

Table 3  
Some physical properties of uranium dioxide

Temp, F	Thermal Conductivity <sup>o</sup> Btu/sq ft, hr, F/in.	Coefficient of Linear Expansion† (in./in. F) 100 <sup>o</sup>	Specific Heat
300	48.6	5.67	0.056
1000	28.4	5.67	0.067
2000	18.7	5.73	0.072
3000	16.0	6.58	0.075
4000	16.6	7.42	0.081
5000	20.3	—	0.094

<sup>o</sup> Based on 95% density pellets.

† Between 70F and temperature shown.

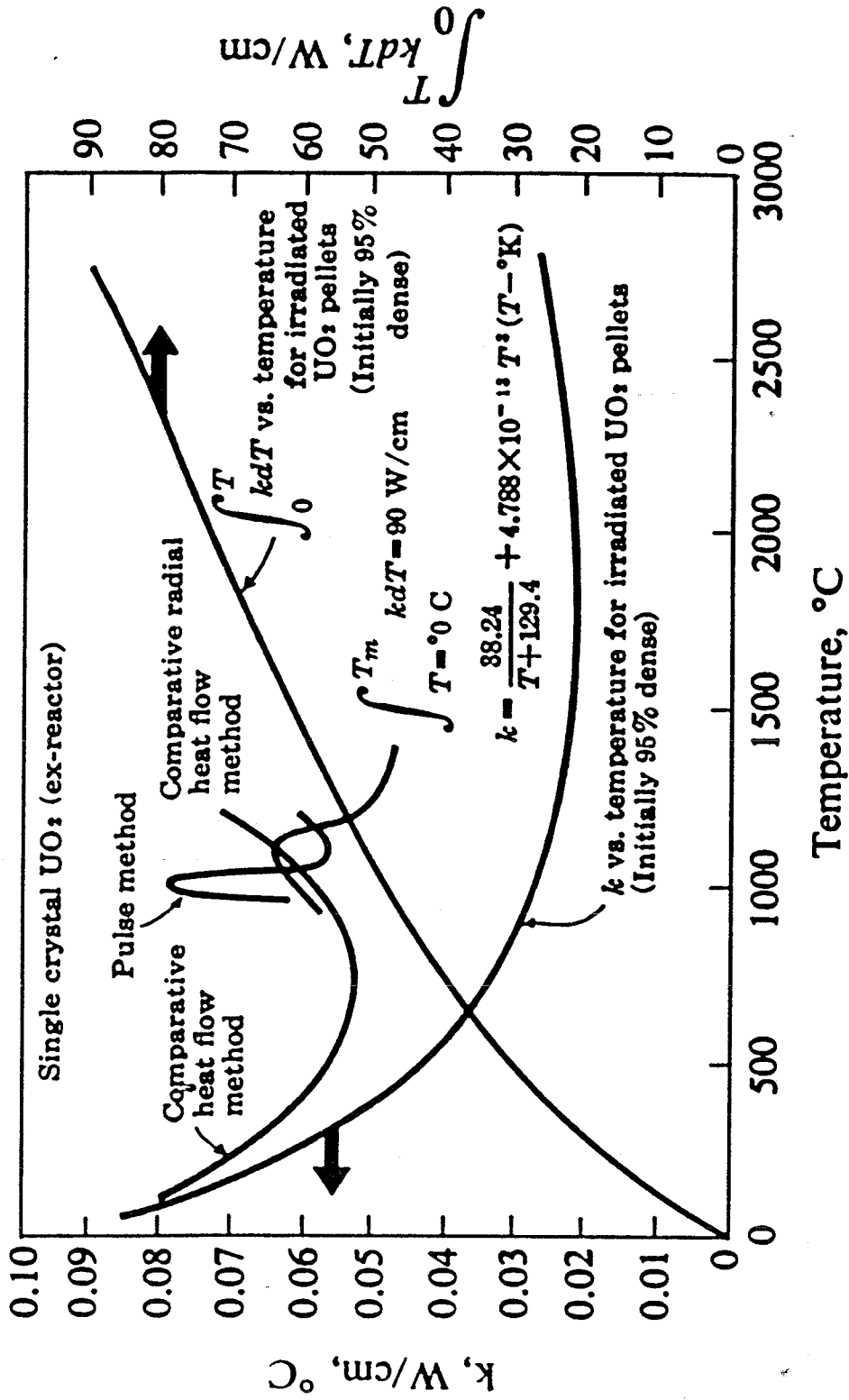


FIG. 11.22  $UO_2$  Thermal Conductivity and  $\int_0^T k dT$  versus Temperature. [From Pashos, T. J., and others, "Irradiation Behavior of Ceramic Fuels," *Proceedings of the Third United Nations Conference on the Peaceful Uses of Atomic Energy*, Paper No. A/conf. 18/P/240, September, 1964.]

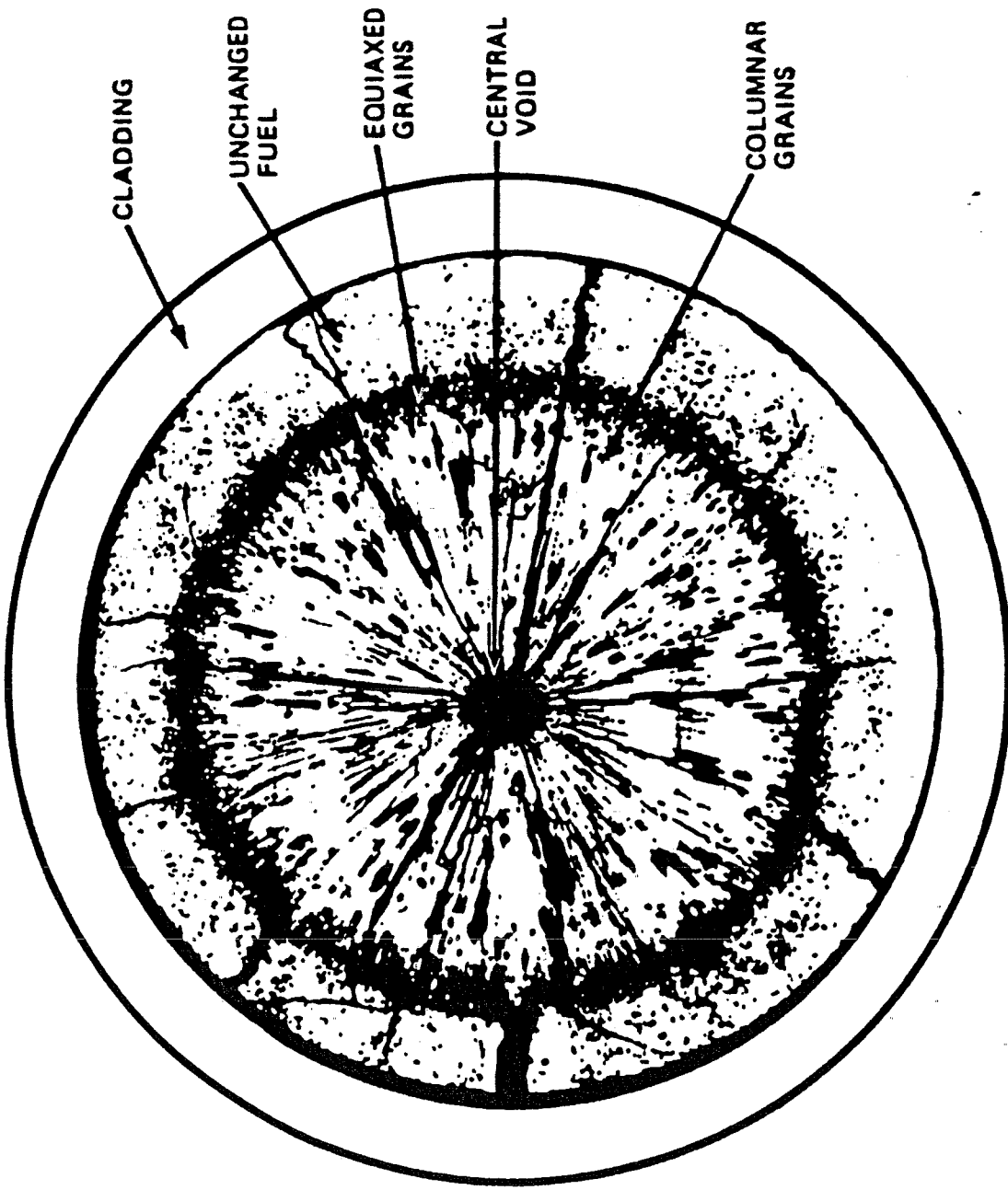
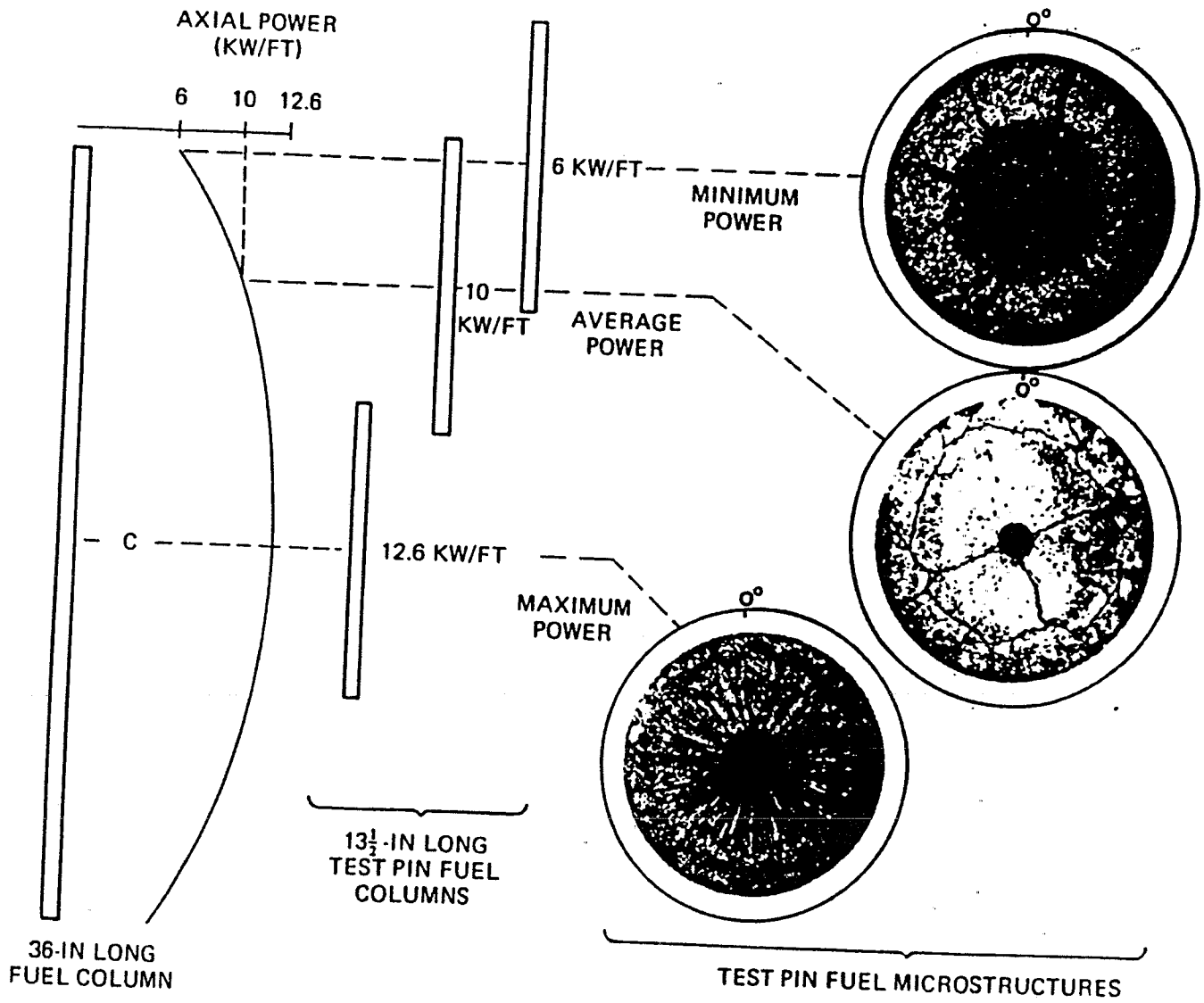
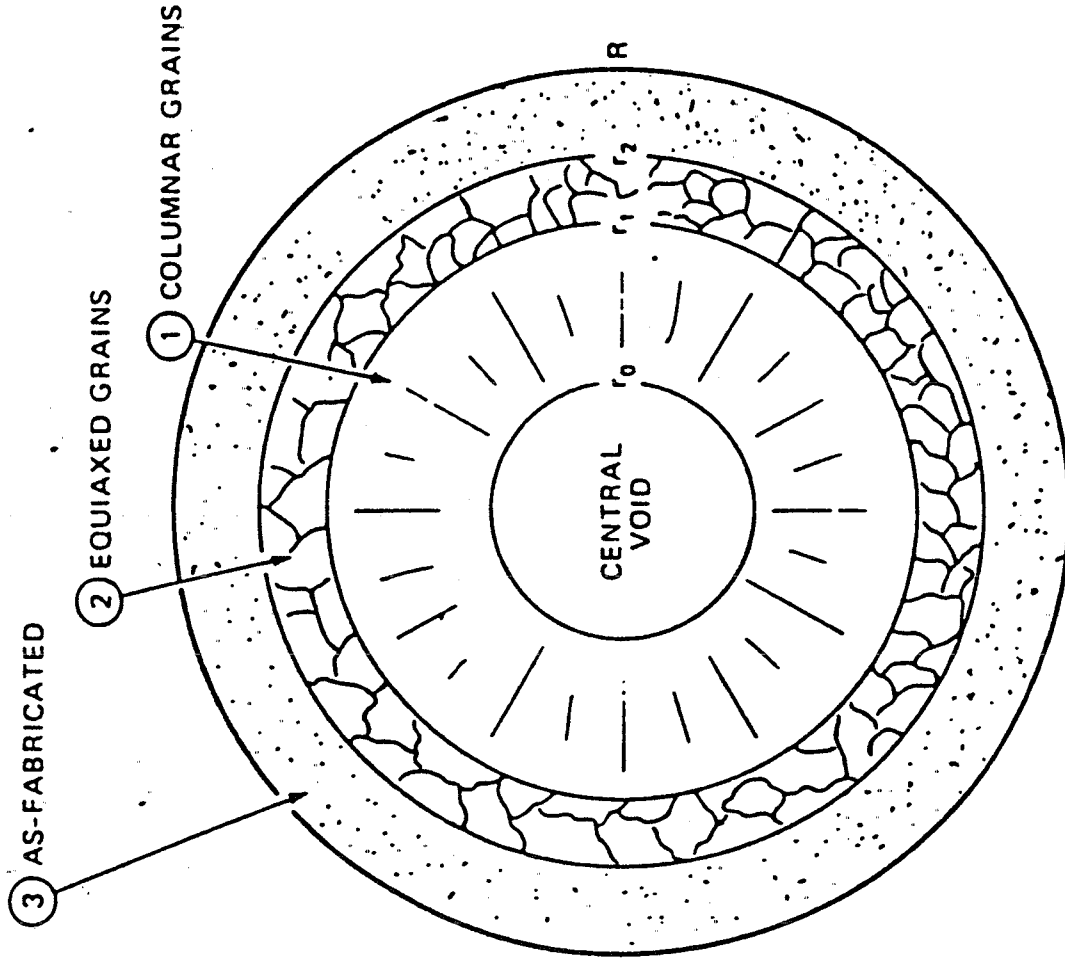


Fig. 8.8. Cross section of an oxide fuel pellet showing restructuring following extended neutron irradiation (M. D. Freshley, BNWL). (Structural changes are much less in normal operation of commercial water-cooled reactors.)

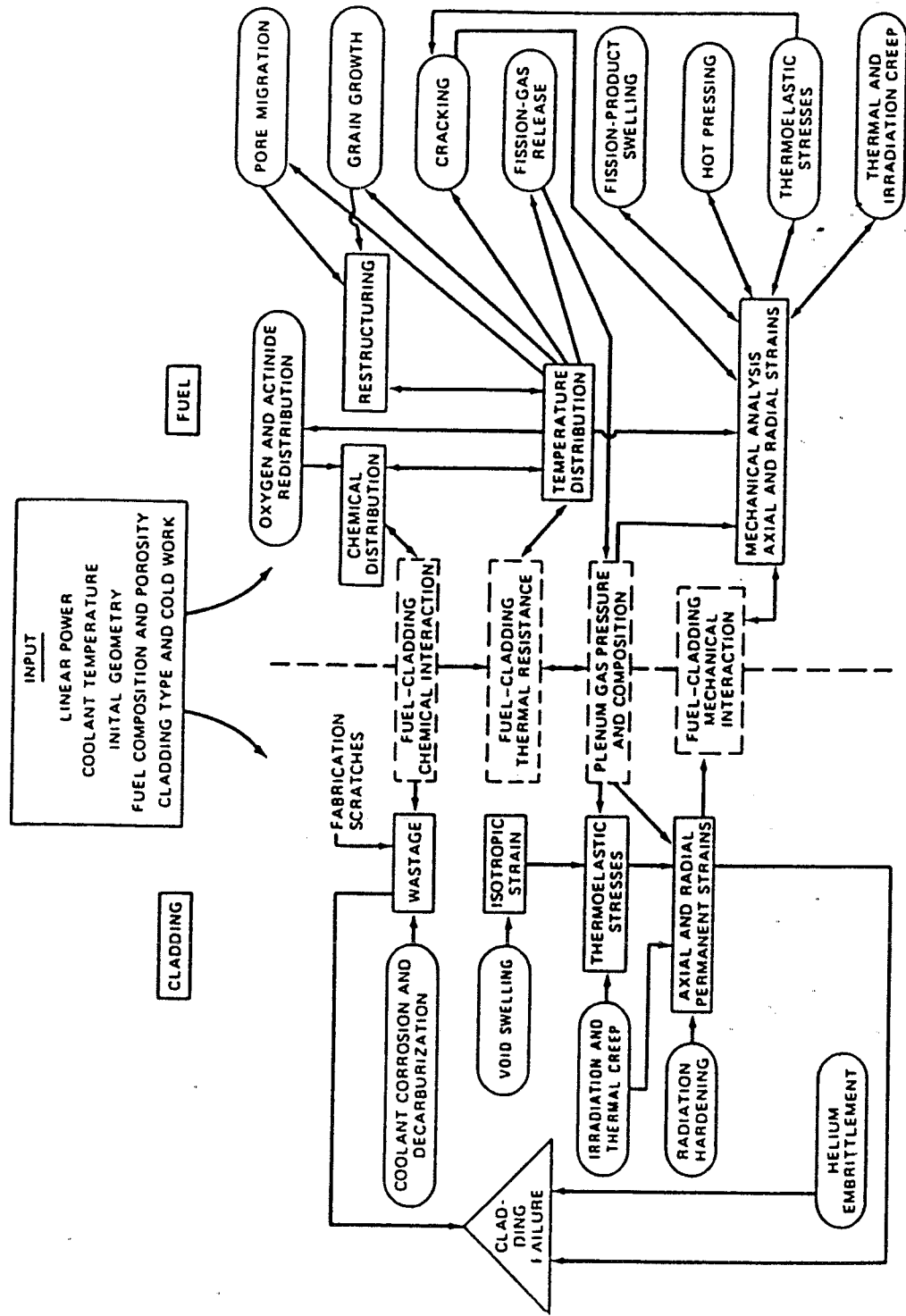
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**FIGURE 9-4**  
Mixed-oxide fuel restructuring versus linear heat rate. (Photograph courtesy of the Hanford Engineering Development Laboratory, operated by Westinghouse Hanford Company for the U.S. Department of Energy.)



**FIGURE 9-5** Features of mixed-oxide fuel restructuring. (From D. R. Olander, *Fundamental Aspects of Nuclear Reactor Fuel Elements*, TID-26711-P1, 1976.)



**FIGURE 9-6**

Flow chart for representative fuel-rod design interactions. (From D. R. Olander, *Fundamental Aspects of Nuclear Reactor Fuel Elements*, TID-26711-PI, 1976.)