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CITIZENSHIP	USA	

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Nuclear fuel cycle simulation and analysis, agent-based modeling, linear/non-linear optimization techniques, simulation execution leveraging high throughput computing, energy policy, nuclear non-proliferation, reactor physics simulations for fuel cycles, advanced nuclear fuel cycles

EDUCATION

PH.D., *Nuclear Engineering*, **University of Wisconsin - Madison** **March 2015**
- An Agent-Based Modeling Framework and Application for the Generic Nuclear Fuel Cycle
- Advisor: Professor Paul P.H. Wilson

MASTERS, *Nuclear Engineering*, **University of Wisconsin - Madison** **December 2011**

B.S., *Nuclear Engineering*, **Texas A&M University** **May 2009**
- *Summa cum Laude*, With Honors in Engineering
- Minor in Mathematics

HONORS & AWARDS

2nd Place in Energy Policy, Innovations in Fuel Cycle Research	**2014**
Winner, The Why Files Cool Science Image Contest	**2014**
Nuclear Energy University Program Graduate Research Fellowship	**2010 – 2013**
American Nuclear Society Graduate Scholarship	**2013**
Nuclear Regulatory Commision Undergraduate Scholarship	**2008 – 2009**
President's Endowed Scholarship, Texas A&M University	**2005 – 2009**
Stinson Scholarship, Texas A&M University	**2005 – 2009**

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

University of Wisconsin, NE Dept., Madison, WI **April 2015 – Present**
Postdoctoral Research Assistant
Investigated novel methods for modeling recycle fuel fabrication in NFC simulations.

University of Wisconsin, NE Dept., Madison, WI **Aug 2010 – March 2015**
Graduate Research Assistant **Aug 2009 – Jan 2010**
Developed and extended the Cyclus NFC simulator to model generic nuclear fuel cycles.

AREVA, Paris, FRANCE **Feb – Jul 2010**
Research Intern (Stagiaire), Core Design Group
Simulated and analyzed a boron dilution accident in multiple reactor configurations using MCNP.

Pacific Northwest National Lab, Richland, WA **Jun – Aug 2009**
Research Assistant
Analyzed a design of an automated verification unit for canisters of enriched UF_6 using MCNP.

TN International (AREVA), Montigny-le-Bretonneux FRANCE **Jun – Aug 2008**
Research Intern, Materials Group
Analyzed material suitability for nuclear cask shock absorber via dynamic compression testing.

Oak Ridge National Lab, Oak Ridge, TN **Jun – Aug 2007**
Research Assistant **Jun – Aug 2006**
Tested the collimation of radiation portal monitors for use with the U.S. Megaports Initiative.

Professional Organizations & Service

American Nuclear Society, Member	**2006 – Present**
Communications Committee, Member	**2013 – Present**
Public Policy Committee, Member	**2013 – Present**
Special Advisory Committee on Nuclear Nonproliferation, Member	**2012 – Present**
Student Sections Committee, Member	**2010 – Present**
Local Sections Committee, Member	**2010 – 2012**
Nuclear Nonproliferation Special Committee, Member	**2010 – 2012**
ANS Student Conference, Co-Chair	**2008**
Institute of Nuclear Materials Management, Member	**2008 – Present**
Alpha Nu Sigma, Member	**2009 – Present**
Nuclear Engineering Student Delegation, Delegate	**2011 – 2013**
Chair	**2013**
Vice Chair	**2012**
American Nuclear Society, Texas A&M Chapter, Member	**2005 – 2009**
Vice President	**2006 – 2007**

Journal Publications

[1] Pearce, T. M. Williams, J. J. Kruzel, S. P. **Gidden, M. J.** Williams, J. C., "Dynamic control of extracellular environment in in vitro neural recording systems," *Neural Systems and Rehabilitation Engineering, IEEE Transactions on*, vol. 13, no. 2, pp. 207–212, 2005

Accepted Manuscripts

[2] Huff, K. D. **Gidden, M. J.** Carlsen, R. W. Flanagan, R. R. McGarry, M. B. Opotowsky, A. C. Schneider, E. A. Scopatz, A. M. Wilson, P. P. H., "Fundamental concepts in the cyclus fuel cycle simulator framework and modeling ecosystem," *Nuclear Technology*, 2015

Submitted Manuscripts

[3] Scopatz, A. M. **Gidden, M. J.** Carlsen, R. W. Flanagan, R. R. Huff, K. D. McGarry, M. B. Opotowsky, A. C. Rakhimov, O. Welch, Z. Wilson, P. P. H., "Cyclus Archetypes," *Nuclear Technology*, 2015

Refereed Proceedings

[4] **Gidden, M.** Wilson, P., "Dynamic Resource Exchange with CoinOR-CBC in Cyclus, a Nuclear Fuel Cycle Simulator," in *Operations Research and Computing: Algorithms and Software for Analytics*, Richland, VA, United States, Jan. 2015

[5] **Gidden, M.** Carlsen, R. Opotowsky, A. Rakhimov, O. Scopatz, A. Wilson, P., "Agent-based dynamic resource exchange in cyclus," in *Proceedings of PHYSOR*, Kyoto, Japan, Sep. 2014

[6] **Gidden, M.** Wilson, P., "An agent-based framework for fuel cycle simulation with recycling," in *Proceedings of GLOBAL*, Salt Lake City, UT, United States, Sep. 2013

Conference Publications

[7] **Gidden, M.** Wilson, P., "Dynamic Resource Exchange Performance in Cyclus," in *Transactions of the American Nuclear Society*, San Antonio, TX, United States, Jun. 2015

[8] Carlsen, R. W. **Gidden, M. J.** Wilson, P. P., "Deployment Optimization with the CYCLUS Fuel Cycle Simulator," in *Transactions of the American Nuclear Society*, DOI link for code, methods, etc: http://dx.doi.org/10.6084/m9.figshare.1086284, vol. 111, Anaheim, CA, Nov. 2014, pp. 241–244

[9] Biondo, E. Scopatz, A. **Gidden, M.** Slaybaugh, R. Bates, C. WIlson, P. P., "Quality Assurance within the PyNE Open Source Toolkit," in *Transactions of the American Nuclear Society*, vol. 111, Anaheim, CA, Nov. 2014. [Online]. Available: https://github.com/pyne/ans-winter-2014-vnv

[10] **Gidden, M.** Wilson, P. Scopatz, A., "Developing standardized, open benchmarks and a corresponding specification language for the simulation of dynamic fuel cycles," in

Proceedings of the 2013 ANS Summer Conference, Atlanta, GA, United States, Jun. 2013

[11] **Gidden, M.** Wilson, P. Huff, K. Carlsen, R., "Once-through benchmarks with cyclus, a modular, open-source fuel cycle simulator," in *Proceedings of the 2012 ANS Winter Conference*, San Diego, CA, Nov. 2012

[12] **Gidden, M.** Wilson, P. Huff, K., "Once-Through Benchmarks with Cyclus," in *ANS Student Conference*, Las Vegas, NV, 2011

[13] Huff, K. D. Wilson, P. P. **Gidden, M. J.**, "Open Architecture and Modular Paradigm of Cyclus, a Fuel Cycle Simulation Code," in *Transactions of the American Nuclear Society*, vol. 104, 2011, p. 183

[14] Huff, K. Wilson, P. **Gidden, M.** Elmore, R., *Cyclus : An Open, Modular, Next Generation Fuel Cycle Simulator Platform*, Poster, Mar. 2011

[15] **Gidden, M.** Livesay, J. York, R. Blessinger, C., "Collimation of Radiation Portal Monitors to Reduce the Innocent Alarm Rate (Poster)," in *Transactions of the American Nuclear Society*, Washington, DC, Nov. 2007

Other Publications

[16] **Gidden, M. J.**, "An Agent-Based Modeling Framework and Application for the Generic Nuclear Fuel Cycle," Thesis, University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI, United States, Mar. 2015

[17] **Gidden, M.**, "An agent-based modeling framework and application for the generic nuclear fuel cycle," Prelim, University of Wisconsin, Madison, Sep. 2013. [Online]. Available: http://dx.doi.org/10.6084/m9.figshare.1132596

Talks

[18] **Gidden, M.**, *Exploring Nuclear Fuel Cycle Simulation using HTCondor*, HTCondor Week, May 2015

Software

[19] Carlsen, R. W. **Gidden, M.** Huff, K. Opotowsky, A. C. Rakhimov, O. Scopatz, A. M. Welch, Z. Wilson, P., *Cyclus v1.0.0*, Jun. 2014. [Online]. Available: http://figshare.com/articles/Cyclus_v1_0_0/1041745

[20] Carlsen, R. W. **Gidden, M.** Huff, K. Opotowsky, A. C. Rakhimov, O. Scopatz, A. M. Wilson, P., *Cycamore v1.0.0*, Jun. 2014. [Online]. Available: http://figshare.com/articles/Cycamore_v1_0_0/1041829

[21] **Gidden, M.**, *Cyclopts*, http://mattgidden.com/cyclopts/, Dec. 2014. [Online]. Available: http://mattgidden.com/cyclopts/

[22] Scopatz, A. **Gidden, M.** Welch, Z., "Polyphemus v0.1," Jun. 2014. [Online]. Available: http://dx.doi.org/10.6084/m9.figshare.1066058

[23] Scopatz, A. Bates, C. R. Biondo, E. Huff, K. Kiesling, K. Carlsen, R. Davis, A. **Gidden, M.** Haines, T. Howland, J. Huff, B. Manalo, K. Opotowsky, A. Slaybaugh, R. Relson, E. Romano, P. Shriwise, P. Xia, J. D. Wilson, P. Zachman, J., "PyNE Progress Report," Nov. 2014. [Online]. Available: http://dx.doi.org/10.6084/m9.figshare.1250143

Computational Skills

I have deep and broad software development skills and experience. I help maintain and manage a number of open source scientific software packages including Cyclus and PyNE.

Expert (5+ Years Experience)

Languages	C++/C, Python
Build Systems	CMake, Make, Autoconf/Automake
Version Control	Git

Tools	LaTeX, Doxygen, Sphinx, XML
Database Formats	SQL, HDF5
Test Frameworks	GoogleTest, Nose
NE Applications	MCNP, Origen

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Languages	FORTRAN, Java, Visual Basic, Perl
Version Control	Mercurial, Subversion
Tools	Jekyll, JSON
NE Applications	DRAGON, TransLAT
Other Applications	IPython/IPython Notebooks, Matlab, Mathcad, Mathematica, Maple