

Training is everything. The peach was once a bitter almond; cauliflower is nothing but cabbage with a college education.

.... Samuel L. Clemons (Mark Twain)

NEWS FROM THE Scribble Editor

A new post has been created for the Newsletter, that of Scribble Editor! His first contribution appears in this issue. Be sure to read the Newsletter all the way through as he has 'scribbled' on the last two pages.

DON'T MISS IT!

THE READERS INFORMATION EXCHANGE BOX

The Coordinators' suggestion "that the Newsletter be used as a vehicle for communication between research scientists working in the same general area so that they might share problems and possible solutions" is being taken seriously by at least one reader. In his "BOY-WANTS-GIRL" request boxed below, he chooses to remain anonymous for publication purposes. He requests that your response be sent to RSIC, and you may do so in writing or by telephone. We invite you to join us in this experiment in using the Newsletter as a two-way exchange medium. RSIC will, of course, respond to each inquiry from the information store when we feel we can help, and will transmit all suggestions from you to the requester.

BOY - WANTS - GIRL

- 1. Considering mothers, daughters, and the younger generation, can you suggest an existing computer code which would calculate the isotopic distribution of radionuclides in a closed volume at any time with a simple input of all concentrations per cc at the time of start of decay, by using already programmed decay scheme data?
- Do you know of any programs for the above, which in addition to decay, can consider other different production and removal rates for each radionuclide?

NEW NCRP REPORT PUBLISHED

The recommendations of the National Council on Radiation Protection and Measurements titled "Protection Against Neutron Radiation" was issued this year as NCRP Report No. 38. This report was prepared by the Council's Scientific Committee 4 on Heavy Particles (Neutrons, Protons, and Heavier) which was chaired by H. H. Rossi. Copies may be purchased for \$3.00 from NCRP Publications, P. O. Box 4867, Washington, D.C. 20008.

CURRENT WORK AND PROBLEMS

We continue with this issue of the Newsletter, the CURRENT WORK AND PROBLEMS feature which reports in brief on work in progress at various installations. During the last month several more of our customers responded to our request for information on the work that they are doing by filling out the questionnaire attached to the back of the February or July 1971 Newsletters. We urge those of you who have not yet responded to do so soon.

We hope that some of you will read this section not only to find what others are doing which may help you, but also to find where you might be able to give a little helpful advice. If you have any suggestions, especially concerning areas where a need for work is felt, send a note to the person who has expressed the need. It will be appreciated.

The names in parentheses below identify the persons who reported the work at their installation.

At the University of Alberta, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada (W. G. Simon) studies are being made of nuclear reactions and scattering by 500 MeV protons with various targets. Small angle multiple coulomb, single coulomb, and nuclear elastic scattering are being studied from the viewpoint of shielding for a 500 MeV accelerator. A need is felt for more extensive Monte Carlo intranuclear cascade calculations at medium energies.

At the <u>Division of Biology</u> and <u>Medicine</u>, <u>Argonne National Laboratory</u>, Argonne, Illinois (N. A. Frigerio), work is being done on problems related to radiation therapy and radiation biology. This involves the determination of neutron, gamma, and charged particle spectral distributions, dose distributions, etc., in biological objects, in and around radiobiological and radiotherapeutic facilities, and in and around their shields.

A large, "total-analog", 3-dimensional Monte Carlo program used for computations, accepts any combination of source spectra (up to 15 MeV for neutron or gamma rays) and for any combination of 3-dimensional objects/ shields which can be made up out of ellipsoids, spheroids, cylindroids, elliptical paraboloids, cones or rectangular solids. The code output consists of complete space/energy/dose distributions in each object for up to 20,000 incremental volumes within the objects and spectra and KERMA for the spaces between the objects. Currently implemented is a 45 region standard Experimentally, proton-recoil, He-3, Li-6 and threshold foils are used for neutron spectra, Ge-Li and NaI and Compton recoil chambers for gamma particle spectra, "LET" spectrometers for charged particle spectra along with some solid state detectors, and multiple ion chambers for direct dosimetry, along with some TLD and chemical dosimetry as needed. Measurements are made in facilities and in phantoms made of tissue equivalent liquids and semi-solids. <u>Facilities</u> include the JANUS Reactor thermal neutron and U-235 converter neutron biological irradiation rooms. Monoenergetic neutrons from 0.03 to 20 MeV are available via a Dynamitron accelerator.

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The Japan Atomic Energy Research Institute, Tokai-Mura, Ibaraki-Ken, Japan (S. Miyasaka, Y. Furuta, Y. Kanemori) has examined and attempted to improve the NIOBE and OSR computer codes. These codes have been used, together with others, such as the NRN and MAC-RAD codes, for analysis of experiments. Development of a multigroup Monte Carlo code is also being attempted.

Experiments of neutron penetration for simple and multilayer geometry and of duct streaming are being made using the JRR-4 (swimming pool type reactor; maximum power 2.5 MW) and a Van de Graaff accelerator (2MV). Furthermore, developments and improvements of neutron spectrometers, such as a hydrogen proportional counter, He-3 proportional counter, liquid scintillation counter,Li-6 SSD sandwich counter, and threshold detectors are being made with the aim to support the experiments described above. In addition, mockup experiments for the shields of the experimental fast reactor (JOYO) and of the advanced thermal reactor (FUGEN) are being made under contracts between Power Reactor and Nuclear Fuel Development Corporation and JAERI.

The EIR: Swiss Federal Institute of Reactor Research, Wuerenlingen, Switzerland (V. Herrnberger) is involved with calculation and engineering design of shields for HWR, HTR, and GCFR. Optimization of an axial shield of given thickness, consisting of iron-water layers, is being studied. Removal-diffusion codes MAC-RAD, SABINE, and discrete ordinates codes DTF-IV and ANISN are applied. The integral transport method is being introduced for one-dimensional problems and is already successfully applied (code SHADOK) in pure water or iron shields. Component activation and resulting dose rates have been measured and calculated for a test reactor.

Work areas where it is felt that immediate effort is needed are: Neutron and gamma streaming through gas-filled slots and ducts and steel grid structures (in water) of typical axial reactor shields. Tests of cross-section sets and methods of solution against benchmark problems and existing shields.

AIR TRANSPORT SEMINAR-WORKSHOP PLANS

Enough feedback has been received by RSIC to indicate strong interest in the planned Seminar-Workshop on radiation transport in air to be held in Oak Ridge this autumn. It is hoped that the seminar will stress transport research and the validation of results and, in particular, will

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bring out what has been done in studying our ability to predict radiation transport in air.

An agenda is being planned to give ample coverage to theory, calculational methods, and computer codes as applied currently. Key papers are being solicited. Those interested in presenting a paper should contact the RSIC Seminar-Workshop coordinator immediately. It is hoped that the collection of papers, when published, will constitute the state-of-theart at this time.

The RSIC-Seminar-Workshop Coordinator will be pleased to have suggestions on the Seminar from possible contributors and/or participants.

RSIC STAFF NEWS

F. H. Clark is again contributing some time to the information analysis center, providing additional technical support to basic RSIC functions. During his former RSIC sojourn, Frank initiated several features in the Newsletter, including the "Current Work and Problems" series being published now. He organized and served as the first chairman of the CSEWG Shielding Subcommittee, whose efforts have always been supported by RSIC. At least one RSIC-generated document carries his name as author, "The Exponential Transform as an Importance-Sampling Device - a Review," ORNL-RSIC-14 (1966).

Frank has been involved in shielding research over a period of many years. At ORNL, along with other commitments, he was associated with early development of the 05R Monte Carlo Code (CCC-17) and assisted at the first Seminar-Workshop held by RSIC where 05R was featured. The first of the RSIC peripheral shielding code packages, PSR-1/MAX-XTREME, is the result of work done by him and F. B. K. Kam. He has continued to give some time to shielding. He served as a consultant to the committee who prepared the 1971 NCRP Report No. 38 on "Protection Against Neutron Radiation" and contributed data to the shielding part of the report. He is the author of an article titled "Methods and Data for Reactor Shield Calculations," which appears in the book ADVANCES IN NUCLEAR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, Vol. 5 (1969).

Miss Jackie Needham, an ORNL librarian for three years, has joined RSIC as an information specialist. She assists in the myriad of tasks required in information collecting, processing, packaging, and distribution.

RSIC continues to participate in the Oak Ridge Associated Universities' (ORAU) Undergraduate Research Trainee Program. Our summer participant is Miss Janet Endress, Evansville, Ind., a student at St. Mary's College,

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Notre Dame, Indiana.

NEW ADDITIONS TO THE COMPUTER CODE COLLECTION

- CCC-165/DOSE1 Gamma-Radiation Dosimetry for Arbitrary Source and Target Geometry, contributed by Physics Division, Oak Ridge National Laboratory. Reference: ORNL-TM-3398. FORTRAN IV, IBM 360.
- CCC-166/DAVE Monte Carlo Gamma-Ray Transport Code System in One-Dimensional Spherical Geometry, contributed by the Research Institute of National Defence, Stockholm, Sweden. FORTRAN IV, IBM 360. Reference: FOA-4C-4374-29. DAVE is a modification of SALOMON (CCC-33).

PERSONAL ITEMS

R. L. Ashley is now Chief Nuclear Engineer in Bechtel Corporation, Gaithersburg, Maryland. Ray was at Atomics International for many years.

William A. Woolson, formerly associated with Aerojet Nuclear Systems, Sacramento, California, is now with Science Associates, Inc. (SAI), La Jolla, California.

VISITORS TO RSIC

Visitors to RSIC during the month of July were: M. Abdou, University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wis.; P. Bonanos, Princeton University, Princeton, N. J.;J. Darvas, KFA-Juelich, Germany; C. D. Dishman, E. Haskin, and T. G. Swaney, The Boeing Company, Wichita, Kans.; R. J. Harris, Jr., Science Associates, Inc., San Diego, California; R. K. Disney, Westinghouse Astronuclear Laboratory, Pittsburgh, Pa.; G. R. Hopkins, Gulf General Atomic, San Diego, Calif.; Rosalind Huang, NUS Corporation, Washigton, D.C.; D. C. Kaul, DASA, Washington, D.C.; C. W. Maynard, University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wis.; J. L. Russell, Gulf Radiation Technology, San Diego, Calif.; E. A. Straker, SAI, Huntsville, Ala.; M. Wilkinson, The Boeing Co., Seattle, Wash.

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FROM THE PEN OF THE SCRIBBLE EDITOR

One of the very good suggestions to come out of the recent RSIC Coordinators meeting was that the Newsletter be used to call forth thoughts, suggestions, and information from the readers on specific topics of interest to someone. We think the idea is so good we will try it ourselves.

The topics are not new ones. They are

- 1. "CLEAN" SHIELDING EXPERIMENTS
- 2. "CLEAN" SHIELDING CALCULATIONS
- 3. FUNDAMENTAL PENETRATION DATA IN COMMON TRANSMISSION MEDIA

Clean shielding experiments, of course, mean those performed in such a manner that source, media, and detector are capable of simple analytical representation. Topic 2 may be considered as calculations which might (but did not necessarily) accompany such measurements. Topic 3 includes measured or computed neutron and/or gamma-ray distributions in regular media from simple source configurations.

We are hopeful that we can package such information in a useful manner which can be easily updated and make it generally available. That part of the information in the interest area of the Benchmark Problems Group (BPG) of the ANS-6 Standards Committee will be offered to BPG for consideration for publication as ANS-SD-9 (ORNL-RSIC-25) Shielding Benchmark Problems.

We would like to hear of any relevant data or calculations you know of, current or ancient, obvious or obscure. While we do not wish to limit response at all, we would be especially delighted to hear of work in other lands. Whatever it is, please do not assume we already have it. Just turn this page over, write in the appropriate information and return it to

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