



**WRFPM2023**

**2023 WATER REACTOR FUEL  
PERFORMANCE MEETING**

# PROGRAM

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**July 17-21, 2023**

**Xi'an, China**







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# WELCOME MESSAGE

Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the Organizing Committee, it is my great pleasure to welcome you to the 2023 Water Reactor Fuel Performance Meeting(WRFPM2023) with the theme “Fuel for Nuclear energy, Innovation for sustainable Development”. Hope you may enjoy your stay here in the beautiful city of Xi’an, China.

The Water Reactor Fuel Performance Meeting(WRFPM) held in Asia is combined with the TopFuel held in Europe and the LWR Fuel Performance held in the United States to form the most influential conference in the field of nuclear fuel research in the world. WRFPM2023 is organized by Chinese Nuclear Society(CNS) in cooperation with the Atomic Energy Society of Japan(AESJ), the Korean Nuclear Society(KNS), the European Nuclear Society(ENS), the American Nuclear Society(ANS),the International Atomic Energy Agency(IAEA) and with support of China Nuclear Energy Industry Corporation(CNEIC)and TVEL.

The WRFPM2023 conference will include Opening and Keynote Session, Technical Plenary Session, Technical Sessions, Technical Tour and Cultural Tour. In our Opening and Keynote Session we have been fortunate to have prominent officials, leading scholars, industry leaders participate and provide their valuable perspectives on water reactor fuel issues.

The technical tracks will cover all issues in the field of fuel performance research, including advances in water reactor fuel technology and testing, operation and experience, transient and off-normal fuel behavior and safety related issues, fuel cycle, used fuel storage and transportation, innovative fuel and related issues, fuel modelling, analysis and methodology.

I would like to express my sincere thanks to the reviewers for ensuring the high quality of the technical papers. Special thanks are extended to the sponsors. Finally, we show high regard to all the authors, speakers in the technical sessions. All the participants are the major contributors to the success of the conference.

In the end, on behalf of all committee members, I cordially invite all of you to participate and support WRFPM2023 activities. Together, we will witness the success of this energetic, diverse and comprehensive event.



WRFPM2023 Conference Chair  
CNS President



# CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

## WRFPM2023 schedule

|             |   |   |
|-------------|---|---|
| July 17     | 10:00-18:00   | Registration-- Shaanxi Great Hall Lobby   |
|             | 18:30-20:30   | Reception ( Pomegranate Hall, 2F, building 18)  |
| July 18     | <b>Opening and Keynote Session<br/>Room 2-6</b>   |   |
|             | <b>Chair:</b> Jianqiao LIU, Vice President and Secretary General of Chinese Nuclear Society |   |
|             | 09:00-09:15   | Welcome Remark  |
|             | 09:15-10:15   | Keynote Speech  |
|             | 10:15-10:35   | Break   |
|             | 10:35-11:55   | Keynote Speech  |
|             | 12:00-13:30   | <b>Lunch time</b> (1F restaurant, building 18)  |
|             | <b>Technical Plenary Session<br/>Room 2-6</b>   |   |
| 14:00-16:30 | <b>Chair:</b> Yongjun JIAO, WRFPM 2023 Technical Program Chair                              |   |
|             | 16:30-17:00   | <b>Discussion</b>   |
| July 19     | <b>Technical Sessions</b>   |   |
|             | 09:00-11:40   | Track1 - Advances in water reactor fuel technology and testing (Session 1-1, 1-2) , R2-7<br>Track 3 - Transient and off-normal fuel behavior and safety related issues (Session 3-1, 3-2), R2-8 |
|             | 12:00-13:30   | <b>Lunch time</b> (1F restaurant, building 18)  |
|             | 14:00-15:40   | Track 1 - Advances in water reactor fuel technology and testing (Session1-2, 1-3) , R2-7  |
|             | 16:00-17:40   | Track 2 - Operation and experience (Session 2-1), R2-7  |
|             | 14:00-15:00   | Track 3 - Transient and off-normal fuel behavior and safety related issues (Session 3-3), R2-8  |
|             | 15:20-17:40   | Track 4 Fuel cycle, used fuel storage and transportation, R2-8  |
|             | 18:30-21:00   | <b>Banquet</b> (Pomegranate Hall, 2nd Floor, Building 18)   |
| July 20     | <b>Technical Sessions</b>   |   |
|             | 09:00-11:00   | Track 2 - Operation and experience (Session 2-2), R2-7  |
|             | 09:00-12:20   | Track 6 - Fuel modelling, analysis and methodology (Session 6-1,6-2), R2-8  |
|             | 11:20-12:20   | Track 5 - Innovative fuel and related issues (Session 5-1), R2-7  |
|             | 12:00-13:30   | <b>Lunch time</b> (1F restaurant, building 18)  |
|             | 14:00-17:20   | Track 5 - Innovative fuel and related issues (Session 5-2,5-3), R2-7<br>Track 6 - Fuel modelling, analysis and methodology (Session 6-3,6-4),R2-8   |
| July 21     | <b>Technical Tour, Cultural Tour</b>  |   |

# ORGANIZATION

|                            |              |  |
|----------------------------|--------------|--|
| <b>Conference Chair</b>    | Shoujun WANG | President of Chinese Nuclear Society             |
| <b>Conference Co-Chair</b> | Xiaogang XUE | President of China Nuclear Energy Industry Corp. |

## Executive Committee

| Role            | Name             | Position, Co. or Institute   |
|-----------------|------------------|--|
| <b>Chair</b>    | Jianqiao LIU     | Vice President and Secretary General of CNS  |
| <b>Co-Chair</b> | Mu LIU           | Chief Accountant of China Nuclear Energy Industry Corp.                                    |
| <b>Members</b>  | Yanyan ZHU       | Vice Director , Department of Academic and International Affairs, CNS                      |
|                 | Xinyu XU         | China Institute of Atomic Energy   |
|                 | Xiaolu WANG      | Nuclear Power Institute of China   |
|                 | Kan Sakamoto     | Nippon Nuclear Fuel Development CO., LTD.  |
|                 | Seiichi Watanabe | Mitsubishi Nuclear Fuel. Co., Ltd.   |
|                 | Ho Cheol SHIN    | The Head of Central Research Institute and Vice President, Central Research Institute KHNP |
|                 | Jae Don CHOI     | Executive Vice President and Chief Technology Officer, KEPCO Nuclear Fuel                  |

## Steering Committee

| Role           | Name                   | Position, Co. or Institute                                    |
|----------------|------------------------|---|
| <b>Chair</b>   | Qi LUO                 | Member of the Chinese Academy of Engineering (CAE)            |
| <b>Members</b> | Jianqiao LIU           | Vice President and Secretary General, Chinese Nuclear Society |
|                | Jae Ho YANG            | Principal Researcher, Korea Atomic Energy Research Institute  |
|                | Hyun Gil KIM           | Director of division, Korea Atomic Energy Research Institute  |
|                | Jinzhao ZHANG (he/him) | Tractebel (ENGIE)   |
|                | Nico Vollmer (he/him)  | Framatome   |

**Technical Program Committee**

| <b>TPC Chair</b>   | Yongjun JIAO     | Nuclear Power Institute of China |  |
|--|------------------|----------------------------------|--|
| <b>Track</b>   | <b>Role</b>      | <b>Name</b>                      | <b>Company</b>   |
| <b>Track 1<br/>-Advances in water reactor fuel technology and testing</b>            | <b>Chair</b>     | Xiaomin WANG                     | Nuclear Power Institute of China                           |
|  | <b>Co-chairs</b> | Fujun GAN                        | Shanghai Nuclear Engineering Research and Design Institute |
|  |                  | Zhenbing CAI                     | Southwest Jiaotong University                              |
|  |                  | Vladimir NOVIKOV                 | JSC VNIINM,Rosatom   |
|  |                  | Oleg KHOMYAKOV                   | JSC VNIINM,Rosatom   |
|  |                  | Yuemin ZHO                       | China Nuclear Power Technology Research Institute Co.,Ltd  |
|  |                  | Ki Seob Sim                      | International Atomic Energy Agency                         |
|  |                  | Britta Helmerson                 | Westinghouse(Europe)                                       |
|  |                  | Jeffrey Bradfute                 | Westinghouse   |
|  |                  | Manuel Quecedo                   | ENUSA, Spain   |
| <b>Track 2<br/>-Operation and experience</b>   | <b>Chair</b>     | Guoliang ZHANG                   | China Nuclear Power Technology Research Institute Co.,Ltd  |
|  | <b>Co-chairs</b> | Nico Vollmer                     | Framatome  |
|  |                  | Songtao JI                       | China Institute of Atomic Energy                           |
|  |                  | Junji Matsunaga                  | Global Nuclear Fuel - Japan Co., Ltd.                      |
|  |                  | Nicolas Waeckel                  | EDF, Electricite De France                                 |
|  |                  | Nadine Hollasky                  | Pysics Bel V   |
| <b>Track 3<br/>-Transient and off-normal fuel behavior and safety related issues</b> | <b>Chair</b>     | Libing ZHU                       | Shanghai Nuclear Engineering Research and Design Institute |
|  | <b>Co-chairs</b> | Sichao TAN                       | Harbin Engineering University                              |
|  |                  | Yuanming LI                      | Nuclear Power Institute of China                           |
|  |                  | Shigeru Kurematsu                | Nuclear Development Corporation                            |
|  |                  | Alexey GUSEV                     | TVEL, Rosatom  |
|  |                  | Anton KRUPKIN                    | JSC VNIINM,Rosatom   |
|  |                  | Oliver Marchand                  | IRSN, Institute for Radioprotection and Nuclear Safety     |
|  |                  | Joosuk LEE                       | Korea Institute of Nuclear Safety                          |



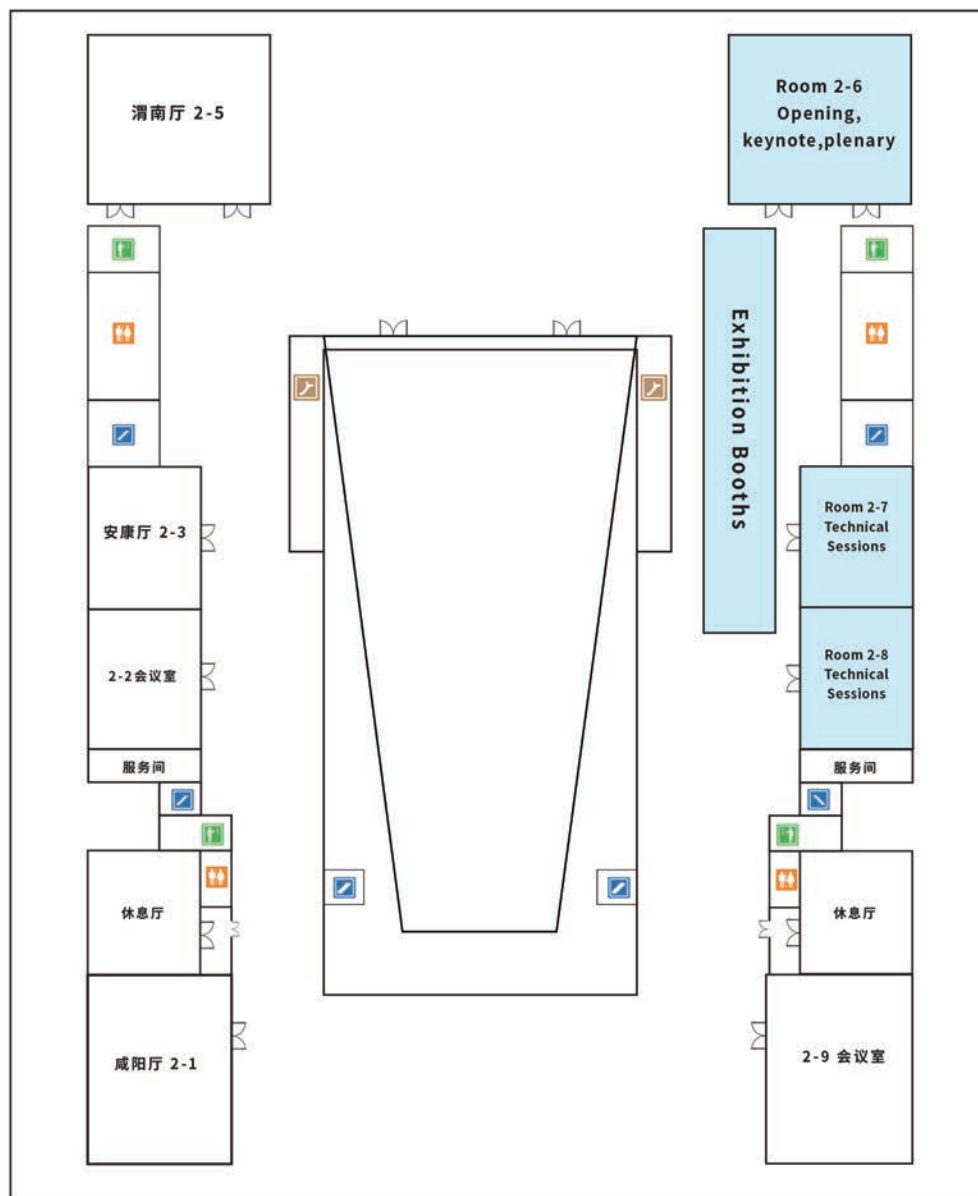
| Track  | Role             | Name                     | Company  |
|--|------------------|--------------------------|--|
| <b>Track 4<br/>-Fuel cycle,<br/>used fuel storage<br/>and transportation</b> | <b>Chair</b>     | Joakim Lundström         | President Fuel & Materials Technology and<br>Managing Director Studsvik Nuclear AB |
|  | <b>Co-chairs</b> | Yongdeog KIM             | Korea Hydroelectric and Nuclear Power Co., Ltd                                     |
|  |                  | Guangyu YANG             | CNNC North Nuclear Fuel Element Co., Ltd   |
|  |                  | Hanyang GU               | Shanghai Jiaotong University   |
| <b>Track 5<br/>-Innovation fuel<br/>and related issues</b>                   | <b>Chair</b>     | Hua DENG                 | CNNC Jianzhong Nuclear Fuel Co., Ltd.  |
|  | <b>Co-chairs</b> | Ping CHEN                | Nuclear Power Institute of China   |
|  |                  | Dong-Joo KIM             | Korea Atomic Energy Research Institute   |
|  |                  | Chenyang LU              | Xi'an Jiaotong University  |
|  |                  | Xiaoqiang LI             | Northwestern Polytechnical University  |
|  |                  | Ilya USHMAROV            | TVEL, Rosatom  |
|  |                  | Cristina MUNOZ-REJA RUIZ | ENUSA, Spain   |
| <b>Track 6<br/>-Fuel modelling,<br/>analysis and<br/>methodology</b>         | <b>Chair</b>     | Jinzhao Zhang            | Tractebel, ENGIE   |
|  | <b>Co-chairs</b> | Yingwei WU               | Xi'an Jiaotong University  |
|  |                  | Wenjie LI                | Nuclear Power Institute of China   |
|  |                  | Paul Van Uffelen         | European Comission- Joint Research Center  |
|  |                  | Zengping PU              | Nuclear Power Institute of China   |
|  |                  | Marco Cherubini          | NINE Nuclear and Industrial Engineering Srl  |
|  |                  | Jerome Bigot             | Framatome  |
|  |                  | Hyo Chan KIM             | Korea Atomic Energy Research Institute   |
|  |                  | Pau Aragon               | CIEMAT, Unit of Nuclear Safety Research,   |
|  |                  | Alejandro Soba           | National atomic energy commission, Argentina                                       |
|  |                  | Nathan Capps             | Oak Ridge National Laboratories  |
|  |                  | Katalin Kulacsy          | Centre of Energy research  |
|  |                  | Feria Marquez Francisco  | CIEMAT, Unit of Nuclear Safety Research,   |

# SITE MAP





# WRFPM2023 FLOOR MAP





# GENERAL INFORMATION

## REGISTRATION

The WRFPM2023 registration desk is located in the entrance hall of the conference venue. The open hours are as follows:

|            |                    |
|------------|--------------------|
| 9:00-19:00 | Monday, July 17    |
| 8:15-18:00 | Tuesday, July 18   |
| 8:30-17:40 | Wednesday, July 19 |
| 8:30-17:40 | Thursday, July 20  |

## NAME BADGES

Please wear your name badge at all times. Admission to all conference functions will be by the badges only (unless noted otherwise). Your badge also provides a helpful introduction to other attendees.

## MEAL COUPONS

All attendees will have coupons that allow their entrance to the Conference Reception, Banquet and Lunches. For the conference registered attendees, lunches (Sponsored by Framatome) are supplied during lunch time from July 18th to 20th.

Attendees may refer to the information on the coupons for places of the Conference Reception, Banquet and Lunches.

## WELCOME RECEPTION

**July 17(Mon) 18:30-20:30 Pomegranate Hall, 2F, building 18**

Welcome Reception for WRFPM2023 will be held from 18:30 to 20:30 on Monday, July 17. Please take this opportunity to view and network with our corporate sponsors and exhibitors. Enjoy socializing with your fellow attendees and conference organizers. Tickets for Welcome Reception are required(Included in full registration).

## CONFERENCE BANQUET

**July 19(Wed) 18:30-21:00 Pomegranate Hall, 2F, building 18**

WRFPM2023 Banquet will be held from 18:30 to 21:30 on Wednesday, July 19. We have carefully prepared the menu in the hope that you will enjoy the cuisine. Tickets for Banquet are required(Included in full registration).

## COFFEE BREAK

Coffee breaks will be provided during the conference at the the 2nd floor. Coffee, tea, water, and light snacks will be available. Refresh yourself with coffee.



## ✔ REGISTRANTS WITH DISABILITIES

Whenever possible, we are pleased to make arrangements for registrants with disabilities. Advance notice may be required for certain requests. For on-site assistance, please visit the registration desk in the entrance hall and ask conference representatives.

## ✔ CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

The official WRFPM2023 Proceedings is planned to be released 3-4 months after the conference, the WRFPM2023 Proceedings only includes the Final Papers in the category of Technical Publication. If the paper is not presented by the author during the conference, it will not be included in the WRFPM2023 Proceedings. The Engineering Indexes will be given to the papers included in the WRFPM2023 proceedings 1-3 months after publishing.

## ✔ QUESTIONS ABOUT THE MEETING

If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact staffs at the registration desk in the entrance hall of the conference venue.



**JULY 18**

**OPENING, KEYNOTE  
AND PLENARY SESSIONS**



# OPENING & KEYNOTE SESSION

| Opening and Keynote Session<br>Room 2-6<br>Chair: Jianqiao LIU, Vice President and Secretary General of Chinese Nuclear Society |             |                 |                 |   |
|---|-------------|-----------------|-----------------|---|
| July 18   | 09:00-09:15 | Welcome Remarks | Shoujun WANG    | President of Chinese Nuclear Society  |
|   |             |                 | Wenjun MA       | Vice President of China National Nuclear Corporation  |
|   | 09:15-09:35 | Keynote Speech  | Jianke SU       | Project Officer, Department of Systems Engineering, China Atomic Energy Authority   |
|   | 09:35-09:55 |                 | Ki Seob Sim     | Nuclear Fuel Engineering Specialist, of the Nuclear Fuel Cycle and Materials Section, Division of Nuclear Fuel Cycle and Waste Technology, International Atomic Energy Agency |
|   | 09:55-10:15 |                 | Masahiko OSAKA  | Deputy Director General, Nuclear Science and Engineering Center, Japan Atomic Energy Agency   |
|   | 10:15-10:35 | Break           |                 |   |
|   | 10:35-10:55 | Keynote Speech  | Hyun-gil KIM    | The head of the LWR Fuel Technology Research Division, Korea Atomic Energy Research Institute   |
|   | 10:55-11:15 |                 | Steven A. Arndt | Immediate Past President, American Nuclear Society  |
|   | 11:15-11:35 |                 | Nico VOLLMER    | ENS Board Member  |
|   | 11:35-11:55 |                 | Lionel Gaiffe   | Fuel Business Unit Senior Executive Vice President, Framatome   |
| 12:00-13:30   | Lunch time  |                 |                 |   |

## ✓ WELCOME REMARKS



**Shoujun WANG**

The president of Chinese Nuclear Society

### Brief introduction

Mr. WANG is currently the president of Chinese Nuclear Society.

Before serving as the president of CNS, Mr WANG Shoujun was the Chairman of the China National Nuclear Corporation (CNNC) in December 2016. Mr WANG has more than 40 years of proven performance within China's nuclear industry. His previous appointments include, Chairman of the China Nuclear E&C Group (CNEC); Vice President of CNNC, responsible for overall management of nuclear plant constructions. Prior to that, Mr Wang held various lead positions in CNNC covering engineering and project management, outage and work controls, and operations. Mr Wang was also the General Manager of Shanghai Manager Department and Deputy General Manager of China Nuclear Industry 22nd Construction Co., LTD. Once was the General Manager of Qinshan II Project for Nuclear Engineering and Construction, he was in charge of the multibillion-dollar new-nuclear expansion program.

Mr Wang has a Bachelor's degree from Tianjin University and a Master's degree in Economics Management from the Party School of the Central Committee of CPC.



**Mr. Ma Wenjun**

Vice-president, CNNC

#### Brief introduction

Graduated from Lanzhou University in Applied Chemistry (1989), pursued a doctoral degree in Energy and Environmental Protection from Tsinghua University (2018). Current position is Vice-President of China National Nuclear Cooperation (CNNC), executive member of Chinese Nuclear Society, with wide range of experience from nuclear fuels manufacturing, nuclear chemical engineering, and chemical analysis.

1989-2017, he was firstly assigned as engineer of China North Nuclear Fuel Co., Ltd (CNNFC). Throughout his career, he played a vital role in development of various nuclear fuels (research reactors, M310, AP1000, CANDU 6, & HTR fuels etc.) in China. In 2012, he was assigned as president of CNNFC.

In 2017, he took charge of president of China Nuclear Fuel Co., Ltd (CNFC).

2017-2020, he filled the role of head of department, CNNC.

In 2020, he was assigned as Vice-President of CNNC.





## ✓ KEYNOTE SPEECH



Jianke SU

Project Officer, Department of Systems Engineering, China Atomic Energy Authority

### Brief introduction

In 2018, he graduated from Harbin Engineering University.

From August 2018 to July 2022, he served as Assistant engineer and engineer of Nuclear Technology Support Center of China Atomic Energy Authority.

Since August 2022, he has been a project officer of the System Engineering Department of China Atomic Energy Authority.

**Ki Seob Sim**

Nuclear Fuel Engineering Specialist, IAEA (International Atomic Energy Agency)

**Brief introduction**

- Ph.D. in nuclear engineering, Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology (KAIST)
- Work for the IAEA (International Atomic Energy Agency) as Nuclear Fuel Engineering Specialist since 2014, following more than 30-years' experience in nuclear industry in Korea and Canada.

**Presentation abstract**

The IAEA has supported power-reactor fuel technologies for many decades (since 1970's) by providing platforms to exchange information and perform research activities at international level, and by documenting best practices and case studies, etc.

In the presentation, on-going programmes and near-term plan of the IAEA to support the use of advanced fuels in operating and innovative power reactors are introduced. This includes IAEA support for accident tolerant and advanced technology fuels (ATF), for high burnup fuels, for fuelling reactors with used fuels and recycled/multi-recycled fuels, for advanced fuels for small modular reactors (SMR), micro modular reactors (MMR) and innovative power reactors and their qualification issues.

Member countries can benefit from attending IAEA's topical meetings, reading IAEA technical documents and contributing to coordinated research projects (CRPs) that usually deal with cutting-edge technologies. To make it possible, the IAEA requires the active involvement of Member States in its activities.

**Speech Topic**

**IAEA Activities to Support the Use of Advanced Nuclear Fuels in Operating and Innovative Power Reactors**



## Masahiko OSAKA

Deputy Director General  
Nuclear Science and Engineering Center (NSEC)  
Japan Atomic Energy Agency (JAEA)

### Brief introduction

2023 Apr.: Vice-chair of the subcommittee on Nuclear Fuel, AESJ

Masahiko Osaka has worked in the field of fundamental research on nuclear fuel materials. Main research fields are high temperature chemistry of advanced fuels, chemical behavior of fission products under severe accident of light water reactor and Accident Tolerant Fuels.

#### Career:

1995 Apr.: Researcher, fuel characterization for Minor Actinide-bearing oxide fuel for fast reactor

2001 Jun.: Visiting researcher for irradiation program of MA-bearing fuel Cadarache Center, Commissariat à l'énergie atomique

2006 Sep.: Ph. D, Nuclear Engineering, Osaka University

2012 Apr.: Group Leader, Fuels and Materials Property Group,  
Oarai Fukushima Project Team

2015 Apr.: Group Leader, Development Group for LWR Advanced Technology, Nuclear Science and Engineering Center

2019 Jul.: Division Head, Fuels and Materials Engineering Division, Nuclear Science and Engineering Center

2023 Apr.: Deputy Director General, Nuclear Science and Engineering Center

### Presentation abstract

Overview of R&D on nuclear fuels conducted in Japan are reviewed. After the accident of Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Station (1F), Japanese nuclear fuel R&D has been promoted with focus on the safety enhancement and improvement. In particular, R&D considering the correspondences to both the LWR accident and 1F decommissioning have been of main concern. Among them, R&D for accident tolerant fuel are proceeding by all related Japanese stakeholders utilizing international cooperation. Fuel safety research at Japan Atomic Energy Agency (JAEA) as the technical support organization for the nuclear regulation consists of those covering normal operation to the beyond design-basis accident. Overview of the current studies on loss of coolant accident and reactivity-initiated accident are introduced. On the other hand, a fundamental study on fission product (FP) chemistry is also being conducted in JAEA towards the improved source term both for the LWR safety enhancement and 1F decommissioning issues. An innovative nitride fuel is being investigated, considering the wider application as a high-performance fuel. Study in Central Research Institute of Electric Power Industry on the fuel degradation and relocation is mentioned. Various fundamental studies in Japanese universities on fuel, cladding and debris/FPs have been conducted.

**Keywords:** nuclear fuel R&D, safety enhancement, 1F decommissioning

### Speech Topic

### OVERVIEW OF R&D ON NUCLEAR FUELS IN JAPAN



**Hyun-gil KIM**

The head of the LWR Fuel Technology Research Division,  
Korea Atomic Energy Research Institute

#### Brief introduction

##### Education:

-2004. Ph.D. Laser Processing Laboratory, Department of Metallurgical Engineering, Yonsei University, Seoul, Korea

-1999. M.S. Phase Transformation Laboratory, Department of Materials Engineering, Chungbuk University, Chungbuk, Korea

##### Work Experience:

2004 ~ current, working at the KAERI

Dr. Kim currently works at the LWR fuel technology division. Hyun-Gil does research in materials engineering and 3D laser printing (Additive Manufacturing). His current project is advanced fuel development for LWR (Accident Tolerant Fuel) and additive manufacturing technology development for nuclear application.

He has more than 70 patents and 100 research papers through nuclear research for 20 years.

##### Research Backgrounds:

Details of my research background include:

The development of Zr-based alloys having a good corrosion and creep resistance

Characterization of structure and chemistry of Zr-based alloys and Zirconia using X-ray, SEM and TEM

Irradiation test and analysis of Zr-based alloys

Coating and surface modification technology development using PVD and AM for ATF development

AM technology development of materials and components applied in extreme environments

#### Presentation abstract

Research to improve the safety and economic feasibility for operating nuclear power plants has ongoing for a long time. In particular, after the Fukushima accident in 2011, research to develop accident tolerant fuel (ATF) has been conducted, and it is also mentioned in EU taxonomy. The development of ATF has been conducted for more than 10 years in the nuclear power plant operating country. ATF combines advanced technology (coating, 3D printing et al.) beyond the existing technology such as alloy design and microstructure control by manufacturing. Regarding the ATF cladding development, various studies have been performed to improve oxidation resistance by using coating technology, Fe alloy and SiC material application, as well as, to improve deformation resistance at high temperature by using oxide dispersion strengthening technology, Mo or SiC material application. As research progresses, coating technology is being established as a target for short-term commercialization in consideration of economic feasibility, compatibility, and application time. The KAERI has developed a coating technology to improve high-temperature oxidation resistance and oxide dispersion strengthened (ODS) technology to improve high-temperature deformation resistance with the concept of accident tolerant fuel cladding. In this way, combining the coating and ODS technology to improve the performance of the zirconium alloy surface can be defined as a surface modification technology. Performance improvement by ATF development is pursuing nuclear economics by improving nuclear fuel efficiency in connection with an increase in enrichment. However, the current coating technology has limit in case of a severe accident over than 1200oC. Therefore, it is necessary to challenge the development of materials and manufacturing technology that can secure safety during the severe accident and have manufacturing economy

#### Speech Topic

**ATF Development using Advanced Technology and Future Challenges of Fuel**





## Steven A. Arndt

Ph.D., P.E  
Immediate Past President 2022-2023, ANS

### Brief introduction

Steven Arndt is an internationally recognized expert in the field of nuclear engineering with experience in nuclear power plant simulation, severe accident analysis and nuclear power plant instrumentation and control. In his 40 years in the nuclear industry Dr. Arndt has worked as a researcher, educator, consultant, and regulator including extensive experience in Russia and Ukraine leading the United States support programs to the states of the former Soviet Union following the Chernobyl accident and as part of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC's) response to the Fukushima accident. Dr. Arndt currently serves as a Distinguished Scientist at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory where his research involves advance reactor design readiness. Previously he spent 31 years as a senior scientist with the NRC, leading key research efforts and providing authoritative advice to NRC management and staff in the areas of digital instrumentation and control, software reliability, emergency response, cyber security and numerous other technical areas. Prior to his work at the NRC, Dr. Arndt was a Professor at the U.S. Naval Academy. Additionally, Dr. Arndt serves as an Adjunct Professor of Nuclear Engineering at the University of Tennessee. In 2012 Dr. Arndt was named the Federal Engineer of the Year by the National Society of Professional Engineers, the first nuclear engineer to ever be awarded this honor. In 2020 Dr. Arndt was awarded the "NSPE Award" the highest honor given specifically to a professional engineer. Dr. Arndt holds a B.S. in engineering physics and a M.S. and Ph.D. in nuclear engineering all from The Ohio State University, where he was honored by the faculty of the College of Engineering in 2004 as a Distinguished Alumnus. Dr. Arndt also holds a M.S. in reliability engineering from the University of Maryland. Dr. Arndt is a Fellow of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME), the American Nuclear Society (ANS), the Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS), the American Society for Quality (ASQ) and the National Society of Professional Engineers (NSPE) Dr. Arndt is a registered professional engineer in Tennessee and Maryland and was appointed by the Governor of Maryland in 2006 to the Maryland Board for Professional Engineers, where he served for fifteen years (Three years as Chairman). He has served in leadership roles in a number of professional societies especially ANS. He has served as the ANS Treasurer and as a member of its Board of Directors. He served as the 68th President of ANS from 2022-2023.

### Presentation abstract

Dr. Arndt will discuss the opportunities presented by the new reactor designs that cut across technologies, sizes, and target applications. He will discuss the need for nuclear technology to address key challenges facing the world today, including climate change, energy security and energy poverty. Dr. Arndt will also provide his insights on some of the key challenges that we still face to unlocking the full potential of the atom to improve human lives and preserve our planet.

### Speech Topic

**Our Future: A world that unlocks the potential of the atom to improve human lives and preserve our planet**

**Nico Vollmer**

ENS Board Member

**Brief introduction**

studied physics at Technische Universität München, and made his PhD at the research reactor FRM-2 about the high-density U-Mo Fuel.

He was a lecturer of neutron physics and Group leader in neutronics at Framatome – his other technical experience is deeply in materials for fuel. For Enhanced Accident Tolerant Fuel, Nico was the session head of the last European TopFuel. Today he is a board member of the ENS.

**Presentation abstract**

The keynotes from ENS will contain greetings from European Nuclear Society – a short wrap up of who we are, what we do in Europe and what will do concerning TopFuel, including latest technical trends. Most important: a big thank you to all who made this conference possible.



## Lionel Gaiffe

Fuel Business Unit Senior Executive Vice President, Framatome

### Brief introduction

LIONEL GAIFFE, SEVP Fuel BU

- 25 years' experience in the nuclear industry (fuel cycle and MOX fuel)
- Former head of Operations of the AREVA Fuel Manufacturing activities

Lionel Gaiffe was born in 1968. A French national, he is a graduate of the Ecole Nationale Supérieure des Arts & Métiers.

Lionel Gaiffe began his career in France in 1991 with the ASSYSTEM group. In 1993 he joined the MELOX plant as head of new projects, testing and commissioning. He moved to Cogema in 1996 as MOX US project manager before joining the AREVA group in 2002 as head of innovation policy. He is a board member of different research consortia and start-up funds. In 2004 he joined the AREVA NC site in La Hague, where he was first Deputy Maintenance Director, then for five years Industrial Director of the La Hague site, which includes two plants, 10 industrial sectors and 20 nuclear installations. Lionel Gaiffe is also a member of the La Hague Management Committee, and since 2011 he has headed the Technical Department, which he created. In October 2014 he took over responsibility for the AREVA NP fuel production plants and also became a member of the Executive Committee of the Mines-Front-end Business Group. On 1 July 2016, Lionel Gaiffe was named Director of the AREVA NP Fuel Business Unit and appointed to the AREVA NP Executive Committee.

### Presentation abstract

Nuclear power can play a key role in the transition to a clean energy future. The need to reduce harmful emissions, whilst providing more energy to more people, positions the nuclear industry at the heart of sustainable development. With many new projects planned and in construction in China and in Europe, the future of nuclear industry is bright again.

As an international leader in nuclear energy with more than 60 years of expertise in the field,

Framatome is fully committed to meeting these new challenges with innovative solutions to support its customers producing ever cleaner, safer, and more economical low-carbon energy.

We give an overarching priority to safety, focus on the quality of execution and the performance in delivery, and we have a very robust supply chain.

To support this bright future for the industry, we are strengthening our R&D and innovation programs. We are also engaged in multiple initiatives with partners, regulators, and government agencies worldwide.

Many countries, China and France included, recently announced energy strategies that include substantial roles for nuclear power as well as considerable financial incentives to invest in it. Our time is now!

### Speech Topic

Framatome's ambition in supporting its customers and preparing for a low-carbon future.

# PLENARY SESSION

| <b>Technical Plenary Session</b><br><b>Room 2-6</b><br><b>Chair: Yongjun JIAO, WRFPM 2023 Technical Program Chair</b> |             |                   |  |
|---|-------------|-------------------|--|
| July 18   | 14:00-14:10 | Yongjun JIAO      | Chief expert and designer of nuclear fuel,<br>China National Nuclear Corporation               |
|   | 14:10-14:40 | Jinzha0 ZHANG     | Technical Director/Global Expert - Business Area Global Nuclear,<br>Tractebel Engineering S.A. |
|   | 14:40-15:10 | James Stubbins    | Professor, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign  |
|   | 15:10-15:30 | <b>Break</b>      |  |
|   | 15:30-16:00 | Fei GAO           | Professor, University of Michigan  |
|   | 16:00-16:30 | Per Magnusson     | Project Manager, Studsvik  |
|   | 16:30-17:00 | <b>Discussion</b> |  |





## Yongjun JIAO

Chief expert and designer of nuclear fuel, China National Nuclear Corporation

### Brief introduction

Mr. Yongjun JIAO is a highly accomplished nuclear fuel expert with almost thirty years of experience in the nuclear field. He graduated from Harbin Engineering University (Harbin Shipping Building Engineering Institute) in 1993 and has been dedicated to nuclear engineering ever since.

He is the chief expert in nuclear fuel field at CNNC, a senior engineer at the researcher level, and a doctoral supervisor. He has presided over more than 10 national/provincial projects and has been recognized with numerous awards for his contributions to science and technology, including a first prize and a second prize of National Defense Science and Technology Progress.

He has successfully developed China's first large commercial pressurized water reactor fuel assembly with fully independent intellectual property rights and has focused on nuclear fuel design and research for over twenty years. Internationally, Mr. Yongjun JIAO is an active participant in international projects and events. He is an active member of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Technical Working Group on Fuel Performance and Technology (TWG-FPT), as well as the SCIP program. He has participated in multiple international cooperative projects and has made significant contributions to the development of nuclear fuel on a global scale.



## Jinzhao ZHANG

Technical Director, Tractebel (ENGIE)

### Brief introduction

Dr ZHANG Jinzhao is a Technical Director and Global Expert, Business Area Global Nuclear, at Tractebel (ENGIE). He is in charge of nuclear fuel design, safety analysis and licensing. He has obtained his Master Degree in Nuclear Engineering from Xi'an Jiaotong University in 1987 and Ph. D. Degree in Mechanical Engineering from UC Louvain in 1993. He has 40 years' experience of R&D, engineering and consulting in nuclear reactor thermal hydraulics, fuel thermal mechanics, Multiphysics modelling, uncertainty and sensitivity analysis, safety analysis and licensing. He is an active member of the OECD/NEA Working Group on Fuel Safety (WGFS) and Expert Group on Reactor Fuel Performance (EGRFP); the IAEA Technical Working Group on Fuel Performance and Technology (TWGFPT) and the Pressurized Water Reactors Owners Group (PWROG) Analysis Sub-Committee (ASC). He has contributed to writing or updating safety guides, technical guidance and technical reports for the IAEA and the NEA in his domain of expertise. Currently, Dr Zhang is Chair of the Management Board of the NEA Rod Bundle Heat Transfer (RBHT) Project, the task leader of the NEA WGAMA/WGFS activity to write a Status Report on Good Practices for Analyses of Design Extension Condition without Significant Fuel Degradation (DEC-A) for Operating Nuclear Power Plants. He is also the co-chair of the IAEA Coordinated Research Project (CRP) on Testing and Simulation for Advanced Technology and Accident Tolerant Fuels (ATF-TS).

### Speech Topic

**Best estimate plus uncertainty fuel modelling and safety analysis to quantify margins**



## James Stubbins

Professor in Nuclear Materials, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

### Brief introduction

Donald Biggar Willett Professor of Engineering, Department of Nuclear, Plasma and Radiological Engineering, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Urbana, Illinois, 61801 USA

Prof. Stubbins leads research on advanced energy systems and materials development for current and advanced nuclear systems. These research interests include materials performance in intense, extreme environments including combinations of irradiation damage, corrosion, intermediate and high service temperatures and extended service lives. He has held research positions at the Karlsruhe Institute of Technology, the University of Oxford, Harwell Labs, and General Electric before joining the University of Illinois. During his tenure at Illinois, he held research positions at Argonne National Lab, Los Alamos National Lab, Oak Ridge National Lab, Risø National Lab, and the University of Pisa. He also holds a Visiting Professor position at Kyushu University through the Japan WPI International Institute for Carbon Neutral Research. He is a Fellow of the American Nuclear Society and holds several international awards including the ANS Mishima Award for “outstanding contributions of an individual in research and development work on nuclear fuel and materials

### Speech Topic

**Advanced 3D imaging of structure and mechanical deformation in irradiated materials for nuclear cladding and structural component applications**



## Fei GAO

Professor in Materials Science, Nuclear Materials & Computer simulation  
University of Michigan

### Brief introduction

Fei Gao is a tenured professor in both the Department of Nuclear Engineering and Radiological Sciences and the Department of Materials Science and Engineering at the University of Michigan (MSU's Department of Nuclear Engineering has been ranked first in the U.S. in nuclear engineering for more than a decade). He was a Principal Scientist at Pacific Northwest National Laboratory and a Distinguished Professor at Washington State University.

His main research interests include: materials behavior and microstructure evolution in nuclear fusion reactors; materials behavior in nuclear fission reactors and fundamental theoretical studies to improve the lifetime of existing nuclear reactors; development of computer simulation methods for nuclear detector materials; electron, ion and solid interactions; and multi-scale computer simulation methods for materials. Professor Gao has published more than 350 research papers in this field, and his publications include the following journals: Nature Communication, PRL, PNAS, Nano Letter, ACS Nano, PRB, APL, Angewandte Chemie, Advanced Materials, Energy & Environmental Science, etc.

His papers have been cited more than 18,000 times (H-factor of 64). Prof. Gao has chaired many international symposia in the field of irradiation damage, and has been invited to give more than 200 lectures at various international academic conferences and prestigious research institutions and universities around the world, and has received many awards such as the U.S. Department of Energy Award for Outstanding Scientific Research in Basic Energy. His work in nuclear materials and related fields has been widely recognized by top experts in the field both internationally and nationally.

### Speech Topic

**Recent Progress of irradiated SiC or SiC/SiC  
Composites: Bridge Continuum with Atomic-level Simulation**





## Per Magnusson

Senior Project Manager, Studsvik

### Brief introduction

Per Magnusson has 15 years of experience from nuclear safety research and international project management in the nuclear industry. His educational background is a PhD in materials science from École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne, on the topic on creep of irradiated materials. His current work topics include fuel qualification and LOCA and RIA research.

### Areas of expertise

- Nuclear safety research
- International-Joint Projects
- LOCA, RIA and other transient and off-normal fuel behavior
- Fuel and cladding qualification

Development of advanced fuel and cladding test techniques

### Speech Topic

**The Studsvik Cladding Integrity Program(SCIP)- An OECD-NEA International joint-project**



**WRFPM2023**

**JULY 19**

**TECHNICAL SESSIONS**

# TECHNICAL SESSION

WEDNESDAY, JULY 19, 2023

**Track1** -Advances in water reactor fuel technology and testing

**Chair:** Xiaomin WANG, NPIC

**Secretary:** Ziyi LI, NPIC

| Speech         | Time          | Paper Title                                   | Name          | Position  |
|----------------|---------------|---|---------------|---|
| Invited Speech | 9:00am-9:20am | Innovative Fuel for NPP Operation Enhancement | ILYA USHMAROV | Head of Innovative Fuel Development Project, Tvel |

Session 1-1, 9:20am-10:40am, Room 2-7

Moderator: Zhenbing CAI

| Paper No.      | Paper Title   | Corresponding author                                 | All Authors   |
|----------------|---|--|---|
| WRFPM2023-0148 | Fretting wear behavior of pre-oxidation Zircaloy cladding in high-temperature pressurized water | Zhenbing CAI<br>Southwest Jiaotong University        | Zhenbing CAI, Jun WANG, Ke LI, Zhengyang LI, Yongjun JIAO   |
| WRFPM2023-0139 | Composition Design and Corrosion Estimation of Zr Cladding in Simulated SMR Environment         | Qingdong LIU<br>Shanghai Jiaotong University         | Qingdong LIU, Yixiao YU, Qifeng ZENG, Jianchao PENG, Lefu ZHANG, Libing ZHU, Yi ZHAO, Ruiqian ZHANG |
| WRFPM2023-0085 | ADDITIVE MANUFACTURING PROCESS DESIGN FOR THIMBLE PLUG ASSEMBLY                                 | Guopeng QIN<br>CNNC Jianzhong Nuclear Fuel Co., Ltd. | Guopeng QIN, Yushan HUANG, Xin TONG, Liying ZHANG, Kuzin Vadim                                      |
| WRFPM2023-0038 | PWR FUEL CYCLE: INCREASED ENRICHMENT, COMBINATION OF BURNABLE ABSORBERS                         | Kuzin Vadim<br>TVEL                                  | Guopeng QIN, Yushan HUANG, Xin TONG, Liying ZHANG   |





Session 1-2, 11:00am-11:40am, 2:00pm-2:40pm, Room 2-7

Moderator: Xiaomin WANG

| Paper No.      | Paper Title  | Corresponding author |   | All Authors   |
|----------------|--|----------------------|---|---|
| WRFPM2023-0118 | Fretting Wear Property of Candidate ATF Materials  | Qiang ZHANG          | China Nuclear Power Technology Research Institute | Qiang ZHANG, Sigong LI, Yuan DING, Liting ZHU                                   |
| WRFPM2023-0092 | EXPERIMENTAL STUDY ON HEAT TRANSFER PERFORMANCE OF SiC CLADDING SURFACE UNDER SATURATED POOL BOILING AT ATMOSPHERIC PRESSURE | Qinglong WEN         | Chongqing University                              | Zhenxun PENG, Desheng JIN, Yalun YAN  |
| <b>LUNCH</b>   |  |                      |   |   |
| WRFPM2023-0149 | Research Status on UZr Metallic Fuel's Application in Power Reactors   | Weiqian ZHUO         | Nuclear Power Institute of China                  | Weiqian ZHUO, Gang LI, Yi ZHAO, Shaoyu QIU, Yongduo SUN, Zhihai LIAO, Yong ZHAO |
| WRFPM2023-0122 | Hermeticity evaluation of neutron-irradiated SiC composite tubes for LWR cladding application                                | Xunxiang HU          | Sichuan University                                | Xunxiang HU, Takaaki Koyanagi, Christian M. Petrie, Yutai Katoh                 |



## Session 1-3, 2:40pm-3:40pm, Room 2-7

Moderator: Yuemin ZHOU

| Paper No.      | Paper Title  | Corresponding author |                                       | All Authors   |
|----------------|--|----------------------|---------------------------------------|---|
| WRFPM2023-0066 | The irradiation hardening behaviors of Mo-Re alloys after Fe-ion irradiation             | Xi QIU               | Nuclear Power Institute of China      | Xi QIU, Wenjie LI, Yong XIN, Yuanming LI, Dan SUN, Chenyang LU, Yongjun JIAO        |
| WRFPM2023-0062 | REACTOR CORES FOR SMALL-SIZED NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS (SNPP) AND FLOATING POWER UNITS (FPU) | Tuturkin Mikhail     | Afrikantov OKBM JSC                   | Tuturkin Mikhail  |
| WRFPM2023-0045 | RECENT PROGRESS OF ZR-BASED MATERIALS RESEARCH ACTIVITIES FOR NUCLEAR FUEL CYCLE AT NPU  | Weijia GONG          | Northwestern Polytechnical University | Weijia GONG, Johannes Bertsch, Guanghai BAI, Xianzong WANG, Zhongkui LI, Jinshan LI |



**JULY 20**  
**TECHNICAL SESSIONS**

## Track2 - Operation and experience

Chair: Guoliang ZHANG, CGN

Secretary: Qingyang LV, CGN

Session 2-1, 9:00am-11:00am, Room 2-7

Moderator: Nico Vollmer

| Paper No.      | Paper Title  | Corresponding author |  | All Authors  |
|----------------|--|----------------------|--|--|
| WRFPM2023-0088 | APPLICATION OF WANO FRI IN CGN OPERATING PWR UNITS   | Pengtao FU           | China Nuclear Power Technology Research Institute Co., Ltd | Pengtao FU、 Zhijun LU  |
| WRFPM2023-0051 | AFA 3G Operating Experience  | Gwen Bolsée          | Framatome  | Jinzhao Zhang, Nicolas Waeckel, Ki Seob Sim  |
| WRFPM2023-0055 | UPDATES TO THE IAEA GUIDE ON FUEL RELIABILITY AND PERFORMANCE  | Jinzhao ZHANG        | Tractebel (ENGIE)  | Jinzhao ZHANG、 Nicolas Waeckel, Ki Seob Sim  |
| WRFPM2023-0035 | CHARACTERISTICS OF TVS-K STRUCTURAL MATERIALS AFTER OPERATION IN THE PWR REACTOR AT RINGHALS-3 NPP                             | A.Y. SHEVYAKOV       | JSC “VNIINM”   | A.Y. SHEVYAKOV, V.A. MARKELOV, V.I. KUZNETSOV, V.V. NOVIKOV, K. LAFCHIEV, D. JÄDERNÄS, P. UGRYUMOV, A.A. SHISHKIN, A.F. RADOSTIN, D.N. KUZNETSOV |
| WRFPM2023-0096 | Research and application of radioactive control methods on the primary circuit of PWR fuel cladding with loss of air-tightness | Xianggui ZHANG       | Jiangsu Nuclear Power Corporation,                         | Xianggui ZHANG、 Hongye YANG、 Fei MA、 Wenqi WU  |



**Track3** - Transient and off-normal fuel behavior and safety related issues  
**Chair:** Libing ZHU, SNERDI  
**Secretary:** Biao HU, SNERDI

**Session 3-1, 9:00am-10:00am, Room 2-8**

**Moderator:** Sichao TAN

| Paper No.      | Paper Title   | Corresponding author |   | All Authors  |
|----------------|---|----------------------|---|--|
| WRFPM2023-0132 | PRELIMINARY DEVELOPMENT OF A SIMULATION CAPABILITY FOR ZIRCALOY CLAD BALLOONING IN LOCA | Wei LI               | Xi'an Jiaotong University                     | Wei LI, Xiaoli WU  |
| WRFPM2023-0016 | OPTICAL AND INFRARED MEASUREMENT OF IZOTHERMAL BURST PRESSURE OF E110G                  | Nagy Richárd Antal   | Centre for Energy Research, Budapest, Hungary | Márton Király<br>Richárd Nagy<br>Zoltán Hózer<br>Péter Szabó   |
| WRFPM2023-0002 | INNOVATIVE HIGH TEMPERATURE BALLOONING AND BURST TESTS OF CLADDING MATERIALS            | Király Márton        | Centre for Energy Research, Budapest, Hungary | Márton Király, Richárd Nagy, Tamás Szepesi, Zoltán Hózer, Péter Szabó, Martin Ševeček, Abdollah Riahi, Amir Zareidoost |



Session 3-2, 10:20am-11:40pm, Room 2-8

Moderator: Libing ZHU

| Paper No.      | Paper Title  | Corresponding author |   | All Authors   |
|----------------|--|----------------------|---|---|
| WRFPM2023-0041 | PARAMETRIC STUDY OF PHENOMENA INFLUENCING SECONDARY HYDRIDING DURING LOCA TRANSIENTS   | KPEMOU Apou Martial  | IRSN  | A. M. KPEMOU, J. DESQUINES, T. TAURINES, S. GUILBERT, M.C. BAIETTO, B. NORMAND, J. SOULACROIX, A. AMBARD, F. BOURLIER |
| WRFPM2023-0047 | BEHAVIOUR OF CR-COATED E110OPT ALLOY CLADDINGS UNDER OXIDATION CONDITIONS IN WATER AND STEAM AT TEMPERATURES UP TO 1500°C                      | Malgin Andrey        | SC “VNIINM”, Moscow, Russia                               | Malgin Andrey   |
| WRFPM2023-0068 | Sensitivity analyses of Thermal Hydraulic parameters in ATWS by Rods Failure-loss of offsite power of the Third Generation Nuclear Power Plant | Mengying LIU         | China Nuclear Power Technology Research Insititue Co.,Ltd | Mengying LIU、 Haode XU、 Qingyu XIE、 Peng CHEN   |
| WRFPM2023-0043 | Phase-field modelling of void evolution in binary alloys under irradiation   | Yong Lu              | Xiamen University   | Yong Lu<br>Xiaoyi Huang<br>Zheng Jiang<br>Dan Sun<br>Xingjun Liu<br>Cuiping Wang                                      |

Session 3-3, 2:00pm-3:00pm, Room 2-8

Moderator: Yuanming LI

| Paper No.      | Paper Title  | Corresponding author |   | All Authors  |
|----------------|--|----------------------|---|--|
| WRFPM2023-0039 | RE-EVALUATION OF FRAPTRAN'S CLADDING FAILURE CRITERION IN LOCA WITHIN R2CA H2020 PROJECT   | Dif Brahim           | VTT Technical Research Centre of Finland, | Asko Arkoma, Janne Heikinheimo   |
| WRFPM2023-0112 | ANALYSIS OF PELLET-CLADDING MECHANICAL INTERACTION AND FAILURE BEHAVIOR OF COMPOSITE SIC CLADDING DURING NORMAL AND RIA CONDITIONS | Ruixiao ZHANG        | Xi'an Jiaotong University                 | Ruixiao ZHANG、 Zhiwei LU、 Yanan HE、 Yingwei WU、 Wenxi TIAN、 G.H. SU、 Suizheng QIU  |
| WRFPM2023-0004 | Analysis of microstructure in chromium coated zirconium cladding during high temperature oxidation                                 | JUNG TAE SIK         | Institute for Nuclear Research Pit        | Diana Diniasi , Florentina Golgovici , Alexandru Anghel, Manuela Fulger , Carmen Cristina Surdu-Bob and Ioana Demetrescu |

**Track4 - Fuel cycle, used fuel storage and transportation****Chair:** Joakim Lundström, Studsvik**Secretary:** Xiaolu WANG, NPIC

| Speech         | Time          | Paper Title  | Name    | Position                                     |
|----------------|---------------|--|---------|--|
| Invited Speech | 3:20pm-3:40pm | Introduction of nuclear fuel's industrial characteristic | Lei SHI | China Institute of Nuclear Industry Strategy |

**Track4 , 3:20pm-5:40pm , Room 2-8****Moderator:** Joakim Lundstrom

| Paper No.      | Paper Title  | Corresponding author  |  | All Authors  |
|----------------|--|-----------------------|--|--|
| WRFPM2023-0040 | RADIAL HYDRIDE PRECIPITATION IN FUEL CLADDING DURING BACK-END COOLING TRANSIENT UNDER DECREASING PRESSURE      | Desquines<br>Jean     | IRSN                                     | Jean Desquines<br>Christine Sartoris<br>Marine Guémas<br>Alain Gérard                              |
| WRFPM2023-0027 | TOWARDS A STATISTICAL METHODOLOGY FOR THE ASSESSMENT OF SPENT FUEL INTEGRITY IN TRANSPORT ACCIDENT SCENARIOS   | Aguado<br>Carlos      | CIEMAT, Unit of Nuclear Safety Research, | Carlos Aguado,<br>carlos.aguado@ciemat.es;<br>Francisco Feria                                      |
| WRFPM2023-0018 | Cooperation between CNPRI and Framatome for Fuel Assembly characterization in Yangjiang nuclear plant in China | Laurence<br>Bourachot | Framatome                                | Laurence Bourachot,<br>Pengliang LIU   |
| WRFPM2023-0081 | STUDY ON THE APPLICATION OF INTELLIGENT STORAGE OF FUEL ASSEMBLY BASED ON RFID TECHNOLOGY                      | Shuang GUO            | CNNC Jianzhong Nuclear Fuel Co., Ltd.    | Kai CHEN, Xiaoyu GUO   |
| WRFPM2023-0076 | DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION OF FUEL PELLET PRODUCTION FACILITIES  | Xiaoyu GUO            | CNNC Jianzhong Nuclear Fuel Co., Ltd.    | Kai CHEN, Shuang GUO,<br>Yun TAN   |
| WRFPM2023-0044 | NEUTRON IMAGING OF HYDROGEN IN NUCLEAR FUEL CLADDINGS  | Johannes Bertsch      | Paul Scherrer Institut (PSI)             | L. Duarte1, W. Gong, P. Trtik, O. Yetik, A. Colldeweih, C. Schneider, R. Zubler, J. Li, J. Bertsch |

**THURSDAY, JULY 20, 2023**

**Track2 - Operation and experience**  
**Chair: Guoliang ZHANG, CGN**  
**Secretary: Qingyang LV, CGN**

**Session 2-2, 9:00am-10:40am, Room 2-7**

**Moderator: Guoliang ZHANG**

| Paper No.      | Paper Title   | Corresponding author |                                   | All Authors  |
|----------------|---|----------------------|-----------------------------------|--|
| WRFPM2023-0032 | CURRENT EDF DEVELOPMENTS IN THE AREA OF FUEL INSPECTION AND REPAIR TOOLS  | Christopher Reece    | EDF                               | Christopher Reece, Matthieu Chavand  |
| WRFPM2023-0094 | RESERCH ON THE END OF LIFE(EOL) EXTENDED OPERATION SCHEME OF THE PWR UNITS OF QINSHAN NUCLEAR POWER                 | Xingjin SHI          | Qinshan Nuclear Power Cooperation | Xingjin SHI  |
| WRFPM2023-0032 | CURRENT EDF DEVELOPMENTS IN THE AREA OF FUEL INSPECTION AND REPAIR TOOLS  | Christopher Reece    | EDF                               | Christopher Reece, Matthieu Chavand  |
| WRFPM2023-0072 | How to deal with the threat of new energy to the safe operation of nuclear fuel                                     | Shaosheng GUO        | China National Nuclear Corporatio | Shaosheng GUO、 Qi ZHANG  |
| WRFPM2023-0034 | CONFIRMATION OF THE DESIGN CHARACTERISTICS OF THE TVS-K DESIGN AFTER OPERATION IN THE PWR REACTOR AT RINGHALS-3 NPP | A.F. Radostin        | TVEL                              | A. Radostin, K.Lafchiev, D. Jädernäs   |
| WRFPM2023-0019 | A survey of worldwide fuel cycle design approaches and their implications on plant operations and safety analyses   | John H. Strumpell    | Framatome                         | J. Strumpell, R. Kliever, J. O'Brian, N. Garner, B. Holden and L. Gerken, Framatome Inc N. Vollmer, M. Zilly, Framatome GmbH S. Zheng, Framatome SaS |



## Track 5 - Innovative fuel and related issues

**Chair :** Hua DENG, CJNF

**Secretary:** Xiaoyu GUO, CJNF

**Session 5-1, Applications of new technology, 11:20am-12:20am, Room 2-7**

**Moderator:** LU Chenyang

| Paper No.      | Paper Title   | Corresponding author |                                       | All Authors  |
|----------------|---|----------------------|---------------------------------------|--|
| WRFPM2023-0052 | Advancing SiC Ceramic Matrix Composite Cladding Development through Advanced Characterization | Xu PENG              | Idaho National Laboratory             | Peng XU、 Fei XU、 Zilong HUA、 Alex Winston、 Sean Gonderman、 Jack Gazza  |
| WRFPM2023-0057 | Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning applied to nuclear activities                    | Moraleda Pepa        | ENUSA<br>INDUSTRIAS<br>AVANZADAS S.A. | David Verdejo<br>Alejandro Carrasco<br>Alicia Ariza<br>Daniel Ramos<br>Doroteo Toledano<br>Pablo Ramírez<br>Joaquín González |
| WRFPM2023-0028 | PROtect: The Framatome E-ATF solution – Overview of recent achievements and next steps        | Vioujard Nicolas     | Framatome                             | Vioujard Nicolas   |

Session 5-2, Innovations in nuclear fuel, 2:00pm-3:20pm, Room 2-7

Moderator: Cristina MUNOZ-REJA RUIZ

| Paper No.      | Paper Title  | Corresponding author |  | All Authors  |
|----------------|--|----------------------|--|--|
| WRFPM2023-0037 | NUMERICAL CALCULATION ON THERMAL EXPANSION OF UO <sub>2</sub> – 3 VOL% Mo MICROPLATE PELLETS | Lee Heung Soo        | Korea atomic energy research institute | H.S. Lee, D.S. KimKim, J.H. Yang, J.H. Yoon, H.K. Kim  |
| WRFPM2023-0135 | FABRICATION AND IRRADIATION OF ANNULAR UO <sub>2</sub> PELLETS                               | Yang Jae Ho          | Korea Atomic Energy Research Institute | Dong-Joo Kim, Heung Soo Lee, Hyung-Kyu Kim, DongSeok Kim   |
| WRFPM2023-0110 | Accident-Tolerant Fuel R&D Program in Japan  | Osaka Masahiko       | Japan Atomic Energy Agency             | S. Yamashita, A. Mohamad, I. Ioka, Y. Nemoto, T. Kawanishi, Y. Kaji, M. Osaka, N. Murakami, M. Owaki, M. Sasaki, K. Sakamoto, J. Matsunaga, A. Yamaji, H. Ohta |
| WRFPM2023-0095 | Study on Microstructure and Thermal, Mechanical Performance of TRISO Microspheres            | Zongbei HE           | Nuclear Power Institute of China       | Zongbei HE、 Jiangshan CHEN、 Qiang ZENG、 Xiaoqiang PAN、 Lifu YAO、 Shaoyu QIU  |

Session 5-3, Trends in related issues, 3:40pm-5:20pm, Room 2-7

Moderator: Ping CHEN

| Paper No.      | Paper Title  | Corresponding author |                           | All Authors   |
|----------------|--|----------------------|---------------------------|---|
| WRFPM2023-0078 | THERMAL PROPERTIES MEASUREMENT OF TRISO PARTICLE COATINGS USING LASER-BASED THERMOREFLECTANCE TECHNIQUES | Yuzhou WANG          | Sun Yat-sen University    | Yuzhou WANG, Xianfeng Ma                            |
| WRFPM2023-0058 | VVER NUCLEAR FUEL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY   | Malchevskiy Dmitry   | TVEL                      | A. Ugryumov, A. Shishkin, D. Malchevskiy            |
| WRFPM2023-0033 | COMPETENCE HUB: NUCLEAR SAFETY TRAINING  | Wiesel Hendrik       | Framatome                 | Dr. H. Wiesel, Dr. N. Vollmer                       |
| WRFPM2023-0031 | FUEL TRAINING by Framatome   | Nico Vollmer         | Framatome                 | Nico Vollmer, James Brock                           |
| WRFPM2023-0007 | Friction Corrections to Improve Accuracy of Cladding Strength Measurements from the Ring Tension Test    | Robert Hansen        | Idaho National Laboratory | Robert S. Hansen, David W. Kamerman, Fabiola Cappia |

## Track 6 - Fuel modelling, analysis and methodology

**Chair:** Jinzhao ZHANG, Tractebel

**Secretary:** Xiaolu WANG, NPIC

### Session 6-1, Fuel Rod Thermal Mechanics I, 9:00am-10:40am, Room 2-8

**Moderators:** Jinzhao Zhang (Tractebel, Belgium), Wenjie Li (NPIC, China)

| Paper No.      | Paper Title  | Corresponding author |  | All Authors   |
|----------------|--|----------------------|--|---|
| WRFPM2023-0005 | THN's LATTICE-ASSISTED THERMAL CONDUCTIVITY REVISITED  | Szpunar<br>Barbara   | University of Saskatchewan                                 | Barbara Szpunar, Jerzy A. Szpunar   |
| WRFPM2023-0067 | Thermal Conductivity Test Study of Pellet to Cladding Interaction in NPP Design                    | Yan PENG             | China Institute of Atomic Energy                           | Yan PENG  |
| WRFPM2023-0070 | ANALYSIS AND ASSESSMENT OF BEO-DOPED FUEL WITH FUEL ROD PERFORMANCE CODE JASMINE                   | kaiyuan<br>WANG      | China Nuclear Power Technology Research Institute Co. Ltd, | Kaiyuan WANG, Yanan ZHU, Xin JIN  |
| WRFPM2023-0089 | Modelling of the Gadolinium Fuel Tests with the JASMINE Fuel Performance Code                      | Xiaoyan WEI          | China Nuclear Power Technology Research Institute          | Yanan ZHU, Shengzhi YANG, Duoting XU, Xin JIN                                   |
| WRFPM2023-0083 | the role of dopant on the defect behavior in doped UO <sub>2</sub> : a comparative ab initio study | Yong XIN             | Nuclear Power Institute of China                           | Dan SUN, Huifang YUE, Yong XIN, Zhipeng SUN, Xi QIU, Mingyang ZHOU, Yuanming LI |



## Session 6-2, Fuel Rod Thermal Mechanics II, 11:00am-12:20am, Room 2-8

Moderators: Wenjie Li (NPIC, China), Pau Aragon (CIEMAT, Spain)

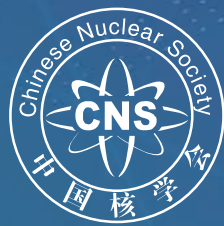
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| WRFPM2023-0116 | On the creep collapse of the cladding considering the irradiation growth effect                            | Ming ZHANG           | China Nuclear Power Technology Research Institute Co.,Ltd. | Ming ZHANG、Yayun LUO、Yong LU、Yanan ZHU、Xiaohan LIU、Jinggang LI、Xinying MIAO |
| WRFPM2023-0113 | LWR FISSION GAS BEHAVIOR MODELING USING OPENFOAM BASED FUEL PERFORMANCE SOLVER OFF-BEAT                    | Tian ZHANG           | Harbin Engineering University                              | J. Xie, N. He, Q. Wang and T. Zhang   |
| WRFPM2023-0130 | Development of Fuel Performance Analysis Code for Liquid Metal Cooled Fast Reactor Based on MOOSE Platform | Shihao SHAO          | Xi'an Jiaotong University                                  | Shihao SHAO、Zhouyu LIU、Xiaobei XU、Yufan ZONG、Liangzhi CAO、Hongchun WU       |

**Session 6-3, Multi-physics, 2:00pm-3:20pm, Room 2-8**
**Moderators: Jinzhao Zhang (Tractebel, Belgium), Olivier Marchand (IRSN, France)**

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| WRFPM2023-0023 | Progress in the modelling of high burn-up structure: application of the TRANSURANUS//MFPR-F coupling to the NRC-192 Studsvik LOCA test | Slavickas Andrius    | IRSN   | Francois Kremer, Andrius Tidikas, Andrius Slavickas           |
| WRFPM2023-0100 | NUMERICAL INVESTIGATION ON THE EFFECT OF FUEL PULVERS ON AXIAL FUEL RELOCATION   | Zehua MA             | China Nuclear Power Technology Research Institute Co., Ltd., | Weiwei WANG, Liang REN, Zhikang LIN, Yong OUYANG, Xianghui LU |
| WRFPM2023-0107 | IMPACT OF UNIAXIAL STRAIN ON OXYGEN DIFFUSION IN URANIUM DIOXIDE: A MOLECULAR DYNAMICS STUDY   | Qingyu WANG          | Harbin Engineering University                                | Yupeng CHEN, Qingyu WANG, Tian ZHANG                          |

Session 6-4, Fuel Assembly Thermal Hydraulics, Mechanics and Neutronics, 3:40pm-5:20pm, Room 2-8  
Moderators: Yingwei WU (XJU, China), Ki Seob SIM (IAEA)

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| WRFPM2023-0145 | THERMAL-HYDRAULIC CHARACTERISTICS OF TVS-K FUEL ASSEMBLY  | Lukyanov Vladimir    | Afrikantov OKBM JSC                                 | Lukyanov Vladimir  |
| WRFPM2023-0097 | STUDY ON THERMAL HYDRAULIC CHARACTERISTICS OF ROD-TYPE FUEL IRRADIATION TEST SECTION                          | Liangqian FU         | Nuclear Power Institute of China                    | Yuanyue ZHANG、<br>Wenhua YANG、 Liangqian FU、<br>Wenbin ZHAO、 Liang ZHANG、<br>Shuai JIN |
| WRFPM2023-0093 | PRELIMINARY STUDY ON THE TORQUE COEFFICIENT AND FILTERING COEFFICIENT FOR THREADED FASTENERS IN FUEL ASSEMBLY | Hai WU               | China Nuclear Power Technology Research & Institute | Hai WU、 Yan GUO、<br>Yuxiang ZHANG、<br>Guoliang ZHANG                                   |
| WRFPM2023-0022 | Evaluation of SCALE code cross-section processing options for RBMK simulations                                | Slavickas Andrius    | Lithuanian Energy Institute                         | Andrius Slavickas,<br>Andrius Tidikas, Tadas Kaliaatka                                 |
| WRFPM2023-0036 | ANALYSIS OF A CLADDING CRACK EMANATING FROM THE EDGE OF A CRACKED PELLET IN PCMI                              | KIM HYUNG KYU        | Korea Atomic Energy Research Institute              | Hyung-Kyu Kim Robert J.H.<br>Paynter Xiaojun HE  |



**JULY 21**

**TECHNICAL TOUR, CULTURAL TOUR**



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