



## Radiation Damage in Metallic Nuclear Reactor Materials

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### Message from the Guest Editors

Metallic nuclear reactor materials are critical for containment of nuclear fuel and fission products, as well as reliable and thermodynamically efficient production of electrical energy from nuclear reactors. In reactors, high fluxes of high-energy neutrons severely damage properties of these metallic materials by producing numerous irradiation defects in materials, leading to degradations of material properties like element segregation, void swelling, hardening and embrittlement of irradiated materials. Irradiation damage in metallic nuclear reactor materials has been identified as one of the serious issues challenging the stable and safe operation of nuclear reactors. Understanding the damage behaviors of metallic nuclear reactor materials and unveiling the underlying damage mechanisms are key to evaluating the performance of metallic materials currently serving in various nuclear reactors. This understanding is also beneficial for development of new-generation irradiation-tolerant nuclear reactor materials.





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