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Ongoing Research Multi-Physics Coupling with Monte Carlo and Thermal-Hydraulics, Fuel Performance and Crud Simulation in Soluble Boron, SA and UQ Analysis and Covariance Data Processing with Implicit Effect, On-The-Fly cross section treatment in Monte Carlo simulation

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Education

Ph.D. Tsinghua University, Beijing, China
Ph.D. in Nuclear Engineering, July 2015

Visiting Scholar University of California at Berkeley, California, USA
Visiting Ph. D. Student in Nuclear Engineering, 2013.9 –2014.5

BA Nanjing University of Aeronautics and Astronautics, Nanjing, China
B.Sc. in Applied Physics, June 2010

Dissertation Work

Title Research on the Key Methods of Evaluation, Processing and Application of Important Nuclear Data for Reactor and Code Development

Supervisor Professor **Kan WANG** in Reactor Engineering Analysis Lab. at Tsinghua University

Abstract See **Appendix C**.

Participated Projects

Principal Researcher

- Multi-Physics Coupling Project (L17S018000) supported by Korea Hydro & Nuclear Power Co. Ltd..
- Monte Carlo Multi-Physics Coupling Project (NRF-2017M2B2A9A02049916) Funded by the Korean government.
- Research on Evaluated Nuclear Resonance Parameters Library for Key Isotopes in Thorium Cycle and Neutronics Applications Algorithms in Nuclear Reactors, Supported by National Natural Science Foundation of China
- Research on Key Approaches and Code Development Used in Nuclear Data Processing, Supported by Tsinghua University Initiative Scientific Research Program
- Study on Key Techniques used in Thorium-Based Fuel Applications, Supported by National and International Scientific and Technological Cooperation Projects
- Study on Extension of MCNP-used ACE-Formatted Nuclear Data Library

- Collaborative Researcher
- Advanced Reactor Technologies for Thorium Utilization, Supported by Tsinghua University-Berkeley Funding
 - Multi-group Depletion Module Development and Data Library Generation for Pebble Bed Molten Salt Cooled Reactor
 - Reactor Monte Carlo Code Development, Supported by the fund of National Science and Technology Major Project of Large Advanced PWR Nuclear Power Plant in China
 - Group-wise Nuclear Data Library Generation Code Development, Supported by the fund of National Science and Technology Major Project of Large Advanced PWR Nuclear Power Plant in China

Outstanding Experience

- Analysis & Design
- MCNP, SCALE, NJOY, SAMMY
 - OpenMC, SERPENT, RXSP, RMC
 - DRAGON, CITATION, CASMO/SIMULATE
 - ALPAH/PARAGON/ANC
 - WIMS-AECL, RFSP
- Programming
- C/C++, Fortran77/90, OpenMP/MPI, Python, Matlab
- Accomplishments
- Monte Carlo Neutron Transport code -MCS Coupling with Sub-channel T/H code-CTF
 - Coupled Fuel Performance Code-FRAPCON within MCS
 - Fully Coupled FRAPCON, CTF within MCS code
 - Development of Resonance Parameters Evaluation code (similar to SAMMY) based on the R-Matrix Limited formula with Levenberg-Marquardt nonlinear least squared Method
 - Improvement of resonance parameters evaluation for ^{232}Th and ^{233}U
 - Development of Resonance Reconstruction module based on R-Matrix Limited formula in RXSP code
 - Development of probability tables generation module from unresolved resonance parameters in RXSP code
 - Development of KERMA & DPA cross sections calculation module in RXSP code
 - OpenMP/MPI-based Parallelism Optimization for RXSP, RMC code
 - Modernization and Maintenance of RXSP code
 - Validation & Verification of RXSP code
 - Generation and Testing of nuclear data libraries in ACE format used in Monte Carlo calculations
 - Generation and Testing of multi-group covariance data libraries for S/U Analysis by using NJOY code
 - On-The-Fly Doppler Broadening coupling with RMC code
 - Criticality Safety Analysis of AP1000 spent fuel storage rack
 - Nuclear Design for PWR, FBR and CANDU

Scholarship & Awards

- 2014 • Xuanyuan academic scholarship, First Class, Tsinghua University
- 2013 • Friends of Tsinghua University-Zhang-Mingwei Scholarship, First Class, Tsinghua University
- 2012 • Graduate Students Social Practice Scholarship, Second Class, Tsinghua

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 - 2011 • Graduate Students Social Work Scholarship, Second Class, Tsinghua University
 - 2011 • Friends of Tsinghua University-Guanghua Scholarship, Second Class, Tsinghua University
 - 2008 • National Scholarship, First Class, NUAA
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Appendix A :

Summary of Research Experiences

Development and Maintain of RXSP code

- A code-**RXSP** has been developed by REAL group in Tsinghua University to process the Evaluated Nuclear Data File (ENDF) in order to generate the pointwise energy nuclear data library in ACE format which is then used by Reactor Monte Carlo code.
- The research on resonance reconstruction methods including both all types of resonance parameters storage format in ENDF/B-6 and their calculation formula to generate point-wise cross sections are carried out. The resonance reconstruction module developed by myself were integrated with others developing Doppler Broadening module and thermal cross sections interpolation module, forming the Bete-1.0 version of RXSP code, which was released in China Nuclear Society Meeting on Reactor Physics in 2012.
- The Probability Table method is a natural and effective approach to treat with neutron transport in unresolved resonance region. I successfully developed the Probability Table Generation module embedded in RXSP-Beta1.0 code system. In addition, the ladder sampling approach which is also applied in NJOY code was improved by using several techniques, the generation efficiency was improved a lot as well. After the OpenMP-based parallelism algorithm was applied in it, the probability tables' generation efficiency achieved as much as 70 times compared with the PURR module in NJOY code. The RXSP-Beta2.0 code package was released in China Nuclear Society Meeting on Reactor Physics in 2013.
- R-Matrix Limited is the most strongly recommended resonance formula by CSEWG for calculating point-wise cross section from resonance parameters, which capability can be realized in the latest version of NJOY (NJOY2012) code. Based on the resonance reconstruction module in RXSP-Beta2.0, my research on the updated and extend the capability for using R-Matrix Limited formula was performed. The validation of accuracy and efficiency of this module proved that it is feasible to be utilized in reactor simulations.

Development of New Modules of RMC code

- It is one of the efficient approach to reduce the memory consumption in Monte Carlo based reactor physical simulations by using the On-the-fly Doppler broadening for temperature dependent nuclear cross sections. To meet the dual requirements of both accuracy and efficiency during the Monte Carlo simulations with many materials and many temperatures in it, this work enables the capability of on-the-fly pre-Doppler broadening cross sections during the neutron transport by coupling the Fast Doppler Broaden module in RXSP code embedded in the RMC code also being developed by REAL team in Tsinghua University.
- Additionally, the original OpenMP-based parallelism has been successfully converted into the MPI-based framework, being fully compatible with neutron transport in RMC code, which has achieved a vast parallel efficiency improvement. This work also provides a

flexible approach to solve Monte Carlo based full core depletion calculation with many temperatures feedback in many isotopes.

- According to the new capability for On-The-Fly Doppler broadening, the compatible format of key parameters in the input file was designed for RMC code.

Standardized Development of RMC & RXSP

- By using the Unstructured Markup Language modeling toolkit-IBM Rhapsody, some re-factory work and research on RMC& RXSP code packages were conducted, and some important documents, i.e. Requirements Specifications, Program Specifications, were written as well.
- Base on the GIT-a code version control system in our group, some organizations and coordination with other group members to develop RMC&RXSP code packages are performed, some historical versions records of code package are managed as well.
- Automatic testing scripts for the validation and verification of RMC&RXSP code package are written in Python-based programming language. Additionally, a series of benchmark including over 400 isotopes and 3 types of neutron spectrum were carried out.

Evaluations of Resonance Parameters For Isotopes in Thorium Cycle

- The research on Levenberg-Marquardt nonlinear least square fitting method are conducted to develop the resonance parameters evaluation code—RRPE(R-matrix limited Resonance Parameters Evaluation code) by improving the classic R-Matrix theory used in the evaluation of resonance parameters for some key isotopes in uranium cycle. The MPI-based parallelism algorithm was also used in point-wise cross sections computation in resolved resonance region and Doppler broadening and measurements resolution broadening as well. The accuracy of RRPE code was validated and the efficiency was improved a lot compared to the SAMMY code which is also developed for resonance parameters evaluations by Oak Ridge National Laboratory.
- Base on the self-developed resonance parameters evaluation code for the isotopes in uranium cycle—RRPE, the evaluations of parameters in resolved resonance region for ^{232}Th , ^{233}U are carried out, with the assistant of experimental cross sections from EXFOR database. It is proved that RRPE code has the capability of resonance parameters evaluation to meet the demand of accurate cross sections in reactor physical simulations and some other applications.

Appendix B.

Summary of Research Achievements

- **Software Copyrights**

- Copyright of Reactor Cross Sections Processing code-**RXSP** (#0597885). The **developer in second place, and my adviser is the first one.**

- **Publications**

- China Power Investment Nuclear Power Co. Ltd., **Talk on Nuclear Power- The Blog for A Nuclide**, Popularization of Science Press, ISBN 978-7-110-07785-6/TL·4, **Text Written Group Leader.**

- **Awards**

- The Winner in the ICONE-22 Student **Best Poster** Competition – China at 22nd International Conference On Nuclear Engineering, Prague, Czech Republic, July 7-11, 2014.
- The Winner in the ICONE23 Student **Best Poster** Competition-China at the 23rd International Conference On Nuclear Engineering, Makuhari Messe, Chiba, Japan, May 17-21,2015.

- **Journal Papers**

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[2]. YU Jiankai, LI Wanlin, WANG Kan, Validation of Updated Resonance Reconstruction Module of RXSP code Based on R-Matrix Limited Formula, *Transactions of the American Nuclear Society*, 111,1240-1243, 2014. (EI, Accession number: 20153301172068).

[3]. Jiankai YU, Honglei HUO, Zeguang LI, Research on Probability Tables Approach in Unresolved Resonance Region, Accepted by *Nuclear Power and Engineering*.

[4]. YU Jiankai YU, LI Wanlin, WANG Kan, The Validation of In-Line Doppler Broadening Cross Sections Capability in RMC code, Accepted by *Nuclear Power and Engineering*.

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[7]. Wang Kan, Li Zeguang, She Ding, Liang Jin'gang, Xu Qi, Qiu Yishu, Yu Jiankai, Sun Jialong, Fan Xiao, Yu Ganglin. RMC - A Monte Carlo code for reactor core analysis, *Annals of Nuclear Energy*, In Press. (SCI, Accession number: 20151000598926)

- **International Conference Proceedings**

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[2]. YU Jiankai, HUO Honglei, LI Wanlin, WANG Kan, YU Ganglin, Validation of a New PURC Module for Calculating Probability Table in RXSP code, *2014 22rd International Conference on Nuclear Engineering*, Prague, Czech Republic, July 7-11, 2014, American Society of Mechanical Engineers (2014). (EI, Accession number: 20144800240864)

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- [5]. Jiankai YU, Jin'gang LIANG, Kan WANG, Development of In-Line Temperature Dependent Cross Sections Processing Capability in RMC Code, *ANS 2015 Summer Meeting*, San Antonio, June 7 – 11, 2015, American Nuclear Society (2015).
- [6]. Jiankai YU, Wanlin LI, Ganglin YU and Kan WANG, Research on Resonance Parameters Evaluation Based on R-Matrix Limited Formula and Code Development, *Joint International Conference on Mathematics and Computation (M&C), Supercomputing in Nuclear Applications (SNA) and Monte Carlo (M&C + SNA + MC 2015)*, Sheraton Music City, Nashville, USA, April 19-23, 2015, American Nuclear Society (2015).
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Appendix C.

Summary of my Ph.D. Dissertation

Title:

Research on the Key Methods of Evaluation, Processing and Application of Important Nuclear Data for Reactor and Code Development

Advisor:

Professor **Kan WANG** at Department of Engineering Physics in Tsinghua University

Abstract:

The independent reactor core physical design and simulation for advanced nuclear energy system relies on the foundation of nuclear data with high accuracy. It is important and necessary for some processing procedures to be utilized in the conversion from raw nuclear data in experimental nuclear data base into the ACE-formatted point-wise nuclear data libraries, which can be applied directly in Monte Carlo based neutronics transport calculations by RMC, MCNP and some other similar codes. The domestic researches on key algorithms are limited to the copyright and licenses of these codes developed by foreign institutes, including resonance parameters evaluations, cross sections reconstruction in resolved resonance range, Doppler broadening cross sections, and the unresolved probability tables' generation and so on.

This paper is focus on the key methodologies in nuclear data evaluation, processing and application, aiming at developing the corresponding codes system with independent intellectual property rights, which content in this study is listed as follows:

- 1) Study the nonlinear least squares fitting method, and the latest R-Matrix approximation formula; a code named RRPE is developed to evaluate the resonance parameters in resolved resonance range.
- 2) In view of the resonance reconstruction module-CSP in self-developing reactor nuclear data processing code-RXSP, the deficiency of the convergence criterion in CSP module is handled to expand the R-Matrix Limited based resolved resonance cross section reconstruction.
- 3) Research the approaches of unresolved probability tables' generation, and develop a PURC module in the framework of RXSP code, which solves the generation efficiency in the traditional but classic algorithm with the assistant of sorting techniques optimization and OpenMP-based parallel acceleration in it.
- 4) The study on inner-coupling for Fast Doppler broadening cross sections with temperature dependence and RMC code is carried out, and thus RMC code has the capability of in-line Doppler broadening cross section during the Monte Carlo based neutronics transport, and thermal cross section interpolation is included as well.

Some conclusions are drawn from these above researches, which are listed as follows:

In basis of Levenberg-Marquardt method used in data fitting procedure, RRPE code is developed to have the capability of resonance parameters evaluation as accurate as SAMMY code; The improved CSP module can process R-Matrix Limited-formatted resonance parameters from evaluated nuclear data library to produce the point-wise cross sections at zero temperature with the high accuracy as much as NJOY (v2012) code; After the optimized sorting algorithm and parallel acceleration is applied, PURC module can generate probability tables by using “Ladder Sampling” approach with the accuracy as much as NJOY code, but much higher efficiency of it;

RMC code is improved by inner coupling of Fast Doppler broadening and thermal cross sections interpolations with it, which now has the capability of rapidly processing cross sections at the problem-dependent temperatures, and has a very good prospective application in neutronics-thermal hydraulic coupling calculations with many nuclides and many temperatures feedback.