

# ***Latest Benchmark Contributions to the 2015 Edition of the ICSBEP Handbook***

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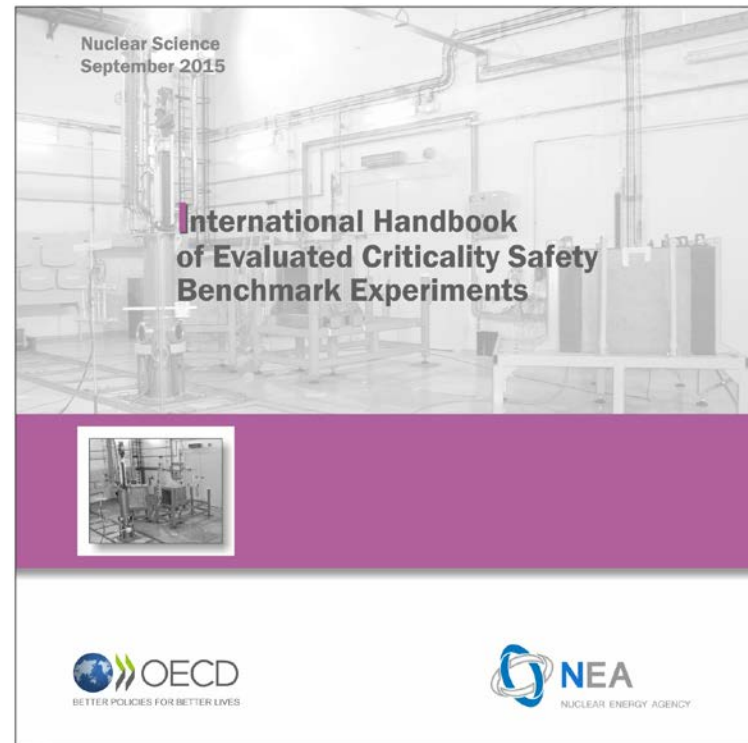
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  - Ian Hill for database development and reviewing everything with a fine-tooth comb



# *International Handbook of Evaluated Criticality Safety Benchmark Experiments*

September 2015 Edition

- 20 Contributing Countries
- ~69,000 Pages
- 567 Evaluations
  - 4,874 Critical, Near-Critical, or Subcritical Configurations
  - 31 Criticality Alarm Placement/Shielding Configurations
  - 207 Configurations with Fundamental Physics Measurements
  - 829 Unacceptable Experiment Configurations



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# Revisions to Existing Evaluations

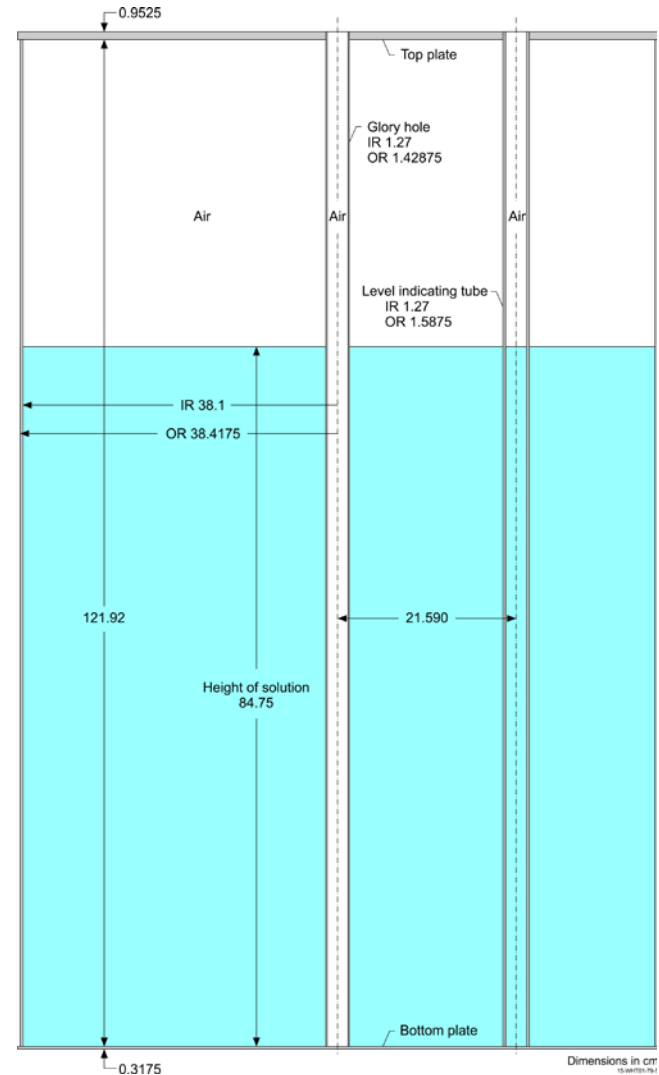
Identifier	Title(s)	Revision Notes
HEU-SOL-THERM-020	Unreflected Cylinders of Uranyl-Fluoride Solutions in Heavy Water	Revised Diameter of Level Indicator Pipe
LEU-COMP-THERM-039	Incomplete Arrays of Water-Reflected 4.738-wt.-%-Enriched Uranium Dioxide Fuel-Rod Arrays	Corrected a Figure and Updated APOLLO-MORET Calculations
HEU-MET-FAST-099	Fast Neutron Spectrum Potassium Worth Space Power Reactor Design Validation	Adopted from IRPhEP
HEU-COMP-FAST-004	Critical Configurations for Beryllium-Reflected Assemblies of U(93.15)O <sub>2</sub> Fuel Rods (1.506-cm Pitch and 7-Tube Clusters)	Included Two New Critical Configurations for the Evaluation of Potassium Worth
IEU-MET-FAST-020	The FR0 Series 1: Copper-Reflected “Cylindrical” Uranium (20 % <sup>235</sup> U) Metal	Updated with Newly Released Data
IEU-MET-FAST-022	The FR0 Experiments with Diluted 20%-Enriched “Cylindrical” Uranium Metal Reflected by Copper	Updated with Newly Released Data
IEU-COMP-THERM-015	Single Cores of 30.14% <sup>235</sup> U Enriched UO <sub>2</sub> /Wax Mixtures – Bare and with Single Reflector Materials	Updated Input Decks

# HEU-SOL-THERM-020

## Uranyl-Fluoride Solutions in Heavy Water

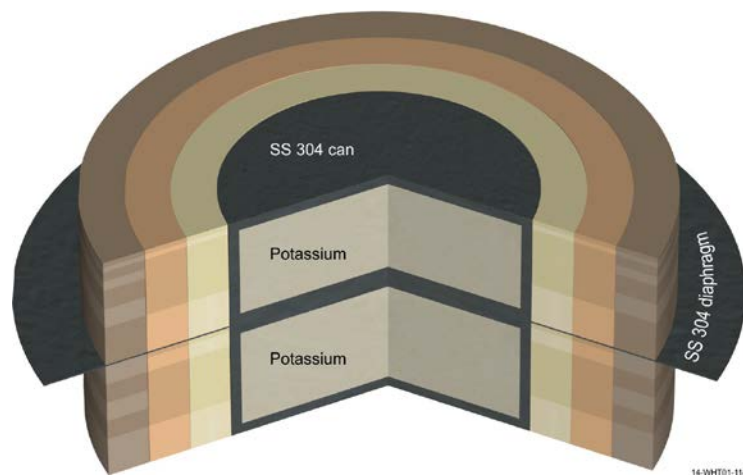
- Fixed diameter of level indicator tube in models and input decks

Code (Cross Section Set)→ Case Number↓	MCNP6.1 (Continuous-Energy ENDF/B-V)	$\frac{C - E}{E} \%$	MCNP6.1 (Continuous-Energy ENDF/B-VII.1)	$\frac{C - E}{E} \%$
1	1.00249 ± 0.00011	0.59 ± 1.17	0.99123 ± 0.00011	-0.54 ± 1.16
2	1.00455 ± 0.00011	0.90 ± 0.94	0.99593 ± 0.00011	0.03 ± 0.93
3	1.00997 ± 0.00012	1.43 ± 0.80	1.00518 ± 0.00011	0.95 ± 0.80
4	1.00945 ± 0.00011	1.40 ± 0.79	1.00471 ± 0.00011	0.93 ± 0.79
5	1.01433 ± 0.00011	1.85 ± 0.79	1.01467 ± 0.00011	1.88 ± 0.79



# HEU-MET-FAST-099

## Potassium Fast-Spectrum Validation



**C/E-1 ~ -70%**

Analysis Code	Neutron Cross Section Library	Calculated			Benchmark Experiment			$\frac{C - E}{E} \%$
		$\rho(\epsilon)$	$\pm$	$\sigma$	$\rho(\epsilon)$	$\pm$	$\sigma$	
MCNP6	ENDF/B-VII.1	3.8	$\pm$	0.4	11.4	$\pm$	1.2	-67 $\pm$ 5
	ENDF/B-VII.0	3.1	$\pm$	0.4				-73 $\pm$ 5
	JEFF-3.1	2.3	$\pm$	0.4				-80 $\pm$ 4
	JENDL-3.3	2.4	$\pm$	0.4				-79 $\pm$ 4

# HEU-COMP-FAST-004

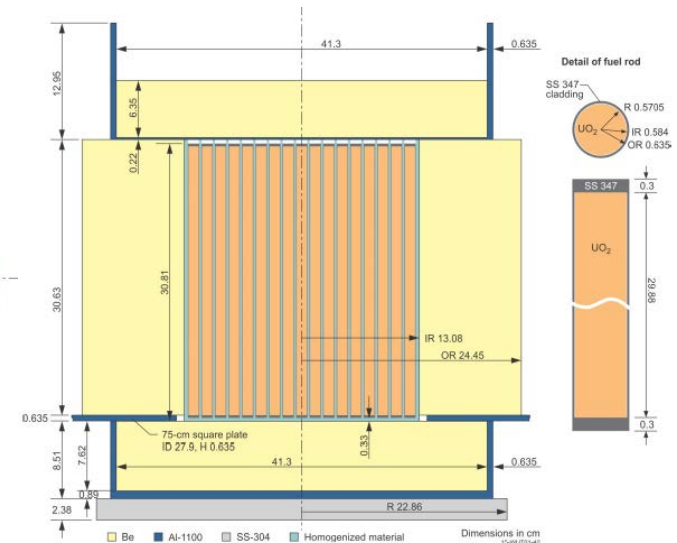
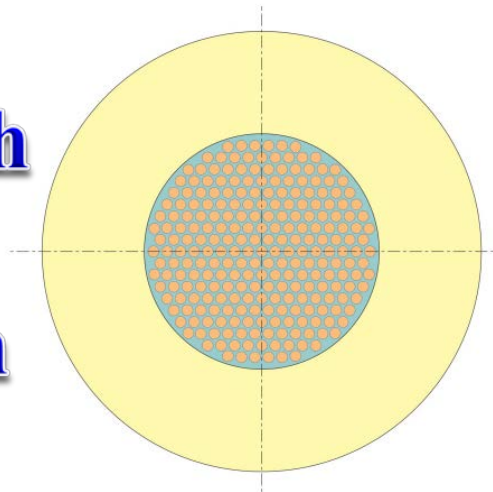
## Additional Configurations of HEU with Potassium

Model	Benchmark			Calculated							
				MCNP5 ENDF/B-VII.0 <sup>(a)</sup>			$\frac{C - E^{(b)}}{E}$	MCNP5 ENDF/B-VII.1 <sup>(a)</sup>			$\frac{C - E^{(b)}}{E}$
$k_{eff}$	$\pm$	$\sigma$	$k_{eff}$	$\pm$	$\sigma$	$k_{eff}$		$\pm$	$\sigma$		
Case 1	0.9989	$\pm$	0.0008	0.99289	$\pm$	0.00006	-0.60%	0.99742	$\pm$	0.00001	-0.15%
Case 2	0.9998	$\pm$	0.0008	0.99463	$\pm$	0.00006	-0.52%	0.99930	$\pm$	0.00001	-0.05%
Case 3	1.0001	$\pm$	0.0008	0.98909	$\pm$	0.00001	-1.10%	0.99349	$\pm$	0.00001	-0.66%
Case 4	1.0015	$\pm$	0.0009	0.98884	$\pm$	0.00001	-1.26%	0.99352	$\pm$	0.00001	-0.79%

(a) Results obtained using either 100,000 histories for 2150 cycles or 1,100,000 histories and 3150 cycles, skipping the first 150 cycles.

(b) 'E' is the expected or benchmark value. 'C' is the calculated value.

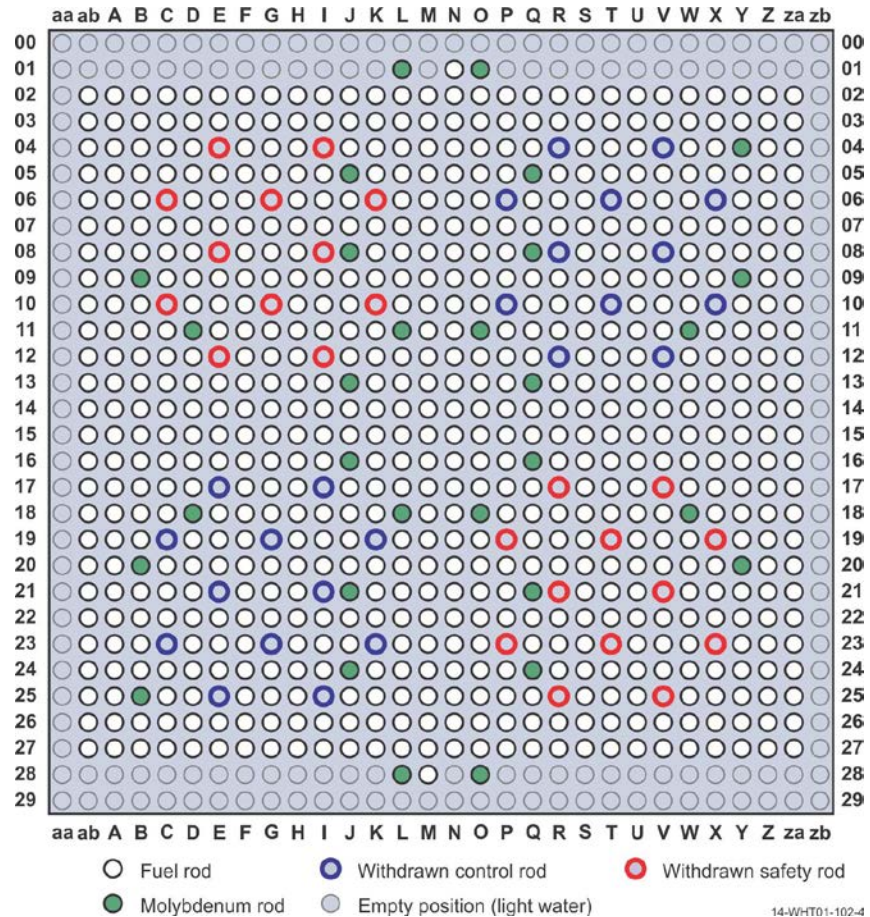
Calculated worth  
doesn't match  
measured worth  
of potassium



# LEU-COMP-THERM-067

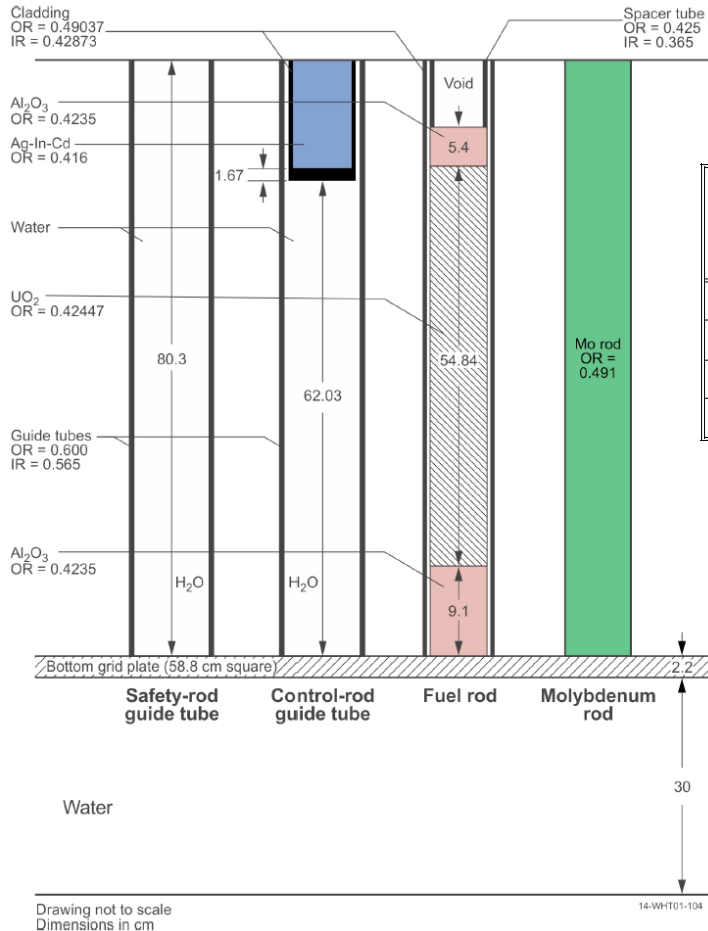
## IPEN/MB-01 Reactor with Mo Rods

- Critical Loading Configurations of the IPEN/MB-01 Reactor with Fuel and Molybdenum Rods
- IPEN – Brazil
  - Adimir dos Santos
- 4 Configurations
  - 20, 24, 28, 30 Mo Rods





# LEU-COMP-THERM-067 IPEN/MB-01 Reactor with Mo Rods

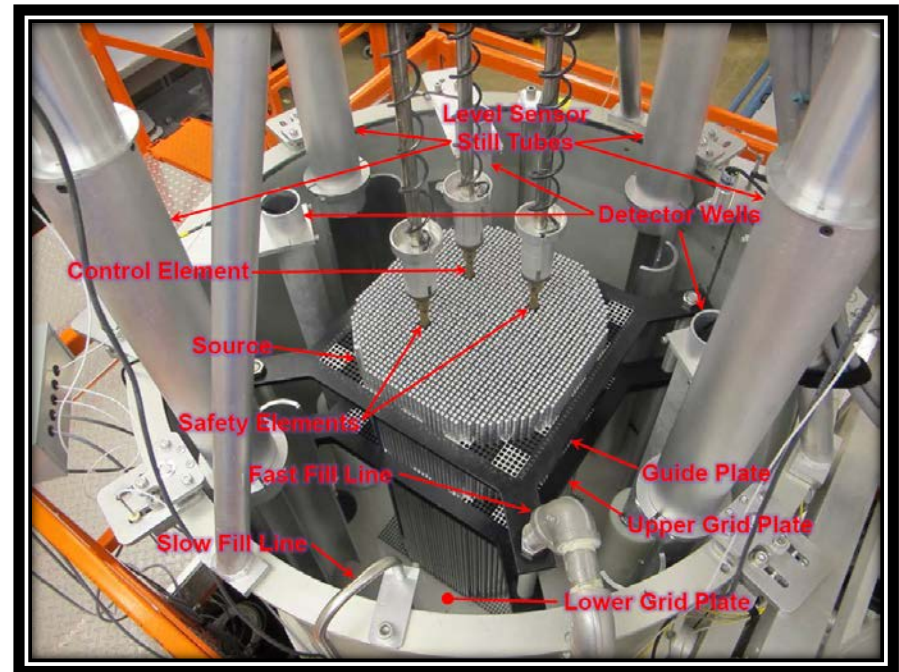


Code (Cross Section Set) → Case Number ↓	MCNP5 (Continuous Energy ENDF/B-VII.0)	Benchmark Value $k_{\text{eff}} \pm \sigma$	(C-E)/E %
1	1.00086 ± 0.00004	1.0005 ± 0.0005	0.036 ± 0.048
2	1.00068 ± 0.00004	1.0004 ± 0.0005	0.028 ± 0.048
3	1.00082 ± 0.00004	1.0004 ± 0.0005	0.042 ± 0.048
4	1.00094 ± 0.00004	1.0005 ± 0.0005	0.044 ± 0.048

**Adds to the comprehensive  
database of IPEN/MB-01  
benchmark evaluations**

# LEU-COMP-THERM-096 7uPCX Lattice Experiments

- Partially-Reflected Water-Moderated Square-Pitched U(6.90)O<sub>2</sub> Fuel Rod Lattices with 0.67 Fuel to Water Volume Ratio (0.800 cm Pitch)
- SNL – USA
  - Gary Harms
- 19 Configurations
  - Varying holes and gaps



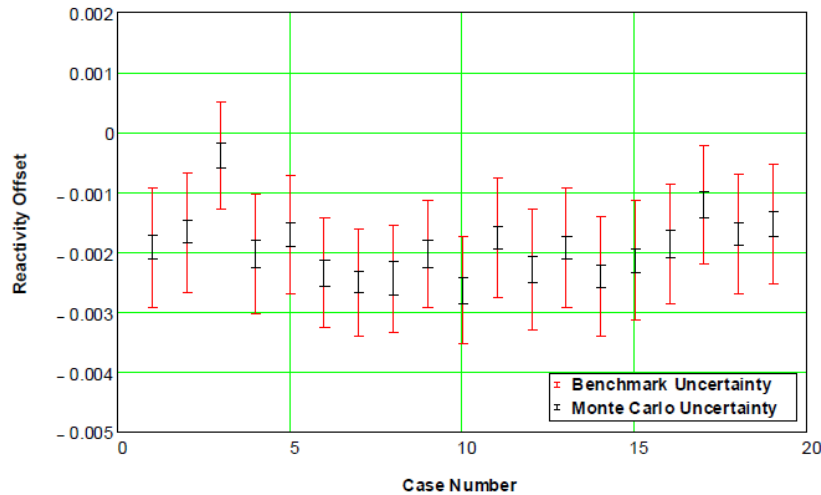
# LEU-COMP-THERM-096

## 7uPCX Lattice Experiments

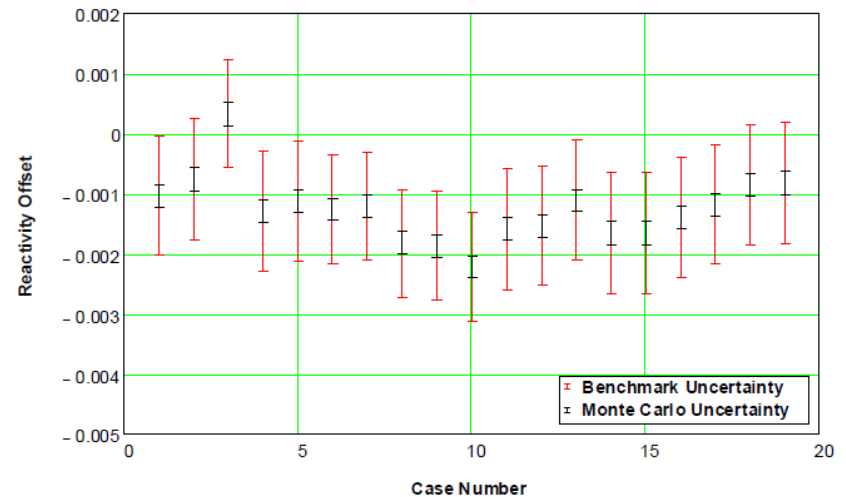


# LEU-COMP-THERM-096 7uPCX Lattice Experiments

**KENO-V.a**  
**ENDF/B-VII.0 CE**



**MCNP-6.1**  
**ENDF/B-VII.0 CE**



# *ALARM-TRAN-AIR-SHIELD-001*

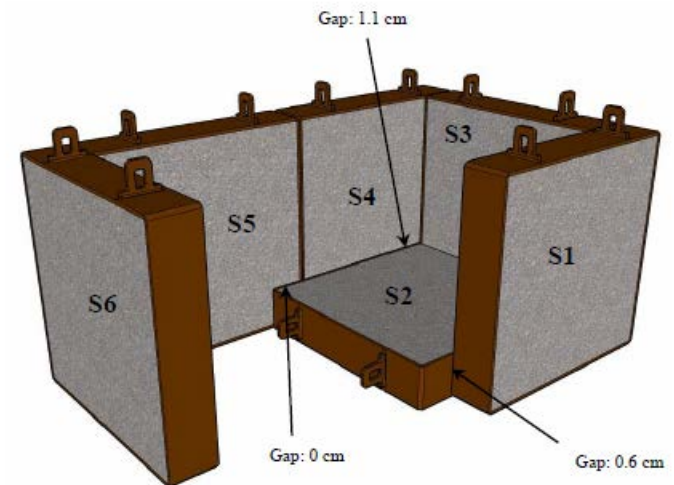
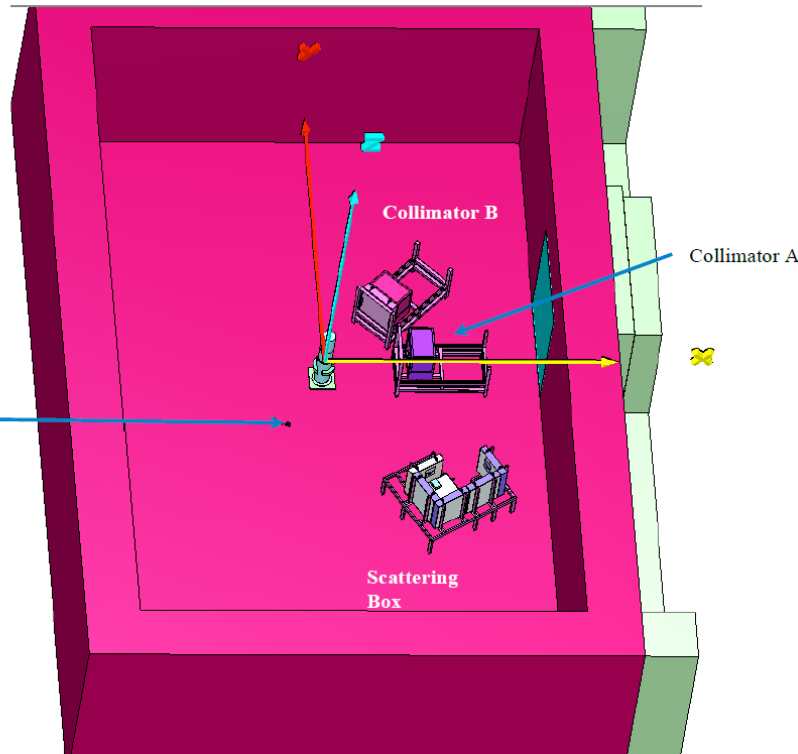
## *Neutron Activation and TLD Response to SILENE*

- Neutron Activation and Thermoluminescent Detector Responses to a Bare Pulse of the CEA Valduc
- Valduc
  - Thomas Miller, et. al
    - ORNL, USA
    - Plus CEA, France
- 1 Configuration
  - 2 Collimator Boxes
  - Free Field Position
  - 4 Scattering Box Locations



# ALARM-TRAN-AIR-SHIELD-001

## Neutron Activation and TLD Response to SILENE



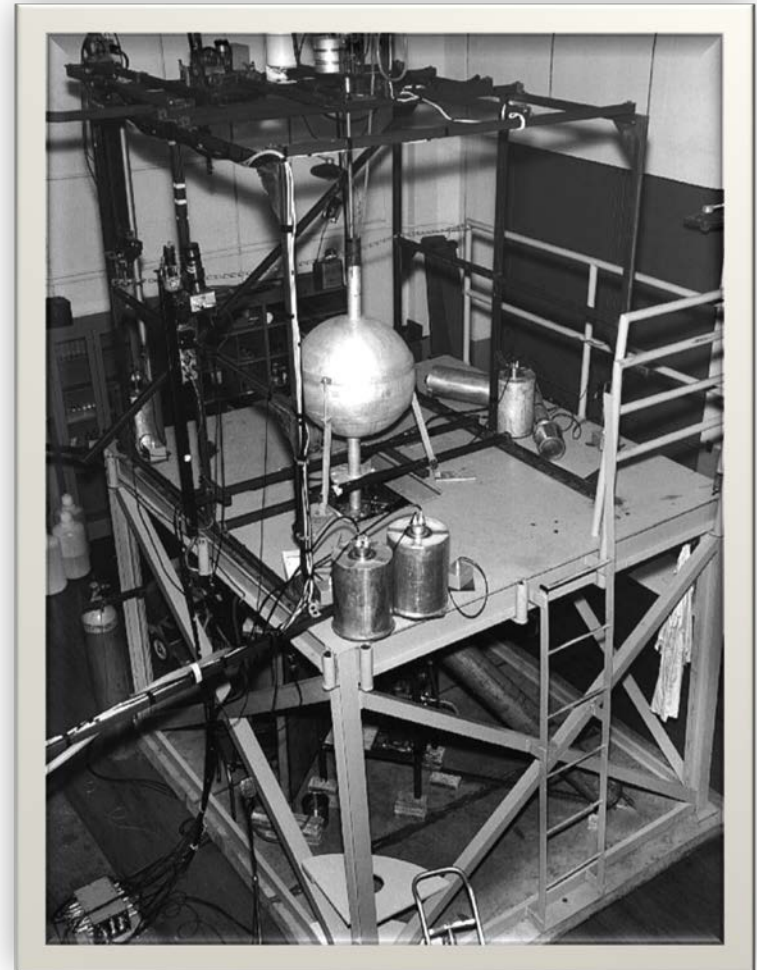
# ALARM-TRAN- AIR-SHIELD-001

Position	TLD Type	Dose (Gy)	Monte Carlo Relative Uncertainty	C/E	C/E Relative Uncertainty
Case 1 Collimator A	Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	4.811E+00	0.0047	0.7279	0.0786
Case 2 Collimator B	Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	6.732E-01	0.0066	0.8209	0.0982
Case 3 Free Field	Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	4.172E+00	0.0034	1.1215	0.0788
Case 4 Scattering Box 1	Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	4.292E-01	0.0090	0.7400	0.0851
Case 5 Scattering Box 2	Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	3.018E-01	0.0078	0.6859	0.0821
Case 6 Scattering Box 3	Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	1.194E+00	0.0063	0.6785	0.0784
Case 7 Scattering Box 4	Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	1.281E+00	0.0042	0.6848	0.0908

Position	Reaction	Activity (Bq/g)	Monte Carlo Relative Uncertainty	C/E	C/E Relative Uncertainty
Case 1 Collimator A	<sup>59</sup> Co(n,γ) <sup>60</sup> Co	7.498E+01	0.0016	1.1343	0.0663
	<sup>113</sup> In(n,γ) <sup>116</sup> In	9.932E+06	0.0019	1.0902	0.0706
	<sup>113</sup> In(n,n'γ) <sup>113m</sup> In	7.687E+03	0.0023	0.9573	0.0630
	<sup>54</sup> Fe(n,p) <sup>54</sup> Mn	2.095E-01	0.0020	1.0158	0.0640
	<sup>56</sup> Fe(n,p) <sup>56</sup> Mn + <sup>55</sup> Mn(n,γ) <sup>56</sup> Mn	2.411E+03	0.0022	1.0435	0.0641
	<sup>24</sup> Mg(n,p) <sup>24</sup> Na	6.717E+01	0.0046	1.0993	0.0641
	<sup>58</sup> Ni(n,p) <sup>58</sup> Co	1.376E+01	0.0019	0.9581	0.0628
Case 2 Collimator B	<sup>59</sup> Co(n,γ) <sup>60</sup> Co	2.848E+01	0.0013	1.2701	0.0819
	<sup>197</sup> Au(n,γ) <sup>198</sup> Au	3.008E+04	0.0019	1.2400	0.0836
	<sup>113</sup> In(n,γ) <sup>116</sup> In	3.642E+06	0.0015	1.2141	0.0847
	<sup>113</sup> In(n,n'γ) <sup>113m</sup> In	1.308E+03	0.0020	1.0936	0.1139
	<sup>54</sup> Fe(n,p) <sup>54</sup> Mn	3.515E-02	0.0021	1.1304	0.1214
	<sup>56</sup> Fe(n,p) <sup>56</sup> Mn + <sup>55</sup> Mn(n,γ) <sup>56</sup> Mn	9.160E+02	0.0017	1.1759	0.0779
	<sup>24</sup> Mg(n,p) <sup>24</sup> Na	1.196E+01	0.0061	1.1957	0.1338
	<sup>58</sup> Ni(n,p) <sup>58</sup> Co	2.330E+00	0.0020	1.0991	0.1170
Case 3 Free Field	<sup>59</sup> Co(n,γ) <sup>60</sup> Co	7.782E+01	0.0022	1.1755	0.0660
	<sup>197</sup> Au(n,γ) <sup>198</sup> Au	7.858E+04	0.0037	1.1307	0.0642
	<sup>113</sup> In(n,γ) <sup>116</sup> In	9.442E+06	0.0029	1.0754	0.0706
	<sup>113</sup> In(n,n'γ) <sup>113m</sup> In	6.609E+03	0.0020	0.9635	0.0628
	<sup>54</sup> Fe(n,p) <sup>54</sup> Mn	1.949E-01	0.0016	0.9941	0.0642
	<sup>56</sup> Fe(n,p) <sup>56</sup> Mn + <sup>55</sup> Mn(n,γ) <sup>56</sup> Mn	2.662E+03	0.0029	1.1080	0.0630
	<sup>24</sup> Mg(n,p) <sup>24</sup> Na	6.549E+01	0.0043	1.1081	0.0644
	<sup>58</sup> Ni(n,p) <sup>58</sup> Co	1.271E+01	0.0016	0.9786	0.0628
Case 4 Scattering Box 1	<sup>59</sup> Co(n,γ) <sup>60</sup> Co	2.947E+01	0.0014	1.3233	0.0770
	<sup>197</sup> Au(n,γ) <sup>198</sup> Au	2.939E+04	0.0017	1.2174	0.0810
	<sup>113</sup> In(n,γ) <sup>116</sup> In	3.357E+06	0.0014	1.2386	0.0761
	<sup>113</sup> In(n,n'γ) <sup>113m</sup> In	5.321E+02	0.0040	1.0135	0.1015
	<sup>54</sup> Fe(n,p) <sup>54</sup> Mn	1.155E-02	0.0034	1.0919	0.1214
	<sup>56</sup> Fe(n,p) <sup>56</sup> Mn + <sup>55</sup> Mn(n,γ) <sup>56</sup> Mn	1.033E+03	0.0018	1.2183	0.0670
	<sup>58</sup> Ni(n,p) <sup>58</sup> Co	7.888E-01	0.0033	1.1173	0.1147
Case 5 Scattering Box 2	<sup>59</sup> Co(n,γ) <sup>60</sup> Co	3.396E+01	0.0010	1.3269	0.0711
	<sup>197</sup> Au(n,γ) <sup>198</sup> Au	3.261E+04	0.0015	1.2845	0.0691
	<sup>58</sup> Ni(n,p) <sup>58</sup> Co	4.244E-01	0.0049	1.4636	0.1232
Case 6 Scattering Box 3	<sup>59</sup> Co(n,γ) <sup>60</sup> Co	5.373E+01	0.0010	1.2201	0.0694
	<sup>197</sup> Au(n,γ) <sup>198</sup> Au	5.310E+04	0.0014	1.1906	0.0679
	<sup>58</sup> Ni(n,p) <sup>58</sup> Co	3.277E+00	0.0024	1.0115	0.0659
Case 7 Scattering Box 4	<sup>59</sup> Co(n,γ) <sup>60</sup> Co	4.881E+01	0.0010	1.2224	0.0700
	<sup>197</sup> Au(n,γ) <sup>198</sup> Au	4.790E+04	0.0014	1.2376	0.0684
	<sup>58</sup> Ni(n,p) <sup>58</sup> Co	3.451E+00	0.0031	1.0362	0.0658

# ***IEU-SOL-THERM-005*** ***U(37 %)O<sub>2</sub>F<sub>2</sub> Sphere***

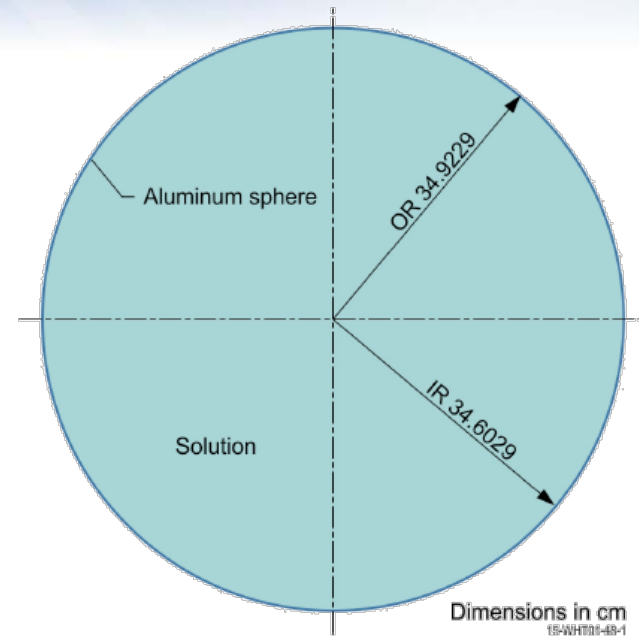
- Critical Spherical Dimensions of Aqueous Solution of U(37%)O<sub>2</sub>F<sub>2</sub>
- ORCEF – USA
  - Tanja Kaiba
    - IJS, Slovenia
- 1 Configuration
  - 69.2-cm-diameter sphere





# IEU-SOL-THERM-005 U(37 %)O<sub>2</sub>F<sub>2</sub> Sphere

Benchmark model $k_{eff}$	Uncertainty
1.0041	0.0065



	$k_{eff}$	$\pm \sigma_{MCNP}$	Calculation Bias ( $\Delta k_{eff}$ )	Relative deviation (C-E)/E <sup>(a)</sup>
MCNP 6 1.0	0.99940	$\pm 0.00006$	-0.00470	-0.5 %
COG 11.1 <sup>(b)</sup>	0.99943	$\pm 0.00013$	-0.00467	-0.5 %
KENO V.a <sup>(c)</sup>	0.99934	$\pm 0.00008$	-0.00476	-0.5 %

(a) 'C' is the calculate value. 'E' is the expected or benchmark value.

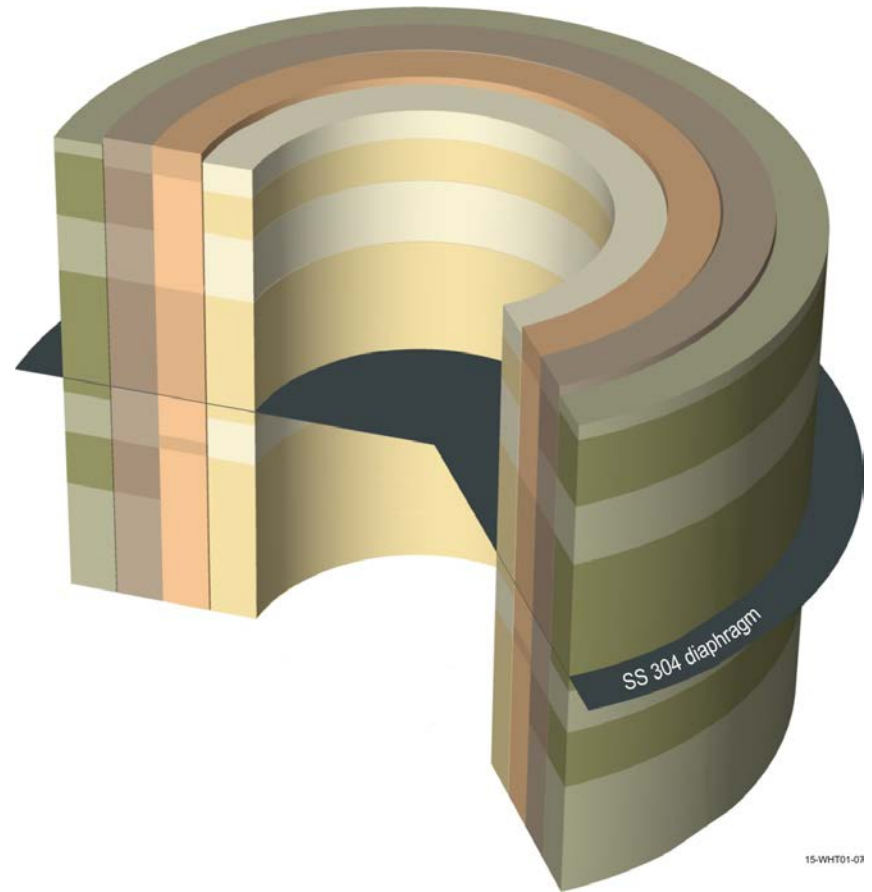
(b) Acknowledgement to Dr. Soon Sam Kim, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory.

(c) Acknowledgement to Dr. Soon Sam Kim, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory.

# **HEU-MET-FAST-074**

## **Oralloy Bare Metal Annuli**

- Oralloy (93.2  $^{235}\text{U}$ ) Bare Metal Annuli
- ORCEF – USA
  - Andrew Hummel
    - INL
- 4 Configurations
  - 7"-11"
  - 7"-13"
  - 11"-13"
  - 13"-15"

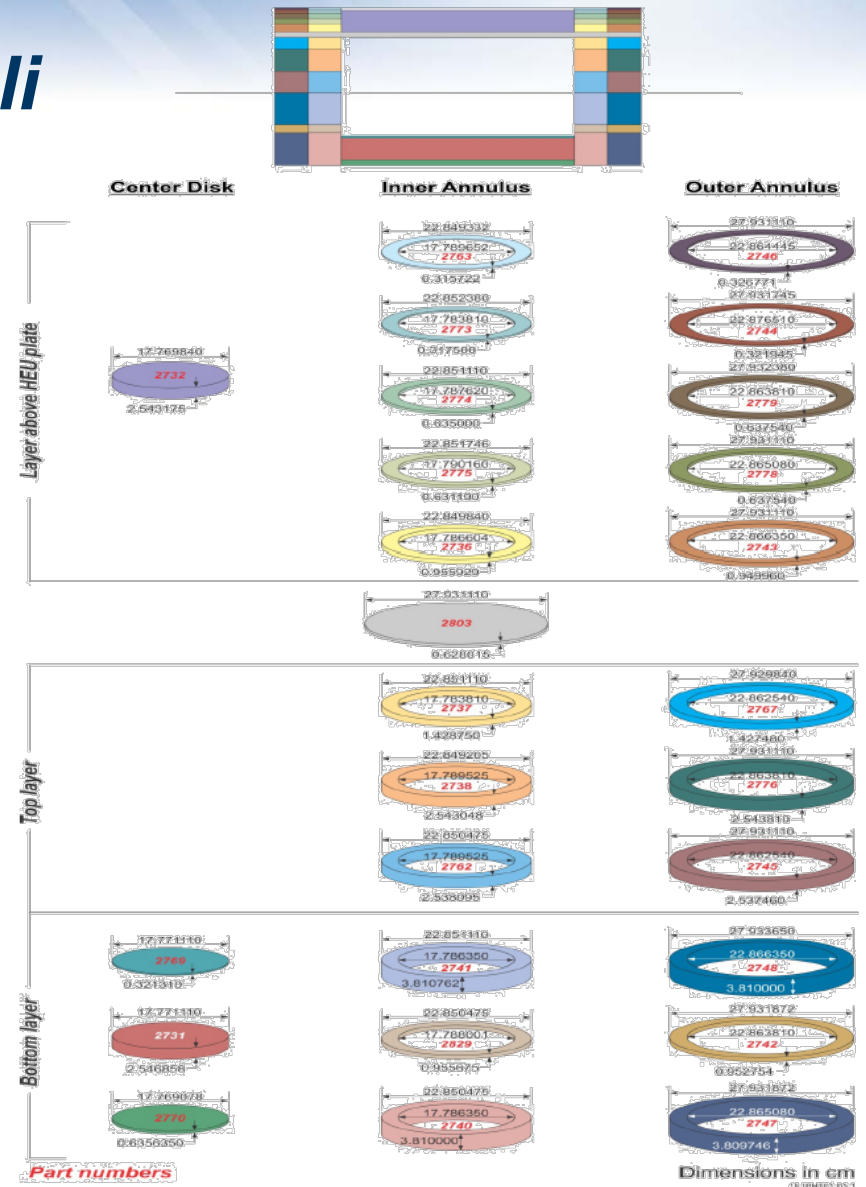


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# HEU-MET-FAST-074

## Oralloy Bare Metal Annuli

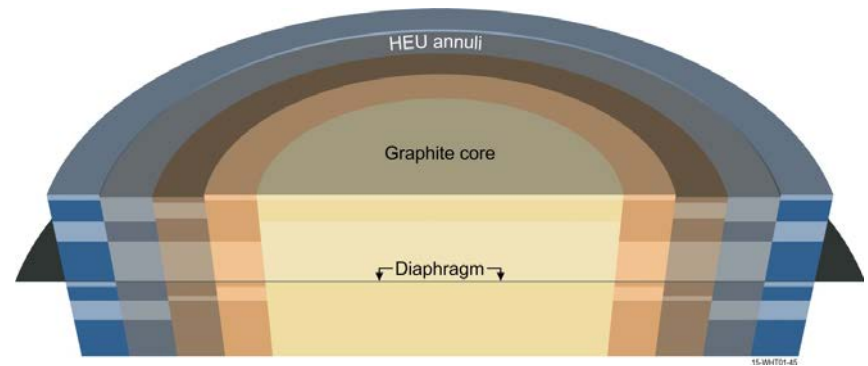
Case	Calculated			Benchmark Experiment			$\frac{C - E}{E} \%$
	$k_{eff}$	$\pm$	$\sigma$	$k_{eff}$	$\pm$	$\sigma$	
1	0.99640	$\pm$	0.00002	0.9988	$\pm$	0.0005	-0.24 $\pm$ 0.05
2	0.99629	$\pm$	0.00002	0.9979	$\pm$	0.0005	-0.16 $\pm$ 0.05
3	0.99471	$\pm$	0.00002	0.9970	$\pm$	0.0005	-0.23 $\pm$ 0.05
4	0.99593	$\pm$	0.00002	0.9975	$\pm$	0.0005	-0.16 $\pm$ 0.05



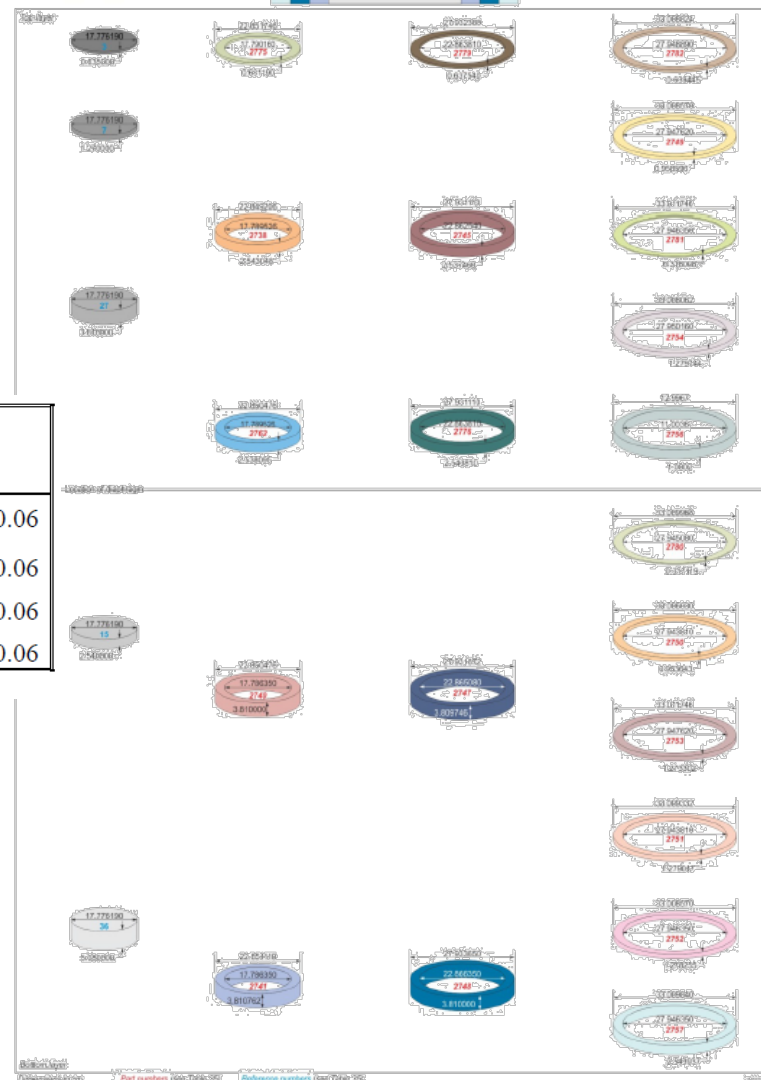
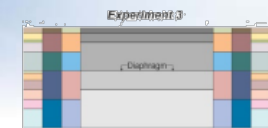
# HEU-MET-FAST-077

## Oralloy Annuli with Graphite Cores

- Experiments with HEU (93.14 wt.%) Metal Annuli with Internal Graphite Cylinder
- ORCEF – USA
  - Xiaobo Liu
    - INPC/CAEP, China (visiting INL)
- 3 Configurations
  - 7"-13"
  - 7"-15"
  - 9"-15"



# HEU-MET-FAST-077 Oralloy Annuli with Graphite Cores



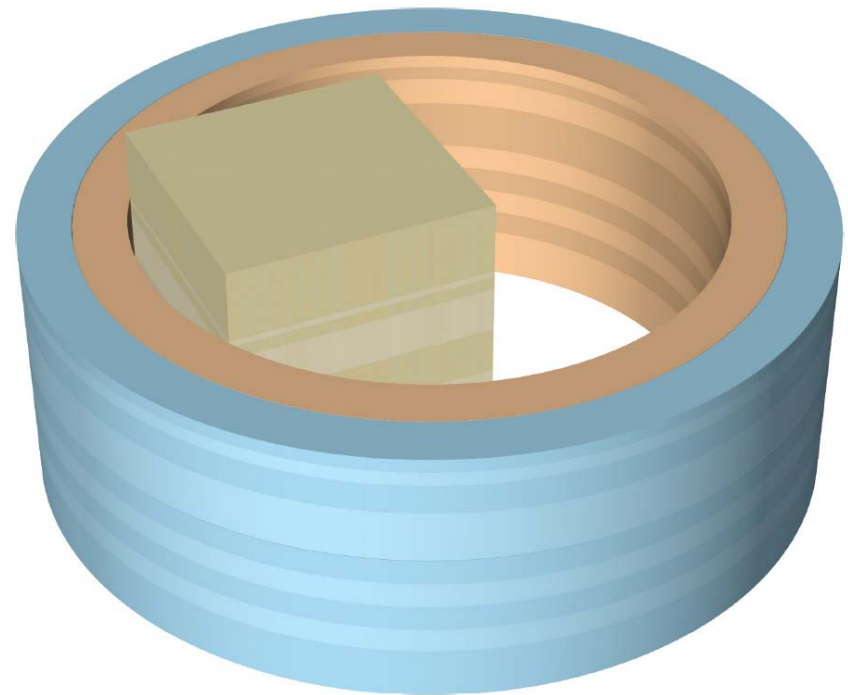
Analysis Code	Neutron Cross Section Library	Calculated		Benchmark Experiment		$\frac{C - E}{E} \%$
		$k_{eff}$	$\pm \sigma$	$k_{eff}$	$\pm \sigma$	
MCNP6-1.0	ENDF/B-VII.1	0.99886	$\pm 0.00004$	1.0001	$\pm 0.0006$	-0.12 $\pm 0.06$
	ENDF/B-VII.0	0.99893	$\pm 0.00004$			-0.12 $\pm 0.06$
	JEFF-3.1 <sup>(a)</sup>	0.99568	$\pm 0.00004$			-0.44 $\pm 0.06$
	JENDL-3.3 <sup>(a)</sup>	1.00218	$\pm 0.00004$			0.21 $\pm 0.06$

(a) Results provided by John D. Bess from Idaho National Laboratory.

# ***HEU-MET-FAST-083 (next handbook publication)***

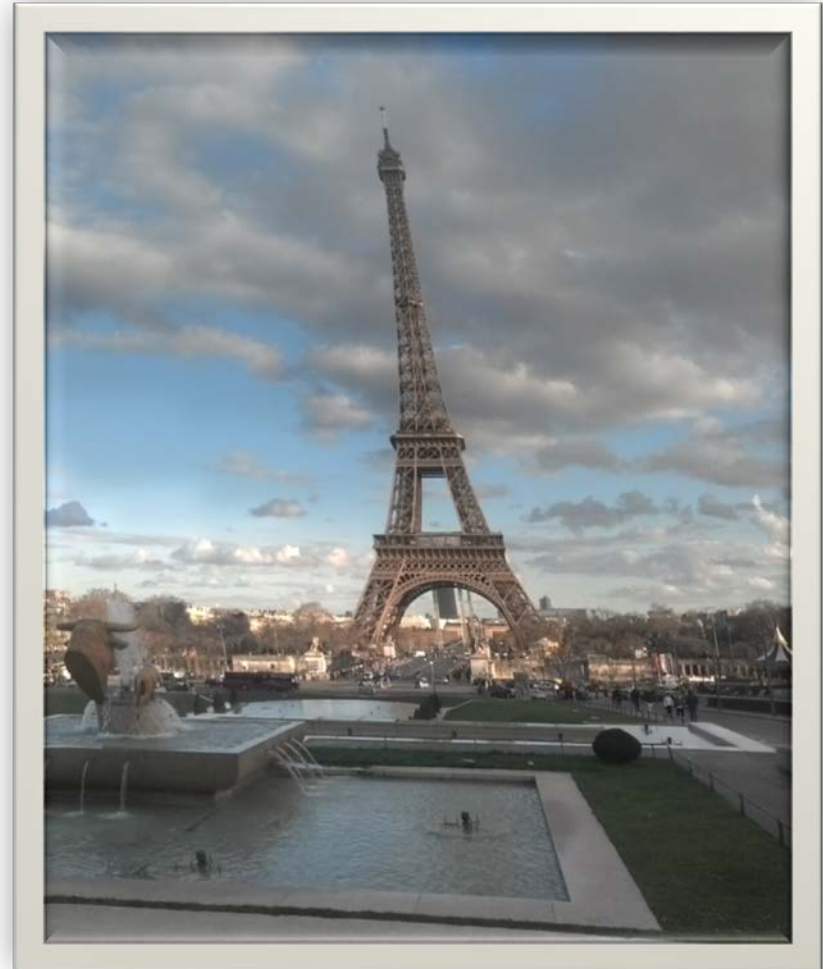
## ***Oralloy Complex Bare Metal Annuli***

- Complex Geometry  
Bare Oralloy (93.2 <sup>235</sup>U)  
Metal Annuli  
Experiments
- ORCEF – USA
  - Quanton Beaulieu
    - INL/ISU
- 3 Configurations
  - 11”-15” Annulus
    - 7” Cylinder
    - 5” x 5” Box
    - Split 5” x 5” Box



## ***When is the Next ICSBEP Meeting?***

- To be held in conjunction with the IRPhEP Meeting
- April 18-22, 2016
- Independent Reviews need completed by end of February 2016
- Let me know if you plan on participating
  - Evaluations
  - Review
  - Meeting Attendance



# Plans for the Future ICSBEP Handbook Publications

Subject	Evaluator(s)	Facility-Country
TRX Critical Experiments	Mike Zerkle	BAPL-USA
7uPCX Experiments with Titanium	Gary Harms	SNL-USA
SILENE Pb and Poly Experiments	Thomas Miller, et. al	ORNL-USA and CEA-France
Spherical UF <sub>6</sub> Gas Core Reactor	Margaret Marshall	INL-USA
Westinghouse UO <sub>2</sub> Lattice Experiments	Brittney Saenz	INL(intern)-USA
SNAP-10 Water Immersion Criticals	James Totten	INL(intern)-USA
Tungsten-Reflected Plutonium Sphere Subcritical Noise Measurements	Jesson Hutchinson, et. al	LANL-USA
Reevaluation of HEU FLATTOP	Jesson Hutchinson, et. al	LANL-USA
TRACY Supercritical Configuration	Kotaro Tonoike & Yuichi Yamane	JAEA-Japan
SNOOPY 134	Dave Heinrichs	LLNL-USA
GODIVA IV (Revision)	Joetta Goda	LANL-USA
TREAT Minimum Mass Critical Core	John Bess	INL-USA
AGN Reactor	Bob Busch	UNM-USA



## ***Conclusion***

- 13 new, revised, or draft benchmarks added into the ICSBEP Handbook (September 2015 Edition)
- 1 new evaluation missed handbook publication and will be available next year
- Validation of computational methods and improvement of integral neutron data
- Look forward to evaluation and inclusion of many more reactor physics benchmarks
- April 18-22, 2016 for the next ICSBEP/IRPhEP Technical Review Meetings in Paris

# Questions?

