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INTEGRAL FUEL BURNABLE ABSORBERS WITH ZrB₂ IN PRESSURIZED WATER REACTORS

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FISSION REACTORS



ASSESSMENT OF THE SAFER03 COMPUTER CODE USING ADVANCED BOILING WATER REACTOR TEST DATA ON A LOSS-OF-COOLANT ACCIDENT

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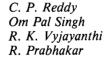
been working in the areas of thermal hydraulics and nuclear reactor safety. He is the major contributor in the development of the realistic BWR model for LOCA analysis, SAFER, and the successful licensing of SAFER in the United States and overseas using a statistical approach. Jun-ichiro Otonari (right) (BS, nuclear engineering, University of Kyushu, Japan, 1982) is a research engineer. He worked for 4 years at the NAIG Research Laboratory and has worked for 2 years in the Nuclear Safety Engineering Section at Toshiba Corporation. His current interests include analysis of LOCAs in BWRs. Hideo Nagasaka (left) (PhD, mechanical engineering, University of Keio, Japan, 1974) worked for 9 years at the Nuclear Engineering Laboratory at Toshiba Corporation and has worked for 3 years at Toshiba's Nuclear Energy Group, where he is a manager of nuclear safety research. His current interests include experiments and analysis of thermal-hydraulic behavior during a LOCA.

A NONINVASIVE TECHNIQUE FOR THE EVALUATION OF DIVERSION CROSS FLOW AT THE INLET OF A SIMULATED FUEL ROD BUNDLE

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A NEW APPROACH IN SIGNAL PROCESSING FOR SODIUM BOILING NOISE DETECTION BY PROBABILITY DENSITY FUNCTION ESTIMATES

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reactor noise, signal processing techniques, reactor operation, and fuel management. Om Pal Singh (top) (PhD, physics, Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi, India, 1971) has also worked in the RPD of the reactor group at IGCAR since 1973. He is in charge of the Safety and Noise Analysis Section of the RPD and is responsible for the studies on kinetics, safety, and noise analysis of the FBTR and the 500-MW(electric) prototype fast breeder reactor, which is under design at Kalpakkam. He is also responsible for dynamics and noise experiments on the FBTR. His research interests include reactor kinetics, neutron transport and diffusion theory, core-disruptive accident analysis, molten fuel coolant interaction and equation-of-state and theoretical and experimental power reactor noise analysis and its applications for parameter estimation and malfunction detection. R. K. Vyjayanthi (center) (Bachelor of Engineering, electronics engineering, Bangalore University, India, 1978; graduated from the training division of BARC, 1979) has worked in the Engineering Development Division (EDD) of the reactor group at IGCAR since 1979. She has been working in the area of acoustic and thermal noise analysis and related hardware and software development work. Her present interest is in developing new signal processing techniques for acoustic and thermal noise. R. Prabhakar (bottom) (Bachelor of Engineering, Electrical Engineering, Madras University, India, 1970; graduated from the BARC Training Division, 1971) has worked in the EDD of the reactor group at IGCAR since 1971. He is currently in charge of the Electromagnetic Devices and Noise Analysis Section and is responsible for development in these two areas. He was earlier responsible for the operation of sodium test facilities and related experiments and for research in sodium instrumentation. His current areas of interest include development of electromagnetic devices for liquid-metal fast breeder reactor (LMFBR) applications and experimental noise analysis techniques for detecting caviation, boiling, leak, and vibrations in LMFBRs.

A SEMIANALYTIC METHOD FOR THE SOLUTION OF THE STEADY-STATE STEAM GENERATOR EQUATIONS

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SELECTION OF A SUITABLE REACTOR TYPE FOR WATER DESALINATION AND POWER GENERATION IN SAUDI ARABIA

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VIBRATION MONITORING OF KRAFTWERK UNION PRES-SURIZED WATER REACTORS-REVIEW, PRESENT STA-TUS, AND FURTHER DEVELOPMENT

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FUEL CYCLES

THE CHEMICAL STATE OF FISSION PRODUCTS IN OXIDE FUELS AT DIFFERENT STAGES OF THE NUCLEAR FUEL CYCLE

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OPTIMAL AXIAL ENRICHMENT DISTRIBUTION OF THE BOILING WATER REACTOR FUEL UNDER THE HALING STRATEGY

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THE EFFECTS OF ORGANIC IMPURITIES ON THE PARTI-**TIONING OF IODINE**

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NUCLEAR FUELS

APPLICATION OF TEXTURE IN PREDICTING NUCLEAR FUEL CLADDING CREEP

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THE FLASHCAL PROCESS FOR THE FABRICATION OF FUEL-METAL OXIDES USING THE WHITESHELL ROTO-SPRAY CALCINER

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ON THE TIME-DEPENDENT BEHAVIOR OF A CYLINDRICAL SALT DOME WITH A HIGH-LEVEL WASTE REPOSITORY

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DESIGNING SHAFTS FOR HANDLING HIGH-LEVEL RADIO-ACTIVE WASTES IN MINED GEOLOGIC REPOSITORIES

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