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#### FISSION REACTORS

# DETECTION OF CONTROL ROD VIBRATION BY NEUTRON NOISE ANALYSIS

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### EXPERIMENTAL AND MATHEMATICAL SIMULATION TECH-NIQUES FOR DETERMINING AN *IN SITU* RESPONSE TEST-ING METHOD FOR NEUTRON SENSORS USED IN REACTOR POWER PLANT PROTECTION SYSTEMS

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### NOISE SOURCE AND REACTOR STABILITY ESTIMATION IN A BOILING WATER REACTOR USING A MULTIVARIATE AUTOREGRESSIVE MODEL

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# OPTIMIZATION OF BOILING WATER REACTOR CONTROL ROD PATTERNS USING LINEAR SEARCH

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### COMBINATION OF TWO SPECTRAL SHIFT CONTROL METH-ODS FOR PRESSURIZED WATER REACTORS WITH IM-PROVED POWER UTILIZATION

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# A FUEL ROD DEBRIS PACKING MODEL

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NUCLEAR FUELS

# THE SODIUM-BONDING PIN CONCEPT FOR ADVANCED FUELS PART II: ANALYSIS OF THE CLADDING CARBURI-ZATION

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RADIOACTIVE WASTE MANAGEMENT

### ION EXCHANGE ADSORPTION OF RADIOACTIVE CESIUM, COBALT, MANGANESE, AND STRONTIUM TO GRANITOID ROCKS IN THE PRESENCE OF COMPETING CATIONS

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## INVESTIGATIONS OF THE VOLATILIZATION OF MOLYBDE-NUM AND RUTHENIUM DURING SUBSOLIDUS SINTERING OF MODIFIED SYNROC-B CRYSTALLINE WASTE FORMS

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MATERIALS

# LOW-TEMPERATURE RUPTURE BEHAVIOR OF ZIRCALOY-CLAD PRESSURIZED WATER REACTOR SPENT FUEL RODS UNDER DRY STORAGE CONDITIONS

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### INTERACTION OF INTERSTITIAL IMPURITIES WITH RADIATION-INDUCED DEFECTS LEADING TO IMPROVED ELEVATED TEMPERATURE MECHANICAL PROPERTIES OF MILD STEEL

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# A STUDY OF THE REPRODUCIBILITY OF DATA FROM STEADY-STATE TESTS IN SIMULATED LIQUID-METAL FAST BREEDER REACTOR FUEL ASSEMBLIES

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## A NEW UNIVERSAL FORMULA FOR EFFICIENCY: SENSITIV-ITY TO COOLING CONDITIONS OF NUCLEAR AND CON-VENTIONAL POWER STATIONS

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ANALYSES

# NEUTRON RESONANCE TRANSMISSION ANALYSIS OF REACTOR FUEL SAMPLES

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## A COLD-BOTTOM SUPPORTED VESSEL FOR SODIUM-COOLED REACTORS

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