

## TROI

### Observations on Occurrences of Steam Explosions in the Recent TROI Experiments

150

TROI zirconia zirconia

80 : 20 zirconia , 5 ~ 10kg . UO<sub>2</sub> ZrO<sub>2</sub> 70 : 30  
) , 70 : 30 zirconia (~5cm  
11.5MPa , 210kN 250kN 0.8MP  
80 : 20 (~2cm ) .

#### Abstract

In the recent TROI experiments, the occurrences of steam explosions have been observed using the melt of corium and zirconia. In these experiments, two types of corium melts and a zirconia melt were used as a molten reactor material. The compositions (UO<sub>2</sub> : ZrO<sub>2</sub>) of the corium were 70 : 30 and 80 : 20 in weight percent and the mass of the corium was 5 ~ 10kg. In case of the interaction between 70 : 30 corium melt jet (~5cm in diameter) and water at room temperature and at atmospheric pressure, a steam explosion occurred accompanying pressure waves of 0.8MPa and a dynamic load of 210kN. With zirconia melt jet (~5cm in diameter), a more explosive steam explosion occurred accompanying pressure waves of 11.5MPa and a dynamic load greater than 250kN. However, in three cases of the interactions between 80 : 20 corium jet (~2cm in diameter), no steam explosions occurred. From the high-speed photography, a thick continuous melt jet was observed falling down to the water just before a steam explosion while small discrete melt droplets were observed in case of no steam explosion. From this observation, it is concluded that the melt injecting to the water in the form of small discrete droplets was solidified in the air. It is believed to be the cause of the suppression of a steam explosion.

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 [1], [2, 3, 4],  
 [5, 6, 7], [8,  
 9]  
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 [10].  
 ANL ZREX [4] JRC-Ispra FARO/KROTOS [5, 6, 7] zirconia  
 TROI  
 zirconia 가 [11, 12, 13].  
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2. TROI

TROI 1  
 ,  
 212°C 20  
 (>3000K) 가 가  
 water jacket  
 가 가 150kW, 50kHz  
 가  
 , 가 가  
 , 가 가 1  
 가 2  
 (IRCON 1500~3500°C) . TROI-14 TROI-15  
 , TROI-16  
 TROI-18  
 K-type 가  
 (Piezoelectric pressure transducer, PCB Piezotronics Inc., Model 112A, maximum  
 range: 60MPa 20MPa)가  
 , (Druck Co., Model PMP4060, maximum range: 3.5MPa)가  
 VXI system(Agilent Technology)  
 가 CCD  
 Phantom V4.0 512×512 pixel 1000 frames/sec . CCD  
 가 ( zirconia)  
 가 가  
 Zr 가 Zr 가  
 zirconia 가

가 가 , 가 , 가 , 가 , plug , puncher , triggering

### 3. TROI

zirconia TROI-14 TROI-18 5  
 . TROI-14 UO<sub>2</sub> ZrO<sub>2</sub> 70 : 30 ,  
 plug puncher 8cm 6.5cm . TROI-15 zirconia  
 plug puncher TROI-14 . TROI-16 ~ TROI-18  
 UO<sub>2</sub> ZrO<sub>2</sub> 가 80 : 20 , plug puncher  
 8cm 3.5cm . TROI-14 TROI-18  
 2 .

#### 3.1. TROI-14

TROI-14 13.7kg UO<sub>2</sub> ZrO<sub>2</sub> (70:30 )  
 6.545kg , 67cm .  
 UO<sub>2</sub> , 2 IRCON 2 가  
 3000K 가  
 3 ,  
 4  
 (puncher ) 1.23 0.8MPa .  
 5 , 210kN . 6  
 , 30K 가 .  
 가 가 ,  
 2 7 . 1 ~ 4.75mm  
 (56%), (0.71mm ) (26%) .

#### 3.2. TROI-15

TROI-15 9.5kg ZrO<sub>2</sub> 2.280kg ,  
 67cm 가  
 8 IRCON 2  
 3750K 가 .  
 Zr . 9 ,  
 10 , 1.33 11.5MPa  
 11 , 250kN

가 . 12 , 5K  
 TROI-14  
 가 ( , )  
 2 13  
 (0.71mm )  
 (42%)

### 3.3. TROI-16

TROI-16 14.0kg 80 : 20 (UO<sub>2</sub> : ZrO<sub>2</sub>) 7.21kg  
 , 67cm  
 14 IRCON 2  
 (grey body) 3250K  
 가 가  
 15  
 , 가 17K . 16  
 , 110K 가 . TROI-14 15  
 가  
 2 17  
 (1%), 6.75mm (45%)

### 3.4. TROI-17

TROI-17 TROI-16 . TROI-17 16.0kg 80 :  
 20 (UO<sub>2</sub> : ZrO<sub>2</sub>) 7.855kg , 67cm  
 18  
 3500K . 19  
 puncher ,  
 (solidus temperature) 가  
 20 , 가 12K  
 21 , 90K 가  
 TROI-16 ,  
 가  
 2 22  
 (6%), 2mm (77%)

### 3.5. TROI-18

TROI-18 TROI-17 TROI-18 16.0kg 80 :  
 20 (UO<sub>2</sub> : ZrO<sub>2</sub>) 9.055kg , 67cm  
 3500K 23  
 24  
 17 25 TROI-  
 17K 26 , 가  
 가 2 27 80K  
 (38%) 2 ~ 4.75mm (5%), 가

### 4.

TROI-14 TROI-18  
 • (UO<sub>2</sub> : ZrO<sub>2</sub> = 70 : 30) TROI-14 zirconia  
 TROI-15 , TROI-15  
 11.5MP, 250kN  
 • (UO<sub>2</sub> : ZrO<sub>2</sub> = 80 : 20) TROI-16 TROI-18  
 •  
 ( ~5cm ) ( )  
 150cm) 20 ~ 30kg , 가

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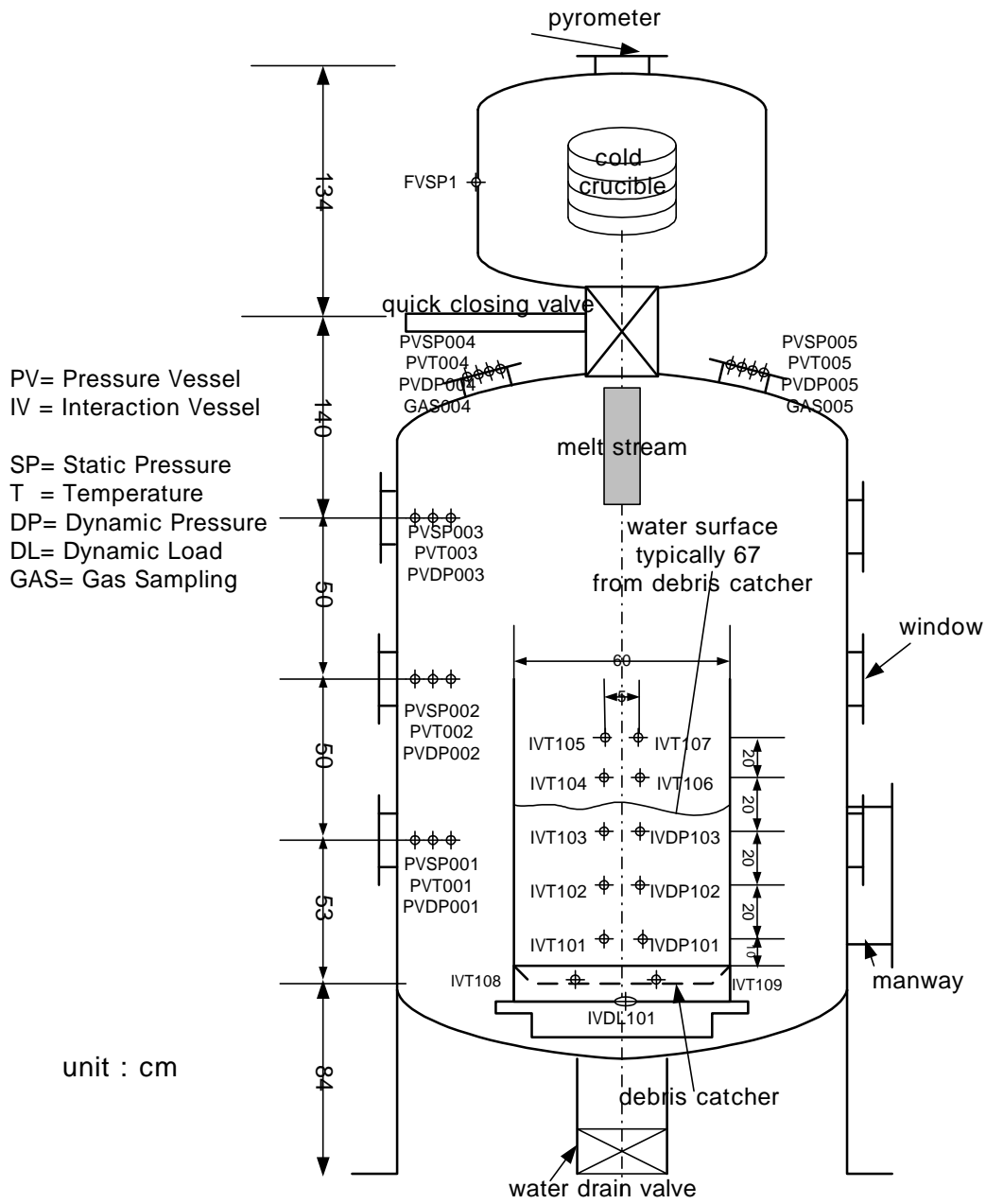
### 1. Sensor descriptions in the TROI tests

Parameter	Sensing location	Sensor descriptions
Melt temperature	Top window	IRCON pyrometer (1500 ~ 3500°C)
Coolant temperature	IVT101 ~ IVT103	1.0mm dia., K-type thermocouple
Melt velocity	IVT104 ~ IVT109	0.5mm dia., K-type thermocouple
Dynamic pressure in the coolant	IVDP101 ~ IVDP103	PCB model 112A <60MPa
Dynamic load at the test section bottom	IVDL101	PCB model 210B50 <250kN
Atmosphere temperature in the pressure vessel	PVT001 ~ PVT005	1.0mm dia., K-type thermocouple
Transient pressure in the furnace vessel	FVSP1	Druck model PMP4060 <3.5MPa
Transient pressure in the pressure vessel	PVSP002, PVSP003	Druck model PMP4060 <3.5MPa
Dynamic pressure in the pressure vessel	PVDP004, PVDP005	PCB model 112A <20MPa
Gas Sampling for Hydrogen detection	GAS005	Gas sampling bottle
FCI phenomena visualization	13 windows available	30pps videos and 1000pps video

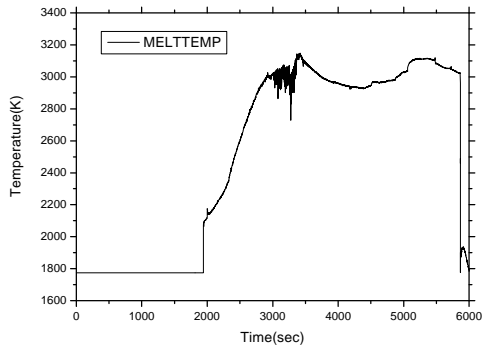
2. Initial condition & results for the TROI tests (SE=Steam Explosion)

	TROI test number	Unit	14	15	16	17	18
Melt	Initial Charge Composition	[w/o]	69/30/1	0/99/1	79/20/1	79/20/1	79/20/1
	UO <sub>2</sub> / ZrO <sub>2</sub> /Zr						
	Temperature	[K]	3000	3750	3250	3500	3500
	Charged mass	[kg]	13.7	9.5	14.0	16.0	16.0
	Initiator mass	[kg]	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
	Released mass	[kg]	6.545	2.280	7.210	7.855	9.055
	Plug diameter	[cm]	8	8	8	8	8
	Puncher diameter	[cm]	6.5	6.5	3.5	3.5	3.5
	Free fall in gas	[m]	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.8
Test Section	Water mass	[kg]	189	189	189	189	189
	Initial Height	[cm]	67	67	67	67	67
	Final height	[m]	-	-	-	-	-
	Cross section	[m <sup>2</sup> ]	0.283	0.283	0.283	0.283	0.283
	Initial temperature	[K]	285	290	288	286	288
	Sub-cooling	[K]	88	83	85	87	85
Pressure Vessel	Initial pressure(air)	[MPa]	0.105	0.104	0.1	0.11	0.116
	Free volume	[m <sup>3</sup> ]	8.032	8.032	8.032	8.032	8.032
Results	Maximum PV pressurization	[MPa]	0.015	0.007	0.7	0.027	0.015
	Time to reach peak	[sec]	2	3	<1	4	8
	Maximum PV heat-up	[K]	30	5	110	90	80
	Time to stabilize	[sec]	<1	30	20	<1	<1
	Maximum water heat-up	[K]	12	41	17	12	17
	Time to reach peak	[sec]	<1	20	15	4	4
	Steam explosion		SE	SE	NO	NO	NO
	Dynamic pressure peak	[MPa]	0.8	11.5	-	-	-
	Duration	μsec	0.5ms	0.25ms	-	-	-
	Impulse	kN	210	>250	-	-	-
Duration	μsec	13ms	10ms	-	-	-	
Debris	Total	[kg]	6.545	2.280	7.210	7.855	9.055
	>6.35mm	[kg]	0.290	0.465	3.285	2.365	1.670
	4.75mm ~ 6.35mm	[kg]	0.455	0.135	1.420	1.125	1.415
	2.0mm ~ 4.75mm	[kg]	2.525	0.275	1.740	2.600	3.455
	1.0mm ~ 2.0mm	[kg]	1.145	0.330	0.560	1.070	1.595
	0.71mm ~ 1.0mm	[kg]	0.475	0.120	0.125	0.275	0.440
	0.425mm ~ 0.71mm	[kg]	0.630	0.245	0.080	0.300	0.405
	<0.425mm	[kg]	1.025	0.710	0.000	0.120	0.075
H <sub>2</sub> gas	Before/After the interaction	[ppm]	93/1200 &331	4/3	83/1000	50/789	98/15
	Mass	[g]	0.79	0.002	0.66	0.52	0.01

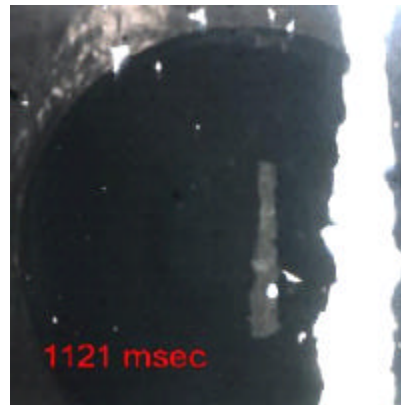




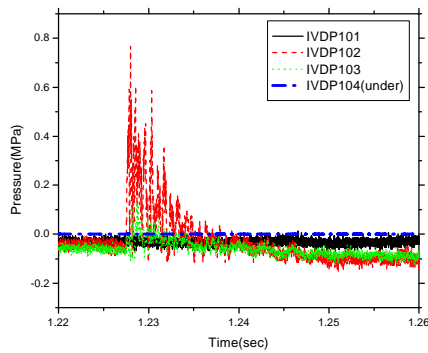
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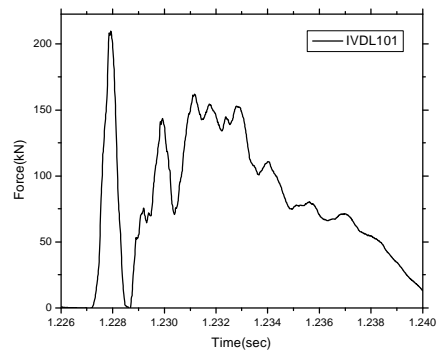
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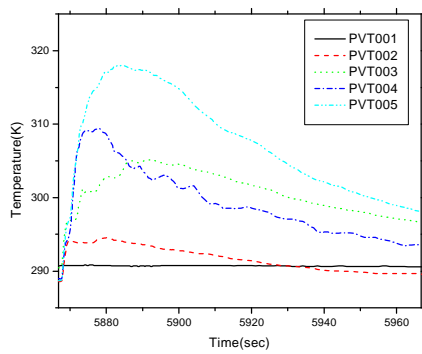
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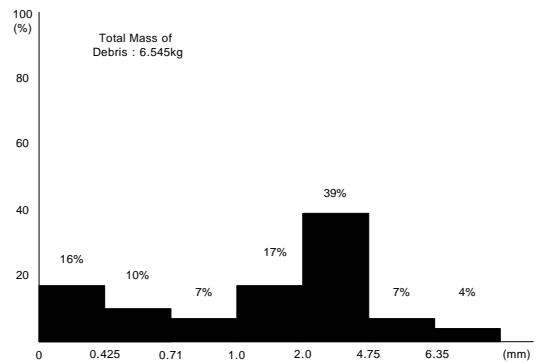
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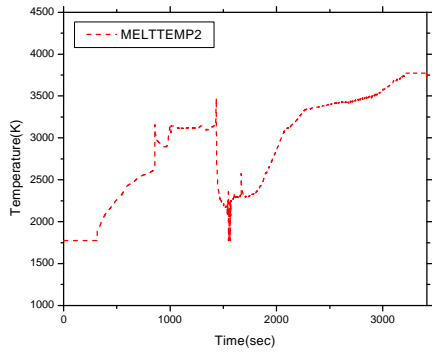
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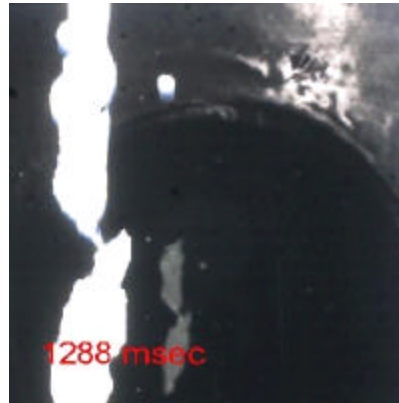
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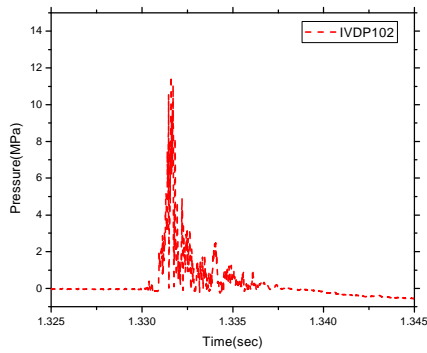
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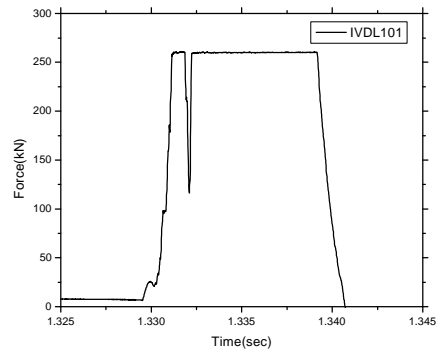
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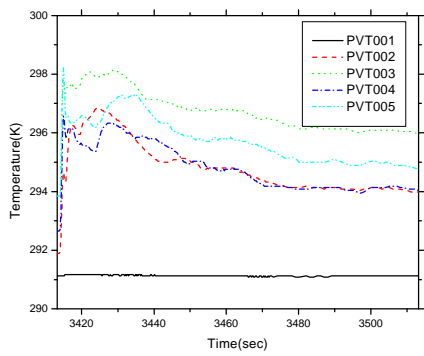
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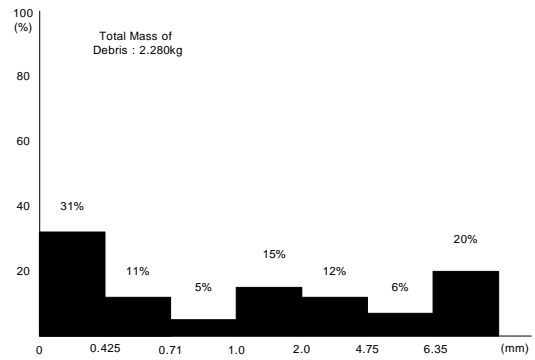
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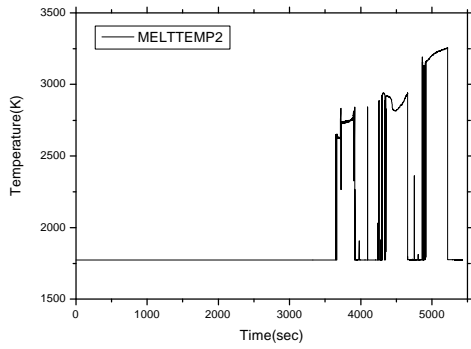
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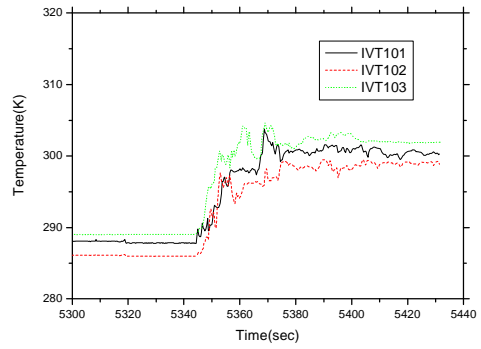
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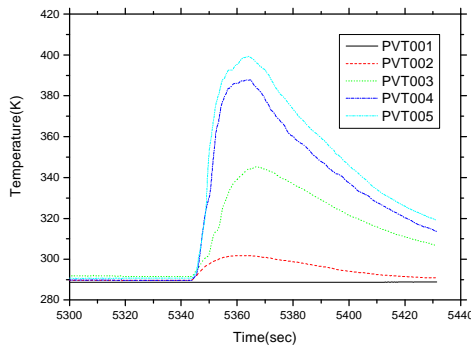
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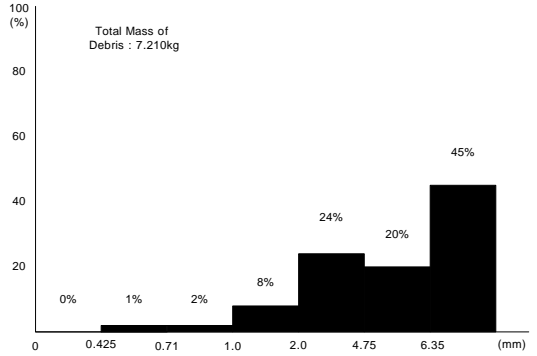
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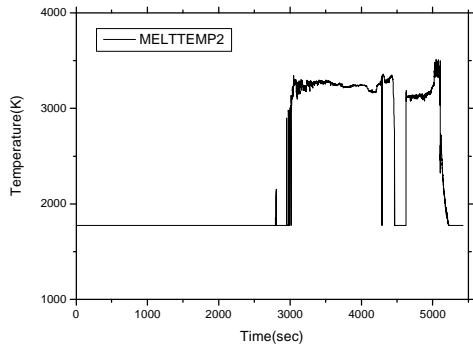
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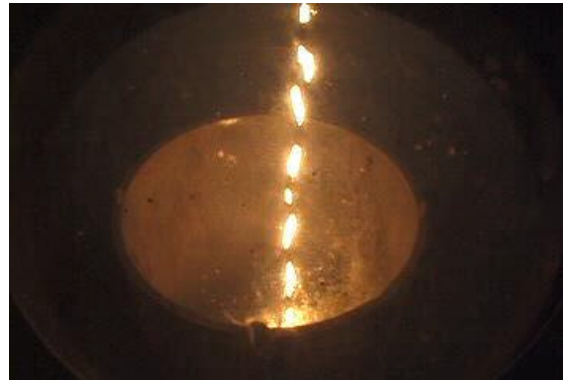
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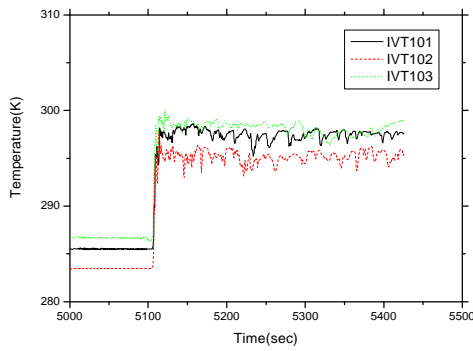
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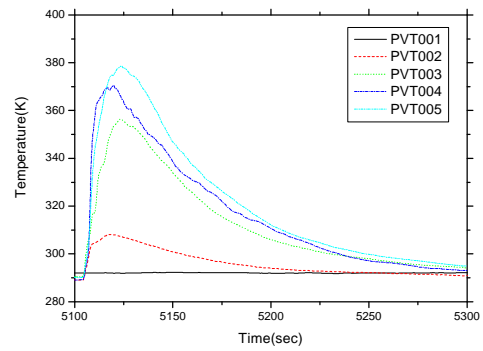
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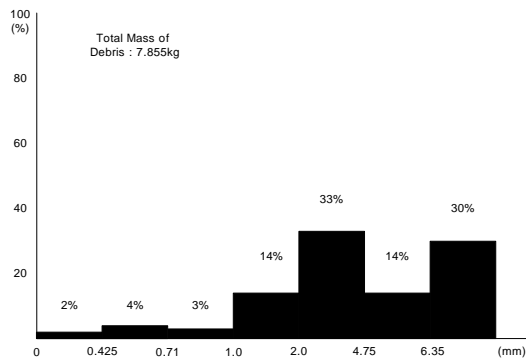
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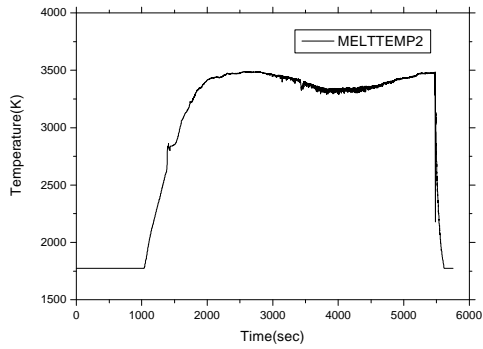
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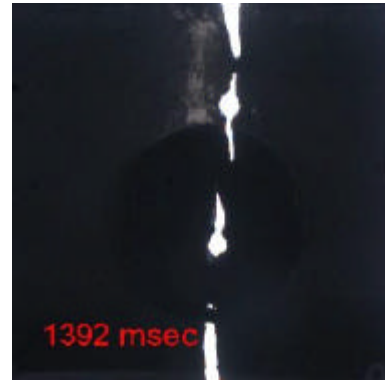
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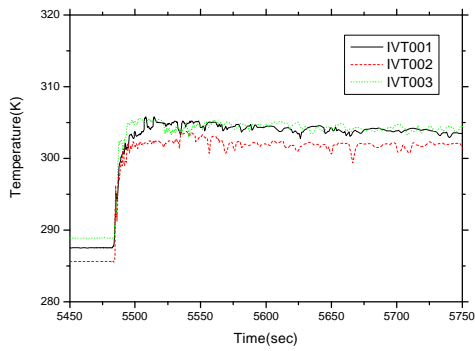
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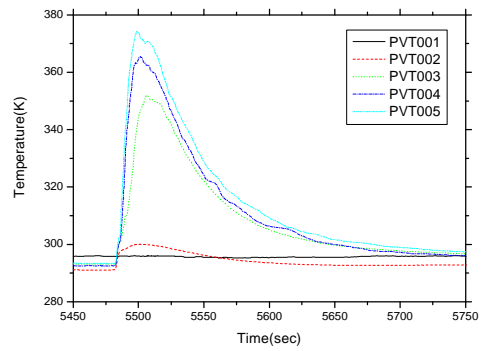
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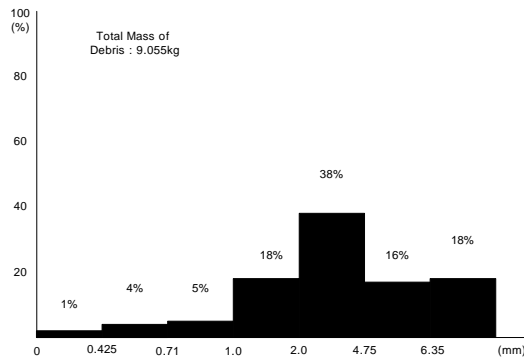
24. Photograph of melt injection in the TROI-18 test



25. Water temperatures in the interaction vessel in the TROI-18 test



26. Temperatures in the pressure vessel in the TROI-18 test



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