

# Chapter 11: Application of UQ and V&V to Experiments and Simulations of Heated Pipes Pressurized to Failure

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# Elements of this VVUQ Case Study

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- **Material-strength experimental characterization and associated constitutive-model calibration**
- **Model-assisted design and analysis of validation experiments to characterize and reduce uncertainty**
- **Mesh and solver discretization studies (simulation verification) to control and characterize solution error and uncertainty**
- **Model validation comparison of experimental and simulation results with uncertainties and interpretation of the results**

# Challenging/Advanced VVUQ Aspects of this Application Problem

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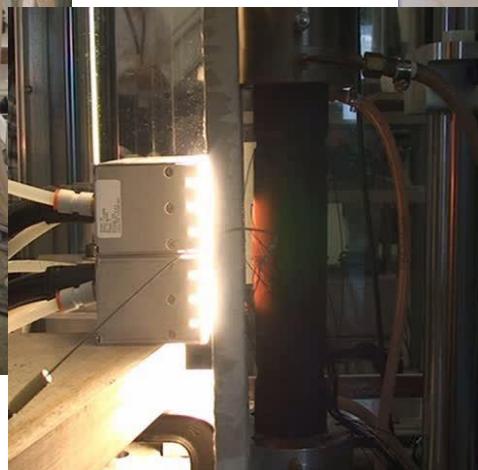
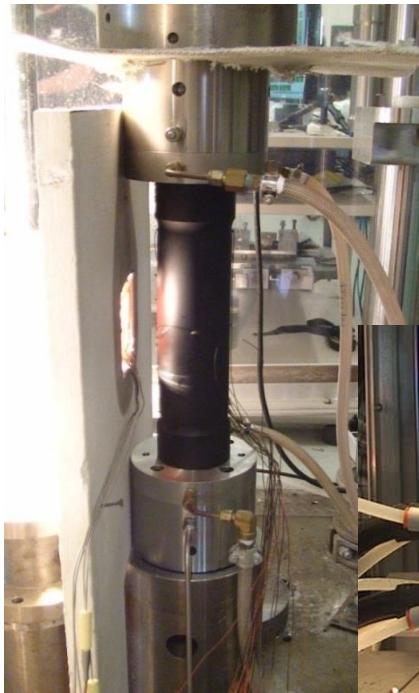


- **Material variability is characterized by discrete random functions** (temperature dependent stress-strain curves)
- **Very limited (sparse) experimental data**
  - at material testing/characterization level
  - at pipe-test validation level
- **Boundary condition reconstruction uncertainties from spatially sparse sensor data**
- **Normalization of pipe experimental responses for:**
  - measured input-condition differences among multiple replicate tests
  - random and systematic uncertainties in measurements and processing of experimental inputs & outputs
- **Very high computational cost → very limited # of model runs for UQ, and significant discretization errors/uncertainties to manage, quantify, and account for**

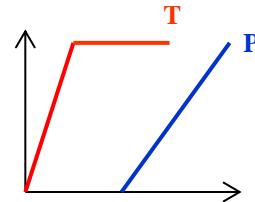
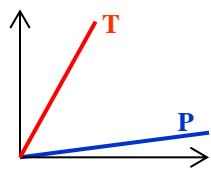
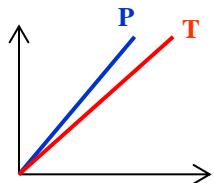


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# “Pipe Bomb” Validation Experiments



Ramp temperature and pressure independently to failure



# Material Characterization:

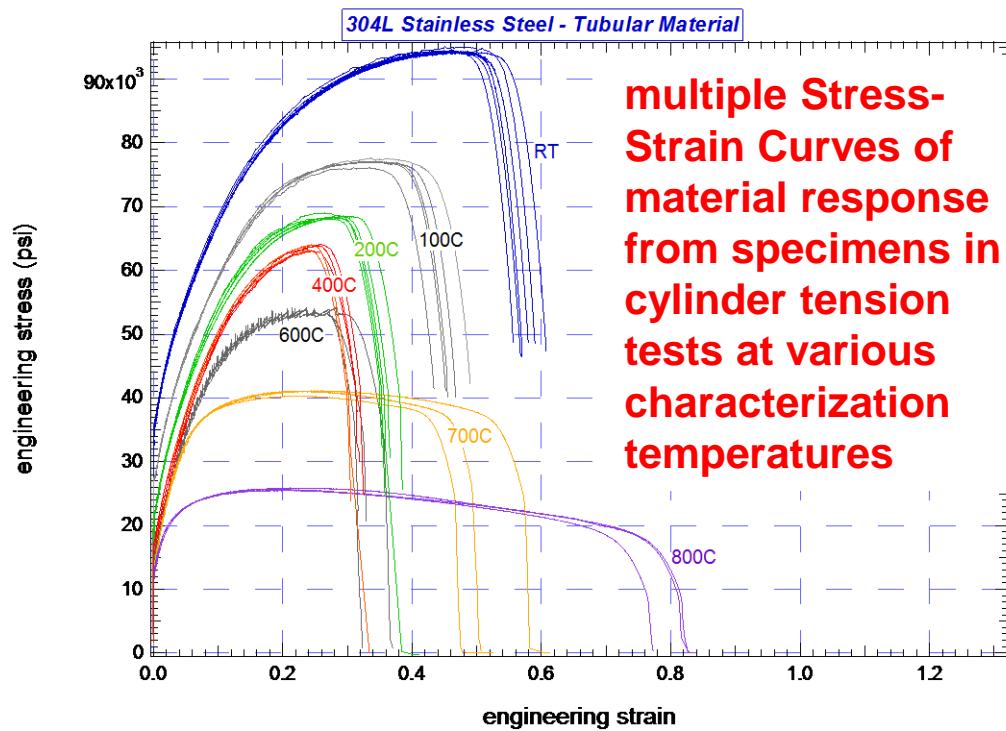
Aleatory and Epistemic uncertainties from  
Sparse samples of Discrete Random Functions



- Example: **multiple Stress-Strain Curves of material variability in calibration of constitutive model**
- Similar issues in e.g. **electronics modeling** – calibration to experimental response curves of electronics yields discrete parameter sets considered non-interpolable in-between.

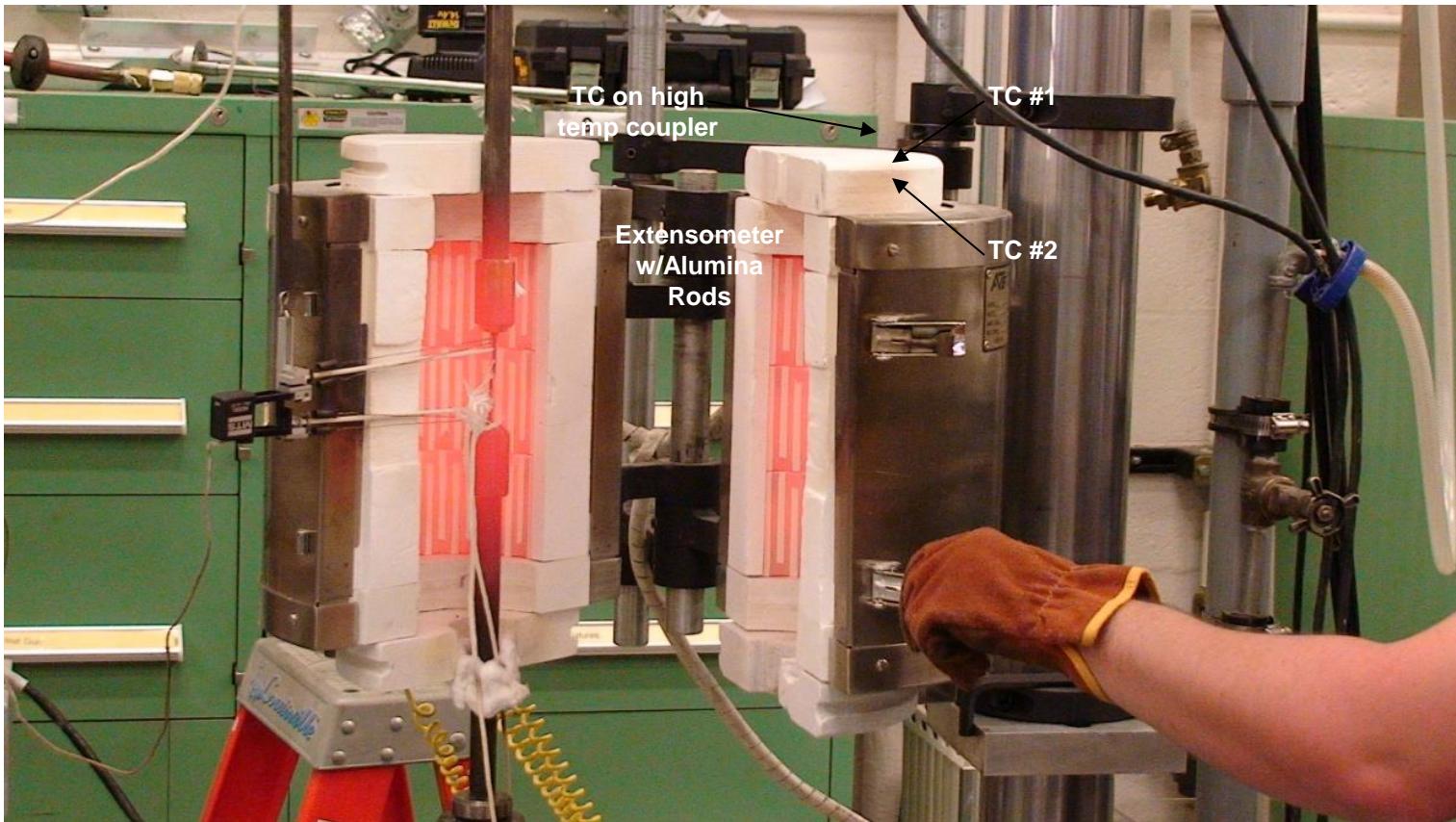


cylinder  
Tension-test  
specimens



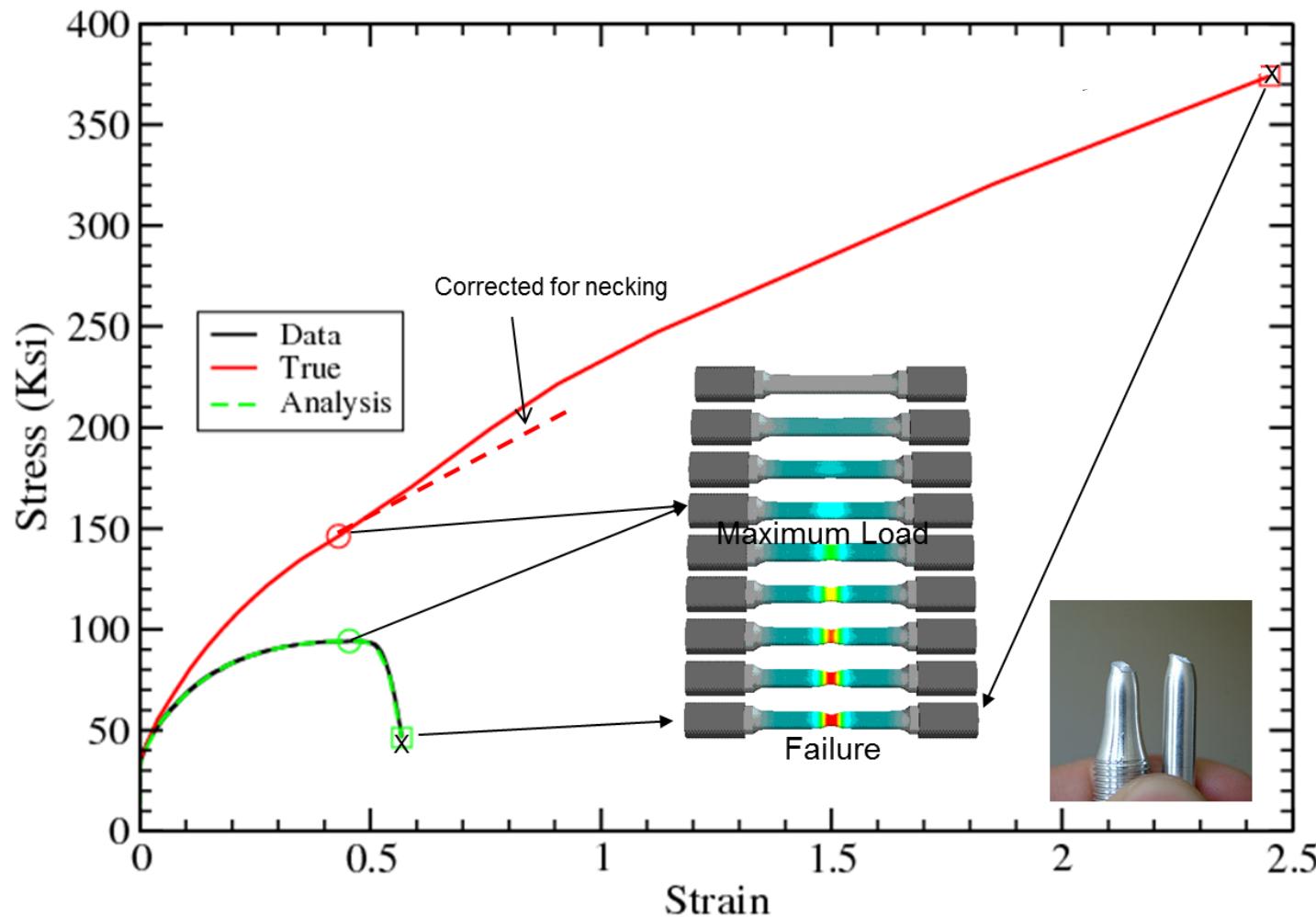


# Cylinder Material Specimen Tension Test at 800C

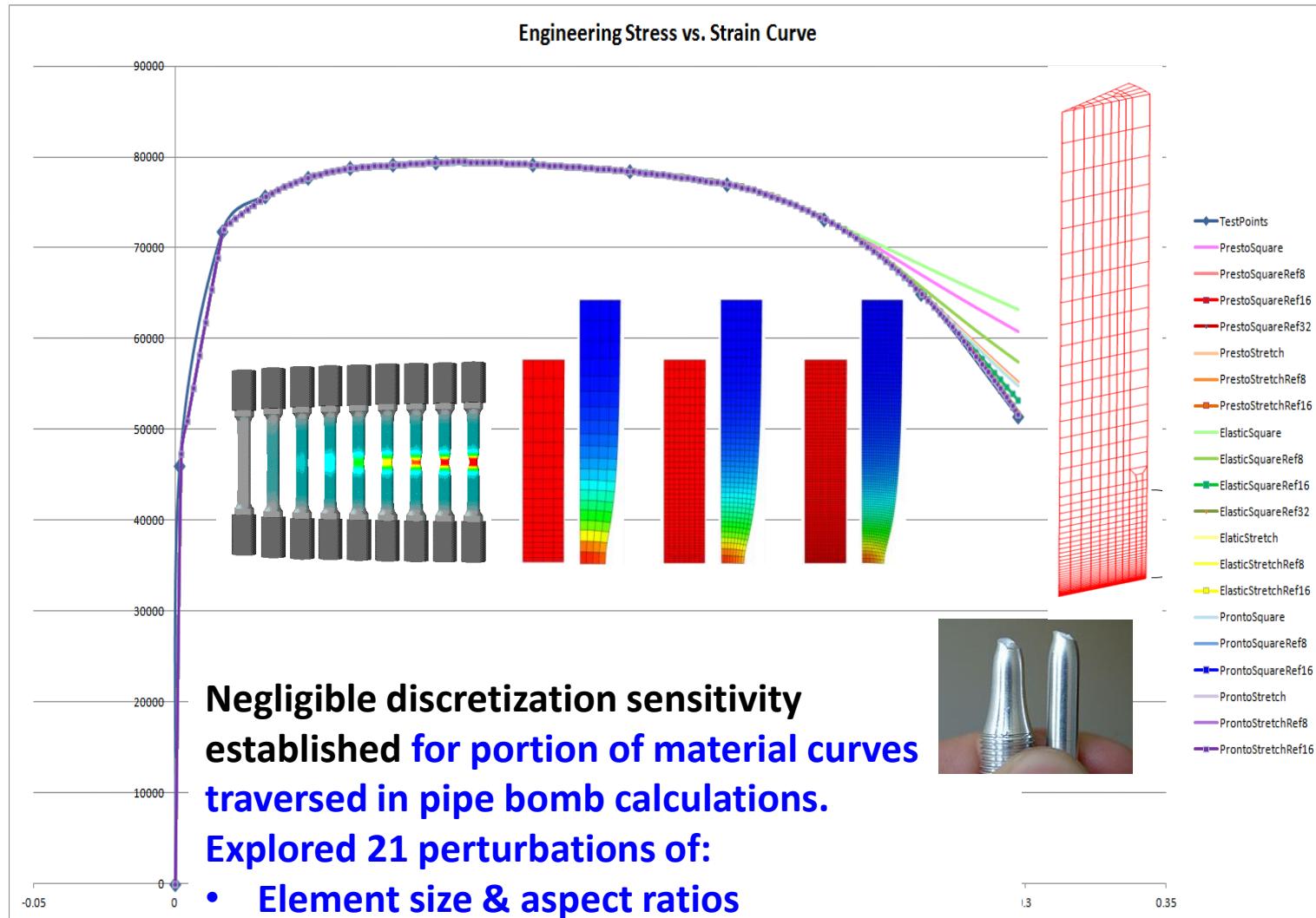


# Inversion Procedure to extract Cauchy-Stress/Logarithmic-Strain from Experimental Stress-Strain Curves

## Quasi-Static Thermal-Elastic-Plastic Stainless Steel Constitutive Model



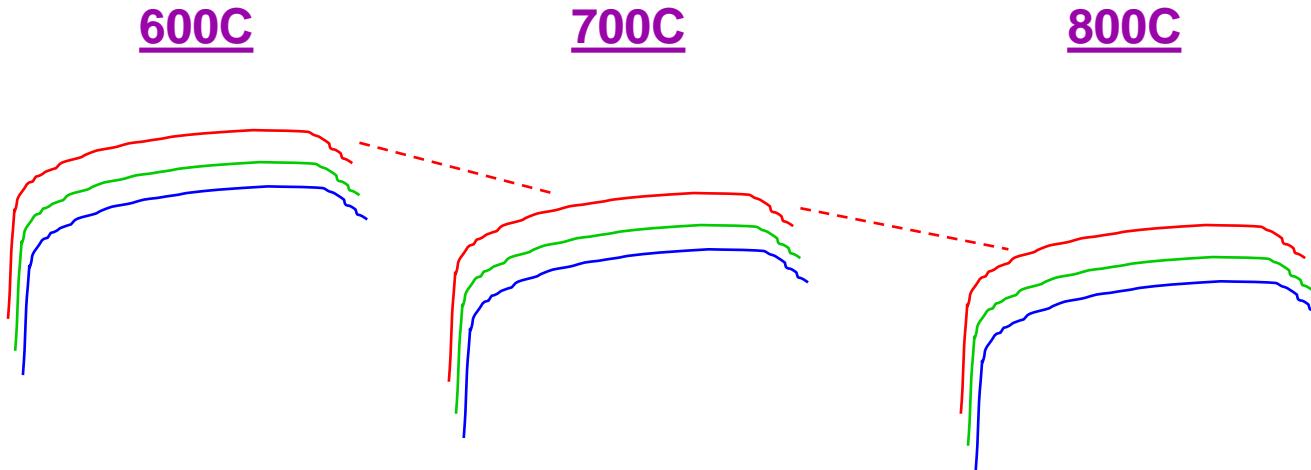
# Mesh and Solver Effects in modeled necking/failure in material characterization tests



# Correlation of Like-Ranked S-S Curves across Characterization Temperatures



- Assume material strength (as indicated by model-predicted failure pressure) is strongly correlated across temperatures
- Enables interpolation to other temperatures for spatial and/or temporal variations of material temperatures



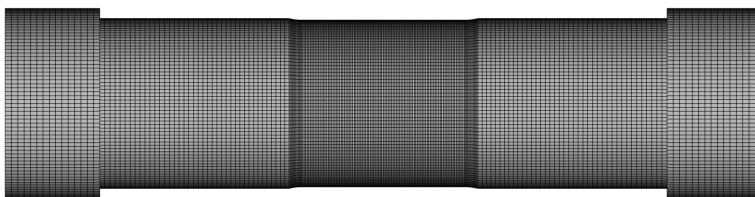
**Red curves = high strength (HS)  $\sigma$ - $\epsilon$  curve set over temperatures**

**Green curves = medium strength (MS) set over temperatures**

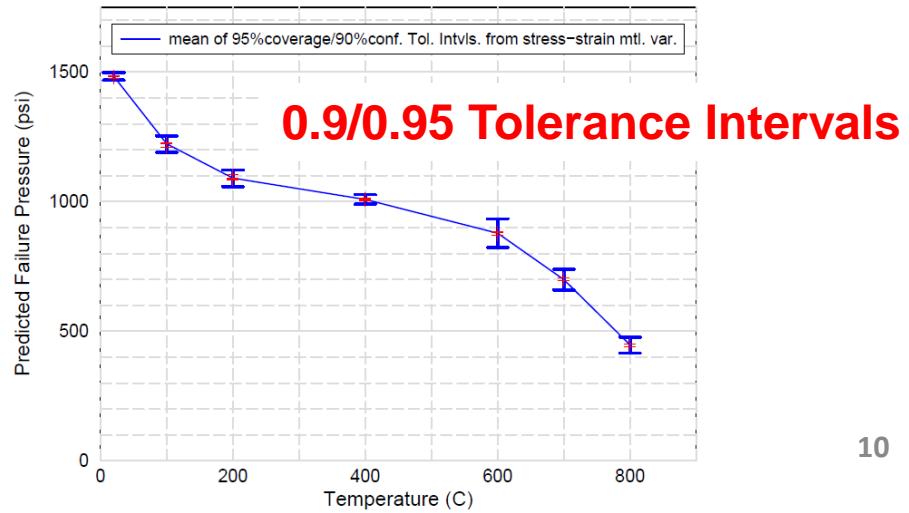
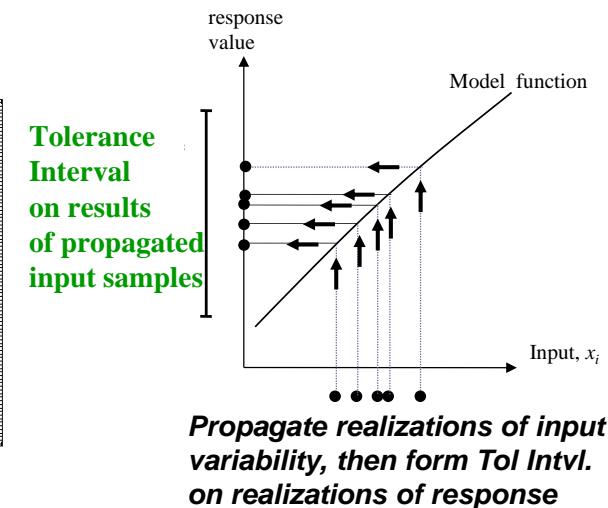
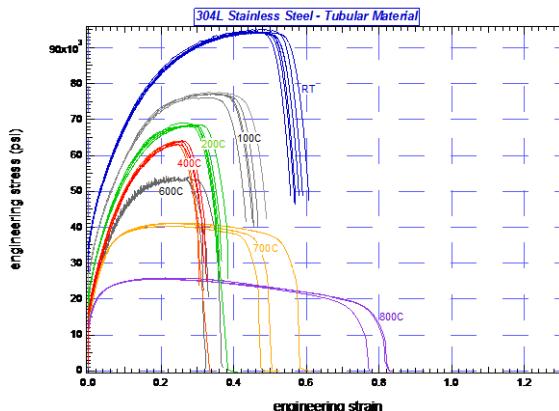
**Blue curves = low strength (LS) set over temperatures**

# Predicted Variability of Failure Pressures due to Variability of Material Stress-Strain Curves

- Model is run for the individual Stress-Strain Curves at a test temperature
- 0.9/0.95 Tolerance Intervals are formed on the set of calculated failure pressures at that temperature

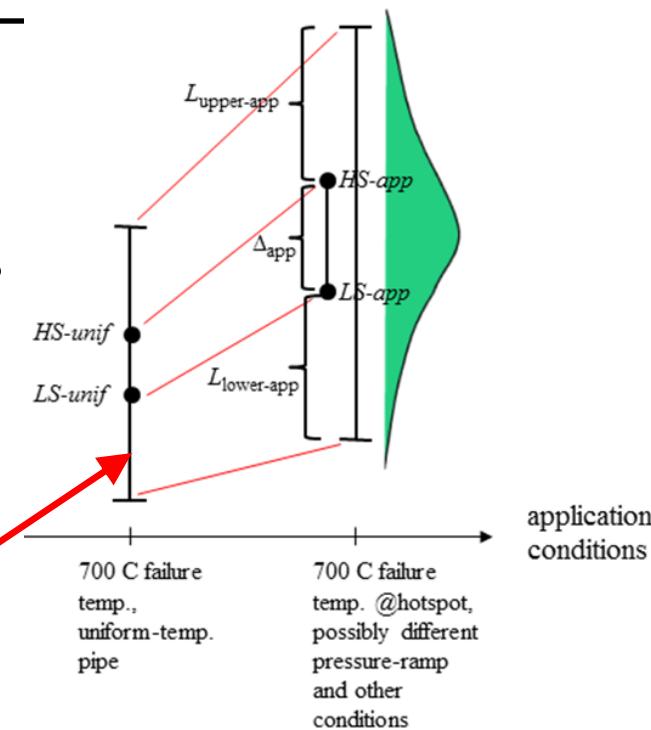
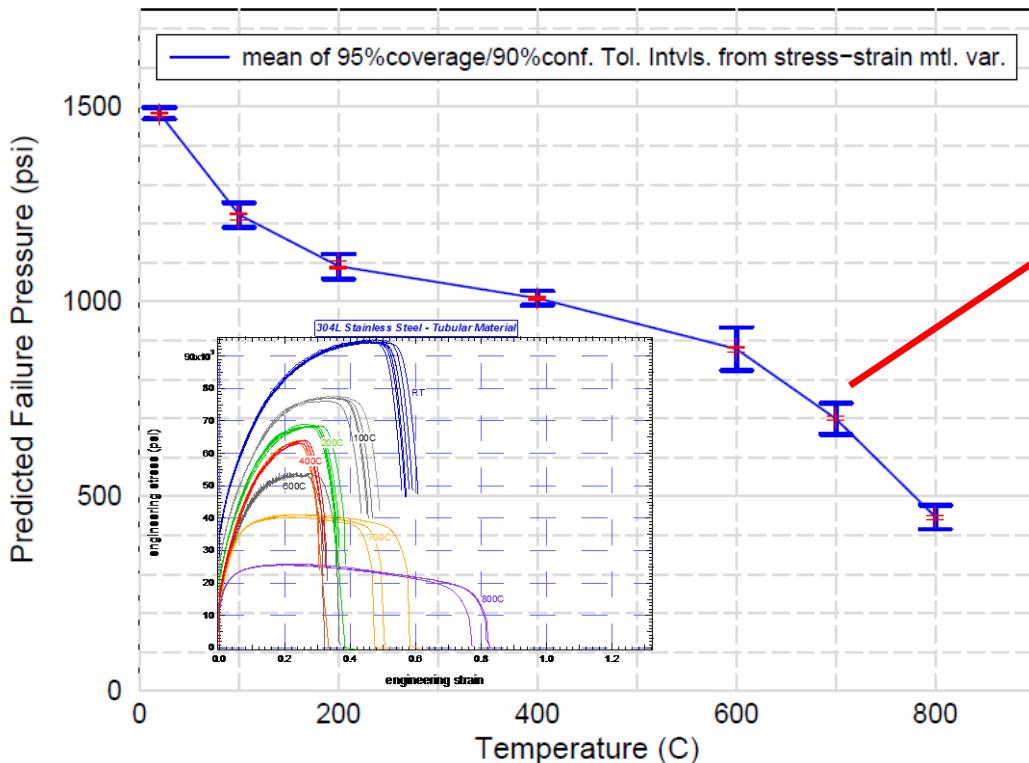


Pressure ramped uniform-temperature HEX finite element model of quasi-static solid mechanics



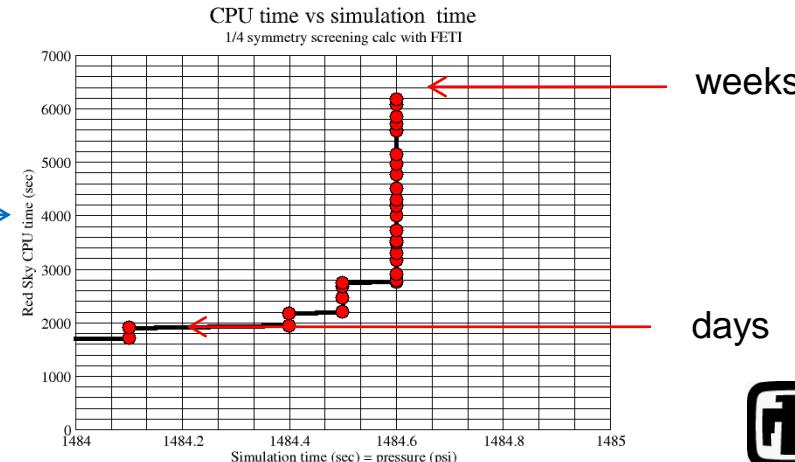
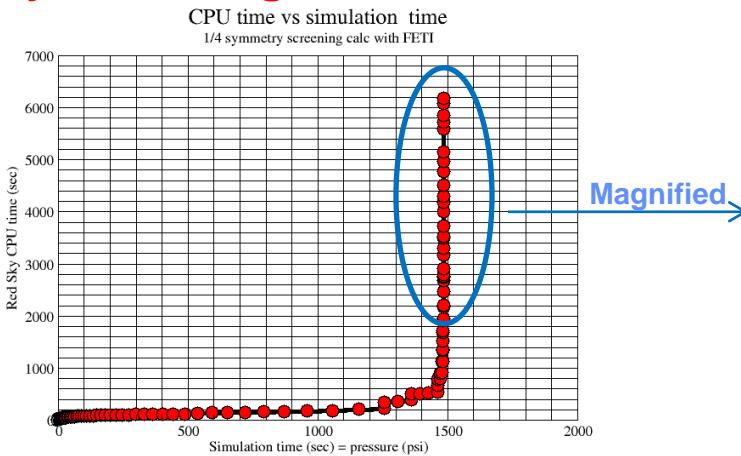
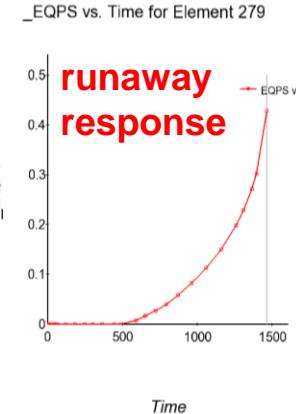
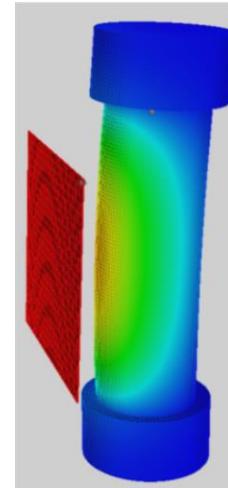
# Economical Parameterization of TIs by High & Low Strength Material Curves

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- But TIs can be parameterized by 2 s-s curves for only 2 Val./UQ sims. w/ full-geom. model

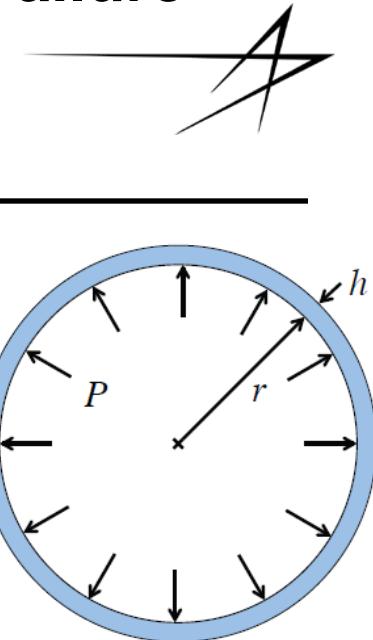


# Simulation Difficulty: *creep up to a physical instability point*

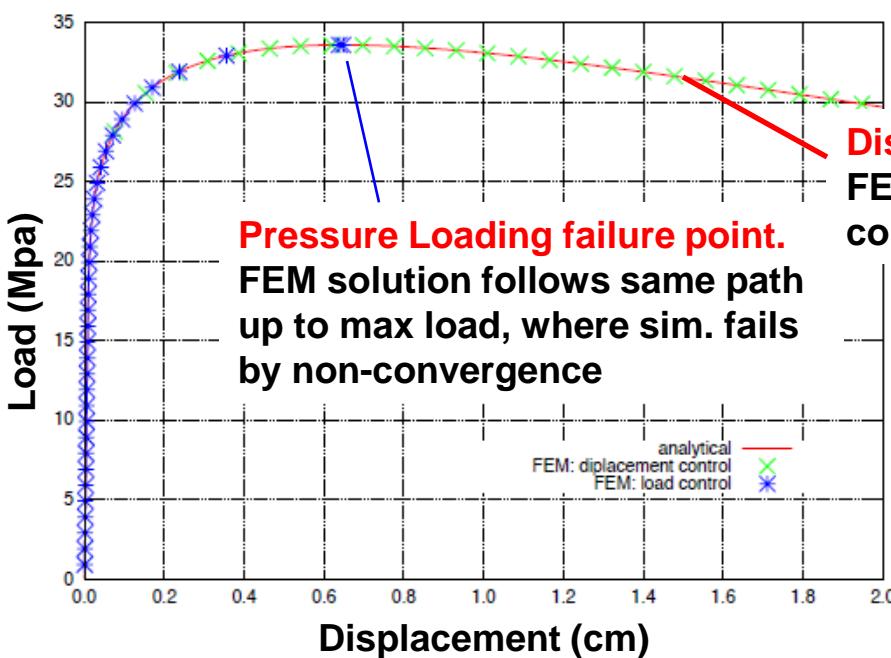
- Pipe wall failure is indicated when the quasi-static calculations reach a physical instability point
  - when the internal pressure exceeds the material's resisting force no static equilibrium is attainable and no inertia terms to stabilize the calculation through breakup
- large sensitivity to mesh and solver settings
- excessive run times
- highly distorting elements



# Calculation Instability signifying Structural Failure is Confirmed by 2D Test Problem with Analytic Solution



- Test Problem w/same Code & Constit. Model
  - Ring internally loaded to failure (plain strain)
  - Two types of loading:
    - *displacement controlled* – radial displacement loading
    - *load controlled* – internal pressurization



Displacement Controlled  
FEM and Analytical solutions  
continue past max load

Work performed by  
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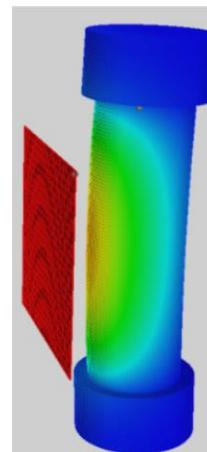
# Solver Accuracy and Speed Assessment for Accurate Curve “Strength” Rankings

Test & temperature cases	CG $10^{-6}$ Failure psi (CPU time*)	FETI-CG $10^{-4}$ Failure psi (CPU time*)	FETI-CG $10^{-5}$ Failure psi (CPU time*)	FETI-CG $10^{-6}$ Failure psi (CPU time*)
try26-700C	704.0 (40.30)	702.0 (20.3)	703.8 (5.87)	703.7 (5.24)
try27-700C	704.9 (40.29)	704.1 (19.1)	704.2 (5.28)	704.2 (6.21)
try3-20C	1485.9 (21.1)	1490.70 (12.1)	1484.5 (7.8)	1484.5 (9.78)
try6-20C	1486.3 (15.2)	1487.20 (4.6)	1485.0 (2.9)	1485.0 (4.39)
try5-20C	1486.4 (16.0)	1492.60 (41.3)	1485.2 (20.7)	1485.2 (8.26)

\* CPU times reported in Adagio output file via global output variable `cpu_time`. CG and FETI sims. were run on 192 processors of Red Sky

- Results effectively unchanged when solver tolerance is changed from  $10^{-5}$  to  $10^{-6}$  (for 4tt mesh).
- CPU time not  $\gg$  for  $10^{-6}$
- Use  $10^{-6}$  for production calcs.

- Various hourglass treatments also investigated
- verified to not have significant effect on predicted failure pressures

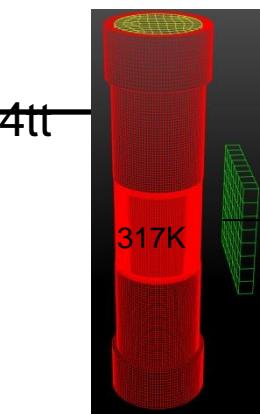


# Models used for UQ



4tt

High-Low materials study  
Isothermal - **1/8 symmetry**



4tt

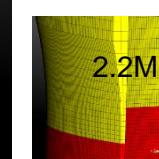


4tt



1tt

2tt

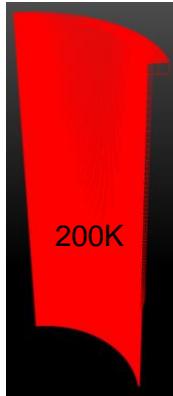


4tt



6tt

Mesh convergence  
**1/4 symmetry**



4tt

Solver parameters study  
Isothermal - **1/8 symmetry**



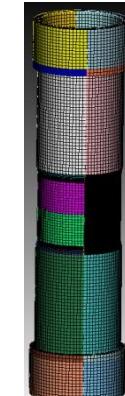
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1tt-170K  
2tt-1.5M  
4tt-11.6M



contact

1tt-83K  
2tt-570K  
4tt-4M



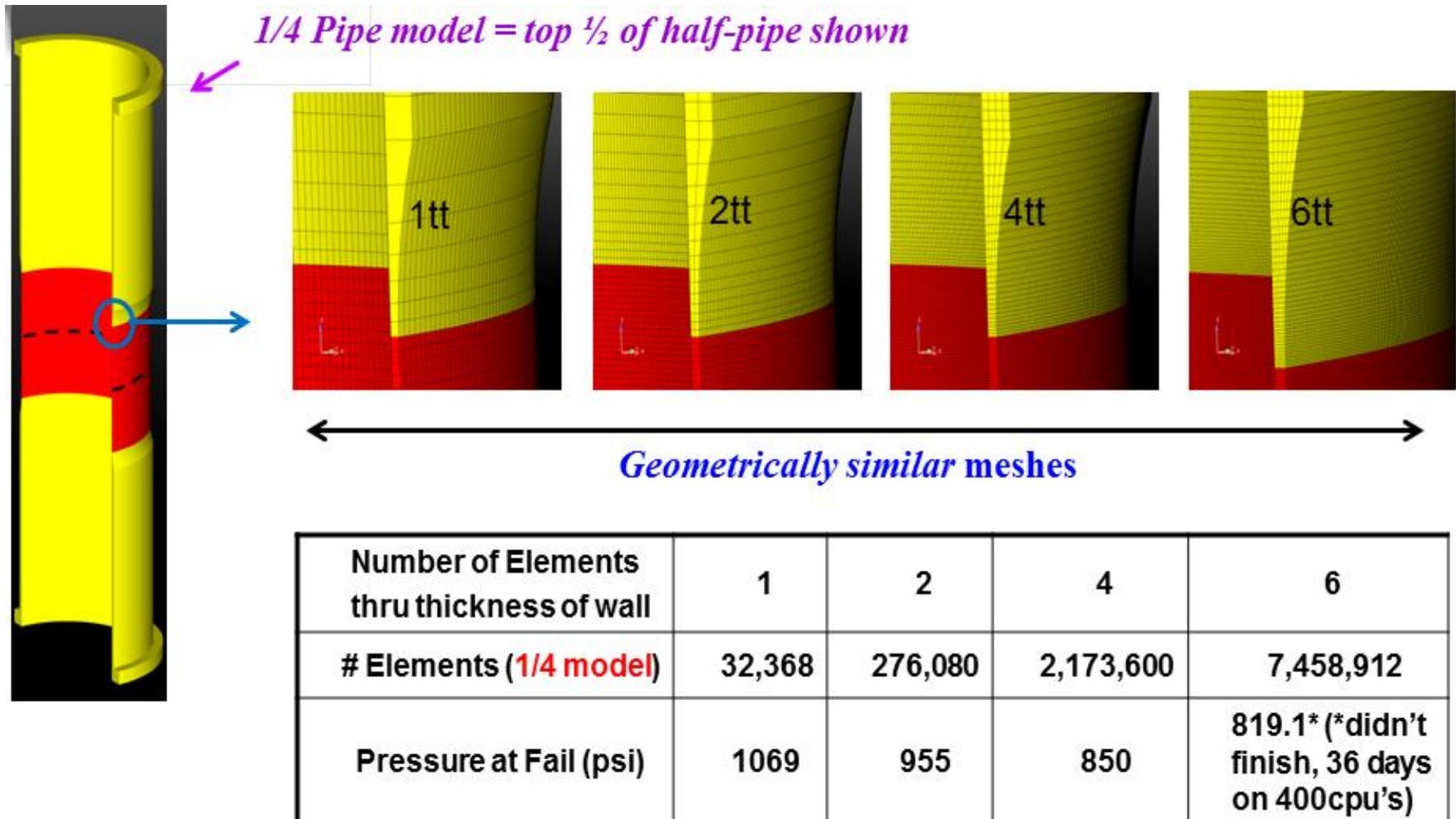
1tt-42K  
2tt-285K  
4tt-2M

More contact

Validation to Experiments – Full symmetry

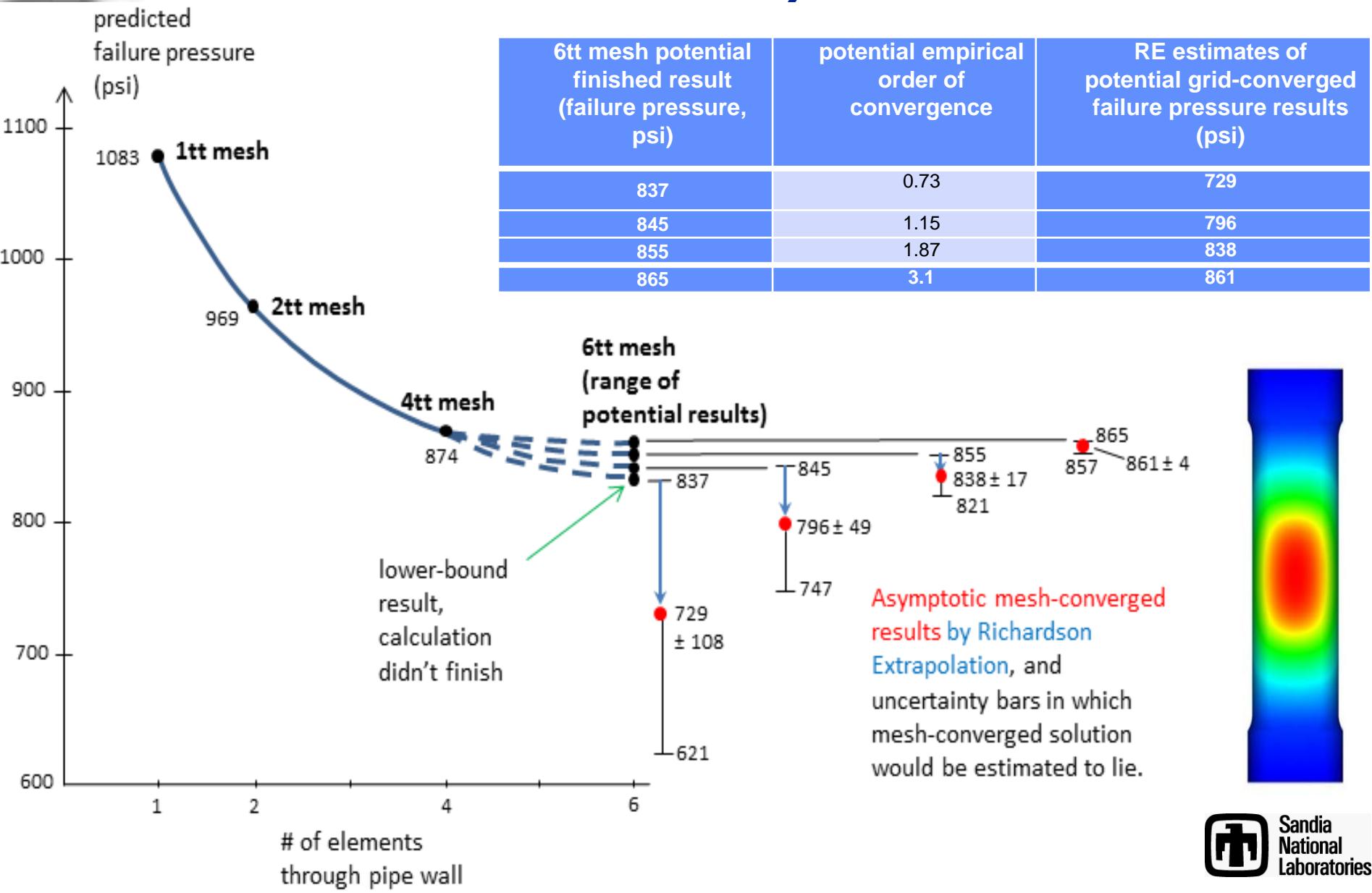
# Pipe Bomb Calculation Verification

## Mesh Refinement Studies



# Calculation Verification

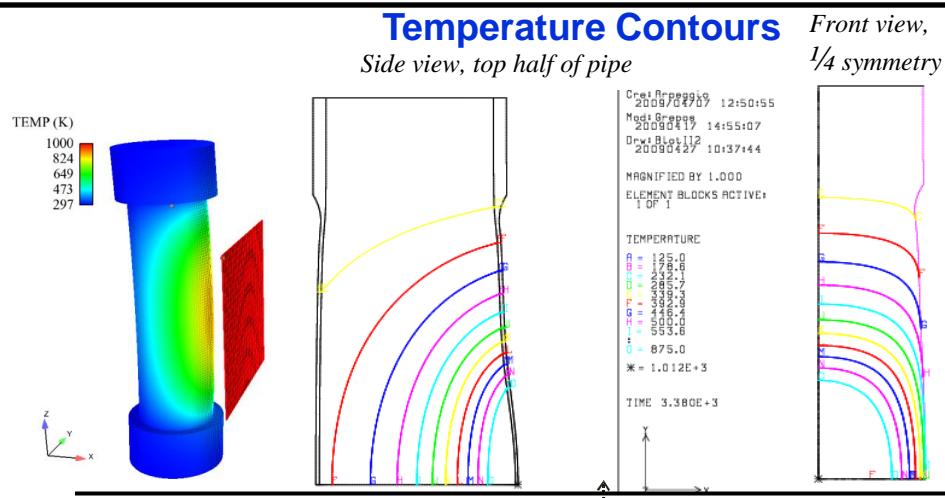
## Mesh Study Results



# Coupled Thermo-Mechanical modeling to Design Experiments & Thermocouple Locations to Reconstruct Temperature Field

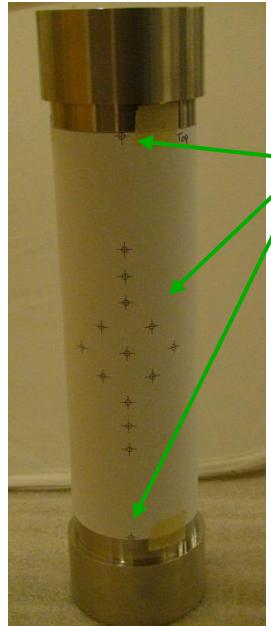
## Model

- Pipe radiatively heated by plate
- Convection neglected
- Viewfactors change as pipe bulges toward plate at hot spot



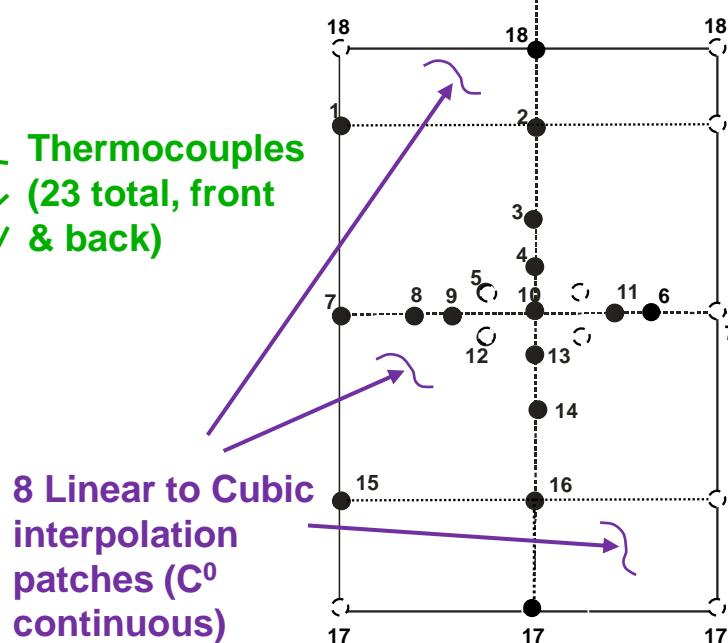
## Experiment Design Quantities

- Size & location of plate relative to pipe
- # of thermocouples and locations to adequately reproduce temperature field on pipe surface
- in conjunction with design of interpolation method



Thermocouples  
(23 total, front & back)

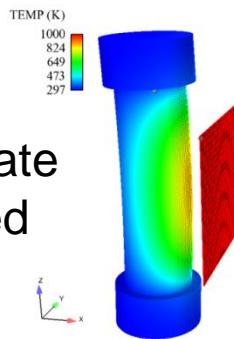
8 Linear to Cubic  
interpolation  
patches ( $C^0$   
continuous)



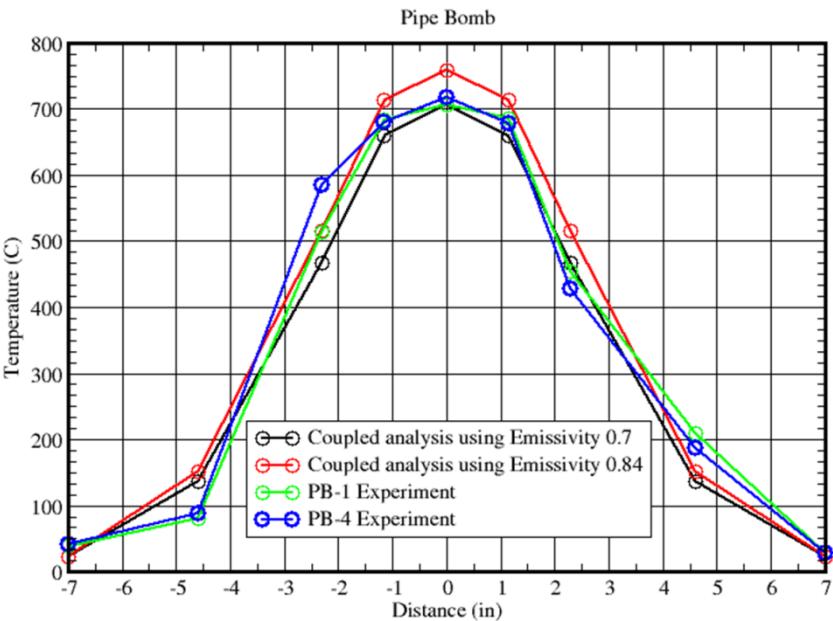
# “Nearby Problem” to Quantify Error in Temperature Field obtained from TC Interpolation

## Nearby Problem:

- Pipe irradiated by plate
- Convection neglected



Axial temperature distribution



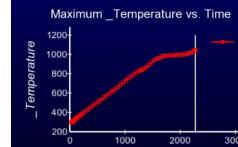
## Run Matrix

Simulation case	Time @failure (sec.)	Temperature @failure (C)	Pressure @failure (psi)	Tear Param. @failure
Coupled-high-0.84	2277.1	759.0	809.9	6.23
Interp-high-0.84	2332.8	758.9	857.9	7.27
Coupled-low-0.84	2255.9	759.0	791.6	5.40
Interp-low-0.84	2299.3	759.0	829.0	7.46
Coupled-high-0.7	2386.0	706.9	903.7	3.9
Interp-high-0.7	2400.9	706.9	916.2	4.43
Coupled-low-0.7	2350.4	706.8	873.0	3.50
Interp-low-0.7	2353.6	706.8	875.8	3.86

## Coupled Thermo-Mechanical sim.

Coupled experiment calculation  
High strength, Nominal Emissivity  
with TC outputs for self check (right)

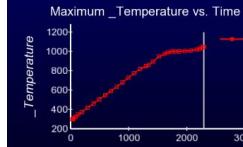
Time = 2273



## “Self-Check” sim. w/TC interp. temperatures

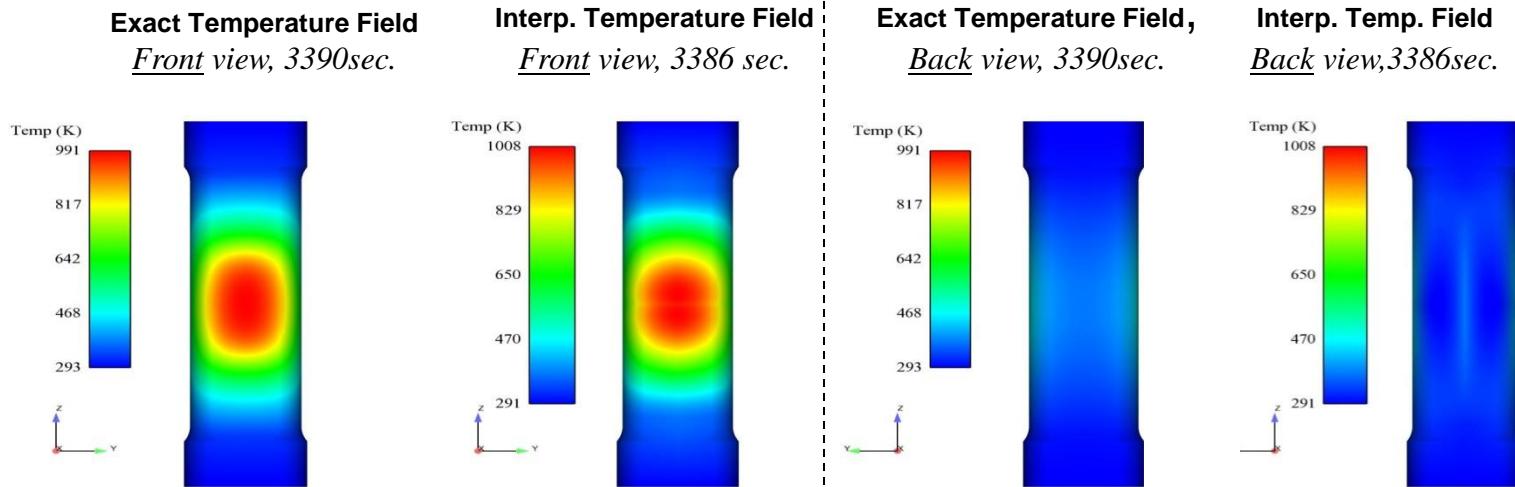
TC interpolation check calculation  
Using coupled TC outputs (left)

Time = 2290



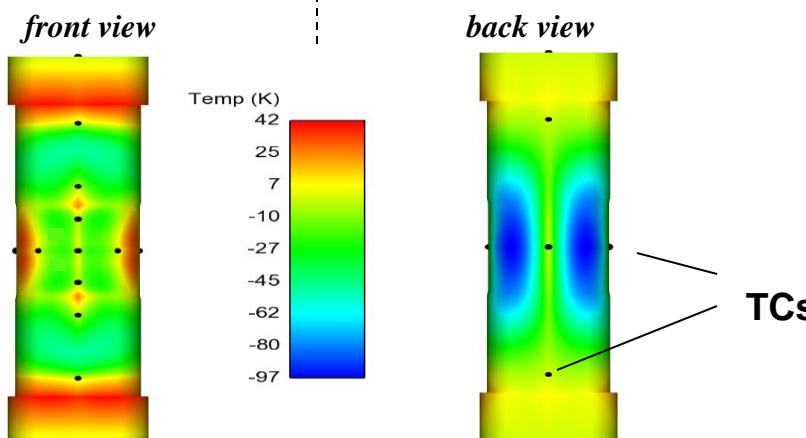
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# Temperature Field Reconstruction Error due to Spatially Sparse TC data

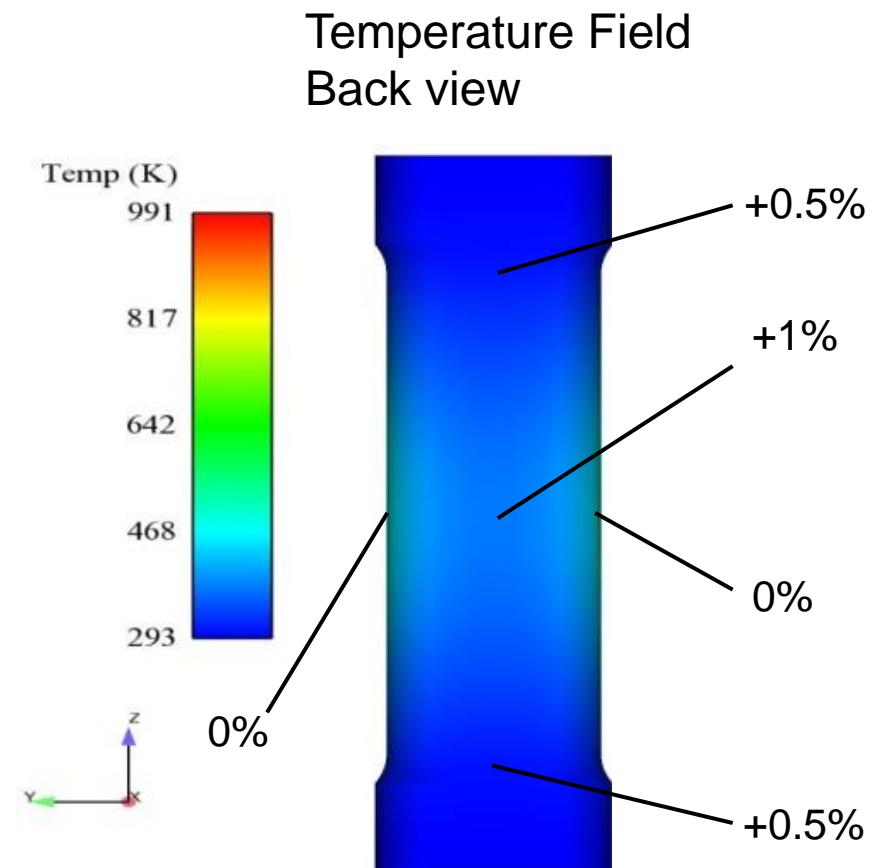
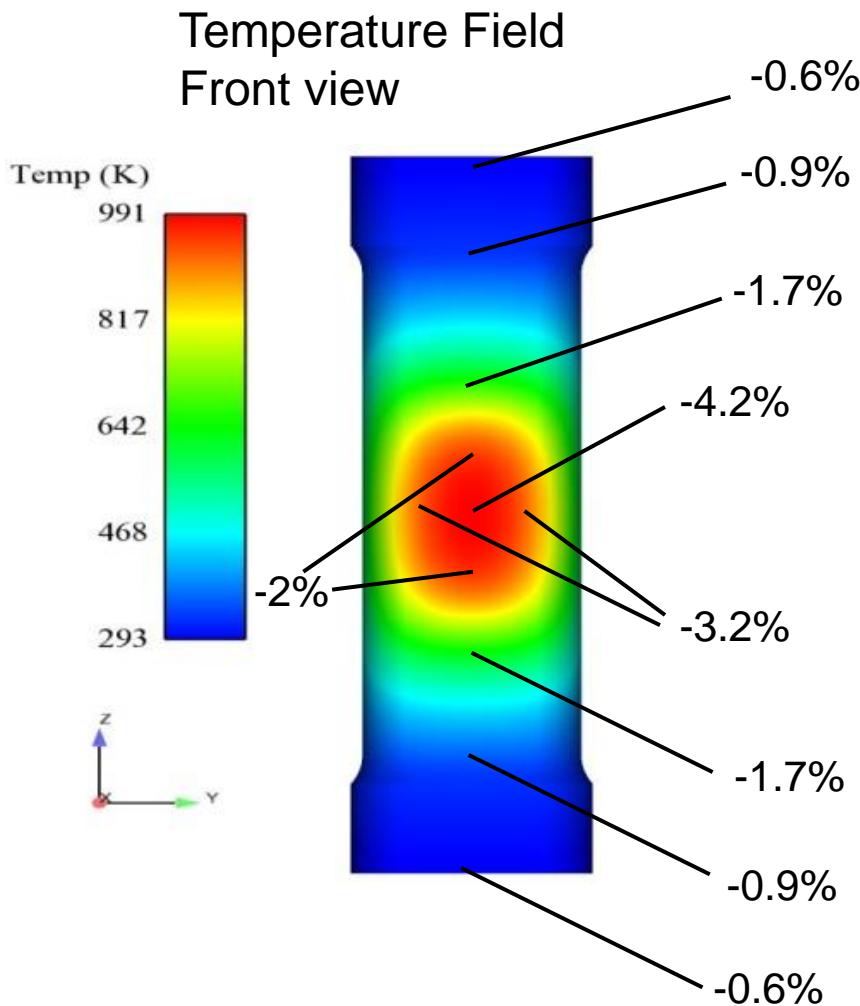


## Difference (error) Plots

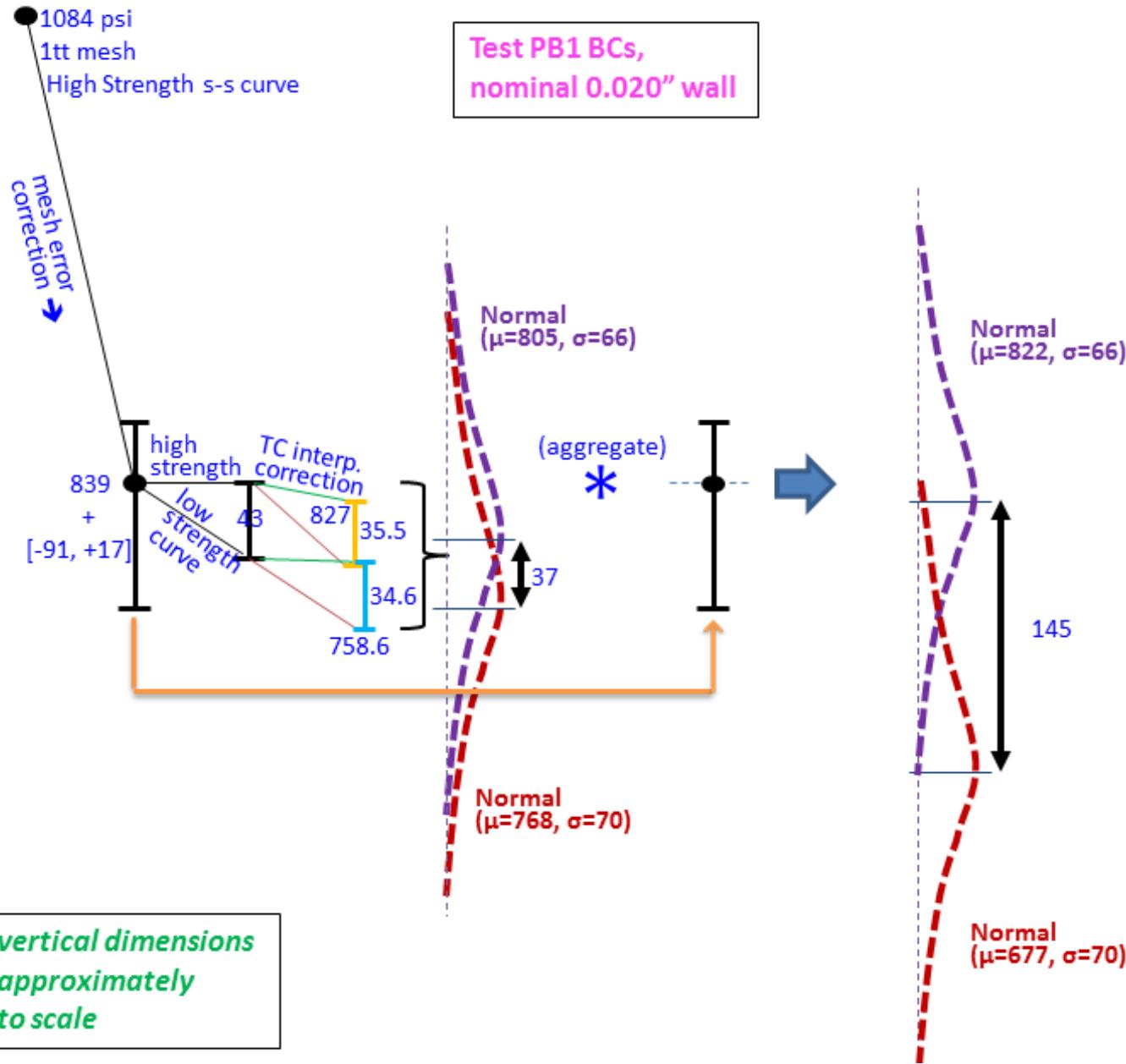
- temperature interpolation error is characterized and corrected for validation predictions
- a ~4% (35 PSI) error in predicted failure pressure if not corrected for interp. error



# Bias Correction of TC Temperatures for Contact Resistance and Fin Effects

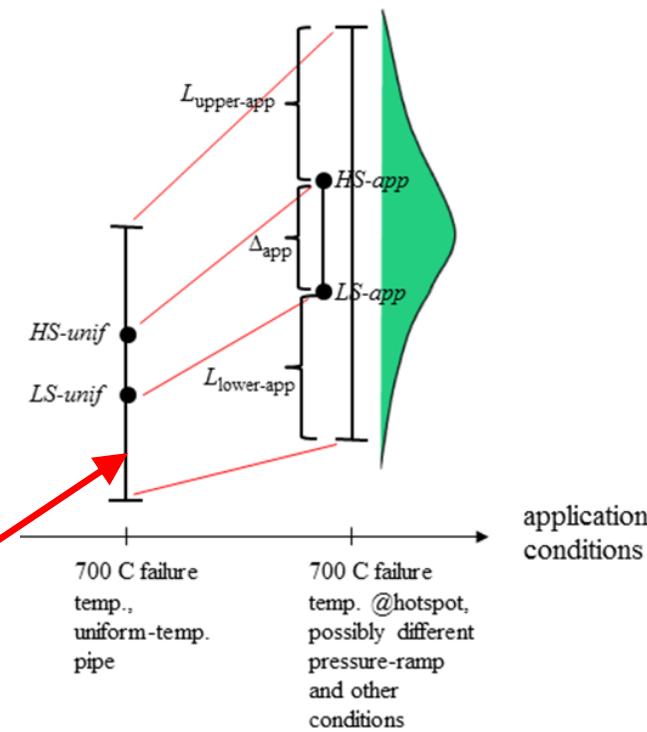
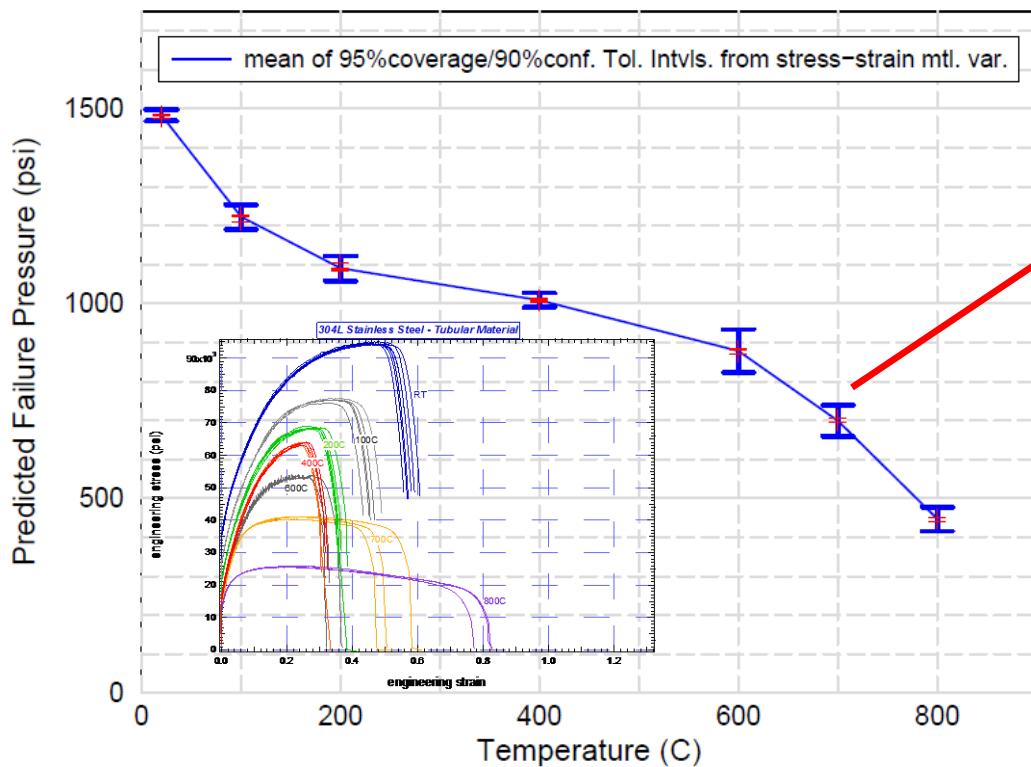


# Simulation UQ Roll Up



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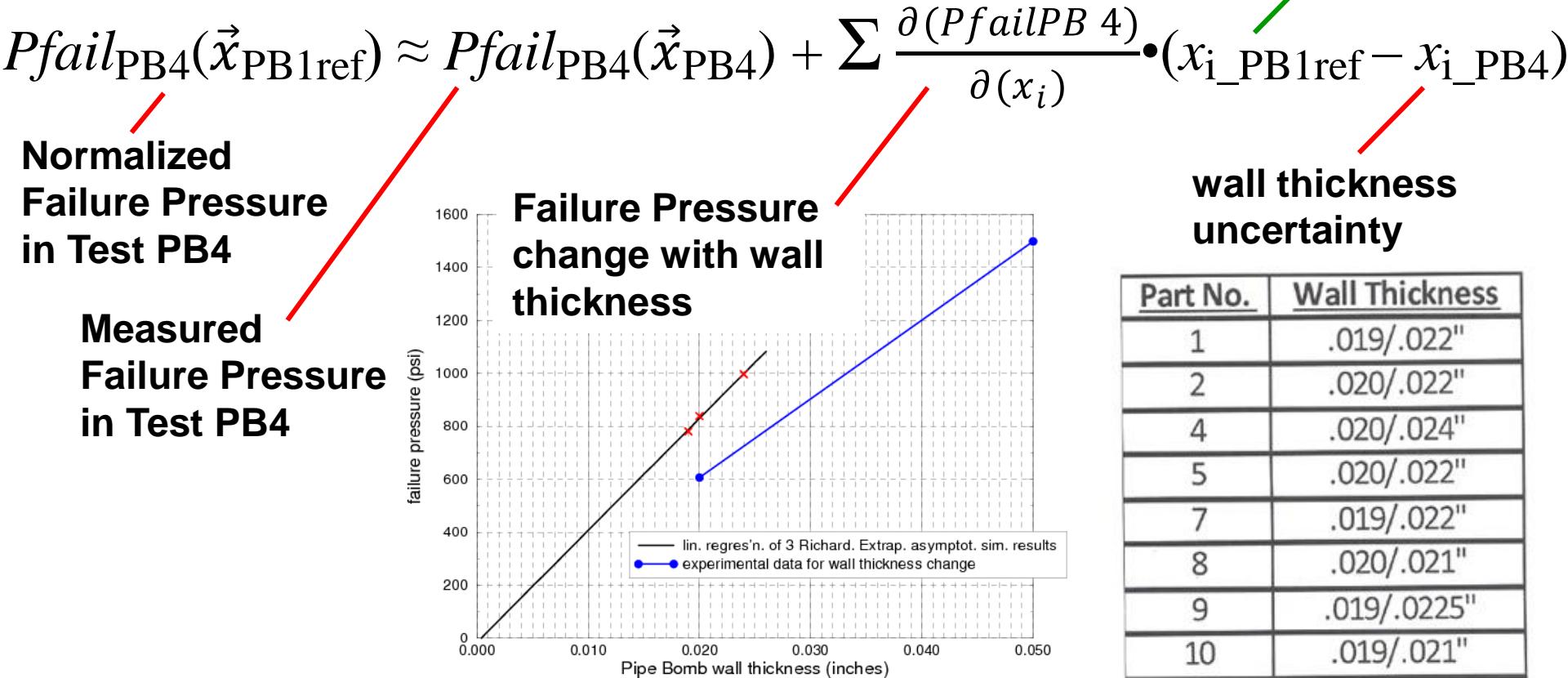
# Processing of Experimental Failure Pressures



Normalize Experimental Results  
 to the same Reference Conditions Input to Model  
 for “Apples to Apples” results comparisons

## Taylor Series approach:

Example Nominal wall thickness = 0.02"



# Spreadsheet Processing of Experimental Results & Uncertainties

*“Linear+” propagation method samples uncertain sensitivities  $\partial(P_{fail})/\partial X_i$  as well as the uncertain input variables  $X_i$*

Systematic uncertainties correlated with uncers. in same columns of the spreadsheets of the other 3 experiments

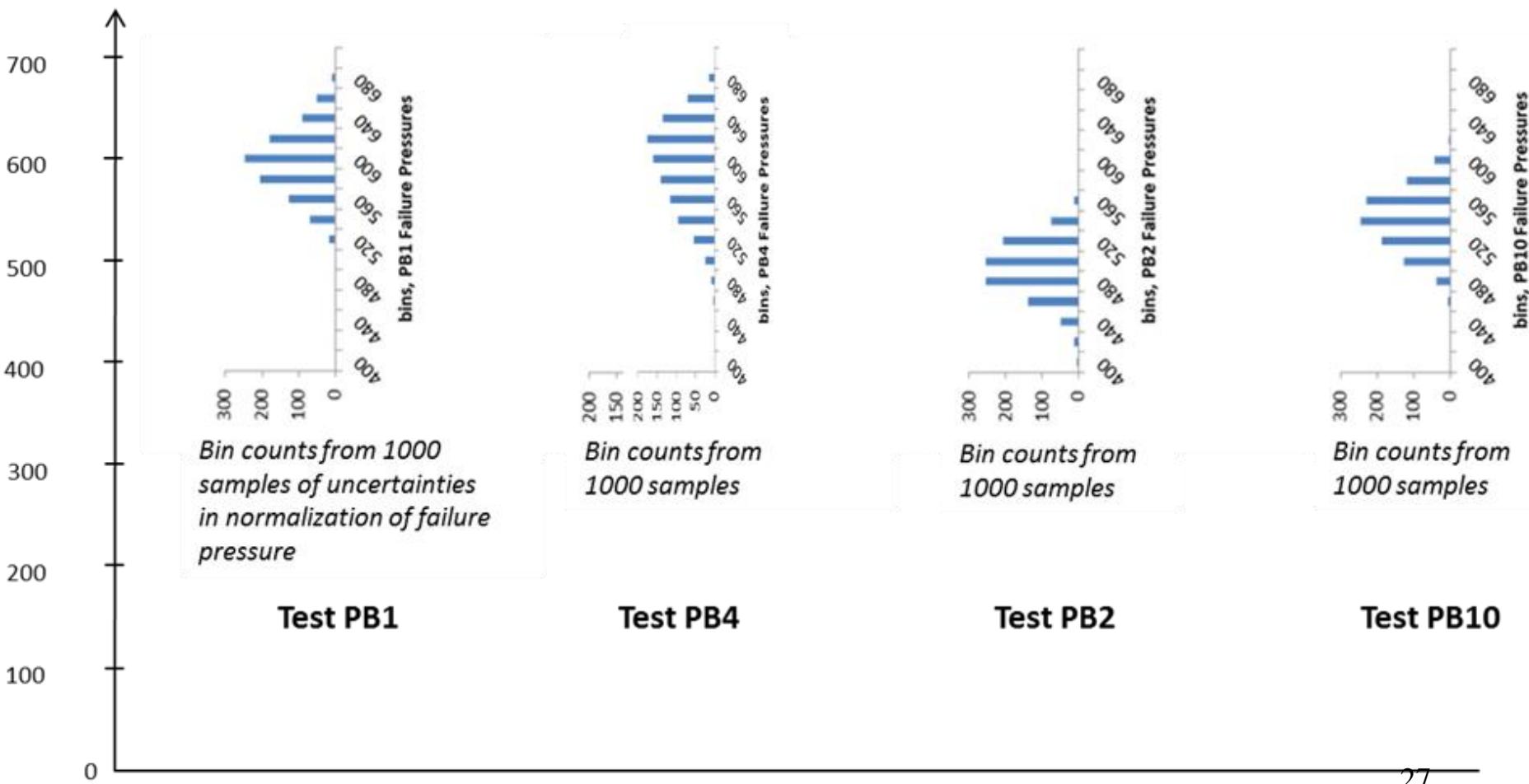
- Account for random and systematic errors/uncertainties in measurement/processing/inference of experimental input and output quantities

- Normalize for:
  - nominal (measured) differences in experimental inputs in the replicate tests

realization j		$\Delta P_{fail,measPB4,j} = A2j$ , systematic betw. PB1 & PB4										
B1	B2	B3	B4	B5	B6	B7	B8	B9	B10	B11	B12	B13
1	$B2=A2, \text{sys}$	$B3=PB4_{\text{wall}}$	$B4=\Delta 0.02^n$	$B5=A5, \text{sys}$	$B6=B4*B5$	$B7=\Delta TC_{\text{DA}}$	$B8=A8, \text{sys}$	$B9=\Delta TC_{\text{loc}}$	$B10=\frac{\partial(P_{fail,measPB4})}{\partial(T@fail\_point)}j$	$B11=(B7 + B8 + B9)j * B10_j$	$B12=[P_{fail,meas}(C_{nomPB4}) - P_{fail,meas}(C_{nomPB1})]$	$B13=655 + B2 + B12$
2	7.76	0.02266	-0.00266	30701.34	-81.65	-1.39	0.52	12.84	-2.07	-24.83	-8.00	548.29
3	-5.88	0.02327	-0.00327	37837.13	-123.76	0.91	1.18	-11.81	-1.87	18.17	-8.00	535.53
999	-8.55	0.02399	-0.00399	37867.63	-150.97	0.67	0.10	-14.21	-2.15	28.95	-8.00	516.43
1000	6.28	0.02353	-0.00353	29062.56	-102.57	-0.85	0.06	2.18	-1.99	-2.78	-8.00	547.94
avg	0.00	0.02195	-0.00195	32361.71	-62.83	-0.05	0.91	-0.39	-1.94	-0.96	-8.00	583.21
stdev	5.76			39.06				17.02			42.97	

# Normalized Failure Pressures accounting for Experimental Uncertainties

*Uncertainty of  
normalized experimental  
failure pressure (psi)*



# UQ Roll Up for Experiments

## Uncertainty of 0.025 & 0.975 percentiles of Failure Pressure

- these %iles combine uncertainties in both mean & variance of response

assoc. w/ experimental factors in the tests:

- *uncertainties in measurement and estimation of test conditions, responses, and normalization quantities*

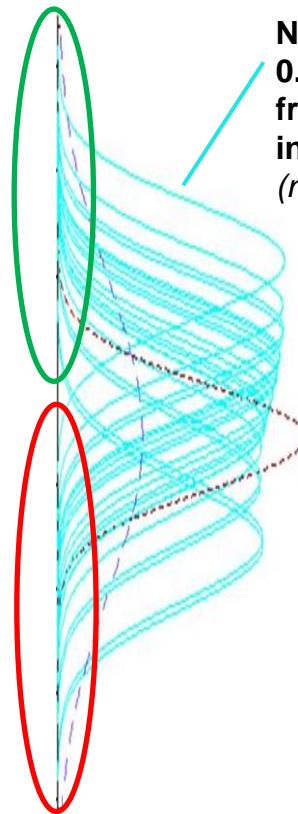
assoc. w/ # of tests

assoc. w/ response variability attributed to stochastic elements/behaviors in systems tested

Uncertainty of 90% conf. upper bound on 0.975 percentile of experimental response (failure pressure)

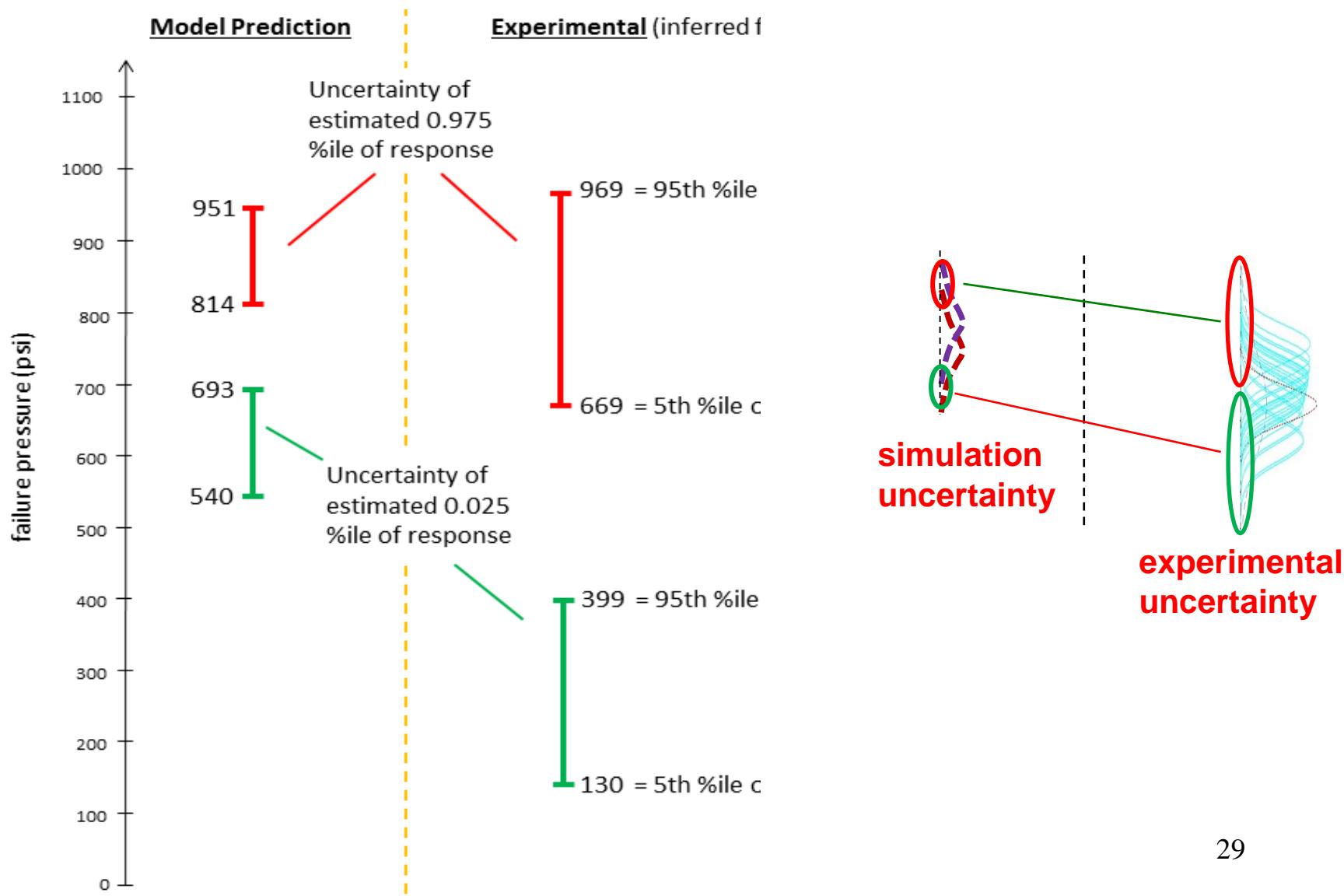
Uncertainty of 90% conf. lower bound on 0.025 percentile of experimental response (failure pressure)

Normal PDFs fit to 0.95/0.90 Tolerance Intervals from Small # of Tests involving uncertainty (notional PDFs for illustration)



# Results of Percentile Comparisons:

Lower Percentile of Predicted Failure Pressure is NonConservative  
for Intended Model Use



# Closing Remarks

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- **The Real Space validation methodology is versatile and practical, geared for:**
  - expensive computational models (economical in # of simulations)
  - stochastic phenomena and models
  - multiple replicate experiments with random and systematic uncers.
  - few replicates (sparse experimental data)
  - appropriate representation and roll up of various types, sources, and representations of uncertainty
    - aleatory and epistemic
    - probabilistic, interval, and discrete variables and functions
- **Real Space Validation results are:**
  - relatively straightforward to interpret
  - especially relevant for assessing models/quantities to be used in the analysis of performance and safety margins for design and risk assessment