

## Application of Monte Carlo Method to Nuclear Core Characteristic Analysis

MCNP4B 3  
 CASMO-3  
 MCNP NJOY  
 97 MCNP KCODE  
 MCNP  
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 , AO  
 MCNP  
 MCNP

### ABSTRACT

The nuclear core characteristic analysis for Korean Next Generation Reactor(KNGR) was performed by using Monte Carlo method. MCNP4B code was employed to model the initial core of KNGR on a three-dimensional representation. Material compositions for each type and burnup of fuel assemblies were obtained by using CASMO-3 runs. A new cross section library for different in-vessel core temperatures was generated by NJOY 97 code and used in MCNP code. The criticality benchmark of the modeled KNGR core was carried out through KCODE calculation and the relative powers of each fuel rod were obtained. The nuclear characteristics including the effective multiplication factor, relative power distributions, pin peaking factor, and axial offset(AO) were obtained from the results in KCODE calculation. The comparison between the

results from MCNP calculation and the reference data from KEPCO Nuclear Fuel Company(KNFC) validates the MCNP modeling for KNGR core and leads to the applications of Monte Carlo method to the nuclear core characteristic analysis.

1.

(Deterministic  
Method) , (Diffusion Theory) ,  
Mesh , (Homogenization), (Resonance Self-Shielding)  
가 가  
가  
3 가  
가  
가  
가  
가 가  
가

2.

(KNGR, Korean Next Generation Reactor) 1450 MWe  
 4000 MWt 60  
 18 24 , 가 18  
 1

(KNFC, KEPCO Nuclear Fuel Company), (KOPEC, Korea Power Engineering Company)

1 1  
 3, 4 1  
 가

6가 2 가  
 1 2 1/8  
 38

3. MCNP

3.1

MCNP4B 가

UO<sub>2</sub> , (Active Height)

1/8 , 10 (Segment) 1/8  
 MCNP (Reflective Boundary)  
 3  
 , 가 , ,

38 (1/8 ) 가 6가 , 가 가  
 ( ) 가 55  
 1/8 .

MCNP4B 1 3 4  
 3 1/8  
 4

3.2

1  
 CASMO-3  
 MCNP4B

가 가 가  
 310.6 가 가  
 가 가  
 2  
 3, 4

Design Report)[3] 10 Spacer Grid 1 Bottom Spacer  
 Grid Zicarloy-4 8.62 kg(0.862 kg × 10)  
 Inconel 625 1.451 kg

3.3

MCNP

가

MCNP

ENDF/B-VI Release 4 NJOY 97 [4]

KNGRXS(KNGR Cross

Section)

1

701.4

3.2

310.6

339

가

310.6

가

#### 4.

#### 4.1

MCNP

1

(BOC, 50

MWD/MTU), ARO, HFP(Hot Full Power),

MCNP

KCODE

1

( $k_{eff}$ )가 1.00582 (STD=0.00014)

MCNP

#### 4.2

(Pin Peaking Factor),

AO(Axial Offset)

MCNP

KCODE

MCNP

F7 Tally

MCNP

F7 Tally

(1)

$$F_7 = \frac{\mathbf{r}_a}{\mathbf{r}_g} \int_V \int_t \int_E H(E) f(r, E, t) dE dt \frac{dV}{V} \quad (1)$$

$\mathbf{r}_a$

(atoms/barn-cm)

$\mathbf{r}_g$

(g/cm<sup>3</sup>)

$H(E)$  Heating Response

(2)

$$H(E) = \mathbf{s}_f(E) Q$$

(2)

$\mathbf{s}_f$

(barn)

$Q$

$Q$  (MeV)

F7 Tally

MeV/g

MCNP F7 Tally

가

F7 Tally 1/8 F7 Tally

38

2,000 2% F7 Tally KCODE

F7 Tally MCNP 5

1

6

MCNP4B

RMS(Root Mean Square) 가 2.53%

1

MCNP

Fr(Radial Pin Peaking Factor) Fr 1.4359

가 6 28 B1

Fr 1.4491

0.91% 가

23 B1

가 11 23

28

3

MCNP

Fr 28

(1, 6)

AO 0.0327

5.

MCNP4B 3 MCNP  
MCNP , , AO  
MCNP  
MCNP MCNP

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가

가

가

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Inlet Moderator Temperature	292.2 °C (558 °F)
Average Moderator Temperature	310.6 °C (591 °F)
Average Fuel Temperature	701.4 °C (1294.5 °F)
Active Core Height	381 cm
No. of Fuel Assemblies	241
Lattice in Assemblies	16×16
Effective Core Diameter	365.8 cm
Fuel Assembly Pitch	20.88 cm
Fuel Rod Pitch	1.285 cm
Fuel Rod Diameter	0.826 cm
Clad Inner Diameter	0.843 cm
Clad Outer Diameter	0.970 cm
Pellet Theoretical Density	10.96 g/cm <sup>3</sup>
Pellet Density (% Theoretical)	95.25%

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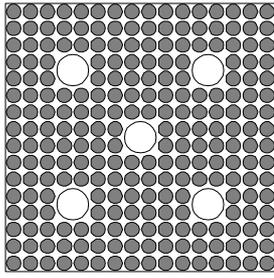
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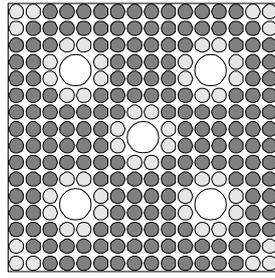
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FA Type	No. of FAs	Fuel Rod Enrichment	No. of Fuel Rods per Assembly	No. of BP Rods per Assembly	Gd <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> Weight %
A0	81	1.60	236	-	-
B0	28	3.28	236	-	-
B1	48	3.28/2.78	172/52	12	8
B2	4	3.28/2.78	124/100	12	8
C0	20	3.78/3.28	184/52	-	-
C1	60	3.78/3.28	120/100	16	8

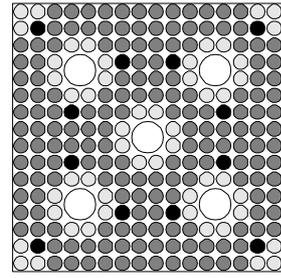
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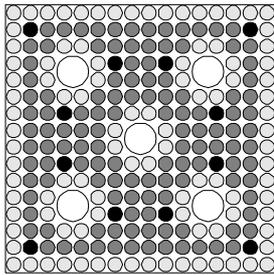
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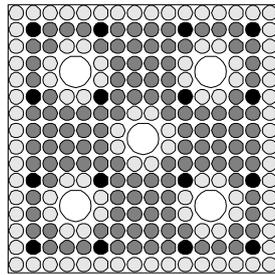
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B1



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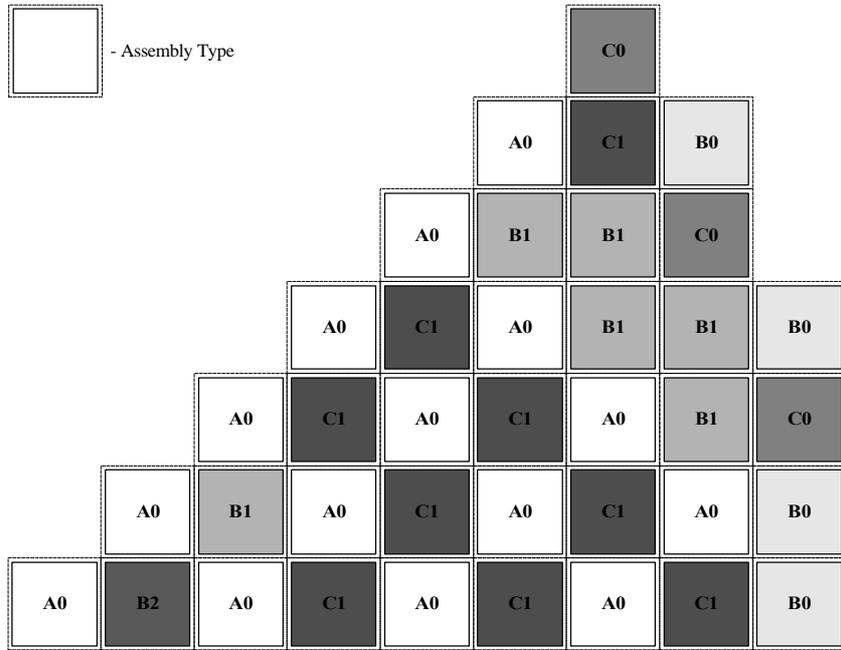


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-  Water Hole
-  Normal Fuel Rod
-  Lower Enrichment Fuel Rod
-  Gadolinia-bearing Fuel Rod

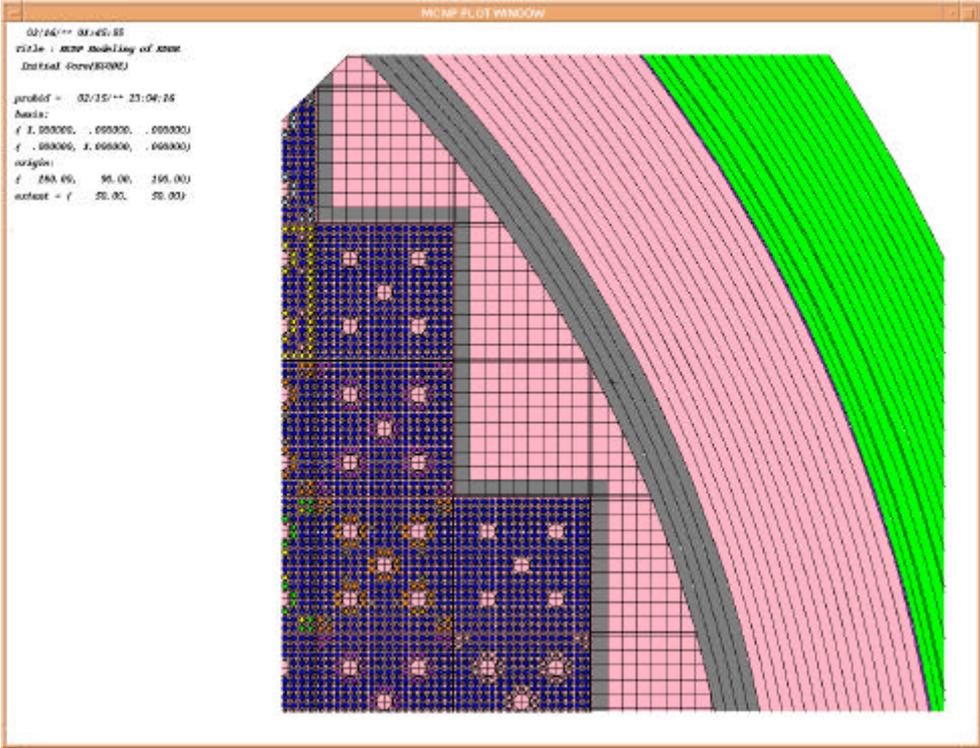
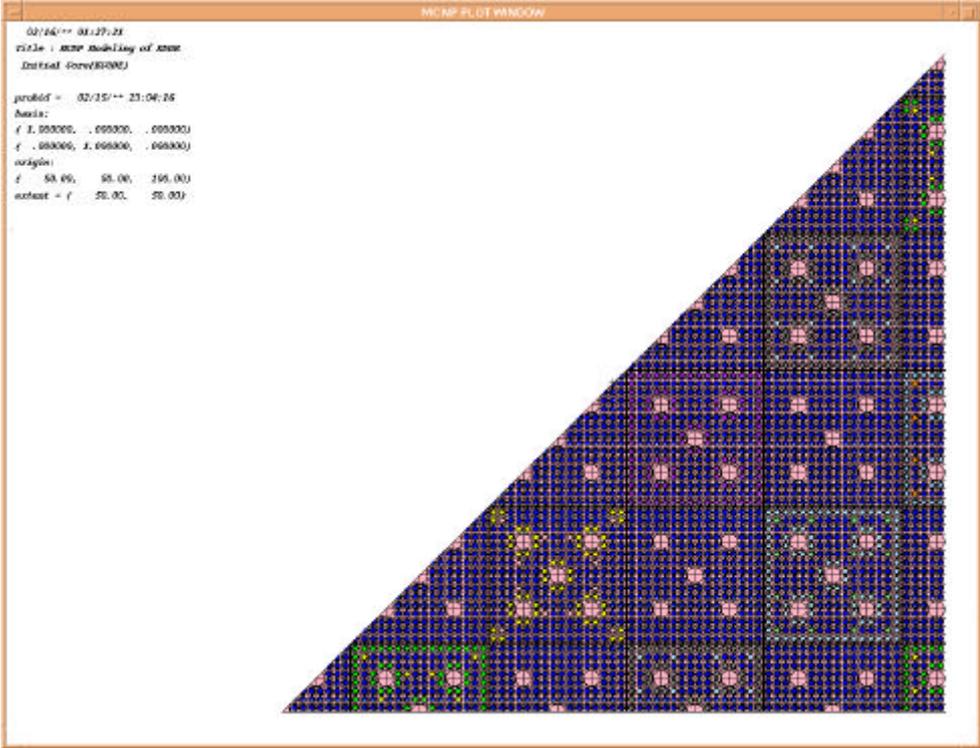
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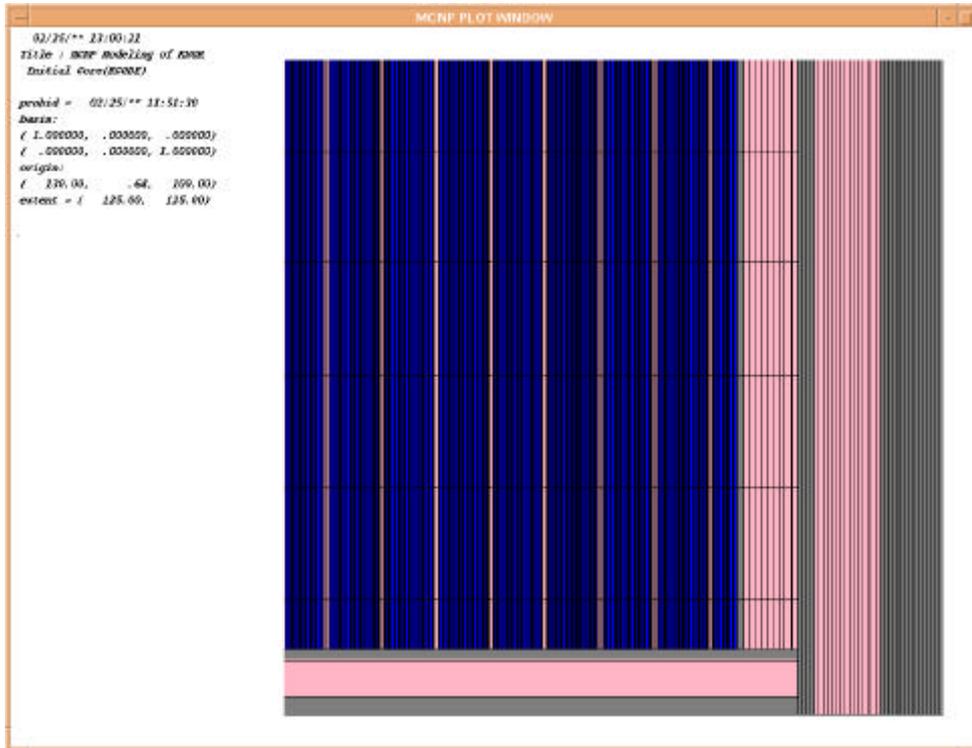
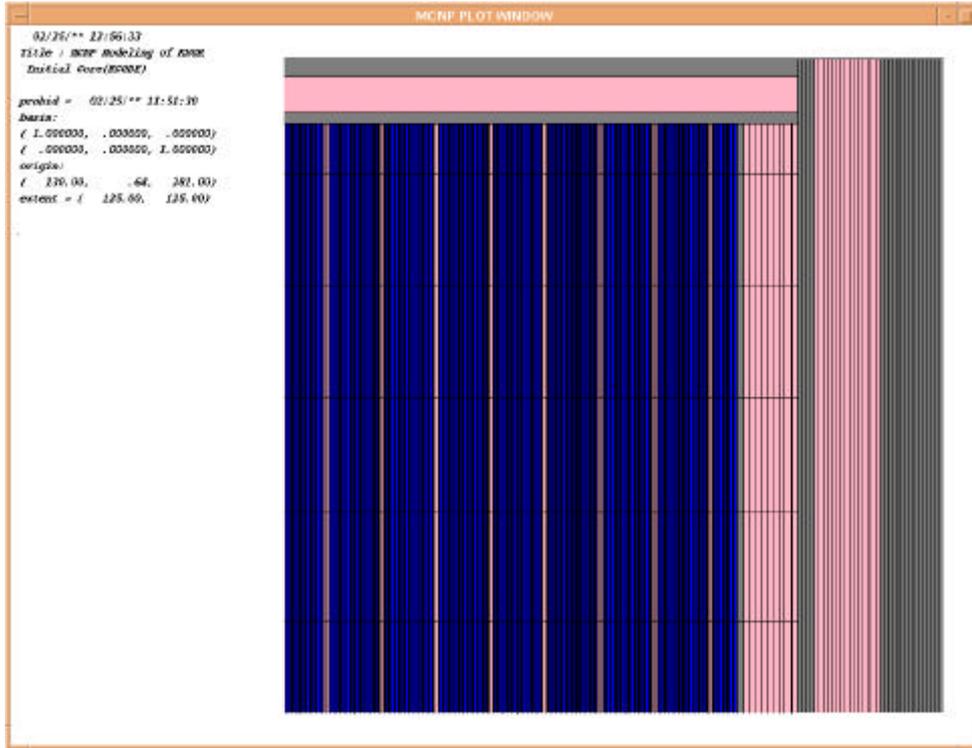
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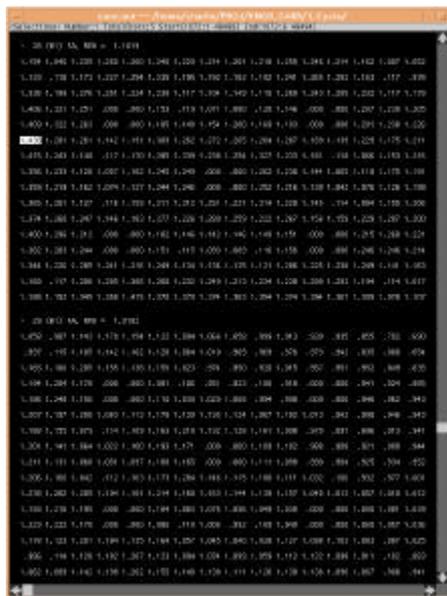


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5. MCNP

AA NN XXXX XXXX X.XXX%		AA: FA Type NN: FA No. MCNP Design Error(%)*		C0 38 0.7061 0.6974 1.247%													
A0 25		C1 26		A0 27		B1 28		B1 29		B0 30							
0.9044 0.8725 3.656%		1.1766 1.1519 2.144%		0.9248 0.9177 0.774%		1.1619 1.1727 -0.921%		1.0182 1.0522 -3.231%		0.6913 0.6829 1.230%							
A0 18		C1 19		A0 20		C1 21		A0 22		B1 23		C0 24					
0.9169 0.8850 3.605%		1.1668 1.1343 2.865%		0.8958 0.8741 2.483%		1.1714 1.1611 0.887%		0.9169 0.9242 -0.790%		1.1200 1.1561 -3.123%		0.9701 1.0165 -4.565%					
A0 10		B1 11		A0 12		C1 13		A0 14		C1 15		A0 16		B0 17			
0.9254 1.0052 -7.939%		1.1699 1.1342 3.148%		0.8972 0.8749 2.549%		1.1473 1.1308 1.459%		0.8845 0.8786 0.672%		1.1623 1.1722 -0.845%		0.9083 0.9355 -2.908%		0.9906 1.0060 -1.531%			
A0 1		B0 2		A0 3		C1 4		A0 5		C1 6		A0 7		C1 8		B0 9	
0.9332 0.8957 4.187%		1.1439 1.1142 2.666%		0.9136 0.8924 2.376%		1.1553 1.1342 1.860%		0.8785 0.8659 1.455%		1.1464 1.1394 0.614%		0.8950 0.8943 0.078%		1.1501 1.1841 -2.871%		0.9725 0.9778 -0.542%	

\* Error(%) = (MCNP - Design) / Design × 100

RMS Error(%) = 2.53%