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Preliminary Analysis of TMI-2 Severe Accident using CINEMA Computer Code

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Introduction

TMI-2 Accident (USA, March 28, 1979): Total Loss of Feed Water with Stuck Open PORV Multiple Failure

Accident Progression: 0. sec. (Initiating Event) --- Total Loss of Feedwater
13 sec. to 101 min --- Loss of Coolant
101 min. to 174 min. --- Initial Core Damage
174 min. to 315 min. --- Quenching & Core Damage
5h 15 min to 1 month --- Recovery attempts

Main Accident Region: Mechanical Failure & Operator Action Miss

- Stuck Open PORV: Loss of Coolant Accident
- Misread the sign of LOCA: Stop of HPSI by Increase of

High Pressurizer Liquid Level

TMI-2 Plant



Plant Data of TMI-2

| Reactor | Data | Core & Fuel Assemblies | Number |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|---|-------------------------|
| Design Heat Output | 2,272 MWt | Fuel Assemblies | 177 |
| Vessel Coolant Inlet Temperature | 292 °C | Fuel Rods per Fuel Assemblies | 208 |
| Vessel Coolant Outlet Temperature | 320 °C | | |
| Core Coolant Outlet Temperature | 321 °C | Control Rod Guide Tubes per Assembly | |
| Average Core Fuel Temperature | 649 °C | | 16 |
| Core Operating Pressure | 15 MPa | | \mathbb{R}/\mathbb{N} |

Detailed TMI-2 Accident Scenario

- 0 sec: Turbine and main feedwater pump trip (Total Loss of Feed Water)
- 3 sec: Pressurizer PORV valve opening, no closing (SBLOCA)
- 8 sec: Reactor scram
- > 122, 278 sec: HPSI Actuation, Stop of HPSI by Operator
- 480 sec: Auxiliary feedwater startup
- ➢ 552 sec: Core boiling begins
- 4,440 sec: Shutdown B-loop RCPs (end of phase 1)
- ➢ 6,184 sec: Core uncovery (Increase of fuel cladding temp.)
- 7,442 sec: Cladding oxidation begins (T= 1,000 K)
- 7,719 sec: Cladding failure (T=1117 K)
- > 8,520 sec: Close of the PORV line block valve (Operator Action)
- 9,014 sec: Fuel melting
- > 10,400 sec: Restart one B-loop primary pump (end of phase 2)
- 11,580 sec: Shutdown of the B-loop primary pump
- > 12,000 sec: Start of primary system feed and bleed (Operator Action)
- > 13,440 sec: Core material slumping (end of phase 3)
- > 18,000 sec: General emergency declared (end of phase 4)

End State in TMI-2

Melting of 45 % Core Material (62 tons): Molten Pool Formation in Core Melted Material Relocation to the Lower Plenum of Approx. 19 tons: Side Relocation No Reactor Vessel Failure by Operator Action: Water injection to the Core



TMI-2 End State

CINEMA Development in Korea

 An integrated severe accident analysis computer code (CINEMA) has been developed by the collaboration in Korea.



CINEMA: Code for INtegrated severe accidEnt Management Analysis

CINEMA Nodalization for TMI-2

- Using TMI-2 Design Data
- Based on SCDAP/RELAP5 Input



CINEMA-CSPACE Nodalization

Steady State Results

| Parameter | Plant Operating Condition | CINEMA Results |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------|
| Reactor Power (MW) | 2700.0 | 2700 |
| Primary System Pressure (MPa) | 15.2 | 15.3 |
| Cold Leg Temperature 1A (K) | 561.0 | 571.0 |
| Cold Leg Temperature 2A (K) | 548.0 | 571.0 |
| Hot Leg Temperature Loop A (K) | 592.0 | 598.0 |
| Hot Leg Temperature Loop B (K) | 592.0 | 598.0 |
| Feedwater Temperature (K) | 513.0 | 513.0 |
| SG A Pressure (MPa) | 7.31 | 5.85 |
| SG B Pressure (MPa) | 7.24 | 5.85 |
| SG A Steam Temperature (K) | 586.0 | 578.0 |
| SG B Steam Temperature (K) | 585.0 | 579.0 |



Pressurizer Pressure



Pressurizer Water Level



Fuel Cladding Surface Temperature



Fuel Cladding Mass Distribution



Conclusions

The CINEMA results are similar to the TMI-2 data in general, with the exception of a rapid increase in the pressure at 170 minutes, which is a result from deficiency of CSPACE model on a melted fuel relocation and quenching process.

More CINEMA model development and analysis for a melted fuel relocation and quenching process in the core and lower plenum are necessary to accurately simulate the TMI-2 severe accident. Toward the Robust and Resilient Nuclear System for the Highly Improbable Event

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