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Adventures of a Mid-Career Mathematician in Radiation & Electrical Sciences

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Overview

- Let me introduce myself ...
- Early career at Sandia
- How did I get to 1300?
- What goes on in 1300 and how could it impact you?
- Questions



Educational background



Humboldt State University

Arcata, CA

B.A. Applied Mathematics (major)

Computer Information Systems (minor)



Rice University

Houston, TX

M.A. / Ph.D. Computational and Applied Mathematics

*“Fixed-Polynomial Approximate Spectral Transformations
for Preconditioning the Eigenvalue Problem”*





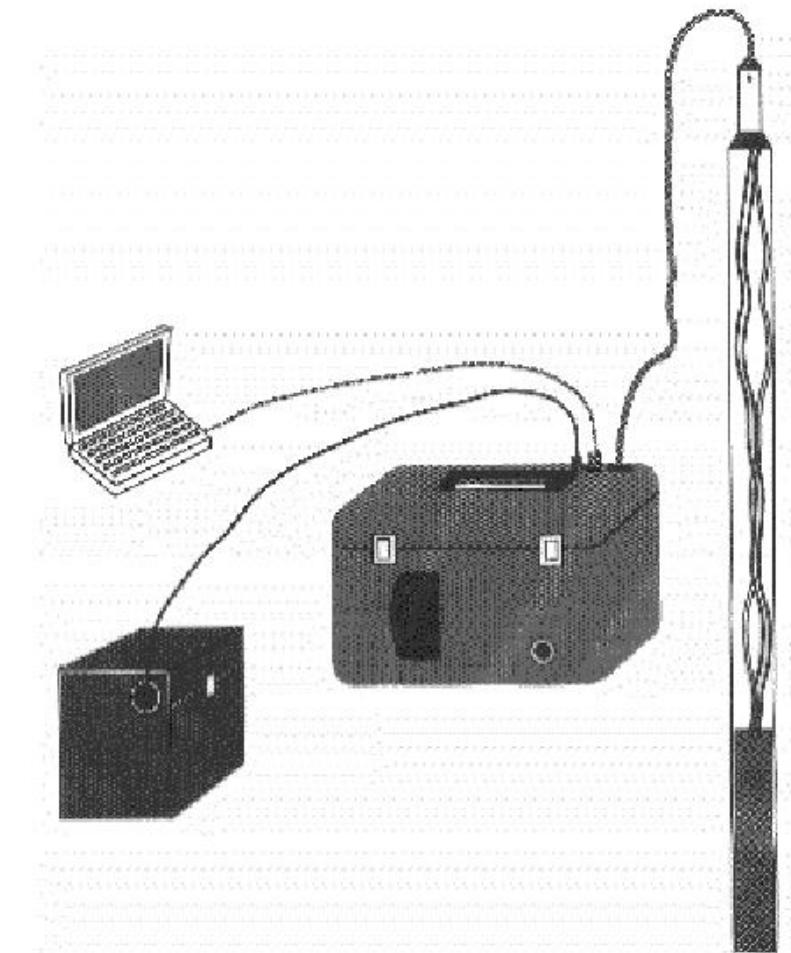
Undergraduate research experience

SERS Internship (LANL, Fall 1996)

- Developed software in Basic to analyze plasma and electron density from a laser-induced breakdown spectroscopy (LIBS) spectrum.

UGS (LANL, Summer 1997)

- Updated Basic software used in the operation of the field-portable LIBS analyzer.
- Tested the effectiveness of LIBS in detecting beryllium contamination in water-saturated soil samples.



Why is this important? Who does this benefit?



Department of Energy HANFORD SITE

Hanford Site



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Hanford Beryllium Awareness Group (BAG)

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Medical Testing and Surveillance Facilities

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Hanford Workers Compensation

Beryllium Program

BERYLLIUM PROGRAM AT HANFORD

Beryllium is a lightweight, durable metal that has wide spread industrial applications. The use of beryllium at the Hanford site during fuel element production, and maintenance of selected industrial components and tools, has resulted in potential occupational beryllium exposure to current and former employees. As Hanford proceeds with extensive decommissioning and decontamination of older facilities, legacy beryllium-containing dust and debris may still be encountered. Unfortunately, a small portion of exposed personnel have been diagnosed with beryllium-related medical conditions including Chronic Beryllium Disease (CBD) or Beryllium Sensitization (BeS). DOE and all Hanford contractors are committed to ensuring that current and former employees that may have received exposure to beryllium have an opportunity to receive appropriate medical testing, and if necessary, follow-up medical attention.

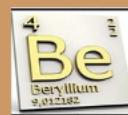
This website provides general information, as well as references and guidance, which may be beneficial to exposed personnel and other interested individuals.

Hanford Site Chronic Beryllium Disease Prevention Program (CBDPP)

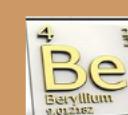
Hanford has developed an integrated, site-wide program to minimize exposure to beryllium while working at Hanford. The program is called the Hanford Site Chronic Beryllium Disease Prevention Program (CBDPP). Revision 1 of the CBDPP became effective on July 30, 2012. An implementing procedure for the program, the Hanford Site Beryllium Work Permit (BWP) and Hazard Assessment Procedure was also effective on July 30, 2012. On September 19, 2013, a revision to the CBDPP document (Rev 2A) and four implementing procedures: Assessment and Characterization of Buildings Procedure; Hanford Site Beryllium Posting and Labeling Requirements Procedure; Assessment and Characterization/Verification of Structures and Conex Boxes Procedure; and Hanford Site Evaluation of Electrical Equipment for Beryllium Procedure were published and are implemented.

PROGRAM AND RESOURCES

[DOE-0342 Hanford Site Chronic Beryllium Disease Prevention Program](#)



[DOE-0342 Implementing Procedures](#)

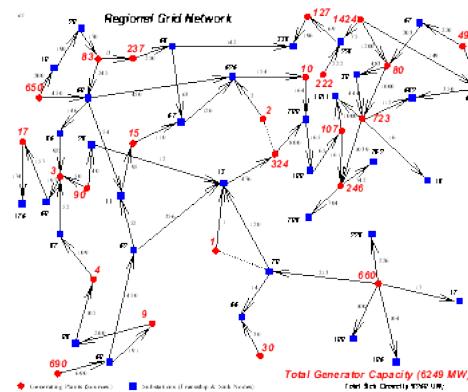




Graduate research experience

◆ LANL, Summer 1998

- Simulation of deregulated power markets
- Damage identification project for seismic retrofitting





Cort Kreer and Sarah Harman, DOE



DOE Laboratories

There are 17 DOE laboratories that ...

- Execute long-term government scientific and technological missions, often with complex security, safety, project management, or other operational challenges
- Develop unique, often multidisciplinary, scientific capabilities beyond the scope of academic and industrial institutions, to benefit the Nation's researchers and national strategic priorities
- Develop and sustain critical scientific and technical capabilities to which the government requires assured access



National Nuclear Security Agency (NNSA) and its labs “work to enhance national security through the military application of nuclear energy”

- Los Alamos National Laboratory
- Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory
- Sandia National Laboratories

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[<https://www.energy.gov/nnsa/locations>]



Early career @ Sandia



In 2003, joined Sandia (in what is currently 1400) to become a Trilinos developer

- Anasazi: Generic templated framework for developing iterative algorithms for solving large-scale eigenproblems
- Belos: Generic templated framework for developing iterative algorithms for solving large-scale linear systems
- Teuchos: Collection of common utilities and tools that can be used by Trilinos packages

Observed (what seemed like) the exponential growth of capabilities provided by Trilinos, targeting the diverse needs of application codes at Sandia



- R&D 100 Winner
- Open Source
 - Accessible via GitHub



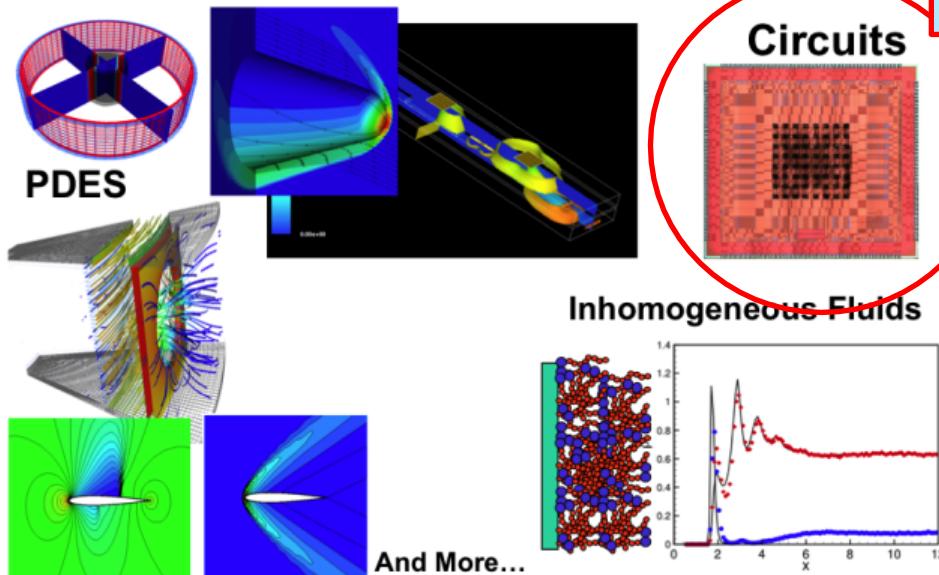
Laptops to
Leadership systems

- Geometry, Meshing
- Discretizations, Load Balancing
- Scalable Linear, Nonlinear, Eigen, Transient, Optimization, UQ solvers
- Scalable I/O, GPU, Manycore

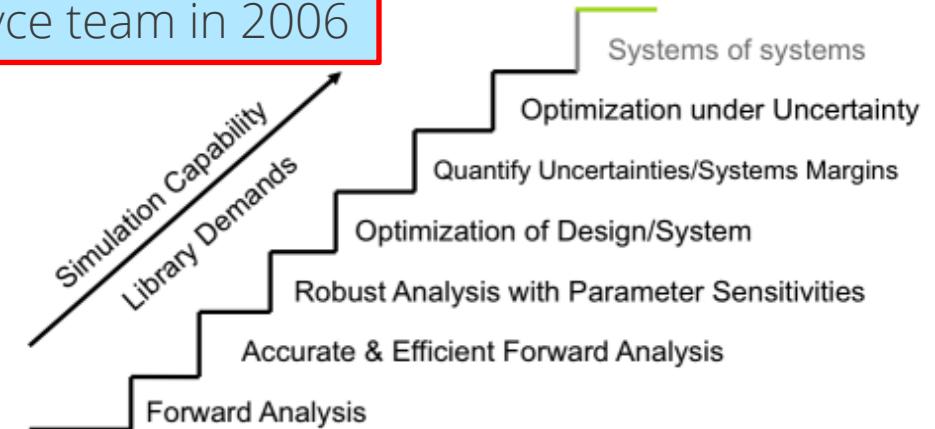
- 60 Packages
- Binary distributions

"An Introduction to Trilinos"
Presented by: Jennifer Loe
August 31, 2021

Transforming Computational Analysis To Support High Consequence Decisions



Joined the Xyce team in 2006



Each stage requires greater performance and error control of prior stages:
Always will need: more accurate and scalable methods.
more sophisticated tools.



Why is Xyce/Trilinos important? Who does this benefit?

- Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty (CTBT), signed in 1996, is a multilateral treaty that bans all nuclear tests, for both civilian and military purposes, in all environments
 - Limited environments in which “build and test” engineering could be used; increased need for modeling and simulation (mod-sim)
 - Advanced Simulation & Computing Initiative (ASCI), 1995
 - Qualification Alternatives to the Sandia Pulsed Reactor (QASPR), 2005
- Sandia ensures electrical systems **survivability** in **hostile** environments
 - Survivability: System and all components must retain mechanical/structural integrity and electrical components must continue to operate as designed
 - Hostile: Radiation (neutron, gamma, x-ray, and electromagnetic) environments

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How can analog simulation ensure electrical systems survivability?

Provides tradeoff between fidelity and speed/problem size

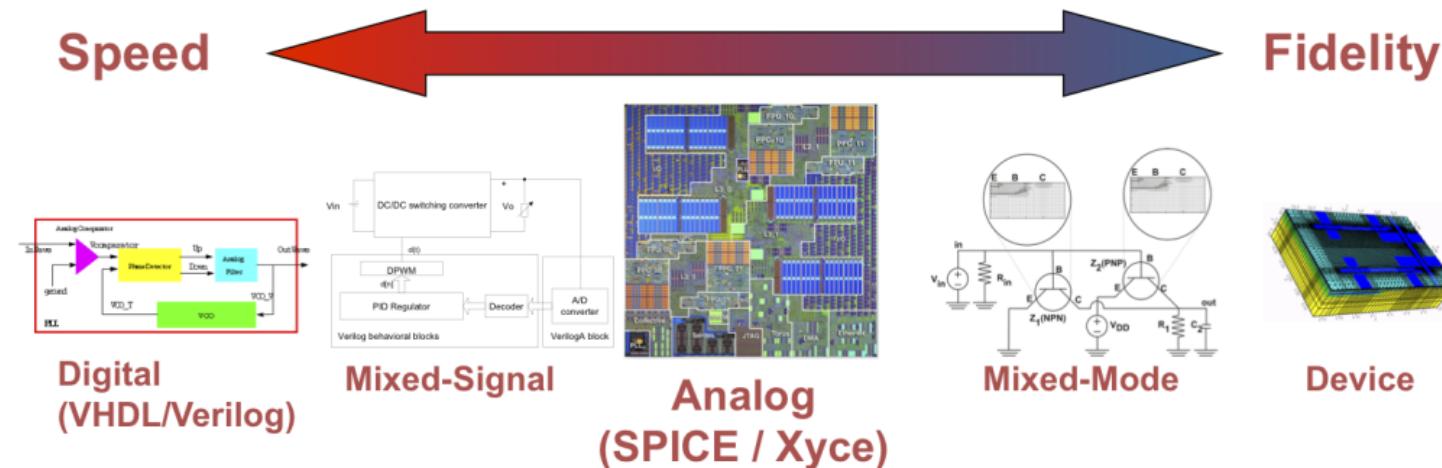
- Models network(s) of devices coupled via Kirchoff's current and voltage laws

$$f(x(t)) + \frac{dq(x(t))}{dt} = b(t)$$

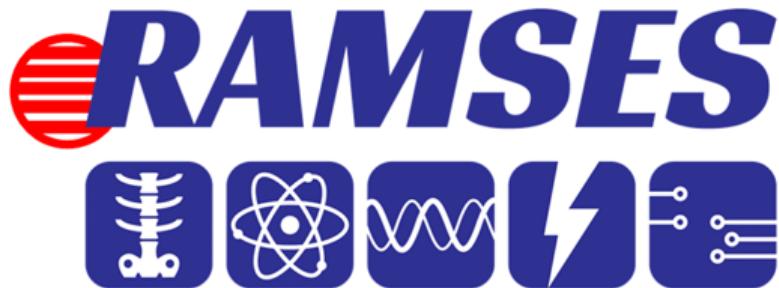
- Xyce enables full system parallel simulation for large integrated circuits

Essential simulation approach used to verify electrical designs

- SPICE is the defacto industry standard (PSpice, HSPICE, etc.)
- Xyce supports NW-specific device development

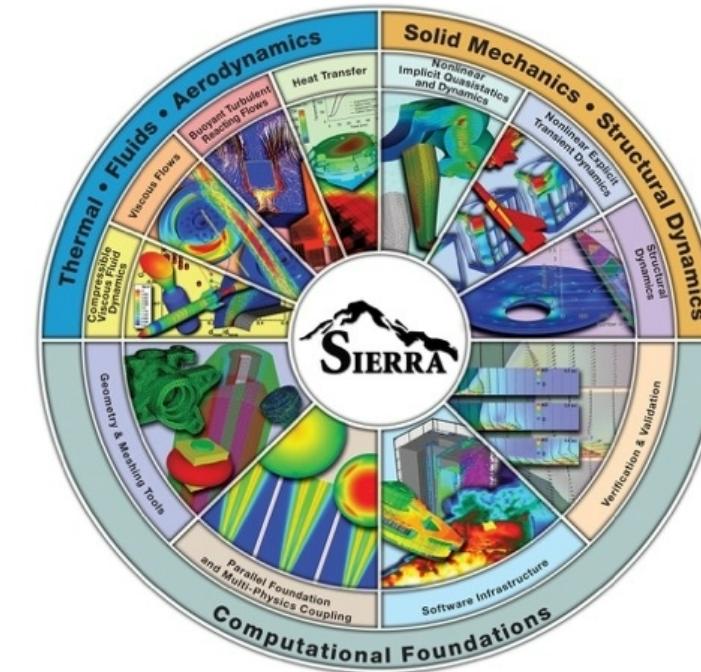


Sandia's Advanced Simulation & Computing (ASC) Code Suites



ITS SCEPTRE NuGET EIGER EMPHASIS Xyce Charon
CHEETAH Gemma EMPIRE

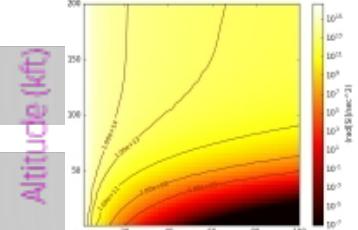
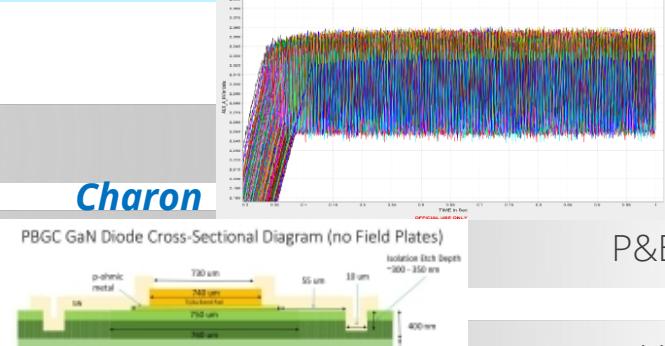
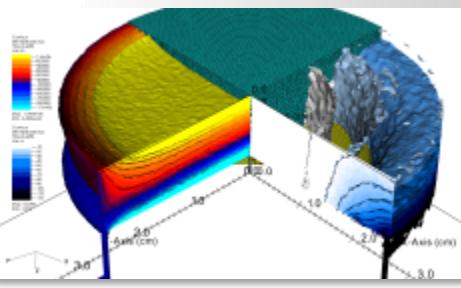
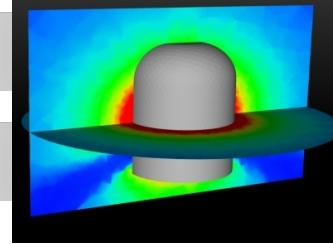
Electromagnetics, Radiation and
Electrical Code Suite



Engineering Mechanics Code Suite

RAMSES

Radiation Analysis, Modeling and Simulation for Electrical Systems

RAMSES/EM Electromagnetic and Plasma Applications	RAMSES/RAD Radiation Transport Applications	RAMSES/CD Circuit & Device Response Applications
<p><i>Eiger</i></p> 	<p><i>NuGET</i></p>  <p>Altitude (kft)</p> <p>Slant Range (kft)</p>	<p><i>Charon</i></p>  <p>PBGC GaN Diode Cross-Sectional Diagram (no Field Plates)</p> <p>Charon</p> <p>Isolation Etch Depths: -200 - 350 nm</p> <p>Thicknesses: 730 nm, 740 nm, 250 nm, 55 nm, 18 nm, 400 nm</p>
<p><i>EMPHASIS</i></p> 	<p><i>ITS/SCEPTRE</i></p> 	<p><i>Xyce</i></p> <p>Compiler</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> C ACSL Why3 SMV SVA VHDL Verilog <p>SCXML</p>
		<p>IC</p> <p>P&EM</p> <p>V&V</p> <p>ATDM</p> <p>CSSE/FOUS</p>



RAMSES capabilities support NW design and qualification

Radiation
transport
1300

Electromagnetics
&
Plasma
1600

Circuits
&
Devices

1400 / 8700

Code	Physics	Numerics	NW Use Cases
ITS/Cheetah	γ - e ⁻ transport	Monte Carlo (MC)	Environment Specification, INRAD, Cavity SGEMP, TREE, Impulse, TMS, TSR
SCEPTRE	γ - e ⁻ transport	Deterministic (DO)	Box & Cable SGEMP
NuGET	N - γ environment, fireball	Builder/follower trajectory models, MC & DO transport	Environment Specification, QASPR, TREE, Heating, TMS, TSR, Dielectric breakdown
EMPHASIS/ EMPIRE	EM-Plasma	Time Domain EM with PIC, finite element	Qualification & design: Cable & Cavity SGEMP, Box IEMP, SREMP, Abnormal (Nearby Lightning), development of Environ. Specs
EIGER/Gemma	Full wave electromagnetic	Frequency domain EM Integral Equation, Method-of-Moments	Qualification & design: Normal and Hostile EMR/EMP, development of Environ. Specs
Charon	Transistor carrier transport & recombination	PDE solver Time domain and Frequency domain (in development)	Qualification & design, Neutron Effects, SGEMP
Xyce	Analog circuit simulation	Non-linear DAE solver Time domain and Frequency domain	Qualification & design: Neutron Effects, SGEMP, Abnormal (Thermal), Normal (Aging, RF), development of Environ. Specs
Q	Digital Formal Verification	Formal Mathematics	Digital Assurance, Design Verification, Off-Nominal Performance

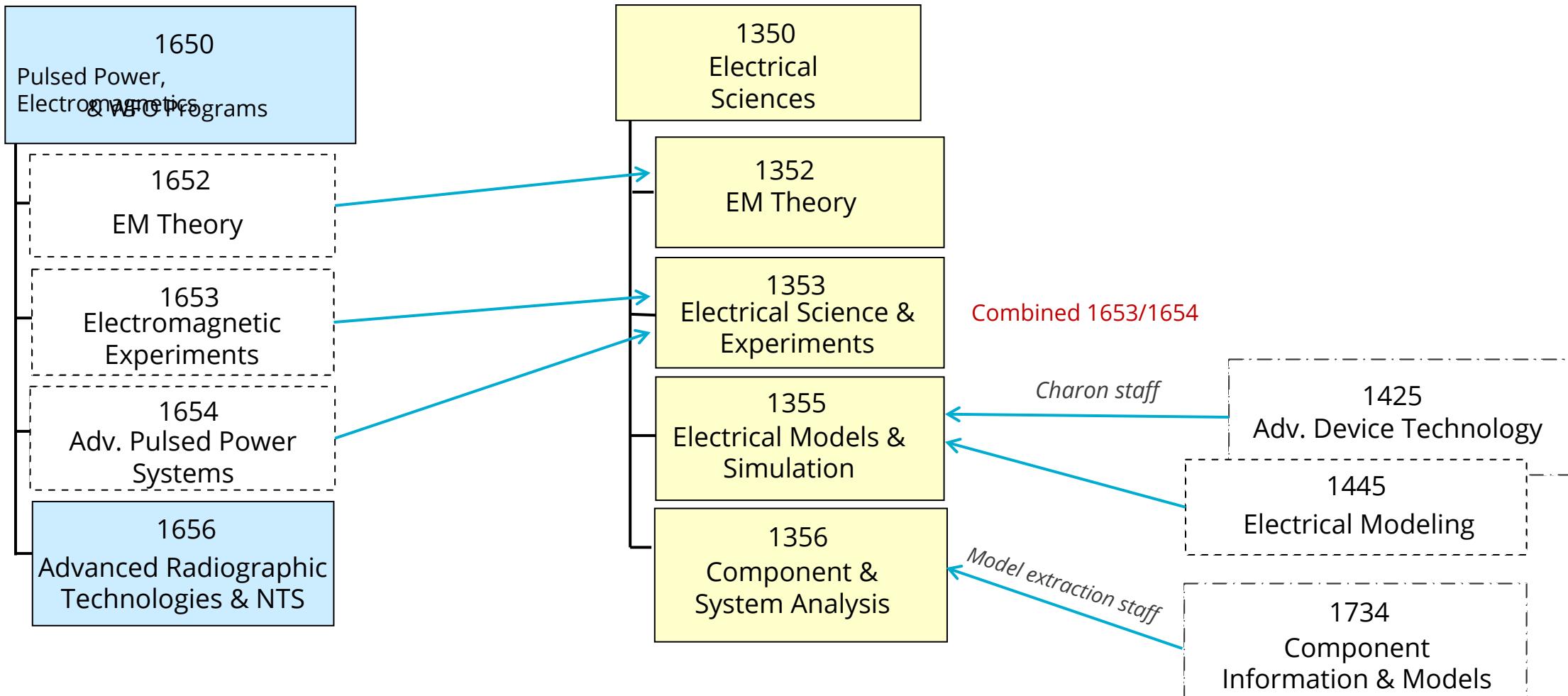


The Electrical Sciences Consolidation (2013)

Working group recommendations:

- Provide a clearer and more responsive interface to mission partners for challenging electrical problems requiring a more fundamental understanding
- Better integrate and steward our ability to perform predictive electrical simulation (both physical and computational) across our mission needs
- Address specific identified gaps in capability and services
 - **Improve ability to assess and respond** to electrical issues in support of the Annual Assessment Review
 - Create the ability to perform -- at the level of fidelity required -- a *full system* analysis of ND electrical systems
 - Create substantial capability to assess **electromagnetic effects on circuits (combined environments)**

Moving from 1400 to 1300 through reorganization





Center 1300 - Radiation & Electrical Sciences

The Radiation & Electrical Sciences Center 1300:

- Develops technologies and operates facilities needed to assess and qualify the performance of nuclear weapons in electromagnetic and severe radiation environments.
- Develops theory, analytical techniques and computer codes to model the effects of radiation, electromagnetics and lightning on nuclear weapons components and systems.
- Conducts experiments to develop and validate these models and applies a broad range of experimental and computational tools to assess the performance of weapons in normal, abnormal and hostile environments.
- Special technologies that are resistant to radiation environments are also developed.



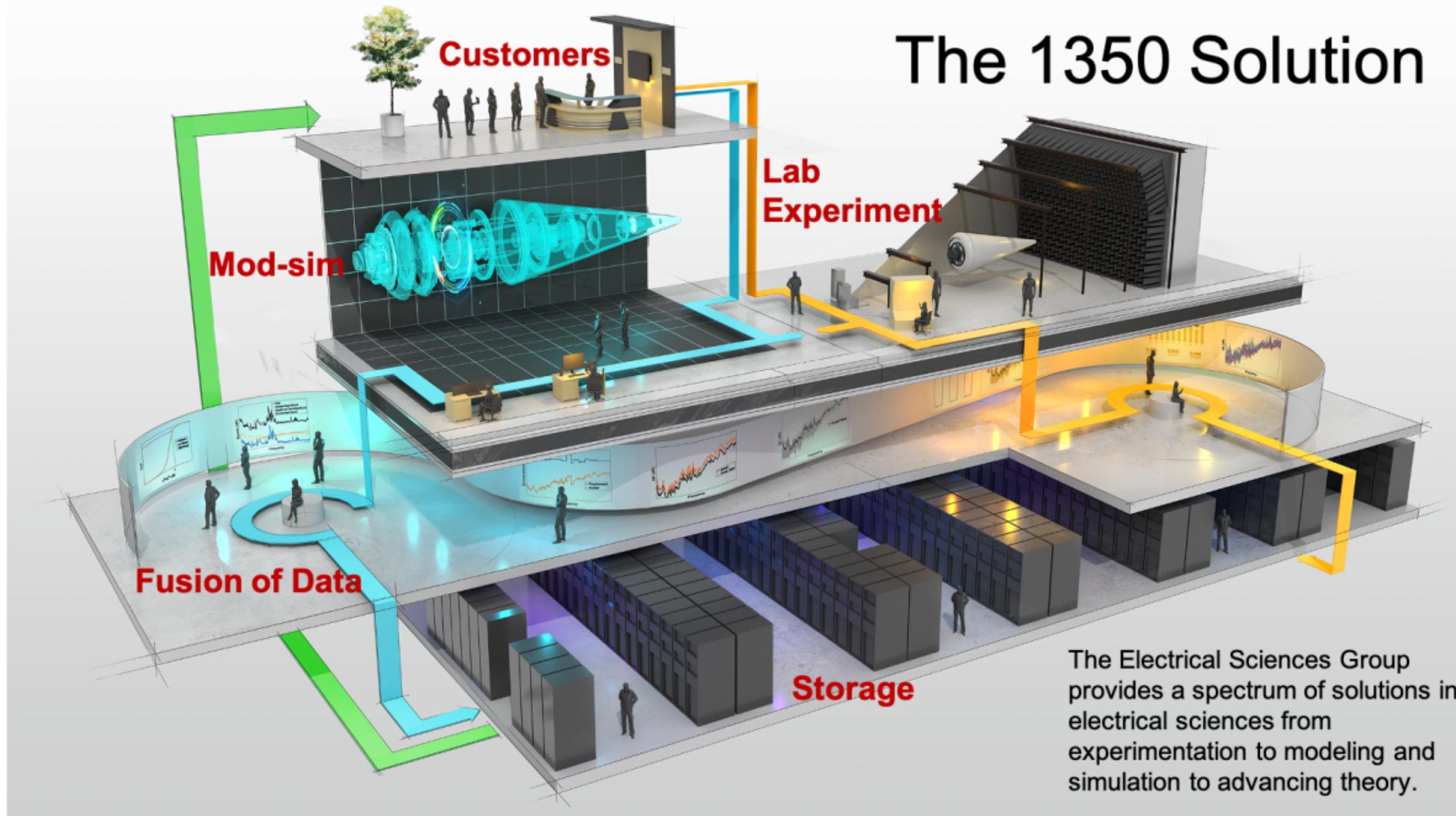
Center 1350 - Electrical Sciences

The Electrical Sciences Group provides a spectrum of solutions in electromagnetics environments effects and electrical sciences from experimentation to modeling and simulation to advancing theory.

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Electromagnetics & Plasma	EMPHASIS/EMPIRE	EM-Plasma	Time Domain EM with PIC, finite element	Qualification & design: Cable & Cavity SGEMP, Box IEMP, SREMP, Abnormal (Nearby Lightning), development of Environ. Specs
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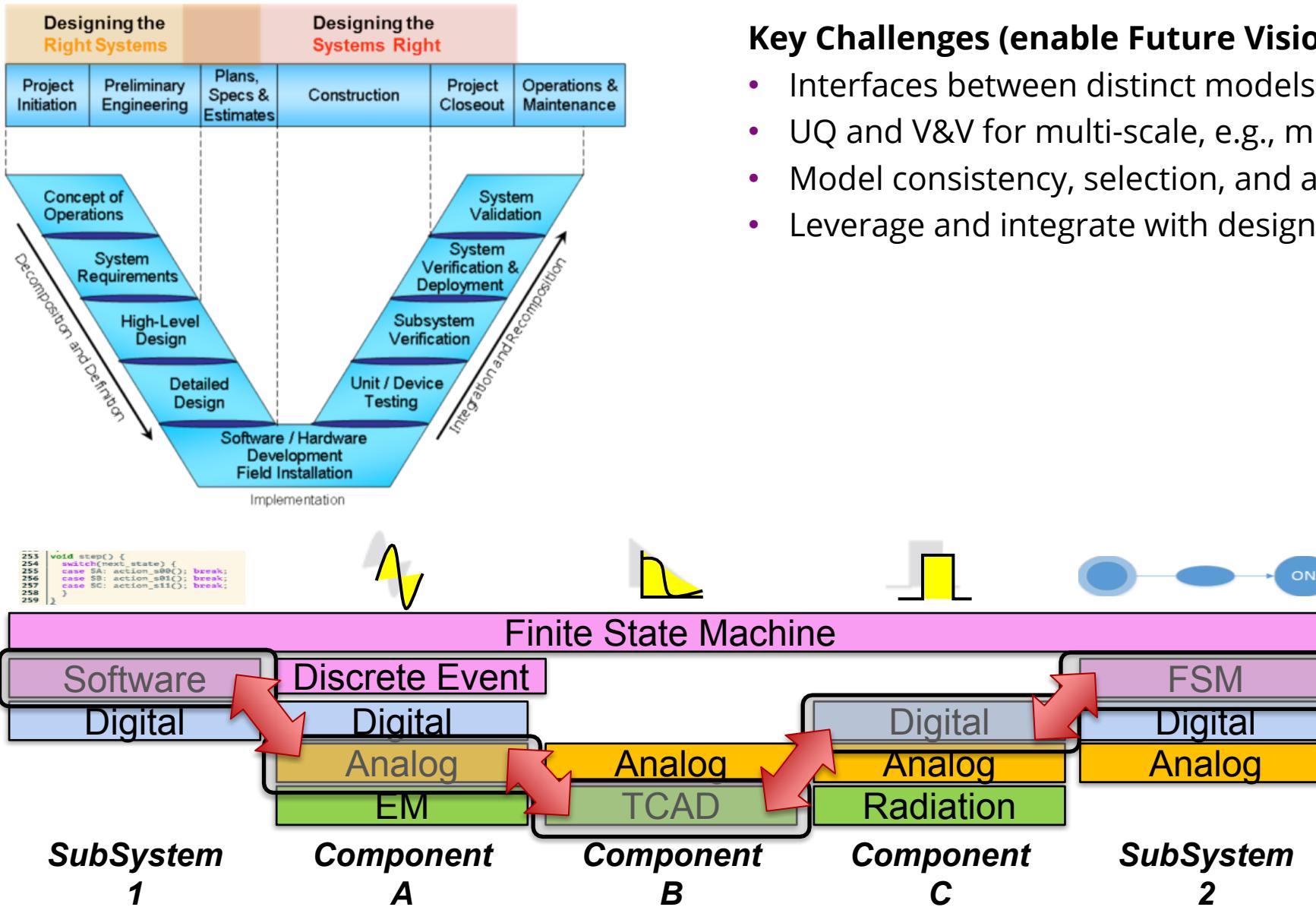
Facilities

[Electromagnetic Environments Simulator \(EMES\)](#)
[Lightning Simulator \(SLS\)](#)
[Reverberation Chamber \(RC\)](#)
[Large Gigahertz Transverse Electromagnetic \(GTEM\) Cell](#)
[Nearby Lightning Facility \(NBL\)](#)
[Sandia Anechoic Chamber \(SAC\)](#)
[Secure Scalable Microgrid Testbed](#)





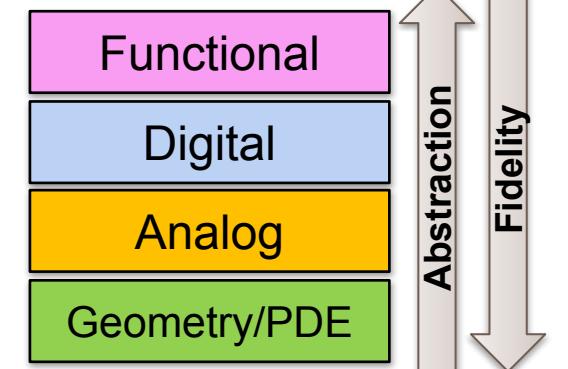
Moving Electrical System Mod-Sim from Qualification to Design



Key Challenges (enable Future Vision & Mod-Sim Integration)

- 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

Model Layers

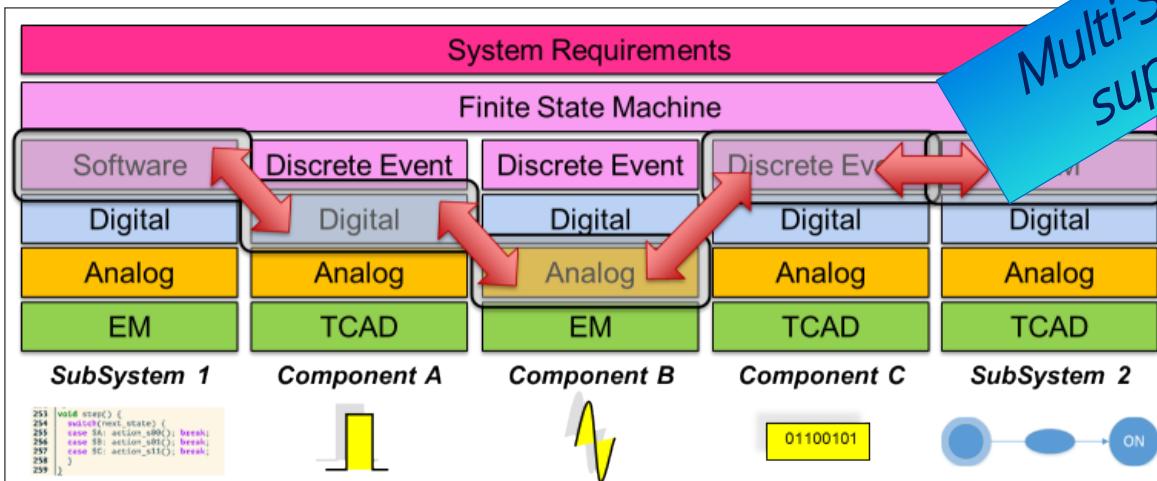




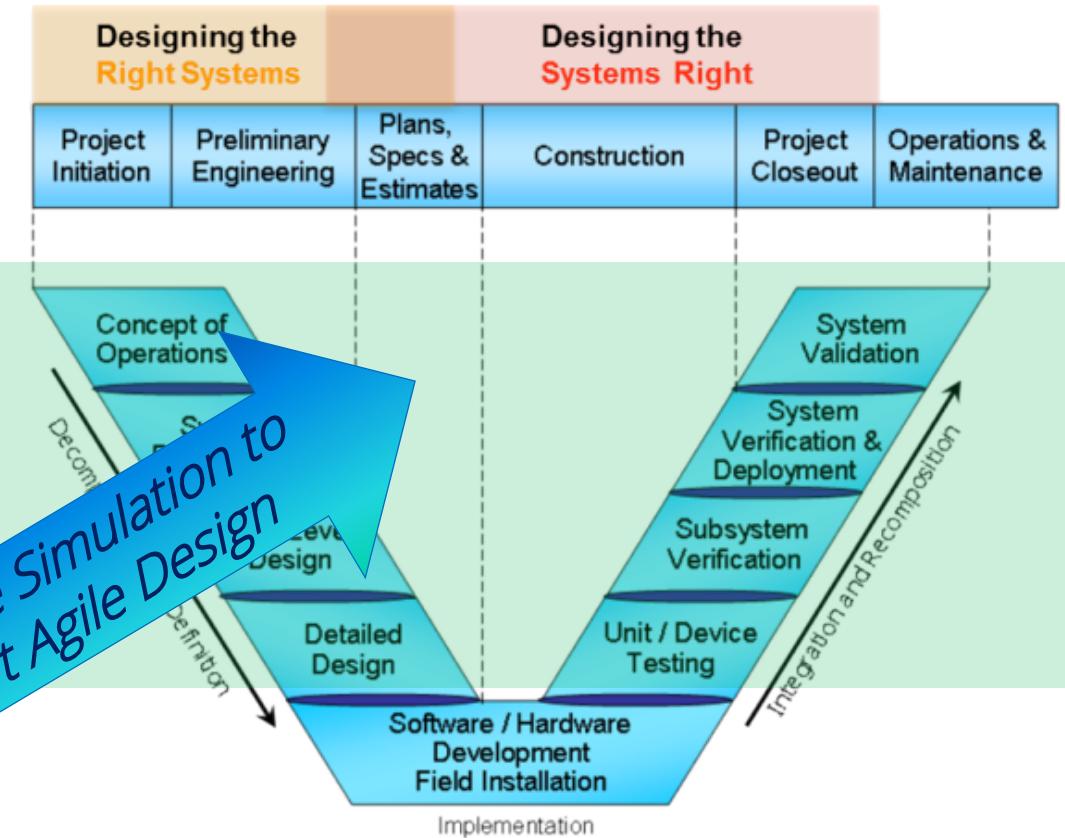
Enable Electrical Model-Based Design Engineering

Agile and Responsive Design aided by ***Robust Integrated Mod/Sim Capability***

- Credible, uncertainty-informed models available at outset
- Enable early phase design decisions and trade-offs (e.g., requirements, margins)
- Early integration with design teams → Enable rapid design iterations and improved qualification
- Distinct conceptual boundaries in electrical design (model) hierarchy (Ex.: Analog vs. Digital)



Multi-Scale Simulation to support Agile Design



Challenge:
Develop & integrate capabilities to support design engineering



Suggestions

- Disclaimer: Lots of fundamental science and applications to choose from at Sandia
- Ask about why your work is important and who is impacted?
 - LDRD, PMF
- Take advantage of "open door" policy
 - Attend seminars, even if they are not in your area of expertise
- The opportunities are endless

Questions?