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EDUCATION

Ph.D.	University of Wisconsin–Madison Nuclear Engineering and Engineering Physics, with a certificate in Energy Analysis and Policy	2011
M.S.	University of Wisconsin–Madison Nuclear Engineering and Engineering Physics	2008
B.S.	Pennsylvania State University Nuclear Engineering	2006

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory <i>Division Director</i>	Berkeley, CA <i>Jan. 2021 – present</i>
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- Managing the Cyclotron Road division to translate hard science into positive societal impact
- Expanding the divisions mission to support even more deployment of innovative technologies

University of California, Berkeley <i>Assistant Professor of Nuclear Engineering</i> <i>Associate Professor</i>	Berkeley, CA <i>Jan. 2014 – July 2017</i> <i>July 2017 – present</i>
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- Developing numerical methods for neutral particle transport with an emphasis on supercomputing and advanced architectures as well as data science
- Applications in reactor design, shielding, and nuclear security and nonproliferation
- Berkeley Institute for Data Science Faculty Affiliate
- Designated Emphasis in Energy Science and Technology (DEEST) Executive Committee member
- Design Emphasis in Computational Science and Engineering Affiliated Faculty member
- Applied Science & Technology Faculty member

Advanced Research Projects Agency – Energy <i>Special Gov Employee / Program Director / Senior Technical Advisor</i>	Washington, DC <i>Jan. 2017 – Nov. 2020</i>
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- Program creation and management
- Director for MEITNER, the Nuclear OPEN+ cohort, LISE, and GEMINA Programs, supporting research for enabling technologies for advanced nuclear fission reactors
- Co-Director for TERRA and ROOTS Programs, supporting research for sensing and data analytics for above- and below-ground plant outcomes
- Director for FOCUS Program, supporting research for solar technologies that combine photovoltaic and concentrated solar power technologies

Bettis Laboratory <i>Senior Engineer in the Shield Design and Development group</i>	West Mifflin, PA <i>Mar. 2012 – Aug. 2014</i>
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- Implemented the Forward-Weighted Consistent Adjoint Driven Importance Sampling (FW-CADIS) method for variance reduction in Monte Carlo; accredited method for use in shield design
- Developed new Resonance Factor variance reduction method for streaming through materials with space and energy self-shielding

- Built two software tools in support of using FW-CADIS for shield design
- Scientific Software Development Committee: leader in developing internal website for sharing software carpentry tools and resources

University of Wisconsin–Madison

Research Assistant / Rickover Fellow

Madison, WI

Sept. 2006 – Nov. 2011

- Dissertation “Acceleration Methods for Massively Parallel Deterministic Transport”: added parallelization in the energy domain, an advanced eigenvalue solver, and a new multigrid in energy preconditioner to Denovo, developed at Oak Ridge National Lab
- Developed two Monte Carlo source sampling methods for arbitrarily shaped plasma sources; the sources are generated directly from plasma physics data

Forschungszentrum Karlsruhe (KIT)

Visiting Researcher

Karlsruhe, Germany

May 2008 – Dec. 2008

- Learned about the Rigorous 2 Step method for Monte Carlo geometry conversion while working in the Reactor Safety group
- Helped group incorporate the Direct Accelerated Geometry Monte Carlo (DAGMC) library into MCNP workflow

Penn State Breazeale Reactor

Reactor Operator

University Park, PA

Aug. 2003 – Apr. 2006

- NRC licensed Reactor Operator for TRIGA Mark III reactor
- Analyzed core burn-up anomaly; calibrated gamma irradiation facilities

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of California, Berkeley

Assistant Professor of Nuclear Engineering

Jan. 2014 - Present

Berkeley, CA

- Founder Nuclear Innovation Bootcamp, Su. 2016 - 2020
- NE 250, Nuclear Reactor Theory (graduate-level): Fa. 2015, 2017
- NE 255, Numerical Simulations for Radiation Transport (graduate-level): Fa. 2016
- NE 155, Introduction to Numerical Simulations for Radiation Transport (senior-level elective): Sp. 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2021
- NE 100, Introduction to Nuclear Energy and Techn (junior-level required): Fa. 2020
- NE 198, Faculty sponsor for class in which Berkeley students do hands-on science experiments with students in under-served elementary schools in Oakland: Fa. 2015 - present
- NE 24, Putting the Science in Computational Science (Freshman seminar), Sp. 2015, 2016, 2017

Software Carpentry Scientific Computing Workshops

Instructor

- Jan. 14-15, 2016: git; Berkeley Institute for Data Science
- July 16, 2015: shell; École Polytechnique Fédérale Lausanne
- July 1-2, 2015: shell and Python; for underrepresented minority students; UC, Berkeley
- June 11, 2015: Python; Oak Ridge National Laboratory
- Jan. 5-6, 2015: version control; for women only; University of Colorado, Boulder
- Apr. 14-15, 2014: introductory material, version control, object oriented concepts in Python; for women only; Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory

Bettis Laboratory

Mar. 2012 - Aug. 2014

*Instructor**West Mifflin, PA*

- Qualified instructor for Bettis Reactor Engineering School (BRES), an internal school for new DOE-Naval Reactors employees
- Co-taught BRES Shielding course Fa. 2012, 2013, and Sp. 2013

University of Pittsburgh

Fa. 2012, Sp. 2013

*Adjunct Professor**Pittsburgh, PA*

- Co-taught Introduction to Nuclear Engineering (ENGR 1700), Fa. 2012
- Co-taught *new* course Nuclear Chemistry and Radiochemistry (ENGR 2112), Sp. 2013

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

“Optimal Operations of Advanced Reactors: How Do We Get There?” Current Issues in Computational Methods – Roundtable, American Nuclear Society Annual Meeting. Online. 14 June 2021. (invited)

Panelist for “Serving the Nation: Engineering as Leaders in Government.” Spring Dean’s Society Event. Online 24 Mar. 2021. (invited)

“How Can Nuclear Support a Clean Energy Future?” American Physical Society Meeting. Online. 17 Mar. 2021. (invited)

“Nuclear in the 2020s: considerations for the decade ahead.” **Keynote Speaker**, ARPA-E Annual Fission Meeting. Online. 23 Feb. 2021. (invited)

Panelist for “Flexible Nuclear for Future Energy Systems Webinar.” Lucid Catalyst and ClearPath. 5 Aug. 2020. (invited)

Panelist for “Beyond Now: Microreactors and Near Term Demonstrations - Perspectives from the Department of Defense and Department of Energy.” Panelist. U. S. WIN Virtual Conference. 28 July 2020. (invited)

Panelist for “Advanced Nuclear Tech in a Decarbonized Energy Future: Feasible or Fantastical?” Duke Energy Initiative lecture series. Online. 14 July 2020. (invited)

Panelist for “Challenges and Opportunities in Thermal Hydraulics of High Temperature Gas Cooled Reactors.” American Nuclear Society Annual Meeting. Online. 8 June 2020. (invited)

Panelist for “Building Your Leadership Competency.” American Nuclear Society Annual Meeting. Online. 8 June 2020. (invited)

“How Can Nuclear Be Part of a Clean Energy Future?” G20 Workshop on Circular Carbon Economy. Riyadh, KSA. 5 March 2020. (invited)

“Special Update: ARPA-E Nuclear Program Update.” Advanced Reactors Summit VII. Knoxville, TN. 11 Feb 2020. (invited)

“How Can Nuclear Energy Be Part of a Clean Energy Future?” Climate Tech Convening 2020. San Francisco, CA. 30 Jan 2020. (invited)

Panelist for “Time to be Inclusive and Pragmatic Before Its Too Late: Advanced nuclear technologies must be a significant part of the solution set.” Cleantech Forum. San Francisco, CA. 28 Jan 2020. (invited)

“The Opportunity of Next-Gen Nuclear Energy.” Citizen’s Climate Lobby, Fairfax Meeting. Anandale, VA. 11 Feb 2020. (invited)

“What is ARPA-E Doing in Nuclear Energy?” Argonne National Laboratory Colloquium. Lemont, IL. 20 November 2019. (invited)

Panelist for “The role of innovation in the civilian and military nuclear energy sectors.” The civilian-military nexus and the role of innovation in nuclear energy, Atlantic Council. Washington, DC. 15 Oct 2019. (invited)

“Nuclear and ARPA-E: Activities and Opportunities.” NUC Workshop: Innovations in Advanced Reactor Design, Analysis, and Licensing. Raleigh, NC (given remotely). 18 September 2019. (invited)

“Nuclear Energy Programs and Research at Advanced Research Projects Agency-Energy (ARPA-E).” GABI nuclear energy roundtable. Washington, DC. 12 September 2019. (invited)

Panelist for “Future Scientists and Engineers for Nuclear Energy.” Third Symposium on US-Japan Nuclear Energy Research Cooperation. Washington, DC. 26 June 2019. (invited)

Panelist for “Lessons from Solar PV.” Breakthrough Dialogue 2019 Whole Earth Discipline. Sausalito, CA. 21 June 2019. (invited)

“Computing in Nuclear Engineering: Moving Beyond Today’s Limitations.” MIT Nuclear Science & Engineering Colloquium. Cambridge, MA. 29 April 2019.

“Creating the Future of Nuclear Energy.” CITRIS Research Exchange Seminar Series. Berkeley, CA. 28 Nov. 2018. (invited)

“U.S. Nuclear Innovation System.” Commercialisation of Small Nuclear in the UK. Coventry, UK. 6 Nov. 2018. (invited)

“MEITNER: The Newest ARPA-E Program.” NASA iTech. New York, NY. 14 June 2018. (invited)

“Deep decarbonization: financing the rapid deployment of innovations after R&D.” 2050 Today Panel. San Francisco, CA. 15 June 2018. (invited)

“Advanced Solvers for Radiation Transport.” University of Illinois Urbana Champaign NPPE Dept. Graduate Colloquium. Champaign, IL. 5 Dec. 2017. (invited)

“Nuclear Energy: What Can Analytics Do for Economics and Safety?” **Keynote Speaker**, Industrial Machine Learning Workshop 17. San Francisco, CA. 24 Oct. 2017. (invited)

Panelist for “Alternative energy, nuclear and CCS: What are the prospects?” Low-Emissions Solution Conference at the 5th International Conference on Sustainable Development. New York, NY. 21 Sept. 2017. (invited)

Panelist for “The Case for Nuclear: Communications and Analyzing Risks and Benefits” Aspen Institute Future of Nuclear Energy Roundtable. Aspen, CO. 12 Sept. 2017. (invited)

“Advanced Solvers and Innovation for Penetrating Radiation” **Keynote Speaker**, SPIE Penetrating Radiation Technical Event. San Diego, CA. 8 Aug. 2017. (invited)

“Challenges & Opportunities in Developing an Innovation Culture in Nuclear.” Second Annual Third Way Advanced Nuclear Summit Panel. Washington, DC. 21 Feb. 2017. (invited)

“Advancing Reactors with Advanced Solvers and Innovative Programs.” Electric Power Research Institute. Research Meeting. Palo Alto, CA. 13 Feb. 2017. (invited)

“Exploring the Advanced Nuclear Ecosystem.” SxSW Eco Panel. Austin, TX. 12 Oct. 2016. (invited)

“The Opportunity of Global Nuclear Innovation.” 49th Japan Atomic Industrial Forum (JAIF) Annual Conference. Tokyo, Japan. 12 April 2016. (invited)

- “Exascaling Nuclear Innovation.” **Keynote speaker**, Conference on Data Analysis 2016. Santa Fe, NM. 4 Mar. 2016. (invited)
- “Lets Get Real: When can we expect commercial advanced reactors?.” The Advanced Nuclear Summit and Showcase Panel. Washington, DC. 27 Jan. 2016. (invited)
- “Hybrid Transport Methods for Shielding Challenges.” Idaho National Laboratory seminar. Idaho Falls, ID. 20 Nov. 2015. (invited)
- K.L. Rowland, R.N. Slaybaugh. “Developments in the GPU-accelerated WARP Monte Carlo Neutron Transport Code.” Workshop sur l’utilisation des accélérateurs (GPUs, MICs) pour les simulations Monte-Carlo. École Polytechnique, Saclay, France. 10 July 2015.
- “The PyNE Software Library: A Framework for ENSDF?” Nuclear Data Week Meeting. Brookhaven National Laboratory. 6 Nov. 2014.
- “The Resonance Factor Method: Accelerating Monte Carlo in the Presence of Space and Energy Self-Shielding.” CEA-Saclay Colloquium. Saclay, France. 26 June 2014.
- R.N. Slaybaugh, T.M. Evans, P.P.H. Wilson, S.C. Wilson. “Radiation Transport: Computational Methods and Real-World Use.” NC State Univ. NE Dept. Graduate Colloquium. Raleigh, NC. 8 Nov. 2012. (invited)
- R. Slaybaugh, M. Arbidze, S. Lamichhane, D. O’Connor. “An Evaluation of European Union Energy Policies.” UW–Madison Center for World Affairs and the Global Economy Seminar. Madison, WI. 11 May 2011.
- R.N. Slaybaugh, T.M. Evans, G.G. Davidson. “Parallel Algorithms for Fixed-Source and Eigenvalue Problems.” 2010 SIAM Annual Meeting. Pittsburgh, PA. 12-16 July 2010.

AWARDED FUNDING

Current

- Machine Learning Informed Domain Decomposition for Monte Carlo Coupled Electron-Photon Transport
PI: *Rachel Slaybaugh* (University of California, Berkeley)
Agency: Sandia National Laboratory
Amount awarded: \$258,639
Period of performance: Apr 1 2021 – Sept 30, 2023
- Anomaly Detection in Proprietary Data using Multi-Party Computation
PI: *Rachel Slaybaugh* (University of California, Berkeley)
Agency: Sandia National Laboratory
Amount awarded: \$332,600
Period of performance: Oct 1 2018 – Sept 30, 2021
- Training the Next Generation of Nuclear Engineers: Graduate Fellowships at the University of California, Berkeley
PI: Massimiliano Fratoni (University of California, Berkeley)
co-PI: Peter Hosemann, *Rachel Slaybaugh* (University of California, Berkeley)
Agency: Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Amount awarded: \$400,000
Period of performance: June 30, 2018 – June 29, 2022
- Methods for Process Monitoring to Accurately Detect and Quantify Material Holdup in Advanced Recycle Facilities
PI: Kai Vetter (University of California, Berkeley) co-PI: *Rachel Slaybaugh*, Per Peterson, Karl van Bibber (University of California, Berkeley)

Agency: Department of Energy, Office of Nuclear Energy

Amount awarded: \$800,000

Period of performance: Oct 1 2017 – Sept 30, 2021 Role: *awarded with Rachel Slaybaugh as PI*; transitioned to co-PI due to leave of absence

- Department of Energy, Nuclear Science and Security Consortium (NSSC)

Lead PI: Jasmina Vujic (University of California, Berkeley)

co-PIs: Karl van Bibber, Kai Vetter, Barbara Jacak, Max Fratoni, Lee Bernstein, *Rachel Slaybaugh*, Michael Nacht, Bethany Goldblum (University of California, Berkeley), Ken Czervinski (University of Nevada, Las Vegas), Michael Thoennessen (Michigan State University), Jason Hayward (University of Tennessee, Knoxville), Allison Macfarlane (George Washington University), Mani Tripathi (University of California, Davis), Mikael Nilsson (University of California, Irvine), Ralf Sudowe (University of Nevada, Las Vegas), Cody Folden (Texas A&M University)

Agency: Department of Energy, National Nuclear Security Administration

Amount awarded: \$25,000,000

Period of performance: 2016 – 2021 Role: *awarded with Rachel Slaybaugh as Modeling and Simulation co-PI*; I stepped down due to leave of absence

Completed

- Training the Next Generation of Nuclear Engineers: Graduate Fellowships at the University of California, Berkeley

PI: Peter Hosemann (University of California, Berkeley)

co-PI: Massimiliano Fratoni, *Rachel Slaybaugh* (University of California, Berkeley)

Agency: Nuclear Regulatory Commission

Amount awarded: \$400,000

Period of performance: June 30, 2016 – June 29, 2020

- Nuclear Engineer Scholarships at the University of California, Berkeley to Support the Expansion and Diversity of the Undergraduate Program

PI: Massimiliano Fratoni (University of California, Berkeley)

co-PI: Peter Hosemann, *Rachel Slaybaugh* (University of California, Berkeley)

Agency: Nuclear Regulatory Commission

Amount awarded: \$400,000

Period of performance: June 30, 2016 – June 29, 2019

- Nuclear Engineering and Computational Methods

PI: Rachel Slaybaugh (University of California, Berkeley)

Agency: Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory

Amount awarded: \$8,728

Period of performance: Sept 8, 2016 – Sept 30, 2018

- Improved Hybrid Modeling of Used Fuel Storage Facilities

PI: Rachel Slaybaugh (University of California, Berkeley)

Collaborators: T. M. Evans, S. W. Mosher, and D. E. Peplow (Oak Ridge National Laboratory)

Agency: Department of Energy, Office of Nuclear Energy

Amount awarded: \$645,393

Period of performance: Jan 1 2015 – Dec 31, 2017

- MOOSE Application Collaboration Specifically Pronghorn and RELAP-7

PI: Rachel Slaybaugh (University of California, Berkeley)

Agency: Idaho National Laboratory

Amount awarded: \$12,000

Period of performance: Feb 1 2016 – Jan 31, 2017

- University of California, Berkeley Department of Nuclear Engineering Graduate Fellowship Program

PI: Rachel Slaybaugh (University of California, Berkeley)

co-PIs: Massimiliano Fratoni, Jasmina Vujic (University of California, Berkeley)

Agency: Nuclear Regulatory Commission

Amount awarded: \$400,000

Period of performance: Aug 1 2014 – July 31, 2018

- Ex-core Dosimetry Calculations for a Pressurized Water Reactor and Comparison to Operational Data

PI: Rachel Slaybaugh (University of California, Berkeley)

Agency: National Center for Computational Sciences (NCCS)

Amount awarded: 5 million hours on Titan Supercomputer

Period of performance: Feb 23 2017 – Aug 23, 2017

- Transport/Fluence Analysis Methods (purchase order)

PI: Rachel Slaybaugh (University of California, Berkeley)

Agency: Westinghouse Electric Company

Amount awarded: \$50,000

Period of performance: Jan 1 2016 – Oct 28, 2016

- Department of Energy, Nuclear Science and Security Consortium (NSSC)

Lead PI: Jasmina Vujic (University of California, Berkeley)

co-PIs: Micheal Nacht, Heino Nitsche, Rick Norman, *Rachel Slaybaugh*, and Kai Vetter (University of California, Berkeley), B. Sherrill (Michigan State University), M. Tripathi (University of California, Davis), G. Miller (University of California, Irvine), S. Shirk (UC/IGCC), K. Czerwinski (University of Nevada, Las Vegas), S. Lapi (Washington University of St. Louis)

Agency: Department of Energy, National Nuclear Security Administration

Amount awarded: \$26,500,000

Period of performance: 2011 – 2016

Role: Per Peterson was the original Nuclear Engineering co-PI; I replaced him when I started in 2014

COMPUTER SKILLS

Languages	C++, Python, Fortran 90/95/2003
Versioning and Testing	git, svn, cvs, CTest, GoogleTest, nose, TravisCI
Tools	EC2, Doxygen, L ^A T _E X, MathCAD, Mathematica, shell, vim, bash, Emacs, Jupyter, Trilinos, LAPACK, MPI, Valgrind, cmake
Nuclear Software	Exnihilo, ADVANTG, MCNP, Serpent, SCALE, PyNE, MOOSE

HONORS AND AWARDS

American Nuclear Society (ANS) Young Member Excellence Award	2014
ANS Presidential Citation	2014
Rickover Fellowship	2008-2011
Second Place, 2011 ANS Winter Meeting Poster Session	2011
Selected participant, Modeling Experimentation and Validation Reactor Physics School	Jul. 2011
Selected participant, Energy Hub conference Poster Session	2011
Everitt P. Blizzard Memorial Scholarship, ANS	2010-2011
ANS Mathematics and Computation Division Best Summary + Presentation Award	Nov. 2010
Graduate Scholarship, ANS	2009-2010
Selected participant, Lindau Meeting of Nobel Laureates in Physics	2008
Second Place, 2007 ANS Winter Meeting Poster Session	Nov. 2007
Best Paper, Health Physics Track, 2007 ANS Student Conference	2007
Tau Beta Pi Honor Society	2006
Alpha Nu Sigma Honor Society	2005

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

National Academies of Science member of the Committee on Laying the Foundations for New and Advanced Nuclear Reactors in the United States, 2020-2022

Biden-Harris Transition Team, 2020

Good Energy Collective, Founding Board Chair, 2020-present

Activate, Leadership Council, 2021-present

UC Berkeley, Innovation & Entrepreneurship Council, 2021-present

Pennsylvania State University, Nuclear Alumni Advisory Council, 2020-2021

University of Michigan, NERS Department Advisory Board, 2019-2021

Nuclear Energy Advisory Committee, Appointed Member, 2016-2017

Senior Fellow of the Breakthrough Institute, 2017-present

Journals, reviews, conference organizing

Nuclear Science and Engineering	Editorial Advisory Board, 2020-present
Annals of Nuclear Energy	reviewer
Journal of Computational Physics	reviewer
Journal of Nuclear Science and Technology	reviewer
Nuclear Engineering and Design	reviewer
Canadian Innovation Fund	proposal reviewer
Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory	LDRD reviewer
US DOE Consolidated Innovative Nuclear Research	proposal reviewer
US DOE Technology Commercialization Fund	proposal reviewer
Platform for Advanced Scientific Computing (PASC) Conference 21	Papers Domain Co-Chair for Engineering
ANS: Math & Comp, PHYSOR, national meetings	reviewer

American Nuclear Society, National Level

Math and Comp. Division	Chair Rotation 2016-2019; Exec. Comm. 2013-2016
Rad. Protection and Shielding Div.	Exec. Comm. 2015-2018

Young Members Group	Exec. Comm. 2014-2017
NEED Comm.	Chair 2013-2015, Vice Chair 2010-2013
Professional Divisions Comm.	Vice Chair 2012-2016
Student Sections Comm.	Chair 2010-2013, Vice Chair 2009-2010
Professional Women in ANS	Chair 2008-2010, Vice Chair 2006-2008
Board of Directors	Student Member 2007-2009
Other committee service	Membership, Bylaws and Rules, Public Info., 2013 Nominating Comm., 2014 Special Selection Comm. for Nominating Comm. Candidates

Software and Computing

The Hacker Within, UCB and UW (http://thehackerwithin.github.io/berkeley/)	Faculty Advisor 2014-2018; Co-founder 2009
Berkeley Research Computing (http://research-it.berkeley.edu/programs/berkeley-research-computing)	User Advisory Group 2016-present
Software and Data Carpentry (http://software-carpentry.org/)	Instructor since 2013
Berkeley Computing and Computer Science Education Committee	2014-present

Energy and Science

Society of Industrial and Applied Mathematics	Member 2009-2020
Berkeley Energy and Resources Collaborative (BERC)	Advisory Board Member 2017-2021
UCB-ANS	Faculty Advisor 2014-2019
Nuclear Engineering Student Delegation	Co-Vice Chair 2010, Selected 2009
UW-Energy Hub	Conference Speaker Chair 2009, Founding Member 2007, Collegiate Energy Association 2008-2010

Education

UC Berkeley Admissions Reader	2021
Berkeley College of Engineering Graduate Education Committee	2014-2017
Berkeley College of Engineering Undergraduate Education Committee	2020-present
Search and promotion committees	member

PUBLICATIONS

Italicized names indicate my students or researchers

- A. J. Novak*, Sebastian Schunert, Robert Carlsen, Paolo Balestra, Rachel Slaybaugh, Richard Martineau. "Multiscale Thermal-Hydraulic Modeling of the Pebble Bed Fluoride-Salt-Cooled High-Temperature Reactor." *Annals of Nuclear Energy*. **154** (2021) 107968.
<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0306454920306642>
- A. J. Novak*, R. W. Carlsen, S. Schunert, P. Balestra, R. N. Slaybaugh, and R. C. Martineau. "Pronghorn: A Multidimensional Coarse Mesh Application for Advanced Reactor Thermal-Hydraulics." *Nuclear Technology*. DOI: 10.1080/00295450.2020.1825307
<https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/00295450.2020.1825307>
- R. Martineau, D. Andrs, R. Carlsen, D. Gaston, J. Hansel, F. Kong, A. Lindsay, C. Permann, A. Slaughter, E. Merzari, R. Hu, *A. Novak*, R. Slaybaugh. "Multiphysics for Nuclear Energy

- Applications Using a Cohesive Computational Framework.” *Nuclear Engineering and Design*. **367** (2020) 1107512.
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.nucengdes.2020.110751>
 Best research award from ScienceDirect
- A. J. Novak, J. W. Peterson, L. Zou, D. Andrš, R. N. Slaybaugh, R. C. Martineau, “Validation of Pronghorn Friction-Dominated Porous Media Thermal-Hydraulics Model with the SANA Experiments.” *Nuclear Engineering and Design*. **350** (2019) 182-194.
<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0029549319301037>
- Nicholas J. Quartemont, James E. Bevins, Lee Bernstein, Rachel Slaybaugh. “Analysis of an Energy Tuning Assembly for Simulating Nuclear Weapon Environments at the National Ignition Facility.” *Journal of Radiation Effects*. **38**:1 (2020) 13-26.
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- Marissa Ramirez de Chanlette, Weixiong Zheng, R. N. Slaybaugh. “A Two-Grid and Nonlinear Diffusion Acceleration Method for the SN Equations with Neutron Upscattering.” *Journal of Computational Transport Theory*. **49**:1 (2020) 1-14.
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- Mario Ortega, Rachel N Slaybaugh, Peter N Brown, Teresa S Bailey, Britton Chang. “A Rayleigh Quotient Method for Criticality Eigenvalue Problems in Neutron Transport.” *Annals of Nuclear Energy*. **138** (2020) 107120.
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- Richard Vasques, Leonardo R. C Moraes, Ricardo C Barros, Rachel N Slaybaugh, “A Spectral Approach for Solving the Nonclassical Transport Equation.” *Journal Of Computational Physics*. **402** (2020) 109078.
<http://arxiv.org/abs/1812.04811>
<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0021999119307831>
- Madicken Munk, Rachel Slaybaugh, “Review of Hybrid Methods for Deep-Penetration Neutron Transport.” *Nuclear Science and Engineering*. **193**:10 (2019) 1055-1089.
<https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/00295639.2019.1586273>
- J. S. Rehak, L. M. Kerby, M. D. DeHart, R. N. Slaybaugh. “Weighted Delta-Tracking with Scattering,” *Nuclear Engineering and Design*. **342** (2019) 231-239.
<https://arxiv.org/abs/1802.02237>
- James Bevins, Zachary Sweger, Ninad Munshi, Bethany Goldblum, Josh Brown, Darren Bleuel, Lee Bernstein, Rachel Slaybaugh. “Performance Evaluation of an Energy Tuning Assembly for Neutron Spectral Shaping.” *Nuclear Inst. and Methods in Physics Research, A*. **923** (2019) 79-87.
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- Kelly L. Rowland, Cory D. Ahrens, Steven Hamilton, and R.N. Slaybaugh. “Assessment of the Lagrange Discrete Ordinates Equations for Three-Dimensional Neutron Transport” *Nuclear Science and Engineering*. **193**:3 (2019) 233-252.
<https://github.com/kellyrowland/lao-deterministic>
- James E. Bevins, R.N. Slaybaugh. “Gnowee: A Metaheuristic Optimization Algorithm for Solving Engineering Problems Containing Continuous and Discrete Design Parameters.” *Nuclear Technology*. **205**:4 (2019) 542-562.

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- I. Makine, R. Vasques, R.N. Slaybaugh. "Exact Transport Representation of the Classical and Nonclassical Simplified P_N Equations." *Journal of Computational and Theoretical Transport*. **47**:4-6 (2018) 326-349.
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<http://www.annualreviews.org/doi/10.1146/annurev-environ-102016-061138>
- Ryan M. Bergmann, Kelly L. Rowland, Nikola Radnović, Rachel N. Slaybaugh, Jasmina L. Vujić. "Performance and Accuracy of Criticality Calculations Performed Using WARP, A Framework for Continuous Energy Monte Carlo Neutron Transport in General 3D Geometries on GPUs," *Annals of Nuclear Energy*. **103** (2017) 334-349.
<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0306454916309902>
- Leah E. Morgan, Madicken Munk, Brett Davidheiser-Kroll, Nicholas H. Warner, Sanjeev Gupta, Rachel Slaybaugh, Patrick Harkness, Darren F. Mark. "Instrumentation development for planetary in situ $^{40}\text{Ar}/^{39}\text{Ar}$ geochronology," *Geostandards and Geoanalytical Research*. **41**:3 (2017) 381-396.
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- R. Vasques, K. Krycki, R. N. Slaybaugh. "Nonclassical Particle Transport in One-Dimensional Random Periodic Media," *Nuclear Science and Engineering*. **185**:1 (2017) 78-106.
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- S.C. Wilson and R.N. Slaybaugh. "Improved Monte Carlo Variance Reduction for Space and Energy Self-Shielding," *Nuclear Science and Engineering*. **179**:1 (2015) 22-41.
<https://arxiv.org/abs/1502.04749>
- G.G. Davidson, T.M. Evans, J.J. Jarrell, S.P. Hamilton, T.M. Pandya, and R.N. Slaybaugh, "Massively Parallel, Three-Dimensional Transport Solutions for the k-Eigenvalue Problem," *Nuclear Science and Engineering*. **177**:2 (2014) 111-125.
<https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.13182/NSE12-101>
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