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Summary

The lattice code WIMS-ANL has been tested in order to assess it for the qualification to be used as a supporting code to aide the WIMS-CANDU development. A series of calculations have been performed to determine lattice physics parameters such as multiplication factors, isotopic number densities and coolant void reactivity. The WIMS-ANL results are compared with the predictions of WIMS-AECL/D4/D5 and PPV (POWDERPUFS-V), and the comparisons indicate that WIMS-ANL can be used not only as a supporting code to aide the WIMS-CANDU development, but also as a starting source for the study of developing detailed model that could delineate the realistic situations as it might occur during LOCA such as the asymmetric flux distribution across lattice cell.

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1. INTRODUCTION

As a part of Mid and Long Term Project to develop most realistic safety analysis methodology and tools to deal with the accidents such as LBLOCA of CANDU reactors, the development of detailed model that could delineate the realistic situations as it might occur during LOCA such as the asymmetric flux distribution across lattice cell has been incepted.

In order to secure the compatibility of the model and/or methodology to be migrated into WIMS-CANDU and also in consideration of the wide use of WIMS lattice codes in the international reactor physics community, it has been decided to use WIMS-D4, WIMS-D5 and WIMS-ANL as reference codes to carry out the developmental studies.

The preliminary studies using WIMS-D4/D5/ANL have shown that WIMS-ANL would be most preferable program among the three abovementioned codes to be used as a reference source program for the further developmental studies. The reason for the WIMS-ANL preference is the coding practice and program structure emphasized on quality assurance. As an example for the supporting evidence of the code integrity, the WIMS-ANL perturbation run using DENSITY keyword to simulate coolant voiding easily yields consistent results in contrast to WIMS-D4/D5

In the present report, a series of calculations have been performed using WIMS-ANL to determine lattice physics parameters such as multiplication factors, isotopic number densities and coolant void reactivity of 37-element CANDU 6 NU fuel lattice cell. The WIMS-ANL

results are compared with the predictions of WIMS-AECL/D4/D5 and PPV (POWDERPUFS-V), and the comparisons indicate that WIMS-ANL can be used not only as a supporting code to aide the WIMS-CANDU development, but also as a starting source program for the study PROTECTED – Proprietary KAERI/TR-3454/2007 Page 2-1

of developing model and/or methodology that could delineate the realistic situations as it might occur during LOCA such as the asymmetric flux distribution across lattice cell.

2. LATTICE CODE WIMS-ANL

As the code name suggests, WIMS-ANL has been developed at Argonne National Laboratory, Argonne, Illinois, U.S.A. It is a deterministic code system for lattice calculation. The program used in this report is Version 4.0 that was downloaded from IAEA/NEA Data Bank with the reference number CCC-0698/01 dated 04-JAN-2002 (Ref. 1).

WIMS-ANL is an extension of the Winfrith WIMS-D4 code. In contrast to WIMS-D4, WIMS-ANL is equipped with the SUPERCELL option that eliminates some of the limitations of the traditional SPECTROX solution and supports the solution of more complex geometries with a more detailed spatial mesh and multiple resonance materials. The code generates both macroscopic and microscopic cross sections with any selected number of energy groups.

The nuclear data library downloaded along with the source program is ENDF/B-VI which consists of two parts. The first part of the data library is in the format of the traditional WIMS data library structure. The library is structured with 162 isotopes, of which 72 are resonance isotopes.

The program has been compiled using Compaq Visual Fortran Professional Edition for Win32x86 System Version 6.6A compiler on Desktop PC x86 Family 6 Model 15 - Stepping 6 Genuine Intel ~2401Mhz Dual Core Execution system at PHWR Technology Lab.,

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2.1 Test Runs

In order to verify the integrity of the source program and also the nuclear data library, 18 sample test problems have been rerun and the outputs are compared with the sample outputs. The comparison revealed that both results are practically identical up to the occasional minor differences that can be observed at the trailing digits of the CPU dependent numerical significant digits which should be attributed to the different compilers as well as CPUs that are used for the sample outputs and the test runs, respectively.

2.2 Source Modifications

The source program has been modified as it might have been required during the course of the present study. The affected source listing lines are imbedded between two comment lines with appearance "c---- dhchung2007mmdd", with 2007mmdd indicating the modification date. Among many modifications, the most significant one was the debugging when a bug existed in the original source was found while the program was being tested on a CANDU cluster type input as shown below;

SUBROUTINE PRELUD (V, NUCID1, NUCID2, WS, IWS)

c-----dhchung20070419

c $IQO1THETAR = IQALLOC (NNN6*NNN5*NNN5, 1)$ IQ01THETAR = IQALLOC (NNN6*NNN5*NNN1, 1) c-----dhchung20070419

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The integer variable IQ01THETAR defines the relative address in the computer memory pointing the first element of the three-dimensional array variable THETAR. The reason for the modification is that in the PROTECTED – Proprietary KAERI/TR-3454/2007 Page 2-3

subroutines where the variable is used the array size is declared as THETAR(NNN6,NNN5,NNN1). Thus it was considered as a programming error, and the bug is removed accordingly.

The input and output file locations as well as their names are userdefined in the subroutine OPNFIL.

2.3 Inputs for 37-Element CANDU NU Fuel Lattice

The WIMS-ANL input for 37-element CANDU NU fuel lattice used to calculate k-infinity, k-effective and isotopic number densities as well as coolant void reactivity as a function of burnup is given in Appendix. The input parameters are based upon the CANDU 6 input data to the cell code PPV (Ref. 2). The WIMS-ANL code was run using only the first part of ENDF/B-VI 69 energy group nuclear data libraries. At the bottom of the input a partial input deck used for the coolant void reactivity calculation is also shown as an example.

The input files used for the present study are stored in the directory \\candulab\projectmaterial\dhchung\TR 20070831 on common PC CANDULAB.

3. DISCUSSION OF RESULTS

In order to compare the predictions of WIMS-ANL with the PPV results, the input buckling of the WIMS-ANL is adjusted in such a way that both codes produce the same value of k-eff=1.09530 when the fuel is clean with no fission product at zero burnup.

Furthermore, the burnup points of PPV (Ref. 2) are less than those of the WIMS-ANL simulations. Thus the PPV values at WIMS-ANL burnup points are approximated by interpolating the PPV results so that PROTECTED – Proprietary KAERI/TR-3454/2007 Page 3-1

The predictions of WIMS-ANL and PPV can be directly compared at the same burnup points.

3.1 K-Infinity and K-Effective

The k-infinity and k-effective values of WIMS-ANL and PPV are given in Tables 1 and 2 along with the differences between two codes as a function of burnup, respectively. The same results are also shown graphically in Figures 1-4.

The results given at zero burnup correspond to the clean fuel condition with no fission product whereas at 1.01 MWh/kgU the saturating fission products are assumed to have built in. Neglecting the reactivity decrease due to depletion between 0-1.01 MWh/kgU burnup period the drop in the multiplication factors between this burnup interval would approximately correspond to the reactivity change due to saturating fission product build-up.

Defining the reactivity change as;

 $\rho = (1/K, No SFP-1/K, With SFP)*1000,$

the values of saturating fission product reactivity worth are as follows;

As can be seen, the PPV results show approximately \sim 7 mk heavier

loading of saturating fission products compared to the WIMS-ANL calculations. The difference of the reactivity worth between using kinfinity and k-effective is 0.46 and 0.77 mk for WIMS-ANL and PPV, respectively.

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At zero burnup the k-infinity value of WIMS-ANL is -0.00825 lower than the PPV value. The values between $0 - 40$ MWh/kgU can not be directly compared for two codes because the PPV values between this burnup interval are the interpolated ones out of the largely spaced original PPV burnup points.

Note that the k-infinity values of WIMS-ANL are underpredicted for the entire burnup range up to the exit burnup compared to the PPV predictions. For the range from plutonium peak (-50 MWh/kgU) up to about mid-burnup range (-100 MWh/kgU) the differences between the WIMS-ANL and PPV k-infinity values stay fairly unchanged, and the differences become smaller with burnup and at exit burnup the difference decreases nearly to about half of the difference at zero burnup.

A similar behavior of the k-effective differences between WIMS-ANL and PPV can be observed as in the case of k-infinity (see Figures 2 and 4). The k-effective differences decrease faster than the k-infinity differences and the WIMS-ANL k-effective becomes larger than the PPV k-effective at 185.99 MWh/kgU.

3.2 Isotopic Composition Ratios

The results of the WIMS-ANL and PPV isotopic composition calculations are given in Table 3 and also graphically in Figures 5 and 6, respectively. Note that WIMS-ANL does not deplete U238 so that there is about $\sim 0.8\%$ excessive U238 atoms in WIMS-ANL calculations at exit burnup compared to the PPV calculations.

The isotopic composition ratio which is defined as;

N-Ratio=N(U235)/N(U238)x1000

with N corresponding to atoms per unit mass of UO2. PROTECTED – Proprietary KAERI/TR-3454/2007 Page 3-3

The small difference (3.3e-04) of N-Ratio between WIMS-ANL and PPV at zero burnup is practically negligible. The value of the WIMS-ANL N-Ratio calculations underlies consistently the PPV values, and at exit burnup the WIMS-ANL value is about \sim 5.9% lower than the PPV value. Since this difference of about $\sim 5.9\%$ outweighs $\sim 0.8\%$ excessive U238 atoms in WIMS-ANL calculations, the comparisons being carried out here should be considered as legitimate.

The N-Ratio differences between WIMS-ANL and PPV increase and the maximum difference becomes - 0.13807 at 130.70 MWh/kgU (see Figure 6) which is about \sim 4.4% of N- Ratio value. The differences then decrease with burnup although the relative differences (percentage) increase monotonically.

3.3 Pu239 Contents

Finally, the results of the WIMS-ANL and PPV Pu239 content calculations are given in Table 4 and also graphically in Figures 7 and 8, respectively. As can be seen, the PPV calculations overpredict Pu239 content initially up to the burnup point 25.13 MWh/kgU, and then the WIMS-ANL calculations overpredict with burnup. At exit burnup the WIMS-ANL prediction is about ~7.4% higher compared to the PPV value. It is to note that the excessive U238 atoms of about $\sim 0.8\%$ in WMS-ANL calculations at exit burnup is small in percentage compared to \sim 7.4% of the Pu239 content difference so that the comparisons being carried out here should be again considered as legitimate.

3.4 Coolant Void Reactivity Coefficients

The coolant void reactivity coefficients calculated using WIMS-ANL and PPV are reported in a separate technical memorandum entitled "Progress Report on WIMS Model Development" and the memorandum is attached PROTECTED – Proprietary KAERI/TR-3454/2007 Page 4-1

to the present Technical Report as an Appendix.

4. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Based upon the investigations carried out in the present report the validity of the WIMS-ANL predictions applied to CANDU 6 NU fuel lattice can be observed in light of the PPV calculations which are currently in use for the design, safety and operational analysis of CANDU 6 reactors fuelled with natural uranium fuel.

The inclusion of U238 in the system of burnup chain equation is recommended.

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Table 1 K-Infinity of WIMS-ANL and PPV along with Differences (37 Element CANDU 6 NU Fuel Lattice)

+ The fuel is clean with no fission product.

* The saturating fission products are assumed to have built in.

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Table 2 K-Effective of WIMS-ANL and PPV along with Differences

(37 Element CANDU 6 NU Fuel Lattice)

+ The fuel is clean with no fission product.

* The saturating fission products are assumed to have built in.

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Table 3 N(U235)/N(U238) Isotopic Composition Ratios of WIMS-ANL and PPV along with Differences

(37 Element CANDU 6 NU Fuel)

+ N-Ratio=N(U235)/N(U238)x1000 : N corresponds to atoms per unit mass of UO2

* Difference=(N-Ratio WIMS-ANL) - (N-Ratio PPV)

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(37 Element CANDU 6 NU Fuel*)

+ Grams/Bundle .

* Initial UO2 weight per bundle=21.782 kg.

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APPENDIX - A

Input deck for simulations of normal operation.

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MATERIAL 3 1
MATERIAL 4 \mid 1* 
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   1010 0.5962E-04 *CLAD 
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   93 2.58 56 0.046756 52 0.008091 $
   58 0.0035015 1010 0.00002431 * PT
* 
MATERIAL 7 0.0014 451.66 4 1212 27.11 S
   16 72.89 *Gas Gap
* 
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Summary

As a preliminary step to develop the detailed model of WIMS to be implemented into WIMS-CANDU, the lattice code WIMS-ANL has been further tested in order to confirm the validity of using it as a starting source program for the WIMS model development. The coolant void reactivity of 37-element CANDU 6 natural uranium fuel lattice has been calculated using WIMS-ANL and compared the results with the predictions of WIMS-AECL/D5 and PPV. The comparison indicates the usefulness of WIMS-ANL so that it can be further used to support the development of WIMS model.

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1. Introduction

As a part of Mid and Long Term Project to develop the most realistic safety analysis methodology and tools to deal with the accidents such as LBLOCA of CANDU reactors, the development of detailed model eventually to be implemented into the lattice code WIMS-CANDU has been incepted. The detailed model will be developed in such a way to delineate the realistic situations as they might occur during LOCA such as the asymmetric flux distribution across lattice cell and the spatially distributed void fractions within the coolant region.

In order to secure the compatibility of the model to be migrated into WIMS-CANDU and also in consideration of the wide use of WIMS lattice codes in the international reactor physics community, it has been decided to use WIMS-D4, WIMS-D5 and WIMS-ANL as reference codes to assist the development of the detailed model.

The preliminary studies using WIMS-D4/D5/ANL have shown that WIMS-ANL would be most preferable program among the three abovementioned codes to be used as a reference source program for the further development of the WIMS detailed model. The reason for the WIMS-ANL preference is the coding practice and program structure emphasized on quality assurance. As an example for the supporting evidence of the code integrity, the WIMS-ANL perturbation run using DENSITY keyword easily yields the consistent results compared to WIMS-D4/D5.

In the present report, the 37-element CANDU 6 NU fuel lattice void reactivity calculated by using WIMS-ANL are compared with the predictions of WIMS-AECL/D5 and PPV codes. The WIMS-AECL/D5 and PPV results are obtained from Reference 1.

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2. WIMS-ANL Input

The WIMS-ANL input for 37-element CANDU NU fuel used to calculate coolant void reactivity is given in Appendix. The input parameters are based upon the CANDU 6 input data to the cell code PPV (Ref. 2). The WIMS-ANL code was run using ENDF/B-VI 69 energy group nuclear data libraries downloaded with source program – IAEA/NEA Data Bank CCC-0698-1. At the bottom of the input a partial input deck used for the coolant void reactivity calculation is also shown as an example.

3. Discussion of Results

The coolant void reactivity calculated using WIMS-ANL (see Appendix for input) is shown in Fig. 1 (see also Table 1). The values plotted represent the case at mid-burnup (-100 MWh/kgU) and the void

reactivity is calculated using the k-effective values for the voided and unvoided cases, respectively. The void reactivity is defined as;

Void Reactivity (mk) = $(1/k - eff,$ unvoided – $1/k - eff$, voided) * 1000

The coolant density ratio (voided/unvoided) is given in logarithmic abscissa, and the smallest ratio is CDR=0.0001. In this case – complete voiding - the void reactivity is practically equal to the value of the case for CDR=0.001, and does not show any anomalies of numerical behavior for a very small number CDR=0.0001, which can be observed as the vindication of the integrity and soundness of the code structure. For the range CDR=0.01-0.90 the VR curve runs smoothly without showing any unusual pattern.

The coolant void reactivity calculated using WIMS-ANL k-infinity values is given in Fig. 2 and Table 2 at zero/mid/exit burnup. Note that the void reactivity given for at zero burnup corresponds to the case with free of PROTECTED – Proprietary KAERI/TR-3454/2007 Page A-10

fission products. For the complete voiding the reactivity has the largest value of VR=14.99 mk for the fresh fuel. For the fuel at mid and exit burnup the largest value of void reactivity is VR=12.90 mk and VR=12.93 mk, respectively, and the both values are practically same and approximately \sim 2 mk lower compared to the fresh fuel case. The void reactivity of the fuel at zero/mid/exit burnup decreases linearly with CDR and the differences of void reactivity of the fuel between at zero and mid/exit burnup narrow down also with CDR and for CDR=0.9 the differences are approximately 0.2 mk, which are about 1/10 of the differences for the case of complete voiding.

A similar case to the above-discussed case is shown in Fig. 3 and Table 3 where the void reactivity is calculated using k-effective. As can be seen the void reactivity in this case is slightly smaller compared to the above-discussed case. The difference of void reactivity between zero and mid/exit burnup cases corresponding the complete voiding is approximately ‾2.3 mk, which is slightly larger

than ‾2 mk as discussed in the case of k-infinity. However the difference is again narrowed down to approximately 0.2 mk for CDR=0.9 as in the previous case. The void reactivity curves shown in Fig. 3 behave in similar pattern as given in Fig. 2.

In Fig. 4 and Table 4 the WMS-ANL calculated void reactivity using k infinity and k-effective for CDR=0.001 is shown as function of burnup. The void reactivity increases initially with burnup until 3 MW/kgU and then decreases sharply until about 50 MWh/kgU which is in the burnup range of plutonium peak. From there on the void reactivity curves almost flatten out toward exit burnup. The differences between the void reactivity obtained using k-infinity and k-effective increase slowly with burnup until level off at about 160 MWh/kgU to approximately ‾0.6 mk. The leveled-off values of void reactivity as obtained using k-infinity and k-effective are approximately 13 mk and ‾12.4 mk, respectively.

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The predictions of void reactivity as determined by using WMS-ANL/AECL/D5 and PPV are graphically shown in Fig. 5 as well as the values in Table 5 as function of burnup again. Note that the burnup points of WIMS-ANL are different from those of WIMS-AECL/D5 and PPV as the results of these codes are quoted from Ref. 1. It is pronounced that the void reactivity predicted by WIMS-AECL is above the values of WIMS-ANL whereas the prediction of PPV is well underneath the WIMS-ANL values. The values of void reactivity predicted by WIMS-ANL and WIMS-D5 are very close and the curves of both cases behave also very similarly. Note that the void reactivity predicted by WIMS-AECL and PPV decreases with burnup between the plutonium peak and exit burnup range, and these phenomena is much more pronounced for the PPV case.

Finally the differences of the void reactivity based upon k-effective between WIMS-ANL and WIMS-AECL are given in Fig. 6 and Table 6. The maximum value of the differences between the WIMS-ANL and WIMS-AECL predictions is 1.895 mk at zero burnup and the difference decreases

initially and then increases until the range of plutonium peak and the difference decreases monotonically from there on toward exit burnup. The average value of the differences is about 1.130314 mk.

4. Conclusions

Based upon the investigations carried out in the present report the validity of the WIMS-ANL void reactivity predictions can be observed in light of the WIMS-AECL calculations which are currently in use for the LOCA analysis of CANDU reactors fuelled with natural uranium fuel. The average value ~1.130314 mk of the differences between the WIMS-ANL and WIMS-AECL void reactivity is in acceptable range in consideration of the uncertainty sources coming from the physics modeling as well as numerical operations.

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Table 1 WIMS-ANL Lattice Coolant Void Reactivity Predictions using K-Effective (37 Element CANDU 6 NU Fuel at Mid-Burnup ~100 MWh/kgU)

Table 2 WIMS-ANL Lattice Coolant Void Reactivity Predictions at Zero/Mid/Exit Burnup using K-Infinity (37 Element CANDU 6 NU Fuel)

Table 3 WIMS-ANL Lattice Coolant Void Reactivity Predictions at Zero/Mid/Exit Burnup using K-Effective (37 Element CANDU 6 NU Fuel)

Table 4 WIMS-ANL Lattice Coolant Void Reactivity Predictions for 37 Element CANDU 6 NU Fuel (Coolant Density Ratio <Voided/Unvoided>=0.001)

Table 5

Table 6 Lattice Coolant Void Reactivity Differences between WIMS-AECL and WIMS-ANL using K-Effective (Coolant Density Ratio <Voided/Unvoided>=0.001) (37 Element CANDU 6 NU Fuel)

Appendix

The input deck given here is the same as given in APPENDIX **–** A of the main body of this Technical Report.

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노물리 파라미터들은 증배계수, 동위원소의 수 밀도, 냉각재 기포반응도 등이다. WIMS-ANL 에 의해 계산된 계수들은 WIMS-AECL, WIMS-D4, WIMS-D5 와 POWDERPUFS-V 등 다른 격자 코드들과 비교되었다. 중수형원자로의 안전해석을 위한 격자코드를 개발하기 위하여 검토된 WIMS-ANL 을 토대로하여 WIMS-CANDU 의 상세 모델 개발과 더불어 LOCA 시 사고해석을 위한 코드개발이 기대된다

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Reactivity Coefficients, Coolant Voiding, Coolant Void Reactivity Coefficients