

AI Simulates the Universe’s Birth

Lumina’s 2-billion-year model reveals how structure emerges from chaos.

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500 megaparsecs

Simulation Volume

Lumina models a cosmic patch 1.6 billion light-years wide—100 times larger than prior simulations.

This unprecedented scale enables AI-driven modeling of early cosmic evolution across both micro and macro scales. The simulation captures dark matter, gas, radiation, and star formation in a single, unified framework—mirroring the complexity of nuclear systems where micro-scale physics must align with macro-scale outcomes.

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AI as Cosmic Co-Designer

Lumina's success lies not in predicting outcomes, but in simulating the emergence of structure from fundamental laws. In nuclear energy, this mirrors the need to model how micro-scale reactor dynamics—neutron flux, material degradation, thermal gradients—coalesce into system-wide safety behavior. AI must not just forecast failure, but simulate the genesis of stability from initial conditions.



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Scale as a Safety Constraint

The simulation's 100x volume increase over prior models highlights a critical truth: safety validation in nuclear systems requires not just high resolution, but extreme scale. Just as Lumina must track radiation from stars across 500 megaparsecs, digital twins for SMRs must model neutron interactions across entire reactor cores, not isolated components. Without scale, AI cannot reveal emergent risks.

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