

Multiphysics Analysis of CEA Withdrawal at Power for the Korean APR1400 Reactor

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Presentation outline

- Introduction
- Accident description
- Model description
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- Conclusion



Research goal

To conduct a **multi-physics simulation** of CEA withdrawal accident for a more realistic prediction of the system performance and compare the results of the conservative one-way coupled analysis using RELAP5 with point kinetics and those via two-way coupling of RELAP5 and 3DKIN





Introduction

- Control Element Assembly (CEA) Withdrawal at Power
 - is a **Reactivity Initiated Accident** (RIA)
 - causing uneven reactivity distribution in the core
 - with strong feedback mechanisms and rapid reactivity insertion
- Multiphysics simulation using code coupling
 - Thermal Hydraulics code **RELAP5**
 - Nodal Kinetics code **3DKIN**



Accident Scenario

- CEA withdrawal is an **anticipated operational occurrence** (AOO)
- CEA withdrawal may happen due to
 - failure in digital rod control system (DRCS)
 - failure in reactor regulating system (RRS)
 - operator error



CEA: Control Element Assembly RCS: Reactor Coolant System LOOP: Loss of Offsite Power

- * Either low DNBR, high local power density (LPD), or high pressurizer pressure
- ** LOOP is assumed for conservatism



Protective Actions

- Core parameters may approach specified acceptable fuel design limits (SAFDLs) on DNBR (> 1.29) and fuel centerline melt temperatures (2200 °F)
- Action from reactor protection system (RPS) based on
 - core protection calculator (CPC)
 - variable overpower trip (VOPT)
 - Iow DNBR
 - high local power density (LPD) trip
 - high pressurizer pressure trip (HPPT)



Initial Conditions

Conservative assumptions following APR1400 DCD Chapter 15, with biased parameters for **worst case scenario** and **concurrent LOOP** with turbine trip

Parameter	Value
Core power level, MWt	4062.66
Core inlet coolant temperature, °C	287.8
Core mass flow rate, 10 ⁶ kg/hr	69.64
Pressurizer pressure, kg/cm ²	163.5
Steam generator pressure, kg/cm ²	68.26
Moderator temperature coefficient	Most positive
Fuel temperature coefficient	Least negative



Methodology Overview







TH Model Validation



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TH Model Validation

• DNBR calculated in hot channel

using the W3 correlation

- Model minimum DNBR 1.43
- DCD results show non-proprietary KCE-1 CHF correlation
- DCD minimum DNBR 1.31





3DKIN Core Model

- 3DKIN requires two-group
 - Transport, absorption, fission and scattering cross-sections
 - Nu (average number of released fission neutrons)
 - Kappa (average energy released by fission)
- For reactivity coefficients, following equation is used:

$$\Sigma_{Bu,j} = \Sigma_{base} + \alpha_1 \Delta \rho_{mod} + \alpha_2 (\Delta \rho_{mod})^2 + \alpha_3 \Delta T_{mod} + \alpha_4 \sqrt{\Delta T_{f,eff}} + \alpha_5 \Delta N_p + \alpha_6 (\Delta N_p)^2 + \alpha_7 (\Delta N_p)^2$$



APR1400 Core Model

Composition of fuel assemblies



Fuel assembly parameters

Assembly Type	Number of Fuel Assemblies	Fuel Rod Enrichment (w/o)	No. of Rods Per Assembly	No. of Gd ₂ O ₃ Rods per Assembly	Gd ₂ O ₃ Contents (w/o)
A0	77	1.71	236	-	-
B0	12	3.14	236	-	-
B1	28	3.14/2.64	172/52	12	8
B2	8	3.14/2.64	124/100	12	8
В3	40	3.14/2.64	168/52	16	8
C0	36	3.64/3.14	184/52	-	-
C1	8	3.64/3.14	172/52	12	8
C2	12	3.64/3.14	168/52	16	8
C3	20	3.64/3.14	120/100	16	8

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\bigcirc	Water	Hole

- Normal Enriched Fuel Pin
- □ Low Enriched Fuel Pin
- Gadolinia Fuel Pin

					C0	BO	C0	BO	C0	BO	C0					
			C0	C0	B2	B1	В3	C2	В3	B1	B2	C0	C0			
		C0	C1	В1	A0	C3	A0	B3	A0	C3	A0	B1	C1	C0		
	C0	C1	B3	A0	В3	A0	B1	A0	B1	A0	В3	A0	В3	C1	C0	
	CO	B1	A0	C2	A0	C3	A0	B1	A0	C3	A0	C2	A0	В1	C0	
C0	B2	A0	B3	A0	В3	A0	В3	A0	B3	A0	В3	A0	В3	A0	B2	C0
BO	B1	C3	A0	C3	A0	C2	A0	C3	A0	C2	A0	C3	A0	C3	B1	BO
C0	B3	A0	B1	A0	B3	A0	В3	A0	В3	A0	B3	A0	B1	A0	B3	C0
BO	C2	В3	A0	B1	A0	C3	A0	A0	A0	C3	A0	B1	A0	B3	C2	BO
C0	В3	A0	B1	A0	В3	A0	В3	A0	В3	A0	B3	A0	B1	A0	В3	C0
BO	B1	C3	A0	C3	A0	C2	A0	C3	A0	C2	A0	C3	A0	C3	B1	BO
C0	B2	A0	B3	A0	В3	A0	В3	A0	B3	A0	В3	A0	В3	A0	B2	C0
	C0	B1	A0	C2	A0	C3	A0	B1	A0	C3	A0	C2	A0	B1	C0	
	CO	C1	В3	A0	В3	A0	B1	A0	B1	A0	B3	A0	В3	C1	C0	
,		C0	C1	В1	A0	C3	A0	B3	A0	C3	A0	B1	C1	C0		
	·		C0	C0	B2	B1	B3	C2	B3	B1	B2	C0	C0			
		·			C0	BO	C0	BO	C0	BO	C0					



3DKIN Core Model Validation

3DKIN core model with fuel assemblies

Parameter	DCD	Simulation	Deviation
Core thermal power, MWt	4062.66	4062.66	0.0 %
Pressurizer pressure, kg/cm ^{2*}	163.5	163.34	0.1 %
Reactor inlet coolant temperature, °C	287.8	288.8	0.3 %
Core mass flow rate, 10 ⁶ kg/h	69.64	71.4	2.5 %
Steam generator pressure, kg/cm ²	68.26	68.27	0.0 %
CEA withdrawal speed, cm/min	76.2	76.2	0.0 %

Deviation in Core Power Distribution

7.55%	7.00%	3.57%	5.47%	0.96%	1.66%	1.81%	1.64%	2.89%
6.97%	5.39%	4.95%	2.65%	3.22%	0.92%	0.56%	1.46%	2.49%
3.53%	4.94%	3.09%	2.94%	0.21%	1.05%	2.77%	1.61%	2.24%
5.41%	2.62%	2.92%	0.10%	1.65%	0.88%	1.10%	1.95%	2.68%
0.85%	3.13%	0.17%	1.63%	2.01%	1.98%	4.07%	2.61%	
1.52%	1.04%	0.99%	0.93%	2.01%	4.66%	4.13%	2.80%	
1.97%	0.69%	2.86%	1.16%	4.11%	4.15%	2.93%		
1.83%	1.62%	1.73%	2.04%	2.66%	2.84%			
2.68%	2.30%	2.07%	2.54%					



RELAP5/3DKIN Two-Way Coupling





APR1400 Core Model

3DKIN core model with fuel assemblies

					C0	BO	C0	BO	C0	BO	C0					
			CO	C0	B2	B1	В3	C2	B3	B1	B2	C0	C0			
		CO	C1	B1	A0	C3	A0	В3	A0	C3	A0	B1	C1	C0		
	CO	C1	В3	A0	В3	A0	B1	A0	B1	A0	B3	A0	В3	C1	C0	
	CO	B1	A0	C2	A0	C3	A0	B1	A0	C3	A0	C2	A0	B1	C0	
C0	B2	A0	B3	A0	В3	A0	В3	A0	B3	A0	B3	A0	В3	A0	B2	C0
BO	B1	C3	A0	C3	A0	C2	A0	C3	A0	C2	A0	C3	A0	C3	B1	BO
C0	В3	A0	B1	A0	B3	A0	В3	A0	В3	A0	B3	A0	B1	A0	B3	C0
BO	C2	В3	A0	B1	A0	C3	A0	A0	A0	C3	A0	B1	A0	В3	C2	BO
C0	В3	A0	B1	A0	В3	A0	В3	A0	В3	A0	B3	A0	B1	A0	В3	C0
BO	B1	C3	A0	C3	A0	C2	A0	C3	A0	C2	A0	C3	A0	C3	B1	BO
C0	B2	A0	B3	A0	В3	A0	В3	A0	B3	A0	B3	A0	В3	A0	B2	C0
	C0	B1	A0	C2	A0	C3	A0	B1	A0	C3	A0	C2	A0	B1	C0	
	CO	C1	B3	A0	В3	A0	B1	A0	B1	A0	В3	A0	В3	C1	C0	
		C0	C1	B1	A0	C3	A0	B3	A0	C3	A0	B1	C1	C0		
			C0	C0	B2	B1	B3	C2	B3	B1	B2	C0	C0			
					CO	BO	C0	BO	C0	BO	C0			-		

RELAP5 core nodes (channels)





Core Mapping





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Multi-Physics Results





Multi-Physics Results





Core Power Distribution

Accident start

					0.81	1.04	1.18	1.14	1.18	1.04	0.81					
			0.84	1.17	1.05	1.13	1.09	1.17	1.09	1.13	1.05	1.17	0.84			
		0.87	1.13	1.17	0.98	1.13	0.95	1.01	0.95	1.13	0.98	1.17	1.13	0.87		
	0.84	1.13	1.05	0.95	1.04	0.94	1.11	0.93	1.11	0.94	1.04	0.95	1.05	1.13	0.84	
	1.17	1.17	0.95	1.12	0.9	1.06	0.9	1.07	0.9	1.06	0.9	1.12	0.95	1.17	1.17	
0.81	1.05	0.98	1.04	0.9	0.96	0.85	0.94	0.85	0.94	0.85	0.96	0.9	1.04	0.98	1.05	0.8
1.04	1.13	1.13	0.94	1.06	0.85	1	0.81	0.95	0.81	1	0.85	1.06	0.94	1.13	1.13	1.0
1.18	1.09	0.95	1.11	0.9	0.94	0.81	0.86	0.77	0.86	0.81	0.94	0.9	1.11	0.95	1.09	1.1
1.14	1.17	1.01	0.93	1.07	0.85	0.95	0.77	0.76	0.77	0.95	0.85	1.07	0.93	1.01	1.17	1.1
1.18	1.09	0.95	1.11	0.9	0.94	0.81	0.86	0.77	0.86	0.81	0.94	0.9	1.11	0.95	1.09	1.1
1.04	1.13	1.13	0.94	1.06	0.85	1	0.81	0.95	0.81	1	0.85	1.06	0.94	1.13	1.13	1.0
0.81	1.05	0.98	1.04	0.9	0.96	0.85	0.94	0.85	0.94	0.85	0.96	0.9	1.04	0.98	1.05	0.8
	1.16	1.17	0.95	1.11	0.9	1.06	0.9	1.07	0.9	1.06	0.9	1.11	0.95	1.17	1.17	
	0.84	1.13	1.04	0.95	1.04	0.94	1.11	0.93	1.11	0.94	1.04	0.95	1.04	1.13	0.84	
		0.87	1.13	1.17	0.98	1.13	0.95	1.01	0.95	1.13	0.98	1.17	1.13	0.87		
			0.84	1.16	1.05	1.13	1.09	1.17	1.09	1.13	1.05	1.16	0.84			
					0.81	1.04	1.18	1.14	1.18	1.04	0.81					

Middle of the accident

					0.81	1.04	1.18	1.14	1.18	1.04	0.81					
			0.84	1.16	1.05	1.13	1.09	1.18	1.09	1.13	1.05	1.16	0.84			
		0.87	1.13	1.16	0.98	1.13	0.96	1.03	0.96	1.13	0.98	1.16	1.13	0.87		
	0.84	1.13	1.04	0.95	1.04	0.94	1.11	0.94	1.11	0.94	1.04	0.95	1.04	1.13	0.84	
	1.16	1.16	0.95	1.11	0.9	1.06	0.9	1.07	0.9	1.06	0.9	1.11	0.95	1.16	1.16	
0.81	1.05	0.98	1.04	0.9	0.96	0.85	0.94	0.85	0.94	0.85	0.96	0.9	1.04	0.97	1.05	0.8:
1.04	1.13	1.13	0.94	1.06	0.85	1.01	0.81	0.95	0.81	1.01	0.85	1.06	0.94	1.13	1.13	1.04
1.18	1.09	0.96	1.11	0.9	0.94	0.81	0.87	0.78	0.87	0.81	0.94	0.9	1.11	0.96	1.09	1.13
1.14	1.17	1.03	0.93	1.07	0.85	0.95	0.78	0.8	0.78	0.95	0.85	1.07	0.94	1.03	1.17	1.14
1.18	1.09	0.96	1.11	0.9	0.94	0.81	0.87	0.78	0.87	0.81	0.94	0.9	1.11	0.96	1.09	1.1
1.04	1.12	1.13	0.94	1.06	0.85	1	0.81	0.95	0.81	1	0.85	1.06	0.94	1.13	1.13	1.04
0.81	1.05	0.97	1.03	0.9	0.96	0.85	0.94	0.85	0.94	0.85	0.96	0.9	1.03	0.97	1.05	0.8
	1.16	1.16	0.95	1.11	0.9	1.06	0.9	1.07	0.9	1.06	0.9	1.11	0.95	1.16	1.16	
	0.84	1.12	1.04	0.95	1.03	0.94	1.11	0.93	1.11	0.94	1.03	0.95	1.04	1.12	0.84	
		0.86	1.12	1.16	0.97	1.13	0.96	1.03	0.96	1.13	0.97	1.16	1.12	0.86		
			0.83	1.16	1.04	1.12	1.09	1.17	1.09	1.12	1.04	1.16	0.84			
					0.81	1.04	1.18	1.14	1.18	1.04	0.81					

Start of rector trip

					0.8	1.04	1.18	1.14	1.18	1.03	0.8					
			0.83	1.16	1.04	1.12	1.09	1.18	1.09	1.12	1.04	1.16	0.83			
		0.86	1.12	1.16	0.97	1.13	0.96	1.06	0.96	1.13	0.97	1.16	1.12	0.86		
	0.83	1.12	1.04	0.94	1.03	0.94	1.12	0.94	1.12	0.94	1.03	0.94	1.03	1.12	0.83	
	1.16	1.16	0.94	1.11	0.9	1.06	0.91	1.08	0.91	1.06	0.9	1.11	0.94	1.16	1.16	
0.8	1.04	0.97	1.03	0.9	0.96	0.85	0.94	0.85	0.94	0.85	0.96	0.9	1.03	0.97	1.04	0.8
1.03	1.12	1.13	0.94	1.06	0.85	1.01	0.82	0.96	0.82	1.01	0.85	1.06	0.94	1.13	1.12	1.03
1.18	1.09	0.96	1.11	0.91	0.94	0.82	0.88	0.8	0.88	0.82	0.94	0.91	1.12	0.96	1.09	1.18
1.14	1.18	1.05	0.94	1.08	0.85	0.96	0.8	0.84	0.8	0.96	0.85	1.08	0.94	1.06	1.18	1.14
1.18	1.09	0.96	1.11	0.91	0.94	0.82	0.88	0.8	0.88	0.82	0.94	0.91	1.11	0.96	1.09	1.18
1.03	1.12	1.13	0.94	1.06	0.85	1.01	0.82	0.96	0.82	1.01	0.85	1.06	0.94	1.13	1.12	1.03
0.8	1.04	0.97	1.03	0.89	0.96	0.85	0.94	0.85	0.94	0.85	0.96	0.89	1.03	0.97	1.04	0.8
	1.15	1.15	0.94	1.11	0.89	1.06	0.91	1.08	0.91	1.06	0.89	1.11	0.94	1.15	1.15	
	0.83	1.12	1.03	0.94	1.03	0.94	1.11	0.94	1.11	0.94	1.03	0.94	1.03	1.12	0.83	
		0.86	1.12	1.15	0.97	1.13	0.96	1.05	0.96	1.13	0.97	1.15	1.12	0.86		
			0.83	1.15	1.04	1.12	1.09	1.18	1.09	1.12	1.04	1.15	0.83			
					0.8	1.03	1.18	1.14	1.18	1.03	0.8					



Core Power Distribution

Start of reactor trip

					0.8	1.04	1.18	1.14	1.18	1.03	0.8					
			0.83	1.16	1.04	1.12	1.09	1.18	1.09	1.12	1.04	1.16	0.83			
		0.86	1.12	1.16	0.97	1.13	0.96	1.06	0.96	1.13	0.97	1.16	1.12	0.86		
	0.83	1.12	1.04	0.94	1.03	0.94	1.12	0.94	1.12	0.94	1.03	0.94	1.03	1.12	0.83	
	1.16	1.16	0.94	1.11	0.9	1.06	0.91	1.08	0.91	1.06	0.9	1.11	0.94	1.16	1.16	
0.8	1.04	0.97	1.03	0.9	0.96	0.85	0.94	0.85	0.94	0.85	0.96	0.9	1.03	0.97	1.04	0.
1.03	1.12	1.13	0.94	1.06	0.85	1.01	0.82	0.96	0.82	1.01	0.85	1.06	0.94	1.13	1.12	1.0
1.18	1.09	0.96	1.11	0.91	0.94	0.82	0.88	0.8	0.88	0.82	0.94	0.91	1.12	0.96	1.09	1.1
1.14	1.18	1.05	0.94	1.08	0.85	0.96	0.8	0.84	0.8	0.96	0.85	1.08	0.94	1.06	1.18	1.1
1.18	1.09	0.96	1.11	0.91	0.94	0.82	0.88	0.8	0.88	0.82	0.94	0.91	1.11	0.96	1.09	1.1
1.03	1.12	1.13	0.94	1.06	0.85	1.01	0.82	0.96	0.82	1.01	0.85	1.06	0.94	1.13	1.12	1.0
0.8	1.04	0.97	1.03	0.89	0.96	0.85	0.94	0.85	0.94	0.85	0.96	0.89	1.03	0.97	1.04	0.
	1.15	1.15	0.94	1.11	0.89	1.06	0.91	1.08	0.91	1.06	0.89	1.11	0.94	1.15	1.15	
	0.83	1.12	1.03	0.94	1.03	0.94	1.11	0.94	1.11	0.94	1.03	0.94	1.03	1.12	0.83	
		0.86	1.12	1.15	0.97	1.13	0.96	1.05	0.96	1.13	0.97	1.15	1.12	0.86		
			0.83	1.15	1.04	1.12	1.09	1.18	1.09	1.12	1.04	1.15	0.83			
					0.8	1.03	1.18	1.14	1.18	1.03	0.8					

Middle of the trip

					0.87	1.13	1.27	1.2	1.27	1.13	0.87					
			0.9	1.23	1.08	1.18	1.13	1.24	1.13	1.18	1.08	1.23	0.89			
		0.89	1.18	1.18	0.99	1.12	0.97	1.06	0.97	1.12	0.99	1.18	1.18	0.89		
	0.9	1.18	1.04	0.94	1	0.92	1.07	0.92	1.07	0.92	1	0.94	1.04	1.18	0.89	
	1.23	1.18	0.94	1.06	0.87	1.03	0.87	1	0.87	1.03	0.87	1.06	0.94	1.18	1.23	
0.87	1.08	0.99	1	0.87	0.9	0.81	0.86	0.8	0.86	0.81	0.9	0.87	1	0.99	1.08	0.8
1.13	1.18	1.12	0.92	1.03	0.81	0.91	0.76	0.9	0.76	0.91	0.81	1.03	0.92	1.12	1.18	1.1
1.27	1.13	0.97	1.07	0.87	0.86	0.76	0.79	0.74	0.79	0.76	0.86	0.87	1.07	0.97	1.13	1.2
1.2	1.24	1.06	0.92	1	0.8	0.9	0.74	0.76	0.74	0.9	0.8	1	0.92	1.06	1.24	1.2
1.27	1.13	0.97	1.07	0.86	0.86	0.76	0.79	0.74	0.79	0.76	0.86	0.87	1.07	0.97	1.13	1.2
1.12	1.18	1.12	0.92	1.03	0.8	0.91	0.76	0.9	0.76	0.91	0.8	1.03	0.92	1.12	1.18	1.1
0.87	1.07	0.98	1	0.87	0.89	0.8	0.86	0.8	0.86	0.8	0.89	0.87	1	0.98	1.08	0.8
	1.23	1.17	0.94	1.06	0.87	1.03	0.86	1	0.86	1.03	0.87	1.06	0.94	1.17	1.23	
	0.89	1.17	1.04	0.94	1	0.92	1.07	0.92	1.07	0.92	1	0.94	1.04	1.17	0.89	
		0.89	1.17	1.17	0.98	1.12	0.97	1.06	0.97	1.12	0.98	1.17	1.17	0.89		
			0.89	1.23	1.07	1.18	1.13	1.24	1.13	1.18	1.07	1.23	0.89			
					0.87	1.12	1.27	1.2	1.27	1.12	0.87					

End of rector trip

				0.92	1.21	1.29	1.06	1.29	1.21	0.92						
			0.93	1.25	0.99	1.2	1.04	1.23	1.04	1.2	0.99	1.25	0.93			
		0.79	1.16	1.07	0.97	1.03	0.99	1.1	0.99	1.03	0.97	1.07	1.16	0.79		
	0.93	1.16	0.94	0.92	0.93	0.95	1.02	0.95	1.02	0.95	0.93	0.92	0.94	1.16	0.93	
	1.25	1.07	0.92	0.99	0.9	1.11	0.91	0.97	0.91	1.11	0.9	0.99	0.92	1.07	1.25	
0.92	0.99	0.97	0.93	0.9	0.88	0.86	0.86	0.86	0.86	0.86	0.88	0.9	0.93	0.97	0.99	0.92
1.2	1.2	1.03	0.95	1.11	0.86	0.91	0.83	1.02	0.83	0.91	0.86	1.11	0.95	1.03	1.2	1.21
1.29	1.04	0.99	1.02	0.91	0.86	0.83	0.82	0.85	0.82	0.83	0.86	0.91	1.02	0.99	1.04	1.29
1.06	1.23	1.1	0.95	0.96	0.86	1.02	0.85	0.88	0.85	1.02	0.86	0.97	0.95	1.1	1.23	1.06
1.29	1.04	0.98	1.02	0.91	0.86	0.83	0.82	0.85	0.82	0.83	0.86	0.91	1.02	0.99	1.04	1.29
1.2	1.2	1.03	0.95	1.11	0.86	0.91	0.83	1.02	0.83	0.91	0.86	1.11	0.95	1.03	1.2	1.21
0.92	0.99	0.97	0.93	0.9	0.87	0.86	0.86	0.86	0.86	0.86	0.87	0.9	0.93	0.97	0.99	0.92
	1.25	1.07	0.92	0.99	0.9	1.11	0.91	0.96	0.91	1.11	0.9	0.99	0.92	1.07	1.25	
	0.93	1.16	0.94	0.92	0.93	0.95	1.02	0.95	1.02	0.95	0.93	0.92	0.94	1.16	0.93	
		0.79	1.16	1.07	0.97	1.03	0.98	1.1	0.98	1.03	0.97	1.07	1.16	0.79		
			0.93	1.25	0.99	1.2	1.04	1.23	1.04	1.2	0.99	1.25	0.93			
					0.92	1.2	1.29	1.06	1.29	1.2	0.92					



Conclusion

- Model Development
 - **TH Model validated against DCD** using the point kinetics model and conservative assumptions
 - NK Model validated against DCD
- Multiphysics simulation of CEA withdrawal accident
 - **Realistic results** achieved via RELAP5/3DKIN two-way coupling
 - Uneven reactivity distribution in the core detected more precisely
 - Simulation provides a larger safety margin, bringing more operational flexibility
 - Model tuning for more precise results is under development



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