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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*



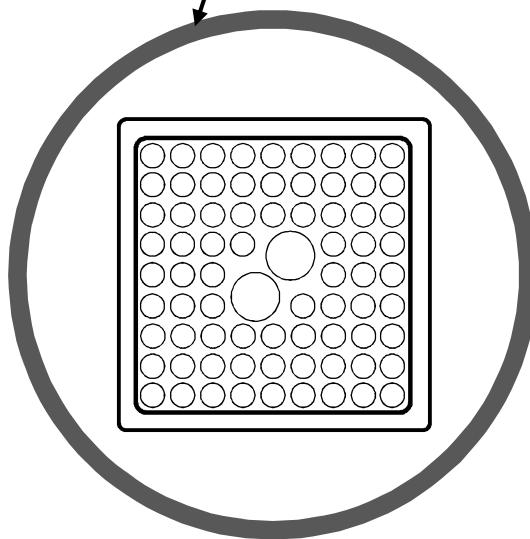
Simulated Dry Cask BWR Testing

- 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

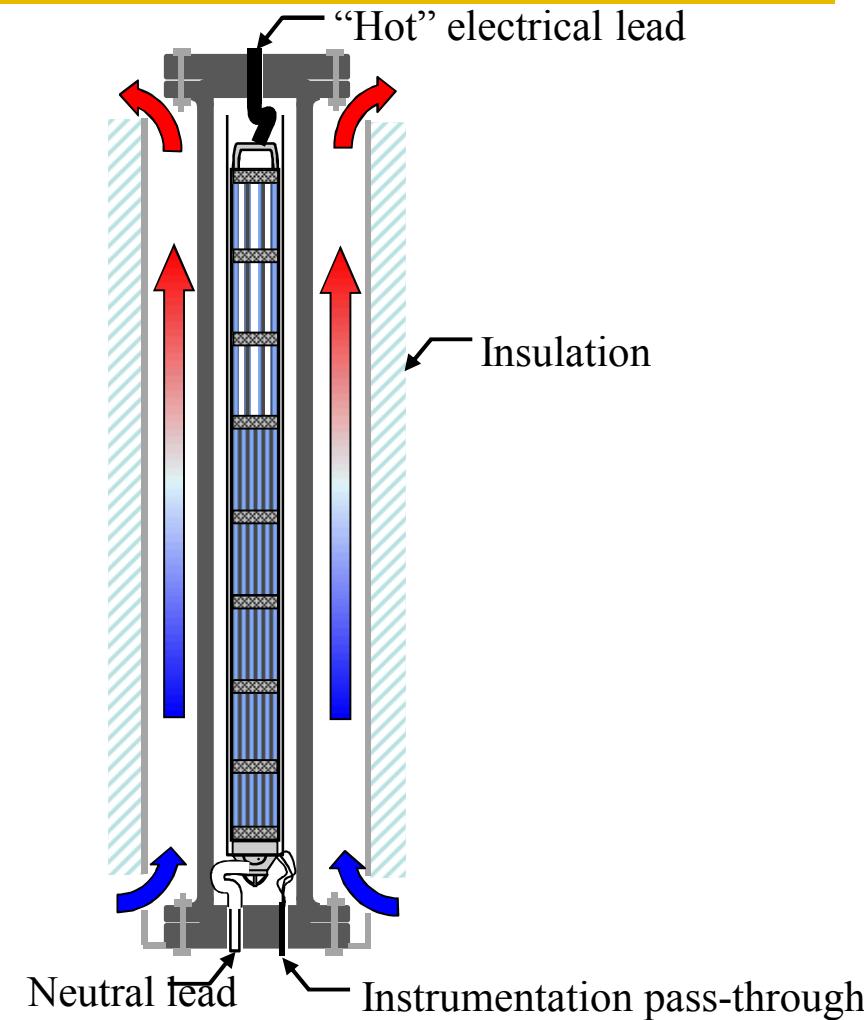


Above Ground Configuration

10 in. Sch. 40 pipe
ID = 10.02 in.
Est. ratings* = 11.8 bar at 500 °C



* Assumes 300# flanges





Below Ground Configuration

- **Modification to above ground configuration**

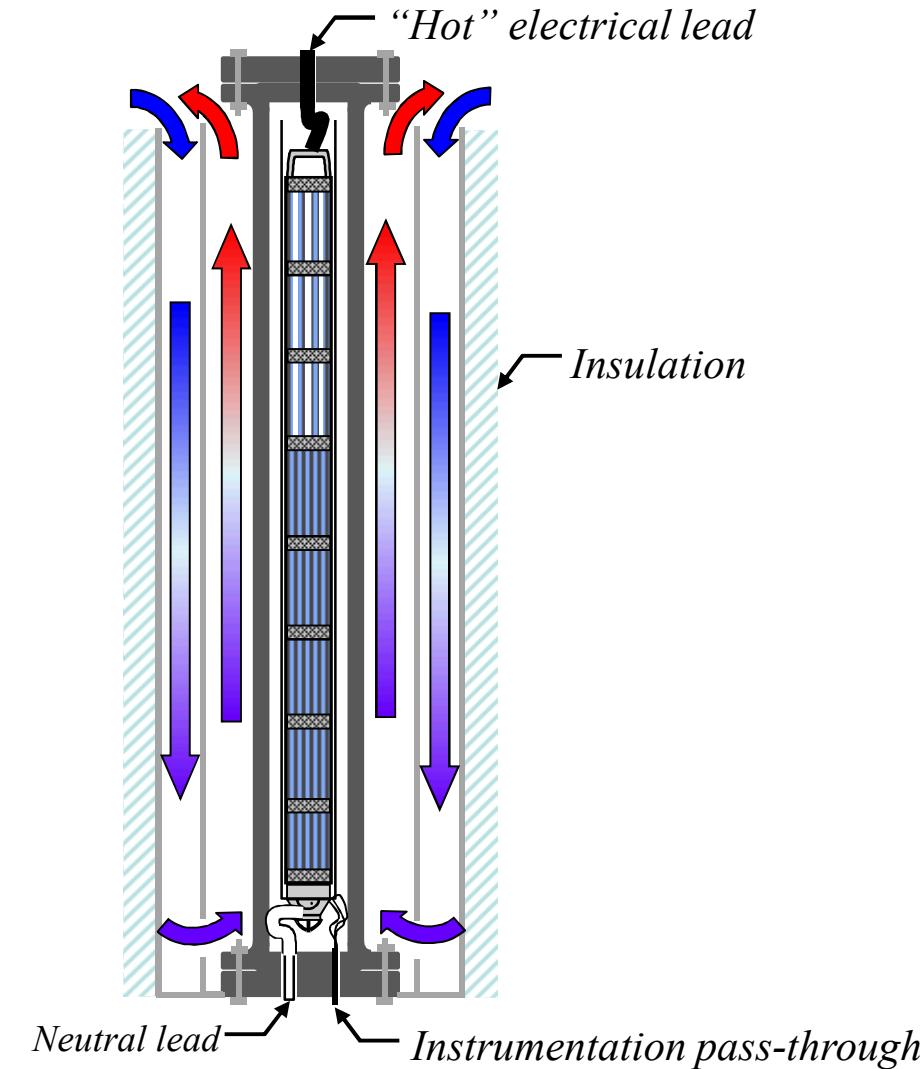
- Additional annular flow path
 - Insulation on outer BC

- **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*