Book Reviews

Reactor Core Fuel Management. By P. Silvennoinen. Pergamon Press, Ltd., Oxford (1976).

This book is published as one item in the paperback library called the Pergamon International Library. The title of the book, *Reactor Core Fuel Management*, describes the key problem in the nuclear fuel cycle, because the strategies and information in reactor core fuel management are the bases for the upstream and downstream of the overall nuclear fuel cycle. According to the author, the definition of reactor core fuel management includes:

1. determination of the nuclear properties associated with fuel and fuel assemblies, whether fresh or burnt

2. specification of the fuel loaded in the core and strategies used in loading and discharging, as well as the pattern of internal shuffling during irradiation

3. control procedures during operation that are related and parallel to the objectives specified on fuel

4. consideration of the constraints brought about by other units of the power generation system, by power demand, or by safety

5. optimization of fuel and control strategies and sequencing the decisions for the purpose of fuel procurement.

The book consists of three parts: I. Introductory Topics, II. Core Analysis, and III. Optimization and System Integration. However, the emphasis and uniqueness of this text can be found primarily in Part II. In Part II, such variables of core management as refueling batch sizes and reloading patterns are defined and discussed, and after a description of the principal problems pertaining to these variables, a concise discussion of the economic aspects of the problems is made. The principal problems treated include the excess reactivity versus burnup, the approach to equilibrium, the effect of stretch-out operation, and so on.

In Part II, Chap. 7, "Computer Code Modules," is the most elaborate, and almost one-third of the pages of the book are allocated for this chapter. Readers will find a well-arranged description of various methods of calculations used in the practical reactor core fuel management analysis, with theoretical insights based on the concise treatise of neutron transport theories described in Chap. 2. Essential modules of core analysis systems include

1. Nuclear Data Libraries

2. Lattice Cell Modules

3. Depletion Routines

4. Reactor Simulation Modules.

Numerical iteration techniques used in these calculations and computer code libraries are also described and discussed in this chapter.

Introductive topics given in Part I are selected so that readers can understand the neutron physics and reactor engineering principles necessary to proceed to Part II. Part I is also very useful as a very concise and condensed text of reactor physics and engineering.

Part III, entitled "Optimization and System Integration," illustrates a number of examples of optimization problems related to fuel cycle economics, loading pattern search, and control rod programming, and also gives some general system aspects of fuel management, such as grid requirements, load following, and multipurpose application.

There are some trivial omissions in Part II; however, the missing items are not essential, and readers can easily follow the derivations and discussions. Tables and figures in each chapter are very carefully selected, and they are certainly useful and illustrative. The book should be very useful for engineers engaged in practices of core fuel management, as well as for teachers and students interested in this field. It might be hoped that practical usefulness of the computer code modules for core analysis will be improved by balanced integration of these modules, and also that more sophisticated and systematized studies on systems analysis and optimization will be carried on, using Part III of this book as a good starting example.

By and large, system optimization process consists of

1. mathematical modeling of the system to be optimized

2. selection of a performance index appropriate for evaluation of the system

3. application of some mathematical programming or optimization theory.

This book is a fine compilation of information concerned with the mathematical modeling for reactor core fuel management analysis and optimization.

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EMP Radiation and Protective Techniques. By L. W. Rickets, J. E. Bridges, and J. Miletta. John Wiley and Sons, Inc., New York (1976).

This book presents a good introduction to the nature of electromagnetic pulse (EMP) produced by a nuclear detonation. A book on this subject is long overdue. It was written for the design engineer, project officer, or program manager who needs to know how EMP is generated, its effects on electronic equipment, and EMP protective methods. The text is well illustrated with figures, tables, and a few photographs, and the mathematical level is relatively simple. Some specific EMP problem-solutions are included, although most of the text deals with the more general and fundamental aspects of EMP.

The first chapter covers the EMP environments produced by detonations at altitudes ranging from near the surface to high altitudes well above 40 km. The EMP source regions, areas of coverage, and time histories are discussed for low- and high-altitude bursts. This chapter provides the reader with some useful information concerning the various EMP environments. The importance of high-altitude EMP to both military and civilian systems because of its large area of coverage is explained. Also, internal EMP, which is the EMP produced by the direct interaction of gamma radiation with a structure, is discussed.

The second chapter covers EMP coupling. Electrical conductors exposed to the electromagnetic fields perform as antennas and receive EMP energy. The quasi-static approach to calculating the electrical transients induced in electrically small conductors is defined. The rigorous approaches to calculating EMP-induced transients in larger structures are also discussed, and some example calculations are included. Three classes of problems are discussed: the overhead power line, the monopole antenna, and the buried shielded cable. This chapter contains some simple approximate formulas for the buried shielded cable that are most useful if the reader would like to perform his own calculations. Unfortunately, such simple formulas are not included for power line and antenna problems. Also, the authors completely overlooked the Singularity Expansion Method for solving EMP interaction problems.[1]

The third chapter covers failures for such components as transistors, diodes, resistors, and capacitors. Techniques for predicting the pulse power threshold levels that will likely result in damage to semiconductor components are presented. Simple formulas are used to compute the damage threshold levels from the components' parameters. Tables show failure levels of resistors and capacitors.

EMP protective techniques are discussed in the fourth chapter. The techniques covered are electromagnetically shielded enclosures, cable shields, filters, and EMP surge arresters. Some very useful test results on many EMP surge protective devices are included, as is a table listing over a dozen suppliers of surge protective devices. This chapter should be very helpful to those interested in transient protection and EMP hardening.

The remaining chapters cover laboratory test techniques and EMP hardening at the system level. The system hardening chapters will be of interest to manufacturers that have to meet EMP specifications for miliatry and civil defense hardware. The various EMP simulation facilities are discussed in an appendix. These simulators are used to test for EMP vulnerabilities, adequacy of EMP protection, and verification of theoretical calculations.

In summary, this book does accomplish its purpose, which is to present EMP information for the project officer, design engineer, or the program manager. It presents very good insight to the nature of EMP and how to protect against it. Those involved in EMP analysis of complicated systems will probably find that the EMP coupling techniques discussed in this book are not adequate except for a very few simple structures. However, even the EMP analyst will find that this book is a useful reference.

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[1]CARL E. BAUM, *Proc. IEEE*, **64**, *11*, 1598 (Nov. 1976).