Some Princeton Memes

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While Dawkin’s idea [1] that “memes” (germs of ideas that can be passed from one mind to another) play a role in cultural evolution, analogous to that played by genes in ordinary evolution, may be of questionable scientific value, I have found it a useful organizing concept for tracing the influence of early influences on the evolution of one’s research [2, 3]. I shall try to identify some of the memes I picked up during my graduate student, postdoc and research staff member years at PPPL.

