Hybrid “fusion-fission” reactor facility: CFD-research [[1]](#footnote-1)\*)

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Earlier, for the study of three-dimensional neutron fields and heat release in a hybrid fusion-fission facility, we developed computational models of a blanket and a plasma neutron source (PNS). Our performed studies made it possible to increase the “brightness” of the D-T neutron source [1], to analyze the nuclear and technological safety of the system when operating in a repetitively pulsed mode [2]. As a result of the simulation, it was found that when the PNS in the mode of constant emission of DT neutrons creates a flux at a level of 2.6×1017 n×s-1, in the blanket part of the installation at keff = 0.95, this flux will increase to a value of ~ 1020 n×s-1. In the case of using a pulse-periodic mode of operation of the installation, such a flow inevitably leads to the formation of inhomogeneity of the energy release field in the blanket part. This circumstance leads to the formation of temperature field gradients, which can lead to a decrease in the service life of the fuel part of the blanket in a pulse-periodic mode.

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| (a) | (b) |
| Fig. 1. Results of modeling (a) the intensity of nuclear fission in the volume of the first blanket layer adjacent to the PNS and (b) the energy release field in the blanket sector |

In this study, a CFD model (Computational Fluid Dynamics Model) of a blanket was created to level the arising offsets of the radial and axial energy release fields. The results of the study (see Fig. 1) made it possible to adjust the operation of the PNS (1) for safe operation start of the facility and (2) for maneuvering power in the long-term operation mode.

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