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### **ADVANCED LIGHT WATER REACTORS**

#### PRELIMINARY RESULTS OF THE FEASIBILITY STUDY ON THE CONVERTIBLE SPECTRAL SHIFT REACTOR CONCEPT

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### THE HIGH GAIN LIGHT WATER BREEDER REACTOR WITH A URANIUM-PLUTONIUM CYCLE

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## ANALYSIS OF <sup>235</sup>U-Pu-<sup>238</sup>U-FUELED TIGHT-LATTICE WATER REACTORS

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### ON THE REACTIVITY VOID RESPONSE OF AN ADVANCED PRESSURIZED WATER REACTOR

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#### VALIDATION OF THE HELIOS.HX CODE FOR HIGH CON-VERSION LIGHT WATER REACTOR LATTICE ANALYSIS

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## THE FRENCH NEUTRONIC PROGRAM ADDRESSING THE REQUIREMENTS OF FUTURE PRESSURIZED WATER REACTORS

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#### INVESTIGATION OF THE VOID COEFFICIENT AND OTHER INTEGRAL PARAMETERS IN THE PROTEUS-LWHCR PHASE II PROGRAM

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#### REACTOR PHYSICS CALCULATIONS FOR ALTERNATIVE FUEL RECYCLING STRATEGIES USING TIGHT PRESSUR-IZED WATER REACTOR LATTICES

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