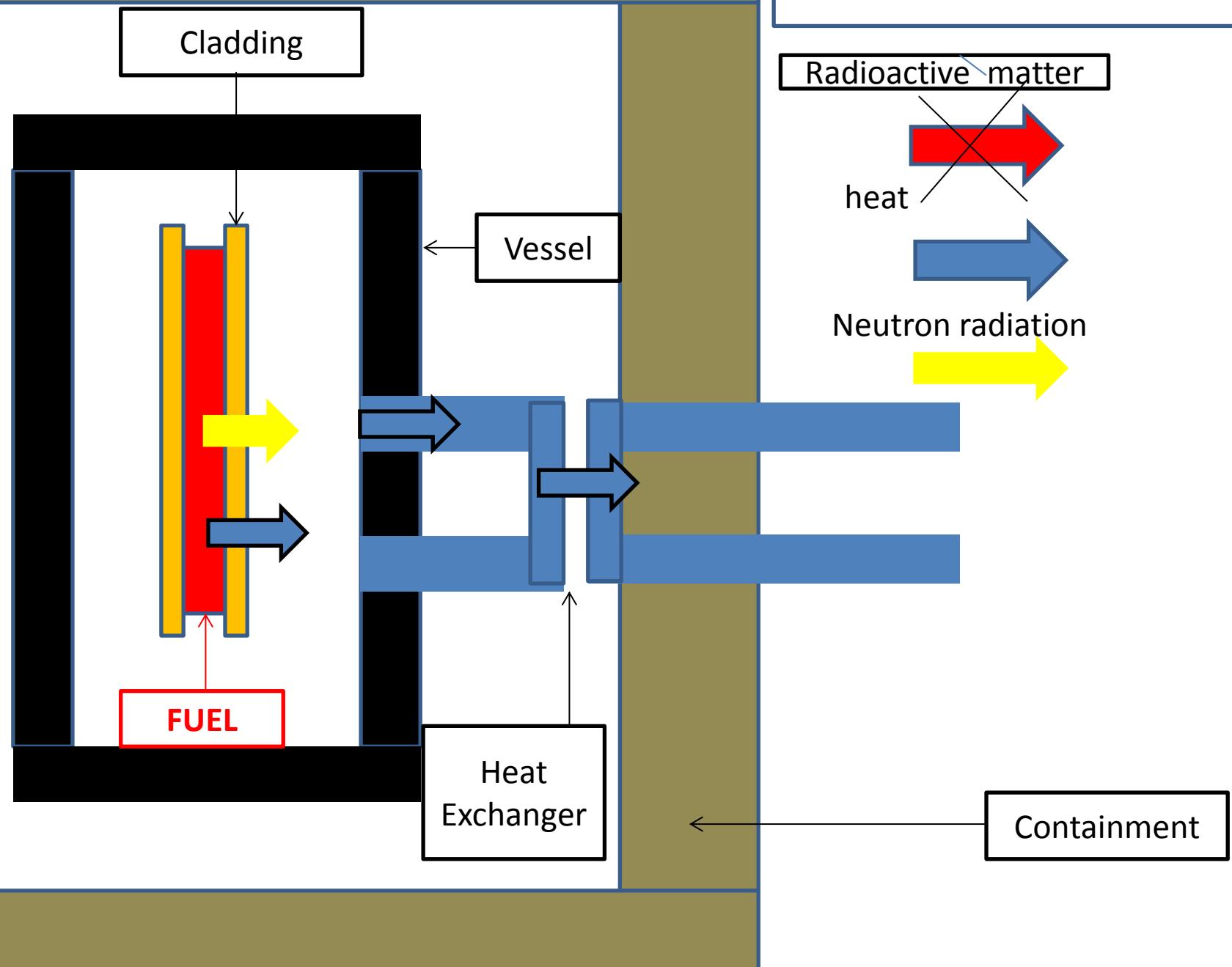


# Preliminary remarks

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# Heat exchange : a major issue

## Coolant : a central actor

- **Conflicting requirements**: confine radioactivity and transmit heat
- Importance of **exchange surfaces** : maximize surface to minimize thermal gradients
- Requirements for **thermodynamic efficiency** : increase temperature, increase pressure
- **Avoid phase transformation** in the fluid!!!

# Technological improvements and their consequences

	Phenix	Superphenix
Cladding failure	15	1
Na/water contact	5	0
Na leaks	32	3
Primary and secondary pumps	All were repared	0
Heat exchangers	All repared several times	0
Vapour generators	All repared after deposition	0