

Starting from September 2022, the working group “High Density Nuclear Fuels” at the research reactor FRM II is looking for a

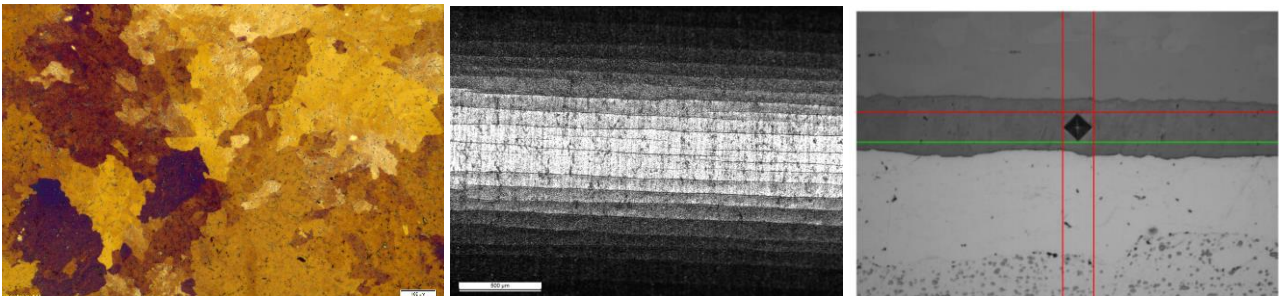
B.Sc. student / working student / internship

Property studies of U-Mo foils various origin

The working group “High Density Nuclear Fuels” at the Research Neutron Source Heinz Maier-Leibnitz (FRM II) is working on the qualification of newly-developed high-density nuclear fuels in Europe. The most promising candidates are a metallic uranium-molybdenum alloy fuel (U-Mo) or high-density uranium silicide (U₃Si₂), both using aluminum-based cladding. Therefore, scientists in the fields of physics, chemistry, engineering, physical technology and computer science are working intensively together on fuel fabrication technologies, the determination of material properties as well as the irradiation behavior of such fuels. For metallic uranium-molybdenum fuel systems a diffusion barrier is established using Physical Vapor Deposition (PVD) in order to prevent intermixing. The scope of this project is to compare U-Mo foils of different origin regarding their mechanical/metallurgical properties. The analytical procedure may involve hardness measurements, bending tests, optical microscopy, Scanning Electron Microscopy (SEM) and X-ray Diffraction (XRD). The practical work will also include sample preparation and polishing techniques.

Best suited are students studying physics, engineering, materials science or comparable studies.

We are looking forward to receive your application.



Further information on the fuel development at FRM II can be found at <https://www.frm2.tum.de/en/fuel-development>

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Framework conditions

The tasks typically involve working in radiation protection areas with open handling of radioactive materials such as uranium. The high security standard of FRM II generally requires a security clearance according to the German atomic law.