

SUMMARY

Nuclear System for Sn-CLIFF

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System Description

Sn has very low vapor pressure and is ideal for CLIFF application.

SiC is one of the few structural materials which are compatible with Sn.

LiPb is a good tritium breeder and is compatible with SiC to $> 800\text{C}$.

A 2 cm layer of flowing Sn is used for first wall protection.

Sn is exit from the CLIFF region with a temperature of 550C.

LiPb exit the blanket regime with a temperature of 800C.

A He cycle with efficiency exceeds 55% can be designed.

Unique Issues

For a system with a liquid wall, those are the unique issues:

The interaction of the liquid wall with magnetic field (MHD effects)

Discussed with Task-II.

Interaction with plasma

Special session on Monday.

Issues unique to the system such as first wall temperature control, material selection, Na activation and its impact to safety, and impact of Sn-Cliff to tritium breeding, etc.

Coolant temperature

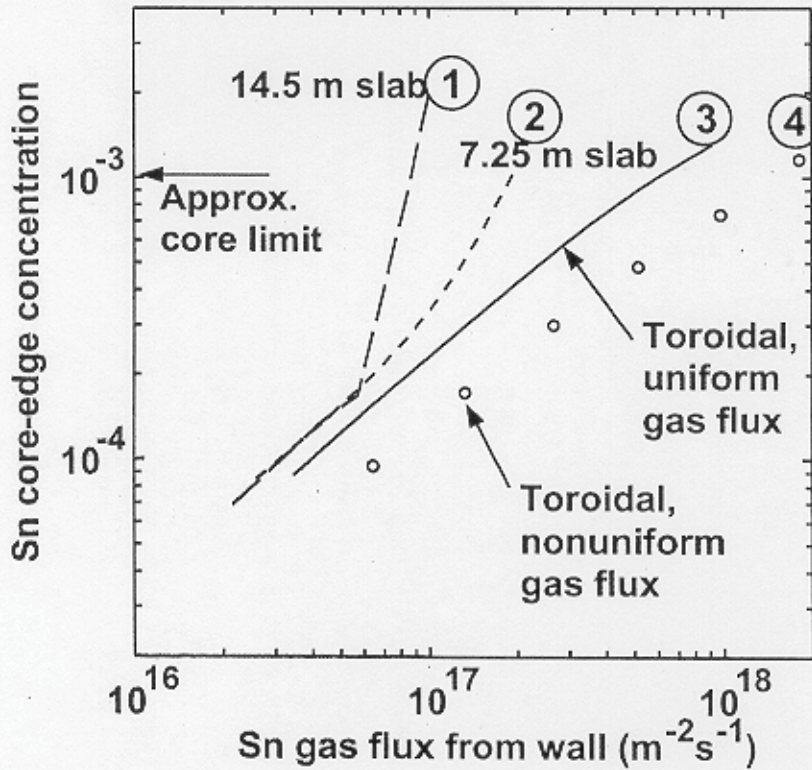
Due to the high allowable temperature for Sn, the required coolant velocity is very modest:

Velocity	Inlet T	Outlet T	Surface T
4 m/s	337C	537C	737C
6 m/s	417C	557C	737C

A coolant with those temperature range can be used with a blanket coolant, with a temperature of 540 to 800C, to design a Helium cycle with cycle efficiency of >55%.



Core Sn concentration for 4 case with increasing detail for CLIFF



Corresponding wall temperature limits

Case	1	2	3	4
T _w [K]	1010	1030	1070	1100

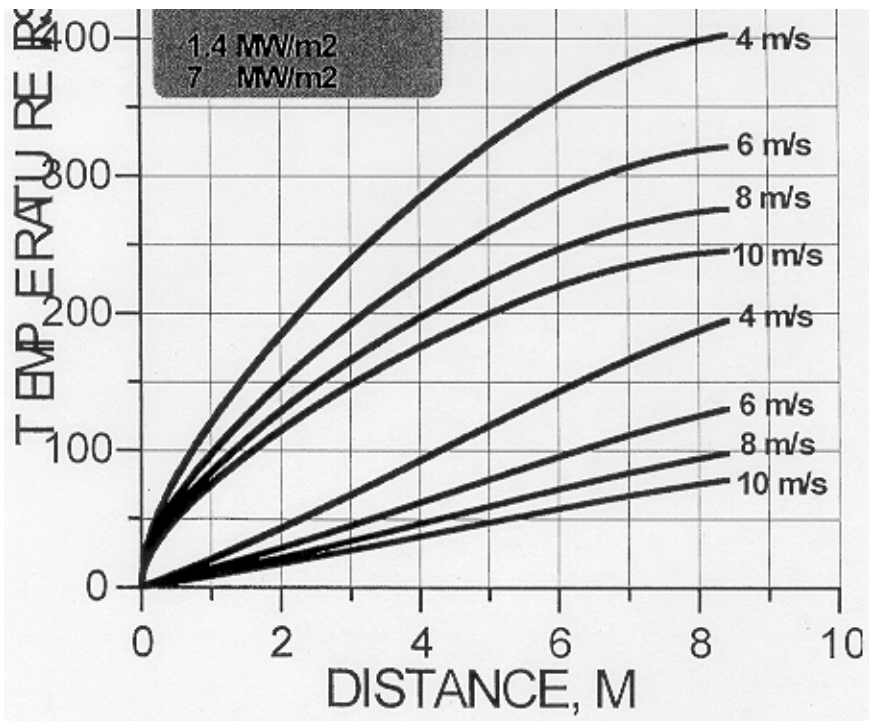


Figure 2. Calculations of the temperature rise in Sn CLIFF

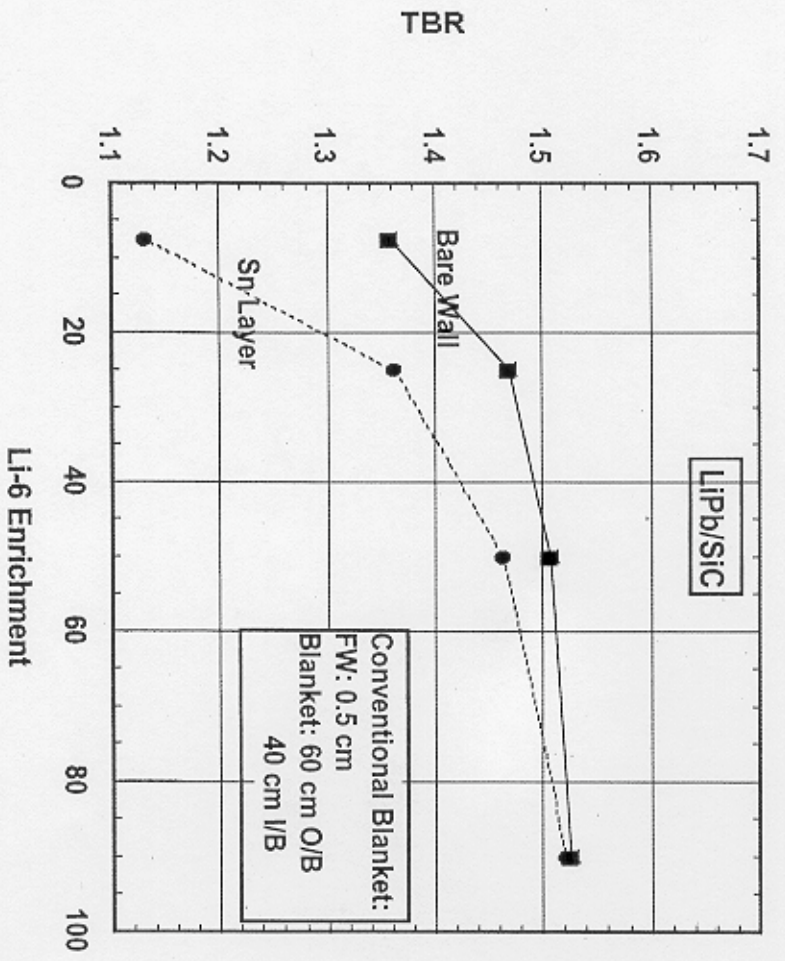
TBR always increases with increasing Li-6 enrichment

Compared to the bare solid wall, the inclusion of Sn layer on TBR largely depends on enrichment

TBR decreases at 90% Li-6, and increases at 25% Li-6

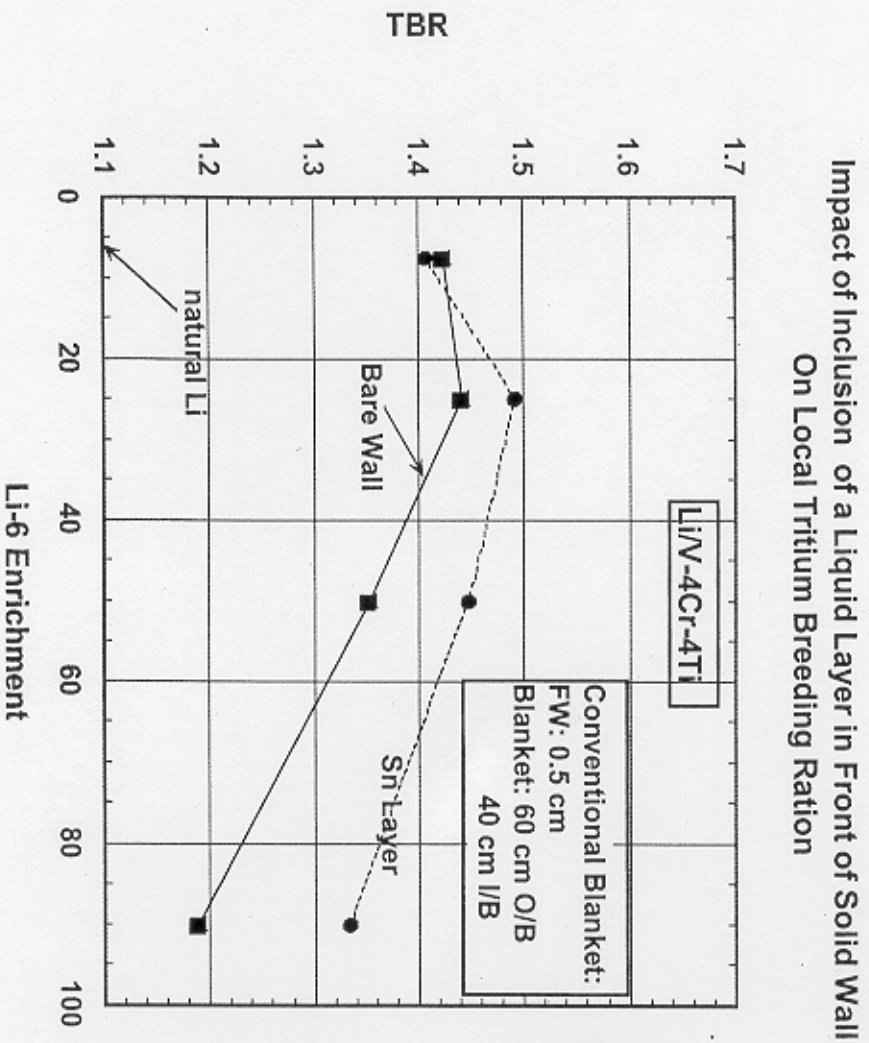
Therefore, the use of enrichment lower than 60% because the large TBR. In addition, the decrease in TBR upon inclusion can be ~10% at

Impact of Inclusion of a Liquid Layer in Front of Solid Wall on Local Tritium Breeding Ratio



atural Li-6, including
 r improves local TB.
 e (n,2n) cross-section,
 ften spectrum,
 the Li-6 enrichment at
 gives the largest TBR.

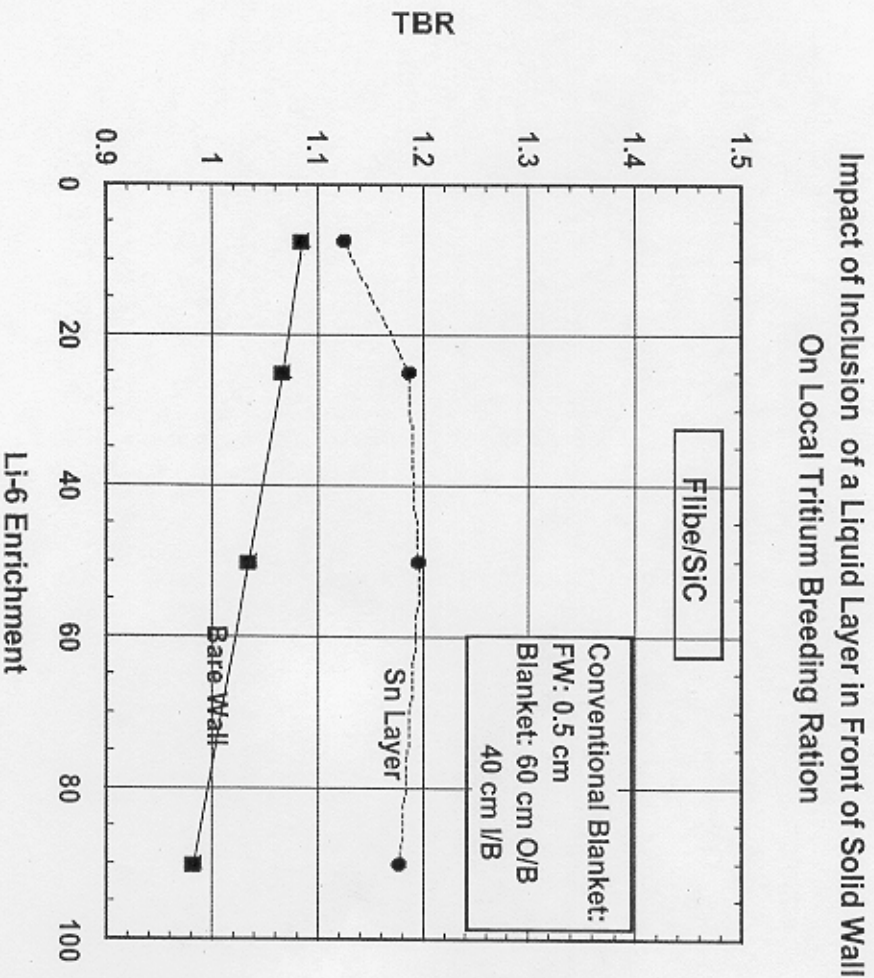
R at natural Li-6 is
 1.2% and increasing
 ent to ~25% can more
 nsate for this loss.



Uranium Multiplier

Best TBR in the bare wall
with natural lithium

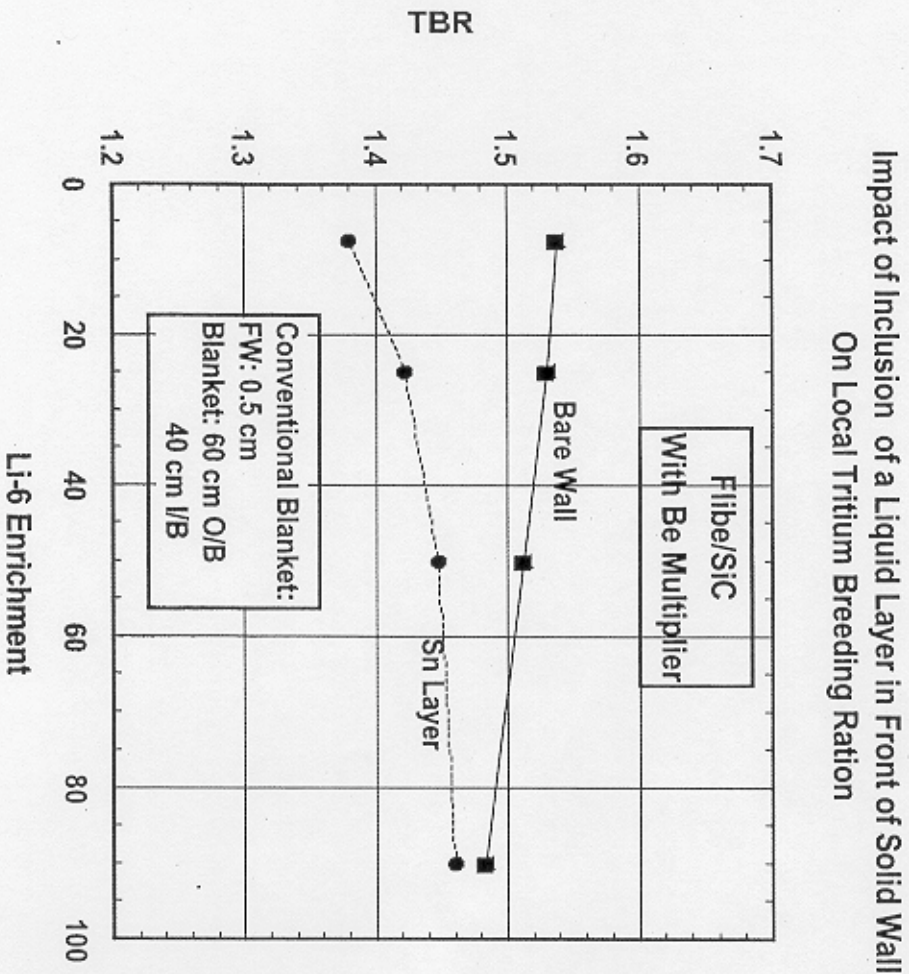
Improvement of the Sn layer
with TBR. The improvement
on Li-6 enrichment. It
reaches at ~50% Li-6
enrichment



Blanket Multiplier

Impact of the Sn layer
is the largest at natural
loss in local TBR is
due to enrichment.

Blanket TBR due to the
of the Sn layer decreases
enrichment. The
loss is $\sim 1.4\%$ at



is easily more than compensated for by varying the enrichment of Li-6

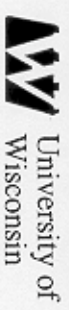
E.g. *Li/V: use 25% Li-6*
 Li-Pb/SiC: use 90% Li-6

In the later case we may operate at lower Li-6 enrichment (~20%) with penalty of ~10% loss and still have adequate tritium breeding

For systems with marginal local TBR (e.g. FLiBe/SiC), the inclusion of the Sn layer improves TBR if no Be multiplier is used. The improvement depends on Li-6 enrichment. It maximizes at ~50% Li-6 enrichment with improvement of 5%.

If a Be multiplier is used with FLiBe, the impact of the Sn layer inclusion is the largest at natural Li-6. The loss in local TBR is ~10% in this case. The loss in TBR due to the inclusion of the Sn layer decreases with Li-6 enrichment. *The minimum loss is ~ 1.4% at 90%Li-6*

Assumptions Used in the Analysis

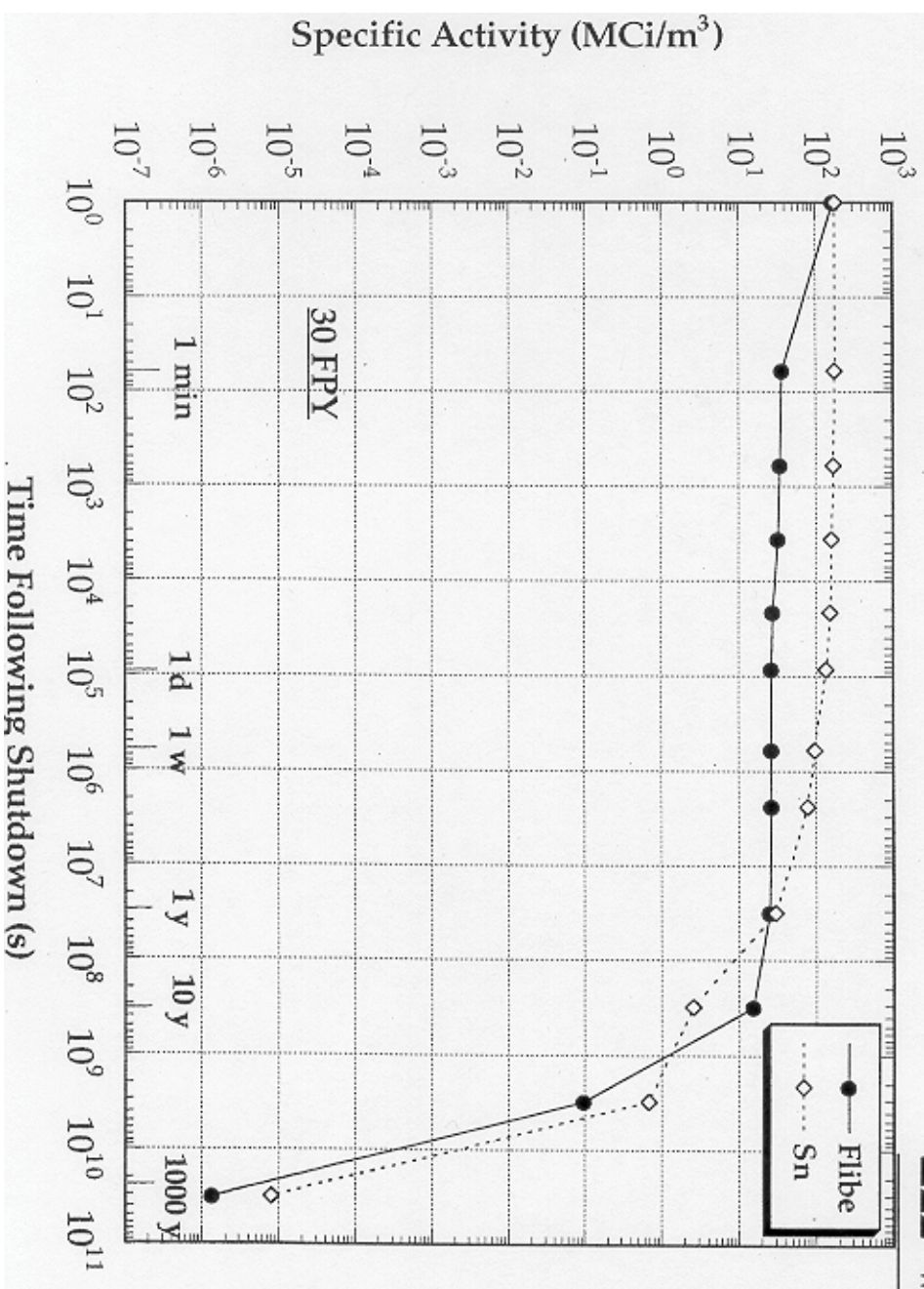


the liquid wall concept uses a 2-cm thick layer of Sn as a first wall.

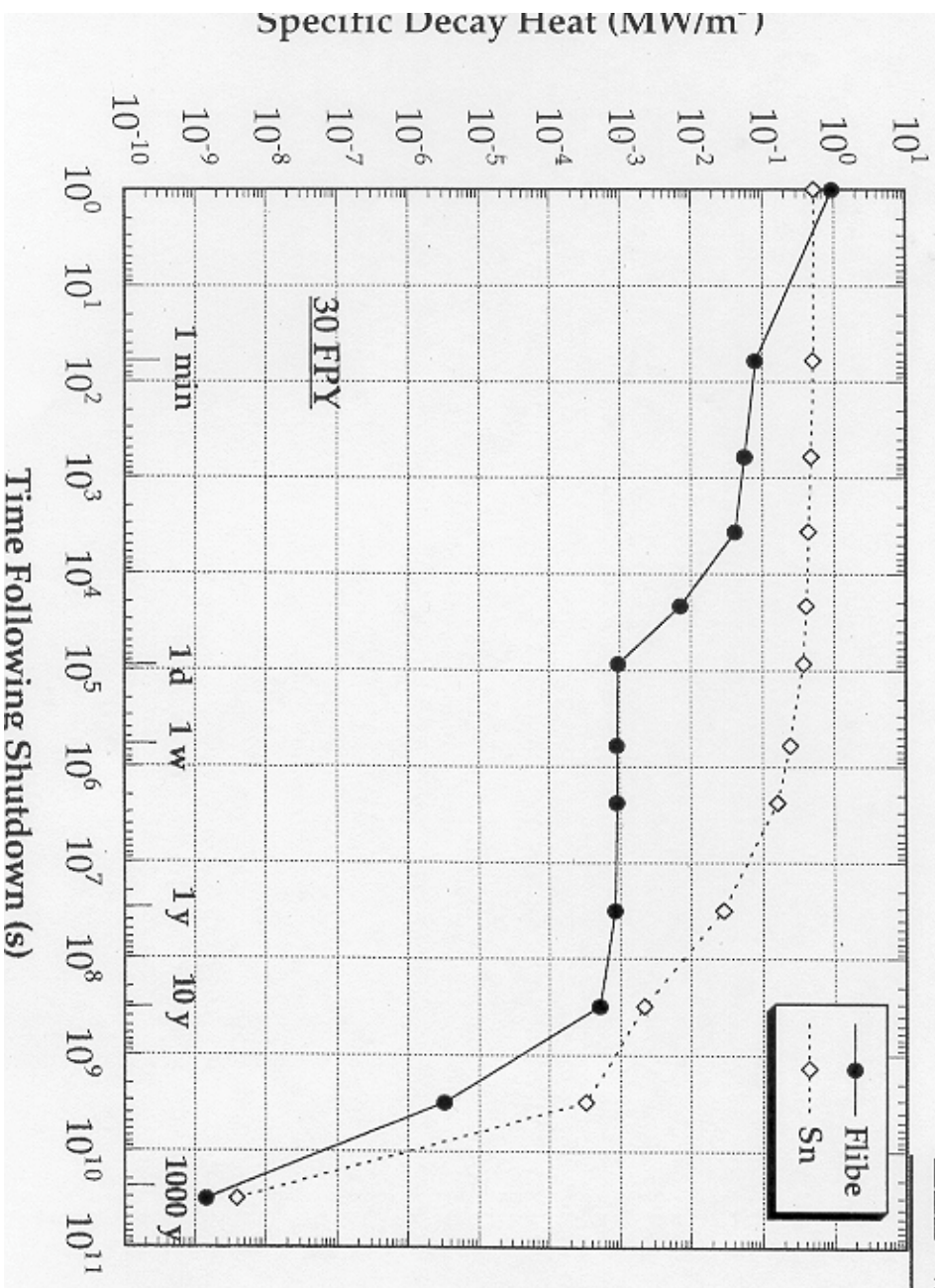
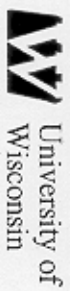
the analysis used pure Sn (no impurities)

the analysis assumed to spend only 20% of the time inside the reactor (1 s in and 4 s out)

Specific Activity Induced in the Liquid Wall



Specific Decay Heat Induced in the Liquid Wall



Summary



duces larger amount of activity and decay heat than Filibe

nitial high level of activity and decay heat generated by Filibe during the minute following shutdown is caused by the short lived isotopes; ${}^6\text{He}(T_{1/2} = 7.13 \text{ s})$, ${}^8\text{Be}(T_{1/2} = 7 \times 10^{-17} \text{ s})$

two antimony isotopes, ${}^{122}\text{Sb}(T_{1/2} = 2.7 \text{ d})$ and ${}^{124}\text{Sb}(T_{1/2} = 60.2 \text{ d})$ are the main source of decay heat during the first week following shutdown

generates large number of radioisotopes that may cause high level of off-site dose following an accident

Impact of Sn Activation on Sn-CLIFF Safety

case accident scenario is a vacuum vessel (WV) bypass accident caused by complete-loss-of-power accident (CLOPA) that results in a LOFPA accident (LOFA) coupled with a failure of the WV by an LOVA and plasma disruption (loss-of-vacuum accident, LOVA) and vaporization of radio-nuclides is by vaporization of Sn film that adheres to the first walls (FW)

Key isotopes are In-114m, Sb-124, Sb-122, and Sn-119m. At a maximum temperature of 1000 °C, the off-site dose exceeds the no-evacuation limit of 10 mSv within 1 minute.

Indium and antimony isotopes are removed during operation to concentrations of 0.1, 0.185, and 0.0483 PPM, respectively, the time to reach the no-evacuation limit to 2 hours (facility isolate much easier) than predicted isotope production rates, these allowable concentrations could be achieved by processing 0.1 % of the coolant flow with a minimum efficiency of 4% - vapor pressure driven separation appears

rated by Molokov and by us for the Sze test case. We can repeat calculations for variants and I can supply to Sze a resistor theory model that works reasonably well for estimates.

The entrance effect will not, however, be electrically decoupled from the nozzle region. A model that has the entrance region coupled to the complex geometry nozzle has not yet been developed, although presumably the Hypercomp tool should have this capability. It is at least 1 year away. The core flow code of Buhler at FZK may also have this capability in the high field region. It won't be able to go to zero magnetic field accurately. The ∇T field may have to be assumed outside the coils. I think the Molokov analysis with the core flow code did this as well.

A rough estimate of the flow contraction and bend effects in the nozzle region could be made now using experimental correlations. This would be a very rough estimate. Again, the code could be used for this work I think. We have that code here (not latest version) but we no longer have experience running it. To get it restarted would take some months of effort by a staff member.

Discharge: Can we use the reduction of the magnetic field at the exit region to pump the liquid for discharging? Is this pumping sufficient?

This is calculable in the near term (such calculations underway now by Gao at UCLA) using axisymmetry and purely toroidal field. This will be the first guess at the flow in the channel, with pipe wall effects and other field component effects added at a later date. There should be results for this at the November meeting. The effectiveness of the magnetic propulsion effect will be evaluated. The swing of the toroidal field from positive to negative may provide some difficulties for magnetic propulsion.

Free flowing: If the free flowing liquid is entering the first wall region with a certain velocity, will the MHD effects reduce the velocity? or the gravitation force will accelerate the velocity?

Flow along the wall. We need to redo initial simple toroidal only, and surface-normal calculations with S_n , as well as axisymmetric calculations with 3 components. This will be done by Sergey and available at the November meeting.

Work on 3 component, 3 D geometry effects will require new modeling at UCLA. A code based on parabolized Navier-Stokes is underway, as well as Hypercomp. The UCLA model may be available in 6 months, Hypercomp 1 year.

A has plans to assess 2D turbulence effects but this has low priority since it may not be directly beneficial. For now, pure conduction is assumed in calculated velocity profiles.

Velocity profile: What is the velocity profile for the CLIFF/divertor if we use only conduction for heat transfer?

Plots of velocity profiles will be provided in 3 and used in 4.

Flow distribution: How can we be certain that the flow distribution on the OB-CLIFF will diverge along poloidal direction on the top of the first wall, and converge on the bottom? Will the flow be stable?

Experiments are planned for this effect both in MTOR and FLIHY. Some data may be available by November meeting. Calculations using parabolized NS model at UCLA are at least 6 months away.

Channel flow: How can we calculate the pressure drop and velocity profile if we change V_{XB} (from parallel to perpendicular) or even with no change of V_{XB} (when velocity turns, while perpendicular to B).

Used in 1 for the complex nozzle geometry.

Conclusions

Sn-CLIFF provide a very large design window for the first wall coolant.

High power conversion efficiency can be achieved.

With a 2 cm CLIFF, tritium breeding is sufficient with different type of breeding material.

Sn has high after heat and activation.

Transmutation products continues clean up process needs to be developed to assure safety.

Work on MHD effects on CLIFF, and plasma-liquid wall interaction issues have to be continued.