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## (Th,U)O<sub>2</sub>

# Irradiation Characteristics of (Th,U)O<sub>2</sub> Fuel in LWR

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105 , 305-600

(Th,U)O<sub>2</sub> 가  
 가 . (Th,U)O<sub>2</sub> Th-232 U-233 30 MWD/kgU  
 . ThO<sub>2</sub> UO<sub>2</sub> 가 , (Th,U)O<sub>2</sub>  
 U-238 가 가 가 가  
 UO<sub>2</sub> Rim effects  
 (Th,U)O<sub>2</sub> 가 UO<sub>2</sub> .

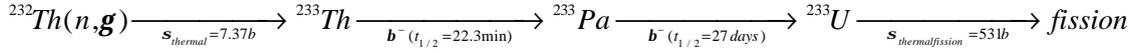
### ABSTRACTS

Neutronic depletion characteristics and in-pile behavior of (Th,U)O<sub>2</sub> fuel mixed with U-235-enriched uranium during the irradiation in LWR were evaluated. It was found that U-233 bred from Th-232 would become a primary fissionable nuclide at the burnup higher than 30 MWD/kgU in (Th,O)<sub>2</sub> fuel. Since the thermal conductivity and melting temperature of ThO<sub>2</sub> are higher than UO<sub>2</sub>, and local burnup enhancement near the periphery of the (Th,U)O<sub>2</sub> pellet is much smaller than UO<sub>2</sub> due to lower concentration of U-238, irradiation performance including Rim effects of (Th,U)O<sub>2</sub> fuel at high burnup is expected to be better than UO<sub>2</sub> fuel.

### 1.

U-235  
 , 1960  
 25 MWD/kgU  
 Th-232 U-233  
 1/2

가



가

U-235

가

(Th,U)O<sub>2</sub>

CANDU

70

MWD/kgU-rod avg.

가 가

, (Th,U)O<sub>2</sub>

Th-232

U-233

U-233

가

One-through

가

. RTF(Radkowsky

Thorium Fuel)

Seed

Blanket

(Th,U)O<sub>2</sub>

[1]. RTF

1999

NERI(Nuclear Energy Research Initiative)

(19.5

w/o U-235)

(Th,U)O<sub>2</sub>

U-235

U-233

, ThO<sub>2</sub>-(25-35%)UO<sub>2</sub>

70 - 100 MWD/kgU,

24-36

가 가

. [2]

RTF

Blanket

(Th,U)O<sub>2</sub>

가

UO<sub>2</sub>

가

, (Th,U)O<sub>2</sub>

가

가

## 2.

(Th,U)O<sub>2</sub>

ThO<sub>2</sub>

LEU(Low Enriched Uranium)

20 w/o U-235

UO<sub>2</sub> 20-40 %

(Th,U)O<sub>2</sub>

U-235

4-8 %

가

UO<sub>2</sub>

U-238

가

Pu

1 2 ThO<sub>2</sub>-25%UO<sub>2</sub>

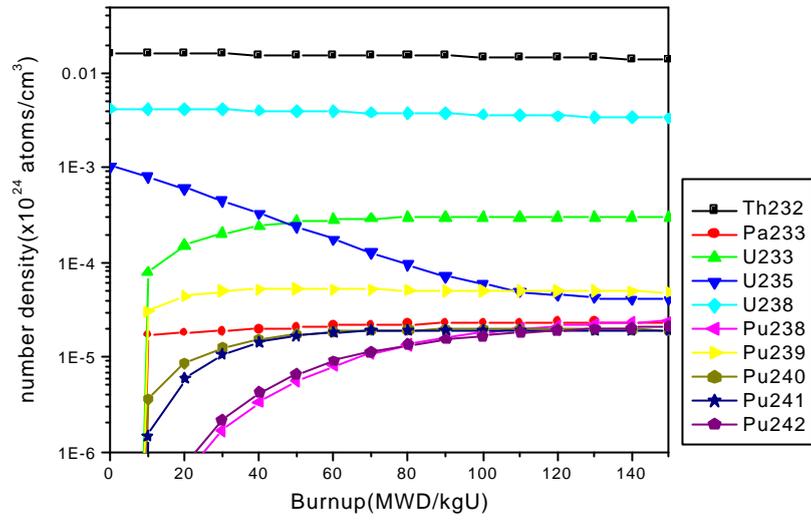
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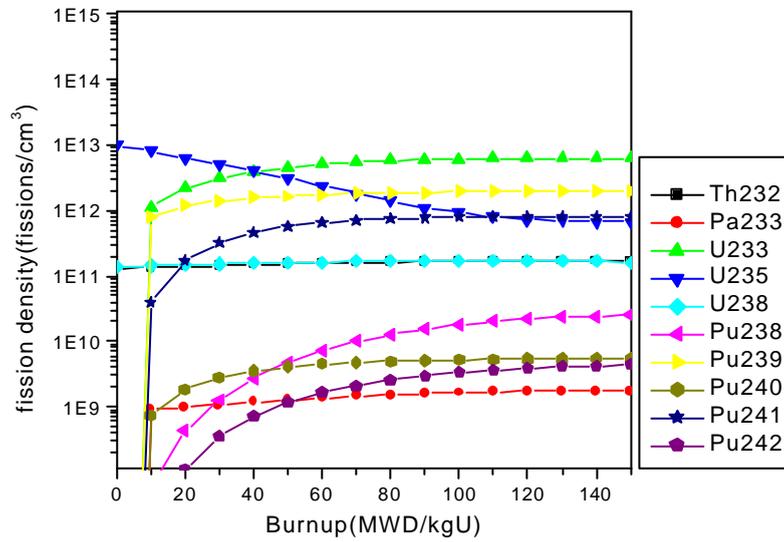
. Th-232

30 MWD/kgU

, 40 MWD/kgU



1 ThO<sub>2</sub>-25% UO<sub>2</sub>(19.5 w/o U-235)



2 ThO<sub>2</sub>-25% UO<sub>2</sub>(19.5 w/o U-235)

Th-232 U-233 U-235 3  
 ThO<sub>2</sub>-25 %UO<sub>2</sub>(19.5 w/o U-235) U-235 가 UO<sub>2</sub>(4.875 w/o U-235)  
 가 ThO<sub>2</sub>-25 %UO<sub>2</sub> UO<sub>2</sub>  
 Pu-239 Pu-241 , U-235  
 Pu-238 ThO<sub>2</sub>-25%UO<sub>2</sub>  
 Pu-239 , 가 Pu-238  
 UO<sub>2</sub>

### 3. 가

ThO<sub>2</sub>-UO<sub>2</sub> 70 MWD/kgU-rod avg.  
 4 5 (Th,U)O<sub>2</sub> (Th,U)O<sub>2</sub>  
 UO<sub>2</sub> 15-35 %  
 (Th,U)O<sub>2</sub> Pu-239  
 U-238 가 UO<sub>2</sub> , 가  
 가 6 U-235 가 ThO<sub>2</sub>-  
 25%UO<sub>2</sub>(19.5 w/o U-235) UO<sub>2</sub> (4.875 w/o U-235) , ThO<sub>2</sub>-  
 UO<sub>2</sub> UO<sub>2</sub> 가 가  
 ThO<sub>2</sub>-25%UO<sub>2</sub>  
 , 7 8 (F<sub>p</sub>) (F<sub>BU</sub>)

$$F_p(r, BU) = -6.6837 + 0.267 BU - 4.2542E-6 BU^2 + (3.2032 - 0.0655 BU + 2.8715e-4 BU^2) r$$

$$- (16.422 + 0.0368 BU + 1.4236E-3 BU^2) r^2 + (25.0378 + 0.073 BU + 2.4776E-3 BU^2) r^3$$

$$- (22.1305 + 0.192 BU + 1.4009E-3 BU^2) r^4 + (11.5112 + 0.2137 BU) \exp(-3.8935(1-r))$$

$$+ (6.5873 - 0.2481 BU) \exp(0.0977(1-r)^2)$$

$$F_{BU}(r, BU) = -16.8254 + 0.6736 BU - 9.7069E-6 BU^2 - (2.5298 + 0.2733 BU - 2.4955e-4 BU^2) r$$

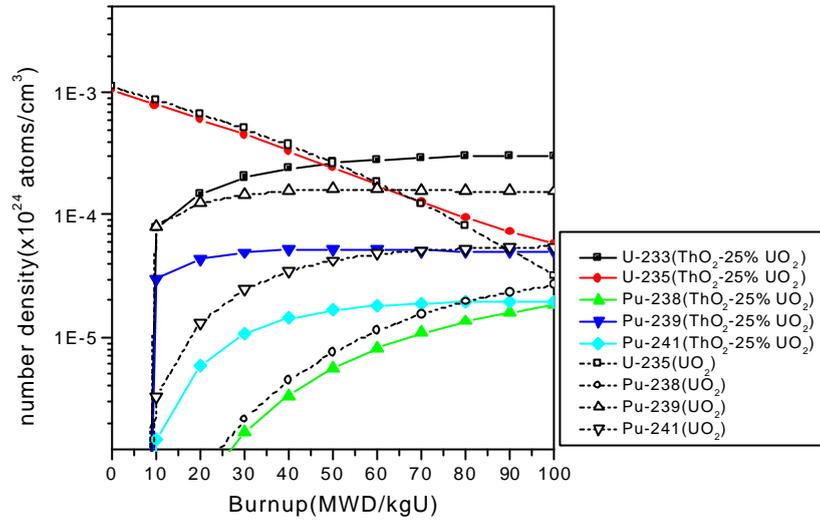
$$- (30.5319 + 0.0656 BU + 1.0935E-3 BU^2) r^2 + (23.4042 - 0.0579 BU + 1.713E-3 BU^2) r^3$$

$$- (32.4645 + 0.239 BU + 8.8522E-4 BU^2) r^4 + (47.2434 + 0.6145 BU) \exp(-2.6379(1-r))$$

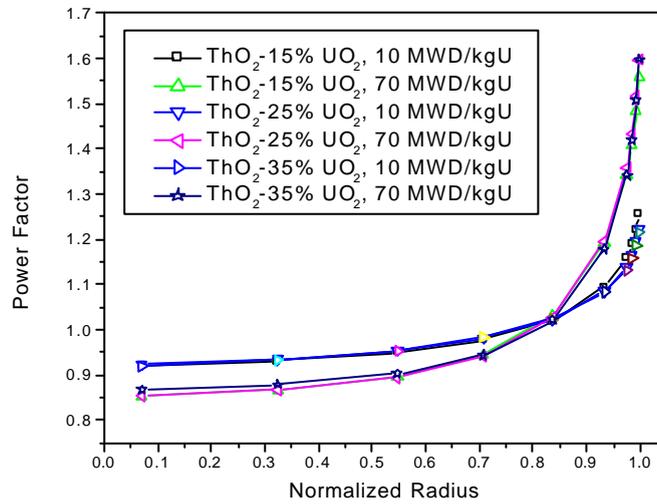
$$+ (12.7968 - 0.646 BU) \exp(0.1058(1-r)^2)$$

, r = normalized radius, BU = (MWD/kgU).

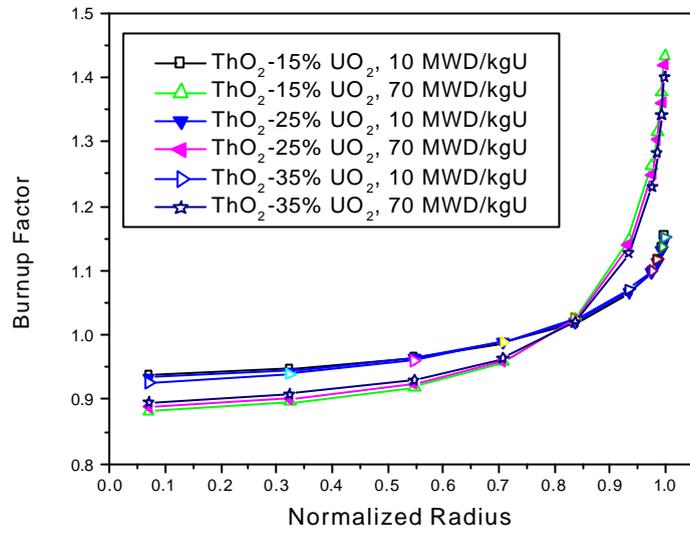
UO<sub>2</sub> 가 가 70 MWD/kgU , UO<sub>2</sub>  
 가 가 Rim effects 가



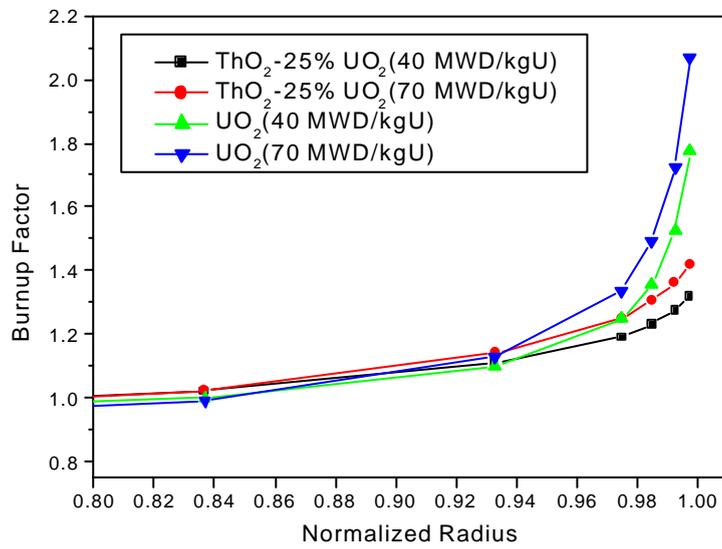
3 ThO<sub>2</sub> - 25% UO<sub>2</sub> (19.5 w/o U-235) UO<sub>2</sub> (4.895 w/o)



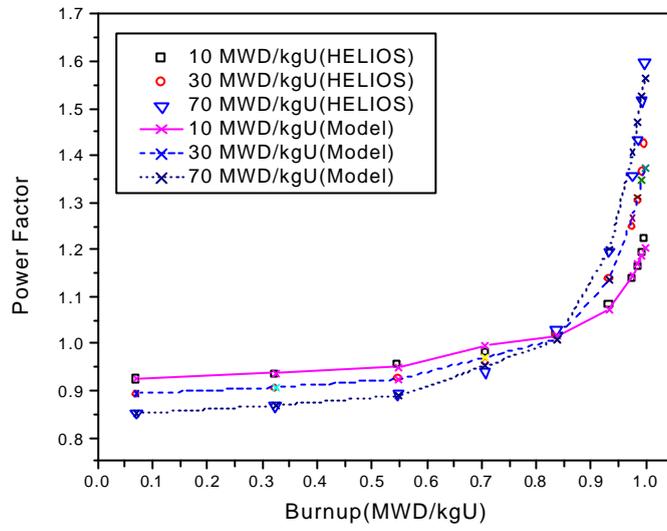
4 ThO<sub>2</sub>-UO<sub>2</sub> (19.5 w/o U-235)



5 ThO<sub>2</sub>-UO<sub>2</sub>(19.5 w/o U-235)

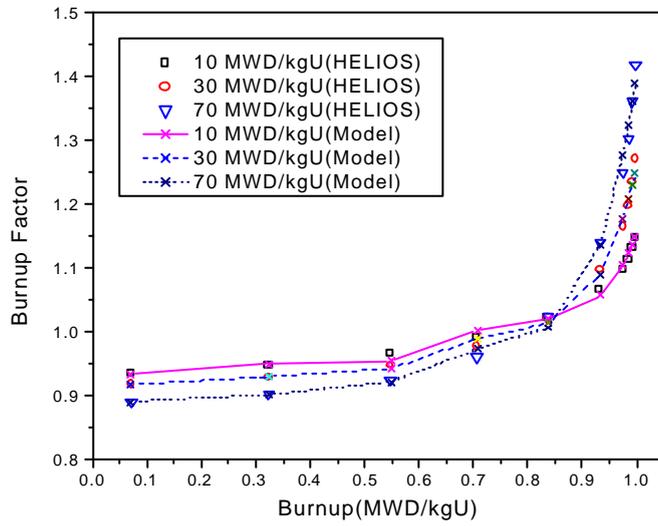


6 ThO<sub>2</sub>- 25% UO<sub>2</sub>(19.5 w/o U-235) UO<sub>2</sub>(4.895 w/o U-235)



7 ThO<sub>2</sub>- 25% UO<sub>2</sub>(19.5 w/o U-235)

가



8 ThO<sub>2</sub>- 25% UO<sub>2</sub>(19.5 w/o U-235)

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가 UO<sub>2</sub>  
(Th,U)O<sub>2</sub> Rim effects 가 UO<sub>2</sub>

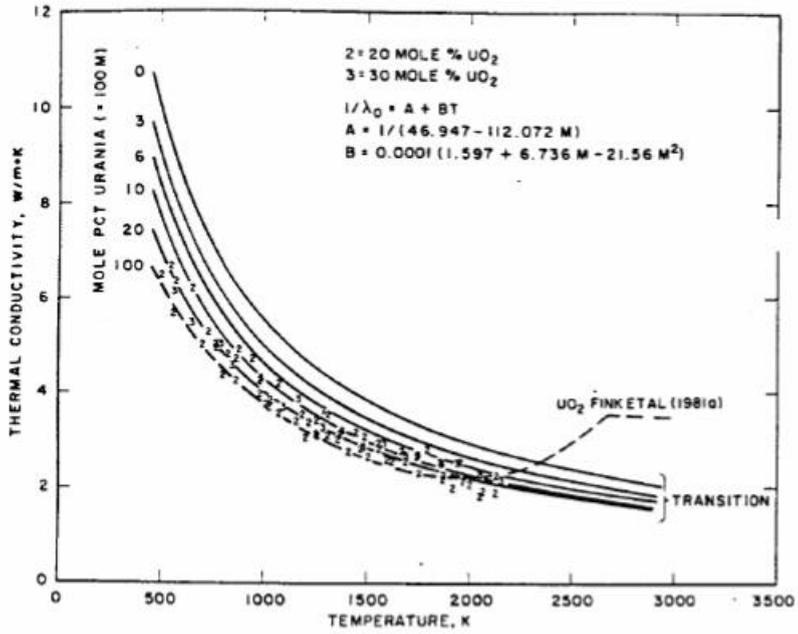
Rim effects ,  
Rim [4]. ThO<sub>2</sub>-UO<sub>2</sub>  
70 MWD/kgU Rim  
Rim  
[5,6], Rim  
Rim UO<sub>2</sub> Matrix  
가 [7,8].  
Rim 가 가

ThO<sub>2</sub> 9 UO<sub>2</sub> , ThO<sub>2</sub> UO<sub>2</sub> 가  
(Th,U)O<sub>2</sub> , K( w/mK) [9].

$K = 1/(A + BT)$ ,  
 $A = 1/(A_0 + A_1M)$ ,  
 $B = B_0 + B_1M + B_2M_2$ .

,  $A_0 = 46.947$ ,  $B_0 = 1.597E-4$ ,  $A_1 = -112.072$ ,  $B_1 = 6.736E-4$ ,  $B_2 = -2.156E-3$ ,  $M =$  Mole fraction of UO<sub>2</sub>,  $T =$  (K).

1000 K ThO<sub>2</sub> 5.52 w/mK UO<sub>2</sub> 3.85 w/mK 43 % ,  
ThO<sub>2</sub>-25%UO<sub>2</sub> 4.06 w/mK UO<sub>2</sub> 5 %  
가 5 % 가  
3% , 가  
10 % ThO<sub>2</sub>  
3367 °C , UO<sub>2</sub> 2847 °C [9]. ThO<sub>2</sub>  
가 UO<sub>2</sub> , (Th,U)O<sub>2</sub> UO<sub>2</sub>  
, UO<sub>2</sub> 가 U-235  
, (Th,U)O<sub>2</sub> U-233  
, (Th,U)O<sub>2</sub> 70 - 100  
MWD/kgU



9 ThO<sub>2</sub>-(10-30%)UO<sub>2</sub> [9]

4.

(Th,U)O<sub>2</sub> 가 , Th-232  
 가 UO<sub>2</sub>  
 U-233 가 30 MWD/kgU  
 ThO<sub>2</sub> UO<sub>2</sub> 가 , (Th,U)O<sub>2</sub> UO<sub>2</sub>  
 , (Th,U)O<sub>2</sub> U-238 가 가  
 가 가 UO<sub>2</sub> Rim  
 effects (Th,U)O<sub>2</sub> 가 UO<sub>2</sub>

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