

# Yuxuan Zhang

P.O. Box 2008, MS6393  
Oak Ridge, TN 37831  
☎ (865)341-0139  
✉ zhangy6@ornl.gov

---

## Education

- 2012.Jan- **Ph.D. Metallurgical Engineering**, *The University of Utah*, Salt Lake City, Utah, USA.  
2016.Dec Advisor: Prof. K.S. Ravi Chandran
- 2008.Sep- **B.E. Metallic Material Engineering**, *Hunan University of Technology*, Zhuzhou, Hunan, China.  
2012.Jun Advisor (senior year): Prof. Shuzhu Zhou

---

## Professional Experiences

- 2019.Mar- **Instrument Scientist**, *Oak Ridge National Laboratory*, Oak Ridge, TN, USA.  
present Work within neutron imaging team to develop advanced neutron imaging technique and conduct researches at both HFIR and SNS.
- Point-of-contact for HFIR IMAGING beamline (CG-1D).
  - Help industrial/academic Users in designing/optimizing experiment, on-site experimentation, data analysis and writing manuscripts.
  - Collaborate with researchers in developing/implementing advanced neutron imaging techniques, such as high resolution imaging, phase grating interferometry, polarized imaging, Bragg-edge imaging, and resonance imaging.
  - Science lead in designing the relocated cold neutron imaging instrument (NB-4) after HFIR Beryllium Reflector Replacement and Cold Guide Hall Extension.
- 2017.Apr- **Postdoctoral Research Associate**, *Oak Ridge National Laboratory*, Oak Ridge, TN, USA.  
2019.Feb Mentored by instrument scientists, software scientists, and radiochemists, I am greatly involved in the development of energy-dependent neutron imaging capability at SNAP beamline. This enables Spallation Neutron Source (SNS) to become the fourth facility that is capable of performing resonance imaging in the world.
- To fill the gap in resonance imaging data reduction/analysis, I developed two open-source Python libraries, *ImagingReso* and *ResoFit*.
  - For the first time, demonstrated the resonance imaging capability at SNS. The result shows that resonance radiography could spatially resolve elements/isotopes within a foil stack containing Ag, Au, Co, Cd, Hf, Ta, and W foils.
  - For the first time, acquired and reconstructed the neutron resonance tomography at SNS. The spatial distributions of uranium and gadolinium within bulk tristructural-isotropic (TRISO) fuel kernels were successfully mapped. This demonstrates that the capability in mapping high-Z elements/isotopes in bulk material, specifically for advanced nuclear fuels.
  - Applied Bragg-edge imaging to investigate the phase transitions within bulk TRISO fuel kernels before and after conversion process. Diffraction measurements are scheduled at VULCAN to validate the findings.
  - I also built and maintained a user accessible website (<https://isc.sns.gov/apps/venus>). It allows simulating the expected resonance spectra for neutron resonance imaging.
- 2013.Jan- **Graduate Research Assistant**, *The University of Utah*, Salt Lake City, UT, USA.  
2017.Mar Learned and applied neutron imaging/diffraction to investigate Li-ion batteries.
- Fabricated and tested Si nano-powder composite electrodes which could maintain high capacity (~1400 mAh/g) after 25 cycles.
  - Wrote successful beamtime proposals to measure at both ORNL and LANL under DOE user program,
  - For the first time, successfully extracted Li diffusion coefficients from *ex-situ* neutron tomography data along with kinetic modeling.
  - For the first time, spatially resolved the inhomogeneous Li transport responses within coin cell electrodes under different charge/discharge rates using neutron tomography. The result has been published at *Journal of Power Sources* (impact factor: 7.467 as of 2020).
  - Designed and fabricated low cost *in-situ* electrochemical cells for diffraction measurement at NPDE, LANL.

---

## Publications

### Journal Articles

- 2021 Y. Yuan, **Y. Zhang**, H. Bilheux, S. Salmon. "Biocatalytic yarn for peroxide decomposition with controlled liquid transport," *Advanced Materials Interfaces*, 8(7), 2002104. DOI: 10.1002/admi.202002104.
- 2021 H. Bilheux, M. Cekanova, J. Warren, M. Meagher, R. Ross, J. Bilheux, S. Venkatakrisnan, J. Lin, **Y. Zhang**, M. Pearson, E. Stringfellow. "Neutron Radiography and Computed Tomography of Biological Systems at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory's High Flux Isotope Reactor," *JoVE*, in press, DOI: 10.3791/61688.
- 2021 F. Ossler, C. Finney, J. Warren, J. Bilheux, **Y. Zhang**, R. Mills, L. Santodonato, H. Bilheux. "Dynamics of hydrogen loss and structural changes in pyrolyzing biomass utilizing neutron imaging," *Carbon*, 176, 511-529. DOI: 10.1016/j.carbon.2020.11.060.
- 2020 D. Pajerowski, R. Ng, P. Nathan, **Y. Zhang**, M. Stone, A. dos Santos, J. Bunn, V. Fanelli. "3D scanning and 3D printing AlSi10Mg single crystal mounts for neutron scattering," *Review of Scientific Instruments*, 91(5) (2020) 053902.
- 2019 **Y. Zhang**, J. Bilheux, H. Bilheux and J. Lin. "An interactive web-based tool to guide the preparation of neutron imaging experiments at oak ridge national laboratory," *Journal of Physics Communications*, 3(10) (2019) 103003.
- 2019 J. Bilheux, H. Bilheux, J. Lin, I. Lumsden and **Y. Zhang**. "Neutron imaging analysis using jupyter Python notebook," *Journal of Physics Communications*, 3(8) (2019) 083001.
- 2019 R. Dadisman, J. Shen, H. Feng, L. Crow, C. Jiang, T. Wang, **Y. Zhang**, H. Bilheux, S. R. Parnell, R. Pynn and F. Li. "Design and characterization of zero magnetic field chambers for high efficiency neutron polarization transport," *Nuclear Instruments and Methods in Physics Research Section A*, 940 (2019) 174-180.
- 2018 **Y. Zhang**, K.S.R. Chandran and H. Bilheux. "Imaging of the Li spatial distribution within V<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> cathode in a coin cell by neutron computed tomography," *Journal of Power Sources*, 376 (2018) 125-130.
- 2017 **Y. Zhang** and J. Bilheux. "ImagingReso: A tool for neutron resonance imaging," *The Journal of Open Source Software*, 2 (2017) 407.
- 2017 **Y. Zhang**, K.S.R. Chandran, M. Jagannathan, H. Bilheux and J. Bilheux, "The nature of electrochemical delithiation of Li-Mg alloy electrodes: Neutron computed tomography and analytical modeling of Li diffusion and delithiation phenomenon," *Journal of the Electrochemical Society*, 164 (2017) A28-A38.
- 2016 **Y. Zhang**, "Study of Li-Mg alloy and Si powder anodes for Li-ion batteries: Experiments, neutron imaging and modeling," *The University of Utah*, (2016).

### Proceedings/Transactions

- 2018 **Y. Zhang**, K. Myhre, H. Bilheux, A. Tremsin, J. Johnson, J. Bilheux, A. Miskowiec, R. Hunt, L. Santodonato and J. Molaison, "Neutron resonance radiography and application to nuclear fuel materials," *Transactions of the American Nuclear Society*, 2018.
- 2018 K. Myhre, **Y. Zhang**, H. Bilheux, J. Johnson, J. Bilheux, A. Miskowiec and R. Hunt, "Nondestructive tomographic mapping of uranium and gadolinium using energy-resolved neutron imaging," *Transactions of the American Nuclear Society*, 2018.

---

## Conferences

### Oral Presentations

- 2021 "Prospects and challenges of neutron imaging techniques," *TMS 2021 Annual Meeting and Exhibition*, March 2021, **invited**.
- 2020 "Current and Future Neutron Imaging Capabilities at ORNL," *National School on Neutron and X-Ray Scattering*, June 2020, **presented**.
- 2019 "Prospects and challenges of neutron imaging techniques," *American Geophysical Union SCIWS14 Workshop*, December 2019, **invited** and **presented**.

- 2019 “Advanced Characterization of Nuclear Materials Using Neutron Imaging,” *MRS Fall Meeting*, December 2019, **presented**.
- 2019 “Neutron Imaging at the High Flux Isotope Reactor and Spallation Neutron Source,” *International Collaboration on Advanced Neutron Sources XXIII*, October 2019, **presented**.
- 2019 “Recent Developments and Future Opportunities in Neutron Imaging Data Analysis at HFIR,” *Imaging Software Workshop*, October 2019, **presented**.
- 2019 “Python Libraries for Resonance Imaging,” *10th Workshop on NEUtron WAVElength Dependent Imaging*, May 2019, **presented**.
- 2018 “Neutron Resonance Radiography and Application to Nuclear Fuel Materials,” *American Nuclear Society Winter Meeting*, November 2018, **presented**.
- 2018 “Energy Selective Neutron Imaging Using Epithermal Neutron Imaging at Spallation Neutrons Source,” *ORPA Research Symposium*, August 2018, **presented**.
- 2018 “Three-Dimensional Mapping of Gadolinium and Uranium in TRISO Nuclear Fuel Kernels Using Epithermal Neutron Imaging,” *American Conference on Neutron Scattering*, June 2018, **presented**.
- 2016 “Investigation of Li Spatial Distribution inside Bulk Li-Mg Alloy Electrode after Delithiation Using Neutron Imaging,” *Materials Science and Technology*, October 2016, **presented**.

#### Poster Presentations

- 2019 “The neutron imaging facility at the HFIR, ORNL,” *2019 Neutron Scattering User Meeting*, June 2019, **presented**.
- 2019 “The neutron imaging facility at the HFIR, ORNL,” *Frontiers of Structural Materials Research Workshop*, August 2019, **presented**.
- 2018 “Neutron Tomographic Imaging of Li Spatial Distribution in Vanadium Oxide Cathode of a Coin Cell and in Delithiated Li-Mg Alloy Electrode,” *American Conference on Neutron Scattering*, June 2018, **presented**.
- 2018 “Neutron Tomographic Imaging of Li Spatial Distribution in a Small Volume Vanadium Oxide Cathode in a Coin Cell,” *MRS Spring Meeting*, April 2018, **presented**.
- 2017 “Neutron Resonance Imaging of Uranium in Advanced Nuclear Fuel,” *9th Workshop on NEUtron WAVElength Dependent Imaging*, June 2017, **presented**.

#### Honors and Awards

- 2021 **Certificate of Completion**, Neutron Instrument Building School, Oak Ridge National Laboratory.
- 2015 **Selected Participant**, 11th LANSCE Neutron School, Los Alamos National Laboratory.
- 2012 **Merit Student**, College of Metallurgical Engineering, Hunan University of Technology.
- 2011 **The Second Prize Scholarship**, College of Metallurgical Engineering, Hunan University of Technology.
- 2010 **The Third Prize Scholarship**, College of Metallurgical Engineering, Hunan University of Technology.

#### Service

- 2016-present Reviewer, *Journal of the Electrochemical Society*
- 2018-present Reviewer, *Scientific Reports*
- 2021-present Reviewer, *Nuclear Instruments and Methods*
- 2021-present Committee member, Advanced Characterization, Testing, and Simulation Committee, *The Minerals, Metals and Materials Society*

#### Professional Associations

- 2020-present The Minerals, Metals and Materials Society
- 2018-present Materials Research Society
- 2018-2020 American Nuclear Society