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Objective

Seeking research and teaching opportunities in nuclear engineering and scientific computation.

RESEARCH Interests Advanced nuclear reactors and fuel cycles, scientific computation, sustainable energy systems, waste management, computational systems analysis.

EDUCATION

### University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI

Doctor of Philosophy Nuclear Engineering

Aug 2008 - Aug 2013

- Dissertation : An Integrated Used Fuel Disposition and Generic Repository Model for Fuel Cycle Analysis
- Advisor: Professor Paul P.H. Wilson

# University of Chicago, Chicago, IL

Bachelor of Arts and Sciences Physics

Aug 2004 - June 2008

• Undergraduate Thesis: Celestial Gain Calibrations of QUIET Telescope Polarimeters

Honors and Awards

Nuclear Science and Security Consortium Postdoctoral Fellowship	2013-present
DOE Office of Science Laboratory Graduate Appointment.	2011 - 2013
Roy G. Post Foundation Nuclear Waste Management Graduate Scholarship.	2011
John Randall Memorial Scholarship, American Nuclear Society FCWMD.	2009
J.A. McDeavitt Scholarship, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL.	2007 - 2008
University Scholar Award, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL.	2004 - 2008
Los Alamos Distinguished Student Performance Award, Los Alamos, NM.	2004

#### RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

University of California - Berkeley, NE Department, Berkeley, CA June 2011 – Aug 2013 Postdoctoral Scholar, Nuclear Science and Security Consortium

Developing computational tools and models for advanced reactor safety analysis.

# Argonne National Laboratory, Argonne, IL

June 2011 - Aug 2013

Laboratory Graduate Research Appointee, Used Fuel Disposition Campaign Developed a used fuel disposition and generic repository computational model.

University of Wisconsin - Madison, NEEP Department, Madison, WI 2008 - Present Graduate Research Assistant, Computational Nuclear Engineering Research Group Developed and applied CYCLUS, a nuclear fuel cycle systems analysis tool.

### Idaho National Laboratory, Idaho Falls, ID

June - Aug 2010

Graduate Research Assistant, Systems Analysis Campaign

Developed software functions and requirements for the Fuel Cycle Simulator concept.

Kavli Institute For Cosmological Physics, Univ. of Chicago, Chicago, IL

2005 – 2008
Research Assistant, Laboratory for Astrophysics and Space Research
Programmed and machined calibration instrumentation elements for QUIET cosmological telescope.

Planned a protocol for telescope polarimeter calibration.

June - Sept 2006

Physics Department, Universidad de Chile, Santiago, Chile Research Assistant, Chicago-Chile Research Exchange Program

Constructed and operated a far from equilibrium granular materials experiment.

Los Alamos Neutron Science Center, Los Alamos, NM

June - Sept 2004

Research Assistant, LANSCE-3

May – Aug 2003

Applied digital filtration algorithms and MCNPX models to experimental data. Received Distinguished Student Performance award, 2004.

Teaching EXPERIENCE Computational Literacy Workshop, Chicago, IL

**Invited By:** University of Chicago, Graduate School

UNIX Shell, Version Control, Databases, Python

Scientific Computing Workshop, Berkeley, CA

Oct 20-21, 2012

Invited By: University of California, Berkeley, Dept. of Statistics

UNIX Shell, Version Control, Databases, Python

Software Carpentry Python Workshop, Berkeley, CA

Oct 17–18, 2012

**Invited By:** Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, Office of the CIO

Python, Nose, SciPy, NumPy, MatPlotLib

Software Carpentry Scientific Computing Workshop, Chicago, IL

Apr 2-3, 2012

**Hosted By:** The University of Chicago and Software-Carpentry.org

UNIX Shell, Version Control, Databases

Advanced School on Scientific Software Development, Trieste, Italy Feb 20-Mar 2, 2012

**Invited By:** UNESCO/IAEA International Center for Theoretical Physics

Version Control, Python Basics, SciPy, NumPy, MatPlotLib, Fortran and C Binding with Python

Nov 7-8, 2011 University of Toronto Software Carpentry Bootcamp, Toronto, Canada

Invited By: University of Toronto SciNet Consortium For High Performance Computing Version Control, Python, Testing, Auto-Documentation

The Hacker Within Scientific Computing Tutorial, Washington, D.C.

Nov 1, 2011

Invited By: Young Professionals Congress, American Nuclear Society Winter Meeting

Version Control, Testing, Auto-Documentation, Collaboration Tools

Michigan State Univ. Scientific Computing Bootcamp, East Lansing, MI June 4-5, 2011

Invited By: MSU Institute for Cyber Enabled Research (iCER) and BEACON Center

UNIX Shell, Version Control, Text Editors, Databases, Auto-Documentation, Testing, Debugging

The Hacker Within Software Carpentry Bootcamp, Madison, WI

Jan 12-14, 2011

Hosted By: The University of Wisconsin and The Hacker Within

UNIX Shell, Version Control, Text Editors, Databases, Auto-Documentation, Testing, Debugging

The Hacker Within Python Bootcamp, Madison, WI

Jan 12-14, 2010

**Hosted By:** The University of Wisconsin and The Hacker Within

Data Structures, Flow Control, SciPy, NumPy, MatPlotLib, Fortran and C Binding with Python

UW Department of Nuclear Engineering: 506 Madison, WI

Feb 10, 2010

Guest Lecturer

UNIX Shell, Basic Scripting, Environment Variables, Permissions, Regular Expressions, Makefiles

The Hacker Within C++ Bootcamp, Madison, WI

Mar 24-31, 2009

**Hosted By:** The University of Wisconsin and The Hacker Within

Object Oriented Programming, Data Structures, C++ Basics

UW Department of Nuclear Engineering: 406, Madison, WI

Sept 9&11, 2009

Guest Lecturer

UNIX Shell, Basic Scripting, Environment Variables, Permissions, Regular Expressions, Makefiles

University of Wisconsin, Hacker Within UNIX Bootcamp, Madison, WI Jan 12–15, 2009

**Hosted By:** The University of Wisconsin and The Hacker Within

UNIX Shell, Scripting, Environment, Permissions, Build Systems, Sed, Grep Awk, Common Utilities

Jan 12-13, 2013

### JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS

- [1] Aruliah, D.A., Brown, C.T., Chue Hong, N.P., Davis, M., Guy, R.T., Haddock, S.H.D., **Huff, K.**, Mitchell, I., Plumbley, M., Waugh, B., White, E.P., Wilson, G.V., and Wilson, P.P.H. "Best Practices For Scientific Computing." *Submitted*, arXiv:1210.0530 [cs.MS].
- [2] Clerc, M., Dunstan, J., Huff K., Mujica, N., Varas, G. "Liquid-Solid-Like Transition in Quasi-One-Dimensional Driven Granular Media", Nature Physics, Vol 4, 249 - 254, 2008.

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- [3] **Huff K.** "Cyclus Fuel Cycle Simulation Capabilities with the Cyder Disposal System Model," Paper 7730. *Proceedings of Global*, Salt Lake City, UT. October 2013.
- [4] Huff K., Nutt, M. "Hydrologic Nuclide Transport Models in Cyder, a Geologic Disposal Software Library," Paper 13328. Proceedings of the Waste Management Symposium, Phoenix, AZ. February 2013.
- [5] Oliver, K.M., Wilson, P.P.H., Reveillere, A., Huff K. "Studying international fuel cycle robustness with the GENIUSv2 discrete facilities/materials fuel cycle systems analysis tool", Paper 9166. Proceedings of Global, Paris, France. 2009.

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- [6] **Huff K.**, Bara, A. "Dynamic Determination of Thermal Repository Capacity For Fuel Cycle Analysis." *Transactions of the American Nuclear Society Annual Conference*. Atlanta, GA. June 2013.
- [7] Huff K., Nutt, M. "Key Processes and Parameters in a Generic Clay Disposal System Model." Transactions of the American Nuclear Society Winter Conference. San Diego, CA. November 2012.
- [8] Scopatz, A.M., Romano, P.K., Wilson, P.P.H., **Huff K.** "PyNE: Python For Nuclear Engineering." Transactions of the American Nuclear Society Winter Conference. San Diego, CA. November 2012.
- [9] Huff K., Bauer, T. "Numerical Calibration of an Analytical Generic Nuclear Repository Heat Transfer Model." Transactions of the American Nuclear Society Annual Conference. Chicago, IL. June 2012.
- [10] **Huff K.**, Gidden, M., Wilson, P.P.H. "Open architecture and modular paradigm of Cyclus, a fuel cycle simulation code." *Transactions of the American Nuclear Society Annual Conference*. Hollywood, FL. June 2011.
- [11] Huff K., Scopatz, A., Preston, N., Wilson, P.P.H. "Rapid Peer Education of a Computational Nuclear Engineering Skill Suite." Transactions of the American Nuclear Society Annual Conference. Hollywood, FL. June 2011.
- [12] **Huff K.** "Cyclus: An Open, Modular, Next Generation Fuel Cycle Simulator Platform." (poster) Waste Management Symposium. Phoenix, AZ. March 2011.
- [13] **Huff K.**, "MOX Fuel Recipe Approximation Tests in GENIUSv2." Proceedings of the American Nuclear Society Student Conference. Ypsilanti, MI. April 2010.
- [14] **Huff K.**, Oliver, K., Wilson, P.P.H. "GENIUSv2 Discrete Facilities/Materials Modeling of International Fuel Cycle Robustness." *Transactions of the American Nuclear Society Winter Conference*. Washington D.C. November 2009.
- [15] **Huff K.**, Wilson, P.P.H., Oliver, K. "GENIUS Version 2: Modelling the Worldwide Nuclear Fuel Cycle." (poster) *eHub Conference*. University of Wisconsin Madison. November 2009.

#### TECHNICAL REPORTS

- [16] **Huff K.**, Nutt, W.M. "FY12 Sensitivity Studies Using the UFD Clay Generic Disposal System Model." *Argonne National Laboratory*. July 2012.
- [17] Huff K., Bauer, T.H. "Benchmarking a New Closed-Form Thermal Analysis Technique Against a Traditional Lumped Parameter, Finite-Difference Method" Argonne National Laboratory. (FCRD-UFD-2012-000142). July 2012.
- [18] Huff K., Dixon, B., Braase, L. "Next Generation Fuel Cycle Simulator Functions and Requirements Document." Idaho National Laboratory (FCRD-SYSA-2010-000110). July 2010.

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  - [20] Huff K. An Integrated Used Fuel Disposition and Generic Repository Model. Ph.D. Preliminary Examination-Nuclear Engineering and Engineering Physics. University of Wisconsin - Madison. September 2011.
  - [21] Huff K. "Celestial Calibrations of the Quiet Telescope." Undergraduate Honors Thesis. University of Chicago. June 2008.
  - [22] Biris, O., Gracey, K., Huff K., Ng, W.K. "An Analysis of the Consolidated Fuel Treatment Center Nuclear Reprocessing Initiative." Big Problems Energy Seminar. University of Chicago. June 2008.
  - [23] Huff K. "Digital Filtering Application to the Lead Slowing Down Spectrometer." Los Alamos Neutron Science Center. August 2004. (awarded los alamos distinguished student award.)
  - [24] Huff K. "Excess Single Event Effects in the Second Chip of a Series." Los Alamos Neutron Science Center. August 2003.

Scientific Computing SKILLS

Languages **Build Systems**  bash/csh, C, C++, FORTRAN, Perl, Python, XML.

make, CMake, automake.

**Databases** 

Test Frameworks

CTest, GoogleTest, nose.

Version Control

cvs, git, hg, svn.

HDF5, SQL.

Other Tools

Doxygen, Sphinx, GoldSim, LATEX, MathCAD, Mathematica, MatLab, MCNP.

Professional Service

Secretary-Treasurer, Fuel Cycle & Waste Management Division, ANS.	2013-2015
Secretary, Young Members Group, ANS.	2013 – 2014
Program Co-Chair, SciPy, Scientific Python Conference.	2013
Member, Next Generation Leadership Committee, Waste Management Symposium.	2013 – 2014
Moderator, Organizer, Panelist, inSCIght Scientific Computing Podcast.	2011 - 2013
Co-Founder, Nuclear Pride, LGBTQA Organization.	2011 - 2013
Co-Founder, Treasurer, President, Hacker Within Scientific Computing Group.	2008 – 2011
Treasurer, University of Wisconsin ANS student section.	2009 – 2010
Governor, University of Wisconsin ANS student section.	2008 – 2009

References

Available upon request