UKNAM Update 2019

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Nuclear MSc

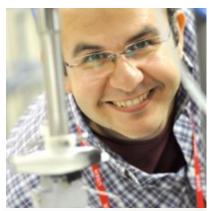


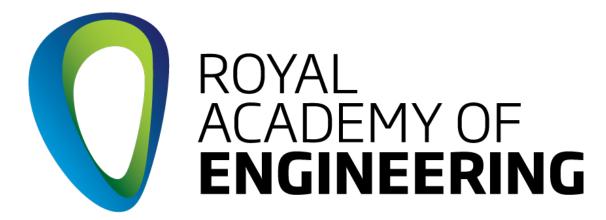
- Accreditation now achieved through the IET
- Strong recruitment (home and overseas)
- Increasing industrial sponsorship
- Now working on Nuclear Degree Apprenticeships
 - starting September 2020
- Timely with funding of the **Nuclear Futures CDT** led by Imperial with first students starting in Bristol later this month.
- Also a joint UWE-Bristol CDT on robotics (FARSCOPE-2) which can include nuclear projects.

Notable Successes









Senior research fellowship co-funded by the UKAEA.

5 year programme on structural materials for fusion.



Workshop on Current Advances in Risk Assessment for Radiological Release during Nuclear Emergencies (CARE-2019) Nuclear Society to feed the results of the UK-India NREFS project on Coping with a Big Nuclear Accident.
The UK delegation comprised Philip Thomas (Bristol), Bill Nuttall (Open) and Victor Becerra (Portsmouth).

IOP Institute of Physics

NuFor – Nuclear Forensics

10-11 July 2019, University of Bristol, Bristol, UK



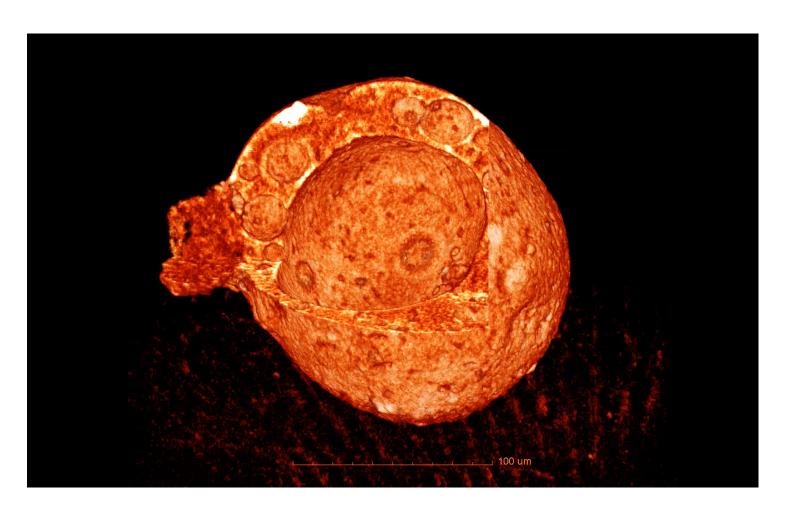
First nuclear forensics conference in July 2019. Sponsored by AWE and IoP. To continue annually – IoP London October 2020.

Project IPAD (Martin, Scott, Richards)





International Particle Analysis Database (IPAD) for Nuclear Forensics







- Bristol and Sheffield UK-Japan project with Kyoto University (KURRI).
- Analysis of near-plant fallout materials and (later) fuel debris.
- Web accessible database (JISC and JAEA hosted) to host particle forensics data from Japan BUT also other sites/incidents worldwide.
- Hosted first ever nuclear forensics conference: NuFor 2019.

















Nuclear Robotics





Plymouth (Mario Gianni)

 Autonomous robotic inspection and radiological characterization of the interior of variable size, multi-path and non-planar stainless-steel pipes.





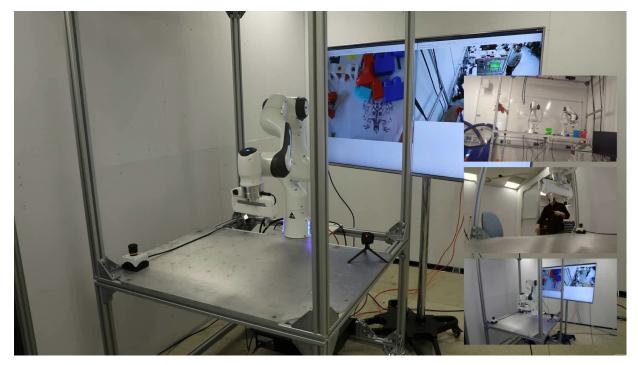






UWE (Tony Pipe, Manuel Giuliani)

 Partners in the EPSRC's £5M RNE programme grant and ~£10M NCNR hub. Working on teleoperation, path planning applied to waste storage and decommissioning.









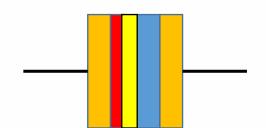


ASPIRE project – linking to H3AT





- Diamond Beta Battery (DBB)
 - Synthesis and incorporation of ³H and ¹⁴C into a DBB structure composed of insulating and semiconducting diamond
 - Transmutation of nitrogen-doped diamond
 - CVD diamond growth
 - Incorporation of 3H





- Diamond Gamma Battery (DGB)
 - Fabrication of Schottky metal-insulatormetal diodes many millimetres thick.



Spin-out entity in progress - 48kg ¹⁴C can make ~1Bn devices.

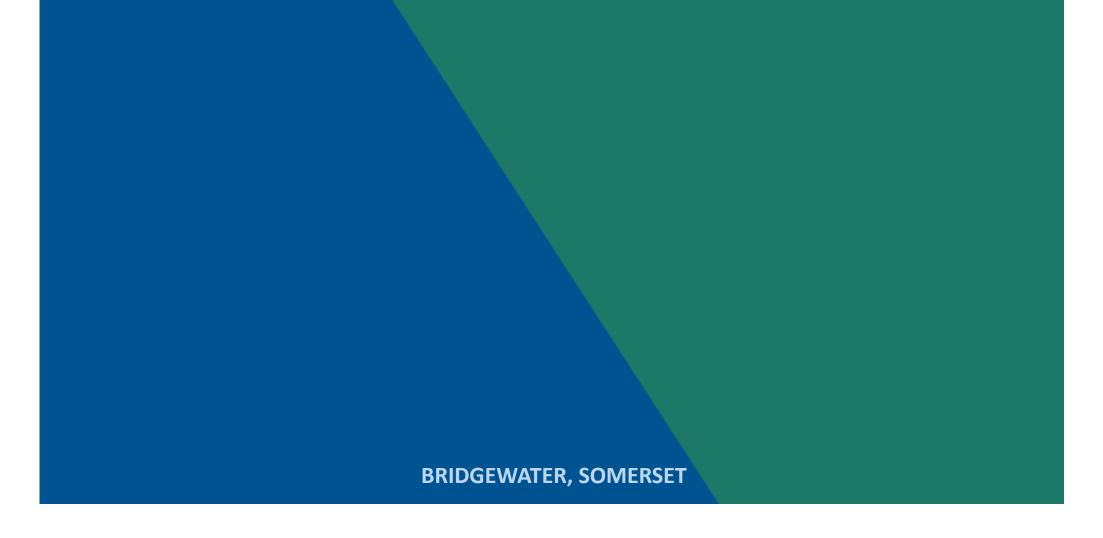
Nuclear SW Conference





2nd and 3rd October 2019 Conference and Showcase NSW2019.EVENTBRITE.CO.UK







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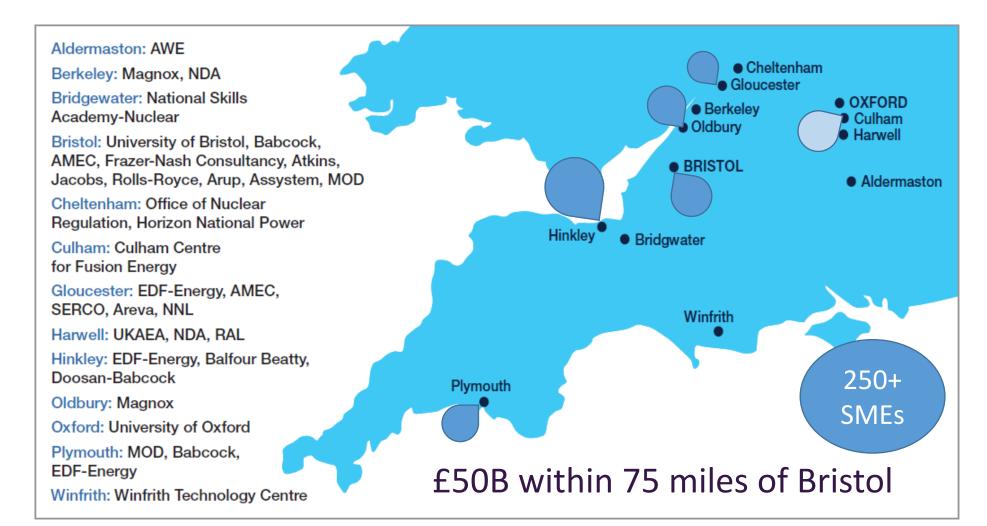


Nuclear Research Centre





A regional opportunity



Universities

- Bristol
- Oxford
- UWE
- Plymouth
- Southampton

Project Gatekeeper



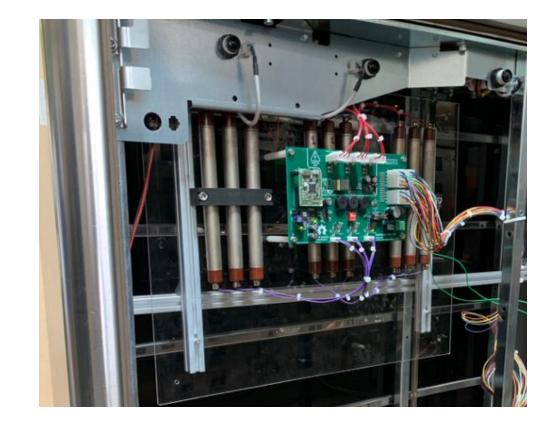


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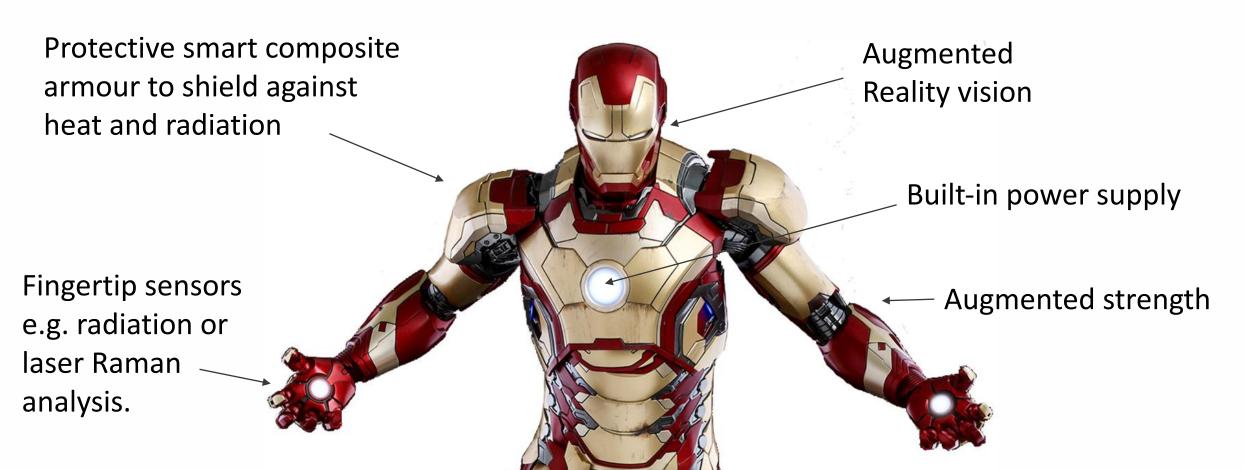




Project Iron man



You can always also put the man in a robot suit...



Project Iron man - concept for phase 2

Side mounted lights and camera on the suit helmet to provide illumination and real-time video feed to the health/safety monitoring team

Mission critical information e.g. radiation dose is projected onto the inside of the helmet screen

Wrist mounted sensors such as collimated gamma spectrometry and stand-off laser raman analysis. radiation

Hip area shielded from radiation using a smart composite apron, hung from the suit waist belt.

Transparent 'bubble' helmet allows good all around vision and permits augmented reality headsets to be worn without impediment. Also contains health monitoring sensors to measure for stress, fatigue and heat exhaustion.



Back-mounted unit includes SCBA, Ekso augmented strength suit, power supply and suit cooling system.

Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) with intelligent switching to filtered breathing to extend working time. Connects to helmet unit.

Ekso-suit to provide mechanically assisted movements to aid with enhanced worker mobility. Carbon fibre back plate also supports the SCBA unit and power supply unit.

Chemically qualified dry-suit is worn under the Ekso-suit frame. Provides a cleanable and reusable body suit for each worker.

Power supply unit distributes to all sub-systems in the suit e.g. wrist-mounted sensors, communications etc. This includes environmental control i.e. suit cooling functions