

Update of the Iter MELCOR model for the validation of the cryostat design

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- Inputs needed for thermomechanical analysis
- Updated geometry
- Generation of boundary conditions
 - Temperatures, pressures HTCs
- Assure traceability of all the values used in the model
- MELCOR 1.8.2 fusion



The Iter cryostat:

- Maintain an internal vacuum to avoid excessive convective heat transfer between the Vacuum Vessel (VV) and the Magnet System (MS)
- Vacuum barrier (cryogenic temperatures and vacuum in one side, room pressure and temperature in the other)
- Strong thermal gradients, strong mechanical loads







- Scenarios to be simulated:
 - ICE: Ingress of Coolant event: 500 to 5200 kg of He at cryogenic temperatures injected into cryostat.
 - HiG: Helium ingress in Galleries: 2600 kg of He at cryogenic temperatures injected into galleries
 - LOVA: Loss Of Vacuum Accident: hole of 1m² in the cryostat wall and sudden depressurization.





- ESC modelled:
 - Cryostat
 - Cryostat platforms
 - Magnet System: Surfaces at 4k and helium cooled. Includes feeders
 - VV: coolant and outer shell (constant temperature). Incudes supports
 - Thermal shield: Actively cooled at 80 k.
 - Building: rooms and leaks (CSR, B2 and galleries)



Model



New nodalization



Model: Control volumes

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Cryostat heat structures



Model: Flow paths

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Cryostat flow lines



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Model: Magnet system

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- Radiation model through FUN1 radiation heat transfer functions
- VV fluid fixed temperature
- Concrete walls of bioshield at fixed temperature
- Once event starts, cooling is stopped and free convection drives heat exchange



Model: Radiation Heat Transfer







• A conduction assessment was carried out in certain HS that could be specially affected by the temperature of their neighbours







- The MELCOR correlation for HTC calculation where implemented
- The surrounding HS temperature time evolution was used to calculate HS993 HTC
- In that way, all the temperature range is covered.
- Worst case was chosen





- Small disagreement due to gas properties and different molar fraction
- For the LOVA case, the HTC correlation implemented for natural convection turbulent regime showed a better agreement (evaluated at bulk temperature)

$$Nu^{1/2} = 0.825 + \frac{0.387 Ra^{1/6}}{[1 + (0.492/Pr)^{9/16}]^{8/27}}$$

Update of ITER MELCOR

- VV ports fin model to have a estimation of their contribution to incryostat heating
- 17 equatorial ports, 18 upper ports, 9 lower ports
- Result of estimation as a power source in CV

| Parameter | Lower Ports | Equatorial Ports | Upper Ports |
|---------------------------------|-------------|------------------|-------------|
| Length (m) | 2.27 | 5.78 | 7.73 |
| Perimeter (m) | 11.14 | 10.99 | 9.49 |
| Cross section (m ²) | 0.85 | 0.55 | 0.36 |





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