

Plan Overview

A Data Management Plan created using DMP Tool

Title: Characterization and Shaping of the IPF Secondary-Neutron Spectrum

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Project abstract:

A significant, useful flux of secondary neutrons is currently underutilized at the Los Alamos Isotope Production Facility (IPF). Work is proposed here to develop this secondary-neutron flux into a production-quality beam by thoroughly characterizing both its spectral and spatial distributions through a combination of particle-transport modeling and experiments at IPF and the Weapons Neutron Research (WNR) facility. Further, this work will seek to shape the secondary neutron flux by investigating the effect of physical geometry and insertion of “control materials” on the neutron population behind various production target stacks. The investigations proposed by this work will be crucial to the understanding of the spatial and spectral control of high-energy secondary-neutron fluxes for accelerator-based isotope production applications. The results of this study will determine whether the use of control materials will facilitate improved utilization of the existing neutron flux, resulting in higher product yields as well as allowing for the tuning of the energy spectrum to reduce unwanted byproducts in the targets.

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