



## Advanced Coatings for Accident Tolerant Fuel Claddings

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### Message from the Guest Editor

The aim of this Special Issue is to highlight and summarize the latest achievements in the field of protective coatings for enhanced accident-tolerant fuel (E-ATF) claddings. Various metal, ceramic, MAX-phase, high-entropy, and other coatings can be used for this purpose. Various methods of physical vapor deposition (PVD), chemical vapor deposition (CVD), laser cladding, cold spraying, and other surface modification methods are available for coating deposition.

The main focus of this Special Issue is to provide and publish recent developments in the area of ATF materials and technologies to protect fuel claddings against high-temperature corrosion and embrittlement. In particular, the topic of interest includes but is not limited to:

- Advanced ATF coatings;
- Characterization of ATF coating materials;
- Deposition techniques for ATF coatings;
- Diffusion barrier coatings;
- Metallic coatings;
- Ceramic coatings;
- Multilayer coatings;
- PVD and CVD coatings;
- Surface modification;
- Oxidation kinetics;
- High-temperature corrosion.





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