



# Multiphysics Coupling via **LIME**: Lightweight Integrating Multiphysics Environment

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# CASL: The Consortium for Advanced Simulation of Light Water Reactors

A DOE Energy Innovation Hub for Modeling and Simulation of Nuclear Reactors

## Leverage

- Current state-of-the-art neutronics, thermal-fluid, structural, and fuel performance applications
- Existing systems and safety analysis simulation tools

## Develop

- New requirements-driven physical models
- Efficient, tightly-coupled multi-scale/multi-physics algorithms and software with quantifiable accuracy
- Improved systems and safety analysis tools
- UQ framework

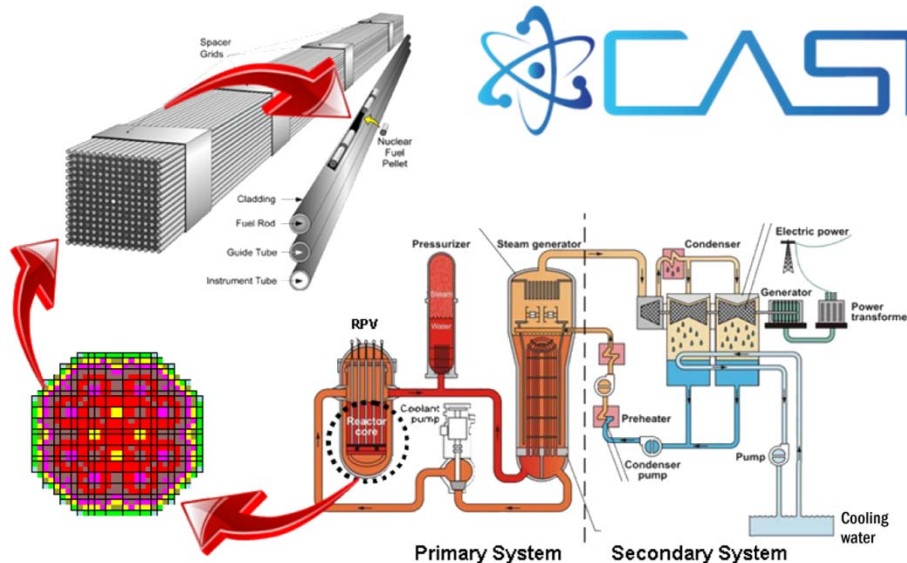
## Deliver

- An unprecedented predictive simulation tool for simulation of physical reactors
- Architected for platform portability ranging from desktops to DOE's leadership-class and advanced architecture systems (large user base)
- Rigorous Verification & Validation against existing reactors and data



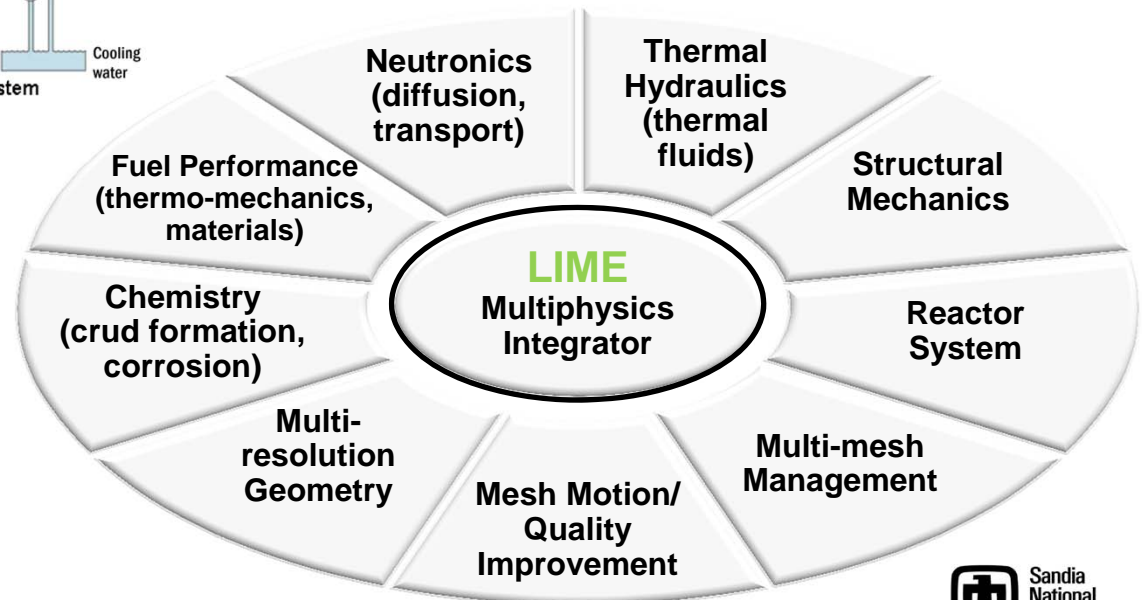


# CASL vision: Create a virtual reactor (VR) for predictive simulation of LWRs



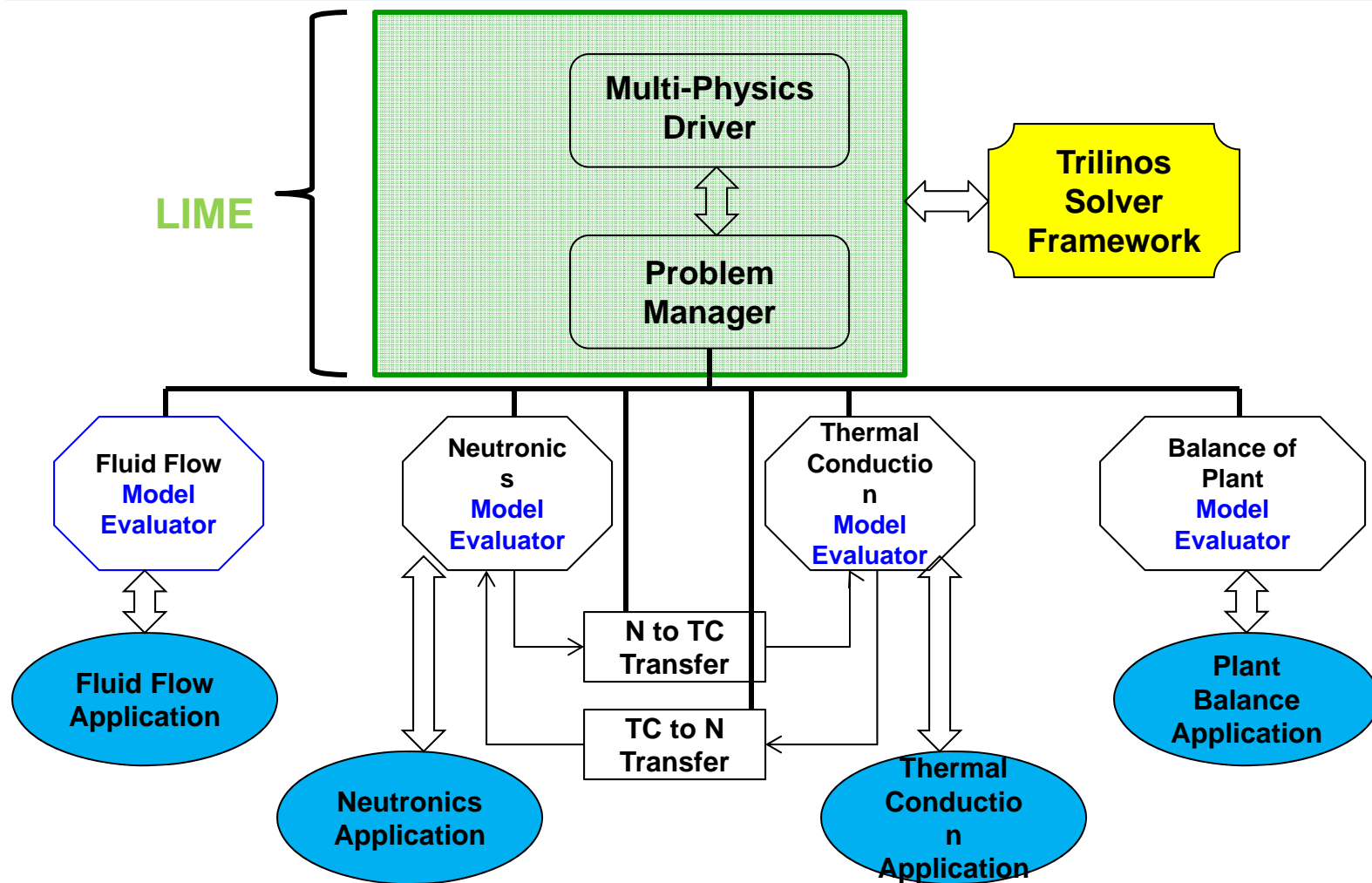
- Multi-scale: temporal and spatial
- Dynamic components: plug-and-play models and codes
- Tractable pre- & post-simulation complexity via friendly user-interface

- Efficient, tightly-coupled multi-scale/multi-physics algorithms and software with quantifiable accuracy
- Portability ranging from desktops to DOE's leadership-class and advanced architecture systems
- Works within UQ (Uncertainty Quantification) framework





# LIME Multi-Physics





# Model Evaluator: Interface to Application Codes

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- Each code is wrapped so the Problem Manager can link to it (i.e. like a library).

**Model Evaluator** interface allows an application to be treated as a flexible subroutine

InArgs		
$x$		
$\dot{x}$		
$p$		
OutArgs		
$R(\dot{x}, x, p)$		
$\frac{\partial R}{\partial \dot{x}}$	$\frac{\partial R}{\partial x}$	$\frac{\partial R}{\partial p}$
$R(\dot{x}, x, p) = 0$		



## Very Simple Example

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$$r_1(x_1, x_2) = 2x_1 - x_2 + k - 7 = 0$$

$$r_2(x_1, x_2) = x_1 + 2x_2 - 2k + 9 = 0$$

$$\mathbf{R}(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{b}(k) = \mathbf{0}$$

$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{A}^{-1}\mathbf{b}(k)$$

$$k = 3, \quad \mathbf{x} = (x_1, x_2) = (1, -2)$$

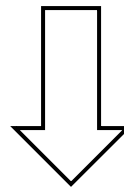


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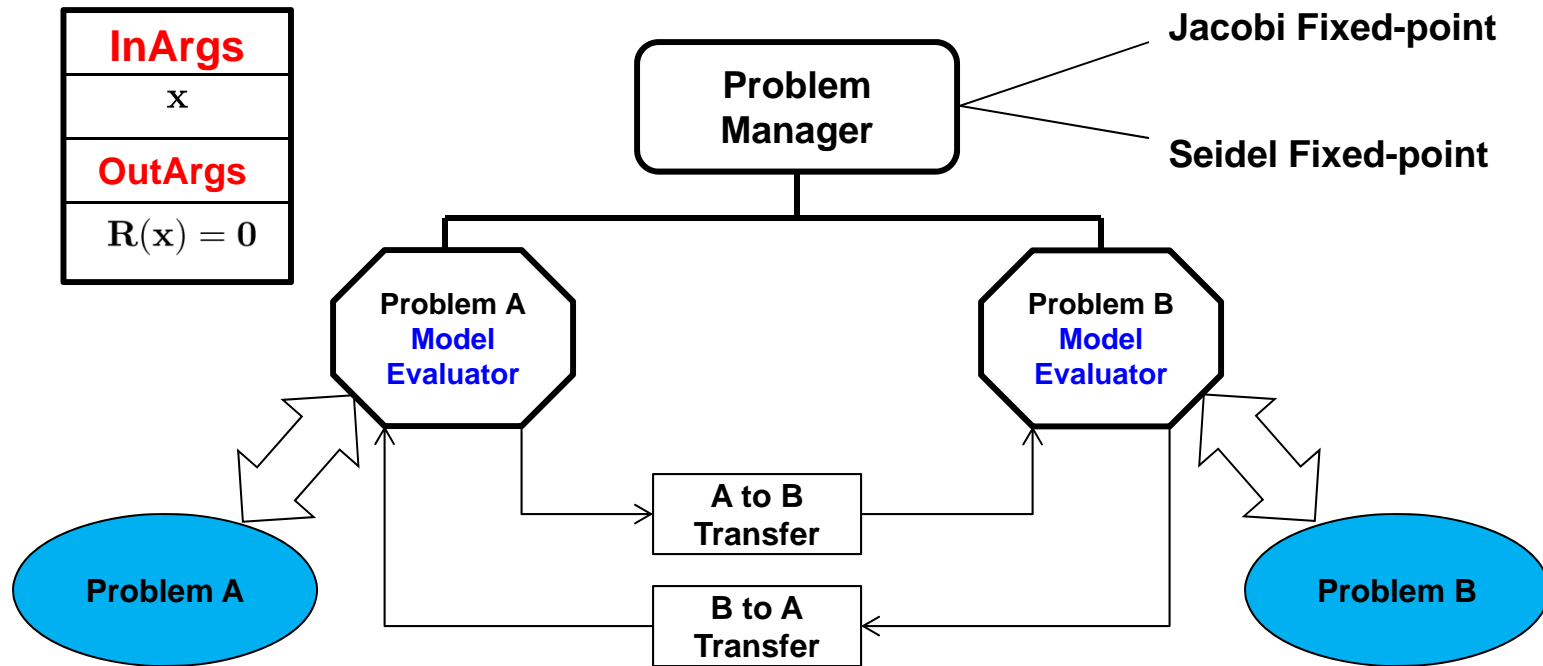
$$r_3(\tilde{x}_1, \tilde{x}_2, x_3) = (\tilde{x}_1)^2 + \tilde{x}_2 + 2x_3 - 5 = 0$$



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$$\mathbf{R}_A(\mathbf{x}_A, \tilde{\mathbf{x}}_B) = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}_A - \mathbf{b}_A(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}_B) = \mathbf{0}$$

$$\mathbf{R}_B(\mathbf{x}_B, \tilde{\mathbf{x}}_A) = \mathbf{B}\mathbf{x}_B - \mathbf{b}_B(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}_A) = \mathbf{0}$$





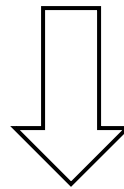


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Fixed-Point does not converge !



# A Better Example

## 1D Conjugate Heat Transfer

Yeckel et al., IJNME, v 67, n 12, 2006.

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 & & \Omega_1 & & \Omega_2 & & \\
 | & \text{---} & & | & \text{---} & & | \\
 x=0 & & & x=1 & & & x=2 \\
 T|_{x=0} = T_0 & & \frac{d^2T}{dx^2} - c \frac{dT}{dx} = 0 & & \kappa \frac{d^2T}{dx^2} = 0 & & T|_{x=2} = T_2
 \end{array}$$

$$q|_{x=1-} = - \left. \frac{dT}{dx} \right|_{x=1-}$$

$$q|_{x=1+} = -\kappa \left. \frac{dT}{dx} \right|_{x=1+} + \underline{R} (T^4|_{x=1+} - T_2^4)$$

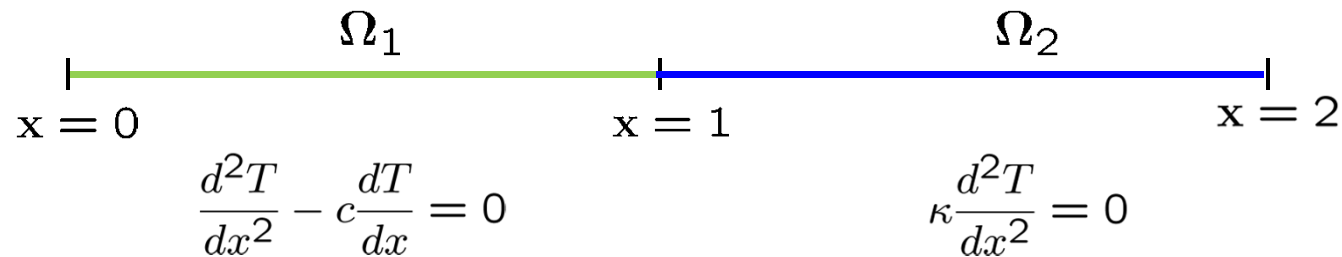
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$$\underline{\alpha} [q] + (1 - \alpha) [T] = 0 \quad \text{at } x = 1^-$$

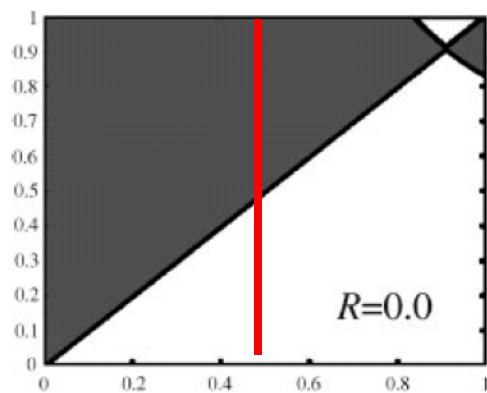
$$\underline{\beta} [q] + (1 - \beta) [T] = 0 \quad \text{at } x = 1^+$$



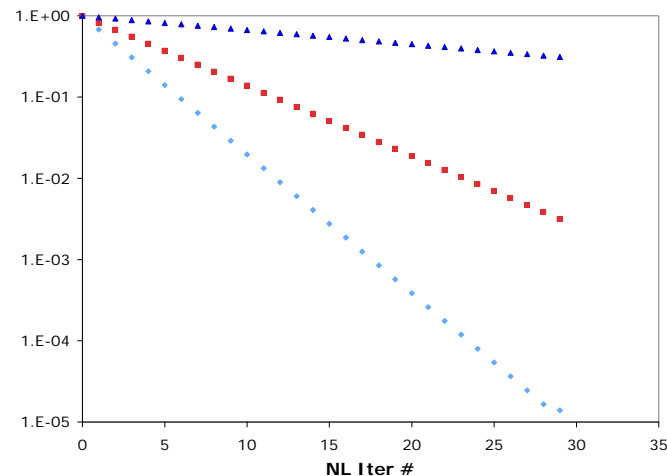
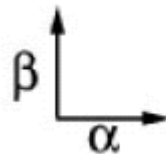
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## 1D Conjugate Heat Transfer

Convergence and convergence rate of loose-coupling can be strongly problem-dependent.



Shaded regions  
indicate failure



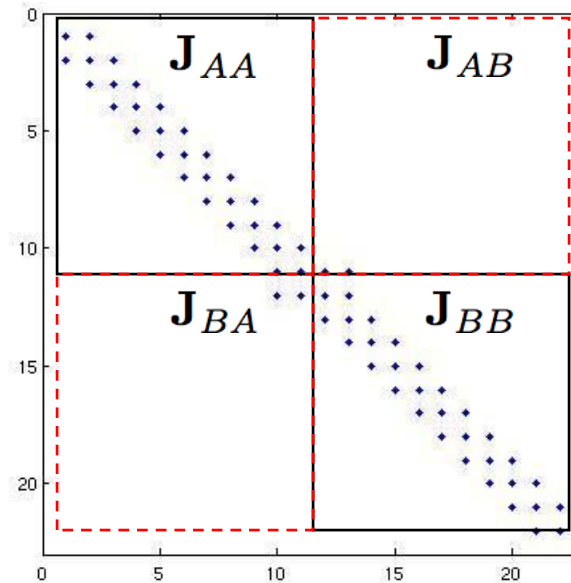
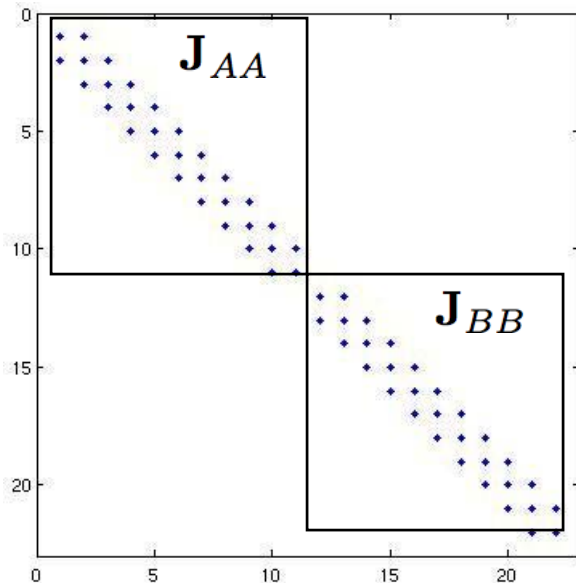
$\alpha$	$\beta$	Fixed-pt Iters, $R=0$
0.50	0.40	33
0.50	0.45	60
0.50	0.49	253
0.50	0.60	N/A



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## 1D Conjugate Heat Transfer

So close, yet so far away



$$\tilde{\mathbf{J}}(\mathbf{x}^k) \Delta \mathbf{x}^{k+1} = -\mathbf{R}(\mathbf{x}^k)$$

$$\mathbf{E}^k \equiv \mathbf{x}^* - \mathbf{x}^k$$

$$0 = \mathbf{R}(\mathbf{x}^*) = \mathbf{R}(\mathbf{x}^k) + \mathbf{J}(\mathbf{x}^k) \mathbf{E}^k + O(|\mathbf{E}^k|^2)$$

$$\Delta \mathbf{x}^{k+1} = [\tilde{\mathbf{J}}^{-1} \mathbf{J}] \mathbf{E}^k + O(|\mathbf{E}^k|^2)$$

$$\mathbf{E}^{k+1} = [\mathbf{I} - \tilde{\mathbf{J}}^{-1} \mathbf{J}] \mathbf{E}^k + O(|\mathbf{E}^k|^2)$$

$$\mathbf{E}^{k+1} = \mathbf{G}(\mathbf{x}^k) \mathbf{E}^k + O(|\mathbf{E}^k|^2)$$



# Jacobian-Free Newton-Krylov

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**Matrix-Free Newton-Krylov :**

$$\mathbf{R}(\mathbf{x} + \epsilon \mathbf{p}) = \mathbf{R}(\mathbf{x}) + \mathbf{J}(\mathbf{x} + \epsilon \mathbf{p} - \mathbf{x}) + O(\|\epsilon \mathbf{p}\|^2)$$

$$\mathbf{J}\mathbf{p} \approx \frac{\mathbf{R}(\mathbf{x} + \epsilon \mathbf{p}) - \mathbf{R}(\mathbf{x})}{\epsilon}$$

**Jacobian-Free Newton-Krylov with Preconditioning:**

$$\mathbf{J}\mathbf{M}^{-1}\mathbf{p} \approx \frac{\mathbf{R}(\mathbf{x} + \epsilon \mathbf{M}^{-1}\mathbf{p}) - \mathbf{R}(\mathbf{x})}{\epsilon}$$

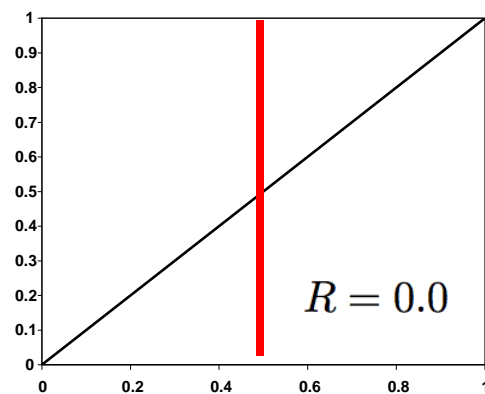
**JFNK relaxes interface requirements to nearly that needed for fixed-point.**



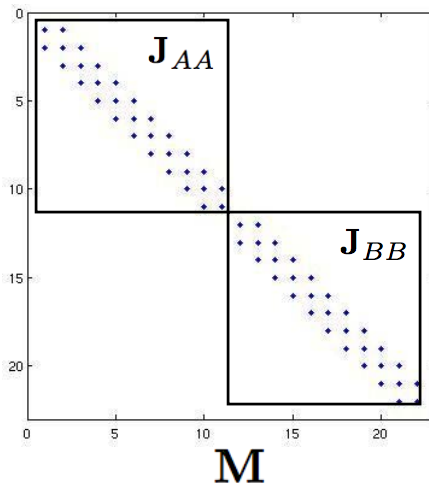
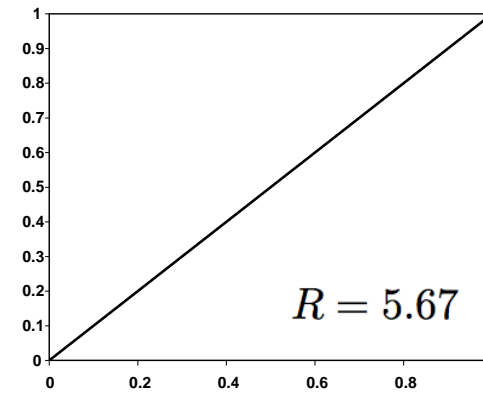
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 Newton-Based (JFNK) coupling dramatically improves both.



$\beta$   
 $\alpha$

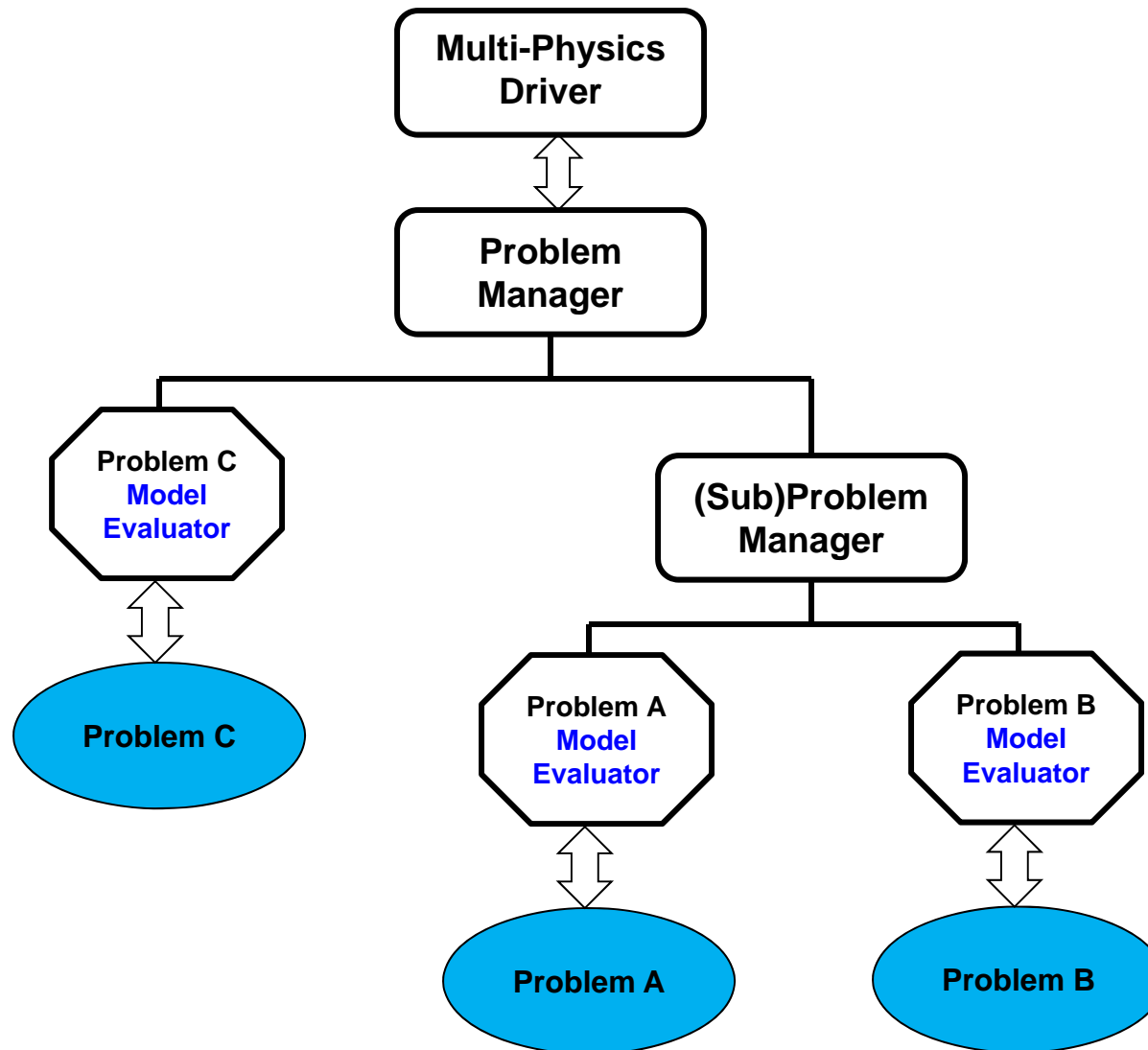


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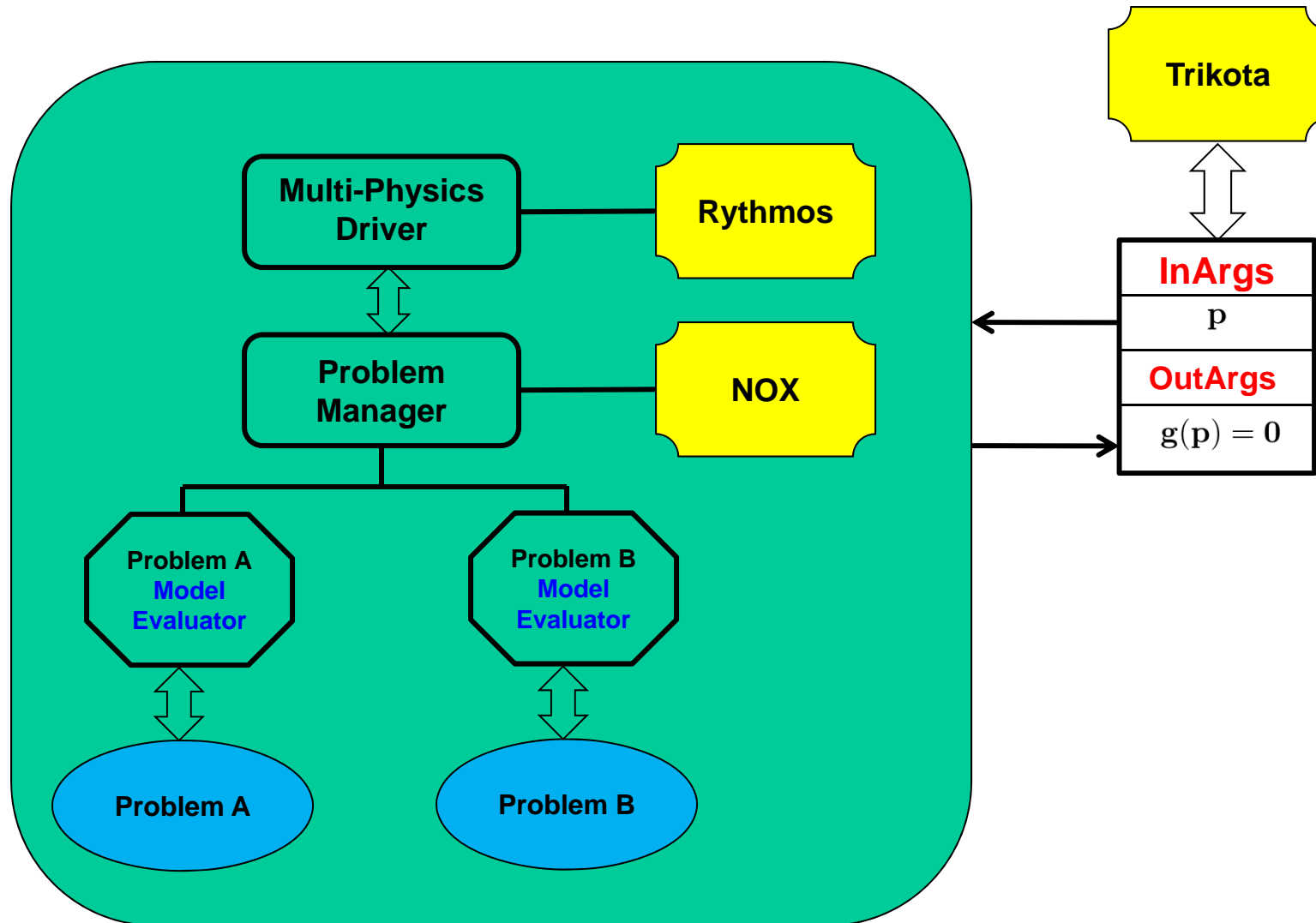
# Hierarchical Support







# Meta-Solver Support





# “Brusselator” Problem

Transient Thermal Diffusion with Source:

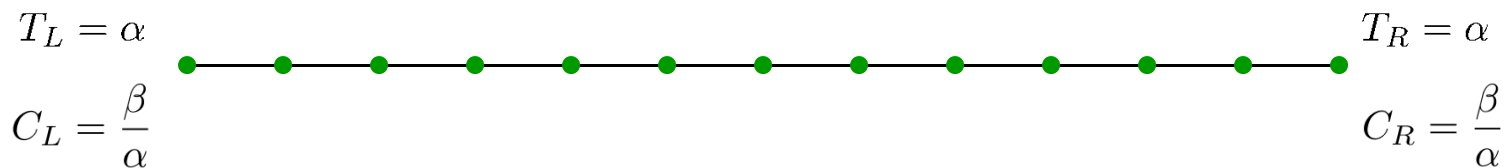
$$\frac{\partial T}{\partial t} = D_1 \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial x^2} + \alpha - (1 + \beta)T + CT^2$$

Transient Species Diffusion with Source:

$$\frac{\partial C}{\partial t} = D_2 \frac{\partial^2 C}{\partial x^2} + \alpha + \beta T - CT^2$$

Adjustable Parameter

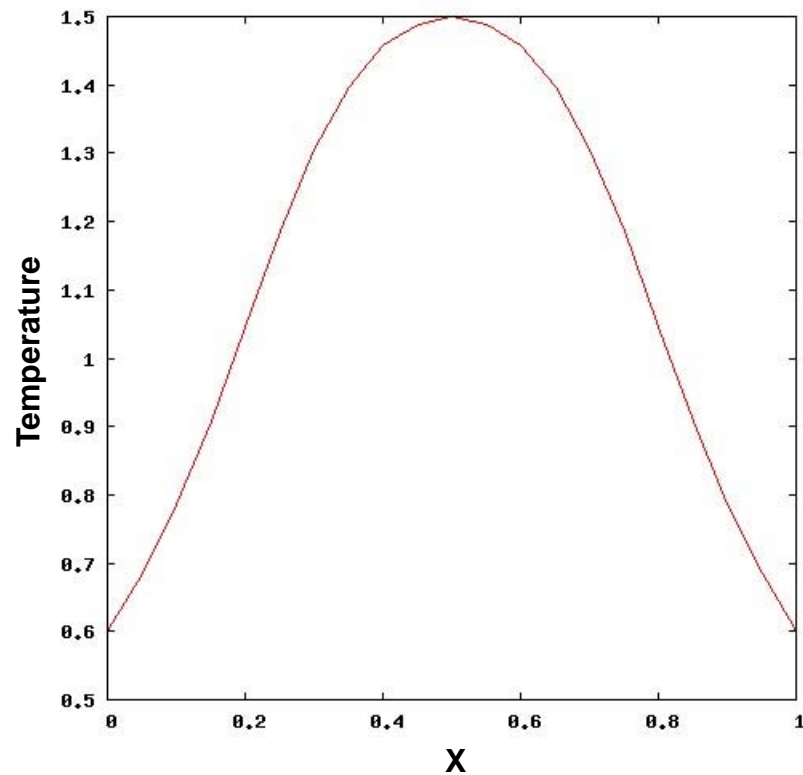
→  $D_1 = D_2 = 0.025, \alpha = 0.6, \beta = 2.0$





# Brusselator Problem

$$g(p) \equiv \min_p [1.5 - T_{max}(p)]^2$$



$$p_0 = D_1 = D_2 = 0.01$$

$k$	$p_k$	$g_k$
0	0.01	0.112
1	0.001984	2.01e-4
2	0.00196913	1.53e-7
3	0.00196912	4.50e-11



# Conclusions

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- **LIME provides a very lightweight connection between physics applications and solver algorithms**
- **Increasing richness of algorithms can be enabled by exposing more application data/functionality through each Model Evaluator as needed or desired**
- **LIME is an independent project but integrates seamlessly into the Trilinos software environment**
- **LIME will eventually be publicly available**
- **Current and future energy needs of the USA may benefit greatly from multi-physics modeling/simulation enabled to large extent by LIME**



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# Relaxing Requirements, Part 3

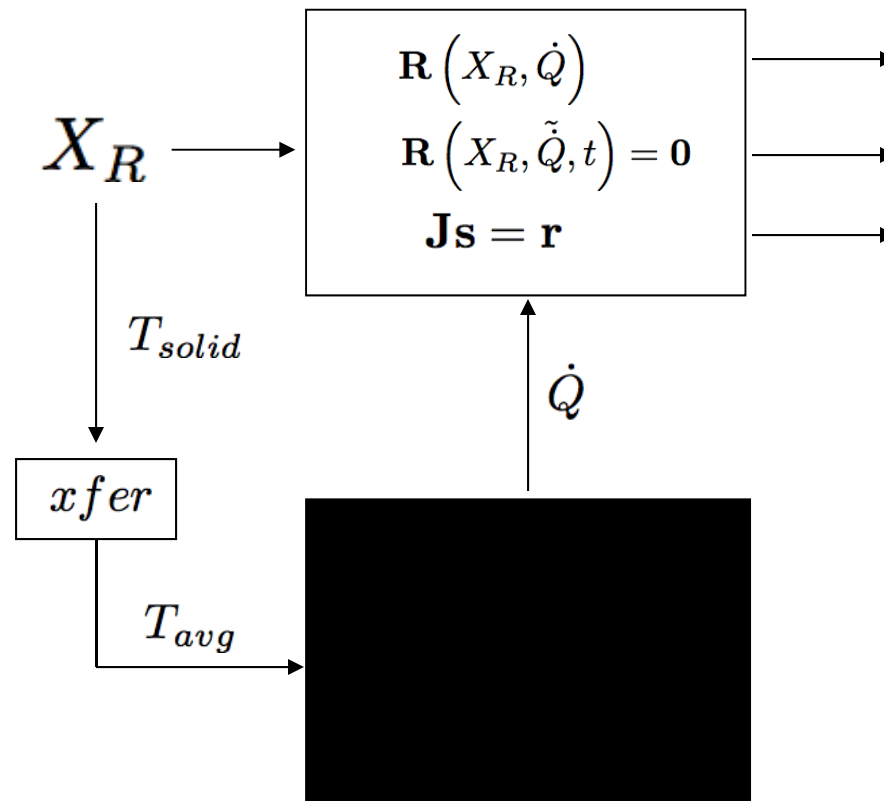
## (Response Only Model Evaluator)

- **Fluid-Thermal Code** -  $X_R \equiv (u, v, w, P, T_{fluid}, T_{solid})$

- **Neutronics** -  $X_N \equiv (?)$

$$\mathbf{R}_C \equiv \mathbf{R}(X_R, \dot{Q}(X_R)) = 0$$

$$\mathbf{J}_p \approx \frac{\mathbf{R}_C(X_R + \epsilon \mathbf{p}) - \mathbf{R}_C(X_R)}{\epsilon}$$





# Typical Starting Point

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```
call fillRHS ( xVec, RHSvec )
norm = TwoNorm( RHSvec )
while ( norm > tol )
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    call daxpy( xVec, 1.0, solnVec, 1.0)
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end while
```

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    .....
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**LIME Problem Manager**

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# Relaxing Requirements

## (Avoiding Jacobian pain)

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**Finite Difference Approximation :**

$$J_{ij} = \frac{\partial F_i}{\partial x_j} \approx \frac{F_i(\mathbf{x} + \epsilon \mathbf{e}_j) - F_i(\mathbf{x})}{\epsilon} \quad \text{Cost} \sim O(N^3)$$



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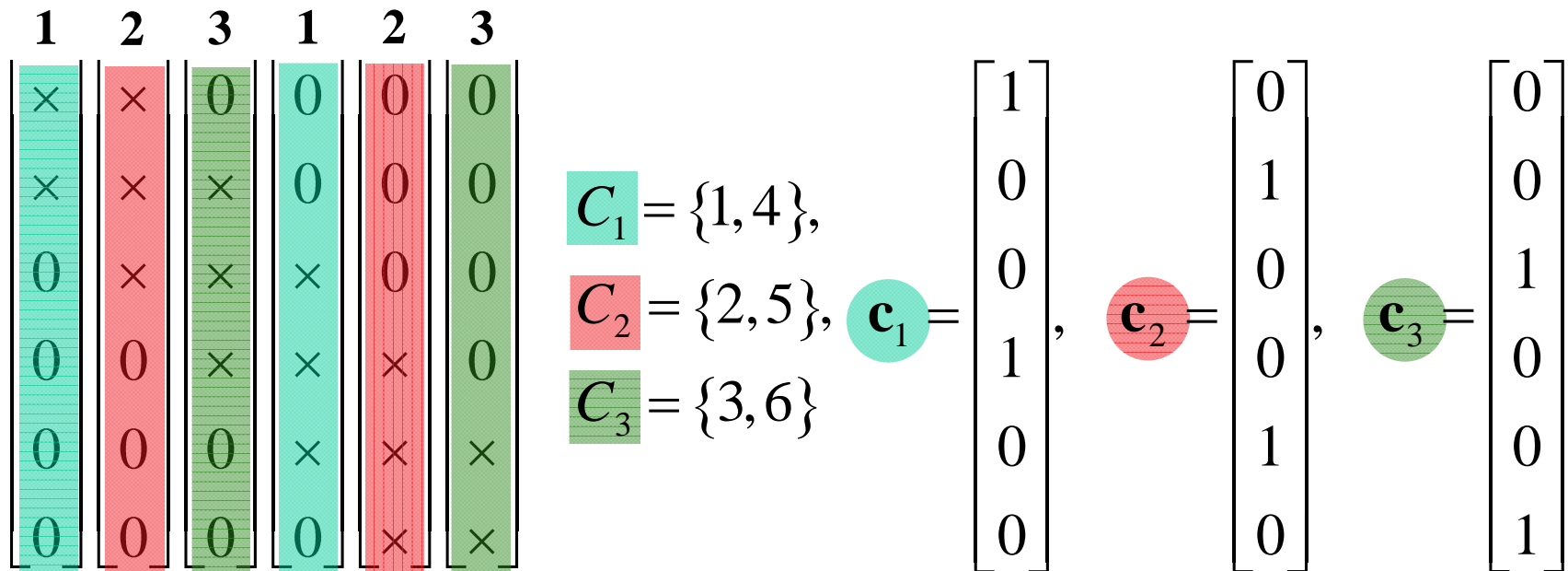
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Finite Differences with Coloring :

$$\text{Cost} \sim O(N^2)$$



Graph partitioning from Isoroppia or EpetraExt in Trilinos.