FMC User Group

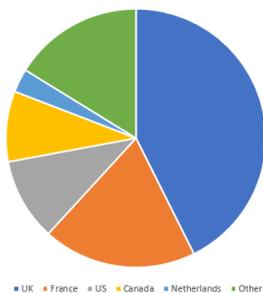## Online meeting (MS Teams)

25 February 2026, 4.00-5.00PM

Present

Online: Stavros Avramadis, Tom Bertenshaw, Shiva Bhat, Jean-Philippe Carmona (JPC), Aled Davies, Baptiste Gauthier, Katherine Kirk, Dave Lines, Nicolas Marquet, Terrill Massey (TM), Renato Nogueira (RN), Ray Ten Grotenhuis, Paul Wilcox (PW, chair)

Chair's update

Current membership

PW reported the group's current membership as below:

Country	Members
UK	29
France	13
US	7
Canada	6
Netherlands	2
Other	11
TOTAL	**68**

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PW explained that the membership numbers were based on number of active email addresses when meeting invitations were sent out. PW maintains the list and handles requests for additions, removals, or modifications. Bounced emails resulted in members being automatically considered inactive.

Common file format

PW reported that the *UT Data Common File Format* group led by TM at EPRI had selected the ONDE format developed by COFREND (France) as the basis for subsequent development. ONDE is part-based on MFMC but is ultimately intended to cover all NDE modalities. Some concepts on naming semantics are being developed with advice from Steve Holland (Iowa State University, ISU) based on his experience with the ISU ANDE format. PW summarised the main differences between ONDE and MFMC and outlined what the final output of the initiative would look like. TM noted that potential users could view the current documents on the Github repository:

https://github.com/COFREND/ONDE-format

which contains a copy of the human-readable specification document (in markdown format):

https://github.com/COFREND/ONDE-format/blob/main/UT_specification/UT_file_format.md

and as a specification table (in CSV format):

https://github.com/COFREND/ONDE-format/blob/main/ONDE_fields/ONDE_fields.csv

RN asked what the procedure was for making changes to the format going forward. TM explained the governance procedure and that issues/suggestions should be raised through the Github issue tracker for consideration by the Technical Committee:

https://github.com/COFREND/ONDE-format/issues.

JPC asked how stable the current ONDE format was. TM explained the format was still being refined and that the target was for a release 1.0 at around the end of Q1 2026.

Date of next meeting

To encourage regular meetings, it was agreed to plan a date for the next one now. The date of **Wednesday 16 December 4-5PM** (UK time) was decided.

Presentation "Laser-Induced Phased Arrays: the ultimate FMC tool?"

Paul Wilcox gave the above-titled presentation to the group.