## Matthew J. Gidden

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INFORMATION University of Wisconsin - Madison

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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 University of Wisconsin - Madison, Madison, WI USA

Ph.D., Nuclear Engineering, In Progress

• Adviser: Professor Paul Wilson

• Area of Study: Nuclear Fuel Cycle Simulation

• GPA: 3.7/4.0

University of Wisconsin - Madison, Madison, WI USA

M.S., Nuclear Engineering, December 2011

• GPA: 3.7/4.0

Texas A&M University, College Station, TX USA

B.S., Nuclear Engineering, May 2009

• Summa cum Laude, With Honors in Engineering

• Minor in Mathematics

• GPA: 3.97/4.0

AWARDS Innovations in Fuel Cycle Research

• Energy Policy, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, 2014

Nuclear Energy University Program

• Graduate Research Fellowship, 2010–2013

American Nuclear Society

• Graduate Scholarship, 2013

**Nuclear Regulatory Commission** 

• Undergraduate Scholarship, 2008–2009

Texas A&M University

• President's Endowed Scholarship, 2005–2009

• Stinson Scholarship, 2005–2009

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

AREVA, Paris FRANCE

Research Intern in the Core Design Group

February 2010 to July 2010

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- Simulated and analyzed a boron dilution accident for various full-core configurations of France's fleet of nuclear reactors using MCNP.
- Mentored by Christian ROYERE.

#### Pacific Northwest National Lab, Richland, Washington USA

Research Intern Summer 2009

- Analyzed a proof-of-concept design of an automated verification unit for canisters of enriched Uranium Hexa-Flouride using MCNP.
- Mentored by Eric Smith.

## TN International (AREVA), Montigny-le-Bretonneux FRANCE

### Research Intern in the Materials Group

Summer 2008

- Performed dynamic compression testing on a variety of materials in order to determine property changes under dynamic rather than static loads. Analysis of results was performed using Microsoft Excel.
- Mentored by Herve ISSARD.

#### Oak Ridge National Lab, Oak Ridge, Tennessee USA

#### Research Intern

Summers 2006 & 2007

- Tested and analyzed a collimated radiation portal monitor designed to increase efficiency at port facilities under the U.S. Megaports Initiative.
- Mentored by Chris Blessinger.

# PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

#### American Nuclear Society

- Member (2006 present)
- Communications Committee member (2013 present)
- Public Policy Committee member (2013 present)
- Student Sections Committee member (2010 present)
- Local Sections Committee member (2010 2012)
- Nuclear Nonproliferation Special Committee member (2010 2012)
- 2008 ANS Student Conference co-chair

# American Nuclear Society, Texas A&M Chapter

- Member (2005 2009)
- Vice President of Internal Affairs (2006 2007)

#### Alpha Nu Sigma

• Member (2009 - present)

#### Institute of Nuclear Materials Management

• Member (2008 - present)

# Nuclear Engineering Student Delegation

- Chair (2013)
- Vice Chair (2012)
- Delegate (2011)

## Software Carpentry

• Workshop Instructor (Aug. 2014, Aug. 2013, Apr. 2013)

# PRESENTATIONS

Gidden, M.; Scopatz, A.; Wilson, P., *Developing Standardized, Open Benchmarks and a Corresponding Specification Language for the Simulation of Dynamic Fuel Cycles*, ANS Summer Conference (2013).

Gidden, M.; Wilson, P., Huff, K.; Carlsen, R., Cyclus Once-Through Fuel Cycle Capabilities: An INPRO Benchmark & VISION Comparisons, ANS Winter Conference (2012).

Gidden, M.; Wilson, P; Huff, K., *Cyclus Once-Through Fuel Cycle Benchmarks*, ANS Student Conference (2011).

Gidden, M.; Blessinger, C.; Livesay, J.; York, R., Collimation of Radiation Portal Monitors to Reduce the Innocent Alarm Rate, Poster, ANS Winter Conference (2007).

#### **PROCEEDINGS**

Gidden, M.; Carlsen, R.; Opotowsky, A.; Rakhimov, O.; Scopatz, A.; Wilson, P., *Agent-Based Dynamic Resource Exchange in Cyclus*, PHYSOR Conference, Kyoto, Japan (2014).

Gidden, M.; Wilson, P., *Agent-Based Framework for Fuel Cycle Simulation with Recycling*, GLOBAL Conference, Salt Lake City, UT, USA (2013).

#### SOFTWARE

Carlsen, R.; Gidden, M.; Huff, K.; Opotowsky, A.; Rakhimov, O.; Scopatz, A.; Wilson, P., *Cyclus v1.0.0*, http://dx.doi.org/10.6084/m9.figshare.1174603 (2014).

Carlsen, R.; Gidden, M.; Huff, K.; Opotowsky, A.; Rakhimov, O.; Scopatz, A.; Wilson, P., *Cycamore v1.0.0*, http://dx.doi.org/10.6084/m9.figshare.1041829 (2014).

#### **PUBLICATIONS**

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, 13, 2, pp. 207-212 (2005).

# PROGRAMMING SKILL SET

#### Languages

- C/C++
- Python
- FORTRAN (95)
- Visual Basic
- Perl

#### **Applications**

- IPython/IPython Notebooks
- MCNP
- MATLAB
- Origen
- Mathcad
- Maple
- DRAGON
- TransLAT