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University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign Nuclear, Plasma, and Radiological Engineering

RESEARCH INTERESTS Advanced nuclear reactors and fuel cycles, nuclear non-proliferation nuclear fuel cycle analysis, scientific computation.

РнD

University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, Nuclear Engineering Aug 2020 - Present

- Anticipated Graduation: August 2023
- Advisors: Professor Kathryn D. Huff and Dr. Madicken Munk
- GPA: 3.94/4.0

MS

University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Nuclear Engineering Aug 2019 – Aug 2020

- Empirical Modeling of Used Nuclear Fuel Radiation Emissions for Safeguards Purposes
- Advisor: Professor Jamie B. Coble
- GPA: 3.96/4.0

 $_{\mathrm{BS}}$

University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Nuclear Engineering Aug 2015 – May 2019

- Minors: Material Science & Engineering; Nuclear Decommissioning & Environmental Management
- GPA: 3.91/4.0

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Urbana, IL

Aug 2020 – Present

NEUP Fellow, Advanced Reactors and Fuel Cycles Group

Investigating impacts of transitioning to HALEU-fueled advanced reactors on the nuclear fuel cycle

University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Knoxville, TN

Aug 2019 – Aug 2020

Graduate Research Assistant, Coble Research Lab

Developed multivariate models of used nuclear fuel signatures for used in nonproliferation safeguards

Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Oak Ridge, TN

May 2019– Aug 2019

NESLS Intern, Radiation Transport High Performance Computing Methods and Applications Team Investigated differences in Doppler broadening of cross section data in SHIFT Monte Carlo code

University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Knoxville, TN

Oct 2015 - May 2019

Undergraduate Research Assistant, Coble Research Lab

Generated a database for use as a nonproliferation safeguard for electrochemical reprocessing Created simulated multidimensional isotopic data for the use of radiation signatures to infer used nuclear fuel characteristics for use as a nonproliferation safeguard

Collected data for equipment condition monitoring of motors and batteries

OTHER EXPERIENCE Duke Energy, Huntersville, NC

May - Aug 2018

Nuclear Generation Intern, Reactor Engineering

May - Aug 2017

Modified administrative and operating procedures to enhance procedure use and adherence Created VBA programs to simplify the reactor head tensioning procedure and reduce outage time Performed procedures to monitor and manage reactivity in a multi-unit plant

University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Knoxville, TN

Jan 2017 - Dec 2017

Supplemental Instruction Leader, Student Success Center

Organized and planned review material for twice-weekly supplemental isntruction sessions for students of a general chemistry class

University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Knoxville, TN

Jan – Jun 2016

Pre-College Programs Counselor, College of Engineering Office of Diversity Programs Supervised student activities and learning in multiple engineering disciplines

Honors and	Masters Graduate Research Excellence Award, UTK Nuclear Engineering Dept.	2020
Awards	ANS Student Sections Commendations, ANS Student Sections Committee	2020
	U.S. WIN Region II Leadership Award, U.S. WIN Region II	2019
	Outstanding Student Ambassador, UTK Nuclear Engineering Dept.	2018 - 2020
	Best Presentation International Safeguards Division, ANS Student Conference	2019
	Best Presentation Nuclear Nonproliferation Division, ANS Student Conference	2018
	Outstanding Undergraduate Research Assistant, UTK Nuclear Engineering Dept.	2017
	Girl Scout Gold Award, Girl Scouts of America	2015
Scholarships	UIUC NPRE Barclay G. Jones Scholarship \$5,000	2021
Awarded	UIUC Grainger College of Engineering SURGE Fellowship \$5,000	2020
	ANS Oak Ridge/Knoxville Section Graduate Student Scholarship \$1,000	$\boldsymbol{2020}$
	NEUP Fellowship \$161,000	2020
	NEUP Fellowship \$155,000	2019
	NEUP Scholarship \$7,500	2017
	NRC Scholarship \$5,000	$\boldsymbol{2015}$
	UTK Volunteer Scholarship \$72,000	2015

JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS

- [1] A. M. Bachmann, R. Fairhurst-Agosta, Z. Richter, N. Ryan, and M. Munk. Enrichment dynamics for advanced reactor HALEU support. *EPJ Nuclear Sciences & Technologies*, 7:22, 2021. Publisher: EDP Sciences. URL: https://www.epj-n.org/articles/epjn/abs/2021/01/epjn210024/epjn210024.html, doi:10.1051/epjn/2021021
- [2] A. M. Bachmann, J. B. Coble, and S. E. Skutnik. Comparison and uncertainty of multivariate modeling techniques to characterize used nuclear fuel. Nuclear Instruments and Methods in Physics Research Section A: Accelerators, Spectrometers, Detectors and Associated Equipment, 991:164994, Mar. 2021. URL: http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0168900220313917, doi:10.1016/ j.nima.2020.164994

REFEREED CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

- [3] A. M. Bachmann, J. B. Coble, and S. E. Skutnik. Elemental and Isotopic Concentration Tracking for Electrochemical Reprocessing Safeguards. In *Proceedings of the 2018 Advances in Nuclear Nonproliferation Technology and Policy Conference*, pages 121–124, Orlando, FL, Nov. 2018. URL: https://www.ans.org/pubs/proceedings/article-44678/
- [4] S. E. Skutnik, J. B. Coble, A. M. Bachmann, M. P. Cooper, N. Gilliam, and J. T. Mitchell. A Signatures-Based Approach to Electrochemical Reprocessing Safeguards Modeling & Evaluation. In Proceedings of the 2018 Advances in Nuclear Nonproliferation Technology and Policy Conference, pages 117–120, Orlando, FL, Nov. 2018. URL: https://www-ans-org.proxy2.library.illinois.edu/ pubs/proceedings/article-44677/

REFEREED CONFERENCE ABSTRACTS

- [5] A. M. Bachmann. Modeling Material Requirements of the Transition to HALEU Fueled Reactors. In *Proceedings of the Technical Workshop on Fuel Cycle Simulation 2021*, Virtual, June 2021
- [6] A. M. Bachmann and K. D. Huff. Comparing HALEU Demand Aong Advanced Reactor Fuel Cycle Transitions. In *Proceedings of the 2021 ANS Virtual Annual Meeting*, volume 124, pages 134–137, Virtual Meeting, June 2021. URL: https://www.ans.org/pubs/transactions/article-49551/
- [7] A. M. Bachmann and K. D. Huff. Enriched Uranium Supply Requirements for the Transition to Advanced Reactors. In *Proceedings of the American Nuclear Society 2021 National Student Conference*, Virtual, Apr. 2021
- [8] A. M. Bachmann, J. B. Coble, and S. E. Skutnik. Multivariate modeling of nuclear fuel characteristics for safegaurds purposes. In *Proceedings of the American Nuclear Society 2020 National Student Conference*, Raleigh, NC, Mar. 2020. Cancelled due to COVID-19
- [9] A. M. Bachmann, N. Gilliam, M. Cooper, and J. Mitchell. Detection of the Diversion of Special Nuclear Material in a Pyroprocessing Facility. In *Proceedings of the American Nuclear Society 2019* National Student Conference, Richmond, VA, Apr. 2019

- [10] N. Gilliam, S. E. Skutnik, J. B. Coble, A. M. Bachmann, M. P. Cooper, and J. T. Mitchell. Source Term Development and Radiological Signature Analysis for Simulation in Electrochemical Reprocessing Safeguards. In *Transactions of the American Nuclear Society Winter Meeting*, volume 119, pages 92–95, Orlando, FL, Nov. 2018. Publisher: American Nuclear Society. URL: http://epubs.ans.org/?a=44162
- [11] A. M. Bachmann, J. Mitchell, M. Cooper, and N. Gilliam. Investigating Isotopic Concentration Variability in Used Nuclear Fuel. In *Proceedings of the American Nuclear Society 2018 National Student Conference*, Gainesville, FL, Apr. 2018
- [12] A. M. Bachmann, J. B. Coble, and S. E. Skutnik. Multivariate Analysis of Radiation Signatures to Infer Used Nuclear Fuel Characterisitcs. In Proceedings of the American Nuclear Society 2017 National Student Conference, Pittsburg, PA, Apr. 2017

TECHNICAL REPORTS

[13] S. G. Dotson, A. M. Bachmann, Z. M. Richter, N. R. Panczyk, N. S. Ryan, A. C. Balla, and E. R. Fanning. Economic and Carbon Impacts of Potential Illinois Nuclear Plant Closures: The Cost of Closures. Technical Report UIUC-ARFC-2021-02, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Urbana, IL, May 2021. URL: github.com/arfc/2021-04-nm-illinois

OTHER [PUBLICATIONS

[14] A. Bachmann. Empirical Modeling of Used Nuclear Fuel Radiation Emissions for Safeguards Purposes. Master's thesis, University of Tennessee Knoxville, Aug. 2020. URL: https://trace.tennessee.edu/utk_gradthes/6272/

OTHER MEDIA

- [15] Season 3 Episode 29: Bad Bites, Cat Personalities and Amanda Bachmann on Nuclear Science The Science Pawdcast, Sept. 2021. URL: https://bunsenbernerbmd.buzzsprout.com/413041/9245459-season-3-episode-29-bad-bites-cat-personalities-and-amanda-bachman-on-nuclear-science
- [16] **A. Bachmann**, A. Balla, and J. Shehee. Webinar summary: The role of nuclear in Illinois, Apr. 2021. URL: https://www.ans.org/news/article-2788/webinar-summary-the-role-of-nuclear-in-illinois/

Panel Appearances

Academia Panel
U.S. WIN Region III Conference, Virtual

Aug 19, 2021

Propelling the Next Generation for Advanced Nuclear Energy Feb 10, 2020

U.S. DOE Atomic Wings Lunch and Learn, Knoxville, TN

Introduce a Girl to Engineering Feb 21, 2019

Y-12 National Security Complex, Oak Ridge, TN Sharing Organizational Activities,

Sharing Organizational Activities, July 25, 2017
U.S. WIN National Conference, San Fransisco, CA

Engineering

University of Tennessee, Knoxville

Teaching Dept. of Nuclear Engineering, Teaching Assistant

NE 542, Radioactive Waste ManagementSpring 2020NE 402, Nuclear Engineering LabFall 2019

Guest Lectures University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, NPRE DEPT NPRE 412, Nuclear Power Economics and Fuel Management Nuclear Nonproliferation Safeguards

April 26, 28, 30, 2021

SCIENTIFIC COMPUTING SKILLS LanguagesPythonDatabasesHDF5Test FrameworksnoseVersion Controlgit

Other Tools

LATEX, MatLab, Cyclus, MCNP, ORIGAMI, ORIGEN

Professional	Member, Nuclear Engineering Student Delegation	2021
SERVICE	Member, NPRE Graduate Student Advisory Committee, UIUC	$\boldsymbol{2021}$
	Student Director, Board of Directors, ANS	${\bf 2021Present}$
	DEI Co-Chair; Sponsorshp Chair, 2022 ANS Student Conference	2021-2022
	Member, Diversity and Inclusion Committee, ANS	${\bf 2020\text{-}Present}$
	Member, Scholarship and Policy Coordination Committee, ANS	$2020{\rm -Present}$
	Co-Vice Chair, Student Sections Committee, ANS	2019 – 2021
	Twitter Lead, Communications Committee, U.S. WIN	$2018{\rm-Present}$
	Member, NEED Committee, ANS	2018 – 2020
	Member, Region II Conference Planning Committee, U.S. WIN	2018 – 2019
	President, UTK Chapter, U.S. WIN	2018 – 2019
	Member, Alpha Nu Sigma Honor Society, ANS	2017
Volunteer	Rules Judge, Tennessee Science Bowl	Febs 2017–2020
Work	Troop Leader, Girl Scouts of the Southern Appalachians	2016 – 2019

Workshops & Short Courses

Nonproliferation and International Safeguards Summer Course Pacific Northwest National Laboratory Jun 2021

Week-long course that includes lectures on safeguards topics, such as state level evaluation and environmental sampling, and table-top exercises, such as Design Information Verification and drawing conclusions about an example state's nuclear fuel cycle and facilities

Consortium for Monitoring, Technology, and Verification Nuclear Engineering Summer School University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

May-Aug 2020

12 week summer lecture series, focusing on aspects of nuclear nonproliferation safeguards, gamma and neutron detector systems, and experimental data analysis

Developing Future Faculty Facilitating Undergraduate Evidence-Based Learning Seminar University of Tennessee, Knoxville Jan-March 2020

Six module seminar on disciplinary exploration of teaching and learning practices employed in undergraduate STEM courses

Center for the Integration of Research, Teaching, and Learning (CIRTL) certified seminar to explore methods and applications of Teaching as Research

Consotium for Montoring, Technology, and verification Workshop on Fuel Cycle Facility Monitoring University of Wisconsin-Madison

Oct 2019

Two day workshop on research performed on Fuel Cycle Facility Monitoring and best approaches to future work, hosted by the Consortium for Monitoring, Technology, and Verification

TRANSFORM Training Workshop 2019 Oak Ridge National Laboratory Sept 2019
Two day course on the basics of Modelica, Dymola, and the TRANSFORM library, with exercises on how to use the resources to build a pressurized water reactor model

Best Practices in Modeling and Simulation of Nuclear Materials for Nuclear Safeguards Practitioners and Early Career Professionals Oak Ridge National Laboratory Aug 2019 Four day course on modeling and simulation of used nuclear fuel using ORIGEN and ORIGAMI and their applications to safeguards

Hands on experience in using INDEPTH, a reverse depletion code, and the requirements of an IAEA Design Information Questionnaire