

# Overview of Sandia and ASC Program

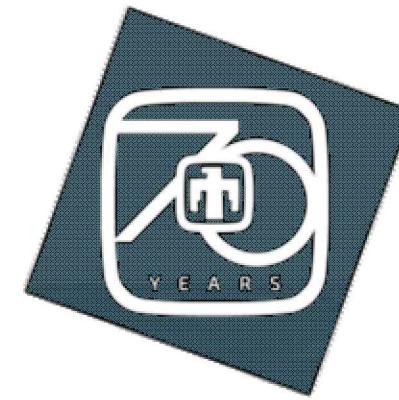


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- How does ASC fit in? Advanced Science & Technology

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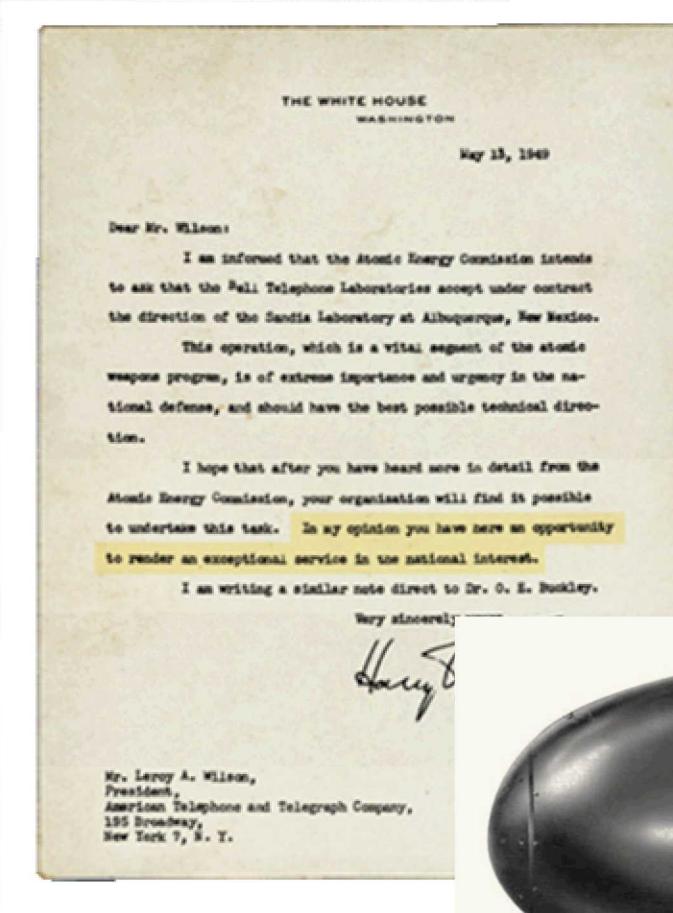
## PSAAP III

- AST, CRT, TST and RT Members
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# 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



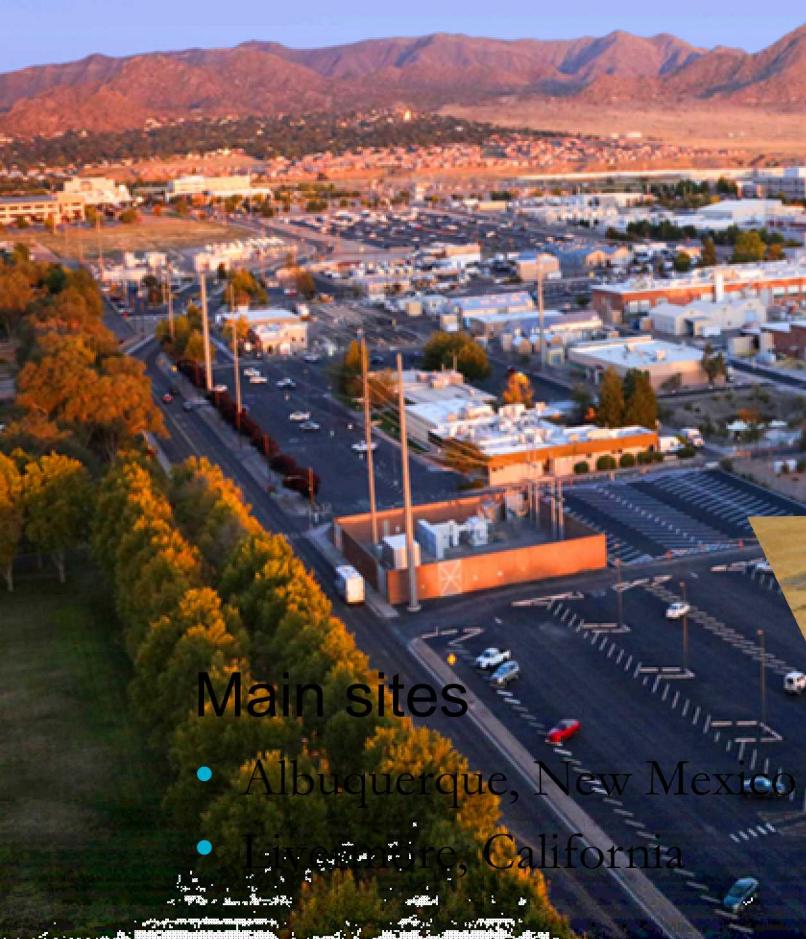
# OUR PRIORITIES CREATE A VISION FOR THE FUTURE



- Deliver **quality engineering, science, and technology** in the most efficient way possible
- **Safety and security** are top of mind
- **Collaboration** is vital – inside and outside the Labs
- Sustain a **diverse and inclusive** Laboratories culture
- **Think strategically:** What might the world look like in 20 to 30 years?



# SANDIA HAS FACILITIES ACROSS THE NATION



## Main sites

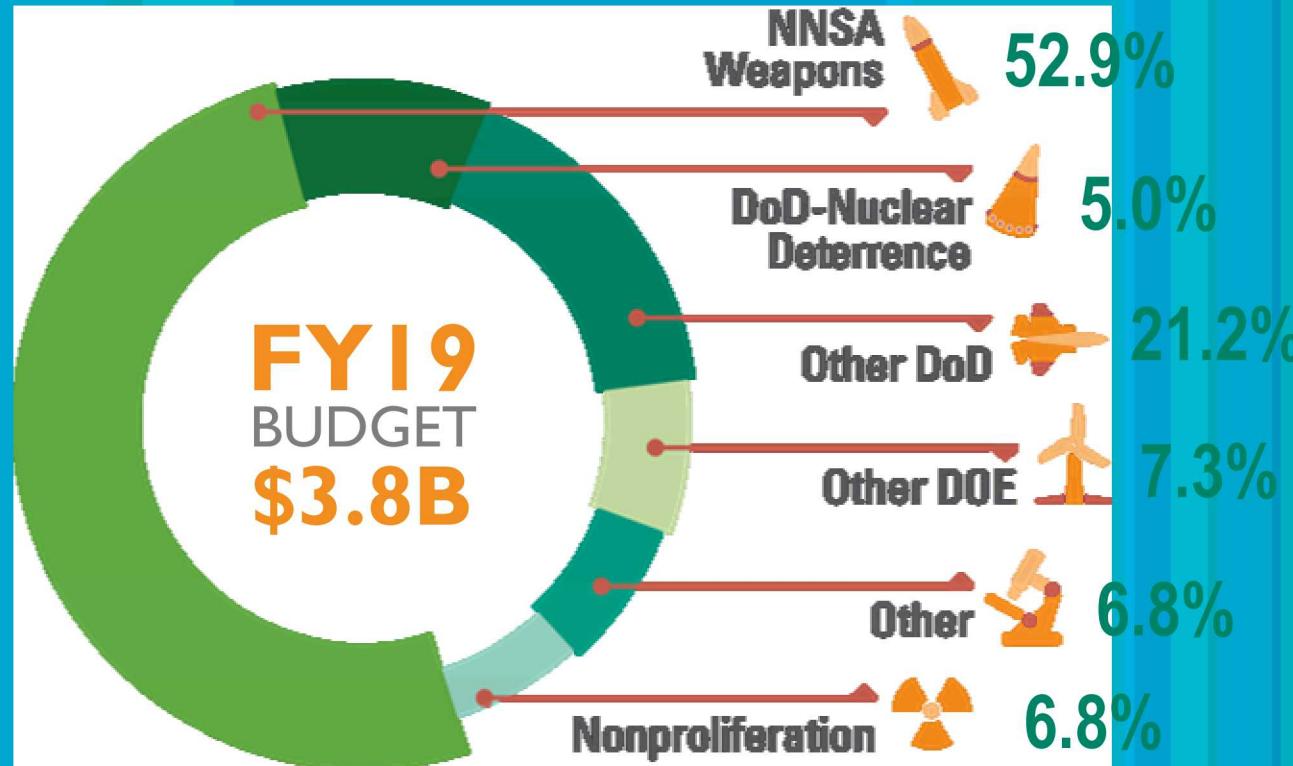
- Albuquerque, New Mexico
- Livermore, California



## Activity locations

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

# SANDIA'S BUDGET COVERS A BROAD RANGE OF GOVERNMENT AND OTHER WORK



## OTHER

Department of Homeland Security  
Other federal agencies | Nonfederal entities  
CRADAs, licenses, royalties | Inter-entity work



## DoD

Air Force | Army | Navy  
Defense Threat Reduction Agency  
Ballistic Missile Defense Organization  
Office of the Secretary of Defense  
Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency  
Intelligence Community



## OTHER DOE

Science  
Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy  
Nuclear Energy  
Environmental Management  
Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability  
Other DOE



## NONPROLIFERATION

NNSA/NA20 | State Department

# SANDIA'S WORKFORCE

Staff has grown by over 5,000 since 2009 to meet all mission needs

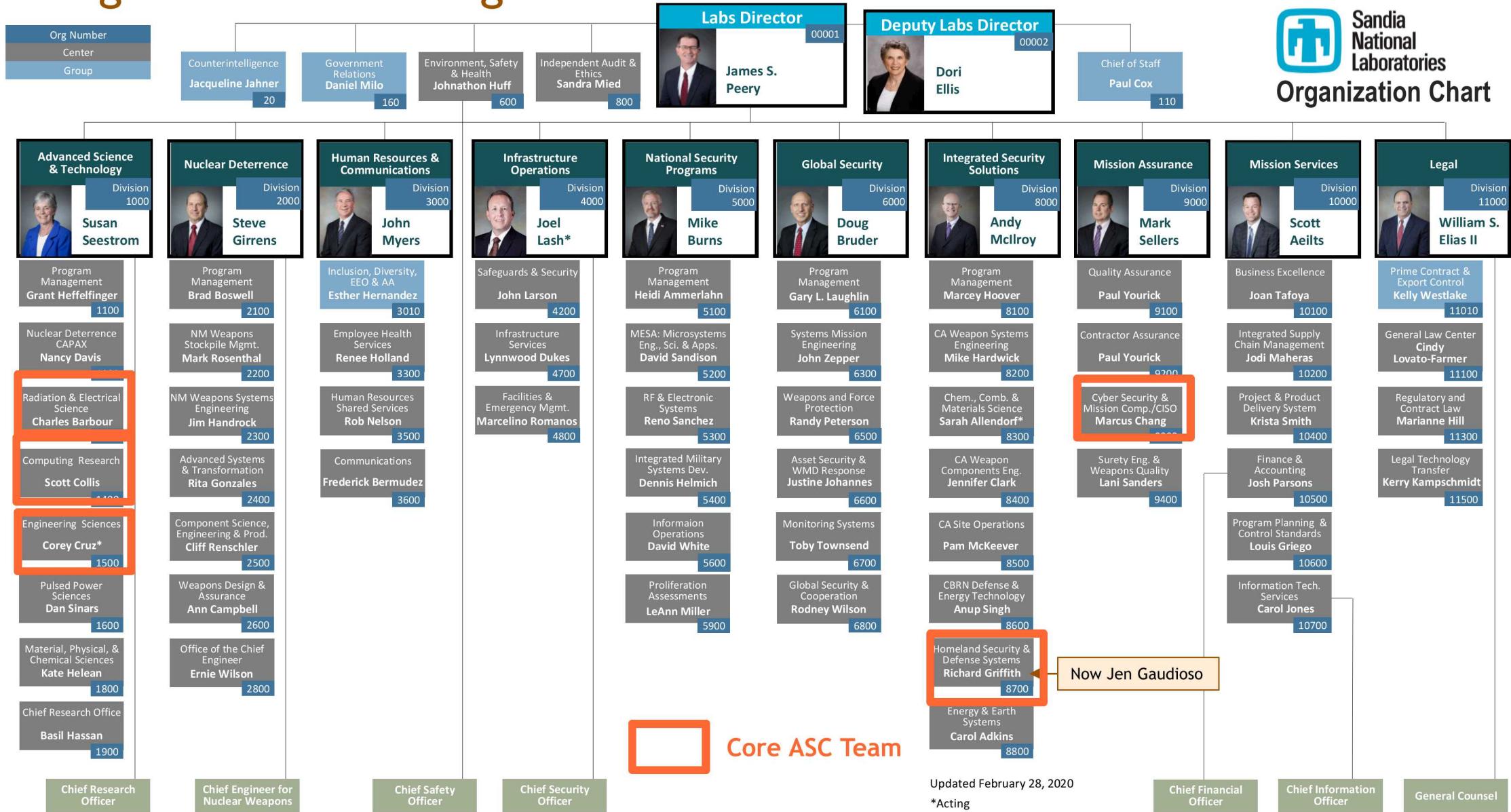


# THE LEADERSHIP TEAM BRINGS EXPERIENCE AND EXPERTISE IN MISSION AND MISSION-ENABLING DIVISIONS



# ASC Program

## Integration across organizational lines



**Sandia  
National  
Laboratories**

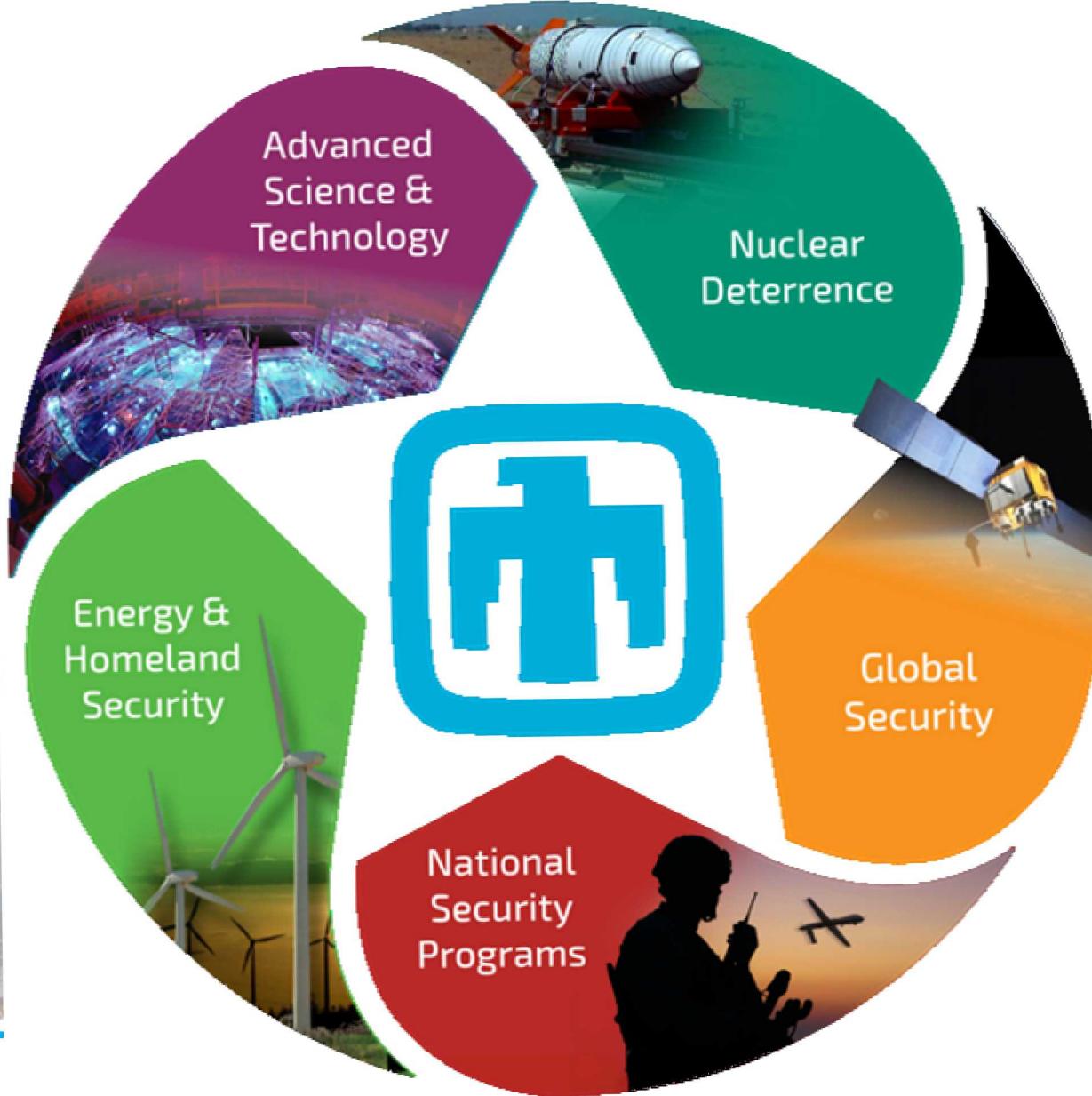
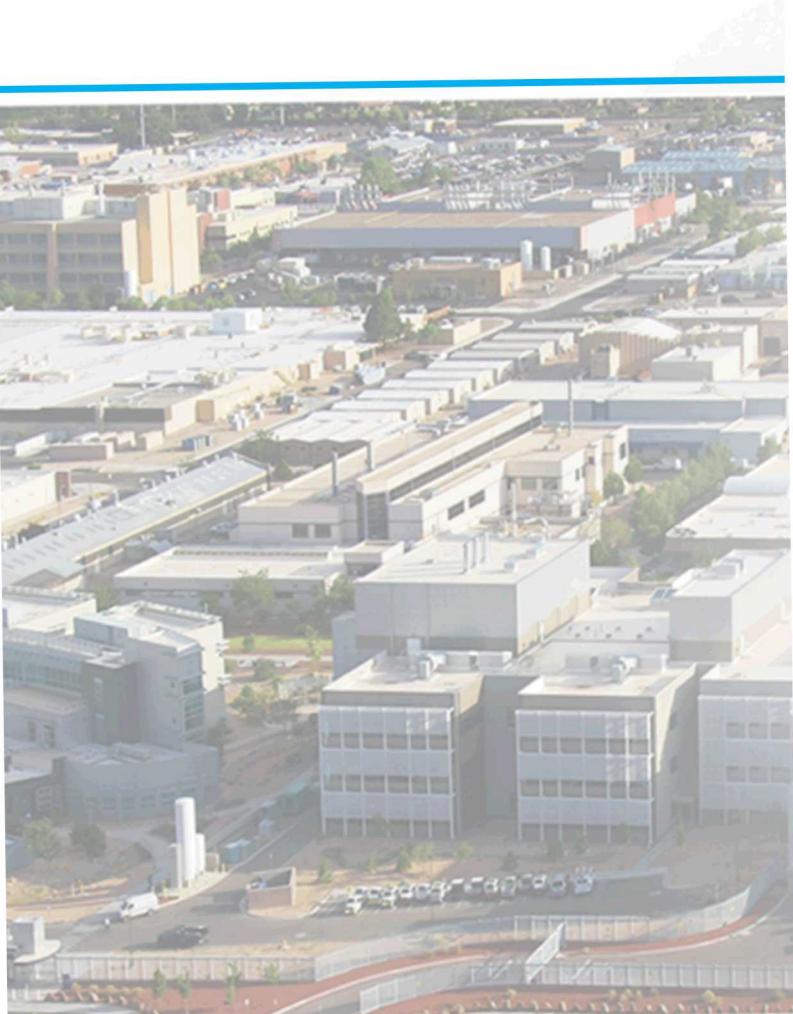
## Organization Chart

## Core ASC Team

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\*Acting



# SANDIA HAS FIVE PROGRAM PORTFOLIO





# NUCLEAR DETERRENCE

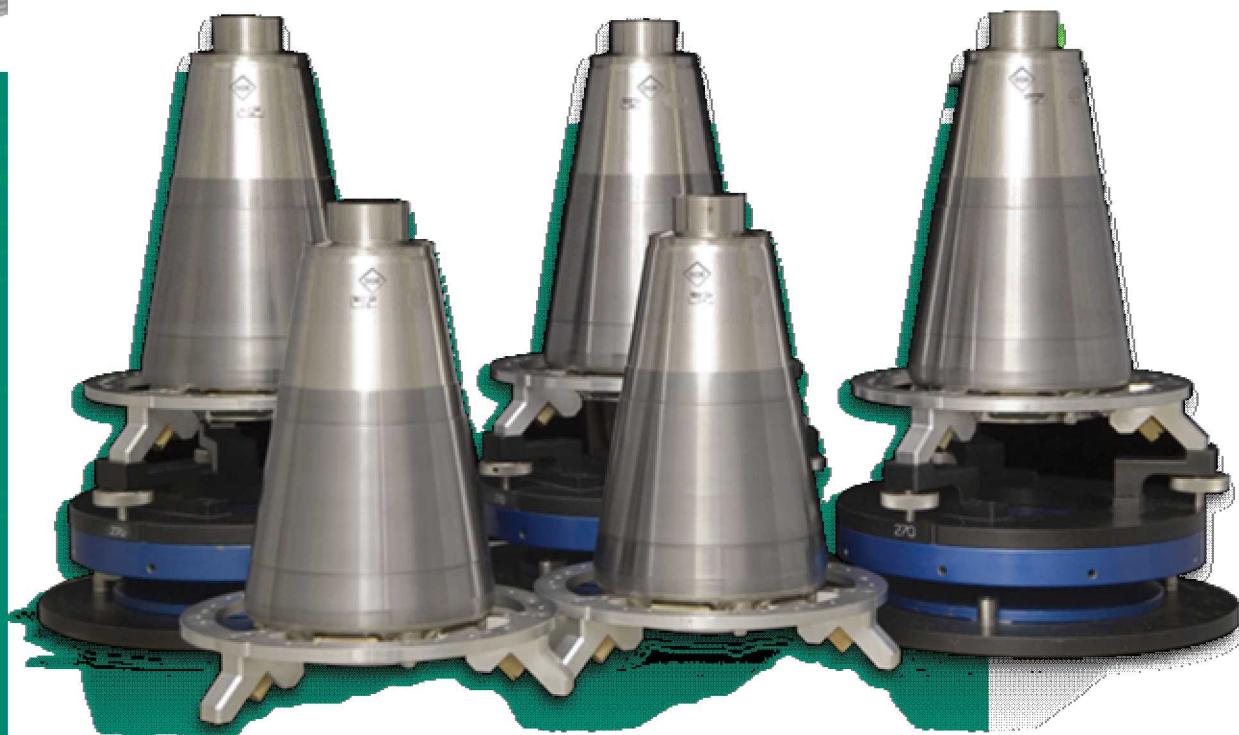
Responsibilities form a critical mandate

Warhead systems  
engineering &  
integration



Design agency  
for nonnuclear  
components

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



Production agency

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

disciplines  
abilities

ired for design,  
ification, production,  
illiance, computation/  
plementation

ajor environmental test  
ilities & diagnostics  
aterials sciences

ight-initiated high explosives  
omputation and Simulation



# GLOBAL SECURITY



## At home and abroad

Develop space- and ground-based sensor systems for monitoring emerging threats



Supply technology, crisis response, and training to respond to a crisis associated with weapons of mass destruction



Provide capabilities for protecting U.S. nuclear weapons and materials at fixed sites and in transit

Produce systems that deter proliferation and verify compliance with international agreements using space-borne and ground-based sensing technology

Lead global technical engagement to prevent the misuse of nuclear, chemical, biological, and radiological materials



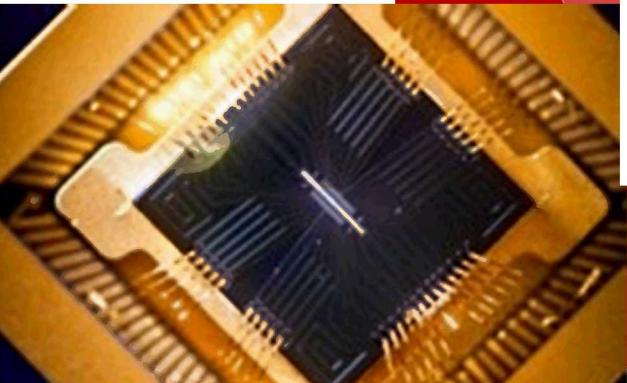


# NATIONAL SECURITY PROGRAM

Strengthens our nation's defenders



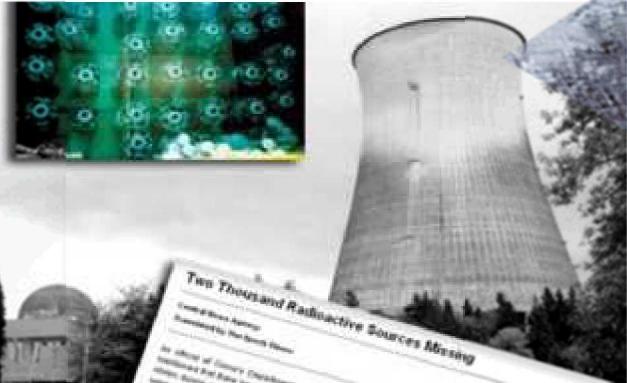
Information operations



Science & technology products

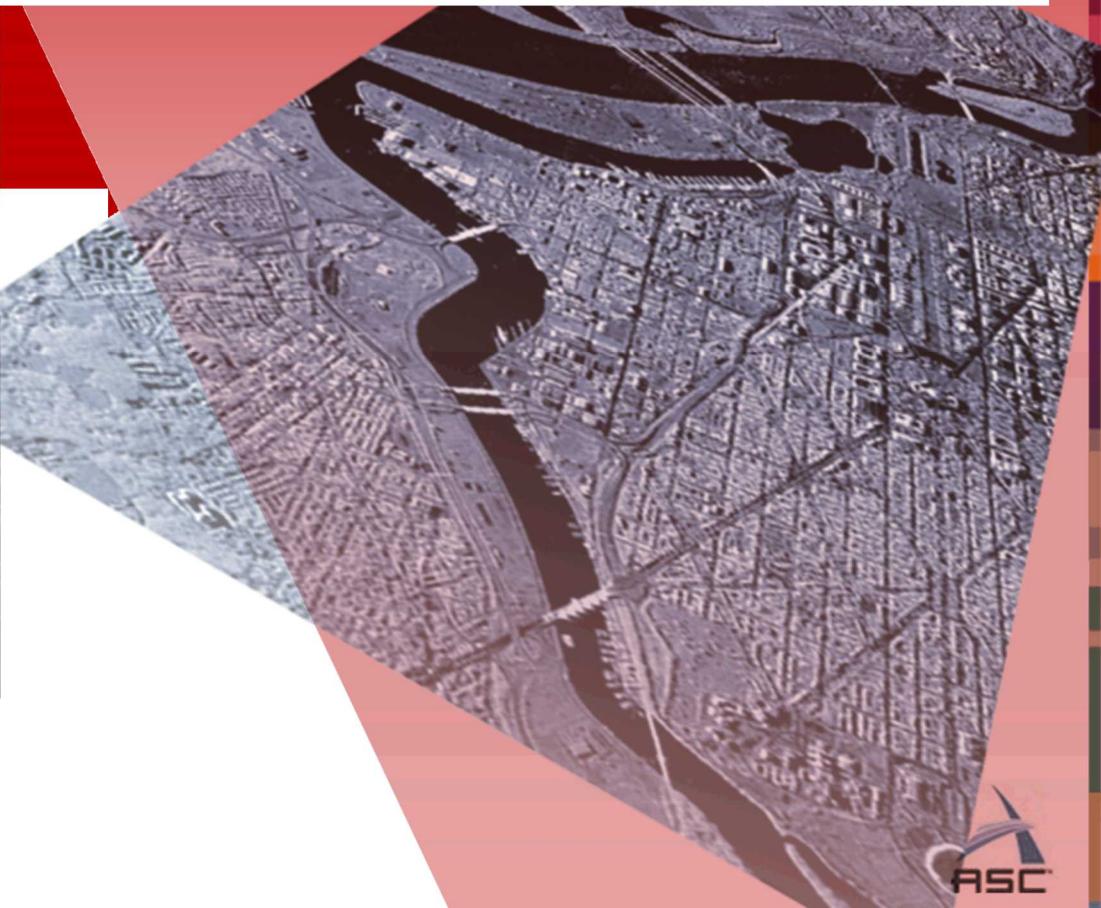


Integrated military systems



Proliferation assessment

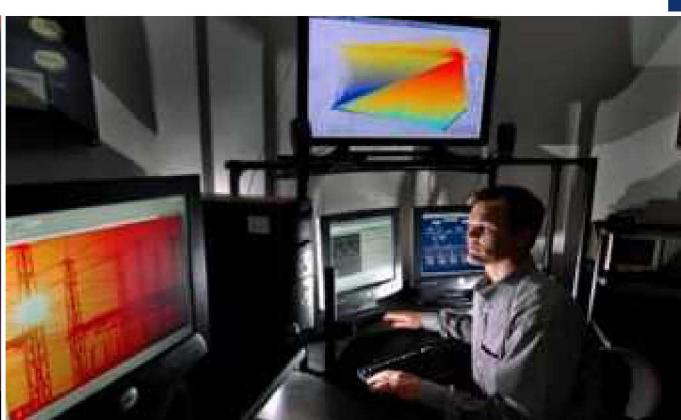
Surveillance &





# ENERGY & HOMELAND SECURITY

Innovates for a secure future



- Perform fundamental and applied R&D to support the resilience and security of the nation's energy system

Provide protection for our nation's digital and physical critical infrastructures

Reduce U.S. vulnerability to chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear threats

Accelerate transformative innovations in the transportation sector through foundational physical and computational research

# ADVANCED SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (ALD: Susan Seestrom)

Integrates multidisciplinary efforts to advance the science of the possible for Sandia's missions

## WEAPONS SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Provides Sandia with foundational science and engineering capabilities to ensure the nation's nuclear stockpile is safe, secure, and effective

## OFFICE OF SCIENCE

Leads creative, hypothesis-driven inquiry in fundamental science to promote national security and international scientific leadership

AS&T Program Director: Grant Heffelfinger

## CHIEF RESEARCH OFFICER

Deputy CRO: Basil Hassan

Governs and leads research strategy and stewardship of capabilities at Sandia, including the Laboratory Directed Research and Development program. Responsible for leadership of technology transfer and Sandia's partnerships with universities, industry, and the state of New Mexico.

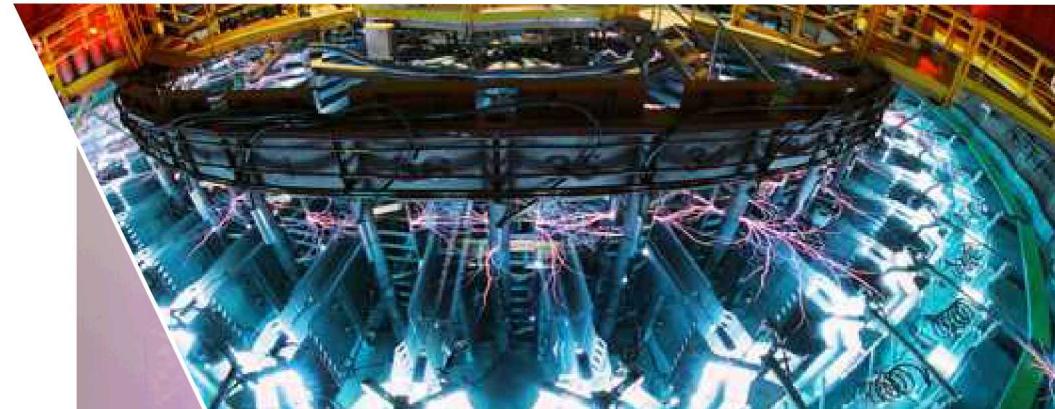


# Sandia's Seven Research Foundations Integrate Across Programs and Lines

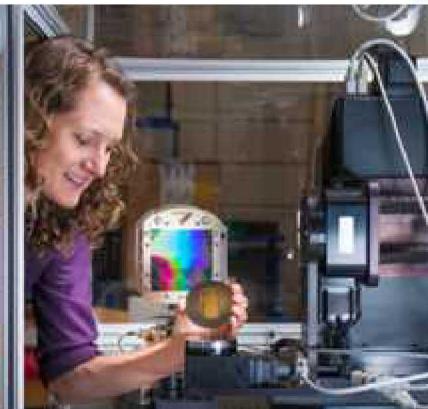
## Research Foundations



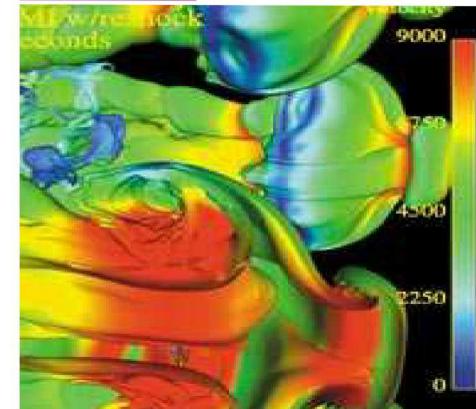
Integrated, leveraged development of capabilities



Radiation Effects & High Energy Density Science



Materials Science



Engineering Science



Earth Science



Bioscience

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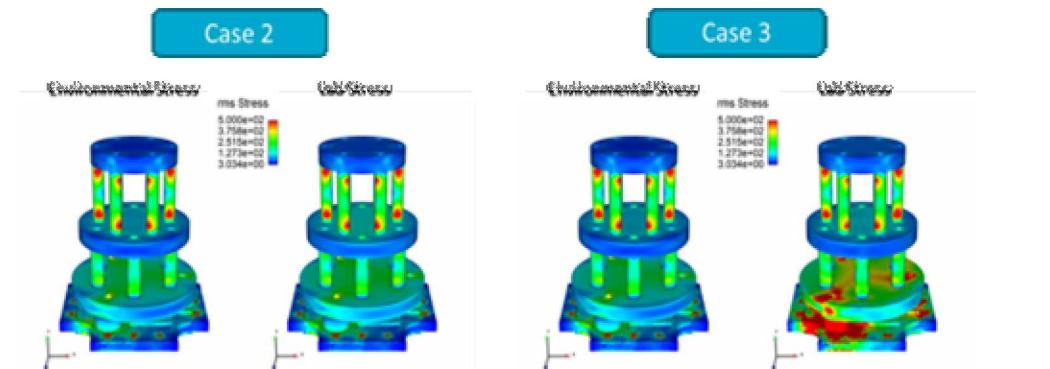
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# ASC Mission at Sandia

Support the current stockpile



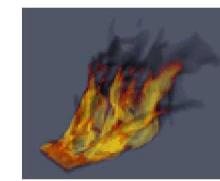
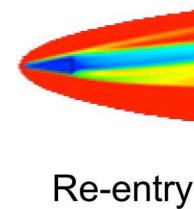
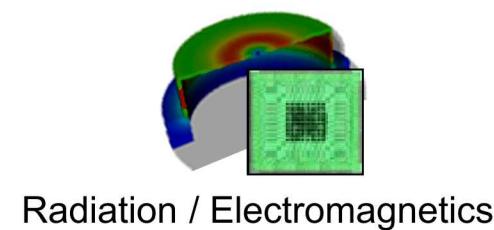
Support the modernization programs  
and enable an agile future deterrent

Develop next-generation HPC  
hardware and software for the  
deterrence mission

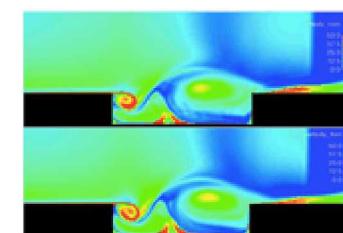
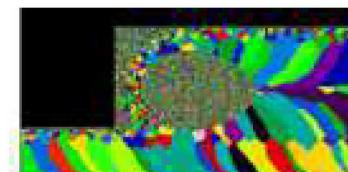


# VANGUARD

Help ensure the survivability and  
safety of weapon systems



Perform pioneering research and  
development in support of the future  
deterrent



# Advanced Simulation & Computing (ASC)

## Sandia National Laboratories



**Scott Hutchinson**  
Digital Engineering  
Integration



**Erik Strack**  
Program Manager & Deputy  
Executive



**Scott Collis**  
Program  
Executive



**Jeremy Templeton**  
Deputy Program  
Manager



**John Feddema**  
Predictive Science  
Academic Alliance  
Program (PSAAP)



**James Stewart**  
Advanced Technology  
Development &  
Mitigation (ATDM)  
*Code Development and  
Applications (CDA)*



**Rob Hoekstra**  
Advanced Technology  
Development &  
Mitigation (ATDM)  
*Architectures and  
Software  
Development (ASD)*



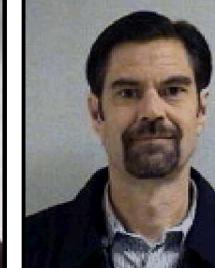
**Tom Klitsner**  
Facility  
Operations &  
User Support  
(FOUS)



**Rob Hoekstra**  
Computational  
Systems &  
Software  
Environment  
(CSSE)



**Amanda Dodd**  
Verification &  
Validation  
(V&V)



**Jeff Payne**  
Physics &  
Engineering  
Modeling (PEM)



**Walt Witkowski**  
Integrated Codes  
(IC)



### Advanced Simulation and Computing

The Advanced Simulation and Computing (ASC) Program develops, delivers, and supports high-performance computational simulation capabilities for the U.S. nuclear deterrence mission, including design, qualification, and assessment.

# Sustain ASC impact on the entire weapon lifecycle

**Agile Design Tools** – Explore conceptual designs with quantified confidence

**Environment Specification** – Simulation of environments to define system and component requirements

**Design Analysis & Optimization** – Performance and margin assessment to support development build cycles

**Test Design** – Definition of test parameters to stress key elements needed for model validation and qualification

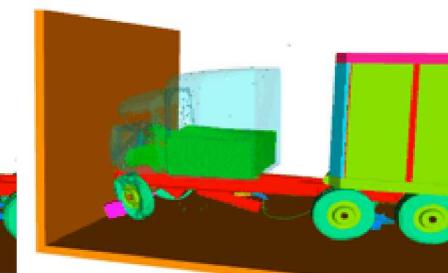
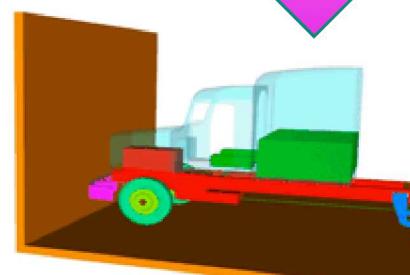
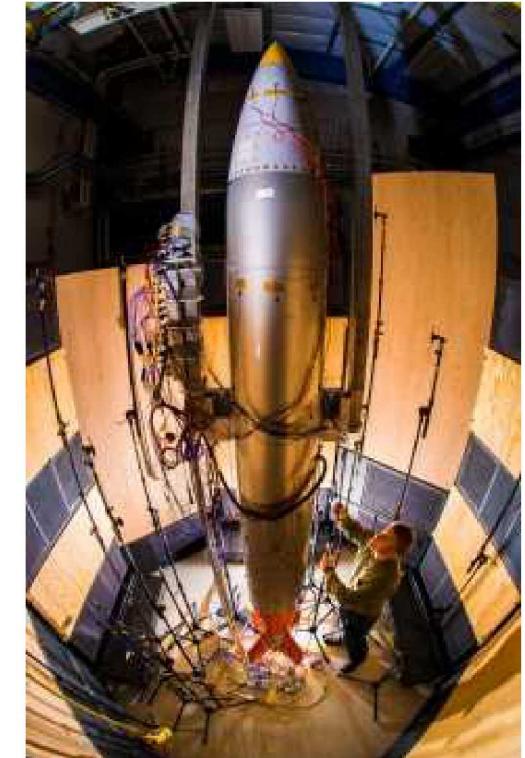
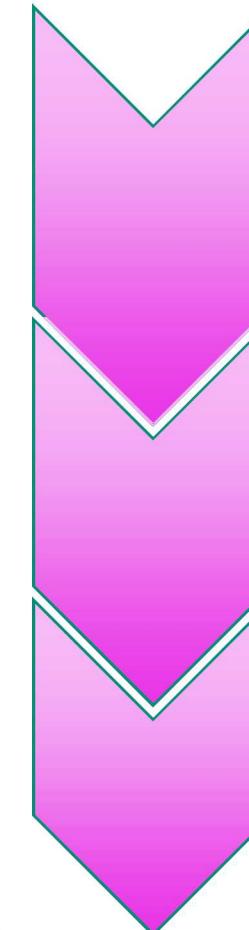
**Qualification** – Technical basis for asserting performance and safety requirements

**Production** – Improve production processes for increased quality and efficiency

**Transportation** – Assess and mitigate threats

**Surveillance** – Provide technical basis to ensure the stockpile remains safe and reliable

**Dismantlement** – Retire systems while maintaining human and environmental health



# ASC Codes & Capabilities – Sierra Suite of Tools

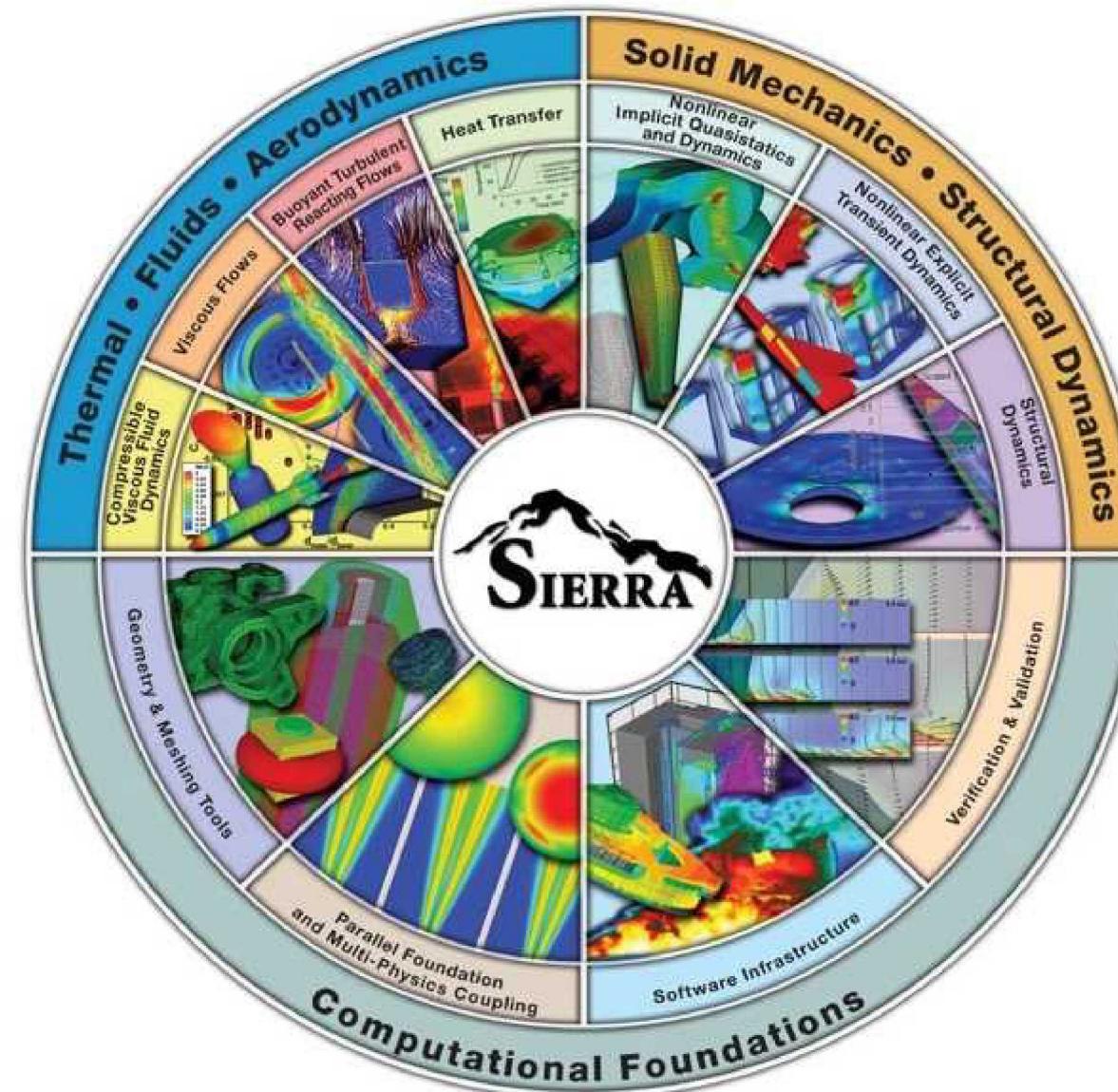
Sierra is ASC's engineering mechanics simulation code suite

## Distinguishing strengths:

- Integrated workflow components
- “Application aware” development
- Scalability
- SQA and V&V
- Multiple scales
- Multi-physics coupling

## Capabilities include:

- Solid Mechanics
- Structural Dynamics
- Thermal Mechanics
- Fluid Dynamics: Low-Mach
- Fluid Dynamics: High-Mach



# ASC Codes & Capabilities – RAMSES Suite of Tools

**RAMSES** - Radiation Analysis, Modeling and Simulation for Electrical Systems:

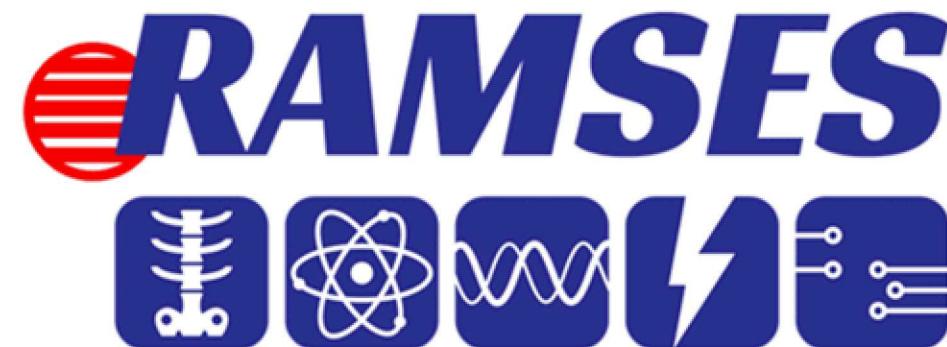
ASC code suite for design, assessment and qualification in electromagnetic and ionizing radiation environments

## Capabilities for circuit modeling:

- Charon - Semiconductor Device Modeling
- Xyce - Electrical and Radiation-Aware Circuit Modeling

## Capabilities for electromagnetic and plasma environments:

- EIGER/Gemma - Electromagnetics
- EMPHASIS/EMPIRE - Plasma

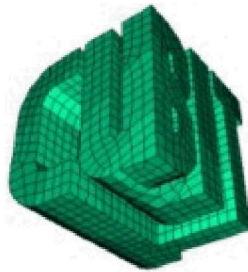


**ITS SCEPTRE NuGET EIGER EMPHASIS Xyce Charon  
CHEETAH Gemma EMPIRE**

*RAMSES is used for simulating the electrical response of a system to electromagnetic and plasma environments.*

# ASC Codes & Capabilities – Computational Foundations & Tools

## Tools



Meshting



DAKOTA

Explore and predict with confidence

Uncertainty Quantification  
and Optimization

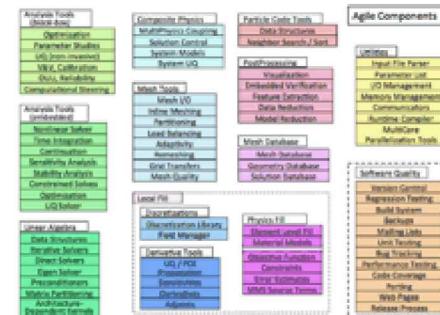


Visualization

## Software Components



Mathematical Software  
(Solvers & Infrastructure)



Agile Components

Performance Portability

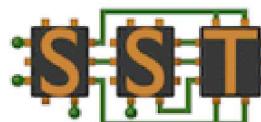


Data Compression

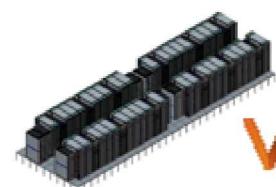
## Computing Foundation



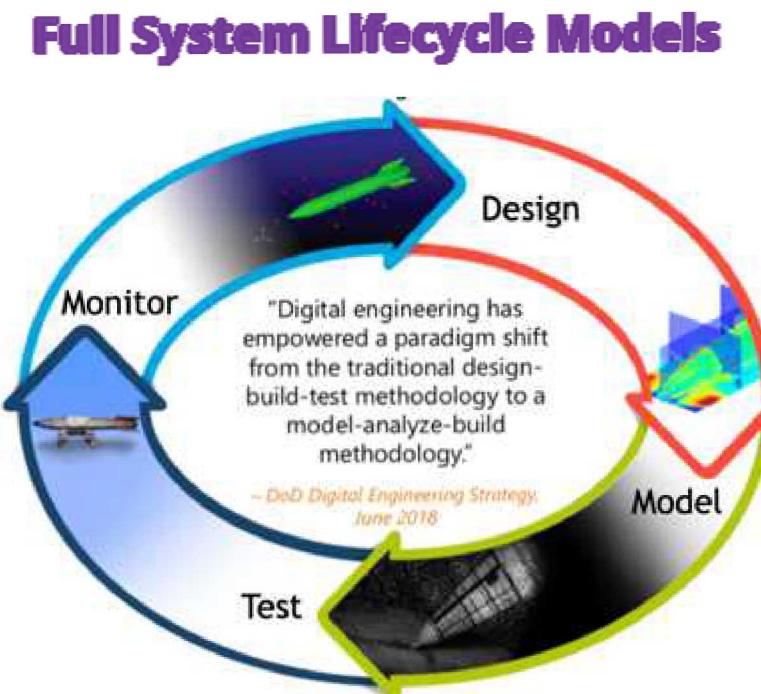
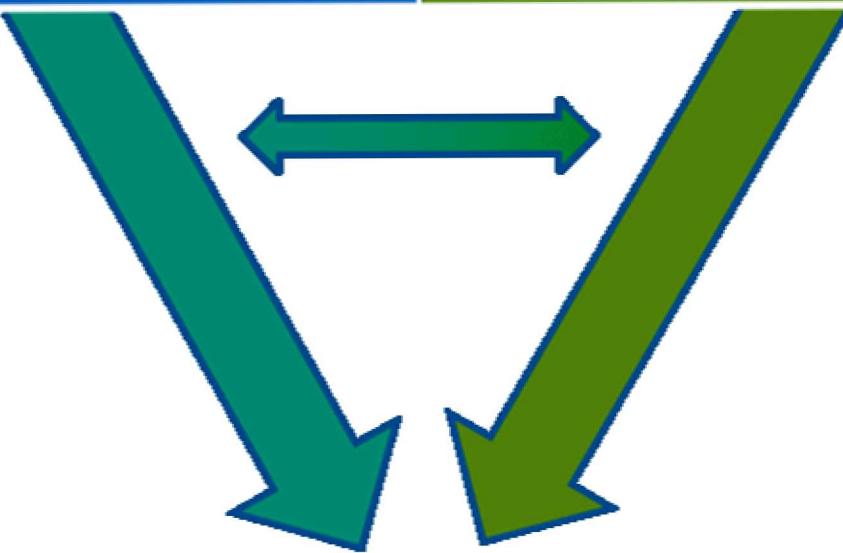
Scalable Communication



Computer Architecture  
Design



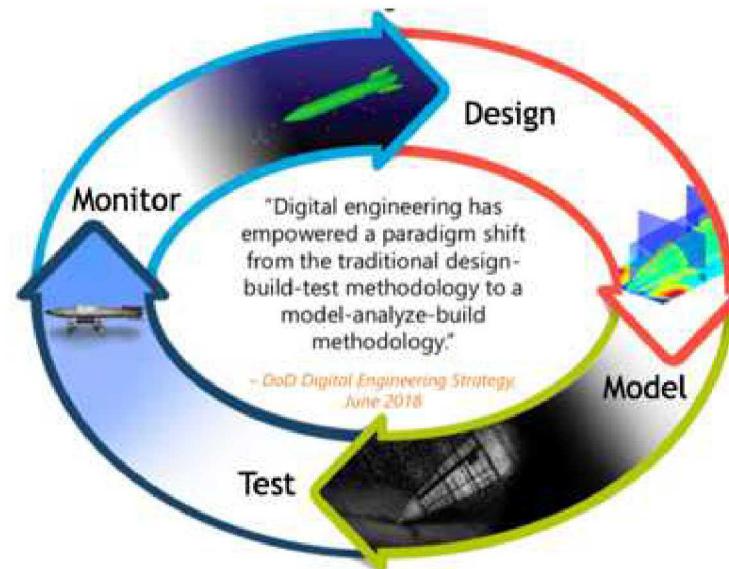
Computing Hardware, Facilities,  
Operations, and User Support



# Sandia's Future: Full Life-Cycle Engineering Models



- Enhanced physics models with improved understanding and reduced uncertainty
- Workflow to automate model building and shorten time to solution
- Embedded UQ to identify critical sensitivities
- Conversion of CT Images to models to enable serial number based models (digital twins)
- Aging mechanisms into lifetime prediction
- Bridging length scales to embed local effects into global modeling
- Evolution of performance and safety assessments based on in-service conditions
- Combined environments drivers pushing to Exascale
- Multiphysics within components
- Data fusion techniques for integration of experimental and computational data
- Capabilities to assess large ensemble data sets to challenge our intuition
- Institutional efforts to create accessible cloud based data lakes



# Data-Driven Approach to Life-Cycle Management

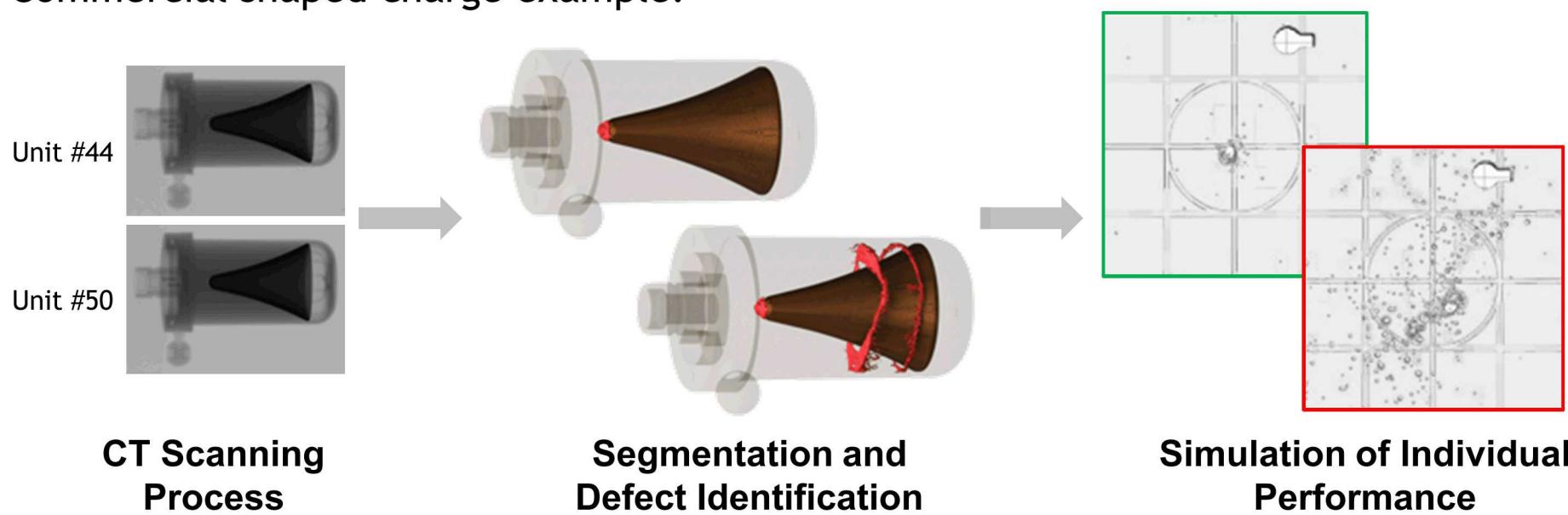


## Digital Twin

Generate models from CT data for direct numerical simulation

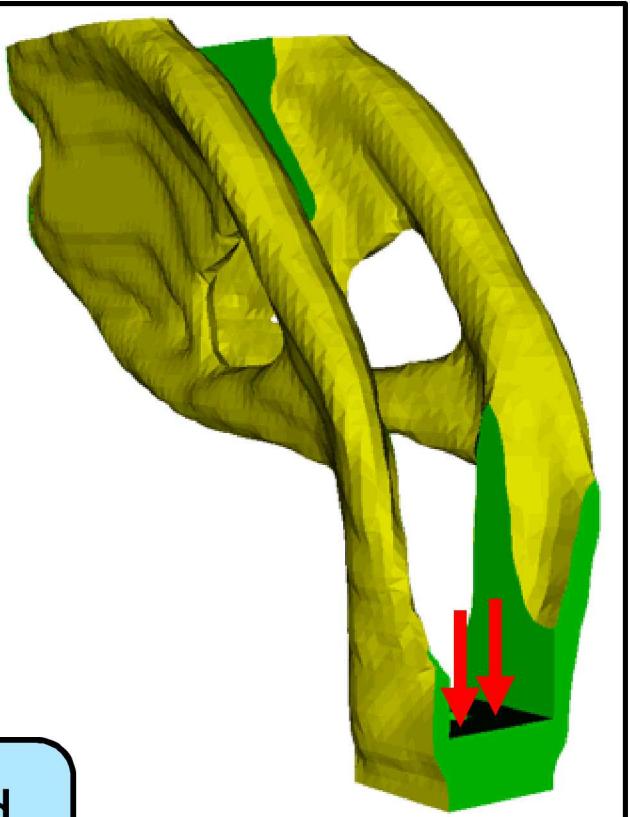
- Greatly simplifies analysis workflow
- Permits analysis of as-built systems
- Aging of each serialized unit can be studied
- Statistical lot acceptance can be replaced with individual performance acceptance

Commercial shaped charge example:

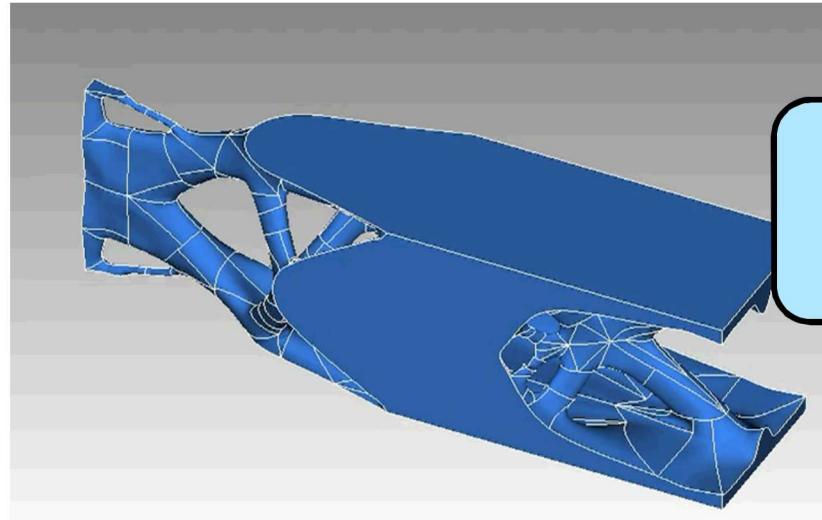


# Optimization Coupled with Multiphysics Simulation & UQ Lead to Next-Generation Designs

Adaptive Prune  
Refine  
(Good Results Fast)

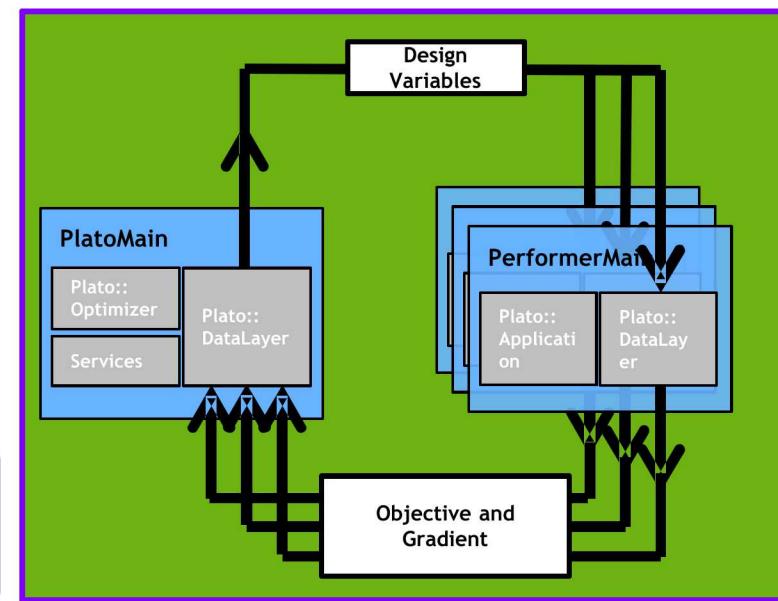


UQ-Enabled  
Optimization



Automatic  
Conversion to  
CAD

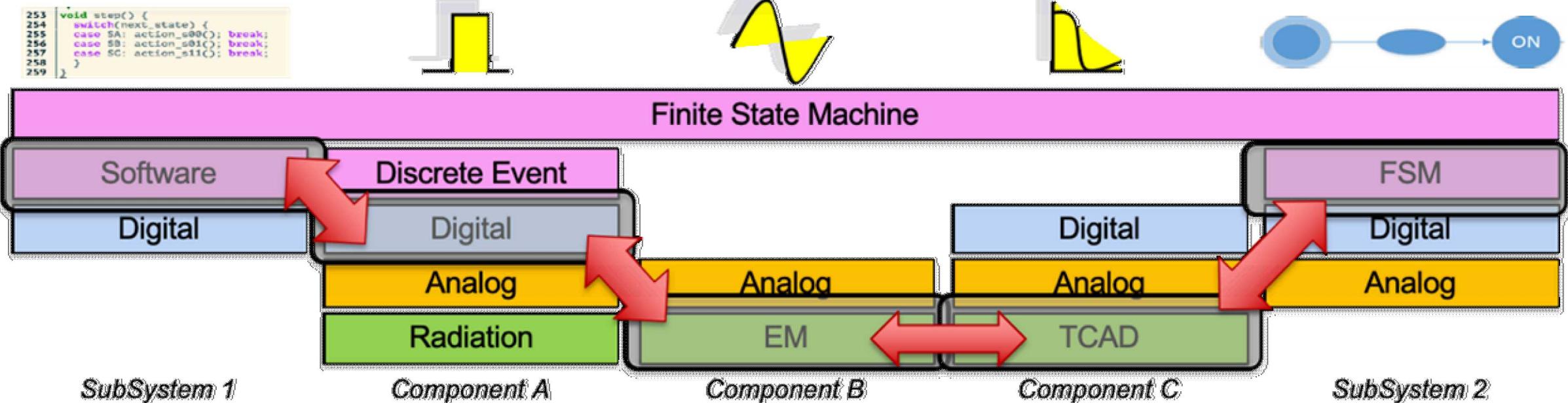
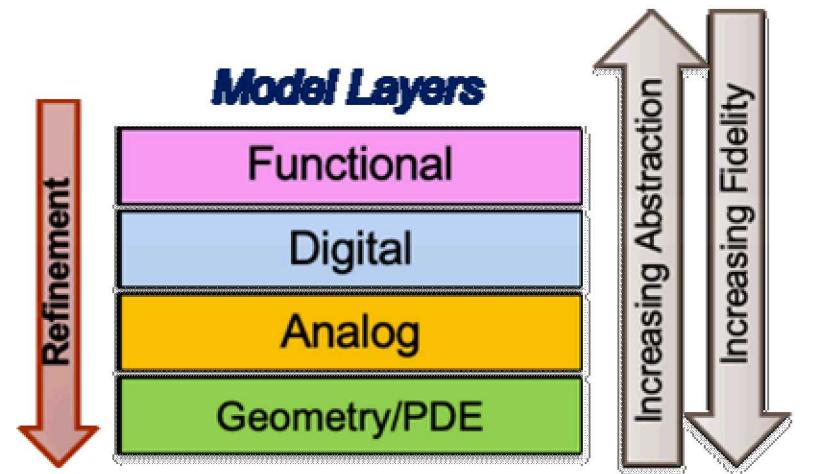
Multi-Physics  
Platform



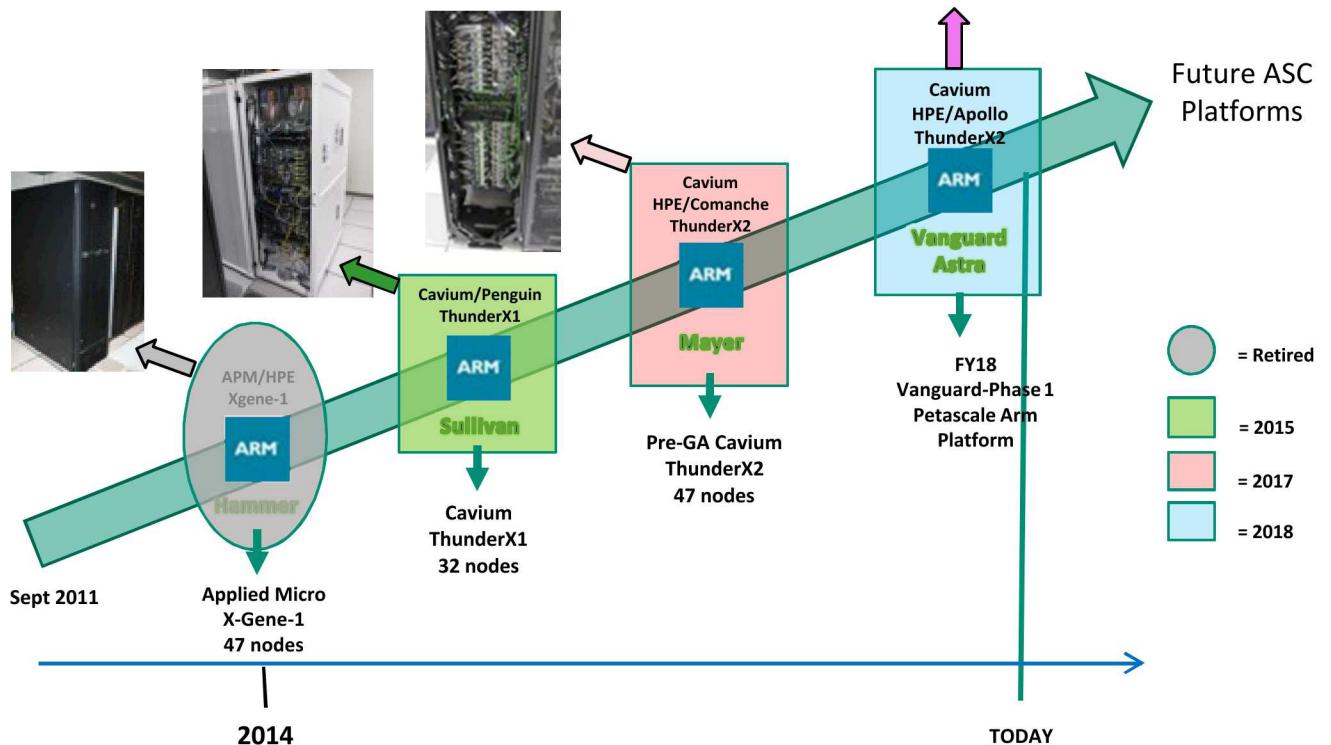
# Model-Based Design: Integrated Multi-Scale Electrical Simulation

## Key Challenges

- Interfaces between distinct models and tools
- UQ and V&V for multi-scale, e.g., mixed analog-digital
- Model consistency, selection, and abstraction
- Leverage and integrate with design activities



# Enabling High-Fidelity Predictive Physics and Engineering Models



## Hardware – Software Co-Design

## Advanced Architecture Prototypes

Pathfinder systems at sufficient scale to demonstrate value to weapons codes

## Advanced Architecture Testbeds

Small, rack-sized systems of pre-release vendor hardware to evaluate potential future hardware options

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## Sandia PSAAP-III: AST and CRT members



### ➤ **Alliance Strategy Team (AST)**

- John Feddema, lead
- Kathy Loeppky, assistant



### ➤ **Computer Resource Team (CRT)**

- Joel Stevenson, outgoing lead
- Heidi Uphoff, new lead
- Kathy Amspaugh, Accounts
- Lilia Garcia, SARAPE
- Norma Chavez, SARAPE



# Sandia PSAAP-III: Tri-lab Support Team (TST) members

## ➤ Univ. of Colorado Boulder

- Dan Bolintineanu
- Jimmy Carleton



## ➤ Univ. of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

- Mike Glass
- David Noble



## ➤ Stanford

- Stefan Domino
- Mike Eldred



## ➤ Univ. Texas at Austin

- Tiernan Casey
- Tim Wildey



## ➤ University of Buffalo

- John Hewson, Chair
- Greg Weirs



## ➤ MIT

- Luke Shulenburger
- Johnathan Vo



## ➤ Univ. of Maryland

- Matthew Barone, Chair



## ➤ Univ. of New Mexico

- Kevin Pedretti



## ➤ Oregon State Univ.

- Kerry Bossler



# Sandia PSAAP-III: Review Team (RT) members

## ➤ Univ. of Colorado Boulder

- Robert Clay
- Jeremy Lechman



## ➤ Univ. of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

- Rob Hoekstra
- Greg Weirs



## ➤ Stanford

- Bill Rider, Chair
- Michael Powell



## ➤ Univ. Texas at Austin

- Shawn Pautz, Chair
- Robert Knaus



## ➤ University of Buffalo

- Bill Erikson
- Travis Fisher



## ➤ MIT

- Normand Modine, Chair
- Patrick Blonigan



## ➤ Univ. of Maryland

- Brian Freno



## ➤ Univ. of New Mexico

- Ron Brightwell



## ➤ Oregon State Univ.

- Brian Franke



# Sandia PSAAP-III: Motivating Ideas (perfect places for collaboration) [from 3yrs ago]

- **Revolutionize engineering systems**
  - Model-based and data-driven design
  - Advanced manufacturing – “born qualified”
  - As-built modeling
  - Virtual test – fusion of physical and computational simulation
  - Life-cycle models
- **Materials characterization & modeling**
  - Up-scaling micro/meso-scale information to macroscale
  - Thermal protection materials, energetics, turbulence modeling
- **Engineering in extreme environments**
  - Temperature, radiation, vibration
  - Material fracture analysis
- **High resolution diagnostics fused with computational models**

# HPC Machine Learning

From 3yrs ago...

- A new paradigm (and challenge) for UQ?
- Closure laws for turbulent flows (subgrid modeling)
- Prediction of complex dynamics (combustion)
- Model development (think optimized FEM, model-form)
- Adaptive algorithms
- HPC resource management
- Identifying patterns of interest (impact, failure, fracture, fragmentation, ...)
- High-dimensional interpolation and preconditioning
- Application to engineered systems...

## Other Thoughts...

- Embedded Analysis – bake in optimization, UQ, ML, DA, ....
- Performance Portability – this is a polarity
- Production Prototypes – another polarity
- Stochastic Algorithms
- Dynamic task-based programming models
- Dynamic/optimized algorithms and numerics
- *Software engineering*



# Sandia's Goals for PSAAP III

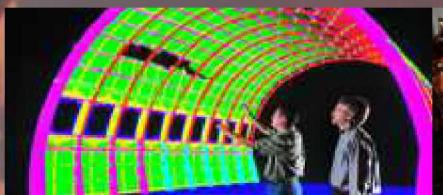
- Build strong collaborations with PSAAP III Universities and across Tri-Labs
  - Many shared technical areas of interest
- Progress the science of Predictive Computational Simulation
- Progress on the underlying Computing and Computer Science
- Build a pipeline of future Computational Scientists



[Outreach Institutes](#)

We look forward to working closely with you in PSAAP III!

Exceptional service in the national interest



## Sandia's Support of PSAAP III

- **CRT members are to help PSAAP III Universities with**
  - Access to DOE HPC computing resources
- **TST members are to help with**
  - Technical advice (e.g., UQ, software integration, DOE computing access, etc.)
  - Open source software (e.g., Dakota, Trilinos, etc.)
  - Establishing collaborations with University professors and students
  - Placing intern students at the National Laboratories
- **Review Team and AST members are to**
  - Evaluate progress on scientific milestones and deliverables
  - Provide programmatic and technical guidance