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Abstract

This paper is about The PUSPATI TRIGA Reactor (RTP) control rod worth calibration database | development. This database is very important as part of RTP core management analysis to support the improvement of in-core management strategy for safe operation and better utilisation. Control rod worth calibration has been done annually since 1982, the year when RTP start its operation and usually done during RTP annual maintenance by using positive period method part of licensing requirement set by AELB. Few reasons of inconsistency of data were identified and elaborated in this paper such as a physical properties of control rod like control rod position inside the core. Finally, this database is crucial for security of data, data integrity of consistent and accurate data and easier data management in the future.

Keywords: RTP, TRIGA, Control Rod Worth, positive period method

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Objective • RTP Control Rod No of Irradiated Fuel Worth (CRW) fuel for 8.5 wgt %, 4 fresh fuel **Fully 8.5** >2010s • 19 fuel for 12 wgt %, 1 fresh fuel calibration wgt % FE • 10 fuel for 20 wgt %, 1 fresh fuel database ~1980's 14 24 Mac 09 - 1 Feb 13 development CORE 15 Mac 2013 - NOW (1982 - 2019)~2000's CORE 0 28 Jun 82 - 1 July 82 CORE 1 7 July 82 – 30 Nov 85 • As part of RTP core CORE 2 16 Dec 85 – 12 Jun 87 **CORE 3** 20 Jun 87 – 13 May 88 management CORE 10 21 Jul 94 – 19 Jul 01 **CORE 4** 23 May 88 – 9 Dec 89 CORE 11 23 Aug 01 - 25 May 06 ~1990's **CORE 5** 12 Dec 89 – 9 Apr 90 analysis to support **CORE 12** 5 Jul 06 – 18 Jul 07 CORE 13 14 Sep 07 – 15 Aug 08

the improvement of in-core management strategy for safe operation
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 CORE 7 20 Jun 91 – 30 Nov 91

 CORE 8 3 Jan 92 – 3 Jul 93

 CORE 9 15 Sep 93 – 18 Jun 94

Introduction of

20 wgt % FE

- Each change in reactivity caused by control rod motion is referred to as control rod worth/control rod reactivity worth
- There are several methods for determining the reactivity worth curve of control rods and these methods depends on the reactor type, the available instrument and time:
 - a) Positive period method
 - b) Rod Drop Method
 - c) Inverse rate method
 - d) Inverse kinetics method (Reactivity meter)

a) Positive period method

$$P(t) = P(0) \exp\left(\frac{t}{T}\right)$$

P(t):= reactor power at time t.

P(0):=initial power

T:= reactor period [sec]

$$\rho = \omega \left[\ell + \sum_{i=1}^{6} \frac{\beta_i}{\omega + \lambda_i} \right]$$
 In-hour Eq.

 $\rho \coloneqq$ reactivity

I := prompt neutron generation time [s] ω := inverse hour (if doubling time ω = ln2/t) β (i):= i-th delayed neutron fraction

 $\lambda(i:):=i-th$ precursor decay constant [1/s]

b) Rod drop method

$$\frac{n_1}{n_0} = \frac{\beta}{\beta - \rho}$$
 Derived from point kinetic Eq.

n(1):= neutron population after prompt jump. n(0):= initial neutron population before prompt jump $\beta:=$ effective delayed neutron fraction $\rho:=$ reactivity

Integral and Differential Rod Worth Curve



Method

PROCEDURE

Calibration of the individual rod by using positive period method

- 1. Neutron source is placed inside the core.
- The control rod to be calibrated shall be at the bottom plate of the core. (start calibration with TR from bottom)
- 3. Freeze the rod to be calibrated. (start calibration from bottom)
- 4. Operate the reactor power level at 5 W by withdrawing three rods.
- 5. Make sure that the three control rods are in the same position and elevation discrepancy between the highest and the lowest rod shall be less than 30 mm
- 6. Change the control mode to AUTO with demand power of 5 W.
- 7. Remove the neutron source from the core and place at the storage rack.
- Maintain the power at 5W in the range of ±1% rate for 5 minute in AUTO mode for all the delayed neutron effects to die out.
- 9. The equilibrium 5 W is reached and switch to MANUAL mode.
- 10. Unfreeze the frozen rod and if the power moving from the equilibrium, repeat step 8 to 9.
- 11. Record all the control rods position.
- 12. Withdraw the control rod to be calibrated by 10 mm or less distance.
- 13. Observe the reactor period is between 15 and 30 seconds and freeze the control rod.
- 14. If the reactor period is longer than 30 seconds, repeat step 8 to step 13
- 15. Measure the time to power level increased by 1.5 times (280 W to 420 W, 320W to 490 W, 360 W to 540 W, 400W to 600 W, 440 W to 660 W and 480 W to 720 W) by using stop watch or RTP Trend Software. (Stick visible note for 1.5 times power for reference)
- Record the control rod position together with the time to power level increased by 1.5 times on the Data Sheet
- 17. Take five to six values. The reactivity values are obtained from the average value of the time by referring to the reactivity table or by using curve fit reactivity table formula.
- Make sure average time is between 9 and 24 seconds except 6 to 42 seconds for the last step of each CR calibration.
- 19. Do not let the reactor power level exceeds 1 kW.
- 20. Lower the power to 5 W by lowering other three control rods.
- 21. Repeat step 8 to step 20 until the control rod to be calibrated is fully out from the core. (Average time for step 21 is 12 to 15 min)
- 22. Repeat step 1 to step 21 for other each control rod to be calibrated.
- 23. Trip the reactor by pressing the MANUAL SYSTEM TRIP switch.

Source:

- 1. RTP CRW Annual Maintenance Report 2019
- RTP-JILID7, Procedure
 8.0 Control rod
 calibration
- IMS-T-07 Revision: 1.0 (2014) Tentukuran Rod Kawalan
- 4. TP-RPT-01 Rev. No.: 0 RPT Procedure of Rod Worth Measurement

Method

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Conclusion

- This RTP CRW calibration database is important for:
 - Ease of updating data;

Security of data;

Data integrity;

Data analysis.

 This important as part of RTP core management analysis to support the improvement of in-core management strategy to ensure safe operation and for better utilization.

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