High Energy Arcing Faults (HEAF) Hazard Modeling

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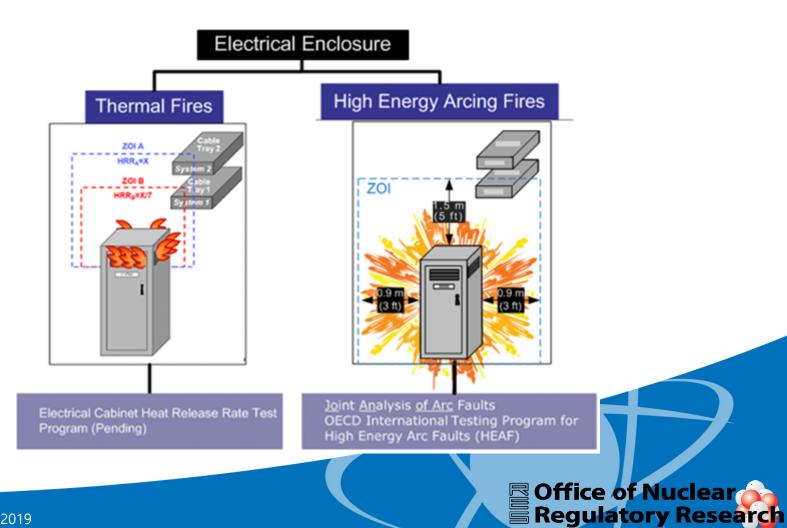




- Provide overview of modeling
 - History
 - Types
 - Existing models
 - Comparisons to measurement



Categories of Electrical Enclosure Failure Mode - Review

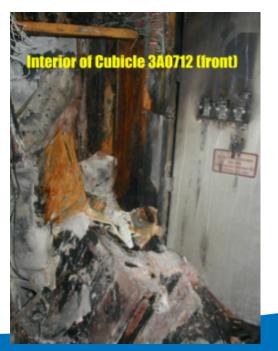


Operating Experience



San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station, 2001

- Highlighted HEAF hazard
- NRC INFORMATION NOTICE 2002-27
 - RECENT FIRES AT COMMERCIAL NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS IN THE UNITED STATES
 - <u>https://www.nrc.gov/docs/ML0226/ML022630147.pdf</u>





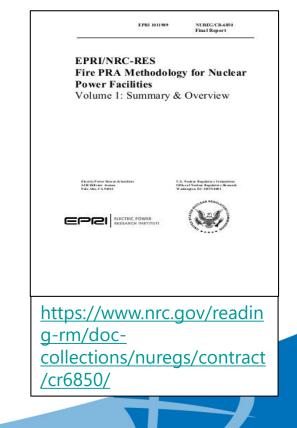
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Fire PRA Methodology



NUREG/CR-6850 EPRI 1011989

- NUREG/CR 6850 forms the basis for nuclear power plant (NPP) Fire PRA's
 - Published 2005
- This EPRI/NRC working group was the first to explicitly model HEAF events as part of a fire PRA
 - The need was identified as part of accident investigation efforts for the development of 6850 & NRC's assessment of energetic faults from 1986-2001
 - (ADAMS Accession No. <u>ML021290364</u>)
 - Timely OpE- San Onofre 2/3/2001

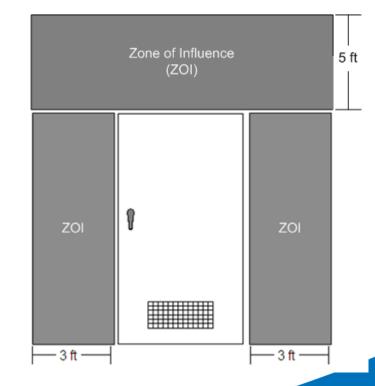


Current Methodology

Electrical Enclosures

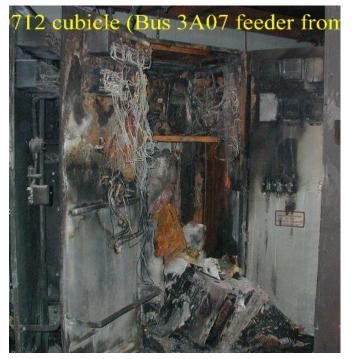
- NUREG/CR-6850, Appendix M (2005)
- Zone of Influence (ZOI) Method largely based on one well documented fire event at San Onofre in 2001
- Methodology developed as an expert elicitation
 - Observational data and OpE information only
 - No test data available
 - Currently this model has been used to support NFPA 805 transitions



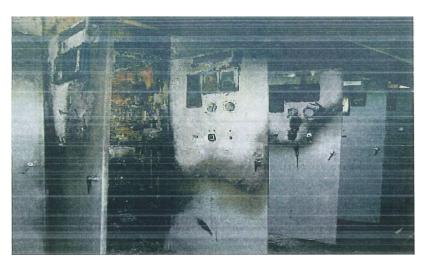


HEAF OpE Electrical Enclosure





San Onofre; 2001





Onagawa; 2011



Current Methodology Bus Ducts

- NUREG/CR-6850, Supplement 1
- Bus duct guidance for high energy arcing faults (FAQ 07-0035)
- Methodology developed as an expert elicitation
 - Observational data and OpE information only
 - No test data available
 - Currently this model has been used to support NFPA 805 transitions

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Sphere of 1.5' radius



HEAF OpE Bus Duct



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Diablo Canyon Bus Duct (OpE) 2000

Bus Duct Testing 2016

Columbia Bus Duct (OpE) 2009

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Conceptual Modeling Approaches





- Modeling Approach
 - Bounding (Current models)
 - Enclosure, bus ducts
 - Bounding by Categories
 - By power, energy, voltage, fault current, protection scheme, material, safety class
 - Dynamic ZOI
 - Scenario dependent source

 $E = k_1$

• Target fragility

 $E = kVI(\frac{t}{D^p})$

$$\cdot t \cdot \left(\frac{k_2}{D}\right)^{\chi} \cdot 10^{[k_3 + k_4 \cdot \log(I) + k_5 \cdot G]}$$

As presented at 4/18/2018 public workshop

Bounding ZOI (Current Model)



- Assumes worst case damage for all HEAF
 - i.e., one size fits all
 - Damage and ignition of components within ZOI
 - Peak HRR
- Least amount of information needed to determine ZOI
- Least realistic for majority of cases
- Simple to apply
- Lowest cost

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Refined Bounding ZOI



- Subdivides equipment by HEAF damaged potential
 - Equipment type
 - Energy/Power potential
 - Protection scheme
 - Size, Material, Design, etc.
- More realistic
- Requires more information to apply
- More costly for development and application

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Dynamic ZOI



- Requires detailed information on power system
- Correlation from experiments and theory to model source term and incident flux as a function of distance
- Requires knowledge of fire PRA target fragility to high heat flux short duration.
- Potential to provide most realistic results
- Complex
- Most costly

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Modeling Approach Status



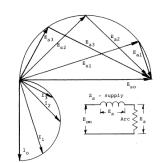
- No approach has been excluded
- Understand and evaluation existing and new hazard models
- Needs to consider development and application efficiencies along with level of realism in a holistically manner to make informed decision on appraoch
- NRC/EPRI working group advancing "PRA modeling" methodology



Overview of Existing Models

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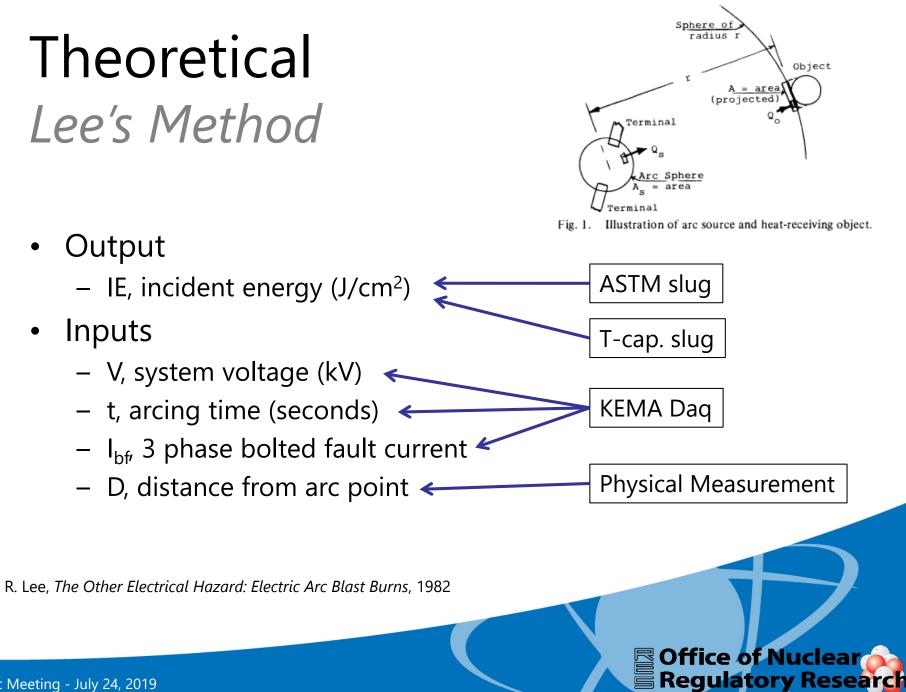
Theoretical Lee Model





- Simple geometric configuration
 - arc modeled as sphere
- Heat transfer to predict distance where threshold is exceeded
- Used available research on human skin / clothing fragility (Stoll / Artz)
- Conservative due to maximum arc power assumption
- Used in IEEE 1584-2002 for > 15kV applications

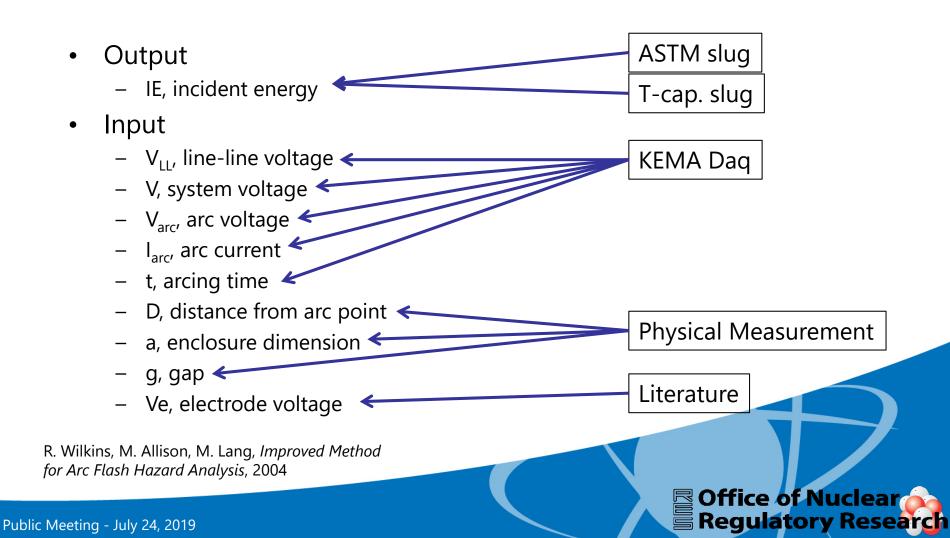
R. Lee, The Other Electrical Hazard: Electric Arc Blast Burns, 1982



Semi-Empirical

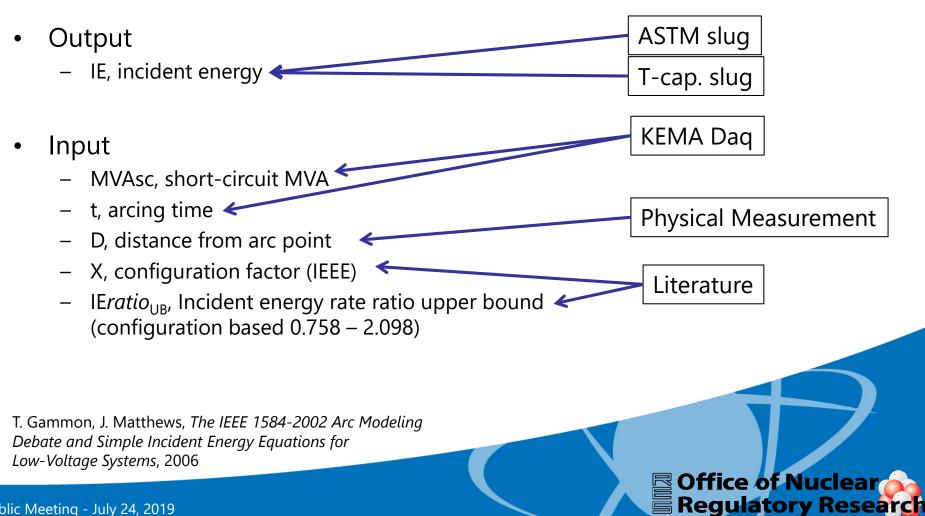


Wilkins-Allison-Lang Method



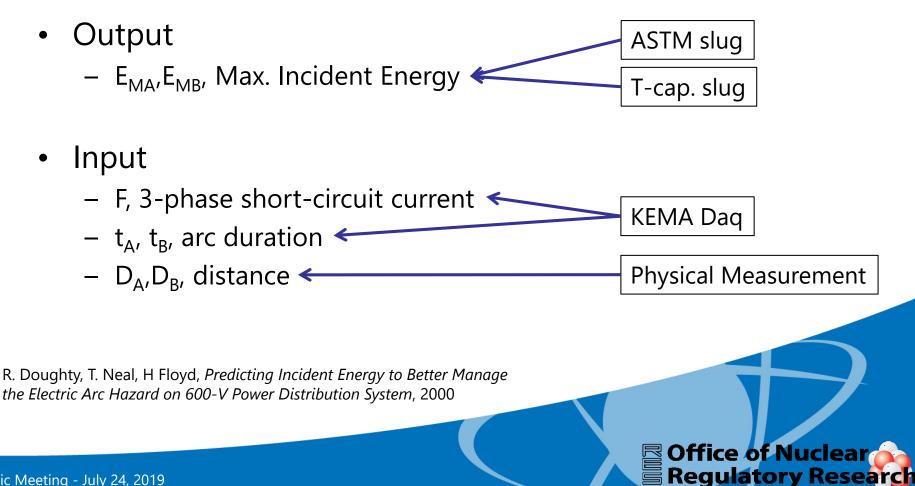


Semi-empirical Gammon Simplified



Empirical – Statistical Doughty – Neal - Floyd





Empirical - Statistical IEEE 1584 - 2002

- Guide for performing arc flash calculations
- Model for incident energy calculations
- Empirically derived model from 300 tests
- Methodology focused on personal protection
 - Arc flash boundary is only applicable to human fragility
 - Arc fault current and incident energy are independent of target

IEEE 1584-2002, *Guide for Performing Arc-Flash Hazard Calculation*, 2002



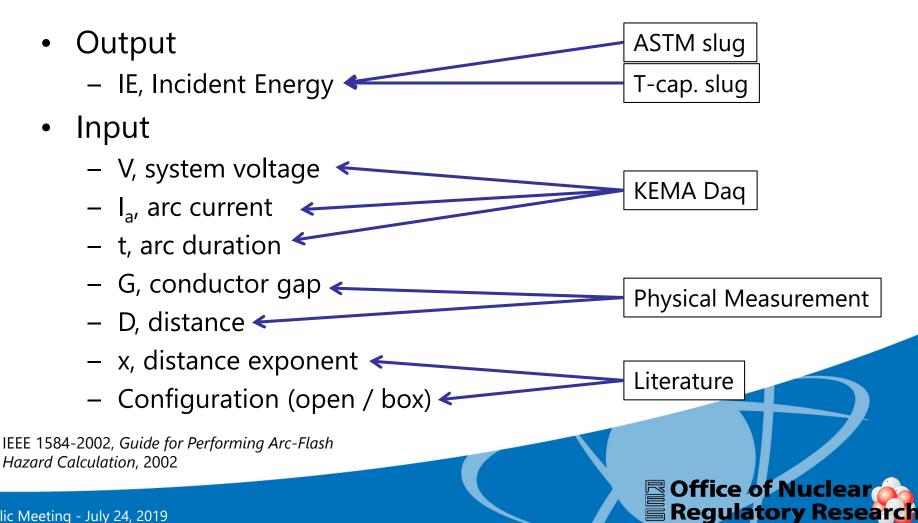
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Empirical - Statistical IEEE 1584 - 2002



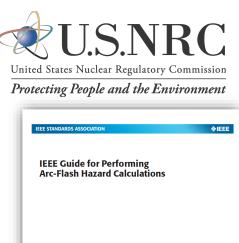


Empirical - Statistical *IEEE 1584 - 2018*

- Guide for performing arc flash calculations
- Significantly changed from 2002 edition
- Model for incident energy calculations
- Empirically derived model from 2,160 tests
- Five configurations

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- VCB, VCBB, HCB, VOA, HOA



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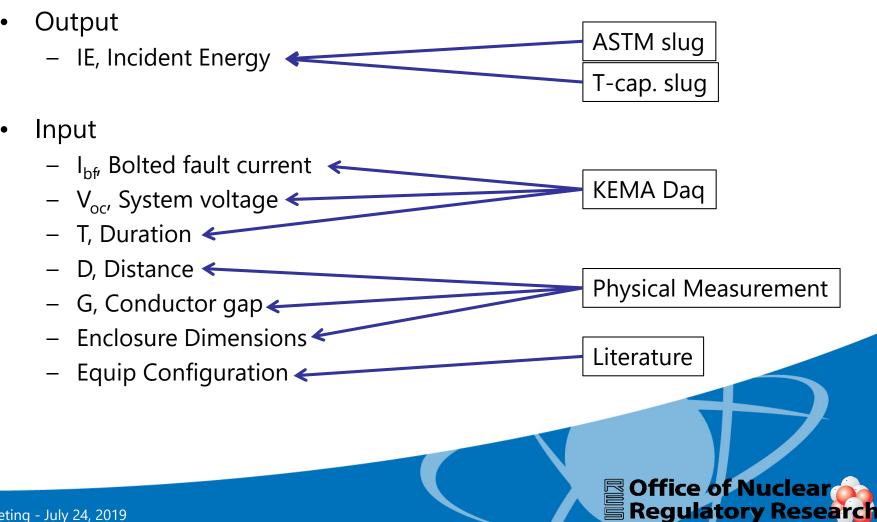
IEEE 1584 – 2018 Range of model

- System voltage: 208 to 15,000 Volts
- Frequency: 50 or 60 Hz
- Bolted fault current:
 - Low Voltage: 500 to 106,000 A
 - Med Voltage: 200 to 65,000 A
- Conductor Gaps:
 - Low Voltage: 0.25 to 3 inches
 - Med Voltage: 0.75 to 10 inches
- Target Distances: ≥ 12 inches
- Fault clearing time: no limit



Empirical – Statistical IEEE 1584-2018





Model Comparison *IEEE 1584 – 2018 vs MV Alum*

- ASTM slug calorimeter (copper)
 - Model overpredict max measured incident energy
 - Maximum overprediction : ~11x
 - 550 kJ/m² measured vs. 6,100 kJ/m² calculated
 - Minimum overprediction : ~2x



- 3.4MJ/m² measured vs. 6.3MJ/m²
- Note: 2 instruments damaged due to HEAF damage likely higher heat flux at damaged sensors and better agreement with model

Model Comparison LEE vs MV Alum



- ASTM slug calorimeter (copper)
 - Model overpredict max measured incident energy
 - Maximum overprediction : ~17x
 - 550 kJ/m² measured vs. 9,100 kJ/m² calculated
 - Minimum overprediction : ~3x
 - 3.4MJ/m² measured vs. 9.4MJ/m² calculated
 - Note: 2 instruments damaged due to HEAF damage likely higher heat flux at damaged sensors and better agreement with model

Model Comparison *IEEE 1584 – 2018 vs MV Alum*

- T-cap slug calorimeter (tungsten)
 - Model overpredict max measured incident energy
 - Maximum overprediction : ~26x
 - 236 kJ/m² measured vs. 6,100 kJ/m² calculated
 - Minimum overprediction : agreement
 - 6.0MJ/m² measured vs. 6.3MJ/m²





Model Comparison LEE vs MV Alum



- T-cap slug calorimeter (tungsten)
 - Model overpredict max measured incident energy
 - Maximum overprediction : ~39x
 - 236 kJ/m² measured vs. 9,100 kJ/m² calculated
 - Minimum overprediction : ~1.6x
 - $6.0MJ/m^2$ measured vs. $9.4MJ/m^2$



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Wrap-up Existing Models

- Follow similar form
 - Inverse power relationship with distance to target
- Supporting test configurations not directly applicable
 - Open air or box w/opening
- Fragility different (human vs equipment)
- Existing models may be adapted to make representative and realistic.

