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A personal view of nuclear physics in the Southeast

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Numerous physicists who have carried part or all of their work in the Southeast have made major contributions to our present understanding of the nucleus, from Robert Van de Graaff whose accelerator became the work horse of experimental nuclear physics to John Wheeler whose early work at North Carolina began a tradition there that continues until today. Many early major results from southern researchers will be presented as well as some outstanding current work. The shift from exploring nuclear structure to generating the chemical elements in stars to unraveling the structure of the nucleon are evidence of the impact made in the field of nuclear physics by the Southeast.