

MELCOR code use for uncertainty and sensitivity analysis of severe accident with operator actions

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VVER-1000 Uncertainty Analysis Overview

Overview

• Part of the work is performed in the frames of MUSA project

MUSA

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Results

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MELCOR model

Approach

• Simple fast running model

RCS

• Single + triple loop

Reactor

• Simple + 6 CV core

Secondary

• Simple SGs

Containment

• All compartments + cavity



Reactor + HAs

→→→ to CV316 133

110

from CV107 114

PRZR + bubbler

119

118

117

116

139

129



Loop1 + SG1 primary



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MELCOR model

Cavities

- CAV1 under reactor
- CAV2 on containment floor

Containment venting

• FL with filter

Model preliminary testing

- LOOP
- LB LOCA
- SB LOCA





MELCOR model

Core model

- 3 rings
- 6 CV COR
- 10 axial for fuel part





Unit

• VVER-1000

Initial Event

Station Blackout

Operator actions

 Open 3, 2 or 1 PORVs after enter SAMG (450C CET + delay)

Features/Failures

- CNT venting operable (setpoints 5-3kgf/cm2, Decontamination Factor 1000)
- No ECCS
- No CNT sprays
- 1 day sequence time

Code

• MELCOR 2.2.21402

Uncertainty tool

• SUSA 4.0

Number of runs

 100 for mixed PORVs number (additional 100 for 3 PORVs open, 100 for 2 PORVs open, 100 for 1 PORV open)

Method

- Uncertainty propagation approach
- Wilks 2nd order (93 runs min)
- Latin Hypercube sampling
- Failed cases are restarted with Dtmax change or small other params change



Uncertainty parameters categories analyzed

- Source term phenomena
- Core heat-up
- Core degradation
- In-core thermal-hydraulics
- Corium downward motion / Corium slumping
- Corium/debris transfer to cavity
- MCCI
- Containment thermal-hydraulics
- Containment leak
- Hydrogen combustion
- Containment venting
- Equipment setpoints
- SAM (PORV opening)
- Numerics

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Methods and references

- State-of-art NUREGs
- Experiment reports
- MUSA project experience
- MELCOR code manuals
- Engineering judgment (EJ)

Uncertainty parameters

- 43 total
- All independent



Uncertainty parameters

• 43 total

| Note* | Name | Short description | | Range of Variation | PDF Type |
|--------|--------------------|---|-------|--------------------------------------|----------|
| Par. # | | | value | | |
| 1 | RN1_GAP00_CLFAIL | Gap Release Temperature | 1173 | CLFAIL = 1173 +/-100 K | Uniform |
| 2 | RN_CHI | Dynamic shape factor | | CHI = 1.0 - 2.0 | Uniform |
| 3 | RN_RHONOM | Aerosol density | | RHONOM = 1000-4120 kg/m ³ | Uniform |
| 4 | RN_FSLIP | Slip factor | 1.257 | FSLIP = 1.257 +/- 20% | Uniform |
| 5 | RN_STICK | Sticking coefficient | 0.75 | STICK = 0.5-1.0 | Uniform |
| 6 | RN_FTHERM | Thermal accommodation coefficient | 2.25 | FTHERM = 2.25 +/-20% | Uniform |
| 7 | RN2_FLT_DFG | Global decontamination factor | 1000 | DFG= default +/- 20% | Uniform |
| 8 | COR_FCELR | Radial radiation exchange factor | 0.1 | FCELR = 0.1 +/- 0.05 | Uniform |
| 9 | COR_FCELA | Axial radiation exchange factor | 0.1 | FCELA = 0.1 +/- 0.05 | Uniform |
| 10 | COR_SC1104_3 | Cladding emissivity | 0.81 | SC1104(3) = 0.81 +/-20% | Uniform |
| 11 | COR_SC1104_5 | Cladding emissivity | 0.76 | SC1104(5) = 0.76 +/-20% | Uniform |
| 12 | COR_SC1104_1 | Cladding emissivity | 0.325 | SC1104(1) = 0.325 +/-20% | Uniform |
| 13 | DCH_TFSCAL | Thermal decay heat multiplier | 1 | TFSCAL = 1.0 +/- 0.1 | Uniform |
| 14 | COR_OX_SC1001(1,2) | Metallic Cladding Oxidation Rate Constant Coefficient, steam | 26.7 | SC1001(1,2) = 26.7 +/- 20% | Uniform |
| 15 | COR_OX_SC1001(3,2) | Metallic Cladding Oxidation Rate Constant Coefficient, oxygen | 26.7 | SC1001(3,2) = 26.7 +/- 20% | Uniform |
| 16 | COR_OX_SC1001(3,1) | Metallic Cladding Oxidation Rate Constant Coefficient, oxygen | 87.9 | SC1001(3,1) = 87.9 +/- 20% | Uniform |
| 17 | COR_OX_SC1001(1,1) | Metallic Cladding Oxidation Rate Constant Coefficient, steam | 29.6 | SC1001(1,1) = 29.6 +/- 20% | Uniform |
| 18 | COR_EUT_TM | UO2-ZrO2 eutectics | 2500 | COR_EUT, TM = 2500 K +/- 100 K | Uniform |

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| 19 | COR_SC1131(2) | Maximum ZrO2 temperature permitted to hold up molten Zr in CL | 2400 | SC1131(2) = 2400 K +/- 100 K | Uniform |
| 20 | COR_SC1132(1) | Temperature to which oxidized fuel rods can stand in the absence of unoxidized Zr in the cladding | 2600 | SC1132(1) = 2600 K +/- 100 K (UNIFORM) | Uniform |
| 21 | COR_TSSFAI | Supporting structure failure temperature | 1273 | TSSFAI = 1273 K +/- 100 K | Uniform |
| 22 | COR_CMT_FUOZR | Transport parameter for UO2 in molten Zircaloy | 0.2 | FUOZR = 0.2 +/- 0.1 | Uniform |
| 23 | COR_CHT_HFRZZR | Refreezing heat transfer coefficient for Zircaloy | 7500 | HFRZZR = 7500 +/- 5000 W/m ² /K | Uniform |
| 24 | COR_CHT_HFRZZX | Refreezing heat transfer coefficient for ZrO2 | 7500 | HFRZZX = 7500 +/- 5000 W/m ² /K | Uniform |
| 25 | COR_CHT_HFRZUO | Refreezing heat transfer coefficient for UO2 | 7500 | HFRZUO = 7500 +/- 5000 W/m ² /K | Uniform |
| 26 | COR_EDR_DHYPD_CORE | Particulate Debris Equivalent Diameter (Core Region) | 0.01 | For core region DHYPD = $0.01m + - 0.005m$ | Uniform |
| 27 | COR_EDR_DHYPD_LP | Particulate Debris Equivalent Diameter | 0.002 | DHYPD = 0.002m +/- 0.001m | Uniform |
| 28 | COR_ZP_PORDP | Porosity of particulate debris | 0.4 | PORDP = 0.4 +/- 0.1 | Uniform |
| 29 | COR_LP_HDBH2O | HTC from in-vessel falling debris to pool | 2000 | HDBH2O = 2000 +/- 1000 W/m ² /K | Uniform |
| 30 | COR_LP_VFALL | Velocity of falling debris | 0.01 | VFALL = 0.01 +/- 0.005 | Uniform |
| 31 | CVH_SC4407(1) | Pool bubble rise velocity | 0.3 | SC4407(1) = 0.3 m/s +/- 0.1 m/s | Uniform |
| 32 | CVH_SC4407(11) | Pool maximum void fraction | 0.4 | CVH, SC4407(11) = 0.4 +/- 0.1 | Uniform |
| 33 | CAV_RT_NCFREL | Overflow height from CAV1 to CAV2 | 0.325 | NCFREL = 0.15-0.5 m | Uniform |
| 34 | CONT_LEAK_AREA_MUL | Containment leak area multiplier | 1 | Area VALUE +/- 50% | Uniform |
| 35 | PAR_EFF_FACTOR | PARs model efficiency multiplier | 1 | PAR, VALUE +/- 20% | Uniform |

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| 36 | CFVS_Open_P | CFVS opening pressure setpoint | 5 | nominal setpoint of 5 bar +/-10% | Uniform | |
| 37 | DTMAX | Maximum timestep | 0.105 | DTMAX = 0.01 0.2 s | Uniform | |
| 38 | PORV1_AVAIL | PRZ PORV availability | | 3 | PORV amount operable | Discrete |
| 39 | PORV_OP_DELAY | Time delay for manual RCS depressurization PORV after CET increase above 450 C | n via PRZ | 1350 † | delay 0-2700s | Uniform |
| 40 | COR_SC1020(1) | Radial debris relocation time constant (solid deb | 360 | TSPRS = 180-540 | Uniform | |
| 41 | COR_SC1020(2) | Radial debris relocation time constant (molten de | 60 | TSPRM = 30-90 | Uniform | |
| 42 | CDISPN | Discharge coefficient for ejection of debris | | 1 | CDISPN = 0.5-1.5 | Uniform |
| 43 | GAMMA | Agglomeration shape factor | | 2 | RN, GAMMA = 1.0 3.0 | Uniform |
| | | | / | | | |
| Maximum calculation Timestep | | Number of PRZ SVs open with F probability: (| PRZ SVs operator | open del action) | ay | |
| ENULO Mastian | | 3 PORVs open 0.729 2 PORVs open 0.243 1 PORV open 0.027 0 PORVs open 0.001 | | | | |



Uncertainty Analysis FOMs

Variables of interest (Figures of Merits, FOMs)

- Xe release to environment (MUSA)
- Cs release to environment (MUSA)
- Cs airborn in containment
- Gap release time
- H2 generation in core
- H2 generation in cavities
- CFVS open time
- LH failure time
- Cavity ablation depth
- CFVS filter thermal load (aerosols)

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MELCOR Runs

Sampled number PORVs open

"Mixed" PORVs set

- 3, 2 or 1 PORV open (sampled)
- Other UPs sampled
- Total 100 runs

"Mixed" PORVs set

- 3 PORVs 72 sequences
- 2 PORVs 25 sequences
- 1 PORV 3 sequences

Fixed number PORVs open

3 PORVs set

- Fixed 3 PORVs open
- Other UPs sampled
- Total 100 runs

2 PORVs set

- Fixed 2 PORVs open
- Other UPs sampled
- Total 100 runs

1 PORV set

- Fixed 3 PORVs open
- Other UPs sampled
- Total 100 runs

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MELCOR Runs

MELCOR 100 runs statistics ("mixed" PORVs)

without restarts (<u>easy cases</u>)
with restarts (DT change) (<u>medium cases</u>)
with restarts (DT + param. change) (<u>hard cases</u>)



MELCOR runs performance



MELCOR Runs

TH typical behavior

- Main difference for 3, 2 and 1 PORVs open
- Below cases with central UPs
- HAs are injecting (P<60kgf/cm2)

RCS pressure

- 3 PORVS faster decrease
- 2 PORVS smooth decrease
- 1 PORV periodical decreaseincrease (long periods)



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Uncertainty Analysis Results Example

Uncertainty analysis results example (H2 generation in reactor)

Can be given as mean with tolerance limits • (0.95, 0.95)

"Mixed" PORVs set

- Mean
- Median
- TL
- Std. dev.

503kg 369kg, 812kg

529kg

106kg



Hydrogen generated in the core, kg (runs)

Hydrogen generated in the core



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Sensitivity analysis results (Pearsons, H2 generated in reactor)





Scalar sensitivity analysis



Scalar sensitivity analysis

Consequence 2 (no Transf.); 43 parameters considered; n =100; R**2=0.7629

Outcomes:

- Each equipment configuration has its own main sensitivities
- Mixed analysis sensitivities are VERY different

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H2 generated in reactor, scatter plots



Outcomes:

- MELCOR results scatter
- H2 depends on DTmax for 3 PORVs
- Scatter plots are useful



Example scatter plots (high VS low scatter results)

moderate scatter



low scatter



2 PORVs open (100runs) H2 in cavities from Decay heat 1 PORV open (100runs) H2 in cavities from Decay heat

high scatter

1 PORV open (100runs) Gap release time from Decay heat

Outcomes:

- MELCOR results scatter depends on parameters and time
- Sequence-dependent sensitivities



70000

60000

50000

30000

20000

10000

٠

40000 E 30000

CFVS open time, scatter plots (dep. on Open setpoint and **Decay heat)**

Outcomes:

- CFVS can open early and later
- With increase of decay heat open time decreases



DCH TFSCAL, #13

2 PORVs open (100runs)





70000



RV failure time, scatter plots (from Decay heat)



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RV failure time, scatter plots (from DTMAX - timestep)



CAV1 ablation depth, scatter plots (from Overflow height)

Outcomes:

- For 3 PORVs statistically ablation in CAV1 is stopped for overflow height less than 0.25m with maximal ablation depth 0.46m
- For 2 PORVs cases statistically ablation in CAV1 is stopped for overflow height less than 0.29m with max ablation depth 0.48m

Code-model numerical noise/scatter

3 PORVs sensitivity

0.10

DTMAX, s

0.11

0.12

Code/model numerical noise/scatter estimation

- Performed for 3 PORVs with 0.1s base DTmax ٠
- DTmax is changed by 1e-8s ... 0.02s both ways ullet
- Analyzed only calcs without code stop (one-٠ through)

800

750

700

650

600

550

500

450

400

350

300

250

200

0.07

0.08

0.09

H₂ mass, kg

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Code-model numerical noise/scatter

Code/model numerical noise/scatter estimation

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Code-model numerical noise/scatter

Code/model numerical noise/scatter estimation

Outcomes:

- The code result <u>does NOT</u>
 <u>converge</u> to base value (always scattered, tends to decrease)
- This scatter is **anavoidable**
- Scatter of MELCOR results CAN NOT be LESS than code/model noise
- Scatter <u>can mask</u> the correlation

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Code-model failure rate

Code/model success statistics

- Performed for 3 PORVs noise
- Successful and failed cases statistics

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Outcomes:

- Total 221 cases run, 77 success (35%), 144 failed (65%)
- Code fails in decreasing order of priority at
 - Core degradation phase
 - Early ex-vessel phase
 - Early TH phase
 - Late ex-vessel phase

Importance parameters ranking for FOMs

Can be used to estimate:

- Parameter important or not
- Areas of deeper modeling needed
- Areas of simpler modeling

Examples of LOW sensitivity

- Time of gap release from actions delay (1 PORV)
- LH failure time from decay heat (2 PORVs)

Importance parameters ranking for FOMs

Examples of HIGH sensitivity

- Ablation depth in cavity from melt overflow height (3 PORVs)
- H2 generated in cavity from melt overflow height (3 PORVs)

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Important parameters for FOMs (table below)

- Detectable high sensitivity in MELCOR calculations
- In table N PORVs for sensitive cases
- Other sensitivities are not detected (<0.2)
- Reasons not detecting No any OR code-model scatter

| Param. | Хе | Cs | Gap | H2 | H2 | CFVS | LH time | CAV | CFVS |
|---------------------------|---------|---------|-------|---------|----------|-------|---------|-------|------|
| | release | release | time | reactor | cavities | time | | abl. | load |
| #13, Decay heat | 3,2,1 | 2,1 | 3,2,1 | 2 | 3,2,1 | 3,2,1 | 3,1 | | 2,1 |
| #20, Zr upper Temperature | | | | 3 | | | | | |
| #28, COR porosity | | | | 2 | | | | | |
| #33, CAV overflow height | 2 | | | | 3,2,1 | | | 3,2,1 | |
| #36, CFVS open P | | | | | | 3,2,1 | | | |
| #37, DTMAX | | | | 3 | | | | | |
| #39, PORV open delay | | 1 | 3 | 1 | | | | | 1 |

SAMGs optimization

- Use of population MEAN values ۲
- Lowest Cs release to ENV for 3 PORVs (optimal) ٠
- Lowest H2 generation for 3 PORVs (optimal) ٠
- Lowest CFVS filter load for 3 PORVs (optimal) ۲
- But for 3 PORVs the earliest RV failure ! (optimal?) •

400

350

300

250

200

150

100

50

0

10000

thermal load, kWt

Filter

Mean, 3 PORVs

Mean, 2 PORVs

Mean. 1 PORVs

Mean. mixed PORVs

20000

30000

Cs release to environment, %

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MELCOR Uncertainty/Sensitivity Analysis Applications

SAMGs optimization

- Scatter plot of analysis can show optimal areas of actions
- Example for gap release time
- For operator delay 0...600s the gap release is always later (optimal)
- Strategy choice justification

Gap release time depending on PORV operator actions delay

Setpoints optimization

- Scatter plot of analysis can show optimal setpoints
- Example for CFVS open time
- Setpoint >5.3kgf/cm² would statistically exclude early CFVS opening for 3 PORVs

CFVS open time (FOM7) depending on parameter #36 (CFVS_Open_P - CFVS opening pressure setpoint)

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MELCOR Uncertainty/Sensitivity Analysis Applications

Sensitivity analysis for code improvement

- Performed for 3 PORVs
- See the time-dependent correlation analysis for H2 generated in core

PCC for hydrogen generated in the core

Outcomes:

- Correlation to DTmax starts to grow at early ex-vessel phase
- MELCOR code H2 in core generation algorithm should be <u>checked</u> at this phase

Conclusions

MELCOR concerned conclusions

- MELCOR code is a **powerful** integral tool for uncertainty/sensitivity analysis
- MELCOR results have **anavoidable** scatter (verified)
- MELCOR scatter is **different** for different parameters and can mask the correlations
- MELCOR scatter range **increases** with transient progression (high after core damage)
- MELCOR UA results are powerful for SAMG optimization in statistical manner
- MELCOR run failures rate depends on the modeling but still significant
- MELCOR sensitivity analysis can be used for code **improvement**
- MELCOR application results are presented in CSARP in-kind report "Uncertainty and Sensitivity Analysis for VVER-1000 SBO Accident with Personnel Actions by MELCOR code. Methods, Insights and Conclusions"

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