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Vibration Characteristic Analysis for in-air HANARO Fuel Assembly

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ABSTRACT

For investigating the vibration characteristics of the HANARO fuel assembly, the in-air 3-D finite element models of the fuel assemblies and flow tubes were developed. Then, modal analysis of the developed finite element models was carried out. The analysis results show that the fundamental vibration modes of the 18-element and 36-element fuel assemblies are lateral bending modes and its corresponding natural frequencies are 26.4Hz and 27.7Hz, respectively. For the verification of the developed FE models, modal analysis results were compared with those obtained from the experiment. These results demonstrate that the natural frequencies of lower order modes obtained from FE analysis agree well with those of the experiment. It is expected that the analysis results will be applied as an elementary data for HANARO operation and management. In addition, when it is necessary to improve the design of the fuel assembly, the developed FE models will be utilized as a base model for the vibration characteristic analysis of the modified fuel assembly.

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(a) 18-element fuel assembly

(b) 36-element fuel assembly

Fig. 2 Schematic diagrams of the HANARO fuel assemblies(length: 0.96m)



(a) Round flow tube

(b) Hexagonal flow tube

Fig. 3 Schematic diagrams of the HANARO flow tubes

Components	Material	Young's Modulus(MPa)	Poisson ratio	Density(kg/m ³)
Grapple head	Zircaloy-4	8.81×10^4	0.33	6550
Top guide	Inconnel	2.07×10^{5}	0.33	8420
Top guide spring	Inconnel	2.07×10^{5}	0.33	8420
Upper end plate	Aluminum	6.62×10^{4}	0.33	2680
Fuel element	U ₃ Si-Al	5.65×10^{4}	0.35	5350
Spacer plate	Aluminum	6.62×10^4	0.33	2680
Lower end plate	Aluminum	6.62×10^{4}	0.33	2680
Spring	Inconnel	2.07×10^{5}	0.33	8420
Central rod	Zircaloy-4	8.81×10^4	0.33	6550
Flow tube shell	Zircaloy-4	8.81×10^4	0.33	6550
Flow tube spider	Zircaloy-4	8.81×10^{4}	0.33	6550
Receptacle	Stainless steel	1.88×10^{5}	0.28	8030

 Table 1
 Material properties of the fuel assembly and flow tube



(a) 18-element fuel assembly

(b) round flow tube

CAD

(solid model)

Fig. 4 Finite element model of the 18-element fuel assembly and round flow tube



Fig. 5 Finite element model of the 36-element fuel assembly and hexagonal flow tube







Fig. 6 Mode shapes of the 18-element fuel assembly after loading





Fig. 7 Mode shapes of the 36-element fuel assembly after loading

 Table 2
 Natural frequency of the fuel assemblies obtained from the modal analysis

Mode	Natural frequency(Hz)		
	18-element fuel assembly	36-element fuel assembly	
1	26.4	27.7	
2	29.9	29.5	
3	55.6	53.4	
4	96.9	98.4	
5	98.7	103.5	
6	112.7	118.6	
7	127.6	130.9	
8	129.9	134.5	
9	175.6	134.5	

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Fig. 8 Experimental setup for measuring the natural frequencies of the fuel assembly

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Mode No.	Natural frequency(Hz)		
	18-element fuel assembly	36-element fuel assembly	
1	26	28	
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3	58	64	

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