



SANDIA PULSED REACTOR FACILITY/CRITICAL EXPERIMENT Overview and Recent Experiments

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Topics

- CX Overview

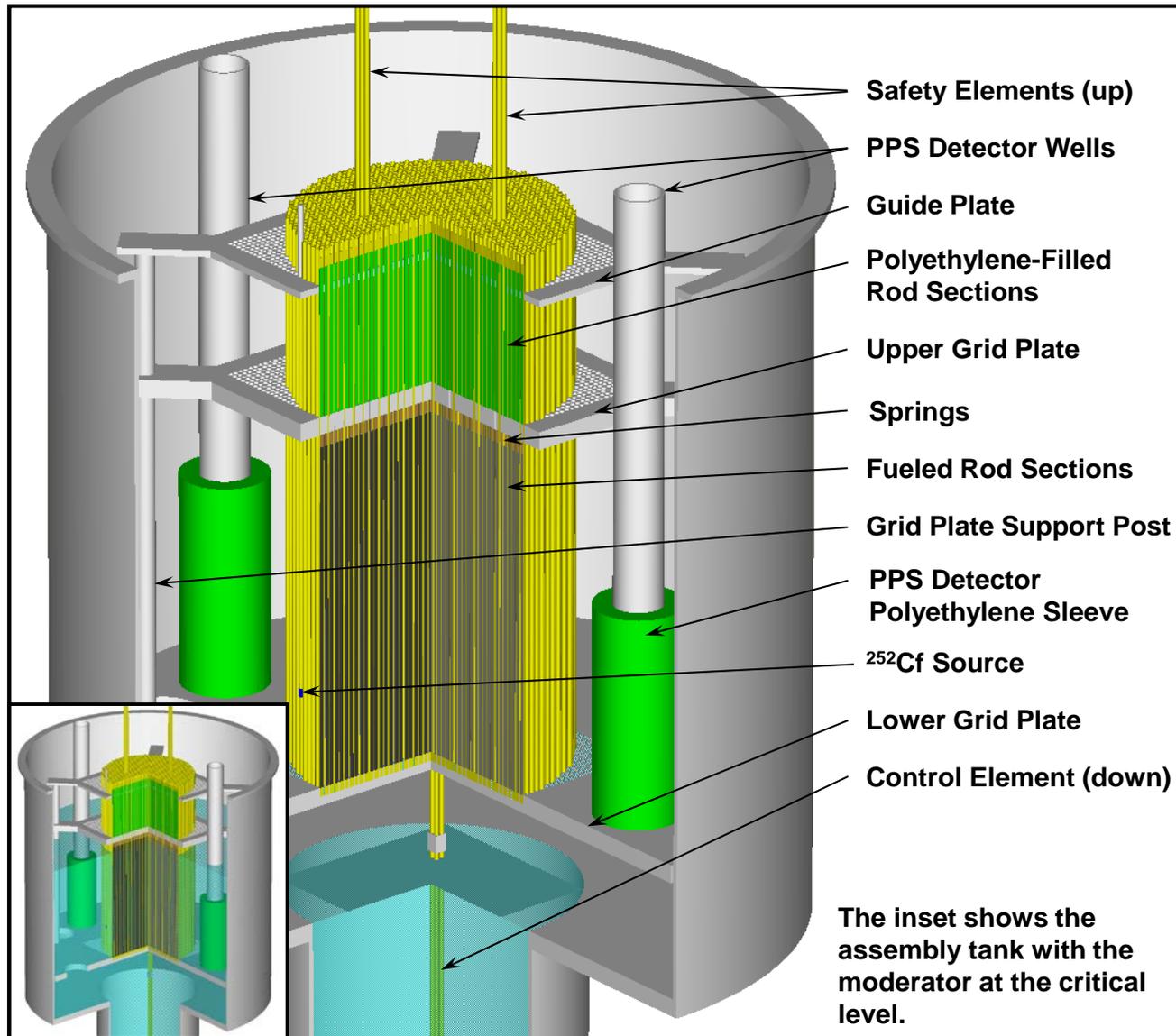
- Account of work at the Sandia Critical Experiments (SCX) reactor completed over past couple of years
 - Evaluated in LEU-COMP-THERM-096 in the International Handbook of Evaluated Criticality Safety Benchmark Experiments
 - Approaches on Moderator Level
 - Supported by the DOE Nuclear Criticality Safety Program (NCSP)

- Titanium
 - Reactivity effects and worth of Ti
 - Savannah River process – monosodium titanate

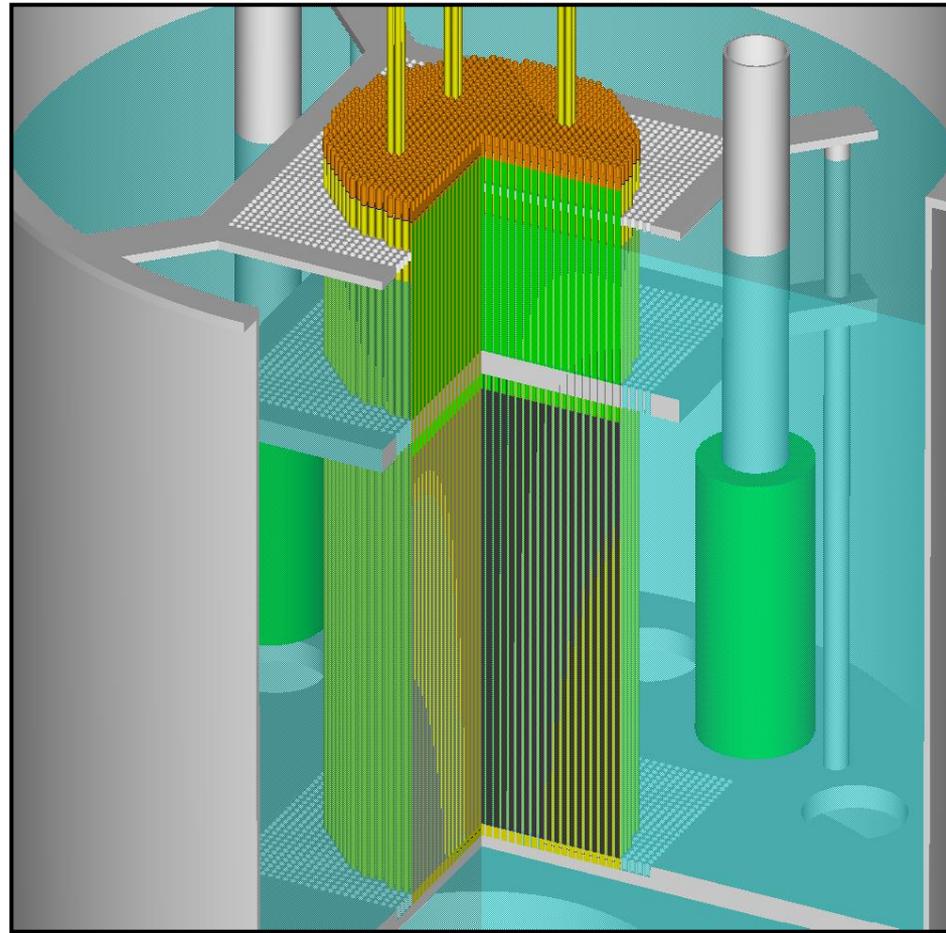
CX - Overview



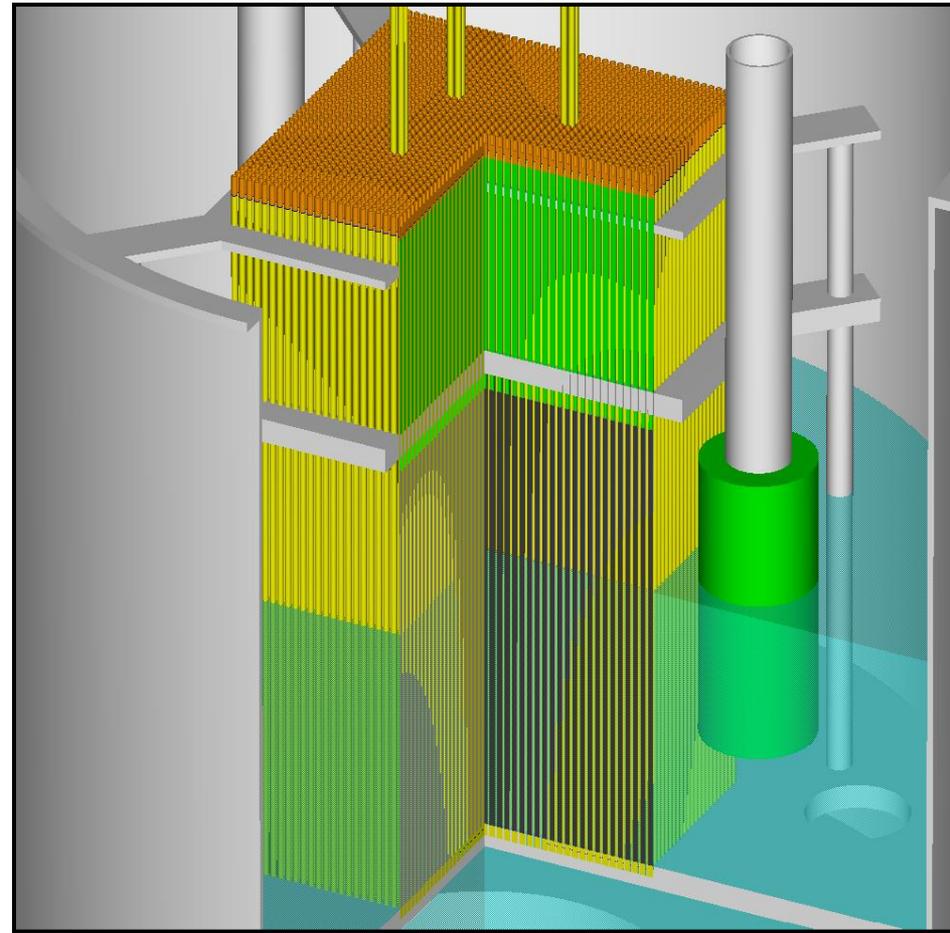
CX – Cross Section



Reflection – Full vs. Partial

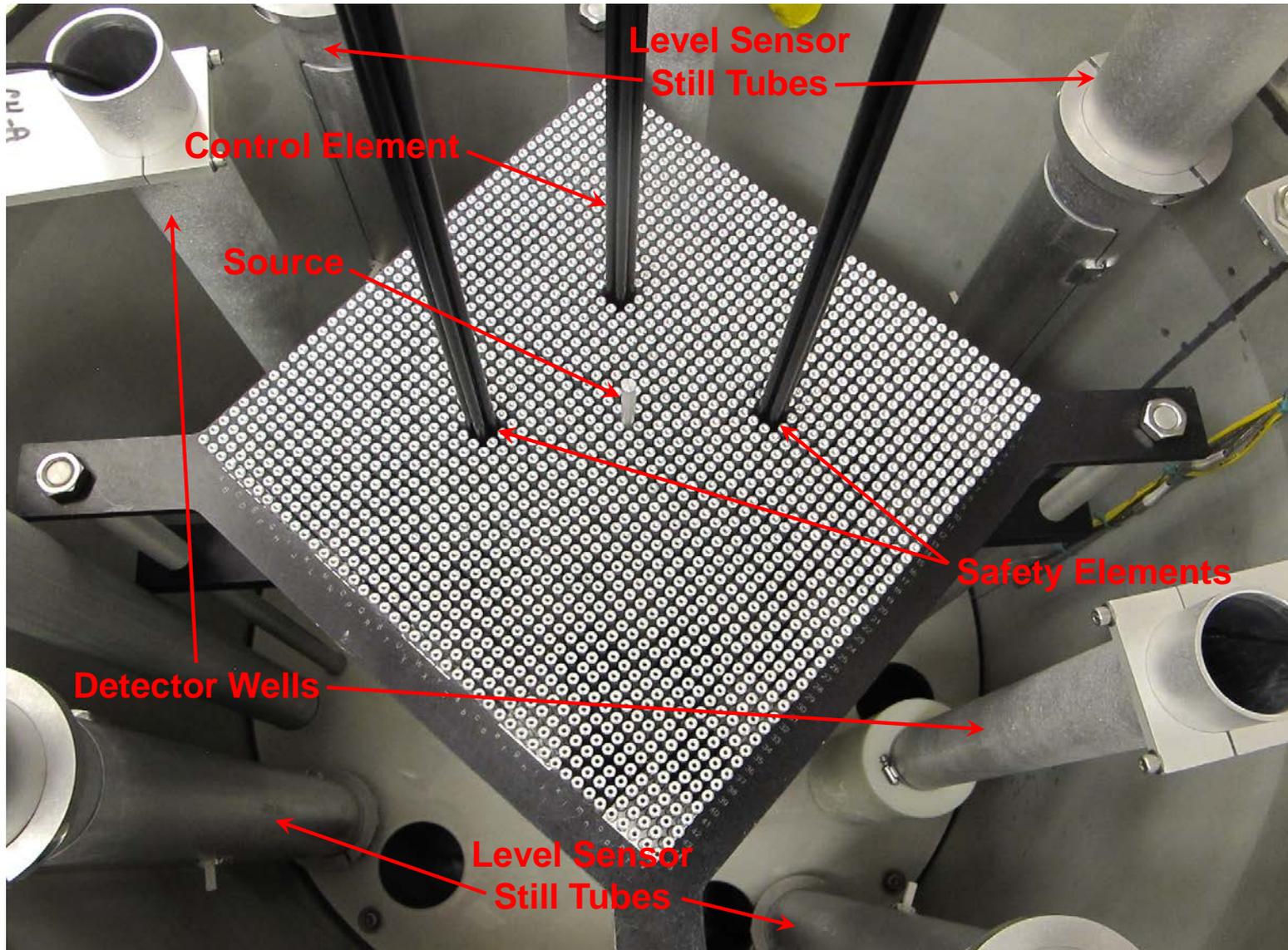


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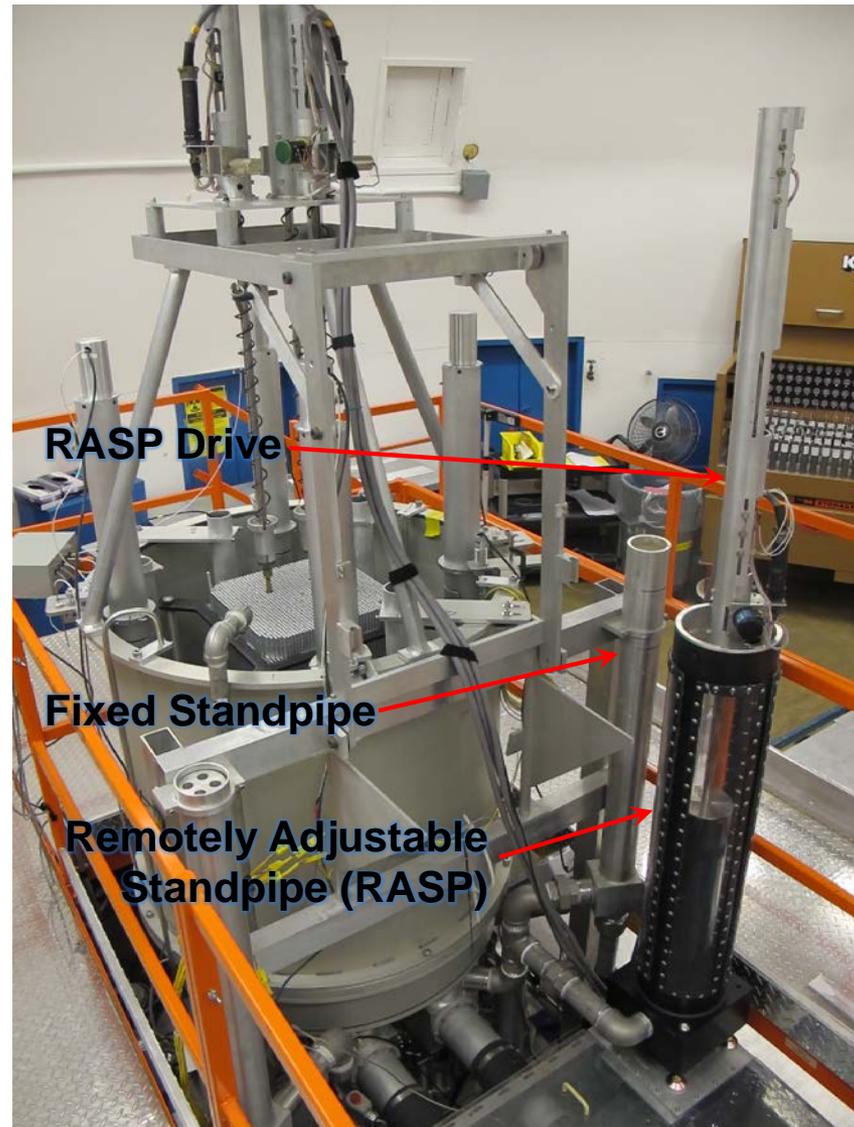


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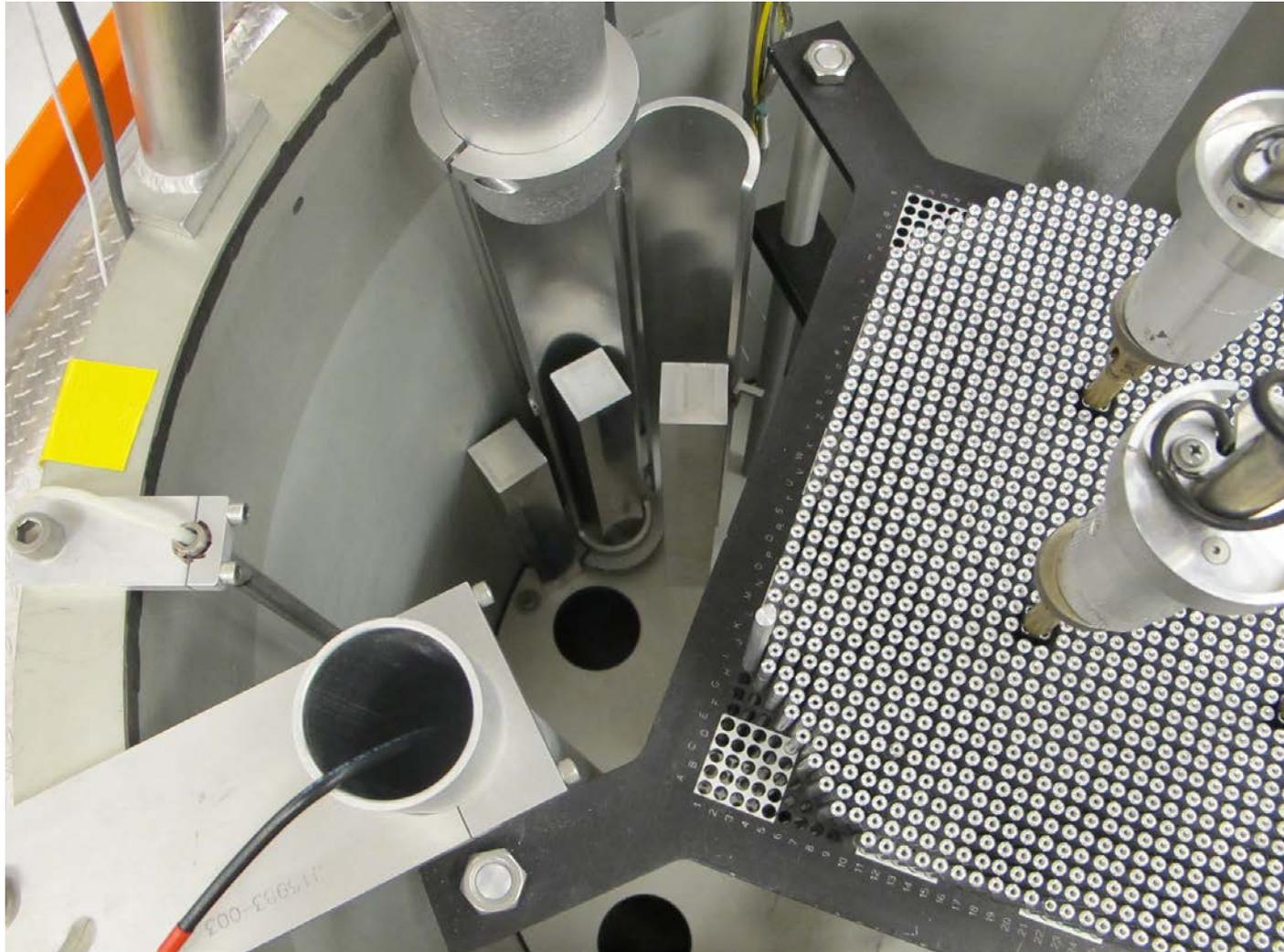
CX – Inside Core Tank



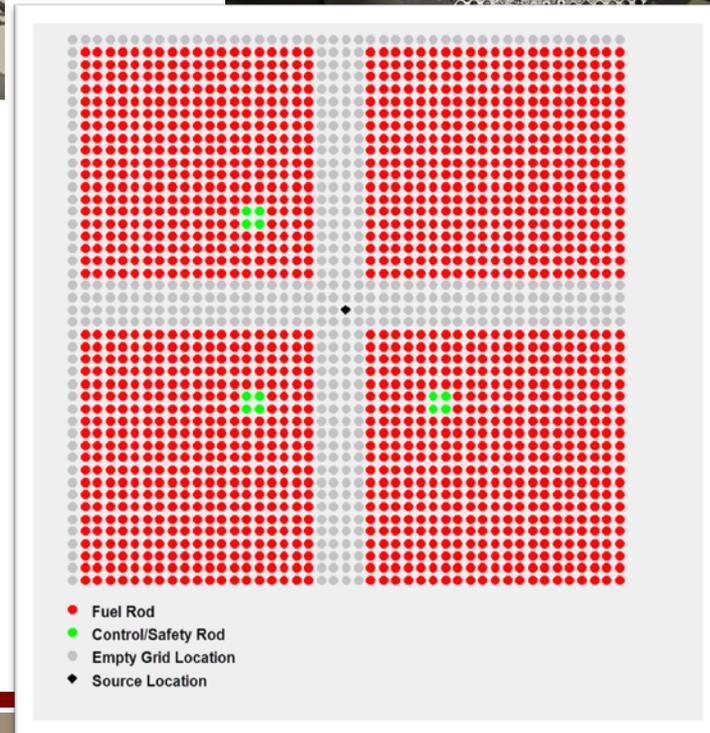
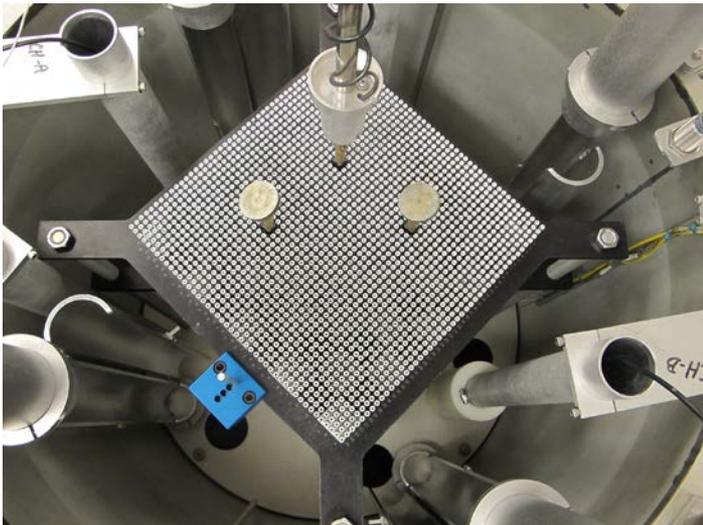
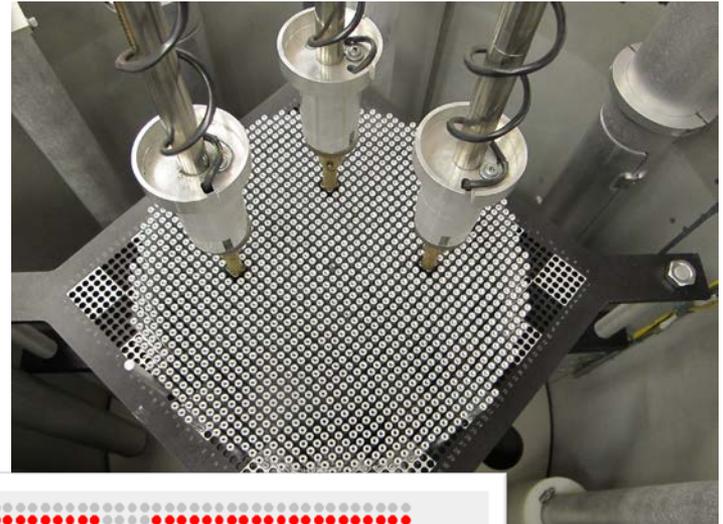
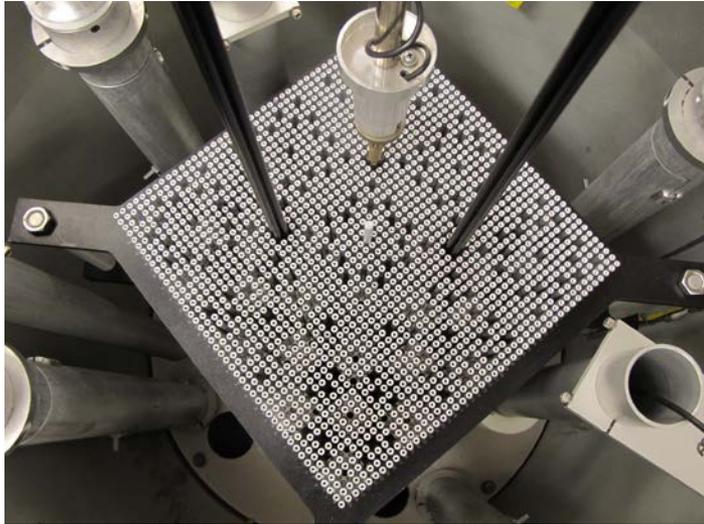
Standpipes – Water Level Control



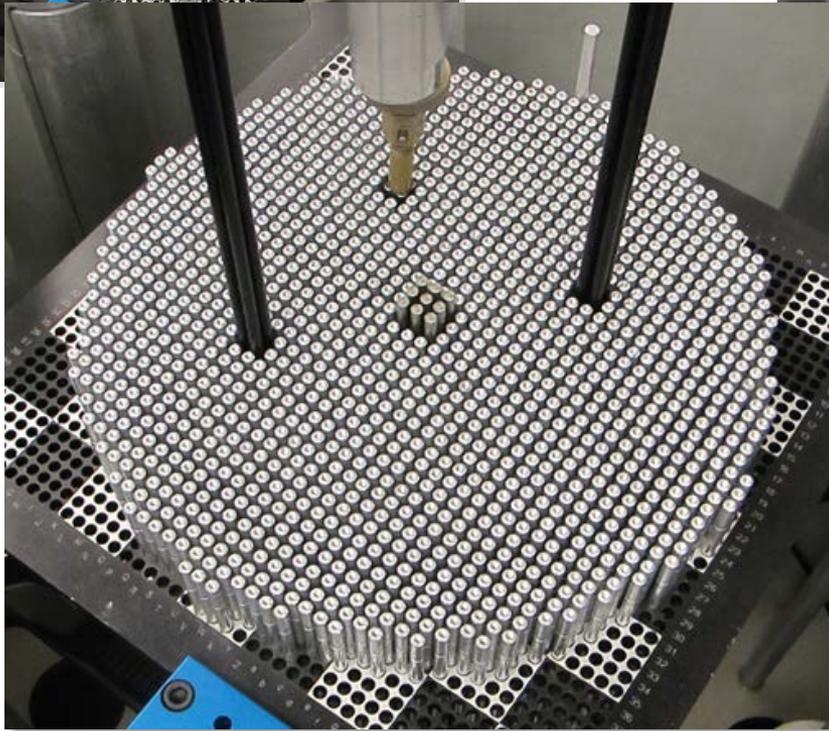
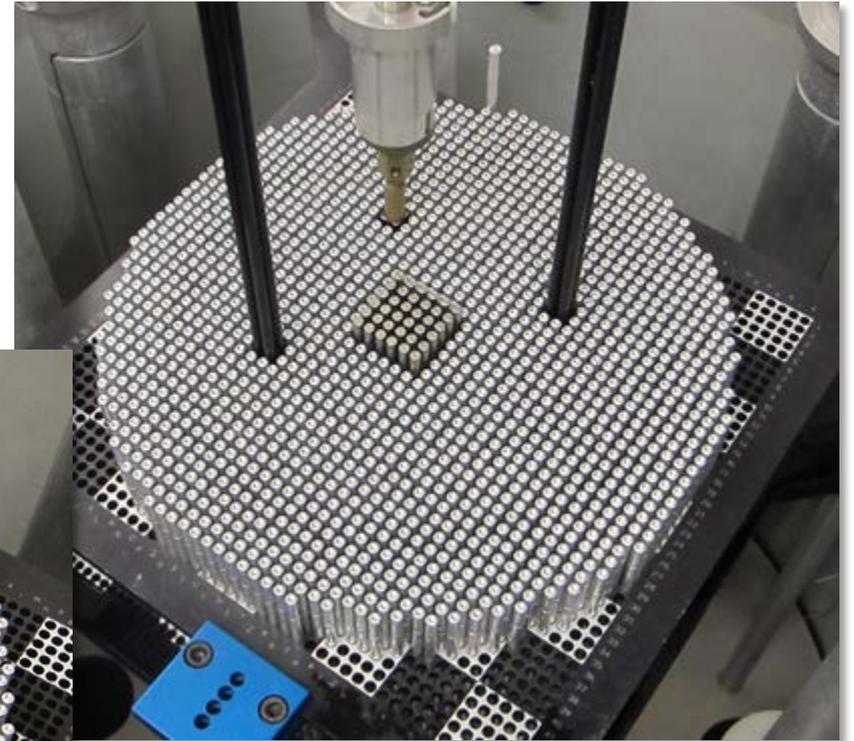
Level Measurement – Four “Ultra”sonic Detectors



19 Cases – APPROACHES ON MODERATOR LEVEL

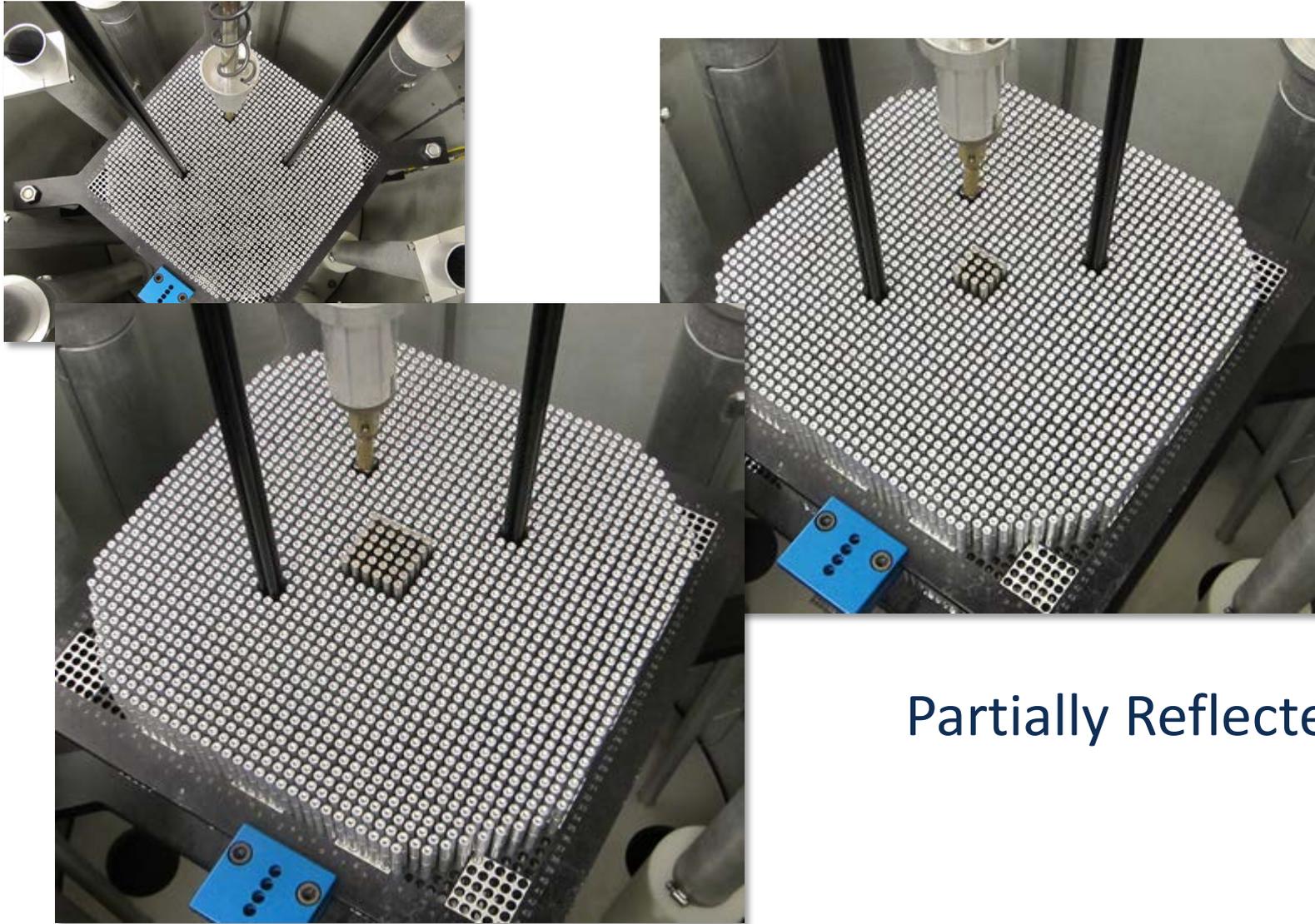


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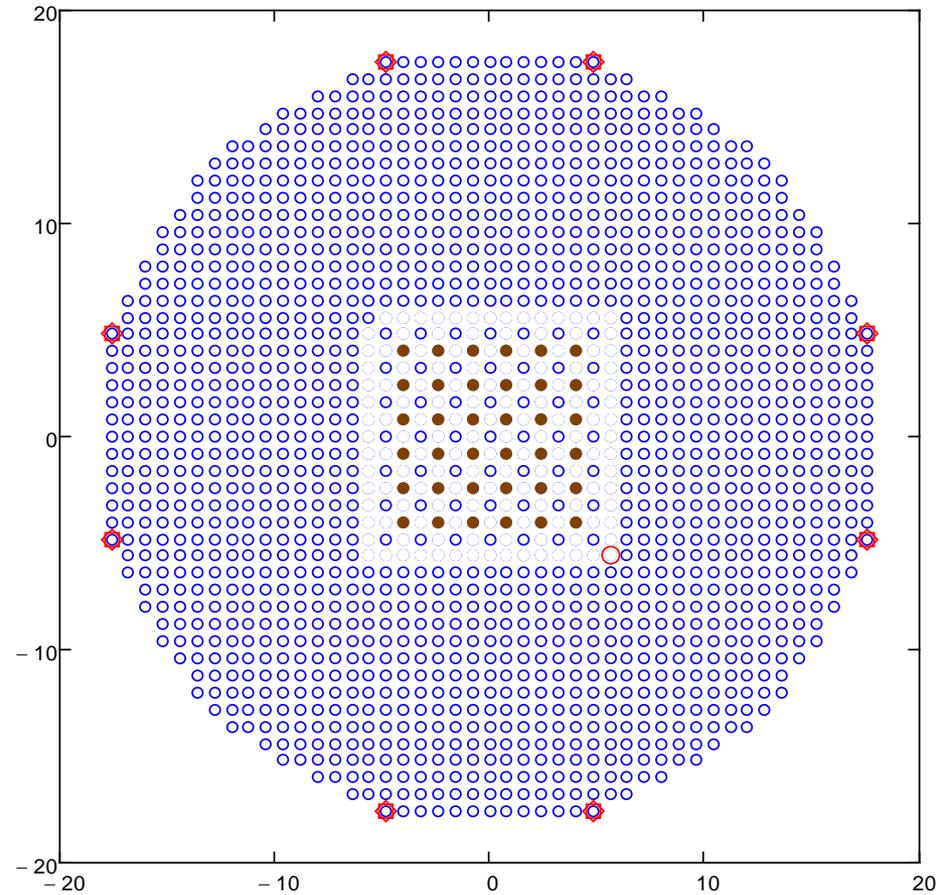
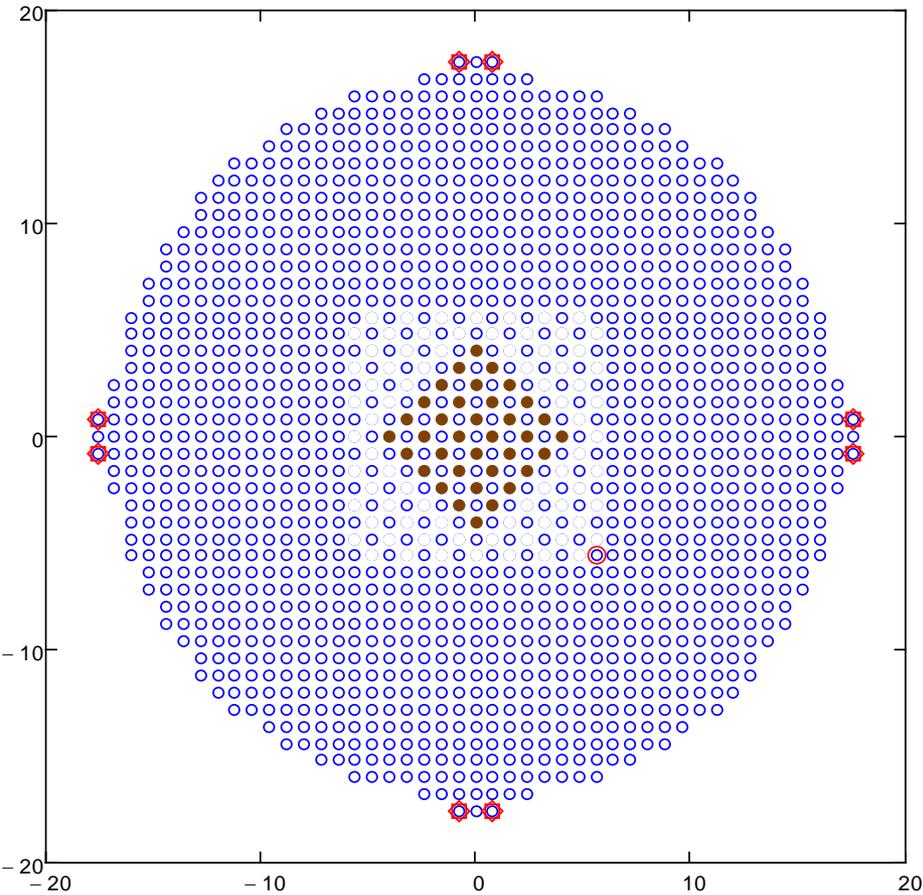
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Planned Experiments - Titanium



SPRF/CX – Critical Experiments

