GWENDOLYN J. CHEE

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EDUCATION

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

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).

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Queen's University at Kingston

2015 - 2017

Teaching Assistant, Physics Department

Kingston, ON

2019

2014-2017

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

JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS

[1] Jin Whan Bae, Andrei Rykhleskii, Gwendolyn J. Chee, and Kathryn D. Huff. Deep Learning Approach to Nuclear Fuel Transmutation in a Fuel Cycle Simulator. *Annals of Nuclear Energy*, 2020. github.com/jbae11/depletion_rom

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 Queens University Deans Scholar

SCIENTIFIC COMPUTING SKILLS

Languages bash, Python, C++, XML, HTML

Build Systems make, cmake

Databases SQL

Test Frameworks nose, pytest

Other Tools LATEX, Mathematica, Jupyter, MatLab, Dakota

Nuclear Software Cyclus, PyNE, Serpent