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RESEARCH INTERESTS	Advanced nuclear systems modeling/optimization, scientific software development, machine learning and data-driven optimization, uncertainty quantification	
PhD	<b>University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, NUCLEAR ENGINEERING Aug 2016 – Aug 2020</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Fuel processing simulation tool for liquid-fueled nuclear reactors</li><li>Advisor: Professor Kathryn D. Huff</li><li>Concentration in Computational Science and Engineering</li></ul>	
MSc	<b>University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, NUCLEAR ENGINEERING Aug 2016 – May 2018</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Advanced online fuel reprocessing simulation for thorium-fueled Molten Salt Breeder Reactor</li><li>Advisor: Professor Kathryn D. Huff</li></ul>	
MSc	<b>Financial University - Moscow, Russia, FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT</b>	<b>Oct 2011 – Mar 2014</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Using stock market tools for IT-industry investments</li></ul>
BSc	<b>Bauman Moscow State Technical University, NUCLEAR ENGINEERING Sep 2004 – Jun 2010</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Calculating structural materials activation for VVER-1200 decommissioning</li><li>Majors: Nuclear Fuel Cycle, Computational Reactor Physics</li></ul>	
RESEARCH EXPERIENCE	<b>Mersenne LLC, North Miami, FL</b> <i>Lead Nuclear Engineer</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Designing ultra-compact nuclear reactor to power our future</li></ul>	<b>May 2024 – Present</b>
	<b>Argonne National Laboratory, Lemont, IL</b> <i>Principal Nuclear Engineer, Core Design &amp; Safety Analysis Group</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Performed neutronics calculations for research reactors to support conversion from HEU to LEU</li><li>Developed tools for pre- and post-processing to facilitate MCNP and VESTA computations</li><li>Analyzed reactivity initiated accidents in Belgian Reactor 2 (BR2)</li><li>Designed irradiation experiments for new fuel designs</li></ul>	<b>Sep 2020 – Apr 2024</b>
	<b>University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Urbana, IL</b> <i>Graduate Research Assistant, Advanced Reactors and Fuel Cycles Group</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Developed computational tools and models for advanced reactors and fuel cycles</li><li>Investigated load-following capabilities of MSRs</li><li>Modeled MSR neutronics using Monte Carlo code Serpent</li><li>Created MSR models in multi-physics environment MOOSE</li><li>Generated problem-oriented nuclear data libraries using Serpent, SCALE, OpenMC</li></ul>	<b>Aug 2016 – Aug 2020</b>
	<b>Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Oak Ridge, TN</b> <i>NESLS Intern – Reactor Physics Group</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Developed a various Fast Spectrum Molten Salt Reactor neutronics models (SCALE, Serpent)</li><li>Implemented and tested continuous online separation and feeds for MSR</li><li>Analyzed MSR fuel cycle performance in comparison with Sodium-cooled Fast Reactors</li></ul>	<b>May 2018 – Aug 2018</b>
	<b>OKB GIDROPRESS (State Atomic Energy Corporation “ROSATOM”), Russia</b> <i>Lead Engineer</i> Extending life cycle of Nuclear Power Plants (NPP) with VVER-440	<b>Dec 2015 – Jul 2016</b>
	<b>BUKO Ltd, Podolsk, Russia</b> <i>Financial analyst</i> Developed and applied robots (C#, VB) for algorithmic trading	<b>Sep 2014 – Dec 2015</b>
	<b>Svyaz Standart Ltd, Podolsk, Russia</b> <i>Chief Technology Officer</i> Designed and managed Internet Service Provider (ISP) metro networks	<b>Feb 2012 – Aug 2014</b>
	<b>OKB GIDROPRESS (State Atomic Energy Corporation “ROSATOM”), Russia</b> <i>Nuclear Engineer</i> Performed neutronics and thermal-hydraulics calculations for expending life cycle of NPPs with VVER-1200 and VVER-1000	<b>Nov 2009 – Feb 2012</b>

HONORS AND AWARDS	Impact Argonne Award	2023
	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., <b>Rykhlevskii, A.</b> , Yoshioka, R. “Molten Salt Reactors and Thorium Energy.” Woodhead Publishing Series in Energy, Cambridge, MA, United States, 2024.	
JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS	[2] Ashraf, O., <b>Rykhlevskii, A.</b> , Tikhomirov, G.V., Huff, K.D. “Preliminary design of control rods in the single-fluid double-zone thorium molten salt reactor (SD-TMSR).” <b>Annals of Nuclear Energy</b> , vol. 152. <a href="https://doi.org/10.1016/j.anucene.2020.108035">https://doi.org/10.1016/j.anucene.2020.108035</a> , March 2021.	
	[3] Ashraf, O., <b>Rykhlevskii, A.</b> , Tikhomirov, G.V., Huff, K.D. “Strategies for thorium fuel cycle transition in the SD-TMSR.” <b>Annals of Nuclear Energy</b> , vol. 148. <a href="https://doi.org/10.1016/j.anucene.2020.107656">https://doi.org/10.1016/j.anucene.2020.107656</a> , December 2020.	
	[4] Bae, J.W., <b>Rykhlevskii, A.</b> , Chee, G., Huff, K.D. “Deep Learning Approach to Nuclear Fuel Transmutation in a Fuel Cycle Simulator.” <b>Annals of Nuclear Energy</b> , vol. 139. <a href="https://doi.org/10.1016/j.anucene.2019.107230">https://doi.org/10.1016/j.anucene.2019.107230</a> , May 2020.	
	[5] Ashraf, O., <b>Rykhlevskii, A.</b> , Tikhomirov, G.V., Huff, K.D. “Whole core analysis of the single-fluid double-zone thorium molten salt reactor (SD-TMSR).” <b>Annals of Nuclear Energy</b> , vol. 137. <a href="https://doi.org/10.1016/j.anucene.2019.107115">https://doi.org/10.1016/j.anucene.2019.107115</a> , March 2020.	
	[6] <b>Rykhlevskii, A.</b> , Bae, J.W., Huff, K. “Modeling And Simulation of Online Reprocessing in the Molten Salt Breeder Reactor.” <b>Annals of Nuclear Energy</b> , vol. 128, Pages 366 - 379. <a href="https://doi.org/10.1016/j.anucene.2019.01.030">https://doi.org/10.1016/j.anucene.2019.01.030</a> , June 2019.	
	[7] Lindsay, A., Ridley, G., <b>Rykhlevskii, A.</b> , Huff, K. “Introduction to Moltres: an Application for Simulation of Molten Salt Reactors.” <b>Annals of Nuclear Energy</b> , vol. 114, Pages 530 - 540. <a href="https://doi.org/10.1016/j.anucene.2017.12.025">doi.org/10.1016/j.anucene.2017.12.025</a> , April 2018.	
	[8] <b>Rykhlevskii, A.</b> et al. “Impact of ENDF/B-VIII.0 library on BR2 depletion calculations for irradiation testing of low- enriched uranium silicide dispersion fuel.” <b>Transactions of the American Nuclear Society Winter Meeting</b> . Las Vegas, United States, 2024.	
REFEREED CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS	[9] Lin, H.-C., Garner, P., <b>Rykhlevskii, A.</b> , Olson, A., Licht, J., Wols, F. “BR2 Fuel Element Hydraulic Analyses for Reactor Conversion.” <b>Transactions of the European Research Reactor Conference (RRFM 2024)</b> . Warsaw, Poland, 2024.	
	[10] Alhassan, E., Sikik, E., Newman, Hernandez-Solis, A., Wols, F., Van Dyck, S., Van den Branden, G., <b>Rykhlevskii, A.</b> “Estimation of gamma heat deposition in fuel and non-fuel materials in support of irradiation of medical radioisotopes in BR2 reactor.” <b>Transactions of the European Research Reactor Conference (RRFM 2024)</b> . Warsaw, Poland, 2024.	
	[11] <b>Rykhlevskii, A.</b> , O’Grady, D., Kozlowski, T., Huff, K. “The Impact of Xenon-135 on Load Following Transatomic Power Molten Salt Reactor.” <b>Transactions of the American Nuclear Society Winter Meeting</b> . Washington, DC, United States, 2019.	
	[12] Park, S.M., <b>Rykhlevskii, A.</b> , Huff, K. “Safety Analysis of the Molten Salt Fast Reactor Fuel Composition Using Moltres.” <b>Proc. GLOBAL International Fuel Cycle Conference</b> . Seattle, WA, United States, September 2019.	
	[13] Betzler, B.R., <b>Rykhlevskii, A.</b> , Worrall, A., Huff, K. “Impacts of Fast Spectrum Molten Salt Reactor Characteristics on Fuel Cycle Performance.” <b>Proc. GLOBAL International Fuel Cycle Conference</b> . Seattle, WA, United States, September 2019.	
	[14] <b>Rykhlevskii, A.</b> , Betzler, B.R., Worrall, A., Huff, K. “Fuel Cycle Performance of Fast Spectrum Molten Salt Reactors designs.” <b>Proc. M&amp;C 2019 - International Conference on Mathematics &amp; Computational Methods Applied to Nuclear Science and Engineering</b> . Portland, OR, United States, August 25-29, 2019.	
	[15] <b>Rykhlevskii, A.</b> , Lindsay, A., Huff, K. “Full-Core Analysis of Thorium-Fueled Molten Salt Breeder Reactor using the SERPENT 2 Monte Carlo code.” <b>Transactions of the American Nuclear Society Winter Meeting</b> . Washington, DC, United States, 2017.	

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ABSTRACTS [17] **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.
- [18] **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.
- [19] **Rykhlevskii, A.**, Huff, K. “Computational Tools for Advanced Molten Salt Reactor Simulation.” **Blue Waters Symposium**, Sun River, OR, June 2018.
- TECHNICAL  
REPORTS [20] **Rykhlevskii, A.**, Bergeron, A., Puig, F. “Review of SCK CEN Post-irradiation Neutronics Analysis of the FUTURE-HFIR CYCLE A Future Plates.” Argonne National Laboratory, April 2024.
- [21] Bergeron, A., **Rykhlevskii, A.**, Puig, F., Licht, J., Wols, F., Van den Branden, G., Kalcheva, S. “Reactor Physics Analysis of the BR2 HEU&LEU Representative Core 2025/2026.” Argonne National Laboratory, January 2024.
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- [23] **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, August 2022.
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PUBLICATIONS [29] **Rykhlevskii, A.** Fuel processing simulation tool for liquid-fueled nuclear reactors. Ph.D. dissertation. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. July 2020.
- [30] **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 [31] **Rykhlevskii, A.**, Bae, J.W., Huff, K. “SaltProc v0.2.” **zenodo**, July 2018. <http://dx.doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.1196454>.
- [32] Lindsay, A., Huff, K., **Rykhlevskii, A.** “moltres v0.1.” **zenodo**, June 2017. <http://dx.doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.801823>.
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- INVITED TALKS **ANS Winter 2020**, Chicago, IL. *Lightning Talk*. **Nov 17, 2020**  
**U. Illinois**, Nuclear, Plasma, & Radiological Engineering. *Seminar*. **Apr 10, 2018**

ENGINEERING TEACHING	<b>University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign</b> <i>Guest Lecturer</i> DEPT. OF NUCLEAR, PLASMA, AND RADIOLOGICAL ENGINEERING <i>NPRE 247, Modeling Nuclear Energy System</i> UNIX Shell, Basic Scripting, Serpent usage, Monte Carlo methods		Nov 29, 2017 Nov 9, 2018
UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCHERS	<u>NAME</u> <b>Jin Whan Bae</b> <b>Louis Kissinger</b>	<u>DEGREE - YEAR</u> BS - 2017 BS - 2019	<u>ROLE</u> Mentor Mentor
GRADUATE RESEARCHERS	<u>NAME</u> <b>Gwendolyn Chee</b> <b>Sun Myung Park</b> <b>Anshuman Chaube</b>	<u>DEGREE - YEAR</u> PhD - 2022 PhD - (est. 2023) PhD - (est. 2023)	<u>ROLE</u> Mentor Mentor Mentor
SCIENTIFIC COMPUTING SKILLS	<b>Programming</b> Python, bash/csh, C++, FORTRAN, VB, MPI, OpenMP <b>Build Systems</b> make, CMake <b>Databases</b> PyTables, HDF5, SQL <b>Test Frameworks</b> Travis CI, pytest <b>Version Control</b> git <b>Transport Software</b> MCNP, VESTA, OpenMC, Serpent, SCALE, WIMS, CNCSN 2009 <b>Other Tools</b> PARET/ANL, ORIGEN, MOOSE, MATLAB/Octave, PyNE, CYCLUS, ANSYS CFX, L <sup>A</sup> T <sub>E</sub> X		
OTHER UNIVERSITY SERVICE	<b>Judge</b> , HackIllinois <b>Mentor</b> , HackIllinois		<b>2020</b> <b>2017</b>
EDITING AND REVIEWING	<b>Manuscript Referee</b> <i>Annals of Nuclear Energy</i> <i>Progress in Nuclear Energy</i> 2019 GLOBAL International Fuel Cycle Conference		