

UNENE Graduate Course
Reactor Thermal-Hydraulics Design and
Analysis
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Introduction

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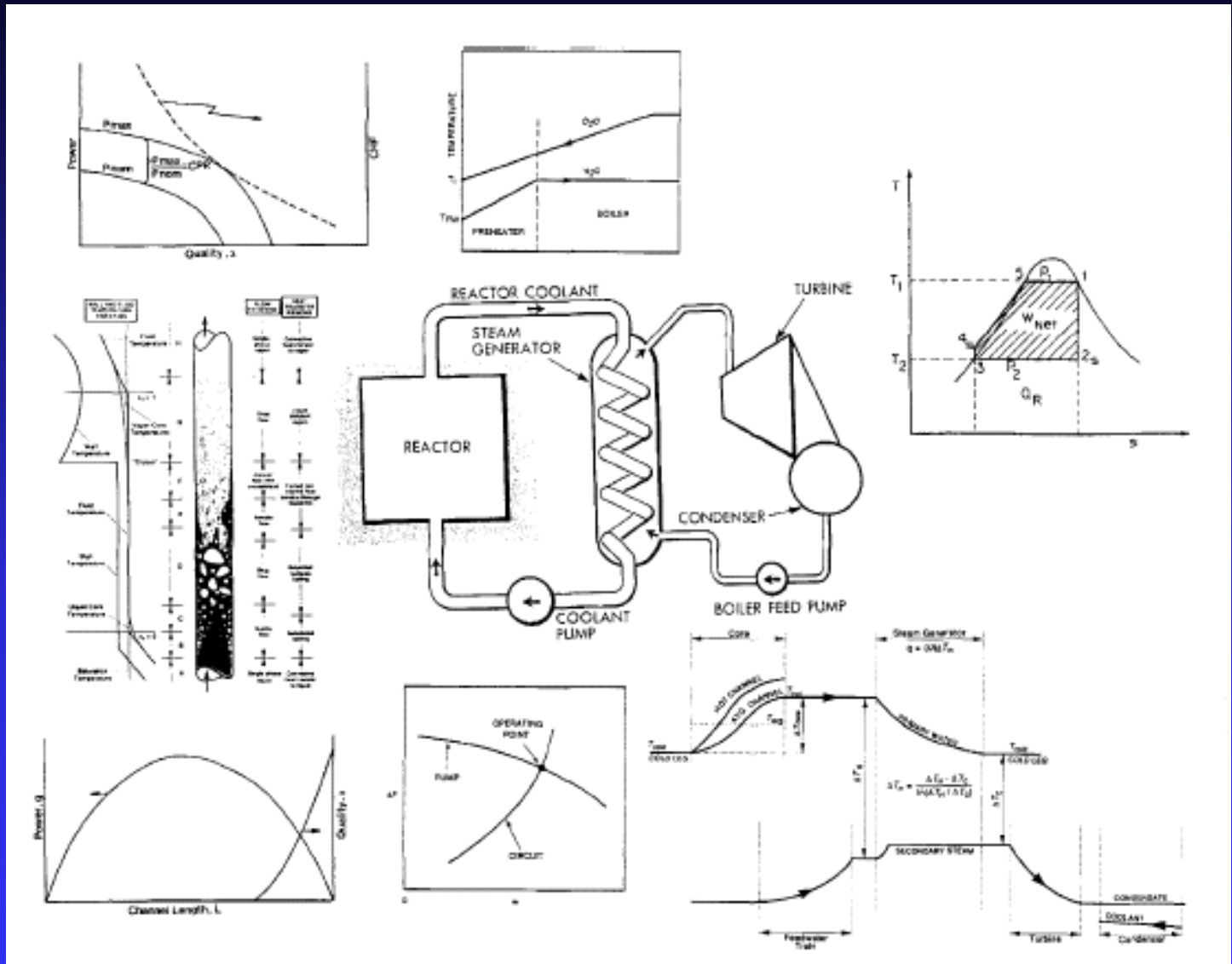
Introduction to TH Design

- Course focused on TH design of the reactor core and heat transport system, and interrelated
 - ◆ systems, such as steam generators, turbines, etc., and
 - ◆ components, such as valves, pumps, pipes, heat exchangers, etc.
- Disciplines involved
 - ◆ Reactor physics
 - ◆ Heat transfer
 - ◆ Fluid mechanics
 - ◆ Thermodynamics
 - ◆ Stress analysis, etc

Introduction to TH Design (cont'd)

- Important aspects to consider and optimize
 - ◆ Safety
 - ◆ Cost
 - ◆ Material limits (temps, mechanical stress, erosion, corrosion, etc.).
 - ◆ Regulations
 - ◆ Past experience
 - ◆ Standardized design requirements
 - ◆ Quality insurance
 - ◆ Marketability
- “Good design process is evolutionary”!

Course Overall Scope Diagram



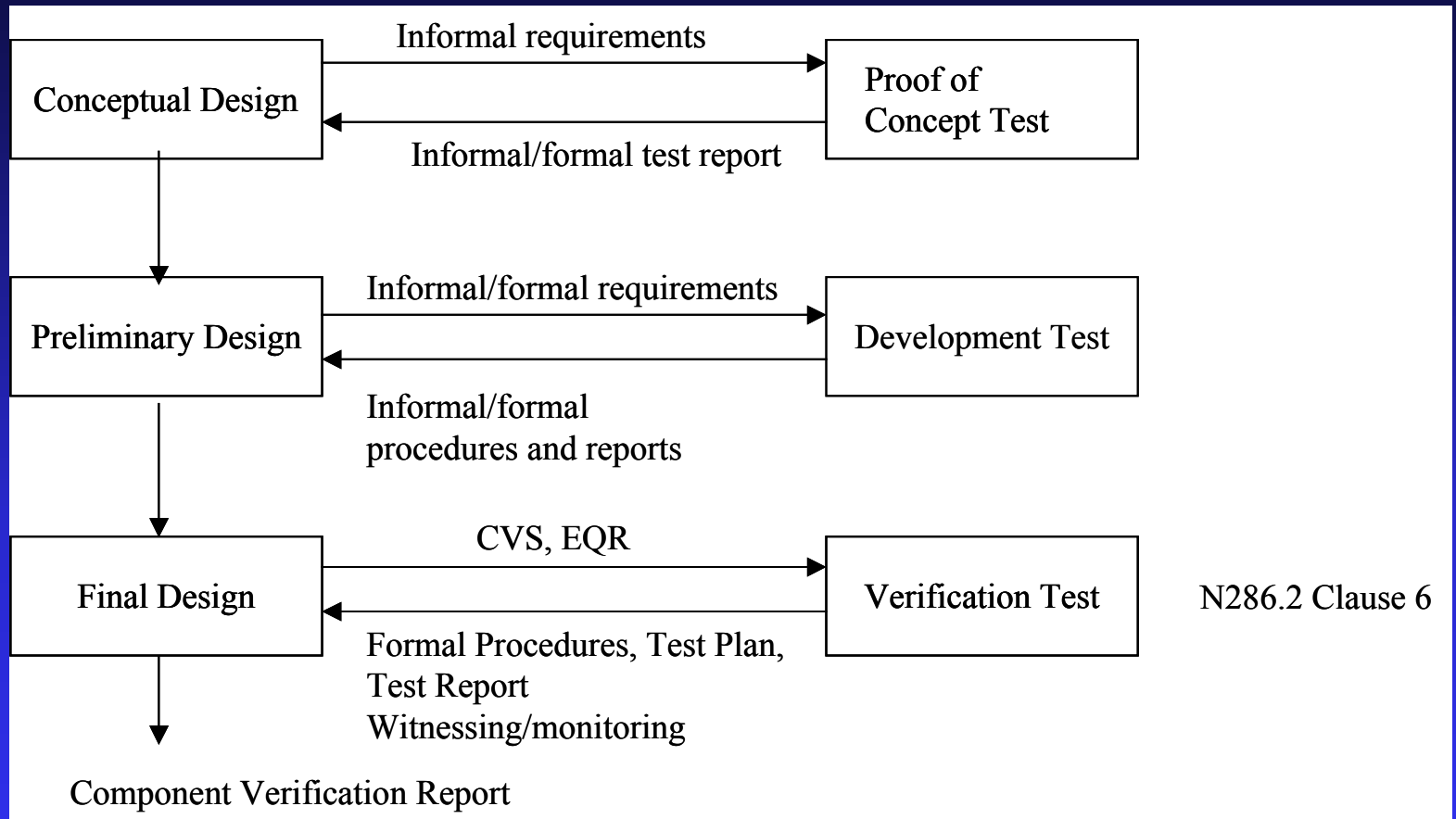
The Design Process

- Design principles
 - ◆ Establish improved design practices
 - ◆ Take into account feedback from previous designs
 - ◆ Design more margins into the new designs
- Design methods
 - ◆ Analysis concepts
 - ◆ Design guides
 - ◆ Design tools
 - ◆ Verification
 - ◆ Training of staff
- Design Development

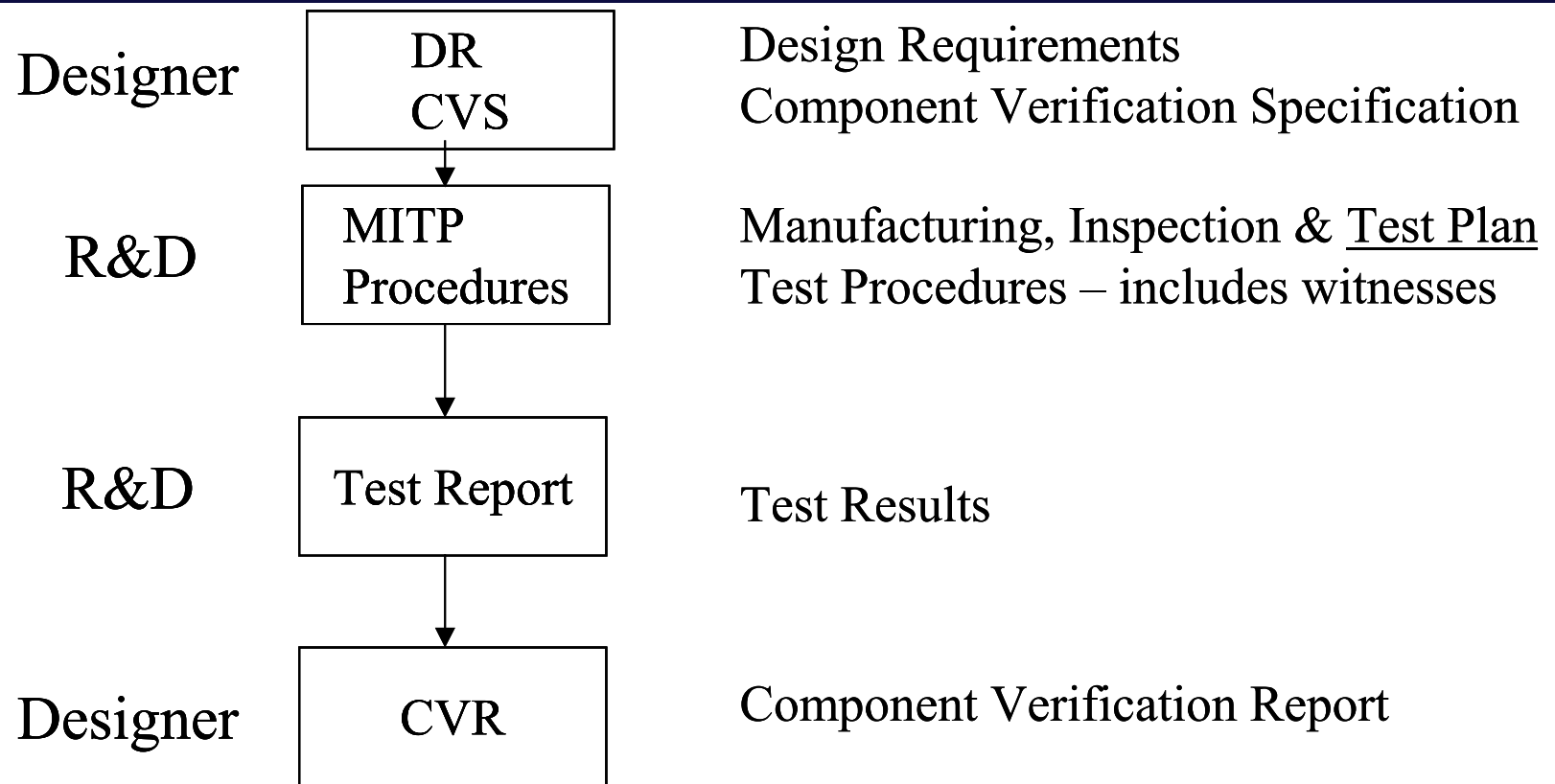
The Design Process (cont'd)

- Design Development
 - ◆ Identify specific correlations and methodologies
 - ◆ Perform laboratory testing
 - ◆ Take into account feedback from sites
- Design
 - ◆ Establish main ground rules
 - ◆ Optimize design
 - ◆ Interaction between different design groups and disciplines
- Produce design documents
 - ◆ Design Requirements (DR)
 - ◆ Design Description (DD)
 - ◆ Design Manuals (DM)
 - ◆ Technical Descriptions (TD)
 - ◆ Generic Design Deviations (GDD)
 - ◆ Commissioning Procedures
 - ◆ Equipment Dockets

Linkage Between Design and R&D



Design Verification Process



Verification Testing at AECL carried out under specific procedures to meet N286.2 Clause 6 requirements.