Introduction to Power Reactor Types

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Pressurized Water Reactor (PWR)



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PWR



Primary system for a Westinghouse 4-loop PWR.

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PWR Assembly and Fuel Pin



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Boiling Water Reactor (BWR)



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BWR Recirculation System ESBWR BWR/6 ABWR Steam flow to turbine Steam dryers Steam separators Feed flow from turbine Driving flow Jet pump Core Recirculation pump Relies on natural Ten internal External recirculation circulation recirculation pumps pumps + jet pumps

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BWR Rx Vessel, Internals, and Core

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BWR Fuel and Control Assemblies



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CROSS SECTION OF BWR FUEL ASSEMBLIES WITH CRUCIFORM CONTROL ROD



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CANDU Fuel Bundle



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LMFBR Assembly



LMFBR Pin



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Fuel for Block Core HTGR

TRISO fuel particle



Pyrolytic Carbon Silicon Carbide Porous Carbon Buffer UO₂ (or UCO) Kernel

TRISO Coated fuel particles (left) are formed into cylindrical fuel compacts (center) and inserted into hexagonal graphite fuel elements (right).





CYLINDRICAL COMPACTS



HEXAGONAL FUEL ELEMENTS

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HTGR



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Fuel for Pebble Bed HTGR



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Pebble Bed HTGR



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250 MW

10.0 m

360,000

11,000

60 mm ~ 1mm

Helium

3.5 m

UO₂

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