Large Valve Test Facility GAP

Thermal-hydraulics

Data recording

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The Large Valve Test Facility GAP originally was designed as a full-scale model of part of a 1300 MW-PWR secondary circuit.

- It is used for other test conditions where high mass flows of steam and hot water are required.
- 22 MW steam power station at pressure up to 165 bar at 500 °C
- 125 m³ high-pressure steam accumulator
- Like the steam generators installed in the nuclear power plant, the GAP test stand also has a flow limiter at the outlet of the accumulator
- The emergency stop valve plus a safety valve and a relief valve at the top
- 38 m-long 28"-diameter main steam line
- The test stand is designed to simulate a full-size pipe break scenario. For this it is fitted with two quick-opening valves with an opening time of about 0.2 seconds.
- 970 m³ pool of water in which the steam is condensed

Basic Equipment

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Test Setup for Steam and Twophase Flow Blow-down Tests for Test Valves > 10"

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Additional test equipment allows to test also valves up to 8" with water of high mass flow conditions for subcooled and saturated water up to 110 bar. For that reason the bottom of the accumulator is connected to the test bed.



Test Setup for Hot Water Blow-down Tests for Test Valves DN 150...200 (6"...10")

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Main Steam Safety Valves (MSSV) must be actuated under a positive pressure ramp, where the pressure increases during the opening of the safety valve. With the Large Valve Test Facility those tests are possible even for bigger safety valves up to 10".







Qualification of MSSV for Sizewell B

Funtional Tests of Spring-Loaded Main Steam Safety Valves DN 150...250 (6"...10")

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Fragmentation of Insulation Material by Steam and Two-phase Flow Jets during LOCA

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Video of a Blow-down

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The data will be collected on a high performance PC based data acquisition system MEGADAC. The maximum sample rate is 200000 samples/s.



Data recording – Data Acquisition System

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The MEGADAC has plug-in modules so that the requirements of the measurement can be met:

■ 8 Channels (AD 5884 TD)

directly to thermocouples 4-pole Butterworth filter. The filter frequency is 40 Hz.

16 Channels (AD 885 SH)

of sample and hold differential inputs 3-pole 310 Hz Bessel filter (for differential pressure, valve lift, ± 10 V signal)

22 Channels (AD 682 SH1)

of sample and hold differential inputs with on-board signal excitation and programmable gains

8-pole Butterworth filter, the frequency is computer contolled up to 20 Hz - 10 kHz

(for pressure and force sensors with strain gauges)

Data recording – Plug-In Modules

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 Quick look evaluation is released after each testing (checked and signed)

The test records are converted into ASCII-format and stored on a compact disk

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