

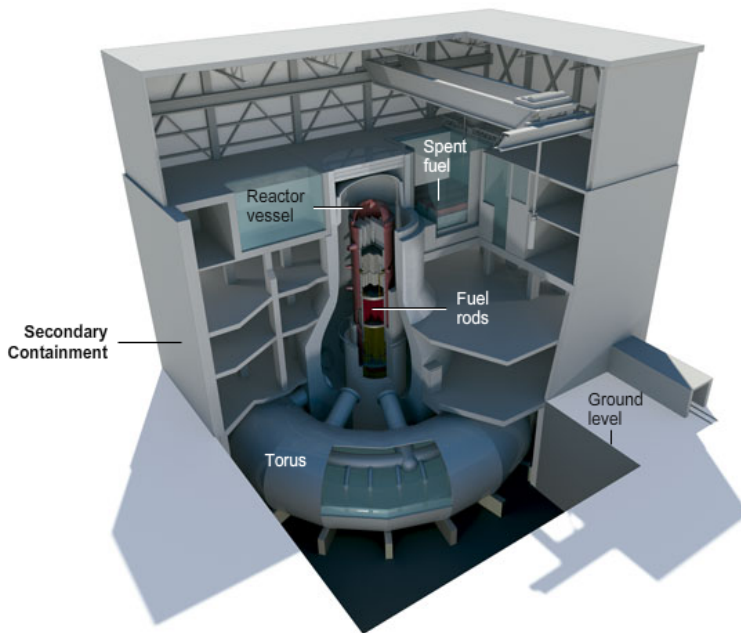
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Venting Failure in the Nuclear Reactors at Fukushima Daiichi

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The reactor building, also called the **secondary containment**, is not designed to withstand hydrogen explosions. The explosions were caused by an accumulation of hydrogen gas, which is created by overheated fuel rods.



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