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### **ADVANCED LIGHT WATER REACTORS**

#### PREFACE: ON HIGH CONVERSION RATIO LIGHT WATER REACTORS

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#### DEVELOPMENT TRENDS FOR FUTURE FRENCH PRESSUR-IZED WATER REACTORS

Bertrand Barré (top) (Ing. Civil de la Métallurgie et des Mines, Nancy, France, 1965) joined the Commissariat à l'Energie (CEA) in 1967. He has been technical advisor to the chairman of the CEA (1978) and nuclear attaché at the French Embassy in Washington, D.C. (1980). He is now head of light water reactor (LWR) research and development (R&D) of the CEA. Gérard Gambier (center) (MS, physics, University of Paris, France, 1964; engineering degree, Ecole Supérieure d'Electricité, France, 1966; PhD, nuclear engineering, University of Paris, France, 1974) is deputy head of the Reactor Physics Section at Electricité de France. He has worked in R&D of high-temperature reactors and is currently working in conventional and advanced water reactors, together with fast breeders. His main interests and activities are in neutronics, fuel cycle, thermohydraulics, and reactor operation. Claude Golinelli (bottom) (Ecole Supérieure d'Electricité, Paris, France, 1961; reactor physics D., 1964) has worked in experimental neutronics for fast breeder reactors and LWRs. In recent

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#### FEASIBILITY STUDIES ON HIGH CONVERSION PRESSUR-IZED WATER REACTORS WITH SEMITIGHT CORE CONFIG-URATIONS

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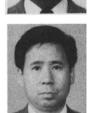












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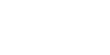
#### LIGHT WATER REACTOR (LWR) INNOVATION NEEDS IN THE UNITED STATES: THE MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY LWR INNOVATION PROJECT

Michael W. Golay (photo not available) (BE, mechanical engineering, University of Florida, 1964; PhD, nuclear engineering, Cornell University, 1969) is the director of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) Light Water Reactor Innovation Project and is a professor of nuclear engineering at MIT. His interests focus on the strategies and methods for perfecting nuclear power technology.

#### RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS FOR THE LIGHT WATER HIGH CONVERSION REACTOR

Rudolf H. Brogli (top) (Diploma, physics, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology; PhD, nuclear engineering, University of Berne, Switzerland, 1963) is a department manager at the Swiss Institute for Reactor Research (EIR). He has worked on heavy water reactor designs at EIR and high-temperature gas-cooled reactor fuels at GA Technologies, Inc. Presently, he is responsible for the development efforts at EIR for the advanced light water reactor, high-temperature reactor, and the small district heating reactor. Claus A. Goetzmann (center) [Dipl.-Ing., electrical engineering, Technische Hochschule Aachen, Federal Republic of Germany (FRG), 1960] participated in safety analyses for  $D_2O$ and CO<sub>2</sub> reactors at Siemens Reactor Division from 1960 to 1964. He then joined General Atomic Company to do research and development work for gas-cooled thermal and fast reactors. In 1969, he returned to the FRG to manage Siemens/Kraftwerk Union AG's gas-cooled fast reactor program until its termination in 1979. He is currently subdivision manager of advanced reactor concepts, responsible for the development of large, tightlattice, high conversion pressurized water reactors and dedicated small reactors for supplying district heat. His special professional interest concerns the relationship between size and costs of various reactor types. Bernhard J. Kuczera (bottom) (PhD, reactor engineering, University of Karlsruhe, FRG, 1974) is a scientific member of the Kernforschungzentrum Karlsruhe. He was assistant to a member of the executive board responsible for the Reactor Development and Reactor Safety Division. During this period, he also coordinated the research and development work for high conversion light water reactor (LWR) systems. Since January 1986 he has been the head of the Nuclear Safety Project, recently reorganized into the LWR Safety Project Group.

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#### KWU'S HIGH CONVERSION REACTOR CONCEPT—AN ECO-NOMICAL EVOLUTION OF MODERN PRESSURIZED WATER REACTOR TECHNOLOGY TOWARD IMPROVED URANIUM ORE UTILIZATION

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#### THE FRENCH THERMAL-HYDRAULIC PROGRAM ADDRESS-ING THE REQUIREMENTS OF FUTURE PRESSURIZED WA-TER REACTORS

Michel Courtaud (top) (engineering degrees from Ecole Nationale Supérieure d'Electrotechnique de Grenoble, 1959, and Institut National des Sciences et Techniques Nucléaires, France, 1960) joined the Nuclear Research Center, Grenoble, France, in 1961, There he has been involved in heat transfer for organic liquidcooled reactors and in two-phase flow research for research reactors and light water reactors. He is presently head of the Service d'Etudes Thermohydrauliques of the light water department of the Nuclear Research Center, Grenoble. He is in charge of research and development programs on thermal hydraulics for normal and accidental pressurized water reactor (PWR) conditions (experiments and computer code development and qualification). Roger Deruaz (center) (physical sciences degree, University of Grenoble, France, 1967) works at the Nuclear Research Center, Grenoble, where he has been involved in two-phase flow and chemical engineering problems concerning liquid-liquid and liquidgas contactors. Since 1973, he has worked in the field of reflooding for PWR safety and is presently head of the Laboratoire d'Etudes Systèmes of the Services d'Etudes Thermohydrauliques at the Nuclear Research Center, Grenoble. He is in charge of operating the system loop BETHSY for study of small-break lossof-coolant accidents and special transients for PWRs. Luc Gros D'Aillon (bottom) (engineering degree, Ecole Nationale Supérieure d'Hydraulique de Grenoble, France, 1973) worked in the Marviken critical flow international project as a representative

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from France and joined the Nuclear Research Center, Grenoble, where he worked on critical steam water flows. He is presently head of the Laboratoire d'Etudes Thermohydrauliques des Assemblages Combustibles of the Service d'Etudes Thermohydrauliques at the Nuclear Research Center, Grenoble. He is in charge of the thermal-hydraulic qualification of PWR fuel, covering the problems of mixing, pressure drops, and critical heat fluxes.

## NUMERICAL SIMULATION OF REFLOODING BEHAVIOR IN TIGHT-LATTICE ROD BUNDLES

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#### NEPTUN-III REFLOODING AND BOILOFF EXPERIMENTS WITH AN LWHCR FUEL BUNDLE SIMULATOR: EXPERIMEN-TAL RESULTS AND INITIAL CODE ASSESSMENT EFFORTS

Jörg Dreier (top) (Dipl. Phys., Swiss Federal Institute of Technology, Zürich, Switzerland, 1975) joined the Swiss Federal Institute for Reactor Research (EIR) in 1982. He has been working on thermal-hydraulic problems related to reactor safety. Since 1986, he has been responsible for the experimental facility NEP-TUN, and his interests focus on reflooding phenomena, especially for light water high conversion reactors (LWHCRs). Gerassimos Analytis (center) (BSc-RCS, physics, 1973; MSc, mathematics, 1974; PhD, nuclear engineering, University of London, United Kingdom, 1979) has been employed in the safety department at EIR since 1981. He is engaged in two-phase flow research with particular interest in the modeling of interfacial relations and wall heat transfer in thermal-hydraulic codes during reflooding. Rakesh Chawla (bottom) (PhD, Imperial College, University of London, United Kingdom, 1970) is manager of the LWHCR project at EIR. His current research interests mainly concern the generation and application of an experimental data base for evaluating LWHCR physics and thermal-hydraulic design.

#### THERMOHYDRAULIC OPTIMIZATION OF HOMOGENEOUS AND HETEROGENEOUS ADVANCED PRESSURIZED WATER REACTORS

Marco Cigarini (top) [MS, nuclear engineering, Bologna University, Italy, 1982; PhD, Karlsruhe University, Federal Republic of Germany (FRG), 1987] has worked at Kernforschungszentrum Karlsruhe (KfK) since 1983. He is currently engaged in development and verification of thermohydraulic computer programs applied for safety analysis of light water reactors. Mario Dalle Donne (PhD, engineering science, Bologna University, Italy, 1956) worked from 1956 to 1959 at Agip Nucleare, Italy, and

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from 1959 to 1963 at the Dragon Project, United Kingdom. Since 1963 he has worked at the KfK Institut für Neutronenphysik und Reaktortechnik, FRG. Since 1976 he has been a professor at Karlsruhe University. He has worked in the field of gas-cooled, water-cooled, and liquid-metal-cooled fission reactors and of blankets for fusion reactors. His main technical interests are thermohydraulics, safety, and reactor assessment.

#### LOSS-OF-COOLANT-ACCIDENT AND ANTICIPATED TRAN-SIENT WITHOUT SCRAM CALCULATIONS FOR HOMOGE-NEOUS AND HETEROGENEOUS ADVANCED PRESSURIZED WATER REACTORS

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#### EXPERIMENTAL INVESTIGATIONS ON THE REFLOODING AND DEFORMATION BEHAVIOR OF AN ADVANCED PRES-SURIZED WATER REACTOR TIGHT-LATTICE FUEL ROD BUNDLE IN A LOSS-OF-COOLANT ACCIDENT

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#### HIGH-TEMPERATURE BEHAVIOR OF CrNi-STEEL DIN MATE-RIAL NO. 1.4970 CLADDING MATERIAL WITH RESPECT TO ADVANCED PRESSURIZED WATER REACTOR SAFETY CON-SIDERATIONS

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