

Data analysis of the reactor pressure, coolant level and main recirculation flow calibration data and failure events for Olkiluoto 1 and Olkiluoto 2

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## Teollisuuden Voima Oy (TVO)

#### Company

- Privately owned power company in Finland
- Established in 1969
- Personnel about 700
- Annual turnover about million 230 M€
- Sells electricity only to the shareholders at cost basis

#### Existing NPP Units (Olkiluoto 1 and Olkiluoto 2)

- 2 x 860 MW, BWR, Westinghouse Atom
- Commercial operation 1979 and 1982
- Modernization and upgrade in 1994-1998 and 2005-2006

#### New NPP Unit (Olkiluoto 3)

- 1 x 1,600 MW, PWR, Framatome-Siemens consortium
- Commercial operation in 2011

#### **Coal Condensing Power Plant Unit (Meri-Pori)**

• 257 MW stake in 565 MW coal condensing unit

#### **Subsidiaries**

- Posiva Oy (60%), responsible for the final disposal of spent fuel
- TVO Nuclear Services Oy (100 %), specialized in know-how consulting







### Introduction

#### Surveillance test evaluation

- Internal project started 2001
- Tests included in Technical Specifications
- Limited to tests that are performed during annual outages
- Risk informed approach

#### • Main goals

- Possibilities to reduce the effort put on testing activities
- To study the possible improvement of test procedures
  - Risk reduction possibilities e.g. with alternative test arrangements

#### Organizations involved

- Nuclear Safety, Operational Safety, Operation and Maintenance
  - comprehensive aspects from safety, operation and maintenance were gained in the decision-making process

### Introduction continues...

- Case study calibrations of reactor measurements
  - reactor pressure, coolant level and main recirculation flow
    - 211K101- K104, 211K111 K114
    - 211K401- K404, 211K411 K414
    - 211K301- K304, 211K311 K314
    - **Calibration interval extension?**
    - Sequential versus staggered testing?
- **OL1/OL2** Operating experience, historical data
  - Analysis of calibration data
  - Analysis of failure reports
  - Analysis of IE's (PRA)
- **OL1/OL2 PSA model** 
  - Determination of risk significance of calibrations





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### Analysis of the calibration data

- Source:
  - Plant specific database for calibration data (EERO)
    - Contains information of all components included in a measurement chain
    - Calibration measurement data
      - Calibration points within measurement range
        - » e.g. fine pressure 60...80 bar, fine level +2,5...+6,4 m
      - Calibration is performed once per year in connection of annual outage
- Time period:
  - Calibration data from years 1982-2000





#### **Example of pressure measurement**





### Analysis of the calibration data, cont.



Equipment	Action limit			
transmitter (level, pressure, flow, temperature)	± 0,08 mA			
isolation amplifier	± 50 mV			
electronic-limit switch	± 30 mV			
<b>IU-converter</b>	± 50 mV			
summing amplifier	± 50 mV			
majority switch	± 50 mV			

### Analysis of the calibration data, cont.

OL2, Pressure measurement Calibrations (1986-2000)	Frequency of exceeding the action limit (1/year)
Transmitters (F)	0,48
Transmitters (C)	0,03
Transmitters (F&C)	0,26
IU conv.,, QAIC	0,007
UU conv., QAGO	0,002
Electronic limit switch (F)	0,035
Electronic limit switch (C)	0,029



#### Analysis of failure events

#### • Plant specific maintenance database as source

- "TTJ" (former ATV)
  - Analysis of failure events reported
  - Covers time period 1983-2001
  - Critical failures and their failure modes in measurement chains
- Simplified approach was applied
  - criticality classification
    - critical, repair critical, non critical
  - failure mode for critical failures
    - according to coding and description in the failure report
    - e.g. "spurious output" or "no output"



### Analysis of failure reports, cont.

#### Failure reports 83-01

Reactor Pressure					Reactor level				
OL1	tot	Cri	Rcri	Ν	OL1	tot	Cri	Rcri	Ν
211K101-K104	2			2	211K401-K404	8	1	3	4
211K111-K114	4		1	3	211K411-K414	8	1	3	4
Total OL1	6	0	1	5	Total OL1	16	2	6	8
OL2	tot	Cri	Rcri	N	OL2	tot	Cri	Rcri	N
211K101-K104	4	•	3	1	211K401-K404	10	4	3	3
211K111-K114	2			2	211K411-K414	16	4	9	3
Total OL2	6	0	3	3	Total OL2	26	8	12	6
Fine pressure OL1/OL2	6	0	3	3	Fine Level OL1/OL2 yht.	18	5	6	7
Coarse Pressure OL1/OL2	6	0	1	5	Coarse Level OL1/OL2 yht.	24	5	12	7
Total OL1/OL2	12	0	4	8	Total OL1/OL2	42	10	18	14
<ul> <li>12 failures are reported</li> <li>no critical failures</li> </ul>					<ul> <li>42 failure reported - 10 critical failures</li> <li>7 cases - no output <ul> <li>transmitter failures</li> </ul> </li> <li>1 human error <ul> <li>maintenance and restoration of measurement channel</li> </ul> </li> <li>2 spurious <ul> <li>inadvortent trip of one channel</li> </ul> </li> </ul>				



### Analysis with OL1/OL2 PRA model

#### Modelling in OL1/OL2 PRA

- Component boundary components from transducer up to the electronic limit switch in each measurement channel
  - Reactor pressure
    - 211K101 211K104 P/I low signal
    - 211K111 211K114 P/I high signal
  - Reactor level
    - 211K401 211K404 DP/I high signal
    - 211K411 211K413 DP/I high signal
  - Reactor flow
    - 211K301-K304, K311-K314 not modelled (MC- flow signal)
- Electronic limit switches different actuation set-points
  - Level limit values H2, L2, L3, L4
  - Pressure, limit values H4 and L3
    - Impulse lines & 516-logic is modelled, but not considered in this analysis







# Analysis with OL1/OL2 PRA model, cont.

- Initiating event for OL1/OL2 units (1983-2001)
  - No plant disturbance has been occurred due to reactor pressure, reactor level or reactor flow measurements
- In connection of RPS (516) system analysis in PRA
  - Multiple human errors related to calibration treated as "CCFs"
    - Significant contributor to CDF
  - Modeling of multiple human error in X1/I2 calibration
    - Low level in reactor pressure vessel (X1:L3=2,0m / l2:L4=0,7m)
      - Most important "multiple human error" probability is estimated to be rather low 2.10<sup>-5</sup>
      - Already reduced some years ago after the test procedure changes

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### Analysis with OL1/OL2 PRA, cont.

- PRA model (Rev. 334)
  - Reactor pressure and level measurement
    - contribution to the core damage frequency without considering system 516 and impulse lines in system 211
      - $\sim 2,6.10^{-6}$  1/ra thus 13 % of total CDF (~2.10<sup>-5</sup> 1/year)
  - The most important contributors
    - human errors, especially multiple errors in calibration (CCF)
      - Fussel-Vesely importance measure is 13%
      - Risk increase factor 650
      - most important RPS conditions I2/X1 of reactor level measurement

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### **Results and conclusions**

- In past sequential calibrations have been performed annually during the outages (four-fold trains A, B, C and D)
- Based on the study the calibration interval could be extended according to calibration data and failure data analysis with exception
  - Flow measurement
    - the calibration interval could be longer, but due to operational reasons the calibration is needed every outage after refueling – thus no change proposed
- According to PRA study the core damage risk can be reduced significantly
  - if the calibrations are staggered in train pairs
    - the threefold and quadruple calibration errors can be eliminated practically
    - Trains A and C will be calibrated every second year and trains B and D correspondingly

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#### **Results and conclusions, cont.**

- Technical Specification change application was sent to STUK
  - change in reactor and pressure level measurements
    - consisted on the proposal of staggering the calibration activity
- STUK accepted this proposal at the end of the year 2005
  - effective during the outages 2006

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