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***B&W mPower Core and Fuel Design  
Update Meeting (Redacted)***

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## Meeting Topics

- Introduction
- Overview of Fuel Design Changes
- Mechanical Design Technical Report Feedback
- Core Thermal Hydraulics Update
- Core Design Update
- Benchmarking Status and Plans
- Core Startup and Operation Overview
- Conclusion



# **B&W mPower Core Thermal Hydraulics Update**



## Core Thermal-Hydraulic Subchannel Analysis

- VIPRE-01 mod 2.4f95 is used to model the core thermal-hydraulics
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## Cycle Plot - MDNBR

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## DNBR Distribution

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# Cycle Plot – Peak Centerline Fuel Temperature

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# Axial Plot- Centerline Fuel Temperature

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# Fuel Temperature Distribution

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## Critical Heat Flux Testing Status

- Testing is being conducted at Stern Laboratories in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada
- Two test series have been completed
- Three additional tests are planned in 2012 (Tentative plan)

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## CHF Test Bundle

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Unit cell test  
bundle before  
insertion into  
the flow channel

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## Example of Test Results

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# Critical Heat Flux Correlation Development

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# **B&W mPower Lattice Neutronic Design**



## Outline

- Methodology and Computer Codes
- Assembly Lattice Layout
- Lattice Neutronic Design Parameters
- Lattice Analysis Results
- Conclusions



# Methodology and Codes

<i>Code</i>	<i>Code information</i>
<b>INTERPIN-4</b> Version Number: <b>v4.01</b>	<i>Pin temperature calculation</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Provides data for average fuel pin temperatures as a function of burnup and linear heat generation rate for the Studsvik CMS codes CASMO-5 and SIMULATE-3</li><li>• INTERPIN-4 output feeds directly into CASMO-5 and SIMULATE-3 inputs</li></ul>
<b>CASMO-5</b> Version Number: <b>V2.00.00</b>	<i>Lattice layout and characterization</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Two dimensional lattice physics (transport) code using the ENDF/B-VII.0 based 586 group cross section library</li><li>• Neutron energies cover the range from 0 to 20 MeV</li></ul>
<b>CMS-LINK</b> Version Number: <b>v1.26.03</b>	<i>Cross-section processing</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Processes CASMO-5 Card Image files into a binary formatted nuclear data library for use by SIMULATE-3</li><li>• Includes 2-group macroscopic x-sections, discontinuity factors, fission product data, detector data, pin power reconstruction, kinetics, isotopics, etc.</li></ul>
<b>SIMULATE-3</b> Version Number: <b>v6.09.23</b>	<i>Reactor core loading and cycle projection simulation</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Advanced three-dimensional, two-group nodal code for reactor core simulation and analysis</li><li>• The code is based on a neutronics model which employs fourth-order polynomial representations of the intranodal flux distributions in both the fast and thermal groups</li><li>• One of the key features of SIMULATE-3 is the pin power reconstruction capability</li></ul>





# Assembly Lattice Layout

- Fuel assembly conceptually similar to [ a conventional 17x17 square lattice PWR, with the exception that is shorter

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Assembly Layout Summary

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*Fuel Assembly*

Lattice array

17x17

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# Lattice Layout Example

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# Lattice Neutronic Design Parameters

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# Lattice Neutronic Design Parameters

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Lattice Nomenclature

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## Conclusions

- The B&W mPower lattice is based on the industry standard 17x17 fuel assembly
- **CASMO-5** has been used to create and analyze lattice cross sections for the construction of fuel assemblies in **SIMULATE-3** for the mPower core loading and cycle management design
- Lattice burns provide a window into the behavior of assemblies constructed from the various **CASMO-5** cross section sets



# **B&W mPower Core Loading and Management**



# Outline

- Core Design Parameters
- Core Loading
- Control Rod Patterns and Cycle Management
- ***SIMULATE-3*** Summary Results
- Conclusions



# Core Design parameters

Core Data	
Total number of assemblies	[ ]
Estimated core loading	
Rated thermal power level	
Rated thermal power density	
Rated core flow	.....
Bypass flow	
Reference dome pressure	
Reference reactor mid-plane pressure	
Reference inlet temperature	
Reference outlet temperature	
Subcooling (outlet)	] [CCI per Affidavit 4(a)-(d)]
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**Core Design Parameters**

*Energy Parameters*

Cycle length	48 months
Cycle capacity factor	[
Cycle energy (estimated)	
EOC Power Level	
Cycle hot target k-effective	
Cycle cold target k-effective	] [CCI per Affidavit 4(a)-(d)]

*Margin Parameters*

Minimum cold shutdown margin	[
Maximum nodal peaking	] [CCI per Affidavit 4(a)-(d)]

*Control Parameters*

Exposure between sequence exchanges	[
Control rod utilization	
Parked control rod positions preferred	] [CCI per Affidavit 4(a)-(d)]



# Simulate-3 Fuel Assembly and Control Rod Assembly Definition

## ***Fuel Assemblies***

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## ***Control Rod Assemblies***

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## Core Loading – Fuel Assembly Types

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# Core Loading – Assembly Map

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# Control Rod Sequence Definition

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## Cycle Management (cont.)

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Nodal Peaking

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Core Axial Offset

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Cold Shutdown Margin

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Hot Excess Reactivity

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Control Rod Movement

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## EOFP Axial Power and Exposure Profile



# EOC Radial Exposure Distribution

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Core Design Results

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## Conclusions

- ***SIMULATE-3*** supports the design and analysis of the steady state operation of the B&W mPower Reactor reference design.

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- Optimization studies are continuing.



# **MCNPX Benchmark Lattice Physics Analyses**



## Outline

- Introduction
- Lattice Studies
- Reflector Analyses
- Conclusions





## Lattice Studies – MCNPX vs. CASMO-5

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## Lattice Benchmark Cold BOC $k_{\infty}$ Results

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## Lattice Benchmark Hot BOC $k_{\infty}$ Results

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# MCNPX Radial Reflector Benchmark Results

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## Radial Reflector Thermal Flux Profile

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## Radial Reflector Total Flux Profile

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## Radial Reflector Thermal Current Profile

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# MCNPX Lattice Physics Benchmark Conclusions

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# **MCNPX Model of the B&W mPower Reactor Reference Core Design**

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# Core Model Description

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## Cross Section of mPower Reactor Model at Core Mid-Plane

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Core Model Description: Former, Basket, Vessel Wall, Air

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# Reactor Core Startup and Operation



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- Approach To Critical
- Reactor Heatup
- Power Ascension
- Cycle Operation



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# Power Ascension – In-Core Flux/Power Monitoring

## In-Core Detector Axial Locations

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# Cycle Operation – Simulated Sequence Exchange

Core Outlet Temperature Variations During Sequence Exchange

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