

Nuclear Non-proliferation / Nuclear and Radiological Sciences

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Sandia Rad/Nuc Nonproliferation and Science

R&D informed and driven by mission needs

Strong partnerships within Sandia between mission focused departments and technology development departments.

Mission Areas

- SNM detection
- Warhead Verification
- Safeguards
- Emergency Response

SWAP

- size
- weight
- power

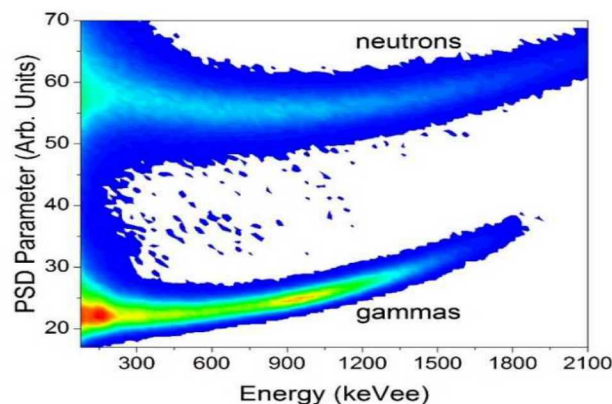
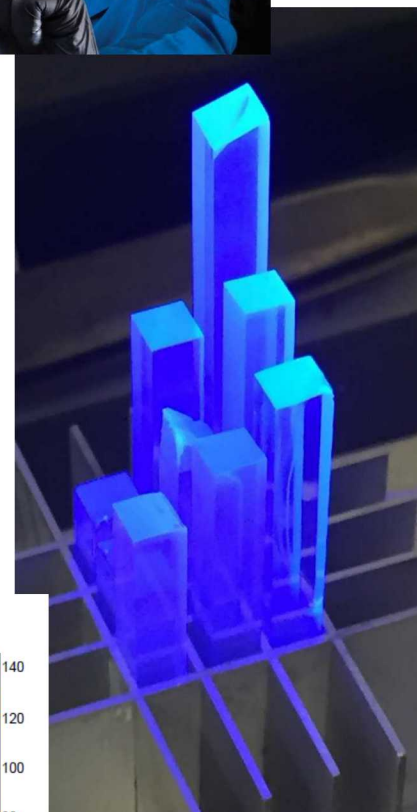
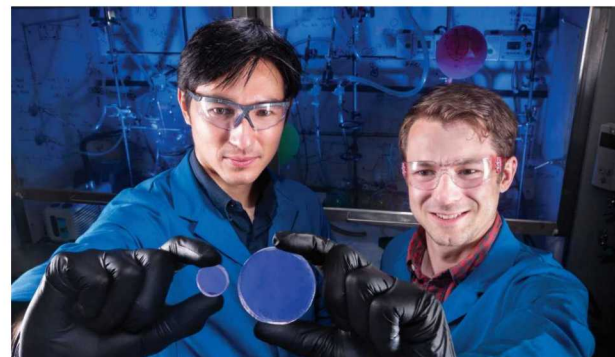
Technical Areas

- Detector Materials Development
- Detector Development (rad, EM, bio)
- Electronics
- Data Analysis
- Algorithm Development

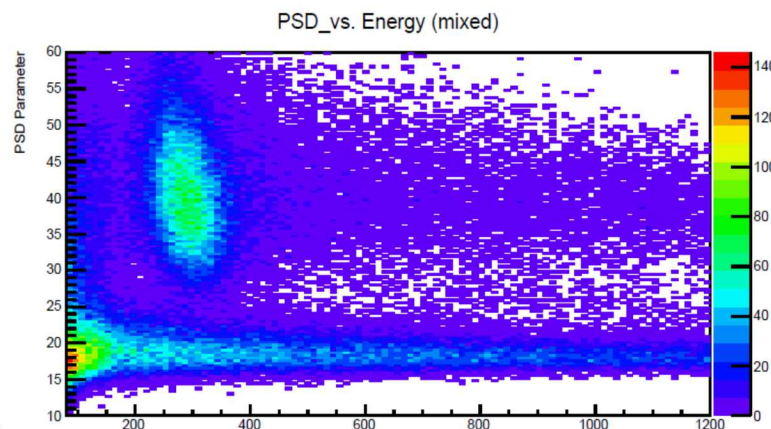
Detector Materials Development

Organic Glass Scintillators

- pulse shape discrimination capable
- compatible with SiPM and PMT
- cheap and easy to fabricate into various shapes
- Tunable performance (emission spectra, spectroscopy, thermal neutron)
- Robust for long term deployment (strength, oxidative stability, radiation hardness)



SNL-Boron-1.2% Organic Glass with 1.2% boron (0.24% ^{10}B)



Current Collaboration:

SNL: Patrick Feng, Joey Carlson

UC: Bourret-Courchesne, Goldblum, Laplace

Single Volume Scatter Camera (SVSC)

Neutron Scatter Camera

- 2 planes of 16 5" diameter liquid scintillators
- Variable planar gap



Mobile Imager of Neutrons for Emergency Response (MINER)

- 16 3"x3" liquid scintillators
- Compact form factor
- Battery operable
- More uniform Field of View

Single Volume Scatter Camera (SVSC)

- Single scintillating volume 10x10 cm
- Same efficiency



Outcomes/deliverables:

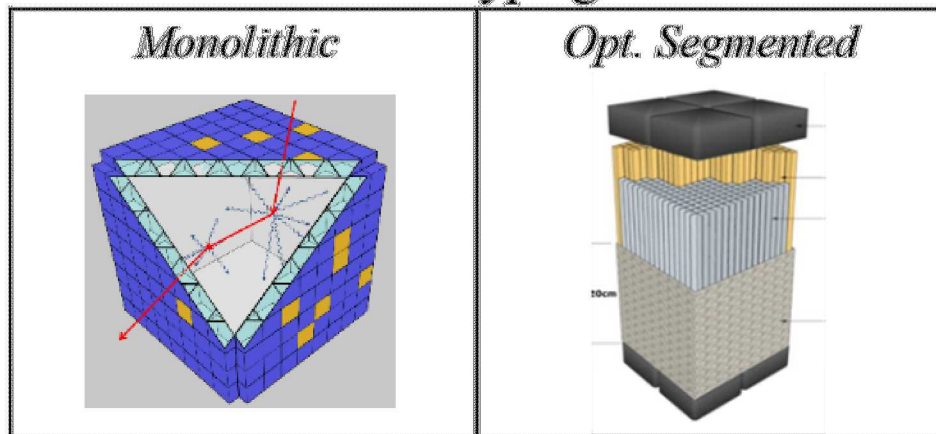
- prototypes, performance studies; improved photodetectors, electronics, scintillators;
- papers, theses, human capital

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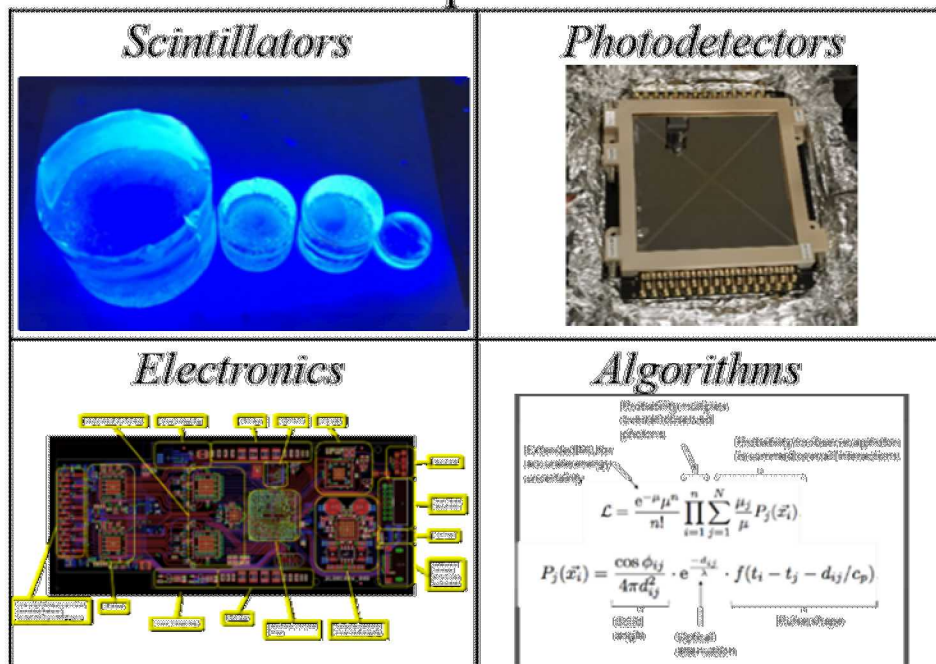
UC: Goldblum, Laplace, Brown, Manfredi, Gabella,
Orebi-Gann, Ben Land

SNL: Erik Brubaker, et al

Prototyping

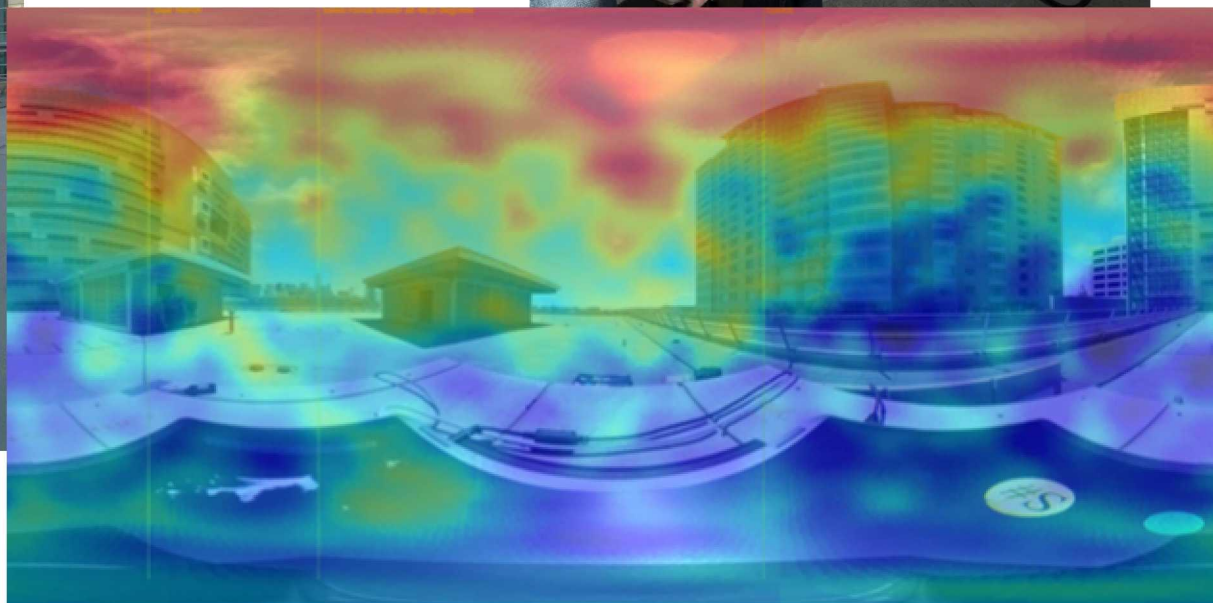
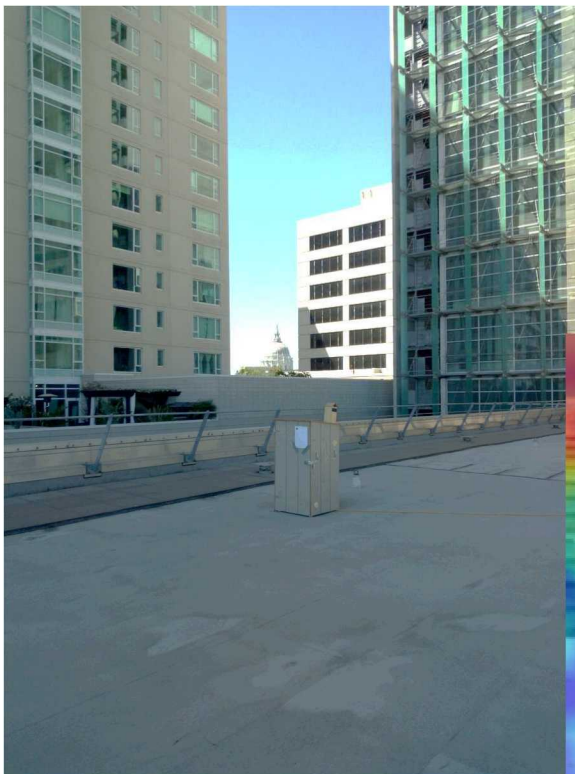


Components



MINER – Urban Neutron Background

Neutron Scatter Camera using pulse shape discrimination plastic to characterize neutron background in an urban environment



Current collaboration:

UC: Adam Glick

SNL: Cabrera-Palmer, Gerling, Brubaker

InterSpec is a cross-platform application for interactive analysis of spectral gamma radiation data

- Runs natively on iOS, Android, macOS, Windows, Linux, and as a web-app
- It uses a peak-based approach to help users identify what isotopes are present, determine their activities, fit for shielding
- Also contains a number of other useful tools for analyzing radiation data

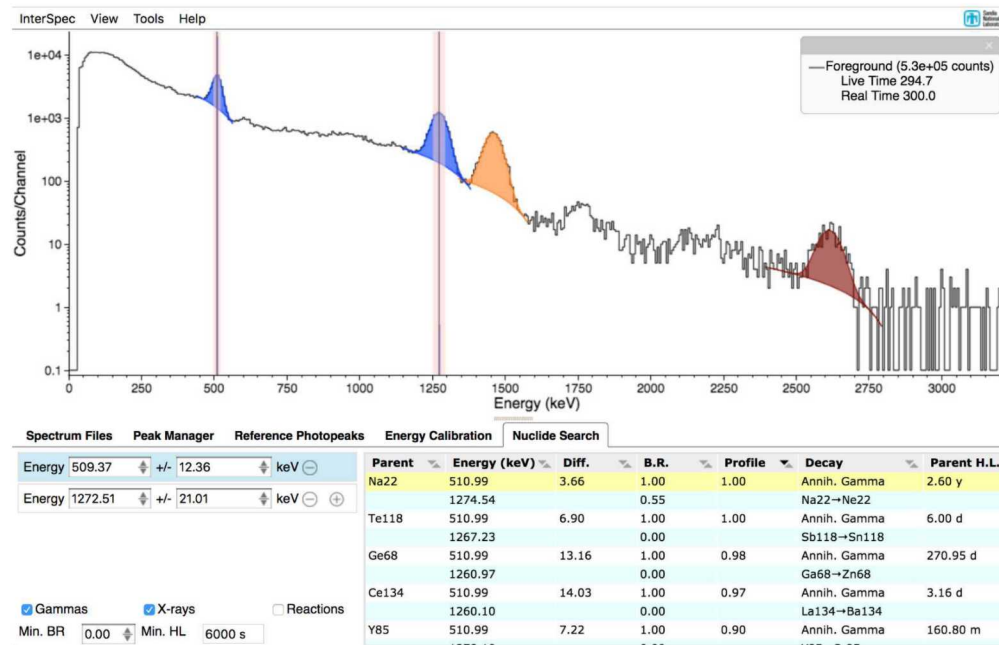
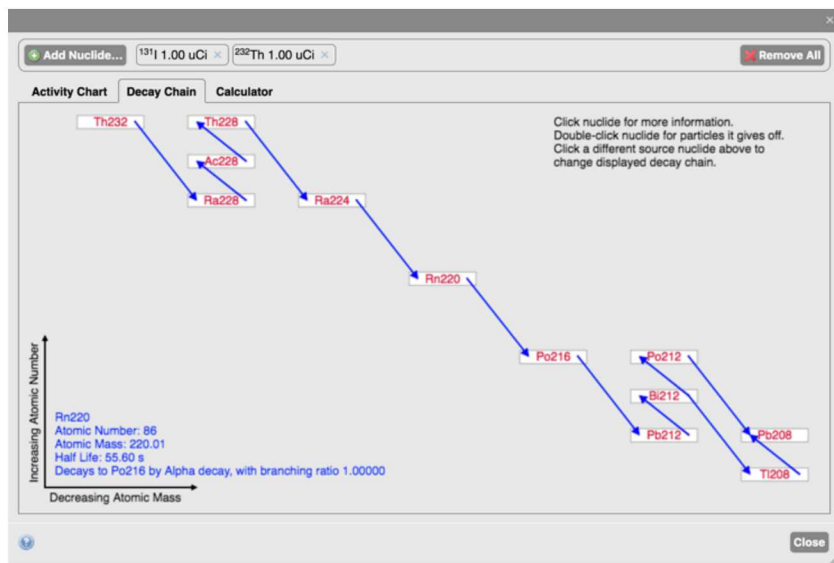
Activity Chart
Decay Chain
Calculator

Initial Date
End Date
Time Span

I131 had an initial activity of 1.00 uCi on 06/05/2018

After 71.00 d:

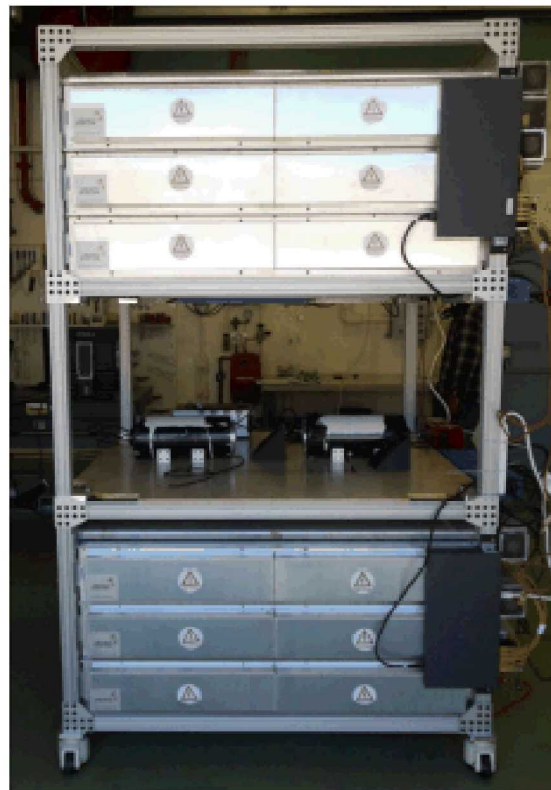
Nuclide	Activity	Mass
I131	2.16 nCi	0.02 pg
Xe131m	28.35 nCi	0.34 pg
Xe131	stable	7.69 pg



8 Muon interactions in matter

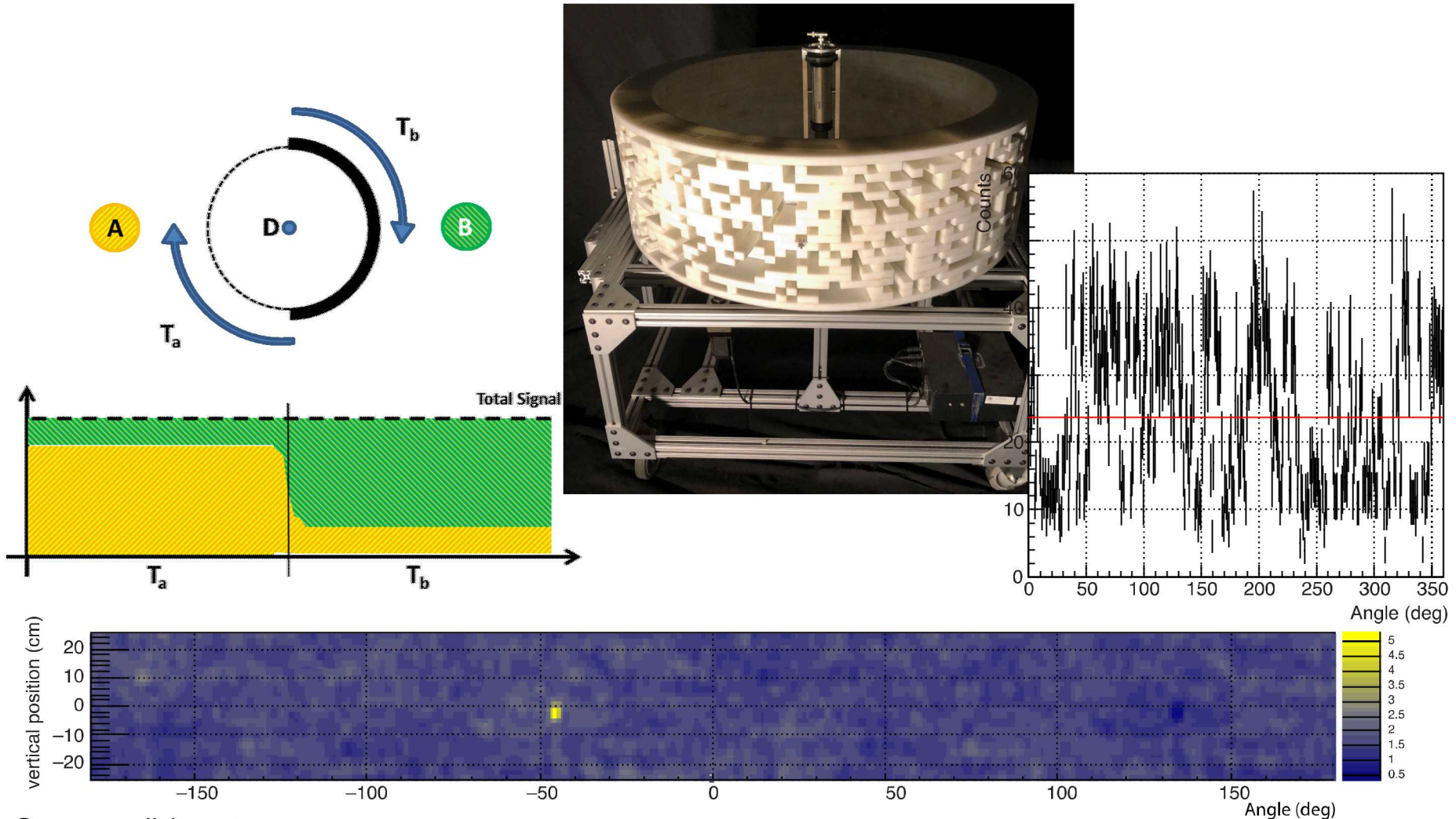
Understand the source term interactions of muon with materials to facilitate instrument capability, background, and modeling

- Recently SNL acquired LANL's 3D muon tracker
- Enhance our capability to study these effects



Warhead Verification

CONFIDANTE – CONFirmation using a Fast-neutron Imaging Detector with Anti-image Null-positive Time Encoding



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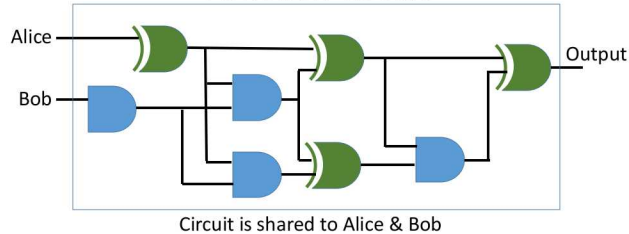
UC: Rebecca Krentz-Wee, SNL: Pete Marleau

UCB-SNL: Sharing Proprietary Data from Reactor Facilities

Data is considered proprietary by the nuclear facility operators

Use of Multi-Party Computation (MPC) could obviate the proprietary issue since the operator never reveals the underlying data

Function Circuit



AND Gate

Alice $\mathbf{a} = \{11001011, \dots\}$ \mathbf{a} — — \mathbf{c}
 Bob $\mathbf{b} = \{01001101, \dots\}$ \mathbf{b} — — \mathbf{c}

Alice has 128-bit Random Number Generator: $R_{\text{bit}}^{\text{owner}}$

Alice has 256-bit symmetric key encryption: e_{256}^{label}

AND Truth Table

\mathbf{a}	\mathbf{b}	\mathbf{c}		$\mathbf{a'}$	$\mathbf{b'}$	$\mathbf{c'}$		$\mathbf{R(c')}$		$\mathbf{R(c')}$
0	0	0	Alice Creates Random Labels	R_0^a	R_0^b	R_0^c	Alice Encrypts Random Labels	$e_{R_0^a R_0^b}^c(R_0^c)$	Alice Shuffles Random Labels	$e_{R_1^a R_1^b}^c(R_0^c)$
0	1	0		R_0^a	R_1^b	R_0^c		$e_{R_0^a R_1^b}^c(R_0^c)$		$e_{R_0^a R_0^b}^c(R_0^c)$
1	0	0		R_1^a	R_0^b	R_0^c		$e_{R_1^a R_0^b}^c(R_0^c)$		$e_{R_1^a R_1^b}^c(R_1^c)$
1	1	1		R_1^a	R_1^b	R_1^c		$e_{R_1^a R_1^b}^c(R_1^c)$		$e_{R_0^a R_1^b}^c(R_0^c)$

Alice sends Bob her label for each of her input bits (R_0^a or R_1^a), and encrypted, shuffled table
 Bob randomly chooses α or β for every one of his bits $\{\alpha\beta\beta\alpha\beta\alpha\beta, \dots\}$,
 and requests his R_α^b or R_β^b from Alice using Oblivious Transfer
 Bob decrypts each row of the table using Alice's supplied R^a and R^b to reveal R^c
 Alice can then share the meaning of R^c , then both Alice and Bob know the answer of the gate

Modality	IAEA Data Sources	Operator Data Sources
Quantitative Sensors	Gamma ray spectrometry (U and Pu isotopics)	Water chemistry (pH, ppm levels, conductivity, hydrogen, oxygen, chloride, fluoride, boric acid concentrations),
	X-ray spectrometry (element identification, container thicknesses)	Primary and secondary loop temperatures, pressures, flow rates, water levels
	Neutron counting (U and Pu amount/enrichment verification)	Accelerometers (vibration FFT)
Operational Signatures	Power monitor (Advanced Thermo-hydraulic Power Monitor)	Ex-core neutron flux (noise shows vibration, phase differences between detectors)
		Reactor power
		Control rod positions
		Steam generator pressures & flow rates
	Cerenkov radiation viewing	Valve settings (open/closed)
		Radiation monitors
Containment & Surveillance	Camera surveillance	Security cameras
	Load cells (weight measurements)	
	Seal inspection	RFID tracking
Off-site Laboratory	Containment verification (e.g. laser reflectometry)	
	Destructive Assay (alpha, x-ray, gamma, mass spectrometry, etc.)	Personnel radiation monitors
Environmental Sampling	Particles	Gas effluents
Documentation	Inspector reports, Inventory ledger reconciliation	Maintenance reports, INPO/WANO visits, Regulator event notification reports
Design Information	3-D laser range finder	Security personnel

Table 1: Types of data sources typically used by the IAEA for safeguards at nuclear power plants; and typical data sources used by civilian reactor operators.

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 UCB: Slaybaugh, Negus

11 Partnership possibilities for nuclear safeguards

Prototype Distributed Ledger Technology of UF₆ Cylinder Tracking in Ethereum

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Uranium AVLIS Safeguards Approach

David R. Farley

An Enhanced Safeguards Approach for Accelerator Driven Systems utilized to Close the Fuel Cycle

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Strategic Planning for Molten Salt Reactor Safeguards

David R. Farley and Matthew R. Sternat

Potential for further nuclear/data analytics partnerships

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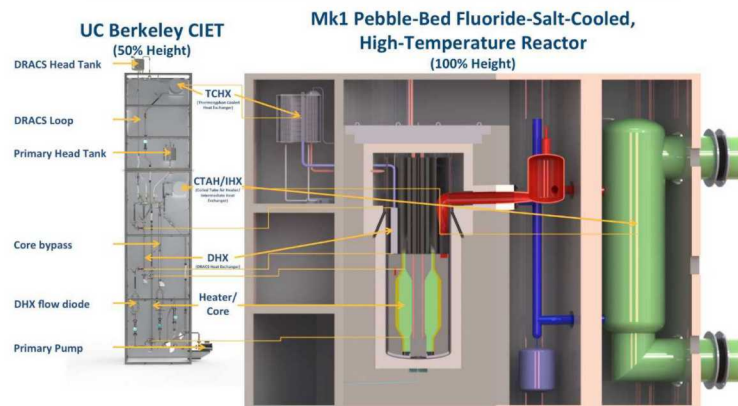
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Industrial Internet-of-Things & Data Analytics for Nuclear Power & Safeguards

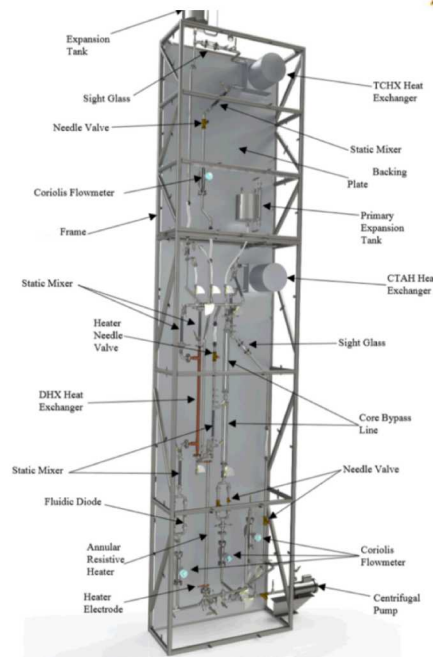
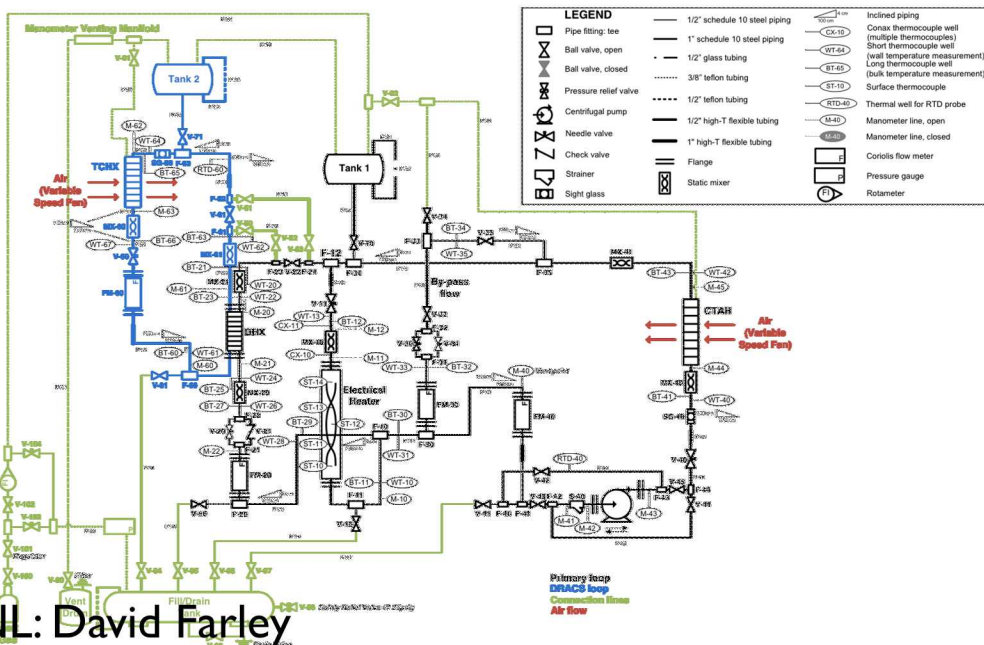
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The UCB Compact Integral Effects Test (CIET) Facility Scaling Matches the Mk1 Reactor Design



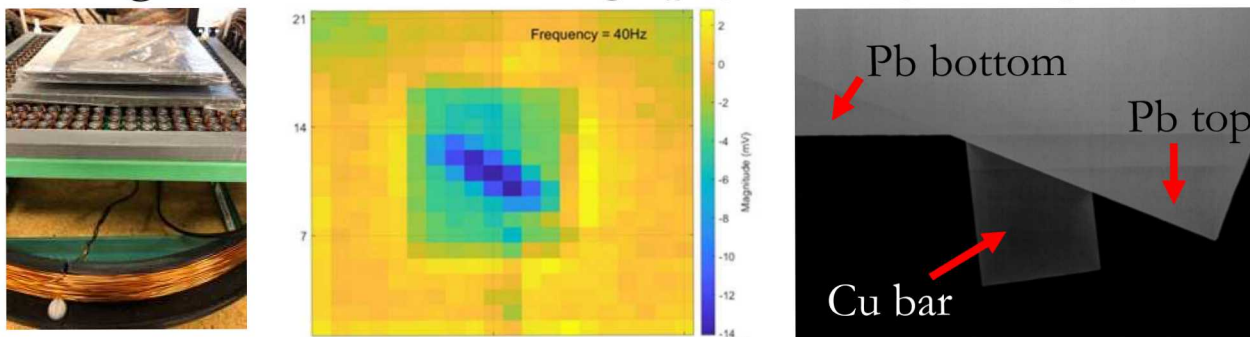
CIET/Mk1
heat sources and sinks



Alternative Signatures – Magnetic Induction Tomography

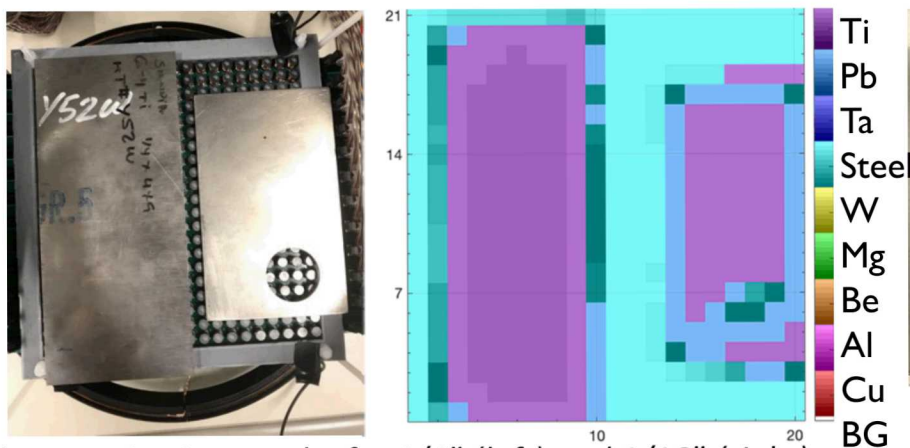
Electromagnetic properties provide a complementary signature to traditional radiation detection techniques for detecting and characterizing special nuclear material and other threats

Magnetic Induction Tomography vs. x-ray Radiography



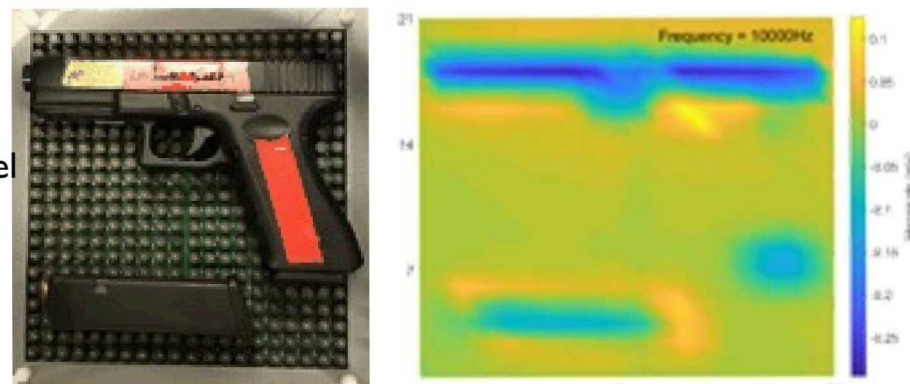
A 0.2" Cu bar is visible between two 0.25" thick lead sheets in a 40 Hz MIT image
but is not visible in a 3-minute 450 kVp x-ray image

Material Characterization



Characterization results for 1/4" (left) and 1/16" (right)
titanium sheets

Firearm Screening

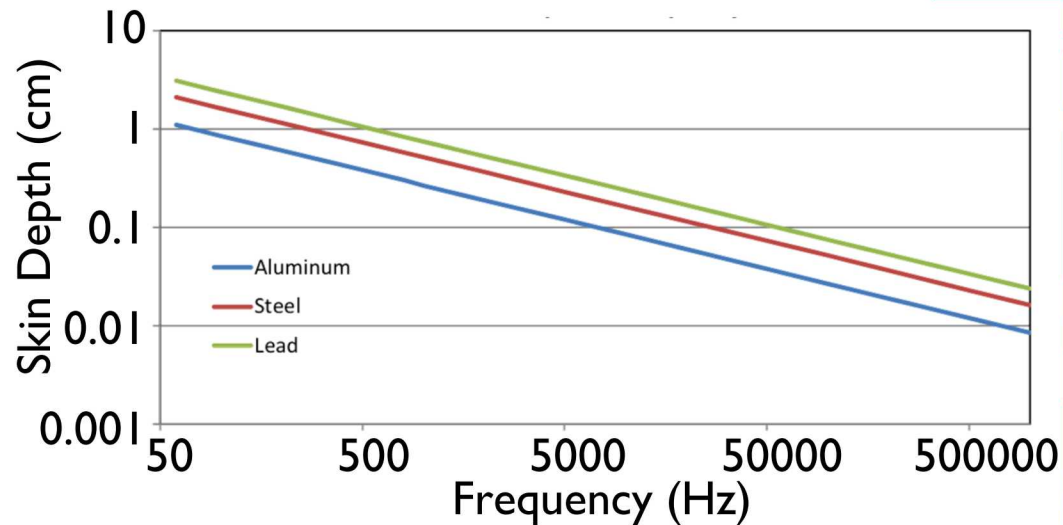


Magnitude image at 10kHz of a Glock training pistol

Current work
SNL: Kyle Polack

Alternative Signatures – Low Field Nuclear Magnetic Resonance (NMR)

- NMR is used to identify the chemical nature of organic compounds, applied to any nuclei with and odd number of protons and/or neutrons
- Earth's field NMR utilizes low-frequency ($\lesssim 2$ kHz) excitation pulses to stimulate nuclei at their characteristic Larmor frequency
- low-frequency magnetic fields can be used to penetrate shielding
- Can we use to detect and potentially characterize shielded threat objects?



Approximate skin depth as a function of frequency for common shielding materials

QuSpin Zero Field Magnetometer



Current work:
SNL: Kyle Polack

	Isotope	Natural abundance (%)	Gyromagnetic ratio (MHz/T)	Larmor frequency at Earth's field (Hz)
Select Explosives Isotopes	^1H	99.98	42.6	2059.2
	^{13}C	1.1	10.7	517.9
	^{14}N	99.6	3.02	148.9
	^{19}F	100	40.1	1937.1
	^{31}P	100	17.2	833.6
	^{35}Cl	76	4.13	202.0
SNM	^{235}U		-0.79	40.0
	^{239}Pu		3.02	149.3



Neutrino coherent scattering

The COHERENT Collaboration – Office of Science



Background measurements with MARS detector at ORNL's Spallation Neutron Source's (SNS) basement.



COVER OF SCIENCE:

“Observation of coherent elastic neutrino-nucleus scattering”, D. Akimov *et al.*, *Science* 357, 1123 (2017).