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MS

The goal of this work is to incorporate non-proliferation safeguards by design into fuel cycle facilities. Diversion detection methods are applied to a pyroprocessing facility within Cyclus to inform on key measurement points. This is funded through the Department of Energy Consortia for Non-proliferation Enabling Capabilities.

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Nuclear Engineering

Aug 2019

- Thesis: Diversion Detection of Pyroprocessing with Cyclus
- Advisor: Professor Kathryn D. Huff

BA Missouri University of Science and Technology, Nuclear Engineering

May 2017

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Urbana, IL

Graduate Research Assistant, Advanced Reactors and Fuel Cycles Group Nov 2017 - Present

- Simulated non-proliferation scenarios with Cyclus.
- Modeled a pyroprocessing within Cyclus using C++.
- Analyzed results with diversion detection algorithms and python.

Washington University - St. Louis, St. Louis, MO

Data Analyst, Radiology Department

May 2016 - Aug 2016

- Conducted proton dosimetry experiments.
- Gained experience in a medical research environment.
- Utilized Matlab for image processing.

Research Interests Advanced reprocessing and fuel cycles, non-proliferation, nuclear fuel cycle analysis, scientific computation.

Honors and Awards Finalist Poster Presentation, UPR 2019 Graduated MST Summa Cum Laude

June 2019 May 2017

ACTIVITIES

Women in Nuclear – Member
American Nuclear Society – Member
Nuclear Science Design Team – Vacuum Group Lead
Kappa Mu Epsilon – Member

January 2018 – present
August 2017 – present
Jan 2016 – May 2017
Aug 2015 – May 2017

REFEREED CONFERENCE ABSTRACTS

- [1] Westphal, G., Huff, K. "Diversion Detection within Cyclus Archetypes", Technical Workshop on Fuel Cycle Simulation. Champaign, IL, June 2019.
- [2] Westphal, G., Huff, K. "Diversion Detection in Cyclus", University Program Review. Raleigh, NC, June 2019.
- [3] Westphal, G., Huff, K. "Modelling Pyroprocessing in Cyclus", Consortia for Non-proliferation Enabling Capabilities Review, Raleigh, NC, February 2019.
- [4] Westphal, G., Huff, K. "PyRe: A Cyclus Pyroprocessing Facility Archetype", Transactions of the American Nuclear Society Winter Conference. Orlando, FL, November 2018.
- [5] Westphal, G., Huff, K. "Signatures and Observables of the Nuclear Fuel Cycle", University Program Review. Ann Arbor, MI, June 2018.

[6] Westphal, G., Huff, K. "Signatures and Observables of the Nuclear Fuel Cycle", Consortia for Non-proliferation Enabling Capabilities Review, Raleigh, NC, January 2018.

Teaching University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

EXPERIENCE DEPT. OF NUCLEAR, PLASMA, AND RADIOLOGICAL ENGINEERING

NPRE 451, Radiation Lab Fall 2017

Training SEE LANL Nuclear Safeguards Training Course

Los Alamos National Laboratory

Hands on non-destructive assay course and IAEA inspection

January 2019

Skills Programming bash, C++, Python, XML, SQL, nose, git, IAT_FX, MatLab