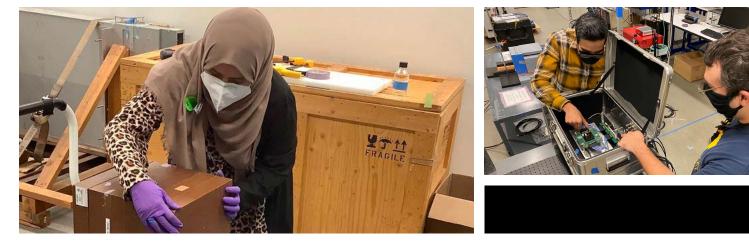
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MTV Leadership

MTV Motivation and Mission

- Preventing the spread of nuclear weapons and related technology is paramount to our national security
- Timely detection of nuclear proliferation requires a deep understanding of the associated signatures and technology to detect them
- The MTV's mission is to develop new technologies that detect and deter nuclear proliferation activities and to train the next generation of nuclear professionals

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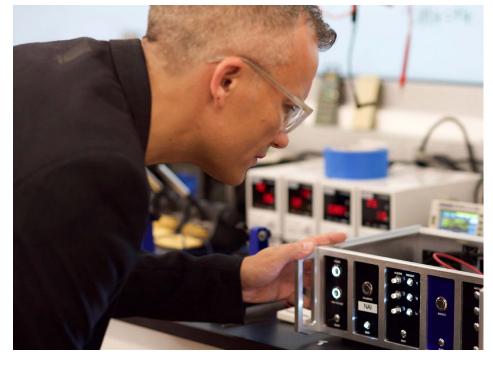
Awards & Accomplishments

Prof. Terry Hazen receives the 2021 ASM award for Environmental Research in Microbiology!

Prof. Terry Hazen, the University of Tennessee at Knoxville, who is recognized with the American Society for Microbiology (ASM) Award for Environmental Research, which honors an outstanding scientist with distinguished research achievements that have improved our understanding of microbes in the environment, including aquatic, terrestrial, and atmospheric settings.



Alex Glaser elected Fellow of the American Physical Society!





Alexander Glaser has been elected a Fellow of the American Physical Society. Glaser has been recognized "for major contributions to advancing the scientific and technical basis for nuclear arms control, nonproliferation, and disarmament verification."



Recognitions and awards have been given to faculty and students for outstanding performance over the second year of the Consortium for Monitoring, Technology, and Verification



Katie Mummah, University of Wisconsin, wins first place in the J. D. Williams Student Paper Award at INMM 2020!

Katie's paper titled, "IntegraFng AcquisiFon Pathway Analysis Into The Cyclus Fuel Cycle Simulator" can be found online at the INMM website.

https://resources.inmm.org/annual-meeting-proceedings/integrating-acquisition-pathway-analysis-cyclus-fuel-cycle-simulator

Oskar Searfus, University of Michigan, receives NNSA's Nuclear Nonproliferation International Safeguards Fellowship!

The Fellowship is awarded to exceptional students pursuing doctoral research in the field of international safeguards and provides up to four years of appointment and at least one summer of practicum at one of thirteen laboratories around the world, including the NNSA national laboratories and several European Commission Joint Research Centres.





Lauren Nagel, University of Michigan, receives an inaugural Marie Skłodowska-Curie Fellowship!

The International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) has announced the first group of 100 female students from around the globe to receive a Marie Skłodowska-Curie Fellowship. Among them is U-M Nuclear Engineering and Radiological Sciences Ph.D. Student Lauren Nagel. According to IAEA, out of over 550 applicants from more than 90 countries, the first 100 fellows represent geographic diversity, coming from 71 different countries.

Awards & Accomplishments

MTV Annual Workshop, March 29 - 31, 2021

The Consortium for Monitoring, Technology, and Verification (MTV) held a successful virtual annual workshop on March 29 – 31, 2021. Activities included 54 presentations consisting of 24 talks and 30 posters. Additionally, we hosted three national laboratory roundtables, three poster sessions, and one alumni panel.

The workshop was hosted as a fully virtual experience. The MTV Website (mtv.engin.umich.edu) and Zoom meeting platforms served as the primary forms of audience engagement. This format made it possible for the MTV to host its most highly attended workshop with over 200 participants consisting of university faculty (25%), students (35%), national laboratories and government representatives (35%), and industry professionals (5%).

Four students won best presentation awards:

Best Talk:

- Lauren Finney, University of Michigan, "Identification of Stress in Plants via Femtosecond Laser-Induced Fluorescence and Steady-State Absorption Spectroscopy"
- Tyler Johnson, Duke University, "Neutrino-Induced Nuclear Fissions"



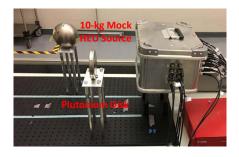
Best Poster:

- Eric Lepowski, Princeton University, "No Access, No Data, No Problem: Toward Autonomous Robotic Inspections of Nuclear Facilities"
- Samuel Takazawa, University of Hawaii, "Explosion Yield Estimation using Machine Learning Methods"



Research Highlights

Experimental Activities During the Pandemic



Experiments with Special Nuclear Material samples at Savannah River National Lab November 2020

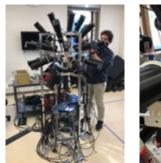


Device Assembly Facility Jul 19 – 22, 2021







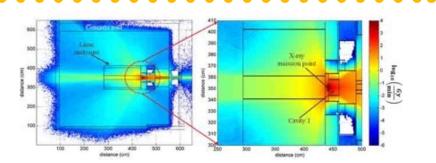




252Cf fission studies with a chamber from ORNL at the University of Michigan November 2020



Top-down cross section of the shielded Varian M9 electron linear accelerator at the University of Michigan that can be used for sterilization of personal protective equipment.



A. J. Jinia et al., "Review of Sterilization Techniques for Medical and Personal Protective Equipment Contaminated With SARS-CoV-2," in IEEE Access, vol. 8, pp. 111347-111354, 2020, doi: 10.1109/ACCESS.2020.3002886.

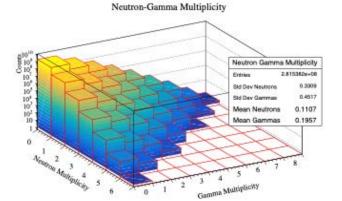
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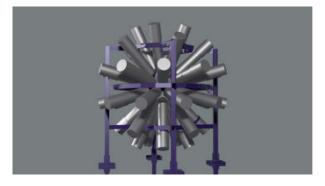
Correlated Neutron and Gamma-Ray Emissions from Fission



Stefano Marin Ph.D. Student University of Michigan

- Nuclear fission produces correlated neutrons and gamma rays from fission fragments
- We have designed and tested an array of 40 stilbene detectors dedicated to the study of fission reactions and the correlations in the neutron-photon emission, the Fission Sphere 3 (FS-3)
- The excellent timing resolution and PSD capabilities of stilbene enable differential measurements of neutron-photon correlations

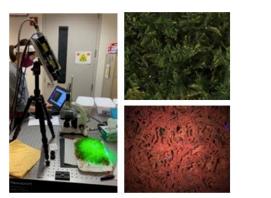


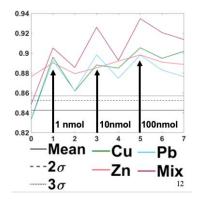


Laser-Induced Fluorescence in Moss



Kelly Traux Ph.D. Student University of Hawaii





- The research is driven by the need for a development of remote sensing technology and methodology to detect contamination in biota from nuclear fallout, mining waste, and nuclear waste.
- The project goal is to develop a non-invasive, non-destructive, remote, laser induced fluorescence (LIF) technique to detect metal contamination in moss and other plants. So far we have treated moss with various levels of different metals and exposed samples to LIF. We analyzed the captured images to detect changes in the plant's fluorescence in response to the metal exposure.
- Laboratory testing revealed the methods ability to detect and identify multiple metals at the nmol/cm2.

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HIGHLIGHTS

MTV research activities began September 2019

Machine Learning for Antineutrino-Based Safeguards



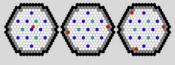
Matthew Dunbrack Ph.D. Student Georgia Tech.

 RETINA System
Reactor Evaluation Through Near-field <u>Antineutrinos</u> system

Compare monitored antineutrino spectra to previously simulated reactor cores for inventory deviation

Approach

Utilize machine learning models to detect 12 simulated core diversion scenarios



- Individually train models for well-prepared diversion scenarios
- Group train models for unexpected diversion scenarios

Results

Could detect sensitive variations in most antineutrino spectra

5	Model	Average Detection Probability
	Individually Trained	1.44%
	Group Trained	1.06%
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Consortium Pandemic Response



University of Tennessee, Knoxville and Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Terry Hazen, UTK, chaired an expert committee on this best course of action for SARS CoV-2 testing for the Fall 2020 semester and beyond. Activities include waste-water monitoring.

Eric Alm and his team at MIT have been engaged in wastewater-based monitoring of COVID-19.





Education "Ov mater and Outreach

"Overall terrific workshop. I learned a substantial amount of material that will definitely help with future research projects." - MCNP/MCNPX PoliMi Workshop survey

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Prof. Brian Kiedrowski Associate Professor U. Michigan

faculty.

YouTube



Dr. Shaun Clarke Associate Research Scientist U. Michigan

The **MTV Consortium** YouTube channel currently hosts 186 videos! Viewers can find videos from the Nuclear

Engineering Summer school, summaries of student research experiments, and presentations by our distinguished MTV

MCNP/MCNPX-PoliMi Training Workshop

Prof. Brian Kiedrowski (top) and Dr. Shaun Clarke (bottom) at the University of Michigan, Nuclear Engineering and Radiological Sciences department, served as instructors at the 2021 MCNP/MCNPX-PoliMi Training Workshop.

This year's 4-day virtual workshop, held from May 10 to May 14, 2021, welcomed 10 participants interested in learning and developing their skill with this unique code.

MTV Launches a YouTube channel!



NNSA leads national collaboration to drive next-generation in AI for nonproliferation

DNN R&D sponsored the second workshop in a series on "Next-Generation AI for Proliferation Detection," focused on domainaware methods: computational techniques to combine domain information with data-driven AI models. The workshop spanned four challenge areas specific to this mission: complex and noisy environments; sparse data and rare events; robust deployment and decision support; and early proliferation detection and signature discovery.

MTV Student Abbas Jahor Jinia (photo right) was one of the four projects represented at this workshop.



<u>click here to read more.</u>

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"The MTV Summer School allows me to see my individual work in the greater scheme of things by providing a strong foundation of theoretical nuclear engineering and physics." - Isabel Hernandez, University of Michigan, Undergraduate Student

MTV Nuclear Engineering Summer School!



- Bethany Goldblum, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory
- Igor Jovanovic, University of Michigan
- Christopher Perfetti, University of New Mexico

- Jorgen Randrup, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory
- Melinda Sweany, Sandia National Laboratories
- Alexis Trahan, Los Alamos National Laboratory
- Ramona Vogt, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory

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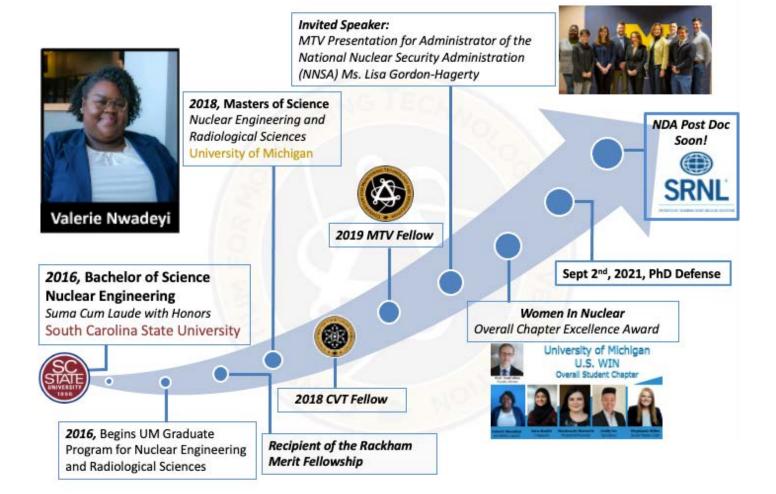


198 Students and Postdocs engaged in MTV Research

<u>MTV Fellows</u>	
Postdocs	3
Graduate Students	46
Undergraduate Students	23

<u>MTV Associates</u> Postdocs......3 Graduate Students......57 Undergraduate Students.....66

Student Advancement Model



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