ENDF/B-VII Libraries in SCALE-6

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SCALE is modular code system used for wide variety of applications



criticality safety

burned fuel characterization

reactor lattice physics









SCALE-6 includes new nuclear libraries processed from ENDF/B-VII

- Pointwise libraries for continuous-energy Monte Carlo (KENO) and for self-shielding MG data (CENTRM)
- 238 multigroup (MG) library for reactor lattice physics transport calculations (*NEWT*)
- 238 MG data, decay and branching data for isotopic depletion calculations (*ORIGEN-S*)
- 200n/47g MG coupled neutron-gamma library for shielding calculations (*MAVRIC*).
- Covariance library based on ENDF/B-VII, ENDF/B-VI, JENDL, and Io-fi data (*TSUNAMI*)

AMPX code system was used to process ENDF/B data



Verification/Validation Techniques for SCALE Nuclear Data Libraries

Intercode comparisons

- CE vs MG SCALE results
- SCALE vs other codes
- Validation with critical experiments
- Validation with reactor isotopic measurements
- Validation with shielding experiments



CE and MG KENO ENDF/B-VII Results for LEU Criticals



TRITON Lattice Physics Sequence

- **CENTRM:** 1-D continuous energy, deterministic transport
- **NEWT:** 2-D multigroup, flexible mesh deterministic transport
 - or **KENO:** 3-D multigroup Monte Carlo
- ORIGEN-S: detailed isotopic compositions



TRITON Results for PWR Spent Fuel Isotopic Experiments





MAVRIC/MONACO Shielding Analysis with Automated Variance Reduction

• Example: PWR Ex-Vessel Thermal (¹⁰B) Detector Response



Calculate/apply VR Parameters



Faster Results

| CASE | CPU TIME TO ACHIEVE RE=1% (h) | SPEEDUP |
|-----------|-------------------------------------|--------------|
| No VR | 8.86E+4 (10.1 yrs) | 1 |
| Manual VR | 13.6 | 6500* |
| A3DVR | 1.02 | 87000 |

* Required ~3 weeks by an experienced MC practitioner using all applicable VR capabilities

MAVRIC/MONACO Monte Carlo Calculations of Coupled Neutron-Photon Shielding Experiments



2. Neutron transmission through steel sphere with Cf source



SUMMARY

- SCALE-6 has several new ENDF/B-VII data libraries processed by AMPX
- Libraries are currently being validated
- Initial results for critical benchmarks, depletion isotopic measurements, and shielding experiments look good

