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Saxton

HELIOS

HELIOS Verifications for Saxton critical Experiments

Loaded with Mixed-Oxide Fuel

150

Saxton

가

HELIOS

. HELIOS 2

112pcm

210pcm

가 1.34%

ABSTRACT

HELIOS code was verified against Saxton critical experiments with MOX single-region cores and with MOX/ UO₂ multiregion cores. The calculated effective multiplication factors were in good agreement with experiments with the standard deviations of 112 pcm for single-region cores and 210 pcm for multiregion cores. The RMS error of 1.34% in rod power distribution also shows good agreement between the calculated and the measured.

1.

HELIOS 가
 가 Saxton 2-D
 .
 HELIOS[1] VENUS PNL30-35
 가
 [2,3]. PNL Pu-239 가
 90% 2wt.%
 . VENUS 가 가 ,
 , 가
 가
 Saxton PNL 가
 6.6wt.% ,
 , water slot
 가 가 .

2. Saxton

1960 가
 Saxton , 1965 3 7
 Euratom Westinghouse Reactor Evaluation Center (WREC) Critical
 Reactor Experiment(CRX) Facility Saxton
 Saxton
 [4,5].
 WREC (CRX Core) (Single-Region)
 (Mutiregion)
 , ,
 , 가 가 U-235 가
 5.74wt.% , 6.6 wt.% PuO₂ UO₂
 . Pu-239, Pu-240, Pu-241, Pu-242
 90.47, 8.57, 0.89, 0.04 %

가 1

0.52, 0.56, 0.735, 0.792, 1.04

0.56

5 water hole,

aluminum plate

0.52 0.56 가 가 , PNL

가 0.52 0.52

0.735 1.04 0.735

0.52 가 , 1.04

가 0.792

0.56 가

Saxton 40 가 2 3

1 22-27

3.

Saxton HELIOS

. HELIOS 35 , HELIOS PNL30-35

[3] , "sun-mesh"

reflective , current coupling order 4

(RES) option 9

HELIOS

2 3 가

112 210 pcm

2 15

14(10) 20(15)

가 2% 14

20 2.51%, 2.63%

8% 6 MCNP

가 가

Mn wire(20)

. MOX UO₂ MOX

가 , UO₂가
가
, water slot
가 가 가
6 15
(power sharing factor) 4
가
7(8) 2.47%
2%
PNL, Saxton HELIOS 가
가
HELIOS 가

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1. Saxton

Fuel Type	Isotopes	Atom Density (atoms/ barn-cm)	Geometry (cm)	Clad Material
UO ₂ (5.74w/o)	²³⁵ U	1.3049×10^{-3}	Pellet Diameter 0.90678	304 SS
	²³⁸ U	2.1157×10^{-2}	Clad I.D. 0.91694	
	¹⁶ O	4.4896×10^{-2}	Clad O.D. 0.99314	
PuO ₂ -UO ₂ Mixture	²³⁹ Pu	1.3526×10^{-3}	Pellet Diameter 0.856996 Clad I.D. 0.87503 Clad O.D. 0.99314	Zircaloy 4
	²⁴⁰ Pu	1.2759×10^{-4}		
	²⁴¹ Pu	1.1407×10^{-5}		
	²⁴² Pu	6.0318×10^{-7}		
	²⁴¹ Am	1.7783×10^{-6}		
	²³⁴ U	1.1688×10^{-6}		
	²³⁵ U	1.5301×10^{-4}		
	²³⁸ U	2.1097×10^{-2}		
	¹⁶ O	4.5155×10^{-2}		

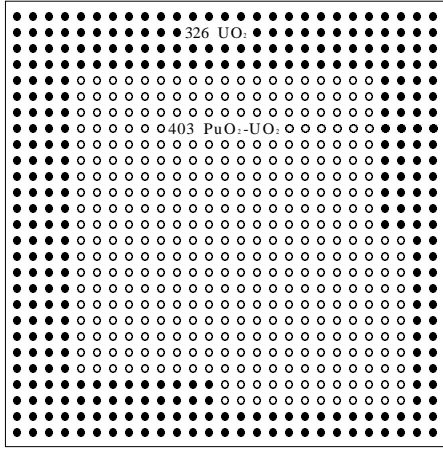
2. Saxton Single-Region

Expt. No.	Core Configuration	Pitch (in.)	Soluble Boron (ppm)	Water Temp(°C)	CWH ^{a)} (cm)	Axial Buckling $\times 10^{-3}$ (cm ⁻²)	Calculation	
							K _{eff}	Power Distribution RMS (%)
1	22 × 23	0.52	0	25.8	82.90	1.07	1.00374	.
2	19 × 19	0.56	0	17.0	80.80	1.14	1.00163	0.84
3	19 × 19	0.56	0	15.4	74.90	1.71	0.99987	0.81
4	19 × 19 Water slot at center Al plate at center	0.56	0	16.0	81.94	1.47	0.99970	0.86
5	19 × 19	0.56	0	15.75	81.79	1.11	1.00261	.
6	19 × 19	0.56	25	16.9	87.77	1.28	1.00173	.
7	19 × 19	0.56	50	16.9	97.83	1.03	0.99964	.
8	21 × 21 Control rods at center	0.56	0	15.4	77.34	1.65	1.00068	1.73
9	21 × 21	0.56	309	18.0	83.00	1.43	0.99954	.
10	21 × 21	0.56	337	18.0	88.06	0.96	1.00015	.
11	13 × 13	0.735	0	24.1	68.41	1.61	1.00243	.
12	12 × 12	0.792	0	16.1	76.76	1.34	1.00341	.
13	11 × 11	1.04	0	19.9	79.50	1.25	1.00153	.

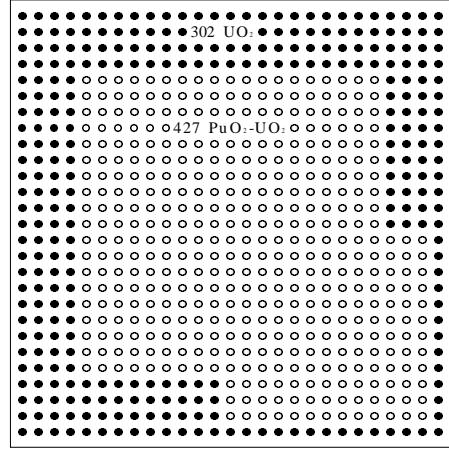
a) : Critical Water Height

3. Saxton Multiregion(pitch 0.56 in)

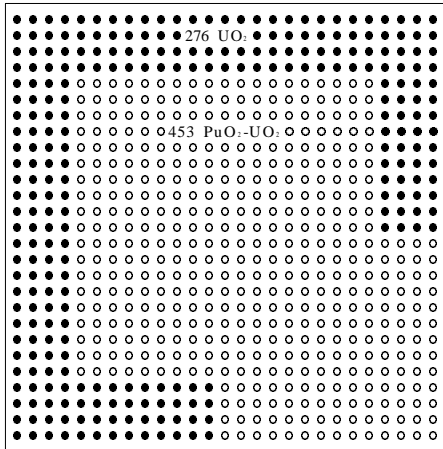
Expt. No.	Core Configuration	Soluble Boron (ppm)	Water Temp.(°C)	CWH (cm)	Axial Buckling $\times 10^3$ (cm ⁻²)	Calculation	
						K_eff	Power Distribution RMS (%)
1	19×19 core, 17×17 MOX inner region, UO ₂ outer region	0	15.0	91.31	1.18	1.00175	.
2	19×19 core, 15×15 MOX inner region, UO ₂ outer region	0	15.0	92.76	1.15	1.00243	.
3	19×19 core, 13×13 MOX inner region, UO ₂ outer region	0	14.8	90.87	1.19	1.00187	.
4	19×19 core, 11×11 MOX inner region, UO ₂ outer region	0	16.2	89.43	1.23	1.00199	1.03
5	19×19 core, 11×11 MOX inner region, UO ₂ outer region, Al plate at interface	0	15.0	90.56	1.20	1.00338	1.19
6	19×19 core, 7×7 MOX inner region, UO ₂ outer region	0	18.0	84.22	1.39	1.00178	.
7	19×19 core, 3×3 MOX inner region, UO ₂ outer region	0	21.2	82.17	1.46	1.00078	0.85
8	19×19 core, 17×17 UO ₂ inner region, MOX outer region	0	16.0	71.90	1.91	0.99816	.
9	19×19 core, 15×15 UO ₂ inner region, MOX outer region	0	16.0	71.67	1.92	0.99809	.
10	19×19 core, 13×13 UO ₂ inner region, MOX outer region	0	15.0	72.95	1.86	0.99888	.
11	19×19 core, 11×11 UO ₂ inner region, MOX outer region	0	15.6	74.43	1.78	0.99846	1.25
12	19×19 core, 7×7 UO ₂ inner region, MOX outer region	0	15.5	77.55	1.64	1.00081	.
13	19×19 core, 3×3 UO ₂ inner region, MOX outer region	0	14.7	81.56	1.48	1.00102	.
14	21×21 core, 11×11 MOX inner region, UO ₂ outer region, Control rods at interface	0	15.5	71.86	1.91	0.99363	2.51
15	27×27 core, 19×19 MOX inner region, UO ₂ outer region	1453	18.2	91.72	1.17	1.00139	1.31
16	27×27 core, 19×19 MOX inner region, UO ₂ outer region, Water slot at interface	1453	18.0	98.19	1.02	1.00044	1.63
17	27×27 core, 19×19 MOX inner region, UO ₂ outer region, Al plate at interface	1453	17.8	104.76	0.90	1.00374	1.03
18	27×27 core, 19×19 UO ₂ inner region, MOX outer region	1252	20.0	85.05	1.36	1.00011	.
19	27×27 core, 19×19 MOX inner region, UO ₂ outer region, 3×3 UO ₂ insert in MOX	1425	18.5	87.50	1.29	1.00108	1.08
20	27×27 core, 19×19 MOX inner region, UO ₂ outer region, L-shaped UO ₂ insert in MOX region	1425	18.5	90.56	1.20	0.99855	2.63
21	27×27 core, 19×19 MOX inner region, UO ₂ outer region	1425	18.0	87.97	1.27	1.00006	.
22	27×27 core, 19×19 MOX inner region, UO ₂ outer region, 1 (a)	1425	18.0	85.46	1.35	0.99917	.
23	27×27 core, 19×19 MOX inner region, UO ₂ outer region, 1 (b)	1425	18.0	84.78	1.37	0.99856	.
24	27×27 core, 19×19 MOX inner region, UO ₂ outer region, 1 (c)	1425	18.0	83.04	1.43	0.99782	.
25	27×27 core, 19×19 MOX inner region, UO ₂ outer region, 1 (d)	1425	18.0	84.94	1.37	0.99896	.
26	27×27 core, 19×19 MOX inner region, UO ₂ outer region, 1 (e)	1425	18.0	90.18	1.21	1.00059	.
27	27×27 core, 19×19 MOX inner region, UO ₂ outer region, 1 (f)	1425	18.0	98.67	1.01	1.00240	.



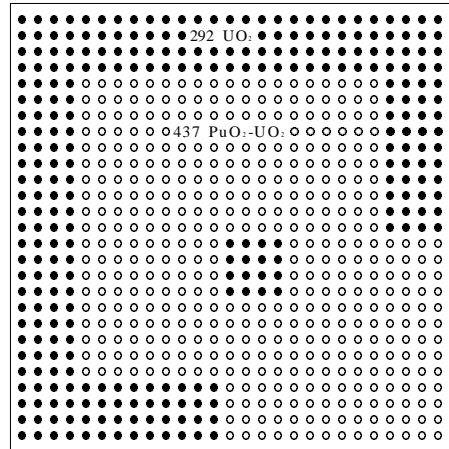
(a) Multiregion 22



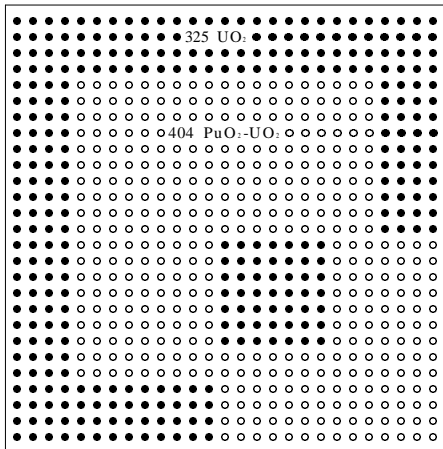
(b) Multiregion 23



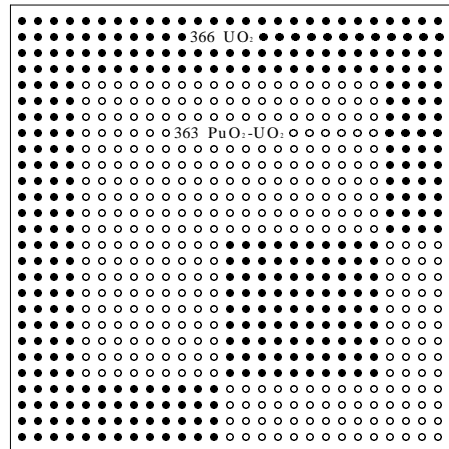
(c) Multiregion 24



(d) Multiregion 25



(e) Multiregion 26



(f) Multiregion 27

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Multiregion Case	Measurements	Calculations	Error (%) ^(a)
4	0.8028	0.8064	0.45
5	0.8029	0.8078	0.61
7	0.8539	0.8328	-2.47
11	0.9318	0.9246	-0.77
14	0.8183	0.8188	0.06
15	0.7504	0.7612	1.44
16	0.7597	0.7552	-0.59
17	0.7654	0.7565	-1.18
19	0.8533	0.8377	-1.83
20	0.7698	0.7714	0.21

(a) (calculated - measured)/ measured

Experiment Rod Power
 HELIOS Rod Power Error(%)

RMS(%) : 0.84

1.000									
0.93									
		1.122							
		0.03							
		1.210		1.119		0.979		0.955	
		0.09		0.30		0.38		-1.56	
	1.239	1.236							
	1.29	-0.24							
			1.201	1.152	1.101	1.023	0.939		
			0.36	0.03	-1.52	-1.34	0.36		

2. Single-Region Case 2

((calculated-measured)/ measured)

Experiment Rod Power
 HELIOS Rod Power Error(%)
 RMS(%) : 0.81

1.000							0.737		
-0.72							1.08		
		1.095			0.970				
		1.24			-0.11				
		1.362							
		0.89							
	2.001	1.792	1.424						
	-1.33	-0.85	0.47						
Water Slot			1.615	1.253	1.155	1.066	0.984		
			-0.03	1.13	-0.53	-0.49	1.03		

3. Single-Region Case 3

((calculated-measured)/ measured)

Experiment Rod Power
 HELIOS Rod Power Error(%)
 RMS(%) : 0.86

		0.931		0.870			0.717		
		-1.02		-1.68			-1.27		
1.000									
0.64									
			1.028		0.926				
			-0.61		-0.36				
		1.248		1.125					
		0.89		0.16					
		1.455		1.157					
		1.12		0.34					
Al plate			1.397	1.173	1.082	1.000	0.940		
			-0.43	0.48	0.43	0.88	0.54		

4. Single-Region Case 4

((calculated-measured)/ measured)

Experiment Rod Power
 HELIOS Rod Power Error(%)
 RMS(%) : 1.73

						0.849			
						1.46			
				1.045					
				-0.51					
			1.079						
			0.46						
		1.077							
		-1.31							
	0.928	0.951		1.040					
	-3.12	-0.81		2.63					
Ag-In-Cd Control Rods			1.000	1.077	1.041	1.000		0.886	
			-0.35	-1.31	1.36	1.42		2.47	

5. Single-Region Case 8

((calculated-measured)/ measured)

Experiment Rod Power
 HELIOS Rod Power Error(%)
 RMS(%) : 1.03

1.170			1.124		0.999				0.996
-1.01			-2.38		-0.80				-1.41
0.840		0.809		0.751		0.661		0.621	
-0.92		0.38		0.35		0.72		0.86	
0.805							0.607		
-1.08							0.87		
0.770		0.759				0.670			
1.13		0.11				0.15			
0.959			0.924		0.894				
0.72			-0.90		-0.35				
0.925		0.904		0.859					
1.39		1.16		0.88					
0.966	0.957		0.913						
-0.50	-0.41		0.00						
0.974		0.943							
1.30		2.10							
0.993	0.988			MOX region			UO ₂ region		
1.02	0.75								
1.000									
1.20									

6. Multiregion Case 4

((calculated-measured)/ measured)

Experiment Rod Power
 HELIOS Rod Power Error(%)
 RMS(%) : 1.25

1.035 3.02			0.985 2.61		0.907 0.65				0.954 0.89
0.669 2.15		0.668 -0.29		0.619 -0.30		0.528 2.26		0.504 0.81	
0.680 0.86			0.644 0.46		0.580 -0.44		0.489 0.62		
0.832 -1.24		0.808 -0.95		0.732 0.17		0.584 0.92			
0.775 -1.93			0.721 -0.98		0.603 -1.00				
0.876 -0.57		0.852 -0.51		0.780 -1.97					
0.943 -1.11	0.931 -0.58		0.887 -1.55						
0.985 -1.65		0.952 -1.04							
0.992 -0.35	0.981 0.00		UO ₂ region				MOX region		
1.000 -0.29									

9. Multiregion Case 11 ((calculated-measured)/ measured)

Experiment Rod Power
 HELIOS Rod Power Error(%)
 RMS(%) : 2.51

		0.818 0.53	1.000 0.39				0.935 2.04	0.870 6.10	0.852 2.33	0.777 1.35	0.626 1.62	Ag- In-Cd rods	0.531 -3.69	0.611 -0.85	0.620 0.62	0.655 1.29	0.947 0.24	
										0.626 2.55			0.557 -5.91					
									0.947 -8.49		0.662 1.73			0.555 -1.64	0.617 0.38		0.654 0.53	
							MOX region				0.732 0.98		0.720 -0.60	0.600 0.16		0.617 0.88		
											0.776 0.13	0.782 0.18		0.641 -0.84		0.624 1.52		
												0.826 0.40			0.595 0.46			
		0.734 -0.53					UO ₂ region						0.643 -0.10					
																	0.817 1.99	

10. Multiregion Case 14 ((calculated-measured)/ measured)

Experiment Rod Power
 HELIOS Rod Power Error(%)
 RMS(%) : 2.63

0.302										0.591										
1.80										0.86										
	0.277																			
	-0.79																			
		0.323								UO: region		0.567								
		-0.46										0.00								
			0.381																	
			1.59																	
				0.552								0.763								
				1.29								0.72								
		0.421																		
		0.63																		
				0.643								0.826								
				3.47								0.82								
		0.522			0.720	0.807						1.049								
		-2.44			3.22	2.89						-7.89								
													0.755							
													1.63							
				0.706								Mn								
				1.71								wire								
					0.792					0.951										
					0.74					0.73										
		0.573							0.974											
		-2.56							-2.00											
				0.756	0.836	Mn						0.998								
				1.30	-1.17	wire						2.75								
		0.593				1.061														
		-4.25		0.762		-7.50				1.052			1.000							
				0.93						-0.20			3.35							
										0.810										
										0.00										
										0.792										
										0.81										
										UO: region		0.796								
												1.47								
													0.780							
													1.17							

15. Multiregion Case 20

((calculated-measured)/ measured)