Andrei Rykhlevskii, Ph.D.

CONTACT Information Nuclear Engineer

Argonne National Laboratory Research and Test Reactors

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Advanced nuclear systems modeling/optimization, fast spectrum reactor designs, closed fuel cycle, data-driven optimization, stochastic neutronics, uncertainty quantification

РнD

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Nuclear Engineering Aug 2016 – Aug 2020

- Fuel processing simulation tool for liquid-fueled nuclear reactors
- Advisor: Professor Kathryn D. Huff
- Concentration in Computational Science and Engineering

MSc

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Nuclear Engineering Aug 2016 - May 2018

- Advanced online fuel reprocessing simulation for thorium-fueled Molten Salt Breeder Reactor
- Advisor: Professor Kathryn D. Huff

MSc

Financial University - Moscow, Russia, Financial Management Oct 2011 - Mar 2014

- Using stock market tools for IT-industry investments
- Advisor: Professor Svetlana Grishkina

BSc

Bauman Moscow State Technical University, Nuclear Engineering Sep 2004 – Jun 2010

- Calculating structural materials activation for VVER-1200 decommissioning
- Minor actinide burning in BN-600 fast sodium reactor
- Majors: Nuclear Fuel Cycle, Computational Reactor Physics

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE Argonne National Laboratory, Lemont, IL

Nuclear Engineer, Core Design & Safety Analysis Group Postdoctoral Appointee, Core Design & Safety Analysis Group Jun~2021-present

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- Sep 2020 Jun 2021
- Performing neutronics calculations for research reactors to support conversion from HEU to LEU
- Developing tools for pre- and post-processing to facilitate MCNP and VESTA computations
- Analyzing reactivity initiated accidents in Belgian Reactor 2 (BR2)
- Designing irradiation experiments for new fuel designs

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Urbana, IL

Graduate Research Assistant, Advanced Reactors and Fuel Cycles Group Aug 2016 - Aug 2020

- Developed computational tools and models for advanced reactors and fuel cycles
- Investigated load-following capabilities of MSRs
- Modeled MSR neutronics using Monte Carlo code Serpent
- Created MSR models in multi-physics environment MOOSE
- Generated problem-oriented nuclear data libraries using Serpent, SCALE, OpenMC

Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Oak Ridge, TN

NESLS Intern – Reactor Physics Group

May 2018 – Aug 2018

- Developed a various Fast Spectrum Molten Salt Reactor neutronics models (SCALE, Serpent)
- Implemented and tested continuous online separation and feeds for MSR
- Analyzed MSR fuel cycle performance in comparison with Sodium-cooled Fast Reactors

OKB GIDROPRESS (State Atomic Energy Corporation "ROSATOM"), Russia

Lead Engineer

Dec 2015 – Jul 2016

Extending life cycle of Nuclear Power Plants (NPP) with VVER-440 $\,$

BUKO Ltd, Podolsk, Russia

Sep 2014 - Dec 2015

Financial analyst

Developed and applied robots (C#, VB) for algorithmic trading

Svyaz Standart Ltd, Podolsk, Russia

Feb 2012 – Aug 2014

Chief Technology Officer

Designed and managed Internet Service Provider (ISP) metro networks

OKB GIDROPRESS (State Atomic Energy Corporation "ROSATOM"), Russia
Nuclear Engineer

Nov 2009 – Feb 2012

- Performed neutronics calculations for expending operation period of Balakovo and Kola NPPs
- Analyzed decommissioning for the Preliminary Safety Analysis Report of Belene NPP, Bulgaria

- Performed simulations for V&V and certification of KATRIN-2.0 deterministic S_N code
- Developed a MATLAB code for processing neutron flux data collected from NPPs

Honors and Awards	Kuck Computational Science & Engineering Scholarship	2019-2020
	American Nuclear Society, John and Muriel Landis Scholarship	2017-2020
	Podolsk city council innovative entrepreneurship award	2014
	Graduated FU with high distinction (highest graduation honor)	2014
	Graduate scholarship for excellent students, FU	2013
	Research achievement award, OKB GIDROPRESS	2011
	Academic scholarship for distinguished student, BMSTU	2008-2010
	Student Professional Society scholarship, BMSTU	2004 – 2010

BOOKS

[1] Dolan, T.J., Pázsit, I., **Rykhlevskii**, **A.**, Yoshioka, R. (In press) "Molten Salt Reactors and Thorium Energy." Science & Technology Books Elsevier, Cambridge, MA, United States, 2023.

JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS

- [2] Ashraf, O., Rykhlevskii, A., Tikhomirov, G.V., Huff, K.D. "Preliminary design of control rods in the single-fluid double-zone thorium molten salt reactor (SD-TMSR)." Annals of Nuclear Energy, vol. 152. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.anucene.2020.108035, March 2021.
- [3] Ashraf, O., Rykhlevskii, A., Tikhomirov, G.V., Huff, K.D. "Strategies for thorium fuel cycle transition in the SD-TMSR." Annals of Nuclear Energy, vol. 148. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.anucene.2020.107656, December 2020.
- [4] Bae, J.W., **Rykhlevskii**, **A.**, Chee, G., Huff, K.D. "Deep Learning Approach to Nuclear Fuel Transmutation in a Fuel Cycle Simulator." **Annals of Nuclear Energy**, vol. 139. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.anucene.2019.107230, May 2020.
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- [7] Lindsay, A., Ridley, G., Rykhlevskii, A., Huff, K. "Introduction to Moltres: an Application for Simulation of Molten Salt Reactors." Annals of Nuclear Energy, vol. 114, Pages 530 - 540. doi.org/10.1016/j.anucene.2017.12.025, April 2018.

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- [8] Rykhlevskii, A., O'Grady, D., Kozlowski, T., Huff, K. "The Impact of Xenon-135 on Load Following Transatomic Power Molten Salt Reactor." Transactions of the American Nuclear Society Winter Meeting. Washington, DC, United States, 2019.
- [9] Park, S.M., Rykhlevskii, A., Huff, K. "Safety Analysis of the Molten Salt Fast Reactor Fuel Composition Using Moltres." Proc. GLOBAL International Fuel Cycle Conference. Seattle, WA, United States, September 2019.
- [10] Betzler, B.R., Rykhlevskii, A., Worrall, A., Huff, K. "Impacts of Fast Spectrum Molten Salt Reactor Characteristics on Fuel Cycle Performance." Proc. GLOBAL International Fuel Cycle Conference. Seattle, WA, United States, September 2019.
- [11] Rykhlevskii, A., Betzler, B.R., Worrall, A., Huff, K. "Fuel Cycle Performance of Fast Spectrum Molten Salt Reactors designs." Proc. M&C 2019 International Conference on Mathematics & Computational Methods Applied to Nuclear Science and Engineering. Portland, OR, United States, August 25-29, 2019.
- [12] Rykhlevskii, A., Lindsay, A., Huff, K. "Full-Core Analysis of Thorium-Fueled Molten Salt Breeder Reactor using the SERPENT 2 Monte Carlo code." Transactions of the American Nuclear Society Winter Meeting. Washington, DC, United States, 2017.
- [13] **Rykhlevskii**, A., Lindsay, A., Huff, K. "Online Reprocessing Simulation for Thorium-Fueled Molten Salt Breeder Reactor." **Transactions of the American Nuclear Society Winter Meeting.** Washington, DC, United States, 2017.

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- [14] Rykhlevskii, A., Lindsay, A., Huff, K. "Simulation of Molten Salt Reactors with Moltres." 2019 SIAM Conference on Computational Science and Engineering, Spokane, WA, February 2019.
- [15] Rykhlevskii, A., Betzler, B.R., Bae, J.W., Huff, K. "Fuel Cycle Performance of Fast Spectrum Molten Salt Reactor Designs." (poster) Oak Ridge National Laboratory Nuclear Engineering Science Laboratory Synthesis Poster Session. Oak Ridge, TN, United States, 2018.
- [16] Rykhlevskii, A., Huff, K. "Computational Tools for Advanced Molten Salt Reactor Simulation." Blue Waters Symposium, Sun River, OR, June 2018.

TECHNICAL REPORTS

- [17] **Rykhlevskii, A.** et al. "Analysis of Reactivity Insertion Transients with Automatic Power Reduction by the Control Rods for the COBRA Lead Test Assembly." Argonne National Laboratory, ANL/RTR/TM-22/15, August 2022.
- [18] **Rykhlevskii, A.** et al. "MITR & NBSR DDE Irradiations in BR2 Review of SCK CEN Preliminary Neutronics Evaluation of Irradiation Conditions." Argonne National Laboratory, ANL/RTR/TM-22/11, July 2022.
- [19] Aliberti, G., **Rykhlevskii**, A. "Testing and Verification of VESTA-2.1.5 Code for Software Quality Assurance (NQA-1)." Argonne National Laboratory, ANL/RTR/TM-21/35, Nov 2021.
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- [21] **Rykhlevskii, A.**, Bergeron, A., Puig, F. "FUTURE-HFIR Irradiation Test Complementary Beginning of Cycle Neutronics Analysis." Argonne National Laboratory, ANL/RTR/TM-21/4, March 2021.
- [22] Rykhlevskii, A., Huff, K. "Milestone 2.1 Report: Demonstration of SaltProc." Advanced Reactors and Fuel Cycles Report Series, Nuclear Plasma and Radiological Engineering, University of Illinois. Report UIUC-ARFC-2019-04, https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.3355649, June 2019.

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- [23] **Rykhlevskii**, **A.** Fuel processing simulation tool for liquid-fueled nuclear reactors. Ph.D. dissertation. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. July 2020.
- [24] **Rykhlevskii**, **A.** Advanced online fuel reprocessing simulation for Thorium-fueled Molten Salt Breeder Reactor. M.Sc. thesis. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. May 2018.

SOFTWARE PRODUCTS

- [25] Rykhlevskii, A., Bae, J.W., Huff, K. "SaltProc v0.2." zenodo, July 2018. http://dx.doi.org/ 10.5281/zenodo.1196454.
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INVITED TALKS

ANS Winter 2020, Chicago, IL. Lightning Talk.
U. Illinois, Nuclear, Plasma, & Radiological Engineering. Seminar.

Nov 17, 2020 Apr 10, 2018

Engineering Teaching

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Guest Lecturer

Nov 29, 2017 Nov 9, 2018

DEPT. OF NUCLEAR, PLASMA, AND RADIOLOGICAL ENGINEERING NPRE 247, Modeling Nuclear Energy System UNIX Shell, Basic Scripting, Serpent usage, Monte Carlo methods

UNDERGRADUATE
RESEARCHERS
Jin Whan Bae
Louis Kissinger
BS - 2017
BS - 2019

ROLE Mentor Mentor Graduate Name Degree - Year Role Gwendolyn Chee Researchers PhD - 2022 Mentor Mentor **Anshuman Chaube** PhD - (est. 2022) Sun Myung Park PhD - (est. 2022) Mentor Python, bash/csh, C++, FORTRAN, VB, MPI, OpenMP Scientific Programming Computing**Build Systems** make, CMake

SKILLS Databases PyTables, HDF5, SQL
Test Frameworks Travis CI, pytest
Version Control git

Transport Software MCNP, VESTA, OpenMC, Serpent, SCALE, WIMS, CNCSN 2009
Other Tools PARET/ANL, MOOSE, MATLAB/Octave, PyNE, CYCLUS, ANSYS CFX, LATEX

OTHER Judge, HackIllinois 2020
UNIVERSITY Mentor, HackIllinois 2017

EDITING AND Manuscript Referee

REVIEWING

Manuscript Referee

Annals of Nuclear Energy

Progress in Nuclear Energy

2019 GLOBAL International Fuel Cycle Conference