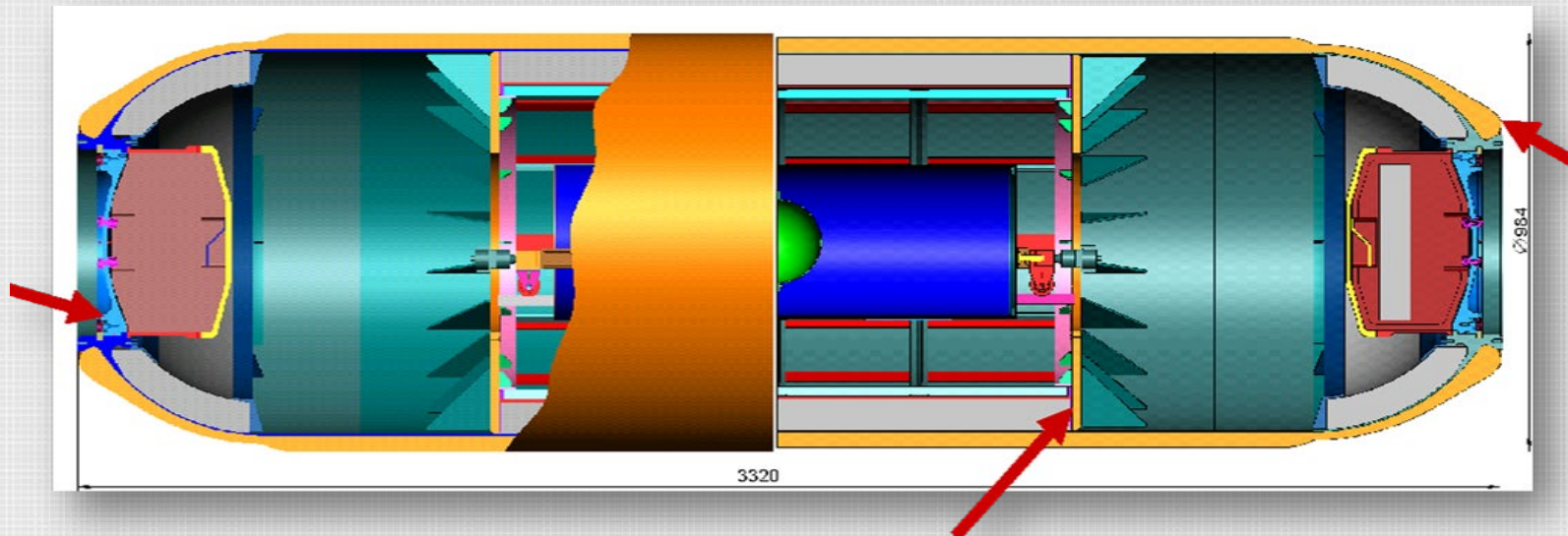


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Engineering security systems are an important area of research to the State of Nevada and the nation. UNLV researchers address many challenges related to security engineering, including blast containment, shock mitigation, and smart grid security. Our researchers have been funded by various federal and state agencies as well as industrial partners.

We would like to introduce you to some of our faculty. Please contact us if we can help with future collaboration.

Graphic on Slide 1: Structural analysis and dynamics (Dr. Brendan O'Toole).

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Research Areas of Expertise

- Computational radiation transport
- Interconnection networks, photonic interconnects
- Computer/ microprocessor architecture
- Radiation detection methods
- Active neutron interrogation and non-destructive assay of materials
- Nuclear safeguards and nonproliferation
- Pulsed-ray radiography to detect nuclear materials
- Security and privacy in AI
- GaN semiconductors and devices
- Radiation-hard electronics, optoelectronics, and imaging systems
- Digital search warrants
- Homeland security
- Secure protocol development for software and network applications
- Wireless mesh network routing and security
- Structural analysis, failure analysis, experimental mechanics
- Structural dynamics, explosives, and impact analysis
- Computational simulation of highly dynamic events
- Material characterization, custom component testing
- Progressive collapse resistance of structures
- Simulation of structures subjected to normal and extreme loading events
- Earthquake engineering
- Man-In-The-Middle (MITM) attack with tempered SSL certificate detection
- Cybersecurity data analytics

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Why UNLV?

- Las Vegas is a dynamic and growing city with a population that includes multiple ethnicities and age groups.
- UNLV has a strong team of researchers who collaborate on various areas of security engineering studies.
- UNLV researchers also have developed strong collaboration ties with key industrial partners including:
 - **Mission Support and Test Services, LLC (MSTS)**
MSTS manages operations at the Nevada National Security Site (NNSS) – formerly known as the Nevada Test Site – and its related facilities and laboratories for the Department of Energy's National Nuclear Security Administration.
 - **Varian Medical Systems**
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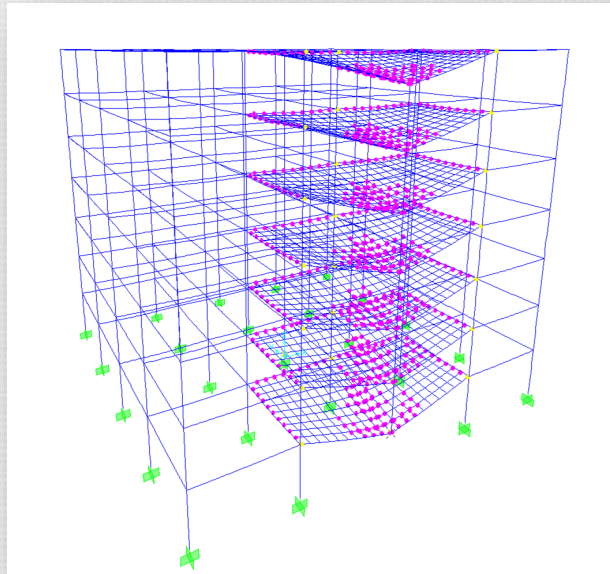
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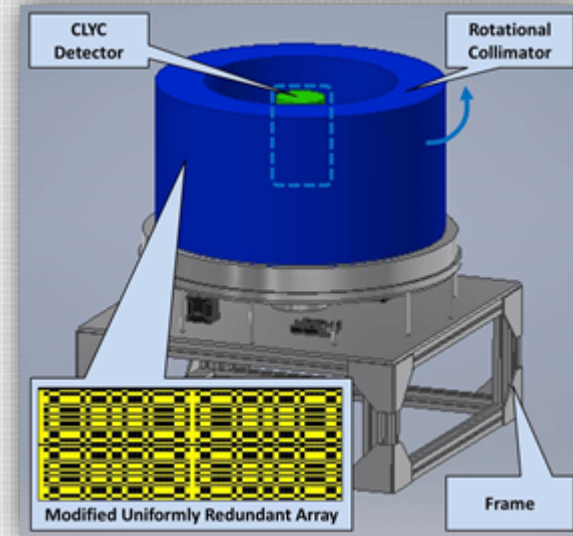
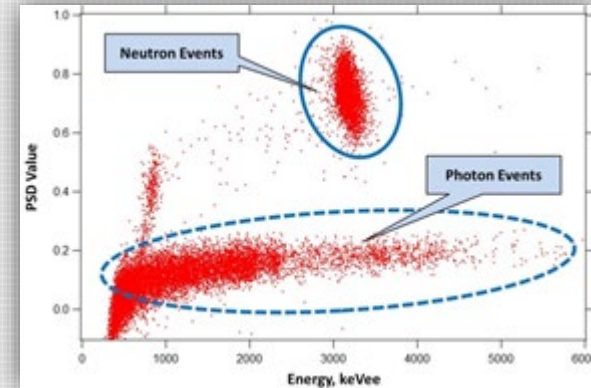
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 - Active neutron interrogation and non-destructive assay of materials
 - Prompt gamma neutron activation analysis
 - Computational radiation transport
 - Security applications of particle accelerators
 - Nuclear safeguards and nonproliferation
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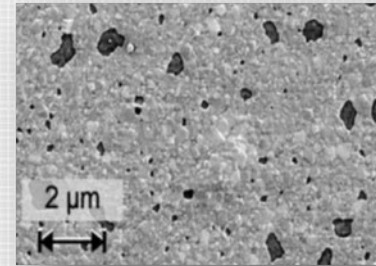
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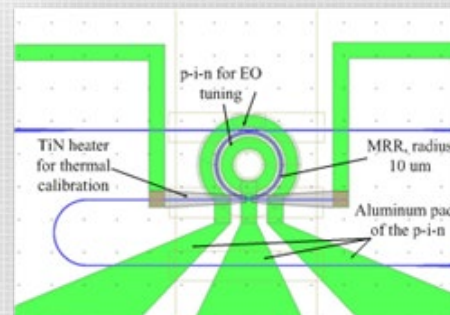


Yttria Stabilized Zirconia (YSZs) O₂ sensor for monitoring nuclear reactor coolant



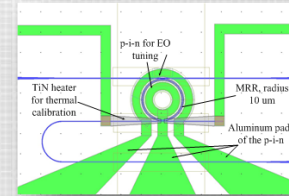
22-layer PCB board (NoC emulator)

An MRR with E/O tuning circuit



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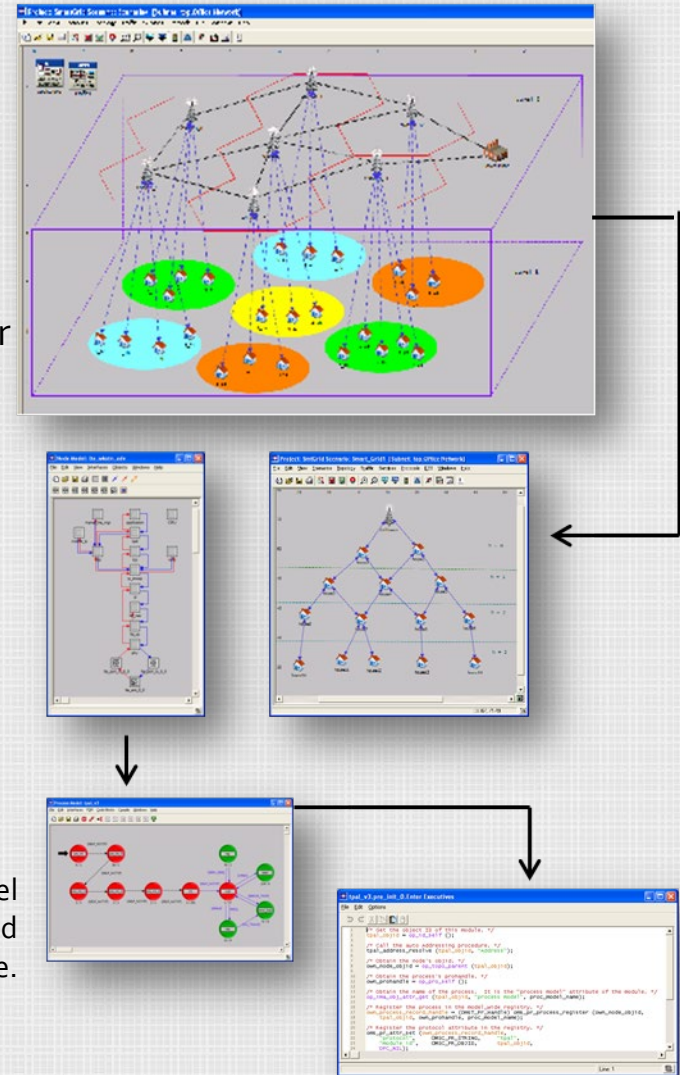
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 - Digital search warrant
 - Transportation security imaging and secure communication software development

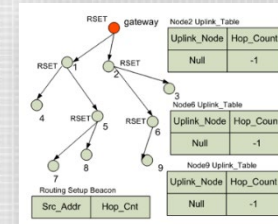
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Routing Table Population Process



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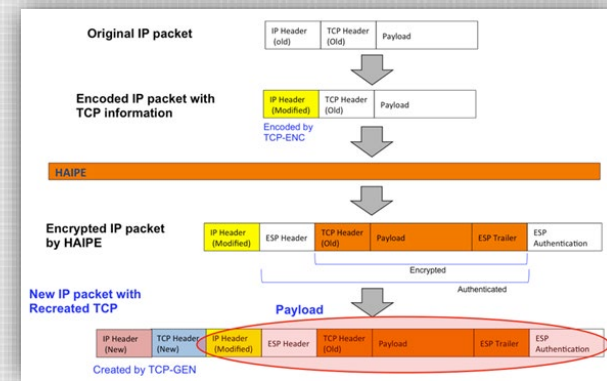
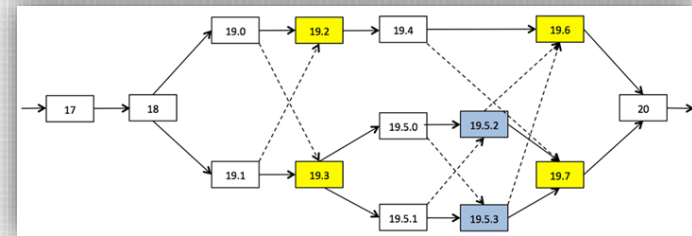
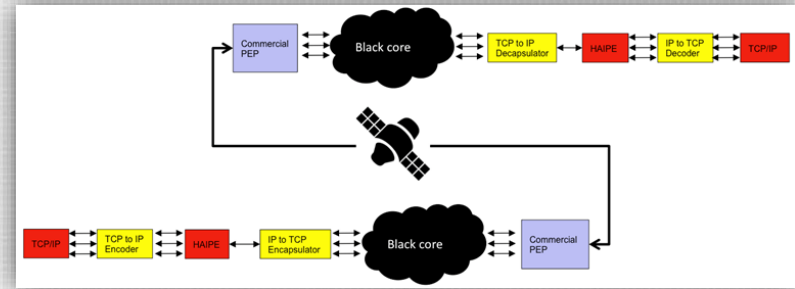
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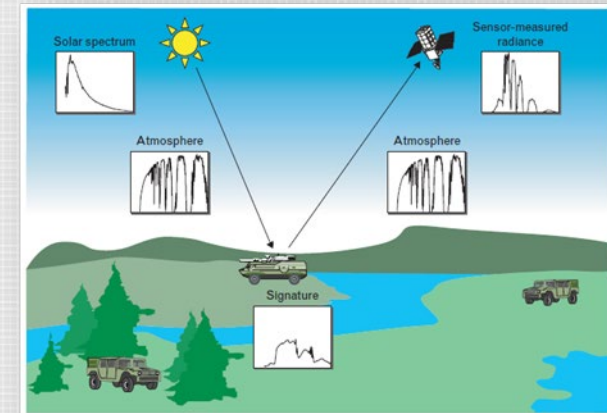
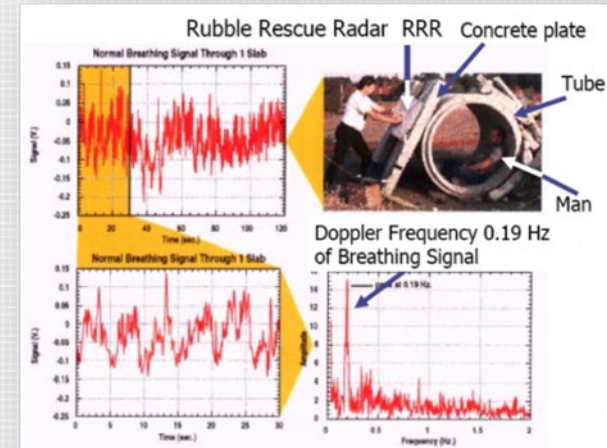
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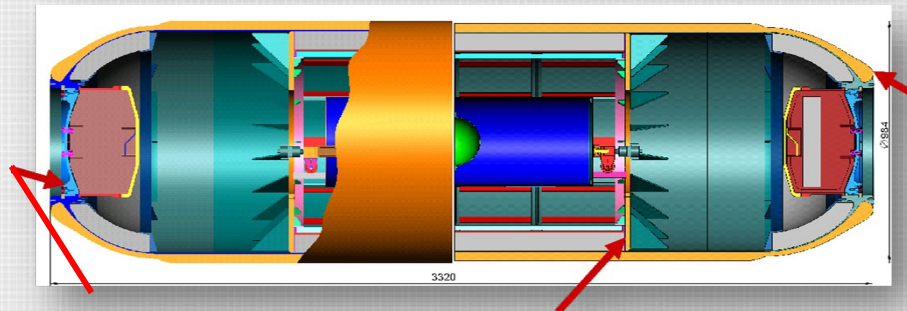
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High Strength Steel for Endcaps

Internal Baffling to Distribute Blast Wave

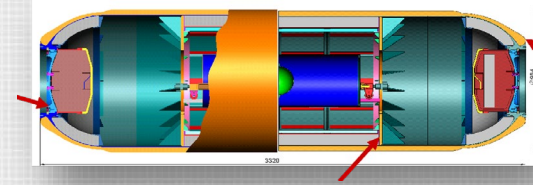
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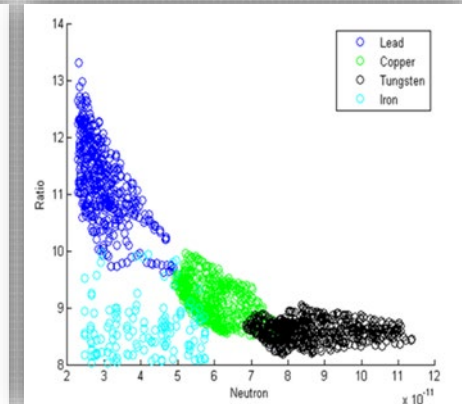
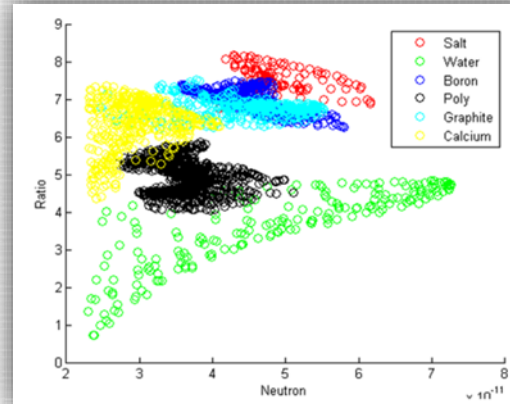
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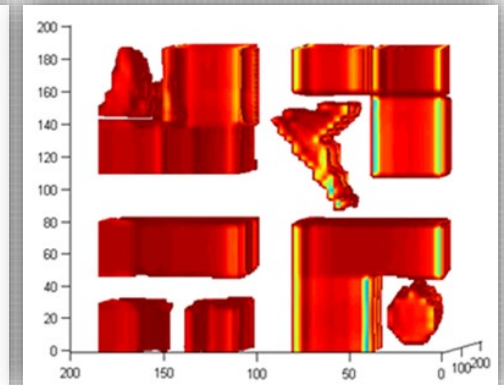
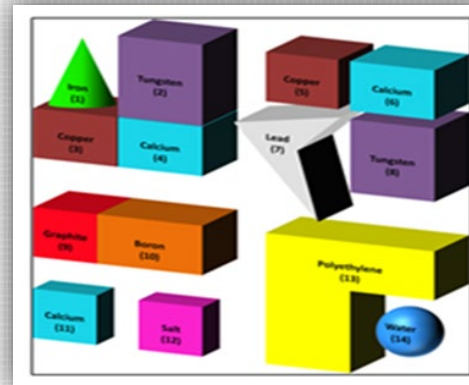
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Expertise

- Object reconstruction and material discrimination in sparse-view photon-neutron computed tomography
- Pulsed-ray radioscopy to detect nuclear materials
- Radioscopic cargo screening using mega-voltage energy barriers



Material discrimination by 2D signatures: Ratio of Photon/Neutron transmission vs. Neutron transmission for various materials.

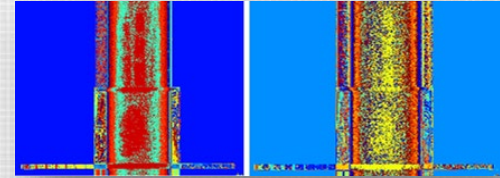


Left: Container under interrogation.

Right: CT reconstruction from the neutron source: 18 views.

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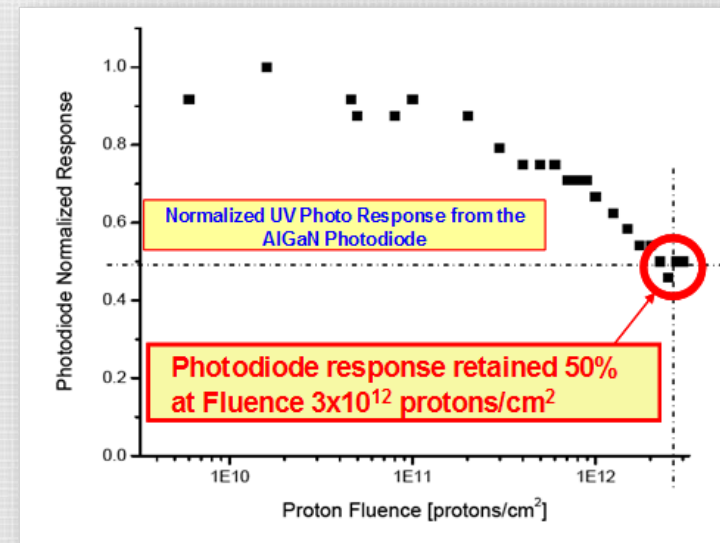
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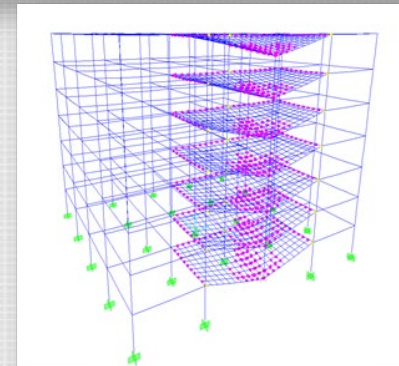
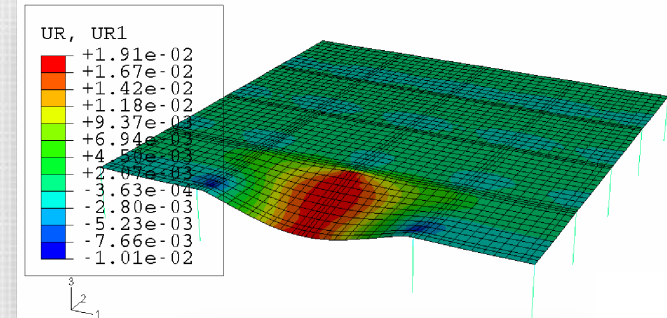
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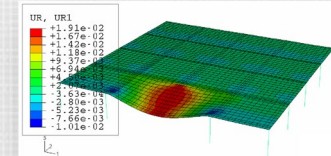
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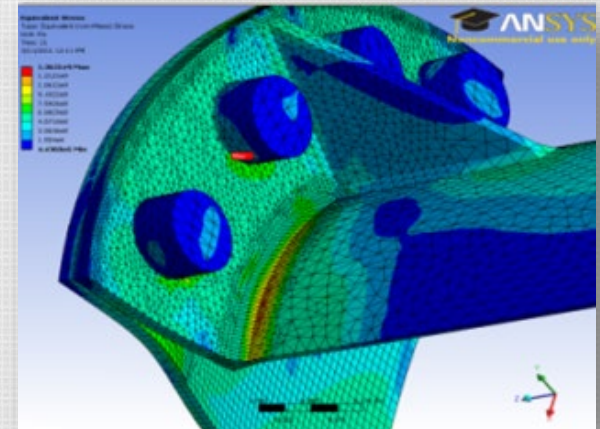
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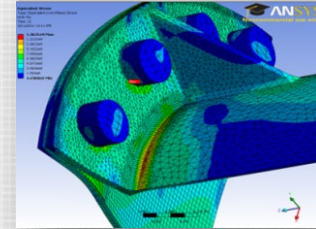
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 - Structural dynamics, explosives, and impact analysis
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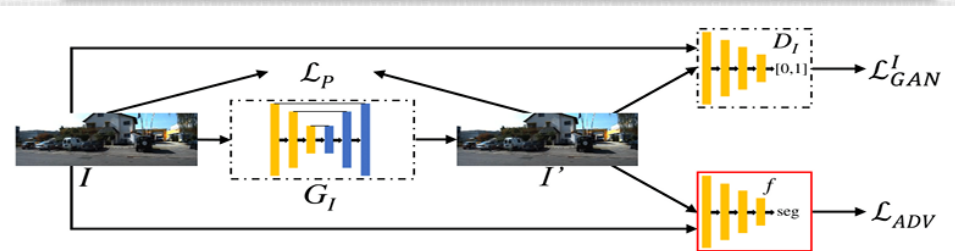
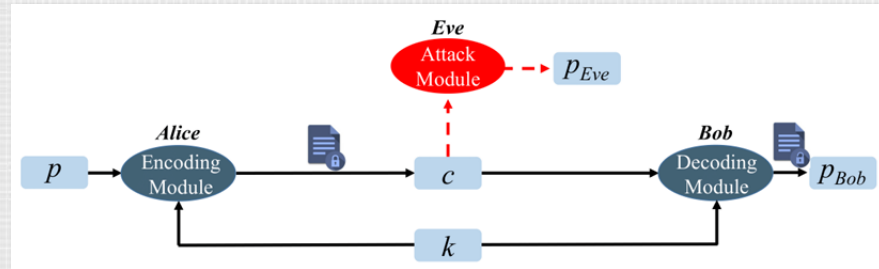
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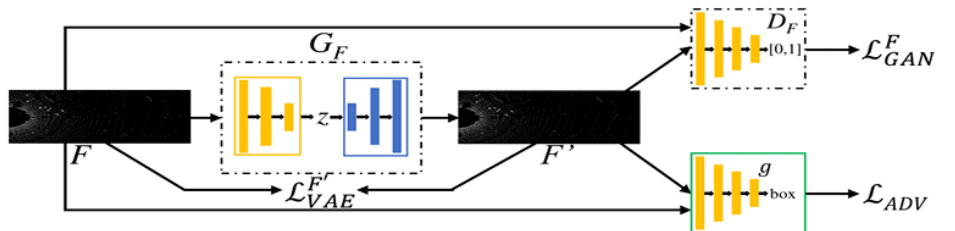
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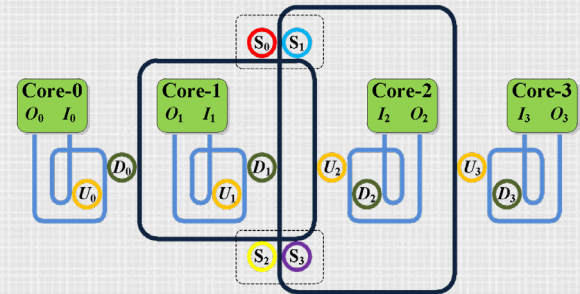
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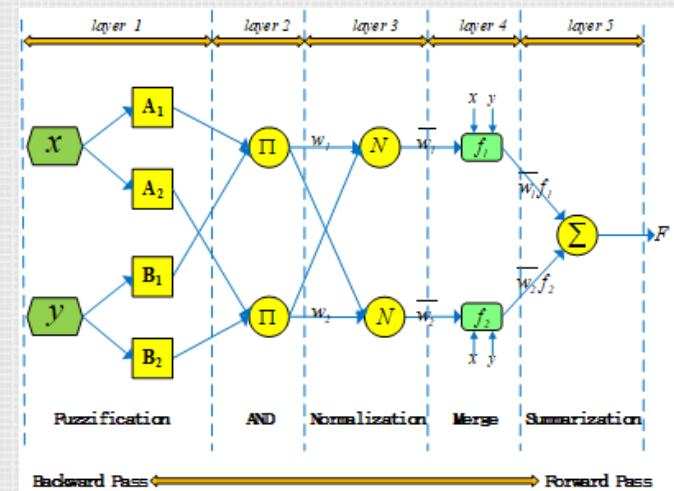
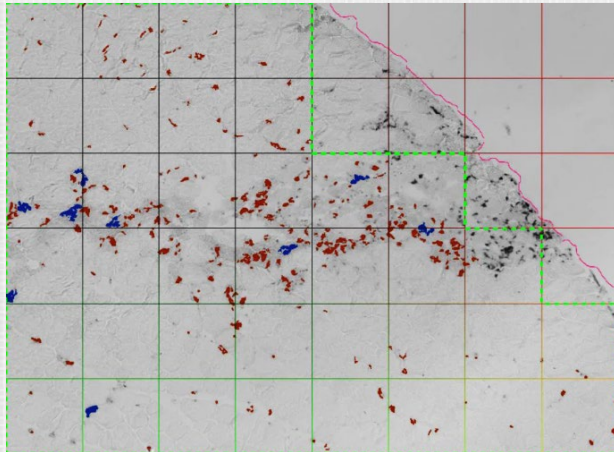
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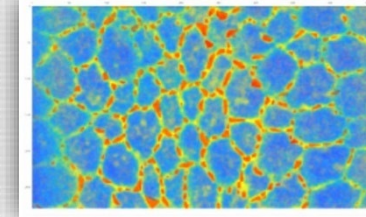
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