Modeling and Simulation to Advance Test and Evaluation

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 - Conduct of experiments
 - Modeling and Simulation
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 - Conduct of simulations



Presentation Outline

- Two examples showing M&S and T&E synergy will be given
 - Structural example Steve Attaway
 - Thermal example Sheldon Tieszen
- General comments will be given on the cost of a combined approach.



Synergy

- Both M&S and T&E have strengths, both have weaknesses
 - Experiment: The full truth partially exposed
 - If you cannot measure the key phenomena, no amount of testing will give you the understanding of margin
 - Some things are too costly to test with existing technology
 - Simulation: The partial truth fully exposed
 - If your model does not contain the key phenomena, no amount of simulation will give you the understanding of margin
 - Some things are too costly to model with existing technology
- Combination of M&S and T&E is stronger than individual components
 - Information content (T&E strength, M&S weakness)
 - Information diagnostics (T&E weakness, M&S strength)



Goal and Approach

- Our goal is to
 - Provide the technical basis for high-consequence decisions relative to system safety and performance margins
- Our approach is to
 - Combine Modeling and Simulation with Test and Evaluation
 - Use a Verification, Validation & Accreditation framework to establish that our physical understanding is sufficient
 - Make risk-informed decisions with respect to system safety or performance failure margins



Test and Evaluation is Science in Relevant Conditions



M&S Advances T&E to Decision Goal



Example #1 Validation Test of Concrete Simulations



Testing was used to validate our ability to simulate heavy damage to reinforced concrete How does this test/analysis combination improve the prediction of behavior for defense and homeland security systems?

•Validated computational tools for modeling collapse of concrete

•Knowledge gained from modeling reinforced concrete will benefit many programs

•Provides more accurate input to risk based decisions

Critical to understanding concrete behavior and quantifying design margins



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- Capture the response of a reinforced concrete structure in the process of collapse.
- Quantify the load deflection curve defined in Uniform Facility Criteria (UFC 3-340-01)
- Quantify how the membrane response contributes to the energy absorbing ability of the structure
- Measure the deflections of the wall as a function of load





Figure 10-9. Compressive Membrane Action.

Figure 10-12. Tensile Membrane Action

Uncertainty Quantification

Large uncertainty may result in facilities being over designed

Reduction in uncertainty equals reduction in cost

- Validation test was designed to produce a response in in the yellow/red zone
- Current design point is in the green/yellow zone.





Surrogate Load

A water slug was used to drive the structure response

Water was slug accelerated to 600.1 ft/sec on high speed sled track using 48 rocket motors









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Agile Reaction Frame

 Re-usable post-tension reaction frame used to confine soil, support slab, and support wall section







Time lapse video





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- Test parameters were based on statistics-based multi-dimensional sampling
 - Thousands of 2D simulations were used to define a failure surface
 - 3D high fidelity simulations were used to define specific test parameters
- Design parameters:
 - Load magnitude
 - Soil cover
 - Soil strength
 - Structure Span
 - Concrete strength



3D Pre-Test Prediction

Eulerian model of water slug, soil, and target structure

- One-way coupling between Eulerian model and FEM model
- FEM model included explicit treatment of reinforcing steel, post tensioning, gravity pre-load and contact between blocks.



Test Results

- 100% success on instrumentation
- Pressures measured at soil/concrete interface
- Three independent
 displacement measurements
- Excellent high speed video
- New "speckle correlation" displacement measurement technique provided full-field displacements and velocities for back wall surface







Side view of impact



CTH simulation

4x16 ft water slug moving at 600 ft/sec





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New diagnostic technology demonstrated

- New testing method: "Speckle correlation"
- Provides 3-D full field displacement measurement of structure as it collapses
- Pressure measured at soil/concrete interface to measure pressure in soil
- Pressures were used to validate soil model
- Balls on simulation colored by error

Pressure Gauge Location



Rebar failure location and timing

Rebar failure location

- 3D FEM models were predicting failure of rebar in compression
- Many features of the test compared well with the pre-test prediction.

Areas of improvement needed based on comparison of the pre-test analysis with test results:

- Rebar failure needs improvement
- Location of rebar failure in pretest simulations were incorrect
- A fully coupled analysis is needed to correctly capture soil pressure as the structure collapses







Structural Example Summary

- Testing challenges
 - Too costly to do full-scale structure test
 - Too costly to explore parameters space with relevant reducedfidelity tests
- Simulation challenges
 - Too costly to do full physics simulations
 - Too costly to reduce uncertainties without tests
- Combination of M&S with T&E provides only realistic path to solution
 - Simulation optimized the parameter space, designed the test, evaluated results
 - Reduced uncertainty in modeling by testing



Example #2 Weapon Systems Qualification in Fire Environments

- Validation of numerical simulation
 - Uncertainty quantification for modeling and simulation requires validation data
- Application of numerical simulation
 - Examples showing modeling and simulation greatly aids test and evaluation
- General comments on cost



Example of validation for fire



Test data establishes prediction uncertainty in plumes

Helium plume - First pair wise momentum/scalar coupling

2-D density, velocity and turbulent statistics.

Test Data





• Developing quantitative comparison statistics



Example of validation for fire



Test data establishes prediction uncertainty in gas fires

Combusting, non-sooting & sooting gas fires



Example of validation for fire



Test data establishes prediction uncertainty in quiescent pool fires

BVG-65K Mesh BVG-250K Mesh BVG-500K Mesh BVG-1000K Mesh TENS-250K Mesh TFNS-500K Mesh TFNS-1000K Mesh Experimental Data

JP-8 2m Dia. quiescent Fire

• Soot

concentration, a modeled quantity, is not accurately predicted.

1.2 M node Fuego sim.

Radius at 1 m elevation

10

Example of validation for fire

The Challenge of Non-linear Physics Prediction in Relevant Geometries

- Predicting thermal response from fire.
- One calorimeter is thermal response is well predicted, the second is not.
- Sensitivity studies show that fire is predicted strongest on the centerline while test is shifted right.

- Balls are experimental data, colored with temperature.
 - Surfaces are simulation, colored with temperature.
 - Temperature scales are the same for both.

In this and every example we have run of relevant test problems, the results have given us insight into parameter sensitivities. Quantifying uncertainty in relevant geometries with relevant physics is challenging.

M&S Advances T&E to Decision Goal

Modeling & Simulation in Support of Weapon System Qualification

- Challenges
 - Infinite number of accident/incident environments
 - Large parameter space
 - Complex systems have multiple response modes
 - Different loads challenge different modes
 - -Different safety & security philosophies
 - Different levels of acceptable outcome

Modeling and Simulation of Large **Parameter Spaces**

– M&S strength: Hundreds to thousands of low resolution simulations can conducted

Case #	Hole Size (m²)	Fuel Pool Location (m)	Object	Enclosure Height (m)	Pool Size (m)	# of Holes	Wind Speed (m/s)	Peak Heat Flux (kW/m²)	E Flame, 1-33,36 E R 2001. 2000. 1800. 1600. 1500.
1	0.47	0	No	1	10	1	2-10	99	
2	5.57	0	No	1	10	1	2-10	175	S 1100 500 750.
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4	0.47	3.7	No	1	10	1	2-10	80	AC 111 CT
5	5.57	3.7	No	1	10	1	2-10	247	Temperature (K)
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Testing the Selected Scenario

- Test results showed
 - Thermal loads for specified scenario
 - Steady simulations predicted peak heat flux levels but average levels were ~ 50% lower than prediction
 - In spite of our best efforts to control boundary conditions outdoors, wind effects too much to reproduce test for expensive hardware
 - We have very recently moved indoors

Designing a Wind Tunnel for Fires

- Desire to reproduce outdoor fires indoors to control boundary conditions.
- Simulations used to design and commission cross-wind test facility

Cross Wind Fire Test Facility

Designing the Indoor Test

- Design with M&S to reproduce the heat flux levels in the outdoor fire.
- Current status: Design is locked and testing is imminent.

Fire Example Summary

- Testing challenges
 - Too costly to explore parameters space with relevant reducedfidelity tests
 - Full-scale structure tests are too costly to design with trial and error empirical learning approaches
- Simulation challenges
 - Tests are required for validation to establish uncertainties
 - Uncertainty for complex non-linear physics problems in real geometries is not easy to establish
- Combination of M&S with T&E provides only realistic path to solution
 - Simulation optimized the parameter space and designed the tests
 - Reduced uncertainty in modeling by testing

General Comments on Cost

- Which is cheaper Modeling and Simulation or Test and Evaluation?
 - Both have infrastructure costs, both have use costs
 - In general infrastructure costs are high relative to use costs
 - Either approach can be cheaper
 - Do you have the requisite infrastructure in place?
 - Relatively easy to answer
 - Can you extract the key knowledge?
 - Relatively hard to answer

General Comments on Cost

- Is the combination of M&S and T&E cheaper?
 - In general, no.
 - Infrastructure costs are high and not shared so cost effectively doubles relative to the cost if the key knowledge can be obtained by single approach
 - Can the combination be cheaper? Yes
 - With an unknown unknown, what approach will yield the necessary knowledge?
 - Dual track approaches are commonly used to minimize risk when a given approach can fail, but the combination is likely to succeed
 - Optimum dual track approach is one which minimizes common mode failure and maximizes synergy
 - M&S in combination with T&E has highest likelihood to succeed for supporting high-consequence decisions involving system margins
 - The authors contend that neither example given would have been successful with the combination of modeling and simulation

Summary Experience to Date

- The combination of M&S and T&E is analogous to the well established scientific method.
 - M&S is the current codification of theory.
 - T&E is experimentation under realistic conditions.
- The goal is to have sufficient understanding of the truth to make high-consequence decisions with respect to failure margins.
 - Our experience is that the M&S/T&E combination has yielded much more confidence in our decisions that would be obtained by either approach alone.
 - The approach in the examples is generic and broadly applicable.
- Cost/benefit demonstration for dual track approaches will remain challenging
 - Difficult to establish savings combined costs appear high if failures are avoided – hard to prove we avoided failure by this approach.

