



**HAL**  
open science

## Rod bundle thermalhydraulics mixing phenomena: 3D analysis with cathare 3 of ROSA-2/LSTFexperiment

R. Prea, A. Mekkas

► **To cite this version:**

R. Prea, A. Mekkas. Rod bundle thermalhydraulics mixing phenomena: 3D analysis with cathare 3 of ROSA-2/LSTFexperiment. 5th International conference on Turbulence and Interaction-shhttp//ti2018.onera.fr/, Jun 2018, Les Trois Ilets, Martinique. cea-02339065

**HAL Id: cea-02339065**

**<https://cea.hal.science/cea-02339065>**

Submitted on 13 Dec 2019

**HAL** is a multi-disciplinary open access archive for the deposit and dissemination of scientific research documents, whether they are published or not. The documents may come from teaching and research institutions in France or abroad, or from public or private research centers.

L'archive ouverte pluridisciplinaire **HAL**, est destinée au dépôt et à la diffusion de documents scientifiques de niveau recherche, publiés ou non, émanant des établissements d'enseignement et de recherche français ou étrangers, des laboratoires publics ou privés.

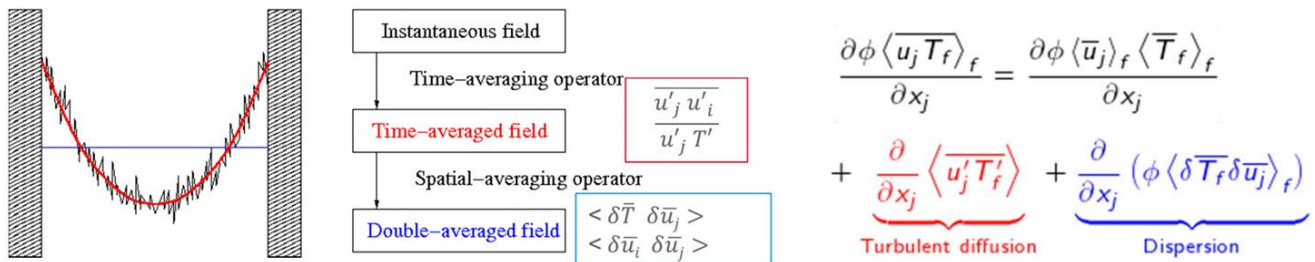
# ROD BUNDLE THERMALHYDRAULICS MIXING PHENOMENA: 3D ANALYSIS WITH CATHARE 3 OF ROSA-2/LSTF EXPERIMENT

R. Pr ea and A. Mekkas

CEA – Commissariat   l’Energie Atomique et aux Energies Alternatives ; DEN/DM2S/STMF – Service de Thermohydraulique et de M canique des Fluides ; Universit  Paris-Saclay, F-91191, Gif-sur-Yvette, France.  
[raphael.prea@cea.fr](mailto:raphael.prea@cea.fr) ; [anouar.mekkas@cea.fr](mailto:anouar.mekkas@cea.fr)

## ABSTRACT

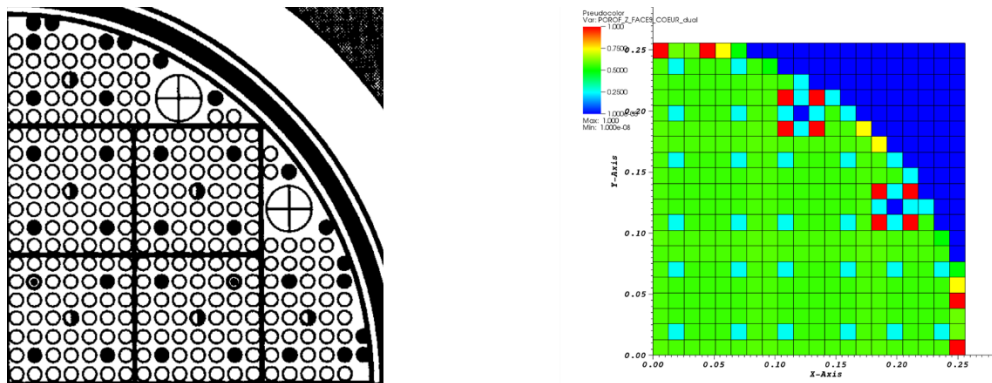
CATHARE-3 is the new version of the French thermal-hydraulic code for the safety analysis of nuclear reactors [1]. There is a three-dimensional (3-D) module in CATHARE-3 mainly used to model the reactor vessel (specially the core). This 3-D module is based on the "porous" medium approach with two-fluid six equations model. Therefore, one set of mass, momentum and energy balance equations is written for each phase. These equations are established using a double-averaged method: first, a time-average to filter the pseudo-random variations of the flow variables due to turbulence and two-phase intermittence, and then, space-average to account for the interactions of the flow with the internal solid structures. This is illustrated by the figure and the equation bellow.



Optional terms can be added in momentum and energy balance equations to model turbulent diffusion and dispersion effects. These terms have an impact on core simulation at subchannel scale. So, the CATHARE team had established models for these terms in rod bundle geometry and had validated them on various rod bundle experiments [2].

The presented simulations are a quarter modeling (thanks to the symmetry of the geometry and of the experimental conditions) of the core of the ROSA-2/LSTF experiment using the CATHARE-3 3-D module with a radial nodalization of one mesh per rod. On the figures bellow, one can see, left, a scheme of the experimental core, and right, the radial nodalization used in CATHARE-3 calculations with the porosity field. A phase of core uncovering during which the rod temperatures in the dry zone increase is observed in an experimental test [3]. Experimental conditions at the bottom and at the top of the core have been reproduced in the calculation. Experimental evolutions of the rod temperatures are compared with CATHARE-3 calculations with and without the turbulent diffusion and the dispersion terms.

This modeling also shows the capabilities of CATHARE-3 to manage a large number of 3D-cells (about 15 000 useful) and to perform simulations comparable to the simulation of a whole PWR assembly at the subchannel scale.



## REFERENCES

- [1] P. Emonot, A. Souyri, J.L. Gandrille, F. Barr , “CATHARE-3: A new system code for thermal-hydraulics in the context of the NEPTUNE project”, *Proceedings of 13<sup>th</sup> International Topical Meeting on Nuclear Reactor Thermal hydraulics (NURETH-13)*, KANAZAWA City, Japan, Sep. 27-Oct. 2, 2009.
- [2] M. Chandesris, M. Mazoyer, G. Serre, M. Valette, “Rod bundle thermalhydraulics mixing phenomena: 3D analysis with CATHARE-3 of various experiments”, *Proceedings of 15<sup>th</sup> International Topical Meeting on Nuclear Reactor Thermal hydraulics (NURETH-15)*, Pisa, Italy, May 12-15, 2013.
- [3] T. Takeda, M. Suzuki, H. Asaka, and H. Nakamura. “Quick-look Data Report of ROSA- 2/LSTF Test3”. Technical Report JAEA-Research, Japan Atomic Energy Agency, 2012