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#### **Journal Publications**

- J. P. Morgan, I. Variansyah, T. S. Palmer, and K. E. Niemeyer. (2025) One-Cell Inversion for Solving Higher-Order Time-Dependent Radiation Transport on GPUs. Accepted. Nuclear Science and Engineering. In press. doi 10.1080/00295639.2025.2510004. arXiv:2503.00264. 10.1080/00295639.2025.2510004. arXiv:2503.00264.
- J. P. Morgan, I. Variansyah, B. Cuneo, T. S. Palmer, and K. E. Niemeyer. (2025) Performant and Portable Monte Carlo Neutron Transport via Numba. *Computing in Science and Engineering (IEEE)* 27(1), pp. 57-65. doi 10.1109/MCSE.2025.3550863. arXiv:2409.04668.
- J. P. Morgan, A. Mote, S. Pasmann, G. Ridley, T. S. Palmer, K. E. Niemeyer, R. G. McClarren. (2024) "The Monte Carlo Computational Summit October 25 & 26, 2023 Notre Dame, Indiana, USA". *Journal of Computational and Theoretical Transport*. 53(5), 361-382. doi 10.21105/joss.06415.
- J. P. Morgan, I. Variansyah, S. Pasmann, K. B. Clements, B. Cuneo, A. Mote, C. Goodman, C. Shaw, J. Northrop, R. Pankaj, E. Lame, B. Whewell, R. McClarren, T. Palmer, L. Chen, D. Anistratov, C. T. Kelley, C. Palmer, and K. E. Niemeyer. (2024) "Monte Carlo / Dynamic Code (MC/DC): An accelerated Python package for fully transient neutron transport and rapid methods development". *Journal of Open Source Software*. 9(96), 6415. doi 10.1080/23324309.2024.2354401. arXiv:2402.08161.

#### Peer Reviewed Conference and Other Publications

- J. P. Morgan, B. Cuneo, I. Variansyah, K. E. Niemeyer. (2025) "Enabling GPU portability into the Numba-JITed Monte Carlo particle transport code MC/DC". Proceedings of the International Conference on Mathematics and Computational Methods Applied to Nuclear Science and Engineering (ANS M&C 2025). Denver, CO, USA. doi 10.13182/MC25-47142. arXiv:2501.05440.
- B Cuneo, J. P. Morgan, I. Variansyah, K. E. Niemeyer. (2025) "Comparing the Performance of MC/DC's on-GPU Event-based Processing Methods in Multigroup and Continuous-energy Problems". Proceedings of the International Conference on Mathematics and Computational Methods Applied to Nuclear Science and Engineering (ANS M&C 2025). Denver, CO, USA. doi 10.13182/MC25-47174. arXiv:2506.00263.
- J. P. Morgan, I. Variansyah, T. S. Palmer, and K. E. Niemeyer. (2023) "Exploring One-Cell Inversion Method for Transient Transport on GPU." *Proceedings of the*

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International Conference on Mathematics and Computational Methods Applied to Nuclear Science and Engineering. Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada. <u>arXiv:2305.13555</u>.

- J. P. Morgan, T. J. Trahan, T. P. Burke, C. J. Josey, and K. E. Niemeyer. (2023) "Hybrid-Delta Tracking on a Structured Mesh in MCATK." *Proceedings of the International Conference on Mathematics and Computational Methods Applied to Nuclear Science and Engineering*. Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada. arXiv:2306.07847.
- I. Variansyah, J. P. Morgan, K. E. Niemeyer, and R. G. McClarren. (2023) "Development of MC/DC: a performant, scalable, and portable Python-based Monte Carlo neutron transport code." In *Proceedings International Conference on Mathematics and Computational Methods Applied to Nuclear Science and Engineering*. Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada. <a href="mailto:arXiv:2305.07636">arXiv:2305.07636</a>.
- J. P. Morgan, A. Long, K. Long, and K. E. Niemeyer. (2022) "Novel MC TRT Method: Vectorizable Variance Reduction for Energy Spectra" In *Transactions of the American Nuclear Society*, volume 126, pp. 276-278. Anaheim, California, USA. doi 10.13182/T126-38137. zenodo:6646813
- J. P. Morgan, T. S. Palmer, and K. E. Niemeyer. (2022) "Explorations of Python-Based Automatic Hardware Code Generation for Neutron Transport Applications." In *Transactions of the American Nuclear Society*, volume 126, pp. 318-320. Anaheim, California, USA. doi 10.13182/T126-38066. zenodo:6643659.

#### Education

Ph.D., Mechanical Engineering September 2020 - June 2025
 Oregon State University (OSU); School of Mechanical Industrial and Manufacturing Engineering, Corvallis, Oregon

Minor: Nuclear Engineering, Emphasis: Thermal Fluid Sciences (TFS), GPA: 3.84

Dissertation Title: Algorithms and Software Engineering Schemes for Time-Dependent
Radiation Transport on Heterogeneous Compute Architectures.

Academic Advisor: Kyle E. Niemeyer Minor Advisor: Todd S. Palmer

M.S., Mechanical Engineering, September 2020 - March 2022
 Oregon State University (OSU); School of Mechanical Industrial and Manufacturing Engineering, Corvallis, Oregon

Emphasis: Thermal Fluid Sciences (TFS), GPA: 3.83

**Project Report**: Explorations of Monte Carlo Solution and Implementation Methods for Thermal Radiation and Neutron Transport

Academic Advisor: Kyle E. Niemeyer

B.S., Mechanical Engineering, magna cum laude, September 2016 - June 2020
Oregon Institute of Technology (OIT); Dept. of Mechanical and Manufacturing
Engineering Technology, Klamath Falls, Oregon
Minors: Applied Physics; Applied Mathematics

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#### Research Experience

#### • Postdoctoral Research Scholar

Lawrence Livermore National Lab, Nuclear Criticality Safety Division, September 2025

#### • Graduate Research Assistant

Oregon State University, School of MIME, June 2020 - June 2025 Subject (1): Python based acceleration and abstraction of compute kernels for dynamic Monte Carlo in a rapid methods development code MC/DC1 as part of the Center for Exascale Monte Carlo Neutron Transport<sup>2</sup> (CEMeNT) Subject (2): Investigation of the one cell inversion method as an alternative to transport sweeps for deterministic dynamic neutron transport on GPUs

Mentors: Kyle E. Niemeyer & Todd S. Palmer

#### • Co-Op Research Intern

Advanced Micro Devices (AMD), HPC GPU Apps Support Group, September 2023 - May 2024

Mentors: Damon McDougall, Christopher Kime

#### • Graduate Research Intern

Los Alamos National Laboratory, XCP-3, June 2022 - May 2023

Subject: Implementing Woodcock delta tracking on a structured mesh within the production code MCATK. This work was pushed to a production version release.

Mentors: Travis J. Trehan, Timothy P. Burke, & Collin J. Josey

#### Graduate Research Intern

Los Alamos National Laboratory, CCS-2, June 2021 - June 2022

Subject: Novel methods exploration in vectorizable variance reduction for thermal

radiation transport (TRT)

Mentors: Kendra Long & Alex Long

#### • Lee Teng Undergraduate Research Fellow

**Argonne National Laboratory**, June 2019 - September 2019

Subject: Cancer radiotherapy scanner magnet design & analysis

Mentors: Brahim Mustapha

## • Science Undergraduate Laboratory Intern (SULI)

Thomas Jefferson National Accelerator Facility, June 2018 - August 2018

**Subject:** Superconducting quadrupole magnet optimization

Mentors: Renuka Rajput-Ghoshal

#### **Publications in Preparation**

<sup>1</sup> https://github.com/CEMeNT-PSAAP/MCDC

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> https://cement-psaap.github.io/

- J. P. Morgan, I. Variansyah, K. B. Clements, K. E. Niemeyer. Hybrid Woodcock-delta Tracking Schemes Using a Track-Length Estimator. in preparation
- J. P. Morgan, T. S. Palmer, and K. E. Niemeyer. Efficient Preconditioning for Space-Parallel One Cell Inversions in Slab Geometry using a Second Moment Method. in preparation
- M. Derman, J. P. Morgan, K. E. Niemeyer, T. S. Palmer. Unnamed paper on complex eigenvalue decomposition. in preparation

#### **Conference and Poster Presentations**

- J. P. Morgan, B. Cuneo, I. Variansyah, K. E. Niemeyer. May 2025. Enabling GPU Portability into the Numba-JITed Monte Carlo Particle Transport Code MC/DC. International Conference on Mathematics and Computational Methods Applied to Nuclear Science and Engineering (M&C 2025), Denver, CO
- J. P. Morgan. February 2025. AMD Tools Development Workshop, University of Oregon, Eugene, OR
- J. P. Morgan, K. E. Niemeyer. July 2024. Performant and Portable High-Performance Computing at Scale via Python and Numba. SciPy. Tacoma, WA
- J. P. Morgan. "Exploring One-Cell Inversions for Transient Transport on GPUs." Copper Mountain Conference on Iterative Methods (SIAM). April 2024.
- J. P. Morgan. "High Performance Python for Rapid Methods Development in Monte Carlo / Dynamic Code." Sustainable Scientific Software Conference. April 2024.
- J. P. Morgan, I. Variansyah, T. S. Palmer, and K. E. Niemeyer. "Exploring One-Cell Inversion Method for Transient Transport on GPU." High Energy Density Summer School, San Diego, California. July 2023
- J. P. Morgan, I. Variansyah, T. S. Palmer, and K. E. Niemeyer. "Exploring One-Cell Inversion Method for Transient Transport on GPU." International Conference on Mathematics and Computational Methods Applied to Nuclear Science and Engineering. Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada (2023).
- J. P. Morgan, T. J. Trahan, T. P. Burke, C. J. Josey, and K. E. Niemeyer. "Hybrid-Delta Tracking on a Structured Mesh in MCATK." International Conference on Mathematics and Computational Methods Applied to Nuclear Science and Engineering. Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada (2023).
- J. P. Morgan, T. S. Palmer, & K. E. Niemeyer, "Hardware Code Generation Techniques for Accelerating Python.", Scientific Python, Austin, Texas, USA, July 2022

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- J. P. Morgan, T. S. Palmer, & K. E. Niemeyer, "Hardware Code Generation Techniques for Accelerating Python", Annual Meeting of the American Nuclear Society, Anaheim, California, USA, June 2022
- J. P. Morgan, A. Long, K. Long & K. E. Niemeyer, "A novel MC TRT method: vectorizable variance reduction for the energy spectra", Annual Meeting of the American Nuclear Society, Anaheim, California, USA, June 2022
- J. P. Morgan and B. Mustapha, "Carbon therapy X-Y scanner magnet analysis," in Lee Teng Internship Posters and Final Report Presentations, Fermi National Accelerator Facility, Batavia, Illinois. August 2019.
- J. P. Morgan and R. Rajput-Ghoshal, "Jefferson lab electron ion collider interaction region quadrupole magnet optimization," in Undergraduate Research Poster Presentations, Thomas Jefferson National Accelerator Facility, Newport News, Virginia, August, 2018.

## Conference Attendance and Professional Development

- May 2025, International Conference on Mathematics and Computational Methods Applied to Nuclear Science and Engineering (M&C 2025), Denver, CO\*
- February 2025, AMD Tools Development Workshop\*, University of Oregon, Eugene, OR
- July 2024, Scientific Computing in Python (SciPy), Tacoma, WA\*
- May 2024, NEA Workshop for Radiation Transport Simulation Developers (RTS 2024), Frascati, Italy
- April 2024, 18th Copper Mountain Conference on Iterative Methods (SIAM), Copper Mountain, CO\*
- April 2024, Sustainable Scientific Software Conference (S3C), Seattle, WA\*
- January 2024, NUWEST, Albuquerque, NM unable to attend due to weather
- January 2024 US Research Software Sustainability Institute (URSSI), Portland, OR Hosted at Oregon State University Portland Center Attended as a teaching assistant
- August 2023, International Conference on Mathematics and Computational Methods Applied to Nuclear Science and Engineering (ANS M&C International), Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada\*
- July 2023, High Energy Density Science (HEDS) Summer School, San Diego, CA at University of California San Diego
- July 2022, Scientific Computing in Python (SciPy), Austin, TX\*

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- June 2022, American Nuclear Society Annual Conference, Anaheim, CA\*
- October 2021, Conference on Mathematics and Computational Methods Applied to Nuclear Science (ANS M&C), Raleigh, North Carolina (virtual)
- June 2018, United States Particle Accelerator School (USPAS), Albuquerque, NM Fundamentals of Accelerator Physics and Technology with Simulations and Measurements Lab
  - \* presented at

### **Teaching Experience**

Supplemental Instructor, Student Services & Dept. Natural Sciences
 Oregon Institute of Technology, September 2017 - March 2020
 Class: Physics for medical imaging

Directed by: Robyn Wilde

- Peer Consultant, Student Services
   Oregon Institute of Technology, January 2018 June 2020
   Subjects: Numerical methods, differential & integral calculus, linear algebra, intro to algebra, trigonometry, college algebra, statistics, heat transfer, statics, thermodynamics, fluid dynamics, strengths of materials, physics with calculus.
- Mathematics Grader, Dept. Mathematics
   Oregon Institute of Technology, January 2018 March 2020
   Subjects: Numerical methods (in MATLAB), differential & integral calculus, linear algebra, intro to algebra, trigonometry, college algebra, statistics.
   Directed by: Cristina Negoita and Terri Torres

#### **Professional Affiliations**

- Member, American Nuclear Society (ANS)
- Member, Out in Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics (oSTEM)
- Member, Tau Beta Pi (Engineering Honors Society), Oregon Delta 2018

#### Other Activities

- Volunteer; Whiteside Theater, Corvallis, OR (March 2023 Present)
- Student Commissioner; Library Recourse Commission (October 2017 June 2020).
- Committee Member; University Librarian Search Committee (March 2018 June 2018).

- Student Building Manager; Oregon Institute of Technology College Union (February 2017 March 2020).
- President; Oregon Institute of Technology Chapter of Circle K International Community Service Club (May 2019 - June 2020)
- Treasurer; Oregon Delta Tau Beta Pi (May 2019 May 2020)
- Notary Public; State of Oregon (November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016 November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020)

## Awards and Fellowships

- Illinois Accelerator Institute; Lee Teng Undergraduate Research Fellowship in Accelerator Science (2019).
- ASME; Irma and Robert Bennett Scholarship (2019).
- Pride Foundation; Lenehan-Warn Technical Education Scholarship (2017).

#### Skills

## Languages and Language Adjacents

- C/C++ (OpenMP, C-CUDA, HIPCC/ROCm, Kokkos, AVX/SIMD, MPI, Intel MKL, LAPACK) (beginner-intermediate)
- Python (Numba, mpi4py, Numpy, Scipy, Matplotlib, CuPy, CProfiler) (intermediate)
- Matlab (intermediate), VBA in Excel
- FORTRAN (beginner)
- LLVM (beginner-intermediate)
- Compilers: Numba (LLVM bindings for Python), Intel Compilers, HIP and ROCm (Clang) compilers, GCC, CRAY Compilers

## Software Development Tools

- Profilers: Intel Vtune, NVIDIA N-Sight, TotalView
- Debuggers: valgrind, gdb

## **Engineering Design and Simulation Tools**

- CAD/CAE: Creo, SolidWorks, AutoCAD, Inventor, NX, CST Studio Suite (Electromagnetic Field Simulation), Opera (Electromagnetic and Electromechanical Simulation), FEMM
- Nuclear Engineering Codes: MCNP, MCATK (developed in), MC/DC (developed in), Shift (developed in)
- Visualization Toolkits: Paraview, Visit

#### MISC Development Tools:

- Services: Git(hub), Gitlab, Bitbucket,
- Terminal: Bash, z-shell, ssh & X-11 forwarding
- Package Publishing: Conda, PyPi, Sphinx, Read the Docs
- Continuous Integration: Github actions, Jakamar runners

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- Website Builders: Sphinx, Read the Docs, Jekyll, Ruby
- LaTeX

## **REFERENCES**

Available upon request