

# Verification, Validation, Uncertainty Quantification, Predictive Modeling and Simulation:

*Integration of NW Capabilities into NEAMS*

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# Three Main Themes

1. The **Born-Assessed Framework** can provide a science-based approach to risk-informed decisions for supporting licensing.
2. The NW program has provided leading tools and capabilities that can serve as starting points for the NEAMS VU program. However, *significant **new VU tools and capabilities** are broadly needed* to achieve the NEAMS goals.
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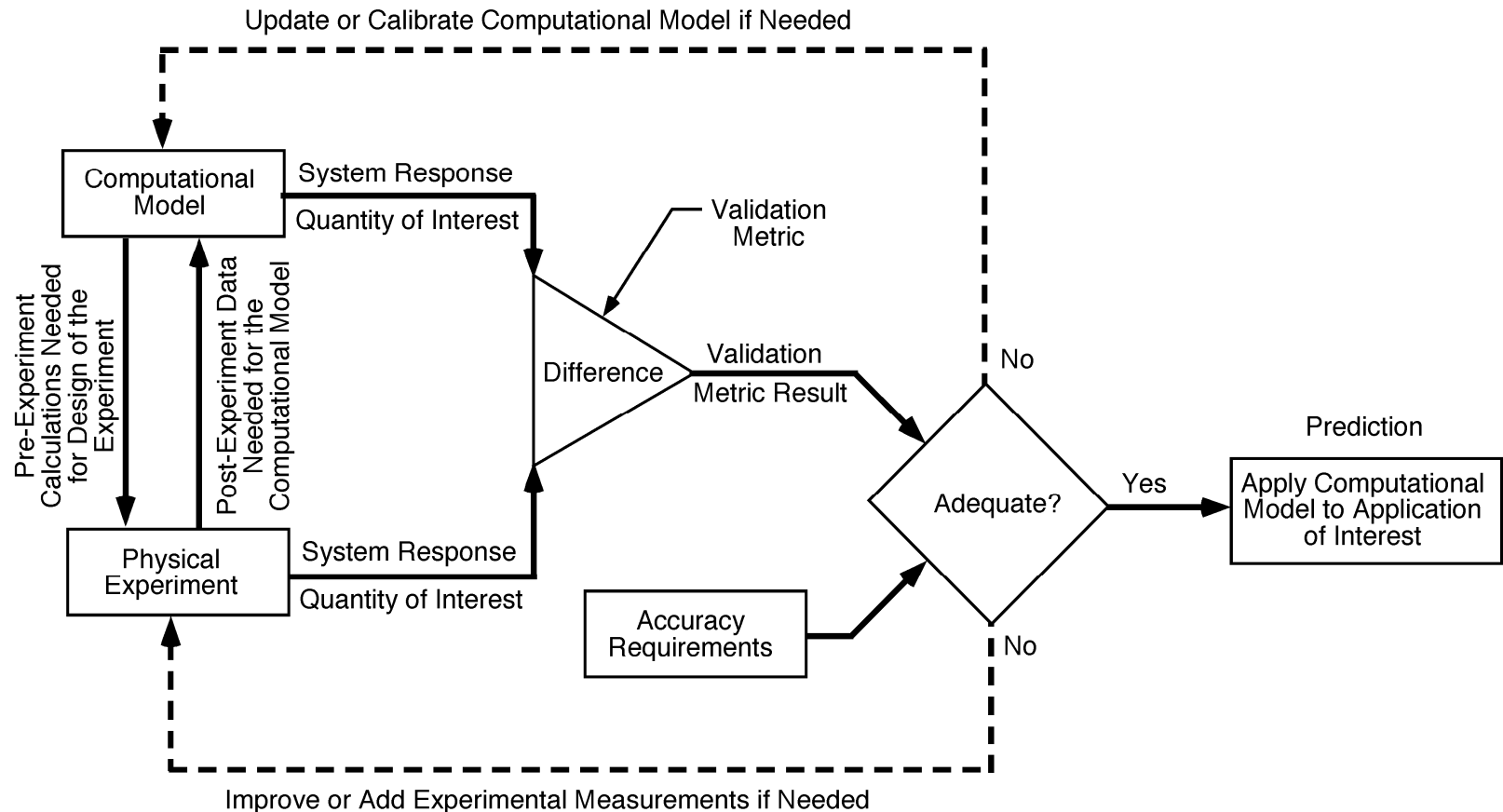
# Outline

- *V&V-based Born-Assessed Framework*
- Verification
- VU Tools and Algorithms
  - Capability Gaps
  - Integration
- Towards Licensing



# *V&V-Based Born-Assessed Framework:*

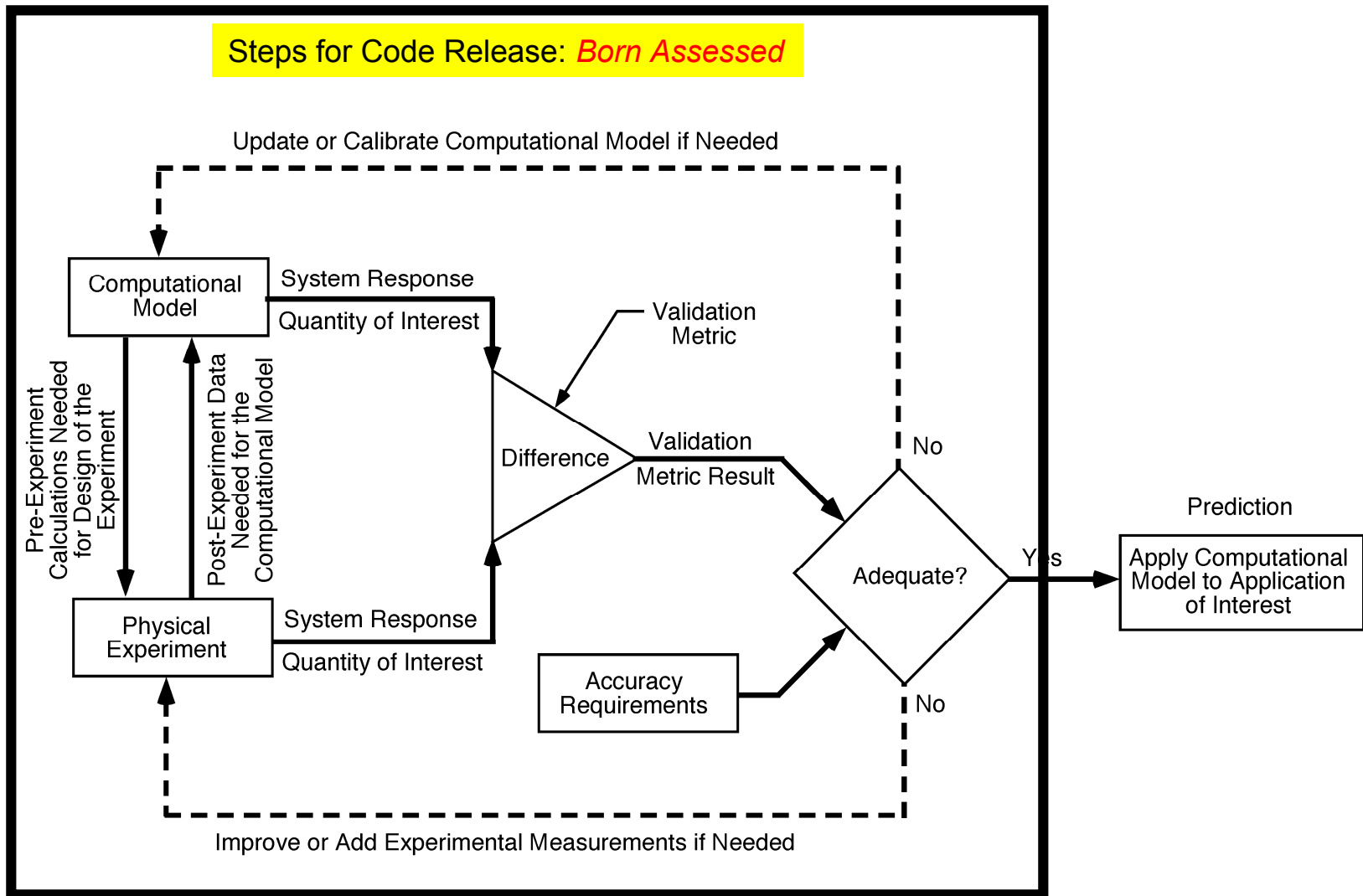
## Validation, Calibration, and Prediction



**Reference:** W. L. Oberkamp and M. F. Barone, "Measures of Agreement Between Computation and Experiment: Validation Metrics," SAND2005-4302, August 2005.



## Steps for Code Release: *Born Assessed*



**Remark:** Conceptually similar to “Born Assessed” process documented in: R. A. Nelson, A. R. Larzelere, and S. Runnels, “GNEP Modeling and Simulation: An Improved Applications Development Paradigm for Rapid Deployment,” Los Alamos National Laboratory Report LA-UR-07-1865.



# Further Details of Validation/Calibration Process

*(Prerequisite for Code Release)*

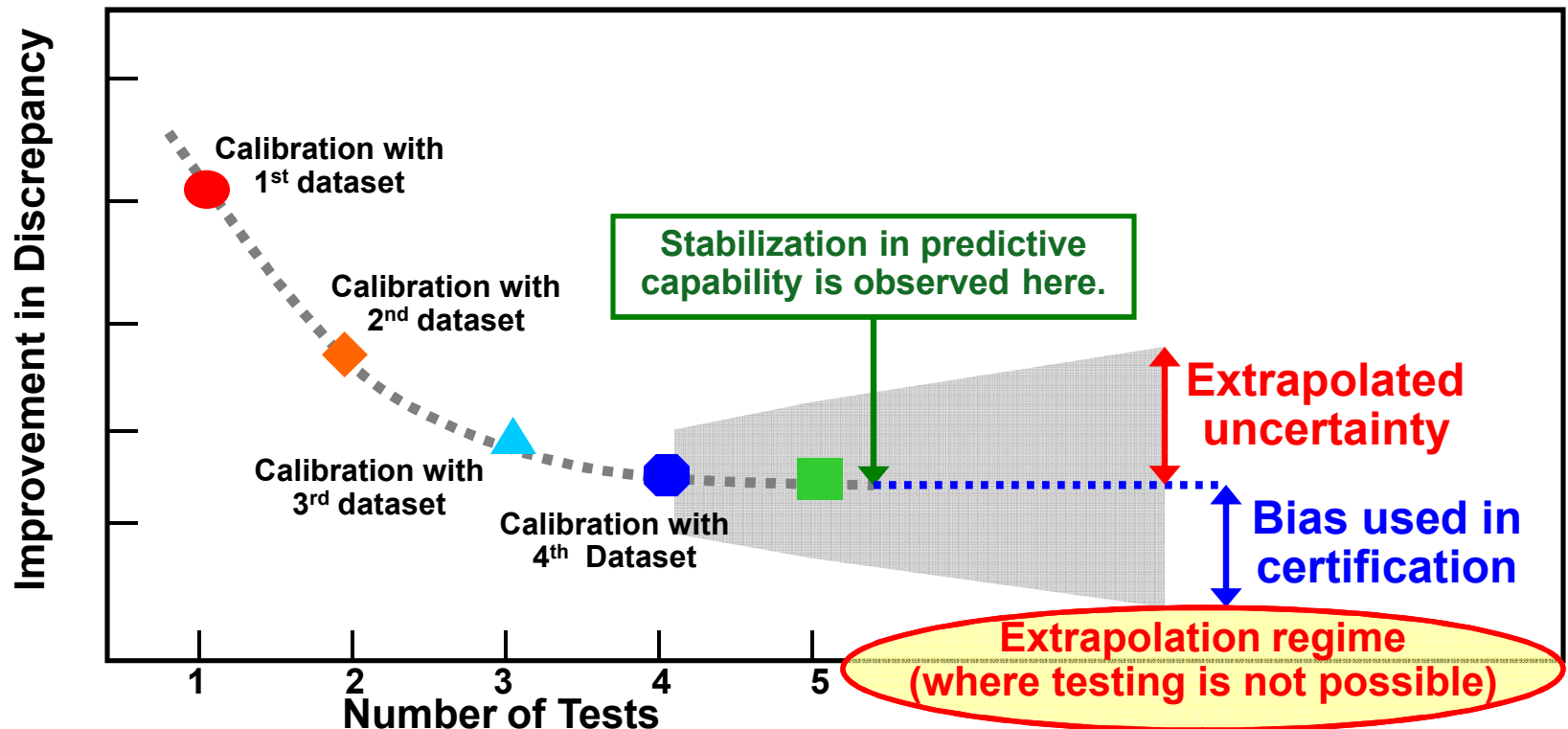
- Physical Experiments May Include
  - Separate Effects Tests (SETs)
  - Integral Effects Tests (IETs)
  - Uncertainty Quantification
- Application of Computational Model Involves
  - Model Setup: Geometry and Mesh
  - Solution Verification
  - Sensitivity Analysis and Uncertainty Quantification
- *Validation Metrics*: Comparison of computational model results to experimentally measured system response quantities (SRQs)
- *Updates/improvements* to model and/or physical experiments
- *Assessment of adequacy* for intended application (including possible interpolation/extrapolation of model)

Primary Goal: *Born Assessed*



# More on Assessment of Adequacy: Seeking Robustness and Maturity

- We propose to develop models of predictive maturity based on the concept of *stabilization* (or robustness).



Reference: Hemez, F.M., Atamturktur, S., Unal, C., "Defining Predictive Maturity for Validated Numerical Simulations," *Technical Report of the Fiscal Year 2008 Global Nuclear Energy Partnership Program*, Los Alamos National Laboratory, Los Alamos, New Mexico, September 2008. LA-UR-08-6741.



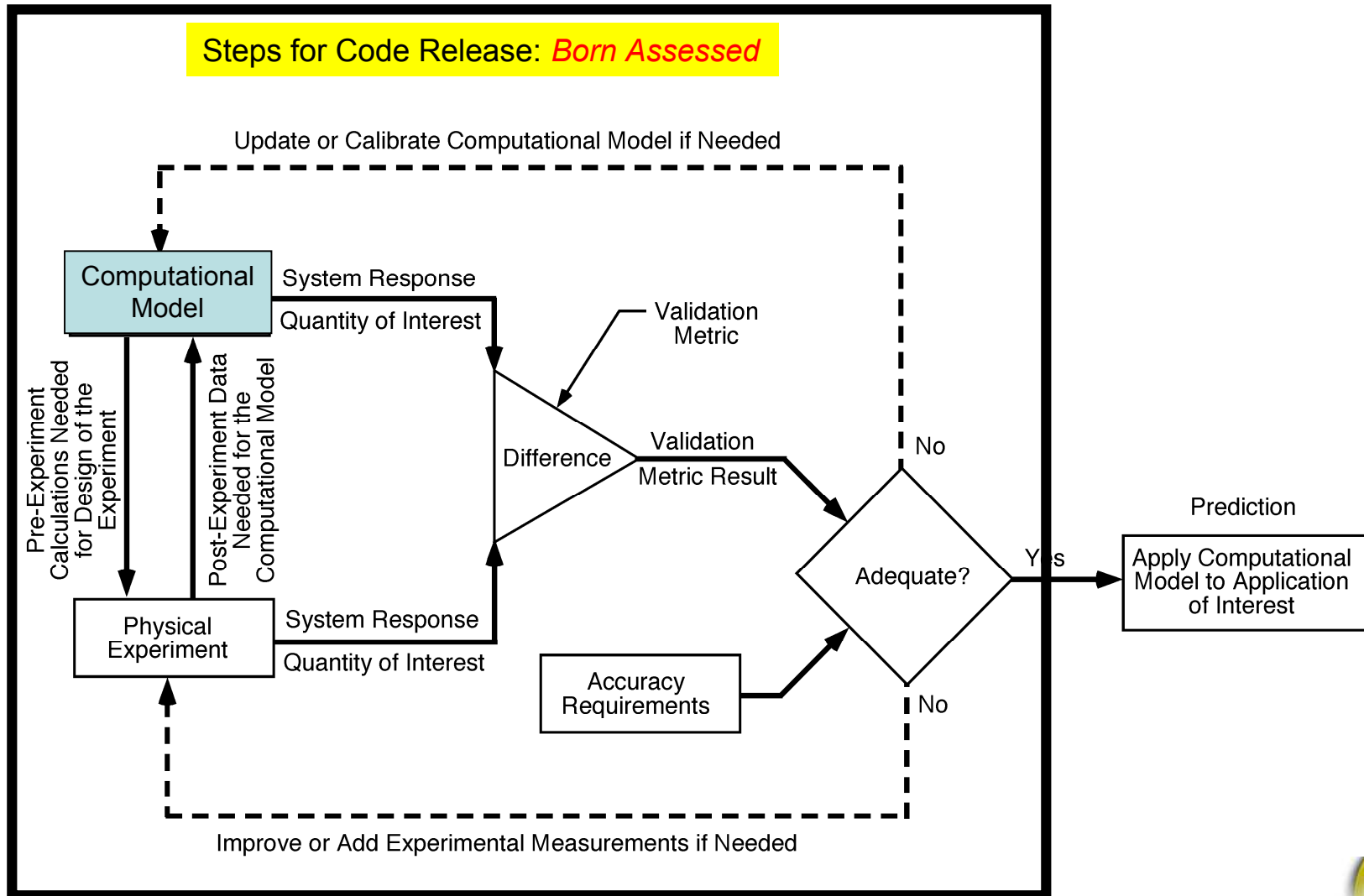
# How Is “Born Assessed” Different From the CSAU Methodology?

- Born Assessed is similar to CSAU in some ways, e.g.,
  - Formal quantification of uncertainties
  - Use of SETs and IETs
- However, Born Assessed builds on modern V&V ideas, e.g.,
  - Verification explicitly called out (to be discussed more later...)
    - Code verification
    - Solution verification
  - Formal role of validation: Model calibration and improvement through feedback of new experimental data
- Dynamic “Born Assessed” process vs. CSAU process that was developed for legacy, frozen software tools

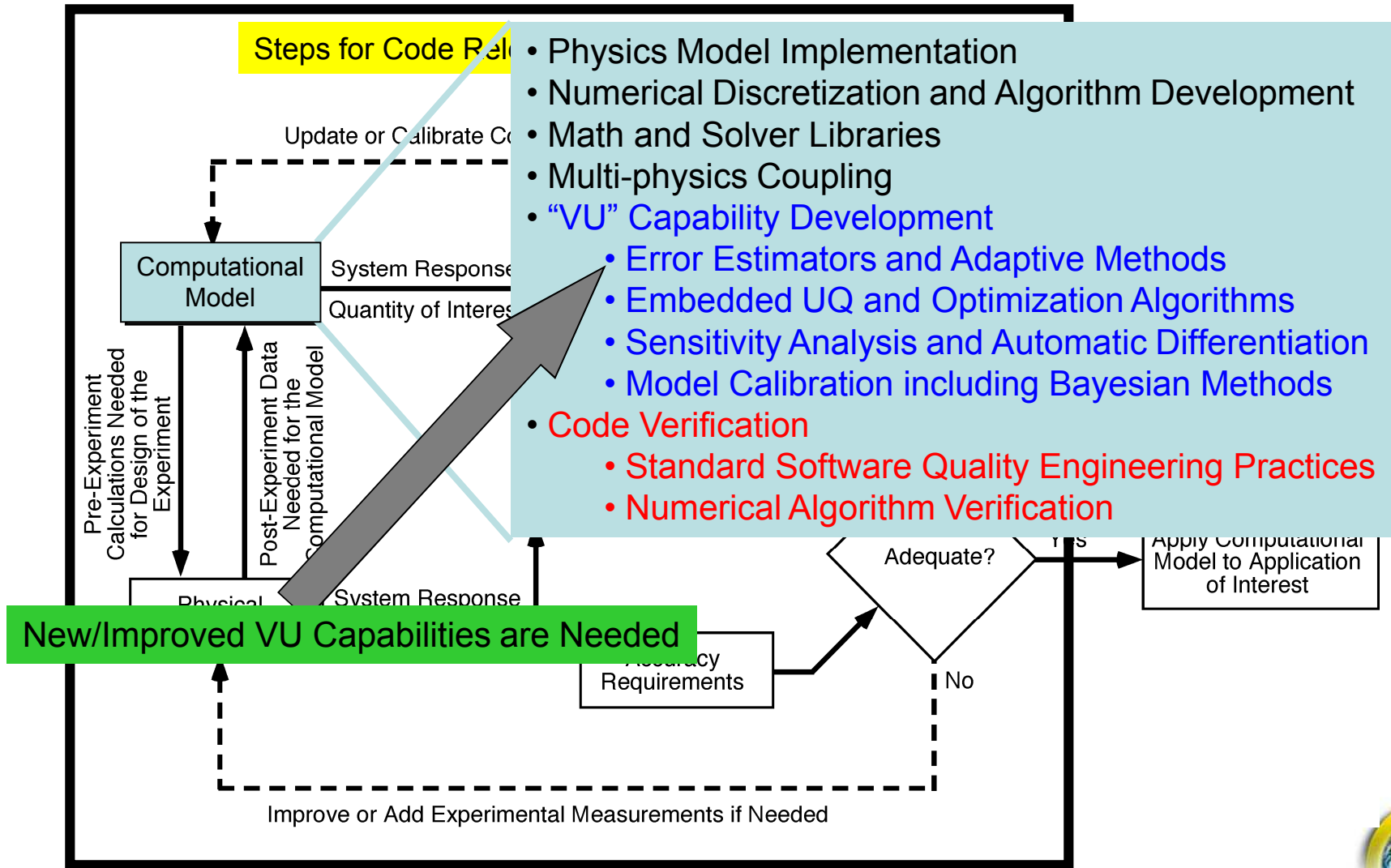




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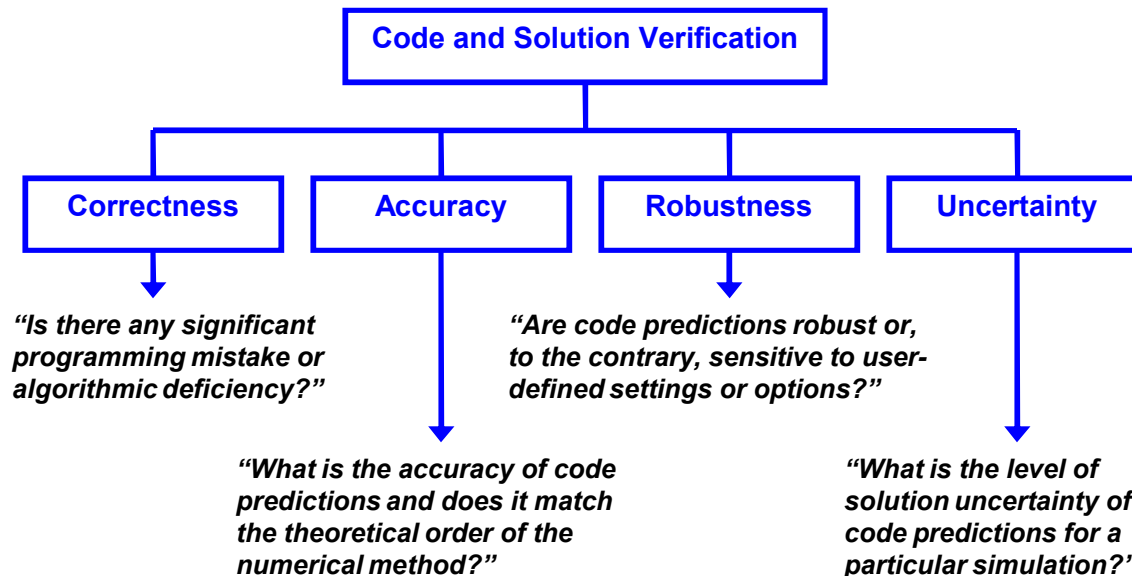
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# Verification

- **Goal:** *To demonstrate convergence to the correct answer for the intended application (i.e., the actual system of mathematical equations)*
- Numerical errors can contribute to incorrect stockpile decisions or validation assessments
- Challenges
  - Multi-physics, multi-scale, non-smooth solutions, contact, singularities, etc.



# Verification:

## Two Main Components

- Code Verification
- Solution Verification



# Code Verification

## Traditional SQE Activities

- Design review/inspection
- Code Review/inspection
- Pair programming
- Configuration management
- Requirements management
- Defect tracking
- Unit testing
- Regression testing
- Integration testing
- Low volume beta testing
- High volume beta testing
- Release & distribution management

## Activities for scientific software

- Exact solutions
  - Open form
  - Closed form
  - Manufactured
- Order verification
  - Single physics
  - Tightly coupled multiphysics
  - Loosely coupled multiphysics
- Application-focused test coverage analysis



# Solution Verification

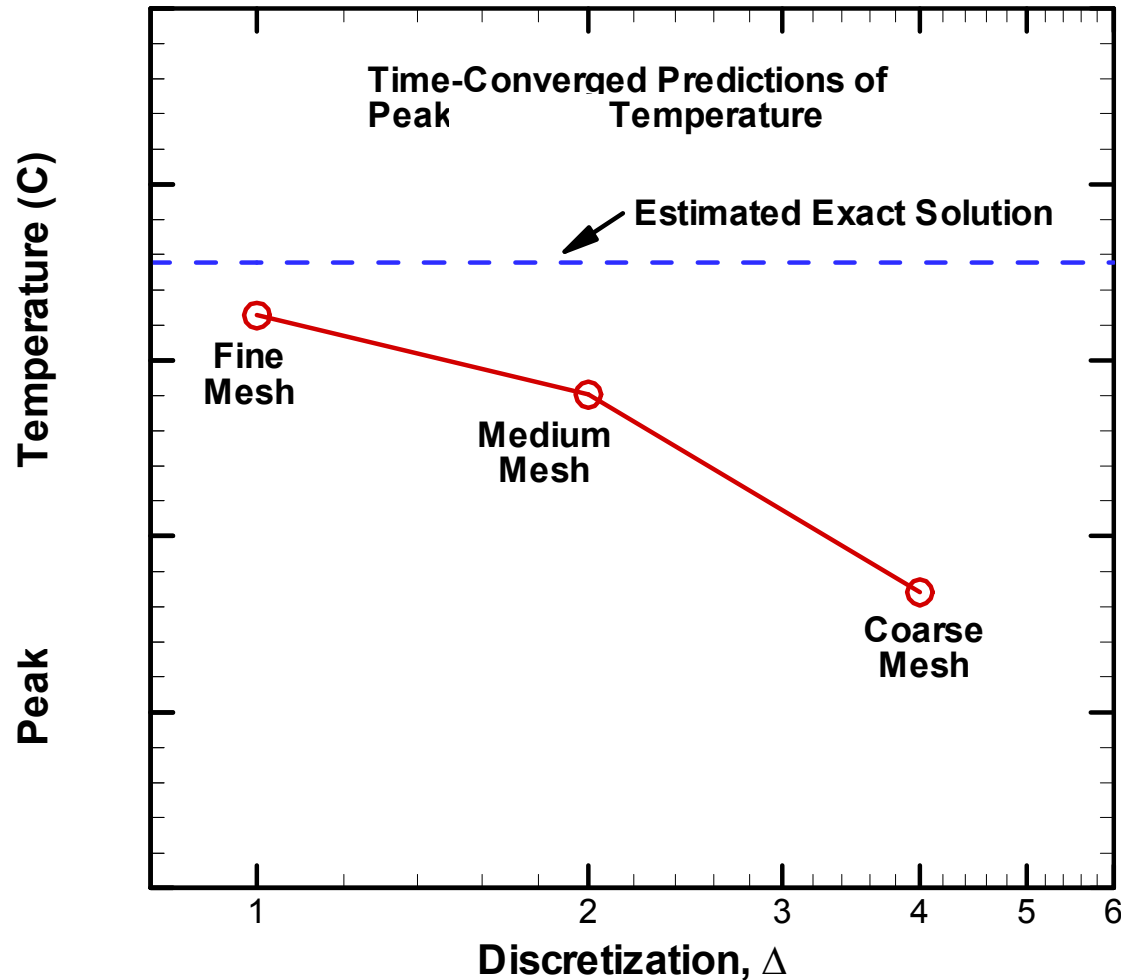
Solution verification addresses the following questions:

- In the context of *model validation*:
  - Are numerical errors obscuring or undermining comparisons of calculations with experimental data?
- In the context of *predictive simulation*:
  - Is the solution accuracy adequate for the intended application?



# Weak Link Failure Model (SNL's Calore)

Solution verification: Is the discretization adequate?



Component is highly non-isotropic and (initially) not adequately mesh converged





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# VU Capability Gaps

- *Main Issue:* Standard “Legacy” VU Methods are generally *not robust*, *too expensive* and/or *not scalable* for our new large-scale, multi-physics IPSCs; e.g.,
    - *Sensitivity Analysis:* Sampling, Response Surfaces, etc.
    - *UQ:* Monte-Carlo and Latin Hypercube Sampling
    - *Solution Verification:* Mesh Extrapolation (e.g., Richardson)
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- The NW program has delivered leading tools (e.g., DAKOTA) for VU.
  - However, these tools are *starting points* for NEAMS, and are not (yet) sufficient for licensing support.
  - Additional investments in VU tools and capabilities are needed.



## VU Capability Gaps: Why?

- In the ASC program, the V&V program developed *alongside* the other programs; i.e., **V&V didn't exist when ASC started!**
- Many “VU” algorithms have been developed and/or advanced within the last few years
  - Many require some degree of algorithm/software *integration* and *inter-operability* with the codes
  - Such integration can be expensive to retro-actively apply
- Much VU algorithm and tool development is still needed to address current deficiencies (e.g., robustness, efficiency, scalability, etc.)



# VU Capability Gap:

## A Posteriori Error Estimation

**Goal: Accurately estimate or bound the mesh discretization error in the quantity of interest**

- Based on *adjoints* which can be intrusive to the code
- Must be integrated with the code design and part of the code development activities



# SNL's *Encore*: Toolkit for Verification

- Strategic goal: *To enable predictive simulations*
  - Unified, modular services for *code and solution verification*
  - Bridge between application codes (e.g., SIERRA Mechanics, RAMSES) and UQ tools (Trilinos, DAKOTA)

- **Code verification**

- Analytical and manufactured solutions
- Grid transfers (for comparing solutions)
- Norms, derived quantities of interest

- **Solution verification**

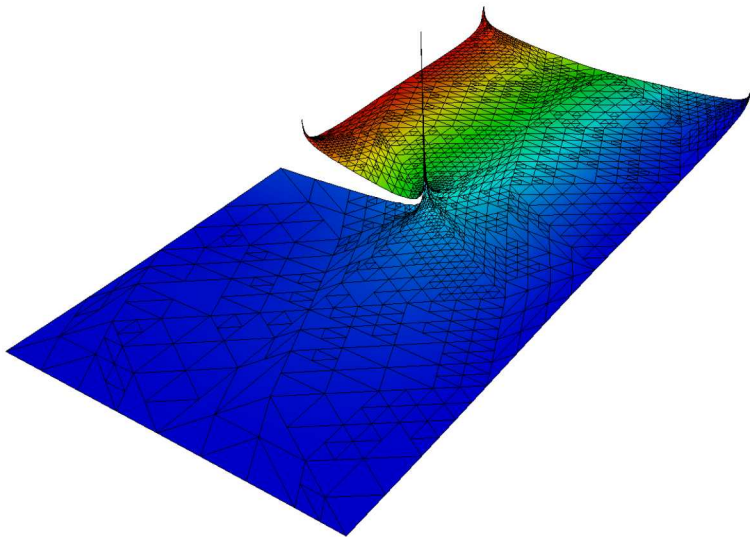
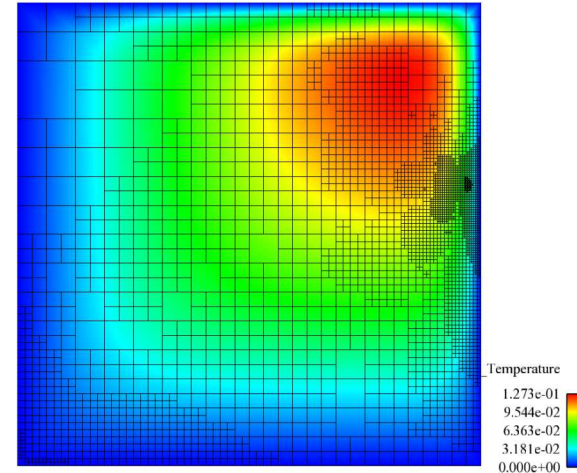
- Developing support for *adjoint-based* error estimators
- Flexible, user-driven adaptivity system

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	<b>Physics and Material Model Fidelity</b> How fundamental are the physics and material models and what is the level of model calibration?	• Judgment only • Model forms are either unknown or fully empirical • Few, if any, physics informed models • No coupling of models	• Some models are physics based and are calibrated using data from tested systems • Minimal or ad hoc coupling of models	• Physics-based models for all important processes • Significant calibration needed using separate-effects tests (SETs) and integral-effects tests (IETs) • One-way coupling of models • Some peer review conducted	• All models are physics-based • Minimal need for calibration using SETs and IETs • Sound physical basis for extrapolation and coupling of models • Full, two-way coupling of models • Independent peer review conducted
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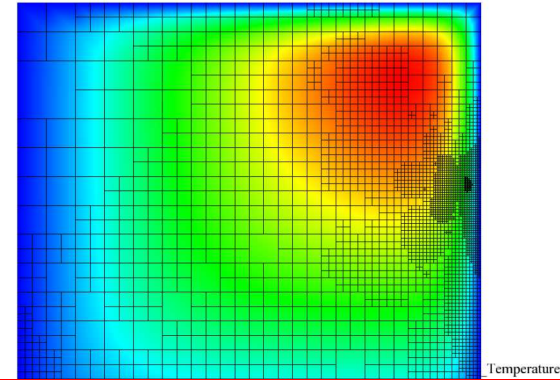
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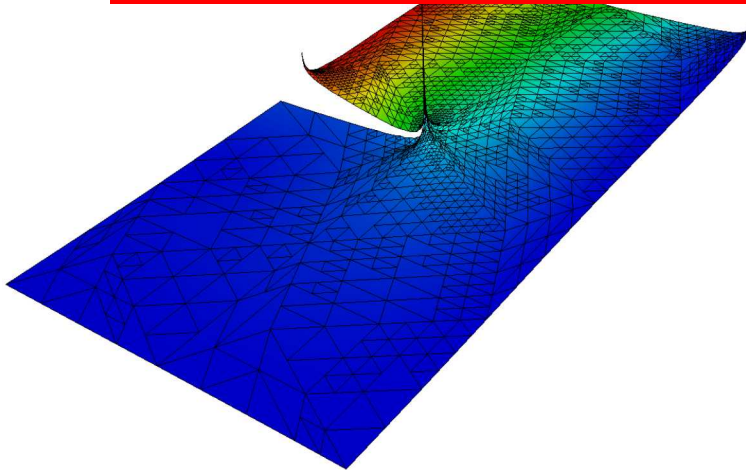
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**ISSUE:** Only available for simple problems; much capability development still needed (nonlinear, multi-physics, scalable, etc.)



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# VU Capability Gap: Embedded Algorithms

- Algorithm Infrastructure
  - Automatic Differentiation (AD)
  - Adjoint solution technology
- Applications of *Embedded Algorithms*
  - Sensitivity analysis
  - Uncertainty Quantification
  - Goal-oriented (adjoint-based) error estimation

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**Adjoint and AD are key capabilities for increased efficiency and accuracy!**





# VU Challenge:

## Integration

- Many of these new algorithms require tight integration with codes and models
- *Many ASC codes already too “mature” to capitalize on new VU capabilities without significant investments in software re-architecting (e.g., adjoints and sensitivities)*



# SNL's **Sacado** Package: *Automatic Differentiation*

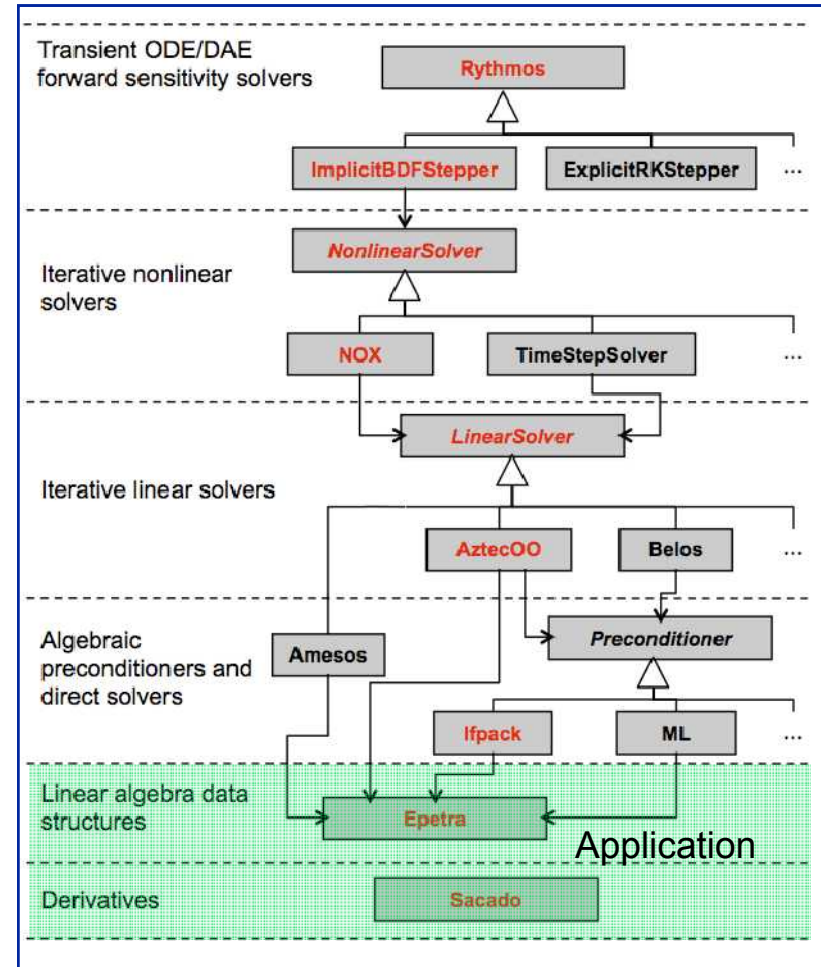
- *Sacado*: Operator overloading AD tools for C++ applications
- Part of the **Trilinos** library
- Impacting UQ:
  - Stochastic Galerkin methods (ongoing)
  - Polynomial chaos methods (near term)
  - Epistemic UQ
    - Intervals (mid term)
    - Probability boxes (long term)



# VU Integration: Using Sacado's Advance Capabilities for Sensitivity Analysis

- Requires integration with
  - Solvers
  - Application code

Vertical integration of Trilinos capabilities



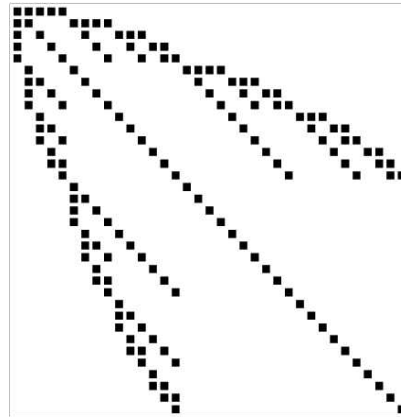
# VU Capability Gap: UQ

## Implementing Stochastic Galerkin Methods in Nonlinear Applications is Challenging

- Code transformation from deterministic code to SG code
  - Need tools/libraries to automate computation of SG residual and Jacobian entries

$$\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{u}; \mathbf{p}) = \mathbf{0} \rightarrow \bar{\mathbf{F}}(\bar{\mathbf{u}}) = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{F}_0 \\ \mathbf{F}_1 \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{F}_{N_{PC}} \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{0}$$

Large linear systems: Each block is the size of a single “deterministic” block



SNL's Trilinos provides powerful capabilities here





# SNL's DAKOTA Optimization and UQ Toolkit

- Wide array of non-embedded (black box) capabilities
- Available as an *early delivery vehicle* for the VU capabilities developed in NEAMS (...along with other software available at LANL and SNL)
- *DAKOTA/FRAPCON-3 Coupling*
  - FY07 GNEP Fuels Campaign project at SNL
  - Goal: Apply DAKOTA to assess the sensitivity and quantify uncertainty of a FRAPCON-3 response variable relative to uncertain model parameters
  - Included extensive PIRT analysis





# New DAKOTA UQ Capabilities

## *Advanced Components for Born-Assessed Codes*

	Production	New	Under dev.	Planned	Collabs.
Sampling	LHS/MC, QMC/CVT	<u>IS/AIS/MMAIS,</u> <u>Incremental LHS</u>		Bootstrap, Jackknife	Gunzburger
Reliability	1 <sup>st</sup> /2 <sup>nd</sup> -order local: MVFOSM/SOSM, x/u AMV/AMV <sup>2</sup> / AMV+/AMV <sup>2</sup> +, x/u TANA, FORM/SORM	<u>Global: EGRA</u>			Renaud, Mahadevan
Polynomial Chaos		<u>Wiener-Askey</u> <u>qPC</u> : sampling, quadrature, pt collocation	<u>Cubature</u>	Adaptivity, Wiener-Haar	Ghanem
Other probabilistic				Dimension reduction	Youn
Epistemic	<u>Second-order probability</u>	<u>Dempster-Shafer evidence theory</u>		Bayesian, Imprecise probability	Higdon, Williams, Ferson
Metrics	Importance factors, Partial correlations	Main effects, <u>Variance-based decomposition</u>	<u>Stepwise regression</u>		Storlie

## VU Integration: Some Remarks

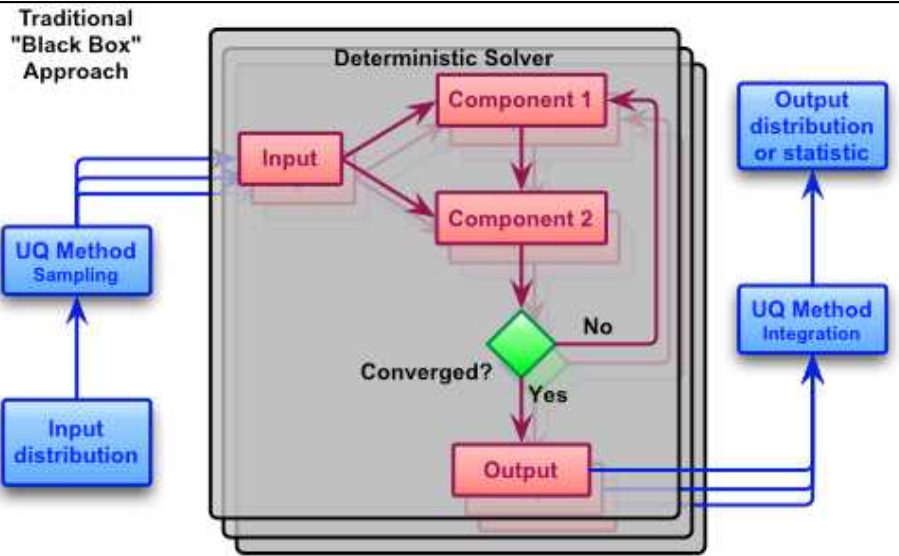
- DAKOTA can be used as a starting point for NEAMS UQ, optimization, and sensitivity analyses, but must be further developed and appropriately tailored to support science-base licensing applications.
- NW-funded tools such as DAKOTA and Trilinos can be leveraged for developing Born-Assessed codes for NEAMS.



## NEAMS Leveraging Opportunity:

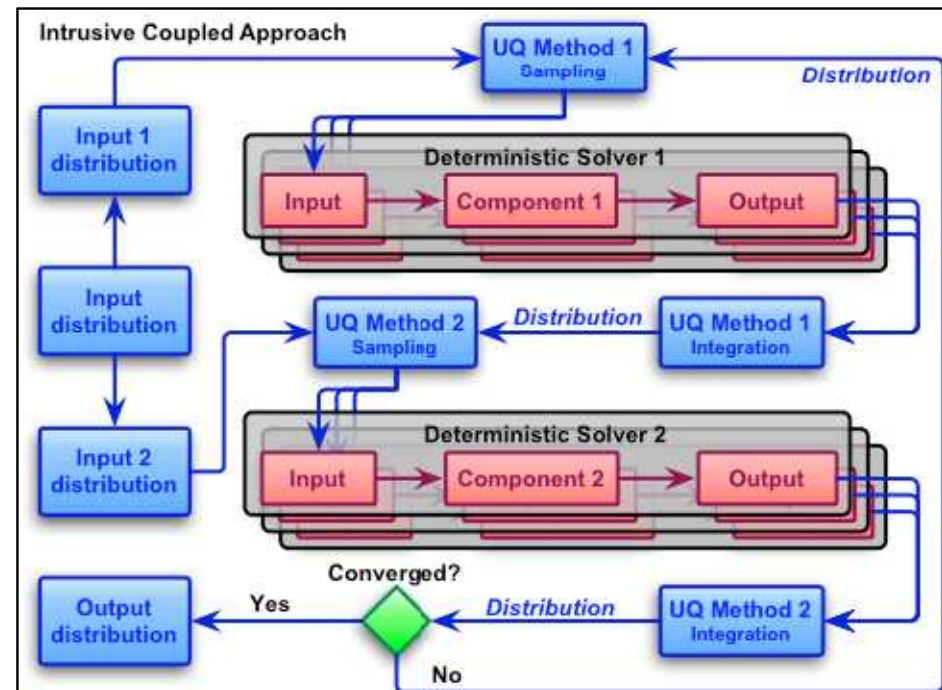
# Coupled System Embedded UQ Research Project

(Led by SNL, Teaming with Ghanem at USC)



- FY08 SNL Late-Start LDRD
  - Mathematical feasibility demonstrated
- Successful ASCR complex systems proposal (Beginning FY09, Post-CR)
  - Sandia ~\$600K/yr, USC ~\$200K/yr
  - *Emphasis on NE applications (reactor core to entire plant)*
  - Applicability to NEAMS

- Invert layering of UQ around system simulation
  - Apply UQ to each component separately
  - Stochastic coupled solver technology
- Potentially orders of magnitude savings
  - Heterogeneous UQ
  - Stochastic dimension reduction





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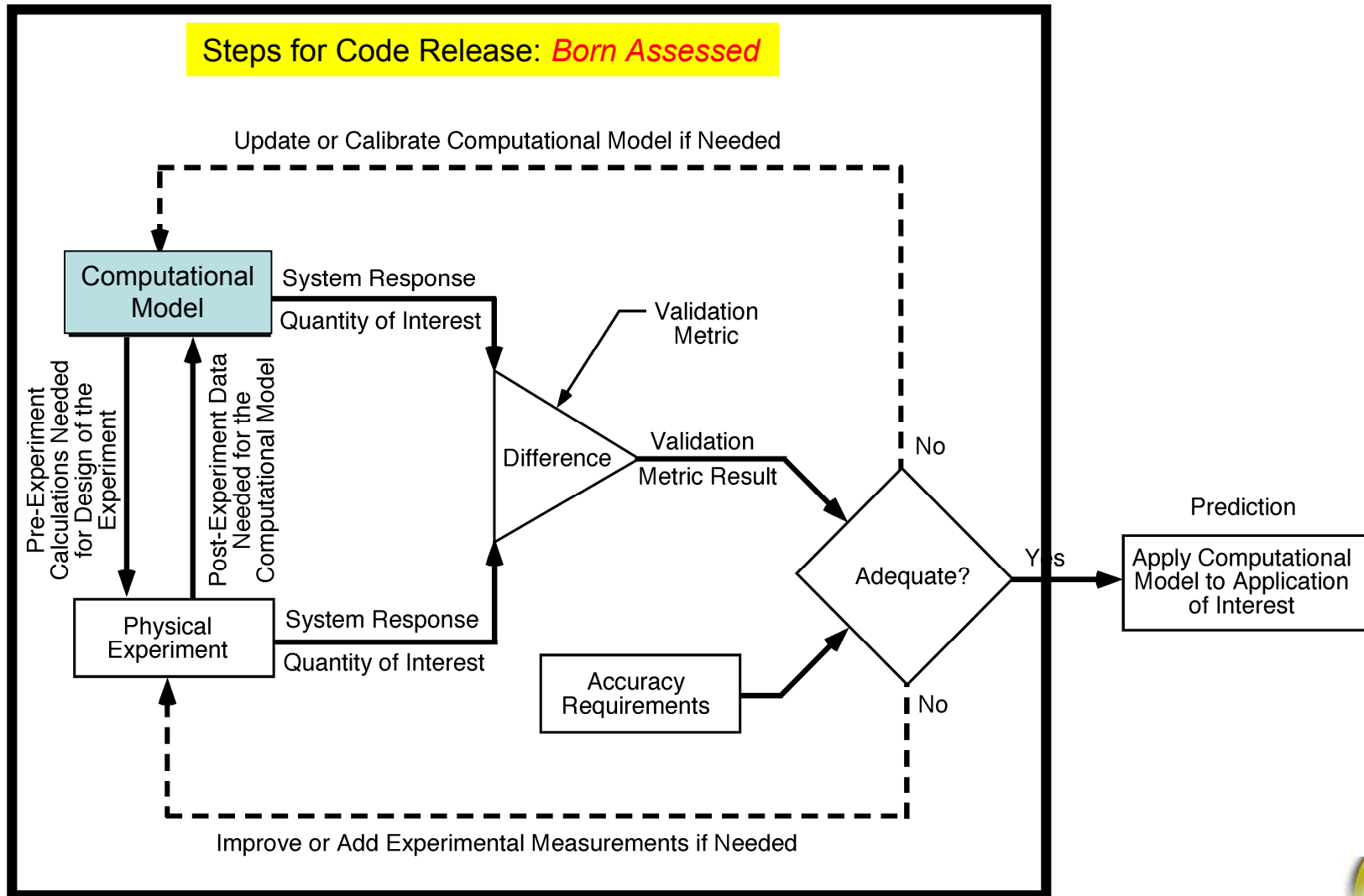
# Towards Licensing:

## Using Science-Based Modeling and Simulation for Risk-Informed Decisions

- Key Ingredients
  - Best Estimate + Uncertainty
  - Measure of Pedigree or “Confidence”: Predictive Capability Maturity Model (PCMM)
  - Treatment of other factors including “Unknown Unknowns”
- **There is more to risk-informed decision making than computational science**

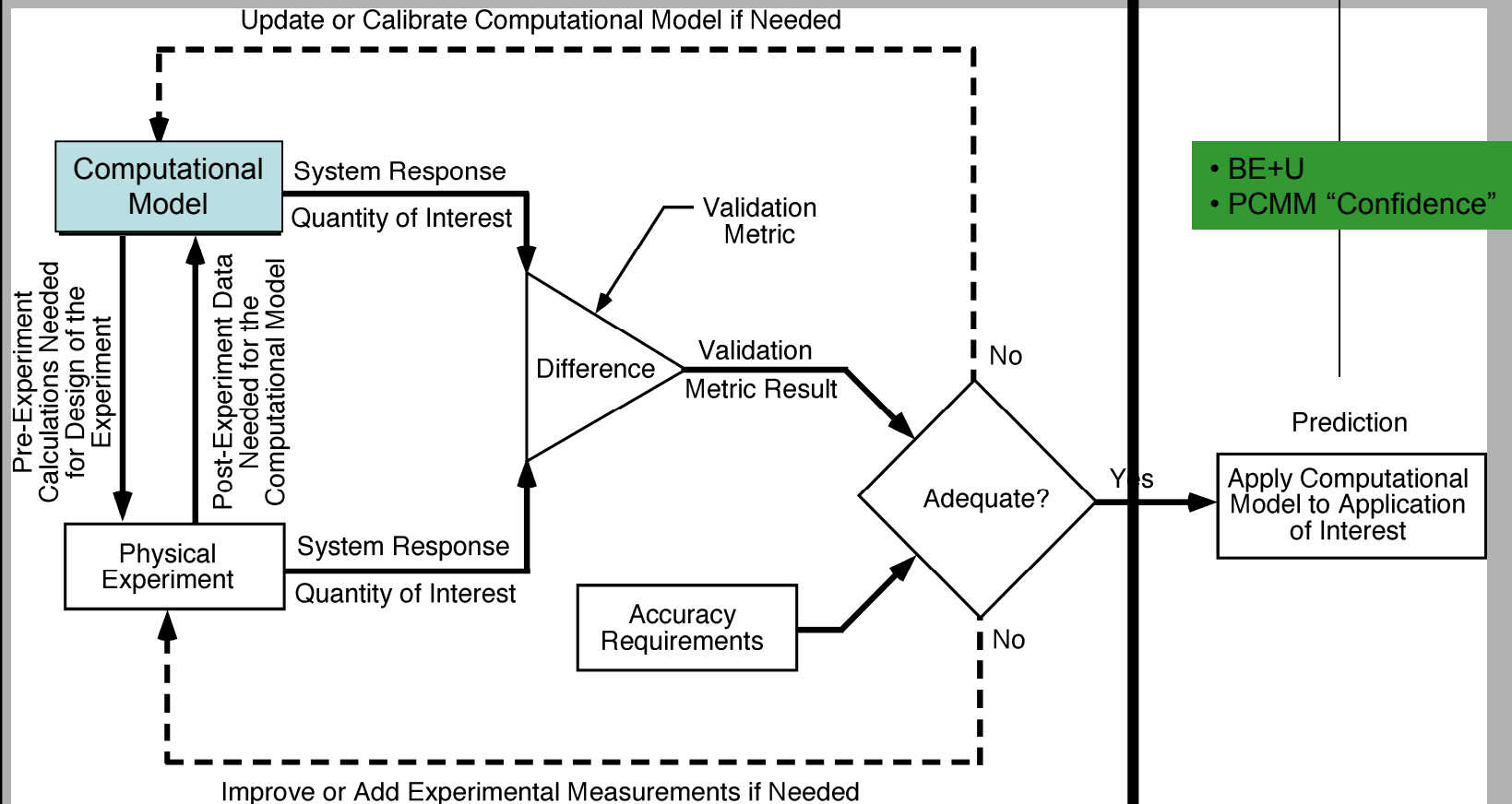


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## Steps for Code Release: *Born Assessed*



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**Much can be leveraged from the NW program.**



# **Key VU Challenge:**

## *Integration Driven by the VU Program Element*

- Integration of VU capabilities with the codes
- Integration of model development with
  - Physical experiments
  - Code development
- Integration of Born Assessed process
- Integration of V&V and UQ within the Licensing Framework

***Key Lesson Learned:  
Integration is Essential from Day 1***

