data for the validation of CFD simulations**
- **Estimated project duration is 1 to 2 years**



Above Ground Configuration



* Assumes 300# flanges





Below Ground Configuration

■ Modification to above ground configuration

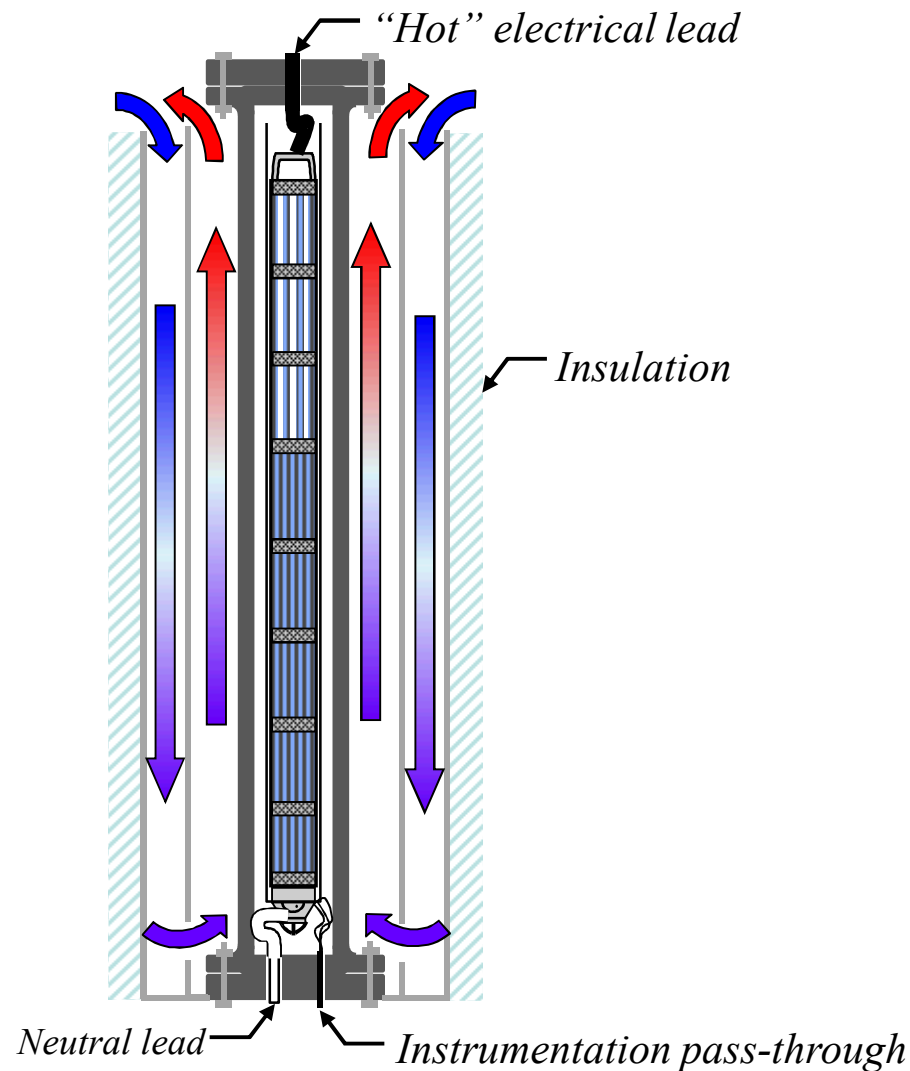
- Additional annular flow path
- Insulation on outer BC

■ Air flow measurements

- Hot wire anemometers
- Placed at air inlets

■ Internal flow

- Indirectly through temperature
- Direct measurement difficult





Optional Cask Simulations*

- **Examine the conditions developed during a typical drying cycle (e.g. ASTM C1553-2008)**
 - Introduce representative amount of water to vessel including damaged fuel surrogates
 - *Interest from DOE UFD regarding corrosion from residual water*
 - Pull vacuum until 3 torr is achieved
 - *Drying endpoint*
 - *Determine PCT and temperature profiles during drying cycle*
 - Perform ballooning rod analysis for measured temperature profiles
 - *Re-examine SFP Phase 2 ballooning data for guidance*
 - *Extend analysis for full cask and any fuel condition with FLUENT and FRAPCON*

* *Not included in earlier cost estimate*