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OBJECTIVE

To conduct scientific research in the field of nuclear engineering, specifically in the areas of radiation detection and nuclear nonproliferation.

EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy (PhD), Nuclear Engineering (4.0/4.0)

Aug 2015 - Present

University of California, Berkeley

Berkeley, CA

- Fellow at the Nuclear Science and Security Consortium (NSSC).
- Area of current research: Omnidirectional gamma-ray imaging with a hand-held CdZnTe-based spherical active coded aperture.
- o Advisor: Prof. Kai Vetter.

Master of Science (MS), Nuclear Engineering (4.0/4.0)

Aug 2013 - May 2015

College Station, TX

- Texas A&M University

 Member of the Nuclear Security Science and Policy Institute (NSSPI).
 - 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 (BS), Physics (3.89/4.0)

University of California, Santa Barbara

Sep 2009 - June 2013

Santa Barbara, CA

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

NSSC Graduate Research Fellow

Aug 2015 - Present

Nuclear Science and Security Consortium, UC Berkeley

Berkeley, CA

- $\circ~$ Analyzing the coded aperture imaging performance of a spherical active coded aperture CdZnTe-based imaging system.
- Optimized the coded configuration of detectors using simulations and iterative techniques.
- Currently investigating the feasibility of real-time 3D imaging and scene data fusion as the system is moved freely through an environment.

Graduate Student Intern

June 2015 - July 2015

Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, NACS Division Rare Event Detection Group

Livermore, CA

- Investigated the impact of cosmogenic radionuclide backgrounds as a function of detector overburden and the effects on directional sensitivity.
- Integrated reactor antineutrino-electron scattering event generator into the RAT-PAC Geant4 simulation package.

NSSC Graduate Research Fellow

Nov 2014 - May 2015

Nuclear Science and Security Consortium, UC Berkeley

Berkeley, CA

- Analyzed antineutrino directional reconstruction and background suppression techniques.
- Performed simulations and analysis of antineutrino scattering background sources in water.

Graduate Student Intern

June 2014 - Aug 2014

Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, NACS Division Rare Event Detection Group Livermore, CA

- Conducted Geant4 simulations and data analysis in ROOT for the proposed WATer CHerenkov Monitor of AntiNeutrinos (WATCHMAN) detector.
- Studied the feasibility of nuclear reactor directionality using antineutrino-electron elastic scattering in WATCHMAN.

Graduate Research Assistant

Sep 2013 - Nov 2014

Department of Nuclear Engineering, Texas A&M University

College Station, TX

- Investigated the use of silicon photodiodes to enhance scintillation detection capabilities.
- Designed and constructed a multi-detector (NaI) housing for a vehicle-mounted radiation detection system.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Lab Instructor

Sep 2014 - Dec 2014

Department of Nuclear Engineering, Texas A&M University

College Station, TX

- Responsible for the setup and teardown of weekly laboratory experiments for the graduate radiation detection course, NUEN 605.
- Assisted students with lab procedures and answered any questions regarding experiments or course content.

Math/Physics Tutor

Jan 2013 - Mar 2013

Campus Learning and Assistance Services, UC Santa Barbara

Santa Barbara, CA

- Tutored UCSB's Astronomy 1: Introduction to Astronomy.
- Instructed four 50-minute sessions a week with 20 students each.
- Reviewed confusing concepts, prepared example problems and study sheets, and answered any individual questions.

SCIENTIFIC COMPUTING SKILLS Languages:

Python, C++, C, bash

Mathematical/Analysis Software:

Monte Carlo Particle Transport Software:

Gamma Spectroscopy Software:

ROOT, Mathematica, Matlab
Geant4, MCNP5/MCNPX, Serpent
GENIE-2000, MAESTRO, GammaVision

Nuclear Burnup Software: ORIGEN2, CINDER-90, TransLAT

Build Systems: make, CMake
Operating Systems: Mac, Linux, MS Windows

Documentation: Doxygen, Sphinx Version Control:

Other Software: LATEX, MS Office

PROFESSIONAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIPS IEEE Nuclear and Plasma Sciences Society Institute of Nuclear Materials Management American Nuclear Society

National Society of Collegiate Scholars Golden Key International Honor Society 2016 - Present 2014 - Present

2013 - Present 2009 - 2013 2009 - 2013

AWARDS

Nuclear Science and Security Consortium Fellowship, UC Berkeley

JD Williams Best Poster Award, INMM 56th Annual Meeting

Nuclear Science and Security Consortium Fellowship, UC Berkeley

Graduate Enhancement Fellowship, Texas A&M University

Highest Academic Honor Award, UC Santa Barbara, Physics Dept.

May 2013

Highest Honors, UC Santa Barbara

May 2013

WORKSHOPS & SEMINARS

Fukushima Fieldwork for Radiation Disaster Recovery

Aug 2016

Phoenix Program, Hiroshima University

Fukushima, Japan

Python Boot Camp UC Berkeley, NSF, Berkeley Institute for Data Science Aug 2016
Berkeley, CA

Nuclear Safeguards Policy and Information Analysis Course

Middlebury Institute for International Studies at Monterey

June 2016
Monterey, CA

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, CA

Public Policy and Nuclear Threats Summer Boot Camp

Institute on Global Conflict and Cooperation, UC San Diego

June 2015 San Diego, CA

Global Nuclear HR Development for Safety, Security & Safeguards

Academy for Global Nuclear Safety and Security Agent, Tokyo Tech

Feb 2015 Tokyo, Japan

NDA Fundamentals for Nuclear Safeguards

Next Generation Safeguards Initiative, Oak Ridge National Laboratory

Nov 2014 Oak Ridge, TN

CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

- [1] **D. Hellfeld**, P. Barton, D. Gunter, L. Mihailescu, K. Vetter, "Optimization of a Spherical Active Coded Mask Imager", in Proc. IEEE NSS/MIC, Strasbourg, France, 2016. Oral presentation.
- [2] **D. Hellfeld**, A. Bernstein, S. Dazeley, C. Marianno, "Directional Reconstruction of Reactor Antineutrinos via Electron Scattering in Gd-doped Water Cherenkov Detectors", in Proc. IEEE NSS/MIC, Strasbourg, France, 2016. Poster presentation.
- [3] **D. Hellfeld**, A. Bernstein, S. Dazeley, C. Marianno, "Nuclear Reactor Antineutrino Directionality via Elastic Electron Scattering in a Gd-Doped Water Cherenkov Detector", in Proc. INMM Annual Meeting, Indian Wells, CA, 2015. Poster presentation.

PUBLICATIONS & PAPERS

- [1] **D. Hellfeld**, P. Barton, D. Gunter, L. Mihailescu, K. Vetter, "A Spherical Active Coded Aperture for 4π Gamma-ray Imaging", Submitted to IEEE Trans. Nucl. Sci. (2017).
- [2] D. Hellfeld, S. Dazeley, A. Bernstein, C. Marianno, "Reconstructing the Direction of Reactor Antineutrinos via Electron Scattering in Gd-Doped Water Cherenkov Detectors", Nucl. Instrum. Methods A, 841 (2017) 130-138.
- [3] N. S. Bowden, K. M. Heeger, P. Huber, C. Mariani, R. B. Vogelaar. "Applied Antineutrino Physics 2015 Conference Summary". arXiv:1602.04759 (2015).
- [4] D. Hellfeld, C. Marianno, W. Charlton, 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, 2015.
- [5] M. Askins, M. Bergevin, A. Bernstein, S. Dazeley, S. T. Dye, T. Handler, A. Hatzikoutelis, D. Hellfeld, P. Jaffke, Y. Kamyshkov, B. J. Land, J. G. Learned, P. Marleau, C. Mauger, G. D. Orebi Gann, C. Roecker, S. D. Rountree, T. M. Shokair, M. B. Smy, R. Svoboda, M. Sweany, M. R. Vagins, K. A. van Bibber, R. B. Vogelaar, M. J. Wetstein, M. Yeh, "The Physics and Nuclear Nonproliferation Goals of WATCHMAN: A WATer CHerenkov Monitor for Antineutrinos", arXiv:1502.01132 (2015).

RELEVANT COURSEWORK

University of California, Berkeley

- Nuclear Security: The Nexus Between Policy and Technology (NE 285)
- Numerical Simulation in Radiation Transport (NE 255)
- $\circ\,$ Medical Imaging Signals and Systems (BIOENG/ELENG 261)
- Teaching Techniques in Nuclear Engineering (NE 375)
- Analytical Methods for Nonproliferation (NE 230)
- o Nuclear Physics (NE 201)
- o Nuclear Reactor Theory (NE 250)
- Nuclear Reactions and Radiation (NE 101)
- Nuclear Materials (NE 120)

Texas A&M University

• Radiation Interactions and Shielding (NUEN 604)

- Radiation Detection and Nuclear Materials Measurement (NUEN 605)
- Reactor Theory (NUEN 601)
- o Nuclear Fuel Cycles and Nuclear Materials Safeguards (NUEN 651)
- Nuclear Reactor Analysis and Experimentation (NUEN 606)
- Nuclear Nonproliferation and Arms Control (NUEN 650)
- Monte Carlo Computational Particle Transport (NUEN 630)
- o Special Topics: Introduction to Geant 4 Monte Carlo Transport (NUEN 689)
- Statistical Analysis (STAT 601)

University of California, Santa Barbara

- o Classical Mechanics (PHYS 105A/B)
- Electromagnetism (PHYS 110A/B)
- Quantum Mechanics (PHYS 115A/B/C)
- Nuclear Physics (PHYS 150)
- Mathematical Methods for Theoretical Physics (PHYS 100A/B)
- Thermodynamic and Statistical Physics (PHYS 119A)
- o Particle Physics (PHYS 125)
- Astronomy/Cosmology (ASTRO1/2)
- Analog Electronics (PHYS 127AL)
- Advanced Physics Laboratory (PHYS 128AL/BL)
- o California Physics (PHYS 120)
- o Differential Equations and Linear Algebra (MATH 3C/5A)
- o Vector Calculus (MATH 5B/C)

REFERENCES Available upon request.