

Estimate of Reflood Times and Flow-Rates for Spent Fuel Pool to Avoid Breakaway Oxidation of Cladding based on MELCOR Data

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Cladding oxidation kinetics with and without breakaway



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Lifetime parameter: to predict transition to Breakaway





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Flow-rate needed to refill the SFP to avoid BREAKAWAY in a VVER-440 with 2 layers of fuel in the SFP



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Conclusions

Time available to breakaway strongly depends on temperature

> Cladding failure and Fission Product release may happen before the BREAKAWAY oxidation of the cladding



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