

Solidification Course 2025

Announcement

32nd Edition

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1077 participants from 381 companies from 39 countries so far!

Champéry (Switzerland)

May 18 – May 23, 2025

THE LECTURERS

Courses, discussions and exercises will be presented by the following lecturers:

<i>Prof. Christoph Beckermann</i>	Professor, University of Iowa, Iowa City, USA
<i>Prof. Hervé Combeau</i>	Professor, Lorraine University, Institut Jean Lamour, Nancy, France
<i>Prof. Jon Dantzig</i>	Professor Emeritus, University of Illinois, Urbana, USA
<i>Dr Marco Gremaud</i>	Former Director of ESI Group, Manufacturing Division, Lausanne, Switzerland
<i>Dr Alain Jacot</i>	Manager, R&D – Physics & Materials, ESI Group, Switzerland
<i>Prof. Matthew John M. Krane</i>	Professor, Purdue University, USA
<i>Prof. Andreas Ludwig</i>	Professor, Montanuniversitaet Leoben, Austria
<i>Prof. André Phillion</i>	Professor, McMaster University, Hamilton, ON, Canada
<i>Prof. Michel Rappaz</i>	Professor Emeritus, Ecole Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne (EPFL), Switzerland

SCOPE OF THE COURSE

For the thirty second time, ESI Group, in collaboration with the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology of Lausanne (EPFL), is organizing a solidification course with the participation of renowned lecturers from Swiss, French, Austrian, Canadian and US universities.

This one-week course, held in English, is designed for engineers and scientists from industry and research centers who wish to improve their knowledge in the field of solidification. Participants should have a degree in materials science, metallurgy, mechanical engineering, chemical engineering, physics or chemistry.

Although the theoretical background of solidification is reviewed, the course is oriented towards the relation of solidification theories to industrial practice. Applications of these concepts are made to processes including additive manufacturing, shape casting, continuous casting, and directional solidification in a variety of metallic systems.

The fundamental aspects of solidification (e.g., phase diagrams, heat and mass transfer) are addressed together with the formation of microstructures (e.g., grain structures, dendrites, eutectics) and defects (e.g., porosity, hot tearing, micro- and macro-segregation). Connection between macroscopic and microscopic aspects, such as the prediction of these microstructures and defects as a function of process parameters, is emphasized. A course covering various aspects of additive manufacturing, including rapid solidification theory was added recently.

In addition to the lectures, group exercises, discussions, and films are organized in order to apply, practice, and visualize the course content. The interaction between the limited number of participants (maximum 40) and the nine lecturers has proven in the past to allow an optimum transfer of knowledge during the whole week, both in and out of the sessions. To continue this tradition, private or group discussions can take place during social hours, evenings, and Wednesday afternoon in order to address more specific problems which the participants may encounter.

The course follows very closely the content of the textbook "Solidification" by J.A. Dantzig and M. Rappaz.

PROGRAMME

Sunday May 18, 2025

From 18:30 Welcome of the participants, registration
19.15 Dinner

Monday May 19, 2025

08.30 - 09.45 Introduction / Overview of solidification phenomena M. Gremaud
09.45 - 10.15 Break
10.15 - 11.15 Phase diagrams J. Dantzig
11.15 - 12.15 Discussion/Exercises (Phase diagrams) C. Beckermann / J. Dantzig
12.30 Lunch
13.45 - 14.45 Heat and Mass transfer M. Krane
14.45 - 15.45 Discussion/Exercises (Heat-Mass transfer) H. Combeau / M. Krane
15.45 - 16.15 Break
16.15 - 17.15 Nucleation and grain refinement in alloys A. Ludwig
17.15 - 18.00 In-situ visualization of solidification (films) A. Jacot
18.30 Social Hour
19.30 Dinner

Tuesday May 20, 2025

08.30 - 09.30 Microsegregation C. Beckermann
09.30 - 10.30 Discussion/Exercises (Microsegregation) A. Ludwig / C. Beckermann
10.30 - 11.00 Break
11.00 - 12.00 Dendritic structures J. Dantzig
12:15 Lunch
14.00 - 15.00 Eutectic solidification A. Ludwig
15.00 - 16.15 Discussion/Exercises (Dendrites-Eutectic) J. Dantzig / A. Ludwig
16.15 - 16.45 Break
16.45 - 17.45 Mushy zone dynamics H. Combeau
18.30 "Swiss Evening" dinner

Wednesday May 21, 2025

08.30 - 09.30	Porosity	C. Beckermann
09.30 - 10.30	Discussion/Exercises (Porosity)	H. Combeau / C. Beckermann
10.30 - 11.00	Break	
11.00 - 12.00	Columnar and equiaxed structures	H. Combeau
12.15	Lunch	
	Free time (free discussions with the professors)	
18.15	Social hour	
19.15	Dinner	

Thursday May 22, 2025

08.30 - 09.30	Hot tearing	A. Phillion
09.30 - 10.45	Discussion/Exercises (Hot tearing)	M. Krane / A. Phillion
10.45 - 11.15	Break	
11.15 - 12.15	Additive manufacturing / Rapid solidification	M. Rappaz
12.30	Lunch	
14.15 - 15.15	Macrosegregation	M. Krane
15.15 - 16.30	Discussion/Exercises (Macrosegregation)	A. Ludwig / M. Krane
16.30 - 17.00	Break	
17.00 - 18.00	Answer to participant questions – Panel session	All
18.15	Social hour	
19.15	Dinner	

Friday May 23, 2025

08.30 - 09.30	Solidification path in multi-component systems	M. Rappaz
09.30 - 10.30	Discussion/Exercises (Multi-comp)	J. Dantzig / M. Rappaz
10.30 - 11.00	Break	
11.00 - 11.45	Synthesis – Linking solidification phenomena	A. Phillion
11.45	Concluding remarks	M. Gremaud
12.00	End	
12.15	Lunch	

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

- Dates:** from Sunday May 18, 2025 evening
to Friday May 23, 2025, mid-day (lunch included)
- Location:** Hotel Suisse, 1874 Champéry, Switzerland
(Mountain resort in the Swiss Alps, 100 km from Geneva)
www.hotelsuissechampéry.ch
- Access:** Train or car (2.5 hours by train from Geneva Airport and
4.5 hours by train from Zurich Airport).
- Registration:** As soon as possible, on-line at
<https://www.esi-group.com/events/2023/solidification-course-2025>
or contact
solidification.course@esi-group.com
- Registration is limited to 40 participants.
- Price:** CHF 5'450.-
This price includes the registration fee, the booklet of the course
with the lecture notes, the book "Solidification", the hotel (full
board), drinks during the meals, social hours and coffee breaks.
- Payment** The course fee should be paid before April 10th, 2025.
Instructions for payment will be provided at registration.

An information package with the practical details will be sent in around mid-April 2025 to each registered participant.

Previous courses were attended by participants from the following companies or institutions:

Argentina INTI **Australia** BHP, Comalco, Uni Wollongong **Austria** AMAG, ARC, Böhler, Buntmetall Amstetten, Eisenwerk Sulzau Werfen, Giesserei Institut, Hertwich Eng., Leoben University, LKR, Mubea Wheels, Siemens, Voest-Alpine, TU Graz **Belgium** Allard Europe, Bekaert, Consolidated Precision Products, CRIF, Heraeus Electro-Nite Intl., KU Leuven, Magotteaux, Union Minière **Brazil** Electro Aço Altona, Gerdau, ITP, Vallourec, Villares Metals **Canada** Alcan, Aluminium Tech. Carlton Univ., Magotteaux, NRC, Univ. of McMaster, Univ. of Windsor, Univ. of Western Ontario **Czech Rep.** Mecas, Vitkovicg Heavy Machinery, Technical Univ. Ostrava **Denmark** Jydsk, Univ. of Denmark **Finland** Outokumpu, VTT **France** ABS Centre Métallurgique, Airbus Helicopters, Alcoa Howmet, Aperam Isbergues, Arts et Métiers Angers, ArcelorMittal, Asco Metal Creas, Aubert&Duval, Cabinet Braun, Castmetal, CEA, Cemef, Cetim, Cezus, Cirimat, CLAL, Clecim, Constellium, Creusot-Loire Industrie, CTIF, Decathlon, Ecole Centrale de Nantes, Ecole des Mines Albi, Ecole des Mines St-Etienne, Electricité de France, ENSAM, ESI Group, Fives Cryo, Fonderie Nouvelle Jouve, Forcast, Framatome, Griset, Howmet, Imphy, Industeel, INPG, INPT, Institut Jean Lamour, IRSN, Le Bélier, Linde Advanced Material Technologies, Lorraine University, Manoir Industries, Manoir St Brieuc, Metafensch, Montupet, PCC France, Péchiney, Pont-à-Mousson, Praxair mrc, Renault, Rio Tinto Alcan, Safran, Saint-Gobain Cree, Sambre et Meuse, SCC, Sepr, Safran, Snecma, Techpy, Trefimetaux, Turbine Casting, ThyssenKruppElectrical Steel, Ugine, Ugitech, Umicore, Unimetal, Univ. de Lorraine, Vallourec, Waeles, Wamar **Germany** Access, Airbus, Aleris, Aluminiumfeinguss Soest, Aurubis, Buderus Edelstahl, Daimler Chrysler, DLR, Doncasters, Fraunhofer, GKSS, Helmholtz Zentrum, Hydro, KME, MAN, MKM, MTU, Otto Fuchs, Ritter Al, Salzgitter Mannesmann, Reiner Brach, Siempelkamp, Schmidt & Clemens, SMS Diemag, SMS Group, Thyssen, Tital, Trimet Al, TU Dresden, TU Freiberg, VAW, Volkswagen, Zollern **Greece** Alcor, Egnatia foundry, Elkeme, Elval **Hungary** Miskolc University **India** Anant, Concast, ESI India, GM, HAL, Jadavpur University, Kalyani Carpenter, Peekay Steel, Simplex Castings, Sri Ranganathar Valves **Ireland** DePuy, Dublin Inst. Of Tech., Materials Ireland, Montupet **Israel** NRCN, Urdan **Italy** Area3, Brembo, Centro Ricerche FAR, Fiat, Centro Sviluppo Materiali, Danieli, ECOTRE, EMA, Europa Microfusioni Aerospaziali, Fonderia Atti, Maxion Wheels, Metra, Microfusione Stellite, Politecnico di Torino, Refel, Teksid, Univ. of Bologna, Univ. of Brescia, Zanardi Fonderie **Japan** IHI, JIPS, Kyushu University, Mitsubishi Heavy Industries, Nihon ESI, Nippon Steel, Tokyo University **Korea** Hyundai Heavy Ind., Inst. Ind. Tech **Mexico** Castech, Cinfusa, Ciateq **Netherlands** Bosch, Corus, ESA, Honeywell, Hoogovens, MI2, NIMR, Outokumpu, Shell, Tata Steel, TU Delft, Univ. of Groningen **New Zealand** AW Frazer, Supreme Steel Precision **Norway** Elkem, Elkem Solar, Elkem Silicon Materials, Hycast, Hydro, IFE, Inst. For Energy Technologies, NTNU, K.A. Rasmussen, Sintef **Poland** AGH, CPP, GE Polska, Rzeszow Univ. of Tech., Warsaw University, WSK **Portugal** Funfrap, Instituto Superior Tecnico, Zollern **Russia** Aviadvigatel OJSC, FSUE MMPP SALUT, KUMW, Perm National Research **Saudi Arabia** King Saud University, Sabic **Slovak Rep.** US Steel **Slovenia** Impol D.D., IMT, Talum D.D., TGC Unitech, Univ. of Nova Gorica, Univ. of Ljubljana **South Africa** Mattek-CSIR, Scaw Metals **Spain** Analisis y Simulación, C4, Centro Metalurgico Azterlan, Cidaut, CTM, Edertek, Fagor Ederlan, Fuchosa, Inasmet, Labein, Mondragon Univ., Precicast, Sidenor, Univ. Vigo **Sweden** ABB, Erasteel Kloster, GKN Aerospace, Gränges Technology, KTH, Jönköping University, Lulea University, MEFOS, Ovako Steel, Sandwik Rock, SAPA, Swedish Foundry Ass., Swerea Swecast, Swerim, Volvo Truck, Volvo Powertrain, TPC **Switzerland** Advanced Aerofoil Technologies, Alcan, Algroup, Argor-Heraeus, Asulab, Bühler, Cendres et Métaux, Concast, FHNW, Georg Fisher, HES SO, Kugler Bimetal, Metalor, Nivarox, Novelis, Nussbaum, Precicast, PSI, PX Holding, Rolex, SMS Concast, Steel Consult, Sulzer, Swatch Group, Swissmetal, Swiss Steel, UMS, Unitechnologies, Varinor, Wolfensberger **Taiwan** Nat. Taiwan Uni. **Thailand** INN, Somboon **Turkey** Assan Kibar Group, CMS, Eregli, Eyap Artema, FNSS Defense Systems, Gedik Döküm **United Arab Emirates** Dubai Aluminium, Gulf Extrusions, Masdar Institute **United Kingdom** AETC, Aeromet International, Alloy Wheels, Ashland, AWE, British Aerospace, Doncasters, GKN, Namtec, Parallooy, Polycast, Rolls Royce, Sheffield Forgemasters, Sim-Cast, T&N Technology, Trittech Group, Univ. of Birmingham, Univ. of Cambridge, Univ. of Cranfield, Univ. of Leicester, Univ. of Sheffield, Univ. of Swansea, Vulcan, Wall Colmonoy **USA** Air Force, Alumax, Carnegie Mellon, Carpenter Technology, Caterpillar, CNS, Consolidated Metco, Dura-Bar, Ellwood Quality Steels, ESI R&D, Ford Motor Company, General Electric, GM, Hitchiner Manufacturing, Hoeganaes, Honeywell Aerospace, Howmet, Iowa University, Los Alamos Natl. Lab., Magotteaux, Naval Surface Center, NIST, Novelis, PCC Structural, Pratt & Whitney, Purdue University, Rochester Inst. Of Technology, Signicast Investment, Stuller, United Technologies, Univ. of Binghamton, Univ. of Greenwich, Univ. of Illinois, Univ. of Iowa, Univ. of Ohio, Virginia Tech, Wagstaff, West Coast Foundry, Wright Patterson AFB, Wyman Gordan