



# TINCE'26

6<sup>th</sup> International Conference on  
Technological Innovations in  
Nuclear Civil Engineering

20-22 May 2026

# PROGRAM

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With the current global focus on climate change and the energy crisis, **nuclear energy is playing an increasingly important role in achieving deep decarbonization**. This was recognized at COP28 in Dubai (2023), where nuclear energy was identified as a **major low-emission technology**. As of 2024, there are approximately **60 nuclear reactors under construction worldwide** and **around 110 additional planned reactors**, most of which are based on traditional water-cooled technologies. Furthermore, new reactor types such as **Small Modular Reactors** (SMR) and **Advanced Modular Reactors** (AMR) are gaining traction, demanding innovations in ground and civil structures.

## **TINCE Conference Series Overview**

The international conference cycle Technological Innovations in Nuclear Civil Engineering (TINCE) was initiated in **2013** and organized by **Sfen** (the French Nuclear Society). Subsequent editions took place in 2014, 2016, 2018, and 2023. **TINCE covers a broad array of topics in nuclear civil engineering**, including:

- from fundamental research to the intricacies of nuclear construction,
- from construction codes and standards to construction technologies
- from foundation design to polymer-based products
- from design of new construction to the retrofit of existing facilities, including ground improvement issues and base-isolated structures
- from BIM implementation to long-term monitoring of the structures

## **Key Topics and Objectives**

TINCE'26 will focus on the **interplay between design and construction**, an evolving area that leverages advances in **interoperability between BIM and structural calculations**. The development of **environmentally friendly materials with lower carbon emissions** is a key priority. Additionally, the conference will address **long-term operational challenges**, like structural health monitoring and the development of tools for **managing aging effects in nuclear facilities**. These include new sensing techniques, non-destructive testing methods, and digital twins to assess and predict asset conditions.

The goal of TINCE is to **foster collaboration among researchers, engineers, and industry professionals** to share insights and best practices in nuclear civil engineering. Participants are encouraged to submit **scientific and technical papers** on various relevant topics or propose special sessions. A **special award session** will be held for PhD students to recognize exceptional work.

We look forward to meeting you at TINCE'26!

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## TOPICS:

**T1.** Design rules, methods, and criteria for the construction of new nuclear structure or for the justification of existing facilities

**T2.** BIM and digital twins for new and existing nuclear civil structures

**T3.** Innovative construction methods and lessons learned on construction site

**T4.** New materials for future nuclear projects

**T5.** Innovative monitoring techniques and long-term operation

## SPECIAL SESSIONS :

**SS1.** Advancements in civil engineering codes and standards for nuclear facilities

**SS2.** Building the next generation of heat sink structures

**SS3.** Qualifying numerical simulation tools for the behavior of structures under explosion loading

**SS4.** Impact analysis on nuclear structures

**SS5.** Innovative binders and low-carbo concrete solutions

**SS6.** Innovative approach to the construction of steel-concrete structures

**SS7.** SMRs, overcoming industrialization and modularity barriers

**SS8.** CIGEO technical challenges for waste disposal

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# PROGRAM OVERVIEW

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Convention center opening Check-in	Convention center opening Check-in	Convention center opening Check-in
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<b>Parallel Sessions</b> TS1.1 TS2.1 TS4.1 SS3	<b>Parallel Sessions</b> TS1.3 TS3.3 SS2 SS8	<b>Parallel Sessions</b> TS1.10 TS2.4 SS4 SS6,TS1.11
Exhibition Opening + Welcome Reception	Buffet Lunch	<b>Closing Session</b>
<b>Keynote</b> Keynote lecture	<b>Parallel Sessions</b> TS1.4 TS1.5 TS2.3 TS4.2,TS5.2	
<b>Poster Session</b>	<b>Parallel Sessions</b> TS1.6 TS1.7 SS1 SS7	
<b>Parallel Sessions</b> TS1.2 TS3.1 TS5.1 SS5	<b>PhD Award Session + Sfen Energy Architecture Award Ceremony</b>	
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## Wednesday 20 May

08:30

Convention center opening - Check-in

09:30 - 10:00

Welcome address

10:00 - 10:20

Opening Speech

10:30 - 12:30

### ● Technical Session Topic 1.1 Design rules

021 - Concrete Capacity Design for Anchorages : A Refined Model

V. Corbic (EDF DT, France)

160 - Computation of Floor Response Spectra with consideration of Floor Equipment Interaction

E. Dupuis (Tractebel, France)

101 - 3D modeling of the soil in dynamic soil-structure interaction

M. Mozayan (INGÉROP, France)

022 - Standard floor response spectra for nuclear buildings on EUR soils

P.M. Alliard (Edf Nuward, France)

010 - Waterproofing of Underground Structures in the Nuclear Context

E. Vimond (ETANDEX, France)

093 - Headed Bars in Nuclear Reinforced Concrete Structures -Implementation, Benefits, and Challenges

T. Josseron (Edvance, France)

10:30 - 12:30

### ● Technical Session Topic 2.1 BIM and digital twins

029 - Digital Twinning of Nuclear Concrete Containment Buildings: Integrating Uncertainty Quantification into Advanced Numerical Models

H. Al Elani (Université Paris-Saclay, CEA, Service d'Études Mécaniques et Thermiques, France)

046 - Digital Visualization of Structural-Engineering Metrics: Enhancing Design, Analysis and Collaboration

D. Kurmann (Nuclear Power Plant Beznau, Switzerland)

050 - Automated 3D design of reinforced concrete structures through an interoperability platform

S. Meijers (Haskoning Delft, Netherlands)

054 - Digital Twin for Nuclear Power Plants: A User-Centric approach to address orientation and information challenges

N. Greslin (Axpo Power AG, Switzerland)

056 - Building Information Modeling in the Nuclear Sector: Continuous Application from Design to Construction

M. Furrer (Nuclear Power Plant Beznau, Switzerland)

057 - Overcoming the limitations of 2D utility maps - Towards automated 3D modeling in nuclear civil engineering projects

M. Winterstein (Axpo Power AG, Switzerland)

10:30 - 12:30

● Technical Session Topic 4.1 New materials

**106 - Preliminary experimental mechanical characterization of low environmental impact cement mixture for conditioning LLW and ILW nuclear waste**

N. Cefis (Politecnico di Milano, Italy)

**167 - Ultra High Performance Concrete for Nuclear Applications**

C. Androuet (Professional Civil Engineer, Canada)

**176 - Comparative Simulation of Concrete Activation: PWR vs. Cyclotron Sources and the Economic Impact on Waste Disposal**

E. Vangansbeke (Tractebel, Belgium)

**204 - Application of the headed reinforcement bars in nuclear buildings**

N. Houdart (Egis, France)

**210 - Study and design of seismic mechanical rebar splices in their environment**

R. Gardes (Linxion, France)

**245 - Parametric Modeling of UHPFRC Tensile Behavior for Protective Coating Applications in Nuclear Civil Engineering**

U. Coussement (LMDC, Université de Toulouse, INSA/UPS Génie Civil, France)

10:30 - 12:30

● Special Session 3: Qualifying numerical simulation tools for the behavior of structures under explosion loading

**076 - Towards reliable numerical prediction of reinforced concrete response under blast loading: a benchmark analysis**

C. Rouzaud (Atomique Energie Commission C.E.A., France)

**080 - Assessment of Material Modelling Strategies for Reinforced Concrete Subjected to Blast Loads**

E. Messio (Ingérop, France)

**092 - Comparison of Methods for Damage Assessment of Concrete Panels Subjected to Contact Detonation**

J. Stewering (Gesellschaft für Anlagen- und Reaktorsicherheit (GRS) gGmbH, Schwertnergasse, Cologne, Germany, Germany)

**170 - Methodologies of modelling explosion phenomena and characterization of their effects onto RC structures**

L. Renoux (Tractebel, France)

**175 - Assessment of pre-damage parameters in reinforced concrete structures under post-seismic explosion**

C. Bougelmouna (CEA, France)

**180 - Comparative Simulation Approaches for Explosion Modelling in Nu-clear Structures Using Ansys LS-DYNA**

N. Van Dorsselaer (DynaS+, France)

12:30

Opening of the Exhibition and Poster Area

12:30 - 14:00

Welcome Reception

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14:00 - 14:45

## Keynote Lecture

M. LINO (Commission Internationale des Grands Projets, France)

14:45 - 16:00

## Poster session and coffee break

List of posters at the end of this daily program

16:00 - 18:00

## Technical Session Topic 1.2 Design rules - Reinforced concrete

014 - Less Reinforcement, More Sense: Optimizing Reinforcement via Load Combination Strategy  
N. Massé (LA GRANDE HALLE, France)

030 - Accounting for Out-of-Plane Shear in the Design of RC Shell Longitudinal Reinforcement  
Y. Shaparevich (Egis, France)

142 - Optimization of concrete reinforcement calculated with the Capra-Maury Method under numerous load combinations  
A. Keo (Ingérop, France)

178 - Linear vs Nonlinear static soil structure interface modelling: a comparative analysis of contact behaviour and reinforcement requirements  
V.P. Tran (EGIS, France)

026 - Nonlinear finite element modeling of low-rise RC walls with lap splices  
M. Kovarbasic (Swiss Federal Nuclear Safety Inspectorate ENSI, Switzerland)

118 - Implementation of GLRC\_HEGIS homogenized global model for RC shells using MFRONT platform  
L. Turgné (Egis, France)

16:00 - 18:00

## Technical Session Topic 3.1 Innovative construction - HPC prefabrication and modularisation

095 - ARMF - Avonmouth Prefabrication  
R. Bastos (EDF Energy Hinkley Point Power Station, United Kingdom)

097 - Pioneering Modular Construction in Nuclear Industry  
R. Bastos (EDF Energy Hinkley Point Power Station, United Kingdom)

099 - Radical design change – loop joints – precast, “non-structural” elements  
R. Bastos (EDF Energy Hinkley Point Power Station, United Kingdom)

100 - Reinforcement Cages Megalift  
R. Bastos (EDF Energy Hinkley Point Power Station, United Kingdom)

198 - Design and Safety Case Implications of Prefabrication and Modularisation of Nuclear Civil Structures  
S. Jones (NNB Genco HPC Ltd, United Kingdom)

200 - Engineering Design Insights from Heavy Precast and Modularised Structures on the Hinkley Point C Project  
V.N. Le (EGIS group, United Kingdom)

16:00 - 18:00

● Technical Session Topic 5.1 Innovative monitoring

072 - Vibration measurement of full-scale structural ground reinforcements for nuclear power plant foundations  
J. Bounissou (Acoustique Vibrations Logiciels Scie, France)

119 - Muon Imaging for Structural Health Monitoring in Nuclear Facilities  
C. Steer (Geoptic Infrastructure Investigations, United Kingdom)

126 - Effective Aging Management for Civil Structures  
U. Wildner (Framatome GmbH, Germany)

186 - Towards safety classified seismic monitoring and triggering system for nuclear installation protection  
J. Perisse (SITES, France)

205 - Inspection of a large concrete chimney stack with a wall-climbing robot equipped with Non Destructive Testing (NDT) devices  
J.M. Henault (EDF R&D, France)

234 - Structural monitoring of a reactor building : Weighing of prestressing cables by lift-off  
S. Lacroix (NUVIA STRUCTURE, France)

16:00 - 18:00

● Special Session 5: Innovative binders and low-carbon concrete solutions

064 - Blended low carbon binders: composition-property correlations for elastic constants and compressive strength  
T. Honorio (Cea Paris-Saclay - Door Nord, France)

146 - Development of a Low-Carbon Concrete for EDF's Nuclear Infrastructure: Characterization, Optimization and Durability  
E. Mahfoud (EDF Lab Renardières, France)

212 - Behaviour of low carbon footprint concretes : advanced mechanical properties and long term deformations  
T. Pernin (CERIB, France)

231 - Optimization of Low-Carbon Supersulfated Cement: Hydration Mechanisms and Préditive Modeling of Mechanical Performance  
K. Ndiaye (CY Cergy Paris University - L2MGC, France)

18:00

End of Day 1

📅 Thursday 21 May

08:40

Convention center opening - Check-in

08:40 - 10:00

● Technical Session Topic 2.2 BIM and digital twins

060 - Combination of Scan-to-BIM and thermography for recording and visualization of the premises and trouble spots of nuclear facilities  
M. Müßle (Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT), Germany)

070 - Towards the adaptation of BIM models for mechanical simulation using the IFC standard  
A. Maillard (Edf Lab Paris-Saclay, France)

**075 - Automated Computational Framework for Design Modification Detection in Finite Element Models**  
A. Gupta (North Carolina State University, United States of America)

**239 - 3D Modelling – Paperless Evolution**  
G. Williams (AtkinsRéalis, United Kingdom)

**08:40 - 10:00**

● **Technical Session Topic 3.2 Innovative construction**

**120 - GIS Tool for improving the Siting methodology prior to SMR development and implementation**  
M. Racape (30, Allée Léopold Sédar Senghor 69007, France)

**137 - Accelerating the Reinforcement–Formwork–Concreting Cycle Using Precast Reinforcement Cages: Method and Lessons Learned**  
P. De Barmon (Tractebel Engineering, France)

**144 - Optimization of Grout Injection Pressure in Prestressing Ducts for EPR and EPR2 Containment Structures**  
F. Barré (Géodynamique et Structure, France)

**147 - Unjacking operation in the construction of the Airplane Crash shell in Hinkley Point C**  
Y. Boshnakov (EGIS group, United Kingdom)

**08:40 - 10:00**

● **Special Session 2: Building the next generation of heat sink structures (1/2)**

**104 - Design of the HPC offshore tunnel shaft connections**  
D. Maddison (Jacobs, United Kingdom)

**124 - HPC Offshore Tunnel to Shaft Connections – Construction**  
J. Hardwick (Balfour Beatty, United Kingdom)

**098 - Application of Suspended Falsework for Complex Slab Construction in the Hinkley Point C Pumping Station**  
R. Bastos (EDF Energy Hinkley Point Power Station, United Kingdom)

**154 - Gravelines EPR2 Intake channel design**  
L. Pavel (setec terrasol, France)

**08:40 - 10:00**

● **Special Session 4: Impact analysis on nuclear structures (1/2)**

**055 - Turbine disintegration hazard: implementation of a barrier wall on HM building**  
E. Messio (Ingérop, France)

**077 - Numerical modelling of Steel-Concrete panels under impact loads**  
E. Messio (Ingérop, France)

**112 - Scaled Missile Impact Tests on Reinforced Concrete Slabs: Numerical Simulation Perspective**  
C. Heckötter (Gesellschaft für Anlagen- und Reaktorsicherheit (GRS) gGmbH, Germany)

**128 - Optimization of aircraft hard impact simulation results : a focus on model detail**  
M. Edouard (Géodynamique et Structure, France)

**10:00 - 10:30**

**Coffee Break**

10:30 - 12:30

● Technical Session Topic 1.3 Design rules

051 - Beyond design base justification for global and local failure modes  
S. Meijers (Haskoning Delft, Netherlands)

052 - Design aspects of aircraft impact on a nuclear facility with rectangular protection shell  
S. Meijers (Haskoning Delft, Netherlands)

209 - Circular reinforced concrete plate subjected to a pressure wave in an impact tube  
E. Togni (EDF, France)

068 - Waterproofing Systems for NPP on the Danube riverbank under challenging geotechnical conditions  
A. Jambor (Paks II. Atomerőmű Zrt., Hungary)

078 - Structural Design Challenges with Advanced Reactor Technologies  
A. Bassam (Sargent & Lundy, United States of America)

017 - On the use of advanced modal analysis techniques for the dynamical characterization of steel-concrete structures - Application to the SCHEDULE building  
M. Diaz (EDF R&D, France)

10:30 - 12:30

● Technical Session Topic 3.3 Innovative construction

150 - PE-Sheathed Unbonded Tendon Systems for Nuclear Containment Structures: Practical Experience, Technical Challenges, and Operational Benefits  
J.B. Domage (VSL (Schweiz) AG - Construction company, Switzerland)

152 - Assessment of Soil Profile Influence on Small Modular Reactors' Seismic Responses  
T.N. Nguyen (Ingérop, France)

157 - Comparative study of simplified modelling for EPR civil design  
N. Bennani (SETEC, France)

187 - Early-Age Concrete Hydration through Temperature Treatment and Monitoring on the Critical Path of a Plant's Outage  
V. Deffrennes (Tractebel, Belgium)

201 - High-Temperature Performance of Nuclear-Grade Ultra-High-Performance Concrete  
O.A. Hisseine (McMaster University, Canada)

053 - Foundation design and construction of a nuclear facility in sand and clay layers  
S. Meijers (Haskoning Delft, Netherlands)

10:30 - 12:30

● Special Session 2: Building the next generation of heat sink structures (2/2)

206 - The tunnels design for the cooling circuit of the Sizewell C EPR nuclear power plant  
V. Houard (CNEPE, France)

141 - S2C submerged head structures design: From the offshore buoy measurements to the reinforcement  
C. Purushothama (Electricité de France, France)

058 - Reference Design of the Deep Tunnel Option for the Sizewell C Tunnel-to-Shaft Permanent Connection Structures  
J. Su (AtkinsRéalis, United Kingdom)

132 - Preliminary design of the EPR2 Bugey cooling towers  
A. Salomon (CNEPE, France)

255 - Road to an AI-based tool for Automatic Defects Detection on Cooling Towers  
P. Stephan (EDF Lab Chatou, France)

184 - Numerical evaluation of damage and repair method for large cooling tower shell support pedestals  
B. Ruffat (Tractebel, Belgium)

## Special Session 8: CIGEO technical challenges for waste disposal

061 - Compressible lining solutions for deep underground tunnels: a case study including large-scale testing  
L. Kerner (Gustave Eiffel University, France)

242 - Cigéo: French Industrial Centre for Geological Disposal - Generic Description and Civil Specificities  
D. Cremieux (EDF Cap Ampère, France)

247 - Technical Underground Reference Framework - Focus on Design Criteria: Context and Approach Adopted for the Cigéo Project  
R. Taherzadeh (ANDRA, France)

248 - Contribution of the Andra Meuse/Haute-Marne Underground Research Laboratory to the design and operation of Cigéo  
E. Huret (ANDRA, France)

249 - Design and Development Perspectives of the Equipped ILW-LL disposal Cells in the Cigéo Deep Geological Repository  
L.Q. Dao (ANDRA, France)

250 - Key issues to demonstrate durability of the materials for radioactive waste disposals  
X. Bourbon (ANDRA, France)

12:30 - 13:30

Buffet Lunch

13:30 - 15:30

### Technical Session Topic 1.4 Design rules - Seismic design

012 - Evaluation of the seismic response of structures reinforced with rigid inclusions: lessons learned from the numerical benchmark of the ANR ASIRplus\_SDS project  
Y. Shen (Terrasol, France)

038 - Sliding and Rocking Behavior of Cylindrical Containers under Seismic Loading  
M. Wild (Basler & Hofmann AG, Switzerland)

111 - Seismic response of sliding blocks in the Eurocode 8 of next generation  
P. Labb   (Estp, France)

240 - Quantifying burial depth effects for seismic design of embedded nuclear structures  
E. Oral (Egis Group, France)

117 - Seismic Stability of Shallow Foundations: Coupled Uplift-Sliding in an energy-based approach  
F. Hillewaere (EDF DT, France)

129 - Seismic assessment of a base-isolated nuclear power plant using Code\_Aster, within the SMATCH Benchmark framework  
H. Tabache (Ing  rop, France)

13:30 - 15:30

### Technical Session Topic 1.5 Design rules - Ageing and mass transfer

086 - Development of a thermo-hydro-mechanical model of an un-prestressed containment vessel design for its leak-tightness assessment  
A. Keo (Ing  rop, France)

115 - Aging Management of Concrete Containment Structures – Standards Update  
J. Tcherner (AtkinsR  alis, Canada)

122 - Shrinkage and Crack width calculation: a comprehensive and uni-fied approach  
J. Poulain (SETEC, France)

133 - Study and evaluation of the containment structure under partial tendon failure conditions  
T. Lan (China General Nuclear Power Design Co.ltd, ShenZhen, China)

135 - Effects of Vapor Permeability and Phase Change on Mass and Heat Transfer in Concrete  
Q. Xu (Harbin Engineer University, China)

193 - Thermo-Pressure Coupling Analysis of the 1:4 Scale Prestressed Concrete Containment Vessel  
J. Mao (Harbin Engineering University, China)

13:30 - 15:30

● Technical Session Topic 2.3 BIM and digital twins

096 - DfMA Conversion of Reinforcement Design Delivering Productivity and Certainty at HPC  
R. Bastos (EDF Energy Hinkley Point Power Station, United Kingdom)

105 - Studies on Scale Effects in Impact Scenarios on Reinforced Concrete Structures  
L. Heibges (University of Kaiserslautern-Landau, Germany)

123 - Accelerating Civil Engineering for EPR Nuclear Reactors: Balancing Safety and Series Effect  
J. Prevost (SETEC NUCLEAIRE, France)

138 - BIM for Civil Engineering in EPR2 Projects: A Structured and Collaborative Approach  
F.A. Lauken (EDVANCE (Le Flow), France)

163 - 3D Visualisation of Design Data for New Build Nuclear Facilities  
W. Jarvis (AtkinsRéalis, United Kingdom)

222 - Airplane Impact Analysis: Provisions of International Standards and Guidelines  
S. Ghadimi (Swiss Federal Nuclear Safety Inspectorate ENSI, Switzerland)

13:30 - 15:30

● Technical Session Topics 4.2 & 5.2 New materials & innovative monitoring

089 - Optimizing Lightweight Protective Systems for Tornado-Driven Impacts on Steel Structures Using Aluminum Foam Technology  
D. Laporte (Nuvia Structure, France)

139 - Retrofitting Shear-Deficient Concrete Members in Nuclear Civil Works: A Post-Installed Threaded-Rod Solution  
O. Al-Mansouri (Hilti France, France)

140 - Extended Service Life Assessment of Post-Installed Anchoring Systems for Nuclear Civil Works  
O. Al-Mansouri (Hilti France, France)

036 - Koeberg containment Integrated Leakage Rate Test and Structural Integrity Test with Optical Fibre distributed strain monitoring technology  
M. Galan (EDF DTG, France)

091 - Monitoring of concrete strains in prestressed containments. Evaluation of the VWSG uncertainty measurement based on a 10-years testing program on Vercors containment mockup  
A. Courtois (EDF, France)

199 - Deterioration and Testing of Liners Embedded in Concrete  
S. Villalobos (EPRI Building 3, United States of America)

15:30 - 16:00

Coffee Break

16:00 - 18:00

● Technical Session Topic 1.6 Design rules - Soil structure interaction

059 - Seismic soil-structure interaction influenced by spatial configurations of water tanks  
H. Li (AtkinsRéalis, United Kingdom)

067 - Dynamic Soil-Structure Interaction of Small Modular Reactors  
Y.R. Feutseu Takam (Polytechnique Montréal, Canada)

109 - Direct modelling of soil-structure interaction in nonlinear media by leveraging neural operators  
E. Oral (Egis Group, France)

151 - Earthquake-Tsunami Vulnerability Analysis of Nuclear Power Plants Considering Soil-Structure Interactions  
P.B. Malla (Kathmandu, Nepal)

159 - Seismic response of deeply embedded SMRs with soil-structure separation and sliding effects  
T. Richir (Tractebel, Belgium)

188 - Modeling Seismic SSI of an Embedded and Isolated SMR-Type Structure in Variable Soil Conditions  
P. Rangelow (Basler & Hofmann AG, Switzerland)

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● Technical Session Topic 1.7 Design rules

149 - Recent research progress on reinforced concrete nuclear containment structures in earthquake-prone areas  
Y. He (Harbin Engineering University, China)

165 - Use of the Convex Hull Algorithm to Rationalize Time-History Analysis Results from Shell Models  
J. Douglas (AtkinsRéalis, United Kingdom)

190 - Pushover analyses : comparisons between multi-modal generalized E-DVA method, the new EC8 method and time-history analysis  
O. Lherminier (Egis, France)

203 - Design Provision for Corner-Bolted Steel-to-Concrete End-Plate Connections with H, SHS, and cruciform profiles  
M. Sonna Donko (Framatome, France)

032 - The use of Fibre reinforced Concrete in Nuclear environment cracking control, durability and sustainability  
D.R. Benoit (BEKAERT, France)

034 - Automatic Construction Joint Assessment : a key tool for better efficiency  
M. Mouadden (Setec nucléaire, France)

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● Special Session 1: Advancements in civil engineering codes and standards for nuclear facilities

039 - What are the important changes in the new Eurocode 8?  
P. Bisch (Egis Industries, France)

079 - Validation of linear models for seismic design of NPP regarding possible effects of raft uplift. Overview of the recommendations provided by the AFCEN RCC-CW code  
A. Courtois (EDF, France)

094 - The development of the second generation of Eurocodes and the consequence on the development of the AFCEN RCC-CW code  
P. Bisch (Egis Industries, France)

108 - A New AFCEN Guide To Manage Actions And Actions Combinations In The Code RCC-CW  
P.A. Nazé (Géodynamique et Structure, France)

162 - Extending yield line theory to dynamic impact: A simplified method for concrete reinforcement slab verification  
E. Messio (Ingérop, France)

208 - RCC-CW 2025 release - New appendix for impact loadings  
A. Darraba (EDF, France)

16:00 - 18:00

● Special Session 7: SMRs, overcoming industrialization and modularity barriers

042 - Motivation for 3D Modular Seismic Control Systems  
D. Siepe (GERB Schwingungisolierungen GmbH & Co. KG, Germany)

043 - Techno-economic, Logistics, and Strategic Framework for SMR Site Selection in Northern Canada  
M. Naderi (Polytechnique Montréal, Canada)

228 - Overcoming Industrialization and Modularity Barriers in Small Modular Reactor Deployment  
H. Labourdette (HLE Advisor, France)

230 - From DUS Buildings to SMR Industrialization: Lessons from a Successful Construction Standardization Program  
A. Reversat (Campenon Bernard nucléaire, France)

232 - Making sense of Modularity in sodium-cooled fast reactors  
P. Lecacheux (HEXANA, France)

241 - Standardizing SMR design: accounting for ground and site seismicity variability by ground modification and seismic isolation  
E. Silvano (EGIS, France)

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**Technical Session Topic 1.8 Design rules - Optimising and simplifying design**

**196 - The Benefits of Experienced Engineering Judgement in the Substantiation of Nuclear Civil Structures**  
S. Jones (NNB Genco HPC Ltd, United Kingdom)

**168 - Design optimizations of galleries under an earthquake load case**  
M. Varnier (Tractebel, France)

**202 - Potential conservatisms in engineering practices on substantiation and design of Civil Structures considering the High Energy Line Break load**  
T.A. Nguyen (Edf Lab Paris-Saclay, France)

**211 - Influence of Connection Normalization on the Flexural Behavior of Reinforced Concrete Beams with Mechanical Rebar Couplers: An Experimental Investigation Using Advanced Monitoring Techniques**  
J.M. Dolo (Eiffage Infrastructures, 3-7 place de l'Europe, Vélizy-Villacoublay, France, France)

**213 - Performance Evaluation of RC Shear Walls and columns with Mechanical Couplers: Insights from Tensile and Quasi-Static Cyclic Lateral Loading Tests**  
E. Ferrier (Laboratoire LMC2, University Claude Bernard Lyon 1, 82 bd Niels Bohr, 69100 Villeurbanne, France, France)

**214 - Experimental and Numerical Investigation of Reinforced Concrete Connections with Sigma 8 Couplers and Post-Threading Normalization**  
E. Ferrier (Laboratoire LMC2, University Claude Bernard Lyon 1, 82 bd Niels Bohr, 69100 Villeurbanne, France, France)

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**Technical Session Topic 1.9 Design rules - Seismic design**

**148 - Seismic fragility analysis of nuclear containment structures considering other actions: a brief review**  
G.C. Cai (Harbin Engineering University, China)

**158 - Transient calculations for the seismic reassessment of a NPP supported by nonlinear aseismic bearings**  
R. Chevalier (Tractebel, France)

**179 - Seismic Reinforcement of the large Polar Crane of ILL-RHF by damping suspension system**  
N. Baghdadi (SIXENSE NECS, France)

**181 - Evaluating Seismic-Induced Sliding Displacements through Analytical Methods: Case Study of HPB Pumping Station**  
N. Kalaba (SIXENSE NECS, France)

**183 - Optimization of seismic-induced displacements – Constitutive law of pre-stressed springs in the modeling of soil-structure interaction**  
J.P. Rojas Manrique (SIXENSE NECS, France)

**192 - Comparative Assessment of Seismic Floor Response Spectrum Generation Methods for Nuclear Facilities**  
B. Wilding (Robert Bird Group, United Kingdom)

**08:00 - 10:00**

**● Technical Session Topic 3.4 Innovative construction**

**215 - Rebar Sequencing Software**  
P. Merigeau (SENDIN - 9 rue des Maraîchers CS 10015, 91165 Longjumeau Cedex, France)

**216 - Rules and Best Practices for Creating a Rebar Plan**  
P. Merigeau (SENDIN - 9 rue des Maraîchers CS 10015, 91165 Longjumeau Cedex, France)

**218 - Rebar Twin Project**  
J.M. Dolo (Eiffage Infrastructures, 3-7 place de l'Europe, Vélizy-Villacoublay, France, France)

**219 - Development of a Gelling Grout for the Pre-stressing of Nuclear Containments**  
M. Freynet (Eiffage Infrastructures, 3-7 place de l'Europe, Vélizy-Villacoublay, France, France)

**221 - Design of Equitension Jacks**  
J.M. Dolo (Eiffage Infrastructures, 3-7 place de l'Europe, Vélizy-Villacoublay, France, France)

**233 - Design and Validation of Innovative Seismic Support Systems for ITER MTCB (Magnetic Cryostat Test Benches): Combined Pendu-lum/Spherical Approach and Field Feedback**  
R. Jouffroy (NUVIA STRUCTURE, France)

**08:00 - 10:00**

**● Special Session 6: Innovative approach to the construction of steel-concrete structures (1/2)**

**018 - Steel concrete and industrial application in civil engineering**  
S. Dehais (SETEC NUCLEAIRE, France)

**020 - Steel Concrete structure shells with integrated liners : a novel approach**  
E. Gosselin (SETEC NUCLEAIRE, France)

**023 - Fully or partially composite approach for Steel-Concrete nuclear structures ? Make your choice**  
P.M. Alliard (Edf Nuward, France)

**041 - The Justification of resistance of Steel-Concrete Panels based on Equilibrium Equations**  
P. Bisch (Egis Industries, France)

**082 - Steel Concrete Structures – Large scale anchorage testing program on SCHEDULE Mock-up**  
G. Verdun (LA GRANDE HALLE, France)

**083 - RCC-CW 2025 Towards Steel Concrete Structures (SCS) Structures Mixtes Modulaires (SMM)**  
J. Niepceron (EDF DISC DT, France)

**10:00 - 10:30**

**Coffee Break**

10:30

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#### ● Technical Session Topic 1.10 Design rules

**223 - Reasonable Failure Criteria and Failure Modes for Internal Pressure Fragility Assessment of Steel Containment Vessel**  
J. Choi (Korea Atomic Energy Research Institute, Republic of Korea)

**229 - On the design and constructability of diaphragm plate steel compo-site structures**  
G. Stoyanov (structural engineer, Canada)

**145 - Overpressure propagation inside nuclear buildings via fast transient dynamics simulations**  
M. Barakat (SIXENSE NECS, France)

**063 - Numerical Assessment of Explosion Protections for Nuclear Facilities**  
P. Wörndle (HOCHTIEF Engineering GmbH, Germany)

**040 - Nonlinear dynamic effects of uplift in a Pasternak modelling**  
P. Bisch (Egis Industries, France)

**136 - Identification of Nonlinear Parameters in Reinforced Masonry Panels under Diagonal Compression using DIC**  
L. Collin (LMPS - ENS Paris Saclay, EDF R&D ERMES, France)

**194 - Thermal load analysis for a nuclear building: linear vs. non-linear analyses**  
W.B. Casas Figueroa (Egis, France)

10:30 - 12:30

#### ● Technical Session Topic 2.4 BIM and digital twins

**087 - Seismic Ground Motion Prediction for Nuclear Facilities using Fourier Neural Operators: A Case Study of Kashiwazaki-Kariwa**  
M. Bakhkakh (Electricité de France (EDF), R&D Department, France)

**131 - Augmenting 3D Neural Operators with Diffusion Models for Broadband Earthquake Responses**  
N. Perrone (Université Paris-Saclay, Laboratoire de Mécanique Paris-Saclay - Politecnico di Milano, Italy)

**171 - Advances in the calculation and presentation of Floor Response Spectra in complex structures**  
C. Pearce (AtkinsRéalis, United Kingdom)

**172 - Design, Construction, and Validation of an Intelligent Digital Twin for Predictive Maintenance in Nuclear Piping Systems**  
H.K. Sandhu (Idaho National Laboratory, United States of America)

**173 - Three-dimensional (3D) reconstruction technique for reinforced concrete structures: a brief review**  
B.H. Sun (Harbin Engineering University, China)

**227 - BIM - Interaction between Master CW and Master GL**  
M. Haye (EDF, France)

**246 - Learning-by-doing: The replication of execution reinforcement design models and construction phase innovations on a large-scale Nuclear Power project**  
S. Jamaa (Nova North, United Kingdom)

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● **Special Session 4: Impact analysis on nuclear structures (2/2)**

**130 - Evaluation of Floor Response Spectra due to Airplane Crash on Nuclear Containment Building**

A. Gupta (North Carolina State University, United States of America)

**161 - SPH Aircraft modelling for Aircraft Impact analysis**

J.F. Cornejo-Maceda (Tractebel, France)

**191 - Comparing Finite Element Approaches for Steel Framework Resistance under Tornado Impact**

D. Toukam (Ingérop, France)

**243 - Non-Harmfulness Criterion Based on Pseudo-Velocity for the Mechanical Justification of Equipment Subjected to Vibrations Induced by Aircraft Impact**

A. Darraba (EDF, France)

10:30 - 12:30

● **Special Session 6: Innovative approach to the construction of steel-concrete structures (2/2)**

**088 - Implementation and validation of a compatible steel concrete element**

A. Perret du Cray (Setec Travaux Publics et Industriels, France)

**116 - Numerical characterization of the mechanical behavior of SC attachments on SC structures**

M. Huguet (Egis, France)

**226 - Seismic Analysis of a Steel-Plate Composite Structure Using Time History Analysis; Comparison of Different Structure Modelling and Soil-Structure Interaction Methodologies**

S. Nanakasse (Nuvia Structure, France)

● **Technical Session Topic 1.11 Design rules - Geotechnics**

**069 - A comparative study of ground improvement techniques for the EPR2 Gravelines project**

V.S. Vo (EDVANCE (Le Flow), France)

**084 - A multi-level approach for the geotechnical design of soilreinforcement for two EPR2 units**

M. Cahn (Terrasol Setec, France)

**085 - Accounting for ground reinforcements in dynamic soil-structure interaction analyses: from wave propagation to the design of reinforcing elements**

J. Pérez (Terrasol, France)

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**Closing Session**

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# Posters

## Topic 1 Design rules

**019 - Steel concrete : Promising perspectives for APC shell - Application to the CALOGENA SMR project**  
M. Gosselin (SETEC NUCLEAIRE, France)

**074 - Development of semi-analytical methods for calculating the impact of projectiles on structural steel elements**  
C. Paternoga (Ecole Centrale Nantes, France)

**090 - Stainless Steel Tower**

L. Fajolles (Baudin Chateauneuf, France)

**114 - Modeling and Analysis Technology for Seismic Analysis of Nuclear Power Plants Under Complex Soil Foundation Conditions**  
T. Zhang (China Nuclear Power Engineering Company Ltd, China)

**127 - Thermo-Mechanical Modelling of the Small Modular Reactor Reactor Pit under Cyclic High-Temperature Exposure**  
P. Lester (Ingérop, France)

**153 - A biaxial energy-equivalence method for seismic uplift of raft foundations: Python implementation, NL transient validation on a simplified lumped-mass stick model, and solver-robustness study**  
G. Remesha (Orano Projets, France)

**169 - Assessment of the Impact of an Ejected Tank Endcap on a Reinforced Concrete Slab and Characterization of Resulting Secondary Missiles**  
Y. El-Rabih (Tractebel, France)

**197 - Comparative Study of Reinforced Concrete Design for Nuclear Structures Using ETC-C & ACI 349: Case Study for HPC EPR Nuclear Island Building**  
H. Phan (EGIS, United Kingdom)

**217 - Reinforced Concrete Rebar Fitter Diploma**

P. Merigeau (SENDIN - 9 rue des Maraîchers CS 10015, 91165 Longjumeau Cedex, Czech Republic)

## Topic 2 BIM and digital twins for new and existing nuclear civil structures

**028 - Effective exchange of digital twin and BIM-related data between diverse technologies and software tools using ontology-based protocol**  
D. Daniska (Wai.blue, Slovakia)

**045 - Sub-structuring in Finite Element Calculations**

T. Marmeth (Areva TA, France)

**049 - MySurvey DAC: Civil Structure Compliance Analysis with 3D Scanning for New Nuclear Projects**  
M. Noé (Cyclife Digital Solutions, France)

**065 - Optimizing Nuclear Construction through Advanced Work Packaging and AI-driven digital tools**  
S. Le Baut (Assystem, France)

**066 - Enhancing Interoperability and Data Continuity in Nuclear Civil Engineering through PLM-BIM Integration**  
A. Dellagi (Assystem, France)

**174 - Influence of Boundary Conditions of the Rotationally Symmetric Structure Model**  
J. Stepan (ÚJV Řež, a. s., divize ENERGOPROJEKT PRAHA, Czech Republic)

**182 - Creating a digital twin for the only large-scale nuclear facility in Denmark**  
L. Marchese (ARTELIA, France)

**220 - Requirements Management and Applicable Reference Framework for the EPR2**  
B. Nouvelot (Eiffage Infrastructures, 3-7 place de l'Europe, Vélizy-Villacoublay, France, France)

**224 - Scan to BIM: Capture real-world data and integrate it into the models**  
P. Fernandes (Assystem EOS - Etablissement de Lyon, France)

### Topic 3 Innovative construction methods and lessons learned on construction sites

155 - Bridging the gap between theory and reality – a case study on extending 5,900 shear reinforcements with post-installed bars  
A. Heirbault (Tractebel, Belgium)

### Topic 4 New materials for future nuclear projects

125 - Buried High-Density PolyEthylene pipes for nuclear safety classi-fied cooling system  
M. Laug (CNEPE, France)

166 - Buried GRP pipelines for the cooling water system  
F.X. Portais (CNEPE, France)

235 - Modular wall systems  
R. Jouffroy (NUVIA STRUCTURE, France)

### Topic 5 Innovative monitoring techniques and long-term operation

126 - Effective Aging Management for Civil Structures  
U. Wildner (Framatome GmbH, Germany)

156 - Graded-approach in assessment of irradiation effects on Concrete Biological Shielding wall  
L. Phocco Laguna (Tractebel, France)

164 - Viscoelastic behaviour of reinforced concrete structures: a study of the effects on the reinforcement design of nuclear power plants  
G. Ruocci (EGIS, France)

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