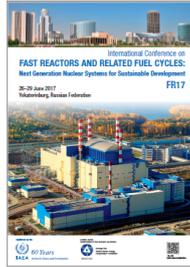


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## PROBLEMS OF CALCULATION MODELLING OF NITRIDE FUEL PERFORMANCE: DRAKON CODE

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The main life limiting factor of nitride fuel pins at high burn-up is fuel cladding mechanical interaction (FCMI) leading to strong deformation or even cladding destruction. The consequences of FCMI depend on fuel and cladding swelling rates, cladding creep rate, cladding long-term stress rupture etc. The calculation modelling problem arise from not enough data on nitride out-of-pile properties and in-pile behavior in dependence on plutonium content, fuel density, irradiation temperature, as well as lack of reliable data on irradiation steel cladding properties. Within the framework of the PRORYV project a comprehensive program for calculation and experimental studies of mixed nitride fuel for BN-1200 and BREST-OD-300 reactors has been designed to provide the required data.

The DRAKON code is designed for numerical simulation of temperature and stress-strain state of fast reactors ni

Currently DRAKON code is used to study performance of the experimental nitride fuel pins of BN-600 reactor and t

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