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***The RFSP Direct-Access File***

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## ***RFSP Data Base***

- **Modules communicate through direct access (database) file**
- **Hierarchical structure**
- **Up to 7 levels**
- **Up to 40 records and/or subindices per level**
- **All model data stored, minimizing input requirements**



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## ***Communication with Other Codes or Platforms***

- ***\*RMICASCII, \*WMICASCII***
  - read and write direct access file in ASCII format
- ***\*RNSES, \*WNSES***
  - read and write direct access file to NSES ASCII format (for link to HQSIMEX)
- ***\*NUCIRCLNK***
  - read coolant properties from NUCIRC and write bundle powers to NUCIRC
  - ***\*CERBERUS, \*CERBRRS***
    - links to CATHENA, FIREBIRD, SOPHT, NUCIRC

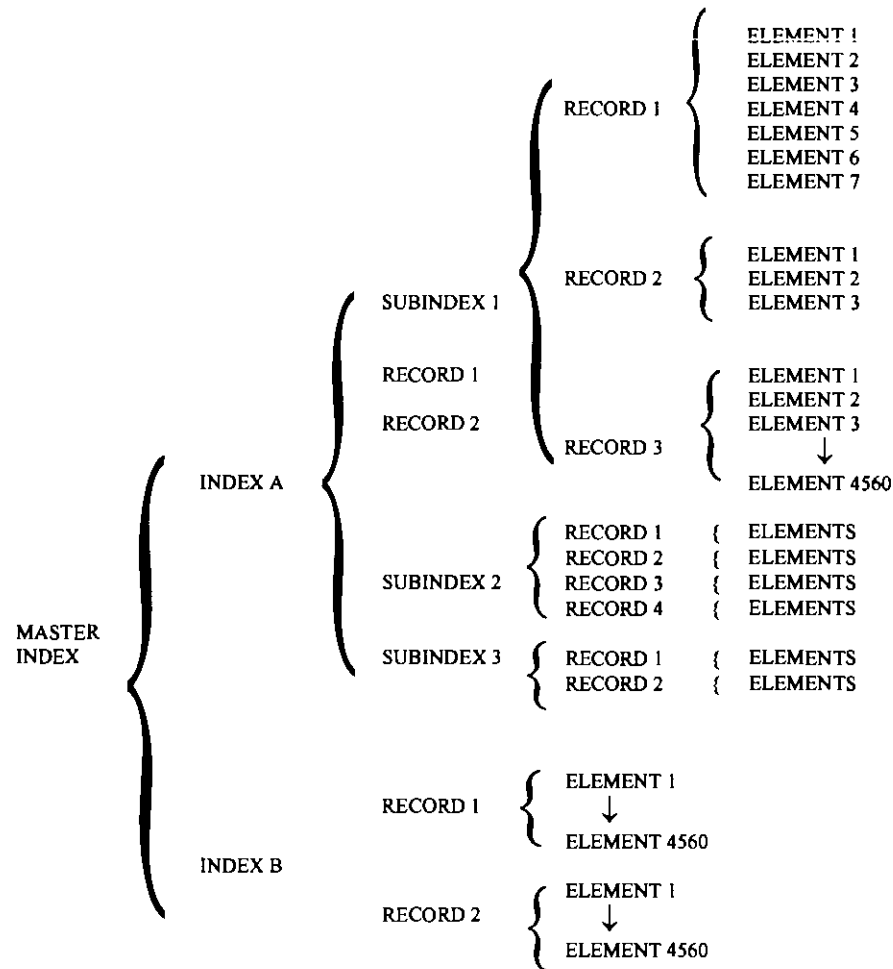


## ***RFSP Direct-Access File***

- Hierarchical or tree-like organizational structure.
- Local direct-access file called “STORE”.
- Composed of indices and records.
- Up to 7 levels of indices.
- Under any index may be combined total of 40 subindices and records.
- Move from lowest-level (Level-1) index to higher-and higher-level subindices.
- Not all records are at the same level.
- Records and index identified by 10-character alphanumeric name.
- Names need be unique only within an index.



# Example of the Structure of a Direct-Access File





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- The system of indices is used to gain access to any record by giving the proper sequence of indices, from lowest level to highest level, leading to that record.
  - [Note: Since names are not necessarily unique, the user must be careful to properly identify the record desired.
  - Usually the index names correspond to the module that creates them i.e.:
    - \*DATA GEOMETRY creates GEOMETRY index
    - \*DATA IRRADIATION creates IRRADIATION index
    - \*DATA FLUX/POWER creates FLUX/POWER index
    - \*SIMULATE creates SIMULDATA index
  - Each index contains names, lengths, and addresses of its subindices and records.
  - Also index can be used to store information, 6 words called the IDENT array, displayed by \*PRINT MASS



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- Modules **\*DELETE** and **\*STORE** can be used to delete or copy, respectively, records or whole indices (including everything under them) e.g.,:

**\*STORE**

**FROM FLUX/POWERPOWERS**

**TO REFORM FLUX/POWERPOWERS**

**\*DELETE FLUX/POWERPOWERS CHANNEL**

- **\*PRINT** can be used to print most records (without listing the complete path) and in some cases whole indices and everything below them:

**\*PRINT       GEOMETRY**

**\*PRINT       IRRADIATION**

**\*PRINT       PHYS PARMS**

**\*PRINT       DIMENSIONS (no need for GEOMETRY)**

Exception is **\*SIMULATE** records:

**\*PRINT       RECORD   SIMULDATA REACTOR ENERGY**



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## **\*USE DAF/\*MAKE DAF vs. \*READ TAPE/RITE Tape**

### Advantages of \*USE DAF/MAKE DAF

- RFSP data base is saved as a direct-access file
- Better than copying "STORE" file since name is shown in output file
- Faster
- Full path names can be given (70 characters available)

### Disadvantages of \*USE DAF/\*MAKE DAF

- File size large
- \*DELETE's create holes that are not filled if possible but size of file can, at best, stay the same
- For calculations where file keeps growing e.g. \*SIMULATE, \*CERBERUS or \*CERBRRS may be unusable with limited disk space





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## **USE DAF/\*MAKE DAF vs. \*READ TAPE/RITE**

### ***Tape (con't)***

#### Advantages of \*READ TAPE/\*RITE Tape

- File size is kept to minimum; \*DELETE can be used to control size
- Can be used to merge models:
  - \*READ TAPE file 1
  - \*READ TAPE file 2 TEMP
  - \*STORE
  - FROM TEMP GEOMETRY
  - TO GEOMETRY
  - \*DELETE TEMP



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## **USE DAF/\*MAKE DAF vs. \*READ TAPE/RITE**

### ***Tape (con't)***

Disadvantages of \*READ TAPE/\*RITE Tape

- Slower because direct-access file must be created each time from sequential file
- File name limited to 10 characters



## **\*PRNT MASS (or PRINT MASS)**

0	INDEX	MASTERINDX	256	9611081430	
1	INDEX	HOLES	256	9405270925	
2	RECORD	HOLES	400		←Location of available space in the direct access file
1	INDEX	MODEL	256	9304070747	
		PLMAR9			←Model name assigned by user, stored in index
1	INDEX	GEOMETRY	256	9611081427	←Main Level Index (*DATA
		GEOMETRY)			
2	RECORD	DIMENSIONS	30		←Data from A, B, C and P GEOMETRY trailer cards
2	RECORDS	MESH SPACE	232		←Mesh spacing and mesh centre values as input on X, Y and
		Z cards			
2	RECORDS	NA ARRAY	73980		←Indicator of material type in each mesh 0-outside, 1-inside
		model			
2	RECORDS	FUEL TYPES	9120		←Bundle type - fuel tables from PPV or WIMS input on K
		card			
2	RECORD	CHAN NUMS	484		←cross reference of row, column to channel number-used
		internally			
2	RECORD	REGIONS	760		←channel groupings usually burnup regions input on J card
2	RECORD	ROWCOLUMNS	56		←row, column, plane id, input on F, G, H cards
2	RECORD	SERIAL NUM	91210		←bundle serial numbers (date and position) from L and S card
2	RECORD	MESH NUMS	1728		←mesh numbering per plane (1 to NPTS) - used internally
2	RECORD	ILIMITS	1152		←mesh starting and ending point for each row - used internally
2	RECORD	NOTCHRADII	10		←radius and Z positions of calandria notch - input on M, N
		cards			
2	RECORD	ROPE DATA	34		←*INTREP input on F, G, and H cards to model ROP
		detectors			
2	RECORD	DIFF COM 1	26		←*INTREP input on J card for difference compensation
2	RECORD	NUMDETGRPS	1		←*INTREP input on A card - no. of detector groups
2	RECORD	GROUPSPECS	56		←*INTREP input on B card - detector group specifications
2	RECORD	DTCTRSPECS	6336		←*INTREP input on D cards - detector positions
2	RECORD	ION CHAM	8		←*INTREP input on M and N cards - ion chamber electronics



## Irradiation

1	INDEX	IRRADIATION	256	9405271004	←Main Level Index (*DATA IRRADIATION)
2	RECORD	FUEL SCHEM	380		←Fuelling scheme input on B and C cards
2	RECORD	EXIT IRRAD	380		←Time average exit irradiations specified on A cards
2	RECORD	FUEL IRRAD	4560		←Snapshot of fuel bundle irradiation (n/kb)
2	RECORD	FUEL FLUX	4560		←Snapshot of fuel flux
2	RECORD	FUELBURNUP	4560		←Snapshot of fuel burnup
2	RECORD	DELTA RHO	4560		←Bundle reactivity change on refuelling each channel
2	RECORD	CHN BURNUP	380		←Time average channel exit burnup (*SUMMARY)
2	RECORD	K INCREASE	380		←Reactivity change upon refuelling each channel (from *K-CHANGE)
2	RECORD	LAST FUEL	380		←Energy index for last fuelling of each channel (from *SIMULATE)
2	RECORD	LASTFULCYC	380		←Cycle indicator for multicycle scheme
2	RECORD	MULTICYCLE	222		←Definition of multicycle scheme input on E card
2	RECORD	GENFULSCH	13		←Generalized fuelling schemes as defined on D cards
2	RECORD	KLINCREASE	380		←Reactivity due to fuelling for low-Z half of core
2	RECORD	KHINCREASE	380		←Reactivity due to fuelling for high-Z half of core
2	RECORD	T.A.FF*PHI	4560		←Time average fuel flux
2	RECORD	TIMAVEXITW	4560		←Time average bundle exit irradiations at end-of-cycle
2	RECORD	BOC IRRADS	9120		←Time average beginning and end of cycle bundle irradiations
2	RECORD	DWELL TIME	380		←Time average channel dwell times (time between refuellings)
2	RECORD	BUN BURNUP	4560		←Time average bundle exit burnups at end-of-cycle (*SUMMARY)
2	RECORD	BOC BURNUP	9120		←Time average beginning and end of cycle bundle burnups (*SUMMARY)



## Fuel Props

1	INDEX	FUEL PROPS	256	9405271004	←Main Level Index (*DATA FUEL PROPS)
		ZTFU01 NAT	14		←Reference fuel type name and number of zone controllers in index
2	RECORD	FIXED PROP	20		←Reflector cross sections and any additional fixed property
2	RECORD	MOVE DEVS	4792		←Moveable device positions
2	INDEX	R000	256		←Second level index under which PPV inputs are stored
3	RECORD	R000	90		←Default PPV input - corresponding to first PPV input
3	RECORD	WSFU01 NAT	90		←PPV input for fuel type WSFU01 NAT
3	RECORD	WSFU03 NAT	90		
3	RECORD	WSFU05 NAT	90		
3	RECORD	WSFU02 DEP	90		
3	RECORD	WSFU04 DEP	90		
3	RECORD	CEFU01 NAT	90		
3	RECORD	CEFU02 NAT	90		
3	RECORD	GEFU01 NAT	90		
3	RECORD	WSCC06 NAT	90		
3	RECORD	WSFU05ANAT	90		
3	RECORD	WSFU04ADEP	90		
3	RECORD	ZTFU01 NAT	90		
2	RECORD	MOVE PROPS	642		←Moveable device types, i.e. incremental cross sections
2	RECORD	ZC NAME	28		←Moveable device names for zone controller compartments
2	RECORD	ZC LEVEL	14		←Zone controller fills from latest calculation
2	RECORD	WSFU04 DEP	493		←PPV output for fuel type WSFU04 DEP - i.e. fuel table
2	RECORD	GEFU01 NAT	493		
2	RECORD	ZTFU01 NAT	493		



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## Flux/Power

1	INDEX	FLUX/POWER	256	9405271017	←Main Level Index (*DATA FLUX/POWER)
2	INDEX	POWERS	256		←Second level index under which powers are stored
		2061400.00	879.79	6995.86.956120	←Index contains info from latest calculation: total thermal power, max bundle power, max channel power and thermal-to-fission ratio
3	RECORD	BUNDLE	4560		←Bundle powers
3	RECORD	CHANNEL	380		←Channel powers
2	INDEX	XENON DIST	256		←Second level index under which saturating fission product concentrations are stored for end of time step
3	RECORD	FUEL FLUX	4560		←fuel flux at end of time step
3	RECORD	IODINE	4560		←iodine concentration at end of time step
3	RECORD	XENON	4560		←xenon concentration at end of time step
3	RECORD	PM 149	4560		
3	RECORD	SM 149	4560		
3	RECORD	RU 105	4560		
3	RECORD	RH 105	4560		
3	RECORD	PM 151	4560		
3	RECORD	SM 151	4560		
3	RECORD	SM 155	4560		
3	RECORD	EU 155	4560		
3	RECORD	EU 157	4560		
3	RECORD	GD 157	4560		
3	RECORD	AG 113	4560		
3	RECORD	CD 113	4560		
3	RECORD	XENON META	4560		



## Flux/Power (con't)

2	INDEX	XENON INIT	256	←Second level index under which saturating fission product concentrations are stored for beginning of time step
3	RECORD	FUEL FLUX	4560	
3	RECORD	IODINE	4560	
3	RECORD	XENON	4560	
3	RECORD	XENON META	4560	
3	RECORD	PM 149	4560	
3	RECORD	SM 149	4560	
3	RECORD	RU 150	4560	
3	RECORD	RH 105	4560	
3	RECORD	PM 151	4560	
3	RECORD	SM 151	4560	
3	RECORD	SM 155	4560	
3	RECORD	EU 155	4560	
3	RECORD	EU 157	4560	
3	RECORD	GD 157	4560	
3	RECORD	AG 113	4560	
3	RECORD	CD 113	4560	
2	INDEX	OVERPOWERS	256	←Second level index under which overpowers are stored
3	RECORD	CHNLOVPWR	380	←Channel overpowers (*SIMULATE vs REFORM)
3	RECORD	BNDLOVPWR	4560	←Bundle overpowers (*SIMULATE vs REFORM)
2	INDEX	FAST FLUX	256	←Second level index containing fast flux
			44 36 24 2 2	
3	RECORD	2	1133	←Fast flux for z-plane 2 (NPTS)
3	RECORD	3	1133	
3	RECORD	4	1133	
3	RECORD	5	1133	
		etc, etc...		
3	RECORD	23	1133	
3	RECORD	CELL FLXF	4560	←lattice cell fast flux



## Flux/Power (con't)

2	INDEX	SLOW FLUX	256		←Second level index containing thermal flux
				44 36 24 .200E-04 1.500000 1.000359 .500E+00 1 10	
			300		
3	RECORD	2	1133		←Thermal flux for z-plane 2 (NPTS)
3	RECORD	3	1133		
3	RECORD	4	1133		
3	RECORD	5	1133		
			etc, etc....		
3	RECORD	23	1133		
3	RECORD	CELL PHI	4560		←lattice cell thermal flux
1	INDEX	REFORM	256	9405251451	←Main level index containing reference power distribution
2	INDEX	FLUX/POWER	256		
3	INDEX	POWERS	256		
				2061400.00 873.84 6955.31 0.956120	
4	RECORD	CHANNEL	380		
4	RECORD	BUNDLE	4560		
1	INDEX	AUXILDATA	256	9405251510	←Data used by *PRTPWR
			19.236000 182.3999 .900000 2061.40 14 10 30 25 20200		←data input on A and B cards stored in index, i.e. UBUN, TABURN, RAT, FULPOW, INTLF, INTPOL, IOLDB, INTBP, INTBU, INTCP
2	RECORD	REGIONS	760		←channel regions from D card
2	RECORD	AXL REGION	28		←axial region names from E card
2	RECORD	REF FLUX	14		←reference flux per axial zone from E card
2	RECORD	CPPFREGION	380		←CPPF region (0 or 1) read in by *READ CARD
2	RECORD	LIFE NPOOL	1		←number of bundles in pool statistics, LTPOOL on A card
2	RECORD	LIFE BURN	1		←average exit burnup for NPOOL bundles, BURNLT on B card
2	RECORD	TA BURN	14		←time average end-of-cycle burnup input on E card





## PHYS PARMS

1	INDEX	PHYS PARMS	256	9702271432	←Main level index for material properties
2	RECORD	BNDRPLANES	6		←plane boundaries for modelling moderator level
2	RECORD	F FACTOR	4560		←F factor - ratio of thermal fuel flux to cell flux
2	RECORD	H FACTOR	4560		←H factor - ratio fo bundle power to cell thermal flux
2	INDEX	SIGMATRF1	256	44 36 24	←Fast transport cross section (index includes mesh dimensions)
3	RECORD		2	1133	←values for Z plane 2 (NPTS)
3	RECORD		3	1133	
		etc, etc....			
3	RECORD		23	1133	
2	INDEX	SIGABSLOW	256	44 36 24	←Thermal transport corss sectin
3	RECORD		2	1133	
3	RECORD		3	1133	
		etc, etc...			
3	RECORD		23	1133	
2	INDEX	SIGABSLOW	256	44 36 24	←Thermal absorrtion cross section
3	RECORD		2	1133	
3	RECORD		3	1133	
		etc, etc...			
3	RECORD		23	1133	



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## PHYS PARMS (con't)

2	INDEX	SIGREMFST	256	44 36 24	← Fast absorption cross section
3	RECORD	2	1133		
3	RECORD	3	1133		
	etc, etc...				
3	RECORD	23	1133		

2	INDEX	NUSIGFISS	256	44 36 24	← thermal production cross section
3	RECORD	2	1133		
3	RECORD	3	1133		
	etc, etc....				
3	RECORD	23	1133		



## XENON Properties

1 INDEX PROP 256 9302021040 ←Main level index for xenon properties  
from PPV or WIMS  
0.29E-04 0.212E-04 0.320E-17 ←index contains I and Xe  
decay constants and xenon microscopic cross section  
2 RECORD WSFU04 DEP 188 ←1) ratio of I yield to I+Xe, 2) reference Xe concentration, 3)  
Xe incremental absorption cross section vs irradiation  
2 RECORD GEFU01 NAT 188  
2 RECORD ZTFU01 NAT 188

### \*SIMULATE RECORDS

1 INDEX SIMULDATA 256 9611081430  
2 INDEX PLGSUNIT1 256  
3 INDEX 147424620 256  
4 INDEX 158505929 256  
2061400.00 879.79 6995.86 .956120D 4560 .999919  
5 RECORD PPVABBDATA 196080  
5 RECORD SERIAL NUM 9120  
5 RECORD FUEL TYPES 9120  
5 RECORD CELL PHI 4560  
5 RECORD FUEL IRRAD 4560  
5 RECORD F FACTOR 4560  
5 RECORD CELL FLXF 4560  
5 RECORD LAST FUEL 380  
5 RECORD LASTFULCYC 380  
5 RECORD H FACTOR 4560  
5 RECORD BUNDLE 4560  
5 RECORD CHANNEL 380  
5 RECORD FUELBURNUP 4560  
5 RECORD CHNLOVPWR 380