

RAMSYS[™]

SGLM 202K[™]

Steam Generator Leak Rate Monitor

Monitoring steam generator leak rate in PWR nuclear power plants by measuring ¹⁶N activity

DESCRIPTION

The SGLM 202K monitor forms part of the RAMSYS product line. It has been designed to detect and quantify leaks between the primary and the secondary circuits of a steam generator in a nuclear power plant. It operates on the principle that radioactive nitrogen (¹⁶N) produced in the reactor core during operation crosses into the secondary circuit through a steam generator tube crack (or hole). The ¹⁶N is carried away by the steam and is detected in the main steam line (MSL) outside containment.

For the SGLM 202K version: the Nal(TI) detector is enclosed inside a 2 π / 5 cm (2") thick lead shielding to ensure protection against the ambient gamma background noise. This detector has no thermal insulation.

FEATURES

- ¹⁶N monitoring when reactor power exceeds 25%
- Gross gamma energy monitoring when reactor power < 25%
- Spectrum stabilization against temperature and aging drifts
- 16 selectable windows over the range covered
- 1024-channel analysis
- Available with or without display and local signaling
- Seismically qualified
- More than 800 SGLM channels in operation worldwide
- Designed for 1E mild environment conditions

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

- Radiation detected: gamma
- Detector: 3"x2" Nal(TI) scintillator + PMT (SG/NAI 111)
- Energy range:
 - ¹⁶N window: 4.5 MeV to 7 MeV
 - · Gamma window: 0.2 MeV to 2.2 MeV
- Measurement range:
 - Leak rate: 0.1 to 5 000 l/h (0.64 to 31 700 GPD); Bq/m³ (µCi/cc) unit also possible; based on user requirements
 - Gamma: 0.5 to 100 000 cps
- Spectrum analysis: 1024 channels
- + Lead shield: 2 π / 5 cm (2 π / 2 in)

ENVIRONMENTAL CHARACTERISTICS

- Normal temperature: +5 °C to +40 °C (+41 °F to +104 °F)
- Temperature limit: -5 °C to +55 °C (+23 °F to +131 °F)
- MTBF (LPDU): > 50 000 hours
- TID: 100 Gy (10+4 rad)
- Protection index: IP65 and IK07

MECHANICAL CHARACTERISTICS

- Dimensions:
 - Processing unit: 390 mm x 196 mm x 187 mm (15.3 in x 7.7 in x 7.3 in)
 - Detector: Ø 402 mm x 429 mm (Ø 15.8 in x 16.9 in)
- Weight:
 - Processing unit: 8 kg (17.6 lb)
 - Detector: 226 kg (498 lb)
- Color: gray RAL 7030 (decontaminable paint)

ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS

- Power supply: 230 Vac 50 Hz or 120 Vac 60 Hz
- Data link outputs: one RS232 (LPDU only) and two isolated RS485
- · Alarm relays: three SPDT relays
- I/O: two isolated analog outputs and one isolated analog input (0/4-20 mA)

SIGNALING (APPLICABLE TO LPDU ONLY)

- Alphanumeric display: measurement, status...
- Sound alarm: buzzer 90 dBA at 1 meter
- · Visual alarm: three lights (red, yellow, green)

REFERENCE STANDARDS

- Environmental: IEC/IEEE 60780-323
- Seismic: IEEE344 and IEC60980
- EMC: 2014/30/EU and 2014/35/EU, EPRI 102323, RG 1.180, IEC61000-6-2 and IEC61000-6-4

VERSIONS

- 230 Vac or 120 Vac
- Local processing and display unit (LPDU) or local processing unit (LPU)
- · With or without RS485 junction box
- Detector cable length: from 20 m (65.6 ft) to 100 m (328 ft)
- Junction box cable length: 2 m (6.56 ft), 5 m (16.4 ft) or 10 m (32.8 ft)

ACCESSORIES

- Calibration tools
- Software: MASS2[™], RAMVISION[™], SIMS2[™] applications...
- Ethernet (LPDU version only)
- USB converters
- · Seismic qualified wall mounting bracket for LP(D)U
- · Seismic qualified detector support

NOTE

The ¹⁶N monitor can measure the ¹⁶N count rate in the MSL with a relatively high precision and can convert the count rate into leak rate if the power nuclear level is provided by the manufactor by means of an 0/4-20 mA current loop.

Converting the count rate to volumetric activity requires detailed Monte Carlo analysis. Mirion Technologies can provide such analysis.

Correlating leak rate (in units of I/h or GPD) to ¹⁶N activity requires a detailed thermo hydraulic analysis and knowledge pertaining to the leak location.

The steam generator manufacturer typically provides the thermo-hydraulic data required for establishing leak rate correlations.

Mirion Technologies can provide the overall analysis for establishing the leak rate correlations if the thermo-hydraulic data is available.



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