

**KALIMER 가**  
**Sodium Void Worth Reduction in KALIMER Breeder Core Design**

150

가 , 가

(UFGP) 가 가

(fissile) 20 cm

UFGP 가 가

1.16 UFGP

가 1377 pcm 1193 pcm

632 pcm 1343 pcm 가

trade-off

**Abstract**

A study was performed to investigate potential design options for the maximum reduction of sodium void worth by evaluating various design options such as core pancaking by the core height reduction and alternative core configurations with the addition of axial blankets and sodium filled upper fission gas plenum(UFGP) in the reference KALIMER core envelope characterized by its high breeding ratio. From the exploratory search of various design options, the radially heterogeneous core that is designed with the reduction of driver fuel fissile height only by 20 cm and the replacement of the drive fuel removal with 20-cm thick sodium filled UFGP was determined to be the best candidate in achieving the sodium void worth reduction. The sodium void worth reduced core has a breeding of 1.16 and the sodium void worth reduction from 1377 pcm to 1193 pcm in case of whole sodium voiding in fuel and blaket assemblies including the sodium filled UFGPs. The burnup reactivity swing is increased from 632 pcm to 1343 pcm and there exists a strong tradeoff between the sodium void worth reduction and the core nuclear performance degradation especially in burnup reactivity swing.

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( 150 MWe) KALIMER (Korea Advanced LIquid METal Reactor)

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(tri-z)

DIF3D[3]

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48

, 18

, 48

, 6

, 6

(GEMs), 1

USS (Ultimate Shutdown System)

344.3cm

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20 cm

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(UFGP: Upper Fission Gas Plenum)

UFGP

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가 가 ,

가 가

가

가

가 가 , 가  
trade-off가

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[2]

- : > 1.15
- : < 1500 pcm
- TRU : < 30 %
- < 329 W/cm ( 10 kW/ft), 230 W/cm( 7kW/ft)
- < 150 MWD/kg
- fissile : 가.

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(H120ABX)

(UFGP: upper fission gas plenum)

120 cm 60 cm (H/D : 0.83 0.42 ) 20 cm ( )

가 가  
가 가

1.1 1.3

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가 가가

가 , 가 , 1.15

가 가 가

1.2

20 cm , 0.2

가 60cm (H60AB) 1.15 가

가 가 (fissile)

20 cm , UFGP 1.3

, 20 cm  
 가 (H100IB 120)  
 가  
 1.3 (H120ABX)  
 가 4  
 GEM  
 (H120ABX) 가 1377 pcm 1093 pcm  
 , GEM 376 pcm 202 pcm , 5  
 가가 632 pcm  
 1343 pcm 가 가  
 가  
 가 trade-off 6  
 , 1.16  
 133.6 MWD/kg 16.7 MWD/kg 가 , fissile  
 1134.7 kg 118.6 kg  
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 (AHC) (RHC) (HOC) 7 [5]  
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 (RHC) (AHC) HOC 20  
 cm  
 36  
 , 120 cm  
 2 (RHC) (AHC) , (HOC)  
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 (RHC) (AHC) , AHC  
 가 TRU  
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 AHC(D66H120) 가 가

RHC가 AHC , RHC 가  
 AHC 가 .  
 (HOC) HOC 가 TRU (RHC)  
 . 2 , fissile 가  
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 AHC , 가 가  
 . HOC 가 RHC , RHC가  
 . , HOC 가  
 . (RHC)  
 가 , 가  
 (fissile) 가 100 cm (RHC)  
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 20 cm 가  
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 4. 가  
 (UFGP) 가 가  
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 20 cm UFGP  
 가 1.18 1.16  
 , UFGP  
 가 1377 pcm 1093 pcm . 632 pcm 1343  
 pcm 가  
 trade-off .

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1.1

Case	Reference H120ABX	H100ABX	H80ABX	H60ABX
<u>Geometry Parameters</u>				
Core Height (H) (cm)	120	100	80	60
Axial Blanket Thickness (cm)	0	0	0	0
Upper Fission Gas Plenum Length (cm) (Na filled)	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0
Equivalent Core Diameter (D) (cm)	144.5	144.5	144.5	144.5
H/D Ratio	0.83	0.69	0.55	0.42
<u>Performance Parameters</u>				
TRU Enrichment (wt. %)	26.30	29.08	34.44	45.16
Breeding Ratio	1.18	1.11	1.01	0.88
Burnup Reactivity Swing (pcm)	632	1365	2522	4524
Peak fuel Discharge Burnup (MWD/kg)	116.9	134.9	162.1	207.9
Fissile Inventory (kg)				
BOEC	1253.3	1103.7	949.7	794.1
EOEC	1288.3	1125.8	955.3	776.4
Peak Linear Power (W/cm)	286.5	322.4	387.8	497.2
Na Void Worth (pcm)				
Case 1 <sup>1)</sup> : BOEC	1773	1472	1107	652
EOEC	1948	1676	1340	916
Case 2 <sup>2)</sup> : BOEC	1222	747	25	- 1044
EOEC	1377	927	200	- 923

1) Case 1 : (DF + IB + RB) voiding without UFGP voiding, fissile height voiding only

2) Case 2 : (DF + IB + RB) voiding and UFGP voiding

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Case	Reference H120ABX	H100ABX	H80ABX	H60ABX
<u>Geometry Parameters</u>				
Core Height (H) (cm)	120	100	80	60
Axial Blanket Thickness (cm)	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0
Upper Fission Gas Plenum Length (cm) (Na filled)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Equivalent Core Diameter (D) (cm)	144.5	144.5	144.5	144.5
H/D Ratio	0.83	0.69	0.55	0.42
<u>Performance Parameters</u>				
TRU Enrichment (wt. %)	26.30	26.89	30.21	36.64
Breeding Ratio	1.18	1.28	1.23	1.15
Burnup Reactivity Swing (pcm)	632	1181	2174	3714
Peak fuel Discharge Burnup (MWD/kg)	116.9	131.6	155.3	193.7
Fissile Inventory (kg)				
BOEC	1253.3	1192.3	1061.8	935.8
EOEC	1288.3	1245.1	1104.5	964.3
Peak Linear Power (W/cm)	286.5	316.6	376.4	472.9
Na Void Worth (pcm)				
Case 1 <sup>1)</sup> : BOEC	1773	1472	1087	625
EOEC	1948	1724	1400	1009
Case 2 <sup>2)</sup> : BOEC	1222	1313	849	249
EOEC	1377	1565	1163	637

1) Case 1 : (DF + IB + RB) voiding except for reference core case, fissile height voiding only

2) Case 2 : (DF + IB + AB + RB) voiding

Case	Reference H120ABX	H 100ABX	H80ABX	H60ABX
<u>Geometry Parameters</u>				
Core Height (H) (cm)				
Driver Fuel (H1)	120	120	100	80
Internal Blanket (H2)	120	140	120	100
H1/H2	1.00	0.86	0.83	0.80
Axial Blanket Thickness (cm)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Upper Fission Gas Plenum Length <sup>1)</sup> (cm) (Na filled)	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0
Equivalent Core Diameter (D) (cm)	144.5	144.5	144.5	144.5
H/D Ratio	0.83	0.87	0.73	0.59
<u>Performance Parameters</u>				
TRU Enrichment (wt. %)	26.30	25.84	28.29	32.83
Breeding Ratio	1.18	1.22	1.16	1.07
Burnup Reactivity Swing (pcm)	632	620	1343	2495
Peak fuel Discharge Burnup (MWD/kg)	116.9	116.1	133.6	160.4
Fissile Inventory (kg)				
BOEC	1253.3	1278.4	1134.7	931.3
EOEC	1288.3	1320.4	1165.3	1006.7
Peak Linear Power (W/cm)	286.5	276.8	327.0	383.5
Na Void Worth (pcm)				
Case 1 <sup>3)</sup> : BOEC	1773	1775	1461	1072
EOEC	1948	1956	1674	1320
Case 2 <sup>4)</sup> : BOEC	1222	1451	994	376
EOEC	1377	1626	1093	593
Case 3 <sup>5)</sup> : BOEC		1786	1477	1098
EOEC		1968	1692	1349

1) Na filled UFGP locates only above driver fuel assembly

2) An average value is considered for height (H)

3) Case 1 : (DF + IB + RB) voiding without UFGP voiding

4) Case 2 : (DF + IB + RB) voiding and UFGP voiding

5) Case 3 : (DF + IB + RB) voiding without UFGP voiding, fissile height voiding only



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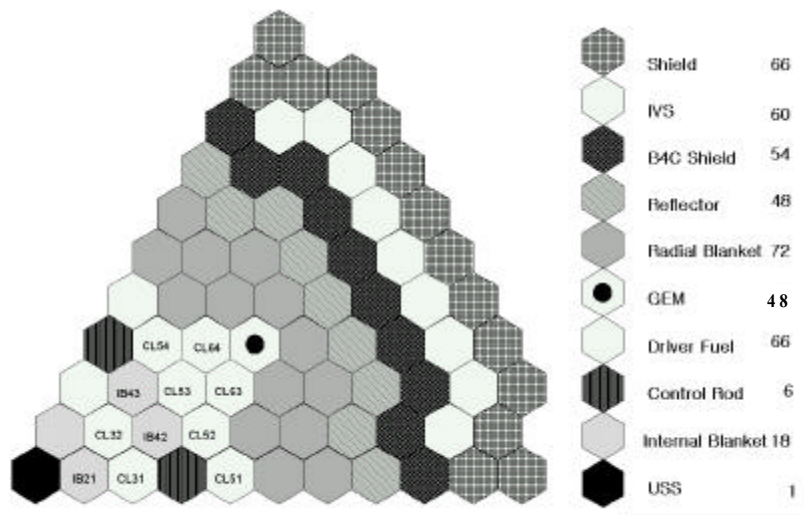
Case	RHC		HOC		AHC
	Reference (D48)H120	(D48)H100IB120	(D66)H120	(D66)H100	(D66)H120
Core Configuration	Radially Hete.	Radially Hete.	Hom.o.	Hom.o.	Axially Hete.
<u>Geometry Parameters</u>					
Core Height (H) (cm)	120/120	120/100	120/120	100/100	120/100
AB/IB Thickness (cm)	0/0	0/0	0/0	20/0	0/20
Upper Fission Gas Plenum Length <sup>1)</sup> (cm) (Na filled)	20	20	20	0	20
No. of Assembly inside R. Blanket	73	73	73	73	73
Equivalent Core Diameter (D) (cm)	144.5	144.5	144.5	144.5	144.5
H/D Ratio	0.83	0.73	0.83	0.69	0.83
<u>Performance Parameters</u>					
Thermal Power (MWt)	382.2	382.2	382.2	382.2	382.2
TRU Enrichment (wt. %)	26.30	28.29			
IC/OC			15.10/21.52	15.73/22.47	17.70/25.29
Breeding Ratio	1.18	1.16	1.11	1.21	1.10
Burnup Reactivity Swing (pcm)	632	1343	2068	2732	1509
Fissile Inventory (kg)					
BOEC	1253.3	1134.7	1161.1	1119.1	1221.1
EOEC	1288.3	1165.3	1183.3	1159.3	1242.1
Peak Linear Power (W/cm)	286.5	320.0	235.0	267.7	234.9
Na Void Worth (pcm)					
Case 1 <sup>3)</sup> : BOEC					
EOEC	1773	1461	1787	1386	1098
Case 2 <sup>4)</sup> : BOEC	1948	1674	2028	1713	1318
EOEC	1222	994	1207	1181	329
Case 3 <sup>5)</sup> : BOEC	1377	1193	1423	1508	535
EOEC	791	495	629	1036	1098
Case 4 <sup>5)</sup> : BOEC	1043	779	947	1266	1318
EOEC	142	-68	241	388	329
EOEC	376	202	540	586	535

1) Case 1 : (DF + IB/AB + RB) voiding without UFGP voiding

2) Case 2 : (DF + IB/AB + RB) voiding and UFGP voiding

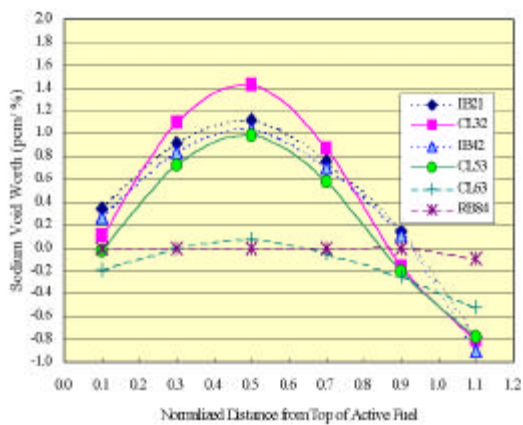
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4) Case 4 : (DF + IB/AB + RB + GEM) voiding and UFGP voiding

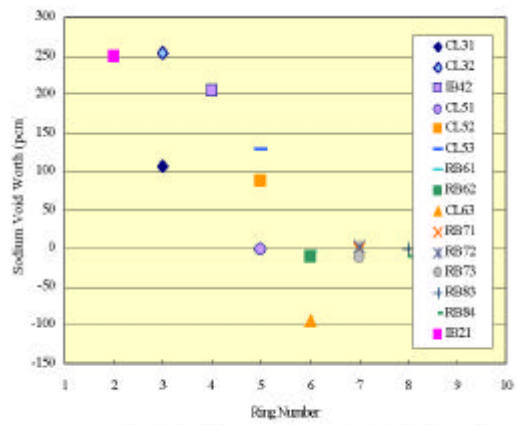


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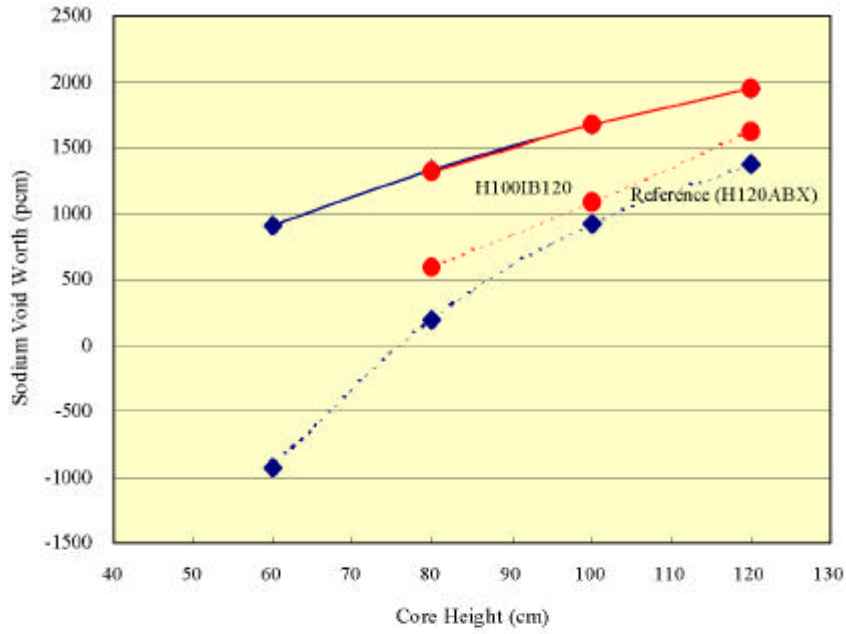
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2. (H100ABX ) 가

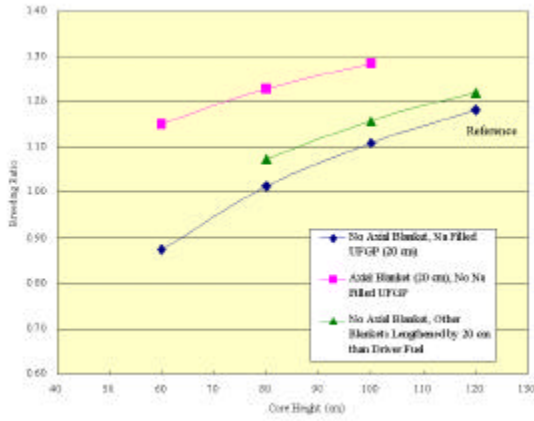


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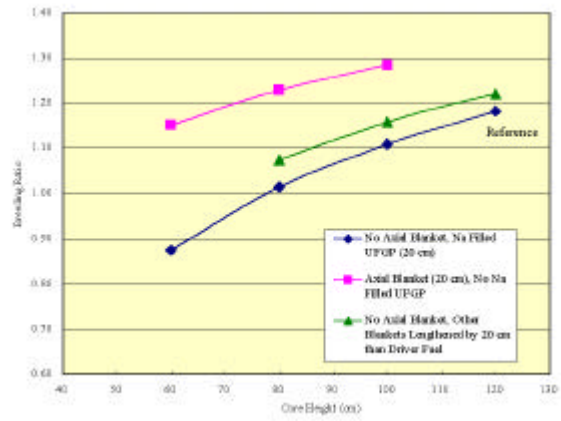


- ◆— (DF + IB + RB) Voiding without Na Filled UFGP Voiding for Cores without Axial Blankets
- ...◆... (DF + IB + RB) Voiding and Na Filled UFGP Voiding for Cores without Axial Blankets
- (DF + IB + RB) Voiding without Na Filled UFGP Voiding for Cores Having Different Core Heights
- ...●... (DF + IB + RB) Voiding and Na Filled UFGP Voiding for Cores Having Different Core Heights

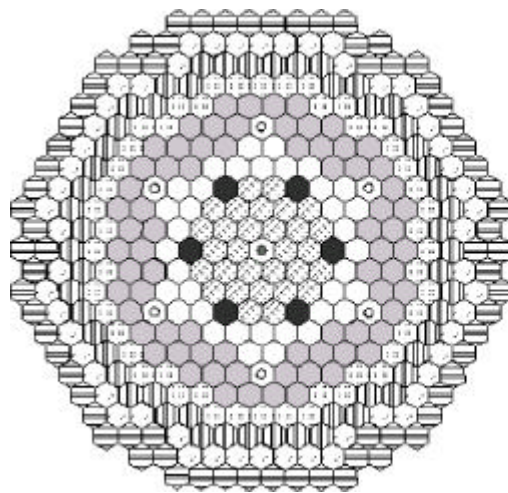
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	Inner Fuel	30
	Outer Fuel	36
	Radial Blanket	72
	Control Rod	6
	USS	1
	GEM	6
	Reflector	48
	B+C Shield	54
	IVS	54
	Shield	72
<b>Total</b>		<b>379</b>

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