ON THE EFFECT OF MOLECULAR OXYGEN ON COMBUSTION OF ALUMINUM NANOPOWDER IN STEAM

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Abstract: The paper presents the results of numerical simulation of the combustion process of aluminum nanopowders in steam. The aim of the work was to study the effect of molecular oxygen formed during combustion on the dynamics of this process. The calculations have shown that the role of the reactions involving molecular oxygen is significant and they give a noticeable increase in the calculated rate of combustion of aluminum nanoparticles.

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