Survey of estimation method for amount of radioactive materials emitted from nuclear power station during severe accident

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Actual difficulties of nuclear accident

- Unsteady wind field
- Cloud shine +ground shine +Sky shine
- Wet & Dry depositions
- Multiple radioactive materials released
- Limited data observed



Flow Chart of Source Term Estimation (STE)



Examples of STE methods applicable for nuclear accident

Organization name (Code)	Observed data	Simulated data	Release condition	STE METHOD
JAEA (SPEEDI)	Dust sampler	Concentration in the air	Quasi- steady with time during 30 min.	Comparison between simulation & observation
	Radiation dose	Cloud, ground & sky-shines		
MHI (measures)	Radiation dose	Cloud-shine	Unsteady with time	Variation technique
RISO	Radiation dose	Cloud-shine	?	Kalman filter
(RIMPUFF)				
LLNL				
(NRAC)				

Measurement of radiation dose excluding ground and sky shines



Photos of measurement condition



2-b) Upper shield



2-c) Lower shield+Check source







Observation points in Tokai nuclear power station



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• observation in 2011.12.16



Time history of monitoring data

Observed data (μ Sv/h)

Shield	Beside	Open	Inside	Notes
condition	building	space	forest	
Case1	0.10	0.16	0.25	
(No shield)				
Case2-a	0.01	0.01	0.01	
(Lower shield)				
Case2-b	0.03	0.04	0.05	
(Upper shield)				
Case2-c	0.02	0.03	0.03	
(+ 1Check source)				
Case2-c'	0.04	0.09	0.09	
(+ 4Check sources)				

• observation in Tokai, 2011.12.16

- The emergency response system of the government, named SPEEDI could not be well operated at the Fukushima accident, due to the lack of data on source intensity.
- 1. Most of radioactive material was released from broken space of the reactor building, not the stack, instantaneously at the time of explosion on 15th March
- 2. Monitoring and network systems stopped after the earthquake, due to the shutdown of electric power

Necessary research subject

Technique for Identification of source intensity from
①Data of radiation dose measured by mobile gamma ray counter, including the effect of the ground shine due to radioactive materials deposited on the ground surface (real time data)
②Data of concentration measured by dust sampler (time averaged data)

Draft plan of the proposal to Japan Science and Technology Agency

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Tasks 1	1) Analysis of data on radiation	1) Joint technical meeting	
	dose of gamma ray and dust sampler	2) Information on source term estimation techniques	
	3) Making of a final report		
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Information on Fukushima Accident(1)



Airplane measuring data by US/DOE (color) and calculated results by Japan/SPEEDI (contour) (airplane data: converted from measured radiation data at high level to surface, green color is flight route)

(source intensity of SPEEDI is estimated from dust sampling data near the power station)

Information on Fukushima Accident(2)



Information on Fukushima Accident(3)



Measured data of radiation dose by car (hot spot is observed beyond 30km)

Information on Fukushima Accident(4)

