Design and Pre-Test Scoping Analysis for a Large Scale PAFS Test Facility

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1. Introduction

- □ Passive Auxiliary Feedwater System (PAFS)
 - One of the evolutionary safety systems adopted in APR+
 - removes the decay heat by a natural circulation in the steam generator secondary system
 - consists of PCHX (Passive Condensation Heat Exchanger), a return-line, and PCCT (Passive Condensation Cooling Tank)



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1. Introduction

□ Previous experimental works for PAFS

Test facility	Major specifications	Remark
PASCAL	Volume scale: 1/240, length scale: 1/1No. of PCHX tubes: 1	Completed
ATLAS-PAFS	Volume scale: 1/330, length scale: 1/2No. of PCHX tubes: 3	Completed

 Previous experimental results confirmed that the PAFS satisfies the cooling requirement and operational performance during the anticipated transient and accident conditions



2. LAPLACE Test Facility

- □ New experimental program with a more large scale
 - Objectives
 - to investigate an effect of scale ratio on the cooling performance, and
 - to observe more detailed boiling phenomena on the PCHX tube bundle surface

□ LAPLACE test facility

- LAPLACE (<u>Large Scale PAFS Loop for</u> <u>Assessment of Condensation Effectiveness</u>)
- Volume scale = 1/16
- length scale = 1/1
- No. of PCHF tubes = 15





Simplified schematic diagram

2. LAPLACE Test Facility

□ Isometric view and PCCT of the LAPALCE test facility





Passive condensation cooling tank



3. MARS-KS Calculation

- Objectives of pre-test calculation with MARS-KS
 - Investigation of the condensation heat transfer at the heat exchanger in the LAPLACE facility
 - Evaluation of the natural convection behavior in the loop
- MARS-KS calculation model for the LAPLACE facility
 - One-dimensional components : SG, PCHX, SS/RW pipeline
 - MULTID component : PCCT



MARS-KS nodalization of LAPLACE facility



3. MARS-KS Calculation

□ Pre-test calculation result for the scaled full power with 8.1 MW

- Steam pressure was converged under the design pressure of the PAFS, which proved a sufficient capability of the current PCHX design.
- Difference between the LAPLACE and the PASCAL (A single tube test facility) was attributed to the boiling heat transfer and the natural convection flow in the PCCT.
- Stable behavior of natural convection was observed in the loop.





Natural convection flow in the MARS-KS calculation



4. Conclusions

Conclusions

- New experimental program
 - LAPLACE test facility with the volume scale of 1/16 for the PAFS of APR+
 - To investigate an effect of scale ratio on the cooling performance and to observe more detailed boiling phenomena
 - The LAPLACE test facility is now being constructed for the new experimental program.
- Preliminary scoping analysis using MARS-KS system analysis code
 - The current PCHX design has a sufficient cooling capability to remove the decay heat during an accident condition.
 - The condensation model of the MARS-KS code showed a conservative prediction for the heat removal capability of the PAFS.



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