

Computational Simulations at Sandia National Laboratories



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Computational Solid Mechanics & Structural Dynamics



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Sandia National Laboratories Overview

Engineering Sciences Center

Computational Simulation Group

Computational Solid Mechanics & Structural Dynamics

Research Topics:

- Inverse problems
- Blast-Induced Traumatic Brain Injuries
- Very large problems in structural dynamics

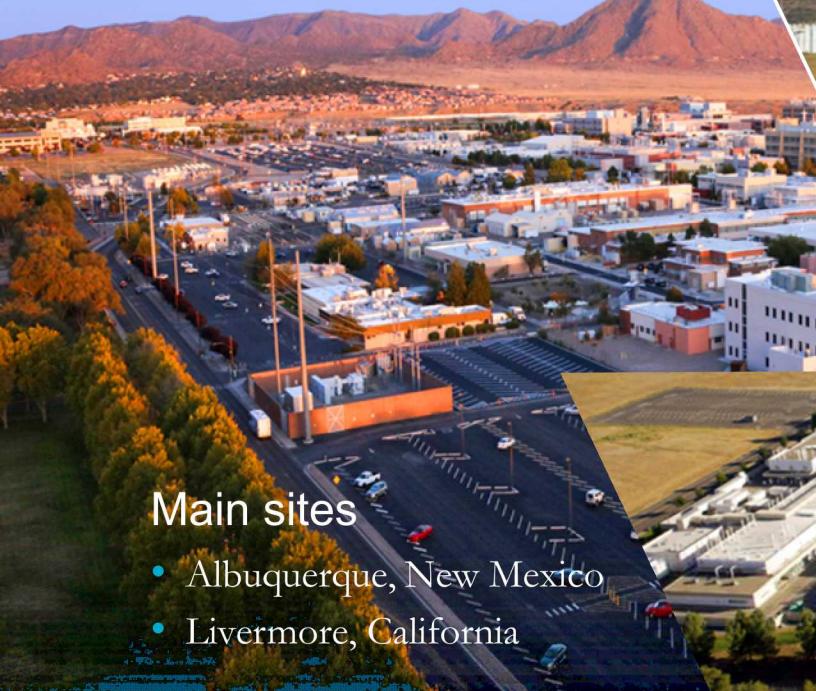
SANDIA'S HISTORY IS TRACED TO THE MANHATTAN PROJECT

...In my opinion you have here an opportunity to render an exceptional service in the national interest.

- July 1945
Los Alamos creates Z Division
- Nonnuclear component engineering
- November 1, 1949
Sandia Laboratory established
- AT&T: 1949–1993
- Martin Marietta: 1993–1995
- Lockheed Martin: 1995–2017
- Honeywell: 2017–present



SANDIA HAS FACILITIES ACROSS THE NATION



Main sites

- Albuquerque, New Mexico
- Livermore, California



Activity locations

- Kauai, Hawaii
- Waste Isolation Pilot Plant, Carlsbad, New Mexico
- Pantex Plant, Amarillo, Texas
- Tonopah, Nevada



PURPOSE STATEMENT DEFINES WHAT WE DO



Sandia develops
advanced technologies
to ensure global peace

Sandia's Current Nuclear Weapons Activities



An extensive suite of multi-disciplinary capabilities are required for Design, Qualification, Production, Surveillance, Experimentation / Computation

Major Environmental Test Facilities and Diagnostics



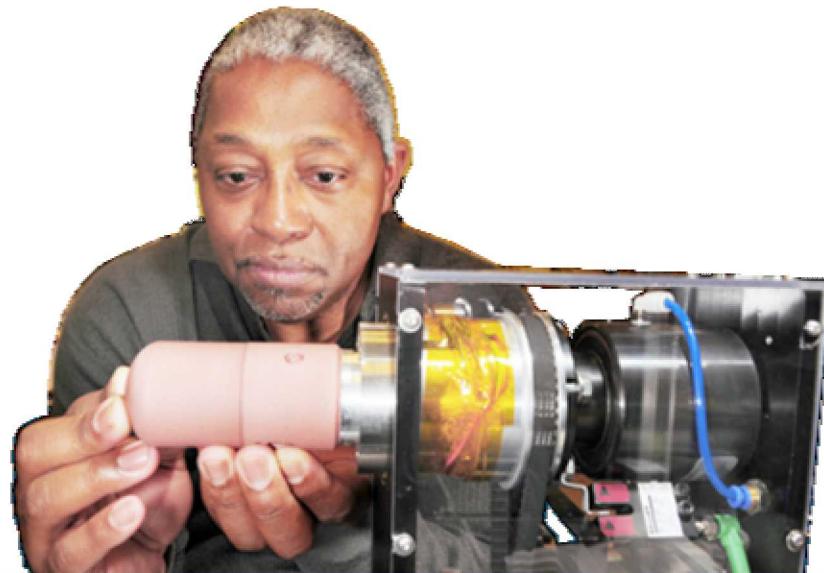
Z Machine

Light Initiated High Explosive

Annular Core Research Reactor



MESA Microelectronics



Energy



Energy Research

ARPAe, BES Chem Sciences, ASCR, CINT, Geo Bio Science, BES Material Science

Renewable Systems & Energy Infrastructure

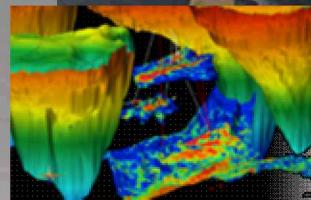
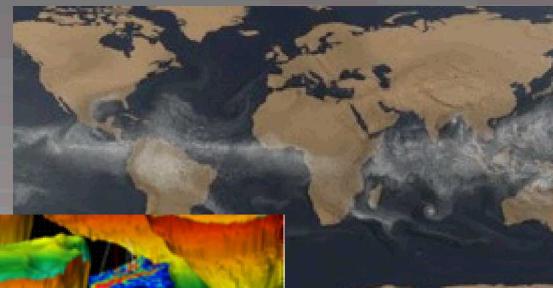


Nuclear Energy & Fuel Cycle

Commercial Nuclear Power & Fuel, Nuclear Energy Safety & Security, DOE Managed Nuclear Waste Disposal

Climate & Environment

Measurement & Modeling, Carbon Management, Water & Environment, and Biofuels



Transportation Energy & Systems

Vehicle Technologies, Biomass, Fuel Cells & Hydrogen Technology



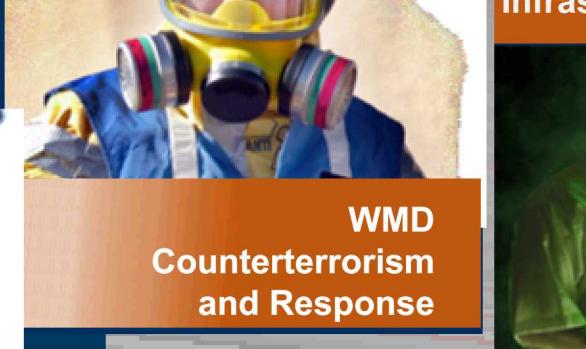
Global and Homeland Security



Global Security



Homeland Security Programs



WMD Counterterrorism and Response

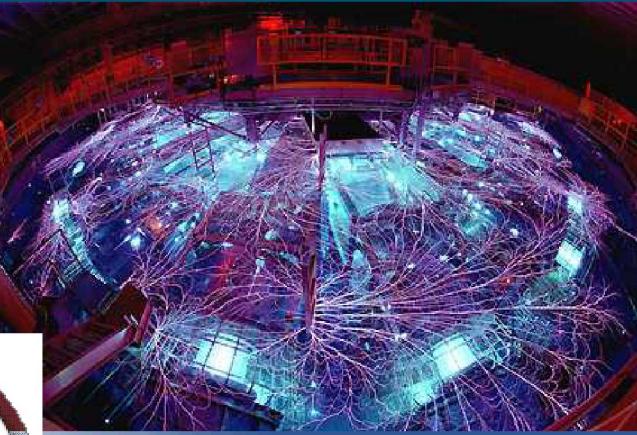


Cyber and Infrastructure Security

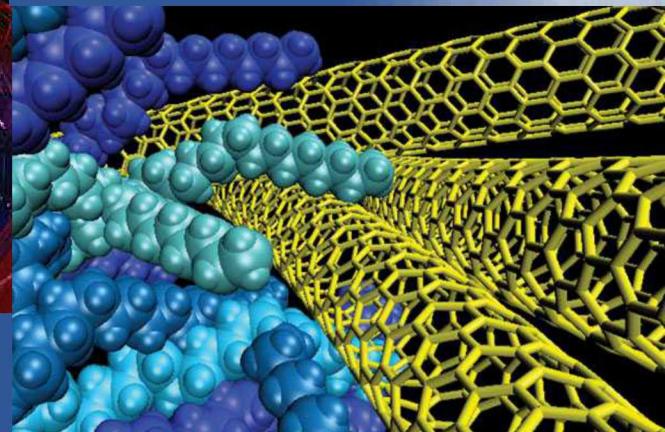
Our Research Framework

Strong research foundations play a differentiating role in our mission delivery

Computing & Information Sciences

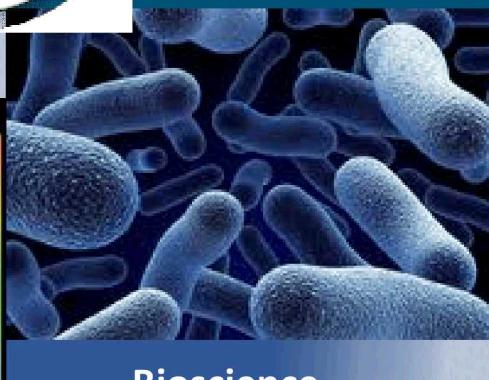
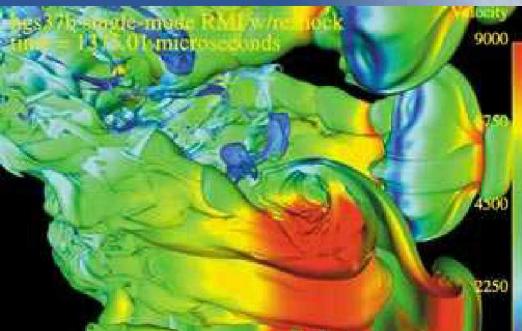


Materials Sciences



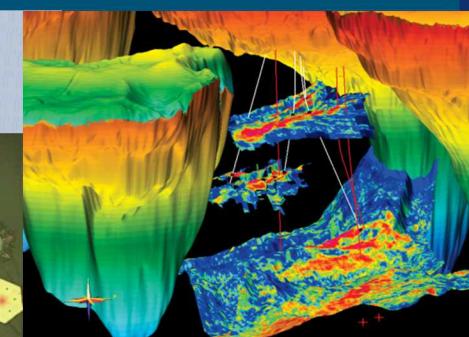
Radiation Effects & High Energy Density Science

Engineering Sciences



Bioscience

Nanodevices & Microsystems

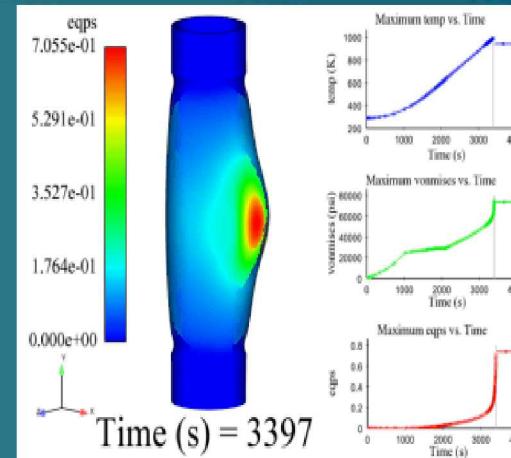
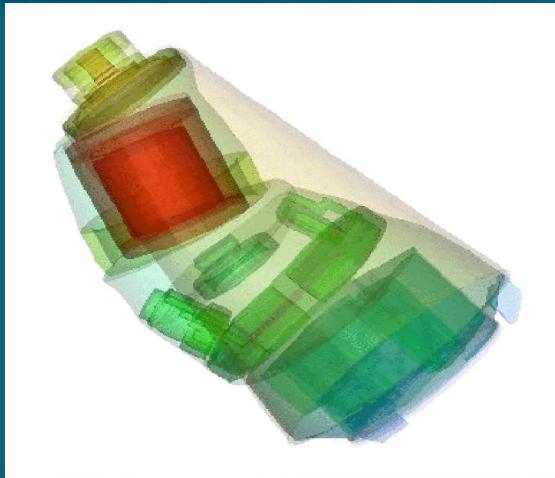


Geoscience

Engineering Sciences as The Capability Steward

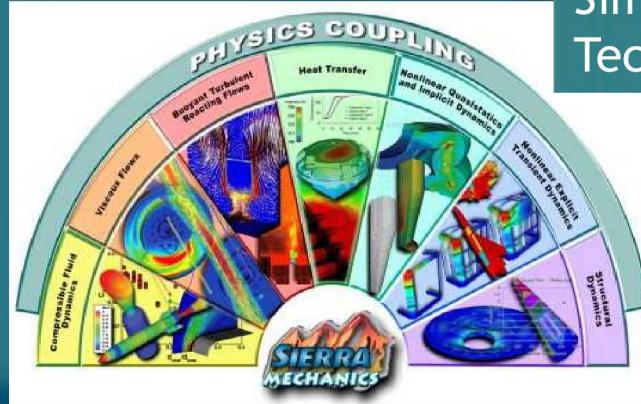
Integrated theory, computational simulation, and experimental discovery/validation across length and time scales is critical to develop the technical basis for complex engineered systems.

Engineering Analysis



Engineering Science Physical Phenomena

Environmental Simulation & Test

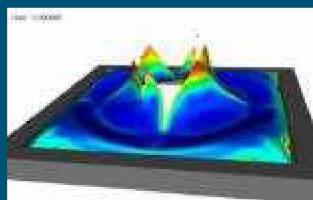


Computational Simulation Technology

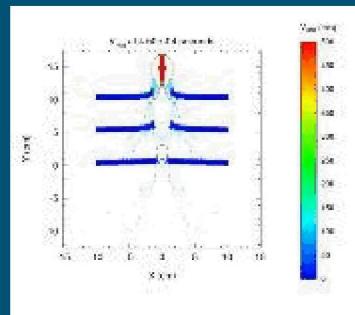
Engineering Sciences Core Technical Areas



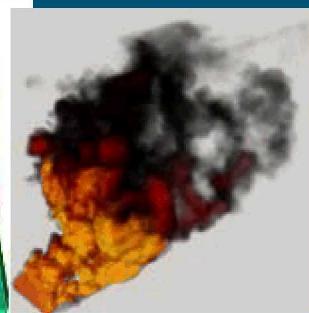
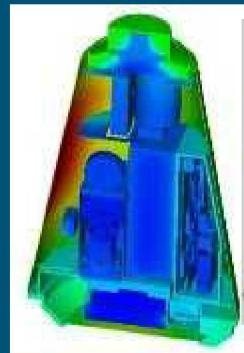
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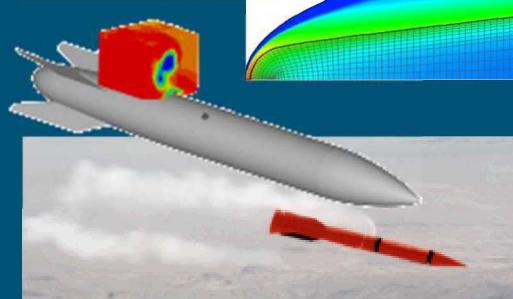
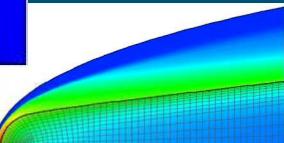
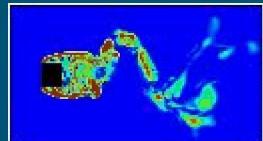
Shock Physics and Energetics



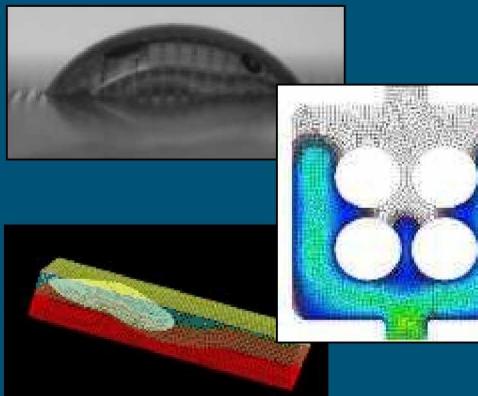
Thermal & Fire Sciences



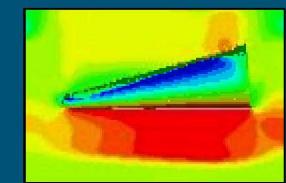
Aerosciences



Fluid Mechanics



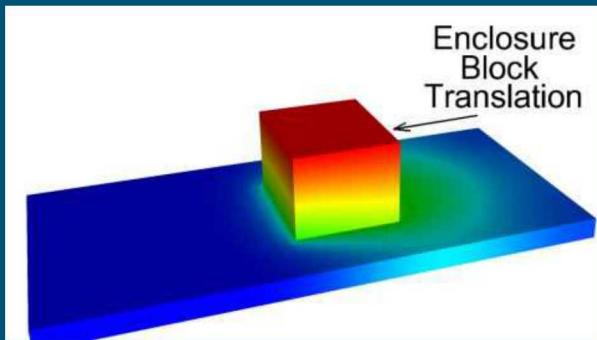
Structural Dynamics



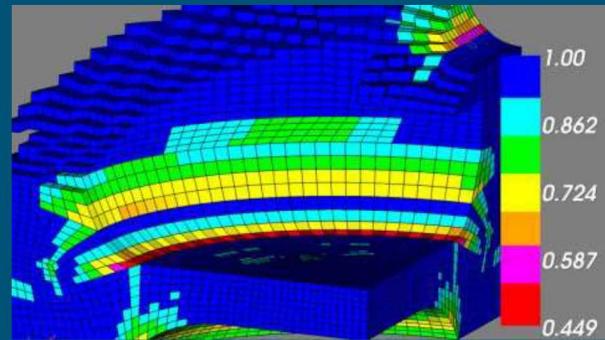
Engineering Sciences Video



Computational Simulation Group



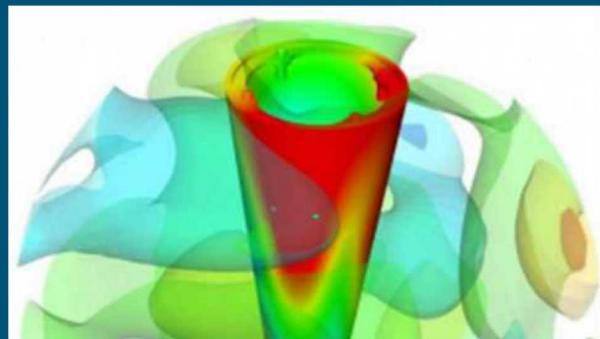
Computational Thermal
And Fluid Mechanics



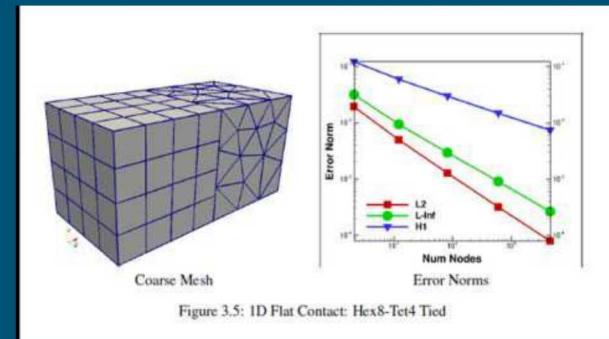
Simulation Modeling Sciences



Computational Simulation
Infrastructure



Computational Solid Mechanics
And Structural Dynamics



V&V, UQ, Credibility Processes

Figure 3.5: 1D Flat Contact: Hex8-Tet4 Tied

Solid Mechanics – Quasi-static, implicit & explicit transient dynamic

Shared capabilities

- large deformations, large-strain nonlinear material behavior
- implicit-explicit solution switching, multi-sequence analyses
- continuum & structural finite elements, particle methods
- parallel scalable frictional contact
- geometric and temporal multi-scale methods
- coupled thermal-mechanical modeling, with failure

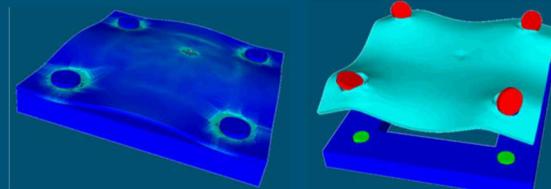
Implicit Solid Mechanics

- preloads, encapsulation & cure, incompressible material behavior

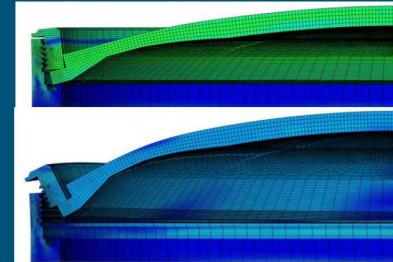
Explicit Solid Mechanics

- energy-dependent material models
- fracture & failure modeling (cohesive zones, XFEM, remeshing)
- empirical blast pressure loads (CONWEP)
- coupled to CTH shock-hydro (Zapotec), Alegra EM

Implicit \rightarrow explicit switching



pressure & temperature loading
snap-thru & disassembly



2D XFEM Fracture Simulation



Structural Dynamics – Implicit Dynamics & Modal Response

Parallel Scalable Domain Decomposition Solver with many constraints

Shared mechanics capabilities

- small deformations, small-strain linear material behavior
- solid & structural elements, constraint elements
- non-linear pre-load transfer from Sierra/SM

Time domain, statics & transients

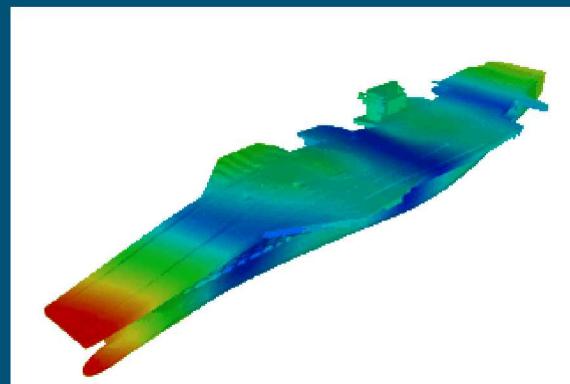
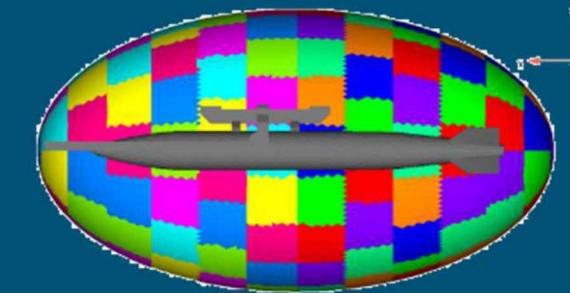
- joint models with dissipation
- material property inversion
- stochastic material (elastic) properties

Frequency domain (Frequency Response Functions)

- Helmholtz solver for Direct FRF
- Modal FRF

Acoustics – linear

- absorbing boundaries
- acoustic pressure source inversion
- monolithic coupling with structural response



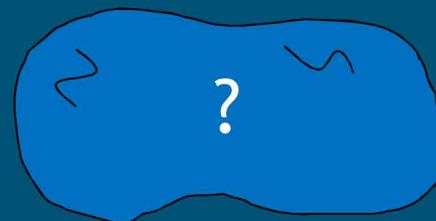
Inverse Problems: Observing the Unobservable

Inverse problems arise when we have partial information and indirect observations of a system and need to infer (hidden) quantities of interest of the system.

Can we *non-destructively* interrogate a black-box system to “see what is inside”?

Typical quantities of interest:

- Material properties
- Loads
- Boundary conditions
- Residual stresses
- Size/shape/location of inclusions (e.g. composite materials)



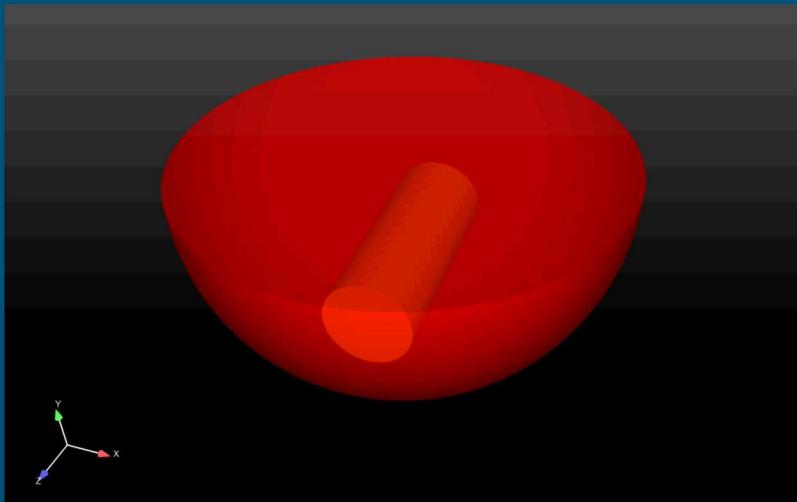
Applications include:

- Imaging: Medical ultrasound, seismic exploration (oil, gas)
- Calibration of material models and properties
- Force reconstruction
- Optimal experimental design, sensor locations
- Shape reconstruction

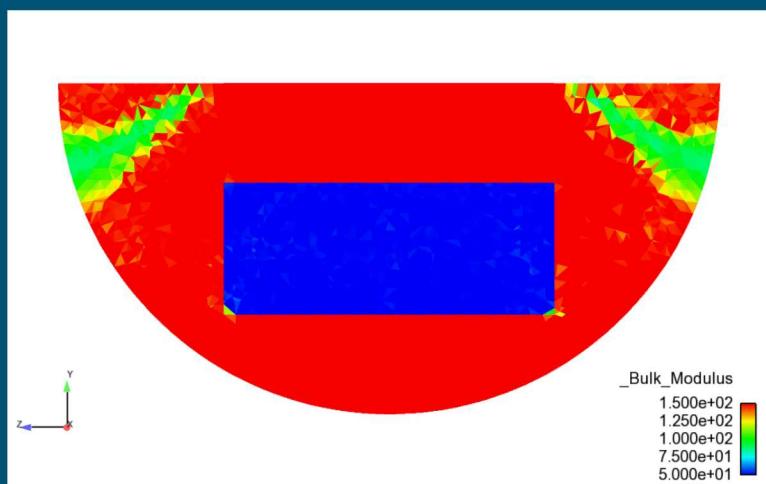
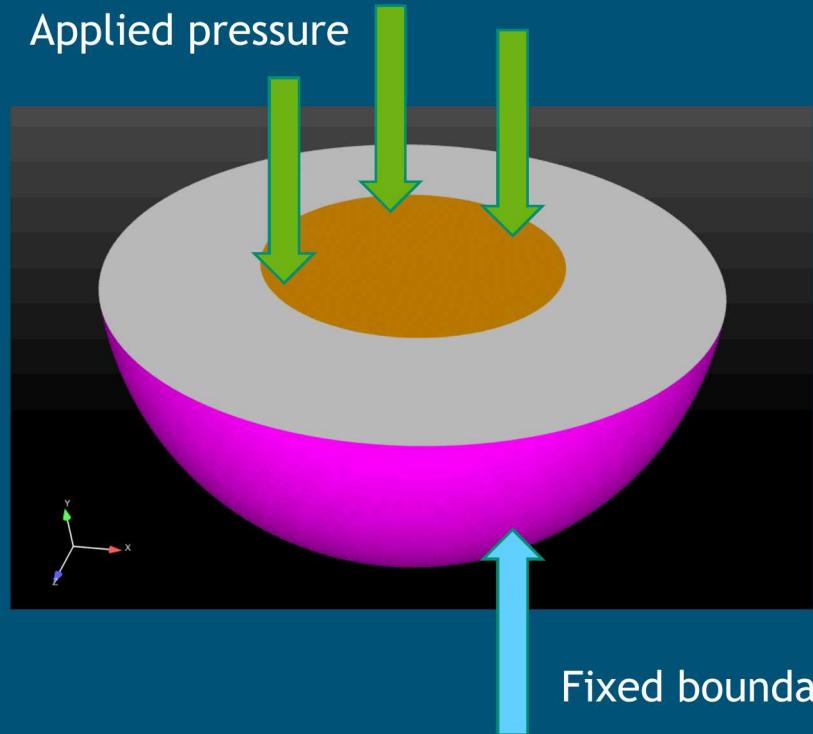
Inverse Methods: Seismic imaging

Goal: locate buried inclusion and surrounding material properties

Buried inclusion model



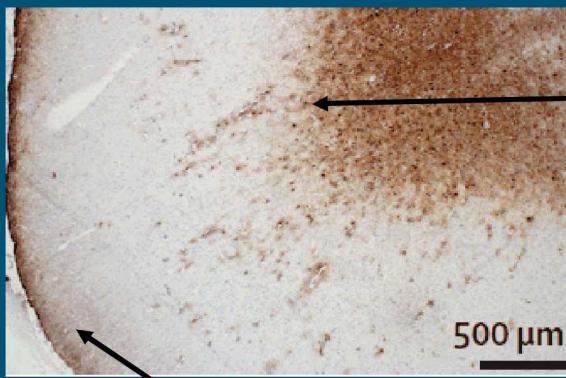
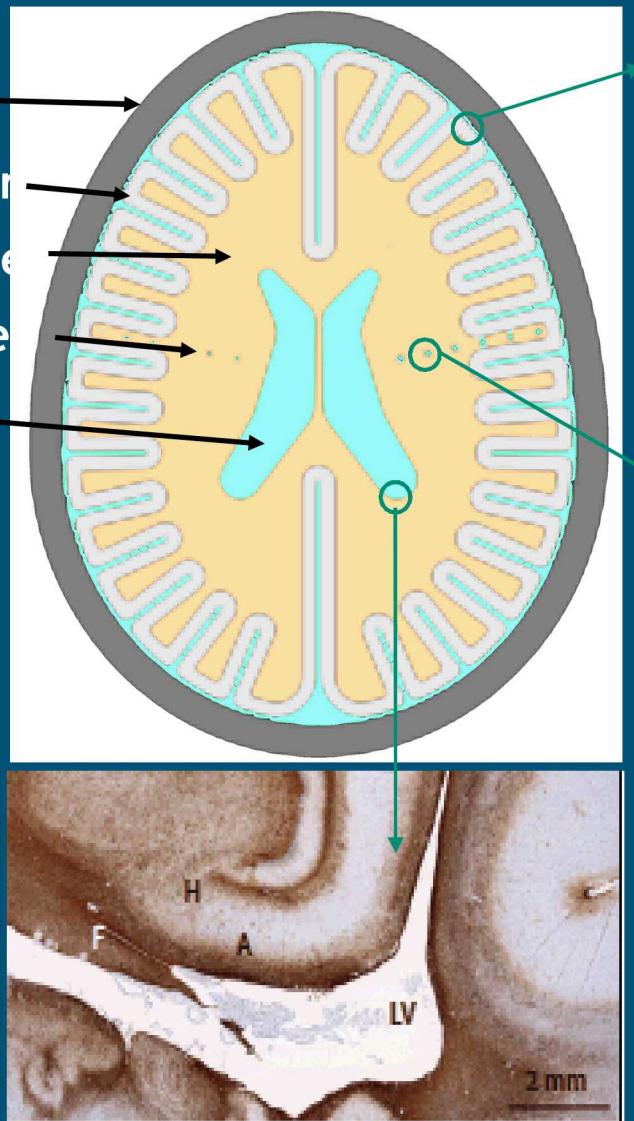
Applied pressure



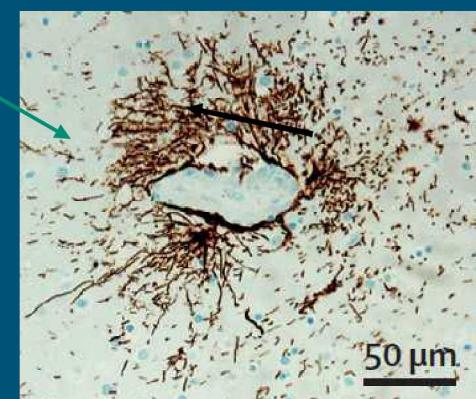
Inclusion identified in 30 iterations of inverse optimization!

Blast-Induced Traumatic Brain Injuries (bTBI)

Unique neuropathological injury in bTBI :
interfacial injury



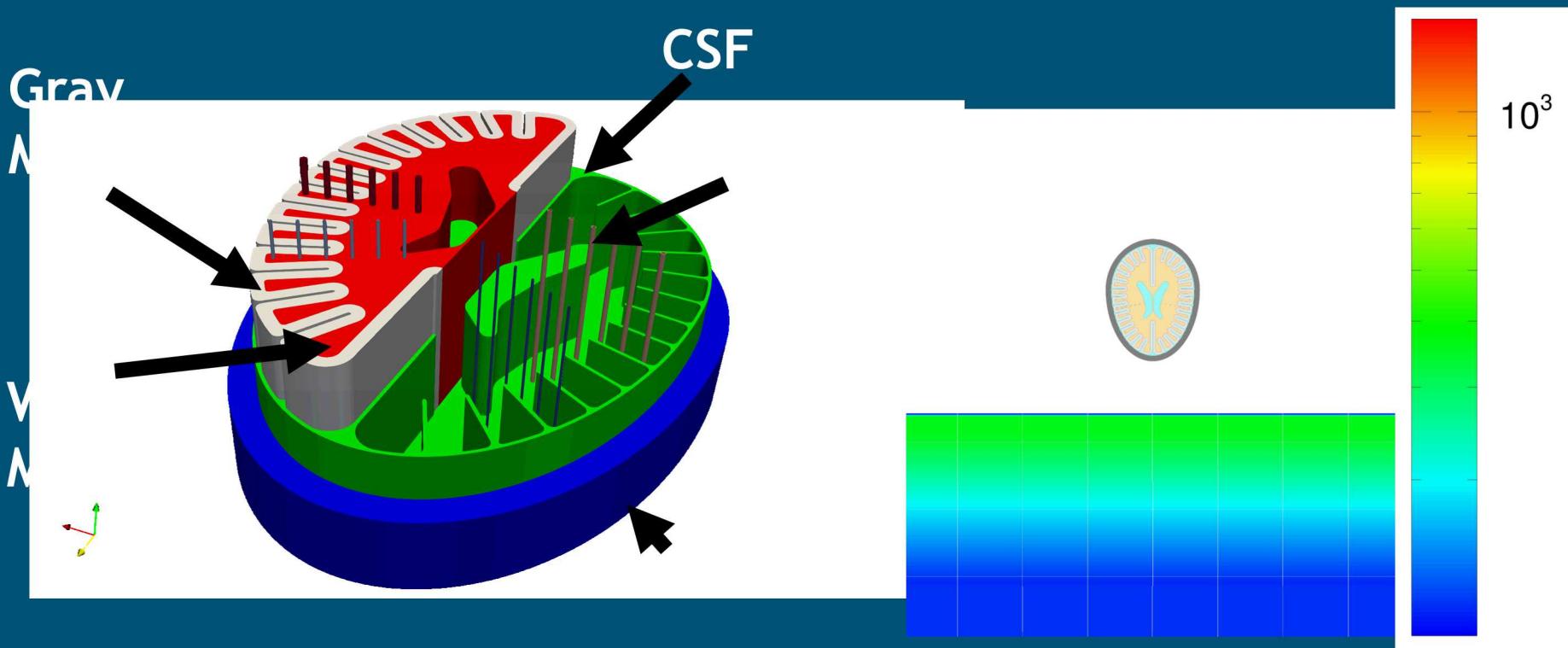
Gray-white



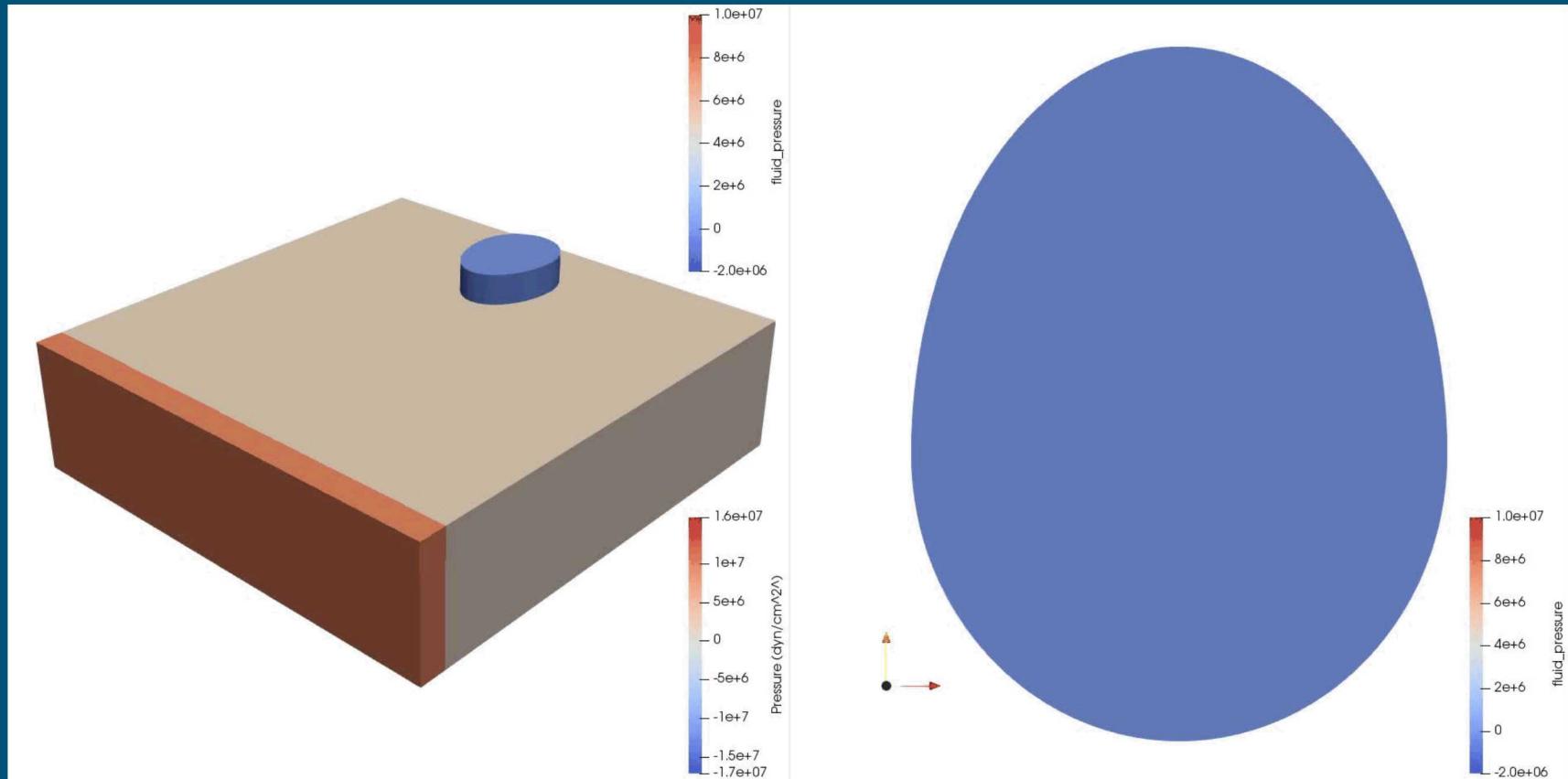
Peri-vascular

CSF-brain
(Peri-ventricular)

Computational model: hybrid finite element model and shock physics code



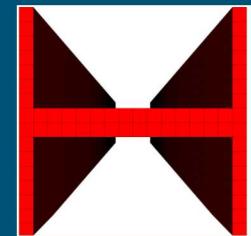
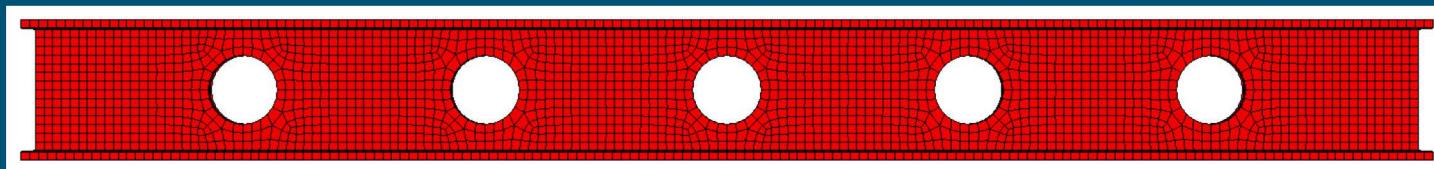
Computational model: hybrid finite element model and shock physics code



Very Large Problems in Structural Dynamics

How large of a matrix system $\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ can we solve?

I-beam model



High Performance Computing/parallel processor computing

Strong scaling: how the solution time varies with the number of processors for a fixed total problem size

Weak scaling: how the solution time varies with the number of processors for a fixed problem size per processor

Some scaling results of Sierra/SD

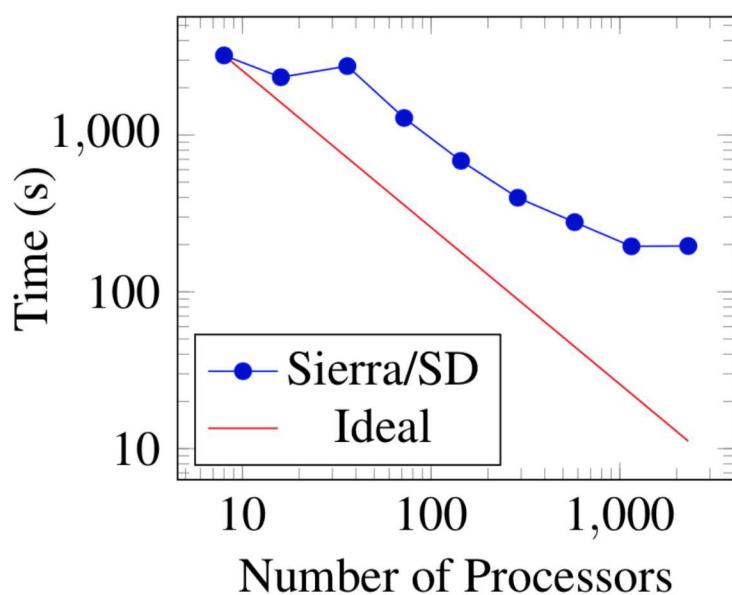
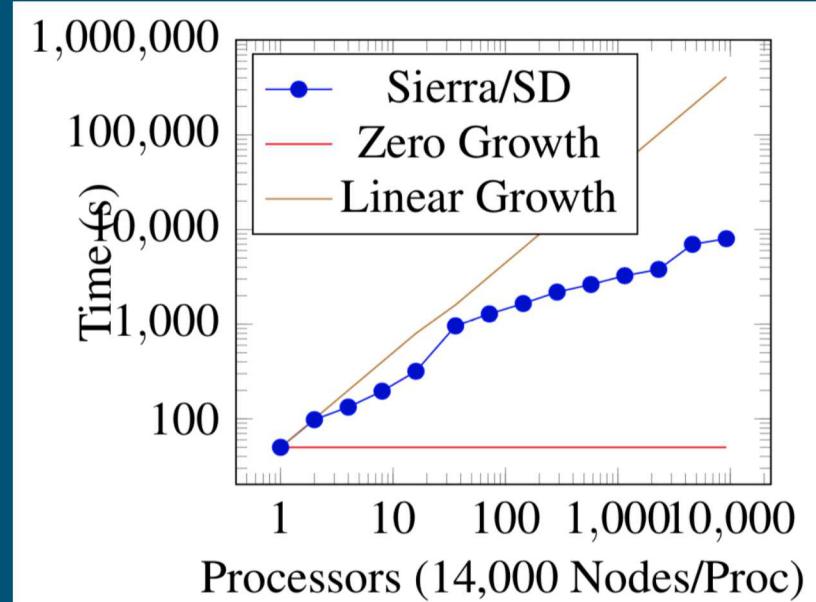


Figure 8. Scaling of Mesh 7 - 1,079,941 Nodes

Strong scaling



Weak scaling

How do you know the number of processors needed?

	Mesh Number																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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Table 2. Matrix of Successful Sierra/SD Runs

Consider: speed, memory usage, and *availability*!

The End. Questions?

Interested in Sandia National Labs?

Summer internships: sandia.jobs

Career opportunities: sandia.jobs

There are many opportunities (not just at Sandia) to use your engineering and science skills to national service!