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Education

University of Wisconsin Madison, WI
Ph.D., Nuclear Engineering and Engineering Physics Aug. 2016

University of Wisconsin Madison, WI
M.S., Nuclear Engineering and Engineering Physics May. 2013

University of Minnesota Minneapolis, MN
B.ChE., Chemical Engineering; B.S. Chemistry May 2011

Experience

Oak Ridge National Laboratory Oak Ridge, TN
R&D Associate Staff | High Performance Computing Methods & Applications Team 2019–present
Postdoctoral Research Associate | High Performance Computing Methods & Applications Team 2016–2019

- Added support for on-the-fly Doppler broadening to **Shift** as a component of the ExaSMR project, with CPU and GPU implementations
- Added support for Cartesian mesh surface tallies to **Shift** to facilitate coupling with nodal codes
- Explored the use of Singular Value Decomposition (SVD) to compress variance reduction parameters in **Shift**
- Assessed the efficacy of Sourcerer fission source convergence technique implemented in **Shift**

University of Wisconsin Madison, WI
Nuclear Regulatory Commission Graduate Fellow | Computational Nuclear Engineering Research Group 2011–2016

- Dissertation: “Hybrid Monte Carlo/Deterministic Neutron Transport for Shutdown Dose Rate Analysis”
- Methods development, computational implementation, and nuclear systems analysis with a focus on radiation transport, CAD geometry, and neutron activation
- 15,000+ lines of code/tests/documentation added to the Python for Nuclear Engineering open source toolkit

Oak Ridge National Laboratory Oak Ridge, TN
Graduate Student Intern | Radiation Transport Group Summer 2014

- Added CAD geometry support to the ADVANTG Monte Carlo variance reduction parameter generator code

SHINE Medical Technologies Monona, WI
Collaborator | University of Wisconsin 2011–2013

- Conducted computational analysis of a medical isotope production reactor to estimate radiological dose rates

Polar Semiconductor Inc. Bloomington, MN
Process Engineering Intern | Manufacturing Group Summer 2010

- Collected/analyzed scanning electron microscope data to improve QA processes for silicon wafer production

University of Minnesota Minneapolis, MN
Undergraduate Research Assistant II | Dept. of Chemistry 2009–2010

- Synthesized and characterized novel heterocyclic organic compounds with potential tuberculostatic activity

Naval Surface Warfare Center West Bethesda, MD
Battery Research Intern | Power & Protective Systems Branch Summers of 2005 & 2006

- Conducted safety and performance tests of Li-ion batteries for use in an unmanned underwater vehicle

Skills

- Extensive experience developing UNIX-based, scientific software on a collaborative team
- Expert in C/C++11, Python (including NumPy, Matplotlib), MATLAB, familiarity with Fortran
- Experience with parallel programming with CUDA, OpenMP, and MPI
- Experience with industry-standard software development tools including `git`, `cmake`, `gdb`, and `gprof`
- Graduate-level coursework in mathematics, including linear algebra, differential equations, complex analysis, and numerical methods

Awards

Graduate Fellowship, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, full tuition and \$26,000/year stipend 2013–2016
Best of RPSD 2014, special session for top presenters at American Nuclear Society RPSD meeting Sept. 2014
Student Paper Award, American Nuclear Society Winter 2013 Meeting, \$100 award Nov. 2013
Chancellor’s Opportunity Award, University of Wisconsin, \$5,000 award for new graduate students Aug. 2011

Submitted Refereed Journal Articles

E. Biondo, T. Evans, G. Davidson, S. Hamilton, “Singular Value Decomposition of Adjoint Flux Distributions for Monte Carlo Variance Reduction” *Annals of Nuclear Energy*, Submitted 9/2019.

Refereed Journal Articles

E. Biondo, G. Davidson, T. Pandya, S. Hamilton, T. Evans, “Deterministically Estimated Fission Source Distributions for Monte Carlo k -Eigenvalue Problems,” *Annals of Nuclear Energy*, Vol. 119, pp. 7–22, 2018.

E. Biondo, P. Wilson, “Transmutation Approximations for the Application of Hybrid Monte Carlo/Deterministic Neutron Transport to Shutdown Dose Rate Analysis,” *Nuclear Science and Engineering*, Vol. 187, Issue 1, pp. 27–48, 2017.

E. Biondo, A. Davis, P. Wilson, “Shutdown Dose Rate Analysis with CAD Geometry, Cartesian/Tetrahedral Mesh, and Advanced Variance Reduction,” *Fusion Engineering and Design*, Vol. 106, pp. 77–84, 2016.

Full-Length Topical Papers

E. Biondo, P. Wilson, “Application of the Multi-Step CADIS Method to Fusion Energy Systems Analysis,” *International Conference on Mathematics & Computational Methods Applied to Nuclear Science & Engineering*, Jeju, South Korea, 2017.

E. Biondo, A. Ibrahim, S. Mosher, R. Grove. “Accelerating Fusion Reactor Neutronics Modeling by Automatic Coupling of Hybrid Monte Carlo/Deterministic Transport on CAD Geometry.” *Joint International Conference on Mathematics and Computation (M&C), Supercomputing in Nuclear Applications (SNA) and the Monte Carlo (MC) Method (ANS MC2015)*, Nashville, TN, 2015.

E. Relson, P. Wilson, **E. Biondo**, “Improved Mesh Based Photon Sampling Techniques for Neutron Activation Analysis,” *International Conference of Mathematics and Computational Methods Applied to Nuclear Science and Engineering (M&C 2013)*, Sun Valley, ID, 2013.

B. Ade, G. Davidson, K. Bekar, and **E. Biondo** “Integration of Shift Monte Carlo Framework into SCALE for Criticality Safety, Depletion, and Few-Group Cross Section Generation” *PHYSOR 2018: Reactor Physics paving the way towards more efficient systems*, Cancun, Mexico, 2018, *In Press*.

Conference Summaries

E. Biondo, A. Davis, A. Scopatz, P. Wilson, “Rigorous Two-Step Activation for Fusion Systems with PyNE,” *Proc. of the 18th Topical Meeting of the Radiation Protection & Shielding Division of ANS*, 2014.

E. Biondo, E. Relson, A. Davis, P. Wilson, “Implementation, Benchmarking, and Application of R2S-ACT: an Open-Source, Mesh-Based, Rigorous 2-Step Activation Workflow,” *Transactions of the American Nuclear Society*, Vol. 109, pp. 1180-1183, 2013.

E. Biondo, A. Scopatz, M. Gidden, R. Slaybaugh, C. Bates, P. P.H. Wilson, “Quality Assurance within the PyNE Open Source Toolkit,” *Transactions of the American Nuclear Society*, Vol. 111, 2014.

C. Bates, **E. Biondo**, K. Huff, K. Kiesling, A. Scopatz, “PyNE Progress Report,” *Transactions of the American Nuclear Society*, Vol. 111, 2014.

A. Scopatz, **E. Biondo**, C. Brachem, J. Xia, P. Wilson, “PyNE Progress Report,” *Transactions of the American Nuclear Society*, Vol. 109, pp. 1206-1208, 2013.

Technical Reports

E. Biondo, G. Davidson, T. Evans, “Monte Carlo Fission Source Convergence Acceleration with Deterministically Estimated Fission Source Distributions” Technical Report ORNL/SR-2017/101, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Oak Ridge, TN, 2017.

E. Biondo, “Hybrid Monte Carlo Variance Reduction with CAD Geometry for Fusion Energy Systems,” Technical Report RNSD-TN-14-002, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Oak Ridge, TN, 2014.

E. Biondo, “Multiplier and Driver Mesh-Based Rigorous 2-Step Activation Analysis,” Technical Report, Shine Medical Technologies, Monona, WI, 2013.

A. Davis, M. Sawan, P. Wilson, **E. Biondo** A. Ibrahim, P. Shriwise, E. Marriott, “Report on the ITER CLITE

Shutdown Dose Rate Calculations,” Technical Report, US ITER, Oak Ridge, TN, 2016.

E. Biondo, W. Noland, “Steps Toward the Synthesis of Diels-Alder Adducts of Vinylidene Bis-Heterocycles with Potential Biological Activity,” Technical Report, University of Minnesota Department of Chemistry, Minneapolis, MN, 2009.

E. Biondo, J. Banner, “The Effects of Overcharge on the Performance and Safety of Lithium Ion Pouch Batteries,” Technical Report, Caderock Division of the Naval Surface Warfare Center, West Bethesda, MD, 2006.

E. Biondo, J. Banner, D. Fuentevilla, “Environmental Performance Testing of Mark 141 Batteries,” Technical Report, Caderock Division of the Naval Surface Warfare Center, West Bethesda, MD, 2005.

Teaching Experience

Exnihilo Tutorial Session <i>20th Topical Meeting of the Radiation Protection & Shielding Division of ANS</i> Santa Fe, NM	Sept. 2018
Python for Nuclear Engineering (PyNE) Tutorial Session <i>American Nuclear Society Student Conference</i> Madison, WI	Mar. 2016
“DAGMC Tools for Nuclear Engineering Analysis” <i>Institute of Plasma Physics Chinese Academy of Sciences (ASIPP)</i> Hefei, China	Jan. 2016
Python for Nuclear Engineering (PyNE) Tutorial Session <i>Joint International Conference on Mathematics and Computation Supercomputing in Nuclear Applications and the Monte Carlo Method (ANS MC2015)</i> Nashville, TN	Apr. 2015
“LaTeX and Beamer” <i>The Hacker Within</i> Madison, WI	Mar. 2015
“Command-line Olympics” <i>The Hacker Within</i> Madison, WI	Feb. 2015
Python for Nuclear Engineering (PyNE) tutorial session <i>18th Topical Meeting of the Radiation Protection & Shielding Division of ANS</i> Knoxville, TN	Sept. 2014

Leadership Experience

UMN American Institute of Chemical Engineers 2010–2011
Co-President

Organized various professional and social events in order to expose students to topics in chemical engineering, connect students with potential employers, and encourage camaraderie.

UMN American Institute of Chemical Engineers 2009–2010
Leader of Chem-E-Car Team

Lead a team of students with the task of designing, building, and calibrating a small scale car powered by a chemical reaction for regional and national competition.