

INSTRUCTOR LESSON PLAN

Lesson Title: INCORE NEUTRON MONITORING SYSTEM	Date: March 9, 1986
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p 10.2-1	9.0 OBJECTIVES
Fig. 10.2-1	9.1 OUTPUTS
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Axial flux 2. Radial flux (quadrant power tilt) 3. Fuel assembly exit temp 4. Core differential press.
	9.2 SELF-POWERED NEUTRON DETECTOR (SNPD)
	A. Operation
	<p><i>65</i> assemblies (7 detectors/assembly) --- ⁴⁵⁵434 total activation of Rh (subsequent B decay)</p> <p>Rh insulated from elec. ground --- B decay represents charge deficiency $\propto \# \text{ } ^1_0\text{n}$ interactions</p> <p>Rh material connected --- measure charge deficiency through current meter</p> <p>No external power source necessary</p>
Fig. 10.2-2	B. Response time
	<p>proportional to Rh-104 decay to Pallidium effected by 2 half-lives (decay chains)</p> <p>93% --- 42 sec</p> <p>7% --- 4.4 min</p>
Fig. 10.2-3	<p>important during changing flux levels</p> <p>after step change in power level:</p> <p>5 min to obtain new equil. value for output</p> <p>precludes use in RPS (too slow of response)</p>
Fig. 10.2-5	9.3 INSTALLATION
	A. Rx vessel
	<p>physically pushed through conduit from instrument tank to vessel bottom</p> <p>guide tubes (inside Rx vessel) --- mech. interface between conduit & fuel assembly guide tube</p> <p>RCS pressure boundary</p>
Fig. 10.2-7	B. Closure assembly
	plug

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O rings (Ag plated)
surround seal assembly
as nut ring is tightened, o rings are
deformed to form the seal

nut ring

C. Instrument tank

refueling:

incores withdrawn (25' inside conduit)
little exposure (detector still inside conduit)

replacement:

requires shielding
can flood tank (from spent fuel system)

Fig. 10.2-4

9.4 ARRANGEMENT

assemblies inserted in fuel assembly inst. tubes
detectors positioned between fuel assembly spacer
grids

Fig. 10.2-6

A. Each assembly (Inconel sheath):

7 detectors
background detector
TC (chromel - alumel)
 Al_2O_3 insulation

B. Detector corrections (done by computer)

1. sensitivity factor (manufacture error)
provided by manufacture (X-ray)
2. background (gamma reaction in detector & leadwi)
3. Burnup (Rh depletion)
4. leakage (insulation resistance change)

Fig. 10.2-8

C. Detector outputs

recorder --- displays selected incore levels
cal. pot. -- compensates recorder input
detector burnup

1. core exit temperature
2. core differential pressure
central spacer tube open at top (RCS press)
open to outside of outer sheath (bottom)
3. neutron flux --- computer calculations

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F_Q^N --- nuclear heat flux hot channel factor

F_H^N -- nuclear enthalpy rise hot channel factor

* offset --- axial flux distribution

* quadrant power tilt --- radial flux distribution

9.5 MINIMUM DETECTOR REQUIREMENTS

Fig. 10.2-9

A. Axial Power Imbalance (offset)

- ~~1. 75% detectors operable in each quadrant~~
2. 3 assemblies with 3 detectors per assembly:
 - one detector in upper core half
 - one detector in lower cor half
 - one detector at core mid-plane
3. Axial planes in each core half MUST be symmetrical about core mid-plane
4. the 3 detectors shall not have radial symmetry

Fig 10.2-10

B. Quadrant Power Tilt (radial flux)

1. 75% detectors operable in each quadrant
2. 2 sets of 4 detectors shall lie in each half (8 detectros / half)
3. Each set of detectors shall lie in the same axial plane.
 - The 2 sets in each half MAY lie in the same axial plane
4. Detectors in the same plane shall have quarter core radial symmetry

$$QPT = 100 \left(\frac{\text{power in a core quad.}}{\text{ave. power in all quad.}} - 1 \right)$$