



# Measuring and Communicating Progress in Predictive Capability

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# Increasing Emphasis on Modeling and Simulation

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- Roles of modeling and simulation
  - High consequence decisions
  - High consequence design
- Goals of modeling and simulation
  - (*Credible*) science-based predictive capability rather than extrapolations based on calibration and expert judgment
  - Calculating, measuring, and understanding the uncertainty in predictions

**How do you measure and communicate  
progress in predictive capability?**

# Do We *Really* Want to Reveal What's Under the Hood of Our Models and Codes?

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# What Does it Mean “to Predict”?

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## American Heritage Dictionary:

- **Predict**: To state, tell about, or make known in advance, especially on the basis of *special knowledge*\*

**What *special knowledge* do we demand of M&S to assert a predictive capability?**

**\*A CS&E prediction is a M&S-based evaluation prior to or in lieu of physical measurement**



# Some Attributes of Predictive Capability

**You can't measure and communicate "it"  
unless you know what "it" is**

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- Representational (geometric) fidelity
- Physics and material model fidelity (predictive science)
- Code readiness for stockpile computing (SQE, code verification)
- Evidence that numerical errors are not polluting decisions i.e., solution verification
- Validated models
- Quantified margins and uncertainties with sensitivity analysis



# How Much is Enough?

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- **Sufficiency (or Adequacy) should be discussed in conjunction with measures of progress and this can only be discussed in an application context**
- **Graded approach based on risk tolerance can help mold customer expectations:**
  - High risk tolerance (e.g., scoping studies)
  - Risk tolerance (e.g., design support)
  - Risk aversion (e.g., M&S-informed decisions)
  - High risk aversion (e.g., M&S-based decisions)
- **Alternatively, communicate risk incurred for a given level of rigor**
  - You get what you pay for

Increasing Rigor  
Expected ↓

# This is Where We Are Going

## Predictive Capability Maturity Model (PCMM)

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# Why PCMM?

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- **Goals of the table**

- Measure/communicate maturity of evidence (not adequacy of results) associated with M&S in a decision context
- Provide program vision so that technical and infrastructure needs can be leveraged across multiple funding lines to enhance the credibility of M&S results
- Speak to the *whats*, not dictate the *hows*

- **Target audience**

- Decision makers and analysts who rely on CS&E
  - Focus on codes that solve PDEs
- Program managers and academics who can make credible M&S a reality



# Measuring Progress in Representational Fidelity

## Are you overlooking important effects because of judgment-based Defeaturing or Stylizations?

Grossly defeatured  
or stylized

Significant D&S  
based on judgment  
or justified lower  
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representation

Limited D&S judged  
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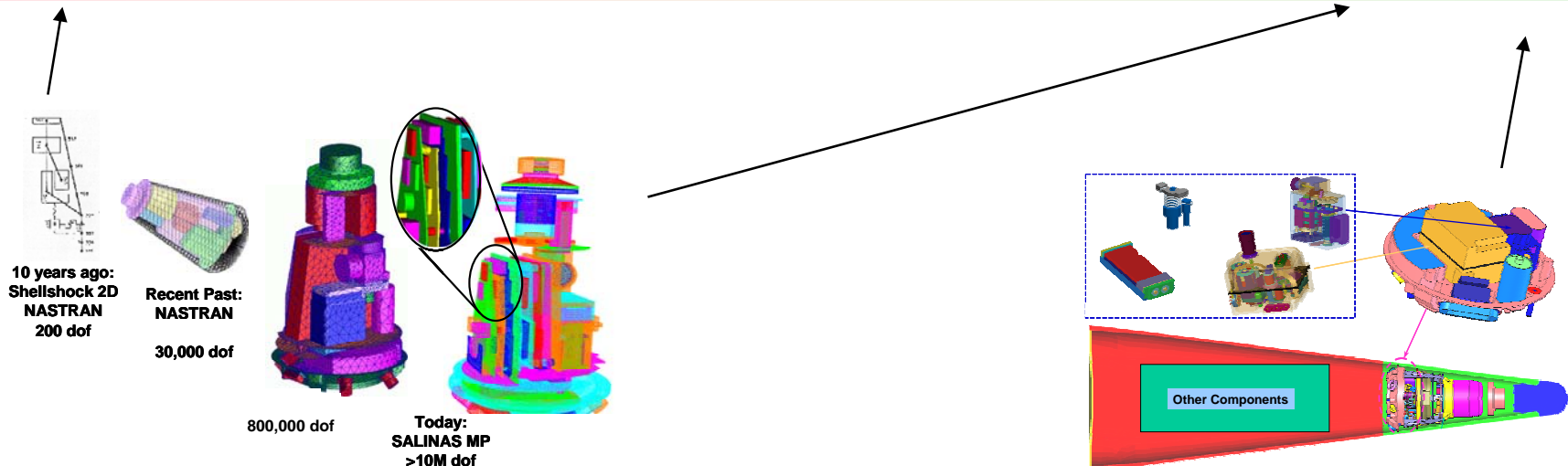
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# Measuring Progress in Physics Fidelity

## What physics is important for the application and how predictive are the models?

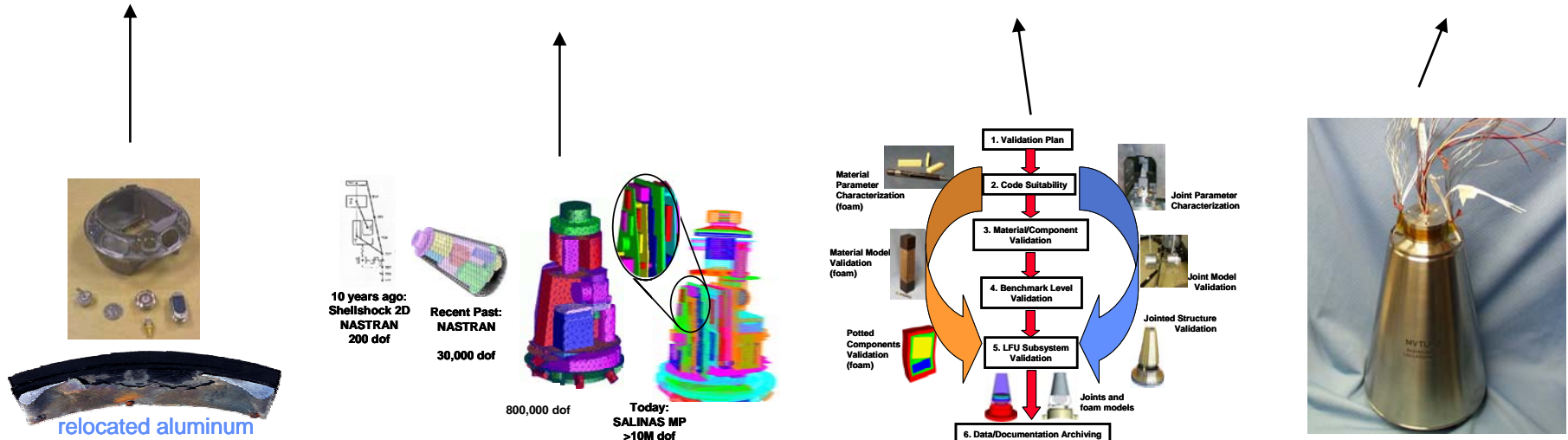
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H Risk Tolerant

Risk Tolerant

Risk Adverse

H Risk Adverse



# Measuring Code Readiness From An Application Perspective

## Are you solving the equations right?

Code managed to SQE standards

Sustained unit/regression tests w sig coverage of F&C

SQE +assessment + sustained VERTS w sig coverage of F&C

SQE(A) + VERTS w sig coverage of F&C interactions

Judgment only

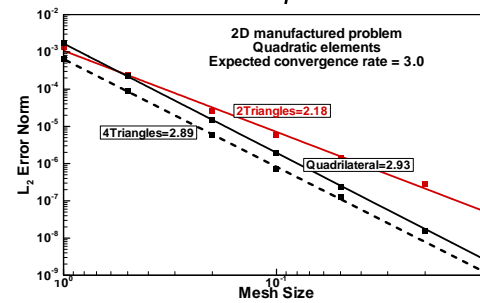
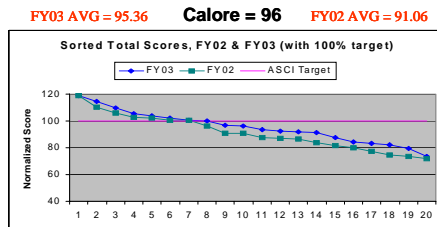
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Code/Code Comparisons



		Verification Test Suite			
		Unit Tests	VERT 1	VERT 2	VERT 3
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	FC4	UT3	VT1		
Code B	FC5			VT2	
	FC6	UT4		VT2	
	FC7	UT5			VT3
	FC8	UT6			VT3
	FC9	UT7			VT3
	FC10	UT8			VT3
Code or Appl Perspective		Line or Cap Coverage	Capability=Interaction Coverage		
		80%	3.22%		

# Measuring Progress in Solution Verification

## Are numerical errors polluting decisions?

Judgment  
only

Explore  
sensitivity to  
discretization and  
algorithm  
parameters

Estimate  
numerical  
errors

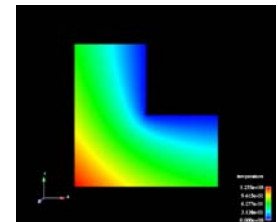
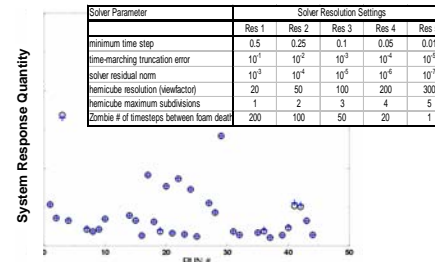
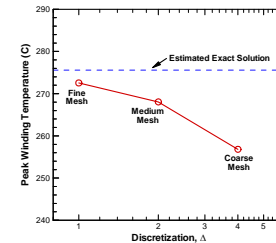
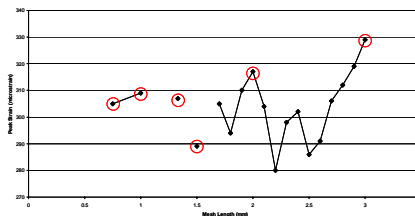
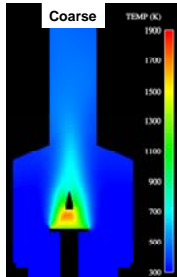
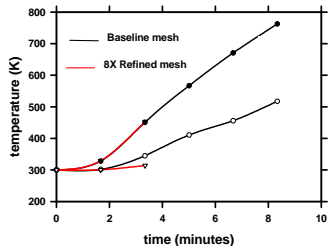
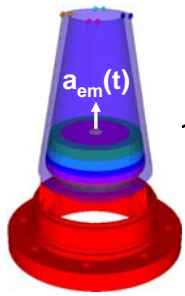
Quantify  
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# Measuring Progress in Validation

## Are you solving the right equations?

Judgment  
only or qual  
m/p comp  
w/o SET  
coverage or  
w/o IETs

Qual m/p comps  
w SET coverage  
and IETs

Quantitative validation  
w/o assessment of  
var/unc *and* w/o SET  
coverage or w/o IETs

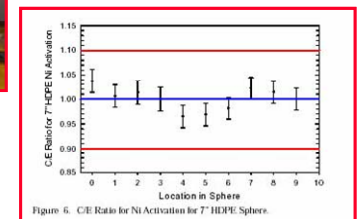
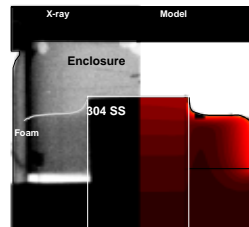
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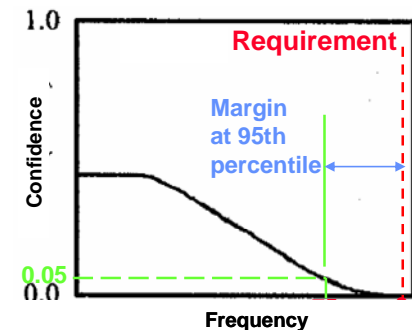
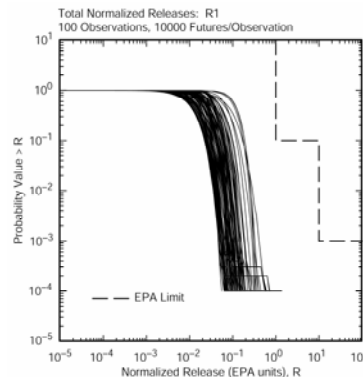
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# Measuring Progress in UQ/Sensitivity Analyses

## What is the impact of variabilities and uncertainties in the decision context?

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## ***Measured Credibility*, on Demand, for Diverse Applications**

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- Decision makers need to understand predictive capability in order to make informed decisions and to efficiently leverage and make use of research dollars
- Progress in predictive capability needs to be measured in each individual decision context
  - Predictive capability is more than geometric fidelity or even physics fidelity
  - There is a need to define sufficiency (or adequacy) in each attribute of predicative capability based on risk tolerance
- The **Predictive Capability Maturity Model** provides a graded approach to assessing and measuring predictive capability for specific applications



# The Credibility of M&S is Critical

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**“Due diligence means asking the questions,  
even if you don’t think you’ll like the answers.”**

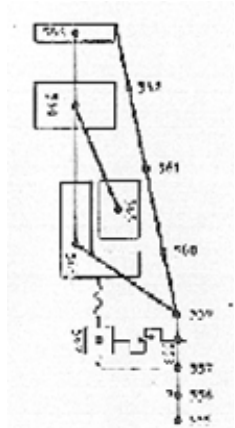


# Representational (Geometric) Fidelity

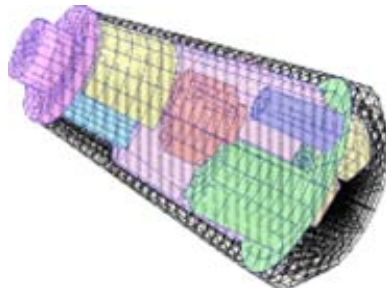
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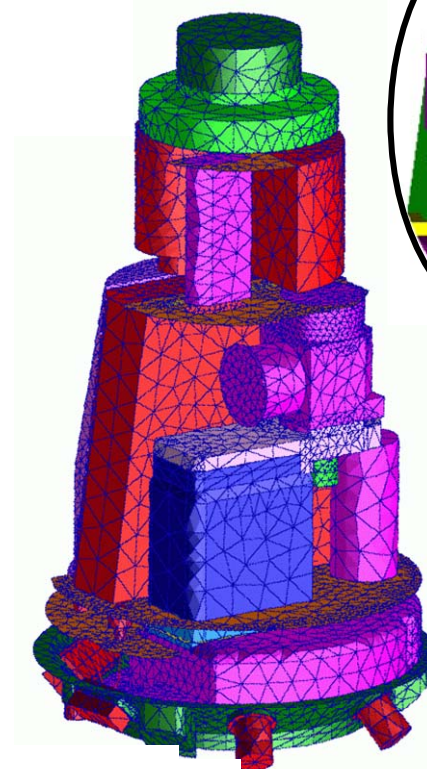
# Progress in Representational Fidelity in Structural Dynamics



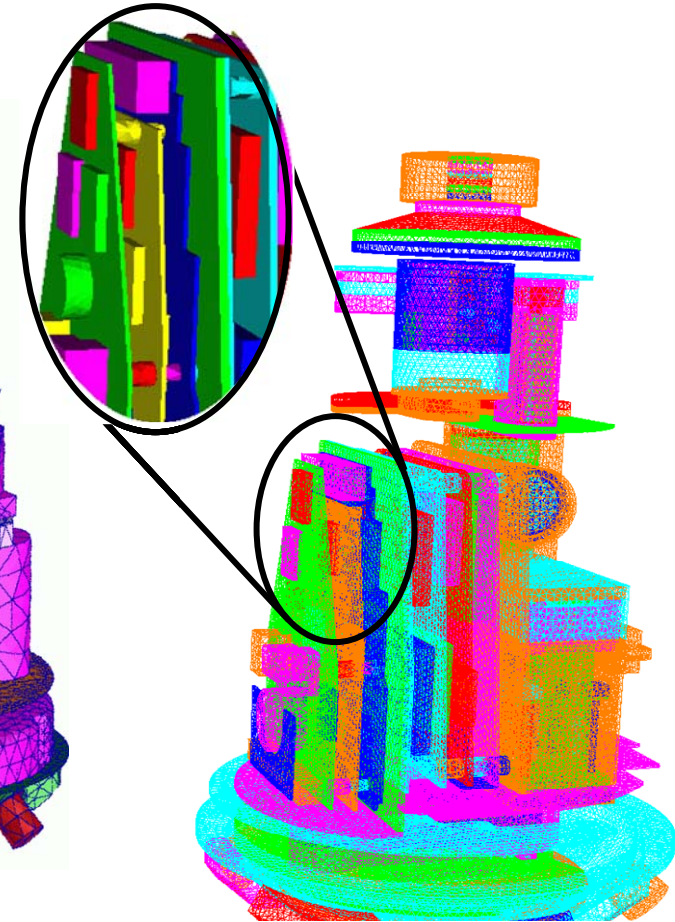
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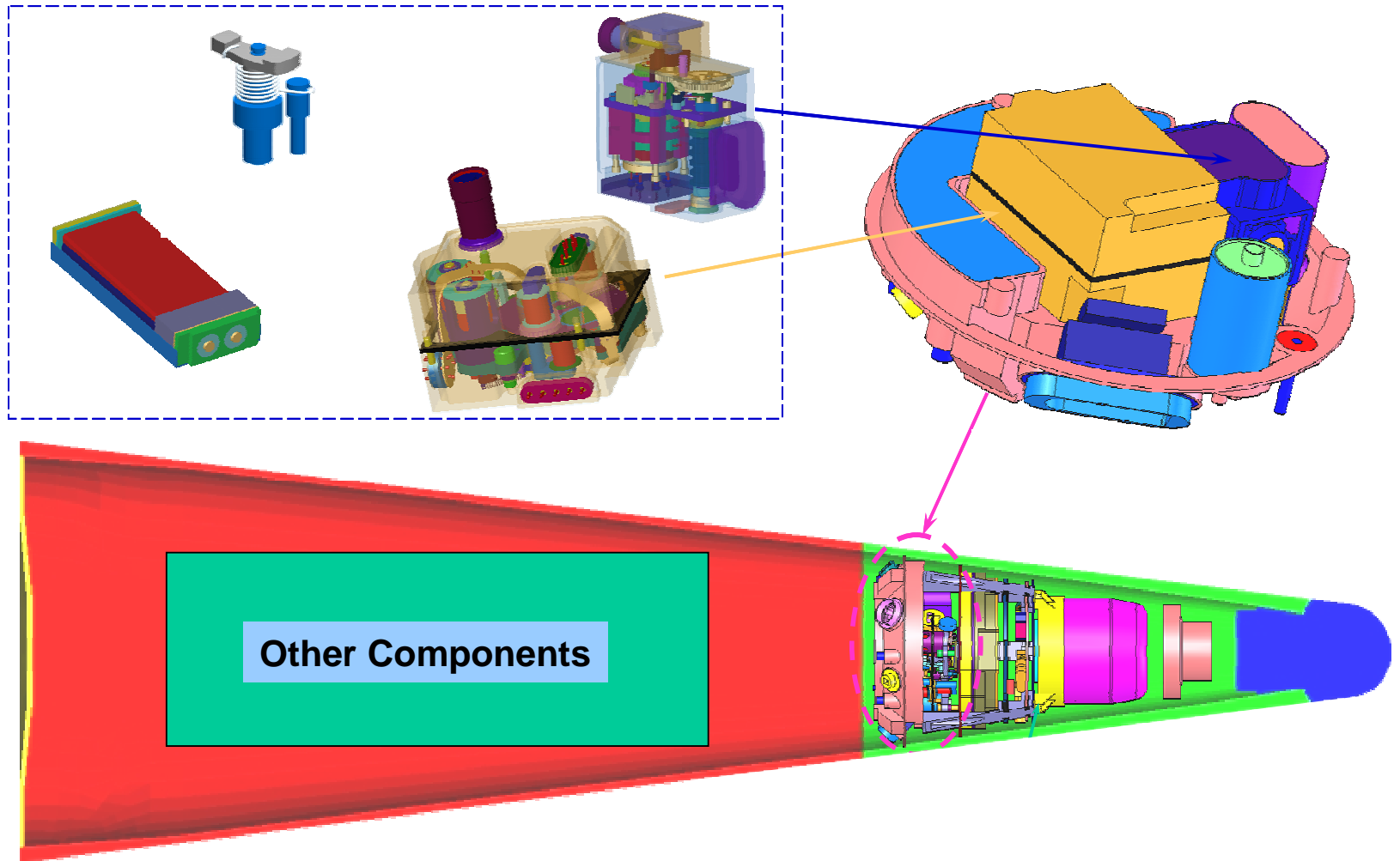


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# Progress in Representational Fidelity Thermal Modeling





# Physics Fidelity

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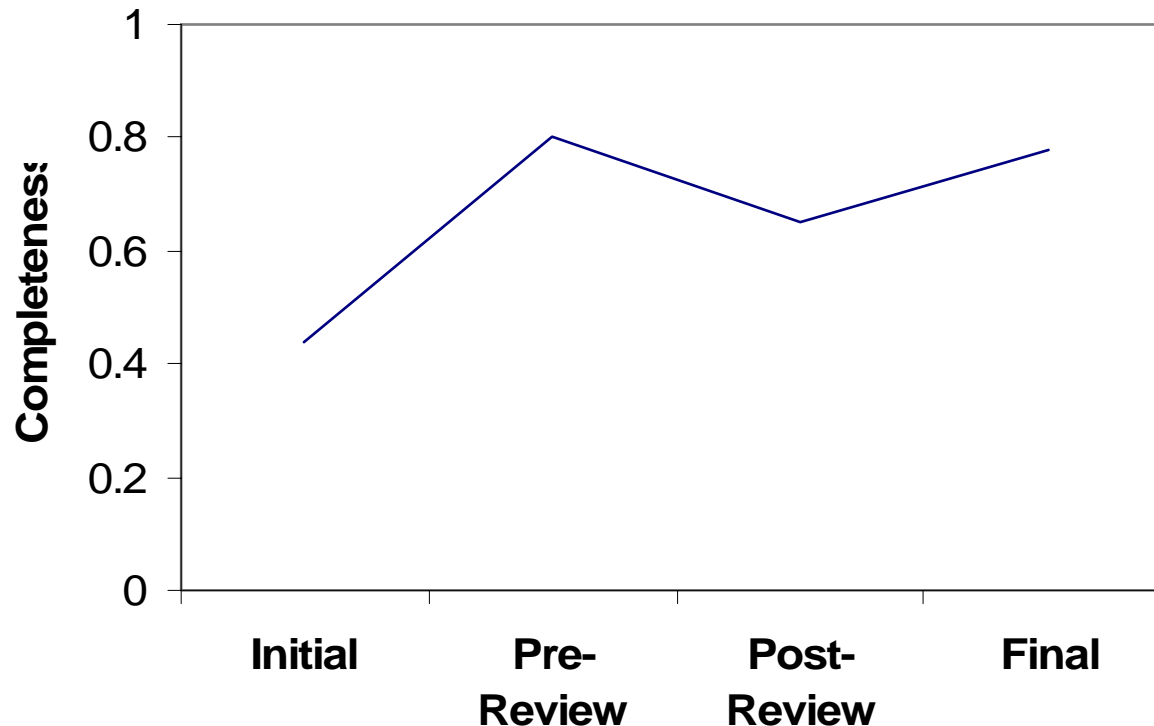
# Phenomena Identification and Ranking Tables (PIRT)

Establish efficiency and sufficiency of activities

Phenomena	Importance	Adequacy		
		Model	Code	Validation
P1	H	H	M	L
P2	M	M	L	L
P3	L	L	L	L

Gap = 5

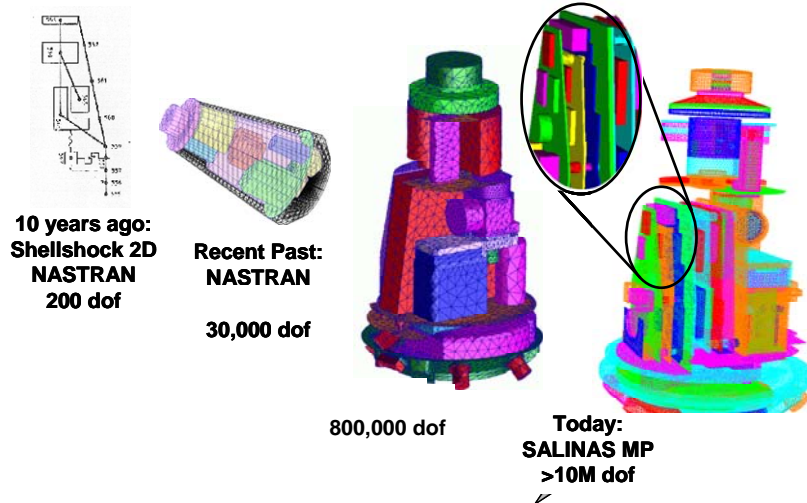
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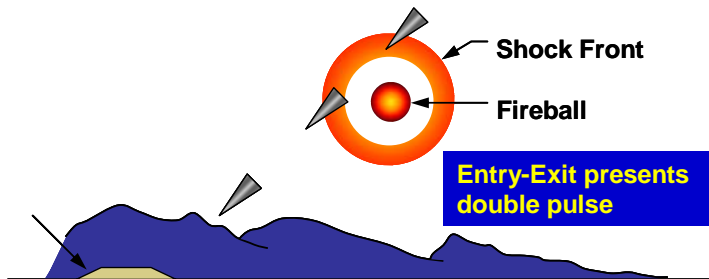
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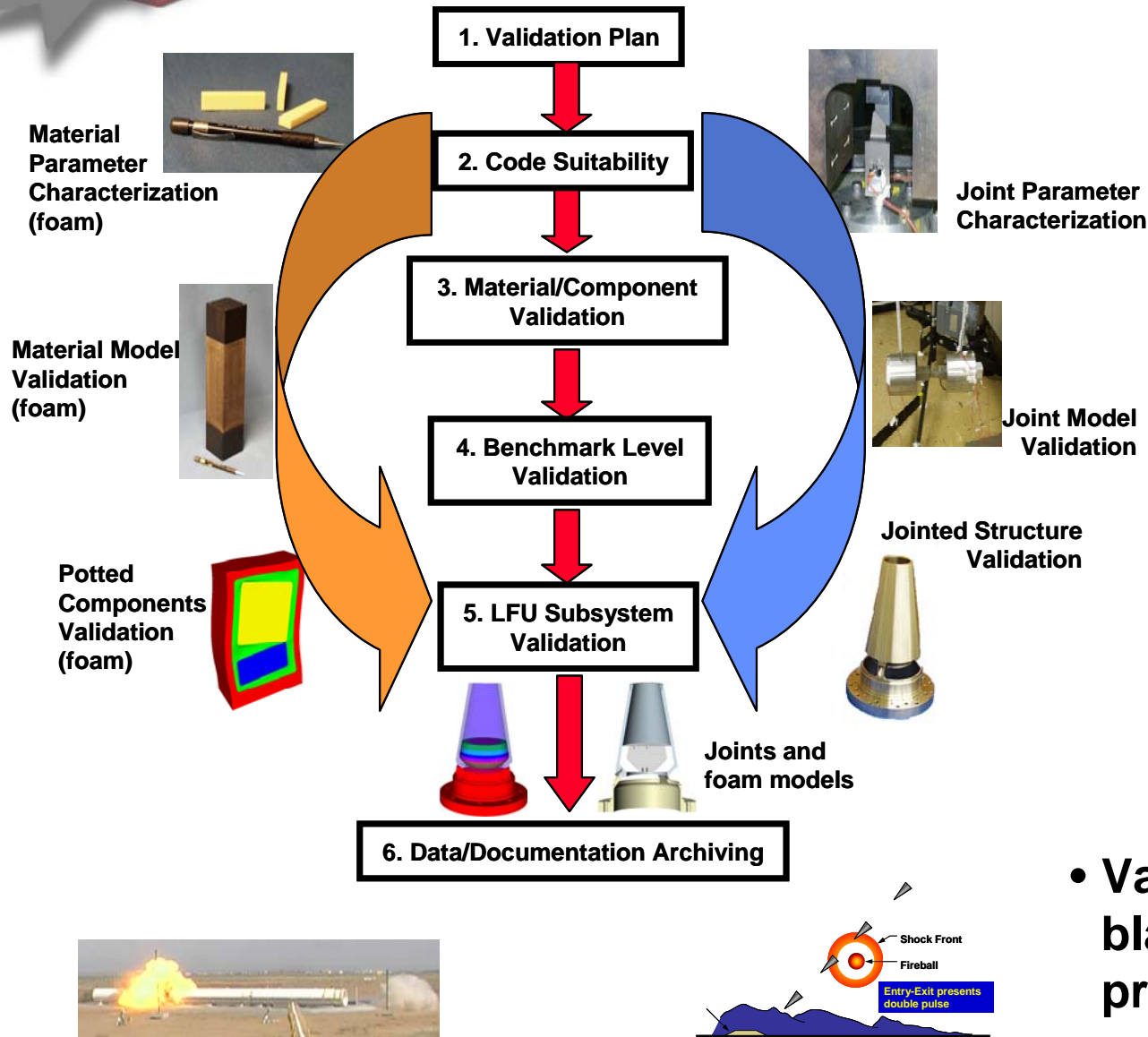


- Calibrate model to blast test using global **stiffness** and **damping** parameters: **knobs that act as surrogates for missing or unknown physics**



- Use calibrated model to make prediction in tactical environments

# Improving Physics Fidelity



- **Physics-informed models validated against separate effects tests**

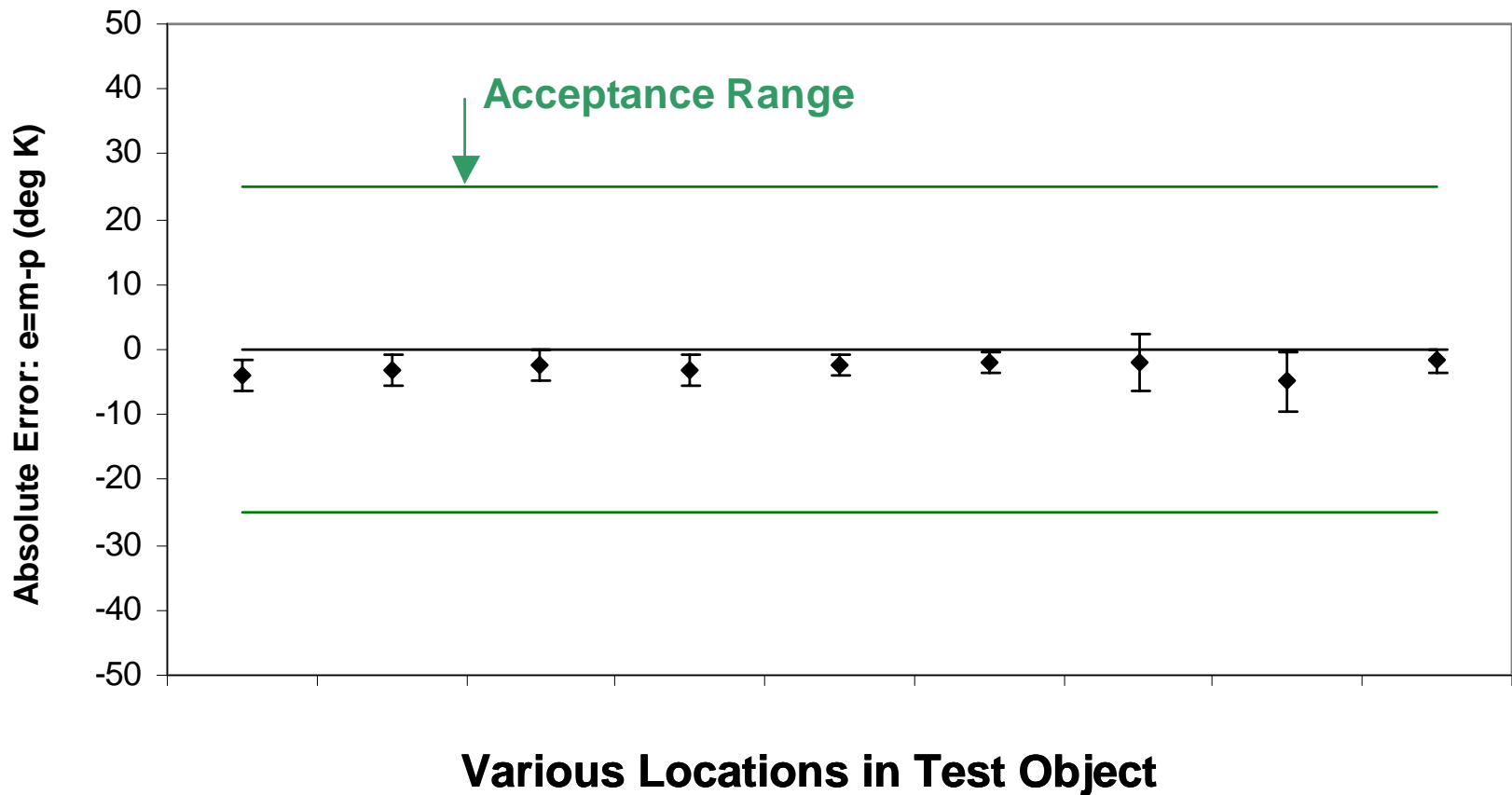
- **Validate against blast test and make prediction in tactical environments**





# Well Established Physics Fidelity

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# Code Readiness

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# Attributes of Verification

Demonstrating **Convergence** to **Correct Answer**  
for the **Intended Application**

**Solution Verification: Convergence for intended application, but is it the right answer?**

• Address adequacy of spatial AND temporal AND other discretizations AND numerical knobs

**Regression Testing**

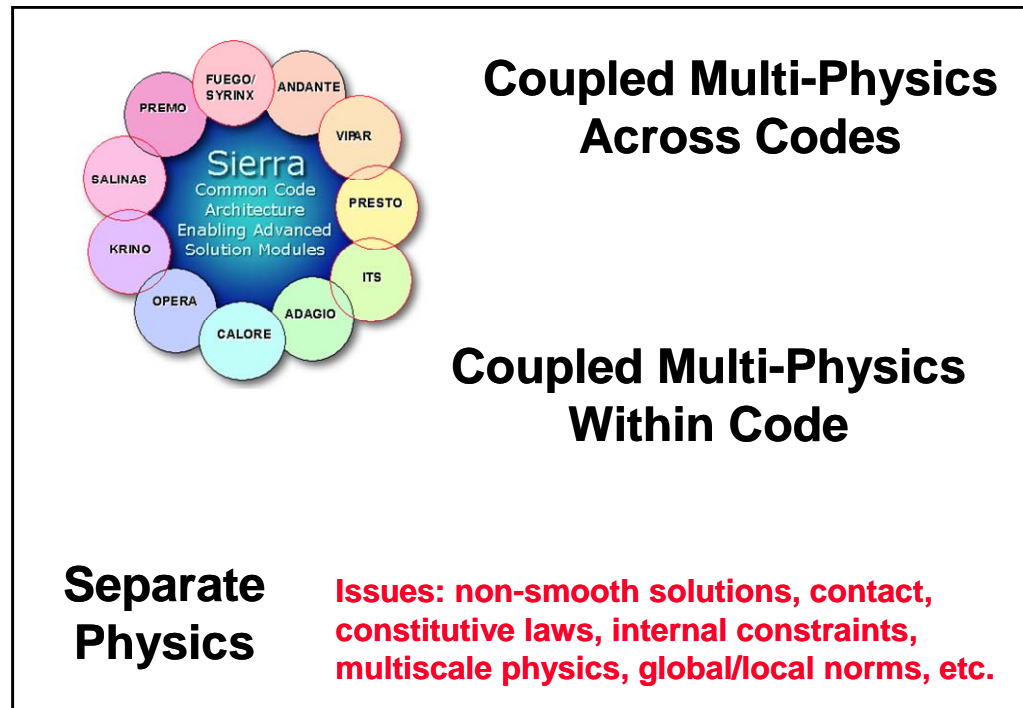
**SQE(A)**

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Inference



Application



Inference

**Code Verification: Convergence to correct answer, wrong application**

• Eliminate code bugs AND inadequate algorithms



# **Code to Code Comparisons Are a Poor Substitute for Formal Verification**

## **Code Comparison Principle (CCP)**

**Code 1 = assessed code      Code 2 = benchmark code**

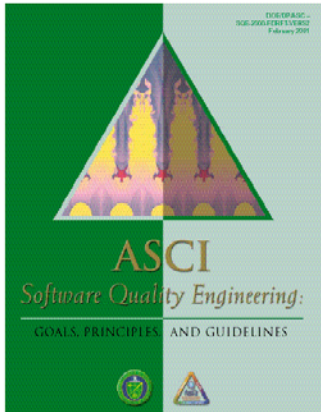
$$\|\text{Code 1} - \text{Truth}\| \leq \|\text{Code 1} - \text{Code 2}\| + \|\text{Code 2} - \text{Truth}\|$$

- $\|\text{Code 1} - \text{Code 2}\|$  . What if this term is not negligible?**
- Could be that Code 1 models are different from Code 2 models**
  - Could be a bug in Code 1 or Code 2**
  - Could be an algorithm flaw in Code 1 or Code 2**
  - Could be that Code 1 or Code 2 model is not converged**

**Points to path for better code-to-code comparisons; but if Code 2 is formally verified, why not verify Code 1 to the same verification test suite? And if not, why bother with the code-to-code comparison?**

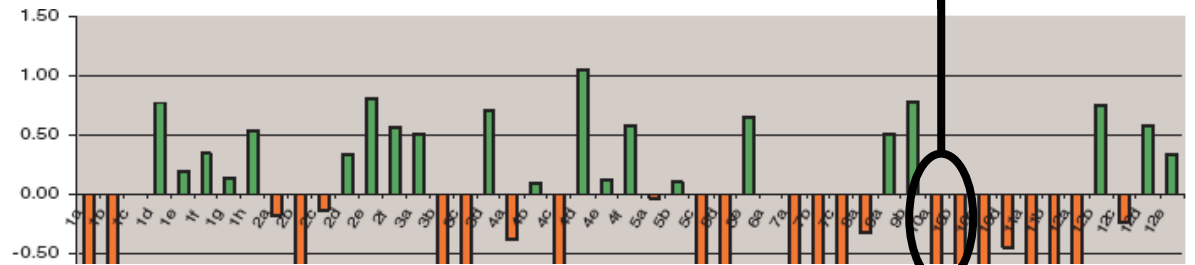
# SQE(A): Demonstrated Due Diligence in the Stewardship of Codes

## Requirements



## SourceForge: Issue Tracking

## Improvement

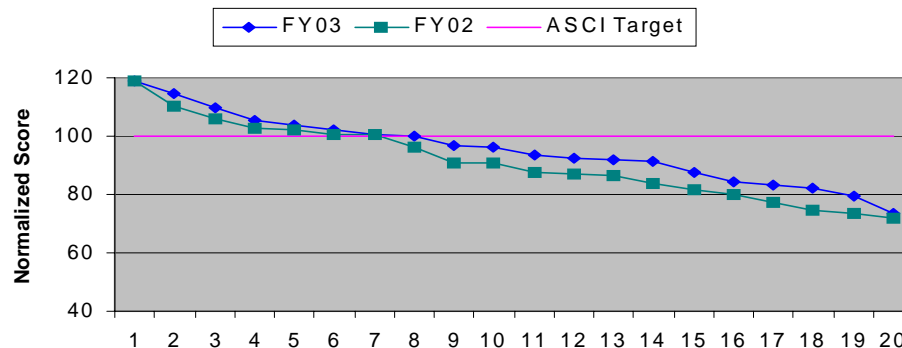


**FY03 AVG = 95.36**

**Calore = 96**

**FY02 AVG = 91.06**

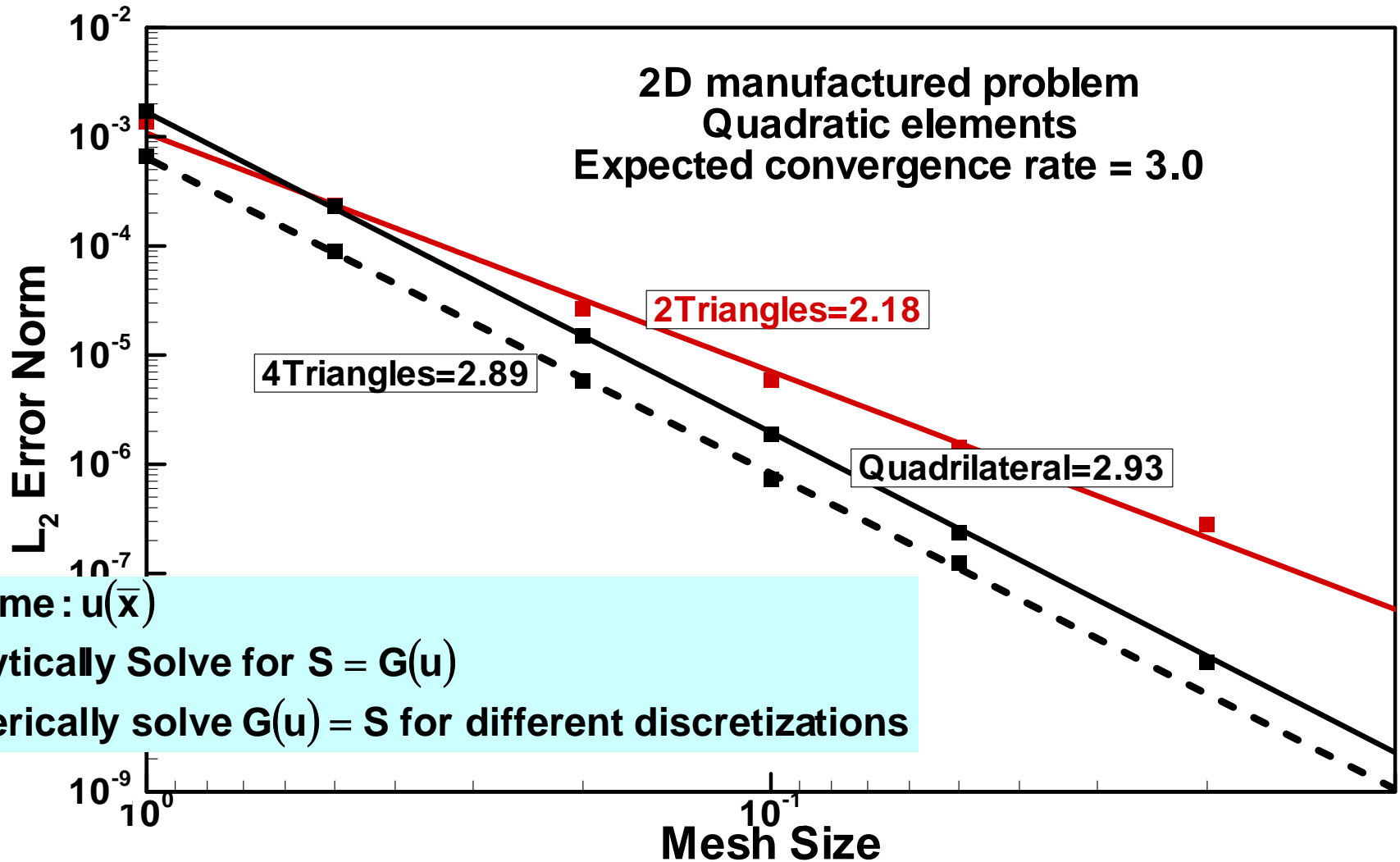
Sorted Total Scores, FY02 & FY03 (with 100% target)



## Assessments

# Verification with Manufactured Solution

## CEPTRE: Radiation Transport



Assume:  $u(\bar{x})$

Analytically Solve for  $S = G(u)$

Numerically solve  $G(u) = S$  for different discretizations

# Measuring Progress in Code Verification Coverage and Interactions

Features & Capabilities		Verification Test Suite					
		Unit Tests	VERT 1	VERT 2	VERT 3	Ideal	
Code A	FC1		VT1				
	FC2	UT1	VT1				
	FC3	UT2	VT1				
	FC4	UT3	VT1				
	FC5			VT2			
Code B	FC6	UT4		VT2			
	FC7	UT5	<div><math display="block">f = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{Nverts} \left( \sum_{r=1}^{nv} C_r \right)_i}{\sum_{r=1}^{NFC} C_r}</math></div>				VT3
	FC8	UT6					VT3
	FC9	UT7					VT3
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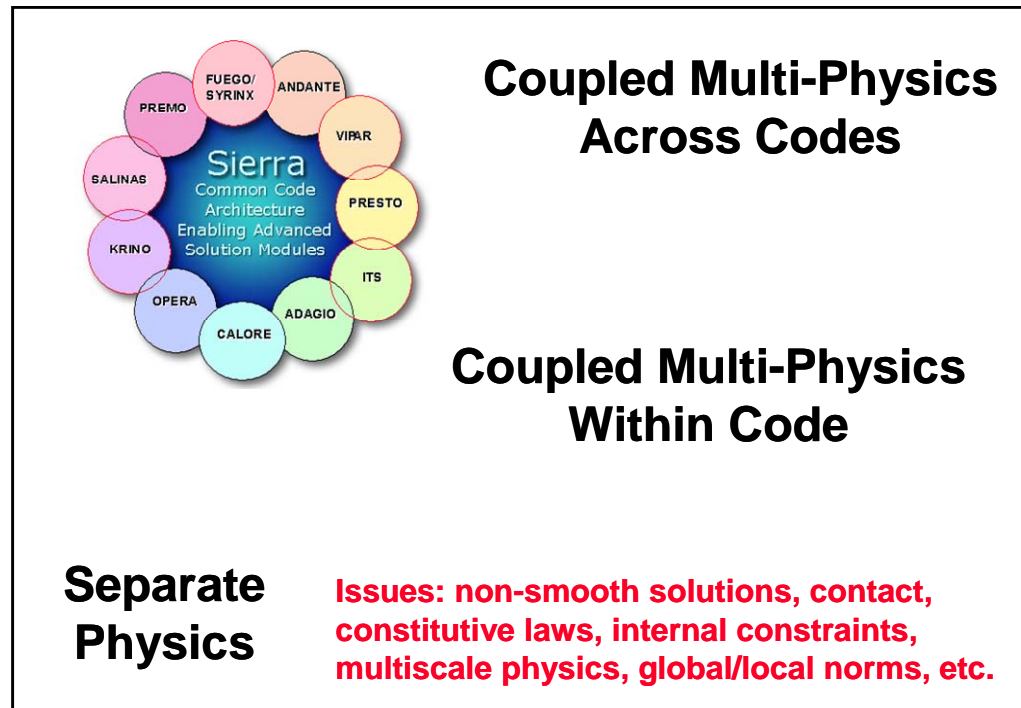
**SQE(A)**

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Inference



Application



Inference

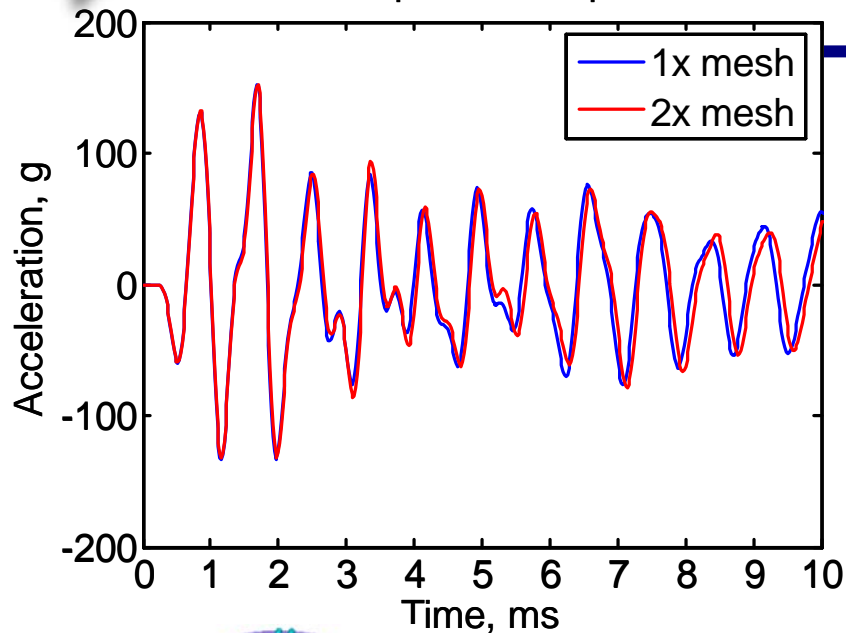
**Code Verification: Convergence to correct answer, wrong application**

• Eliminate code bugs AND inadequate algorithms

# Sensitivity to Mesh Parameters

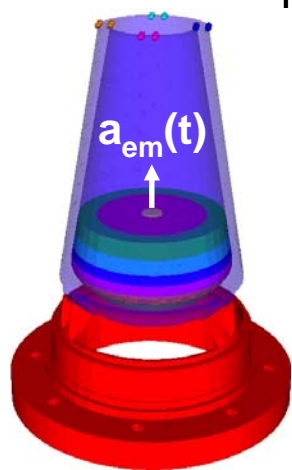
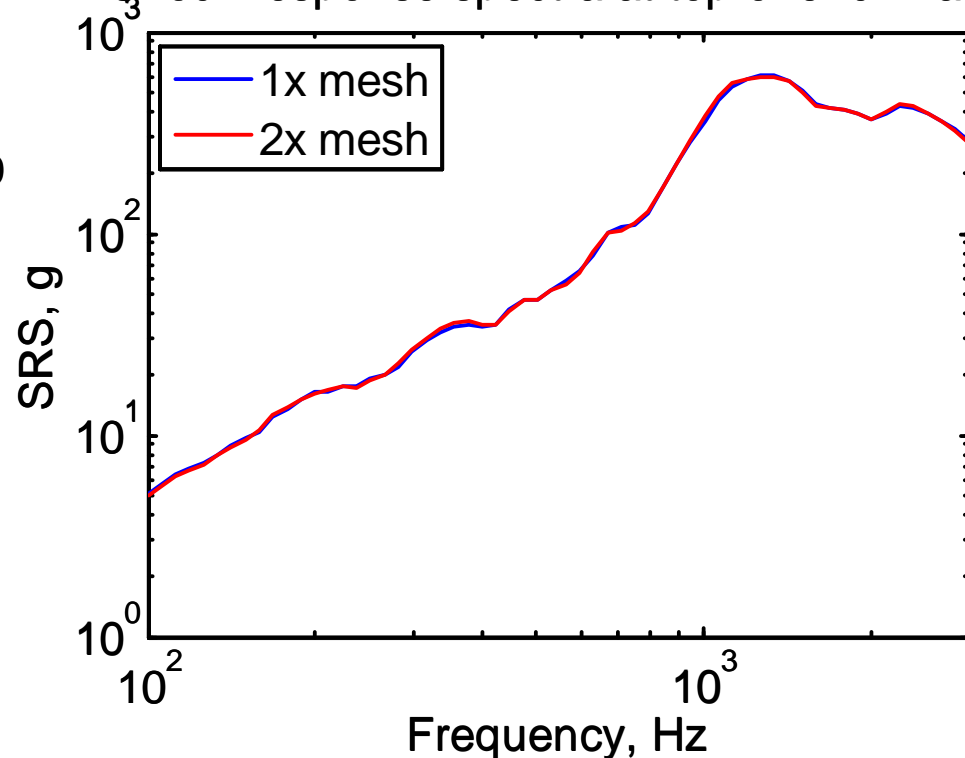
## Structural Dynamics

Acceleration response at top of enc. mass



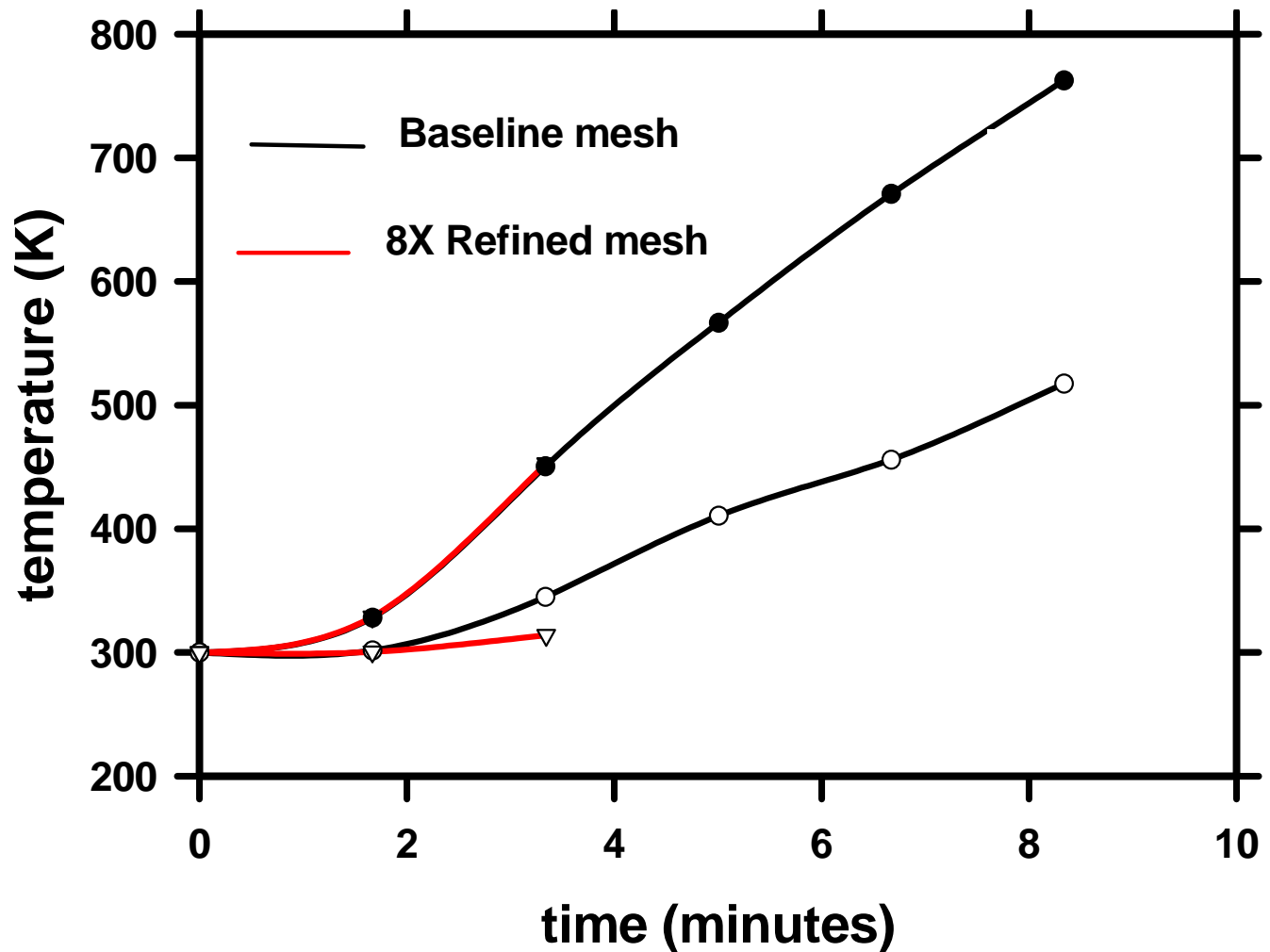
Max. relative error between  
SRS: +/- 5%

Shock response spectra at top of enc. mass

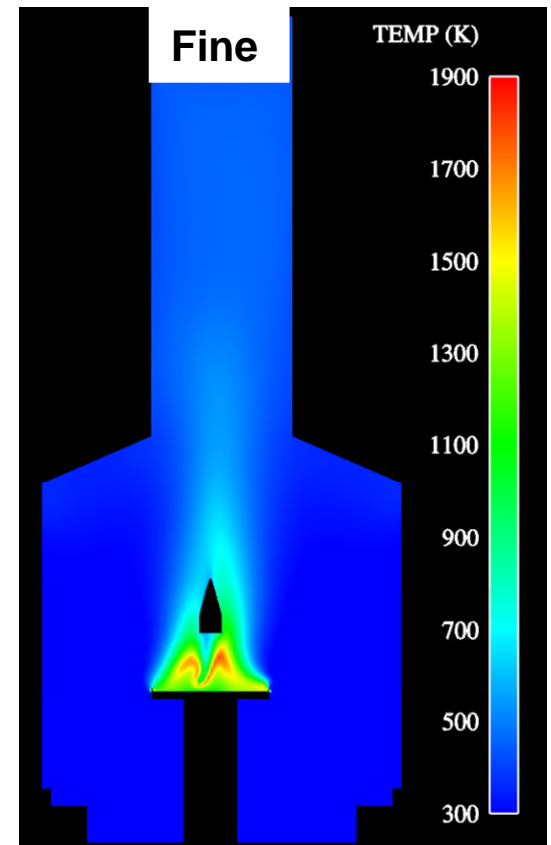
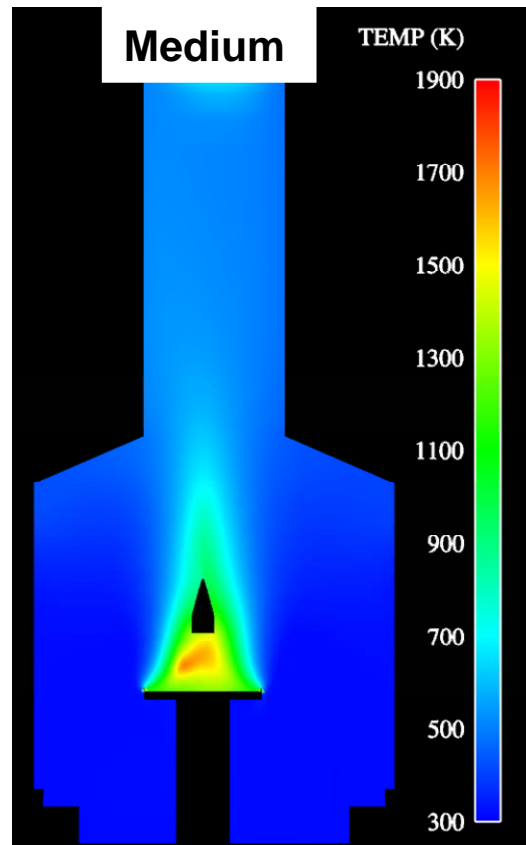
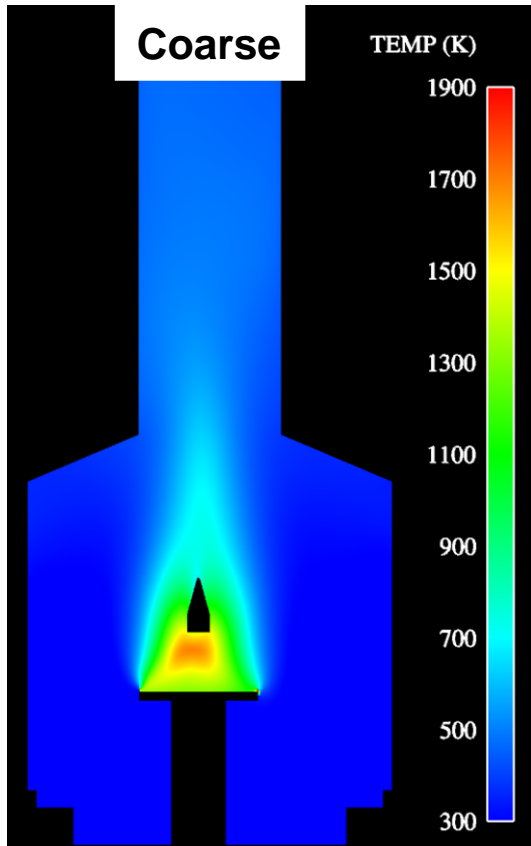


# Solution Verification on High Fidelity Models is Hard

**Solution Verification: Is the Discretization Adequate?**

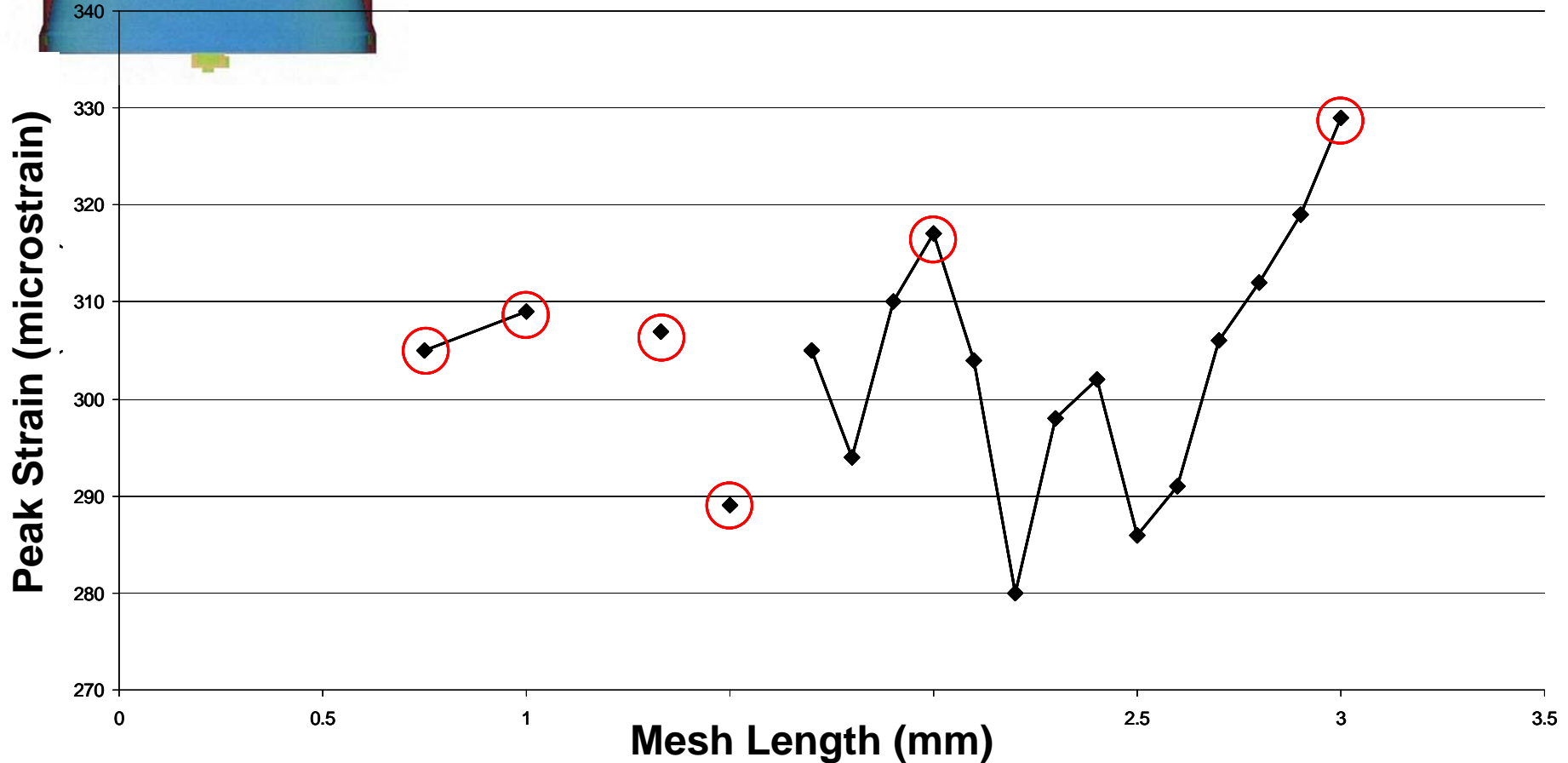
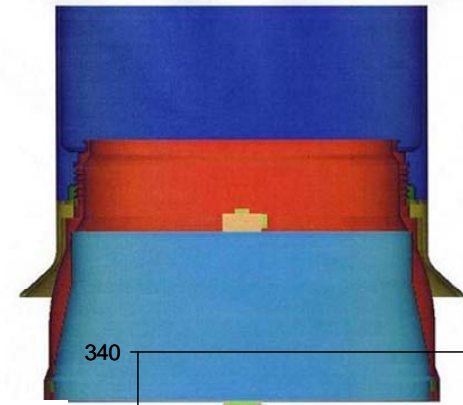


# Calorimeter Fire BVG Solutions



# Calculation Verification for a Threaded Assembly

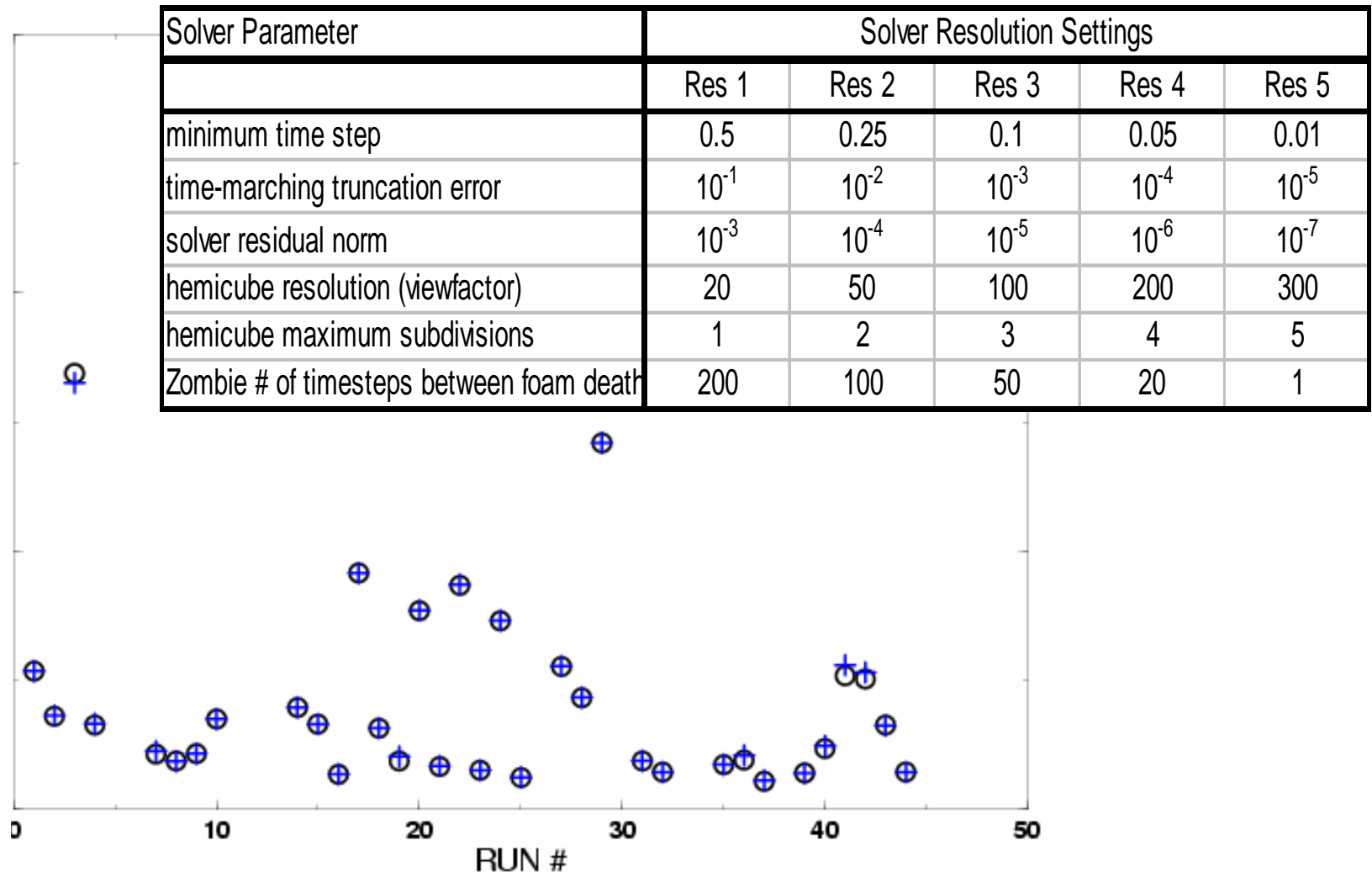
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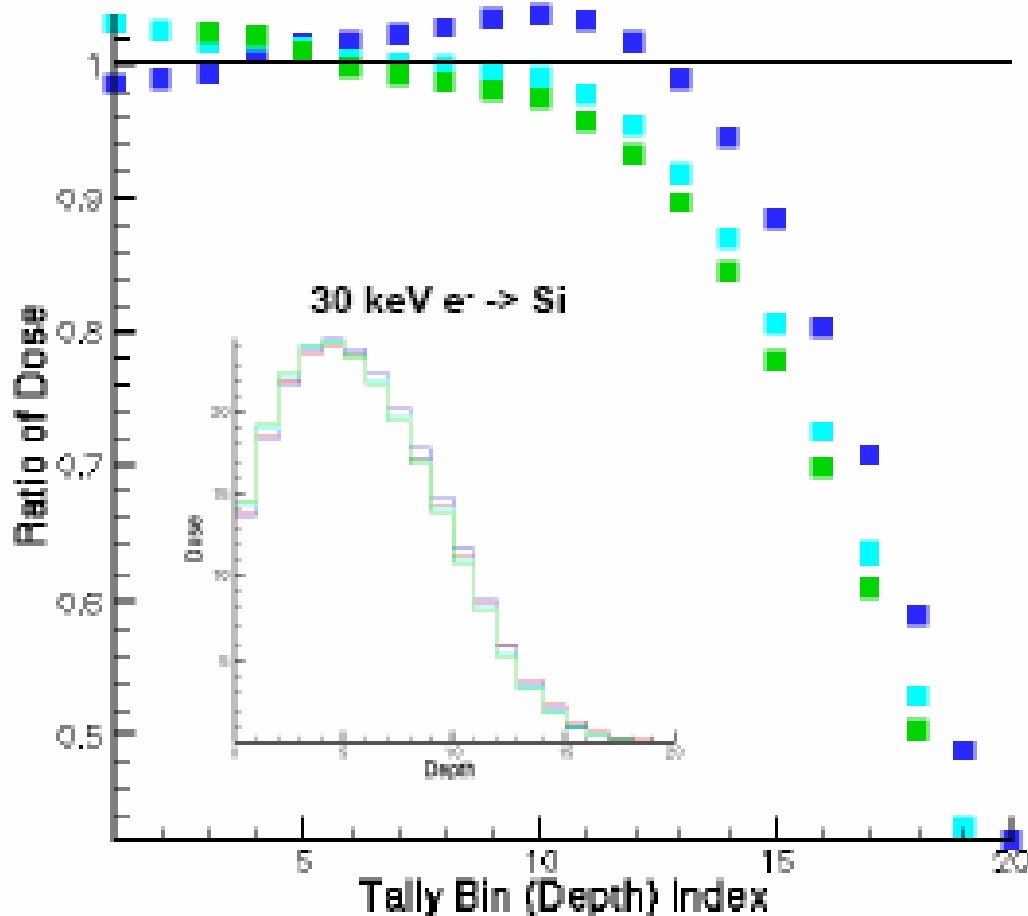
# Solver Resolution Over UQ Parameter Space

**Solution Verification: Are the solver settings adequate?**

System Response Quantity



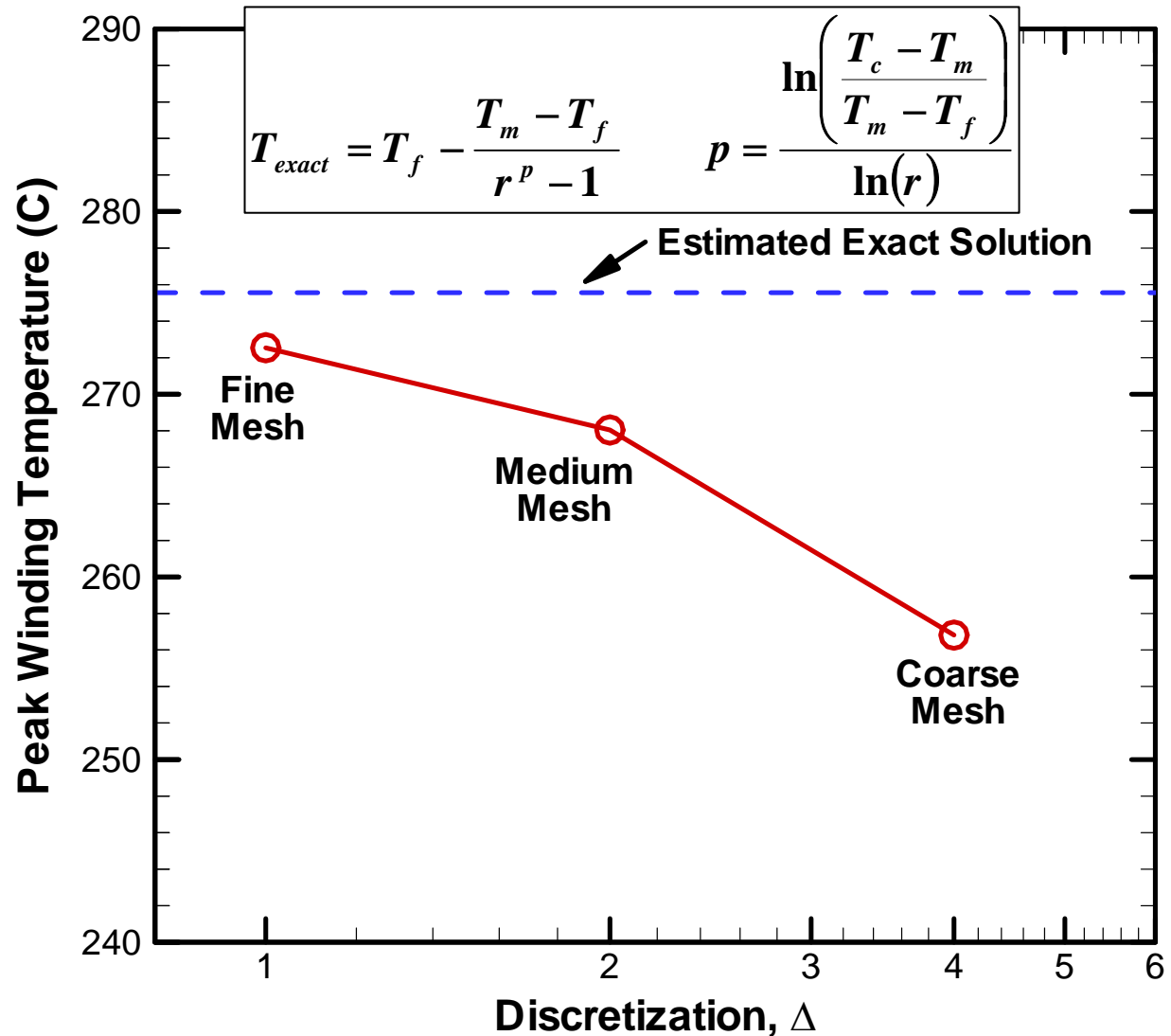
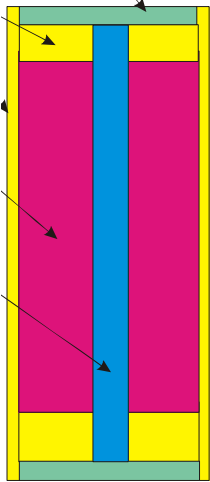
# Dose Sensitivity to Electron Boundary Crossing Algorithm



- Evaluation of ITS electron boundary-crossing error: (All with respect to no internal boundaries, default substep size.
- Blue: internal boundaries, default substep size
- Cyan: Internal boundaries half-default substep size
- Green: Internal boundaries quarter-default substep size

# Numerical Errors

## Pollute Validation Assessments





# Verification of Error Estimator and Adaptive Algorithm

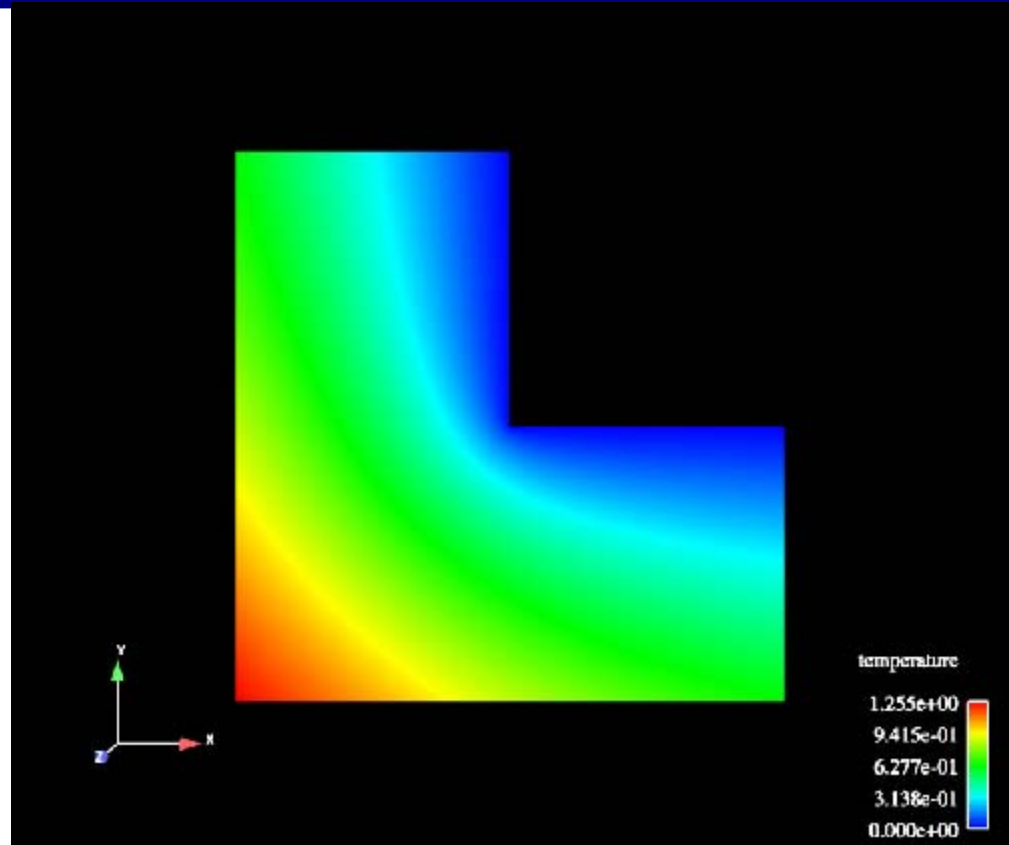
- 2D Exact Solution:

$$u = r^{2/3} \sin\left(\frac{2}{3}\theta\right)$$

- Linear elements
- ZZ error estimator

- Feedback adaptive algorithm:

if  $\left( \|e^*\|_{H_1(\omega_j)} > 0.995 \max_{1 \leq i \leq N_\omega} \|e^*\|_{H_1(\omega_i)} \right)$  then refine  $\omega_j$





# Validation

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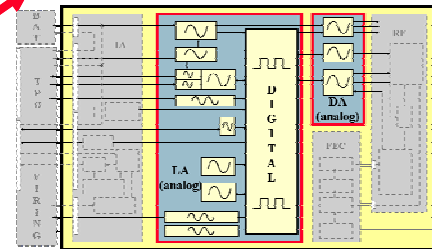
## Hyperlinks

# Science-Based Validation Experiments

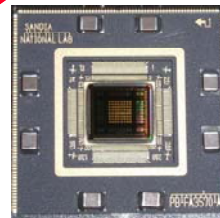
## Validation: Are You Solving the Right Equations?

**Hierarchal Validation: Right answer for the right reason**

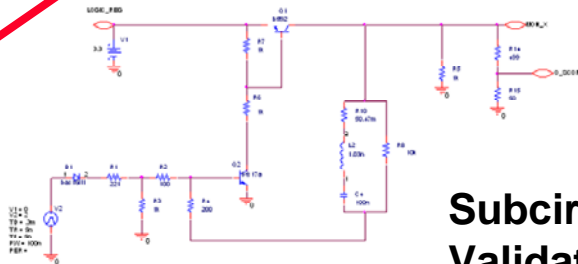
**Increasing complexity,  
Decreasing number of tests**



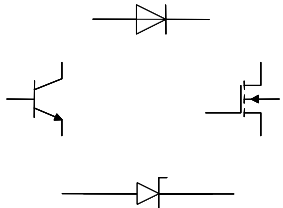
**System-Level  
Circuit  
Validation**



**Single ASIC  
Validation**



**Subcircuit  
Validation**



**Single Device  
Characterization  
and Validation**

- Application relevant parameter space
- Formal DOE and replicate tests
- Attention to diagnostic bias and precision

# Science-Based Validation Experiments

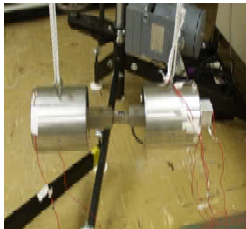
## Validation: Are You Solving the Right Equations?

Hierarchical Validation: Right answer for the right reason

Increasing complexity,  
Decreasing number of tests



Joint parameter characterization



Single joint validation



Jointed structure validation



Mockup with jointed structure and foam embedded object



Full System Test

- Application relevant parameter space
- Formal DOE and replicate tests
- Attention to diagnostic bias and precision

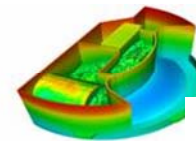
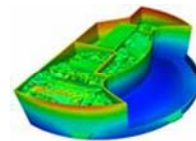
# Science-Based Validation Experiments

## Validation: Are You Solving the Right Equations?

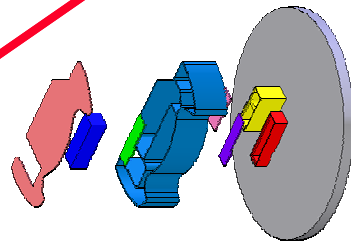
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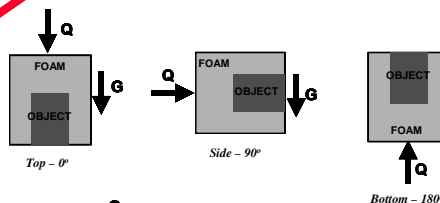
Full System Test



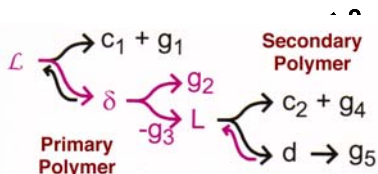
Validation  
Real Sub-systems



Validation with  
mockups

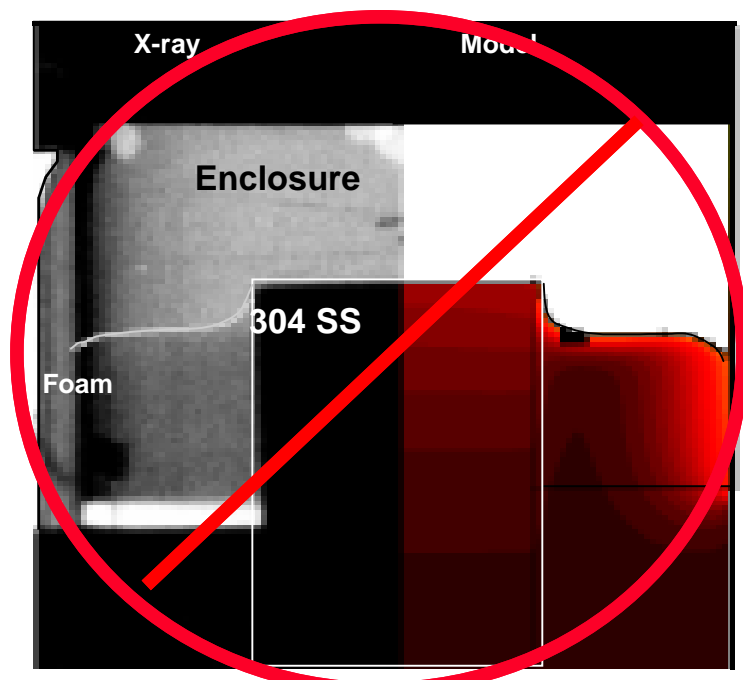


Foam recession



Chemistry  
characterization/validation

- Application relevant parameter space
- Formal DOE and replicate tests
- Attention to diagnostic bias and precision



# Validation is Statistical

**Vugraph Norms  
Are Not Adequate**

Errors:  $e = \ln(N)$

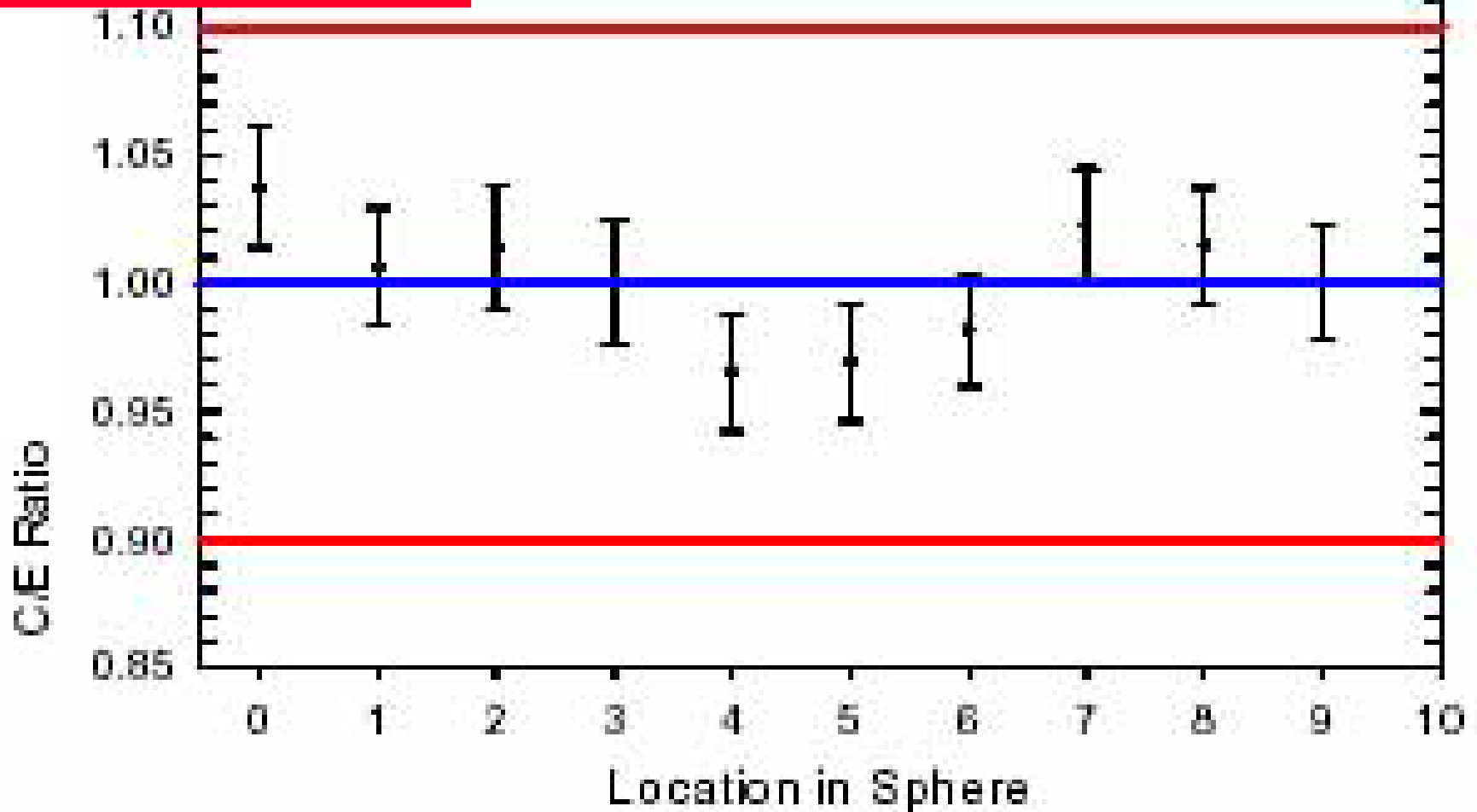
0.00  
-0.25  
-0.50

500 600 700 800 900 1000 1100

Temperature (C)

$e_m = 0.094$   
 $\sigma = 0.216$   
 $r^2 = 0.589$

# Neutron Attenuation in Test Objects





# QMU and Sensitivities

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**Hyperlinks**



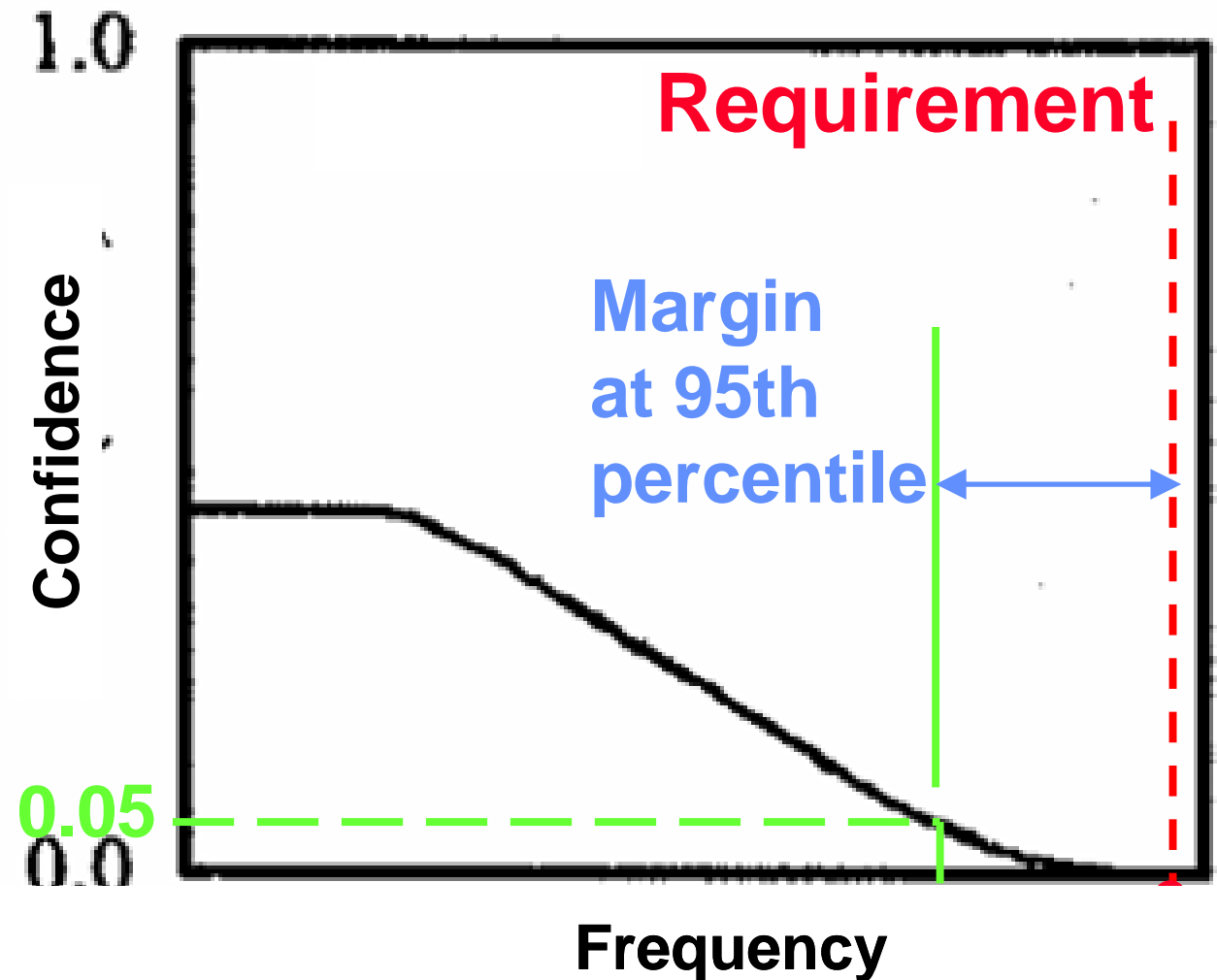
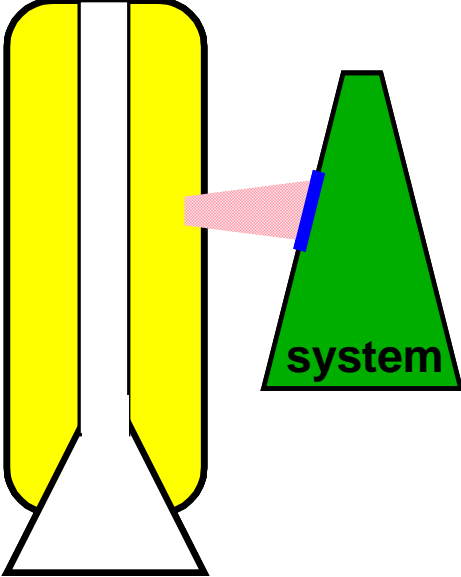


# Aleatory and Epistemic Uncertainties

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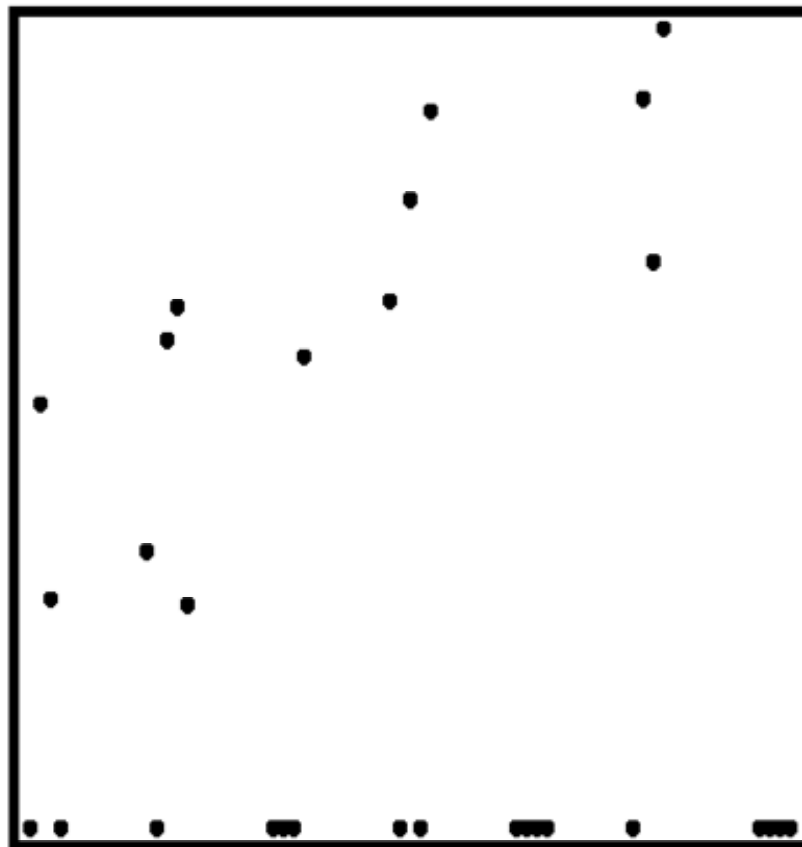
- **Aleatory uncertainty**: Inherent randomness in behavior of system under study (**frequency interpretation**)
  - Alternatives: Variability, stochastic uncertainty, irreducible uncertainty, type A uncertainty
  - Examples: component failures or material properties derived from statistically significant testing under conditions relevant to intended application
- **Epistemic uncertainty**: Lack of knowledge about appropriate value to use for a quantity that is assumed to have a fixed value in the context of a specific analysis (**confidence or belief interpretation**)
  - Alternatives: state of knowledge uncertainty, subjective uncertainty, reducible uncertainty, type B uncertainty
  - Examples: representative scenarios, unknown parameters in frequency distributions, parameters or models with defensible bounds but no sense of frequency

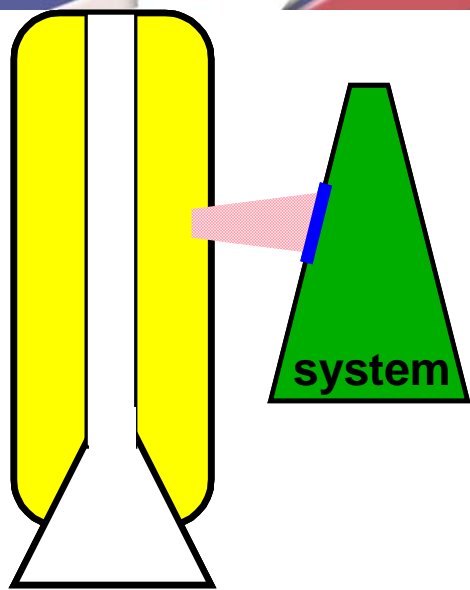
# Quantified Margins and Uncertainties



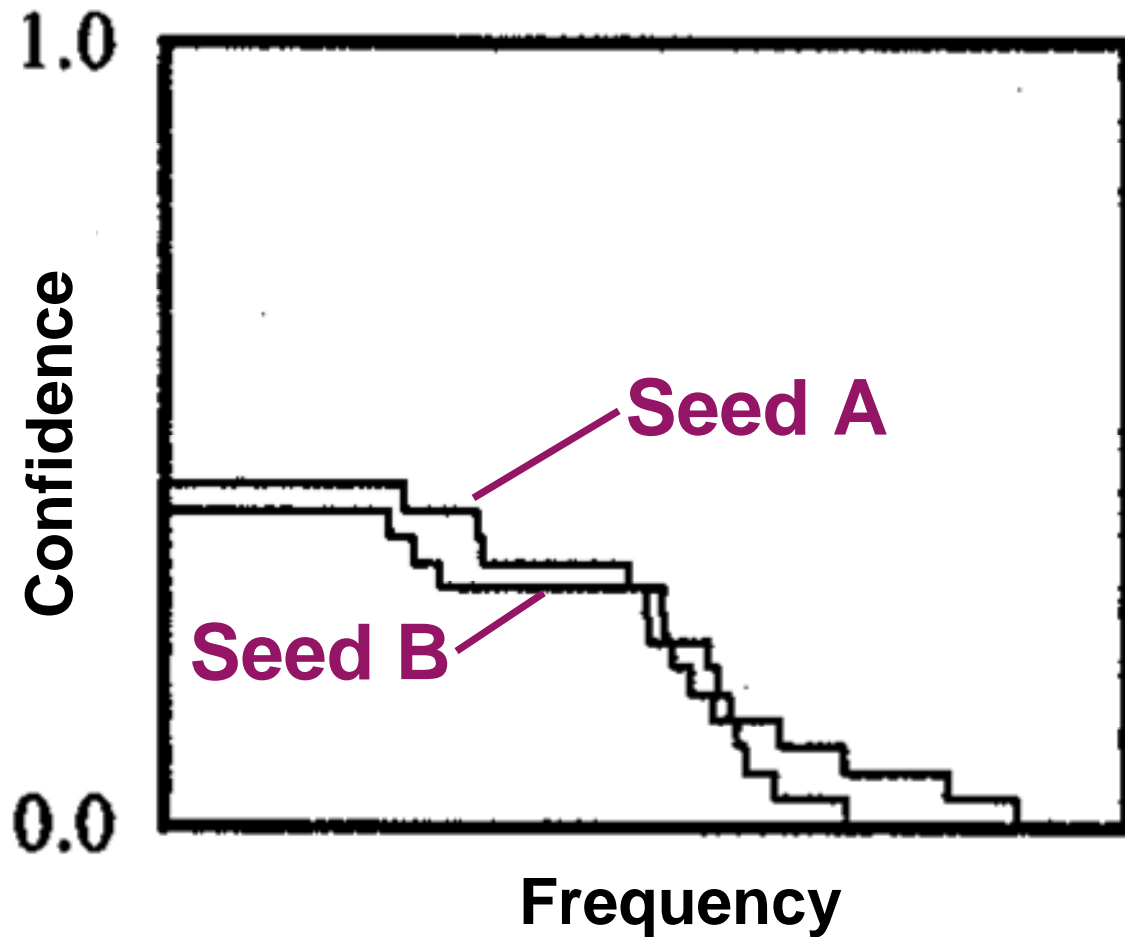
# Sensitivity Analysis

$$SCorr = 0.809$$





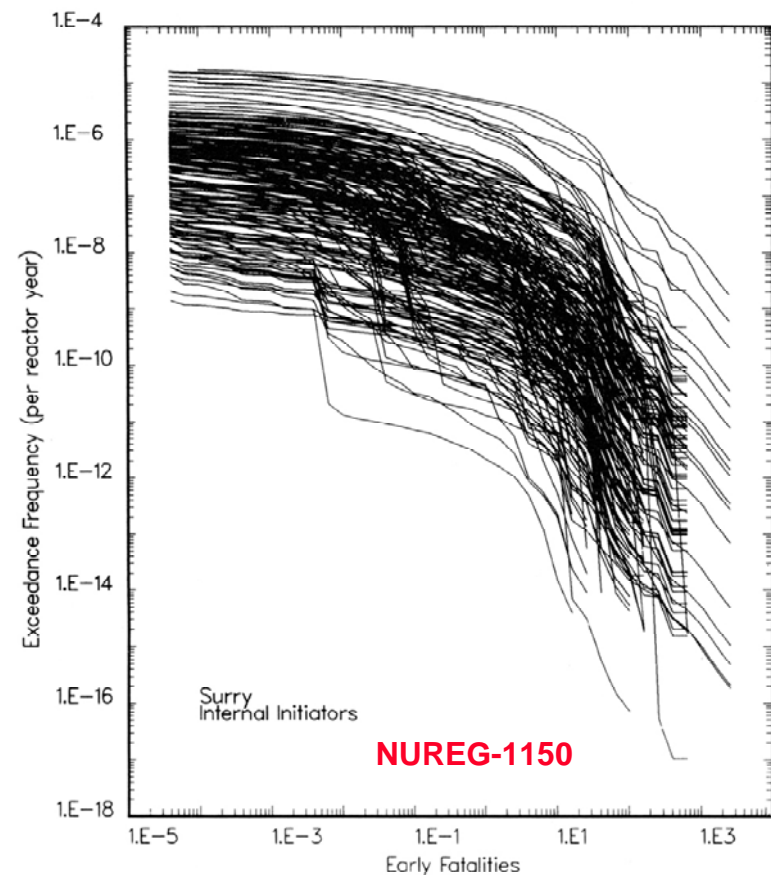
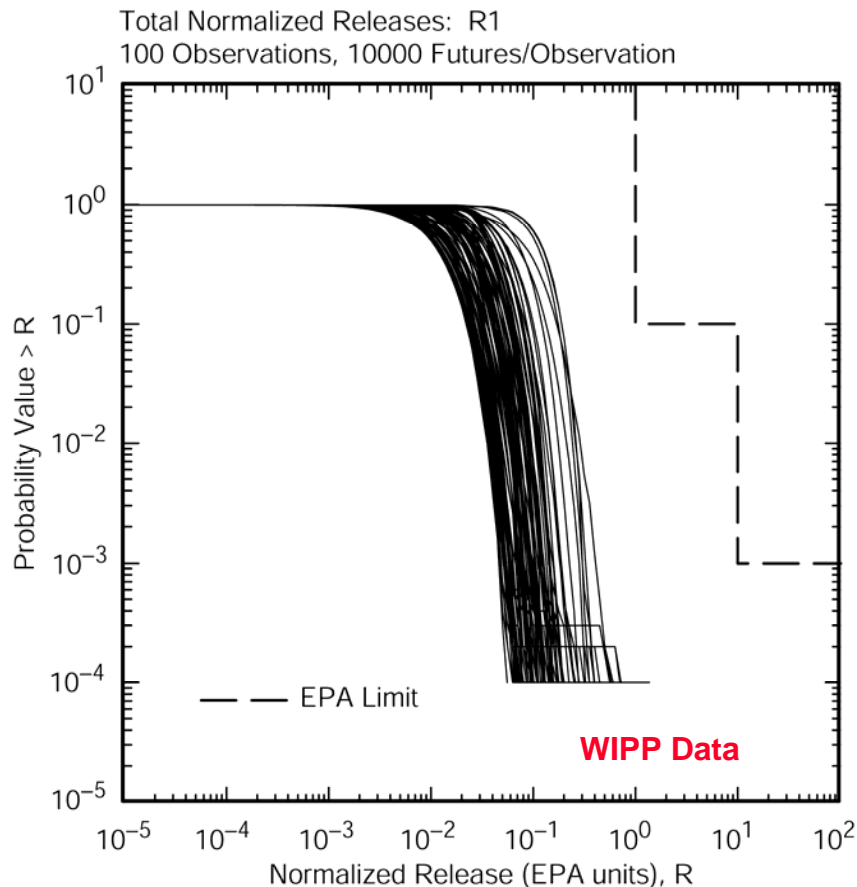
## UQ Solution Verification



**Seed Effects from limited sampling**

# WIPP and NUREG-1150 Precedents

High Consequence Regulatory Issues in the National Interest  
Addressed Primary Through Modeling and Simulation



**Lessons Learned: (1) Seek BE + Uncertainty**

**(2) It takes more than one shot to get it right**