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## Education

- Ph.D. (Mechanical Engineering) University of Nevada, Las Vegas, NV, USA, Fall 2007 GPA: 3.63
- M.S. (Mechanical Engineering) McNeese State University, Lake Charles, LA, USA, Summer 2004 GPA: 3.75
- B.E. (Mechanical Engineering), Nagarjuna University, Vijayawada, AP, India
- Diploma in Automobile Engineering, State Board of Technical Education and Training, AP, India

## Professional and Research Experience

David N French Metallurgists (DNFM) Brooks, KY, USA  
**Technical Director** Oct 2009 – Present  
Engage in metallurgical projects, condition assessment of components and conducting seminars of metallurgical failures in boilers.

David N French Metallurgists (DNFM) Brooks, KY, USA  
**Metallurgical Engineer** Jan 2008 – Sep 2009  
Metallurgical investigations of failures in fossil boiler tubes and wide variety of industrial components like shafts, springs, valves etc. Life assessment of superheater and reheater tubes for sub-critical and super critical boilers. Condition assessments for the water wall tubes. Evaluation of non-destructive and chemical test results.

University of Nevada, Las Vegas, (UNLV) Las Vegas, NV, USA  
**Research Assistant** summer 2005- fall 2007  
Assists in research, developing techniques for specialized mechanical and corrosion testing for various materials, supervise the materials performance laboratory (MPL).

University of Nevada, Las Vegas, (UNLV) Las Vegas, NV, USA  
**Teaching Assistant**, fall 2004-spring 2005  
Preparing lab manuals and teaching MEG 330L and MEG 337L.

McNeese State University Lake Charles, LA, USA  
**Graduate Assistant** fall 2001 - summer 2004  
Preparing lab experiments and assisting in research work.

Vijayawada Thermal Power Station (VTPS) Vijayawada, AP, India  
**Internship** summer 1997

Cooling load calculations, efficiency analysis and general maintenance of steam condensers

### **Dissertation**

***“Tensile Deformation, Corrosion and Crack Growth Characterization of Nickel-base Alloys”*** This investigation is aimed at characterizing the deformation at elevated temperatures under tensile loading, corrosion characterization in the presence of H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and evaluation of crack propagation of candidate structural materials (Alloy-22) to be used in heat exchangers for nuclear hydrogen generation. Defects, microstructure, and failure analysis was analyzed using TEM, OM, and SEM.

### **Selected Publications**

Ajit K Roy, Rama S Koripelli and Joydeep Pal ***“Tensile Deformation of a Nickel-Base Superalloy for Application in Hydrogen Generation”*** International Journal of Hydrogen Energy, Volume 33 Issue 3, February 2008, Pages 945-952.

Rama S. Koripelli, David N. French and Jonathan Brand ***“Stress-Corrosion-Cracking in Carbon, Low-Alloy and Stainless Steels”*** Power Gen 2010, December 14-16, 2010, Orange County Convention Center, Orlando.

Rama S Koripelli, David C Crowe, David N French and Jonathan Brand ***“Role of Fireside Corrosion on Boiler Tube Failures”*** Electric Power 2009, EP09 Session 12C, May 2009, Rosemont, IL.

Rama S Koripelli, Joydeep Pal, Ajit K Roy ***“The Corrosion Behavior of Nickel-base Austenitic Alloys for Nuclear Hydrogen Generation”*** MRS 2006 Spring Proceedings, SFO, CA, USA Paper # 0929-II05-06.  
[http://www.mrs.org/s\\_mrs/sec.asp?CID=6474&DID=173966](http://www.mrs.org/s_mrs/sec.asp?CID=6474&DID=173966)

Rama S Koripelli, Ajit K Roy ***“Tensile Deformation of Alloy-22 at Ambient and Elevated Temperatures”*** ASME PVP-2007 Conference, July 22- July 26, 2007, San Antonio, TX, USA

Rama S Koripelli ***“Use of Alloy-22 for Nuclear Hydrogen Generation”*** ANS Student Conference, March 29-March 31, 2007, Corvallis, OR, USA

Rama S Koripelli, Joydeep Pal, Ajit K Roy ***“Tensile Properties and Fracture Toughness of Super Alloys for Hydrogen Generation”*** MS&T 06 October 15-October 17, 2006, Cincinnati, OH, USA

## **Certification**

- Engineer Intern (FE) 0T5144 (Nevada), June 2006
- Boiler Inspection Techniques (UDC), June 2008
- Joint Approach to Boiler Tube Failure Prevention, (UDC and DNFM), June 2008
- Fundamentals of Technical Writing (Terra Community College), August 2008

## **Professional Affiliations**

- Student Chapter President, UNLV ANS Student Chapter President 2005-2006
- Student Member, Material Advantage UNLV Student Chapter
- Student Member, UNLV SAMPE Student Chapter
- Student Member, American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME)
- Student Member, The American Society of Materials (ASM)

## **Litigation Experience:**

2009-2011, AES Warrior Run versus National Boiler Service Inc.

2011-2012, Astoria Queens versus Plymouth Tube Co.

## **Professional Affiliations**

ASM International

ASME

## **Software Skills**

AutoCAD, Pro/Engineer, SolidWorks, HyperMesh, HyperView, LS DYNA, MathCAD, Matlab, LabVIEW, Data Acquisition (DAQ), and Microsoft Office

## **Standards and Operational Skills**

ASME, AWS, ASTM, NACE, Instron, MTS, Transmission Electron Microscopy (TEM), Scanning Electron Microscopy (SEM), and Optical Microscopy