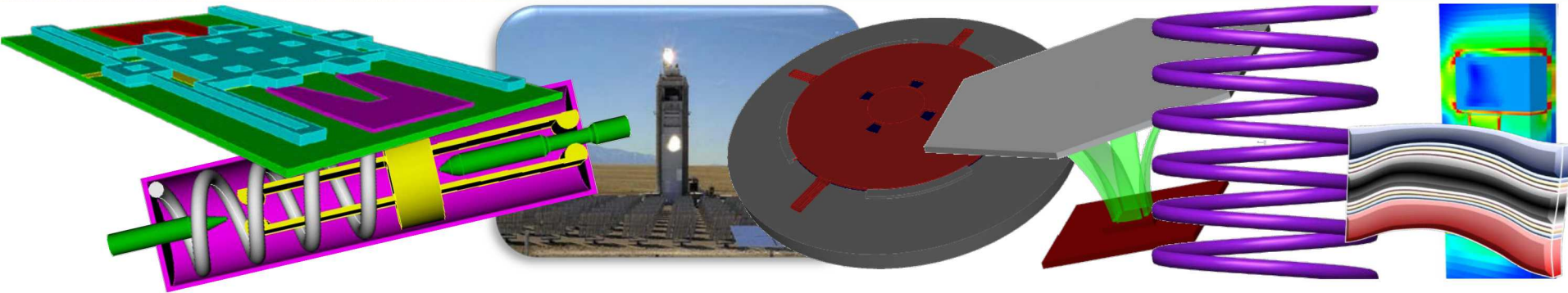


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# Applied Mathematics at Sandia National Laboratories: A Perspective from an Engineering Scientist

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# Sandia National Laboratories



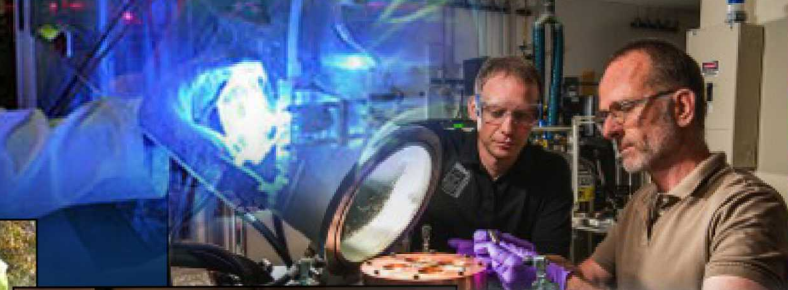
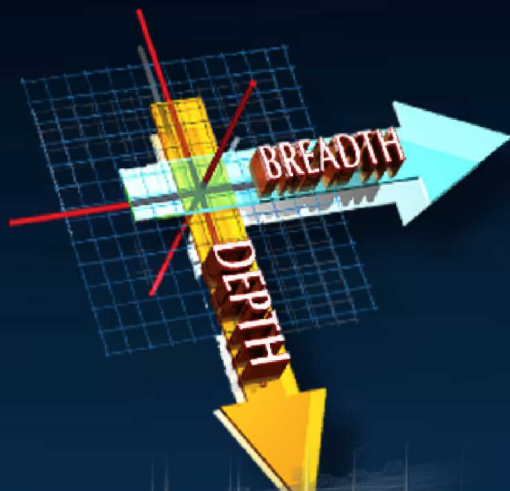
- **Core Purpose:** help our nation secure a peaceful and free world through technology.
- Provide objective, multidisciplinary technical assessments for complex problems.
- Focus on solutions with large science and technology content.
- Create prototypes for production and operation by industry.



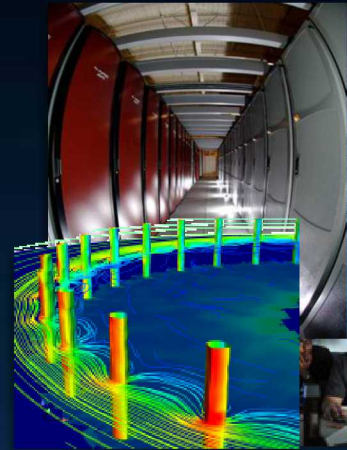
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF  
**ENERGY**

# Scope & Complexity of National Security

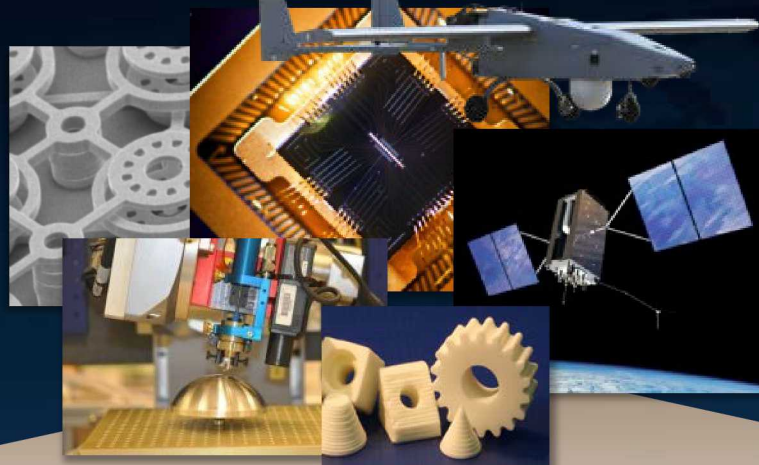
SNL Applies both **BREADTH** & **DEPTH** to solving our nation's most challenging problems.



# Research Disciplines Drive Capabilities



**High Performance Computing**

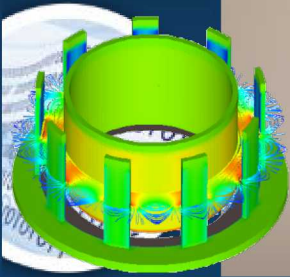


**Science & Technology Products**

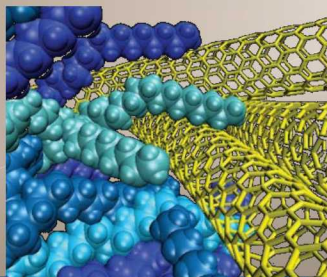


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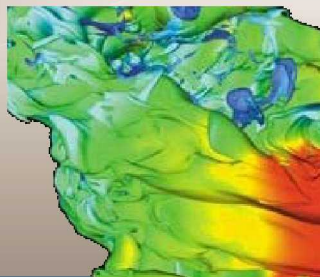
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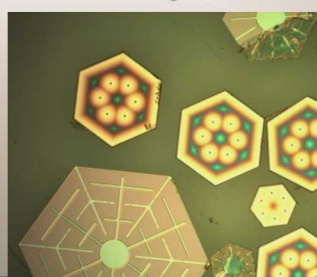
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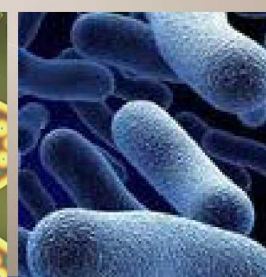
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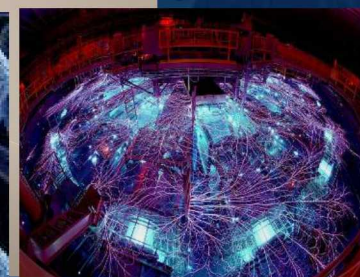
**Nanodevices & Microsystems**



**Bioscience**



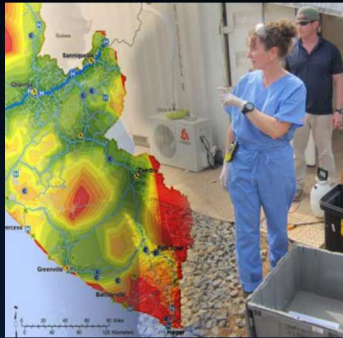
**High Energy Density Science**



## Research Disciplines



# Examples of Sandia's Impact



## Ebola Outbreak

Developed a sample delivery system cutting the wait time and potentially fatal exposure.



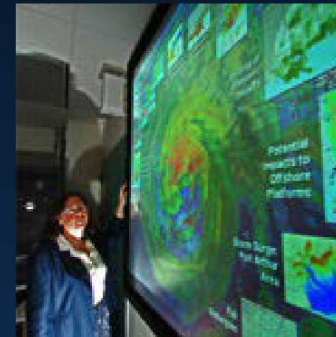
## Detecting IEDs

Highly modified miniature synthetic aperture radar system helps uncover improvised explosive devices.



## Invented Cleanroom 1963

Used in hospitals, laboratories and manufacturing plants today.



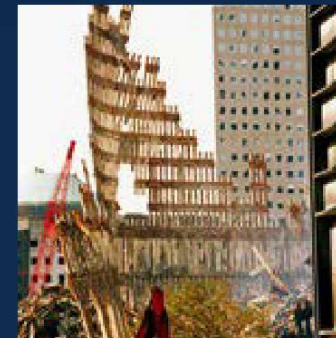
## Hurricane Katrina

Assess flooding and infrastructure failures.



## Fukushima Quake

Helped clean up radioactive wastewater.



## 9/11

Planned for subsequent attacks on facilities. Enabled search & rescue K-9s with cameras to allow search of inaccessible spaces.



# Sandia Albuquerque (NM)



On-site workforce: ~10,800

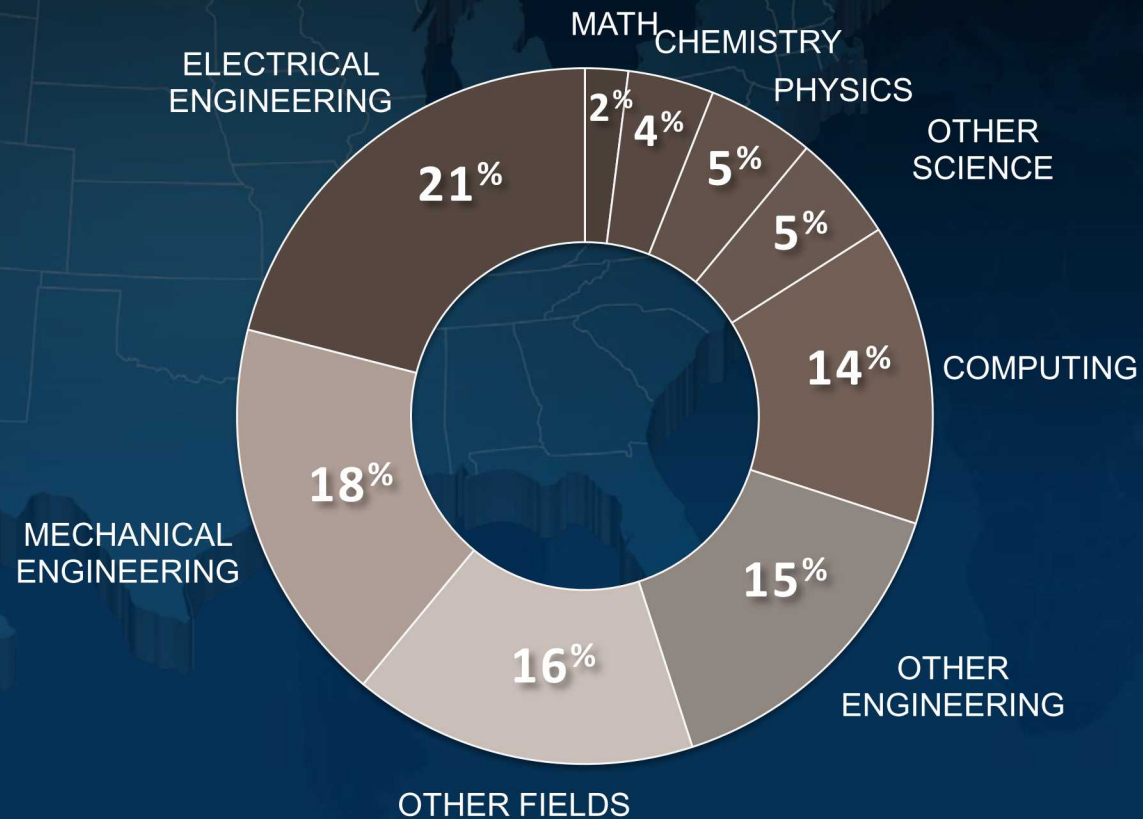
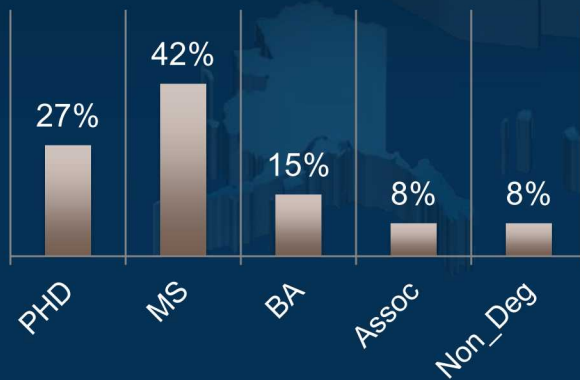
R&D staff: ~3,500

(excluding R&D Tech)

Distinguishing capabilities:

- Renewable Energy
- Microelectronics
- Cyber Security and more

Degree Level





# Sandia Livermore (CA)



On-site workforce: ~1,300

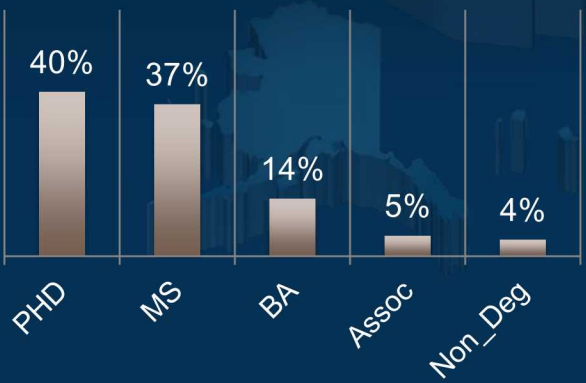
R&D staff: ~500

(excluding R&D Tech)

## Distinguishing capabilities:

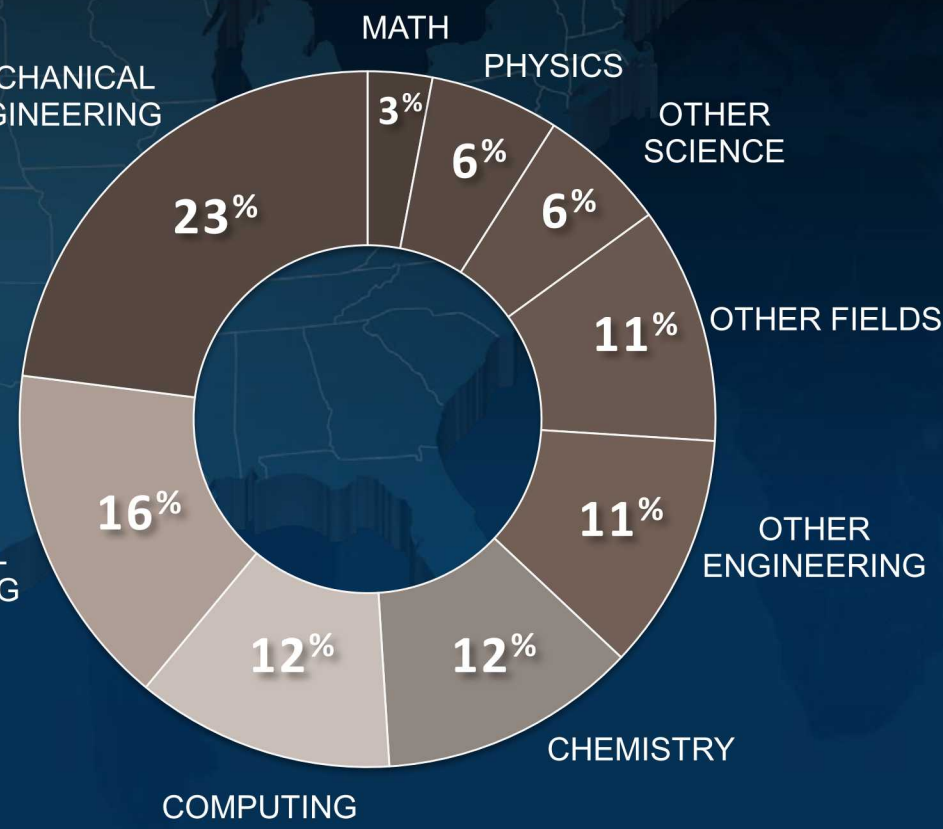
- Applied Biosciences
- Combustion Research
- Information Systems and *more*

### Degree Level



ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING

MECHANICAL ENGINEERING



# Sandia Mathema/Statisticians



- Work in almost every area across SNL in over 80 organizations.
- Degrees: 50% graduate, 50% undergraduate (graduate in other field).

## Center for Computing Research

Discrete Mathematics, Optimization, & Uncertainty Quantification  
Scalable System Algorithms, Software, Analysis, & Visualization  
Multiscale/Cognitive Science, Data-driven & Neural Computing

## Mission Engineering & Information Systems Analysis

Sensor, Data, Imaging Analysis  
Data Science, Cyber Security, Cryptography, Analytics  
Digital & Quantum Information Sciences & Systems

## Engineering Sciences

Diagnostic, Shock, Structural, Climatic, Fluid & Reactive Processes, Fire S&T  
Computational Solid/Structural/Thermal/Fluid Mechanics & Dynamics  
Verification & Validation, Uncertainty Quantification, Credibility Processes

- Statisticians work mostly in areas of Risk/Reliability Analysis, Quality Engineering, Quantification of Margins and Uncertainty (QMU).

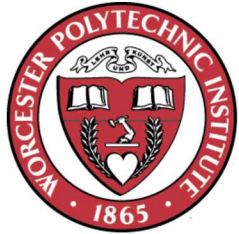
# Sandia Aggies (TX)



- ~200 Alumni
- ~9 with degrees from TAMU mathematics and statistics programs.

# My Route to SNL Engineering Sciences

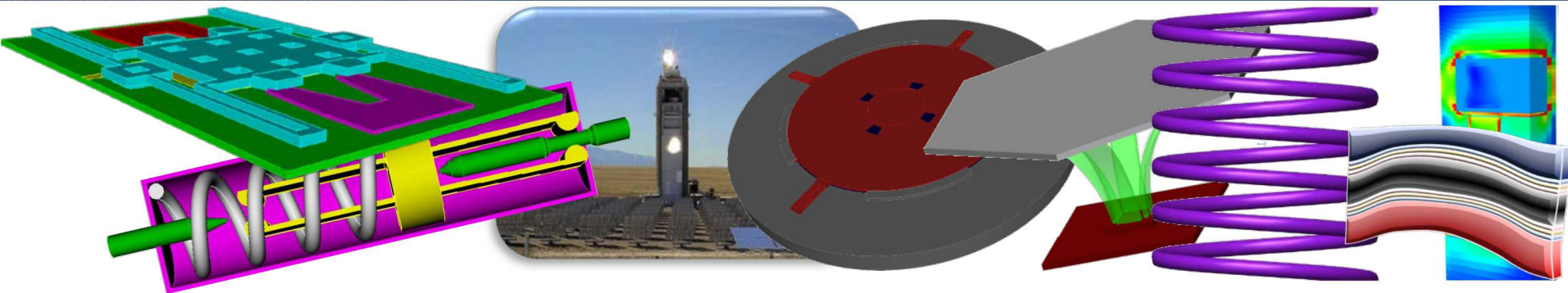
- **Worcester Polytechnic Institute (B.S.)**
  - Goal was Nuclear *Engineering*, but ended up...
  - Physics (quantum mechanics), Mathematics (Steklov eigenvalues)
  - COMAP Mathematical Contest in Modeling (MRI image analysis)  
[*Consortium for Mathematics and its Applications*]
- **Headed** for theoretical particle physics (SUNY Stony Brook), but was **diverted** to the Industrial Applied Mathematics Program (NCSU).
- **North Carolina State University (M.S., Ph.D.)**
  - Industrial Mathematical Modeling Workshop (intro. to smart materials).
  - Degrees: Computational/Industrial Applied Mathematics
  - Dissertation: Shape Memory Alloy (SMA) modeling.
  - **Grad. Internships:** The Boeing Company (sparse optimization), SNL (SMAs).
- Applied only to non-academia positions and chose...
- **Sandia National Laboratories, Albuquerque**
  - Adaptive structures, smart materials and metamaterials research.
  - Mechanical design with uncertainty quantification and optimization.
  - Thermal stress analysis, including Finite Element multiphysics.
  - Thermomechanical modeling of micro- and meso-electronics, MEMS.



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# Nonlinear Model for Shape-controlled Corner-supported, Thin Laminates



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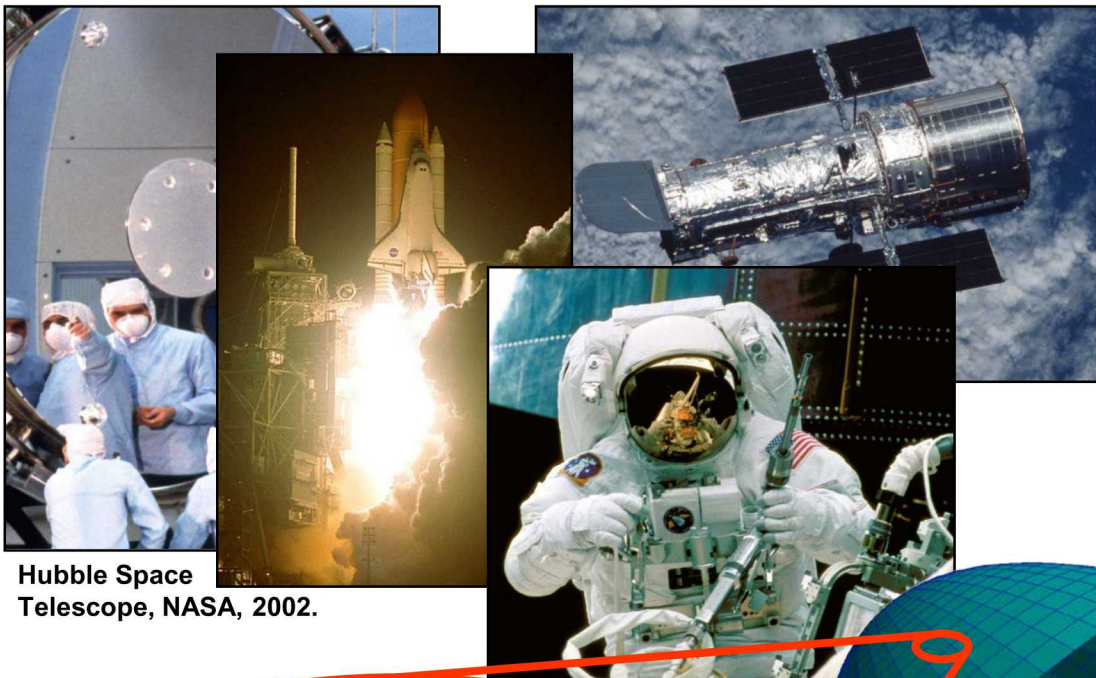


# Need for Shape-controlled Reflectors

## Traditional Rigid Reflectors

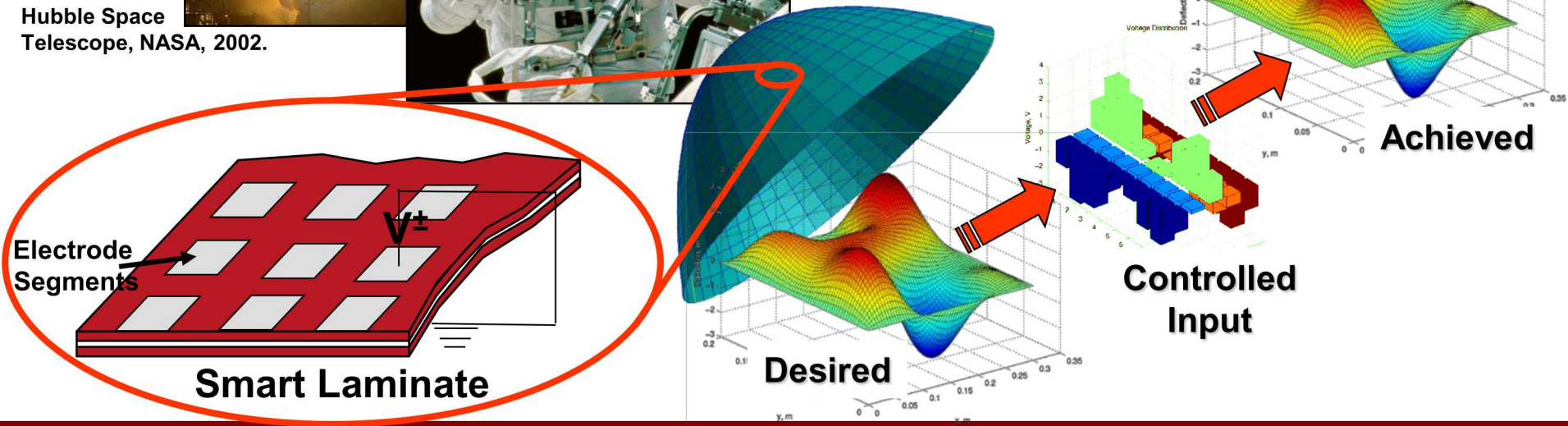
## Advantages of Flexible Reflectors

- Thin, light.
- Compactly deployed.
- Integrated surface error correction.



Hubble Space Telescope, NASA, 2002.

## Shape-controlled Membrane Concept



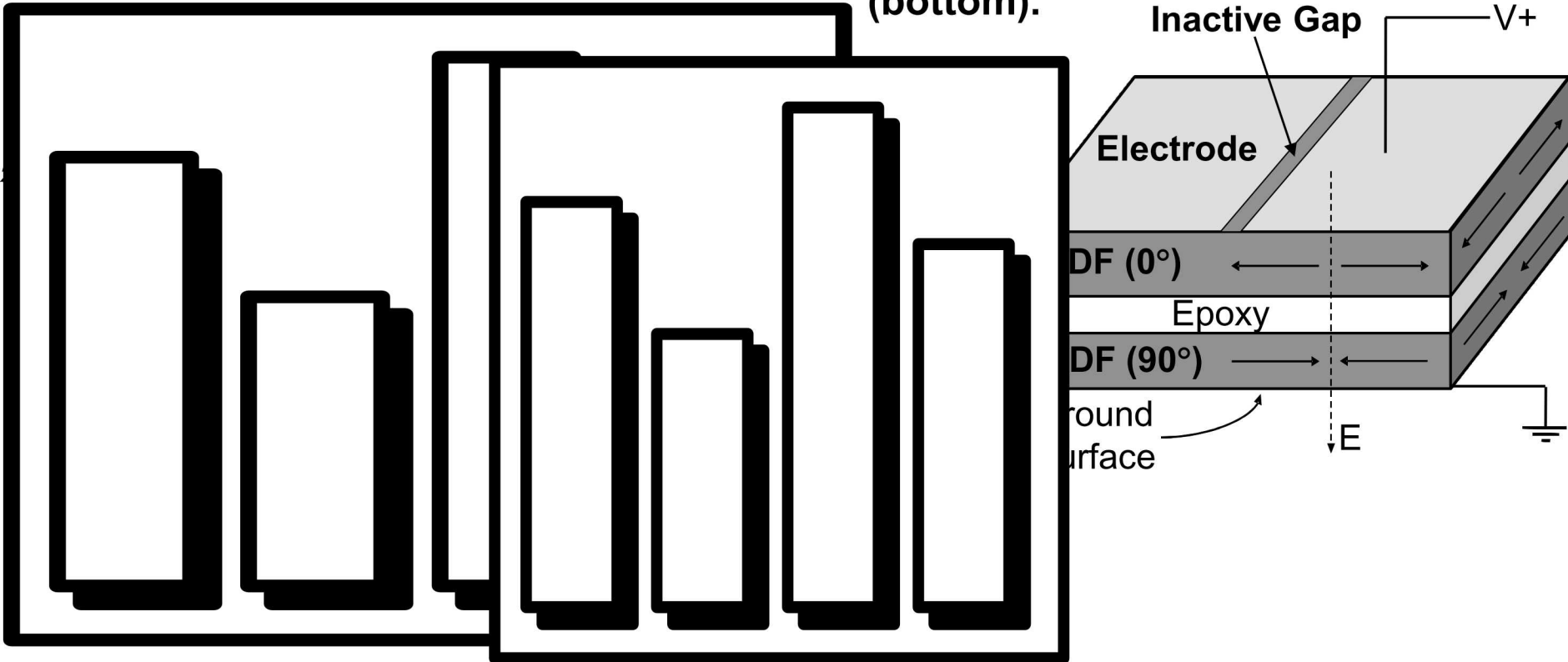
# Smart Laminate with Moment Actuators

## Thin, Square, Membrane with Corner Supports

- Natural actuation into paraboloid,
- Improved flexibility,
- Larger deflections.

## Bimorph Action

- PVDF layers have opposing poling directions.
- Positive field induces simultaneous expansion (top) and contraction (bottom).

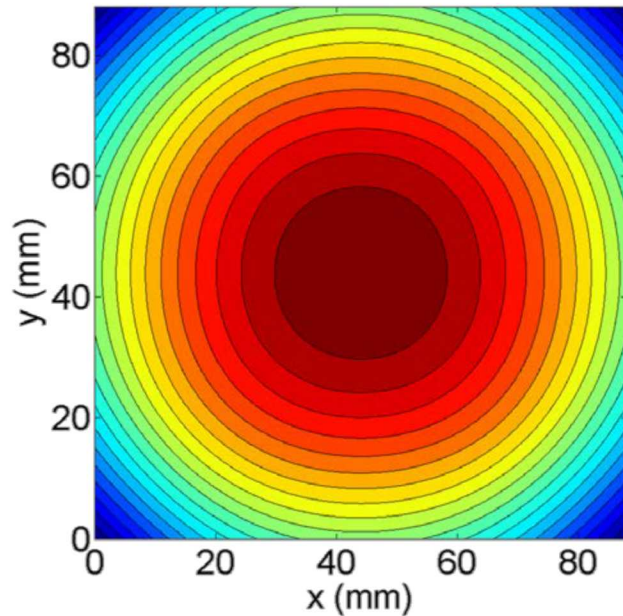


# Initial Linear Model

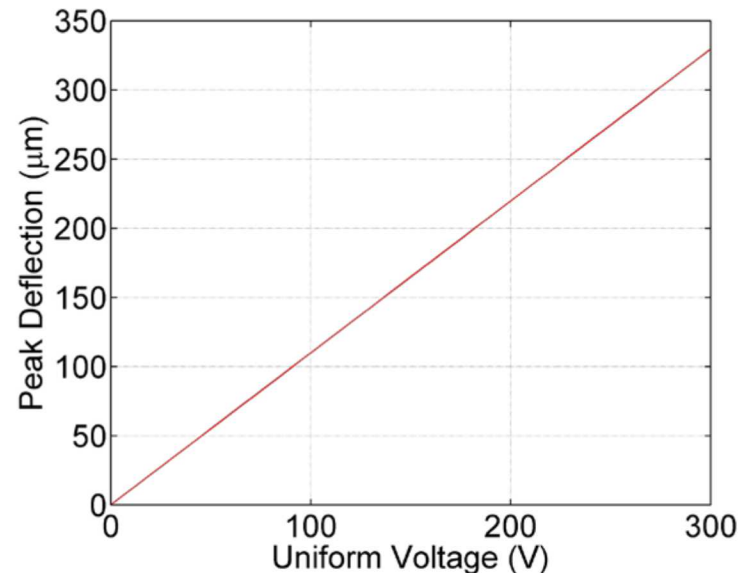
- Corner supports: sliding corners (constrained out-of-plane only).
- Based on Kirchhoff-Love plate theory and Ritz Method:
  - Describes bending-dominated deflection;
  - Yields linear mapping between input voltage to output deflection.
- Formulation facilitates shape control, quick to execute.
- Observations: simulates *uniformly circular contours* and *linear* rise in peak deflection with increasing uniform actuation voltage.

$$\mathbf{R}V = \mathbf{H}u$$

**Deflection Contours**

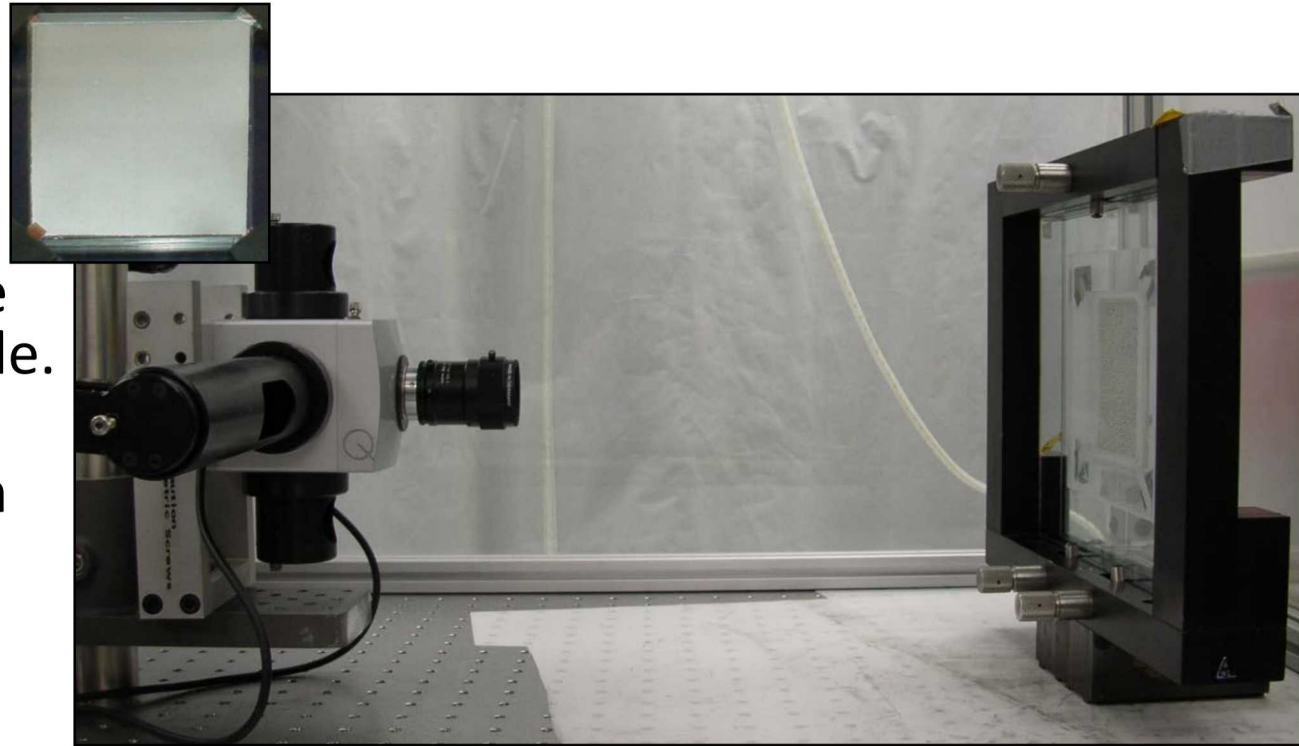


**Peak Deflection vs. Uniform Voltage**



# Smart Laminate Experiments

- Fabricated corner-supported laminate with single electrode.
- Corner-support boundary condition approximated with corner tabs.

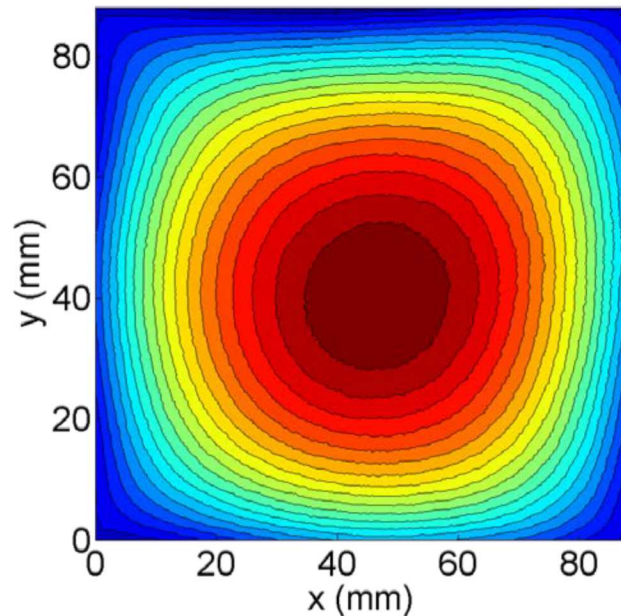


- **Electronic Speckle Pattern Interferometry** (ESPI): full-field displacement measurements with out-of-plane measurement resolution  $\leq 45$  nm.
- Optical fringe measurement is sensitive to vibrations (HVAC, etc.).
  - fixture designed to suppress vibrations;
  - tightened corner supports to facilitate repeatable measurements.

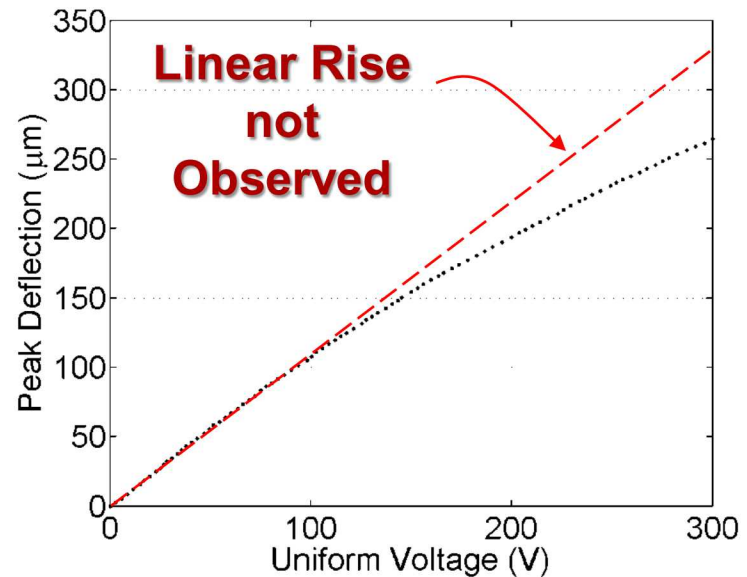
# Experiment Results

- Observations:
  - *squared contours* become circular only away from boundary;
  - *nonlinear* rise in peak deflection with increasing uniform actuation voltage.

Deflection Contours



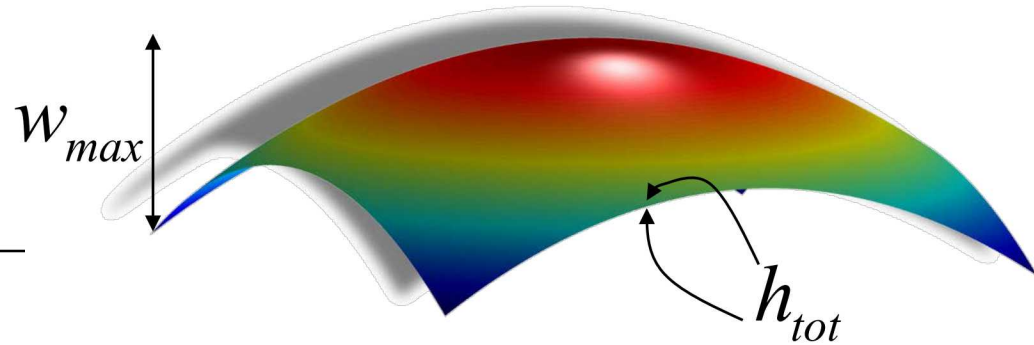
Peak Deflection vs. Uniform Voltage



# Why the difference?

- Size of membrane deflections is gauged by the ratio

$$\frac{\text{Peak Deflection } w_{max}}{\text{Total Membrane Thickness } h_{tot}}$$



## Small Deflections

$$\frac{w_{max}}{h_{tot}} \leq 0.2$$


- Negligible stretching of middle surface.
- Bending is dominant.
- Kirchhoff linear theory adequate.

## Large Deflections

$$\frac{w_{max}}{h_{tot}} \geq 0.3$$

- Significant stretching of middle surface.
- Membrane deformation  $\geq$  bending.
- Nonlinear geometry changes and significant in-plane deformation.

- Desired and measured deflections  $\geq 250 \mu\text{m}$ .
- Typical membrane thicknesses 100 - 250  $\mu\text{m}$ .

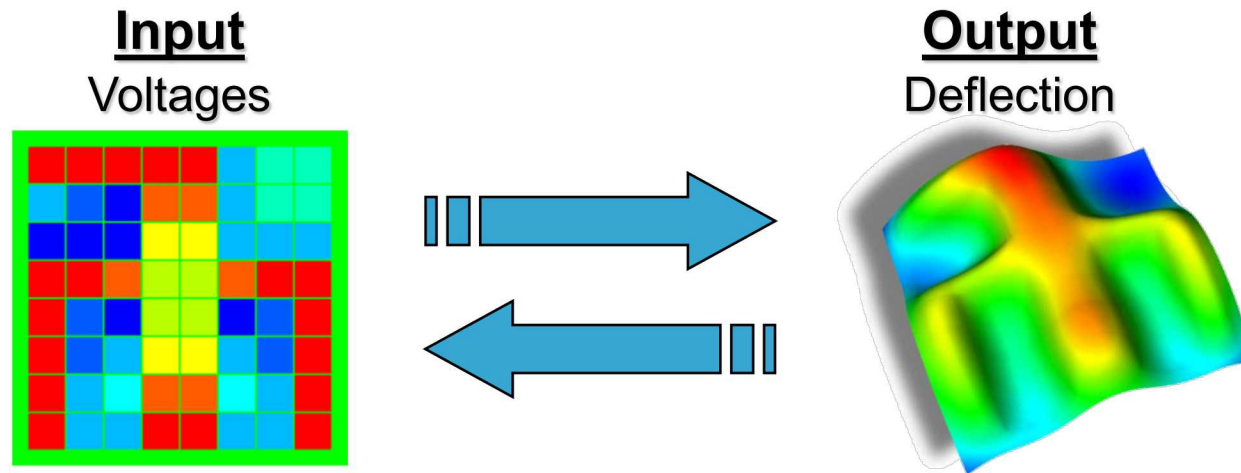


$$\frac{w_{max}}{h_{tot}} \geq 1.0$$

**Large deflection theory of membranes must be used to adequately model laminate deflections.**

# Nonlinear (Large) Deflection Model

- Develop nonlinear model using framework of the initial linear, sliding-corner model.
- Predict large membrane deflections.
- Treat fixed corners.
- Preserve current model formulation as mapping:



Critical: formulate model to be suitable  
for deflection control.

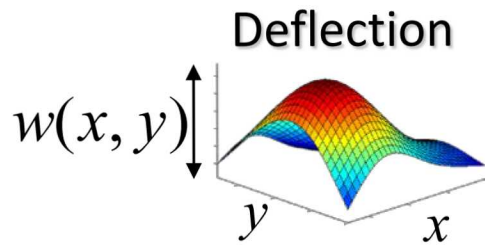
# Energy-based (Ritz) Framework

1. Construct membrane deformation energy in terms of deformations and input voltage.
2. Express deformations in terms of known functions with undetermined constants.
3. Find constants that minimize energy.

# Step 1: Deformation Energy

$$\boxed{\text{Total Strain Energy}} = \boxed{\text{Deflection Energy}} + \boxed{\text{Actuation Energy}}$$

$$U = U_{\varepsilon}(u, v, w) + U_{act}(u, v, w; V)$$



In-plane  
Deformations

$$\begin{matrix} u(x, y) \\ v(x, y) \end{matrix}$$

Goal: find energy-minimizing deformation given voltage array  $V$ .

# Deflection Energy

$$U_{\varepsilon} = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^a \int_0^b \int_{-h_g-h/2}^{h_{el}+h/2} \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}(x, y, z)^T \mathbf{T}(z) dz dy dx$$

**Plane Stress**

$$\mathbf{T}(z) = \mathbf{S}(z) \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}(x, y, z)$$

*layer-dependent*

## von Karman Strain Relations

Linear Model

Bending Strain

$$\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_b(z) = -z \boldsymbol{\kappa}$$

Membrane Curvature

$$\boldsymbol{\kappa} = \begin{bmatrix} w_{xx} & w_{yy} & 2w_{xy} \end{bmatrix}^T$$

$$\boldsymbol{\varepsilon} = \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_b + \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_m + \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_{nl}$$

Membrane Strain

$$\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_m = \begin{bmatrix} u_x & v_y & u_y + v_x \end{bmatrix}^T$$

Nonlinear Strain

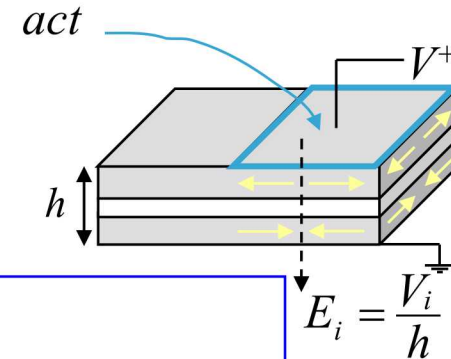
$$\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_{nl} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} w_x^2 & w_y^2 & 2w_x w_y \end{bmatrix}^T$$

$$U_{\varepsilon} = U_b + U_m + U_{lc} + U_{nlc} + U_{nl}$$

**Bending, Membrane, Linear-coupled,  
Nonlinear-coupled, and Nonlinear Energy Components.**

# Actuation Energy

$$U_{act} = \sum_{i=1}^{i_{max}} \iint_{act_i} \boldsymbol{\kappa}^T \mathbf{M}_{act_i} dA$$



Membrane Curvature

$$\boldsymbol{\kappa} = -\begin{bmatrix} w_{xx} & w_{yy} & 2w_{xy} \end{bmatrix}^T$$

Moment

$$\mathbf{M}_{act_i} = \int_{act_i} \mathbf{S}(z) \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_{act_i}(z) z dz$$

Actuation Strain

$$\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_{act_i}(z) = \begin{cases} \begin{bmatrix} d_{31} & d_{32} & 0 \end{bmatrix}^T E_i & \frac{h_{ep}}{2} \leq z \leq \frac{h}{2} \\ 0 & -\frac{h_{ep}}{2} < z < \frac{h_{ep}}{2} \\ \begin{bmatrix} -d_{32} & -d_{31} & 0 \end{bmatrix}^T E_i & -\frac{h}{2} \leq z \leq -\frac{h_{ep}}{2} \end{cases}$$

Integrate energy expression thru laminate thickness:

$$U_{act} = \frac{D_{act}}{h} \sum_{i=1}^{i_{max}} V_i \iint_{act_i} (w_{xx} + w_{yy}) dA$$

Voltages

$$V_i$$

Actuation Stiffness  
Constant

$$D_{act}$$

# Step 2: Energy Expansion

Assume expansions for tri-axial deformations:

$u(x, y) = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \mu_j(x, y)$	$\mu_j(x, y) = a_{u_j} \sin\left(n_j \pi \frac{x}{a}\right) \cos\left(m_j \pi \frac{y}{b}\right)$	Satisfy vanishing strain at edges.
$v(x, y) = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \psi_j(x, y)$	$\psi_j(x, y) = a_{v_j} \cos\left(m_j \pi \frac{x}{a}\right) \sin\left(n_j \pi \frac{y}{b}\right)$	
$w(x, y) = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \phi_j(x, y)$	$\phi_j(x, y) = a_{w_j} \cos\left(m_j \pi \frac{x}{a}\right) \sin\left(n_j \pi \frac{y}{b}\right) + b_{w_j} \cos\left(m_j \pi \frac{y}{b}\right) \sin\left(n_j \pi \frac{x}{a}\right)$	Satisfies zero displacement at corners.

Truncate sums, simplify energy in terms of expansions:

$$U(a_u, a_v, c_w, V) = U_{\varepsilon}(a_u, a_v, c_w) + (\mathbf{R}V)^T c_w$$

Actuation Block Matrix  
 $\mathbf{R}$

Voltage Array  
 $V$

In-plane Expansion  
Coefficient Vectors

$$a_u, a_v$$

Out-of-plane Expansion  
Coefficient Vector

$$c_w = \begin{bmatrix} a_w & b_w \end{bmatrix}$$

# Step 3: Energy Minimization

Find energy-minimizing deformation.



Find energy-minimizing expansion coefficients.

Minimum conditions:

$$\nabla_{a_u} U = 0$$

$$\nabla_{a_v} U = 0$$

$$\nabla_{c_w} U = 0$$



Solve nonlinear system for expansion coefficients:

$$G_\varepsilon(a_u, a_v, c_w) + \mathbf{R}V = 0$$

Gradient Function

$G_\varepsilon$

*couples expansion coefficients nonlinearly*

Resulting Map:

**Input:**  $V$



**Output:**  ~~$u(x,y), v(x,y)$~~ ,  $w(x,y)$

- Inverse map requires knowledge of in-plane deformation.
- Typically out-of-plane information is known (e.g., ESPI, error surface), in-plane is *unknown*.

# De-couple In-plane Strain

Minimum conditions allow in-plane coefficients ( $a_u, a_v$ ) to be cast explicitly in terms of out-of-plane coefficients.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \nabla_{a_u} U = 0 & \longrightarrow & a_u = F_u(c_w) \\ \nabla_{a_v} U = 0 & & a_v = F_v(c_w) \end{array}$$

Recast nonlinear system:

$$\mathbf{H}c_w + G_{nl}(c_w) + \mathbf{R}V = 0$$

Decoupled Energy Hessian  
**H**

Resulting Map:

**Input:**  $V$



**Output:**

Nonlinear Gradient Function

$w(x,y)$

$G_{nl}$

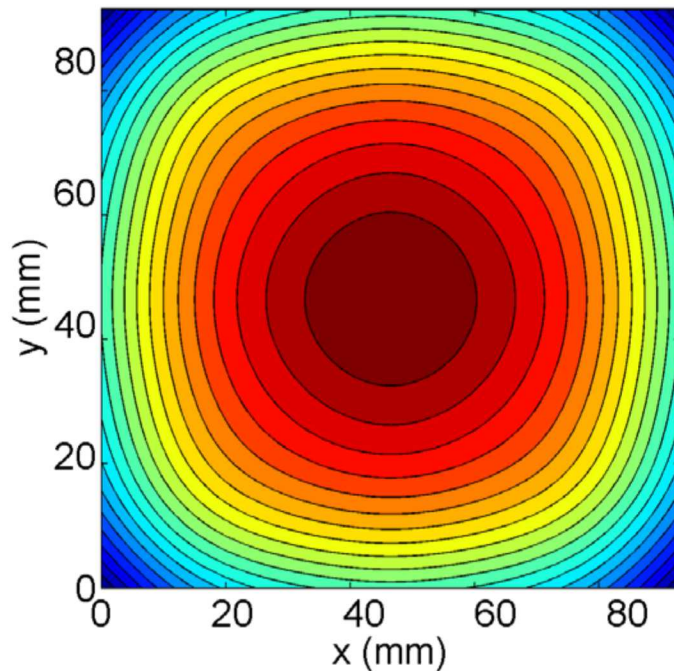
*nonlinear component of decoupled gradient*

- Inverse map requires only *out-of-plane* deformation.
- Deflection control now feasible.

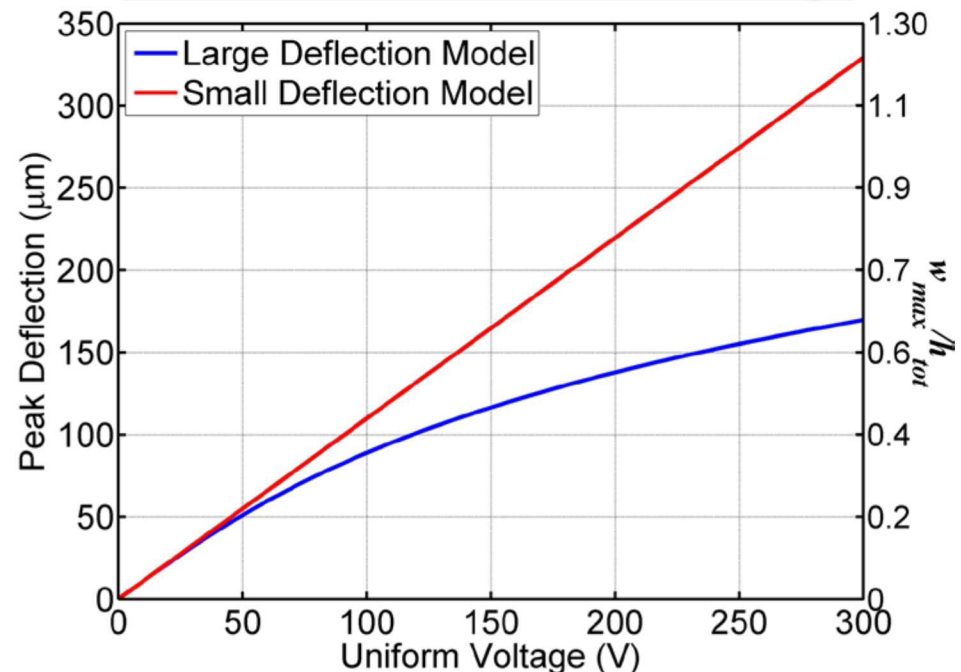
# Nonlinear Model Results

- Deflection contours show squaring effects.
- Nonlinear rise in peak deflection predicted.
- Source: nonlinear geometry changes; membrane forces due to large deflections and pinned corners.

**Model Deflection Contours**

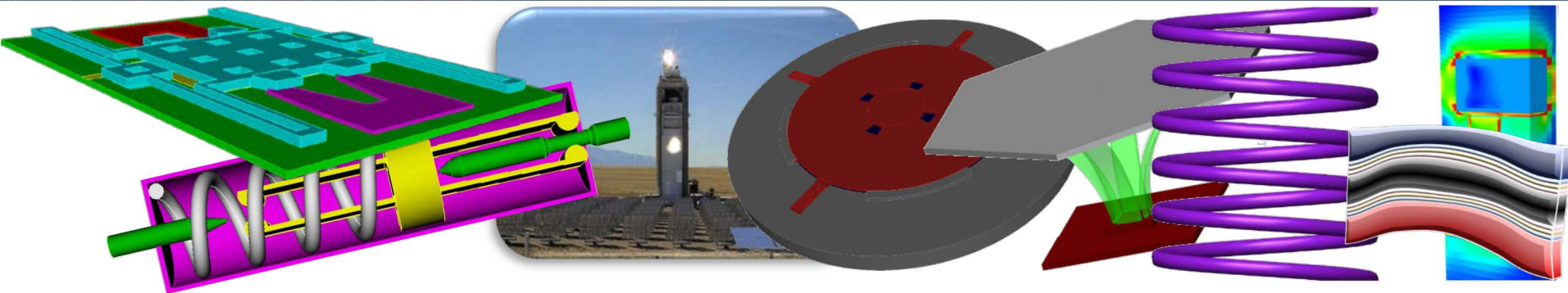


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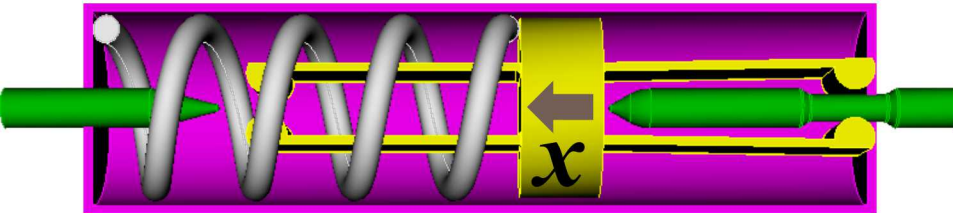
# Flexible Optimization and Uncertainty-Enabled Design of Helical Compression Springs in Nonlinear Spring-Mass-Damper Systems



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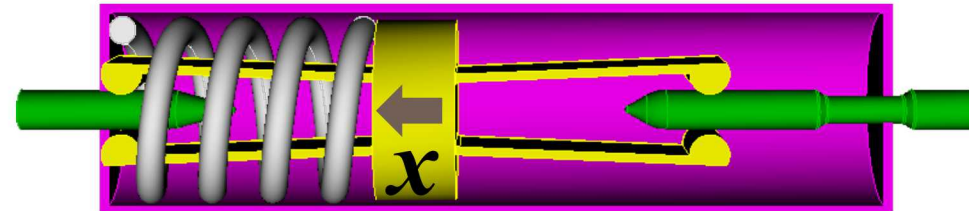
# An Acceleration Switch Modeled

Open



*An awesome graduate student workshop team at IMSM 2010 analyzed this switch.*

Closed



*Acceleration*



$$m\ddot{x} = F_{accel} - \left( F_{spring} + F_{friction} + F_{contact} + F_{drag} \right)$$

$$x(0) = 0, \dot{x}(0) = 0$$

# Critical Parameter: Spring Force

$$m\ddot{x} = F_{accel} - \left( F_{spring} + F_{friction} + F_{contact} + F_{drag} \right)$$

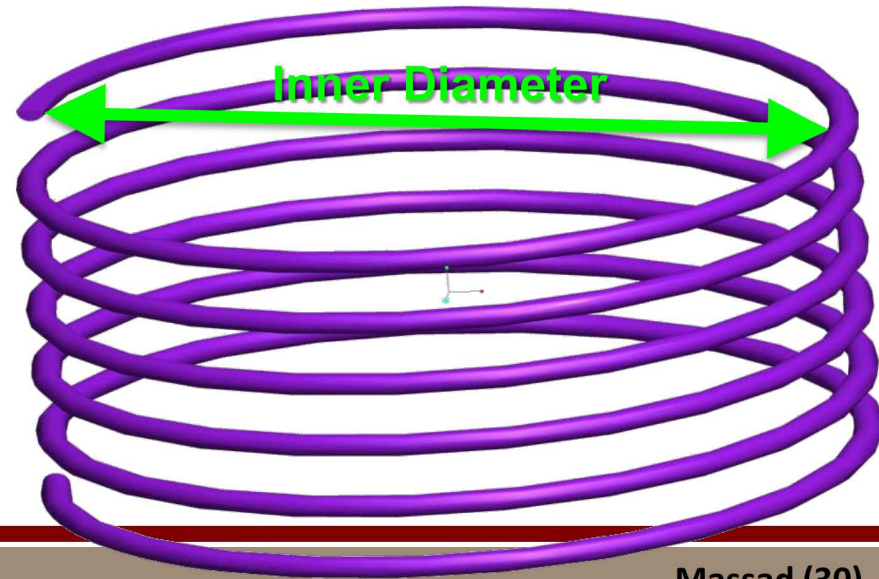
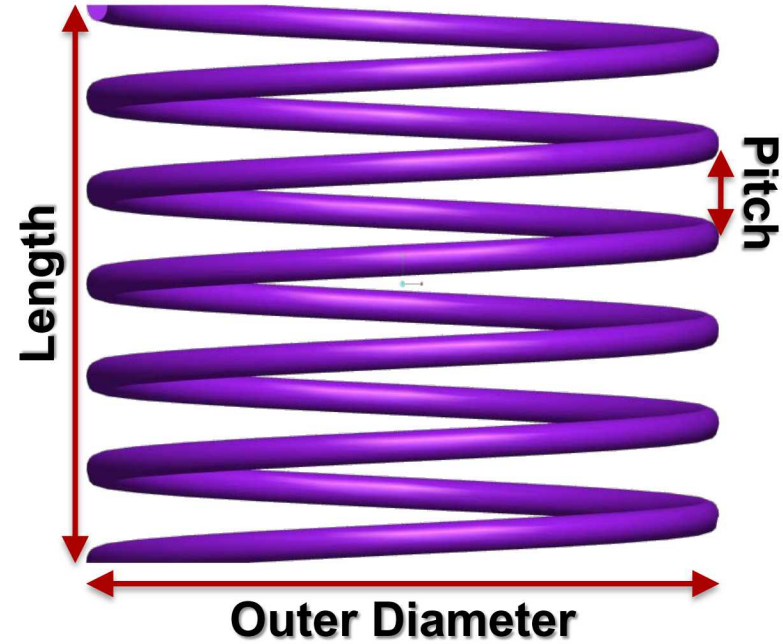
$$F_{spring} = kx + F_{preload}$$



# Helical Spring Anatomy 101

*Assuming typical compression spring made of round wire.*

- **Free Length:** spring height under no compression.
- **Solid Height:** spring length at full compression (all coils touch).
- **Pitch:** distance between wire centers at free length.
- **Diameters:** wire, spring outer/inner
- **Total Coils:** 1 coil =  $360^\circ$  turn in-plane.
- **End Conditions (ec)**
  - **Ground Ends:** top/bottom coils are ground flat.
  - **Closed/Open Ends:** top/bottom coils attached to adjacent coil.



# Key Spring Properties

## Spring Rate

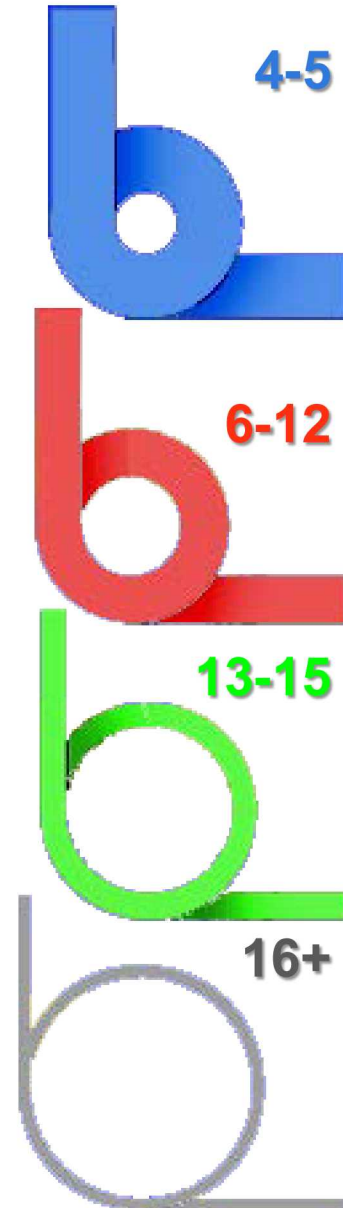
$$k = \frac{G}{8N_a(ec)} \frac{d_w^4}{(d_i + d_w)^3}$$

- Effective stiffness of spring in compression.
- Force typically varies linearly with displacement in operating range.
- **Optimal Spring:** specified force when needed, **low Spring Rate** otherwise.

## Spring Index

$$C = \frac{d_i}{d_w} + 1$$

- Determines stress distribution and magnitude, and manufacturability and tolerancing.
- **Optimal Spring:** **low Index.**



# Optimize the spring?

- Low Rate  $\Rightarrow$  High Index
- Low Index  $\Rightarrow$  High Rate

$$k = \frac{G}{8N_a (ec)} \frac{d_w^4}{(d_i + d_w)^3}$$

$$C = \frac{d_i}{d_w} + 1$$

Strategy to keep both  $k$  and  $C$  low:

- minimize  $d_i$  to lower  $C$ ,
- then increase  $d_w$  to reach largest “low”  $k$  that is acceptable.
- Also, consider more coils and lower material stiffness.

***Simple enough, but...***

# Design Constraints (*just some!*)

## Inner/Outer Diameter Bounds

$$d_i > d_i^{min}$$

$$d_i < d_o$$

$$d_i + 2d_w < d_o^{max}$$

## Diametral Expansion

$$d_{expand}(d_i, d_w, L_{free}, N_a; ec) < d_o^{max}$$

## Maximum Spring Rate

$$\frac{G}{8N_a} \frac{d_w^4}{(d_i + d_w)^3} \leq k_{max}$$

## Maximum Spring Index

$$\frac{d_i}{d_w} + 1 \leq C_{max}$$

## Force Requirement

$$\left( L_{free} - L_{reset} \right) \frac{G}{8N_a} \frac{d_w^4}{(d_i + d_w)^3} = F_{reset}$$

## Coil Binding Gap

$$\frac{L_{hard} - L_{solid}(d_w, N_a; ec)}{N_t - 1} \geq g_{min}$$

## Buckling Slenderness

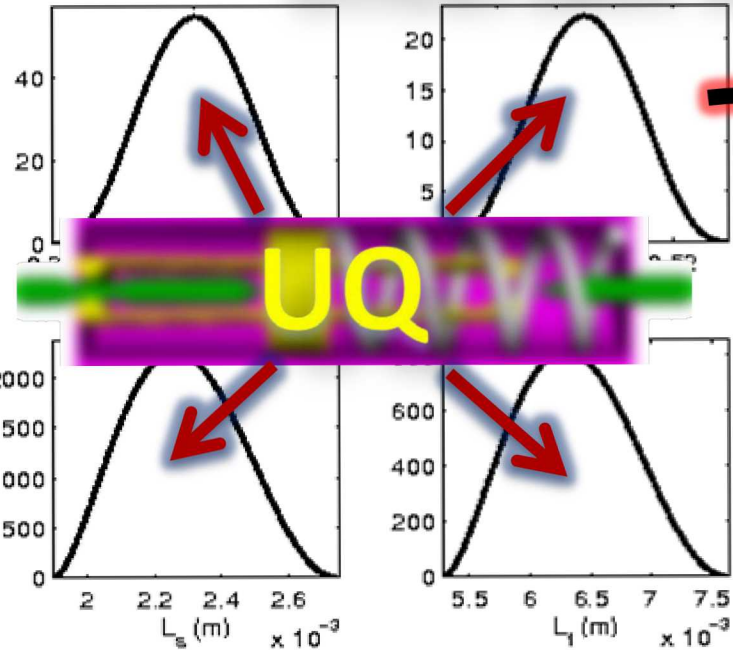
$$\frac{L_{free}}{d_i + d_w} < \pi \sqrt{\frac{2(2\nu + 1)}{\nu + 2}}$$

## Maximum Shear Stress

$$UTS > \frac{G(L_{free} - L_{hard})}{4\pi N_a(ec)} \left[ \frac{d_w(4d_i^2 + 9.46d_id_w + 3d_w^2)}{d_i(d_i + d_w)^3} \right]$$

# Uncertainty-enabled Design

## Uncertain Input

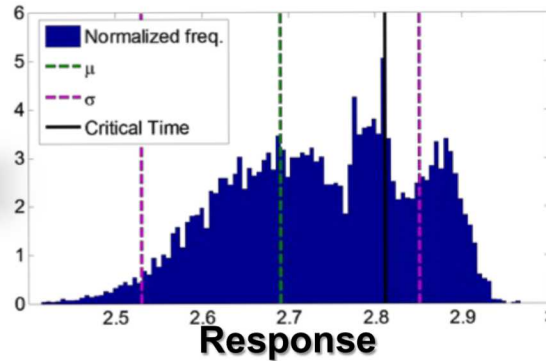


**UQ**

**Environment**

**Simulation**

## Probabilistic Output



# Fulfill the Need, Define the Problem

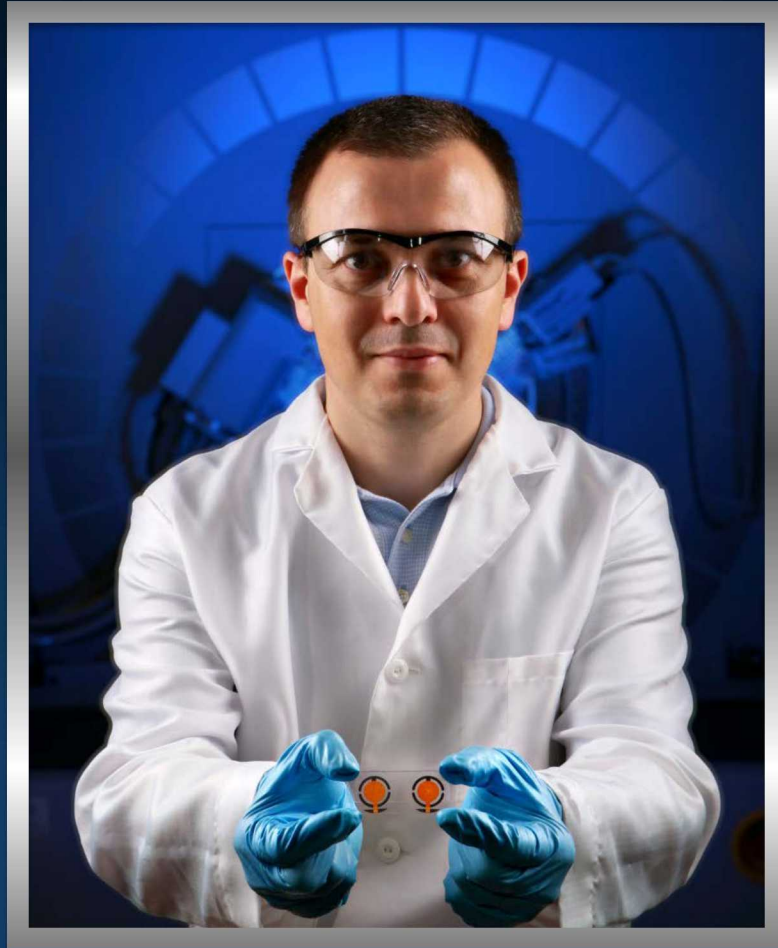
**Given a helical compression spring  
within a spring-mass-damper system:**

***Provide optimal spring designs and do it quickly!***

- As an applied mathematician and engineering scientist, my goal is to provide this capability.
- Quantifying “optimal” is non-trivial.
- Differing goals means we need an algorithm that optimizes springs with interchangeable objectives and constraints!
- **Uncertainty-enabled**: design springs that maximize the *probability* of **spring** performance with uncertain conditions/properties. (Optimization Under Uncertainty)
- **Multi-scale**: optimize springs to increase the probability of their parent **components** performing well under uncertain conditions.



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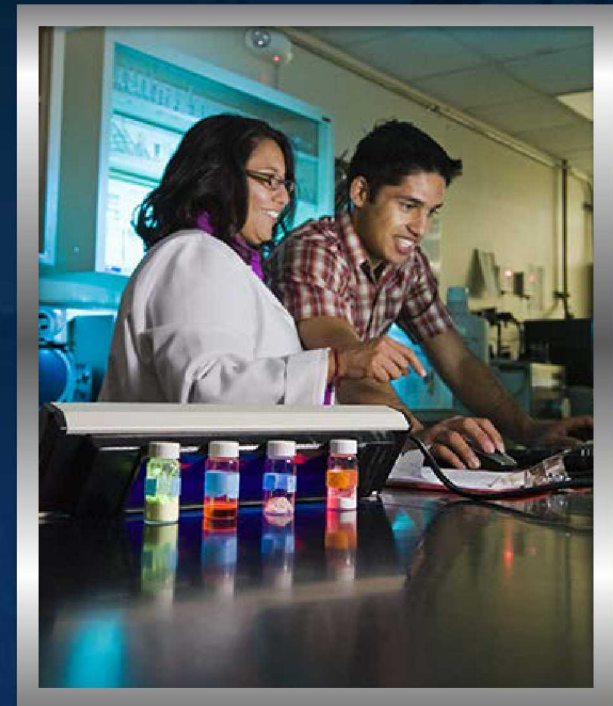


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- At least 16 years of age.





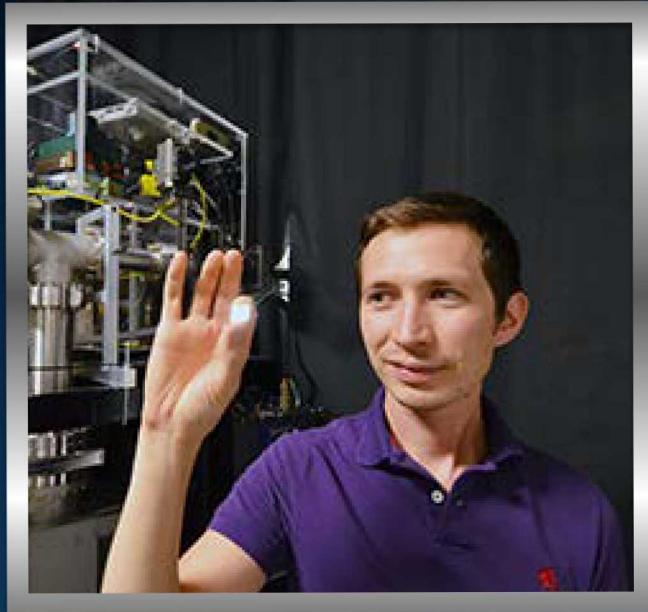
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- Engineering Design and Integration Students (EDIS)
- Nonlinear Mechanics and Dynamics (NOMAD)
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- SENTINL: Energy Surety Incubator (ESI), Interns for Security, Arms Control, and Force Protection Engineering (iSAFE).
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- Combustion
- Computational mechanics
- Computer science
- Hydrogen
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- Nanotechnology
- Physics

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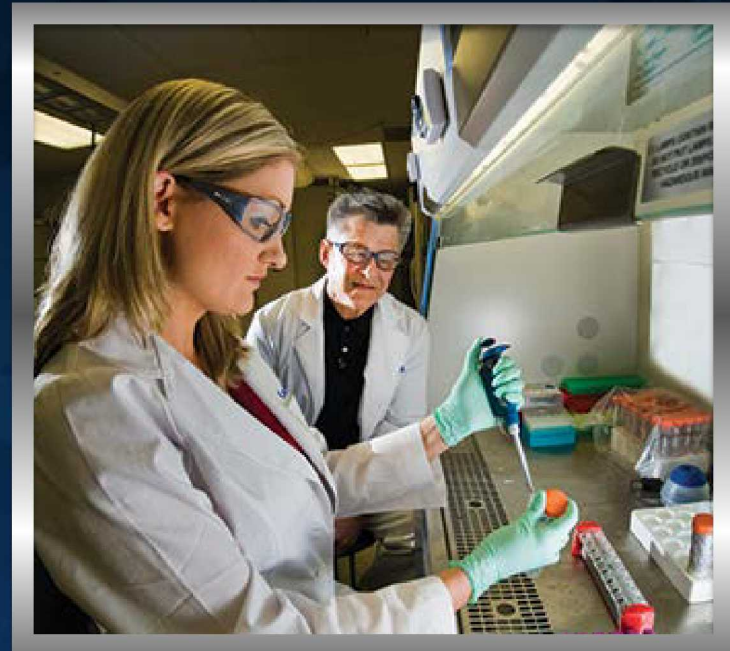
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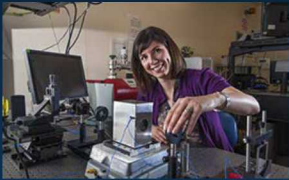
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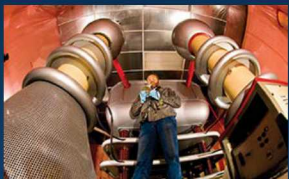
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