



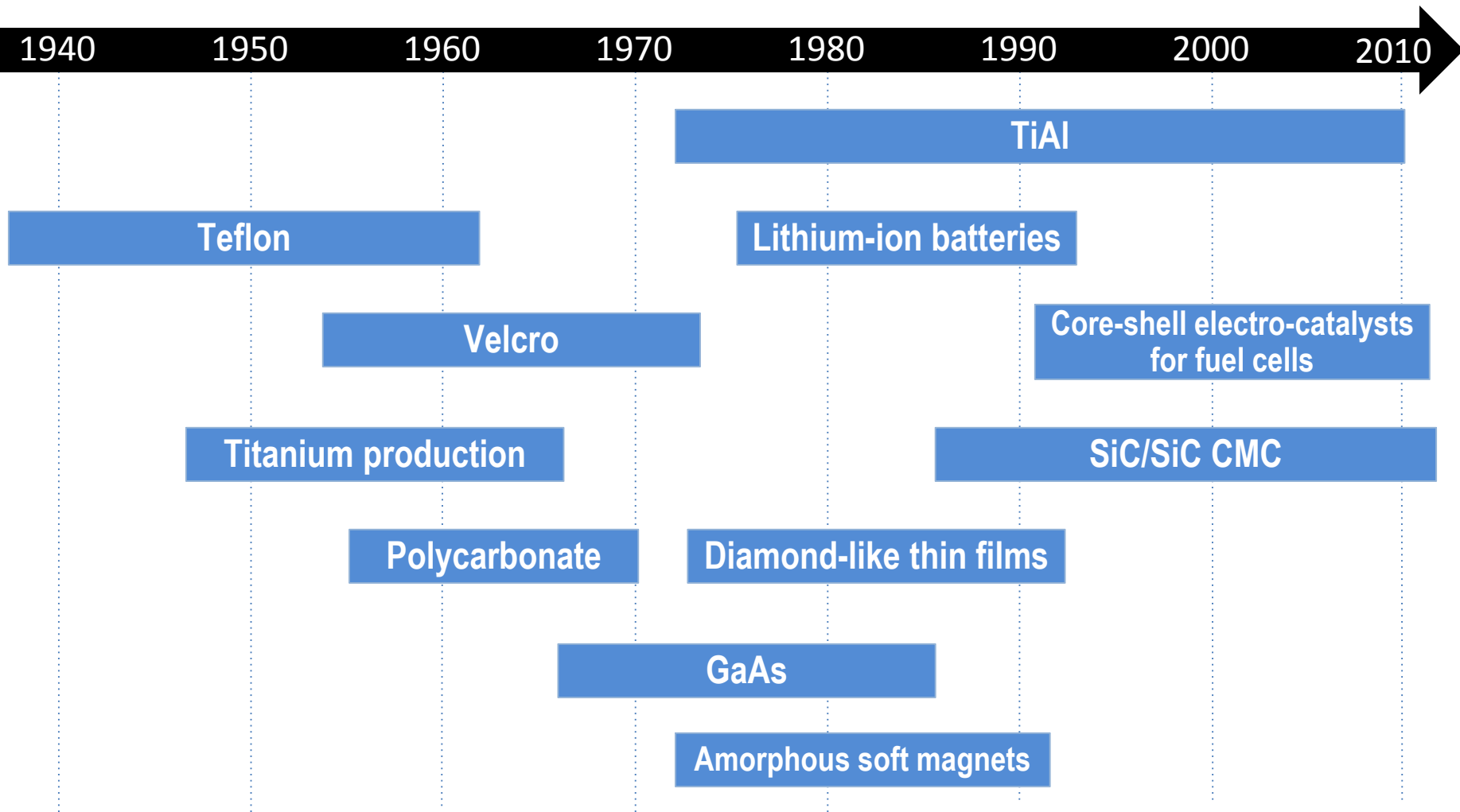
# Creating a Materials Innovation Infrastructure

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*Integrity ★ Service ★ Excellence*



# A long lag from discovery to application of new materials...



After Gerd Ceder (MIT); materials information from T. W. Eagar and M. King, *Technology Review* 98 (2), 42 (1995).  
Catalysis information from R. Schrock et al. and R. Adzic et al.



# Integrated Computational Materials Science and Engineering (ICSMSE) Materials Genome Initiative



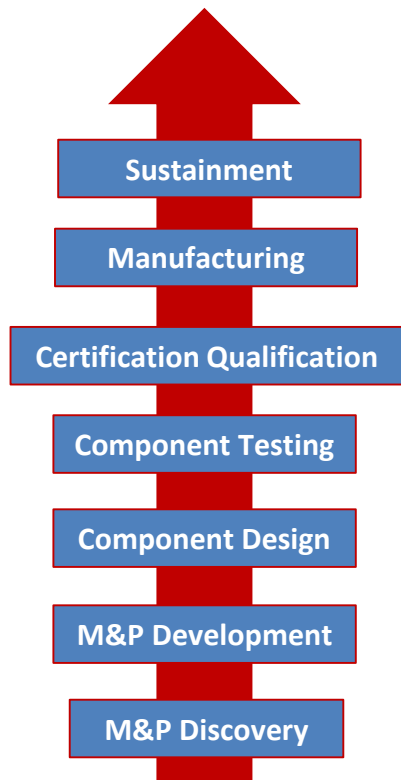
***“Integrated Computational Materials Engineering (ICME) is the integration of materials information, captured in computational tools, with engineering product performance analysis and manufacturing-process simulation.”*** ...NRC (2008)

- ICMSE is a paradigm shift in capability and culture:
  - Quantitative & Predictive Tools
  - Combined Computation and Experiment
  - Addresses complete materials life cycle
  - Integrated with system design framework

***Goal: A model-based definition of materials & processes***



# Changing the Materials Life Cycle



**PAST**

Sequential  
Qualitative  
Empirical  
*Ad Hoc*  
Fragmented Data (in a drawer)  
Disjoint Processes



Integrated Approach

**FUTURE**

Digital Data & Processes  
Flexible Interfaces across Engineering  
Shared Knowledge  
Retained Knowledge  
Plug & Play Modularity for tools and data



# Elements of the Materials Innovation Infrastructure *Materials Genome Initiative*



**Materials discovery - first  
principles and atomistics**

**UQ and uncertainty  
management**

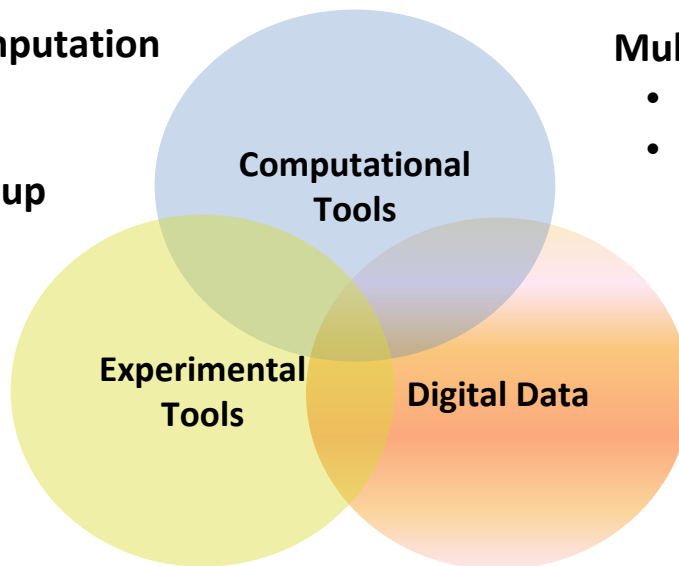
**High throughput computation**

**Process models for  
manufacturing and scale-up**

**Verification and Validation -  
Experiment/Model coupling**

**Synthesis and processing,  
including high throughput**

**Sensors and in situ  
measurements;  
automation**



**Materials  
characterization and  
microstructure  
representation**

**Multiscale Modeling**

- process-structure
- structure-property

**Designer materials  
knowledge systems  
and representation**

**Databases, data  
sciences and  
material informatics**

**Systems design and MDO**

- Design exploration
- Detail design

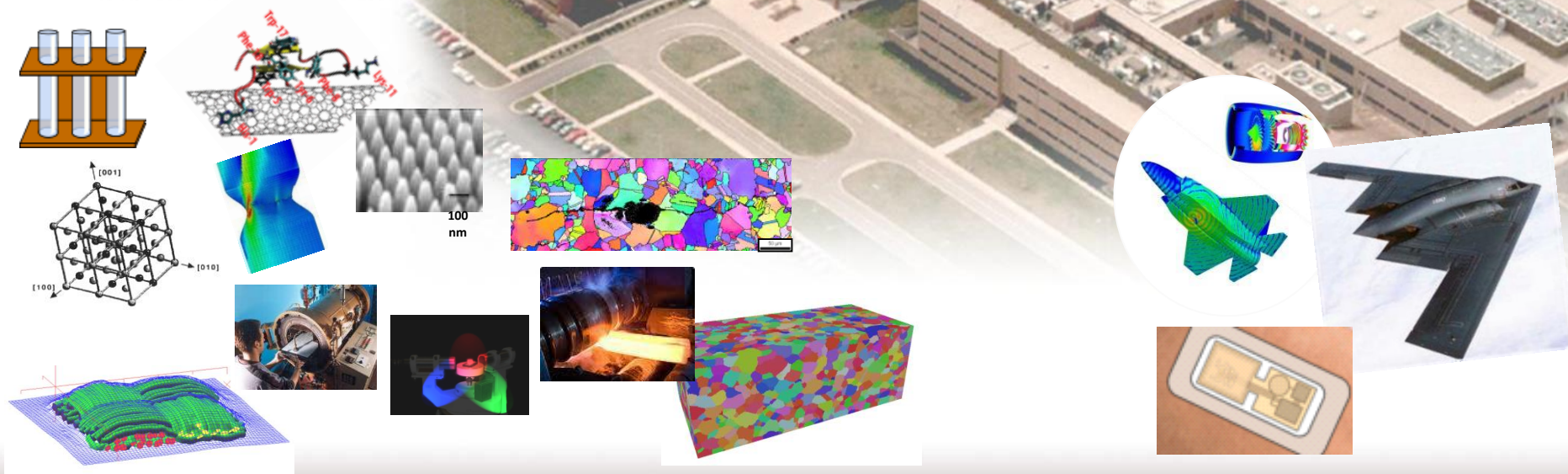
**Distributed collaborative networks**



# Air Force Research Laboratory Materials and Manufacturing Directorate



## One-Stop Expertise for Aerospace Materials and Processes



**A full spectrum materials & manufacturing organization:**

**Metals / Ceramics / Composites / NDE / Semiconductors / Polymers / Photonic Materials / Biomaterials**

**Structural / Propulsion / Weapons / Sensors / Survivability Applications**

**Discover... Design... Manufacture... Transition... Support**

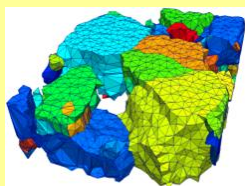
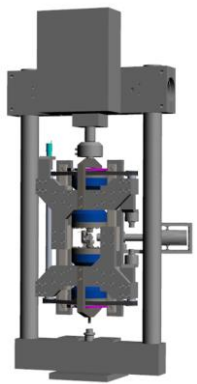


# Materials and Manufacturing Research Infrastructure



- 700+ scientists and engineers
- 108,000 sq ft lab space, 200 lab modules
- 750+ computers associated with research equipment
- 1000+ computers on desks: 2 separate networks
- 80+ scientific and engineering software packages
- Local computational clusters & remote HPC

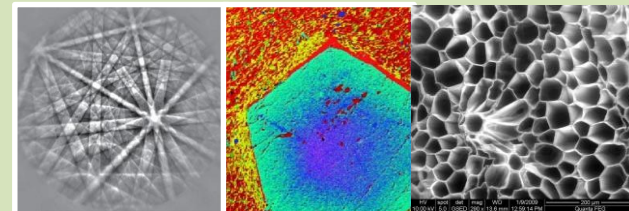
**High Energy Diffraction Microscopy**



**Sensor Survivability / Laser Hardened  
Materials Evaluation Laboratory**



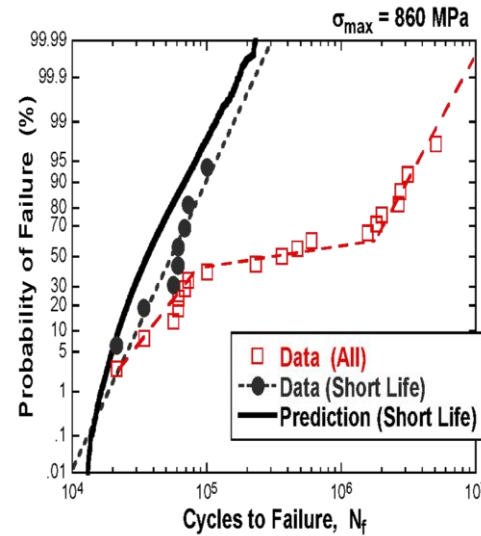
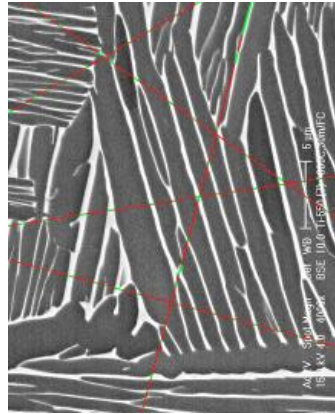
**Materials Characterization Facility**



*And no supporting collaborative research environment*



# The Materials Science & Engineering Paradigm



Processing

Microstructure

Properties

Performance



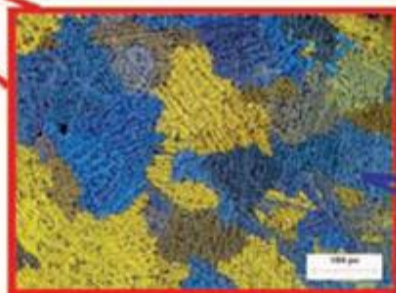




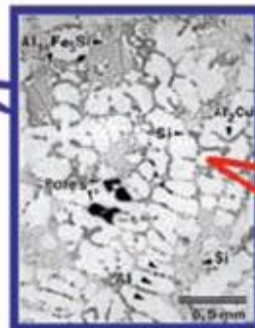
# Enabling Multi-Scale Management



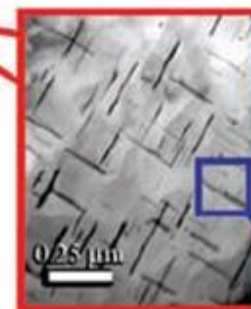
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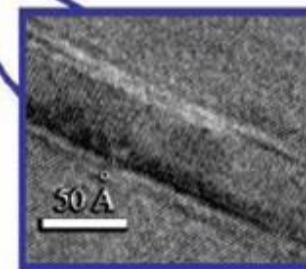
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Macrostructure



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Microstructure



1-100 nm  
Nanostructure



0.1-1 nm  
Atomic Structure

Multi-scale hierarchical management must handle experimental as well as simulated data

Multi-scale hierarchical management can occur with sufficient guidance of links between scales and knowledge of digital representation

*Computational management tools for structure hierarchy do not exist today*

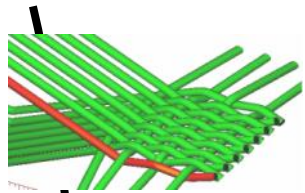


# Integrated Computational Methods for Composite Materials (ICM2) *Foundational Engineering Problem*

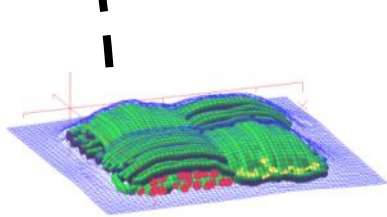


ICM2 aims to demonstrate . . .

- Application and integration of material and process models into the product design cycle
- How integrated models can be used within a digital framework to reduce risk and testing requirements as a program moves to full scale testing



Virtual weaving

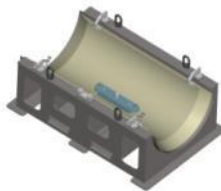


Virtual forming

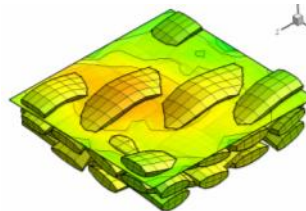


Process modeling

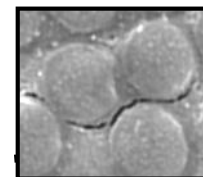
Residual stress/tool part interaction



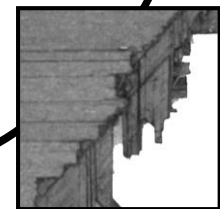
As-manufactured quality



Damage Modeling



Strength Prediction

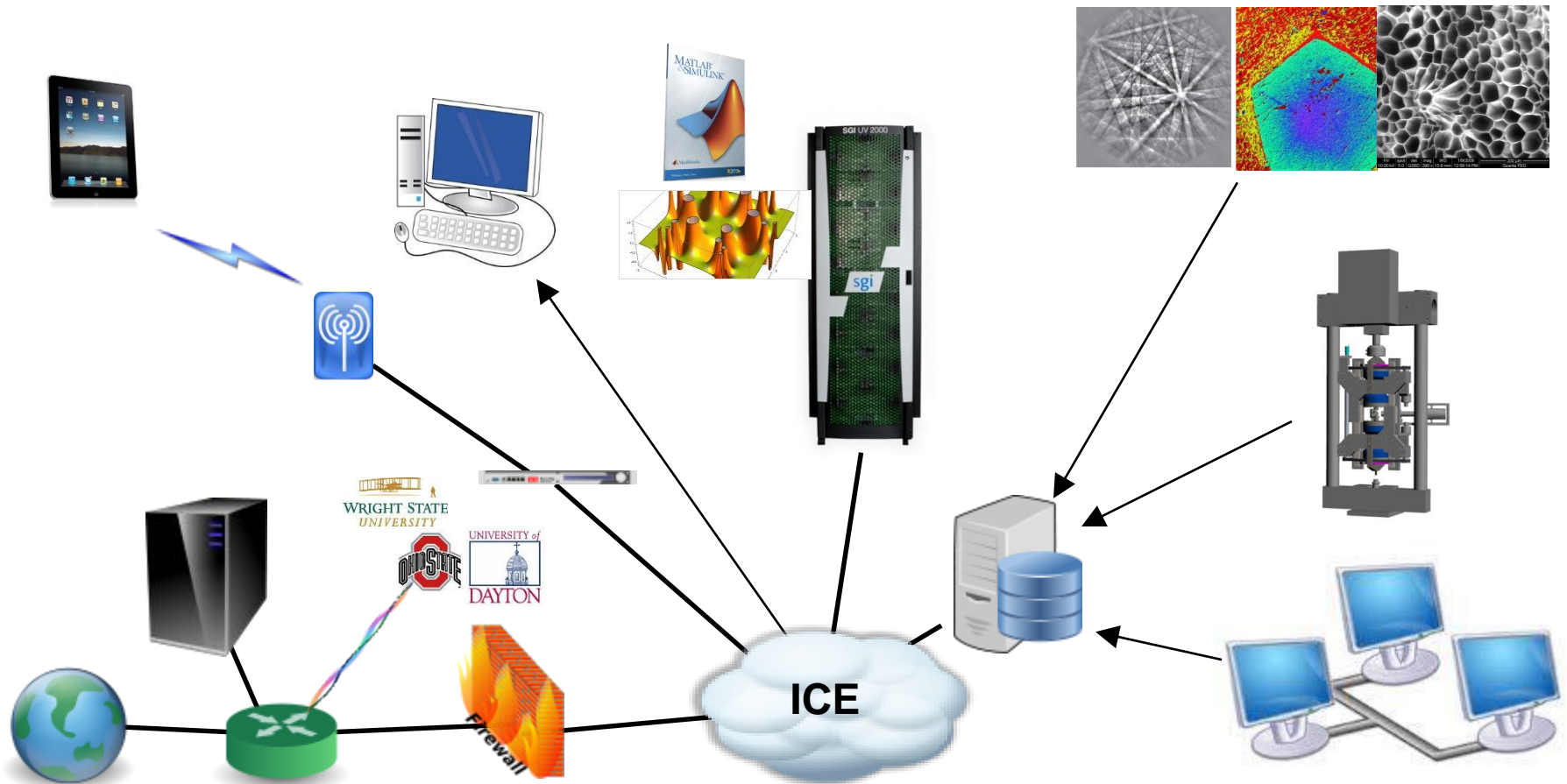




# Integrated Collaborative Environment



+ Able to support ICMSE toolsets





# ICE Context - Addressing ICMSE Needs





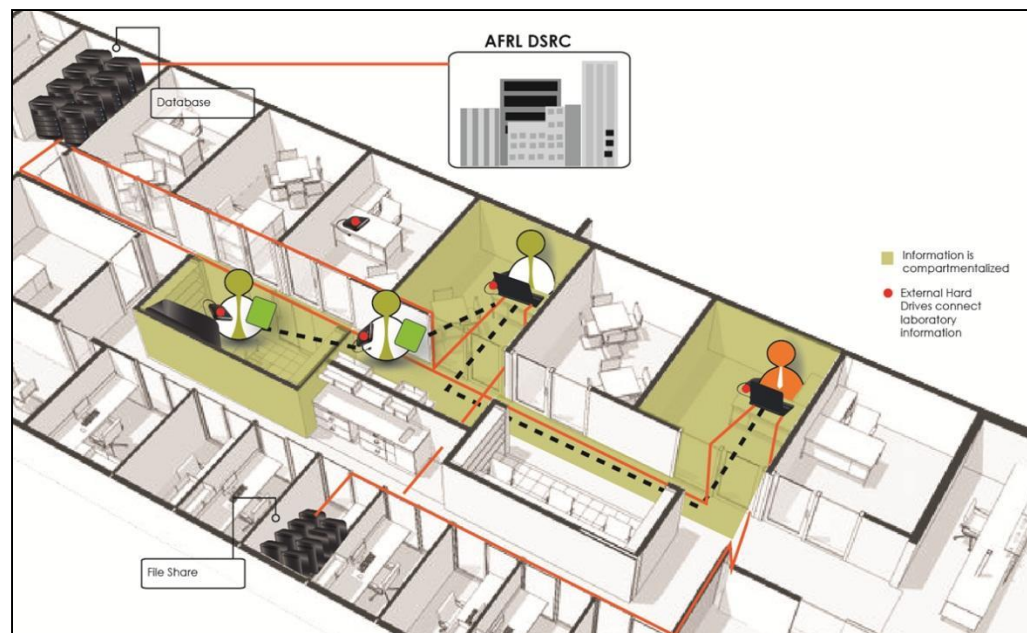
# Problem Scope



Gaps in all research deliverable attributes result in increased cost and lead time for warfighter capabilities

## Symptoms:

- Data loss/inaccuracies
- Duplication of effort
- Increased process lead times
- Wasted manpower
- Non-regulated, disorganized and outdated methods and systems





# Problem Scope - Drivers



- Autonomously defined laboratory management solutions



- Reliance on legacy/insufficient tools and communication channels (the usual suspects)



- Disconnected solution development results in a lack of interoperability



- Lack of cross-functional expertise between software development and engineering



# Solution: Integrated Collaborative Environment (ICE)



- ICE must serve as the backbone of major ICMSE initiatives.
- ICE is/will be a federated, centralized, enterprise data management system.



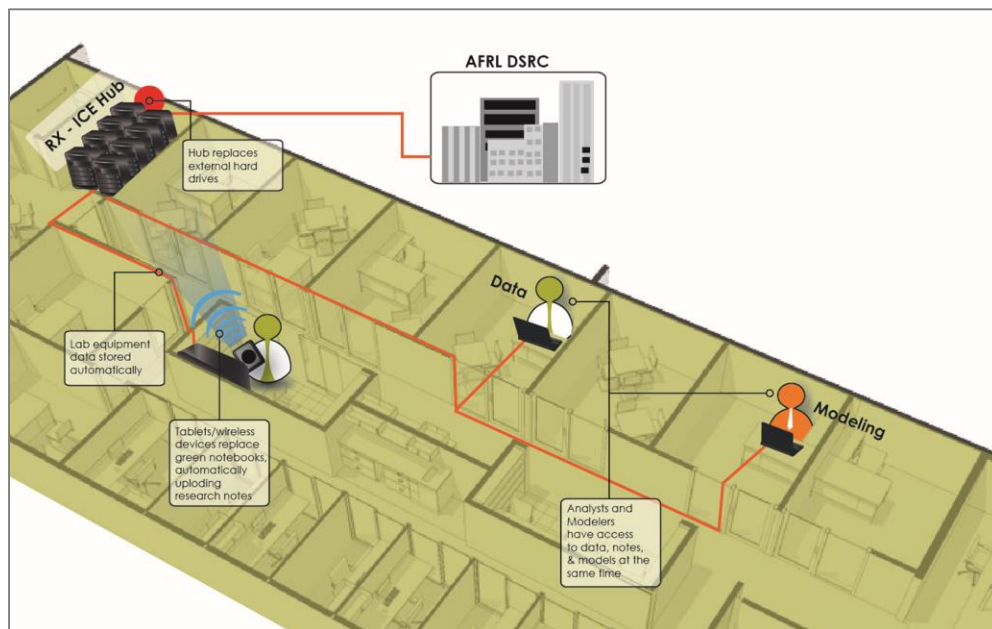
- ICE will serve the S&E community, which includes management, modelers, experimenters, and support staff, with a reliable lab and data management solution.
- ICE will be developed in a partnership between the S&E community and in-house software development resources.



# ICE-Enabled Capabilities



- The coordination and management of research activities
- The collection of research data (structured and unstructured)
- Complete traceability of material evolution
- Autonomous data sources to continue to exist in many cases
- Growth of the RX ICMSE culture



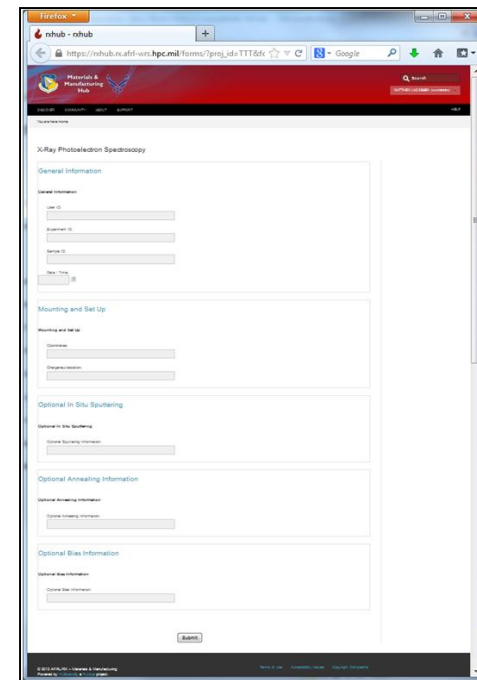




# Project Objectives



- Convert 90% of existing paper methods of to digital formats.
- Achieve 100% connectivity and data sharing between the all existing research data networks and data repositories (file servers, etc).
- Connect 90% of non-networked experimental equipment to at least one of the existing research data networks.
- Reduce the data management workload on the S&E from 40% FTE to 10% FTE.

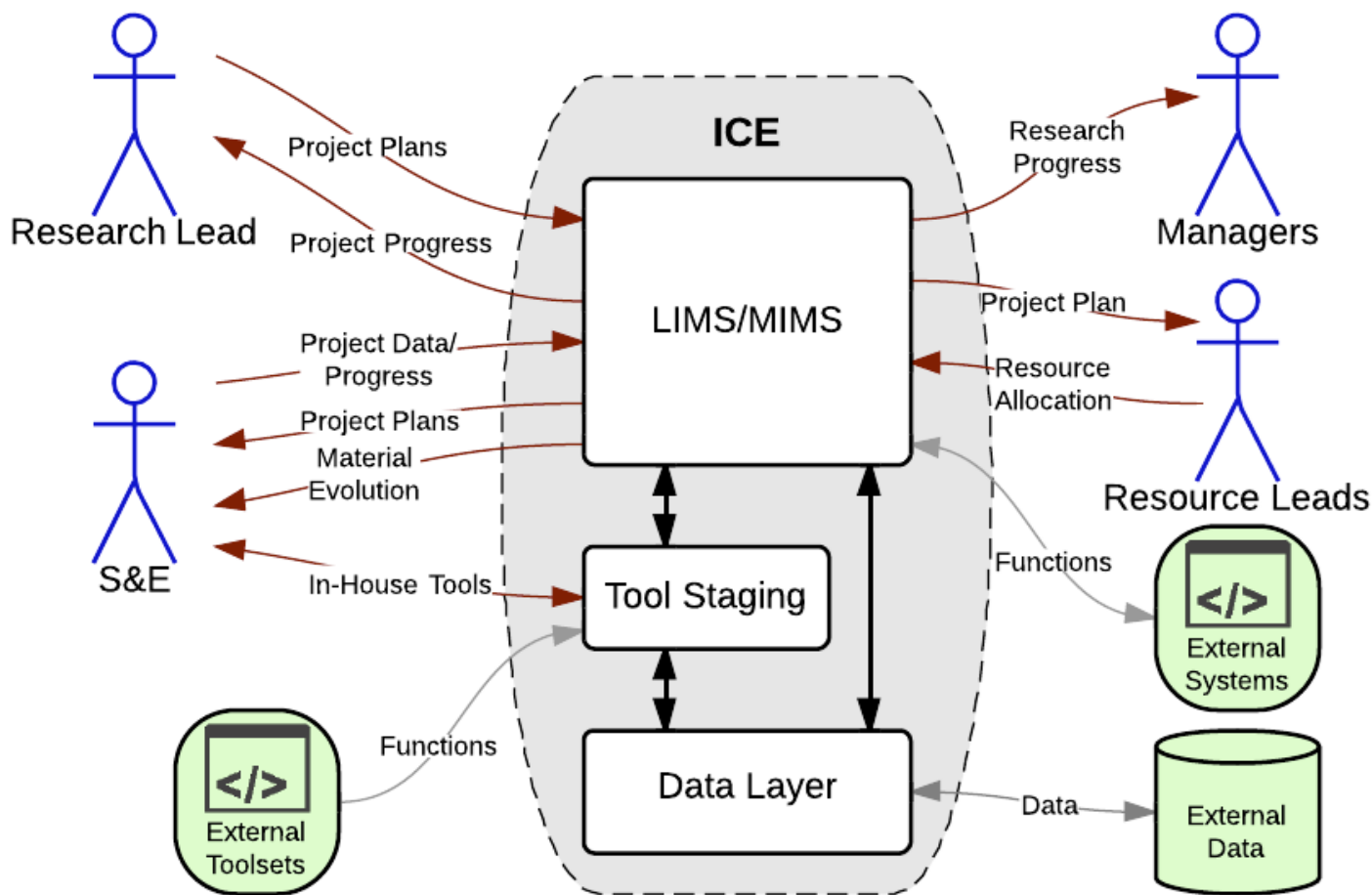




# System Context



The context diagram illustrates high-level actor behaviors in the proposed system.





# Example Process Elements



- Process Monitor –  
Excel Dashboard/Plan



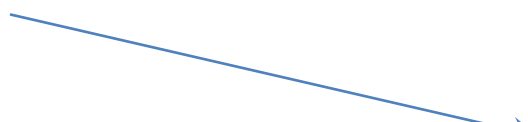
- Test Monitor –  
Excel Dashboard



- Process Metadata



- Mold Configurations - CSV



- Process run data - CSV



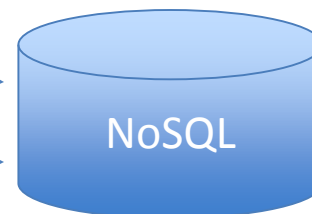
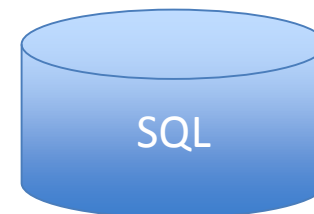
- Casting model files – CAD



- Process Sheets - text



- Notes from Operator - text

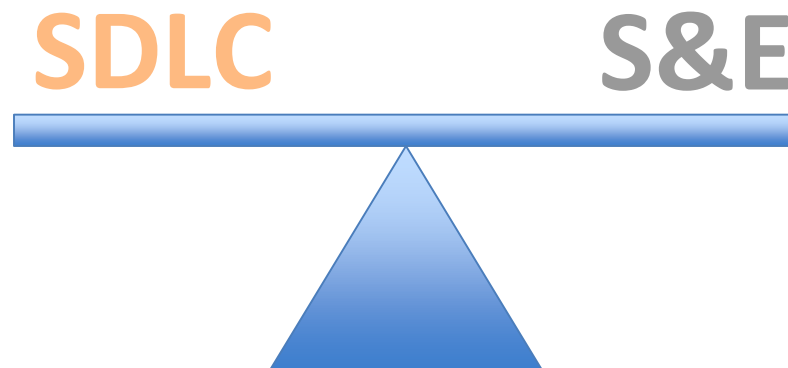




# Challenges



- Preserve the autonomy of the research process
- Enhance existing processes with data-centric behaviors
- Provide easy to use community tools to organic teams of S&Es
- In short, **balancing** the **conflicting needs** of insuring long term viability by utilizing software design best practices, with immediacy of user needs for simple, flexible, autonomous and secure information management.





# The Hub in *AFRL Initial Impressions*



- Excellent representation of the organization with groups
- A wide array of options for project teams (files, wikis, tasks, etc)
- Joomla!/Hub framework appeared to reduce re-work for routine customization tasks
- Workspaces/Rappture provided unprecedented capability



# The Hub in *AFRLStrengths*



- Tool staging requirements can be met with workspaces and Rappture
- Groups/Projects can be used to represent the vast majority of the RX organization
- File management capabilities are superb



# The Hub in *AFRL* Considerations



- Dynamic data collection for pedigree development and workflow management would add value for a research organization like RX
- De-coupled 'proper' Hub and database groups presents challenges for naturally linking projects and associated meta-data
- Organizations with in-house development capability will benefit from close communications with other Hub developers, including lessons learned (workflow development, template based views, etc)



# Opportunities *Outstanding needs*



- Customizable, light-weight tool staging (decoupled workspaces/Rapture model)
- Data linkage between tool staging and ICE (ensuring provenance)





# Summary

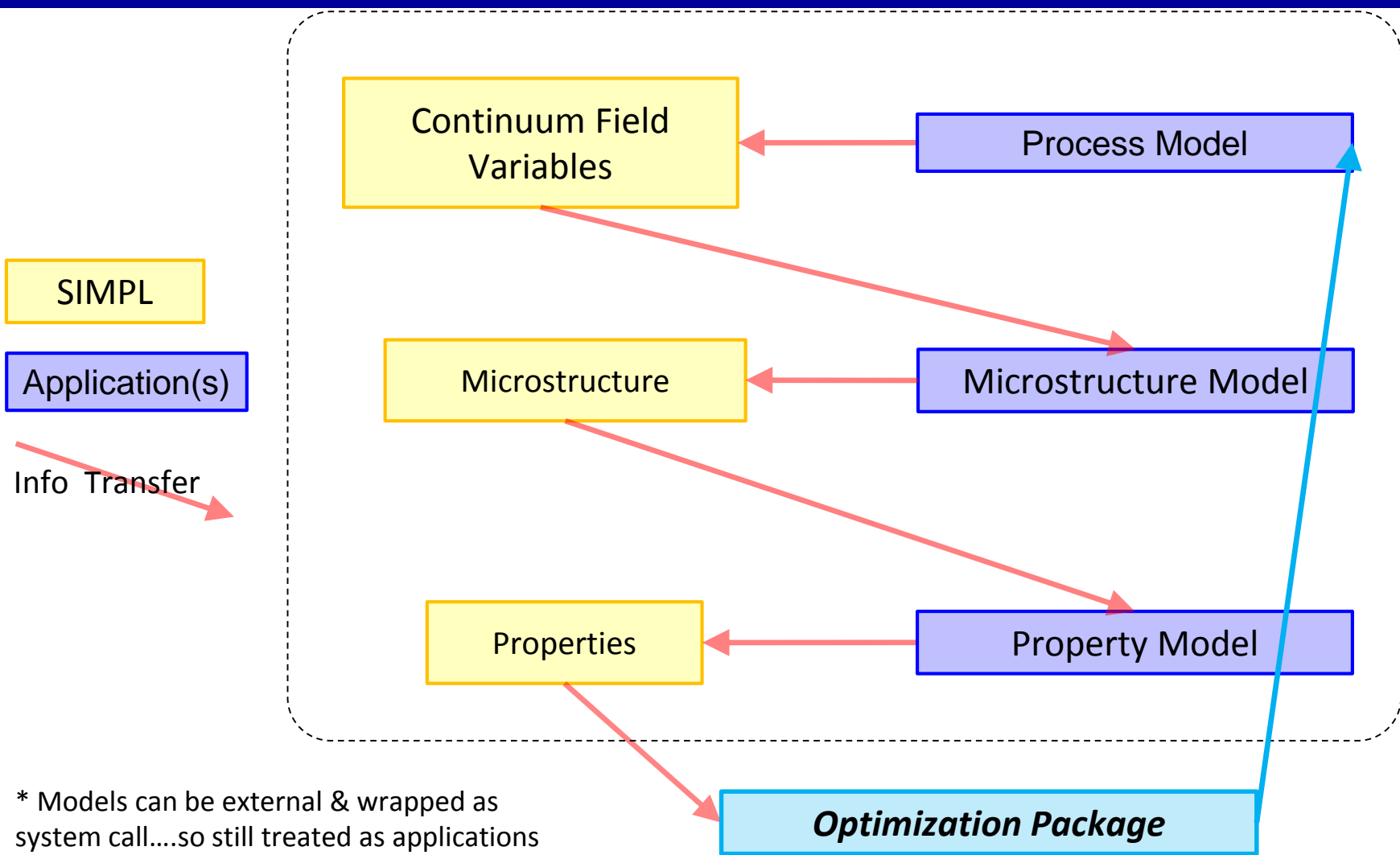


- A viable Materials Innovation Infrastructure—both globally and locally--is essential to providing predictive and quantitative tools in materials science and engineering
- Experiment and computation must work together more synergistically: requires a collaborative research environment
- The breadth of materials classes, their complexity and their applications and need for integration with other engineering disciplines provides a complex challenge
- Any component of a Materials Innovation Infrastructure must be flexible, adaptable and extensible





# Enabling Management of Process Design



\* Models can be external & wrapped as system call....so still treated as applications (Ex. Los Alamos FFT code)

**SIMPL arbitrates model interactions & modularizes process**