

# KIT Results For Open Phase Of IAEA Benchmark CRP - I31038

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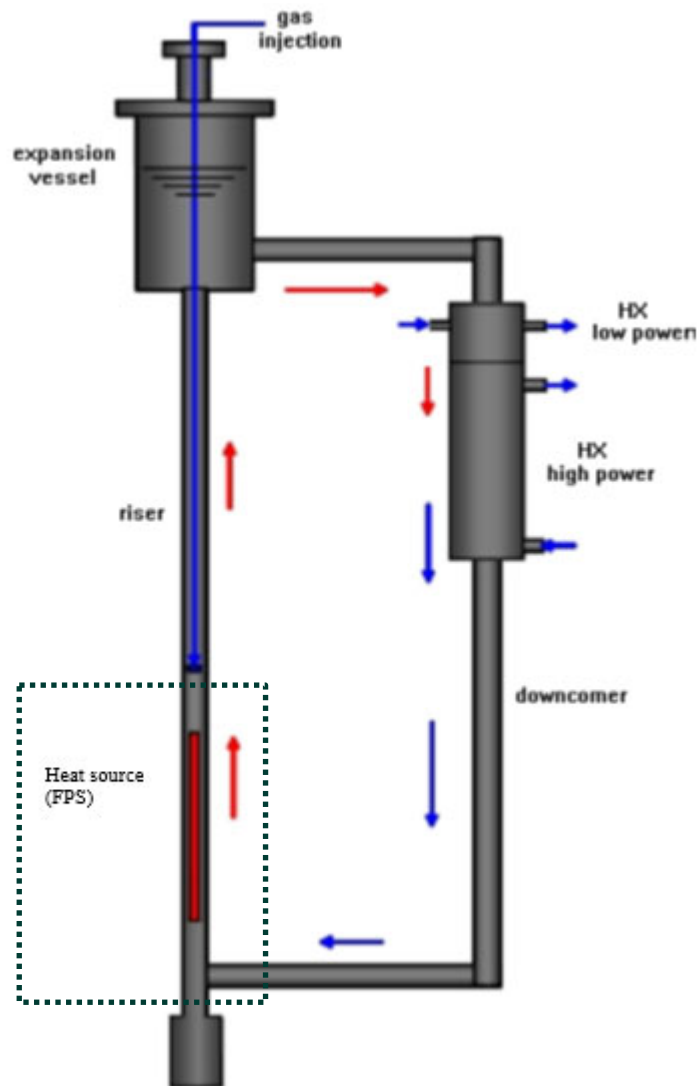
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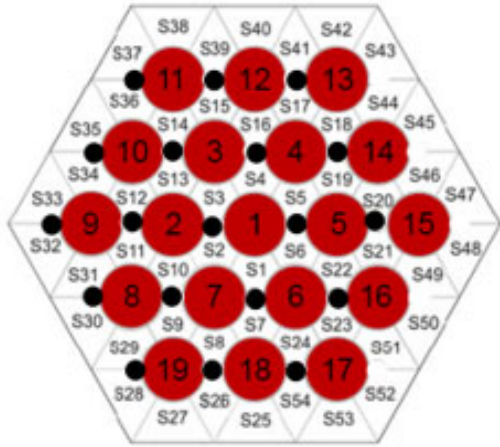
# Schematic representation of the NACIE-UP primary loop



## FPS design parameters

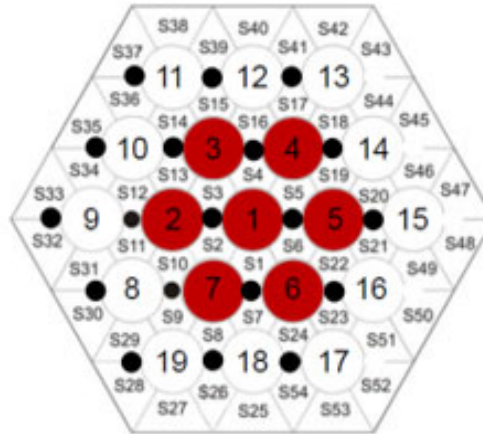
Parameter	Value
$D_{pin}$	6.55 mm
P	8.4 mm
P/D	1.2824 mm
$d_{wire}$	1.75 mm
$P_{wire}$	262 mm
$L_{total}$	2000 mm
$L_{active}$	600 mm
$D_{H,nom}$	3.84 mm

# Benchmark of Transition from Forced to Natural Circulation Experiment with Heavy Liquid Metal Loop



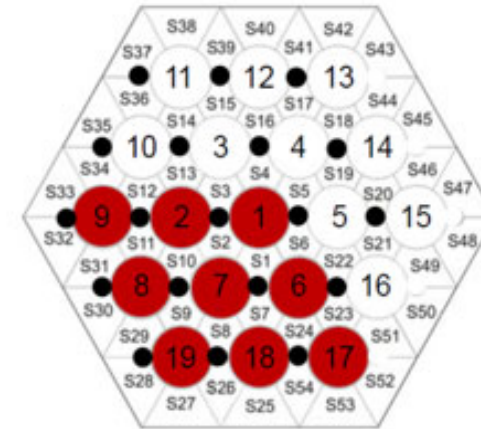
ADP10

full heating, 30kW



ADP06

central heating, 30kW

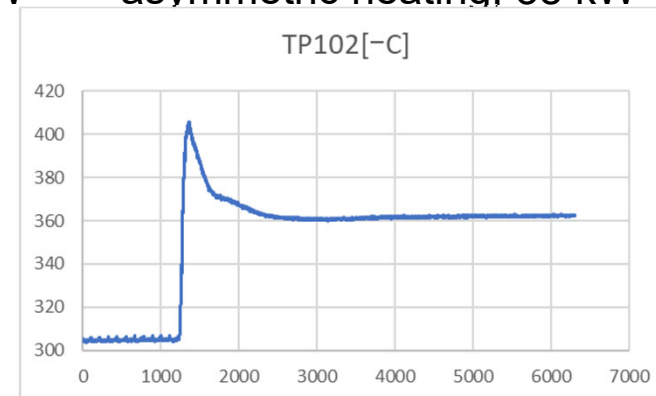


ADP07

asymmetric heating, 38 kW

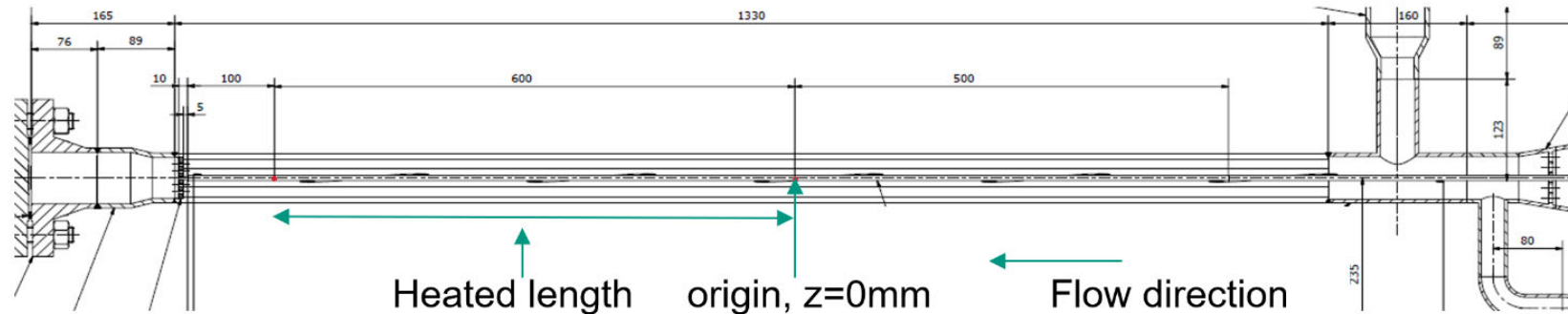
Test ADP10 Parameter	Steady state 1			Steady state 2		
	Data	$\sigma$	$\sigma$ [%]	Data	$\sigma$	$\sigma$ [%]
$\dot{m}_{gas}$ [Nl/min]	10	0.5	5	0	0	0
$\dot{m}_{LBE}$ [kg/s]	2.56	0.28	11	1.31	0.14	11
$T_{IN, FPS}$ [°C]	231.3	1.5		219.5	1.5	
$\Delta T_{FPS}$ [°C]	72	0.7	0.9	140.6	0.3	0.2
$Q_{nom}$ [w]	30000	50	0.2	30000	44	0.1
$Q_{eff}$ [w]	27000	1053	3.9	27000	1010	3.7
$Q_{pre}$ [w]	2236	403	18	2339	217	9.3
$Q_{tfm}$ [w]	1915	3	0.2	1644	4	0.3

Integral parameters of the test ADP10

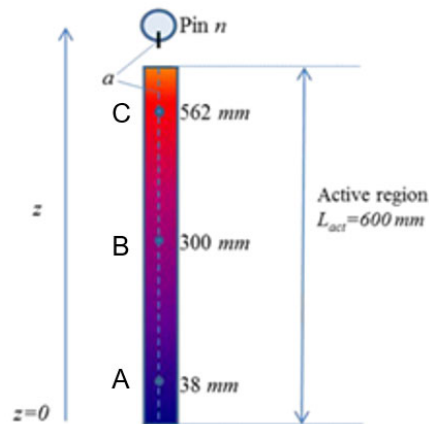


LBE temperature at the outlet of the test section TP102

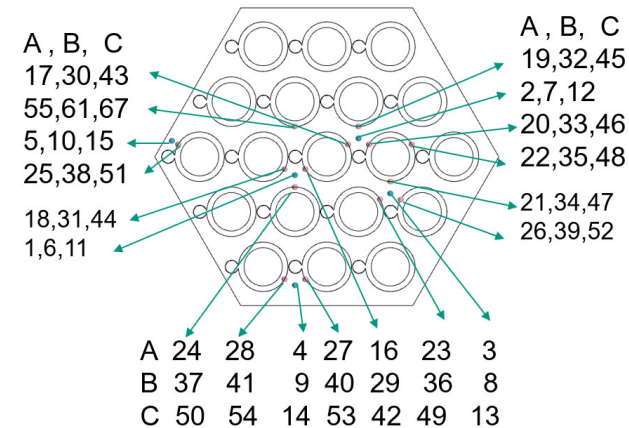
# Benchmark data / TC locations in the test section



CAD drawing of the test section and origin of the used coordinate system



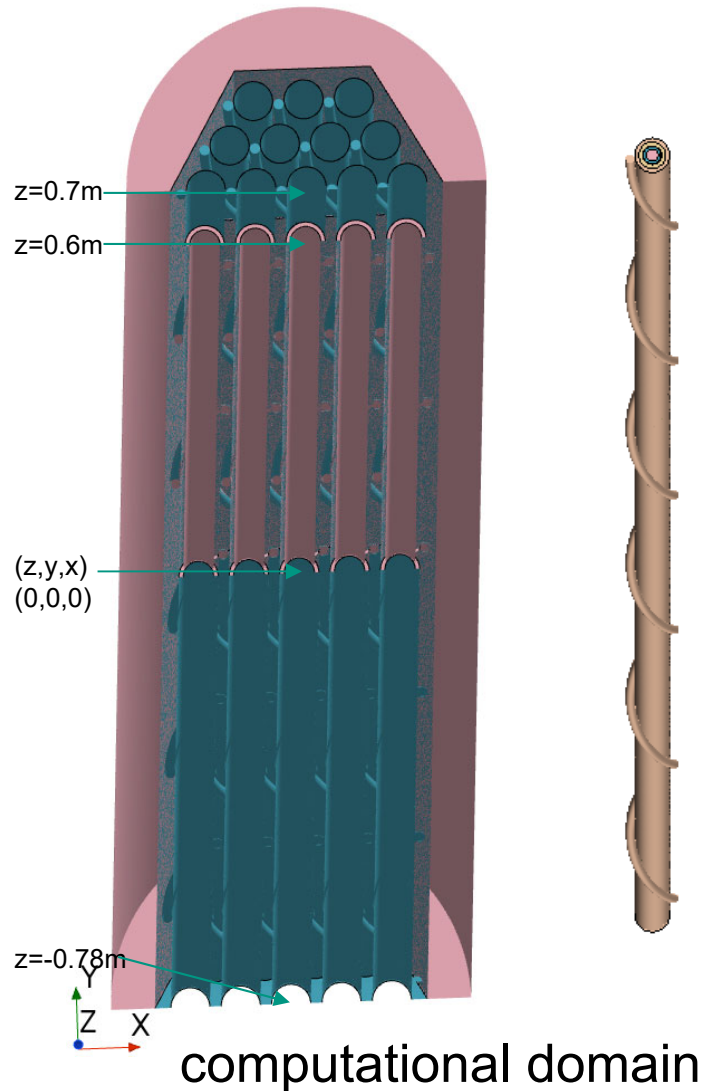
Location of planes for TC measurements in the test section (A at 38mm, B at 300mm and C at 562mm)



location and names of thermocouples in measurements sections.

The accuracy of the thermocouples according to the rule IEC 60584-3 (2007) are:  $\pm 1.5 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$  from  $-40 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$  to  $+375 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ ;  $\pm 0.004 T$  from  $375 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$  to  $1000 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ .

# Numerical Model



## Model:

- SST turbulence model
- All  $y^+$  wall treatment
- Second order convection schema
- Model default parameters
- Adiabatic condition applied, neglecting heat losses to environment
- Conjugate heat transfer to rods and wrapper

## Simulation:

- First run: simplified short heater, heat flux imposed at inner side of cladding
- Second run: full details of heater layers simulated

# Thermo-physical properties

LBE physical properties, OECD/NEA Handbook 2015

LBE properties as a function of temperature (T in Kelvin, SI Units)

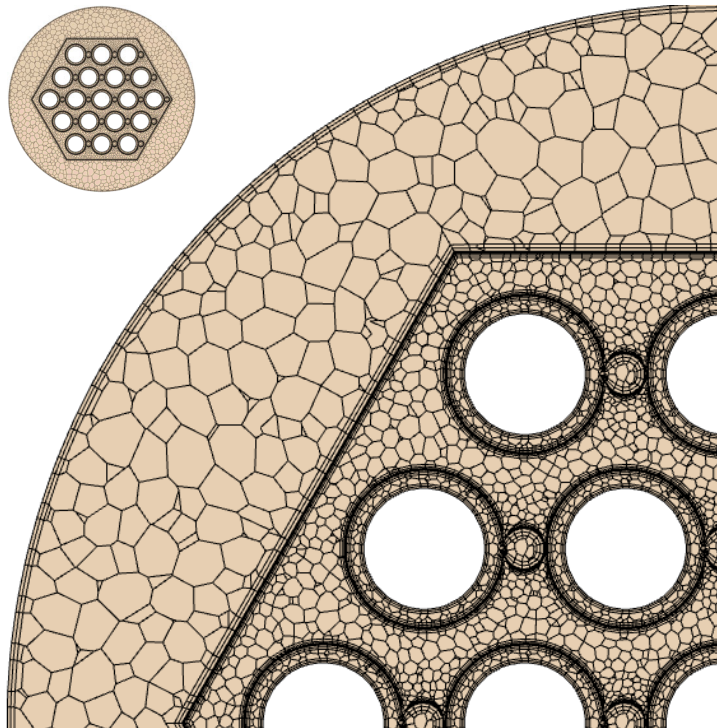
Property	Symbol	Correlation	Maximum Uncertainty	Standard deviation
Density	$\rho(T)$	$11065 - 1.293 \cdot T$	$\leq 0.8\%$	0.58%
Heat capacity	$c_p(T)$	$164.8 - 3.94 \cdot 10^{-2} \cdot T + 1.25 \cdot 10^{-5} \cdot T^2 - 4.56 \cdot 10^5 \cdot T^{-2}$	$\leq 5.0\%$	2.4%
Dynamic viscosity	$\mu(T)$	$4.94 \cdot 10^{-4} \exp\left(\frac{754.1}{T}\right)$	$\leq 6.0\% - 8.0\%$	7.2%
Thermal conductivity	$k(T)$	$3.284 + 1.617 \cdot 10^{-2} \cdot T - 2.305 \cdot 10^{-6} \cdot T^2$	$\leq 10.0\% - 15.0\%$	6.2%

For other materials, benchmark specifications are used

## Mesh and turbulent Model

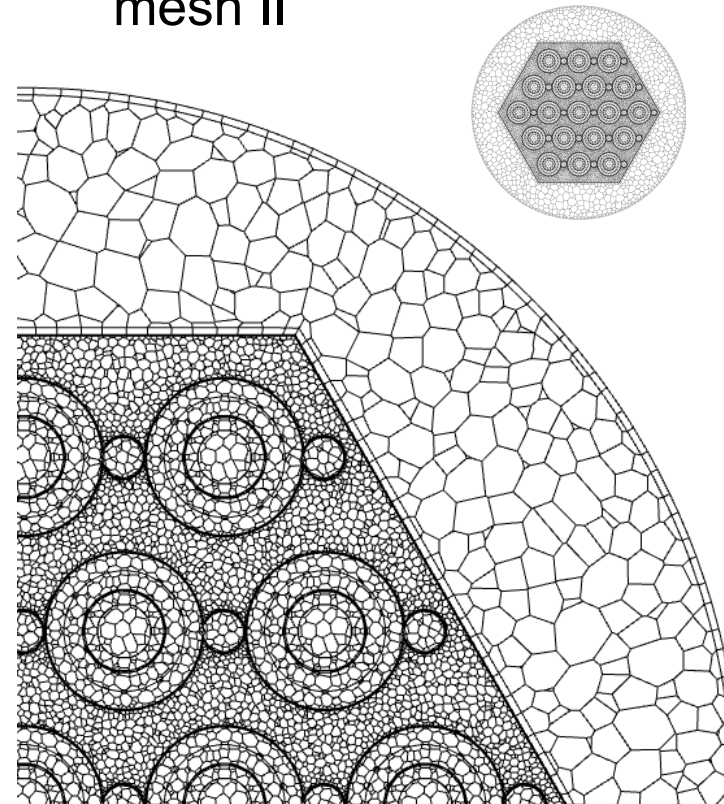
- SST All  $y^+$  wall treatment, Star CCM+
- $Y^+$  small resolving buoyancy near heated walls

mesh I



Fluid 49 M cell  
Whole 62 M cell

mesh II

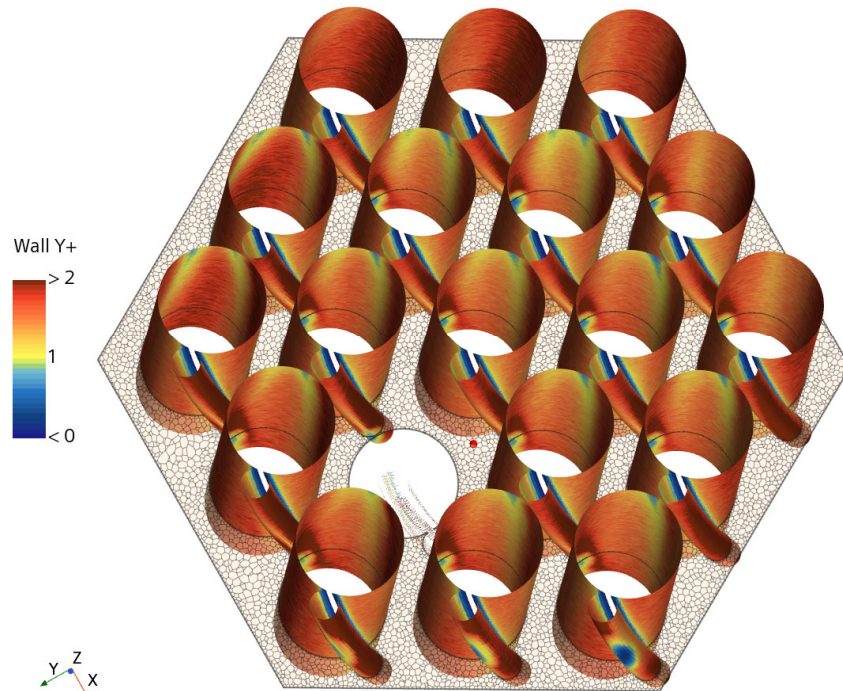


Fluid 96 M cell  
Whole 125 M cell



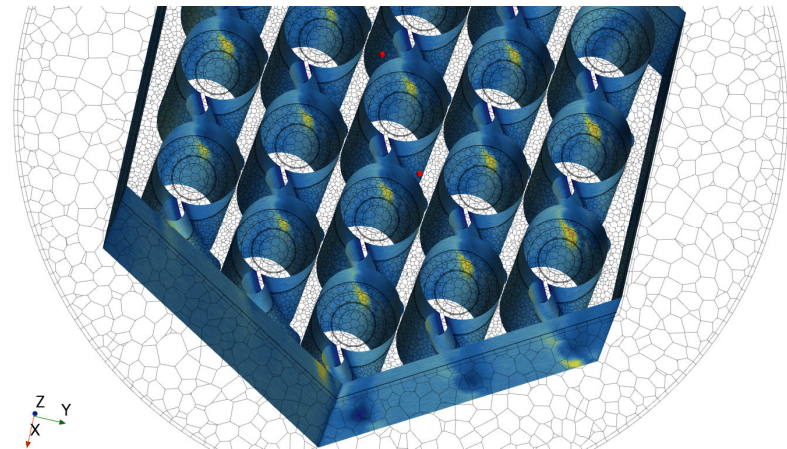
# Y+ values, mesh II, ADP 10 case A (Forced Circulation)

Simcenter STAR-CCM+



Y+ range 0 to 2

Wall Y+  
5  
4  
2  
1  
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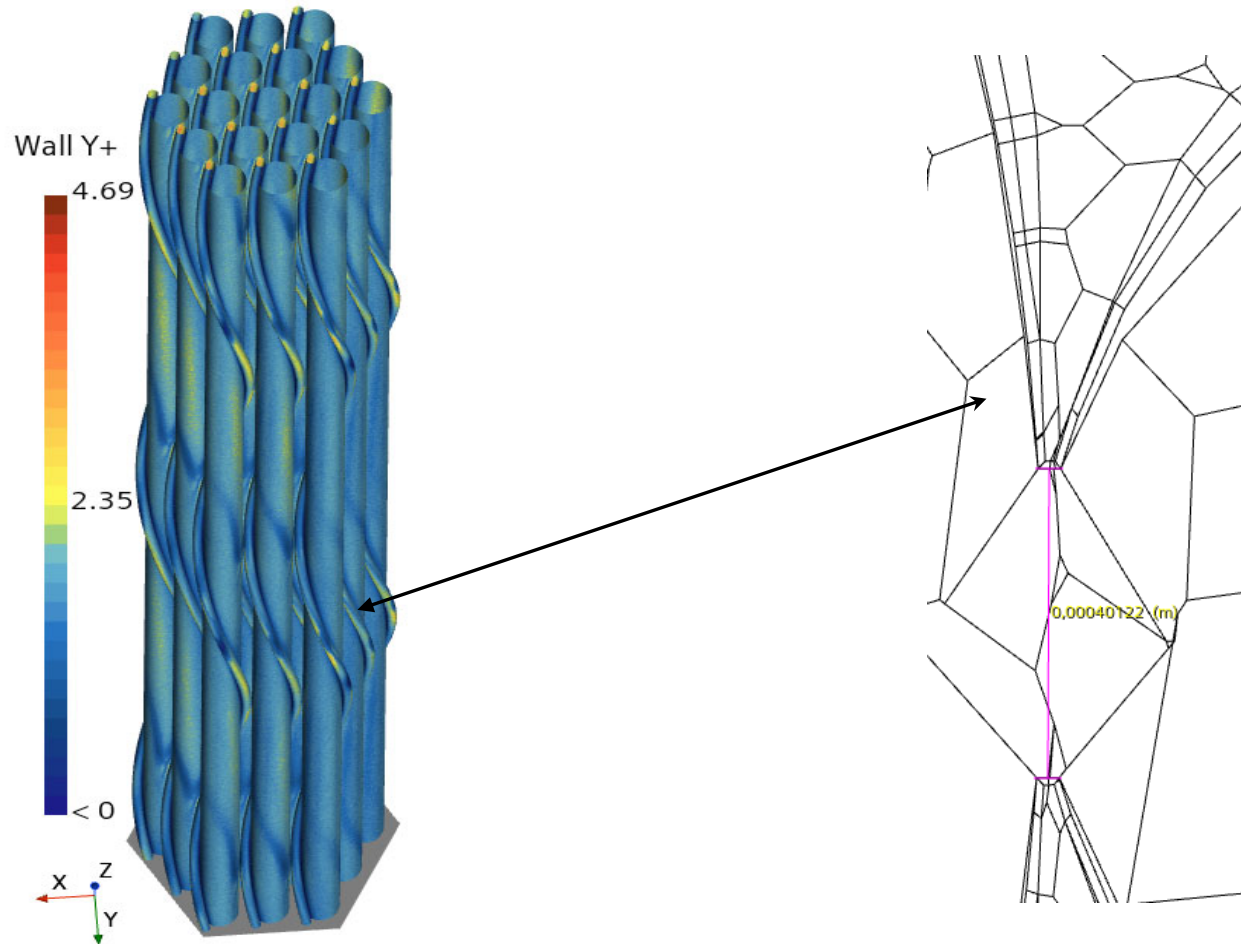


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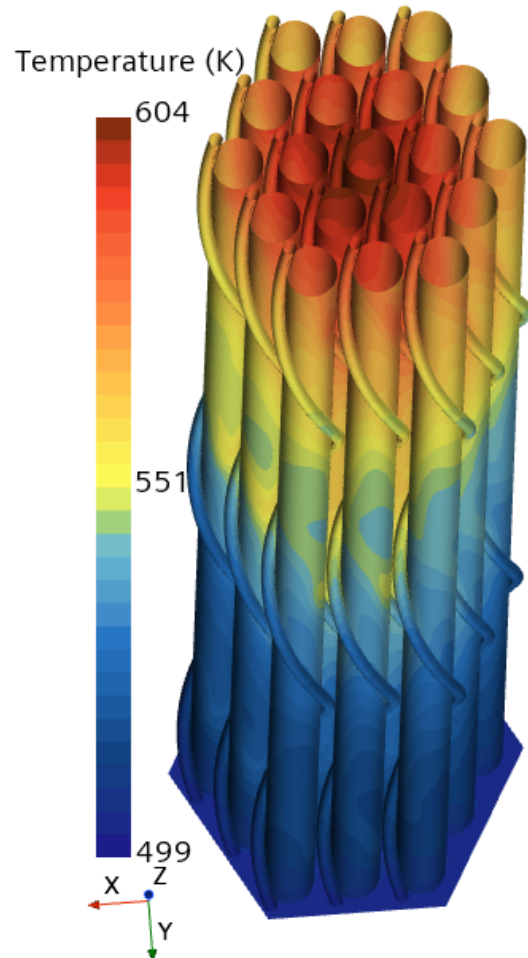
range 0 to 5

Cross-section showing mesh in fluid domain & wrapper near section A

# Mesh resolving contact of wire and pin



# Results, case ADP10 steady state1, mesh II.

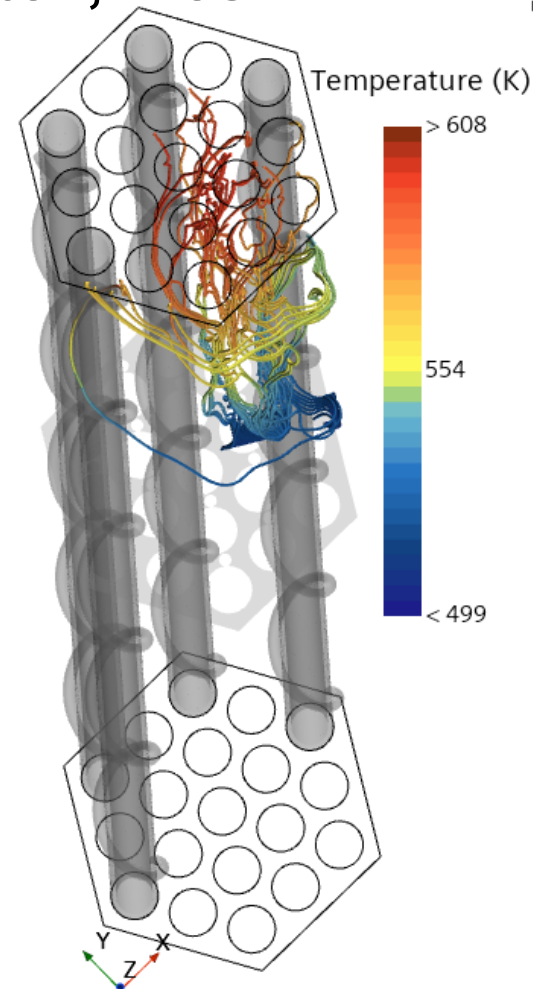


Temperature contours at heater fluid interface in heated region,  $z=0.0$  to  $0.6$  m

heated section  
 $0$  to  $0.6$  m

$z=0.0$  m

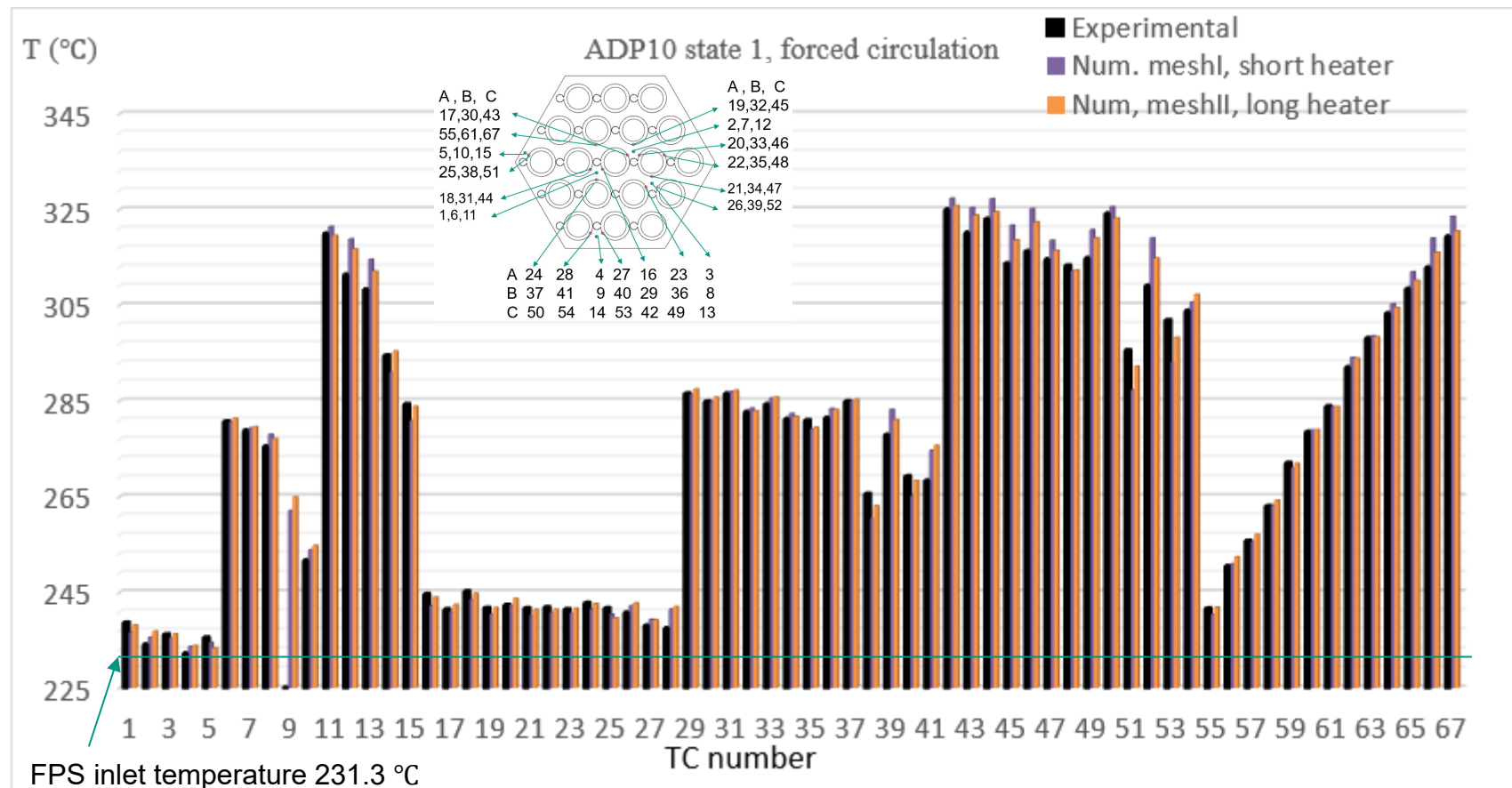
unheated section  
 $-0.78$  to  $0$  m



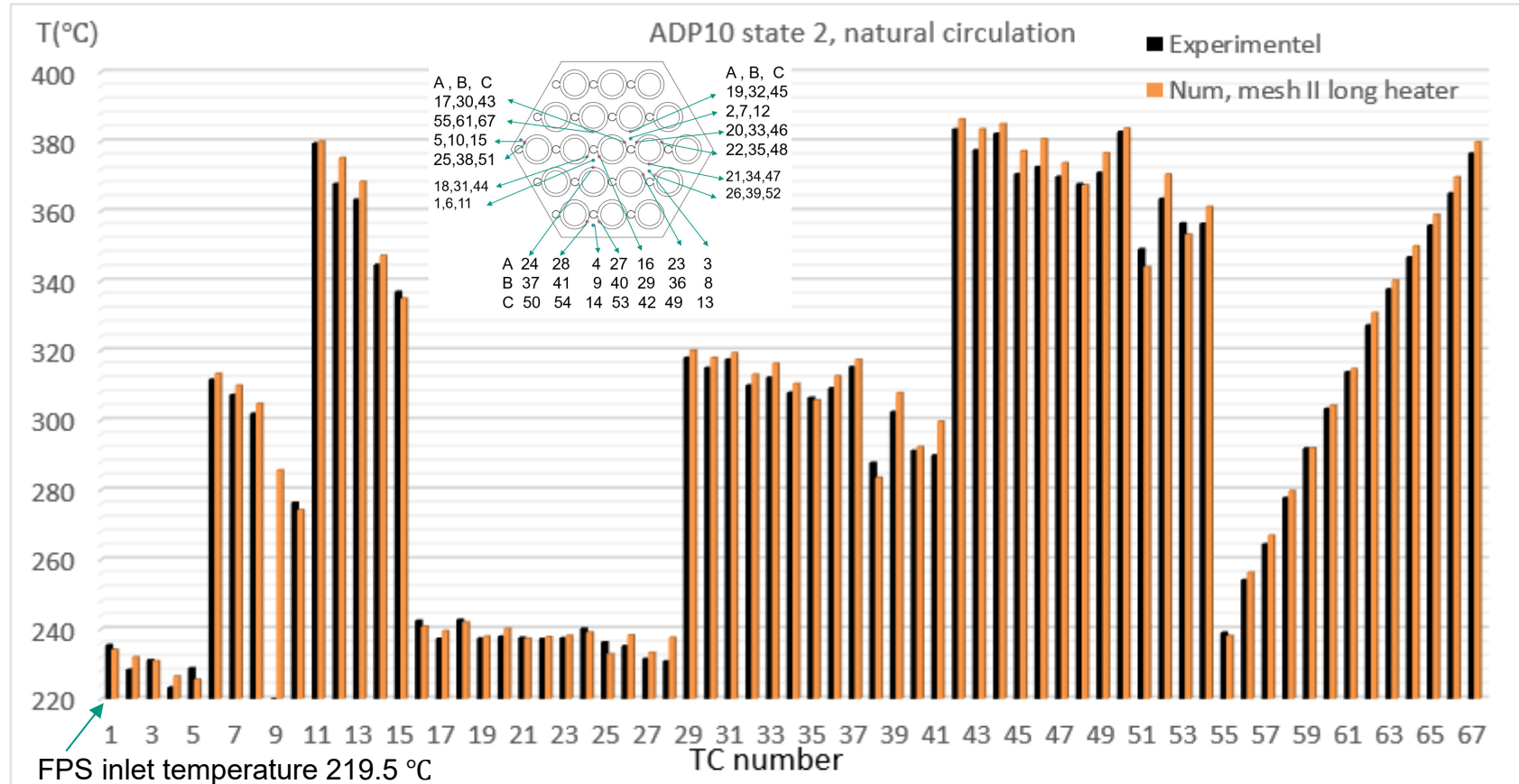
Streamlines from a line in x-y plane just downstream of start of heated zone,  $z=0.038$  m

# Forced circulation results mesh I with short heater, mesh II with long heater (Forced convection)

Comparison to experiment, averaging 100 measurements in steady period

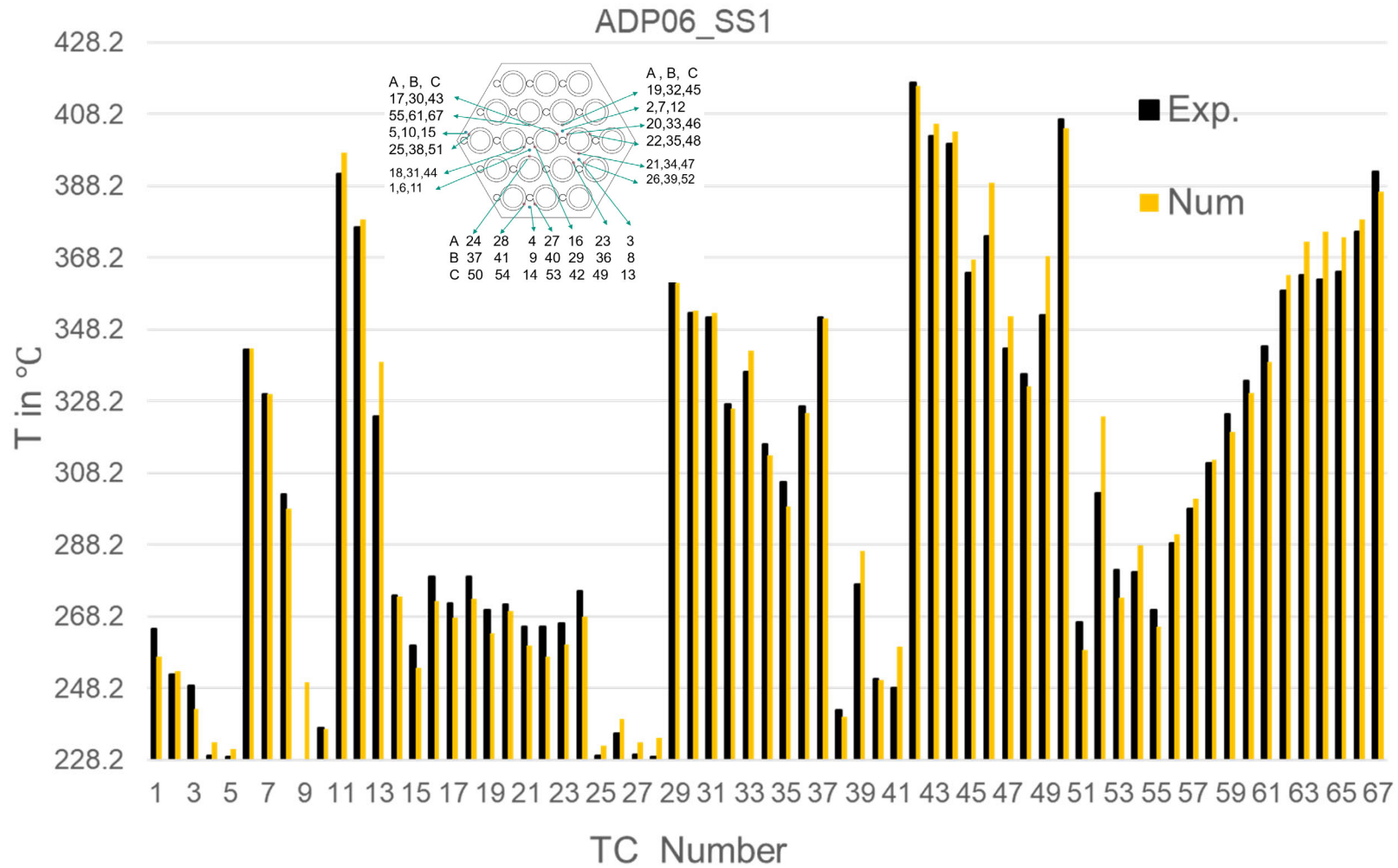


# Natural convection results, mesh II with long heater

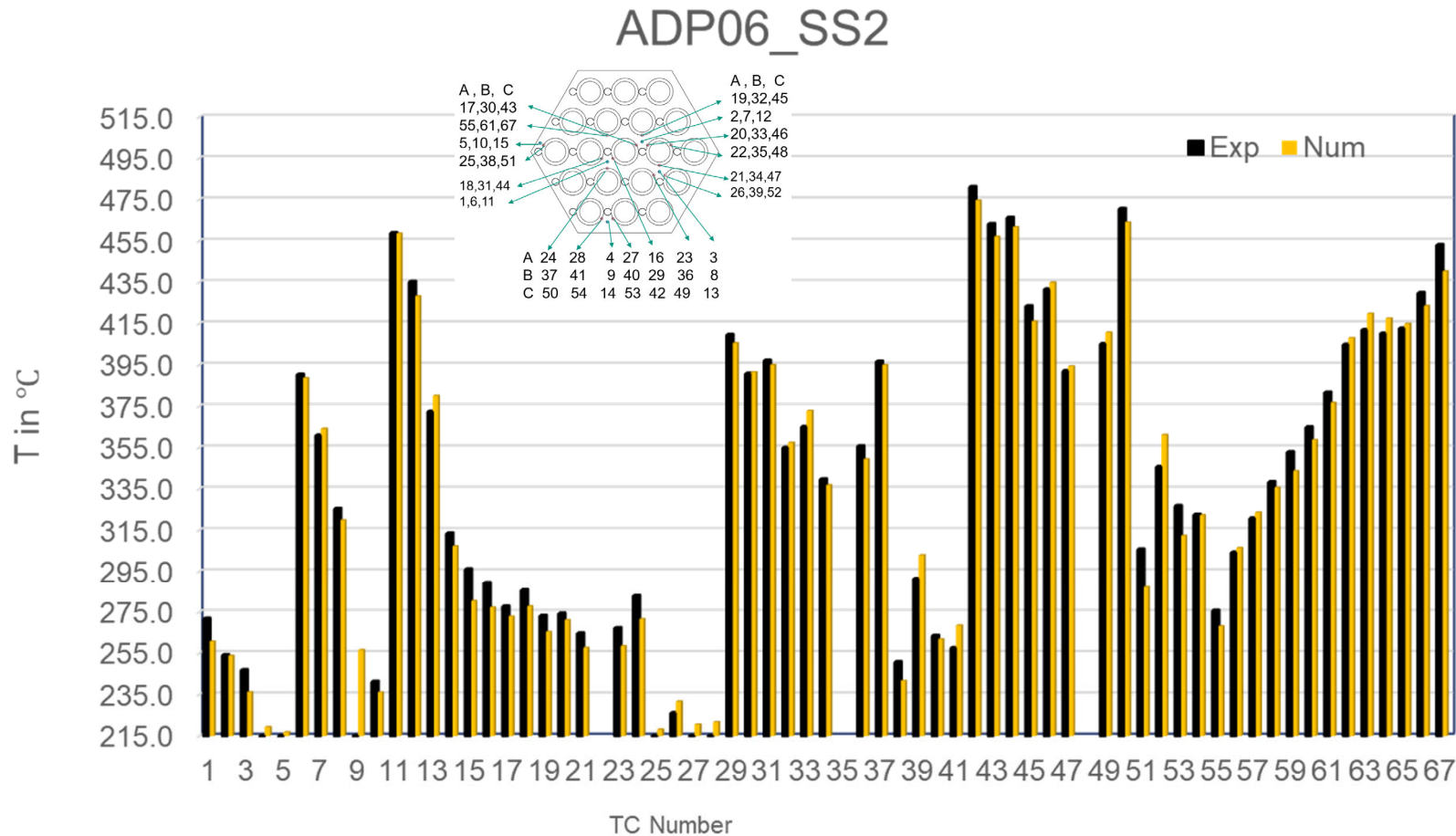


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# Forced circulation results, mesh II with long heater



# Natural convection results, mesh II with long heater



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## Conclusions

- Test of various modelling for heater show small influence on results
- Small sensitivity of results to mesh refinement
- Selected SST model & finer mesh & details in heater model are used for blind phase case with asymmetric heating
- Results for the blind phase are submitted.
- In regions with high temperatures, errors can be related to uncertainties in heating power, benchmark specification & modelling (physical parameters, turbulence models)
- Near inlet and boundary regions (low temperatures) yields larger uncertainty due to boundary conditions and TC measurement uncertainty.
  
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