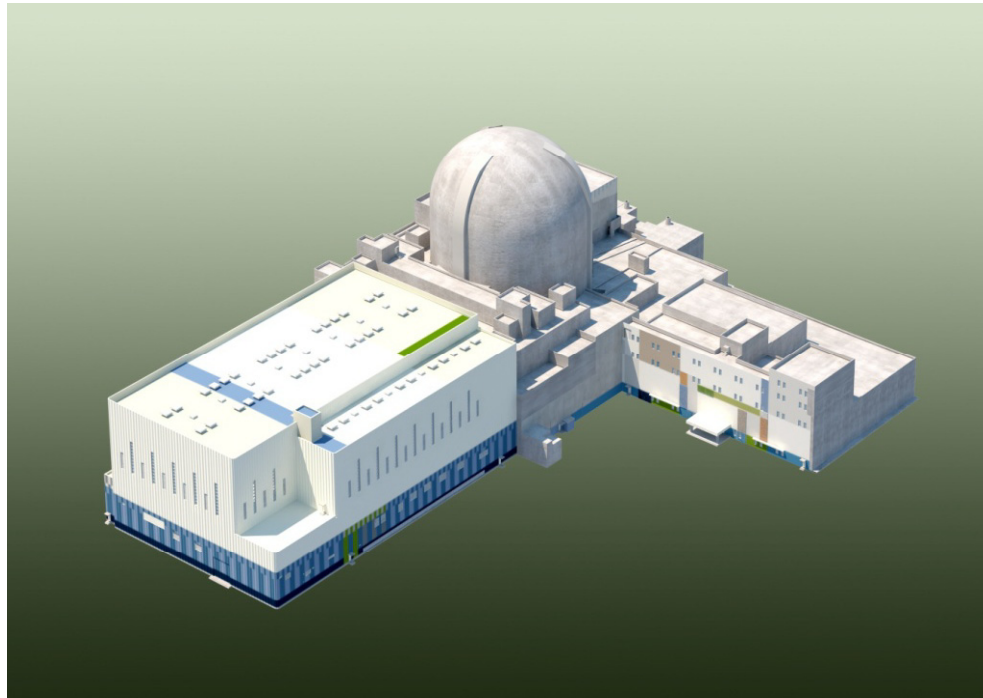


# Debris In-vessel Downstream Effect Evaluation



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# Introduction

Public Meeting

# Introduction

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- **Meeting Topic**

- ✓ **Effect of a flow channel gap change**

- **The impact of a flow channel gap on the validity of testing that has already been conducted to address in-vessel downstream effects of the APR1400**

- ✓ **Accuracy of the flow meter**

- **The accuracy and measurement range of the GF630 flow meter which was used in the in-vessel effect tests of the APR1400**

# Introduction

- **Background**

- ✓ **NRC inspection of in-vessel downstream effect tests**

- **Date: Sep. 22 – 26, 2014**

- **Issued Inspection Report No. 99901453/2014-201**

- ✓ **Submission of documents**

- **Reply to a Notice of Violation: Dec. 10, 2014**

- **Technical Report, “In-vessel Downstream Effect Tests for the APR1400”, APR1400-K-A-NR-14001-P**

Revision	Date	Description
0	Dec. 2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Test results of the in-vessel downstream effect of the APR1400</li><li>• Appendices on the effect of a flow channel gap change and the accuracy of the GF630 flow meter</li></ul>

# Effect of a Flow Channel Gap Change

Public Meeting

# Effect of a Flow Channel Gap Change

- Purpose of Analysis

- ✓ The manufacturing tolerance in the gaps between the test column and the bottom nozzle resulted in some discrepancies compared to the design value.
- ✓ Presents the results of a differential pressure analysis in relation to the accumulation of debris under manufacturing and design conditions.



(a) Manufacturing Condition

(b) Design Condition

# Effect of a Flow Channel Gap Change

- Assumptions and Analysis Conditions (1/2)

- ✓ At the inlet, fluid flows at a constant velocity: 77.6 lpm (20.5 gpm)
- ✓ The height of the gaps is maximized by modeling the bottom nozzle in the form of hexahedron
- ✓ The measured differential pressure comes from the mock-up fuel assembly and accumulated debris

$$DP_{total} = DP_{FA} + Dp_{debris}$$





# Effect of a Flow Channel Gap Change

- Assumptions and Analysis Conditions (2/2)



# Effect of a Flow Channel Gap Change

- **Porous Media Model**

- ✓ **Based on Darcy's law and the ANSYS CFX theory**

$$\frac{\Delta p}{\Delta t} = - \left( \frac{\mu}{K_{perm}} v + K_{loss} \frac{\rho}{2} v^2 \right)$$

$\Delta p$  : differential pressure

$\mu$  : fluid viscosity

$K_{perm}$  : permeability loss coefficient

$v$  : velocity normal to the porous face

$K_{loss}$  : quadratic loss coefficient

$\rho$  : fluid density

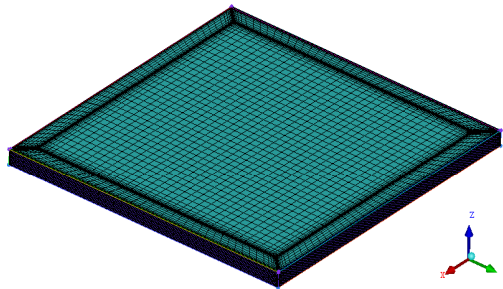
$\Delta t$  : thickness of the medium

- ✓ **By considering only the quadratic term, since the Reynolds number at the inlet is 6490, we can calculate  $K_{loss}$  as below.**

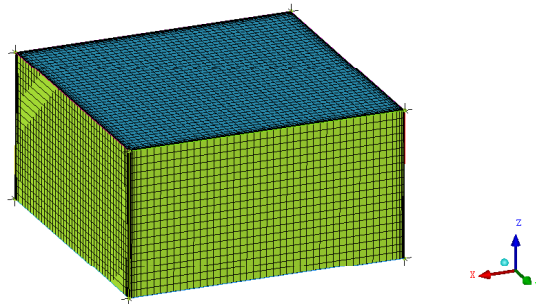
$$\frac{\Delta p}{\Delta t} = -K_{loss} \frac{\rho}{2} v^2$$

# Effect of a Flow Channel Gap Change

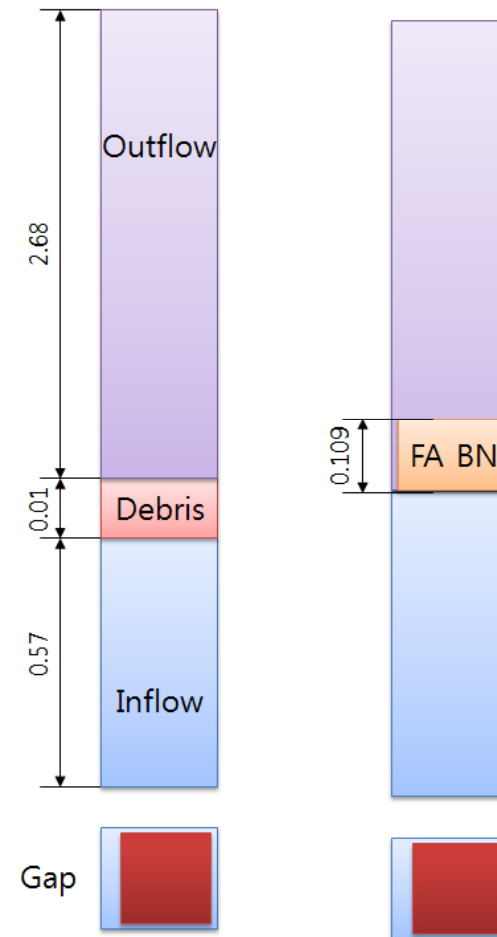
- Loss Coefficient Calculation for Debris and Bottom Nozzle(1/3)



(a) Debris bed



(b) Bottom nozzle



[Analysis Model Under the Manufacturing Condition ]

# Effect of a Flow Channel Gap Change

- Loss Coefficient Calculation for Debris and Bottom Nozzle (2/3) TS



# Effect of a Flow Channel Gap Change

- Loss Coefficient Calculation for Debris and Bottom Nozzle (3/3)

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[Pressure for the Debris Bed and Bottom Nozzle Region]

# Effect of a Flow Channel Gap Change

- Analysis Results Comparison of the Manufacturing Condition with the Design Condition

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# Effect of a Flow Channel Gap Change

- Conclusion



- ✓ **The change of flow channel gap from the as-fabricated value to the design value will cause the pressure drop to increase by less than 1%.**
- ✓ **Therefore, the results of test that have already been conducted are valid because there is a plenty of margin under the limiting condition of hot-leg break.**

# Accuracy of the Flow Meter Used in the Tests



# Accuracy of the Flow Meter

- **Flow Meter Used in the Tests**

- ✓ **Model: Toshiba GF630**
- ✓ **Measurement range: 7.5 ~ 250 lpm**
- ✓ **Accuracy:  $\pm 0.5\%$  of rate at 50 ~ 250 lpm,  $\pm 0.25$  lpm at 7.5 ~ 50 lpm**

- **Evaluation Result at the Minimum Flow Rate**

Standard flow rate(Y) (lpm)	Measured flow rate(X) (lpm)	Deviation (X-Y) (lpm)	Requirement (lpm)	Evaluation
7.748	7.91	0.162	0.25	Satisfactory
7.774	7.95	0.176	0.25	Satisfactory
7.362	7.52	0.158	0.25	Satisfactory

# Accuracy of the Flow Meter

- **Results of the Evaluation**

- ✓ Requirement of the flow rate to ensure control: target flow rate  $\pm 5\%$
- ✓ Minimum flow rate in the tests: 9.2 lpm
- ✓ Control band at the minimum flow rate: 9.2 lpm  $\pm 0.46$  lpm
- ✓ GF630 meets the required accuracy at a flow rate less than 9.2 lpm

- **Conclusion**

- ✓ The GF630 flow meter meets the required accuracy in the measurement range of 7.53 lpm to 250 lpm when it was recalibrated.
- ✓ The tests under the cold-leg break condition were performed with a flow meter which meets the required level of accuracy.

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**Thank you for your attention.**