

Modeling and Simulation at Sandia: An Overview

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Sandia National Laboratories: Approaching 60 Years of National Service

- Born of the atomic age.
- Heritage of engineering and production.
- Science mobilized for national security.
- A legacy of industrial management.
- Six key mission areas:
 - Nuclear weapons
 - Nonproliferation
 - Assessments
 - Military technologies and applications
 - Homeland security
 - Energy and infrastructure assurance



*“you have ...an opportunity
to render an exceptional
service in the national interest.”
May 13, 1949 Letter from
President Truman to Mr. Wilson,
President of AT&T*



1949-1993



1993-Present

Our Highest Goal: become the laboratory that the United States turns to first for technology solutions to the most challenging problems that threaten peace and freedom.



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- **Path forward**

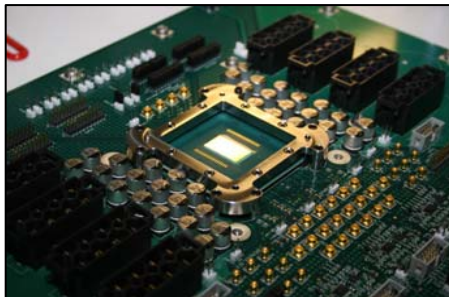


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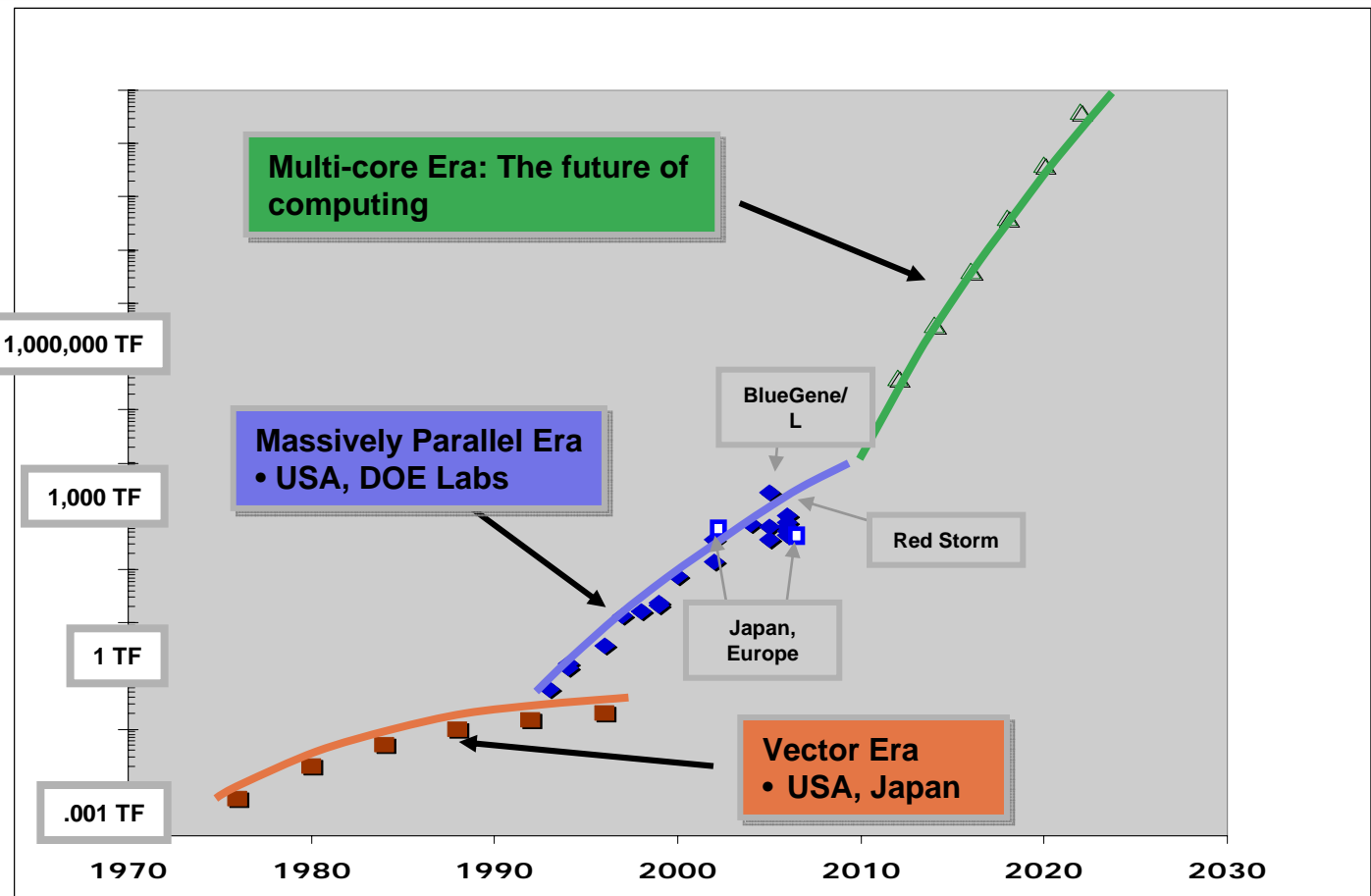
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We are entering the 3rd era of supercomputing

1997: Janus Red
1 TeraFLOPs in a room
(2,500 ft² & 500,000 W)



2007: Microtechnology
1 TeraFLOPs on a chip
(275 mm² & 62 W)



Sandia has made key contributions to the development of MP computing technology



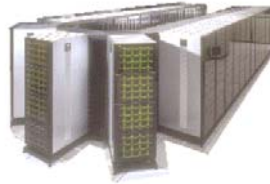
CM-2



nCUBE-2



iPSC-860



Paragon



ASCI Red



Cplant



Red Storm



Gordon Bell Prize

**R&D 100
Parallel Software**

**Patent
Meshing**

**R&D 100
Signal Processing**

Karp Challenge

**Patent
Parallel Software**

**R&D 100
Meshing**

Gordon Bell Prize

**World Record
143 GFlops**

**World Record
281 GFlops**

**R&D 100
Dense Solvers**

**R&D 100
Storage**

**SC96 Gold Medal
Networking**

**R&D 100
Aztec**

**Patent
Paving**

Gordon Bell Prize

**World Record
Teraflops**

**Patent
Decomposition**

**R&D 100
Salvo**

**Mannheim
SuParCup**

**Patent
Data Mining**

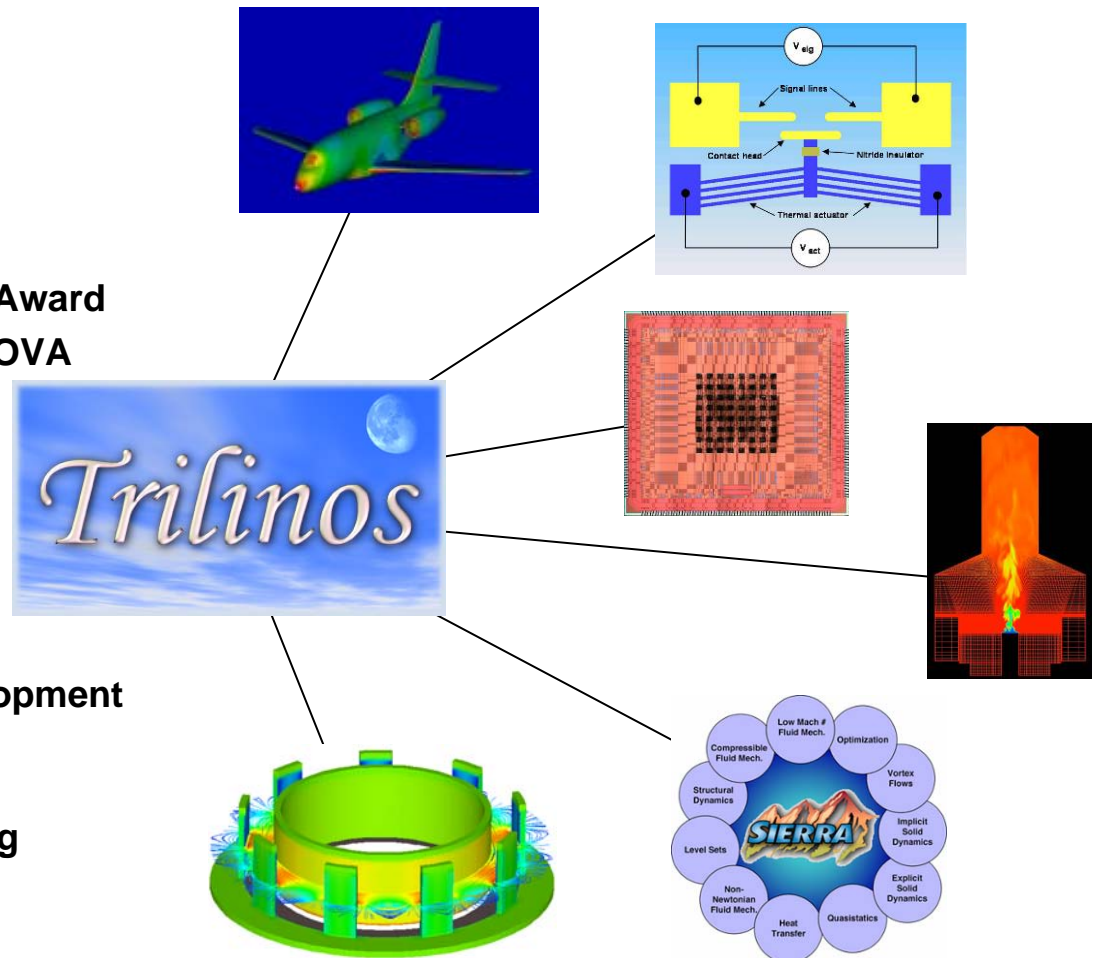
**Fernbach
Award**

**R&D 100
Allocator**

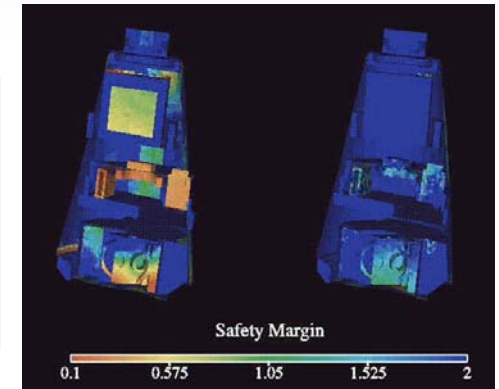
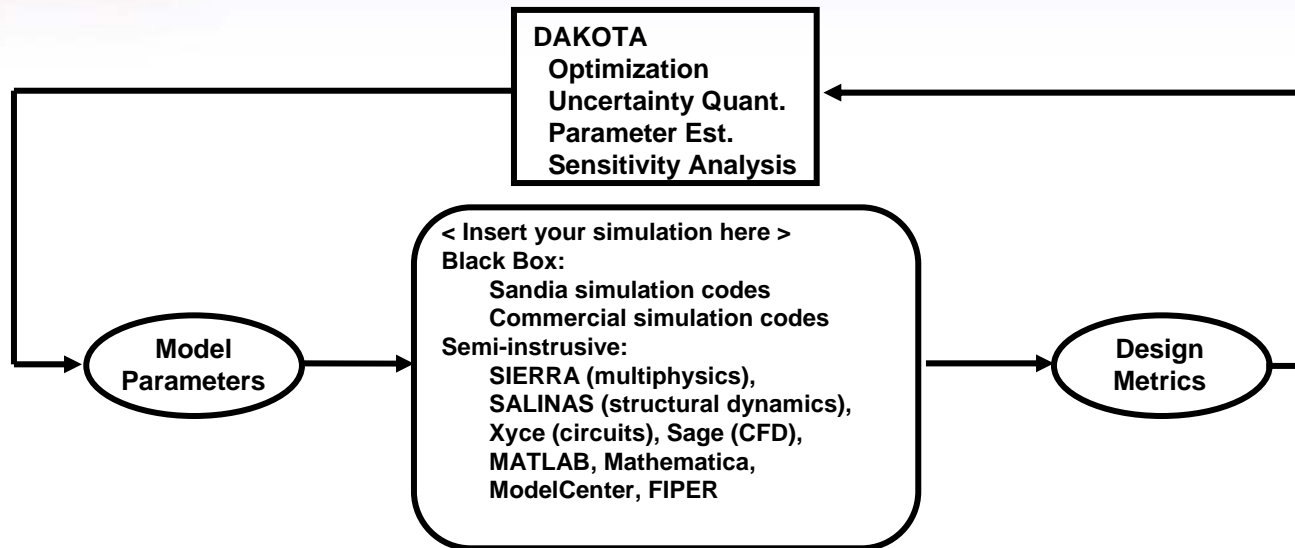
**R&D 100
Trilinos**

Trilinos solver architecture

- **Recent Work**
 - Trilinos 5.0 released; >1000 downloads
 - Focus on continued package development and software engineering
- **Awards**
 - R&D 100 (in 2004)
 - IEEE HPC Software Challenge Award
 - Sandia ERA team award and NOVA nomination
- **First software architecture to allow community development**
 - **Two-level design:**
 - Self-contained packages
 - Leveraged common tools.
 - Allows rapid algorithmic development and delivery
- **Leveraging investments in software infrastructure without compromising individual package autonomy**



DAKOTA optimization toolkit



Nominal

Optimized

Goal: answer fundamental engineering questions

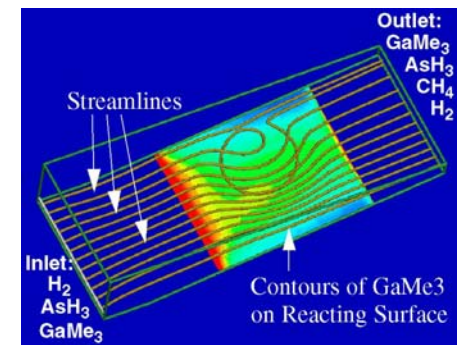
- What is the best design?
- How safe is it?
- How much confidence in my answer?

Challenges

- Reuse tools and interfaces, leverage commonalities → software
- Nonsmooth/discontinuous/multimodal, expensive, mixed variables, unreliable gradients, simulation failures → algorithm R&D
- ASCI-scale applications & architectures → scalable parallelism

Impact

- DOE: Tri-lab tool, broad application deployment
- External: WFO partners, GNU GPL (>3000 download registrations)

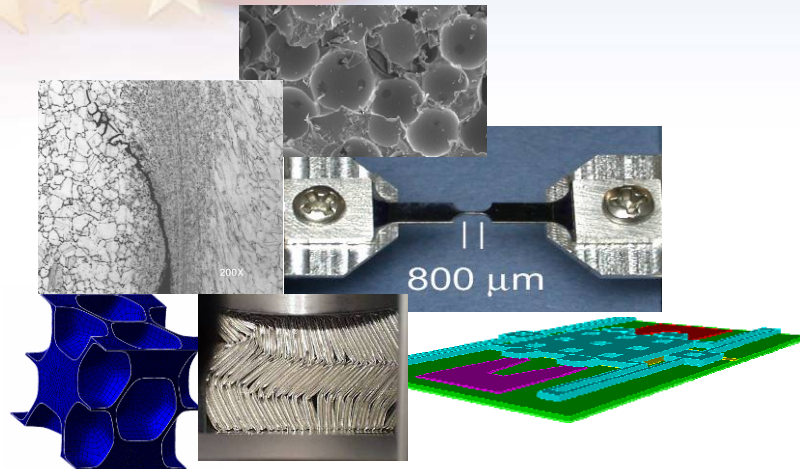




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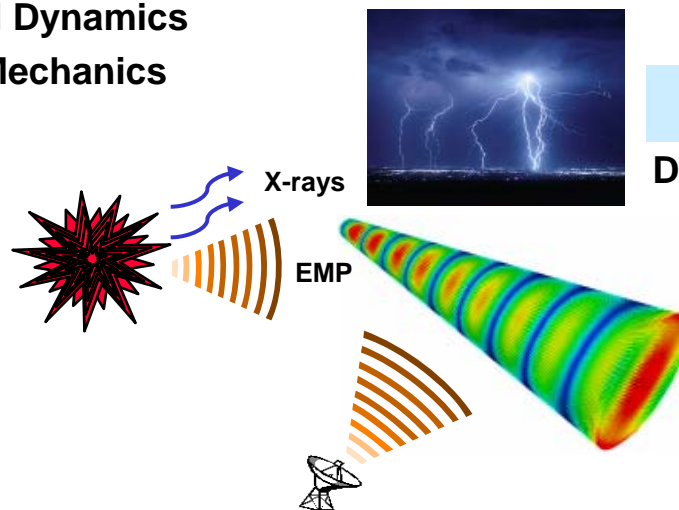
Engineering M&S at Sandia spans the physical sciences



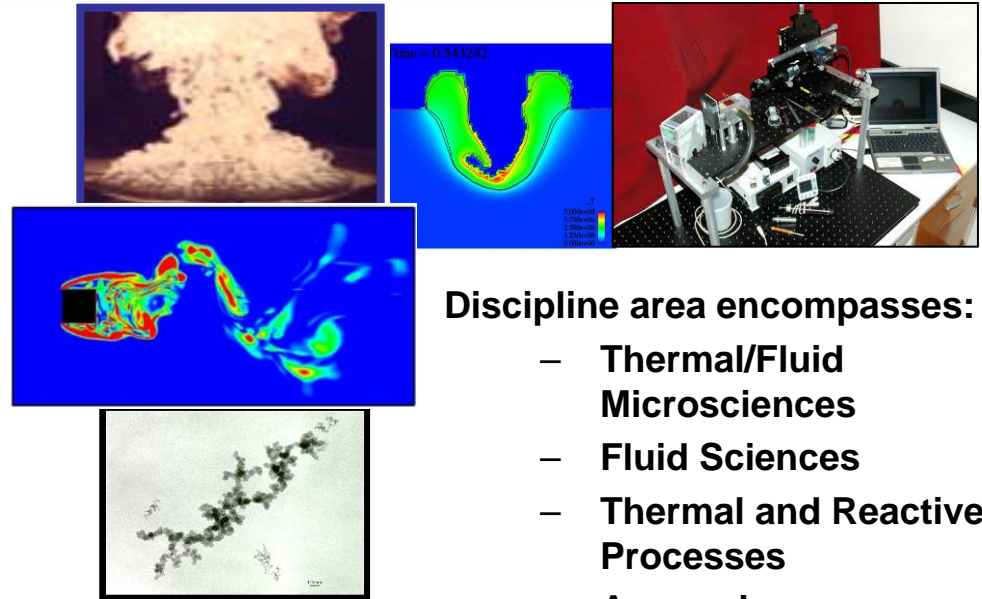
Solid/Material Mechanics & Structural Dynamics

Discipline area encompasses:

- Solid Mechanics
- Structural Dynamics
- Material Mechanics



Thermal, Fluids & Aero-sciences



Discipline area encompasses:

- Thermal/Fluid Microsciences
- Fluid Sciences
- Thermal and Reactive Processes
- Aero-sciences

Electrical Sciences*

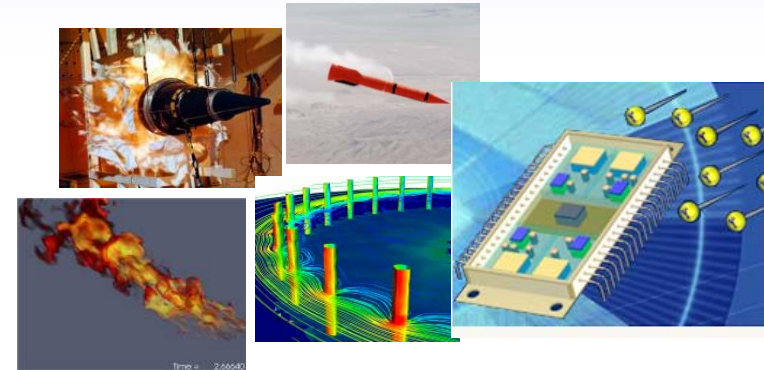
Discipline area encompasses:

- Electromagnetics, electrical effects, electrical devices, components & systems

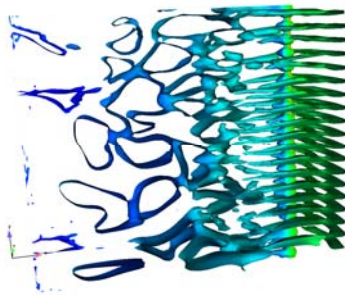
ASC's investment in Engineering Codes at Sandia is enabling simulation of a broad & diverse set of weapons applications



Complex Systems, Components, and Physics



Diverse Applications



ALEGRA

Radiation Analysis, Modeling and Simulation of Electrical Systems

Electron & Photon Radiation Transport (ITS/CEPTRE)
Neutron & Gamma Radiation Transport (NuGET)
Electromagnetics (EMPHASIS)
Electrical Response (XYCE)

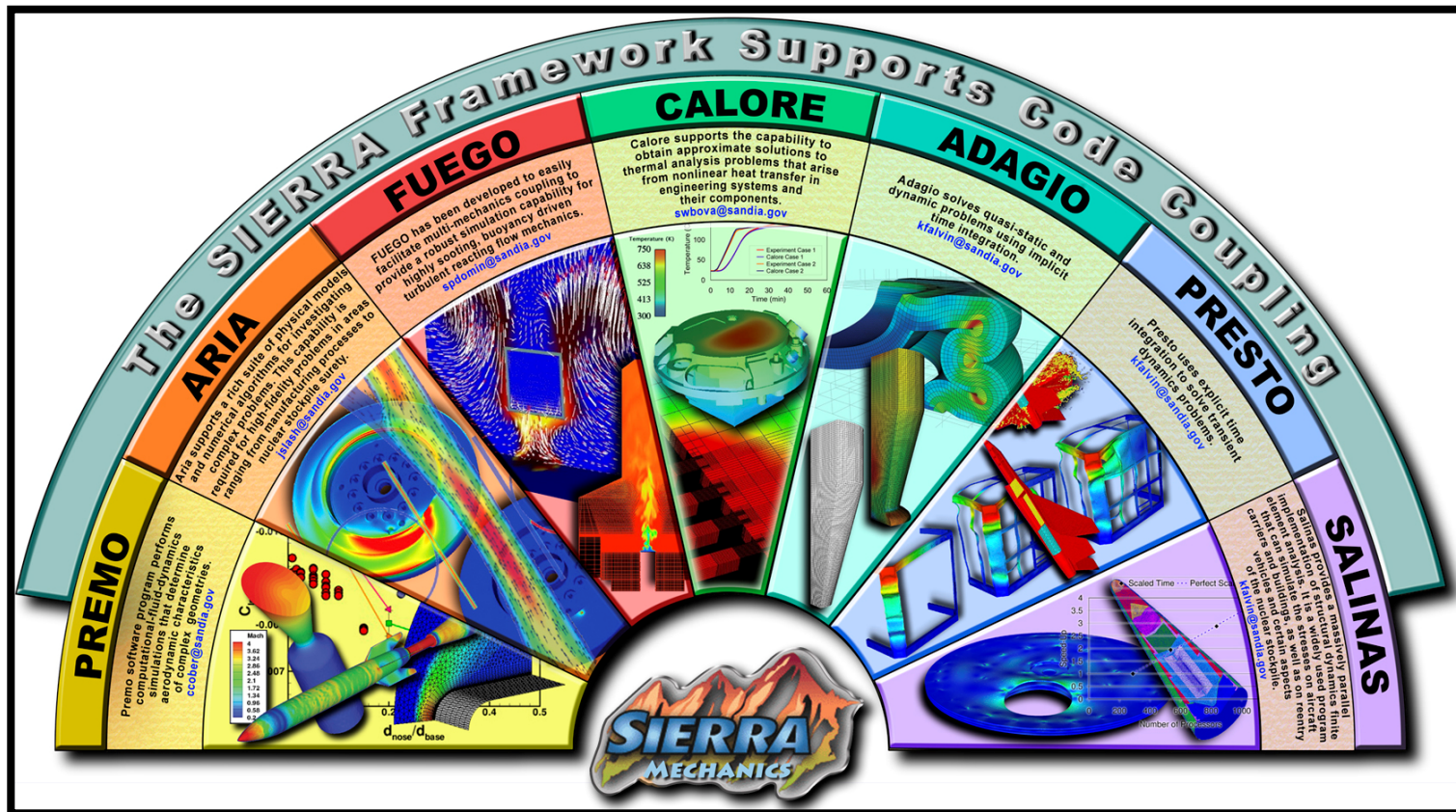
RAMSES



SIERRA Mechanics

Sandia is the Engineering Code Provider for the NW Complex

The SIERRA framework covers thermal, fluid, solid and structural mechanics



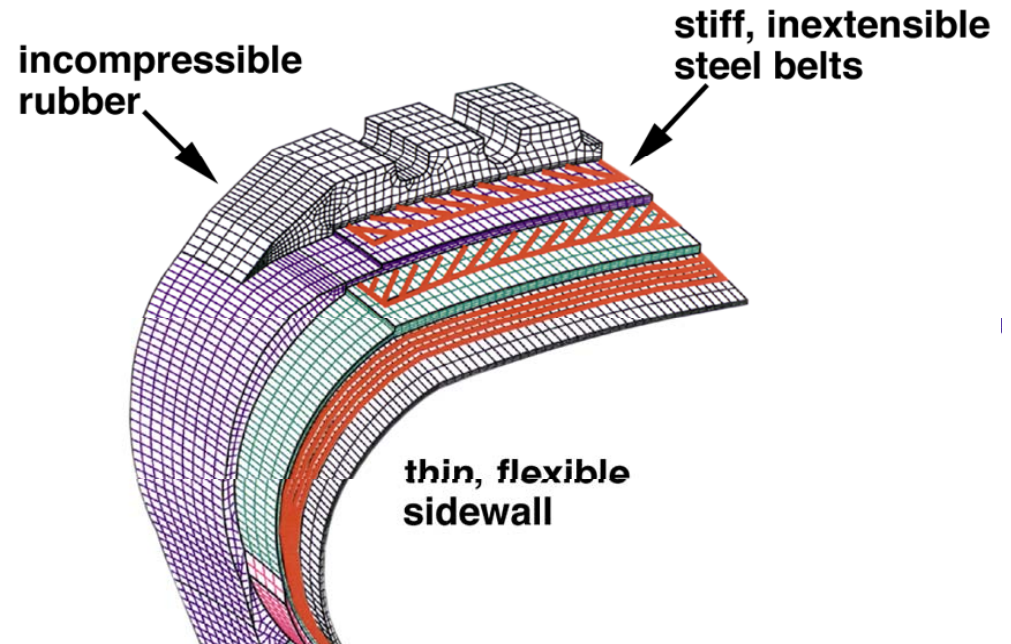
Q: Why frameworks?

A: parallel computing, adaptivity, multi-physics, V&V

Sandia's Computational Mechanics Capabilities and Their Application at Goodyear



Goodyear and Sandia have been sharing technology through CRADAs for more than ten years. This long-term investment in scientific knowledge is paying off in technology breakthroughs behind some major new tire products by Goodyear. These same technology breakthroughs are helping Sandia fulfill its mission.



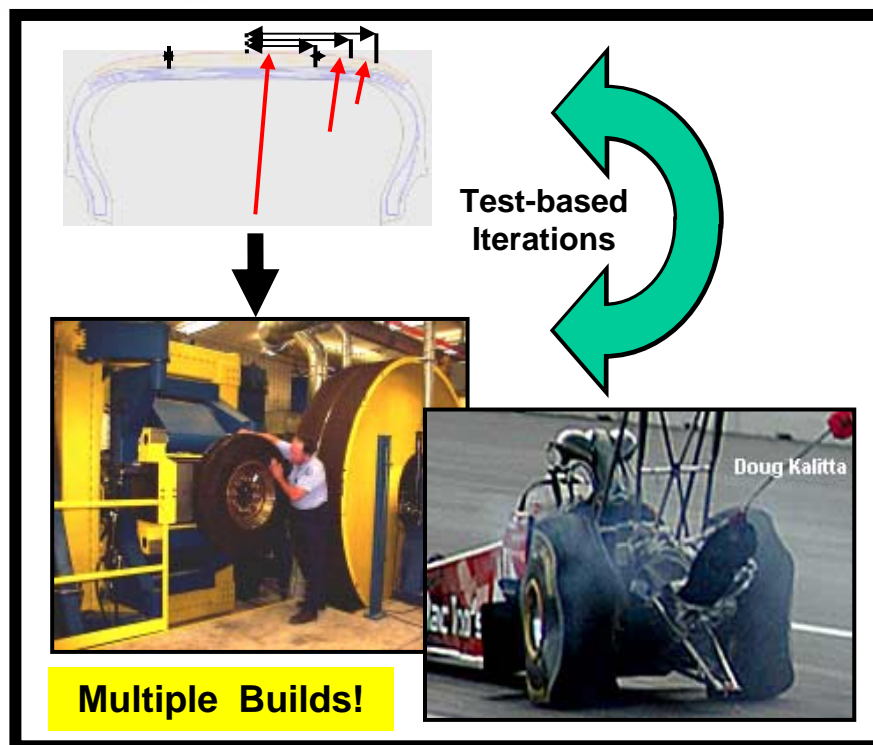
The Challenge: Facile Tire Design and Performance Quantification

A unique partnership with a history of developing technology critical to weapons systems and to tire design & manufacturing.

Teaming with Sandia, Goodyear Has Revolutionized Design-to-Production of Tires Through Mod-Sim

Then

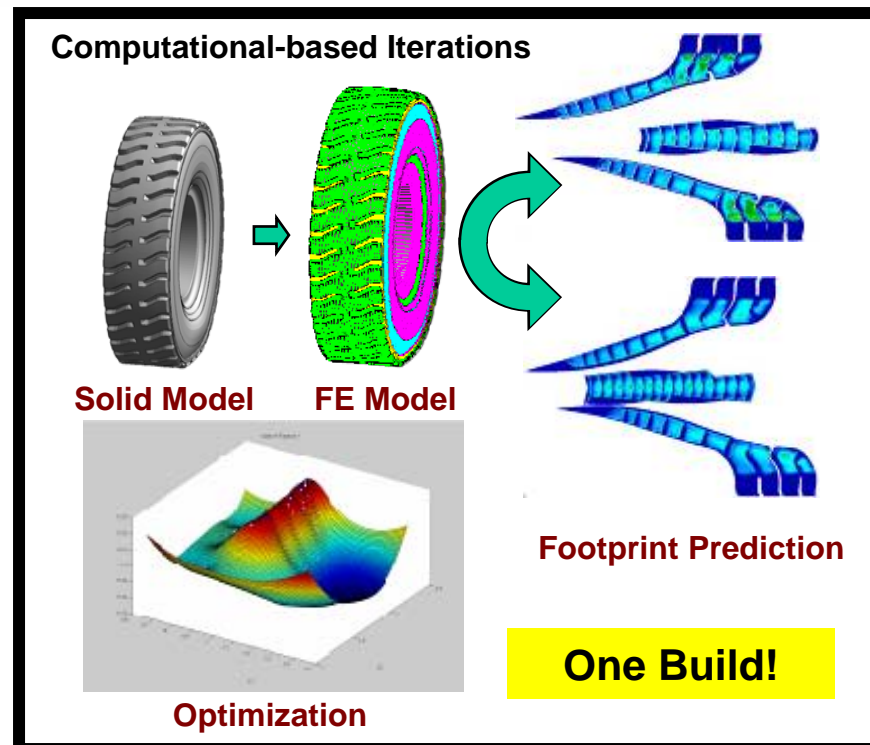
Now & Future



Finite element model
w/ ~1,040,000 degrees of freedom



2-3 Years



Less than
1 Year

Sandia Enabled
Computational Technology

Goodyear Assurance™
Featuring TripleTred Technology™

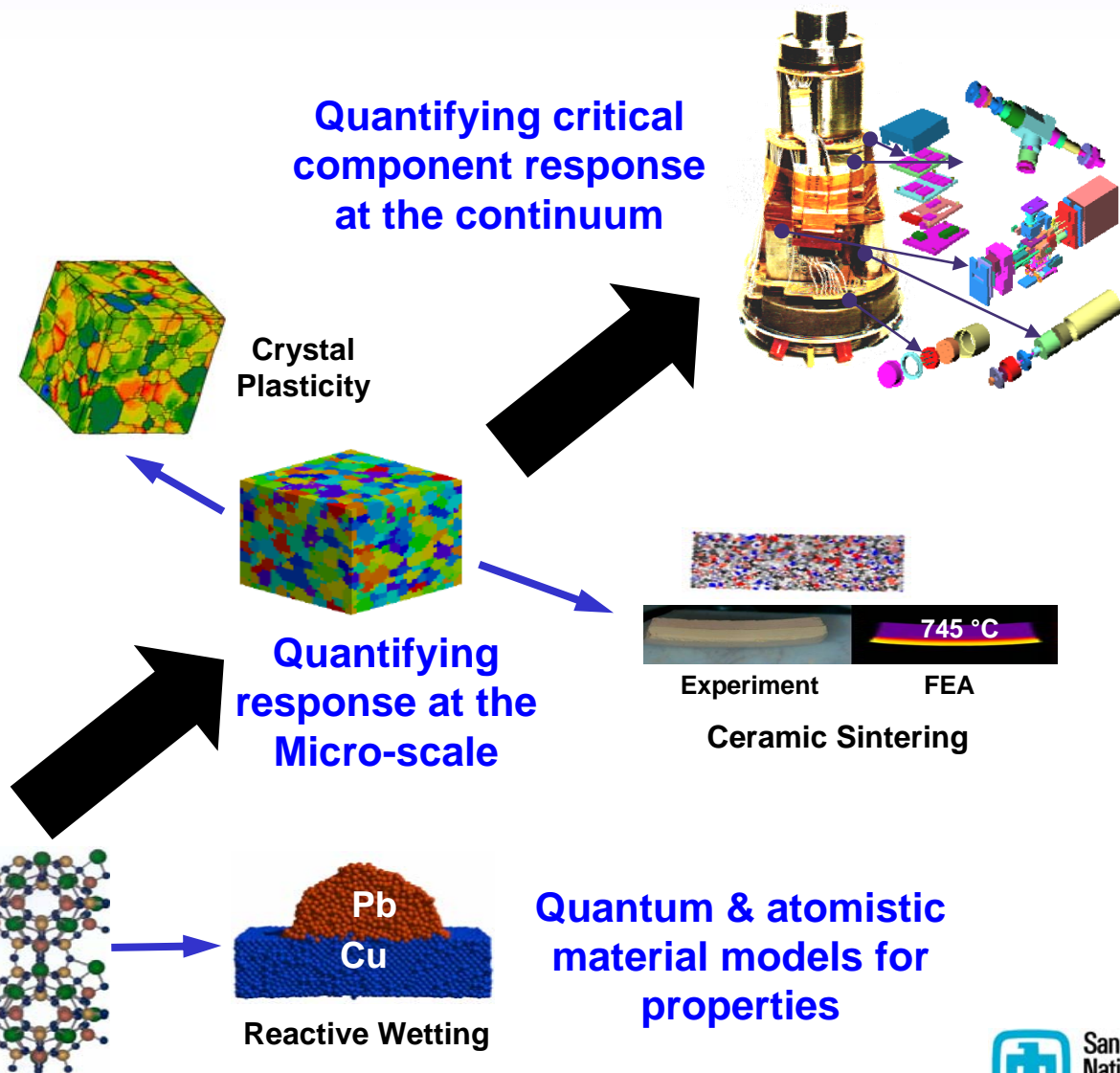


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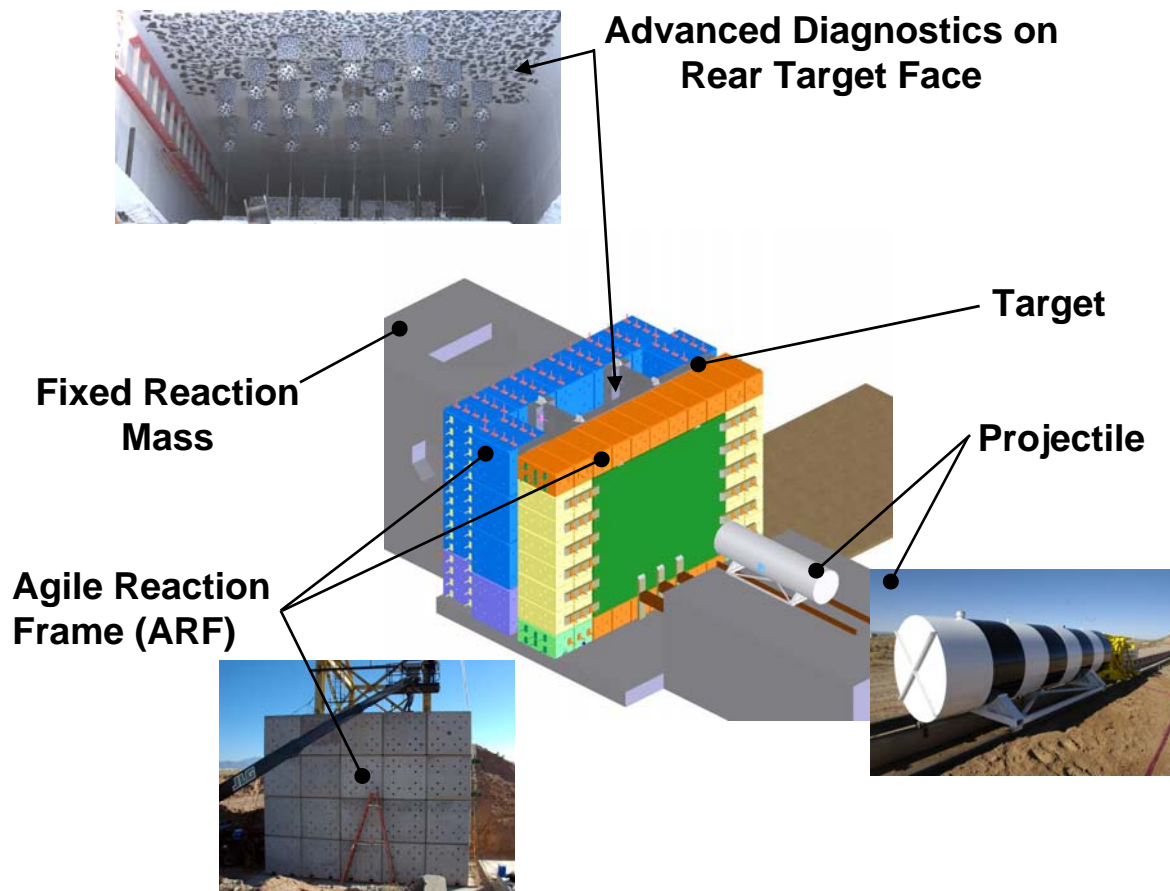
Enabling capability: test and experiment for discovery

- Development of new tools/computational capabilities for probing atomistic and molecular scales
- New computational methodologies for integrating atomistic and meso-scale data into continuum analysis
- A strong experimental component for discovery and model validation



Enabling capability: test and experiment for validation

Program Goal: Capture critical validation data for numerical simulations of the structural collapse and failure of a heavily reinforced concrete structure.

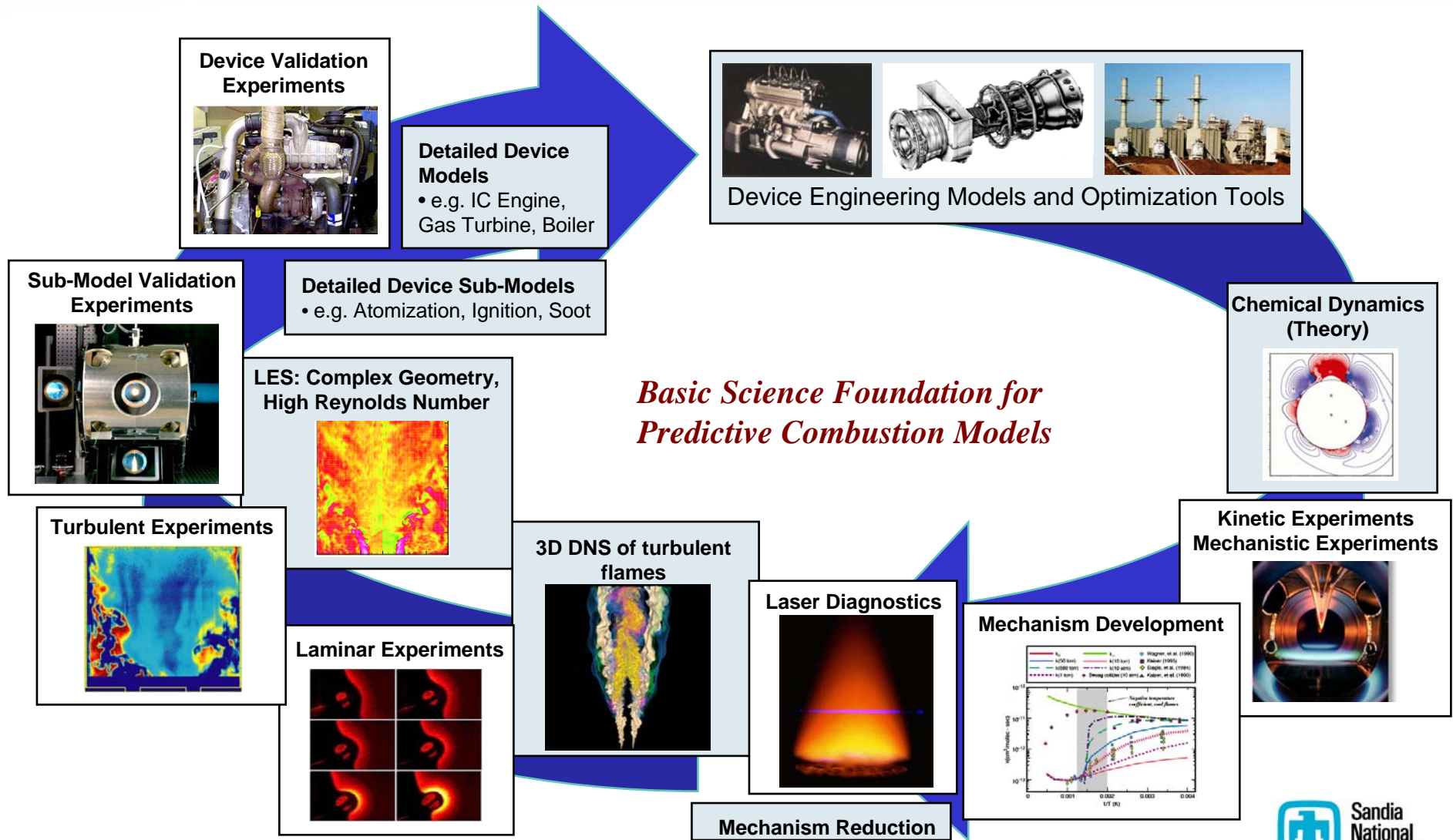




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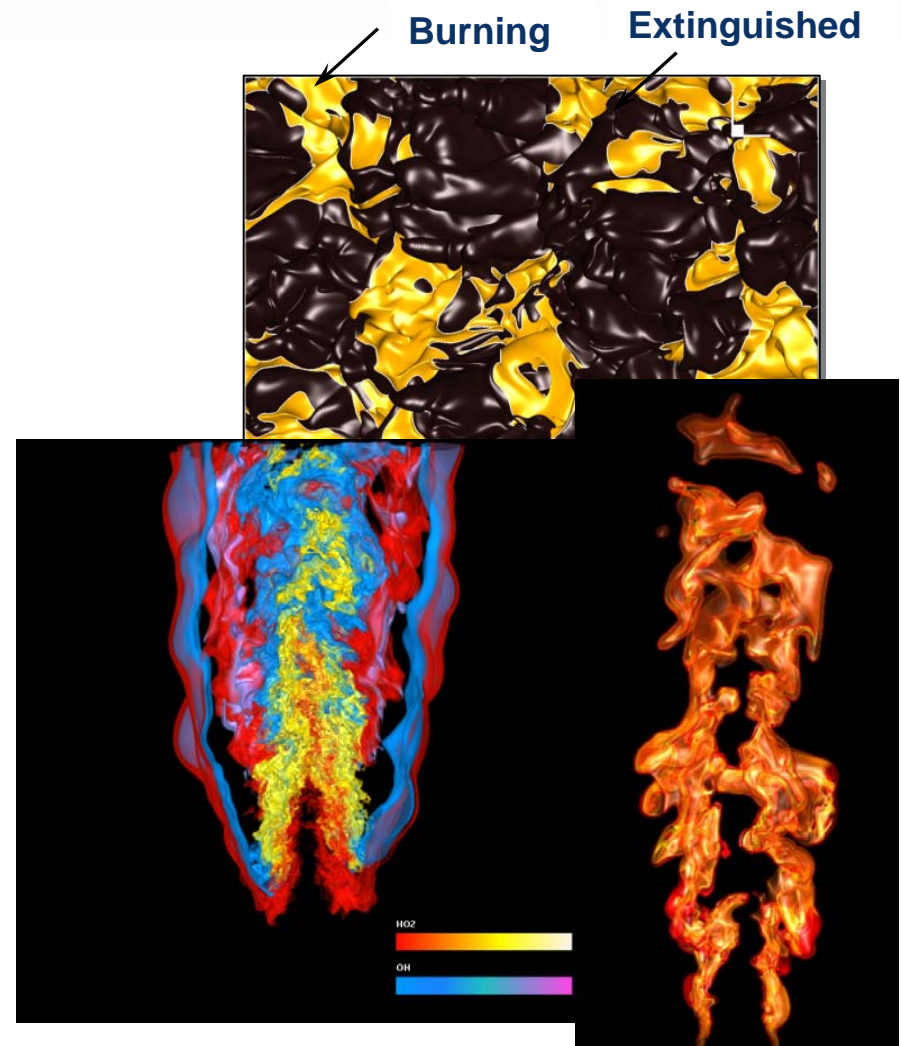
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DOE Office of Science sponsors the Combustion Research Facility



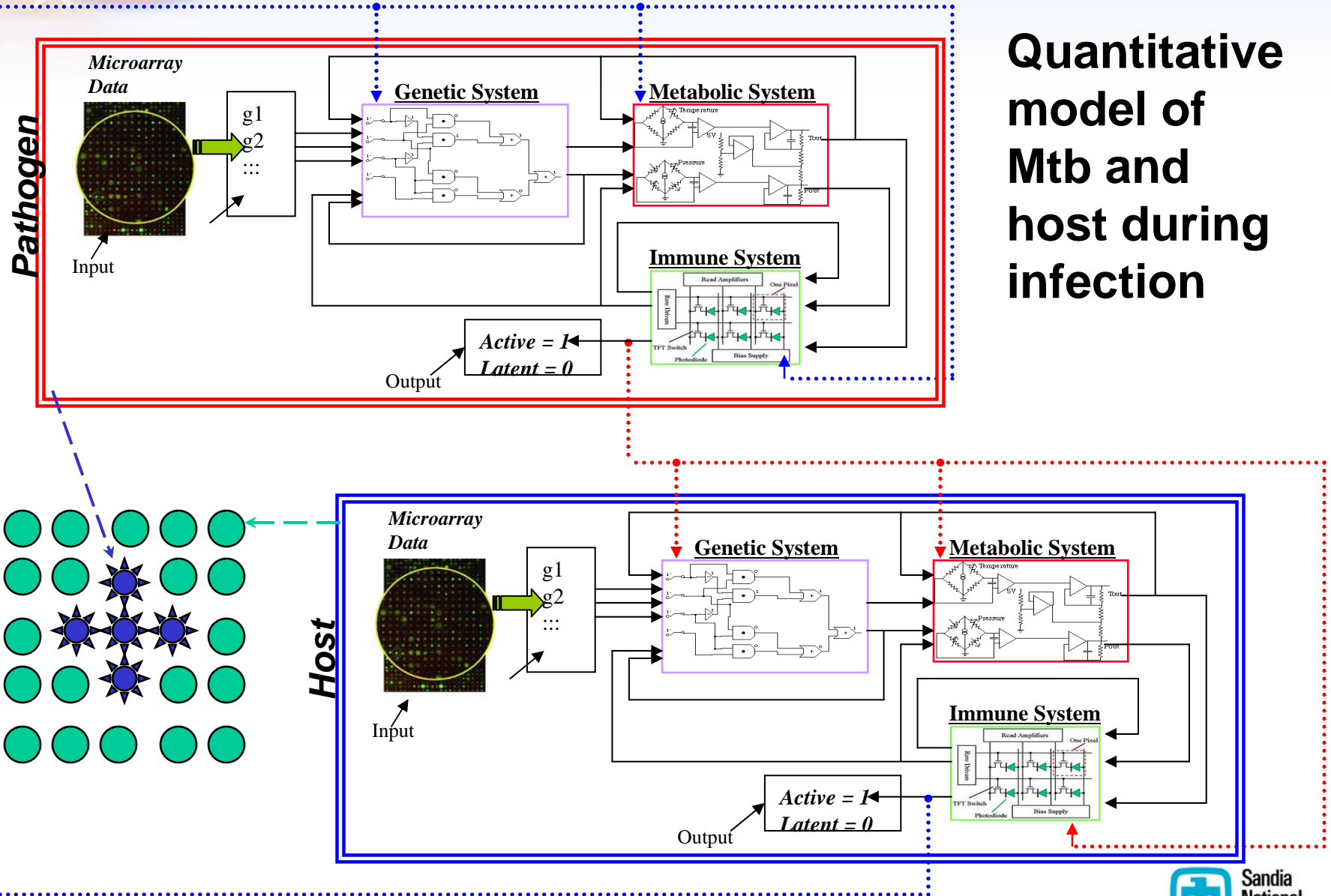
DNS (direct numerical simulation) of turbulent combustion

- Petascale DNS of turbulent combustion
- World's largest direct simulations of turbulent combustion
 - INCITE Awards (2.5 and 6M hrs)
 - 1 billion gridpoints, 14,000 processors
 - 50 TB data
- Study chemistry/turbulence interactions:
 - Extinction/reignition
 - Turbulent transport of soot
 - HCCI combustion
 - Premixed flame
 - Stabilization and autoignition
- A priori model validation



NIH sponsors bioscience M&S

Quantitative
model of
Mtb and
host during
infection

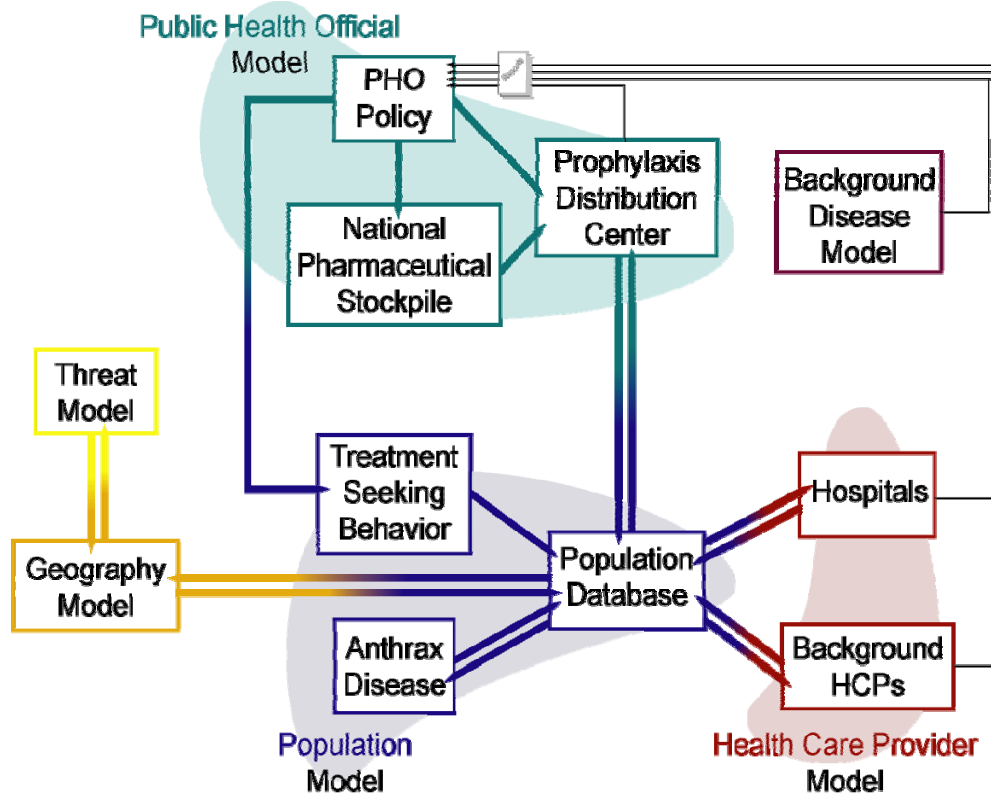




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System models capture key aspects and relationships of a problem in an integrated software environment



Enterprise Modeling is a method used to capture the pertinent attributes of situations, behaviors, and business or institutional entities and express those attributes in an integrated environment.

Large-scale distributed enterprise models are used to represent complex, non-linear relationships between **technologies**, **resources**, and **policies**.

Interactive enterprise models add **human factors** (decisions).

For the last 10 years, Sandia has developed submodels of threats, technologies, resources, and policies applicable across many of the DHS national planning scenarios.

Approaches: discrete-event, agent-based, immersive environments, gaming

The parts of a system model (one example)

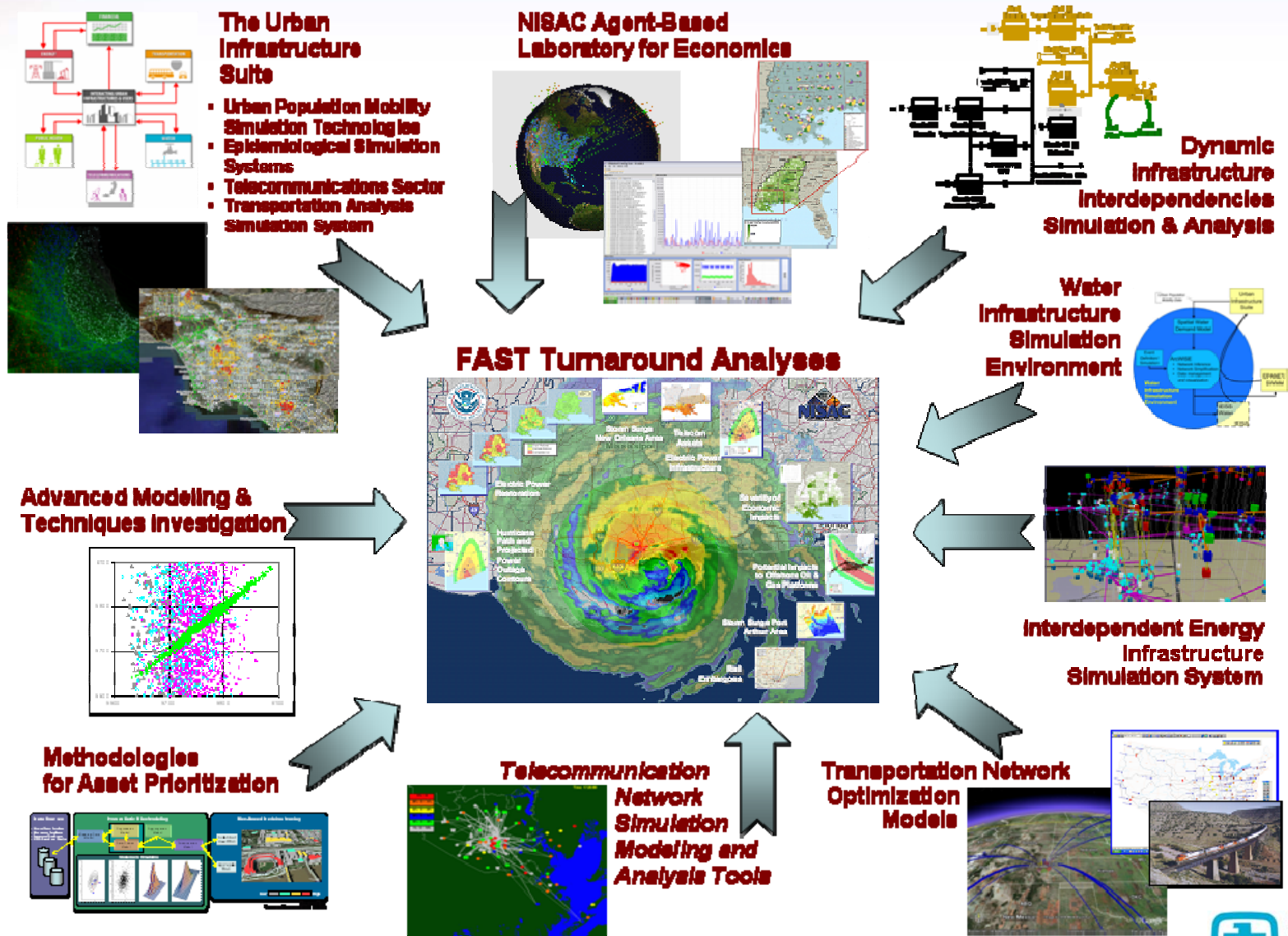
- **Population**
 - Moving population of ~3 million
 - Military, civilian, tourist
 - Treatment-seeking behavior
- **Health care providers**
 - Hospital beds: normal or surge capacity
 - Case reports, clinical samples
 - Astute clinician diagnoses
 - Epidemiological investigations
- **Civilian assets**
 - Special events/tourist attractions
- **Naval assets**
 - Vessels and bases
 - Deployment schedules
- **Prophylaxis**
 - Distribution strategies
 - Points of distribution
 - Distribution rate
 - Strategic National Stockpile
- **Laboratory**
 - Sample processing
 - Processing rate
 - Normal, surge or halt operations
- **Environmental monitoring**
 - Sensors
 - Regular monitoring
 - Secondary sampling
 - Collection team management
- **Health surveillance**
 - ER visits, OTC drug sales, 911 calls
 - Simulated data superimposed on background data
 - Alarms
- **Threat**
 - Agent dispersion
- **Disease**
 - Evolving state-of-health distribution
 - Dose-dependent



Sandia has developed M&S based tools for multiple homeland security applications

- **NISAC**
 - critical infrastructure and cascading effects
- **Borders point of entry**
 - tradeoff between detection thresholds, vehicle handling and throughput at points of entry
- **Public facility biological and chemical attacks**
 - simulation and analysis toolkit for indoor facilities (reachback)
- **BIONET system modeling**
 - integrated civilian-military response to a biological attack
- **TELL (Training, Exercise and Lessons Learned)**
 - NIMS-based response to multi-jurisdictional catastrophic events
- **Groundtruth**
 - “serious game” aimed at incident command team members
- **Biological warning and incident characterization**
 - test and evaluation of BWIC system
- **Investment planning**
 - DTRA tradeoff studies for DoD base protection
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NISAC is focused on M&S of critical infrastructure





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“Science of Prediction”

Intellectual Characteristics

“Information”
Science push
Less ambiguity
Capability-centered
“Analytic” judgment

Predictive Science

How to do it:

- Physics
- Math
- Algorithms
- Software
(Hardware,
Infrastructure, etc)

Transformation

Transformation elements:

- V&V
- UQ
- Optimization
- Inference technologies
- Informatics technologies

Intellectual Characteristics

“Knowledge”
Decision pull
More ambiguity
Confidence-centered
“Intuitive” judgment

Science of Prediction

How to use it:

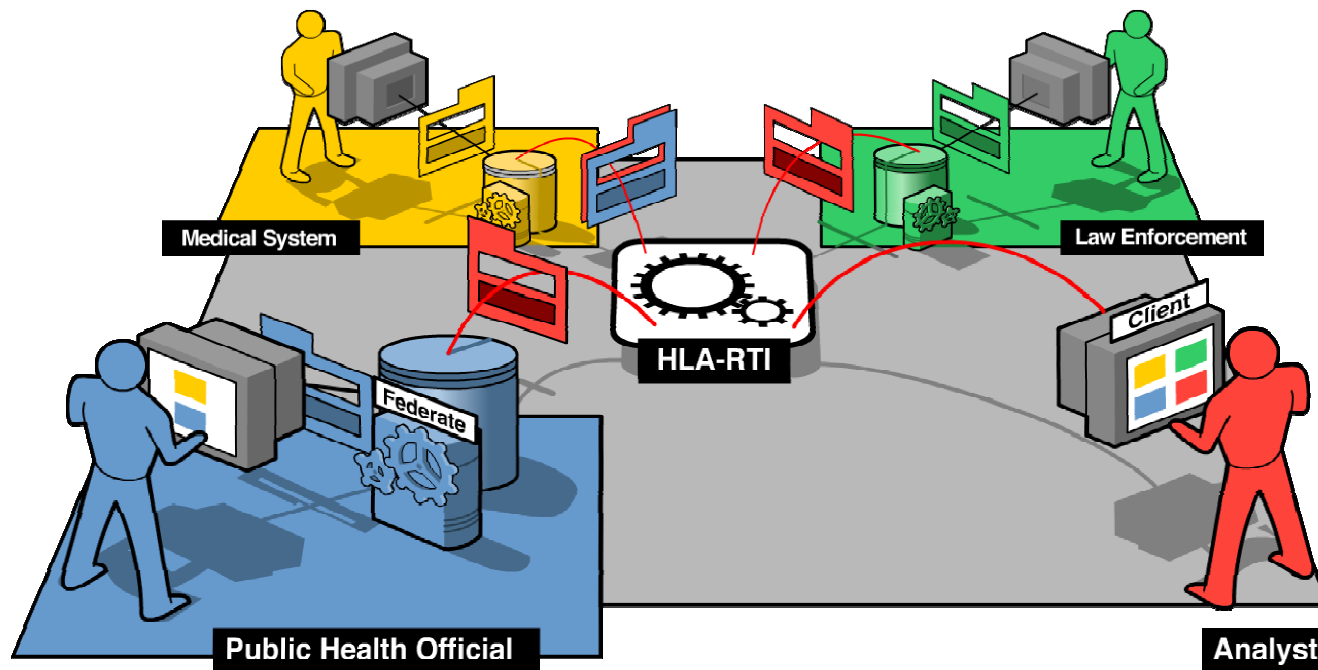
- Complex decisions e.g.
QMU
- Factors:
 - Communication
 - Clarity
 - Relevance
 - Trade-offs



Extra slides

Sandia has developed a system modeling framework based on DoD/IEEE standards

The **Enterprise Modeling Architecture (EMA)** integrates the High Level Architecture (HLA), a standardized, DoD-sponsored simulation architecture, with Sandia's Enterprise Modeling Framework (EMF).



The **Enterprise Modeling Framework (EMF)** is a distributed software architecture designed to support open and secure communication protocols, integrated NTK mechanisms, and seamless integration of COTS applications.



Enterprise Modeling Modes of Use

- **Simulation-based Systems Analysis**
 - **Architecture Definition**
 - Evaluate and optimize architecture performance
 - Develop and test threat tracking algorithms
 - **Technology Evaluation**
 - Explore impact of new sensor technologies for threat detection and response
 - Perform cost/benefit trade-off studies
 - **Concepts of Operation (CONOPS) Development**
 - Define and analyze system CONOPS (e.g. countermeasures)
 - Explore impact of policy changes to existing systems (e.g. detector siting)
- **Simulation-based Multi-Participant Exercises**
 - **Multi-jurisdictional planning and training**
 - Planning and training against unfamiliar threats and scenarios
 - Planning and training under realistic resource constraints and consequences
 - Knowledge elicitation
 - If real-time, then decision-making under pressure
- **Highly-interactive virtual environments ("serious games")**
 - Individual training against unfamiliar threats and scenarios
- **Operational Deployments**
 - Allow switchover between operational monitoring and systems test
 - Real-time monitoring of deployed sensor systems



Dealing with M&S in decision environments:

- **“Predictive Science”** consists of:
 - The physical theory
 - Algorithms
 - Software
 - Technologies for processing and summarizing computed information.
- **“Transformation”** consists of:
 - Technical means of assessing the accuracy and uncertainty in computed information resulting from the combination of theory, algorithms, and software
 - Technologies for processing and summarizing the assessment information.
 - One form of this summary is “Best Estimate Plus Uncertainty”
 - Methods for measuring the confidence we have in the generated information
- **“Science of Prediction”** consists of:
 - Shaping the information generated in Predictive Science and Transformation into the precise form required by the decision environment (i.e. decision makers and their processes, which typically include legal, economic, and political drivers, NOT just technical drivers)
 - We call this generically “risk-informed decision making”
 - Optimal communication of that information to the decision environment
 - Optimal application of that information in the decision environment