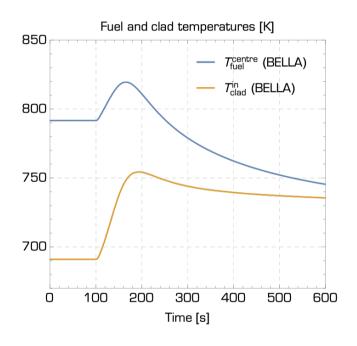


#### **Introduction of BELLA Code**



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#### Intended learning outcomes

#### Simulation of transients in fast reactors using BELLA

By "transient" is meant a transition from one steady state to another.

This may entail

Start-up & shut-down

Intended change in power and/or flow

Un-intended change in power and/or flow followed by shut-down

Un-intended change in power and/or flow without shut-down

After this lecture you will be able to:

- Write a simple code for the simulation of transients in a fast reactor
- Simulate reactivity insertion and loss of flow transients

# KTH BELLA Code

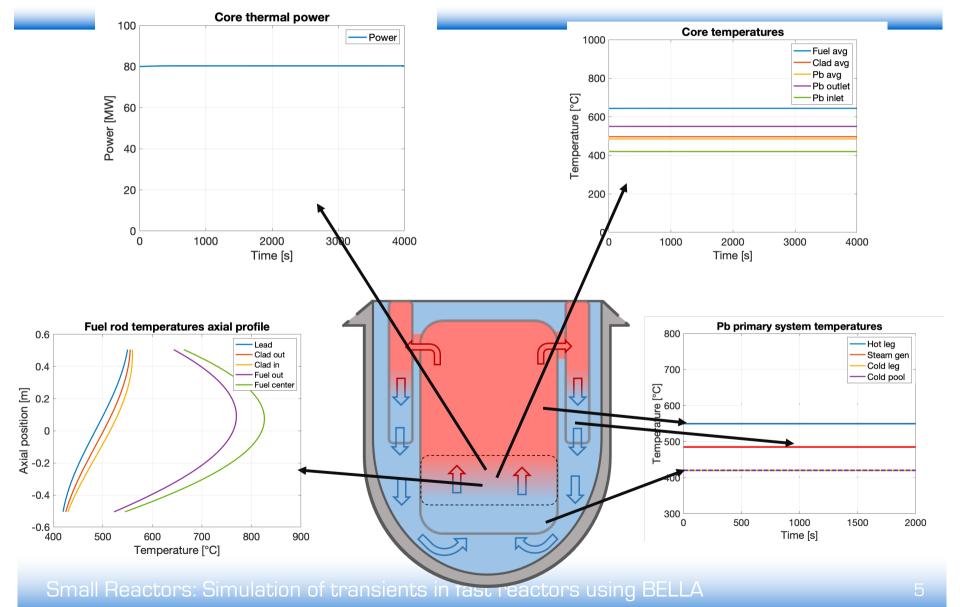
- BELLA Bortot's Elegant Liquid LFR Analysis tool.
- BELLA provides a non-linear solution for the coupled neutron kinetic and thermal-hydraulic equations of the primary system of an arbitrary liquid metal-cooled reactor.
- The code is based on point kinetics and balance equations for mass, energy and momentum, which are generally applied to the core, primary system components and RVAC system.
- Developed in the Fortran language. This language was chosen because it is easy to learn and provides efficient constructs that are useful for numerical calculations.



**PRIMARY NEUTRONICS ACTINIDES RVACS** REACTOR THERMO -**SYSTEM CORE MECHANICS Point Kinetics** Decay heat Hot leg Model of minor Reactor Vessel Heat transfer **Fuel** Steam generator model actinide bearing **Auxiliary Cooling** applied of fuel performance Cold leg rod and coolant. fuel analysis System **REACTIVITY** Cold pool Displacement Temperature Reactivity Temperature Temperature Air mass flow Stress Mass fraction Mass flux Heat source Heat removed Strain



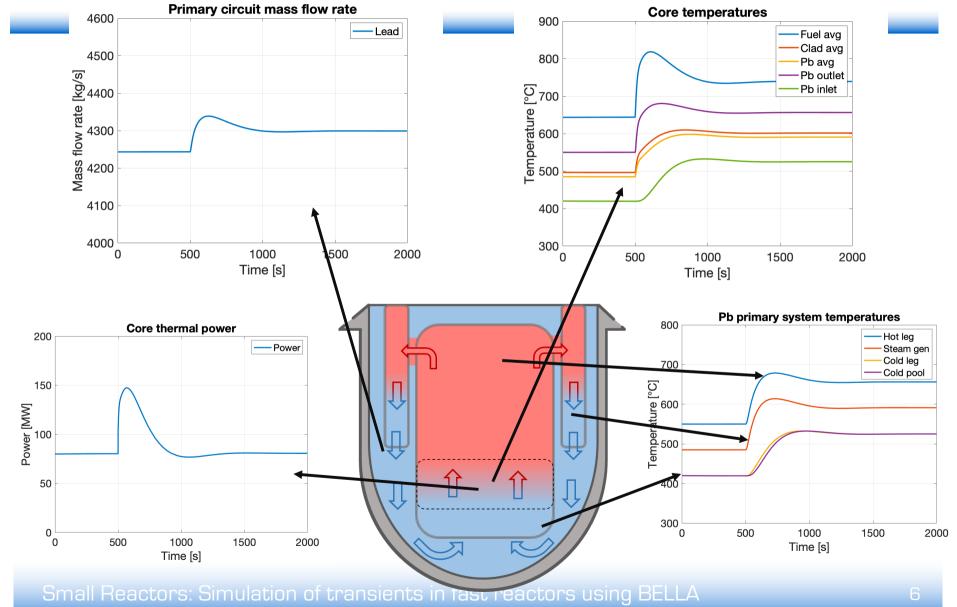
# **BELLA Code - Current capabilities**





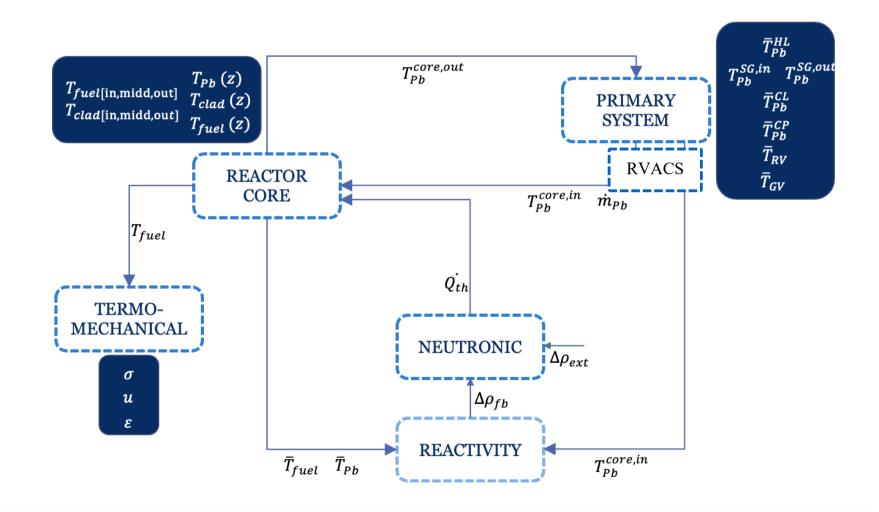
# **BELLA Code - Current capabilities**

- Un-protected Transient over-power (UTOP)
- Un-protected Loss-of-flow (ULOF)
- Un-protected Loss-of-heat-sink (ULOHS)
- Combination of ULOF and ULOHS (station blackout)





#### **BELLA Code - FEEDBACK**





#### **Neutronic - Point Kinetics Model**

In the point-kinetic approximation, we may describe the power evolution of a reactor according to the following set of coupled differential equations:

$$\frac{d\dot{Q}}{dt} = \frac{dn(t)}{dt} = \frac{\rho(t) - \beta_{eff}}{\Lambda_{eff}} n(t) + \sum_{i=1}^{8} \lambda_i C_i(t)$$
$$\frac{dC_i(t)}{dt} = \frac{\beta_i}{\Lambda_{eff}} n(t) - \lambda_i C_i(t)$$

Group	$\beta_i$ (pcm)	$\lambda_i$ (1/s)
1	15.9	0.0125
2	92.1	0.0283
3	50.4	0.0425
4	117.1	0.133
5	205.1	0.292
6	84.6	0.666
7	67.8	1.63
8	32.2	3.55

SUNRISE-LFR point kinetics parameters for all neutron precursors.

Initial conditions  $n(0) = n_0$ 

$$C_i(0) = \frac{\beta_i}{\Lambda_{eff} \lambda_i} n(0)$$

$$\beta_{eff} = \sum_{i=1}^{8} \beta i$$

Parameter	Value	${f Unit}$
$eta_{ ext{eff}}$	665.2	pcm
$\lambda_{ ext{eff}}$	0.089	1/s
$\Lambda_{ ext{eff}}$	0.88	$\mu { m s}$

SUNRISE-LFR point kinetics main effective parameters.

<sup>\*</sup>Data obtained from: Persico, A. (2022). Master Degree thesis. In progress.



# Reactivity feedback

$$\delta \rho(t) = K_D \ln \left( \frac{\overline{T}_{fuel}(t)}{\overline{T}_{fuel}(0)} \right) + \alpha_{axial} \delta \overline{T}_{fuel}(t) + \alpha_{coolant} \delta \overline{T}_{coolant}(t) + \alpha_{radial} \delta \overline{T}_{coolant}^{in}(t) + \delta \rho_{external}$$

Fuel Doppler feedback

Fuel axial expansion

Coolant density change

Fuel SA diagrid radial expansion

External reactivity

Parameter	Value	${f Unit}$
$K_D$	-530	pcm
$\alpha_{ax}$	-0.15	$\mathrm{pcm}/\mathrm{K}$
$\alpha_{Pb}$	-0.66	$\mathrm{pcm}/\mathrm{K}$
$\alpha_{rad}$	0.03	$\mathrm{pcm/K}$

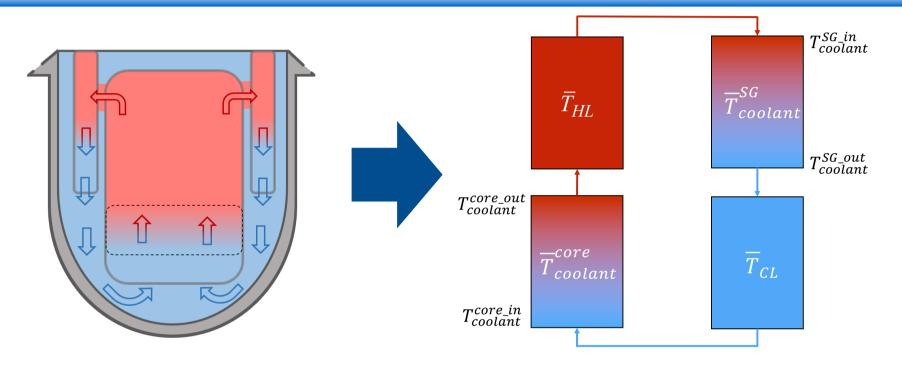
lists the feedback coefficients at the middle of life (MoL) of SUNRISE-LFR.

<sup>\*</sup>Data obtained from: Persico, A. (2022). Master Degree thesis.



#### Thermalhydraulic

# Lumped parameter approach



- Treat the primary system as a collection of single points, featuring average and boundary temperatures:
- $\qquad \qquad \overline{T}_{coolant}^{core}, \ T_{coolant}^{core\_in}, \ T_{coolant}^{core\_out}, \overline{T}_{HL}, \ \overline{T}_{coolant}^{SG}, T_{coolant}^{SG\_in}, T_{coolant}^{SG\_out}, \overline{T}_{CL}^{SG\_in}, T_{coolant}^{SG\_out}, \overline{T}_{CL}^{SG\_out}, \overline{T}_{C$
- $ar{T}_{clad}^{outer}$ ,  $ar{T}_{clad}^{inner}$ ,  $ar{T}_{fuel}^{outer}$ ,  $ar{T}_{fuel}^{middle}$ ,  $ar{T}_{fuel}^{central}$



# Initialise coolant flow and clad surface temperature

- Set inlet and outlet temperatures (Tin & Tout) of your core coolant
- Steam generator Inlet temperature = Outlet temperature of core
- Outlet temperature of steam generator = Inlet temperature of core

$$\dot{m}_{coolant}^{core} = \frac{Q_{core}}{c_p^{core} \Delta T_{core}}, \qquad \overline{v}_{coolant}^{core} = \frac{\dot{m}}{A_{flow} \times \overline{\rho}_{coolant}^{core}}$$

$$\overline{T}_{clad}^{surface} = \overline{T}_{coolant}^{core} + \dot{Q} \frac{D_h}{\lambda_{coolant} \times Nu_{coolant}}$$

 $c_p, \lambda, Nu$ , are to be evaluated at the coolant average temperature and average velocity.



# Initialise temperature state of cladding

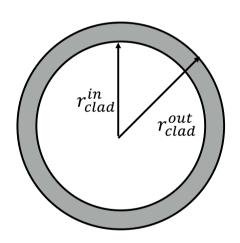
• Calculate average  $\Delta T_{clad}$  between outer and inner surfaces of the fuel clad by iteration process:

$$\Delta T_{clad}^{(1)} = \frac{\overline{\chi}}{2\pi\lambda_{clad}(T_{clad}^{out})} \ln\left(\frac{r_{clad}^{out}}{r_{clad}^{in}}\right)$$

$$\overline{\lambda}_{clad}^{(1)} = \lambda_{clad} \left( \overline{T}_{clad}^{out} + \frac{1}{2} \Delta T_{clad}^{(1)} \right)$$

$$\Delta T_{clad}^{(2)} = \frac{\overline{\chi}}{2\pi \overline{\lambda}_{clad}^{(1)}} \ln \left( \frac{r_{clad}^{out}}{r_{clad}^{in}} \right)$$

$$\overline{\lambda}_{clad}^{(2)} = \lambda_{clad} \left( \overline{T}_{clad}^{out} + \frac{1}{2} \Delta T_{clad}^{(2)} \right) \text{ ... until } \Delta T_{clad}, \overline{\lambda}_{clad} \text{ converges}$$





# Initialise temperature increase over fuel-clad gap

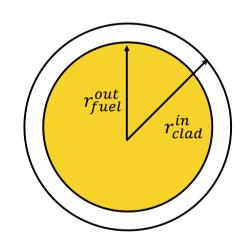
Calculate average  $\Delta T_{gap}$  between clad inner surface and fuel pellet by iteration:

$$\Delta T_{gap}^{(1)} = \frac{\overline{\chi}}{2\pi\lambda_{gap}(T_{clad}^{in})} \ln\left(\frac{r_{clad}^{in}}{r_{fuel}^{out}}\right)$$

$$\overline{\lambda}_{gap}^{(1)} = \lambda_{gap} \left( \overline{T}_{clad}^{in} + \frac{1}{2} \Delta T_{gap}^{(1)} \right)$$

$$\Delta T_{gap}^{(2)} = \frac{\overline{\chi}}{2\pi \overline{\lambda}_{gap}^{(1)}} \ln \left( \frac{r_{clad}^{in}}{r_{fuel}^{out}} \right)$$

$$\overline{\lambda}_{gap}^{(2)} = \lambda_{gap} \left( \overline{T}_{clad}^{in} + \frac{1}{2} \Delta T_{gap}^{(2)} \right) \quad \text{... until } \Delta T_{gap}, \overline{\lambda}_{gap} \text{ converges}$$



... until 
$$\Delta T_{gap}$$
 ,  $\overline{\lambda}_{gap}$  converges



# Initialise temperature state of fuel pellet

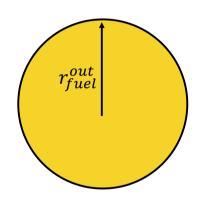
• Calculate average  $\Delta T_{fuel}$  between fuel outer surface and centre-line by iteration:

$$\Delta T_{fuel}^{(1)} = \frac{\overline{\chi}}{4\pi\lambda_{fuel}(T_{fuel}^{out})}$$

$$\overline{\lambda}_{fuel}^{(1)} = \lambda_{fuel} \left( \overline{T}_{fuel}^{out} + \frac{1}{2} \Delta T_{fuel}^{(1)} \right)$$

$$\Delta T_{fuel}^{(2)} = \frac{\overline{\chi}}{4\pi \overline{\lambda}_{fuel}^{(1)}}$$

$$\overline{\lambda}_{fuel}^{(2)} = \lambda_{fuel} \left( \overline{T}_{fuel}^{out} + \frac{1}{2} \Delta T_{fuel}^{(2)} \right) \dots \text{until } \Delta T_{fuel}, \overline{\lambda}_{fuel} \text{ converges}$$





# Transient heat transfer

The following set of differential equations is solved to evaluate the evolution of component temperatures in the core during a transient:

$$\begin{split} &m_{fuel}^{centre} c_{p}^{fuel} \frac{dT_{fuel}^{centre}}{dt} = Q_{fuel}^{centre}(t) - \frac{r_{fuel}}{r_{centre}} h_{fuel} \left(T_{fuel}^{centre}(t) - T_{fuel}^{middle}(t)\right) \\ &m_{fuel}^{middle} c_{p}^{fuel} \frac{dT_{fuel}^{middle}}{dt} = Q_{fuel}^{middle}(t) + \frac{r_{fuel}}{r_{centre}} h_{fuel} \left(T_{fuel}^{centre}(t) - T_{fuel}^{middle}(t)\right) - \frac{r_{fuel}}{r_{middle}} h_{fuel} \left(T_{fuel}^{middle}(t) - T_{fuel}^{outer}(t)\right) \\ &m_{outer}^{outer} c_{p}^{fuel} \frac{dT_{fuel}^{outer}}{dt} = Q_{fuel}^{outer}(t) + \frac{r_{fuel}}{r_{middle}} h_{fuel} \left(T_{fuel}^{middle}(t) - T_{fuel}^{outer}(t)\right) - h_{gap} \left(T_{fuel}^{outer}(t) - T_{clad}^{inner}\right) \\ &m_{clad}^{inner} c_{p}^{clad} \frac{dT_{clad}^{inner}}{dt} = h_{gap} \left(T_{fuel}^{outer}(t) - T_{clad}^{inner}(t)\right) - h_{clad} \left(T_{clad}^{inner}(t) - T_{clad}^{outer}(t)\right) \\ &m_{collant}^{outer} c_{p}^{clad} \frac{dT_{clad}^{outer}}{dt} = h_{clad} \left(T_{clad}^{inner}(t) - T_{clad}^{outer}(t)\right) - h_{coolant} \left(T_{clad}^{outer}(t) - \overline{T}_{coolant}^{core}(t)\right) \\ &m_{coolant}^{coolant} \frac{dT_{coolant}^{outer}}{dt} = h_{coolant} \left(T_{clad}^{outer}(t) - \overline{T}_{coolant}^{core}(t)\right) - m_{coolant}^{coolant}(t) c_{p}^{coolant} \Delta T_{coolant}^{coolant}(t) \end{aligned}$$



#### Generalised heat transfer coefficients

$$h_{fuel} = 4\pi \lambda_{fuel} n_{rods} H_{fuel}$$
 [W/K]

$$h_{gap} = \frac{2\pi\lambda_{gap}n_{rods}H_{fuel}}{\ln(r_{clad}^{in}/r_{fuel})}$$
 [W/K]

$$h_{clad} = \frac{2\pi\lambda_{clad}n_{rods}H_{fuel}}{\ln(r_{clad}^{out}/r_{clad}^{in})}$$
 [W/K]

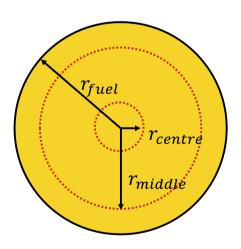
$$h_{coolant} = 2\pi r_{clad}^{out} \lambda_{coolant} n_{rods} H_{fuel} \frac{Nu_{coolant}^{core}}{D_{h}^{core}} \quad [\text{W/K}]$$



# Fuel average temperature

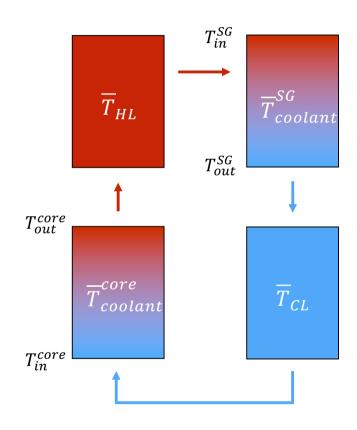
The fuel average temperature  $\overline{T}_{fuel}$  to be used for Doppler and axial expansion feedback is obtained as:

$$\overline{T}_{fuel} = T_{fuel}^{centre} \left(\frac{r_{centre}}{r_{fuel}}\right)^2 + T_{fuel}^{middle} \left(\frac{r_{middle} - r_{centre}}{r_{fuel}}\right)^2 + T_{fuel}^{centre} \left(\frac{r_{outer} - r_{middle}}{r_{fuel}}\right)^2$$





## Hot/cold leg and steam generator temperatures



The coolant exiting the core is diluted into the hot leg:

$$\frac{d\overline{T}_{coolant}^{HL}}{dT} = \frac{\overset{\cdot}{m_{coolant}^{core}}}{\overset{\cdot}{m_{coolant}^{HL}}} \left(T_{out}^{core} - \overline{T}_{coolant}^{HL}\right)$$

• For the steam generator inlet, we assume

$$T_{in}^{SG} = \overline{T}_{coolant}^{HL}$$

 Here, a simplified assumption is made for the outlet temperature of the steam generator. Either

$$T_{out}^{SG} = T_{in}^{SG} - \Delta T_{coolant}^{SG}$$
 constant temperature difference, or

$$T_{out}^{SG} = T_{in}^{SG} - \frac{Q_{SG}}{\dot{m}_{coolant}^{SG} \times c_p^{coolant}}$$
 constant power removal.

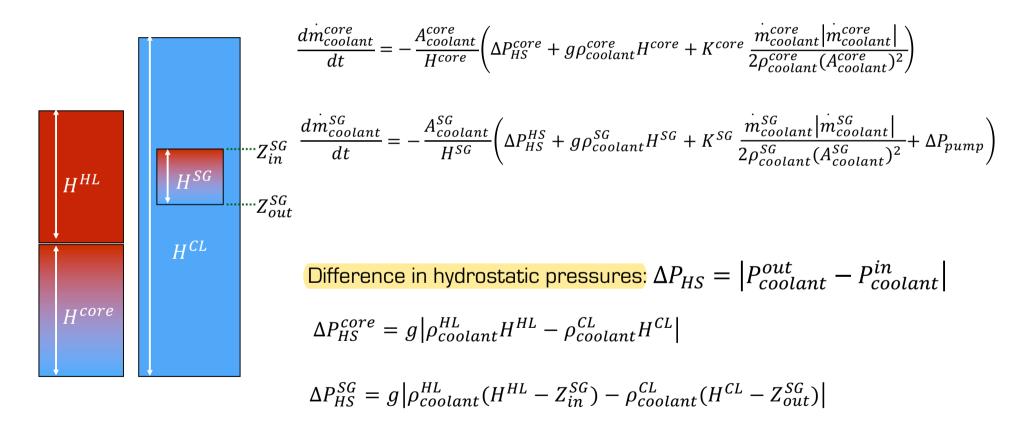
For cold leg and core inlet temperatures:

$$\frac{d\overline{T}_{coolant}^{CL}}{dT} = \frac{m_{coolant}^{SG}}{m_{coolant}^{CL}} \left( T_{out}^{SG} - \overline{T}_{coolant}^{CL} \right), \qquad T_{in}^{core} = \overline{T}_{coolant}^{CL}$$



#### Mass flow rates

Change in mass flow rate through core and steam generator:





#### Pressure loss coefficients

The generalized pressure loss coefficients K are expressed in terms of the steady state pressure drops assumed to be established at t = 0:

$$K^{core}(t) = \left| \frac{\overset{\cdot}{m_{coolant}^{core}}(t)}{\overset{\cdot}{m_{coolant}^{core}}(0)} \right|^{b_{core}} \Delta P^{core}(0) \left[ \frac{\overset{\cdot}{m_{coolant}^{core}}(0) \left| \overset{\cdot}{m_{coolant}^{core}}(0) \left| \frac{\overset{\cdot}{m_{coolant}^{core}}(0) \left| \overset{\cdot}{m_{coolant}^{core}}(0) \left| \frac{\overset{\cdot}{m_{coolant}^{core}}(0) \left| \overset{\cdot}{m_{coolant}^{core}}(0) \right| \right|^{-1}}{2\rho_{coolant}^{core}(0) (A_{coolant}^{core})^{2}} \right]^{-1}$$

$$K^{SG}(t) = \left| \frac{\overset{\cdot}{m_{coolant}^{SG}}(t)}{\overset{\cdot}{m_{coolant}^{SG}}(0)} \right|^{b_{SG}} \Delta P^{SG}(0) \left[ \frac{\overset{\cdot}{m_{coolant}^{SG}}(0) \left| \overset{\cdot}{m_{coolant}^{SG}}(0) \right| \right| \right]^{-1} \right|$$

b: flow characteristic friction exponents



#### Elevation of coolant free surface levels

Net transfer of coolant between hot and cold legs + expansion

$$\frac{dH^{HL}}{dt} = \frac{\dot{m_{coolant}}^{core} - \dot{m_{coolant}}^{SG}}{\rho_{coolant}^{HL} A_{coolant}^{HL}} - \frac{H^{HL}}{\rho_{coolant}^{HL}} \frac{d\rho_{coolant}}{dT} \frac{d\overline{T}^{HL}}{dt} - \frac{V_{coolant}^{core}}{\rho_{coolant}^{core} A_{coolant}^{HL}} \frac{d\rho_{coolant}}{dT} \frac{d\overline{T}^{core}}{dt}$$

$$\frac{dH^{CL}}{dt} = \frac{\dot{m}_{coolant}^{SG} - \dot{m}_{coolant}^{core}}{\rho_{coolant}^{CL} A_{coolant}^{CL}} - \frac{H^{CL}}{\rho_{coolant}^{CL}} \frac{d\rho_{coolant}}{dT} \frac{d\overline{T}^{CL}}{dt}$$



#### Termomechanical model

### Radial equilibrium equation

radial stress & hoop stress

## Geometric equations

radial displacement & strain

#### Generalized Hooke's law

stress & strain

$$\frac{d\sigma_r}{dr} + \frac{\sigma_r - \sigma_\theta}{r} = 0$$

$$\varepsilon_r = \frac{du}{dr}$$
  $\varepsilon_\theta = \frac{u}{r}$   $\varepsilon_z = const(r)$ 

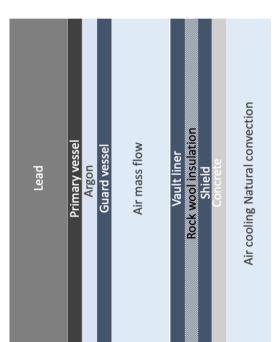
$$\varepsilon_{r} = \frac{1}{E} (\sigma_{r} - v(\sigma_{\theta} + \sigma_{z})) + \alpha T + \varepsilon^{s} + \varepsilon_{r}^{c}$$

$$\varepsilon_{\theta} = \frac{1}{E} (\sigma_{\theta} - v(\sigma_{r} + \sigma_{z})) + \alpha T + \varepsilon^{s} + \varepsilon_{\theta}^{c}$$

$$\varepsilon_{z} = \frac{1}{E} (\sigma_{z} - v(\sigma_{r} + \sigma_{\theta})) + \alpha T + \varepsilon^{s} + \varepsilon_{z}^{c}$$



## **RVAC System**



$$\frac{d\bar{T}_{Pb}}{dt} = \frac{1}{m_{Pb}c_p^{Pb}} \left( \dot{Q}(t) - h_{Pb \to 316L} A_{primary} (\bar{T}_{Pb} - \bar{T}_{primary}) \right) \tag{1}$$

$$\frac{d\bar{T}_{Pb}}{dt} = \frac{1}{m_{Pb}c_{p}^{Pb}} \left( \dot{Q}(t) - h_{Pb \to 316L} A_{primary}(\bar{T}_{Pb} - \bar{T}_{primary}) \right)$$

$$\frac{d\bar{T}_{vessel}}{dt} = \frac{1}{m_{vessel}c_{p}^{316L}} \left( h_{Pb \to 316L} A_{primary}(\bar{T}_{Pb} - \bar{T}_{primary}) - \frac{\sigma_{SB}(\bar{T}_{vessel}^4 - \bar{T}_{guard}^4)}{\frac{1}{A_{vessel}c_{vessel}} + \frac{1}{A_{guard}c_{guard}} - \frac{1}{A_{guard}} \right)$$

$$\frac{d\bar{T}_{vessel}}{dt} = \frac{1}{m_{guard}c_{p}^{316L}} \left( \frac{\sigma_{SB}(\bar{T}_{vessel}^4 - \bar{T}_{guard}^4)}{\frac{1}{A_{guard}c_{guard}} - \frac{\sigma_{SB}(\bar{T}_{guard}^4 - \bar{T}_{liner}^4)}{\frac{1}{A_{guard}c_{guard}} + \frac{1}{A_{liner}c_{liner}} - \frac{1}{A_{liner}}} - h_{316L \to air}A_{guard}(\bar{T}_{guard} - \bar{T}_{air}) \right)$$

$$(2)$$

$$\frac{d\bar{T}_{guard}}{dt} = \frac{1}{m_{guard}c_p^{316L}} \left( \frac{\sigma_{SB}(\bar{T}_{vessel}^4 - \bar{T}_{guard}^4)}{\frac{1}{A_{vessel}\epsilon_{vessel}} + \frac{1}{A_{guard}\epsilon_{guard}} - \frac{1}{A_{guard}} - \frac{\sigma_{SB}(\bar{T}_{guard}^4 - \bar{T}_{liner}^4)}{\frac{1}{A_{guard}\epsilon_{guard}} + \frac{1}{A_{liner}\epsilon_{liner}} - \frac{1}{A_{liner}}} - h_{316L \to air}A_{guard}(\bar{T}_{guard} - \bar{T}_{air}) \right) (3)$$

$$\frac{d\bar{T}_{liner}}{dt} = \frac{1}{m_{liner}c_p^{316L}} \left( \frac{\sigma_{SB}(\bar{T}_{guard}^4 - \bar{T}_{liner}^4)}{\frac{1}{A_{guard}\epsilon_{guard}} + \frac{1}{A_{liner}\epsilon_{liner}} - \frac{1}{A_{liner}}} - h_{316L \to air}A_{liner}(\bar{T}_{liner} - \bar{T}_{air}) - h_{316L \to RW}A_{liner}(\bar{T}_{liner} - \bar{T}_{RW}) \right)$$
(4)



# **RVAC System**

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$$\frac{d\bar{T}_{RW}}{dt} = \frac{1}{m_{RW}c_n^{RW}} \left( h_{316L \to RW} A_{liner} (\bar{T}_{liner} - \bar{T}_{RW}) - h_{RW \to shield} A_{shield} (\bar{T}_{RW} - \bar{T}_{shield}) \right) \tag{5}$$

$$\frac{d\bar{T}_{shield}}{dt} = \frac{1}{m_{shield}c_p^{shield}} \left( h_{RW \to shield} A_{shield} (\bar{T}_{RW} - \bar{T}_{shield}) - h_{shield \to air} A_{shield} (\bar{T}_{shield} - \bar{T}_{in}) \right) \tag{6}$$

$$\frac{dT_{air}^{out}}{dt} = \frac{1}{m_{air}c_p^{air}} \left( h_{guard \to air} A_{guard} (\bar{T}_{guard} - \bar{T}_{air}) + h_{liner \to air} A_{liner} (\bar{T}_{liner} - \bar{T}_{air}) - \dot{m}_{air}c_p^{air} (T_{air}^{out} - T_{in}) \right)$$
(7)

$$\frac{d\vec{m}_{air}}{dt} = \frac{A_{vault}}{H_{vault}} \left( g(\rho_{air}^{in} - \rho_{air}^{out}) \left( \frac{H_{vault}}{2} + H_{chimney} \right) - \frac{f_D^{vault} H_{vault} \dot{m}_{air}^2}{2D_h^{vault} \rho_{air} (T_{vault}) A_{vault}^2} - \frac{f_D^{chimney} H_{chimney} \dot{m}_{air}^2}{2D_h^{chimney} \rho_{air} (T_{chimney}) A_{chimney}^2} \right) + \frac{f_D^{vault} H_{vault} \dot{m}_{air}^2}{2D_h^{vault} \rho_{air} (T_{vault}) A_{vault}^2} - \frac{f_D^{chimney} H_{chimney} \dot{m}_{air}^2}{2D_h^{chimney} \rho_{air} (T_{chimney}) A_{chimney}^2} \right)$$

$$-\frac{A_{vault}}{H_{vault}}\frac{\dot{m}_{air}^2}{2}\left(\frac{K_{in}+K_{bend}}{\rho_{air}(T_{in})A_{in}^2}+K_{\Delta A}+\left(\frac{A_{in}}{A_{bottom}}-1\right)^2\frac{1}{\rho_{air}(T_{in})A_{in}^2}+K_{\Delta A}-\left(1-\frac{A_{vault}}{A_{bottom}}\right)\frac{1}{\rho_{air}(T_{out})A_{bottom}^2}+K_{\Delta A}+\left(\frac{A_{vault}}{A_{chimney}}-1\right)^2\frac{1}{\rho_{air}(T_{out})A_{vault}^2}+\frac{2K_{bend}+K_{out}}{\rho_{air}(T_{out})A_{out}^2}\right)$$
(8)



#### How are the models solved?

#### Radial temperatures

- Fuel
- Gap
- Cladding
- Lead

# Simultaneous

Matrix solved by Thomas' Method

Primary System and RVAC

- Hot-leg
- Steam generator
- Cold-leg
- Cold-pool
- Reactor-vessel
- Guard-vessel

# Sequential

Explicit discretization

**Reactor Power** 

- Neutronic density
- Reactivity

# Sequential

Explicit discretization



#### **BELLA Code Routines**

User\_interface.f90

Read\_input.f90

Print results.f90

Transients.f90

Input.dat

Results.dat

Initial.f90

User\_interface.f90

Neutronic\_model.f90

Reactivity.f90

Radial\_temp.f90

Axial temp.f90

Energy\_primary.f90

Momentum\_primay.f90

Mass primay.f90

Energy\_RVAC.f90

Momentum\_RVAC.f90

BELLA.f90

Global\_variables.mod

Precision.mod

Fuel prop.f90

Gap prop.f90

Clad\_prop.f90

Lead\_prop.f90



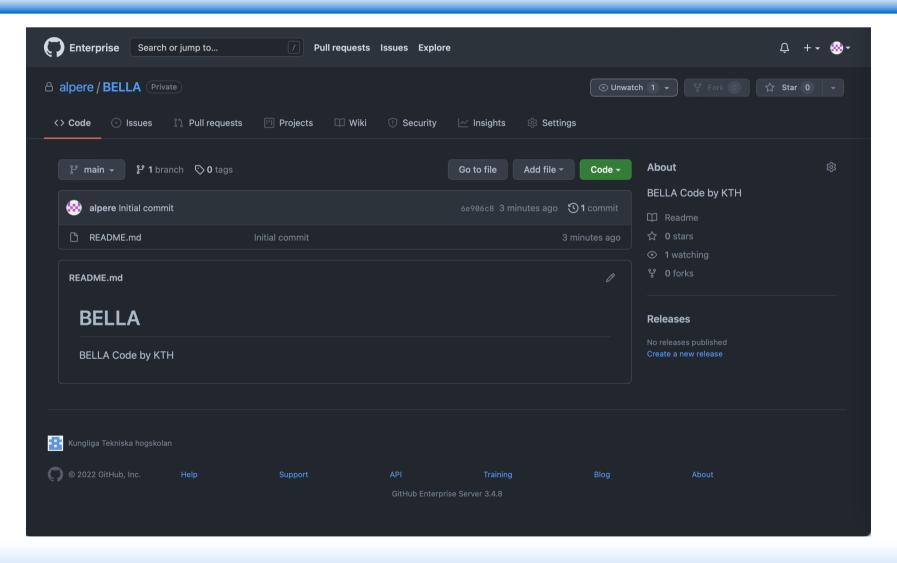
## Users Interface : doing easy

```
aleiandria@eduroam-10-200-44-189 src % ./bella
     Please write the simulation time (s).
1000
     Please write simulation step (s).
1
     Do you want to simulate a transient event?
          ves = 1
           no = 2
1
     Please write the time to start the transient (s).
100
     Choose the transient event:
                   write 1
     ULOF
     UTOP
                   write 2
                   write 3
     ULOHS
     ULOF & ULOHS write 4
```

```
Time
                                             Thermal power =
                      1000.00000000000000
                                                                 80000652.000000000
                                Temperatures [°C]
Fuel avo
                      645.22998046875000
                                                                 652.65002441406250
                                             Fuel max
Clad ava
                                             Clad max
                      496.45001220703125
                                                                 561.34002685546875
                                             Lead outlet
Lead inlet
                      419.67001342773438
                                                                 550.86999511718750
Lead core
                                             Lead Hot leg
                      485.36999511718750
                                                                 550.86999511718750
Lead SG
                                             Lead Cold leg =
                      485.23001098632812
                                                                 419.98999023437500
Lead Cold pool
                                             Fuel max core =
                                                                 868.34002685546875
                      419.98999023437500
Mass flow [kg/s] =
                      4241.3999023437500
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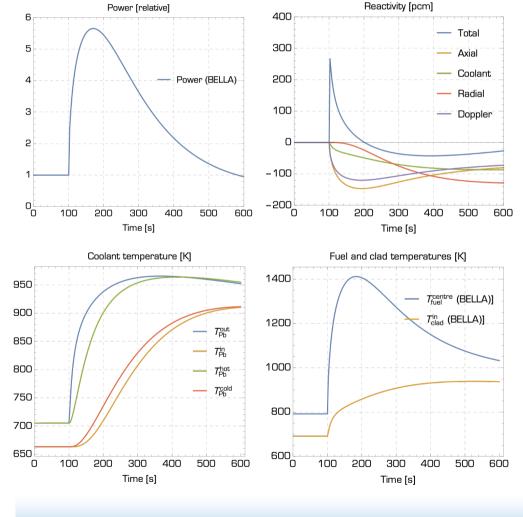


# Repository to keep it safe!





# Simulation of reactivity insertion in a small lead-cooled reactor with UO<sub>2</sub> fuel (SEALER-3)



- Insertion of 0.5\$ reactivity at t = 100 s.
- Power increases more than 400%
- Temperatures increase
- Negative reactivity feedbacks act
- Sub-criticality achieved (without insertion of shut-down rods) 100 s into the transient.
- Power reduces, as delayed neutrons continue to induce fission chains.
- Coolant & clad temperatures increase
- Fuel temperature decreases



#### Simulation of loss of flow in SEALER-3

