

Paper Submission Form - SAIP2025 Proceedings

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Section A: Paper Submission Information

Paper/Abstract ID	014
Paper title	Computational fluid dynamics study of turbulence effects in a heat pipe heat exchanger for Power-Cell Micro-reactor
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Section B: For Students & Supervisors

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For this paper, the supervisor must agree/disagree with the following statements.

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How is this submitted manuscript scientifically novel?

This study introduces a novel CFD investigation of a newly designed Heat Pipe Heat Exchanger (HPHE) tailored for power-cell micro-reactors. The design uniquely addresses tritium contamination while improving thermal effectiveness. By comparing LES and k-ε turbulence models, the study reveals significant temperature reductions for helium (from 1023 °K to 500 °K with LES and to 723 °K with k-ε), and notable temperature increases for air. This is the first CFD study to apply advanced turbulence modeling to evaluate both safety and cooling performance in micro-reactor HPHEs, establishing a new benchmark for thermal management in compact nuclear systems.

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