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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.

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.
- o Fusion of contextual sensors (e.g., LiDAR, RGB camera, IMU) and computer vision techniques (e.g., SLAM) with gamma-ray image reconstruction.

**Physics Intern** Jun - Aug 2015/2014

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

- $\circ$  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

PERIENCE Physics Department, UC Berkeley

Other Software:

• 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
Operating Systems:	macOS, Linux, Windows
Robotics:	ROS
Databases:	$\mathrm{HDF5},\mathrm{SQL}$
Documentation:	Doxygen, Sphinx
Markup:	Markdown, XML, HTML
Version Control:	git (hub, lab)

PROFESSIONAL
SOCIETY
MEMBERSHIPS

IEEE Nuclear and Plasma Sciences Society	2016 - Present
Institute of Nuclear Materials Management	2014 - Present
American Nuclear Society	2013 - Present
National Society of Collegiate Scholars	2009 - 2013
Golden Key International Honor Society	2009 - 2013

### AWARDS

Best Paper - Radiation Detection, UC Berkeley 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
Best Oral Presentation, University Program Review Meeting	Jun 2017
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 & SEMINARS

## ${\bf Medical\ Image\ Reconstruction\ \textbf{-}\ Theory\ and\ Practice}$

Nov 2018 Sydney, Australia

LATEX, MS Office

2018 IEEE NSS-MIC Short Course

Oct 2018

Livermore, CA

### Applied Antineutrino Physics Workshop

Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory

Machine Learning for Science WorkshopSep 2017Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, NERSCBerkeley, CA

### Image Quality and Statistical Analysis

 $2017\ \mathrm{IEEE}\ \mathrm{NSS\text{-}MIC}\ \mathrm{Short}\ \mathrm{Course}$ 

Oct 2017
Atlanta, GA

### Novel Technologies for Safeguards and Arms Control Verification

Institute for Nuclear Materials Management, Sandia National Laboratory

Aug 2017
Albuquerque, NM

Los Alamos National Laboratory, NSSC	Los Alamos, NM
Fukushima Fieldwork for Radiation Disaster Recovery	<b>Aug 2016</b>
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	<b>Jun 2016</b> <i>Monterey, CA</i>
Next Generation Fukushima Workshop	<b>Apr 2016</b>
IRC, LBNL, FREA, Koriyama City	Koriyama, Japan
International Symposium for Resilient Communities IRC, LBNL, FREA, Koriyama City	<b>Apr 2016</b> Koriyama, Japan
Applied Antineutrino Physics Workshop	Dec 2015
Center for Neutrino Physics, Virginia Tech University	Arlington, VA
Public Policy and Nuclear Threats Summer Boot Camp	Jun 2015

Jun 2017

San Diego, CA

Global Nuclear HR Development for Safety, Security & Safeguards

Institute on Global Conflict and Cooperation, UC San Diego

Fundamentals of Nondestructive Assay Training Course

Global Nuclear HR Development for Safety, Security & Safeguards

Academy for Global Nuclear Safety and Security, Tokyo Institute of Technology

Tokyo, Japan

# NDA Fundamentals for Nuclear Safeguards Next Generation Safeguards Initiative, Oak Ridge National Laboratory Oak Ridge, TN

PUBLICATIONS, PROCEEDINGS & PAPERS

- [1] **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.
- [2] 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.
- [3] 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.
- [4] **D. Hellfeld**, P. Barton, D. Gunter, L. Mihailescu, and K. Vetter, "A Spherical Active Coded Aperture for  $4\pi$  Gamma-ray Imaging," *IEEE Trans. Nucl. Sci.*, vol. 64, no. 11, pp. 2837–2842, Nov. 2017.
- [5] **D. Hellfeld**, P. Barton, A. Haefner, D. Gunter, L. Mihailescu, and K. Vetter, "Omnidirectional 3D Gamma-ray Imaging with a Free-moving Spherical Active Coded Aperture," in *Proc. IEEE NSS-MIC*, Atlanta, GA, Oct. 2017.
- [6] S. Dazeley, A. Bernstein, T. Classen, E. Reedy, D. Hellfeld, M. Duvall, and C. Marianno, "Antineutrino Detection based on <sup>6</sup>Li-doped Pulse Shape Sensitive Plastic Scintillator and Gd-doped Water," in Proc. Int. Conf. App. Nucl. Tech., Crete, Greece, Jun. 2017.
- [7] 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.
- [8] **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.
- [9] N. S. Bowden, K. M. Heeger, P. Huber, C. Mariani, and R. B. Vogelaar, "Applied Antineutrino Physics Conference Summary," arXiv:1602.04759, Arlington, VA, Dec. 2015.

- [10] **D. Hellfeld**, A. Bernstein, S. Dazeley, and 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, Jul. 2015.
- [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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