

MCNP4C

A Library for MCNP4C to Handle Effects of Self-Shielding in Unresolved Resonance Energy Range

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MCNP4C (unresolved resonance, UR) (probability table)
 , NJOY PURR UR
 MCNP4C ACE KNE68
 ENDF/B-VI release 8 NJOY99.67
 Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL)

Abstract

A continuous-energy neutron data library, called KNE68, has been generated for MCNP4C. The KNE68 library contains ACE format data processed from ENDF/B-VI release 8 using the latest NJOY99.67 code. The continuous-energy Monte Carlo code MCNP4C supports the use of probability tables for handling the effects of self-shielding in the unresolved resonance energy range. These tables were generated using the PURR module of NJOY and merged into the new library. The validation process for KNE68 has been performed for a suite of criticality benchmarks established for validating nuclear data by Los Alamos National Laboratory.

1.

MCNP (A General Monte Carlo N-Particle Transport Code)¹

가 가 . MCNP ENDF/B-VI
 release 2 ENDF60 ², ENDF/B-VI release 4
 UR (unresolved resonance probability tables) URES ³, ENDF60

가 가 ENDF6DN⁴
 , 1999 ENDF/B-VI release 5 300K, 600K, 900K ACE (A
 Compact ENDF) MCLIB-E6⁵가

LANL ENDF66 MCNP4C 2002
 .⁶ ENDF/B-VI
 release 6 173 ACE , NJOY99.50⁷
 (NJOY99.63)
 293.6K , UR 3000K
 35 77K

LANL MCNP broadening/thinning
 Doppler broadening . 293.6K
 broadening/thinning , UR
 293.6K broadening
 3000K 가 가 .

ENDF66 ENDF/B-VI release 8
 NJOY99.67 MCNP4C ACE
 KNE68 (KAERI NDL ENDF/B-VI Release 8)
 LANL⁸ 53
 , KNE68
 가 UR .

2.

ENDF/B-VI release 8 NJOY99.67 , UR
 (self shielding) UR MCNP4C
 , LANL
 53 가 , 53 1
 . 2 가 NJOY

2.1. ENDF

ENDF/B-VI 가 1-H-1 99-Es-253 329
 , 10⁻⁵ eV 20 MeV 150 MeV
 . MCNP4C

2001 ENDF 가 ENDF/B-VI release 8
 release ENDF/B-VI , 2005 가
 ENDF/B-VII .

2.2. NJOY

NJOY LANL , ENDF 가
 NJOY99.67 77K, 293.6K, 3000K
 ACE , PURR PENDF UR 가
 가 . ZAID identifier .
 293.6K “.80c”, 77K “.81c”, 3000K
 “.82c” ZAID identifier .
 KNE68 53 15 가 UR .
 2 UR . ,
 U-238 10 keV ~ 149.03 keV 가 UR ,
 U-238 UR
 . U-238 W-182, W-184, W-186, U-234, U-236 UR
 . U-234 U-236 . ,
 (Group 9)

3.

KNE68 (validation) LANL
 UR
 KNE68 ENDF60

3.1.

LANL MCNP ICSBEP (International Criticality
 Safety Benchmark Evaluation Project)⁹ CSEWG (Cross Section Evaluation Working Group)
 specifications¹⁰ .
 , 가
 (reflector)

- Group 1: Bare metal assemblies
- Group 2: Solution assemblies
- Group 3: Water-reflected metal assemblies
- Group 4: Polyethylene-reflected assemblies
- Group 5: Beryllium- and beryllium oxide-reflected assemblies
- Group 6: Graphite-reflected assemblies
- Group 7: Aluminum-reflected assemblies
- Group 8: Steel- and nickel-reflected assemblies
- Group 9: Tungsten-reflected assemblies
- Group 10: Thorium-reflected assemblies
- Group 11: Normal uranium-reflected assemblies
- Group 12: Highly enriched uranium-reflected assemblies
- Group 13: Other assemblies

Ref. 8

3.2.

k_{eff} HP C-3600
 , MCNP version 4C . 3 ~ 14 가
 Group 5 12
 ENDF60 KNE68
 . KNE68 ,
 MCNP UR UR
 UR
 Group 5 MCNP KNE68 (UR
) 가
 Be-9 . Be-9 NJOY
 , MCNP
 consistency 가 MCNP
 UR KNE68
 ENDF60 , Group 11
 bigten2가 0.0029 Å 가 ,
 KNE68

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Table 1. List of Nuclides for Criticality Benchmarks of LANL

No.	Element	Z	A	MAT	No.	Element	Z	A	MAT
1	H	1	001	125	32	Cu	29	063	2925
2			002	128	33			065	2931
3	Be	4	009	425	34	Ga	31	000	3100
4	B	5	010	525	35	Zr	40	000	4000
5			011	528	36	Mo	42	000	4200
6	C	6	000	600	37	Cd	48	000	4800
7	N	7	014	725	38	W	74	182	7431
8	O	8	016	825	39			183	7434
9	Na	11	023	1125	40			184	7437
10	Mg	12	000	1200	41			186	7443
11	Al	13	027	1325	42	Th	90	232	9040
12	Si	14	000	1400	43	U	92	233	9222
13	P	15	031	1525	44			234	9225
14	S	16	032	1625	45			235	9228
15	Ca	20	000	2000	46			236	9231
16	Ti	22	000	2200	47			238	9237
17	V	23	000	2300	48	Np	93	237	9346
18	Cr	24	050	2425	49	Pu	94	239	9437
19			052	2431	50			240	9440
20			053	2434	51			241	9443
21			054	2437	52			242	9446
22	Mn	25	055	2525	53	Am	95	241	9543
23	Fe	26	054	2625					
24			056	2631					
25			057	2634					
26			058	2637					
27	Ni	28	058	2825					
28			060	2831					
29			061	2834					
30			062	2837					
31			064	2843					

Table 2. Unresolved Resonance Energy Range in KNE68 Library

Element	Lower Bound (MeV)	Upper Bound (MeV)	Energy Span (MeV)
W-182	4.5000E-03	1.0000E-01	9.5500E-02
W-183	7.6500E-04	4.5000E-02	4.4235E-02
W-184	2.6500E-03	1.0000E-01	9.7350E-02
W-186	3.2000E-03	1.0000E-01	9.6800E-02
Th-232	4.0000E-03	5.0000E-02	4.6000E-02
U-233	6.0000E-05	1.0000E-02	9.9400E-03
U-234	1.5000E-03	1.0000E-01	9.8500E-02
U-235	2.2500E-03	2.5000E-02	2.2750E-02
U-236	1.5000E-03	1.0000E-01	9.8500E-02
U-238	1.0000E-02	1.4903E-01	1.3903E-01
Pu-239	2.5000E-03	3.0000E-02	2.7500E-02
Pu-240	5.7000E-03	4.0000E-02	3.4300E-02
Pu-241	3.0000E-04	4.0200E-02	3.9900E-02
Pu-242	9.8600E-04	1.0000E-02	9.0140E-03
Am-241	1.5000E-04	3.0000E-02	2.9850E-02

Table 3. Criticality Benchmark Results for Bare Metal Assemblies (Group 1)

No.	Filename	Benchmark k_{eff} (A)	STD	ENDF60 (B)	STD	KNE68 with PT (C)	STD	KNE68 w/o PT (D)	STD	$\ddot{A}k$ (C-D)
1	23umt1	1.0000	± 0.0010	0.9929	± 0.0006	0.9930	± 0.0006	0.9921	± 0.0006	0.0008
2	ieumt3	1.0000	± 0.0017	1.0001	± 0.0006	0.9982	± 0.0006	0.9988	± 0.0006	-0.0006
3	umet1ss	1.0000	± 0.0010	0.9962	± 0.0006	0.9964	± 0.0006	0.9962	± 0.0006	0.0002
4	umet1ns	1.0000	± 0.0010	0.9968	± 0.0006	0.9956	± 0.0006	0.9967	± 0.0006	-0.0010
5	umet8	0.9989	± 0.0016	0.9922	± 0.0006	0.9925	± 0.0006	0.9916	± 0.0006	0.0009
6	umet15	0.9996	± 0.0017	0.9916	± 0.0006	0.9911	± 0.0007	0.9915	± 0.0006	-0.0004
7	umet18	1.0000	± 0.0016	0.9964	± 0.0006	0.9963	± 0.0006	0.9970	± 0.0006	-0.0007
8	pumet1	1.0000	± 0.0020	0.9977	± 0.0006	0.9992	± 0.0006	0.9974	± 0.0006	0.0018
9	pumet2	1.0000	± 0.0020	0.9981	± 0.0005	0.9981	± 0.0006	0.9986	± 0.0006	-0.0005
10	pumet22	1.0000	± 0.0021	0.9973	± 0.0006	0.9967	± 0.0005	0.9955	± 0.0005	0.0012

Table 4. Criticality Benchmark Results for Solution Assemblies (Group 2)

No.	Filename	Benchmark k_{eff} (A)	STD	ENDF60 (B)	STD	KNE68 with PT (C)	STD	KNE68 w/o PT (D)	STD	$\ddot{A}k$ (C-D)
1	23usl1a	1.0000	± 0.0031	0.9967	± 0.0004	0.9973	± 0.0004	0.9989	± 0.0004	-0.0015
2	23usl1b	1.0005	± 0.0033	0.9966	± 0.0004	0.9978	± 0.0004	0.9984	± 0.0004	-0.0007
3	23usl1c	1.0006	± 0.0033	0.9969	± 0.0004	0.9973	± 0.0004	0.9975	± 0.0004	-0.0003
4	23usl1d	0.9998	± 0.0033	0.9962	± 0.0004	0.9981	± 0.0004	0.9980	± 0.0004	0.0001
5	23usl1e	0.9999	± 0.0033	0.9956	± 0.0004	0.9971	± 0.0004	0.9965	± 0.0004	0.0006
6	23usl8	1.0006	± 0.0029	0.9954	± 0.0003	0.9968	± 0.0003	0.9966	± 0.0003	0.0002
7	usol13a	1.0012	± 0.0026	0.9975	± 0.0004	0.9990	± 0.0004	0.9982	± 0.0004	0.0008
8	usol13b	1.0007	± 0.0036	0.9964	± 0.0004	0.9976	± 0.0004	0.9982	± 0.0004	-0.0006
9	usol13c	1.0009	± 0.0036	0.9929	± 0.0004	0.9934	± 0.0004	0.9940	± 0.0004	-0.0006
10	usol13d	1.0003	± 0.0036	0.9957	± 0.0004	0.9946	± 0.0004	0.9952	± 0.0004	-0.0005
11	usol32	1.0015	± 0.0026	0.9966	± 0.0002	0.9988	± 0.0003	0.9987	± 0.0003	0.0001
12	pn11	1.0000		1.0062	± 0.0006	1.0059	± 0.0006	1.0076	± 0.0006	-0.0017
13	pn16	1.0000		1.0020	± 0.0007	1.0014	± 0.0007	0.9997	± 0.0007	0.0017
14	pusl11a	1.0000	± 0.0052	0.9948	± 0.0005	0.9945	± 0.0005	0.9952	± 0.0005	-0.0007
15	pusl11b	1.0000	± 0.0052	1.0008	± 0.0006	1.0008	± 0.0006	1.0012	± 0.0005	-0.0004
16	pusl11c	1.0000	± 0.0052	1.0045	± 0.0006	1.0049	± 0.0006	1.0053	± 0.0006	-0.0003
17	pusl11d	1.0000	± 0.0052	1.0085	± 0.0006	1.0087	± 0.0006	1.0080	± 0.0006	0.0008

Table 5. Criticality Benchmark Results for Water-Reflected Metal Assemblies (Group 3)

No.	Filename	Benchmark k_{eff} (A)	STD	ENDF60 (B)	STD	KNE68 with PT (C)	STD	KNE68 w/o PT (D)	STD	$\ddot{A}k$ (C-D)
1	umet4a	1.0020		1.0006	± 0.0008	0.9997	± 0.0007	1.0006	± 0.0007	-0.0009
2	umet4b	1.0003	± 0.0005	0.9972	± 0.0007	0.9949	± 0.0008	0.9959	± 0.0007	-0.0010
3	pumet11	1.0000	± 0.0010	0.9977	± 0.0007	0.9975	± 0.0007	0.9964	± 0.0008	0.0011

Table 6. Criticality Benchmark Results for Polyethylene-Reflected Assemblies (Group 4)

No.	Filename	Benchmark k_{eff} (A)	STD	ENDF60 (B)	STD	KNE68 with PT (C)	STD	KNE68 w/o PT (D)	STD	$\ddot{A}k$ (C-D)
1	umet11	1.0000	± 0.0010	0.9973	± 0.0008	0.9956	± 0.0007	0.9946	± 0.0007	0.0010
2	umet20	1.0000	± 0.0030	0.9973	± 0.0006	0.9975	± 0.0006	0.9982	± 0.0007	-0.0007
3	pumet24	1.0000	± 0.0020	0.9994	± 0.0007	0.9995	± 0.0007	1.0015	± 0.0007	-0.0020

Table 7. Criticality Benchmark Results for Graphite-Reflected Assemblies (Group 6)

No.	Filename	Benchmark k_{eff} (A)	STD	ENDF60 (B)	STD	KNE68 with PT (C)	STD	KNE68 w/o PT (D)	STD	$\ddot{A}k$ (C-D)
1	ieumt4	1.0000	± 0.0030	1.0051	± 0.0006	1.0028	± 0.0006	1.0037	± 0.0006	-0.0009
2	umet19	1.0000	± 0.0030	1.0024	± 0.0006	1.0035	± 0.0006	1.0032	± 0.0006	0.0003
3	pumet23	1.0000	± 0.0020	0.9983	± 0.0006	0.9990	± 0.0006	0.9992	± 0.0006	-0.0002

Table 8. Criticality Benchmark Results for Aluminum-Reflected Assemblies (Group 7)

No.	Filename	Benchmark k_{eff} (A)	STD	ENDF60 (B)	STD	KNE68 with PT (C)	STD	KNE68 w/o PT (D)	STD	$\ddot{A}k$ (C-D)
1	ieumt6	1.0000	± 0.0023	0.9918	± 0.0006	0.9908	± 0.0006	0.9911	± 0.0006	-0.0003
2	umet12	0.9992	± 0.0018	0.9935	± 0.0006	0.9946	± 0.0006	0.9933	± 0.0006	0.0013
3	umet22	1.0000	± 0.0021	0.9916	± 0.0006	0.9923	± 0.0006	0.9934	± 0.0006	-0.0011
4	pumet9	1.0000	± 0.0027	1.0020	± 0.0006	1.0022	± 0.0006	1.0023	± 0.0006	-0.0001

Table 9. Criticality Benchmark Results for Steel- and Nickel-Reflected Assemblies (Group 8)

No.	Filename	Benchmark k_{eff} (A)	STD	ENDF60 (B)	STD	KNE68 with PT (C)	STD	KNE68 w/o PT (D)	STD	$\ddot{A}k$ (C-D)
1	ieumt5	1.0000	± 0.0021	0.9995	± 0.0006	0.9985	± 0.0006	0.9980	± 0.0006	0.0005
2	umet13	0.9990	± 0.0015	0.9950	± 0.0006	0.9940	± 0.0005	0.9943	± 0.0006	-0.0003
3	umet21	1.0000	± 0.0026	0.9946	± 0.0006	0.9943	± 0.0006	0.9944	± 0.0006	-0.0002
4	pumet25	1.0000	± 0.0020	0.9965	± 0.0006	0.9974	± 0.0006	0.9951	± 0.0006	0.0023
5	pumet26	1.0000	± 0.0024	0.9978	± 0.0006	0.9971	± 0.0006	0.9973	± 0.0006	-0.0002
6	umet31	1.0000	± 0.0030	1.0044	± 0.0006	1.0058	± 0.0006	1.0035	± 0.0007	0.0023

Table 10. Criticality Benchmark Results for Tungsten-Reflected Assemblies (Group 9)

No.	Filename	Benchmark k_{eff} (A)	STD	ENDF60 (B)	STD	KNE68 with PT (C)	STD	KNE68 w/o PT (D)	STD	$\ddot{A}k$ (C-D)
1	23umt4a	1.0000	± 0.0007	1.0030	± 0.0006	1.0030	± 0.0006	1.0024	± 0.0006	0.0006
2	23umt4b	1.0000	± 0.0008	1.0056	± 0.0006	1.0070	± 0.0007	1.0047	± 0.0006	0.0023
3	umet3h	1.0000	± 0.0050	1.0061	± 0.0006	1.0081	± 0.0006	1.0070	± 0.0006	0.0011
4	umet3i	1.0000	± 0.0050	1.0069	± 0.0006	1.0155	± 0.0006	1.0062	± 0.0006	0.0093
5	umet3j	1.0000	± 0.0050	1.0069	± 0.0006	1.0276	± 0.0006	1.0073	± 0.0007	0.0203
6	umet3k	1.0000	± 0.0050	1.0088	± 0.0006	1.0350	± 0.0006	1.0095	± 0.0006	0.0255
7	pumet5	1.0000	± 0.0013	1.0094	± 0.0006	1.0101	± 0.0006	1.0086	± 0.0006	0.0015

Table 11. Criticality Benchmark Results for Thorium-Reflected Assemblies (Group 10)

No.	Filename	Benchmark k_{eff} (A)	STD	ENDF60 (B)	STD	KNE68 with PT (C)	STD	KNE68 w/o PT (D)	STD	$\ddot{A}k$ (C-D)
1	pumet8a	1.0000	± 0.0030	1.0061	± 0.0006	1.0055	± 0.0006	1.0058	± 0.0006	-0.0003
2	pumet8b	1.0000	± 0.0006	1.0058	± 0.0006	1.0069	± 0.0006	1.0057	± 0.0006	0.0013

Table 12. Criticality Benchmark Results for Normal Uranium-Reflected Assemblies (Group 11)

No.	Filename	Benchmark k_{eff} (A)	STD	ENDF60 (B)	STD	KNE68 with PT (C)	STD	KNE68 w/o PT (D)	STD	$\ddot{A}k$ (C-D)
1	23umt3a	1.0000	± 0.0010	0.9969	± 0.0006	0.9969	± 0.0006	0.9969	± 0.0006	0.0000
2	23umt3b	1.0000	± 0.0010	0.9984	± 0.0006	0.9986	± 0.0007	0.9972	± 0.0006	0.0014
3	23umt6	1.0000	± 0.0014	1.0001	± 0.0007	1.0000	± 0.0007	0.9996	± 0.0007	0.0004
4	flat23	1.0000	± 0.0010	1.0018	± 0.0007	1.0015	± 0.0007	1.0023	± 0.0006	-0.0008
5	ieumt2	1.0000	± 0.0030	1.0038	± 0.0006	1.0015	± 0.0005	1.0020	± 0.0006	-0.0005
6	umet3a	1.0000	± 0.0050	0.9927	± 0.0006	0.9928	± 0.0006	0.9918	± 0.0006	0.0011
7	umet3b	1.0000	± 0.0050	0.9926	± 0.0006	0.9926	± 0.0006	0.9915	± 0.0006	0.0011
8	umet3c	1.0000	± 0.0050	0.9986	± 0.0006	0.9969	± 0.0006	0.9985	± 0.0006	-0.0016
9	umet3d	1.0000	± 0.0030	0.9973	± 0.0007	0.9962	± 0.0007	0.9961	± 0.0006	0.0001
10	umet3e	1.0000	± 0.0030	1.0015	± 0.0006	1.0000	± 0.0006	0.9999	± 0.0006	0.0001
11	umet3f	1.0000	± 0.0030	1.0020	± 0.0006	1.0000	± 0.0006	1.0014	± 0.0006	-0.0014
12	umet3g	1.0000	± 0.0030	1.0030	± 0.0006	1.0010	± 0.0006	1.0021	± 0.0007	-0.0010
13	umet14	0.9989	± 0.0017	0.9958	± 0.0006	0.9946	± 0.0006	0.9958	± 0.0006	-0.0012
14	umet28	1.0000	± 0.0030	1.0024	± 0.0006	1.0004	± 0.0006	1.0013	± 0.0006	-0.0009
15	bigten1	0.9960	± 0.0030	1.0069	± 0.0005	1.0043	± 0.0005	1.0048	± 0.0005	-0.0005
16	bigten2	0.9960	± 0.0030	1.0049	± 0.0005	1.0019	± 0.0005	1.0020	± 0.0005	-0.0001
17	pumet6	1.0000	± 0.0030	1.0043	± 0.0007	1.0031	± 0.0007	1.0029	± 0.0007	0.0001
18	pumet10	1.0000	± 0.0018	1.0003	± 0.0006	0.9994	± 0.0007	0.9993	± 0.0006	0.0000
19	pumet20	0.9993	± 0.0017	0.9996	± 0.0007	0.9974	± 0.0007	0.9995	± 0.0007	-0.0022

Table 13. Criticality Benchmark Results for Highly Enriched Uranium-Reflected Assemblies (Group 12)

No.	Filename	Benchmark k_{eff} (A)	STD	ENDF60 (B)	STD	KNE68 with PT (C)	STD	KNE68 w/o PT (D)	STD	$\ddot{A}k$ (C-D)
1	23umt2a	1.0000	± 0.0010	0.9967	± 0.0006	0.9959	± 0.0006	0.9958	± 0.0006	0.0001
2	23umt2b	1.0000	± 0.0011	0.9978	± 0.0006	0.9987	± 0.0006	0.9969	± 0.0006	0.0018
3	mixmet1	1.0000	± 0.0016	0.9967	± 0.0006	0.9963	± 0.0006	0.9969	± 0.0006	-0.0007
4	mixmet3	0.9993	± 0.0016	0.9992	± 0.0007	0.9987	± 0.0006	0.9979	± 0.0006	0.0008

Table 14. Criticality Benchmark Results for Other Assemblies (Group 13)

No.	Filename	Benchmark k_{eff} (A)	STD	ENDF60 (B)	STD	KNE68 with PT (C)	STD	KNE68 w/o PT (D)	STD	$\ddot{A}k$ (C-D)
1	ieumt1a	0.9989		0.9970	± 0.0006	0.9966	± 0.0006	0.9968	± 0.0006	-0.0002
2	ieumt1b	0.9997		0.9963	± 0.0006	0.9977	± 0.0006	0.9983	± 0.0006	-0.0006
3	ieumt1c	0.9993		0.9991	± 0.0006	0.9979	± 0.0006	0.9985	± 0.0006	-0.0006
4	ieumt1d	1.0002		1.0005	± 0.0006	0.9994	± 0.0006	0.9981	± 0.0006	0.0013
5	mixmet8	0.9920	± 0.0063	0.9916	± 0.0005	0.9928	± 0.0005	0.9934	± 0.0005	-0.0007

Table 15. \div^2 Difference Between MCNP4C and Benchmark k_{eff}

Benchmark Group	\div^2 Difference* (ENDF60)	\div^2 Difference (KNE68 with PT)	\div^2 Difference (KNE68 w/o PT)
1	1.0686E-04	1.1357E-04	1.2319E-04
2	2.0130E-04	1.6452E-04	1.5776E-04
3	8.2122E-06	2.0389E-05	1.7212E-05
4	7.5198E-06	1.2931E-05	1.7296E-05
5	-	-	-
6	1.7506E-05	1.0466E-05	1.2032E-05
7	8.7389E-05	8.5616E-05	8.1678E-05
8	4.1407E-05	5.4779E-05	5.0209E-05
9	1.6847E-04	1.2094E-03	1.6564E-04
10	3.5323E-05	3.9068E-05	3.2973E-05
11	1.9762E-04	1.4251E-04	1.6252E-04
12	1.3359E-05	1.6552E-05	1.9428E-05
13	7.7763E-06	6.2799E-06	6.8247E-06
Total (w/o Group 9)**	8.9273E-04 (7.2427E-04)	1.8761E-03 (6.6668E-04)	8.4677E-04 (6.8112E-04)

* The \div^2 difference between MCNP and the experimental data can be defined as:

$$c^2 = \sum_i \frac{[MCNP(i) - Data(i)]^2}{MCNP(i) + Data(i)}$$

** The values in parentheses are the sum of \div^2 differences for all benchmarks except Group 9.