

# CPC COOPERATIVE PATENT CLASSIFICATION

## G PHYSICS (NOTES omitted)

### NUCLEONICS

#### G21 NUCLEAR PHYSICS; NUCLEAR ENGINEERING

#### G21C NUCLEAR REACTORS (fusion reactors, hybrid fission-fusion reactors [G21B](#); nuclear explosives [G21J](#))

##### WARNINGS

- The following IPC groups are not in the CPC scheme. The subject matter for these IPC groups is classified in the following CPC groups:  
[G21C 19/33](#) covered by [G21C 19/34](#)
- In this subclass non-limiting references (in the sense of paragraph 39 of the Guide to the IPC) may still be displayed in the scheme.

<b>1/00</b>	<b>Reactor types</b>	1/18	. . . . . coolant being pressurised
1/02	. Fast fission reactors, i.e. reactors not using a moderator {; Metal cooled reactors; Fast breeders}	1/20	. . . . . moderator being liquid, e.g. pressure-tube reactor
1/022	. . {characterised by the design or properties of the core}	1/22	. . . using liquid or gaseous fuel
1/024	. . . {where the core is divided in zones with fuel and zones with breeding material}	1/24	. . Homogeneous reactors, i.e. in which the fuel and moderator present an effectively homogeneous medium to the neutrons
1/026	. . . {Reactors not needing refuelling, i.e. reactors of the type breed-and-burn, e.g. travelling or deflagration wave reactors or seed-blanket reactors}	1/26	. . . Single-region reactors
1/028	. . {cooled by a pressurised coolant (cooling arrangements <a href="#">G21C 15/00</a> )}	1/28	. . . Two-region reactors
1/03	. . cooled by a coolant not essentially pressurised, e.g. pool-type reactors	1/30	. Subcritical reactors {; Experimental reactors other than swimming-pool reactors or zero-energy reactors}
1/04	. Thermal reactors {; Epithermal reactors}	1/303	. . {Experimental or irradiation arrangements inside the reactor (irradiation loops <a href="#">G21C 1/306</a> )}
1/06	. . Heterogeneous reactors, i.e. in which fuel and moderator are separated	1/306	. . {Irradiation loops}
1/07	. . . Pebble-bed reactors; Reactors with granular fuel	1/32	. Integral reactors, i.e. reactors wherein parts functionally associated with the reactor but not essential to the reaction, e.g. heat exchangers, are disposed inside the enclosure with the core ( <a href="#">G21C 1/02 - G21C 1/30 take precedence</a> )
1/08	. . . moderator being highly pressurised, e.g. boiling water reactor, integral super-heat reactor, pressurised water reactor ( <a href="#">G21C 1/22 takes precedence</a> )	1/322	. . {wherein the heat exchanger is disposed above the core}
1/082	. . . . {Reactors where the coolant is overheated}	1/324	. . {wherein the heat exchanger is disposed beneath the core}
1/084	. . . . {Boiling water reactors}	1/326	. . {wherein the heat exchanger is disposed next to or beside the core}
1/086	. . . . {Pressurised water reactors}	1/328	. . {wherein the prime mover is also disposed in the vessel}
1/088	. . . . {Inherently safe boiling water reactors}	<b>3/00</b>	<b>Reactor fuel elements and their assemblies; Selection of substances for use as reactor fuel elements</b>
1/09	. . . . Pressure regulating arrangements, i.e. pressurisers	3/02	. Fuel elements {(manufacture thereof <a href="#">G21C 21/02</a> )}
1/10	. . . . moderator and coolant being different or separated	3/04	. . Constructional details
1/12	. . . . . moderator being solid, e.g. Magnox reactor {or gas-graphite reactor}	3/041	. . . {Means for removal of gases from fuel elements}
1/14	. . . moderator being substantially not pressurised, e.g. swimming-pool reactor ( <a href="#">G21C 1/22 takes precedence</a> )	3/042	. . . {Fuel elements comprising casings with a mass of granular fuel with coolant passages through them}
1/16	. . . . moderator and coolant being different or separated, e.g. sodium-graphite reactor {, sodium-heavy water reactor or organic coolant-heavy water reactor}	3/044	. . . {Fuel elements with porous or capillary structure}
		3/045	. . . {Pellets}

3/047	. . . . {Pellet-clad interaction}	3/33	. . . Supporting or hanging of elements in the bundle (spacer grids <a href="#">G21C 3/34</a> ); Means forming part of the bundle for inserting it into, or removing it from, the core; Means for coupling adjacent bundles
3/048	. . . . {Shape of pellets}	3/3305	. . . . {Lower nozzle}
3/06	. . . Casings; Jackets	3/331	. . . . {Comprising hold-down means, e.g. springs}
3/07	. . . . characterised by their material, e.g. alloys	3/3315	. . . . {Upper nozzle}
3/08	. . . . provided with external means to promote heat-transfer, e.g. fins, baffles	3/332	. . . . Supports for spacer grids
3/10	. . . . End closures {; Means for tight mounting therefor}	3/334	. . . Assembling {, maintenance or repair of} the bundles {(assembling, maintenance or repair of other reactor components <a href="#">G21C 19/207</a> )}
3/105	. . . . . {Flattened end-closures}	3/335	. . . Exchanging elements in irradiated bundles
3/12	. . . . Means forming part of the element for locating it within the reactor core {(means not forming part of the element <a href="#">G21C 5/06</a> )}	3/336	. . . Spacer elements for fuel rods in the bundle (spacer grids <a href="#">G21C 3/34</a> )
3/14	. . . . Means forming part of the element for inserting it into, or removing it from, the core; Means for coupling adjacent elements {, e.g. to form a stringer}	3/338	. . . . Helicoidal spacer elements
3/16	. . . Details of the construction within the casing	3/34	. . . Spacer grids
3/17	. . . . Means for storage or immobilisation of gases in fuel elements	3/3408	. . . . {Compact spacer grids, e.g. made of a plate or a blade}
3/18	. . . . Internal spacers or other non-active material within the casing, e.g. compensating for expansion of fuel rods or for compensating excess reactivity (interlayers <a href="#">G21C 3/20</a> )	3/3416	. . . . {Spacer grids formed by metallic wires, e.g. springs}
3/20	. . . . with coating on fuel or on inside of casing; with non-active interlayer between casing and active material {with multiple casings or multiple active layers}	3/3424	. . . . {Fabrication of spacer grids}
3/22	. . with fissile or breeder material in contact with coolant	3/3432	. . . . {Grids designed to influence the coolant, i.e. coolant mixing function}
3/24	. . with fissile or breeder material in fluid form within a non-active casing	3/344	. . . . formed of assembled tubular elements
3/26	. . with fissile or breeder material in powder form within a non-active casing	3/348	. . . . formed of assembled non-intersecting strips
3/28	. . with fissile or breeder material in solid form within a non-active casing	3/352	. . . . formed of assembled intersecting strips
3/30	. Assemblies of a number of fuel elements in the form of a rigid unit	3/356	. . . . being provided with fuel element supporting members
3/32	. . Bundles of parallel pin-, rod-, or tube-shaped fuel elements	3/3563	. . . . . {Supporting members formed only by deformations in the strips}
3/3206	. . . {Means associated with the fuel bundle for filtering the coolant, e.g. nozzles, grids}	3/3566	. . . . . {Supporting members formed only of elements fixed on the strips}
3/3213	. . . {Means for the storage or removal of fission gases (means for the storage of fission gases in the elements <a href="#">G21C 3/16</a> ; means for the removal of fission gases from elements <a href="#">G21C 3/04</a> )}	3/36	. . Assemblies of plate-shaped fuel elements or coaxial tubes
3/322	. . . Means to influence the coolant flow through or around the bundles	3/38	. Fuel units consisting of a single fuel element in a supporting sleeve {or in another supporting element}
3/3225	. . . . {by waterrods}	3/40	. Structural combination of fuel element with thermoelectric element for direct production of electric energy from fission heat (for temperature measurement <a href="#">G21C 17/10</a> ) {or with another arrangement for direct production of electric energy, e.g. a thermionic device (combination with thermoelements for temperature measurements <a href="#">G21C 17/102</a> )}
3/324	. . . Coats or envelopes for the bundles	3/42	. Selection of substances for use as reactor fuel
3/3245	. . . . {made of moderator material}	3/44	. . Fluid or fluent reactor fuel
3/326	. . . comprising fuel elements of different composition; comprising, in addition to the fuel elements, other pin-, rod-, or tube-shaped elements, e.g. control rods, grid support rods, fertile rods, poison rods or dummy rods	3/46	. . . Aqueous compositions
3/3262	. . . . {Enrichment distribution in zones}	3/48	. . . . True or colloidal solutions of the active constituent
3/3265	. . . . . {Radial distribution}	3/50	. . . . Suspensions of the active constituent; Slurries
3/3267	. . . . . {Axial distribution}	3/52	. . . Liquid metal compositions
3/328	. . . . Relative disposition of the elements in the bundle lattice	3/54	. . . Fused salt, oxide or hydroxide compositions
		3/56	. . . Gaseous compositions; Suspensions in a gaseous carrier
		3/58	. . Solid reactor fuel {Pellets made of fissile material}
		3/60	. . . Metallic fuel; Intermetallic dispersions
		3/62	. . . Ceramic fuel
		3/623	. . . . {Oxide fuels}
		3/626	. . . . {Coated fuel particles}

- 3/64 . . . . Ceramic dispersion fuel, e.g. cermet
- 5/00 Moderator or core structure; Selection of materials for use as moderator**
- 5/02 . Details
- 5/04 . . Spatial arrangements allowing for Wigner growth
- 5/06 . . Means for locating or supporting fuel elements  
{(means forming part of the element [G21C 3/12](#))}
- 5/08 . . Means for preventing undesired asymmetric expansion of the complete structure {; [Stretching devices, pins](#)}
- 5/10 . . Means for supporting the complete structure  
{(arrangements for supporting vessels and core-structures [G21C 13/024](#))}
- 5/12 . characterised by composition, e.g. the moderator containing additional substances which ensure improved heat resistance of the moderator  
{(purification of fluid moderators during the operation of the reactor [G21C 19/30](#))}
- 5/123 . . {[Moderators made of organic materials](#)}
- 5/126 . . {[Carbonic moderators \(carbon and graphite in general \[C01B 32/00\]\(#\); refractory carbon-bulbs \[C04B 35/00\]\(#\); carbon electrodes \[C25B\]\(#\)\)](#)}
- 5/14 . characterised by shape
- 5/16 . . Shape of its constituent parts
- 5/18 . characterised by the provision of more than one active zone
- 5/20 . . wherein one zone contains fissile material and another zone contains breeder material
- 5/22 . . wherein one zone is a superheating zone
- 7/00 Control of nuclear reaction**
- 7/005 . {[Flux flattening](#)}
- 7/02 . by using self-regulating properties of reactor materials, {e.g. [Doppler effect](#)}(arrangements that involve temperature stability [G21C 7/32](#))
- 7/04 . . of burnable poisons ([burnable poisons in fuel rods \[G21C 3/326\]\(#\)](#))
- 7/06 . by application of neutron-absorbing material, i.e. material with absorption cross-section very much in excess of reflection cross-section
- 7/08 . . by displacement of solid control elements, e.g. control rods
- 7/10 . . . Construction of control elements
- 7/103 . . . . Control assemblies containing one or more absorbants as well as other elements, e.g. fuel or moderator elements
- 7/107 . . . . Control elements adapted for pebble-bed reactors
- 7/11 . . . . Deformable control elements, e.g. flexible, telescopic, articulated
- 7/113 . . . . Control elements made of flat elements; Control elements having cruciform cross-section
- 7/117 . . . . Clusters of control rods; Spider construction
- 7/12 . . . Means for moving control elements to desired position ([dropping rods in an emergency \[G21C 9/02\]\(#\)](#))
- 7/14 . . . . Mechanical drive arrangements
- 7/16 . . . . Hydraulic or pneumatic drive
- 7/18 . . . Means for obtaining differential movement of control elements
- 7/20 . . . Disposition of shock-absorbing devices ([shock-absorbers in general \[F16F\]\(#\)](#)) {; [Braking arrangements](#)}
- 7/22 . . by displacement of a fluid or fluent neutron-absorbing material {, e.g. [by adding neutron-absorbing material to the coolant](#)}
- 7/24 . . Selection of substances for use as neutron-absorbing material
- 7/26 . by displacement of the moderator or parts thereof  
{[by changing the moderator concentration](#)}
- 7/27 . . Spectral shift control
- 7/28 . by displacement of the reflector or parts thereof
- 7/30 . by displacement of the reactor fuel or fuel elements
- 7/32 . by varying flow of coolant through the core {[by adjusting the coolant or moderator temperature](#)}
- 7/34 . by utilisation of a primary neutron source
- 7/36 . Control circuits
- 9/00 Emergency protection arrangements structurally associated with the reactor {, e.g. safety valves provided with pressure equalisation devices}(emergency cooling arrangements [G21C 15/18](#))**
- 9/001 . {[against explosions, e.g. blast shields](#)}
- 9/002 . {[against Na- or Ka- reactions](#)}
- 9/004 . Pressure suppression
- 9/008 . . by rupture-discs or -diaphragms
- 9/012 . . by thermal accumulation or by steam condensation, e.g. ice condensers
- 9/016 . Core catchers
- 9/02 . Means for effecting very rapid reduction of the reactivity factor under fault conditions, e.g. reactor fuse; {[Control elements having arrangements activated in an emergency](#)}([control elements per se \[G21C 7/00\]\(#\)](#))
- 9/022 . . {[Reactor fuses](#)}
- 9/024 . . {[Rupture diaphragms](#)}
- 9/027 . . by fast movement of a solid, e.g. pebbles
- 9/033 . . by an absorbent fluid
- 9/04 . Means for suppressing fires {; [Earthquake protection](#)}
- 9/06 . . Means for preventing accumulation of explosives gases, e.g. recombiners
- 11/00 Shielding structurally associated with the reactor**
- 11/02 . Biological shielding ([in general \[G21F\]\(#\)](#)) {; [Neutron or gamma shielding](#)}
- 11/022 . . {[inside the reactor vessel](#)}
- 11/024 . . . {[structurally combined with the casing](#)}
- 11/026 . . {[in apertures or channels through a wall](#)}
- 11/028 . . {[characterised by the form or by the material](#)}
- 11/04 . . on waterborne craft
- 11/06 . Reflecting shields, i.e. for minimising loss of neutrons
- 11/08 . Thermal shields; Thermal linings, i.e. for dissipating heat from gamma radiation which would otherwise heat an outer biological shield {; [Thermal insulation](#)}
- 11/081 . . {[consisting of a non-metallic layer of insulating material](#)}
- 11/083 . . {[consisting of one or more metallic layers](#)}
- 11/085 . . . {[consisting exclusively of several metallic layers](#)}
- 11/086 . . {[consisting of a combination of non-metallic and metallic layers, e.g. metal-sand-metal-concrete](#)}
- 11/088 . . {[consisting of a stagnant or a circulating fluid](#)}

- 13/00 Pressure vessels; Containment vessels; Containment in general (for chemical or physical processes [B01J 3/00](#); pressure vessels in general [F16J 12/00](#))**
- 13/02 . Details
  - 13/022 . . {Ventilating arrangements}
  - 13/024 . . Supporting constructions for pressure vessels or containment vessels
  - 13/028 . . Seals, e.g. for pressure vessels or containment vessels
  - 13/0285 . . . {for container apertures}
  - 13/032 . . Joints between tubes and vessel walls, e.g. taking into account thermal stresses
  - 13/036 . . . the tube passing through the vessel wall, i.e. continuing on both sides of the wall
  - 13/04 . . Arrangements for expansion and contraction
  - 13/06 . . Sealing-plugs (for pressure vessels in general [F16J 13/00](#))
  - 13/063 . . . {Seals for closures or for rotatable closures}
  - 13/067 . . . for tubes, e.g. standpipes; Locking devices for plugs
  - 13/0675 . . . . {Seals for the plugs}
  - 13/073 . . . Closures for reactor-vessels, e.g. rotatable
  - 13/0735 . . . . {Seals for closures or for rotatable closures}
  - 13/08 . . Vessels characterised by the material; Selection of materials for pressure vessels
  - 13/087 . . Metallic vessels
  - 13/0875 . . . {Tube-type vessels, e.g. for not essentially pressurised coolants}
  - 13/093 . . Concrete vessels
  - 13/0933 . . . {made of prestressed concrete}
  - 13/0936 . . . . {Particulars concerning prestressing devices and cables}
  - 13/10 . . Means for preventing contamination in the event of leakage, {e.g. double wall}
- 15/00 Cooling arrangements within the pressure vessel containing the core; Selection of specific coolants**
- 15/02 . Arrangements or disposition of passages in which heat is transferred to the coolant; {Coolant flow control devices ([G21C 19/04](#) takes precedence; coolant flow control through fuel assemblies, e.g. flow restrictors [G21C 3/322](#))}
  - 15/04 . . from fissile or breeder material {([G21C 3/32](#) takes precedence)}
  - 15/06 . . . in fuel elements
  - 15/08 . . from moderating material
  - 15/10 . . from reflector or thermal shield
  - 15/12 . . from pressure vessel; from containment vessel
  - 15/14 . . from headers; from joints in ducts
  - 15/16 . . comprising means for separating liquid and steam (separating in general [B01D](#); steam traps [F16D](#))
  - 15/18 . . Emergency cooling arrangements; Removing shut-down heat
  - 15/182 . . {comprising powered means, e.g. pumps}
  - 15/185 . . . {using energy stored in reactor system}
  - 15/187 . . . {using energy from the electric grid}
  - 15/20 . . Partitions or thermal insulation between fuel channel and moderator
  - 15/22 . . Structural association of coolant tubes with headers (joints of tubes in general [F16L](#))
  - 15/24 . . Promoting flow of the coolant (electrodynamic pumps [H02K 44/02](#))
  - 15/243 . . for liquids
- 15/247 . . . for liquid metals
  - 15/25 . . . using jet pumps
  - 15/253 . . for gases, e.g. blowers
  - 15/257 . . using heat-pipes {(in general [F28D](#), [F28F](#))}
  - 15/26 . . by convection, e.g. using chimneys, using divergent channels
  - 15/28 . . Selection of specific coolants (if serving as the moderator [G21C 5/12](#); compositions per se [C09K 5/00](#); {organic coolants [G21C 5/123](#)}); {Additions to the reactor coolants, e.g. against moderator corrosion (purification and regeneration of the reactor coolants [G21C 19/30](#))}
- 17/00 Monitoring; Testing (measuring in general [G01](#)); {Maintaining}**
- 17/001 . {Mechanical simulators (electrical or magnetic simulators [G06G 7/54](#))}
  - 17/002 . {Detection of leaks (by testing the coolant or the moderator [G21C 17/04](#))}
  - 17/003 . Remote inspection of vessels, e.g. pressure vessels
  - 17/007 . . Inspection of the outer surfaces of vessels
  - 17/01 . . Inspection of the inner surfaces of vessels
  - 17/013 . . Inspection vehicles
  - 17/017 . . Inspection or maintenance of pipe-lines or tubes in nuclear installations
  - 17/02 . . Devices or arrangements for monitoring coolant or moderator
  - 17/021 . . {Solid moderators testing, e.g. graphite}
  - 17/022 . . for monitoring liquid coolants or moderators
  - 17/0225 . . . {Chemical surface treatment, e.g. corrosion (corrosion prevention in presence of water from scale removal or by modification of the properties of the liquid [C02F 5/00](#); inhibiting corrosion by adding corrosion inhibitors [C23F 11/00](#))}
  - 17/025 . . . for monitoring liquid metal coolants {(molten metal sampling in general [G01N 1/125](#))}
  - 17/0255 . . . . {Liquid metal leaks detection (detecting leaks in pipe-line systems in general [F17D 5/00](#))}
  - 17/028 . . for monitoring gaseous coolants
  - 17/032 . . Reactor-coolant flow measuring or monitoring {(measuring volume or mass flow in general [G01F](#))}
  - 17/035 . . Moderator- or coolant-level detecting devices {(indicating or measuring liquid level in general [G01F 23/00](#))}
  - 17/038 . . Boiling detection in moderator or coolant
  - 17/04 . . Detecting burst slugs
  - 17/041 . . . {characterised by systems for checking the coolant channels, e.g. matrix systems}
  - 17/042 . . . {Devices for selective sampling, e.g. valves, shutters, rotatable selector valves}
  - 17/044 . . . {Detectors and metering devices for the detection of fission products}
  - 17/045 . . . . {Precipitation chambers}
  - 17/047 . . . . {Detection and metering circuits}
  - 17/048 . . . {characterised by a special construction of fuel elements, e.g. by a confined "tracer"}
  - 17/06 . . Devices or arrangements for monitoring or testing fuel or fuel elements outside the reactor core, e.g. for burn-up, for contamination ([G21C 17/08](#), [G21C 17/10](#) take precedence; detecting leaking fuel elements during reactor operation [G21C 17/04](#))

- 17/063 . . {Burn-up control ([G21C 17/066](#) takes precedence)}
- 17/066 . . {Control of spherical elements}
- 17/07 . . Leak testing
- 17/08 . Structural combination of reactor core or moderator structure with viewing means, e.g. with television camera, periscope, window
- 17/10 . Structural combination of fuel element, control rod, reactor core, or moderator structure with sensitive instruments, e.g. for measuring radioactivity, strain
- 17/102 . . {the sensitive element being part of a fuel element or a fuel assembly (structural combination with a thermoelectric element for direct production of electrical energy [G21C 3/40](#))}
- 17/104 . . Measuring reactivity
- 17/108 . . Measuring reactor flux
- 17/112 . . Measuring temperature
- 17/116 . . Passages or insulators, e.g. for electric cables
- 17/12 . . Sensitive element forming part of control element
- 17/14 . Period meters
- 19/00 Arrangements for treating, for handling, or for facilitating the handling of, fuel or other materials which are used within the reactor, e.g. within its pressure vessel**
- 19/02 . Details of handling arrangements
- 19/04 . . Means for controlling flow of coolant over objects being handled; Means for controlling flow of coolant through channel being serviced {, e.g. for preventing "blow-out"}
- 19/06 . . Magazines for holding fuel elements or control elements
- 19/065 . . . {Rotatable magazines}
- 19/07 . . . Storage racks; Storage pools
- 19/08 . . Means for heating fuel elements before introduction into the core; Means for heating or cooling fuel elements after removal from the core
- 19/10 . . Lifting devices or pulling devices adapted for co-operation with fuel elements or with control elements ([manipulators B25J](#))
- 19/105 . . . with grasping or spreading coupling elements
- 19/11 . . . with revolving coupling elements, e.g. socket coupling
- 19/115 . . . with latching devices and ball couplings
- 19/12 . . Arrangements for exerting direct hydraulic or pneumatic force on fuel element or on control element
- 19/14 . characterised by their adaptation for use with horizontal channels in the reactor core
- 19/16 . Articulated or telescopic chutes or tubes for connection to channels in the reactor core
- 19/18 . Apparatus for bringing fuel elements to the reactor charge area, e.g. from a storage place
- 19/19 . Reactor parts specifically adapted to facilitate handling, e.g. to facilitate charging or discharging of fuel elements
- 19/20 . Arrangements for introducing objects into the pressure vessel; Arrangements for handling objects within the pressure vessel; Arrangements for removing objects from the pressure vessel
- 19/202 . . {Arrangements for handling ball-form, i.e. pebble fuel}
- 19/205 . . {Interchanging of fuel elements in the core, i.e. fuel shuffling}
- 19/207 . . {Assembling, maintenance or repair of reactor components ([G21C 3/334](#) takes precedence)}
- 19/22 . . Arrangements for obtaining access to the interior of a pressure vessel whilst the reactor is operating
- 19/24 . . . by using an auxiliary vessel which is temporarily sealed to the pressure vessel
- 19/26 . Arrangements for removing jammed or damaged fuel elements or control elements; Arrangements for moving broken parts thereof
- 19/28 . Arrangements for introducing fluent material into the reactor core; Arrangements for removing fluent material from the reactor core ([pumping coolant G21D](#))
- 19/30 . . with continuous purification of circulating fluent material, e.g. by extraction of fission products {deterioration or corrosion products, impurities, e.g. by cold traps (purification of circulating fluid fuels [G21C 19/50](#); separation in general [B01D](#))}
- 19/303 . . . specially adapted for gases (decontamination of gases [G21F 9/02](#))
- 19/307 . . . specially adapted for liquids (decontamination of liquids [G21F 9/04](#))
- 19/31 . . . . for molten metals
- 19/313 . . . . using cold traps
- 19/317 . . . Recombination devices for radiolytic dissociation products
- 19/32 . Apparatus for removing radioactive objects or materials from the reactor discharge area, e.g. to a storage place; Apparatus for handling radioactive objects or materials within a storage place or removing them therefrom ([disposal of waste material G21F 9/00](#))
- 19/34 . Apparatus or processes for dismantling nuclear fuel, e.g. before reprocessing {; Apparatus or processes for dismantling strings of spent fuel elements} ([shielded cells G21F 7/00](#))
- 19/36 . . Mechanical means only
- 19/365 . . . Removing cannings or casings from fuel
- 19/37 . . . . by separating into pieces both the canning or the casing and the fuel element, e.g. by cutting or shearing
- 19/375 . . . Compacting devices, e.g. for fuel assemblies
- 19/38 . . Chemical means only
- 19/40 . Arrangements for preventing occurrence of critical conditions, e.g. during storage
- 19/42 . Reprocessing of irradiated fuel
- 19/44 . . of irradiated solid fuel
- 19/46 . . . Aqueous processes {, e.g. by using organic extraction means, including the regeneration of these means}
- 19/48 . . . Non-aqueous processes
- 19/50 . . of irradiated fluid fuel {, e.g. regeneration of fuels while the reactor is in operation}
- 21/00 Apparatus or processes specially adapted to the manufacture of reactors or parts thereof (in general section B, e.g. [B23](#))**
- 21/02 . Manufacture of fuel elements or breeder elements contained in non-active casings
- 21/04 . . by vibrational compaction or tamping {of fuel in the jacket}
- 21/06 . . by {rotatable} swaging {of the jacket around the fuel}
- 21/08 . . by a slip-fit cladding process {by crimping the jacket around the fuel}

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- 21/10 . . by extrusion, drawing, or stretching {by rolling, e.g. "picture frame" technique}
- 21/12 . . by hydrostatic or thermo-pneumatic canning {in general by pressing without lengthening, e.g. explosive coating}
- 21/14 . . by plating {the fuel} in a fluid
- 21/16 . . by casting or dipping techniques
- 21/18 . Manufacture of control elements covered by group [G21C 7/00](#)

### **23/00 Adaptations of reactors to facilitate experimentation or irradiation**