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REACTIVITY ANOMALIES IN THE FAST FLUX TEST FA-CILITY – AN EVALUATION OF DATA FROM CYCLES 1 THROUGH 8

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A NEW CONTROL STRATEGY FOR NUCLEAR POWER RE-ACTORS

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POSSIBILITIES FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN LIQUID-METAL REACTORS USING LIQUID-METAL MAGNETOHYDRO-DYNAMIC ENERGY CONVERSION

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A LIMIT LINE FOR EARTHQUAKE INTENSITY ATTENU-Salvatore Taibi ATION

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EXPERIMENTAL AND NUMERICAL INVESTIGATIONS OF SO-DIUM BOILING EXPERIMENTS IN PIN BUNDLE GEOMETRY

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A NEW SAFETY APPROACH IN THE DESIGN OF FAST REACTORS

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DEVELOPMENT OF A THREE-DIMENSIONAL TRANSIENT CODE FOR REACTIVITY-INITIATED EVENTS OF BOILING WATER REACTORS -- TWO ROD DROP ACCIDENT ANAL-YSES

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HEAT TRANSFER <u>AND</u> FLUID FLOW

AN EXPERIMENTAL INVESTIGATION ON TURBULENT FLOW THROUGH SYMMETRIC WALL SUBCHANNELS OF TWO ROD BUNDLES

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DESTRUCTIVE GAMMA-RAY ANALYSIS OF FUEL RODS FROM THE TAIWAN RESEARCH REACTOR

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AN EXPERT SYSTEM TO ESTIMATE TIME, RATE, AND MAGNITUDE OF RELEASE OF IMPORTANT RADIOACTIVE ISOTOPES GIVEN A LOSS OF CONTAINMENT INTEGRITY

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