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## EUREKA: A Computer Code for Uranium-Oxide Fueled, Water Cooled Reactor Kinetic Analysis

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EUREKA— A computer code for uranium-oxide fueled, water cooled reactor kinetic analysis—has been developed in order to analyze neutronic, thermal and hydrodynamic transient behaviors in light water power reactors.

EUREKA can analyze the transient response of the core against the reactivity change caused by control rod drop (or withdrawal), coolant flow change and/or coolant temperature change. Especially, it can well simulate fast transient behaviors represented by serious reactivity accidents. In this code, coupled neutronic and thermal-hydrodynamic response is calculated for multi-regions in the core although one point neutron kinetics, one-dimensional heat transfer and one-dimensional hydrodynamics model is applied.

SPERT-III E-core experimental results were used to check the adequacy of EUREKA. It has been shown that the calculation results of EUREKA are in excellent agreement with the experimental results with regard to transient power shapes, burst energies, reactivity feedback and others.

The code was written in FORTRAN IV language for CDC-6600, IBM-360/75 and FACOM-230/60. This report presents detailed descriptions of the code, including basic equations, lists of input and output and the evaluation of the test calculations.

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## 軽水動力炉の動特性解析コード EUREKA

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### 要 旨

本稿は、軽水動力炉の反応度事故時における核・熱水力学の挙動を計算するために開発した点状動特性・多領域熱水力結合の動特性解析コード EUREKA について詳説したものである。

EUREKA コードでは、制御棒落下（制御棒逸失）、冷却材流量変化あるいは冷却材温度変化などによって誘起される反応度変化による原子炉の過渡的応答を計算することができる。とりわけ反応度事故のような苛酷な事故現象を取扱うのに適している。

EUREKA コードの妥当性を検証するために SPERT-III・E 炉心の実験結果を用いて、過渡出力、積分出力などについて計算結果と実験結果の比較を行なったが、種々の原子炉初期条件からの暴走実験に対して EUREKA の計算値は実験値とよく一致した。

本コードは FORTRAN IV 言語で記述し、CDC-6600、IBM-360/75 および FACOM-230/60 用のバージョンを用意している。

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## 1. Introduction

Importance of moderator feedback effect on controlling fast power transient has been demonstrated by a series of SPERT-III E-core experiments<sup>1)~5)</sup> and analysis<sup>6),7)</sup>, and necessity to develop a practical kinetic model including thermal-hydrodynamics has been requested to predict precise transient behaviors for power reactor safety. EUREKA has been developed in accordance with the object of stated above.

The SPERT-III E-core is a small, oxidized fueled, pressurized-water reactor (PWR) and general characteristics of the E-core is well simulated to those of currently used pressurized water power reactor. Total of eighty power excursion tests were performed in the E-core under various operating conditions that are cold-startup, hot-startup, hot-standby and power operating conditions.

SPERT analyses were performed by IREKIN and PARET codes for these experiments. IREKIN is typical one point neutron kinetic code in which doppler feedback effect is only taken into account, and which has been generally used for reactor kinetic analysis. PARET is newly developed by SPERT, which is multi-region, coupled nuclear thermal-hydrodynamic kinetic code, but it is not published to use at this moment.

SPERT reports that IREKIN calculates reasonable results to cold-startup tests of E-core, however, it overestimates burst energy by 40 to 60% for hot-startup tests and underestimates it at hot-standby and power operating tests. Against to IREKIN, it is reported that PARET shows reasonable results to all of E-core experiments, and also reported that the reasons are reduced to taking into account of moderator feedback at transient, especially by the prompt moderator feedback effect due to violent burst power.

It is very much comprehensive and carefull work to introduce precise moderator feedback effects into reactor kinetics because all the thermal-hydrodynamic transients in core, which are changes of coolant flow, coolant and fuel temperature, heat transfer, void formation, pressure balance etc due to power transient, must be precisely taken into account.

In EUREKA, the model was successfully developed to solve those phenomena with reasonable assumptions and has demonstrated reliability through the E-core experiment analysis. Those are explained in following chapters in this report.

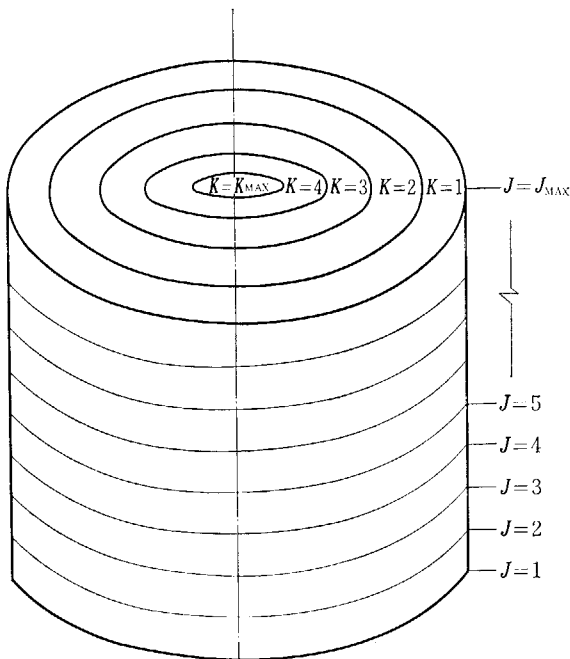
Since EUREKA can calculate adequate coolant transient phenomena and feedbacks, EUREKA can handle following transients besides fast power transients represented by rod drop accident in BWR and rod ejection accident in PWR.

- (1) General reactivity initiated transient
- (2) Coolant flow coast down transient
- (3) Transient caused by coolant temperature change

## 2. Description of Mathematical Model

### 2.1 General Model Description

The core considered in EUREKA model can be divided into up to maximum five regions (channels) radially and 20 regions (21 nodes) axially, as shown in Fig. 1.1. Each subdivision must be given its own power generation rate and reactivity feedback weighting factor for an application to point kinetics calculation. Each channel is represented a fuel rod which has three materials (fuel meat, gas gap and cladding) and associated coolant, being subdivided into up to maximum 25 nodes in radial direction (shown in Fig. 1.2). These are provisions to calculated thermal-hydrodynamics of channels and temperature profiles in fuels.



$K$ : Radial regions (channel)  
 $J$ : Axial mesh points

Fig. 1.1 Schematic reactor core subdivided into channels and axial mesh point in EUREKA.

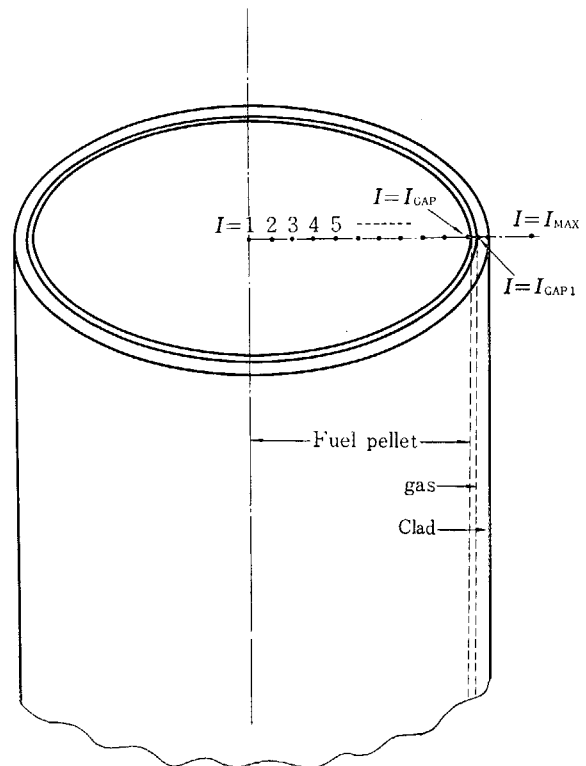


Fig. 1.2 Radial mesh point layout of fuel rod.

The transient power is determined through a numerical solution of the one point kinetics equation. The temperature distributions in each fuel are computed on the basis of a one-dimensional heat conduction equation. Local heat generation is determined from reactor power and specified weighting factors. Heat transfer correlations at the clad-coolant interface are employed in each of the various heat transfer regimes, such as convection, nucleate, transition and film boiling. The hydrodynamics in each coolant channel are solved from a one-dimensional conservation equations of mass, momentum and energy.

The main program is composed of two parts. The first part calculates the initial steady states of neutronics and thermal hydrodynamics and the second part performs the repeated transient calculations. The flow chart of the EUREKA is shown in Fig. 2.1. The initial conditions



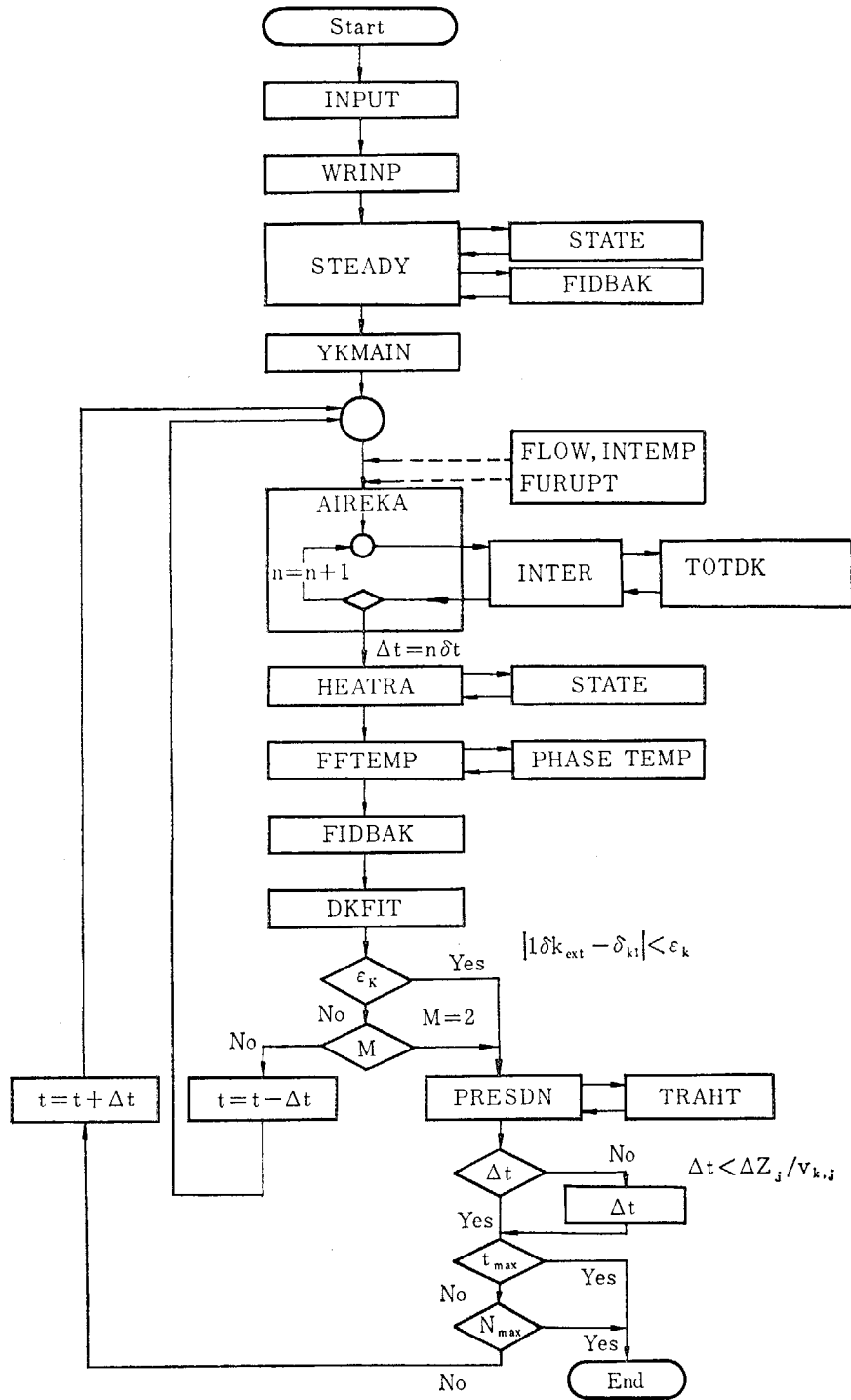


Fig. 2.1 Flow chart of EUREKA

of the core are calculated by subroutine STEADY in which thermal hydraulic geometry of system and physical properties of fuel and coolant are determined by using subroutine STATE (steam table) and PHASE (temperature dependent function of fuel and cladding material properties). Coolant flow rate, enthalpy rise, coolant temperature and void distribution are also calculated in subroutine STEADY. After the steady state conditions of thermal hydrodynamics are set, initial kinetic condition of reactor is calculated in subroutine YKMAIN. For transient calculation of reactor kinetics, subroutine AIREKA which consists of numerical method of the modified Runge Kutta is used. The values of amount reactor feedbacks in each time step are calculated from subroutine FIDBAK. The transient calculations of coolant enthalpy rise, coolant temperature and void distributions, and heat transfer coefficients in each axial nodes in each coolant channel are

performed in subroutine HEATRA. Profiles of transient temperature in each fuel rod are calculated using subroutine FFTEMP, and its associated subroutine TEMP (numerical method of implicit) and subroutine PHASE. Finally, pressure drops of each channel, such as acceleration, friction and head, are solved in subroutine PRESND in order to decide inlet coolant velocity.

Since power behavior is rapid in comparison with thermal hydrodynamic behavior, it is required to use shorter time increment for the accurate calculation of power behavior. Then, two kinds of time increment are considered in EUREKA in the process of transient calculation. Relation between the thermal-hydrodynamics and reactor kinetics time increments is defined by  $\Delta t = n_k \cdot \delta t'$ , where  $\Delta t$ ,  $\delta t'$  and  $n_k$  are the thermal hydrodynamics time increment, the reactor kinetics time increment and the pre-determined integer, respectively. In the first stage of transient calculation at time,  $t$ , reactor kinetics calculations are repeated  $n_k$  times, increasing time by one kinetics time increment at each time using an extrapolated feedback reactivity,  $\delta k_{\text{est}}(t)$ , which is estimated by four point extrapolation method based on the past reactivity data. Then, the thermal hydrodynamics time increment is determined and the thermal hydrodynamic transient calculation is done one time. After the fuel temperature profiles and thermal hydrodynamic state of coolant are computed, the feedback reactivity at this time,  $\delta k(t)$ , is calculated. When the error between the extrapolated and newly calculated reactivity is less than an allowable limit,  $\varepsilon_k$ , i.e.,

$$|\delta k_{\text{est}}(t) - \delta k(t)| < \varepsilon_k$$

the extrapolation is considered allowable, and next transient calculation are continued. When it is greater than the allowable,  $\delta k_{\text{est}}(t)$  is newly assumed and the time step is cut back to  $t - \Delta t$  to repeat all transient calculation from reactor kinetics to feedback reactivity.

As it is well known, the thermal hydrodynamics time increment,  $\Delta t$ , and space mesh width,  $\Delta Z_j$ , should maintain the relation  $\Delta t < \Delta Z_j / v_{j,k}$ , so as to keep stability of numerical solution of thermal hydrodynamics differential equations by difference approximations, where  $v_{j,k}$  are coolant flow velocities.

## 2.2 Steady State Calculations

Subroutine STEADY calculates the steady state thermal hydraulic performances of the core as the initial condition of transient calculation. Physical properties of coolant are, as stated in Section 2.3, calculated by quadratic fittings of steam table in subroutine STATE corresponding to system pressure and enthalpy given by input. The details of steady state calculation are described below.

### 2.2.1 Heat Balance

The initial reactor power,  $P$ , is correlated to power densities in core subregions:

$$P = \sum_{j,k} P_{j,k} \quad (1)$$

$$P_{j,k} = K_1 \left( \sum_i \mu_i \cdot \Sigma_{i1} \cdot \phi_i \right)_{j,k} \cdot \Delta V_{j,k} \quad (2)$$

where

- $P_{j,k}$ : power in subregion ( $j, k$ )
- $\sum \mu_i \Sigma_{i1} \phi_i$ : power density (input data) in subregion ( $j, k$ )
- $\Delta V_{j,k}$ : volume of subregion ( $j, k$ )
- $K_1$ : conversion constant.

Steady state heat balance in coolant is described by the expression:

$$h_{j+1,k} = h_{j,k} + \frac{P_{j,k}}{A_w \cdot v_{j,k} \cdot \rho_{j,k}} \quad (3)$$

Heat transfer to coolant is described by the following expression :

$$P_{j,k} = A_{j,k} \cdot H_{j,k} \cdot (T_{c_{j,k}} - T_w) \tag{4}$$

where

- $h_{j,k}$  : coolant enthalpy at inlet to node  $j$
- $h_{j+1,k}$  : coolant enthalpy at exit of node  $j$
- $A_w$  : coolant flow area
- $v_{j,k}$  : coolant velocity
- $\rho_{j,k}$  : coolant density
- $A_{j,k}$  : heat transfer area
- $H_{j,k}$  : heat transfer coefficient
- $T_{c_{j,k}}$  : cladding surface temperature
- $T_w$  : coolant temperature
- $j$  : axial node index in a coolant channel
- $k$  : channel region number

The heat transfer coefficient is calculated in accordance with coolant flow condition, as stated in Section 2.2.4.

**2.2.2 Fuel Rod Temperature Distribution**

In the analyses of a reactivity accident, it is the most important to calculate in detail the temperature of the fuel for evaluating the feedback effects that influence the power burst. In EUREKA, to calculate the temperature distribution in the fuel rod, as stated in Chapter 1, the fuel rods of the core are divided into up to maximum five regions (channels) in accordance with the radial power distribution. Each fuel rod is divided radially into three subregions (fuel meat, gas gap and cladding), which can be further subdivided into up to maximum 24 intervals (25 node points). It must be noted that in the gas gap subregion node point is not allowed. The interval in the axial direction can be divided into up to maximum 20 intervals (21 node points), as shown in Fig. 2.2.

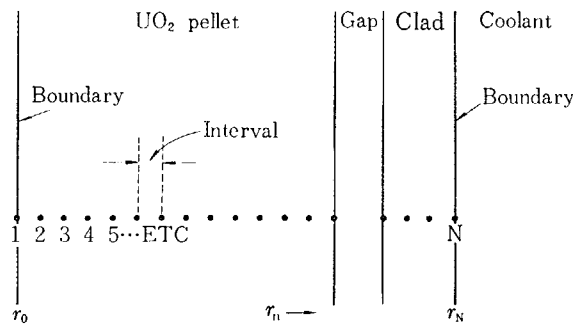


Fig. 2.2 Radial mesh point pattern for thermal model

Heat transfer in each fuel rod is determined based on the one-dimensional conduction equation. The partial differential equation for the diffusion of heat within each fuel rod is

$$\nabla k(u, r) \nabla u(r) + S(r) = 0, \tag{5}$$

where the symbol  $u(r)$  represents temperature as a function of radial position,  $r$ . Volumetric heat capacity and thermal conductivity are denoted by the symbols  $g(u, r)$  and  $k(u, r)$ , respectively, and are treated as functions of both position and temperature. The heat source per unit volume,  $S(r)$ , is assumed to be a separated function of space. The magnitude of the local heat source in each node is calculated from the specified average core power level and preassigned axial and radial weighting factors given by the input.

When the equation (5) is solved for the fuel rod, the cladding surface temperature has to be assumed as the boundary condition. The cladding surface temperature is calculated by using the heat transfer coefficients which are chosen in accordance with five regimes of coolant and a heat flux determined from the heat generation and dimension of the fuel rod. Also, the gas gap heat transfer coefficient between a pellet and a cladding is calculated by a fitting formula as function of gap clearance and gap average temperature as stated in Section 2.2.5.

The numerical method of the equation (5) is described in Section 2.8 in detail, and that is used in the calculation of the temperature distribution both of steady state and transient conditions in the same manner.

### 2.2.3 Channel Pressure Drop

The channel flow distribution in the core is determined so as to maintain the channel pressure drop equal for all channels. The total coolant flow rate is given by

$$G_{\text{total}} = \sum_{k=1}^{k_{\text{max}}} G(k) = \sum_{k=1}^{k_{\text{max}}} \rho_{\text{in}} \cdot A_w(k) \cdot v_{\text{in}}(k). \quad (6)$$

The channel pressure drop for each channel is

$$p_{\text{total}}(1) = \dots = p(k) = \dots = p(k_{\text{max}}), \quad (7)$$

where

$G_{\text{total}}$ : total coolant flow rate

$G(k)$ : mass flow rate in channel  $k$

$\rho_{\text{in}}$ : coolant density at channel inlet

$A_w(k)$ : coolant flow area in channel  $k$

$v_{\text{in}}(k)$ : coolant velocity at channel  $k$  inlet

$p_{\text{total}}$ : channel pressure drop.

The channel pressure drop,  $p_{\text{total}}$ , consists of the various terms in equation (8), which are the functions of coolant velocity, density and viscosity. Therefore, the channel pressure drop is calculated when coolant physical properties, coolant velocity and channel power are given. The coolant physical properties are derived by subroutine STATE (Ref. to Section 2.3) and the channel power is calculated by equation (2), so that the channel flow distribution is obtained by iterative calculations of equations (7) and (8) with assumed coolant inlet velocities:

$$p_{\text{total}}(k) = p_{\text{fric}} + p_{\text{head}} + p_{\text{acc}} + p_{\text{in}} + p_{\text{out}} \quad (8)$$

Where

$$p_{\text{fric}} = \int_0^l \rho \cdot \frac{v^2}{2g} \cdot \frac{\lambda}{De} \cdot dl \quad (9)$$

$$p_{\text{head}} = \int_0^l \rho dl \quad (10)$$

$$p_{\text{acc}} = \int_0^l \rho \cdot v \left( \frac{dv}{dl} \right) dl \quad (11)$$

$$p_{\text{in}} = \rho_{\text{in}} \frac{v_{\text{in}}^2}{2g} \left( K_{\text{in}} + \frac{l_{\text{in}}}{De} \lambda_{\text{in}} \right) \quad (12)$$

$$p_{\text{out}} = \rho_{\text{out}} \frac{v_{\text{out}}^2}{2g} \left( K_{\text{out}} + \frac{l_{\text{out}}}{De} \lambda_{\text{out}} \right) \quad (13)$$

and

$p_{\text{fric}}$ : friction pressure loss

$p_{\text{head}}$ : density head loss

$p_{\text{acc}}$ : acceleration pressure loss

$p_{\text{in}}$ : inlet disturbance pressure loss

- $p_{out}$ : exit disturbance pressure loss  
 $\rho$ : coolant density  
 $v$ : coolant velocity  
 $g$ : gravity constant  
 $\lambda$ : friction coefficient  
 $De$ : equivalent hydraulic diameter  
 $l$ : effective fuel length  
 $K$ : contraction or expansion loss coefficient.

#### 2.2.4 Heat Transfer Coefficient

The heat transfer coefficient between fuel cladding and coolant is calculated based upon one of the following five different coolant flow conditions:

1) Single phase (liquid) region<sup>9)</sup>

In case of turbulent coolant flow ( $Re > 2000$ ),

$$H = 0.023 Re^{0.8} \cdot Pr^{0.4} \cdot (\lambda/De) \quad (14)$$

In case of laminar coolant flow<sup>10)</sup> ( $2000 > Re > 200$ ),

$$H = 1.02 Re^{0.45} \cdot Pr^{0.33} \cdot (De/L)^{0.4} \cdot (\nu(T_c)/\nu(T_w))^{0.14} \cdot (\lambda/De) \quad (15)$$

In case of pool cooling,<sup>7),11)</sup>

$$H = \eta \cdot H_{laminar} \cdot (T_c - T_w)^n \quad (16)$$

Where

$\eta$ : coefficient calculated from flow rate

$n$ : 1/3 or 1/4.

2) Nucleate boiling region (including subcooled boiling)

Nucleate boiling starts when cladding surface temperature exceeds so-called Jens-Lottes temperature.<sup>12),13)</sup> Transition boiling is defined to occur at the time when surface heat flux exceeds the DNB (departure from nucleate boiling) heat flux.

Jens-Lottes temperature,  $T_{JL}$  is defined by

$$T_{JL} = T_{sat} + \Delta T_{JL} \quad (17)$$

$$\Delta T_{JL} = 0.819 \cdot e^{-(P/63.3)} \cdot q^{1/4} \quad (18)$$

DNB heat flux<sup>14)</sup> is calculated by

$$q_{DNB} = 2.8 \times (0.236 \times 10^6 + 0.0188 G) \cdot [3.0 + 0.018(T_{sat} - T_w)] \times [0.435 + 1.23 e^{-(0.0093 z/De)}] \cdot (1.7 - 1.4 e^{-A}) \quad (19)$$

$$A = 0.532 \times (\rho_f/\rho_g)^{1/3} \quad (20)$$

The heat transfer coefficient in the nucleate boiling region is assessed by the method described in Section 2.7.2.

3) Transition boiling region

The transition boiling region is bounded by the DNB heat flux point at the lower and film boiling initiation point at the upper end. It is assumed that film boiling occurs when cladding surface temperature exceeds coolant temperature by more than 60 degrees centigrade (Ref. Fig. 2.3).<sup>15)</sup>

The heat transfer coefficient in the transition boiling region,  $H_{TB}$ , is given by

$$H_{TB} = \frac{q_{DNB} - q_{TB}}{T_{TB} - T_{DNB}} \quad (21)$$

where

$q_{DNB}$ : DNB heat flux

$q_{TB}$ : heat flux at initiation of film boiling

$T_{TB}$ :  $T_{sat} + 60^\circ\text{C}$

$T_{\text{DNB}}$ : cladding surface temperature at DNB heat flux.

The heat flux at initiation of film boiling is assumed to be  $1.44 \times 10^5$  kcal/m<sup>2</sup>hr in this program.

#### 4) Film boiling region

The lower bound of the film boiling region is at the point where cladding surface temperature exceeds  $T_{\text{TB}}$  and the upper bound at the point where bulk coolant enthalpy reaches saturated steam enthalpy.

The heat transfer coefficient in this region is calculated by

$$H_{\text{FB}} = 0.023 Re^{0.8} Pr_{\text{gas}}^{0.4} (\lambda_{\text{gas}}/De), \quad (22)$$

where

$\lambda_{\text{gas}}$ : thermal conductivity of steam

$Pr_{\text{gas}}$ : Prandtl number of steam.

#### 5) Gaseous region

In the case bulk coolant enthalpy exceeds saturated steam enthalpy the heat transfer coefficient is given by the formula (22).

### 2.2.5 Physical Properties of Fuel and Cladding

Physical properties of fuel and cladding materials required for EUREKA are thermal conductivity, specific heat and thermal expansion coefficient. These physical properties are given in quadratic fittings versus temperature in MKH unit, except for thermal conductivity of fuel and gap heat transfer coefficient.

The thermal conductivity of UO<sub>2</sub> pellet is calculated by the fitting formula:

$$\lambda_{\text{UO}_2} = a_0 + a_1 T + a_2 T^2 + a_4/(T + a_5) \quad (23)$$

The gap heat transfer coefficient is calculated by the fitting formula:<sup>8)</sup>

$$H_{\text{gap}} = \frac{a_0 + a_1 T + a_2 T^2}{(a_4 + \Delta x \times 10^{-6})} \quad (24)$$

where

$a_0 \sim a_5$ : coefficients given as input data

$T$ : temperature

$\Delta x$ : gap clearance in meter unit.

In Appendix-B are given pertinent physical properties of fuel and cladding materials commonly used in light water power reactors.

### 2.3 Coolant Flow State and Physical Properties

Coolant physical properties are derived from subroutine STATE. In the boiling region the following procedures are applied based on physical properties of saturated steam and water calculated by STATE.

#### 1) Coolant temperature

In the case coolant enthalpy,  $h$ , is less than saturated enthalpy,  $h_{\text{sat}}$ , such as in the subcooled boiling region, coolant temperature is calculated by subroutine QUAFIT used a least squares method. In the case coolant is completely vaporized coolant temperature is assumed to be at the saturated steam temperature:

$$\begin{aligned} h < h_{\text{sat}} & \quad T_w = f(h) \\ h_{\text{sat}} \leq h < h_{\text{gas}} & \quad T_w = T_{\text{sat}} \\ h \geq h_{\text{gas}} & \quad T_w = T_{\text{gas}} = T_{\text{sat}}. \end{aligned} \quad (25)$$

#### 2) Steam quality, void volume fraction and density

Steam quality,  $x$ , is defined by

$$x = \frac{h - h_{\text{sat}}}{h_{\text{gas}} - h_{\text{sat}}} \quad (26)$$

Void volume fraction,  $\alpha$ , is defined by

$$\alpha = \frac{x/\rho_{\text{gas}}}{(1-x)/\rho_{\text{sat}} + x/\rho_{\text{gas}}} \quad (27)$$

In the subcooled boiling region, steam quality is set to be zero and void volume fraction,  $\alpha$ , is calculated by

$$\alpha = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{1}{\beta}} \quad (28)$$

$$\beta = 1 - 12.0 (\Delta t_{\text{sub}}/q)^{0.25} p^{-0.07}, \quad (29)$$

where

$\Delta t_{\text{sub}}$ : subcool temperature

$q$ : heat flux

$p$ : pressure.

Coolant density in the boiling state,  $\rho$ , is defined by

$$\rho = x\rho_g + (1-x)\rho_f. \quad (30)$$

### 3) Viscosity

Coolant viscosities for single phase and gaseous states are derived from STATE. Coolant viscosity in the two phase region is defined by void-fraction-weighted average of the liquid and gas phase values.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Single phase region} & \quad \nu = f(h) \\ \text{Two phase region} & \quad \nu = \nu_{\text{sat}} \\ \text{Gaseous region} & \quad \nu = \nu_{\text{gas}}. \end{aligned} \quad (31)$$

### 4) Thermal conductivity

Since coolant thermal conductivity is used only for computation of heat transfer coefficient at the cladding outer surface, the conductivity is defined as follows in accordance with boiling conditions:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Single phase region} & \quad \kappa = f(h) \\ \text{Nucleate boiling region} & \quad \kappa = \kappa_{\text{sat}} \\ \text{Film boiling region} & \quad \kappa = \kappa_{\text{gas}} \\ \text{Gaseous region} & \quad \kappa = \kappa_{\text{gas}}. \end{aligned} \quad (32)$$

### 5) Friction pressure loss coefficient

Single phase friction coefficient<sup>11)</sup> for pressure loss calculation is a function of Reynolds number:

$$\lambda = 0.3164 (Re)^{0.25}. \quad (33)$$

In the two phase region Reynolds number is computed by physical properties at the saturated condition. Martinelli-Nelson's two phase friction factor<sup>17)</sup> is computed by use of Shiba-Yamazaki's formula<sup>18)</sup>:

$$k_{MN} = (1-a)^{-0.875} \quad (34)$$

$$a = \left[ 2 + \frac{1}{\beta} - \sqrt{\left(2 + \frac{1}{\beta}\right)^2 - 4} \right] 2.0 \quad (35)$$

$$\beta = \frac{\rho_{\text{sat}} \cdot x}{\rho_{\text{gas}} \cdot (1-x)} \quad (36)$$

where  $a = \alpha$  in the subcooled region.

## 2.4 Reactor Kinetics Calculation

### 2.4.1 General Description

Subroutine AIREKA calculates reactor power excursion caused by reactivity perturbations. The method of numerical solution is based on the paper presented by E. R. Cohen<sup>21)</sup> at the Second Geneva Conference.

This subroutine is composed of eight smaller subroutines: YKMAIN sets initial conditions, AIREKA controls these reactor kinetics subroutines, INTER and its subordinates CNFBT and RNFBT perform numerical solution by Cohen's method, DIREC checks improper time increments, RANAL computes reactivity and TEST defines end of calculations.

The external reactivity insertion as a function of time is transformed in dollar unit. The neutron density, energy release and delayed neutron precursor densities of maximum six groups are obtained at each time step.

Since the reactor kinetics time increment is adjusted by the main program, AIREKA subroutine informs the main program the proper time increment, if any.

### 2.4.2 Reactor Kinetics Equations

The basic differential equations of reactor kinetics dealt with by subroutine AIREKA are

$$\frac{dN(t)}{dt} = \frac{\rho(t) - \beta}{l} N(t) + \sum_i \lambda_i C_i(t) + S_0 \quad (37)$$

$$\frac{dC_i(t)}{dt} = \frac{\beta f_i}{l} N(t) - \lambda_i C_i(t) \quad (i=1, \dots, 6) \quad (38)$$

$$\frac{dE(t)}{dt} = N(t) \quad (39)$$

where

$t$ : time

$N(t)$ : neutron density

$C_i(t)$ : delayed neutron precursor density of  $i$ -th group

$\rho(t)$ : reactivity

$\beta$ : effective delayed neutron fraction

$f_i$ :  $\beta_i/\beta$

$\beta_i$ : delayed neutron fraction of  $i$ -th group

$l$ : prompt neutron life time

$\lambda_i$ : decay constant of delayed neutron precursor of  $i$ -th group

$S_0$ : neutron source density

$E(t)$ : time integral of neutron density or fission energy.

Equations (37) and (38) are modified by use of the following substitutions:

$$\frac{\rho(t)}{\beta} = r(t)$$

$$\frac{l \lambda_i}{\beta f_i} C_i(t) = W_i(t)$$

$$\frac{l}{\beta} S_0 = S^* \quad (40)$$

$$\frac{dN(t)}{dt} = \frac{\beta}{l} \{ [r(t) - 1.0] N(t) + \sum_i f_i W_i(t) \} + S^* \quad (41)$$

$$\frac{dW_i(t)}{dt} = \lambda_i N(t) - \lambda_i W_i(t) \quad (42)$$



Equations (39) and (42) are commonly described by the following standard form :

$$\frac{dF_j(t)}{dt} = A_j N(t) + B_j F_j(t) \quad (43)$$

Therefore, equations (41) and (43) are solved in a generalized form in this program.

## 2.5 Calculation of Feedback Reactivities

In EUREKA, four kinds of feedback reactivities, are taken into account, which are induced by the changes of reactor thermal hydraulic characteristics.

They are

(1)  $\delta k_D$  induced by change of fuel temperature  $T_{FA}$

(2)  $\delta k_T$  induced by change of moderator temperature  $T_W$

(3)  $\delta k_\alpha$  induced by change of void volume fraction  $\alpha$

and (4)  $\delta k_E$  induced by thermal expansion of fuel cladding.

These feedback reactivities are fitted to formulae in power series with proper variables, as shown in the following, which are calculated numerically in subroutine FIDBAK :

$$\delta k_D(z_{j,k}) = a_{D_1} + a_{D_2} T_{FA}(z_{j,k}) + a_{D_3} T_{FA}^2(z_{j,k}) + a_{D_4} T_{FA}^3(z_{j,k}) + a_{D_5} \{T_{FA}(z_{j,k})\}^{a_{D_6}} \quad (44)$$

$$\delta k_T(z_{j,k}) = a_{T_1} T_W(z_{j,k}) + a_{T_2} T_W^2(z_{j,k}) + a_{T_3} T_W^3(z_{j,k}) \quad (45)$$

$$\delta k_\alpha(z_{j,k}) = a_{\alpha_1} \alpha(z_{j,k}) + a_{\alpha_2} \alpha^2(z_{j,k}) \quad (46)$$

$$\delta k_E(z_{j,k}) = 2\lambda_C (V_F/V_M) a_{E_1} T_{CA}(z_{j,k}) \quad (47)$$

where  $a_{D_i}$ ,  $a_{T_i}$ ,  $a_{\alpha_i}$  and  $a_{E_i}$  are fitting coefficients in the reactivity feedbacks, which are given in EUREKA as input data;  $\lambda_C$  is linear expansion coefficient of cladding material and  $V_F/V_M$  is volume ratio of fuel to moderator in the unit rod cell.

The variables,  $T_{FA}(z_{j,k})$  and  $T_{CA}(z_{j,k})$  are volume weighted average temperature of fuel and cladding respectively, at the height  $z_j$  of the  $k$ -th channel in the core.

These variables are calculated in the following manner. For example, fuel temperature  $T_{FA}$  is calculated by

$$T_{FA}(z_{j,k}) = \frac{\sum_i T(r_i, z_{j,k}) \cdot \Delta V(r_i)}{\sum_i \Delta V(r_i)} \quad (48)$$

In the calculation of  $\delta k_D$ , which is induced by the change of fuel temperature,  $T_{FA}(z_{j,k})$  is used, implying that Doppler effect is assumed to be expressed with volume weighted average fuel temperature.

As seen from the above formulae, the feedback reactivities are given at each mesh point in the core. In EUREKA, however, nuclear transient is treated by a point kinetics equation. Therefore, the feedback reactivity used in the kinetics equation must be calculated by summing the reactivities at mesh point with weighting factors of neutron and adjoint fluxes.

Thus the total feedback reactivity is calculated in the following formulae :

$$\delta k(t) = \delta k_D(t) + \delta k_T(t) + \delta k_\alpha(t) + \delta k_E(t) \quad (49)$$

$$\delta k_D(t) = \sum_{j,k} \delta k_D(z_{j,k}) W_{res}(j, k) \quad (50)$$

$$\delta k_T(t) = \sum_{j,k} \delta k_T(z_{j,k}) W_{th}(j, k) \quad (51)$$

$$\delta k_\alpha(t) = \sum_{j,k} \delta k_\alpha(z_{j,k}) W_{th}(j, k) \quad (52)$$

$$\delta k_E(t) = \sum_{j,k} \delta k_E(z_{j,k}) W_{th}(j, k) \quad (53)$$

$$W_{res}(j, k) = (\phi_{res} \cdot \phi_{res}^*)_{j,k} \cdot \Delta V_{j,k} \quad (54)$$

$$W_{th}(j, k) = (\phi_{th} \cdot \phi_{th}^*)_{j,k} \cdot \Delta V_{j,k} \quad (55)$$

where  $W_{res}(j, k)$  and  $W_{th}(j, k)$  are the normalized weights given by the product of neutron and adjoint fluxes and volume element  $\Delta V(j, k)$  at the  $z_j$ -th nodal point of the  $k$ -th channel. All the feedback reactivities mentioned above are computed in subroutine FIDBAK.

As is explained previously in Section 2.1, the extrapolated feedback reactivity at time  $t$ , and is calculated in subroutine DKFIT, utilizing a quadratic fitting formula.

Namely, feedback reactivities  $\delta k_1$ ,  $\delta k_2$  and  $\delta k_3$  at successive time mesh points  $t_1$ ,  $t_2$  and  $t_3$  just before the time  $t$ , being given, the extrapolated reactivity  $\delta k_{ext}(t)$  at  $t$  in the quadratic formula is obtained by

$$\delta k_{ext}(t) = \delta k_1 \frac{(t-t_2)(t-t_3)}{(t_1-t_2)(t_1-t_3)} + \delta k_2 \frac{(t-t_3)(t-t_1)}{(t_2-t_3)(t_2-t_1)} + \delta k_3 \frac{(t-t_1)(t-t_2)}{(t_3-t_1)(t_3-t_2)}. \quad (56)$$

When the difference between the extrapolated reactivity  $\delta k_{ext}(t)$  and computed feedback  $\delta k(t)$  at time  $t$  is greater than an allowable limit of  $\epsilon_k$ , the extrapolated reactivity and kinetic calculation are recomputed to replace the  $\delta k_{ext}(t)$  by the  $\delta k(t)$ .

The EUREKA's test run results show that recalculations are necessary only around peak power time with error tolerance value of 0.5cent. Therefore it can be said that this quadratic formula extrapolation technique is fairly good estimation.

The reactivity used in subroutine INTER, which computes the kinetics equation is the difference between the inserted and feedback reactivity. This subtraction is performed in subroutine TOTDK.

In EUREKA, externally inserted reactivity is given as input data by consecutive linear fitting with as many as ten break points. When the time  $t$  is between the time break point  $t_B$  and  $t_E$ , and the corresponding inserted reactivities are  $\delta k_B$  and  $\delta k_E$ , respectively, the inserted reactivity at  $t$  is given by linear interpolation :

$$\delta k_s(t) = \frac{\delta k_E - \delta k_B}{t_E - t_B} (t - t_B) + \delta k_B. \quad (57)$$

The extrapolated reactivity  $\delta k_{ext}(t)$  is obtained in subroutine DKFIT, and the net reactivity  $\delta k_{net}$  which is used in the kinetics calculation is given by

$$\delta k_{NET} = \delta k_s(t) - \delta k_{ext}(t). \quad (58)$$

## 2.6 Calculation of Transient Coolant Flow Rate

### 2.6.1 Fundamental Equations<sup>19)</sup>

The calculation of transient coolant flow rate is based on the continuity equation and the law of conservation of momentum. When heat transfer rate to coolant, coolant flow rate and coolant temperature at the core inlet are known at time  $t$ , the transient in-channel continuity equation is expressed by

$$\frac{\partial m}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial(mv)}{\partial z} = 0. \quad (59)$$

where

$$m = A\rho. \quad (60)$$

In the case when the flow area in the channel is constant,  $A$ , then equation (59) becomes

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial(\rho v)}{\partial z} = 0. \quad (61)$$

From the momentum balance,

$$\frac{\partial p}{\partial z} + \rho \cdot g + \frac{\kappa}{2D_e} \rho v^2 + \rho \left[ \frac{\partial v}{\partial t} + v \frac{\partial v}{\partial z} \right] = 0. \quad (62)$$

where

- $\rho$  : coolant density  
 $v$  : coolant velocity  
 $p$  : coolant pressure  
 $g$  : gravity constant  
 $\kappa/2D_c$  : friction coefficient  
 $t$  : time  
 $z$  : channel axial coordinate.

By integrating equation (62) in the interval of channel  $l$ ,

$$\int_0^l \partial p + \int_0^l \rho \cdot g dz + \frac{\kappa}{2D_c} \int_0^l (\rho v^2) dz + \int_0^l \rho \left( \frac{\partial v}{\partial t} \right) dz + \int_0^l \rho v \left( \frac{\partial v}{\partial z} \right) dz = 0 \quad (63)$$

and equation (63) is rewritten into

$$\int_0^l \rho \left( \frac{\partial v}{\partial t} \right) dz + \int_0^l \rho v \left( \frac{\partial v}{\partial z} \right) dz = p_{in} - p_{out} - \int_0^l (\rho g) dz - \frac{k}{2D_c} \int_0^l (\rho v^2) dz. \quad (64)$$

As is explained later in Section 2.7 since physical properties of coolant at each mesh point are already calculated, the coolant velocity at the point is given by

$$v(z, t) = v_{in}(t) + \int_0^z \left( \frac{\partial v}{\partial z} \right) dz, \quad (65)$$

therefore,

$$\frac{\partial v}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial v_{in}}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_0^z \left( \frac{\partial v}{\partial z} \right) dz. \quad (66)$$

From equation (66), the first term in the left hand side in equation (64) is

$$\int_0^l \rho \left( \frac{\partial v}{\partial t} \right) dz = \int_0^l \rho \frac{\partial v_{in}}{\partial t} dz + \int_0^l \rho \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_0^z \frac{\partial v}{\partial z} dz \cdot dz. \quad (67)$$

By substituting equation (67) into equation (64),  $\partial v_{in}/\partial t$  is obtained as follows.

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial v_{in}}{\partial t} = & \left[ p_{in} - p_{out} - \int_0^l (\rho g) dz - \frac{\kappa}{2D_c} \int_0^l (\rho v^2) dz \right. \\ & \left. - \int_0^l \rho v \left( \frac{\partial v}{\partial z} \right) dz - \int_0^l \rho \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_0^z \frac{\partial v}{\partial z} \cdot dz \cdot dz \right] / \left[ \int_0^l \rho dz \right]. \end{aligned} \quad (68)$$

To solve equation (68), it is necessary to assume

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_0^z \frac{\partial v}{\partial z} dz = \int_0^z \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left( \frac{\partial v}{\partial z} \right) dz. \quad (69)$$

This assumption may not be strictly correct in the case of sudden boiling occurrence, but is necessary to reduce the difference equations.

From the continuity equation (61),

$$\frac{\partial v}{\partial z} = -\frac{1}{\rho} \left[ v \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial z} + \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} \right]. \quad (70)$$

Therefore,

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left( \frac{\partial v}{\partial z} \right) = \frac{\left( \frac{\partial v}{\partial z} \right)_{t=(t)} - \left( \frac{\partial v}{\partial z} \right)_{t=(t-\Delta t)}}{\Delta t}. \quad (71)$$

By permitting the assumption of equation (69), it is possible to solve equation (68).

The channel inlet velocity at each time step,  $v_{in}(t_1)$  is given by

$$v_{in}(t_1) = v_{in}(t_0) + \int_{t_0}^{t_1} \frac{\partial v_{in}(t_0)}{\partial t} dt. \quad (72)$$

Then equation (65) can be solved with aid of equation (72), and thus the velocity,  $v(z, t)$ , at each mesh point in a channel is computed. Since all the coolant velocities at time  $t$  are now obtained, the in-channel pressure loss  $\Delta p(t)$  is calculated by

$$\Delta p(t) = p_{in}(t) - p_{out}(t)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \int_0^l (\rho g) dz + \frac{\kappa}{2D_e} \int_0^l (\rho v^2) dz + \left[ \frac{\partial v_{in}}{\partial t} \int_0^l \rho dz \right. \\
&\quad \left. + \int_0^l \rho v \left( \frac{\partial v}{\partial z} \right) dz + \int_0^l \int_0^z \rho \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left( \frac{\partial v}{\partial z} \right) dz \cdot dz \right]. \quad (73)
\end{aligned}$$

### 2.6.2 In-channel Pressure Loss and Inlet Flow Rate Calculation

In the analysis of coolant flow rate distribution in the core of light water reactor, it is common to calculate the coolant flow distribution of the channels so as to make pressure differences between upper and lower plenum the same. In the steady state calculation, the initial flow rate of each channel is determined in this way.

It will be possible to obtain channel flow rate even at transient condition likewise the steady state calculation by repeating the above processes. But it is not only ineconomical to repeat the iterative calculation at each time step, but also is not always correct representation of the phenomena. As a matter of fact if sudden boiling takes place in a channel due to power burst, the pressure in this channel may be probably greater than the others. For this reason, in EUREKA, it is avoided to repeat the pressure balance calculation at every time step, and the method to give inlet flow rate at each time step is introduced.

As can be understood from equation (68), the channel inlet flow rate is governed by the coolant velocity at each mesh point, the coolant variables like physical properties, which are computed at each time and mesh point, and by the pressure difference between the channel inlet and outlet ( $p_{in} - p_{out}$ ). In other words, to obtain an approximate solution of coolant velocity at each mesh point without iterative calculation, it is necessary to assume one of the three variables, the in-channel pressure loss, physical properties of coolant and the inlet velocity, since these three variables are dependent with each other.

As the first approximation, one may think that it will be most acceptable to assume the pressure difference between the upper and lower plenum, if the last time step is kept constant to next time step. This method is commonly used in the single channel calculation. In this case<sup>19)</sup>, the inlet flow rate change is given from equation (68) by assuming the " $p_{in} - p_{out}$ " of previous time step.

Analysing the multi-channel problem, it will be necessary to make an another assumption in order to satisfy the inter-channel relationship. EUREKA uses a standard pressure loss method multi-channel analysis. This standard pressure loss select the channel, which is thought to receive the least transient pressure effect due to temperature change of coolant, and usually this channel is the outermost one in the core. In this method it is assumed the inlet velocity of the standard channel remains constant during the transient period.

From equation (68), the channel inlet flow rate is given,

$$\frac{\partial v_{in}(k, t_0)}{\partial t} = \frac{\Delta p(Ref., t_0) - \Delta p(k, t_0)}{\int_0^l \rho(k) \cdot dz} \quad (74)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
v_{in}(Ref., t) &= \text{const.} \\
v_{in}(k, t_1) &= v_{in}(k, t_0) + \frac{\partial v_{in}(k, t_0)}{\partial t} (t_1 - t_0). \quad (75)
\end{aligned}$$

where  $v_{in}(Ref., t_1)$  and  $v_{in}(k, t_1)$  are the inlet velocities at time  $t_1$  of the standard and the  $k$ -th channels, respectively.

The pressure loss of each channel at time  $t_1$  is given by the use of the inlet velocity obtained from equation (76)

$$\Delta p(k, t_1) = p_{in}(k, t_1) - p_{out}(k, t_1) \quad (76)$$

Therefore, by use of equation (73), the variables mentioned in Section 2.6.1 are computed at every time step.

In the case when coolant flow rate is changing with time, equation (75) are modified as follows.

As the change of the coolant flow rate is given by the input, the ratio of the flow change between successive two time step,  $s$ , is known.

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} v_{in}(Ref., t_1) &= s \cdot v_{in}(Ref., t_0) \\ v_{in}(k, t_1) &= s \cdot \left[ v_{in}(k, t_0) + \frac{\partial v_{in}(k, t_0)}{\partial t} (t_1 - t_0) \right]. \end{aligned} \quad (77)$$

where the ratio  $s$  is set to interval of 0.97~1.03 in the code by adjusting the time step width, to avoid calculational error due to violent pressure change.

The above calculation is performed mainly in subroutines PRESDEN and HEATRA. The coolant physical properties are derived in STATE from enthalpy  $h$  obtained in Section 2.7.

## 2.7 Calculation of Transient Coolant Temperature

### 2.7.1 Fundamental Equations

In this section, the method of calculation, the heat transfer rate to coolant and coolant physical properties are described, which are assumed to be known in the previous section. To estimate the heat transfer rate to the coolant it is necessary to take into account the direct heat production in coolant (due to neutron slowing down and attenuation of gamma rays), in addition to the heat transferred from fuel to coolant.<sup>1)~5)</sup>

The heat transfer rate  $Q_H$  is calculated by heat flux of the previous time step for the computational convenience, which is obtained in subroutine FFTEMP (2.8). Although heat flux changes in the transient period, the time constant of the fuel is considerably large. Therefore it seems reasonable to use the heat flux data at the previous time in order to avoid iterative calculation.<sup>1)</sup>

Heat production  $Q_{PMH}$  in the coolant is almost prompt in phenomena, thus heat source can be treated as proportional to the power distribution in the core, since the heat production by the neutron slowing down is much greater than that by the attenuation of gamma rays.

Whence additional heat to the coolant in the interval of  $j$ -th and  $j+1$ th mesh is

$$h_{j+1,k}(t_1) = \frac{h_{j,k}(t_1) \cdot \left[ \frac{v_{j,k}(t) \cdot \Delta t}{\Delta t} \right] + h_{j+1,k}(t_0) + \left[ \frac{Q_{j,k}(t_1)}{\rho_{j,k} \Delta z \cdot A_w} \right]}{\left[ 1.0 + \left( \frac{v_{j,k}(t) \cdot \Delta t}{\Delta z} \right) \right]} \quad (78)$$

where

$$Q_{j,k}(t_1) = Q_{H,j,k}(t_1) + Q_{PMH,j,k}(t_1) \quad (79)$$

$$Q_{H,j,k}(t_1) = (2\pi r_c \cdot \Delta z) \cdot \left[ \frac{q_{j,k}(t_0) + q_{j+1,k}(t_0)}{2} \right] \Delta t \quad (80)$$

$$Q_{PMH,j,k}(t_1) = \eta_{PMH} \int_{t_0}^{t_1} \left( \frac{p_{j,k}(t) + p_{j+1,k}(t)}{2} \right) dt \quad (81)$$

and

$h$ : enthalpy of coolant

$v$ : coolant velocity

$z$ : mesh length

$\Delta t$ :  $\Delta t = t_1 - t_0$  time interval

$Q_{j,k}(t_1)$ : heat produced at time to  $t_1$  in the  $j=1$ th mesh

$r_c$ : clad radius

$q$ : heat flux

$P$ : regional core heat output

$\eta_{PMH}$ : fraction of the moderator heat production.

As mentioned previously, the heat flux  $q$  at the previous time step is given from subroutine FFTEMP, and the core heat output is calculated in subroutine AIREKA at the every time step. The heat transfer rate to the coolant can be obtained using equation (79) in step wise.

As  $v_{in}(t)$  is known as a boundary condition,  $v_{j-1}$  is calculated by solving equations (78) and (65) and (70), alternately. These are done in subroutine HEATRA.

In the next paragraph the relations between the transient heat transfer to coolant and the transient fuel temperature calculations are discussed.

As was previously mentioned, the coolant temperature and physical properties are obtained in subroutine STATE, and heat transfer coefficient for the next time step is also obtained, which will be discussed in detail in the next Section 2.7.2. In addition heat increase in the fuel is already known it is possible to get new temperature profile in the fuel based on the previous profile. The new clad surface temperature is obtained, and heat flux for next time step can be computed using the coolant temperature and heat transfer coefficient.

By the way, in these procedures, gap heat transfer coefficient<sup>8)</sup> between the pellet and clad is very controvertible and must be treated carefully. Subroutine GAHT takes account of this coefficient as a function of gap width and gap temperature, which is also used in the steady state calculation.

The physical properties of coolant and the pressure loss coefficients necessary to the pressure loss calculation described in the previous section are also computed from the coolant enthalpy at each mesh point.

### 2.7.2 Calculation of the Heat Transfer Coefficient

In the case of single phase flow problem, the heat transfer coefficient is obtained from the coolant hydraulic-thermal condition (Ref. 2.3.4.).

In the nucleate boiling region, the relation between the heat flux and the clad surface temperature  $T_c$ ,<sup>12)</sup> and the coolant saturation temperature  $T_{sat}$  is given by the correlation of Jens-Lottes correlation,

$$T_c - T_{sat} = \beta \cdot q^{1/4}, \quad (82)$$

where

$$\beta = 0.819e^{-p/63.3}.$$

From the relationship of the heat flux, cladding and coolant temperature, and the heat transfer coefficients,  $H$ , is expressed by

$$T_c - T_w = q/H. \quad (83)$$

where  $q(t)$  and  $q(t+\Delta t)$  are the heat fluxes at time  $t$  and  $t+\Delta t$ , respectively. Let  $q(t+\Delta t)$  express in Taylor's series neglecting higher order terms,

$$q(t+\Delta t) \doteq q(t) + \Delta t \cdot q'(t) \quad (84)$$

hence 
$$q(t+\Delta t)^{1/4} = q(t)^{1/4} + \frac{\Delta t \cdot q'(t)}{4q(t)^{3/4}}. \quad (85)$$

Substituting equation (85) into equation (82), it becomes,

$$T_c(t+\Delta t) - T_{sat} = \beta \cdot q(t)^{1/4} + \beta \cdot \frac{\Delta t \cdot q'(t)}{4q(t)^{3/4}} \quad (86)$$

$$T_c(t) - T_{sat} = \beta \cdot q(t)^{1/4}. \quad (87)$$

Subtracting equation (87) from equation (86), the following equation is obtained,

$$T_c(t+\Delta t) - T_c(t) = \beta \cdot \frac{\Delta t \cdot q'(t)}{4q(t)^{3/4}} = \frac{q'(t) \cdot \Delta t}{4q(t)} \cdot (T_c(t) - T_{\text{sat}}). \quad (88)$$

As is discussed previously, the heat flux change is relatively slow,  $q'(t)$  at the time  $t$  can be estimated from the previous values, and cladding surface temperature  $T_c(t+\Delta t)$  at the next time step can be estimated utilizing the result at time  $t$ .

And by solving equation (82), it is possible to get heat flux corresponding to the temperature  $T_c(t+\Delta t)$ , when the heat transfer coefficient is computed from equation (83).

## 2.8 Calculation of Fuel Rod Temperature

### 2.8.1 Heat Conduction Model

Temperature distribution in a fuel rod is determined by solving the one-dimensional heat conduction equation in cylindrical geometry. The conduction model and method of solution are based on HEAT-1 code.<sup>23)~26)</sup> The core is divided into up to maximum 5 types of channels which are represented by a single fuel pin plus its associated coolant area. The fuel rod consists of three components (fuel, gas gap, and clad) and subdivided into a maximum of 25 radial mesh points. Fig. 1.2 illustrates the allocation of radial mesh points at which the temperatures will be calculated.

The heat transfer at the fuel-clad boundary is treated by Anderson-Leichter equation which is a function of both temperature and gap distance (Appendix B). The clad-coolant boundary conditions employed at each axial mesh points are derived from the heat transfer model, described in Section 2.2.

In EUREKA, the thermal properties of components are represented by functions of temperature.

### 2.8.2 Derivation of the Difference Approximation to the Numerical Calculation

The heat conduction calculation in the fuel rod is assumed to be one-dimensional; radial conduction are allowed but axial conduction is ignored. The partial differential equation for both transient and steady state heat conduction, is given below.

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t}(g(u, r) \cdot u(r, t)) = \nabla k(u, r) \cdot \nabla u(r, t) + S(r, t). \quad (89)$$

where

- $u$  = temperature
- $r$  = space variable
- $t$  = time variable
- $g$  = volumetric heat capacity
- $k$  = thermal conductivity
- $S$  = source term per unit volume

To obtain the spatial difference approximation for  $n$ -th mesh point, equation (89) is integrated over an incremental volume, shown in Fig. 2.2.

$$\iiint_V \frac{\partial}{\partial t}(g(u, r) \cdot u(r, t)) dv = \iiint_V \nabla k(u, r) \cdot \nabla u(r, t) dv + \iiint_V S(r, t) dv \quad (90)$$

Mesh points are allocated such that they lie on the external boundaries of the fuel rod, at the interfaces between materials and at equal intervals between the interfaces and/or boundaries. A region is a segment of space which contains the same material and has a constant spacing between mesh points.

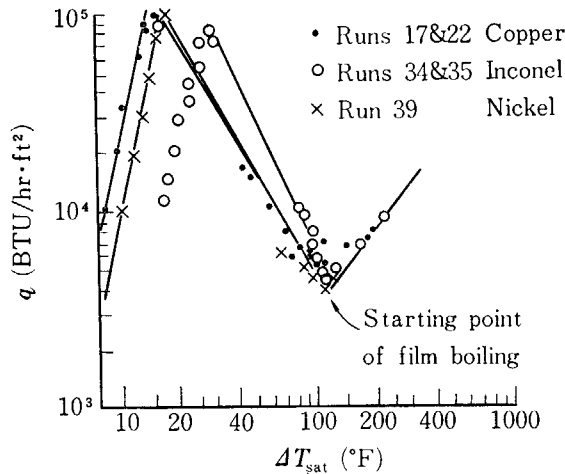


Fig. 2.3 Starting point of film boiling indicated in experimental results.

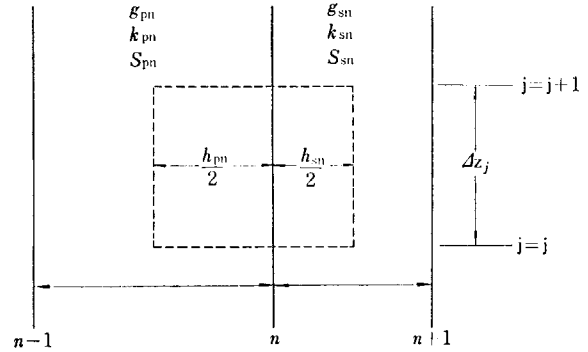


Fig. 2.4 Two typical radial intervals in thermal model.

Fig. 2.4 represents three typical mesh points. Subscripts designate space indices and superscripts indicate time indices. Subscripts  $p$  and  $s$  designate quantities to the left and to the right of the mesh points, respectively. The  $h$ 's indicate the mesh point spacing, which are not necessarily equal in the different regions. In the region between mesh points,  $k$ ,  $g$ , and  $S$  are assumed constant, but  $k_{pn}$  is not necessarily equal to  $k_{sn}$ , and similar situation occurs for  $g$  and  $S$ .

Using a forward difference for the time derivative, the first term of equation (90) is approximated by

$$\begin{aligned} \iiint_V \frac{\partial}{\partial t} (g(u, r) \cdot u(r, t)) dv &\approx \iiint_V g(u, r) \frac{\partial u}{\partial t}(r, t) dv \\ &\approx \frac{u_n^{m+1} - u_n^m}{\Delta t} \left( g_{pn} \frac{h_{pn}}{2} \left( r_n - \frac{h_{pn}}{4} \right) + g_{sn} \frac{h_{sn}}{2} \left( r_n + \frac{h_{sn}}{4} \right) \right). \end{aligned} \quad (91)$$

Where the symbols  $u_n^m$  and  $u_n^{m+1}$  indicate the temperature at  $r_n$  and  $t_m$  and at  $r_n$  and  $t_{m+1}$ , respectively.

The second term of equation (90) becomes

$$\begin{aligned} \iiint_V \nabla k(u, r) \nabla u(r, t) dv &= \iint_S k(u, r) \nabla u(r, t) \bar{d}s \\ &\approx - \frac{k_{pn}(u_n - u_{n-1})}{h_{pn}} \left( r_n - \frac{h_{pn}}{2} \right) + \frac{k_{sn}(u_{n+1} - u_n)}{h_{sn}} \left( r_n + \frac{h_{sn}}{2} \right). \end{aligned} \quad (92)$$

The heat source term is assumed to be a separable function of space and time. The magnitude of this local heat source is determined from the calculated or specified core power level and preassigned by the axial and radial weighting factors. For each axial mesh points, it is thus defined by

$$S(r, t) = P_f \cdot P(t) Q(r). \quad (93)$$

Where  $P_f$  is a power factor,  $P(t)$  is the time dependent part which is calculated in subroutine AIREKA, and  $Q(r)$  is the space dependent weighting factor.

The third term of equation (90) is then approximated as

$$\iiint_V S(r, t) dv \approx S_{pn} \frac{h_{pn}}{2} \left( r_n - \frac{h_{pn}}{4} \right) + S_{sn} \frac{h_{sn}}{2} \left( r_n + \frac{h_{sn}}{4} \right). \quad (94)$$

From the above equations, the following quantities are defined for convenience:

$$\begin{aligned} h_{pn}^v &= 2\pi \frac{h_{pn}}{2} \left( r_n - \frac{h_{pn}}{4} \right); & h_{sn}^v &= 2\pi \frac{h_{sn}}{2} \left( r_n + \frac{h_{sn}}{4} \right); \\ h_{pn}^s &= 2\pi \frac{1}{h_{pn}} \left( r_n - \frac{h_{pn}}{2} \right); & h_{sn}^s &= 2\pi \frac{1}{h_{sn}} \left( r_n + \frac{h_{sn}}{2} \right); \\ h_n^b &= 2\pi r_n & D_n &= g_{pn} h_{pn}^v + g_{sn} h_{sn}^v \end{aligned}$$



Using all the approximated terms to the equation (90), the basic difference equation for the  $n$ -th mesh point becomes

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{(u_n^{m+1} - u_n^m)D_n}{\Delta t} = & -(u_n^m - u_{n-1}^m)k_{pn}h_{pn}^S + (u_{n+1}^m - u_n^m)k_{sn}h_{sn}^S \\ & + (Q_{pn}h_{pn}^V + Q_{sn}h_{sn}^V)P_iP_t\lambda. \end{aligned} \quad (95)$$

Using a forward difference for the time derivative, equation (90) can be approximated by the following difference equation for the  $n$ -th interior mesh point at the time node  $(m+1)$ :

$$a_n u_{n-1}^{m+1} + b_n u_n^{m+1} + c_n u_{n+1}^{m+1} = d_n.$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} a_n = & -\frac{k_{pn}h_{pn}^S \Delta t}{2}, \quad c_n = -\frac{k_{sn}h_{sn}^S \Delta t}{2}, \quad b_n = \sigma D_n - a_n - c_n, \\ d_n = & -\sigma a_n u_{n-1}^m + \sigma(D_n + a_n + c_n)u_n^m - \sigma c_n u_{n+1}^m \\ & + \Delta t P_t \left( \frac{\lambda^{m+1} + \sigma \lambda^m}{2} \right) \cdot (Q_{pn}h_{pn}^V + Q_{sn}h_{sn}^V). \end{aligned} \quad (96)$$

In equation (96),  $\sigma$  is 1.0 for transient cases and 0 for steady state cases.

### 2.8.3 Derivation of a Difference Formula to Boundary Conditions

The boundary condition allowed takes the form of

$$A(u)u + B(u)\left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial r}\right) = D(u)C(t). \quad (97)$$

The equation (97) is used to represent the boundary condition of both at the center of fuel and at the cladding-coolant interface. Equation (90) is again used to obtain the difference formula at the boundaries, with the volume of integration. The second term of equation (90) for the boundary condition at  $r=r_0$  is

$$\begin{aligned} \iint_V \nabla \cdot k(u, r) \nabla u(r, t) dV = & \iint_S k(u, r) \nabla u(r, t) \cdot \bar{ds} \\ \approx & -\frac{k_{s0}}{B_0}(C_0 - A_0 u_0)h_0^b + k_{s0}(u_1 - u_0)h_{s0}^S. \end{aligned} \quad (98)$$

The difference equation for the mesh point at  $r=r_0$  becomes

$$B_0 \left( \frac{u_0^{m+1} - u_0^m}{\Delta t} \right) g_{s0} h_{s0}^V = -k_{s0}(C_0 - A_0 u_0)h_0^b + B_0 k_{s0}(u_1 - u_0)h_{s0}^S + B_0 S_{s0} h_{s0}^V. \quad (99)$$

Difference equations for the boundary at  $r=r_N$  are derived in a similar fashion. These equations for the boundary mesh points are converted to the implicit formula in the same manner as for the interior points. Thus,  $r=r_0$ ,

$$b_0 u_0^{m+1} + c_0 u_1^{m+1} = d_0. \quad (100)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} c_0 = & -B_0 \frac{k_{s0} h_{s0}^S \Delta t}{2}, \quad b_0 = B_0 \sigma g_{s0} h_{s0}^V + \frac{k_{s0} A_0 h_0^b \Delta t}{2B_0} - c_0, \\ d_0 = & -\sigma c_0 u_1^m + \sigma \left( g_{s0} h_{s0}^V + c_0 - \frac{k_{s0} A_0 h_0^b \Delta t}{2B_0} \right) u_0 \\ & + \frac{k_{s0} h_0^b D_0 \Delta t (C_0^{m+1} + \sigma C_0^m)}{2B_0} + \Delta t P_t P_t \left( \frac{\lambda^{m+1} + \sigma \lambda^m}{2} \right) Q_{s0} h_{s0}^V. \end{aligned} \quad (101)$$

at  $r=r_N$ ,

$$a_N u_{N-1}^{m+1} + b_N u_N^{m+1} = d_N \quad (102)$$

where

$$a_N = -\frac{k_{pN} h_{pN}^S \Delta t}{2}, \quad b_N = \sigma g_{pN} h_{pN}^V + \frac{k_{pN} A_N h_N^b \Delta t}{2B_N} - \alpha_N,$$



### 3. Test Results

#### 3.1 General

In order to verify EUREKA model reliability, many of test run calculations have been performed on the SPERT-III E-core transient tests. The SPERT-III E-core is a small PWR reactor with oxide fuels, however, characteristics of the core are generally similar to typical PWR currently designed. Since tests cover various reactivity transients from different operational modes of PWR, the SPERT-III transient tests will be proper selection to examine EUREKA reliability.

The SPERT-III E-core tests can be divided into three major phases as listed in the TABLE 3.1. These depend on initial test conditions of reactor, namely, cold-startup, hot-startup and power operating condition. The cold-startup test which is called fiducial test in the SPERT, was performed to prove that SPERT-III E-core has similar kinetic characters with other SPERT kinetic tests. In this test phase, SPERT reports do not mention that any special kinetic character of the SPERT-III E-core were found in comparison with other SPERT reactors. The other two test phases which simulate reactivity accident initiated from hot-startup conditions and power operating conditions were the foremost tests performed by the SPERT-III E-core.

TABLE 3.1 SPERT-III-E core experiments

Reactor initial condition		
Reactor power	(MW)	$5 \times 10^{-5} \sim 20$
Pressure	(kg/cm <sup>2</sup> g)	1~100
Temperature	(°C)	20~260
Flow velocity	(m/sec)	0~7.5
Transient condition		
Inserted reactivity	(\$)	0.6~1.3
Reactor period	(sec)	2~0.01
Insertion rate	(\$/sec)	$\approx 15$

All sample calculation results of the EUREKA meet the SPERT transient tests with good accuracy. General difference between EUREKA calculations and SPERT experiments are approximately 10~15% and these differences are within experimental uncertainties as listed in the TABLE 3.2. One remarkable case, in which approximately 30% of differences was obtained, is in an analysis of the transient from 20MW full power operation, however, it should be noted that there were several unknown inputs including doppler temperature as discussed in the Appendix A-2. Therefore it is believed that, if the calculational conditions were clear enough, differences between analysis and experiment in this case would be much less than those results. Thus it can be generally concluded that EUREKA could calculate light water power reactor kinetic behaviors within 15% of uncertainty, when inputs were adequate.

TABLE 3.2 EUREKA analysis to the SPERT-III E-core experiment

Case. No.		1-1	1-2	1-3	1-4	1-6	1-9	3-2
Initial condition								
Pressure	psi	1500	1500	1500	1500	1500	Atm.	1500
Temperature	°F	500	500	500	500	500	70	500
Flow rate	f/s	14	14	14	14	14	0	2.8
Reactor power	MW	$5 \times 10^{-5}$	$5 \times 10^{-5}$	$5 \times 10^{-5}$	1	20	$5 \times 10^{-5}$	$5 \times 10^{-5}$
Transient condition								
Inserted reactivity	\$	1.21 (1.23 $\pm 0.05$ )	1.10 (1.10 $\pm 0.04$ )	1.04 (1.04 $\pm 0.04$ )	1.21 (1.25 $\pm 0.04$ )	1.17 (1.17 $\pm 0.05$ )	1.21 (1.21 $\pm 0.05$ )	1.21 (—)
Initial period	ms	10 (~9.7)	20 (~20.6)	40 (~41.6)	~10 (~)	~ (~)	10 (~10.0)	10 (—)
Reciprocal period	sec <sup>-1</sup>	100 (~111)	50 (~49)	25 (~24)	~100 (~)	~ (~)	100 (~100)	100 (—)
Peak power	MW	458 (410 $\pm$ 41)	123 (97 $\pm$ 10)	37 (35 $\pm$ 4)	498 (~)	(610 $\pm$ 60)	312 (280 $\pm$ 42)	485 (—)
Energy*	MW-S	9.1 (8.5 $\pm$ 1.1)	5.5 (4.5 $\pm$ 0.6)	3.3 (3.1 $\pm$ 0.4)	9.1 (~)	(17 $\pm$ 2)	6.1 (6.0 $\pm$ 1.0)	9.1 (—)
Peak power time	sec.	0.22 (~0.227)	0.35 (~0.37)	0.57 (~0.6)	0.12 (~)	(0.11 $\pm 0.05$ )	0.216 (~0.23)	0.22 (—)
Compensated* reactivity	¢	22.3 (24 $\pm$ 3)	12.7 (12 $\pm$ 1)	7.8 (8 $\pm$ 1)	21.1 (~)	(~22)	22.0 (22 $\pm$ 2)	22.6 (—)
reference IDO-17281 SPERT Run No.		(60)	(62)	(56)	(83)	(86)	(43)	(—)

( ) Experimental value

\* Value at peak power time

### 3.2 Detailed Evaluation of EUREKA Results<sup>30),31)</sup>

Fig. 3.1 shows the spectral curve of peak power vs. reciprocal period in all the hot-startup test phase. Experimental result is compared with results of EUREKA, RARET and AIREK where PARET is the coupled nuclear, thermal-hydrodynamic kinetics code used for E-core transient analysis in the SPERT, as like as EUREKA, and AIREK is the well known adiabatic kinetics calculation code. As seen in Fig. 3.1, both peak powers in EUREKA and PARET show excellent agreement with experiment within 15% of differences in general, but AIREK results have up to 80% of differences. It is understandable that the above difference comes from difference of computational model whether moderator temperature feedback effects are taken into account or not.

Good agreement between EUREKA and experiments is also demonstrated in Fig. 3.2 which is a spectral curve of burst energy at peak power time vs. reciprocal period. In this figure, differences between EUREKA and experiments are generally within 15% and it is again compared with AIREK results of up to 100% of differences. In general, comparison of the burst energy at the peak power time has the maximum difference in analysis and experiment because the uncertainties of burst power and uncertainties of peak power time are multiplied. This difference of burst energy becomes smaller at runout power and if the burst energy is compared on calculated results, generally in EUREKA differences are less than 10% and AIREK's are up to 50%, respectively.

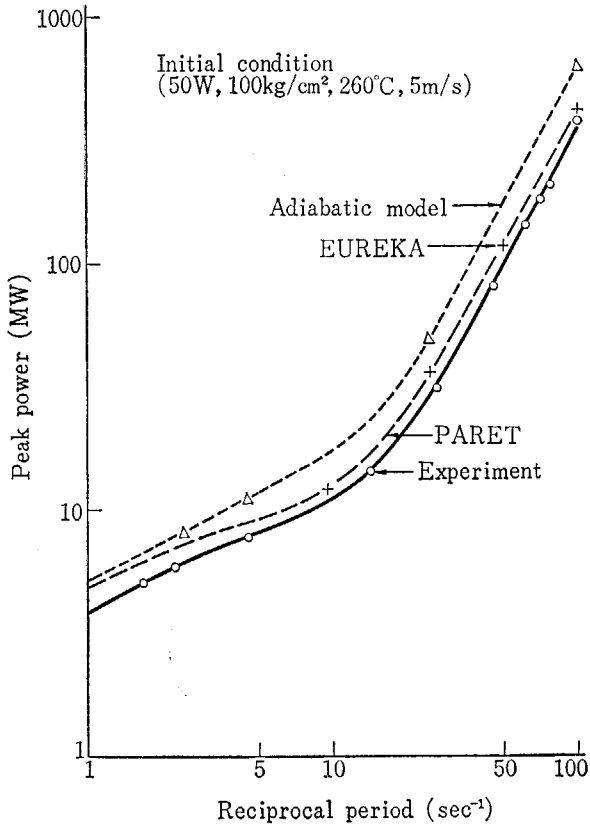


Fig. 3.1 Peak power vs. reciprocal period of SPERT-III transient from hot-startup initial condition (Experimental data and analytical result)

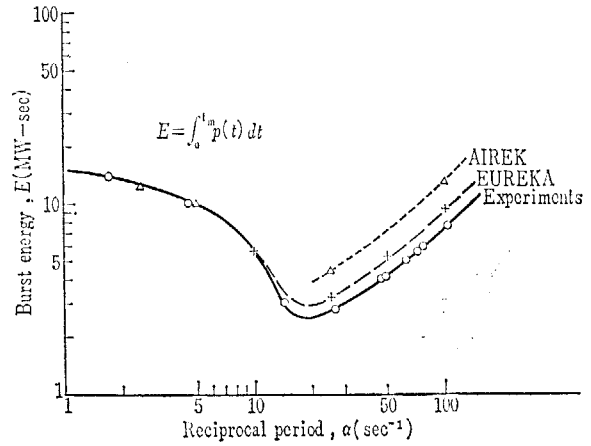


Fig. 3.2 Energy vs. reciprocal period of SPERT-III transient at hot-startup initial condition (Experimental data and analytical results)

Fig. 3.3 shows time dependent power, energy and compensated reactivity curves of the 10 ms transient test on cold-startup. Fig. 3.4 shows same period transient from hot-startup condition. Both EUREKA and AIREK results are compared in these figures. Significant difference is seen between Fig. 3.3 and Fig. 3.4. In Fig. 3.3, all the results of experiment, EUREKA and AIREK show good agreement, but comparing in Fig. 3.4, AIREK result is very poor to results of

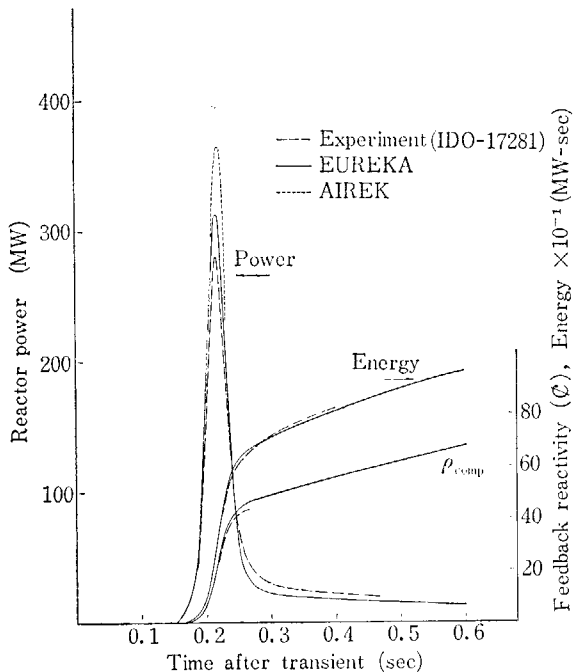


Fig. 3.3 EUREKA analysis (case 1-9), SPERT-III 10 ms transient (70°F, pool water, atmospheric pressure)

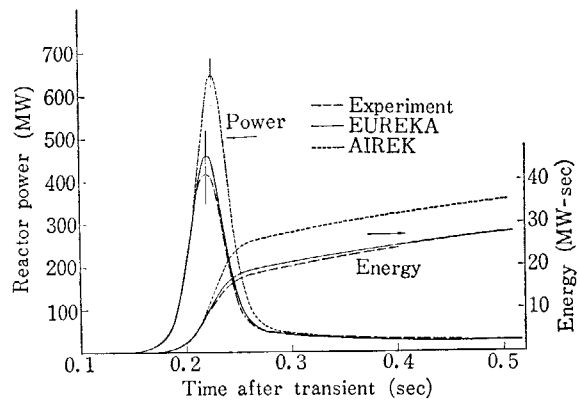


Fig. 3.4 EUREKA analysis (case 1-1), SPERT-III 9.7 ms transient (T=500°F, v=14 t/s, P=1500 psi)

experiment and EUREKA. Again this difference is explained by difference of analysis model whether moderator temperature feedback effects are taken into account or not.

In general, moderator temperature coefficient increases with system temperature rise in light water power reactor, because water specific density change per unit temperature is increased significantly with system temperature rise. In SPERT-III E-core, moderator temperature coefficient at room temperature condition is  $0.72\text{¢/°C}$  and it is increased to  $7.2\text{¢/°C}$  at hot-startup condition ( $260\text{°C}$ ). This means that unit energy addition to coolant generates ten times larger moderator temperature feedback at the hot-startup transient in the SPERT-III E-core than that of the cold-startup cases. Significant amount of feedback comes out by the prompt moderator heating effect which is mainly due to neutron slowing down at the hot-startup transient to suppress burst power. In the adiabatic kinetic models this reactivity feedback is not taken into account, so that the results become poor at hot-startup analysis as indicated in Fig. 3.2.

Fig. 3.5 shows comparison of compensated reactivity curves obtained from experiments and analysis in the transient case of Fig. 3.4. EUREKA results shows excellent agreement with experiment but AIREK does not. In addition, it is observed that EUREKA result have an oscillation in compensated reactivity curve as like as observed in experiment. The nature of the oscillation is examined in Fig. 3.6.

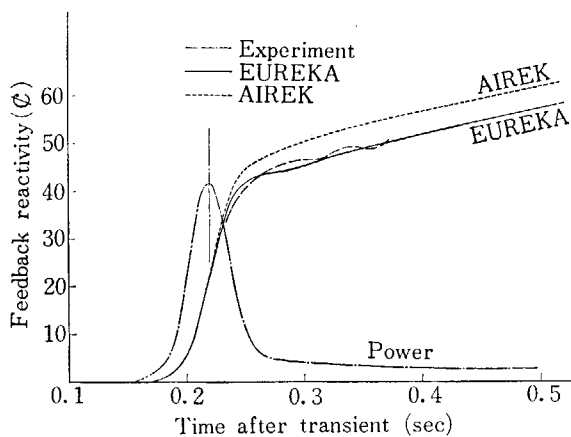


Fig. 3.5 EUREKA analysis (case 1-1), SPERT-III 9.7 ms transient ( $T=500\text{°F}$ ,  $v=14\text{ f/s}$ ,  $P=1500\text{ psi}$ )

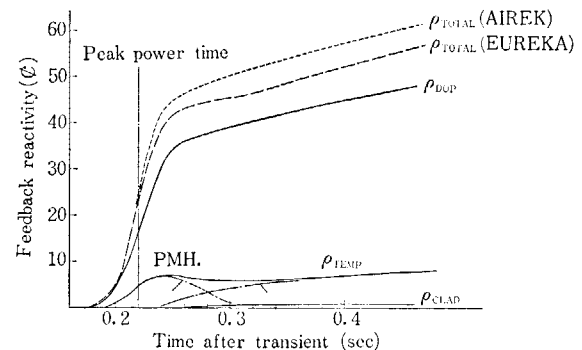


Fig. 3.6 Compensated feedback reactivity in EUREKA (test run case 1-1)

EUREKA calculates total reactivity feedback from three sources as shown in Fig. 3.6. Doppler effect is dominant and proportional to excursion energy throughout transient time of interest, and clad expansion effect, even though it is small, is increased with clad temperature rise. While moderator temperature feedback has a dip at the time approximately 280ms after initiation of the transient.

It is observed that a relatively large amount of moderator temperature feedback comes out following to power burst, and decreases for a little while after and again increases slowly when run out power is established. It is understood that this funny moderator temperature behavior based on the reasons that, as indicated with dotted line in Fig. 3.5, the early rapid reactivity feedback is generated by the prompt moderator heat by violent burst power and the later slow reactivity feedback is generated by heat transfer from fuel to coolant. Decrease of moderator feedback at the time of interest is caused by the reason that the warmed up water by prompt moderator heat is swept out from the core by coolant flow, and heat transfer from fuel to coolant is not yet well developed to compensate it. AIREK result is also seen in Fig. 3.6 for comparison. The doppler feedback curve of EUREKA and the total feedback of AIREK can be compared in this figure, since AIREK takes into account only doppler feedback as be used in an adiabatic

model. Approximately  $6\%$  of difference in doppler feedbacks at peak power time is observed between two models, and it must be referred to approximately  $23\%$  of total reactivity feedback at the time. In EUREKA calculation,  $6\%$  of this difference is compensated by moderator feedback, and in AIREK calculation, this  $6\%$  of reactivity should be compensated by doppler effect which reflect to increase burst power, burst energy and slower power time in calculation.

Fig. 3.7 shows the effect of coolant velocity on moderator feedback. Coolant velocity of 1 m/s is compared with 5 m/s coolant velocity. All other kinetic parameters are set the same in this comparison.

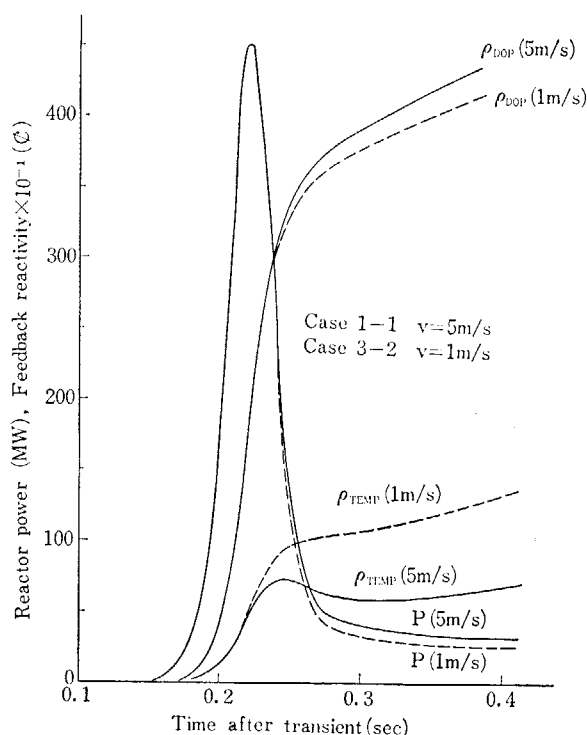


Fig. 3.7 Transient power and feedback reactivity with different flow rate by EUREKA ( $\tau_0=10$  ms,  $P=1500$  psi,  $T=500^\circ\text{F}$ )

As shown in Fig. 3.7, coolant velocity only changes run out power is small amount. It can be explained that, if coolant velocity is low, average coolant temperature rise is high, and thus moderator temperature feedback effect becomes large and as a result run out power becomes low. A remarkable result of Fig. 3.7 is that coolant velocity does not influence on moderator feedback reactivity at power burst period. It can be concluded by this comparison that the prompt moderator heating effect does not lose its outmost feature of controlling burst power, even though coolant velocity comes up to 5 m/s which is considered upmost coolant velocity in current light water power reactors.

As explained in the above paragraphs, several important conclusions obtained from EUREKA on reactor kinetics, by the comparison of SPERT-III E-core transient tests, are that

- 1) The prompt moderator heating effect is a significant effect to control burst power when reactivity transient occurs in power reactors at hot-startup and power operating condition.
- 2) Beside the prompt moderator heating effect, moderator feedback due to heat transfer from fuel to coolant gives some influence on run out power behavior.
- 3) By the above reasons, it is very much important for precise kinetic analysis of light water power reactors to use such a code that multi-regions thermal-hydrodynamics calculations are coupled to neutron kinetics calculation.

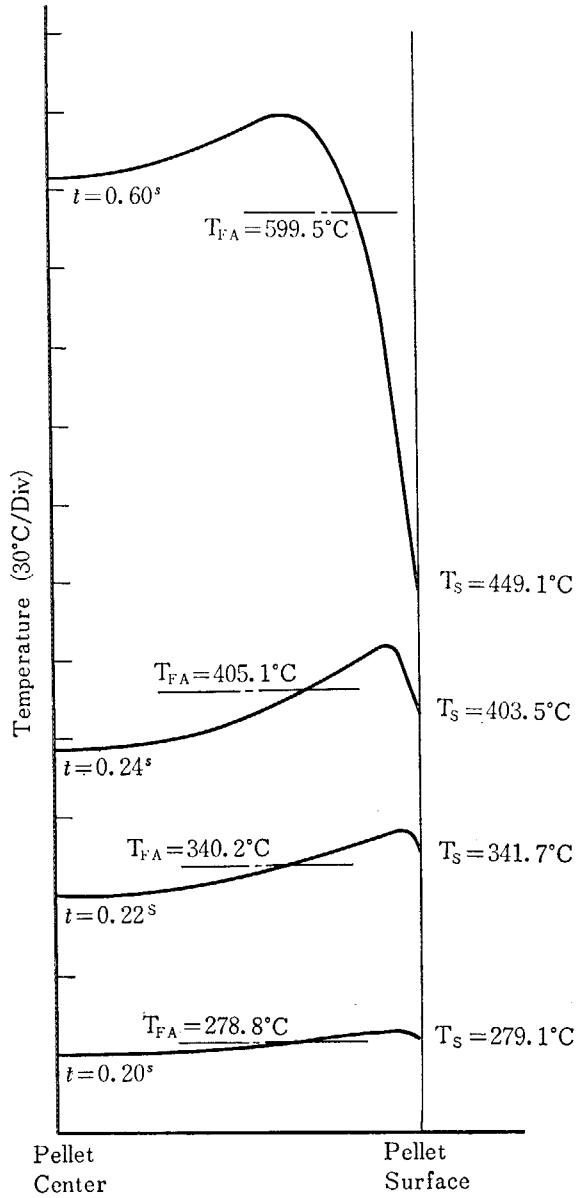


Fig. 3.8 Temperature distribution in fuel pellet

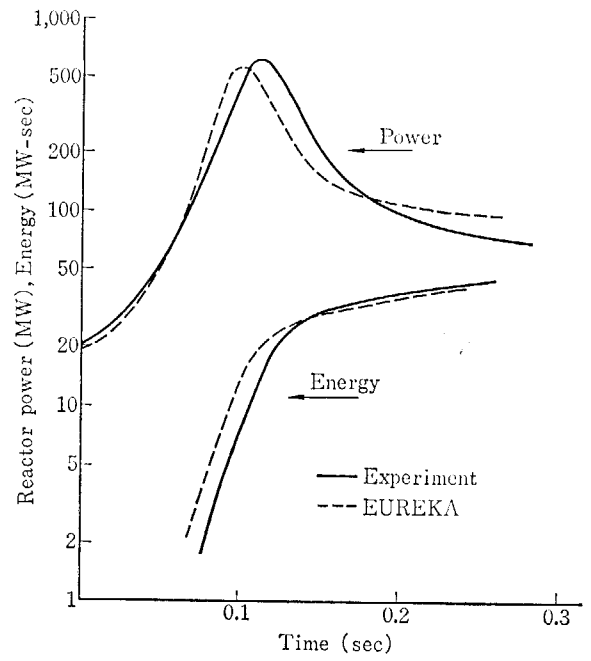


Fig. 3.9 EUREKA analysis (case 1-2) (10 ms, 20 MW, 500°F, 14 ft/s, 1500 psi)



#### 4. Input Explanation

EUREKA inputs are fairly simple but the next three notices must be read carefully.

- 1) Inlet coolant temperature is controlled by coolant enthalpy, HIN. Coolant reference temperature, TIN, is only used for quadratic fitting calculation to approximate temperature-enthalpy correlation of water from the steam table. Therefore, it is desirable to set TIN value rather lower than the temperature equivalent to HIN.
- 2) Numbers of delayed neutron, NDLY, should be set six. Even a person who wish to use one delayed neutron group, must set NDLY six and sets five of delayed neutron fraction, DLYER (I), and decay constants, DECAFY (I), to be zero.
- 3) Natural convection factors, ETA and ENU, are one and zero at forced convection problem. These values must be carefully calculated at a natural convection case in accordance with note in Appendix C and sentences discussed in the chapter 3.

EUREKA input explanation

Card 0; Title card. Problem No. (A4), Date (3A4), and Name (13A4).

Card 1; Computing time card. TMAX (6E 12.5).

Card 2; Control parameter card. (I12)

KDOP; Numbers of set of reactivity inputs is given. When it is not reactivity transient case, KDOP must be set zero. ( $KDOP \leq 10$ )

KFLOW; Numbers of set of flow transient input is given. When it is not flow transient case, KFLOW must be set zero. ( $KFLOW \leq 10$ )

KTEMP; Numbers of set of temperature transient inputs is given. When it is not temperature transient case, KTEMP must be set zero. ( $KTEMP \leq 10$ )

KFRE; Numbers of fuel rupture informations for writeup is given. If user will not use this subroutine, KFRE may set zero. ( $KFRE \leq 5$ )

KDVBV; When KDVBV is set zero, builtin version performs calculation for normalizing heat generation and feedback importance factor. If user wish to use unnormalized values, KDVBV must be set positive number (any).

IFDB; When IFDB is set zero, averaged temperature in fuel is used for Doppler feedback temperature. Other number uses surface temperature model.

Card 3; Control card for mesh computing frequency, and write up. (I12) (two sheet)

IMAX; Maximum number of fuel cell nodes. ( $IMAX \leq 25$ )

JMAX; Maximum number of axial nodes in core. ( $JMAX \leq 20$ )

KMAX; Maximum number of flow channel in core. ( $KMAX \leq 5$ )

LMAX; Maximum number of fuel composition. ( $LMAX \leq 5$ )

NUMAX; Maximum number of computing frequency controlled by kinetic time. It must be noted that NUMAX is not controlled by hydraulic time TINHY.

LGAP; Smaller number of fuel compositions between gap is set. Generally LGAP is two.

NEX; Edit of detail transient information controlled by subroutine OUT2 is written up every NEX times of hydraulic time.

NEY; Edit of fuel temperature profile of whole core is written up every NEY times of hydraulic time.

Card 4; Fuel information card.

- NFUEL; NFUEL is total numbers of fuel element in core and must be equal to total of FUELN in card 6. (I12)
- Card 5; Fuel rod information card. (6E 12.5)
- RCELL; Radius of equivalent unit cell. (m)
- SRA; Radius of fuel pellet. (m)
- SRB; Inner radius of clad. (m)
- SRC; Outer radius of clad. (m)
- ELIN; Length of noneffective fuel length at inlet. (m)
- ELOUT; Length of noneffective fuel length at outlet. (m)
- Card 6; FUELN(K) is fuel numbers in channel K. Data to KMAX are required. (6E 12.5)
- Card 7; SKIN(K) is inlet pressure drop coefficient of K-th channel. Data to KMAX are required. (6E 12.5)
- Card 8; SKOUT(K) is outlet pressure drop coefficient of K-th channel. Data to KMAX are required (6E 12.5)
- Card 9; HZ(J) is height of axial fuel mesh J from effective fuel bottom. Therefore HZ(1) is always set zero. Data to JMAX are required. (6E 12.5) (m)
- Card 10; Information card of fuel composition. (6I12)
- NI(L); Numbers of interval in composition L.
- Card 11; Reactor Operating Condition Information card (6E 12.5)
- PP; System pressure. (kg/cm<sup>2</sup>a)
- HIN; Coolant inlet enthalpy. (kcal/kg)
- GTOT; Total coolant flow rate in core. (m<sup>3</sup>/hr)
- TOTPW; Reactor power at initial condition. (MW)
- TIN; Reference coolant inlet temperature. (°C)
- Card 12; Multiplier and constant for heat calculation. (6E 12.5)
- ETA; Multiplier to simulate natural convection heat transfer coefficient. (set 1 for forced convection case)
- ENU; Same as ETA. 0.333 is generally used. (Set 0 for forced convection case)
- ETADNB; Multiplier to DNB heat flux. EUREKA used Tong's DNB heat flux equation, but if user wishes to change the value, this multiplier is used. (normally 1)
- ETHPMH; PMH heat generation rate.
- Cards from 13 to 23 are data of fuel properties and recommend data are prepared in App. B.
- Card 13; RHOP is density of fuel pellet. (6E 12.5) (kg/m<sup>3</sup>)
- Card 14; RHOK is density of fuel clad. (6E 12.5) (kg/m<sup>3</sup>)
- Card 15; Fuel pellet capacity calculation data card (6E 12.5)
- Heat capacity ( $C_p$ ) is calculated with quadratic temperature fitting of  $C_p = a_0 + a_1 T + a_2 T^2$  (unit kcal/kg.°C)
- CPF0 is  $a_0$ , CPF1 is  $a_1$ , and CPF2 is  $a_2$ .
- Card 16; Fuel clad heat capacity calculation data card (6E 12.5)
- Same as the card 16.
- CPC0 is  $a_0$ , CPC1 is  $a_1$ , and CPC2 is  $a_2$
- Card 17; Fuel pellet linear expansion coefficient calculation data card (6E 12.5)
- Linear expansion coefficient is calculated with quadratic temperature fitting of  $\lambda = a_0 + a_1 T + a_2 T^2$
- ALF0 is  $a_0$ , ALF1 is  $a_1$ , and ALF2 is  $a_2$ .
- Card 18; Clad linear expansion coefficient calculation data card. (6E 12.5)

Same as the card 19.

ALC0 is  $a_0$ , ALC1  $a_1$  and ALC2 is  $a_2$ .

Card 19; Fuel pellet thermal conductivity calculation data card (6E 12.5)

Pellet thermal conductivity ( $\lambda_f$ ) is calculated by power function with temperature of  $\lambda_f = a_0 + a_1 T + a_2 T^2 + a_3 / (T + a_4)$  (unit kcal/m·hr·°C)

RAMF0 is  $a_0$ , RAME1 is  $a_1$  and etc.

Card 20; Clad thermal conductivity calculation data card (6E 12.5)

Clad thermal conductivity is calculated by quadratic temperature fitting of  $\lambda_c = a_0 + a_1 T + a_2 T^2$  (unit kcal/hr·hr·°C)

RAMC0 is  $a_0$ , RAMC1 is  $a_1$  and etc.

Card 21; Gap heat transfer coefficient calculation data card (6E 12.5)

The coefficient ( $h$ ) is calculated by the equation of

$$h = 8650 \times \left( \frac{-0.79 \times 10^{-5} T^2 + 0.0344 T + 6.35}{22.56 + 4x \times 10^6} \right)$$

from Anderson and Leichter's work<sup>6)</sup> (see App. B). Unit of  $h$  is kcal/m<sup>2</sup>·hr·°C. In this equation,  $T$  is gap temperature and  $x$  is gap distance. These time dependent value are calculated in EUREKA.

RAMG0 is  $a_0$ . RAMG1 is  $a_1$ , RAMG2 is  $a_2$  and CONSTG is  $a_4$

Card 22; Kinetic Parameter information card (I12, 5E 12.5)

NDLY; Numbers of delayed neutron group (set 6)

TINC0; Kinetic time increment. The following equation must be satisfied. (unit in sec)

$$n \times \text{TINC} = \text{TINHY}.$$

$n$  is integer number from 1 to 10.

TINHY; Hydraulic time increment. The following equation must be satisfied. (unit in sec)

$$\text{TINHY} = (z(J)/v(J)) \text{ min}$$

where  $z(J)$  is axial mesh span and  $v(J)$  is coolant velocity at mesh  $J$ .

If TINHY does not satisfy the equation, index "Hydraulic time is error" is written up but calculation continues. TINHY is changed to be half just one time during transient calculation when TINHY is over  $(z_j/v_j)$  min but never goes down more than one time.

PROT; Prompt neutron life time  $l$  (sec)

EFDLYD; Effective delayed neutron fraction  $\beta$ .

Card 23; Card of delayed neutron information (6E 12.5).

DLYER(I) is percentage of  $i$ -th delayed neutron  $\beta_i$ .

Card 24; Card of Delayed Neutron decay constant (6E 12.5)

DECAY(I) is decay constant of  $i$ -th delayed neutron  $\lambda_i$  (unit sec<sup>-1</sup>)

Card 25; Card of heat generating rate in fuel pellet (6E 12.5).

AMU(I) is heat generation rate in  $i$ -th mesh point in fuel and clad. Data to IMAX is required.

Card 26; Heat generating information of core (6E 12.5).

FRPW(J, K) is heat generation rate at  $J$ -th node (axial) in  $K$ -th channel. Sets of data to KMAX which cover data from  $J=1$  to JMAX are required.

Card 27; Doppler feedback importance data in core (6E 12.5).

Same as the card 28.

Card 28; Moderator temperature feedback importance data in core (6E 12.5).

Same as the card 28.

- Card 29; Doppler feedback reactivity  $\rho_{\text{dop}}$  is calculated by the temperature function  $\rho_{\text{dop}} = a_0 + a_1 T + a_2 T^2 + a_3 T^3 + a_4 T a^5$  and the input DOPC(1) is  $a_0$  and DOPC(6) is  $a_5$ . Where  $T$  is fuel temperature. Unit of  $\rho_{\text{dop}}$  is  $\Delta k/k$ .
- Card 30; Void and clad expansion coefficient (6E 12.5).  
These feedback reactivity is calculated by the function of  $\rho_{\text{void}}(\text{clad exp.}) = a_0 \alpha + a_1 \alpha^2$  ( $\Delta k/k/\%$  void) where  $\alpha$  is void fraction (clad expansion fraction) in unit cell.  $a_0$  corresponds to VOIC(1) and  $a_1$  corresponds to VOIC(2) or EXPC(2).
- Card 31; Moderator temperature feedback coefficient (6E 12.5).  
Moderator temperature feedback reactivity is calculated by the function of  $\rho_{\text{mod}} = a_0 T + a_1 T^2 + a_2 T^3$  ( $\Delta k/k$ ) where  $T$  is coolant temperature and  $a_0$  corresponds to TEMC(1) and etc.
- Card 32; Reactivity transient information card (6E 12.5).  
If KDOP is zero, skip this card. Set of data reactivity ( $\Delta k/k$ ) and time (sec) data is given up to KDOP sets (less than 10). Time of the last data must be equal to or greater than computing transient time TMAX (card 1).
- Card 33; Maximum permissible error in repeating calculation.  
EPI1; Nucleate boiling temperature error (0.01°C)  
EPI2; Heat flux error (0.001)  
EPI3; Feedback reactivity error (0.005)  
EPI4; Clad temperature error (0.05°C)  
EPI5; Pressure prop error (0.005)  
EPI6; Heat transfer coefficient error (0.01)  
data in parentheses is used for sample calculation.
- Card 34; and 35  
Node for special writeup (I12, 5E 12.5).  
JEDIT and KEDIT is number of node selected for special write up in OUT 2 and normally same number (less than 6) JPP(J) in card 36 is node number in KPP(K) channel. KPP(J) and KPP(K) are set in card 33 and 34.
- Card 36; Flow transient information card (6E 12.5).  
If KFLOW is zero (non flow transient case), skip this card. Sets of flow rate ( $\text{m}^3/\text{hr}$ ) and time (sec) data is given up to KFLOW sets (less than 10).  
Time of the last data must be equal to or greater than computing transient time TMAX (card 1).
- Card 37; Coolant temperature transient information card (6E 12.5).  
If KTEMP is zero (non coolant temperature transient case), skip this card. Sets of temperature change data is given up to KTEMP sets (less than 10). Time of the last data must be equal to or greater than computing transient time TMAX (card 1).
- Card 38; Fuel rupture information writeup. Index card (6E 12.5).  
If KFRE is zero, skip this card.  
FRE (1); Clad melting temperature is given (°C)  
FRE (2); Fuel melting temperature is given (°C)  
FRE (3); Water logged fuel rupture energy is given (cal/gr  $\text{UO}_2$ )  
FRE (4); Fuel rupture energy is given (cal/gr  $\text{UO}_2$ )  
FRE (5); Fuel evaporation energy is given (cal/gr  $\text{UO}_2$ )
- Card 39; Volume fraction in each region in core.

If KDVBV is zero, skip this card. If not, volume of each core region (j and k) must be given.

## 5. Conclusion

The results computed by EUREKA on the SPERT-III E-core showed excellent agreement with experimental results within the range of difference from 10 to 30% over a wide range of different experimental conditions. The reasons lie in the detailed treatment of thermal hydrodynamics, which influences reactor kinetic behavior through feedback reactivity. Also, it is proved from these experimental analyses that the moderator feedback reactivity in hot-standby, hot-startup, and power operating conditions of a reactor has a very important role, and the thermal hydrodynamic model of EUREKA is much suitable for predicting transient response of light water power reactors in comparison with the adiabatic model which has been used generally in reactivity accident analyses.

The thermal hydrodynamic model used in EUREKA has caused numerical instability in certain situations, that is, transient boiling occurred seriously in coolant channel. Also, there are many uncertainties in the areas of transient boiling heat transfer and void volume production. A truly reliable model can not be designed until these uncertainties are overcome. For the above reasons and the fact, the EUREKA must be improved in future.

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## Appendix A. User's Guides for Important Input

### A-1. Time Increment

Here, authors wish to add some more sentences to EUREKA explanation for user's convenience. In order to obtain reasonable results by EUREKA, it is noted that the result is significantly dependent on the time increment used in calculation. EUREKA's time increment is definitively controlled with the hydraulic time increment (INPUT), and reasonable kinetic analysis can be obtained when the hydraulic time increment is adequately decided. It is advisable that in general equal or less than half of reactor period is used throughout transient analysis and the provisions are in EUREKA as stated in the chapter 4. It must be recognized that even this time increment is used, calculated peak power should have some percentages of error, because reactor period around peak power time changes violently.

This is because that the major part of compensated reactivity which is the most important for kinetic analysis is generated at around peak power time. Therefore strictly speaking, the above time increment may not be sufficient enough to follow up this violent power generation in accurate, and one who uses finer repeating time increment, will get better results, even though it will increase considerable computing time.

### A-2. Doppler Feedback Temperature

As widely used, EUREKA assumes that average fuel temperature is the doppler temperature. This assumption may be good to calculate kinetic behavior starting from low power initial condition in low enriched fuel core.

Since fuel surface heat generation is larger than that in fuel center, transient fuel surface temperature rise becomes larger than average fuel temperature rise when heat transfer from fuel to clad is negligibly small and in the case when initial fuel temperature profile is not a problemed, such as the case of the cold start-up transient. EUREKA analysis of the cold fiducial test and hot-standby test in the SPERT-III E-core show a good match to experimental results.

However, a significant errors can be expected in this model at the transient analysis from power operating condition where temperature profile in fuel is established. It is remained that in experimental analysis from 20 MW power operational condition, about 30% of calculation difference is brought in at peak power time. One supposed that the reason would be caused by the large temperature profile in fuel established at the time of initial conditions (Fig. 3. 8) of analysis where doppler temperature assumed may be large enough to actual fuel surface temperature that doppler is controlled.

A study to this doppler temperature model problem has been carried by EUREKA. Calculations by two different type of doppler models are used in this study. The one is the fuel average temperature model as stated and the other is so called surface temperature model that the doppler temperature is assumed to be average of fuel surface temperature and fuel average temperature.

Calculated excursion power shape changes significantly depend on doppler model. It also gives some influences on run out power as be seen in the Fig. 3. 8. Though any data are not available to justify abequency of these model, however, authors experiences by EUREKA infer that the surface temperature model is rather better than currently used doppler model. Present EUREKA has provision to select either doppler model by user's option.

### A-3. Natural Convection Heat Transfer Coefficient

As stated in the chapter 2, EUREKA needs coolant flow rate in INPUT even for a transient



analysis of no flow condition.

Since equations to calculate forced flow heat transfer coefficient is very much different from that of natural convection, the present EUREKA model do not have provision to calculate natural convection heat transfer coefficient exactly. This work is underway, because that thermal-hydrodynamic calculations to fix natural convection changes considerable structures of the EUREKA model.

In order to compromise the problem, the present EUREKA uses the approximation method for natural convection heat transfer calculation, as stated in the Appendix C. The most important point to use this approximation is to estimate reasonable flow velocity to simulate natural convection. It is quite a difficult problem to user, however it is a quite important input for accurate analysis.

#### A-4. Multi Region Effect

Heat generations and feedback importance distribution in core of the most important input in EUREKA. These data must be given precisely in each subdivided core regions.

Special emphasises are given to such a case that large flux skew is expected in the core, such as rod ejection accident and rod drop accident analyses. EUREKA experiences infer that heat generation and importance factor distributions at peak power time, is good to analyse burst power and that these data at run out power time are good for run out time analyses. In addition authors recommend to prepare finer subdivided core regions to higher heat generating area in EUREKA calculation.

All the above recommendations come out from author's experiences through SPERT-III E-core tests analysis by EUREKA, and authors believe that EUREKA would calculate reasonable transient behavior of light water power reactor, if proper inputs are used.

## Appendix B. Fuel Properties for Input

### 1. Thermal Conductivity ( $\lambda$ ; kcal/m·hr·°C)

#### 1.1 UO<sub>2</sub> pellet (Fig. B-1)

Recent Stora's data<sup>28)</sup> based on in-pile experiment is used for EUREKA. This data is selected among many thermal conductivity equations for UO<sub>2</sub>, since it shows a good agreement with the Lyon's theoretical equation, published in 1964. Stora's data is fitted to quadratic equation with fuel temperature  $T$ (°C) so that

$$\lambda_{\text{UO}_2} = 0.1135 \times 10^{-5} T^2 - 0.3352 \times 10^{-2} T + 3.9265 + 877.63 / (T + 200) \quad (\text{B-1})$$

#### 1.2 Clad

Here, stainless steel and Zircaloy-II data are presented. For stainless steel

$$\lambda_{\text{SUS}} = 0.3946 \times 10^{-2} T + 12.967 \quad (\text{B-2})$$

and for Zircaloy-II<sup>8)</sup> (Ref. Fig. B-2)

$$\lambda_{\text{Zr}} = 0.010962 T + 10.5462$$

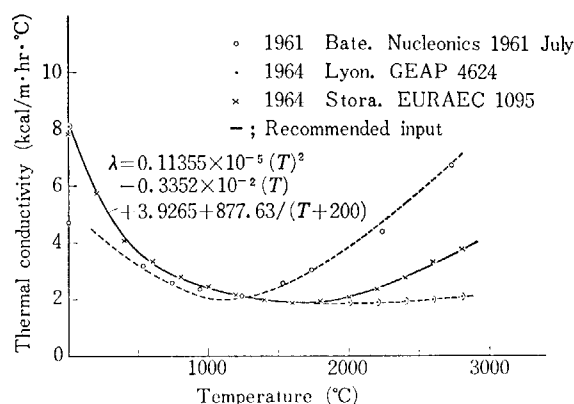


Fig. B-1 UO<sub>2</sub> thermal conductivity ( $\rho_{\text{UO}_2}$ ; 95% T.D.)

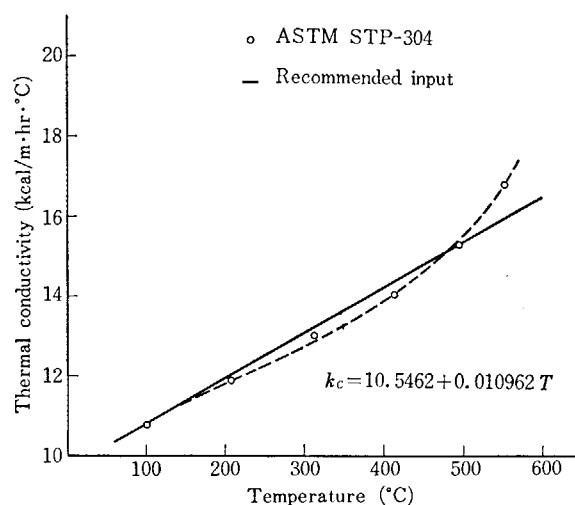


Fig. B-2 Zr-2 thermal conductivity

### 2. Heat Capacity ( $C_p$ ; kcal/kg·°C)

#### 2.1 UO<sub>2</sub> pellet

UO<sub>2</sub> with 95 percent of theoretical density is chosen.

$$C_{p_{\text{UO}_2}} = 0.8123 \times 10^{-8} T^2 - 0.9556 \times 10^{-6} T + 0.0657 \quad (\text{B-4})$$

#### 2.2 Clad

For stainless steel

$$C_{p_{\text{SUS}}} = 2.0053 \times 10^{-5} T + 0.12068 \quad (\text{B-5})$$

and for Zircaloy-II<sup>29)</sup> (Ref. Fig. B-3)

$$C_{p_{\text{Zr-2}}} = 0.25 \times 10^{-3} T + 0.07 \quad (\text{B-6})$$

### 3. Linear Expansion Coefficient ( $\alpha$ , °C<sup>-1</sup>)

#### 3.1 UO<sub>2</sub> pellet

$$\alpha_{\text{UO}_2} = 1.0 \times 10^{-5} \quad (\text{B-7})$$

#### 3.2 Clad

For stainless steel (Ref. Fig. B-4)

$$\alpha_{\text{SUS}} = 1.8 \times 10^{-5} \quad (\text{B-8})$$

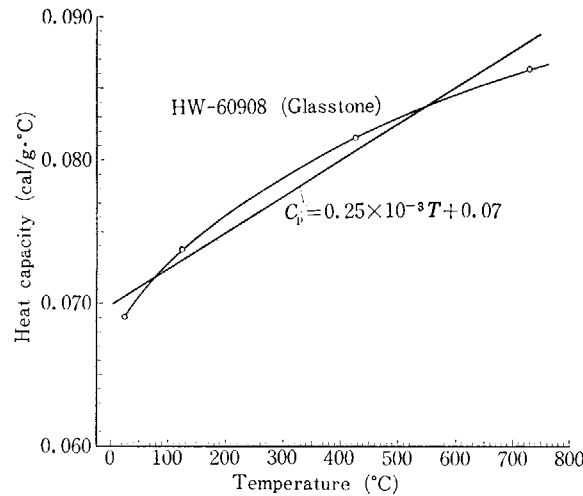


Fig. B-3 Heat capacity of zirconium alloy

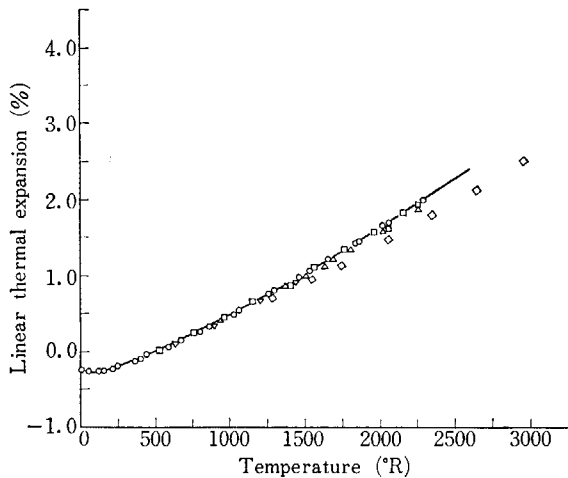


Fig. B-4 Linear thermal expansion rate of stainless steel

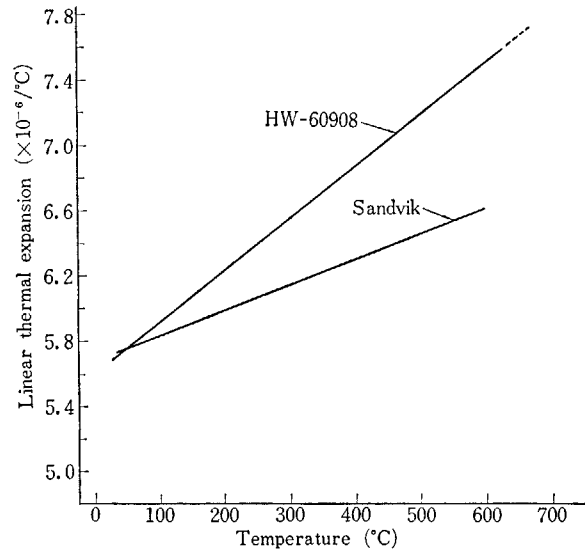


Fig. B-5 Linear thermal expansion rate of Zry-II

and for Zircaloy-II<sup>29)</sup> (Ref. Fig. B-5)

$$\alpha_{zr-2} = 0.32 \times 10^{-8} T + 0.56 \times 10^{-6} \tag{B-9}$$

4. Gap Heat Transfer Coefficient ( $H$ ; kcal/m<sup>2</sup>·hr·°C)

Anderson and Leichter's<sup>8)</sup> work is applied in EUREKA. Here, gap heat transfer coefficient  $H_{gap}$  is calculated with temperature of gap gas  $T$ (°C) and gas clearance  $\Delta x$ (m)

$$H_{gap} = 8650 \times \left( \frac{-0.79 \times 10^{-5} T^2 + 0.0344 T + 6.35}{22.56 + \Delta x \times 10^5} \right) \tag{B-10}$$

$$\Delta x = r_{clad \text{ inner rad.}} - r_{pellet \text{ rad.}} \tag{B-11}$$

where  $T$  and  $\Delta x$  are calculated in code. Gap heat transfer coefficient by equation (B-10) are shown in Fig. B-3 with various gap clearance.

5. Fuel Rupture Index

Subroutine FURUPT compares computed fuel status with fuel rupture conditions given by INPUT at every time step and write up fuel rupture when computed value exceeds inputs. Five inputs are required in FURUPT and these data are

FRE (1) is fuel melting temperature 2800°C for UO<sub>2</sub>

FRE (2) is clad melting temperature 1800°C for Zr and 1380°C for stainless steel

FRE (3) is fuel rupture enthalpy. SPERT-CDC experiments shows that FRE (3) is 50-60

cal/gr UO<sub>2</sub> for water logged fuel

FRE (4) is UO<sub>2</sub> melting energy approximately 280 cal/gr UO<sub>2</sub> for UO<sub>2</sub>

FRE (5) is UO<sub>2</sub> evaporating energy approximately 500 cal/gr UO<sub>2</sub> for UO<sub>2</sub>

$$H = \left( \frac{6.35 + 0.0344T - 0.79 \times 10^{-5}T^2}{22.56 + \Delta x \times 10^6} \right) \times 8600 \text{ kcal/hr} \cdot \text{m}^2 \cdot \text{C}$$

$\Delta x$ ; m 単位

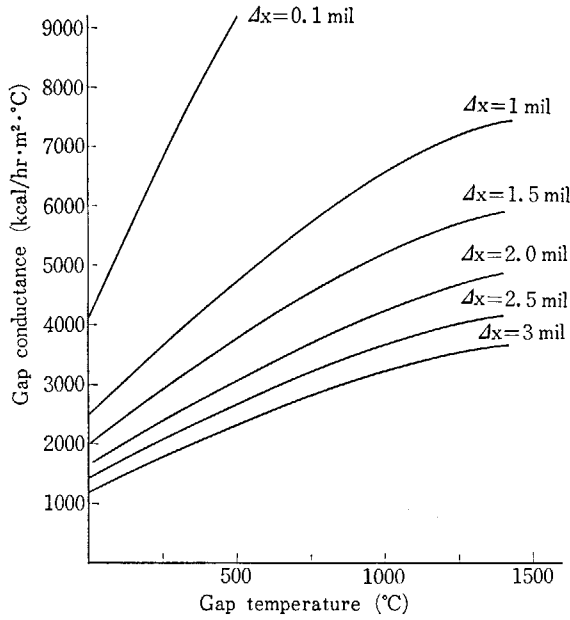


Fig. B-6 Gap heat transfer coefficient

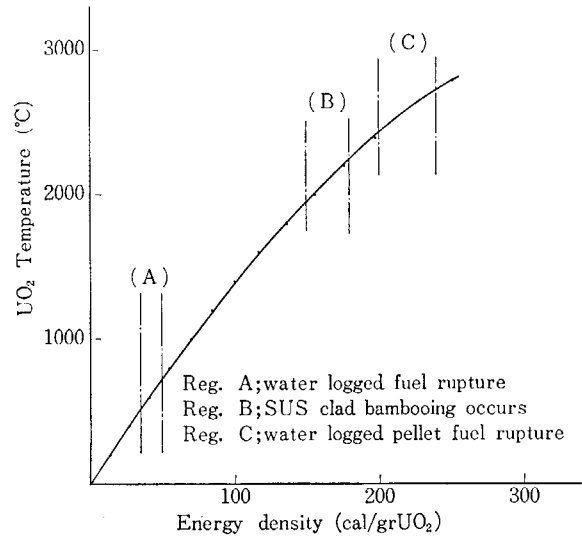


Fig. B-7 UO<sub>2</sub> temperature—energy density curve  
 $(C_{p_{UO_2}}(T) = 0.8123 + 10^{-8}T^2 - 0.9556 \times 10^{-6}T + 0.0657$   
 $\rho = 10.5 \text{ g/cm}^3)$

## Appendix C. Natural Convection Heat Transfer

Reactivity accident from cold start up condition would possibly occurs in pool cooling condition and in this case heat transfer coefficient from fuel to coolant must be calculated from time dependent natural convection heat transfer equation.

However, it is difficult to introduce large version of natural convection heat transfer coefficient into present EUREKA construction and, in addition, if it can be reliable natural convection data for fuel bundle has not been yet published.

SPERT-III E-Core experiment<sup>9)</sup> have reported that a forced convection heat transfer equation can approximate natural convection heat transfer with good accuracy by modification. This method is applied in EUREKA.

Natural convection heat transfer equation for thin wire is given

$$Nu_G = 0.129 (Gr \cdot Pr)^{1/3} \quad (C-1)$$

and can be written into

$$Nu_G = 0.129 \left( \frac{g \cdot \beta \cdot d^3}{\nu^2} \Delta t \right)^{1/3} \cdot (Pr)^{1/3} \quad (C-2)$$

where all terms except  $\Delta t$  in the eq. (C-2) are given from reactor condition, and, (C-2) can be written

$$\begin{aligned} Nu_G &= 0.129 \left( \frac{g \cdot \beta \cdot \alpha^3}{\nu \cdot a} \right)^{1/3} \Delta t^{1/3} \\ &= k_G \Delta t^{1/3} \end{aligned} \quad (C-3)$$

where,  $k_G$  is a known value from reactor condition.

The equation (C-3) is compared with the equation (C-4) which is the equation of forced circulation with Reynold's number of less than two thousands that is thought to be equivalent to natural convection condition.

$$Nu_R = 1.02 (Re)^{0.45} \cdot (Pr)^{0.33} \cdot \left( \frac{De}{L_{CH}} \right)^{0.4} \cdot \left( \frac{\nu_{bt}}{\nu_{ct}} \right)^{0.14} \quad (C-4)$$

in the equation (C-4), all terms are given from reactor condition, and coolant velocity, except kinetic viscosity  $\nu_{bt}$  and  $\nu_{ct}$ , which has less effect on  $Nu_R$  calculation.

Thus, one can write the equation (C-2)

$$Nu_R = \text{constant} = k_R \quad (C-5)$$

Using EUREKA built-in equation ( $Nu_R$ ) of forced convection heat transfer with Reynold's number of less than two thousands, the equation (C-5) can be written

$$\begin{aligned} Nu_G &= k_G \cdot \Delta t^{1/3} \\ &= \frac{k_G}{k_R} \cdot Nu_R \cdot \Delta t^{1/3} \end{aligned} \quad (C-6)$$

where  $Nu_R$ ; calculated in EUREKA by the equation (C-4)

ETA; multiplier to forced circulation (Input)  $ETA = k_G/k_R$

ENU; 1/3 for natural convection and zero for forced circulation (Input)

ETA for natural convection is calculated from the equation (C-6), assuming natural convection coolant velocity  $v$ . So for as heat transfer is the only problem, the value of  $v$  does not alter natural convection heat transfer coefficient very much because of the nature of the equation (C-6), even either  $v$  is assumed conservatively or not. If  $v$  is assumed smaller,  $Nu_R$  become smaller and  $k$  become larger and so on. However, in the case that moderator temperature

feedback coefficient is dominate, the value  $v$  must be carefully examined to match with natural convection flow velocity. For example, when burst power is a problem, velocity  $v$  must be selected to be the natural convection flow velocity at that time, as it is believed that natural convection flow is just started. When run out power is a problem, velocity  $v$  must be selected to be the natural convection flow velocity fully developed.

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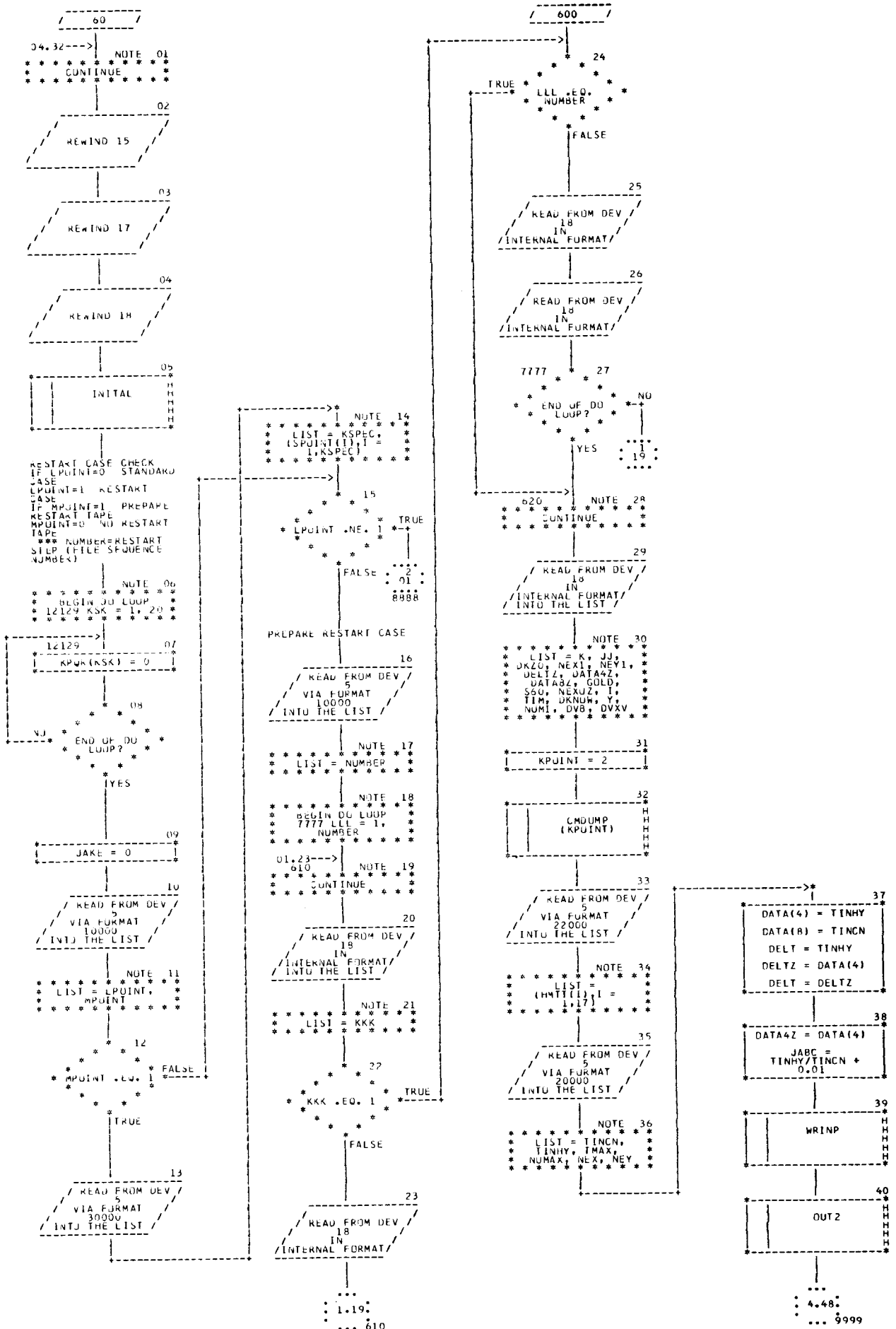


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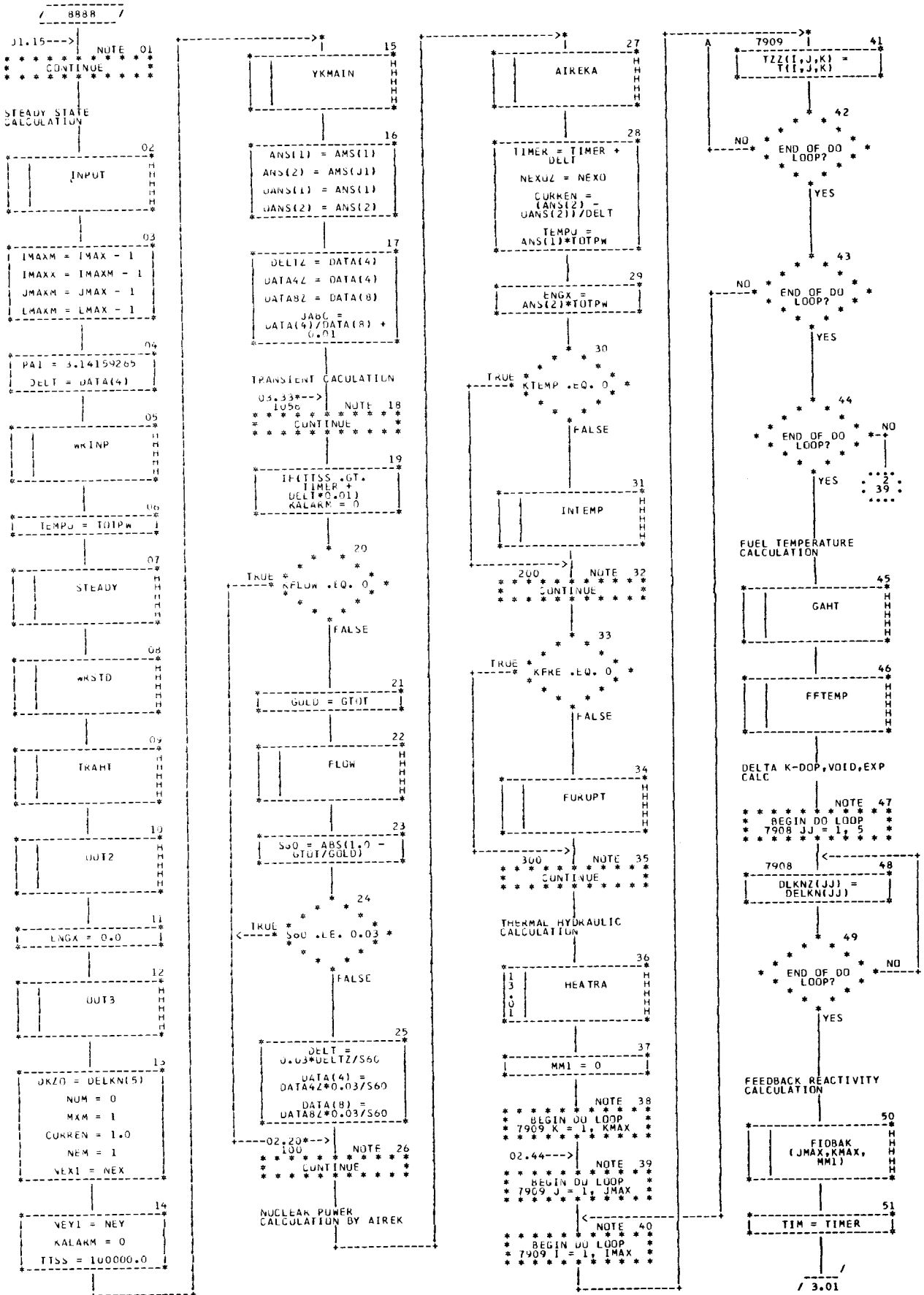






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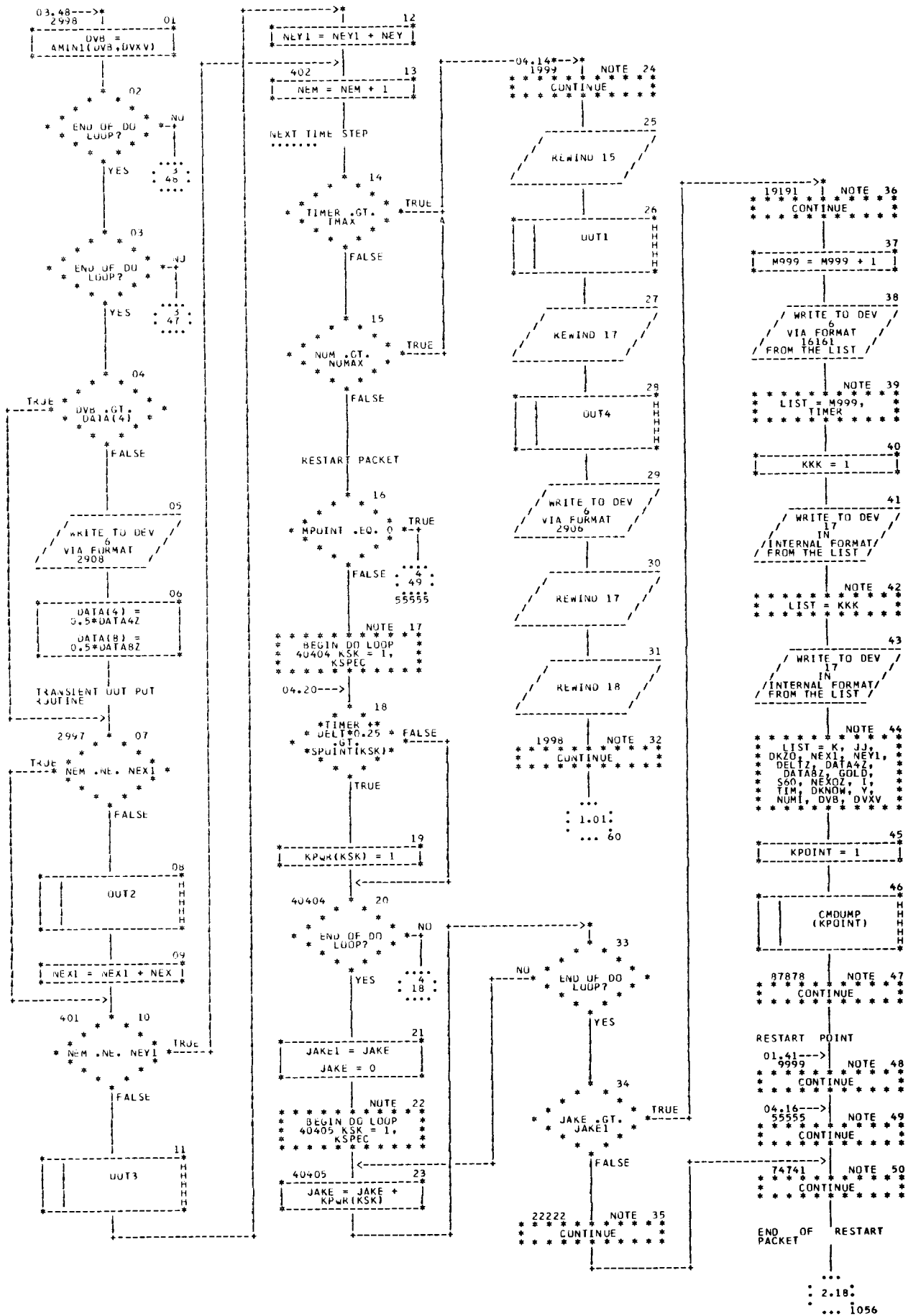


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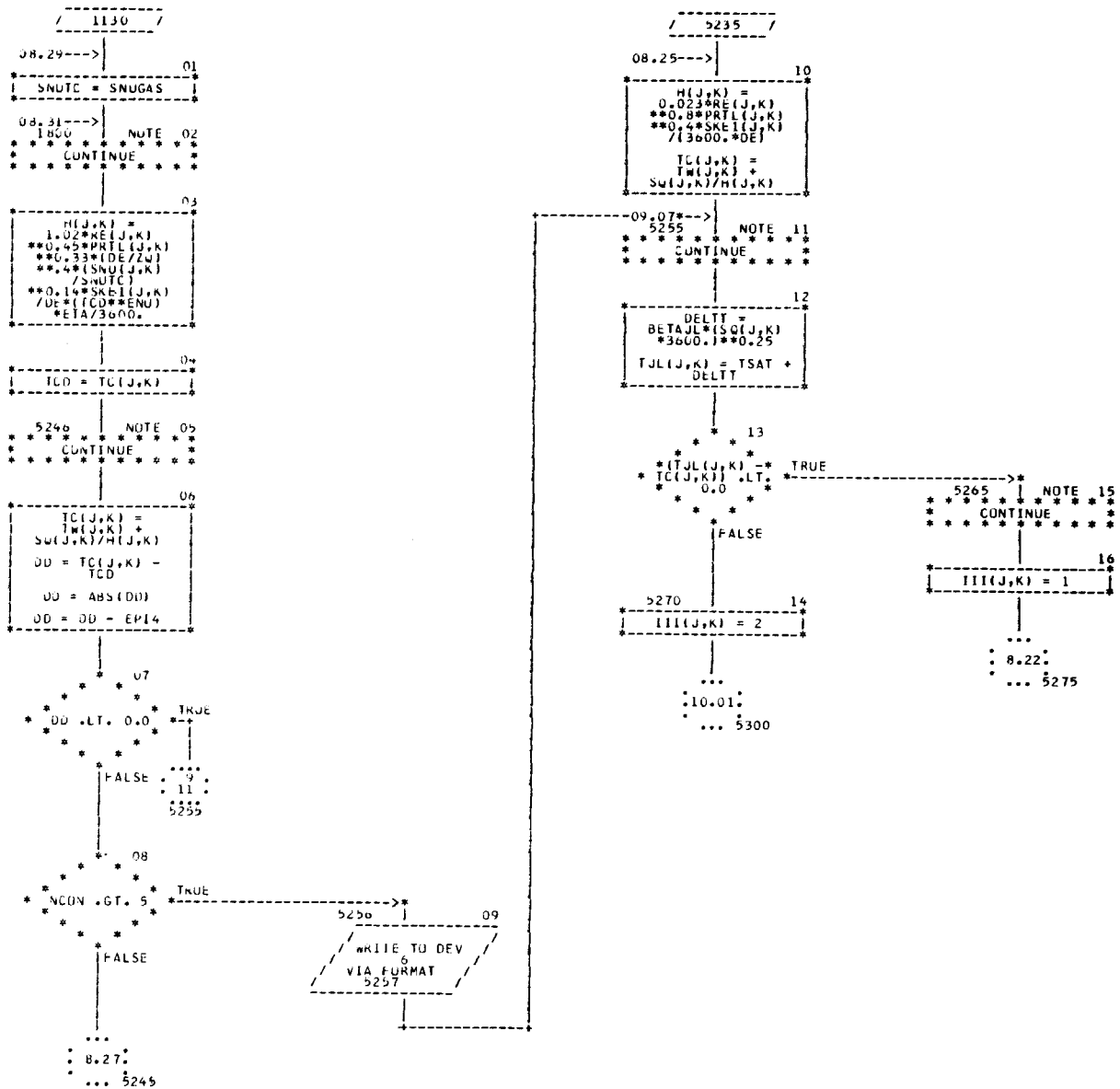










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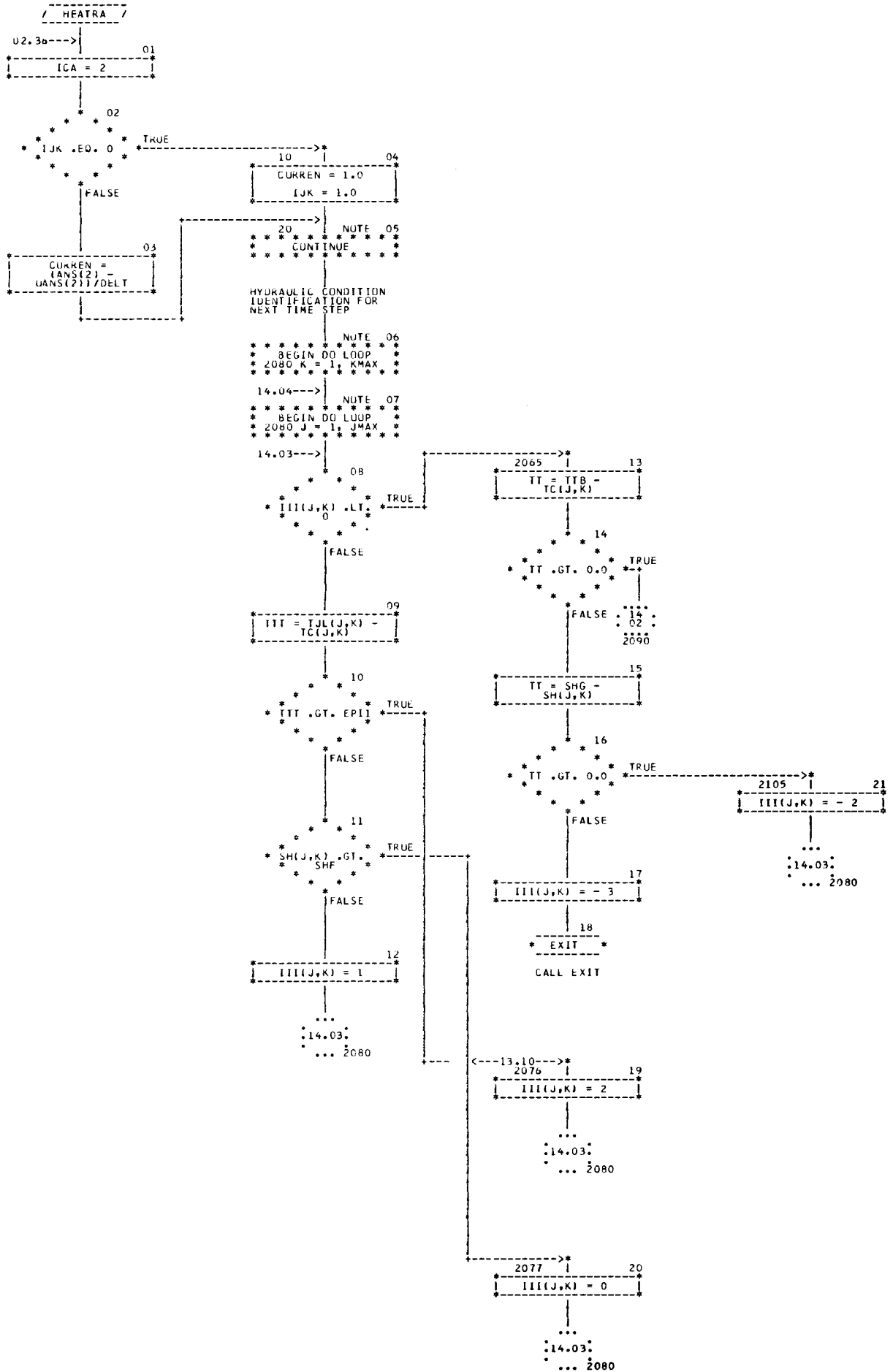




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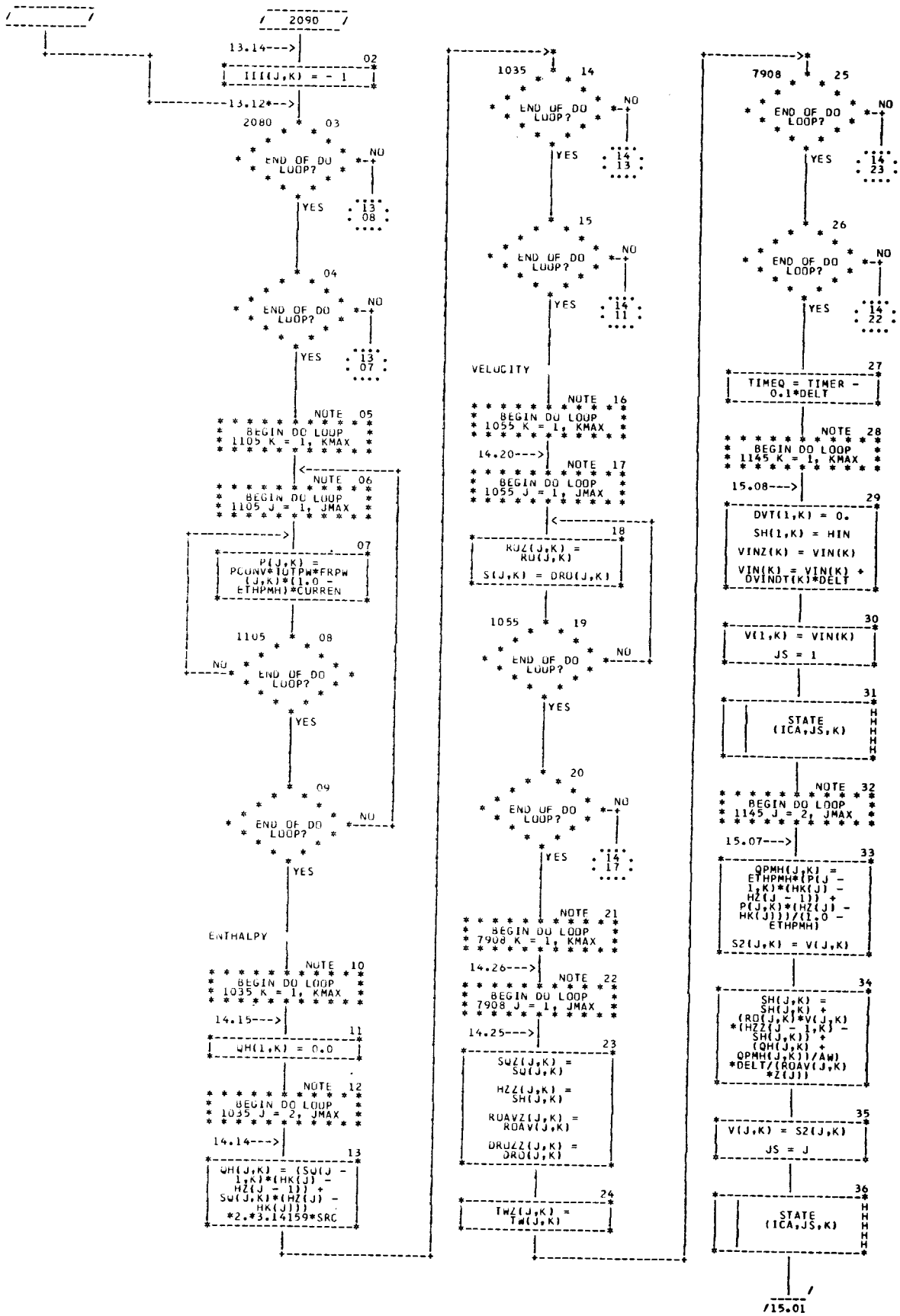


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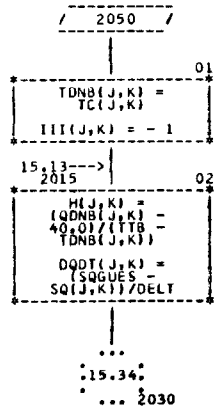


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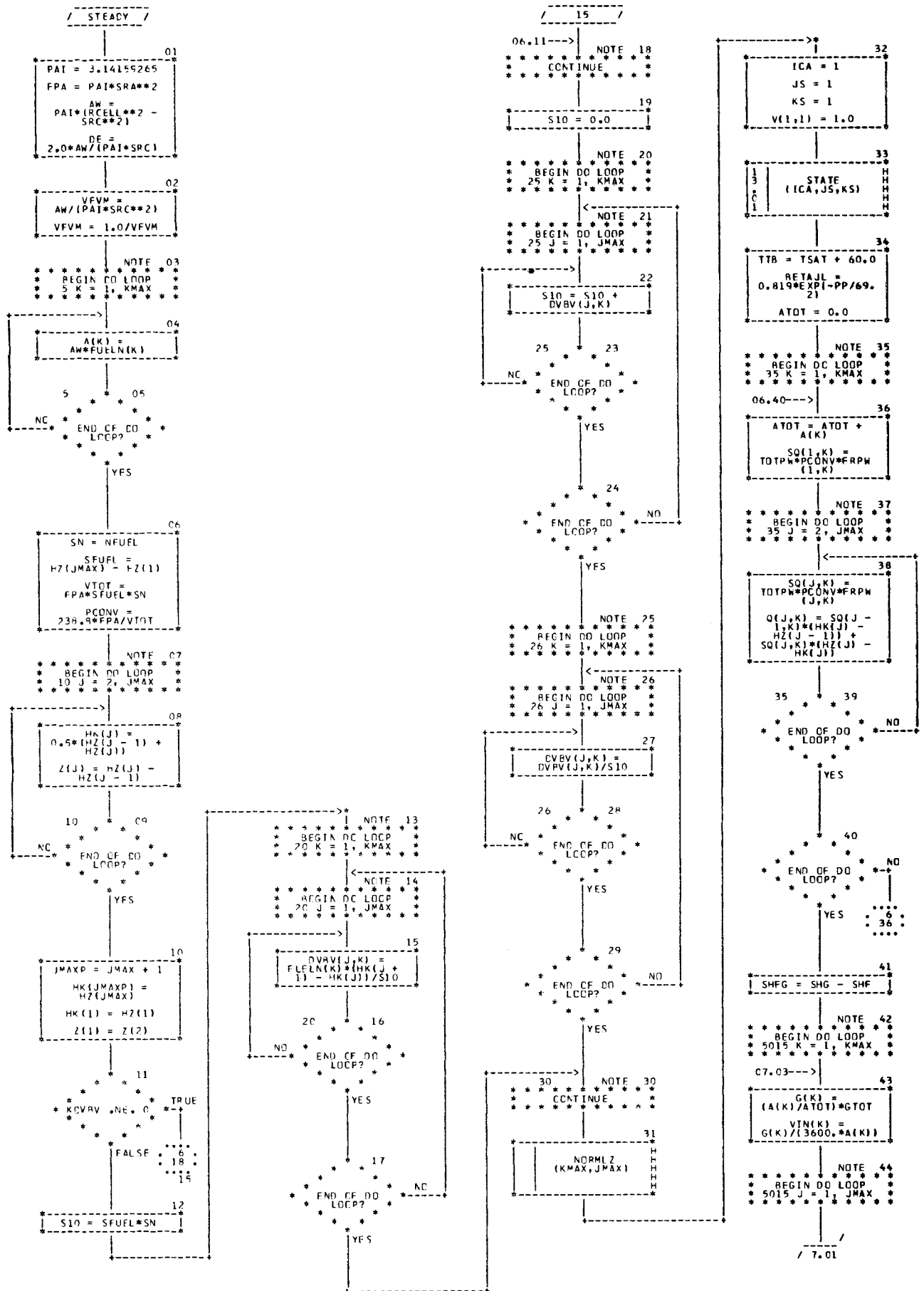


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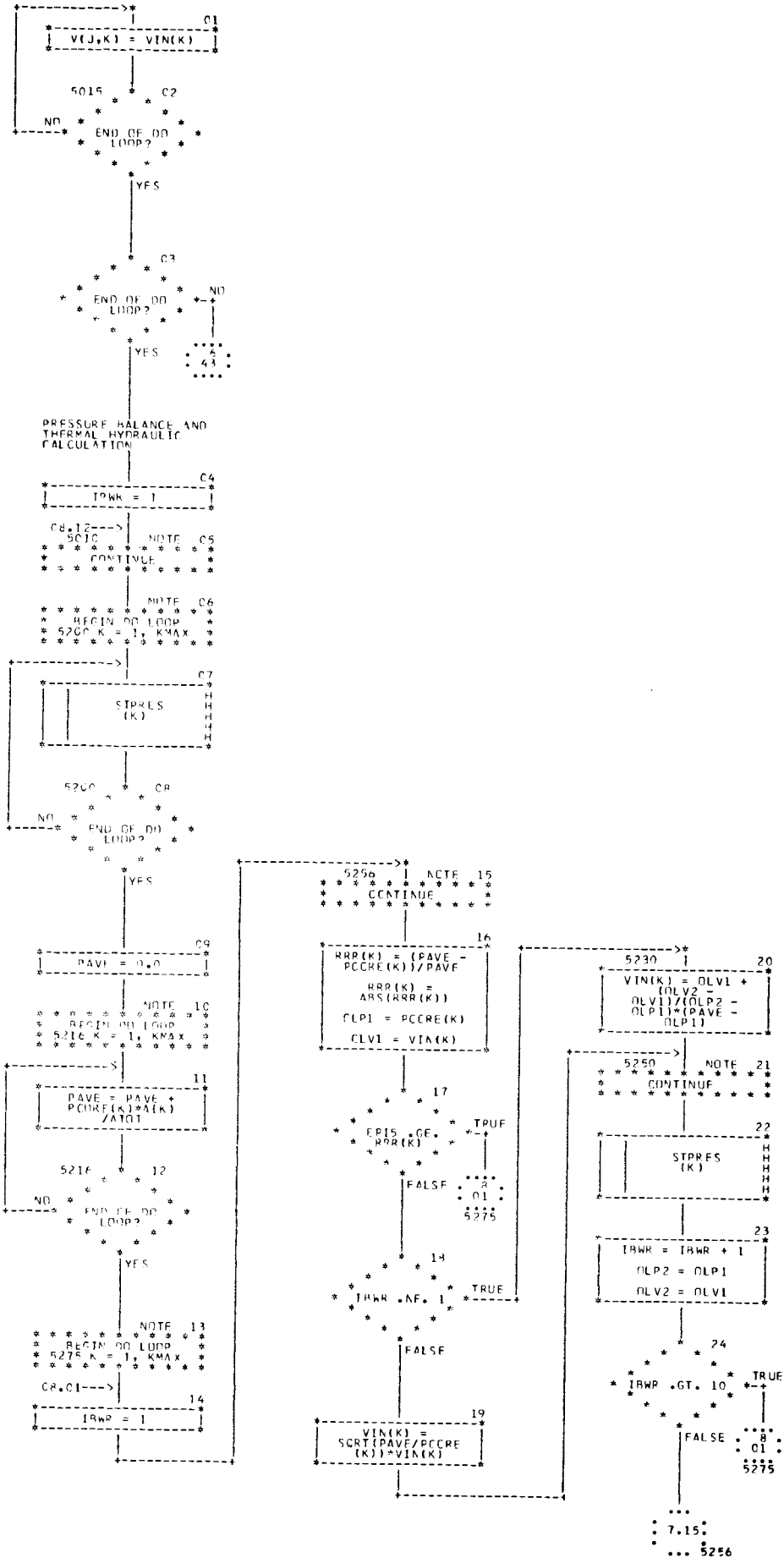


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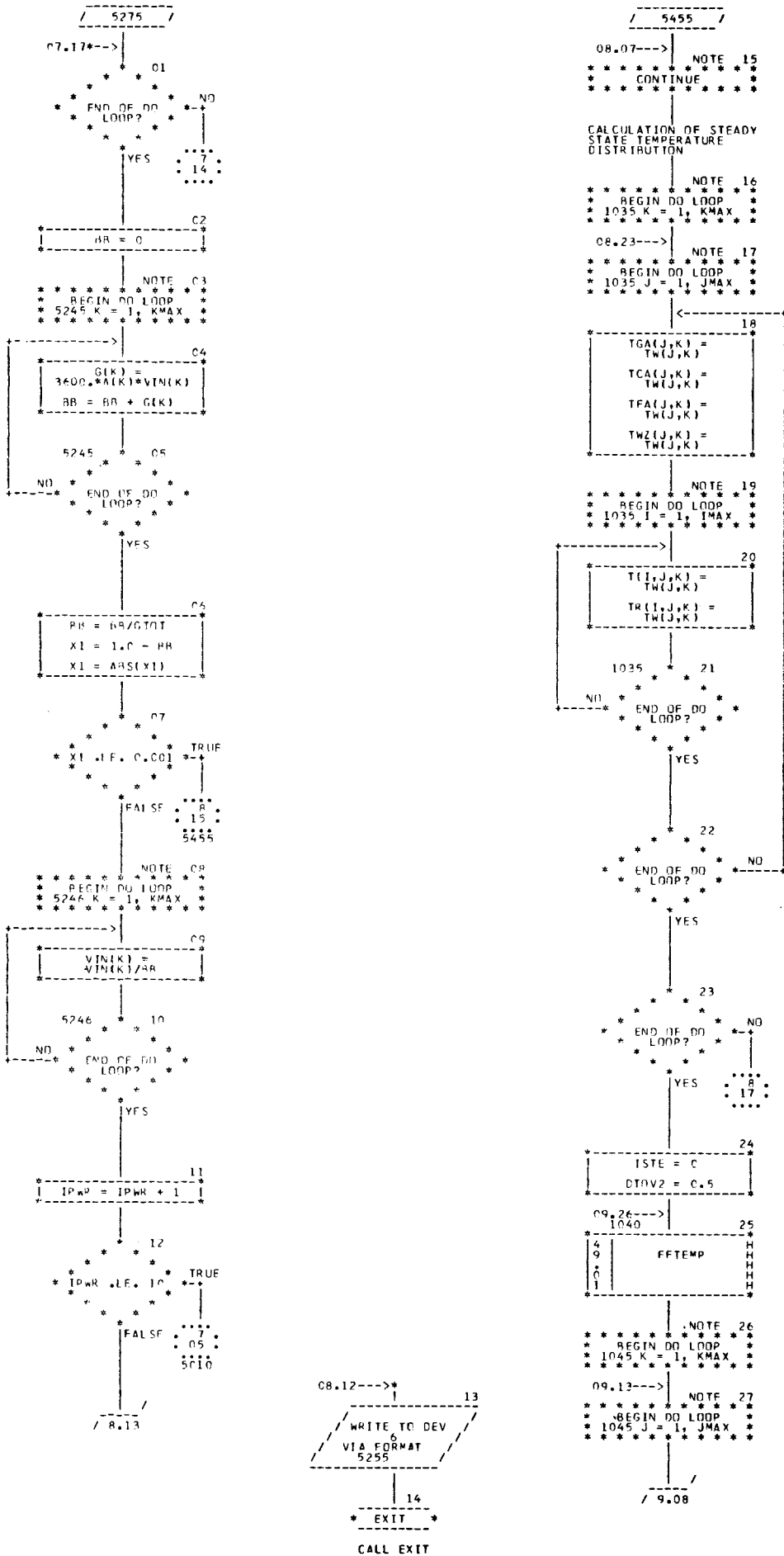


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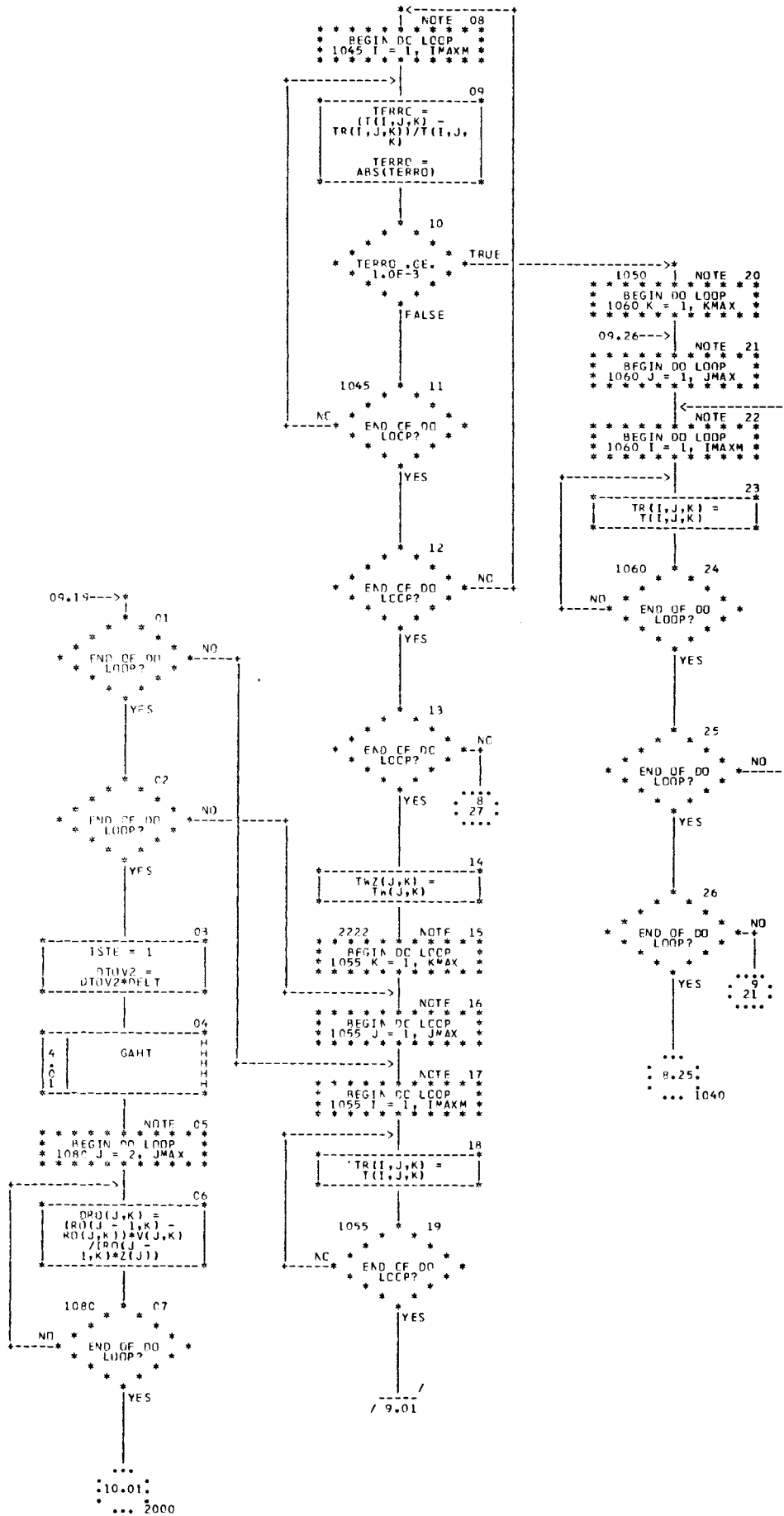








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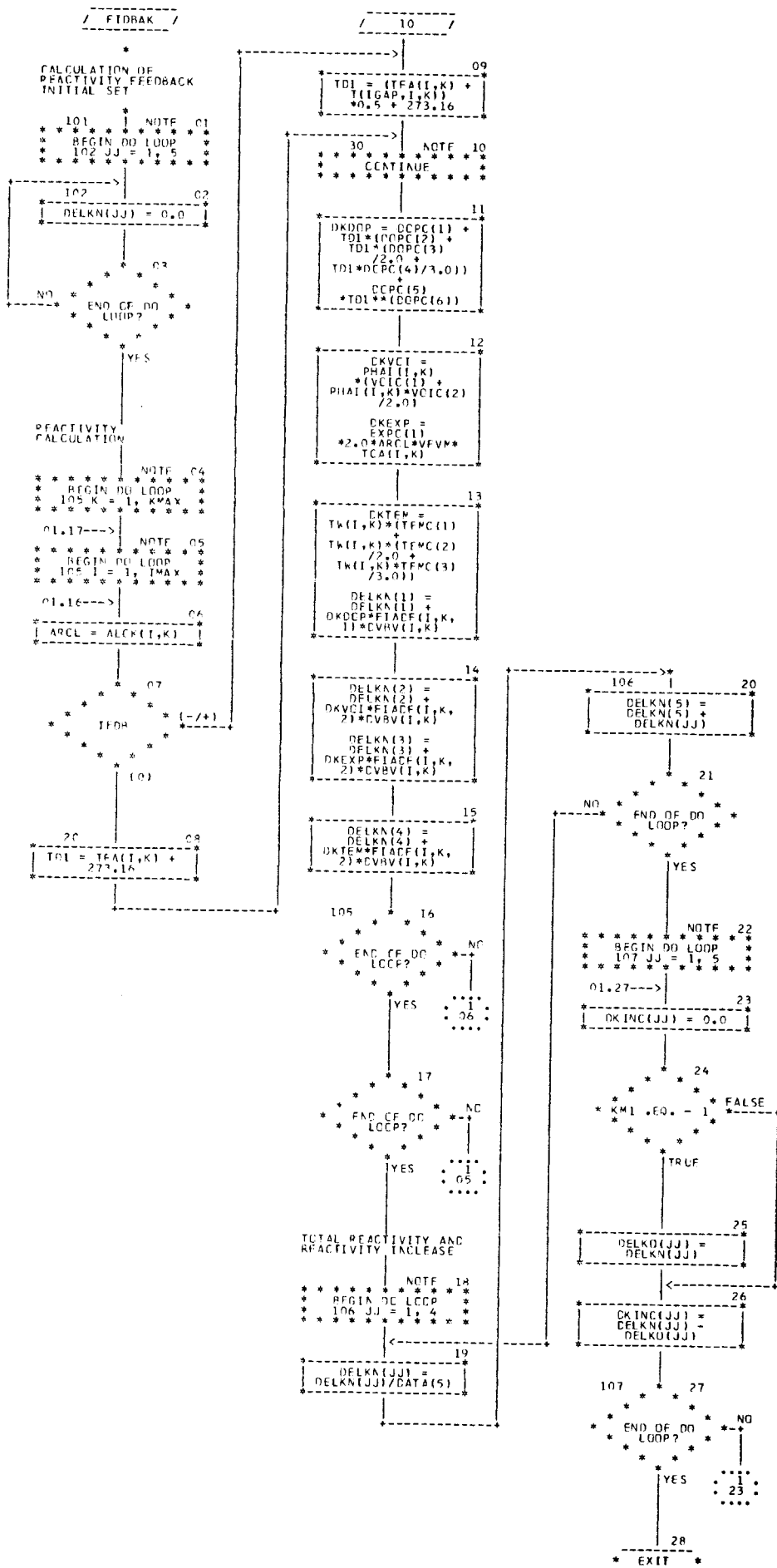


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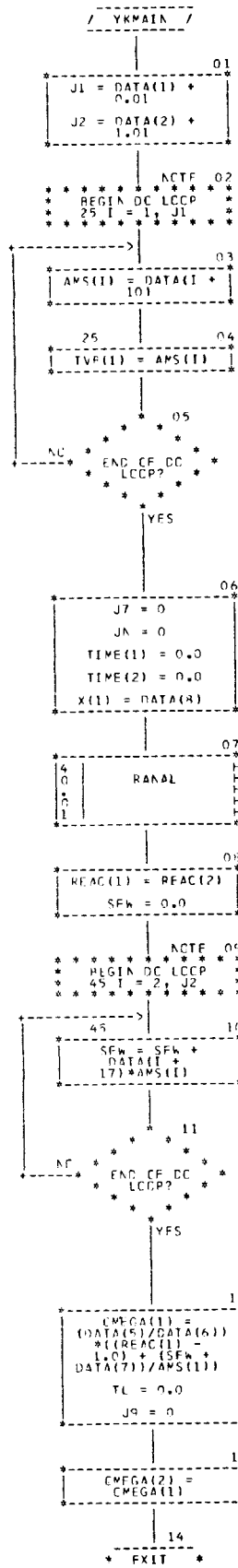


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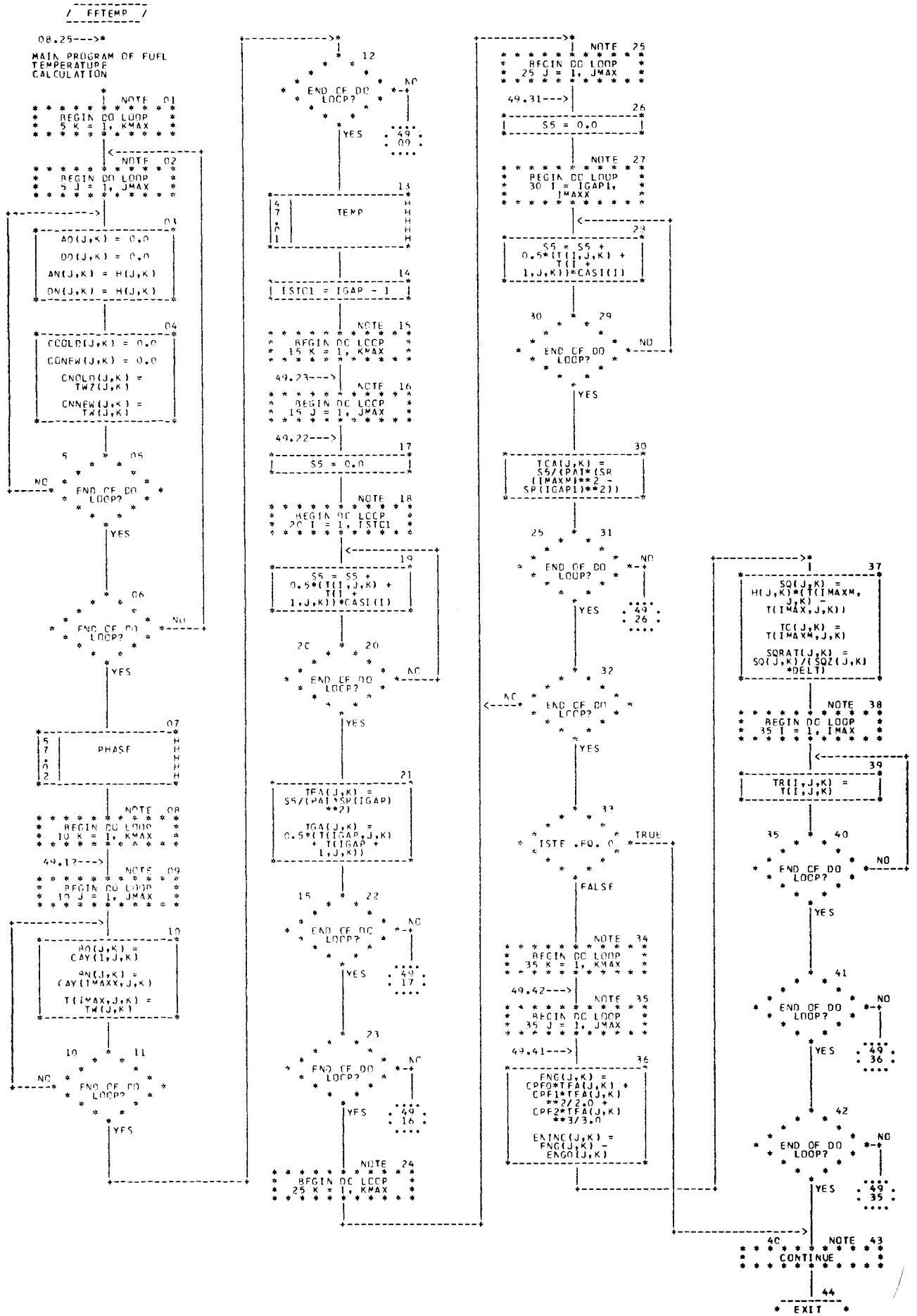






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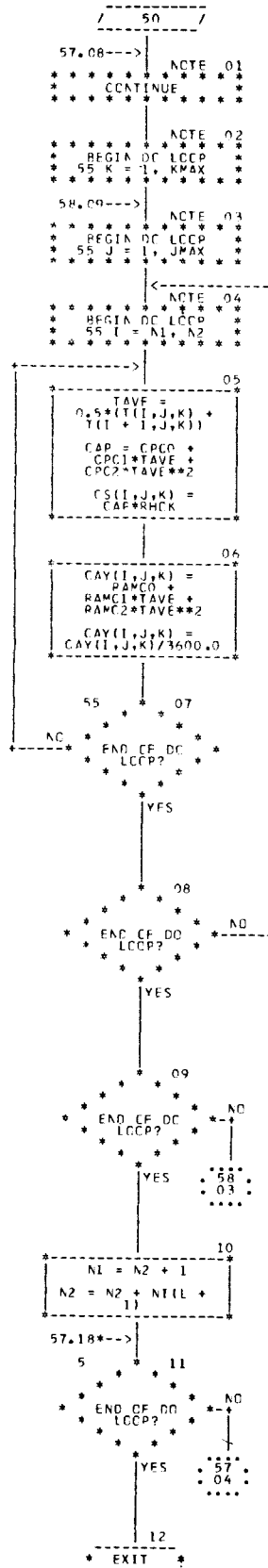






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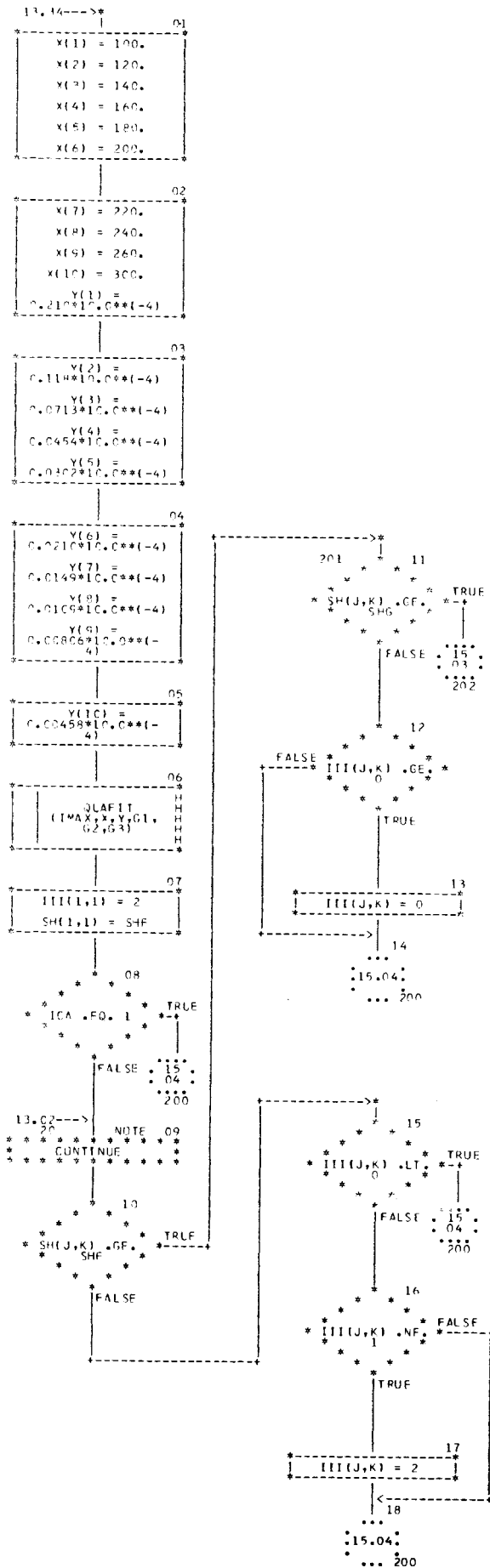


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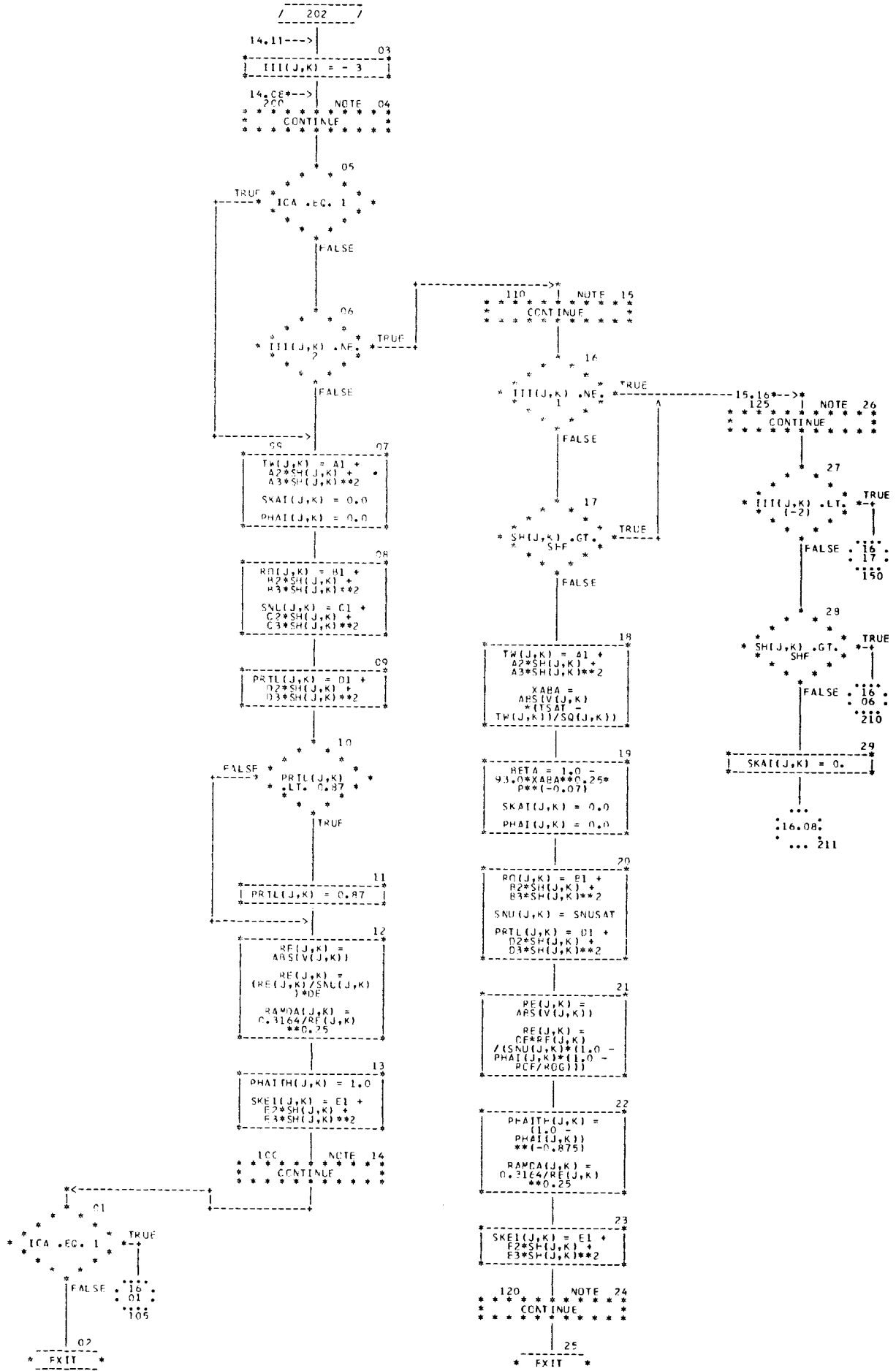
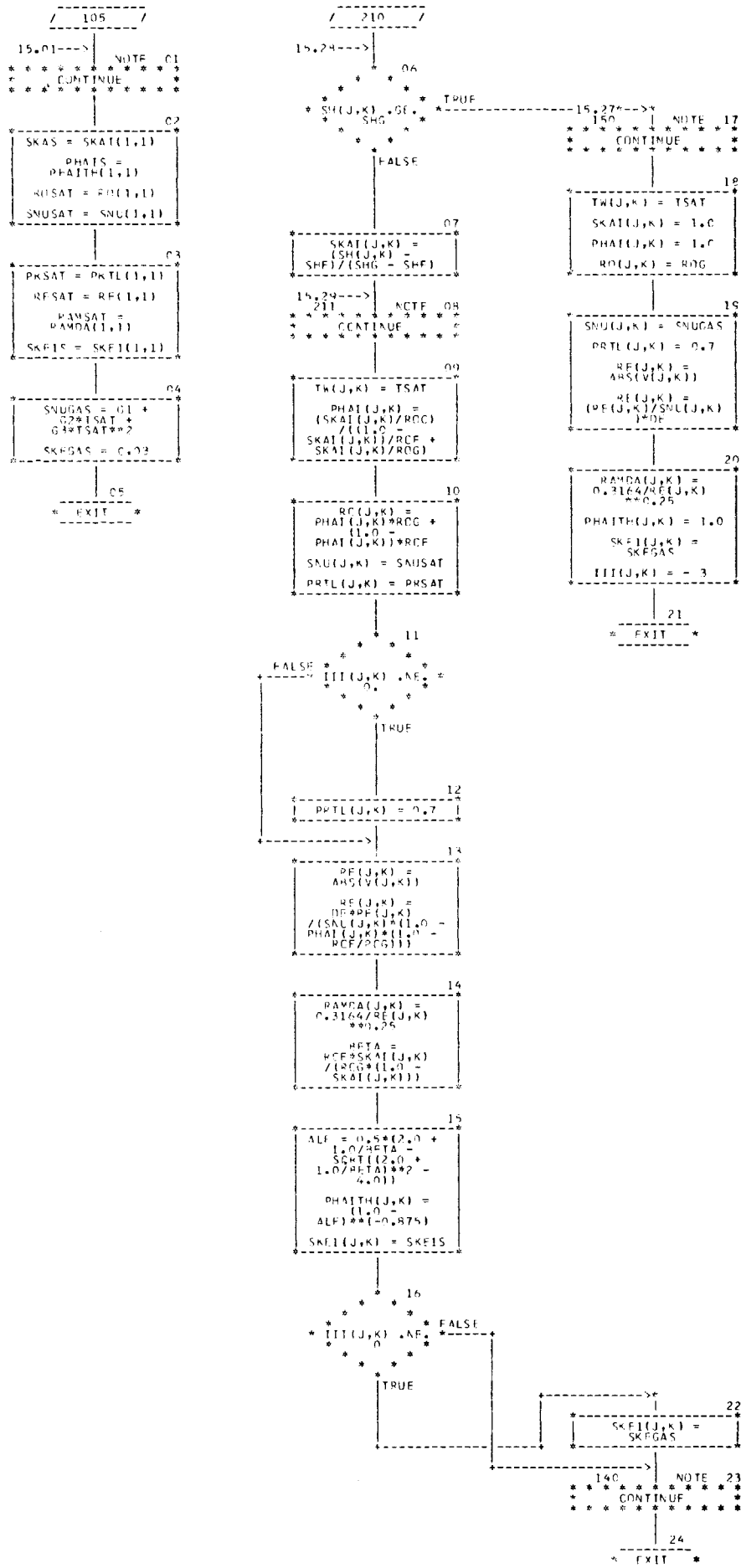


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## F U R E K A

A FORTRAN PROGRAM FOR REACTOR TRANSIENTS  
IN A WATER MODERATED REACTOR

CASE NO. 106  
DATE 44/7/23  
NAME ISHIKAWA SPERT

INPUT DATA EDIT  
1 GENERAL INFORMATION

FUEL RADIAL NODES	=	14	AXIAL NODES	=	10
NO. OF REG. IN FUEL	=	3	REG. NO. OF GAP	=	2
CHANNEL	=	4	NO. OF FUEL ELEMENT	=	1392
Pellet RADIUS	=	0.53900E-02 (M)	CLAD RADIUS (INNER)	=	0.54600E-02 (M)
CLAD RADIUS (OUTER)	=	0.59200E-02 (M)	EQ. CELL RADIUS	=	0.83844E-02 (M)
FUEL IN. DEAD LENGTH	=	0.11710E 00 (M)	FUEL OUT. DEAD LENGTH	=	0.64600E-01 (M)
FUEL DENSITY	=	0.10500E 03 (KG/M**3)	CLAD DENSITY	=	0.79100E 04 (KG/M**3)
REACTOR POWER	=	0.19000E 02 (MW)	OPERATING PRESSURE	=	0.10000E 03 (KG/CM**2)
COOLANT FLOW RATE	=	0.27688E 04 (M**3/HR)	COOLANT INLET TEMP.	=	0.26000E 03 (DEG. C)
PROMPT NEUT. TIME	=	0.16913E-04 (SEC)	EFF. DLYD. NEUT. FRACT.	=	0.72500E-02
NO. DLYD. NEUT. GROUP	=	0.60000E 01	WATER HEAT SOURCE	=	0.26000E-01
TIME INCREMENT (NUC)	=	0.50000E-03 (SEC)	TIME INCREMENT (HYD)	=	0.20000E-02 (SEC)
COMPUTING TIME	=	0.30000E 04 (SEC)	MAX. COMPUTING FREQUENCY	=	600
PRINT FREQUENCY	=	5	TEMP. PRINT FREQUENCY	=	50
NUC. BOIL. TEMP. ERROR (C)	=	0.10000E-01	HFAT FLUX TEST VALUE	=	0.10000E-02
PRESS. DROP TEST VALUE	=	0.50000E-02	CLAD TEMP. TEST VALUE	=	0.10000E 00
OPT. FOR DNB. FLUX	=	0.10000E 01	DRK. COMP. TEST VALUE	=	0.50000E-02
MIT. FOR POOL BOIL-2	=	0.33300E 00	MIT. FOR POOL BOIL-1	=	0.14900E 01
HFAT TRNS. CO. TEST VALUE	=	0.10000E-01			

TOTAL FUEL VOLUME	=	0.12335F 00 (M**3)	TOTAL FLOW AREA	=	0.15416F 00 (M**2)
CFL FLOW AREA	=	0.11075E-03 (M**2)	EQUIV. DIA. OF CEL	=	0.11909E-01 (M)
EFFECTIVE FUEL LENGTH	=	0.97090F 00 (M)	REF. COOLANT VELOCITY	=	0.50378E 01 (M/SEC)
COOLANT INLET TEMP.	=	0.26000E 03 (DEG. C)	COOLANT INLET ENTHALPY	=	0.27070E 03 (KCAL/KG)
COOLANT SAT. TEMP.	=	0.30953F 03 (DEG. C)	COOLANT SAT. ENTHALPY	=	0.33388E 03 (KCAL/KG)
VAPOUR SAT. ENTHALPY	=	0.65132E 03 (KCAL/KG)	LIQUID SAT. DENSITY	=	0.69183E 03 (KG/M**3)
VAPOUR SAT. DENSITY	=	0.54215F 02 (KG/M**3)	POWER CONV. FACTOR	=	0.17669E 00 (KCAL/M)
FLOW TRANSIENT	=	0	INLET TEMP. TRANSIENT	=	0
NO FUEL RUPTURE	=	1	INTERVAL VOLUME CALC.	=	0

## 2 FUEL PIN INFORMATION

RADIAL NODE	RADIAL LENGTH (M)	INTERVAL LENGTH (M)	HEAT SOURCE	COMPOSITION
1	0.0	0.38500E-03	0.11456F 01	1
2	0.38500E-03	0.38500E-03	0.11465F 01	1
3	0.77000E-03	0.38500E-03	0.11482F 01	1
4	0.11550E-02	0.38500E-03	0.11502F 01	1
5	0.15400E-02	0.38500E-03	0.11528F 01	1
6	0.19250E-02	0.38500E-03	0.11562F 01	1
7	0.23100E-02	0.38500E-03	0.11623F 01	1
8	0.26950E-02	0.38500E-03	0.11693F 01	1
9	0.30800E-02	0.38500E-03	0.11774F 01	1
10	0.34650E-02	0.38500E-03	0.11916F 01	1
11	0.38500E-02	0.38500E-03	0.11998F 01	1
12	0.42350E-02	0.38500E-03	0.12191F 01	1
13	0.46200E-02	0.38500E-03	0.12307F 01	1
14	0.50050E-02	0.38500E-03	0.12554F 01	1
15	0.53900E-02	0.0	0.12855F 01	1
16	0.53900E-02	0.26500E-03	0.84951F-02	2
17	0.56550E-02	0.26500E-03	0.84951F-02	2
18	0.59200E-02	0.24644E-02	0.84951F-02	2
19	0.83844E-02		0.26000F-01	3

## 3 FUEL AXIAL INFORMATION

AXIAL NODE	AXIAL LENGTH (M)	INTERVAL LENGTH (M)	MESH CENTER HEIGHT (M)
1	0.0		0.0
2	0.10000F 00	0.10000F 00	0.50000F-01
3	0.20000F 00	0.10000F 00	0.15000F 00
4	0.30000F 00	0.10000F 00	0.25000F 00
5	0.40000F 00	0.10000E 00	0.35000F 00
6	0.50000F 00	0.10000F 00	0.45000F 00
7	0.60000F 00	0.10000F 00	0.55000F 00
8	0.70000F 00	0.10000F 00	0.65000F 00
9	0.80000F 00	0.10000E 00	0.75000F 00
10	0.97090F 00	0.17090F 00	0.88545F 00
			0.97090F 00

4 CHANNEL INFORMATION

CHANNEL 1

CHANNEL AREA = 0.55273E-01 (M\*\*2) NO. OF FUEL IN CHANNEL = 500  
 INLET PRESS. COEFF. = 0.26100F 01 OULFT PRESS. COEFF. = 0.20800E 01

AXIAL NODE	HEAT SOURCE	DOPPLER COEFF. IMPORTANCE	MODERATOR COEFF. IMPORTANCE	FRACTIONAL VOLUME
1	0.57191F 00	0.14593F-09	0.17262F 00	0.18498E-01
2	0.91526F 00	0.38086F-09	0.47455F 00	0.36996F-01
3	0.12481F 01	0.70165F-09	0.87141F 00	0.36996F-01
4	0.13794F 01	0.85444F-09	0.10611F 01	0.36996F-01
5	0.12846F 01	0.74270F-09	0.92236F 00	0.36996E-01
6	0.97950F 00	0.43663F-09	0.54231F 00	0.36996F-01
7	0.54008F 00	0.13871F-09	0.16996F 00	0.36996F-01
8	0.74501F 00	0.28736F-10	0.34863F-01	0.36996E-01
9	0.92153F-01	0.43545F-11	0.52821F-02	0.50111F-01
10	0.33333F-01	0.46154F-12	0.59128F-03	0.31613E-01

5 TEMPERATURE DEPENDENT MATERIAL CONSTANT

FUEL

THERMAL CONDUCTIVITY (KCAL/M\*HR\*DC) RAMF = 0.39265E 01 + -0.33520F-02 \* T + 0.11355E-05 \* T \*\* 2  
 HEAT CAPACITY (KCAL/KG) CAP = 0.65700E-01 + -0.95560F-06 \* T + 0.81230E-08 \* T \*\* 2  
 EXPANSION COEFFICIENT ALF = 0.10000E-04 + 0.0 \* T + 0.0 \* T \*\* 2

GAP

THERMAL CONDUCTANCE (KCAL/M\*\*2\*HR\*DC) RAMG = ( 0.63500F 01 + 0.34400F-01 \* T + -0.79000F-05 \* T \*\* 2 ) / ( 0.22560F 02 + DELR\*10E6)

CLAD

THERMAL CONDUCTIVITY (KCAL/M\*HR\*DC) RAMC = 0.12967E 02 + 0.39460F-02 \* T + 0.0 \* T \*\* 2  
 HEAT CAPACITY (KCAL/KG) CAP = 0.12068E 00 + 0.20053F-04 \* T + 0.0 \* T \*\* 2  
 EXPANSION COEFFICIENT ALC = 0.18000E-04 + 0.0 \* T + 0.0 \* T \*\* 2

COOLANT

TEMPERATURE (DEG.C) TW = -0.65139E 02 + 0.15368F 01 \* H + -0.12418E-02 \* H \*\* 2  
 DENSITY (KG/M\*\*3) RD = 0.83691E 03 + 0.94542E 00 \* H + -0.41316E-02 \* H \*\* 2  
 THERMAL CONDUCTIVITY (KCAL/M\*HR\*DC) SKEL = 0.49088E 00 + 0.14291E-02 \* H + -0.51164E-05 \* H \*\* 2  
 KINETIC VISCOSITY (M\*\*2/SEC) SNU = 0.10267E-05 + -0.88380E-08 \* H + 0.20290E-10 \* H \*\* 2  
 VAPOR KINETIC VISCOSITY (M\*\*2/SEC)  
 PRANDTL NUMBER PRTL = 0.71296E 01 + -0.65710F-01 \* H + 0.15669E-03 \* H \*\* 2

PARAMETER T IS COOLANT TEMPERATURE

PARAMETER H IS COOLANT ENTHALPY

## 6 KINETIC INFORMATION

GROUP NO.	DELAYED NEUTRON FRACTION	DECAY CONSTANT
1	0.35200E-01	0.12700E-01
2	0.20140E 00	0.31700E-01
3	0.18280E 00	0.11670E 00
4	0.40060E 00	0.31420E 00
5	0.14370E 00	0.14007E 01
6	0.33300E-01	0.38803E 01

## DOPPLER COEFFICIENT

$$DKDOP = 0.49300E 08 + 0.0 * TFA + 0.0 * TFA ** 2 + 0.0 * TFA ** 3 /$$

$$+ 0.13600E 01 * TFA ** 0.50000E 00$$

## VOID COEFFICIENT

$$DKVOID = 0.32000E 00 * PHAI + 0.0 * PHAI ** 2 / 2.0$$

## TEMPERATURE COEFFICIENT

$$DKTEM = 0.52070E-03 * TW + 0.0 * TW ** 2 / 2.0 + 0.0 * TW ** 3 / 3.0$$

## KINETIC PARAMETER

TIME (SEC)	REACTIVITY (DK/K)	TIME (SEC)	FLOW (M**3/HR)	TIME (SEC)	TEMPERATURE (DC)
0.0	0.0				
0.20000E-01	0.72500E-03				
0.40000E-01	0.21750E-02				
0.80000E-01	0.84825E-02				
0.10000E 02	0.84825E-02				

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## TRANSIENT OUTPUT

## TIME STEP NUMBER U

ELAPSED REACTOR TIME (SEC)	1.0000	DOPPLER (DOLLARS)	0.0
TIME INCREMENT (SEC)	0.0020	CLAD EXPANSION (DOLLARS)	0.0
REACTOR POWER (MW)	0.19000E 02	TEMPERATURE (DOLLARS)	0.0
EXCURSION POWER (MW*SEC)	0.10000E 01	VOID (DOLLARS)	0.0
INSERTED REACTIVITY (DOLLARS)	0.99905E-58	AVERAGE FUEL TEMP. (DEG. C)	552.8347
COMPENSATED REACTIVITY (DOLLARS)	0.0	AVERAGE CLAD TEMP. (DEG. C)	279.9771
INVERSE PERIOD (1/SEC)	0.0	AVERAGE COOLANT TEMP. (DEG. C)	264.0027

## PRESSURE DROP INFORMATION

CHANNEL NO.	1	2	3	4
INLET VELOCITY (M/SEC)	5.038	5.035	5.007	4.159
INLET VELOCITY CHANGE (M/SEC**2)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
CHAN. AVE. FUEL TEMP. (DEG. C)	475.209	523.624	672.462	774.409
CHAN. AVE. COOLANT TEMP. (DEG. C)	262.872	263.507	265.623	268.406
INTEGRATED TRANSFERRED HEAT (KCAL)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
TOTAL PRESSURE DROP (KG/CM**2)	0.69347E 00	0.69389E 00	0.69066E 00	0.69269E 00
INLET PRESSURE DROP (KG/CM**2)	0.28826E 00	0.28797E 00	0.28488E 00	0.28491E 00
FRICTION DROP (KG/CM**2)	0.10141E 00	0.10174E 00	0.10217E 00	0.75254E-01
ACCELERATION DROP (KG/CM**2)	0.91777E-03	0.11328E-02	0.17937E-02	0.18938E-02
HEAD DROP (KG/CM**2)	0.76303E-01	0.76215E-01	0.75914E-01	0.75505E-01
OUTLET PRESSURE DROP (KG/CM**2)	0.22658E 00	0.22684E 00	0.22590E 00	0.25513E 00





TEMPERATURE DISTRIBUTION IN FUEL

CHANNEL	1									
RADIAL NODE	AXIAL NODE J									
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	499.332	655.984	819.31A	888.015	840.506	690.734	490.212	364.441	301.659	277.899
2	497.964	653.426	815.269	883.309	836.286	687.907	488.932	363.937	301.483	277.838
3	495.233	648.331	807.27A	873.959	827.896	682.277	486.378	362.929	301.132	277.715
4	491.151	640.735	795.368	860.073	815.429	673.890	482.558	361.418	300.605	277.530
5	485.732	630.691	779.682	841.808	799.013	662.808	477.486	359.406	299.903	277.283
6	478.998	618.267	760.369	819.361	778.814	649.113	471.180	356.895	299.024	276.974
7	470.969	603.540	737.608	792.963	755.022	632.898	463.658	353.886	297.969	276.603
8	461.671	586.597	711.594	762.871	727.850	614.266	454.942	350.381	296.737	276.169
9	451.132	567.535	682.549	729.373	697.538	593.335	445.056	346.381	295.326	275.672
10	439.379	546.454	650.699	692.762	664.330	570.225	434.023	341.888	293.736	275.111
11	426.445	523.468	616.291	653.360	628.494	545.071	421.872	336.901	291.964	274.485
12	412.364	498.692	579.581	611.442	590.302	518.013	408.631	331.422	290.009	273.793
13	397.173	472.252	540.827	567.486	550.036	489.197	394.333	325.451	287.869	273.034
14	380.909	444.274	500.291	521.670	507.972	458.773	379.008	318.990	285.542	272.207
15	363.599	414.864	458.201	474.329	464.356	426.869	362.680	312.031	283.021	271.309
16	272.365	280.349	288.454	492.389	291.254	285.303	276.071	269.765	266.468	265.226
17	268.789	274.634	280.674	483.798	283.252	279.195	272.697	268.233	265.892	265.017
18	265.366	269.163	273.222	475.568	275.587	273.346	269.468	266.767	265.340	264.818
19	259.888	260.377	261.088	461.948	262.818	263.555	264.049	264.303	264.413	264.482

NO.	TIME (SEC)	POWER (MW)	ENERGY (MW*5)	PERIOD (1/SEC)	INSRT. REACT. (DOLLARS)	COMP. REACT. (DOLLARS)
1	0.50000E-03	0.19005F 02	0.95008E-02	0.99634F 00	0.25000E-02	0.78440E-03
2	0.10000E-02	0.19018F 02	0.19006E-01	0.17943F 01	0.50000E-02	0.78440E-03
3	0.15000E-02	0.19039F 02	0.28520E-01	0.24339F 01	0.75000E-02	0.78440E-03
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