Effect of Coolant in Penetration on Integrity of the Reactor Vessel during a Severe Accident



Abstract

When the melted core material relocated to lower plenum during a severe accident in the nuclear power plants, the effect of coolant in the annulus between the ICI (In-Core Instrumentation) nozzle and the thimble tube on integrity of the pressure vessel has been estimated in this experimental study. Two tests in conditions with and without coolant in the annulus have been performed using alumina melt of 40 kg as a simulant. The test results have shown that much melts ejected to the outside through the penetration in condition without coolant in the annulus. However, small melt ejected to the outside through the penetration in the condition with coolant in the annulus, because the coolant prevent the melt from ejection through penetration. It is confirmed from the test results that the coolant in the annulus between the ICI nozzle and the thimble tube is very effective on the maintenance of the reactor vessel integrity.

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failure), (global vessel failure), (tube heat-up and ICI(Inrupture), (ejection) [2]. Core Instrumentation) thimble 가 thimble thimble ICI . 가 thimble . . ICI thimble 가 FAI[3] . 가 가 FAI . FAI , ICI thimble . FAI 가 가 가 ICI thimble 가 가 가 . ICI thimble 가 thimble 가 . thimble ICI 40 kg thermite 1 . . .

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						ICI	thimble
			가		가		
	1			thermite			
	40 kg			UO	ZrO		
가	,				가		

가가 가 가 thermite thermite (AI_2O_3) 1 가 800 °C 2.5 thermite 가 2,200 °C 2 . 가 가 가 ICI thimble 가 1 . 가 , , thermite SONATA-IV(Simulation Of Naturally Arrested Thermal Attack In-Vessel) LAVA(Lower Plenum Arrested Vessel Attack) , [4] . thermite 가 가 가 7,900 kg/m³ 3,800 kg/m³ . 가 가 가 LAVA . 가 가 가 가 . 2 ICI thimble 1 가 . ICI . ICI . ICI thimble

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СК, pressure transducer, Capacitance . 3 С 1 Κ 16 , ICI Κ 8 , thimble Κ 6 4

HP Workstation VXI ICI thimble , .

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6 ICI

thimble

ICI thimble 5 . 가 ICI 가

가 LAVA 가 가 가

95 ° C 가 가 ICI 가 가 .

. 가 가 ICI thimble 가 ICI thimble thimble thimble . 가 . 7 ICI thimble



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	UO ₂	Al ₂ O ₃
Melting Temperature (°C)	2,850	2,047
Latent Heat of Melting(J/kg)	2.8x10 ⁵ 1.16x10 ⁶	
Specific Heat (J/kg.K)	540	1,300
Thermal Conductivity (W/m.K)	3.35	7.5
Density(kg/m ³)	9,800	3,800
Thermal Diffusivity(m ² /s)	6.33X10 ⁻⁷	1.5X10 ⁻⁶
Thermal Expansion Coefficient(1/K)	4.0x10 ⁻⁵	1.7X10 ⁻⁴

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	Real Corium	Test Section
Melt Composition	UO ₂ , ZrO ₂ , Stainless Steel, B ₄ C etc.	Al_2O_3
Melt Pool Geometry	Hemi-sphere	Cylinder
Melt Temperature(°C)	Approx. 3,000	Approx. 2,200
Internal Heat Generation (MW/m ³)	Approx. 1-3	0
Internal Pressure (MPa)	Max. 17 (Possible)	Max 1.5
Surface Heat Flux (MW/m ²)	Approx. 1-2	Approx. 0.1 - 20 (Max. in the initial state)
Temperature Difference Between Inner and Outer Surface (°C)	Approx. 2,900	Approx. 2,100





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