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ICTP Workshop -BWR NPP & Simulator Overview

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Advanced BWR Plant - generic features

- Direct Cycle heat generated in reactor core is directly utilized for steam generation inside the reactor vessel.
- Steam develops as small "bubbles" (void) entrained in core coolant. It is separated in the coolant flow from "Steam Separators", and dried in "Steam Dryer" arrangement minimize water carry-over & more longlived radioactive products from the reactor water.



BWR-ABB

Reactor Core & Fuel Design

- BWR core consists of a number of fuel bundles (assemblies).
- Each fuel bundle (assembly) consists of a number of fuel rods arranged in n x n square lattice (slightly enriched uranium fuel typical enrichment 2 % to 5 % U-235 by weight). Average core power density ~ 60 % PWR.
- Number of control rods enter the core from the bottom, through guide tubes in the fuel assemblies.

BWR Control Loops

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Reactor Core & Fuel Design

- BWR allows bulk boiling of water. Operating temperature ~ 288 C; steam pressure 7 MPa
- Reactor power control consists of control rods and recirculation flow control
- Control rods (neutron absorbing materials) maintain a constant desired power level by a adjusting their positions ~ 2 % per sec.
- Recirculation flow control also controls reactor power by altering the density of water used as moderator. The flow rate is adjusted by a variable speed pump. Power changes ~ 30 % per minute

Question #1

• Why adjusting recirculation flow rate in BWR will control reactor power ?

Question #2

• Why Control Rods enter from the bottom of the core, as opposed to entering from the top of the core, like in PWR or PHWR ?

Main Steam System

- "Dried steam" from Reactor Pressure Vessel (RPV) to the turbine plant through four steam lines connected to nozzles equipped with "flow limiters".
- Limit the coolant blowdown rate from the RPV = or < 200 % rated steam flow at 7.07 MPa upstream pressure in the event of steam line break occurs anywhere downstream the nozzle.
- Isolation valves inside and outside of containment wall.
- Safety Relief Valves (~16) connected to the four steam lines to prevent RPV overpressure, with blow down pipe to Suppression Pool.



Turbine & Steam Bypass Systems

- Saturated steam from RPV main steam lines admitted to turbine HP cylinder via the governor valves. After HP section, steam passes through MSR to LP turbine cylinders.
- A special Steam Bypass line prior to the turbine governor valves, enables dumping the full nominal steam flow directy to condenser in the event of plant upset (e.g. turbine trip), in order to avoid severe pressure surges and corresponding power peaks in reactor.



BOP & Feedwater System

 Typical BOP systems - condenser; condensate pumps; deaerator; feedwater heaters; Reactor Feed Pumps (RFP); Reactor Level Control Valves.





Containment

- Containment cylindrical prestressed concrete structure with embedded steel liner encloses reactor, reactor coolant pressure boundary & important ancillary systems.
- Pressure-suppression type with drywell and wetwell.
- Wetwell separated from drywell by partition floor. The wetwell's lower portion is filled with water - condensation pool. Upper portion serves a gas compression chamber.

Containment (cont'd)

- Drywell pressurization (LOCA) drywell atmosphere & steam pushed into the wetwell via a passage through the partition wall. Steam condensed in suppression pool. Noncondensables collected in the gas compression chamber
- Pressure suppression further supported by water spray system to gas compression chamber and the upper drywell.
- Containment vessel can also be vented manually or via rupture disk, to the stack through filter system

BWR Control Systems

- Reactor Power Control
- Reactor Pressure Control
- Reactor Water Level Control
- Turbine Control
- Turbine Steam Bypass Control



Reactor Power Control

- The reactor power output control system consists of control rods, rod drive system and recirculation flow control system.
- The control rods and their drive system maintain a constant desired power level by adjusting the position of the rods inside the core.

Rod Control System

- The Control Rod Drive System is composed of three major elements using fine position digital motor drive & hydraulic drive:
- (1) the fine motion control rod drive, FMCRD mechanisms;
- (2) the hydraulic control unit (HCU) assemblies;
- (3) the control rod drive hydraulic subsystem (CRDH).

Rod Control System (cont'd)

The FMCRDs together with the other components are designed to provide:

- electric-motor-driven positioning for normal insertion and withdrawal of the control rods;
- hydraulic-powered rapid control rod insertion (scram) in response to manual or automatic signals from the Reactor Protection System (RPS);
- electric-motor-driven "Run-Ins" of some or all of the control rods as a path to rod insertion for reducing the reactor power by a sizable amount.

Rod Control System - Simulator

- For the BWR Simulator, there are approximately 208 FMCRDs in total, they are positioned and calibrated with reactivity worth of -100 mk when all of them are 100% in core, and +70 mk when all of them are 100% out of core; 0 mk when they are ~ 41 % in core.
- The rods are grouped in 8 banks, so each bank of rods have + 8.75 mk when fully out of core; and -12.5 mk when fully in core.
- The FMCRDs will be fully inserted into the core in the event of **a reactor scram**. In such case, the fast insertion speed is typically 3 sec. for 100 % insertion.

Rod Control System - Simulator

- The full speed travel time for the rod movement during power maneuvering is typically 60 sec., or considering for the total FMCRDs in Auto mode, where all the rods move together, the reactivity change rate is ~ 2.8 mk per sec.
- Considering moving the banks of rods individually under Manual Mode, then the reactivity change rate for each bank under manual mode control is ~ 0.36 mk per sec.

Reactor Power Control

- The recirculation flow controlled by recirculation pumps known as Reactor Internal Pumps (RIPs).
- The pump speed changes according to the change of frequency of the induction motor that drives the pump.
- Different pump speed will give rise to different pump dynamic head in the core recirculation flow path, resulting in different core flow. This recirculation flow control system is capable of changing the reactor output rapidly over a wide range while keeping the power distribution in the

Reactor Pressure Control

- In normal operation, the reactor pressure is automatically controlled to be **constant**.
- A pressure controller to regulate the turbine inlet steam pressure by opening and closing the turbine governor control valve and the turbine bypass valve.
 Currently, the reactor pressure setpoint is set at plant design pressure of 7170 KPa.

Reactor Water Level Control

- The flow of feedwater is automatically controlled to maintain the specified water level by a "three elements" control scheme: steam flow, feedwater flow, water level.
- The valve opening of the feedwater control valve provided at the outlet of the feedwater pumps is regulated by the control signal as result of this "three-element" control scheme.

Turbine Control

- The turbine control employs an electrohydraulic control system (EHC) to control the turbine valves.
- Under normal operation, the Reactor Pressure Control (RPC) unit keeps the inlet pressure of the turbine constant, by adjusting the opening of the turbine "speeder gear" which controls the opening of the turbine governor valve opening.
- Should the generator speed increase due to sudden load rejection of the generator, the speed control unit of the EHC has a priority to close the turbine governor valve over the Reactor Pressure Control (RPC) unit.

Power/Flow Map

- The Power Flow Map is a representation of reactor power vs. Recirculation flow. The horizontal axis is the core flow in % of full power flow. The vertical axis is reactor neutron power in % full power.
- Any operation path that changes the power and the flow from one condition to another condition through control rod maneuver and/or recirculation flow change can be traced on this map.



Power/Flow Map

- Under normal plant start-up, load maneuvering, and shutdown, the operation path through **REGION IV** is recommended.
- In fact, the line which borders between Region I & IV, Region III & IV, the Blue region and Region IV is the "maximum power-flow" path to be followed for power increase and decreases and usually operation of the plant is "below" this "maximum" power-flow line.

Power /Flow Map

- Limits are imposed to prevent operation in certain areas of the Power - Flow Map to maintain core thermal limits and to avoid operation above licensed power level - there are three measures to prevent that:
- Control Rods Withdrawal "Blocked" (if > 105%); Control Rods "Run-in" (if > 110%); Scram (if > 113%).

Reactor Regulating System - Simulator

- Power Error = Actual Power Demanded Power
- If current power < 65 %, control rods moves "in" (+ve error) or "out" (-ve error) until power error = 0.
- If current power > 65 %. The new incremental demanded power setpoint signal is sent to the flow rate scheduler (flow = f (power)) which will provide a flow rate setpoint to the flow controller.
- If the flow rate increase/decrease cannot provide enough reactivity change causing sufficient reactor power increase/decrease so that the power error is less than a pre-determined dead-band, the rods movement will become necessary at that time so that the power error is within limits.



Basic BWR Operation

Plant Startup (cold start < 25 hours; hot start < 5 hours):

- Control Rods withdrawn to bring the reactor critical
- RPV heat-up & pressurization by further control rod withdrawals
- Initial power increase by continued rod withdrawals to a level where main turbine is synchronized
- Continued power increase using the control rod motion until the automatic flow control range is reached ~ 65 % FP.
- Reactor power is increased by increasing recirculation flow rate (65% - 100 % FP).
- Always operates in Turbine-Follow-Reactor Mode
Basic BWR Operation (cont'd)

- Plant Shutdown: follow the reverse sequence of plant startup
- Reactor Shutdown Cooling cool-down and decay heat removal is accomplished by bypassing steam to main condenser, and by the Residual Heat Removal System

BWR Load Following Capabilities

- Load Regulation 65 % to 100 % FP by automatic flow control; below 65 % FP by control rods motion.
- Frequency control 1 to 10 % power change by automatic flow control.
- Load Shedding automatic opening of turbine bypass valves, automatic flow reduction and control rod insertion.

Automatic Responses to Design Basis Events Accidents

- Reactor Protection
- Containment Isolation
- ECCS actuation detection of LOCA
- Suppression pool cooling and reactor scram on high pool temperature to mitigate inadvertent SRV opening event
- Other events boron injection; feedwater flow runback, redundant actuation of scram; FMCRD run-in.

BWR Emergency Plant Operation

- RPV Control protection against extreme conditions on reactor water level, pressure, and power.
- Primary Containment Control drywell temperature, pressure, hydrogen concentration.
- Secondary Containment Control wetwell water level; temperature and radioactivity.
- Radioactivity Release Control offsite radioactivity release controls.

Answer #1

- Because in BWR, boiling core has steam bubbles entrained in light water coolant, which is also a moderator.
- Void in coolant has negative reactivity feedback - more steam bubbles, more void, more negative reactivity.
- Hence at high power, increasing the recirculation flow rate will reduce void density, thus less negative reactivity.

Answer #2

- Neutron flux distribution in BWR core is a function of void fractions in core.
- Since voids are abound in the upper part of the core, the moderating power is highest in the non-boiling section of the core (lower part).
- This causes the peak neutron flux (power density) for a boiling core to shift from the center position towards the bottom of the core. Control rods entering rom the bottom can partially correct the skewed axial flux distribution



GE's Generation III+...ESBWR

Design Highlights

- 1,550 MWe Boiling Water Reactor
- · Passive safety
- Natural circulation

Key Benefits

- Reduced capital cost
- Shorter construction period
- · Improved safety & security
- Improved O&M costs

Status

- DOE 2010 awards completed May 2005
- NRC design certification submission complete
- NuStart, Entergy and Dominion select ESBWR



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Boiling Reactor Mass & Heat Balance



Boiling Reactor Mass & Energy Balance

The average exit quality by definition: $X = \langle m_g \rangle / (\langle m_g \rangle + \langle m_f \rangle) \dots (3)$ steam rate recir water rate FW rate or $X = \langle m_d \rangle / (\langle m_d \rangle + \langle m_f \rangle)$(4) $= < m_{d} > / < m_{i} > = < m_{g} > / < m_{i} >$ steam rate core flow rate Recirculation Ratio = recirculation water / steam vapor produced $= \langle m_{f} \rangle / \langle m_{o} \rangle = (1 - X) / X \dots (5)$

 $< m_i > = < m_f > + < m_g > = < m_f > + (X / (1 - X)) < m_f >$ = $< m_f > / (1 - X) \dots (6)$

Boiling Reactor Mass & Energy Balance

• Energy Balance at reactor inlet:

$$< m_i > h_i = < m_f > h_f + < m_d > h_d$$

 $h_i = (1 - X) h_i + X h_i$

or X =
$$(h_f - h_i) / (h_f - h_d)$$

• Energy Balance at the core $<m_g>.h_g + <m_f>.h_f = Q_t + <m_i>.h_i$ $Q_t = <m_i>. [(h_f + X. h_{fg}) - h_i] \dots (8)$ where $h_{fg} = h_g - h_f$ or $Q_t = <m_g> (h_g - h_d) \dots (9)$

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Exercises -BWR Modeling

• Derive Equation (8) & (9)

BWR Spreadsheet Model

- Given the following data:
 - Technical Data for US version of ABWR (see BWR Simulator Manual)
 - Technical Data for ABWR Power Flow Map (see Binder - Miscellaneous Section)
 - Technical Data for Available Energy for condensing turbine (see BWR Simulator Manual)

BWR Spreadsheet Model

- Create an EXCEL spreadsheet (BWR)
- Column A's name is % FP put in numbers 100%, 90%, 80%, 70%, 60%, 50%, 40%, 30%, 20%, 10%, 5%, 3%, 0%
- Column B's name is MW first cell is MW(gross) at 100% FP (from AWBR Spec. sheet) = 1385 MW.
 Compute the rest of the cells in Column B using % numbers in Column A.
- Column C's name is KBTU/hr to convert MW to KBTU/hr, multiply the cells in Column B by 3413.
 Compute all the cells in Column C using this energy conversion.

BWR Spreadsheet

- Column D's name is Steam Flow (Kg/s) to compute steam flow for the BWR plant in column D cells -
 - first find the available energy BTU per lb of steam from technical data chart for condensing turbine given. Note inlet steam pressure 6.8 Mpa = 1000 Psia; backpressure of 11.75 Hg = 3 in backpressure; inlet steam temp 284 deg. C = 543 deg. F
 - Multiply this number BTU per lb of steam, by the efficiency of the turbine ~ assume 74 %, to get the "actual" BTU/lb for this turbine.
 - Divide the C Column's number (KBTU/hr) by actual BTU/lb to get Klb /hr.
 - Multiply this number by 0.126 to convert Klb/hr to Kg/s
 - To check your result, according to ABWR data spec., the 100 FP steam flow is 2122 Kg/s. You may have to adjust turb. eff.

BWR Spreadsheet

- Column E's name is Core Flow (Kg/s).
- Enter the first cell = 14502 (from ABWR Spec.)
- Column F's name is Core Flow (%) enter the % numbers to match ABWR Power/Flow Map (given data), following the typical startup path e.g. 100%FP 100 % coreflow; 90 %FP 80 % coreflow; 70 % FP 65% coreflow, etc.
- After all % numbers are entered for all cells in Column F, compute the coreflow (Kg/s) in all the remaining cells in Column E.
- Column G's name is Quality X calculate X using other columns' cells values.
- Column H's name is Recirculation Flow (Kg/s) calculate recirculation flow using other columns' cells values.

BWR Spreadsheet

- Plot a curve for the Quality X versus Power
 (%)
- Comment on the Quality values as power increases.
- If you are to design a reactor power control system, using Control Rods, and other means, how would you do it ?

<u>BWR Spreadsheet (cont'd)</u>

- Enter cell A23 name = Reactor Pressure; enter B23 value = 7.17 (as per ABWR spec.)
- Enter cell A24 name = Sat. Coolant Enthalpy hf (KJ/Kg)
- Enter cell B24 formula = 373.7665*POWER(B23,0.4235532)+415
- Enter cell A25 name = Sat. Vapor Enthalpy hg (KJ/Kg)
- Enter cell B25 formula = -0.9219176*POWER((B23-9), 2) -16.38835*(B23-9)+2742.03
- Now, enter Column I's name as Reactor Thermal Power (MWt). Compute Reactor Thermal Power values in Column I, using values in cell B24 - hf; cell B25 - hg; and other column values. Use Feedwater Enthalpy at given temp = 932.007 kJ/kg
- Verify your calculation for 100 % reactor thermal power using data in the ABWR Spec.(3926 MW_{th})

Solutions: derivation of equation (8) & (9)

- $< m_g > .h_g + < m_f > .h_f = Q_t + < m_i > .h_i$
- $Qt = \langle m_g \rangle h_g + \langle m_f \rangle h_f \langle m_i \rangle h_i$ = $\langle m_i \rangle [(\langle m_g \rangle \langle m_i \rangle) h_g + (\langle m_f \rangle \langle m_i \rangle) h_f - h_i]$ = $\langle m_i \rangle [X. h_g + (1-X) h_f - h_i]$ (using equation (4) & (6)) = $\langle mi \rangle [h_f + X h_g - h_f) - h_i]$, hence equation (8)
- $Qt = \langle m_g \rangle h_g + \langle m_f \rangle h_f \langle m_i \rangle h_i$ = $\langle m_g \rangle h_g + \langle m_f \rangle h_f - \langle m_f \rangle h_f - \langle m_d \rangle h_d$ (using (7)) = $\langle m_g \rangle (h_g - h_d)$, hence equation (9)



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Fuel heat Transfer

Lumped Parameter Technique for heat transfer from UO2 fuel rods :

$$C_{1} \frac{dT_{1}}{dt} = Q'_{n} - \frac{T_{1} - T_{2}}{R_{1}} \dots \dots (1)$$

$$C_{2} \frac{dT_{2}}{dt} = \frac{T_{1} - T_{2}}{R_{1}} - \frac{T_{2}^{n} - T_{c}}{R_{2}} \dots \dots (2)$$



where

 $\begin{array}{ll} Q_{n}^{*} &= \text{nuclear heating of fuel rod (BTU/sec.ft)} \\ \widetilde{C}_{1}^{*} &= \text{thermal capacity for fuel pellet (BTU/deg. F.ft)} = & \pi r_{1}^{2} c_{p1} \rho_{1} \\ \widetilde{C}_{2}^{*} &= \text{thermal capacity of clad (BTU/deg. F.ft)} = & 2\pi r_{2}(\Delta r) c_{p2}\rho_{2} \\ \widetilde{R}_{1}^{*} &= \text{resistance of UO}_{2} \text{ and gap (sec ft deg. F/BTU)} = & \frac{1}{4 \pi k_{1}} + \frac{1}{2 \pi r_{1} h_{g}} \\ & k_{1} \text{ is UO2 thermal conductivity;} \\ & h_{g} \text{ is gap conductance} \\ \widetilde{T}_{1}^{*} &= \text{average pellet temp (deg. F) ; } \\ \widetilde{T}_{2}^{*} = \text{average clad temp (deg. F)} \end{array}$

 T_c = bulk coolant temp (deg. F)



Heat Transferred to Coolant

- A-B: non-boiling; heat transfer by single phase convection.
- B-C: local or nucleate boiling; heated surface temp. exceeds sat. temp by few degrees; bubbles formed; large increase in heat flux due to mixing of liquid by bubbles.
- C-D: bulk boiling; heated surface blanketed by unstable, irregular film in violent motion. Heat transfer by conduction and radiation - hence heat flux decreases substantially.
- D-E: film boiling or burnt-out. At D, film becomes stable, and heat transfer improves as the surface gets hotter. However, very high temperature reached with high heat flux in this region, usually resulting in the destruction of the fuel or sheath - BURNT-OUT

BWR operates in B-C nucleate boiling region, away from C.

Quiz

- The fuel element temperature in direct cycle BWR is (lower/higher) for the SAME steam conditions in indirect cycle (e.g. PWR) why ?
- The direct cycle BWR can be operated at a much (higher/lower) pressure than that required to prevent boiling in the indirect cycle NPP using water as a heat transport fluid. What implications ?

Nucleate Boiling Heat

 Thom's nucleate boiling heat transfer at pressures from 750 to 2000 psia:

$$(T_w - T_{sat}) = 0.7123 \frac{\sqrt{q''}}{e^{(\frac{P}{8690})}} \qquad \dots (3)$$

where $T_w =$ fuel wall temperature (deg. C) $T_{sat} =$ saturation temperature (deg. C) q'' = heat flux (MW/m2) P = pressure (Kpa)

Average Fuel Energy Equation

$$\rho_{f} V_{f} C_{f} \frac{dT_{f}}{dt} = P - UA \left(T_{f} - T_{c}\right) \dots (6.4-2)$$

where

 ρ_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 (Thom's nucleate boiling)

A = overall heat transfer area for fuel channel

Average Core Coolant Energy Equation

The average core coolant energy equation is given by:

where

 ρ_c = volume average coolant density

 V_c = coolant volume in one zone

 h_i = average coolant specific enthalpy at inlet of the core

 h_0 = average coolant specific enthalpy at outlet of the core

A = overall heat transfer area for fuel channel

U = overall heat transfer coefficient. In the non-boiling region, the Dittus-Boetler correlation for forced convection is used, which is proportional to the (coolant flow)^{0.8}. In the boiling region, the heat transfer coefficient correlation is derived from Thom's nucleate boiling (equation 6.4-1)."

 T_f = average fuel temperature

 T_c = average coolant temperature

 W_i = coolant mass flow rate at fuel channel inlet

 W_0 = coolant mass flow rate at fuel channel outlet

X = quality of coolant

 h_{fg} = latent heat of vaporization = hg – hf

Boiling Core Dynamics

Sat. liq. enthalpy $H_{f} = f(P) \dots (4)$ P - Dome Pressure Sat. Steam enthalpy $H_{g} = f(P) \dots (5)$ H_{dc} - Enthalpy of fluid at downcomer W_{dc} - Downcomer flow Latent heat of vap. $H_{fg} = H_g - H_f$(6) Sat. liq. density $\rho_{sat} = f(P)$ (7) 2 phase core exit enthalpy $H_{core} = H_{dc} + \frac{Q_t}{W_{t}} \dots (8)$ $X = \frac{H_{core} - H_f}{H_{fo}} \qquad \dots (9)$ Quality $\alpha = \frac{1}{1 + (\frac{1 - X}{X})\psi} \quad \text{where} \quad \psi = \frac{\rho_g}{\rho_f}S, \quad S = slip \quad ratio$ Void Fraction Heat Generated from the core: $Q_t = W_{dc}(H_f + X.H_{fg} - H_{dc})$ (11)

Mass balance at dome:
$$\frac{dV_w}{dt} = \frac{1}{\rho_f} ((1-X).W_r - W_{dc} + W_{RH} + W_{FW}) \qquad \begin{array}{l} V_w = \text{fluid vol. in dome} \\ W_r = \text{core flow} \\ W_{dc} = \text{downcomer flow} \\ W_{RH} = \text{reheater drains flow} \\ W_{FW} = \text{feedwater flow} \end{array}$$

Energy balance at dome:

$$\frac{dH_d}{dt} = \frac{1}{\rho_f V_w} \left[(1 - X) W_r (H_f - H_d) + W_{RH} (H_{RH} - H_d) + W_{FW} (H_{FW} - H_d) \right] \dots (14)$$

 H_d = fluid enthalpy at dome after mixing with feedwater H_{fw} = feedwater enthalpy

 W_{dc} = downcomer flow W_{RH} = reheater drains flow W_{FW} = feedwater flow

Calculation of sat. steam density: $\frac{d\rho_g}{dt} = \frac{X \cdot W_r - W_s + \rho_g \cdot \frac{dV_w}{dt}}{V_D - V_w + V_{SM} + V_r \cdot \alpha}$...(15)

Calculation of Dome Pressure:

$$P = f(\rho_g) \quad \dots \quad (16)$$

 ρ_g = sat. steam enthalpy W_s = steam flow from dome V_D = volume of dome V_{SM} =volume of steam main V_r = liq. vol. of core α = void fraction in core



Recirculation Flow & Pressure Losses

Applying Navier Stokes Equations of motion for an incompressible fluid,

$$\frac{dW_{dc}}{dt} = \frac{g_c A_{dc}}{g Z_{EL}} (\Delta PH + \Delta P_{EL} - P_{LOSSdc} - P_{LOSScore}) \quad \dots (22)$$

where $g_c = \text{gravitational constant}$, 9.81 m/s²

 A_{dc} = cross-sectional area of downcomer section (m²)

Pressure Losses calculation - important for reactor design

- Sum of frictional pressure losses in core and downcomer all computed in the flow direction.
- Sum of acceleration pressure losses
- Sum of pressure losses due to area contractions and expansions
- Consider all single phase & two phase flow losses in the calculations

Reference: Nuclear Heat Transport - El. Wakil, ISBN 0-7002-2309-6

Flow Network for Core Hydraulics (one phase & two Phase flow)


Boiling Boundary

Applying the following notations:

- $H_{o} =$ non-boiling height;
- $H_B = \text{boiling height}$
- H = total active height of core

The height ratio Ho/H is related to the ratio of sensible heat, q_s added per unit mass of incoming coolant (KJ/Kg) to the total heat q_t added in the channel per unit mass of coolant channel (KJ/Kg), assuming uniform heat addition:

The ratio q_s/q_t can be computed using enthalpies

Where

 $h_{\rm f}$ = saturated coolant enthalpy, KJ/Kg

 h_i = coolant enthalpy at inlet of channel KJ/Kg

 $h_{\rm fg}$ = $h_{\rm g}$ - $h_{\rm f}$ = latent heat of vaporization KJ/Kg

Model Summary

- Divide core into number of lumped channels
 Each lumped channel divided vertically into nodes (or zones) the nodalization fineness depends on application.
- Each coolant channel node is assumed to have its own coolant flow, its own lumped fuel element

Model Summary - continued

Fuel heat transfer to coolant calculations start with lowest nodes, with nodes coolant inlet temperatures derived from the core lower plenum temperatures, and with coolant flows derived from hydraulic flow network at the lower plenum

Model Summary - continued

After obtaining the lowest node coolant outlet temperatures and average fuel temperatures, the calculations proceed to the next higher nodes, and so forth...

A program check is performed in each node to see if coolant outlet enthalpy exceeds saturated coolant enthalpy at the prevailing pressure. If so, 2 phase flow techniques will be used.

Model Summary - continued

At the core exit upper plenum, the coolant temperatures from all lumped channels are mixed by the flow turbulence to determine the average coolant mixing temperatures at the upper plenum.



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BWR Simulator Familiarization

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



Reactor Core

| SYSTEM | SIMULATION SCOPE | DISPLAY PAGES | OPERATOR CONTROLS | MALFUNCTIONS |
|-----------------|--|--|--|---|
| REACTOR CORE | Neutron flux levels over a range of 0.001 to 110% full power, 6 delayed neutron groups Decay heat (3 groups) Reactivity feedback effects - void, xenon, fuel temperature, moderator temperature 2 phase flow & heat transfer Reactivity control rods Essential control loops - Reactor Pressure Control; Core Recirculation Flow Control; Reactor Power Regulation; Reactor Water Level Control; Turbine Load/Frequency Control | Plant Overview BWR Reactivity & Setpoints BWR Power /Flow Map & Controls | Reactor power and rate of change (input to control computer) Manual control of control rods Reactor scram Manual Control Rods "run-in" Manual control of core recirculation flow rate Manual adjustment of reactor water control level setpoint | Increasing and decreasing core flow due to Flow Control malfunctions Inadvertent withdrawal of one bank of control rods Inadvertent insertion of one bank of control rods Inadvertent reactor isolation Power loss to 3 Reactor Internal Pumps (RIPs) Reactor bottom break |

BWR Power / Flow Map & Controls



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|---|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|---------------------|---------|--|
| Reactor Scram | Turbine Trip | Reactor Pres V. Lo | Rods Run-in Req'd | Hi Dryw P/LOCA | Turbine Runback | Gen Breake | er Opn | Labview |
| Hi Neut Pwr vs Flow | Reactor Pres V. Hi | Reactor Pres Lo | Reactor Level Lo | Reactor LvI V. Lo | Lo Turb Fwd Pwr | FW Pump(s | s) Trip | 65 |
| Reactor Isolated | Reactor Press Hi | Core Flow Lo | Reactor Level Hi | Spdr Gear in Man | Loss RIP Pmp(s) | Malfunction | Active | CASSIM 28 |
| Reactor Isolated 120.0- 110.0- 100.0- 90.0- 80.0- 80.0- 0 70.0- W 60.0- 1 50.0- % 40.0- 20.0- 10.0- | Reactor Press Hi | Core Flow Lo | EGION V STEAM SEPARAT REGIC | | Loss RIP Pmp(s) | Malfunction | Active | CASSIM 28 13.5 FW RIP Cri Head 217.2 RPM 1135 |
| 0.0 10.0 | 20.0 30.0 40.0 | | 80.0 90.0 100. | | CONTRACT 1 2 3 | 4 5 6 ISCRAMSTIN | | Pos % |
| Power/Flow Man | | | Generator Re | actor Core | | | | 7.54 |
| & Controls | Neutron Pwr (%) | Thermal Pwr(%) | Dutput(%) Press | ure (kPa) Flow (kg/s |) BOP STM 212 | 26.5 Freeze | Run | Iterate |
| Reactor Trip Turbine Trip | 99.48 | 99.49 | 99.45 | 7170.50 14501.3 | 71 Fuel Temp 50 | 62.6 IC | Malf | Help |

Steam & Feedwater

| SYSTEM | SIMULATION SCOPE | DISPLAY PAGES | OPERATOR CONTROLS | MALFUNCTIONS |
|---------------------------|---|--|---|---|
| STEAM & FEED- WATER | Steam supply to turbine and reheater Main Steam Isolation Valve Turbine Bypass to condenser Steam Relief Valves to Suppression Pool in containment Extraction steam to feed heating Feedwater system | • BWR Feedwater and Extraction Steam | Reactor water level setpoint changes: computer or manual Extraction steam to feedwater heating isolating valves controls Deaerator main steam extraction pressure control Feed pump an /off controls | Loss of both feedwater pumps Loss of feedwater heating Reactor feedwater level control valve fails open Safety valves on one main steam line fail open Steam line break inside Drywell Feedwater line break inside |
| | | | on/off controls | Drywell |



Turbine Generator

| SYSTEM | SIMULATION SCOPE | DISPLAY PAGES | OPERATOR CONTROLS | MALFUNCTIONS |
|---------------------------|---|--------------------------------|---|---|
| TURBINE- GENERAT OR | Simple turbine model Mechanical power and generator output are proportional to steam flow Speeder gear and governor valve allow synchronized and non-synchronized operation | • BWR Turbine- Generator | Turbine trip Turbine run- back Turbine run-up and synchronization Turbine Speeder Gear control: manual or computer control Steam Bypass Valve | Turbine throttle pressure transmitter fails low Turbine trip with Bypass Valve failed closed Increasing and decreasing steam flow due to Pressure Control System failures |
| | | | Computer or Manual Control | |

BWR Turbine Generator _ 🗆 X -Labview Rods Run-in Reg'd Hi Drvw P/LOCA Turbine Trip Reactor Pres V. Lo Turbine Runback Gen Breaker Opn Reactor Scram 55 Hi Neut Pwr vs Flow Reactor Pres V. Hi Reactor Pres Lo Reactor Level Lo Reactor LvI V. Lo Lo Turb Fwd Pwr FW Pump(s) Trip Reactor Level Hi Reactor Isolated Reactor Press Hi Core Flow Lo Spdr Gear in Man Loss RIP Pmp(s) Malfunction Active 28 RCTR Neut/Thrm Pwr Generator Output (MW) R 101.5= 1500.0-STATION To Deaerator 85.00 MW T SERVICES 80.0-Main Steam Header P 1000.0 -60.0-Reactor 7170.51 MSR GENERATOR 40.0-P 7170.5 CV POS 500.0-OUTPUT 1377.38 MW 2126.5 99 % 20.0 -MSV SPEED 1800.0 RPM 0.0-0.0-BREAKER CLOSED 3:25:30 PM 3:25:56 PM 3:25:30 PM 3:25:56 PM Turb Steam/BYP Flow F 2021.2 Turbine Speed 2000.0- $2100 \pm$ BYP TURBINE В VLV 1500.0-GEN 0.0000 % 1500 -F 0.00 1000.0-1000 -500.0-500-BYPASS VLV 0.0-CONDENSER AUTO 🔲 3:25:30 PM 3:25:56 PM 3:25:30 PM 3:25:56 PM Governor Position MSV Inlet Pressure MAN OUT(%) Τo 100.0-600-Feedwater MAN SPINOT OK 80.0-System 400-TURBINE TRIP STATUS 60.0-Ţ, 40.0-RESET Spdr Gear % 99.49 200-2 TO 20.0-SUPPRESSION **T** 3 SPDR GEAR 0.0 TRU ENABLE POOL AUTO 🔳 3:25:30 PM 3:25:56 PM 3:25:30 PM 3:25:56 PM CONTROL. TRU **1** 4 Time Scroll TURBINE Resolution SPEEDUP RUNBACK SRV'S INACTIVE CONTAINMENT Max Out[`MaxInl BWR Turbine Reactor Reactor Generator Reactor Core RCTR LVI 13.5 reeze Run Iterate Neutron Pwr (%) Thermal Pwr(%) Output(%) Pressure (kPa) 2126.5 Generator **•** Flow (kg/s) BOPISTM FW Flow 2126.1 Help IC Malf 99.45 Reactor Trip Turbine Trip 99.4 99.49 7170.50 14501.7 582.6 Fuel Temp

Overall Unit

| SYSTEM | SIMULATION SCOPE | DISPLAY PAGES | OPERATOR CONTROLS | MALFUNCTIONS |
|-----------------|---|--|----------------------|--------------|
| OVERALL UNIT | Fully dynamic interaction between all simulated systems Turbine-Following- Reactor load maneuvering Unit annunciation | BWR Plant Overview BWR Reactivity & Setpoints | | |
| | Turbine-Following- Reactor load maneuvering Unit annunciation Major control loops | Reactivity & Setpoints | | |

BWR Control Loops

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| Reactor So | cram | Turbine Trip | Reactor Pres \ | V. Lo Rods Run- | in Req'd | Hi Dryw | P/LOCA | Turbine Runb | ack G | ien Break | er Opn | Labview |
| Hi Neut Pwr ∨ | 's Flow | Reactor Pres V. H | i Reactor Pres | Lo Reactor L | evel Lo | Reactor | r LvI V. Lo | Lo Turb Fwd | Pwr F | W Pump(| s) Trip | CASSIM |
| Reactor Iso | lated | Reactor Press Hi | Core Flow L | Spdr Ge | ear in Man | Loss RIP Pm | p(s) M | alfunction | Active | 28 | | |
| REACTOR SCRAM PARAMETERS | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | FIRST | OUT SCR/ | AM CAUSES | | | | | | | | | |
| | C | High Neutron Flu | IX / Low Core Flow | | | | | | | | | |
| | C |) High Drywell Pre | essure /LOCA detec | ted | | | | | | | | |
| | C |) Reactor Water L | evel Low | | | | | | | | | |
| | C |) Reactor Pressur | e High | | | | | | | | | |
| | Reactor Water Level Abnormally High | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | C |) Main Steam Isol | ation Valve Closed, | / Reactor Isolated | | | | | | | | |
| | |) Main Steam Line | e Radioactivity High | | | | | | | | | |
| | |) Turbine Power/L | .oad Unbalance - L | oss of Line | | | | | | | | |
| | |) Earthquake Acc | eleration Large | | | | | | | | | |
| | C |) Manual Scram | | | | | | | | | | |
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| BWR Ser Paramete | am ers 🗸 | Reactor Neutron Pwr (%) | Reactor Thermal Pwr(%) | Generator Output(%) | Reacto Pressure (| or (kPa) | Core Flow (kg/s) | RCTR LVI BOP STM | 13.5 2126.5 | Freeze | Run | Iterate |
| Reactor Trip Turl | bine Trip | 99.48 | 99.49 | 99.45 | 7 | 170.50 | 14501.77 | FW Flow Fuel Temp | 2126.1 582.6 | IC | Malf | Help |

Resetting Scram

_ 🗆 🗙 📴 BWR Power / Flow Map & Controls -Rods Run-in Reg'd Labview Turbine Trip Reactor Pres V. Lo Hi Dryw P/LOCA Turbine Runback Gen Breaker Opn Reactor Scram 65 Hi Neut Pwr vs Flow Reactor Pres V. Hi Lo Turb Fwd Pwr Reactor Pres Lo Reactor Level Lo Reactor LvI V. Lo FW Pump(s) Trip Spdr Gear in Man Loss RIP Pmp(s) Reactor Isolated Reactor Press Hi Core Flow Lo Reactor Level Hi Malfunction Active 28 120.0-DOME 7170.5 T P 282.1 110.0-F 2126.5 and the 100.0 -13.5 90.0-**R** 5.82 FW COOLANT FW . 80.0 -P T F 14501.8 X% 14.7 289 0 70.0-W F E R RIP 2126 FUEL 60.0-Crl 🛛 τI 582.6 REGIÓN Head IV. 50.0-100.0 217.2 NI REGION **BPM** 80.0 40.0--111 1135 PWR RATE 60.0 30.0 (%/S) -0.01 20.0-STEAM SEPARATOR LIMIT REGION 20.0 10.0 -REGION ON ON Ш 7 2 3 4 5 6 Rods 8 Pos % 0.0-FMCRD 1 10.0 20.0 30.0 40.0 50.0 60.0 70.0 80.0 90.0 100.0 110.0 120 0.0 AUTOD SCRAM RESET SCRAM ST NO CORE FLOW IN % 7.54 Power/Flow Map Reactor Reactor Reactor RCTR LVI Generator Core 13. Run Iterate Neutron Pwr (%) Thermal Pwr(%) Output(%) Pressure (kPa) Flow (kg/s) BOP STM 2126.5 & Controls FW Flow 2126.1 99.48 99.49 99.45 7170.50 14501.7 ICMalf Help 582.6 Turbine Trip Fuel Temp Reactor Trip

BWR Simulator Manual Exercise 4.1.1 - Power Reduction

- POWER MANEUVER: 10% Power Reduction and Return to Full Power.
- Record (1) Control Rods position (2)
 Recirculation Flow (3) Quality (4) Void reactivity feedbacks during this maneuver.
- Explain how reactor power is controlled during this maneuver.



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BWR Simulator Manual Exercise 4.1.3, 4.2.9 - Turbine Trip • Practice Turbine Trip & Recovery. • Record Reactor Pressure during this transient. Does Reactor Pressure resume to the setpoint of 7170 Kpa after the transient settles down? If so, explain how reactor pressure is being controlled now.

Re-initialize the Simulator. This time insert the malfunction "Turbine Trip with Bypass Valves Failed Closed". Explain what happens. See 4.2.9

Malfunction 4.2.1 - Loss of FW

- Load 100 % FP IC. Open BWR Feedwater & Extraction Steam Screen
- Insert Malfunction "Loss of FW Both FW Pumps Trips"
- Follow text on P.26, and answer questions.

Malfunction 4.2.3 - Decreasing Core Flow

- Follow Text on P. 29 to practice Malfunction" Decreasing Core Flow due to Flow Control Failure"
- As coolant flow decreases, core quality increases. Why ? What happens to reactor power ?
- Explain the responses of the Reactor Power Control System

Malfunction Exercise 4.2.4 -**Decreasing Steam Flow** • Re-initialize the Simulator to 100% FP. Go to Power/Flow Map Screen. Insert the Malfunction "Decreasing Steam Flow from Dome due to Pressure Control Function." (see P.30)• What happens to Reactor Pressure ? • What happens to the Reactor Power? • Can you explain the Reactor Power transient responses ?

Malfunction 4.2.12 -Inadvertent Reactor Isolation

- Practice Malfunction 4.2.12 "Inadvertent Reactor Isolation".
- Follow Text on P.38 of BWR Simulator Manual. Record parameters.
- What happens to reactor power?
- What is the cause for reactor scram ?

Malfunction 4.2.13 - Loss of FW Heating

- Practice Malfunction 4.2.13 " Loss of FW Heating".
- Follow Text on P.39 of BWR Simulator Manual. Record parameters.
- Explain the changes in reactor power and other BOP parameters.

Malfunction 4.2.15 - Steam Line Break

- Practice Malfunction 4.2.15 "Steam Line Break inside Drywell"
- Follow Text on P. 42 of BWR Simulator Manual. Record parameters.
- Explain changes to reactor power and other BOP parameters.
- Explain the actions of ECC.

Malfunction 4.2.16 -Feedwater Line Break

- Practice Malfunction 4.1.16 "FW line Break inside Drywell"
- Follow Text on P.43 of BWR Simulator Manual. Record parameters.
- Explain changes to reactor power and other BOP parameters.
- Explain the actions of ECC.