

## Why nuclear engineering?

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Decision-making phase
Countries considering nuclear power

without having made a final decision

33 countries already use nuclear energy

29 stay with it







11 start with it









Kernkraftwerke projektiert















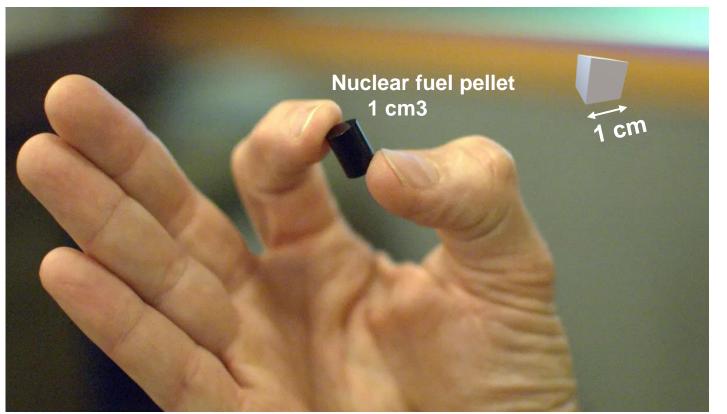


4 stop with nuclear (?)

Deutschland Belgien



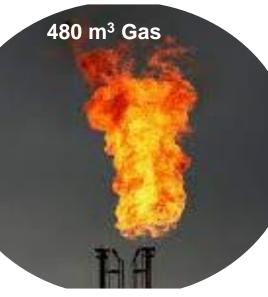
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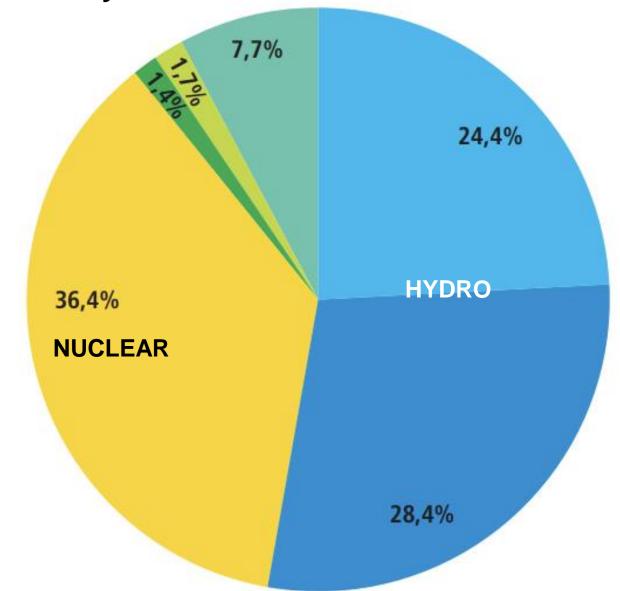






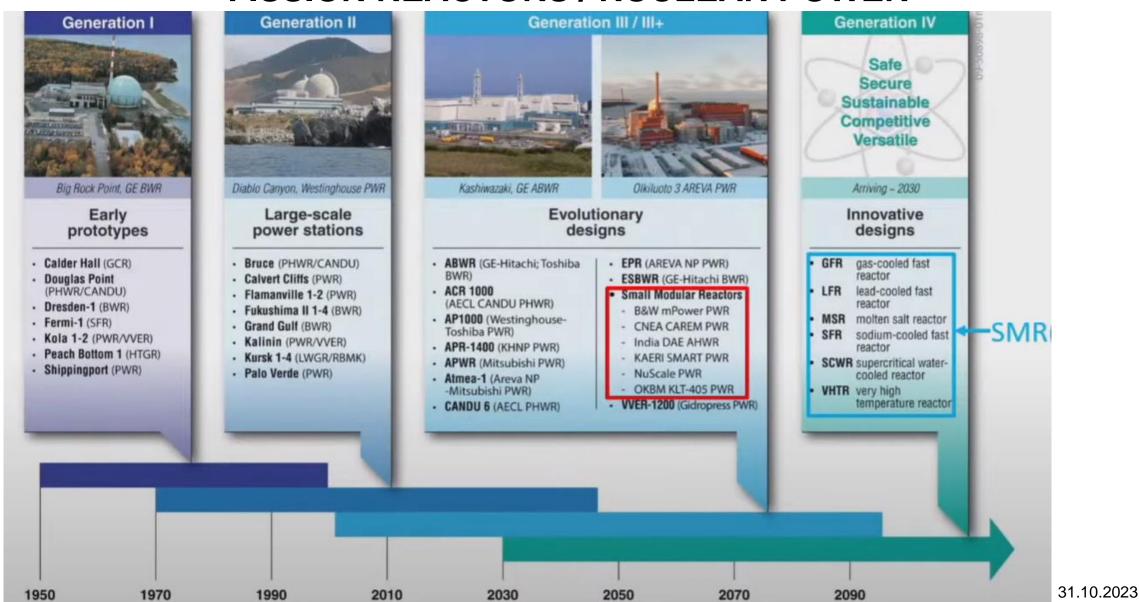


### **Electricity Production in Switzerland - 2022**



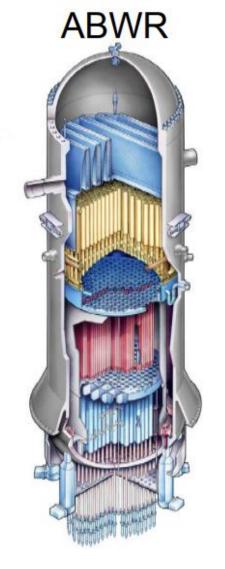
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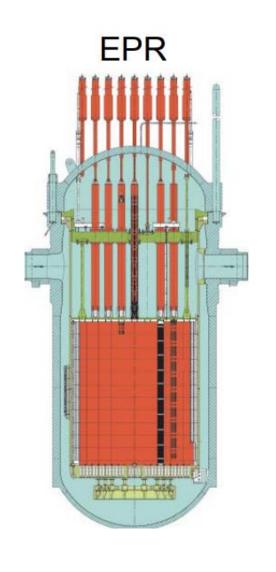
## FISSION REACTORS / NUCLEAR POWER



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## Large Gen-III/III+ NPPs on the market and already in operation (examples)









Op: 4 (Japan) Constr: 2 (Japan)

Op: 3 (China, Finland) Constr: 2 (UK)

Op: 5 (China, USA Constr: 1 (USA)

Op: 6 (S.Korea, UAE) Constr: 4 (S. Korea, UAE)

# Not only for electricity production



Remote mining operations



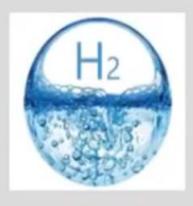
Industrial process heat



District heating



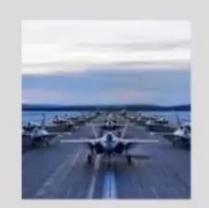
Remote communities



Hydrogen Generation



Marine Shipping



Critical Infrastructure Installations

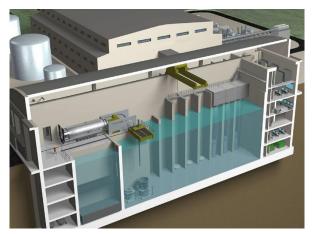


Disaster relief

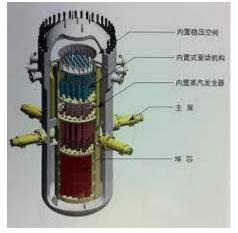


Research Reactors

### SMRs - Small Modular Reactors



NuSCALE (6x77 MW), for Utah, by 2029



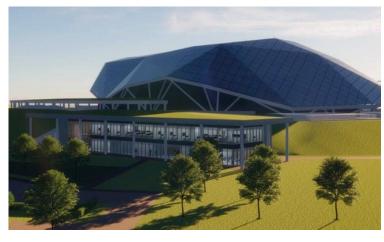
ACP 100, in construction (China)



X-energy (USA)
DOW, construction to start in 2026



NUWARD (EdF/Technicatome), 170 MW, ab 2030



UK SMR (Rolls Royce), 443 MW, by 2030



BWRX-300 (GE/Hitachi) für Ontario Power, operation by 2028

SMART (Korea), 100 MW



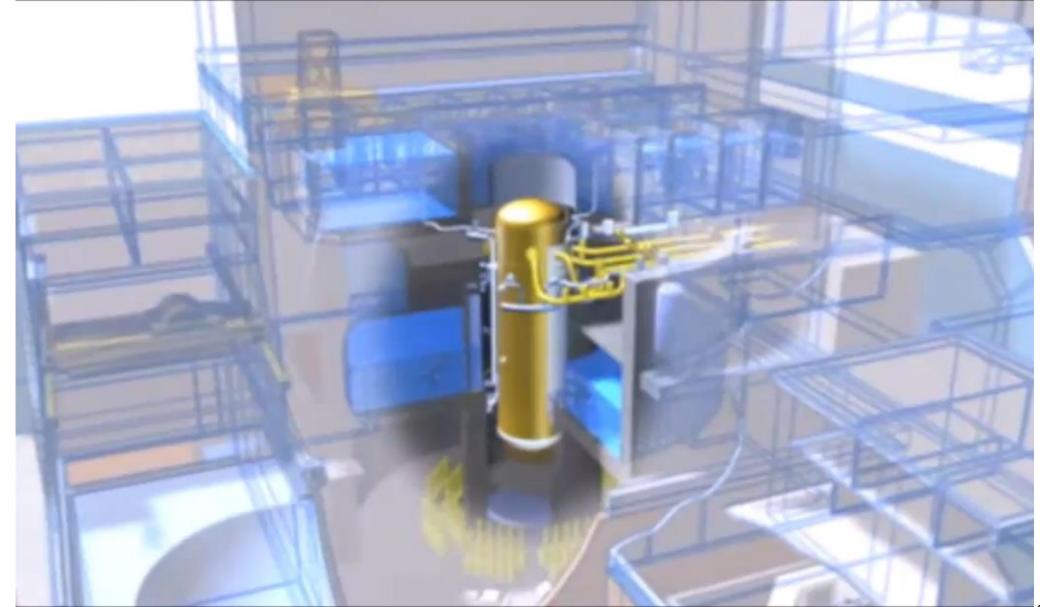
### Several SMRs to be completed by 2030

They are all hiring at all levels (BSc, MSc, PhD) **Strong shortage of nuclear engineers!!!!! Also in Switzerland...** 



#### **General Electric ESBWR**

Passive Safety systems





# Why nuclear engineering? MICROREACTORS FOR REMOTE AREAS





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Westinghouse



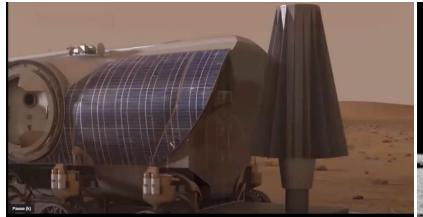




# Why nuclear engineering? SPACE EXPLORATION

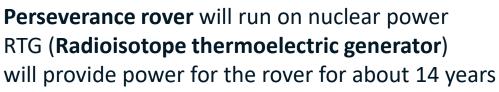
### spacepolicyonline.com

AGGRESSIVE NUCLEAR PROPULSION R&D EFFORT NEEDED TO SEND HUMANS TO MARS IN 2039



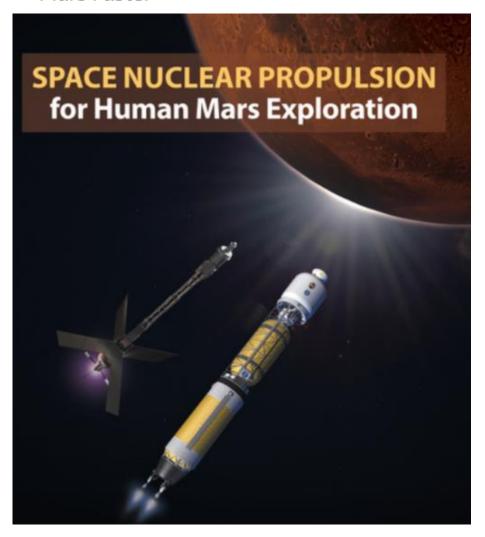






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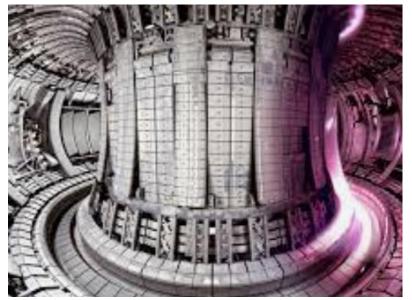
Nuclear Propulsion Could Help Get Humans to Mars Faster

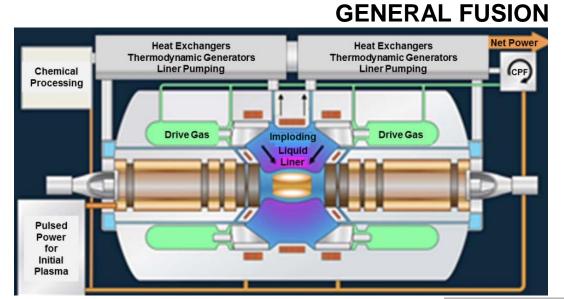




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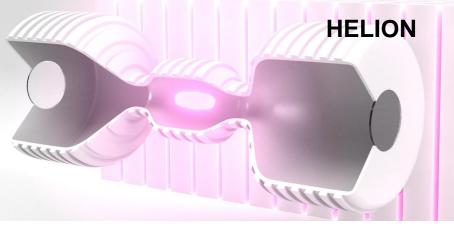
### **ITER / International effort**

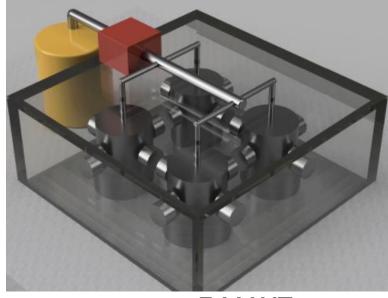




### **MIFGEN**



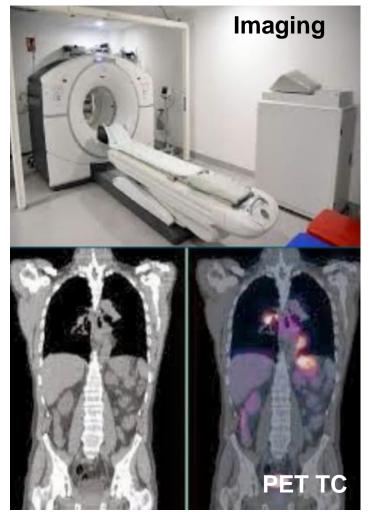




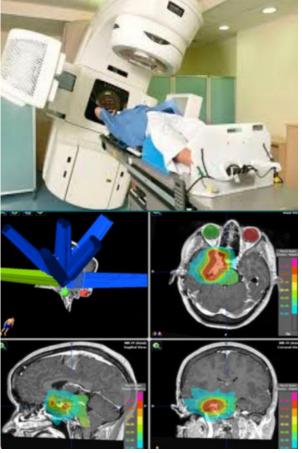
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Why nuclear engineering?

## **NUCLEAR MEDICINE**







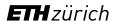
Nuclear engineers are experts in the interactions between ionizing radiation and matter, nuclear imaging instrumentation and radiation dosimetry.

- ☐ Therapeutic and diagnostic applications of radionuclides (except those used in sealed sources for therapeutic purposes)
- Equipment associated with their production, use, measurement and evaluation
- Quality of images resulting form their production and use
- Medical health physics associated with this subfield

Irradiation plan design









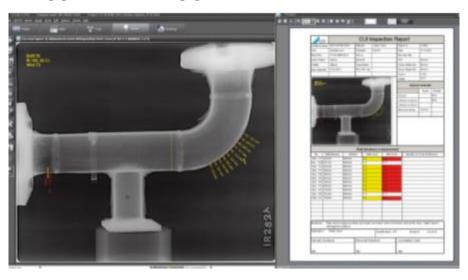
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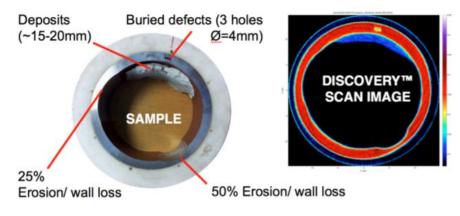
#### TOMOGRAPHIC IMAGING FOR UNDERWATER OIL/GAS PIPELINES

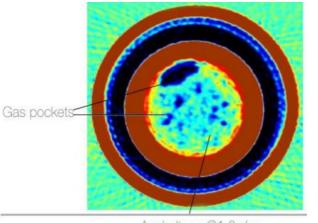




#### INDUSTRIAL RADIOGRAPHY





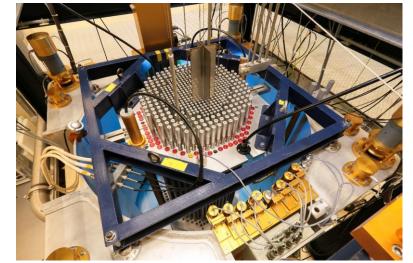


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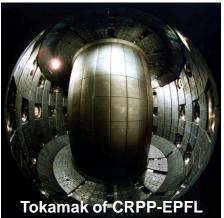
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## 4 Semesters (120 credits)





- ☐ Fission technology as energy source (nuclear power plants)
- Neutronics
- ☐ Thermo-hydraulics and fluid-dynamics
- □ Nuclear safety, efficiency, environmental aspects
- ☐ Fusion reactors and plasma physics
- □ Nuclear Medicine, Research and industry beyond nuclear power plants
- ☐ Fuel cycle from Uranium mines to disposal
- ☐ Integration of nuclear power plants in the energy system, synergy with other energy technologies









# The Swiss Nuclear Engineering Master Program How is the Nuclear Engr. Master organized?





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### **Organization**



**□** 1<sup>st</sup> Semester, EPF Lausanne

Focus: Reactor physics, Neutron Transport, Radiation Biology and dosimetry, Plasma physics (fusion)

□ 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester, ETH Zürich

Focus: Reactor technology, Nuclear fuel, Nuclear Safety, Thermo-hydraulics and fluid-dynamics, Material Science, Nuclear Medicine

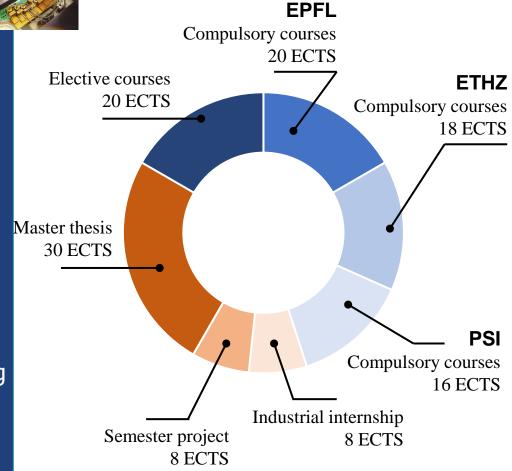
Placeholder for 3 months industrial internship

☐ 3<sup>rd</sup> Semester, Paul Scherrer Institut / ETH Zürich

Focus: Research (Semester project), Deepening in Material science, Severe accidents, Decommissioning and waste disposal

☐ 4<sup>th</sup> Semester, PSI / ETH Zürich / EPF Lausanne / Extern

Focus: Research => Master thesis



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## The Swiss Nuclear Engineering Master Program



### **□** SPECIALIZATIONS

- Fission reactors and NPPs
  - Thermal-hydraulics
  - Neutronics
- Plasma physics and Fusion Reactors
- Medical Physics

- Energy Systems
- Materials
- Particle Physics and Detection
- Computational Methods



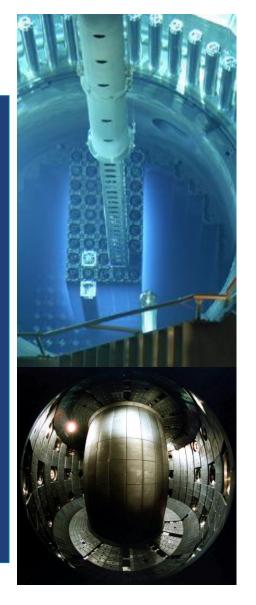
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### **Motivations**

- ☐ More interesting, versatile and innovative than some people think!
- □ Very high energy density of nuclear fuel Advantage (great effect from small amounts of substance)
- □ Nuclear energy supports the energy transition as a powerful, environmentally friendly competitor to coal, oil and gas
- □ Reduced storage requirements for renewables thanks to the ability to plan generation
- □ Nuclear methods open up a multitude of non-invasive measurement and diagnostic procedures in technology and medicine
- ☐ Strong therapy option for the most serious illnesses
- ☐ Enjoy internationality of the nuclear community and your study mates!
- ☐ High level of multidisciplinarity opens a broad range of carrier possibilities

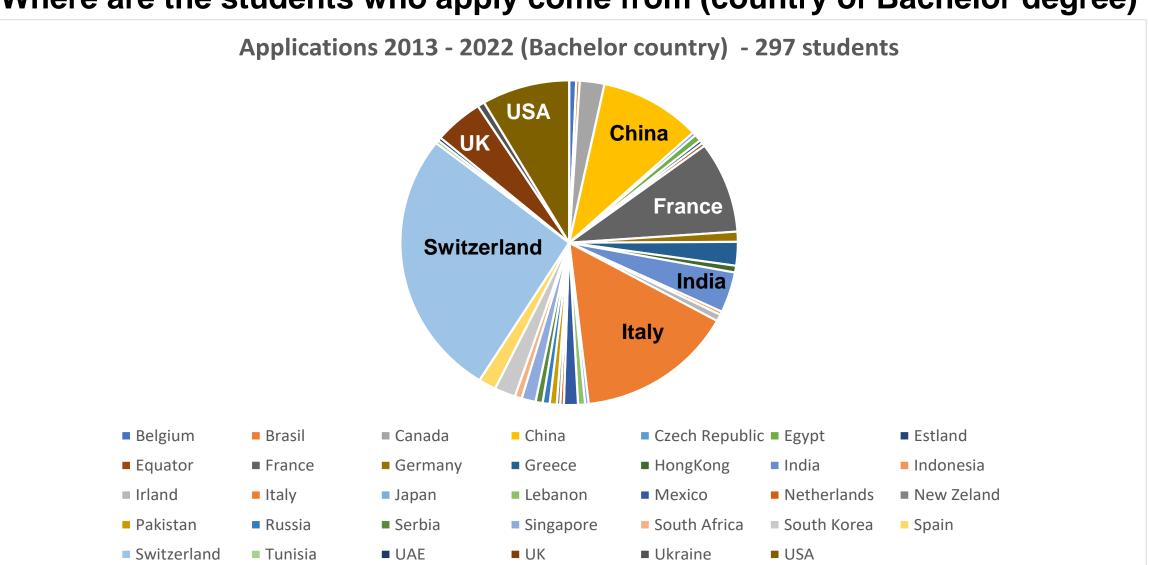








## Where are the students who apply come from (country of Bachelor degree)



### International Collaborations



























Budapesti Műszaki és Gazdaságtudományi Egyetem (BME)



























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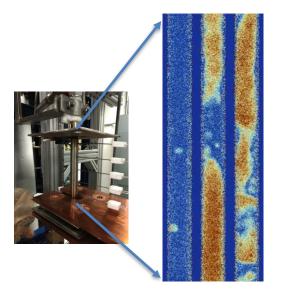
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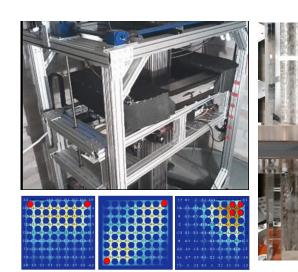


# **Nucleary Systems and Multiphase Flows Lab**

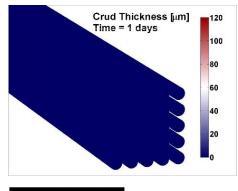
High-resolution experiments for single- and multiphase flows, advanced instrumentation, computational fluid-dynamics.

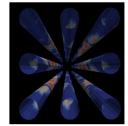


Xray radiography of Steam-water flow at 75 bar



Void-fraction distribution in a fuel bundle using *γ*-tomography





CFD/chemistry
multiphysics
simulations of
CRUD deposition
on nuclear fuel



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Buoyant jets in stratified environments using PIV + Refractiveindex matching

Applications: nuclear power plants (LWRs, microreactors, advanced reactors) fluid-dynamics processes, imaging

