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Appendix A

The Multiplication Factor (K_{eff})

The ratio of the number of fission neutrons in one generation divided by the number of fission neutrons in the preceding generation.

Burnup

The total energy released in fission by a given amount of nuclear fuel released per unit mass of the fuel and is measured in megawatt days per kilogram.

Thermal energy group

The neutrons whose energies are smaller than 0.625 eV.

Epithermal group (Resonance group)

The neutrons which have energies between 0.625 eV to 5.53 KeV.

Fast group

The neutrons which have energies between 5.53 KeV to 20 MeV.

Reflective Boundary

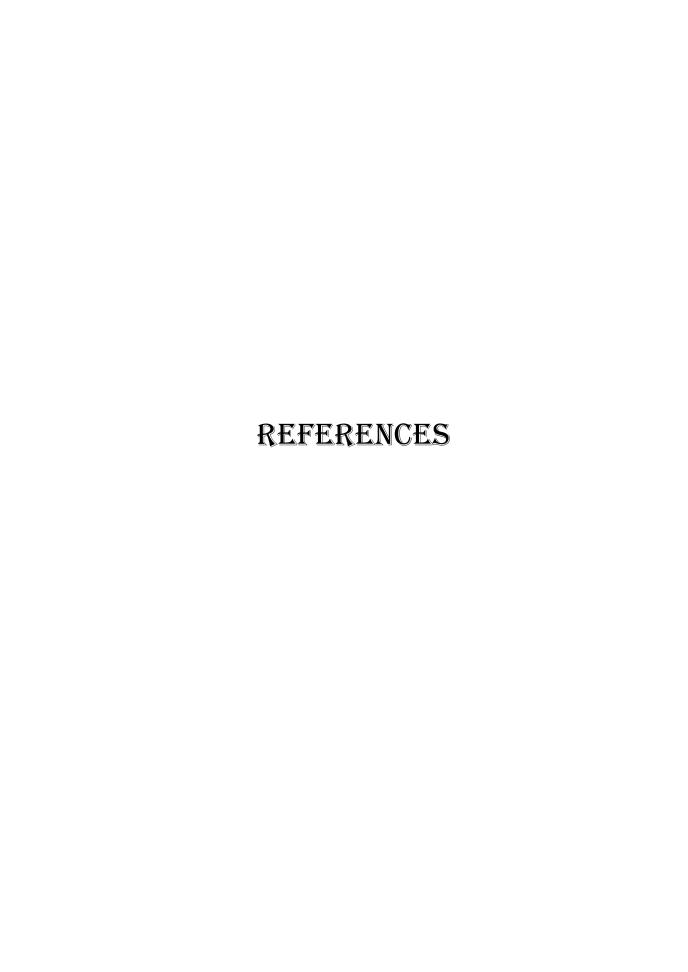
It is an imaginary surface; where any particle hitting this reflecting surface is specularly (mirror) reflected. Reflective surfaces are valuable because they can simplify a geometry setup (and also tracking) in most problems.

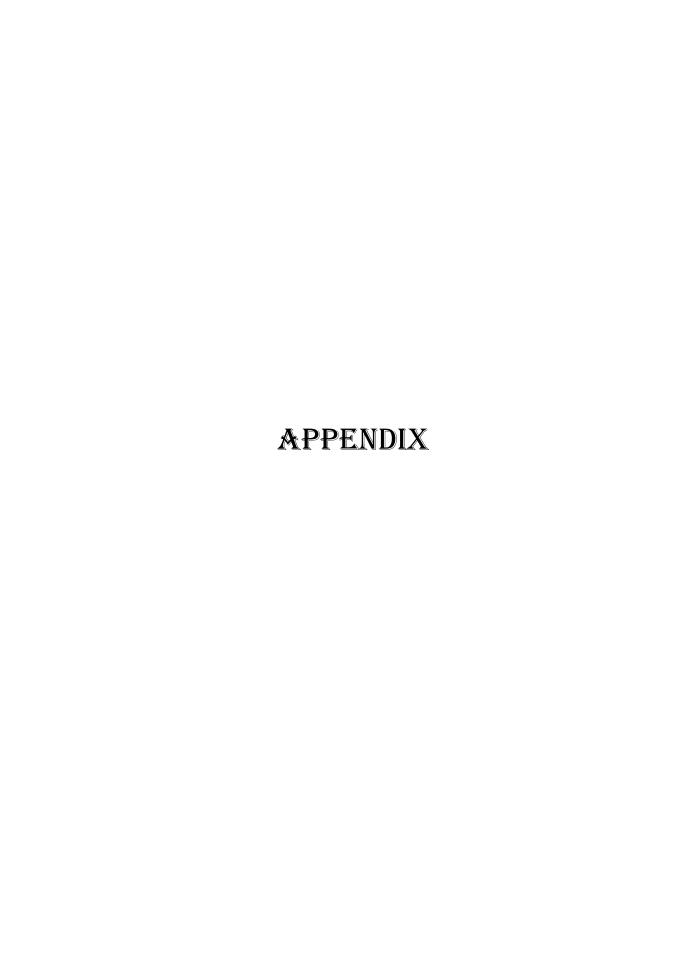
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CHAPTER 3 RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

CHAPTER 4 CONCLUSIONS





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The purpose of this thesis is to study the feasibility of the Thorium/Uranium fuel cycle in heterogeneous Pressurized Water Reactors (PWR) core design. This thesis focuses on the neutronic and burnup analysis of the Thorium/Uranium fuel using the computer codes MCNPX and WIMS-D5. The design is based on the Whole Assembly Seed and Blanket (WASB) concept, in which the individual seed (Uranium) and blanket (Thorium-Uranium) units occupy one full-size PWR assembly in a checkerboard core configuration. The results of the present models are compared with the solution of the benchmark problems. Satisfactory agreement is obtained.

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