

Title (en)

METHOD AND DEVICE FOR OPERATING A REACTOR IN AN UNSTABLE STATE

Title (de)

VERFAHREN UND VORRICHTUNG ZUM BETRIEB EINES REAKTORS IM INSTABILEN ZUSTAND

Title (fr)

PROCEDE ET DISPOSITIF PERMETTANT DE FAIRE FONCTIONNER UN REACTEUR DANS UN ETAT INSTABLE

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Abstract (en)

[origin: DE19500395A1] In order to stabilize a transient instability in a boiling-water reactor, the invention calls for the oscillating neutron flux to be measured and, when it exceeds a first limit over several periods of oscillation, for the rate of increase of the oscillation to be determined. When a further limit (in particular one depending on the rate of increase) of the oscillating flux is exceeded, one of a number of stabilization strategies is selected, as a function of the rate of increase, in order to produce premature stabilization of the oscillation. A hierarchy of stabilization options is available: blocking a power increase in the control system, slow controlled lowering of the power, or rapid power reduction by a partial SCRAM. The unstable condition is monitored by a system of sensors distributed over the reactor core, each of which redundantly measures the flux in a part of the core. The sensors act on several redundantly operating systems, the signal from each sensor being effective in only one of these systems.

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