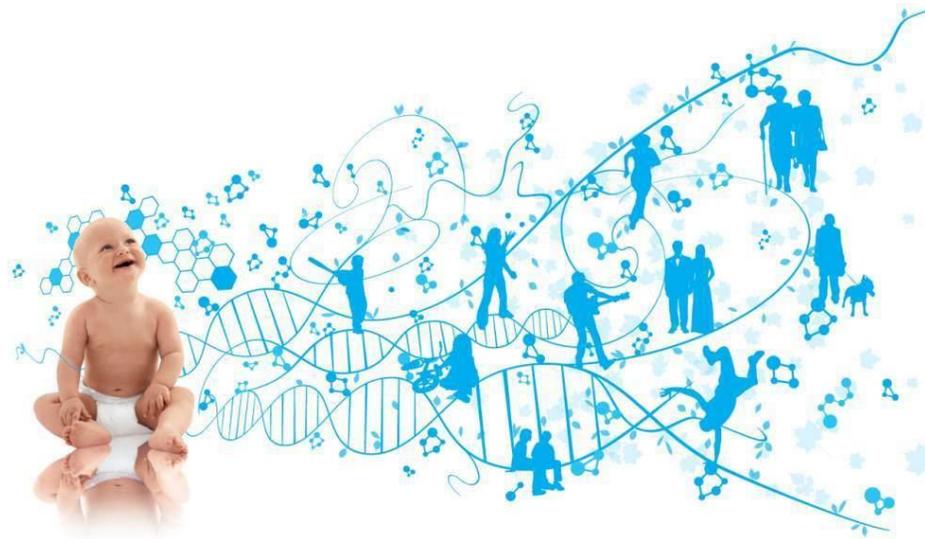


# Modeling and Simulation at GE Healthcare



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# Broad solutions for healthcare

## Broad-based Technologies



Diagnostic imaging & surgery technologies



Clinical products



Medical diagnostics

## Information Technology



Integrated admin. & clinical

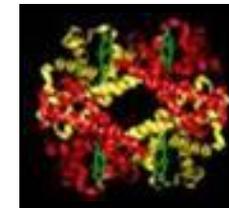


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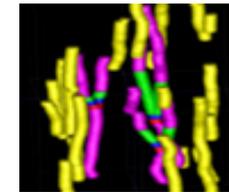


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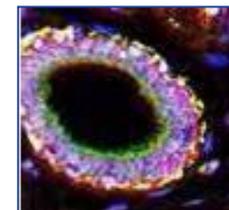
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Discovery tools



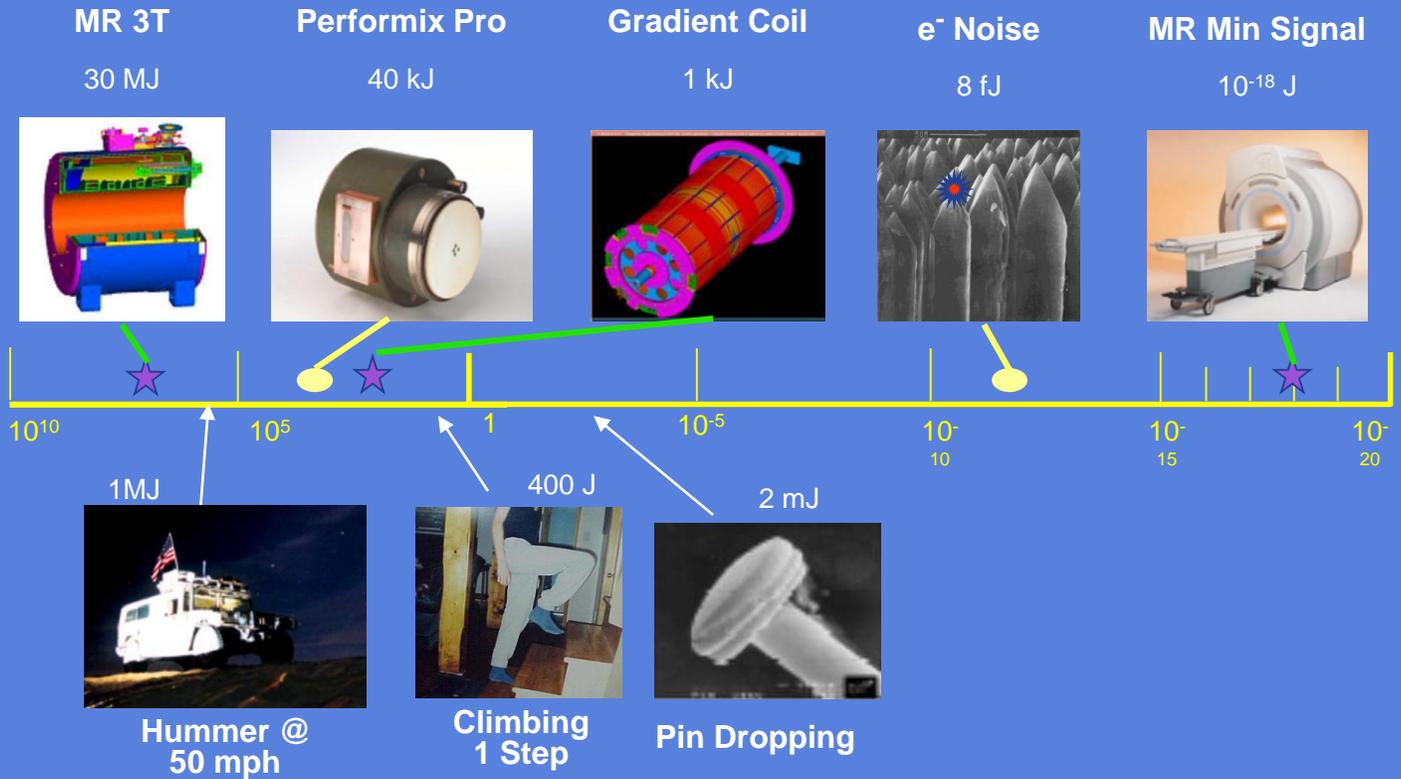
Protein & cell sciences



Clinical tissue biomarkers



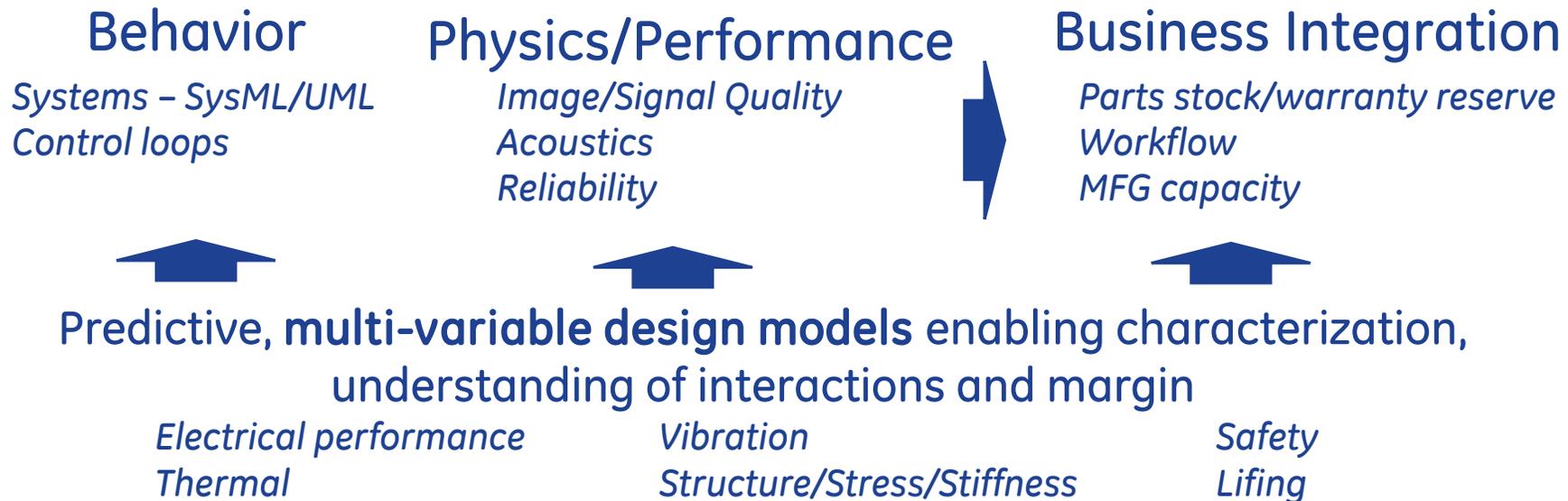
# The Challenge... Energy Conversion & Detection



# Vision

Design is a human activity  
Fail early, fail often...in virtual space  
Enable greater creativity...  
***"Predictive Directed Exploration"***

**Business Outcomes**  
Reduced Cycle time  
Optimal designs (explore design space)  
Predictability (better decisions earlier)

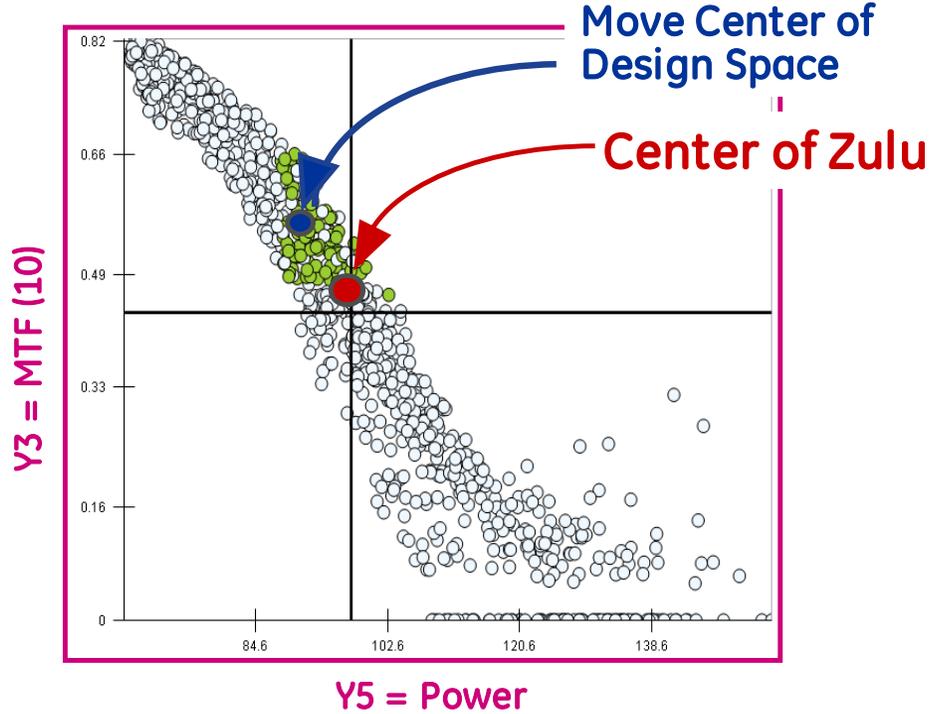


# Design Space Exploration

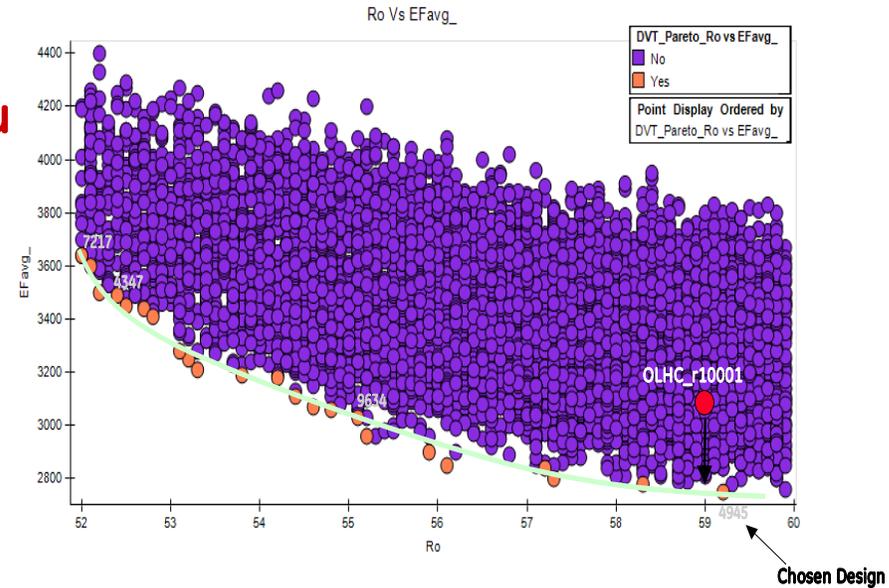
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Cost	Lowest	Variable / Higher	Highest (per space explored)
Where used	Sparsely filling a large design space	Exploring a broad design space	Optimizing response near a design point
Why used	Finds response function	Finding unexpected design optima	Finds local response function
When used	Medium priors Semi-expensive sims	Low prior knowledge Inexpensive simulation	High prior knowledge Expensive simulation



# Robust Design using "Space Filling" computer experiments



Robustness: move design to center of feasible range



Optimality: move design along Pareto Optimal Edge to maximize a third Figure of Merit

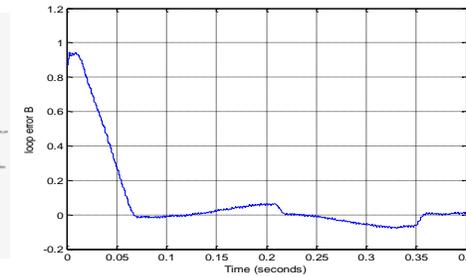
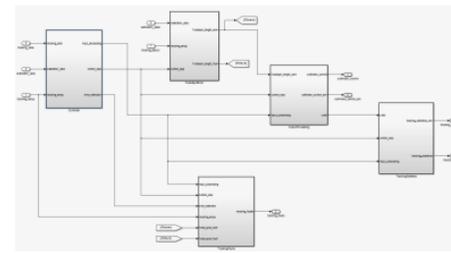
Needs: Efficient Simulation, Automated Parameterization, Great Visualization tools



# Behavioral Modeling in Computed Tomography

Moderately complex system with complex behavior

- ~5,000 parts
- ~5M lines of code
- Triple nested control loops
  - Axial, Cradle, mA/kV



Simulation

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Inverter  
Voltage

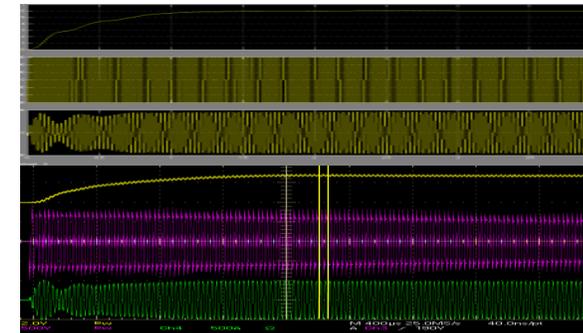
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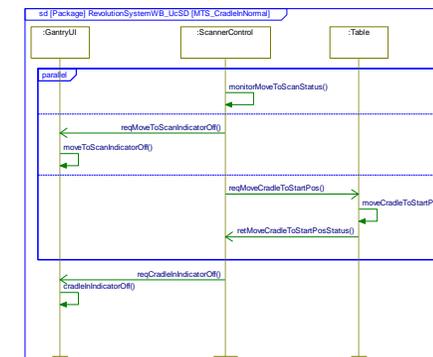
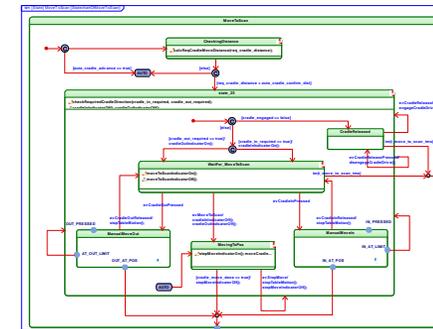
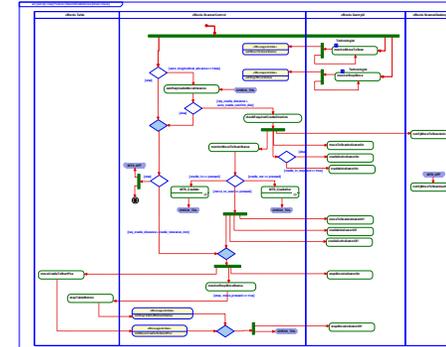


- Feature analysis and simulation in SIMULINK
- Auto-generation of code

# Computed Tomography

MBSE techniques are used to perform behavioral analysis of key system features and functions.

- discover and verify system requirements
- identify and detail subsystem functions and interfaces
- seed FMEA analysis
- develop system test scenarios



# Challenges to Adapting MBSE



# Key Industry Challenges for MBSE adoption

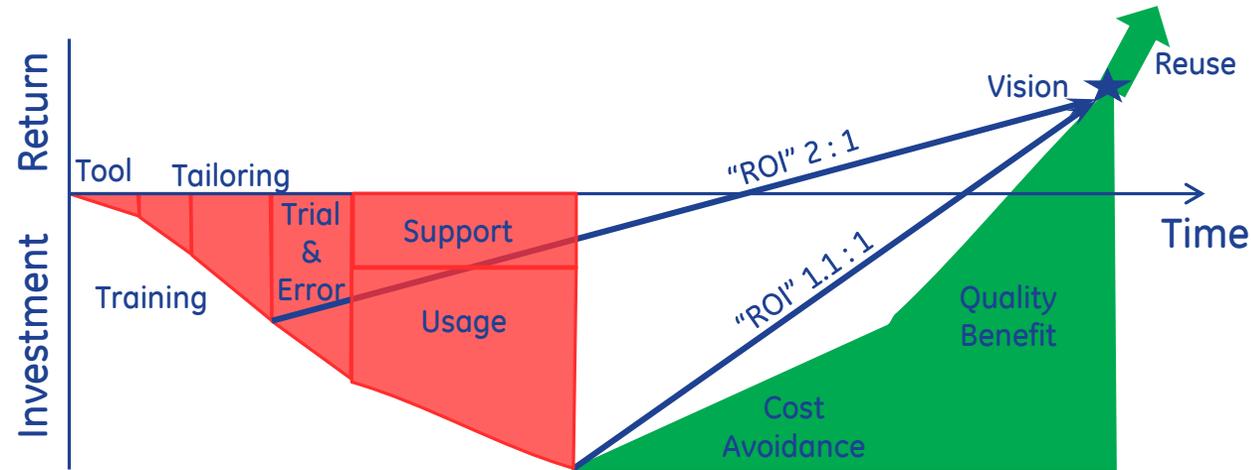
What are the most critical barriers to faster adoption of MBSE?  
High barrier to entry with uncertain payback

- ROI – Assured cost, Unquantified return
  - Fear of the unknown – no clear success stories with a business case
  - Many best practices...you pay for the tools and then need to pay for a consultant to tailor a process
  - How to introduce on an existing product – how to start?
  - Many things don't scale...need an incredible investment...hard to justify
- Concerns about regulatory (FDA) acceptance
  - If we have to capture everything in textual requirements anyway (for audits), what is the advantage of the model?
  - Do the tools support validated archive and approval processes?



# Lowering the barrier to entry

Management is confronted with many competing priorities for investment



Biggest cost is not the tool...need a way to make 'the pill easier to swallow'

- Big bang: full in on one project, with a complete strategy...needs business case for upper management to justify the investment
- Get your feet wet: partial implementation (one feature, one subsystem)...needs cookbook on how best to integrate a partial MBSE implementation with prior processes and tools

Start small, develop an internal success to build on



# Regulatory Acceptance

One concern is that regulations can impede progress toward higher quality processes

- Auditors can be unclear on what is acceptable in a model, and where to poke for quality gaps
- FDA has guidance on computational (quantitative) modelling for industry and
- Gives guidance on what to include...in general, and for four types of models

A consistent approach on how to summarize, review, and document modeling and simulation

- Good reference for internal reports...not just those submitted to regulators!

## Reporting of computational modeling studies in medical device submissions

Guidance for Industry and FDA Staff, Sep 2016

<https://www.fda.gov/downloads/MedicalDevices/DeviceRegulationandGuidance/GuidanceDocuments/UCM381813.pdf>

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# Examples of Modelling

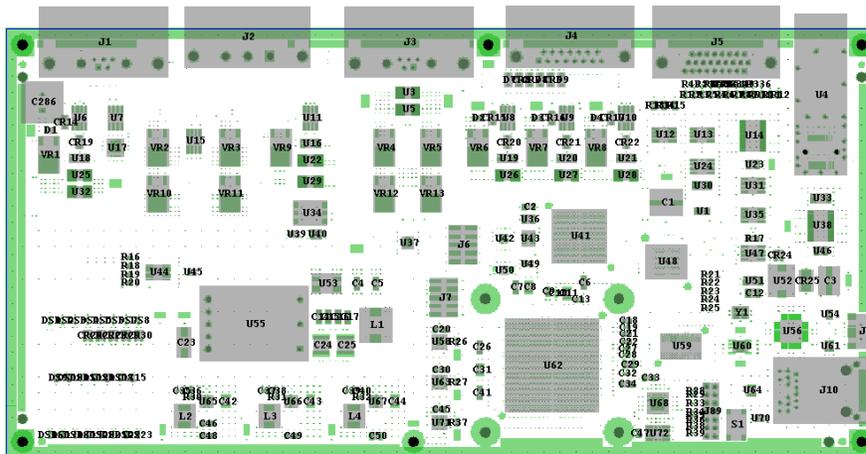
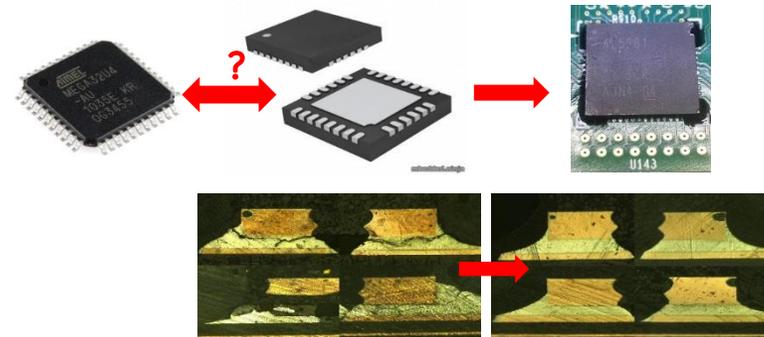
## *Reliability Modeling*



# Solder joint reliability

Once a board is designed, what is its reliability?

- Solution 1: perform reliability testing under accelerated conditions (~3 months)
- Solution 2: perform computer modeling (<1wk)
  - Provides quick response to make board changes
  - Choose different IC packages
  - Change component locations



Stackup Properties

The following board properties are based on the currently defined board outline and the individual layer properties shown below:

Board Dimension: 240 x 105 mm [9.4 x 4.1 in]	CTE <sub>xy</sub> : 18.189 ppm/C	Board Weight: 155.2 grams
Board Thickness: 2.301 mm [90.6 mil]	CTE <sub>z</sub> : 62.405 ppm/C	Total Part Weight: 607.6 grams
Board Density: 2.7332 g/cc	E <sub>xy</sub> : 33.969 MPa	Mount Point Weight: 0 grams
Conductor Layers: 16	E <sub>z</sub> : 4.167 MPa	Fixture Weight: 0 grams

Stackup Layers

Double click any row to edit the properties for that layer or select one or more rows and press the Edit Selected button below to edit properties for a batch of layers. Press the Generate Stackup Layers button to replace all layers with a given PCB thickness and default layer properties.

Layer	Type	Material	Thickness	Density	CTE <sub>xy</sub>	CTE <sub>z</sub>	E <sub>xy</sub>	E <sub>z</sub>
1	SIGNAL	COPPER (29.8%) / COPPER-RESIN	0.5 oz	3.9618	40.419	40.410	35.912	35.912
2	Laminate	Generic FR-4	4.92 mil	1.9000	17.000	17.000	24.804	3.450
3	POWER	COPPER (85.9%) / COPPER-RESIN	1.0 oz	7.8699	21.844	21.844	98.656	98.656
4	Laminate	Generic FR-4	4.92 mil	1.9000	17.000	17.000	24.804	3.450
5	SIGNAL	COPPER (31.7%) / COPPER-RESIN	0.5 oz	4.0057	39.729	39.729	38.212	38.212
6	Laminate	Generic FR-4	4.92 mil	1.9000	17.000	17.000	24.804	3.450
7	SIGNAL	COPPER (29.4%) / COPPER-RESIN	0.5 oz	3.8874	40.474	40.474	35.993	35.993
8	Laminate	Generic FR-4	4.92 mil	1.9000	17.000	17.000	24.804	3.450
9	POWER	COPPER (87.1%) / COPPER-RESIN	1.0 oz	7.9841	21.780	21.780	99.974	99.974
10	Laminate	Generic FR-4	4.92 mil	1.9000	17.000	17.000	24.804	3.450
11	SIGNAL	COPPER (11.7%) / COPPER-RESIN	0.5 oz	2.6307	46.209	46.209	16.312	16.312
12	Laminate	Generic FR-4	4.92 mil	1.9000	17.000	17.000	24.804	3.450

# Solder joint reliability simulations

## Thermal Cycling Solder Fatigue Model

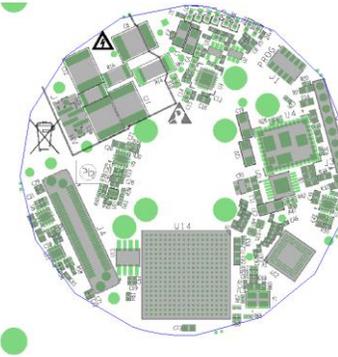
(Modified Engelmaier – Leadless Device)

- Modified Engelmaier
  - Semi-empirical analytical approach
  - Energy based fatigue

$$\Delta\gamma = C \frac{L_D}{h_s} \Delta\alpha\Delta T$$

- Determine the strain range ( $\Delta\gamma$ )
  - Where: C is a function of activation energy, temperature and dwell time,  $L_D$  is diagonal distance,  $\alpha$  is CTE,  $\Delta T$  of temperature cycle & h is solder joint height
- Determine the shear force applied at the solder joint
  - Where: F is shear force, LD is length, E is elastic modulus, A is the area, h is thickness, G is shear modulus, and a is edge length of bond pad.
  - Subscripts: 1 is component, 2 is board, s is solder joint, c is bond pad, and b is board
  - Takes into consideration foundation stiffness and both shear and axial loads (Models of Leaded Components factor in lead stiffness / compliancy)

$$(\alpha_c - \alpha_s) \cdot \Delta T \cdot L_D = F \cdot \left( \frac{L_D}{EA} + \frac{L_D}{E_2A_2} + \frac{h_s}{AG_c} + \frac{h_s}{AG_c} + \left( \frac{2-\nu}{9G_0a} \right) \right)$$



## CCA Stackup Information

The following stackup information was used during the circuit card analysis.

Board Size:	71 x 71 mm	PCB CTE <sub>xy</sub> :	14.013 ppm/C
PCB Thickness:	91.1 mil	PCB CTE <sub>z</sub> :	43.699 ppm/C
PCB Density:	2.3076 g/cc	PCB E <sub>xy</sub> :	29,869 MPa
Copper Layers:	14	PCB E <sub>z</sub> :	3,885 MPa

Layer	Type	Thickness	Material
1	SIGNAL	1.0 oz	COPPER (29.8%)
2	Laminate	.147 mm	370HR
3	POWER	0.5 oz	COPPER (74.2%)
4	Laminate	0.15 mm	370HR
5	SIGNAL	0.5 oz	COPPER (44.3%)

Physics of failure solder joint model

Electronic circuit design

Material properties

## Life estimation (cycles to failure) based on computer modeling

ID	PACKAGE	MODEL	MATERIAL	PN	ACCELERATED TESTING			USE CONDITIONS		
					CY 0 100C	CY -40 125C	AF1	YRS 20 45C	CY 20 45	AF2
U12	BGA-128	BGA	TOP LAMINATE-BGA	5505464	1259	329	3.8	88	32061	97.5
U14	BGA-144	BGA	TOP LAMINATE-BGA	5499296	4106	1071	3.8	286	104244	97.3
U4	QFN-40 (MO-251AFFB-1)	QFN	TOP OVERMOLD-QFN	5504797	9272	2415	3.8	643	234822	97.2
Y1	QFN-4 (MO-220WEEB)	QFN	TOP ALUMINA	5437405	21863	5684	3.8	1509	550823	96.9
U3	QFN-20 (MO-220VGGD-1)	QFN	TOP OVERMOLD-QFN	5455903	95311	24782	3.8	6581	2402109	96.9
U11	QFN-12 (MO-208BBEA)	QFN	TOP OVERMOLD-QFN	5498573	200956	52239	3.8	13868	5061976	96.9

Buy a tool with embedded physics of failure implemented

- Enter your material properties (from suppliers)

Future: add your parts library into a standard database



# Examples of Modelling

## *Topological Optimization*



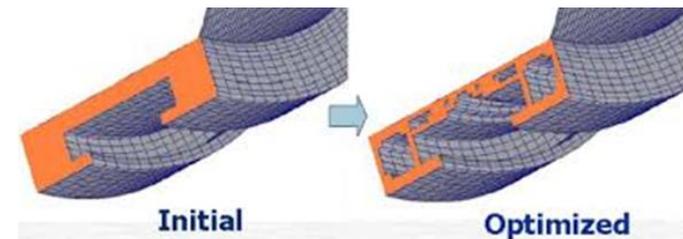
# Topological Optimization – What is it?

## Definition

- Topological Optimization = automatic, finite element based determination of a structural shape (topology) which optimally satisfies all load and material usage requirements

## Benefits

- Maximized strength/weight ratios
  - Reduced cost, improved quality
  - Reduced downstream overhead – effects on other components, manufacturing/service processes, transportation, siting restrictions
- Shortened design cycles
  - Effective, non-intuitive designs
  - Reduce or eliminate iteration
- Compatible with additive manufacturing

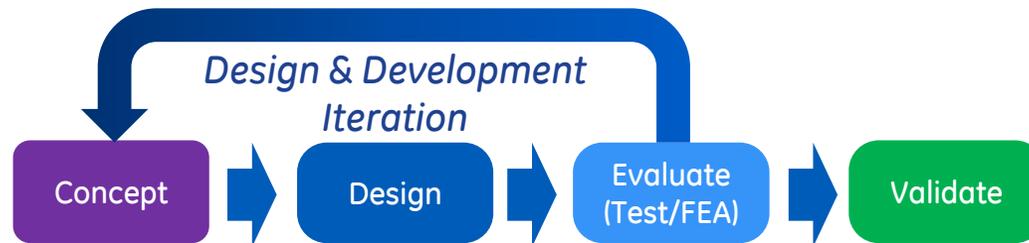


## External Industry Experience

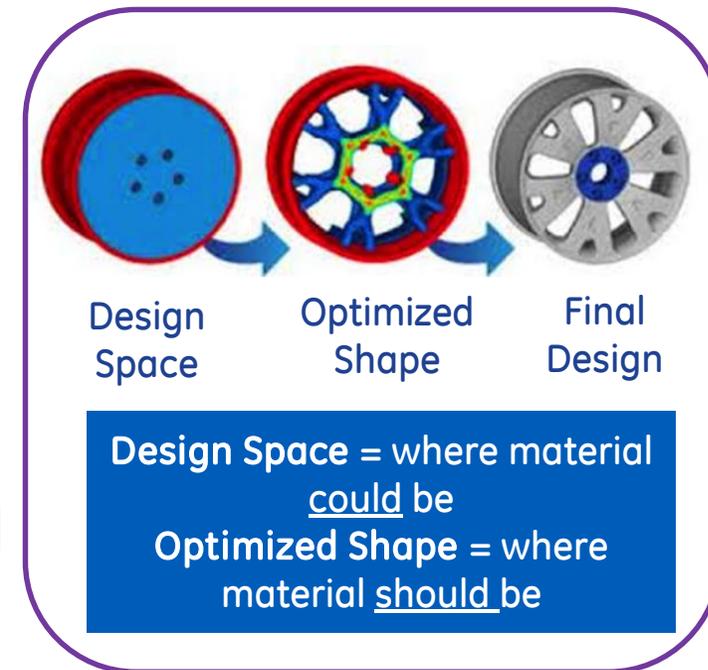
- Topological optimization fully integrated into aircraft, automotive design processes

# The Topological Optimization Design Process

## Conventional Design Process



## Design Process using Topological Optimization

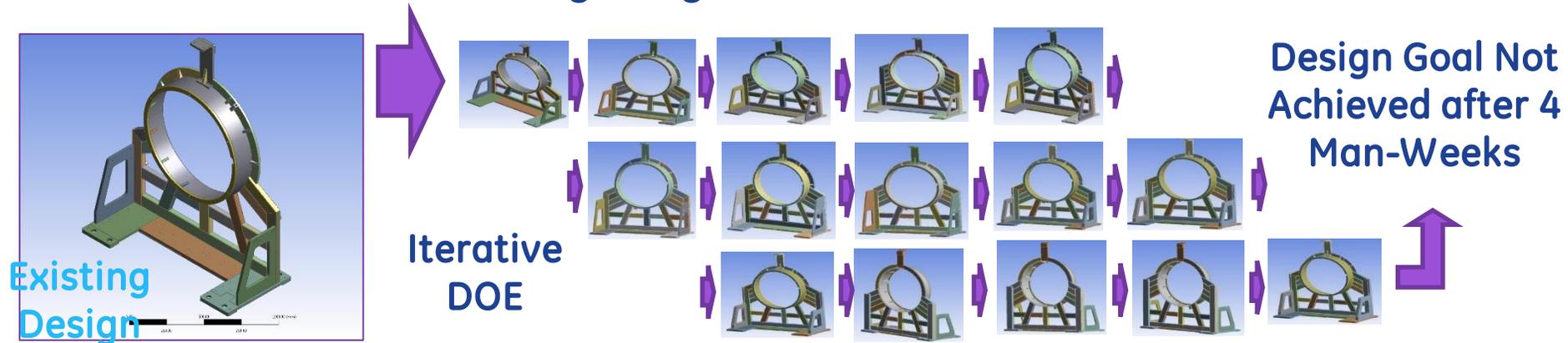


# The GE Healthcare CT Design Challenge

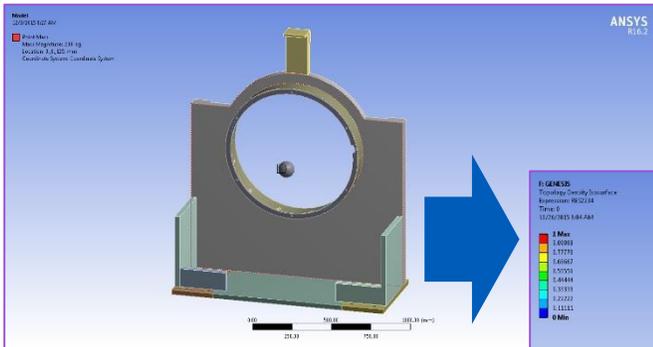


An existing design of a CT stationary gantry needed to have its natural frequency doubled to accommodate an operational speed increase.

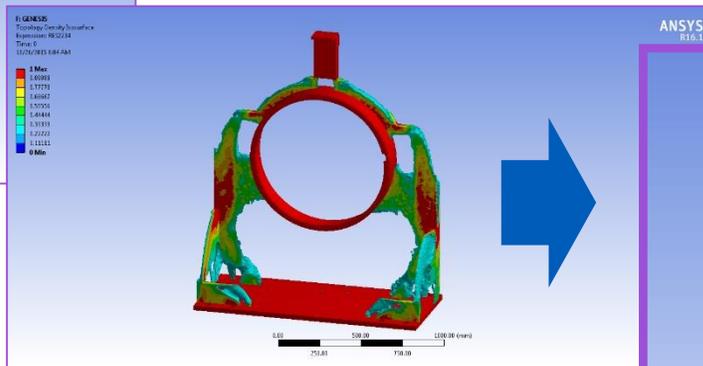
At first, the Design Team spent two weeks applying a simulation-based DOE without achieving the goal.



# The Topological Optimization Solution



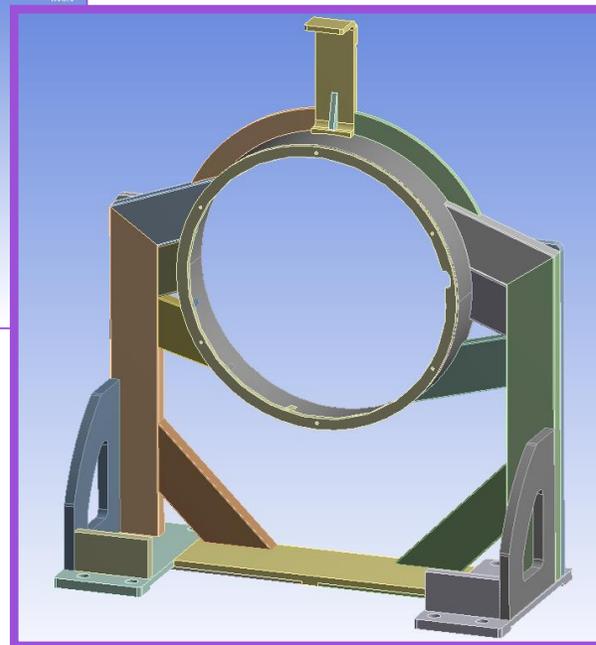
*Determine the Theoretical Optimized Shape that Meets Performance Requirements*



*Define the Design Space (Where Material Could Be)*

**Total Design Effort = 3 Man-Days**

*Use Theoretical Optimized Shape as Template for Final Design, Proceed to Verification*



# Examples of Modelling

## *Control Algorithms*



# Joey Incubator

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

## Process – Thermal performance:

Develop simplified model & equivalent physical model testing to arrive at heat transfer coefficients for use in CFD



Build system CFD model for various options and downselect 2 options for further physical prototyping and CFD



Final design selection for development using combination of Physical and CFD testing



Develop control algorithms and CFD validation models



Develop Reduced Order Model for arriving at control constants



Refine step inputs for ROM once actual parts are developed  
Final control algorithm with refined constants



## Benefits

### Design cycle acceleration

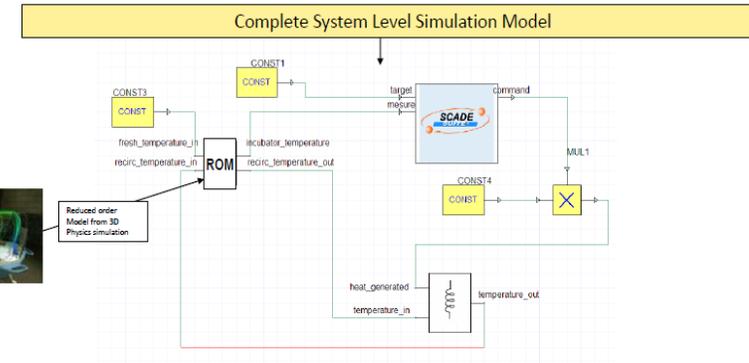
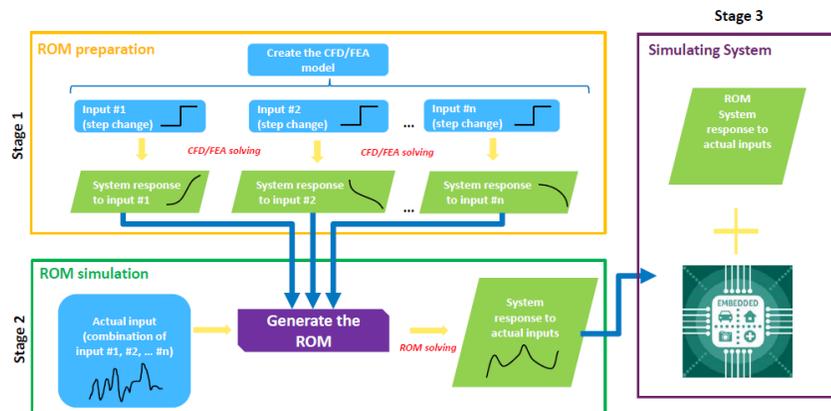
- Electrical: 0 board re-spin
- Control algorithms: Development, virtual testing and Automated design document generation
- Testing and Verification acceleration



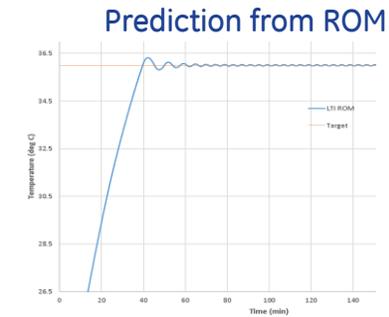
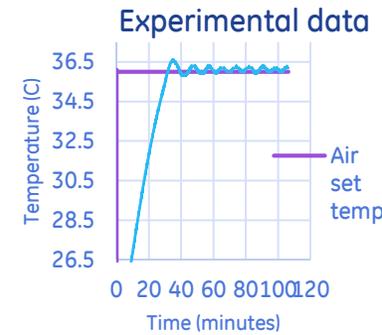
# Joey Incubator

## Thermal Control Modeling Goals

- Optimizing the thermal/humidity control loops in weeks (typically takes months)
- Balancing constraints
  - Thermal : Control accuracy, Stabilization time vs overshoot
  - Balancing performance vs. Acoustic noise



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## Enabling actions

- Do the proper model validation
- Tight collaboration between modeling and systems teams



# Summary

## Benefits

- Faster, more predictable development
- Better designs (higher performance, lower cost, more reliable)

## Next Steps

- Improved integration across functions and models
- Better focus on modelling goals, problem formulation, and model credibility

Questions?



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# Joey Incubator - Electrical

## Goals

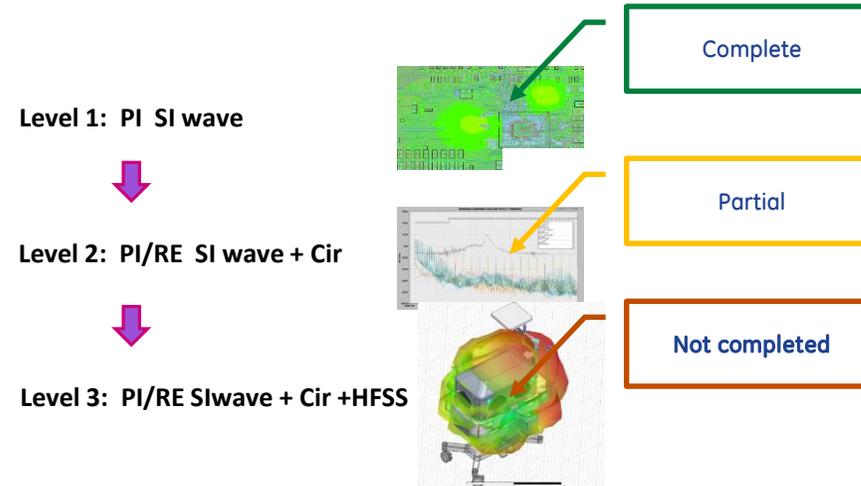
- Electrical 0 board re-spin
  - typically takes 1 or 2 re-spin for clearing electrical safety testing
- Balancing constraints
  - Power, Signal integrity, Thermal, Board and system level EMI / EMC
  - Simulation efforts vs. design confidence

## Results

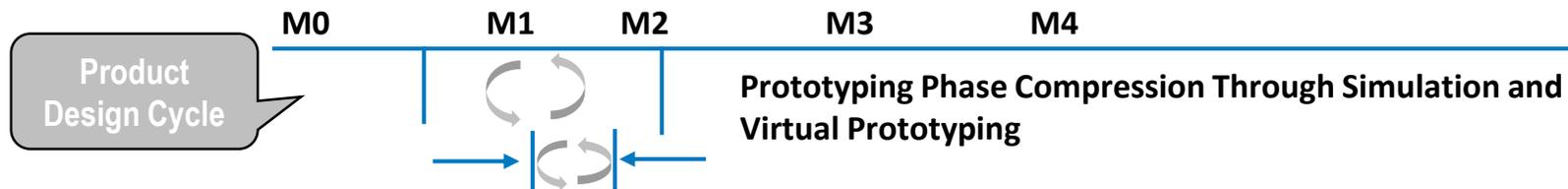
Prototype met functional requirements and pre-compliance in first pass

## Enabling actions

- Engage early with analysis team from component selection)
- IBIS models / Thermal details from component vendors
- Effort for getting simulation right takes long and high - include in schedule



## Joey Summary

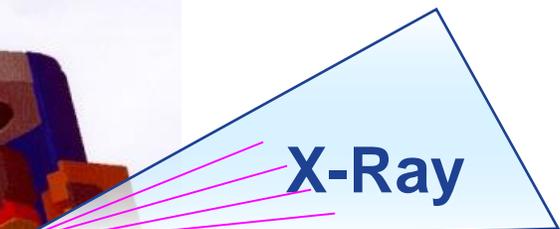
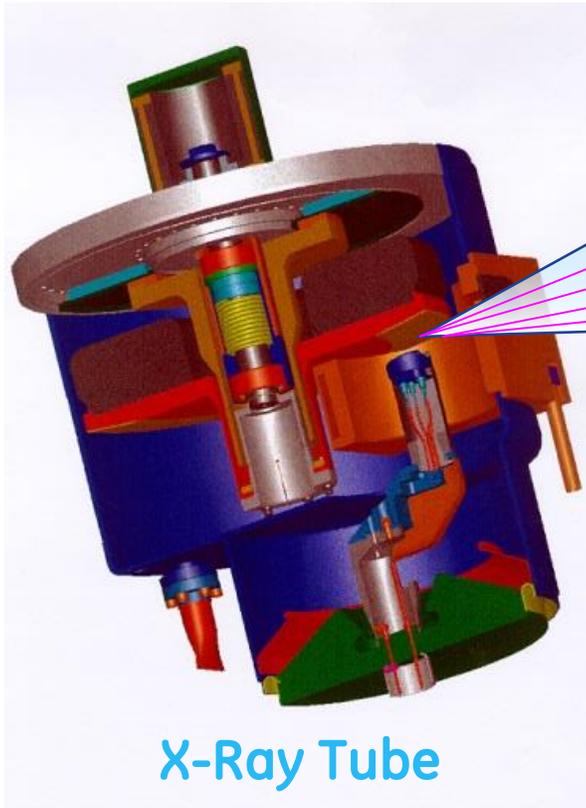


# Examples of Modelling

## *Physics (Electro-Optics)*



# Cathode Design for X-Ray

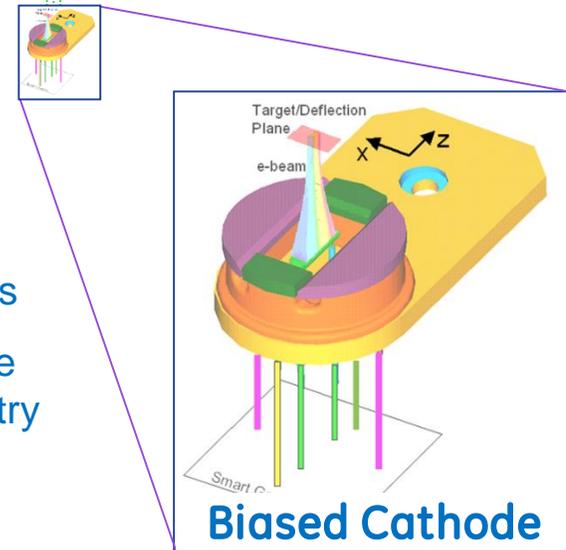
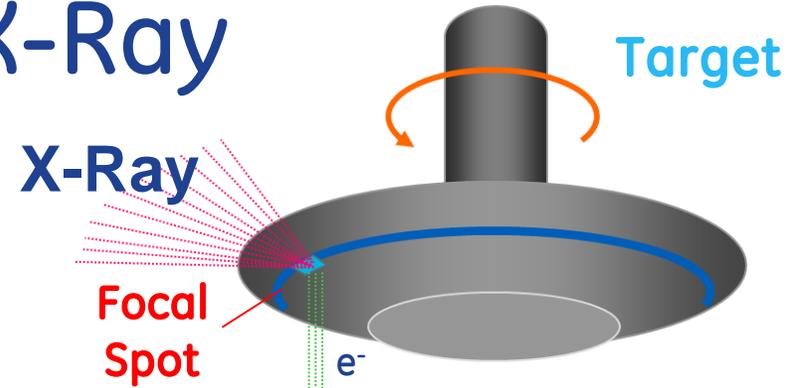


## Goals

- **Small focus**  
High resolution
- **Large focus**  
High contrast
- ↔ □  
**Position Control**

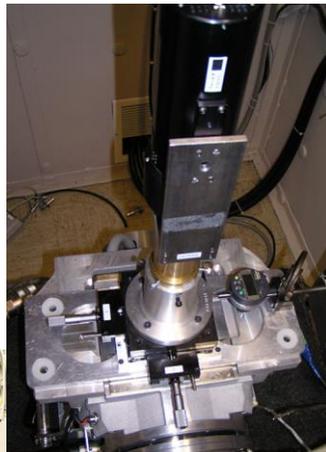
## Control

- Bias Voltages
- Cathode Geometry

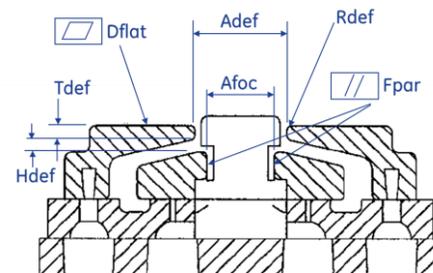
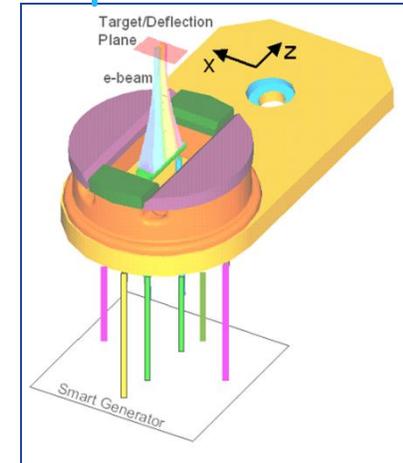
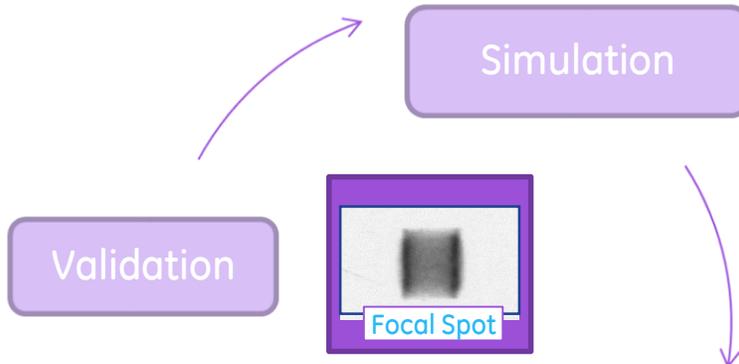


# Cathode Optimization

Electron optics simulation SW



Focal spot camera mounted on x-ray tube



Optimization

## Optimization strategies

- Parameterized model
- DOE
- Latin Hypercube
- Genetic Algorithm
- Intuition

# Summary – Benefits to Industry of MBSE

Improved Communication: *Pictures, Models vs. Text*

Improved Quality: *Model Analysis, Simulation vs. Reviews*

Improved Predictability and Efficiency (Time to Market)

Questions?



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# Summary – Benefits to Industry of MBSE

## Improved Systems Thinking

- Use Case/Performance/Interface Analysis critical for a complete design specification.
- Logical model to provide high level of abstraction for ease of understanding, improved reuse or design sharing

## Improved Communication

- Visual vs. Textual leads to Clearer, more precise communication & better reviews
- Visual designs & models are easier for global teams (less language barrier)

## Improved Quality

- Verify correctness and completeness of requirements/design – robustness / stress testing of design rather than simply reviewing in quality
- Improved design of test cases, derived from weaknesses exposed in the model

## Improved Predictability and Efficiency (Time to Market)

- Verify correctness and completeness of requirements/design – robustness / stress testing of design rather than simply reviewing in quality
- Improved leveling of requirements (efficiency in verification and documentation)
- Auto code generation (no translation errors in implementation)



# The industry faces many challenges

The medical industry product developers face problems with .....

- Extreme time to market pressures
  - 1st to market usually gains 80% of that market
- Compliance with regulations
  - FDA, IEC, ISO, HIPAA, ICD-10, ACA, etc.
- Defects are VERY costly to handle
  - Want to avoid audit, decrees, warning letters, recalls, etc...
- Most products are developed in a geographically distributed way
  - Need to communicate and define tasks
- Technology is impacting development and delivery
  - IoT, product variants, Mobile Medical Apps, complex deployment models, cloud



# GEHC Approach to New Product Introduction

## Tradition NPI process



## How Modelling fits in

### Systems

- Physics (IQ)

### Systems

- Behavioral
- Customer FoM model

### HW: Performance Models

- EE: Cadence/Mentor (Chip->Board)
- ME: Thermal, Structural, Acoustic/Vibration, Life
- Reliability allocations and models
- Should cost modelling

### SW: UML models

### MFG: Capacity/Cost Models

- Scrap/Cost models
- Capacity/workflow models



# GEHC Modelling Maturity Levels

## Highly Mature

- Quantitative Modelling
- Field Strength
- Air flow
- Noise
- Resolution
- Structure / vibration
- Electronics
- ...

## Developing

- Process map/Utilization
  - Factory utilization simulations
  - Customer workflow productivity
- Customer Task QoS
  - Tumor Visualization
  - Artifacts
- Cost
  - Integrated should cost simulations
- Integrated System Models
  - Image quality from customer to components
  - Architecture model

## Needs

- Customer Work Systems
  - Disease state models
  - Interoperability
  - Outcomes (health, economic)

