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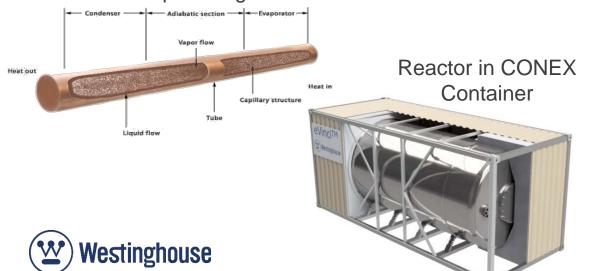
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eVinci Micro Reactor Attributes



Heat Pipe Design



Attributes

- 1-2 MWe transportable energy generator
- Fully factory built, fueled and assembled in CONEX containers
- Passive heat pipe technology
- 40 year design life with 3+ years continuous power
- No operator action
- Capable of providing high temperature process heat
- Near zero emergency planning zone (EPZ)
- Greenfield decommissioning
- Small installation footprint

eVinci Micro Reactor Safety Functions

Reactivity Control

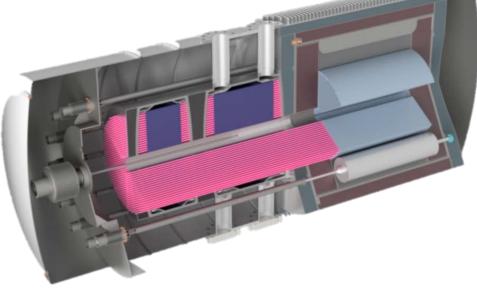
- Inherent feedback
- Neutron absorption/reflection drum control and passive shutdown
- Shutdown rod passive shutdown

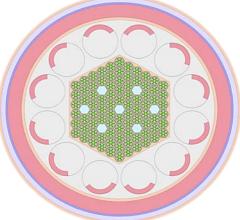
Heat Removal

- Power conversion system for normal operation
- Inherent self-regulation using heat pipes
- Air passive heat removal

Containment

- Fuel
- Core block
- Canister







eVinci Micro Reactor Probabilistic Risk Assessment

- First iteration of the PRA for internal events completed
 - Support to Licensing Modernization Program tabletop pilot activities
 - o Justification for minimization of safety related classified components and I&C
 - Following ANS/ASME Non LWR PRA Standard as possible by design stage
 - Basic design evolution support
- PRA team involved with initial design requirements
 - More interactive role in LMP
- PRA team supported initial FMEA/fault schedule
 - Maintain appropriate balance in FMEA level of details (commensurate with design details level)
 - FMEA entries are directly linked with PRA elements (e.g., initiators, component failures, expected sequence behavior)
- Tracking of changing assumptions critical in PRA interaction
 - "As-being-designed" conditions
 - PRA assumptions database constantly reviewed/validated by design team

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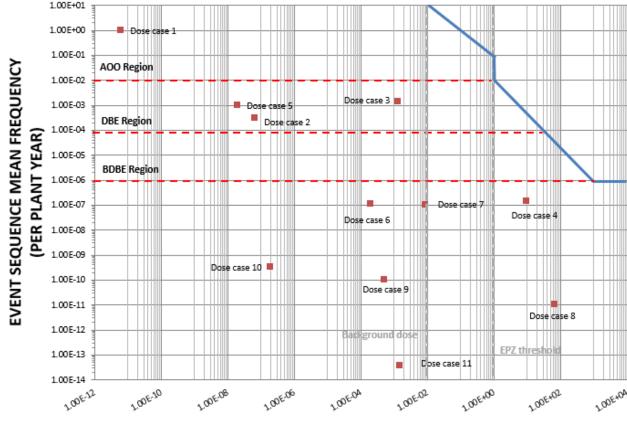
- Little expected relevance of internal events and internal hazards
 - Also, no internal fire/internal flood PRA expected
 - No human reliability analysis involved
- Success criteria mostly based on conservative assumptions associated with safety functions
 - Conservative Core Damage definition (will likely need to be more refined)
 - Isothermal core monolith may require localized core damage sequences
 - Single event tree due to design simplicity
 - Completely passive safety systems (no active actuation of any component)
 - Probabilistic success criteria being defined for future PRA iterations
- Minimal system analysis
 - Completely passive safety systems
 - Active systems captured mostly for initiating events frequency (IEFT analysis) and for ATWS considerations
 - High uncertainty associated with passive failure modes reliability data

eVinci Micro Reactor Probabilistic Risk Assessment

- Success and core damage sequences retained in the analysis
- Dose estimates to the machine boundary estimated (<1m)

- Peak temperature reached in success sequences drives different expected

release cases

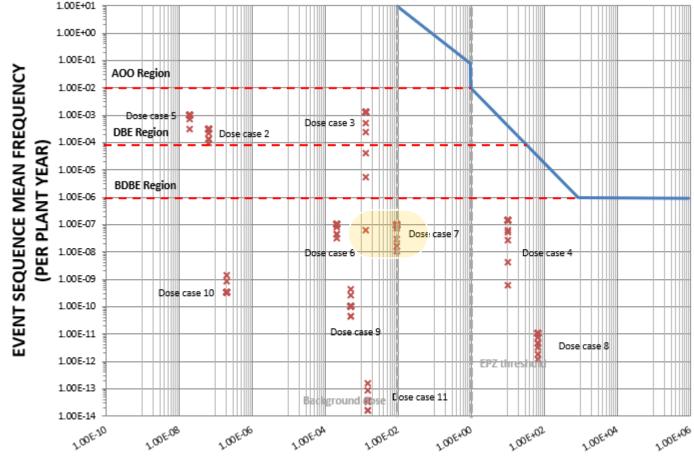




MEAN 30 DAY TOTAL EFFECTIVE DOSE EQUIVALENT (REM)
AT EXCLUSION AREA BOUNDARY (EAB)

eVinci Micro Reactor Uncertainties

Uncertainty in reliability data is significant, but epistemic uncertainties associated with design alternatives are dominating the current assessment

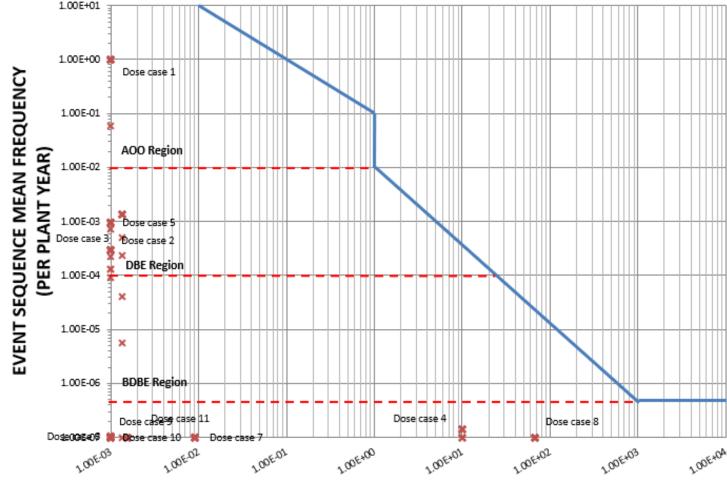




EFFECTIVE DOSE EQUIVALENT (REM)

eVinci Micro Reactor DBE/BDBE Definition

Minimal sequences in the region of interest for DBE and BDBE





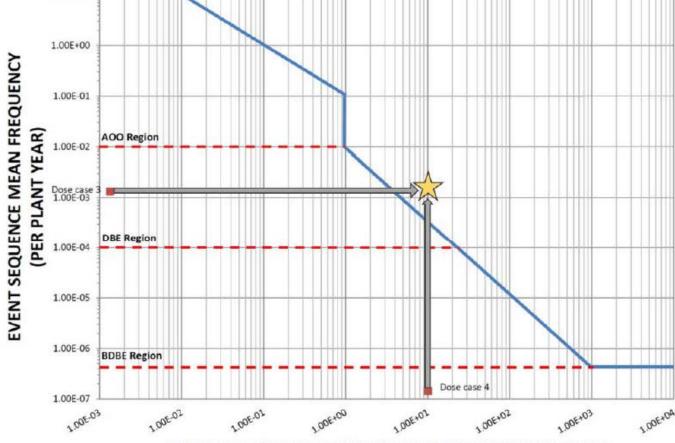
EFFECTIVE DOSE EQUIVALENT (REM)

eVinci Micro Reactor Safety Classification

1.00E+01

 Minimal set of Safety Class equipment identified by tracking how failure of individual systems makes sequences jumping across DBE/BDBE

thresholds.





MEAN 30 DAY TOTAL EFFECTIVE DOSE EQUIVALENT (REM)
AT LESS THAN 1 METER

eVinci Micro Reactor LMP Feedback and challenges

- LMP process feasibility has been tested for the initial phase of the design with good success and some feedback provided on the process
 - Emphasis may need to be added on epistemic uncertainties associated with design alternatives in the first iterations of the process
- Simplicity of eVinci micro reactor design possibly reduces the benefits of the methodology for DBE/BDBE and safety classification
- Challenges envisioned for external hazard assessment in absence of site information
 - Margin approach for seismic may be applicable but target HCLPF need to be increased and considerations on spectral shape may be needed to capture component specific classification
 - Margin approach does not exist for high winds and external flooding (admittedly with easier bounding fragility considerations)
- Site information is needed for a quantitative evaluation of external hazard that can feed the F/C diagram



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