Nuclear Chemical Engineering
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http://www.world-nuclear.org/education/nfc.htm
Areas of interest

- Actinide chemistry
- Liquid-liquid extraction
- Pilot-scale separation processes
- Methods for hybrid separation systems
Potential projects

• Basic actinide and solvent extraction chemistry
  Basic understanding of the behavior of the heaviest elements in process and a potential repository will be crucial for future nuclear waste reprocessing. Projects include new methods and chemicals used in solvent extraction, pilot processes and flow-sheet development.

• Separation and transmutation
  Fundamental and applied knowledge for separation of different elements in spent nuclear fuel. Radioanalytical techniques and online measurements are instrumental for a successful advanced nuclear fuel cycle.
Potential projects

• Fundamental solution chemistry
  To successfully apply new solvent extraction processes the fundamental understanding of the chemical interactions and physical processes is required. Topics include: chemical interactions such as thermodynamics and kinetics; dispersion of liquid phases in multiphase systems, both experimental and theoretical.

• Analysis and modeling of spent nuclear fuel toxicity and composition
  Close collaboration with the UCI TRIGA reactor opens up possibilities for joint projects in nuclear engineering. Current work involves validation of computer codes for composition and toxicity of spent nuclear fuel and migration and flow of radioisotopes in the environment.