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What's New at UCB-NE?

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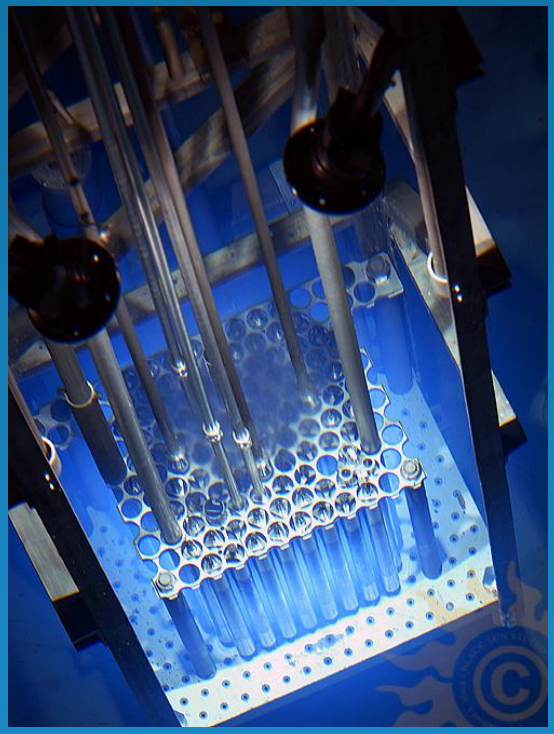
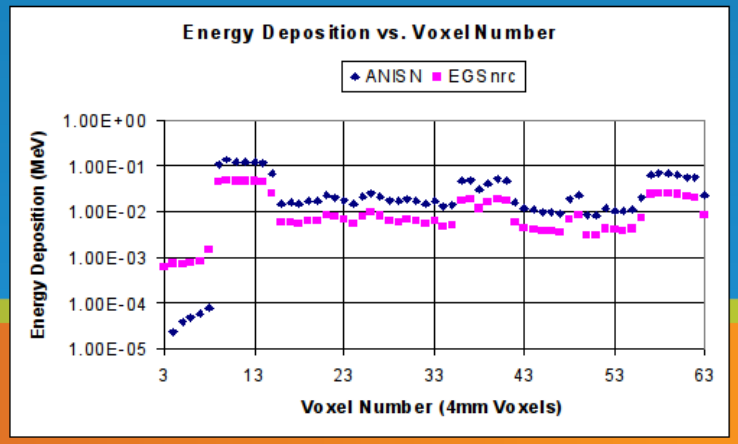
My Path to Berkeley

- Started at Berkeley (via Penn State)…





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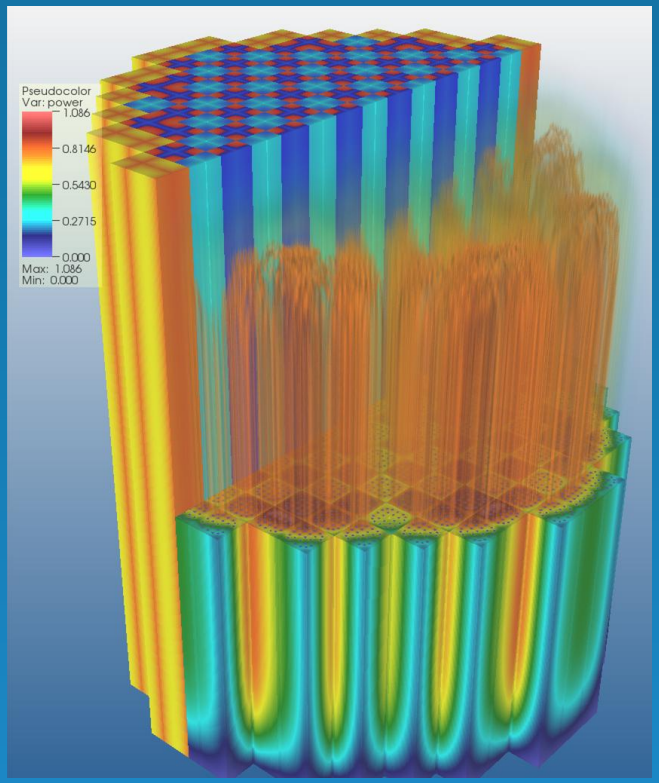
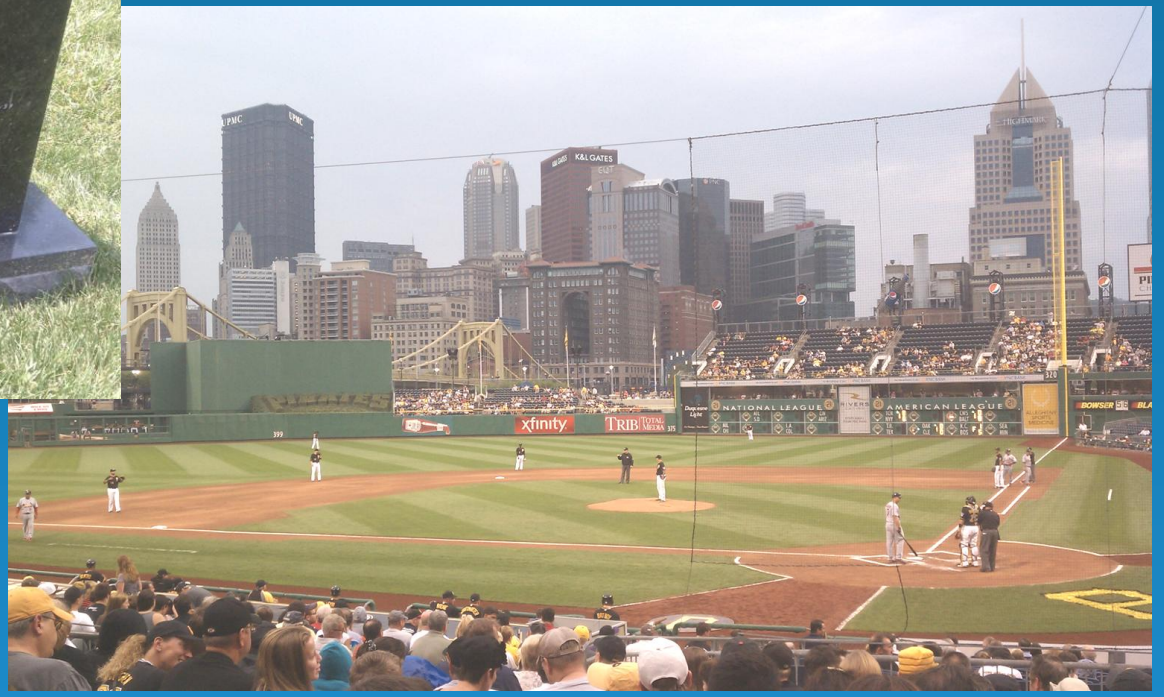
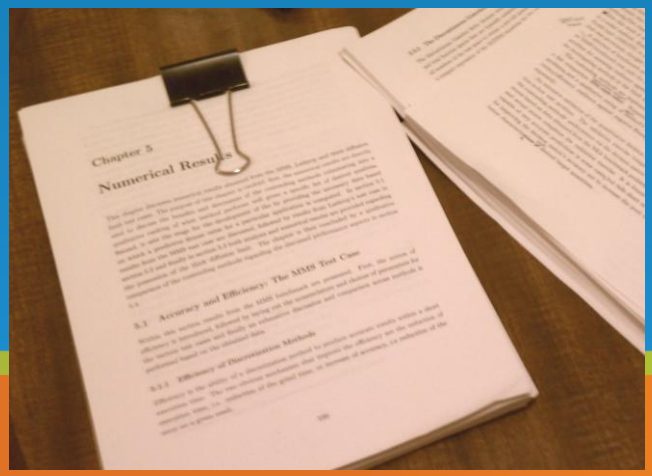


And Made A Stop in Pittsburgh.





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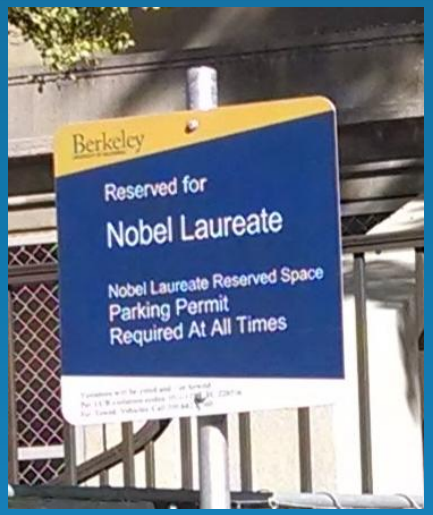
Now: Semester 1 of N Complete



- Taught a class
- Mentoring students
- Starting my research program

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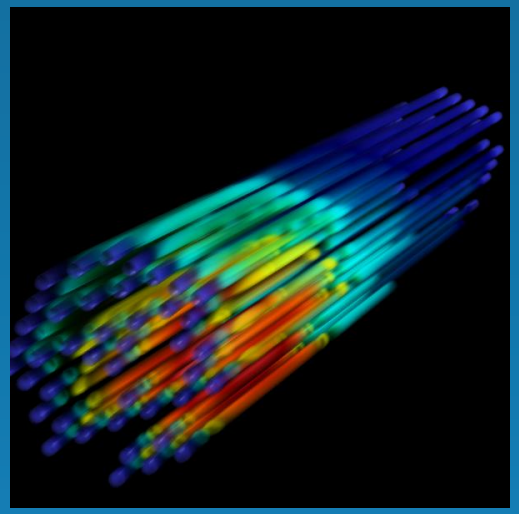
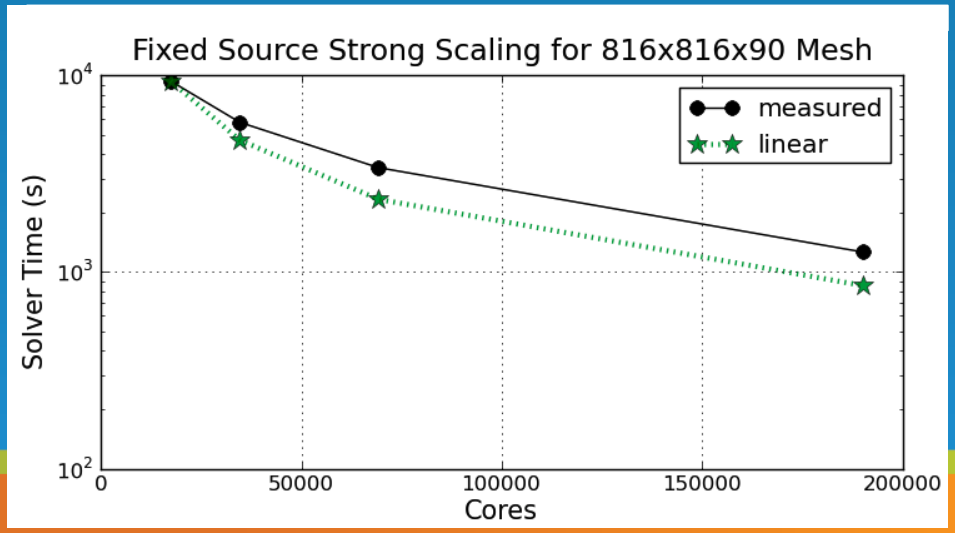
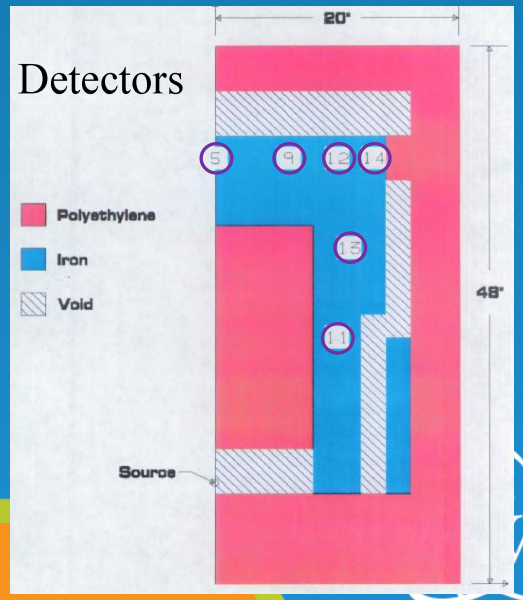
What Do I Do?

$$[\hat{\Omega}\cdot\nabla+\Sigma(\vec{r},E)]\psi(\vec{r},\hat{\Omega},E)=$$
$$\int dE'\int d\hat{\Omega}'\,\Sigma_s(\vec{r},E'\rightarrow E,\hat{\Omega}'\cdot\hat{\Omega})\psi(\vec{r},\hat{\Omega}',E')$$
$$+\frac{\chi(E)}{k}\int dE'\,\nu\Sigma_f(\vec{r},E')\int d\hat{\Omega}'\,\psi(\vec{r},\hat{\Omega}',E')$$







How Do I Do It?

- Deterministic methods require discretization of phase space
  - discretize more finely to improve solution quality
  - use advanced solvers to converge solution more quickly
- Monte Carlo (MC) treats phase space continuously
  - accuracy depends on number of particles simulated
  - often requires variance reduction (VR)
- Hybrid methods: create MC VR parameters using deterministic solutions

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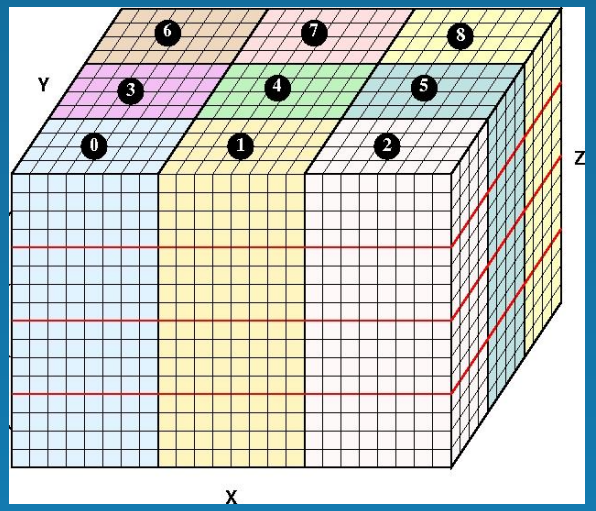
Algorithms + Architecture



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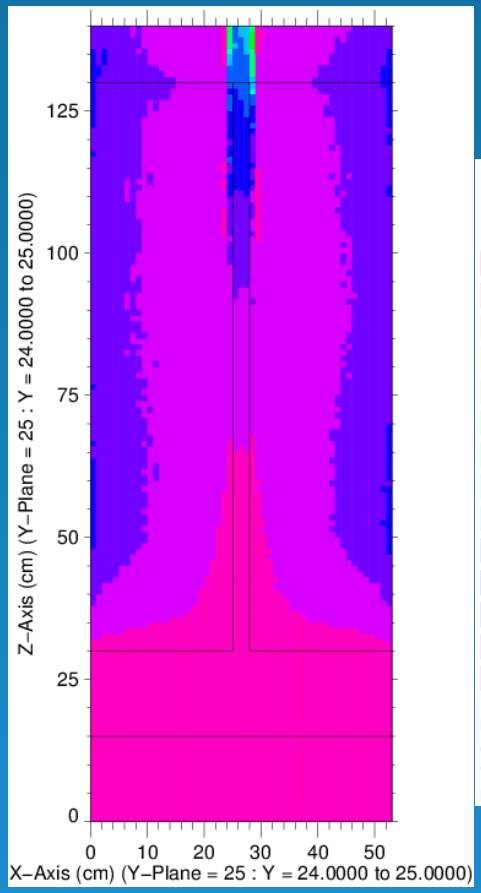
Driven By Application



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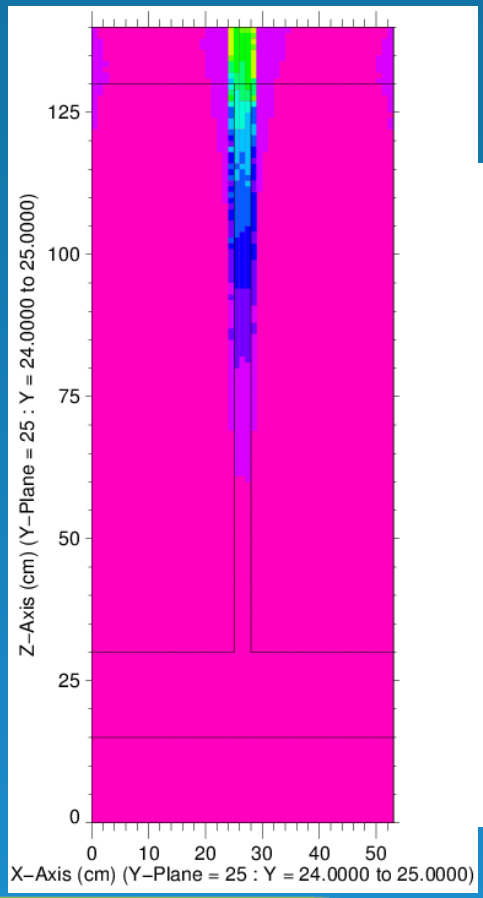

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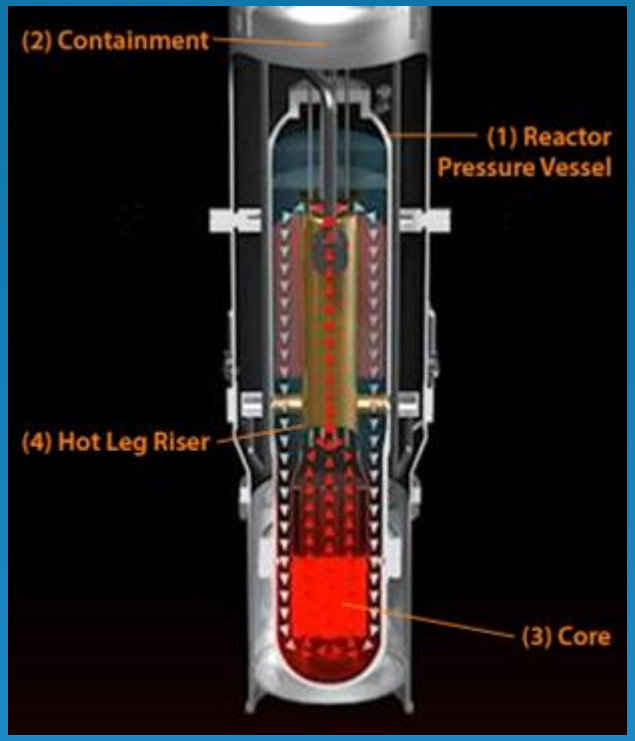
Example Projects



$$\mathbf{L}\psi = \mathbf{MS}\phi + Q$$

$$\phi = \mathbf{D}\psi$$

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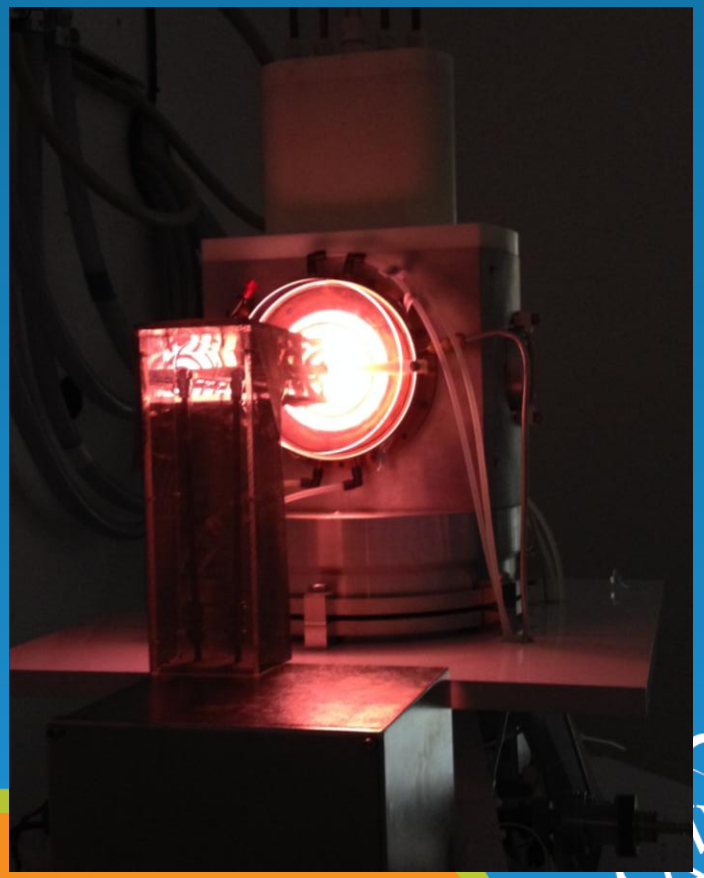
Berkeley Has Many Projects

FHR

HFNG



Across Many Areas

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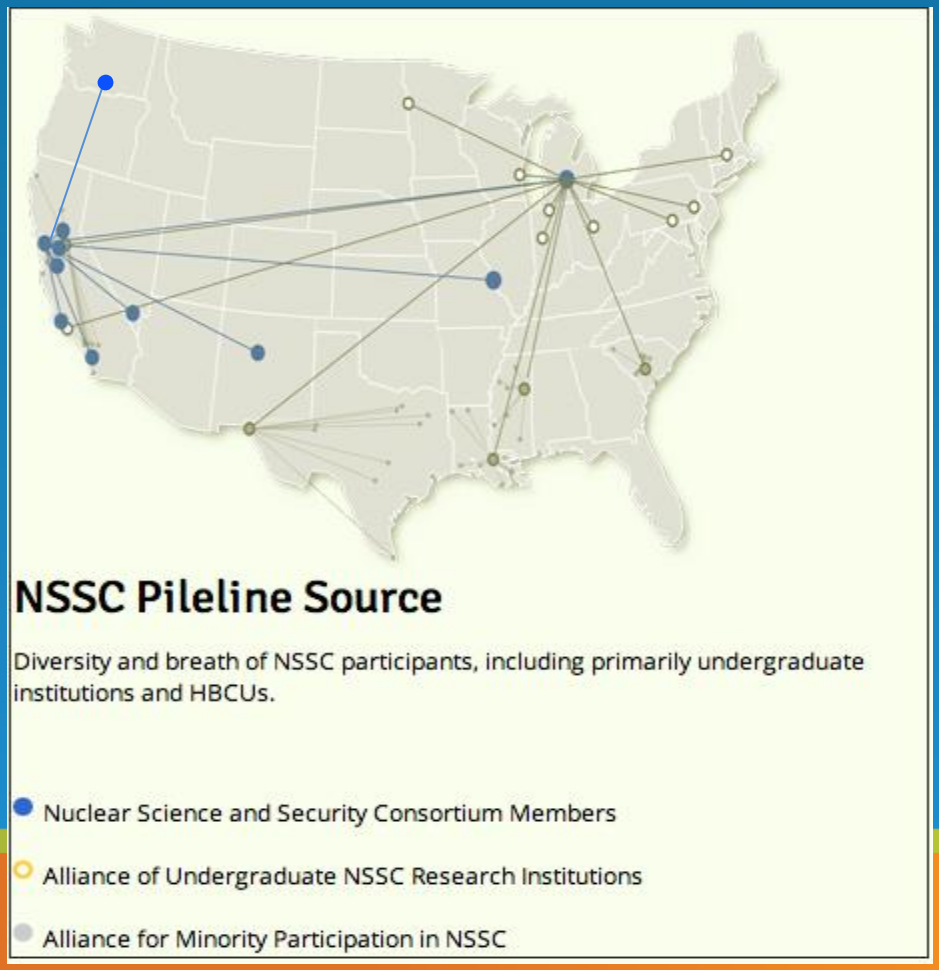

RDNG

1. Liquid-Salt cooled Advanced High Temperature Reactors (LS-AHTR, aka FHR)
2. Breed-and-Burn (B&B) liquid metal cooled fast reactors and
3. Fuel-self-sustaining thorium-fueled Boiling Water Reactors (BWR)

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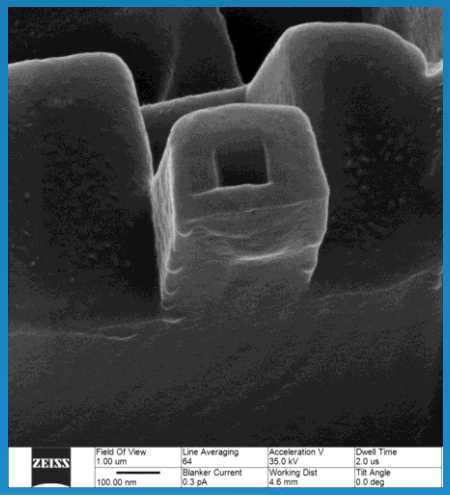
On The Cutting Edge

RadWatch

Zeiss



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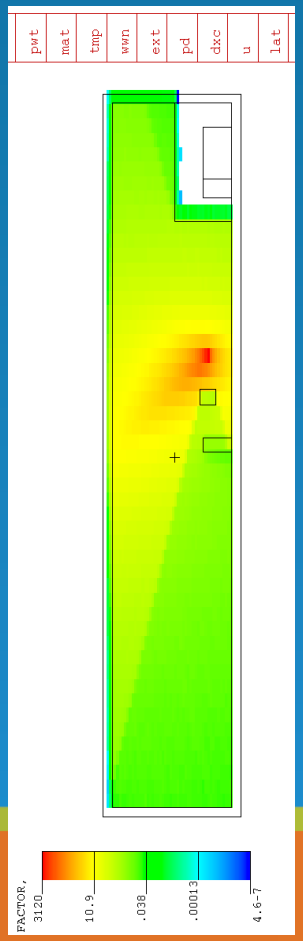
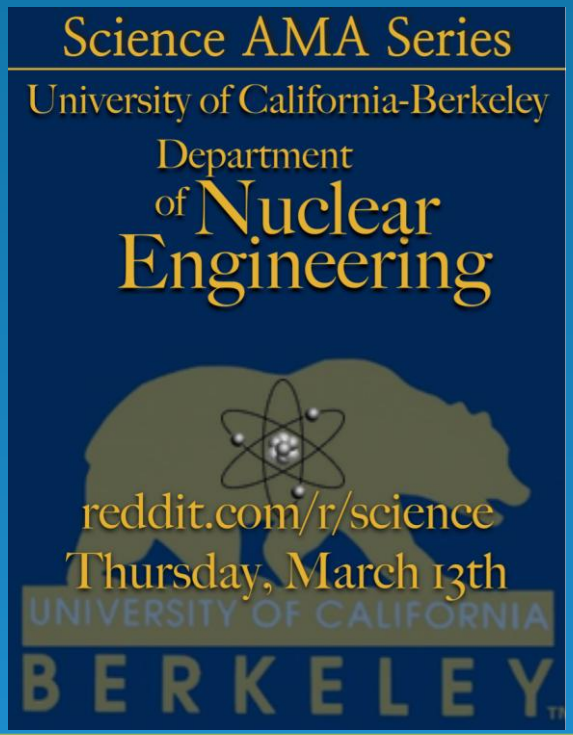
Contributing to Society

Pelletron



AMA on Science sub-reddit



Many More

- Repository and fuel cycle modeling and analysis
- Fundamental particle detection
- Detector creation and development

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Where Are We Going?