

### AUTHORS — FEBRUARY 1980

REACTORS

#### ACCIDENTAL CRITICALITY OF A FUSION-FISSION HY-**BRID BLANKET DESIGN**

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#### DETERMINISTIC CRITERIA VERSUS PROBABILISTIC ANALYSES: EXAMINING THE SINGLE FAILURE AND SEPARATION CRITERIA

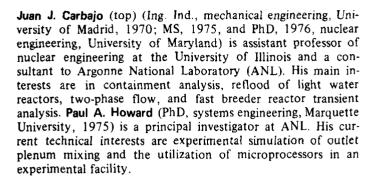
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### PLENUM-2A. A PROGRAM FOR TRANSIENT ANALYSIS OF LIQUID-METAL FAST BREEDER REACTOR OUTLET **PLENUMS**

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### ULTRASONIC INSPECTION OF LIQUID-METAL FAST BREEDER REACTOR STEAM GENERATOR DUPLEX **TUBING**

K. J. Longua G. K. Whitham C. C. Allen

Kerry J. Longua (top) (BS, University of Wisconsin, 1958; MS, University of Idaho, 1964) is presently engaged on the development of various nondestructive testing techniques for the Experimental Breeder Reactor II (EBR-II). He has responsibility for the inspection of the EBR-II, as well as for failure analysis of any failed component. He has over 20 years of experience in the nuclear field, ranging from spent fuel evaluation to the manufacturing of fuel elements. G. K. Whitham (center) (BS, chemistry, Montana State University, 1943) spent five years on the Manhattan Project working on the electromagnetic separation of uranium at Oak Ridge, Tennessee. He joined Argonne National Laboratory in 1947, and was on the design and operating staff of EBR-I and -II and the Borax I through IV boiling water reactors. For ten years, he has been supervisor of the EBR-II Nondestruction Testing Group. C. C. Allen (bottom), a registered professional engineer in the State of California, has over 15 years of experience in nondestructive testing with primary emphasis in the nuclear power field. During the past seven years, he has been in charge of the Southwest Research Institute X-Ray Facility. He has done extensive

work with collimation of <sup>192</sup>lr sources to obtain code radiography on small-diameter piping and complex joint geometry. He was also involved in many phases of the EEI-sponsored program, Inservice Inspection Program for Nuclear Reactor Vessels. His key assignment in this program was that of responsible engineer in charge of support nondestructive testing at the Experimental Beryllium Oxide Reactor in Idaho Falls,









REACTOR SITING

### HEAT TRANSFER OF A SPRAY DROPLET IN A NU-**CLEAR REACTOR CONTAINMENT**

Mitsugu Tanaka

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# CONTAINMENT RESPONSE TO POSTULATED CORE MELTDOWN ACCIDENTS IN THE FAST FLUX TEST FACILITY

R. D. Gasser W. T. Pratt

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**FUELS** 

# EVAPORATIVE REMOVAL OF SODIUM FROM REACTOR COMPONENTS

F. H. Welch O. P. Steele III

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RADIOACTIVE WASTE

### RADIONUCLIDE TRANSPORT THROUGH HETEROGENEOUS MEDIA

Jörg Hadermann

Jörg Hadermann (Dipl. Phys., 1964, and PhD, theoretical nuclear physics, 1968, University of Basle, Switzerland) is with the Swiss Federal Institute for Reactor Research at Würenlingen, Switzerland. Presently, he is involved in a project on nuclear waste disposal.



### REDUCTION IN THE TOXICITY OF FISSION PRODUCT WASTES THROUGH TRANSMUTATION WITH DEUTERI-UM-TRITIUM FUSION NEUTRONS

T. A. Parish J. W. Davidson

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#### MATERIALS

## AN IMPROVED EVALUATION MODEL FOR ZIRCALOY OXIDATION

Howard Ocken

Howard Ocken (B, metallurgical engineering, New York University, 1960; DEng, metallurgy, Yale University, 1966) is project manager in the Nuclear Power Division of the Electric Power Research Institute. He is responsible for directing projects that address the response of core components under normal and accident conditions. Previously, he was with the Bettis Atomic Power Laboratory.



## GAS GENERATION BY SELF-RADIOLYSIS OF TRITIATED WASTE MATERIALS

W. E. Tadlock G. C. Abell R. H. Steinmeyer

W. E. Tadlock (top) (MS, chemistry, Pittsburg State University, Pittsburg, Kansas, 1958) is a senior research chemist at Mound Facility (Monsanto Research Corporation). His primary interest is in tritium technology, with over ten years of direct experience. G. C. Abell (center) (PhD, physical chemistry, University of Notre Dame, 1971; postdoctoral research, Radiation Laboratory, Notre Dame, Indiana, 1973) is a senior research chemist at Mound Facility. His primary interests are with the design of packaging for radioactive waste and with metal hydride physics. R. H. Steinmeyer (bottom) (BS, chemistry, Ohio University, 1956) has 23 years of diversified experience with a variety of radioisotopes, primarily <sup>238</sup>Pu, <sup>210</sup>Po, and tritium. His primary interest in recent years has been in tritium research.







NONDESTRUCTIVE FISSILE ISOTOPIC MEASUREMENT TECHNIQUE FOR URANIUM-233-URANIUM-235 FUELS USING PROMPT AND DELAYED FISSION NEUTRON COUNTING

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