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CITIZENSHIP	USA	
RESEARCH INTERESTS	Climate change mitigation and policy, integrated assessment models, sustainable development, carbon-free energy system transformation, scientific computation	
EDUCATION	PH.D., <i>Nuclear Engineering</i> , University of Wisconsin - Madison March 2015 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• An Agent-Based Modeling Framework and Application for the Generic Nuclear Fuel Cycle• Advisor: Professor Paul P.H. Wilson MASTERS, <i>Nuclear Engineering</i> , University of Wisconsin - Madison December 2011 B.S., <i>Nuclear Engineering</i> , Texas A&M University May 2009 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Summa cum Laude</i>, With Honors in Engineering• Minor in Mathematics	
PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE	Climate Analytics , Berlin, GER Sept 2019 – Present <i>Team Leader Modelling & Mitigation Pathways Analysis</i> Co-lead a team of over 30 policy analysts, energy and climate scientists, and modellers; lead research, flagship projects, and reports related to climate change mitigation; lead modelling and temperature quantifications of the Climate Action Tracker ; support negotiators from SIDS and LDCs in UNFCCC processes. International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis , Laxenburg, AUT Sept 2019 – Present <i>Guest Research Scholar, Energy Group</i> <i>Research Scholar, Energy Group</i> Oct 2015 – Oct 2019 Develop and use MESSAGEix-GLOBIOM, a global Integrated Assessment Model, to perform large-scale comprehensive climate mitigation and sustainable development analyses; develop common tools and procedures used by the global IAM community; perform GIS-based spatial modeling and analysis. University of Wisconsin , Madison, WI, USA Apr – Oct 2015 <i>Postdoctoral Researcher, Nuclear Engineering Department</i> Investigated novel methods for modeling recycle fuel fabrication in NFC simulations. University of Wisconsin , Madison, WI, USA Aug 2010 – Mar 2015 <i>Graduate Research Assistant, Nuclear Engineering Department</i> Aug 2009 – Jan 2010 Developed and extended the Cyclus NFC simulator to model generic nuclear fuel cycles. AREVA , Paris, FRA Feb – Jul 2010 <i>Research Intern (Stagiaire), Core Design Group</i> Simulated and analyzed a boron dilution accident in multiple reactor configurations using MCNP. Pacific Northwest National Lab , Richland, WA, USA Jun – Aug 2009 <i>Research Assistant</i> Analyzed a design of an automated verification unit for canisters of enriched UF ₆ using MCNP. TN International (AREVA) , Montigny-le-Bretonneux, FRA Jun – Aug 2008 <i>Research Intern, Materials Group</i>	

Analyzed material suitability for nuclear cask shock absorber via dynamic compression testing.

Oak Ridge National Lab, Oak Ridge, TN, USA

Jun – Aug 2007

Research Assistant

Jun – Aug 2006

Tested the collimation of radiation portal monitors for use with the U.S. Megaports Initiative.

SELECT PROJECT
LEADERSHIP

Climate Action Tracker

2017 – Present

I lead the emissions quantification and temperature quantification team for the Climate Action Tracker. These systems allow for both the estimation of current country trajectories as well as the assessments of needed progress from both a lens of equitable action as well as technical and economic feasibility.

1.5° C Pathways

2017 – Present

I lead a team of modellers and analysts developing country and sector-specific pathways that reach the Long-term Temperature Goal of the Paris Agreement. Custom down-scaled transition pathways are developed using novel modelling and quantification techniques and are then iterated on through collaborative stakeholder engagement.

Integrated Assessment Modelling Development

2017 – 2019

I led a team of more than five scientists tasked with the development and maintenance of the IAM MESSAGEix-GLOBIOM and related tools. In my role, I directed team members' efforts in critical feature additions and model developments to both our global model as well as individual country models which has facilitated the publication of a number of manuscripts in high-impact journals. Additionally, I reviewed the work of team members and set goals for future work.

Coupled Model Intercomparison Project Phase 6

2016 – 2019

During a three-year project, I managed an international scientific team of more than ten scientists across five institutes in order to deliver emissions scenarios for use in CMIP6. These results were delivered on time in order to facilitate the latest round of Earth System Model experiments in order to further global scientific understanding of the uncertainty and impacts of climate change.

SCIENTIFIC
COMPUTING
SKILLS

I have deep and broad software development skills and experience. I help maintain and manage a number of open source scientific software packages including MESSAGEix, pyam, aneris, Cyclus, and PyNE.

Primary Languages

Python, C++/C

Other Languages

R, Java, Matlab

Optimization

pyomo, GAMS

Build Systems

CMake, Make, Autoconf/Automake

Version Control

Git

Tools

L^AT_EX, Doxygen, Jekyll, JSON, Sphinx, XML

Database Formats

SQL, HDF5, NetCDF

Test Frameworks

GoogleTest, PyTest, Nose

Other Applications

Jupyter (Notebooks, Slides, etc.)

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- [31] **Gidden, M. J.**, “Scenarios of climate change mitigation,” in *Vienna NGO Committee on Sustainable Development*, Vienna, Austria, Nov. 2018
- [32] **Gidden, M.**, *Overview and Timeline of ScenarioMIP Contributions to CRESCENDO*, CRESCENDO General Assembly, Paris, France, Sep. 2018
- [33] **Gidden, M.**, *Messageix: Cutting edge research and challenges*, Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique (CNRS) Summer School: Integrated Assessment Modeling, Jun. 2018
- [34] **Gidden, M.**, *Insights from scenarios targeting the Paris Agreement*, United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP23), EU Pavilion, Bonn, Germany, Nov. 2017
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