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Artificial Intelligence for Scientific and High Performance Computing at Sandia



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PURPOSE STATEMENT DEFINES WHAT WE DO



Sandia develops
advanced technologies
to ensure global peace



NUCLEAR DETERRENCE

Responsibilities form a critical mandate

Warhead systems
engineering &
integration

Design agency
for nonnuclear
components

- Gas transfer systems
- Radar
- Safety systems
- Arming, fuzing & firing systems
- Neutron generators



Multidisciplinary capabilities

Required for design,
qualification, production,
surveillance, computation/
experimentation

- Major environmental test facilities & diagnostics
- Materials sciences
- Light-initiated high explosives
- Computational analytics



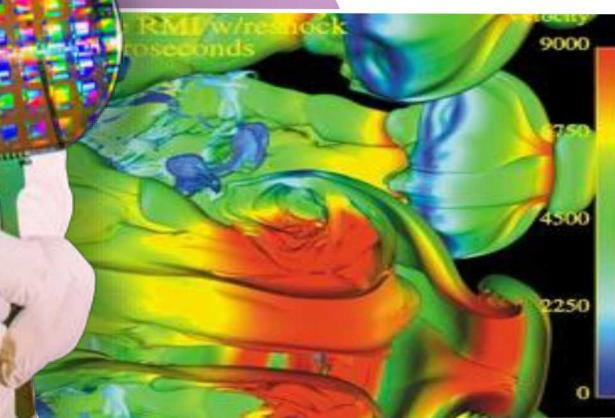
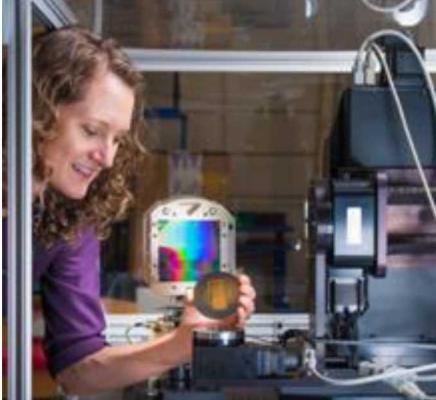
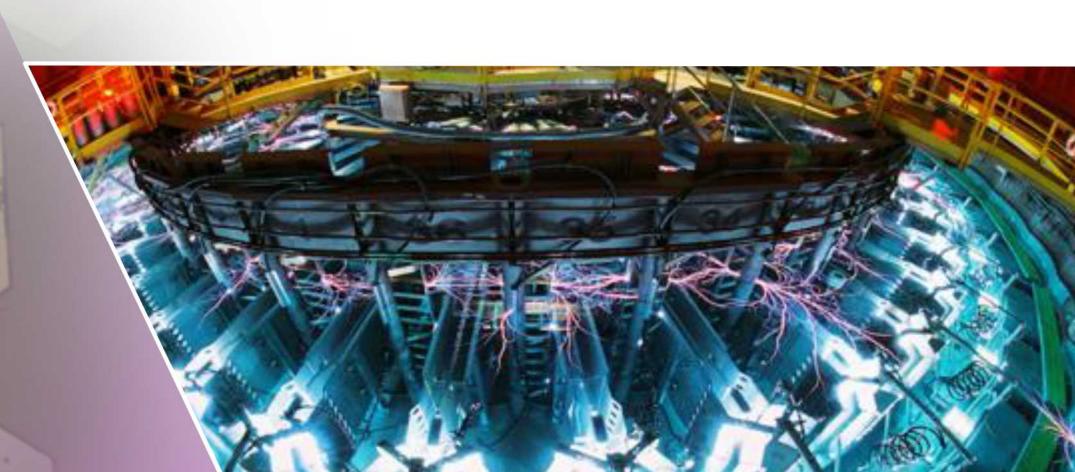
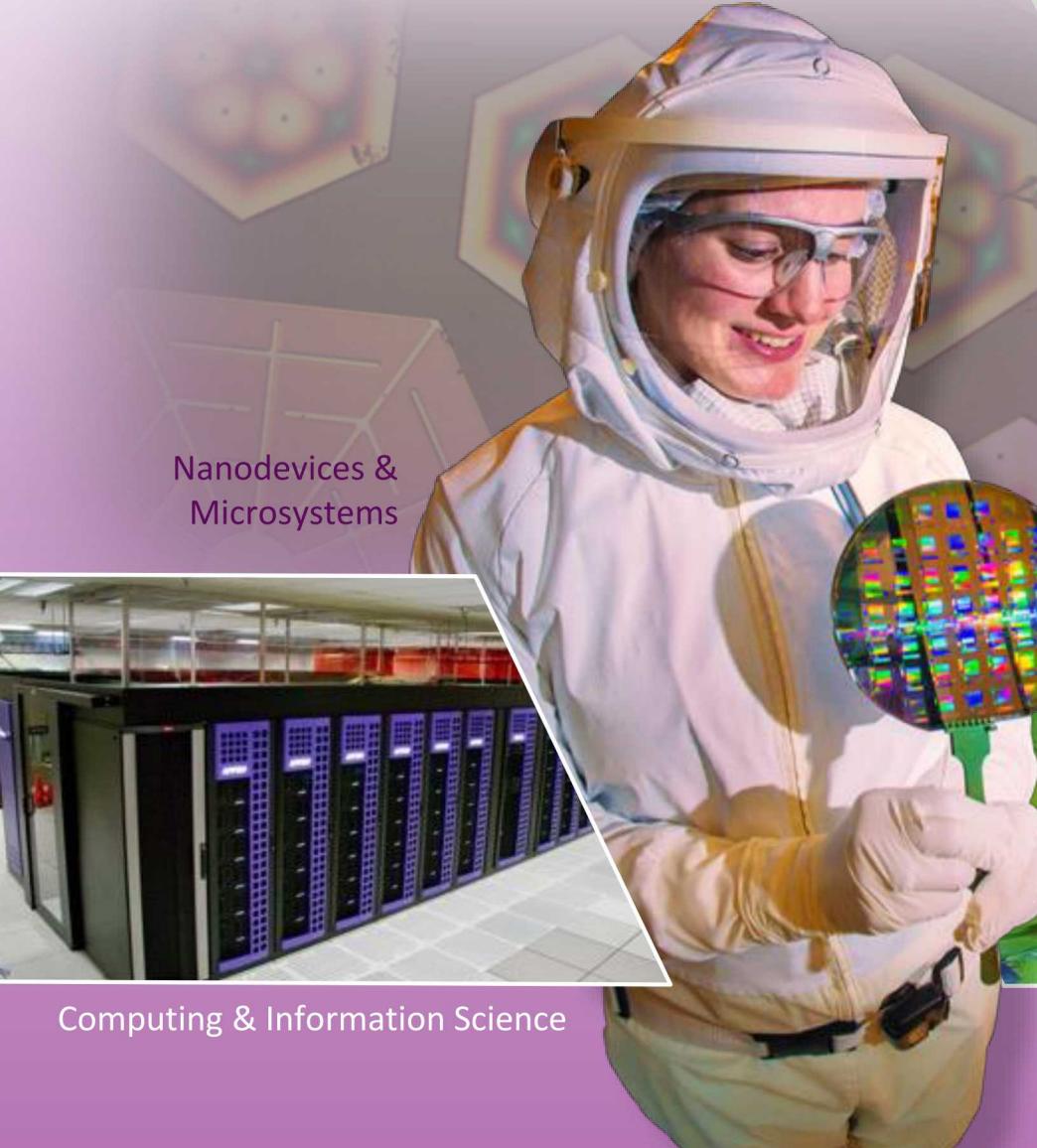
Production agency

- Neutron generators
- Sandia external production
- Microelectronics
- Thermal battery backup

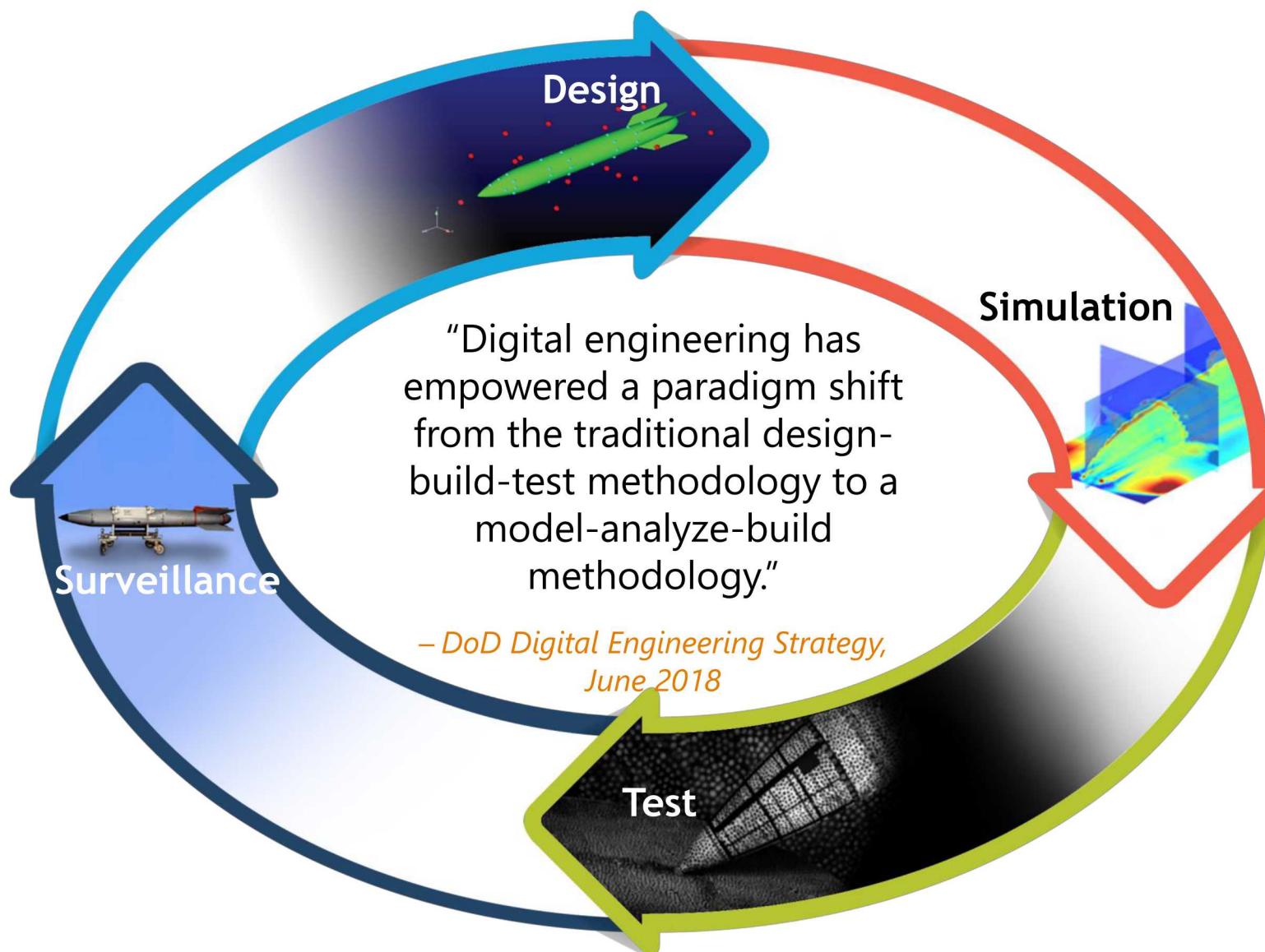


ADVANCED SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Research Foundations play an integral role in mission delivery



A Digital Engineering Strategy will Enable Transformational Goals



Transformative Goals



Reduce the design cycle time

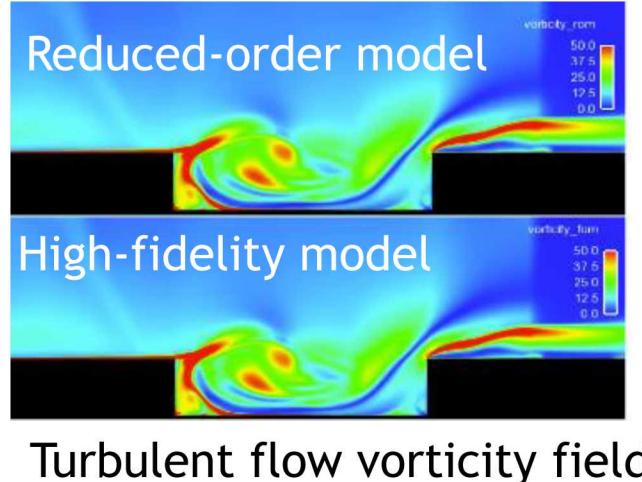


Increased production throughput



Re-think the surveillance program for the 21st century

Faster Reduced Order Models

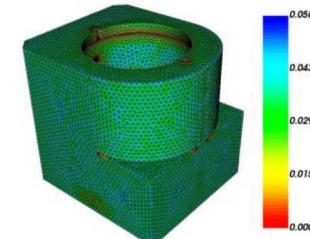


Turbulent flow vorticity field

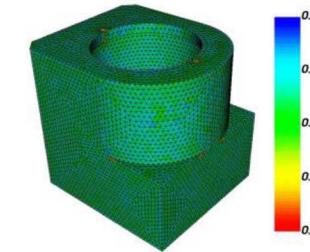
- Runtimes are 100-1000 times faster and are only 1% less accurate than the high-fidelity simulations
- Can predict errors with validated statistical properties

Automated Meshing of Components

Before ML = 1,45M tets



After ML = 215K tets



- ML techniques rank geometry-modification operations (defeathering) by their likelihood of yielding a meshable model
- Reducing the number of tetrahedrons, reduces the execution time of the simulation

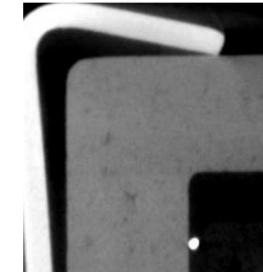
Diagnosing HPC Performance Variation



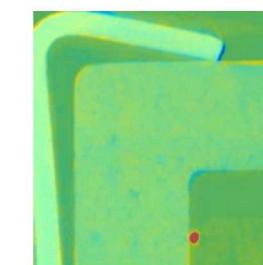
- ML algorithm based on CPU, memory, and network usage data outperforms existing methods
- Storage overhead reduced to less than 10%
- Computation overhead below 1% of a single core

Discovering Anomalies in High-Reliability Components

Query image



Anomaly detection



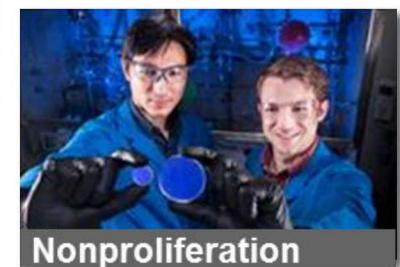
X-Ray CT scan of electronic component with defect

- Deep learning model finds anomalies in seconds that would take a human hours to find
- Entirely unsupervised anomaly detection

But is AI Trustworthy Enough for High Consequence National Security Applications?

Sandia's Unique Mission Needs

- **High-confidence decisions**
 - Typically designing to “Five 9’s” of reliability
 - Need to assure trust in our solutions
 - Need to understand uncertainty of decisions
 - Algorithms need to be explainable
- **Applications may consist of large volumes of simulation data but often only small volumes of experimental data**
 - First principles physics may be known, or not
 - Multiple data sources – measured, observed and simulated – with limited, unknown, or no ground truth (no labeling and little to no positives).
- **Some Sandia national security missions require decisions to be made in a very short time frame (milliseconds to minutes) while other missions have longer time frames (hours to days)**
- **Need to account for potential adversarial issues**





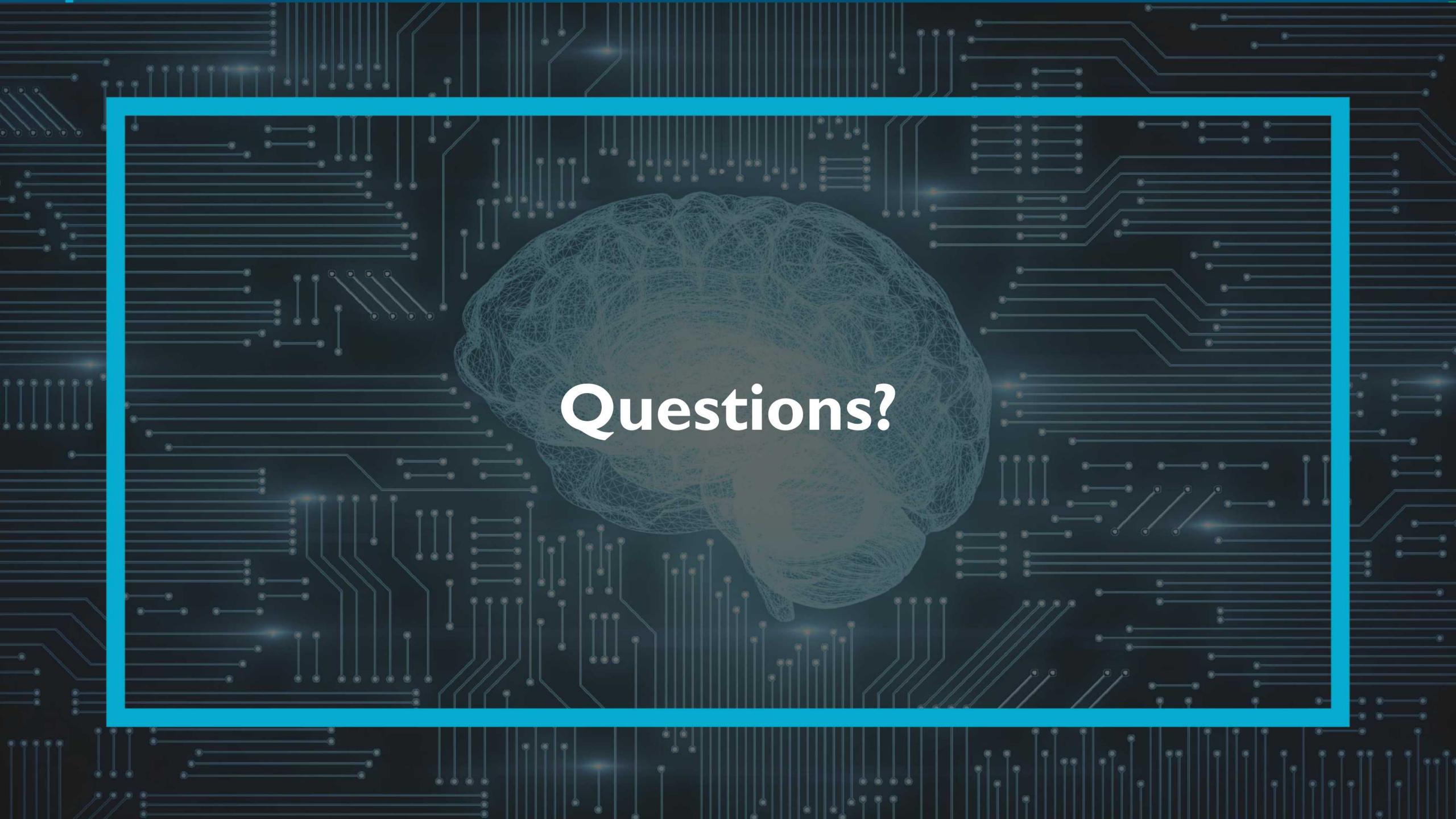
Sandia is investing in the following research:

- ***Mathematical foundations of AI/ML*** – mathematically rigorous approaches **to understand high-consequence decisions**
- ***AI/ML Uncertainty Quantification*** – **uncertainty propagation and quantification at all stages** of the modeling and learning process (data uncertainties, labeling uncertainty, model selection, meta-parameter uncertainty, ...).
- ***Domain-Informed AI/ML*** – mathematically rigorous and principled frameworks for **incorporating physics, engineering, and/or human expertise** into the AI/ML workflow; as well as **rigorous approaches to combine data from physical measurement** with predictive computational models.
- ***AI/ML with Limited or Poor-Quality Data*** – techniques that **enable learning from small, sparse, incomplete, noisy, unknown pedigree, or unlabeled datasets** Methods that enable extrapolation from previously observed data or can identify never-before seen patterns, rare events, or mathematical relationships.
- ***Adversarial AI/ML*** – understanding of mechanisms by which an adversary can tamper with data streams to commit obfuscation or sabotage. **Learning techniques to counter these attacks** that identify potential subversions or are **resilient to tampering**

Summary

- Machine learning will provide new capabilities for scientific and engineering applications
 - Reduced order surrogate models for scientific/engineering problems
 - For agility of application workflows (automating processes)
 - Ability to identify anomalies and regions of interest in inspection and surveillance data
 - Correlating and certifying simulation and experimental results
 - As a supplement for physics models, ML might help us learn what is wrong/missing in physics models and aid in experimental design
- Machine learning will provide new capabilities for HPC system administrators, facilities, and dev-ops
 - Help model complex behaviors (e.g., failures, degradation, energy)
 - Automate/adapt usage to comply with more complex policy (e.g., energy consumption)
- However, trusted AI research is needed to apply AI to high consequence national security applications, and Sandia is starting a new initiative in this area.





Questions?