



Technical Considerations in Production Expansion

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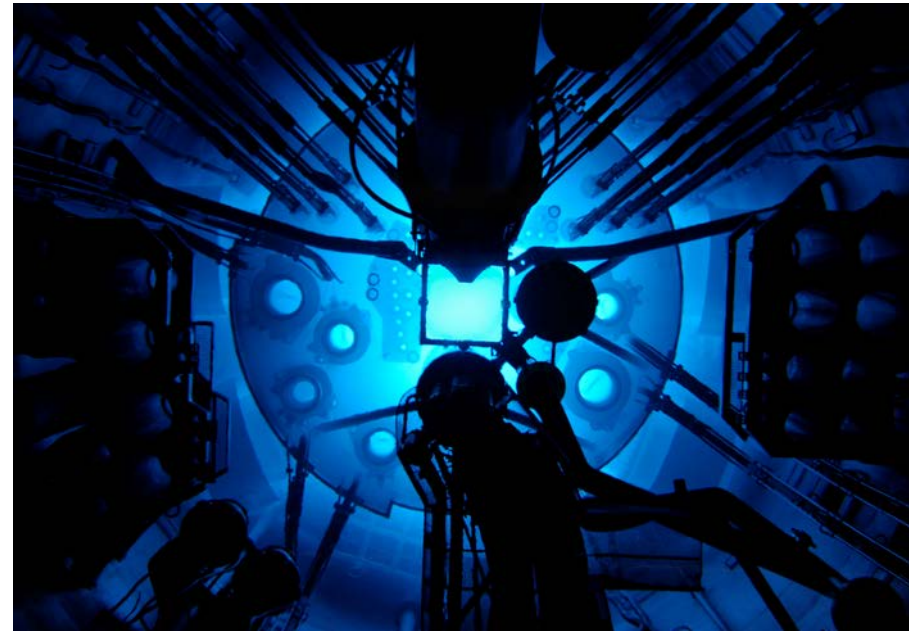
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Reliable Supply of Mo-99



Reactor Space & Scheduling

- Require irradiation positions with appropriate flux
- Need to allow for other irradiations
 - Ensure extra irradiations do not disturb other products
 - NTD silicon



Building Services

- Ventilation, Alarms, Power supply etc
- Back-up systems
 - Stand-by fans
 - UPS, back-up generators
- Maintainable without affecting production
 - Consideration as to access

In Cell Equipment

- Redundant equipment
 - Install two pieces instead of one
- Remotely maintainable
- Replaceable without affecting production



Waste

- Handling and storage of waste
 - Major consideration
 - Liquid and Solid
 - Intermediate and Low Level
- Decisions on:
 - In-cell storage
 - Waste tank storage
 - Transfer
 - Treatment
 - Shielding requirements
 - Separation from product

Plant Emissions

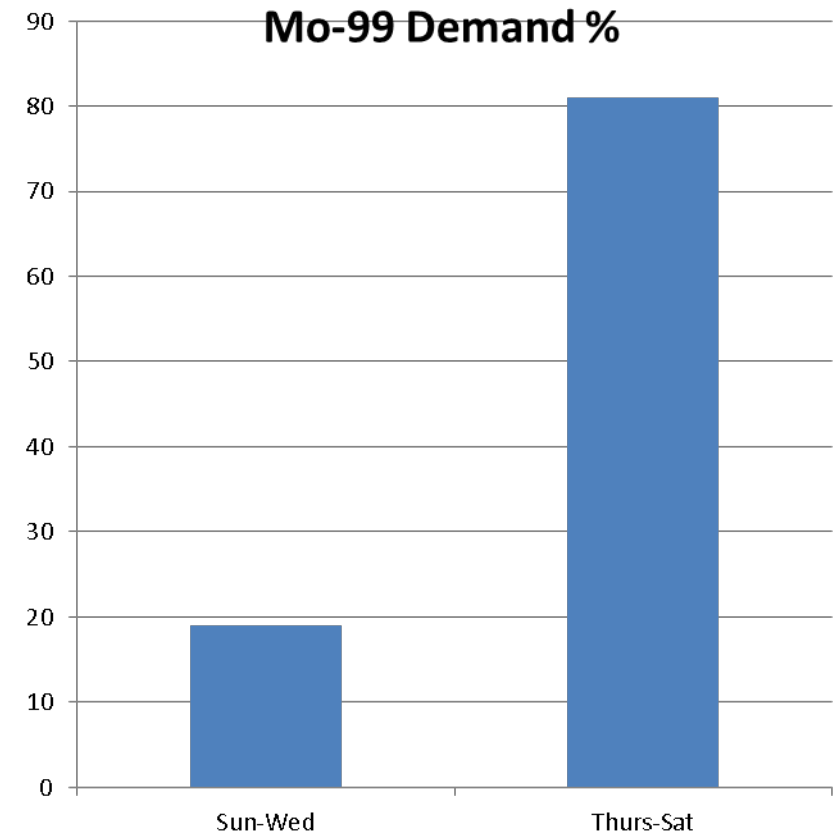
- Major consideration
- Maintain with regulatory limits
 - Limits don't change with increased production
- Radioactive noble gases
 - Active or passive trapping
 - Tighter restrictions in future
- Radioiodines
 - Prevent emissions?
 - Measures in real time?
 - Manufacture I-131 as a by-product?

Target Density

- Most LEU targets are in the range of 2-6-2.7 g/ccU
- Small increase in target density could give a significant increase in yield
 - Possible with current technology if cladding thickness reduced
 - New technologies being developed

Demand Profile

- Demand for Mo-99 not steady over week
- Need to design plant for large throughput days



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