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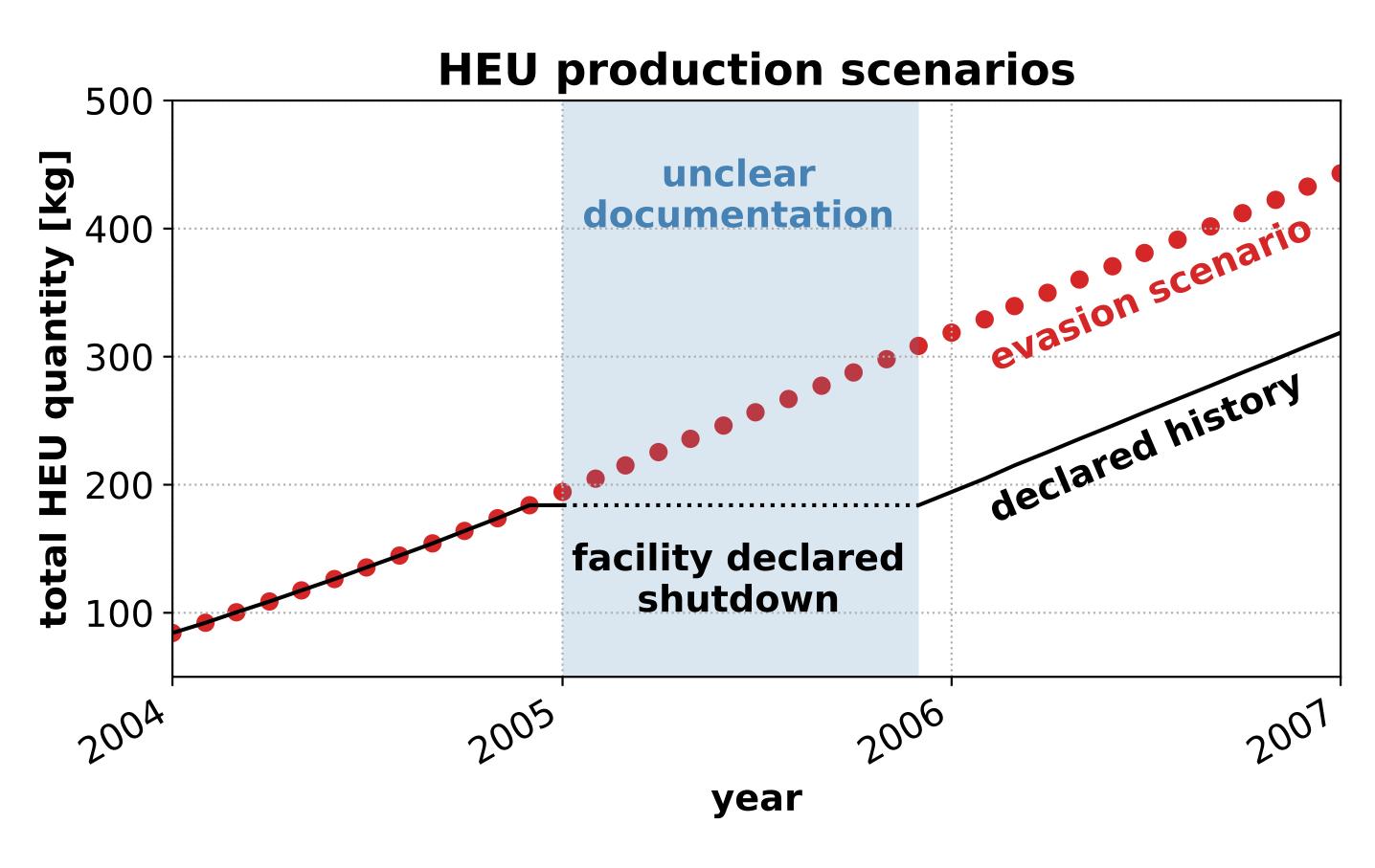
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Introduction

- Long term nuclear disarmament verification requires examination of fissile material inventories by reconstructing their production history.
- We develop **techniques** to address these verification challenges.

Techniques

• Fuel Cycle Analysis: Unclear information can limit verification of fissile material stocks. For this, we use fuel cycle simulations to estimate produced material inventories under plausible scenarios.



Estimated HEU inventory under unclear historical records

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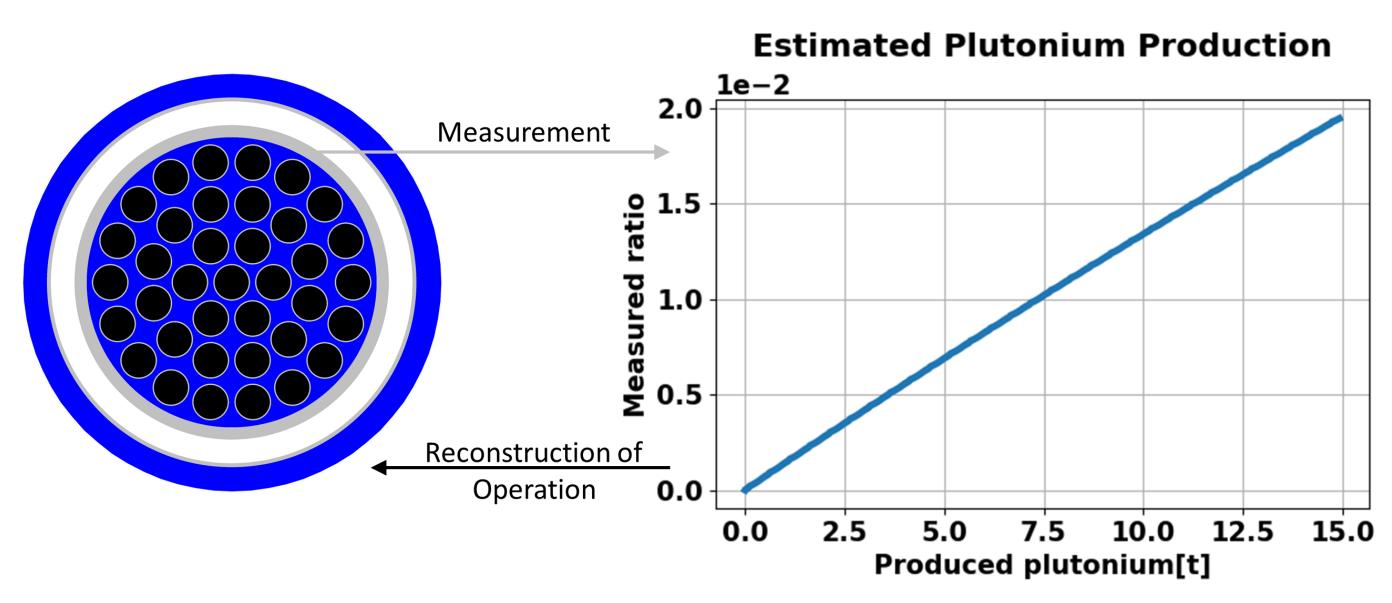
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Combined analysis of historical documentation on fuel cycle operations and measurements of its byproducts facilitates the verification of fissile material inventories, even without direct access, by reconstructing their production and removal history

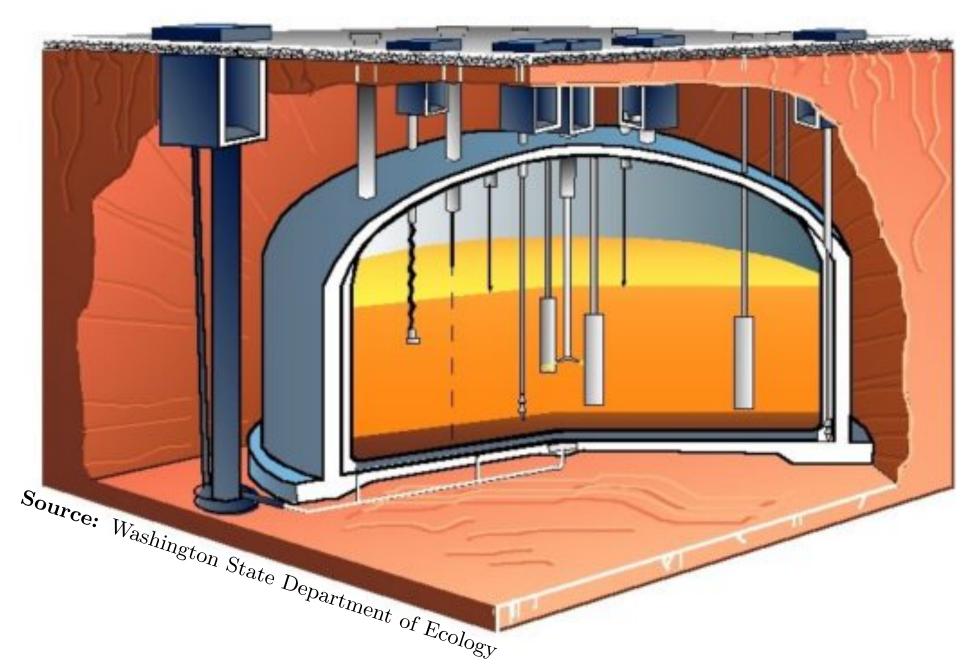




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well as uncovering undeclared operations [3].



Data Analysis & Integration

Documentation and measurements are integrated in a Data Fusion framework, resulting in comprehensive verification capabilities [4].

Measurements **Records &** Documentation



Nuclear Verification and Disarmament

• Reactor Structural Analysis: Even after shutdown measurement of reactor materials can provide information about its history, operation and

Deducing lifetime plutonium production of shutdown reactors

• Reprocessing Waste Analysis: Radioactive waste contains a fingerprint of nuclear reactors operations, useful for verifying declared activities as

Diagram of a nuclear reprocessing waste tank

