# Panel Session: Challenges in <br> Computational Model V\&V for Systems Engineers 



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## Regulatory Pathway for Computational Modeling



"Develop computational modeling technologies to support regulatory decision-making"

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There is a (mis)perception that "computational models" in mechanics and other phenomena must be different than "system models" familiar in INCOSE. Some of this is a matter of historical origin; convergence greater than evident:


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- One convergence aspect is attention to model credibility.
- Computational modeling, physics-based and data-driven, brings historical attention to model credibility for intended uses-rooted in history of similar approaches to model credibility in physical sciences and mathematics.
- By contrast, credibility of "system" models has sometimes been treated as a more subjective question. The systems community focuses on " $\mathrm{V} \& \mathrm{~V}$ of a target system", not always recognizing that the "V\&V of models" describing it is different.

V\&V of Models,
Per Emerging ASME Model V\&V Standards
Does the Model adequately describe what it is intended to describe?



Verification

V\&V of Systems,
NCOSE Handbook

System
Per ISO 15288 \& INCOSE Handbook
Do the System Requirements describe what stakeholders need?


Does the System Design define a solution meeting the System Requirements?

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- With increased interest in model compatibility, integration of simulations, and stronger theoretical foundations for systems science, the idea that there is a profound difference between something called a system model and other computational models is hereby questioned.
- INCOSE joining the ASME effort for model VVUQ standards has been a healthy way to pursue these issues. In return for a stronger model VVUQ framework, INCOSE has been able to offer system frameworks in which computational models are managed and exploited, including issues of model credibility.

INCOSE Collaboration In an ASME-Led Standards Activity

## Standardizing V\&V of Models

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## SANDIA REPORT <br> SAND2002-0341

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General Concepts for Experimental Validation of ASCI Code Applications
Timothy G. Trucano, Martin Pilch, and William L. Oberkampf


The System Phenomenon


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### 3.2 The Phenomena Identification and Ranking Table

 (PIRT)As argued in version 2 of the Sandia V\&V planning guidelines (Pilch et al. 2000a), the PIRT is the most important tool in our $V \& V$ planning process for translating requirements of the stockpile diviver application into requirements on usage of the code,
hence specifically on validation activities The hence specifically on validation activities. The PIRT is particularly important for prionitizing and drecting dedccated validation experiment tasks. The intended use of this
methodology is thorouehly specified and elaborated in Pilch et al. (2000a) and is not repeated here. However, we do point out that the PIRT is designed to convert the DSW driver application and it associated requirements into specific technical requirements for the code, verification activities, validation activities, and consequent experimental validation requirements. It is the code techmical requrements for the dnving application the validation requirements of the code application are rank ordered in importance. The prioritized PIRT elements directly create the definition and prionitization of the specific validation tasks, especially dedicated validation experiments, which are performed under the validation plan for the code application.

The PIRT is critical for planning validation experiments because it helps establish both


Got Phenomena?
Science-Based Disciplines for Emerging Systems Challenges

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 Chris Unger- GEHC extensively uses modeling in our program development, with quite effective results. But from time to time we have had failures.
- Those failures were mostly due to a belief "modeling is good" and not thinking through the relative value of modeling vs. just testing...and whether a model could realistically meet the expectations for its use.

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Challenges in Computational Model V\&V for Systems Engineers Monte Carlo Simulation of XR Tube Performance



- Extensively explored design space
- Identified opportunities for increased production margin (design robustness)
- Helped save iterations...several further iterations were planned...full design verification

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Define the Design Space (Where Material Could Be)

Determine the Theoretical Optimized Shape that Meets Requirements



Use theoretical optimized shape as input to final design

## Detailed Goals:

Thermal: Build system CFD model and downselect 2 options for further physical prototyping and CFD; develop ROM for further control loop development

Electrical: Reduced board spins
EMI/EMC: Eliminate the need for screen room testing

## Challenges in Computational Model V\&V for Systems Engineers Baby Incubator...some predictability issues

An incubator maintains a safe environment (heat, humidity, O2...) for a Infant.
Goal - To develop multi-physics, control \& system model that will reduce design iterations

Electrical Result:


Level 1: PI SI wave

## Complete

Level 2: PI/RE SI wave + Cir
Partial

Level 3: PI/RE SIwave + Cir +HFSS
Not Complete

EMC Result
Near field simulation: reasonable results Far field simulation: poor results

Total effort exceeded the cost of building a local screen room

No analysis of the design margin (very small) compared to modelling error (very large)

## - Team overcommitted

- Process lacked effective global review with US experts

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## From FDA's Strategic Policy Roadmap 2018:

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Modernizing our Regulatory Toolbox:
[..]
Towards these goals, among the many steps FDA will take: The Agency will embrace advances like predictive toxicology methods and computational modeling across our different product areas
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Crucial to develop methods and best practices for rigorously demonstrating credibility of biomedical computational models

- Can draw from approaches and successes in traditional engineering fields (e.g. VVUQ)
- However, there are unique challenges



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## - CDRH Guidance on Reporting of Modeling and Simulation Studies

- ASME V\&V40 Standard (to be published summer 2018)
- MDIC "Virtual Patient"
- CDRH research output
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Reporting of Computational Modeling Studies in Medical Device Submissions

Guidance for Industry and Food and Drug Administration Staff

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Incorporation of stochastic engineering models as prior information in Bayesian medical device trials

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> ABSTRACT Evaluation of medical devices via clinical trial is often a necessary step in the process of bringing a new product to market. In recent years, device manufacturers are increasingly using stochastic engineering models during the product development process. These models have the capability to simulate virtual patient outcomes. This article presents a novel method based on the power prior for augmenting a clinical trial using virtual patient data. To properly inform clinical evaluation, the virtual patient model must simulate the clinical outcome of interest, incorporating patient variability, as well as the uncertainty in the engineering model and in its input parameters. The number of virtual patients is controlled by a discount function which uses the similarity between modeled and observed data. This method is illustrated by a case study of cardiac lead fracture. Different discount functions are used to cover a wide range of scenarios in which the type I error rates and power vary for the same number of enrolled patients. Incorporation of engineering models as prior knowledge in a Bayesian clinical trial design can provide benefits of decreased sample size and trial length while still controlling type I error rate and power.

Google "MDIC virtual patient"

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## Q\&A

