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**APWR Material** 

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NPP Simulators Workshop for Education -Passive PWR NPP & Simulator Overview

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#### Pressurized Light Water Reactor

Reactor heats water from 279 to 315 deg. C
Pressurizer keeps coolant pressure 15.5 MPa; boiling is not allowed. Thermal efficiency ~ 32 %.
Use Gen III+ Passive PWR AP-1000 & EPR as examples



## Background

- 1980 Westinghouse started AP600 D & D
- AP600 600 MWe 2 loops PWR ; hallmark
   : passive safeguard systems & plant simplification.
- URD ALWR Utility Requirements
   Document via EPRI effort large
   experience base from LWR to minimize
   risks, etc. (208 reactors in operation 4351
   reactor operation years).

# AP600 Design Objectives

- Greatly simplified Plant to meet or exceed NRC safety goals, as well as ALWR Utility Requirements.
- Principal features: use experience-based components; plant systems simplification; increased operating margin; reduced operator actions; passive safety features; modularity.
- NRC Design Certification in 1999

## Why Was Advanced Passive AP1000 Design Developed?

- Existing designs with incremental improvements could not meet the deregulated electricity generation cost target 3 to 3.5¢/kWh
- Westinghouse Passive Plant Technology was mature and licensed in US
- Large investment in Passive Plant Technology development could be leveraged to provide a cost competitive design in a relatively short time

#### AP1000 NRC certification in 2004

#### Conventional PWR, AP600, AP1000

Parameter	Doel 4/Tihange 3	AP600	AP1000
Net Electric Output, MWe	985	610	1117
Reactor Power, MWt	2988	1933	3400
Hot Leg Temperature, °C (°F)	330 (626)	316 (600)	321 (610)
Number of Fuel Assemblies	157	145	157
Type of Fuel Assembly	17x17	17x17	17x17
Active Fuel Length, m (ft)	4.3 (14)	3.7 (12)	4.3 (14)
Linear Hear Rating, kw/ft	5.02	4.1	5.71
Control Rods / Gray Rods	52 / 0	45 / 16	53 / 16
R/V I.D., cm (inch)	399 (157)	399 (157)	399 (157)
Vessel flow (Thermal) 10 <sup>3</sup> m3/hr (10 <sup>3</sup> gpm)	67.1 (295)	44.1 (194)	68.1 (300)
Steam Generator Surface Area, m2 (ft2)	6320 (68,000)	6970 (75,000)	11,600 (125,000)
Pressurizer Volume, m3 (ft3)	39.6 (1400)	45.3 (1600)	59.5 (2100)

Table 1 - Selected AP1000 RCS Parameters



Less Components in AP1000

#### Passive Safety Systems Eliminate Components



# Simplification of Safety Systems Dramatically Reduces Building Volumes

Standard PWR





AP1000

# AP1000 Approach to Safety

- Passive Safety Systems
  - Use "passive" processes only; no safety-grade active pumps, diesels....
  - Dedicated systems; not used for normal operations
  - Reduced dependency on operator actions
  - Mitigate design basis accidents
  - Meet regulatory safety goals
- Active Non-Safety Systems
  - Reliably support normal operation
  - Minimize challenges to passive safety systems
  - Not required to mitigate design basis accidents or meet safety goals
  - Provide plant investment protection

#### Passive Safety Advantages

- No reliance on AC power
- Automatic response to accident condition assures safety
- Long term plant safety assured without active components (natural forces only)
- Containment reliability greatly increased by passive cooling
- In severe accidents, reactor vessel cooling keeps core debris in vessel
- Large margin to safety limits
- Defense in depth active non-safety systems provide additional first line of defense

#### Passive Core Cooling System

- AP1000 has no reliance on AC power
  - Passive Decay Heat Removal
  - Passive Safety Injection
  - Passive Containment Cooling
- Long term safe shutdown state > 72 hours without operator action



#### AP1000 Provides Multiple Levels of System Defense In Depth

- First action is usually by non-safety grade active system
  - High quality industrial grade equipment
- Second action is by safety grade passive system
  - Provides safety case for SAR
  - Highest quality nuclear grade equipment
- Other passive systems provide additional defense-in-depth
  - Example; passive feed/bleed backs up PRHR HX
- Available for all shutdown conditions as well as at power
- More likely events have more levels of defense

#### AP1000 Reactor Core & Fuel Design

- Rod array standard 14 ft, 17x17 fuel assemblies.
- Larger core + reflector result in Lower (25% less) Power Density Core average fuel power density 28.89 kW/kg U; average core power density (vol) 78.82 kW/L
- # of assemblies increased from 145 to 157.
- 264 rods per assembly.
- Lower fuel enrichment (2 4 % in three radial region); less reliance on burnable absorbers; longer fuel cycle 24 months; 15 % more in safety margin for DNB, and LOCA.





#### Reactor Core & Fuel Design

 Stainless steel radial reflector - reduces neutron leakage - improve core neutron utilization, hence reduced fuel enrichment. Added benefit - reduce radiation damage on reactor vessel, extending design life.





# Rod Cluster Control Assembly RCCAs

- 53 RCCAs
- Very high thermal neutron absorber silverindium-cadmium alloy

#### Gray Rod Cluster Assembly GRCAs

- 16 GRCAs
- Reduced-worth control rods ("gray" rods) to achieve load following capability without substantial use of soluble boron - eliminate the need of heavy duty water purification system.







#### RCCA Pattern

- 89 RCCA for maximizing the shutdown margin
- > 53 for shutdown (N)
- 36 for control
   9 banks of 4 rods
   symmetrically located <sup>270°</sup>
   (PA to PI)
   The 4 rods move at

the same time with the same signal

Assignment of bank to control groups can be changed during the fuel cycle



EPR

#### Core Reactivity

• Temperature coef of core reactivity is highly negative.

#### **EPR Core Reactivity Control Principles**

Soluble Boron - CVCS - EBS	Fuel burnup compensation Xenon compensation Ensure subcriticality at cold state	Enriched B <sub>10</sub> keeps C <sub>B</sub> < 1400 ppm (HFP, BOC)
Control rods 89 black rods	Control - Reactor coolant T°avg - Axial Offset Ensure subcriticality for core safe shutdown (260 °C)	Control of rod bank insertion Partial trip Reactor trip
Burnable absorbers (Gd <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> )	Reduce boron conc at BOC Limit radial power peaking factor	Moderator T° coef  < 0 F∆h < F∆h limit

#### Passive PWR Simulator

- AP-1000 process design is used as a reference.
- Reactor Controls based on Korean Standardized 1000 MW PWR Design – Mode K
- SG pressure control to maintain setpoint at 5.7 KPa
- Overall Unit Control allows Reactor-Leading or Turbine-Leading Mode
- Passive Systems modeled to demonstrate LOCA mitigation



#### Reactor Model

SYSTEM	SIMULATION SCOPE	DISPLAY PAGES	OPERATOR CONTROLS	MALFUNCTIONS
REACTOR	<ul> <li>neutron flux levels over a range of 0.001 to 110% full power, 6 delayed neutron groups</li> <li>decay heat (3 groups)</li> <li>all reactivity control devices - "dark" rods; "gray" rods; boron control.</li> <li>Xenon/Iodine poison</li> <li>reactor power control system</li> <li>reactor shutdown system</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>PWR power control</li> <li>PWR control rods &amp; SD rods</li> <li>PWR trip parameters</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>reactor power and rate of change (input to control computer)</li> <li>manual control of reactivity devices         <ul> <li>control rods and boron addition/removal             <ul> <li>reactor trip</li> <li>reactor setback</li> <li>reactor stepback</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul> <li>reactor setback and stepback fail</li> <li>one bank of Dark control rods drop into the reactor core</li> </ul>
SAFETY SYSTEM		• PWR passive core cooling		







#### Advanced PWR Reactor Control



#### Mode K Reactor Control Strategy

- Double closed loop control of (1) reactor coolant temp (2) axial power difference.
- Heavy-worth control rods bank dedicated to axial shape control.
- Light-worth control rods bank for controlling coolant temp at setpoint.
- Auto regulation of both the reactivity and power distribution - permits load-follow operations (frequency control) to respond to grid conditions, with minimum use of Boron.

Reference Paper for Mode K Reactor Controls

- Korean Standardized 1000 MW PWR Design - YGN-3 NSSS Design
- Paper "Automatic Reactor Power Control for a Pressurized Water Reactor " by Jung-In Choi et al, Kyungwon University, Korea (August 27, 1992) - Nuclear Technology, Volume 102, May 1993, p.277





Mode K Reactor Control Scheme

Reactor Power (%)	Average Gray Rods Position (average of
	the rod positions for the individual four
	banks)
0-10 %	93 % - 87 % in core
10-20 %	87 % - 83 % in core
20-30 %	83 % - 70 % in core
30-40%	70 % - 60 % in core
40-50 %	60 % - 53 % in core
50-60 %	53 % - 48 % in core
60 - 70 %	48 % - 44 % in core
70-80%	44 % - 40 % in core
80-90 %	40 % - 35 % in core
90 - 100 %	35 % - 30 % in core

Boron will be used if Gray rods limiting position has been reached

n Labview	Gen Breaker Opn	Turbine Runback	Setback Req'd	Step Back Reg'd	RC Press Lo Lo	Turbine Trip	Reactor Trip
CASSI	Main BFP(s) Trip	Low Fwd Pwr Trip	PRZR Lvl Hi	Stm Gen Level Lo	Coolant Flow Lo	RC Press Hi Hi	Hi Neutron Pwr
/e 313	Malfunction Active	Loss RC Pmp(s)	Turbine Gov in Man	Stm Gen Level Hi	Main Stm Pres Hi	RC Press Hi	Hi Neut Pwr LogR

#### REACTOR TRIP PARAMETERS

FIRST OUT	SCRAM CAUSES	SDS Reactor Trip Setpoint	120.0 % ED
0	Low Coolant Pressure Trip	For High Neutron Flux	
0	Low Steam Generator Level Trip	REACTOR STEPBACK CAUSES	REACTOR SETPBACK CAUSES
0	High Coolant Pressure Trip		Main Steam Header Press Hi
0	High Neutron Flux Trip	-	0
0	High Log Rate Trip	Loss of 1 RC Pump	Hi Pressurizer Level
0	Low Coolant Flow Trip	Loss of 2 RC Pumps	Manual Setback in progress
0	Low Pressurizer Level Trip	Hilog Rate	
0	Low Feedwater Discharge Header Pressure Trip		
0	High Steam Flow Trip	Manual Stepback	O Lo Deaerator Level
0	Departure from Nucleate Boiling (DNB) Trip	Hi Zone Flux	🔵 Hi Flux Tilt
0	Containment High Pressure Trip		Hi Zonal Flux
0	Manual Trip	Press to clear	Press to clear
Frin Paramet	Reactor Reactor Generator Outo	ut(%) Primary Coolant Core Main S	TM Press 5739.8

Trip Par	ameters	Reactor Neutron Pwr (%)	Reactor Thermal Pwr(%)	Generator Output(%)	Primary Coolant Pressure (kPa)	Core Flow (kg/s)	Main STM Press BOP STM Flow	5739.8 1076.4	Freeze	Run	Iterate	
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Reactor Trip	Turbine Trip		100.50	101.05	10010.00		FueiTemp	484.Z		2	-	
## Reactor Coolant System

- 2 heat transfer circuits, or 2 loops.
- Each loop has one Steam Generator, one hot leg(31-inch inside diameter), and two cold legs (22-inch inside diameter) for circulating reactor coolant for primary heat transport.
- One Pressurizer in one of the loops

### The AP600 Uses a Nuclear Steam Supply System Proven in the Field



*Reactor Coolant Pump*Two canned motor pumps mounted directly in the channel head of each Steam Generator.

- No seals cannot cause seal failure LOCA.
- Allows pumps and SG to use the same structural support; eliminates the crossover leg of coolant loop piping; reduces loop pressure drop; eliminates a potential of core uncovery due to loop seal venting during small LOCA.



### Pressurizer

- Standard Westinghouse Design used in existing PWRs.
- 1600 cubic feet; 30 % larger increases transient margin and eliminates the need for relief valve actuation - eliminates one possible source of RCS leakage and maintenance.



### Reactor Coolant Model

SYSTEM	SIMULATION SCOPE	DISPLAY PAGES	OPERATOR CONTROLS	MALFUNCTIONS
REACTOR	• main circuit coolant	• PWR reactor	• reactor coolant	• Pressurizer pressure
COOLANT	loop with four pumps,	coolant system	pumps	relief valve fails
	two steam generators,	• PWR coolant	<ul> <li>coolant makeup</li> </ul>	open
	four equivalent	inventory &	pumps	• charging (feed)
	"lumped" reactor	pressurizer	<ul> <li>pressurizer</li> </ul>	valve fails open
	coolant channels	• PWR	pressure control:	• letdown (bleed)
	• pressure and inventory	inventory	heaters; spray;	valve fails open
	control which includes	control	pressure relief	• pressurizer heaters
	pressurizer, coolant	• PWR pressure	valve	#2 to # 6 turned
	letdown condenser,	control	• pressurizer level	"ON" by
	charge & letdown		control by	malfunction
	control, and pressure		regulating coolant	• reactor header break
	relief		feed & bleed flow	
	• operating range is from		• isolation valves	
	zero power hot to full		for: coolant feed	
	power		and bleed	

### PWR Reactor Coolant System









### Steam Generators

- Based on standard Westinghouse Model F technology.
- U-tube SG design, using Inconel 690 for tube material - enhanced reliability -Westinghouse claims less than 1 tube plugged per SG per four years of operation.

### **Steam Generator**



### Steam & Feedwater

SYSTEM	SIMULATION SCOPE	DISPLAY PAGES	OPERATOR CONTROLS	MALFUNCTIONS
STEAM &	• boiler dynamics,	• PWR	• feed pump on/off	• all level control
FEEDWATER	including shrink and	feedwater &	operation	isolation valves fail
	swell effects	extraction	• boiler level	closed
	• steam supply to turbine	steam	controller mode:	• one level control
	and reheater		Auto or manual	valve fails open
	• turbine by-pass to		• level control	• one level control
	condenser		setpoint during	valve fails closed
	• extraction steam to feed		Auto operation	• all feed pumps trip
	heating		• level control valve	• all steam safety
	• steam generator pressure		opening during	valves open
	control		manual operation	• steam header break
	• steam generator level		• extraction steam	• steam flow
	control		valves opening	transmitter fails
	• boiler feed system			

### PWR Feedwater and Extraction Steam



### PWR Characteristics with constant SG pressure – This Simulator



# German PWR Design



Reference: Features of KWU Type NPPs and their Leittechnik System - IAEA Technical Reports Series 387, 1999

### Turbine Generator

SYSTEM	SIMULATION SCOPE	DISPLAY PAGES	OPERATOR CONTROLS	MALFUNCTIONS
TURBINE-	• simple turbine model	• PWR turbine	• turbine trip	• turbine spurious trip
GENERATO	• mechanical power and	generator	• turbine run-back	• turbine spurious
R	generator output are		• turbine run-up and	run-back
	proportional to steam flow		synchronization	
	• speeder gear and governor		• condenser steam	
	valve allow synchronized		discharge valves	
	and non-synchronized			
	operation			

### PWR Turbine Generator



### Overall Unit

SYSTEM	SIMULATION SCOPE	DISPLAY PAGES	OPERATOR CONTROLS	MALFUNCTIONS
OVERALL	• fully dynamic interaction	• PWR plant		
UNIT	between all simulated	overview		
	systems	• PWR control		
	• overall unit power control	loops		
	with reactor leading mode;	• PWR MW		
	or turbine leading mode	demand SP &		
	• unit annunciation & time	SGPC		
	trends			
	• computer control of all major system functions			





### PWR Reactor Power Control



**Reactor Lead Control** 

PWR MW Demand SP and SGPC

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Reactor Trip	Turbine Trip	RC Press Lo Lo	Step Back Reg	d Se	tback Reg'd	Turbine Runbi	ack (	Gen Breaker Opn	Labview
Hi Neutron Pwr	RC Press Hi Hi	Coolant How Lo	Stm Gen Level I	In P	RZR I VI HI	Low Fwd Pwr	Irip	Main BEP(s) Trip	CASSIM
Hi Neut Pwr LogR	RC Press I li	Main Stm Pres I li	Stm Gen Level I	l li Spdr	Gear in Man	Loss RC Pmp(	(s) N	Alfunction Active	
	REACTOR LEAD		RCTR TRML	102.0-	Reactor Pwr & Th	hermal Pwr	7000 - 6000 -	Main Steam Hdr	Pressure & SP
F CONTROLLED VARIABLE TARGET LOAD(%)	POWER RATE & TARGET L CURRENT TARGET	OAD OPERATOR INPUT TARGET	RANGF 5 TO 100	95.0 - 92.5 - 90.0 - 87.5 - 85.0 - 82.5 -			SP 2000 1000		
POWER RATE (%/%)	)	0.10	0.01 TO I	80.0 8:25:54 PM 110.0 - 100.0 - 80.0	8:25 Current Target Load	8.57 PM	0 8:25:54 PM 16:0 - 14:0 - 17:0 -	8:2 52 Boller Level	25:57 PM L1 L2
STEAM GENERATOR PRESSURE SETPOINT CONTROL       60.0 -       8.0 -         Main Steam Ildr       5740 KPA       SP MODE       HOLD       5740 SP (KPA)         SP Recovery       PRESSURE SETPOINT CONTROL       40.0 -       4.0 -         SP Recovery       PRESSURE SP (HANGE RATE       0.0 -       0.0 -         0.0 -       0.0 -       0.0 -       0.0 -         0.0 -       0.25:57 PM       0:25:57 PM       0:25:57 PM							25:57 PM		
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MW Demand & SGPC - Reactor Trip Turbine Trip	Reactor Neutron Pwr (%)	Reactor Thermal Pwr (%) 100.31	rator Output(%)	Primary Coolant Pressure (kPa) 15572	Core Flow (kg/s) 13 9201.09	Main STM Pres BOP STM Flov FW Flow Fuel Temp	ss 5739.9 v 1075.1 1020.8 484.1	Freeze Ri IC Ma	m Tierale alf Help

# Reactor Lead Power Change

• Demonstrate power change using reactor lead

### Turbine Lead Power Change

• Demonstrate power change using turbine lead

PWR Response to Boiler Pressure Changes Question

• Demonstrate PWR responses with SG pressure setpoint changes with Reactivity controls in Manual.

# Passive Safety Systems

- Requires no operator actions to mitigate design basis accidents.
- Rely on natural forces gravity, natural circulation, compressed gas; no pumps, fans diesels, chillers used. Only few simple valves, supported by reliable power sources

### Passive Core Cooling

The PXS uses three sources of water to maintain core cooling:

- Core Makeup Tanks (CMTs)
- Accumulators
- In-containment Refueling Water Storage Tank (IRWST)
- These injection sources are all connected to two nozzles on the reactor vessel.



# Passive Core Cooling System



### High Pressure Safety Injection with CMTs

- Two Core Makeup Tanks (CMTs), filled with borated water, located above the RCS loop piping.
- Make up for small leaks following transients or whenever the normal makeup system is unavailable.
- Designed for full RCS pressure using gravity.
- Poised to be in-service when water level in the pressurizer reaches a low-low level:
  - reactor scrammed; the reactor coolant pumps tripped;
     the CMT discharge isolation valves open automatically.
  - The relative elevations of the CMTs and the pressurizer are such that if RCS level continued to decrease, the water in the CMTs would drain into the reactor vessel.

### Medium Pressure Safety Injection with Accumulators

- Accumulators for large LOCAs for higher initial makeup flows to rapidly refill the reactor vessel lower plenum and downcomer following RCS blowdown.
- The gas pressure forces open check valves that normally isolate the accumulators from the RCS.
- Accumulators sized to respond to complete severance of the largest RCS pipe.
- The accumulators continue delivery to assist the CMTs in rapidly reflooding the core.



### Low Pressure Reactor Coolant Makeup from the IRWST - long Term Injection

- In-containment Refueling Water Storage Tank (IRWST) for longterm injection water located in the containment just above the RCS loops.
- IRWST normally isolated from the RCS by self-actuating check valves. This tank is designed for atmospheric pressure.
- The RCS must be depressurized before injection. The automatic depressurization system (ADS) made up of four stages of valves to permit a relatively slow, controlled RCS pressure reduction to 10 psig.
- The ADS stages are actuated by CMT level. The first three stages are connected to the pressurizer and discharge through spargers into the IRWST. The fourth stage is connected to a hot leg and discharges through redundant isolation valves to the containment.


### Passive Core Cooling System -Residual Heat Removal

 Passive residual heat removal (PRHR) subsystem protects the plant against transients that upset the normal steam generator feedwater and steam systems loss of feedwater, feedwater line breaks, and steam line breaks with a single failure.

# Passive Residual Heat RemovalSystemEnough water to absorb











# AP1000 Operating Characteristics

Withstand the following operations without reactor scram or actuation of safeguard systems -

- From 15 % 100 % FP, +/- 5 % /minute ramp load change;
- From 15 % 100 %, +/- 10 % step load change
- 100 % load rejection
- Daily load following
- Grid frequency changes 10 % peak-to-peak, at 2 % per minute rate
- 20 % power step increase or decrease in 10 minutes
- loss of single feedwater pump.

# **PWR** Simulator

- Run the PWR Simulator
- View all the Simulator Screens

Answer to PWR Response to Boiler Press Changes Question

- At steady state: Boiler Q = Core Q
- Boiler Q = UA ((To+Ti)/2 -Ts)
   Ts Sat Steam Temp.; To, Ti coolant T's
- Boiler P  $\downarrow$  Ts  $\downarrow$  Q  $\uparrow$  --> Boiler Q > Core Q Prim Coolant T  $\downarrow$  --> less -ve feedback
- Boiler P  $\uparrow$  Ts  $\uparrow$  Q  $\downarrow$  --> Boiler Q < Core Q Prim Coolant T  $\uparrow$  --> more -ve feedback

### AN ADVANCED, MODULAR, MEDIUM-POWER LWR





### **IRIS INTEGRAL SYSTEM**



Integral configuration (integral primary loop)

All major primary loop components are inside a single pressure vessel (eliminates loop piping and external components)



# NPP Simulators for Education Workshop - Passive PWR Models

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# Point Kinetic Reactor Model

$$\frac{dn}{dt} = \frac{\Delta K - \beta}{\Lambda} \cdot n + \sum_{i=1}^{m} \lambda_i \cdot C_i$$

$$\frac{dC_i}{dt} = \beta_i \cdot \frac{n}{\Lambda} - \lambda_i \cdot C_i \quad \text{for I} = 1....m$$

Where  $\Delta K = (Ke - 1) / Ke$  $\Lambda = \ell / Ke$  Spatial Kinetic Model for Pressurized Water Reactor

Nodal approach based on Avery's coupled region kinetics theory 12 point kinetics models to simulate the 12 reactor zones in core.

- Each zone reactor model based neutron balance DE, and 6 different neutron delay groups.
- Reactivity changes in each zone reactor a function of (a) control rods position, (b) zonal concentration of Xenon (c) zonal fuel temp (d) zonal moderator temp. (e) boron conc. (f) zone reactivity coupling effects.

Reactivity due to zone couplings are calculated separately for each zone using

$$\Delta \rho_{ij} = \Lambda_i K_{ij} \left( \alpha_i \frac{N_j}{N_i} + \frac{1}{l_i} \frac{\sum_{\substack{ZONEj\\m=1}}^{6} \lambda_m C_m}{N_i} \right)$$

- Sum up all the effects for any particular zone, and enter as one of the reactivity change for that zone.
- Total power from the 12 zone reactors are summed up and then divided by 12 to get normalized overall power.









% Withdrawn from Core

#### Dark Rods Reactivity Worth to Reactor Zones, as a function of Rods Position



% Withdrawn from Core

The decay heat calculation within each zone assumes 3 separate decay product groups  $P = N_{flux} - \Sigma (\gamma_i. N_{flux} - D_i)$  $dDi/dt = \lambda_i. (\gamma_i. N_{flux} - D_i)$ 

γ<sub>i</sub> = fission product fraction for Decay Group I
 λ<sub>i</sub> = decay time constant for Decay group i
 The decay heat from each zone used to calculate zone coolant temperature and fuel temp in each zone.

The average fuel energy equation is given by:

$$\rho_{f} V_{f} C_{f} \frac{dT_{f}}{dt} = P - UA \left(T_{f} - T_{c}\right) \dots (5.7-1)$$

Where

 $\rho_f$  = volume average fuel density

 $V_f$  = fuel volume in one zone

 $C_f$  = average fuel specific heat capacity

 $T_f$  = average fuel temperature

 $T_c$  = average coolant temperature

P = reactor power

U = overall heat transfer coefficient

A = overall heat transfer area for fuel channel

The average core coolant energy equation is given by:

Where

- $\rho_c$  = volume average coolant density
- $V_c$  = coolant volume in one zone
- $h_i$  = average coolant specific enthalpy at inlet of the zone
- $h_0$  = average coolant specific enthalpy at outlet of the zone
- A = overall heat transfer area for fuel channel zone
- U = overall heat transfer coefficient

 $T_f$  = average fuel temperature

 $T_c$  = average coolant temperature

- $W_i$  = coolant mass flow rate at fuel channel zone inlet
- $W_0$  = coolant mass flow rate at fuel channel zone inlet



 reactivity changes due to temperature change, xenon poisoning and voiding are within each reactor zone

\* coupling is modelled between each neighbouring zones according to prescribed formula

# **PWR Core Modeling**

Flow & Pressures in zone calculated by Hydraulic Flow Network



The fuel heat transfer calculations (equation 5.7-1, 5.7-2) start with the lower zones, with zones inlet temperatures derived from the core lower plenum temperatures; with coolant flows derived from hydraulic flow network computation at the lower plenum. After obtaining the lower zone coolant outlet temperatures and average fuel temperatures, the calculations proceed to the middle zones, and then to the upper zones accordingly.

At the core upper plenum, the coolant temperatures from the 4 lumped channels are mixed by flow turbulence, and the temperatures at the hot legs will be the coolant mixing temperatures at the upper plenum

# **Steam Generator Model**

Lump Parameter Model

# More Detailed Lumped Parameter Model

Add more dynamic details - drum, downcomer, U-tubes heat transfer, riser etc.

### Much More Detailed Model

 Depends on training needs or boiler design evaluation requirements etc.
 Multi-Nodal Thermalhydraulic Model

### Multi-Nodal Thermalhydraulic Model





Thermalhydraulic of Feedwater System

#### FEEDWATER SYSTEM HYDRAULIC FLOW NETWORK



#### FEEDWATER EQUIPMENT CONNECTIONS



### **BOP** Processes

Main Steam Utilization: main steam piping; mass and energy distributions.
Turbine Generator
Condenser & Condensate Extraction
Feedwater & Feedwater Heating
Electrical Systems

# Reactor Power Cycle - Rankine Cycle


Reactor Power Cycle

Turbine shaft work W<sub>T</sub>= H<sub>1</sub> - H<sub>2</sub>
Pumping work W<sub>P</sub>= H<sub>4</sub> - H<sub>3</sub>
Heat input Q<sub>in</sub>= H<sub>1</sub>- H<sub>4</sub>
NPP Efficiency = Net Work Output/Energy In

 $\eta = \frac{W_T - W_P}{Q_{in}} = \frac{W_{NET}}{Q_{in}}$ 



• Number of turbine stages for turbine expansion

• Steam expansion is a isentropic expansion:

 $P.V^{\gamma} = C$  where  $\gamma = \frac{C_p}{C_p}$ 

• Stage efficiency does not change

#### Turbine Model

Assuming choked flow to HP Cylinder, the turbine steam flow through the throttle valve is :

 $W_{s} = k_{ttv} A_{ttv} \left(\frac{P_{ttv}}{\sqrt{T_{ttv}}}\right) \sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{\phi - \phi_{cr}}{1 - \phi_{cr}}\right)^{2}}$ where  $\phi = \frac{P_{1st}}{P_{tty}}$  is the throttle valve pressure ratio  $\phi_{cr}$  = critical pressure ratio (superheat steam = 0.547)  $P_{ttv}$  = Upstream pressure at turbine throttle valve  $T_{ttv}$  = Upstream temperature at turbine throttle valve  $k_{ttv}$  = turbine throttle valve flow coefficient  $P_{1st}$  = turbine 1st stage pressure

 $A_{ttv}$  = cross-section float area of turbine throttle valve

#### Turbine Model (cont'd)

The relationship between the 1st stage temperature and throttle valve temperature is given by:

 $T_{1st} = T_{ttv} \cdot \phi^{\frac{k-1}{k}}$ 

k = constant, 1.3 for superheated steam

The turbine expansion equation is used to determine the pressure stage relationship:

$$\frac{P_2}{P_1} = (1 - (\frac{W_s}{k_{1st}})^2)^{\frac{k}{1+k}}$$

 $k_{1st}$  = stage expansion coefficient



 $H_{2} = H_{1} - \eta . \Delta H_{s}$  $H_{2} = H_{1} - \eta . (H_{1} - H(P_{2}, S_{1}))$ 

Turbine Model (cont'd)

Turbine mechanical power:

 $P_{TB} = W_s(H_1 - H_2)$ 

**Electrical Power:** 

 $P_e = P_{TB}$  when TG connected to large grid

For grid island situation:  $P_e = P_{eb}(1 + \alpha_{PF}\delta f)$ where  $P_{eb} = \text{island load}$ ;  $\delta f$  = turbine frequency deviation  $\alpha_{PF}$  = power/frequency coefficient Frequency swing equation:  $\frac{d(\delta f)}{dt} = -\frac{D_e}{2I}(\delta f) + \frac{f_s}{2I}(P_{TB} - P_e)$   $D_e$  = generator damping constant I = turbine inertia constant  $f_s$  = turbine synchronous frequency

### Approach to Main Steam & Turbine Modeling

Use Compressible Hydraulic Flow Network and Turbine Stages Algorithms



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Thermalhydraulic network models used for Passive Cooling System – single phase & two phase

#### Explain the Passive Cooling Systems

Go to the Passive PWR Simulator Manual P.59, Section 4.20



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#### PWR Simulator Exercise -Familiarization

- PWR Simulator Manual.
- Practice PWR Simulator Startup, Initialization.
- Review PWR screens. Note the "hot" buttons on the screens, which bring up control pop-ups for user's interactions.

PWR Simulator Manual Exercise 3.1 - Power Maneuver, Reactor Lead • POWER MANEUVER - Reactor Lead: 10% Power Reduction & Return to Full

Power. Follow steps in Manual.

- Record Parameters in the table during this maneuver.
- Explain how reactor power is controlled during this maneuver. Can you explain why the differences in parameter values e.g.
   Boron concentration ?

PWR Simulator Manual Exercise 3.2 - Power Maneuver, Turbine Lead

- POWER MANEUVER Turbine Lead: 10% Power Reduction & Return to Full Power. Follow steps in Manual.
- Record Parameters in the table during this maneuver.

#### **Discussion for Exercises 3.2**

- Why main steam header pressure rises first, then drops back to the steam pressure setpoint ?
- Why steam generator's level drops initially and then recovers ?
- Discuss the 3rd question re: "reactor-lead" versus " turbine-lead" modes

PWR Manual Exercise 3.4 - Turbine Trip Practice Turbine Trip & Recovery (p.34)
Record Boiler Pressure and Generator Output during the Turbine Trip transient.
Try to answer the questions in the Manual.

## Discussion on Turbine Trip & Recovery

- What is the reactor power when turbine speed settles at 5 RPM ?
- What is the steam flow through the bypass valve ?
- How much gray rods have moved ? How much dark rods have moved ? Any flux tilt ?
- What is the Xenon conc. before and after turbine trip ?
- What happens to the steam bypass valve as turbine re-sync and power is increased ?

## PWR Response to Boiler Pressure Changes

- Repeat Lecture Demo PWR responses with SG pressure setpoint changes with Reactivity controls in Manual.
- Put all reactivity control devices in Manual -PWR Control Rods & SD Rods Screen: Boron, Grods; Drods.
- In MW Demand SP & SGPC Screen, change SG pressure SP to "Increase"; change Target to 5.3 Mpa, at 1 Mpa/minute.
- Explain why reactor power increases.

# Exercise 3.5 - Reactor Scram & Recovery

- Note the reactor reactivity after reactor scram.
- Note the reactor reactivity after shutdown rods are withdrawn. Discuss reactor state.
  Follow steps in Manual

# Malfunction Exercises

## PWR Malfunctions: Exercises 4.1 Fail closed all FW LCV's

- Explain process systems responses.
- Boiler Drum Level ? Loss of boiler Inventory impact of loss of boiler heat sink to primary coolant ?
- Safety protection action ?
- Coolant pressure transient ?
- Boiler pressure transient ?
- Turbine power response ?

## Exercise 4.6 - Turbine Throttle PT Fails Low

Explain process systems responses.
Turbine Power response ?
Boiler pressure response ?
Observe "cold" leg temp. Why the cold leg temperatures go up in this transient ?

### Exercise 4.7- All Atmospheric SRV's fail Open

Explain process systems responses.

- Malfunction will cause immediate depressurization of the steam generators.
- Turbine Power response ?
- Observe cold leg temperatures why decreasing ?
- Why there is a reactor power step reduction on high reactor flux ?

# Exercise 4.8 - Turbine Bypass Valve fails closed

- Trip turbine. Explain process systems responses.
- Boiler pressure response ?
- Safety protection actions ?
- Explain coolant temperature transients.

Exercise 4.13 - PRZR pressure relief valve fails open • Explain process systems responses. Impact on coolant pressure ? • What devices in the pressurizer will be activated ? • Impact on pressurizer level ? • Safety trip actions ?

# Exercise 4.14 - One bank of Dark Rods drops

Explain process systems responses.

Large reduction of reactor power.

 Observe flux tilt. Explain the actions of the Gray rods, and the remaining Dark rods.

 Explain why reactor power slowly decreases to zero ?

# Exercise 4.15 - All Dark Rods "stuck" to Manual

Explain process systems responses.
Make a power change to 70 % at 0.5 % per sec.

• Observe flux tilt.

# Exercise 4.17 - Loss of one RC Pump

- Explain process systems responses.
- Observe coolant flow, pressure and temperature transients.
- Repeat with <u>second</u> malfunction "reactor setback and stepback both failed".
- Explain the differences in responses.
- Discuss how control and safety systems can cope with these challenges.

# Exercise 4.19 - 100 % main steam line break

Explain process systems responses.
Observe turbine power response.
Discuss how the safety and control systems

can cope with this malfunction.

## Exercise 4.20 - RC Cold Leg #4 LOCA Break

- Explain process systems responses.
- Observe the sequence of events and injection paths shown on PWR Passive Core Cooling Screen.
- Explain the RC pressure "bumps"- when do they occur ?
- Explain why the accumulator is necessary?
- Explain why RC depressurization is necessary