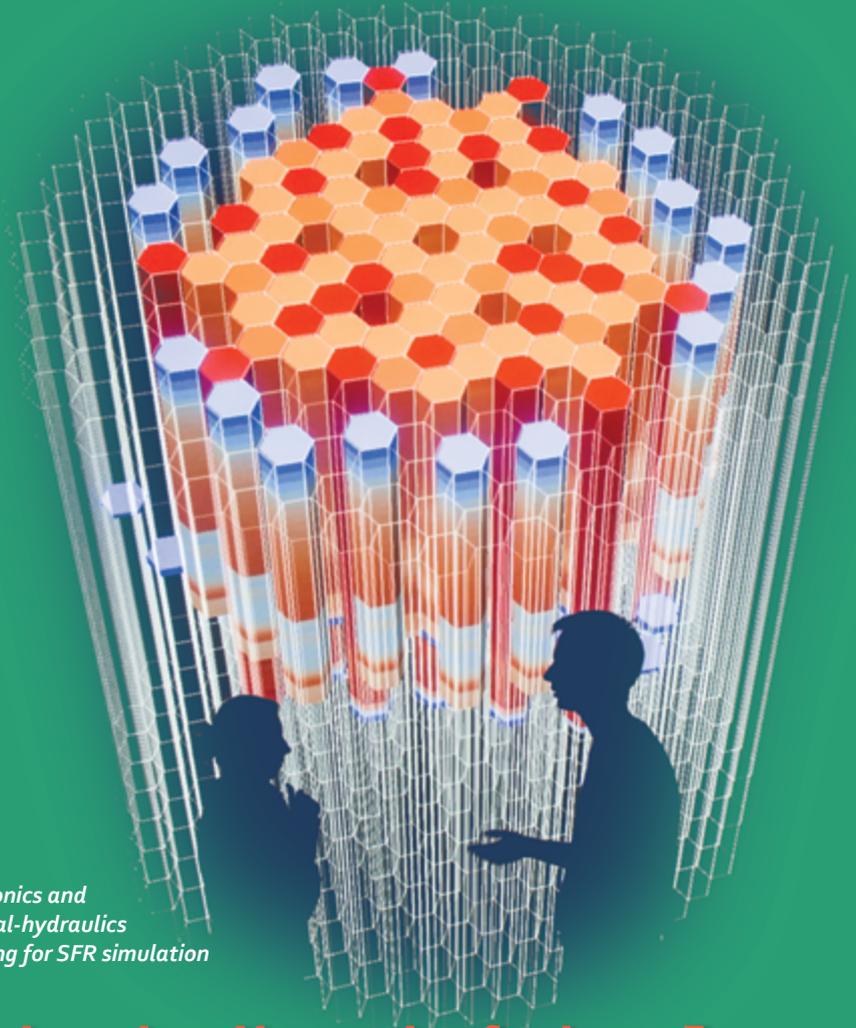


2020

INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL IN NUCLEAR ENGINEERING



*Neutronics and
thermal-hydraulics
coupling for SFR simulation*

Cadarache, Marcoule, Saclay - France

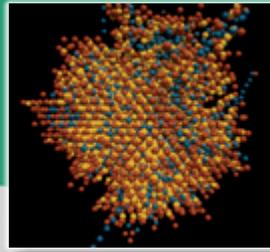
6 Doctoral-level Courses in Nuclear Engineering

From January 13 to February 7, 2020

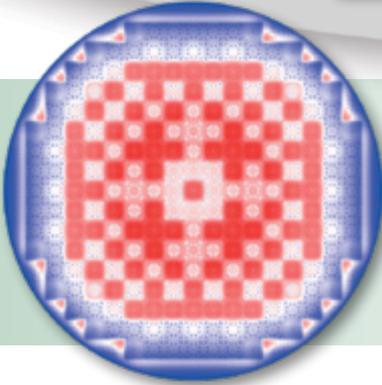


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Computer simulation of displacement cascade

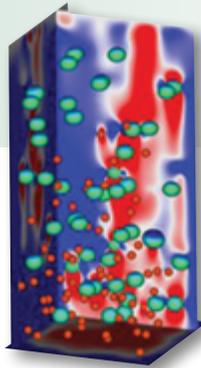


Pin-type fuel element of Gas Fast-cooled Reactor (GFR)



Neutronics calculation of EPR core with APOLLO³

Large scale bubble simulation



Actinide complex solvated by extraction molecule

ABOUT THE SCHOOL

- The National Institute for Nuclear Science and Technology (INSTN) is organizing the International School in Nuclear Engineering, promoting knowledge in the field of nuclear sciences at a high education level.
- The 2020 edition will offer 6 one-week advanced courses in nuclear engineering to be held in France (Cadarache, Marcoule, or Saclay), in January and February 2020.
- The courses are designed for young researchers, PhD students, post-doctorates and engineers, already having a Master of Science in nuclear engineering as a background. They present the international state-of-the-art in the main topics of nuclear engineering: reactor core physics, thermal hydraulics, materials, fuels, fuel cycle, nuclear waste.
3 ECTS will be awarded for each successfully completed course (one week).
- Lecturers are internationally known experts mostly from CEA, the leading research organisation in France for nuclear energy.

OUTLINE PROGRAMME OF COURSES

For each course, technical visits of CEA facilities are planned.

■ Reactor Core Physics: Deterministic and Monte Carlo Methods

(C. Diop, J. Tommasi, J-F. Vidal)

- Chain reaction and neutron balance
- Neutron slowing-down and resonance absorption, self-shielding modelling
- The neutron transport equation and calculation schemes: the steady-state integro-differential transport equation. The neutron diffusion equation... Verification and validation of neutronics code package: process, sensitivity and uncertainty studies
- The Monte Carlo method for solving the transport equation
- Monte Carlo techniques: fixed source, variance reduction, criticality, perturbation calculations, adjoint calculation, applications to shielding

■ Thermal Hydraulics and Safety

(D. Bestion, J-M. Bonnet, E. Studer)

- Main two-phase flow phenomena in LWRs
- Multi-scale modelling of LWR thermal hydraulics
- System code modelling of reactor thermal hydraulics, including advanced modelling
- LWR transient analysis methodology with PIRT, Scaling, Code Development, Verification and Validation plus Uncertainty Quantification
- Application of the methodology to LOCA analysis
- Application of one-phase and two-phase CFD to reactor thermal hydraulic issues
- Multiphase phenomena and modelling of severe accidents in LWRs
- Hydrogen risk (production, dispersion, combustion, mitigation)

■ Materials for Nuclear Reactors, Fuels and Structures

(J-C. Brachet, E. Clouet, J. Garnier, F. Garrido, E. Meslin)

- Mechanisms of irradiation damage: neutrons, photons, electrons
- Behaviour of materials under irradiation: ferritic steels for reactor pressure vessel, austenitic stainless steels for internals or fuel cladding (FBR), Zr alloys for fuel cladding and fuel assemblies (LWR)
- Zr alloys in accidental conditions and Enhanced Accident Tolerant Fuel claddings
- Fuel materials (UO_2 , PuO_2): irradiation-induced effects
- Materials for high temperature conditions: SiC, ZrC, low swelling alloys
- Materials for fusion: low activation materials, resistance to high-energy neutrons, breeding blankets

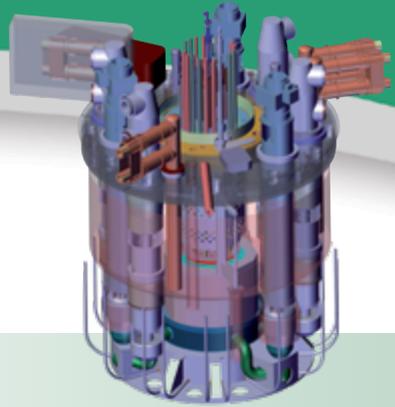
■ Nuclear Fuels for Light Water Reactors and Fast Reactors

(D. Parrat, J. Noirot)

- Nuclear fuels fundamentals
- Fuel element thermal performance and temperature effects

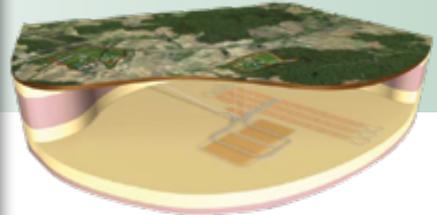


*ATALANTE
facility*



*Reactor vessel of the ASTRID
SFR prototype*

The EPR



CIGEO project

- Nuclear fuel behaviour under irradiation
- Main limiting phenomena in the different types of fuels
- Fuel behaviour during some off-normal conditions
- Modelling of fuel behaviour
- Fuel challenges for the future

■ Nuclear Fuel Cycle: from Strategy to Processes

(Ph. Moisy, coordinator)

- Introduction to fuel cycle strategy
- From uranium ore mining to spent nuclear fuel
- Fundamentals of fuel cycle: chemistry of actinides and fission products
- The current industrial process: scientific basis and process modelling
- Towards the 4th generation nuclear energy systems: scientific and industrial challenges associated to the Pu-multirecycling
- Minor actinide recycling as a potential option for waste management optimization

■ Nuclear Waste Management

(C. Cau Dit Coumes, M. Fournier, S. Gin)

- General considerations on nuclear waste
- Waste management options and related issues
- Waste conditioning: concrete and vitrification
- Science contribution to economic, safety and societal issues
- Case study

INFORMATION

- **Venue**

The courses will be held at INSTN locations in Saclay (20 km southwest of Paris), Cadarache (40 km from Aix-en-Provence) and Marcoule (30 km from Orange).

- **Registration deadline**

December 16th, 2019

- **Registration fees**

Professionals: €2350 for the first course, €1200 for each additional course.

Students: €650 for each course.

CEA, ENEN member institutions: special rates.

Fee covers lectures, documentation and lunches.

- **Contacts**

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General coordination and information: Nadia Nowacki - nadia.nowacki@cea.fr

Saclay

Thermal Hydraulics and Safety

January 13 to 17, 2020

Materials for Nuclear Reactors, Fuels and Structures

January 20 to 24, 2020

Contact for registration: Fany Guelah - irfana.guelah@cea.fr

Cadarache

Reactor Core Physics: Deterministic and Monte Carlo Methods

January 20 to 24, 2020

Nuclear Fuels for Light Water Reactors and Fast Reactors

January 27 to 31, 2020

Contact for registration: Béatrice Jacob - beatrice.jacob@cea.fr

Marcoule

Nuclear Fuel Cycle: from Strategy to Processes

January 27 to 31, 2020

Nuclear Waste Management

February 3-7, 2020

Contact for registration: Nathalie Nozerand - nathalie.nozerand@cea.fr

MAIN LECTURERS

Lecturers are experienced in teaching in several Masters of Science and Engineering programmes. They also supervise PhD students in their research activities.

Dominique Bestion, Director of Research at CEA, has been developing two-phase flow models for the CATHARE system code for 35 years and has been strongly involved in the development of the NEPTUNE multi-scale thermal hydraulic simulation platform including two-phase CFD capabilities. He coordinated thermal hydraulic activities of the EUROFASTNET, NURESIM, NURISP and NURESAFE European Projects for a nuclear reactor multi-physics and multi-scale simulation platform. He also coordinated Working Groups of OECD-NEA for the application of CFD to nuclear safety with Best-Practice Guidelines, V&V and uncertainty quantification. He is professor at Ecole Polytechnique. He also teaches at INSTN, ECP, ENSE3 and in international courses (ETH-Zurich Short Course, IAEA training sessions, OECD THICKET Course, FJOH Summer Schools,...).

Jean-Michel Bonnet is Director of Health at Institut de Radioprotection et de Sûreté Nucléaire (IRSN). He has been working for 25 years in the field of severe accidents and more especially in the analysis and modelling of corium behaviour to address in-vessel or ex-vessel melt retention strategy for Light Water Reactors. He has participated in several European or OECD-NEA projects and coordinated in 2016 a state-of-the-art on molten corium concrete interaction.

Jean-Christophe Brachet is a CEA International Expert on nuclear materials and Professor at INSTN. His expertise covers physical metallurgy of chromium-rich ferritic-martensitic steels, Zr alloys and Enhanced Accident Tolerant Fuel claddings (LWR). He authored more than 60 papers and participated to numerous international symposiums or workshops as lecturer or as chairman of specific sessions. He is inventor or co-inventor of 5 patents.

Dr Céline Cau Dit Coumes is an international expert at CEA. She has been involved in radioactive waste management for more than 20 years and works in a laboratory devoted to the design and characterization of cement-based materials for the conditioning of low- and intermediate-level radioactive wastes. She is the author (or co-author) of 50 papers published in peer-reviewed international journals, 7 book chapters, and 3 patents. She has been involved in several international research projects (IAEA, Chinese Atomic Energy Agency, IFIN-HH Romania). She also performs expert evaluations on request of waste producers and teaches cement chemistry at Montpellier University.

Emmanuel Clouet is Senior Expert in the Physical Metallurgy Lab of the Department for Nuclear Materials at CEA Paris-Saclay. His research activity pertains to the multiscale materials modeling to study plasticity in metals and alloys and kinetic evolution of materials under irradiation, with a special emphasis on zirconium and titanium alloys. He is also an associate editor for *Acta* and *Scripta Materialia* journals.

Cheikh M'Backe Diop is Research Director at CEA and Professor at INSTN, working at the Service of Reactor Studies and Applied Mathematics. He was Head of the Laboratory of Shielding Studies and Probability. He is co-author of a book on Radiation Protection and Nuclear Engineering. He teaches radiation shielding computational methods and the Monte Carlo method for simulating the particle transport in matter. He is the scientific manager of the Master Nuclear Reactor Physics and Engineering, which is run by the newly-created Paris-Saclay University.

Maxime Fournier is a Research Engineer at CEA and Lecturer at INSTN. His expertise covers the chemical durability of nuclear glasses destined to deep geological disposal and conventional glasses for industrial applications, the formulation and characterization of glassy materials for the confinement of waste from decommissioning and dismantling operations. He has been involved in the coordination of Theramin and PreDisposal RadWaste European projects. He co-authored more than 20 publications. He supervises PhD students and teaches to Master degree students at Montpellier University, ENSCM, Aix Marseille University, Chimie ParisTech, Grenoble Alpes University, and Sorbonne University.

Jérôme Garnier is Research Engineer and expert on nuclear materials at the CEA. He is in charge of the material research and development programme in support of the realization of the core vessel and internal structures of the new Jules Horowitz Materials Testing Reactor (JHR). In 2012, he was awarded the J. Gaussens SFEN (French Nuclear Society's) prize, in particular for his work on the austenitic stainless steels.

Frederico Garrido is Professor of Materials Chemistry at the Université Paris-Sud, Orsay. He is an expert in the interaction of energetic particles with matter and radiation damage physics, especially applied to nuclear ceramic materials used as transmutation matrices (oxides and carbides). He has co-authored over 100 scientific papers in peer-reviewed journals. He became also a recipient of the Bronze Medal of the French National Centre for Scientific Research. In addition he is co-Director of the Master Nuclear Energy, which is run by the Paris-Saclay University.

Stéphane Gin received a PhD degree from Poitiers University, France, in 1994. Since 1995, he has been working at the CEA Marcoule. In 2004, he took the lead of the "Long term behaviour of HLW glass" group. This CEA team of 25 people focuses on fundamental and applied issues related to the geological disposal of high-level and intermediate level waste glass. From 2012 to 2013, he was visiting scientist at Pacific Northwest National Laboratory, USA. Dr Gin is also part of advisory boards on high-level waste management in Belgium, the UK, and the USA. He is author and co-author of about 400 papers and wrote acclaimed books on nuclear waste management for the general public.

Philippe Moisy is Research Director at CEA and Professor at INSTN. He has been working for more than 25 years on the chemistry of plutonium, and other actinides, in solution (solution chemistry and coordination chemistry especially). In addition, he has a background in fundamental research on the sonochemistry of actinides and thermodynamical approach for high concentrated solutions. He has co-authored more than 150 scientific papers in peer-reviewed journals and 5 patents.

Jean Noiroit is International Expert at CEA. He has been working for more than 20 years in the field of nuclear fuel post-irradiation examination. With techniques going from gamma-scanning to micro-analyses, he has gained a wide experience on fuel behaviour, fast breeder reactor fuel, pressurized reactor fuel, including MOX, or dedicated experimentation on fuel in French or foreign test reactors. He has authored or co-authored more than 40 publications and book chapters.

Daniel Parrat is International Expert at CEA. He has been working for many years in the field of nuclear fuel behaviour, in particular on the release of fission products. He developed new methods and techniques for detection and characterization of failed LWR fuel rods in power plants for which he won a CEA prize. He has authored more than 40 papers in international conferences.

Etienne Studer is International Expert at CEA in fluid mechanics and hydrogen risk issues. He has 30 years of experience working in the field of hydrogen risk in nuclear power plants. He is currently involved in experimental programmes (MISTRA facility) and modelling activities (CAST3M CFD code). He has participated to international experimental programmes, international working groups and state-of-the-art reports. He takes part to the "European Hydrogen Safety Panel".

Jean Tommasi is Senior Expert at CEA for fast reactor neutron physics. He has been involved in fast reactor core design and minor actinide transmutation studies and is currently working in the fields of code validation against experiments and calculation methods. For several years now, he has been active in tutorial classes on neutronics at INSTN. He authored or co-authored over 80 publications in these fields.

Jean-François Vidal is Senior Expert at CEA in neutronics. He has 30 years of experience in developing calculation schemes for various reactor applications (fast and thermal ones). He is currently responsible for the R&D of the APOLLO3 deterministic transport code developed at CEA. He teaches transport methods at INSTN and has authored or co-authored more than 50 publications in peer-reviewed journals and international conferences.