

Fast Data Testing and Temperature Effects for ENDF/-VII Beta 1

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- Reports MCNP5 calculations for various fast critical assemblies drawn from both CSEWG and ICSBEP compendiums.
- Reports initial calculations of the effect of temperature using the new cross sections and thermal scattering data.

Our Old Favorites

Assembly	R8 C/E	Beta1 C/E	Notes
Godiva 1.0000(10)	.99665(19)	1.00009(15)	Bare HEU
HMF001 1.0000(10)	.99664(19)	.99989(15)	(Godiva)
Jezebel 1.0000(20)	.99722(18)	1.00018(14)	Bare Pu
PMF001 1.0000(20)	.99750(19)	1.00010(15)	(Jezebel)
Jezebel-23 1.0000(10)	.99255(18)	.99951(14)	Bare U-233
Flattop-25 1.0000(10)	1.00193(19)	1.00284(21)	HEU/U refl.
HMF028 1.0000(30)	1.00147(21)	1.00358(20)	(Flattop-25)
Flattop-Pu 1.0000(14)	1.00203(22)	1.00196(22)	PU/U refl.
PMF006 1.0000(30)	1.00269(18)	1.00196((22)	(Flattop-Pu)
Flattop-23 1.0000(14)	1.00239(230	1.00131(22)	U-233/U refl.
UMF006 1.0000(14)	1.00055(21)	.99989(17)	(Flattop-23)

Larger Assemblies

Assembly	R8 C/E	Beta1 C/E	Notes
Bigten 0.9960(3)	1.01355(17)	1.00227(16)	HEU/U 10%
IMF007h 0.9948(13)	1.01251(16)	1.00059(16)	Bigten homog.
IMF007s 1.0045(07)	1.01167(24)	1.00068(16)	Bigten simpl.
ZPR66A 0.9939(23)	.99921(26)	.99828(15)	U LMFBR
MCF001 0.9866(23)	1.00605(33)	1.00102(17)	Pu LMFBR
HMF055 0.9955(28)		1.00382(37)	ZPR3-23 HEU/A1/U

More Fast Cases

Assembly	R8 C/E	Beta1 C/E	Notes
HMF004 0.9985	.99625(25)	1.00045(19)	HEU/H2O
PMF011 1.0000(10)	.99715(23)	.99926(19)	Pu/H2O
HMF011 0.9989(15)		1.00013(26)	HEU/poly
PMF024 1.0000(20)		1.00180(23)	Pu98%/poly
PMF023 1.0000(24)		1.00037(16)	Pu99%/graphite

Even More Fast Cases

Assembly	R8 C/E	Beta1 C/E	Notes
HMF008 .9989(16)		.99650(37)	Bare HEU
HMF014 .9989(17)		.99915(35)	HEU/U refl.
PMF022 1.0000(21)		0.99894(22)	Pu98% bare
PMF029 1.0000(20)		.99727(18)	Pu88% bare
PMF020 0.9993(17)		.99955(21)	Pu/U refl
PMF025 1.0000(20)		.99951(30)	Pu98/steel 1.55
PMF026 1.0000(20)		1.00260(23)	Pu98/steel 11.5

Temperature Effects

- While doing a set of simple k-inf cases, Harish Huria (Westinghouse) noticed that although the cold reactivity increased with preVII as expected, the hot reactivity did not increase, it even decreased.
- We have repeated some of those calculations with the latest beta1 cross sections and thermal data, seeing similar results.
- We've also tried to substitution runs to try to find the source of the effect..Attack #2: Reflector Bias

K-inf Calculations

Condition	Huria R3	Huria R8	Huria preVII	LANL beta1
CZP	1.25529(28)	1.25351(26)	1.25674(29)	1.25676(29)
HZP	1.24200(28)	1.23829(27)	1.23921(29)	1.24143(29)
HFP	1.23170(29)	1.23170(29)	1.22896(29)	1.23138(28)

Change back to R8 U-238:

CZP 1.25375(28) delta=-.00301

HZP 1.23848(31) delta=-.00295

Kritz2:19 MOX Assembly

Condition	ENDF66	beta1
Cold	0.9967(03)	1.00191(30)
Hot 500K		1.00006(45)
509.1K	0.9940(03)	.99938
Hot 600K		1.00750(45)
Doppler	-.0027	-.00253

Kritz2:13 U Assembly

Condition	ENDF66	beta1
Cold	0.9949(03)	.99951(34)
Hot 500K		.99805(30)
516.2K	0.9917(03)	.99730
Hot 600K		.99342(31)
Doppler	-.0032	-.00221