

APPENDIX 4.9.1 CALCULATION OF EFFECTIVE PROPERTIES FOR HOMOGENIZED FUEL ASSEMBLIES

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4.9.1 CALCULATION OF EFFECTIVE PROPERTIES FOR HOMOGENIZED FUEL ASSEMBLIES

This section presents the methodology and determines the bounding effective thermal conductivity, specific heat and density for the irradiated spent fuel assemblies (SFAs) for use in the thermal analysis of the EOS-37PTH and EOS-89BTH DSCs. The EOS-37PTH and EOS-89BTH DSC basket assemblies are made up of interlocking slotted plates to form an egg-crate type structure with a grid of 37 and 89 fuel compartments, respectively, that house the fuel assemblies (FAs).

The surface properties of the components that make up the fuel compartment, along with the properties of the FAs, are used to determine the effective thermal properties. Emissivities of 0.8 and 0.09 are used for the Zircaloy fuel cladding and the aluminum sections of the fuel compartment opening as noted in Section 4.2.1. The emissivity of [] steel surfaces used in the evaluation is also listed in Section 4.2.1. The thermal properties of irradiated uranium dioxide (UO_2) and the fuel cladding are listed in Table 4.9.1-1 and Table 4.9.1-2, respectively.

The following conservatisms and assumptions are considered in the calculation of effective properties for FAs in EOS-37PTH and EOS-89BTH DSCs:

- Convection heat transfer within fuel assembly is neglected.
- The radiative heat transfer between fuel pellets and fuel cladding is neglected.
- The backfill gas and fuel pellets are not included in the FA axial effective thermal conductivity calculation as required by NUREG-1536 [4.9.1-1].
- The backfill gas is conservatively not included in calculating the FA effective density and specific heat.
- The FA is centered within a fuel compartment which maximizes thermal resistance between the fuel assembly and the compartment wall.
- For the pressurized water reactor (PWR) fuel, the instrument tube is not included in the cross-section of WE14x14 FA model. Change of instrument tube to fuel rod increases the heat generation in the center of the FA and the maximum temperature of the FA, which results in lower effective thermal conductivity of the FA.

4.9.1.1 Effective Thermal Properties for PWR Spent Fuel Assemblies in EOS-37PTH DSC

The FAs considered for storage in the EOS-37PTH DSC, including the design data for each fuel assembly, are listed in Table 2-2 and Table 2-4. The FAs listed in Table 2-2 are previously studied in Section M.4.8 and Section P.4.8 of the Updated Final Safety Analysis Report (UFSAR) for the Standardized NUHOMS® System [4.9.1-2]. In addition to the FAs analyzed in Section M.4.8 and Section P.4.8 of the Standardized NUHOMS® System UFSAR, the EOS-37PTH DSC allows for the storage of certain European and Japanese FAs as shown in Table 2-4.

A comparison of the FA characteristics of the European and Japanese FAs from Table 2-4 to those previously analyzed in Table 2-2 shows that they are either identical or very similar as described below.

- Geometry of Doel 1 and 2 (assembly type 14x14) FA and Kansai (assembly type 14x14 Step I Type A) FA are identical or similar to WE14x14 FA. The active fuel length for Doel 1 and 2 is 96 inches, which is shorter than WE14x14 FA. The heat load for this FA will be adjusted as described in Section 4.9.1.3.
- Geometry of Tihange 1 (assembly type 15x15) FA and Kansai (assembly type 15x15 Step I Type A) FA are identical or similar to WE 15x15 FA.
- Geometry of Doel 3 and 4 (assembly type 17x17) FA, Tihange 2 (assembly type 17x17) FA, Tihange 3 (assembly type 17x17) fuel assembly, Kansai (assembly type 17x17 Step II) FA, ENRESA ASCO (assembly type 17x17) FA, and AM1000 (assembly type 17x17) FA are identical or similar to WE17x17 FA.

Since the European or Japanese FAs are identical or very similar to the assemblies presented in Table 2-2, the thermal properties for these FAs will be bounded by the properties of the corresponding assemblies from Table 2-2. Among the various FAs listed in Table 2-2, based on the study in Section P.4.8 of the Standardized NUHOMS® System UFSAR, the WE 14x14 FA has the bounding transverse effective conductivity, bounding axial effective conductivity, bounding effective density, and bounding effective specific heat.

Since the same FAs or their corresponding versions (European and Japanese fuel assemblies) are considered for storage within the EOS-37PTH DSC, the effective thermal properties for WE 14x14 are recomputed using the methodologies presented in Section M.4.8 and Section P.4.8 of the Standardized NUHOMS® System UFSAR using irradiated UO₂ properties and the EOS-37PTH DSC basket configuration shown in the drawings in Section 1.3.1.

The methodology to determine the axial conductivity is described in Section P.4.8.1.3 of the Standardized NUHOMS® System UFSAR [4.9.1-2] and is used in this evaluation based on the bounding FA and the properties described above. Similarly, the effective density and specific heat are determined based on the methodology presented in Section P.4.8.2 of the Standardized NUHOMS® System UFSAR, using the bounding FA and the properties described above.

Using the methodology presented in Appendix P, Section P.4.8.1.4 of the Standardized NUHOMS® System [4.9.1-2], a two-dimensional (2D) finite element model (FEM) of WE14x14 OFA FA is developed in ANSYS [4.9.1-3] to determine the transverse effective conductivity. The outer surfaces, representing the fuel compartment walls, are held at a constant temperature, and heat generating boundary condition is applied to the fuel pellets within the model. The models were run with a series of isothermal boundary conditions applied to the nodes representing the fuel compartment walls. The FEMs of WE14x14 OFA FA is shown in Figure 4.9.1-1. Figure 4.9.1-2 shows the heat generation rate and temperature boundary conditions.

The computed FA transverse and axial effective conductivities as functions of temperature for irradiated WE14x14 FA are listed in Table 4.9.1-3 and also summarized in Section 4.2.1. The effective specific heat and density for irradiated WE14x14 FA is shown is listed in Table 4.9.1-4 and also summarized in Section 4.2.1. The effective thermal conductivities for the FAs are also applicable for vacuum drying conditions since helium is used for water blowdown from the DSC.

4.9.1.2 Effective Thermal Properties for BWR Spent Fuel Assemblies in EOS-89BTH DSC

The FAs considered for storage in the EOS-89BTH DSC including the design data for each FA, are listed in Table 2-3 and Table 2-4. The FAs listed in Table 2-3 are previously studied in Section T.4.8 and Section Y.4.9 of the Standardized NUHOMS® System UFSAR[4.9.1-2], except for the GNF2 FA. However, the dimensions of GNF2 FA listed in Table 2-3 are very similar to the previously evaluated GE12/GE14 FAs from Section T.4.8 and Section Y.4.9 of the Standardized NUHOMS® System UFSAR. Therefore, the thermal properties for the GE12/GE14 FAs are also applicable to the GNF2 FA.

In addition to the FAs analyzed in Section T.4.8 and Section Y.4.9 of the Standardized NUHOMS® System UFSAR, the EOS-89BTH DSC allows for the storage of certain European and Japanese FAs as shown in Table 2-4. Since transient evaluations are not performed for the EOS-89BTH DSC in Sections 4.4, 4.5, and 4.6, only the effective transverse and axial conductivities are presented for the FAs allowed for storage in the EOS-89BTH DSC.

A comparison of the FA characteristics of the European and Japanese FAs from Table 2-4 to those previously analyzed in Table 2-3 shows that they are either identical or very similar as described below.

- Geometries of Japanese boiling water reactor (BWR) FA (assembly type 8x8 Step II) and Switzerland– KKL BWR 1/4 fuel assembly (assembly type 8x8) from Table 2-4 are similar to GE8 Type II FA (TN ID: 8x8-60/4) from Table 2-3.
- Geometry of Switzerland– KKL BWR 2/5/8 FA (assembly type 9x9) from Table 2-4 is similar to GE 11/13 FA (TN ID: 9x9-74/2) from Table 2-3.
- Geometry of Switzerland– KKL BWR 3/9/12/13 FA (assembly type 10x10) from Table 2-4 is similar to GE 12/14 FA (TN ID: 10x10-92/2) from Table 2-3.
- Geometry of Switzerland– KKL BWR 6 FA (assembly type 4x4x4) from Table 2-4 is identical or similar to SVEA-64 FA from Table 2-3.
- Geometries of Switzerland– KKL BWR 7/14 FA (assembly type 4x(5x5-1)), BWR 10/15 FA (assembly type 4x(5x5-3)/4x(5x5-1)) and BWR 11/16 FA (assembly type 4x(5x5-4)/4x(5x5-2)/4x(5x5-1)) from Table 2-4 are similar to SVEA-96 FA from Table 2-3.

Since the European or Japanese FAs are identical or very similar to the assemblies presented in Table 2-3, the thermal properties for these FAs will be bounded by the properties of the corresponding assemblies from Table 2-3. Among the various FAs listed in Table 2-3, based on the study in Section T.4.8 and Section Y.4.9 of the Standardized NUHOMS® System UFSAR, the FANP 9x9-81 FA has the bounding transverse effective conductivity. Therefore, the transverse effective conductivities are recomputed using the methodologies presented in Section T.4.8 of the Standardized NUHOMS® System UFSAR using irradiated UO₂ properties and the EOS-89BTH DSC basket configuration shown in the drawings in Section 1.3.2.

Using the methodology presented in Section T.4.8.1.4 of the Standardized NUHOMS® System UFSAR, a 2D FEM of FANP 9x9-81 FA is developed in ANSYS [4.9.1-3] to determine the transverse effective conductivity. The outer surfaces, representing the fuel compartment walls, are held at a constant temperature, and heat generating boundary condition is applied to the fuel pellets within the model. The models were run with a series of isothermal boundary conditions applied to the nodes representing the fuel compartment walls. The FEMs FANP 9x9-81 FA is shown in Figure 4.9.1-3. Figure 4.9.1-4 shows the heat generation rate and temperature boundary conditions.

The methodology to determine the axial conductivity is described in Section T.4.8.1.3 of the Standardized NUHOMS® System [4.9.1-2] and is used in this evaluation for the various FAs listed in Table 2-3 and Table 2-4.

The computed bounding fuel assembly transverse and axial effective conductivities as functions of temperature for the various FAs allowed for storage in EOS-89BTH DSC are listed in Table 4.9.1-5 and also summarized in Section 4.2.1. The effective thermal conductivities determined for the bounding FAs are also applicable for vacuum drying conditions since helium is used for water blowdown from the DSC.

4.9.1.3 Scaling Factors for Short and Long Fuel Assemblies

The various heat load zone configuration (HLZCs) presented in Figure 1 of the Technical Specifications [4.9.1-6] for the EOS-37PTH DSC and Figure 2 of the Technical Specifications [4.9.1-6] for the EOS-89BTH DSC are evaluated in Sections 4.4, 4.5, and 4.6 at the maximum allowable heat loads for each HLZC, assuming that the FA has an active fuel length of 144 inches.

For FAs with active fuel length shorter than 144 inches, there is a possibility that the concentration of the heat generation in a smaller volume might result in a non-conservative temperature distribution. To ensure that the temperature distributions evaluated in Sections 4.4, 4.5, and 4.6 remain bounding, the maximum allowable heat load for FAs with active fuel length shorter than 144 inches should be determined as discussed below.

Since conduction with effective conductivities is the only heat transfer path considered in the EOS-37PTH and EOS-89BTH DSCs, the temperatures are directly proportional to the FA heat load and inversely proportional to the active fuel length and effective fuel conductivity. Therefore, the following equations are used to determine the heat load for FAs with active fuel length shorter than 144 inches in order to maintain the temperatures at the same level as those determined from the bounding FAs.

$$\left(\frac{q}{L_a k_{eff}} \right)_{Short\ FA} = \left(\frac{q}{L_a k_{eff}} \right)_{Bounding\ FA}$$

$$q_{Short\ FA} = q_{Bounding\ FA} \cdot SF,$$

$$SF = \frac{L_{a,Short\ FA}}{L_{a,Bounding\ FA}} \cdot \frac{k_{eff,Short\ FA}}{k_{eff,Bounding\ FA}}.$$

Where,

k_{eff} = Effective conductivity for FA,

q = Decay heat load per assembly defined for each loading zone,

L_a = Active fuel length,

SF = Scaling factor (SF) for short FAs.

The SF determined from the equation should be used to reduce the maximum heat load per FA in each loading zone of the HLZCs presented Figure 1 of the Technical Specifications [4.9.1-6] for the EOS-37PTH DSC and Figure 2 of the Technical Specifications [4.9.1-6] for the EOS-89BTH DSC.

In the above equation, the effective conductivities for the bounding FA are presented in Table 4.9.1-3 and Table 4.9.1-5 for the EOS-37PTH DSC and EOS-89BTH DSC, respectively. The effective conductivity for the shorter FA should be determined using the same approach presented in Sections 4.9.1.1 for the PWR FAs and Section 4.9.1.2 for the BWR FAs.

However, for FAs with active fuel length greater than 144 inches, no scaling is necessary and the maximum heat loads listed for each HLZC in Figure 1 of the Technical Specifications [4.9.1-6] for the EOS-37PTH DSC and Figure 2 of the Technical Specifications [4.9.1-6] for the EOS-89BTH DSC are applicable.

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Table 4.9.1-1
Irradiated UO₂ Thermal Properties

T	Thermal Conductivity (Equation 2.3-9 of [4.9.1-4])	T	Specific Heat (Equation 2.2-1 of [4.9.1-4])	Density (95% of TD of [4.9.1-5])
°F	Btu/(hr-in-°F)	°F	Btu/(lb_m-°F)	lb_m/in³
100	0.138	32	0.054	0.376
200	0.133	212	0.062	
300	0.128	392	0.067	
400	0.123	752	0.071	
500	0.119	1502	0.076	
600	0.116			
700	0.112			
800	0.109			
900	0.107			
1000	0.105			

Table 4.9.1-2
Fuel Cladding Thermal Properties

T	Thermal Conductivity (Equation 3.2-1 of [4.9.1-4])	T	Specific Heat (Table 3.1-1 of [4.9.1-4])	Density [4.9.1-5]
°F	Btu/(hr-in-°F)	°F	Btu/(lb _m -°F)	lb _m /in ³
100	0.618	80	0.067	0.237
200	0.655	260	0.072	
300	0.690	692	0.079	
400	0.723	1502	0.090	
500	0.756			
600	0.787			
700	0.819			
800	0.851			
900	0.883			
1000	0.916			

Table 4.9.1-3
Bounding Transverse and Axial Effective Thermal Conductivities of Fuel
Assemblies in EOS-37PTH DSC

T	k_{eff}	T	k_{axl}
(°F)	Btu/(hr-in-°F)	(°F)	Btu/(hr-in-°F)
160	1.467E-02	200	4.606E-02
251	1.728E-02	300	4.852E-02
343	2.054E-02	400	5.084E-02
436	2.459E-02	500	5.316E-02
530	2.910E-02	600	5.534E-02
626	3.423E-02	800	5.984E-02
722	3.968E-02		
819	4.719E-02		
916	5.456E-02		
1014	6.236E-02		
1113	6.984E-02		
SI UNITS			
T	k_{eff}	T	k_{axl}
(°C)	W/(m-K)	(°C)	W/(m-K)
71	3.047E-01	93	0.957
121	3.589E-01	149	1.008
173	4.266E-01	204	1.056
224	5.107E-01	260	1.104
277	6.043E-01	316	1.149
330	7.110E-01	427	1.243
383	8.241E-01		
437	9.800E-01		
491	1.133E+00		
546	1.295E+00		
600	1.450E+00		

Table 4.9.1-4
Bounding Effective Specific Heat and Density of Fuel Assemblies in EOS-37PTH DSC

T	C _{p eff}	ρ _{eff}
(°F)	Btu/(lb _m -°F)	(lb _m /in ³)
80	0.0576	0.0968
260	0.0646	
692	0.0719	
1502	0.0779	
SI units		
T	C _{p eff}	ρ _{eff}
(°C)	kJ/(kg-K)	(kg/m ³)
27	0.2411	2679
127	0.2706	
367	0.3008	
817	0.3263	

Table 4.9.1-5
Bounding Transverse and Axial Effective Thermal Conductivities of Fuel
Assemblies in EOS-89BTH DSC

T	k _{eff}	T	k _{axl}
(°F)	Btu/(hr-in-(°F)	(°F)	Btu/(hr-in-(°F)
124	0.0141	200	0.0427
220	0.0165	300	0.0450
317	0.0194	400	0.0472
415	0.0228	500	0.0493
513	0.0267	600	0.0514
611	0.0312	800	0.0555
709	0.0360		
808	0.0414		
907	0.0476		
1006	0.0541		
1106	0.0610		
SI UNITS			
T	k _{eff}	T	k _{axl}
(°C)	W/(m-K)	(°C)	W/(m-K)
51	2.918E-01	93	0.888
105	3.420E-01	149	0.935
159	4.023E-01	204	204
213	4.735E-01	260	1.024
267	5.547E-01	316	1.066
322	6.476E-01	427	1.153
376	7.486E-01		
431	8.595E-01		
486	9.875E-01		
541	1.123E+00		
596	1.266E+00		

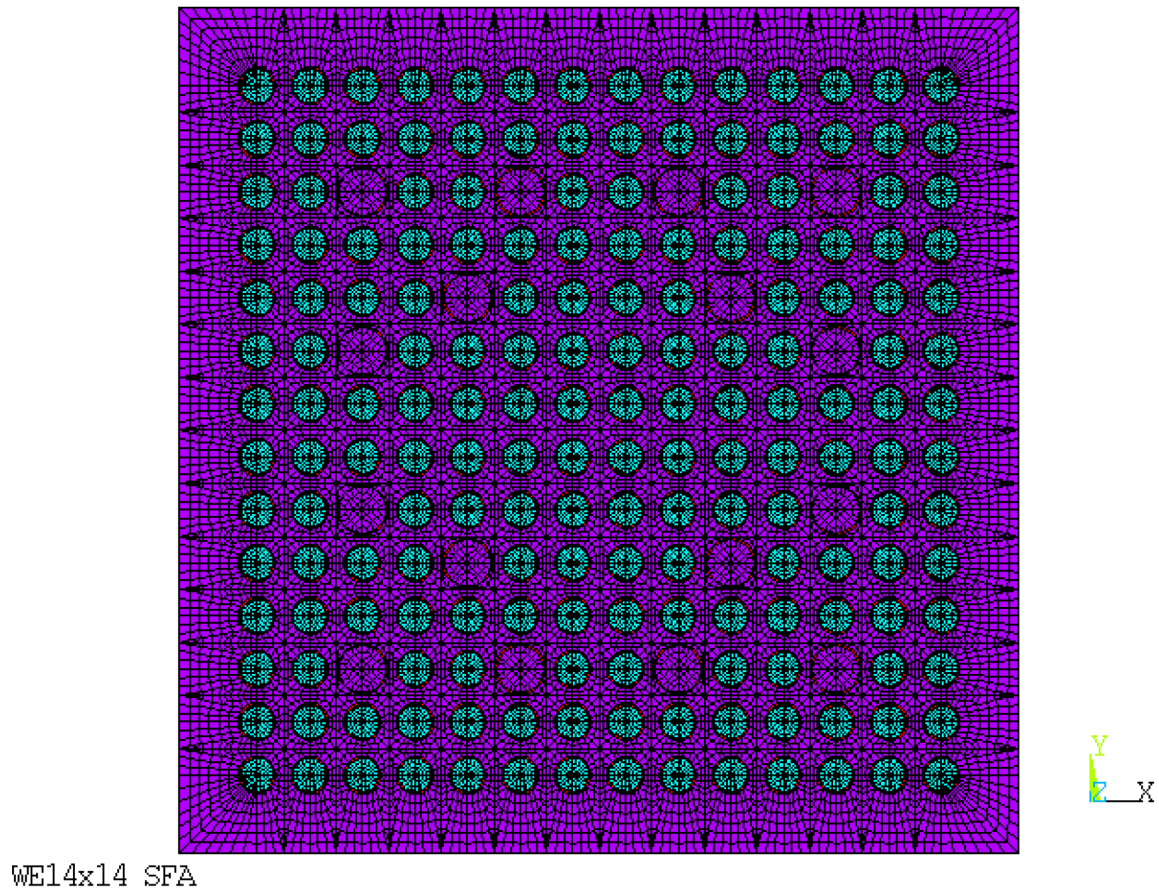


Figure 4.9.1-1
Finite Element Model of WE14x14 Fuel Assembly

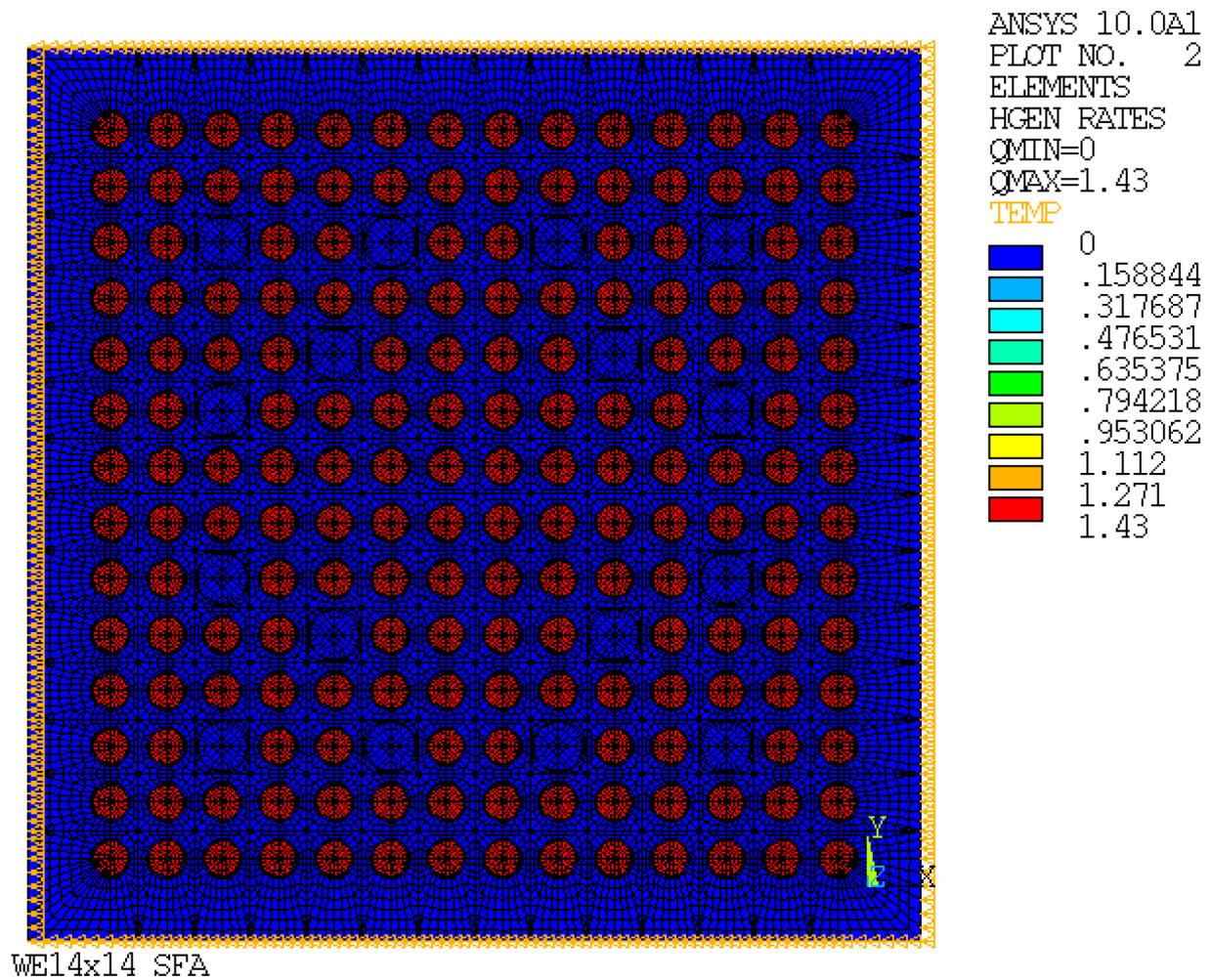


Figure 4.9.1-2
Heat Generation Rate and Temperature Boundary Conditions for WE14x14
Fuel Assembly

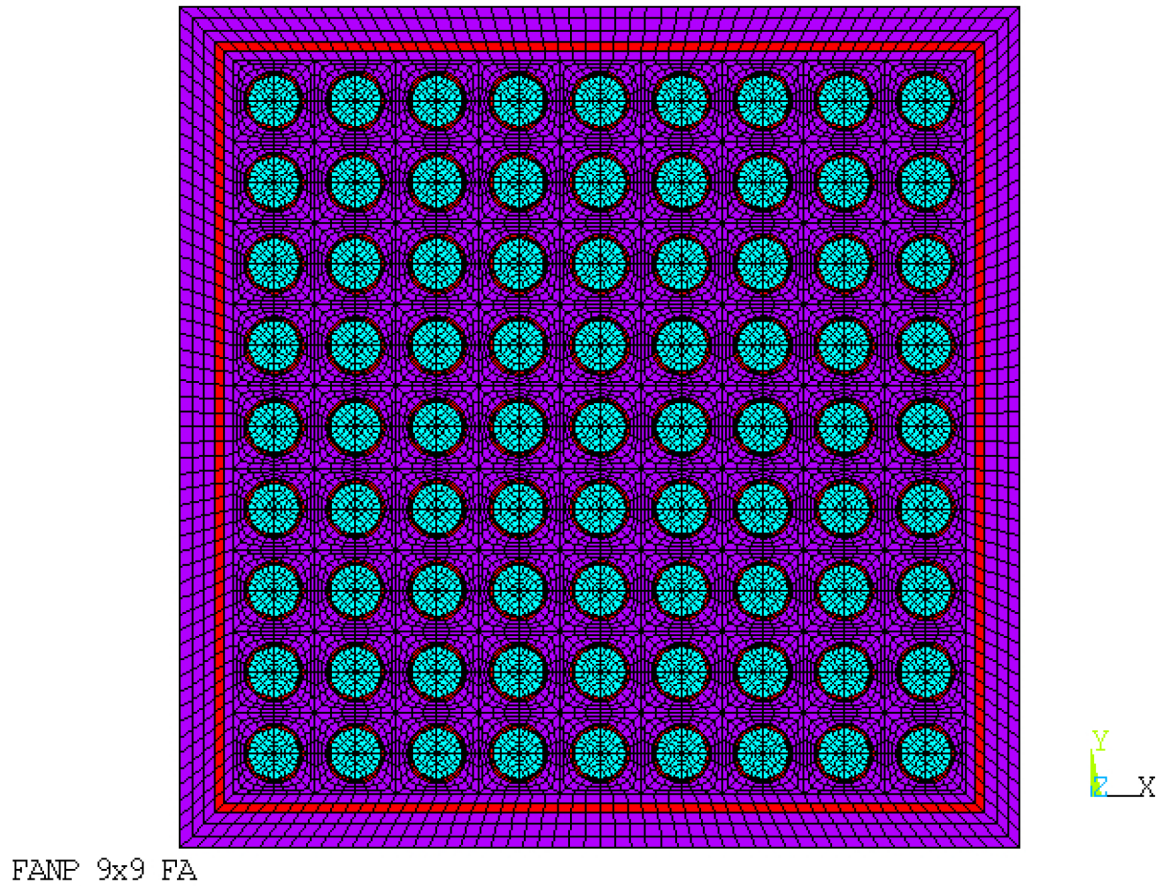


Figure 4.9.1-3
Finite Element Model of the FANP 9x9 Fuel Assembly

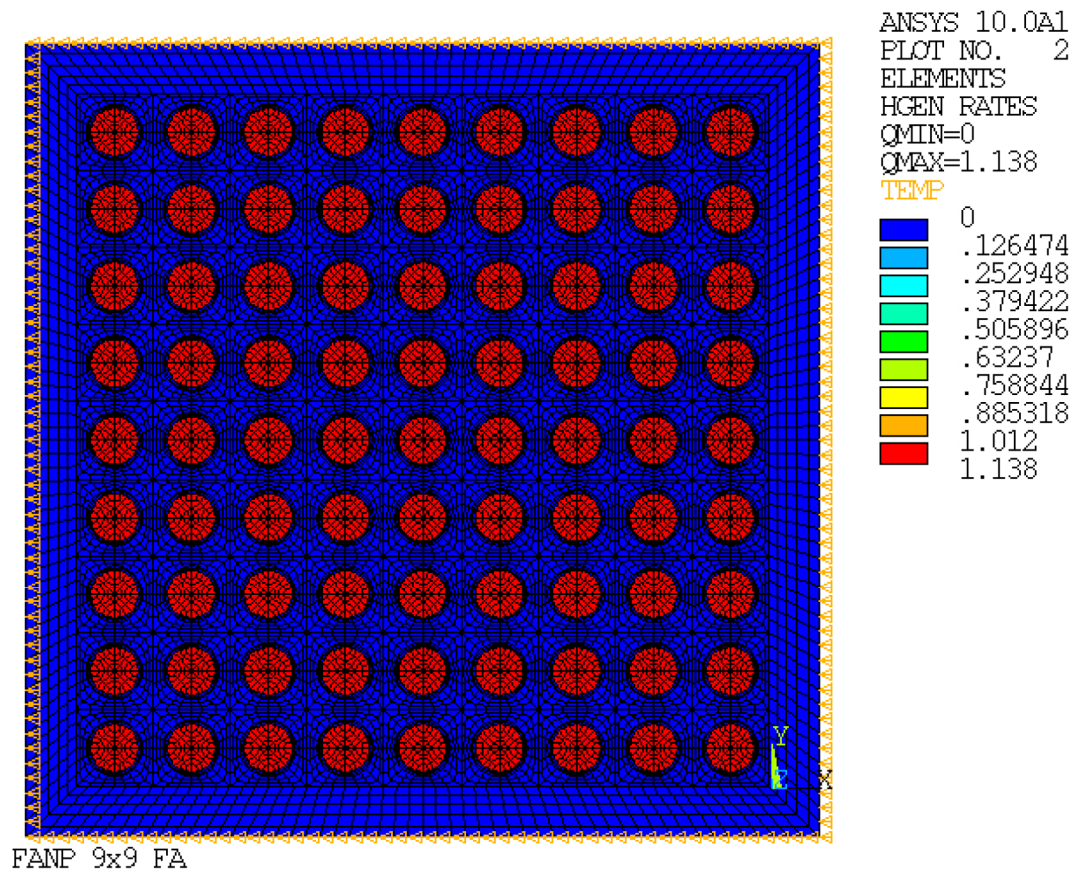


Figure 4.9.1-4
Heat Generation Rate and Temperature Boundary Conditions for
FANP 9 x 9 Fuel Assemblies

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4.9.3 MESH SENSITIVITY

4.9.3.1 Mesh Sensitivity for Storage Analysis

A grid convergence study of the ANSYS FLUENT computational fluid dynamics (CFD) model for the EOS horizontal storage module (HSM) loaded with the EOS-37PTH dry shielded canister (DSC) is performed to determine the discretization error of the solution. The discretization error is determined by using the five-step procedure for uncertainty estimation specified in Section 2-4.1 of American Society of Mechanical Engineers Standard for Verification and Validation in Computational Fluid Dynamics and Heat Transfer (ASME V&V) 20-2009 [4.9.3-1]. In addition to the discretization error, this section computes the observed order of accuracy (p) and compares it to the theoretical order of accuracy of the ANSYS FLUENT solution. Four grids are considered for the study of the ANSYS FLUENT model.

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The following table summarizes the maximum fuel cladding temperatures including the discretization error for the bounding normal, off-normal and accident conditions of the EOS-37PTH and EOS-89BTH DSCs loaded in the EOS-HSM.

Load Case #	Description	Maximum Fuel Cladding Temperature ⁽¹⁾ (°F)		
		EOS-37PTH DSC in EOS-HSM	EOS-89BTH DSC in EOS-HSM	Limit
1a	Normal hot storage, 50 kW for EOS-37PTH DSC and 43.6 kW for EOS-89BTH DSC, Steady-state, 100 °F ambient with insolation	736	707	752 ⁽²⁾
3	Off-normal hot storage, 50 kW for EOS-37PTH DSC and 43.6 kW for EOS-89BTH DSC, Steady-state, 117 °F ambient with insolation	746	<746	1058 ⁽²⁾
5	Blocked vents accident condition at 40 hours, 50 kW for EOS-37PTH DSC and 43.6 kW for EOS-89BTH DSC, 117 °F ambient with insolation	877	<877	

Notes:

1. Maximum fuel cladding temperatures include the discretization error of 11.88 °F.
2. Limits are from NUREG-1536 [4.9.3-5].

4.9.3.2 Mesh Sensitivity for Transfer Analysis

The following table summarizes the maximum fuel cladding temperatures including the discretization error for the bounding normal, off-normal and accident conditions of the EOS-37PTH and EOS-89BTH DSCs loaded in the EOS-TC125/EOS-TC135/EOS-TC108 with the maximum allowable heat loads.

Load Case #	Description	Heat Load ⁽¹⁾	Maximum Fuel Cladding Temperature ⁽²⁾ (°F)				
			EOS-37PTH DSC		EOS-89BTH DSC		Limit ⁽³⁾
			EOS-TC125	EOS-TC108	EOS-TC125	EOS-TC108	
1	Normal hot transfer, transient at 12 hours, 120 °F ambient without insolation	50 kW (HLZC #1) for EOS-37PTH in EOS-TC125,	734	<734	<734	<734	752
3	Off-normal hot transfer, transient at 12 hours, 117 °F ambient with insolation	41.8 kW (HLZC #2) for EOS-37PTH in EOS-TC108,	733	<733	<733	<733	752
5	Accident transfer, loss of liquid in neutron shield and air circulation, steady-state, 117 °F ambient with insolation	43.6 kW (HLZC #1) for EOS-89BTH in EOS-TC125, 41.6 kW (HLZC #2) for EOS-89BTH in EOS-TC108	945	<945	<945	<945	1058

Notes:

1. See Figures 1 and 2 of the Technical Specifications [4.9.3-7] for the summary of all HLZCs.
2. Maximum fuel cladding temperatures include the discretization error of 9.86 °F.
3. Limits are from NUREG-1536 [4.9.3-5].

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