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CONTAINMENT MODELING STRATEGY AND RESULTS

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INTRODUCTION

- Objectives of the presentation
 - Exchange experience and information about model development and assessment efforts
 - Key messages from model development and open questions
 - Focus on modeling activities, some sample results
 - Future interests

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Insights on modeling strategy

CONTAINMENT MODELING

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MAIN ASSUMPTIONS

- Development directly for MELCOR 2.x, no conversion needed
- Finding documentation suitable for model development is challenging
 - Effort to interpret and convert the technical plant data into the code input data
 - Calculations necessary to convert the technical plant data to the necessary format for the input deck
- Identification of volumes, flow paths and heat structures from detailed plant measurements
 - Identification and grouping of the volumes, openings and surfaces
 - Floor-by-floor strategy
 - Verification of global values (e.g. volumes, surfaces)



MODELING

- Double containment with inner metallic liner: 34 CV and 71 FL
- HS: walls, floors, ceilings, and equipment in the containment
- Fission products can deposit on any structure

LOOPS

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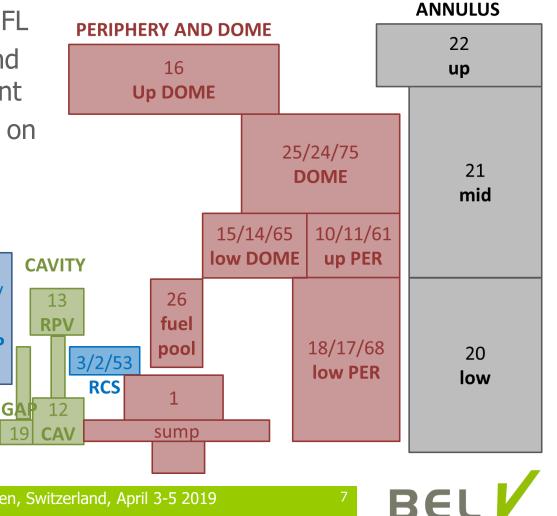
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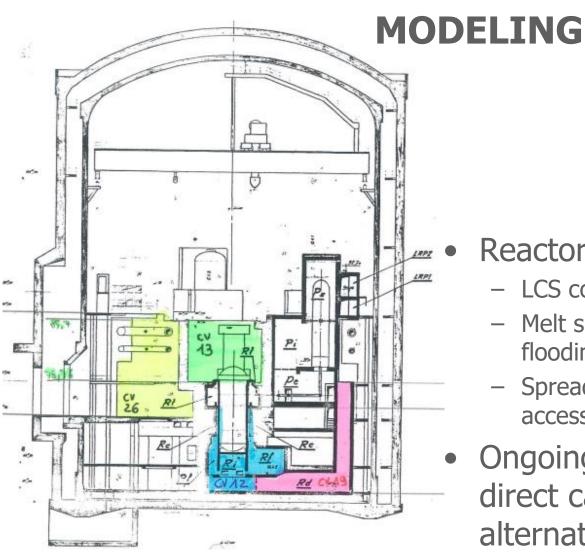
- Gravitational settling only on horizontal structures
- CFVS, DF
- Spray, film model
- PARs (ongoing)

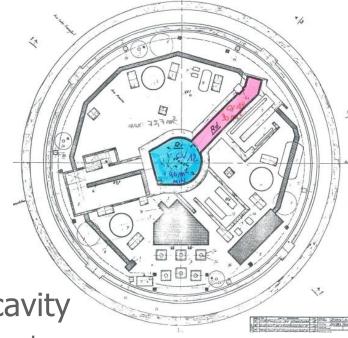


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Reactor cavity

LCS concrete

- Melt spreading in dry cavity, late cavity flooding, after RPV failure
- Spreading area: cylindrical part with access gallery, isolated from the sump
- Ongoing plants modifications: direct cavity injection and alternative spray

Simpler 1CV containment, for specific model development

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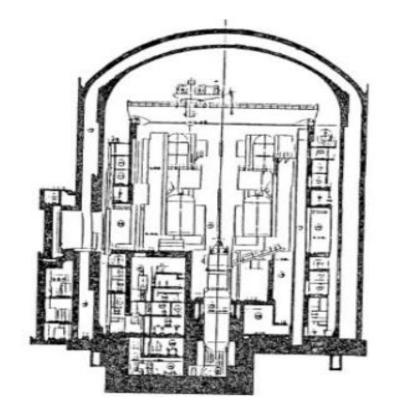
Upcoming MODELING

Reactor cavity

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- SIL concrete
- Early cavity flooding, before **RPV** failure
- Cavity: cylindrical part with small access gallery
- Reactor cavity is lower than containment floor and sump



- Connection between lower containment and cavity
- Deep water pool can be created by gravity-driven early flooding BEI

FEEDBACK ON MODELING

- Containment modeling
 - Conversion of plant data in code input data
 - Selection of nodalization scheme
 - Validation: need to run the whole accident progression
 - PARs modeling ongoing, thanks to support by code developers
- Modeling strategy
 - Nodalization depends on the purpose of the analysis
 - What is the most suitable level of detail? For which purpose? Useful to share info about it

Code developers: effort in providing examples during users' workshops and modeling guide is highly appreciated!

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Containment modeling strategy and results

CONCLUSIVE REMARKS

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CONCLUSIVE REMARKS & FUTURE PLANS

- Exchange experience and information about model development and assessment efforts
- Ongoing activities
 - LOCA and SBO scenarios analyses, in support of the evaluation of the Belgian NPPs safety assessments (WENRA RL2014 and new EC Nuclear Safety Directive 2014/87/EURATOM)
- Possible future activities
 - Participation to MUSA with MELCOR code and MELCOR uncertainty engine
 - Participation to R2CA with MELCOR and MACCS codes
 - Interest in using MELCOR for OECD/NEA ROSAU analytical activities



QUESTIONS?

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THANKS FOR YOUR ATTENTION!

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