

TROI

Phenomenological Studies of Steam Explosions Triggered by an External Trigger in the TROI Experiment

150

가

TROI

(PETN 1g)

15.0MPa

180kN

Abstract

A steam explosion resulting from an interaction between molten material and coolant may occur not only spontaneously, but also externally by external triggering factors. In order to study this phenomenon, an external trigger was applied to the TROI steam explosion experiment. The external trigger led to a triggered steam explosion, as it was applied before a possible triggering of a spontaneous steam explosion. In this paper, both a spontaneous steam explosion test and a triggered steam explosion test using an external trigger are described. An explosive (PETN 1g) was used as the external trigger and it successfully triggered a steam explosion. From this triggered steam explosion test, the maximum dynamic pressure and dynamic load recorded 15.0MPa and 180kN, respectively.

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[5, 6, 7],

[8, 9, 10]

[11].

[5, 6, 7]

ANL ZREX
zirconia

[4]

JRC-Ispra

FARO/KROTOS

TROI [12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18] zirconia
가

2. TROI

TROI 1 , , ,
($>3000\text{K}$)
가 (Cold crucible) 가 가 가
150kW, 50kHz UO₂
ZrO₂가 70 : 30
가
, 가
, underwater dynamic pressure sensor 가
, 가 60cm, 120cm, 1cm
가 TROI-33 , 60cm, 150cm,
2cm TROI-34 . 가
PETN 1g , 15cm
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가 current
pulse generator 40V, 6A . TROI-34
1
가 2
(IRCON 1500~3500°C) . TROI-33 TROI-34
(grey-body condition) 가
K-type 가
(Piezoelectric pressure transducer, PCB Piezotronics Inc., Model
112A, maximum range: 60MPa 20MPa)가
,
underwater dynamic pressure transducer(PCB Model W138A26, maximum range : 160MPa)
, (Druck Co., Model PMP4060, maximum range: 3.5MPa, Rosemount model 1511:
2.0MPa)가
,
(PCB Model W217B, maximum range : 500kN)
VXI system(Agilent Technology)
가
Phantom V4.0 512×512 pixel 1000 frames/sec . CCD

가 () .
 가 가 Zr 가 , 가 가 가 가 .
 가 가 가 , 가
 plug
 plug ,
 puncher ,
 triggering ,
 current pulse generator

3. TROI

70 : 30 (UO₂ : ZrO₂) TROI-33 TROI-34
 . TROI-33 12.230kg 67cm 가
 . TROI-34 10.520kg
 67cm 32K
 가 가 1.17
 . TROI-33 TROI-34 2

3.1. TROI-33

TROI-33 18.880kg UO₂ ZrO₂ (70:30 , UO₂ : ZrO₂)
 . 12.230kg , 67cm
 가 60cm 가 ,
 . 2 IRCON 2
 , 3700K 가 ,
 가
 (trigger , t = 0.000) 6781.6052
 3
 . 4
 가 IVT201
 IVT205 가 6782.925 6782.905
 triggering 1.32 1.30 가 .
 triggering 1.30
 .
 5 , 9.0MPa

IVDP103 UWDP101 , UWDP101
가 가
6 5 bubble growth
[19]. UWDP101 가 4
, 가 bubble
bubble 1.2705 가 ,
bubble UWDP101
, IVDP103 가
가 1.2745 IVDP103 3MPa
가 , UWDP101 가 bubble
IVDP103

3.2. TROI-34

TROI-34 60cm
10.520kg 32K , 67cm
7 3670K
가 가
5409.832 8
1.17
9 가
9.0MPa 1.1775 , 1.1782 15.0MPa
가 가 ,
calibration ,
10 1.27
10 1.285 , 10MPa
TROI-34 calibration time
delay 가 11 TROI-
34 , 180kN 14ms
1.1776

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TROI-33 TROI-34

- 70 : 30 (UO₂ : ZrO₂)

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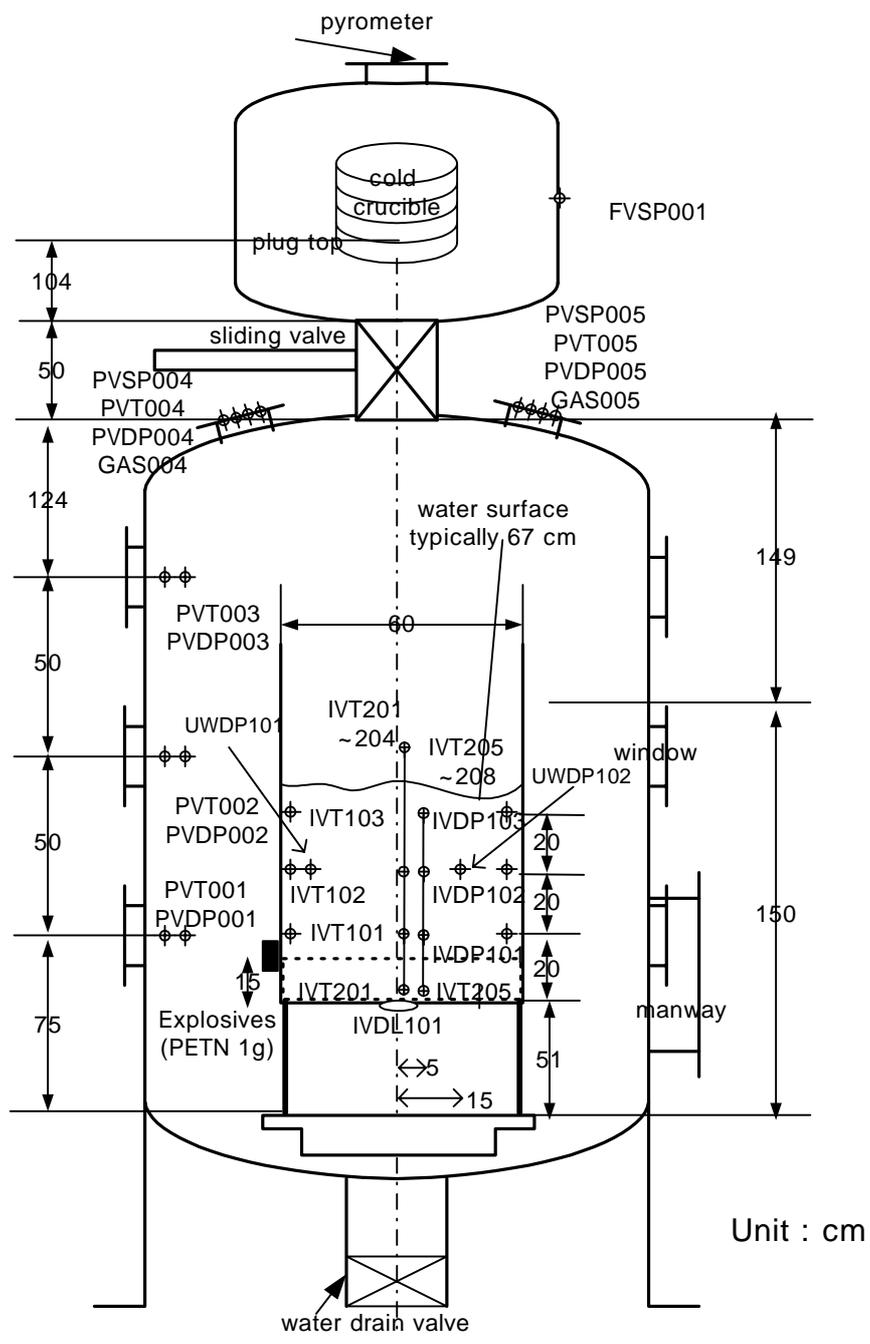
1. Sensor descriptions in the TROI-34 test

| Parameter | Sensing location | Sensor description |
|--|-------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Melt temperature | Top window | IRCON pyrometer (1500 ~ 3500°C) |
| Coolant temperature | IVT101 ~ IVT103 | 0.5mm, Thermocouple |
| Dynamic pressure in the coolant | IVDP101 ~ IVDP103 | PCB model 112A <60MPa |
| Under-water dynamic pressure | UWDP101 ~ UWDP102 | PCB model W138A26 <160MPa |
| Dynamic load at the test section bottom | IVDL101 | PCB model W217B <500kN |
| Ambient temperature in the pressure vessel | PVT001 ~ PVT005 | 1.0mm, Thermocouple |
| Static pressure in the furnace vessel | FVSP001 | Rosemount model 1511 <2.0MPa |
| Static pressure in the pressure vessel | PVSP004, PVSP005 | Druck model PMP4060 <3.5MPa |
| Dynamic pressure in the pressure vessel | PVDP004, PVDP005 | PCB model 112A <20MPa |
| Melt velocity | IVT201 ~ IVT208 | 0.5mm, Thermocouple |
| Gas Sampling for Hydrogen detection | GAS005 | Gas sampling bottle |
| FCI phenomena visualization | 13 windows available | 30pps videos and 1000pps video |

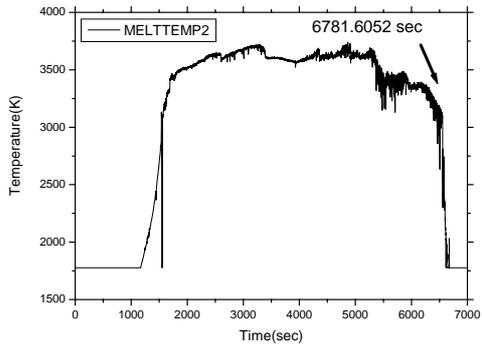
2. Initial conditions & results of the TROI tests

| | TROI test number | Unit | 33 | 34 |
|--------------------|---|-------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Melt | Initial Charge Composition | [w/o] | 69/30/1 | 69/30/1 |
| | UO ₂ / ZrO ₂ / Zr | | | |
| | Temperature | [K] | 3700 (max) | 3670 (max) |
| | Charged mass | [kg] | 18.880 | 17.130 |
| | Initiator mass | [kg] | 0.15 | 0.15 |
| | Released mass | [kg] | 12.230 | 10.520 |
| | Plug/puncher diameter | [cm] | 8.0/6.5 | 8.0/6.5 |
| | Initial jet diameter | [cm] | 8.0 | 8.0 |
| Free fall in gas | [m] | 3.8 | 3.35 | |
| Test Section | Water mass | [kg] | 241 | 189 |
| | Initial height | [cm] | 67 | 67 |
| | Final height | [cm] | 58 | 37 |
| | Cross section | [m ²] | 0.36 | 0.283 |
| | Initial temperature | [K] | 296 | 341 |
| | Sub-cooling | [K] | 77 | 32 |
| Pressure Vessel | Initial pressure(air) | [MPa] | 0.116 | 0.110 |
| | Initial temperature | [K] | 296 | 307 |
| | Free volume | [m ³] | 8.023 | 8.023 |
| Results | Maximum PV pressurization | [MPa] | 0.042 | 0.048 |
| | Time to reach peak | [sec] | 3 | 2.5 |
| | Maximum PV heat-up | [K] | 50 | 51 |
| | Time to stabilize | [sec] | 40 | 11 |
| | Maximum water heat-up | [K] | 40 | 21 |
| | Time to stabilize | [sec] | 40 | 10 |
| | Steam explosion | | SE | SE |
| | Dynamic pressure peak | [MPa] | 9.0 | 15.0 |
| | Duration | msec | 0.4 | 0.1 |
| | Impulse | kN | - | 180 |
| Duration | msec | - | 14 | |
| Debris | Total | [kg] | 12.230 | 10.520 |
| | >6.35mm | [kg] | 0.030 | 0.320 |
| | 4.75mm ~ 6.35mm | [kg] | 0.240 | 0.535 |
| | 2.0mm ~ 4.75mm | [kg] | 1.090 | 4.170 |
| | 1.0mm ~ 2.0mm | [kg] | 3.080 | 1.885 |
| | 0.71mm ~ 1.0mm | [kg] | 1.110 | 0.840 |
| | 0.425mm ~ 0.71mm | [kg] | 3.065 | 1.300 |
| | <0.425mm | [kg] | 3.615 | 1.470 |
| H ₂ gas | Before/After the interaction | [ppm] | 4/2 | 2/10 |
| | Mass | [g] | 0.001 | 0.007 |
| Timing | Time to reach the bottom | [sec] | 1.30 | 1.36 |
| | Time to trigger externally | [sec] | - | 1.17 |

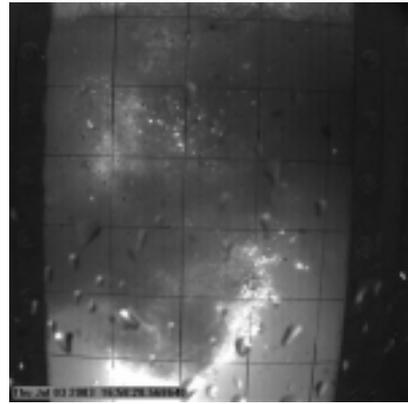
* SE : Steam Explosion



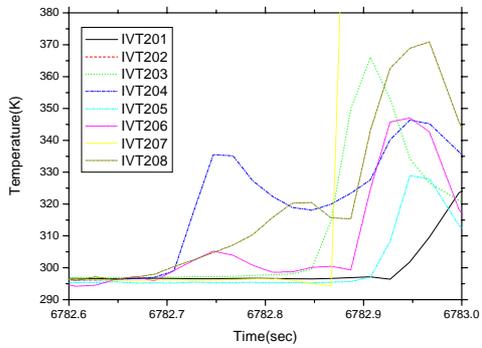
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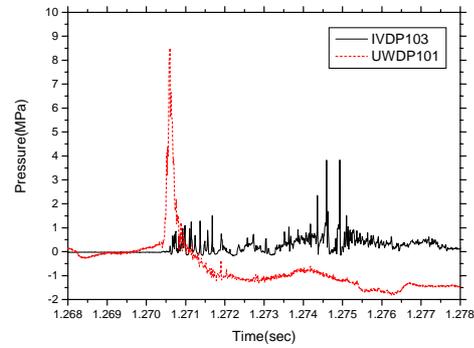
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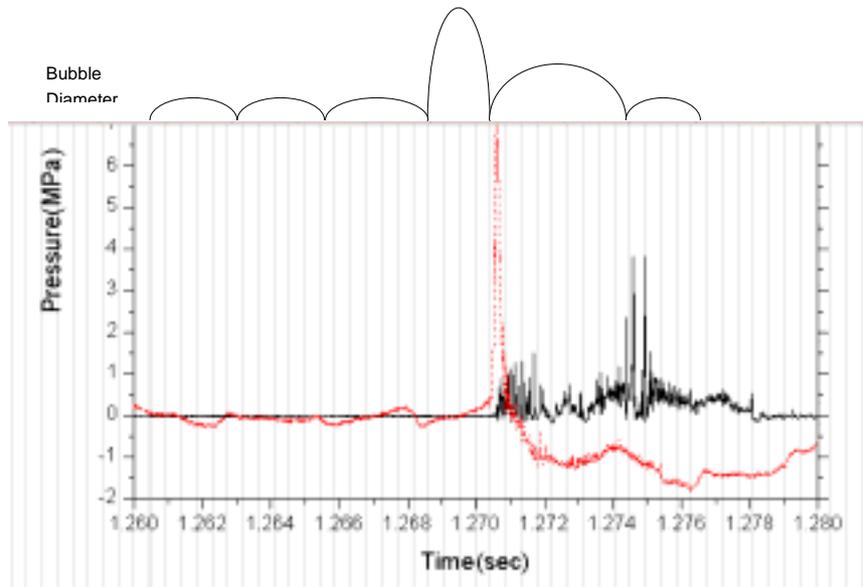
3. Photograph of melt-water interaction in the TROI-33 test



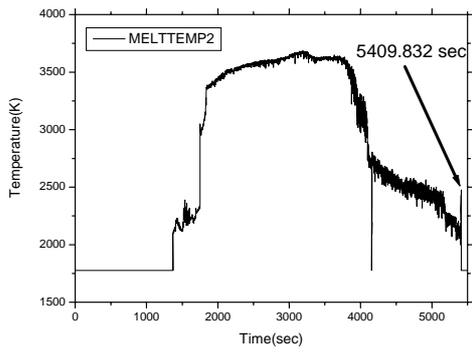
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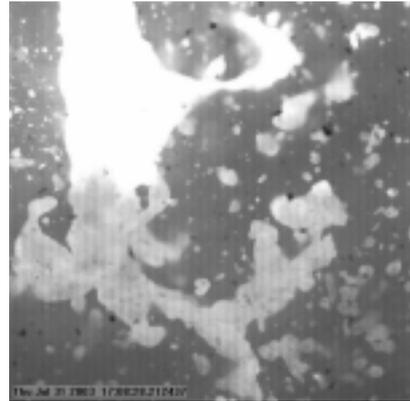
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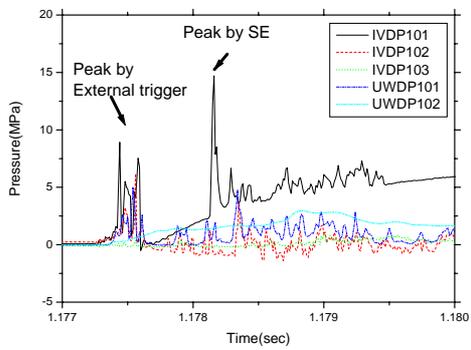
6. Schematic plot of typical bubble growth in the vicinity of the underwater transducer



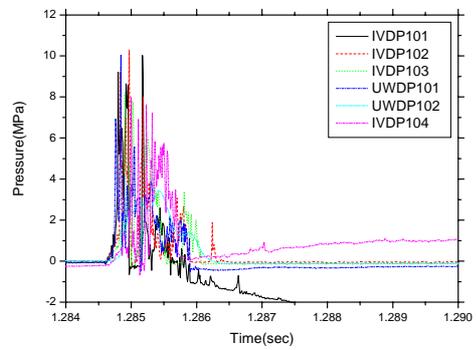
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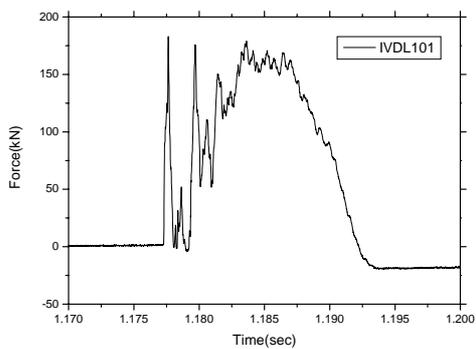
8. Photograph of melt front in the air in the TROI-34 test



9. Dynamic pressures in the TROI-34 test



10. Dynamic pressures in the calibration test



11. Dynamic load in the TROI-34 test