

## Vita

Stéphanie A. Weckmann was born on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of January, 1972, in Woippy, Moselle, France. After a Baccalaureate in Mathematics and Physics in 1990 she attended during three years a Preparatory School for competitive entrance examinations for French engineering schools. She was accepted to the Institut Universitaires des Systèmes Thermiques Industriels, an engineering school specializing in heat transfer in 1993, and she graduated three years later in 1996. In the same time she received a “Diplôme d’études approfondies (DEA)”, which is awarded after half a year of theoretical classes and the another half year of practical training preparatory to the doctorate. She spent her practical training in the Thermal Radiation Group, directed by Professor J. R. Mahan. At this time Professor J. R. Mahan proposed her to come back for a Master of Science. In August 1997, Stéphanie received her Master of Science Degree in Mechanical engineering.

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