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# **JADE**

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## **JADE USER GUIDE:**



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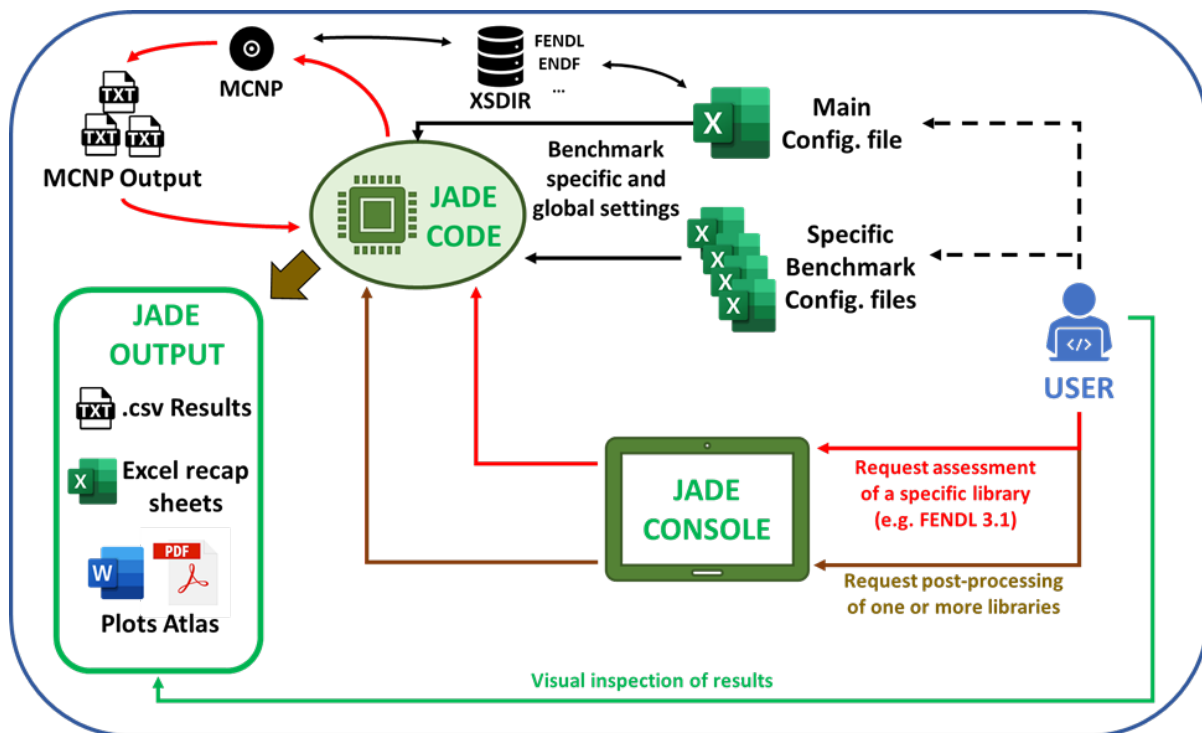
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## JADE IN A NUTSHELL



JADE is an open source, Python 3 based software able to:

- automatically build a series of MCNP input file using different nuclear data libraries;
- automatically run simulations on such inputs;
- automatically parse and post-process all the generated MCNP outputs.

The benchmarks implemented by default are divided between computational and experimental benchmarks. The post-processing output includes:

- raw data in .csv files containing the entire tallied output from the simulations;
- formatted Excel recap files;
- Word and PDF atlas collecting the plots generated during the post-processing.

Additional JADE features are:

- the possibility to implement user-defined benchmarks;
- operate on the material card of an MCNP input (e.g. create material mixtures or translate it to a different nuclear data library);

- print a recap of the material composition of an MCNP input.



## INSTALLATION

The procedure to install JADE is the following:

1. Install/update Anaconda, you can update all packages in your current environment using:

```
conda update --all
```

However, if bugs or problems are encountered, a fresh Anaconda re-installation may solve the issues

2. Install additional packages. It may be necessary to activate the conda-forge channel. It can be done typing in an anaconda prompt shell:

```
conda config --add channels conda-forge
```

then use:

```
conda install python-docx
```

The second package that is needed is numjuggler for parsing of MCNP inputs. Unfortunately, this is not available for conda installation and pip should be used instead:

```
pip install numjuggler
```

3. Extract the zip into a folder of choice (from now on <JADE\_root>);
4. Rename the folder containing the Python scripts as 'Code' (<JADE\_root>\Code);
5. Open the global configuration file: <JADE\_root>\Code\Configuration\Config.xlsx; here you need to properly set the environment variables specified in the 'MAIN Config.' sheet (i.e. xsdir Path, and multithread options);
6. Open an anaconda prompt shell and change directory to <JADE\_root>\Code. Then type:

```
python main.py
```

7. On the first usage the rest of the folders architecture is initialized.

**Warning:** A limiter has been inserted in the code in order to test it before using JADE for production (this will be eliminated when a proper function testing the installation will be produced). To remove it, open <JADE\_root>\Code\testrun.py and comment out line 239 and 298 while de-commenting line 238 and 297.



## FOLDER STRUCTURE

The following is a scheme of the JADE folder structure:

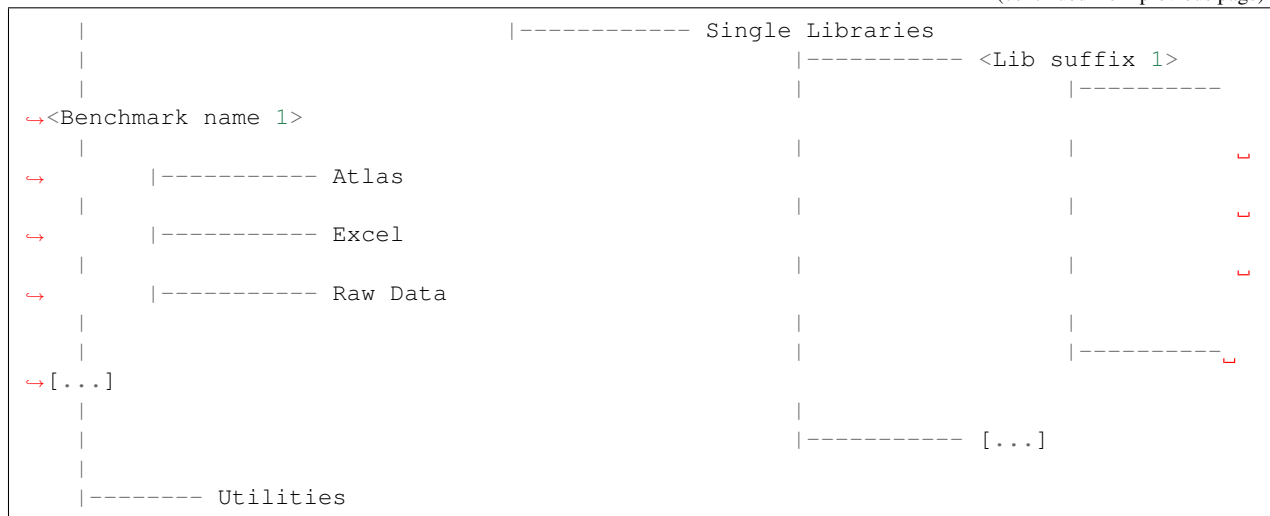
```

<JADE_root>
|----- Benchmark inputs
|
|----- Code
|         |----- Default Settings
|         |----- docs
|         |----- Installation Files
|         |----- Templates
|
|----- Configuration
|         |----- Benchmarks Configuration
|         |----- Config.xlsx
|
|----- Experimental results
|         |----- <Benchmark name 1>
|         |----- [...]
|
|----- [Quality]
|
|----- Tests
|         |----- MCNP simulations
|         |         |----- <Lib suffix 1>
|         |         |         |----- <Benchmark name 1>
|         |         |         |----- [...]
|         |         |----- [...]
|         |----- Post-Processing
|         |         |----- Comparisons
|         |         |         |----- <lib 1>_Vs_<lib 2>_Vs..
↪ ..
|         |         |         |-----
↪ ----- <Benchmark name 1>
|         |         |         |
↪         |         |         |----- Atlas
|         |         |         |
↪         |         |         |----- Excel
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<JADE\_root> is the root folder chosen by the user. As described in *Installation* section, the JADE GitHub repo should be renamed and placed inside the root directory as <JADE\_root>\Code.

All folders parallel to the <JADE\_root>\Code will be created after the first JADE run.

Hereafter, a general overview of the different JADE tree branches is presented.

### 3.1 Benchmark inputs

<JADE\_root>\Benchmark\_inputs contains all the inputs of the default benchmarks available in the JADE suite. This is the folder where eventual user defined benchmark inputs should be positioned. In case of benchmarks that are composed by more than one run, all the inputs are reunited in a sub-folder (e.g. <JADE\_root>\Benchmark\_inputs\Oktavian).

## 3.2 Code

<JADE\_root>\Code contains the JADE GitHub repo itself. All the source code is contained here together with the following subfolders:

**Default Settings** Contains all JADE default settings. On the first JADE instance these are copied to the <JADE\_root>\Configuration folder. They can be restored by a dedicated utility function available from the main menu.

**docs** Contains all files related to this documentation. Here, local version of the documentations can be found.

**Installation Files** Contains files to be used during the first JADE run. They have not any appeal to the general user.

**Templates** Contains all the Microsoft Office and Word templates to be used during post-processing. In case of user-defined benchmarks that are based on specific templates, these need to be added here.

## 3.3 Configuration

<JADE\_root>\Configuration stores the main JADE configuration file `Config.xlsx` and all benchmark-specific configuration files that are stored in <JADE\_root>\Code\Benchmarks Configuration.

**See also:**

*Configuration* for additional description of the configuration files.

## 3.4 Experimental results

<JADE\_root>\Experimental results stores all the experimental results needed for the post-processing of experimental benchmarks. In case of benchmarks that are composed by more than one run, all the inputs are reunited in a sub-folder (e.g. <JADE\_root>\Experimental results\Oktavian).

## 3.5 Quality

**NOT IMPLEMENTED**

## 3.6 Tests

<JADE\_root>\Tests reunites all the outputs of the benchmarks assessments.

**MCNP simulations** contains the results of the transport simulations.

**Post-Processing** contains all the results coming from the post-processing of results. These are divided between *Comparisons* and *Single Libraries*.

## 3.7 Utilities

<JADE\_root>\Tests is where all outputs coming from the *Utilities* are reunited. Each utility generates a dedicated sub-folder when is used for the first time. Upon installation, the only sub-folder is <JADE\_root>\Tests\Log Files that contains all log files produced by each JADE session.



## CONFIGURATION

All configuration files are included in the <JADE\_root>\Configuration directory. In principle, **the general user should only operate on the Main Configuration file**, while all other configuration files simply guarantee an additional level of personalization for the user.

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**Note:** In case of user-defined benchmarks suitable *Benchmark run configuration* and *Benchmark post-processing configuration* files need to be produced.

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### 4.1 Main Configuration

The most important configuration file is <JADE\_root>\Configuration\Config.xlsx. This is **the only configuration file that the user must modify** before operating with JADE. Hereafter, a description of the different sheets included in the file is given.

#### 4.1.1 MAIN Config.

MAIN CONFIGURATION VARIABLES	
xmdir Path	C:\Users\d.laghi\Documents\McNP\McNP_DATA\xmdir_mcnp6.2
multithread	True
CPU	4

This sheet contains the JADE *ambient variables*:

**xmdir Path** Absolute path to the xmdir file that has been set to be used during MCNP simulations.

**multithread** Under Windows operative system, MCNP allows to run on multithread using the `tasks` keyword. Setting this variable to `True` enables this capability.

**CPU** When **multithread** is set to `True`, **CPU** sets the argument that will be passed to `tasks` during MCNP runs.

## 4.1.2 Computational benchmarks

Computational benchmark additional options							
Default Benchmarks							
Description	File Name	OnlyInput	Run	Post-Processing	NPS cut-off	CTME cut-off	Relative Error cut-off
Sphere Leakage Test	Sphere.i	false	false	false	1.00E+04		
ITER 1D (by M. Sawan)	ITER_1D.i	false	false	false	1.00E+04		
Helium Cooled Pebble Bed Test Blanket Module (1D)	HCPB_TBM_1D.i	false	false	false	1.00E+03		
Water Cooled Lithium Lead Test Blanket Module (1D)	WCLL_TBM_1D.i	false	false	false	1.00E+03		
C-Model R181031 rev190715	C_Model.i	true	false	true	1.00E+03		

This table collects allows to personalize which *computational benchmarks* should be included in the JADE assessment. Each row controls a different benchmark, where the following options (columns) are available:

**Description** this is the extended name of the benchmark, this name will appear in specific outputs of the post-processing.

**File Name** name of the reference MCNP input file. These need to be placed in <JADE root>\Benchmarks inputs.

**OnlyInput** when this field is set to `True` the benchmark input is only generated but not run. This can be useful when the user wants to run the benchmark on a different hardware with respect to the one where JADE is being used.

**See also:**

*External Run of a benchmark*

**Run** the benchmark will be run during an assessment only if this field is set to `True`. This allows to customize the selection of benchmarks to be run during an assessment or avoid to re-run benchmarks that were already simulated in the past.

**Post-Processing** this field works exactly as the `Run` one but for the post-processing operations.

The last three options available for each benchmark control the MCNP STOP card parameters that help regulating the simulation lenght:

**NPS cut-off** this is equivalent to the `NPS` entry in the MCNP STOP card. It sets a maximum amount of histories to be simulated. Only integers are allowed.

**CTME cut-off** this is equivalent to the `CTME` entry in the MCNP STOP card. It sets a maximum computer time after which the simulation will be interrupted. Only integers are allowed.

**Relative Error cut-off** this is equivalent to the `F` entry in the MCNP STOP card. The syntax of this entry is:

`F<k>-<e>` (example: F16-0.0005)

This stops the calculation when the tally fluctuation chart of tally  $k$  has reached a relative error lower than  $e$ .

**Note:** All three STOP parameters can be simultaneously defined during a simulation. The first cut-off criteria reached will be the one triggering the end of the calculation.



### 4.1.3 Experimental benchmarks

Computational benchmark additional options							
Default Benchmarks							
Description	File Name	OnlyInput	Run	Post-Processing	NPS cut-off	CTME cut-off	Relative Error cut-off
Oktavian Experiment	Oktavian	false	true	true	1.00E+06		

The structure of the sheet is exactly the same as the *Computational benchmarks* one. Nevertheless, in this table are indicated the settings for the experimental benchmarks.

### 4.1.4 Libraries

Suffix	Name	Default
21c	FENDL 2.1c	
30c	FENDL 3.0	
31c	FENDL 3.1d	
32c	FENDL 3.2 beta	
70c	ENDF VII	
00c	ENDF VIII	yes

This table simply consists of a glossary where the user can associate more explicit names to the nuclear data libraries suffixes available in the `xsdire` file. This allows for a clearer post-processing output.

## 4.2 Benchmark run configuration

TBD

These are used only for *Sphere Leakage* and cannot be generalized.

## 4.3 Benchmark post-processing configuration

It is possible to control (to some extent) the post-processing of each benchmark via its specific configuration file. These files are located in the `<JADE_root>\Configuration\Benchmarks Configuration` folder and their name must be identical to the one used in the `File Name` field in the main configuration file (using the `.xlsx` extension instead of the `.i`). These files are available only for computational benchmarks, since the high degree of customization needed for an experimental benchmark makes quite difficult to standardize them. While computational benchmarks can be added to the JADE suite without the need for additional coding, this is not true also for experimental one.

The files contain two main sheets, that respectively regulate the Excel and the Word/PDF post-processing output.

#### 4.3.1 Excel

<b>Tally</b>	<b>x</b>	<b>x name</b>	<b>y</b>	<b>y name</b>	<b>cut Y</b>
4	Energy	Energy [MeV]	Cells	Cell	20
14	Energy	Energy [MeV]	Cells	Cell	20
6	Cells	Cell	tally	Value	
16	Cells	Cell	tally	Value	
26	Cells	Cell	tally	Value	
24	Cells	Cell	tally	Value	
34	Cells	Cell	tally	Value	
44	Cells	Cell	tally	Value	
54	Cells	Cell	tally	Value	
64	Cells	Cell	tally	Value	
74	Cells	Cell	tally	Value	
84	Cells	Cell	tally	Value	
94	Cells	Cell	tally	Value	
104	Cells	Cell	tally	Value	
114	Cells	Cell	tally	Value	
124	Cells	Cell	tally	Value	
134	Cells	Cell	tally	Value	
144	Cells	Cell	tally	Value	
154	Cells	Cell	tally	Value	
164	Cells	Cell	tally	Value	
174	Energy	Energy [MeV]	Cells	Cell	20
204	Cells	Cell	tally	Value	
214	Cells	Cell	tally	Value	

This sheet regulates the Excel output derived from the benchmark. It consists of a table where each row regulates the output of a single tally present in the MCNP input.

Hereinafter a description of the available fields is reported.

**Tally** tally number according to MCNP input file.

**x, y** select the binnings to be used for the presentation of the excel results of the specific tally. Clearly, the binning

should have been coherently defined in the MCNP input too. MCNP allows different types of tally binning, they can be accessed using the tags reported in the table below.

Table 1: Allowed binnings

Admissible <b>x</b> and <b>y</b>
Energy
Cells
time
tally
Dir
User
Segments
Multiplier
Cosine
Cor A
Cor B
Cor C

As a result of the selected **x** and **y** option, the results of the post-processed tally will be display in a matrix format. In case only a single binning is defined in the MCNP input, the `tally` keyword should be used to signal to JADE to just to print the results in a column format.

**Important:** The main direction of an Excel file is considered to be the vertical one, which is the preferred scrolling direction. For this reason, the **x** direction is associated with the vertical direction in an Excel file and the **y** with the horizontal one.

**Warning:** No more than two binnings should be defined for a single MCNP tally due to the limitation of having to represent 2-D output. JADE may be able to handle tallies with more than 2 binnings if some of them are constant values.

**Tip:** If a 1D FMESH is defined in the MCNP input, JADE will automatically transform it to a “binned” tally and handle it as any other tally using the `Cor A`, `Cor B` or `Cor C` field.

**x name, y name** These will be the names associated to the **x** and **y** axis printed in the excel file.

**cut Y** The idea behind JADE is to produce outputs that are easy to investigate simply by scrolling and concentrate on the main results highlighted through colors. Having a high number of bins both in the **x** and **y** axis may cause a problem in this sense, forcing the user to scroll on both axis. For this reason, a maximum number of columns can be set to solve this issue. This will cause the tally results not to be printed as a unique matrix but as sequential blocks each with a number of columns equal to **cut Y**.

### 4.3.2 Atlas

Tally	Quantity	Unit	Binned graph	Ratio graph
4	Neutron Flux	#/cm <sup>2</sup>	True	False
14	Photon Flux	#/cm <sup>2</sup>	True	False
6	Total Nuclear Heating	W/g	False	True
16	Neutron Heating	W/g	False	True
26	Photon Heating	W/g	False	True
24	DPA in Fe	dpa/FPY	False	False
34	Helium production in SS316	appm/FPY	False	False
44	Hydrogen production in SS316	appm/FPY	False	False
54	Tritium production in SS316	appm/FPY	False	False
64	DPA in Cu	dpa/FPY	False	False
74			False	False
84			False	False
94			False	False
104			False	False
114			False	False
124			False	False
134			False	False
144			False	False
154			False	False
164			False	False
174			False	False
204	Neutron Flux	#/cm <sup>2</sup>	False	True
214	Photon Flux	#/cm <sup>2</sup>	False	True

This sheet regulates the Atlas output (Word/PDF) derived from the benchmark. It consists of a table where each row regulates the output of a single tally present in the MCNP input. Hereinafter a description of the available fields is reported.

**Tally** tally number according to MCNP input file.

**Quantity** Physical quantity that will be plotted on the y-axis of the plot. For the x-axis the one specified in the Excel sheet under **x** will be considered. The quantity selected for plotting will always be the tallied quantity.

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**Important:** when two binnings are specified in the Excel sheet, a different plot for each of the **y** bins will be produced. For example, let's consider a neutron flux tally binned both in energy (selected as **x**) and cells (selected as **y**). Then, a plot showing the neutron flux as a function of energy will be produced for each cell indicated in the tally.

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**Unit** Unit associated to the Quantity.

**<Graph type>** Different columns can be added where it can be specified if a plot in the style indicated by the column name should be generated (**true**) or not (**false**). The available plot styles are *Binned graph*, *Ratio Graph*, *Experimental points* and *Grouped bars*.

## USAGE

Once JADE is correctly configured (for additional details see *Configuration*), the application can be started from the 'Code' folder with:

```
python main.py
```

The main menu is loaded at this point:

```
*****
      Welcome to JADE v1.1.0
    A nuclear libraries V&V Test Suite
    Release date: 25/05/2021

      MAIN MENU

    Powered by NIER, UNIBO, F4E
*****
MAIN FUNCTIONS

* Open Quality check menu          (qual)
* Open Computational Benchmark menu (comp)
* Open Experimental Benchmark menu  (exp)
* Open Post-Processing menu         (post)
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UTILITIES

* Print available libraries         (printlib)
* Translate an MCNP input           (trans)
* Print materials info              (printmat)
* Generate material                 (generate)
* Switch fractions                  (switch)
-----
* Test installation                 (test)

* Exit                             (exit)
```

This menu allows users to interact with the tool directly from the command prompt via pre-defined commands. The following main option are available typing from the main menu:

- `qual` not currently supported;
- `comp` opens the *Computational Benchmark menu*;

- `exp` opens the *Experimental Benchmark menu*;
- `post` opens the *Post-processing menu*;
- `exit` exit the application.

Additionally to these main options, a series of “utilities” can be also accessed from the main menu. These are a collection of side-tools initially developed for JADE that nevertheless can be useful also as stand-alone tools. A detailed description of these functionalities can be found in *Utilities*.

## 5.1 Quality check menu

Not implemented.

## 5.2 Computational Benchmark menu

```
*****
      Welcome to JADE v1.1.0
    A nuclear libraries V&V Test Suite
    Release date: 25/05/2021

    COMPUTATIONAL BENCHMARK MENU

    Powered by NIER, UNIBO, F4E
*****

* Print available libraries      (printlib)
* Assess library                (assess)
* Continue assessment           (continue)
* Back to main menu             (back)
* Exit                          (exit)

Enter action:
```

The following options are available in the computational benchmark menu:

- `printlib` print to video all the available nuclear data libraries in the `xmdir` file selected during JADE configuration;
- `assess` start the assessment of a selected library on the computational benchmarks. The library is specified directly from the console when the selection is prompted to video. The library must be contained in the `xmdir` file (available libraries can be explored using `printlib`);
- `continue` continue a previously interrupted assessment for a selected library. **Currently, this option is implemented only for the Sphere Leakage benchmark.**
- `back` go back to the main menu;
- `exit` exit the application.

The selection of the libraries is done indicating their correspondent suffix specified in the `xmdir` file (e.g. 31c).

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**Note:** Whenever an assessment is requested, all the benchmarks selected in the main configuration file will be considered. In case the requested library was already assessed on one or more of the active benchmarks, the user will be asked for permission before overriding the results.

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**See also:**

*Configuration* for additional details on the benchmark selection.

## 5.3 Experimental Benchmark menu

```
*****
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    EXPERIMENTAL BENCHMARK MENU

    Powered by NIER, UNIBO, F4E
*****

* Print available libraries      (printlib)
* Assess library                (assess)
* Continue assessment           (continue)
* Back to main menu             (back)
* Exit                          (exit)

Enter action:
```

The following options are available in the experimental benchmark menu:

- `printlib` print to video all the available nuclear data libraries in the `xmdir` file selected during JADE configuration;
- `assess` start the assessment of a selected library on the experimental benchmarks. The library is specified directly from the console when the selection is prompted to video. The library must be contained in the `xmdir` file (available libraries can be explored using `printlib`);
- `continue` **[not implemented]**
- `back` go back to the main menu;
- `exit` exit the application.

The selection of the libraries is done indicating their correspondent suffix specified in the `xmdir` file (e.g. 31c).

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**Note:** Whenever an assessment is requested, all the benchmarks selected in the main configuration file will be considered. In case the requested library was already assessed on one or more of the active benchmarks, the user will be asked for permission before overriding the results.

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**See also:**

*Configuration* for additional details on the benchmark selection.

## 5.4 Post-processing menu

```
*****
      Welcome to JADE v1.1.0
      A nuclear libraries V&V Test Suite
      Release date: 25/05/2021

      POST PROCESSING MENU

      Powered by NIER, UNIBO, F4E
*****

* Print tested libraries          (printlib)
* Post-Process library           (pp)
* Compare libraries              (compare)
* Compare Vs Experiments         (compexp)
* Back to main menu              (back)
* Exit                           (exit)

Enter action:
```

The following options are available in the post-processing menu:

- `printlib` print all libraries that were tested and that are available for post-processing;
- `pp` post-process a single library;
- `compare` compare different libraries results on computational benchmarks;
- `compexp` compare different libraries results on experimental benchmarks;
- `back` go back to the main menu;
- `exit` exit the application.

For the `pp`, `compare` and `compexp` the selection of the libraries will be directly prompt to video. The selection of the libraries is done indicating their correspondent suffix specified in the `xmdir` file (e.g. `31c`). When comparing more than one library, the suffixes should be separated by a '-' (e.g. `31c-32c`). The first library that is indicated is always considered as the *reference library* for the post-processing. There may be a limitation on the number of libraries that can be compared at once depending on the post-processing settings.

Only one library at the time can be post-processed with the `pp` option. Nevertheless, when a comparison is requested that includes libraries that were not singularly post-processed, an automatic `pp` operation is conducted on them.

**Warning:** Please note that `printlib` will simply show all libraries for which at least one benchmark has been run.



**Warning:** Please note that part of the single post-processing of the libraries is used in the comparisons. Also, JADE does not perform any checks on the consistency between the two. This responsibility is left to the user. The following is an example of incorrect usage that can lead to erroneous results:

1. a first assessment is run;
2. single post-processing is completed;
3. some configuration settings are changed and the assessment is re-run;
4. a comparison is requested.

In this case, JADE cannot know that the first single post-processing was done on a different benchmark run with respect to the requested comparison. As a result, the outputs coming from different assessments will be mixed up.

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**Note:** Whenever a post-processing is requested, all the benchmarks selected in the main configuration file will be considered. In case one or more of the requested libraries were already post-processed on one or more of the active benchmarks, the user will be asked for permission before overriding the post-processing results.

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**See also:**

*Configuration* for additional details on the benchmark selection.



## DEFAULT BENCHMARKS

### 6.1 Computational Benchmarks

- sphere
- iter1D

### 6.2 Experimental Benchmarks

- oktavian



## POST-PROCESSING GALLERY

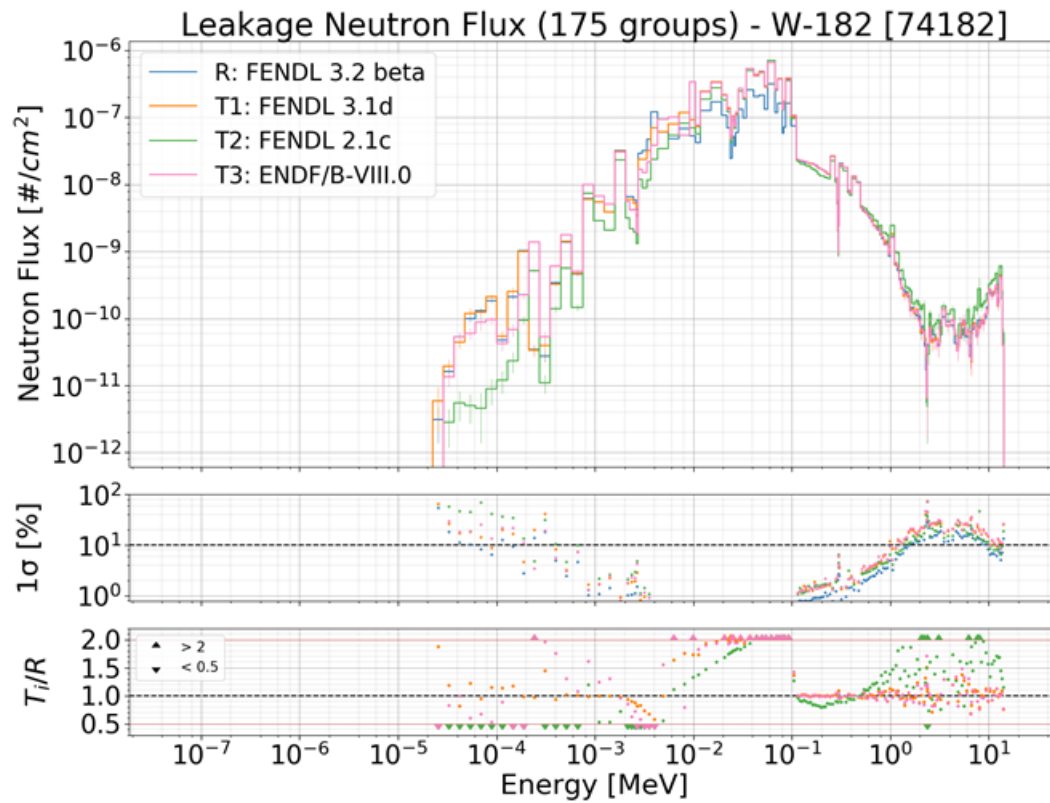
### 7.1 Excel output

#### 7.1.1 Benchmark specific

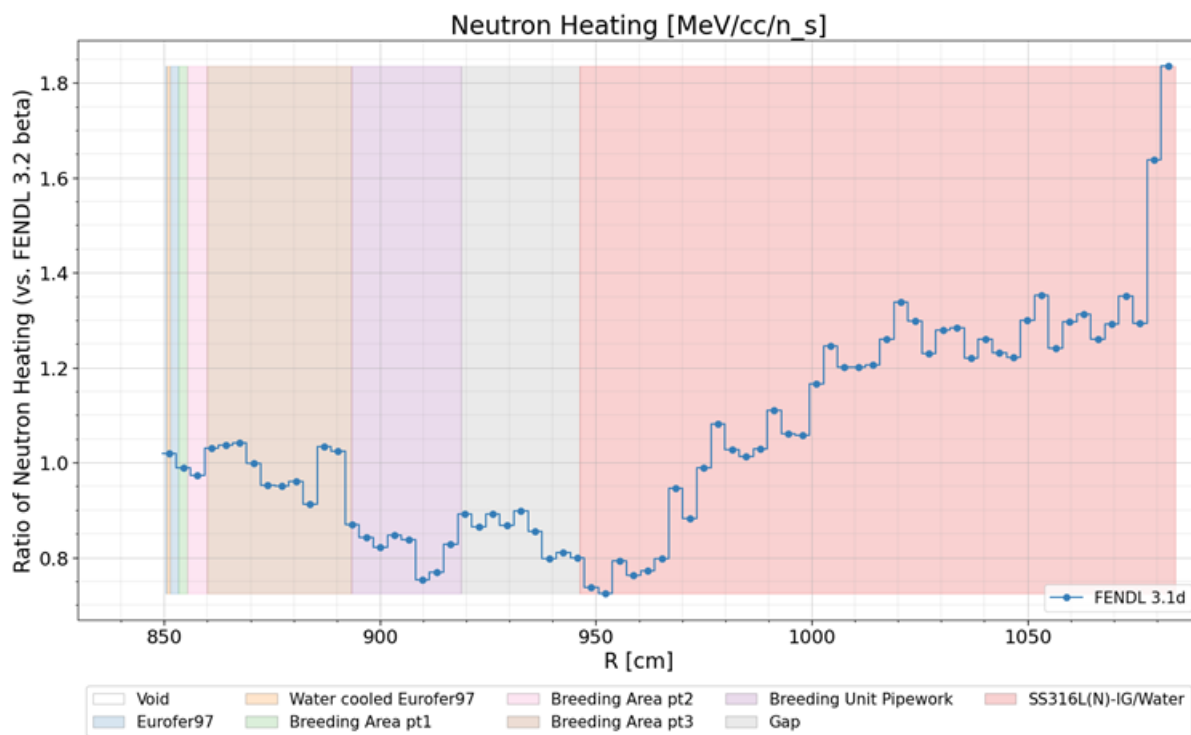
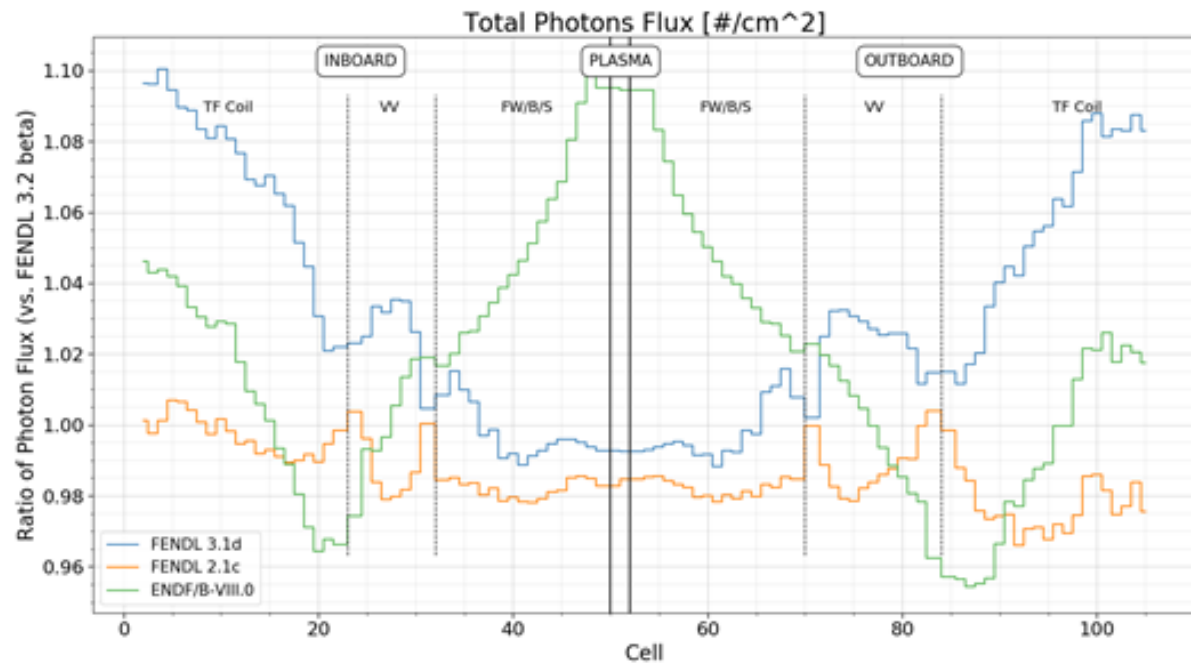
#### 7.1.2 General output

### 7.2 Plots Atlas

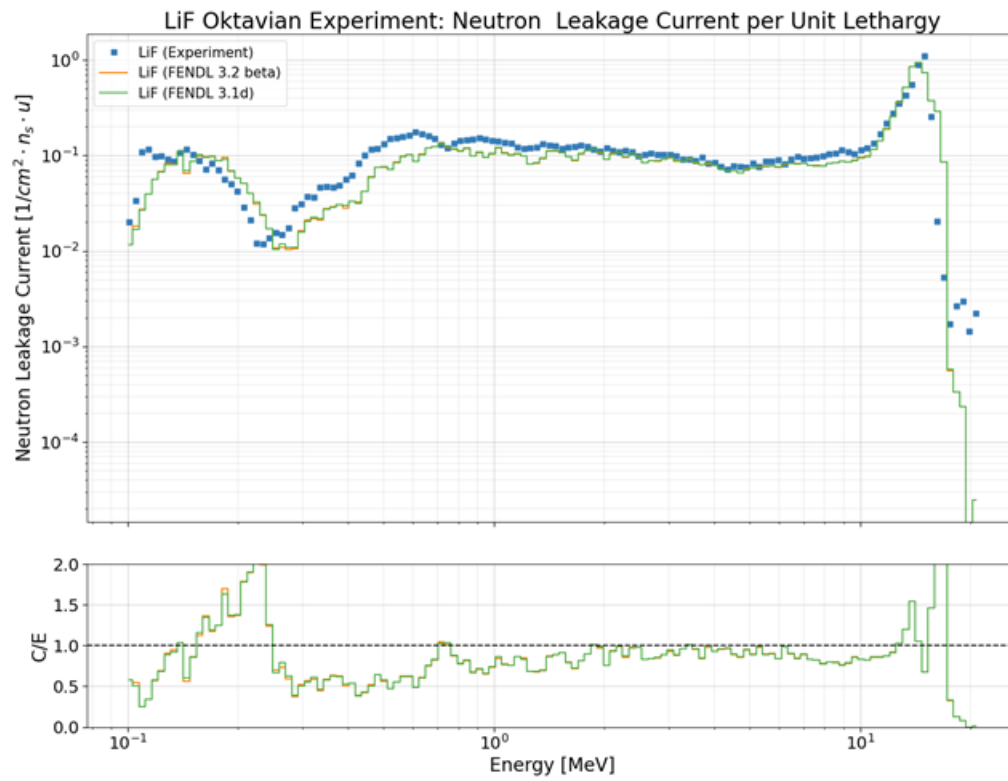
#### 7.2.1 Binned graph



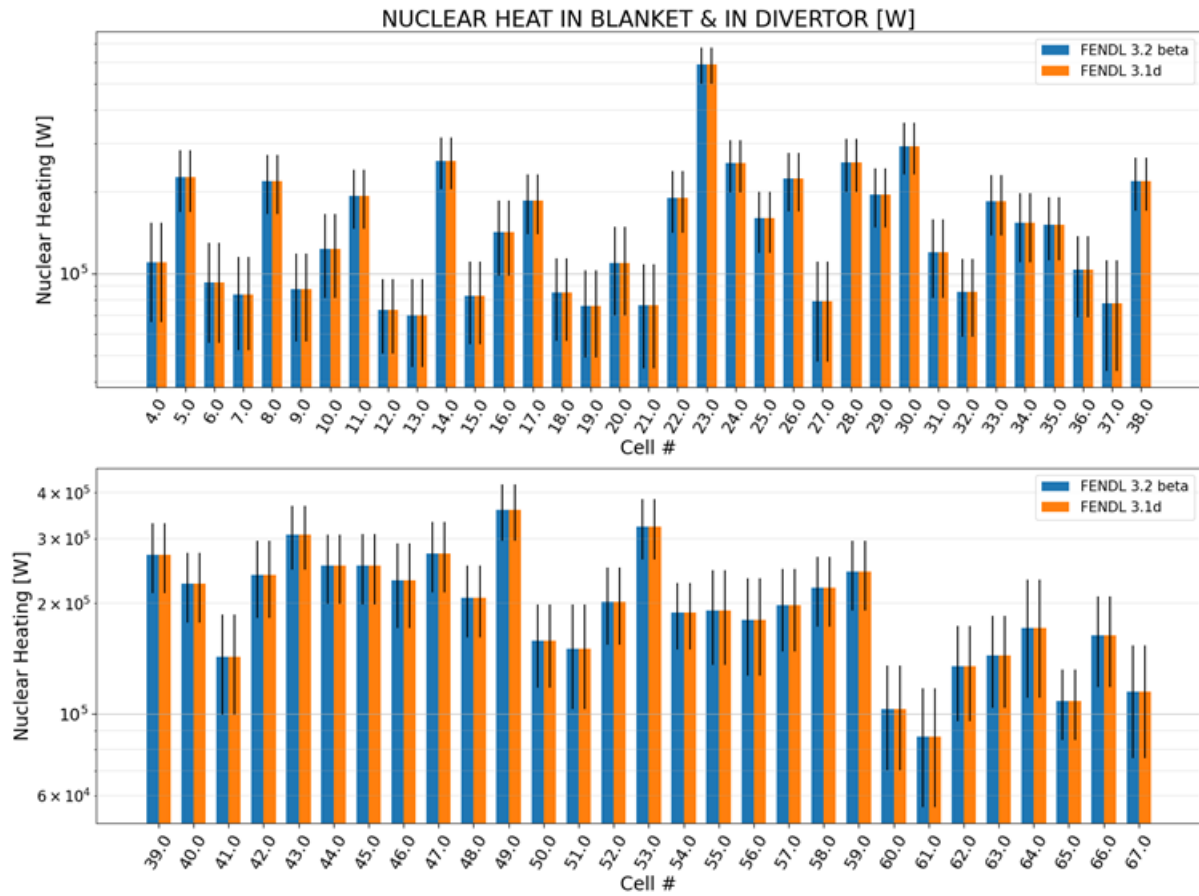
## 7.2.2 Ratio Graph



### 7.2.3 Experimental points



## 7.2.4 Grouped bars





UTILITIES

TBD



## TIPS & TRICKS

This section reunites a series of tips and tricks that can be used to *unlock* JADE additional capabilities.

### 9.1 External Run of a benchmark

It may be useful for particularly computational-intensive benchmark to be run on a separate hardware (e.g. a server) with respect to the one used for JADE. This can be achieved quite easily with the following steps:

1. set the `OnlyInput` option in the `<JADE root>\Configuration\Conf.xlsx` file to `True` for the benchmark that needs to be run externally. This will generate the MCNP input file of the benchmark that can be found in `<JADE root>\Tests\MCNP simulation\<lib suffix>\<Benchmark name>` without running it;
2. copy the generated input file into the hardware selected for the run and start the MCNP simulation. The only requirement is to use the MCNP keyword `name=` when launching the simulation in order to obtain consistently named outputs;
3. once the simulation is completed, copy all MCNP outputs to the same `<JADE root>\Tests\MCNP simulation\<lib suffix>\<Benchmark name>` folder;
4. normally run the post-processing.



## JADE TESTING



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