# Recap of Chernobyl accident causes

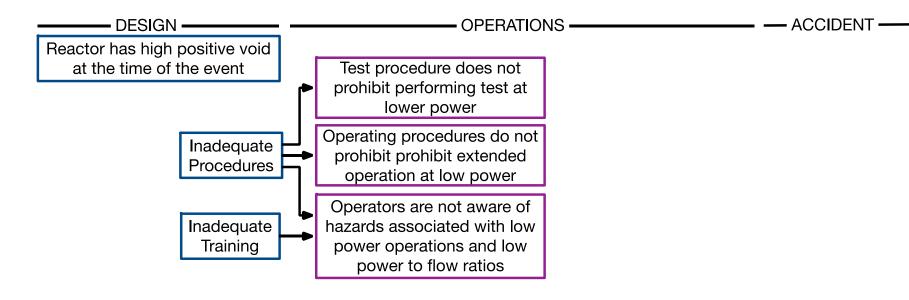
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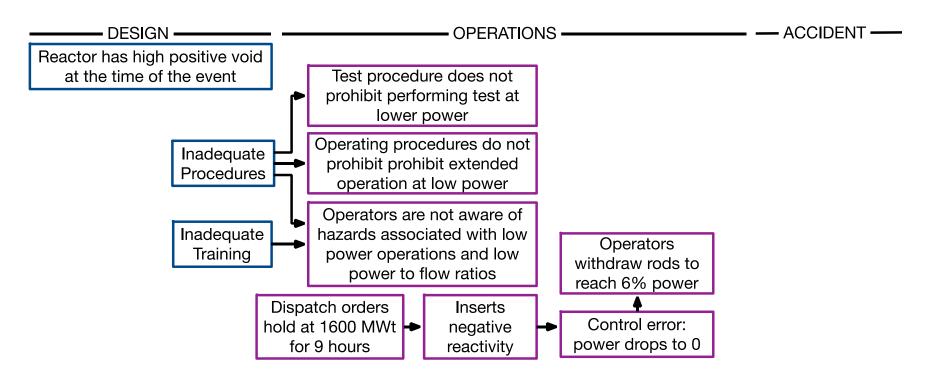
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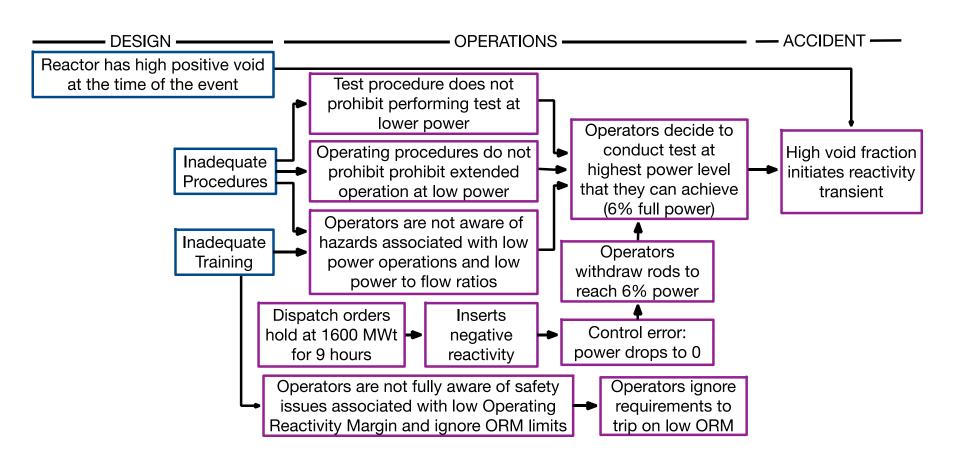
#### Plant procedures and training did not adequately address low power op's



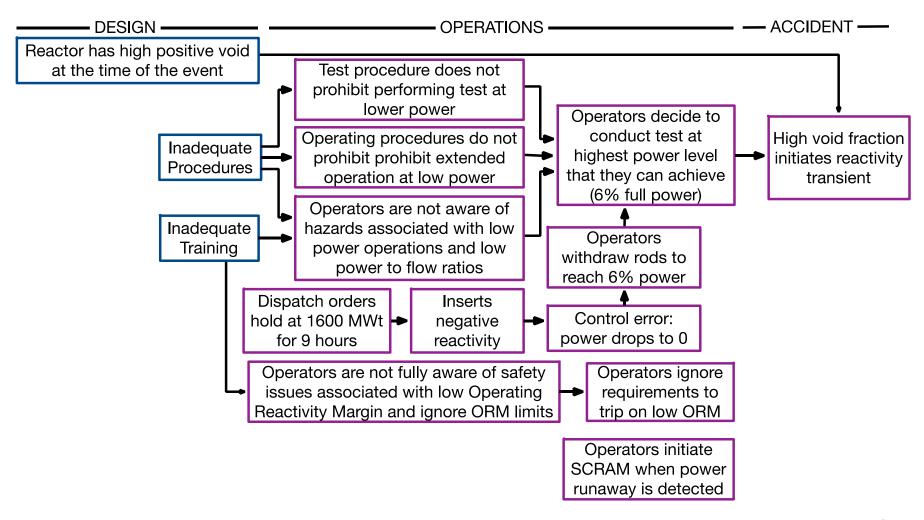
## The 9 hour delay at 50% power changed the situation



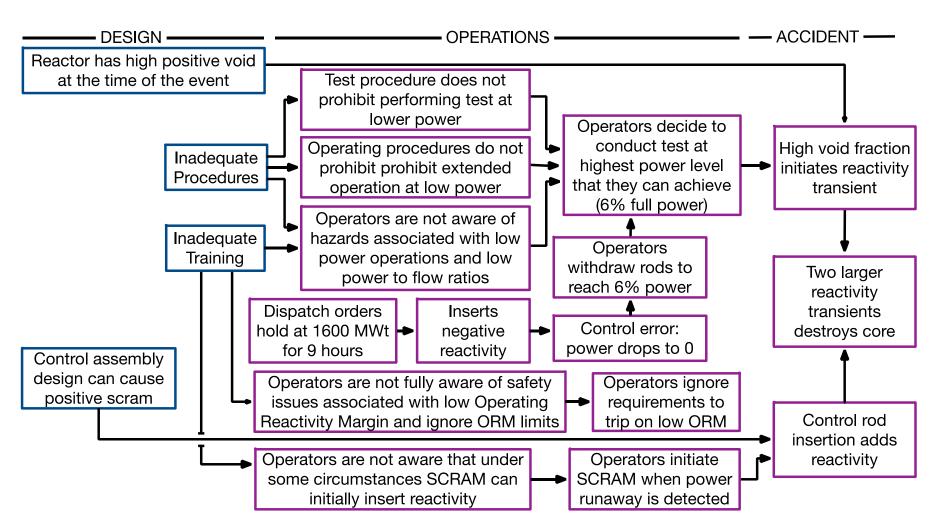
#### Starting the test caused a reactivity transient



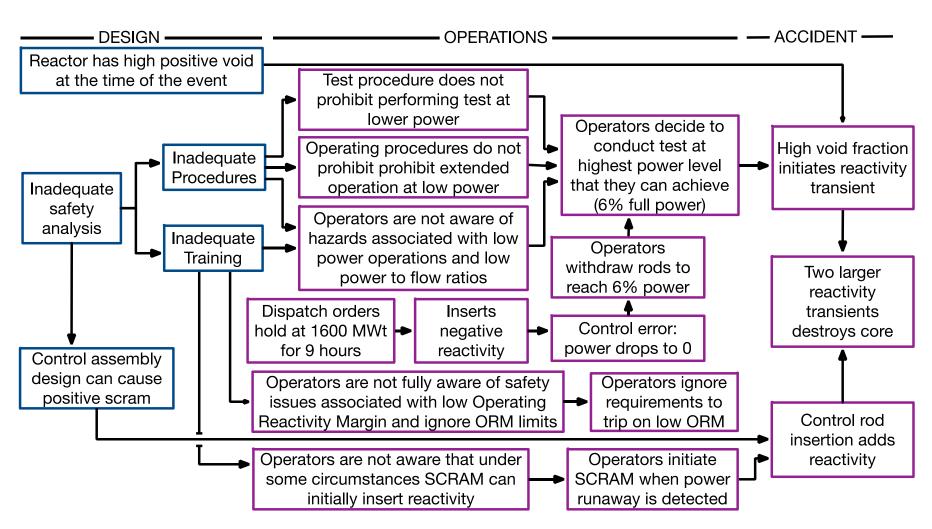
## When the operators saw power increase they scrammed the reactor



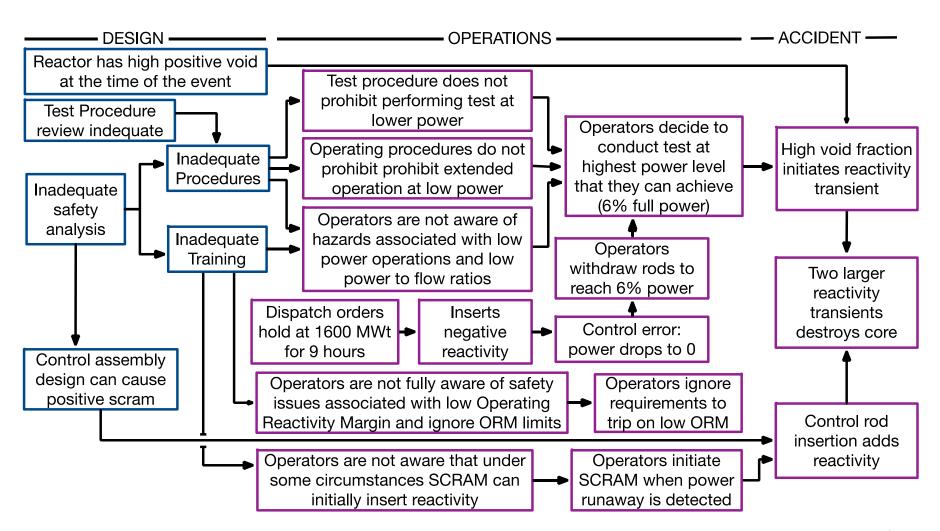
## The scram initially inserted more reactivity



#### The safety analysis was inadequate or not communicated



# The test was not reviewed from a nuclear safety perspective



#### Operating experience from other plants was not communicated

