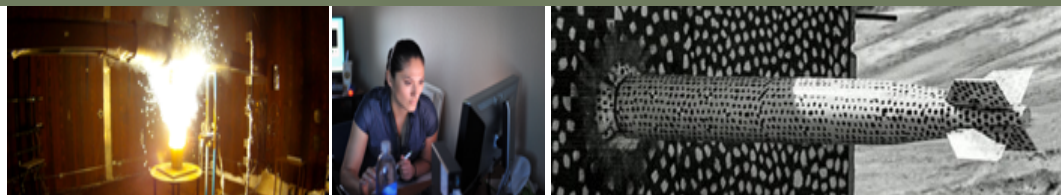




# SANDIA NATIONAL LABORATORIES AND THE FUTURE OF ENGINEERING AND SIMULATION



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# Sandia National Laboratories



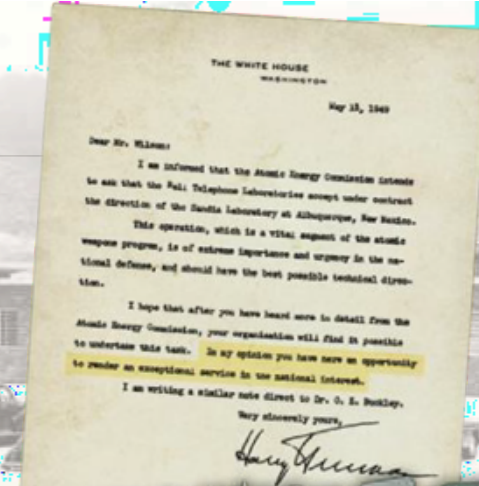
## Then....

- July 1945: Los Alamos creates Z Division
- Nonnuclear component engineering
- November 1, 1949: Sandia Laboratory established

*Exceptional service in the national interest*

## Now....

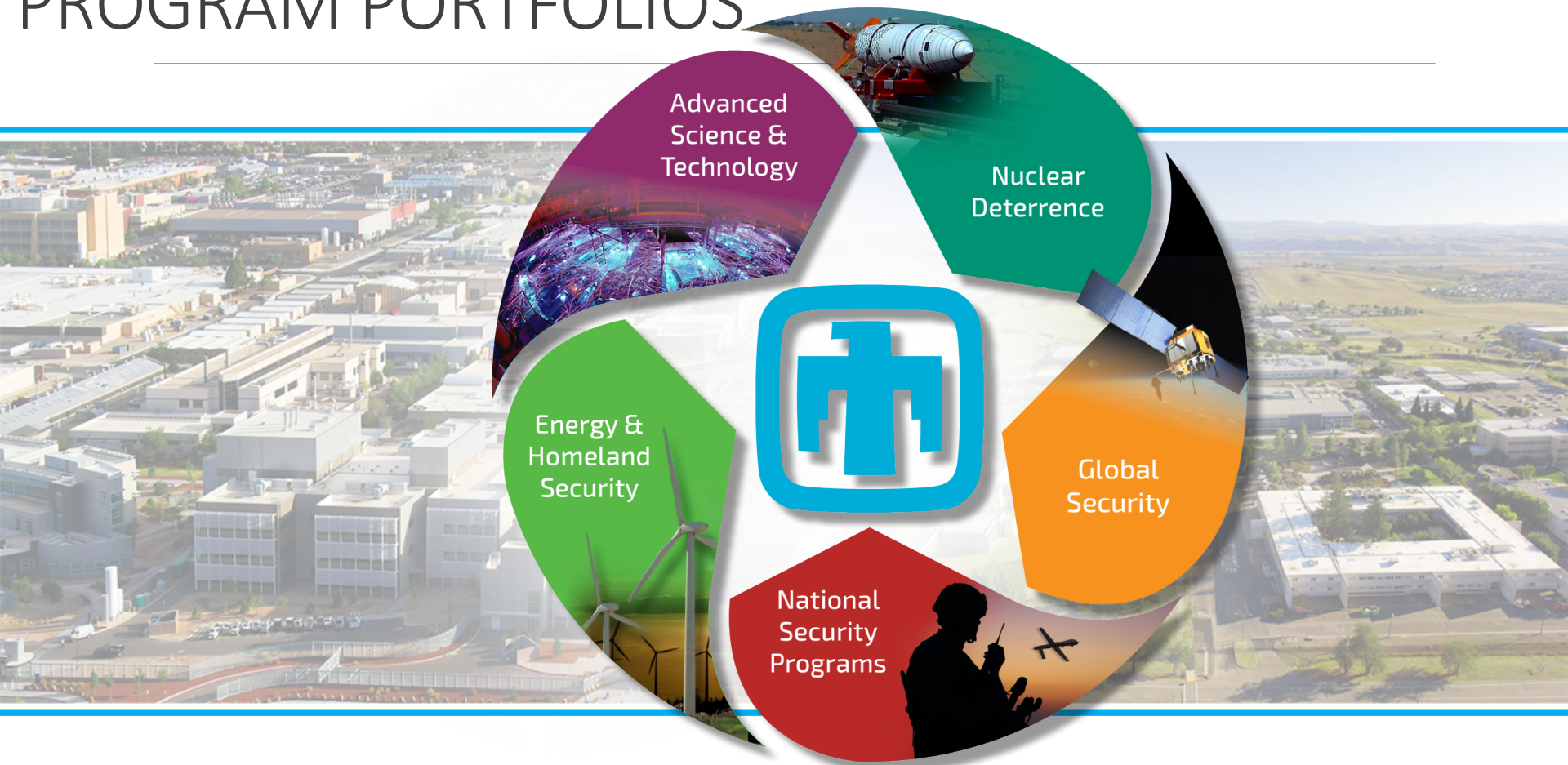
- Core mission in Nuclear Weapons
- Addressing the nation's most challenging National Security problems
  - USS Iowa (1989)
  - TWA Flight 800 Accident (1997)
  - Post 9/11 Vulnerability Studies (2001)
  - Columbia Space Shuttle Accident (2003)
  - I-35W bridge collapse in Minneapolis (2007)
  - BP Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill Accident (2010)
  - Aircraft Vulnerability (2013)
  - Waste Isolation Plant Leak (2014)





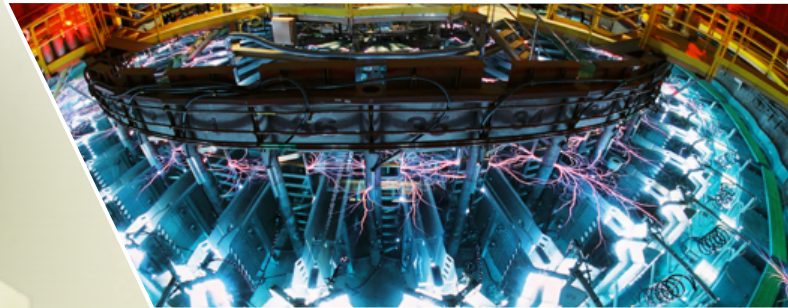


# SANDIA HAS FIVE MAJOR PROGRAM PORTFOLIOS

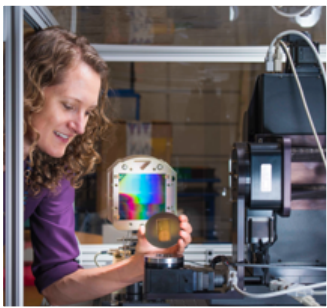


Research Foundations play an integral role in stewarding our capabilities

Nanodevices & Microsystems



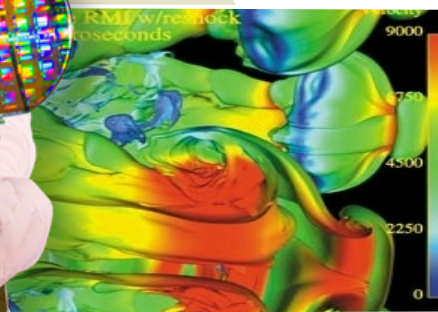
Radiation Effects & High Energy Density Science



Materials Science



Computing & Information Science



Engineering Science



Geoscience



Bioscience

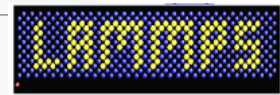




## Integrating multidisciplinary efforts to advance the science of the possible for Sandia's missions

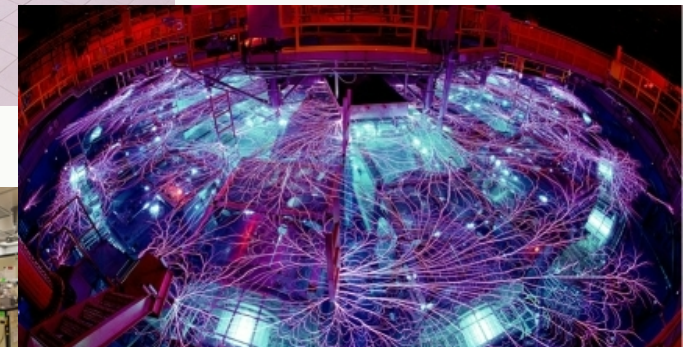
### Modeling and Simulation

- High Performance Computing
- Software tools
- Uncertainty Quantification (UQ)



### Advanced Experimental Capabilities

- Radiation effects
- Engineering environments
- Materials characterization and production



### Microelectronics

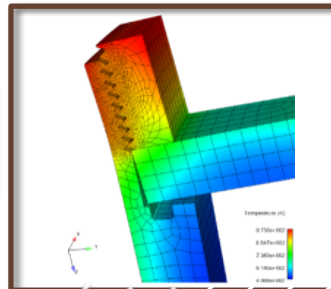
- Microsystems & Engineering Sciences Applications (MESA) Fab
- Development of advanced semiconductor materials



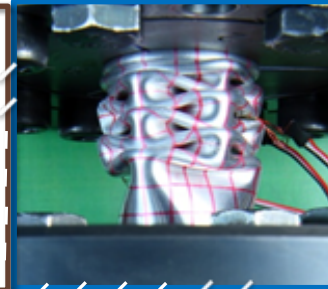
***Provide validated, science-based engineering expertise, capabilities and solutions to inform critical engineering decisions.***

- We integrate theory, computational simulation and experimental discovery/validation across length and time scales to develop the technical basis for complex systems.
- We steward a breadth of engineering disciplines: Aerosciences, Fire Sciences, Fluid Mechanics, Energetics, Shock Physics, Solid Mechanics, Structural Dynamics, Thermal Sciences, Computational Simulation and Engineering Analysis.

Engineering  
Analysis



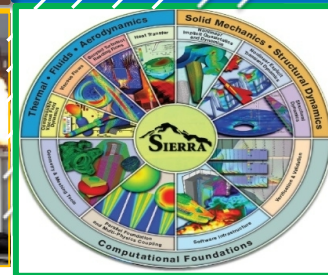
Engineering Science  
Physical Phenomena



Environmental  
Simulation & Test



Computational  
Simulation Technology



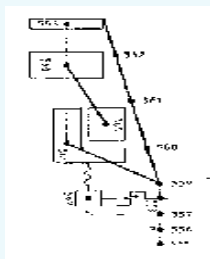
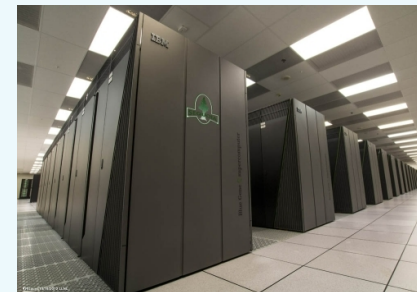


## Enabled by platform and software advances

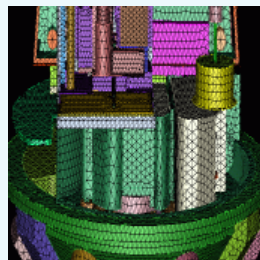
Enormous progress in computational mechanics over the past 3 decades.

- Computer architectures
- Geometric details
- Physics in computational models
- Scalable algorithms
- Multiphysics simulation codes

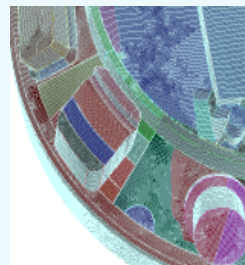
ASC Sequoia Supercomputer at LLNL  
98,304 nodes x 16 cores; 20 petaflops



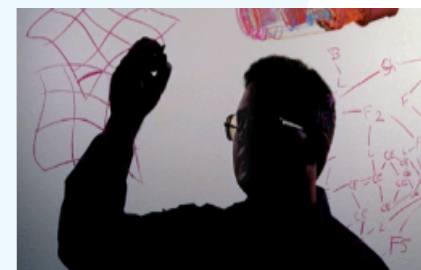
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200 DOF



ca. 2000  
8M DOF

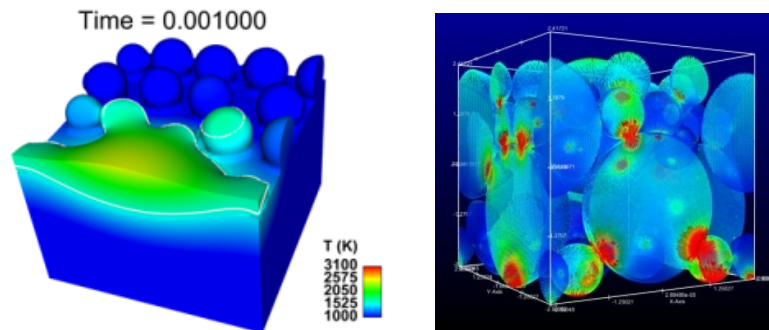


ca. 2008  
40M DOF

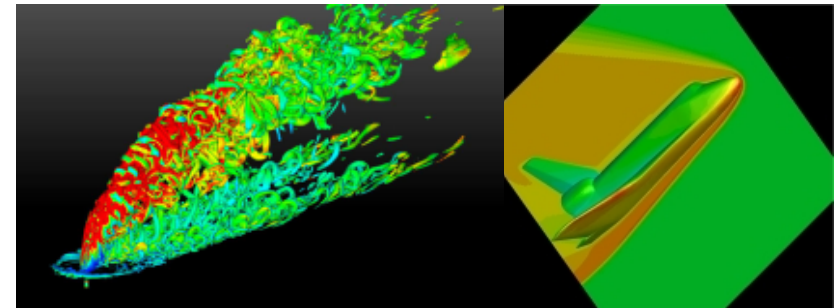


Solving previously  
intractable problems

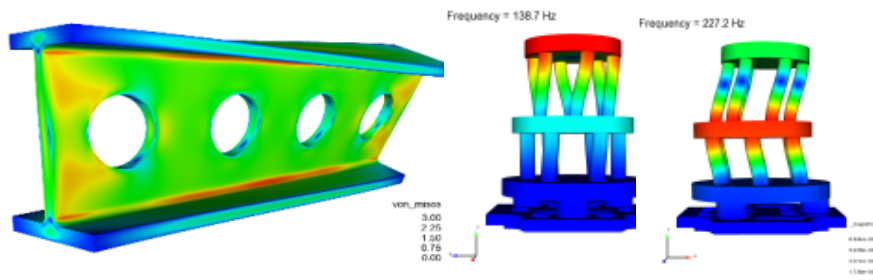
## Manufacturing and Fluid Flows



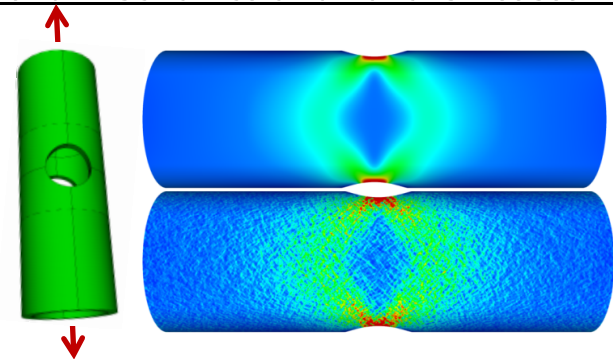
## Aeroscience and Flight Phenomena



## Structural Dynamics



## Solid Mechanics and Failure Assessment

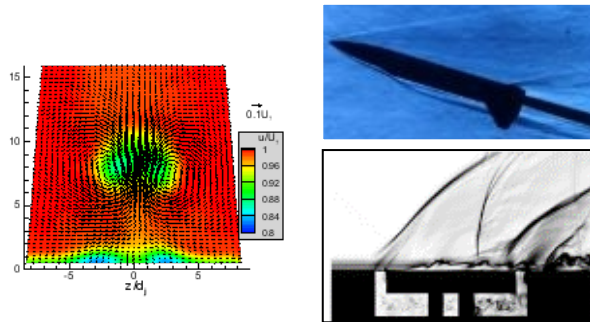




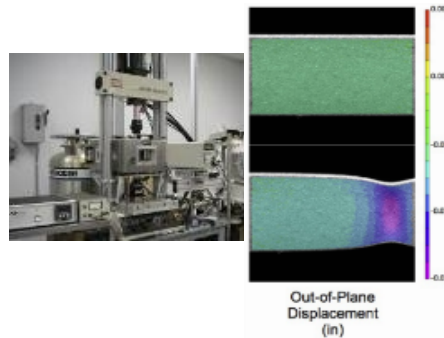
# EXPERIMENTAL DIAGNOSTICS AND PHENOMENOLOGY



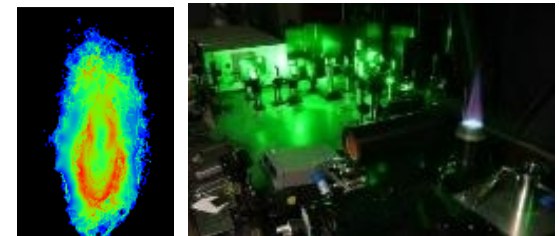
## High Speed Compressible Flows



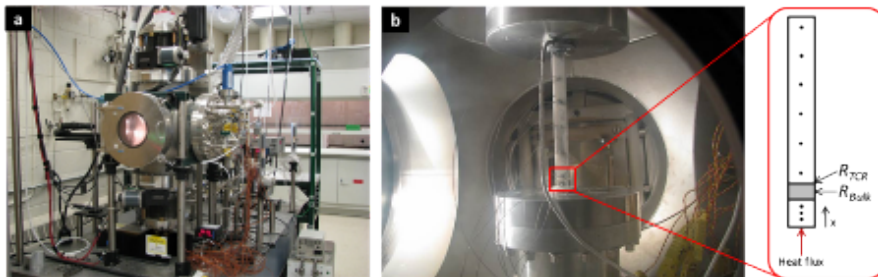
## Full Field Mechanical Strain and Motion



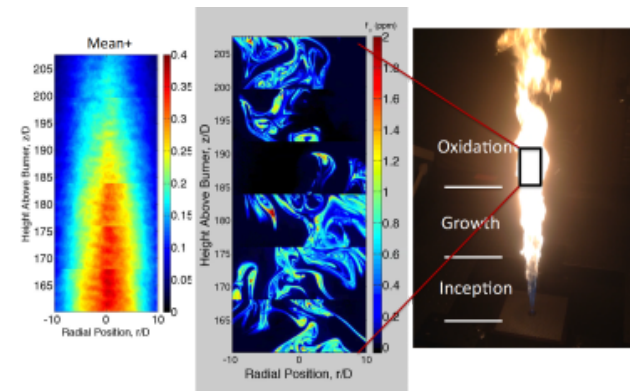
## Laser-based Thermal/Flow diagnostics



## Thermal Property Measurements



## Fire Imaging and Spectroscopy



# LARGE SCALE ENVIRONMENTAL TESTING



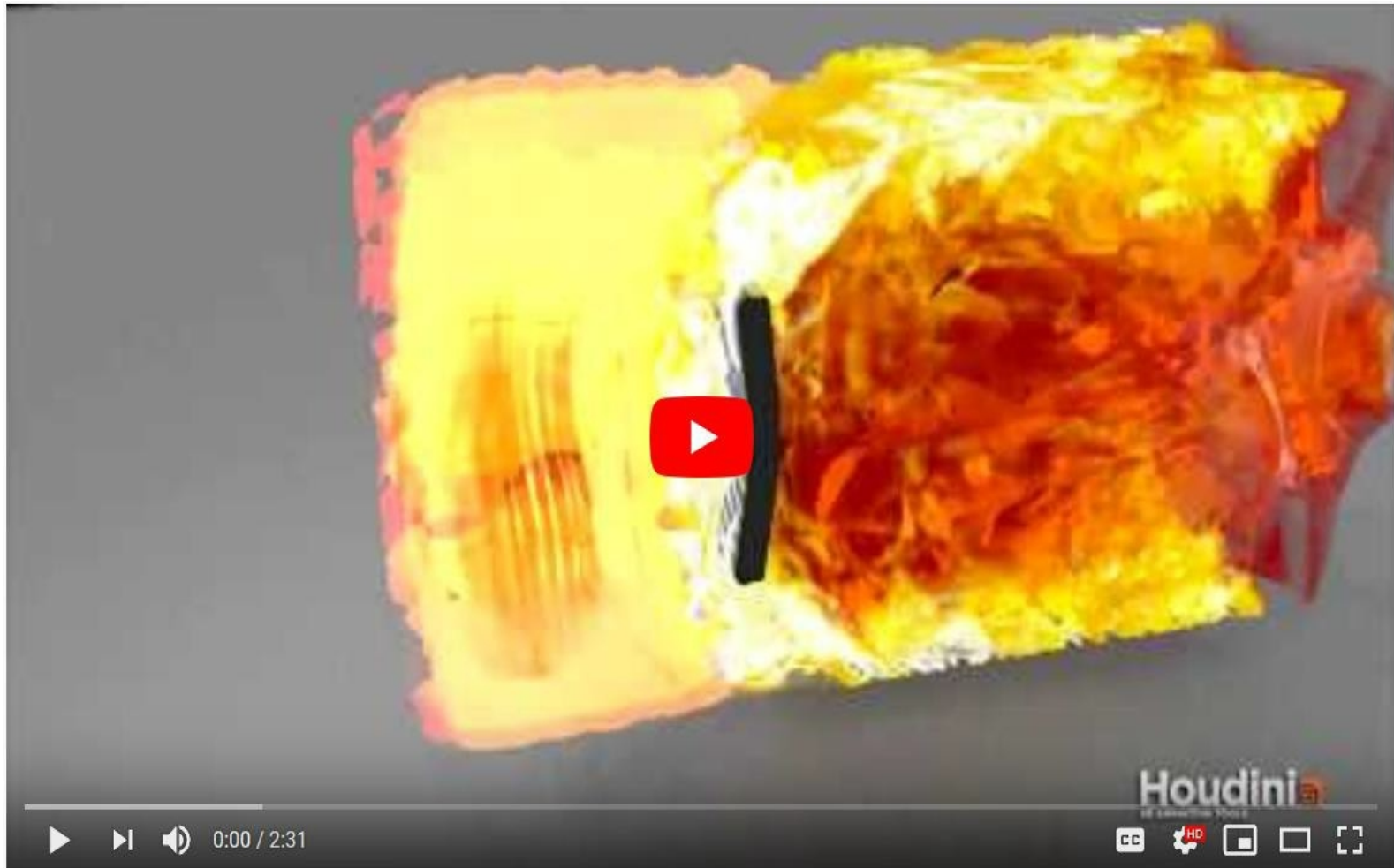


# We have to be ready for a challenge!



- If called upon, how do we defend our predictions?
- What evidence is necessary to support our claims?
- It depends on what questions will be answered by the decision maker using the simulation results and testing data **AND** the associated risk with the decision being wrong





Engineering Sciences at Sandia Labs

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o1qAjLSEv0A>



## Strategy

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Drive understanding and innovation by integrating theory, computational simulation, and experimental discovery and validation to elucidate and credibly predict the behavior of complex physical phenomena and systems.

We seek high risk/payoff leading edge R&D that:

- Advance the scientific and engineering understanding of relevant physical phenomena
- Drive innovation in and broad usage of state-of-the-art, credible computational modeling and simulation tools
- Accelerate the development of diagnostics for data and phenomena discovery, model validation, and enhancement of our test and evaluation capabilities



# Engineering Sciences IA Focus Areas

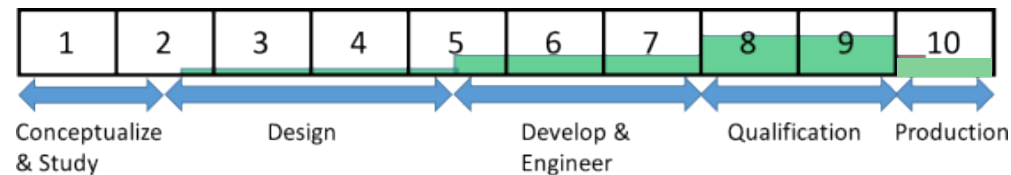
1. Fundamental and Coupled Physics Phenomena  
Discovery and development of **predictive models for engineering science phenomena** needed to predict the performance of components and systems.
2. Next Generation Engineering Simulation  
Development of **efficient and accurate modeling and simulation techniques** are required **in the design, development, qualification and sustainment stages** of complex systems, across a wide variety of length and time scales.
3. Diagnostics and Experimental Capabilities for Engineering Applications  
Development of **novel diagnostics and experimental testing capabilities** are needed to capture phenomena and responses across multiple time and length scales up to, and including, the system level.
4. Engineering Data Integration and Interrogation  
Formulation and integration of **data science techniques to identify and extract buried knowledge/trends** in massive engineering data ensembles (either experiments, computational simulation or a combination of the two) or large single data sets exhibiting extreme temporal and spatial resolution.

# Engineering Agility is....

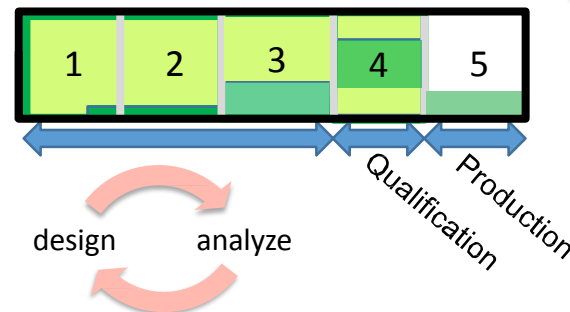


...a Lab-level/NNSA-level goal

Current Life extension program has a duration of 10 years:



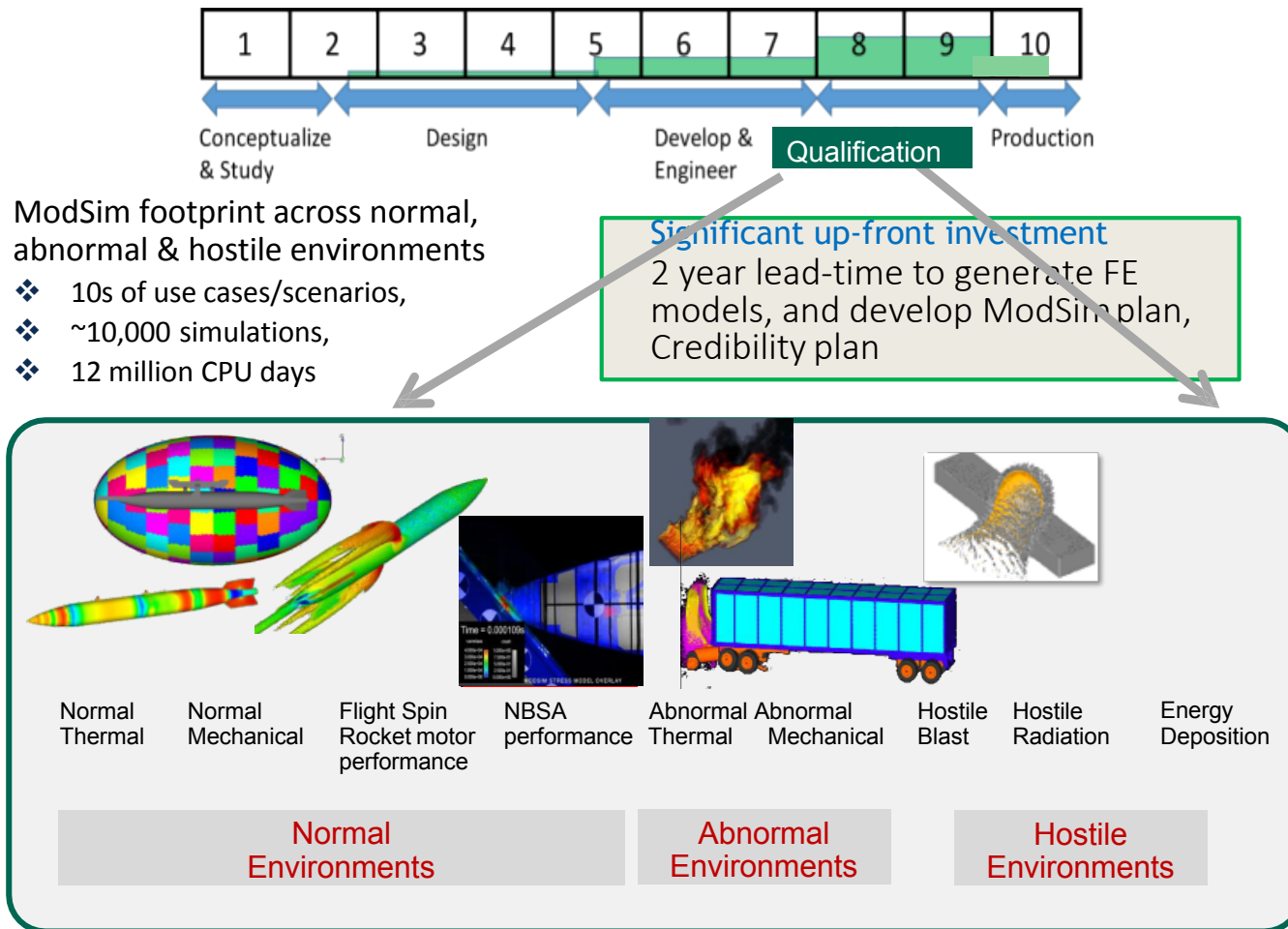
Enable and impact all facets of lifecycle



10 → 5 yrs...  
...maybe 3 years!!

"Fast cycles of learning"  
with 100s of Virtual builds

# ModSim Impact on Qualification Phase

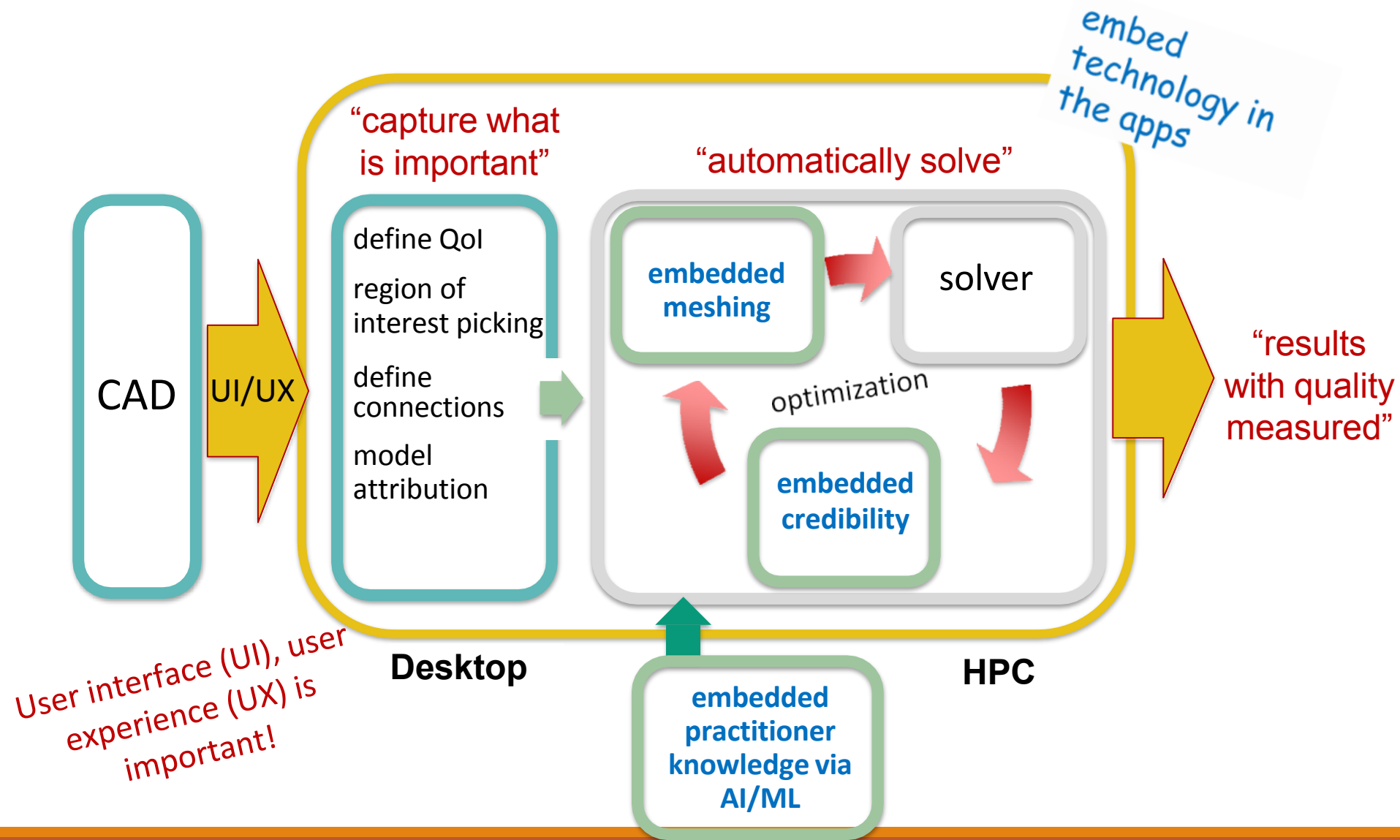




# Next Generation Simulation (NGS)



enables users to do engineering!

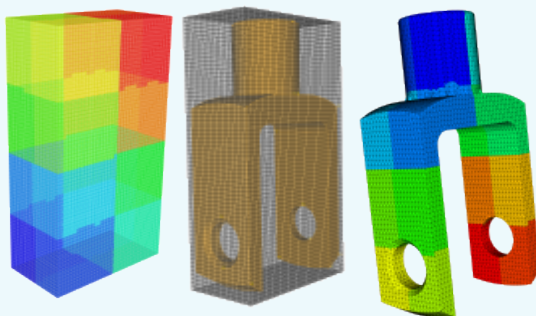


# Next Generation Simulation effort is taking us from “months to minutes”

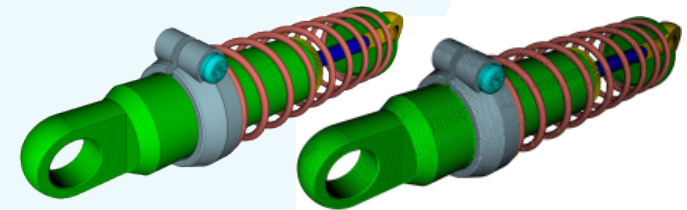
Complex parts and assemblies typically require months of analyst time addressing CAD deficiencies and building acceptable hex meshes

NGS is automated meshing that captures features larger than a specified length-scale and “gracefully ignore” smaller geometric features using tets

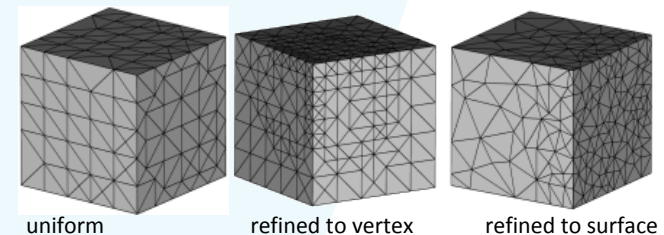
**Parallel**  
performance & scalability



**Assemblies**  
Interfaces, enclosures



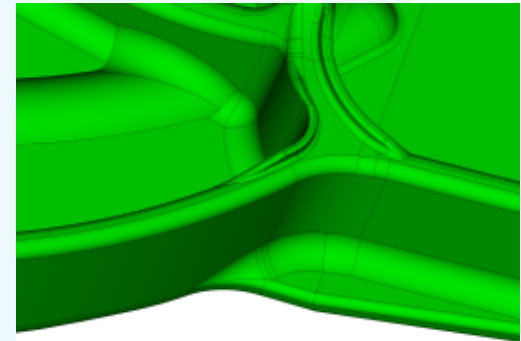
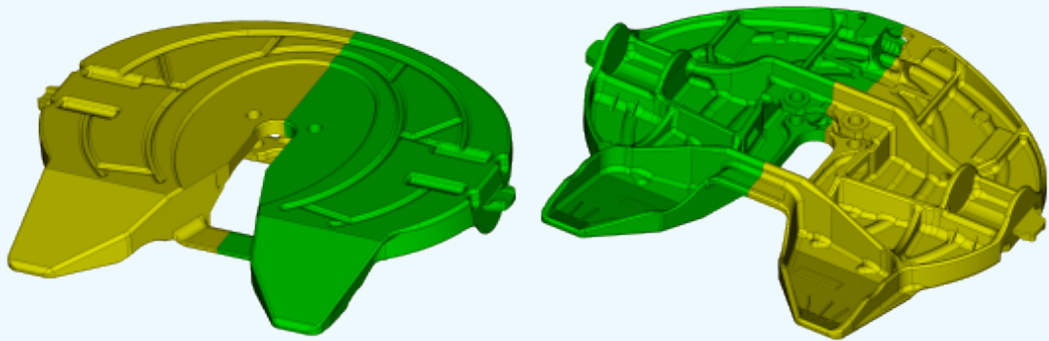
**Adaptivity**  
arbitrary overlay grids



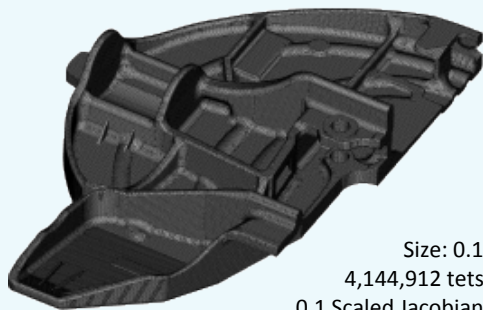
# PREVIOUSLY AN 'IMPOSSIBLE PART TO MESH'



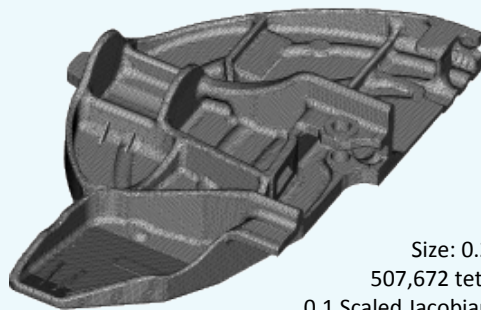
## Semi tractor Fifth Wheel CAD model with multiple geometry issues



Meshing TAT: 50 minutes

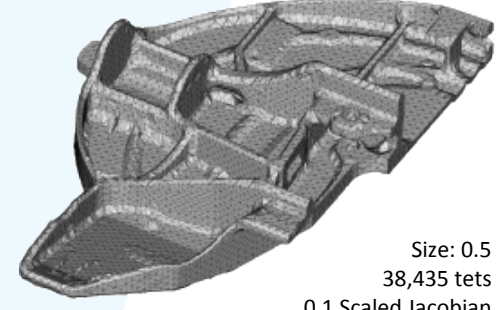


Size: 0.1  
4,144,912 tets  
0.1 Scaled Jacobian



Size: 0.2  
507,672 tets  
0.1 Scaled Jacobian

Meshing TAT: 3 minutes



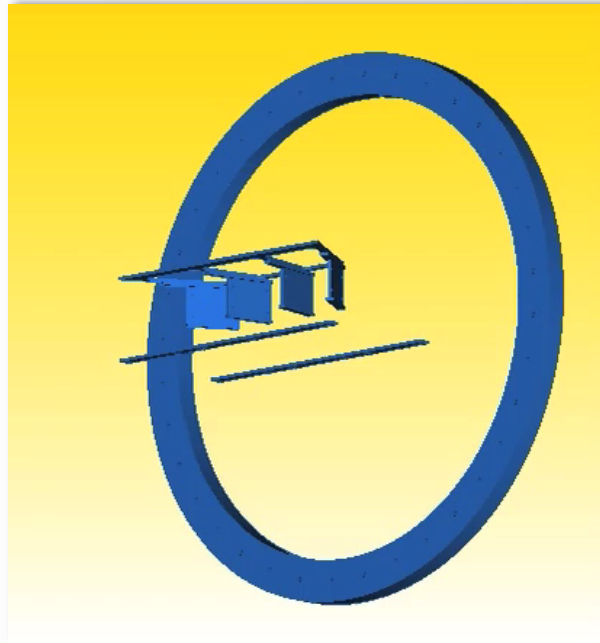
Size: 0.5  
38,435 tets  
0.1 Scaled Jacobian



## Topology optimization using PLATO

### Impact on Design:

- Topology optimization explodes design space
- Take advantage of new materials with unique properties
- Enabled by HPC & high fidelity mod/sim
- Use additive manufacturing to realize organic designs

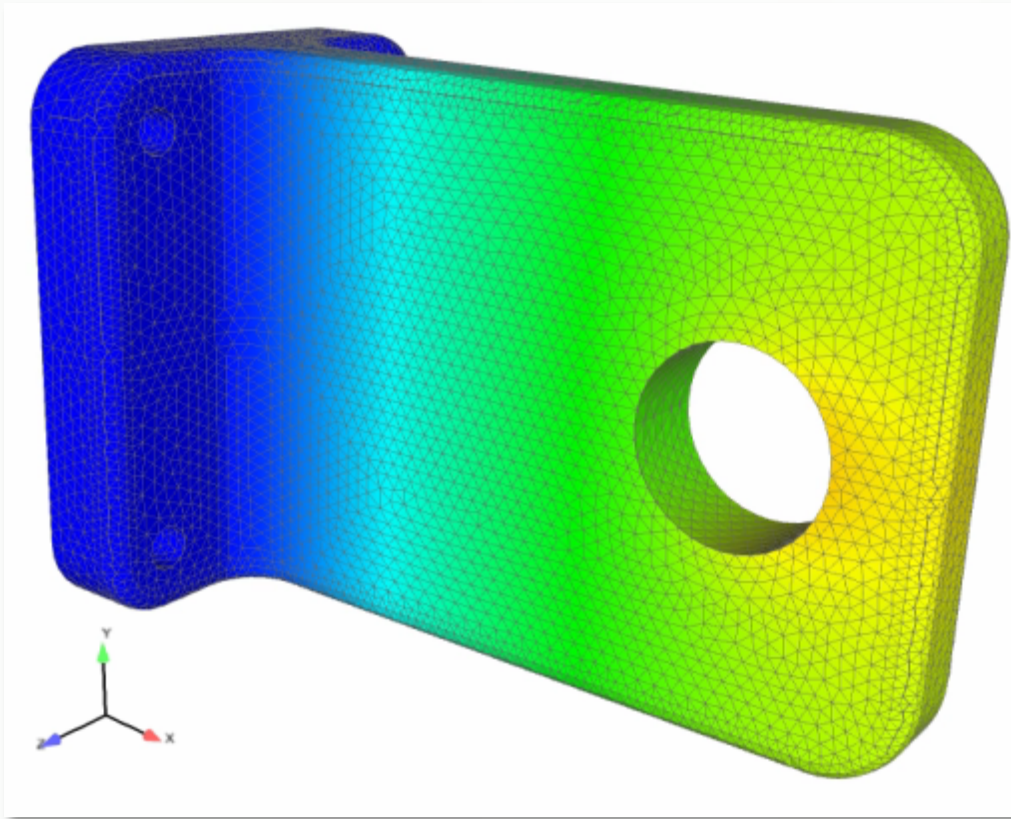


Example: satellite bracket design with increased stiffness, 40% weight reduction

### PLATO Features:

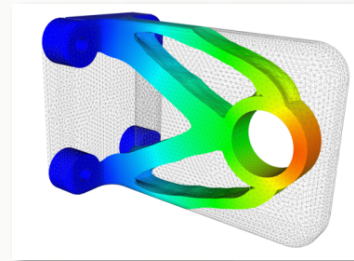
- Print ready design
- UQ-enabled designs
- Multi-material designs
- Designs with lattice metamaterials
- Automated conversion back to CAD surfaces

## Incorporating the right physics is essential Topology & Shape Optimization

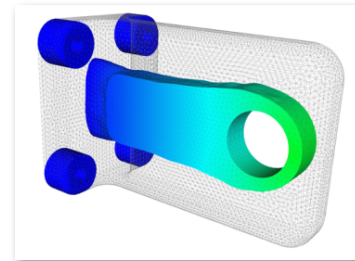


- GPU enabled solver package
- Optimized for stiffness and thermal conductivity

Mechanical  
Optimization Only



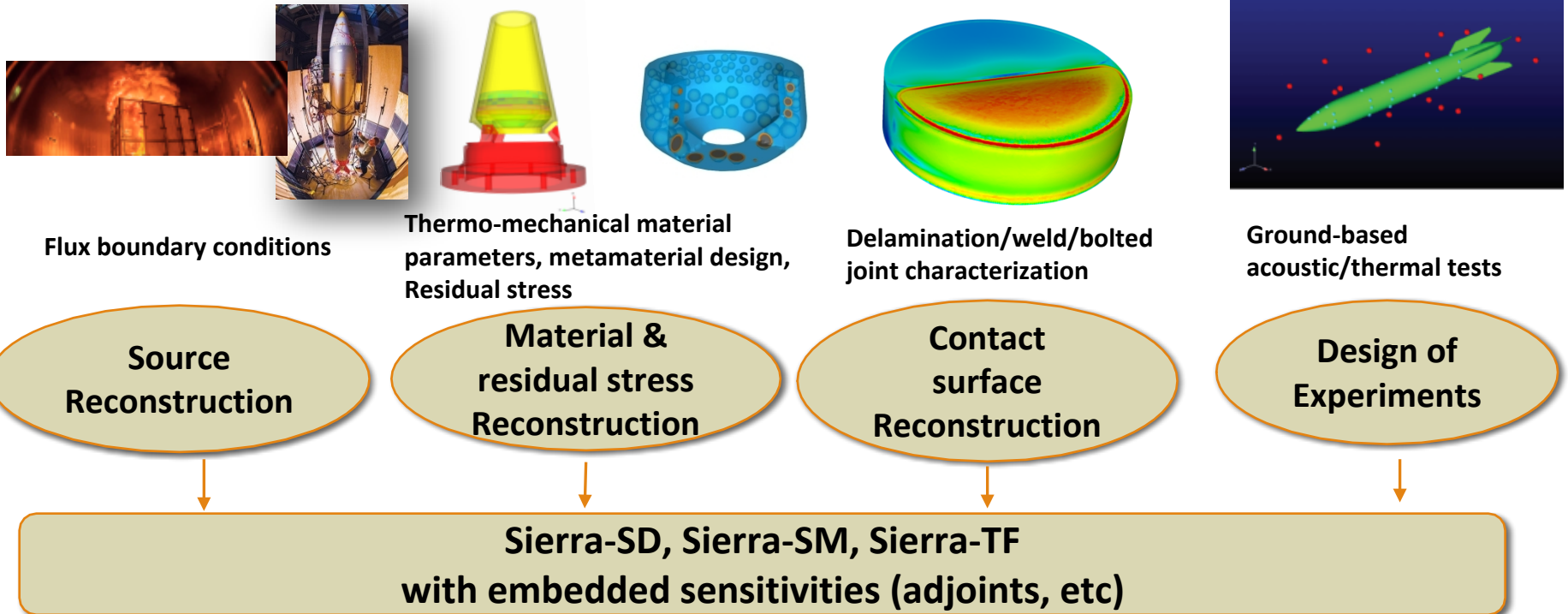
Thermal  
Optimization Only



# Inverse Optimization Methods & Metamaterials

- A significant amplifier for Sandia computational simulation.
- Useful for analysis, engineering design, experimentation
- Essential in development of unique metamaterials

## Wide range of use cases



**Goal:** enable all Sierra apps to reconstruct forces, materials, contact surfaces, and assist in designing experiments

**Uniqueness:** CompSim-enabled inverse optimization that provides capabilities for the above use cases



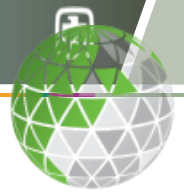


## New tools/platforms to make this work possible now and in the future

- Sandia's engineering missions are pushing us in new directions
  - Complex full-system engineering models that span a system's lifecycle
  - Explicit focus on how humans and computers interact to enable critical decisions
  - Adding automation, data-analytics, and intelligence throughout computational simulation
- But advances in computing overall are also important . . .
  - Exascale Computing Project—enabling 50x improvement in capability by 2021-23
  - Sandia's new ARM-based supercomputer prototype (Astra) helps open the door for future custom hardware options
  - Neuromorphic and quantum efforts also moving forward
- Along with novel diagnostics for elucidating phenomena and validating models.
- External partnerships and a diverse workforce are a must!

# Computational Simulation Tools

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COMPSIM  
STRUCTURAL DYNAMICS

# Sierra: Structural Dynamics

**Structural Dynamics** – Linear, static, implicit dynamic & modal response

## Shared mechanics capabilities

- small deformations, small-strain linear material behavior
- solid & structural elements, constraint elements
- **transient–modal–modal transient solution switching**, multi-sequence analyses
- **non-linear pre-load transfer from Sierra/SM**

## Time domain, statics & transients

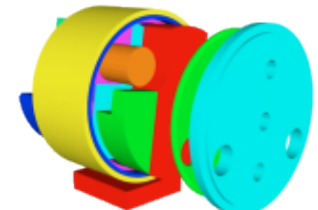
- **parallel scalable domain decomposition solver with many constraints**
- joint models with dissipation
- **material property inversion**
- stochastic material (elastic) properties

## Frequency domain

- Helmholtz solver, performance

## Acoustics – linear

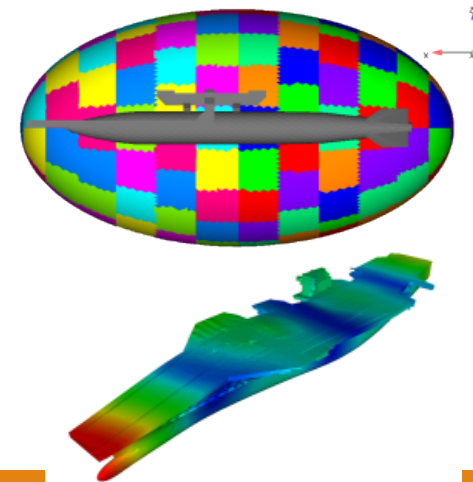
- absorbing boundaries
- **acoustic pressure source inversion**
- monolithic coupling with structural response



shock response that includes  
Sierra/SM preloads

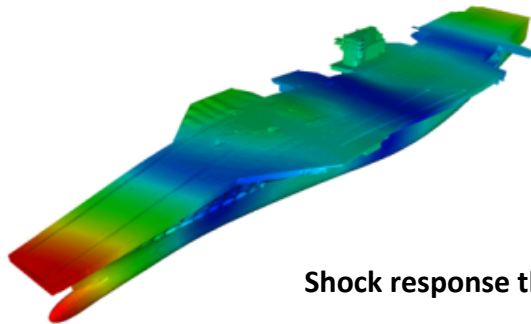


acoustic field modeling



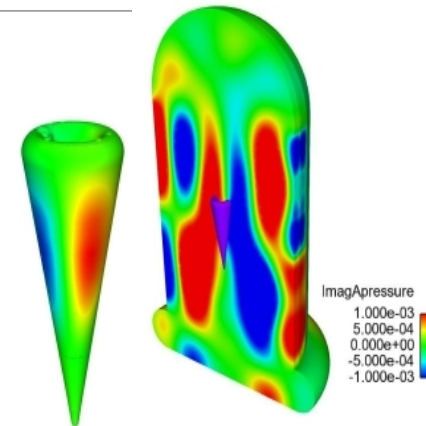
# Sierra : Structural Dynamics

Time domain, modal  
transient

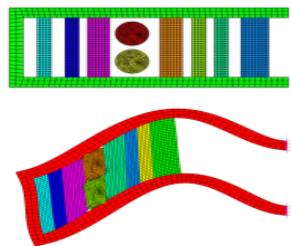


Shock response that includes Sierra/SM preloads

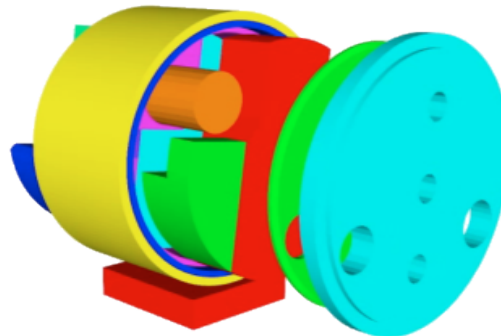
Acoustic → structural coupling



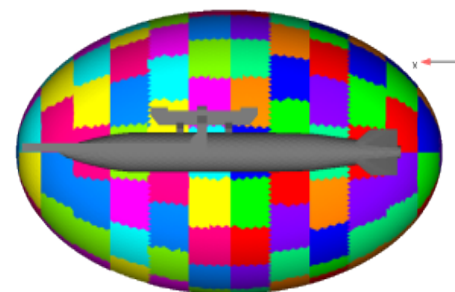
Preload → modal



linear stress analysis, (mechanical SM, SD)



Acoustic field modeling







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

### Shared capabilities

- large deformations, large-strain nonlinear material behavior
- implicit-explicit solution switching, multi-sequence analyses
- continuum & structural finite elements, particle methods
- **parallel scalable accurate frictional contact**
- **common & unique material models: 100+**
- **geometric and temporal multi-scale methods**

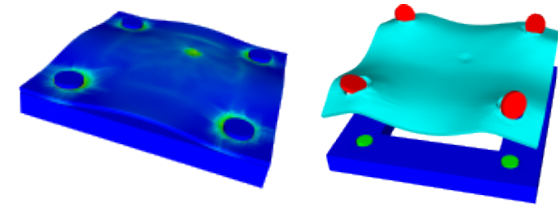
### Implicit Solid Mechanics

- coupled thermal-mechanical modeling, with failure
- preloads
- encapsulation & cure, incompressible material behavior

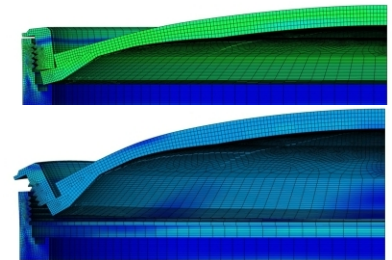
### Explicit Solid Mechanics

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

Implicit→explicit switching



pressure & temperature loading  
snap-thru & disassembly



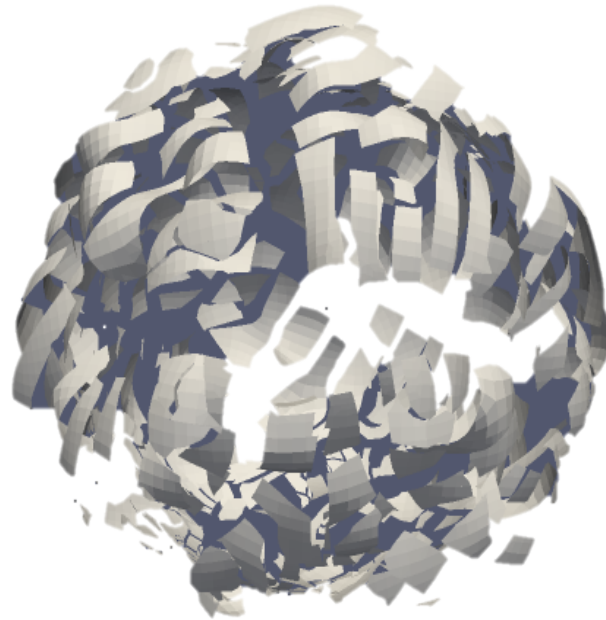
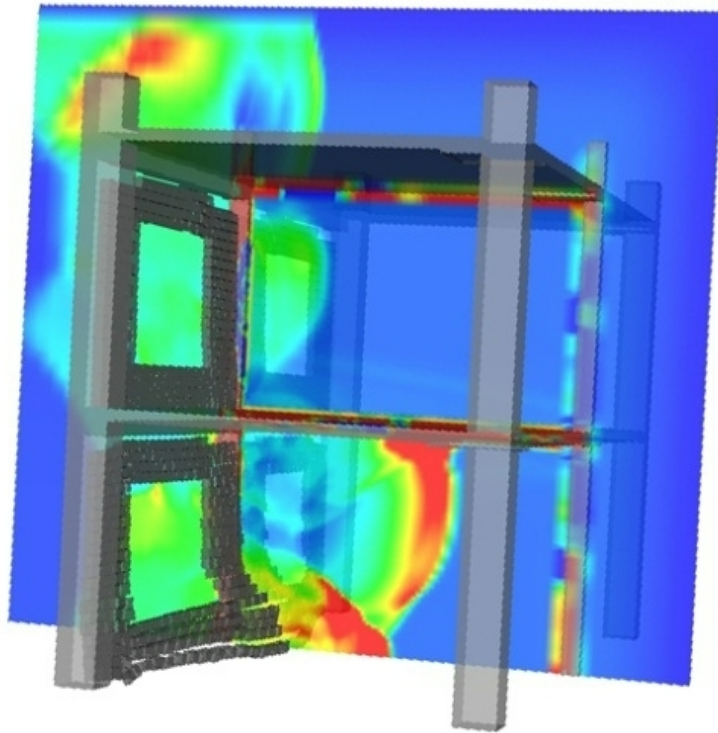
2D XFEM Fracture Simulation





## Material failure modeling, Blast-on-Structure

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# Sierra - Thermal/Fluid/Fire

## Thermal – Heat Transfer, Enclosure Radiation and Chemistry

- Conduction, Radiation, Convection
- **Dynamic thermal radiation enclosures**
- Element birth death, Contact

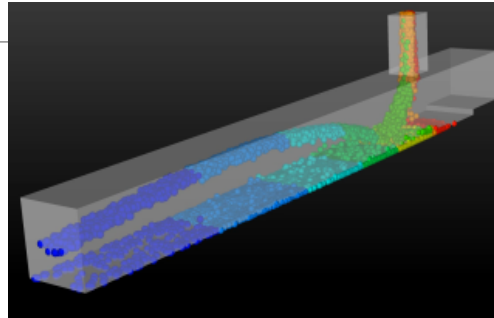
## Multiphase – Non-Newtonian, Multi-physics, and Free Surface Flows

- Complex material response, Flexible coupling schemes
- **Level sets for surface tracking**

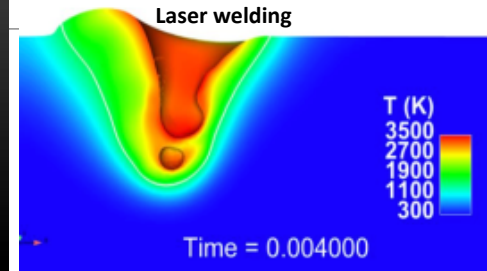
## Fire/Combustion – Low Speed, Variable Density, Chemically Reacting Flows

- Eddy dissipation and mixture fraction reaction models,
- Variable density
- RANS and LES based turbulence models, Unstructured Mesh, Pressurization models
- **Coupling to Radiation transport code**

Particles in crossflow

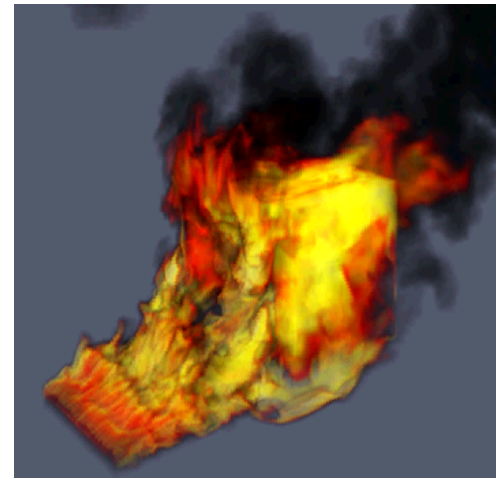


low-mach flows  
(thermal, fluids, participating media)



Manufacturing (thermal, fluids)

Fire modeling for subsequent weapon thermal response



# Aria: Drop impact

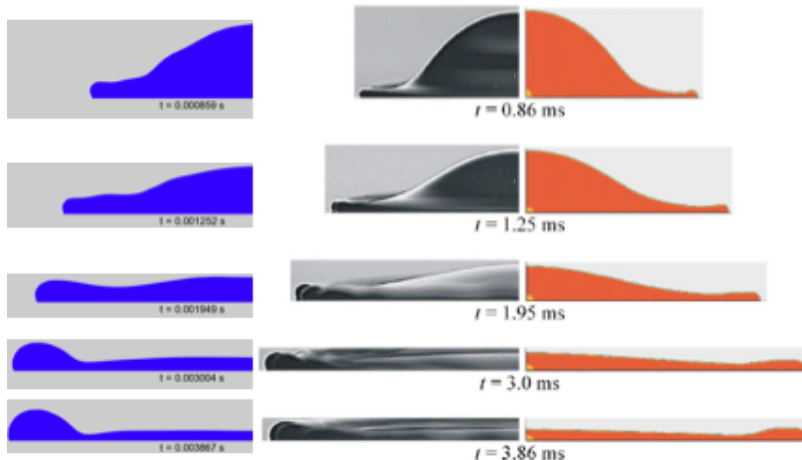
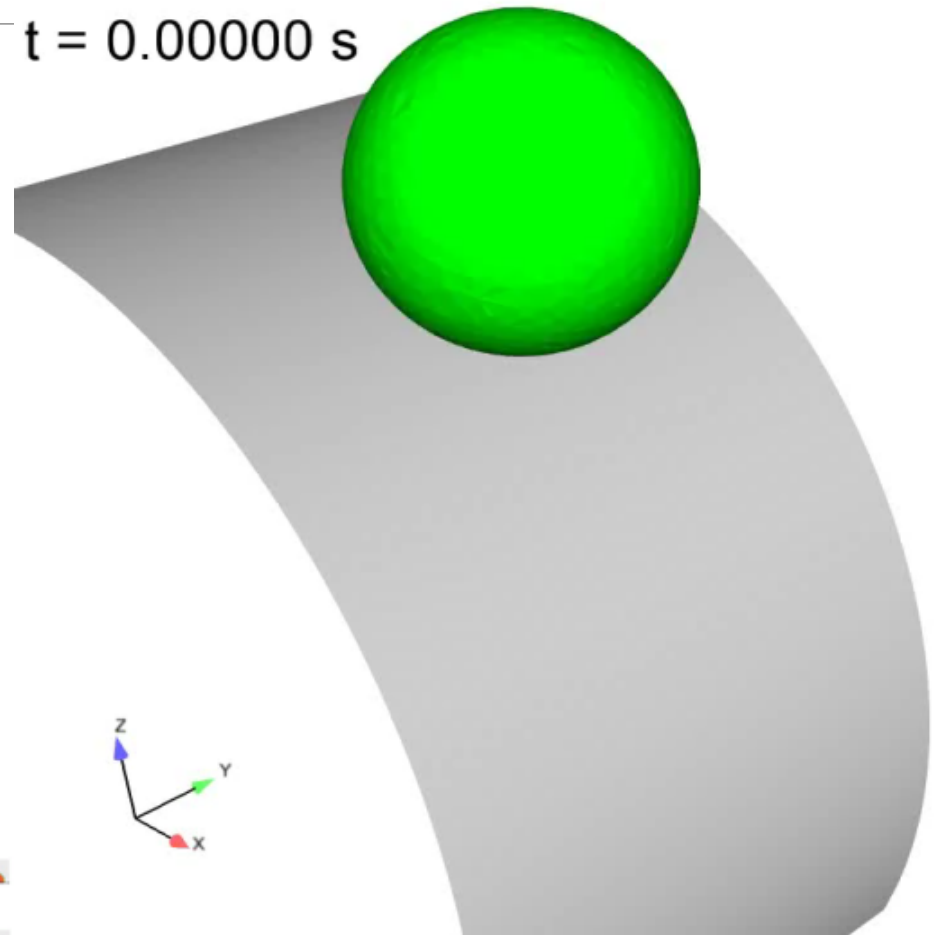
microscale drops impact solid surfaces  $t = 0.00000$  s

physics

fluid dynamics

interfacial dynamics

energy transport



S. Roberts





# Aria: Laser Welding & Additive Manufacturing

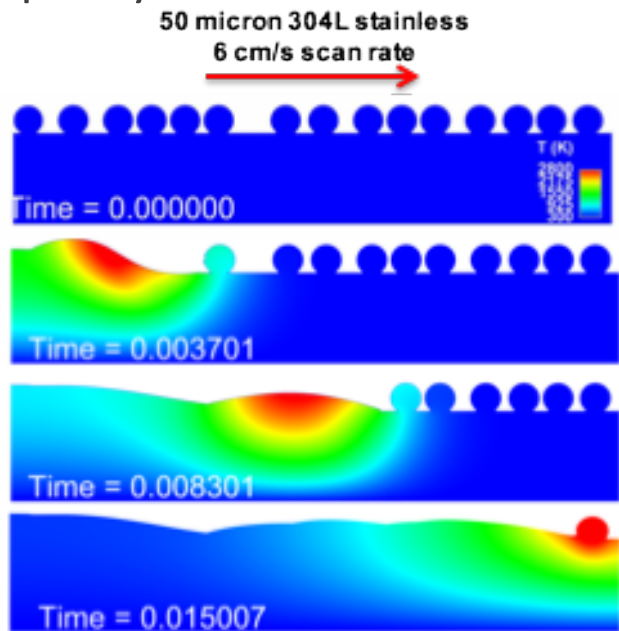
## Physics

Selective Laser heating

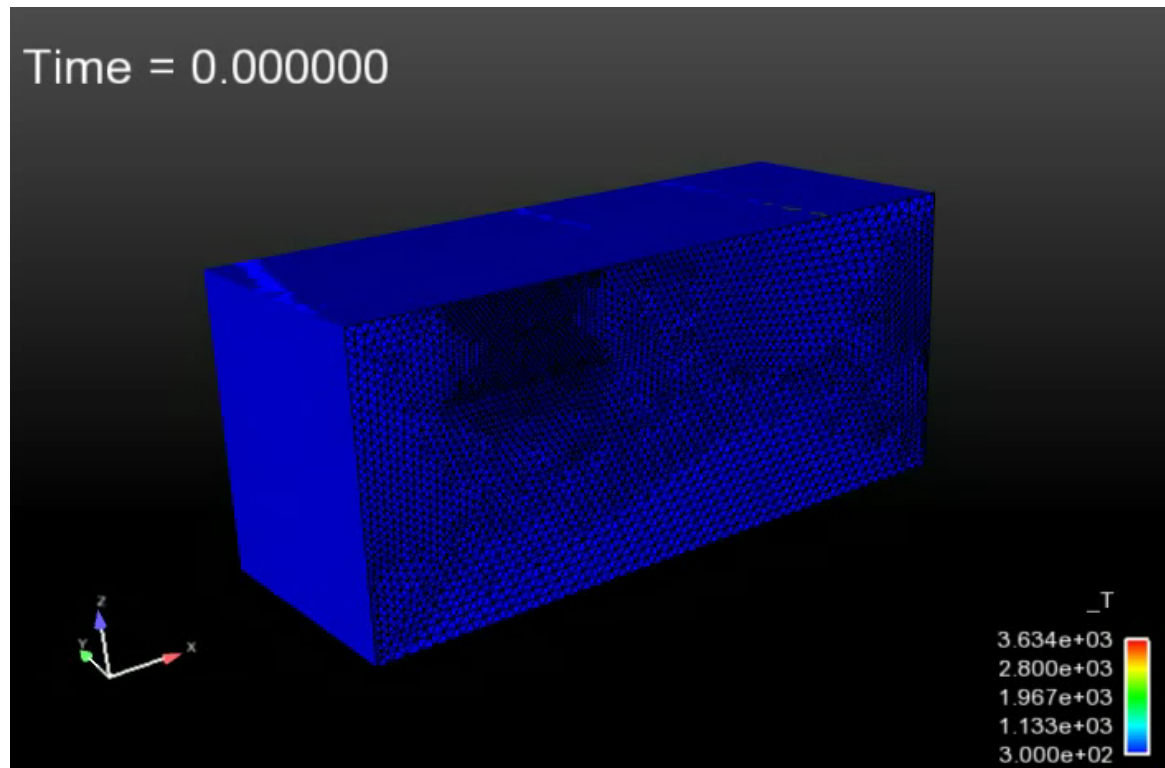
Nonequilibrium vaporization

Conduction

Capillary forces



Additive Manufacturing via selective laser melting



D. Noble, M. Martinez

# Sandia Parallel Aerodynamics and Reentry Code (SPARC)

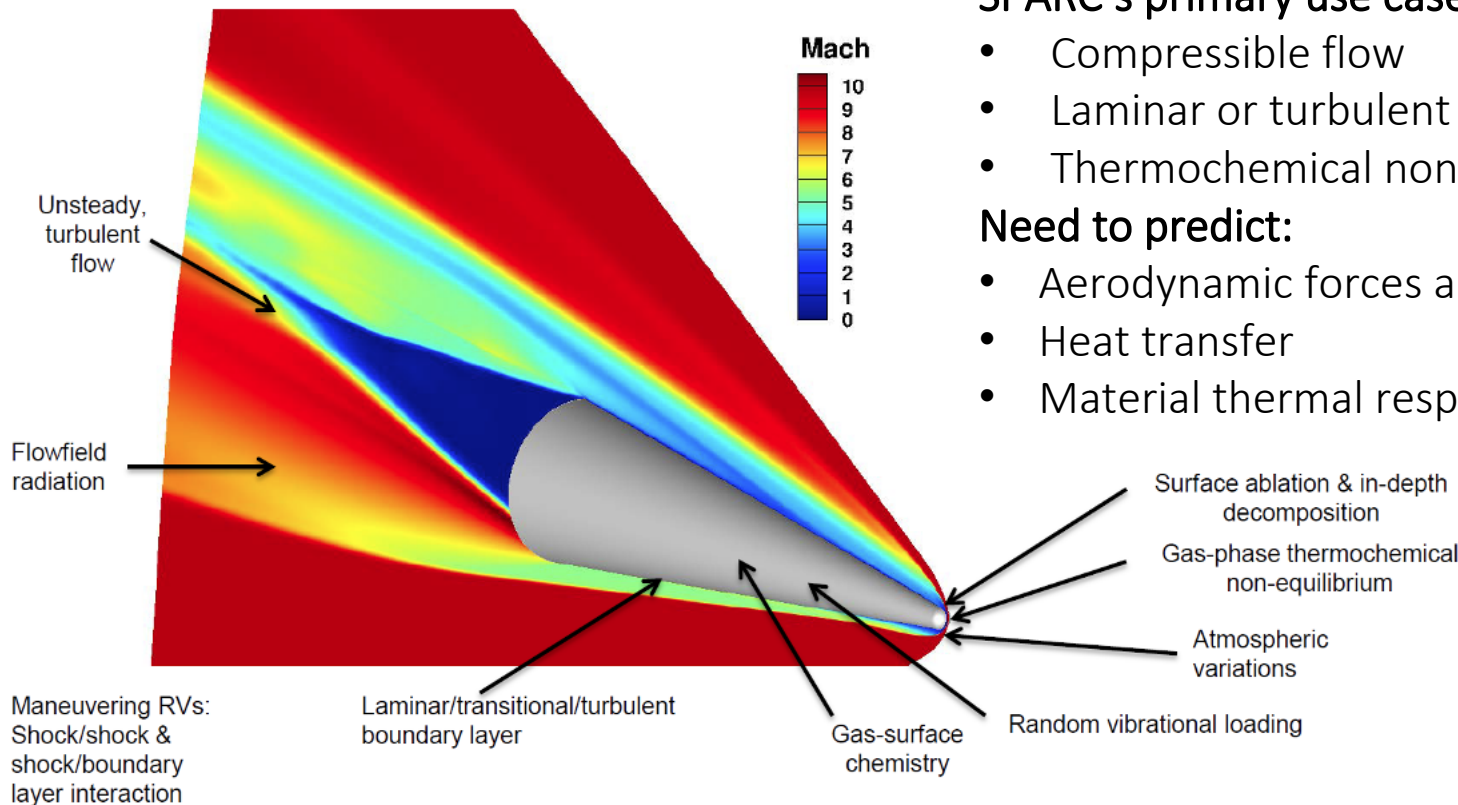


**SPARC's primary use case: atmospheric reentry**

- Compressible flow
- Laminar or turbulent
- Thermochemical nonequilibrium

**Need to predict:**

- Aerodynamic forces and moments
- Heat transfer
- Material thermal response



## State-of-the-art hypersonic CFD on next-gen platforms

Production: hybrid structured-unstructured finite volume methods  
R&D: high order unstructured discontinuous collocation element methods  
Perfect and thermo-chemical non-equilibrium gas models  
RANS and hybrid RANS-LES turbulence models; R&D: Direct Numerical Simulation

## Enabling technologies

Performance portability through Kokkos  
Scalable solvers  
Embedded geometry & meshing  
Embedded UQ and model calibration

## Credibility

Validation against wind tunnel and flight test data  
Visibility and peer review by external hypersonics community

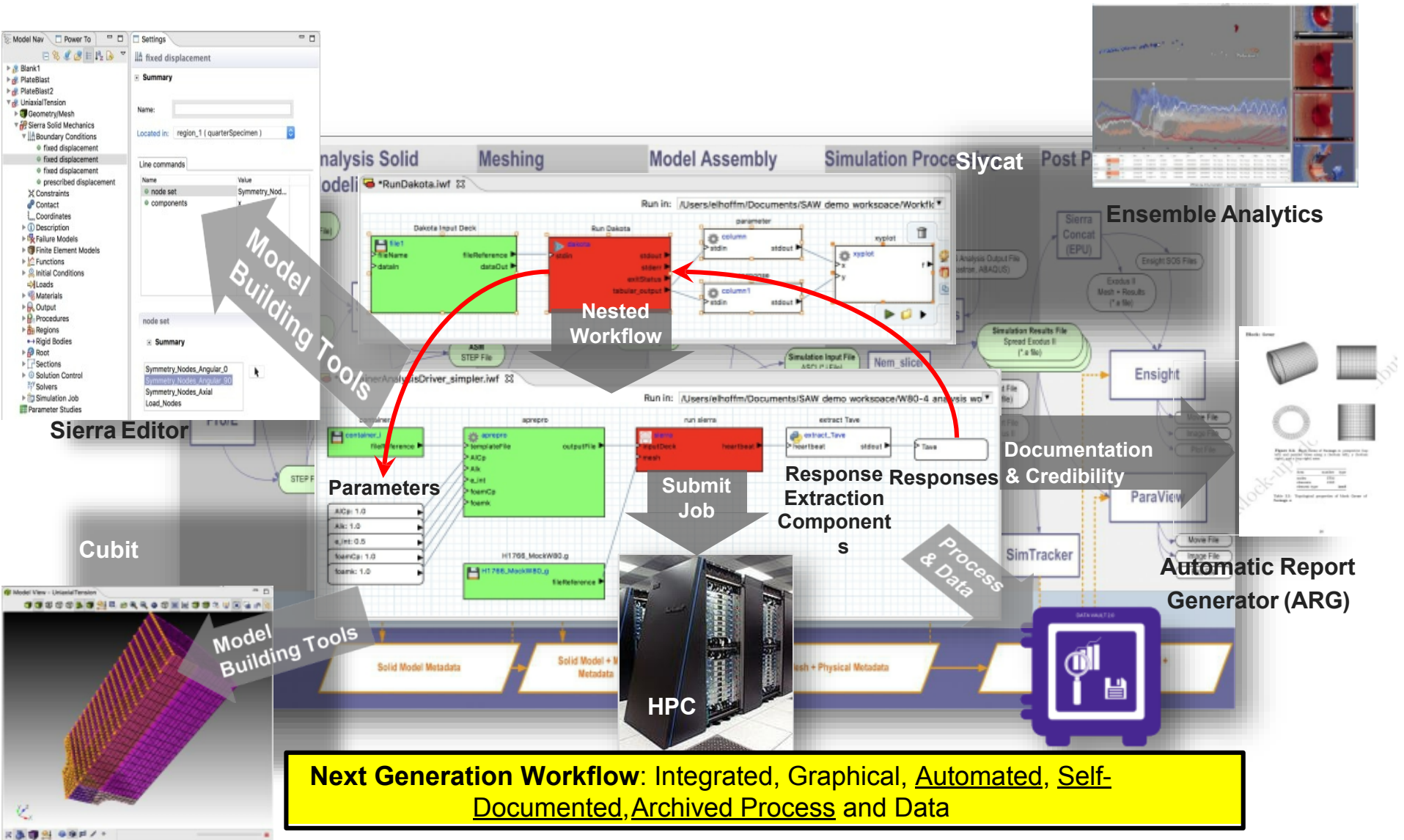
## Software quality

Rigorous regression, V&V and performance testing



# Integrated Workflow

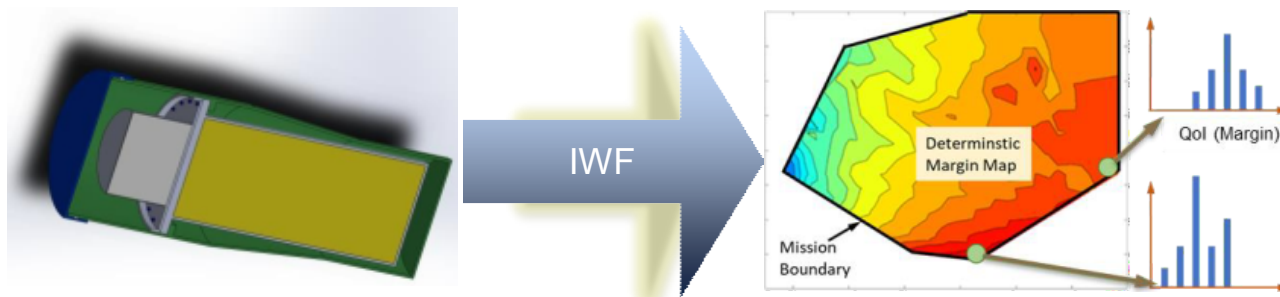
Sandia Analysis Workbench (SAW) **Parametric** Analysis Workflow Platform





# Transforming Engineering Science Analysis

- Demonstrates production-level analysis and credibility workflow to accelerate Turn-Around-Time (TAT)
  - **Current:** 1100 lines of opaque scripts/one year. **Future/Now:** reviewable visual workflow → one month
  - New visual process flow authoring paradigm; democratizes large scale ModSim integration
  - Weapons programs will see trade/uncertainty info in design phase to support early decisions
  - Impactful in the long-term (training, on-boarding, knowledge retention)
  - Relevant (supports real problems)
  - Non-trivial (requires significant development, stresses IWF infrastructure)



IWF will enable analysts to more easily perform intensive end-to-end high-consequence ModSim towards improved model credibility through clear communication and robust execution





# Reduced Order Models (ROMs)

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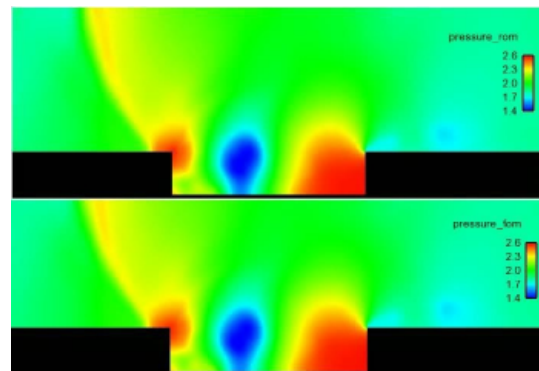
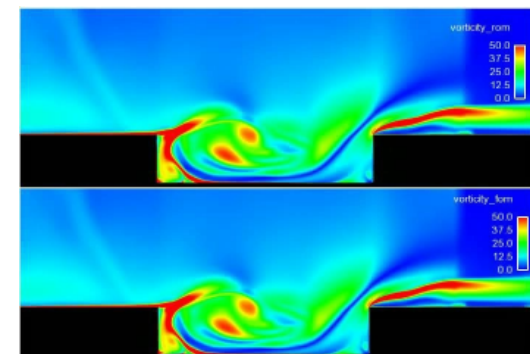
## Rigorous Surrogates for QMU

### ■ Motivation:

- *Goal*: better integrate **computational simulation** and **QMU**
- *High-fidelity models*: **expensive**
- *Typical surrogates*: **physics-blind**, **not robust**, **poor epistemic UQ**

### ■ Approach: reduced-order modeling (ROM)

- + orders of magnitude **computational savings** possible
- + **physics-based**, **robust**, can post-process **any QoI**
- + rigorous **epistemic UQ** and **control**
- + Machine learning to quantify ROM-induced **epistemic uncertainty**

**ROM***32 min, 2 cores***High-fidelity model***5 hours, 48 cores***Pressure field****Vorticity field**

# NASA Engagements

## Summary of past interactions

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- **NASA sites interested in Sierra Mechanics**
  - Langley, LaRC
    - 5+ years, training, research transition path, exploring co-development
  - JPL
    - Use of Sierra, joint projects
  - Kennedy
    - Flight Structures - Dynamic Environments, NASA Launch Services Program
    - Minor interactions
  - Johnson
    - Loads & Dynamics, NASA Engineering and Safety Center (NESC)
    - Minor interactions
  - Marshall
    - Inquiries, use of Sierra

# NASA LaRC Interactions

## Recent/Future

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- **Yearly training visits, briefings, Sierra Mechanics**
- **Visit with Ed Glaessgen, 14 Nov 2019, joint briefings**
  - Michael Skroch, Miguel Aguilo, Tim Walsh, Sandia
  - Topology Optimization & Inverse Optimization
  - Results in many ideas, and desire for regular technical exchanges
- **NASA HPC Meeting, 18-19 Mar 2020 @ LaRC**
  - Tim Walsh, Sandia, invited speaker
  - Cara Campbell Leckey (LARC-D313), Lead – HPC Incubator

# NASA LaRC Interactions

## Potential Collaborations

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- **Sierra Mechanics Use & Extension**
  - Transition for NASA Research, co-development, fracture mechanics
- **Non-destructive Evaluations**, Structural Health Monitoring, Delamination's, cracks, etc. (Inv Opt)
- **Techniques for Qualification**
- Establish periodic **Technical Exchange Meetings**
- **Microstructure code simulation**, SPPARKS (PLATO)
- **AM Process Simulation w/Chris Lang** (PLATO)
- **Design for Inspectability** (PLATO)
- **Design Under Uncertainty** (PLATO)
- **Material Property Characterization** of airframes and related structures (InvOpt)
- **Load Identification** (InvOpt)
- **Design of experiments** (InvOpt)
- **Thermal Inverse** (InvOpt)
  - Conductivity, flux estimations



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# 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

