## **PPPL ITER NEUTRONICS ANALYSIS**



<u>Objective</u>: Develop <u>neutronics analysis</u> capability <u>at PPPL</u> to support US ITER diagnostic and port plug design.



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A Neutronics Analysis Tool for Diagnostic Port Design Engineers



## WHY USE ATTILA ?



#### A Neutronics Analysis Tool for Diagnostic Port Design Engineers

#### Find a Way for PPPL Engineers to Evaluate Neutronics Implications of Diagnostic Designs

Limited or No Neutronics Experience → Collaborate with Neutronics Experts
 Strong Background In Finite Element Analysis (FEA) and Computer Aided Design (CAD) 3D Modeling
 Experience with LINUX Helps

#### ATTILA Built for use by Non-Expert Design Engineers

- Gamma and Neutron Flux Solution Everywhere in Model → MCNP Variance Reduction Techniques
   Easy to Visually Check Solution Accuracy
- •TECPLOT Post Processing
- ATTILA Graphical User Interface (GUI) and Meshing → <u>Strong Technical Support from ATTILA</u>

#### Some Assembly Required!

Hardware → 64 Bit 4 Processor Opteron CPU with 16 GB of RAM
Software → Solid Works Makes High Fidelity Parasolid Models for ATTILA

#### **Disadvantages of ATTILA**

MCNP Is the Only Licensed Neutronics Analysis Software → ATTILA Benchmarking Special Techniques Required for Streaming Analysis

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### SolidWorks Benchmark CAD 40° Model



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**Benchmark Divertor Model** 



Benchmark BSM Model

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# SolidWorks Benchmark CAD 40° Model

#### **Revised TF Coil Model**



Inboard Leg Cross Section





10 Left and Right Inboard Winding Sections

## **ATTILA Tetrahedral Mesh**

500,000 Elements  $\rightarrow$  ~1 Week with 40 Energy Groups and Sn16 Quadrature



Layering and Variable Mesh Size





#### **Benchmark Material Properties and Mixing**



#### **MCNP Plasma Source Definition**

40x40 Probability Matrix  $\rightarrow$  Each Cell Assigned a DT-neutron born probability

500 MW neutron power  $\rightarrow$  40° Normalization factor ~ 1.972E+19

MCNP Matrix Mapped on to ATILLA Mesh With Specially Written Python Script

Reference Source Definition From ITER Nuclear Analysis Report (NAR) (G 73 DDD 2 W 0.2)

Use for Diagnostic Evaluations  $\rightarrow$  Other Scenarios ??





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#### **ITER Benchmark Results**

Neutron Flux Contours (n/cm<sup>2</sup>-s)



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# Equatorial Port Neutron Flux (n/cm<sup>2</sup>-s)



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**Boundary Condition Implementation Problems** 





#### What's Next

ATTILA Capability Upgrades

**Distributed Memory Parallel Processing** 

Intended for production use in ITER applications
Near linear scaling expected on up to 16-32 processors
Parallel version will support periodic boundary conditions for arbitrary azimuthal segmentation
→ Will be exact for 40 degree ITER

#### Activation Analysis

A built-in activation capability is being added to Attila
Activation module computes the activated source in every computational element
Multiple pulse/decay cycle simulations can be performed

#### **Boundary Source**

Global Model → Detailed Port Plug Models
Economize Element Count and CPU Time
Not Currently Under Development Because of DMP Upgrade

### What's Next



**Diagnostic Integration and Port Design Studies** 

1. Parametric Structures Study

