SWR-1000: NRC-Visit

Preparation of the External Vessel Cooling Test



SWR 1000 - Exterior Vessel Cooling



Decoupling of Flow Conditions and Heat Transfer







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Setup of the RPV:

- Air injection through a porous structure at the bottom
- Eight chambers with adjustable air supply





Setup of the insulation:

- Transparent material including CRD and pump housings
- Impedance probes for measuring the adequate gas height
- Fiber optic probe for measuring the void



Phenomenology



- Circulation can be observed The water / gas mixture will move upwards and will be separated at the swell level. The water will flow back
- Counter current flow can be observed at the bottom The water/air mixture flows upwards around the RPV, single-phase water flows downwards around the insulation. A portion penetrates in the water/air mixture
- Flow is approximately rotational symmetric
- Bubbles in the water/air test grow approximately similar to those of boiling tests
- Rotational symmetric slug bands will be formed. In the case of flow without insulation, they are stronger than in the case with insulation



Phenomenology - Global Model in Operation





Phenomenology - Counter Current Flow





Phenomenology - Flow around the CRD Housings





Phenomenology - Movement of Bubbles





Fiber Optic Probe





Local Void Fraction Determination



Local Void Fractions at different Inclinations



Dimension and Positions of the Probes



Average Gas Height measured with Fiber Optic Probe and Impedance Probe



Gas Height Distribution



Adequate Gas height between CRD Housing No. 128 and No. 129 (5 -6 mm)



Positions of the LDA Measurements



Velocity Distribution as the Function of the Height



Local Velocities



Water Mass Flow Balance



Gas Mass Flow Balance



Results of the Mass Flow Balances

		Position 128-129	Position 131-132	
Border of air injection chambers	Water Mass Flow, Inlet [kg/s]	1,19	1,36	
	Water Mass Flow. Outlet [kɑ/s]	1,40	1,59	
	Ratio Water Mass Flow Out/In	1,18	1,17	
Pos. 131-132 Pos. 128-129	Air Mass Flow, Injected [kg/s]	0,0043	0,0085	
	Air Mass Flow, Acc. Fig. 13 [kg/s]	0,0049	0,0094	
	Ratio Out/In	1,14	1,11	
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Scaling Procedure and Intention



Steam generation



Procedure:

•Void measurements in the model

•Approximation of drift flux correlation parameters

- •Calculation of the void fraction based on the new correlation
- •Calculation of the air mass flow with similar void fraction



Void Fraction Measurement Method



Measured Void Fraction and Developed Correlation



Mass Flows for the Tests with the Global Model



Comparison of Void Trends -Model (Air 1 bar) and "Original" (Steam 3 bar)



Measurement of Safety Margins



Aim of the experiments:

Measurement of the Critical Heat Flux above decay heat

Procedure:

- Implementation of a 1:1 scaled segment in the BVS by considering the in- and outflow conditions evaluated from the water / air - experiments
- Instrumentation of the RPV-wall with thermocouples in order to identify the location of the boiling crisis (CHF)
- Adjusting the mass flow in such a way that the feed water mass flow is equal to the evaporated
- Increasing the heat input stepwise until a boiling crisis-occurred or a relevant safety margin is reached.



Conclusions and Consequences

- The natural circulation inside the gap between the insulation and RPV is very strong - compared to the water supply of the external circulation. Thus, it is necessary to simulate the internal circulation in a water steam experiment.
- The flow experiments indicate almost rotational symmetric flow conditions.

The effect of flow and heating conditions is unknown, which might be influenced by the flow orientation from the centre position:

- The effect of a straight-line configuration will be lower flow resistance compared to a non-straight-line configuration and herewith a higher mass flows in this area.
- The effect of a non-straight-line configuration will be a better heat transfer behaviour - compared to a straight line configuration.

Conclusion: There will be no significant cross flow between the different orientations if the flow conditions are almost similar for both extreme configurations. In this case it is conservative to use the straight line configuration for a heatable test section.



Global and Section Model Measurements



Heatable Section Model - Top View



Heatable Section Model - Side View



Heatable Section Model - Heating Concept



Heatable Section Model - CRD Housing connection



External Vessel Cooling Test - Test Objective

Identification of the safety margins of the exterior cooling concept of the RPV, taking into consideration the influence of the control rod drive housings



External Vessel Cooling Test - Manufacturing, Heating Wires (1)





External Vessel Cooling Test - Manufacturing, Heating Wires (2)



External Vessel Cooling Test

- Measuring Equipment, Pressure/Level

Pressure differences shall be measured at three different levels

• Each of the pressure and pressure drop sensors has to be checked against a calibrated pressure checking device or a water column

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• The aim of these measurements is to measure the water level. Therefore, an accuracy of +/- 2% can be accepted

External Vessel Cooling Test

- Measuring Equipment, Mass Flow

The inlet mass flow will be measured via an orifice. This measurement will be checked via the measurement of the time to fill a defined volume of 60 liters

- The orifice should be chosen in a way that a mass flow could be measured from 0.4 to 0.0025kg/s at 104°C
- The aim of these measurements is to check, whether the test object will be supplied with almost constant flow conditions. Therefore, an accuracy of +/- 4% can be accepted

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External Vessel Cooling Test - Measuring Equipment, Inlet Temperature

The inlet temperature measurement will be checked via measuring the boiling temperature at ambient conditions. An accuracy of +/- 2K can be accepted



External Vessel Cooling Test

- Measuring Equipment, Heated Surface (1)
 - > The temperature measurements of the heated surface will be checked based on plausibility
 - Plausibility check is described in the Test Procedure (FANP TGT1/02/e42)
 - Installation has to be done and checked according to the respective drawing





External Vessel Cooling Test - Measuring Equipment, Heated Surface (2)



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External Vessel Cooling Test - Measuring Equipment, Power Supply

The measurement of voltage and current supplying the heating wires is part of the BENSON test rig instrumentation.

- The functioning of this has been checked during test running in August 2002
- Within further tests in the following years this standard instrumentation will be checked regularly again





External Vessel Cooling Test Data Acquisition Software (1)

Online display



External Vessel Cooling Test - Data Acquisition Software (2)

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