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Surface study of homoepitaxial growth of UO2 thin films

Position for:

Trainee

Short description of activity:

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A traineeship is suggested to perform homoepitaxial growth of UO2 films on bulk single crystals and analyse surface properties by surface spectroscopy techniques.

We will perform structural analyses using low energy electron diffraction (LEED) before and after deposition of UO2 film by dc sputtering on bulk single crystal of UO2. Goal is to determine the conditions for single crystalline growth.

The electronic properties of the surface will also be systematically characterised by spectroscopy techniques (X-ray and Ultraviolet photoelectron spectroscopy) to ensure the oxidation state and the stoichiometry of UO2. The LEED analyses will tell about the possibility to obtain homoepitaxial growth of UO2 under our deposition conditions.

Qualifications:

Degree in physics or chemistry. X-ray diffraction, low energy electron diffraction, X-ray photoelectron spectroscopy would be an asset.

For general eligibility requirements, please read the rules governing the traineeship scheme of the JRC:

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