

NSTD Introductory Course

New Gen III+ Reactor Power Plant Designs

Economic Simplified Boiling Water Reactor (ESBWR)

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ESBWR

Key Design Features

Nuclear Power Plant (NPP) Development

Gen II

Large Commercial NPPs Currently in Operation Throughout U.S.

Gen III

Advanced LWRs

AP 600(W)

ABWR (GE)

System 80+ (CE)

Nuclear Power Plant (NPP) Development (cont.)

Transition

Probably Could Be Classed as Gen III+

SBWR

Gen III+

Evolutionary Designs

ESBWR (GE)

Improved Economics

AP 1000 (W)

Advanced Safety Features

ACR 700 (AECL)

Some Passive Design Aspects

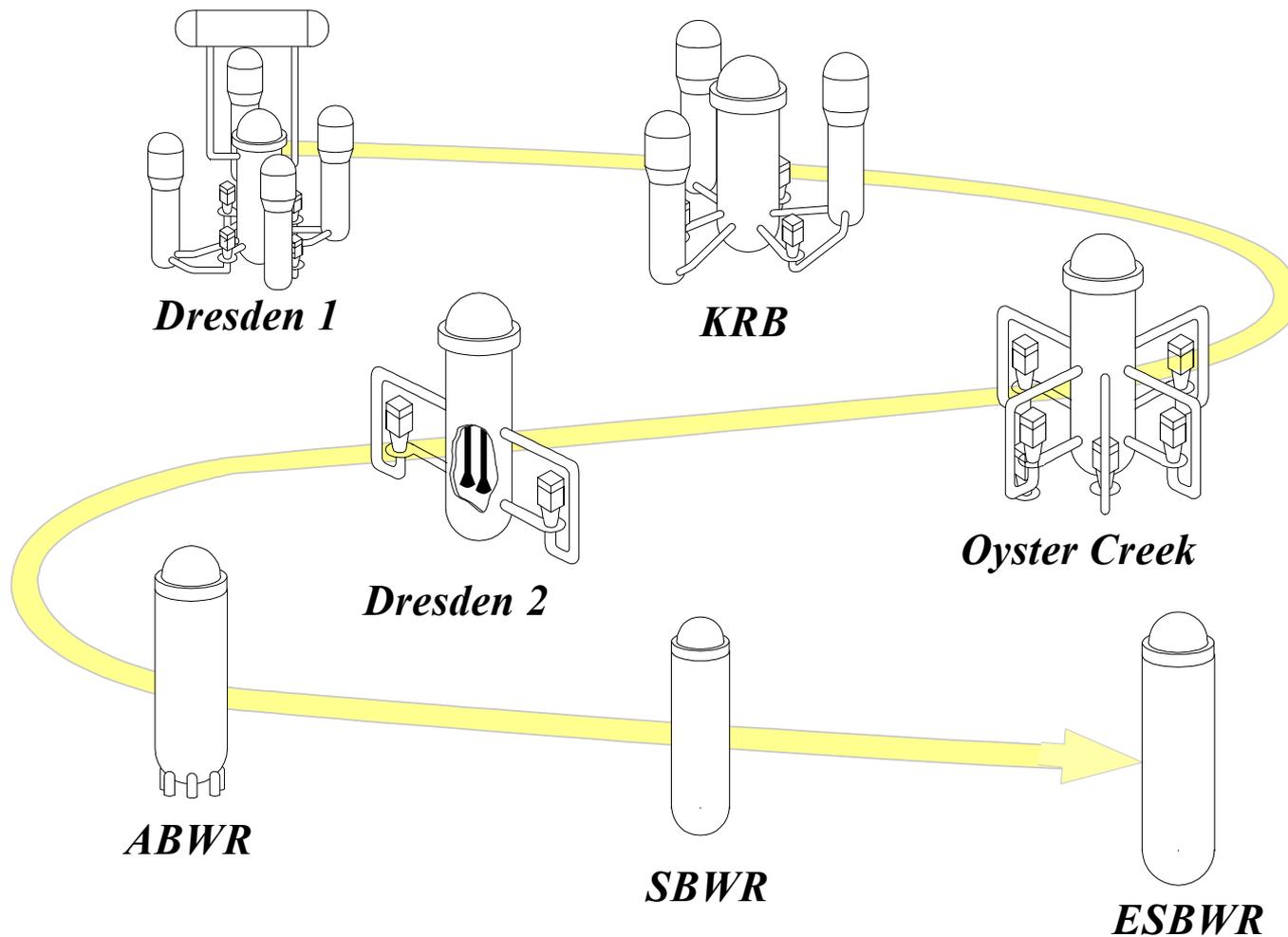
EPR (AREVA - Framatome ANP)

Advanced Containment Design

PBMR (South Africa, PBMR Pty. Ltd.)

Simplified System Designs

BWR Evolution



BWR Design Progression

BWR 2-6 → ABWR → SBWR → ESBWR

- 35 Domestic (U.S.) operating BWRs
- 17 International operating BWRs
- 2 International (Japan) operating ABWRs
- Provide the current status of its design certification process with the NRC.

BWR Product Line 2/3/4

- Motor Generator Used for Recirculation System Flow Control
- High Pressure Coolant Injection (except early BWR 2s - Nine Mile Point 1 and Oyster Creek which used Feedwater Coolant Injection)

BWR Product Line 5/6

- Flow Control Valves for Recirculation System Control
- High Pressure Core Spray

Recirculation Systems

- 5 Loops - Nine Mile Point 1 and Oyster Creek
- 2 Loops - all others

BWR Design Progression (cont.)

Isolation Condenser Systems

- Dresden 2 & 3
- Nine Mile Point 1
- Oyster Creek

Natural Circulation

- Humboldt Bay

Containment

- Mark 1 (23) BWR 2,3 and older BWR 4s
inverted light bulb
drywell and torus
usually an inerted atmosphere
- Mark II (8) Newer BWR 4s and BWR 5s
frustum of cone
called “over-under”
- Mark III (4) BWR 6s
pressure suppression

ABWR NPPs

Kashiwazaki Units 6 & 7

Located in Japan

Expected time to fuel load	39 months
Actual construction time.	Unit 6 - 61 months
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Actual time to fuel load	Unit 6 - 36.5 months
.	Unit 7 - 38.3 months
Broke ground September 17, 1991	
Commercial operation	Unit 6 - November 7, 1996
.	Unit 7 - July 2, 1997

ABWR NPPs (cont.)

Lungmen Units 1 & 2

Located in Taiwan

Expected construction time 48 months

Delayed up to 2005 at 57% complete

Reactor installed. Unit 1 - March 2005

Expected operation Unit 1 - July 2006

. Unit 2 - July 2007

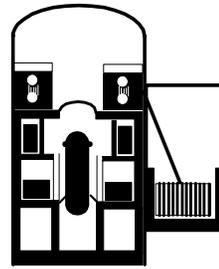
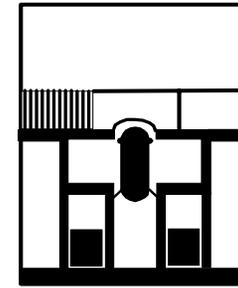
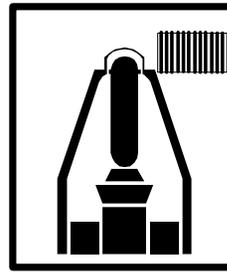
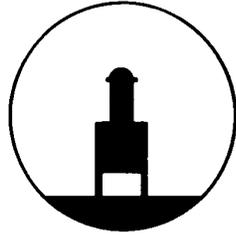
Optimized Parameters for ESBWR

<u>Parameter</u>	<u>BWR/4-Mk I</u> (Browns Ferry 3)	<u>BWR/6-Mk III</u> (Grand Gulf)	<u>ABWR</u>	<u>ESBWR</u>
Power (MWt/GrossMWe)	3293/1098	3900/1360	3926/1350	4500/1580
Vessel height/dia. (m)	21.9/6.4	21.8/6.4	21.1/7.1	27.7/7.1
Fuel Bundles (number)	764	800	872	1132
Active Fuel Height (m)	3.7	3.7	3.7	3.0
Power density (kw/l)	50	54.2	51	54
Recirculation pumps	2(large)	2(large)	10	zero
Number of CRDs/type	185/LP	193/LP	205/FM	269/FM
Safety system pumps	9	9	18	zero
Safety diesel generator	2	3	3	zero
Core damage freq./yr	1E-5	1E-6	1E-7	3E-8
Safety Bldg Vol (m ³ /MWe)	115	150	160	~ 130

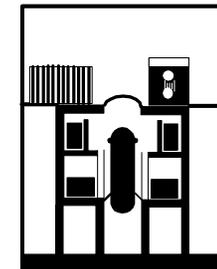
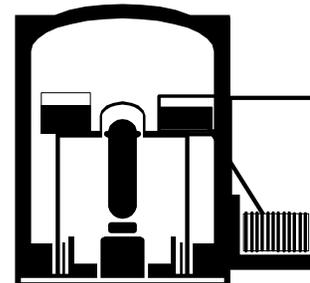
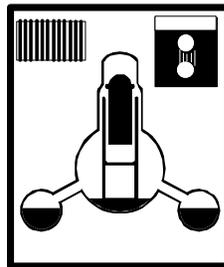
What's different about ESBWR

ABWR	ESBWR
Recirculation System + support systems	Eliminated
HPCF System (2 each)	} Eliminated need for ECCS pumps Utilize passive and stored energy
LPFL (3 each)	
Residual Heat Removal (3 each)	
Safety Grade Diesel Generators (3 each)	Eliminated – only 2 non-safety grade diesels
RCIC	Replaced with IC heat exchangers
SLC –2 pumps	Replaced pumps with accumulators
Reactor Building Service Water (Safety Grade) And Plant Service Water (Safety Grade)	Made non-safety grade

BWR Containment Comparison



Characteristic	Dry	Mark I	Mark II	Mark III	ABWR	SBWR	ESBWR
Pressure Suppression	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Drywell and wetwell volume (ft ³ X 10 ⁶)	2.5	0.4	0.5	1.6	0.5	0.3	0.43
Design Pressure (psig)	50	62	45	15	45	55	40
LOCA Pressure (psig)	50	44	42	9	39	42	30



ESBWR

Plant Licensing Status

ESBWR

Design Certification

- Accepted for docketing by the NRC in December 2005.
- Final Design Approval (FDA) is expected in December 2009.
- Design Certification expected in December 2010.

Utility Activities

- The consortium, NuStart, is expected to apply for a construction/operating license (COL) for an ESBWR for Entergy Nuclear at its Grand Gulf Site in late 2007 or early 2008.
- Dominion will be ready to apply for a COL for an ESBWR at its North Anna Site in September 2007.
- Entergy Nuclear will apply for a COL for an ESBWR at its River Bend Site in the first half of 2008.

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Plant Overview

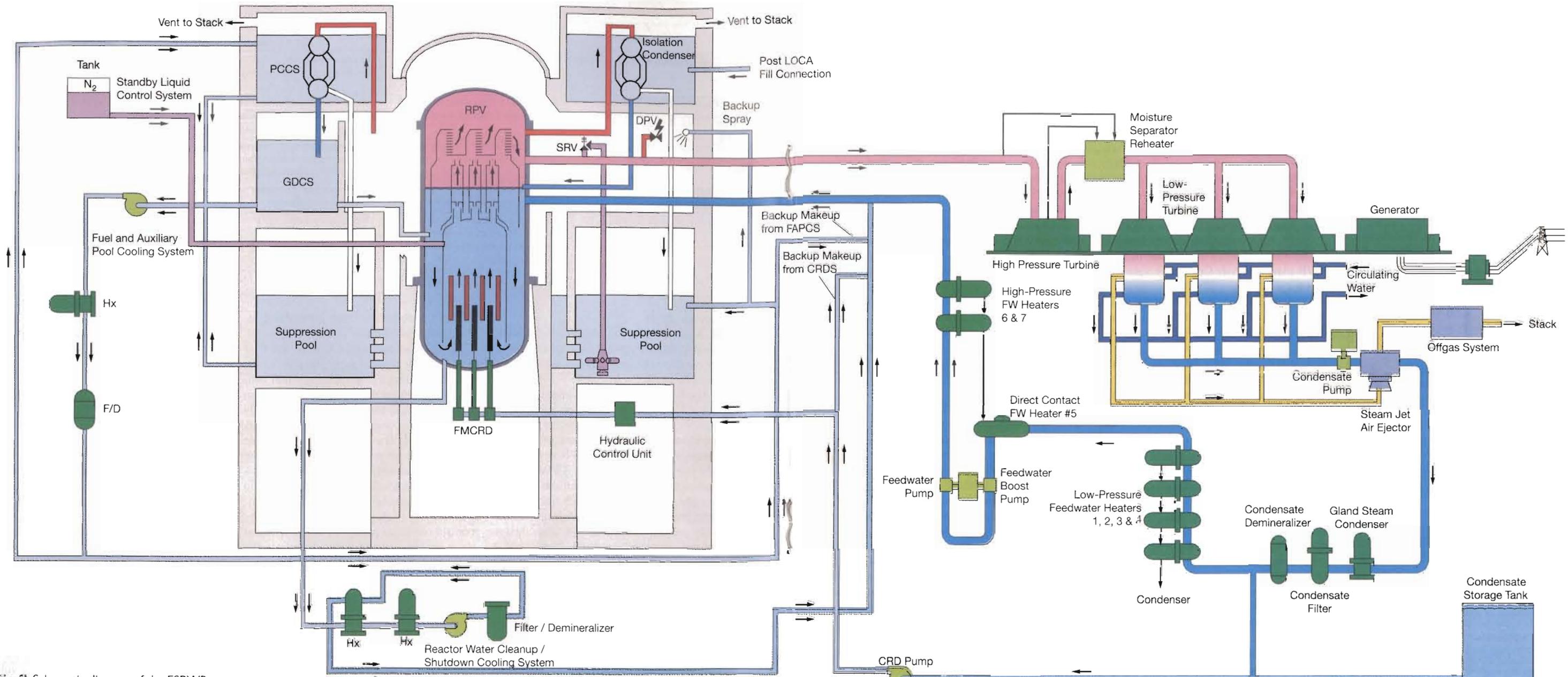
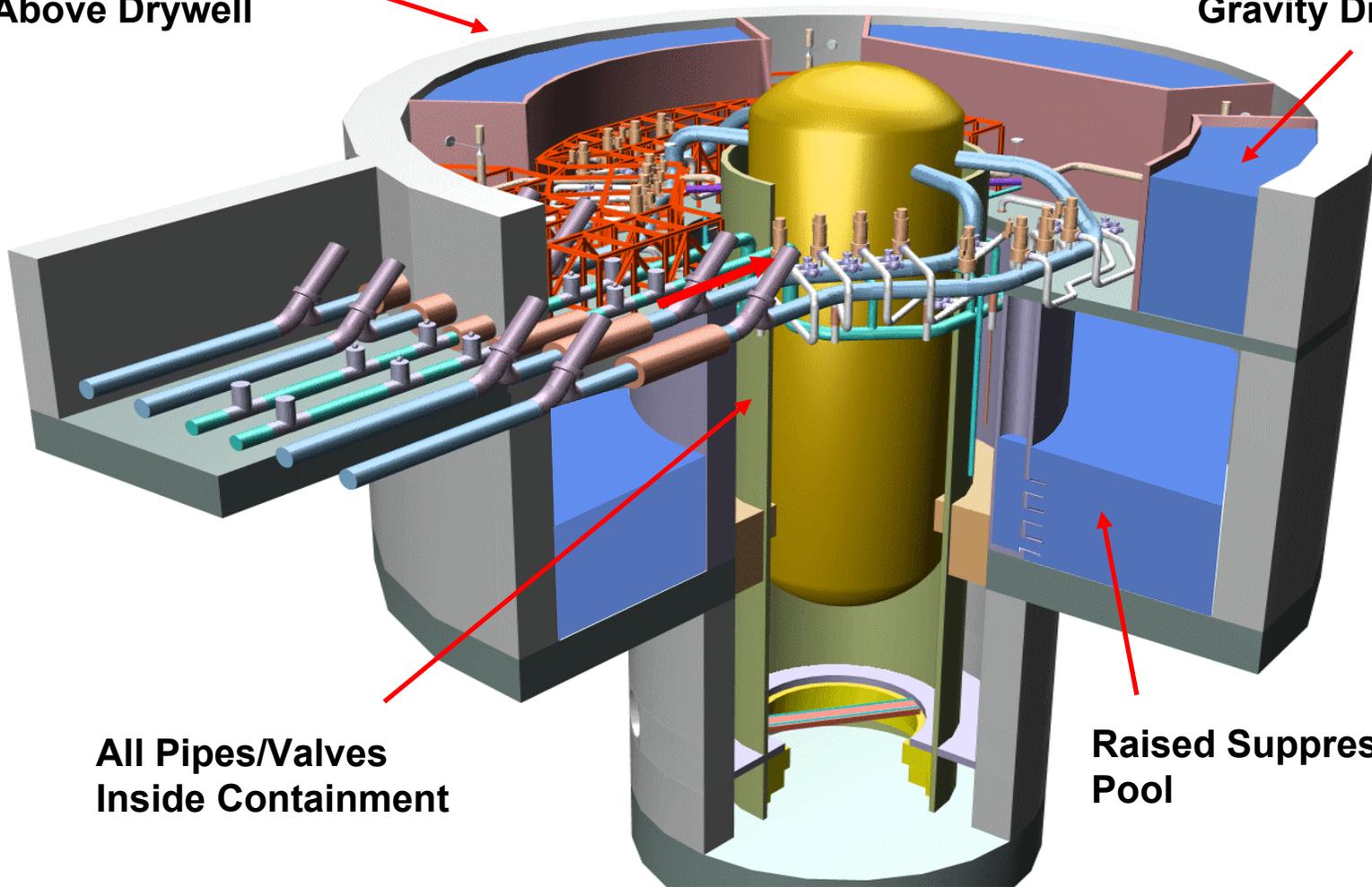


Fig. 2. Schematic diagram of the ESBWR

Safety Systems Inside Containment Envelope

Decay Heat HX's
Above Drywell

High Elevation
Gravity Drain Pools

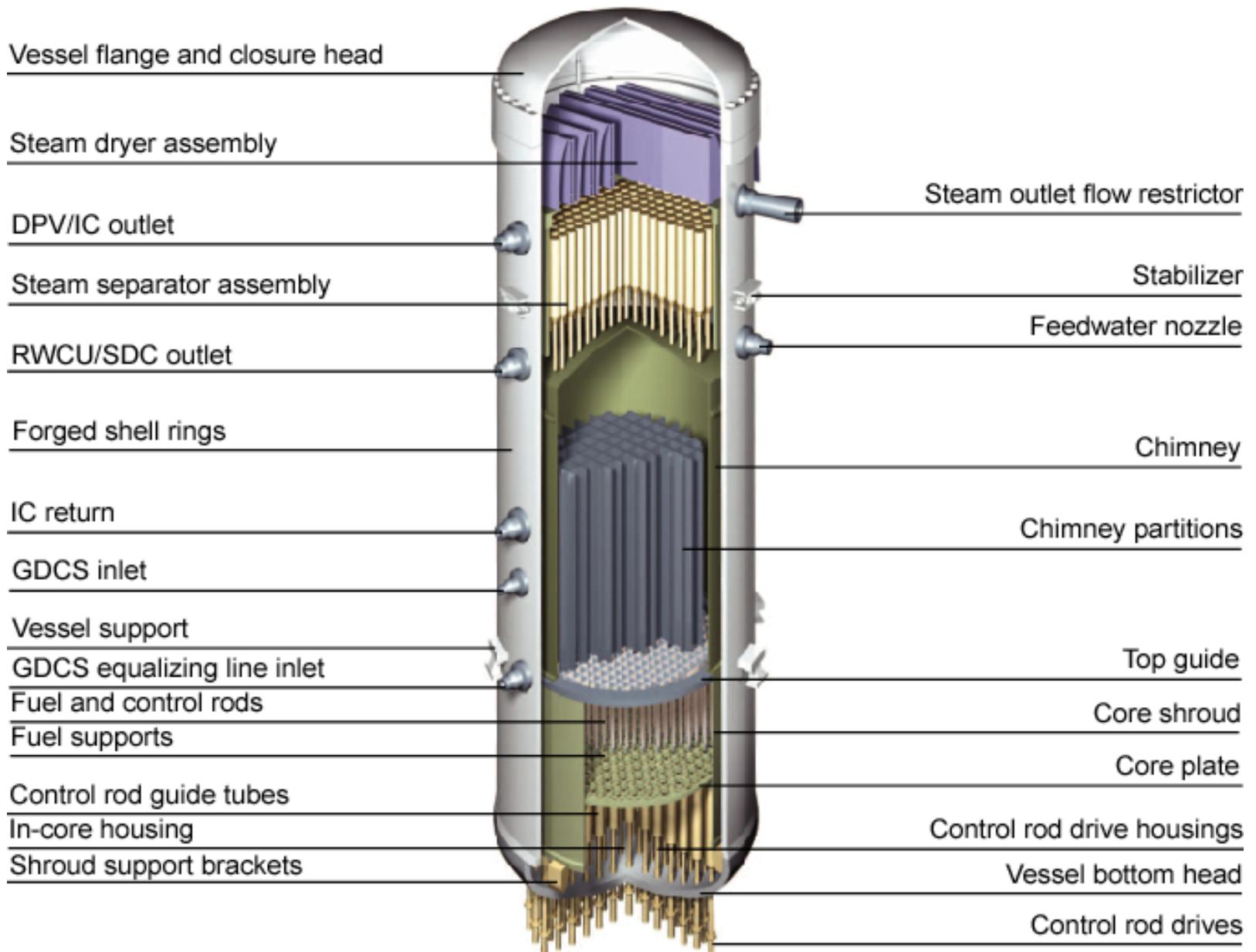


All Pipes/Valves
Inside Containment

Raised Suppression
Pool

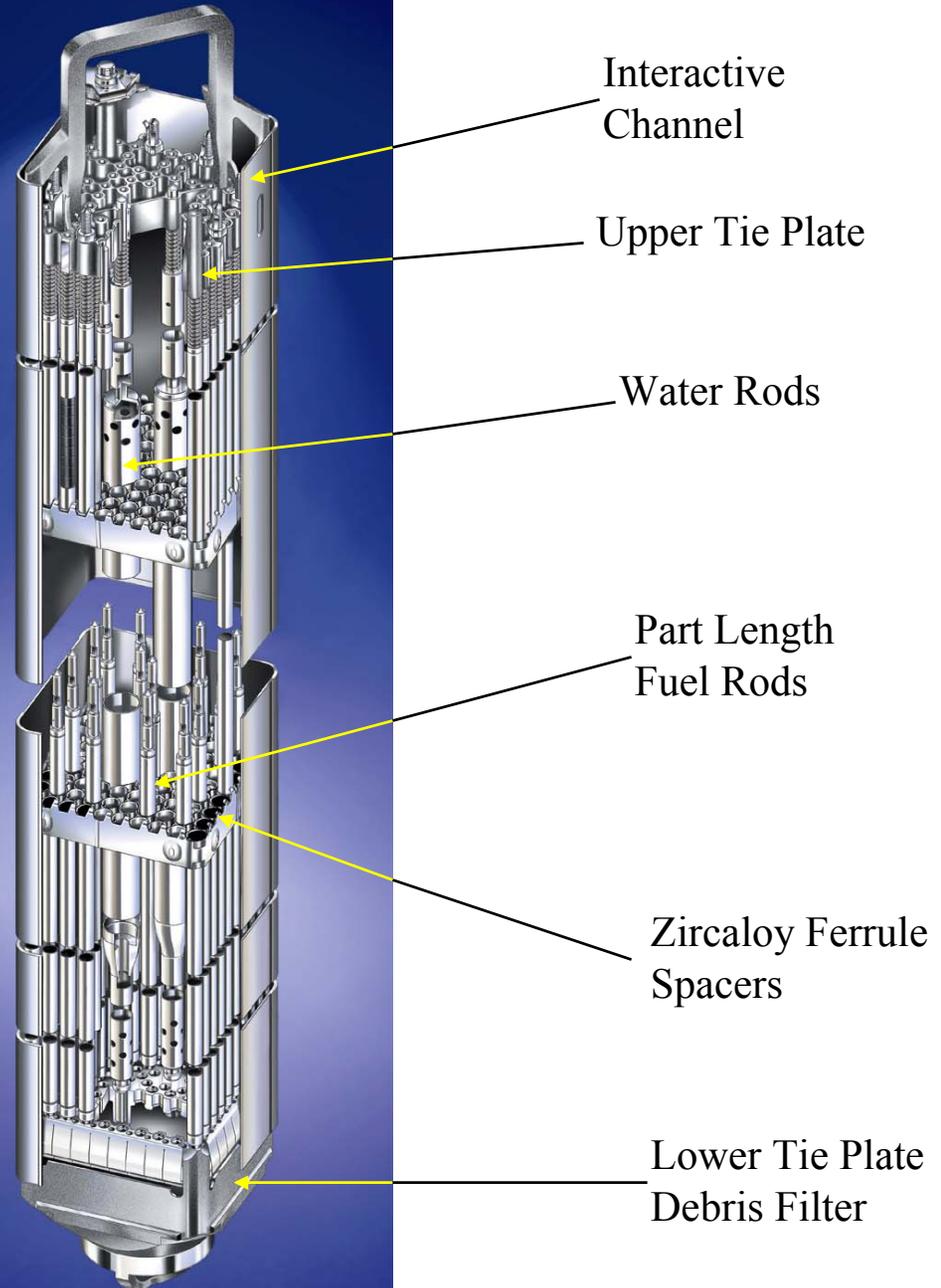
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Core and Vessel Design



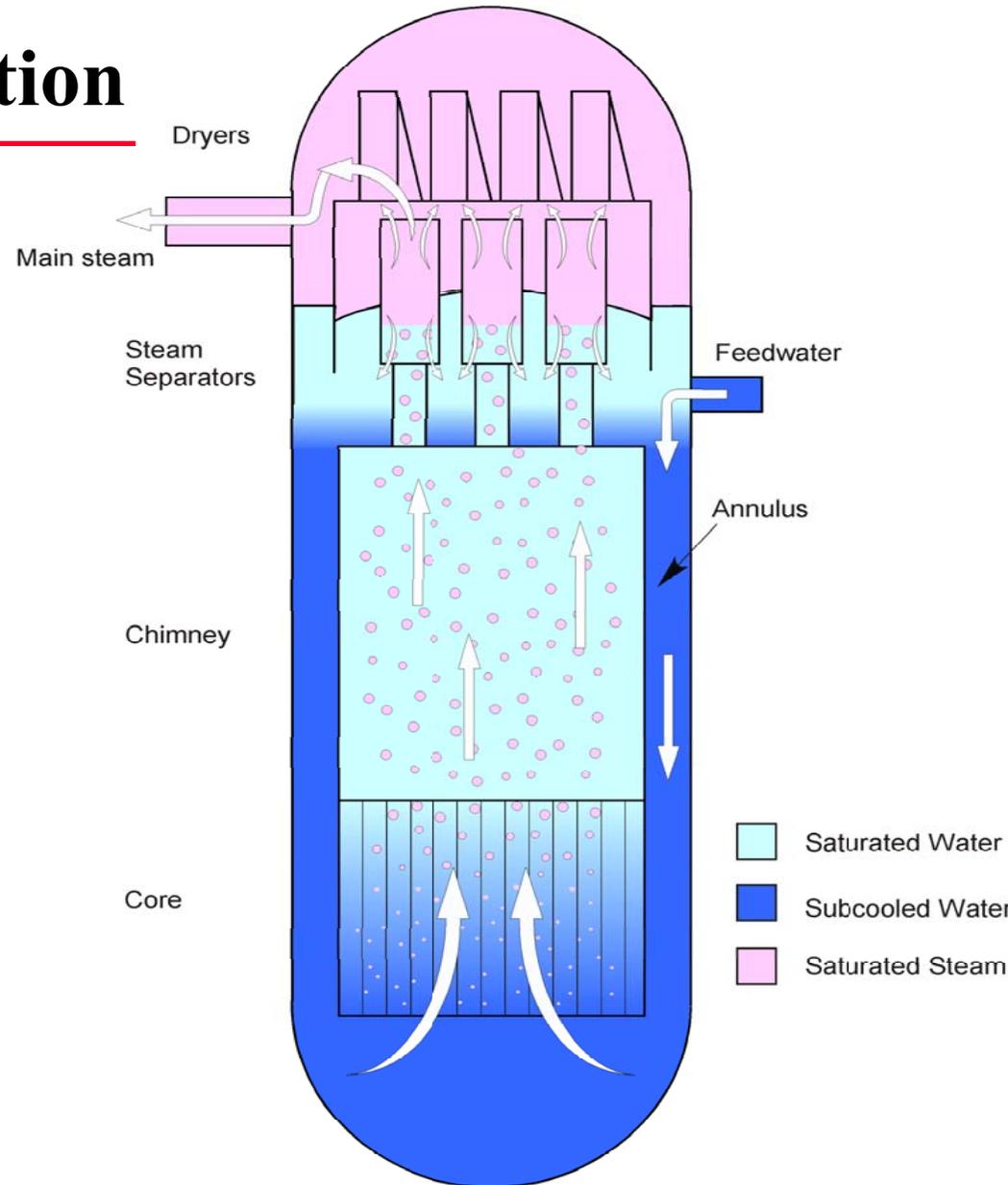
ESBWR Fuel Assembly

- Same cross-sectional dimensions as ABWR
- Active Fuel Length:
ABWR = 144 inches
ESBWR = 120 inches



ESBWR Normal Operation

- **No recirculation pumps – total reliance on natural circulation**
- **Significant natural circulation flow exists in all BWR's**
- **For a given core power, there is a corresponding natural circulation flow**
- **ESBWR uses enhanced design features to increase the flow compared to standard BWR's**



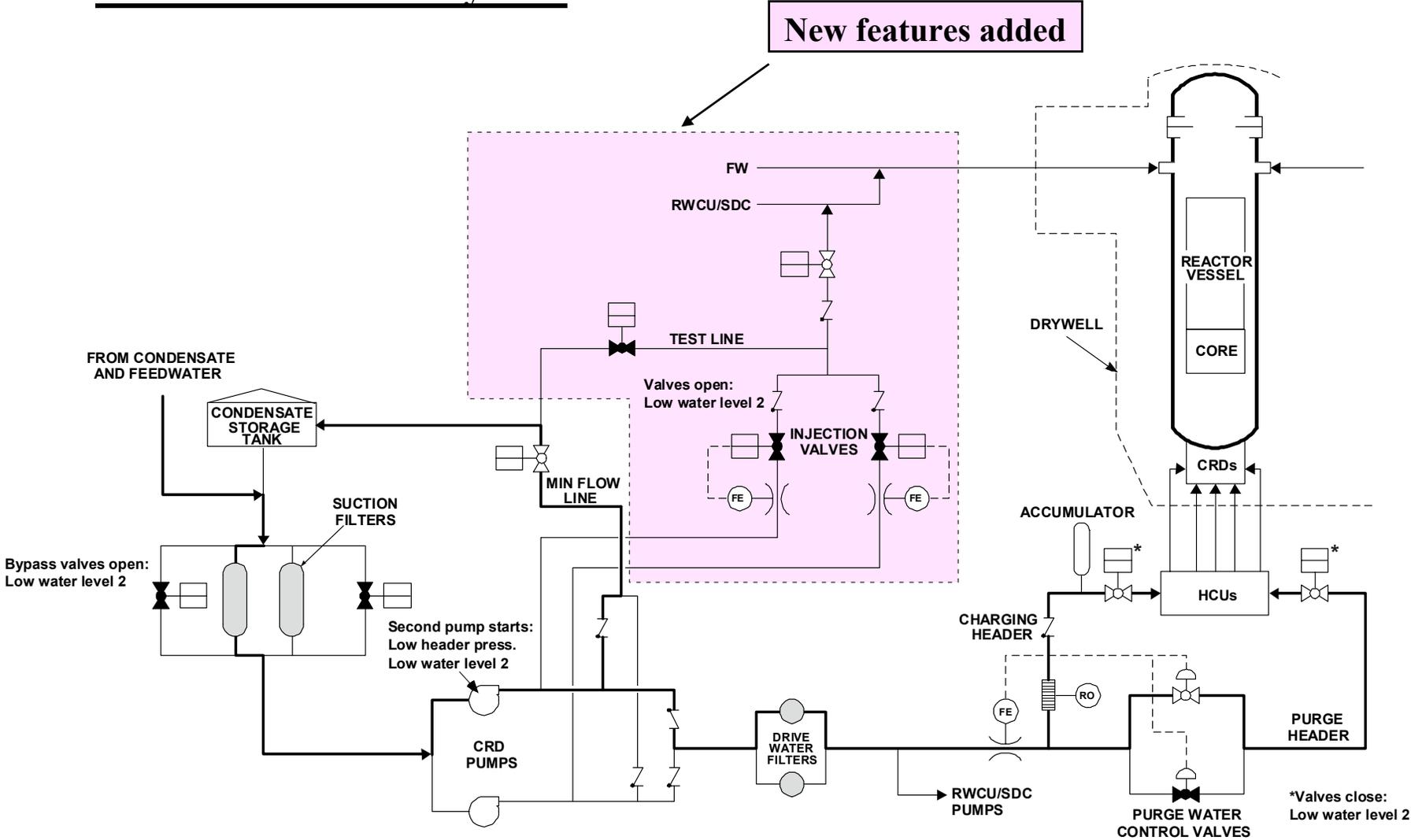
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Important Systems

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Control Rod Drive System (CRDS)

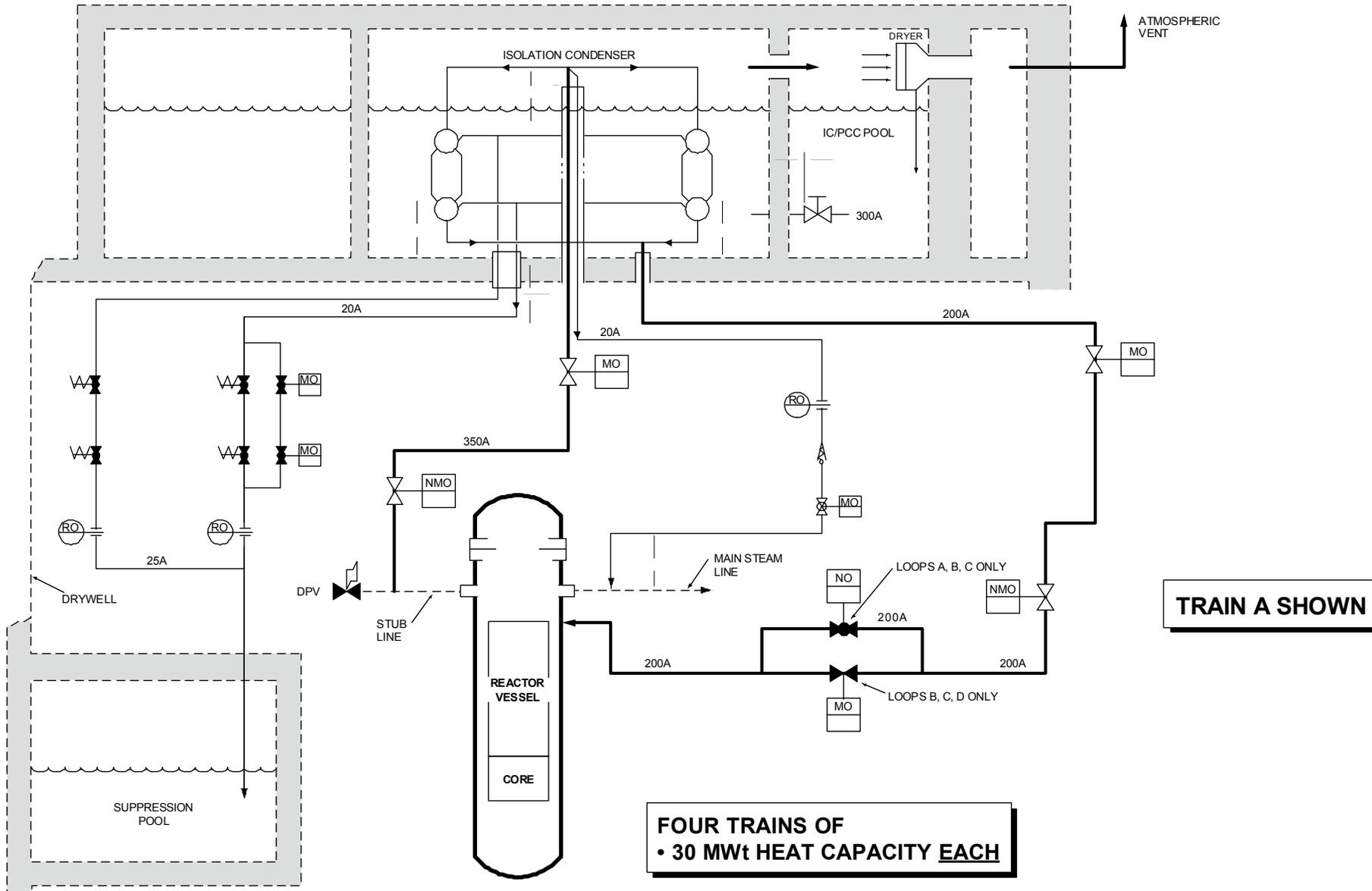
Control Rod Drive System

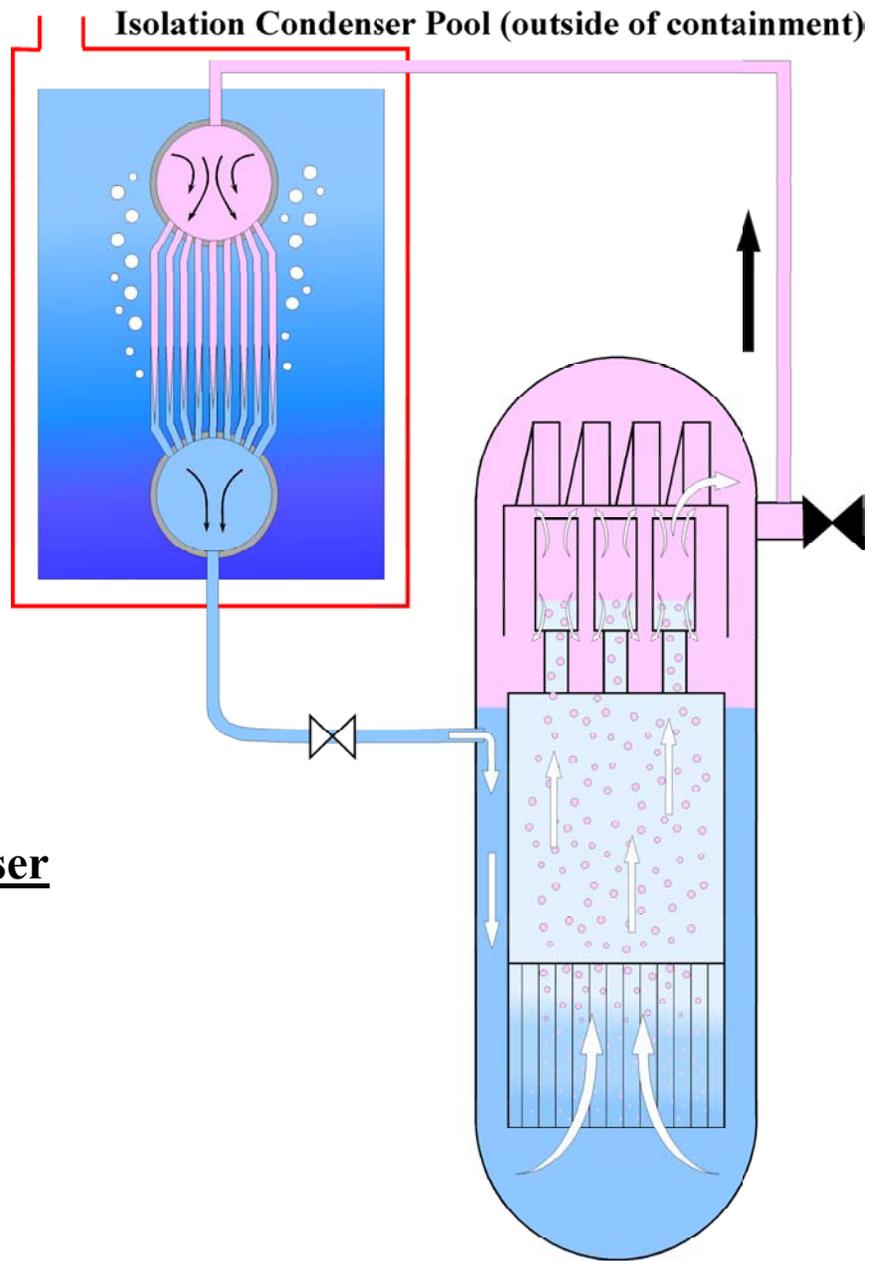


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Isolation Condenser System (ICS)

ESBWR Isolation Condenser System - Schematic Diagram



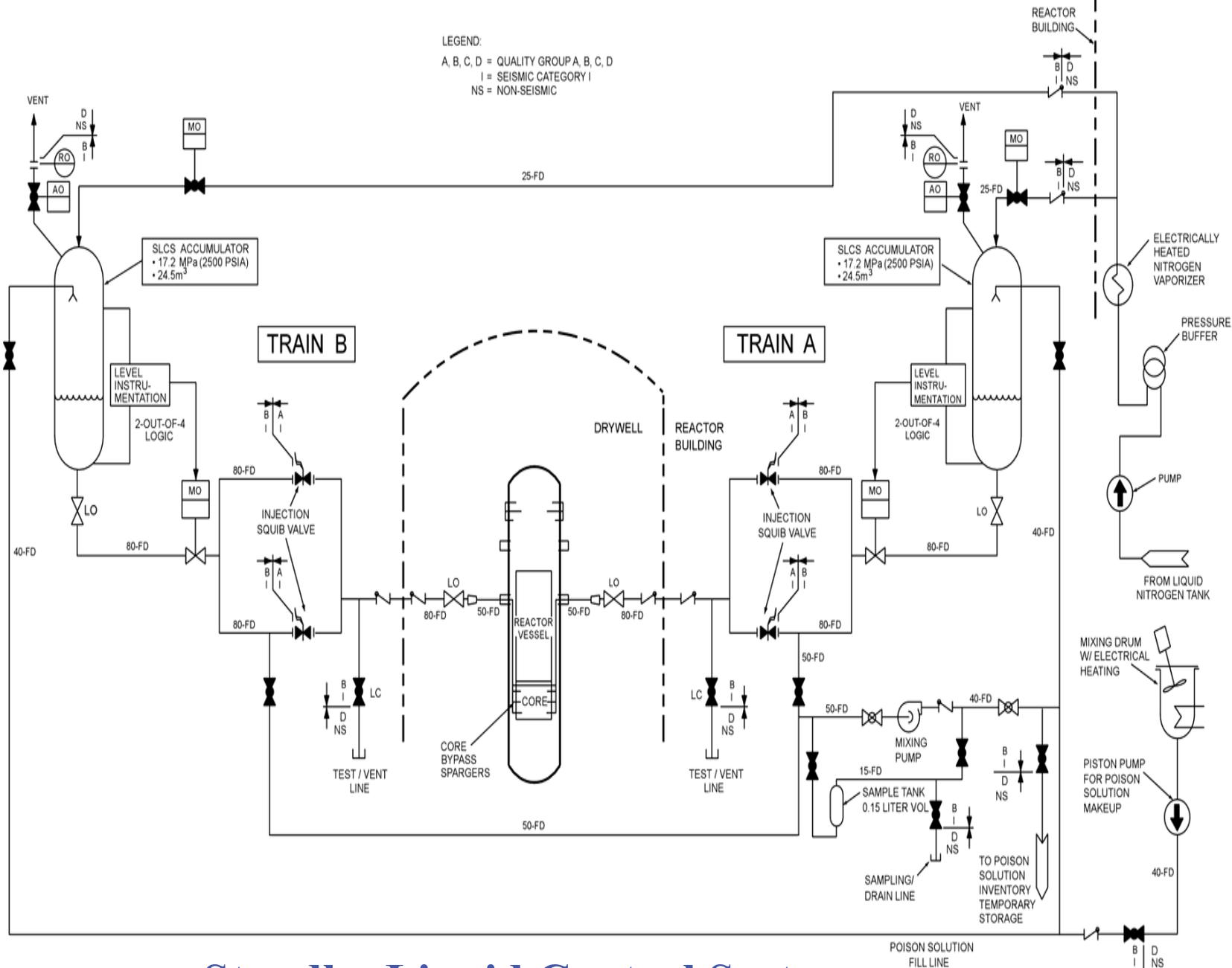


Isolation Condenser
Simplified

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Standby Liquid Control System (SLCS)

LEGEND:
 A, B, C, D = QUALITY GROUP A, B, C, D
 I = SEISMIC CATEGORY I
 NS = NON-SEISMIC



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Reactor Water Cleanup (RWCU) / Shutdown Cooling (SDC) System

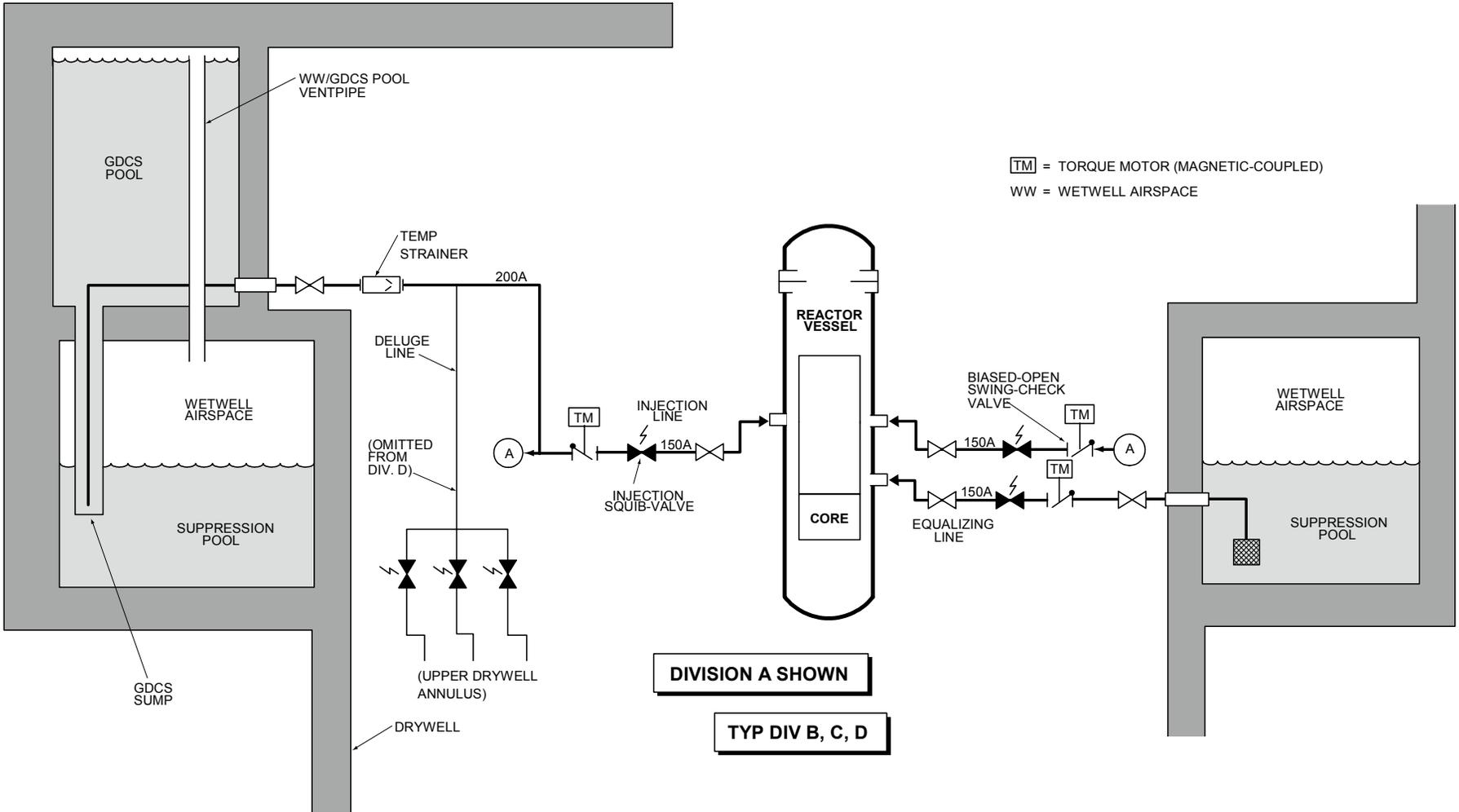
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Safety Systems

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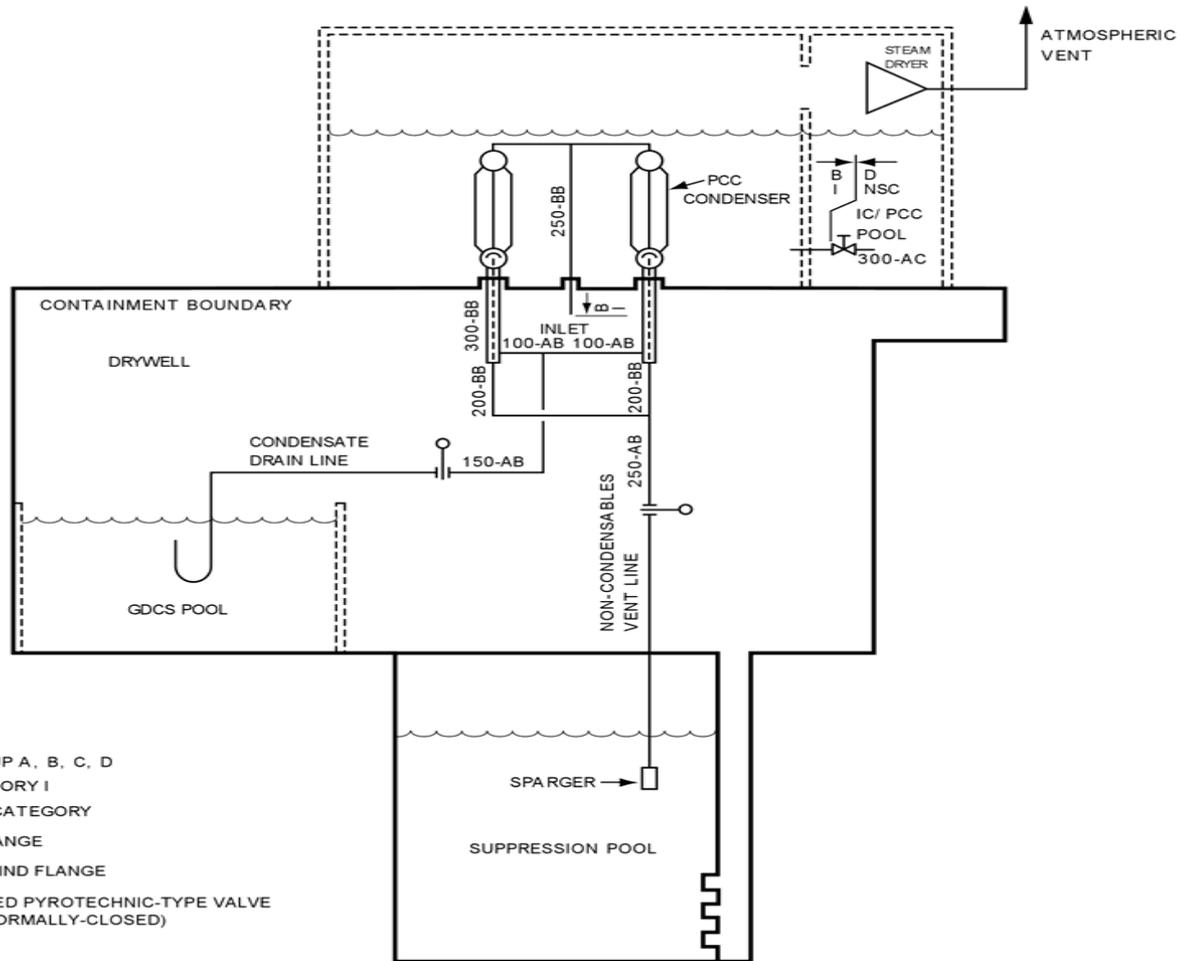
Gravity-Driven Cooling System (GDCS)

ESBWR Gravity-Driven Cooling System - Schematic Diagram



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Passive Containment Cooling System (PCCS)



LEGEND:

A, B, C, D = QUALITY GROUP A, B, C, D

I = SEISMIC CATEGORY I

NSC = NON-SEISMIC CATEGORY

≡○ = SPECTACLE FLANGE

⊥ = REMOVABLE BLIND FLANGE

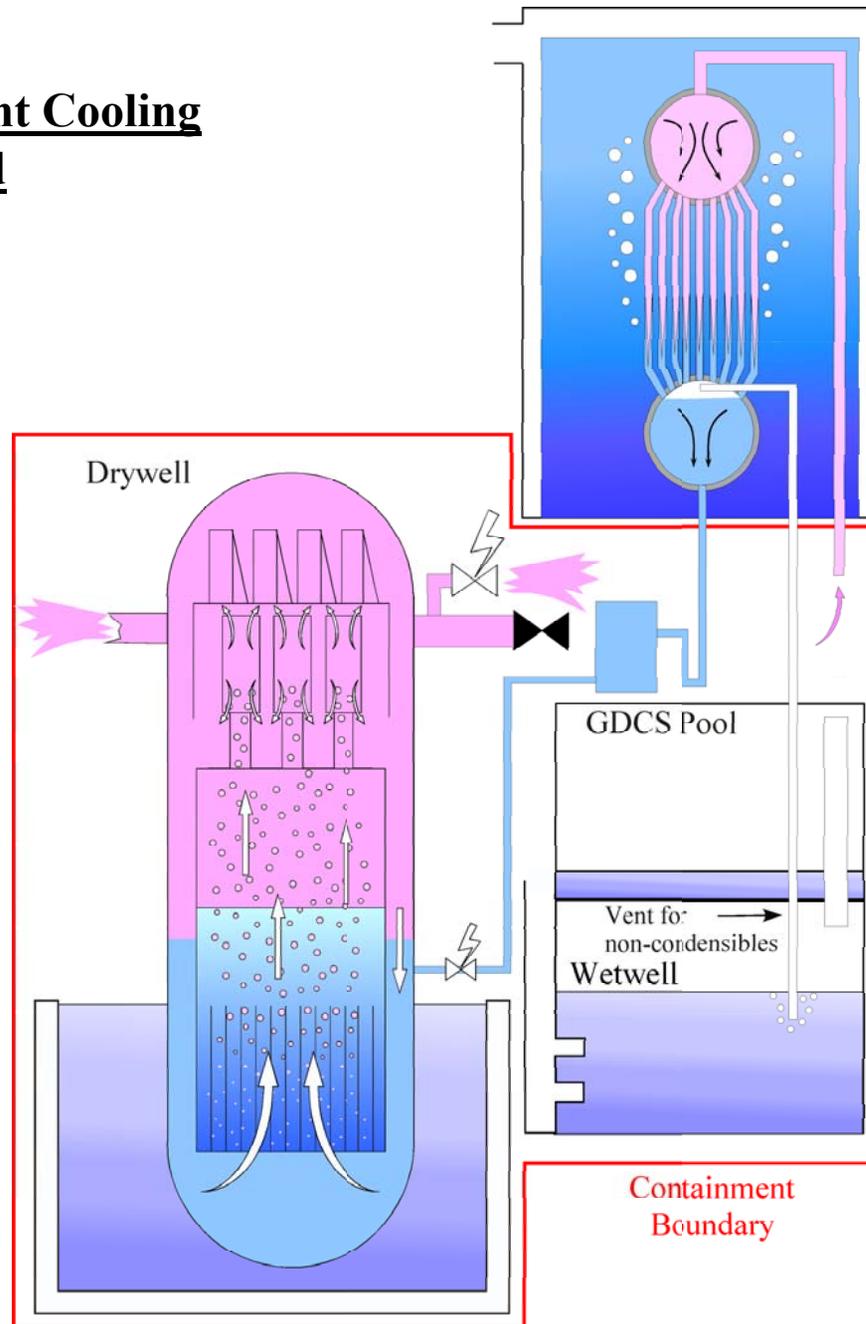
⚡ = SQUIB-ACTUATED PYROTECHNIC-TYPE VALVE
(CLOSED, OR NORMALLY-CLOSED)

LOOP A SHOWN

TYP LOOP B, C, D, E & F

Passive Containment Cooling System

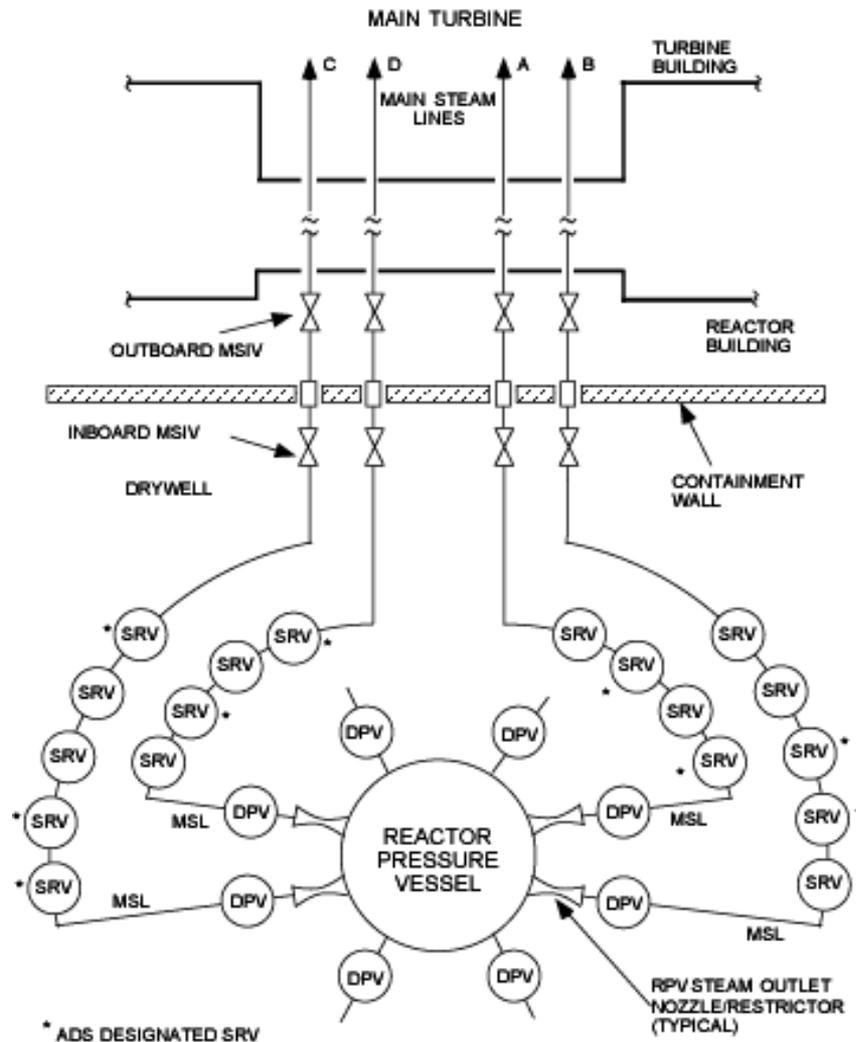
Passive Containment Cooling Simplified



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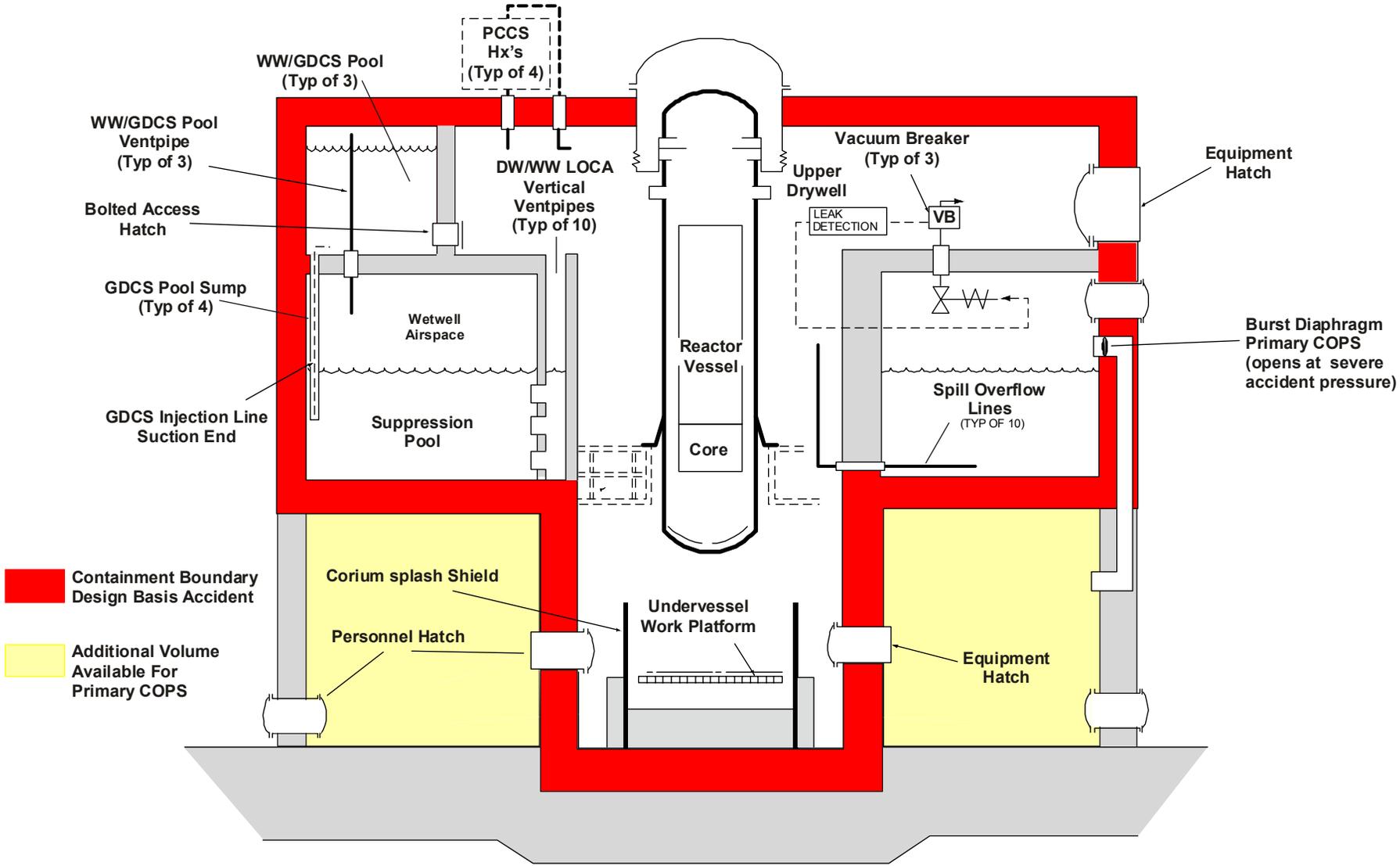
MSIV, SRV and DPV Arrangement



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Containment Design

ESBWR Containment System - Schematic Diagram

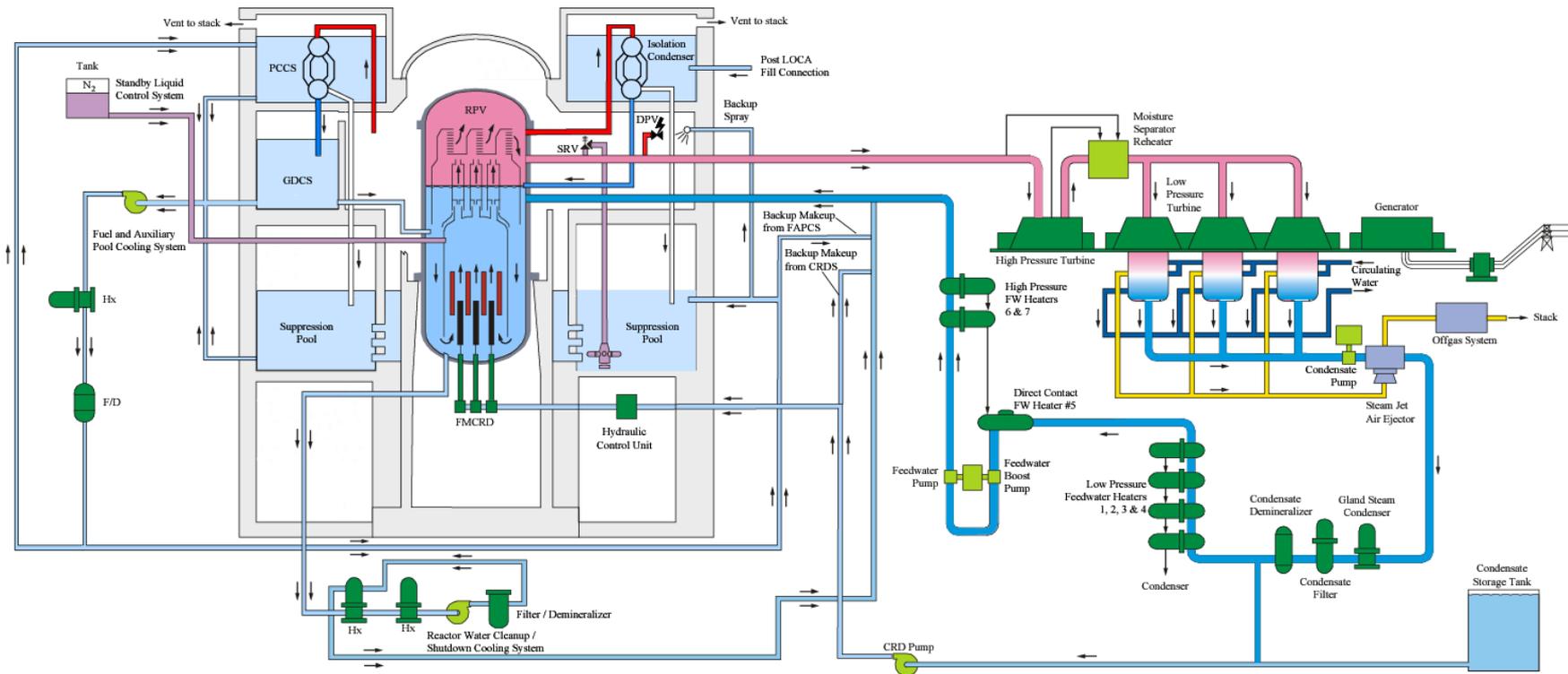


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Additional Systems

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Power Conversion System (PCS)



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Instrumentation and Control (I&C)

Summary of ESBWR I&C Characteristics

- ESBWR's digital I&C design is based on the same digital I&C framework, design, and hardware/software platforms of ABWR. The ABWR digital I&C design has been in operation and in construction (with hardware/software in fabrication/testing). – proven system and hardware/software designs.
- Automation implemented same as ABWR
- Minimized hardwired cables same as ABWR
- Digital Remote Shutdown System capable of full plant control and enhances EOP utilization
- Enhanced “diverse protection and actuation” capability in compliance to BTP HICB - 19
- Fixed in-core gamma thermometer AFIP to replace the TIP system
 - simplified operation and reduced personnel radiation dosage.
 - eliminated TIP containment penetrations
- The ESBWR I&C design will comply with updated or newly developed regulatory requirements such as BTP-14, BTP-19, as well as RG1.152.

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Electrical Distribution

Standby On-site AC Power Supply

- Consists of two 15 MVA independent diesels coupled to 6.9 kV AC generators, the DG auxiliary systems, fuel storage and transfer systems and associated local instruments and controls.
- Each DG supplies non-safety AC power to it's associated PIP busses on loss of voltage for plant investment protection.
- On PIP bus undervoltage the DG starts, accelerates with in 1 minute.
- Major loads are tripped from the 6.9 kV PIP busses.
- DG will connect to the PIP busses when incoming preferred and alternate preferred source breakers have been tripped.
- Large motor loads are then reapplied sequentially and automatically after DG power source breaker closes.
- The DG is capable of being fully loaded within 600 seconds.
- DG operation is not required to ensure nuclear safety – only investment protection

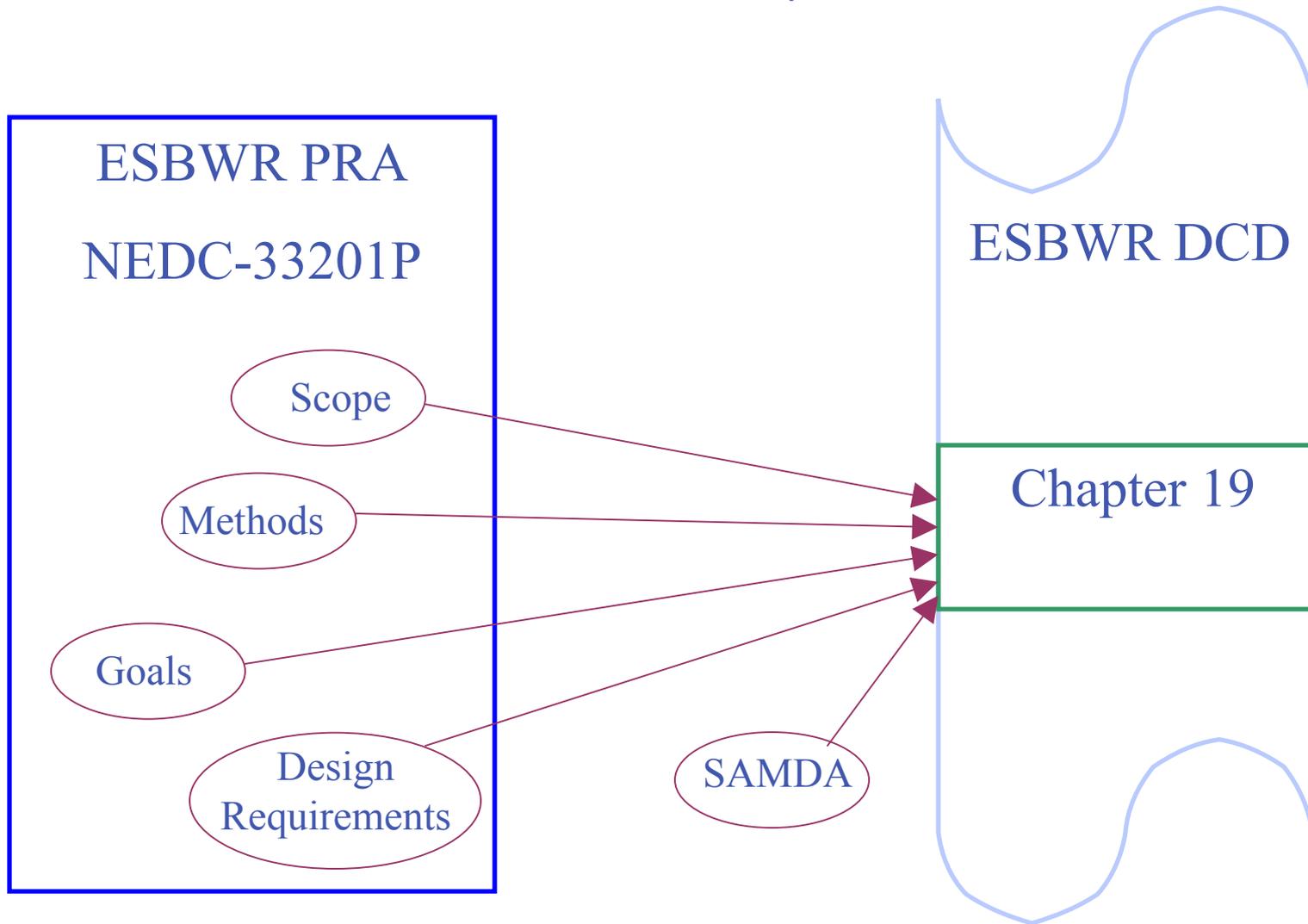
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Accident Analysis

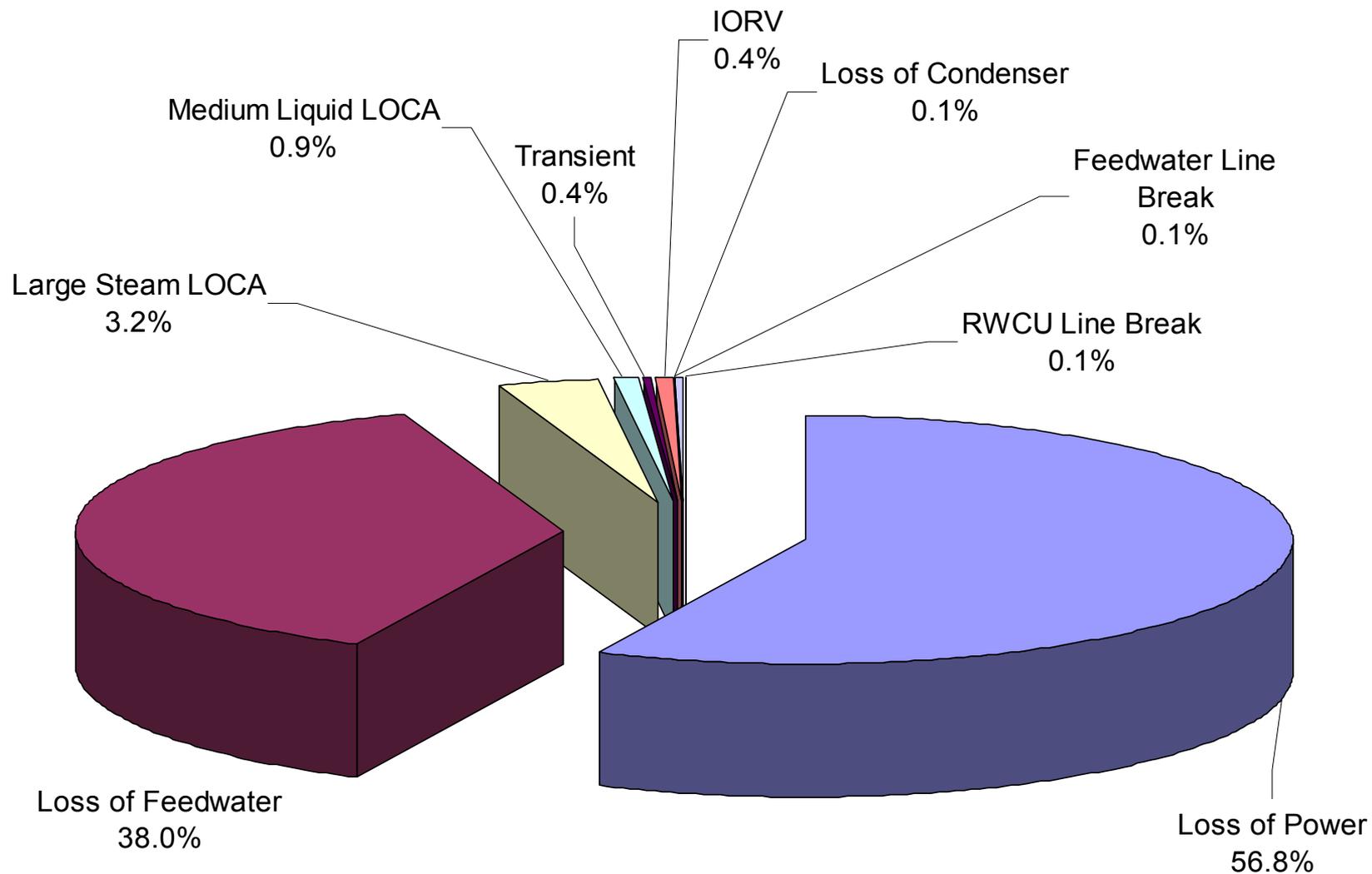
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Probabilistic Risk Assessment (PRA)

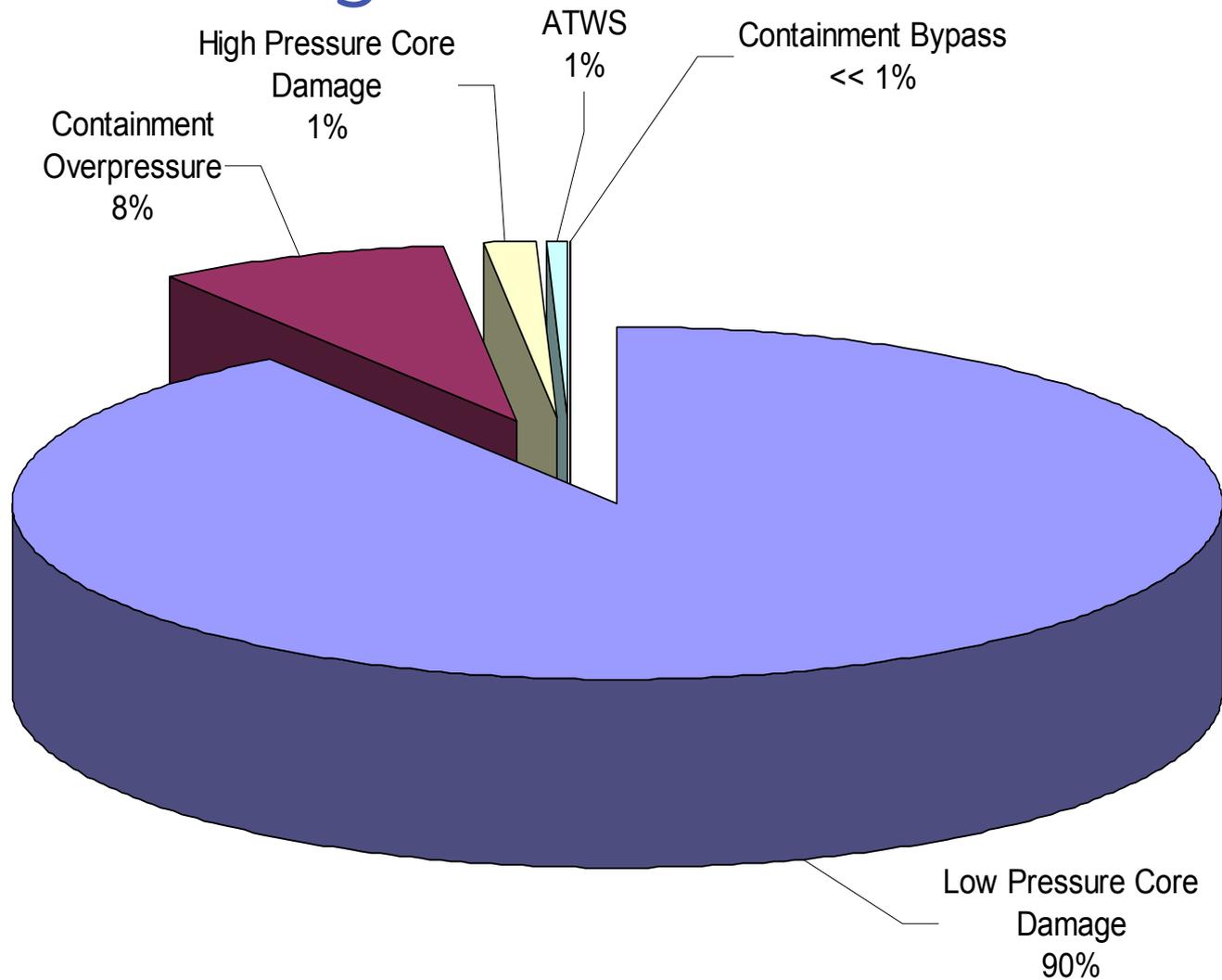
Document Relationships



Breakdown By Initiating Event



Breakdown By Accident Class



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Design Control Document (DCD) Accident Analyses

ESBWR Severe Accident Treatment – Work Structure

