

Electrical Sciences Experimental Capabilities

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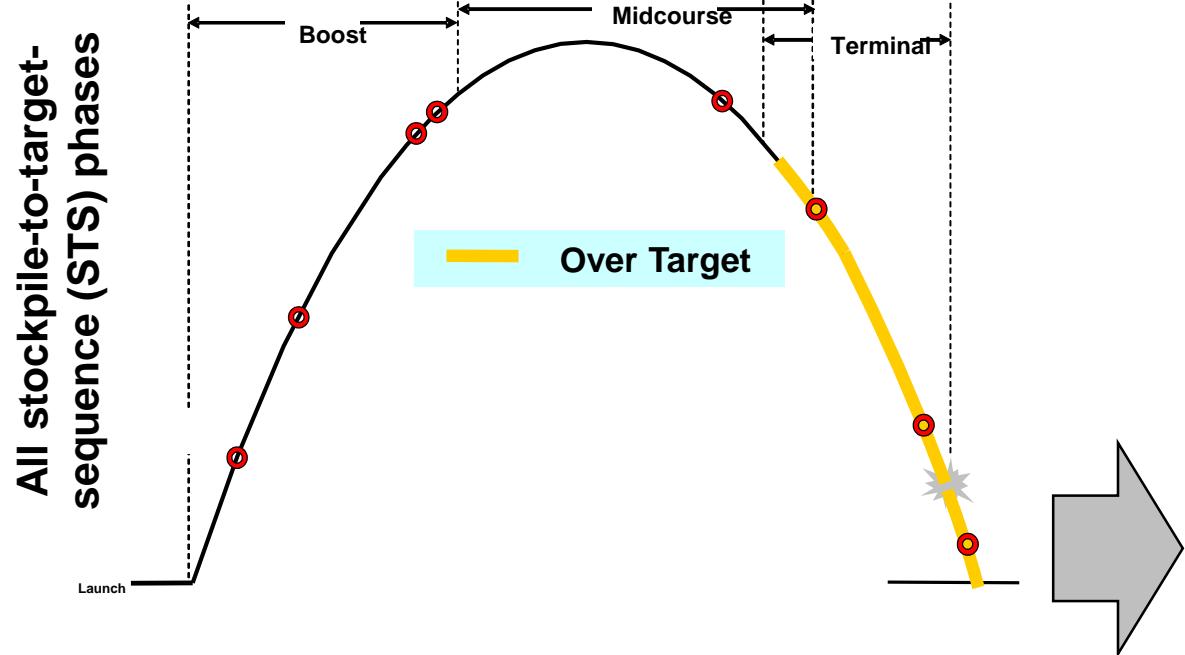
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System qualification/design support

Environment	<i>EM / Electrical</i> 1350	<i>Radiation</i>	<i>Thermal</i> 1500	<i>Mechanical</i>
Normal	EMR ESD Nearby Lightning DeGauss		Climate	Shock Vibration Acceleration Aero
Hostile	EMP <i>SREMP</i> <i>SGEMP</i> TREE	{ Neutrons Gammas X-rays		Blast Shock
Abnormal	Lightning External Power		Jet-fuel, propellant fire	Shock Crush

Nuclear Weapons Stockpile Responsibilities Drive Deep Expertise in Grid-relevant Science and Engineering



Physical Environments

- **Weapon storage, transportation, maintenance, storage on delivery platform, launch and in-flight path**
- **Normal Environments** (EMR, ESD, nearby lightning, degaussing)
- **Abnormal Environments** (lightning, exposure to power sources)
- **Hostile Environments** (nuclear weapon effects, directed energy weapons, high power microwaves)

Grid-relevant Science and Engineering at Sandia

- Advanced power systems and AC/DC microgrids
- High voltage breakdown science & experiments
- Pulsed power components and systems development
- Electromagnetics Experiment / theory / code
- Systems engineering and integration
- Circuits and devices

Electrical and Radiation Sciences Support a Broad Range of Customers

National security activities for and in collaboration with:

- **Department of Energy** (National Nuclear Security Administration, Office of Science, Office of Electricity)
- **Other federal agencies** (DOD-Army/USAF/NRL, DOT-Federal Aviation Administration, DOL – Mine Safety and Health Admin.)
- **Non-federal entities**
- **Industry** (Goodyear, FMC, Inc., Lockheed Martin Technology Research)
- **Universities**



Power systems
All Electric Warship



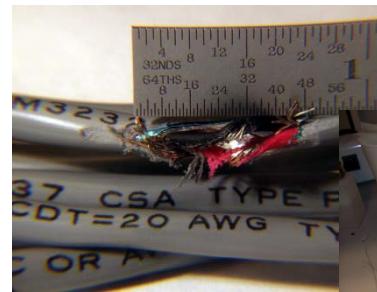
EMP coupling
into facilities

Lightning protection

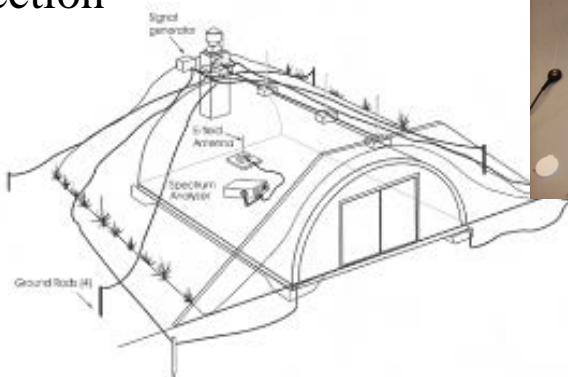


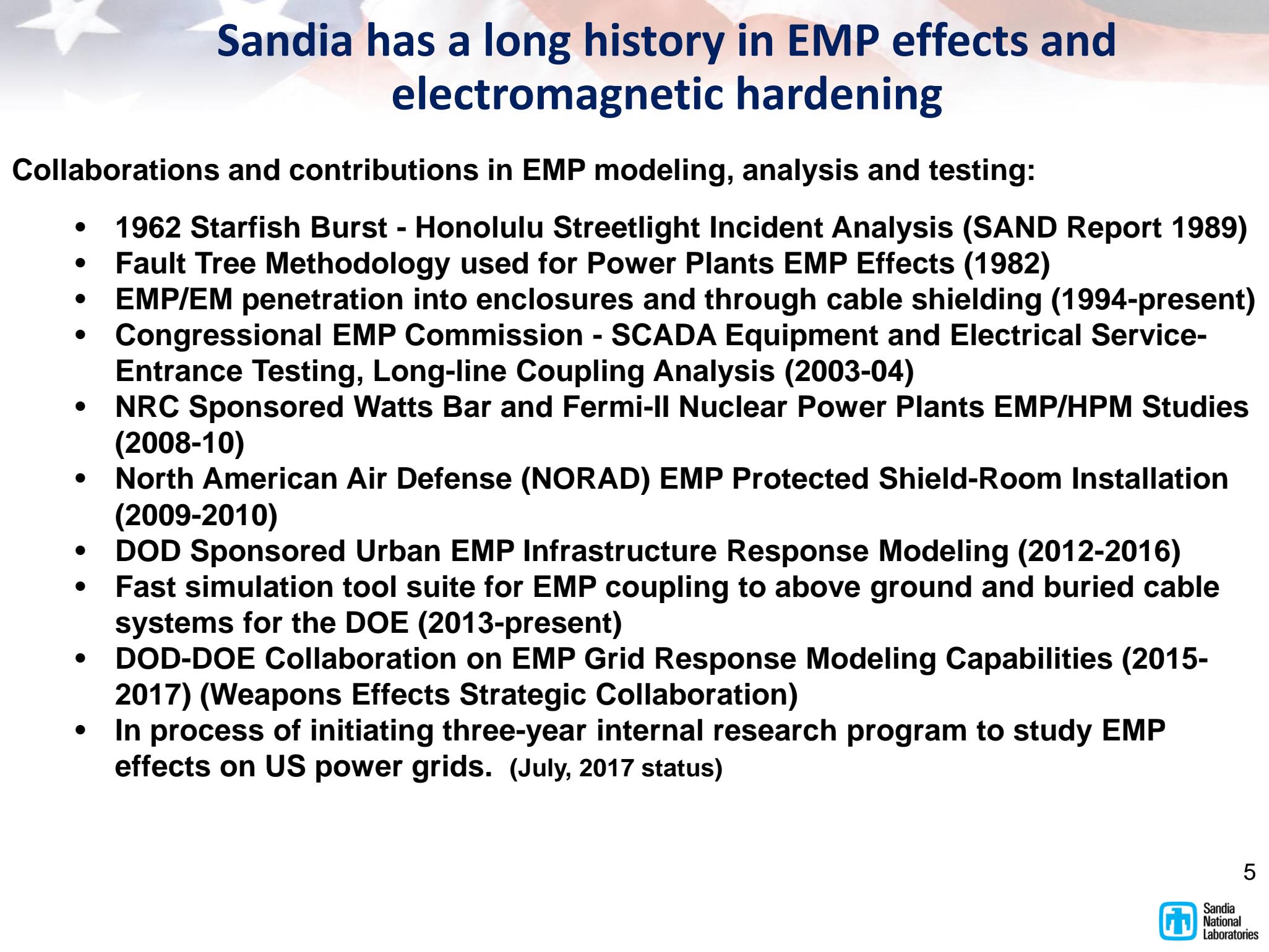
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World class EM capabilities



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Sandia has a long history in EMP effects and electromagnetic hardening

Collaborations and contributions in EMP modeling, analysis and testing:

- 1962 Starfish Burst - Honolulu Streetlight Incident Analysis (SAND Report 1989)
- Fault Tree Methodology used for Power Plants EMP Effects (1982)
- EMP/EM penetration into enclosures and through cable shielding (1994-present)
- Congressional EMP Commission - SCADA Equipment and Electrical Service- Entrance Testing, Long-line Coupling Analysis (2003-04)
- NRC Sponsored Watts Bar and Fermi-II Nuclear Power Plants EMP/HPM Studies (2008-10)
- North American Air Defense (NORAD) EMP Protected Shield-Room Installation (2009-2010)
- DOD Sponsored Urban EMP Infrastructure Response Modeling (2012-2016)
- Fast simulation tool suite for EMP coupling to above ground and buried cable systems for the DOE (2013-present)
- DOD-DOE Collaboration on EMP Grid Response Modeling Capabilities (2015-2017) (Weapons Effects Strategic Collaboration)
- In process of initiating three-year internal research program to study EMP effects on US power grids. (July, 2017 status)

Sandia is Investing Regularly on a Grand Challenge LDRD Scale



Creating solutions for high penetration of stochastic sources.

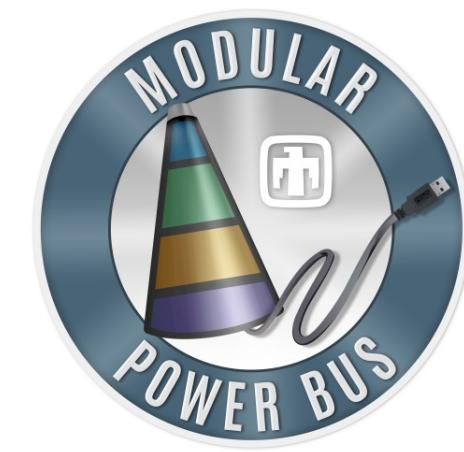
- Hamiltonian based controls
- Energy storage
- Power electronics
- Cyber security
- Network of DC microgrid test beds



Enabling ultra-wide bandgap power electronic devices.

- Higher efficiency
- Wider temperature range
- Greater bandwidth
- Higher voltages
- SWaP advantages

SWaP = size, weight, and power



Increasing resiliency and agility for advanced power systems.

- Advanced bus based power distribution architectures
- Increased reliability
- Increased robustness

Power Density, Safety, and Resilience is a Focus of Two New Sandia Grand Challenge LDRDs



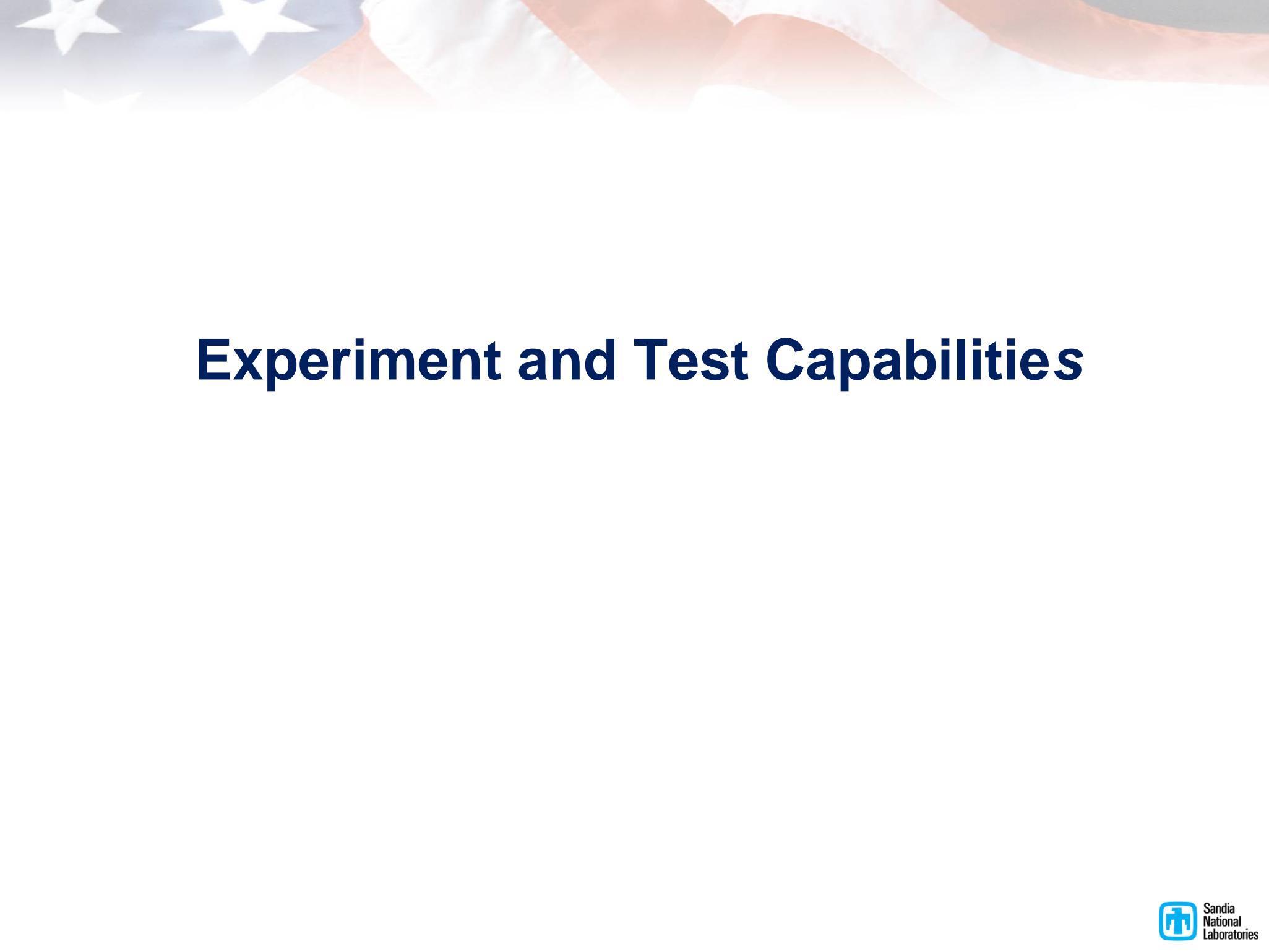
Enabling predictive breakdown/discharge tools including correct physics

- Improved models
- Improved design
- Increased power density
- Increased safety



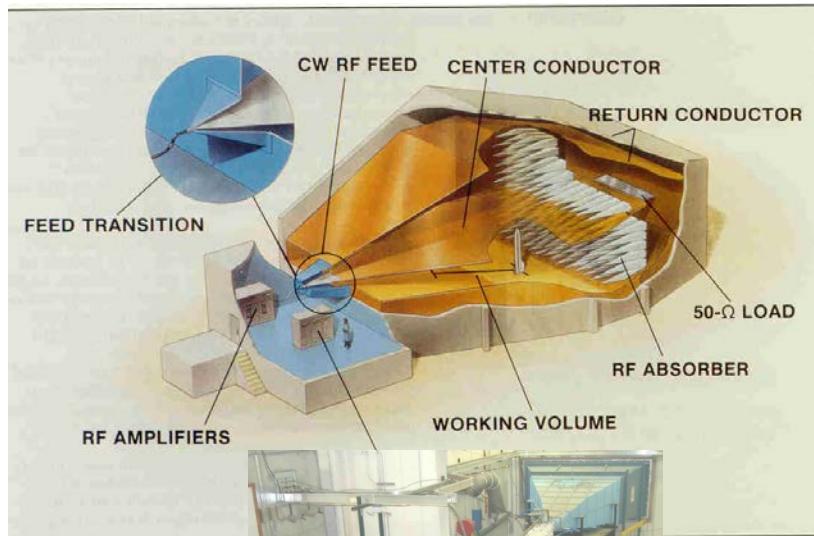
Creating a grid scale understanding of EMP impact

- Physics based understanding
- New protection techniques
- Strategy optimization



Experiment and Test Capabilities

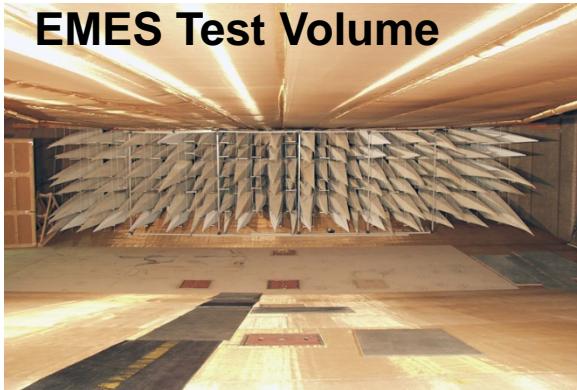
EMES Facility (10 kHz - 200 MHz)



EMP Pulser



EMES Test Volume



Test volume:

- 4x5x11 m (approx.)

Environments:

- High altitude EMP:(1ns risetime) 30-250 kV/m
- Plane-wave RF (CW): 100 kHz – 100 MHz at 125 V/m
- Rolls off to 100 V/m at 250 MHz

EMP capacity:

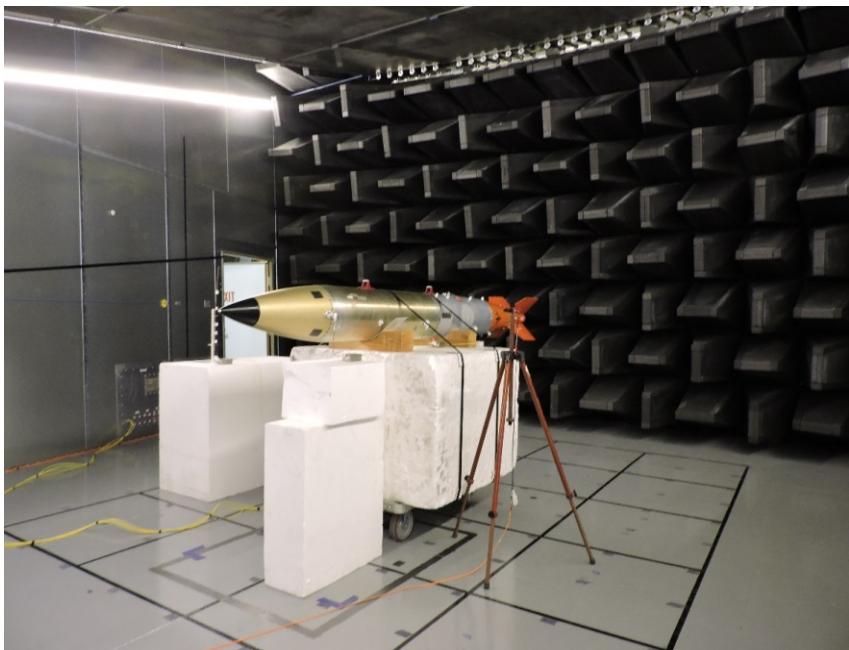
- 2 shots/day (Max voltage)
- 4 shots/day (nominal)

Typical experiments:

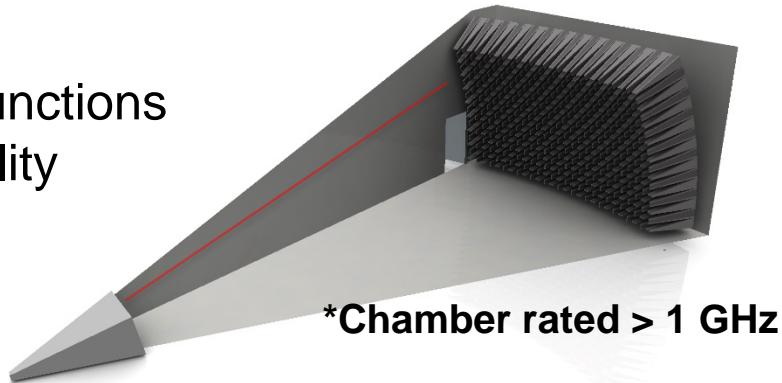
- Susceptibility measurements
- Transfer function measurements



GTEM Chamber (10 kHz – 1 GHz)



- Transfer functions
- Susceptibility



GHz TEM environment:

- 4.5 (h) x 3.7 (w) at back absorbers
- λ at 200 MHz = 1.5 m
- Plane-wave, continuous wave
RF amplifier system: 10 kHz-1 GHz,
125 V/m, 5kW max. input
- EMP (E1)
~1 ns risetime, ≤ 130 kV/m



GTEM reproduces STS plane wave environments – multiple device orientations are needed to capture maximum coupling

Mode-Stir Chamber (200 MHz - 40 GHz)



MSC Environment:

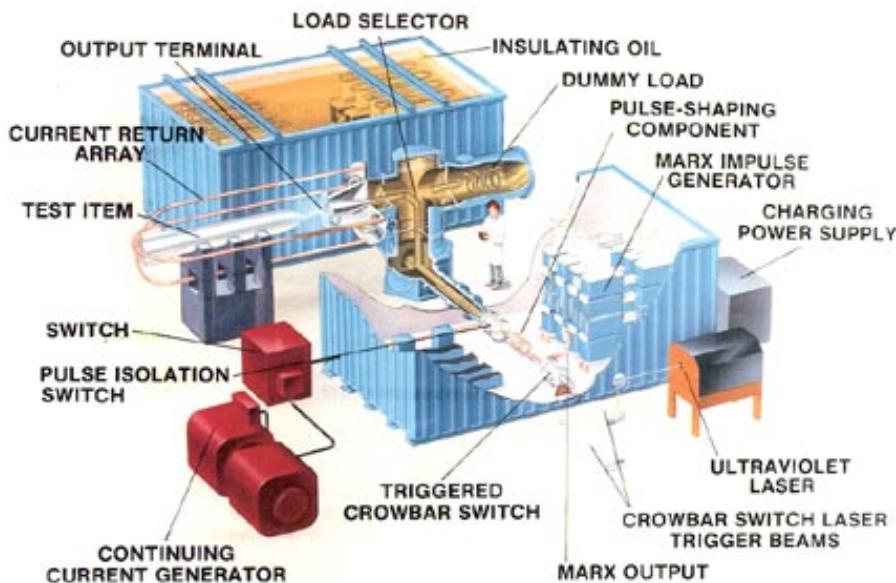
- 4 (h) x 7 x 11 Reverberant chamber
- $\lambda = 7.5 \text{ mm}$ @ 40 GHz
- $Q \sim 100,000 - 1,000,000$ (low loss)
- RF amplifiers: 200 MHz - **40 GHz**,
130-200 V/m average



- Transfer functions
- Susceptibility

Multiple device orientations are not needed in the MSC – measurement data needs correction to capture plane wave response

Lightning Simulator Facility



Lightning Facility:

- Large volume for bombs, RV/RBs, structures

Environments:

- Full-threat lightning (direct-attach and nearby lightning)
- Dual-stroke, with or without continuing current

Specs:

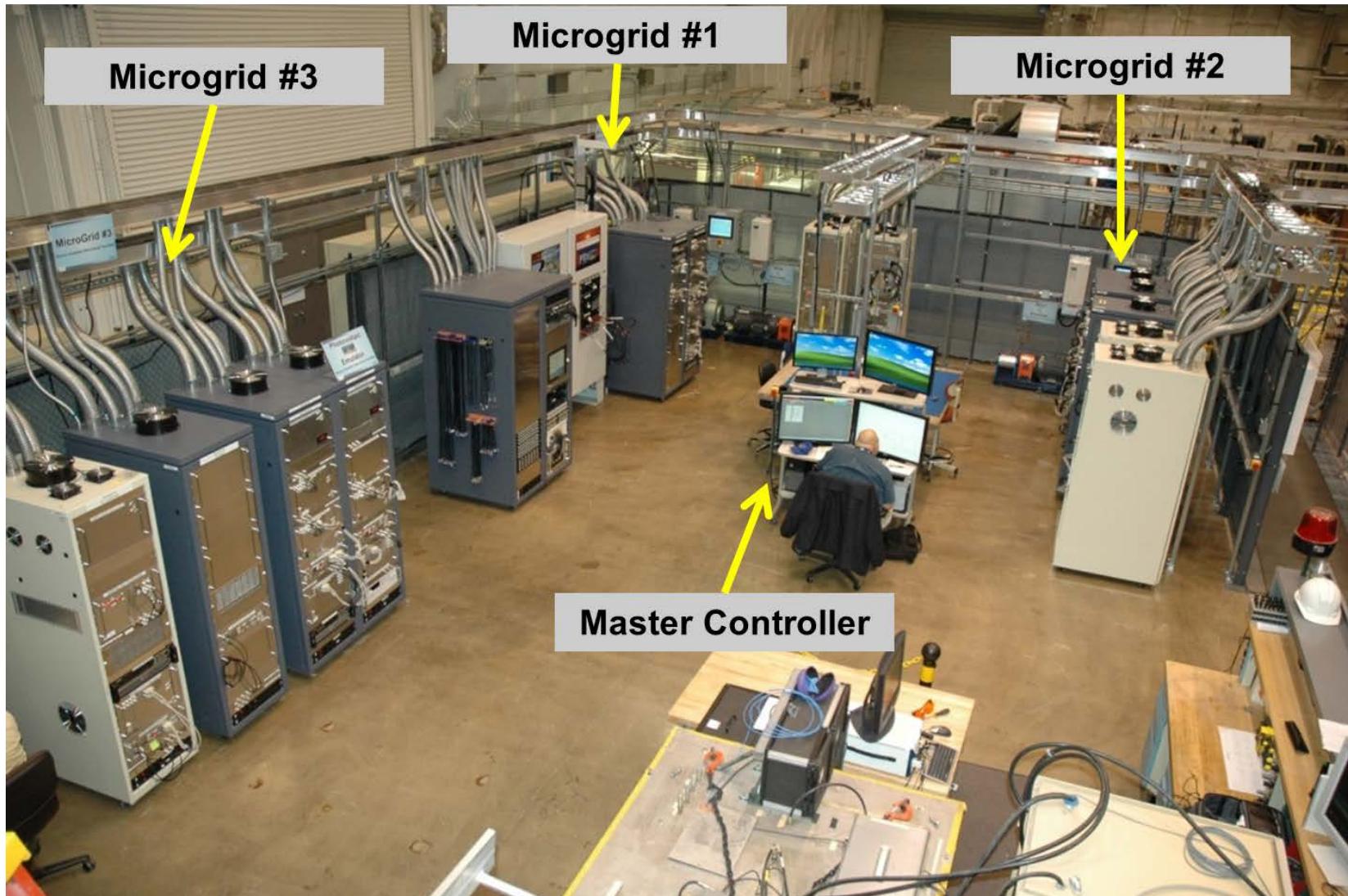
- 1.6 MV
- Peak current – 200 kA (99th percentile)
- Min current – 30 kA
- Current rise time: 1 to 5 μ sec
- Current rate of rise: 200 kA/ μ sec, max
- Pulse width (@50% level): 50 to 500 μ sec (dependent on load impedance)
- Number of pulses: 1 or 2, variable interval
- Continuing current 100s A for up to 1 sec

Other:

- Small scale HV testbeds (100's kV)
- Complete Electrostatic Discharge (ESD) lab including testing at high temperatures

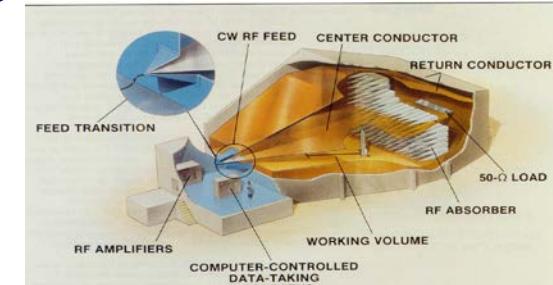
Secure Scalable Microgrid Testbed

- Hardware Testbed includes components representing generation, loads, energy storage and transmission/transfer
- Component building blocks enable a variety of system configurations



Power Electronics and Controls Related Research is Addressing Key Challenges

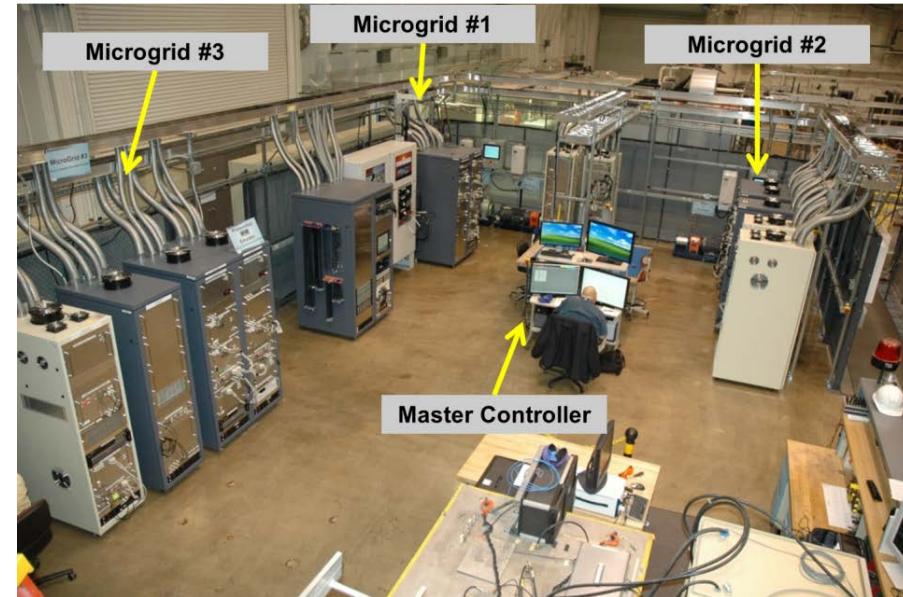
- Networked microgrid systems (DC, AC, and Hybrid)
 - Focused on reliability and resiliency
 - Solutions to highly stochastic sources and loads
- Power electronics
 - Advanced controls, performance, and interfaces
 - » (with sources, loads, and storage)
- High voltage sciences
 - Electrical breakdown and SWaP
- Power systems and Electromagnetic pulses
 - Focused on performance and reliability
- Controls
 - Centralized and distributed
 - Energy and exergy based
 - Model predictive and conventional
 - Energy management
 - Wide area controls



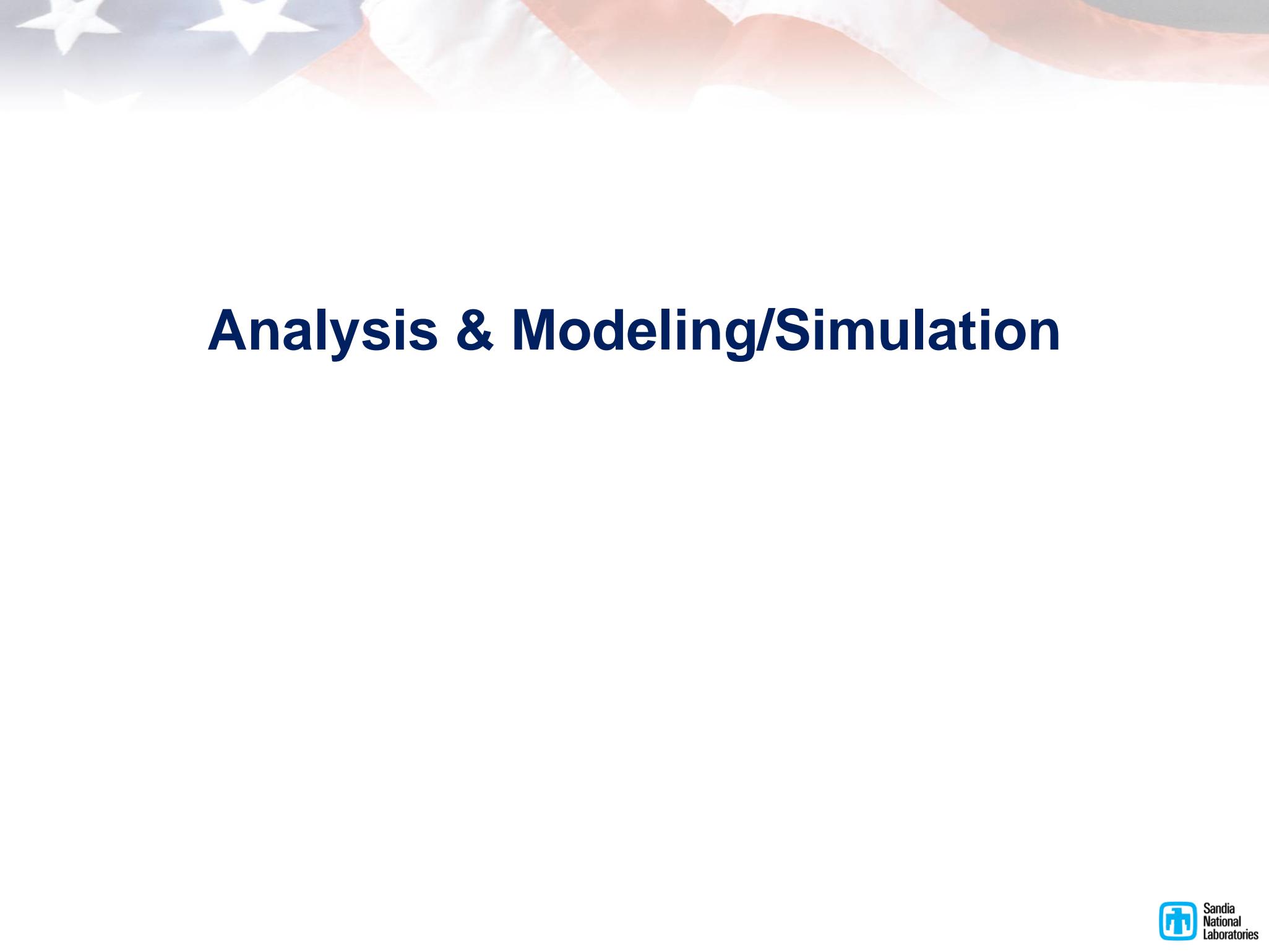
Electromagnetic Environment Simulator (EMES)



Electrical breakdown phenomena



SWaP = size, weight, and power



Analysis & Modeling/Simulation

Our Electromagnetics Code Suite was Developed and Validated to Address our Specific Needs

■ Time domain (EMPHASIS & Quicksilver)

- FEM & finite-difference
- Full-wave, time-domain EM
- Charged particle-in-cell/plasmas
- Electrostatics
- Non-linear eddy-current EM



■ Frequency domain (EIGER)

- Boundary elements
- Full-wave, frequency-domain EM
- Electrostatics
- Magnetostatics

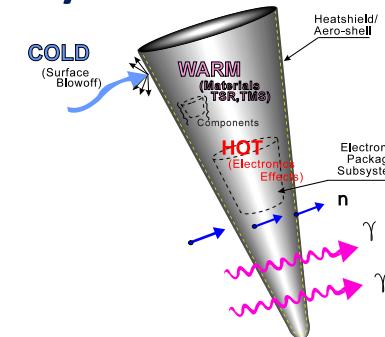


■ High voltage breakdown (breakdown_α)

- Non-uniform geometry
- Streamer and static breakdown modeling

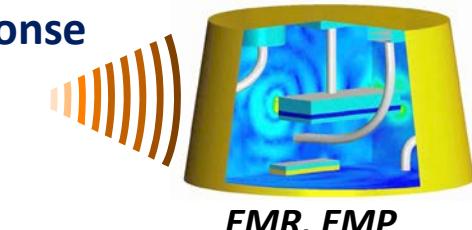
Code / Model development
Verification / Validation
Modeling / Analysis

X-ray Environments

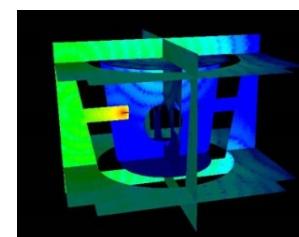


Cable, Cavity, Box SGEMP, SREMP

System Response to EM Fields



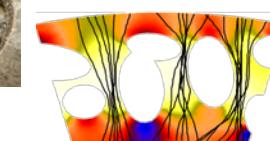
EMR, EMP



Interactions
Radar coupling to system components

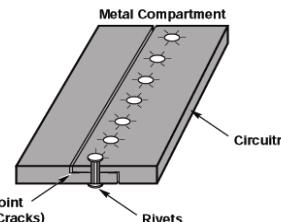
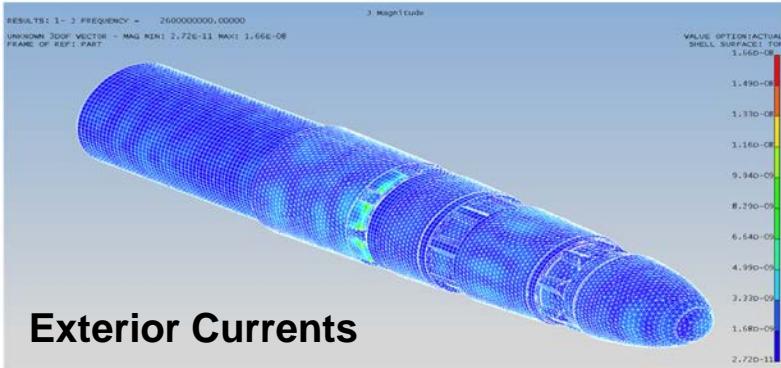
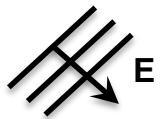


Component Breakdown

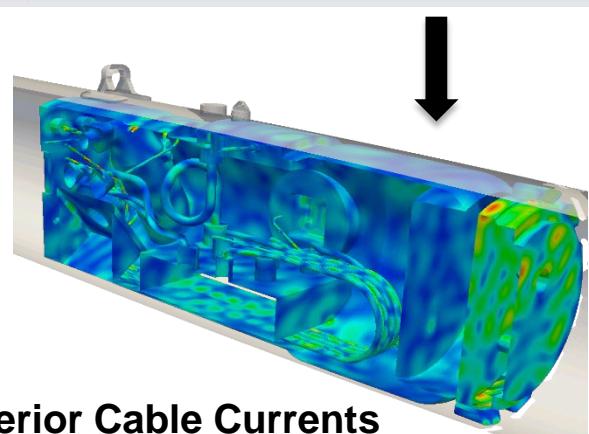
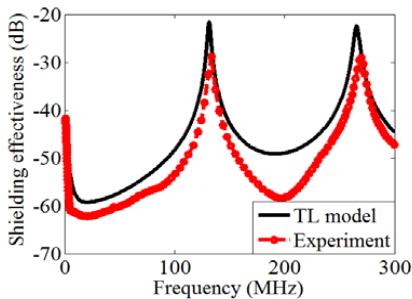
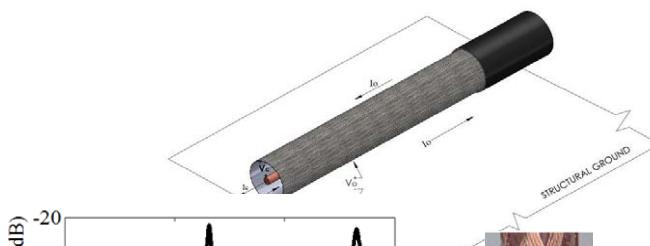
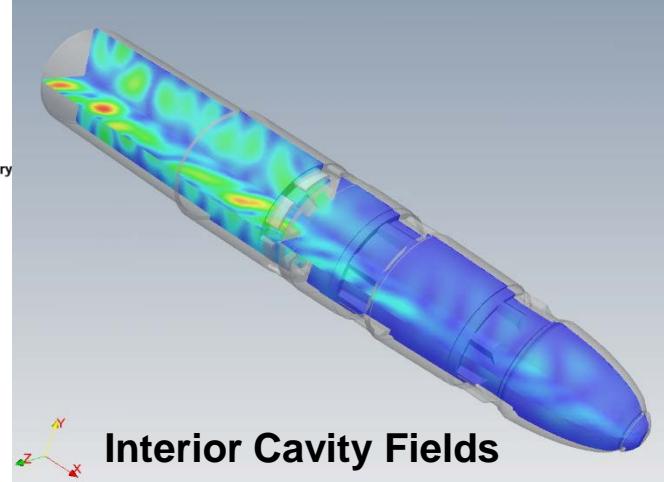


LAC, connector performance

Modeling and Measurements Predicts the Effects on Interior components and Circuits of Systems

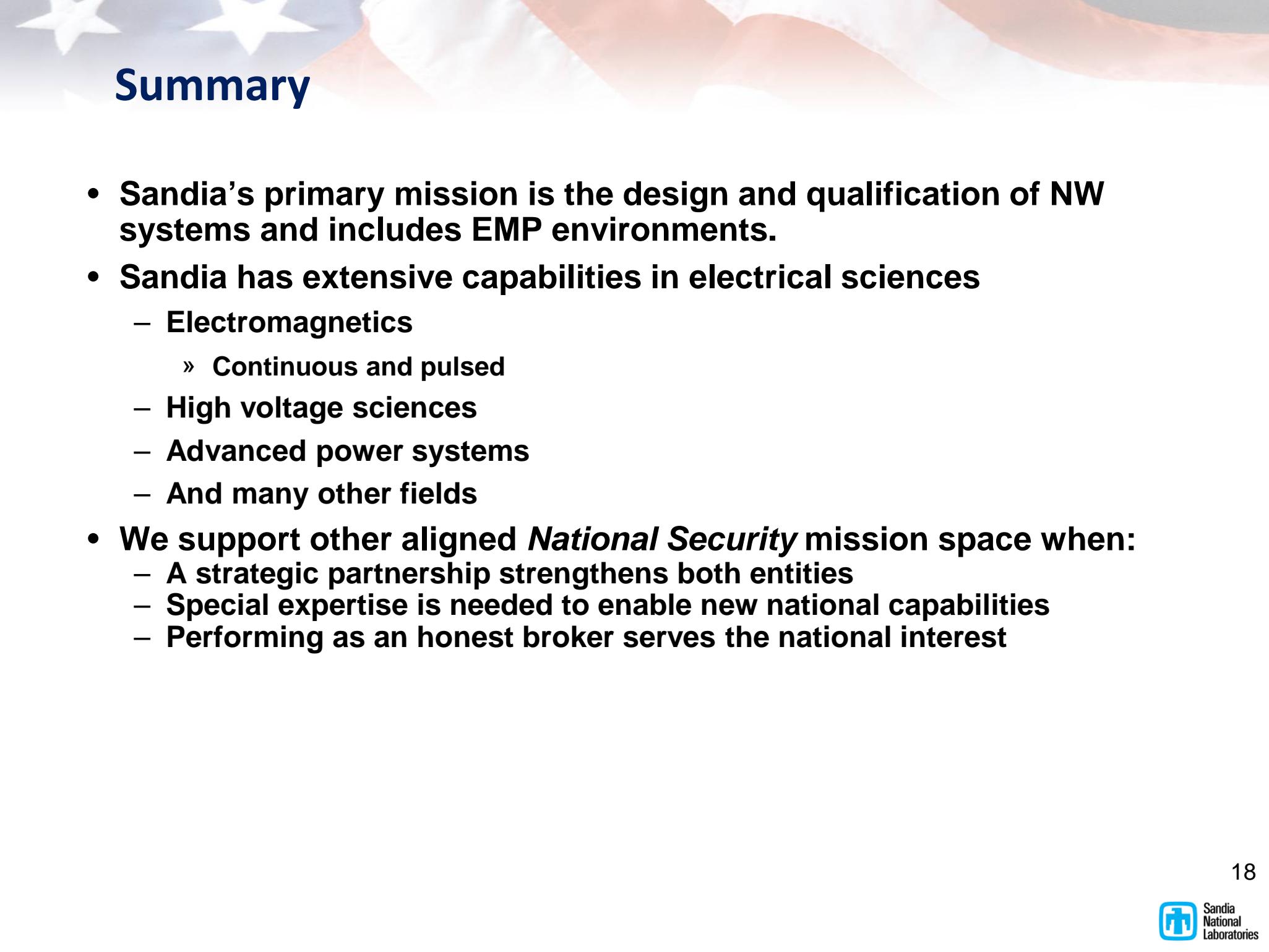


Coupling Pathways



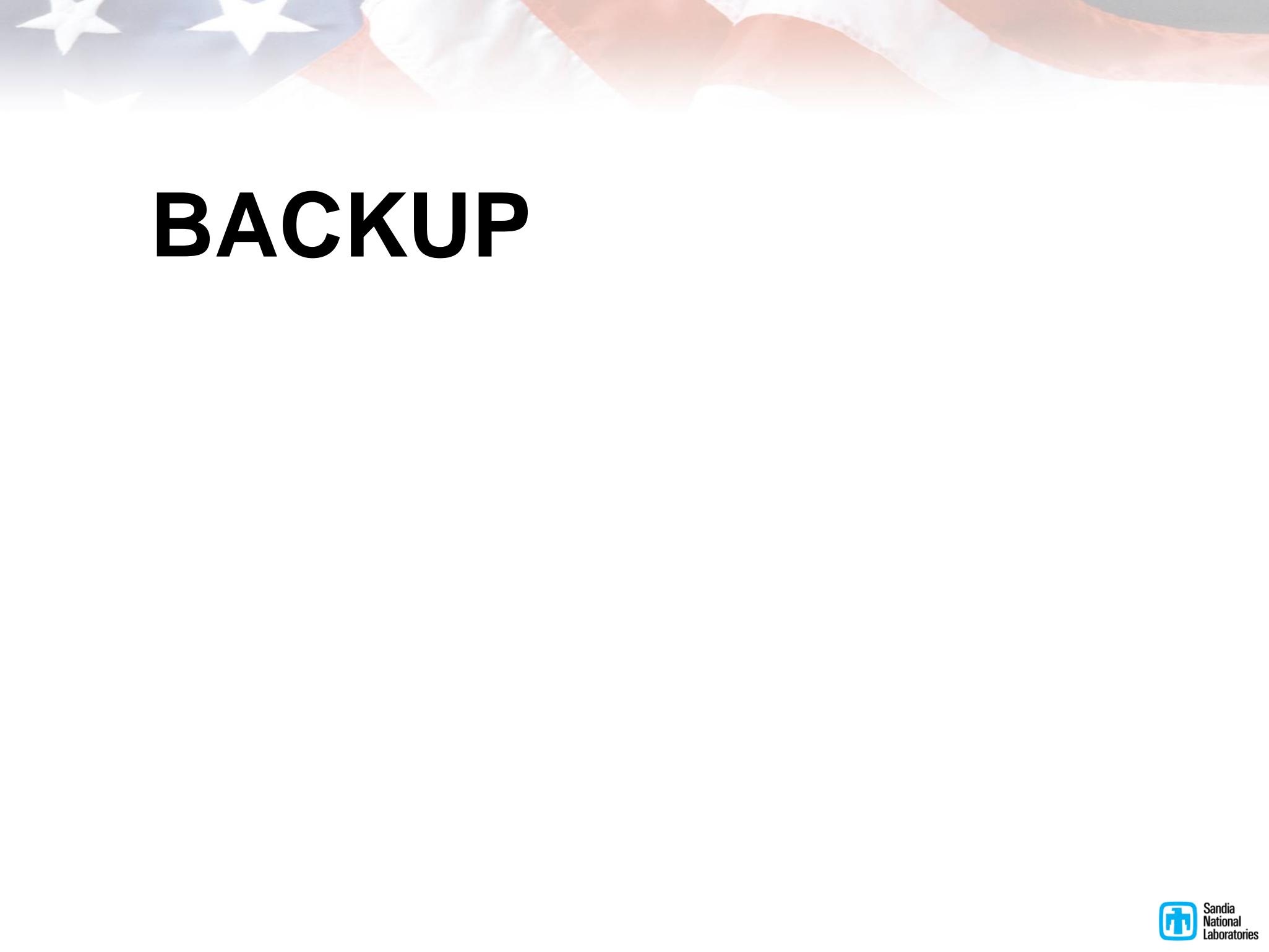
Pin-Level Current (Voltage/Impedance)

Visualization of the interior fields can provide guidance for the testing configurations



Summary

- Sandia's primary mission is the design and qualification of NW systems and includes EMP environments.
- Sandia has extensive capabilities in electrical sciences
 - Electromagnetics
 - » Continuous and pulsed
 - High voltage sciences
 - Advanced power systems
 - And many other fields
- We support other aligned *National Security* mission space when:
 - A strategic partnership strengthens both entities
 - Special expertise is needed to enable new national capabilities
 - Performing as an honest broker serves the national interest

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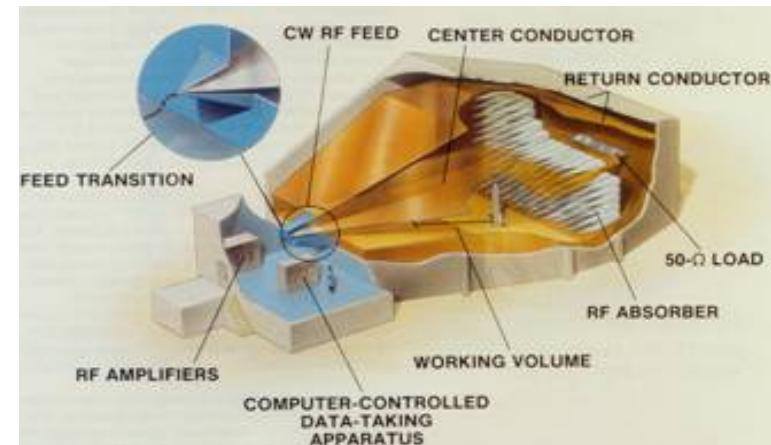
BACKUP

A Suite of EM Test/Experiment Capabilities are Required for Nuclear Weapon Design & Qualification



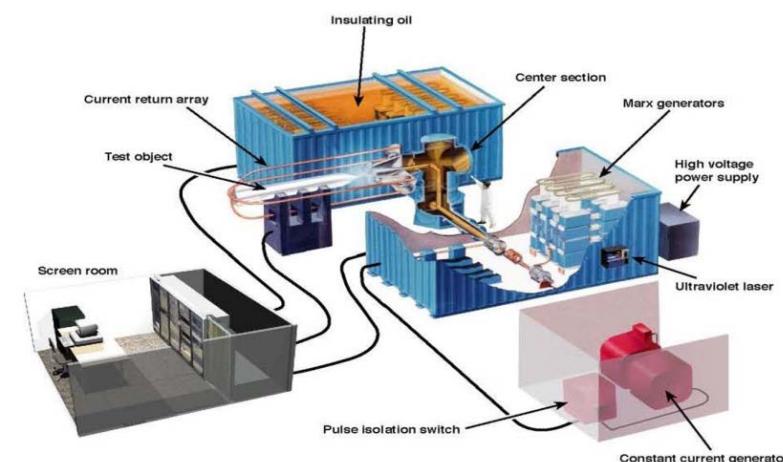
Mode-Stir Chamber

- CW (220 MHz – 40 GHz)



Large Volume TEM Facility (EMES)

- CW (10 kHz – 220MHz) 125 V/m
- EMP (1 ns risetime) \leq 250 kV/m



Lightning Facility

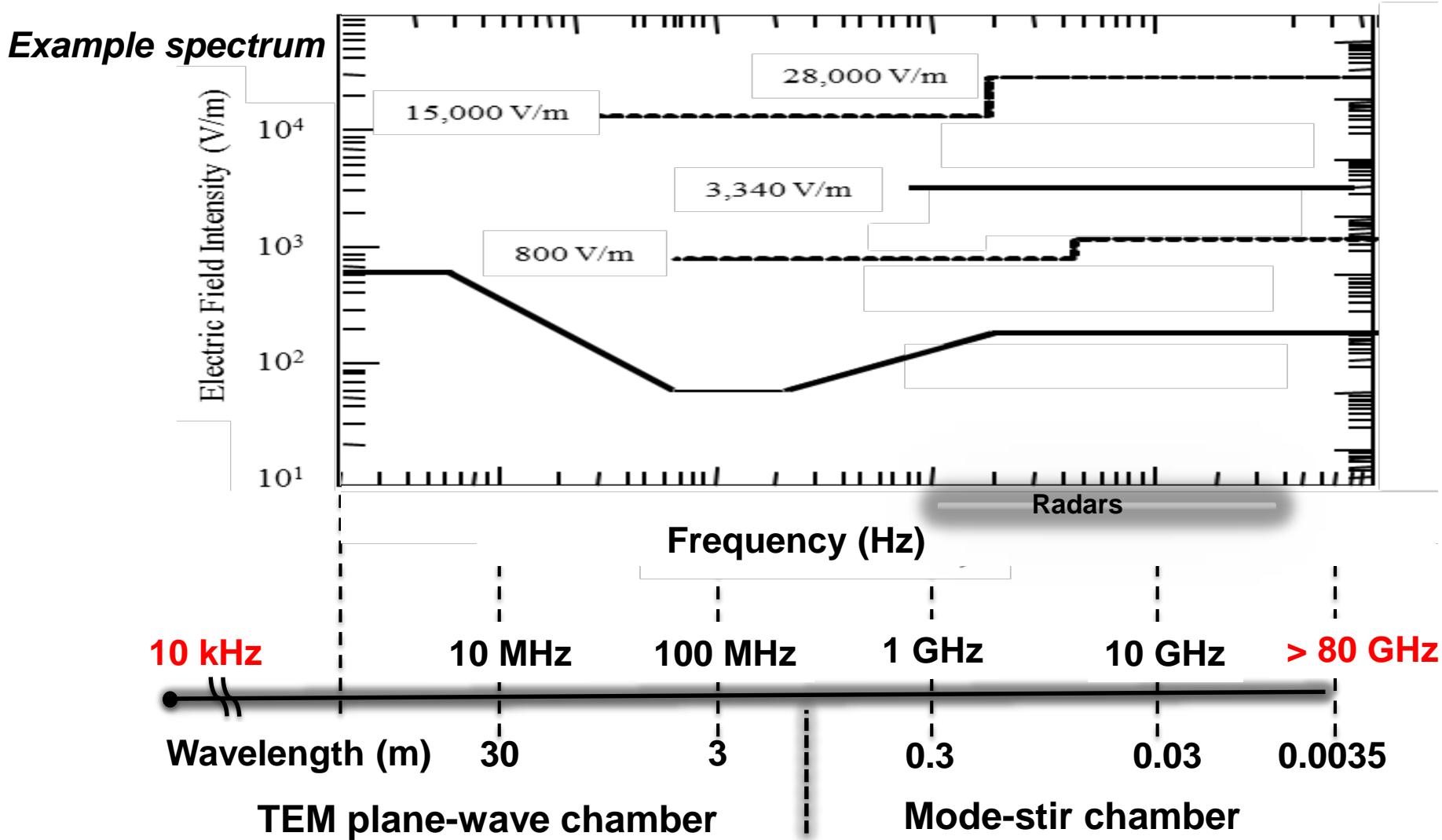
- 1.6 MV
- 200 kA
- 500A continuing current
- 2 pulses



GTEM (Feb. 2016)

- CW (DC– 1GHz) 125 V/m
- EMP (1 ns risetime) \leq 130 kV/m

EMR spectrum is currently covered in two separate types of test facilities



Device and chamber dimensions and wavelength establish test approach

We Apply a Combination of Theoretical Analysis and Numerical Simulation Tools in our Mission

- Theoretical analysis is often used when
 - Detailed models, parameters are not available
 - Bounding calculation is desired (general application)
 - The approach offers time savings versus simulation
- Numerical Simulation:
- EIGER: Electromagnetic/Electrostatic
 - Integral Equation, Method-of-Moments
 - Frequency-Domain
- EMPHASIS: Electromagnetic with Particle-In-Cell
 - Finite-Element Method
 - Time-Domain



In-house codes offer the advantages that

- Physics models are known and documented
- Models and capabilities have been tailored to our problems
- Models, algorithms can be easily accessed by the analyst

Summary of SNL EM Code Capabilities

Code	Environments	Description	Usage
EMPHASIS	EMP, SREMP, SGEMP, Lightning	Full-wave EM, MPP → high rigor	NW Qualification, R&D
EIGER	EMR, EMP, Nearby Lightning	Full-wave EM, MPP → high rigor	NW Qualification, R&D
ALEPH	Electrical Breakdown	PIC+DSMC, MPP → high rigor	R&D
Breakdown Alpha	Electrical Breakdown	Reduced-Order Model → quick turnaround	Component Design, Significant Findings
ATLOG	EMP, SREMP, Nearby Lightning	Transmission Line Code → quick turnaround	Consequence Assessment to Grid Infrastructure

SREMP: Source-Region EMP

SGEMP: System-Generated EMP

PIC: Particle-In-Cell

MPP: Massively Parallel

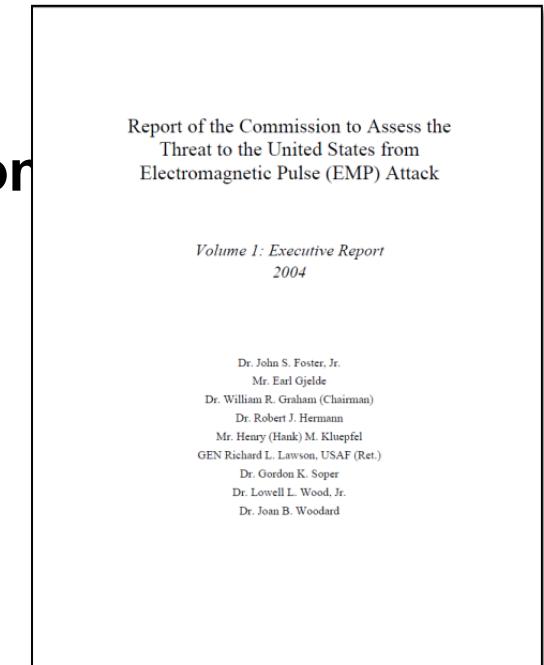
DSMC: Direct Simulation Monte-Carlo

Capabilities include nuclear EMP effects on large scale systems

- Nuclear weapon source region characterization
- EMP, SGEMP, SREMP effects on systems
- Modeling and simulation

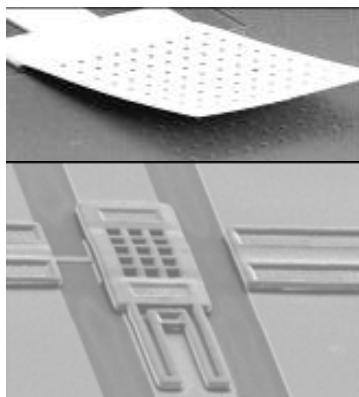
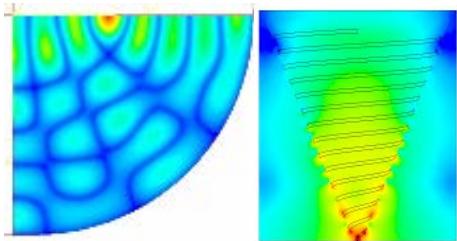
Code	Physics
ITS	γ - e^- transport
SCEPTRE	γ - e^- transport
EMPHASIS /	EM-Plasma
NuGET	N - γ environment, fireball

- Large-scale EMP and radiation simulator
 - EMES, GTEM, Hermes III
- Utility scale power systems effects
 - EMP line coupling, propagation
 - Coupling into facilities
 - Utility equipment response



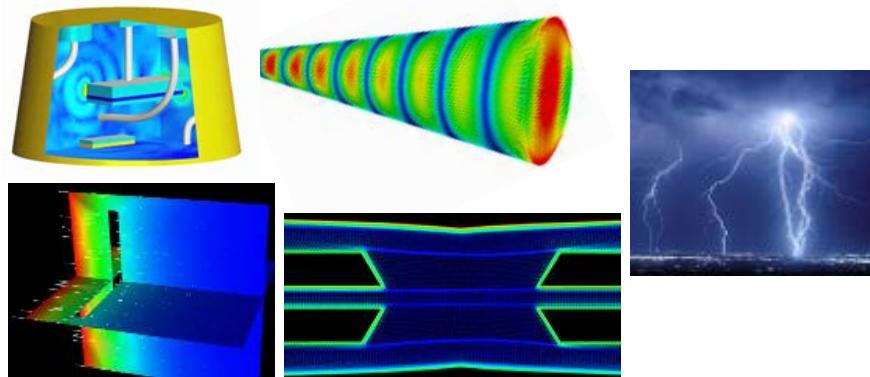
Our Electromagnetics Codes Support Many Applications and Customers

New EM environments & devices

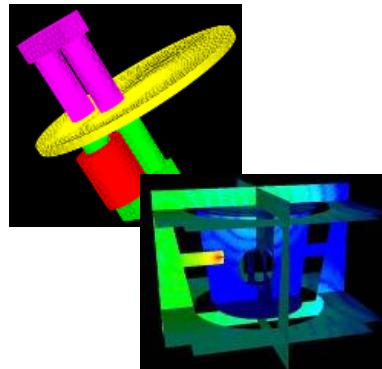


High-Frequency Cavity/Aperture Response, Advanced Antennas, RF-MEMS devices

System Response to EM, lightning, high voltage & SGEMP Environments

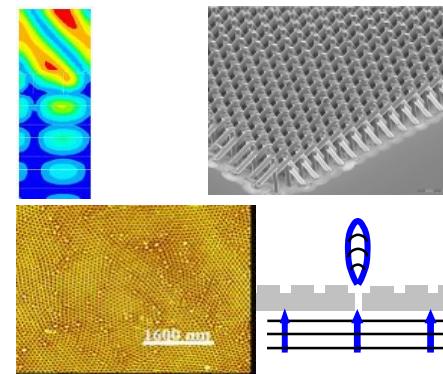


Components



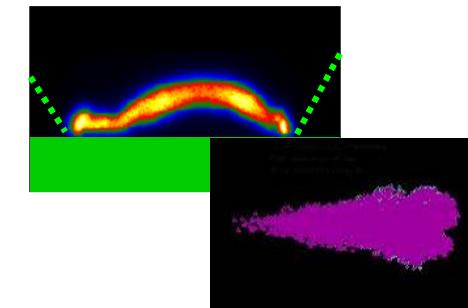
Stronglinks, Radar, Firesets, Neutron Tubes

EM Materials



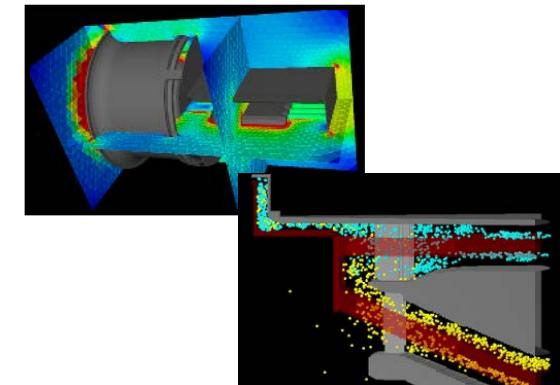
Photonic Band-gap Devices; Plasmon Structures; Metamaterials

High Voltage Sciences



HV Standoff, Arcing, Leakage Currents, Electrostatic Discharge

Fast Pulsed Power



Z-pinch apps for NW, Mat'l Dynamics, Fusion Energy