

Research Experience

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University of California, Berkeley

Assistant Research Engineer

Berkeley, California

June, 2019 – Present

- Led fundamental studies of low-energy nuclear physics at the LBNL 88-Inch Cyclotron as a part of the LBNL/UCB Nuclear Data Program, and supervised M.S./Ph.D. students in these efforts.
- Efforts include the measurement of charged-particle and neutron-induced reaction cross sections relevant to the production of radionuclides for medical applications, and the measurement of independent and cumulative fission yields using cyclical neutron activation analysis,
- As Isotope Production technical leader, responsible for developing the technical vision for these research objectives, and facilitating interactions with other research organizations to promote collaboration and enhance the impact of research results, chiefly with LANL and BNL.
- Developed stable and radioactive target fabrication capabilities in support of these objectives.
- Compiled all nuclear data produced in experiments into the reaction database EXFOR.

Postdoctoral Scholar

August, 2018 – June, 2019

- Responsible for overseeing the effort to determine novel production routes for ^{225}Ac , ^{212}Pb , ^{68}Ge , and ^{236}Np , through experiments at the LBNL 88-Inch Cyclotron as a part of the LBNL/UCB Nuclear Data Program.
- Developed in-house capabilities for electrodeposition and pressed-powder target fabrication.
- Assisted other members of the group by supervising M.S./Ph.D. student efforts to determine isotope production routes through cross section measurements at LBNL, LANL, and BNL.

Graduate Student Researcher / NRC Fellow

August, 2014 – August, 2018

- Dissertation Title: “Nuclear Excitation Functions for the Production of Novel Medical Radionuclides” — measurement of cross-sections for neutron-induced and charged particle-induced reaction pathways for the production of emerging novel therapeutic and diagnostic medical radionuclides, with high specific activity.
- Dissertation Advisor: Dr. Lee A. Bernstein, University of California, Berkeley
- Developed intense mono-energetic neutron source capabilities for production of novel therapeutic radionuclides.
- Research carried out at the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory’s 88-Inch Cyclotron and the Los Alamos National Laboratory’s Isotope Production Facility at LANSCE.

University of Oslo

Visiting Researcher, Department of Physics

Oslo, Norway

February – May, 2018

- Studied preparation of a chelate-conjugated biomolecule carrying a radionuclide, in the Nuclear and Energy Physics group.
- Focus on the radiolanthanide ^{161}Tb and a peptidomimetic displaying dual-receptor targeting through the endothelial growth factor receptor and the HER2/neu antigen.

Institute for Laser Engineering, Osaka University

Visiting Researcher

Osaka, Japan

February – March, 2015

- Research and evaluation of solid debris collection diagnostics in search of evidence of nuclear-plasma interactions.

University of Utah

Undergraduate Researcher, Nuclear Engineering

Salt Lake City, Utah

August, 2010 – August, 2011

- Developed simulation of Neutron Activation Analysis, an analytical technique using neutron irradiation of matter to determine highly precise compositions of samples.
- Simulation optimizes irradiation times of samples to minimize resulting radioactivity.
- Presented paper at 2011 ANS Student Conference, 2011 2nd Utah Detection Conference.

Undergraduate Researcher, Chemistry

August, 2009 – May, 2010

- Synthesis and characterization of metal-doped Cadmium-Selenium quantum dots used to produce photonic crystals structured after iridescent scales of several Brazilian beetles.
- Applications include fully-optical circuitry and tunable, customizable photoluminescent sensors for desired molecules and/or cells.
- Later research involved sol-gel dip-coating quantum dots for use in geothermal wells.

University of West Florida

Visiting Researcher, Department of Physics

Pensacola, Florida

May, 2008 – January, 2009

- Modeled specific heat capacity anomalies of 4'-octyl-4-biphenyl-carbonitrile liquid crystals, due to the effect of mesophase transitions.
- Research proceeded to place third in the 2009 Florida State Science Fair, and as a finalist in the 2009 Intel International Science and Engineering Fair.