Kajian keselamatan material bejana aqueous homogeneous reactor AHR dengan menggunakan ansys 15 dan verifikasinya secara eksperimen = Material safety assessment of aqueous homogeneous reactor AHR vessel by using ansys 15 and its experimental verification

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Technetium 99m, yang dihasilkan melalui molybdenum-99, merupakan radioisotop terbanyak digunakan di dunia kedokteran nuklir. Untuk memproduksi molybdenum-99, sekarang ini sedang dikembangkan reaktor nuklir jenis aqueous homogeneous reactor (AHR). Meskipun penelitian terkait AHR telah banyak dilakukan, belum begitu banyak referensi yang membahas tentang aspek materialnya, padahal aspek material merupakan salah satu hal yang penting untuk diperhatikan dalam mendisain AHR. Dalam hal ini, salah satu hal yang perlu untuk diteliti adalah berhubungan dengan integritas struktural bejana AHR yang diakibatkan oleh stress akibat adanya tekanan serta suhu operasi reaktor. Desain dari bejana harus mampu menahan kondisi pengoperasian normal, kondisi kecelakaan atau abnormal yang mungkin, serta mempertimbangkan adanya cacat retak yang mungkin ada pada bejana. Penelitian ini dilakukan melalui simulasi komputer metode finite elemen (FEM) dengan bantuan software ANSYS sedangkan verifikasinya dilakukan secara eksperimental. Akan tetapi, karena kompleksnya permasalahan dalam sebuah reaktor, maka verifikasi hanya dilakukan dengan cara membandingkan hasil uji tarik pada kondisi AHR dengan simulasi uji tarik dengan ANSYS. Hasil uji tarik secara eksperimen dan uji tarik secara simulasi ANSYS menunjukan korelasi yang sangat baik sehingga diasumsikan bahwa simulasi yang dilakukan dapat mewakili kejadian yang sebenarnya. Hasil simulasi pada AHR menunjukan bahwa tekanan dan suhu pada bejana berpengaruh pada stress material bejana. Semakin tinggi tekanan dan suhu pada bejana maka akan semakin tinggi juga stress yang diterima oleh material bejana. Ukuran cacat retak yang disimulasikan pada bejana juga memberikan pengaruh pada nilai stress intensity factor (SIF) yang dihasilkan dimana semakin besar ukuran cacat retak, akan menghasilkan nilai SIF yang juga semakin tinggi. Penggunaan material reflektor juga memberikan pengaruh yang signifikan terhadap stress yang diterima oleh bejana reaktor. Hal ini disebabkan adanya tambahan stress yang berasal dari thermal stress antara material bejana dan juga material reflektor. Dari seluruh simulasi yang dilakukan, nilai equivalent (von-Mises) stress yang dihasilkan masih dibawah nilai yield strength dan fracture toughness (KIC) bejana AHR sehingga integritas bejana masih terjaga dan retak yang ada tidak mengalami propagasi menjadi suatu kegagalan.
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