

### NURESAFE WP1.1 TESTBED FOR INTEGRATED COUPLING AND UNCERTAINTY QUANTIFICATION METHODS

# **COBRA-TF sensitivity analysis with URANIE**

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- NURESAFE COBRA-TF
- Description of the URANIE software
- Scripts for Steady state and transient analysis
- Application to the O2 -1999 Feedwater transient
- Comparison of results against SUSA
- Conclusion and Outlook



- COBRA-TF is a thermal-hydraulic simulation code designed for Light Water Reactor (LWR) vessel analysis.
- It is being developed and improved by the Reactor Dynamics and Fuel Management Group (RDFMG) at the Pennsylvania State University (PSU).
- COBRA-TF uses a two-fluid three fields formulation for the simulation of two phase flow (9 equation system for the conservation of mass, momentum and energy).
- Within NURESAFE, COBRA-TF is being delivered by GRS to the partners.
- Code license agreement need to be signed between PSU and each interested partner.
- The same source is used as for the CASL program (USA).



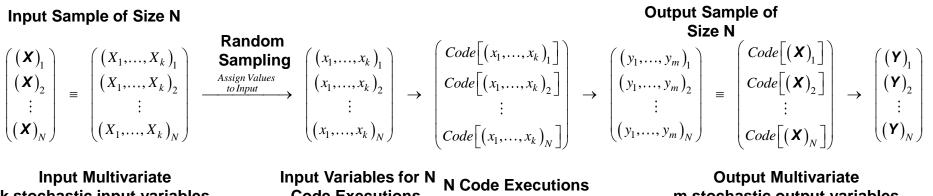
- URANIE is a software dedicated to uncertainty and optimization.
- It allows to perform studies on uncertainty propagation, sensitivity analysis or model calibration in an integrated environment.
- Based on ROOT, a software developed at CERN for particle physics data analysis. As a result, URANIE benefits from the numerous features of ROOT, among which:
  - a C++ interpreter (CINT)
  - a Python interface (PyROOT)
  - access to SQL databases
  - many advanced data visualization features
- URANIE training course attended 2-4<sup>th</sup> April 2013 in Saclay.



- At KIT, URANIE software has been applied to perform sensitivity analysis based on stochastic sampling (MC).
- Advantages of a Statistical Methodology:
  - Sound mathematical basis.
  - Reduction of Expert Opinion to the minimum needed.
  - There is no limit in the number of variables and models that can be used (No need for a previous PIRT).
  - The actual BE Code is used for the calculations (No need for regression based surfaces to replace the code).
  - The uncertainty can be quantified in transient analysis.
  - Objective determination of important variables and models.
- The methodology is concerned mainly with the uncertainty in:
  - Code's input variables.
  - Code's correlations and physical models.
- Confidence level determined by Wilk's formula (95% of probability with 95% confidence level with 93 runs).



- The stochastic nature (PDF) of the uncertainty in the input variables and in the physical models induces a statistical nature in the results of the code.
- The idea behind the statistical Methodology is quite simple
  - Uncertainties in code inputs are treated as Stochastic Variables.

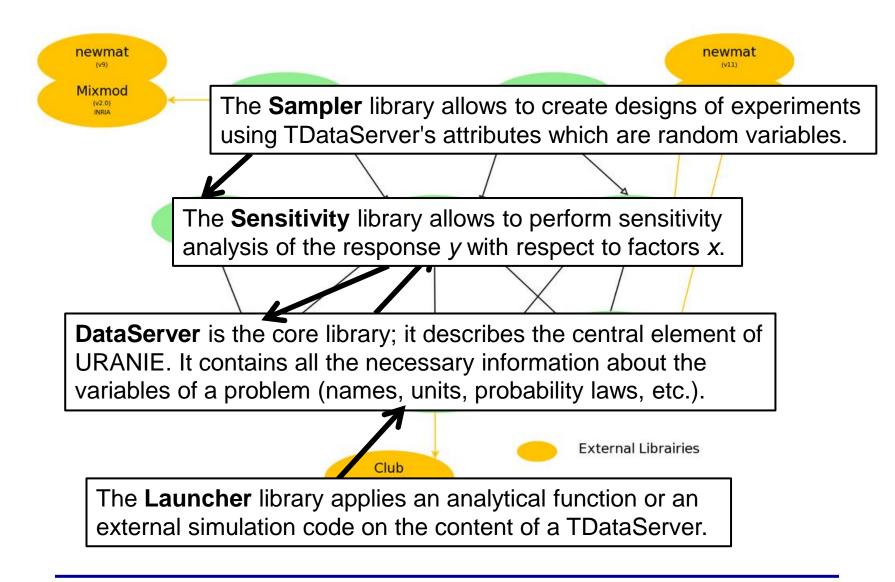


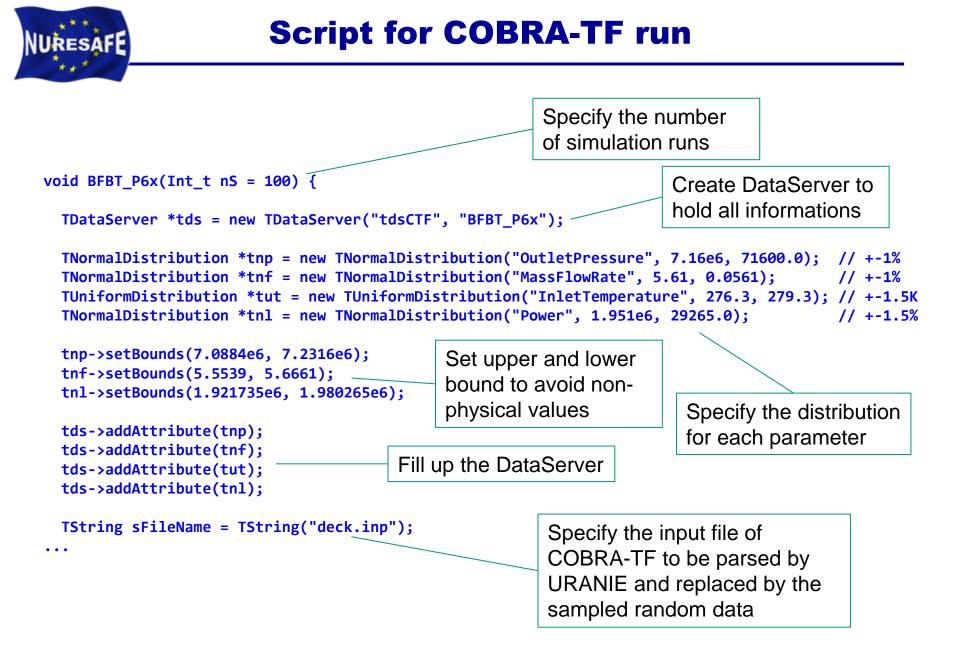
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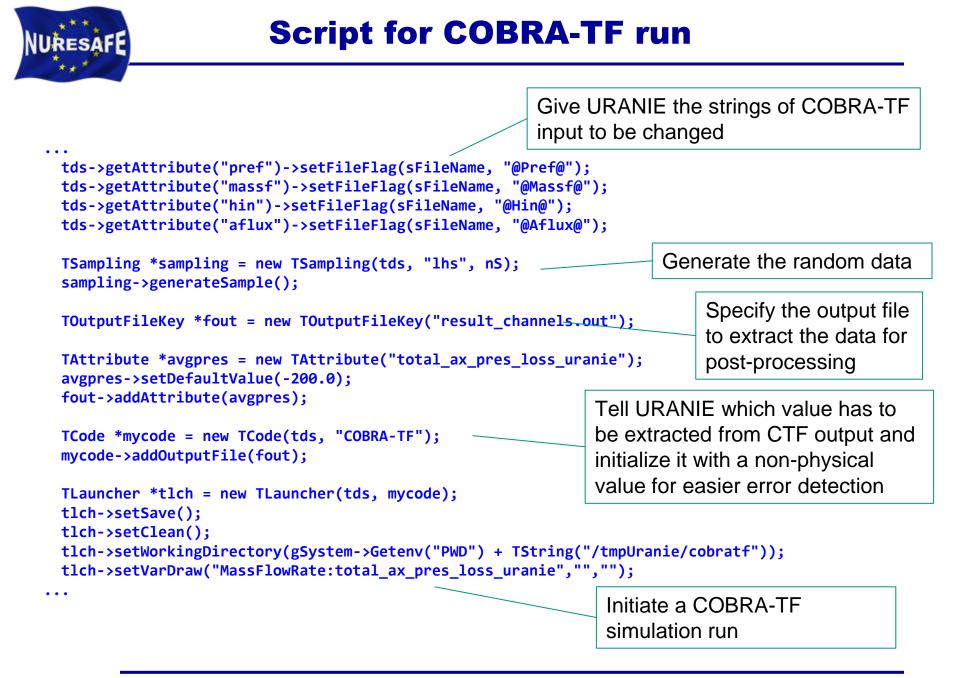
**Code Executions** 

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- Deterministic Code transforms Stochastic INPUT in Stochastic OUTPUT.
- Uncertainty in INPUT is PROPAGATED to OUTPUT. ٠
- Statistical Methods extract uncertainty information from OUTPUT.



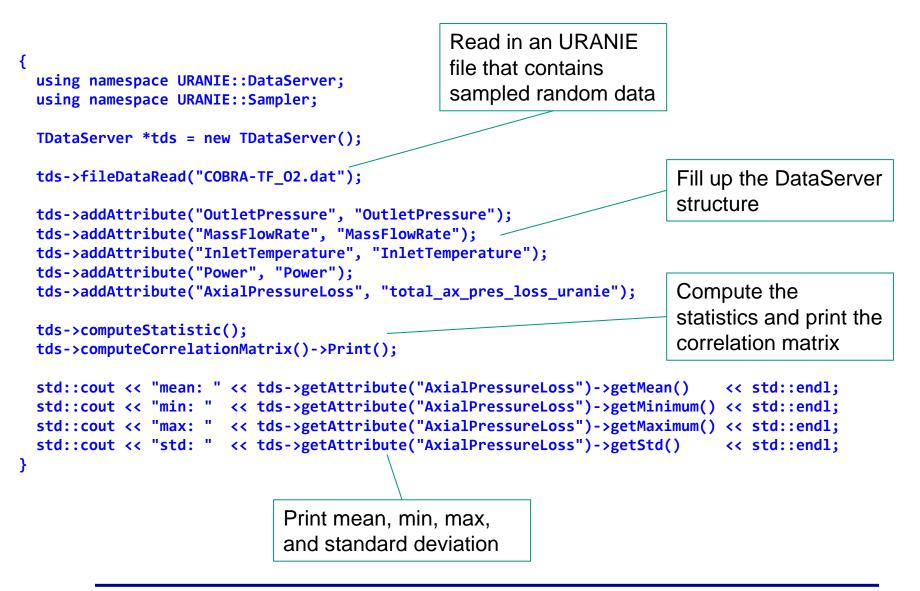






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                                                                           of URANIE
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                              Export the output as well
                              as the sampled random
                              numbers into a file for post-
                              processing.
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Summary of the COBRA-TF URANIE scripts

- The same scripts can be used for:
  - Steady state

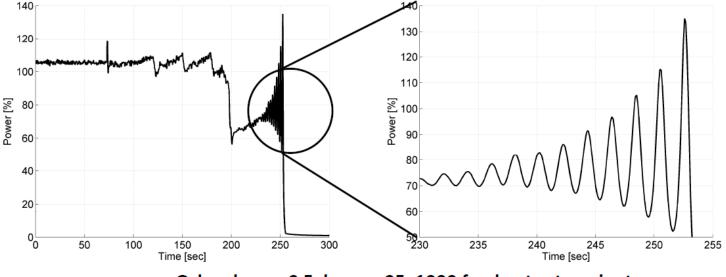
- Transient analyses
- Dedicated general script for postprocessing.
- Around 500 lines of URANIE code.
- Documentation reported under D11.22 deliverable (WP1.1).

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Power oscillation during the event (feedwater transient)

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Oskarshamn-2 February 25, 1999 feedwater transient

- Boundary conditions taken from TRACE/PARCS calculation (KIT model with 444 channels)
- Modeling the O2 core with COBRA-TF using 444 channels (WP1.3)

# Sensitivity study, PDFs determination

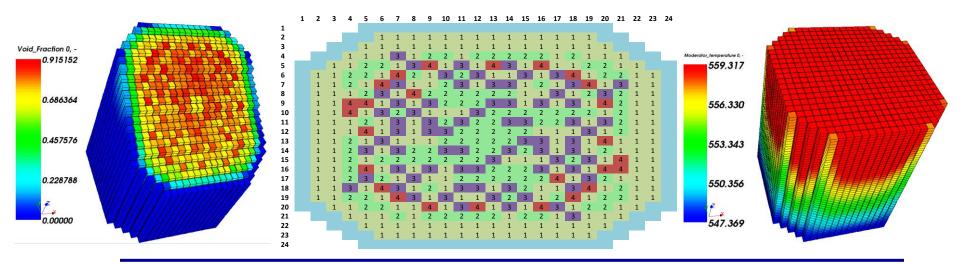
 Sensitivity analysis with parameters taken from the NURESAFE benchmark specifications (D13.11)

No.	Parameter	Range	Distribution
1	Outlet pressure	± 0.5 %	Uniform
2	Mass flow rate	± 0.5 %	Uniform
3	Inlet temperature	± 2.0 %	Normal
4	Power	± 0.75 %	Normal
5	Cladding Wall Roughness	± 30.0 %	Normal
6	Spacer grid pressure drop coefficient	± 5.0 %	Uniform
7	Gap Conductance	± 35.0 %	Uniform
8	Fuel Conductivity	± 10.0 %	Uniform
9	Cladding Conductivity	± 6.25 %	Uniform

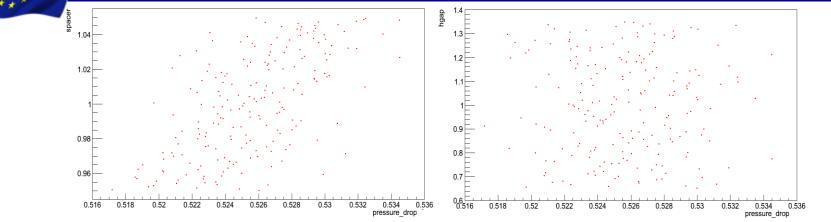


- Axial pressure drop and Outlet void fraction are the output parameters studied (200 runs were used).
- The computed Pearson sensitivity coefficients by URANIE corresponding to a steady state at nominal operating conditions using COBRA-TF.

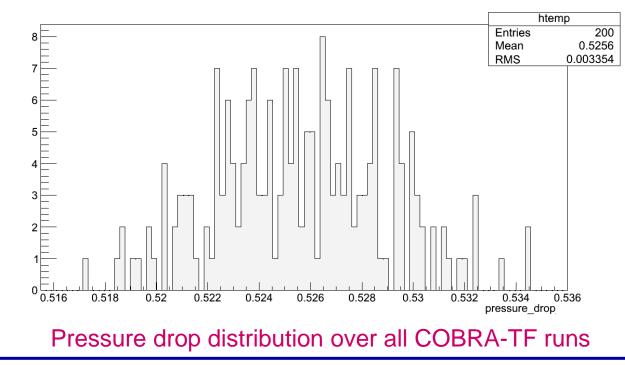
	Mass flow rate	Inlet enthalpy	Pressure	Heat flux	Spacer	Gap conductivity
Axial pressure loss	0.259488	0.384382	-0.52228	0.410298	0.597949	-0.0036
Void Fraction	-0.198526	0.673415	-0.660979	0.275753	-0.0077247	0.02582



#### **O2 nominal steady state results**



Axial pressure drop for different spacer coefficient and gap boundary conditions

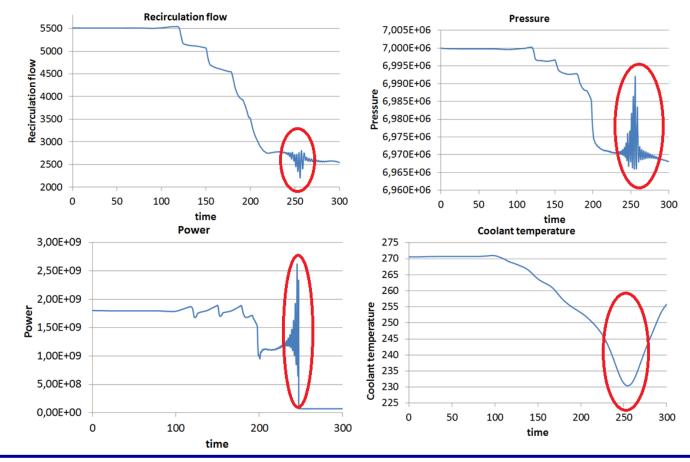


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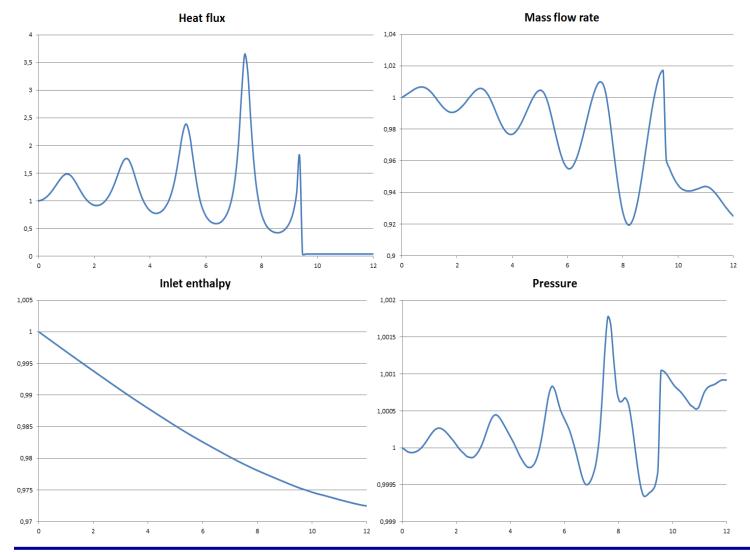
### **Transient Boundary Conditions applied**

- The next boundary conditions were introduced into CTF for the simulation of the oscillations (only 12s are analyzed).
- They have been extracted from a TRACE5p3/PARCS results
  - Power, inlet temperature, pressure, mass flow rate.



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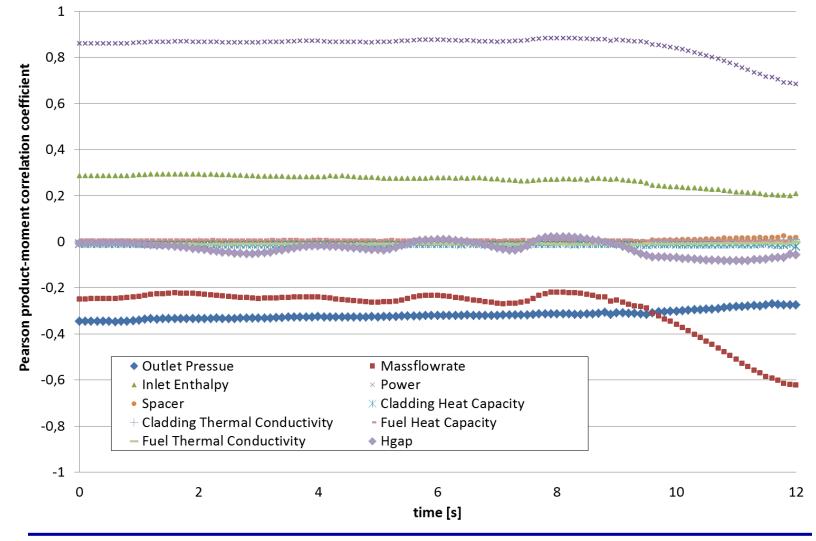
Those BC are representative of a stability event.



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#### **URANIE** results in the zooming area

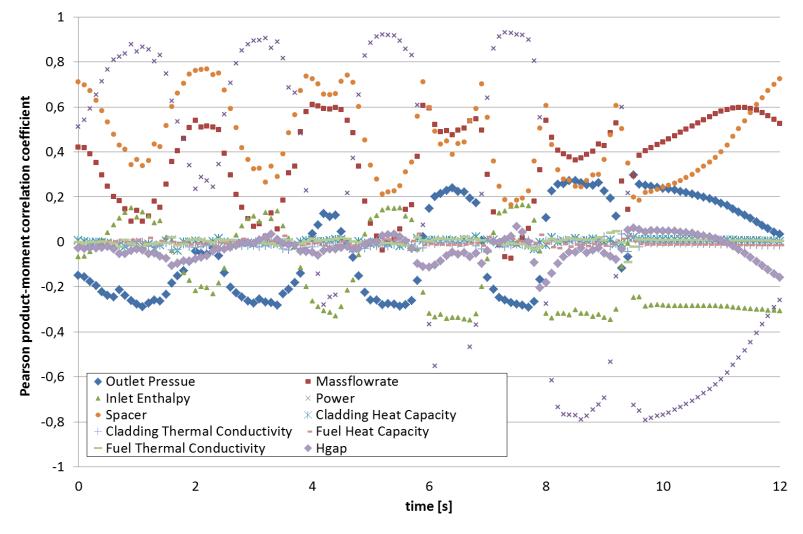
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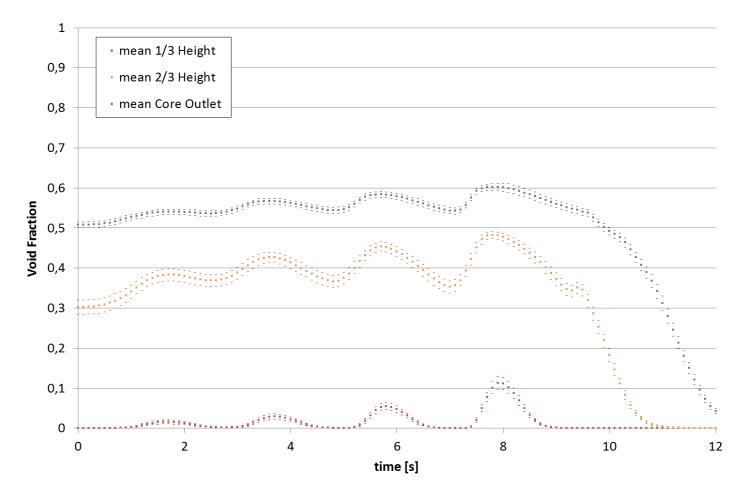
#### Pearson sensitivity coefficients of the axial pressure drop



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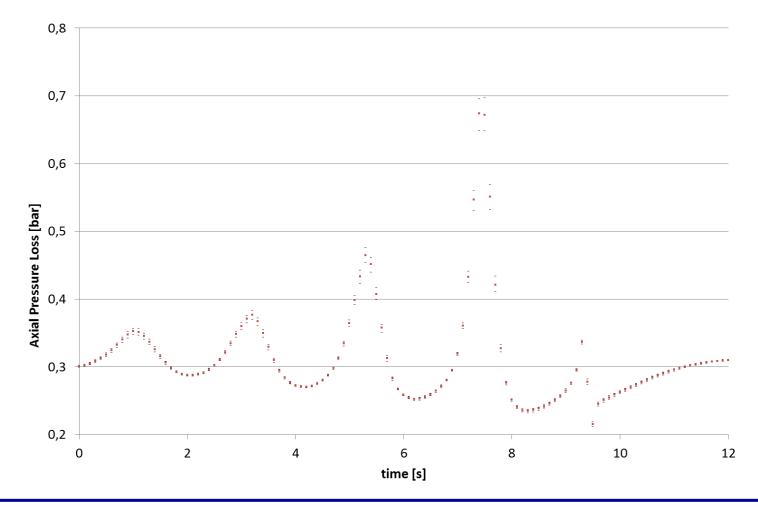
**URANIE** results in the zooming area

 Mean, min and max value of the void fraction at three different elevations: 1/3, 2/3 and exit





 Mean, min and max value of the axial pressure loss of the bundle average





- Under development at GRS
- Probabilistic approach with input error propagation
- Code runs defined by Wilk's formula
- Monte Carlo (MC) simple random and Latin Hypercube sampling (LHC)
- 4 sensitivity measures are obtanied
- Widely used in nuclear community

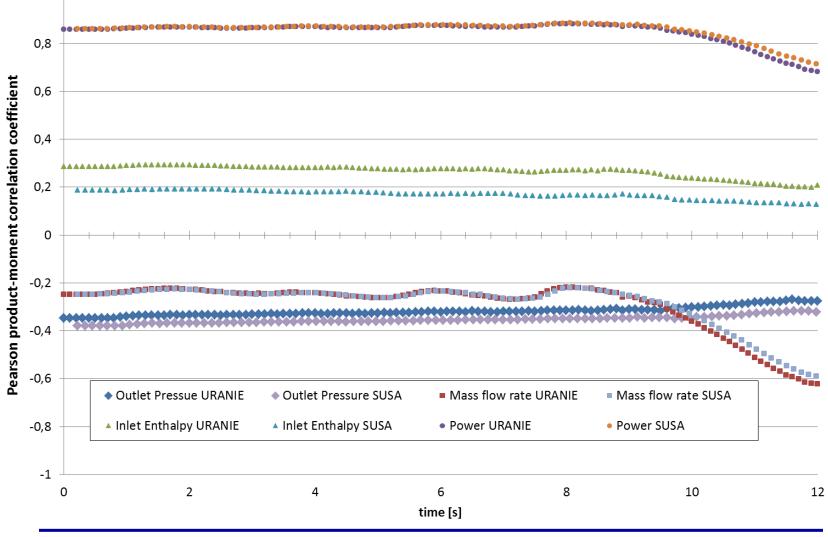
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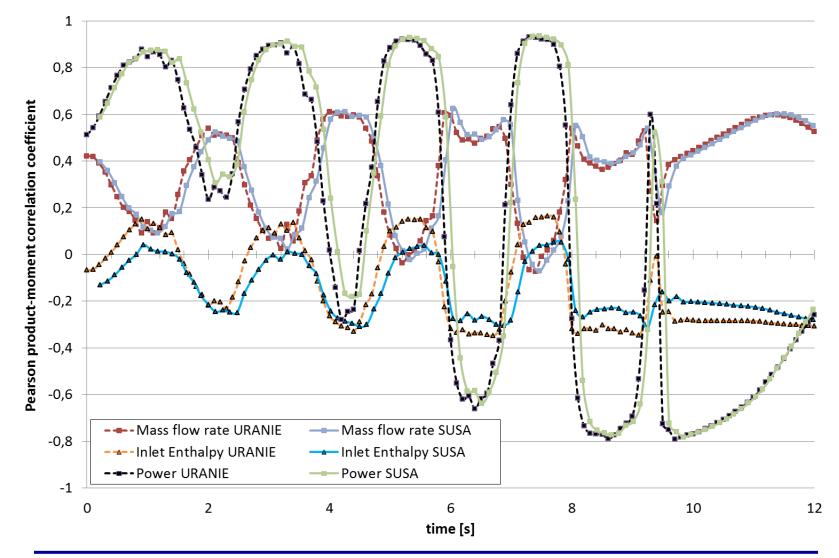
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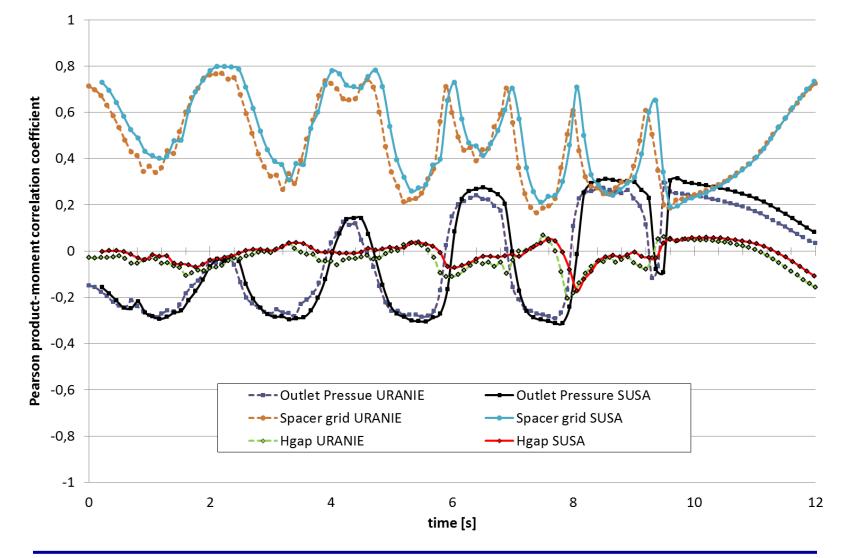


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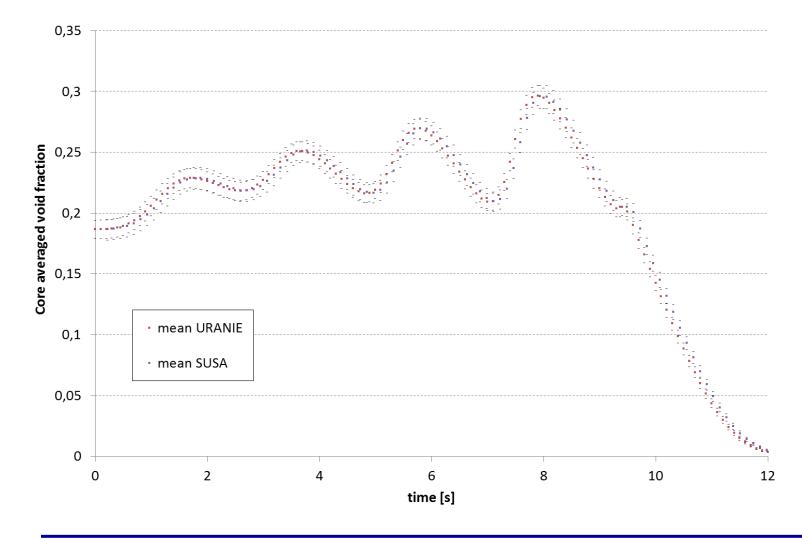


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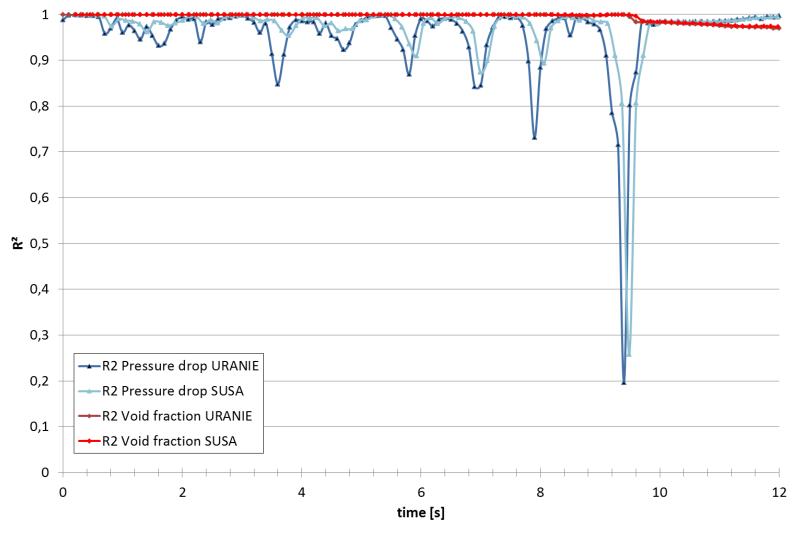


#### Core averaged void fraction





The experiment is well covered, R<sup>2</sup>≈1.0





- During the first 18 months of the project, investigations on the use of URANIE platform for sensitivity analyses have been conducted.
- Studies using the COBRA-TF code on steady state and transient simulations were carried out.
- Satisfactory results, high degree of flexibility in the URANIE scripts. Similar results to SUSA.
- The scripts can be extrapolated to any code with input text files: FLICA4, DYN3D, COBAYA3, ATHLET, etc, ...

# **FUTURE WORK**

- Application to coupled simulations is foreseen in the next months.
- Uncertainty in model parameters could be considered
- Preparation of a paper to be submitted to NUTHOS-10



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# **Questions?**