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Issues and Modeling of Fission Product in HTGR at KAERI

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I. Nuclear Hydrogen Projects

■ Nuclear Hydrogen Key Technologies Development Project

- Develop Key and Basic Technologies for NHDD Project
- 12 Year National R&D Program supported by MEST
- Launched in 2006

■ NHDD* Project

- Design, Construct and Demonstrate Nuclear Hydrogen System
- 16 Year National Project supported by MEST, MKR and Industry
- Expected to start in 2010 or after

NHDD: Nuclear Hydrogen Development and Demonstration

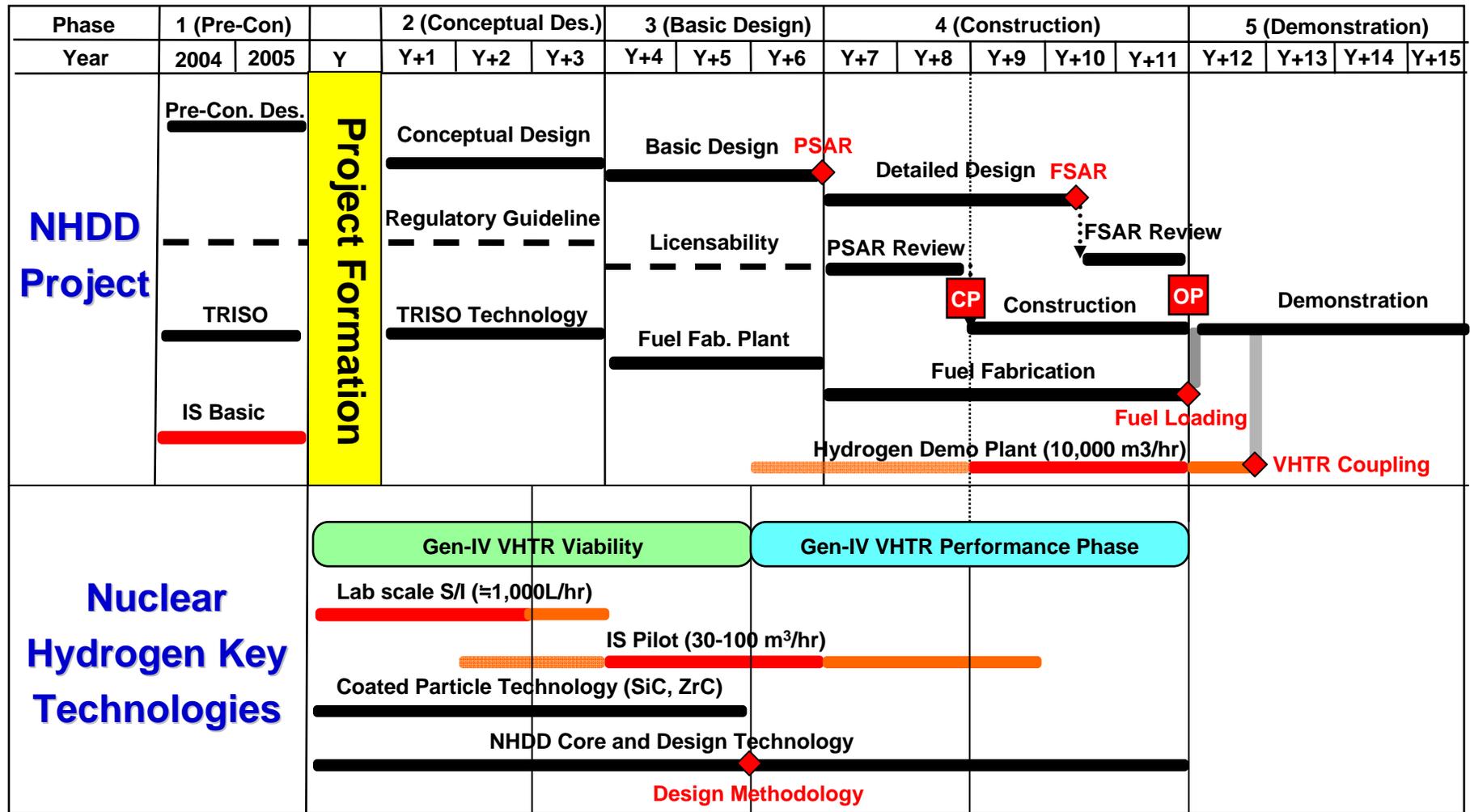
MEST: Ministry of Education, Science and Technology

MKR: Ministry of Knowledge and Economy



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Project Milestones



Nuclear Hydrogen System

■ NHDD System: Scaled-Down Demo. Plant ($\sim 200\text{MW}_{\text{th}}$)

- VHTR dedicated to Hydrogen Production

- ◆ VHTR Options

- Prismatic
 - Pebble

- ◆ Operating Conditions

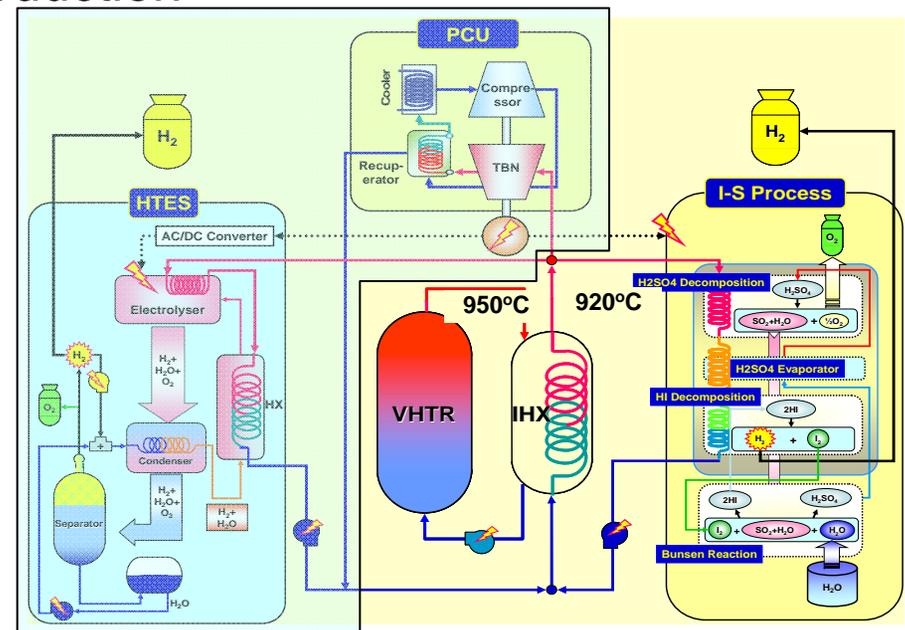
- $T_{\text{out}} = 950^{\circ}\text{C}$

- Intermediate Loop Options

- ◆ Gas: He, $\text{N}_2\text{-He}$, ...
 - ◆ Molten Salt

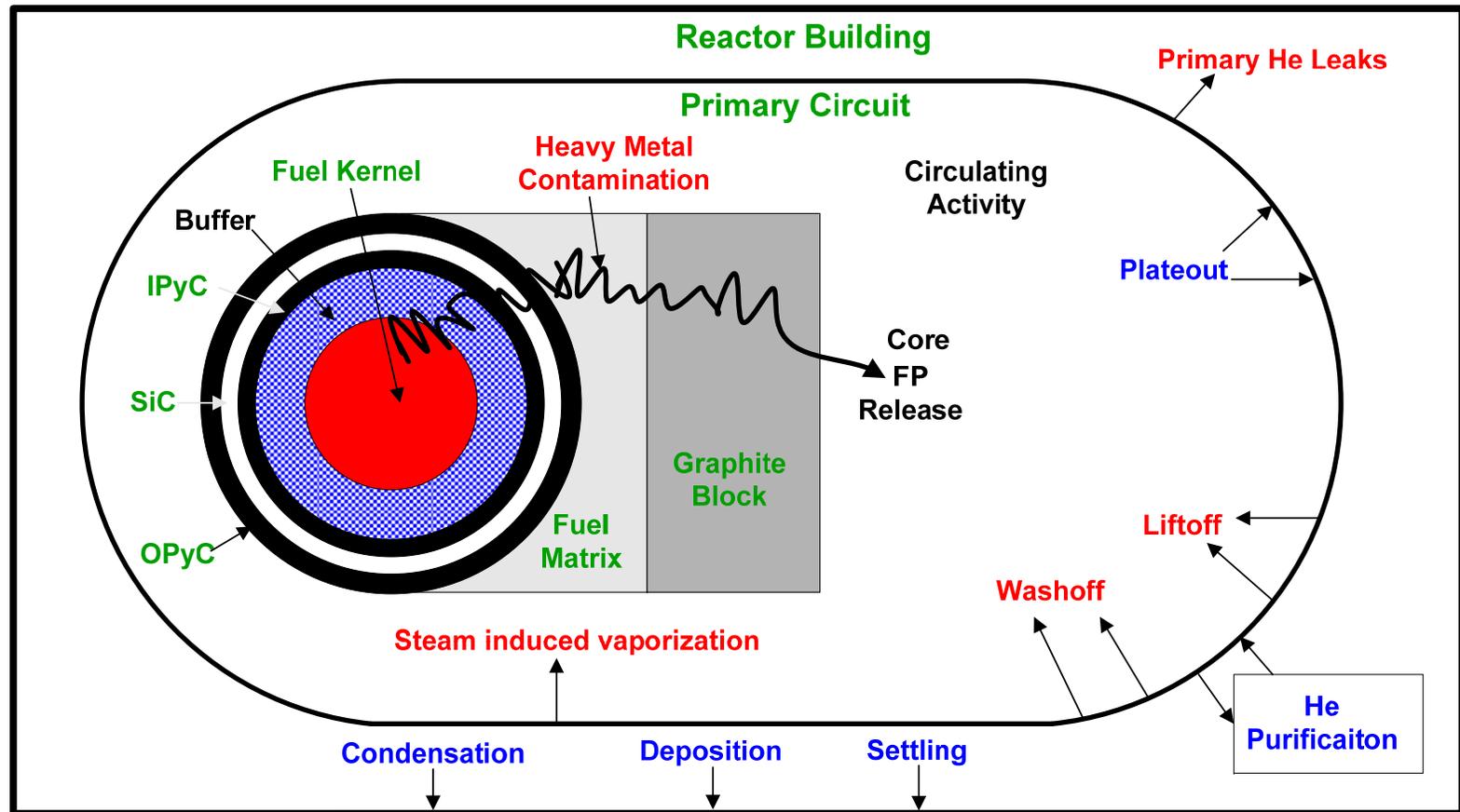
- Hydrogen Production Options

- ◆ Iodine-Sulfur Thermo-Chemical
 - ◆ High Temperature Electrolysis (TBD)

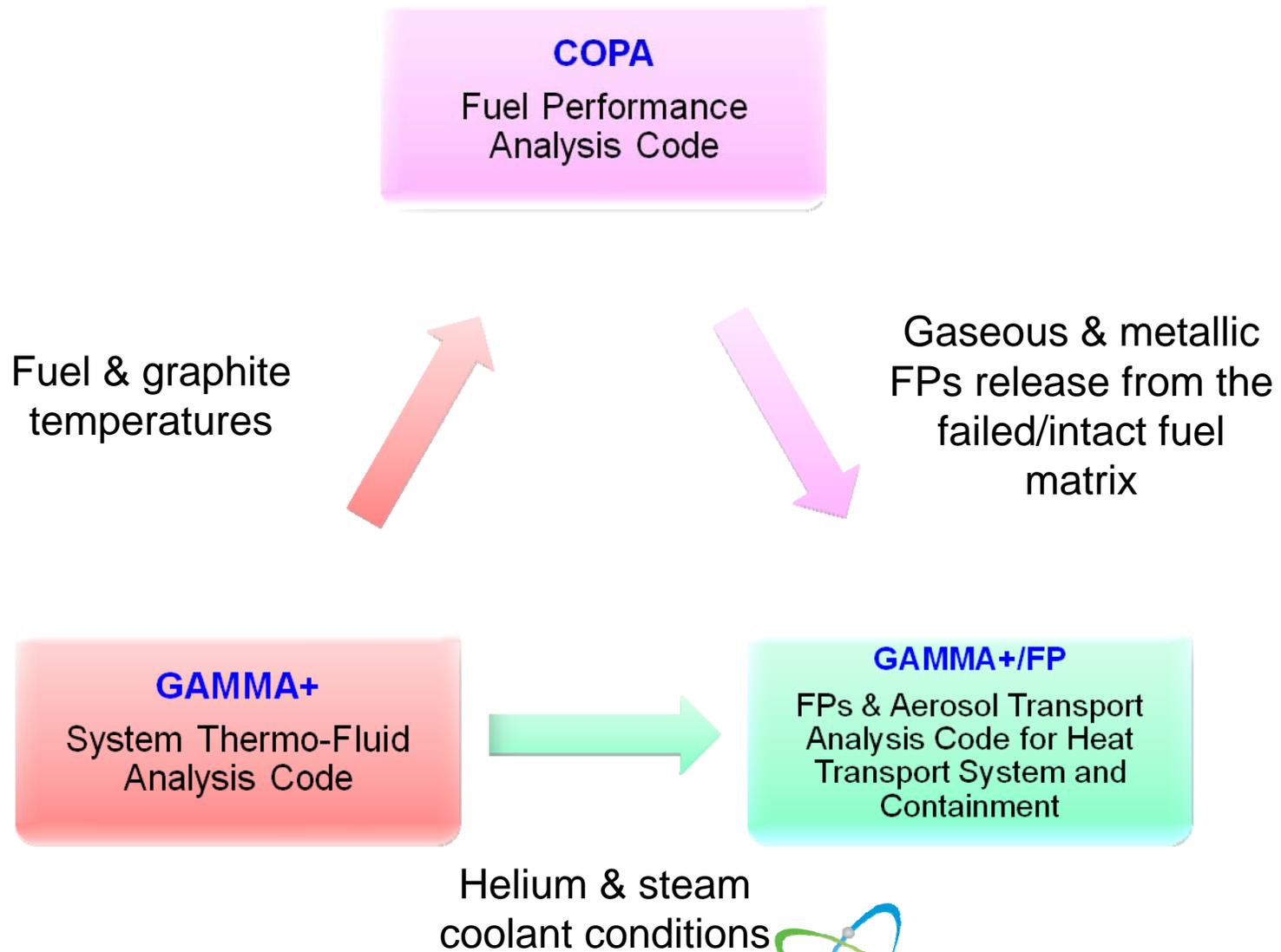


II. Activities on FP Modeling in HTGR

Radionuclide Behaviors in VHTR



FPs & Aerosol Analysis Schematics



FP Transport & Deposition (I)

■ Fission Product Sources

- COPA code to treat gaseous & metallic FP releases from intact/failed TRISO particles and graphite matrix

■ FP Transport Model in coolant and plate-out on the surface (GAMMA+/FP)

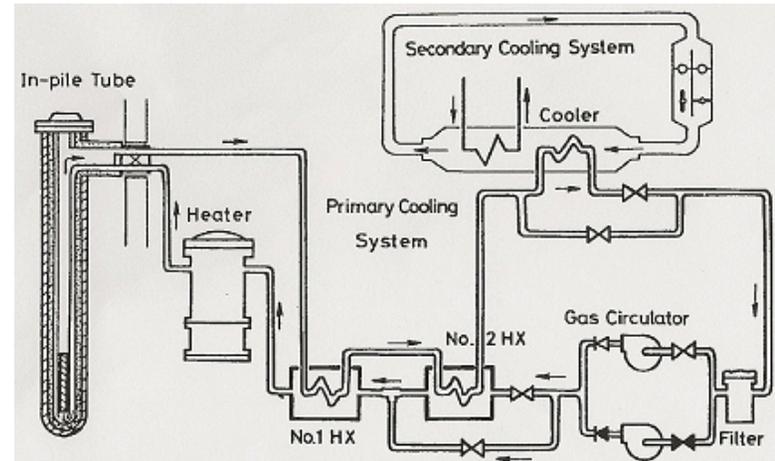
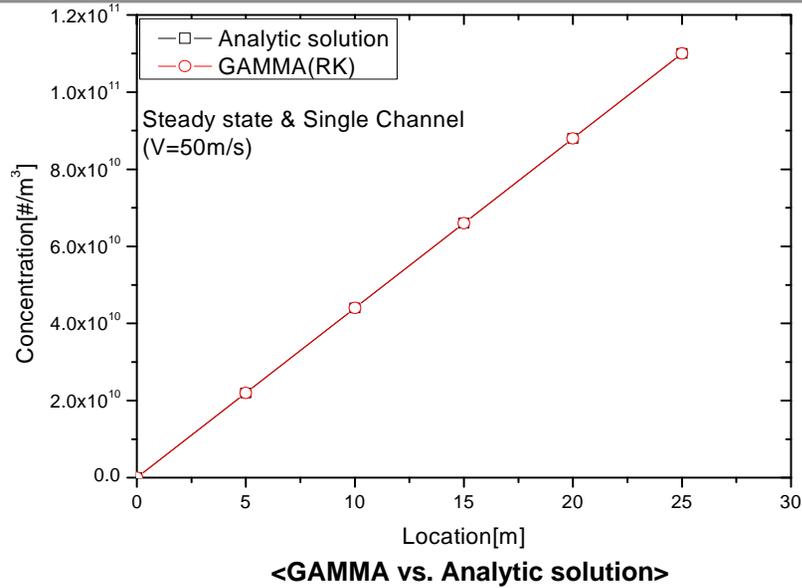
- Analysis Method
 - ◆ General species equation – source, decay and transport
 - ◆ Deposition - Sorption Isotherm
- Numerics - Fractional step method
 - ◆ Embedded Runge-Kutta in Control Volume
 - ◆ Implicit scheme for Transport between CVs

■ MELCOR-GCR FP Model Development

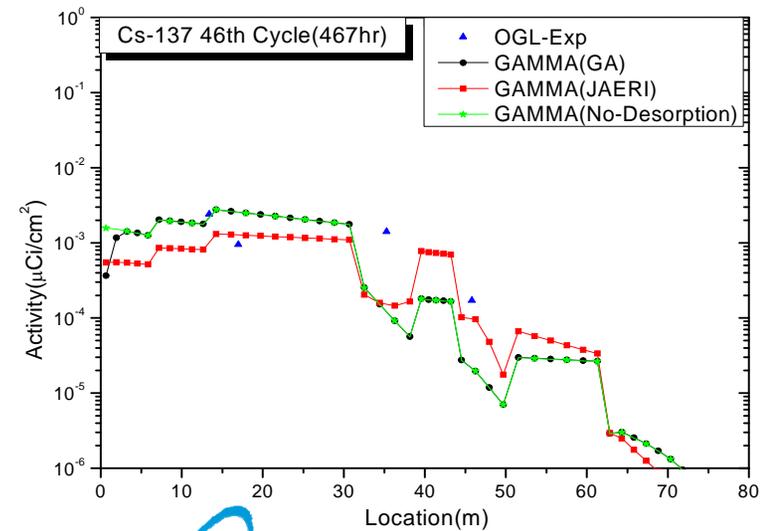
■ Validation & Verification

- Analytic solution (Numerical test)
- JAEA OGL experiment (JAERI)
- VAMPYR experiment (FZJ)

FP Transport & Deposition (I)



Time(s)	Analytic	GAMMA(RK)	Crank-Nicholson	Error(%) (GAMMA/C.N)
0	0	0	0	0
5	22000000000	22000000000	21905083172	0 / 0.43
10	44000000000	44000000000	43810166343	0 / 0.43
15	66000000000	66000000000	65715249515	0 / 0.43
20	88000000000	88000000000	87620332687	0 / 0.43
25	110000000000	110000000000	109525415858	0 / 0.43



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FP Aerosol Behavior (II)

■ FP Aerosol Behavior

- Treatment of FP aerosols and Dust in primary circuit and containment
- Models for each aspect of aerosol behavior
 - ◆ Nucleation and growth, agglomeration, deposition, resuspension
- Analysis Method
 - ◆ Current option - Based on MAEROS model (F. Gelbard, 1980)
 - Evolution of aerosol size and chemical composition distribution
 - Coagulation, condensation, particle source and removal
 - ◆ Future option – CHARM model (C.J. Wheatley, 1988)
 - Better for rapidly changing transient conditions

■ Validation & Verification

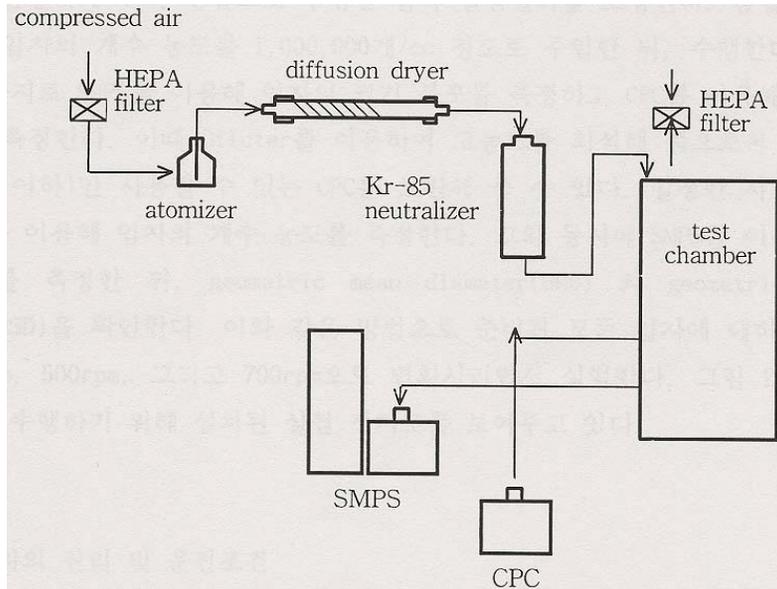
- Nuclear aerosol experiment (K.W.Lee et al., 2002)

FP Aerosol Behavior (II)

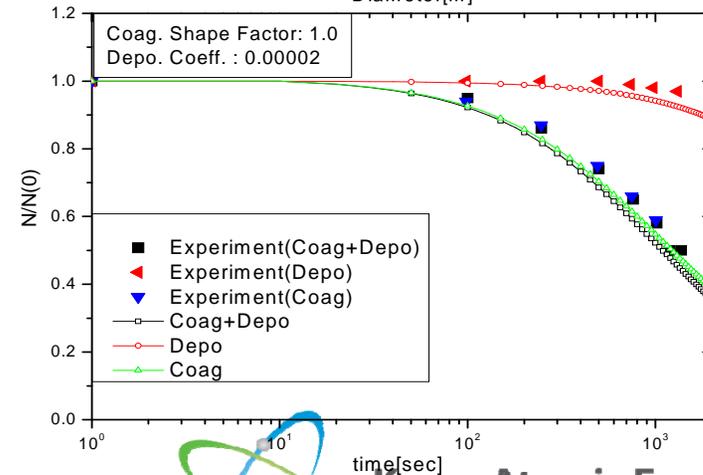
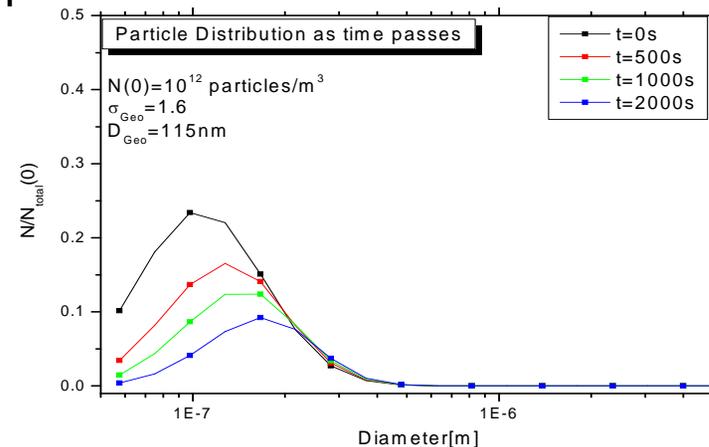
■ Nuclear Aerosol Experiment (K.W.Lee et al., 2002)

● Objective

◆ Validation of coagulation and deposition model



<Nuclear Aerosol Experiment, K.W.Lee (2002)>



III. International Collaborations

■ GIF VHTR SSC (System Steering Committee)

- Computational Method Validation and Benchmarks (CMVB) Project
 - WP4 : Chemistry and Transport
 - . Air Ingress for NACOK block and pebble
 - . Radionuclide Transport and Plate-out
 - . Tritium Transport and Code
 - . Graphite Dust Production (transportation) and Characteristics
- Fuel and Fuel Cycle Project
- Material Project
- Hydrogen Production Tech. and Nuclear Process Heat Appl. Project

■ IAEA CRP

■ I-NERI between U.S. DOE and MEST in Korea

■ Bilateral Agreement with GA, INET, PBMR, JAEA

IV. Further Works in FP Area

■ Development of FP Transport & Deposition Model

- Validation & Verification of GAMMA+/FP Code
 - Improvement of FP module to predict the plate-out behavior : Diffusion Coefficient, Surface Condition
 - Acquisition of proper experimental data
- Improvement of MELCOR FP Model for HTGR
 - Important parameters are identified and various experimental data are required to adjust parameters.
 - Is it sufficient to predict the plate-out phenomena with “Vapor Condensation Model” in MELCOR?

■ Development of Aerosol/Dust Transport Model

- Just in Progress, with Preparation of GAMMA+/FP/MEROS
- Characterization of graphite dust and its Behavior

Appendix I

Development of Analytical Model for the Fission Product Plate-out

- Introduction
- General Theory & Physical Models
- Numerics
- VAMPYR-I Experiment for Code Validation
- Results
- Conclusions

Introduction

■ Objective

- Development of analysis module for fission products (FPs) transport and plate-out behavior in a gas cooled system for VHTR applications
- To find out major factors contributing to overall uncertainties in predicting the plate-out phenomena

■ Background

- FP transport and plate-out phenomena has been an important safety issue for VHTR to be demonstrated, but there is no suitable analysis tool to be applied in Korea
- Need to develop integrated safety analysis module which can be applied to various reactor conditions

General Theory & Physical Models

■ What's plate-out?

- Accumulation of atoms or molecules onto the adsorbent's surface by either chemical or physical attraction (=adsorption)
- The prediction is quite challenging due to various uncertain factors

■ Plate-out Mechanism in a Gas Cooled System

- Dominant removal mechanism for the condensable FPs
- Large influence on the shielding design of the gas-cooled system (i.e., shielding materials, planning of maintenance works)
- In a depressurization accident, plated out FPs would be forced to re-entrain or lift off



Accurate prediction is required for the plate-out distributions!!

General Theory & Physical Models

■ Governing Equations

- 3 regions (i.e., coolant bulk, thin boundary layer, structural surface) are used to model the FP transport and plate-out
- Mass conservation throughout the coolant and surface region for each species, k

$$\frac{\partial C_k}{\partial t} = q_c - \lambda_k \cdot C_k + \frac{1}{A_z} \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left(A_z \cdot D_k \cdot \frac{\partial C_k}{\partial z} - A_z \cdot v_z \cdot C_k \right) + \frac{P_w}{A_z} \cdot h \cdot (B_k - C_k)$$

$$\frac{\partial S_k}{\partial t} = q_s - \lambda_k \cdot S_k - h \cdot (B_k - C_k)$$

K : Species

C : Bulk concentration in the coolant [m^{-3}]

S : Surface concentration [m^{-2}]

B : Concentration within boundary layer [m^{-3}]

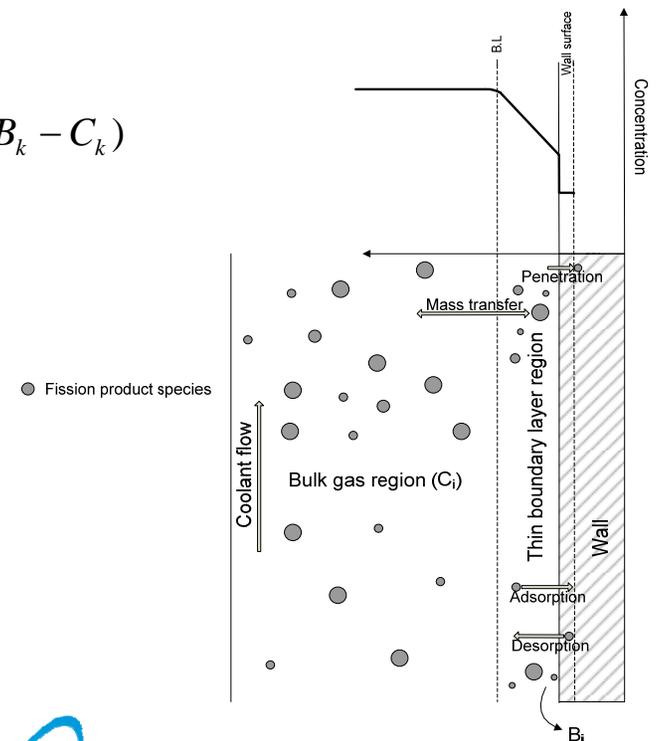
λ : Decay constant [s^{-1}]

h : Mass transfer coefficient [$m \ s^{-1}$]

q_c : Volumetric source rate [$m^{-3} \ s^{-1}$]

q_s : Surface source rate [$m^{-2} \ s^{-1}$]

D : Diffusion coefficient [$m^2 \ s^{-1}$]



General Theory & Physical Models

■ Sorption Models

- 2 equations & 3 unknowns
- Experimental forms of sorption isotherms are adopted in order to evaluate the B_k with ideal gas law (IAEA, 1997)
- Significant role in predicting FP behavior near the surface of components

$$B_k = \frac{N_A p_{B.L.}}{RT} \begin{cases} \rightarrow p_{B.L.} = \sum_{l=1}^3 b_l S_l^{n_l} & \text{(for cesium)} \\ \rightarrow p_{B.L.} = \frac{S_l}{a_l \cdot (K - S_l)} & \text{(for Iodine)} \end{cases}$$

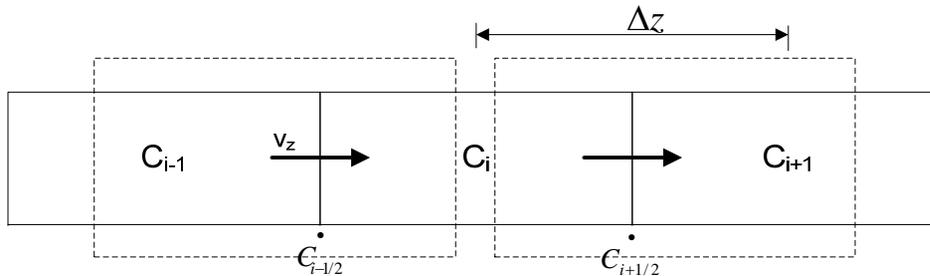
■ Diffusion & Mass Transfer Coefficient

- Diffusion coefficients based on kinematic theory or experiments (i.e., Chapman-Enskog, Fuller et al...)
- Heat and mass transfer analogy for the mass transfer coefficient

Numerics

■ Discretization

- Upwind scheme + Implicit manner in the staggered mesh layout (GAMMA+)



- Using different time advancement schemes to advance different terms (Fractional step method)

Step1

$$\frac{C_i^* - C_i^n}{\Delta t} = \dot{q}_c - \lambda_i \cdot C_i^* + \frac{P}{A_z} \cdot h \cdot (B_i - C_i^*)$$

$$\frac{S_i^* - S_i^n}{\Delta t} = \dot{q}_s - \lambda_i \cdot S_i^* + h \cdot (B_i - C_i^*)$$

Step2

$$\frac{C_i^{n+1} - C_i^*}{\Delta t} = \frac{1}{A_z} \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left(A_z \cdot D \cdot \frac{\partial C_i^{n+1}}{\partial z} - A_z \cdot v_z \cdot C_i^{n+1} \right)$$



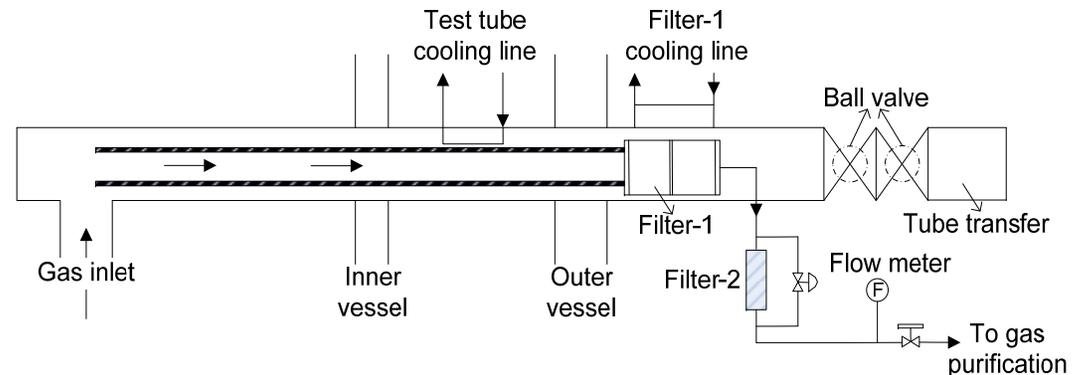
VAMPYR-I Experiment for Code Validation

■ VAMPYR-I Test Facility

- A hot gas sampling tube installed in the AVR reactor
- To investigate the deposition and diffusion profiles at various materials under laminar flow conditions
- Surface materials investigated were Ti, Cr-Mo, etc.

<Principal features of VAMPYR-I test facility>

Length [m]	2.2
Diameter [mm]	20
Flow rate [g/sec]	0.66
Pressure [MPa]	1.1
Temperature [°C]	80-900

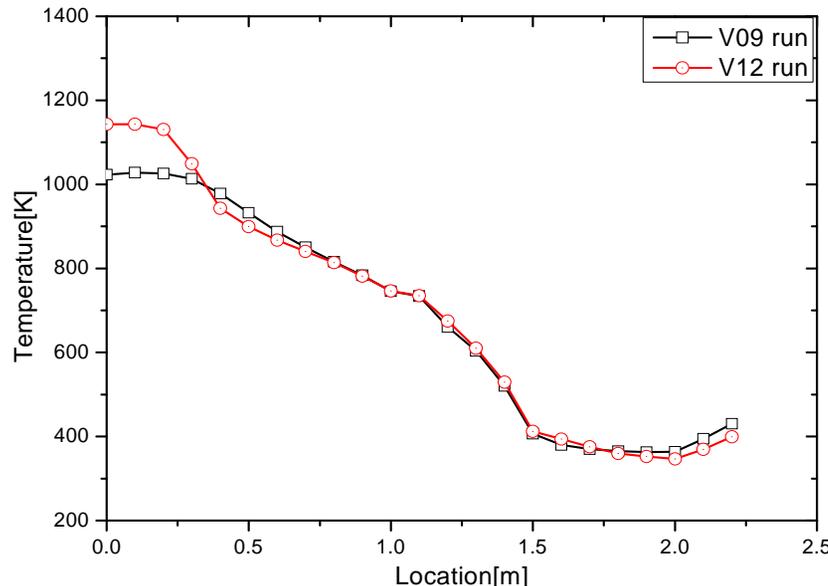


<A schematic illustration of VAMPYR-I>

VAMPYR-I Experiment for Code Validation

■ Experimental Conditions for Validation

- Experimental runs with sufficient and post experimental data
- Plate-out distributions for I-131 and Cs-137 have been investigated along the test tube
- Temperature profiles along the test tube



[IAEA, 1997; SAWA et, al., 1993]

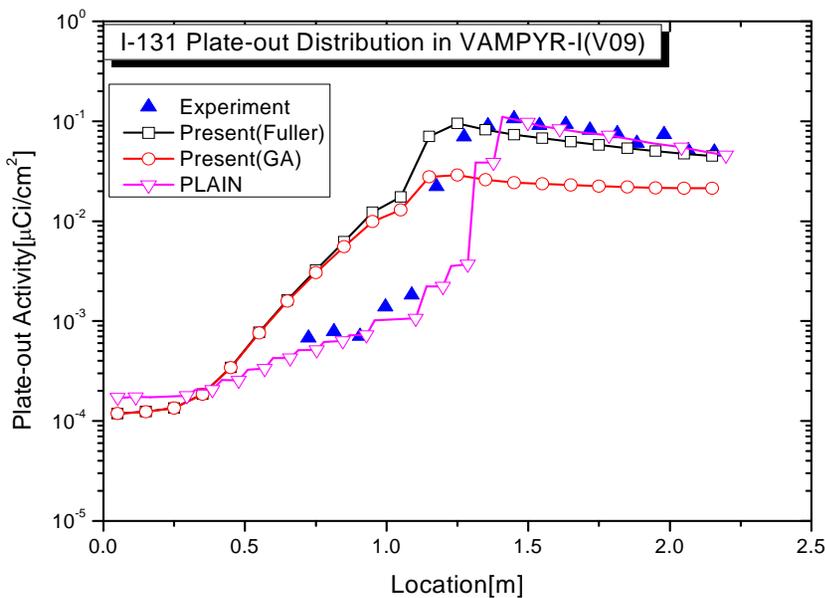


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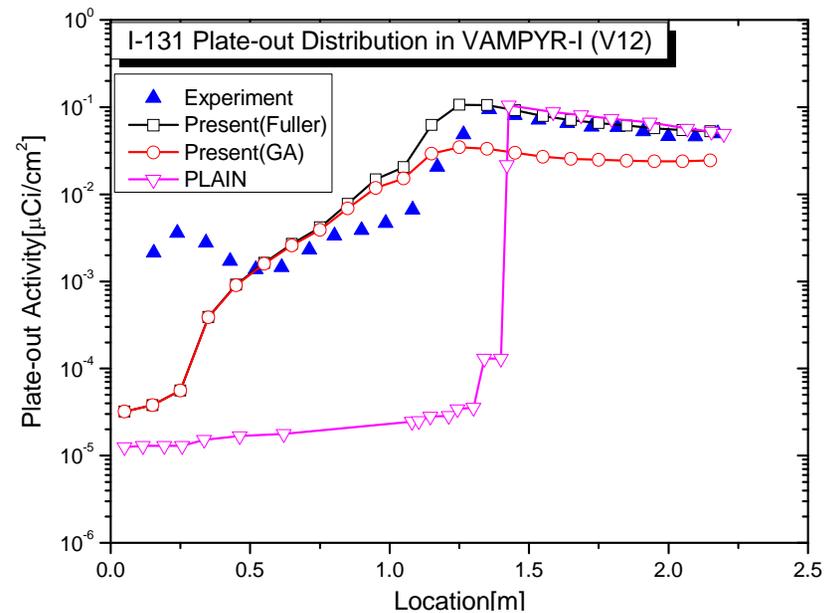
Results

■ Plate-out Distributions for I-131

- The plate-out is dominant over the lower temperature region
- Diffusion coefficient plays an key role in predicting the adsorption of I-131



<Plate-out activities for I-131 (V09)>

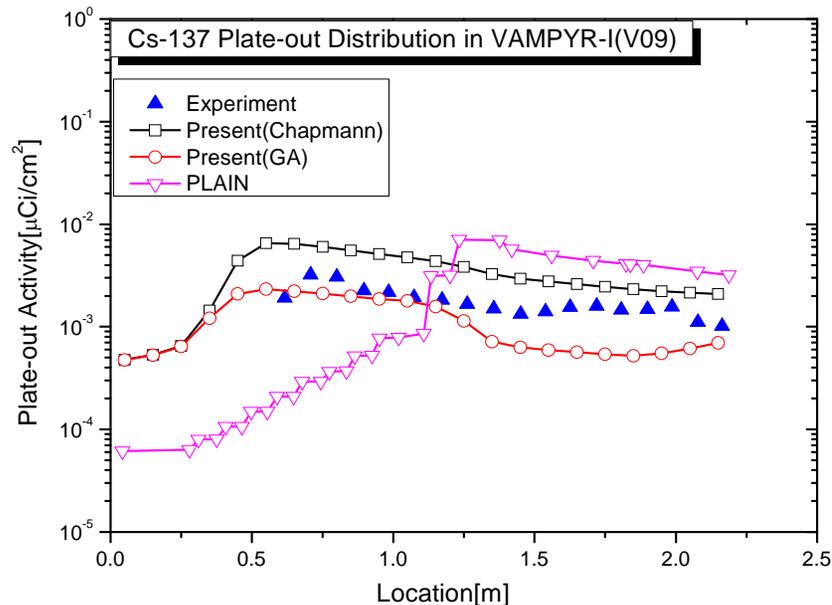


<Plate-out activities for I-131 (V12)>

Results

■ Plate-out Distributions for Cs-137

- Smaller dependency on the temperature profile than I-131
- The measured data are mainly located between the two results calculated by the two diffusion coefficient formulas.

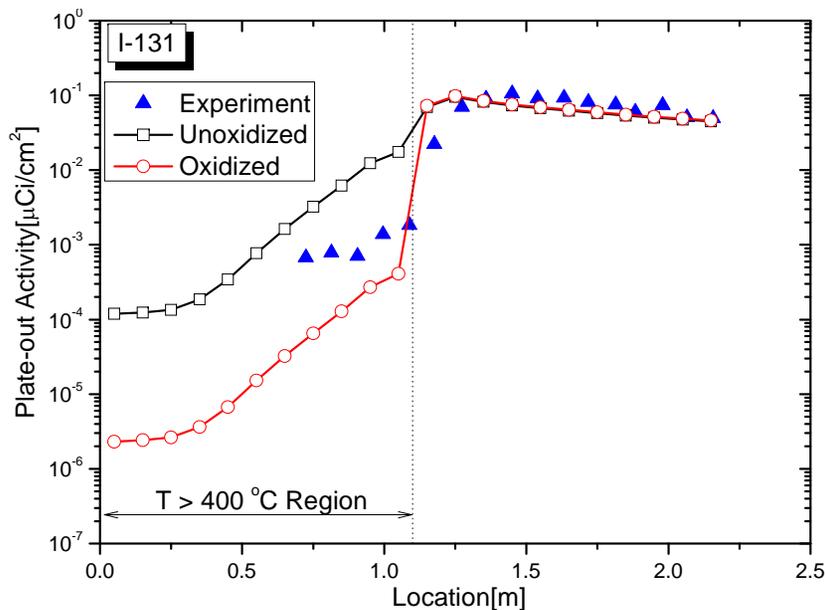


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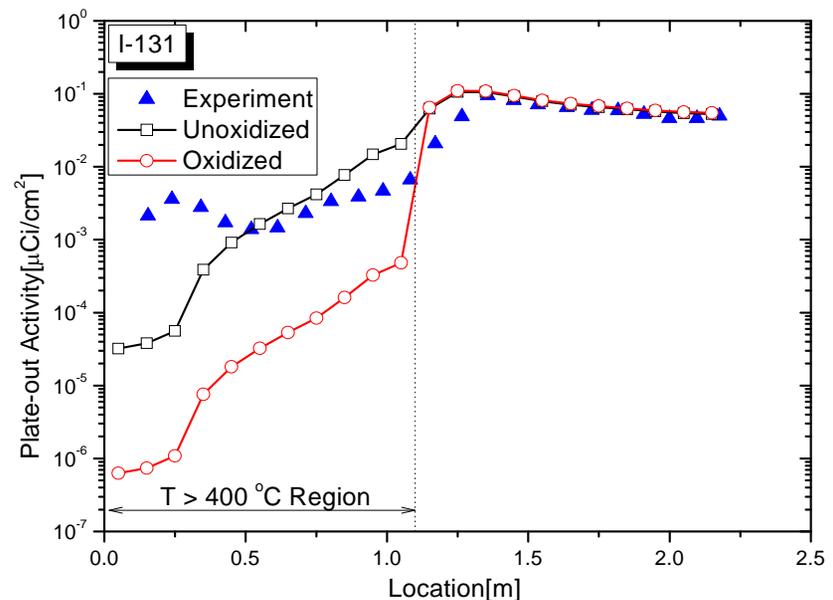
Results

■ Sensitivity Analysis for surface oxidation (I-131)

- Additional calculations for oxidized surface condition
- Oxide layer on the high temperature region dramatically reduces the deposition amount of I-131



<The effect of surface oxidation on I-131 plate-out (V09) >

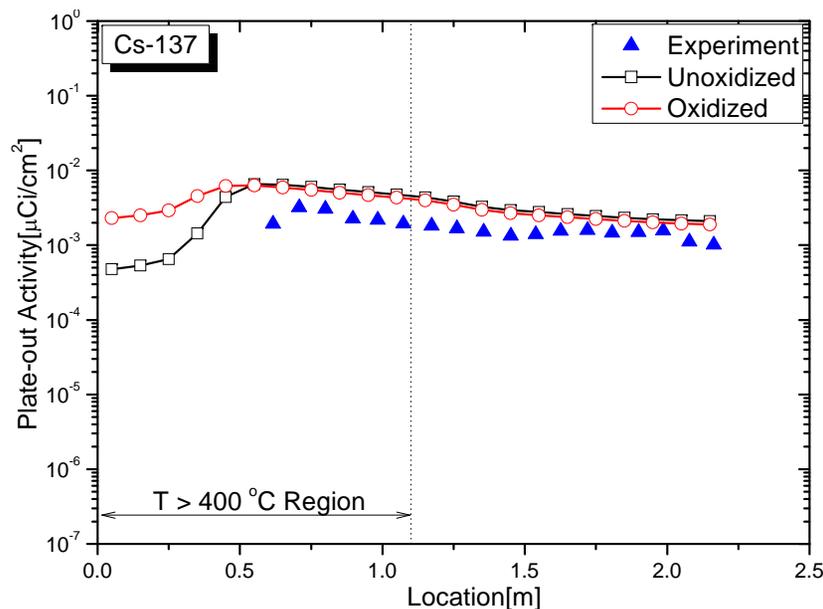


<The effect of surface oxidation on I-131 plate-out (V12) >

Results

■ Sensitivity Analysis for surface oxidation (Cs-137)

- Surface oxidation promotes the deposition of Cs-137 on the high temperature region
- Formation of chemical compound of Cs element in AVR?
[Moorman, 2008] → different desorption energy & diffusion coeff.



<The effect of surface oxidation on Cs-137 plate-out (V09) >

Conclusions (I)

- **A one-dimensional FP transport calculation module has been developed to predict the FP transport and plate-out behavior in a gas-cooled system**
- **The developed module has been applied to the experimental circuits of VAMPYR-I**
- **It was found that the module can describe the plate-out phenomena reasonably**
 - Overall differences between the prediction and the measurements are less than a few orders of magnitude
 - Such amount is comparable with the existing code, PLAIN
 - Various uncertain factors such as surface condition, dust effect, chemical forms, etc...

Conclusions (II)

- **Two meaningful factors on the plate-out phenomena were found through sensitivity analyses**
 - *Diffusion coefficient* was found to play an important role in predicting the adsorption of I-131 and Cs-137
 - *Surface conditions* of the coolant circuit can also be major source of the uncertainty in the prediction of the plate-out activity of I-131

- **Thus, the impacts from the surface oxidation condition as well as the diffusion coefficient have to be quantified in the prediction of the FP plate-out if there is no experimental evidence**

Appendix II

Modeling of the FP plate-out with MELCOR

- Objectives
- MELCOR for HTGR
- OGL Experiment for Code Validation
- Results of MELCOR Simulation
- Summary and Discussion

Objectives

- Improve MELCOR so that it can simulate the FP phenomena in a HTGR.
 - **Plate-out** H3 and Dust
- Current Models for Thermal hydraulic, Aerosol, FP release, transport and removal in MELCOR will provide the basic structure to “MELCOR for HTGR”

Phase-1 : Improve “plate-out” model

Phase-2 : Implement the function to simulate H3 behavior

Phase-3 : Application of aerosol model to the dust behavior

Phase-4 : Model Integration and V&V

Review of Current FP models

<i>Codes</i> <i>Model</i>	<i>MELCOR</i> <i>(SNL)</i>	<i>PADLOC</i> <i>(GA)</i>	<i>PLAIN</i> <i>(JNES)</i>
Time dependent data (T_g , P_g , dm/dt)	Code calcul	User input	User input
FP vapor source generation	Calcul / input	input	input
Number of components to be accounted	2 (Bulk Wall surface)	3 (Bulk Bound-layer Wall surface)	3 (Bulk Bound-layer Wall surface)
Decay during the transport	No	Yes	Yes
Adsorption/desorption on the wall	(No)	Yes	Yes
Mass transfer coefficient	Need Modify	Yes	Yes
Type of surface B.C	Only one (saturation)	3 types (Linear, Freundlich, Langumir)	Direct solve
Diffusion of 'Ag' atom into a metal	(No)	Yes	Yes

MELCOR model improvement is needed to simulate the “plate-out”

Estimation & Improvements of MELCOR for VHTGR

- Estimation and Improvement of “Vapor Condensation Model (=plate-out)” in MELCOR.
 - ① Effect of ‘new mass transfer coefficient’ being predicted from PADLOC code and the user defined “Lennard-Jones” values ($\sigma, \epsilon/\kappa$) on the plate-out
 - ② Effect of multi-nodalization of the regions (where the changes of gas temperature are rapid) on the amount and distribution of the plate-out
 - ③ Comparison of analytical solution for the plate-out between MELCOR and PADLOC.
 - ④ Derivation of new analytical solution that can consider the decay phenomena in calculating the plate-out and their numerical test.

- Each items has been assessed using OGL-1 test data.

Analysis Model for simulating the OGL-1 with MELCOR

Assumption

- The FP release rate was un-measured, therefore their rates were assumed arbitrary values and it was injected into the exit of core.
 - Cs-137 release rate= 1.0×10^{-11} kg/s [124 μ Ci/s]
 - I-131 release rate= 1.0×10^{-12} kg/s [0.87 μ Ci/s] were kept over the transient
- No chemical interaction between iodine & cesium during transport was assumed (Cs, I₂).
- Once through modeling, i.e. ; It was assumed that the released FPs was completely filtered at the end of circuit, i.e., the released FP can not be returned

Analysis Model

- The TH conditions such as pressure, temperature and flow velocities were followed as that of the OGL-1 test data.

Quick Review on the FP Condensation Model in MELCOR

For FP, k species

$$\frac{dM_a}{dt} + \sum_i \frac{dM_i}{dt} = 0$$

$$C_a V = M_a = \frac{\beta}{\alpha} - \left(\frac{\beta}{\alpha} - M_a(0) \right) e^{-\alpha \Delta t}$$

$$\frac{dM_i}{dt} = A_i K_i (C_a - C_i^s)$$

solution



$$M_i = M_{i,0} + \frac{A_i k_i}{V} \left(\frac{\beta}{\alpha} - M_i^s \right) \Delta t - \frac{A_i k_i}{V} \left(\frac{\beta}{\alpha} - M_{a,0} \right) \left(\frac{1 - e^{-\alpha \Delta t}}{\alpha} \right)$$

HS package
mass transfer of steam through air



$$K_{HS} = Sh D_{st,a} / L_c$$

mass transfer of FP 'k' to surface 'i' through bulk gas 'g'

$$K_i = K_{HS} \frac{D_{k,g}}{D_{st,a}} = Sh \frac{D_{k,g}}{L_c}$$

Mass diffusivity of 'k' in bulk gas mixture 'g'

$$D_{k,g} = \frac{1 - y_k}{\sum_n (y_n / D_{k,n})}$$

where y_k = mole number of FP k, y_n = mole number of gas n (n=He)
 $D_{k,n}$ = binary diffusivity of FP k in gas n

$$D_{k,n} = 0.0018583 \frac{[T^3 (M_k^{-1} + M_n^{-1})]^{1/2}}{P \sigma_{kn}^2 \Omega_{D,kn}}$$

$$\sigma_{k,n} = (\sigma_k + \sigma_n) / 2$$

$$\epsilon_{k,n} = \sqrt{\epsilon_k \epsilon_n}$$

Saturation concentration of FP 'k' on the surface 'i' temperature

$$C_i^s = \frac{P(T_i) M_w}{RT_i}$$

Vapor pressure for FP 'k'

$$\log_{10}(P) = -A/T + B + C \log_{10}(T)$$

Recalculation of the diffusion coefficient ($D_{k,g}$) of FP, k

■ From PADLOC code

Refer: PADLOC code manual, GA-A14401 UC-77, appendix-A

$$D_{k,g} = 0.1682 \left(\frac{T_c}{1000} \right)^{1.65} \left(\frac{23.83}{P_g} \right) \sqrt{\frac{1}{M_k} + 0.25} \cdot 0.257$$

where D = FP diffusion coefficient in He [cm^2/s]

T_c = He gas temperature [k]

P_g = He pressure [atm]

M = fission product molecular weight [g/mol]

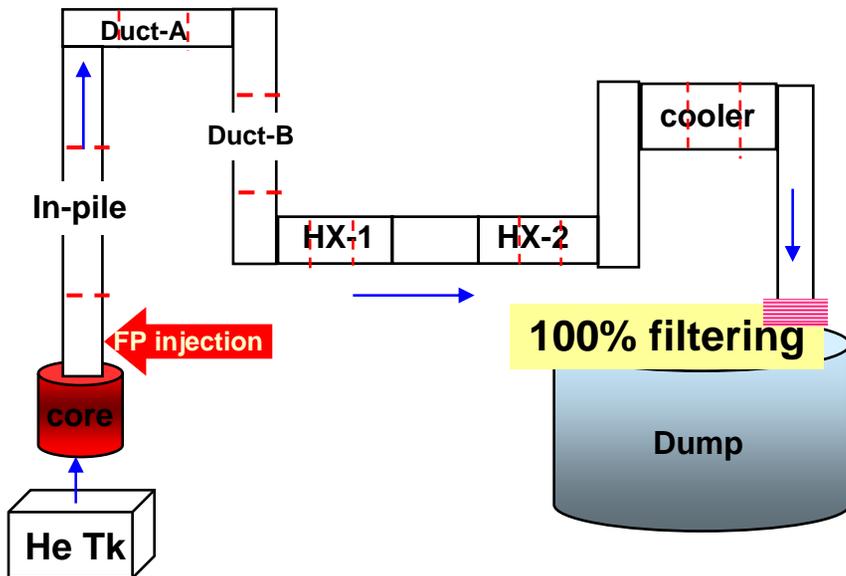
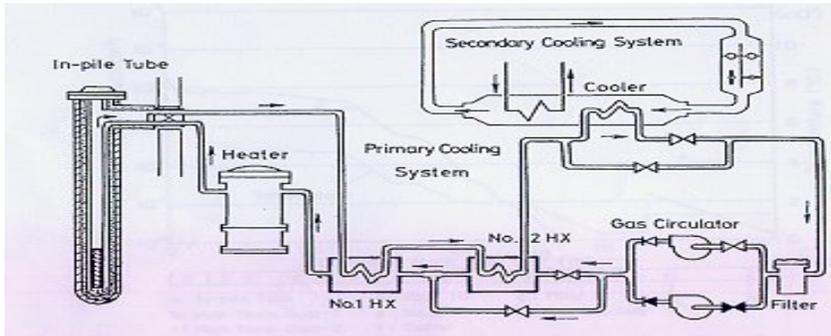
■ To predict the FP vapor diffusivity under high temperature (SC7111)

- Now, “ Lennard-Jones ” values in MELCOR are limited to some FP such as Xe, I₂, I₂ ($\sigma = 4.982$, $\epsilon/k = 550.0$) [1]
- In this study, the LJ values for Cs ($\sigma = 4.764$, $\epsilon/k = 842.157$) came from [2]
- LJ values for FP under high temperature more than 1000 K are rare.

[1]: R. Byron Bird, “Transport Phenomena”, John Wiley & Sons, Inc, 1960, pp 744-745.

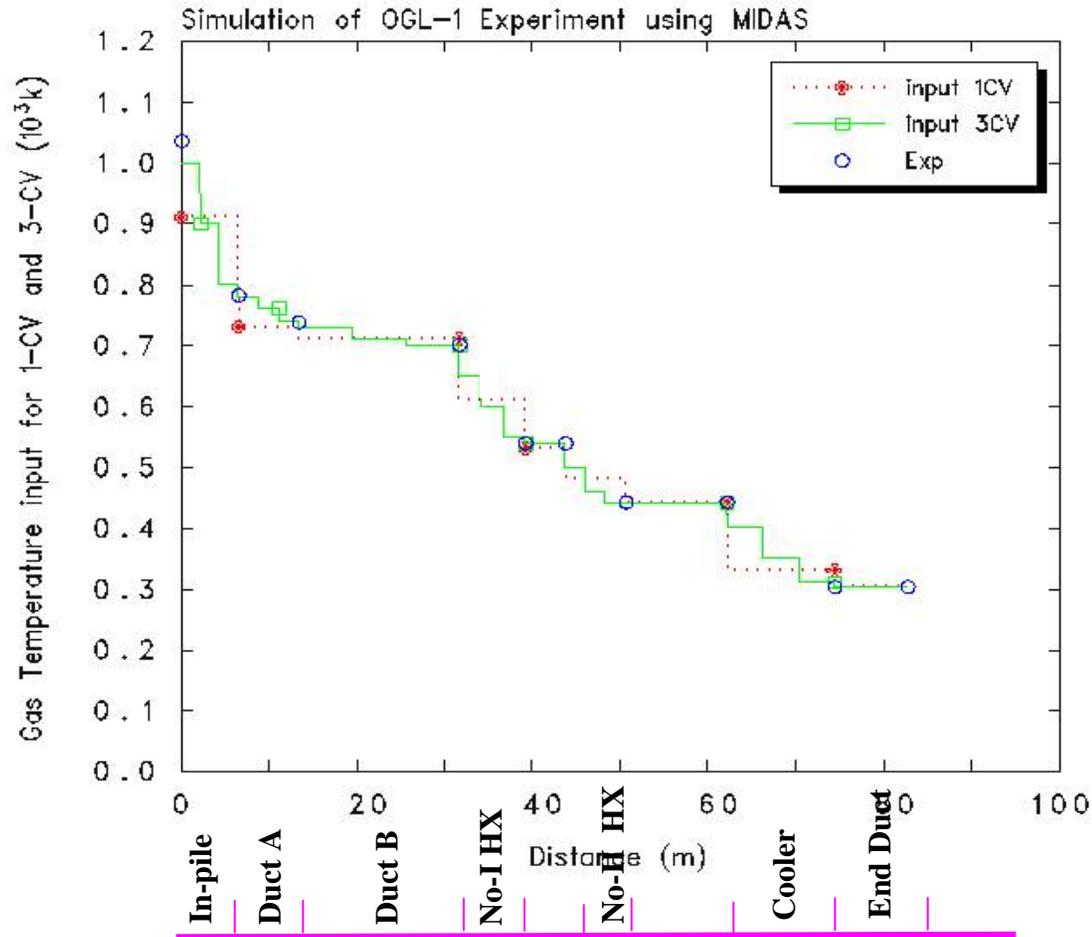
[2]: J. chem. phys. 126, 014302 (2007), “hard-wall potential function for transport properties of alkali metal vapors”

OGL-1 Experiment



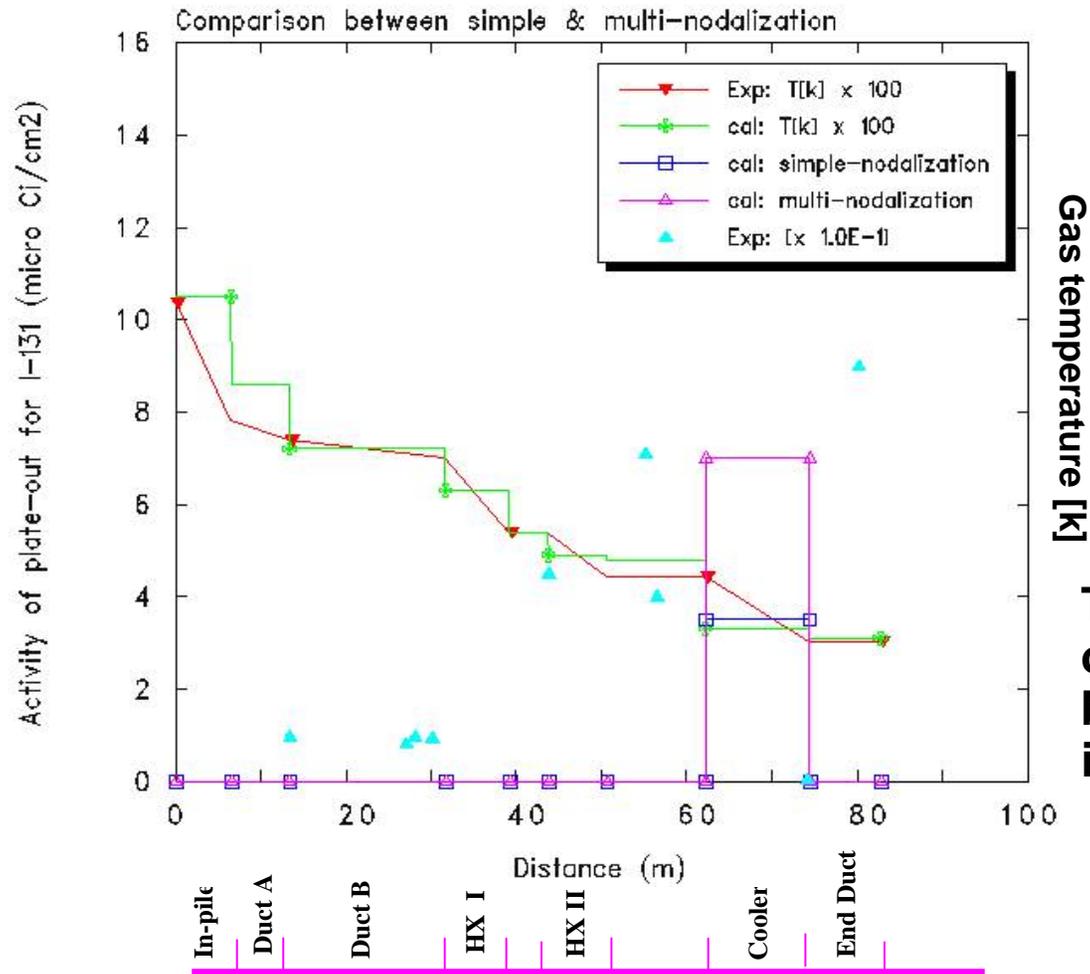
- ✓ OGL-1 experimental facility is in the JMTR in JAERI.
 - study on the FP behavior in the primary circuit in HTGR (plate-out)
- ✓ Total experimental circuit was about 100 m
- ✓ The measurement was done after 500 hr operation.
- ✓ The system pressure was 3 Mpa.
- ✓ The helium injection rate was 45 g/s for cycle-47.
- ✓ The flow velocity was in the range from 10 to 60 m/s.
- ✓ FPs were released from fuel (TRISO-II) but their rate were not measured.

Input of Circuit Temperature B.C by multi-nodalization



The circuit temperature have effect on the amount of plate-out and its distribution.

Effect of multi-nodalization on the I¹³¹ plate-out for OGL-1 experiment (cycle-47)

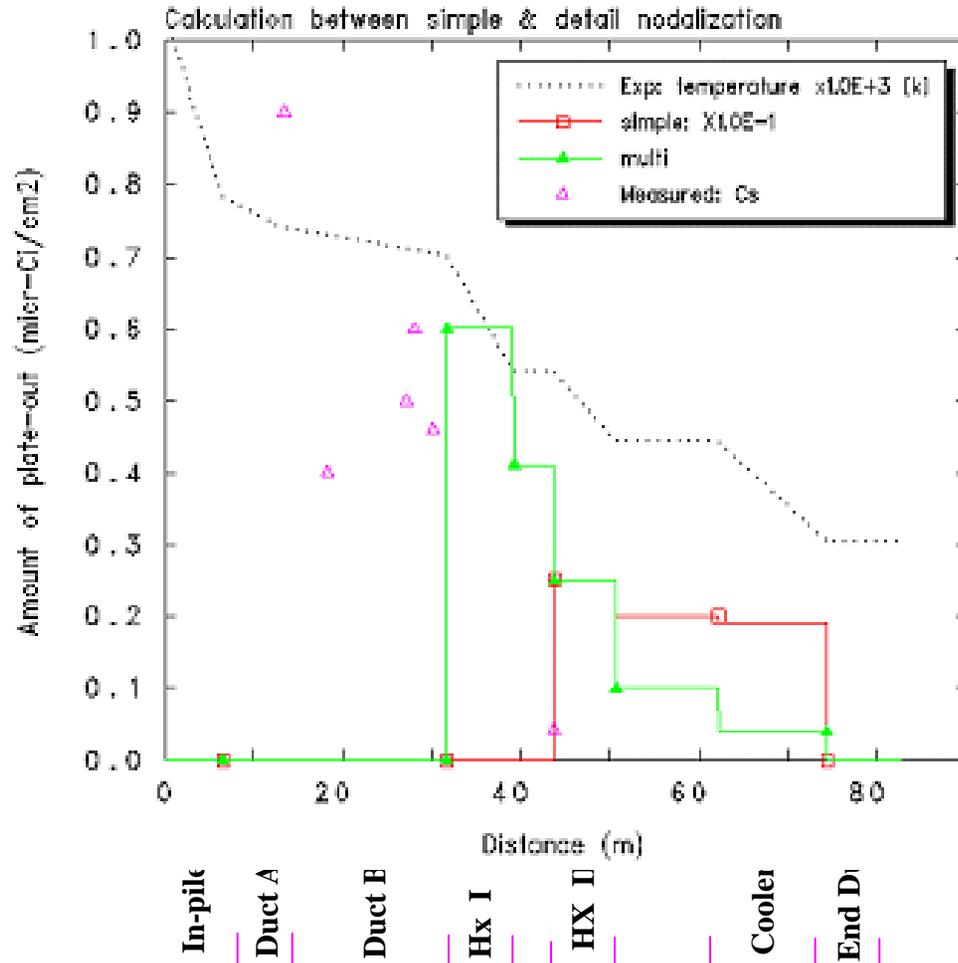


I-131 plate-out zone
Exp: 750~350 K
MELCOR : 350~450 K

The plate-out of I¹³¹ could only be occurred when the injection rate become to increase upto unrealistically high value !

MELCOR default model could not predict the I-131 plate-out at all over the circuit.

Effect of multi-nodalization on the Cs¹³⁷ plate-out for OGL-1 experiment (cycle-47)



Cs-137 plate-out zone

Exp: 900~550 K

MELCOR : 700~300 K

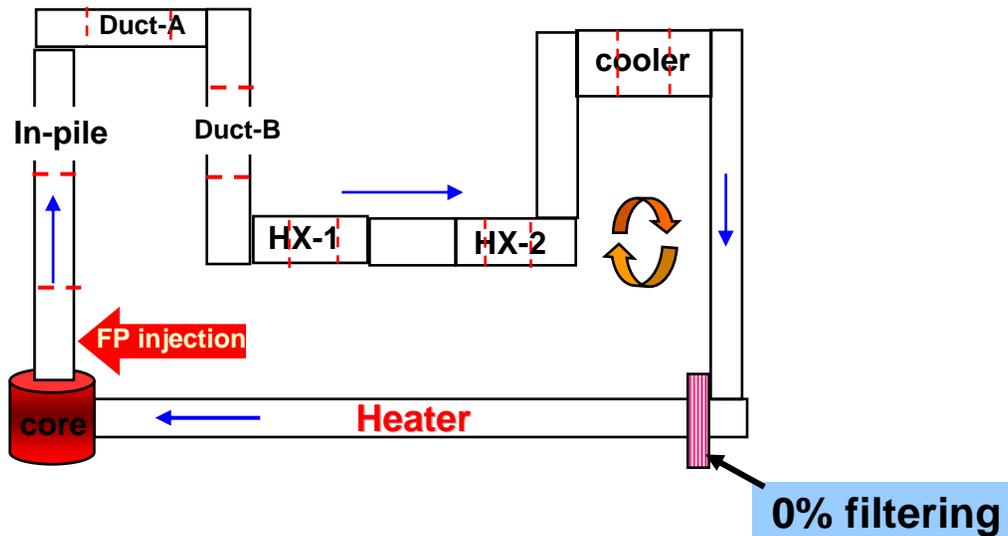
Gas temperature [k]

Sensitive to

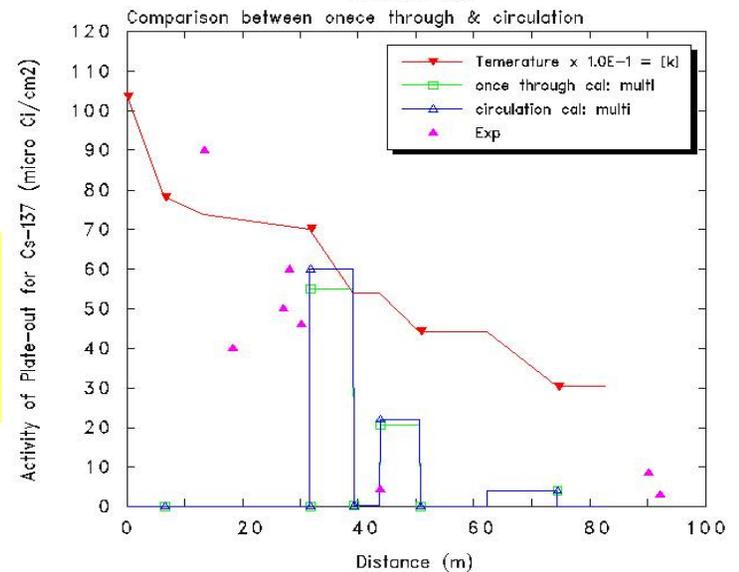
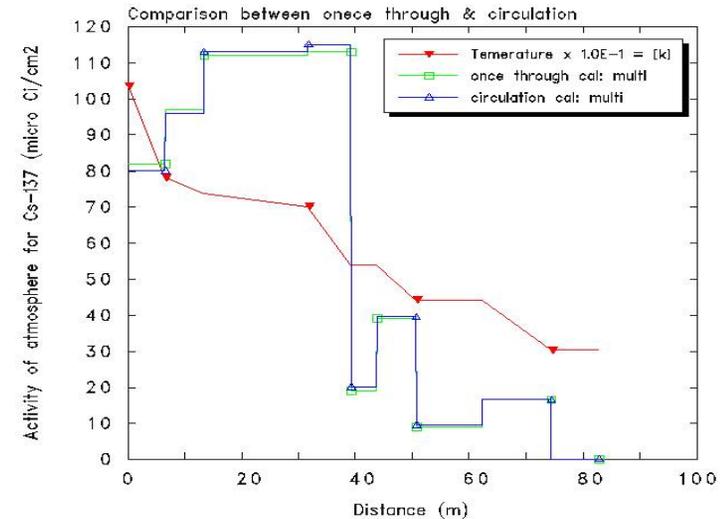
- Amount of FP release rate from core (Cal: ~1.0E-4 kg/s, Exp: non-exist)
- Flow velocity (Cal: 10 m/s, Exp 60~10 m/s)
- Lennard-Jones value
- The wall surface temperature (but overcome by the multi-nodaliz)
- Chemical form of Iodine & Cs under high temperature and helium gas

MELCOR follows the Cs-137 plate-out data only at the low temperature range (700~300K).

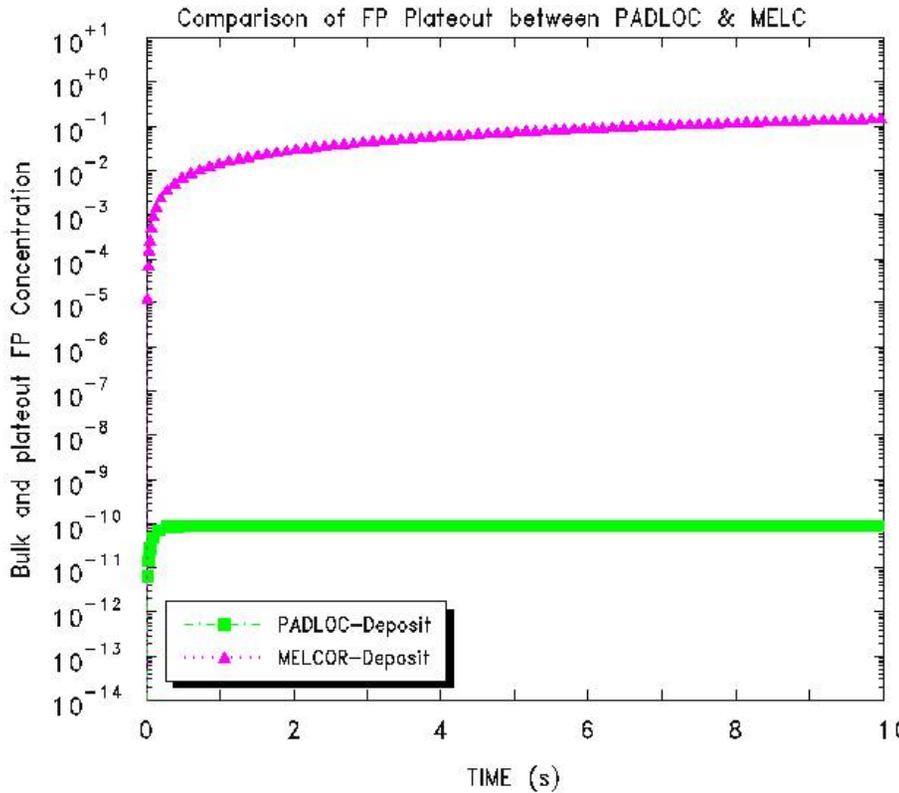
Simulation of OGL-1 Experiment with a Circulation (comparison between once-through & circulation modeling)



There are no clear difference of plate-out between 'once through' & 'circulation' modeling on OGL-1 test.



Comparison of the calculated 'plate-out' concentration between PADLOC and MELCOR using the analytical solutions



PADLOC

$$C_s(t) = -\frac{A}{P}C(t) + \frac{A}{P}C(0)e^{-\lambda t} + C_s(0)e^{-\lambda t}$$

$$C_b(t) = C_b(0)e^{-\omega t} + \frac{C}{\omega}(1 - e^{-\omega t}) + \frac{D}{\omega - \lambda}(e^{-\lambda t} - e^{-\omega t})$$

$$\omega = h\left(\beta + \frac{P}{A}\right) + \lambda$$

$$C = \frac{P}{A}h\alpha$$

$$D = h\beta\left[C_b(0) + \frac{P}{A}C_s(0)\right]$$

MELCOR

$$C_s(t) = C_s(0) + \frac{A_i k_i}{V}\left(\frac{\beta}{\alpha} - C_s\right)t - \frac{A_i k_i}{V}\left(\frac{\beta}{\alpha} - C_b(0)\right)\left(\frac{1 - e^{-\alpha t}}{\alpha}\right)$$

The analytical solution from MELCOR showed larger amount of plate-out than that of PADLOC.

Effect of the decay phenomena on the plate-out

Governing equations for plate-out considering the decay phenomena

$$\frac{dM_{a,k}}{dt} + \sum_i \frac{A_i k_i}{V} (M_{a,k} - M_{i,k}^s) + \lambda_k M_{a,k} = 0 \quad \text{①}$$
$$\frac{dM_{i,k}}{dt} = \frac{A_i k_i}{V} (M_{a,k} - M_{i,k}^s) - \lambda_k M_{i,k} \quad \text{②}$$

where

V = a space volume
 $M_{a,k}$ = $C_{a,k} / V$ = mass of FP 'k' in bulk space
 $M_{i,k}$ = mass of condensed FP 'k' species on the surface i
 λ_k = decay constant of FP 'k'
 $M_{i,k}^s$ = saturation concentration of FP 'k' in bulk space at the temperature on the surface 'i'
 k_i = mass transfer coefficient of FP k for the surface i

Derivation of the Analytical Solutions for plate-out

$$\mathbf{M}_{a,k}(t) = \frac{\beta}{\xi} - \left(\frac{\beta}{\xi} - \mathbf{M}_{a,k}(0) \right) e^{-\xi \Delta t}$$

$$\mathbf{M}_{i,k}(t) = \mathbf{M}_{i,k}(0) e^{-\lambda_k \Delta t} + \frac{\mathbf{A}_i \mathbf{k}_i}{\mathbf{V}} \left[\left(\frac{\beta}{\xi} - \mathbf{M}_{i,k}^s \right) \frac{(1 - e^{-\lambda_k \Delta t})}{\lambda_k} \right] - \frac{\mathbf{A}_i \mathbf{k}_i}{\mathbf{V}} \left[\left(\frac{\beta}{\xi} - \mathbf{M}_{a,k}(0) \right) \frac{(e^{-\lambda_k \Delta t} - e^{-\xi \Delta t})}{\alpha} \right]$$

where

$$\alpha = \sum_i \frac{\mathbf{A}_i \mathbf{k}_i}{\mathbf{V}}$$

$$\beta = \sum_i \frac{\mathbf{A}_i \mathbf{k}_i \mathbf{M}_{i,k}^s}{\mathbf{V}}$$

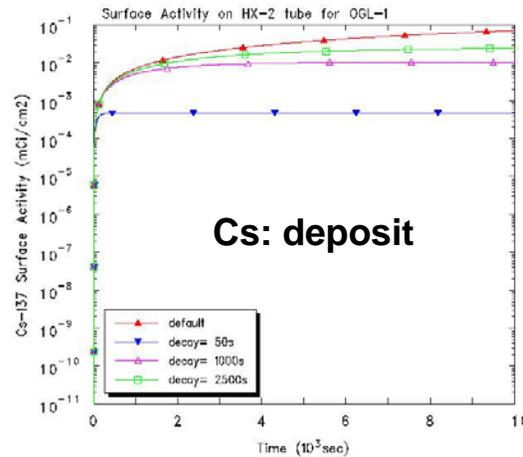
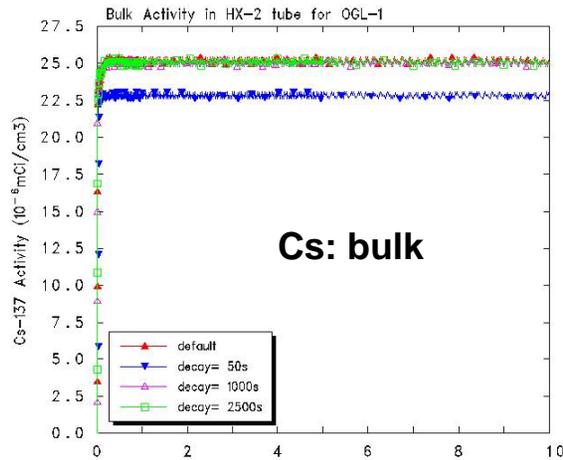
$$\xi = \alpha + \lambda_k$$

Fitting for the case of without the decay model

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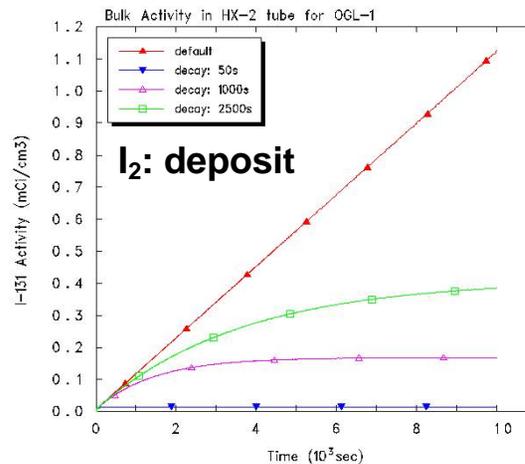
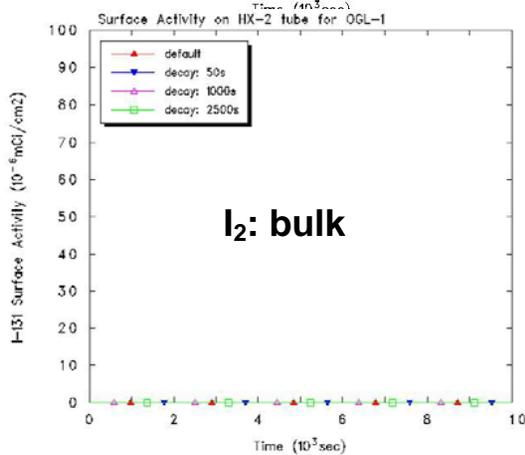
If (-λk*DT .LT. EXPMIN) THEN
  e-(λk*DT) ≈ 1 - λk*DT
ELSE
  e-(λk*DT)
ENDIF
    
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Simulation of OGL-1 with “decay model”



Because of too much Cs deposit and the decay phenomena made bulk-concentration reach equilibrium.

The change of surface concentration could be seen according to the $T_{1/2}$.



Bulk I₂ concentration was increased continuously because of the modeling of the fluid re-circulation and no-occurrence of the I₂ deposit.

The model for simulating the decay phenomena was implemented into the plate-out model in MELCOR code.

Summary & Discussion (1/3)

- KAERI has a plan to apply the MELCOR to simulate the plateout/dust/H3 behavior in VHTGR.
- The MELCOR was applied to simulate the OGL-1 test (cycle-47) and the following results were obtained.
 - Experiment data showed that the plate-out for Cs and iodine were occurred over the entire temperature zones (1000K ~ 300 K).
 - But MELCOR showed that the any plate-out for iodine was not occurred over the entire circuit and the plate-out for Cs in the high temperature zone ($700 \text{ K} \leq$) could not be predicted.

Summary & Discussion (2/3)

- The influencing parameters on the plate-out phenomena were identified;
 - o FP release rate from the core (TRISO)
 - o Gas velocity
 - o Lennard-Jones parameter values
 - o Degree of the nodalization of circuit
 - o Chemical form of Cs & I under the high temperature/He
- The important data for modeling the experiment were not available.
 - o The degree of the gas filtering
 - o FP release rate and Transient FP concentration data in the atmosphere and the surface.
 - o Velocities at each components
- The analytical solutions considering the decay phenomena were derived for MELCOR and will be implemented after the numerical testing **through the modeling of the circulation.**

Summary & Discussion (3/3)

- The comparison of the calculated amount of plate-out between MELCOR and PADLOC showed that MELCOR model have a tendency of over-prediction.
- An answer is required whether the MELCOR modeling on the plate-out with using the saturation concentration in the atmosphere based on the surface temperature and its vapor pressure is proper or not.

