

# Industrialization of Thermal Protection Systems for Hypersonics: an FFRDC Perspective



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# Bottom Line Up Front

- Sandia has a history of successfully designing, testing and fielding hypersonics
- Hypersonic flight is fraught with unique challenges, one of which is developing materials to address thermal requirements
- Sandia has the end-to-end capability to model, develop and test materials in sounding rocket flights
- We are actively transferring the Common Hypersonic Glide Body to industry and are committed to partnering to ensure the successful deployment of hypersonic weapon systems
- Sandia is working to establish a new facility to bridge the gap between the research base and the industrial base

# Sandia's History is Traced to the Manhattan Project



THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

May 13, 1949

Dear Mr. Wilson:

I am informed that the Atomic Energy Commission intends to ask that the Bell Telephone Laboratories accept under contract the direction of the Sandia Laboratory at Albuquerque, New Mexico.

This operation, which is a vital segment of the atomic weapons program, is of extreme importance and urgency in the national defense, and should have the best possible technical direction.

I hope that after you have heard more in detail from the Atomic Energy Commission, your organization will find it possible to undertake this task. **In my opinion you have here an opportunity to render an exceptional service in the national interest.**

I am writing a similar note direct to Dr. O. E. Buckley.

Very sincerely yours,  
*Harry Truman*

Mr. Leroy A. Wilson,  
President,  
American Telephone and Telegraph  
195 Broadway,  
New York 7, N. Y.



- 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

# Sandia is a Federally Funded Research & Development Center



FFRDCs are long-term strategic partners to the federal government, operating in the public interest with objectivity and independence and maintaining core competencies in missions of national significance

Government owned, contractor operated

National Technology & Engineering Solutions of Sandia, LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Honeywell International Inc.

# National Security is our Business

*For more than 70 years, Sandia has delivered essential science and technology to address the nation's most challenging security issues*



## PURPOSE

Render exceptional service in the national interest

## VISION

On behalf of our nation, we anticipate and solve the most challenging problems that threaten security in the 21st century

## MISSION

Our unique mission responsibilities in nuclear weapons create a foundation from which we leverage capabilities, enabling us to solve complex national security problems

**ACI**

A C5 Group Company

# Sandia's History in Hypersonic Glide Bodies

POST-WWII

1970-1985

2003-2011

2017-2020

2021-2023

FUTURE



Post-WWII:  
Reentry Vehicles

1970's:  
Pre-SWERVE &  
SWERVE

1985: Successful  
SWERVE Flight  
Test

2003: Prompt  
Global Response  
Grand Challenge

2011: AHW-FT1A

2017: CPS FE-1

2018-2025:  
Autonomy for  
Hypersonics  
(A4H)

2020: CPS FE-2

Navy/Army CHGB  
Product  
Transition

Navy/Army FT-3,  
JFC-1, JFC-2

Missile Defense  
Agency Advanced  
Target

SHOTL

Sandia Design  
Agent Role

Sandia transfer of  
C-HGB variants to  
industry

Sandia's  
Roadmap for the  
Future is realized

# Transition of CHGB to Industry

DESIGN  
AGENT

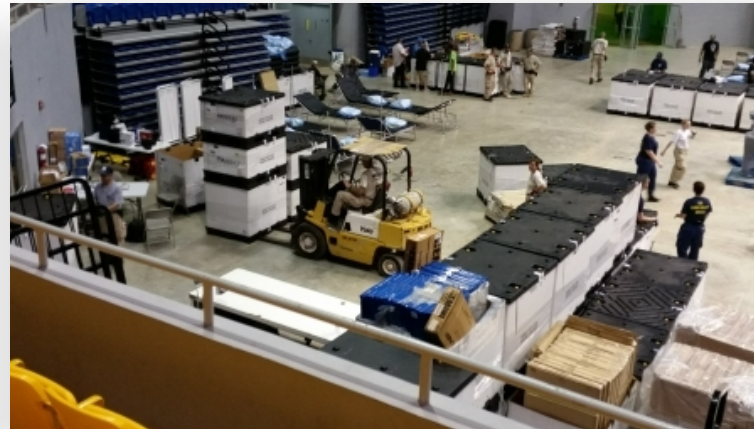


PRODUCTION  
AGENT



WEAPON SYSTEM  
INTEGRATOR

LOCKHEED MARTIN





**DESIGN, TEST, AND  
DEPLOYMENT OF ADVANCED  
MATERIALS TO ADDRESS  
THERMAL PROTECTION  
SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS (AS  
HIGH AS 2200°C FOR  
HYPERSONICS)**



# Current Needs

**SUPPLY CHAIN RESILIENCE  
AND INDEPENDENCE  
THROUGH NOVEL, AND  
DOMESTICALLY PRODUCED,  
FEEDSTOCKS**



**NOVEL DESIGN AND  
MANUFACTURING  
PROCESSES THAT WILL  
HASTEN DEPLOYMENT TO  
INDUSTRY**

# Sandia's Current Research in TPS



## Materials Science

- Ongoing research on Carbon/Carbon composites
- Advancing materials beyond Carbon/Carbon composites
- Identifying Advanced materials for
  - Aeroshell windows and antennas
  - Oxidation resistant aeroshell materials
  - Advanced insulation materials



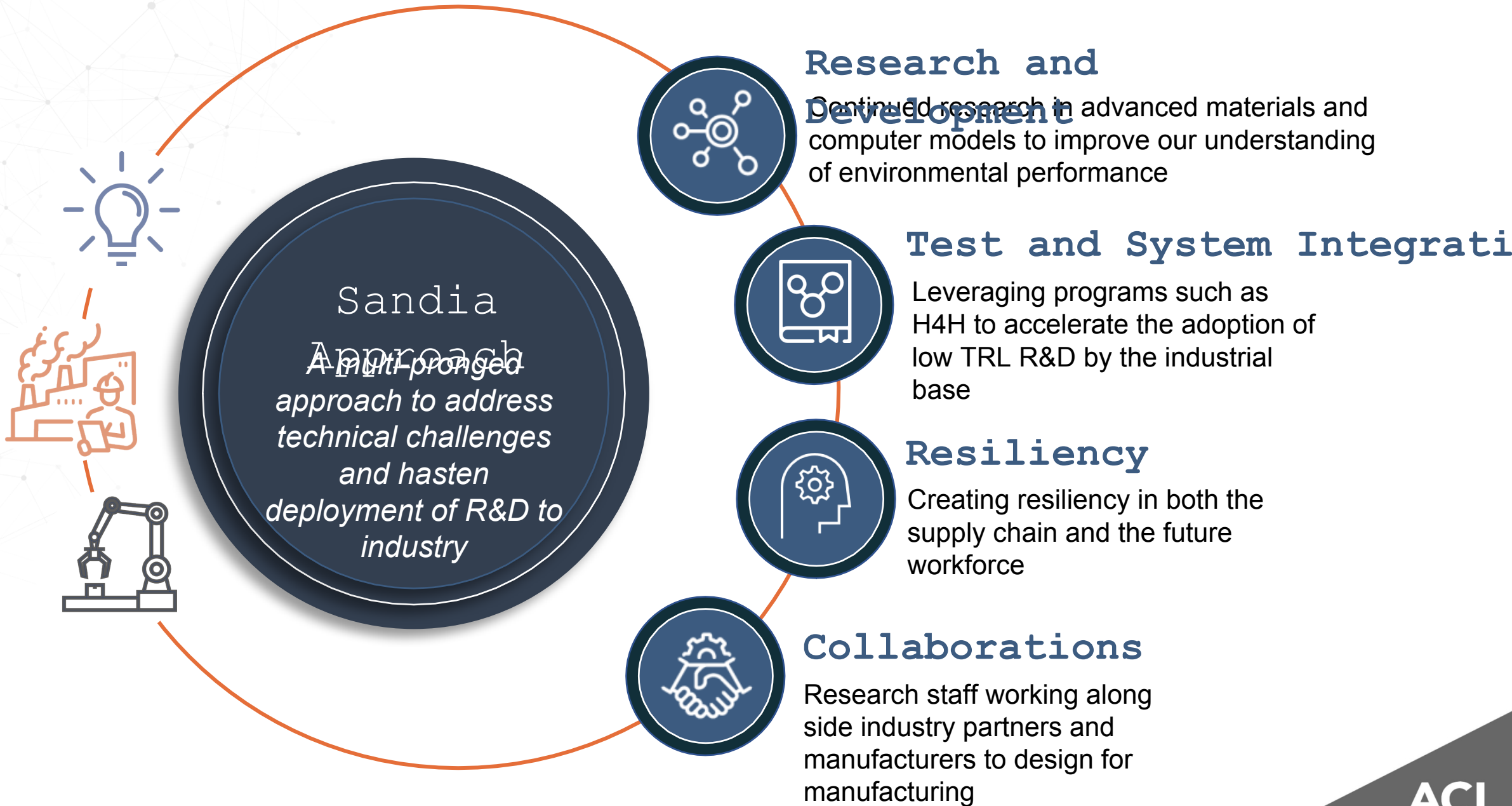
## Modeling and Simulation

- Developing and building models which use data from materials science & environmental performance to improve our understanding of TPS
- Multi-physics codes to understand TPS response to hypersonic flight regimes; e.g., SPARC (Sandia Parallel Aerodynamics and Re-entry code)



## Manufacturing Processes

- Manufacturing of Carbon/Carbon
- Establishing relationships with material suppliers, machine shops and industry partners
- Utilizing flexible acquisition and advanced manufacturing to remove bottlenecks
- Preparing for future Programs of Record by anticipating DOE/DOD needs



# CAMINO: Center for Advanced Manufacturing Innovation

## - Current State -

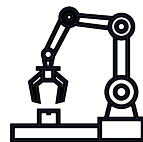


National  
Innovation  
Base

Poor  
existing  
connection



Industrial  
Base R&D



Large-scale  
Manufacturing



URGENT NATIONAL  
SECURITY DRIVER



EXPIRATION OF  
CURRENT LEASE



SNL ND  
MISSION TIES



PARTNERSHIPS



MISSION-SPECIFIC  
PROTOTYPING

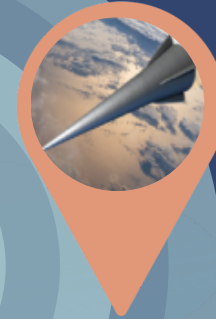
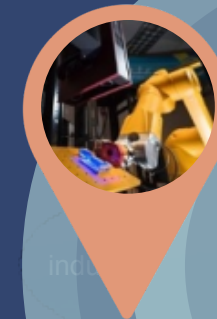
## - Proposed CAMINO Facility -

A NATIONAL RESOURCE FOR SPECIALIZED AM  
CAPABILITIES

ADVANCED  
MANUFACTURING  
CAPABILITIES

NOVEL  
MATERIALS  
SYNTHESIS AND  
DISCOVERY

MISSION  
FOCUSED  
PROTOTYPING



Co-locates Industry,  
Government, &  
Academia.

- Ease of R&D partnerships with and academia
- Accelerated workflows, rapid prototyping, & to "tech mat" roadblocks
- Accelerates and supports tech transfer

solutions  
**Dynetics**  
A Leidos Company

**CAMINO**

**OAK RIDGE**  
National Laboratory

**CNM** **NSC** **Sandia National Laboratories** **NM**

... and many others

Existing Sandia  
Test Facilities  
& Programs:

Couples TRL & MRL  
progressions - ensuring  
high TRL isn't reached  
without the ability to  
manufacture at scale.

**Creates New Solutions to Old Problems**

- Cables, connectors, & backshells
- TPS Systems
- AM qualification and insertion

Partnerships are  
critical to our  
success!



”Bridging the gap between the  
“Innovation Base” (academia,  
national labs, small business)  
and the “Industrial Base” is a  
major issues in ensuring US  
military superiority.”

- *FY20 Industrial Capabilities  
Assessment*



HAVE A QUESTION?

# Q&A