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OBJECTIVE

To conduct scientific research in the field of nuclear engineering, specifically in the areas of radiation detection and imaging with applications in nuclear security and safeguards.

**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: Real-time free-moving omnidirectional 3D gamma-ray imaging and scene data fusion with a hand-held CdZnTe-based active spherical coded aperture.
- o Advisor: Prof. Kai Vetter.

Master of Science (MS), Nuclear Engineering (4.0/4.0) Texas A&M University

Aug 2013 - May 2015

College Station, TX

- 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).
- Advisor: Prof. Craig Marianno.

Bachelor of Science (BS), Physics (3.89/4.0)

Sep 2009 - Jun 2013

Santa Barbara, CA

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

# **NSSC** Graduate Research Fellow

University of California, Santa Barbara

Nov 2014 - Present

Nuclear Science and Security Consortium, UC Berkeley

Berkeley, CA

- Modeling and algorithm development for the Portable Radiation Imaging Spectroscopy and Mapping (PRISM) detector a hand-held CdZnTe-based active spherical coded aperture.
- Optimized the coded configuration of PRISM using simulations and iterative techniques.
- Experimentally demonstrated omnidirectional 2D coded aperture imaging and free-moving 3D coded aperture imaging with scene data fusion.

#### Graduate Student Intern

Jun 2015 - Jul 2015

Rare Event Detection, NACS, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory

Livermore, CA

- Continued reactor antineutrino directionality work in the WATCHMAN collaboration.
- Review and simulation of potential electron scattering background sources in water and the impact of overburden, fiducial volume, and radon contamination on directionality.
- Integrated reactor antineutrino-electron scattering event generator into the RAT-PAC Geant4 simulation package.

## Graduate Research Assistant

Sep 2013 - Nov 2014

Department of Nuclear Engineering, Texas A&M University

College Station, TX

- Investigated the use of solid-state photodiodes and photomultipliers in improving scintillation detection systems.
- Designed and constructed a vehicle-mounted scintillator detector array for wide area radiological search in urban environments.

### Graduate Student Intern

Jun 2014 - Aug 2014

Rare Event Detection, NACS, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory

Livermore, CA

- Performed Geant4 simulations and data analysis in ROOT for the proposed WATer CHerenkov Monitor of AntiNeutrinos (WATCHMAN) detector.
- Conducted preliminary studies on the feasibility of reactor directionality with antineutrinoelectron elastic scattering in water.

Jan 2018 - May 2018 TEACHING Lecturer

EXPERIENCE Department of Nuclear Engineering, UC Berkeley Berkeley, CA

• Gave multiple lectures for the undergraduate radiation detection course, NE 104.

- Semiconductor (Si/Ge) detector operation, manufacturing, signal generation, and applications.
- Alternative semiconductor materials and advanced readout schemes.
- Scintillation detection principles, readout techniques, and limitations.

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

May 2013

Aug 2017

- Tutored UCSB's Astronomy 1: Introduction to Astronomy.
- Reviewed confusing concepts, prepared example problems and study guides, and answered any individual questions.

SCIENTIFIC COMPUTING SKILLS

Languages: Python, C++, C, bash, XML

Mathematical/Analysis Software: ROOT, Mathematica, Matlab Monte Carlo Particle Transport Software: Geant4, MCNP5/X, Serpent

**Nuclear Burnup Software:** ORIGEN2, CINDER-90, TransLAT Gamma Spectroscopy Software: GENIE-2000, MAESTRO, GammaVision, PeakEasy

**Build Systems:** make, CMake

**Operating Systems:** macOS, Linux (Ubuntu), Windows **Databases:** HDF5, SQL

Documentation: Doxygen, Sphinx

Version Control:

LATEX, MS Office Other Software:

PROFESSIONAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIPS

WORKSHOPS

& SEMINARS

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 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

Oct 2017 Image Quality and Statistical Analysis 2017 IEEE NSS-MIC Short Course Atlanta, GA

Novel Technologies for Safeguards and Arms Control Verification Institute for Nuclear Materials Management, Sandia National Laboratory Albuquerque, NM

Fundamentals of Nondestructive Assay Training Course Jun 2017 Los Alamos National Laboratory, NSSC Los Alamos, NM

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Fukushima Fieldwork for Radiation Disaster Recovery Phoenix Program, Hiroshima University	<b>Aug 2016</b> 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	<b>Jun 2016</b> <i>Monterey, CA</i>
Next Generation Fukushima Workshop IRC, LBNL, FREA, Koriyama City	<b>Apr 2016</b> Koriyama, Japan
International Symposium for Resilient Communities IRC, LBNL, FREA, Koriyama City	<b>Apr 2016</b> 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	<b>Jun 2015</b> 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
[1] "Omnidirectional Volumetric Coded Aperture Gamma-ray Imaging", LBN Division Staff Meeting, Berkeley, CA, Jan. 2018.	L Nuclear Science
[2] "Volumetric Coded Aperture Gamma-ray Imaging with PRISM", NSSC Schubert Review, Berkeley, CA, Dec. 2017.	
[3] "Omnidirectional 3D Gamma-ray Imaging with a Free-moving Spherical A Aperture", IEEE NSS-MIC, Atlanta, Georgia, Oct. 2017.	ctive Coded
[4] "Radiological Source Localization with an Omnidirectional Spherical Active Coded Aperture", University Program Review Meeting, Walnut Creek, CA, Jun. 2017.	
<ul><li>[5] "Optimization of a Spherical Active Coded Mask Imager", IEEE NSS-MIC France, Nov. 2016.</li></ul>	C, Strasbourg,
[6] "Reactor Antineutrino Directionality via Elastic Electron Scattering in Gd Cherenkov Detectors", Applied Antineutrino Physics Workshop, Arlington	
[1] "3D Gamma-ray Imaging and Scene Data Fusion", Nuclear Science and Security Consortium (NSSC) Program Review, Berkeley, CA, Sep. 2017.	
[2] "3D Handheld Mapping of Radioactive Sources for International Nuclear Safeguards", Novel Technologies, Techniques, and Methods for Safeguards and Arms Control Verification Workshop, Albuquerque, NM, Aug. 2017.	
[3] "Directional Reconstruction of Reactor Antineutrinos via Electron Scattering in Gd-doped	

POSTERS

 ${\rm TALKS}$ 

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- [3] "Directional Reconstruction of Reactor Antineutrinos via Electron Scattering in Gd-doped Water Cherenkov Detectors", IEEE NSS-MIC, Strasbourg, France, Nov. 2016.
- [4] "Coded Aperture Gamma-Ray Imaging in Planar and Spherical Configurations", IEEE Symposium On Radiation Measurements and Applications (SORMA), Berkeley, CA, May 2016.
- [5] "Towards 3D Gamma Ray Vision with HEMI and Looking Forward with PRISM", Next Generation Fukushima Workshop, Koriyama, Japan, Apr. 2016.
- "Nuclear Reactor Antineutrino Directionality via Elastic Electron Scattering in a Gd-Doped Water Cherenkov Detector", INMM Annual Meeting, Indian Wells, CA, Jul. 2015.

# CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

- D. Hellfeld, P. Barton, A. Haefner, D. Gunter, L. Mihailescu, K. Vetter, "Omnidirectional 3D Gamma-ray Imaging with a Free-moving Spherical Active Coded Aperture", in Proc. IEEE NSS-MIC, Atlanta, GA, Oct. 2017.
- [2] S. Dazeley, A. Bernstein, T. Classen, E. Reedy, **D. Hellfeld**, M. Duvall, C. Marianno, "Antineutrino Detection based on <sup>6</sup>Li-doped Pulse Shape Sensitive Plastic Scintillator and Gd-doped Water", in Proc. Int. Conf. on the App. of Nucl. Tech., Crete, Greece, Jun. 2017.
- [3] **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, Nov. 2016.
- [4] **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, Jul. 2015.

# PUBLICATIONS & PAPERS

- [1] **D. Hellfeld**, P. Barton, D. Gunter, L. Mihailescu, K. Vetter, "A Spherical Active Coded Aperture for  $4\pi$  Gamma-ray Imaging", *IEEE Trans. Nucl. Sci.*, vol. 64, no. 11, pp. 2837-2842, 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*, vol. 841, pp. 130-138, 2017.
- [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

- o Nuclear Security: The Nexus Between Policy and Technology (NE 285)
- Numerical Simulation in Radiation Transport (NE 255)
- Medical Imaging Signals and Systems (BIOENG/ELENG 261)
- Teaching Techniques in Nuclear Engineering (NE 375)
- o Analytical Methods for Nonproliferation (NE 230)
- Nuclear Physics (NE 201)
- 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)
- Nuclear Fuel Cycles and Nuclear Materials Safeguards (NUEN 651)
- Nuclear Reactor Analysis and Experimentation (NUEN 606)
- Nuclear Nonproliferation and Arms Control (NUEN 650)
- o Monte Carlo Computational Particle Transport (NUEN 630)
- $\circ\,$  Special Topics: Introduction to Geant4 Monte Carlo Transport (NUEN 689)
- Statistical Analysis (STAT 601)

### University of California, Santa Barbara

• Classical Mechanics (PHYS 105A/B)

- $\circ$  Electromagnetism (PHYS 110A/B)
- Quantum Mechanics (PHYS 115A/B/C)
- Advanced Physics Laboratory (PHYS 128AL/BL)
- Analog Electronics (PHYS 127AL)
- o Particle Physics (PHYS 125)
- Nuclear Physics (PHYS 150)
- o Mathematical Methods for Theoretical Physics (PHYS 100A/B)
- Thermodynamic and Statistical Physics (PHYS 119A)
- Astronomy/Cosmology (ASTRO 1/2)
- o Differential Equations and Linear Algebra (MATH 3C/5A)
- Vector Calculus (MATH 5B/C)

REFERENCES Available upon request.