

GWENDOLYN J. CHEE

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EDUCATION

PhD	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Nuclear, Plasma and Radiological Engineering Graduate Concentration: Computational Science and Engineering <i>Research focus: Predictive Analytics to Optimize Nuclear Reactor Designs</i>	2019 - Present
MS	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Nuclear, Plasma and Radiological Engineering <i>Thesis: Sensitivity Analysis of Nuclear Fuel Cycle Transitions</i>	2017 - 2019
BASc	Queen's University at Kingston, Canada Engineering Physics, Material Science focus <i>Thesis: Designing a System to Gaseous Hydrogen Charge Zirconium Alloys</i>	2013 - 2017

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign 2017 - Present
Research Assistant, Advanced Reactors and Fuel Cycles Urbana, IL
Advisor: Professor Kathryn D. Huff
Developed demand-driven deployment algorithms for CYCLUS, and coupled CYCLUS with Dakota to perform sensitivity analysis on nuclear fuel cycle transitions. Currently working on leveraging generative machine learning algorithms to optimize modular High Temperature Gas Cooled Reactor designs.

Argonne National Laboratory May 2019 - Aug 2019
Research Aide Lemont, IL
Advisor: Dr. Bo Feng
Coupled Dymond with Dakota to perform sensitivity analysis on nuclear fuel cycle transitions.

Queen's University at Kingston 2016 - 2017
Research Assistant, Nuclear Materials Research Group Kingston, ON
Advisor: Professor Mark Daymond
Designed a Sieverts Apparatus to gaseously charge hydrogen gas into zirconium alloys to mimic hydrogen embrittlement of zirconium alloys used in nuclear reactors.

National University of Singapore May 2016 - Aug 2016
Research Assistant, Centre for Advanced 2D Materials Singapore
Advisor: Professor Jens Martin
Developed a MATLAB script to study the effect of Berry Curvature on electrons in graphene and the effects of changing the geometry of graphene devices on their electric fields.

Nanyang Technological University May 2015 - Aug 2015
Research Assistant, Polymeric Biomaterials Group Singapore
Conducted experiments to characterize nanoparticle enhanced polymer materials to determine the material combination that best increases the mechanical properties of biodegradable heart stents.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

U.S. Women in Nuclear 2018 - Present
President Urbana, IL
Leads the UIUC WiN chapter to uplift the mission of professional development, educational outreach, and a sense of community amongst our members (WiN CV).

ENGINEERING EXPERIENCE

Engineering Physics Capstone Project

2016

Self Sorting Recycling Bin

Kingston, ON

Developed a neural network to sort between recycling and garbage through image recognition and sound profiling. Led the mechanical team to prototype the physical design which used feedback from the neural network to physically separate the items.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Queen's University at Kingston

2015 - 2017

Teaching Assistant, Physics Department

Kingston, ON

Conducted weekly help sessions for students who required extra guidance in first year physics courses (PHYS 104/106).

CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

- [1] Gwendolyn Chee, Jin Whan Bae, Kathryn D. Huff, Robert R. Flanagan, and Roberto Fairhurst. Demonstration of Demand-Driven Deployment Capabilities in Cyclus. In *Proceedings of Global/Top Fuel 2019*, Seattle, WA, United States, September 2019. American Nuclear Society
- [2] Gwendolyn J. Chee and Kathryn D. Huff. Simulation of Spent Nuclear Fuel loading into a Final Waste Repository. In *WM Symposia 2019 Proceedings*, Phoenix, AZ, April 2019. Roy G. Post Foundation
- [3] Gwendolyn Chee, Gyutae Park, and Kathryn D. Huff. Validation of Spent Nuclear Fuel Output by Cyclus, a Fuel Cycle Simulator Code. In *Proceedings of the American Nuclear Society Winter Meeting 2018*, Orlando, FL, November 2018. American Nuclear Society
- [4] Gwendolyn Chee, Jin Whan Bae, and Kathryn D. Huff. Numerical Experiments for testing Demand-Driven Deployment Algorithms. In *Proceedings of the American Nuclear Society 2018 National Student Conference*, Gainesville, FL, United States, April 2018. American Nuclear Society

TECHNICAL REPORTS

- [5] Gwendolyn Chee, Roberto Fairhurst, and Kathryn Huff. Transition Scenario Demonstrations of CYCAMORE Demand Driven Deployment Capabilities. Technical Report UIUC-ARFC-2019-03, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Urbana, IL, June 2019

SELECTED AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

Women in Nuclear Chapter Excellence Award

2019

Queens University Deans Scholar

2014-2017

SCIENTIFIC COMPUTING SKILLS

Languages	bash, Python, C++, XML, HTML
Build Systems	make, cmake
Databases	SQL
Test Frameworks	nose, pytest
Other Tools	L ^A T _E X, Mathematica, Jupyter, MatLab, Dakota
Nuclear Software	CYCLUS , PyNE