

# Licensing Analysis of RPV and BOP Blowdown for the Event of FWLB with RELAP5-3D/K for Lungmen ABWR Containment Design

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- Conventionally, the limiting break for BWR containment design is the recirculation line break.
- In the ABWR design, the jet pumps driven by the recirculation loops are replaced by the reactor internal pumps (RIPs).
- As a result, the limiting break for ABWR containment design shifts to the Feedwater Line Break (FWLB).



## Introduction





# **Essential Processes to be calculated**

- (1) Critical flow at the break ends or the internals, such as FW sparger and venturi;
- (2) Flashing of RPV inventory and FW near the break;
- (3) Run out and coast down of the FW pumps;
- (4) Steam extractions to FW heaters and FWP turbines;
- (5) Flashing of saturated water initially stored inside the FW heater shell sides and MSR drain tanks;
- (6) Energy release from saturated water and system metal,
- (7) Cold water transportation from the main condenser to the break; and
- (8) ECC injections and associated level variations.



# System Modeling with RELAP5-3D -Modeling Scope-



**NPP4 System Simulation Diagram** 

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## **Modeling of RPV and Steam Lines**



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### **Modeling of Main Steam & Turbine Systems**



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## **Modeling of Inboard & Outboard Breaks**



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# **Initial Conditions**

Parameter	Initial Value (INER)	Initial Value (GE)
Reactor Thermal	4005.0	4005.0
Power [MWt]	(102 %)	(102%)
RPV Dome	7.31	7.31
Pressure [MPa]	(102 %)	(102%)
RPV Core Flow	16,107	16,110
[kg/s]	(111.1 %)	(111.1%)
RPV Narrow Range Water	426.0	427.0
Steam and Feedwater Flow [kg/s]	2177.8 (102 %)	2174.0 (102%)
Feedwater	216.9	216.9
Temperature [°C]	(102 %)	(102%)

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# **Sensitivity Studies**

### **RPV modeling:** (1) initial core flow



Effect of Core Flow on the Initial RPV Inventory

Effect of Initial Core Flow on the Accumulated RPV Blowdown Mass



# □*Plant Operations*

Extraction steam continues to enter the feedwater heater and the feedwater pump turbines until steam inventory is depleted or blocked by the non-return valves designed to protect main turbines;

≻Non-safety systems and components are assumed to fail in ways that maximum the amount of water mass and energy blowdown;

➢ Feedwater flow to the vessel through the unbroken line continues intermittently through the event, depending on the feedwater line and RPV pressures.

➤MSIVs will be fully closed within 3.0-4.5 seconds[3-4], and 3.0 seconds is conservatively assumed for inboard break (RPV and BOP blowdown);

After 30 minutes after break for long term blowdown calculation, HPCF and RCIC injections will be terminated and LPFL injection will be regulated to maintain water level between L-2 and L-8.

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# □ Modeling Assumptions

Homogeneous Moody model is applied to calculate blowdown flow rate;

The effects of internal choking at Venturi of FW system and Spargers inside RPV are considered;

The pump curves of flow run out are used to model the FWPs;

➢Flashing of water depressurized below its saturation point and the associated effect of flashing on steam supply are considered;

The effect of stored heat from metal and saturated water stored in feedwater heater shell sides on the feedwater heating are considered;



# **D***RPV* Short-Term Inboard Break

### Sequence of Events of FWLB Inboard Break

Time [s]	Events
0.000	Feedwater line break.
0.310	L-4 and 10 RIPs Runback (L-4 + 0.0s, not apply).
5.000	Reactor scram by drywell high pressure (Assumption).
5.393	L-3, Trip of 4 RIPs without MG set $(L-3 + 0.0s)$ .
12.629	L-8, Turbine trip (L-8 + 0.0s, not apply), and Feedwater pump turbine trip (L-8 + 0.0s, not apply).
19.268	MSIVs closure by main steam line low pressure.
26.742	L-2, Trip of 3 RIPs with MG set $(L-2 + 0.0s)$ .
31.000	HPCF startup complete (Drywell high pressure + 26.0s).
32.742	Trip of other RIPs with MG set $(L-2 + 6.0s)$ .
34.000	RCIC startup complete (Drywell high pressure + 29.0s).
41.000	LPFL startup complete (Drywell high pressure + 36.0s).

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# **D***RPV* Short-Term Inboard Break

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Break Flow from RPV Side

**Break Flow Enthalpy from RPV Side** 

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# **QRPV** Short-Term Inboard Break

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**Reactor Water Levels** 

**ECC Injection Flows** 

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**Pressure Responses before and after MSIV** 

Flows through both the Intact and Broken FW Lines

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#### **Feedwater Pump Run out Speed**

**BOP Blowdown Flow Rate** 

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# □BOP Short-Term Inboard Break

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**Extraction Steam Flow from Low Pressure Turbine** 

**Feewater Heater Shell Side Pressures** 

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# □BOP Short-Term Inboard Break

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**BOP Blowdown Enthalpy** 

Comparison BOP Blowdown Enthalpy against PSAR Curve

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**BOP** Short-Term Inboard Break

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**Comparison of the Blowdown Flow against PSAR Curve**  Comparison of the Accumulated Blowdown Energy against PSAR

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- The blowdown licensing analysis of FWLB have been successfully analyzed by the advanced RELAP5-3D/K, which include
  - Inboard & Outboard break
  - RPV & BOP blodwodn
  - Short term & long term
- All essential processes involved can be adequately simulated by RELAP5-3D/K:
  - (1) critical flow at the break ends or the internals,
  - (2) flashing of RPV inventory and FW near the break,
  - (3) run out and coast down of the FW pumps;
  - (4) steam extractions to FW heaters and FWP turbines;
  - (5) flashing of saturated water initially stored inside systems;
  - (6) energy release from saturated water and system metal,
  - (7) cold water transportation from condenser to the break; and
  - (8) ECC injections and associated level variations.

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- Through comparisons against the PSAR curves for the inboard break, it was observed that
  - The revised accumulated blowdown mass can be bounded in the first 180 seconds,
  - The revised accumulated blowdown energy can only be bounded in the first 120 seconds.

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## □ What is the LPFL Injection Bypass?

- A two-phase mixture water column with cold ECC water above might exist in the DCM during a FWLB event.
- The effective hydraulic head of this mixture water is not enough to bring the DCM water into the core core.
- Once DCM water level ascends to the FW rings, all the LPFL injection water will be directly driven to the break without entering the core shroud.

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## Special Issue of LPFL Injection Bypass

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# Special Issue of LPFL Injection Bypass

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**RPV Water Level Responses** 

**Balance of RPV Boundary Flows** 

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