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OBJECTIVE

To obtain a nuclear engineering research and development position with a focus in nuclear reactor physics, where I can draw upon and enhance my research reactor and irradiation experiment design and analysis experience to support high-impact research and development involving advanced, research, and test reactors.

EDUCATION			
Ph.D. Nuclear Engineering, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN	3.91/4.00	August 2011	
Graduate Certificate, Nuclear Criticality Safety			
M.S. Nuclear Engineering, University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, OH	3.96/4.00	August 2008	
B.S. Mechanical Engineering, University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, OH	3.80/4.00	June 2008	

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Oak Ridge, TN

Neutron Sciences Directorate, Research Reactors Division	
Reactor Analysis and Modeling Team Lead	February 2019 – present
Nuclear Safety and Experiment Analyst	September 2011 – February 2019
Graduate Student Researcher	June 2008 – September 2011
Westinghouse Electric Company, LLC, Monroeville, PA	
Core Engineering Cooperative Education Student	December 2005 – December 2007
Feintool, Blue Ash, OH	
Maintenance Engineering Cooperative Education Student	December 2004 – August 2005

EXPERIENCE DESCRIPTIONS

Oak Ridge National Laboratory

September 2011 – present

- Perform nuclear safety basis assessments, experiment analysis, and research to support the Oak Ridge National Laboratory's High Flux Isotope Reactor (HFIR), which is a versatile 85 MW research reactor.
- Reactor Analysis and Modeling Team Lead.
 - Lead a team of technically diverse reactor analysts in support of operational and research missions.
 - Manage and mentor reactor analysis and modeling staff, including distribution of workload, annual performance expectations, and developmental and career growth goals.
 - Provide relevant input to assist the safety manager and team leads to support safe, reliable, and efficient operations as well as the division's milestones and scientific missions.
 - Work with the experiment analysis and coordination team and experimentalists to support programmatic missions, such as isotope production and materials irradiation.
 - o Cross directorate collaboration and technical point of contact for reactor and experiment analysis.
- Reactor enhancement activities.
 - o Support efforts to develop new or improve existing irradiation and neutron scattering capabilities.
 - o Develop, solicit, and analyze enhancement recommendations and provide them to management.
 - Redesign permanent beryllium reflector for increased experiment versatility, plutonium-238 production, and thermal-structural performance.
 - Evaluate the impact of a heavy water reflector on safety (e.g., power distribution) and performance metrics (e.g., cycle length), with focus on beam tube brightness enhancement.
 - o Assessment of fuel plate inlet spacing combs to provide additional end stiffening for deflection mitigation.

- Nuclear safety analysis activities.
 - o Safety analyst for the reactor fuel elements, core components, and control plates/cylinders.
 - Perform reactor physics and thermal hydraulics design and safety assessments and calculations in accordance with safety basis procedures and the safety analysis report to support new component designs (e.g., control element poison concentration changes) and acceptance of nonconforming fuel elements and core components.
 - Develop and maintain tools and methods to evaluate the impact of fuel plate homogeneity/fuel distribution nonconformances on performance and reactor safety limits and limiting control settings.
 - Develop and maintain tools and methods to evaluate reactor startup source needs and projected startup curves to support testing.
 - Author of the safety basis procedure for determining the beginning-of-cycle estimated symmetrical critical control element position and perform, check, and review such calculations.
 - Develop and maintain tools and methods to estimate intra cycle and shutdown xenon and samarium worth curves for use in mid-cycle restart analyses.
 - Develop and maintain tools and methods to evaluate subcritical multiplication, activation, and dose rate mapping for pre-irradiated cores that have been exposed to neutron sources while loaded in the vessel.
 - Co-develop a reactor response simulator to couple to the wide range counting simulator to help troubleshoot and assess the impact tuning parameters have on reactor startup.
 - Perform safety evaluations through the Unreviewed Safety Question (USQ) process and to ensure technical compliance with 10CFR830 Subparts A and B, affecting reactor safety.
 - Nuclear safety member on the Emergency Response Team.
- Support the high-enriched uranium (HEU) to low-enriched uranium (LEU) fuel conversion project.
 - HFIR conversion team technical lead (2018-2020).
 - Collaborate and communicate with the Reactor Conversion, Fuel Fabrication, Fuel Qualification, and Cross-Cutting pillars and participate in annual United States High Performance Research Reactor Working Group meetings.
 - Work with project manager, team, and conversion pillars to define work scope and schedule.
 - Collaborate with end users and project team to define key performance metrics (e.g., ²⁵²Cf production, cold neutron flux in cold source) to be conserved or enhanced post-conversion.
 - Generate enhanced LEU core designs, develop neutronic and thermal-hydraulic models, perform optimization studies, and compare results to those obtained with HEU fuel.
 - Perform safety basis depletion simulations, core performance studies (e.g., cycle length, neutron fluxes to experiment facilities, beam tube brightness), and safety metric assessments (e.g., fission rates and densities, temperature coefficients, differential and integral control element worth, kinetics data, highfidelity heat deposition, decay heat, margin to burnout, margin to flow instability).
- Neutronics lead supporting the ²³⁸Pu production project at ORNL/HFIR.
 - Perform target design and optimization studies, with emphasis on target yield and efficiency, and assess impact of target irradiation on reactor safety, performance, and missions.
 - Perform multi-cycle safety basis calculations (e.g., heat deposition, source terms, yield, impact on core performance) on various designs to qualify them for in-vessel irradiation.
 - Develop and maintain a new activation and heat deposition code that couples MCNP to ORIGEN that can make use of variance reduction techniques via ADVANTG.
 - Analyze fully loaded reflector production configurations and perform sensitivity studies on initial feed material loading and various cross-section libraries.
 - Support in-vessel irradiation safety basis, post-irradiation examination, criticality safety, transportation, and hot cell planning activities.
 - o Collaborate with the Idaho National Laboratory/Advanced Test Reactor ²³⁸Pu production project team.

- Code development and maintenance activities.
 - Co-developer and tester of HFIRCON, a HFIR-specific fuel and experiment analysis toolkit making use of MCNP/ORNL-TN, ADVANTG, ORIGEN, and LavaMint.
 - Develop and maintain reactor physics radiation transport and depletion models and methods.
 - Develop and maintain automation methods for steady-state heat transfer analyses.
 - Member of the software configuration control board, which verifies that the appropriate safety software quality assurance processes have been completed for any software used for nuclear safety calculations.
 - Generate and maintain software quality assurance plans, safety basis procedure forms, verification and validation plans, and entries for reactor physics safety basis codes.
 - Owner of division's safety basis neutronics computational cluster.
- Experiment analysis activities.
 - Prepare, check, and review design and safety basis calculations for in-vessel irradiation experiments (e.g., LEU foils for ⁹⁹Mo production, ⁷⁵Se production targets, Gd shielded fusion test specimen, mini-fuelbearing targets, advanced control absorber material targets).
 - Characterize neutron and gamma fluxes/doses in the Neutron Activation Analysis (NAA) facilities to support the NAA scientists and users.
 - Develop and maintain Gamma Irradiation Facility (GIF) computational models and methods to supplement dose estimates for GIF engineers and users.
 - Engage with the PROSPECT Collaboration to support antineutrino experiments.
 - Collaborate with neutron scattering analysts to support neutron scattering missions.
- Laboratory Directed Research and Development (LDRD) project involvement.
 - o Co-investigator of "HFIR: Sustaining and Enhancing Neutron Science (SENSe)."
 - Co-investigator of "Advanced Modeling and Simulation to Support High Performance Research Reactor Conversions to Low Enriched Uranium."
 - Co-investigator of "Transformational Capability for Integrated Analysis of HFIR Irradiation Experiments Using High-Performance Computing and High-Fidelity Modeling and Simulation."
 - Provide HFIR neutronics support to "Transformational Fabrication Technologies for Nuclear Applications: Demonstration of Hybrid Structures for HFIR Control Plates."
- Mentor to interns, graduate students, and new hires performing HFIR-related reactor physics-based research.
 - Andrew Conant, Georgia Institute of Technology: core modeling and simulation efforts for PROPSECT neutrino experiment. Ph.D. Committee Member, July 2019.
 - Joey Burns, Georgia Institute of Technology: neutronics design and optimization studies of additively manufactured control elements. Ph.D. Committee Member, November 2017.
 - C. J. Hurt, University of Tennessee: ⁹⁹Mo production studies, ²³⁸Pu production target multi-physics analyses, and deterministic methods in COMSOL. Ph.D. Committee Member, December 2016.
 - Max Chaiken, Ohio State University: NpO₂ irradiations for enhanced ²³⁸Pu production studies.
 - o David Bravo, Virginia Polytechnic Institute: ⁵¹Cr production studies for sterile neutrino experiments.
- Provide HFIR tours to visitors, employees, and student interns to educate them about the history and scientific missions of HFIR as well as the benefits of neutron science and nuclear power.
- Executive committee member for ONRAMP Oak Ridge National Laboratory Nuclear Resources Analysis & Modeling Portfolio.
- Reviewer of American Nuclear Society transactions and journal articles.

Graduate Researcher at Oak Ridge National Laboratory

June 2008 – September 2011

- Perform reactor physics neutron transport, depletion, and kinetics research at HFIR.
- Conduct validation studies to create and qualify methods with state-of-the-art computational tools.
- Develop and validate a MCNP model with critical experiment power distribution and k_{eff} data.

- Develop and validate an ALEPH/MCNP reactor model and an analogous VESTA/MCNP model against postirradiation uranium isotopic mass spectrographic data for three unique full power cycles.
- Create a SCALE/TRITON reactor model to calculate the buildup and reactivity worth of ³He and ⁶Li in the beryllium reflector and determine the end-of-life reflector nuclide inventory for transuranic and hazard categorization for transportation and storage purposes.
- Validate the SCALE model with post-discharge ²⁵²Cf production target nuclide inventory measurements.
- Develop a spatially dependent reactor kinetics method with COMSOL Multiphysics via three-group neutron diffusion theory and nuclear data derived from a newly created SCALE/NEWT reactor model.
- Perform COMSOL-based finite element analysis research to study the spatially dependent neutron flux and power at steady state and during reactivity induced transients, such as control cylinder ejection accidents and hydraulic tube rabbit ejection experiments.
- Develop MATLAB and PARET based reactor point kinetics models to study reactivity events.

Core Engineer Co-op at Westinghouse Electric Company, LLC December 2005 – December 2007

- Support the Core Engineering Department by performing and documenting Nuclear Design Report, Reload Safety Analysis Checklist, and INCORE calculations on Westinghouse pressurized water reactors.
- Complete Nuclear Design Report qualifications and partially completed Fuel Management and Reload Safety Analysis Checklist qualifications.
- Complete a subset of a fuel management study that included designing and optimizing three consecutive cycles' core loading patterns and executing appropriate safety and operational calculations on them.
- Complete the Pennsylvania State University Design Project by developing four scenario-specific loading patterns given a defined fuel inventory and evaluating safety and operational calculations on them.
- Analyze the average ¹⁰B distribution on feed fuel rods.

Maintenance Engineer Co-op at Feintool

December 2004 – August 2005

- Maintained and enhanced removal arms, tumblers, oilers, and other auxiliary press equipment.
- Designed and constructed conveyors, carts, and other fineblanking-related tools and equipment.

COMPUTING SKILLS		
Operating Systems:	Windows, Linux, Unix, MAC	
Nuclear Codes:	MCNP, Visual Editor, SCALE, ADVANTG, HFIRCON, VESTA, Shift (limited), ALEPH, FISPACT, PARET, Westinghouse-specific codes (Advanced Nodal Code), HFIR Steady-State Heat Transfer Code, RELAP (limited)	
Programming Languages:	MATLAB, FORTRAN, Python, C++ (limited), Simulink	
CAD Packages:	Limited experience with NX5, SolidEdge, and AutoCAD	
Finite Element/Volume:	COMSOL Multiphysics, FLUENT (limited)	
Statistical Programs:	JMP, R, SAS	
Other Software:	Microsoft Office, Mathematica, VisIt, Putty, NoMachine, HDFView	

PROFESSIONAL CREDENTIALS and MEMBERSHIPS

- Member of the American Nuclear Society (ANS), 2004 present.
 Reactor physics member and ANS meeting session chair activities
- Executive Committee Member of the Oak Ridge/Knoxville Section of the ANS, 2012 2016.
- ORNL Management Boot Camp.
- Unreviewed Safety Question Determination (USQD) qualified.

- Radiological Worker I and II qualified ORNL Specific.
- Human Performance and Nuclear Safety Culture training.
- Fundamentals of Engineering, National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying, 2008.

AWARDS

- UT-Battelle Award for Mission Support, 2019.
- UT-Battelle Award for Engineering Research and Development, 2013.
- Several conference papers selected for journal paper publications.
- Best Paper Award, COMSOL Conference 2011, Boston, MA.
- University of Tennessee Graduate Research Assistant.
- Graduated Magna Cum Laude (University of Cincinnati, B.S. M.E.).
- Recipient of the Department of Energy, Clair Hulley, and Harold N. and Jean L. Herman Foundation Scholarships (University of Cincinnati).
- Outstanding Accelerated German Undergraduate (University of Cincinnati).
- National Soccer Coaches Association of America Scholar All American (West Carrollton High School).

CURRENT VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

- Youth soccer coach through Carroll Sports Academies (3-6-year-old boys and girls), 2020-present.
- Youth soccer assistant coach through FC National (8-11-year-old boys), 2021.

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