

Belgian contribution to IPNDV

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Testing the Information Barrier (UK-Norway initiative)

- Extending the benchmark set for the Information Barrier
 - Gamma-ray spectra simulations
 - Different materials and design scenarios
 - Existing experimental database from the European Research Development Association (ESARDA)
 - If needed, additional measurements with well-characterised MOX fuel at SCK•CEN

Information Barrier

- UK Norway initiative (<u>http://ukni.info/</u>)
- Information Barrier device
 - Analyse gamma radiation from an object
 - Confirm consistency with presence of Plutonium with a high content of ²³⁹Pu
 - Potentially sensitive details about the object that could be present in the gamma radiation data not to be revealed





Extending the benchmark set for the Information Barrier

- Detector response simulated with Monte Carlo codes
 - Classical MCNP6/MCNPX
 - MCNP-CP

Correct treatment of decay radiation, angular correlation and peak sum



Design configuration and shielding

Extending the benchmark set for the Information Barrier

- Measurements with known samples containing Pu
- Extended database of spectra being built by members of NDA WG of ESARDA and US labs.

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Extending the benchmark set for the Information Barrier

- Measurements with well characterised MOX fuel pins with different isotopic compositions at SCK•CEN
- MOX fuel
 - Different 5U/Pu ratios
 - Different Pu isotopic composition (²³⁹Pu 61% to 96%)



