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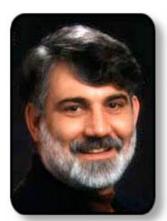
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## Out of Africa: a 2 billion year old nuclear reactor

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**Abstract:** Enrico Fermi's experimental nuclear reactor, constructed in the 1940's under a sports stadium in Chicago, is widely described as initiating the world's first nuclear chain reaction. But the fossil remains of a natural reactor have been discovered in Africa that operated 2 billion years ago. This lecture describes what was found and how it worked.



The Bronze Bragg medal and merit certificates will be presented at the lecture.

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