



doses and extremely corrosive higher temperature environments that will be found in generation IV nuclear reactors and implications for structural materials Contains chapters on the key core and out-of-core materials, from steels to advanced micro-laminates Written by an expert in that particular area

This publication presents a survey of worldwide experience gained with fast breeder reactor design, development and operation. It is focused on the following subjects: state of the art of liquid metal fast reactor (LMFR) development and relevant IAEA activities; design features and operating experience of demonstration and commercial sized nuclear power plants with sodium cooled fast reactors; lead-bismuth cooled (LBC) ship reactor operation experience and LBC fast power reactor development; activation characteristics of the primary coolant, reactor and components; treatment and disposal of spent sodium; removal of residual sodium deposits and decontamination after shutdown of the typical loop type LMFR; passive principles of fast reactor emergency shutdown and heat removal, demonstration of safety with test fast reactors during the final stages of operation, and an analysis and assessment of advantages and disadvantages of sodium as a coolant, giving due consideration to the advances in the technology and design of sodium components.

The LEADER project goal is to improve and develop a scaled demonstrator of the LFR technology, ALFRED. The work in this thesis is focused in the ALFRED project framework and its mission is to obtain few-group cross section data for LFRs. Cross sections The neutron transport problem is crucial in nuclear engineering and nuclear reactor physics. Neutron transport theory and the diffusion theory applied to neutron reactions are briefly described, including their principles and hypothesis. The two different computational approaches to solve the neutron transport problem are summarized. The software used to obtain the data is based on a modification of the Monte Carlo method. Thus, some basic probability theory concepts are introduced. This section follows with the discussion of the Monte Carlo method and its principles, and how it can be applied to solve the neutron transport problem. Afterwards, the Serpent code is explained, as well as its features and characteristics. The process of creating a 2-dimension model of ALFRED fuel assembly and the elaboration of Serpent input files are detailed. Cross section data for five neutron energy groups and at different material temperatures is obtained by running several simulations using Serpent. The last section includes a brief description of LFR technology and some specific ALFRED features. Some advantages and disadvantages of LFRs are included, along with some proposals to solve the disadvantages. The last part of this section illustrates the proposed ALFRED core scheme, using the data publicly available to date.

The feasibility of constructing a nuclear reactor operating in the fast neutron spectrum for the production of fissionable material and power has been under study at Chicago since 1945. It is hoped that such reactors can eventually be constructed to economically convert fertile material into fissionable material at a rate significantly greater than it will be consumed and simultaneously produce significant amounts of electrical power. The Argonne National Laboratory has built and has been operating since August, 1951, a 1,000 kw fast reactor known as the Experimental Breeder Reactor (EBR). The machine was primarily designed to perform limited experiments using the smallest possible critical mass. Work on various types of fast breeders has been studied at KAPL, and Los Alamos is now operating a mercury cooled Pu fueled fast reactor. Brookhaven has been studying a lead cooled unit. This report will attempt review of the program and progress which has been made to date on the EBR.

An history on the development of Nuclear Power, types of reactors, fission theory and a detailed look at how nuclear accidents happened. This book covers: NUCLEAR POWER EARLY DEVELOPMENT details the contributions of noteworthy scientist: THE ATOM details the forces with the Atom: RADIOACTIVITY describes the types of radiation: how it is measured and different sources: NUCLEAR REACTIONS describes Fusion and Fission, how to increase rate of fission by moderation and enrichment. Describes enrichment techniques: HOW RADIATION EFFECTS THE HUMAN BODY describes how cancer occurs by effects on chromosomes discusses natural sources of radiation Relative Biological Effectiveness, Radiation Hormesis, Neoplasm: TYPES OF NUCLEAR REACTORS: Describes different types of Thermal Reactors, and Fast Reactors including Pressure Water Reactors, Gas Cooled Reactors and advance variant, Water Cooled Water Moderated Power Reactor (WWER), Pressurised Heavy Water Reactors, Boiling Water Reactors and advanced variant, Pebble Bed Reactors, Aqueous Homogeneous Reactors, Fast Breeder Reactors, Liquid Metal Fast Breeder Reactors, Sodium Cooled Reactors, Lead Cooled Reactors. Development Stage Reactors these include Integral Fast Reactors (IFR), High Temperature Gas Cooled Reactor, Small Sealed Transportable Autonomous Reactor, Clean and Environmentally Safe Advanced Reactor. Design Stage Reactors, Reduced Moderation Water Reactor, Hydrogen Moderated Self Regulating Nuclear Power Module, Subcritical Reactors, Energy Amplifier, Thorium-based Reactors, Advanced Heavy Water Reactor, Kalpakkarn Mini.DESIGN FACTORS FOR AGR AND PWR discusses fuel, coolant, moderators control rods, chemical compatability, fuel clad.EFFECTS OF REACTIVITY discusses measurement of irradiation, isotopic changes in the fuel, change in Fuel from Uranium to Plutonium and its conversion ratio, refuelling options. Reactor poisons Xenon, Samarium Cadmium, Europium, Gaddolinium, Krypton and Technetium and their significance. TEMPERATURE EFFECTS considers fuel and moderator coefficients. REACTOR CONTROL Describes the various types of control rods i.e grey, coarse, safety and the requirement of superariculated rods in case of distotion. Back up control methods include the use of Nitrogen. Reactivity faults are desribed the protection methods and measurement. GETTING THE RIGHT NEUTRON TO MODERATOR BALANCE including the required level of enrichment. EFFECTS OF REACTOR COMPOSITION ON REACTIVITY : HOMOGENEOUS AND HETEROGENEOUS REACTOR affects of size and shape on neutron leakage, flux distribution in various shaped reactors. Jo Berssel Envelope: RADIAL FLUX, CHANNEL POWER AND REACTION POWER Channel power variations, altering reactivity by enrichment, neutron absorbtion, differential irradiation, neutron reflection. NEUTRON KINETICS Delta K, International reactivity units, Neutron Multiplication, Effective neutron multiplication factor, Delayed neutron lifetime, Codd & Wells Table. OPERATIONAL VALUES OF DELTA K Explin terms defining excess reactivity resulting doubling times then prompt criticality, defines operational limits on Delta K: REACTIVITY BALANCES, Built in reactivity, Reactivity Build Up, Xenon, Control Rods: ALL NUCLEAR SITES WORLD WIDE a list of peacefull nuclear power site that are operational, under construction or shutdown: NUCLEAR FUEL TRANSPORTATION AND DISPOSAL OF WASTE Spent fuel and fission by-products, Diffinition of Low, Intermediate, and High levels of waste, waste storage, Details of storage facilities world wide, nuclear reprocessing plants world wide, vitrification, plutonium oxide, storage flasks A, B and C, transportation of radioactive substances, bespoke sea transportation, transport flask tests, UK NUCLEAR SAFETY RECORD Windscale Fire: NUCLEAR CATASTROPHIES Three mile island meltdown containment, Why chernoble's reactor went prompt critical , Chernobyl Investigatin Conclusions, Fukushima triple meltdown, Acheiving optimum nuclear safety, WANO:

" The Generation IV Forum is an international nuclear energy research initiative aimed at developing the fourth generation of nuclear reactors, envisaged to enter service halfway the 21st century. One of the Generation IV reactor systems is the Gas Cooled Fast Reactor (GCFR), the subject of study in this thesis. The Generation IV reactor concepts should improve all aspects of nuclear power generation. Within Generation IV, the GCFR concept specifically targets sustainability of nuclear power generation. The Gas Cooled Fast Reactor core power density is high in comparison to other gas cooled reactor concepts. Like all nuclear reactors, the GCFR produces decay heat after shut down, which has to be transported out of the reactor under all circumstances. The layout of the primary system therefore focuses on using natural convection Decay Heat Removal (DHR) where possible, with a large coolant fraction in the core to reduce friction losses. "

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