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EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.), Nuclear Engineering (4.0/4.0) University of California, Berkeley

Aug 2015 - Jul 2019 Berkeley, CA

• Thesis: "Free-moving Omnidirectional 3D Gamma-ray Imaging and Localization".

o Advisor: Prof. Kai Vetter.

Master of Science (M.S.), Nuclear Engineering (4.0/4.0)

Aug 2013 - May 2015

Texas A&M University

College Station, TX

- o Thesis: "Feasibility of Remote Nuclear Reactor Antineutrino Directionality via Elastic Electron Scattering in the WATer CHerenkov Monitor of Antineutrinos (WATCHMAN)".
- o Advisor: Prof. Craig Marianno.

Bachelor of Science (B.S.), Physics (3.89/4.0)

Sep 2009 - Jun 2013

University of California, Santa Barbara

Santa Barbara, CA

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Senior Scientific Engineering Associate

Aug 2019 - Present

Applied Nuclear Physics Group, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory

Berkeley, CA

- Real-time quantitative 3D gamma-ray imaging and scene data fusion.
- Object detection and tracking with LiDAR.

Research Fellow Nov 2014 - Jul 2019

Nuclear Science and Security Consortium, UC Berkeley

Berkeley, CA

- Modeling and imaging algorithm development for free-moving hand-held and UAS-mounted gamma-ray imagers (proximity, coded aperture, Compton).
- Experimental demonstration of omnidirectional 3D active coded mask imaging in real-time.
- Fusion of contextual sensors (e.g., LiDAR, RGB camera, IMU) and computer vision techniques (e.g., SLAM) with gamma-ray image reconstruction.

Jun - Aug 2015/2014 Physics Intern

Rare Event Detection Group, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory

Livermore, CA

- Monte Carlo simulations and data analysis for a water Cherenkov antineutrino detector.
- Study on the feasibility of remote clandestine nuclear reactor directionality with antineutrinoelectron elastic scattering.
- o Investigation of potential electron scattering background sources in water and the impact of overburden, fiducial volume, and radon contamination on directionality.

Graduate Research Assistant

Sep 2013 - Nov 2014

Department of Nuclear Engineering, Texas A&M University

College Station, TX

- o Design, construction and characterization of a vehicle-mounted scintillator detector array for wide area radiological search in urban environments.
- Review on the use of solid-state photodiodes and photomultipliers in improving scintillation detection systems.

TEACHING **EXPERIENCE**

Stand-in Lecturer

Jan - May / Sep - Nov 2018

Department of Nuclear Engineering, UC Berkeley

Berkeley, CA

- Multiple lectures for the undergraduate radiation detection and imaging courses (NE 104, 107).
- Semiconductor and scintillator detector operation, manufacturing, signal generation, readout techniques, applications and limitations.
- X-ray detection, image formation, computed tomography, and phase contrast imaging.

Lab Instructor Sep - Dec 2014

Department of Nuclear Engineering, Texas A&M University

College Station, TX

 Setup and teardown of weekly laboratory experiments for the graduate radiation detection course (NUEN 605).

• Assisted students with experimental procedures and graded lab reports.

MENTORSHIP EXPERIENCE

Sophie Parsons, undergraduate

Oct 2018 - Mar 2019

EXPERIENCE Physics Department, UC Berkeley

• Data analysis and gamma-ray image reconstruction using a double-sided strip Ge detector.

David Raji, undergraduate

Jun - Aug 2018/2017

Department of Nuclear Engineering, Georgia Institute of Technology

- Sensitivity-weighted adaptive voxelization for free-moving imaging.
- Real-time probabilistic tri-state occupancy with ray-casting.

SCIENTIFIC COMPUTING SKILLS Languages: Python, C/C++, bash Computing Environments: IPython, Mathematica, Matlab Data/Statistical Analysis: ROOT, R Monte Carlo Transport: Geant4, MCNP5/X, Serpent **Build Systems:** make, CMake macOS, Linux, Windows **Operating Systems:** Robotics: ROS **Databases:** HDF5, SQL **Documentation:** Doxygen, Sphinx Markdown, XML, HTML Markup:

Markup:Markdown, XML, HTMLVersion Control:git (hub, lab)Other Software:LATEX, MS Office

PROFESSIONAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIPS IEEE Nuclear and Plasma Sciences Society2016 - PresentInstitute of Nuclear Materials Management2014 - PresentAmerican Nuclear Society2013 - PresentNational Society of Collegiate Scholars2009 - 2013Golden Key International Honor Society2009 - 2013

AWARDS

Best Paper - Radiation Detection, UC Berkelev NE Dept. Dec 2018 Valentin T. Jordanov Rad. Instrum. Travel Grant, IEEE NSS-MIC Aug 2018 Runner-up NSS Student Paper Competition, IEEE NSS-MIC Oct 2017 Valentin T. Jordanov Rad. Instrum. Travel Grant, IEEE NSS-MIC Aug 2017 Jun 2017 Best Oral Presentation, University Program Review Meeting JD Williams Best Poster Award, INMM Annual Meeting Jul 2015 Nuclear Science and Security Consortium Fellowship, UC Berkeley Nov 2014 Graduate Enhancement Fellowship, Texas A&M University Aug 2013 Highest Academic Honor Award, UC Santa Barbara, Physics Dept. May 2013 Highest Honors, UC Santa Barbara May 2013

WORKSHOPS

Medical Image Reconstruction - Theory and Practice

Nov 2018 Sydney, Australia

& SEMINARS 2018 IEEE NSS-MIC Short Course

Oct 2018

Applied Antineutrino Physics Workshop Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory

Livermore, CA

Machine Learning for Science Workshop Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, NERSC $\begin{array}{c} \textbf{Sep 2017} \\ \textit{Berkeley, CA} \end{array}$

Image Quality and Statistical Analysis

2017 IEEE NSS-MIC Short Course

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Novel Technologies for Safeguards and Arms Control Verification Institute for Nuclear Materials Management, Sandia National Laboratory	Aug 2017 Albuquerque, NM
Fundamentals of Nondestructive Assay Training Course	Jun 2017
Los Alamos National Laboratory, NSSC	Los Alamos, NM
Fukushima Fieldwork for Radiation Disaster Recovery	Aug 2016
Phoenix Program, Hiroshima University	Fukushima, Japan
Python Boot Camp	Aug 2016
UC Berkeley, NSF, Berkeley Institute for Data Science	Berkeley, CA
Nuclear Safeguards Policy and Information Analysis Course Middlebury Institute for International Studies at Monterey	Jun 2016 <i>Monterey, CA</i>
Next Generation Fukushima Workshop	Apr 2016
IRC, LBNL, FREA, Koriyama City	Koriyama, Japan
International Symposium for Resilient Communities IRC, LBNL, FREA, Koriyama City	Apr 2016 Koriyama, Japan
Applied Antineutrino Physics Workshop Center for Neutrino Physics, Virginia Tech University	Dec 2015 Arlington, VA
Public Policy and Nuclear Threats Summer Boot Camp	Jun 2015
Institute on Global Conflict and Cooperation, UC San Diego	San Diego, CA
Global Nuclear HR Development for Safety, Security & Safeguards	Feb 2015
Academy for Global Nuclear Safety and Security, Tokyo Institute of Technology	Tokyo, Japan

NDA Fundamentals for Nuclear Safeguards

Tokyo, Japan Nov 2014

Next Generation Safeguards Initiative, Oak Ridge National Laboratory

Oak Ridge, TN

PUBLICATIONS, PROCEEDINGS & PAPERS

- D. Hellfeld, P. Barton, A. Haefner, D. Gunter, L. Mihailescu, and K. Vetter, "Real-time Free-moving Active Coded Mask 3D Gamma-ray Imaging," IEEE Trans. Nucl. Sci. (under review), 2019.
- D. Hellfeld, T. H. Y. Joshi, M. S. Bandstra, R. J. Cooper, B. J. Quiter, and K. Vetter, "Gamma-Ray Point-Source Localization and Sparse Image Reconstruction using Poisson Likelihood," IEEE Trans. Nucl. Sci. (in press), 2019.
- K. Vetter, A. Haefner, R. Barnowski, P. Barton, D. Hellfeld, T. Joshi, R. Pavlovsky, Y. Sanada, Y. Shikaze, and T. Torii, "3-D Radiation Mapping and Data Fusion for Environmental Remediation and Cleanup," in Proc. Waste Management Symp., Phoenix, AZ, Mar. 2018.
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- S. Dazeley, A. Bernstein, T. Classen, E. Reedy, D. Hellfeld, M. Duvall, and C. Marianno, "Antineutrino Detection based on ⁶Li-doped Pulse Shape Sensitive Plastic Scintillator and Gd-doped Water," in Proc. Int. Conf. App. Nucl. Tech., Crete, Greece, Jun. 2017.
- D. Hellfeld, S. Dazeley, A. Bernstein, and C. Marianno, "Reconstructing the Direction of Reactor Antineutrinos via Electron Scattering in Gd-Doped Water Cherenkov Detectors," Nucl. Instrum. Meth. A, vol. 841, pp. 130–138, Jan. 2017.
- D. Hellfeld, P. Barton, D. Gunter, L. Mihailescu, and K. Vetter, "Optimization of a Spherical Active Coded Mask Imager," in Proc. IEEE NSS-MIC, Strasbourg, France, Nov. 2016.

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- [11] **D. Hellfeld**, C. Marianno, W. Charlton, and R. Webb, "Feasibility of Nuclear Reactor Antineutrino Directionality via Elastic Electron Scattering in the WATer CHerenkov Monitor of Antineutrinos (WATCHMAN)," Master's thesis, Texas A&M University, May 2015.
- [12] A. Bernstein and the WATCHMAN collab., "The Physics and Nuclear Nonproliferation Goals of WATCHMAN: A WATer CHerenkov Monitor for ANtineutrinos," arXiv:1502.01132, Feb. 2015.

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