

Electrical Sciences at Sandia National Laboratories

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Outline



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- Electrical Sciences Overview
- Example (current) Applications
- Summary

Sandia is a U.S. National Lab



Science labs



Nuclear energy lab



Fossil energy lab



Energy efficiency and
renewable energy lab

Sandia has two main locations



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Sandia New Mexico - Albuquerque



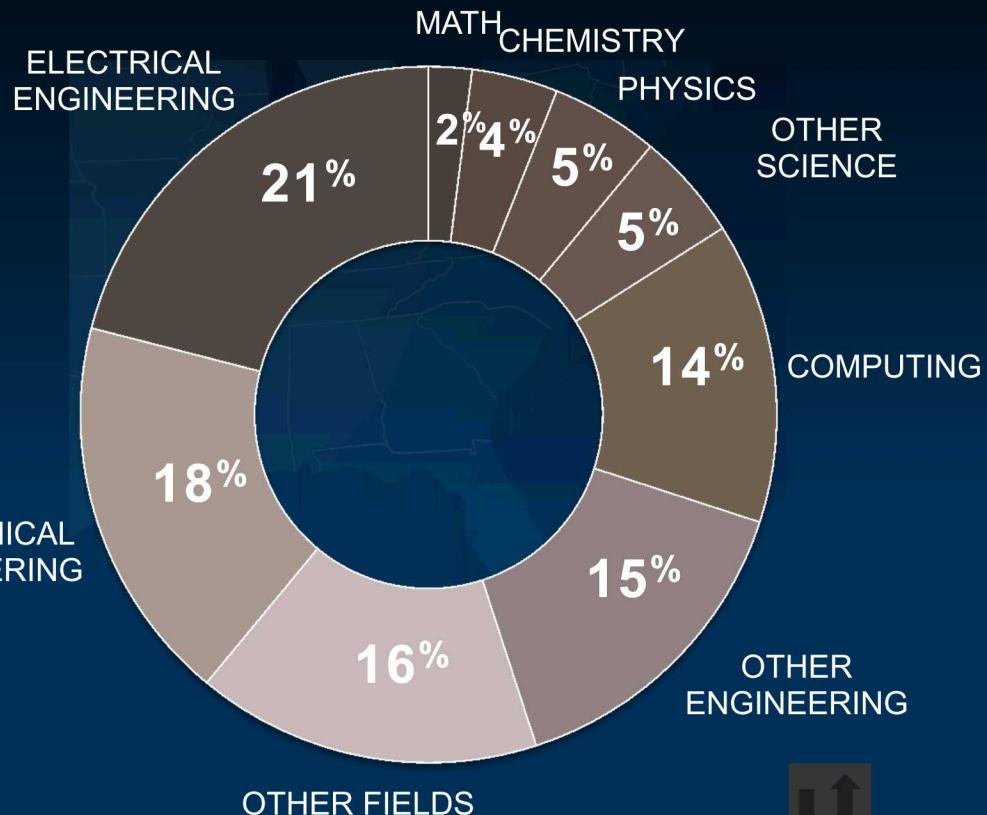
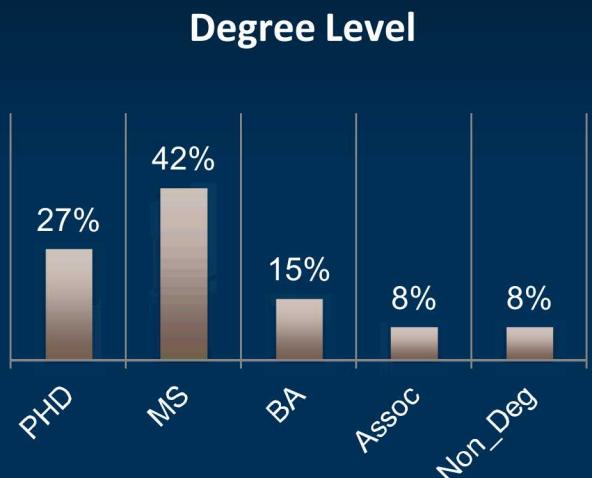
On-site workforce: ~10,500

R&D staff: ~3,500

(excluding R&D Tech)

Distinguishing research capabilities:

- Renewable Energy
- Micro-electronics/Semiconductors
- Cyber Security
- Homeland Security *and more*





Anticipate and advance the science, engineering, and technology needed to understand the control of electrical energy in complex engineered systems

- Linear Electromagnetics
- Plasma Physics
- High-Voltage Sciences
- Circuits and Devices
- Power System and Electronics

Decision
Support

System
Design

Research

Physics Model
Development

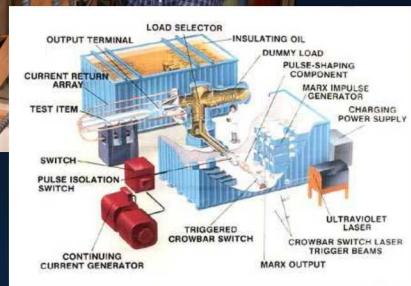
Advanced
Code
Suites

Experiments & Theory

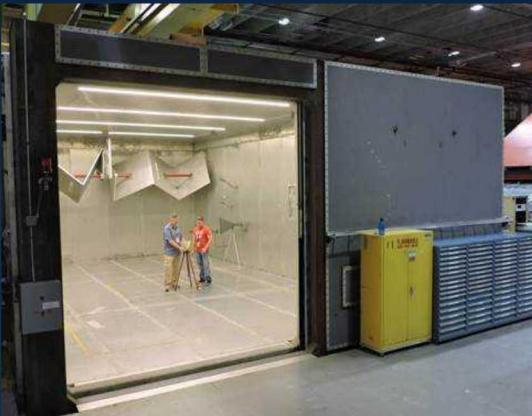
Electrical Science Testing Capabilities



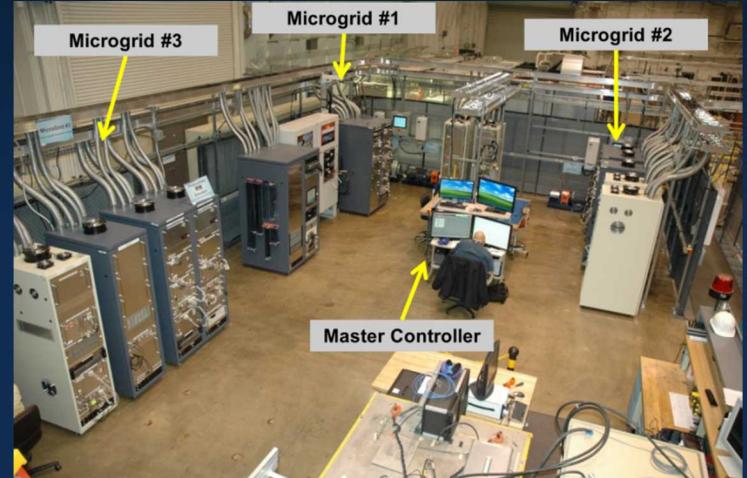
Lightning Sim



GTEM



Reverb chamber



Scalable microgrid test bed

Electrical Sciences Code Capabilities



□ EIGER: Electromagnetic/Electrostatic

- Integral Equation Method-of-Moments
- Finite-Element Method

Next-Generation Codes In Development: Gemma and EMPIRE

□ EMPIRE

- Finite-Element Method
- Time-Domain



□ CHARON: TCAD Device Carrier Transport/Recombination

- Finite-Element Method
- Time-Domain & Frequency-Domain (in development)



□ XYCE: Spice-like Analog Circuit Simulator

- Non-linear Differential Algebraic Equation (DAE) solver
- Time-Domain & Frequency-Domain



Summary of SNL Electrical Capabilities



Code	Environments	Description	Usage
EMPHASIS /EMPIRE	EMP, SREMP, SGEMP, Lightning	Full-wave EM, MPP → high rigor	System Certification, R&D
EIGER/Gemma	EMR, EMP, Nearby Lightning	Full-wave EM, MPP → high rigor	System Certification, 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
Charon	EMP	HB Device, MPP → high rigor	R&D (in development)
Xyce	EMP, HPM	HB Circuit, MPP → range of rigor	R&D (early implementation)

DSMC: Direct Simulation Monte-Carlo

PIC: Particle-In-Cell

HB: Harmonic Balance

SGEMP: System-Generated EMP

HPM: High Power Microwave

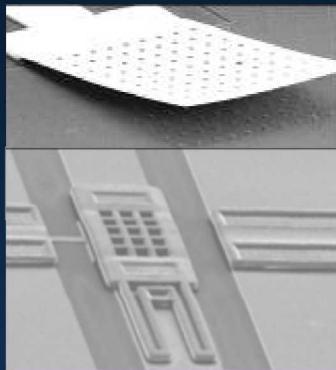
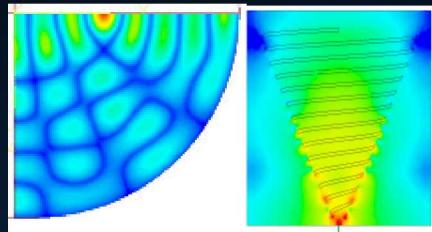
SREMP: Source-Region EMP

MPP: Massively Parallel

We Support Many Applications and Customers

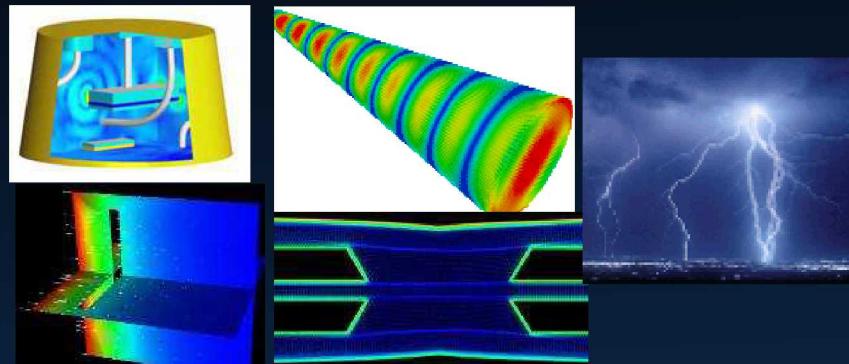


New EM environments & devices

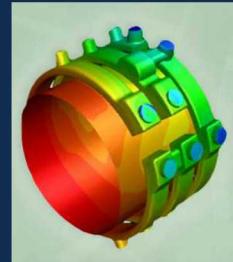
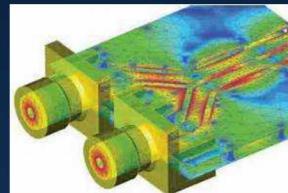


High-Frequency Cavity/Aperture Response, Advanced Antennas, RF-MEMS devices

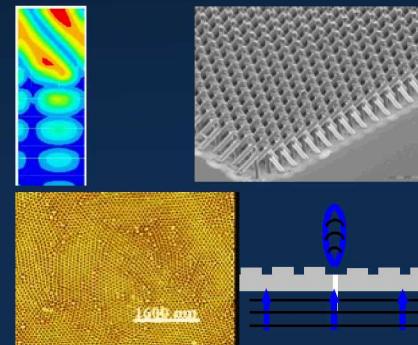
System response to EM, lightning, high voltage & SGEMP Environments



Components

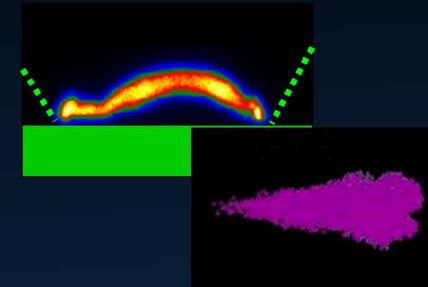


Engineered Materials



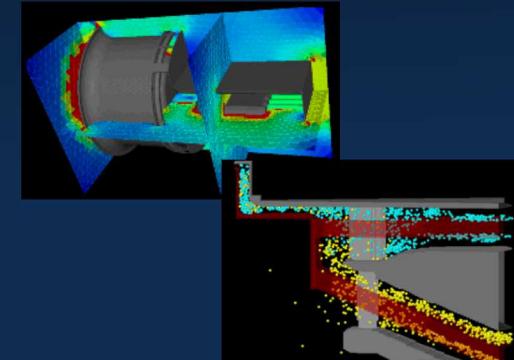
Photonic Band-gap Devices; Plasmon Structures; Metamaterials

High Voltage Sciences



HV Standoff, Arcing, Leakage Currents, Electrostatic Discharge

Fast Pulsed Power



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

Theory and Numerical Simulation

□ In-house codes offer the advantages that

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



□ Theoretical analysis is often used when

- Detailed models, parameters are not available
- Bounding calculation is desired
- Advance our in-house code suites



CST MICROWAVE STUDIO®



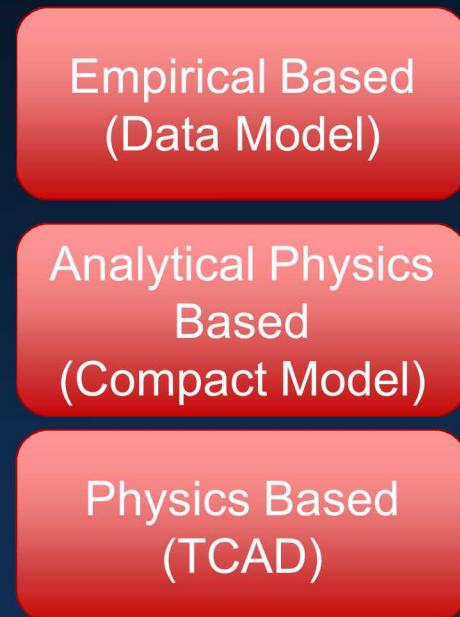
Building a toolbox with a wide range of capabilities for decision support, experimental support, system design, and research is essential.

EM-Circuit-Device Code Coupling

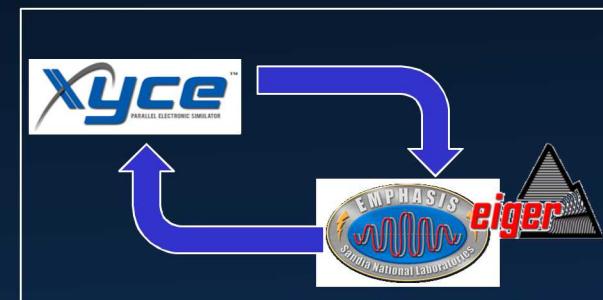


- Different application drivers have different requirements (e.g. physics fidelity, geometric fidelity, computational speed, etc.)
- Hierarchy of electrical model abstractions have been developed for ionizing radiation – the same will be needed for EM along with coupling

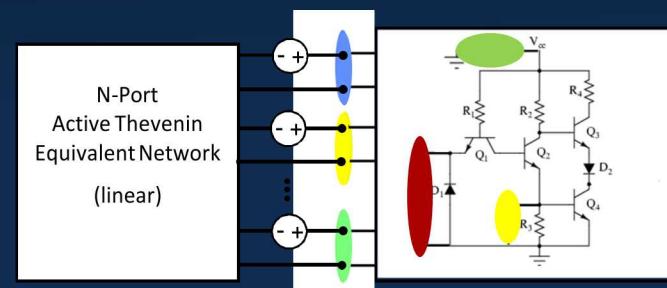
Increasing Fidelity



Hierarchy of Model Abstraction



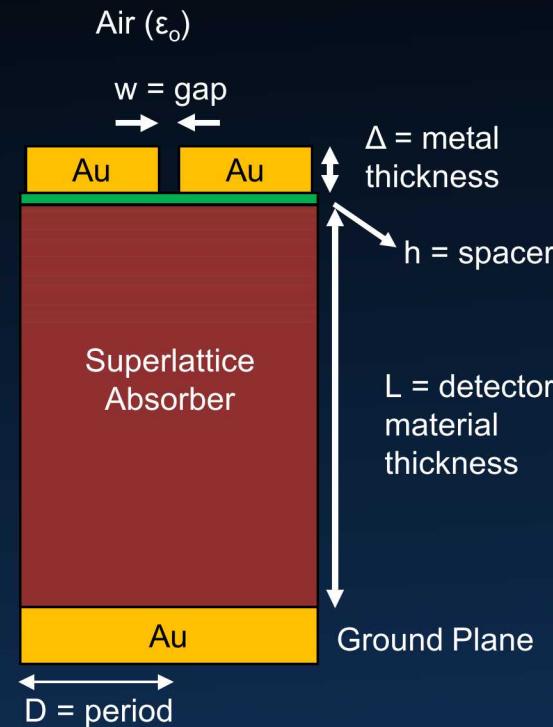
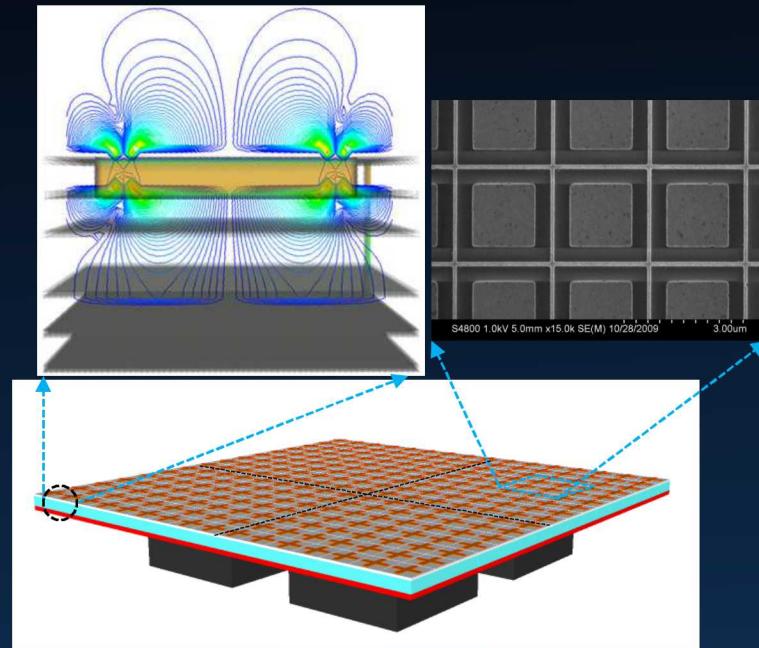
Code-to-Code Coupling



Equivalent Circuit
Emulates circuit response to EM

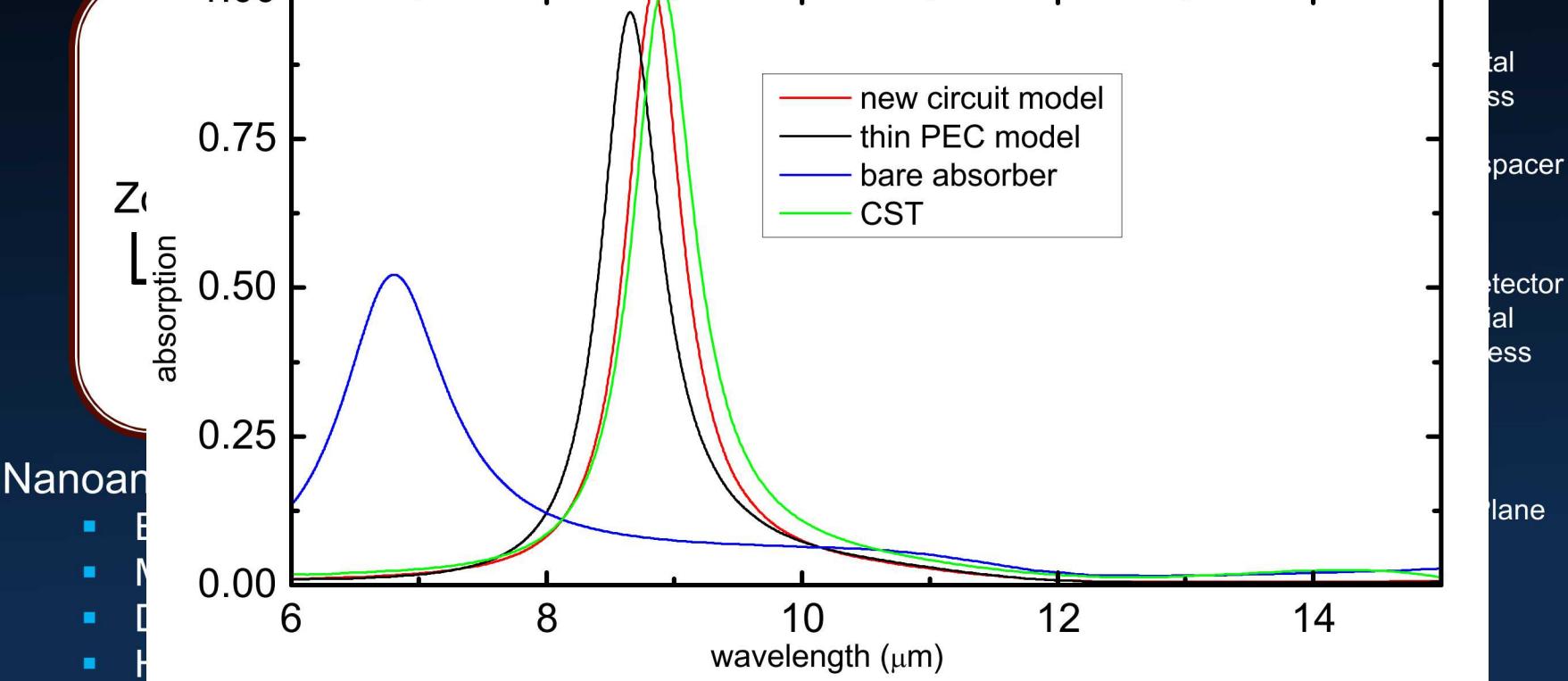
Hierarchy of Coupling

Application #1: Nanoantenna Enabled Detector (NED) Design



- ❑ Use a nanoantenna array (metasurface) to couple incoming radiation to the thin detector
- ❑ Realize maximum-absorption design; facilitated by a tool that allows for
 - Design intuition
 - rapid and accurate survey of the multidimensional parameter space

Advanced Circuit Modeling Enables Optimized NED Design

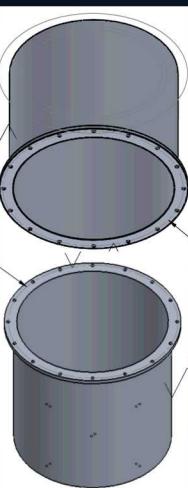


- Rigorous analytic circuit model enables faster-turnaround NED design with nearly 100% absorption

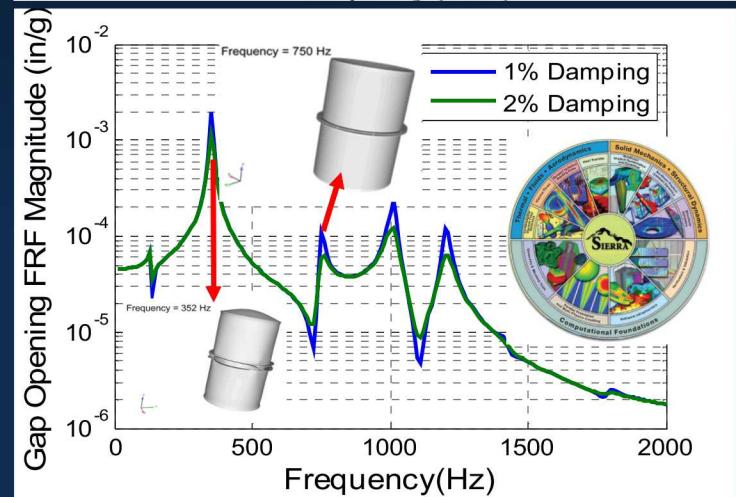
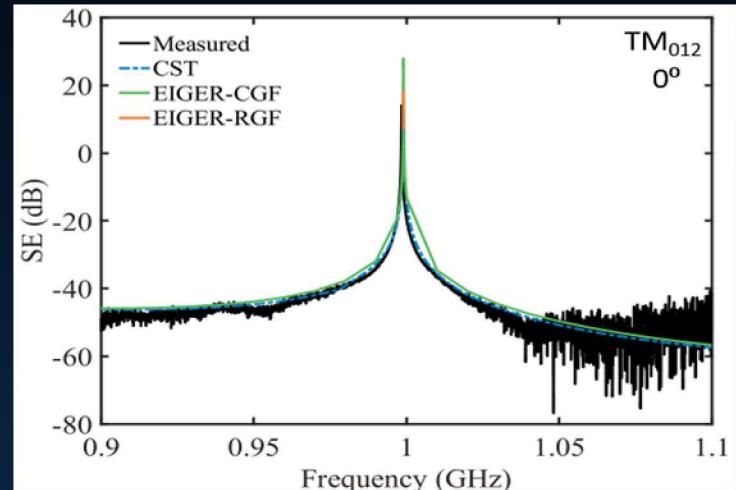
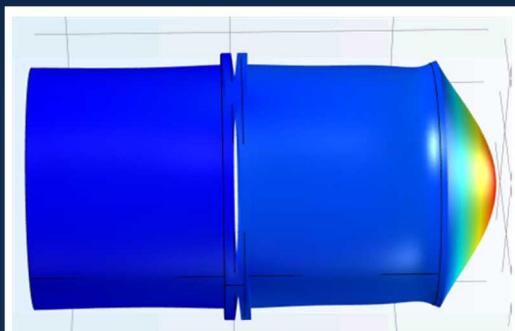
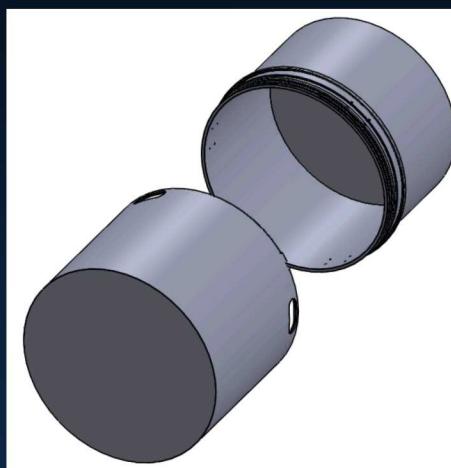
Addressing Combined-Environment Responses: EM + Vibration



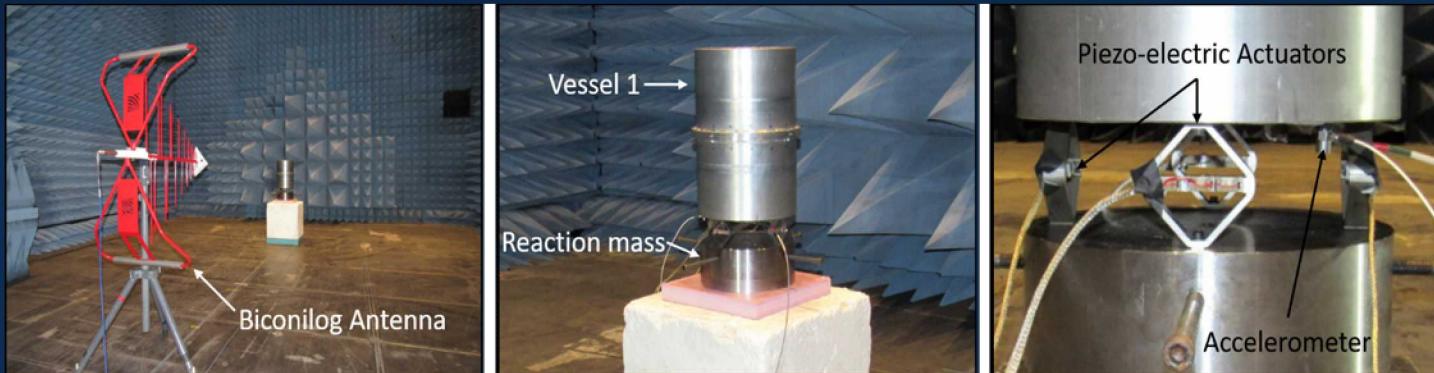
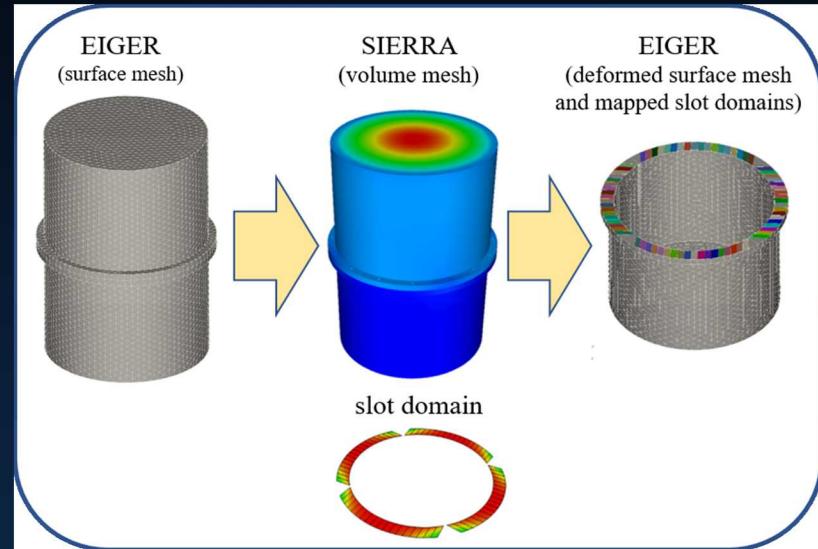
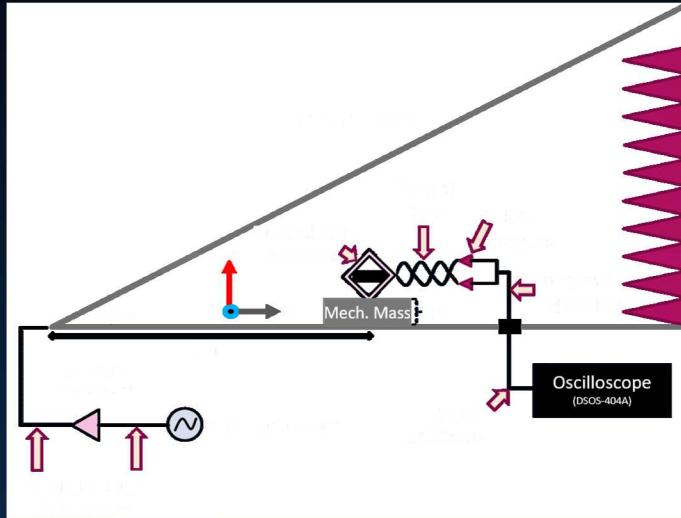
Bolted-Joint Vessel



Breach-Joint Vessel



Interplay between Simulation and Testing for Advancing Understanding



Summary



- Electrical Sciences is an organization at SNL that focuses on:
 - Electromagnetics
 - Plasma Physics
 - High-Voltage Sciences
 - Circuits and Devices
 - Power System and Electronics
- Within Electrical Sciences, subject-matter expertise covers:
 - Electrical Engineering
 - Physics
 - Computer Science
 - Mathematics
- “Integrated” Projects:
 - Multidisciplinary Research (material scientists, mechanical engineers,..)
 - Experimental and ModSim/Analysis Efforts

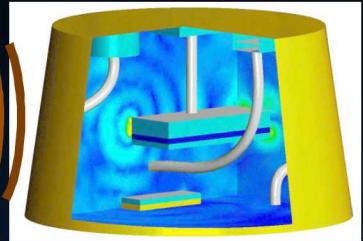
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NW Mission Decision Support

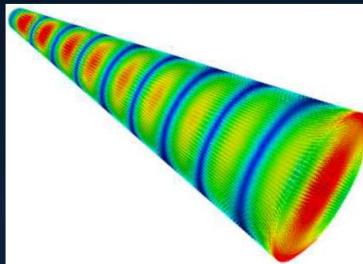


System
Response
to EM
Fields



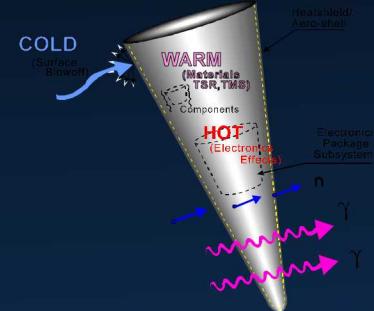
- Advanced electromagnetics (EM) and plasma physics addresses:
 - STS normal EM environment
 - Radar/A&F design and performance
 - STS hostile (SGEMP) environment
 - NG ion optics
 - Microsystems
 - High voltage weapon components
- EMPHASIS Capabilities: full-wave time-domain with full coupling to particle-in-cell (PIC) plasma modeling, hybrid grids and solvers, coupling to XYCE
- EIGER Capabilities: 2D/3D full-wave frequency-domain & electro/magneto-statics

EM Environments

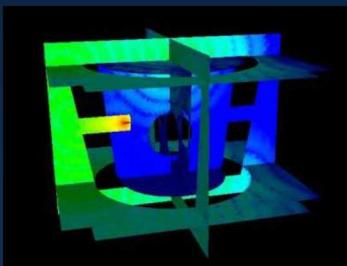


EMR, EMC, EMI

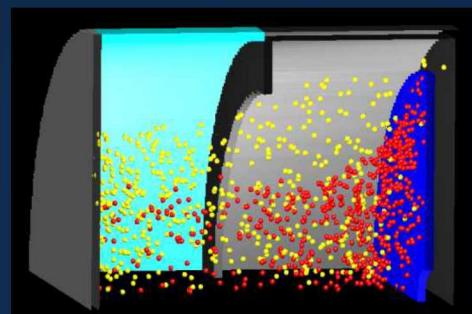
X-ray Environments



Cable, Cavity, Box SGEMP,
SREMP



Radar:
Signal coupling to
system



PIC Emission

Sandia California - *Livermore*



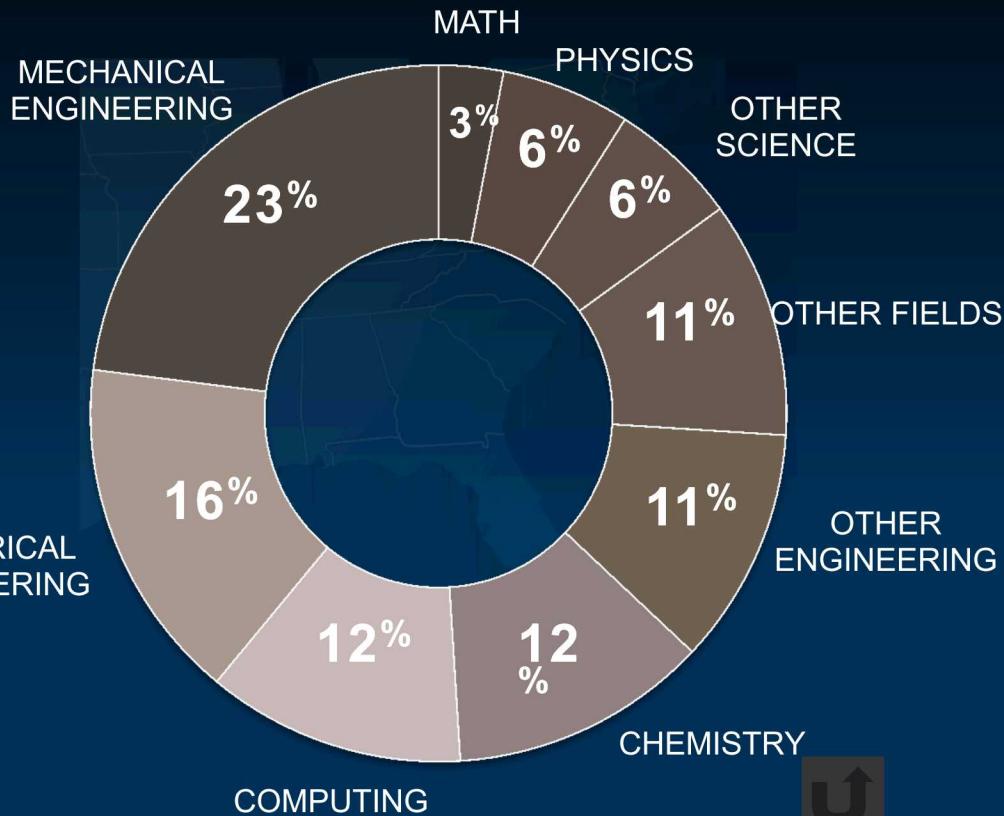
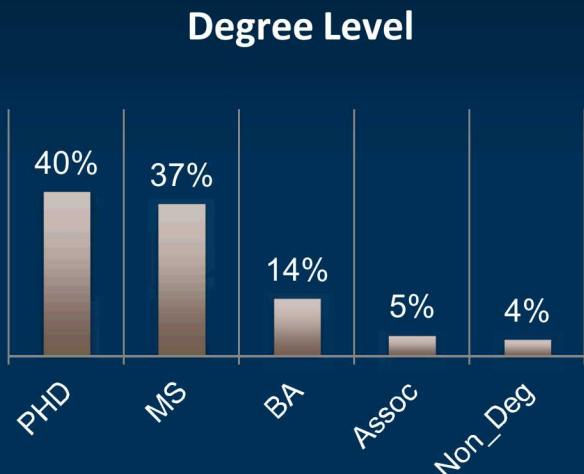
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- Information Systems
- Micro & Nano Technologies and *more*



High-Performance Computing



EMR computational needs are driven by frequency ranges and QMU.

Frequencies, QMU

- Wide frequency ranges: kHz to W-Band
 - Higher frequencies → Higher mesh density
- QMU and high-Q drive needs for large number of runs
 - Data ensembles to support QMU
 - High-resolution frequency sampling driven by high-Q cavities

Memory (PetaBytes)

- Memory requirement – system matrix ($\propto N^2$)
 - Higher frequencies → Higher mesh density → More DoFs (N)

*For a typical system,
boundary-element
coupling simulations
up to the W-band*

10s to 100s of PetaBytes RAM

10-20 Petaflops / matrix solution
For each frequency or excitation

Computation (PetaFLOPS)

- Compression techniques may be required at Exascale
 - Compression reduces both memory and computation requirements
 - Needs rigorous V&V for applications