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## EDUCATION

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### PhD Electrical Engineering

2018

### University of New Mexico

- **Dissertation Title:** Novel Algorithms for Ultra Scale Electromagnetic Problems in the Supercomputing Era.
- **Advisor:** Professor Zhen Peng, Department of Electrical & Computer Engineering, University of New Mexico

### MS Nuclear Engineering

2013

### University of Wisconsin-Madison

### BSE Nuclear Engineering

2011

### University of Michigan

## PUBLICATIONS

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1. **B. MacKie-Mason** and Z. Peng, "Rapid Antenna Prototyping on Large Platforms via Data-Sparse Schur Complement," (working).
2. **B. MacKie-Mason**, Y. Shao, A. Greenwood, and Z. Peng, "Supercomputing-Enabled First-Principles Analysis of Radio Wave Propagation in Urban Environments," *IEEE Transactions on Antennas and Propagation*, **66**, pp. 6606–6612 (2018). doi:10.1109/TAP.2018.2874674.
3. Z. Peng, R. Hiptmair, Y. Shao, **B. MacKie-Mason**, "Domain Decomposition Preconditioning for Surface Integral Equations in Solving Challenging Electromagnetic Scattering Problems," *IEEE Transactions on Antennas and Propagation*, **64**, pp. 210–223 (2016). doi:10.1109/TAP.2015.2500908.
4. **B. MacKie-Mason**, A. Greenwood, and Z. Peng, "Adaptive and Parallel Surface Integral Equation Solvers for Very Large-Scale Electromagnetic Modeling and Simulation (invited paper)," *Progress in Electromagnetics Research*, **154**, pp. 143–162 (2015). doi:10.2528/PIER15113001.

## CONFERENCE & OTHER PRESENTATIONS

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1. **B. MacKie-Mason**, P. Velesko, R. Hager, C.-S. Chang, and T.J. Williams, "Performance Optimization of the XGC code on KNL architecture", *Annual Meeting of the APS Division of Plasma Physics*, Nov. 5–9, 2018. <https://goo.gl/wirgSu>
2. **B. MacKie-Mason**, P. Velesko, R. Hager, C.-S. Chang, and T.J. Williams, "Application Study of Gyrokinetic PIC codes on Intel KNL architecture", *IXPUG Annual Fall Conference*, Hillsboro, OR, U.S.A. September 25–28, 2018. <https://goo.gl/iLGnTv>
3. **B. MacKie-Mason**, "What do I do?", *Argonne Computing Coffee & Code*, Argonne, IL, U.S.A., September 12, 2018. <https://goo.gl/AtWQSD>
4. **B. MacKie-Mason** and Z. Peng, "Towards Real-time In-Situ Antenna Analysis and Design on Platforms of 1000 Wavelengths", *IEEE International Symposium on Antennas and Propagation & USNC/URSI National Radio Science Meeting*, San Diego, CA, July 9–14, 2017. doi:10.1109/APUSNCURSINRSM.2017.8072714
5. **B. MacKie-Mason** and Z. Peng, "Towards a Real-Time Solution of Extreme-Scale Electromagnetic Problems", *National Radio Science Meeting*, Boulder, CO, U.S.A., January 4–7, 2017. <https://goo.gl/bK4wms>

6. **B. MacKie-Mason**, Z. Peng, and C. Kung, "Extreme Fidelity Computational Electromagnetic Analysis in the Supercomputer Era", *The International Conference for High Performance Computing, Networking, Storage and Analysis*, Salt Lake City, Utah, U.S.A., November 13–18, 2016. <https://goo.gl/jeQSKR>
7. **B. MacKie-Mason** and Z. Peng, "High-fidelity, High-performance Integral Equation Solver for Time-Harmonic Maxwell's Equations", *IEEE International Symposium on Antennas and Propagation & USNC/URSI National Radio Science Meeting*, Fajardo, Puerto Rico, U.S.A., June 26–July 1, 2016. <https://goo.gl/fgmgvk>
8. **B. MacKie-Mason** and Z. Peng, "Adaptive and parallel surface integral equation solvers for very large-scale electromagnetic modeling and simulation," *Electrical and Computer Engineering Student Paper Competition*, Albuquerque, NM, April 2016. <https://goo.gl/aK2KUn>
9. Z. Peng and **B. MacKie-Mason**, "High-Performance Surface Integral Equation Solvers Towards Extreme-Scale Electromagnetic Modeling and Simulation," *IEEE International Conference on Wireless Information Technology and Systems (ICWITS) and Applied Computational Electromagnetics (ACES)*, Honolulu, HI, 22–26, March 2016. doi:10.1109/ROPACES.2016.7465365
10. **B. MacKie-Mason** and Z. Peng, "Adaptive, Scalable Domain Decomposition Methods for Surface Integral Equations," *IEEE International Symposium on Antennas and Propagation & USNC/URSI National Radio Science Meeting*, Vancouver, B.C., July 19–25, 2015. doi:10.1109/APS.2015.7305220
11. Z. Peng and **B. MacKie-Mason**, "Integral equation discontinuous Galerkin methods for time harmonic electromagnetic wave problems," *International Review of Progress in Applied Computational Electromagnetics (ACES)*, Williamsburg, VA, March 22–26, 2015. <https://goo.gl/dkiyX>
12. **B. MacKie-Mason**, W. Tang, "Modeling of laser-induced field emission", *Air Force Research Lab Annual Scholar Presentation*, Albuquerque, NM, July 2013.
13. **B. MacKie-Mason**, N. Lockwood, W. Tang, "Development of single-walled nanotube fiber cathode diagnostics", *Air Force Research Lab Annual Scholar Presentation*, Albuquerque, NM, July 2012.
14. **B. MacKie-Mason**, A. Greenwood, N. Lockwood, "Automated Testing of ICEPIC", *Air Force Research Lab Annual Scholar Presentation*, Albuquerque, NM, July 2011.

## TECHNICAL SKILLS

- Algorithm Development, Parallel Computing, Electromagnetic Analysis, MPI, OpenMP, Domain Decomposition Methods, Surface Integral Equation Methods, College Instruction, Scientific Computing, Particle-in-Cell
- Languages: C++, MATLAB, Bash shell, Python, C, Fortran
- Software Packages: ViSiT, CUBIT, KDevelop, SolidWorks (CAD), Improved Concurrent Electromagnetic Particle-in-Cell (ICEPIC), Intel VTUNE Amplifier
- HPC Platforms: Excalibur (ARL), Topaz (ERDC), Theta (ALCF), Cori (NERSC), JLSE (ALCF)
- Architectures: Intel KNL, Intel's next generation

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

### Postdoctoral Appointee

March 2018 - Present

### Leadership Computing Facility, Argonne National Laboratory

- Optimize code for Intel KNL architecture.
- Investigate portability and suitability of code for Aurora.

- Present research findings at inter/national conferences and meetings.

**Research Assistant**

*Fall 2013 - Spring 2018*

**Department of Electrical Engineering, University of New Mexico**

**Prof. Zhen Peng**

- Researched and developed a geometry-aware domain decomposition (GA-IE-DDM) method for the integral solution to extreme-scale, multi-scale electromagnetics problems.
- Developed tools to automatically partition mesh files for GA-IE-DDM utilizing a k-way graph partitioning code and creating a global-to-local mapping scheme.
- Parallelized GA-IE-DDM in distributed memory environment for a scalable solution method to the Electric Field Integral Equation.
- Developed a model order reduction technique for solving electromagnetic radiation problems when M antennas are mounted on very large PEC platforms.

**Air Force Research Lab, Kirtland AFB**

*Summers 2011-13*

**Drs. Wilkin Tang, Nathaniel Lockwood & Andrew Greenwood**

**Graduate Research Assistant, Computational Electromagnetics**

- Studied the effects of laser-induced field emission (2013).
- Designed diagnostics to improve the study of field emission (2012).
- Designed validation and verification test suite for ICEPIC (2011).

**University of Michigan, Ann Arbor**

*May 2009 - August 2009*

**Prof. Gary Was**

**Lab Assistant, Nuclear Materials**

- Wrote MATLAB programs to smooth data and extract empirical modeling equations.
- Made schematic drawings of laboratory equipment using SolidWorks.
- Prepared for and attended lab group meetings.

**University of Michigan, Ann Arbor**

*March 2008 - May 2009*

**Prof. Yan Chen**

**Undergraduate Research Assistant, School of Information**

- Conducted human subject computer laboratory experiments.
- Studied trends of Facebook start-up using SQL.

**University of Michigan, Ann Arbor**

*March 2008 - May 2009*

**Prof. Yan Chen**

**Lab Assistant, School of Information**

- Assisted graduate students in their human subject computer laboratory experiments.
- Recruited subjects for experiments.
- Edited instructions for experiments.

**University of Michigan, Ann Arbor**

*May 2008 - July 2008*

**Prof. Yan Chen**

**REU Student, School of Information**

- Investigated trends of Facebook start-up (urTurn.com) using SQL.
- Made a research presentation on urTurn.com.
- Attended career training seminars.

**University of Michigan, Ann Arbor**  
**Prof. Penner-Hahn**

*May 2007 - August 2007*

**Lab Assistant, Department of Chemistry**

- Improved upon MATLAB algorithm that imaged microscopic worms.
- Assisted in series of experiments at Argonne National Laboratory.

**University of Michigan, Ann Arbor**  
**Prof. Sherman**

*June 2006 - July 2006*

**Lab Assistant, Department of Biology**

- Prepared ocean floor samples for discovery of possible bacteria strains.
- Assisted graduate students in preparing laboratory experiments.

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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**University of New Mexico**  
**Department of Electrical & Computer Engineering**  
**Albuquerque, NM**

*August 2014 - December 2014*

**Graduate Teaching Assistant**

- ECE 561: Engineering Electrodynamics. Provided selected lectures.
- ECE 555: Foundations of Engineering Electromagnetics. Provided selected lectures.
- ECE 563: Computational Electromagnetics. Provided selected lectures.
- ECE 360: Introduction to Electromagnetics
  - Graded bi-weekly homework assignments.
  - Prepared and held weekly office hours.
  - Provided selected lectures.
- ECE 131: Programming Fundamentals
  - Graded bi-weekly homework assignments.
  - Prepared for and held weekly office hours.

**University of Wisconsin-Madison**  
**Department of Engineering Physics**  
**Madison, WI**

*January 2012 - May 2013*

**Graduate Teaching Assistant, EMA 201: Statics**

- Prepared and taught two or three hours of discussion section each week.
- Held weekly office hours.
- Graded tests and assignments.
- Participated in bi-weekly planning sessions with other teaching assistants and lead instructor.

**Pioneer High School, Ann Arbor**  
**Ms. Hochrein**

*September 2006 - January 2007*

**Teaching Assistant, Mathematics Department**

- Graded extra credit assignments.
- Taught lessons on selected topics.
- Answered student questions.

**Math Tutor**

*January 2006 - May 2006*

- Provided tutoring for two middle school students in mathematics.
- Developed curriculum for tutoring sessions.

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

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**PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES**

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IEEE	2015 - Present
SIAM	2016 - Present
APS	2018 - Present

**CLEARANCES**

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DoD Secret	2012-2022
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**AWARDS & HONORS**

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- UNM Leadership and Involvement Award, 2018.
- GPSA President's Award for Innovative Leadership, 2017.
- ECE Outstanding Graduate Student, 2017.
- Who's Who Among American Colleges & Universities, 2017.
- ECE GSA Student Paper Competition – Journal Paper Section, 3rd prize, 2016.
- Eagle Scout, February 2007
- Michigan Peace Prize, January 2007

**OTHER EXPERIENCE**

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**UNM GPSA** *Fall 2015 - Present*

- GPSA Alternate Representative to Student Fee Review Board (July 2017 - Present)
- Department of ECE Delegate (August 2015 - May 2016, August 2016 - May 2017)
- GPSA Finance Committee Member (August 2016 - May 2017)
- GPSA Representative to Information Technology Committee (August 2015 - May 2016)
- Legislative Steering Committee Member-at-large (February 2016 - May 2016)
- Organized first annual department-wide student paper competition
- Helped arrange for a regular meeting room within the department

**ECE Graduate Student Association** *Fall 2015 - May 2017*

- ECE GSA Vice-President (June 2016 - May 2017)
- ECE GSA Volunteer Member (August 2015 - May 2016)

**Alpha Sigma Phi** *Fall 2007 - Present*

- Grand Chapter Advisor (November 2012 - May 2013).
- Financial Advisor (November 2012 - Present).
- Brotherhood Development Director (January 2011 - April 2011)
- Philanthropy Director (January 2009 - December 2010).
- Treasurer (January 2008 - December 2009).

**Study Abroad in Argentina** *June 2010 - August 2010*

- Attained an intermediate working knowledge of spoken and written Spanish.
- Gained extensive practice in intercultural interactions.

**MPowered Entrepreneurship** *September 2009 - December 2009*

- Member of team that planned Global Entrepreneurship week.
- Recruited entrants for 1000 Pitches contest.
- Promoted the philosophy of entrepreneurship throughout campus.

**Youth Group of First United Methodist***September 2001 - June 2007*

- Co-leader of high school team that raised \$50,000 to build a church in Bulgaria.
- Part of team that won Michigan Peace Prize (2007) for filming a documentary on religious diversity.
- Participated in multiple service mission trips, including three international locations.

**Boy Scouts of America***September 2000 - June 2007*

- Completed an Eagle Scout Service Project.
- Held various leadership positions, including Senior Patrol Leader.
- Participated in outdoor adventure activities with the Venture Patrol.
- Attended the 2001 National Scout Jamboree.
- Completed 25 skills-based merit badges.