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## REACTORS



### COMPARISON OF MEASURED AND CALCULATED URANIUM REACTION RATES IN A STEAM-COOLED FAST ASSEMBLY IN SNEAK

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# THE CRITICALITY OF A URANIUM-SOLUTION SLAB UNDER VARIOUS REFLECTOR CONDITIONS

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## SIMULTANEOUS ELECTROLYTIC CUTTING AND LIXIVIATION HEAD-END PROCESS STEP FOR NUCLEAR FUEL REPROCESSING

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## PREDICTION OF FAILURE TIMES FOR DECAY-HEATED CAPSULES CONTAINING ALPHA-EMITTING ISOTOPES

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## DISTRIBUTION OF NEUTRONS FROM A <sup>252</sup>Cf SOURCE IN SOIL AT DEPTH AND JUST BELOW THE AIR-GROUND INTERFACE

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