

Summaries of Workshop Meetings

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Nine workshop meetings were held at the symposium in order to foster informal exchanges of information on a variety of subjects identified as being of major concern based on a polling of the meeting registrants prior to the meeting. Three workshops, each lasting two hours, were run in parallel on three days. The results of the survey were also used to schedule the workshops with minimum potential conflicts for those participants interested in a variety of topics, so that as many workshops of interest as possible could be attended.

Each workshop was organized by two co-chairpersons, one representing the ASTM dosimetry community and one representing the European dosimetry community. The two co-chairs jointly organized each workshop by defining the workshop scope, identifying potential presenters using the individual survey questionnaires and abstracts of papers to be presented at the symposium. The workshops were scheduled so that the presented papers on related topics generally preceded the workshop to allow the workshop discussions to build on the results of the papers.

After the workshops, the co-chairs for each workshop prepared the summaries that follow. Each workshop summary was then subjected to peer review, including one of the attendees at the workshop who was selected as a result of his expertise on the subject of the workshop.

WORKSHOP ON QUALITY ASSURANCE IN REACTOR DOSIMETRY

JW Rogers (INEL) and D. Beretz (CEA–Grenoble)

The workshop was attended by more than 25 persons. At the beginning of the workshop, each attendee made a short statement on his particular interests in the workshop subject. The only formal presentation was given by Dr. Bruno Baers on how problems related to liquid scintillation counting were solved in his laboratory.

The workshop focus quickly changed to a discussion of the generic aspects of quality assurance (QA). There was a wide diversity of opinion on the meaning or intent of QA. Quasi-philosophical discussion centered on the definitions of QA, quality control (QC), procedures, validation, documentation, scientific discipline, and so forth. Excellent participation by the attendees was experienced. *1S

The status of QA is confusing because of the different concepts people and organizations have. A distinction between QA and good scientific discipline is that QA is the required documentation associated with a process in order that an acceptable product is produced, whereas scientific discipline is the description of what was done and how it was done in enough detail to allow it to be repeated or reinterpreted. Consequently, quality without assurance or assurance without quality may exist for a product.

QA is dictated by the customer and must be adapted to our activities in reactor dosimetry. Much discussion centered on how to ensure that calculations were producing the correct

results in an application other than a benchmark or reference facility. QA is not QC but must include QC as well as procedures and qualified review for validation. QA is time-consuming and, consequently, expensive to the customer.

Many countries, companies, and laboratories have QA requirements and procedures, and others apparently do not. QA standards (such as ISO 9000) exist for some purposes, but other standards are needed in the field of reactor dosimetry.

The following agenda topics were covered in the workshop discussions:

- people who perform dosimetry tasks
- purpose and requirements of the dosimetry
- design and location of the dosimetry
- characterization of dosimetry materials
- recovery of dosimetry materials
- dosimetry product measurements, including both radioactive and stable products
- nuclear and decay data
- preparation of dosimetry materials (pre- and post-irradiation)
- measurement data analyses
- reporting of dosimetry data and analyses
- disposal and storage of used dosimetry materials
- calculation and measurement comparisons
- documentation and presentation of dosimetry QA data

An additional topic discussed was the transfer of knowledge from the older reactor dosimetry people to the younger ones, so that the loss of information or experience is avoided.

Recommendations

It is recommended that another workshop on QA be held at the next symposium so that unanswered questions can be addressed and conclusions can be reached. It would be advantageous to have professional QA people in attendance at the next QA workshop, and perhaps a technical session on QA should be held with presentations on specific aspects of QA.

It is also recommended that ASTM implement the development of QA standards, both general and reactor-dosimetry specific.

It is recommended that ASTM include in its standards on terminology, definitions of the terms frequently associated with QA, including:

- quality assurance
- quality control
- data validation
- process validation
- scientific discipline
- documentation
- quality assessment

At the end of the workshop, each attendee provided written comments which, along with the notes taken by the co-chairmen, are the basis for this summary report.

WORKSHOP ON GAMMA-RAY DOSIMETRY

S. Q. King (B&W Nuclear Technologies) and H. Ait Abderrahim (SCK/CEN)

The workshop was attended by 22 participants. Eight investigators made presentations on their recent experiences with various types of gamma-ray dosimetry. During the discussion

periods that followed each presentation, the group discussed the investigator's findings and made several constructive suggestions based on their experiences.

In addition to the natural interest in gamma-ray dosimetry in general, there were two areas that were of particular interest to most participants of this workshop: gamma-ray dosimetry in mixed fields (neutron/gamma) and low-dose gamma-ray dosimetry.

Gamma-Ray Dosimetry in High-Level Mixed Fields

D. M. Gilliam (NIST) and A. Alberman (CEA) made presentations relating to their experiences with the use of high-level gamma fluence monitors.

Dr. Gilliam reported recent experiences with the use of the NIST-designed LiF gamma dosimeter. While comparisons to calculations have been surprisingly good [7], the investigators are nevertheless skeptical of such close agreement because of the persistence of two problems: thermal annealing during irradiation and the accuracy of the calculated neutron response (which is used to deduce gamma response from total response).

Dr. Alberman reported his experiences with high doses obtained by OSIRIS spent fuel at the irradiator at CEA-Saclay. Operation features continuous monitoring, final check of integrated dose, and temperature control (10 to 300°C). Difficulties have been found in correlating ionization chamber signals integrated over the length of the irradiation with integral post-irradiation measurements. This disagreement may be the result of fission product spectrum evolution with time. J. Ponsard of Mol suggested that intermediate measurements might be helpful.

Ian Thomson (Thomson & Nielsen Electronics, Ltd.) presented a discussion of his experiences with the use of MOS dosimeters to measure high-level gamma doses. These dosimeters are quite promising for a number of applications, since they can be used in both passive and direct-reading modes. The gamma dose response is linear in the range 10 to 200 Gy where they have found applications in radiotherapy and blood-product irradiation dosimetry. Beyond 200 Gy, the dose is nonlinear, but reproducible and usable to at least 50 kGy. Applications in the higher dose ranges have included gamma dose mapping in reactor containment areas. Testing in mixed fields has shown that the thermal neutron response is negligible.

M. Tichy (Institute of Radiation Dosimetry, Czech Academy of Sciences) discussed his work with NE213 scintillation detectors [2]. Proper accounting for neutron-induced prompt gammas in the scintillator material was discussed. The use of a "pure" neutron source at PTB was identified as a possible tool for use in resolving the problem.

Low-Dose Gamma-Ray Dosimetry

M. Oliver (APG) presented a discussion of his very successful work using TLDs as low dose rate gamma fluence detectors. Some of the difficulties that were discussed were problems with read-out procedures, interpretation of data, and fading of low-temperature peaks.

H. Ait Abderrahim (SCK/CEN-Mol) also discussed the use of TLDs for low-fluence applications [3,4]. The effects of fast and thermal neutrons were determined to be non-negligible, and cavity corrections were deemed necessary.

I. Remec (ORNL) discussed his work in the determination and characterization of the neutron and gamma fields at HFIR. Photofission reactions can be very important, as illustrated by the fact that at some locations, the photoreactions were estimated to be as high as 95%.

The workshop was concluded with a presentation by H. Farrar IV (Consultant and Chairman of ASTM E10.01) on the dosimetry used in the radiation processing industry.

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WORKSHOP ON IMPACT OF CHANGES IN NEUTRON TRANSPORT CROSS SECTIONS

C. Garat (Framatome) and E. Polke (Siemens AG)

This workshop was attended by 30 participants who discussed comparisons between neutron transport cross-sections. Four oral presentations were made:

- R. Maerker (ORNL) compared ENDF/B-V and ENDF/B-VI calculational results with measurements performed in the HB Robinson power reactor and in the Czechoslovakian iron sphere experiment.
- C. Garat (Framatome/BWNS) compared the Davis Besse cavity dosimetry benchmark calculations using ENDF/B-II, ENDF/B-IV, and ENDF/B-VI.
- D. Ingersoll (ORNL) compared ENDF/B-V and ENDF/B-VI B_4C and Fe cross-sections in the framework of the LMR program.
- R. Simons (Westinghouse) reported Fast Flux Test Facility calculations using MCNP with ENDF/B-V.

Comparisons of ENDF/B-IV and V with ENDF/B-VI

R. Maerker described calculations done by LSU on the HB Robinson 2 power reactor that gave the following results:

- The ENDF/B-IV (or V) SAILOR calculation and the ENDF/B-IV ELXSIR calculation agreed to better than 10% for all dosimeter reactions in both the cavity and downcomer locations.
- Dosimeter responses calculated with SAILOR using ENDF/B-VI can be greater than the responses calculated with ELXSIR ENDF/B-IV by as much as 20% (47%) in the downcomer (cavity) region.
- Dosimeter response calculated with SAILOR ENDF/B-VI can be greater than the original SAILOR calculations by as much as 35% in the cavity.

Dr. Maerker's conclusion was that SAILOR ENDF/B-VI gives very good C/E values in the downcomer and the cavity (except for Np dosimeters).

Maerker reported the results of an iron sphere experiment carried out by the Czechoslovakians, where a detector was placed 1 m away from the 25-cm diameter sphere containing a ^{252}Cf point source. The ENDF/B-VI C/E values varied from 1 or 2 to 0.68 as calculated by NRI for fluxes greater than 0.1 MeV to fluxes greater than 4 MeV. Similar calculations by Skoda produced C/E values that varied from 1.11 to 0.77. The reader should note here that

the C/Es in this case represent values computed as a function of an integral response cutoff energy, unlike all the other C/Es mentioned in this Workshop Summary, which are from dosimeter activities.

Comparisons of ENDF/B-II, ENDF/B-IV, and ENDF/B-VI

C. Garat reported on results from the Babcock & Wilcox Owners Group cavity dosimetry benchmark experiment that was analyzed using all three transport cross-section sets [1], leading to the following results:

- The ENDF/B-II (with the CASK energy structure) calculation gives a surprisingly good C/E agreement in both downcomer and cavity dosimetry locations; the average C/E (excluding the Cu dosimeters) for fast neutron dosimeters equals 0.98 in the cavity and 1.05 in the in-vessel capsules.
- The ENDF/B-IV (BUGLE) calculation gives good C/E agreement in the capsule locations and poor C/E agreement in the cavity locations. The average C/E for fast neutron dosimeters (excluding Cu) equals 0.79 in the cavity and 1.02 in the capsules.
- The ENDF/B-VI (with the BUGLE energy structure) calculation gives good C/E agreement in the cavity locations.

Comparisons of ENDF/B-V and ENDF/B-VI B4C and Fe Cross-Sections

D. Ingersoll reported on the work done in the fast reactor program (ORNL) that showed a C/E improvement from 0.61 to 0.90 when the ENDF/B-V Fe and ^{11}B cross-sections were replaced by the corresponding ENDF/B-VI cross-sections.

Fast Flux Test Facility MCNP Calculations Using ENDF/B-V

R. Simons reported on Monte Carlo neutron transport calculations using a three-dimensional geometry model of the Fast Flux Test Facility core, reflector, and radial shield that was used to calculate damage rates for in-vessel structural components. The calculated damage rates after penetration through 0.7 m of solid stainless steel (70% iron) blocks disagreed with dosimetry base damage rates by up to 300%. The observed discrepancy is possibly because of bias in the ENDF/B-V iron inelastic scattering cross-sections, as is observed in calculations for light water reactor pressure vessels.

Discussion

On the Fe sphere experimental results (presented by Maerker), E. P. Lippincott (Westinghouse) and F. B. K. Kam (Martin-Marietta) insisted that one should first check on the quality of the measurements and consistency with other experiments before drawing any conclusions in regard to cross-section inadequacies. However, it was noted that the qualitative trends observed in this experiment (which are actually opposite to the trends observed in HB Robinson) were also reported in Ref. 2. Thus, it was not clear to everyone that the measurements were the problem, and no real consensus formed with regard to this issue.

On the ENDF/B-II versus ENDF/B-IV versus ENDF/B-VI comparisons presented by Garat, several workshop participants were very troubled by the surprisingly good C/E agreement obtained using ENDF/B-II. J. Helm (Columbia University) voiced concern about the use of the ^{235}U spectrum to collapse the activation cross-sections, because a bias in the weighted one-group cross-sections of about a factor of 1.5 could be introduced [3]. Since older evaluations of the iron cross-section are believed to overestimate the high-energy cross-section [2], the bias caused by the overestimation would tend to compensate for the

bias caused by over-estimating the dosimeter cross-section. Helm believes that this was a plausible explanation of why the ENDF/B-II-based results appeared to be so good.

As a general comment, E. P. Lippincott suggested that the Fe transport cross-sections could be collapsed using different energy structure in different regions, since collapsing seems to be a cause of errors.

Lippincott also pointed out that Westinghouse's cavity measurements are in better agreement with calculations when no thermal shield is present.

Finally, R. de Wouters (Tractebel) briefly reported on good results with ENDF/B-III coupled with Monte Carlo calculations. However, D. Maerker answered that ENDF/B-III was known to have some anomalies.

Conclusions

Based on the presentations at this workshop, it can be concluded that ENDF/B-VI iron transport cross-sections increase the neutron transport through the pressure vessel; this, in turn, leads to improved cavity dosimetry C/E results. However, older cross-section sets can also lead to very good results (ENDF/B-II or ENDF/B-III, for example); however, it was suggested that these good results might be fortuitous and remain unexplained.

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WORKSHOP ON EXPOSURE UNITS AND DAMAGE CROSS-SECTIONS

M. P. Manahan (MPN Associates) and N. P. Kocherov (IAEA)

A total of 24 participants attended the workshop. The workshop opened with an appeal from J. Helm (Columbia University) to discontinue the use of the term dpa and to replace it with an energy-based parameter, such as the absorbed dose to the lattice. Most participants agreed that the energy deposited to the lattice is a physically meaningful concept. One of the participants stated that the electronics damage community has always refrained from thinking in terms of displacements and instead prefers displacement Kerma. Mention was also made of the fact that dose to the lattice needs to be defined in a meaningful way for nonhomogeneous materials, such as ceramics. The group agreed with this point and noticed that for steels, the single element approximation is quite good, provided that the masses are comparable. Interest was expressed in performing experiments on a wider variety of materials.

Next, it was agreed that within the narrow context of U.S. LWRs, it is very difficult to demonstrate experimentally the clear superiority of one exposure unit over another. Many participants stated that in the broader context of different reactor designs, dose to the lattice

or dpa units are much more useful for correlating mechanical behavior trends, and are therefore preferred.

A lively discussion concerned the strengths and weaknesses of dpa, dose to the lattice, and fast neutron fluence. It is not clear at present how these exposure units relate to specific damage mechanisms in various materials and in different neutron energy spectra. All the participants agreed that none of the currently conceived exposure units will be the "last word" for damage correlation work. Therefore, it is essential that spectrum calculations, irradiation histories, dosimetry data, and calculational procedures be fully documented and described. The same recommendation holds for mechanical property determinations.

The group also recommends that ASTM continue standards work on spectra calculations, but that it must be at a detailed level to achieve the desired purpose.

WORKSHOP ON BENCHMARKS

J. Grundl (NIST) and J. J. Wagschal (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

The Benchmark Workshop, attended by 35 participants, was limited by external constraints to one hour and twenty minutes. J. Wagschal, in his opening remarks, noted the different perceptions on the idea of a "benchmark" and would not, therefore, want to limit the workshop by any particular definition. J. Grundl, the co-chairman, was introduced as one with experience in benchmarks going back to the time of GODIVA at LANL. Dr. Grundl briefly summarized the classification of benchmark neutron fields discussed at an earlier ASTM-Euratom Symposium. Standard neutron fields were recalled as permanent neutron fields characterized by intrinsic simplicity and state-of-the-art specification of the neutron field quantities. Isolated fission neutron sources are an example. A reference neutron field also presumes long-term availability but is less well-characterized, generally because of significant neutron transport effects. The new materials dosimetry reference facility (MDRF) reported at this symposium is an example of a reference neutron field. The third class of benchmarks is the controlled environment designed to address a specific need and characterized to the extent required. The PCA pressure vessel mockup, in this context, was a controlled environment that is no longer available for measurement.

The major presentation at the workshop was given by R. Maerker (ORNL) who demonstrated the leverage benchmarks provided in setting up the comprehensive LEPRICON spectrum adjustment code for PWR calculations. In particular, he stressed that for each output parameter, there are both experimental and calculational uncertainties, and that for most benchmarks, calculational uncertainties are higher than experimental uncertainties. The importance of the PCA and PSF systems in revealing the problem of the Fe inelastic cross section was emphasized. A point was made regarding how the built-in benchmarks in LEPRICON substantially reduced uncertainties in the analysis of fluence and radiation damage in the HB Robinson power reactor.

F. Kam (Martin-Marietta) followed with an outline of the sequence of experimental benchmarks developed in the LWR-PV surveillance program. PCA/PSF, NESDIP, VENUS, and HBR-2 were involved in the bulk of the program, and more recently, in order to help resolve the Fe inelastic scattering problem, the leakage spectra from iron spheres driven by a Cf fission neutron source have become important. The latter, ironically, had to be discovered at the Nuclear Research Institute in the Czech Republic. R. Dierckx (JRC-Ispra) next described his experimental techniques for obtaining the fission source strength of a Cf source, and M. Tichy (IRD-Prague) demonstrated how different experimental techniques can result in differences of up to 80% in fluence rate determinations.

D. Ingersoll (ORNL) outlined efforts to generate a convenient computer data base for shielding benchmarks that are no longer available. General interest in archiving benchmark experiments, before experienced people retire and the experimental facilities themselves disappear, is shared by CSEWG and NEARP. Itsuro Kimura described damage measurements in four benchmark fields in Japan. On the basis of his experience with the "concrete benchmark" at SCK/CEN, Hamid Ait Abderrahim (SCK/CEN) stressed the need for a very complete description of a controlled environment, and the need to establish its relevance to the real problem involved. C. Eisenhower (NIST) then described neutron spectrum measurements with the ROSPEC differential spectrometer and a comparison with calculation and with integral fission reaction rates in NIST benchmark fields. The analysis was aimed at the elusive problem of the iron inelastic cross-section. R. Venkataraman (University of Michigan) described proposed applications of the MDRF to establish photofission corrections for fission dosimeters and also to investigate the iron inelastic scattering problem by means of fission reaction rates in iron cylinders of varying thickness.

It is clear that the number of benchmarks and their significance for neutron dosimetry have increased in recent years, and more time should be allocated for discussion of these matters.

WORKSHOP ON LIGHT WATER REACTOR SURVEILLANCE DOSIMETRY

S. L. Anderson (Westinghouse) and R. de Wouters (Tractebel)

The Workshop on Light Water Reactor (LWR) Surveillance Dosimetry was attended by 15 participants. Discussions during the Workshop started with formal presentations by Roger de Wouters of Tractebel and Frank Walters of B&W Nuclear Service Company.

The talk by de Wouters described, in some detail, the use of Monte Carlo methods to predict LWR surveillance capsule and reactor vessel exposure. This talk was an in-depth expansion of a paper presented in an oral session at this conference [1]. The results of the work showed good agreement between the analytical approach and available methods. In addition to the description of the analysis and subsequent comparison to measurements, there were fairly extensive discussions regarding the uncertainty evaluations that were performed in conjunction with the calculations. In general, those present at the workshop were in agreement with the approach used in both the analysis itself and the uncertainty evaluations. However, it was noted by de Wouters that, as yet, the uncertainty analysis has not been accepted by the Belgian regulatory body. It was concluded by those present that regulatory acceptance of the uncertainty associated with LWR pressure vessel exposure predictions seems to be a global problem that is in need of resolution in the near future.

Frank Walters presented recent neutron dosimetry results obtained from the Davis Besse Unit 1 Reactor for the Babcock & Wilcox Owners Group Cavity Dosimetry Benchmark Experiment [2]. In particular, the results of beryllium helium accumulation fluence monitors (HAFMs) showed excellent consistency (standard deviations of about 1.8%) and agreement with calculations (adjusted E/C approximately 0.96), and, as a result, showed significant potential as neutron monitors in ex-vessel locations. The beryllium, in fact, had the lowest 1σ variation of any of the dosimetry used in the irradiation, with iron being the next best at 2.7%. Presentations of the B&WOG results were followed by a short discussion on the use of HAFMs, and beryllium in particular, for LWR surveillance and cavity dosimetry.

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WORKSHOP ON ADJUSTMENT METHODS, CROSS-SECTION FILES, AND UNCERTAINTIES

R. E. Maerker (ORNL) and M. Matzke (PTB)

The workshop was attended by 33 participants. The following topics were discussed.

Correlations and Uncertainties in Adjustment Procedures

R. E. Maerker (ORNL) presented several observations based on his experience with the LEPRICON adjustment code. First, he emphasized the crucial importance of the cross-correlation matrix between the PV group fluxes and dosimetry activities, stating that the larger these correlations, the more effective is the dosimetry in providing information on the PV fluxes. Second, he presented a table that illustrated another required property of any adjustment procedure. That is, that comparisons between two sets of PV adjusted fluxes, each starting with a different cross-section library in the calculation of the prior fluxes should be in virtual agreement both for the values of the adjusted fluxes, as well as their uncertainties. This agreement verifies that the magnitudes of the adjustments is still within the range of linearity of the sensitivities. Lastly, Dr. Maerker demonstrated with his HB Robinson power reactor calculations the adequacy of a simplified one-dimensional transport scaling procedure to quantify the effects of cross-section changes on three-dimensional LWR transport calculations.

Simultaneous Adjustment of Neutron and Gamma-Ray Spectra

I. Remec (ORNL) reported on his determination of the neutron spectrum in his HFIR calculations. He pointed out that at distances of the order of 100 cm from the core he observed discrepancies up to a factor of 20 between calculated and measured reaction rates for some dosimeters such as Be, Np, and U. These alarming discrepancies could be explained by photofission and photoneutron reactions that dominate the measured reaction rates due to the presence of an intense gamma-ray flux at these larger distances. To remove the discrepancies, Dr. Remec introduced correction factors to take into account the photonuclear reactions. In a second step, he performed a simultaneous adjustment of the neutron and photon fluxes, using the LSLM2 code of Fred Stallmann, based on the reaction rates of 69 measured activities of gamma-ray and neutron reactions. This simultaneous adjustment resulted in good agreement between measured and adjusted reaction rates. Dr. Remec concluded that in HFIR, at the larger penetration distances, the gamma-ray induced displacement in iron might well be higher than the corresponding neutron-induced displacement component.

IRDF-File and NMF-File

H. Nolthenius (ECN-Petten) gave a comparison of results from adjustments using the codes of the NMF-90 package and the IRDF-90 library. The NMF package was previously introduced at the Seventh ASTM-Euratom symposium in Strasbourg, and contains computer codes, cross-sections, and measured reaction rates in six benchmark fields defined in the REAL84 and 88 exercises [1,2]. Dr. Nolthenius displayed fluence and uncertainty results that he obtained from three adjustment codes of the package (STAYS'L, MIEKE, and LSL). The results indicate that there are no serious errors in the IRDF-90 [3] dosimetry cross-

section file or in the adjustment codes, although several small errors in the file should be repaired. It was also recommended that contributions from experts be directed towards updating the covariance matrices in the NMF data.

Bonner Spheres

A. V. Alevra (PTB-Germany) reported on his determination [4] of response matrices for Bonner Spheres in the range of 0 to 20 in. (0 to 50 cm) in diameter. He also reported the comparison of MCNP [5] calculations with measured monoenergetic neutron beam data. Although comparison with thermal incident beams indicates very good agreement, there remains a discrepancy of about 10% between measurement and calculation at most of the nonthermal energies used for calculation. If, by scaling, this discrepancy is removed, a discrepancy in the thermal region appears. In the ensuing discussion, it was suggested that there be an investigation into whether or not the effects of chemical binding of the carbon and hydrogen molecules in the polyethylene thermal neutron cross-section data were included in the MCNP calculation.

General Discussion

Additional discussions on several other topics then took place. M. Tichy (IRD-Prague) reported on response matrices for NE213 detectors and emphasized that good response matrices for both gamma-ray induced as well as neutron-induced scintillations are now available. He pointed out that the light output curve, as a function of energy, is non-linear for the higher electron energies. J. Williams (University of Arizona) and J. Helm (Columbia University) discussed the interpretation of small Chi-squared values, and Dr. Williams mentioned that, in his opinion, there is an inconsistency in the use of the normalization option in adjustment codes that do not simultaneously change the covariance input. He also suggested that Chi-squared is not a sufficient indicator for testing the consistency of input covariance data when the number of measurements to be adjusted is large.

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WORKSHOP ON RADIATION DAMAGE CORRELATIONS

A. L. Lowe, Jr. (B&W Nuclear Service Co.) and A. Alberman (CEA-Saclay)

This workshop was attended by 16 people. The workshop opened with a statement that it would deal with experimental work and data and not address the role of exposure units, since exposure units were the subject of another workshop.

Dr. A. Alberman (CEA-Saclay) suggested that any future radiation damage support programs address two parallel considerations to ensure obtaining reliable and well-characterized data that will produce acceptable correlations. Briefly, the correlations are outlined as follows:

1. *Physics-Dosimetry*—Experimental irradiations of reference materials such as model alloy and damage monitors to characterize neutron field effects.
2. *Metallurgy*—Studies of well-characterized material in carefully controlled environments to evaluate the interaction processes.

Currently, experiments are in progress at Saclay to identify if displacements per atom (dpa) is a better parameter for characterizing radiation damage in pressure vessel materials than the currently used fluence parameter, $E > 1\text{MeV}$ [1].

Dr. R. McElroy (AEA-Harwell) stated that damage correlations require careful evaluation of both experimental data and physical processes. He presented trend curve evaluations that indicate the role of identifiable physical processes. Of primary consideration is the condition of the matrix copper as related to neutron radiation damage of steels [2].

New research techniques such as FIM, TEM, and SANS, along with the use of model alloys (Fe, Cu) contribute to this advanced understanding of the role of copper in irradiation damage of reactor vessel materials.

Physical properties other than Charpy impact energy may provide better correlations of irradiation damage as was demonstrated by an evaluation of yield strength versus irradiation damage behavior.

The role of irradiation temperature on irradiation damage was reviewed with a stated need that the data bases contain a better-defined irradiation temperature base [3].

Dr. W. McElroy (CTS-Richland) discussed the potential impact of dose rate as reviewed at the workshop in Atlantic City. This effect may be material condition dependent and exposure time related [4–8].

Mr. T. Lewis (Nuclear Electric–Berkeley) expressed support for use of dpa in developing correlation PV. Experience showed that for correlation of Magnox Reactor steels, the use of dpa was far superior to fluence ($E > 1\text{MeV}$). This result was attributed to the very different spectra from various surveillance positions. A question: If dpa works for Magnox reactors, why won't it work for correlations in light water reactors?

The role of gamma field on irradiation damage was discussed [9]. In specific neutron fields such as HFIR [10] or D_2O reflectors [11], the role of gamma field should be considered along with thermal neutron displacements [12] in modeling of irradiation damage.

Recommendations based on the just mentioned discussions are:

1. There is a need for better materials characterization using advanced metallurgical techniques (that is, FIM, TEM, SANS, and so forth) for all materials used in irradiation studies.
2. There is a need for further experimental programs to evaluate the following parameters:

- (a) sensitivity of materials to the neutron energy spectrum;
- (b) environmental control, especially the role of temperature; and
- (c) material condition.

3. There is a need for complete documentation of material condition and irradiation environment including measured data and analysis.

Finally, concern was expressed as to whether or not it would be possible to obtain answers to the many problems identified because of the high cost of performing test reactor irradiation studies and the reluctance of utilities and regulators to fund such programs.

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WORKSHOP ON DOSIMETRY FOR IRRADIATION FACILITIES AT TEST AND RESEARCH REACTORS

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The subject of this workshop covered a wide variation of neutron sources, starting from the conventional ²⁵²Cf source, used for calibration purposes, via reactors of different sizes with and without shielding, to high-energy neutron sources. Consequently, this variety leads

to a diversity of characterization methods depending on specific characteristics such as neutron flux and neutron energy spectrum. Specialists were invited to give presentations on their experiences in the particular fields that were discussed. Due to insufficient time, high-energy neutron sources received less attention than is necessary to cover these types of sources.

C. Eisenhauer (NIST) gave a survey of the different corrections, due to neutron scattering, for the calibration of neutron instruments with the ^{252}Cf source at NIST. In addition, A. Alevra (PTB, Germany) mentioned the same type of work at PTB. Discussed was whether the measured uncertainties of the calibration procedure contribute significantly to the restricted accuracy of the neutron counter.

M. Flanders (White Sands) gave a survey of the neutron spectra at different locations around the White Sands Missile Range Reactor. The calculated spectra were adjusted with the results from activation foils. The influence of housing of the reactor, especially the borated floor, was mentioned. The different spectra were analyzed with regard to their impact on the damage produced in silicon. The calculations were focused only on neutrons.

Dr. Alevra gave a survey of the results of a benchmark investigation with different types of neutron monitors in Europe, including Bonner Spheres [1]. The various techniques are used to characterize the neutron spectra in the environment of reactors, fuel storage arrays, hospital radiotherapy facilities, and so forth. M. Stanka (U.S. Army Pulse Radiation Facility) gave a survey of his experience with measurements at the APRF. He described the application of the rotating spectrometer (ROSPEC) [2]. Restrictions in use and the used method for analysis were discussed. W. Voorbraak (ECN-Petten) gave an analysis of the restrictions that are present if neutron metrology has to be performed under conditions that are not attractive for neutron metrology such as long irradiation periods, fluences up to 10^{22} cm^{-2} , elevated temperatures, and lack of space for extended monitor sets, including covers. C. Heimbach (Aberdeen Proving Ground) explained the use of diodes and transistors in neutron fluences up to 10^{16} cm^{-2} . He showed a survey of response regions in relation to the conventional activation monitors [3].

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